

Vacuum & Cryogenics Controls @ CERN

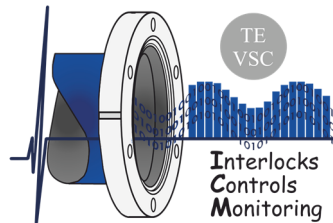
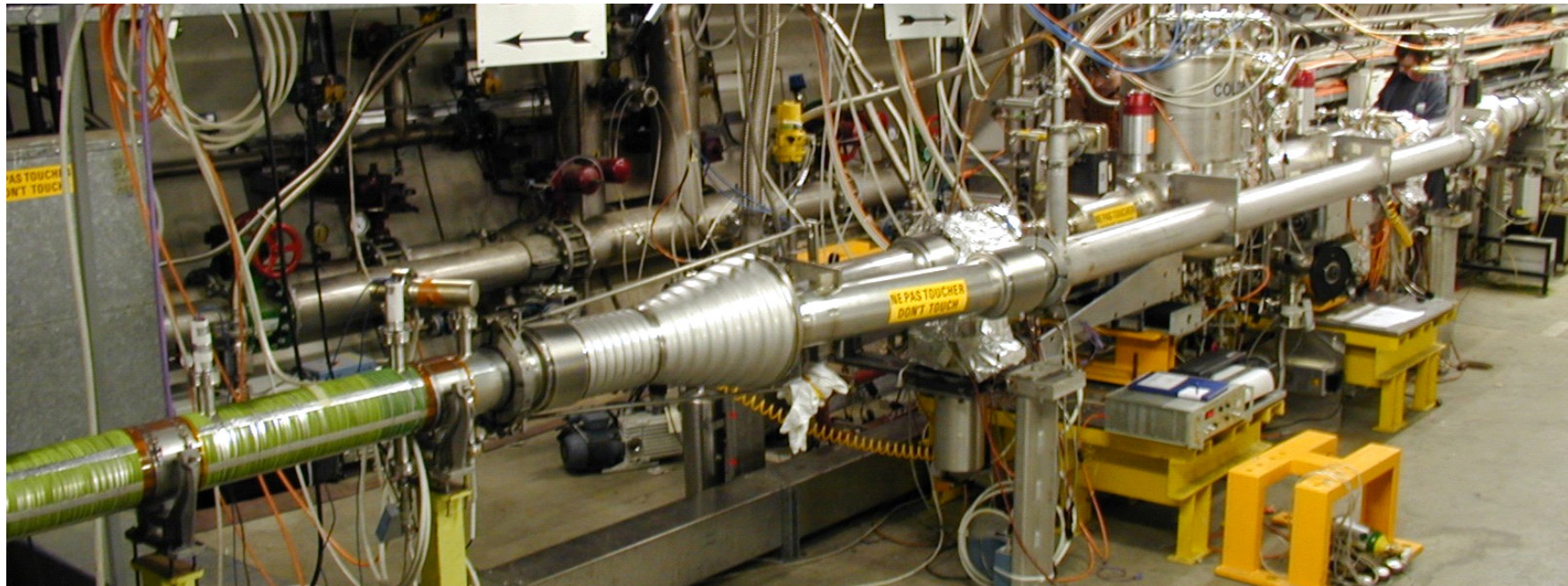
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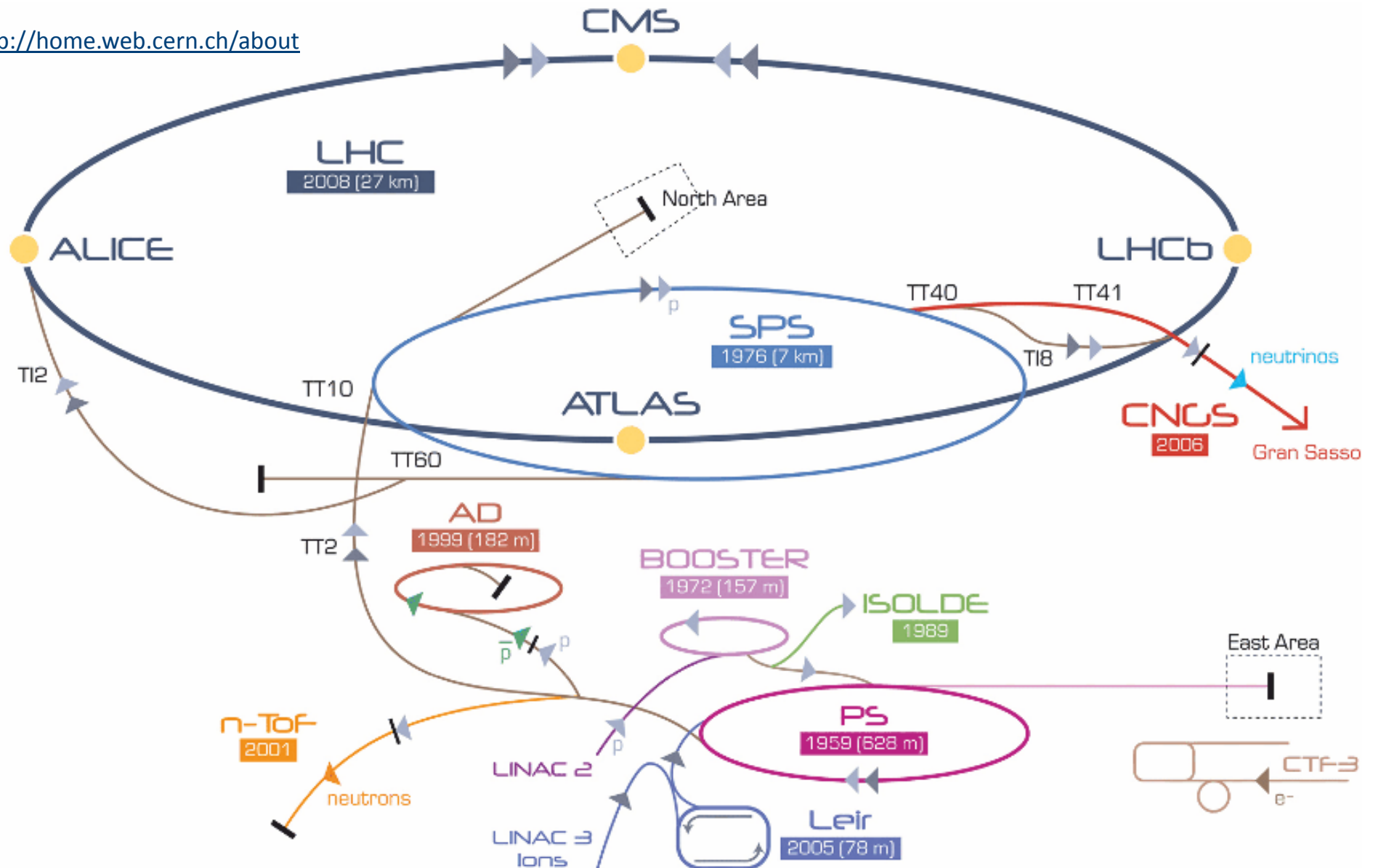
ICM – Interlocks, Controls & Monitoring Section



LABORATÓRIO DE INSTRUMENTAÇÃO E
FÍSICA EXPERIMENTAL DE PARTICULAS

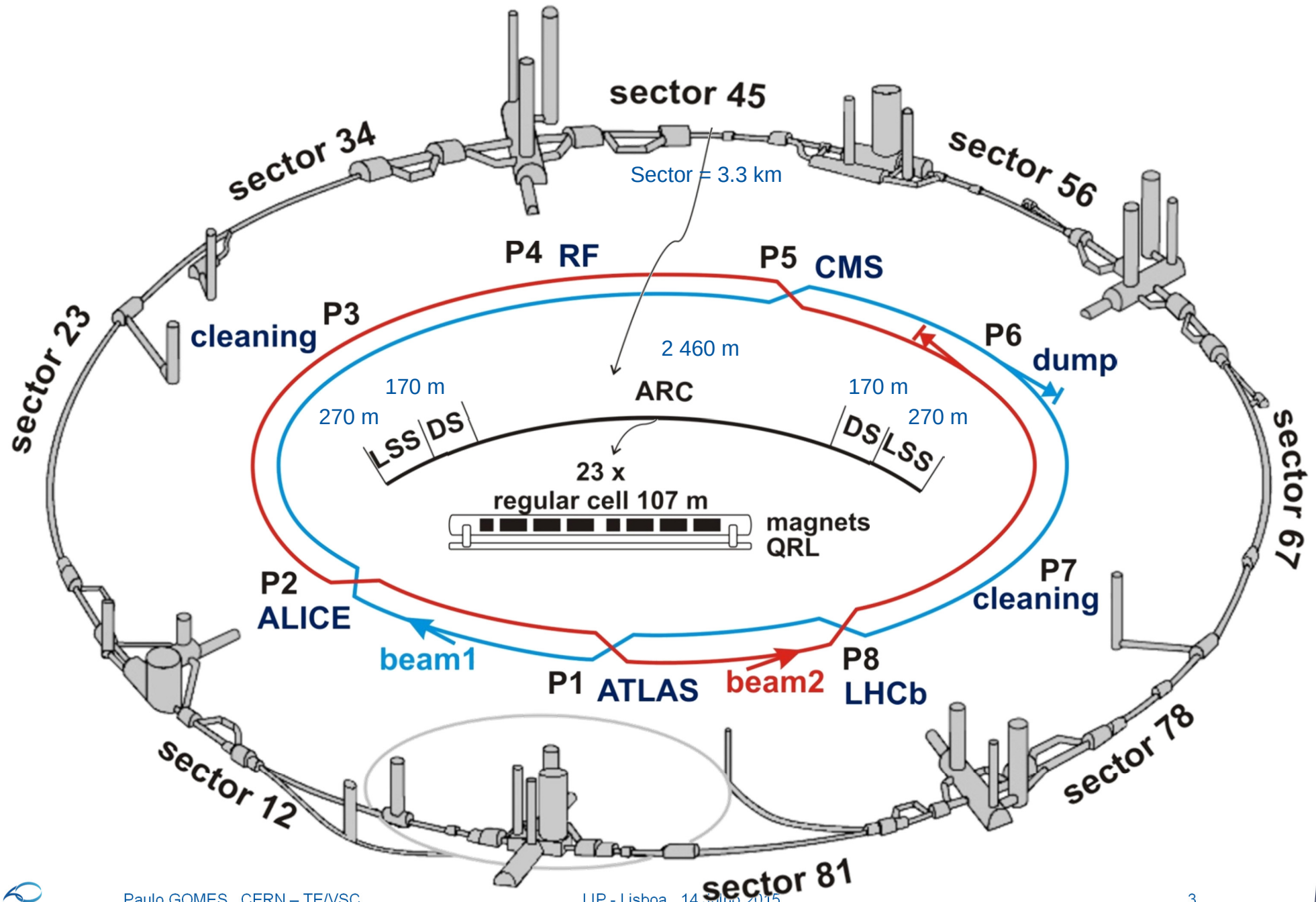
CERN accelerators : the LHC & its injectors

