

# Material and Manufacturing challenges for Beam Intercepting Devices at CERN

## few examples

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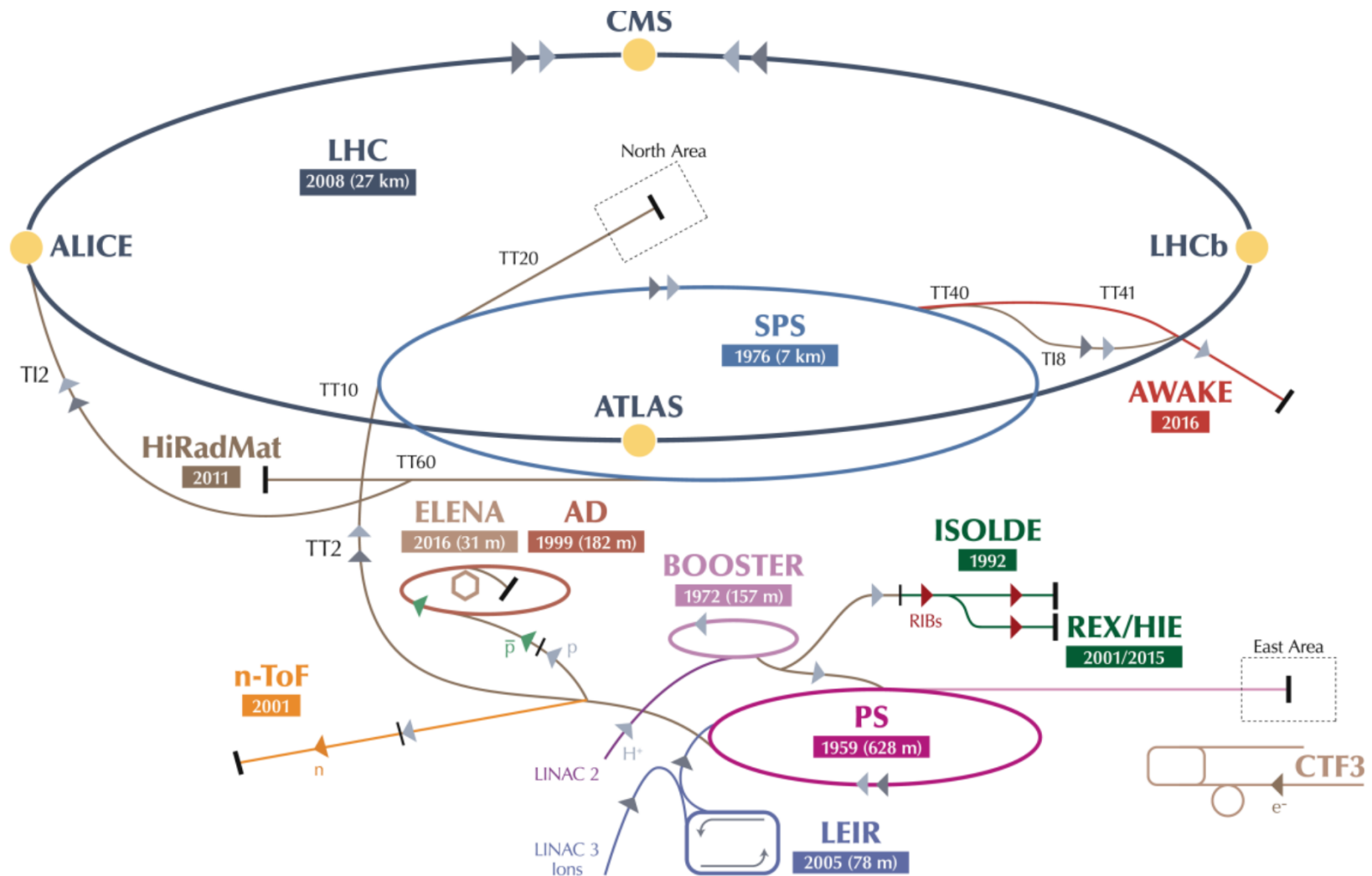


# Introduction

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- Beam Intercepting Devices are essential part of the functioning of any accelerator complex
  - Protect equipment and personnel
  - Guarantee specific beams sizes
  - Safely dispose unwanted beams
  - Produce secondary particle beams for experiments
- Need to act on harsh environments
- Usually the most radioactive elements in the complex
- Reliability is a key factor





