

Advanced Composite Materials for Thermal Management Applications

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Context

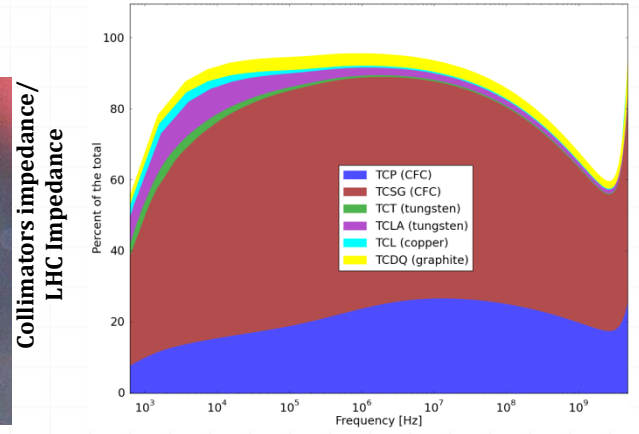
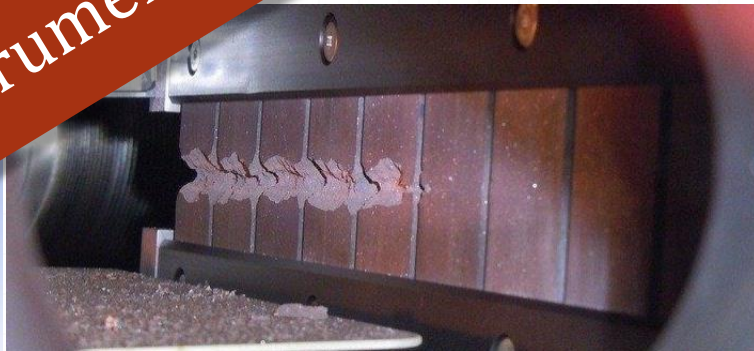
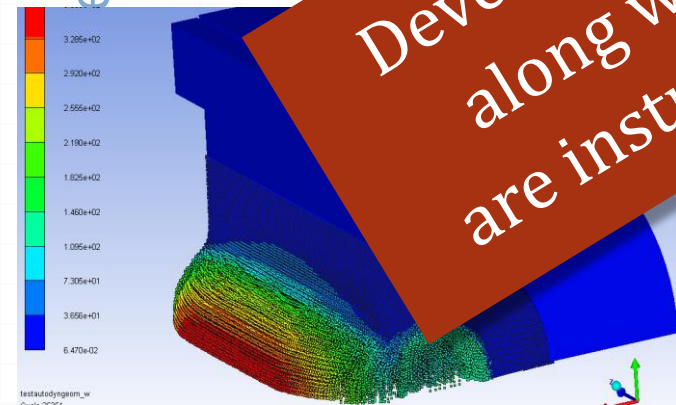
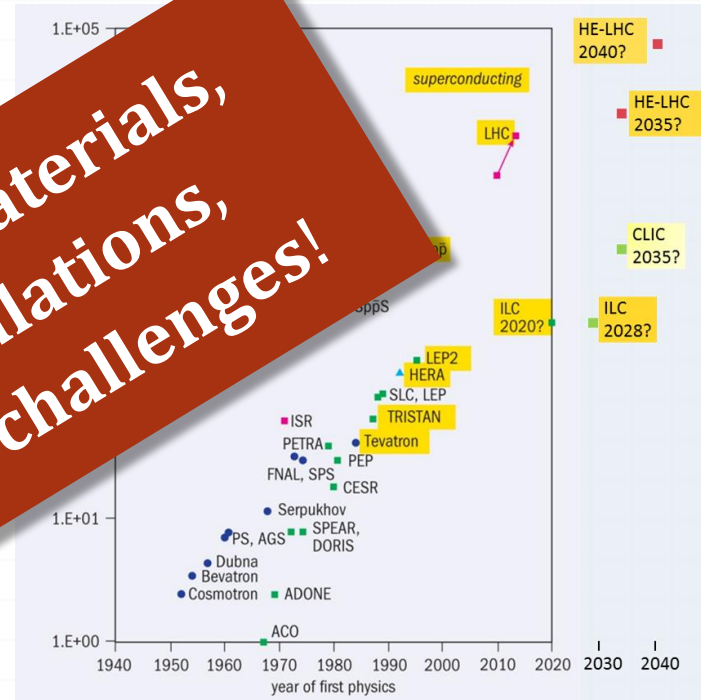


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- **LHC** is reaching unprecedented **energy** and **energy density** (2-3 orders of magnitude above other machines).
- **Beam-induced accidents** are among the most dangerous and still less explored events in particle accelerators.
- **Collimators** (and all Beam Loss Monitors) are inherently exposed to a high flux of secondary particles.
- Collimators are the most critical components of the machine in terms of **radiation damage** and **instability**.

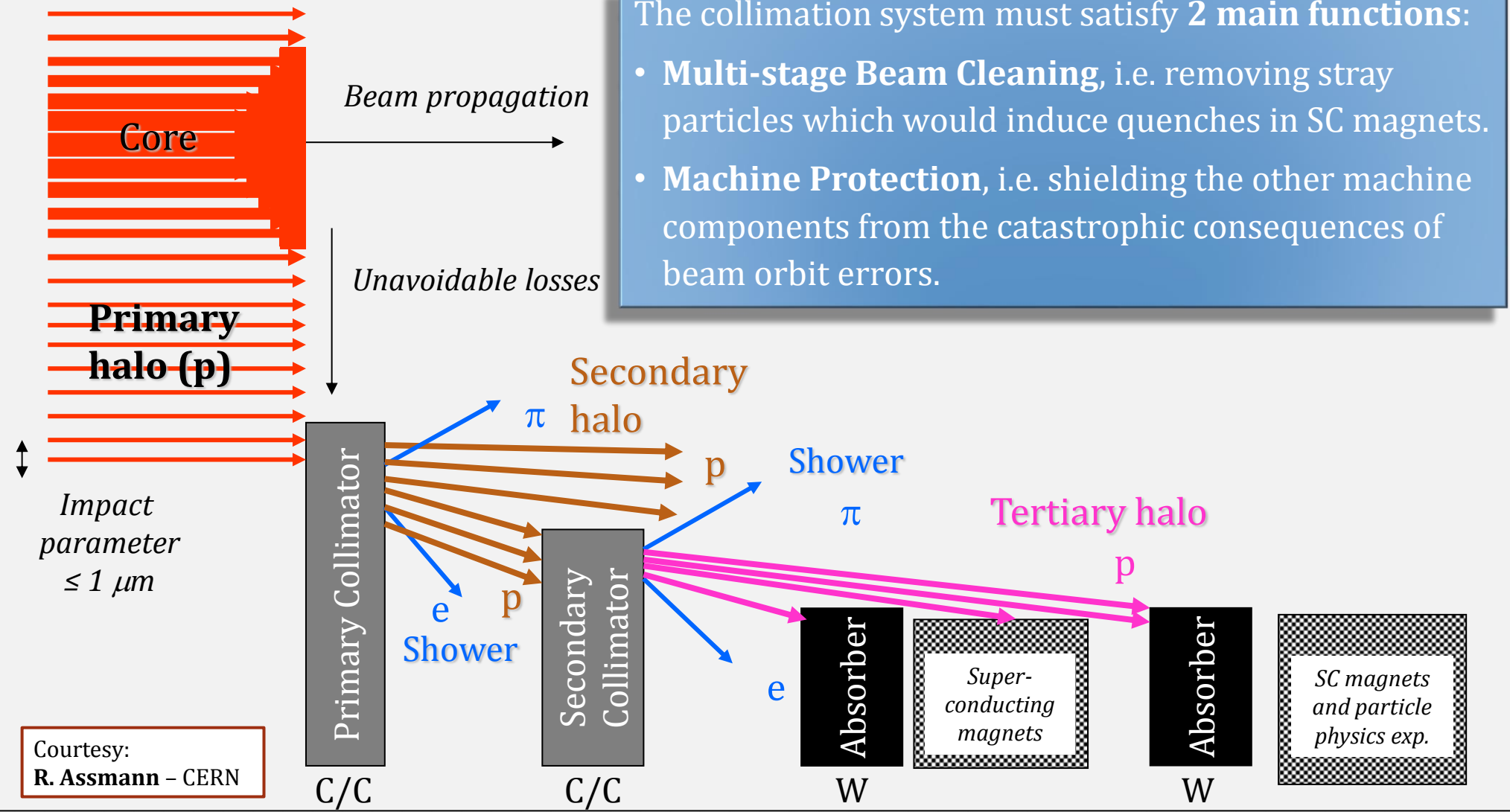
Development of Novel advanced materials, along with state-of-the-art simulations, are instrumental in facing these challenges!



