

# **Crab Cavities: Vacuum Considerations**

## **Vacuum issues for the SPS and LHC crab cavity installations**

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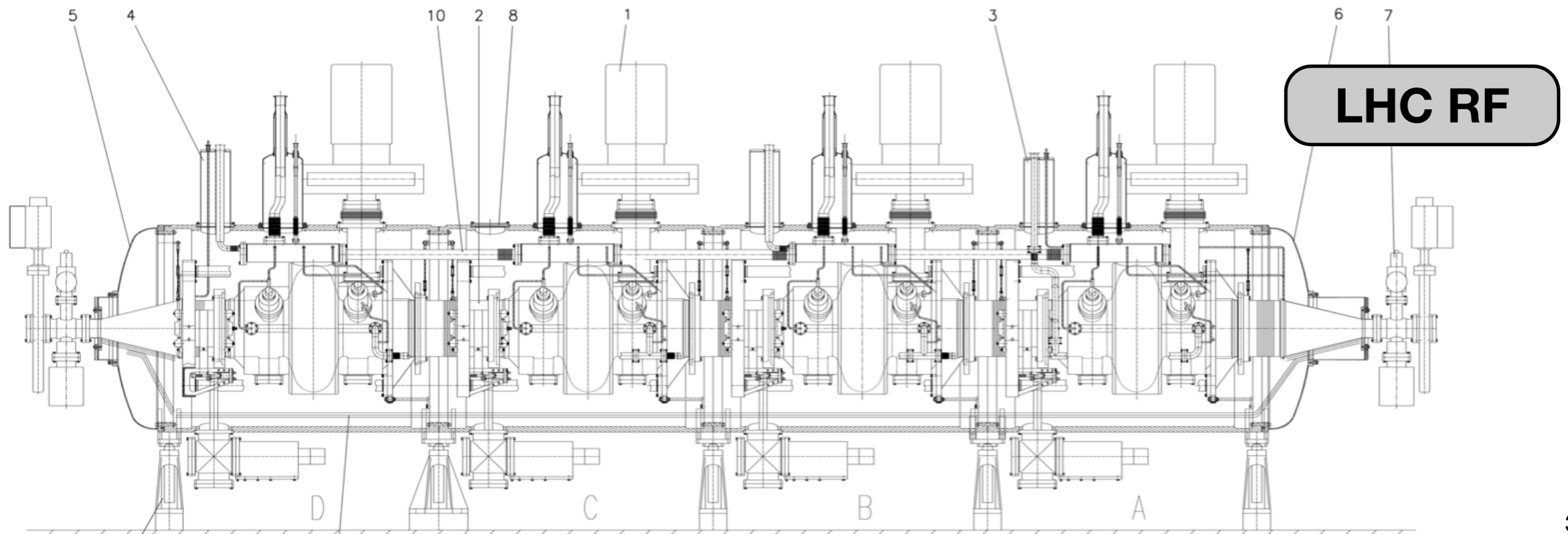
# Overview: Why we want good vacuum?

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- **What happens if we do not have good cavity vacuum**
  - **Fast vacuum trips due to hydrogen monolayers on cavity surfaces**
    - **Risk:** Reduced crabbing strength, increased power dissipation on cavity, long term loss of performance
  - **Thermal Loading and Quenches**
    - **Risk:** Quenches => impact on operational efficiency
  - **Excess Field Emission in the cavity**
    - **Risk:** Reduced crabbing strength, localized quench spots
- **What can cause vacuum deterioration in the cavity**
  - **Multipacting - especially around the power coupler**
    - **Risk:** Damage to power coupler, reduced operational efficiency
  - **Activation/creation of defects on cavity surface**

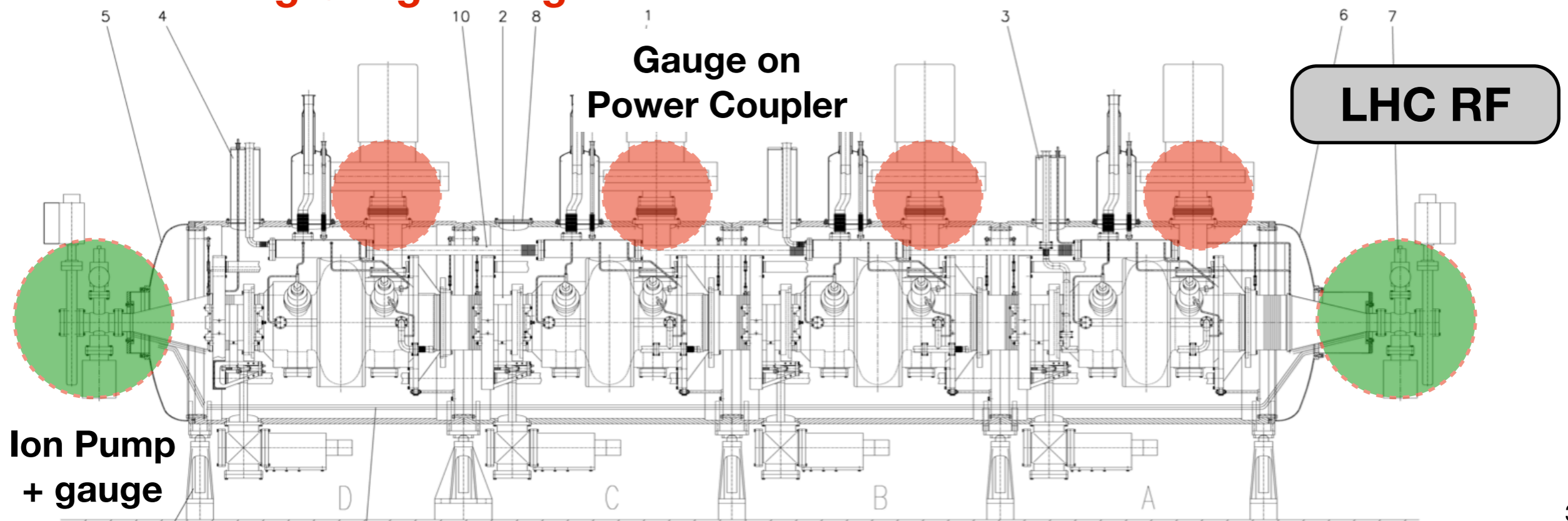
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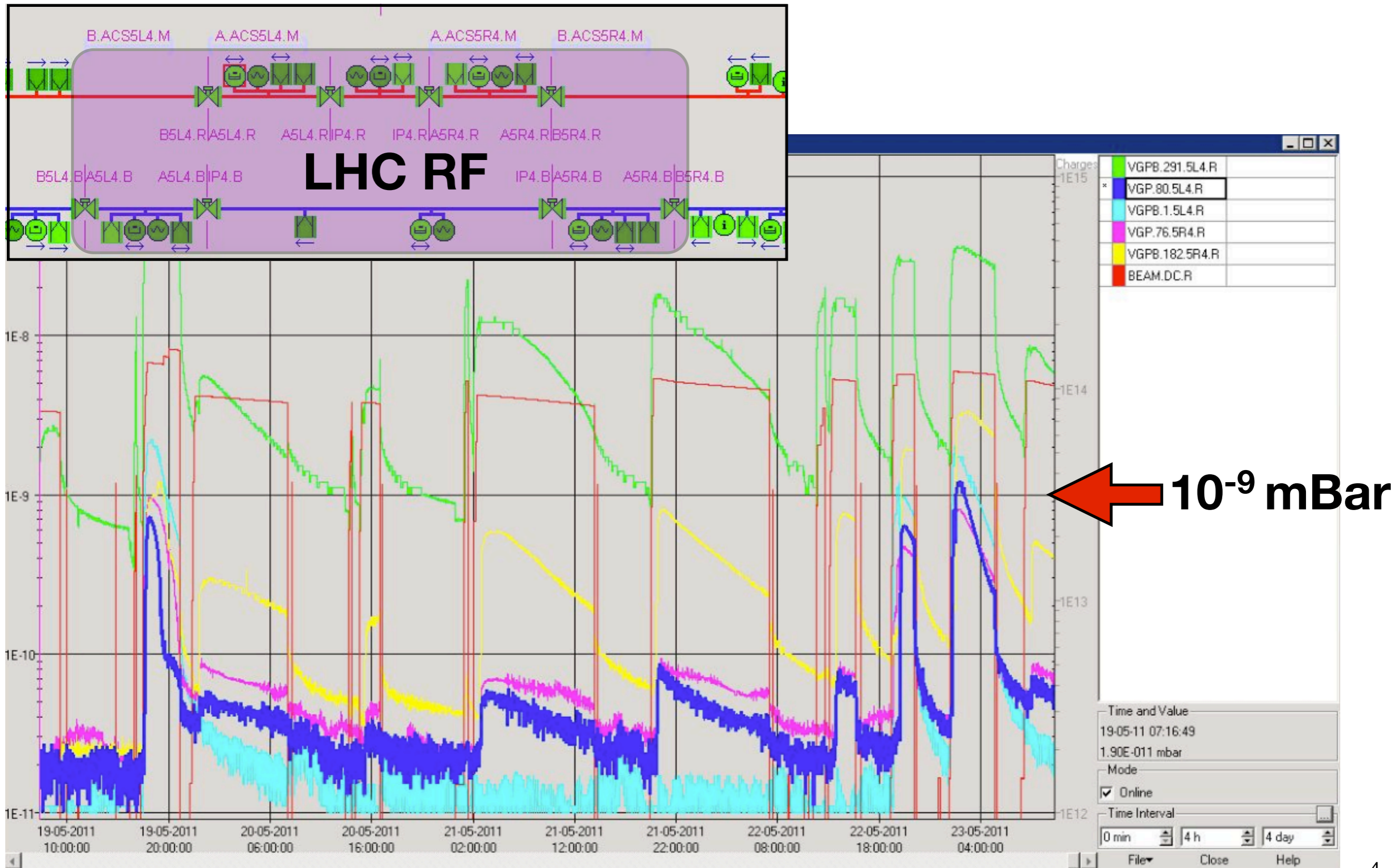


