

Status of the LHC

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Challenges
Status
Future

On behalf of the CERN staff and the outside collaborators

From the summary of the Large Hadron Collider Machine Advisory Committee in March 2002

- The LHC is a global project with the world-wide high-energy physics community devoted to its progress and results
- As a project, it is much more complex and diversified than the SPS or LEP or any other large accelerator project constructed to date

Machine Advisory Committee, chaired by
Prof. M. Tigner, March 2002

The Status and the complexity of the LHC is documented in more than 80 papers at this conference - this talk is considered as a very brief overview

Outline

- Parameters and layout
- The LHC and some of its challenges
- Injectors and transfer
- Magnets and other systems
- Accelerator physics and LHC operation
- Validation of systems: String 2
- From building components to colliding beams
- Conclusions

Momentum at collision

Momentum at injection

Dipole field at 7 TeV

Circumference

7 TeV/c

450 GeV/c

8.33 Tesla

26658 m

**High beam energy in
LEP tunnel**

**superconducting NbTi
magnets at 1.9 K**

Luminosity

Number of bunches

Particles per bunch

DC beam current

Stored energy per beam

$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

2808

$1.1 \cdot 10^{11}$

0.56 A

350 MJ

High luminosity at 7 TeV
**very high energy stored
in the beam**

Normalised emittance

Beam size at IP / 7 TeV

Beam size in arcs (rms)

3.75 μm

15.9 μm

300 μm

**beam power
concentrated in small
area**

Arcs: Counter-rotating proton beams in two-in-one magnets

Magnet coil inner diameter

Distance between beams

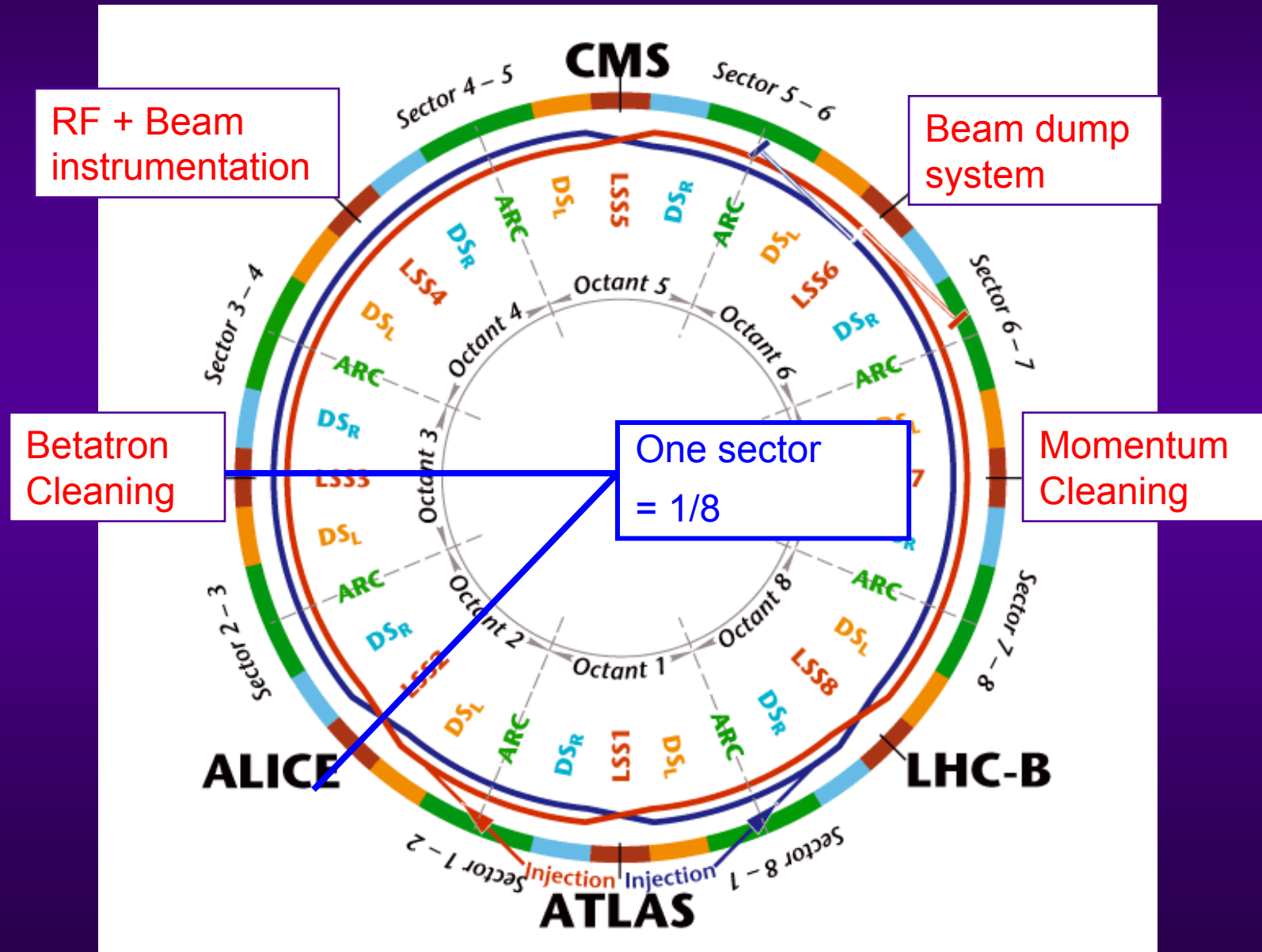
56 mm

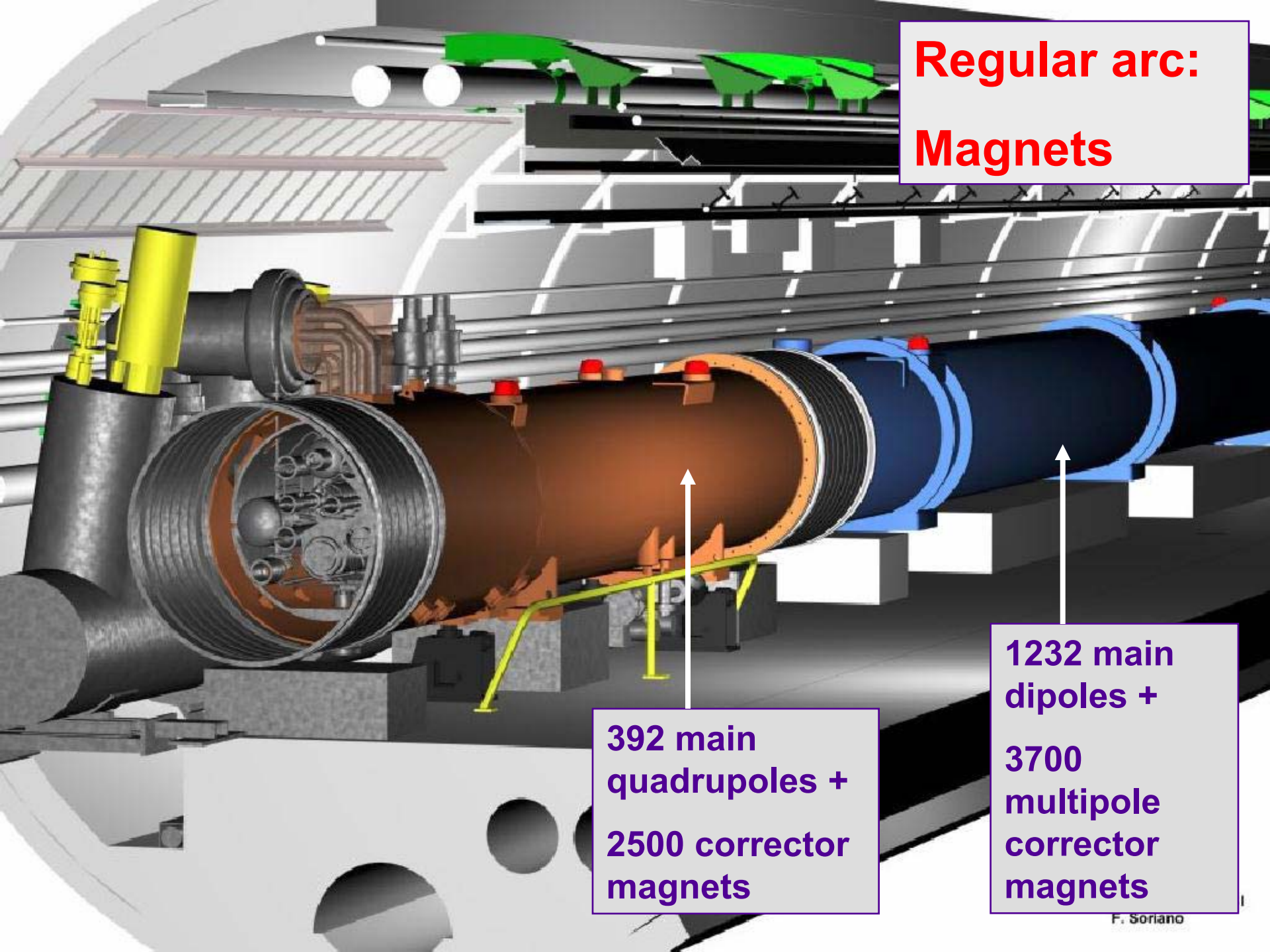
194 mm

Limited investment
small aperture for beams



Layout of the LHC ring: 8 arcs, and 8 long straight sections





**Regular arc:
Magnets**

**392 main
quadrupoles +
2500 corrector
magnets**

**1232 main
dipoles +
3700
multipole
corrector
magnets**

Regular arc: Cryogenics

Connection via service module and jumper

Static bath of superfluid helium at 1.9 K in cooling loops of 110 m length

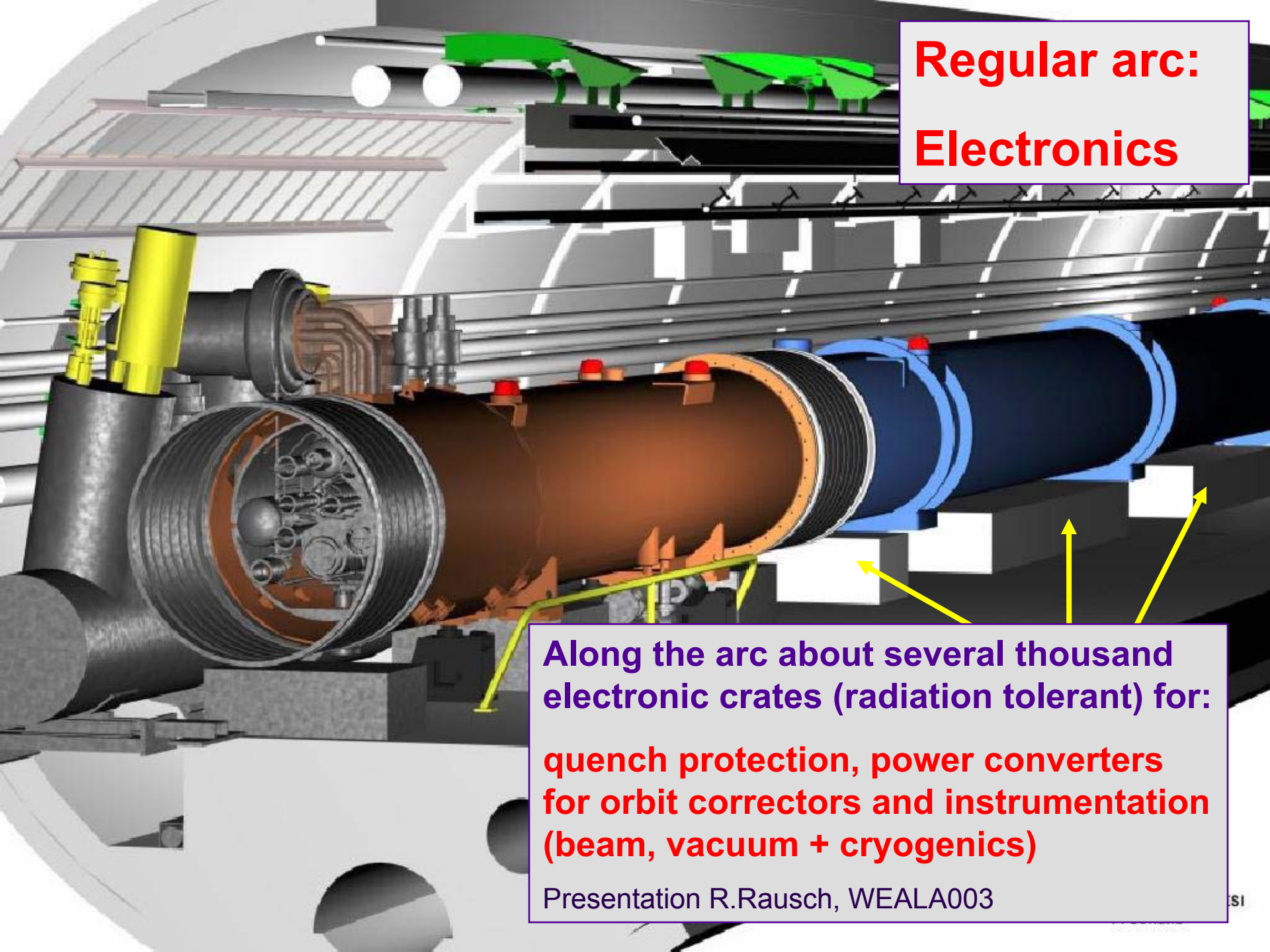
Supply and recovery of helium with 26 km long cryogenic distribution line

