# Challenges in Beam Intercepting Devices and Targetry technology for CERN's accelerator complex

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#### Disclaimer & acknowledgments

- Only a subset of the different palette of activities will be discussed, focusing on specific challenges and examples on how these are been tackled
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#### **Beam Intercepting Devices**

Safety function

Beam stoppers

Beam dumps

Beam cleaning & control

**Collimators** 

Scrapers

Strippers

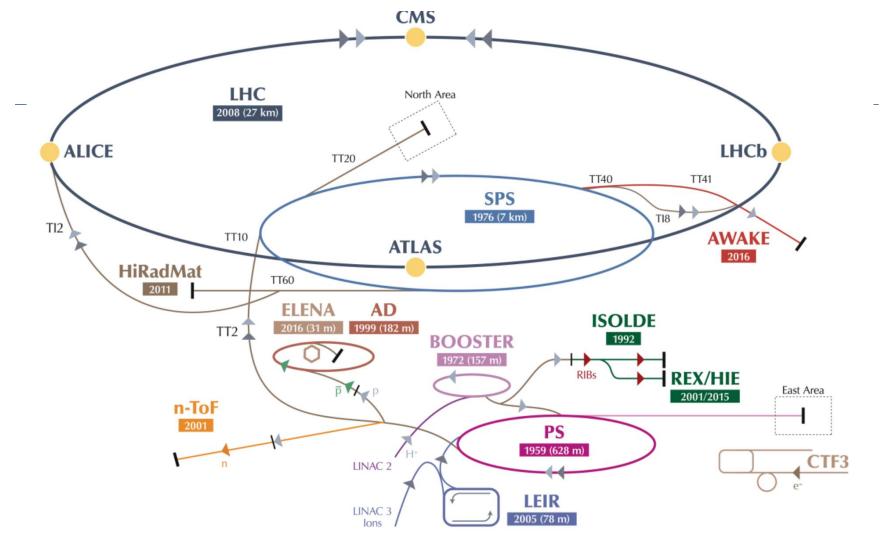
Slits

Physics

Particle producing targets







~250 devices scattered from the Linac chopper dump (3 MeV) to the LHC main dump (7 TeV)





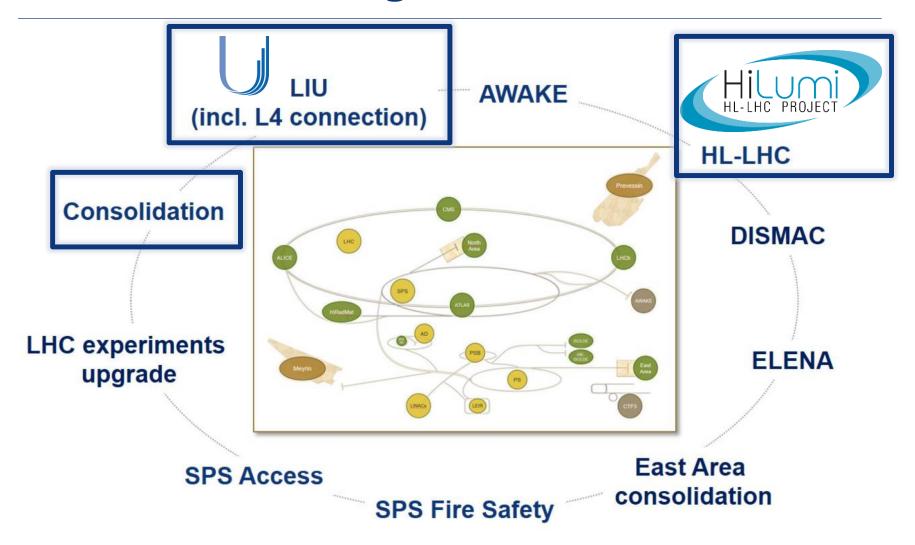
#### What type of challenges do we have?

- Devices must be able to withstand operation and accident scenarios, plus protect delicate equipment
  - 1. UHV requirements (10<sup>-10</sup> mbar) also in *movable* parts
  - 2. High energy densities (~kJ/cm³/pulse) as well power densities (several MW/cm³)
  - 3. High beam intensity/energy (~500 MJ for LHC dump)
  - 4. High average deposited power (~250 kW for LIU SPS beam dump or ~350 kW for Beam Dump Facility)
  - 5. Physics requirements, often implying the use of nonstructural materials (Pb or Ir)
  - **6. Impedance**, especially for colliders
  - 7. Radiation damage on absorbing materials





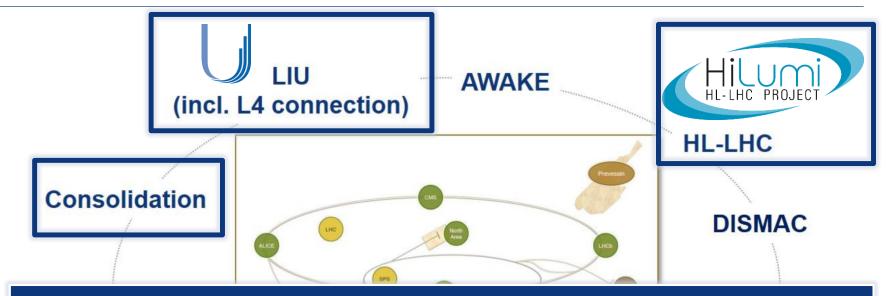
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Will be renovating roughly ~70 beam intercepting devices and 2 target areas, amongst the most challenging of the accelerator complex