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- **Gauges on neighbouring warm sections (NEG coated)**
  - **measures pressure at entrance to cold sections**
- **Cold section => cryo pumping of surroundings onto cavity surfaces**
- **In-situ RF conditioning: expect higher pressures around power couplers**
- **Gauges need same range as beamline gauges**
  - **Penning Gauge Range:  $10^{-11}$  to  $10^{-5}$  mBar**



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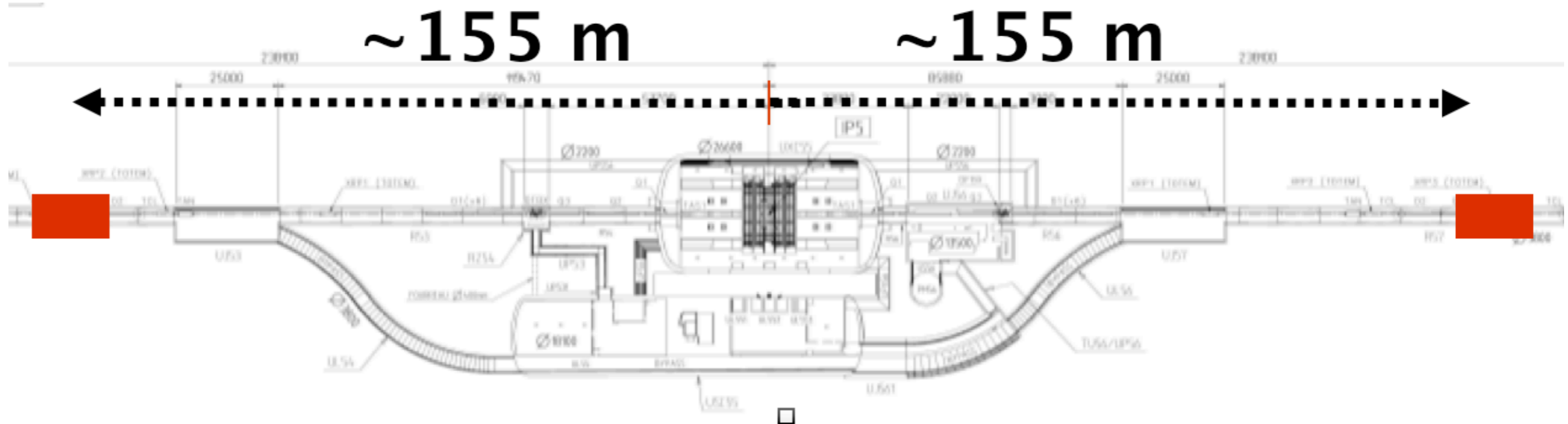
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- **HL-LHC**
  - Installation in LHC LSS1 & LSS5 during LS3
  - 16 crab cavities per IP (4 per beam per side)
- **Crab Cavity Validation Run in the SPS**
  - Install in SPS for operation in **2017 and 2018**
  - 2 crab cavities in one cryo module
  - **SPS is not baked out** => machine vacuum is high vacuum ( $\sim 10^{-8}$  mBar)

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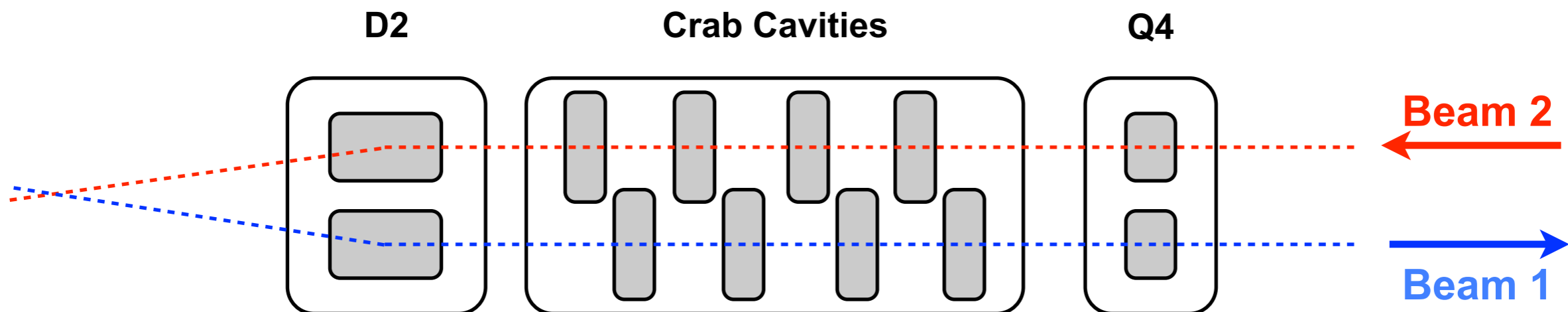