**~250 devices** scattered from the Linac source stopper (45 keV) to the LHC main dump (7 TeV)

# What type of challenges do we have?

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- Devices must be able to withstand **operation** and **accident** scenarios, plus protect delicate equipment
  1. **UHV** requirements ( $10^{-10}$  mbar) also in *movable* parts
  2. **High energy densities** ( $\sim \text{kJ}/\text{cm}^3/\text{pulse}$ ) as well **power densities** (several  $\text{MW}/\text{cm}^3$ )
  3. **High beam intensity/energy** ( $\sim 750$  MJ for LHC dump)
  4. **High average deposited power** ( $\sim 250$  kW for LIU SPS beam dump or  $\sim 350$  kW for Beam Dump Facility) (see F.-X. Nuiry presentation at BiSS 2019)
  5. **Physics requirements**, often implying the use of non-structural materials (Pb or Ir)
  6. **Impedance**, especially for colliders
  7. **Radiation damage** on absorbing materials

# Beam Intercepting Devices at CERN

Safety  
function

Beam  
stoppers

Beam  
dumps

Beam  
cleaning &  
control

**Collimators**

Scrapers

Strippers

Slits

Physics

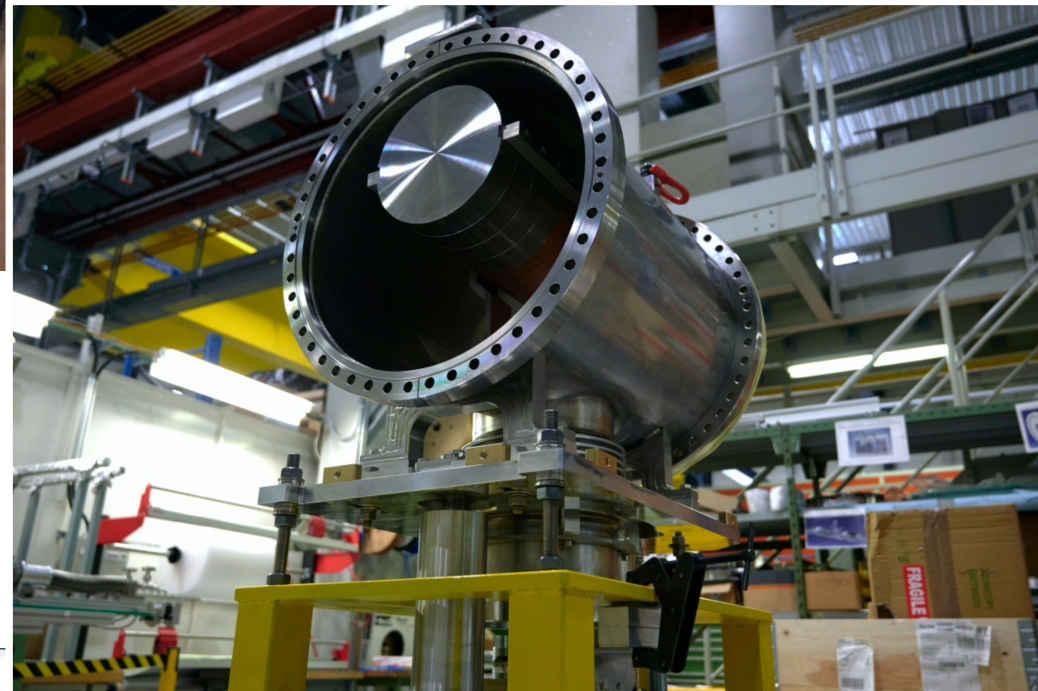
Particle  
producing  
targets

# Beam stoppers in the PS complex



## Challenges:

- Energy density
- Personnel protection
- Actuation system
- Compact design





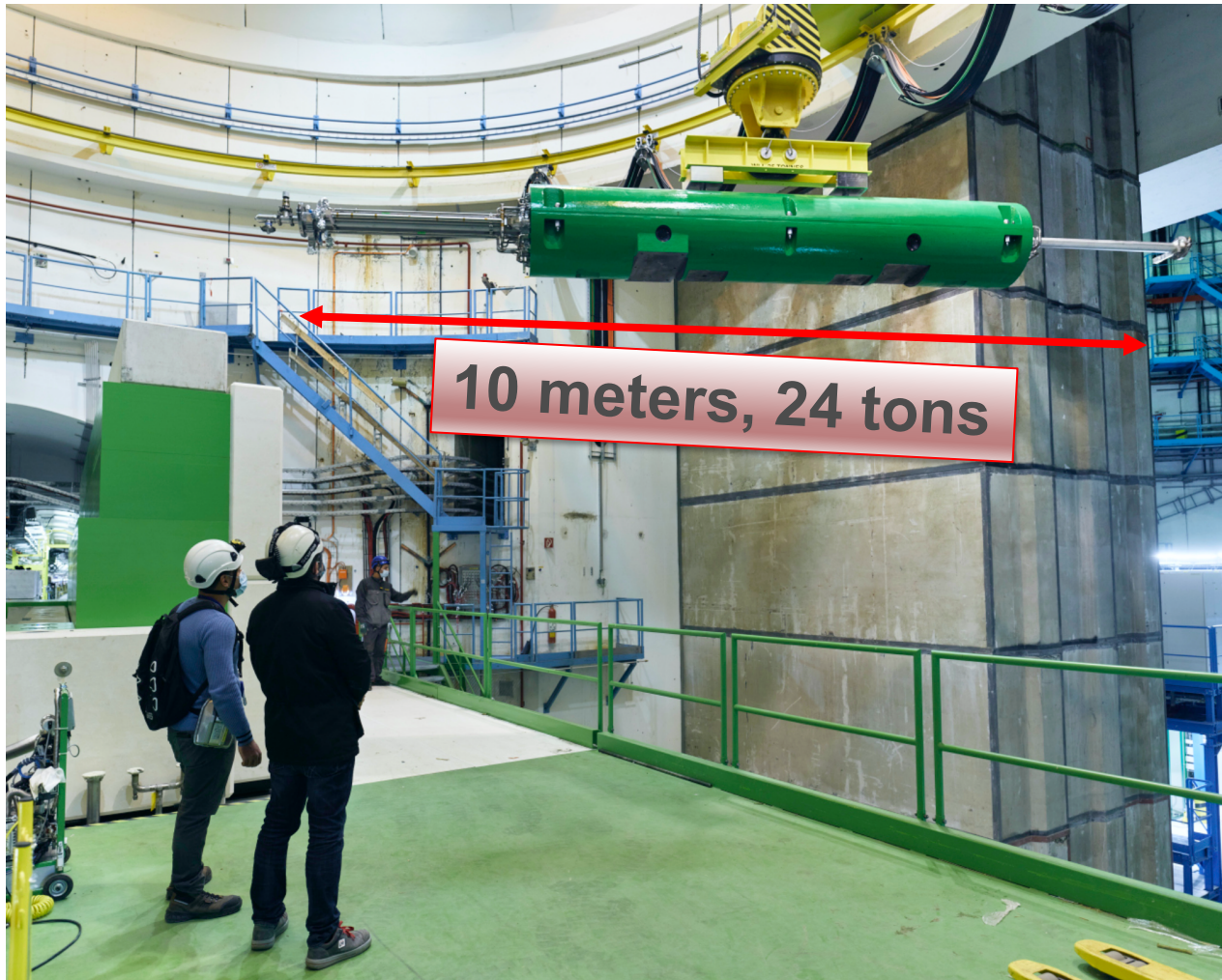
# SPS internal beam dump (1/2)



