

LHC Commissioning and First Operation

The LHC hardware and beam commissioning and initial operation will be reviewed both in terms of beam and hardware performance. The implemented machine protection measures and their impact on LHC operation will be presented

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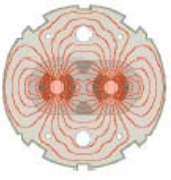
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Topics



- The LHC
- The Accident
- The Repair and consolidation
- Initial Commissioning
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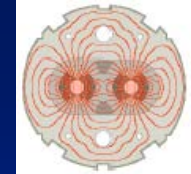
An aerial photograph of the CERN facility in Switzerland. A large red oval is superimposed on the image, representing the 27km circumference of the LHC tunnel. The landscape is a patchwork of green fields and brown agricultural land. In the background, a large blue lake (Lake Geneva) is visible, followed by a range of snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. The text 'The LHC' is centered over the oval.

The LHC

Superconducting Proton Accelerator and Collider
installed in a 27km circumference underground tunnel (tunnel cross-
section diameter 4m) at **CERN**
Tunnel was built for LEP collider in 1985



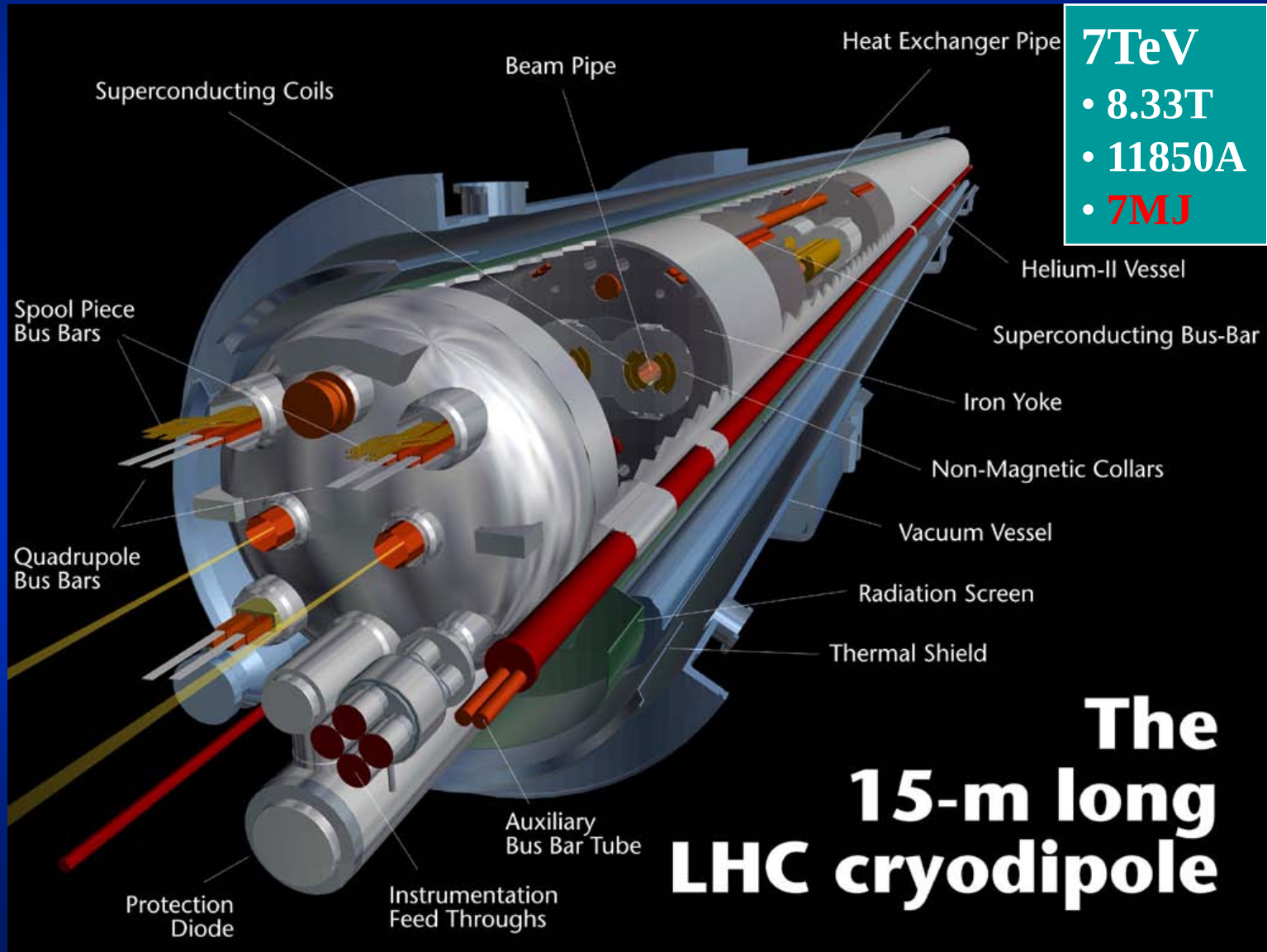
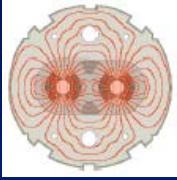
LHC: Some Technical Challenges



