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Thermal and flow processes in cryogenic systems following failure modes combined with superconducting magnets resistive transitions.

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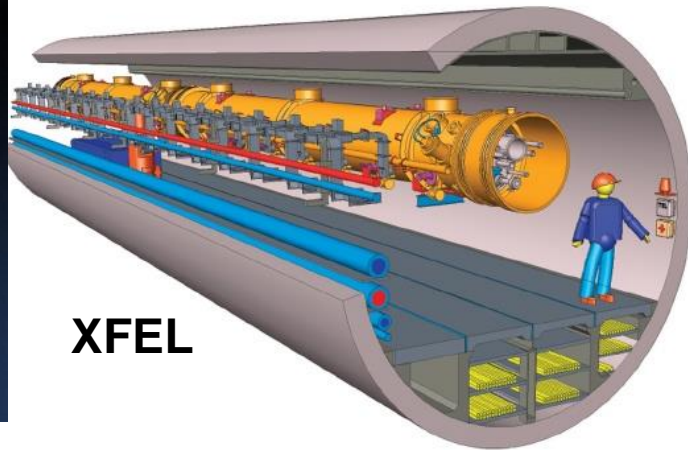
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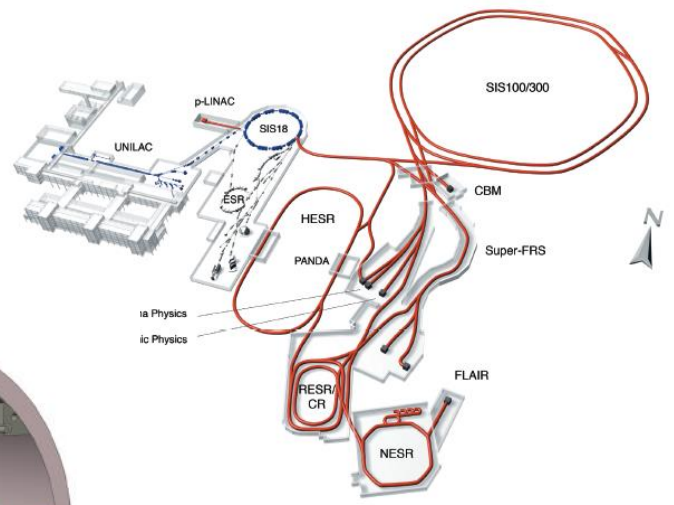


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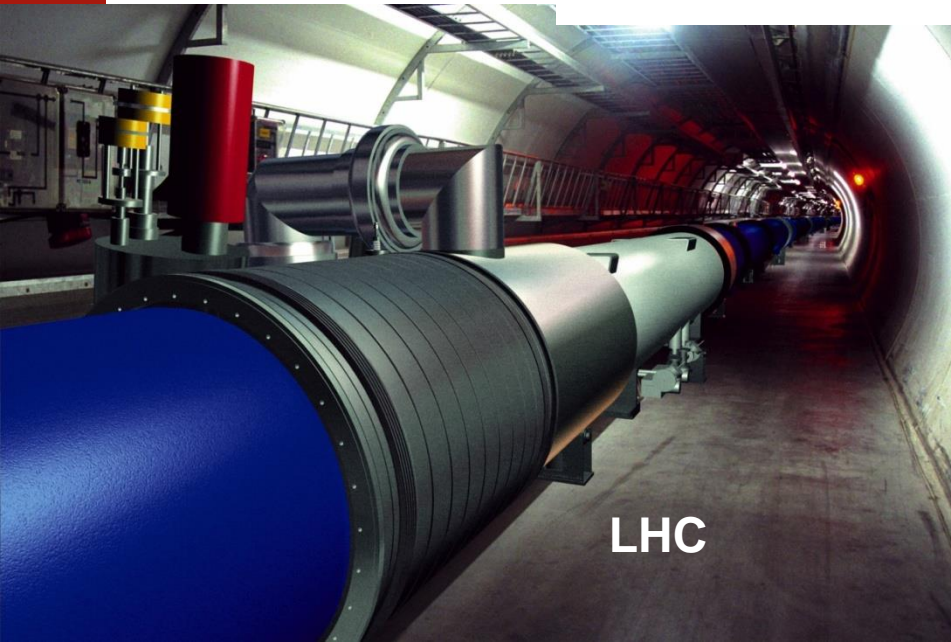
Cryogenics in „Big Science”



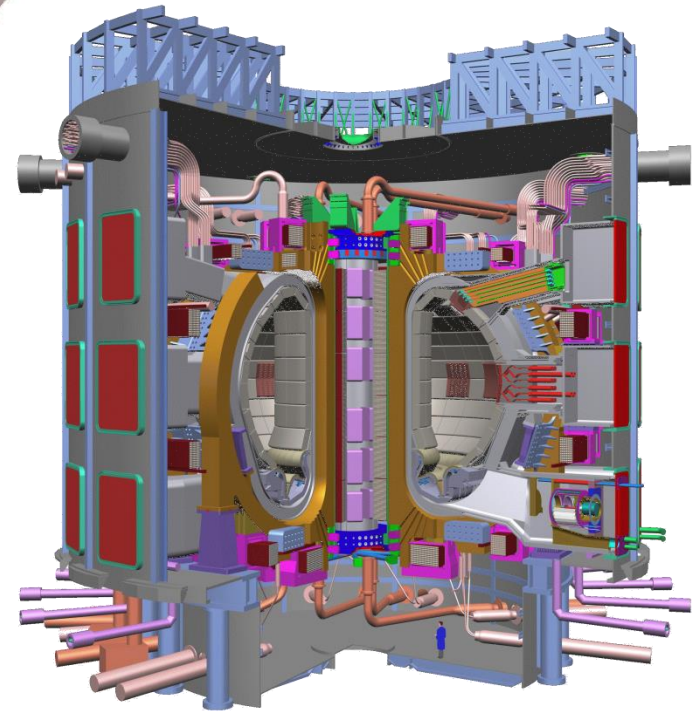
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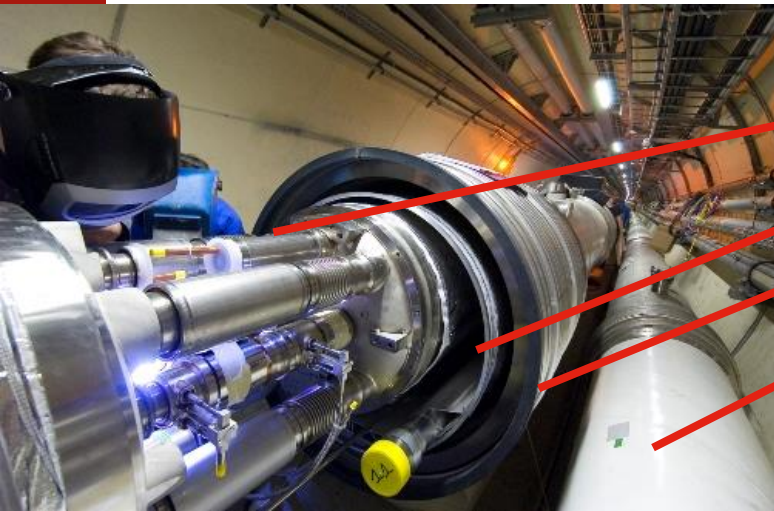
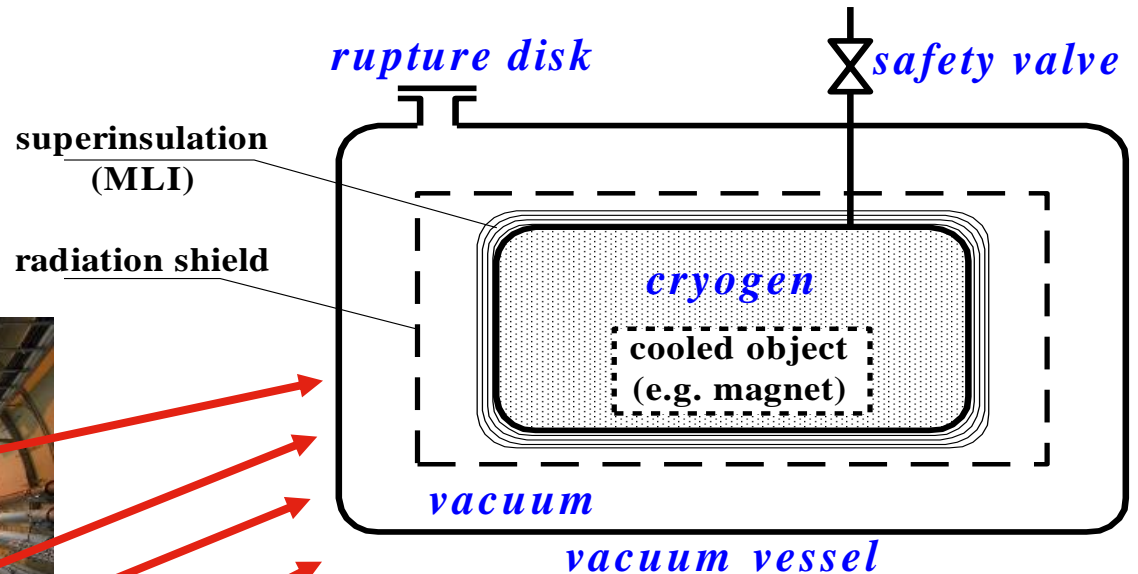
Helium cryogenics in chosen projects

Installation, location	Type	Cooling power	Helium inventory
LHC, CERN, Geneva	pp collider	144 kW	136 ton
FAIR, GSI, Darmstadt	ions accelerator	42 kW @ 4.4	11 ton
XFEL, DESY, Hamburg	free electron laser	12 kW	5 ton
W7-X, Max Planck Greifswald	fusion stellarator	5 kW	2 ton
ITER, ITER IO, Cadarache	fusion tokamak	60 kW @ 4.5 K 950 kW @ 80 K	24 ton
ILC, no decision	e+ e- lin. collider	211 @ 4.5 K	100 ton



Cryogenic node - simplest element of the cryogenic system - basis for the risk analysis

Each component of the machine like pipe, vessel, heat exchanger, and cryostat can be treated as separate helium enclosure, characterized by the amount and thermodynamic parameters of helium.





Potential failure modes of cryogenic systems

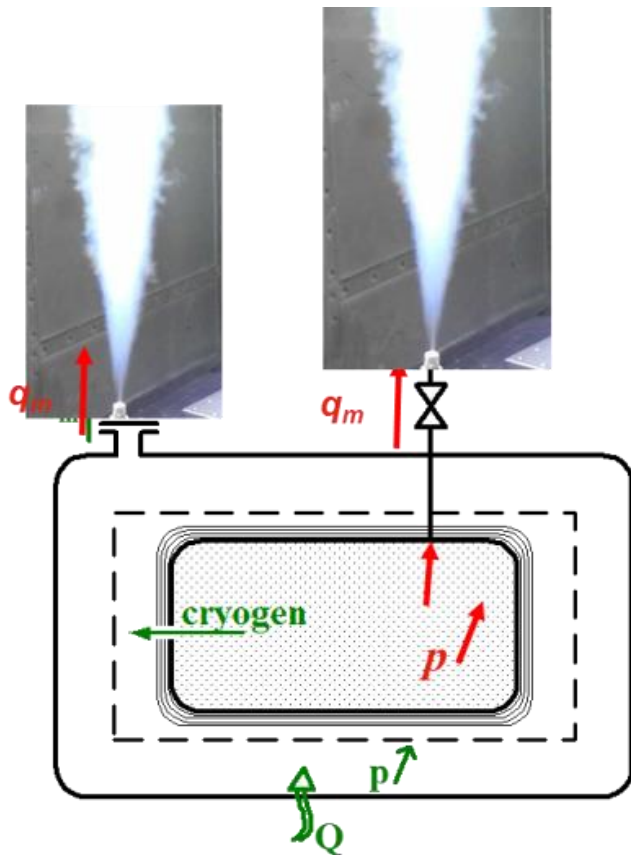
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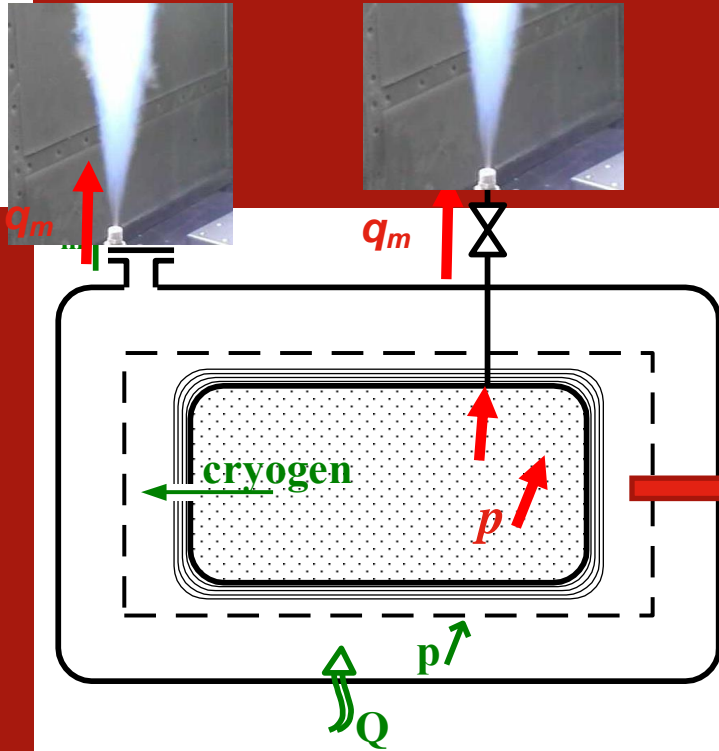
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Flow consequences of mechanical break of cold vessel, including el. arc



1. Mechanical and/or arc induced break of the cold vessel
2. Fast degradation of the vacuum insulation with cryogen.
3. Intensive heat flow to the cryogen.
4. Energy release to the helium, e.g., due to a magnet quench (optionally) or eddy current heating.
5. Pressure increase of the cryogen and in the vacuum space.
6. Opening of the rupture disk and/or safety valve.
7. Cryogen discharges through the rupture disk and/or safety valve.

