



Lessons learnt, ideas and best practises for new equipment design

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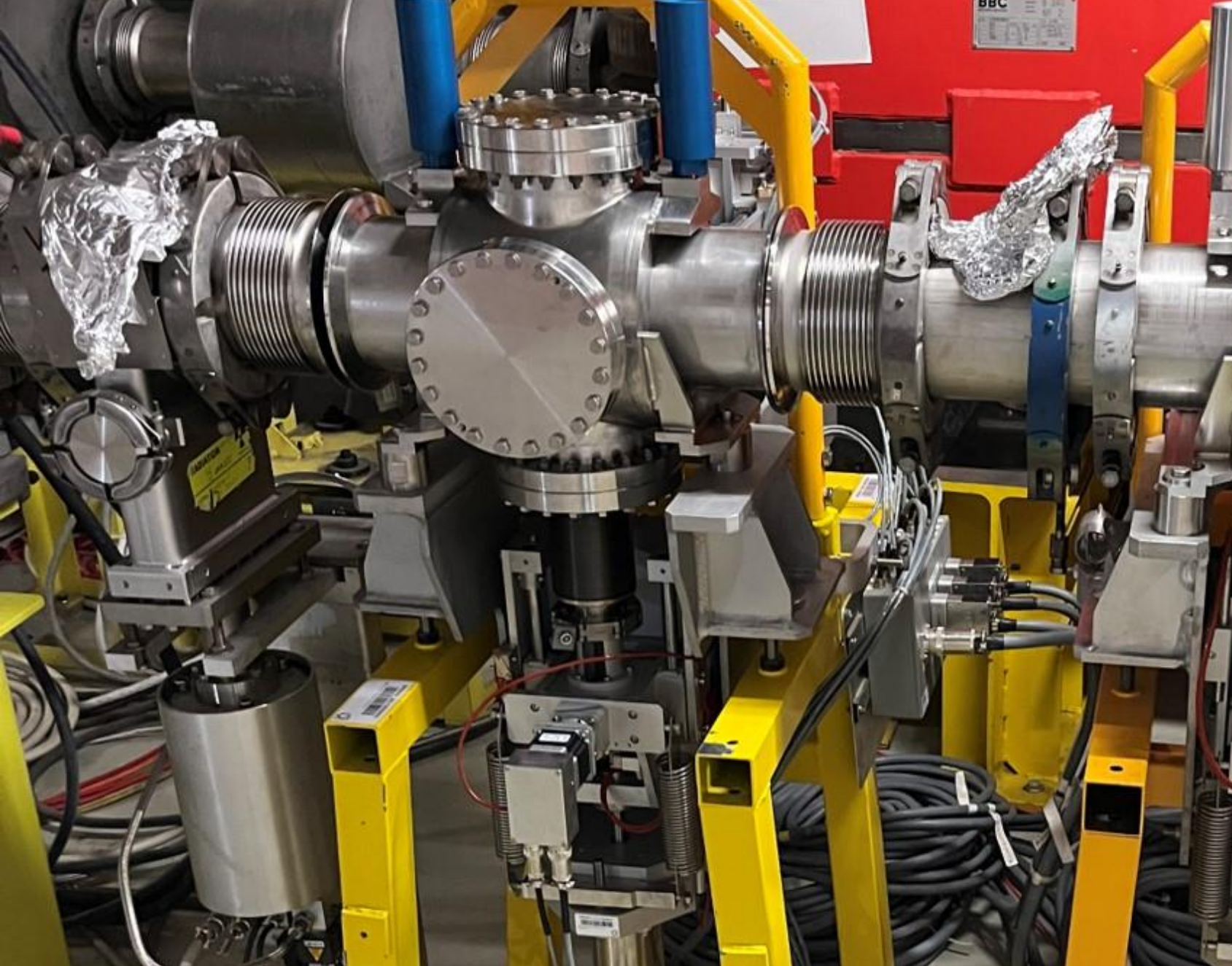
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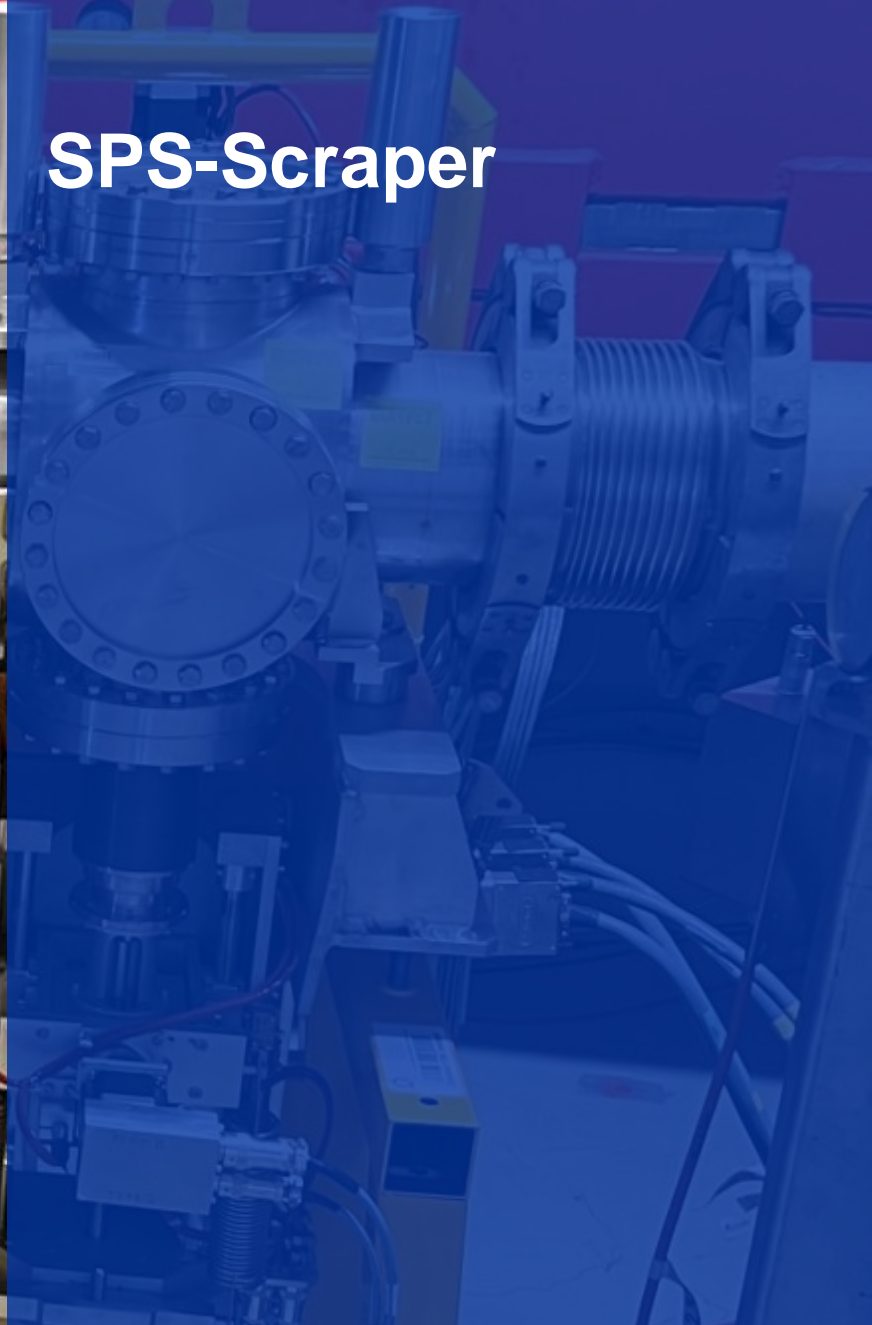
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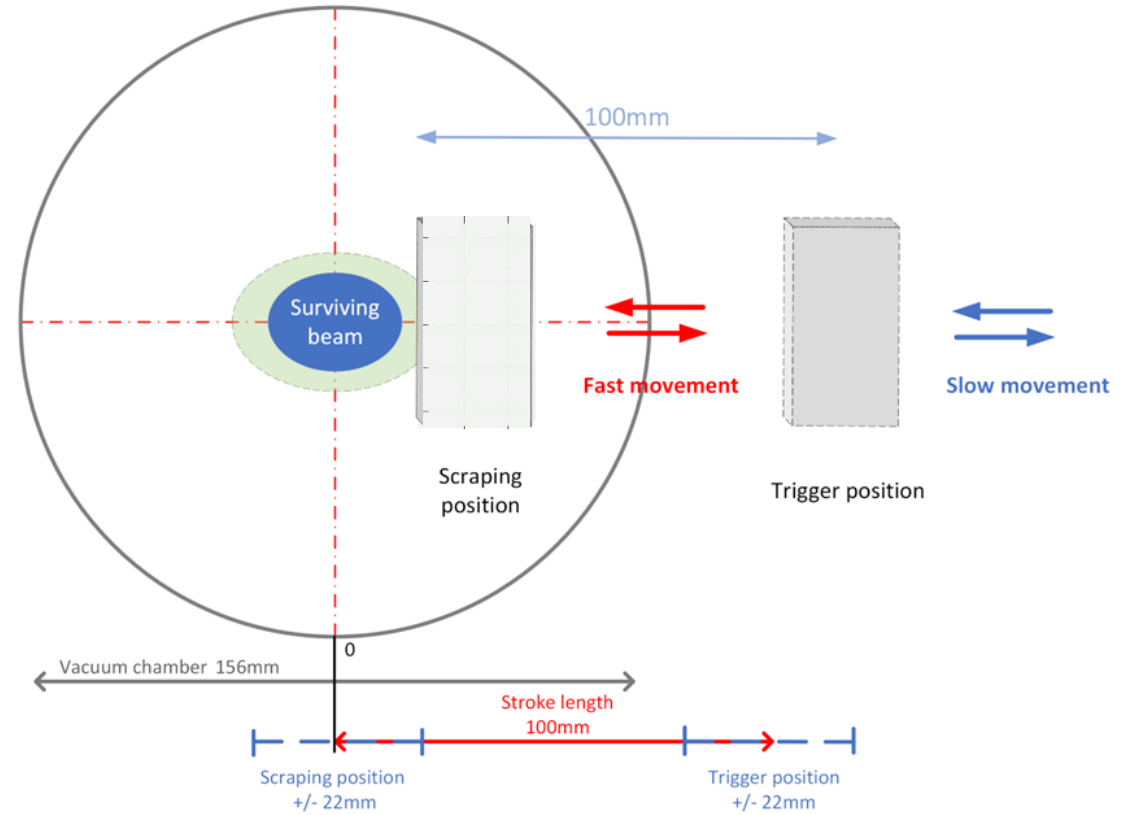
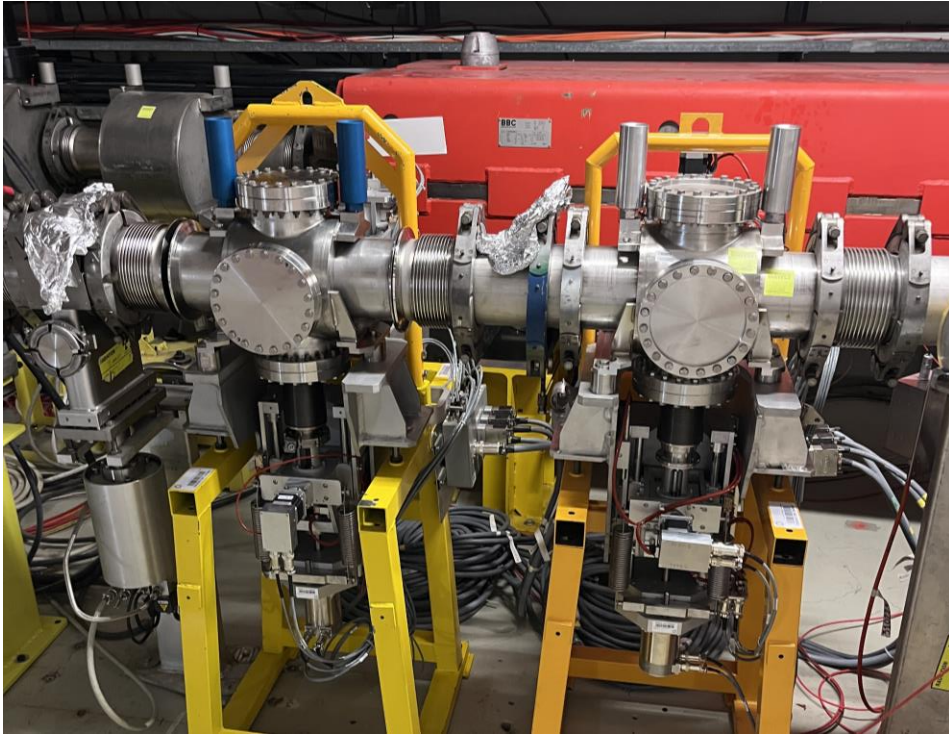
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SPS-Scrapper



