



# Lessons learnt and new concepts for conventional Safety in FCC

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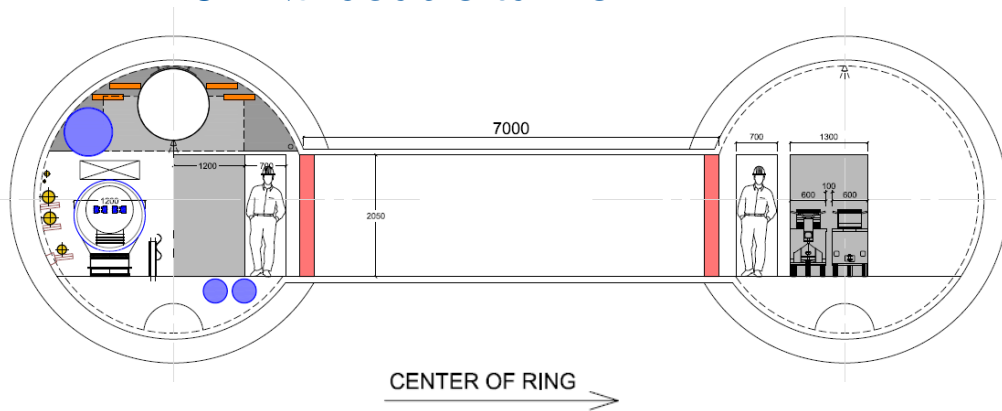
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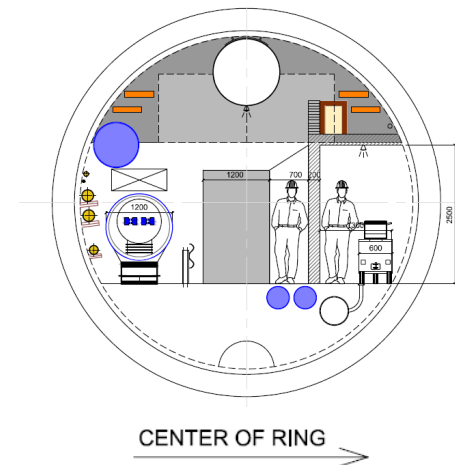
# Overview

- Focus on studies for conventional Safety aspects:
  1. Air management<sup>[1]</sup>
  2. Cryogenic Safety
  3. Evacuation
- Studies focused on two main tunnel cross-sections FCC-hh:

## ➤ 4.5 m Ø double tunnel



## ➤ 6 m Ø single tunnel



- Outcome is in line with RP constraints

[1] Air Management for RP  
See M. Widorski presentation

# Air management functions

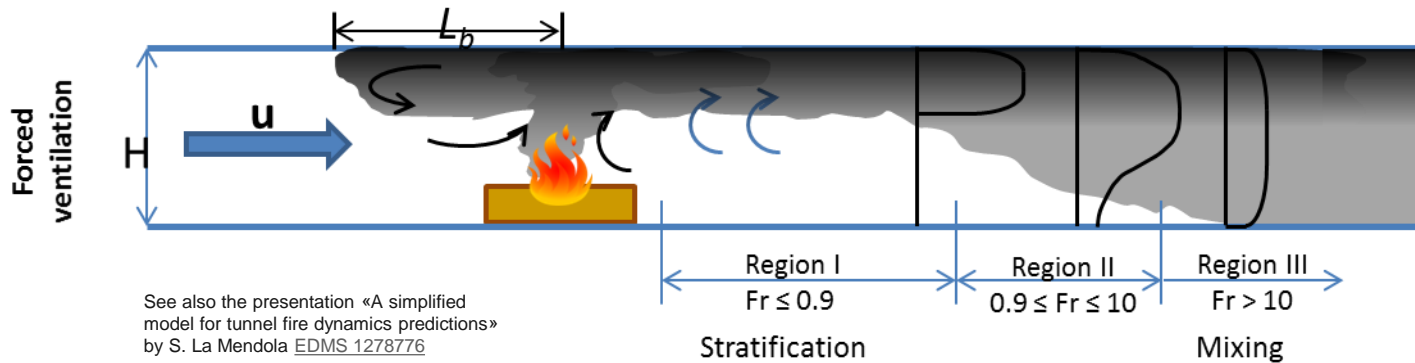
- Provide fresh air during access
- Cope with different accidental scenarios (e.g. fire, Oxygen Deficiency Hazard, gas leak)
- Provide dynamic confinement between “machine zone” and “safe zone” for protection of occupants in accidental scenarios
- Provide dynamic confinement between “controlled” areas and areas accessible during run for protection of occupants
- Provide sufficient air flow for heat removal during operation

# Air management concepts

## Longitudinal ventilation (LV):

Main Advantages, w.r.to conventional Safety	Main Disadvantages, w.r.to conventional Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provides fresh air for occupants during access</li> <li>- Regulate air speed in the tunnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Propagation and contamination of smoke to others volumes of the tunnel</li> <li>- Even if the ventilation is stopped , the smoke still propagates</li> </ul>

## Smoke propagation in LV:



The **back layering length** ( $L_b$ ) is limited to a few tens of meters upstream the fire at worst

**Fr = Froude number:** ratio between flow inertia and buoyancy

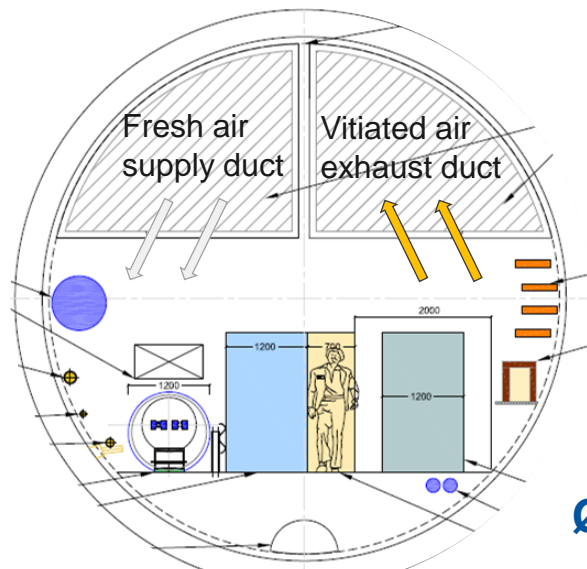
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# Air management concepts

## Transverse ventilation (TV):

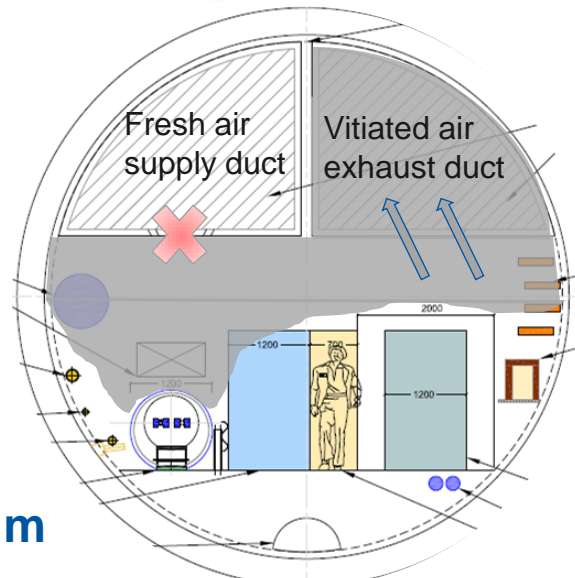
Main Advantages, w.r.to conventional Safety	Main Disadvantages, w.r.to feasibility of the system
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit the propagation and contamination of smoke to others volumes of the tunnel</li> <li>- Provide dynamic confinement localized near the fire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large ducts are needed → occupy ~50 % of the tunnel volume</li> <li>- Larger tunnel needed</li> </ul>