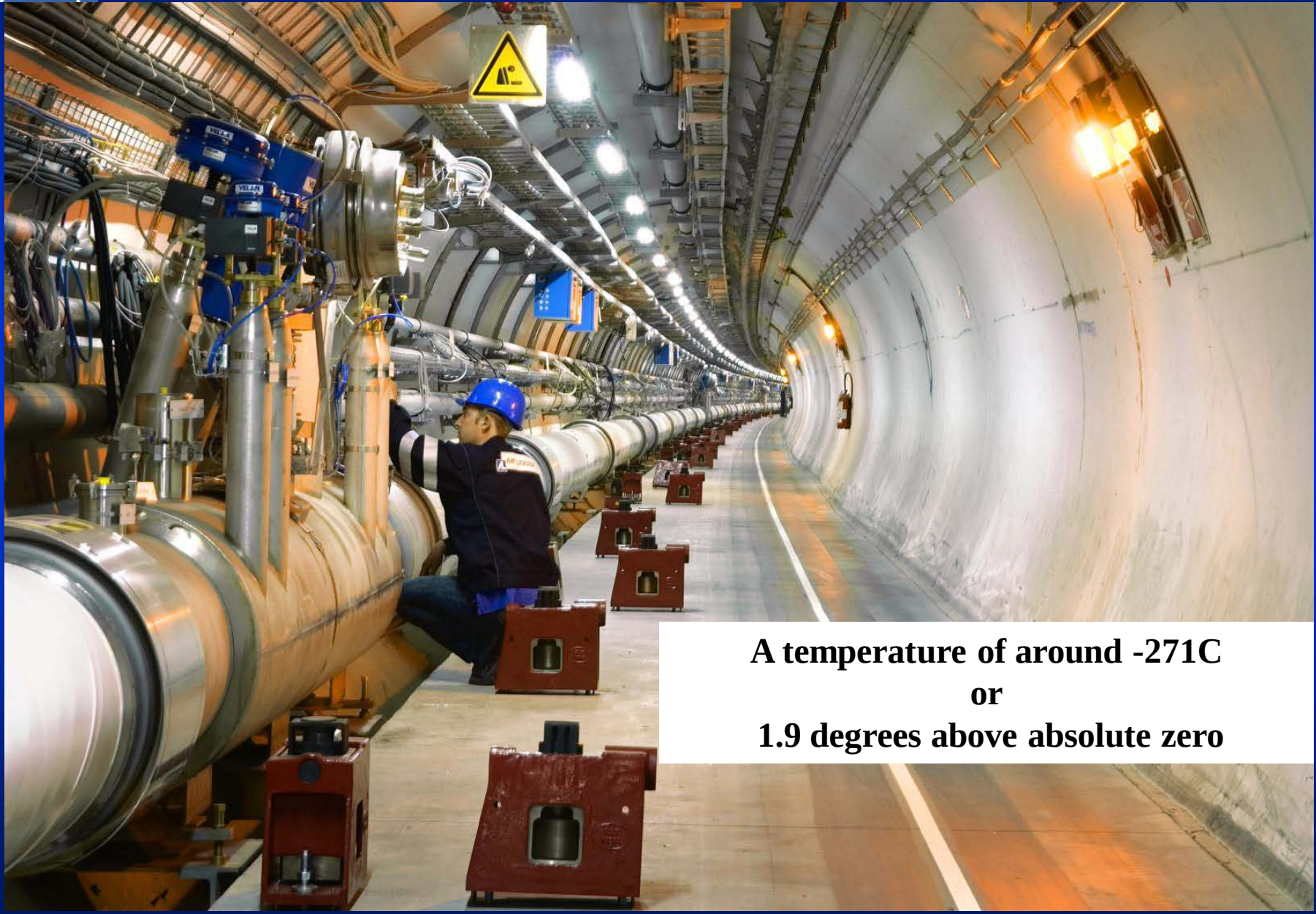
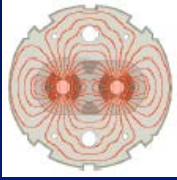
Circumference (km)	26.7	100-150m underground
Number of superconducting twin-bore Dipoles	1232	Cable Nb-Ti, cold mass 37million kg
Length of Dipole (m)	14.3	
Dipole Field Strength (Tesla)	8.4	Results from the high beam energy needed
Operating Temperature (K) (cryogenics system)	1.9	Superconducting magnets needed for the high magnetic field Super-fluid helium
Current in dipole sc coils (A)	13000	Results from the high magnetic field 1ppm resolution
Beam Intensity (A)	0.5	$2.2 \cdot 10^{-6}$ loss causes quench
Beam Stored Energy (MJoules)	362	Results from high beam energy and high beam current 1MJ melts 1.5kg Cu
Magnet Stored Energy (MJoules)/octant	1100	Results from the high magnetic field
Sector Powering Circuit	8	1612 different electrical circuits