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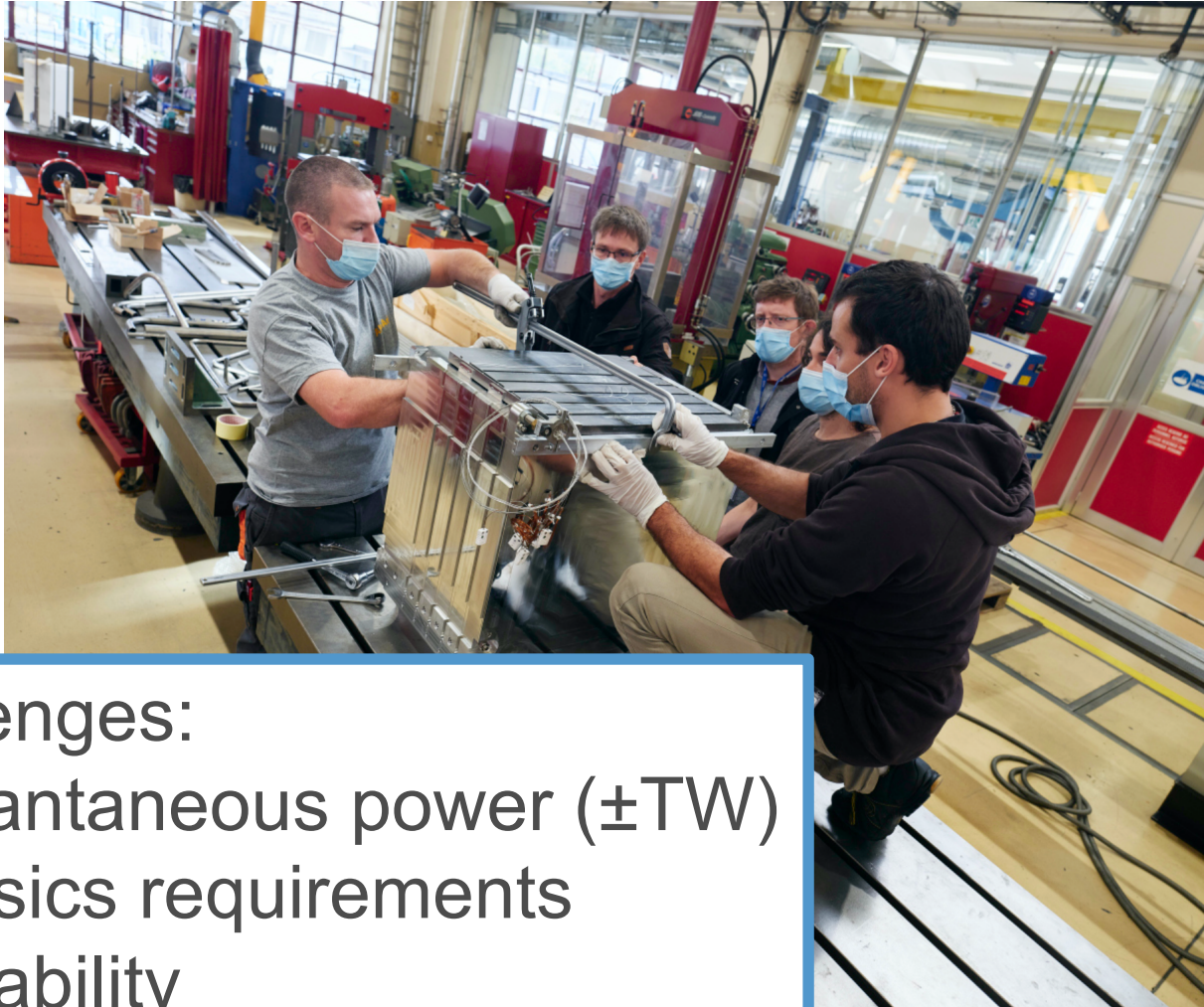
- Average power (300 kW)
- UHV environment
- Reliability