## Smoke propagation in TV:



Normal operation

Ø 7.5 m



Fire conditions

$$D = 7.5 \text{ m} \rightarrow A_{\text{total}} = 44 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\rightarrow A_{\text{useful}} = 34 \text{ m}^2$$

$$A_{\text{ducts}} = 14 \text{ m}^2 \rightarrow$$

41 % of the useful area

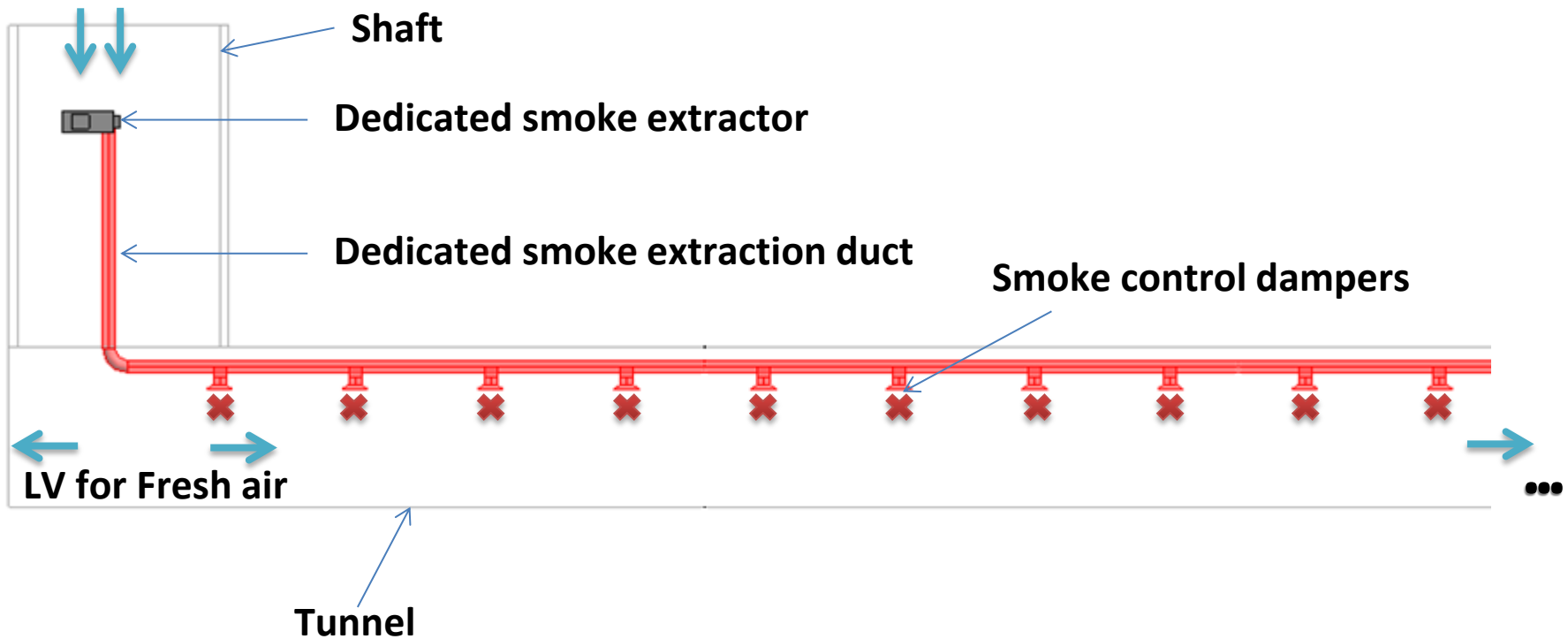
# Air management concepts

“Optimised” solution:

- **Longitudinal Ventilation for normal operations**
  - Provide the requirements for occupational health (Fresh air)
- **Dedicated smoke extraction system**
  - Limit propagation and contamination of smoke to others volumes of the tunnel
  - Provide the dynamic confinement
  - Reduced cross section of the smoke extraction duct

# Smoke extraction system

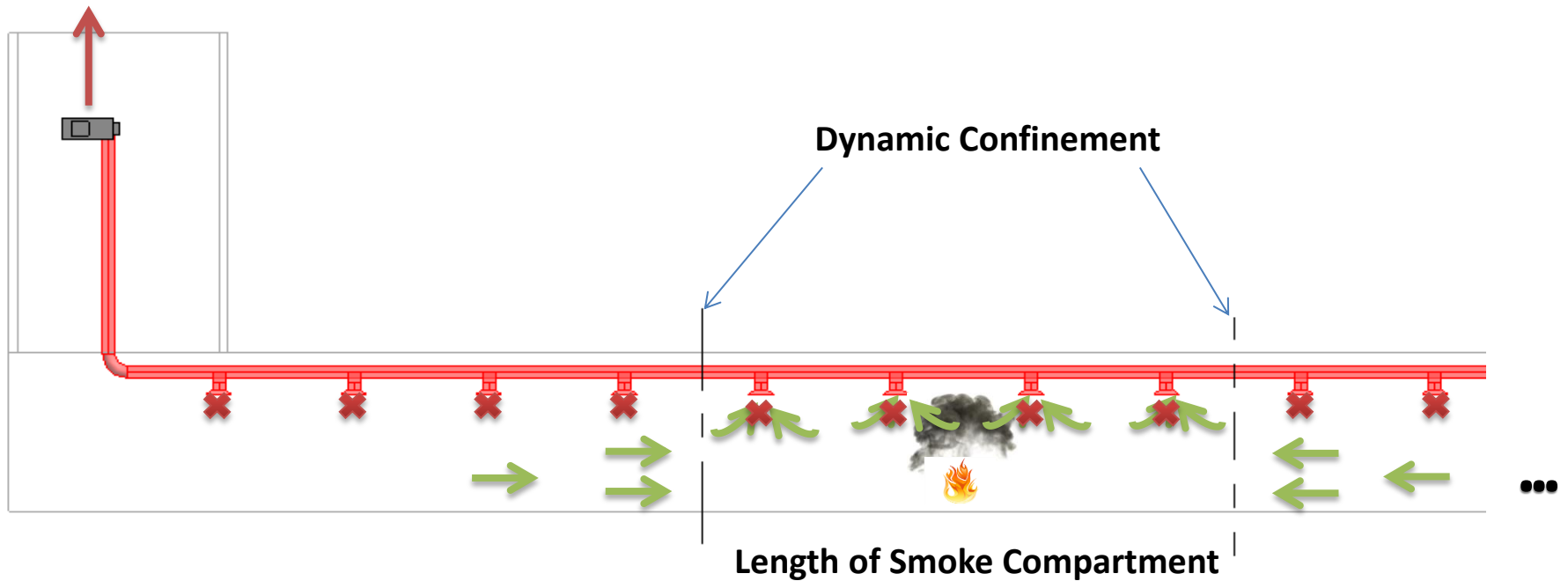
- Example of a section of the FCC tunnel:
  - Nominal conditions