LHC dipoles (1232 of them) operating at 1.9K

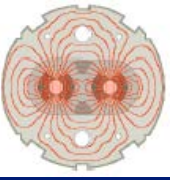
Contracts by 4.7cm during cool-down

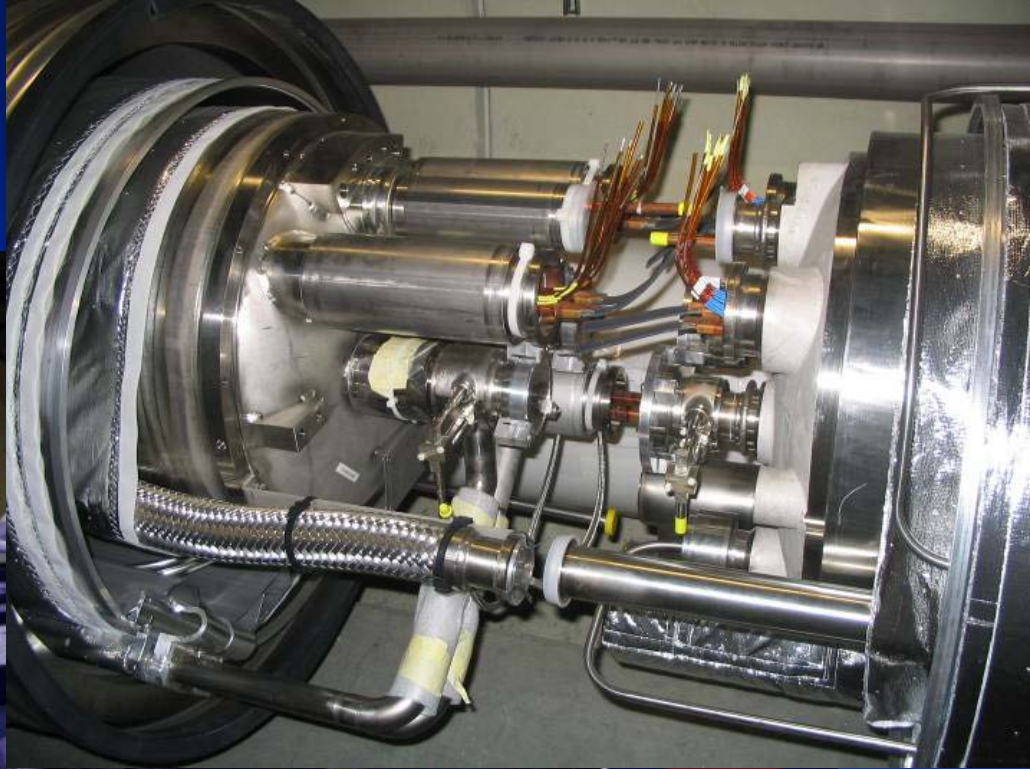


Helium distribution line (THXRA01 Serge Claudet)



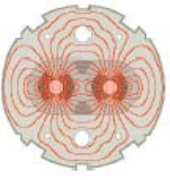
A temperature of around -271°C
or
1.9 degrees above absolute zero





During cool-down of the LHC the machine contracts by **80 metres, 10m per octant**

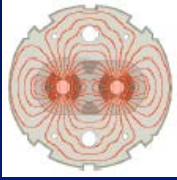
- Vacuum continuity
- Electrical connections



