

# Application of thin film coatings on complex geometries



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- Example of combination of configurations
- Superconducting Nb coatings on Cavities
- Carbon coatings in beam-pipes

# Introduction

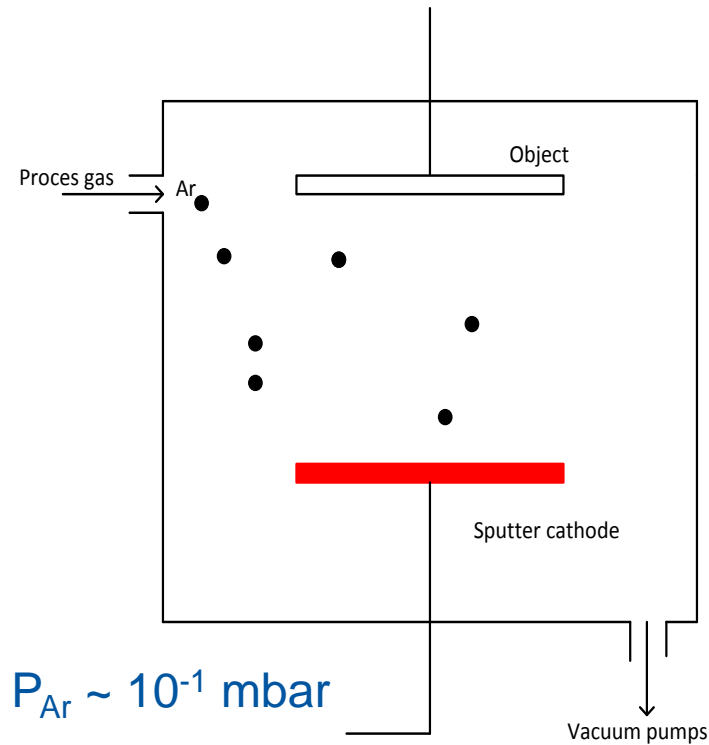
Presentation by Sergio Calatroni this morning

Showed several examples of parts of the accelerator with thin film applications.

Let's go in detail: **well established techniques** are used for special geometries needed for CERN applications.

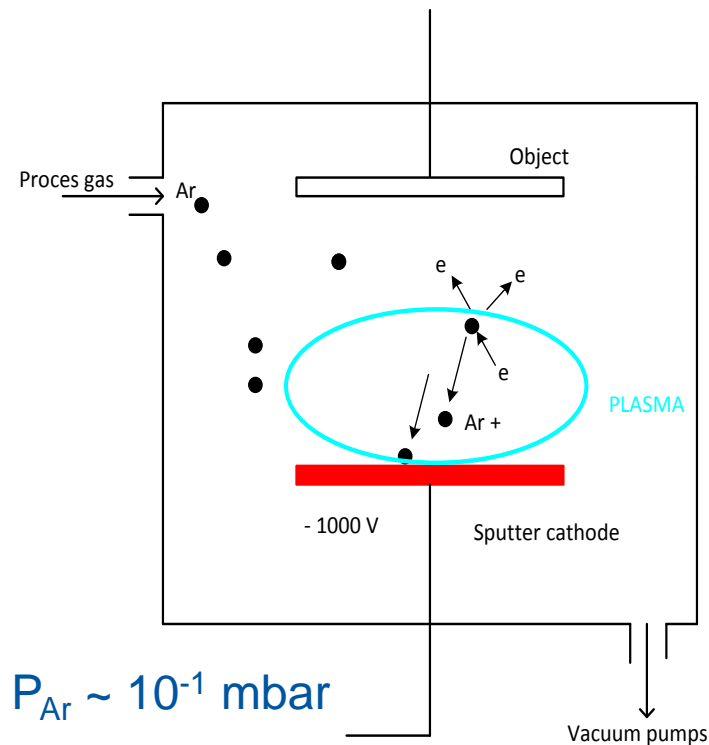
# Planar DC configuration

-> DC sputter deposition (sputtering)



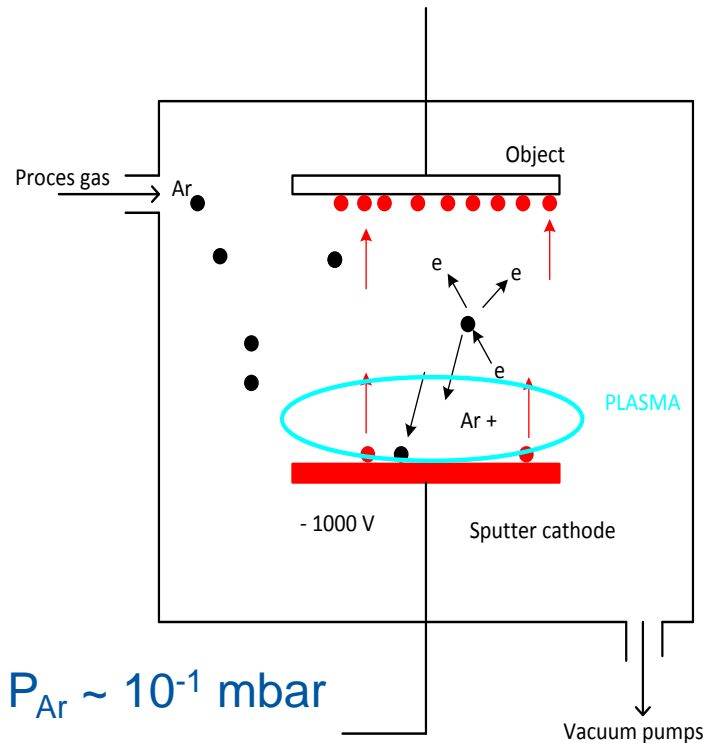
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Advantages:

- uniform erosion
- “easy” up-scaling

Dis-advantages:

- very low deposition rate
- morphology / adherence

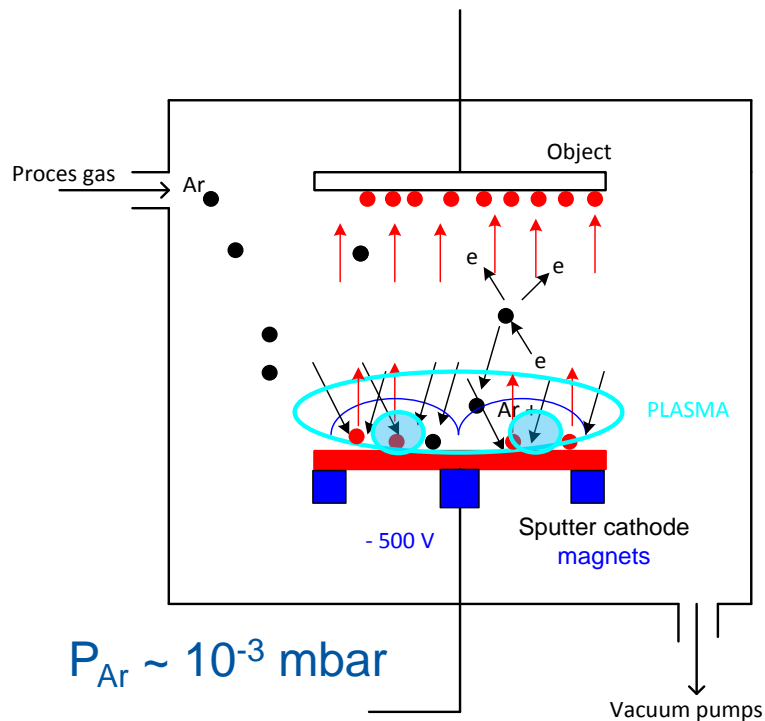
To much interaction of ● with ●  
= Mean free path is to low



DECREASE PRESSURE

# Planar Magnetron configuration

-> DC Magnetron sputter deposition:  
add magnetic field to sustain plasma



Advantages:

- More ● arrive: higher deposition rates
- arrive with higher energy:  
better adherence / morphology

Dis-advantages:

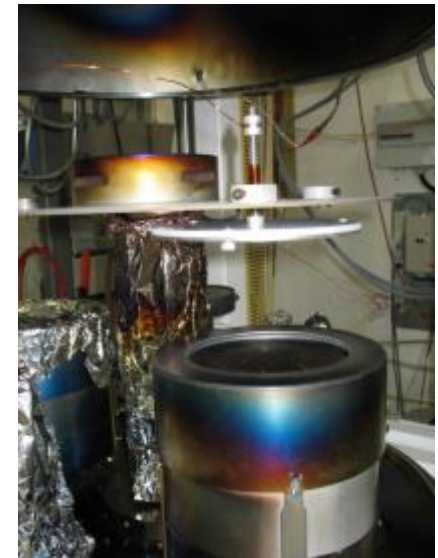
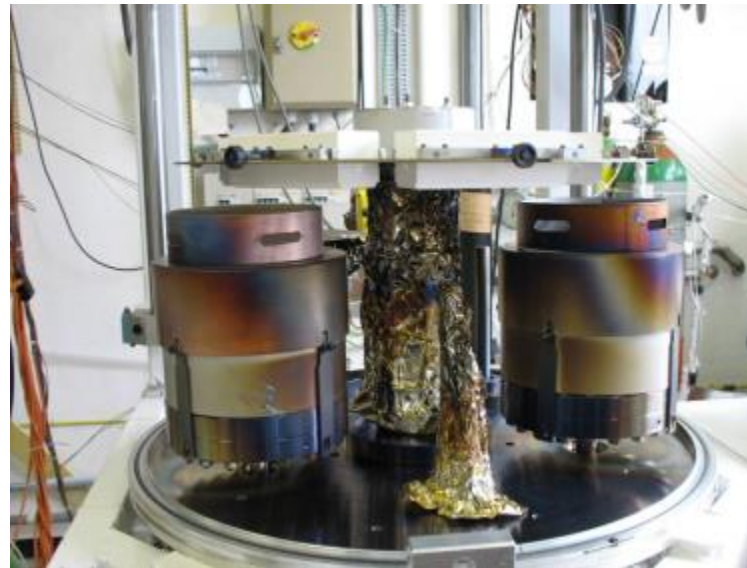
Non uniform erosion of cathodes