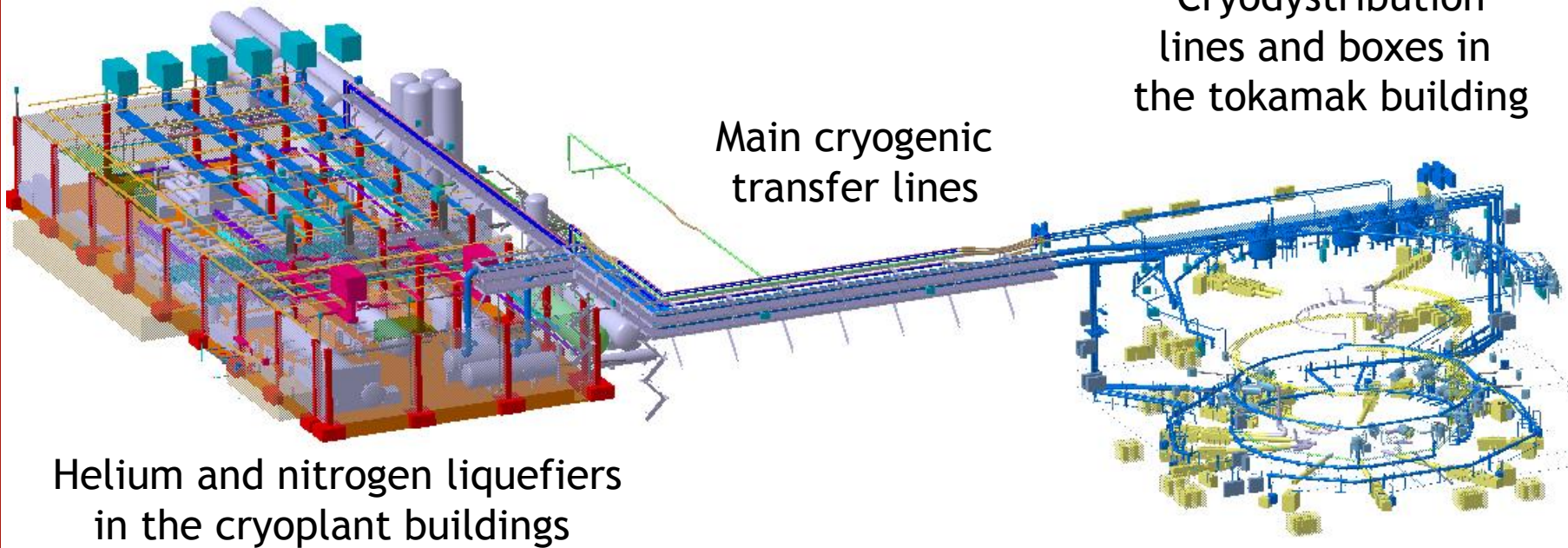
Safe operation of cryogenic systems



Pressurization of the vacuum space caused serious damage of the LHC accelerator in 2008

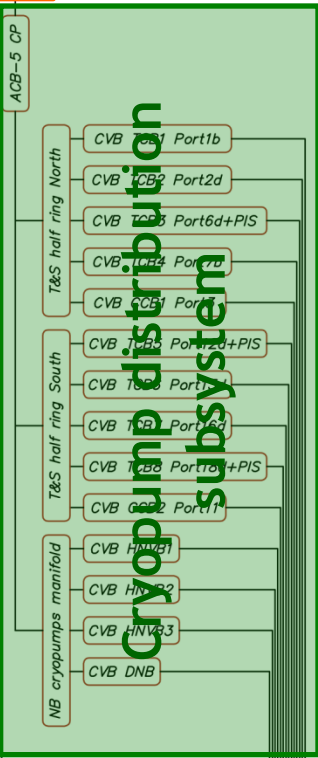
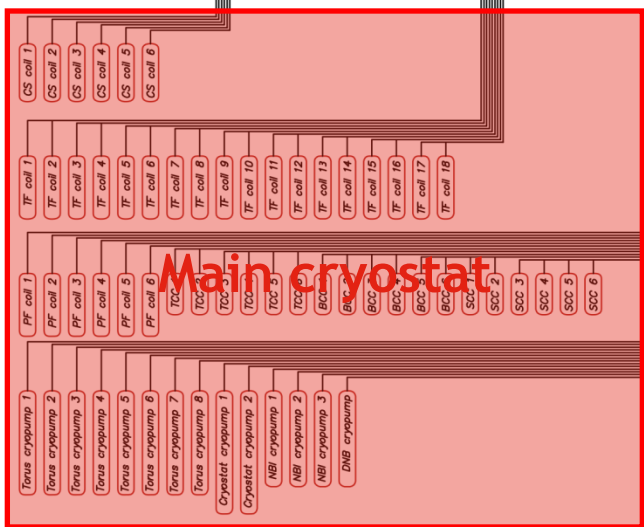
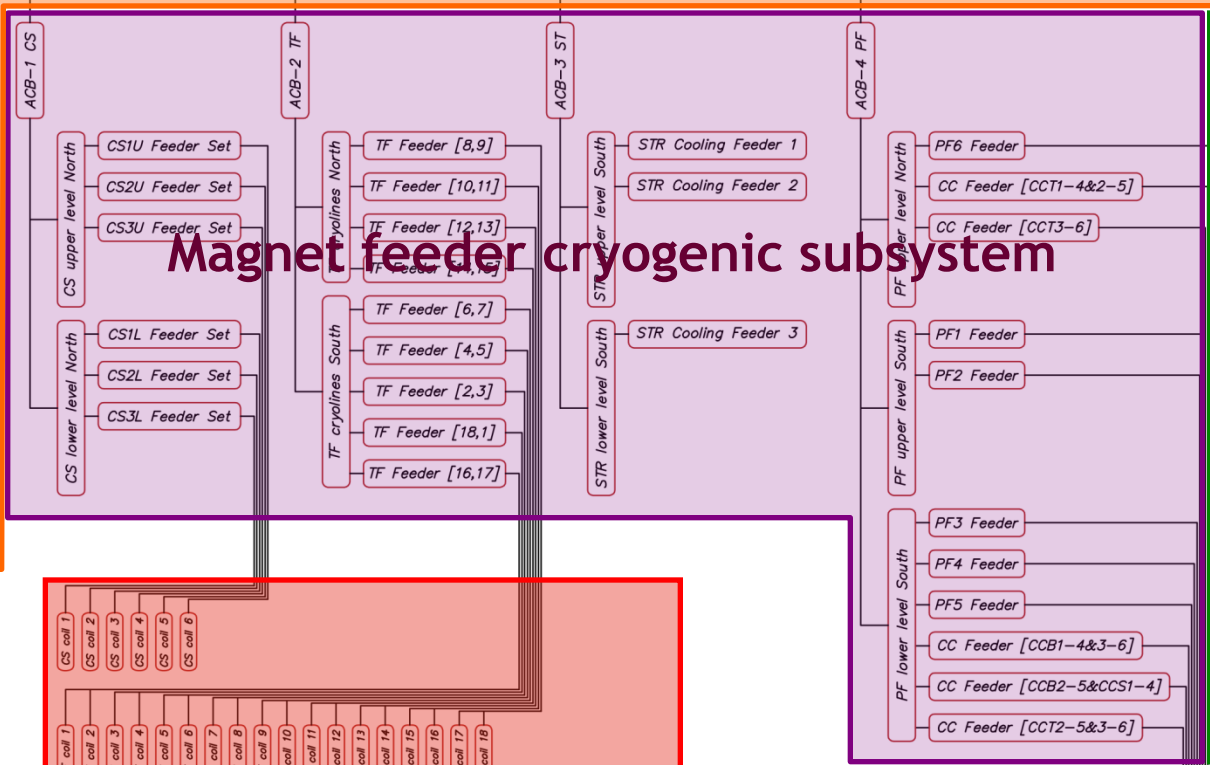
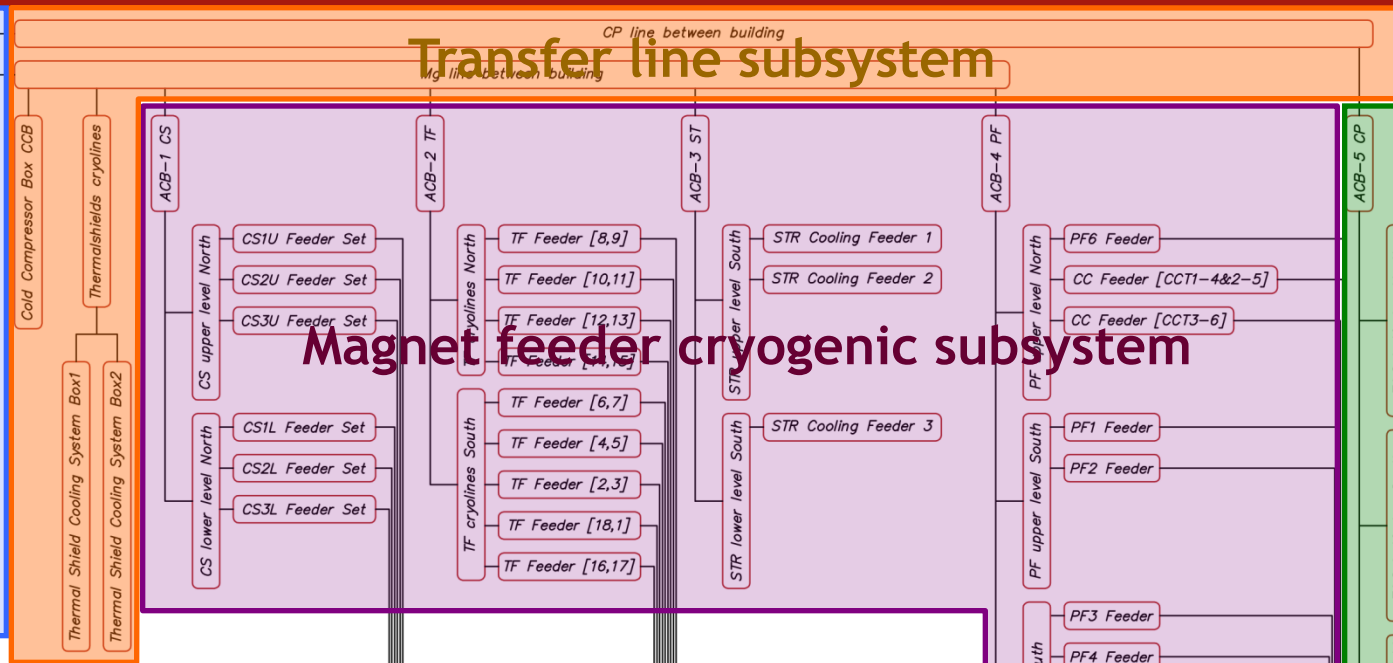


ITER Cryogenic System



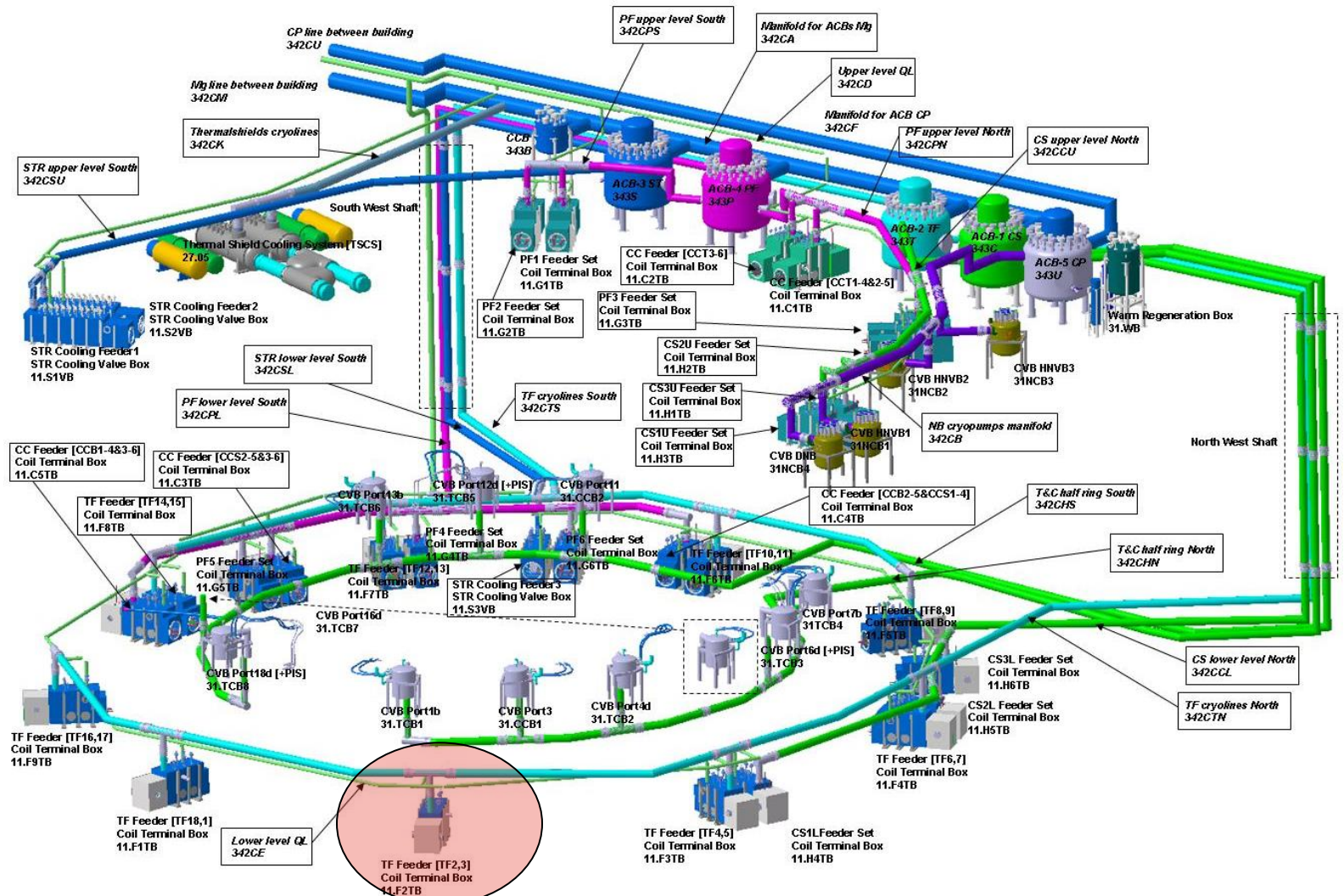


Scheme of the ITER cryogenic nodes

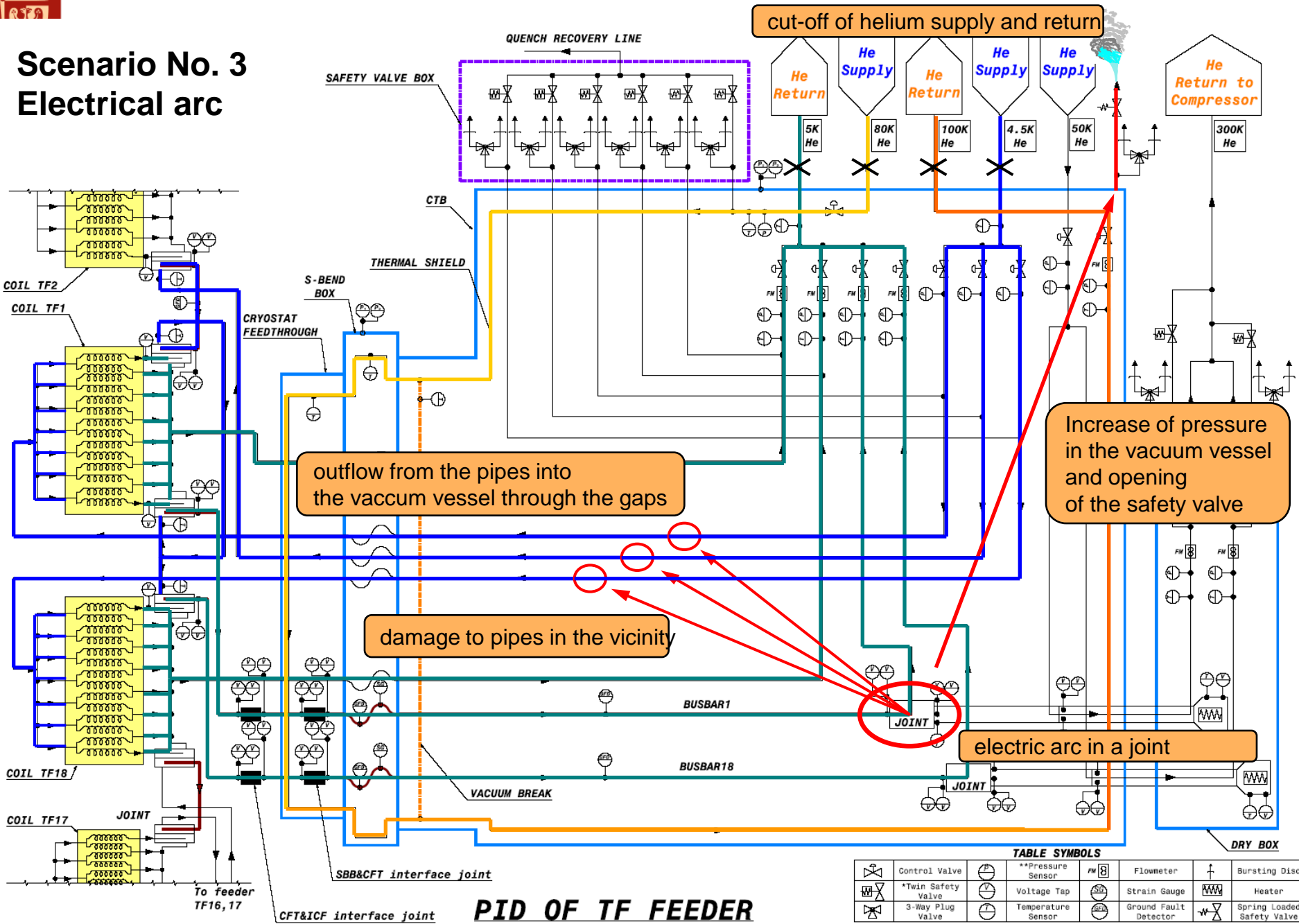




ITER Cryodistribution System in the tokamak building



Scenario No. 3 Electrical arc



outflow from the pipes into the vacuum vessel through the gaps

damage to pipes in the vicinity

Increase of pressure in the vacuum vessel and opening of the safety valve

electric arc in a joint

cut-off of helium supply and return

PID OF TF FEEDER

TABLE SYMBOLS					
	Control Valve		**Pressure Sensor		Flowmeter
	*Twin Safety Valve		Voltage Tap		Strain Gauge
	3-Way Plug Valve		Temperature Sensor		Ground Fault Detector
	Bursting Disc		Heater		Spring Loaded Safety Valve