SPS Scraper – V4 generation

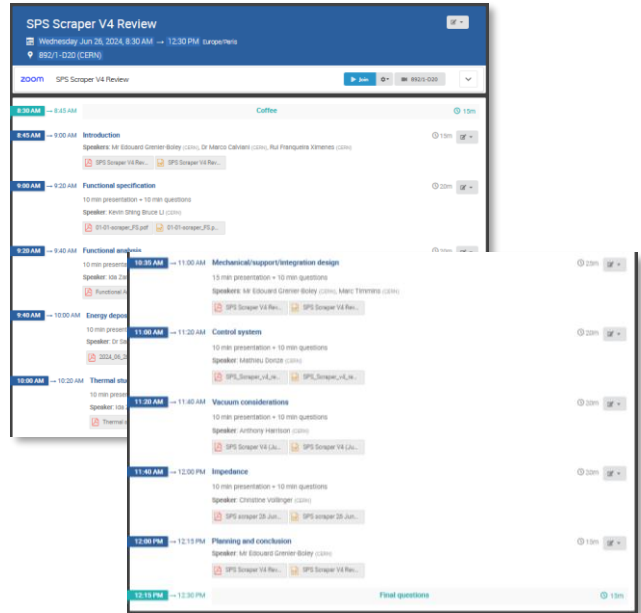
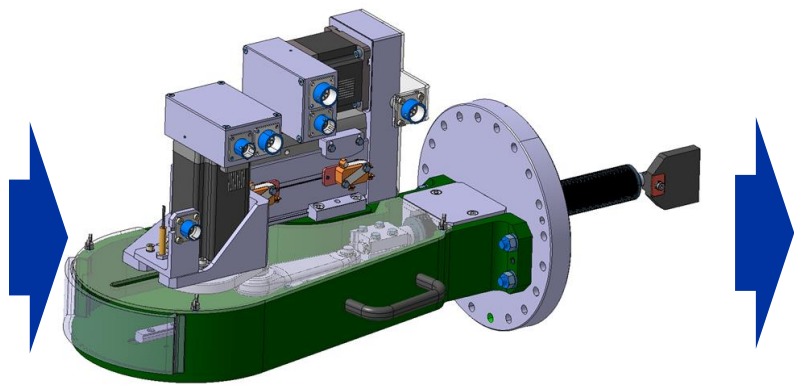
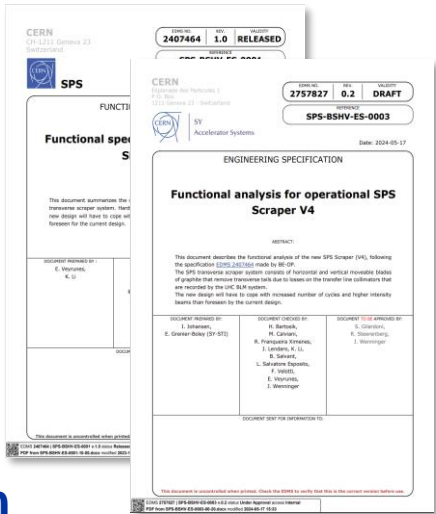
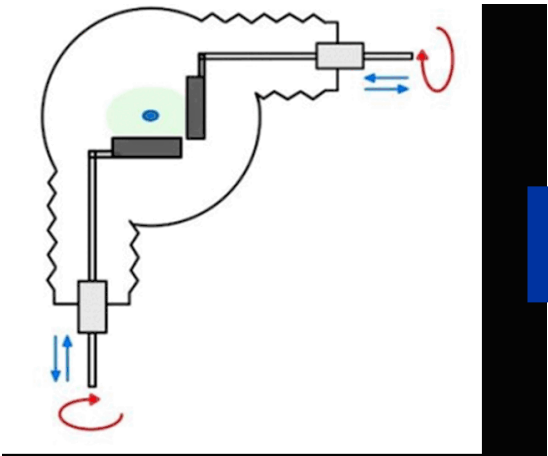


Purpose: Scrape halo before LHC injection

- **Legacy design** from ISR operation
- No initial cycle counting nor redesign for present use
- **Motor step losses** during 2023 (~0.05mm/cycle)
- **New requirements** for LIU beams

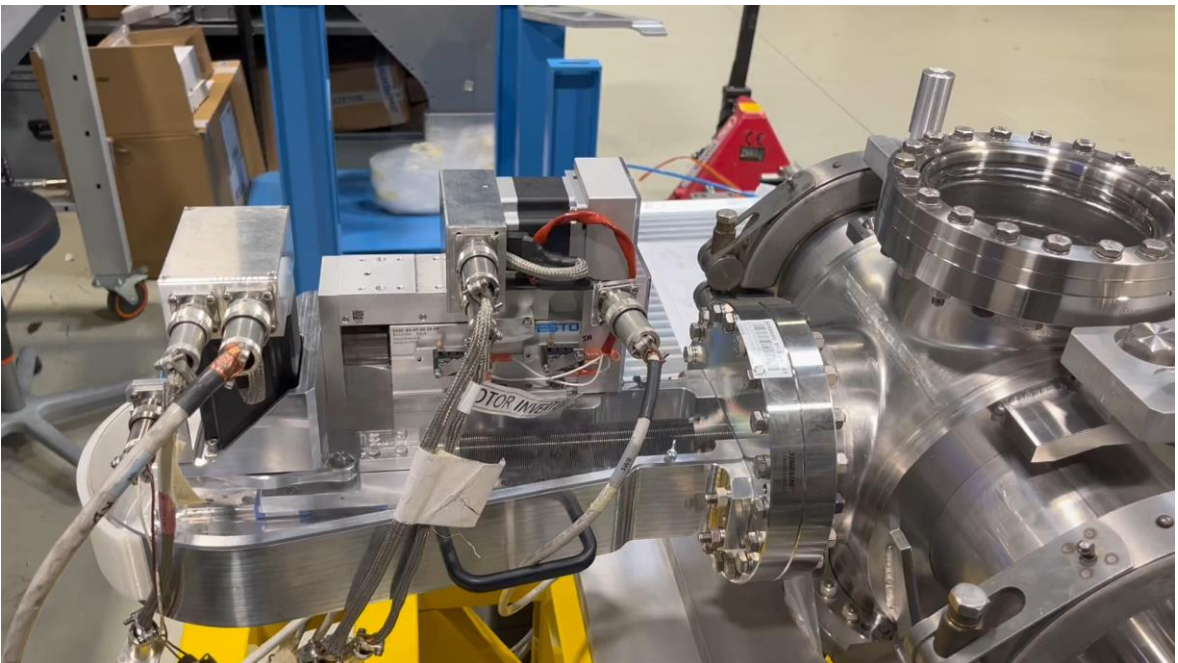
→ **Consolidation with 4th generation scraper**