**Regular arc:
Vacuum**

**Beam vacuum for
Beam 1 + Beam 2**

**Insulation vacuum for the
magnet cryostats**

**Insulation vacuum for
the cryogenic
distribution line**



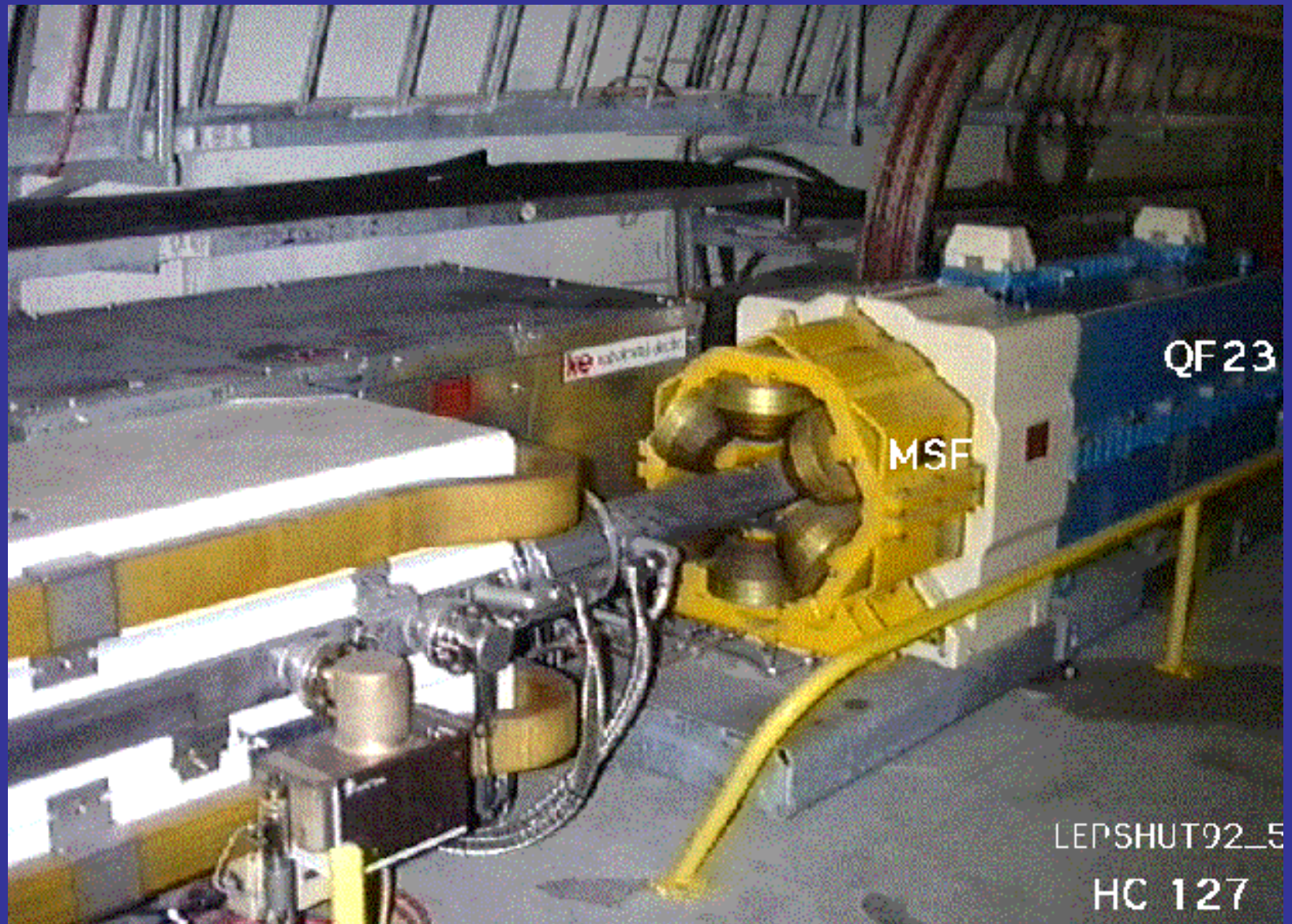
**Regular arc:
Electronics**

**Along the arc about several thousand
electronic crates (radiation tolerant) for:
quench protection, power converters
for orbit correctors and instrumentation
(beam, vacuum + cryogenics)**

Presentation R.Rausch, WEALA003



Interconnection between magnets: LEP





One of 1800 interconnection between two superconducting magnets: LHC

6 superconducting bus bars 13 kA for B, QD, QF quadrupole

20 superconducting bus bars 600 A for corrector magnets (minimise dipole field harmonics)

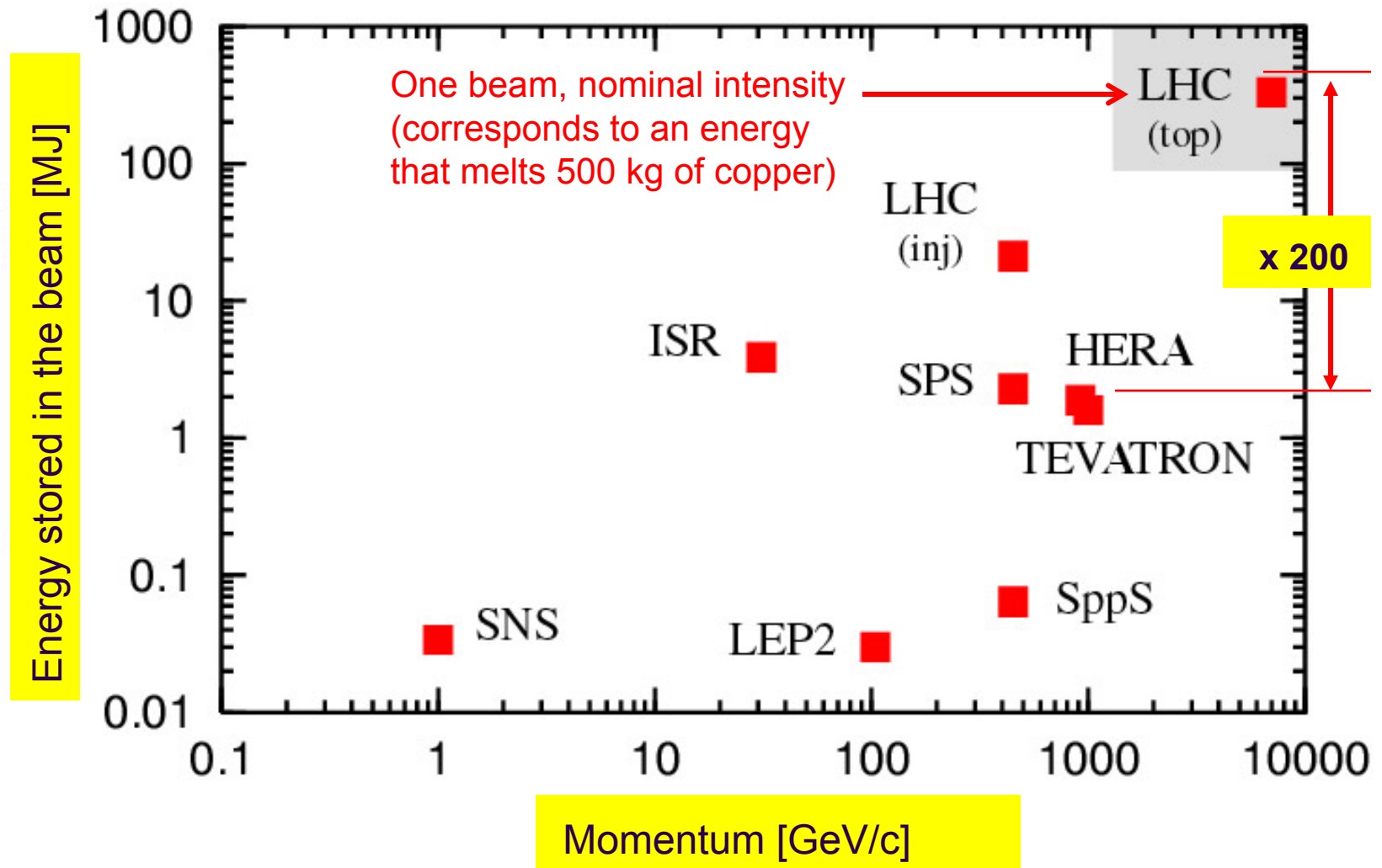
13 kA Protection diode

To be connected:

- Beam tubes
- Pipes for helium
- Cryostat
- Thermal shields
- Vacuum vessel
- Superconducting cables

42 sc bus bars 600 A for corrector magnets (chromaticity, tune, etc....) + 12 sc bus bars for 6 kA (special quadrupoles)

Challenges: Energy stored in the beam



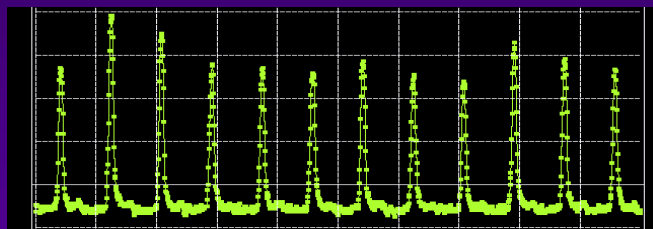
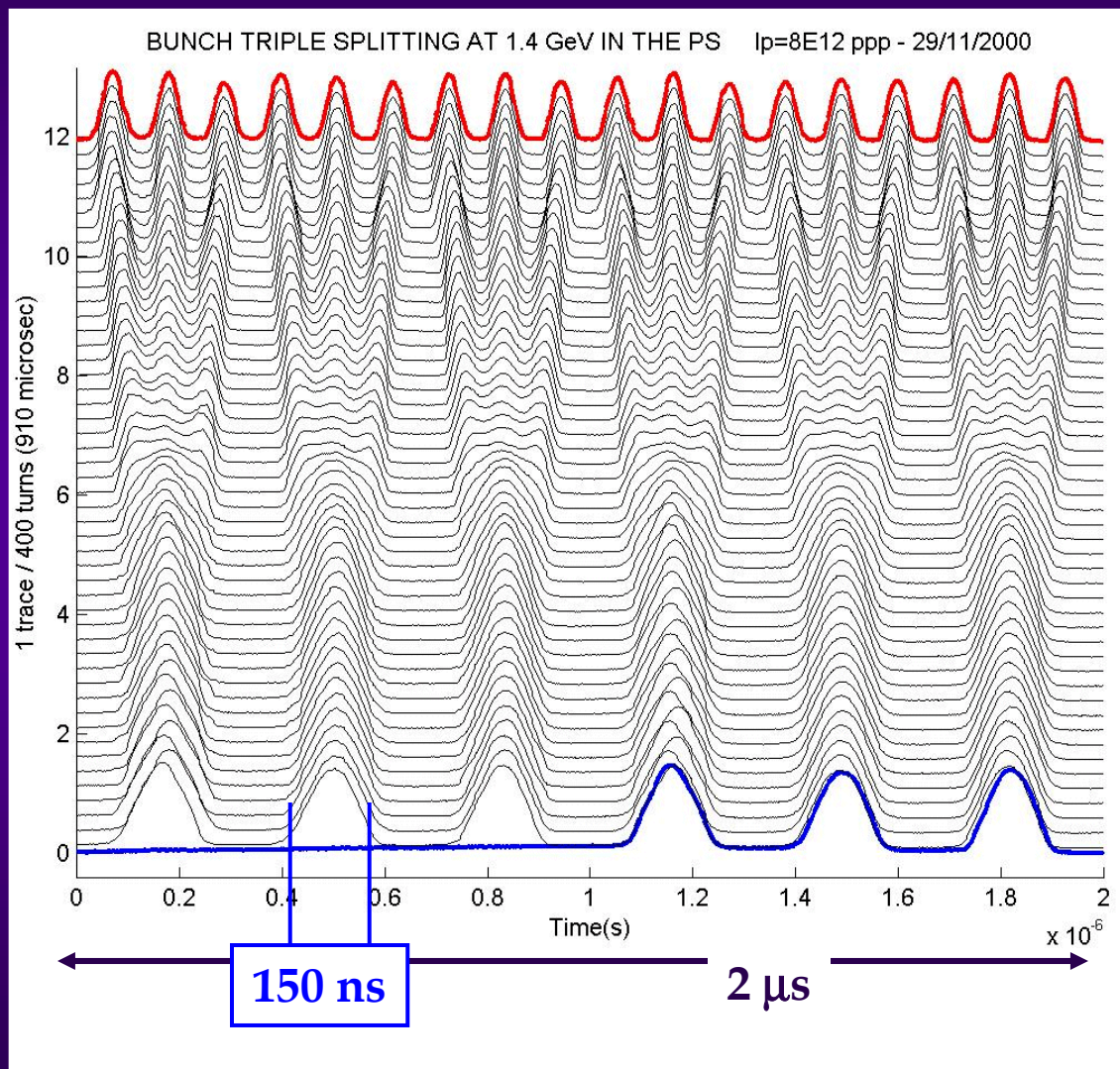


Injector Complex

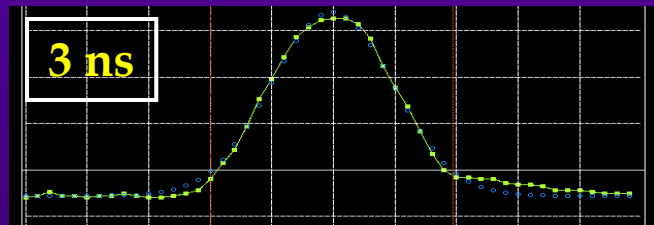
- Pre-injectors: Linac, PS Booster and Proton Synchrotron deliver beam at 26 GeV to the SPS
- The SPS accelerates beam from 26 GeV to 450 GeV
- Both, the pre-injectors and the SPS were upgraded for the operation with nominal LHC beam parameters
- Already today, beams are available close to the nominal beam parameters required for the LHC



Injector Complex: Bunch splitting in the PS



Twelve out of 72 bunches
on the last turn of the PS
(30 ns/div)



zoom on one bunch
(bottom, 1 ns/div).