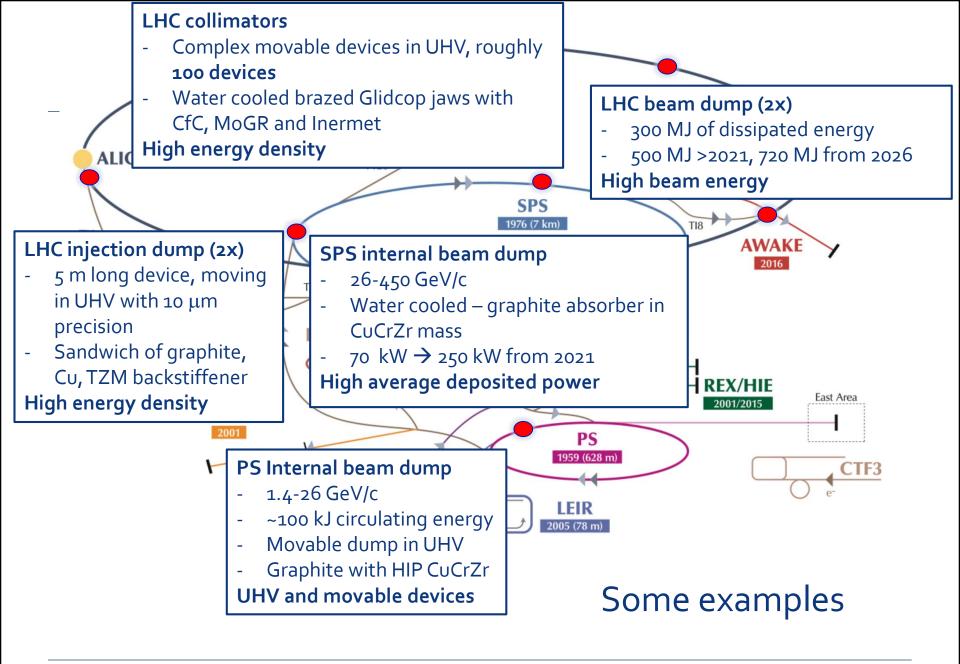
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SPS Fire Safety

East Area consolidation



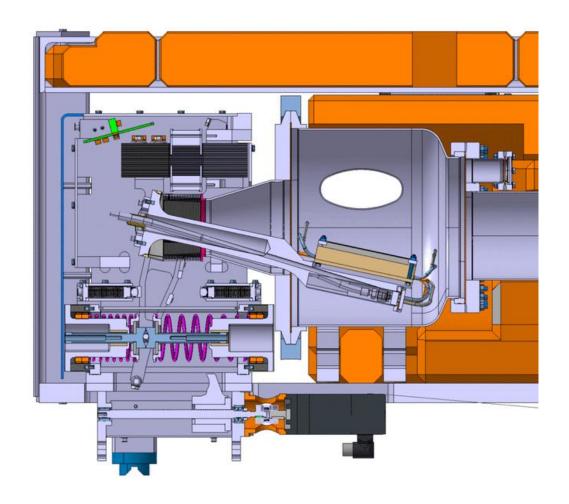








#### Challenge: UHV and movable parts





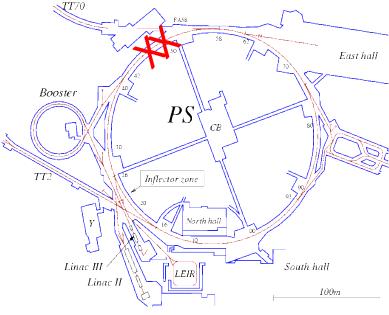


#### **PS Internal Dump**

- Main dump(s) of the CERN's Proton Synchrotron
- Beam up to 200 kJ, could have to cope with 80 kW
- Due to PS configuration, the dump are movable devices in UHV



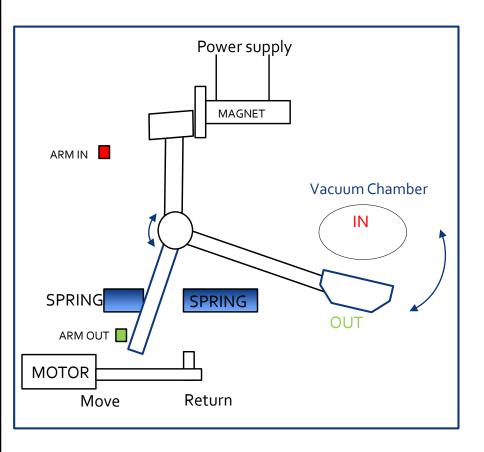


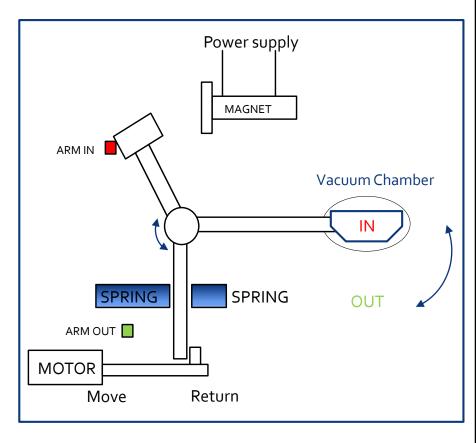






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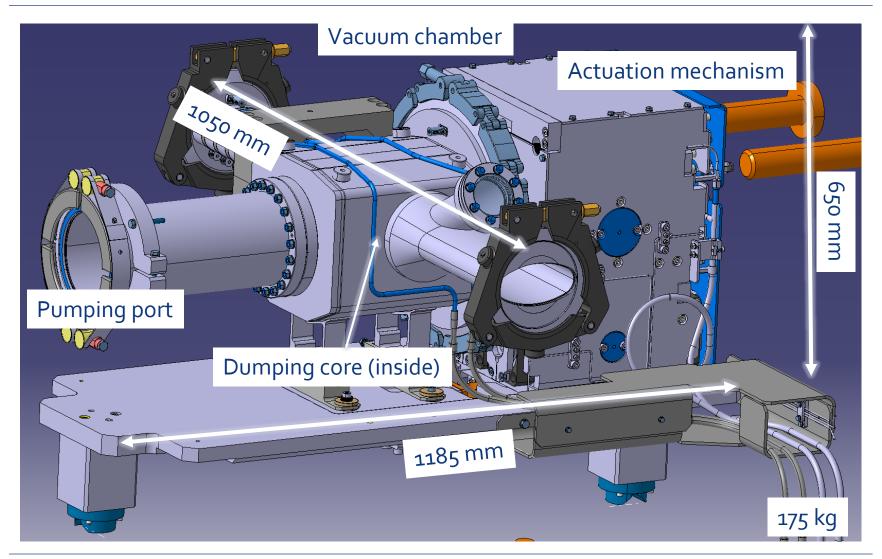