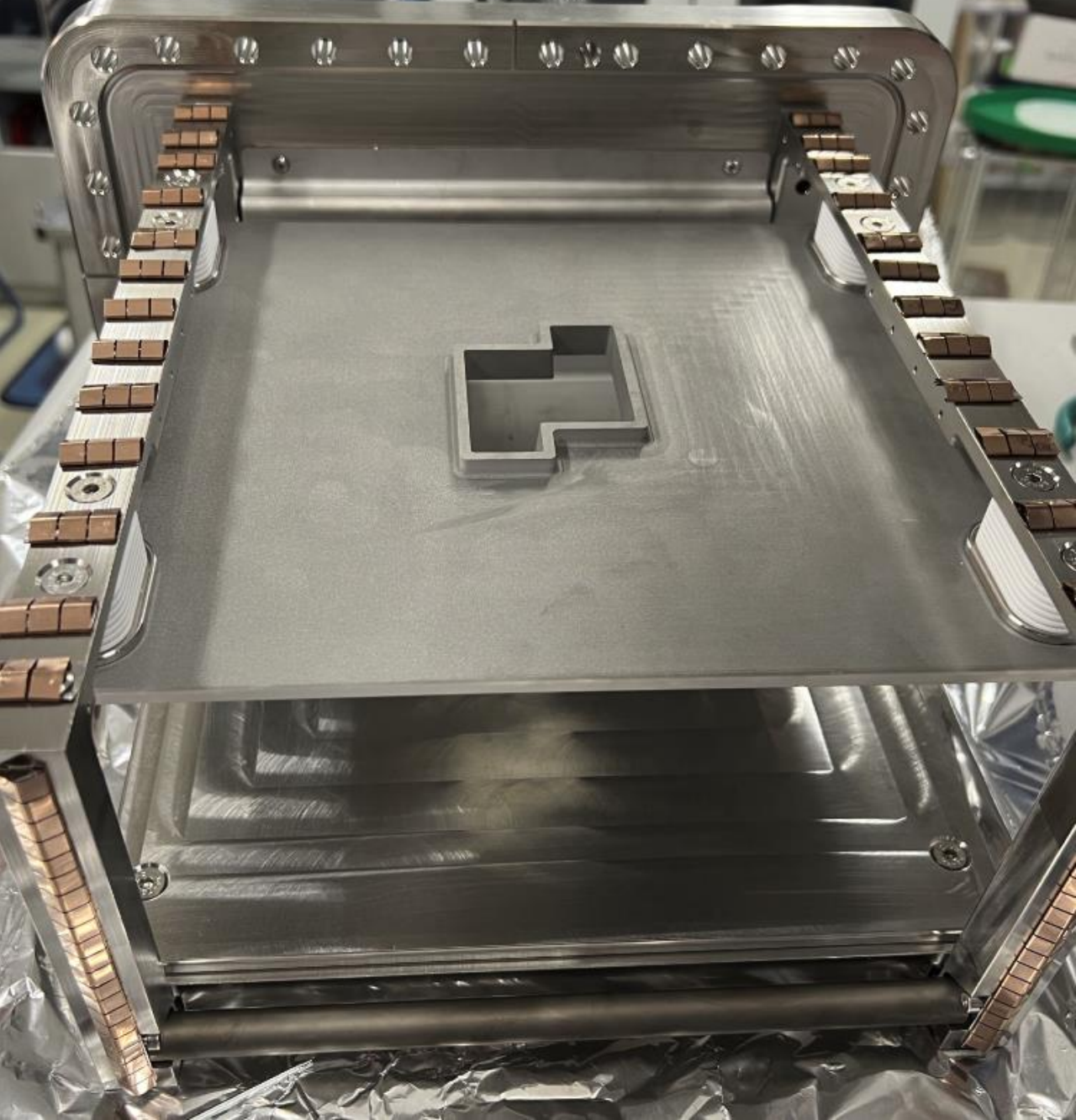
SPS Scraper – V4 generation



Design/Project approach

- Weekly project meeting with the different groups
- Functional specification [EDMS 240764](#) jointly converged between OP & HW groups
- Brainstorming & functional analysis to correctly establish the need. ([EDMS 2757827](#))
- Design review with multiple groups (self-inflected → normal STI/TCD approach)
- Prototype & offline cycling (4M, system/design validation)
- Pre-series to be tested in the machine during 2025





SPS BGI
SPS Beam Gas
Ionisation beam profile
monitors

BGI Profile Monitors

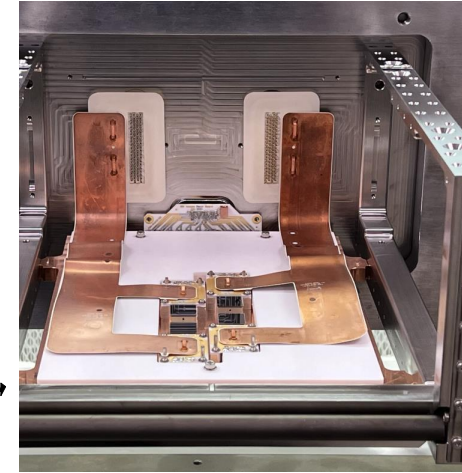
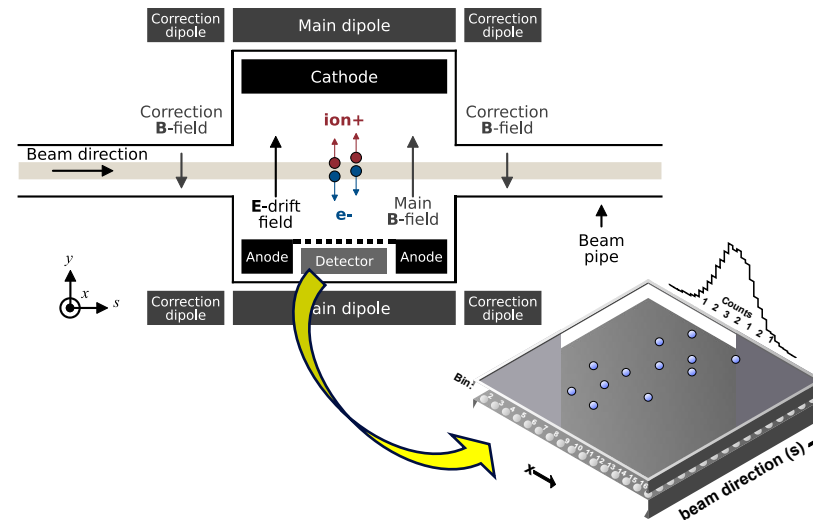
→ **Non-destructive continuous bunch-by-bunch measurements of the transverse beam profile.**

PS BGI's

- Funded by LHC Injector Upgrade (LIU) project;
- Prototype installed in YETS 2016/17;
- **PS BGIH & BGIV** installed in LS2;

SPS

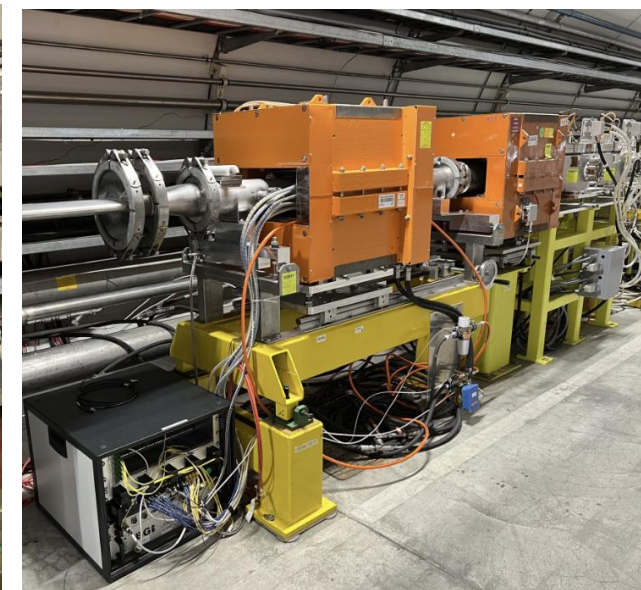
- Funded by **CONS**;
- **SPS BGIH** installed during YETS 23/24, then 2nd version during TS1 2024;
- **SPS BGIV** installed during TS1, but failed leak test after installation and was removed.
- → **SPS BGI shows interference** with AWAKE & LHC25NS beams leading to lose of communication from TimePix3, reset and corrupted data. → **EMI, SEU ?**



Measure beam profile by **counting** # ionisation electrons detected in each column (centre). Timepix3 electronics (right). Refs. [IBIC 2017](#), [IBIC 2019](#), [IBIC 2021](#)



PS BGIH at SS #82



SPS BGIH at 51634

Investigations at ATS EMC Lab

Direct Coupling Measurements

→ 1kHz RF modulation up to 1GHz and 500W (10% beam power) between stretched wire and i) HV cable and ii) Timepix3 signals

- -45dB coupling between stretched wire & HV cable
- No coupling to Timepix3 signals