Mountain range display of bunch splitting at 1.4 GeV

Courtesy R.Garoby

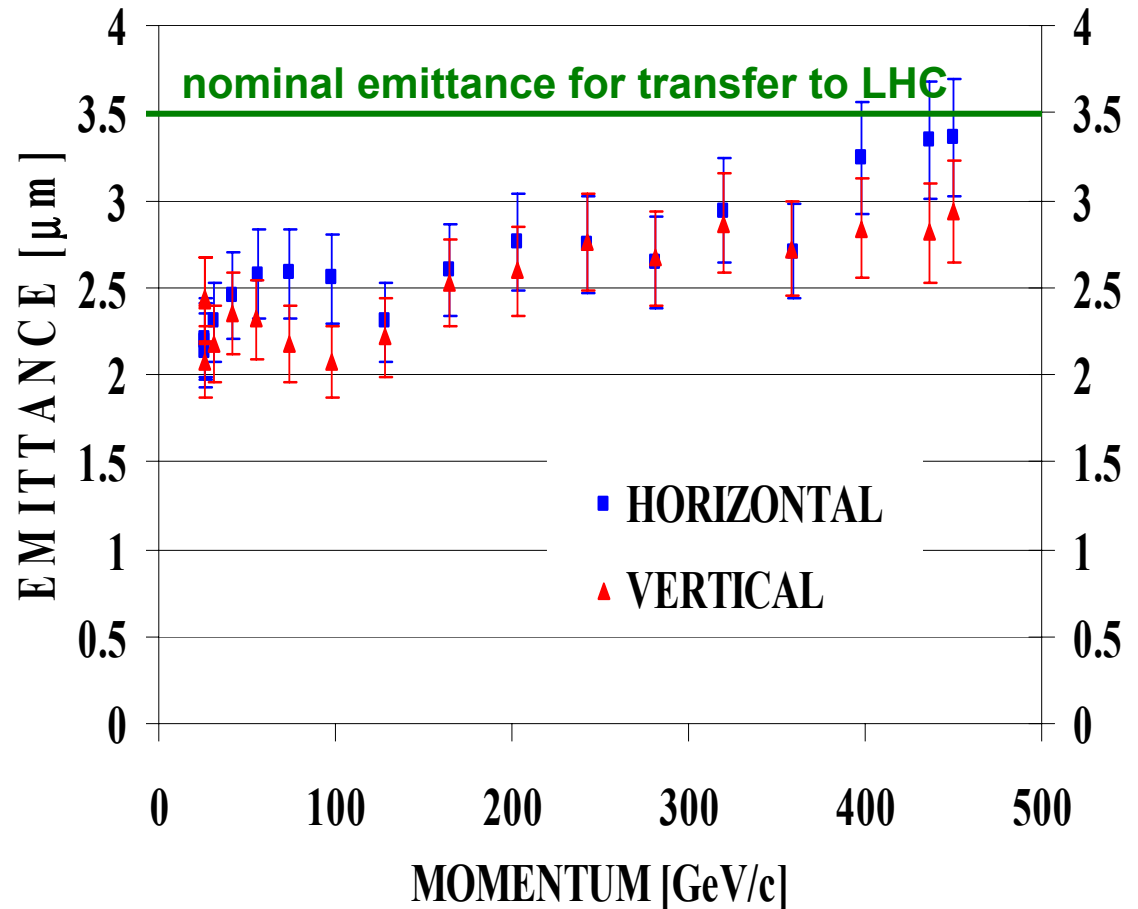


Injector Complex: Acceleration in the SPS

2001: emittance blowup along the ramp, due to the beam induced electron cloud instability (secondary electrons accelerated and multiplied due to high beam intensity)

but still below nominal for LHC - at reduced beam current

2002: beam scrubbing reduced secondary emission => no blow up along injection plateau - studies continue



Emittance as a function of momentum during the 2001 run (reduce beam current)



Transfer Lines SPS - LHC

Two new transfer line tunnels from SPS to LHC are being built. The beam lines use normal conducting magnets

Length of each line: about 2.8 km

Magnets are all available, made by BINP / Novosibirsk

Commissioning of the first line for 2004



Dipole magnets waiting for installation



LHC: Superconducting Magnets

Arc 15-m dipoles and
quadrupoles

Insertion dipoles and
quadrupoles

Corrector magnets

**See Poster session
MOPL this afternoon**

Presentation by T.Taylor on
Super LHC magnets -
MOYGB002



Dipole assembly in industry

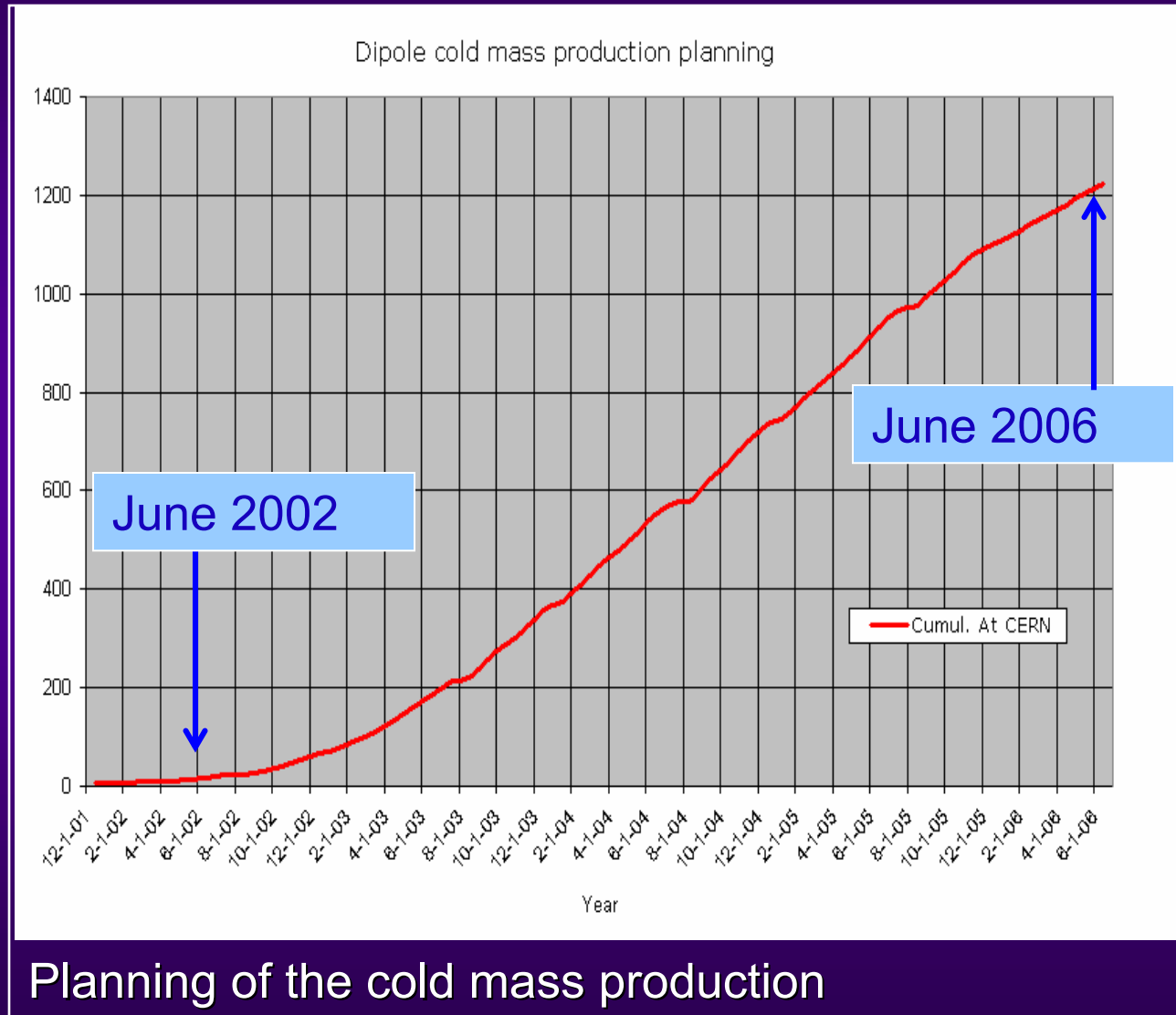


Superconducting main dipoles

After many years of R&D, six prototypes have been built by industry

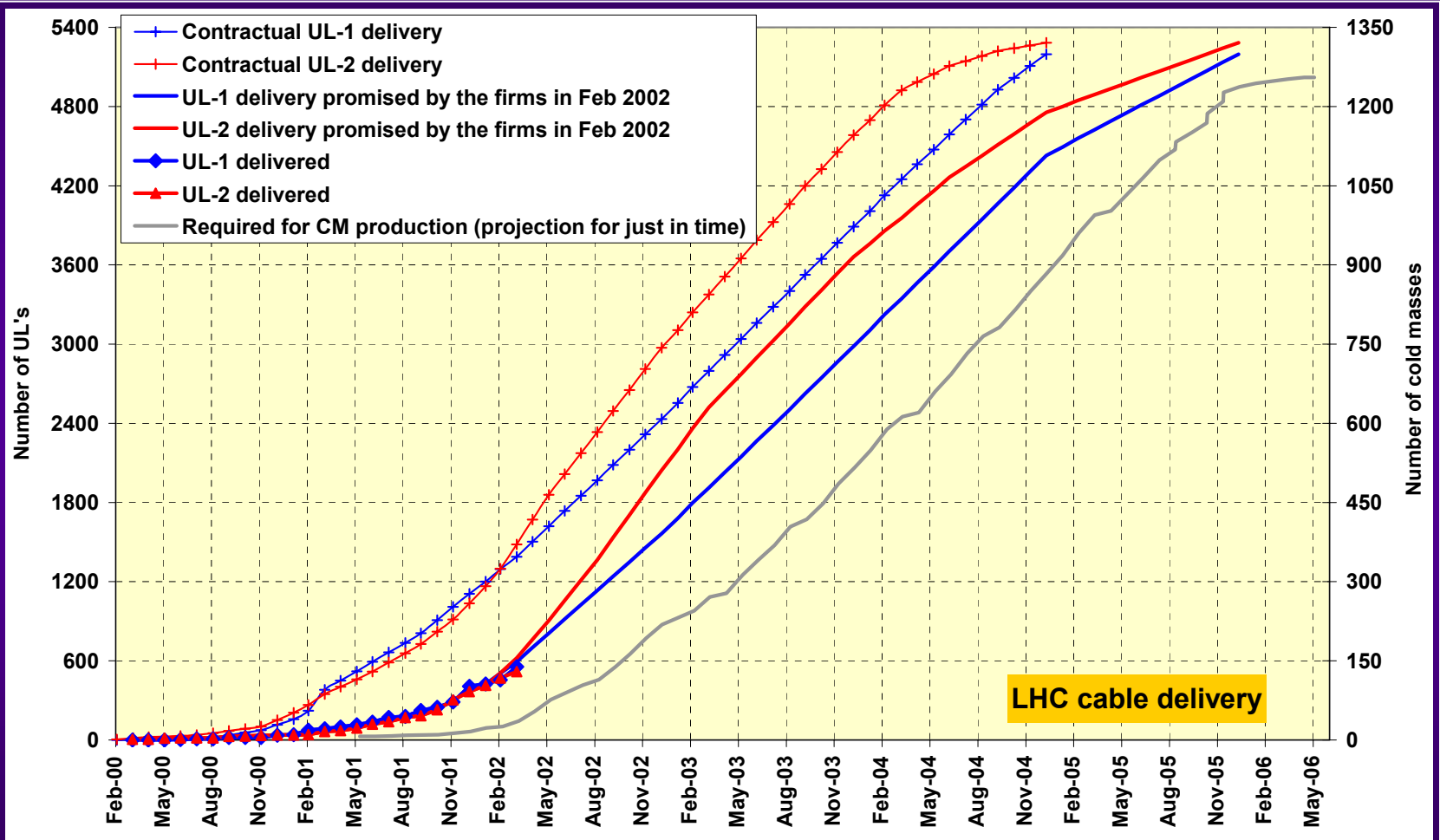
Later, 90 pre-series magnets were ordered from three firms and are now in production
Several ten collared coils were made