# Smoke extraction system

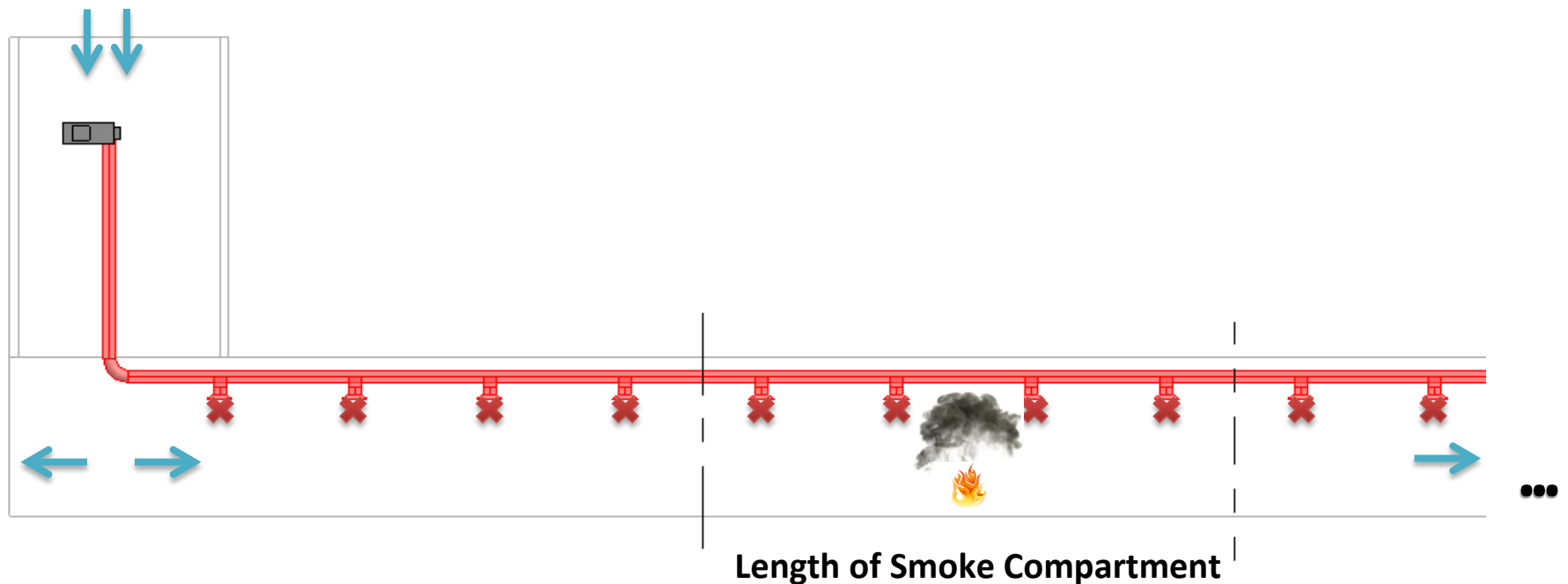
- Example of a section of the FCC tunnel:
  - Accidental scenario – e.g. Fire
  - Longitudinal ventilation is stopped



# Smoke extraction system

## - Fire Detection system:

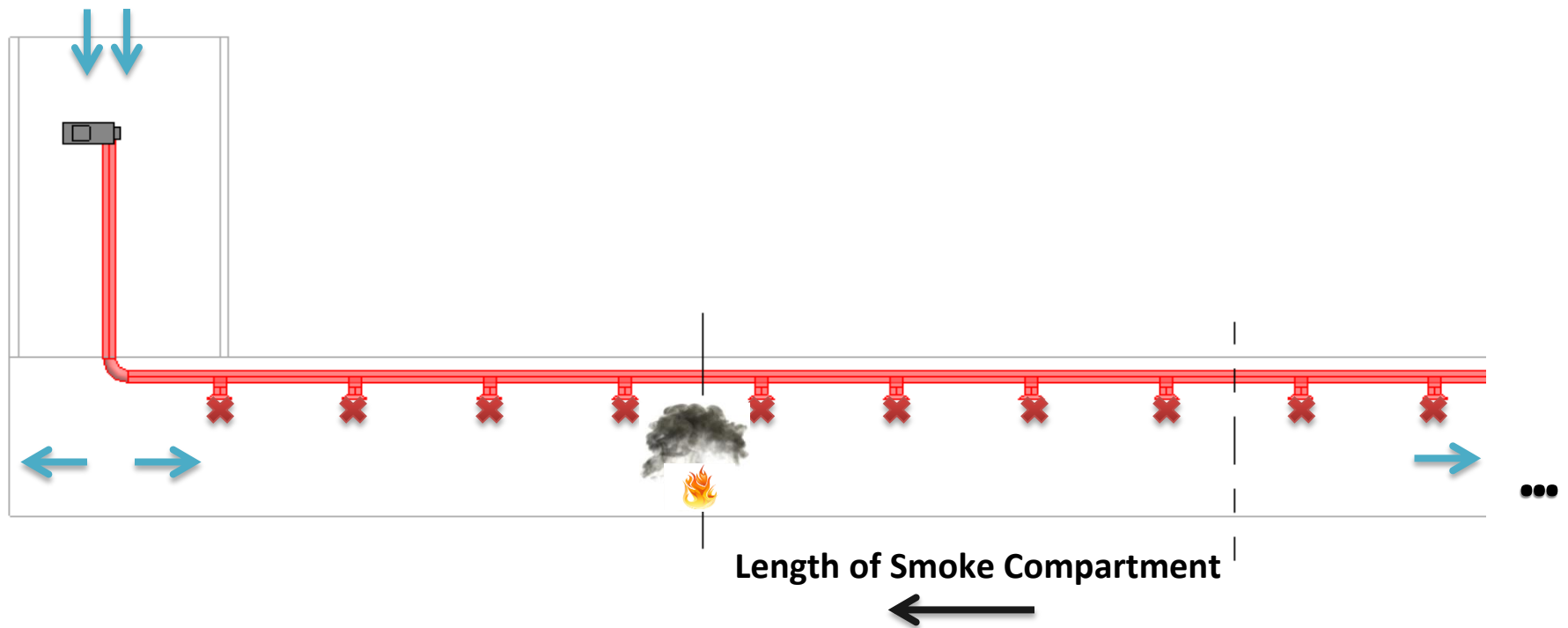
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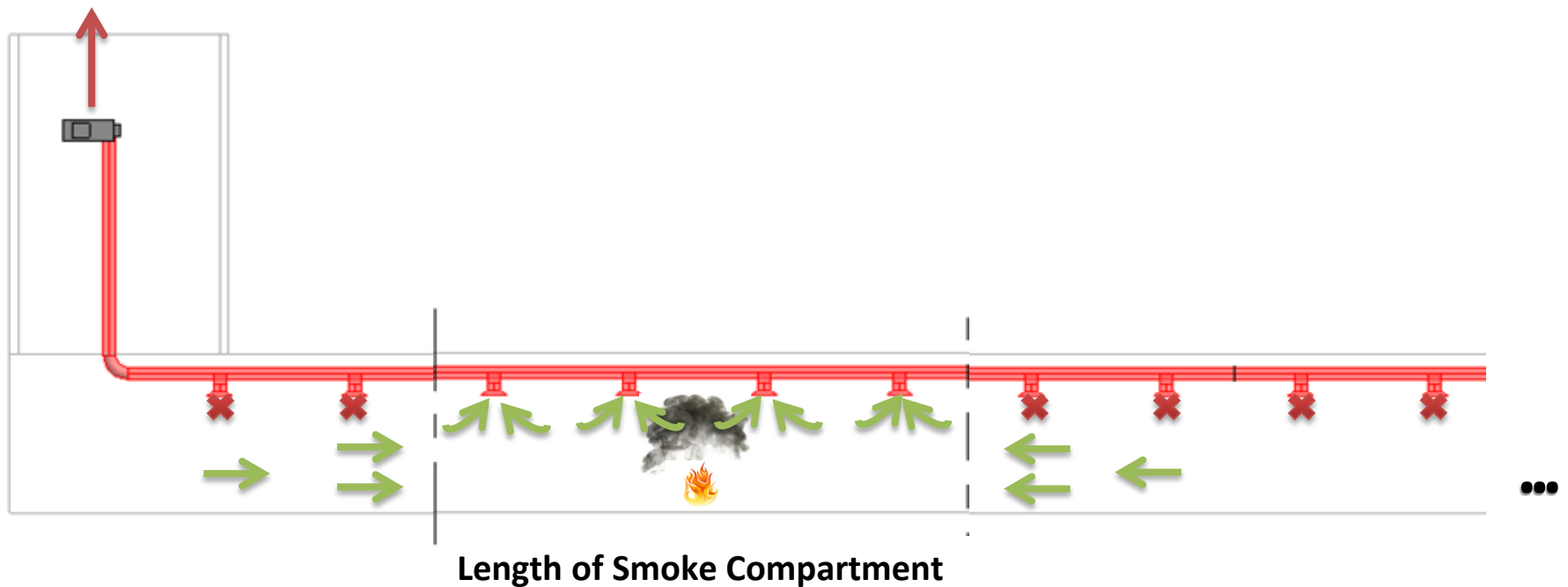
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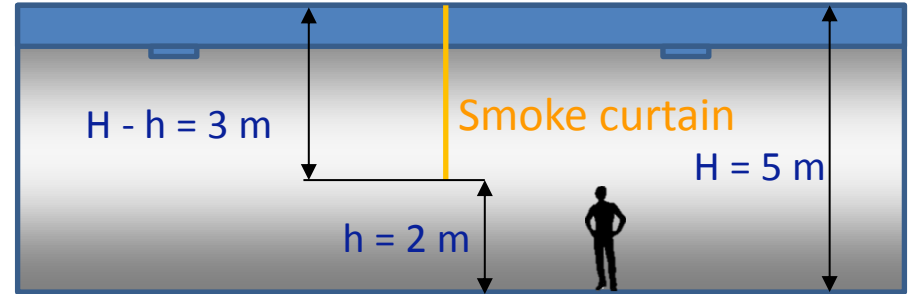
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# Smoke extraction system - Simulations