# Planar DC magnetron configuration

Equipment in our labs for coating small objects up to  $\varnothing$  150 mm

Sputter cathode:  $\varnothing$  150 mm



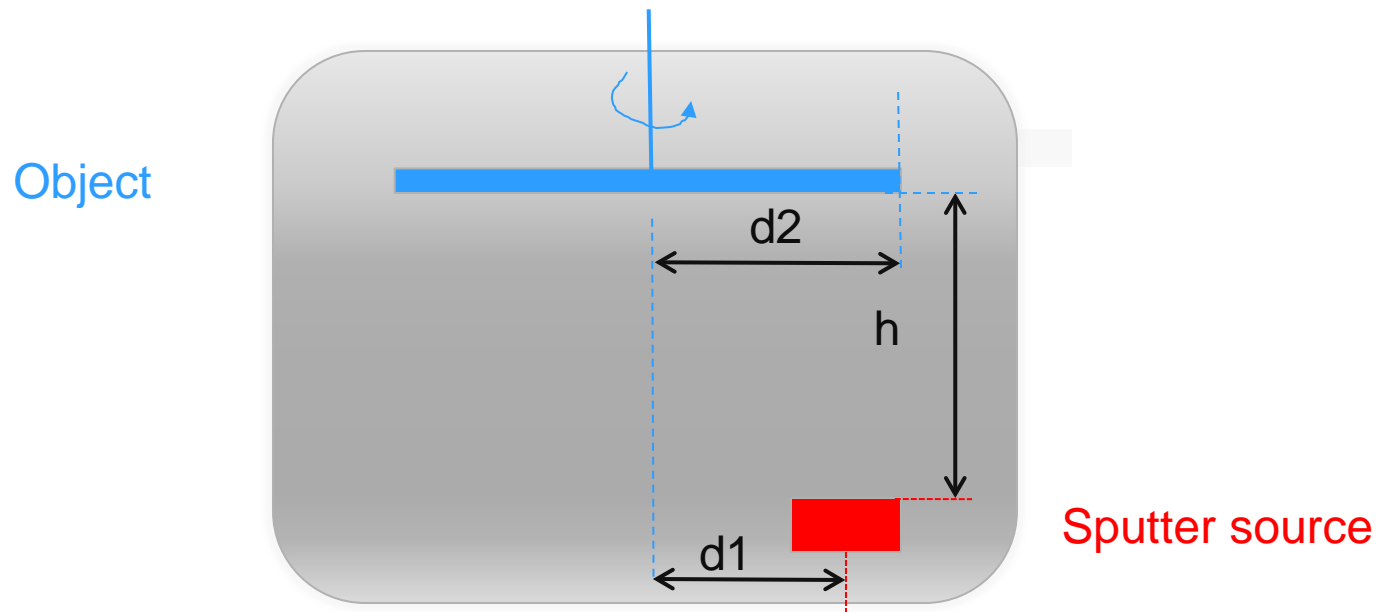
2 magnetrons: multi-layers



# Planar DC magnetron configuration

On samples of BIG dimensions

Sputter cathode:  $\varnothing$  150 mm

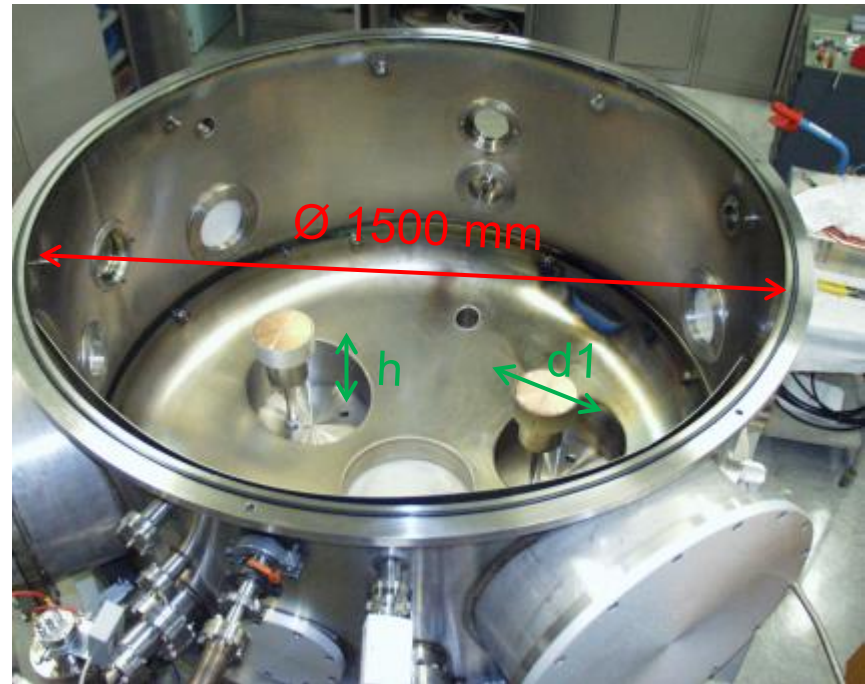


Uniformity =  $f(d1, d2, h)$

But absolute deposition rate  $v = f(d1^{-1}, d2^{-1}, h^{-1})$

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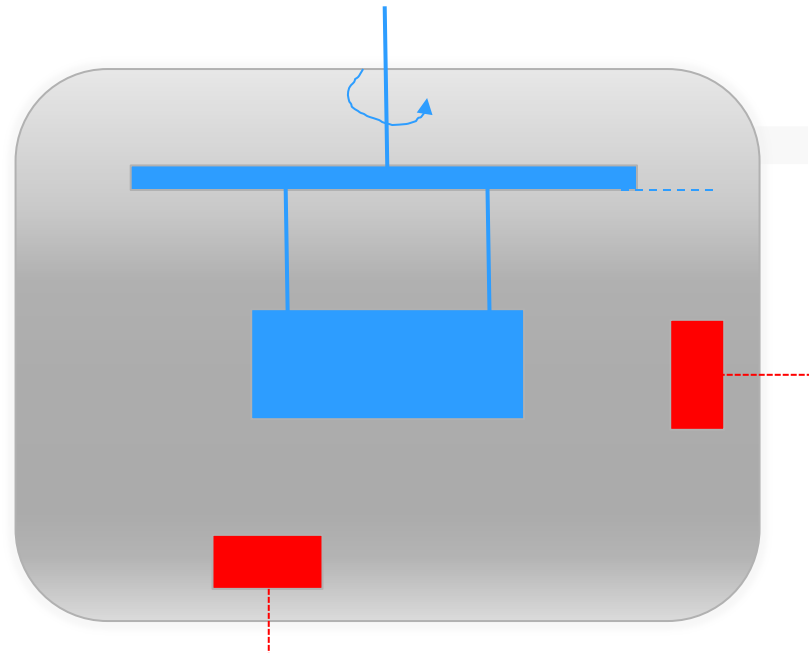
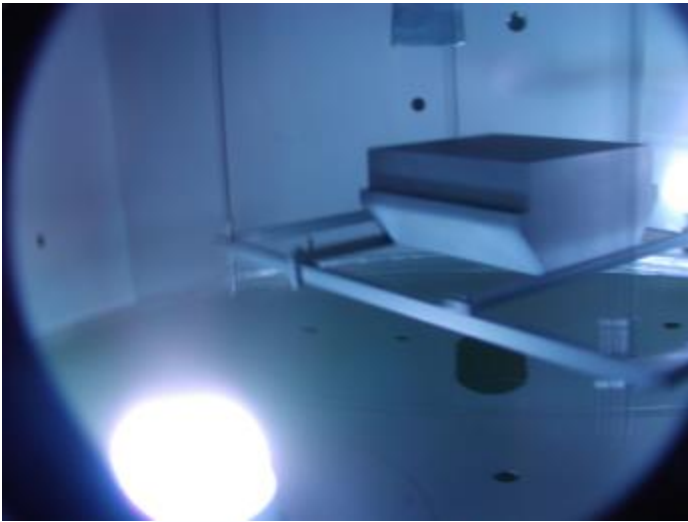
Ø 400 mm ceramic disc  
Ti coating ~ 20 nm [10 MΩ]

+/- 10 % uniformity



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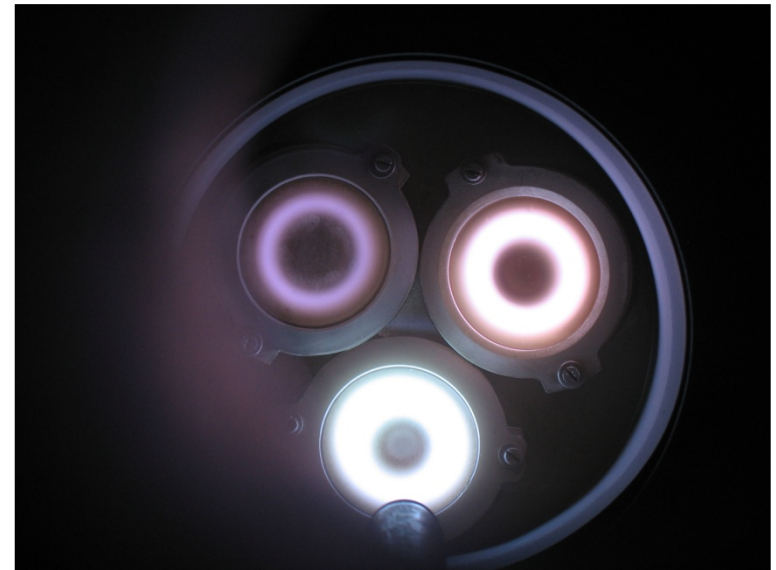
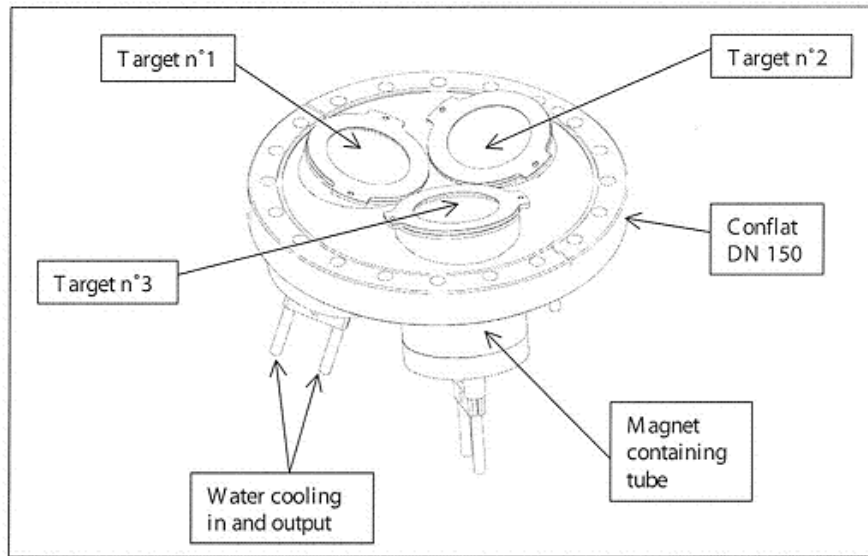
On samples of “3” dimensions