# SPS internal beam dump (2/2)





# n\_TOF neutron spallation target



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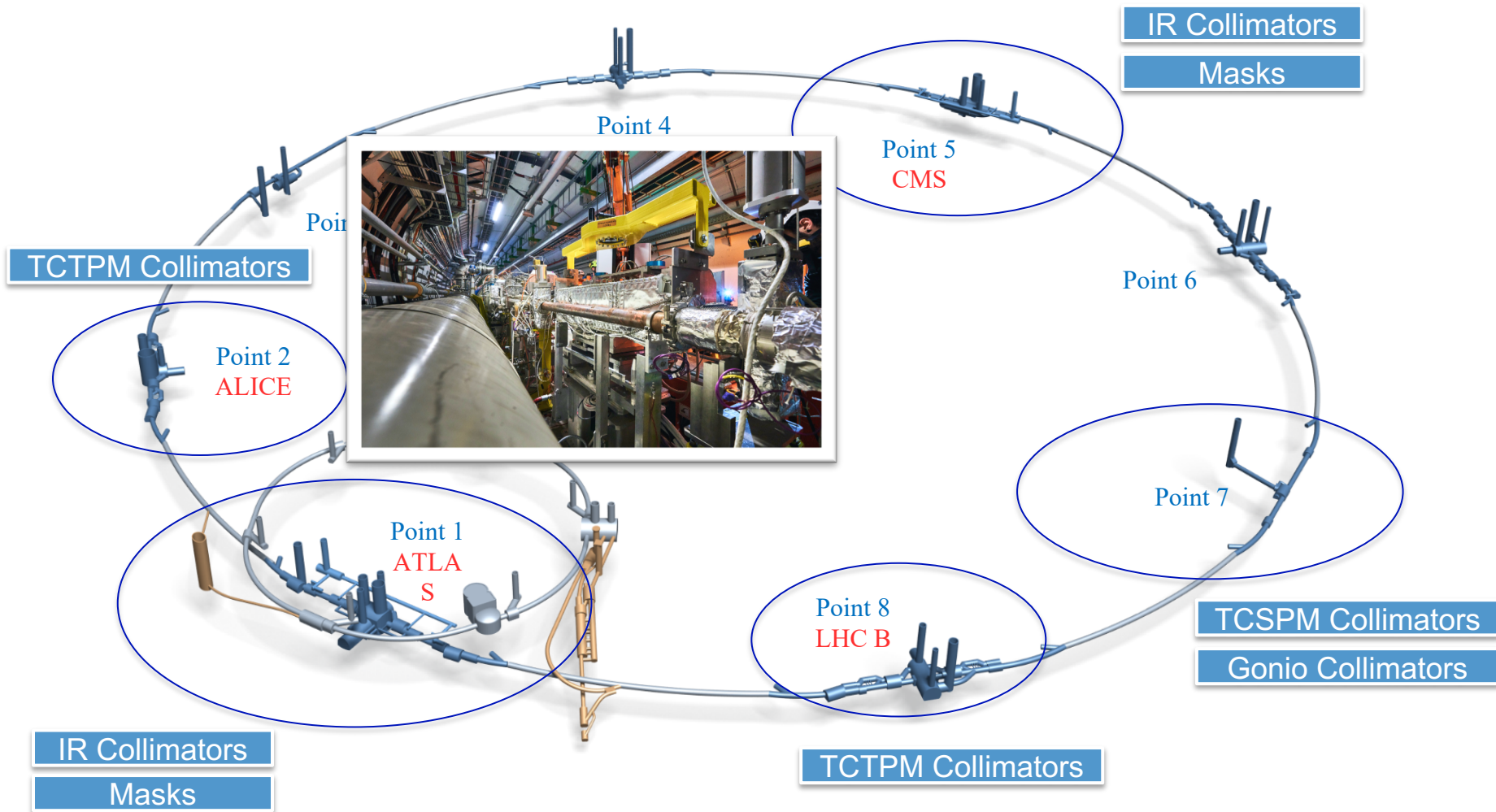
- Instantaneous power ( $\pm$ TW)
