



# Cryogenics : Status and Perspectives towards installation

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**14<sup>th</sup> HL-LHC Collaboration meeting, Genoa, Italy**  
**08.10.24**



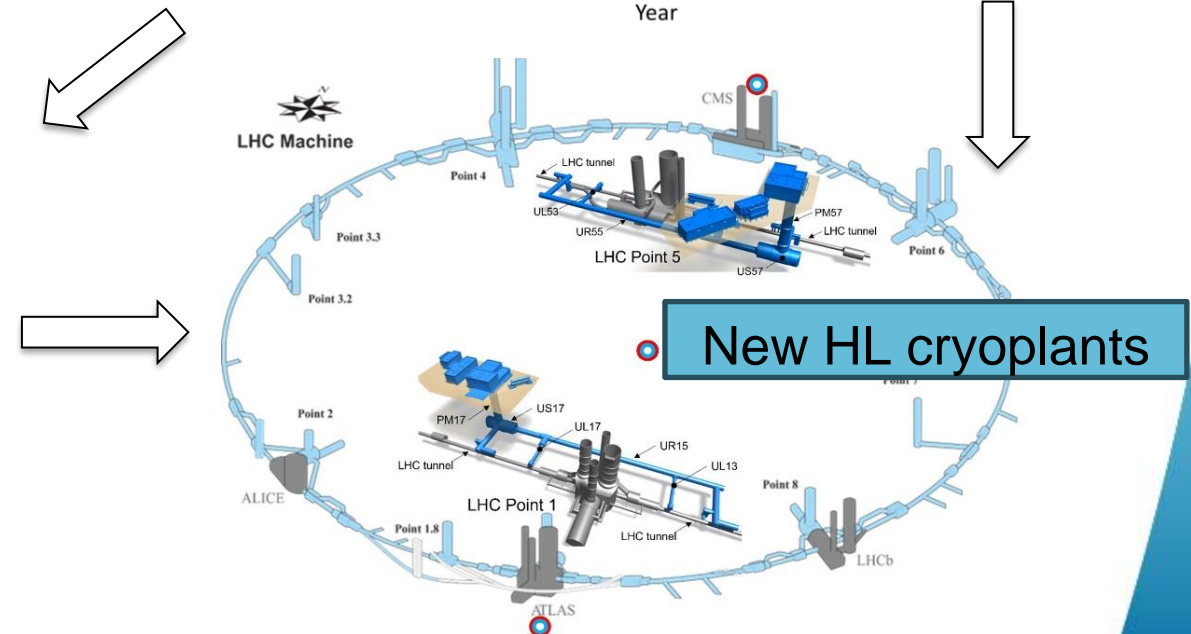
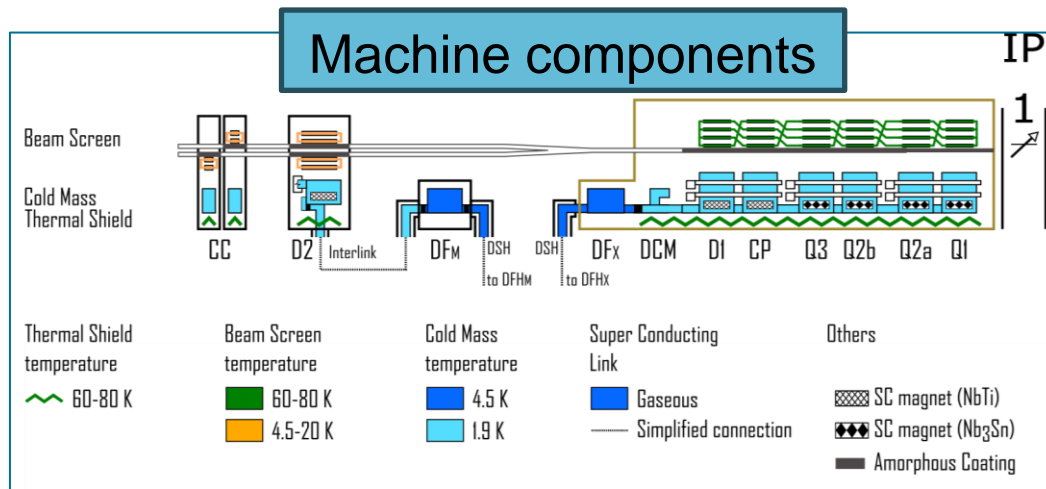
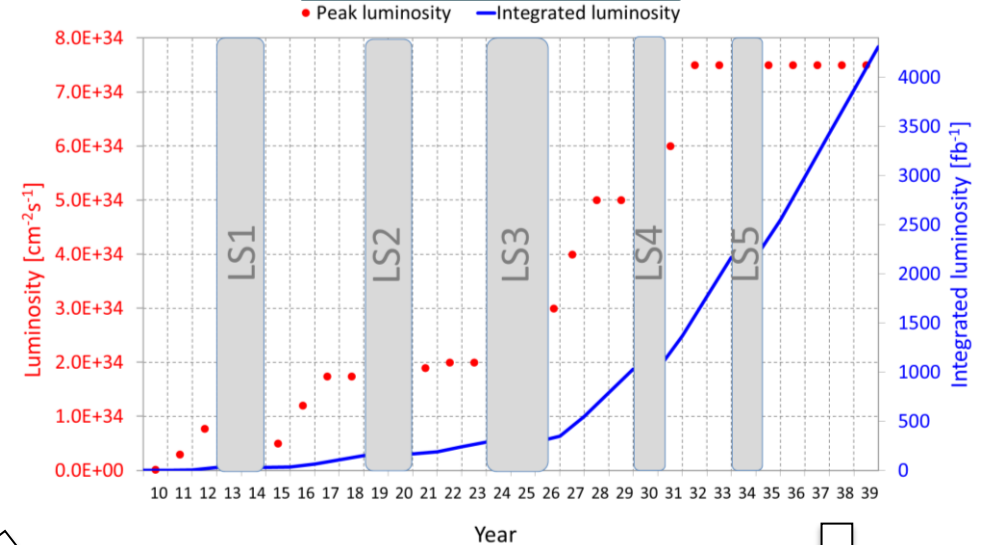
# Agenda

- Review of cooling requirements & global scheme
- Refrigerators
- Cryogenic distribution lines
- Other activities or sub-systems
- Schedule, staff
- Way forward

# Global scope overview

- **HL-LHC goal** : producing in that period 10 times more data as compared to the nominal LHC operation period.
- Requires an upgrade of the final focusing components both for **machine lifetime** and **performance** by increasing the peak luminosity by a minimum of five times wrt LHC nominal.
- **New superconducting elements** having increased cryogenic demand requires the installation of new Refrigerator and Infrastructure in IP1 and IP5.