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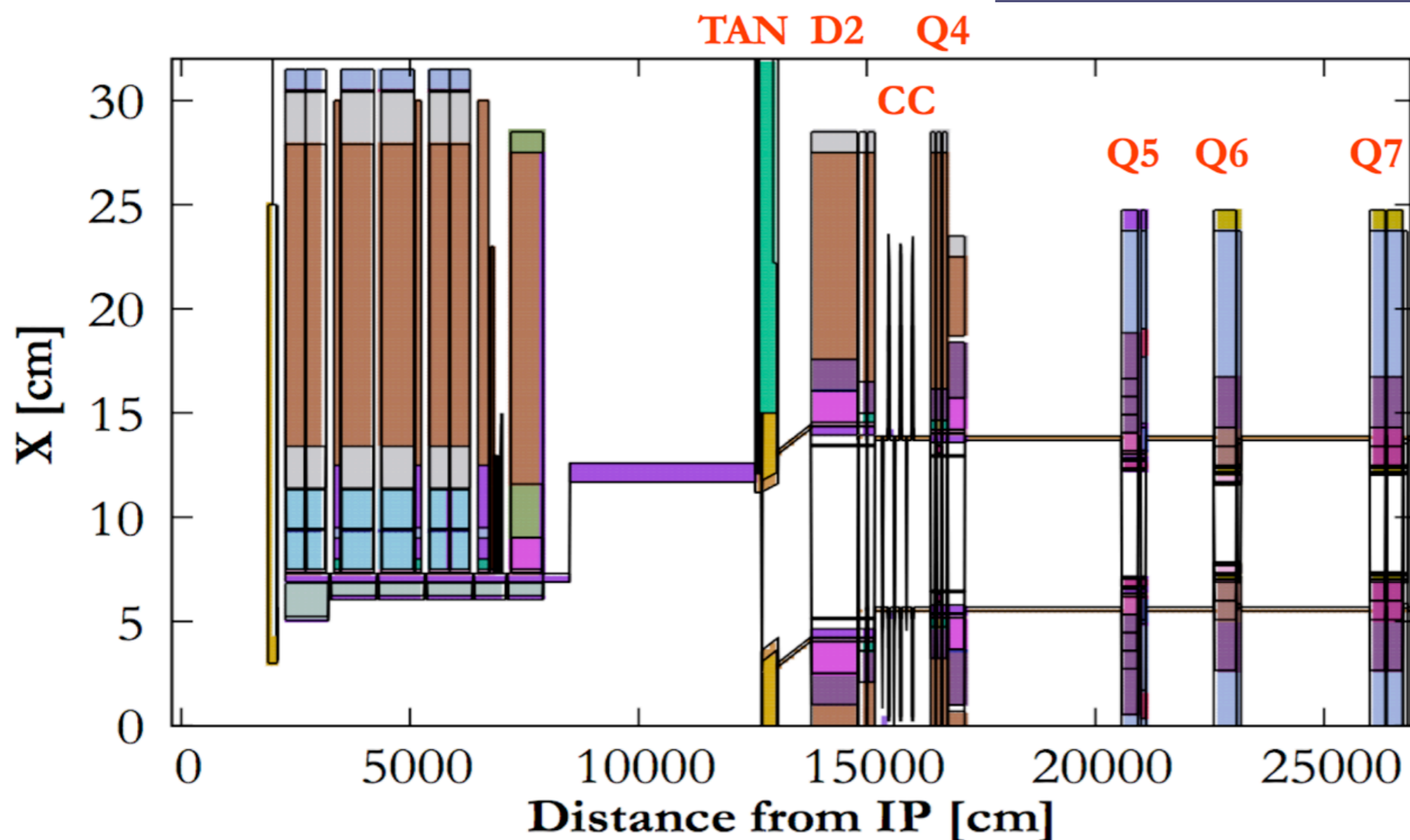
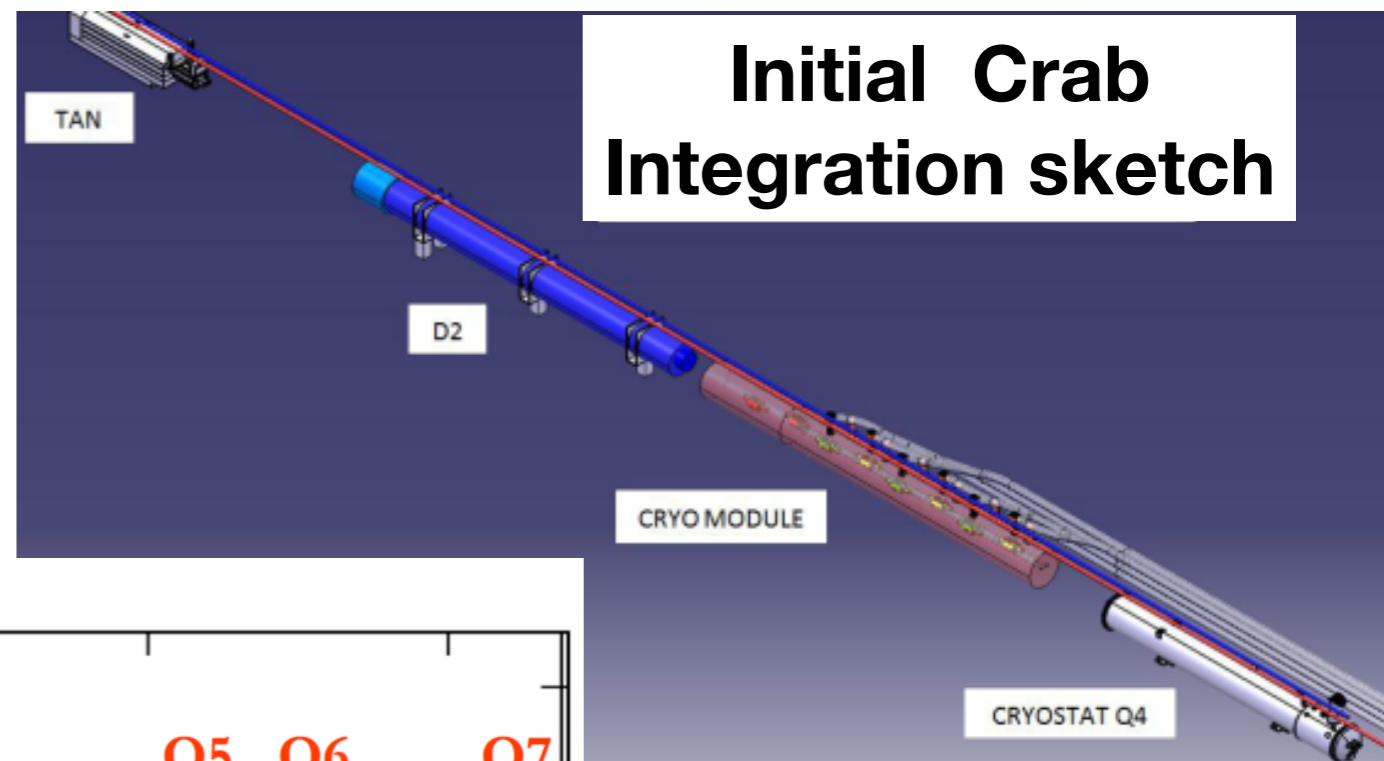


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- **Modules transported and installed under vacuum ( $P_{\text{Cav}} < 10^{-7}$  mBar)**

- Requires isolation valve on each end of a module

- **Connection to machine vacuum:**

- **Crab cavities should not cryo-pump the beam line** => Isolation valves opened **only when cavities cold and machine vacuum at compatible level**

- Requires ion pump at each end of a crab cavity cryomodule string

- Add pumps if multi-module string + compatible D2-Q4 space constraints

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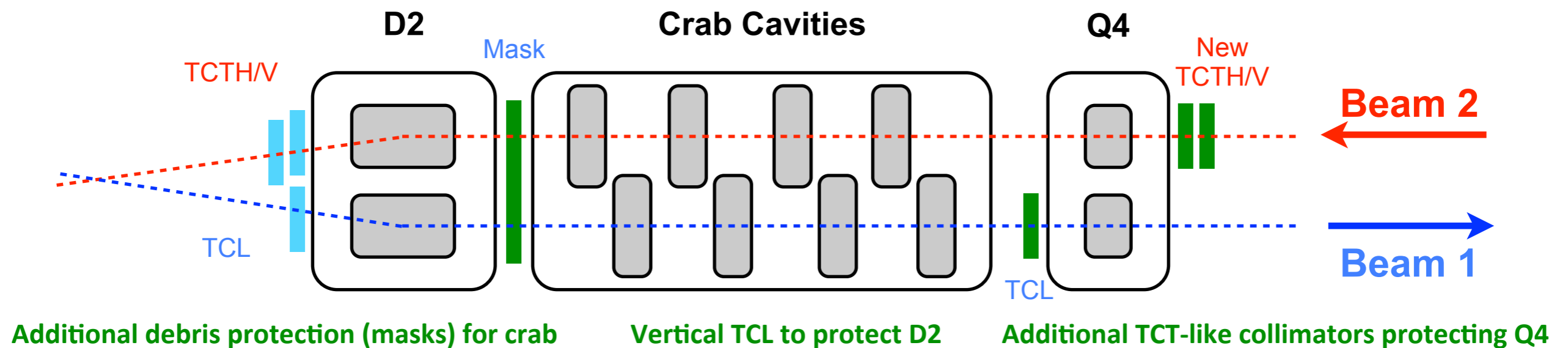
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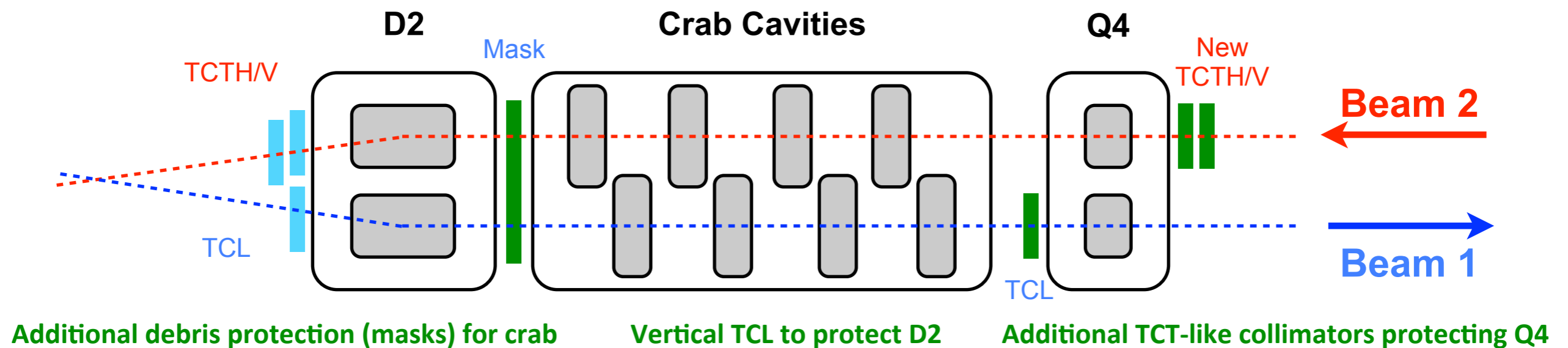
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- **Protection of Cavity vacuum:**