- Smoke compartment = 200m
- Extraction flowrate = 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s
- Smoke curtain (in addition)



Full confinement within the 200 m compartment for a **1 MW** fire and 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s

Full confinement within the 200 m compartment for a **2 MW** fire and 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s

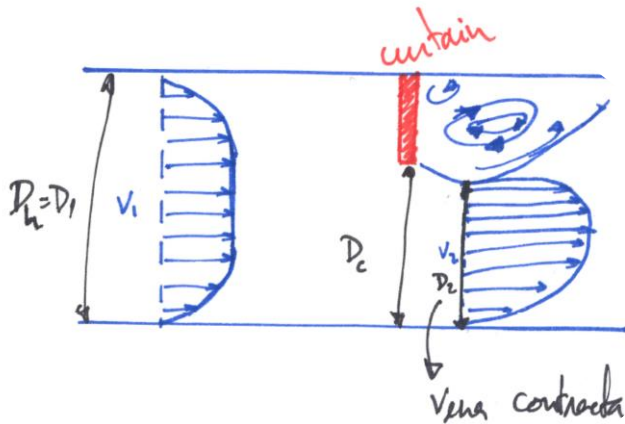
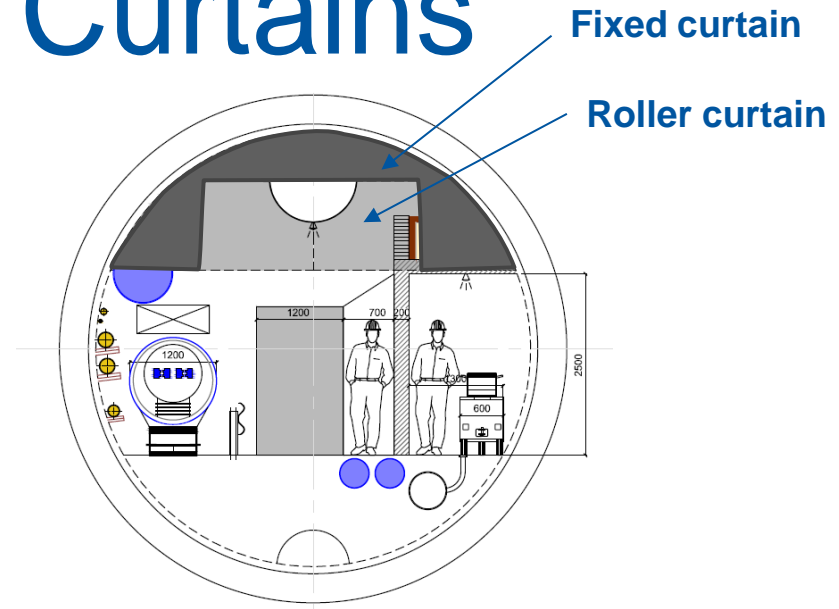
Partial confinement within the 200 m compartment for a **5 MW** fire and 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s

**This system provides a good smoke confinement also in off-nominal conditions**

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# Pressure drop – Curtains

- Ø 6 m tunnel
- Curtain: Fixed part
- Length = 10 km
- Air flow = 140 000 m<sup>3</sup>/h (1 ACH)
- Dh = 4.2 m



	#	$\Delta P_{\text{fixed}}$ [Pa]	$\Delta P_{\text{complete}}$ [Pa]
<b>Curtains</b>	1	13.5	109
	50 (1 per 200m)	675	5450
	20 (1 per 500m)	270	2180

➤ **Feasible** from pressure drop point of view

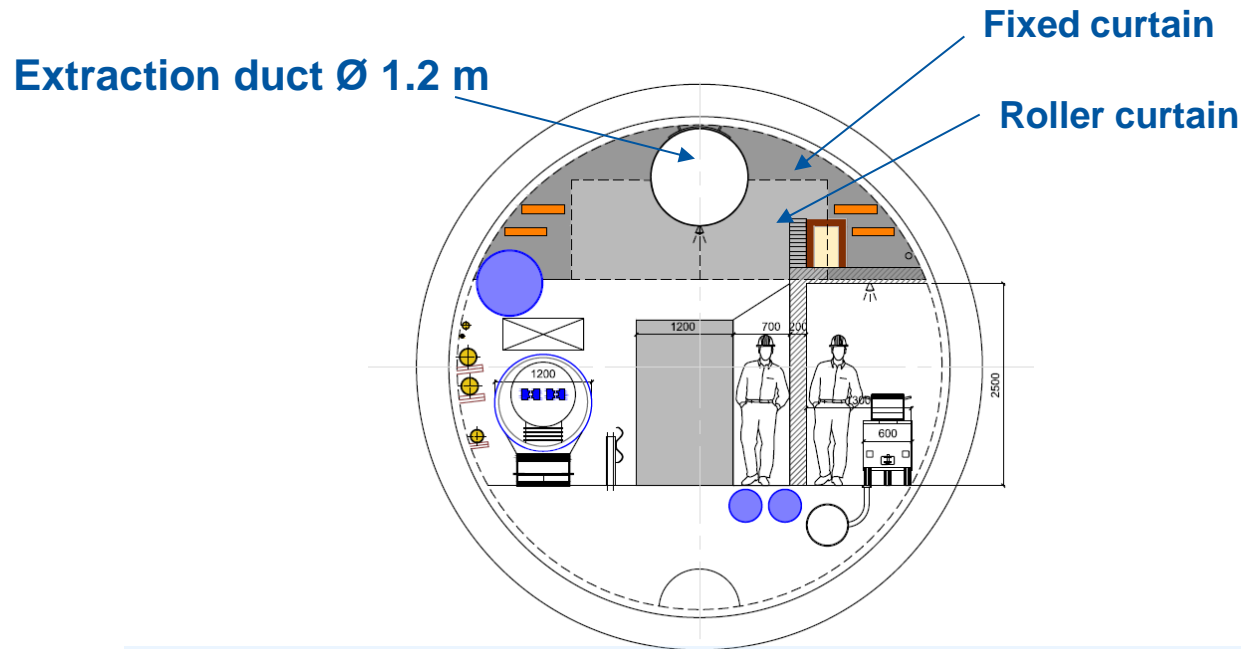
Tunnel  $\rightarrow \Delta P = 136 \text{ Pa}$

# Smoke extraction system

Considering:

- Extraction flow rate of 12 m<sup>3</sup>/s;
- Velocity in duct of 10 m/s;

Requires an extraction duct of 1.2 m



**Can this system be used for other purposes?**

# Cryogenic Safety – ODH

Can the smoke extraction system also cope with a potential He release?