## Performance



# HL-LHC P1/P5 Cryogenic architecture

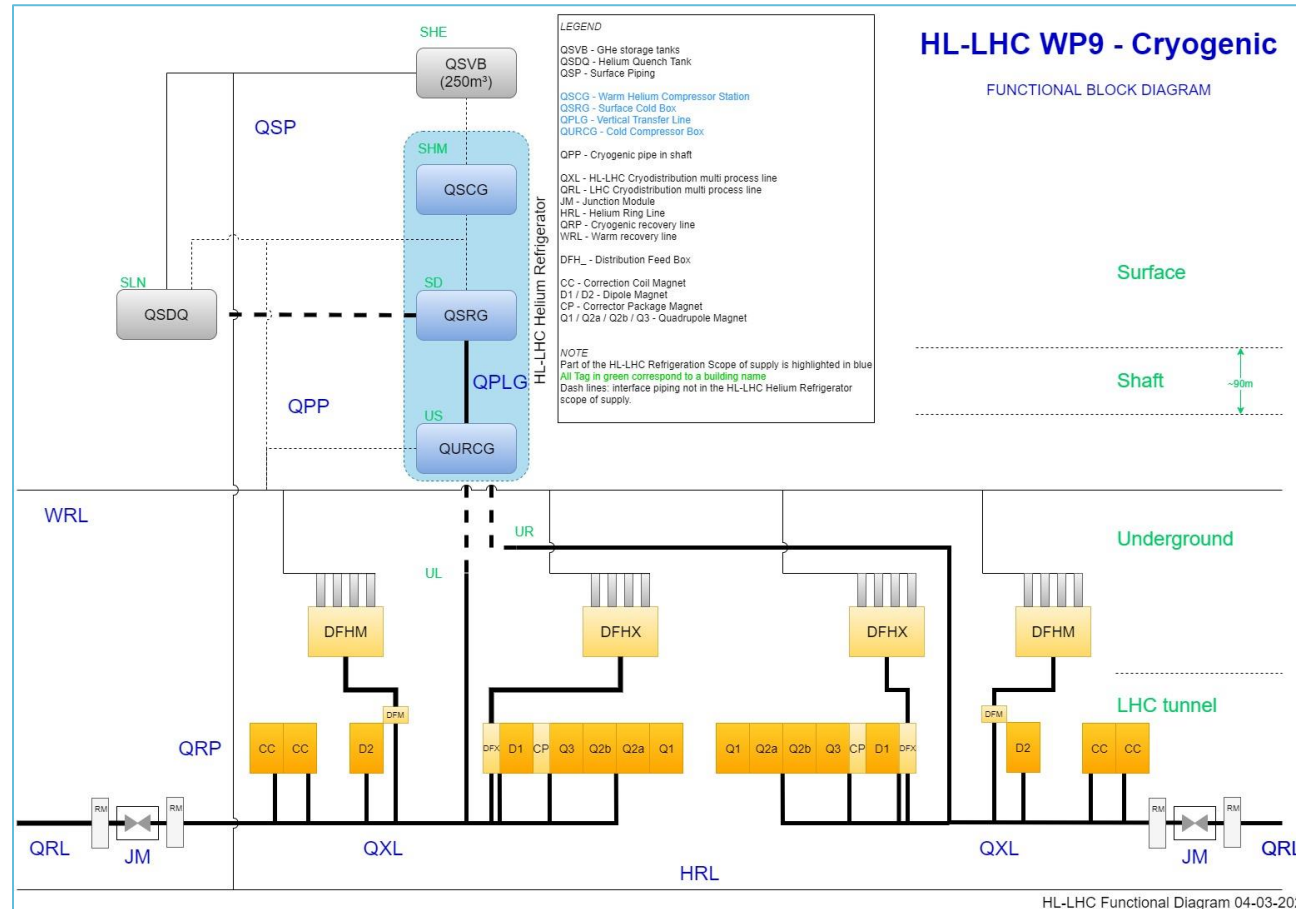
**QSCG** : Compressor station  
→ gaseous helium **20 bara**

**QSRG** : 4.5K refrigerator →  
supercritical helium at **3 bara**  
and **4.6 K**

**QPLG** : Vertical transfer line  
(~100 m height)

**QURCG** : Cold compressor  
□ cooling capacity at **1.8 K**

**Machine Components  
at tunnel level**

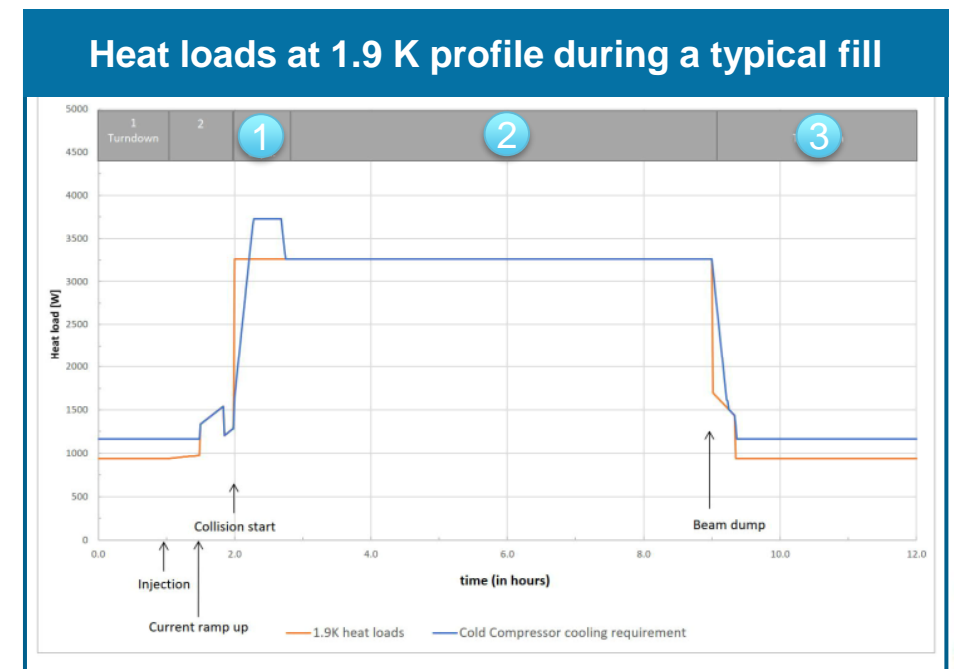
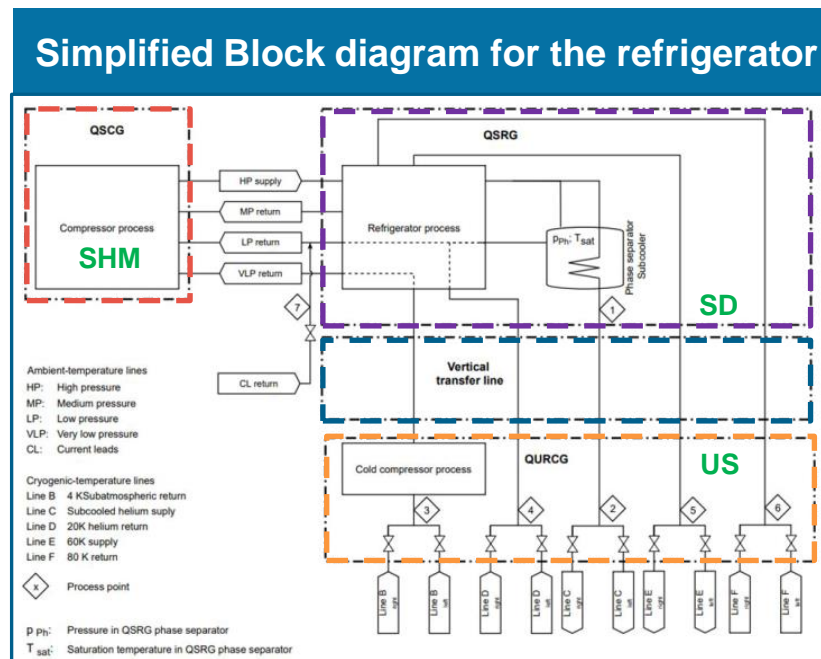
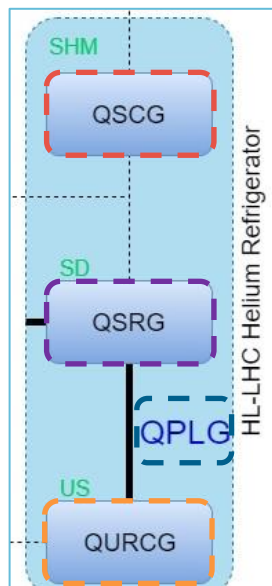


**QXL** : Distribution line  
distributing C,E and  
returning B,D,F

**RM/JM** : Return module  
and junction module at  
extremities for transient  
handling and back-up

# Refrigerator concept reminder

- Each P1 and P5 Refrigerators are designed for **14 kW at 4.5 K eq.**, including **3.25 kW@1.9 K**, based on the machine components and cryogenic distribution heat loads with a limited overcapacity.
- Three main steady-state operating cases were considered for the Refrigerator design :
  - The **Maximum Capacity mode**, corresponding to the moment when collision occurs. A **fast transient** occurs when collisions start.
  - The **Design Capacity mode**, covering a steady state operating mode when the design heat load is extracted at the HL-LHC machine component level.
  - The **Turndown mode**, characterized by minimum helium cooling before beam injection and after beam dump.
















# Refrigerator project Status

## ✓ Main Achievements

- **Contract Award to LKT (CH) in Dec 2022.**
- **Preliminary design review :**
  - PDR-1 : Process and Compressor Station;
  - PDR-2: CC; Cryo heat exchangers; Turbines;
  - PDR-3: Cryo valve; Pressure and vacuum vessel.
- Final design review split in two :  
 → **FDR-1 “Mechanical – Main components” – Sep 24**
- **Manufacturing of components** in progress :
  - ~50% for Compressor Station (QSCG)
  - ~60% for 4.5 K Cold Box (QSRG)
  - ~15% for Cold Compressor Cold box (QURCG)
- **Factory acceptance for key components:**
  - PHFE,
  - Warm compressors and 3.3 kV Motors.

Equipment Status 						
	Procurement	Preliminary Design	Detail Design	Manufacturing	FAT	Delivery
Cold Box Assembly	✓ 					
Dryer	✓ 					
Cryogenic Heat Exchangers (PFHX)	✓ 					
Cold compressor wheel and cold housing	✓ 					
Cryogenic Valves	✓ 					
QPLG – Cryogenic Vertical Transfer Line	✓ 					

Equipment Status 						
	Procurement	Preliminary Design	Detail Design	Manufacturing	FAT	Delivery
Compressor Skids	✓ 					
Compressor	✓ 					
Motors	✓ 					

## ➤ Next steps

- **Finalize FDR-2** “Electrical / Control and secondary components” – Dec 2024.
- **Continue** with **manufacturing** and factory acceptance tests.
- **Prepare** the **installation** in SHM from Q1 2025.