**500\*210\*110 mm**  
**2  $\mu$ m Ti coating**  
**+/- 40 % uniformity**

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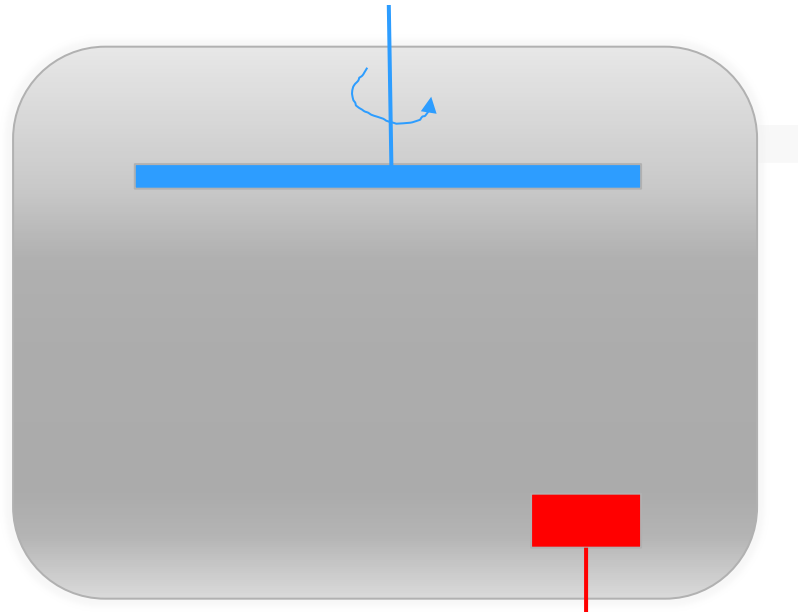
- Coating of alloys: e.g. NEG