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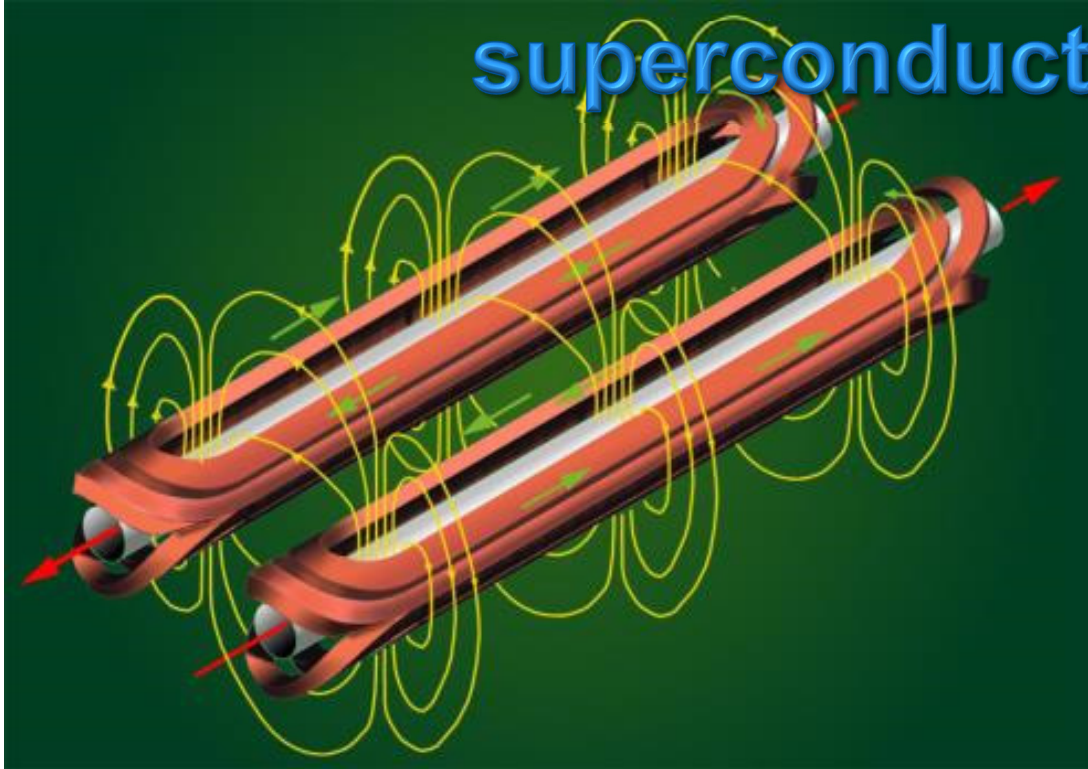


LHC : 27 km collider for protons (ions)

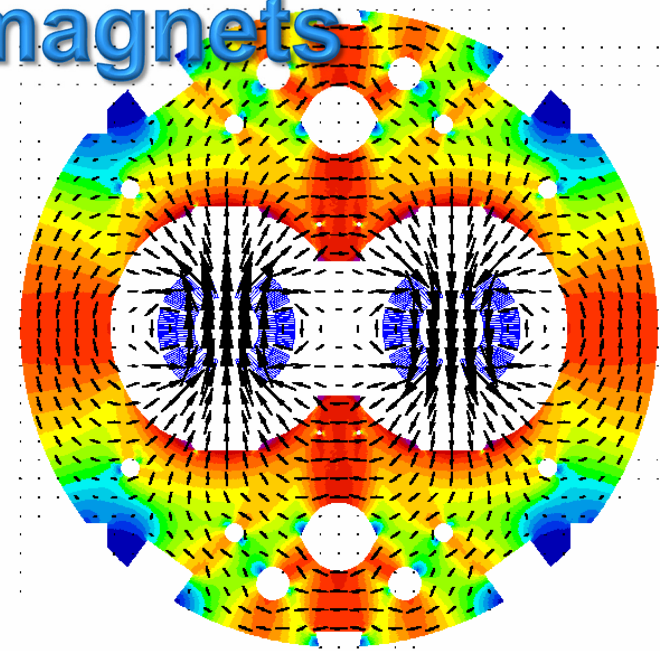
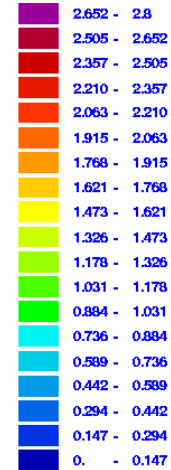
8 sectors of 3.3 km



superconducting magnets



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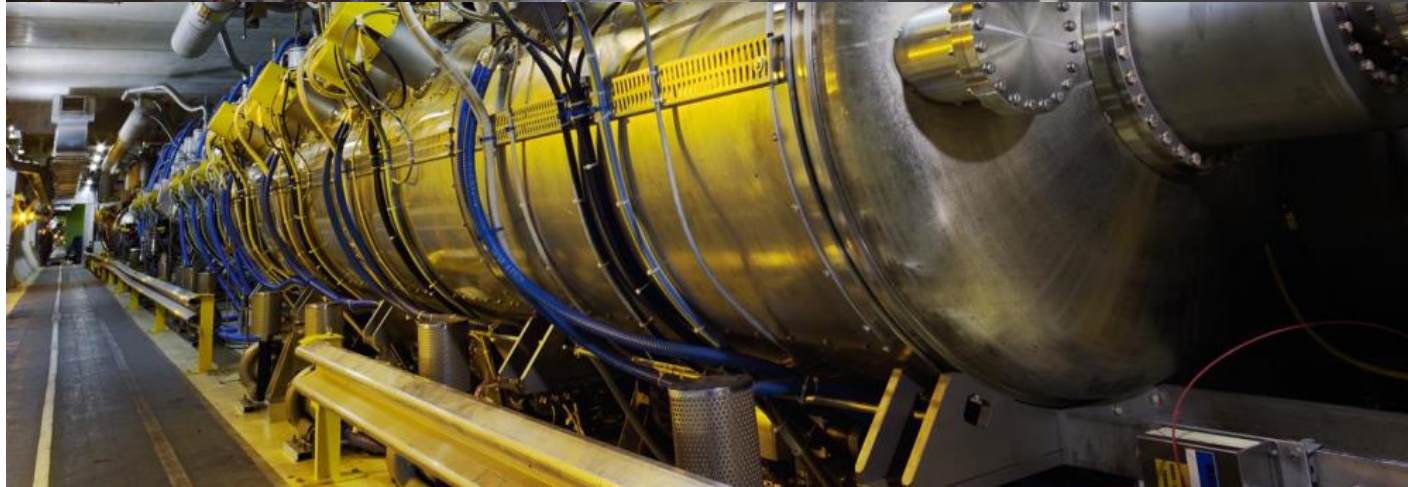
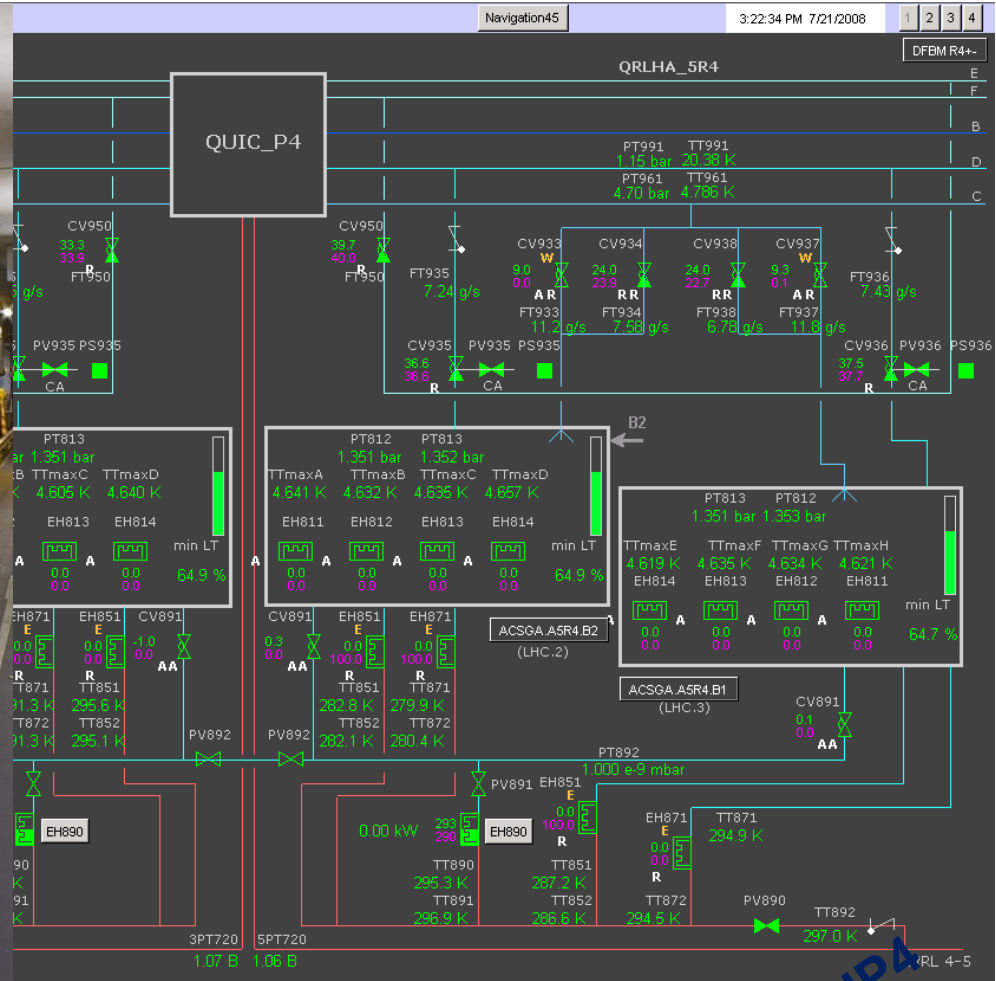
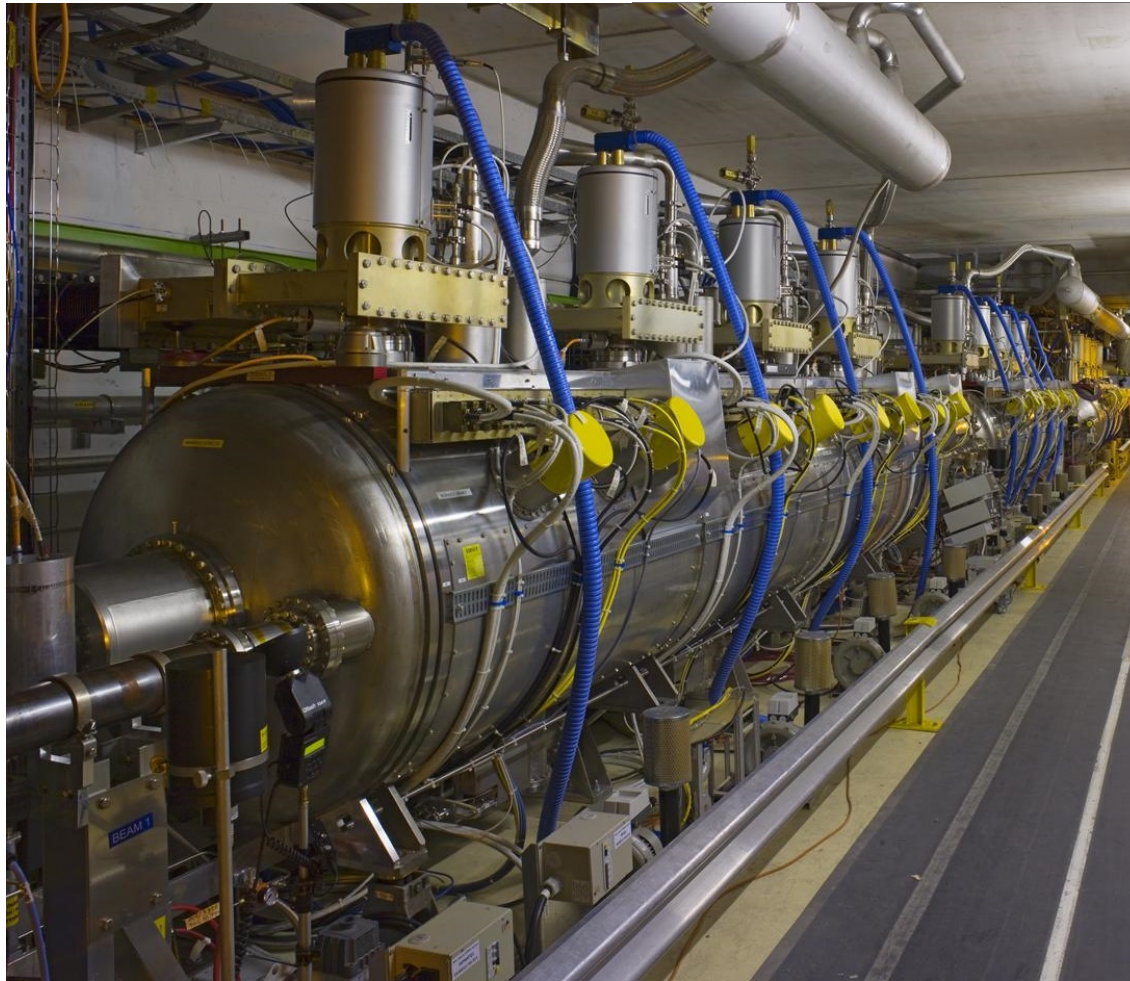
energy per beam: 7 TeV
main dipoles field: 8 T
current: 12 kA
superconducting magnets
NbTi @ 1.9K
(1200 D + 400 Q)