What is a Collimator?

The collimation system must satisfy 2 main functions:

- **Multi-stage Beam Cleaning**, i.e. removing stray particles which would induce quenches in SC magnets.
- **Machine Protection**, i.e. shielding the other machine components from the catastrophic consequences of beam orbit errors.

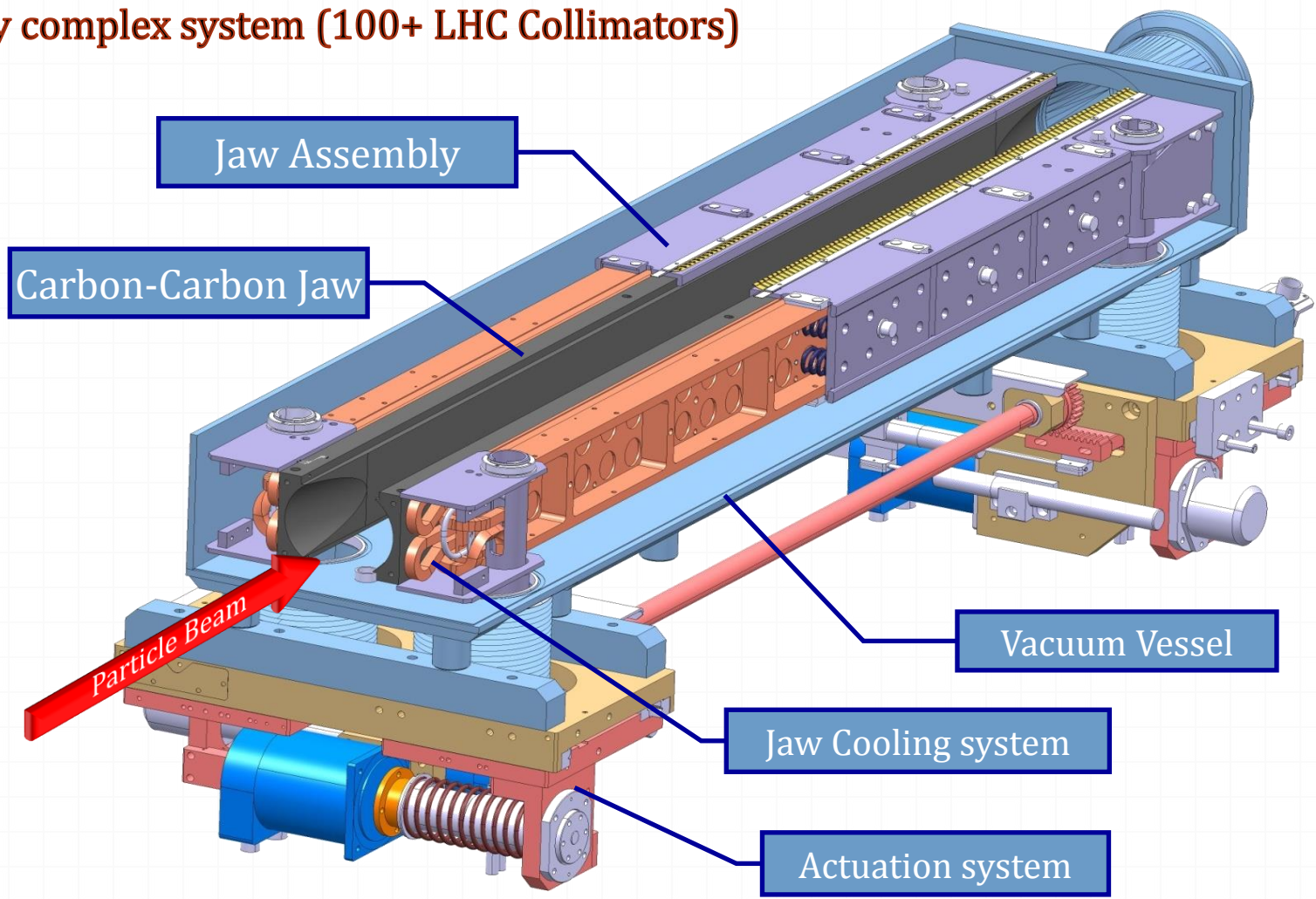


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What is a Collimator?

Secondary Collimator (TCSG) Cutaway

- Several types of collimators at multiple locations required.
- Very complex system (100+ LHC Collimators)

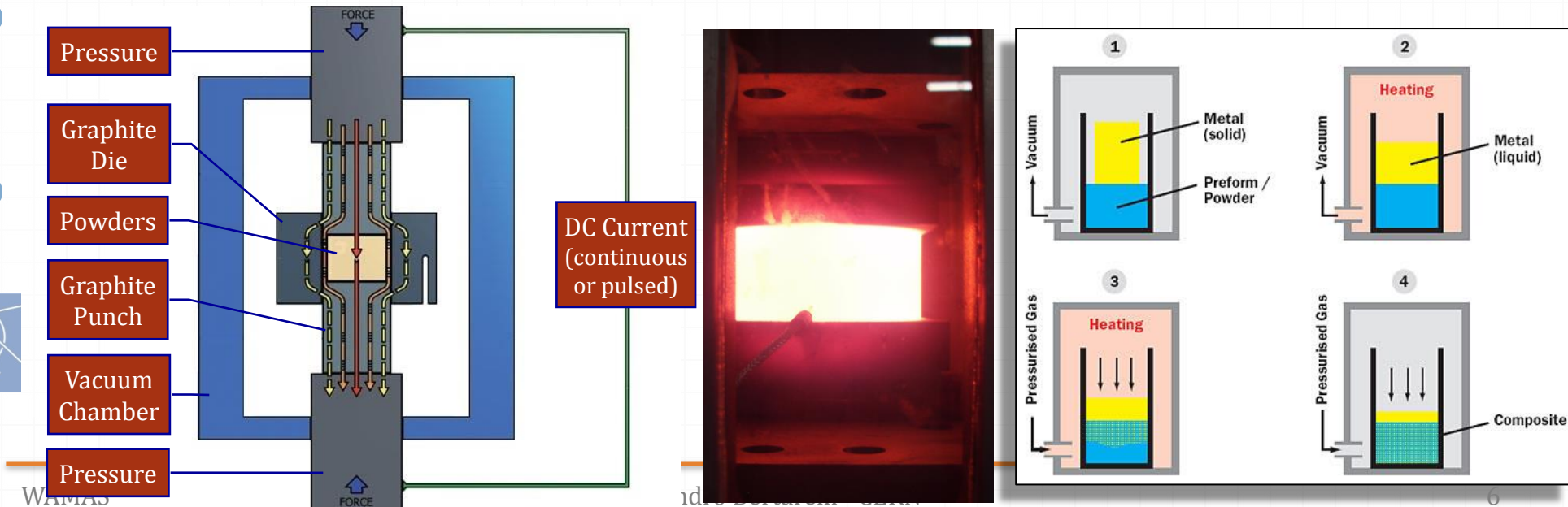


Metal Matrix Composites

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- Material development program carried out pursuing **two complementary paths**:
 - EuCARD** by **CERN, RHP-Technology, EPFL, Polito, GSI, NRC-KI** (superseded by **EuCARD²**)
 - Partnership Agreement** between **CERN** and Italian SME (**Brevetti Bizz**).
- R&D focused on **Metal Matrix Composites (MMC)** with **Diamond** or **Graphite** reinforcements as they have the potential to combine the properties of Diamond and Graphite (**high k , low ρ and low CTE**) with those of Metals (**strength, ductility, γ , ...**).
- Production techniques include **Rapid Hot Pressing (RHP)**, **Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS)**, **Liquid Phase Sintering** and **Liquid Infiltration**.