# Refrigerator Manufacturing

Valve Plate RefCbx @ Schalchen workshop



Valve Plate Refrigerator Coldbox @ Streicher worksh



PFHE testing



Warm compressor testing



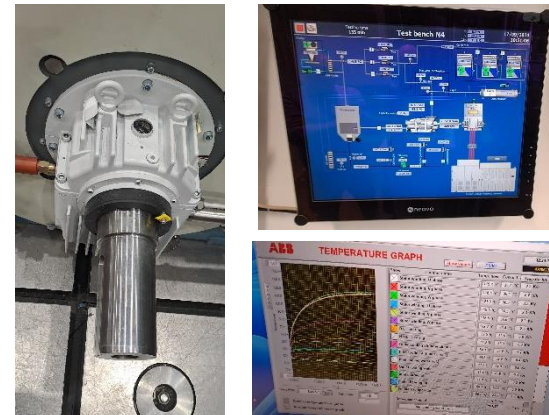
80K Adsorber @ Kasag workshop



Oil Coalescer Vessel @ Kasag workshop



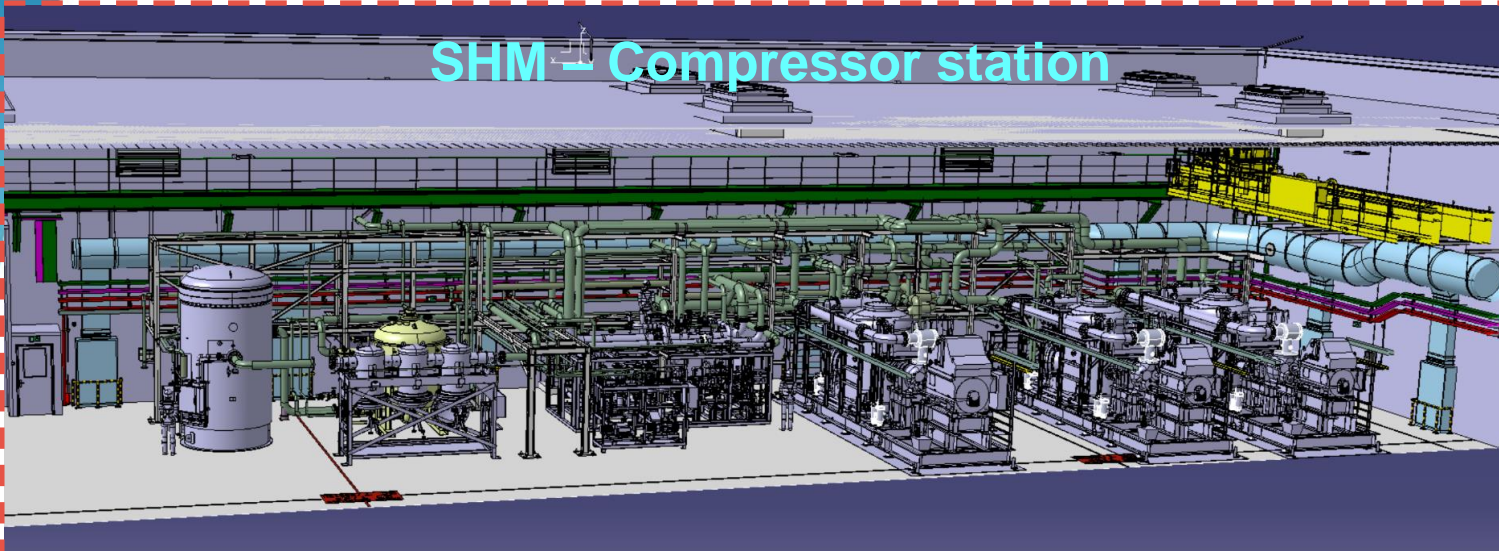
Motor testing



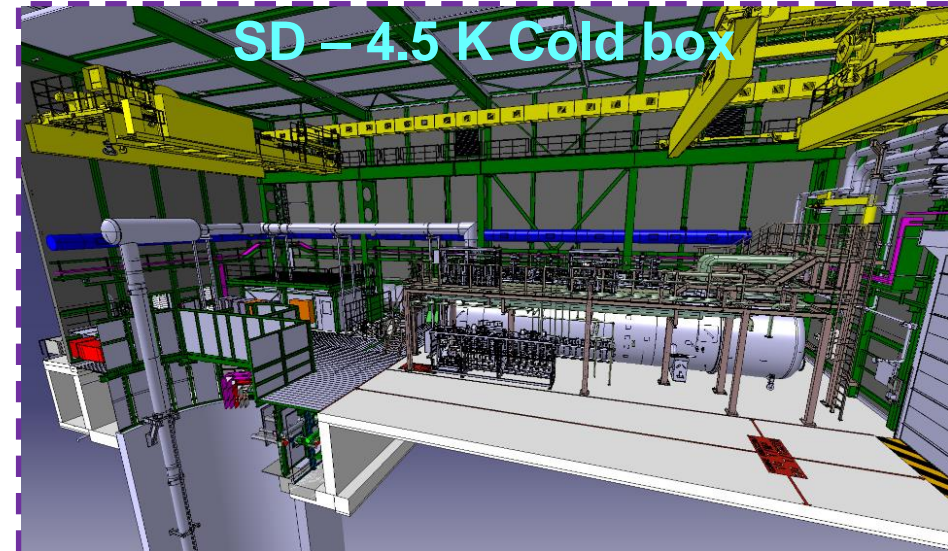


# Integration view of the Refrigerator

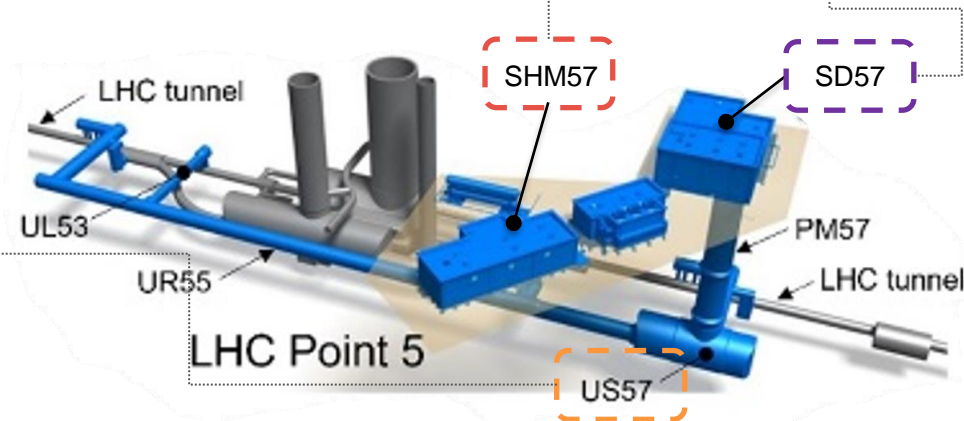
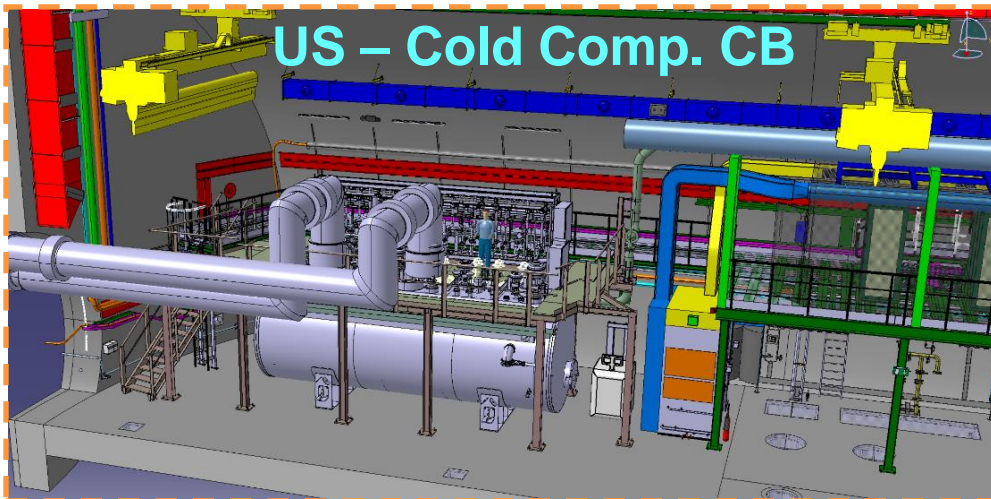
SHM – Compressor station