* Combination of pressure release on/off valve and springloaded safety valve.
 ** P₁: Press range: 10⁵ to 10¹ Pa, P₂: Press range: <10¹ Pa



Steps in Risk Analysis of cryogenic systems

- 1. Identification of the cryogenic system nodes, their design and operation features,**
- 2. Identification of the locations of the nodes in the site facilities,**
- 3. Analysis of the potential failures and the determination of credible incidents (risk factors, frequency of occurrence, level of detestability, importance of defects),**
- 4. Identification of credible scenarios for chosen components and the analysis of their potential causes and consequences,**
- 5. Specification of the most credible incident and most credible scenario,**
- 6. Dynamics simulations of the most credible and severe helium leakages to the vacuum insulation and to the environment (including oxygen deficiency hazard and the influence of cold helium impact on mechanical structures),**
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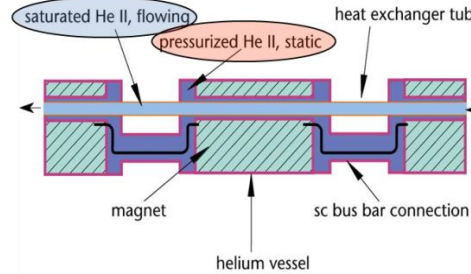
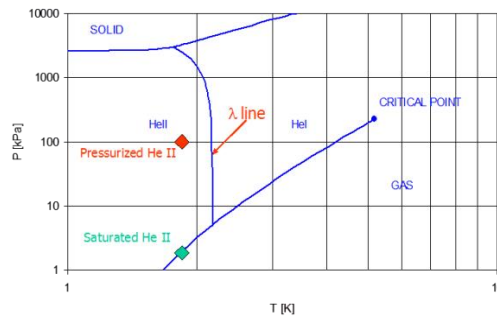


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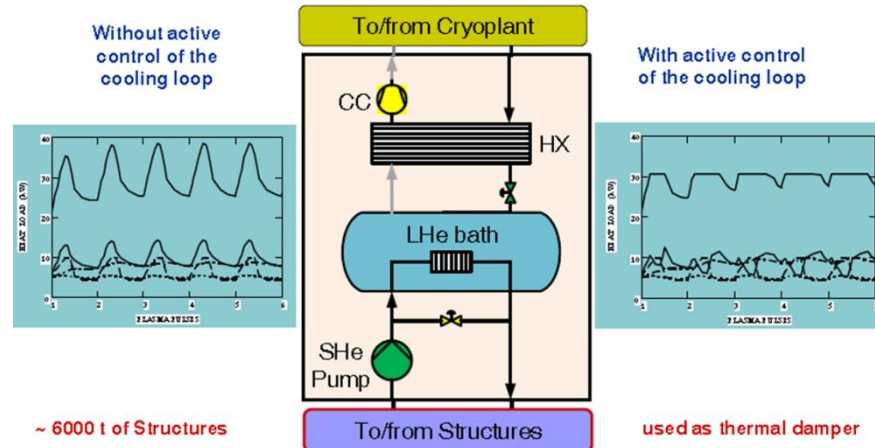
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Modelling of helium flows to vacuum insulation space - two cases

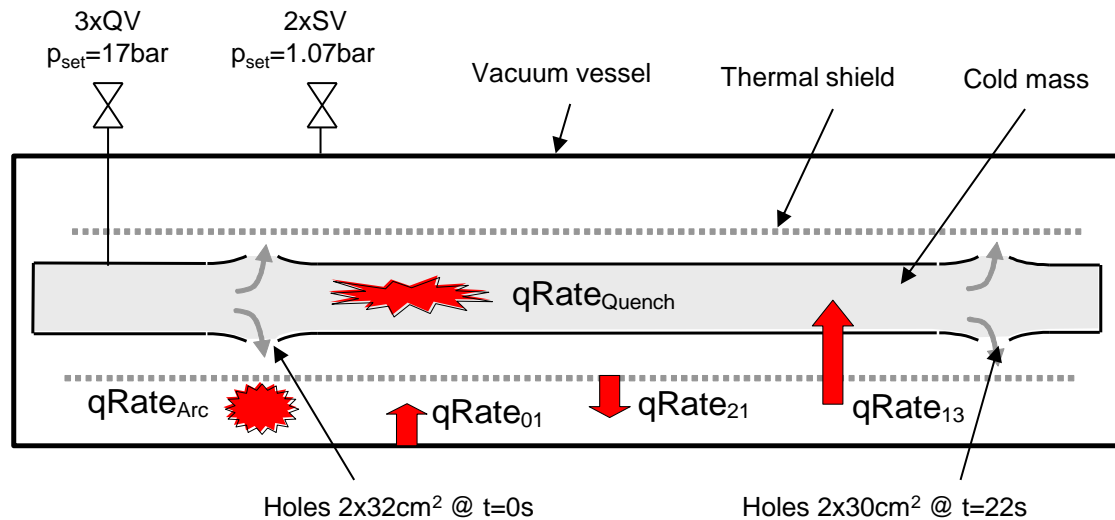
CASE 1 – magnets immersed in static helium – e.g. LHC



CASE 2 – coils cooled by helium flow (supercritical) – e.g. ITER



Development of mathematical model of the processes in static helium (e.g. LHC)



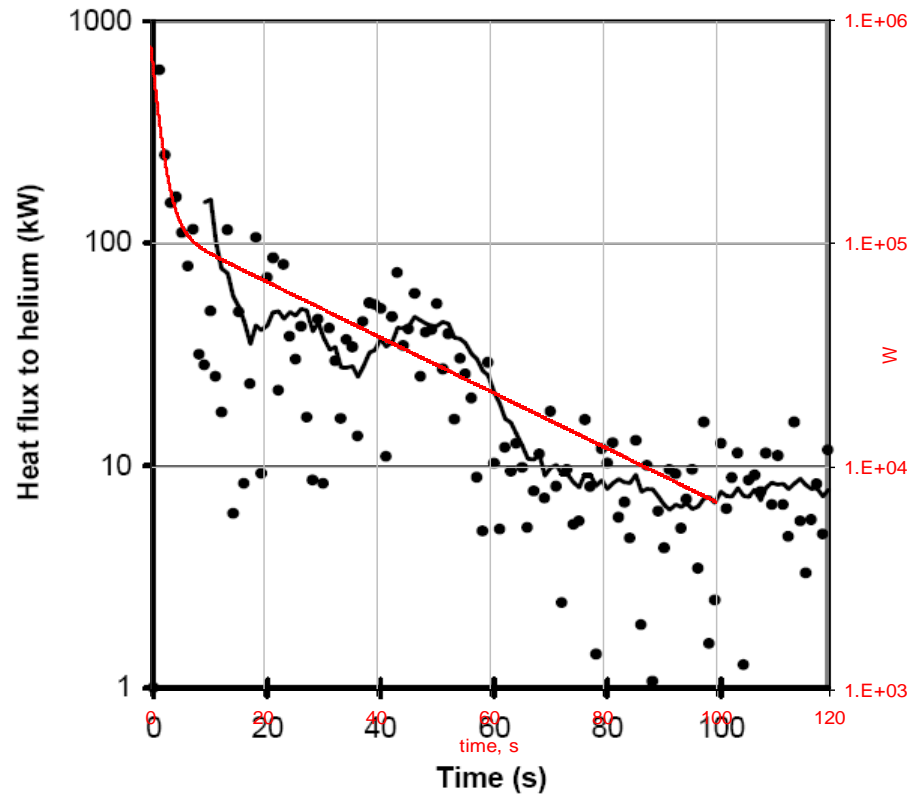
$$\frac{d(M \cdot u)}{dt} = \sum dq + \sum d(m \cdot h)$$

Lumped parameter approach, thermodynamic model input:

- $qRate_{Quench}$ – heat transfer to Cold Mass helium from quenched magnets
- $qRate_{Arc}$ – heat transfer to helium from electrical arc
- $qRate_{01}$ – heat transfer to Vacuum helium from Vacuum Vessel
- $qRate_{21}$ – heat transfer to Vacuum helium from Aluminum Shield
- $qRate_{13}$ – heat transfer to Cold Mass helium from Vacuum helium



Magnet quench heat transfer to cold mass helium - data from String experiments

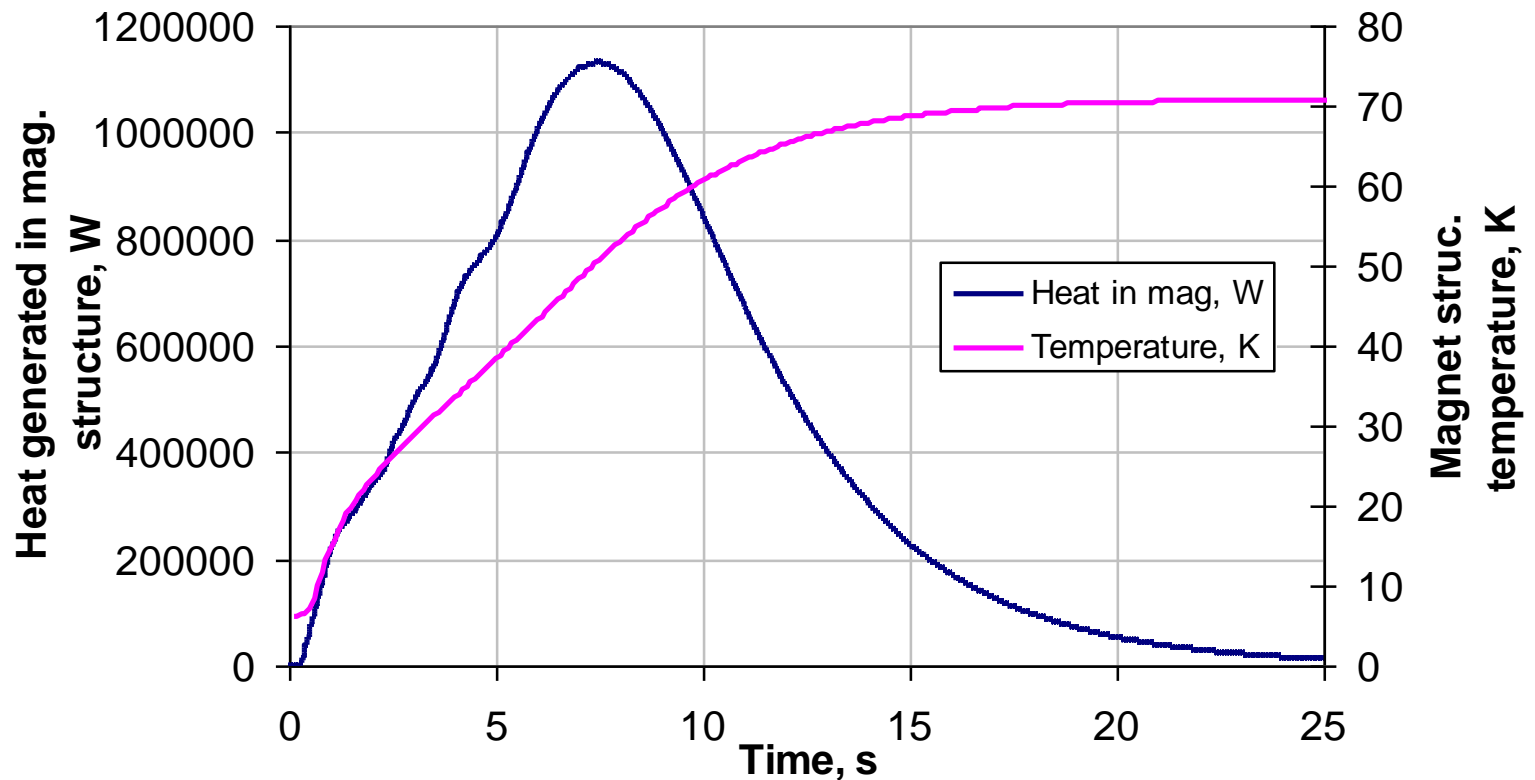


Data can be scaled according to the equation

$$E_{mag} = \frac{1}{2} L \cdot I^2$$



Exemplary calculation of magnet structure temperature for 10 MJ coil



$$E = L \int_0^I i di$$

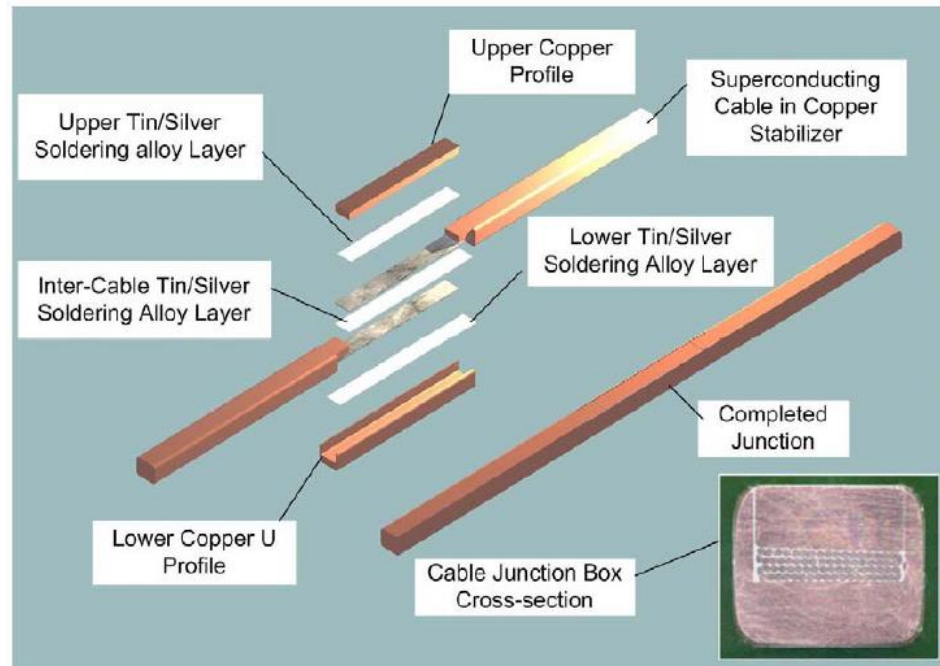


$$Q_{mag} = \frac{dE}{dt}$$

Magnet current decay characteristics must be known

Electrical arc

An electrical arc can origin at faulty joint of superconducting cables. The phenomenon leads to rapid and uncontrolled energy transfer from the magnet to helium and metal structure forming the second electrode.