Three contracts for the fabrication of all magnets were awarded





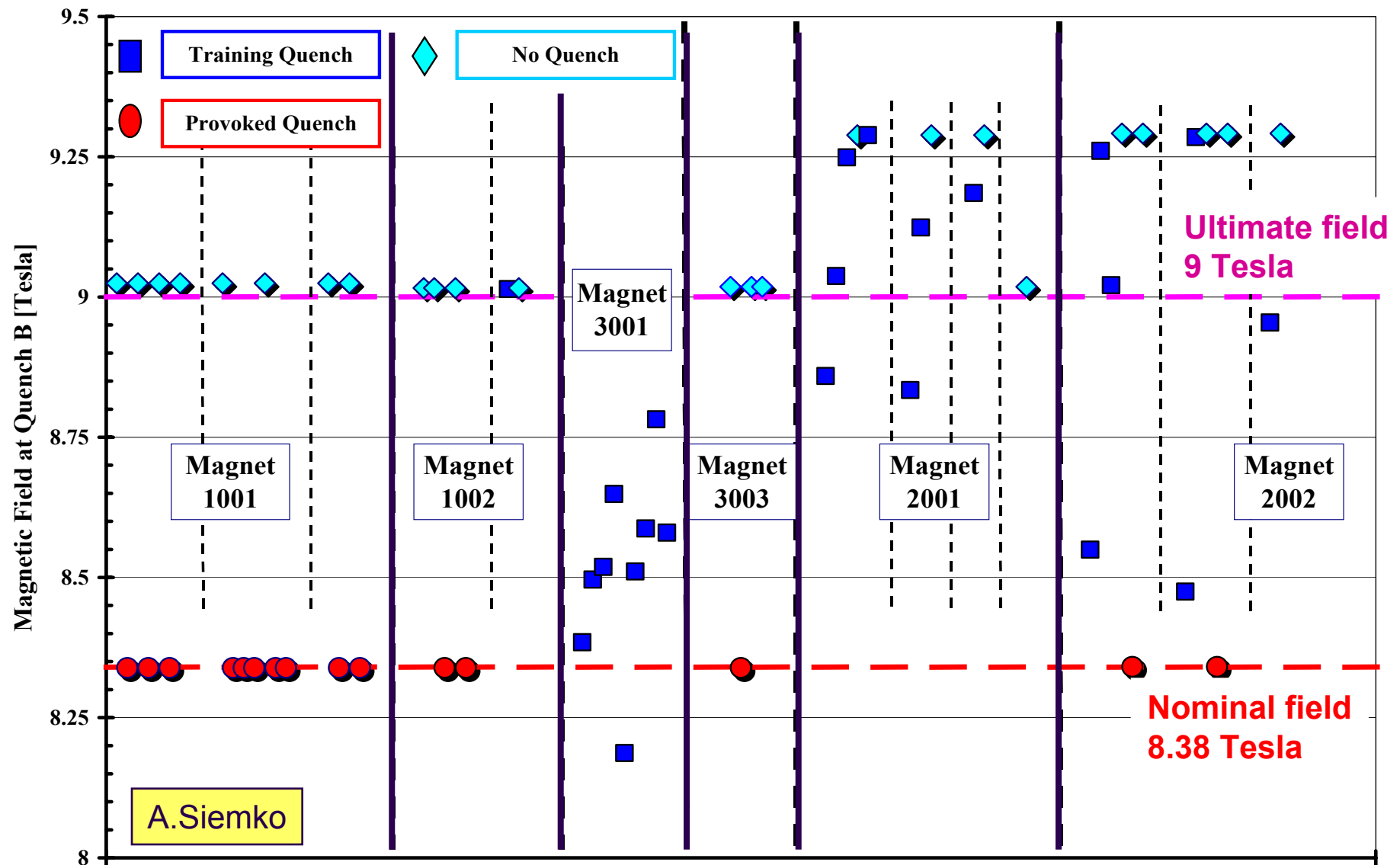
Superconducting main dipoles: cable delivery status and future schedule



Cable production now following the adjusted planning

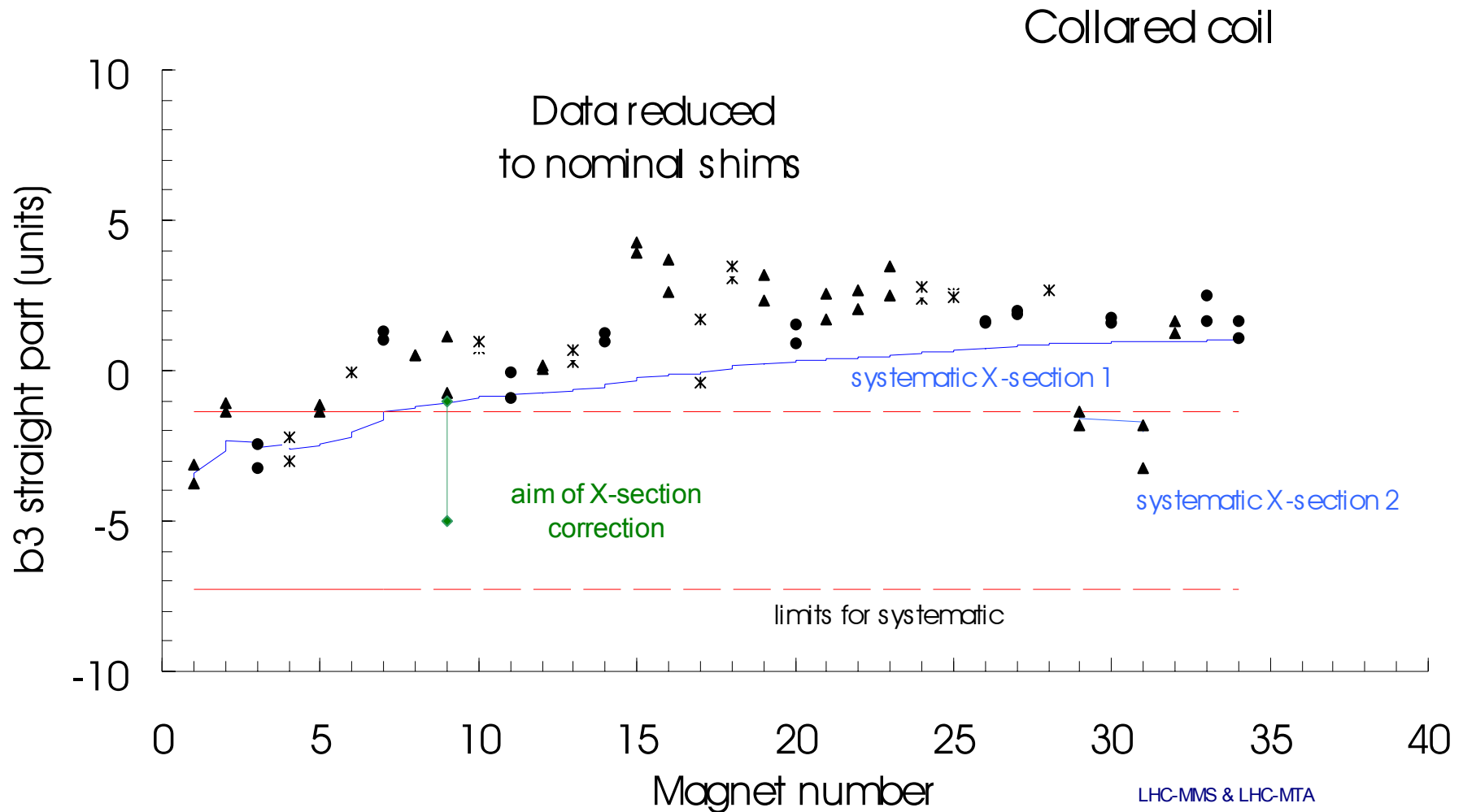


Training of pre-series main dipole magnets





Field harmonics: Correction of the sextupole harmonics in the main dipole magnets



Small changes of the cross section to improve b3 multipole



Cryostating and measurements (main dipoles and other magnets)



SMA18 cryostating hall at CERN for installing dipole magnets into cryostats

SM18: 12 measurement stations are prepared for cold tests of possibly all superconducting magnets

A.Rijllart - MOPDO013





Main arc quadrupole magnets and special quadrupole magnets for the matching sections

Contribution from CEA/Saclay and CNRS (France) to the LHC:

- Prototypes of arc quadrupoles were developed and constructed
- Production was launched in industry
 - ◆ Tooling for the fabrication is operational
 - ◆ Fabrication of the coils started
 - ◆ Delivery of the first magnet in the cryostat expected for the second half of 2002

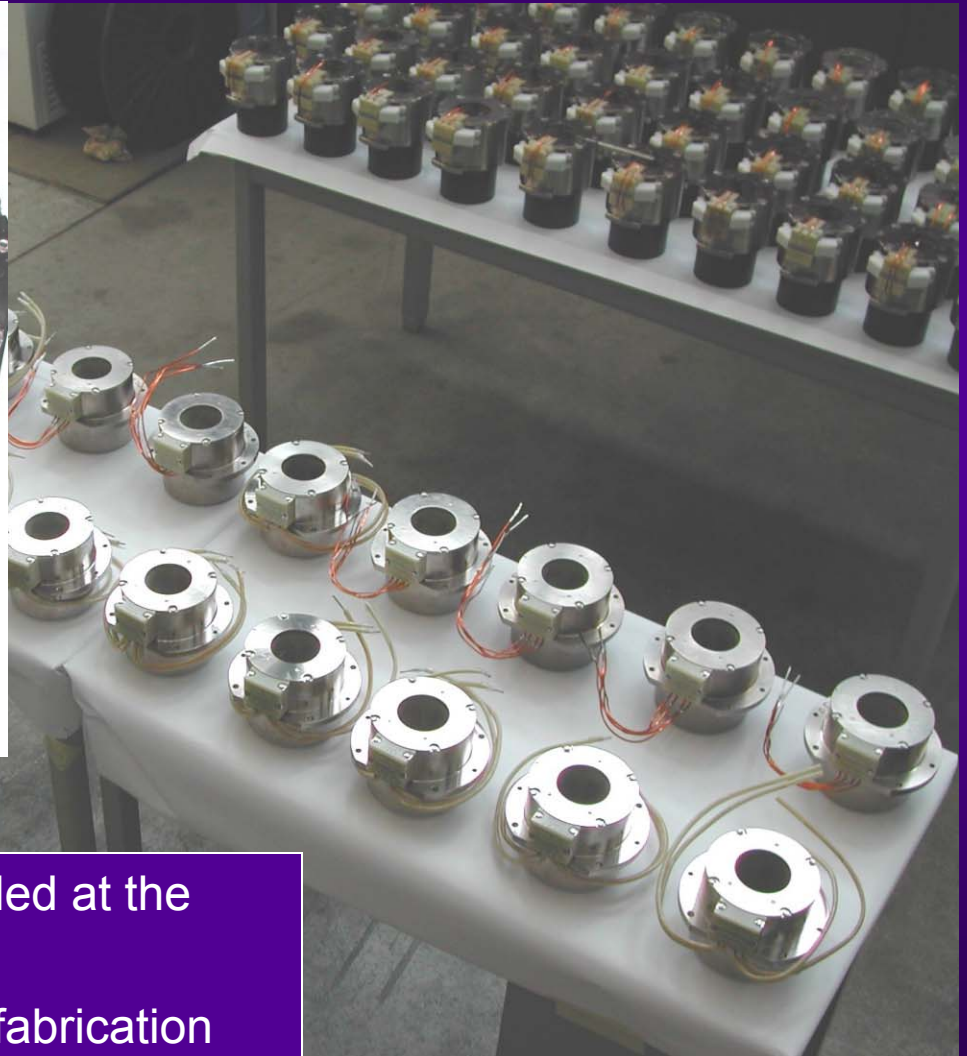
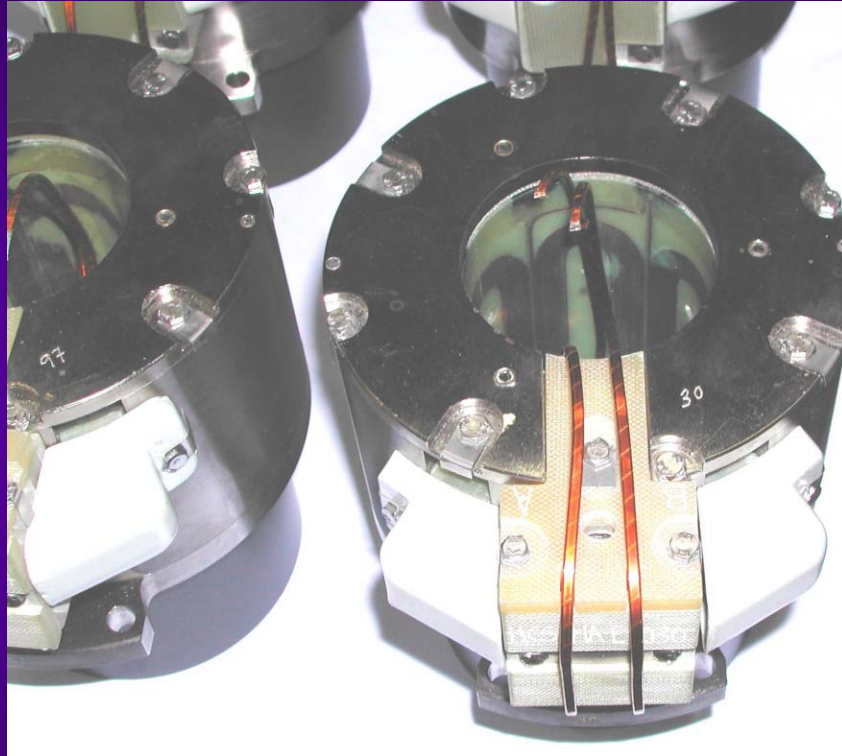
Insertion quadrupoles will be also fabricated by industry - 1st pre-series for the end of year 2002