Metal Matrix Composites

- Materials investigated are **Copper-Diamond (Cu-CD)**, **Molybdenum-Diamond (Mo-CD)**, **Silver-Diamond (Ag-CD)**, **Molybdenum-Graphite (Mo-Gr)**
- Most **promising materials** are **Cu-CD** and **Mo-Gr**.
- Ag-CD and Mo-CD are, by now, sidelined as they are limited by (relatively) low melting temperature (Ag-CD) and insufficient toughness (Mo-CD).
- **Mo-Gr** is particularly appealing as it is **easy to machine**, is **versatile** and can be **coated with a Mo layer** dramatically **increasing electrical conductivity** ...



Copper-Diamond Composite

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- Developed by **RHP-Technology** (Austria)

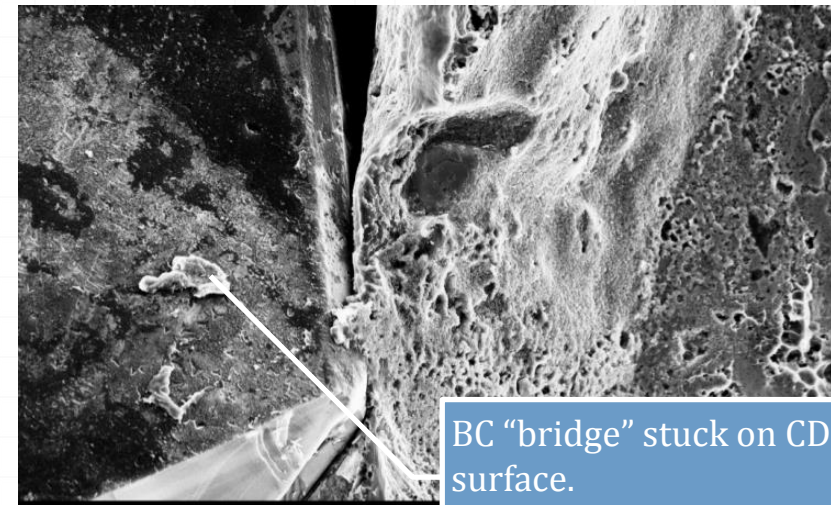
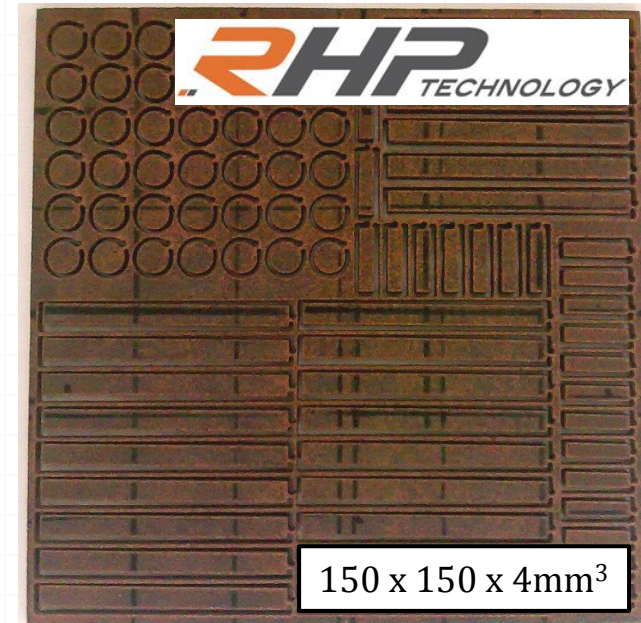
↑ No diamond degradation (in reducing atmosphere graphitisation starts at $\sim 1300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)

↑ Very good thermal ($\sim 490\text{ Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$) and electrical conductivity ($\sim 12.6\text{ MSm}^{-1}$).

↔ No direct interface between Cu and CD (lack of affinity). Partial bonding bridging assured by Boron Carbides limits mechanical strength ($\sim 120\text{ MPa}$).

↓ Cu low melting point ($1083\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) may limit Cu-CD applications for highly energetic accidents.

↓ CTE increases significantly with T due to high Cu content (from $\sim 6\text{ ppmK}^{-1}$ at RT up to $\sim 12\text{ ppmK}^{-1}$ at $900\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)



Molybdenum-Graphite Composites

- Co-developed by **CERN** and **Brevetti Bizz**.

Why Graphite?

- Low CTE
- Low Density
- High Thermal Conductivity (natural graphite flakes)
- Very High Service Temperatures (also allowing elevated processing temperatures)
- High Shockwave Damping

Composite Features

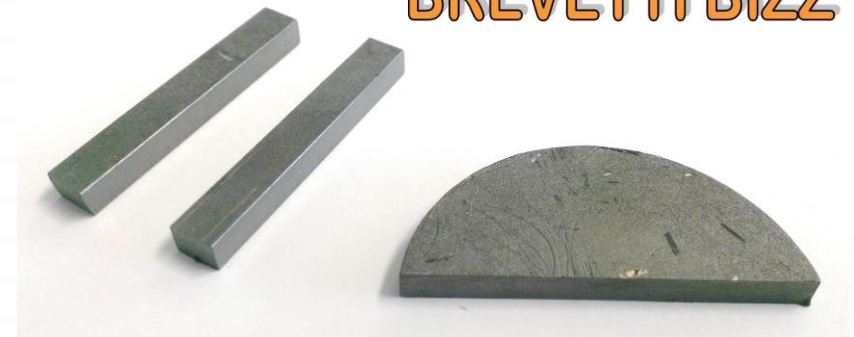
- ↑ Very high melting point (**2500+°C**)
- ↑ Low Density (can be tailored)
- ↑ **Very high thermal conductivity**
- ↑ Highly stable (forms MoC_{1-x} carbides)
- ↔ Fair electrical conductivity
- ↓ Mechanical strength to be improved ...

Why Molybdenum?