No electrical contact between wedge and U-profile with the bus on at least 1 side of the joint

No bonding at joint with the U-profile and the wedge

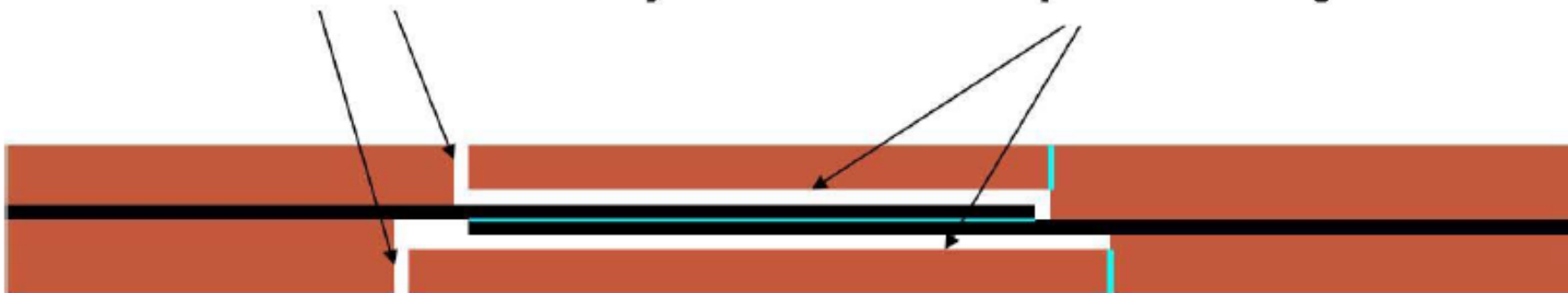
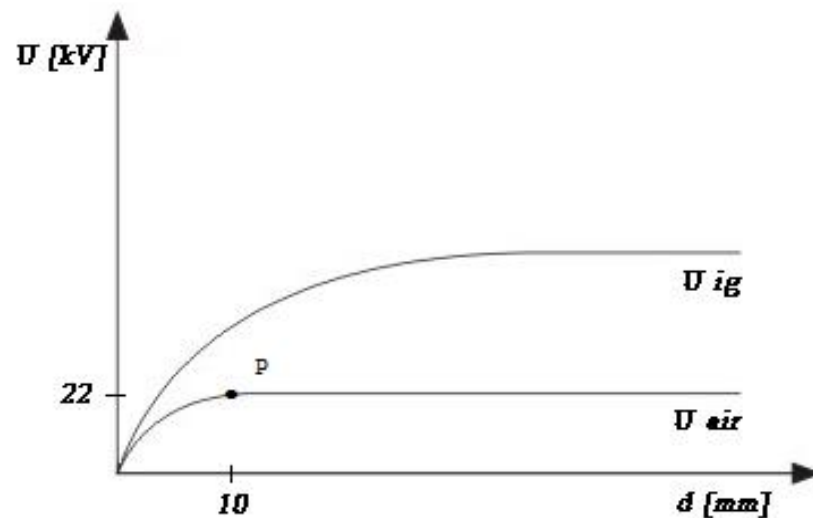


Figure 7: Model of resistive joint in bus bar with bad electrical and thermal contact with the stabilizer



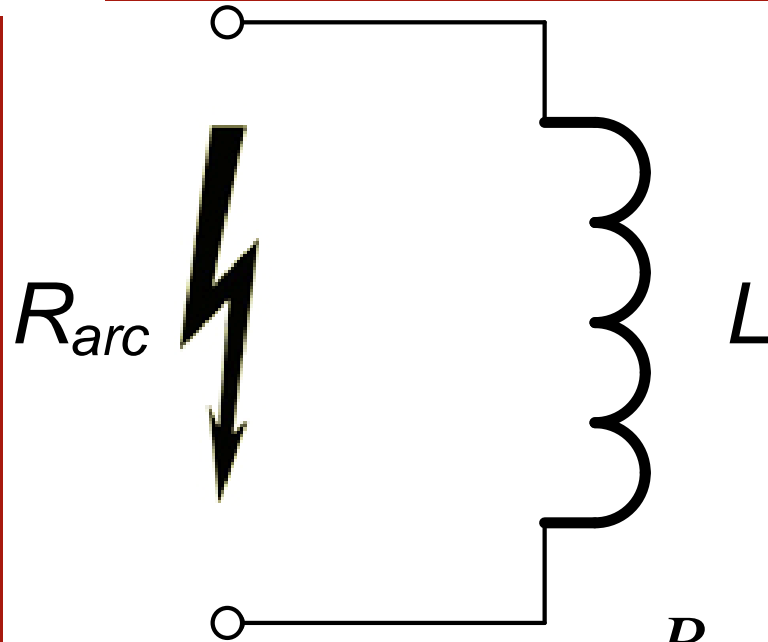
LHC interconnection



Evolution of ignition voltages with respect to distances between electrodes



Electrical arc modelling



$$iR + L \frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

$$R_{arc} = \frac{dU_{arc}}{di_{arc}}$$

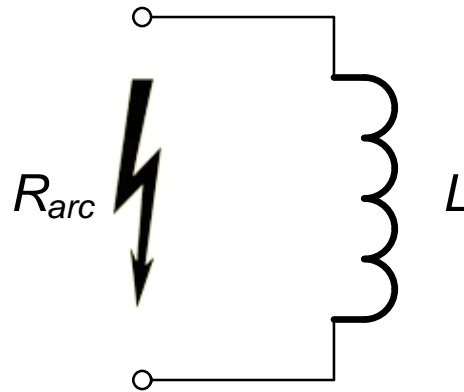
$$R_{arc} = \frac{1443.57 \cdot l}{i}$$

Warrington formula
 l is the arc length

$$i(t) = i_0 e^{-\frac{R}{L}t}$$

$$u(t) = u_s \cdot e^{-k \frac{R}{L}t}$$

Electrical arc modelling



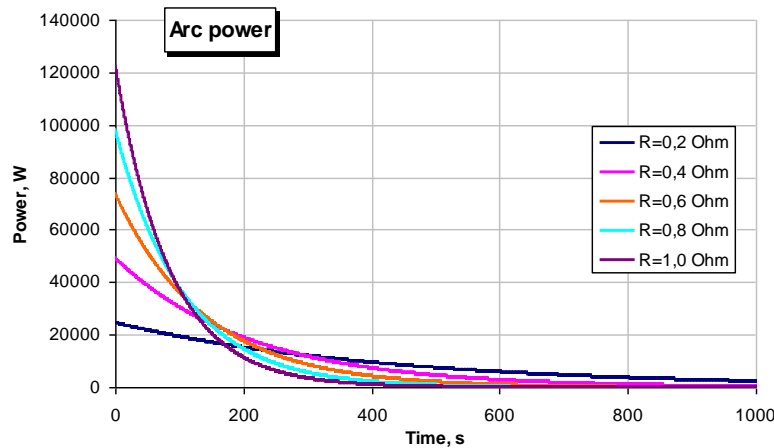
$$P(t) = u(t) \cdot i(t) \quad P(t) = P(0) e^{\frac{R}{L}t} e^{-k\frac{R}{L}t} \quad \text{Arc power}$$

$$W = P(t)dt$$

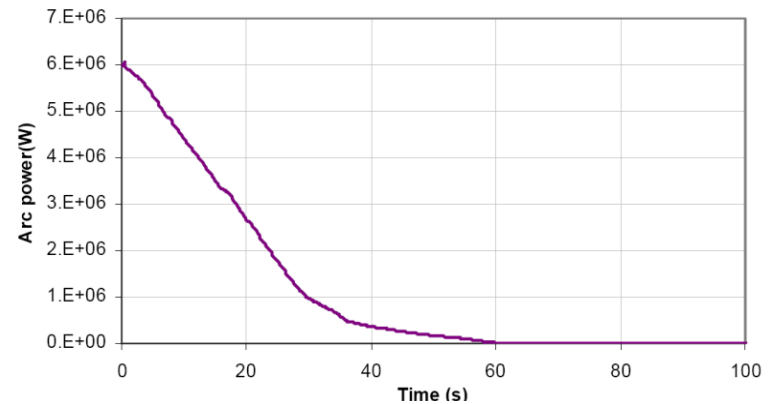
The energy relieved by the arc



Evolution of the arc power - examples



Low current, 10 MJ magnet, calculated



Heat flux resulting from electrical arc during the 19th September 2008 incident for the initial arc current 8.7 kA

Arc energy distribution

1. Heating and melting resulting in perforation of the cold vessel or cryostat tube,
2. Arc atmosphere (helium) ionization, heating and pressurization,

The ratio IONIZATION / ELECTRODE in helium is estimated as: **50 : 1**



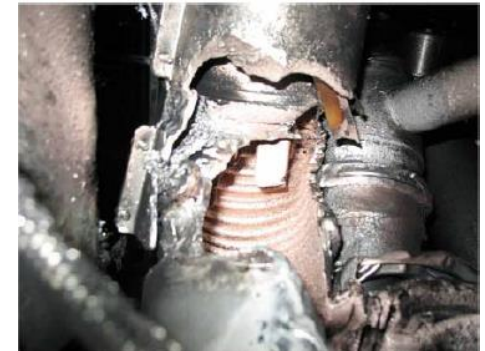
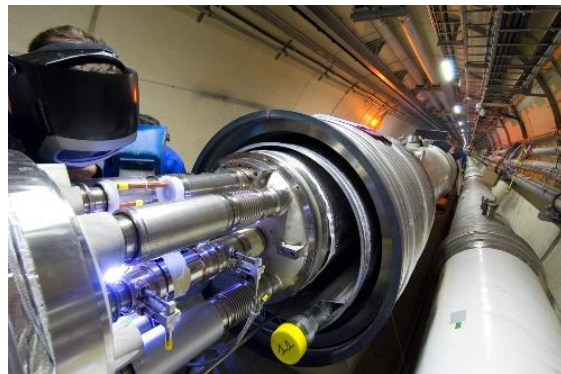
Cold vessel rupture by electrical arc

$$d(t) = \sqrt{\frac{4W_w(t)}{\left(\int_{4.5K}^{1700K} c_p dT + r \right) \pi \cdot \rho \cdot z}}$$

The diameter d of the melted breach

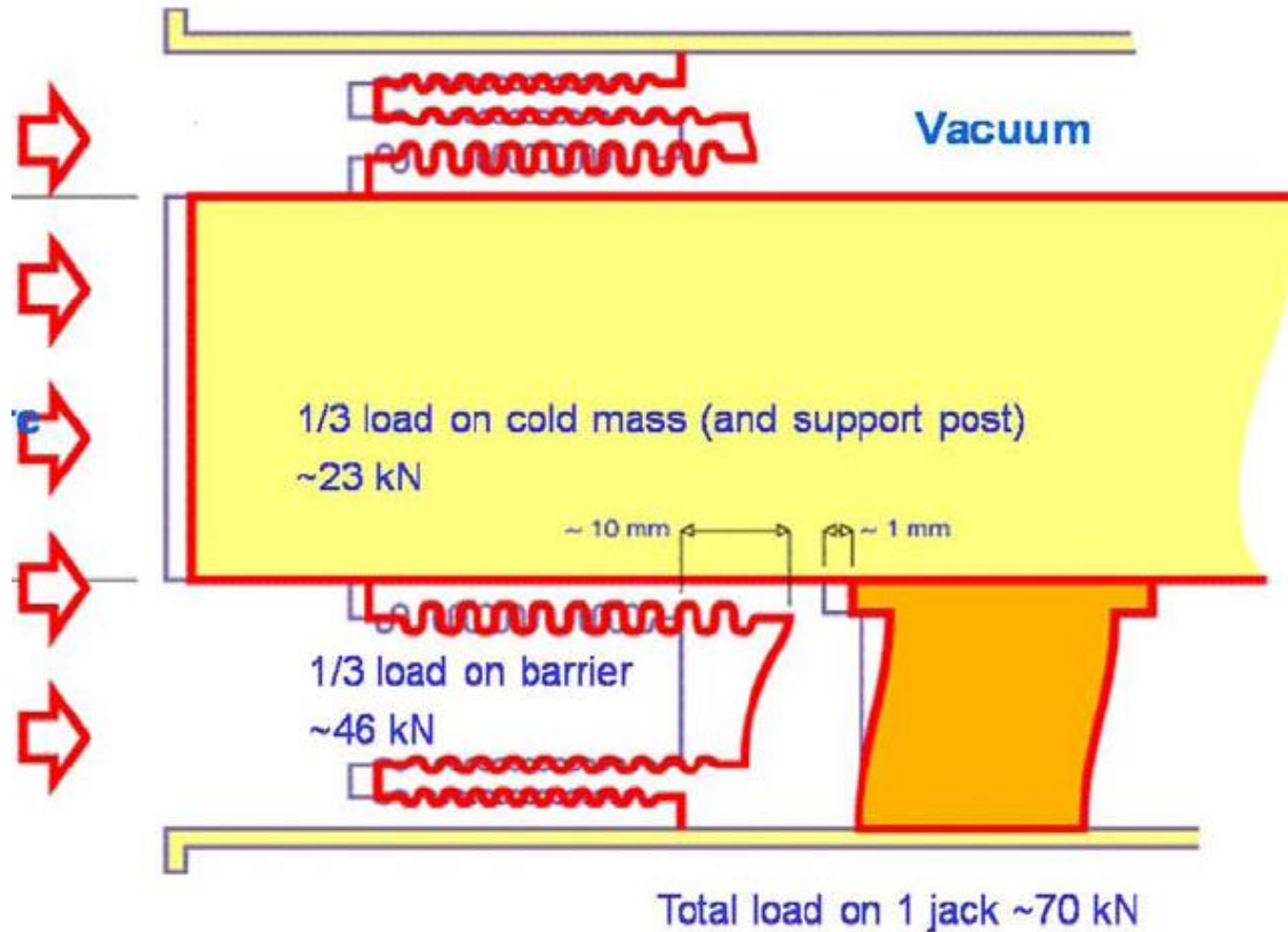
For 10 MJ of a stored inductive energy and a wall thickness of 6 mm, the expected hole diameter is 57 mm

During the 19. September incident 273 MJ of energy have been dissipated by arcs. At least 5 kg of stainless steel could have been melted, what justifies the observed breaches in helium and vacuum tubes.