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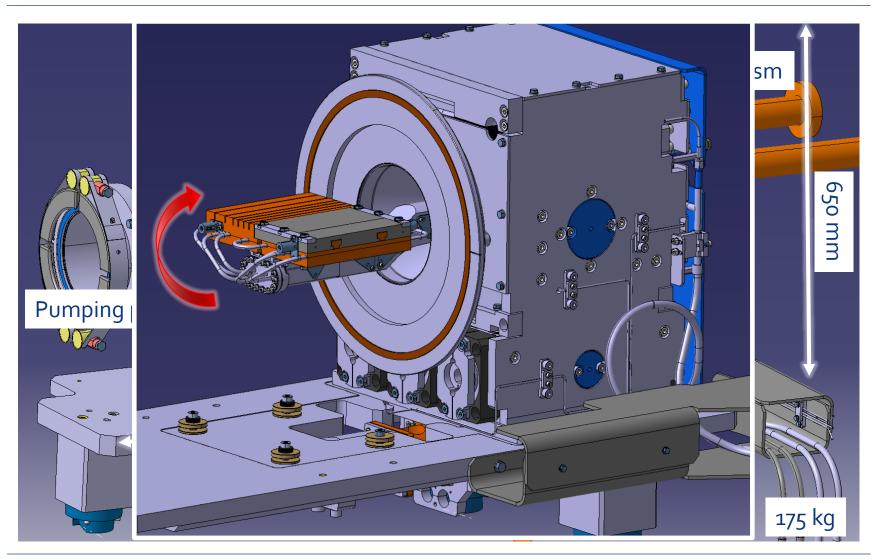
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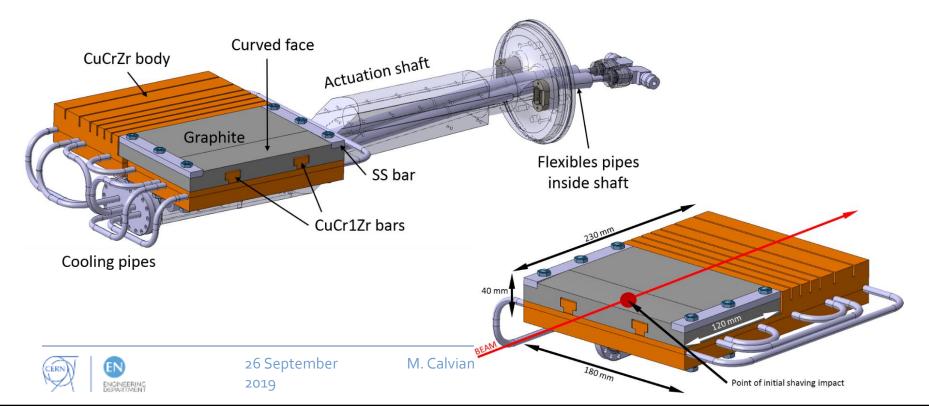




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#### But how is the core built?

- Old generation was based on a water cooled Cu-OFE block
- Graphite (SGL7550) is required now to cope with higher beam intensities (and higher power) as well as CuCrZr owing to higher strength
- Only solution to remove the heat was based on diffusion bonding by hotisostatic pressing (HIP) between CuCrZr and 316L tubes



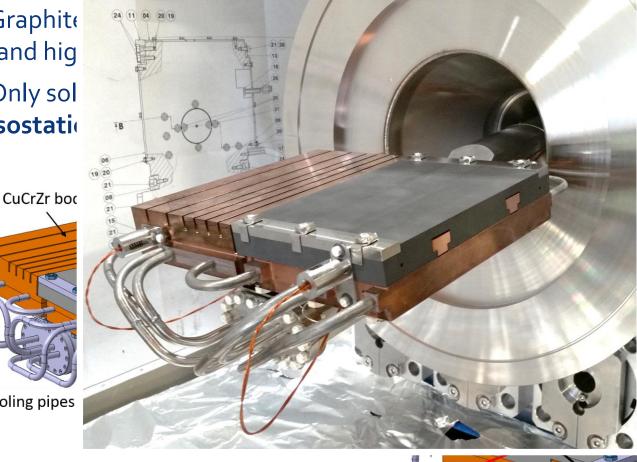
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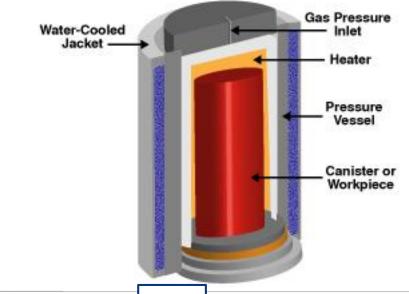


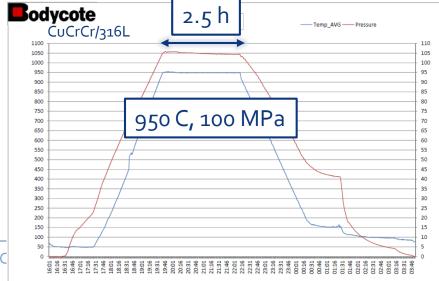
Cooling pipes

#### Intermezzo: diffusion bonding by HIP

HOT ISOSTATIC PRESSING

- •Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIP)
  - Maximum thermal efficiency (diffusion bonding all around the tube – perfect TCC)
  - Compatible with UHV
  - Versatile different geometries possible
  - Reproducible
  - Sensitivity to tolerances but manageable once known