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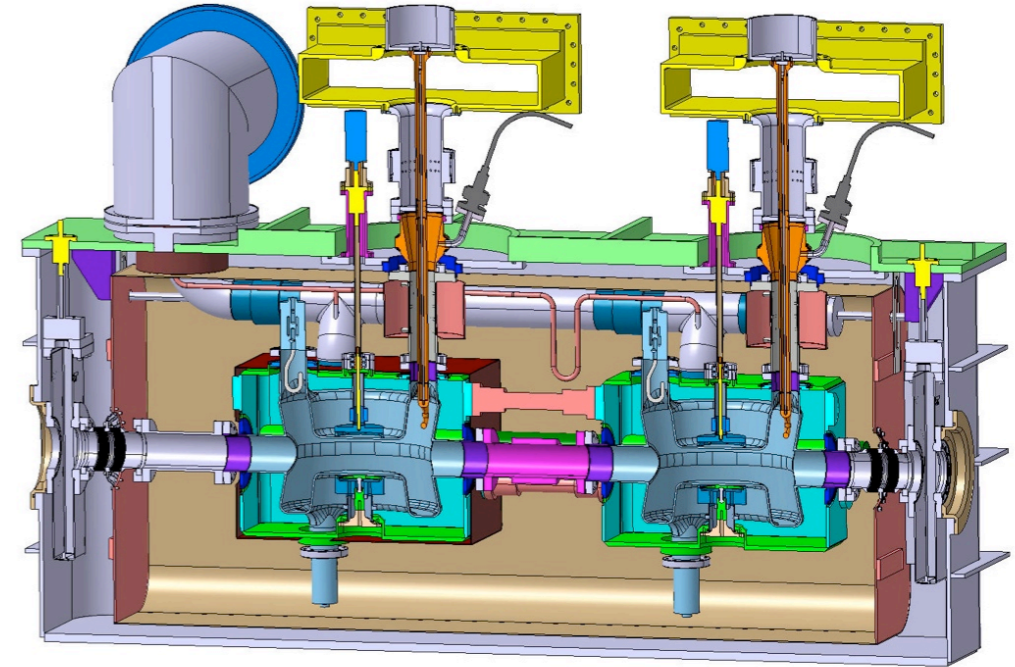
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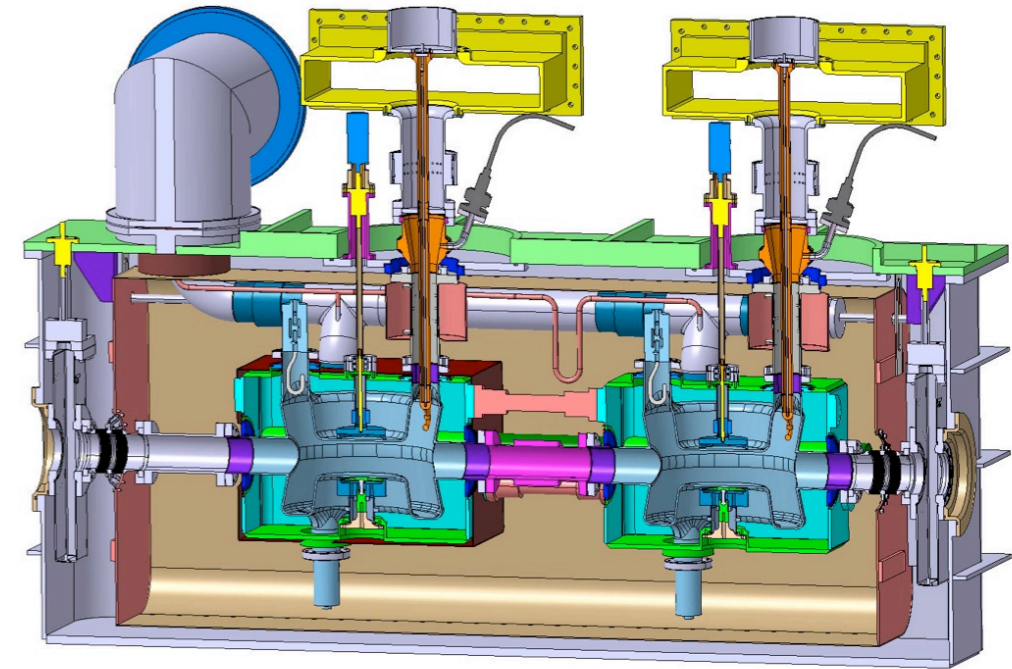
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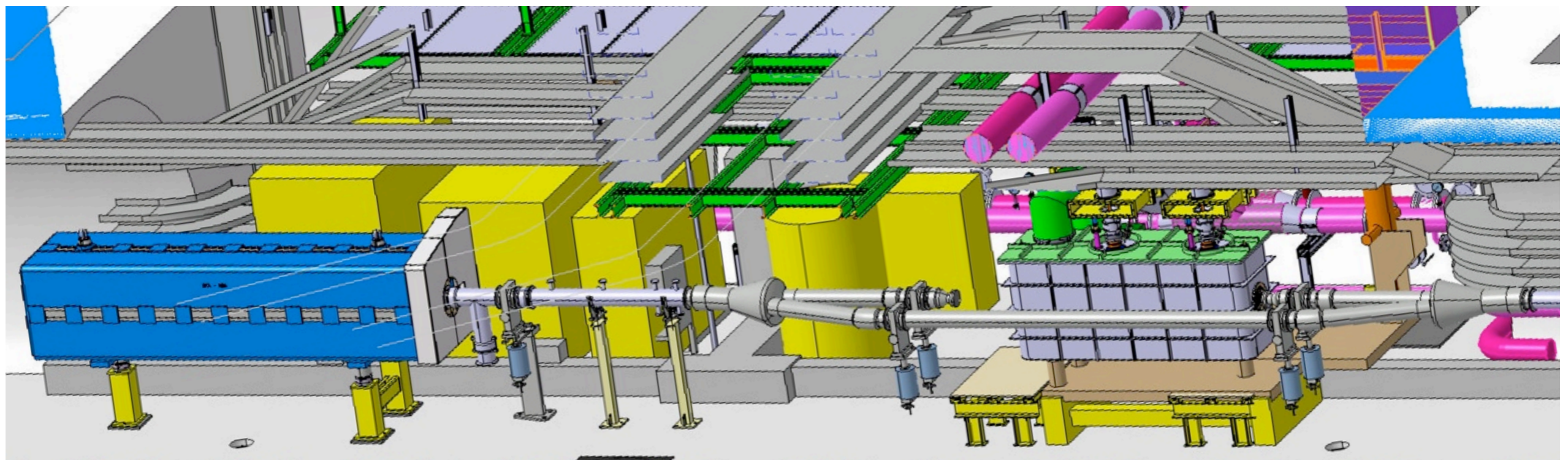
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- **Requires CODEX to be completely de-installed by end of 2015**