- Refractory metal
- High mechanical strength
- Density lower than Tungsten



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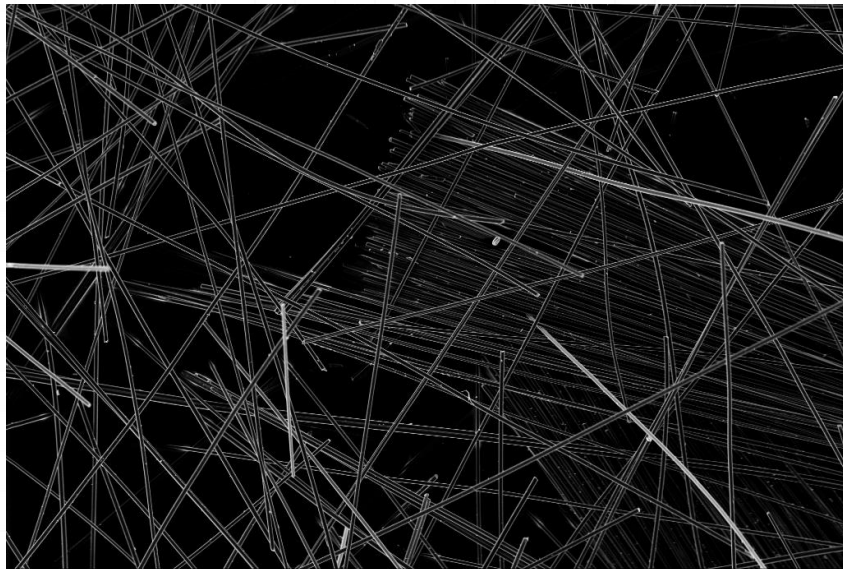
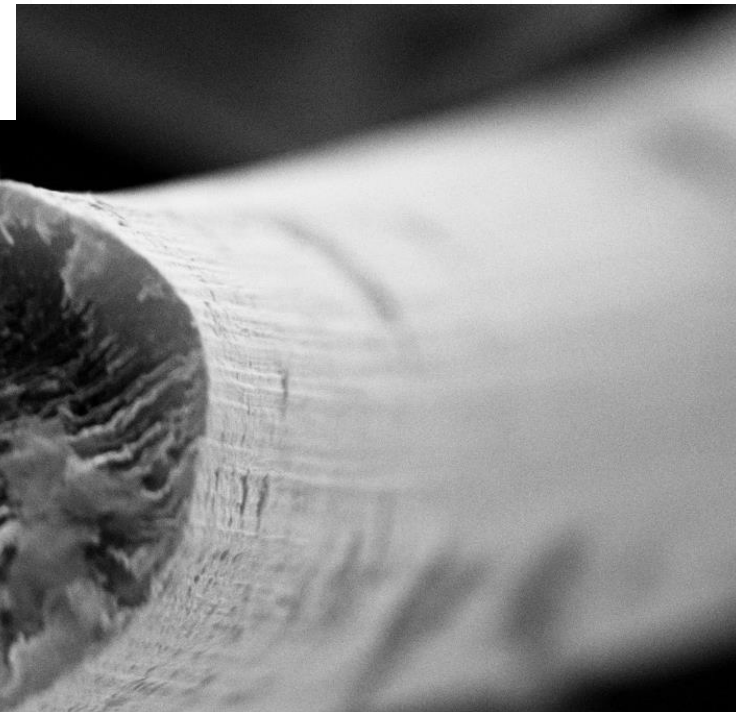
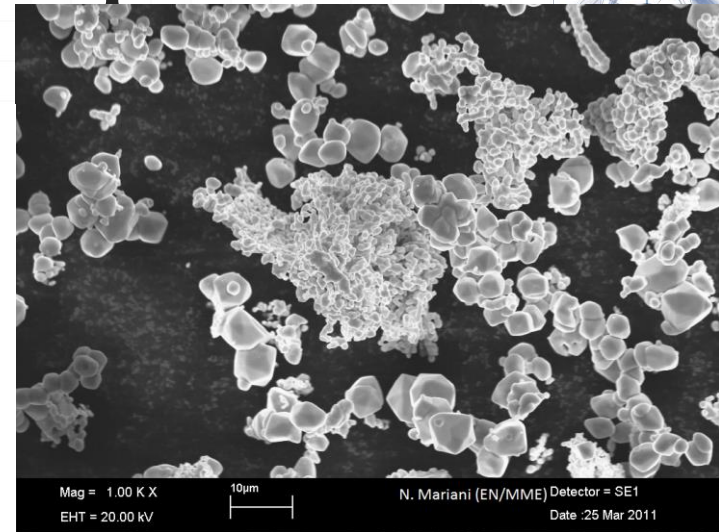


Molybdenum-Graphite Composites

- Addition of **mesophase pitch-base carbon fibers**
- **Liquid Phase Spark Plasma Sintering (>2500° C)**

Advantages of Carbon Fibers addition

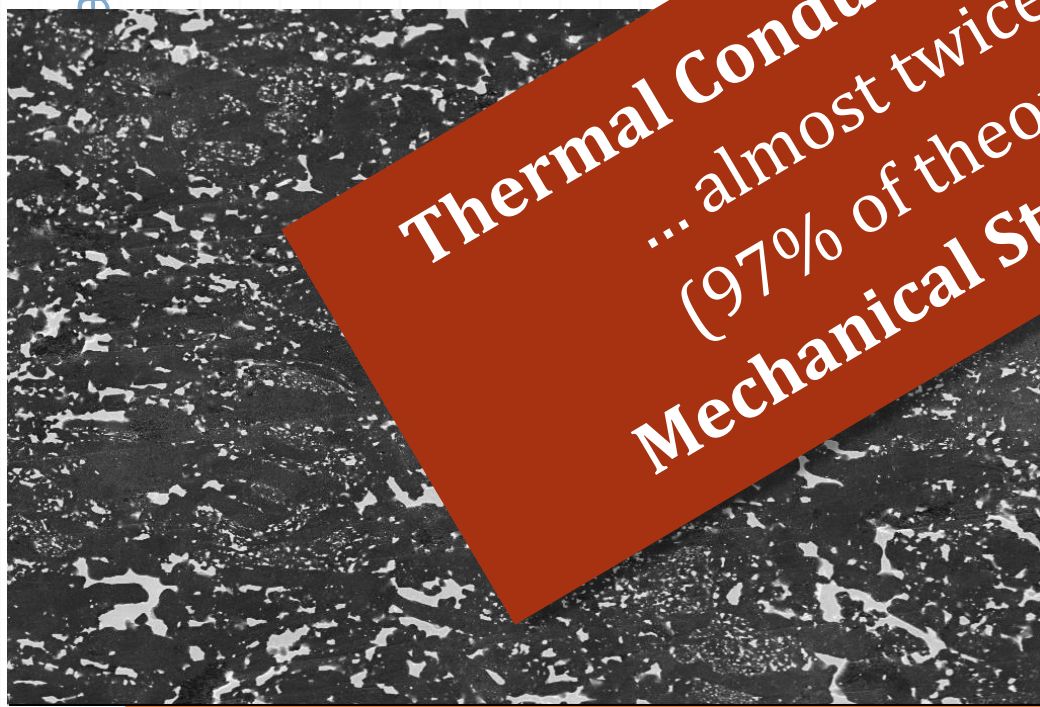
- Increase mechanical strength
- Contribute to high thermal conductivity (mesophase pitch grade)
- Along with MoC_{1-x} , catalyze graphitization process



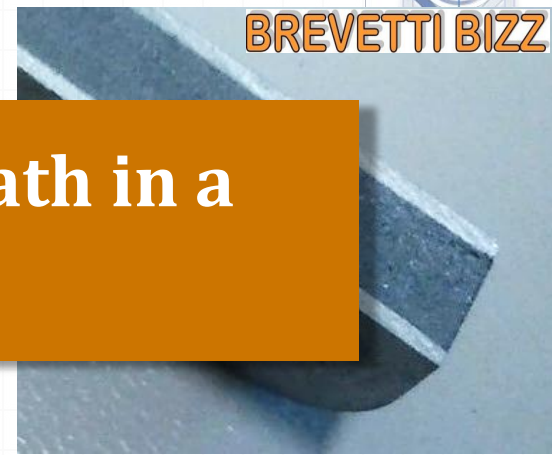
Mo-Gr-CF Microstructures

- Homogeneous distribution of graphite, fibers and fine MoC_{1-x} grains
- Recrystallization of graphite and CF
- Highly Oriented **Graphene** planes
- Strong fiber-matrix bonding
- ➔ **Improved Mechanical Strength**

Thermal Conductivity 700+ $\text{Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$
... almost twice pure Cu !!!
(97% of theoretical value)
Mechanical Strength > 75 MPa.