- Based on LHC, we have 2 scenarios:

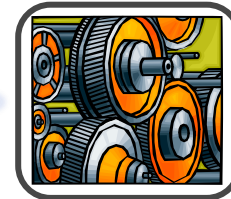
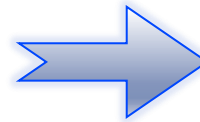
1. **Access** (no powering): few hundred g/s

→ Compatible with smoke extraction proposal (12 m<sup>3</sup>/s)



2. **No access** (beam mode / magnets powered): couple tenths kg/s

→ By far not compatible with smoke extraction proposal (12 m<sup>3</sup>/s)



Smoke extraction system → **Emergency Extraction system (EES)**

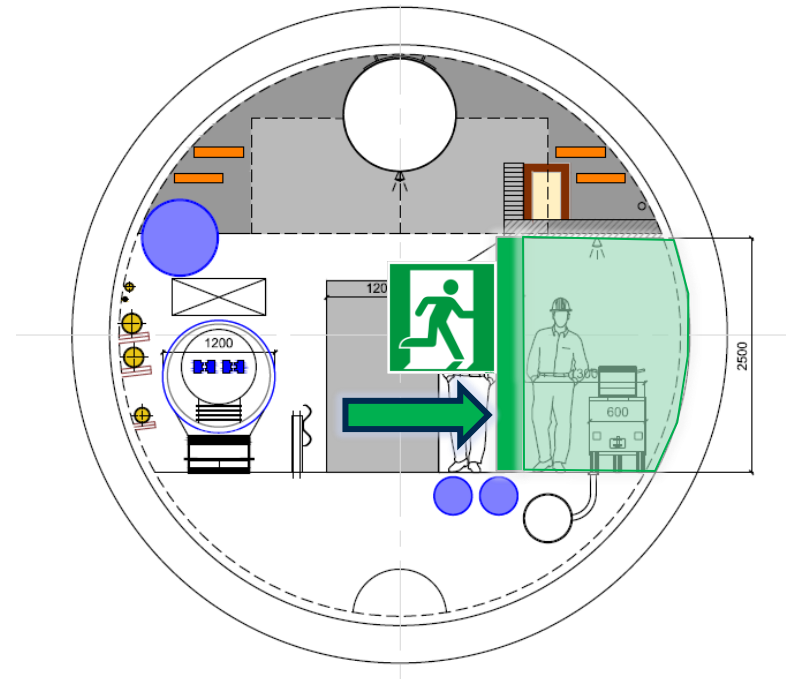


# Evacuation

## 6 m Ø Single Tunnel

Evacuate through a door leading to a “Safe Zone”:

- Fire resistant
- Air tight in case of cryogen release
- Overpressure, w.r.to machine zone
- Personnel transportation for evacuation



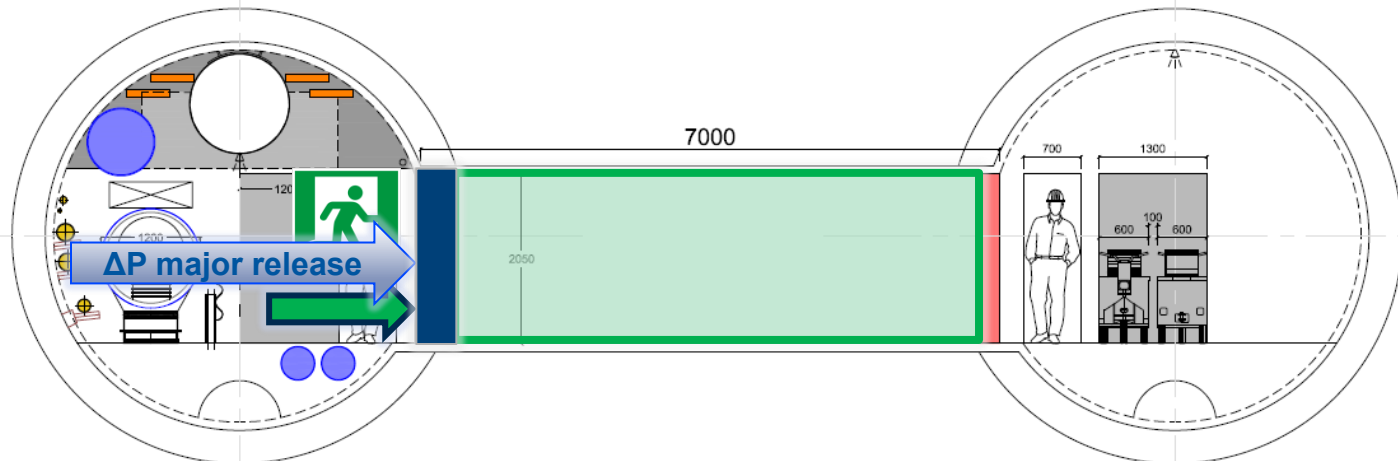
**Safe zone with limited amount of combustible material**

# Evacuation

## 4.5 m Ø Double Tunnel

Evacuate through a passage way connecting to a “Safe Zone” in the parallel tunnel:

- Fire resistant
- Air tight in case of cryogen release
- Overpressure, w.r.to machine zone
- **More space** for transportation and for emergency intervention teams
- **If access to // tunnel during powering → “Pressure resistant” doors**



# Evacuation



## Dimensions for Safe Area in front of the lifts

### Assumptions (rough scaling from LHC):

- **Maximum occupants x3**
- Accidental scenario
- Uniform distribution in arc
- ...

### Data:

- Lifts in machine shaft: 1 lift capacity of 50 people; velocity of **5 m/s**; stroke 300m
- Arc length 8 km
- Evacuation speed: 2.5 m/s (9 km/h)

**Similar areas as for the LHC today**

# Conclusions

- 1. Air Management:** Longitudinal ventilation → nominal operation  
Emergency Extraction system (EES) → accidental scenarios
- 2. Smoke curtains:** Optimized → Fixed + Roller part  
Feasible solution w.r.to pressure drop
- 3. Cryogenic Safety:** Release in access mode → can be handled by EES  
During powering → “pressure resistance” towards Safe Area
- 4. Evacuation:** Separate hazards from Safe zone  
Dimensions of Safe area near lifts → further studies  
but comparable to LHC
- 5. Cross-section:** Double tunnel has advantages for Safety and accessibility

# Further Studies

- Additional simulations for the EES → optimisation
- Pressure build-up in case of major helium release (no access)
- Impact on the mechanical properties of the ventilation system (ducts, supports, etc.), due to the low temperatures
- Optimise sizing of cryogenic relief devices – Kryolize Project
- Optimisation of the transportation mean and layout for evacuation
- Evacuation scenarios for surface area in front of lifts
- Prepare environmental impact study

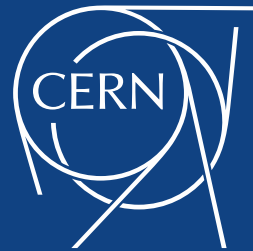
**Support all FCC WGs on Safety issues**

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# Spare Slides



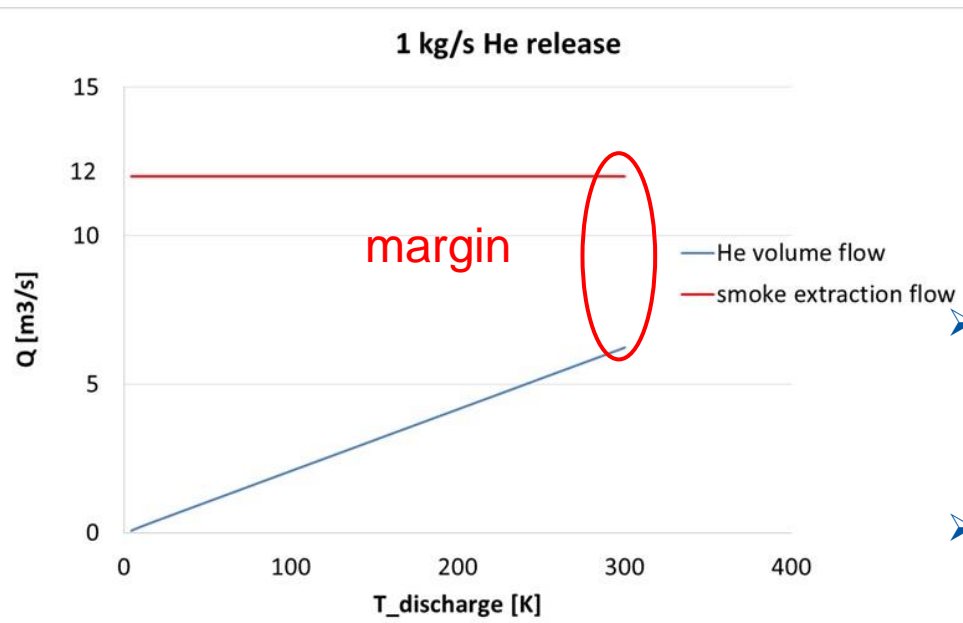


# Cryogenic Safety – ODH

Access Mode:

- Release scenario of  $\sim 1$  kg/s

➤ Aid evacuation



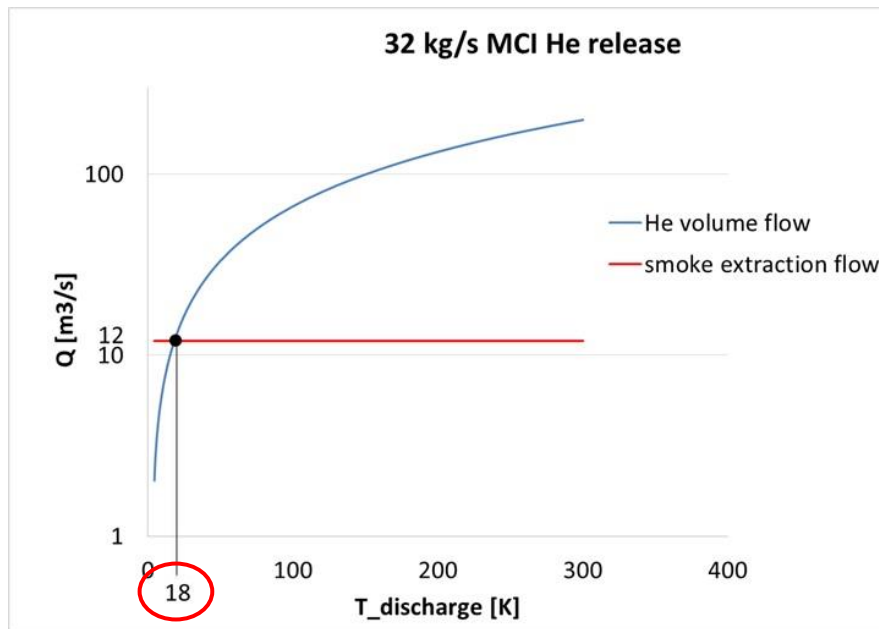
➤ Smoke extraction proposal **OK** to extract 1 kg/s He release, w.r.to flow rate capacity → **min margin by factor 2**

➤ Study the impact on the mechanical properties of the ventilation system (ducts, supports, etc.), due to the low temperatures

# Cryogenic Safety – ODH

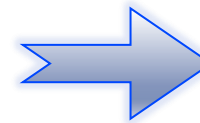
No Access “Beam Mode”:

- Release scenario of  $\sim 30$  kg/s (assumption from LHC)



- After 18 K, Q due to He leak  $>$  Q smoke extraction
- Smoke extraction proposal will, by far, not be possible to cope with MCI, but:

No access



Protect installation

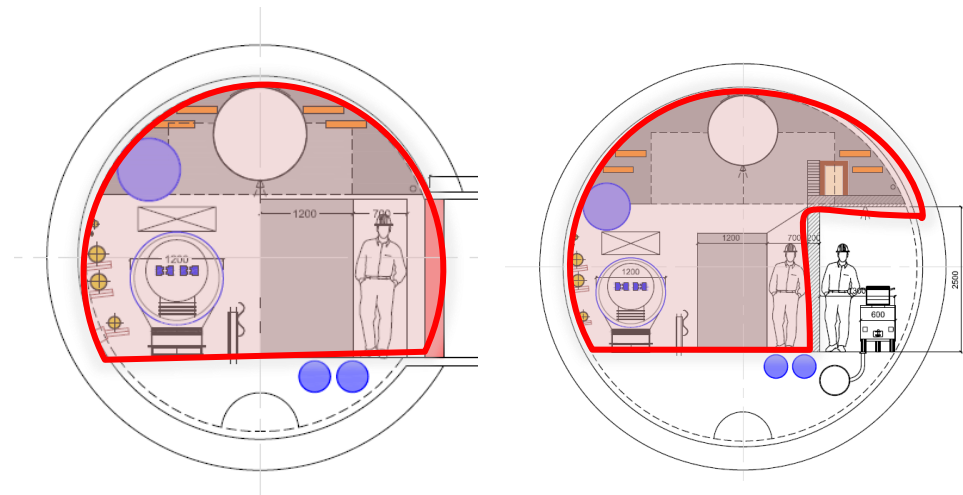


# Cryogenic Safety – ODH

No Access “Beam Mode”:

- Release scenario is 32 kg/s (assumption from LHC)

- ~ Sectorise the QRL each 2 cells ~ 2\*100m
- 6 L LHe / m → 5200 L LHe @ 300 K → **3640 m<sup>3</sup> GHe**
- FCC SACR: 3.2 km (most conservative)



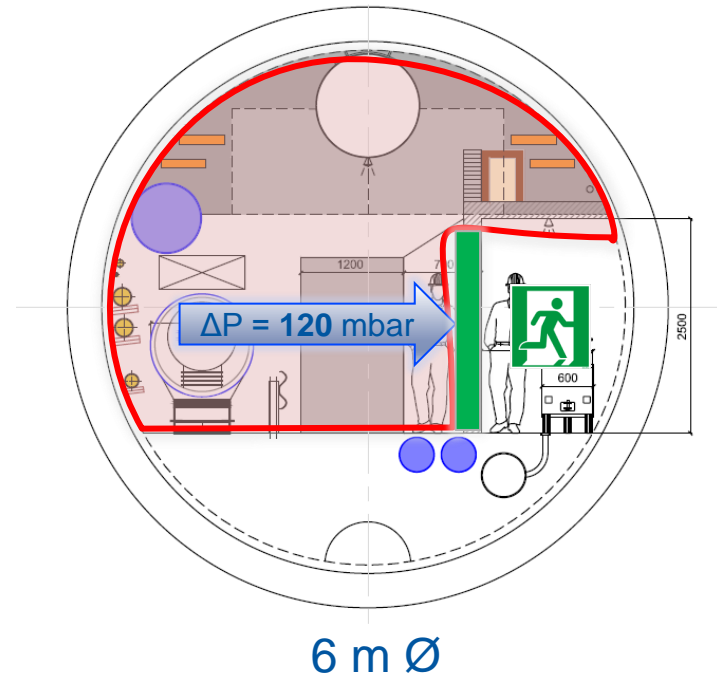
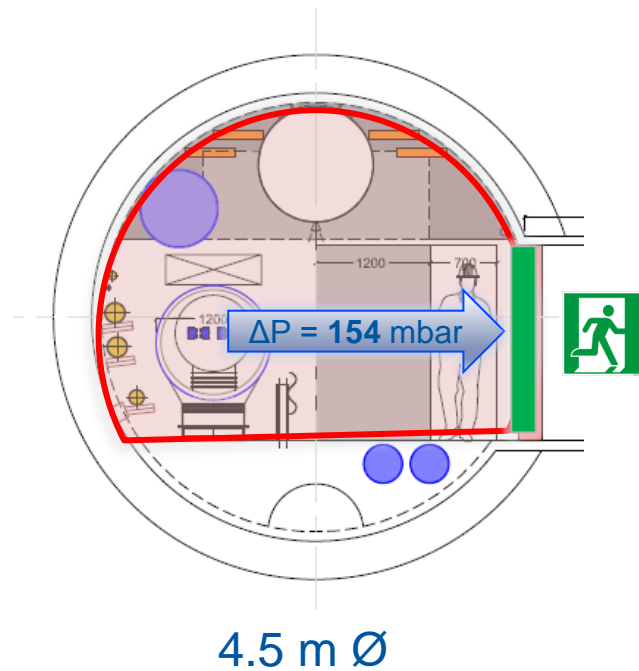
4.5 m Ø : 11 m<sup>2</sup>