SD – 4.5 K Cold box



US – Cold Comp. CB



**Close to 90% 3D model completion**

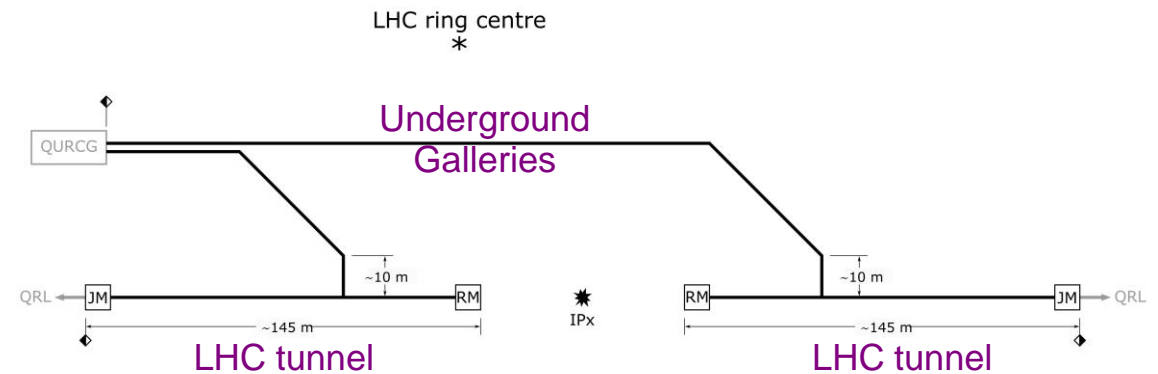


# Cryogenic distribution system



The cryogenic distribution system includes :

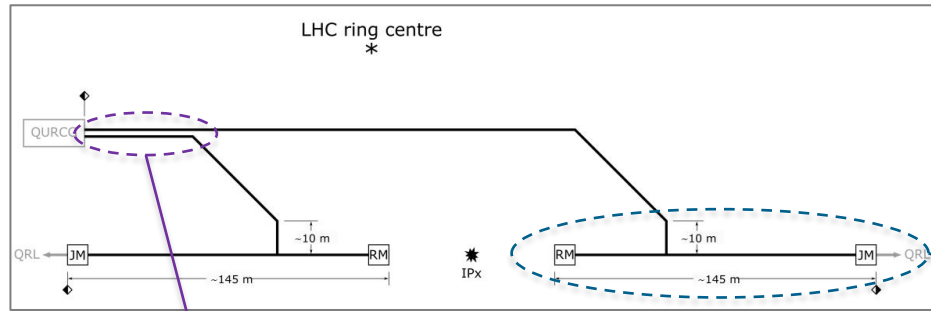
- **Five process pipes ISO DN 40-250** in a single **vacuum envelope (660-900 mm)**, thermally shielded by an actively cooled thermal shield.
- **Service modules** including valves and sub-cooling heat exchangers to connect the insertion elements.
- **Return modules**, located close to the interaction point (IP), including valves, heaters, and a phase separator.
- **Junction modules**, located at the junction to the LHC distribution (QRL), including valves, heaters and a phase separator.



## Installation strategy in two steps:

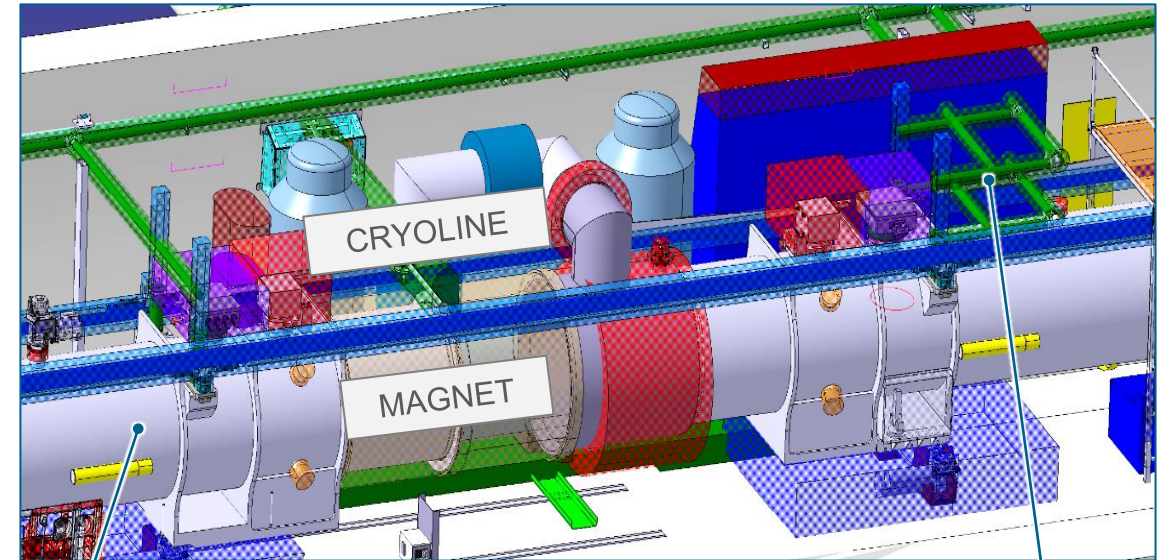
- Phase 1: in the underground galleries, independent from LHC machine operation
- Phase 2: in the LHC tunnel, after when the machine dismantling during Long Shutdown 3

# Cryogenic distribution system Integration



Ph 1

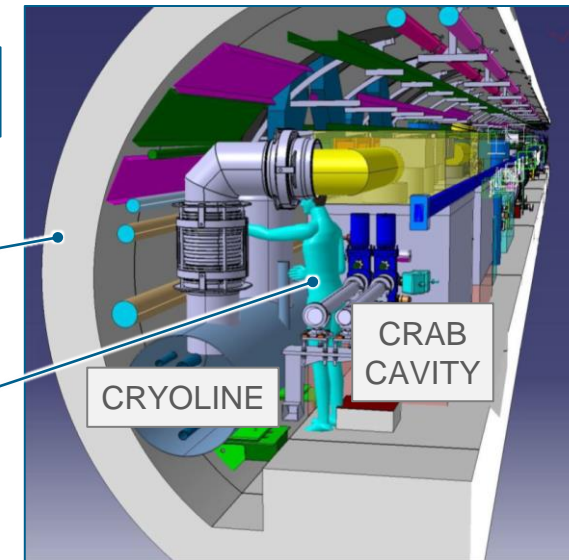
Ph 2



LHC machine components  
 (Q1 magnet cryostat  $\varnothing_{MAX}$  1 m)

Civil infrastructures  
 (LHC tunnel  $\varnothing$ 3.8 m in P5)

Accessibility for maintenance



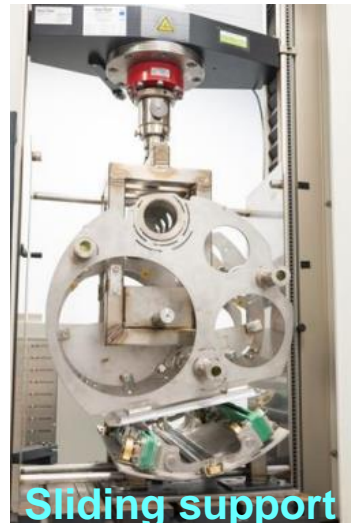
New HL-LHC equipment  
 (e.g., remote alignment system of magnets)

Radiation environment  
 (dose from 100 kGy to 1 MGy)

**Final Detailed 3D models pending from Contractor**

## ✓ Main Achievements

- **Contract Award** to KrioSystem (PL) in Dec 2022.
- Preliminary design review for Phase 1.
- Final design review Phase 1 split following main sub-components → **FDR for Pipe Elements**.
- **Manufacturing** in progress :
  - ~120 m of pipe elements delivered in SHM17
  - ~120 m of pipe elements to be delivered before year end.