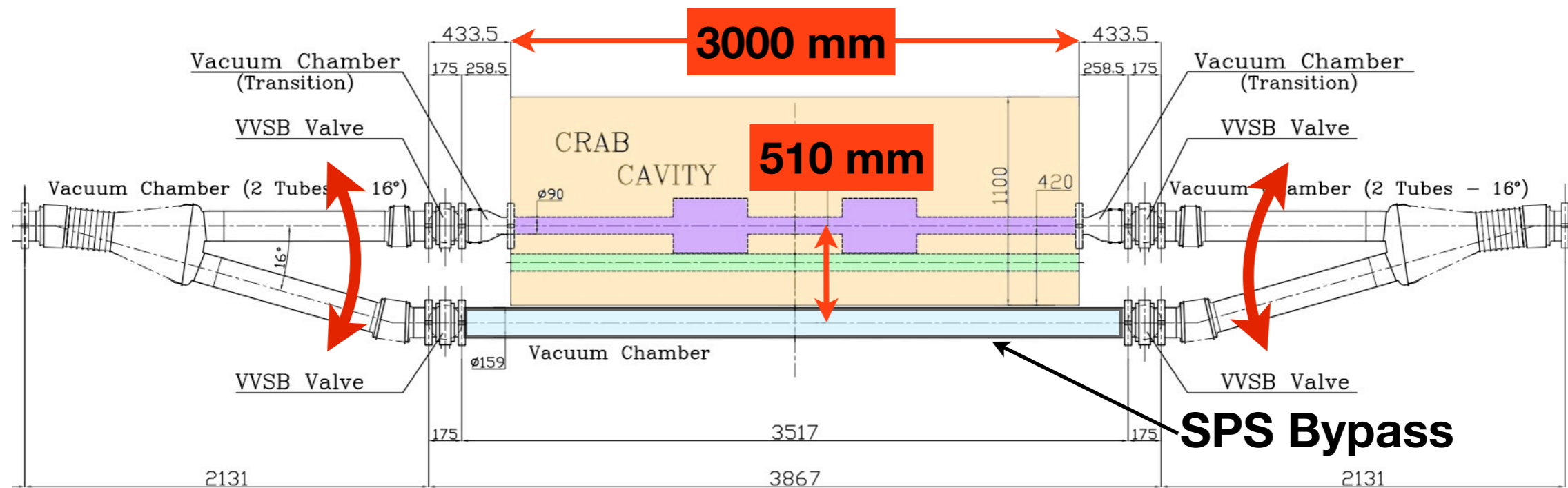
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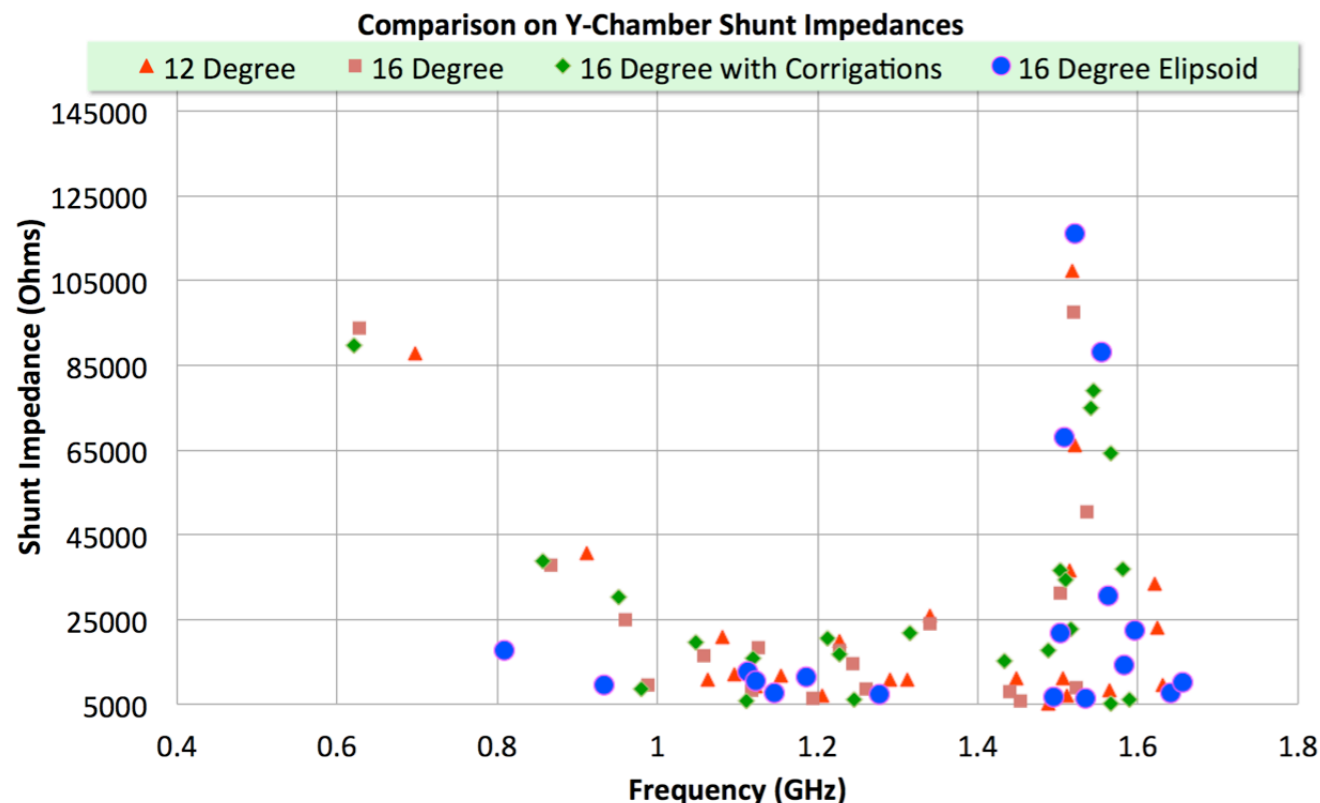
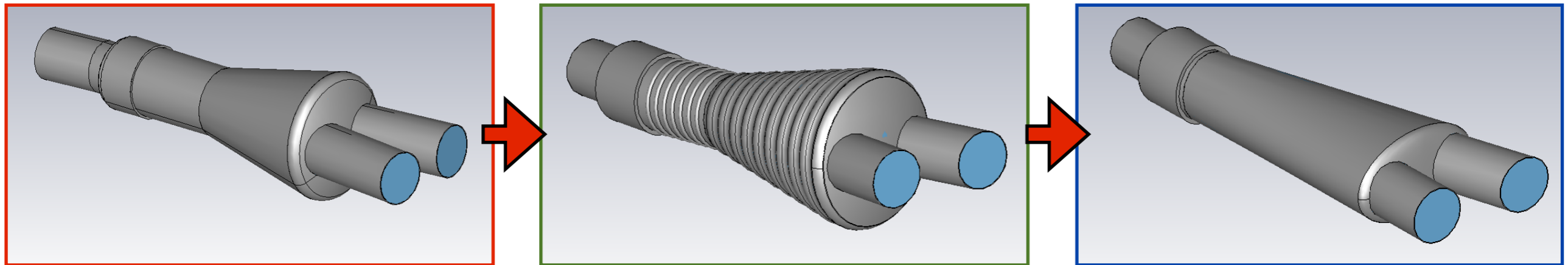
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- Y-Chamber redesign
  - Reduce impedance => impedance and HOM studies
  - Mechanical reliability
    - Increased number of translation cycles => stress analysis of bellows



- Remote transverse movement in/out of beam line under 20 min

# Y-Chambers: Impedance issues

- **Y-Chamber design: opening angle increased from 12 to 16 deg**
  - **Possibility of reducing impedance + increasing mechanical reliability**
  - **Question of choosing suitable and feasible mechanical design**

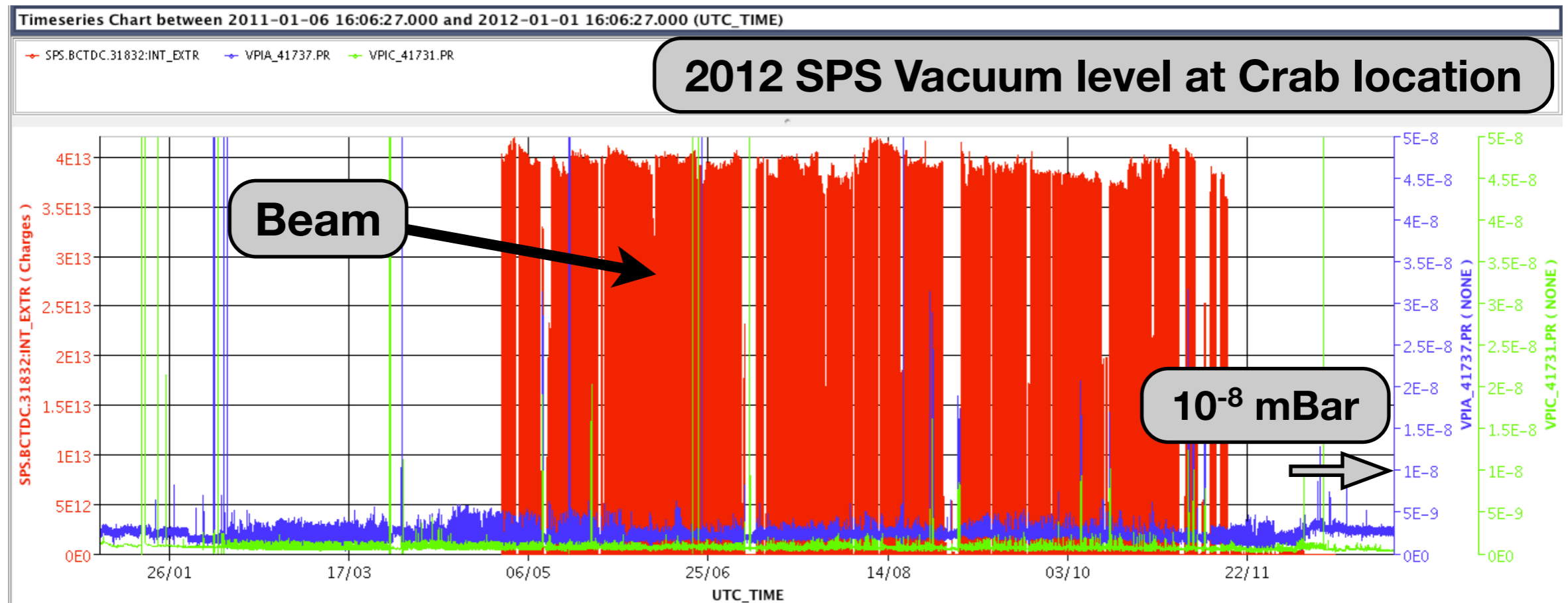


Impedance impact of new Y-Chambers expected to be small compared to SPS impedance.

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Crab Cavity Workshop, Dec 2013

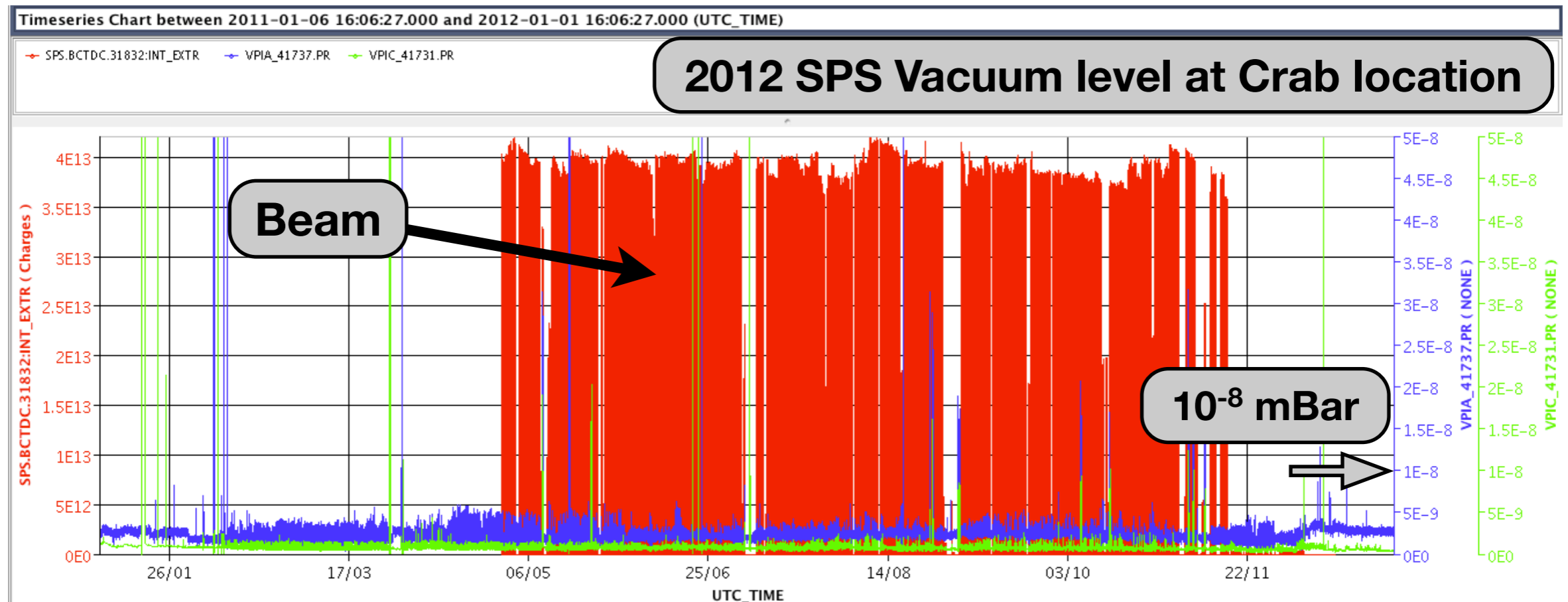
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  - Install Cryo-trap around Crab Cavity cryomodule
    - Reduces: Vacuum level in Cavities to acceptable level
  - Apply amorphous carbon coating to up/down stream of Cryomodule
    - Suppress electron gas/e-cloud to prevent multipacting/thermal loading