<http://home.web.cern.ch/about/engineering/pulling-together-superconducting-electromagnets>

<http://home.web.cern.ch/about/engineering/superconductivity>



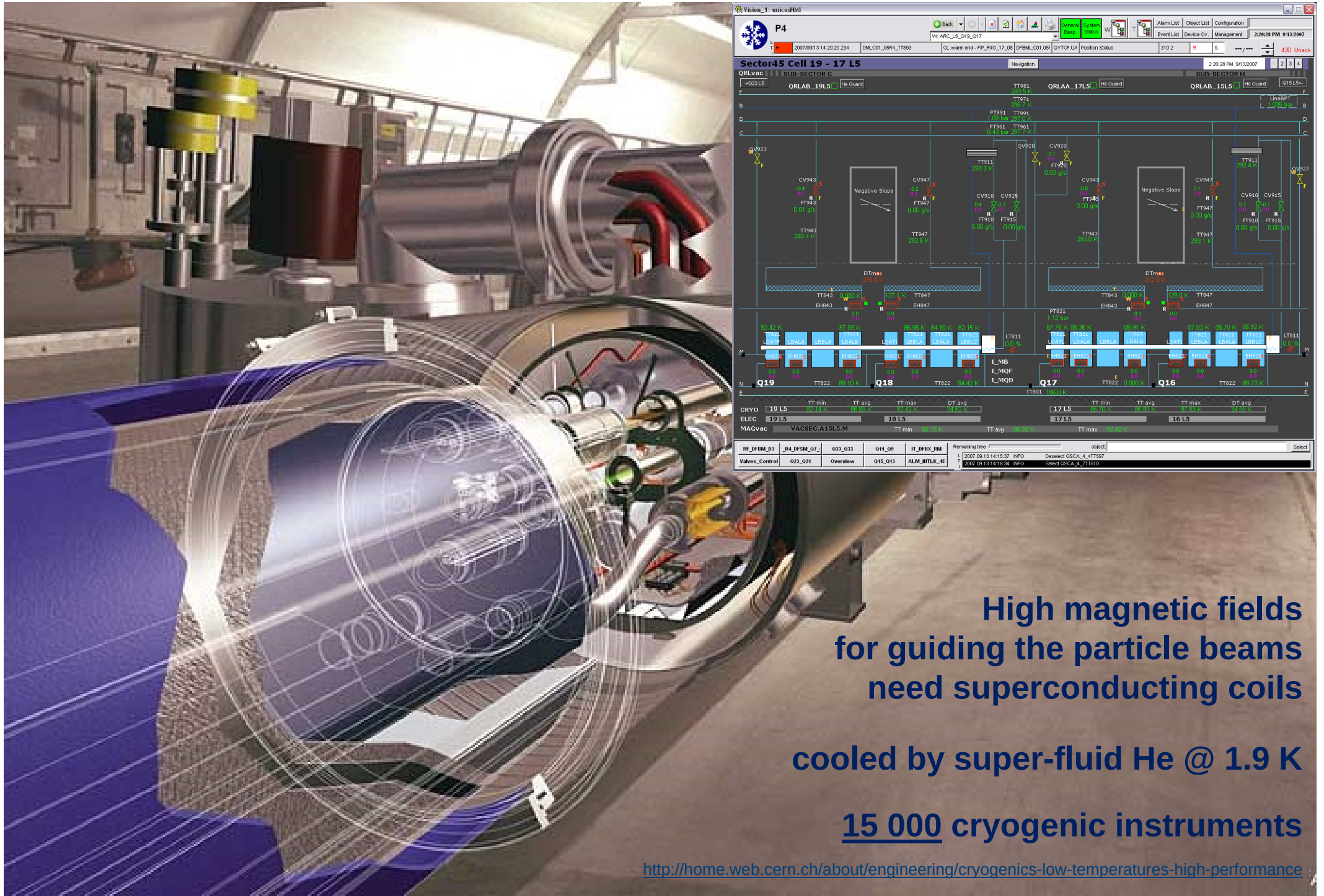
RF superconducting accelerator cavities



16 cavities @ 4.5 K
grouped on 4 modules, on IP4

<http://home.web.cern.ch/about/engineering/radiofrequency-cavities>

cryogenics @ LHC



High magnetic fields
for guiding the particle beams
need superconducting coils
cooled by super-fluid He @ 1.9 K
15 000 cryogenic instruments

CRYO-SCADA

PVSS data server

CIET

PVSS data server

2 PLC

Siemens S7-400
500 ms cycle

Ethernet
Technical Network

surface - local control room

8 FEC

WorldFIP - Ethernet
Gateway
500 ms cycle

100 m

4x Profibus
1.5 Mbit/s

100 m

4x WorldFIP
1 Mbit/s

alcoves - radiation free

"intelligent"
CV positioners
with electronics

point-to-point
cables

FieldBuses ← large distances
industrial electronics → protected areas
CVs → electronics moved into protected areas
front-end electronics → radTol custom made

accelconf.web.cern.ch/AccelConf/iclepcs2009/posters/wep061_poster.pdf
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tunnel - radiation

180
cryogenic CV
without electronics

100
FIP crates
custom rad-tol electronics

sector = 3.3 km

databases intensively used in cryo-controls

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**17 000
instrumentation
channels**

**800 FIP crates
900 cards**

**1 700 Profibus
components**

**5 000 cable
numbers**

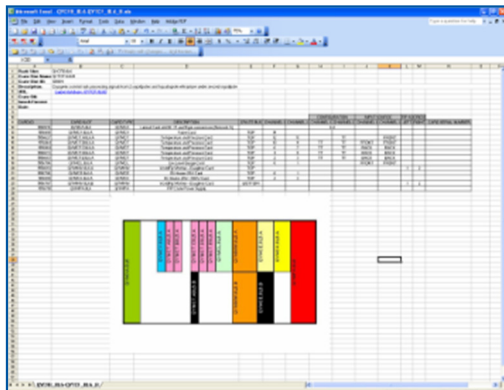
LHC Layout Database

**specification files
for manufacturing
FIP Crates**

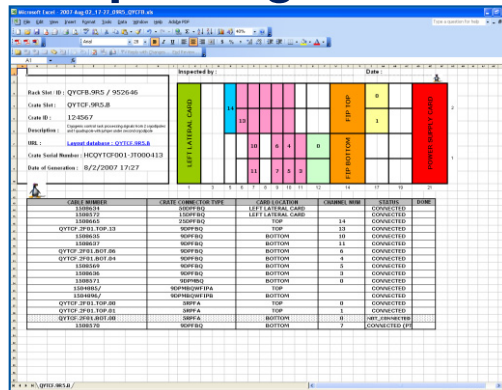
**cabling files for
connecting &
inspecting cables**

**XML files for
Mobile Test Bench**

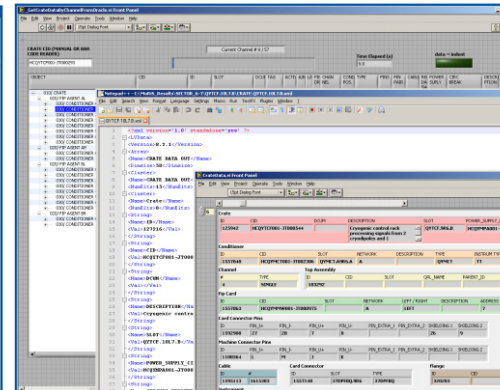
**specifications for
control software
PLC , FEC, SCADA**



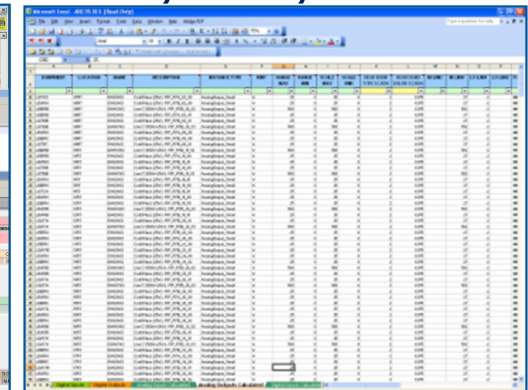
Channel	Category
17 000	Instrumentation Channels



Channel	Category
800	FIP Crates
900	Cards



Channel	Category
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Channel	Category
5 000	Cable Numbers



vacuum for cryogenics (LHC)

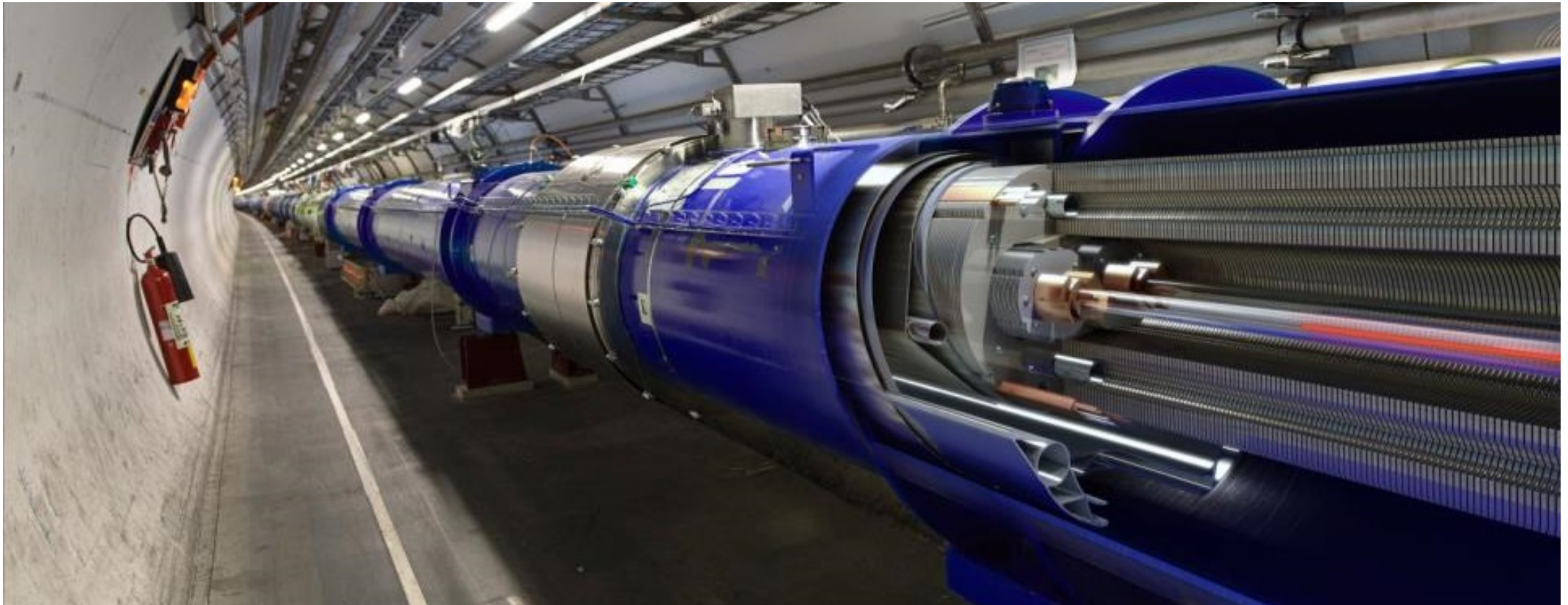
To achieve high magnetic fields for accelerating and guiding the particle beams,
superconducting materials are needed