Cable Immunity

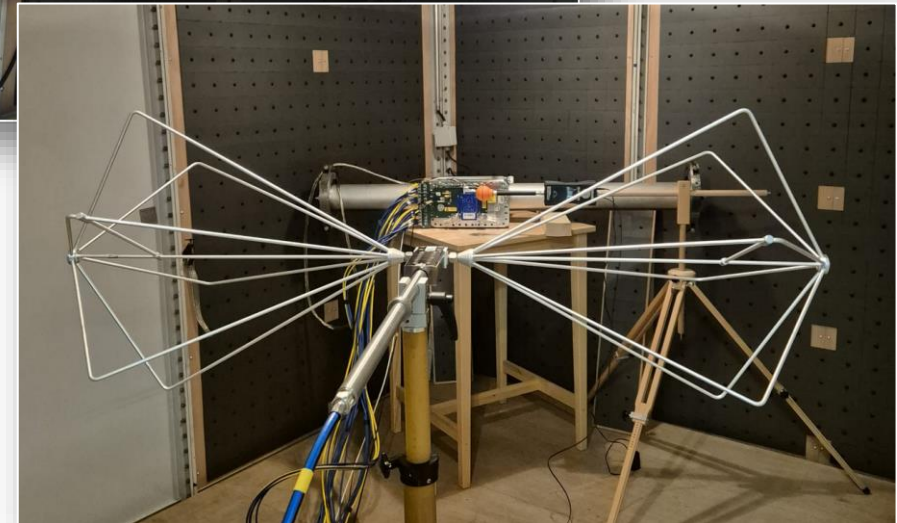
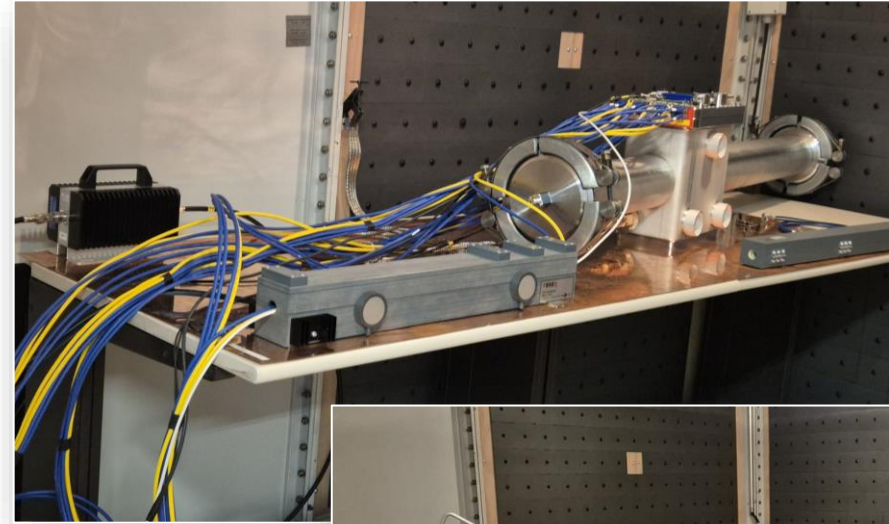
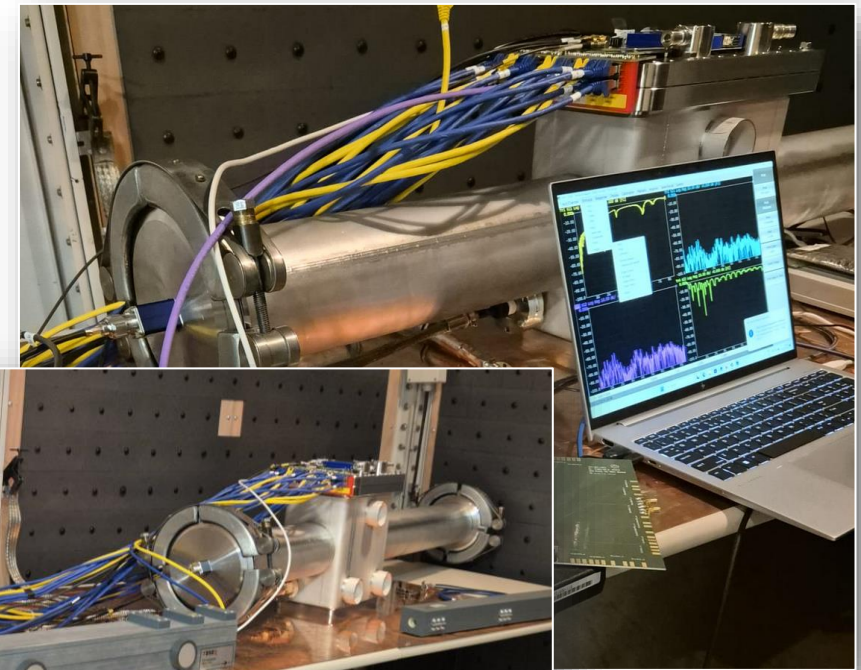
→ Injected RF (1 kHz modulated) at various frequencies & power levels through clamp into a) signal cables, and b) low voltage cables.

- **Could reproduce problems seen in the tunnel** (sensitive <100 MHz and at 400 MHz).

Radiated Immunity

→ expose setup to radiated RF at up-to 1.28 GHz and 50V/m.

- **Perturbations and partial corruption of pixel matrix** observed at 80 MHz and 320 MHz.



EMC Lab Findings & Actions

- Radiated RF from the HV cable, caused by beam coupling to the cathode, then coupling to signal cables, is a plausible mechanism for the SPS BGI problems.
- Direct interference from the beam to the Timepix3 is not ruled out.

→ + BGI Review

Actions during YETS 24/25:

- **Add shielding** to both HV & signal cables;
- **Fit ferrites** to the HV cable.
- On the new SPS BGI-Vertical install **denser Faraday shield** over the detectors.

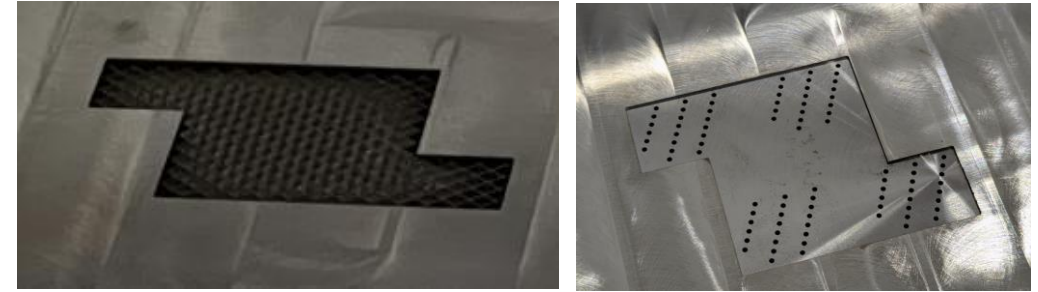
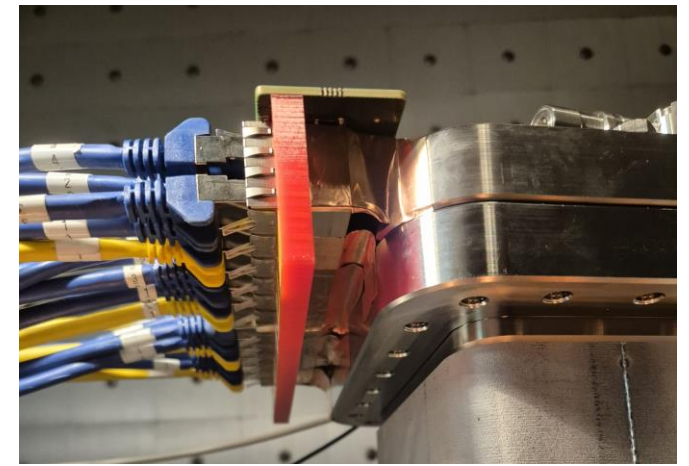
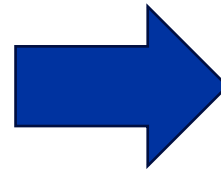
Situation Today

BGI Horizontal

- Instrument installed with “Diamond” RF shield
- Magnets in doublet configuration

BGI Vertical

- Prototype instrument installed
- Magnets in doublet configuration



After YETS 24/25

BGI Horizontal

- Same instrument with “Diamond” RF shield
- **External HV countermeasures**
- **Magnets in triplet configuration (*)**

BGI Vertical

- **New instrument with “Denser” RF shield**
- **External HV countermeasures**
- **Magnets in triplet configuration (*)**