- Physics requirements
- Reliability



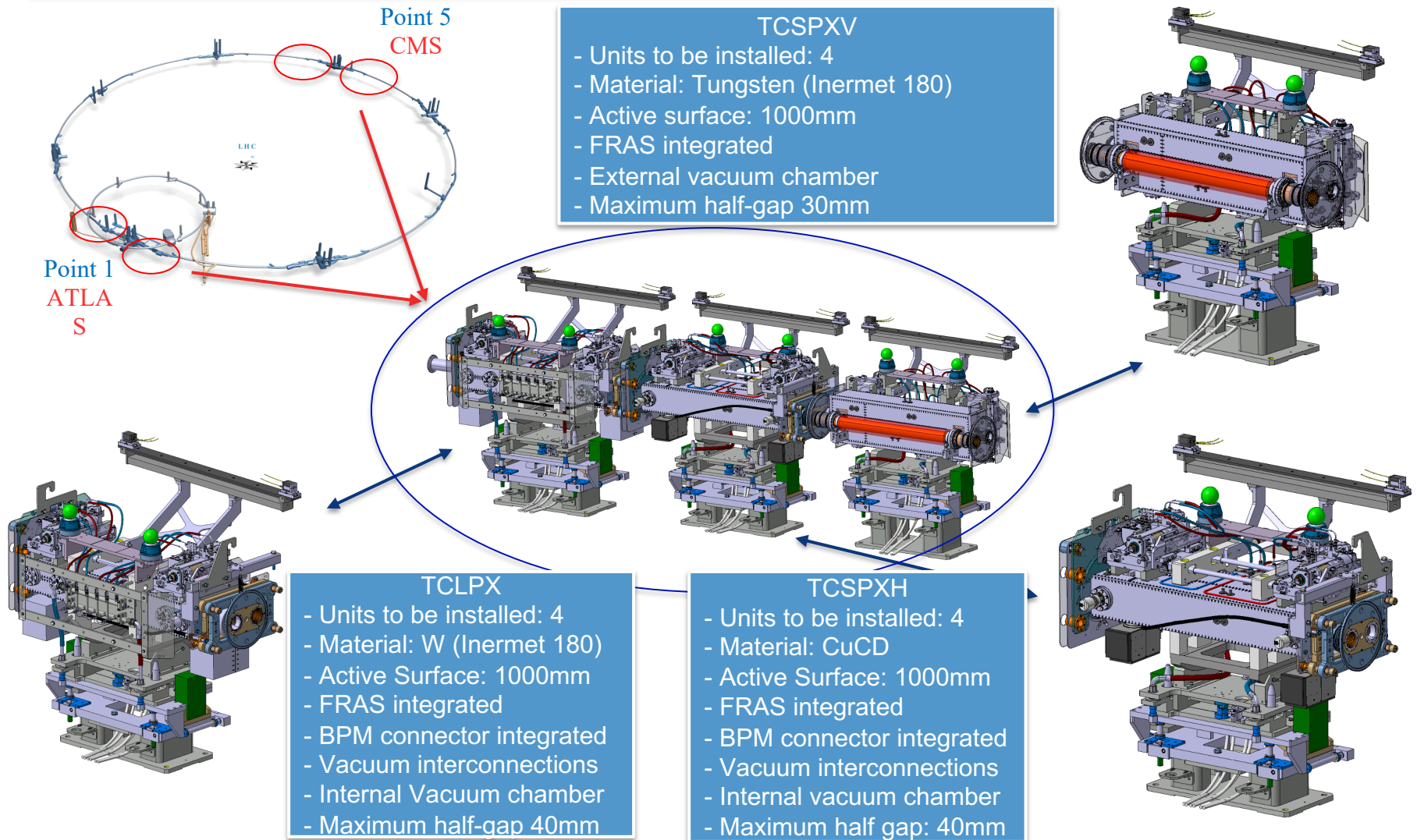
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# Just a couple of examples in view of CERN's Long Shutdown 3