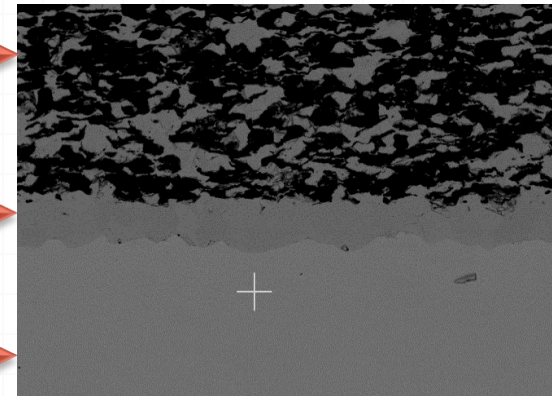
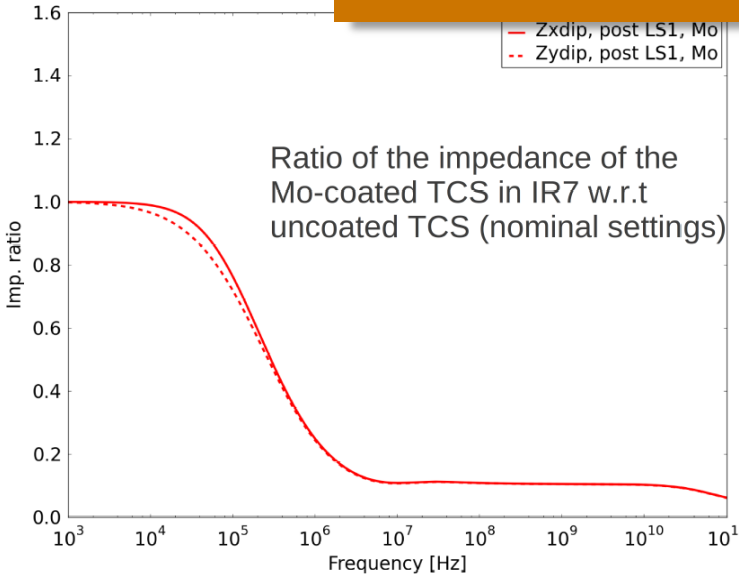
Mo-coated Mo-Gr



We must cross the valley of death in a dreadfully short time!

- Co-developed by **CERN** and **Brevetti Bizz**.
- Molybdenum
- Sandwich
- Excellent

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- Collimator **impedance reduced**
- Wish to **install soon a full collimator**
- New **challenge**: turn material **into a product** in a short time...
- ... and each new material should be **validated by accident simulations and tests (HiRadMat)**

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product in a short time...

Why HiRadMat Experiments?

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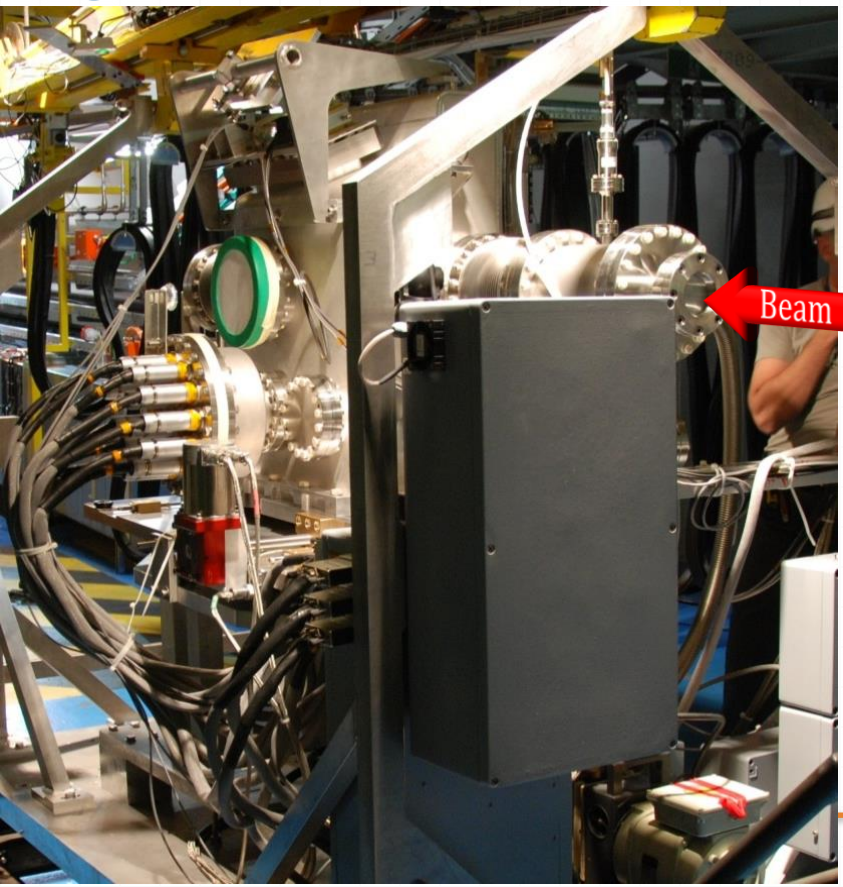
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- With accidental beam impacts, one enters a relatively **unknown territory**, that of high power explosions and ballistics.
- Existing material **Constitutive Models** at extreme conditions are limited and mostly drawn from military research (classified).
- Simulations are **sophisticated**, but unavoidably affected by **uncertainties and approximations**.
- Consequences on UHV, electronics, bellows cannot be easily anticipated by numerical simulations.
- **Only dedicated material tests can provide the correct inputs for numerical analyses and validate/benchmark simulation results.**
- Based on this, **two complementary experiments** at CERN **HiRadMat** facility were approved:
 - Destructive Test of a **complete tertiary collimator** for a thorough, integral assessment of beam accident consequences (**HRMT09** – **A. Rossi, O. Aberle, S. Redaelli, M. Cauchi** et al.).
 - Controlled test on a **multi-material test bench** hosting a variety of specimens conveniently instrumented for online and offline measurements (**HRMT14**).

HRMT14 Experiment

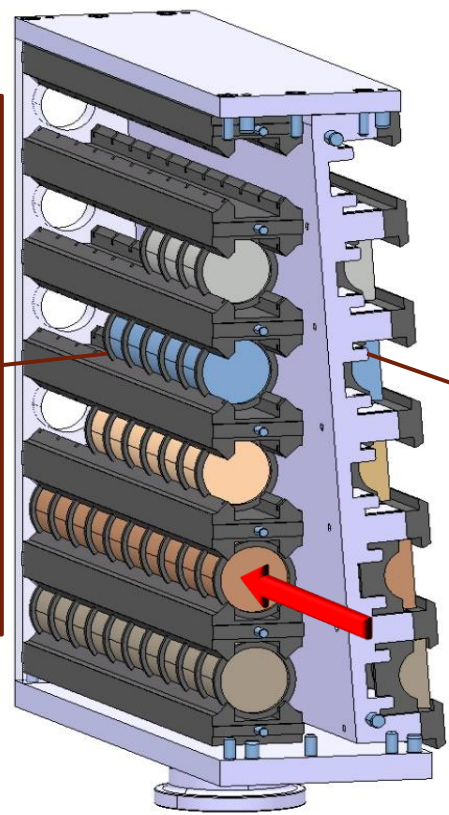
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- **Benchmark** advanced numerical simulations and **material constitutive models** through extensive acquisition system.
- Characterize in one go **six existing** and **novel materials** under development: Inermet180, Molybdenum, Glidcop, Mo-CD, Cu-CD, Mo-Gr. **2 sample types, 12 target stations, 88 samples.**
- **Collect**, mostly in real time, **experimental data** from different acquisition devices (Strain Gauges, Laser Doppler Vibrometer, High Speed video Camera, Temperature and Vacuum probes).



Medium Intensity Samples (Type 1)

- Strain measurements on sample outer surface;
- Radial velocity measurements (LDV);
- Temperature measurements;
- Sound measurements.