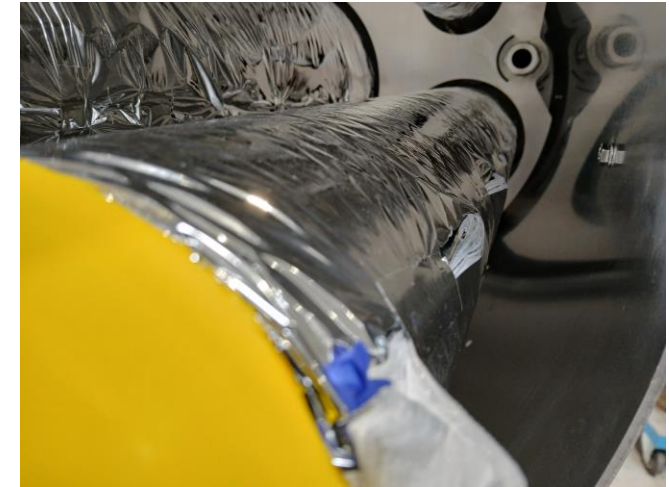
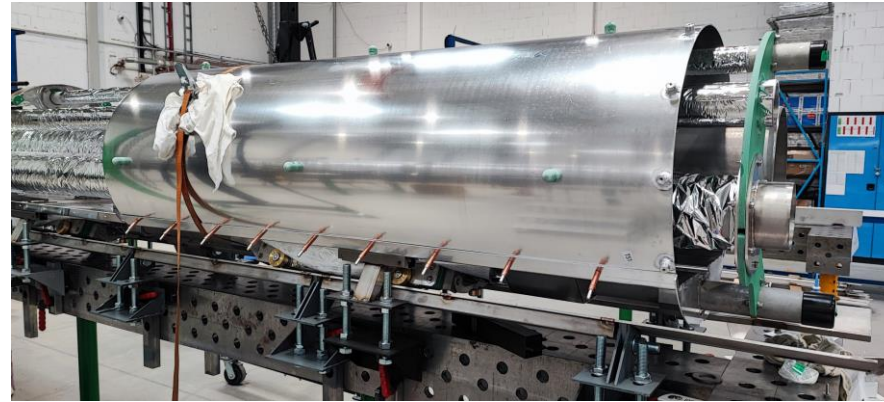


## ➤ Next steps

- **Phase 1 remaining sub-components** : Finalize FDR and continue with manufacturing.
- Prepare **installation in the Service Galleries** in sequence P1 then P5.
  - Installation strategy with detailed execution list under development.
  - Assistance from **EN-MME** for interconnects welds NDT.
  - Assistance from **TE-VSC** for leak tests and procedure.
- **Phase 2**
  - Finalize Junction Module region change.
  - **Preliminary / Final design** staggered in several steps for continuous manufacture.
  - **LS3 shift** to be considered for **installation**.



# Some progress in pictures – QXL Ph1A





# Warm piping and storage tanks

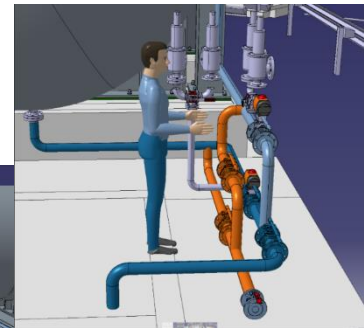
- **Warm piping** installed by EN-CV contractors

- ✓ In the shaft P1 / P5
- ✓ In the surface in P1
  - In the surface in P5
  - In the Cavern / Service Galleries in P1
  - In the Cavern / Service Galleries in P5
  - In the Tunnel in P1
  - In the Tunnel in P5



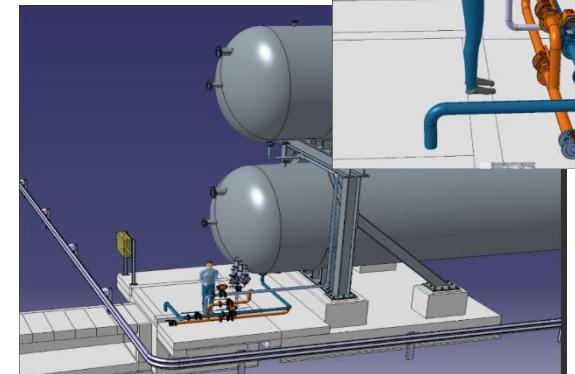
- **Helium buffers :**

- ✓ 2 x 250 m<sup>3</sup> in P1/P5 by *Silvia Matos*
  - 80 m<sup>3</sup> vertical storage to be moved /refurbished to P1 and P5
  - Proximity equipment (valves panel) in design ph.



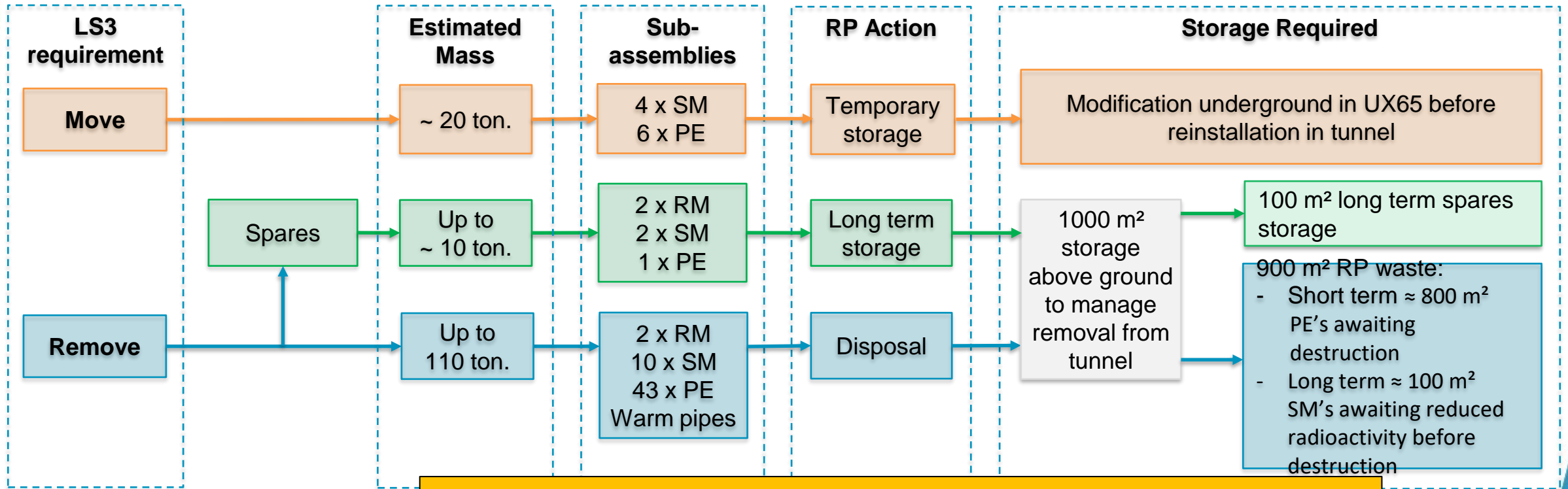
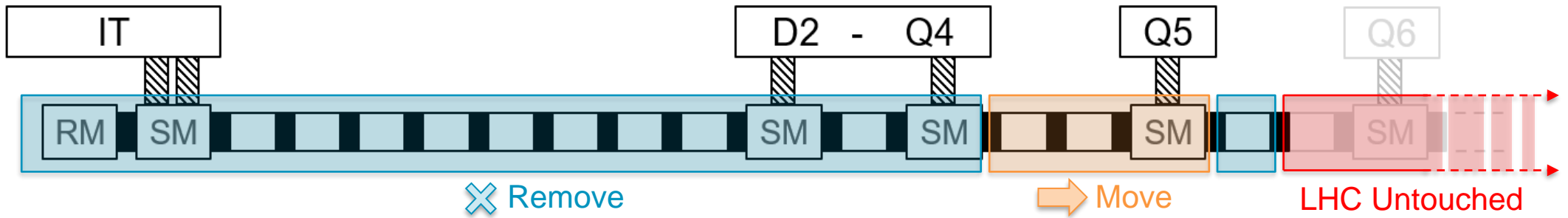
- **Nitrogen storage and lines connection**