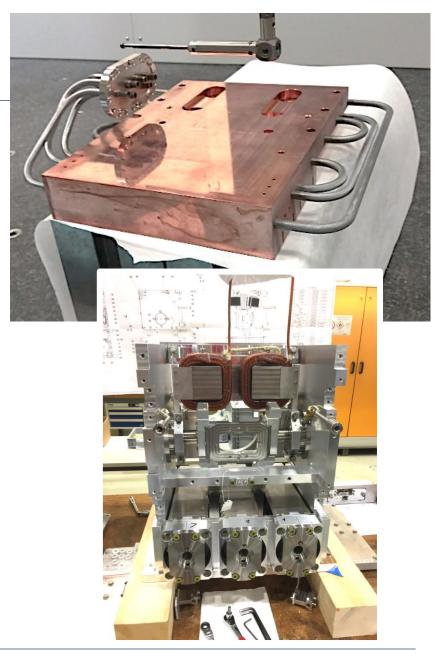






#### **Challenges & status**

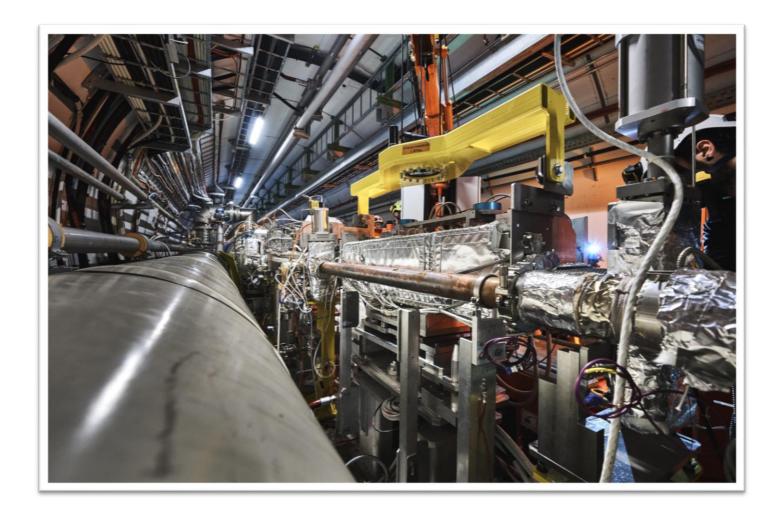
- Prototype dump successfully run for 1.5 M cycles
  - ~10 years operation
- Final dump being assembled, together with the final HIP runs for the different cores (3x)
- Attention to material compatibility with UHV is critical
- All on track for installation in the PS in April 2020







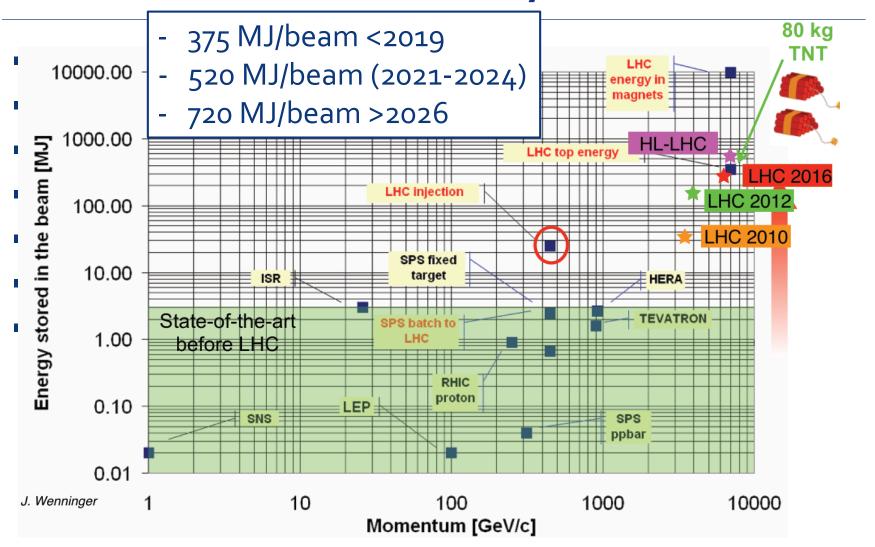
# Challenge: High energy density







#### Roles of the collimation system

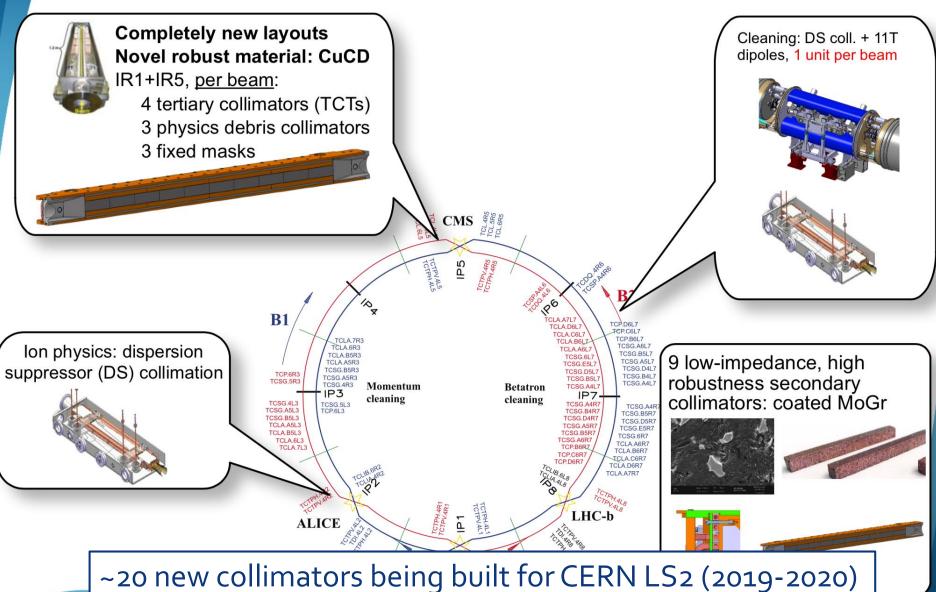




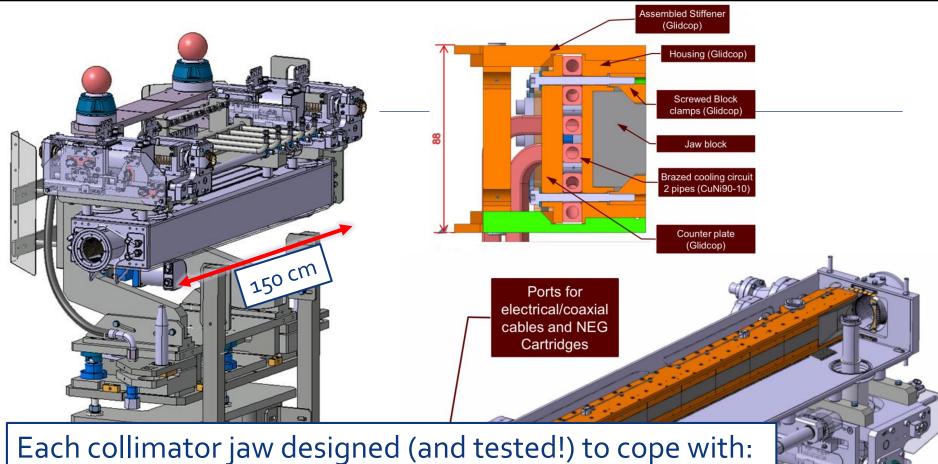


#### Collimation HL-LHC upgrade baseline





... while ~40 foreseen for LS3



- 10 kW steady losses of 1 hour
- Direct beam impact at injection and during asynchronous beam dumps at 7 TeV