Above 90% of the arc energy is transferred to pressurization of the vacuum space



Damage caused by the pressurization of the vacuum space



Figure 14: Damage to interconnection QQBI.27R3 by excess compression

Convective heat transfer in relieved helium filled space

Heat transfer from Vacuum Vessel to Vacuum helium – Q_{Rate01}

$$Q_{Rate01} = A_{vv} \cdot h_{01} \cdot (T_{vv} - T_v)$$

Heat transfer from Aluminum Shield to Vacuum helium – Q_{Rate21}

$$Q_{Rate21} = 2 \cdot A_{Al} \cdot h_{01} \cdot (T_{Al} - T_v)$$

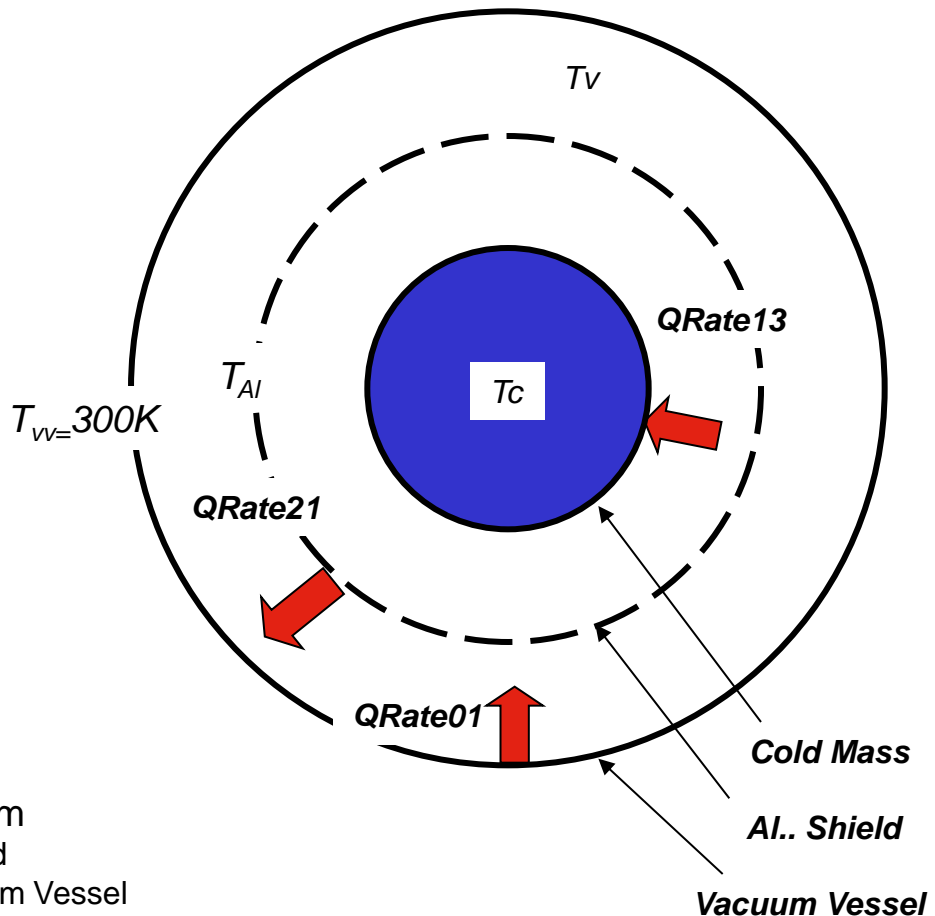
Heat transfer from Vacuum helium to Cold Mass helium – Q_{Rate13}

$$Q_{Rate13} = A_{Al} \cdot h_{13} \cdot (T_v - T_c)$$

T_c, T_v – helium temperature in Cold Mass, Vacuum

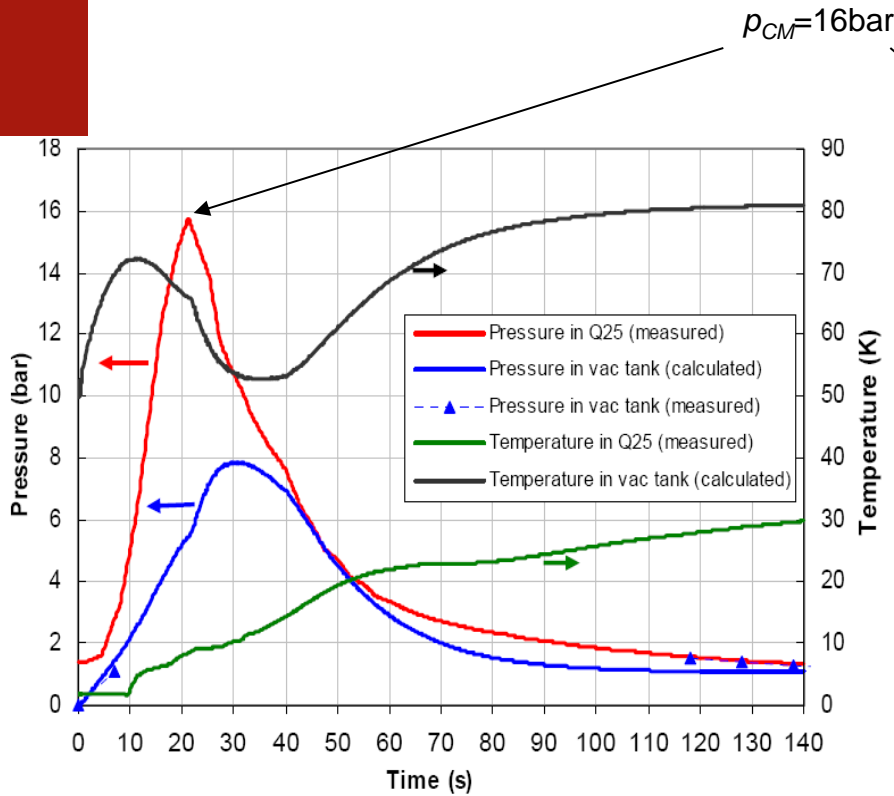
T_{Al}, T_{vv} – temperature of Vacuum Vessel, Aluminum Shield

A_c, A_{Al}, A_{vv} – area of Cold Mass, Aluminum Shield, Vacuum Vessel

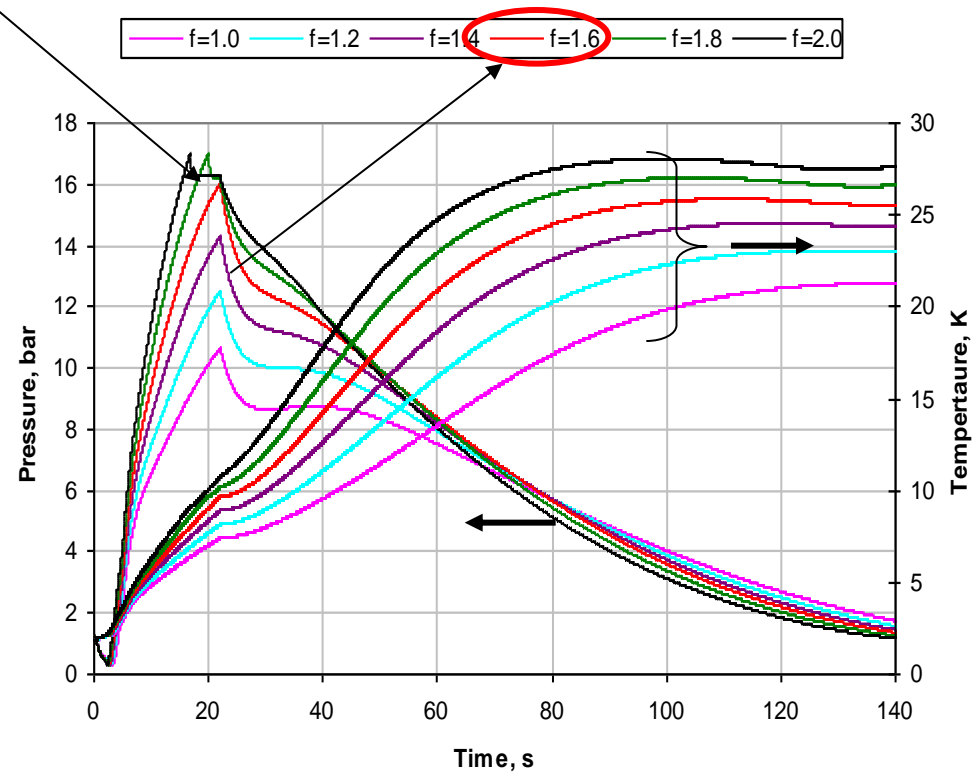




Model tuning - the only parameter to tune the model was the natural convection heat transfer coefficient



Measured and calculated data for 080919 LHC failure

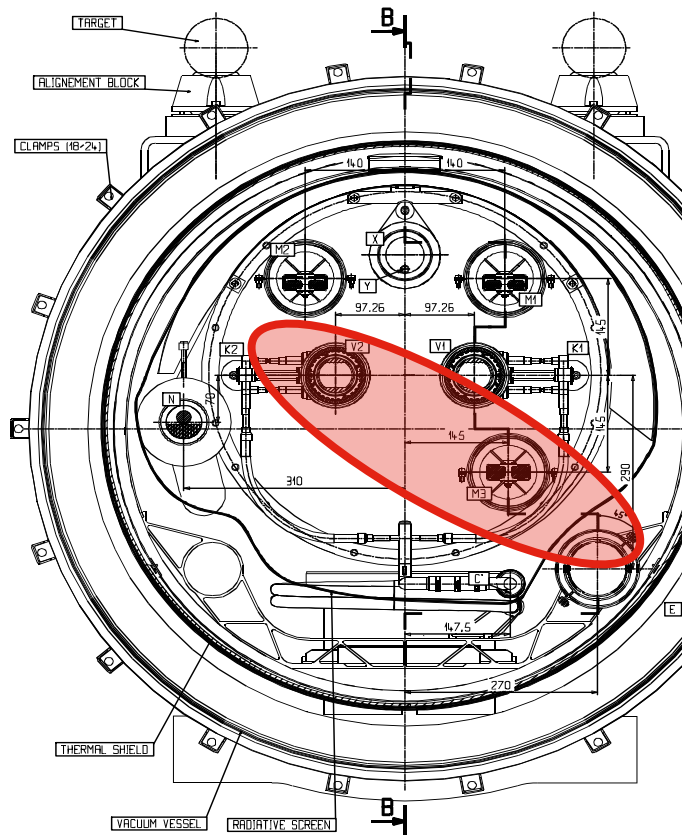


Evolution of the helium temperature and pressure in Cold Mass



Modelling of 19. Sept. 08 incident

Sequence of events



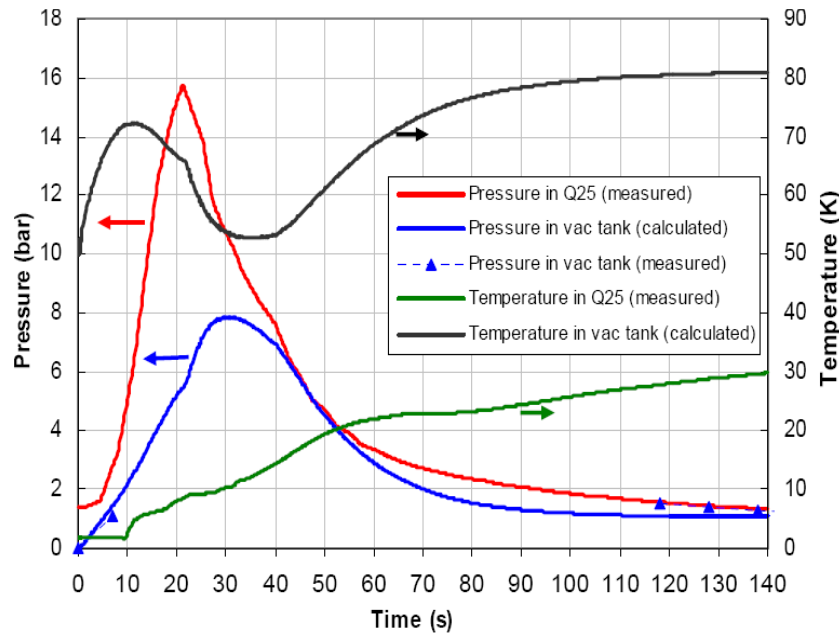
19. Sept. 08 Incident

Time	Event
t=0	M3 pipe break, hole area: 2x32 cm ² caused by Electrical arc at I=8.7kA
t=5s	Quench of 4 magnets for I=8.7kA
t=22s	pipe break, hole area: 2x30 cm ²

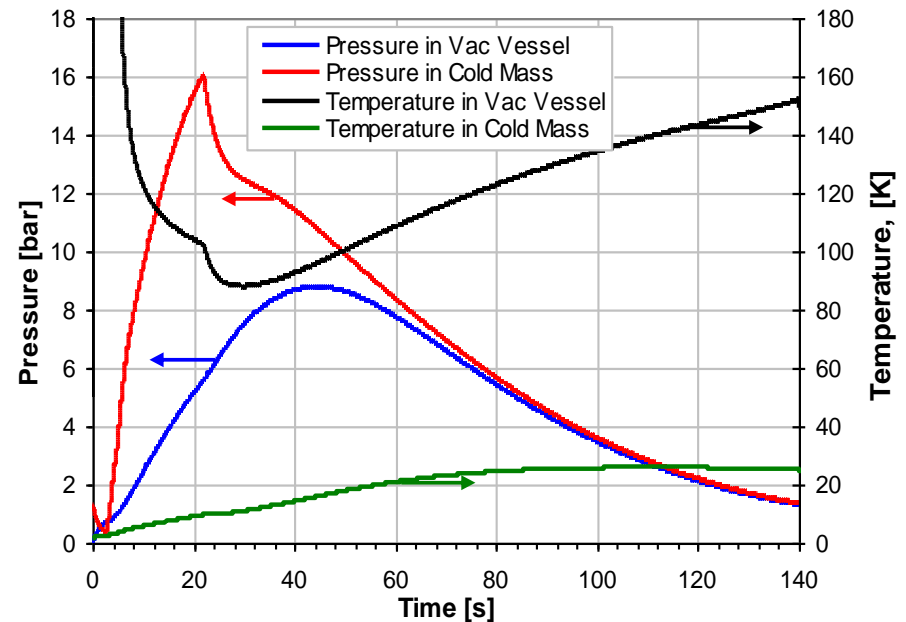


Model validation: 19. Sept. 08 incident modeling results vs. measured data

CERN data



WUT calculations



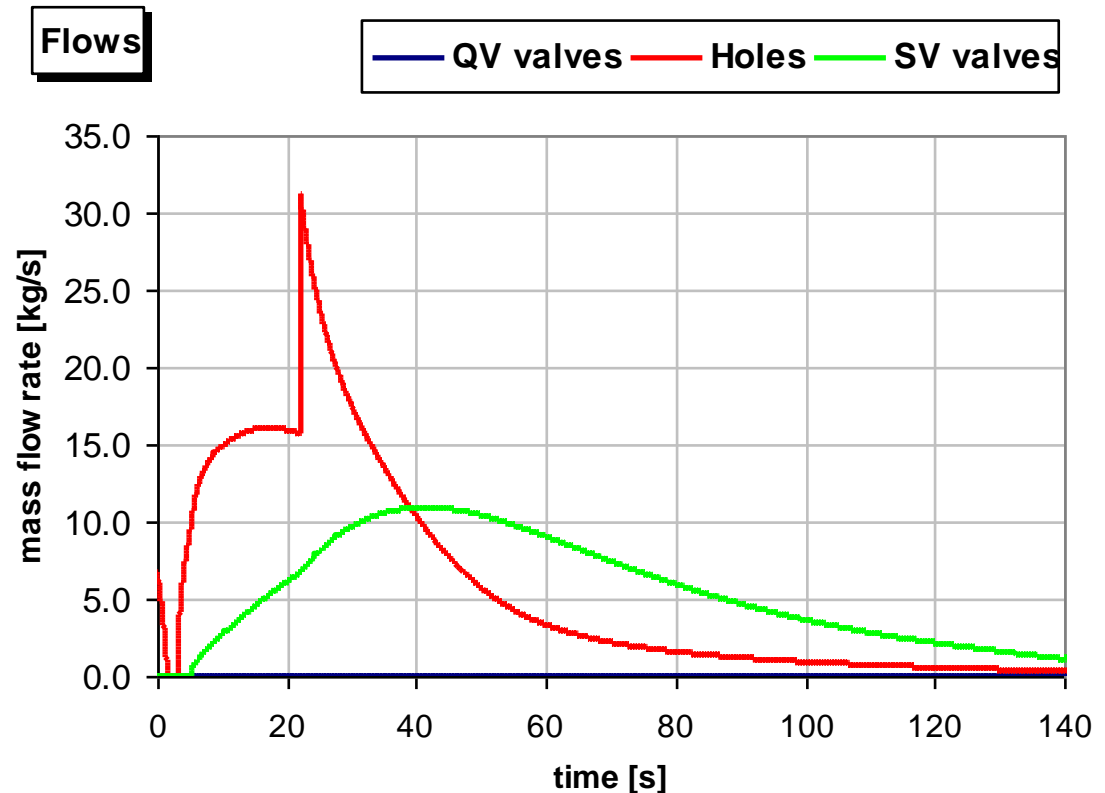
Measured and calculated data for the 19. Sept. 08 incident (LHC Project Report 1168)