- Requirements defined
- DO to be launched



# QRL Dismantling

IP5 ★

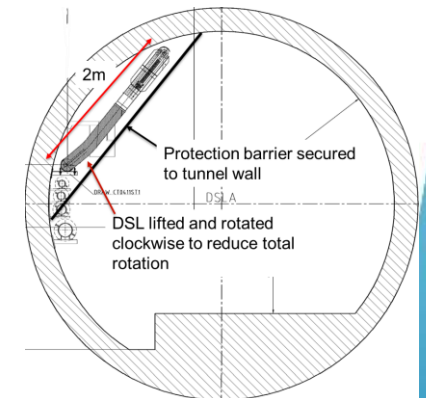
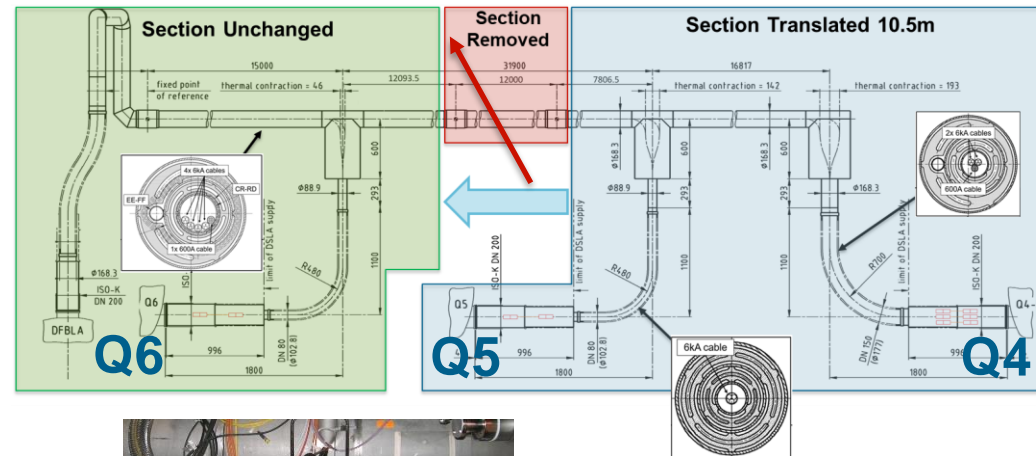
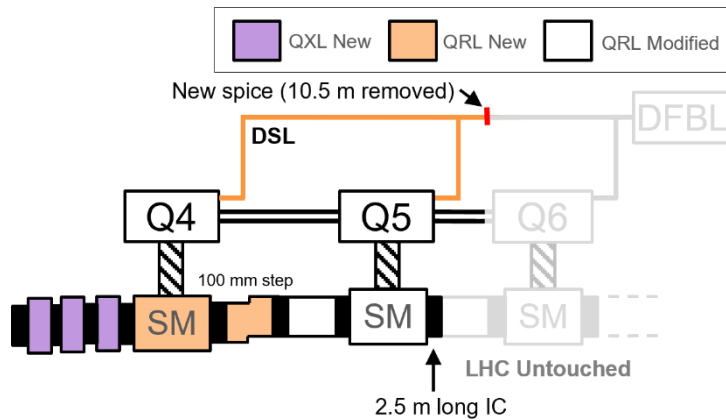
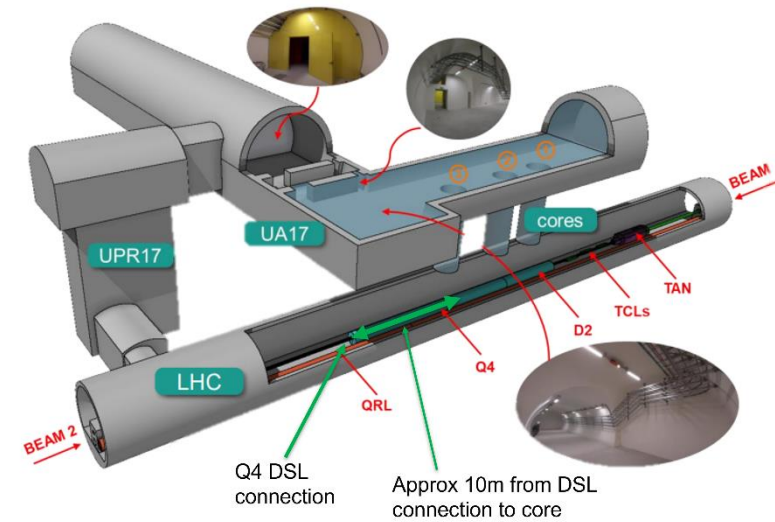


**Dismantling resourcing strategy during LS3 to be frozen : functional specification ready to be sent to partners.**






# DSL dismantling / re-installation

- **One new splice box** required : Mechanical design of splice box in collaboration with TE-MS-C-LMF.
- **Store** the superconducting link in the tunnel during LS3 : require a DSL protection and tooling to rotate the DSL.
- **Translate DSL** to final location and **reconnection**.



# CERN Supplied items

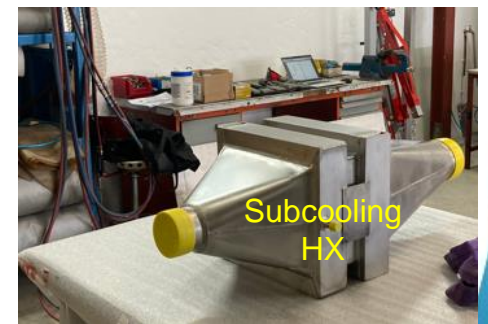
Components	Function	Supplier	Quantity <i>(spare included)</i>	Status
<b>Sub-cooling HEX</b>	to minimize the helium vapour fraction produced in the final expansion of the 1.9 K loop	 D.A.T.E. high-end heat exchangers	25 HXI @ 25 g/s 15 HXD @ 7 g/s	<b>Delivered</b>
<b>Quench valves</b>	Protection of magnets against overpressure	 VELAN	22 units	<b>10 units in testing</b> 10 in manufacture 2 + 3 spares to be ordered
<b>Current Lead control valves</b>	Compact frictionless solenoid valves controlling the current lead flow.	 <b>bürkert</b> Fluid Control Systems	75 valves – 3 mm 56 valves – 8 mm 40 valves – 2 mm	<b>Delivered</b>



Quench valve



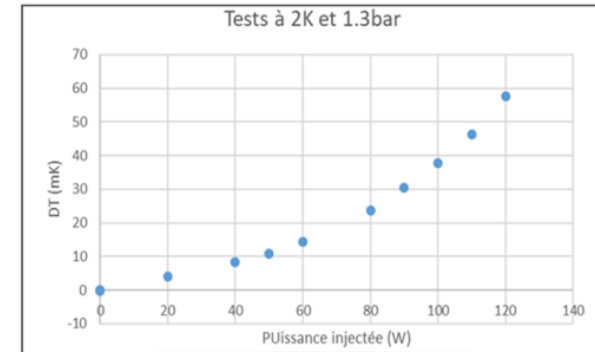
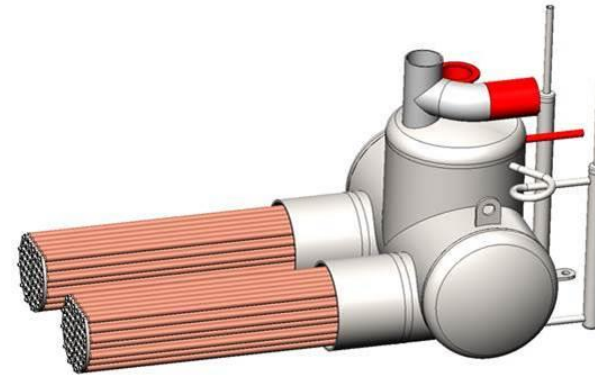
Current lead valve



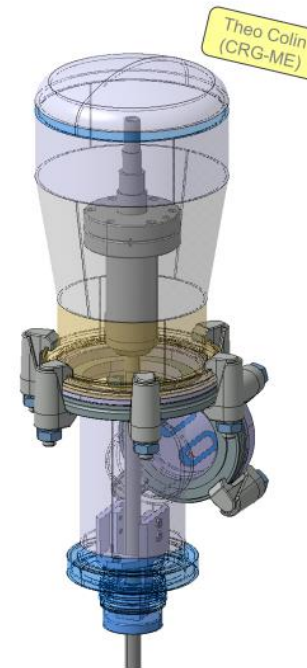
Subcooling HX

# Contribution to D2 magnets (WP3)

- **D2 finger heat exchangers** designed by **CEA** and manufactured by **Ravanat**
  - ✓ All HXs are ready and tested (cycling and performance tests)
    - ✓ 1 Prototype
    - ✓ 1 Pre-series
    - ✓ 4+1 series
  - ✓ Several NCs detected (rust, cleanliness, particles,...) which were remediated.
  - ✓ 2 Series HX delivered to MSC with installation of first HX planned for Oct'24.
- **D2 helium guard for level sensor** designed and manufactured by **TE-CRG**
  - ✓ Manufacture of 2 first units completed
  - ✓ Leak and Pressure testing underway
- Supply of Cryogenic instrumentation.
- Follow-up with WPE of the thermal tests in test bench