Sliding Table

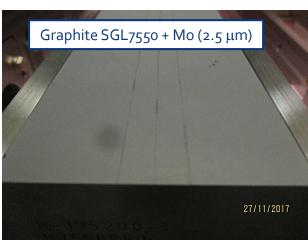




#### Beam test of coating on collimators jaws

- HiRadMat test of Cu and Mo coated graphite jaws to understand coating adherence under beam impact scenarios
  - Same energy density as for a potential similar impact in the LHC
- Extensive campaign of simulations vs. experimental results

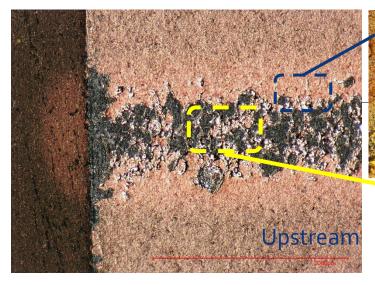


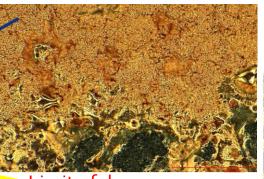






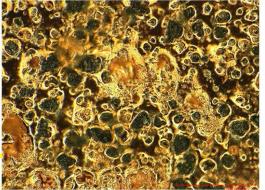






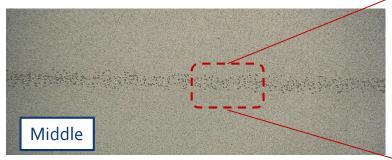
Limit of damage area





Surface damage detail in Cu coating: grazing impact



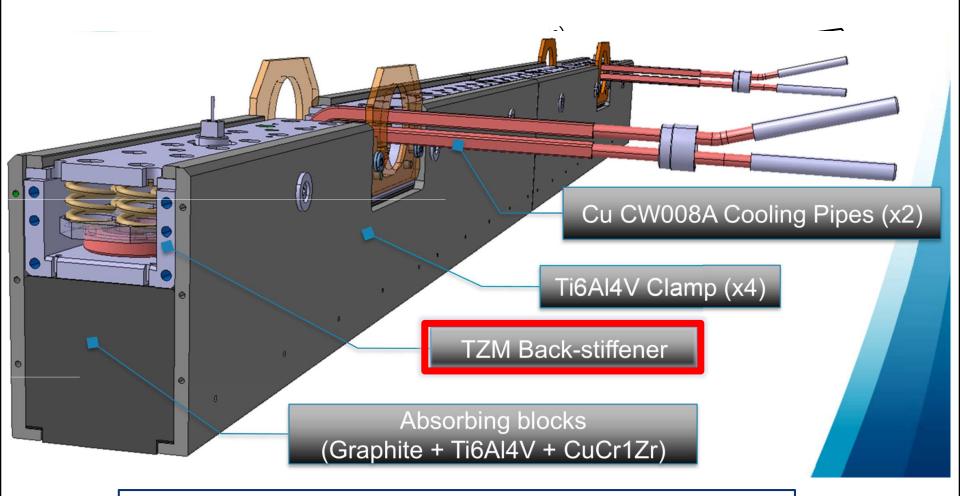




Surface damage detail in Mo coating: tilted impact

- Microscopic analysis confirms Cu coating melting as predicted by simulations
- Mo coating not melting, as predicted, but appearing to have spallation damage