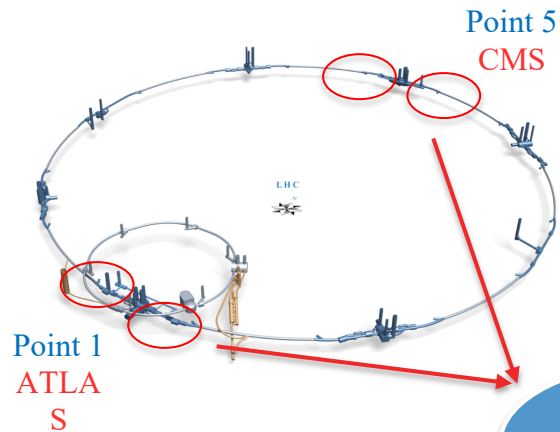
# LHC Collimators for LS3



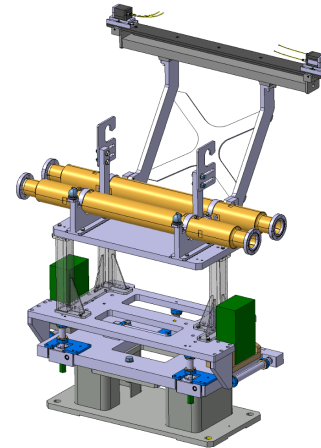
# IR Collimators – Points 1 & 5



# Masks – Points 1 & 5

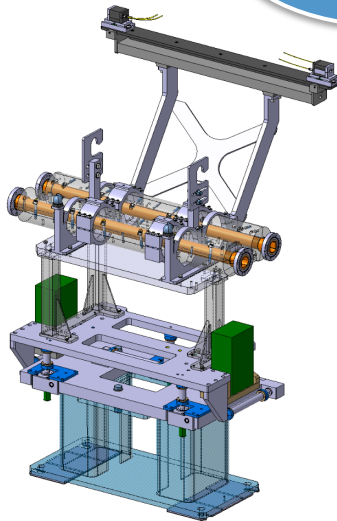


Masks



TCLM (Q5 & Q6)