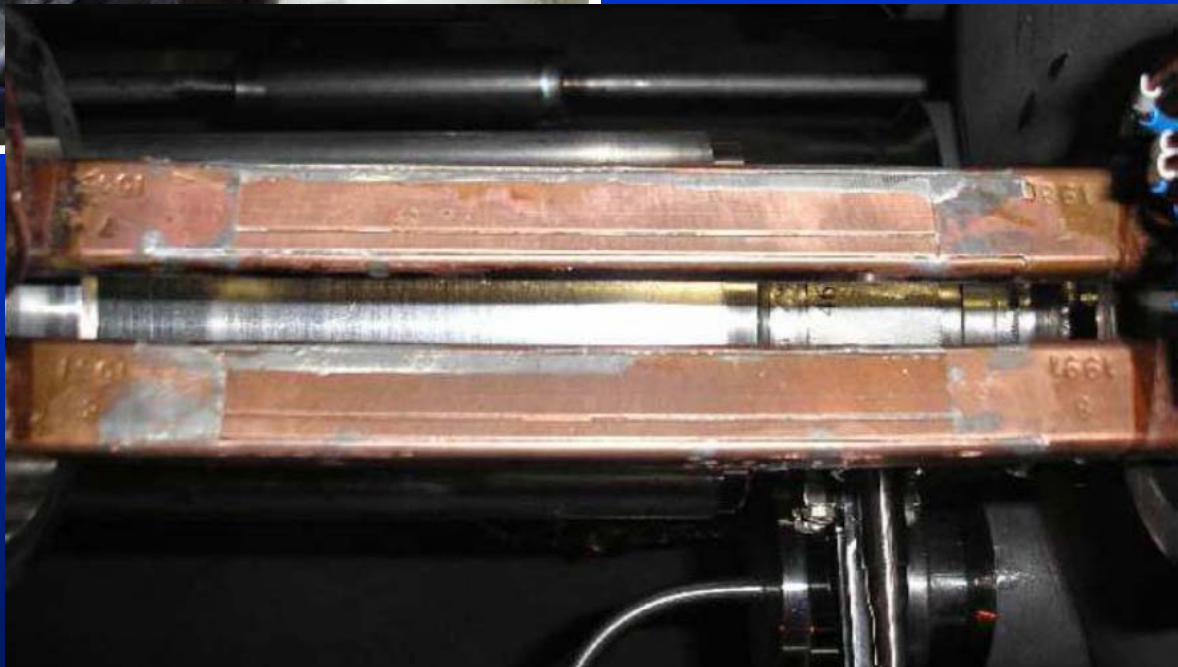
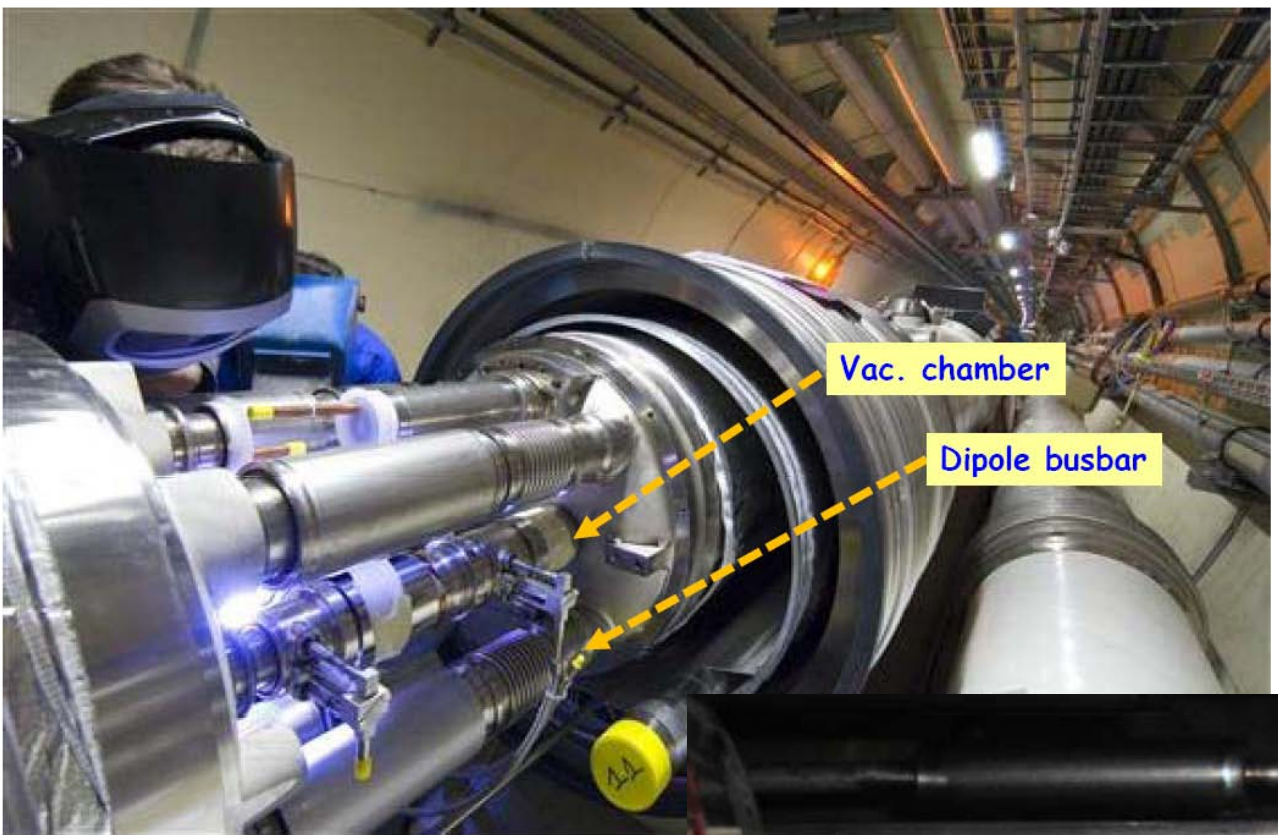
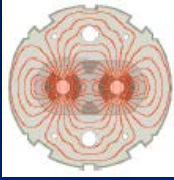