6 m Ø : 14 m<sup>2</sup>

4.5 m Ø → 43100 m<sup>3</sup> of air + 3640 m<sup>3</sup> GHe → **154 mbar** pressure increase

6 m Ø → 33700 m<sup>3</sup> of air + 3640 m<sup>3</sup> GHe → **120 mbar** pressure increase

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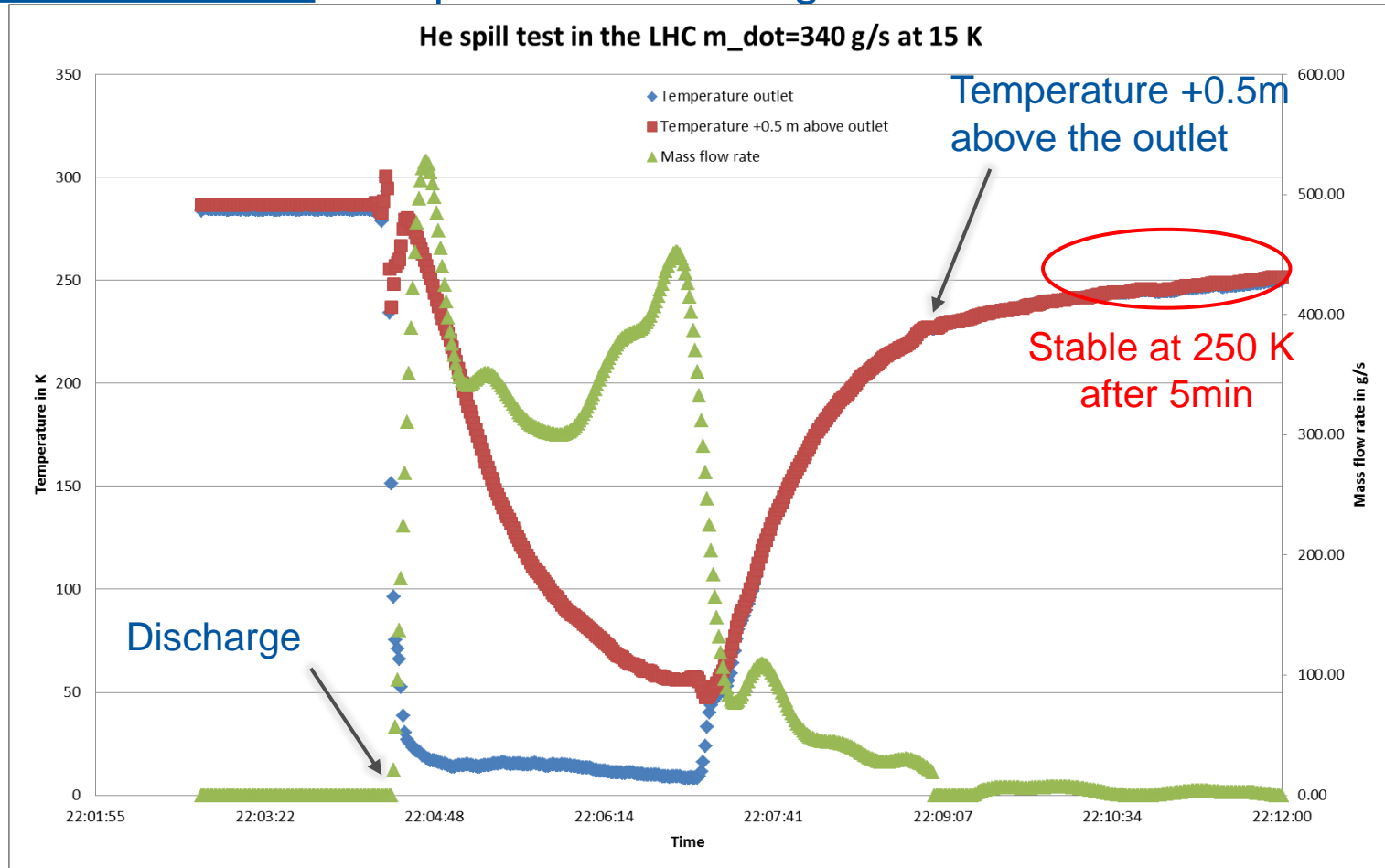


In LHC (MCI): from 30 to 200 mbar

Ref: Report of the Safety task force, 2009

# Cryogenic Safety – ODH

## He Spill Test in LHC: Temperature for 340 g/s GHe release



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# Evacuation



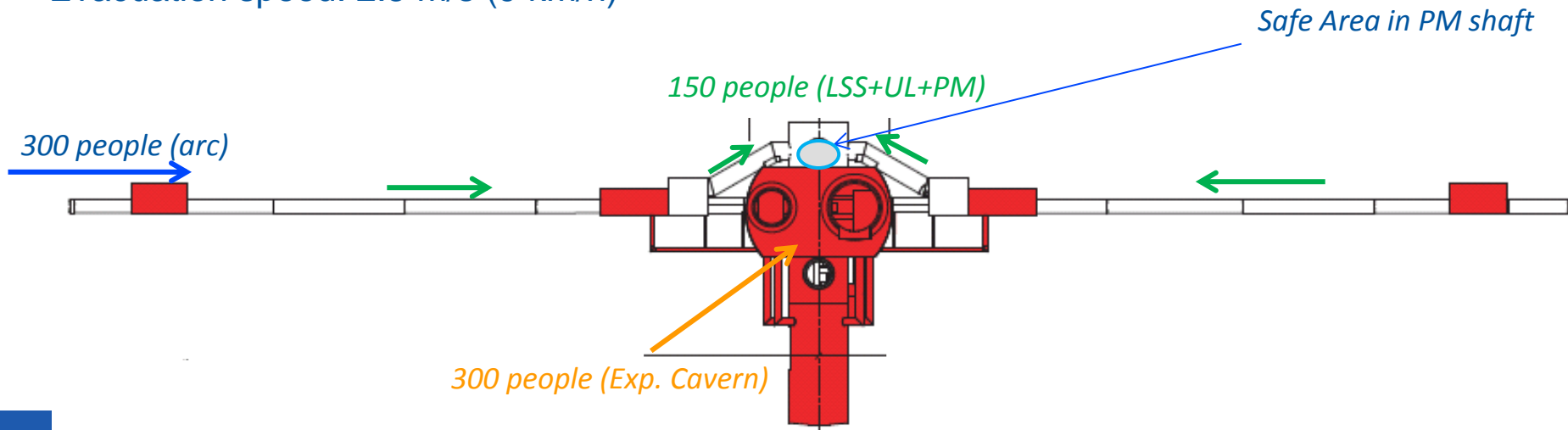
## Dimensions for Safe Area (in front of the lifts)

### Data:

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- $t = 0$  s (evacuation alarm)
- Arc length 8 km
- Evacuation speed: 2.5 m/s (9 km/h)

### Assumptions (rough scaling from LHC):

- Maximum occupants, accidental scenario
- Evacuation from experiments:  
 $60s < t < 600s$
- Uniform distribution in arc:  $\sim 4$  occ. / 100m