Modeling results

19. Sept. 08 incident - He mass flows through the holes and SV: modeling results

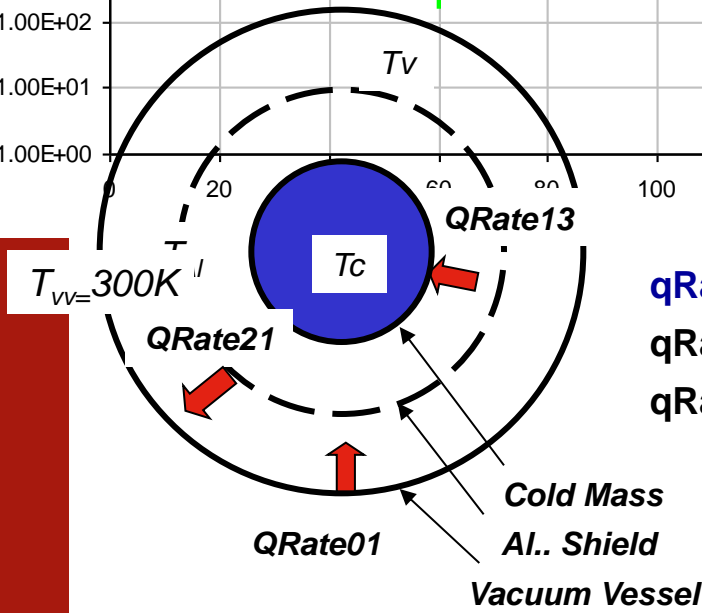
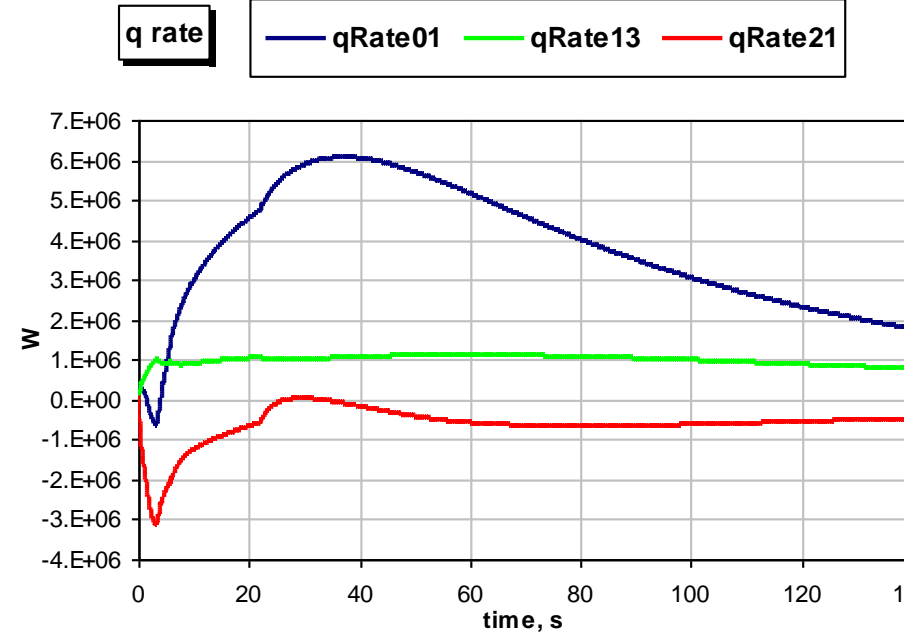
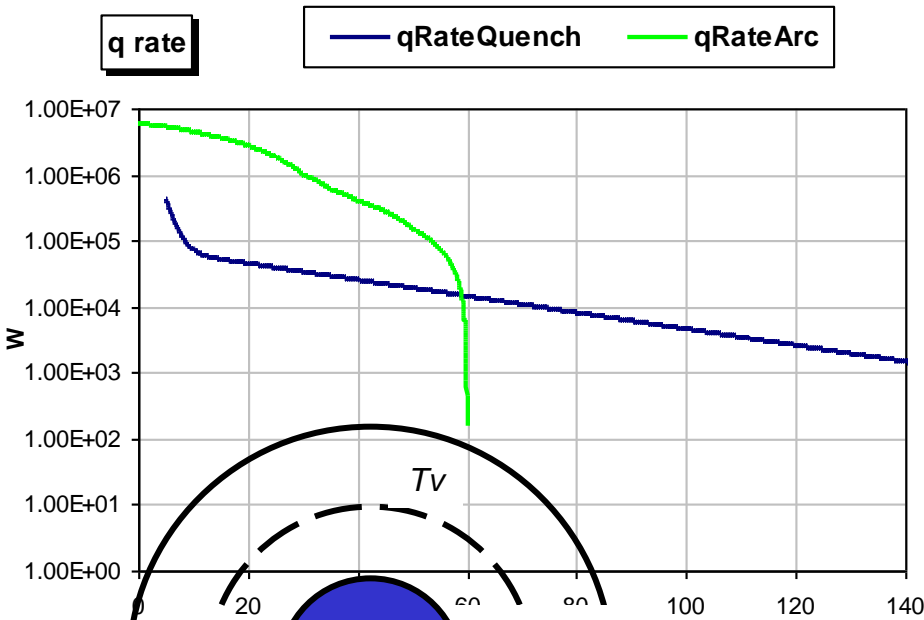
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19. Sept. 08 incident - heat transfer modeling results



- q_{Rate01} – heat transfer to Vacuum helium form Vacuum Vessel
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- q_{Rate13} – heat transfer to Cold Mass helium from Vacuum helium



Vacuum vessel safety valves (SV) schemes

Prior to 19.Sept. 08 incident SV scheme

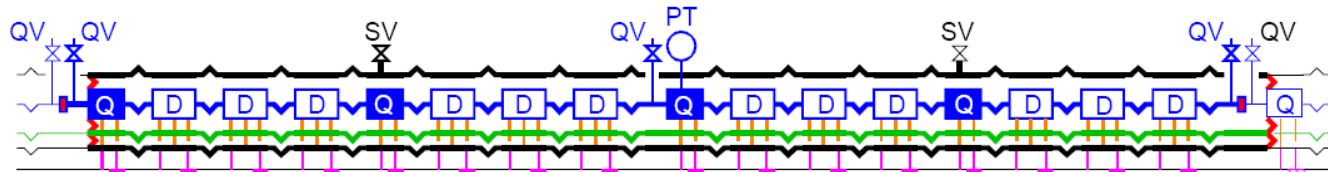
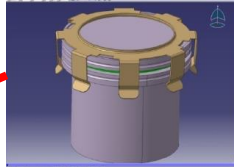


Figure L2: Present SV scheme: 2 DN90 SV. Discharge cross section: 127 cm²



Final SV scheme

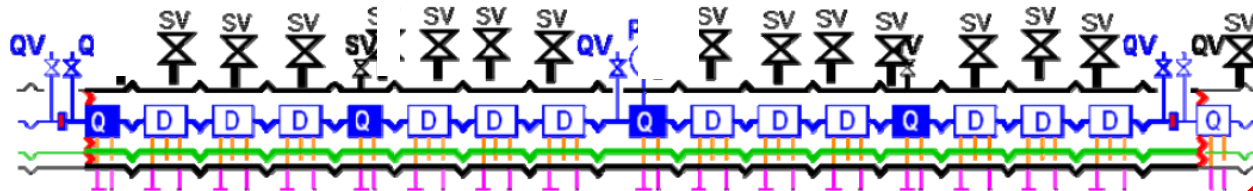


Figure L3: Final SV scheme: 1 added DN200 SV on each dipole, PRS. Discharge cross section: 4190 cm²

Temporary SV scheme

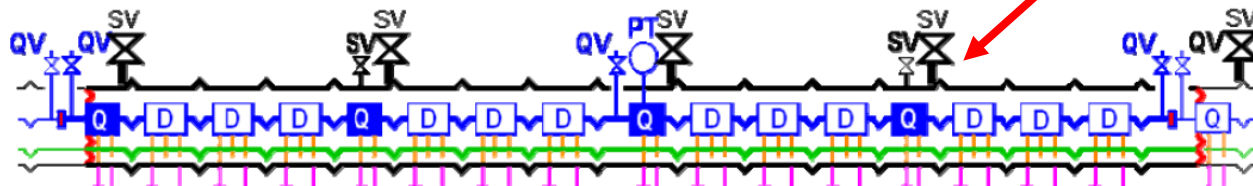
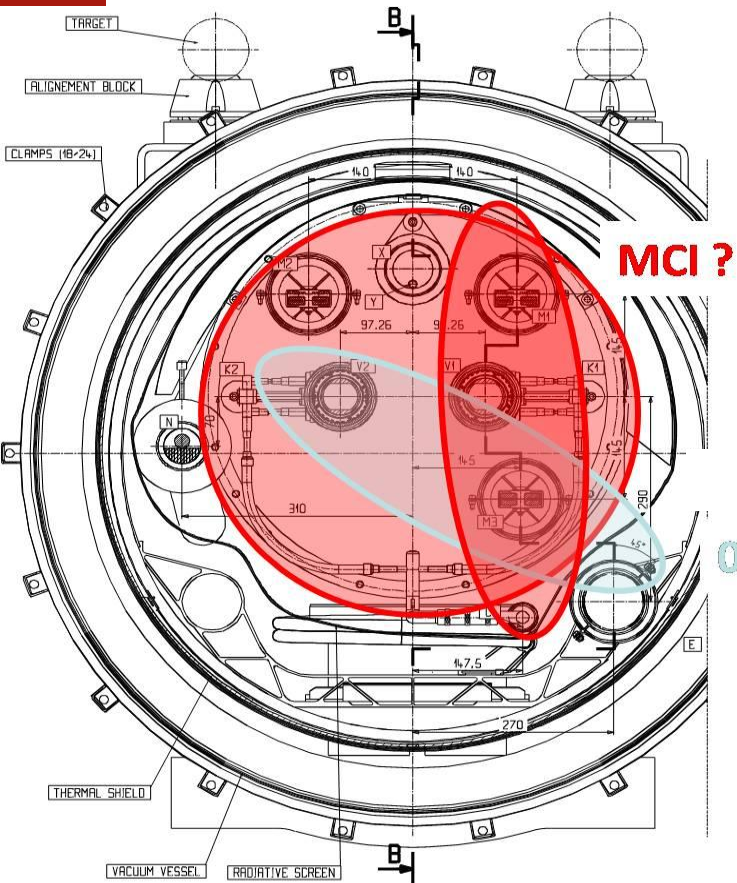


Figure L4: Temporary SV scheme for cold sectors, using PRS: 2 DN90 SV, 13 DN100 SV, 4 DN150 SV. Discharge cross section: 1270 cm²



Maximum Credible Incident analysis



Sequence of events - comparison with 19. Sept. inc.

19 Sept. 08 incident

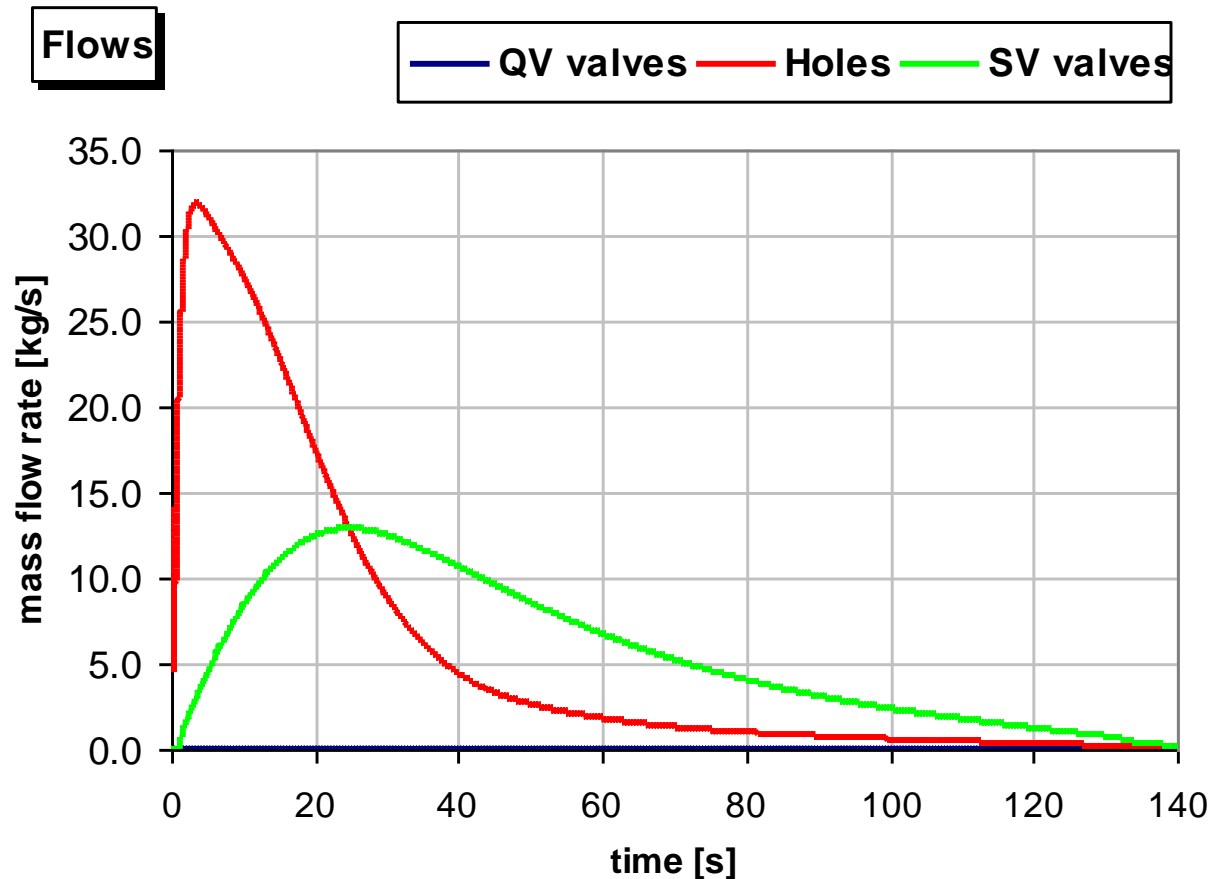
Time	Event
t=0	M3 pipe break, hole area: $2 \times 32 \text{ cm}^2$ caused by Electrical arc at $I=8.7\text{kA}$
t=5s	Quench of 4 magnets for $I=8.7\text{kA}$
t=22s	pipe break, hole area: $2 \times 30 \text{ cm}^2$

MCI

Time	Event
t=0	Pipe break with total area of the holes: $6 \times 32 \text{ cm}^2 = 192 \text{ cm}^2$ but Cold Mass free flow area is 60 cm^2 and
	Quench of all (16) magnets at $I=13.1\text{kA}$ caused by
	Electrical arc at $I=13.1\text{kA}$