**3\* Ø 50 mm targets**  
**For R&D purpose:**  
**Small samples !!**

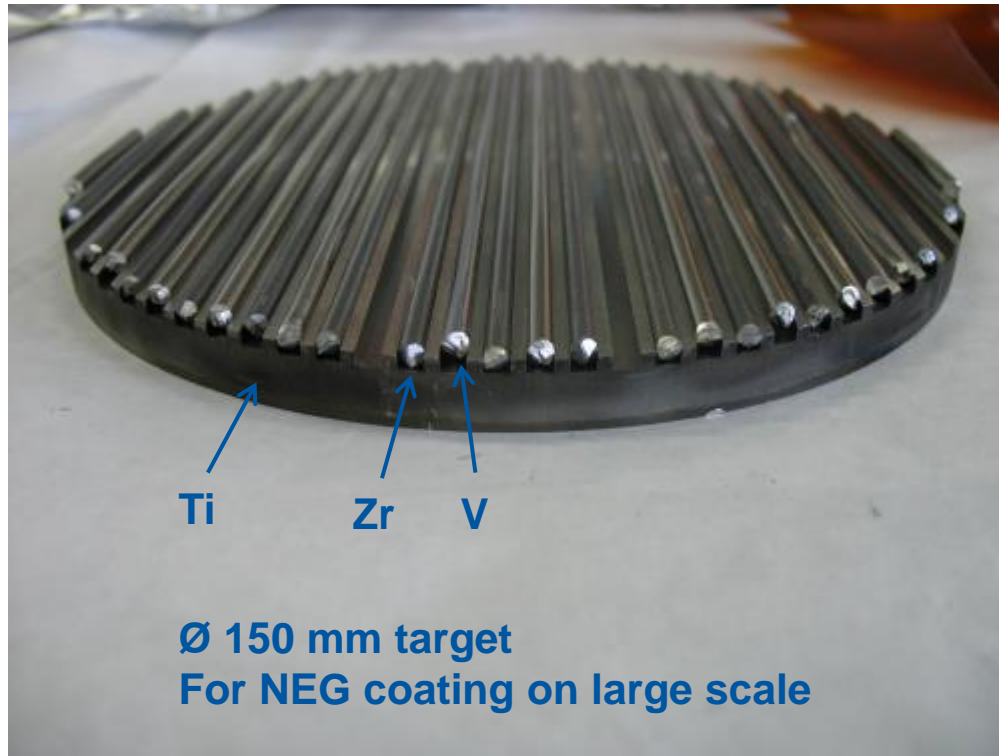
# Planar DC magnetron configuration

## NEG COATINGS ON BIG PLANAR OBJECTS



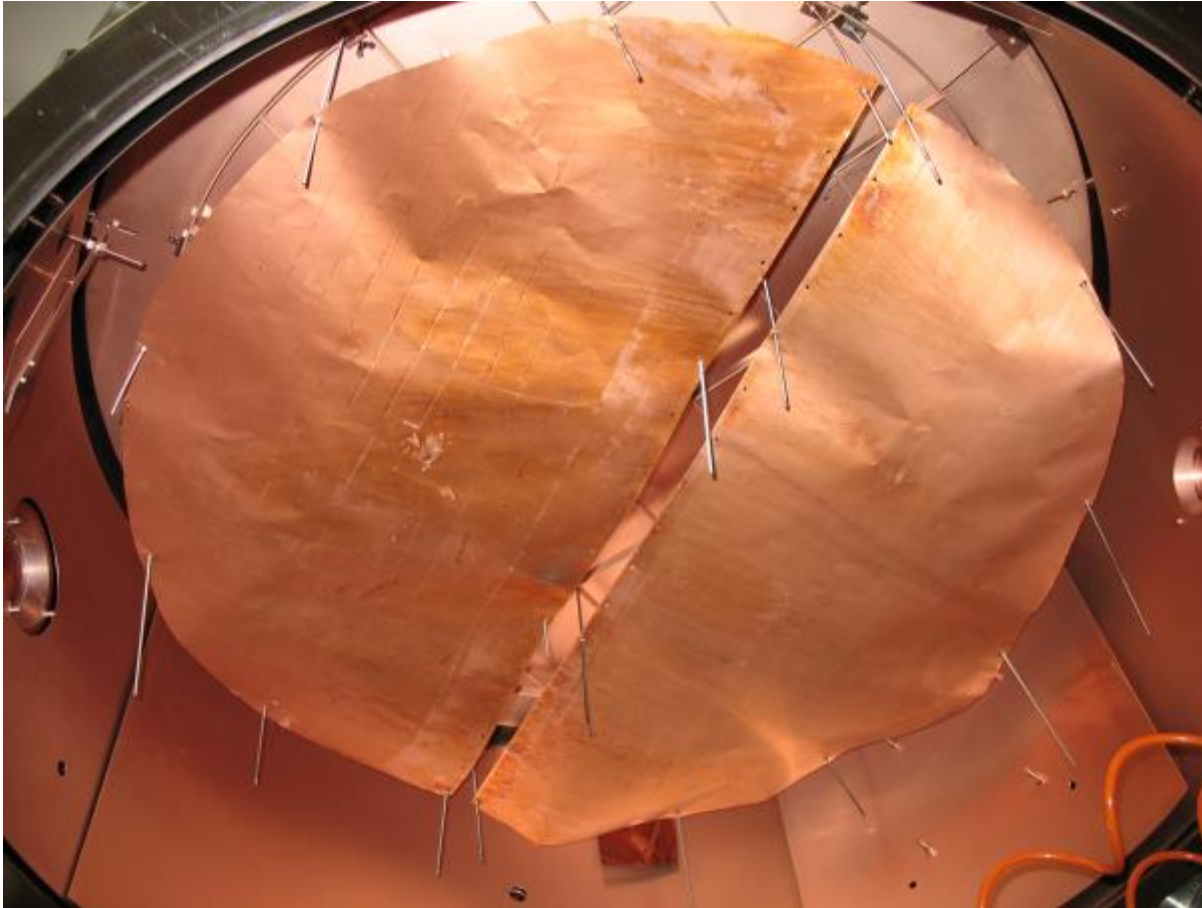
# Planar DC magnetron configuration

- Alloyed cathode



# Planar DC magnetron configuration

On samples of big dimensions

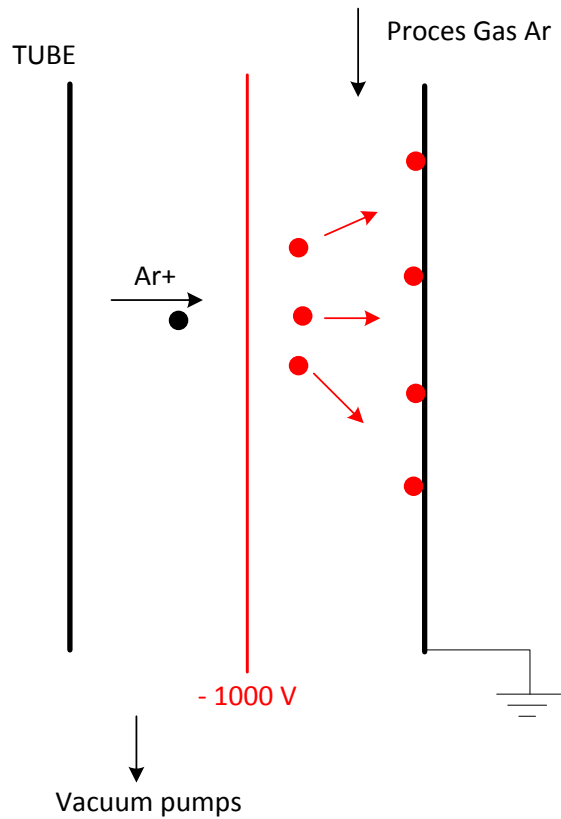


Ø 1250 mm  
1 µm NEG coating  
+/- 20 % uniformity



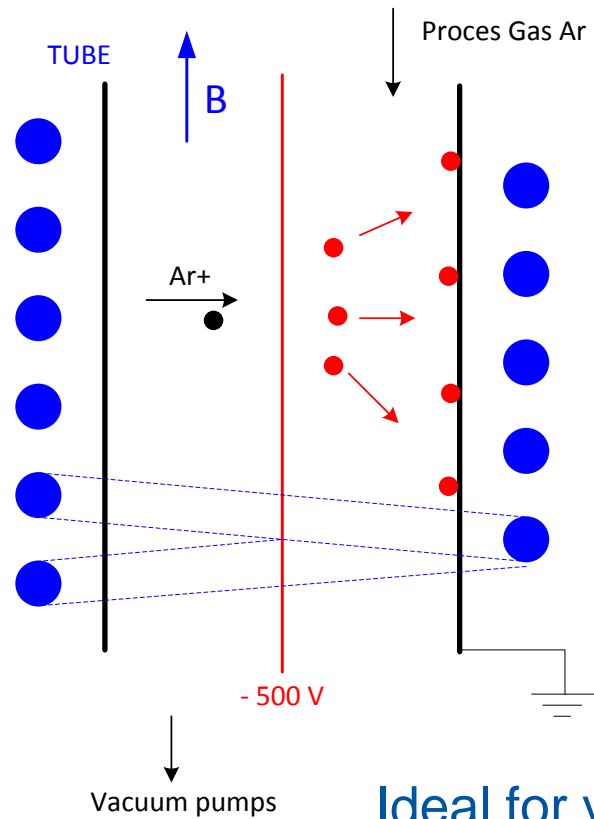
# Cylindrical configuration

- General



# Cylindrical Magnetron configuration

- General



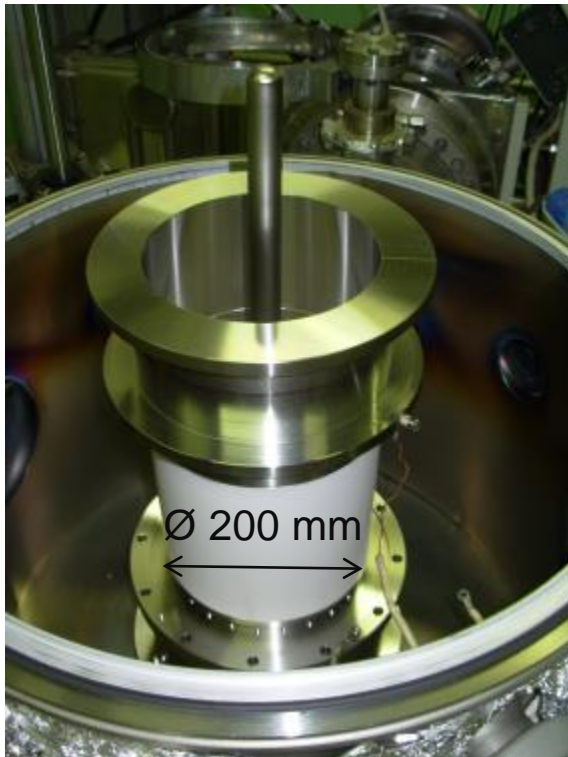
- NEG



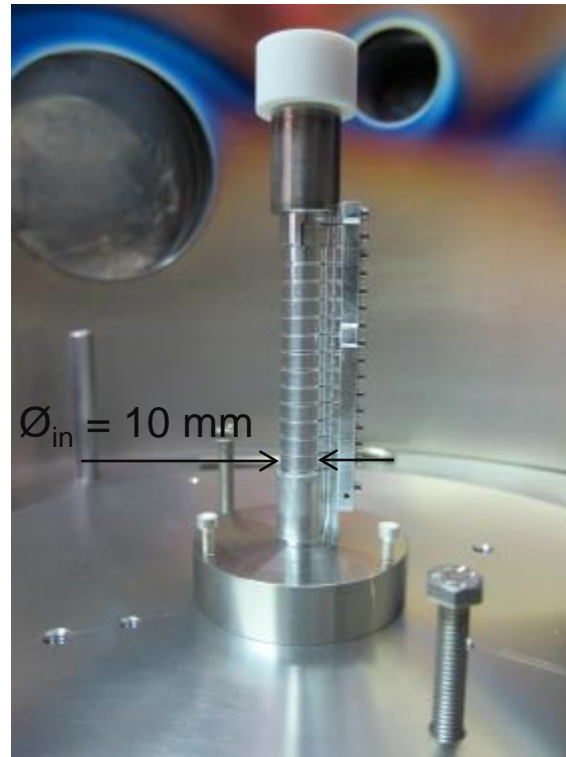
Ideal for vacuum chamber that needs a coating

# Cylindrical configuration

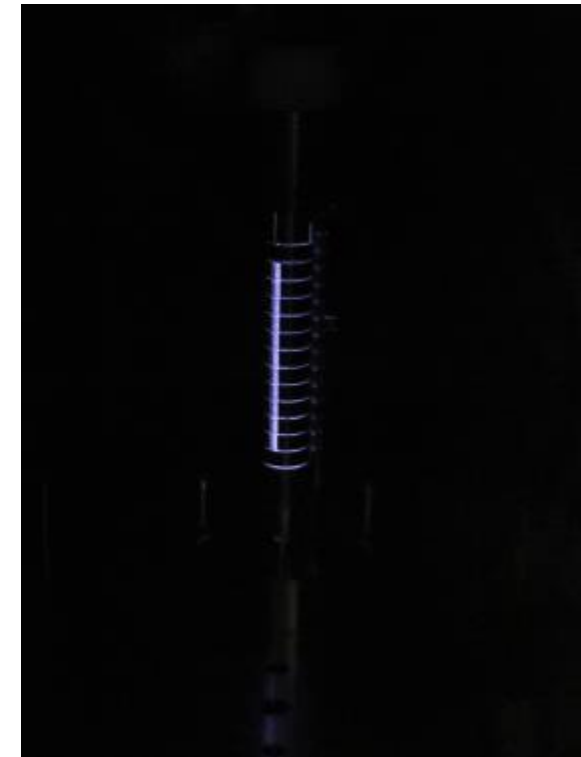
Internal coating of object without flanges: in vacuum chamber



PS-booster pick-up

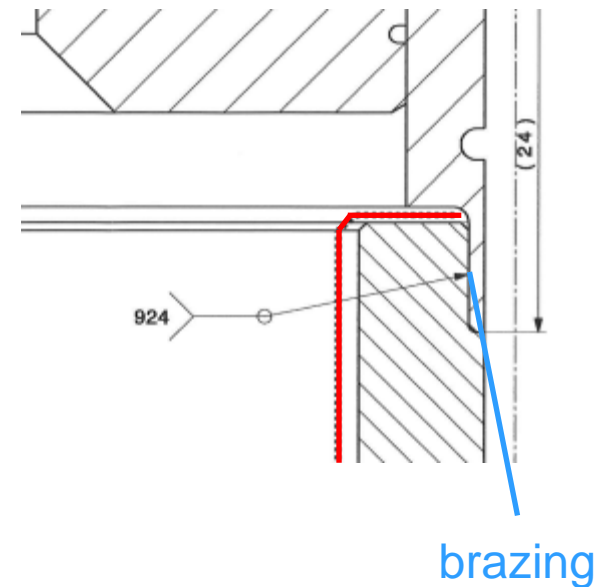
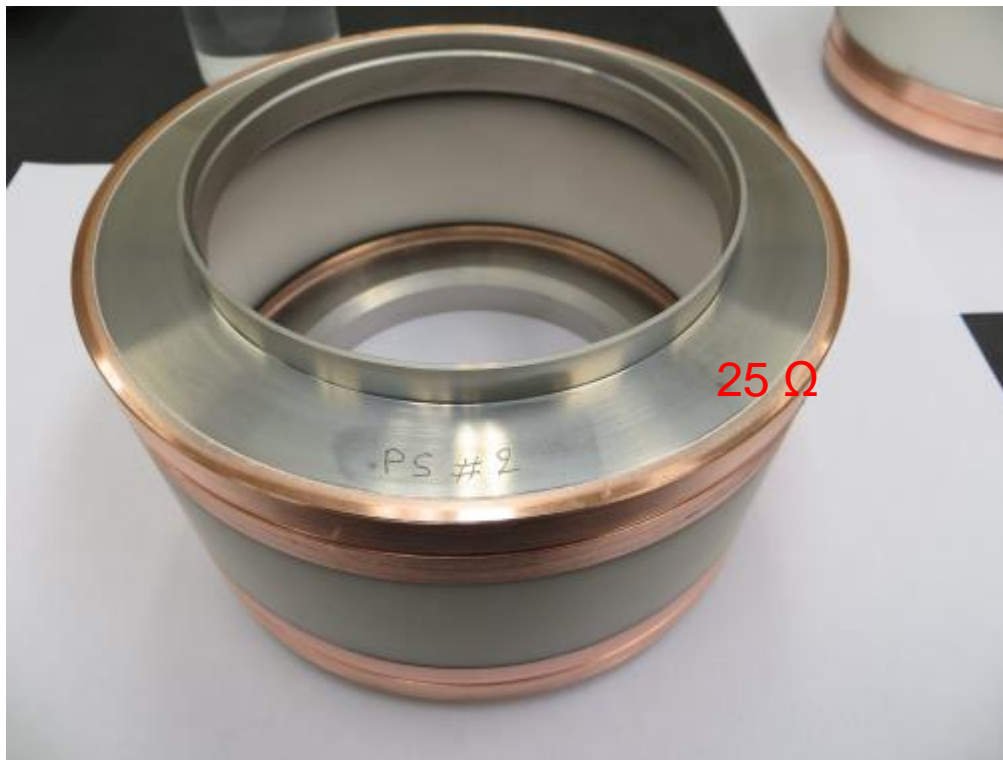