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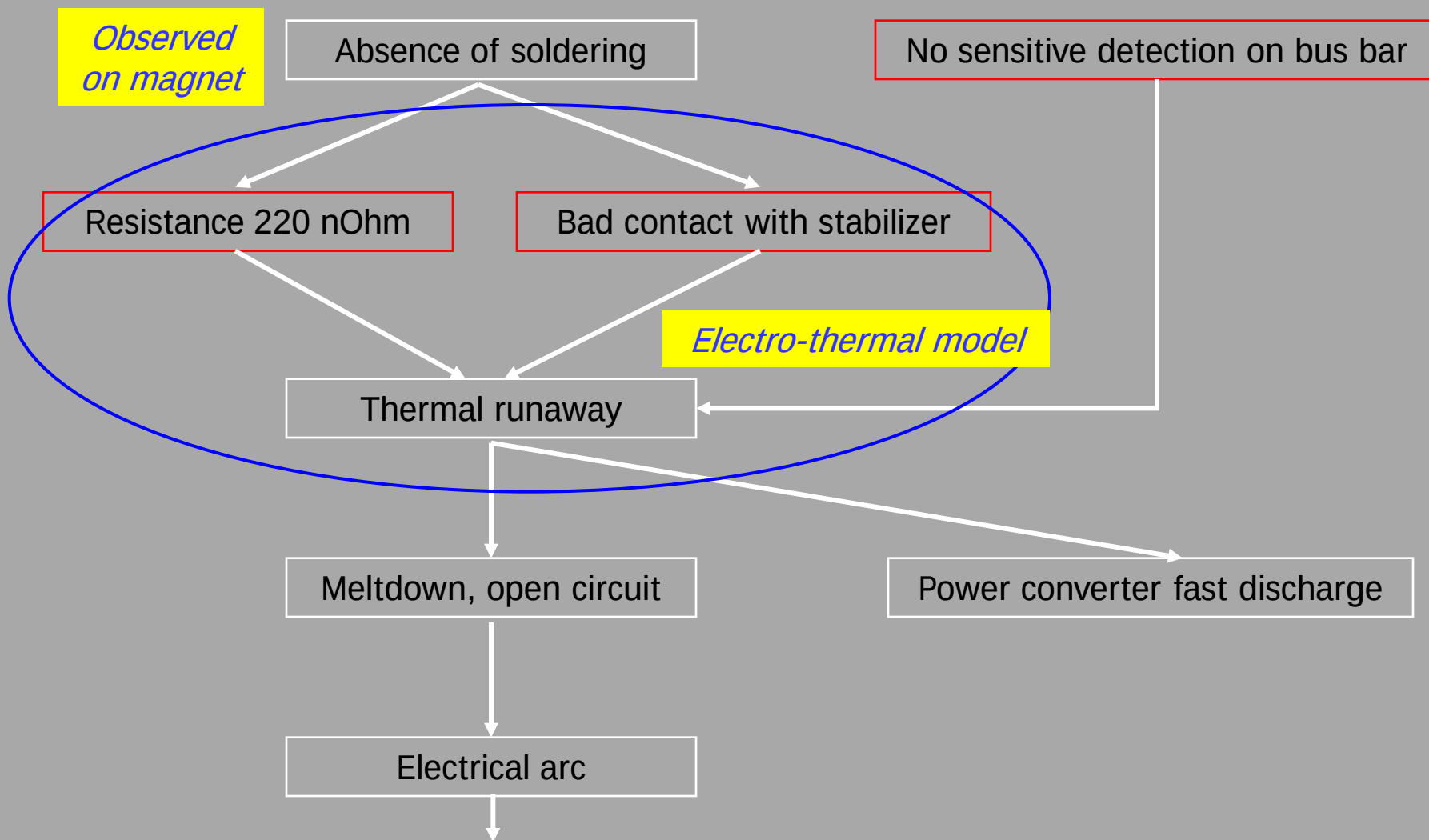
Accident of September 19th 2008