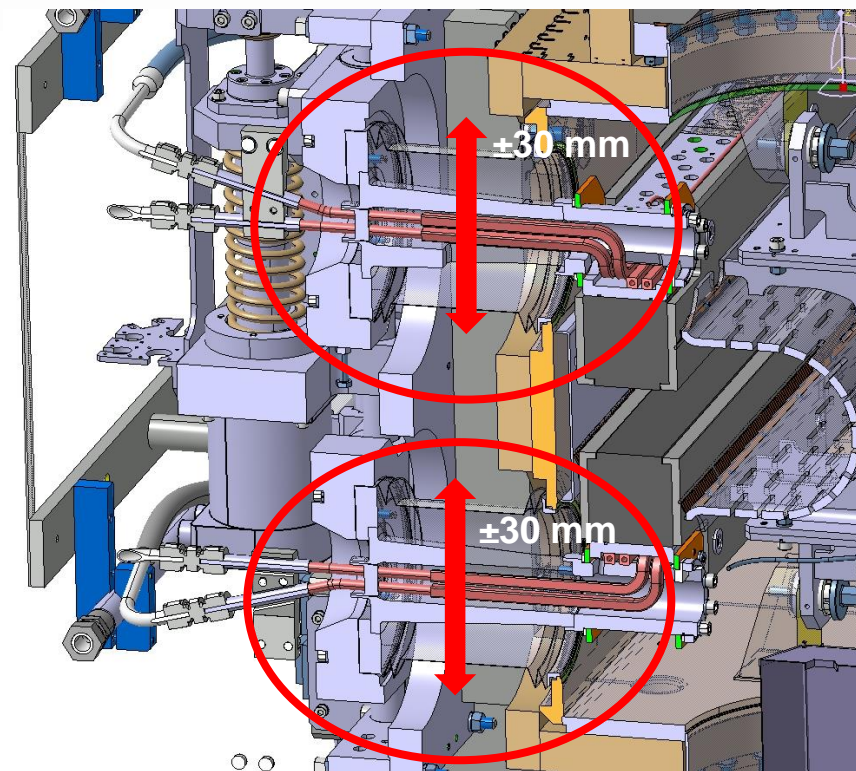
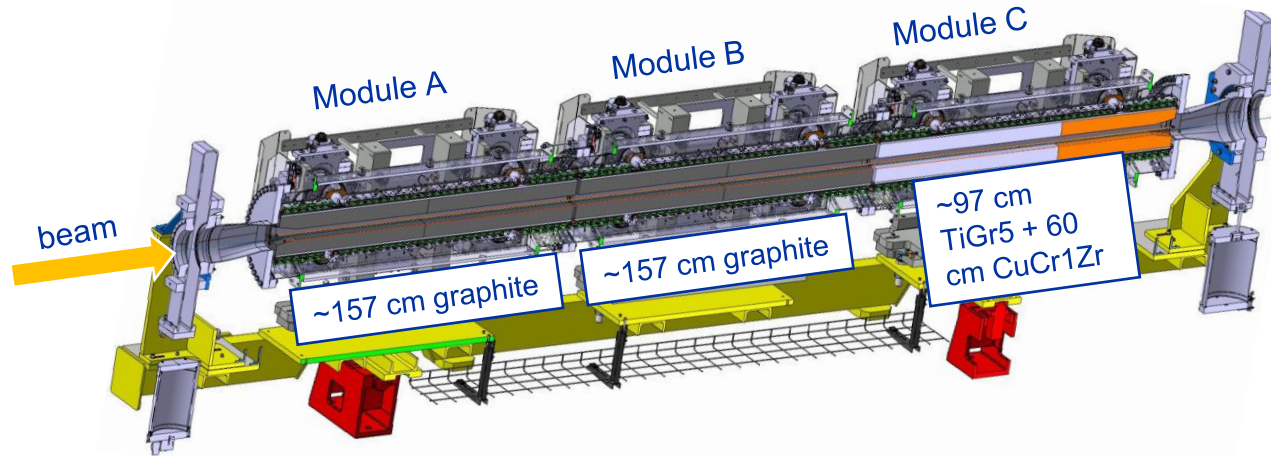
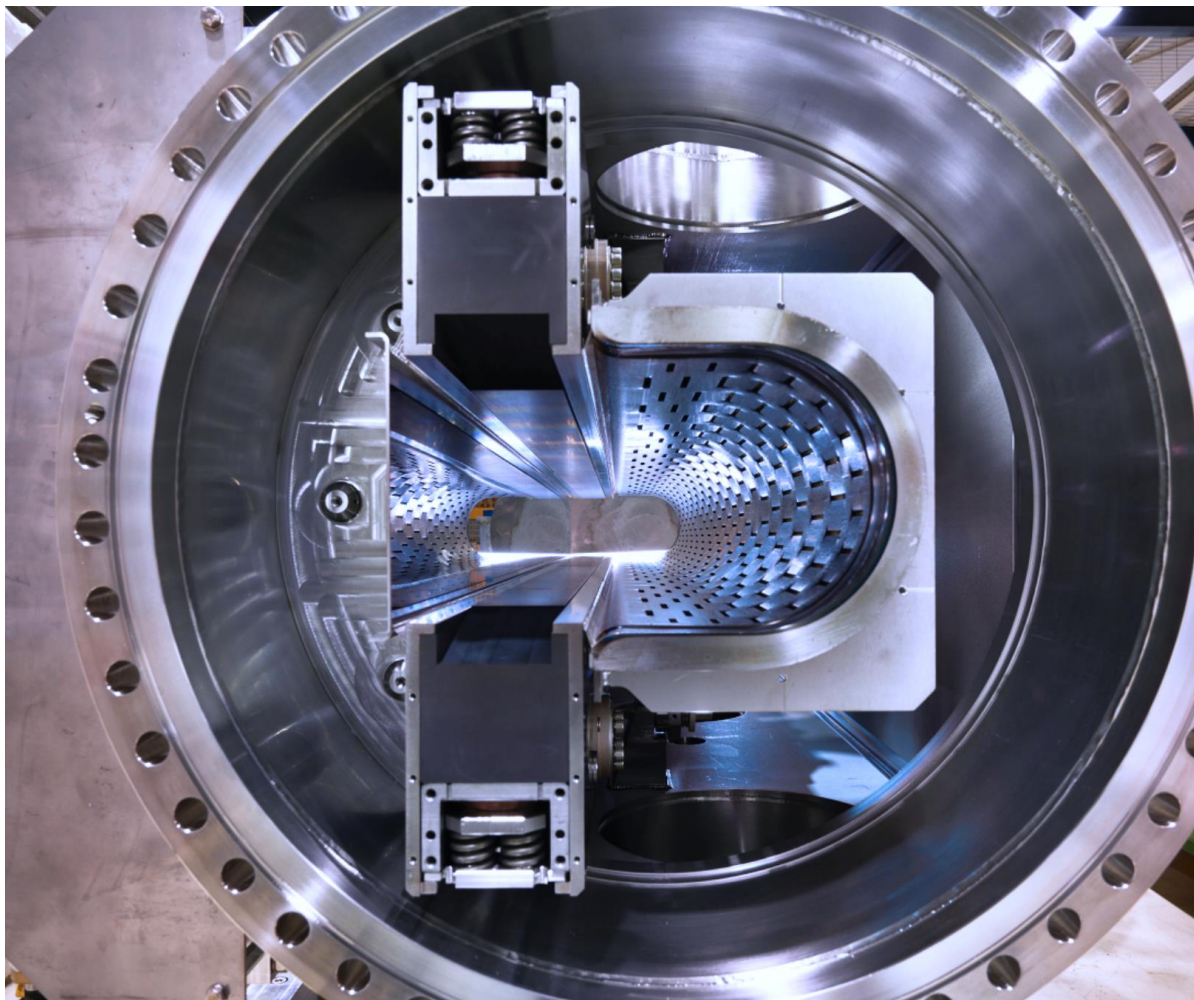
(*) ECR 3168184 "Modification of magnetic bump for operation of the BGI profile monitors in SPS LSS5."



TDIS

Target Dump Injection Segmented

TDIS



TDIS Repair & Consolidation Project | Bellows QA

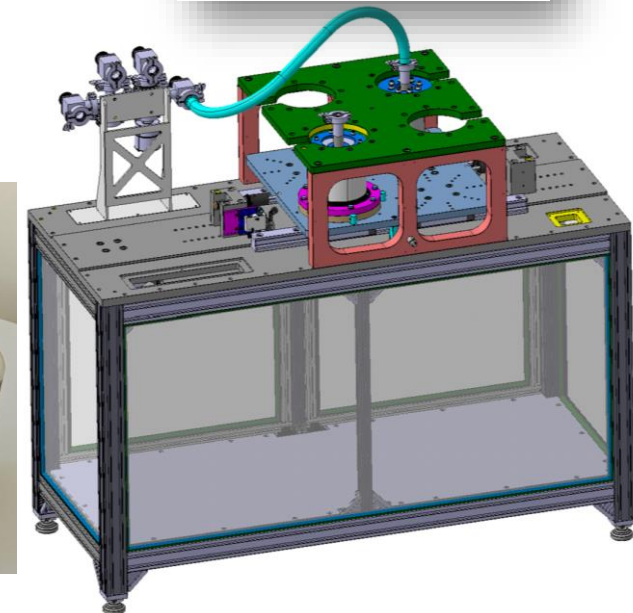
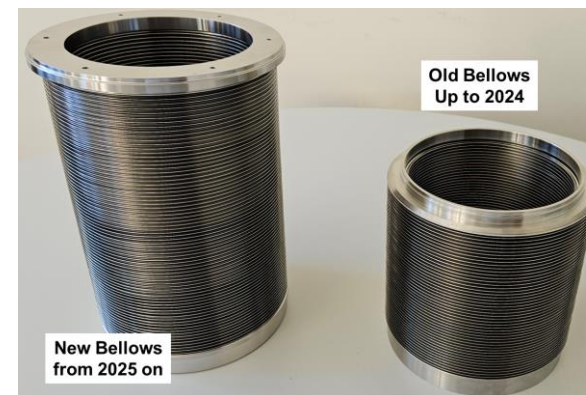
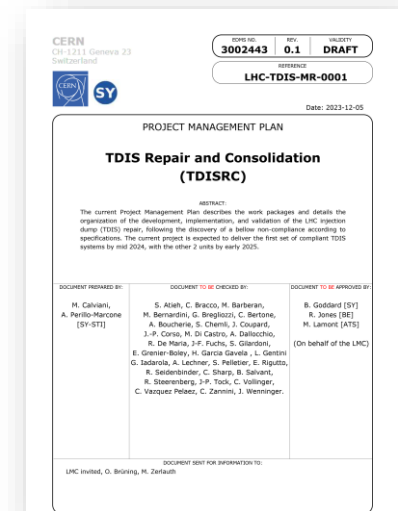
→ **Project Management Plan** [EDMS 3002443](#) with clear set of WP responsibilities and deliverables.

Operation risk mitigation

- 2024 running with spare TDIS (same type of bellows) **w/ revised operation**
- **Ensure operation for post-2024**
 - A. Repair of both leaking and radioactive TDIS (both P2 and P8)
 - B. Production of new tanks. **3 in-house + 3 externally**
 - C. Conditioning of spent TDI as backup