Aegis H-bar cooling trap



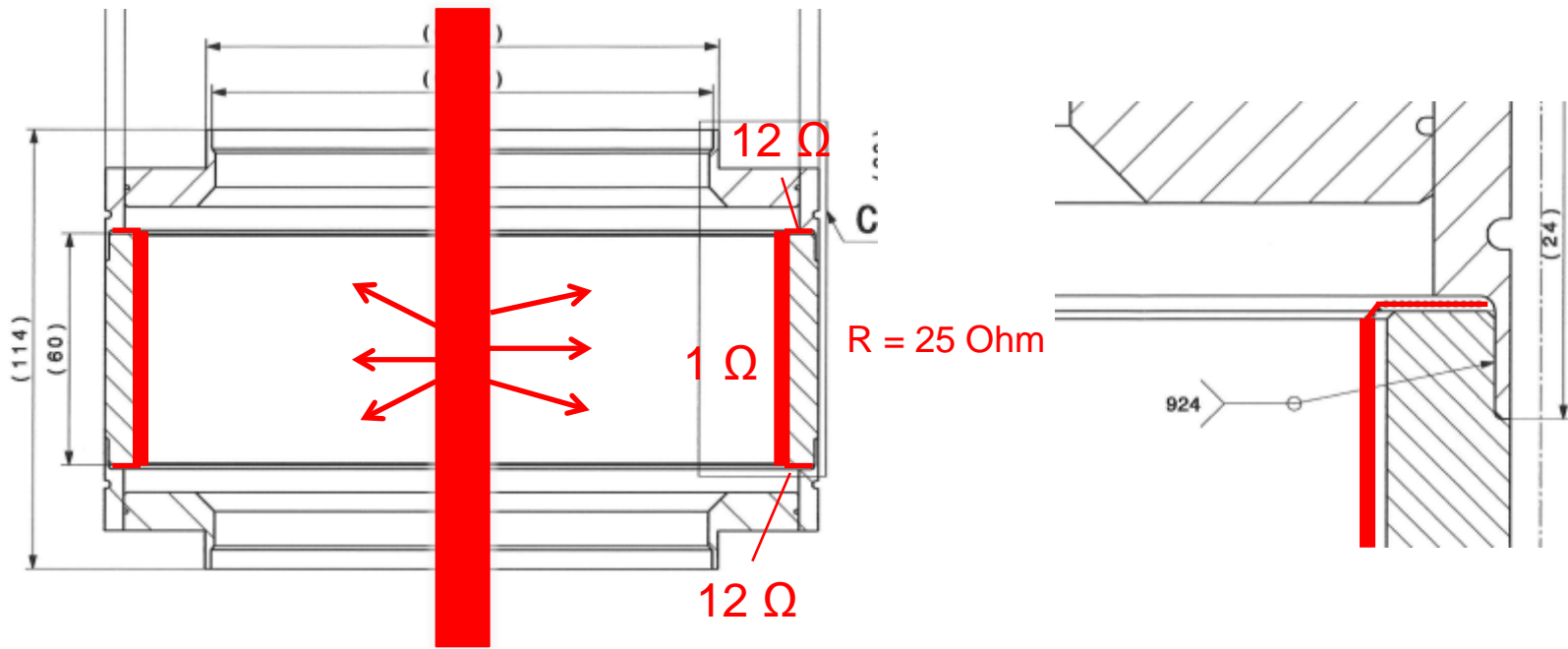
# Combination of planar + cylindrical

Inductive coupled BPM (particle + medical accelerators)  
25 Ohm Ti resistive coating over ceramic ring



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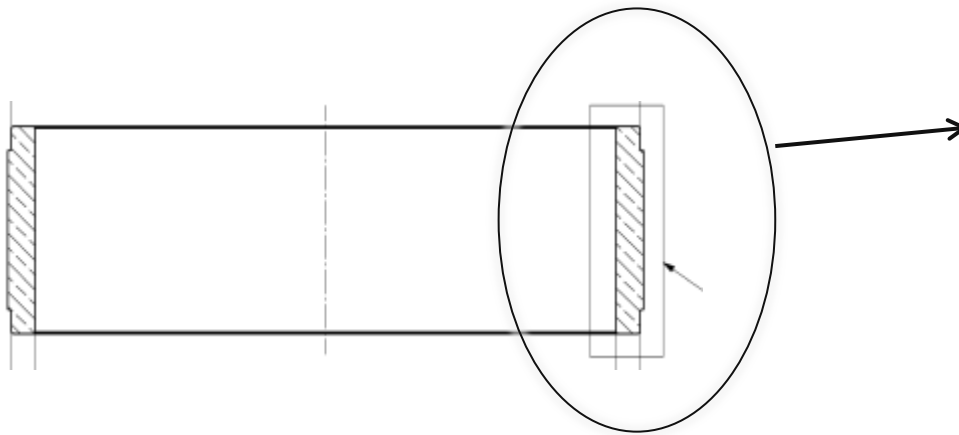


- ~~Cylindrical configuration~~ → combination

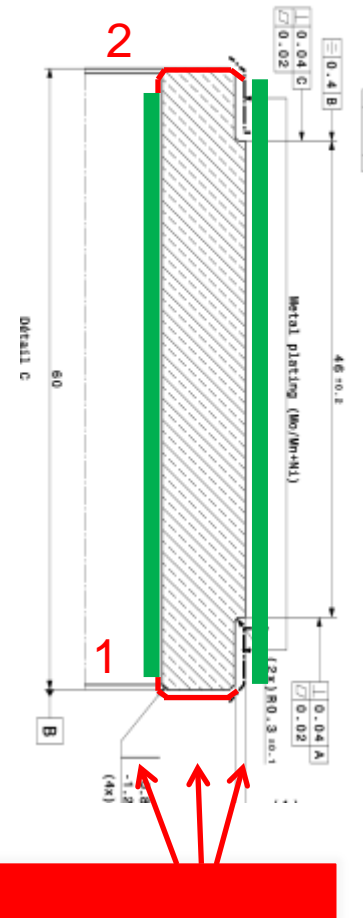
# Combination of planar + cylindrical

25 Ohm Ti resistive coating over ceramic ring

1 Ohm Ti coating over end faces of ceramic ring

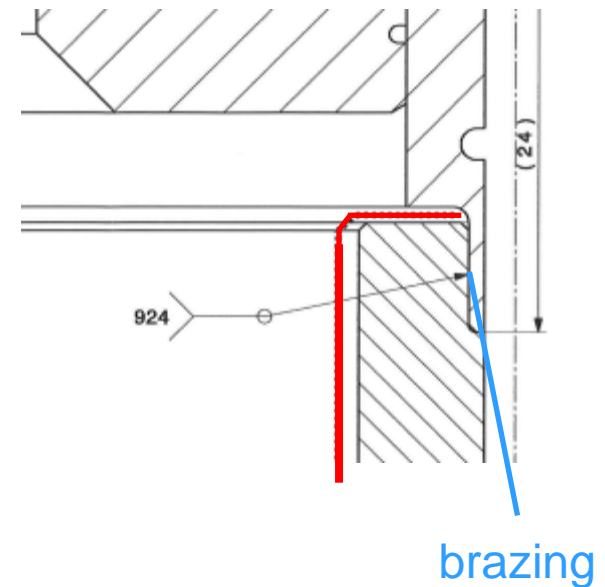
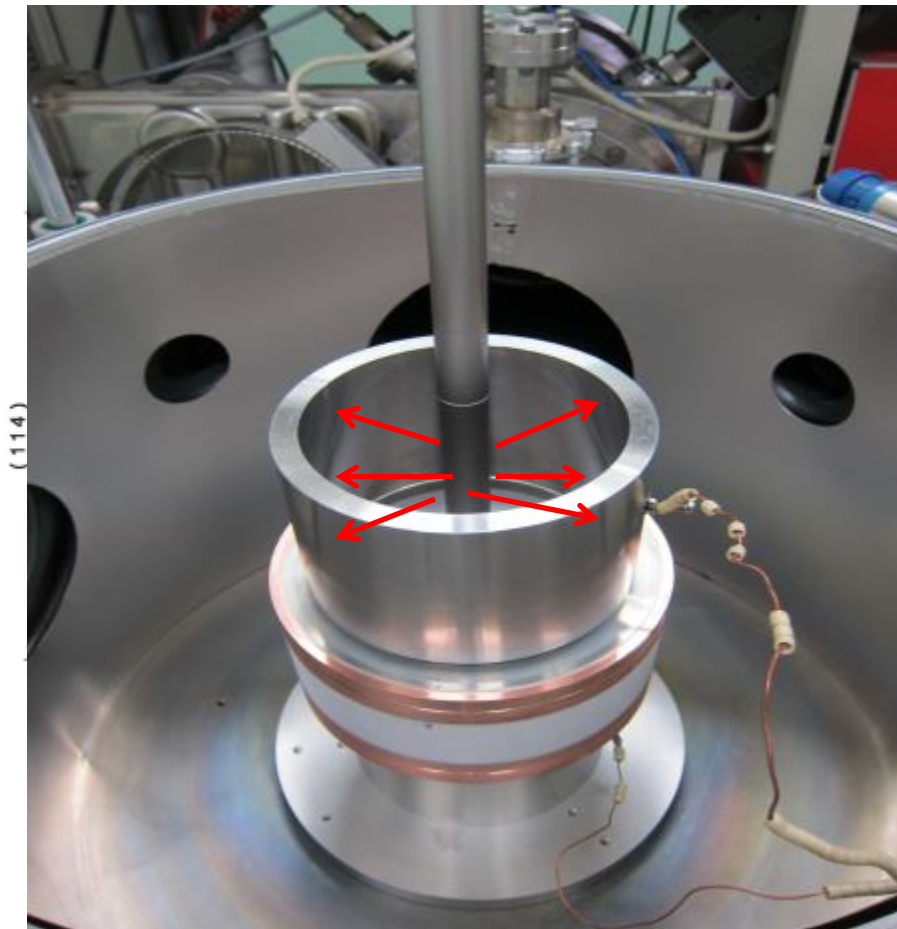


Internal + external mask



# Combination of planar + **cylindrical**

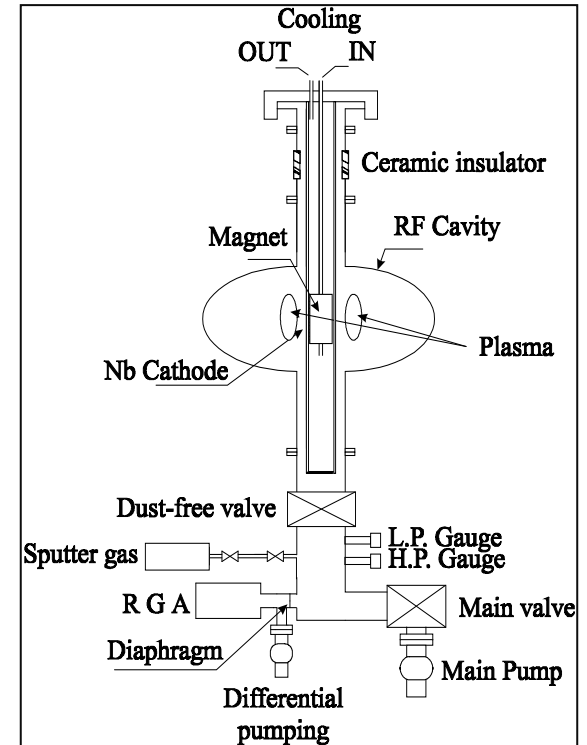
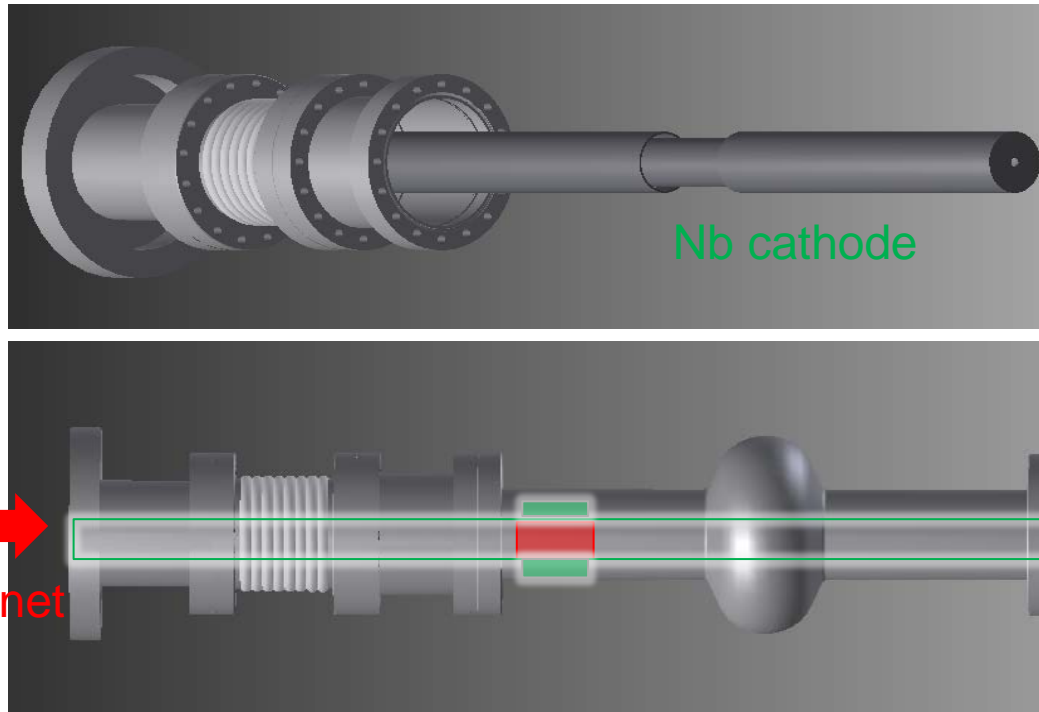
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R = 25 Ohm