Bending magnets and accelerating RF cavities are operated at 1.9 and 4.5 K

Thermal insulation requires high-vacuum

Before cooling can start, insulation vacuum must be $< 10^{-1}$ mbar

Below 20 K, the cryo-pumping effect keeps the pressure around 10^{-7} mbar



vacuum for beams

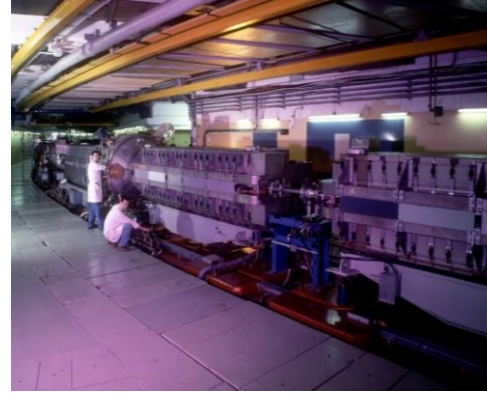
LINAC_2: 50 MeV



PS_Booster: 1.4 GeV



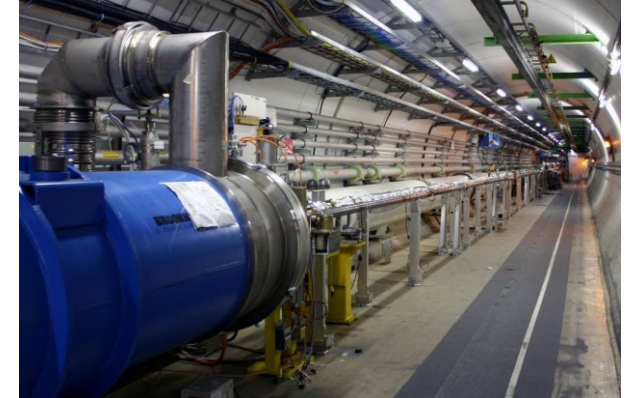
PS: 26 GeV



SPS: 450 GeV



LHC: 7 000 GeV



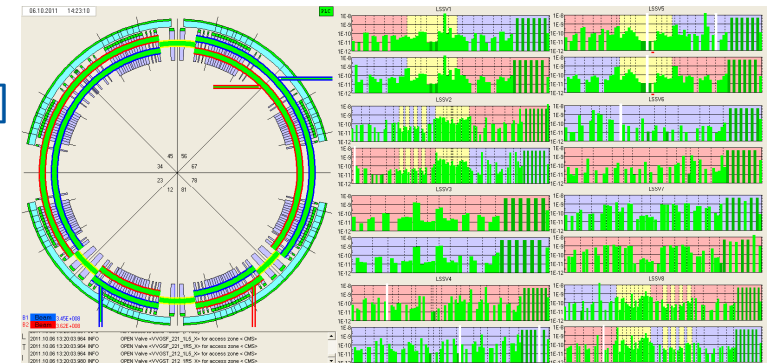
To avoid beam loss (100 h lifetime) and noise to the experiments
need to minimise interactions between beam and residual gases
therefore, beam pipes must be pumped to ultra-high vacuum

LHC : nominal beam vacuum $\sim 10^{-12}$ mbar

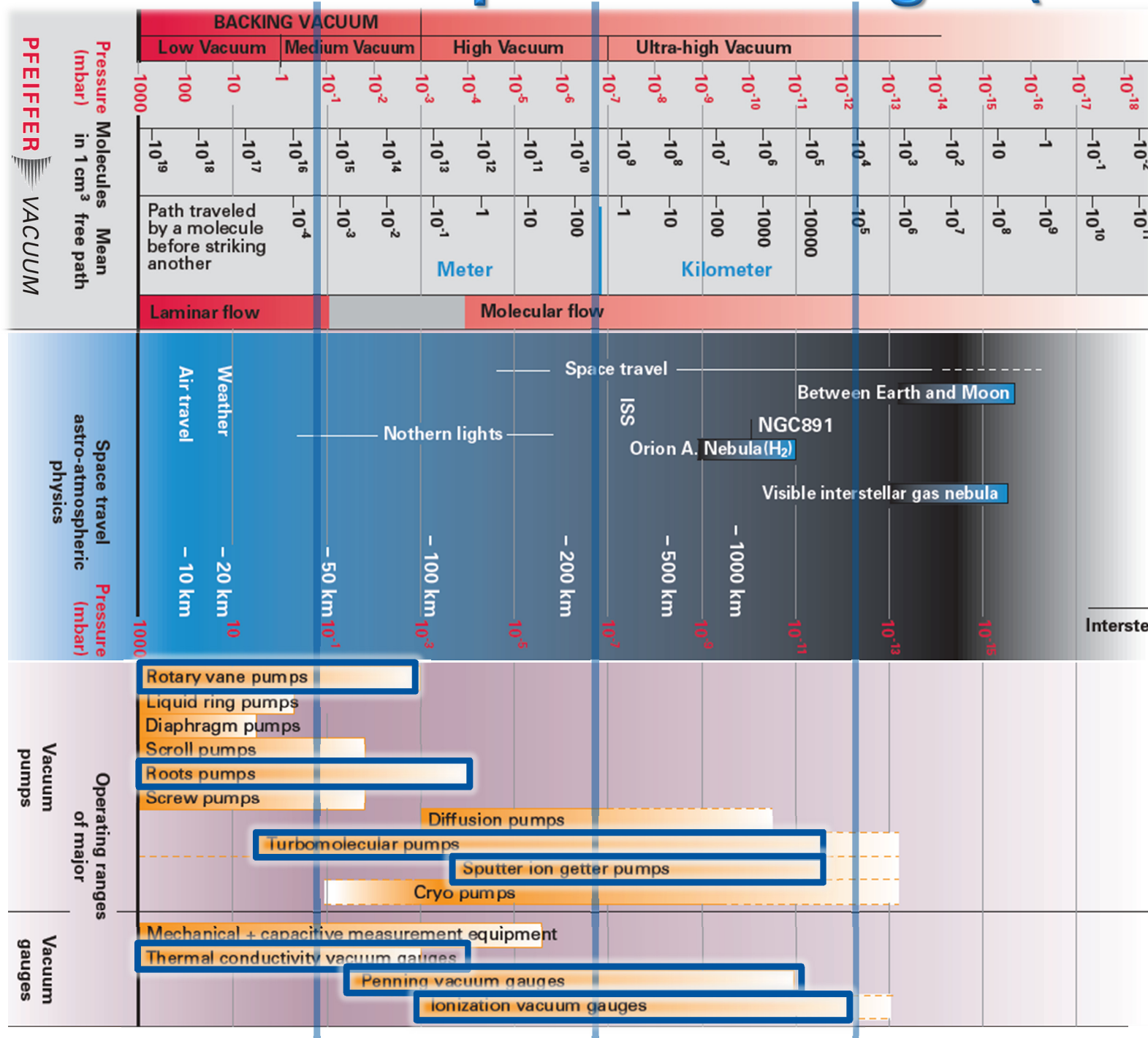
LHC : insulation and beam vacuum ~ 109 km [10^{-5} .. 10^{-12} mbar]

SPS, PS, PSB, L2, L3 : beam vacuum ~ 19 km [10^{-7} .. 10^{-9} mbar]

<http://home.web.cern.ch/about/engineering/vacuum-empty-interplanetary-space>



vacuum pressure ranges (15 decades)



LHC Insulation Vacuum

$P < 10^{-1}$ mbar

VAC_OK for cool-down

@T < 20 K : cryo-pumping

$P \sim 10^{-7}$ mbar

Beam Vacuum

$P \sim 10^{-9} \dots 10^{-12}$ mbar

primary /roughing pumps

$10^{-3} \dots 10^{-2}$ mbar

turbomolecular pumps

$\dots 10^{-11}$ mbar

sputter ion pumps

$10^{-5} \dots 10^{-11}$ mbar

pirani gauges

$10^{-3} \dots 10^{-4}$ mbar

Penning gauges

$10^{-5} \dots 10^{-11}$ mbar

Bayard-Alpert gauges

$10^{-5} \dots 10^{-12}$ mbar

Pirani gauges (thermal conductivity)

Dependence of thermal conductivity on gas pressure

Resistor under vacuum is heated to constant temperature ($\sim 120^\circ\text{C}$)

The necessary heating current is a measure of the pressure

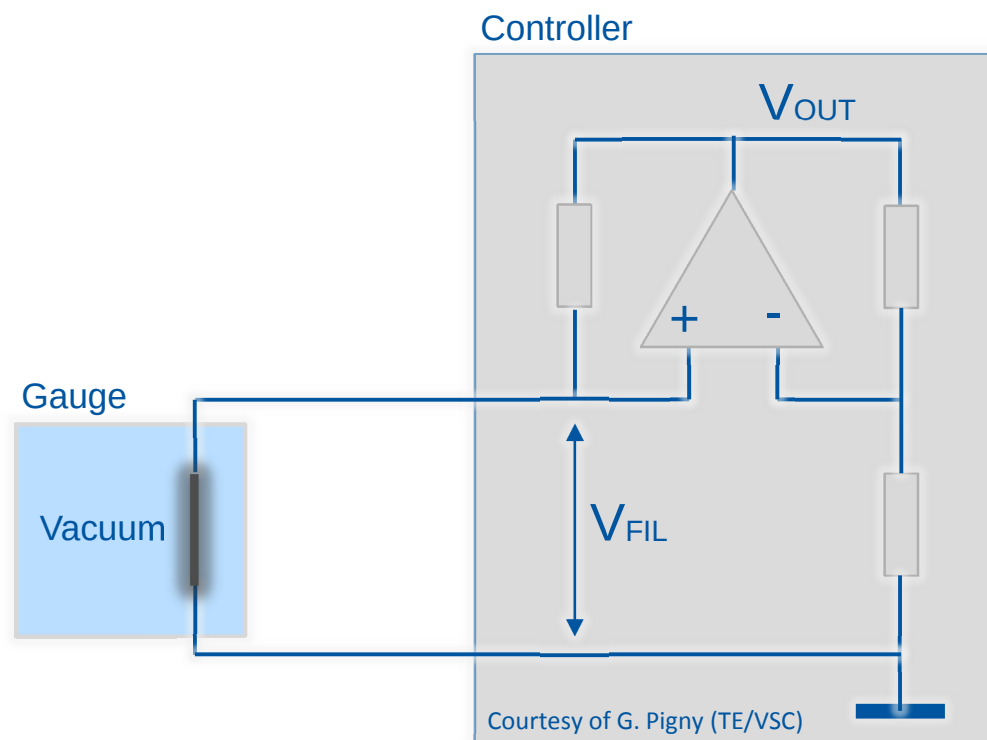
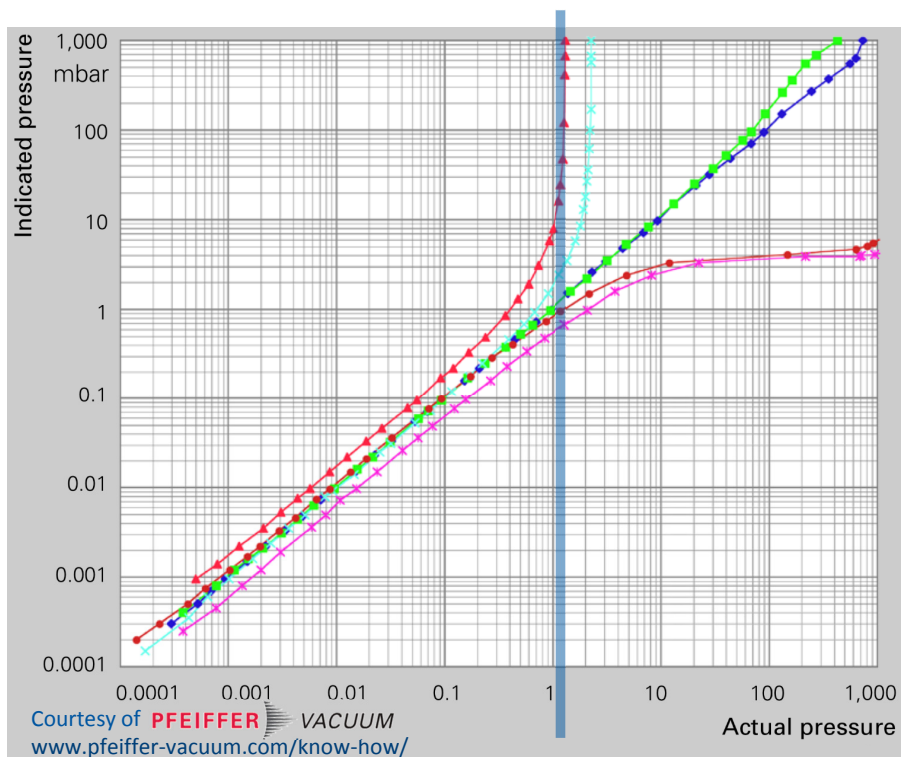
1 bar .. 10^{-4} mbar

above 1 mbar : non-linear ; dependent on gas species

Accuracy $\sim 30\%$

Needs calibration, to compensate for cable length

Sensitive to ambient temperature



Penning gauges (cold cathode ionization)