Modeling results for MCI with SV scheme prior to 19. Sept. 08 incident



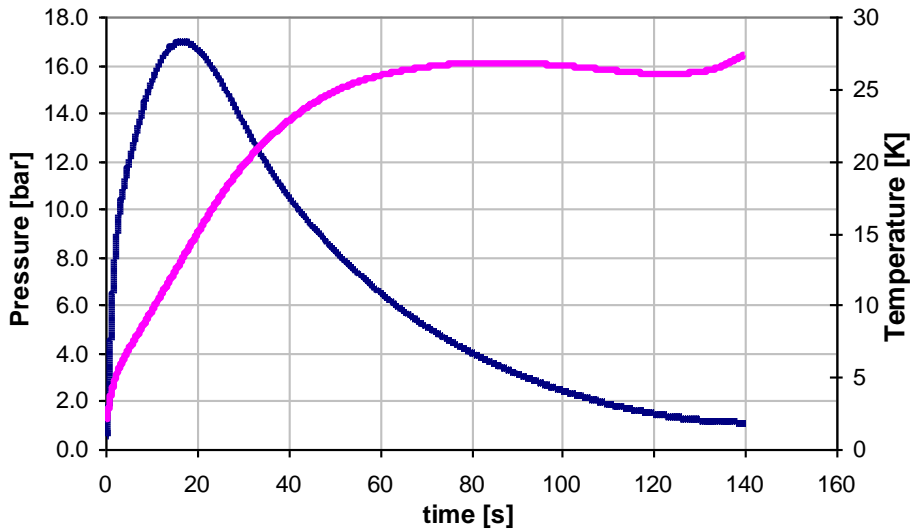
Helium mass flow through holes, SV and QV valves



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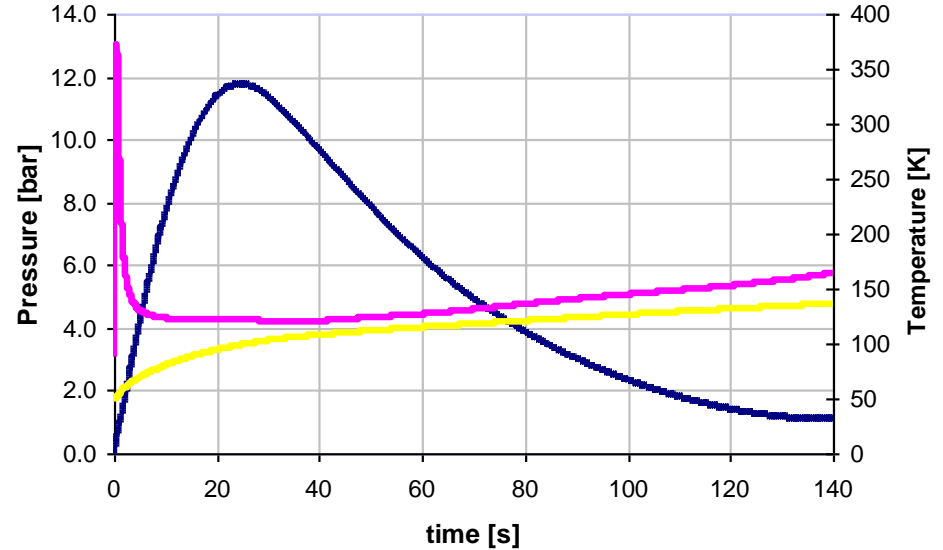
cold mass helium

— pressure — temperature



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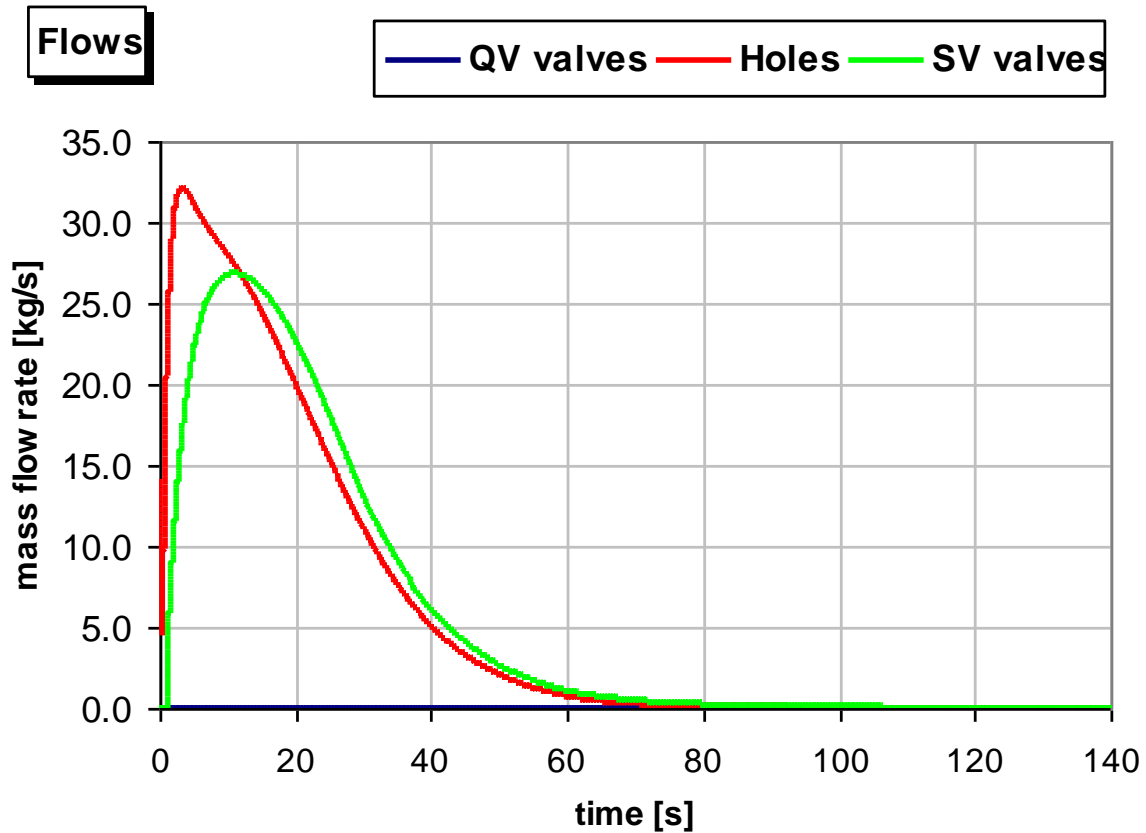
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Evolution of helium pressure and temperature in Cold Mass (left) and Vacuum Vessel (right) + evolution Al. Shield temperature (right)



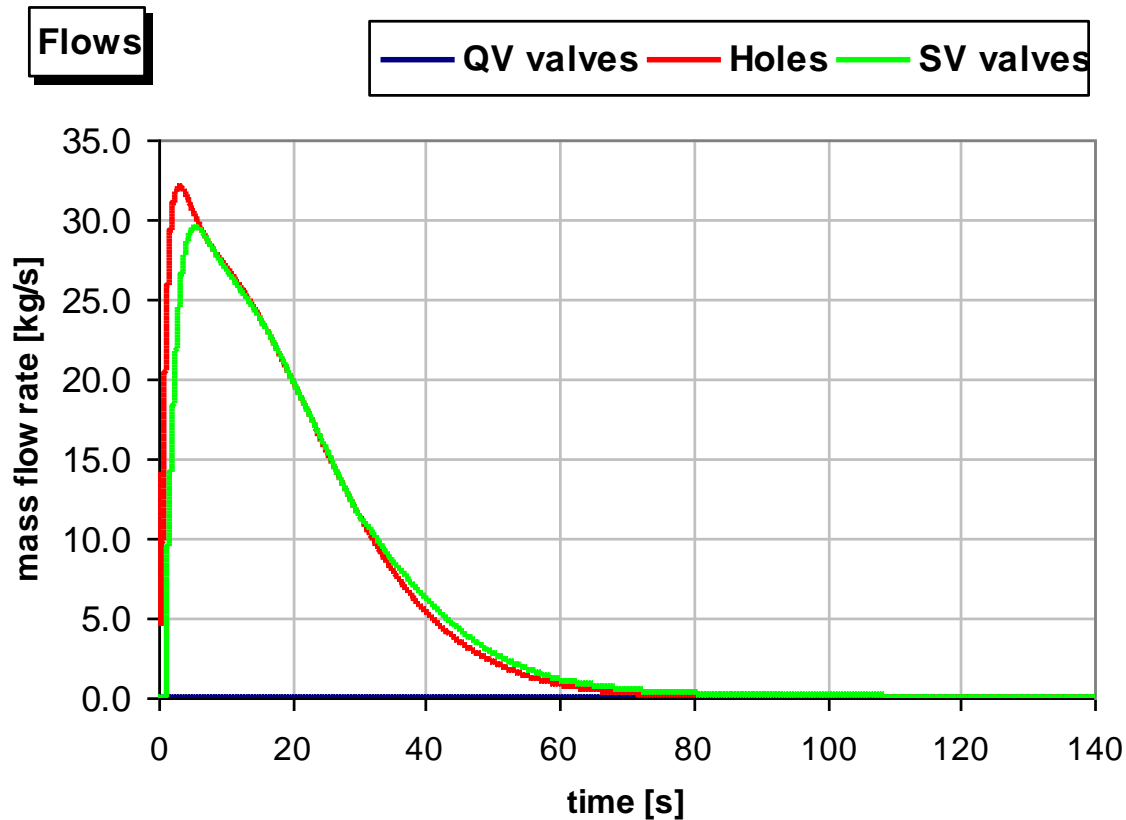
Modeling results for MCI with temporary SV scheme



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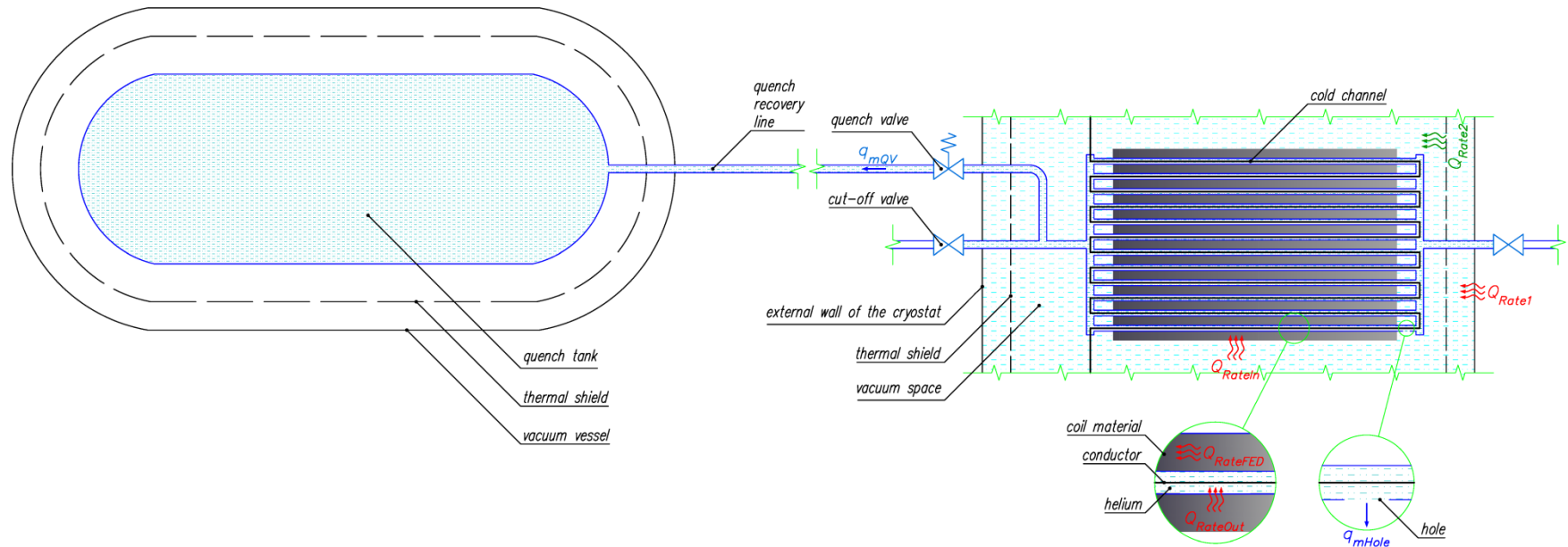
Modeling results for MCI with final SV scheme



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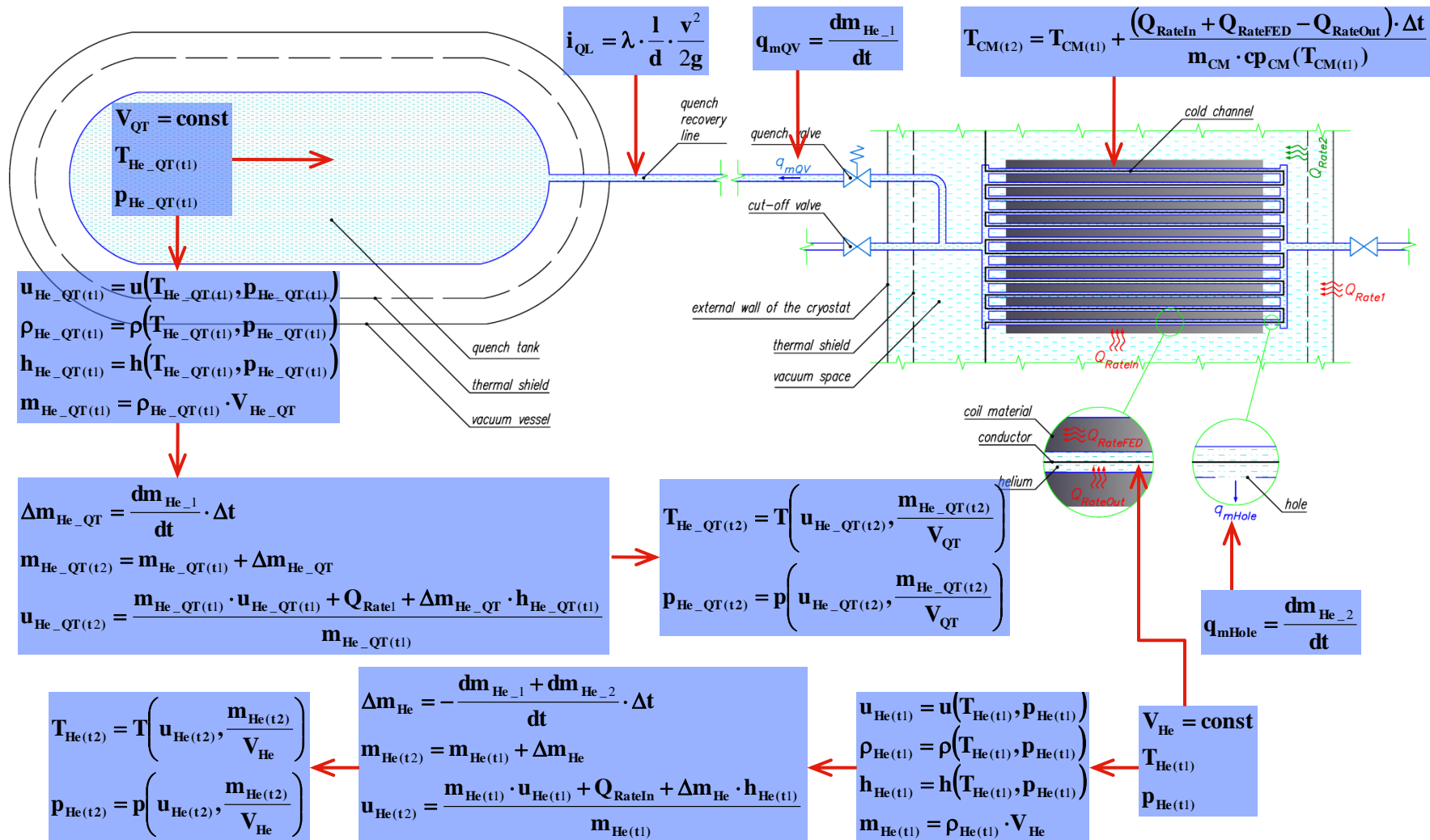