# Cylindrical configuration

For complex shapes: Superconducting Nb coatings for Cavities





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1.5 GHz  
for R&D



Coating set-up DC Magnetron

# Cylindrical configuration

For complex shapes: Superconducting Nb coatings for Cavities



LEP 350 MHz

> 250 pieces:  
Industrial collaboration



LHC 400 MHz  
30 pieces  
Industrial collaboration

# Cylindrical configuration

For complex shapes: Superconducting Nb coatings for Cavities



Scientific collaboration

200 MHz

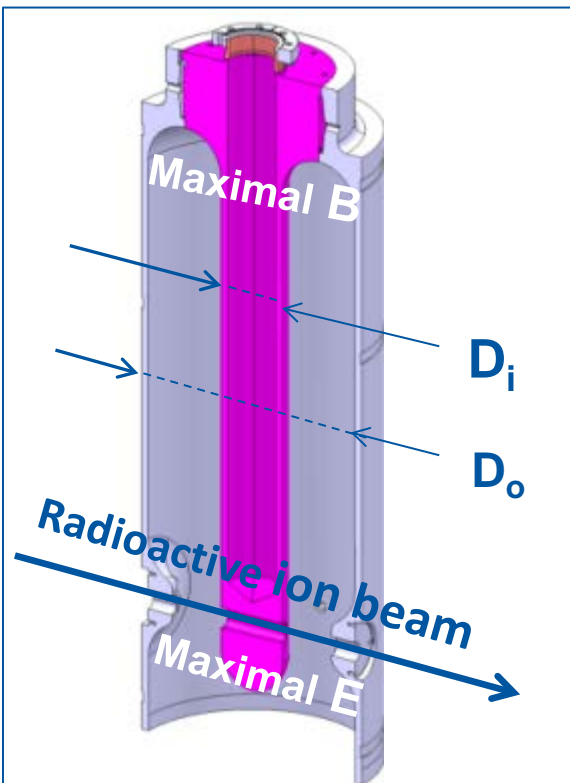
# Nb coating on HIE-ISOLDE cavities

→ HIE-ISOLDE facility: upgrade

100MHz High beta **Nb coated** superconductive cavities

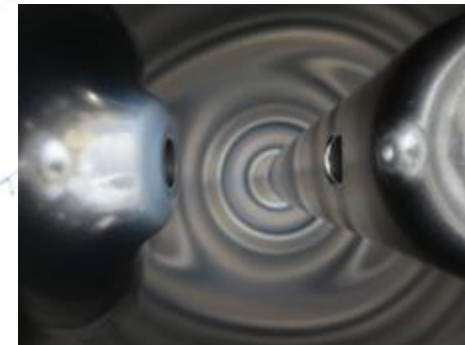
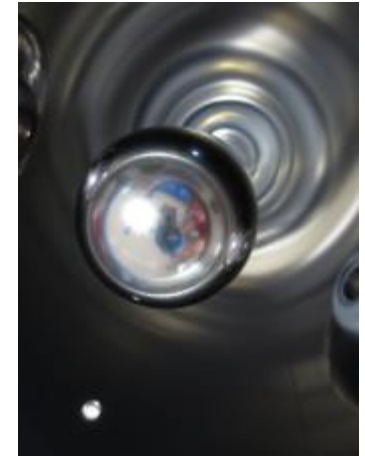
At the end of the project, it is needed to provide :

- 20 High- $\beta$  cavities
- 12 Low- $\beta$  cavities

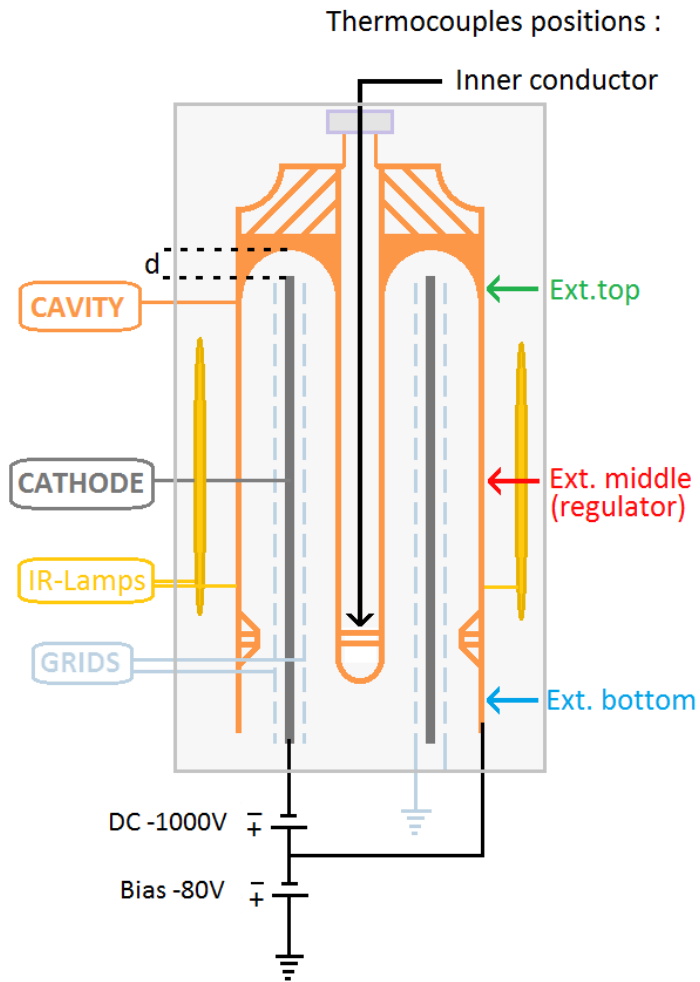


# Nb coating on cavities

- → HIE-ISOLDE RF cavities
- before → after Nb coating



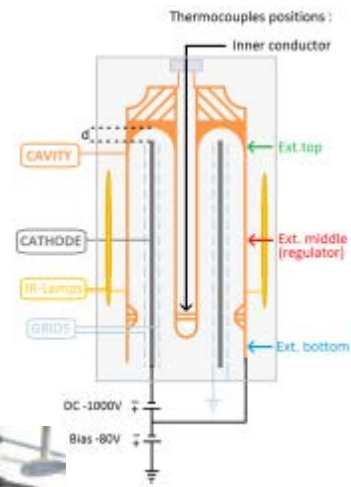
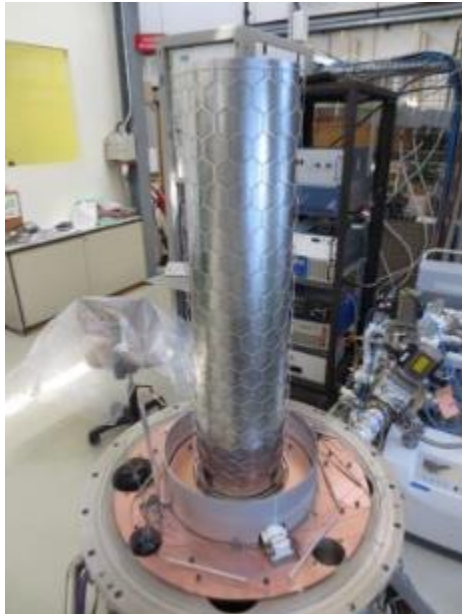
# Nb coating on HIE-ISOLDE cavities



- **DC-sputtering in biased diode mode :**
  - Nb cathode at -1000V
  - Grids grounded for plasma polarization
  - Cavity **biased** at -80V (to **densify & smooth** Nb layer)