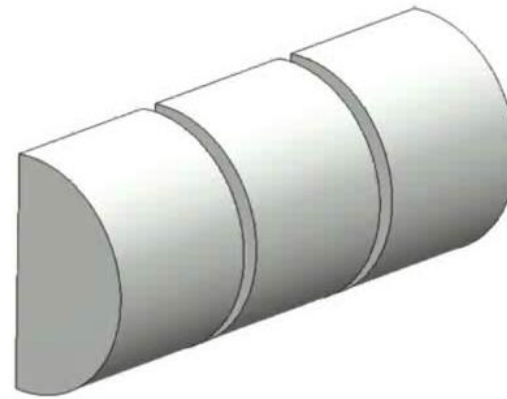
High Intensity Samples (Type 2)

- Strain measurements on sample outer surface;
- Fast speed camera to capture fragment front formation and propagation;
- Temperature measurements;
- Sound measurements.

Inermet samples as seen from viewport and camera

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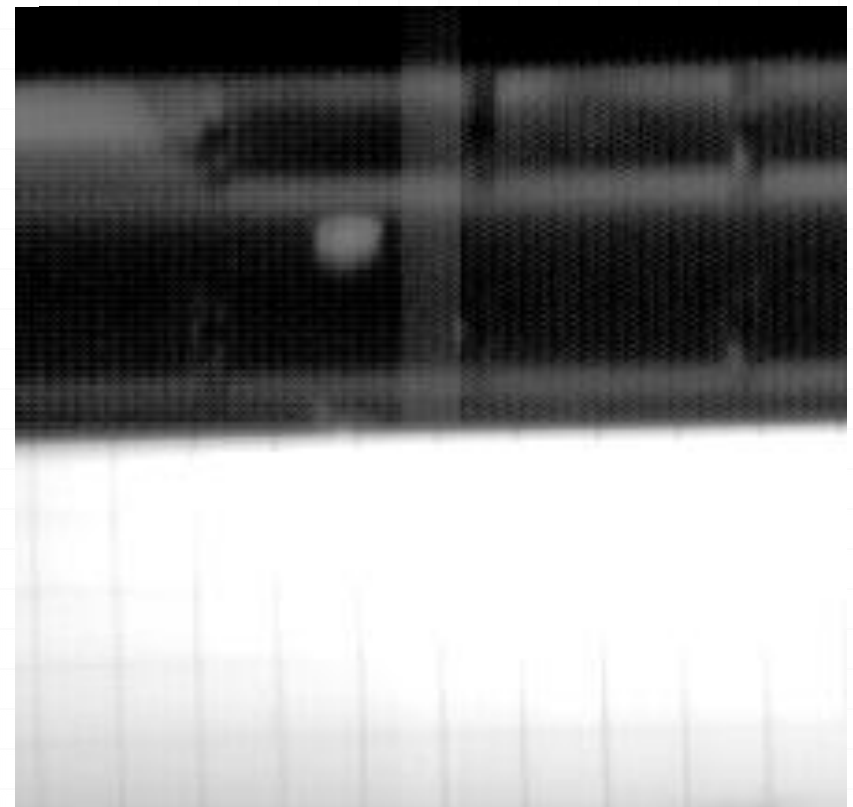
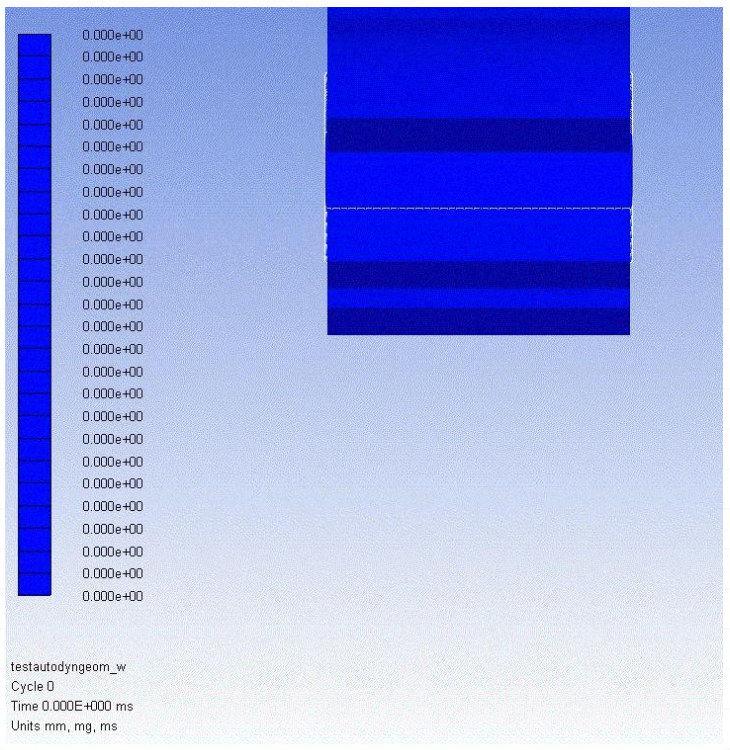


HRMT14: High Intensity Tests

Inermet : comparison Autodyn (SPH) between simulation and experiment

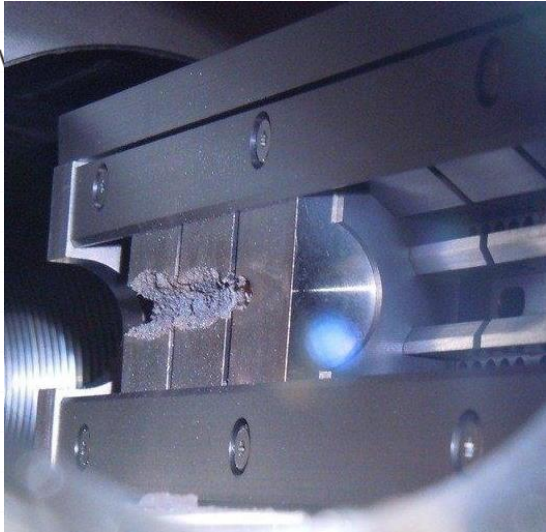
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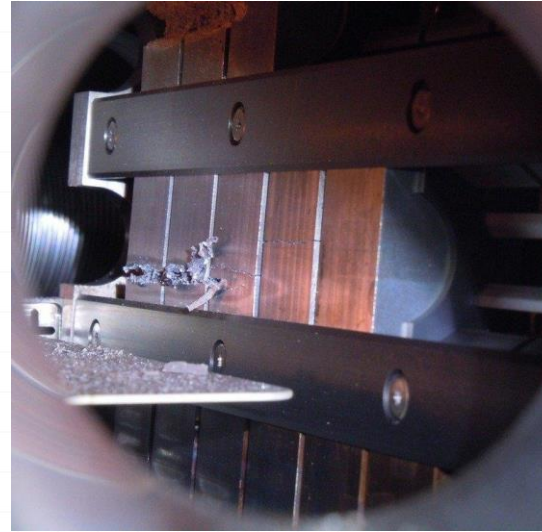


Case	Bunches	p/bunch	Total Intensity	Beam Sigma	Specimen Slot	Velocity
Simulation	60	1.5e11	9.0e12 p	2.5 mm	9	316 m/s
Experiment	72	1.26e11	9.0e12 p	1.9 mm	8 (partly 9)	~275 m/s