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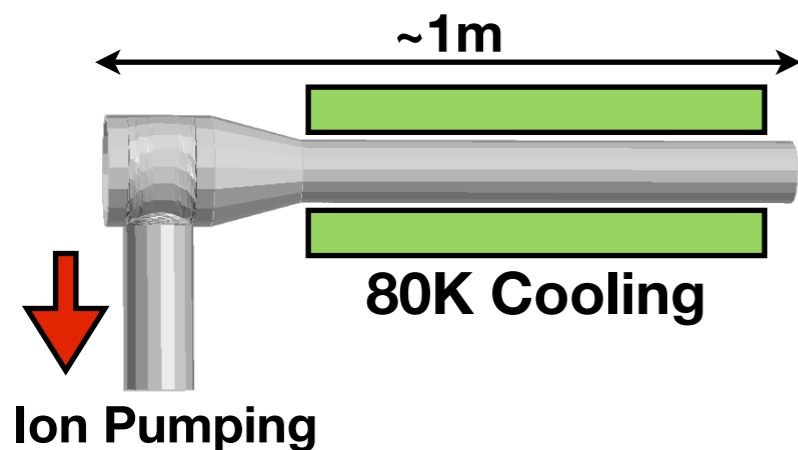
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- **Crab cavity running will be limited to periods of dedicated beam time**
  - **Possibility for regular warm-up and pumping of crab location**

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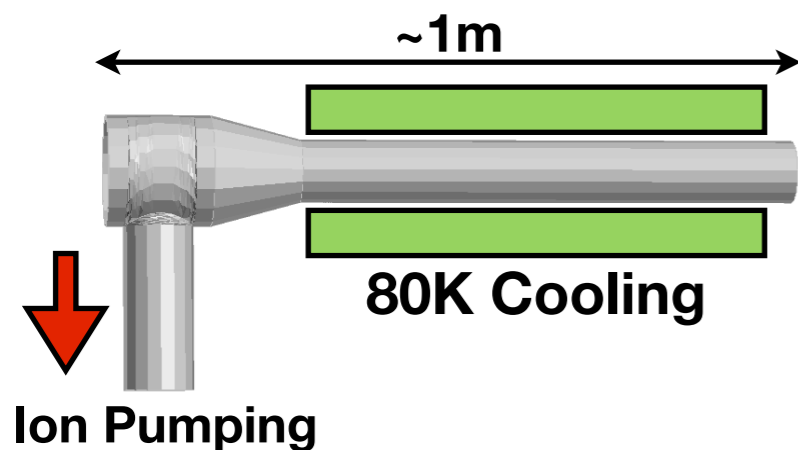
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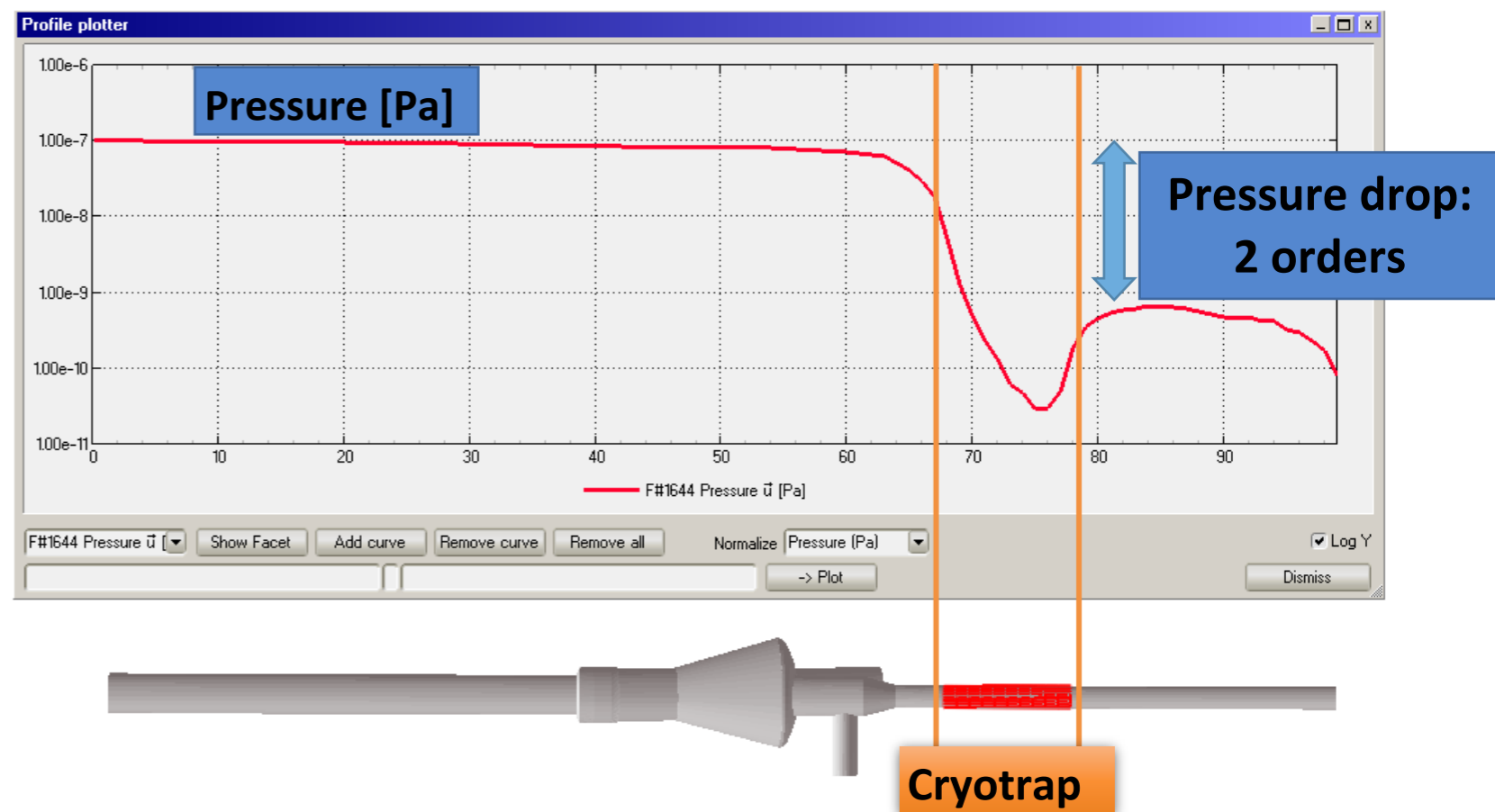
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Transmission ratio

	No cryotrap	0.5m cryotrap	1.0m cryotrap
Without pump	100%	1%	0.55%
With pump	10%	0.55%	<b>0.2%</b>



- **Expected vacuum reduction: >O(100) => P<sub>Cavity</sub> <10<sup>-10</sup> mBar achievable**