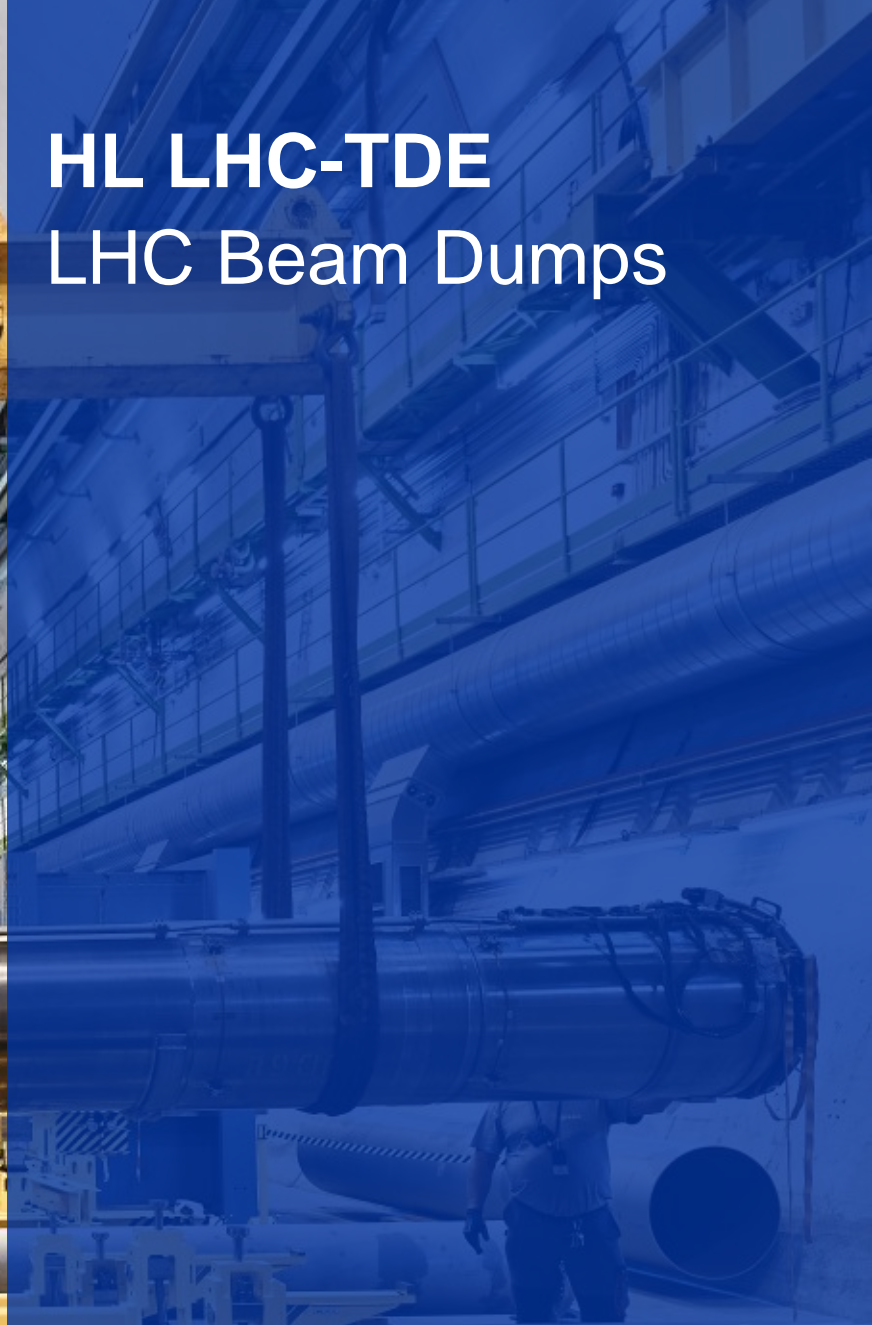
Bellows understanding & QA

- Fatigue tests of current bellows
- Close work with supplier for new compliant bellows
- Fatigue test of new bellows





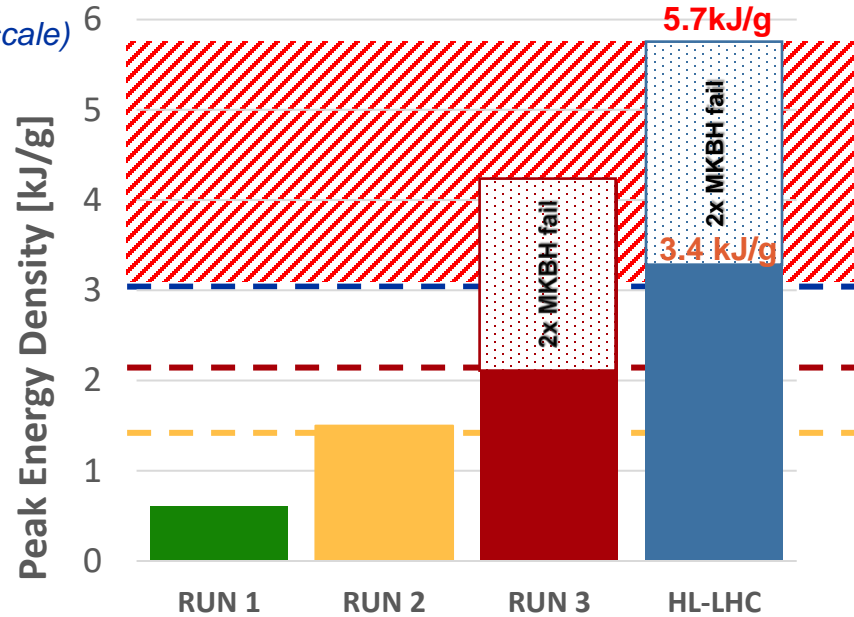
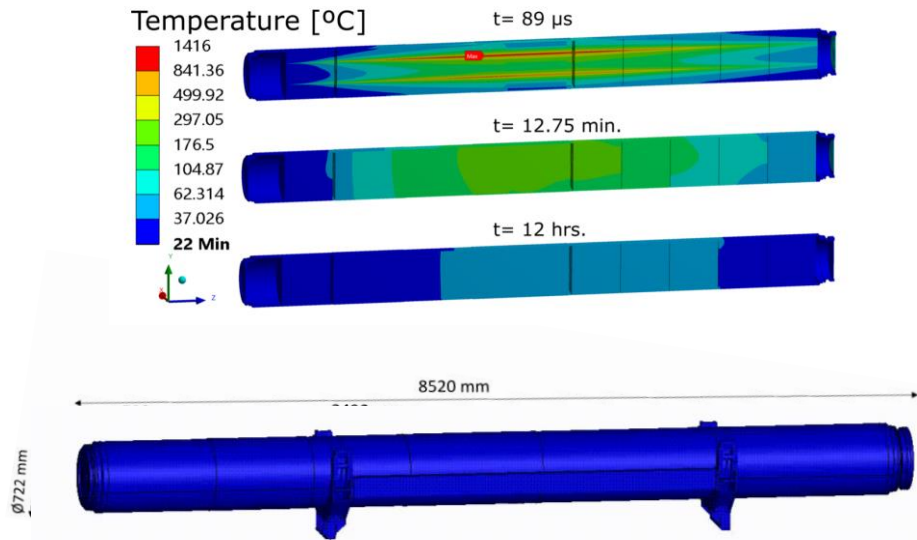
HL LHC-TDE LHC Beam Dumps



Challenges in HL-LHC – Core materials

Detailed modelling & understanding

of the dynamic response of the Run3 LHC-TDEs (not at scale)



Missing data

HiRadMat-56

HiRadMat-43

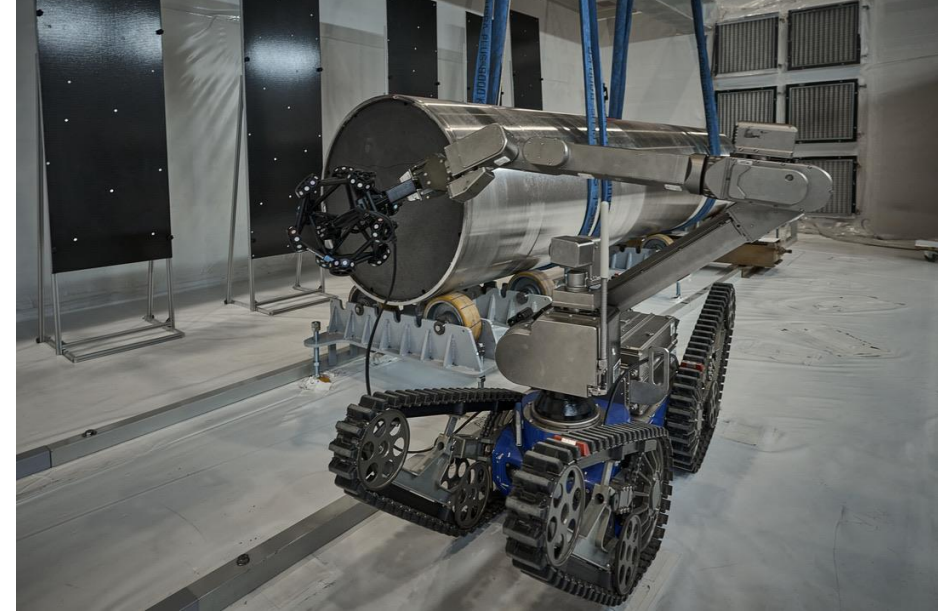
Run 2 TDE
Autopsy

Absorb the LHC beam at any time, energy, or intensity

Stored beam energy set to increase to 710 MJ in **HL** – more than 4.5 times than Run 1

- Peak energy deposition increase in the core beyond tested values (**Failure scenarios** previously not reproducible)
- No information on resistance to **repeated dumps**
- Testing scenarios **not compatible with the HiRadMat facility** as it was **before the upgrade**

Autopsy (& waste disposal)



HiRadMat-HLTDE experiment

HiRadMat facility **upgraded successfully** to deliver LIU beams (up to $288b \times 2.3 \cdot 10^{11}$ ppb) in YETS 23-24 thanks to the joint efforts of many groups (BE-EA, SY-STI, TE-VSC, BE-CEM, SY-ABT, BE-OP)

Experiment aims:

Test candidate materials for the HL-LHC beam dump (TDE) core:

- Isostatic Graphite (**IG**) – 5 grades
- Carbon-Fibre-Reinforced Carbon (**CFC**) – 3 grades
- Flexible graphite, **Sigraflex**®

Experiment is a defined **qualification criterion** in two active **Market Surveys**

Aim is to induce:

- **Energy density**
- **Thermal shock**
- **Number of impacts**

} Representative of HL **nominal** operation and **accidental** scenarios

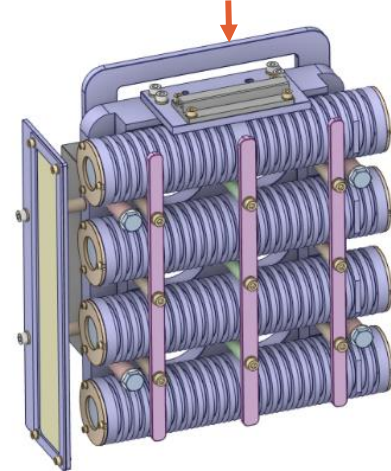


Experiment key features

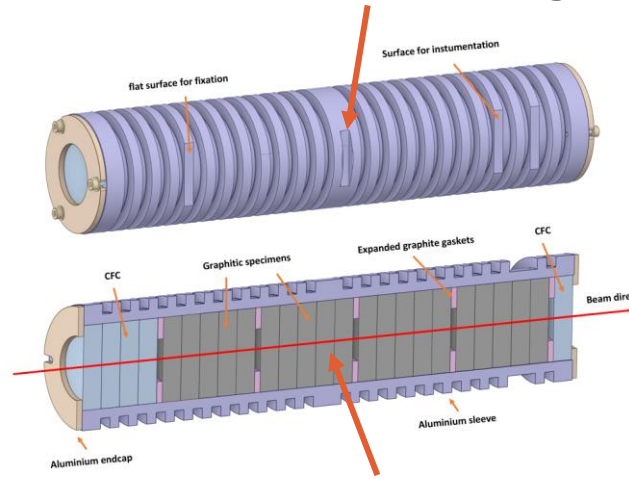
HiRadMat-65-HLTDE

- Multipurpose tank
- Previously used for multiple experiments
- Four target types
- **16 targets** in total
- **August 2024**
- **Over 450 pulses extracted on the targets over 1.5 weeks**