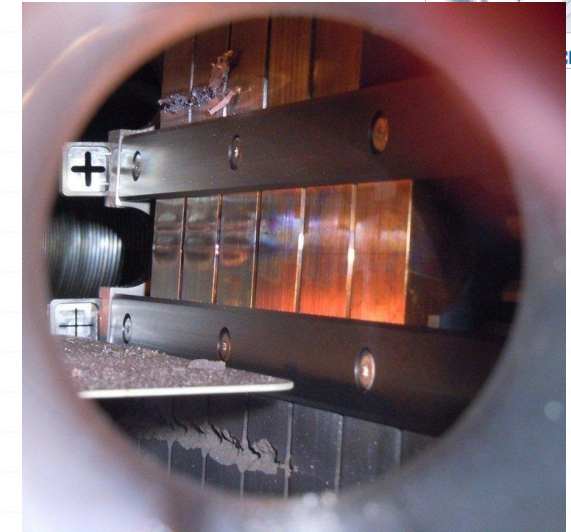
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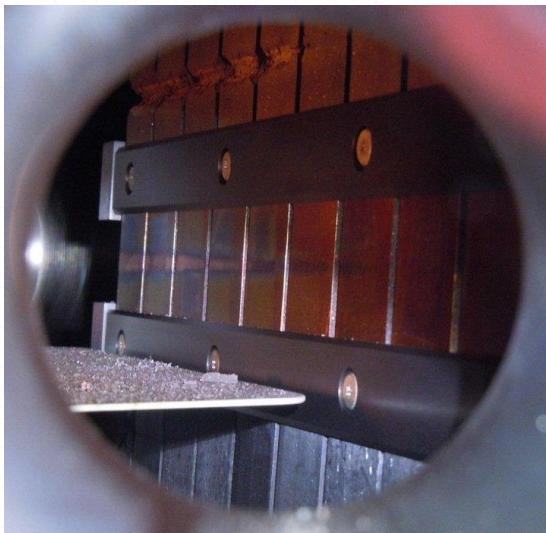
Inermet 180, 72 bunches



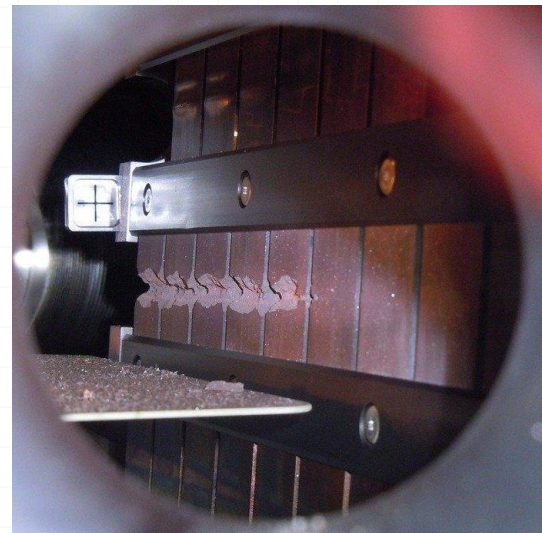
Molybdenum, 72 & 144 bunches



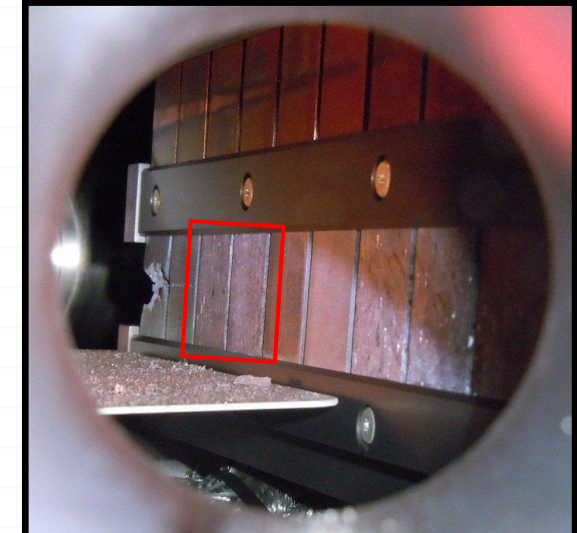
Glidcop, 72 bunches (2 x)



*Copper-Diamond
144 bunches*



*Molybdenum-Copper-Diamond
144 bunches*

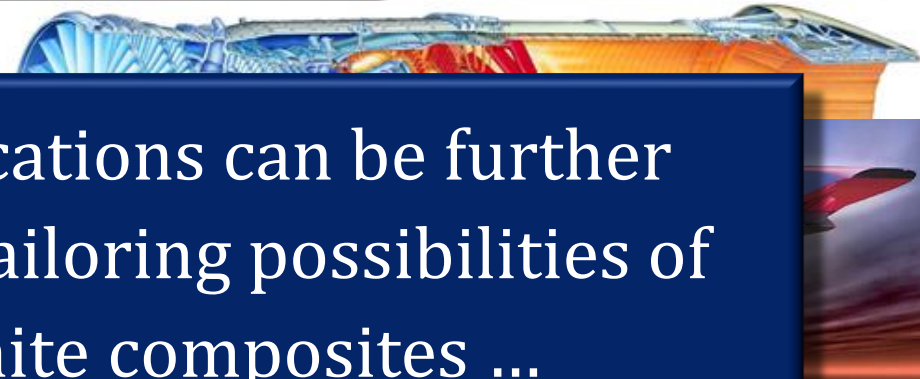


*Molybdenum-Graphite (3 grades)
144 bunches*

Mo-Gr Further Applications ...



Potential range of applications can be further expanded thanks to the tailoring possibilities of Molybdenum-Graphite composites ...



Summary and Perspectives

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- Bringing LH collimators
 - An ambitious paths : EuC
 - Cu-CD, Ag-C
 - Outstanding (700+ Wm
 - RF studies s
 - A full LHC C
 - ... this calls progressing
 - Newly developed materials are appealing for a broad range of industrial applications and have the potential for a real impact on society ...
- new generation of
- two complementary
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- gram while





Thank you for your
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Objectives have been turned into a set of **Figures of Merit** to assess relevant materials

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- **Reduce RF impedance**
Maximize **Electrical Conductivity**
- **Maintain/improve jaw geometrical stability in nominal conditions**
Maximize the stability indicator **Steady-state Stability Normalized Index (SSNI)**
- **Maintain Phase I robustness in accidental conditions**
Maximize the robustness indicator **Transient Thermal Stability Normalized Index (TTSNI)**
- **Improve cleaning efficiency (absorption rate)**
Increase Radiation and nuclear Interaction Lengths, i.e. **Steady-state Stability Normalized Index (SSNI)**
- **Improve maximum operational temperature**
Increase **Melting Temperature**.

Note Conflicting requirements as to Density

$$\gamma$$

$$\frac{k}{\rho\alpha}$$

$$\frac{R(1-\nu)c_{pv}}{E\alpha\rho}$$

$$Z$$

T_m

Additional "standard" requirements include ...

- Radiation Hardness, UHV Compatibility, Industrial feasibility of large components, Possibility to Machine, Braze, Join, Coat ..., Toughness, Cost ...