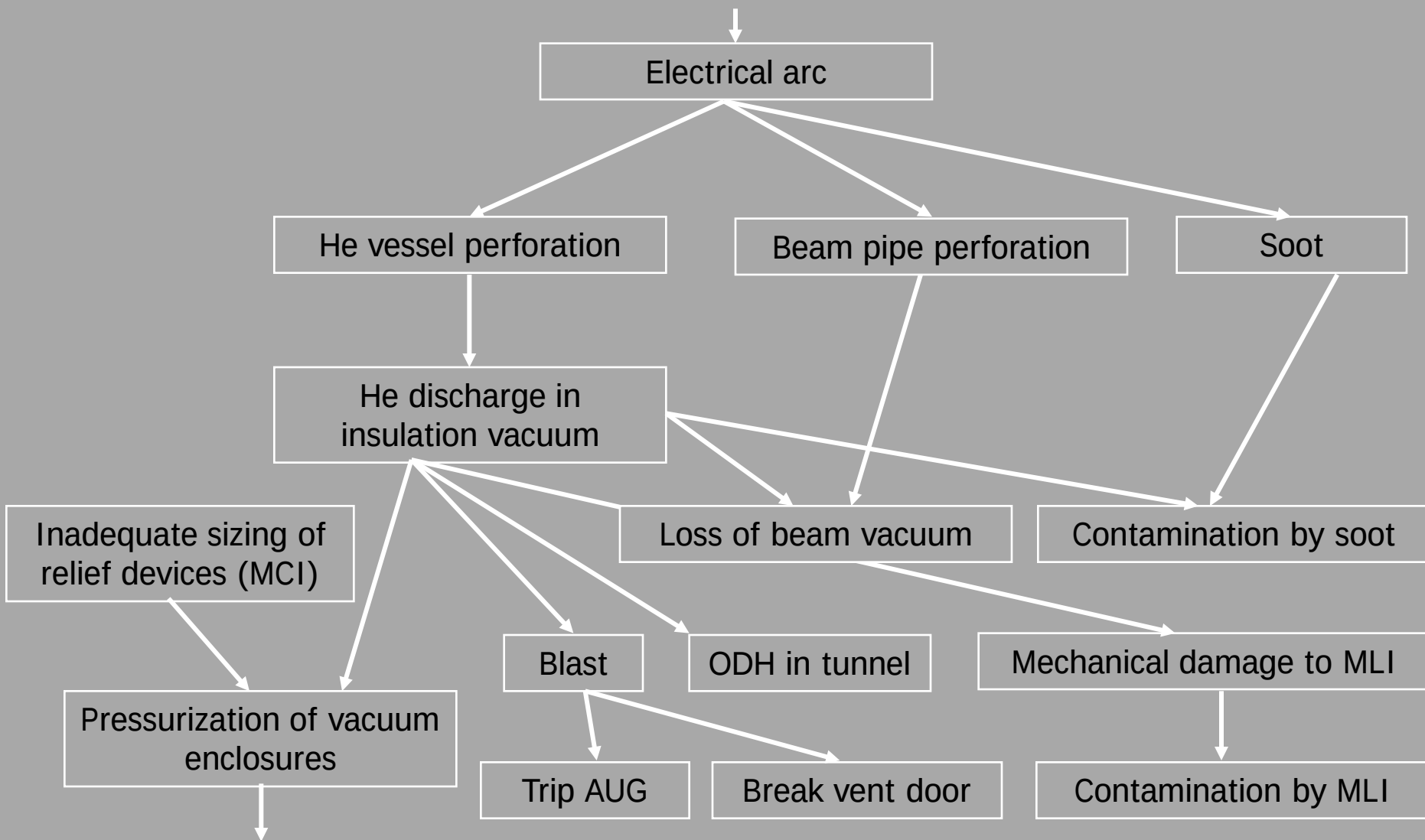
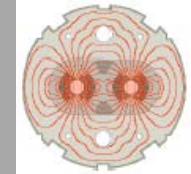