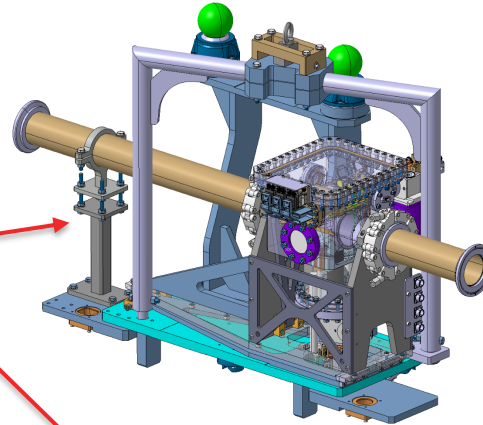
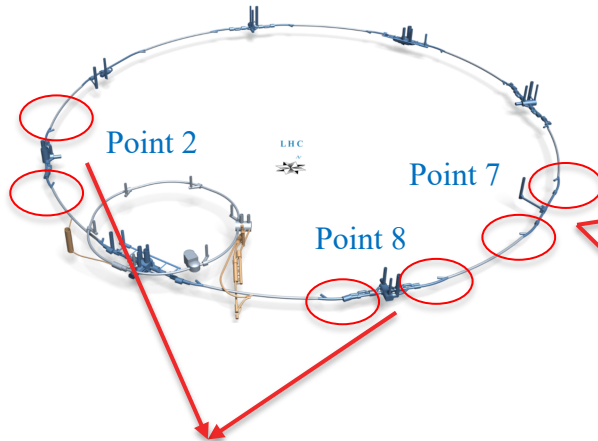
- Units to be installed: 8
- Material: Cu
- Length: 1000mm
- FRAS integrated
- Round outer shape Ø10mm



TCLM (Q4)

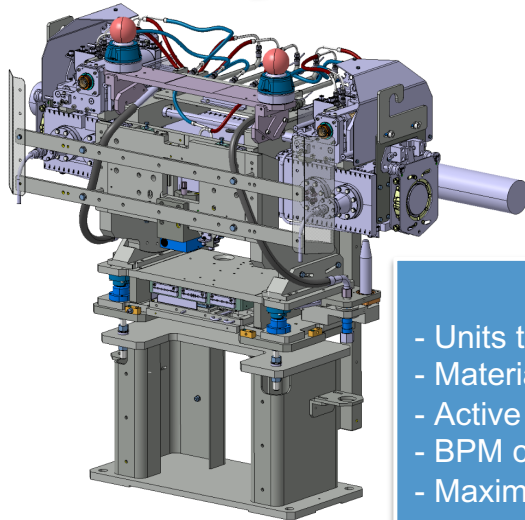
- Units to be installed: 4
- Material: W (Inermet 180)
- Length: 1000mm
- FRAS integrated
- Round outer shape Ø14mm

# Collimators – Points 2, 7 & 8



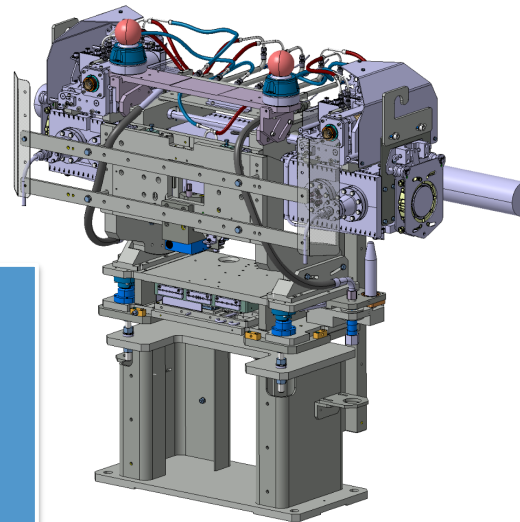
## GONIOMETER

- Units to be installed: 8
- Material: Bent Crystal
- Crystal length:  $4 \pm 1$  mm
- Linear stroke:  $> 50$  mm
- Angular range:  $\pm 10$  mm



## TCTPM

- Units to be installed: 8
- Material: W (Inermet 180)
- Active Surface: 1000 mm
- BPM connector integrated
- Maximum half-gap: 30 mm



## TCSPM

- Units to be installed: 14
- Material: Mo Coated Graphite
- Active Surface: 1000 mm
- BPM connector integrated
- Maximum half-gap: 30 mm



# HL-LHC external beam dump

- 8.5 m long, Ø720 mm diameter, 6200 kg cylinders, suspended on two cables
- Graphitic absorbing core
- Steel shielding around
- Up to 710 MJ to absorb per dump, air cooled
- High residual dose rates



# LHC beam dumps: vessel and beam windows

Shrink fitted

Sigrafine®

R7300 P500 (700 mm)