# Nb coating on cavities

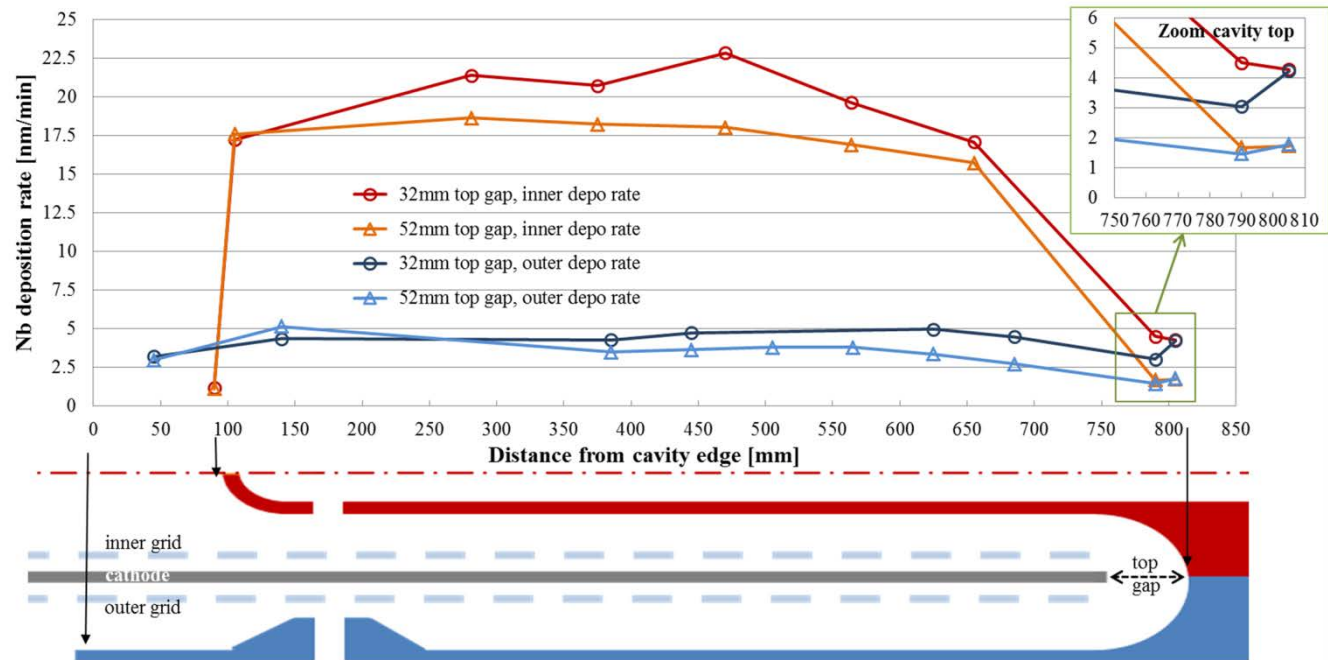
## Assembly in coating system and setup



Clean room mounting

# Nb coating on cavities

## Deposition rate profile along cavity

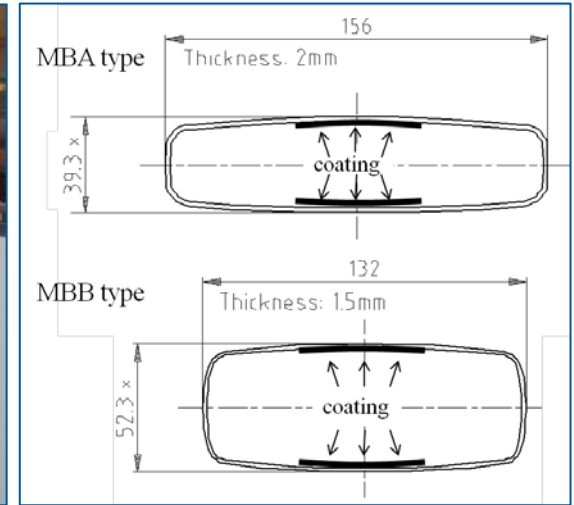
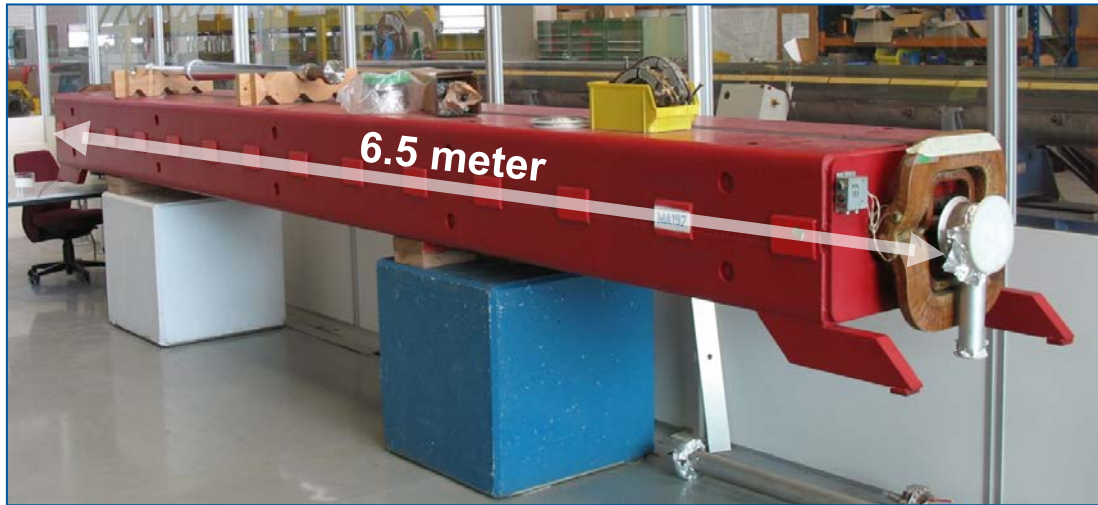


- the smaller the top gap the higher the deposition rate at the top
- x2 deposition rate at the top by reducing the top gap of 20mm
- small difference along the rest of the cavity profile (max 50% higher rate)
- leading to higher quality factor **and better RF performances**

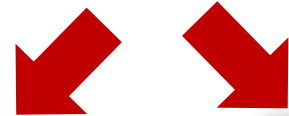


Almost 5 km of the SPS are filled with MBB and MBA type dipoles (>700).

The length of each dipole is 6.5 m and weights ~18 tons.



*The beam pipes are embedded in the yoke.*



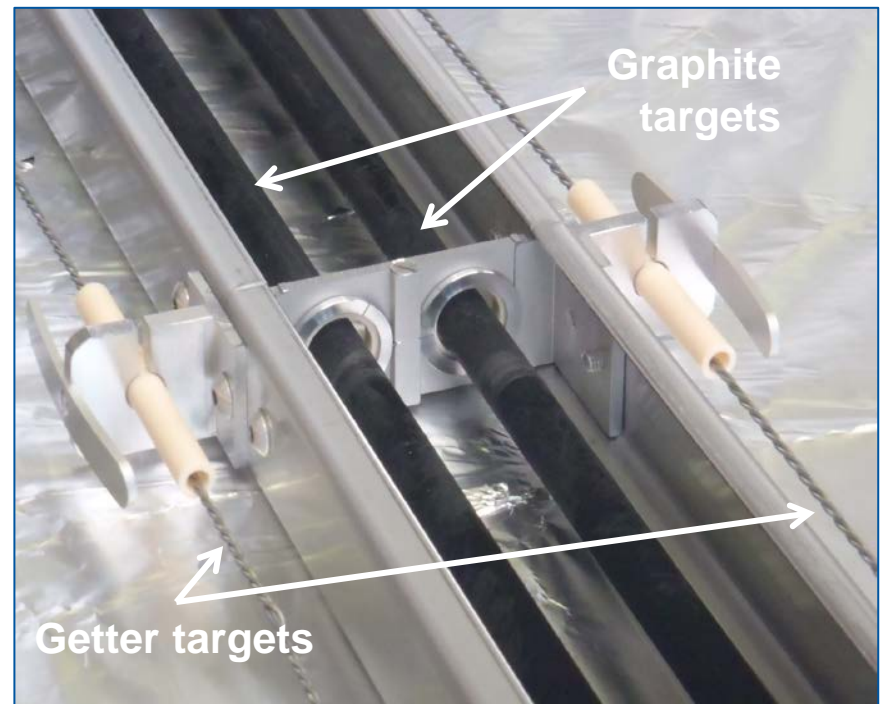
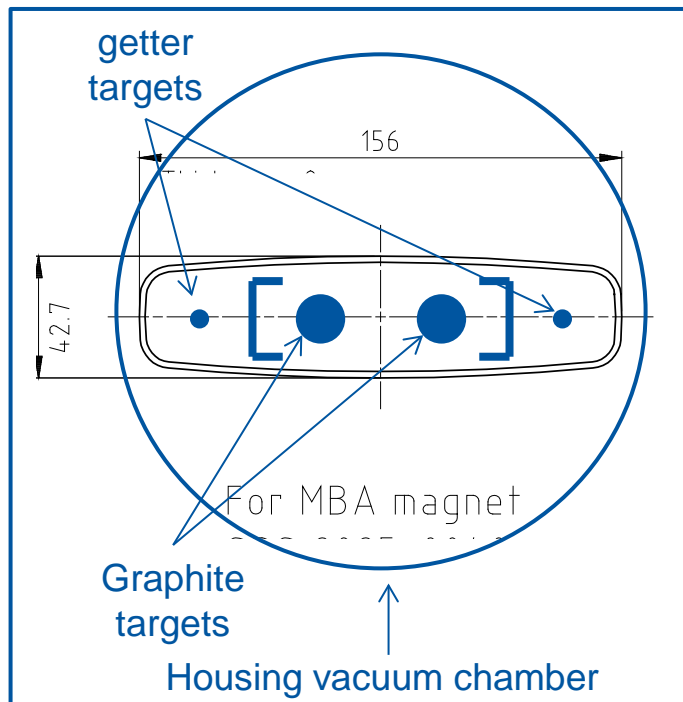
coat new beampipes, open the dipole,  
insert beampipe, close the dipole.