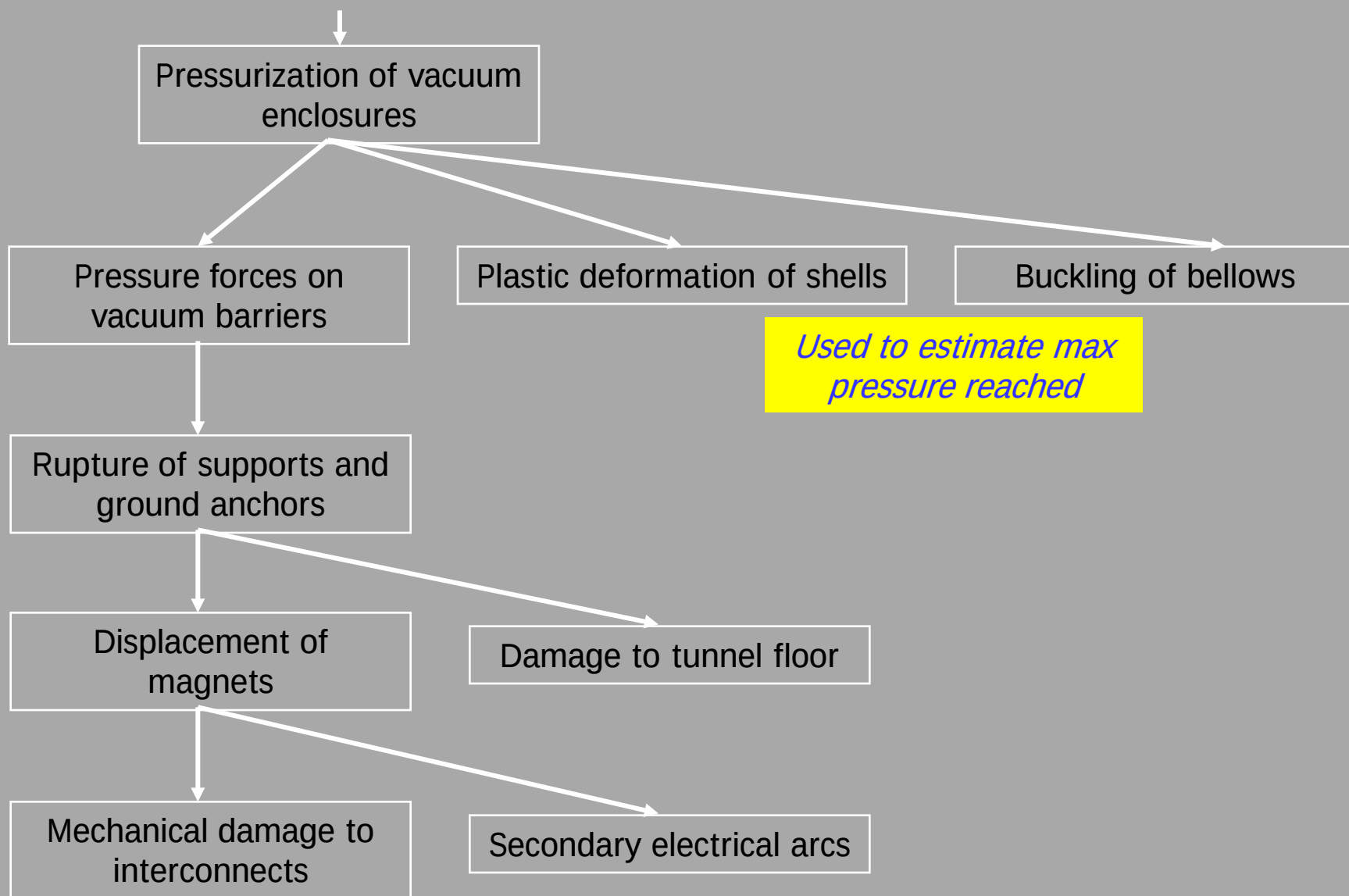
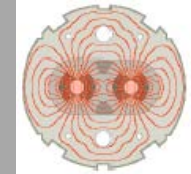
- Following a very impressive start-up with beam on September 10, 2008
 - During a few days period without beam
 - Making the last step of dipole circuit in sector 34, to 9.3kA
 - At 8.7kA, development of resistive zone in the dipole bus bar splice between Q24 R3 and the neighbouring dipole
 - Electrical arc developed which punctured the helium enclosure