# LHC Injection Beam Dump, currently being constructed

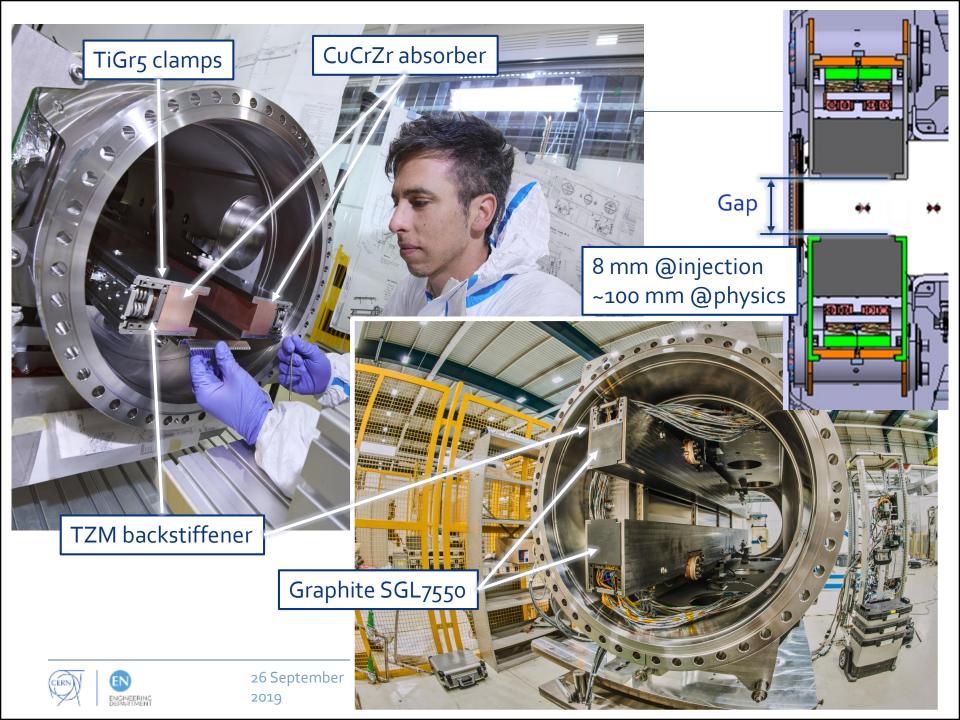


~200  $\mu m$  flatness of absorbing blocks over the entire length

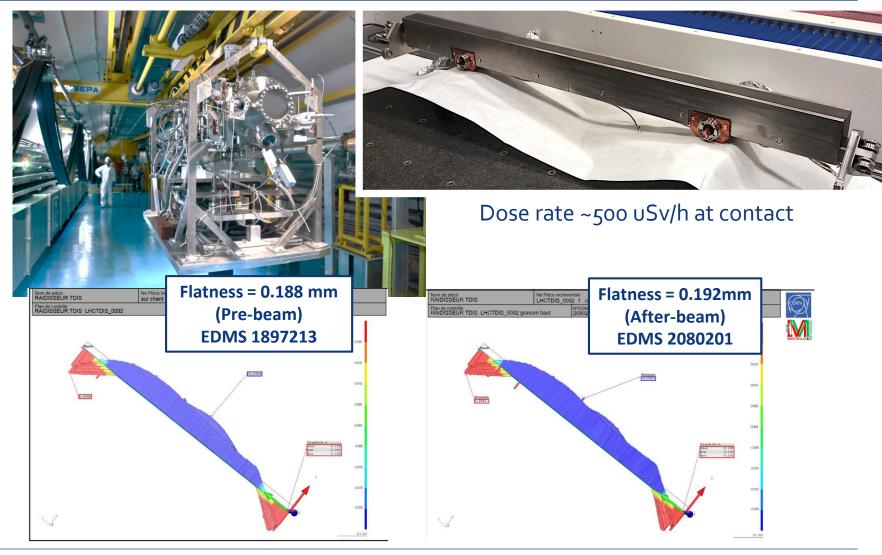
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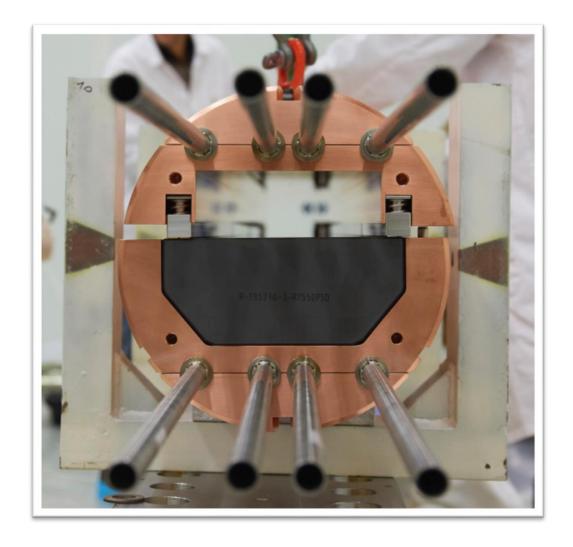
# Validation of jaw resistance at HiRadMat







#### Challenge: High average deposited power







#### SPS internal beam dump

- Due to the specific design of the SPS, the dump is internal in UHV
- Heavily used in the machine, to allow flexibility and setting up beams – should **not** be a showstopper for operation and has to be reliable for all beams scenarios
- Up to 2018 at its 4<sup>th</sup> generation (TIDVG4)
  - 70 kW (max) dissipated power
  - 4.2 MJ beam energy
- For LHC Injector Upgrade (LIU) Project → 5<sup>th</sup> generation is being built
  - 250 kW dissipated power
  - **5.3 MJ** beam energy







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#### Challenges:

- Materials with high robustness against beam impact
- UHV compatibility
- Good cooling power and thermal contact with absorbing materials
- Limited space longitudinally
- High residual dose rate
- Reliability on the long-term
  - 250 kW dissipated power
  - 5.3 MJ beam energy

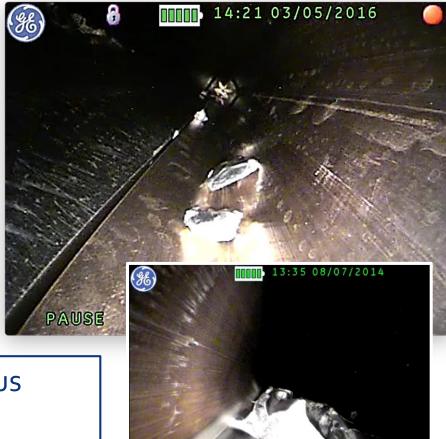






#### What could happen with insufficient cooling?





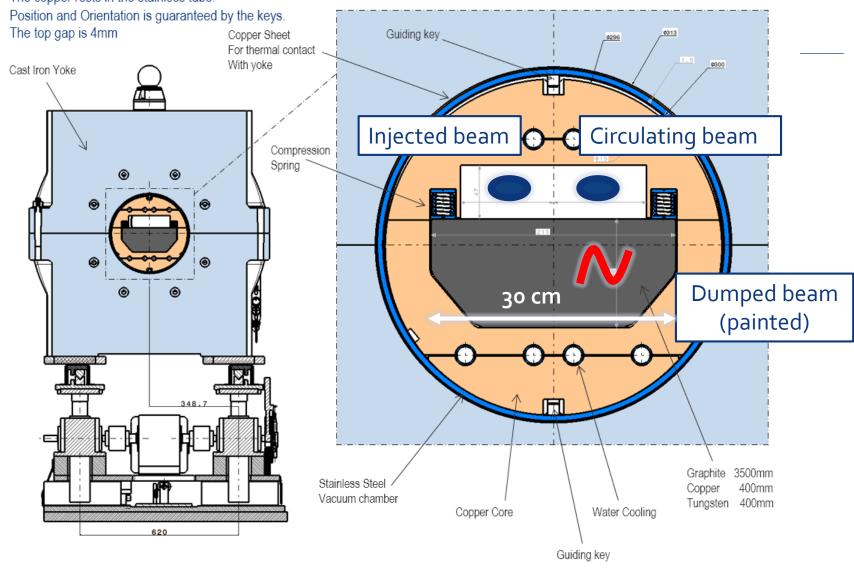
Endoscopy results from a previous generation internal dump, which operated until 2012

→ Complete removal of Al and focus on thermal contact with Cu sink



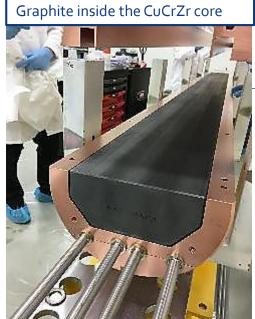


The copper rests in the stainless tube.