Sigraflex®

3260 mm (2 mm thick), L20012-C

2 x Sigrafine® HLM

Extruded, 80 mm thick

Shrink fitted Sigrafine®

R7300 P500 (5 x 700 mm)

Beam

High density

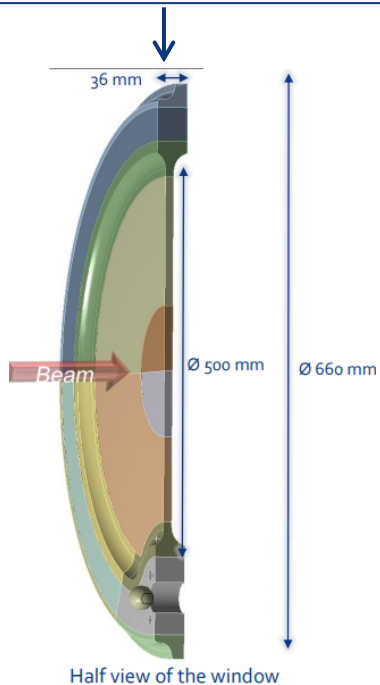
Low-density graphite  
 $1.1-1.2 \text{ g/cm}^3$

High-density graphite  
 $1.77 \text{ g/cm}^3$

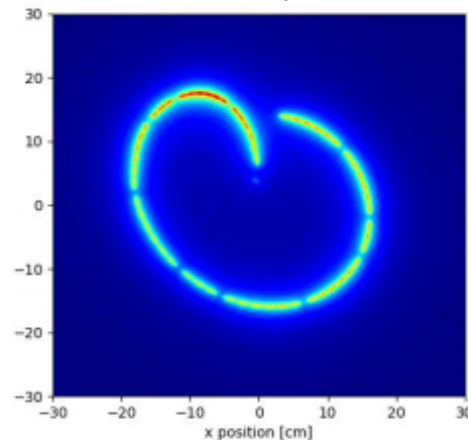
Ti Grade 5, 10mm thick beam window

Duplex stainless steel (318L) vessel, 12 mm thick

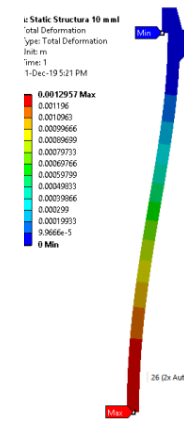
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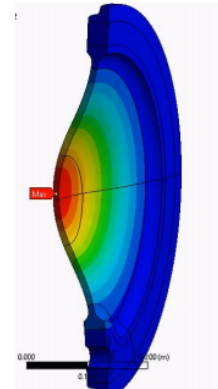
Load directly induced by the beam impact



Static load due to vacuum and N2 over pressure



Dynamic response: vessel vibrations





# Looking for low-and high-density carbon-based materials

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- Peak temperature of 1900°C expected 400 time per year (2600°C for accidents)
- Nitrogen environment
- Product available in plates Ø720 mm diameter minimum

## Carbon/Carbon

- Carbon fiber preform
- Carbon matrix
- Density: 1.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, 1.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup> and 1.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>
- Graphitization temperature at least of 2000°C

## Carbon fiber-reinforced silicon carbide (C/SiC) (max 1400°C):

- Density around 2.7 g/cm<sup>3</sup>

## Isostatic polycrystalline graphite

- Density of 1.8 g/ cm<sup>3</sup>

# Summary of the key components needed

Core material	Expected need dimensions (under study)
High-density carbon-based (graphite) 1.8 g/cc	Ø750 mm x 4500 mm (several blocks)
Low-density carbon-based (Carbon carbon) 1.0 and 1.5 g/cc	Ø750 mm x 3500 mm (several plates)
Metallic vessel Uranus 318L Or INVAR Or TiGr5	1 Cylinder, leak tight ~Ø750 mm x 9000 mm
Downstream + upstream Flange Stainless steel	For the large beam windows (~Ø750 mm )
Ti beam windows Ti Grade 5 or 23	Ø660 mm x 40 mm (several plates)
Vacuum chains	2 units with handling system

# Conclusions

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- Quick glimpse of challenges we are and will be facing in the future at CERN
- Currently finalizing Long Shutdown 2 activities in view of complex restart in early 2021
- Next Long Shutdown in 2025-2026, procurement to be launched few years earlier
- More general considerations about challenges of high intensity absorbers available here:
  - [M. Calviani – J-PARC Symposium 2019](#)
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