L. Rossi LHC-MMS (January 2002)



Corrector magnet fabrication - construction for 11 types of magnets started

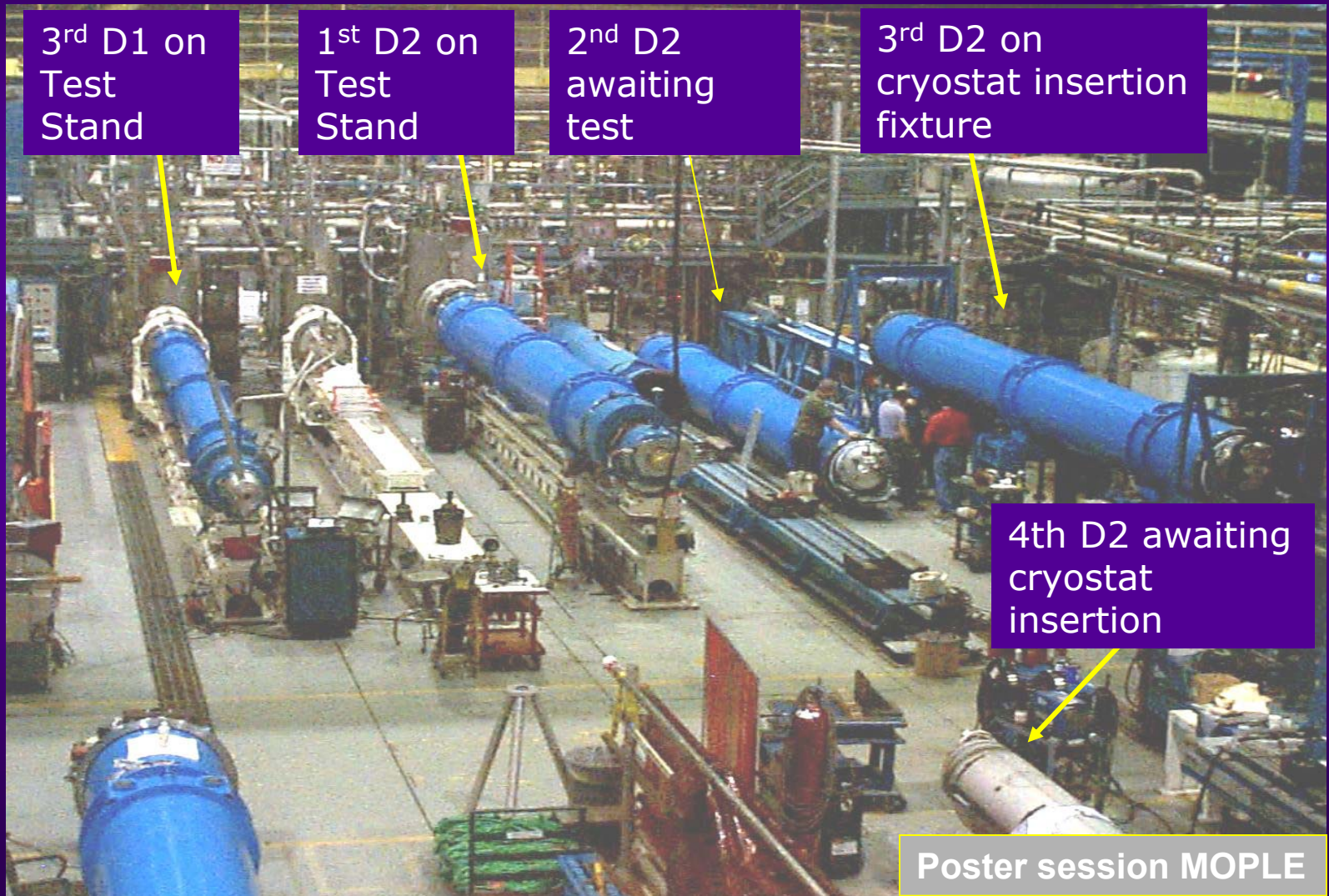


Sextupoles and decapoles to be installed at the
extremities of the main dipoles

Delivery must precede dipole magnet fabrication
(contribution from India and fabrication in industry)



Insertion magnets: Dipoles from BNL (USA) for beam separation / recombination





Insertion magnets: Quadrupoles from KEK (Japan) and FERMILAB (USA)



Challenging inner triplet quadrupole magnets with very high gradient from KEK and FERMILAB

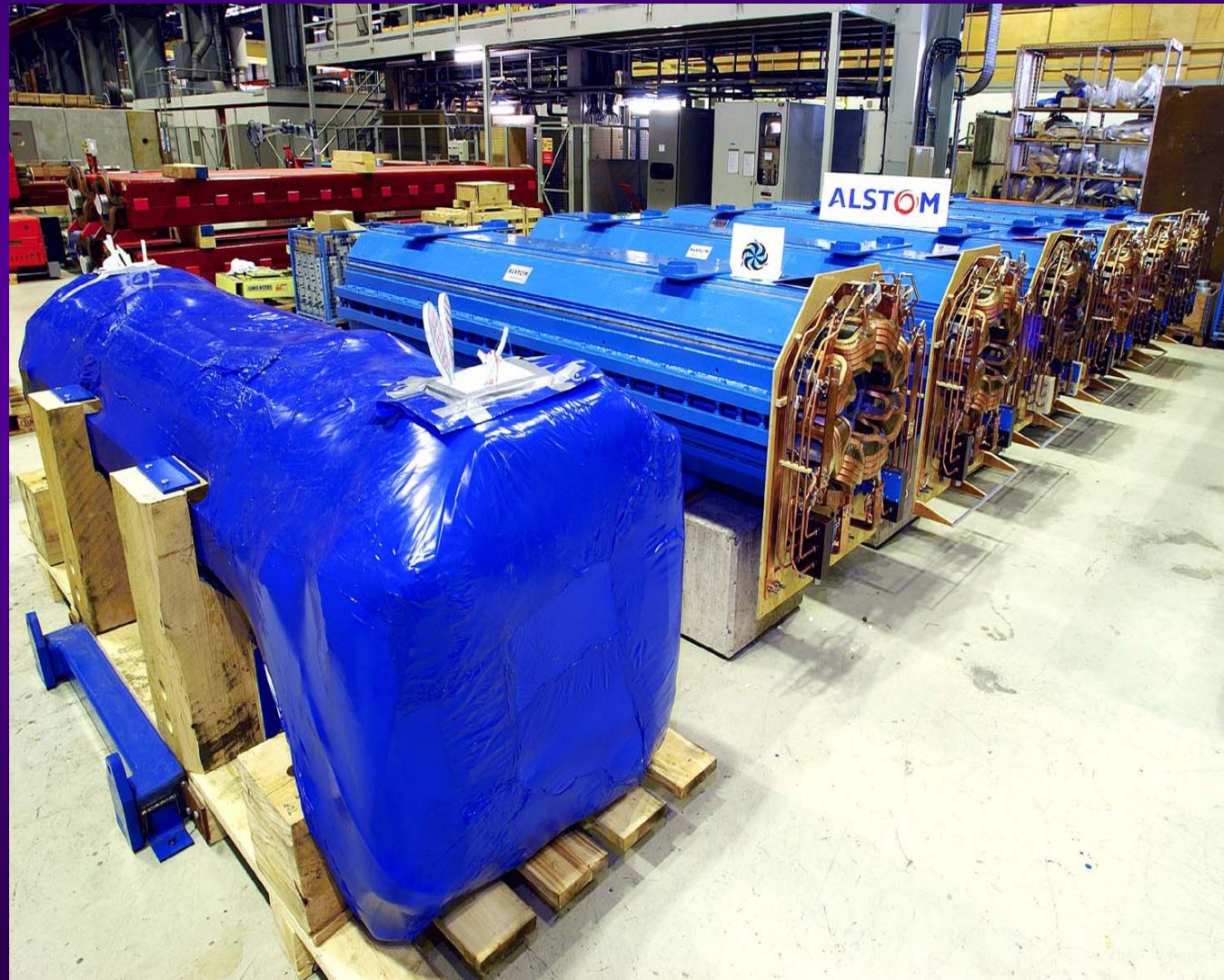
Arrival of magnet from KEK at FERMILAB to be installed into the triplet cryostat

Poster session MOPLE



Normal Conducting Magnets: Double aperture quadrupole magnets for the cleaning insertions (warm)

One third of the magnets have been produced (collaboration with TRIUMF / Canada)





Cryogenic System

Four new 18 kW plants are added to four existing plants from LEP

26 km long Cryoline: three 100 m prototypes were built and validated

Contract for construction and installation of the line has been awarded

Installation starts in 2003

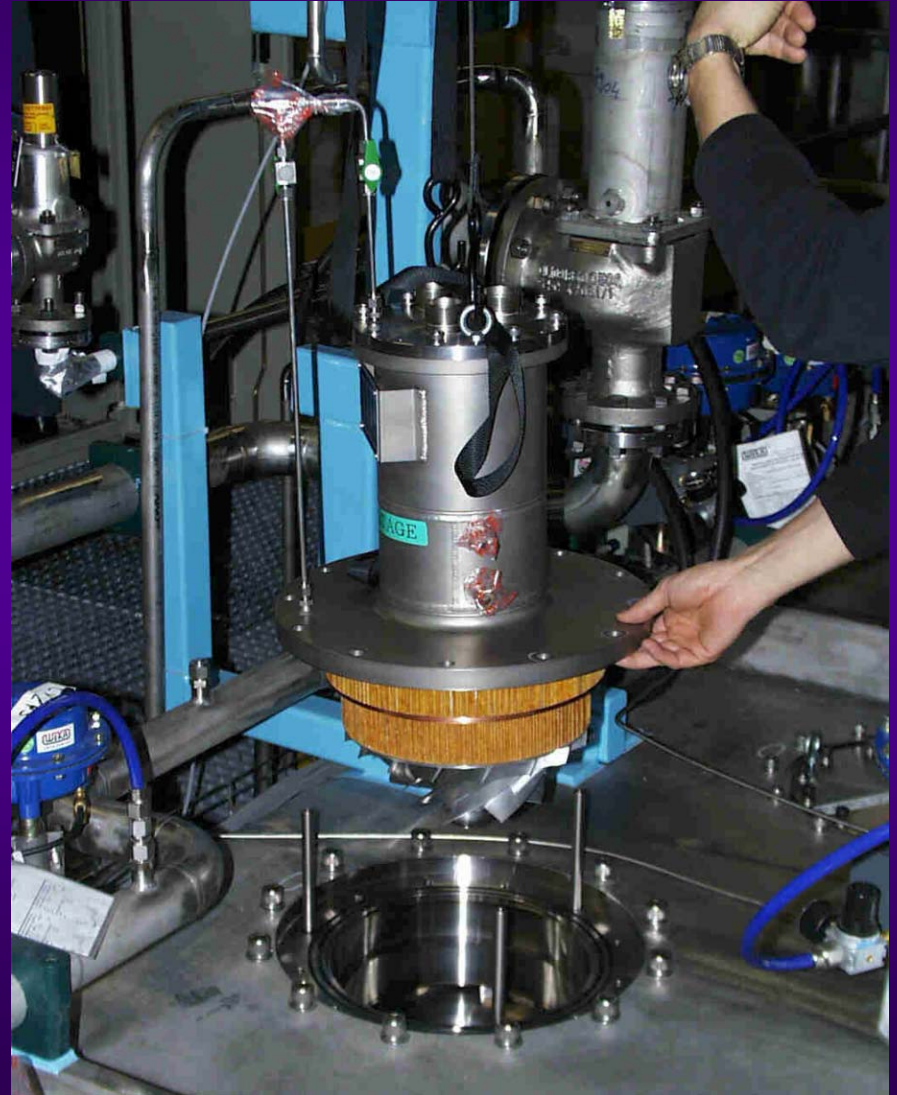


One new plant is being commissioned



Cryogenic System: Preparation of Cold Compressor Tests

First cold hydrodynamic compressors have been delivered from IHI (Japan) / industry and are being tested at CERN - with promising results