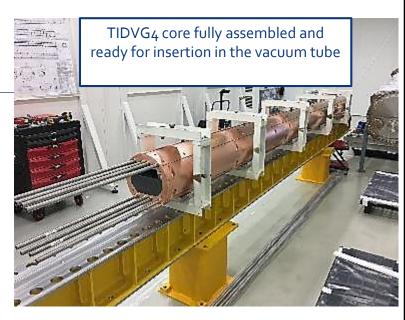












TIDVG4 core being pulled into the vacuum chamber





TIDVG4 core fully inserted (upstream)

Final leak detection (upstream w/ water manifolds)



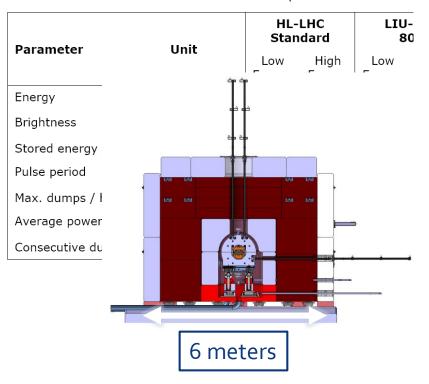
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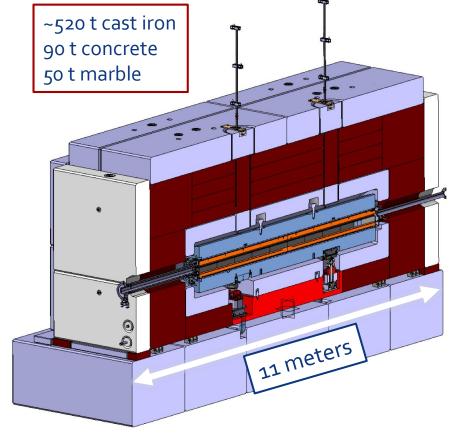
#### But with the LHC Injector Upgrade Project...

#### ...the current dump will not be sufficient:

- 1. Need to cope with **higher beam power** (and deposited)
- 2. Need to comply with **strict radiation protection** rules

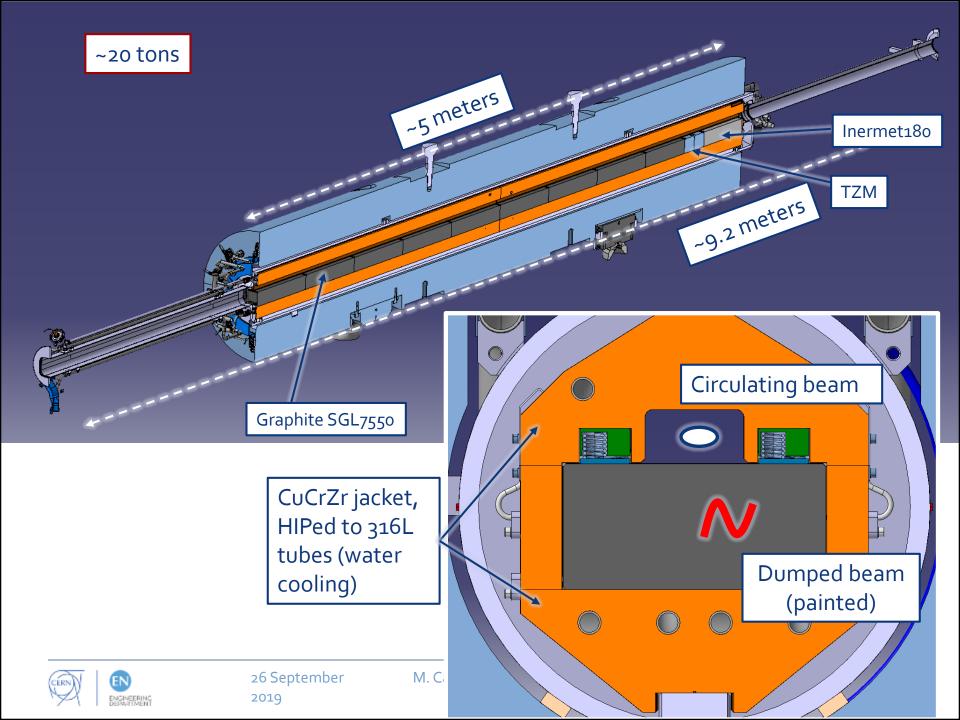
Table 3: HL-LHC beam load parameters for internal dump











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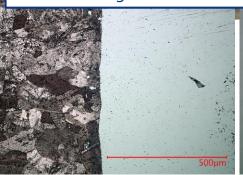
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## Core being design with HIP technology





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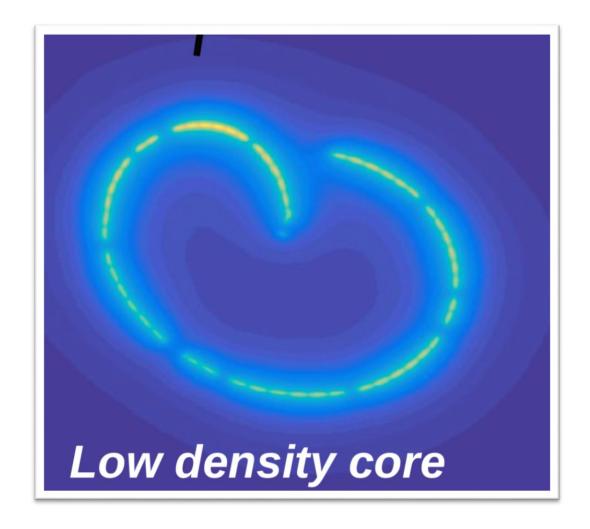








### Challenge: High beam energy



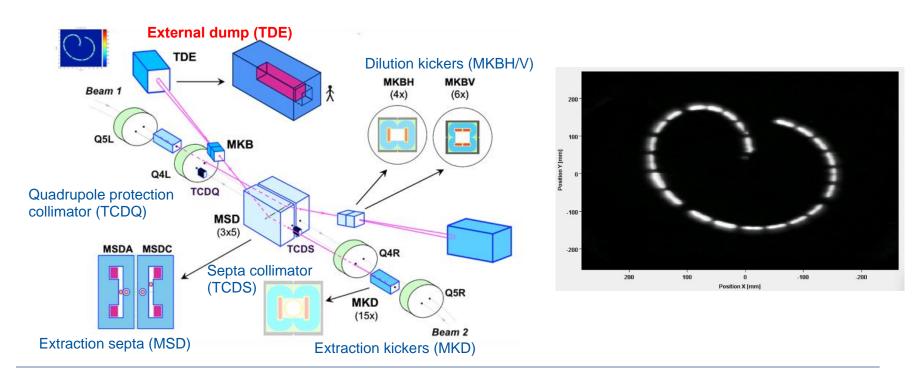




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### LHC external beam dump

- Circulating beams in the LHC have a kinetic energy of around 300
   MJ/beam (until 2018) → the LBDS is taking care of its extraction from the ring
- Beam diluted over the extraction time of 84 μs