Simplified scheme of cryostated cable-in-conduit coil - ITER



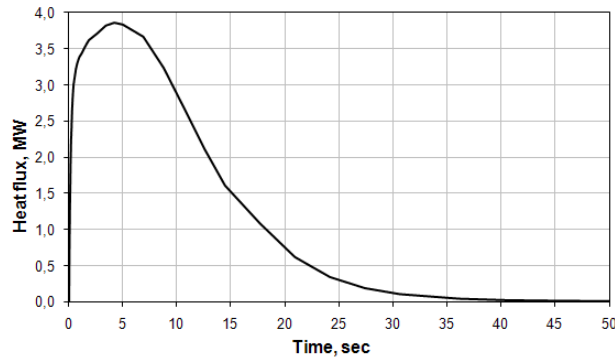


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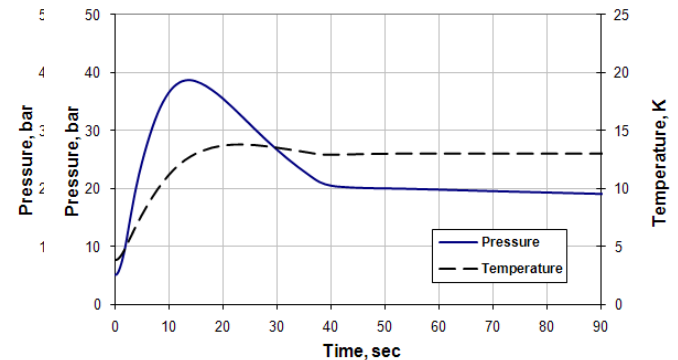




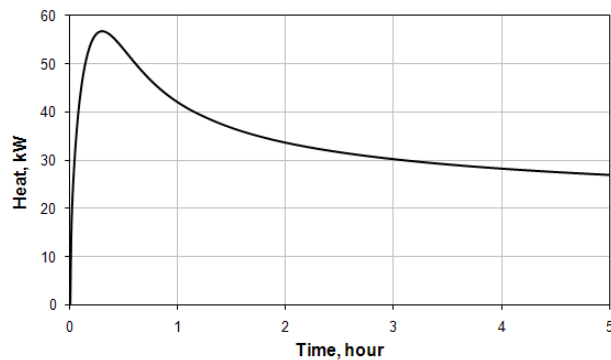
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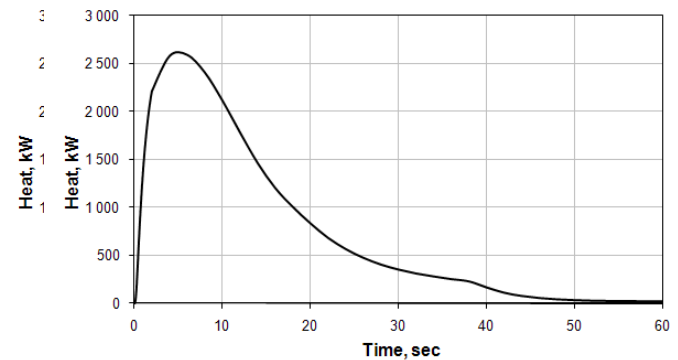
Evolution of deposited heat flux to the coil during fast energy discharge



Evolution of the temperature and pressure of the helium in the cold channel of the coil after unsealing of the coil housing during the fast energy discharge



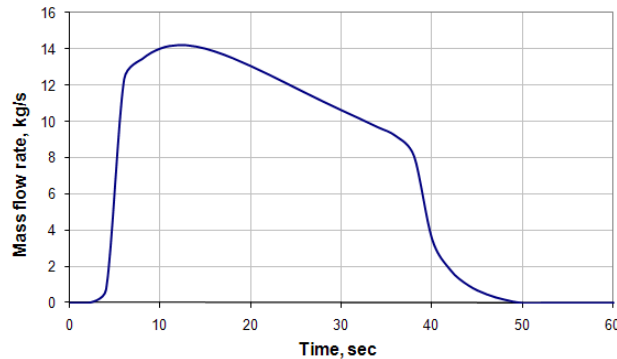
Evolution of the heat flux penetrating the metal structure of the magnet after unsealing of the coil housing during the fast energy discharge



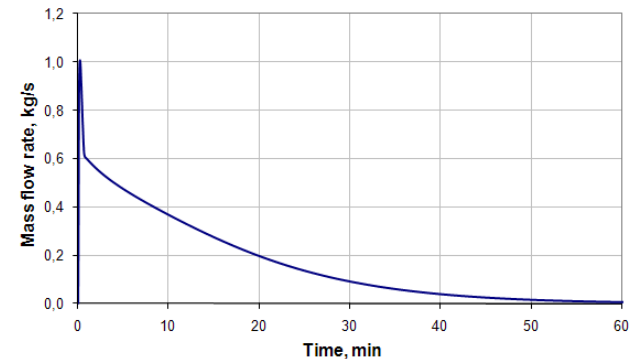
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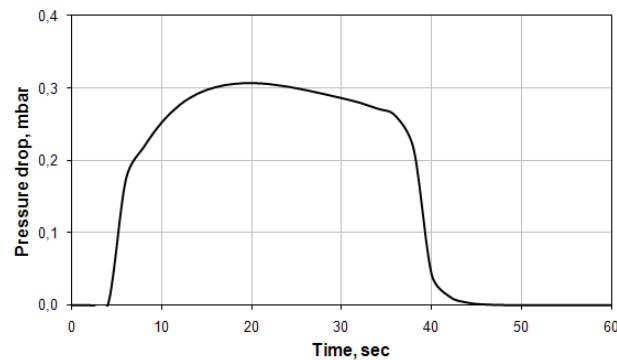
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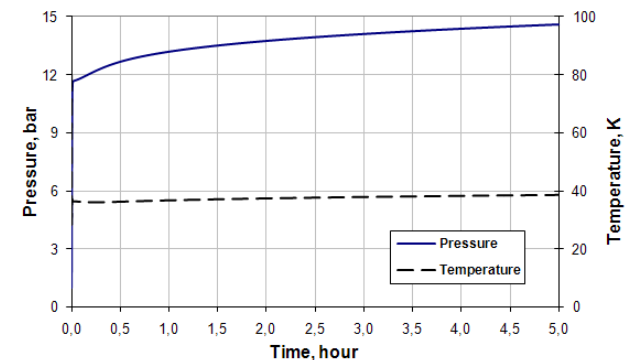
Evolution of the helium mass flow rate through the safety valve of the coil to the external gasbag after unsealing of the coil housing during the fast energy discharge



Evolution of the helium mass flow rate through the hole in one cold channel to the vacuum space of the cryostat



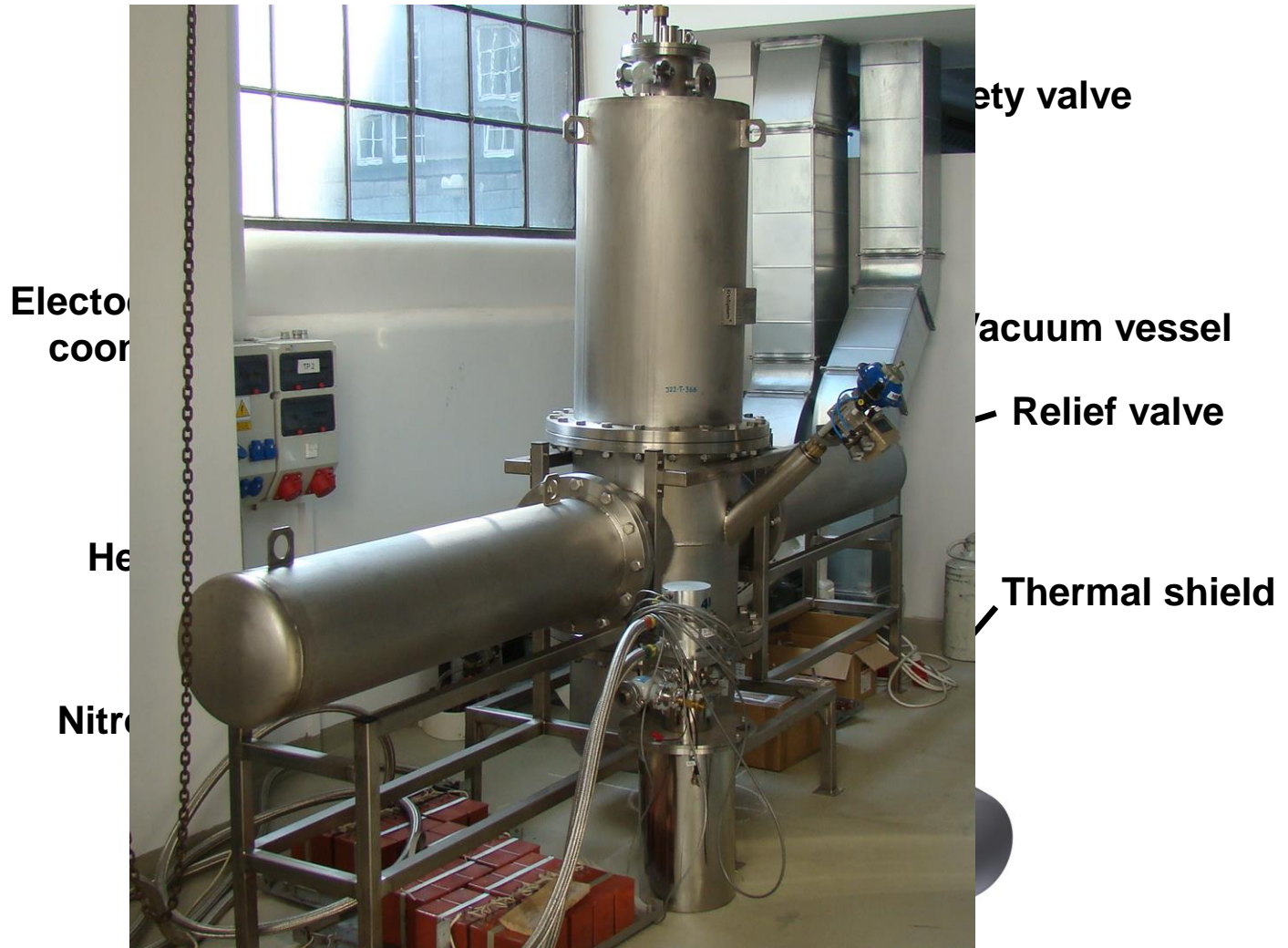
Evolution of the helium pressure drop inside the quench recovery line after unsealing of the coil housing during the fast energy discharge



Evolution of the temperature and pressure of the helium in the quench tank for the helium outflow from the magnet after unsealing of the coil housing during the fast energy discharge



Test rig of a cryogenic system failure





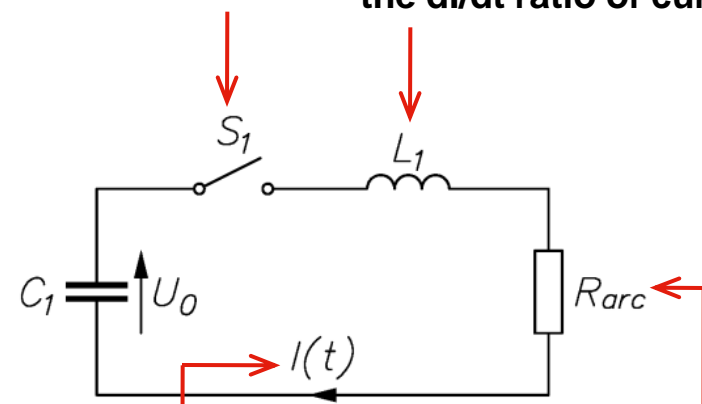
RLC circuit generating electric arc

Switching element, which is initiating generation of the electric arc

Inductor slowing down the dI/dt ratio of current pulses

Capacitors battery charged by a high voltage supply to a nominal voltage U_0 , amount of the stored energy

$$E_{C1} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot U_0^2 \cdot C_1$$



$$L_1 \frac{d^2 I}{dt^2} + R_{arc} \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{I}{C_1} = 0$$

Resistance of electric arc which depends on the value of the current flowing in the circuit

Energy from the electric arc to the environment

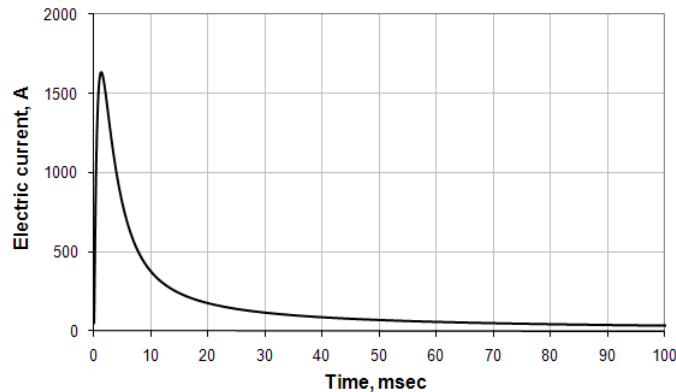
$$E_{arc} = R_{arc}(I) \cdot I^2 \cdot dt$$

$$R_{arc}(I) = \frac{a \cdot L}{I^n}$$

Warrlington formula
 a, n – constants,
 I – electric current,
 L – arc length



Results of numerical modelling of RLC circuit generating electric arc



Waveform of the current pulse in the RLC circuit model

Values of passive elements:

$$C_1 = 10\text{mF}$$

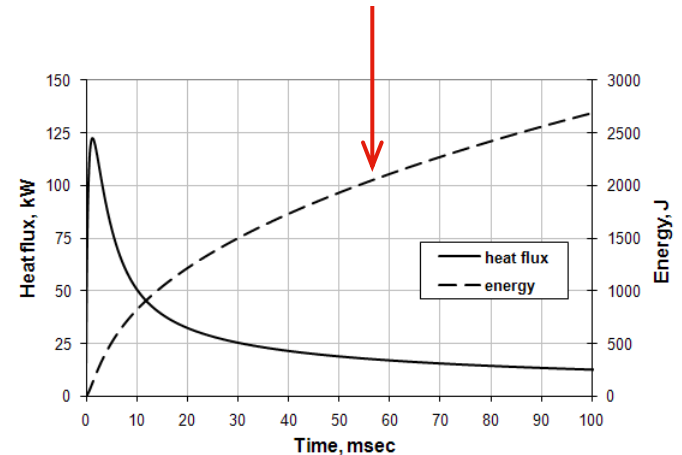
$$L_1 = 300\mu\text{H}$$

$$R_L = 500\text{ m}\Omega$$

Nominal initial value voltage of C_1 :

$$U_0 = 1\text{kV}$$

The curve of dispersed energy is approaching to 5kJ



Changes of energy and heat flux from the electric arc to the environment



Conclusions

- 1. To perform risk analysis of cryogenic system it is necessary to model heat and flow processes in the cold mass helium and vacuum space.**
- 2. A 0D with elements of 1D model enabled the reproduction of the 19. September 2008 incident.**
- 3. The model has been used to scale helium relief system in a number of cases, including LHC and ITER.**
- 4. Electrical arc has been modelled with RL circuit analogy.**
- 5. A dedicated test rig enabling validation of heat transfer from different sources including electrical arc is under construction.**