Electrons are emitted from cathode, due to high electric field (3 kV)

Magnetic field (0.1 T) provokes longer oscillating paths to anode increasing the probability of ionizing gas molecules

Ion current collected in cathode (1 μ A .. 1 pA) is a measure of the pressure

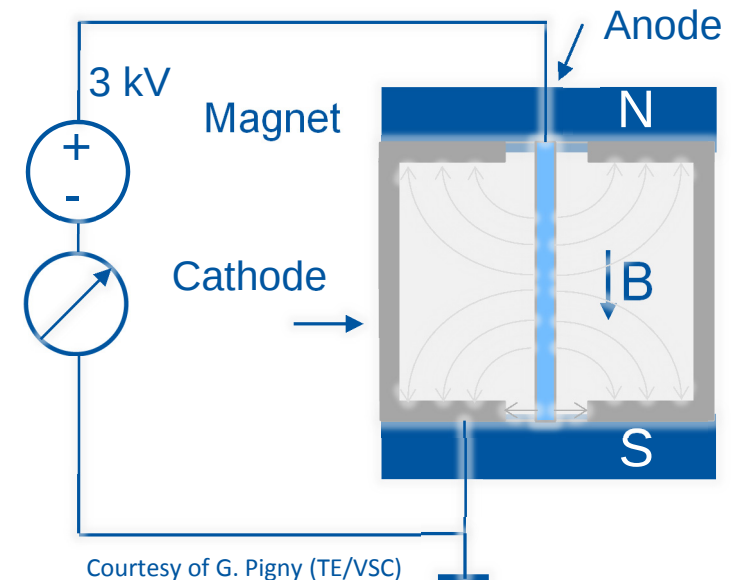
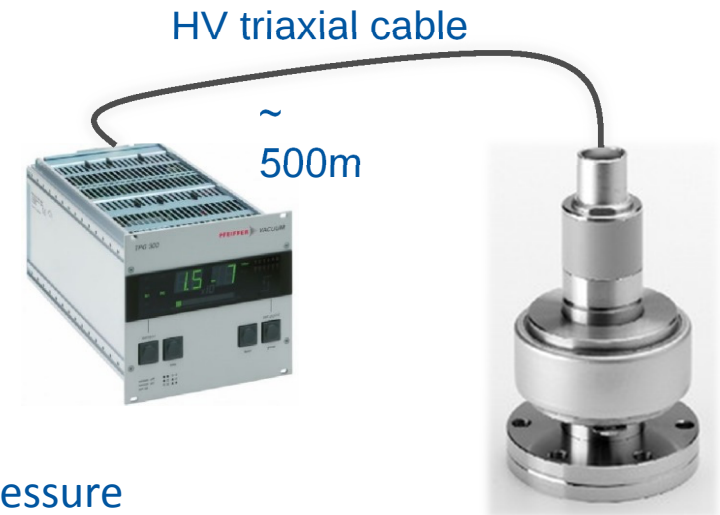
10^{-5} .. 10^{-11} mbar

Accuracy ~ 50%

At high pressure : current is unstable due to arcing
At low pressure : current extinguishes (zero reading)

Broken cable (zero reading) may simulate good vacuum

Poor isolation on HV cables & connectores :
leakage current simulates higher pressure reading



Bayard-Alpert gauges (hot cathode ionization)

Electrons are emitted by the heated filament (no need for high electric field)

Electric field inside the grid (150 V) provokes longer oscillating paths increasing the probability of ionizing gas molecules

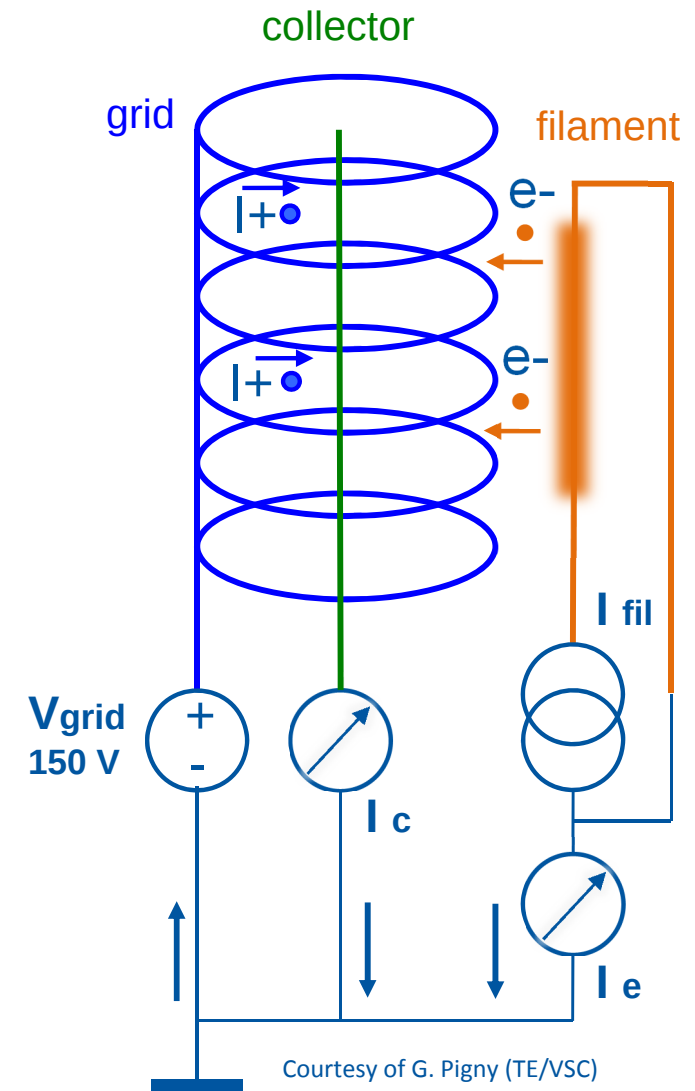
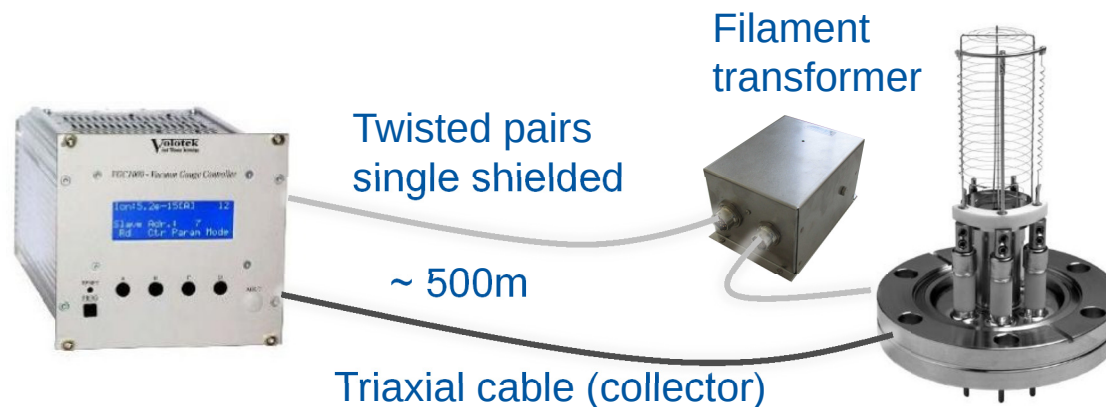
Ions are attracted to the collector

Ion current (1 μA .. 0.1 pA) is a measure of the pressure

10^{-5} .. 10^{-12} mbar

Accuracy ~ 10%

Needs calibration



Primary (or roughing) pumps

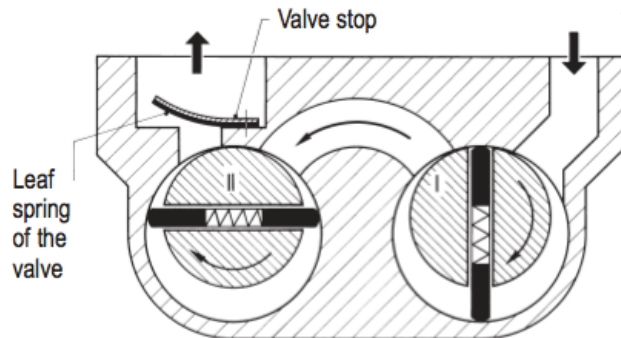
Used as the first stage of pumping from atmospheric pressure,
or as a backing pump for TurboMolecular pumps

wet pumps (ex. **Rotary vane**) : with oil as sealing, lubricant, and heat exchanger

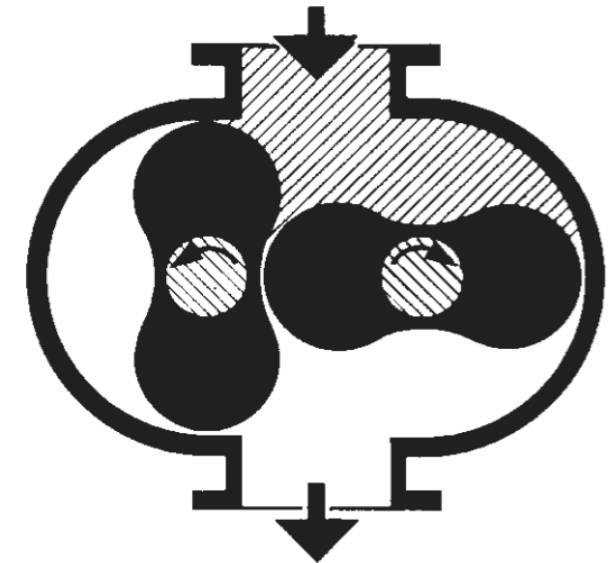
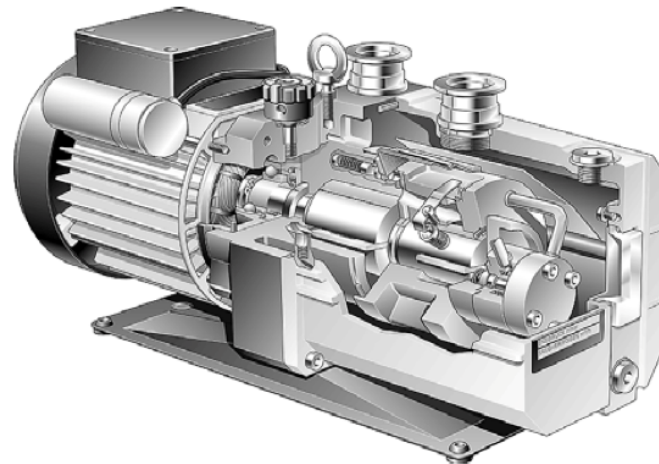
dry pumps (ex. **Roots**) : more clean