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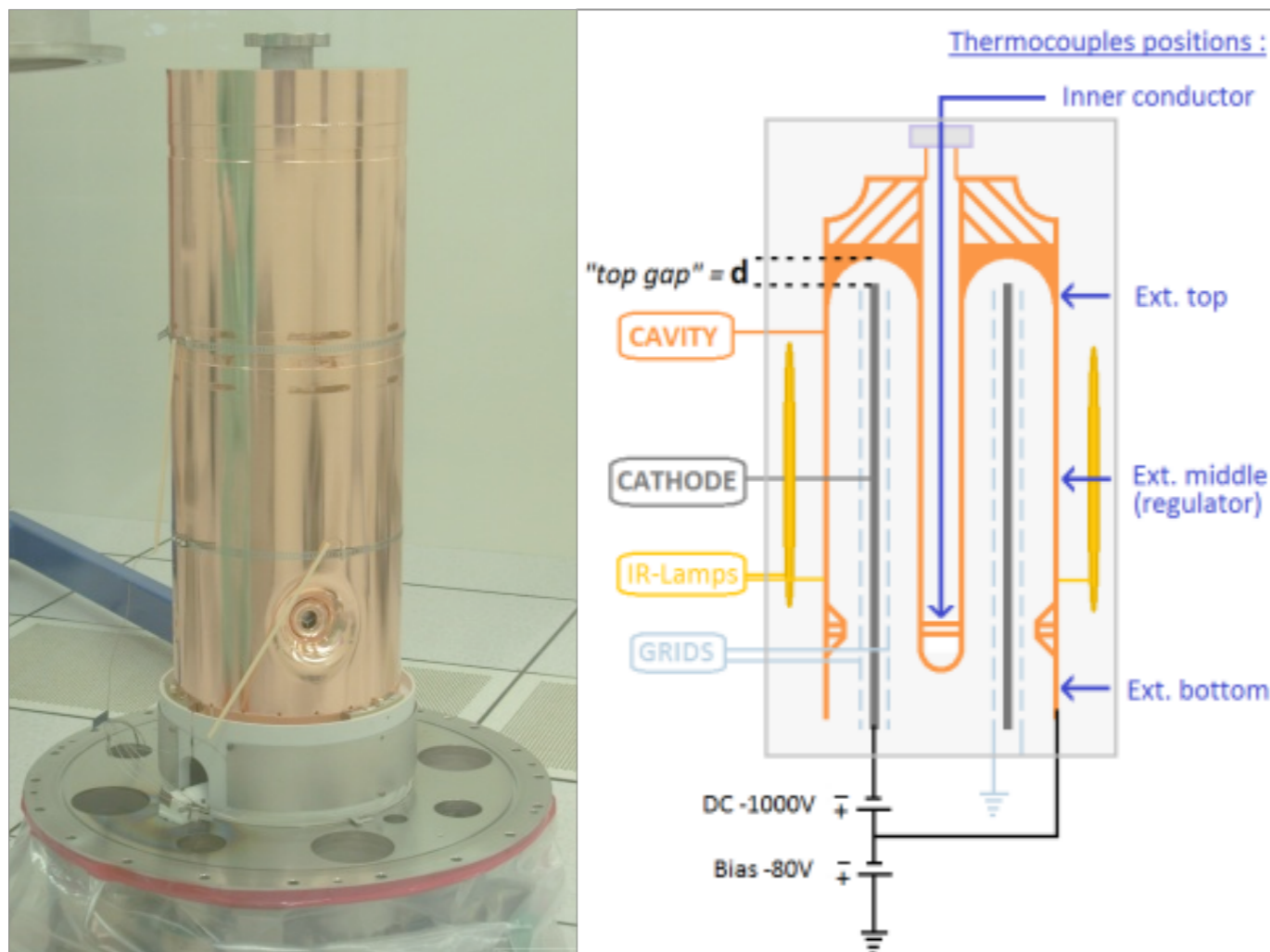
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  - **Crab Cavities to use “COLDEX area” in LSS4 of SPS**
  - **Need new Y-Chamber => updated design**
  - **Proposal: Cryo-trap + pumping to reduce vacuum level in Crab vicinity**
  - **Need to minimize risk of thermal heating and multipacting**
    - **Proposal: amorphous carbon coating of beam line around crabs**

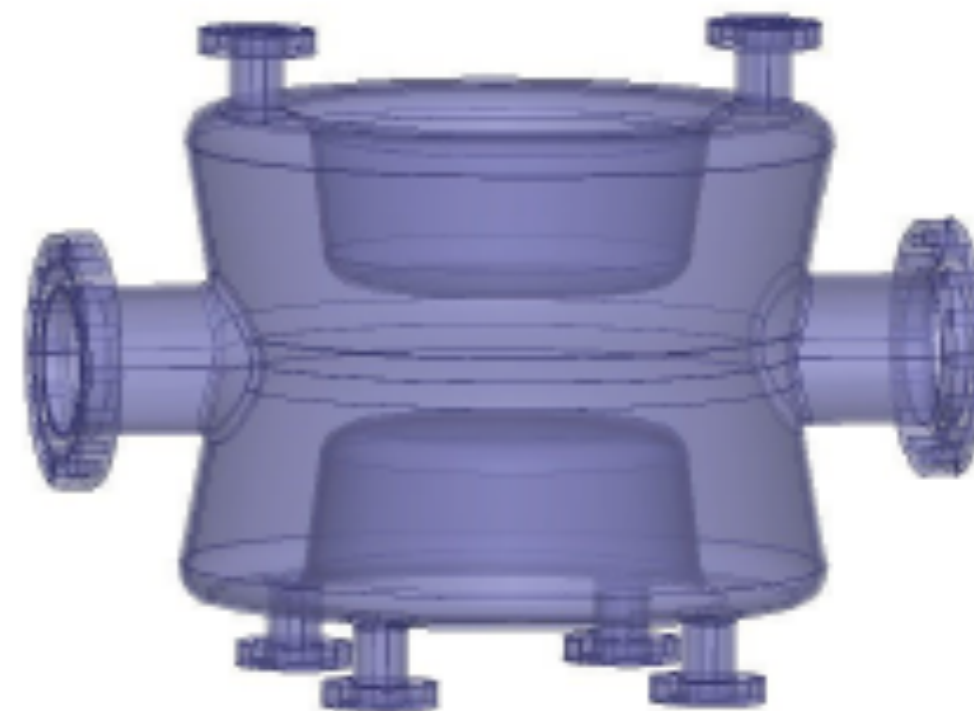


Additional Slides on Copper Crabs with Nb Coating

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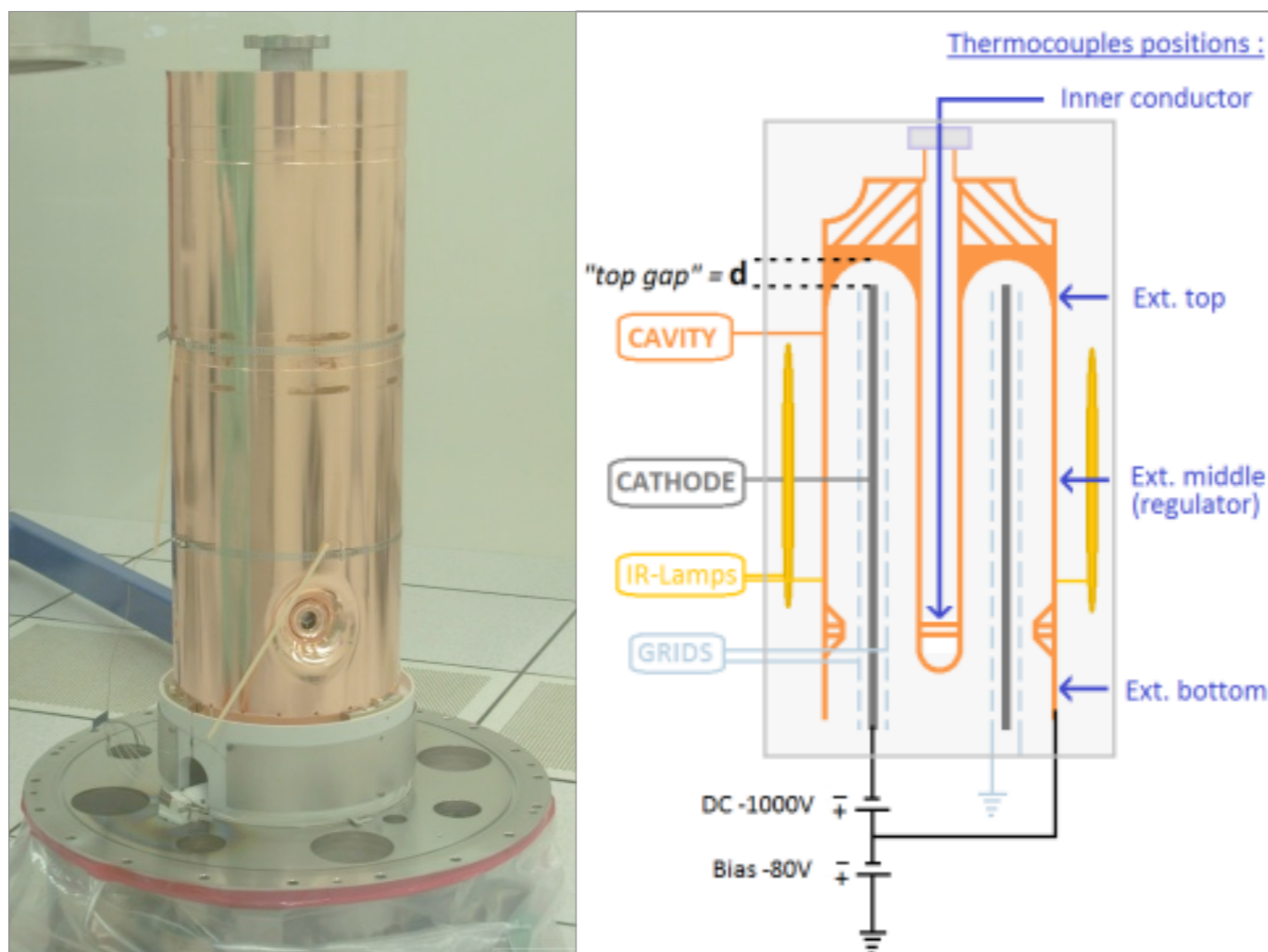