**DC Cylindrical Magnetron Sputtering  
(DCCMS)**

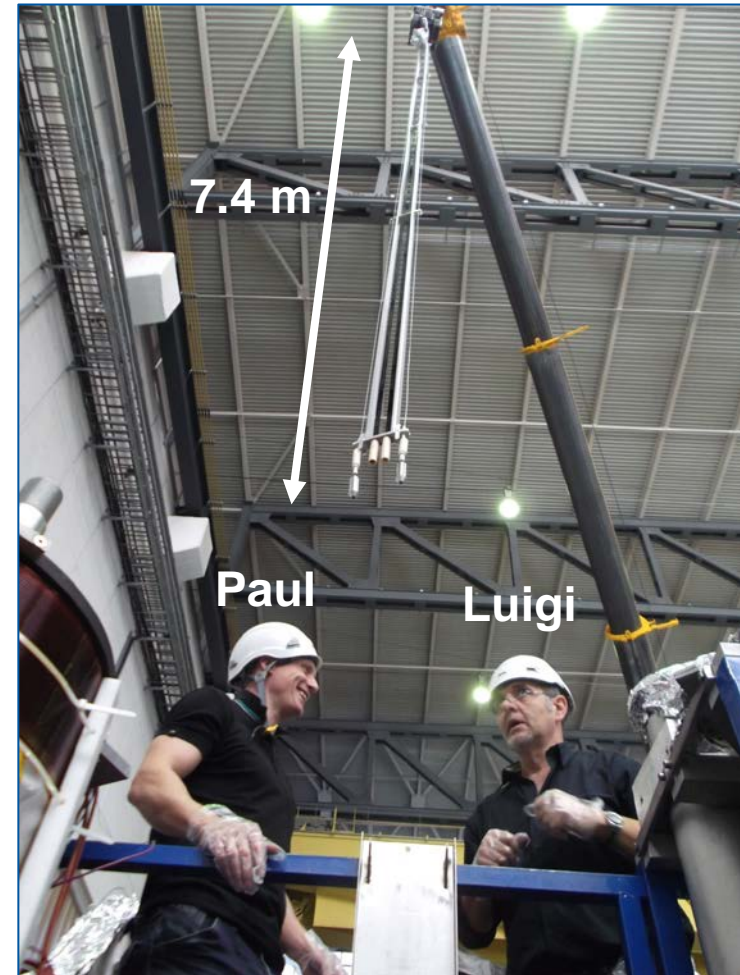
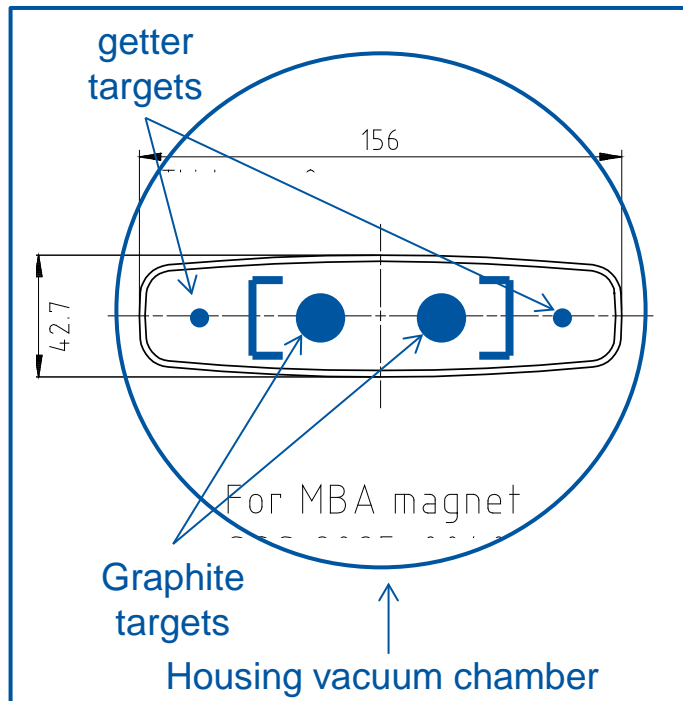
coat the actual beampipes directly in  
the dipole

**ALREADY SHOWED  
THIS MORNING BY  
SERGIO CALATRONI  
(DCHCS)**

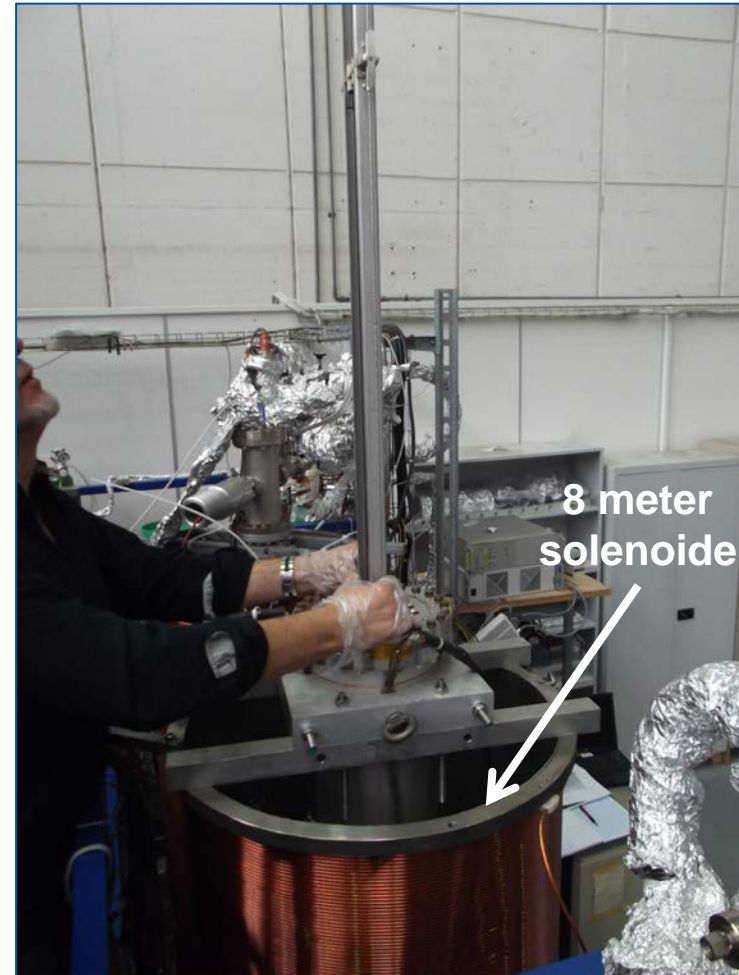
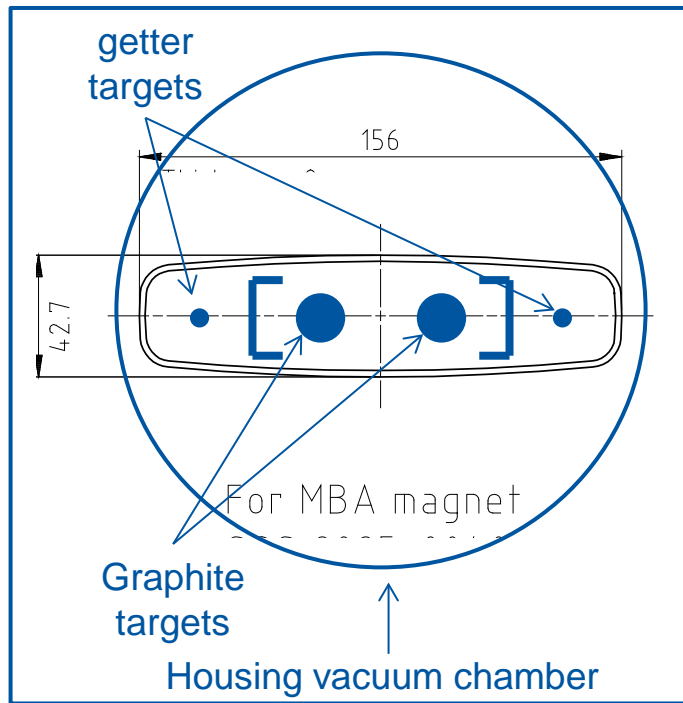
## Coat new beampipes by DC Cylindrical Magnetron Sputtering (DCCMS)



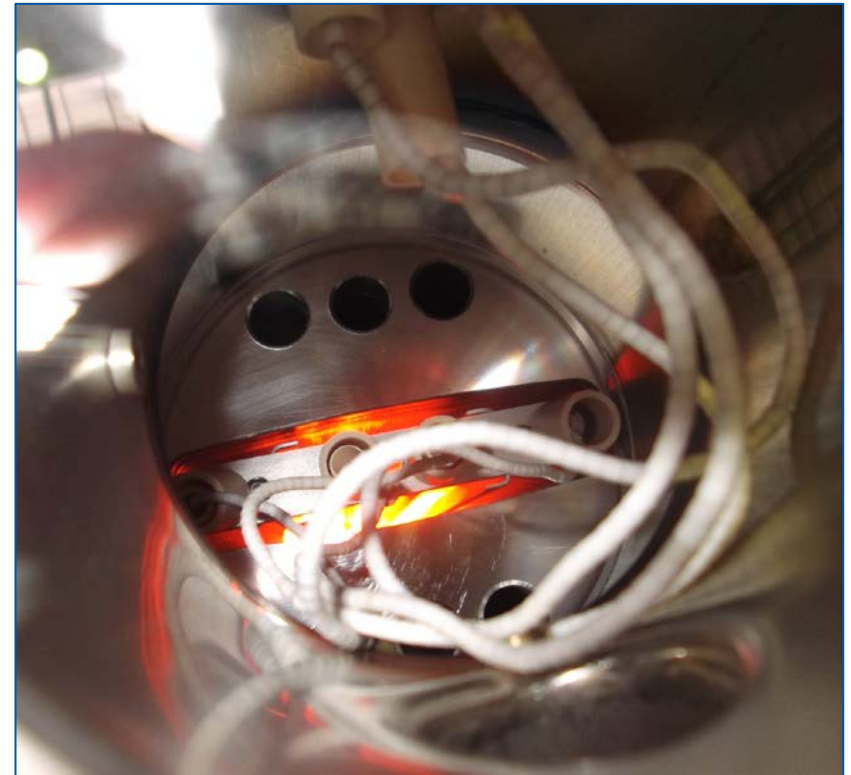
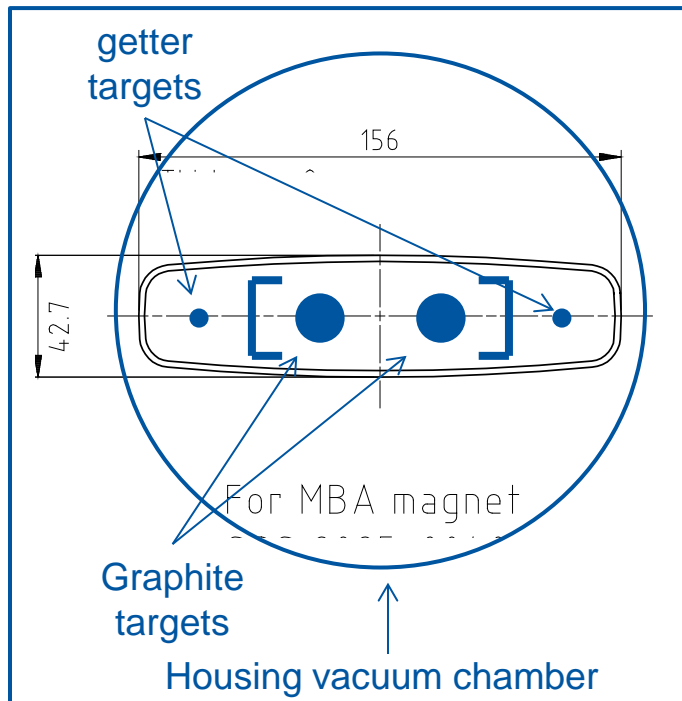
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**Pressure:  $1.2 \times 10^{-1}$  mbar (Ne)**

**Power: 1.8 kW (3A @ 600 V)** → **0.5  $\mu$ m in 8 hours**

**B: 180 Gauss**

**4 magnets coated, installed in SPS; Good Results**

**Thanks to all colleagues of TE-VSC-SCC**

**Thanks for your Attention**