4 Target stations

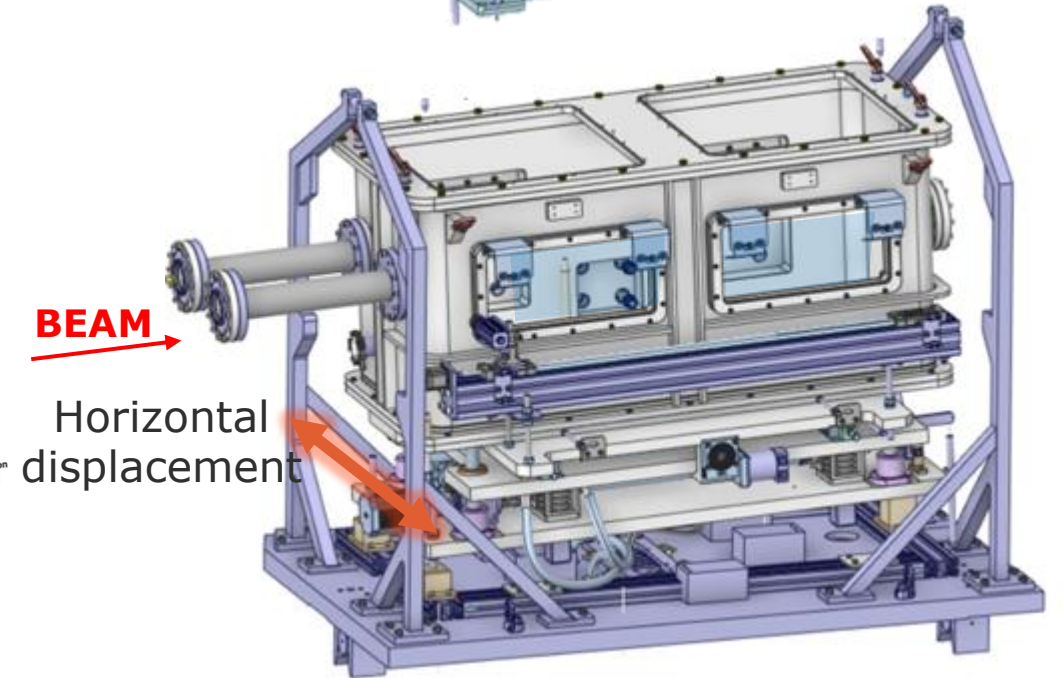
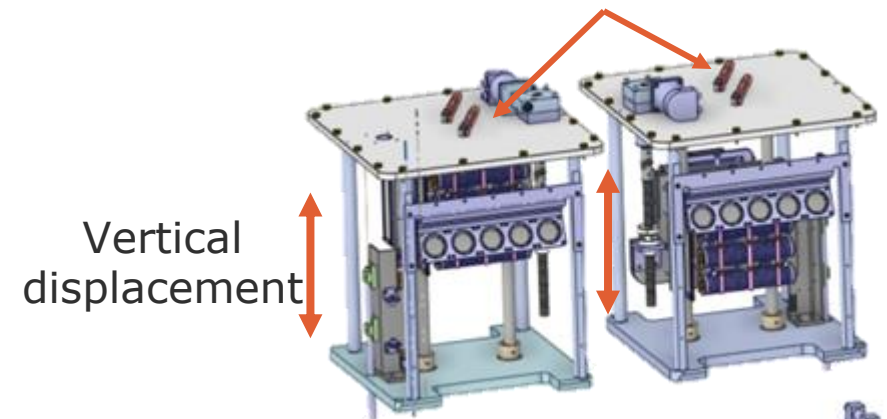


16 Instrumented Targets

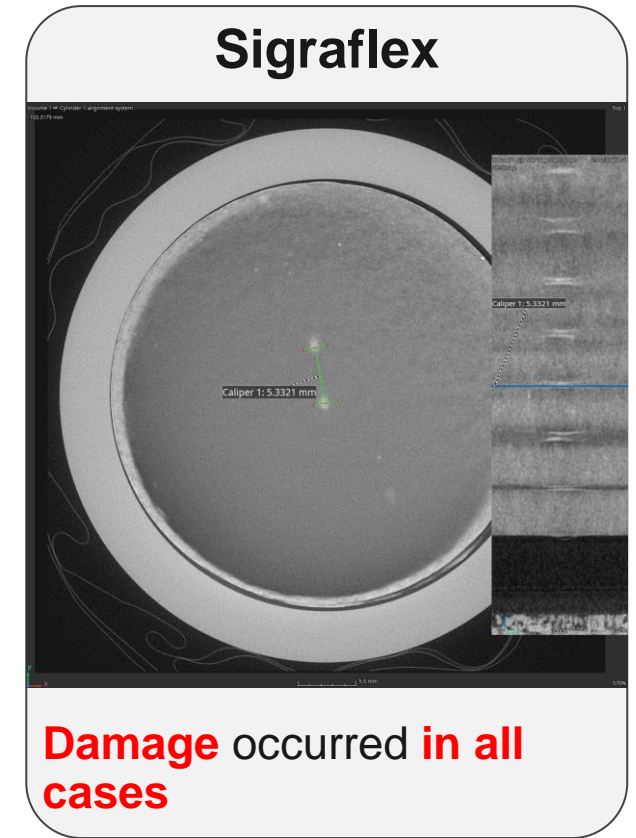
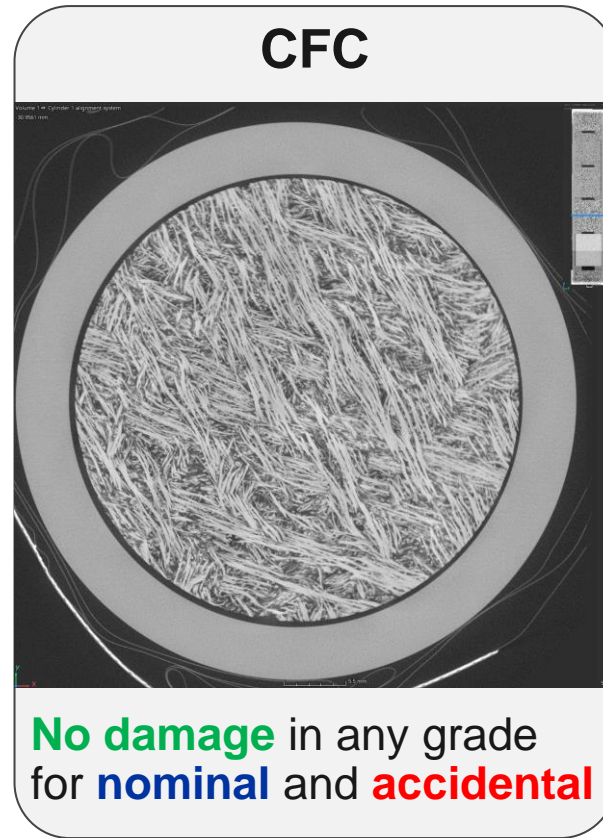


Specimens (20/target)

2 Target modules



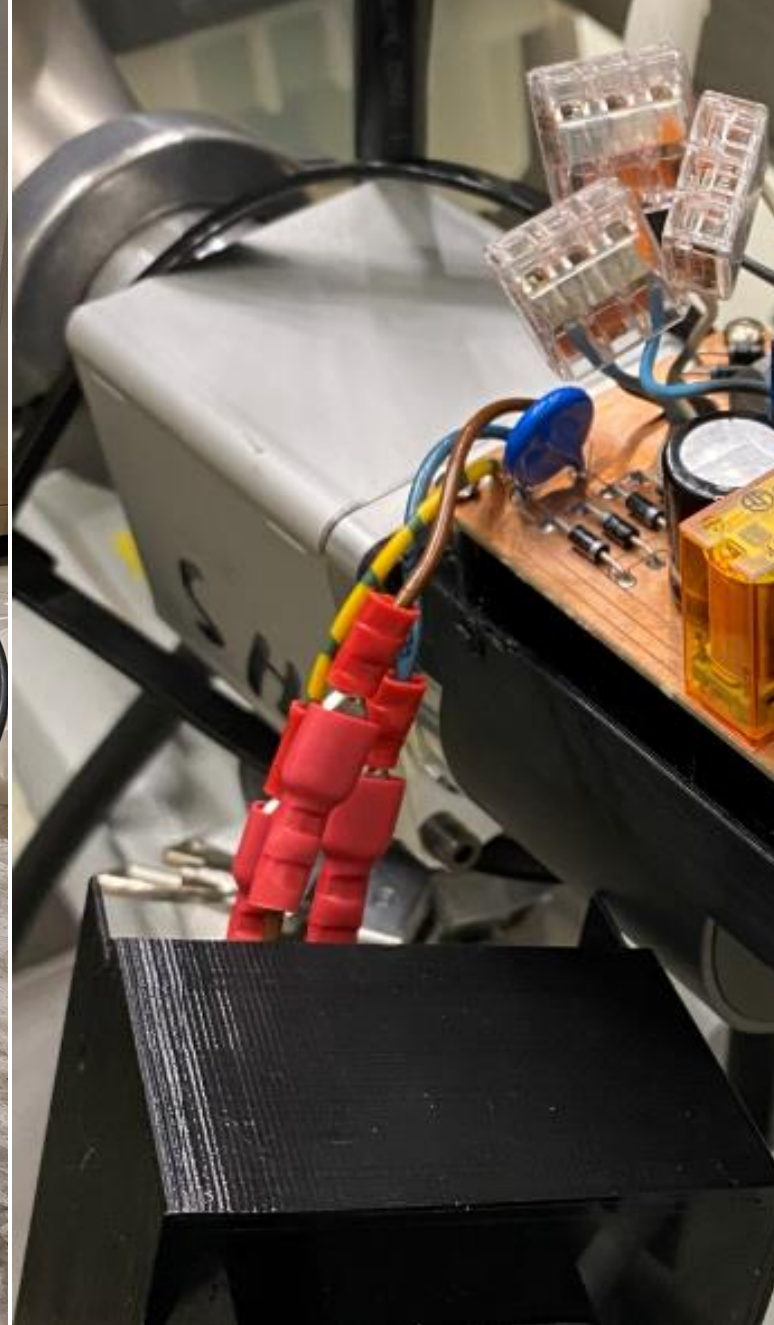
Post-Irradiation Examination Results



Key risk of the project – no material fully qualified – averted

Sigraflex **not qualified** for HL operation

Possibility to perform additional material layout optimization in the core



Electro valves In Secondary Beam Areas

V2 Electrovalve

In SBA, **60 pumping groups** are installed across 7 km of beamlines to ensure primary vacuum between 10^{-2} to 9×10^{-3} mbar.