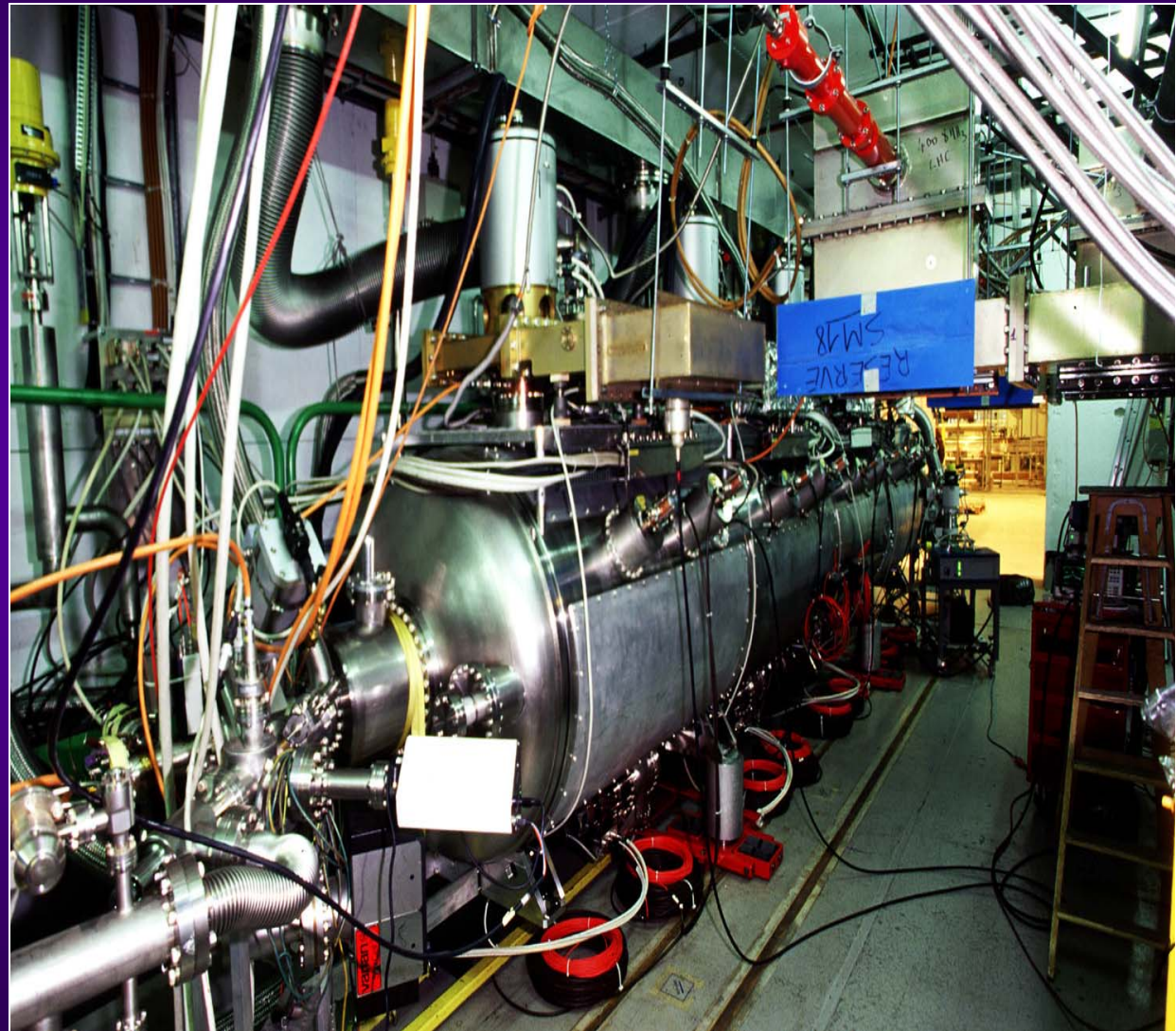
RF systems: 400 MHz and possibly 200 MHz

400 MHz system:

all 16 sc cavities
(copper sputtered with
niobium) for 16
MV/beam were built and
assembled in four
modules

200 MHz warm system:

Decision for
implementation to be
taken in 2004 - to ease
the injection process



Power test of the first module



Beam vacuum system

Beam screen is required for most of the machine

Ensures vacuum stability

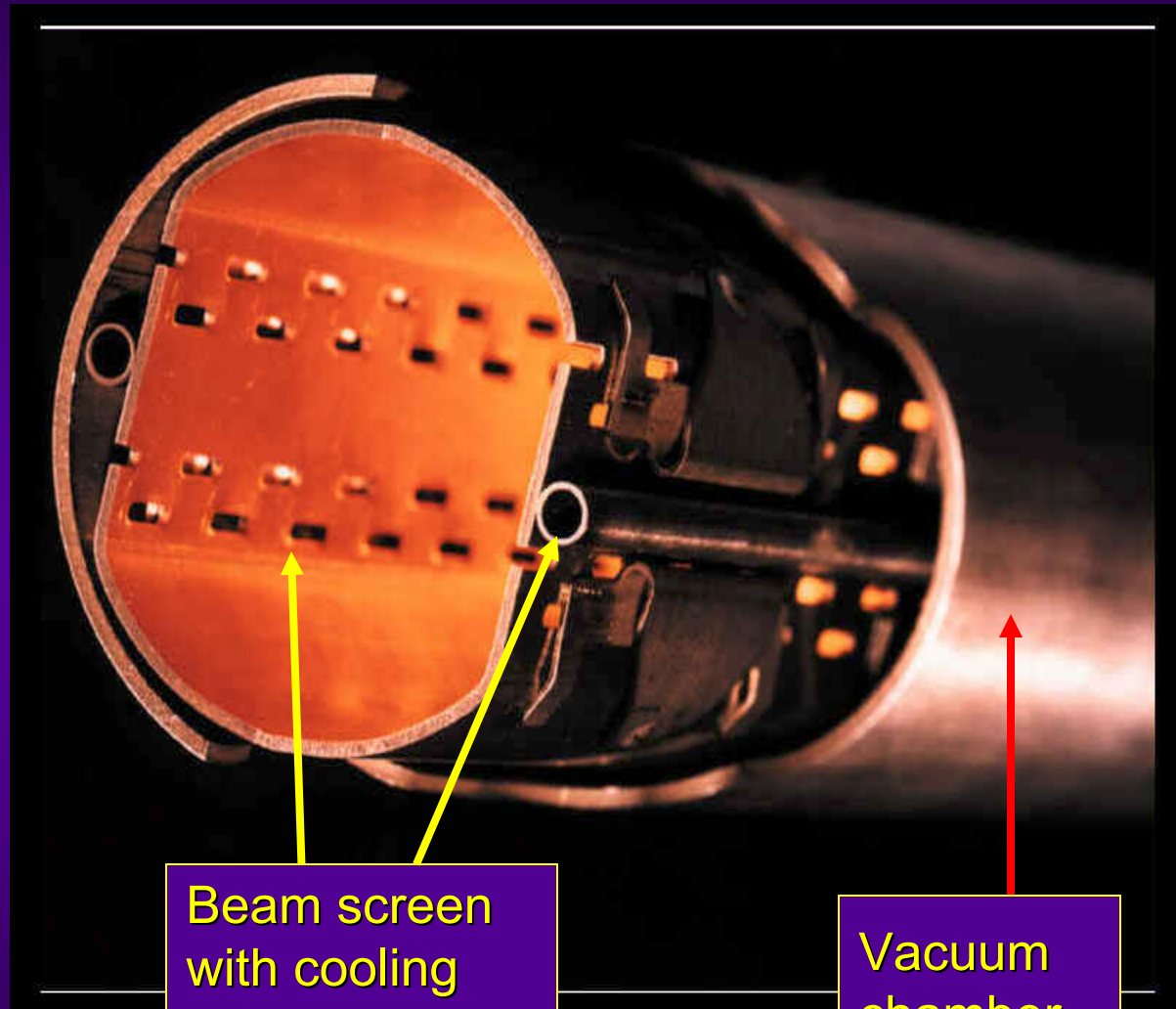
Captures synchrotron radiation at 5-20 K

Beam stability => Low impedance: thin copper layer

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Electron cloud effects:

- Minimise reflectivity
- Beam scrubbing (as in SPS)



Beam screen with cooling channels and pumping slots

Vacuum chamber

Electron clouds: Several contributions in various sessions



Powering and Quench Protection

- Almost 1800 circuits from 60 A to 24 kA distributed around the 27 km LHC accelerator => **1800 Power Converter**
- The eight sectors of the LHC are largely independent - **accurate tracking** of current is required
- **Very high performance** is needed for the 24 main circuits with main dipole and quadrupole magnets **at $I = 12$ kA**
 - ◆ **For the main circuits the current needs to be controlled at the ppm level (12 mA at 12 kA)**
- **Protection** of 8000 magnets, 1800 High Temperature Superconductor current leads, and a large number of superconducting bus bars



Machine protection: Magnet energy

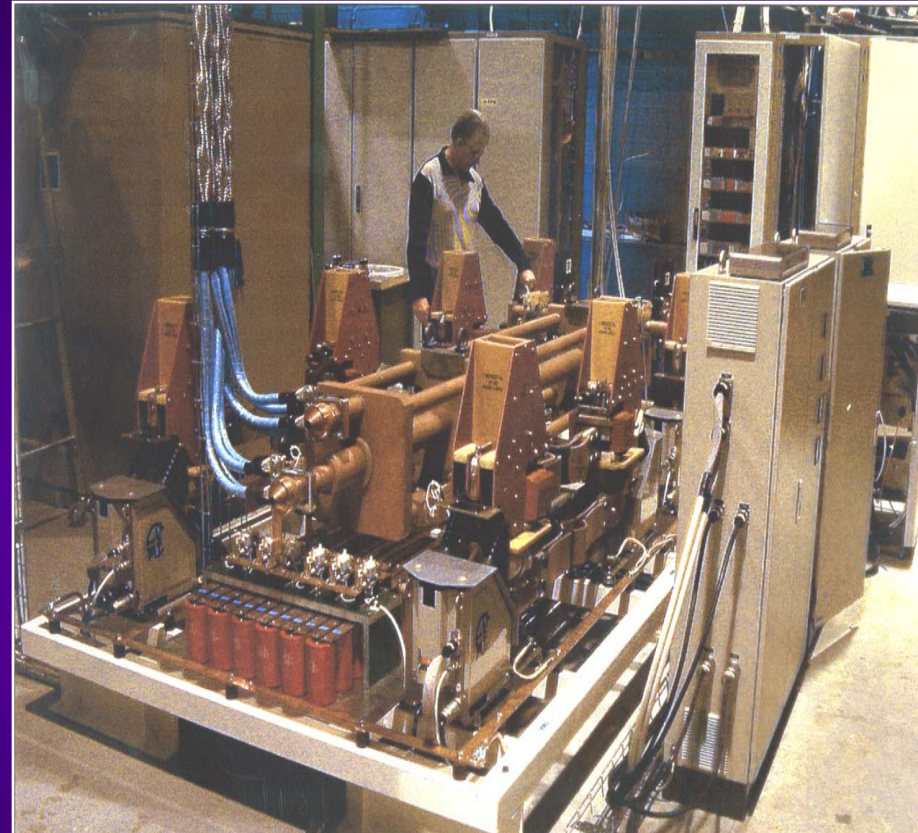
Energy in dipole magnets: 10 GJoule
... per sector reduced to 1.3 GJoule

Uncontrolled release of energy is prevented:

Fire quench heaters

Current by-passes magnet via power diode

Extract energy by switching a resistor into the circuit - the resistor with a mass of eight tons is heated to 300 °C



13 kA switches from Protvino Russia

All components of the system have been validated, and production started (part in collaboration with Russia and India)