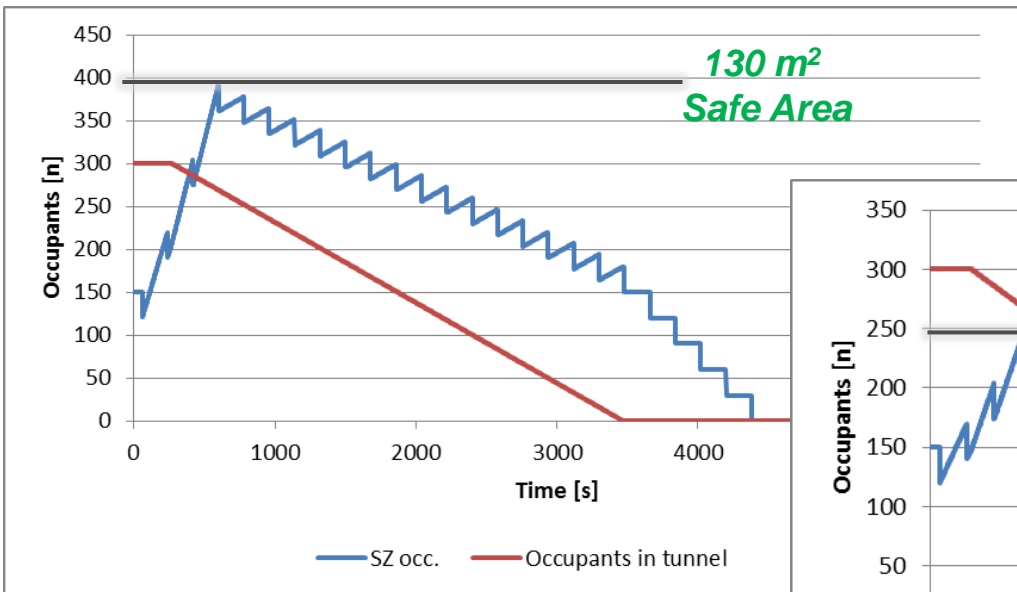


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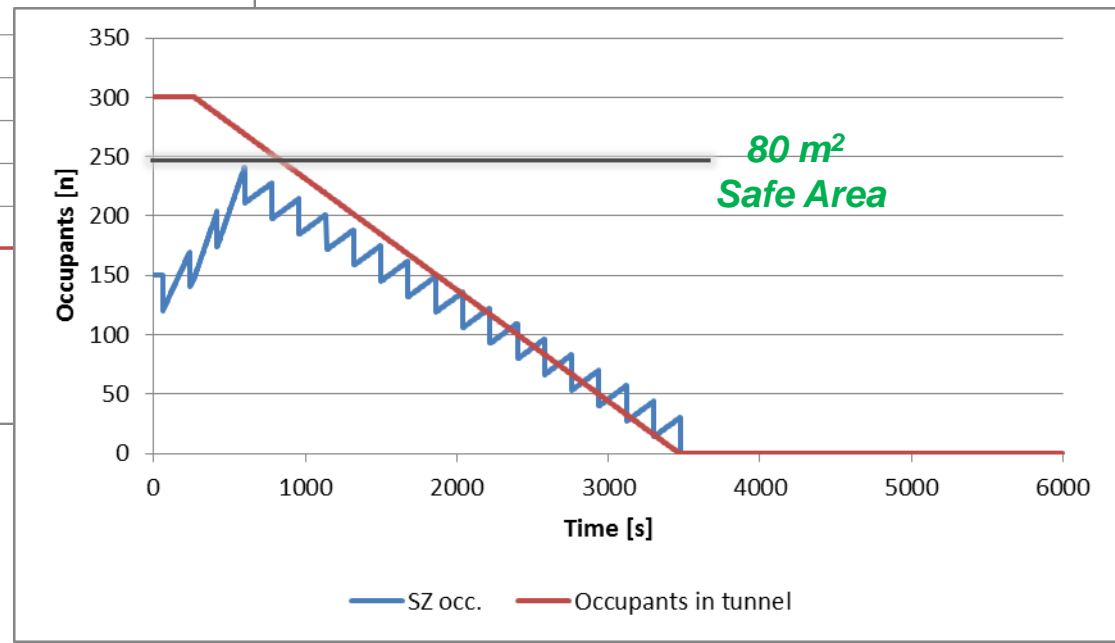
## Dimensions for Safe Area



Scenario 1: alarm during maintenance of the experimental (PX) lift



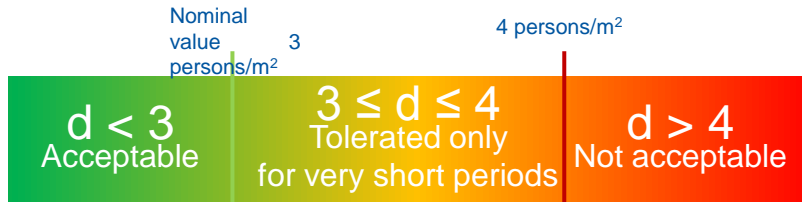
Scenario 2: alarm during maintenance in the PX lift  
Limit the occ. In the exp. Cavern by ½



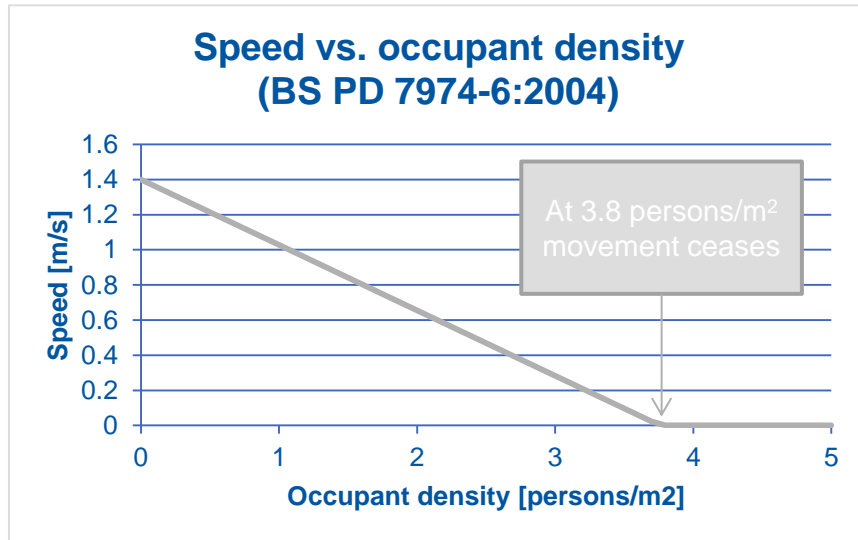
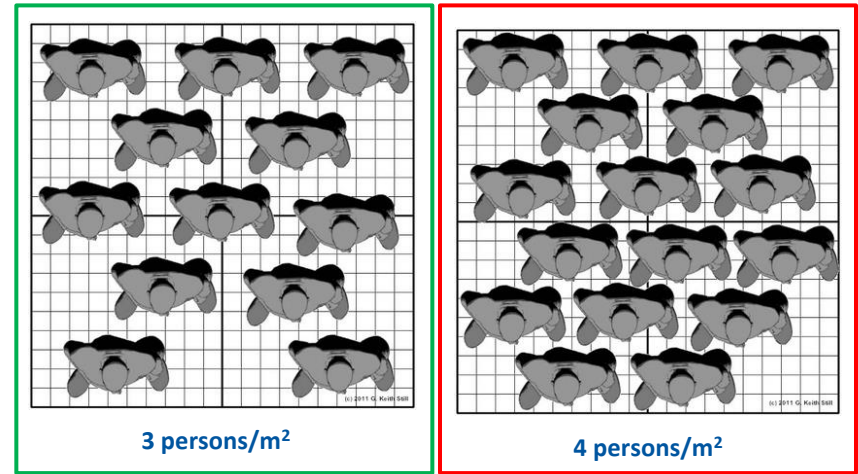
- Areas same order of magnitude as for the LHC today.

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# Maximum admissible crowding in safe zones



*Art. L 3 of the ERP regulation fixes a maximum crowding of 3 persons/m<sup>2</sup> for people attending an event in a room without chairs or benches.*



These figures have been tested for a number of fire scenarios.