1 bar .. 10^{-2} / 10^{-4} mbar

pumping speed of a few m^3/h



I High vacuum stage
II Second forevacuum stage



1 Intake flange
2 Rotors
3 Chamber
4 Exhaust flange
5 Casing

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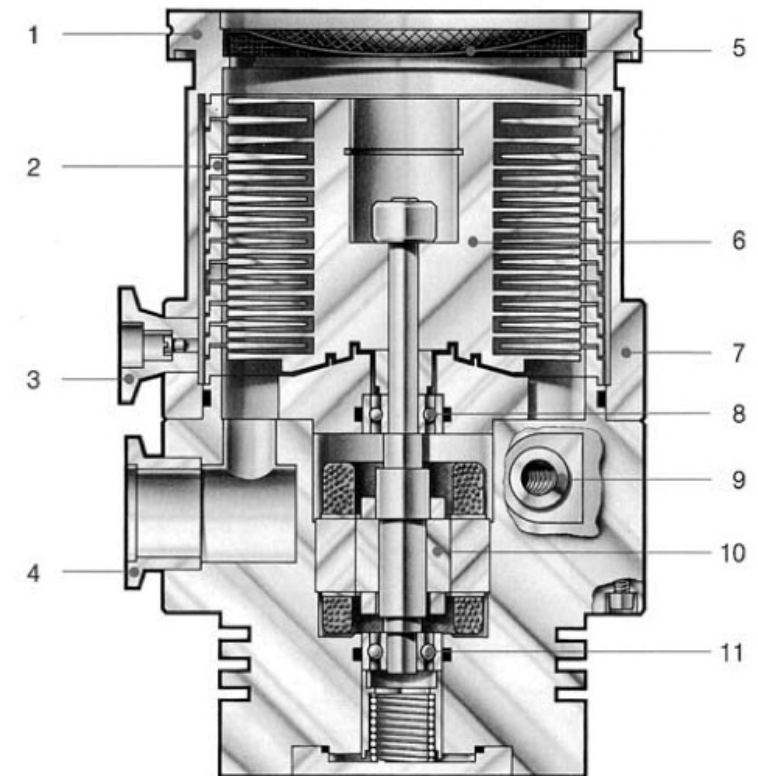
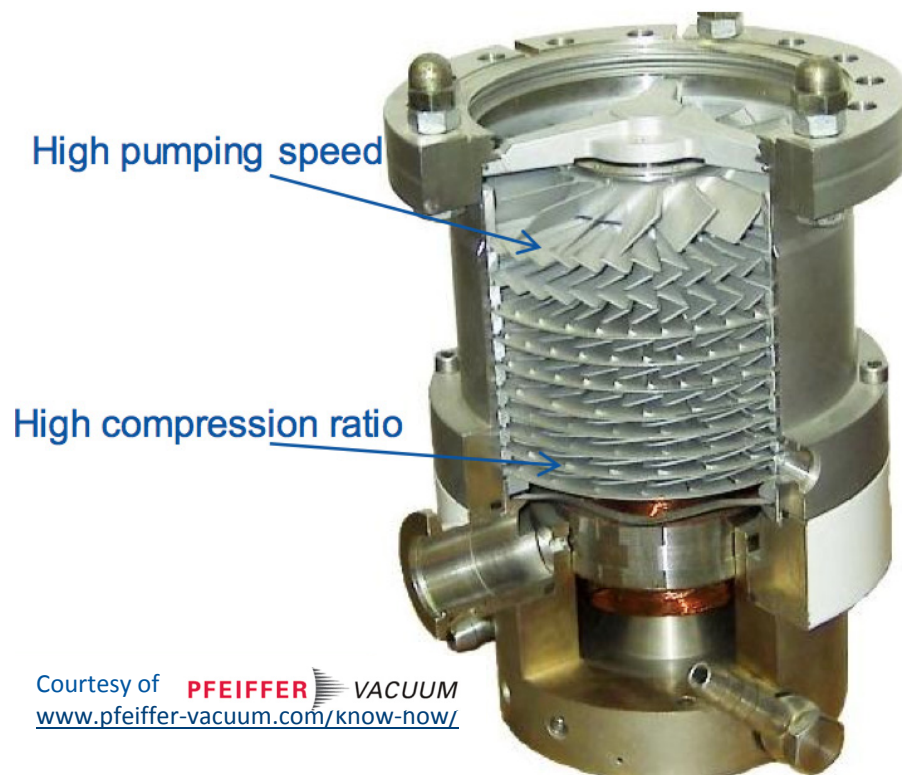
Turbo Molecular pumps

The rapid movement (30 000 - 70 000 rpm) of the turbine rotor kicks the gas molecules into the stator surfaces and then in the direction of the backing (exhaust) port

Used as the second stage, together with a roughing pump connected to the atmosphere

$10^{-2} \text{ .. } 10^{-11}$ mbar

pumping speed of 10 .. 3 000 l/s



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|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 High vacuum inlet flange | 5 Splinter guard | 9 Cooling water connection |
| 2 Stator pack | 6 Rotor | 10 3-phase motor |
| 3 Venting flange | 7 Pump casing | 11 Ball bearings |
| 4 Forevacuum flange | 8 Ball bearings | |

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Sputter ion pumps

Composed of several Penning cells

Electrons are emitted from cathode, due to high electric field (6 kV)

Magnetic field (0.2 T) provokes longer oscillating paths to anode increasing the probability of ionizing gas molecules

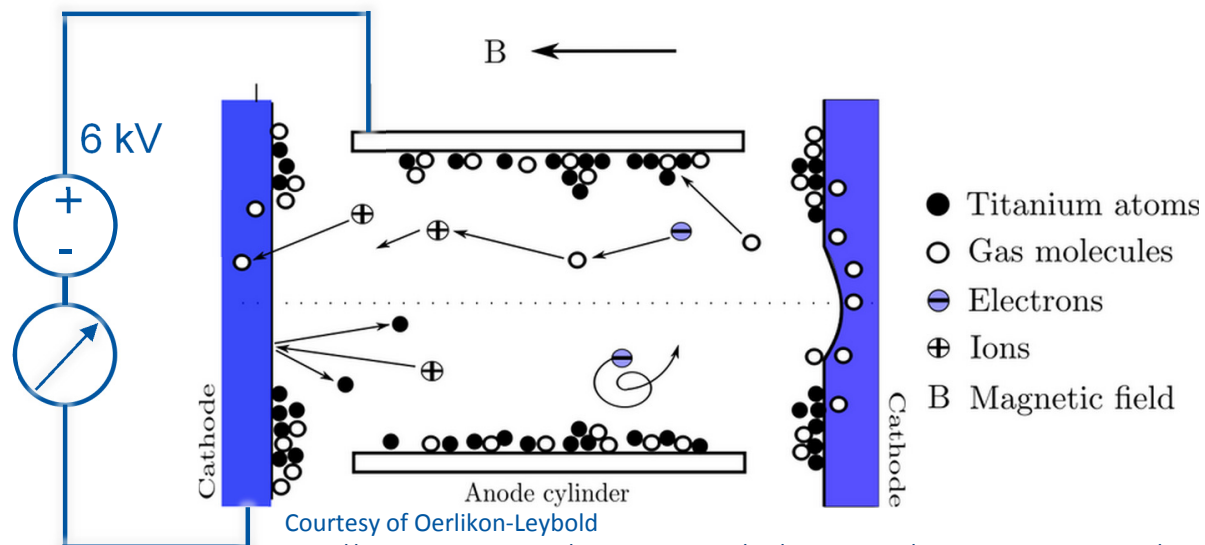
Ion current (10 mA .. 1 uA) is a measure of the pressure

Pumping : ions bombardment of the Ti cathodes

Sputtering & deposition of Ti => getter reactive gases

Ion implantation into the cathode => all type of ions

$10^{-5} \dots 10^{-11}$ mbar

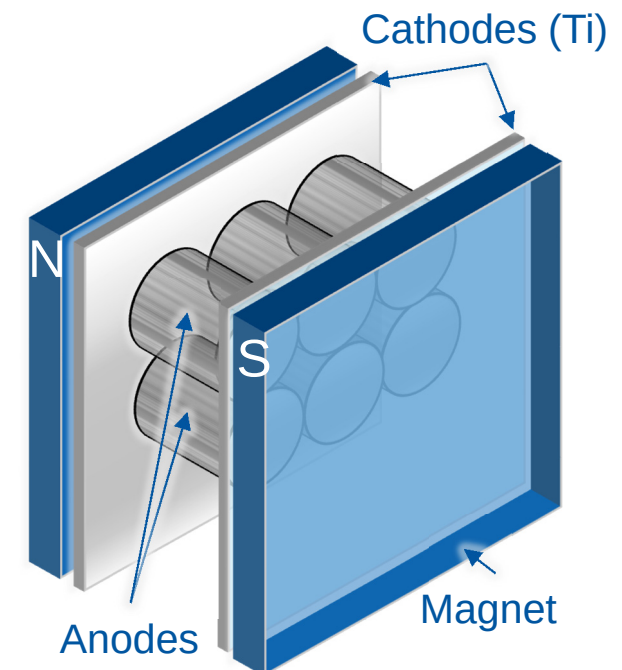


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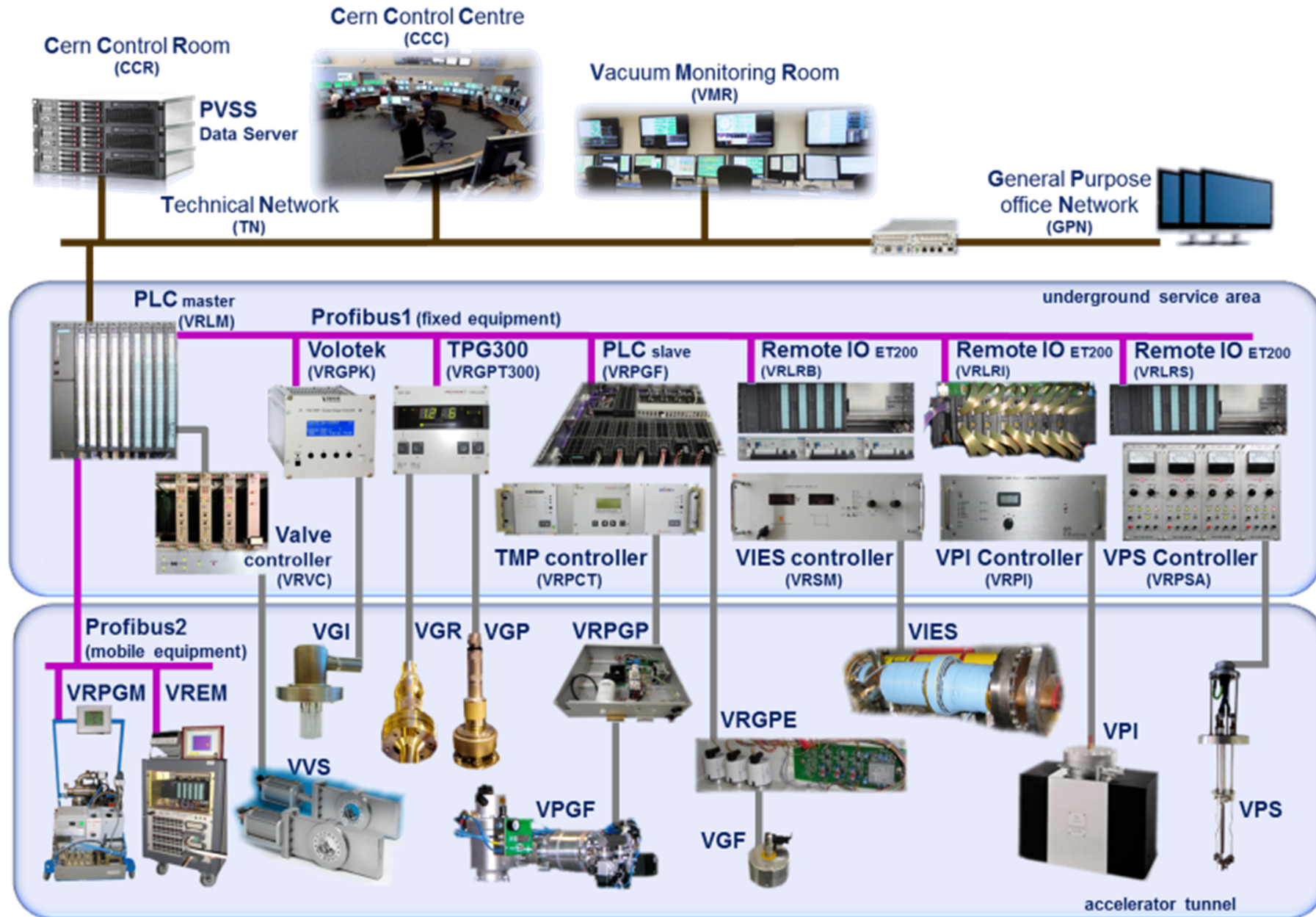