Accelerator physics and operation

- **Dynamic aperture of 11 sigma**: for all magnets the maximum tolerated multipoles were specified
- Preparations based on very well controlled slow ramp with **PELP function** (parabolic, exponential, linear and parabolic)
- Accurate modelling of beam dynamics through the cycle
 - ◆ **Magnetic multipoles**
 - ◆ **Dynamic effects in superconducting magnets**
 - ◆ **Beam beam effects - head on / parasitic crossings**
- Preparation of **slow feedback** for tune and orbit, and possibly chromaticity - prototyping at the SPS
- Online magnetic measurements (**multipole factory**) for feed-forward to corrector circuits



Machine protection: Beam energy

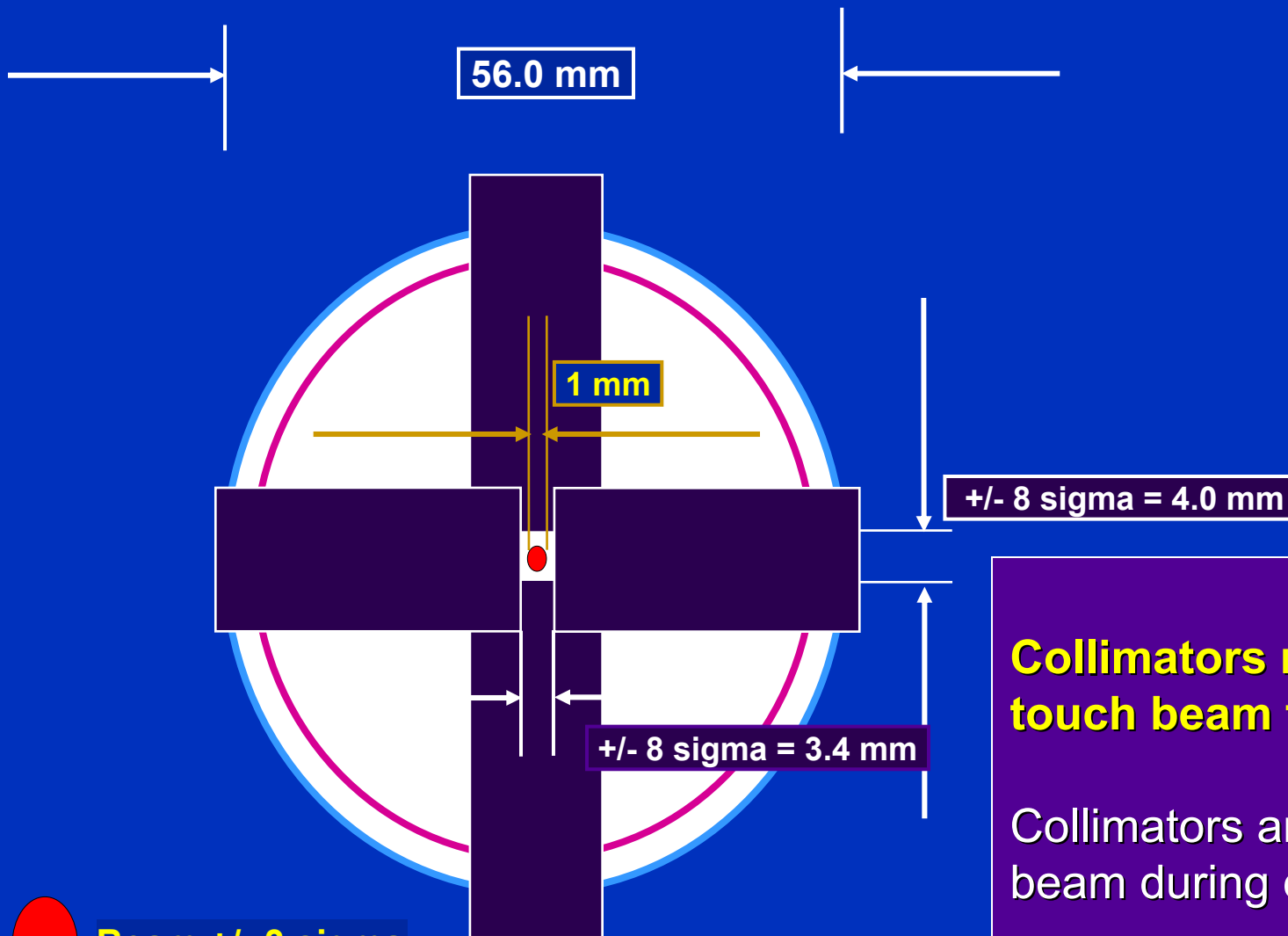
For 7 TeV: fast beam loss between 10^6 and 10^7 protons could quench a dipole magnet

The beam dump block is the only system that can stand the full 7 TeV beam - $3 \cdot 10^{14}$ protons

Beam Cleaning: Capture particles in the warm sections of the LHC with an efficiency of **better than 99.9%** to avoid losses that could quench superconducting magnets

In case of equipment failure, beam instabilities etc:

- Capture initial beam losses that could damage LHC equipment
- Beam Loss Monitors close to collimators and other aperture restrictions produce a fast and reliable signal to dump the beam if beam losses become unacceptable



Collimators must always touch beam first !

Collimators are close to the beam during energy ramp

Example: Setting of collimators at 7 TeV - with luminosity optics



Optimisation of Cleaning

- Definition of requirements for collimation system - taking into account failure scenarios and imperfect operation
 - ◆ **Worst case is the impact of about 20 bunches on the collimator due to pre-firing of one dump kicker module**
- Optimisation of the robustness of the cleaning system
- Material for collimator is being reconsidered - low Z material is favoured
- Proceed with the technical design of the collimators



Prototype LHC cell: the 110 m long String 2

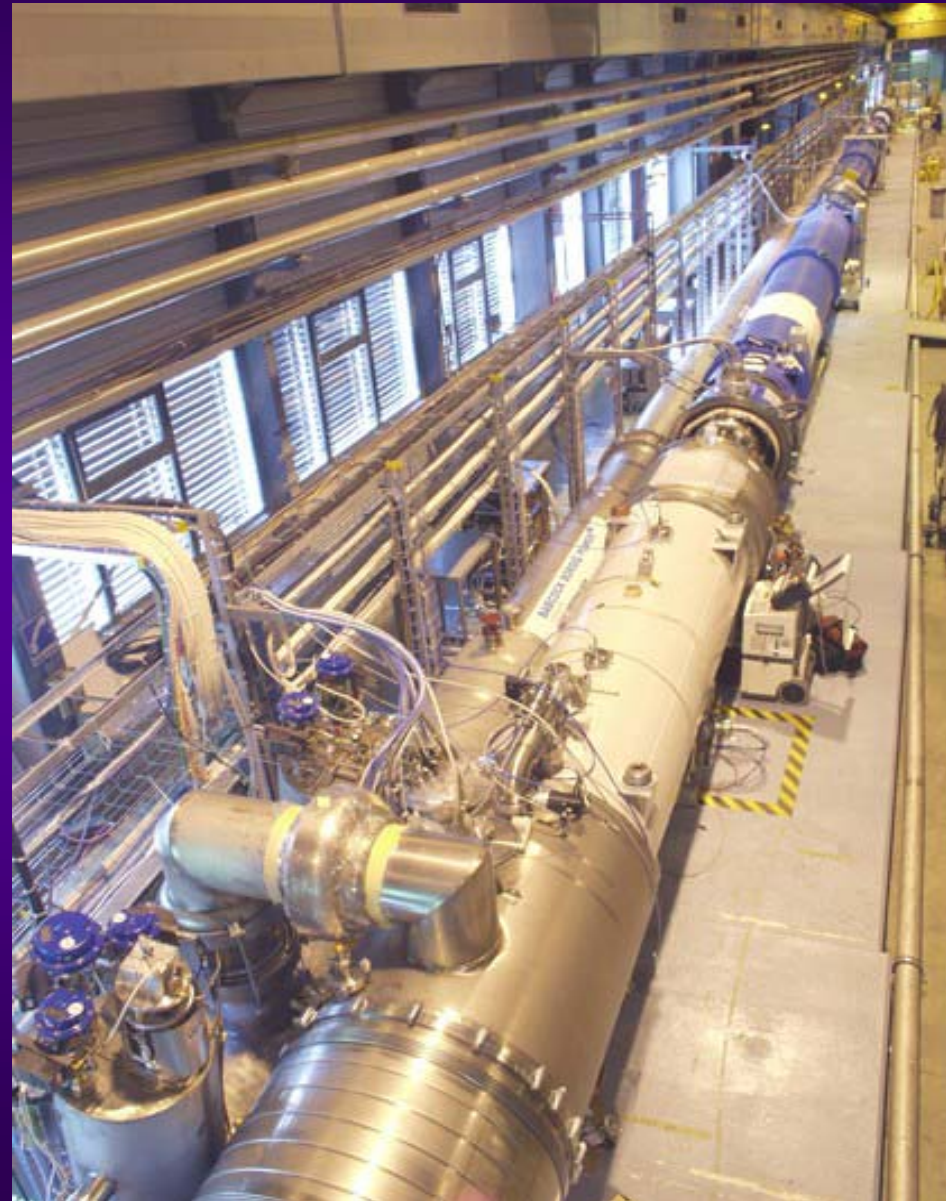
Full size model of one LHC cell (six dipoles and two quadrupoles)

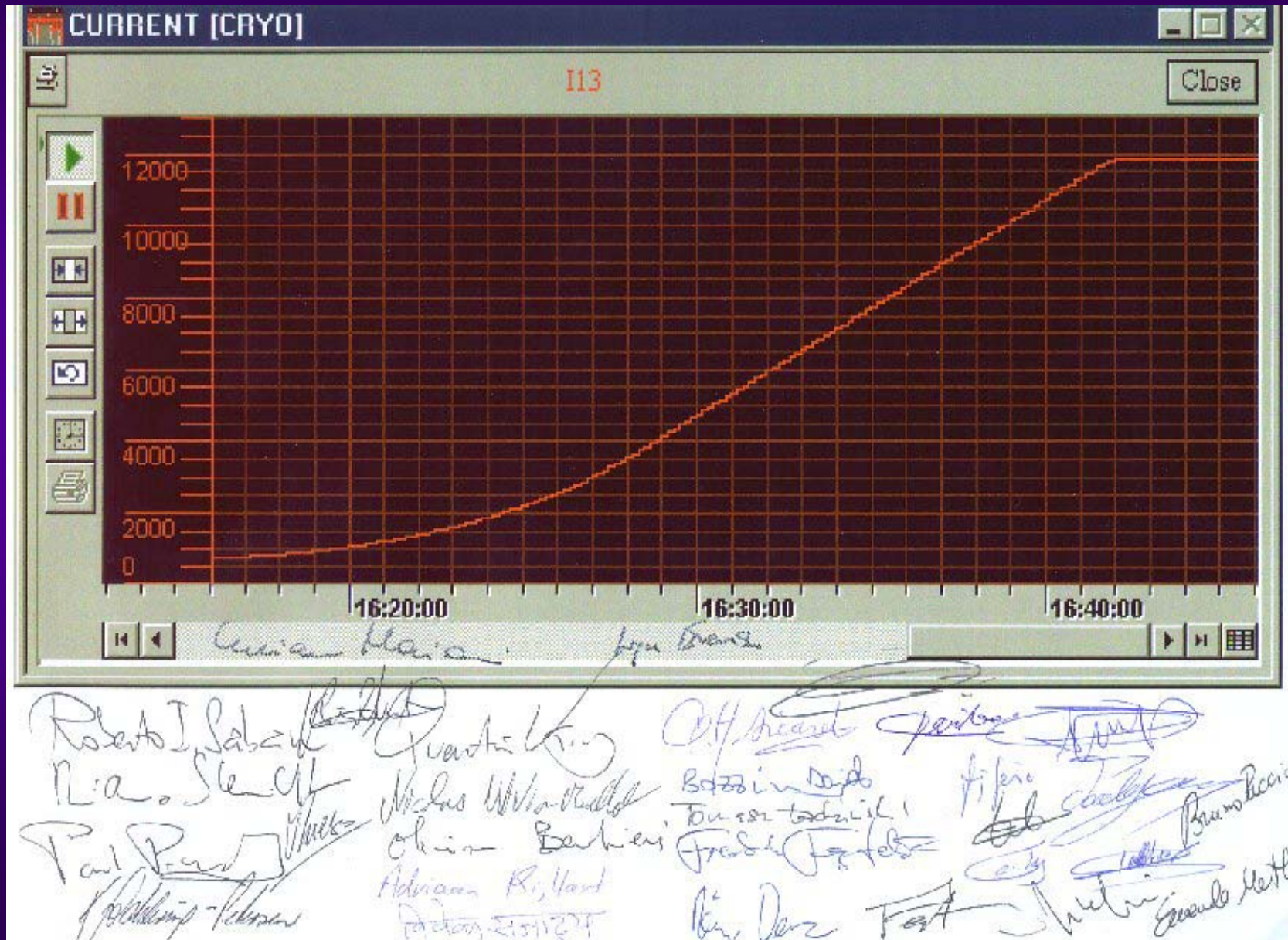
2001: 3 dipoles and 2 quadrupoles

Cooled down to 1.9 K and one dipole and two quadrupole circuits were powered to nominal current