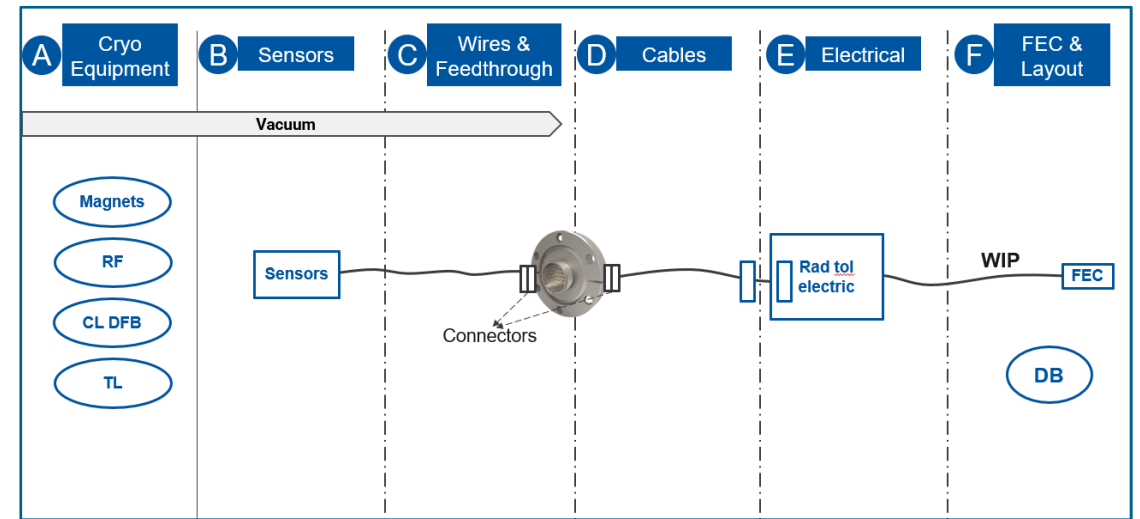
Series 3: Performance at 1.9 K





# Instrumentation / Control / Database

- Development of an HL-LHC **Instrumentation standard** for **sensors, feedthroughs and connectors**.
- All **CERNox sensors procured** – last batch expected beginning of 2025.
- **DO for feedthroughs** issued Sep'24.
- Cryogenic instrumentation requirement followed-up in **P&ID component list**.
- Development of Layout Database in progress.
- Cables requirement refined** for the last revision of the DIC.
- Development Radtol electronic** conditioning card.
- Hardware control** for Refrigerator being **purchased**.



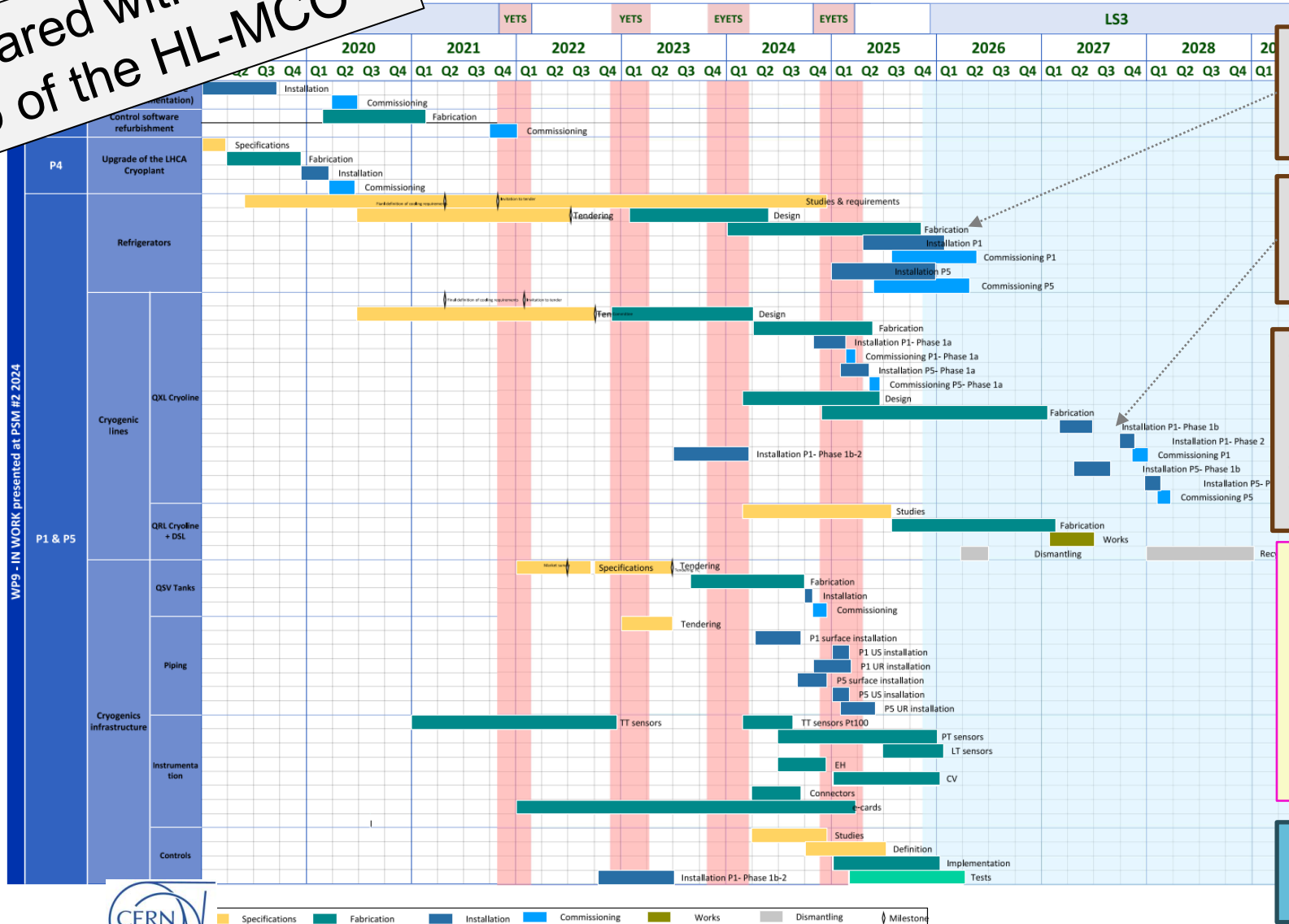
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## Next steps :

- Continue with the procurement of remaining instrumentation and supply to work packages.

# Masterplan of WP9

Prepared with the help of the HL-MCO



Ref : marginal delay expected on installation of compressor station (1.5-3 months)

QXL Ph1b/2 : delay expected (+4 months) due to the vertical cores HL-LHC

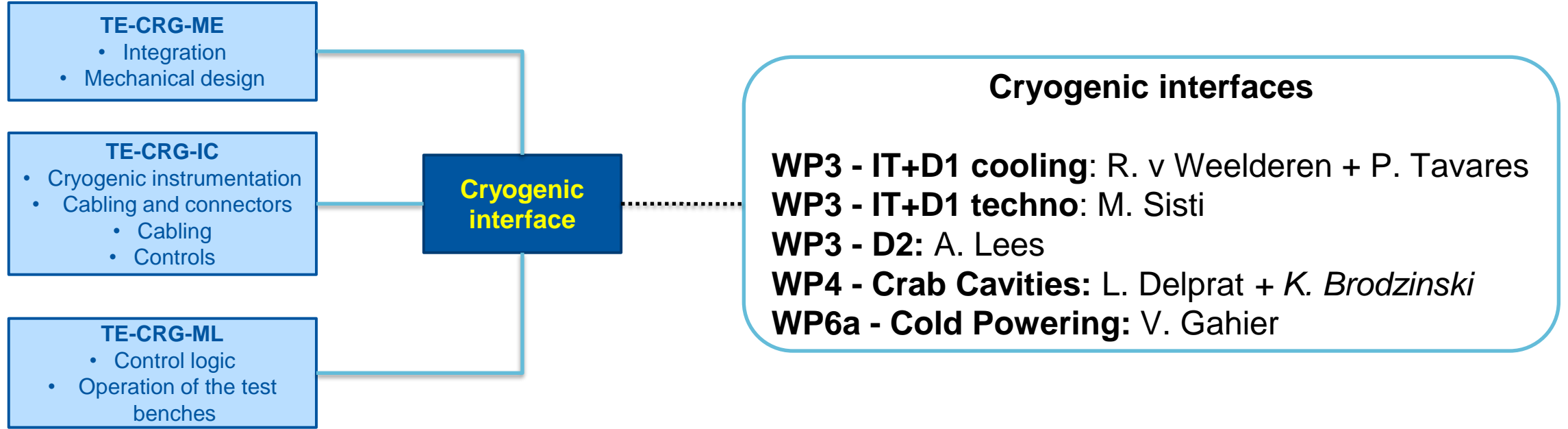
QRL rework / DSL : studies still in progress – co-activity foreseen with magnet for dismantling. + 2 weeks float on the LS3 critical path. Priority given to QXL Ph2 installation.