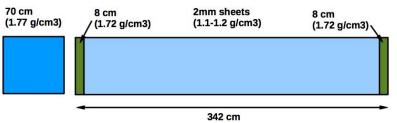






### LHC external beam dump

#### High and low-density segments:



70 cm (1.77 g/cm3)

#### Low-density flexible Graphite sheets:

#### Currently:

- 240 MJ deposited in graphite
- 20 MJ in the 318L shell



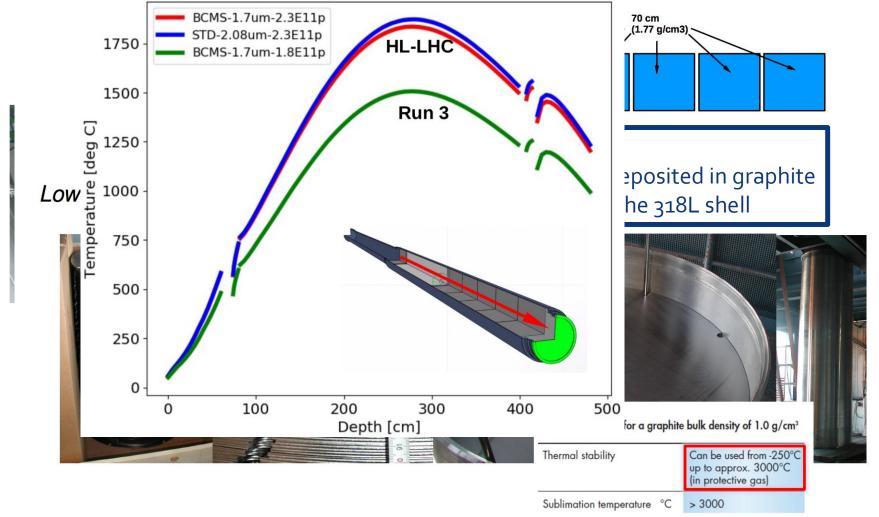
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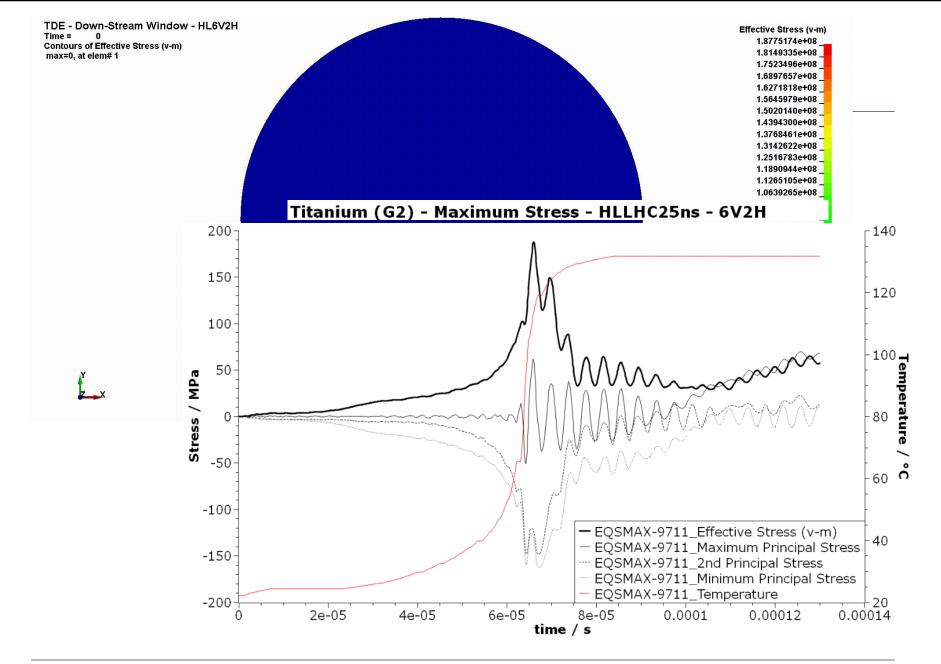
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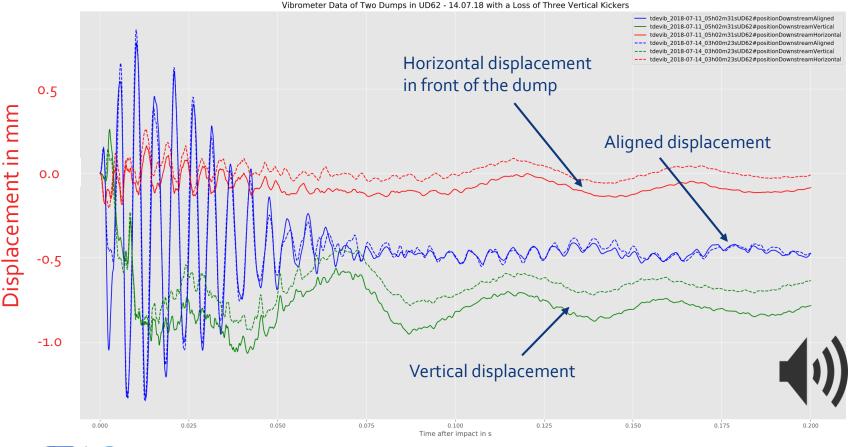






### Recent information and future plans

■ Over the course of the last 2 years, several N2 leaks occurred in the nitrogen line close to the dump → dump was then instrumented







### Future plans on LHC beam dump

- Several upgrade plans are foreseen during LS2, to reduce dose to personnel during interventions to fix the leaks
  - Including upgrade of the downstream dump window (TiGr2 to TiGr5) and improved instrumentation
- 1. Optimize the graphite core configuration for HL-LHC, since temperature up to 2000 °C for regular operation might not be acceptable for the core (cyanide formation, sublimation, etc.)
- 2. Sudden thermal expansion of the 318L (60 °C in 84 μs, due to 20 MJ, 80 MJ/m³) might be responsible for the significant vibrations and permanent displacement of the dump





### **Conclusions**

- Beam intercepting devices and Targetry
   technologies at CERN are being upgraded
   due to LIU and HL-LHC Project requirements
- Several other topics not discussed, including pbar target, neutron targets, ISOLDE as well as future project such as Beam Dump Facility & FCC
- All activities are requiring significant technological development and material R&D
- Collaboration such as RaDIATE on radiation damage (including J-PARC!) providing an excellent platform for developments

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