HV triaxial cable
~ 500m



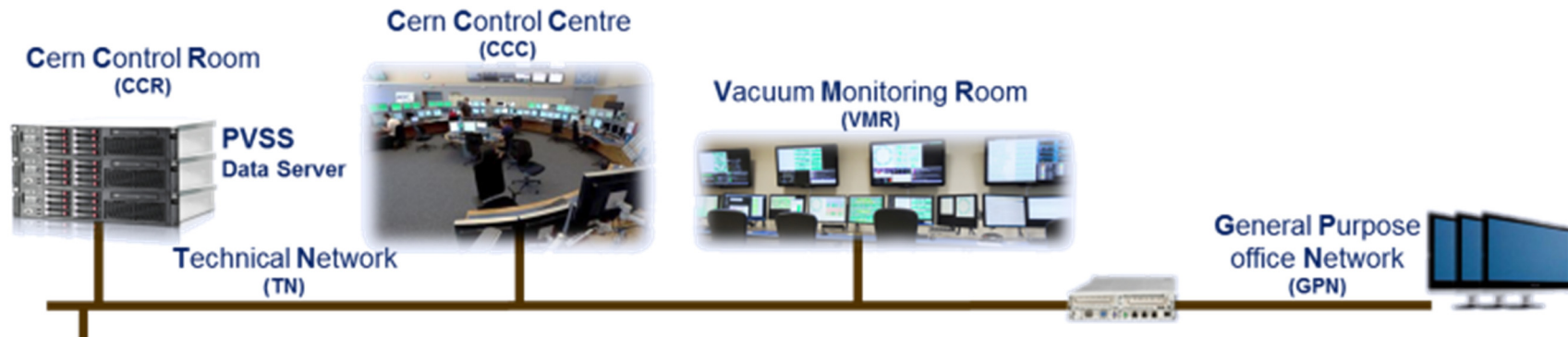
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vac controls architecture



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vac controls - on the surface



Since 2000, all accelerators have been upgraded to a PLC-based architecture

Master_**PLC**: Siemens S7-400

Human-Machine Interface (**SCADA**): Siemens WinCC-OA (former PVSS II, from ETM)

Small accelerators are controlled by a single PLC

Large accelerators have one PLC at each underground service area

(**CPS**: 5, **SPS**: 7, **LHC**: 28)

However, only 1 SCADA Data-Server (DS) per accelerator

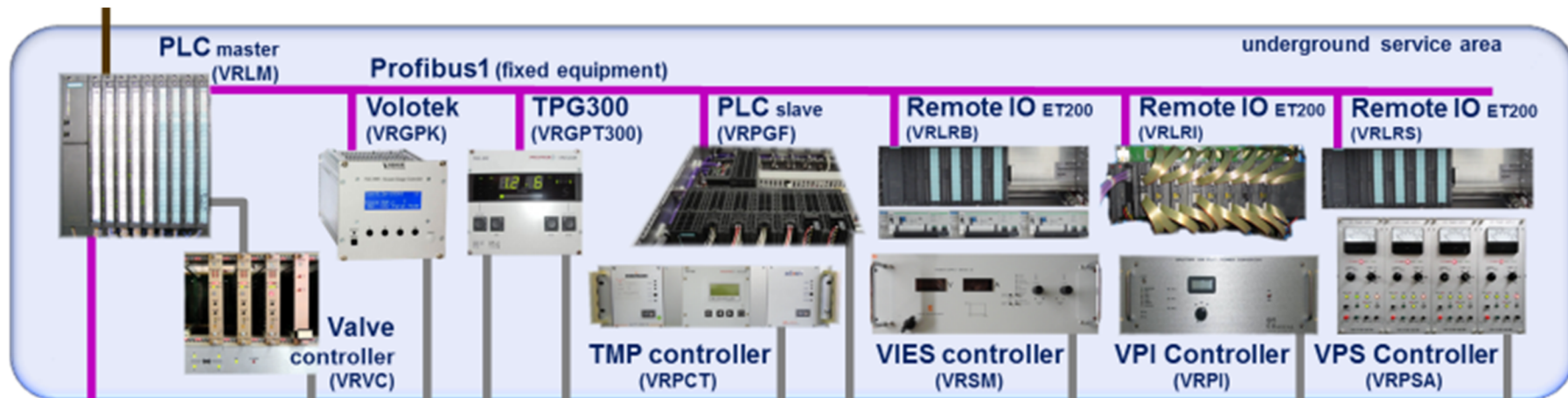
PLCs and DS communicate through Ethernet in a protected and restricted "Technical Network"

Consoles in the "Office Network" can only monitor the system evolution

vac controls - in underground service areas

Master_PLC, controllers, power supplies - kept in underground service areas
away from the radiation in accelerator tunnels

PLCs talk to field equipment (gauges and pumps) through controllers; the modern ones often :
are intelligent, with embarked microprocessor or FPGA
can communicate with the PLC via Profibus, minimising the complexity and price of cabling
and allowing wider exchange of information & configuration



On Profibus, controllers for:

VGR : TPG300, Thermal conductivity gauge (Pirani) : $[1..10^{-4} \text{ mbar}]$

VGP : TPG300, Cold cathode ionisation (Penning) gauge : $[10^{-5}..10^{-11} \text{ mbar}]$

VGI : Volotek, Hot cathode ionisation (Bayard Alpert) : $[10^{-5}..10^{-12} \text{ mbar}]$

VIES : power supplies for "anti-electron-cloud solenoids"

VPGF : fixed pumping groups and their TMP controller , managed by a small Slave_PLC S7-300

Not on Profibus:

VVS : controllers on individual IO channels on the Master_PLC

VPI : power supplies on remote-IO stations (Siemens-ET200)

vac controls - in the accelerator tunnel

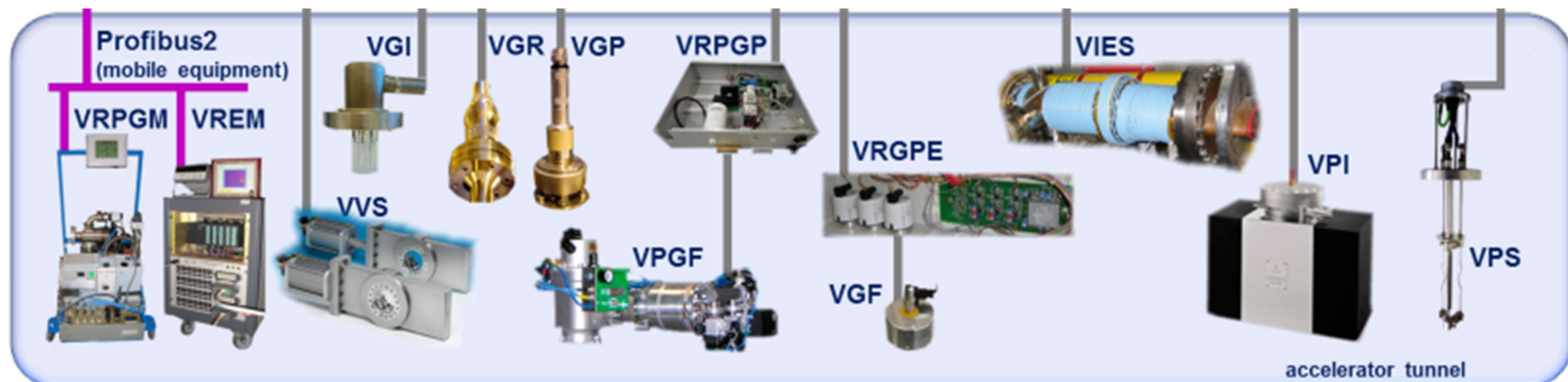
VGF : "active" pair of VGR+VGP, with front-end electronics nearby
in tunnel zones where : radiation low, and far from a service area

VGR and **VGP** closer to the service areas; can be directly accessed by a "TPG"

Mobile Profibus : dynamic network for "mobile" equipment (when the accelerator is stopped)

VPGM : mobile pumping groups, with "Slave" PLC S7-200

VREM : mobile bake-out stations, with "Slave" PLC S7-300



vac instrument count for all accelerators

6 000+ vacuum instruments to be controlled and monitored

along **130 km** of vacuum chambers
pressure range [**10^{-4} .. 10^{-11} mbar**]

PLCs : **300+**

gauges : **3 000**

pumping groups : **250**

ion pumps : **2 700**

sector valves : **500**

	L2,L3, PSB,PS	SPS	LHC beam	LHC insul.	other facilities	total
length [km]	2	16	59	50	1	128
log (P [mb])	-7..-10	-7..-9	-8..-11	-5..-7	-4..-10	-4..-11
PLC master	5	8	28		3	44
PLC other	0	10	7		0	17
PLC slave	0	0	100		155	255
VGM	0	0	10	231	0	241
VGR	102	113	428	348	61	1052
VGP	122	128	649	364	66	1329
VGF	0	13	4	0	0	17
VGI	28	0	167	0	16	211
VPGF	7	3	14	179	51	254
VPI	370	1429	825	0	69	2693
VPS	48	0	0	0	0	48
VVS	76	87	305	39	13	520
VVF	0	11	0	0	0	11
VVW	0	5	0	0	0	5

LS1 consolidations (2013-14)

During LS1, vacuum control systems of PS & AD were renovated (**600+** new controllers) propagating the PLC/SCADA architecture, bringing the hardware & software to the level of the other machines, and thus enforcing standardization

	VGR/P	VGI	VP	VPI	VPS	VPC	VVS	TOT
PS	86			156	117		13	372
AD	72	19	16	65	100	6	15	293

Furthermore, each accelerator received new sectors, new instruments, new features (**1 500+** new controllers)

	New Instruments	New Cables	Damaged Cables
PS	372	365	21
AD	293	29	
CPS other	49	6	3
SPS	74	229	276
LHC	392	562	8
R2E LHC		480	
HIE-ISL	132	390	
L4	142	350	
NA62	102	200	
nTOF	19	60	
TOTAL	1 575	2 671	308