Tendering: mid20-21-22-23  
 Design: 2023-24-25  
 Manufacturing: 2024-25-26  
 Instrumentation: 2024 -25  
 Installation: 2025-26-27  
 Commissioning: 2026-27

Impact of LS3 delay not considered here



# Contribution to other WPs



- Example of achievements :
  - WP6A : Follow-up with WPE of Test Bench F2 Cold Powering thermal tests with comparison with expected performances and way forward on splices TT value engineering ([197th HL-LHC TCC \(13 June 2024\)](#) · [Indico \(cern.ch\)](#))
  - CC : follow-up of SM18 M7 - RFD prototype operation, support in Cryomodule design , preparation of SPS BA6 operation of the RFD prototype (Refer to 08.10.24 talk for more details - [14th HL-LHC Collaboration Meeting, Genoa \(Italy\), 7-10 October 2024 \(7-10 October 2024\): Crab cavities cryogenics – status and perspective](#) · [Indico \(cern.ch\)](#))

Also with WP15 and WP17 for integration, coordination and interfaces



# WP9 organization and main contacts

## WP leadership

V. Gahier / S. Claudet

## Refrigerator

E. Monneret / G. Zoglami

## QXL

M. Sisti / F. Merli

## Tanks and Warm Piping

A. Suraci / O. Pirotte

## QRL/DSL works

A. Lees / J. McAnervey

## Support / Coordination

QA, documentation  
Heat loads - Process - Cooling Req.  
3D models - Integration  
Mechanical expertise  
Contract – Technical  
Instrumentation – Controls – Data Bases  
Dismantling - Scheduling

## Cryogenic interfaces

**WP3 - IT+D1 cooling:** R. v Weelderen + P. Tavares

**WP3 - IT+D1 techno:** M. Sisti

**WP3 - D2:** A. Lees

**WP4 - Crab Cavities:** L. Delprat + *K. Brodzinski*

**WP6a - Cold Powering:** V. Gahier

# Conclusion

- **Refrigerator contract** is in the end of design phase and are currently **under manufacturing phase**. The **next phase** to come will be the **installation in SHM** from Q1 2025.
- **Cryogenic distribution** contract organized in two phases.
  - **Phase 1** in **manufacturing** for Pipe elements and **final design** for the remaining sub-components. Installation details in discussion with Contractor.
  - **Phase 2** design phase started, with effort to take the lesson learnt of phase 1. **LS3 shift** to be considered by Contractor for **installation**.
- **Warm piping** in **installation phase**. **Helium tanks** (2x250m<sup>3</sup>/point) installed.
- **Installation phase** will require the support of several groups (EN-HH for transport /handling, BE-GM (Marking), EN-MME (NDT) ; TE-VSC (leak tests) and coordination with WP15 /WP17.
- **QRL dismantling resourcing** strategy to be frozen before year end.
- Continue with the **procurement and supply of instrumentation** to WP3, WP4 and WP6a and with follow-up of thermal tests when applicable.



*Installation of gaseous storage tank*



*PFHE test at Linde premises*



*Vacuum vessel in stock at KrioSystem*



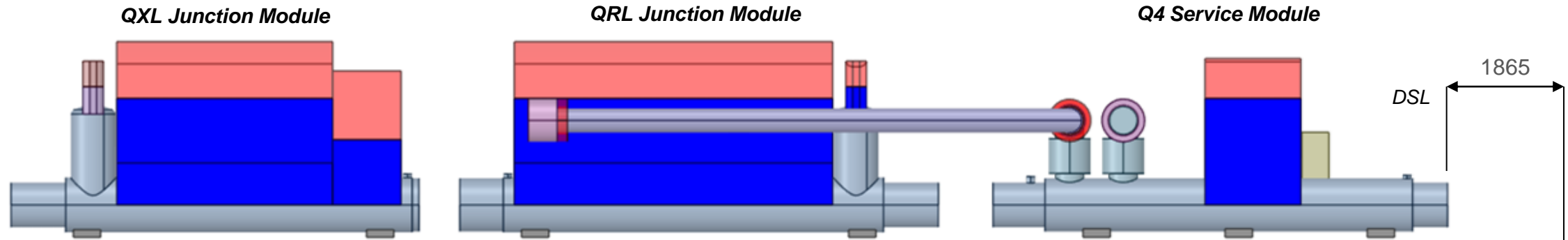
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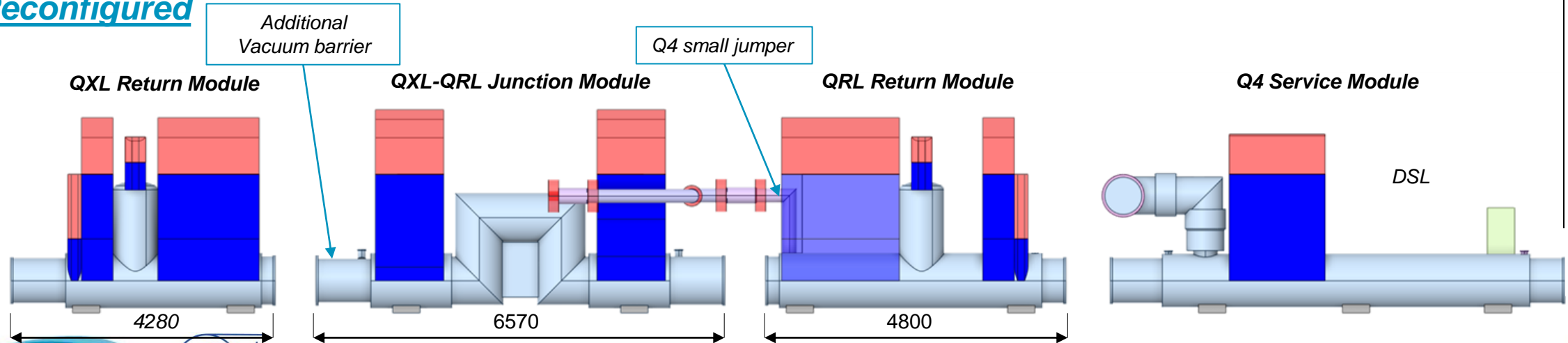


# Reconfigured equipment layout (5R)

## Baseline



## Reconfigured



# Reconfigured equipment layout

## L5 layout (ST1712228\_01)

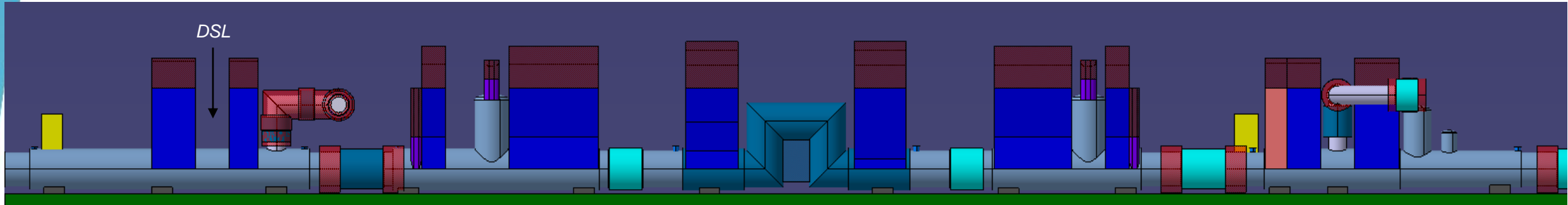
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QXL-QRL Junction Module L5  
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## R5 layout (ST1675921\_01)

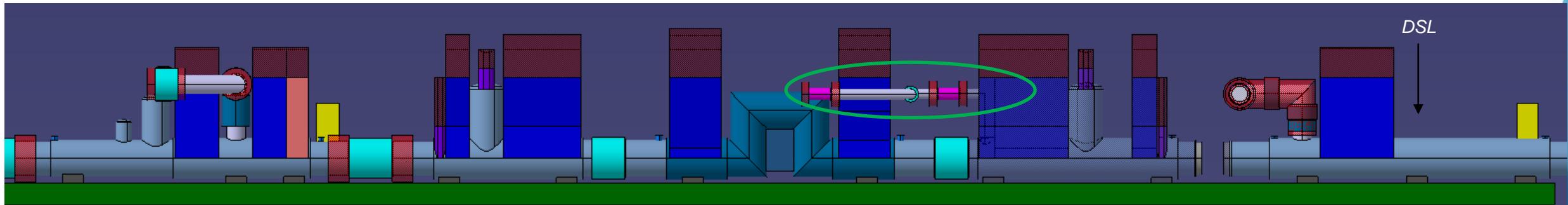
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Q4 Service Module R5  
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# QSV, Warm Helium Storage Tanks at P1 & P5



Installation at P1 done June 12th ✓

Installation at P5 scheduled July 2nd ✓

*Thanks to all involved for the smooth implementation of this spectacular activity !!!*