Cell has been completed (now six dipoles) and is today being cooled down

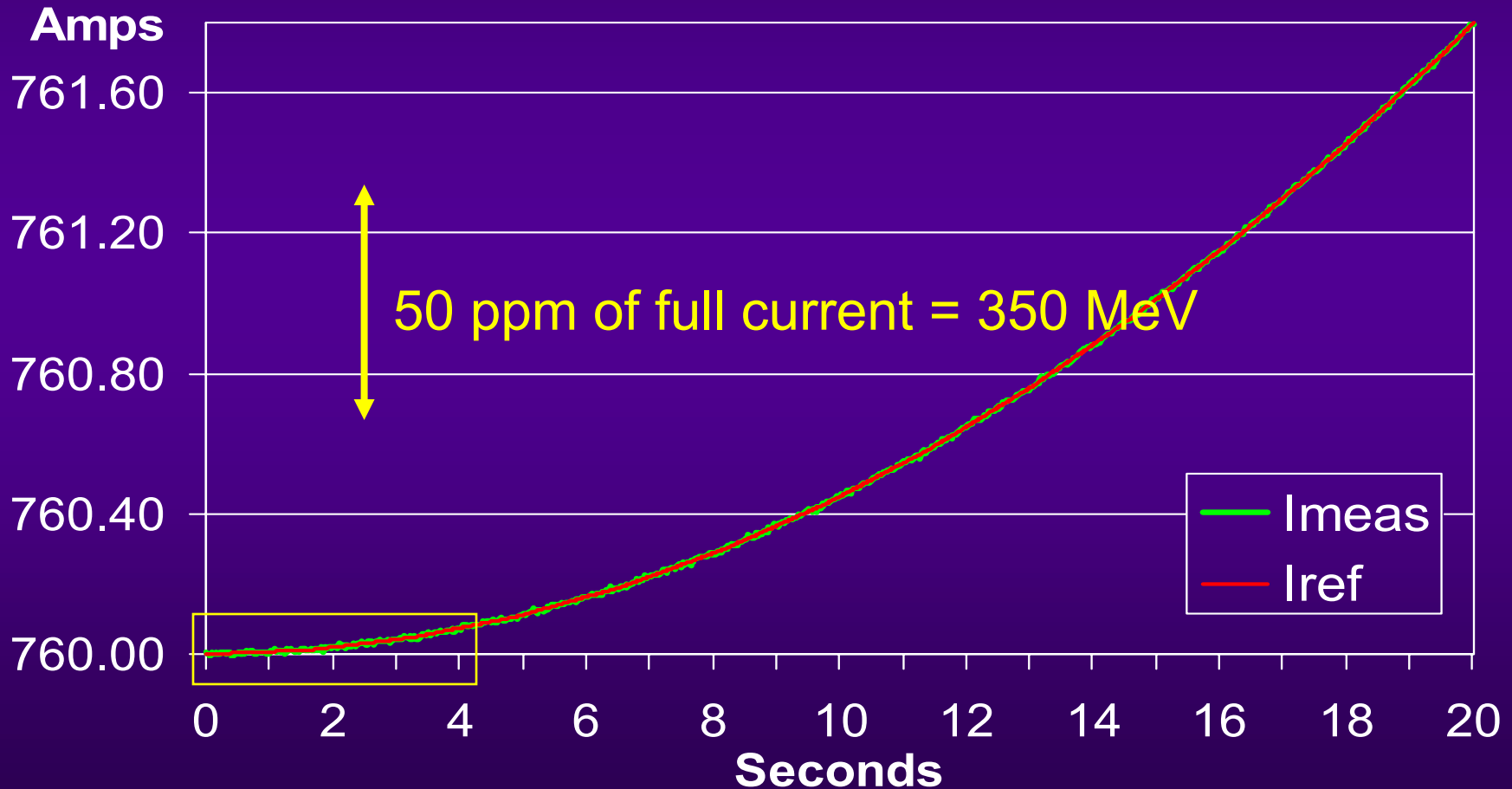
Experiment were performed in 2001 and will continue soon





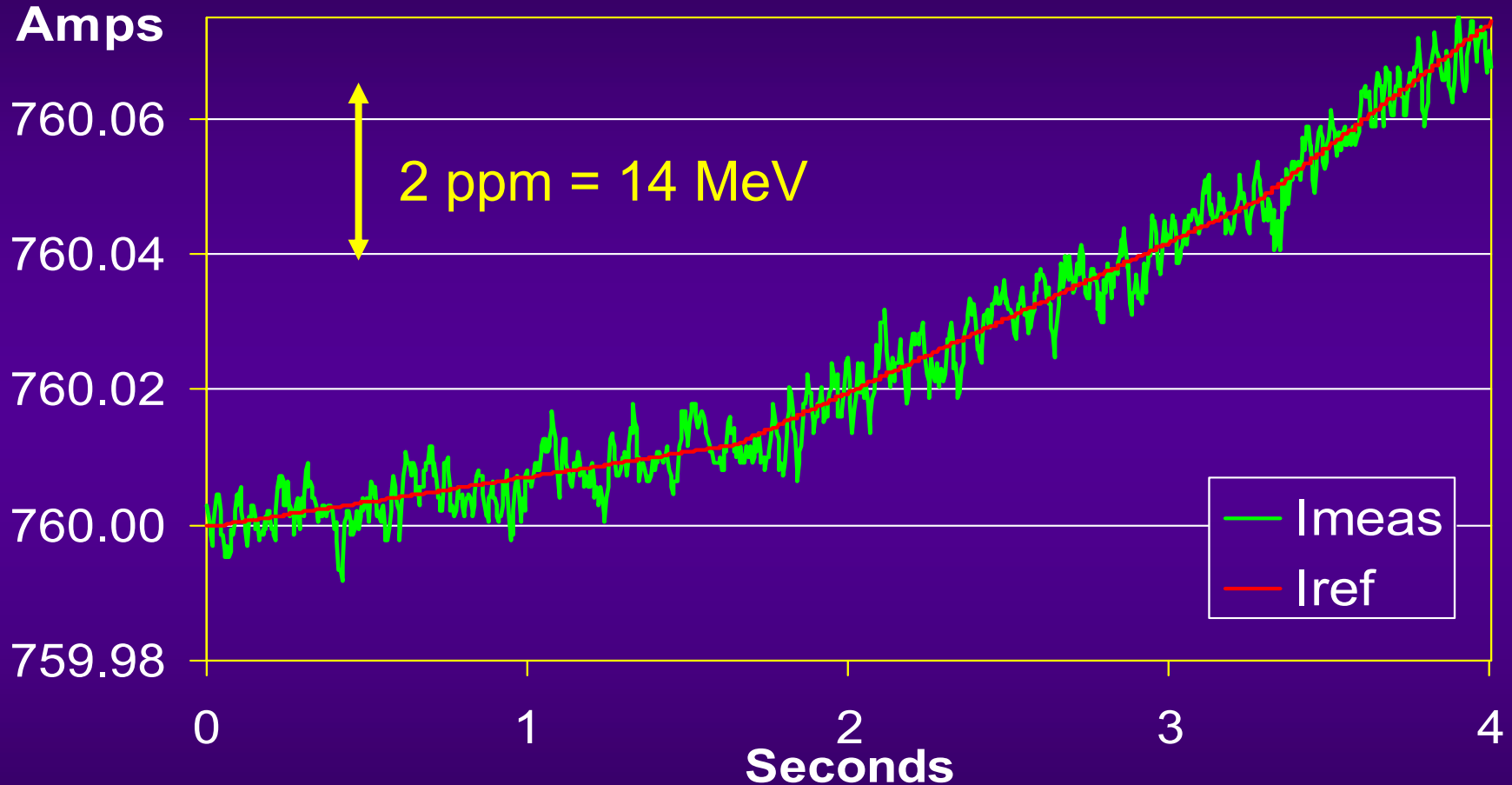


String 2: Start of the LHC dipole circuit ramp (0-20s) simulates ramp after injection of beam at 450 GeV





String 2: LHC dipole circuit ramp (0-4s)

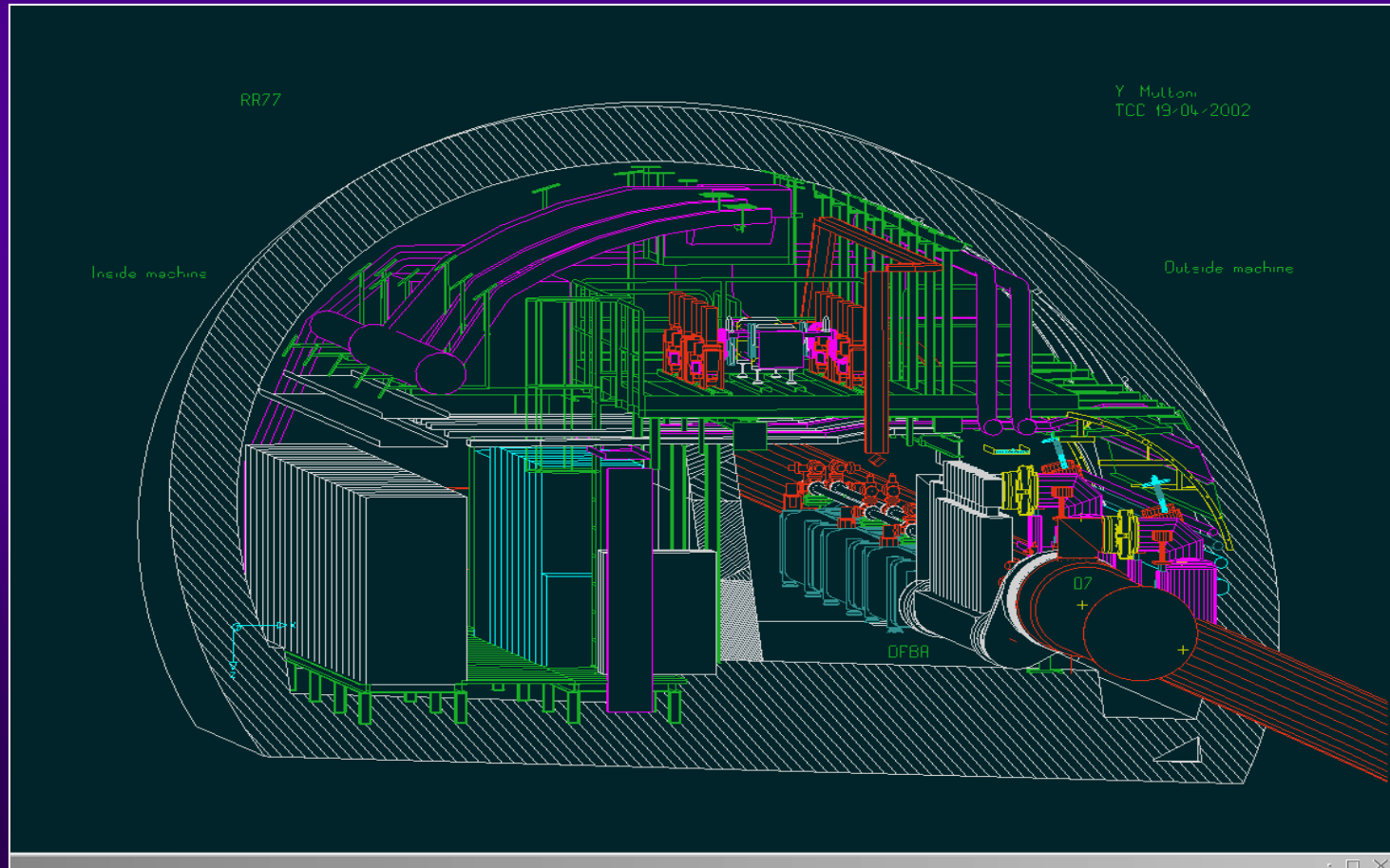


Results were achieved with a new method of digital regulation together with an ultra high precision current measurement system



Integration and Installation

- Space in tunnel and underground areas is limited
- Equipment for many systems need to be installed
- 3-D computer model for tunnel and underground areas





Conclusions

- Civil engineering is nearly completed
- Most contracts with industry for equipment supply have been awarded
- Fabrication of equipment under the responsibility of other labs goes well

Planning can now be based on deliveries and contractual documents

The LHC is installed and commissioned in eight (rather) independent sectors - that allows for

activities to be performed in parallel

Installation of LHC started with “general services” March 2002



Conclusions

From now to 2006	Fabrication of equipment Installation of completed components Very thorough commissioning of the hardware systems starting in 2005, sector by sector , as key for successful fast start up with beam
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String 2 gave us a lot of confidence as we observed a smooth commissioning of the hardware systems

In **2006 - one beam injected and transported** across two sectors (25% of the ring)

Start-up with two beams in spring 2007



String 2 cooldown Friday, 21 June 2002