SCADA for vacuum

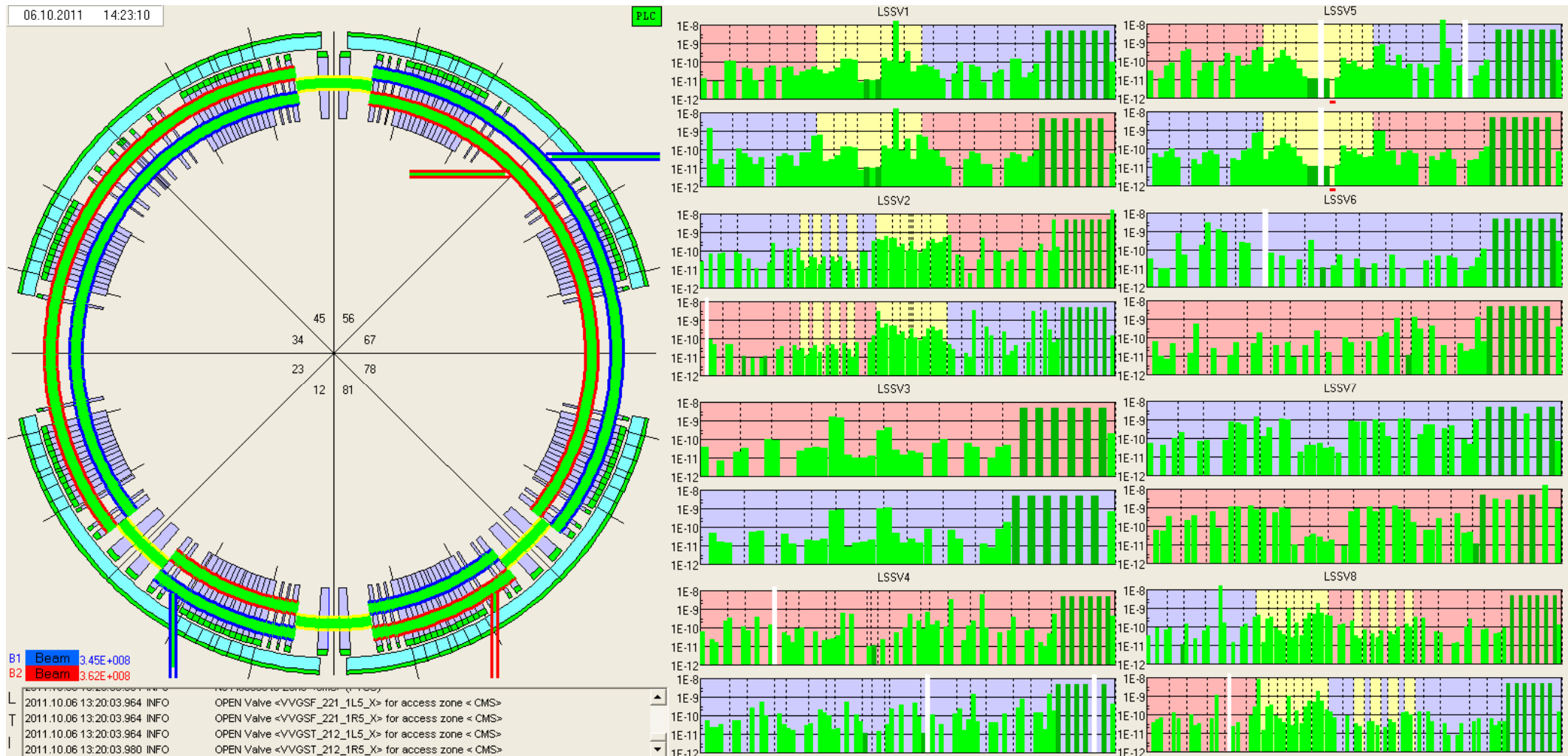
SCADA applications have been under significant evolution,
regarding their ergonomics, configurability and standardization :

simplified & normalized presentation of information

coherent functionalities & menus, across all machines

automatic scripts, instead of fastidious manual actions

enhanced tools, for data analysis and interventions



Quality Management

A QM Plan is progressively being put into place, concerning methods & tools :

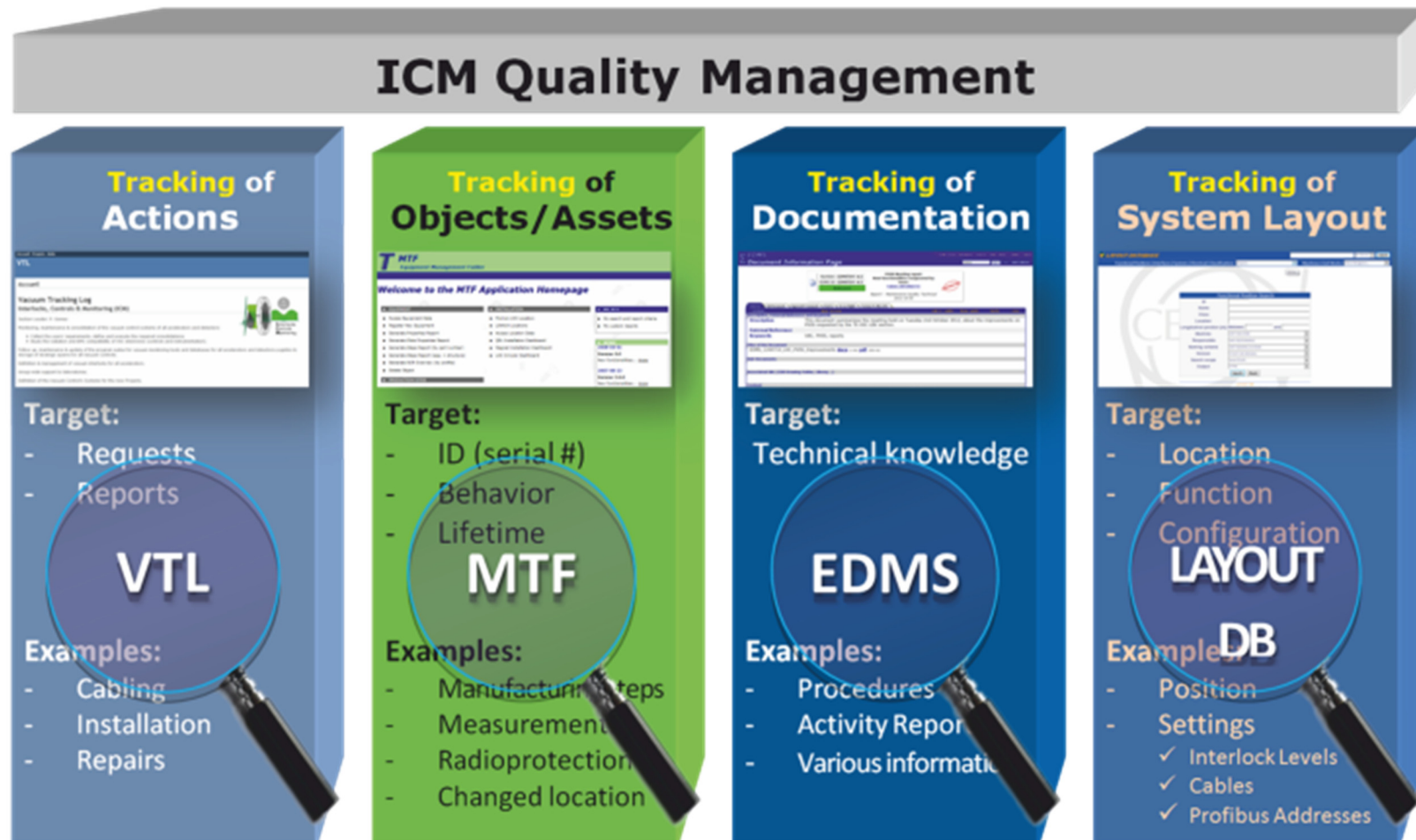
Naming: rules for coding equipment names, independently of machine

VTL: track problems, requests, repairs, and other actions

MTF: assign a unique “part-identifier” to each individual device; trace history

EDMS: centralise information on architectures, procedures & settings

Layout-DB: describe topology of control components

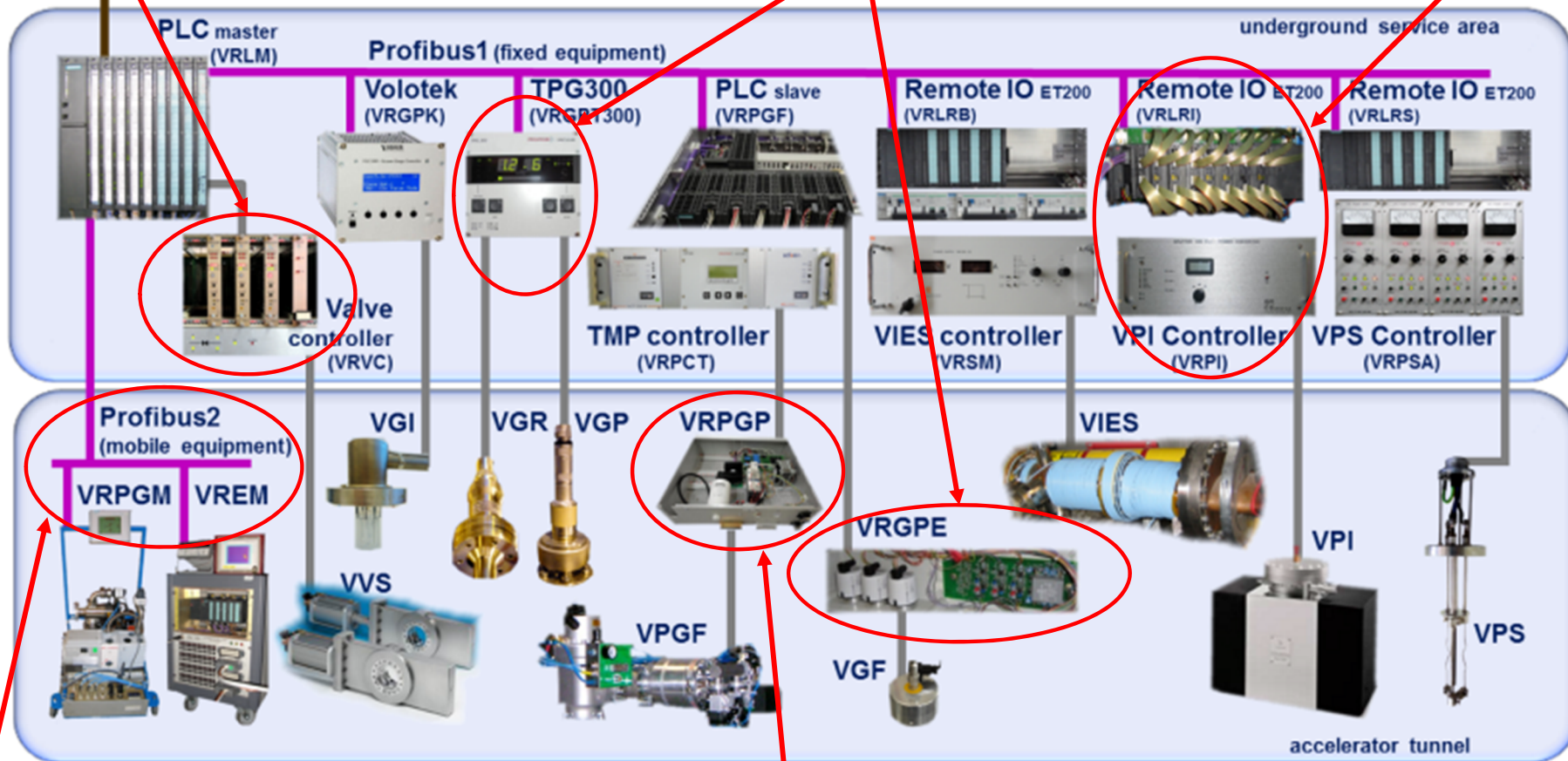


next hardware developments

New sector valve card
New Interlock crate
Standardise (PS, SPS, LHC)

New gauge controllers
LSS: Have an alternative design
ARC : Transmission 4-20mA

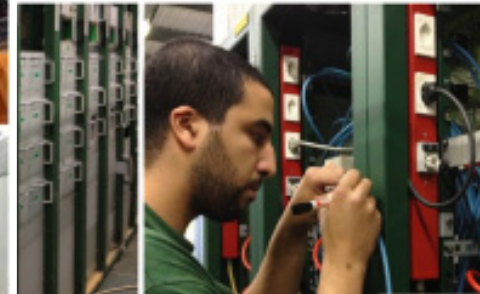
New Ion Pump controller
Switching mode PS + Profibus



Field bus for mobile ctrls
Evaluate a wireless solution

New turbo ctrl & local crate
Standardise types

vac people



LHC preparing to restart

<https://youtu.be/xcMmiKnbfyY>