Material Ranking

Material	C-C	Mo	Glidcop ®	Cu-CD	Ag-CD	Mo-Gr
Density [g/cm ³]	1.65	10.22	8.90	~5.4	~6.10	2.8
Atomic Number (Z)	6	42	29	~11.4	~13.9	8.3
T _m [°C]	3650	2623	1083	~1083	~840	~2520
SSNI [kWm ² /kg]	24	2.6	2.5	13.1 ÷ 15.3	11.4 ÷ 15.4	83*
TSNI [kJ/kg]	793	55	35	44 ÷ 51	60 ÷ 92	195*
Electrical Conductivity [MS/m]	0.14	19.2	53.8	~12.6	~11.8	1 ÷ 18 **

worse  better

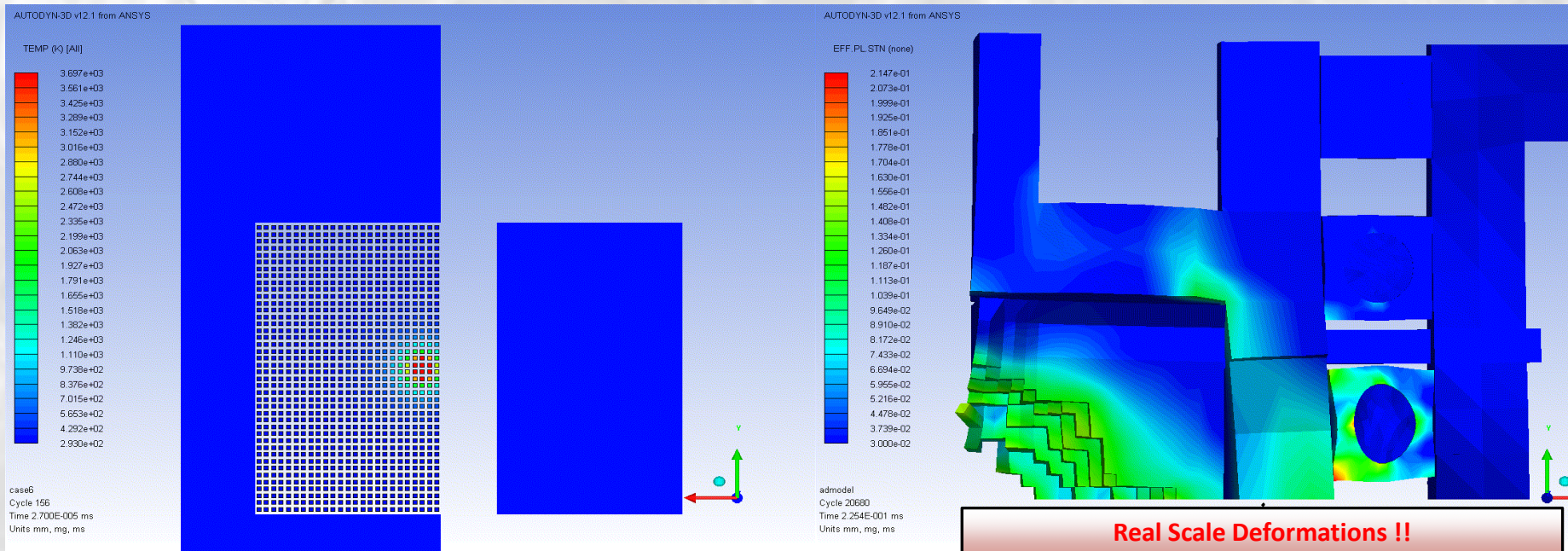
* Estimated values
** with Mo coating

- **C-C** stands out as to thermo-mechanical performances. Adversely outweighed by poor electrical conductivity, low Z, expected degradation under irradiation.
- **High-Z metals (Cu, Mo)** possess very good electrical properties. High density adversely affects their thermal stability and accident robustness.
- **Cu-CD** exhibits a balanced compromise between TSNI, SSNI, electrical conductivity, density, atomic number. Its main limitation is the (relatively) low melting point.
- **Molybdenum-graphite** shows overall very promising figures of merit.

Example of an Accidental Impact

Simulation of 8 LHC bunches at 5 TeV impacting a Tungsten Jaw (TCTA)

- Probability of **water leakage** due to very severe plastic deformations on pipes.
- Impressive **jaw damage**:
 - Extended eroded and deformed zones.
 - **Projections** of hot and fast solid tungsten bullets ($T \approx 2000\text{K}$, $V_{\text{max}} \approx 1 \text{ km/s}$) towards opposite jaw. Slower particles hit tank covers (at velocities just below ballistic limit).
 - Risk of “bonding” the two jaws due to the projected re-solidified material.



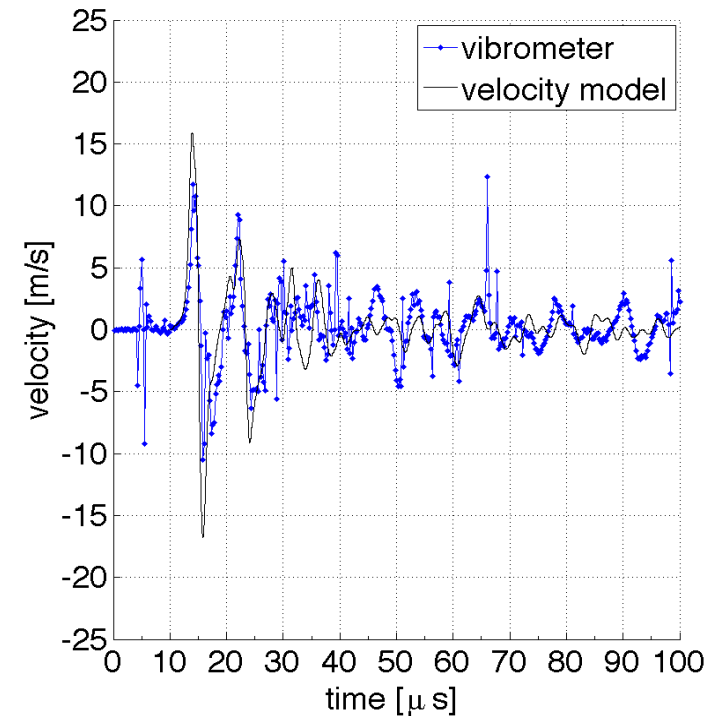
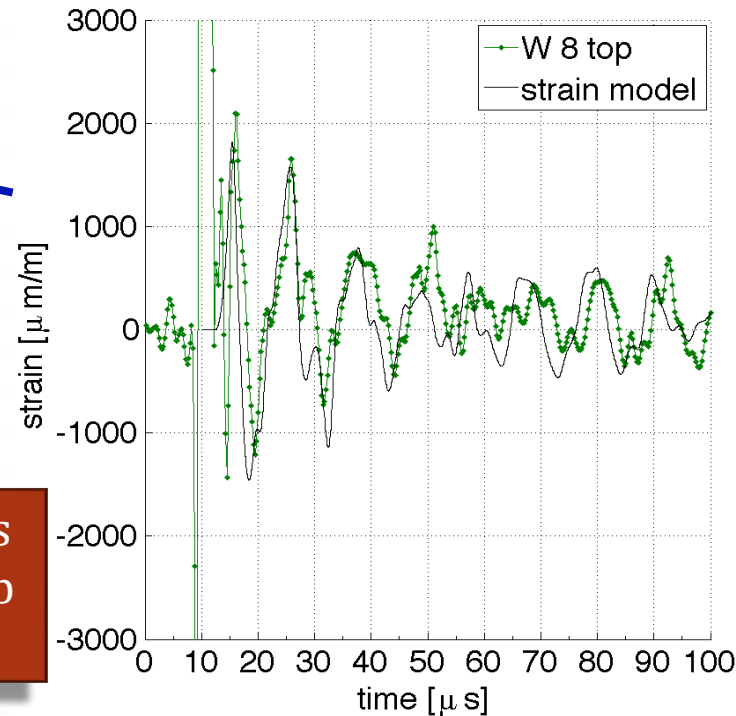
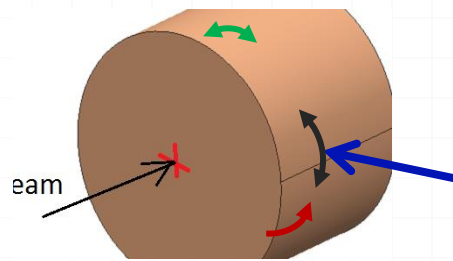
HRMT14: Medium Intensity Tests

Extensive numerical analysis (**Autodyn**), based on FLUKA calculations to determine **stress waves, strains and displacements**.

- Comparison of simulated **Hoop and Longitudinal Strains and Radial velocity** very well match measured values on sample outer surface.

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Inermet180 24 bunches
Total intensity: $2.7e12$ p
 $\sigma \cong 1.4$ mm