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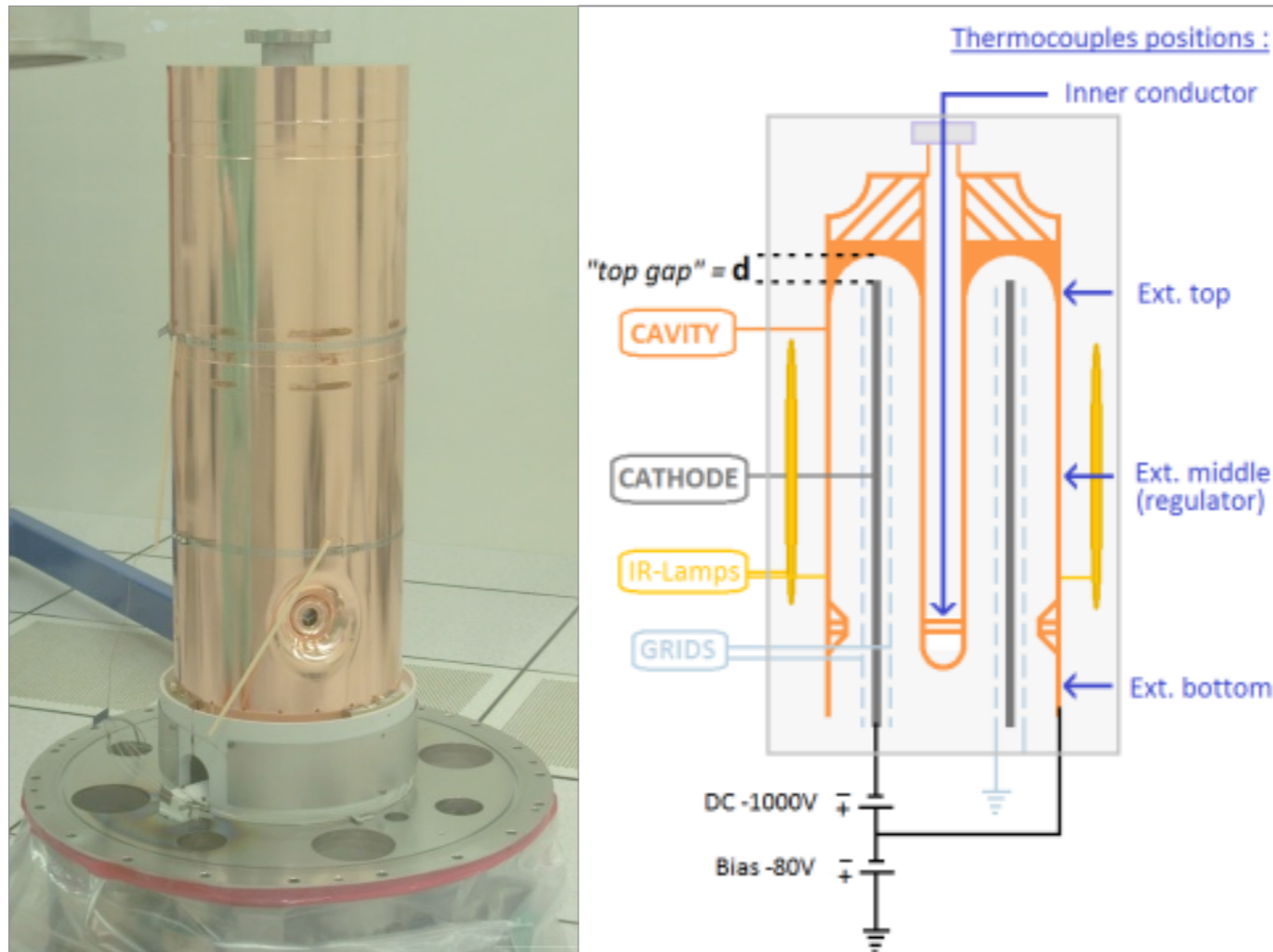


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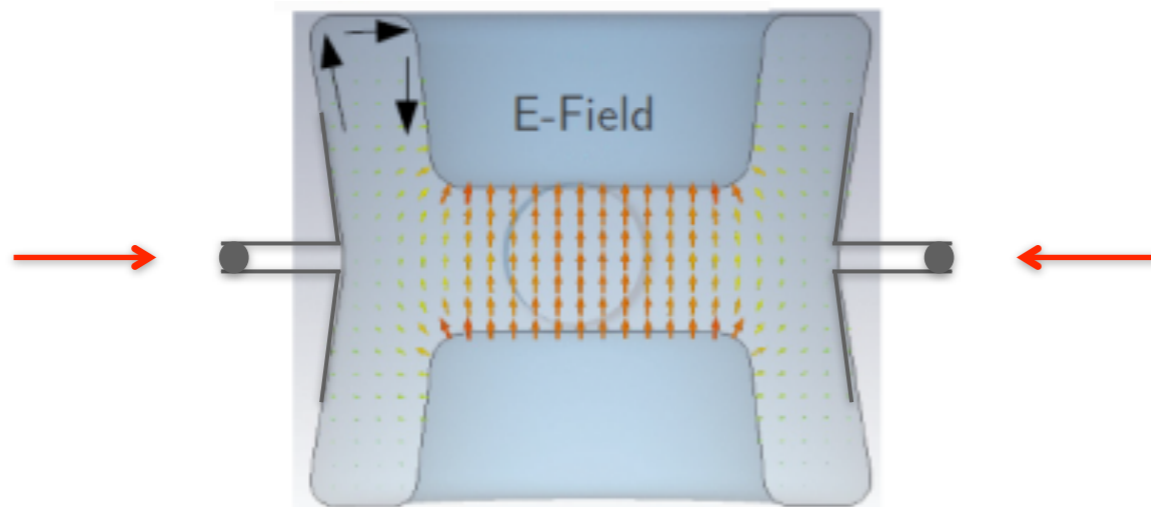


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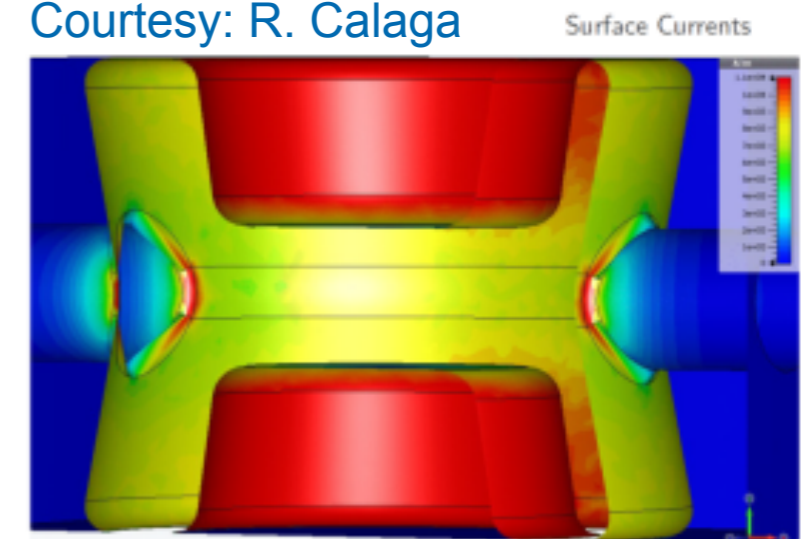
# Cavity Coating: Cut + Coat + Join

- **Current of the order of few kA/m, total current a few kA**
  - RF design of beam port region can be optimized
- **Maximum losses: a few watts in case of clamped connection**
  - Based on from HIE-ISOLDE experience
- **But: common vacuum cryostat required**
  - Other connection possibilities can be studied which might allow also leak tightness, thus separate vacua

Welding ?



Courtesy: R. Calaga



# Short summary: Coating pros/cons

- **HIE-ISOLDE experience: required surface fields can be achieved**
  - **Operate at 4.5 K, no quenches from Nb/Cu, no magnetic shielding**
  - **Losses estimated at 50 W at 4.5 K,**
    - total wall plug power including cryo static losses and COP **not much different** compared to bulk @ 1.7 K (work in progress)
  - **Expected losses from cut-and-clamp assembly are acceptable**
    - Several accelerators operate split cavities
  - **Cooling by conduction is an option with copper cavities**
    - May suppress bath cryostat in favour of He circulation
  - **Massive copper allows excellent stability, even at 4.5K**
    - HIE-ISOLDE micro-phonics is 0.02 Hz/mbar
- **Joining technology** is presently a hot subject and needs study
  - **Common vs separate vacuum cryostat: Need study/risk analysis**