V2 Electrovalve

1. Open / Close the pumping group to the beamline
2. Protect pumping group & beamline vacuum in case of pumping group failure
3. Allow quick maintenance of the pumping group

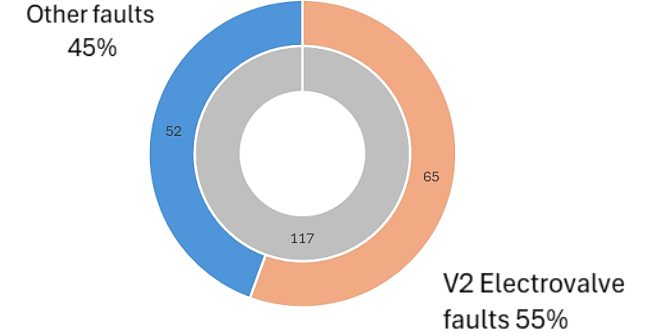


**Passive electronics
V2 Electrovalves
Not commercially
available**

**Active electronics V2
Electrovalves**
Commercially available
but **sensitive to
radiation**

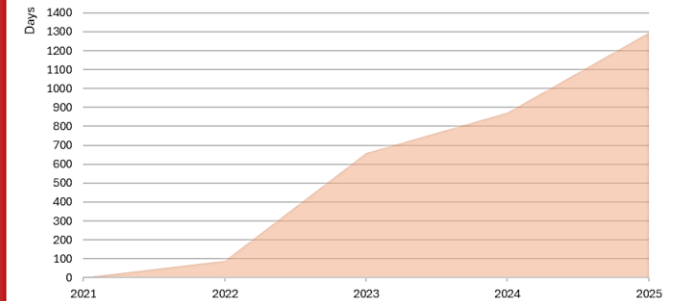


Total SBA vacuum faults
between 01.2021 and 11.2024



*Registered V2 Electrovalve failure rate since
2021: 17 p/year*

Pumping groups in SBA cumulative unavailability p/year
between 01.2021 and 11.2024 due to electrovalves failure



*Over 1200 days of pumping group operation lost
due to faulty V2 Electrovalves since 2021
(Redundancy of pumping groups ensures that the vacuum
performance in SBA is maintained)*

- Access request incurring in **beam down time, personnel exposure and time for maintenance** are the main consequences of the electrovalve failures

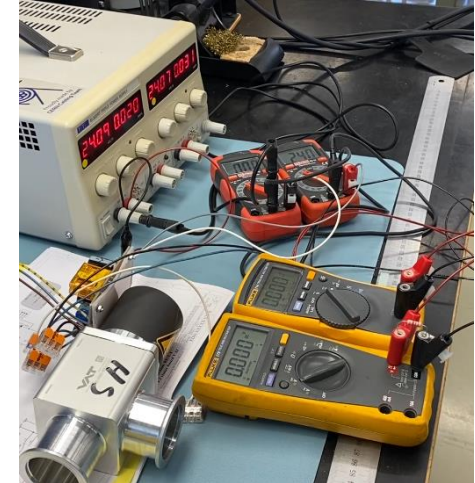
Rad-hard electrovalve

Discussion with the Industry to enable in house development of Rad-hard solution

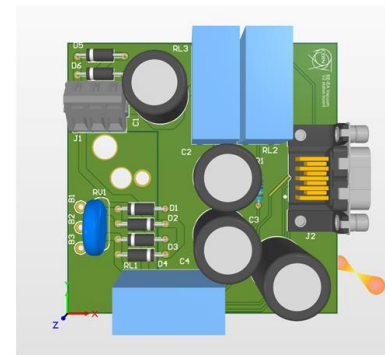
- Collaboration with VAT to allow a complete understanding of the operation of the present V2 electrovalve and use it as a baseline for the new rad-hard version
1. SBA requirements: Flange connection ISO-KF40, Coil power supply at 230V, 2 dry contacts for monitoring.
 2. Control coil with only passive components. → RC filter (resistor-capacitor circuit)
 3. Characterization of RC filter
 4. Development of control PCB with only passive components.
 5. Optimization of the PCB for integration with the existing V2 Electrovalve base

Constraints

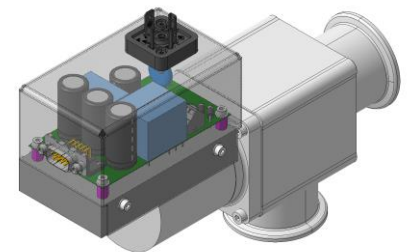
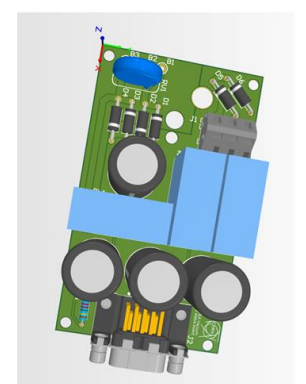
- **Size and Integration** – using an existing commercial electrovalve as base for R&D
- **Thermal management** – electrovalve coil heating and heat dissipation
- **Electric insulation** – from the PCB to the coil



PROTOTYPE 1, 07.2024



PROTOTYPE 2, 10.2024



Rad-hard electrovalve

Offline testing / validation

- **Irradiation** → 138kGy (~50 years). Good working condition, despite slight degradation of polymeric casings.
- **Fatigue** → ~500 cycles) without degradation or failures
- **Temperature** → 45°C (manufacturer Threshold < 70°C)

Operational Trial

- 1st rad-hard electrovalve installed in 08.2024 in T8 EAST AREA complex.
- **Past** → 17 faults since 2021 (**1 fault / 1.5 months**)
- **Present** → **0 faults after 4 months** of operation

Plan / large-scale deployment

- Large-scale validation until LS3
- → 30 rad-hard V2 electrovalves to be deployed during Q1-2025 in SBA

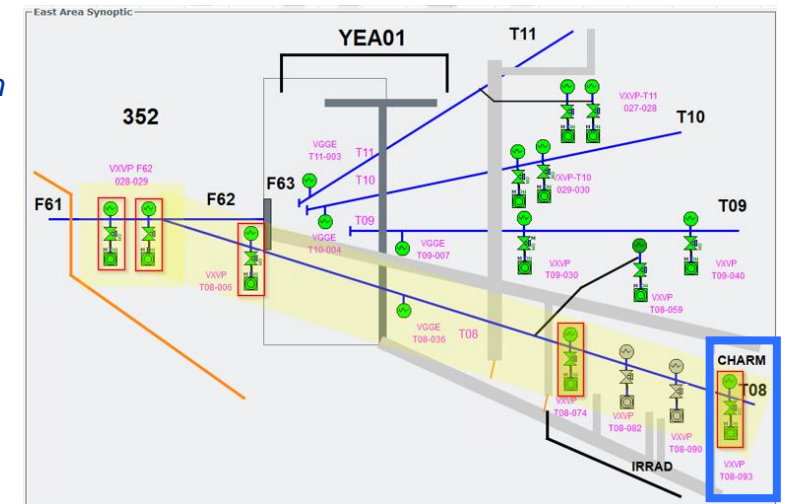
Rad-hard electrovalve setup for irradiation tests



Thermal analysis of the electrovalve using a FLIR camera



Trial with new electrovalve in the EA



Summary | Best practises

SPS-Scraper

- New design following **brainstorming and functional analysis**
- **Discussions OP on** its operation mode and revision of **functional specification**
- **Design & process review** with everyone onboard (and making it a standard practice)
- Cycling **testing**
- **Prototype** tested **in the machine** during 2025

TDIS

- **Project management plan and operation risk mitigation**
- **Review** device **mode of operation with OP**
- **QA** of bellows **via test-bench, CERN experts** and close work with **suppliers**

BGI

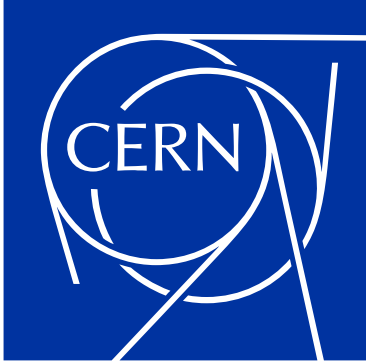
- **Use of CERN-wide experts** support of the ATS EMC lab and other groups
- **Review panel**

LHC-TDE

- **Detailed modelling/understanding**
- **Full-fledged material test & qualification for MS** with beam conditions in accident-like scenarios
- **Use of CERN's beam testing facilities**
- **Post-irradiation examination**

SBA Electro-valves

- R2E mitigation via design with passive elements
- **System monitoring** to identify issues
- **Collaboration with supplier** to achieve requirement.
- **Testing:** cyclic, irradiation, temperature



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