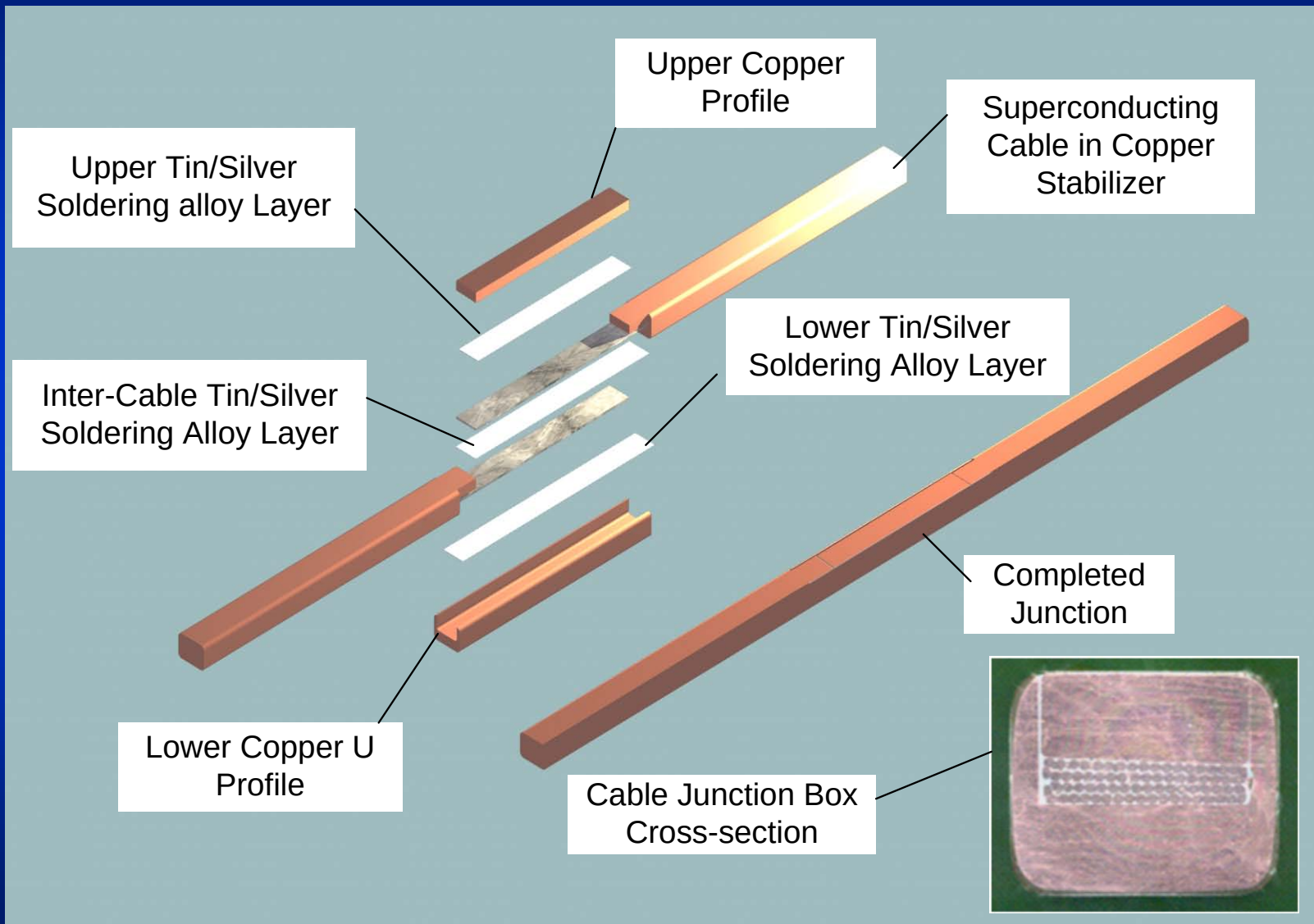
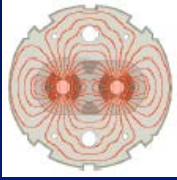
Fault tree [1/3]



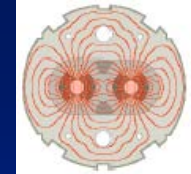


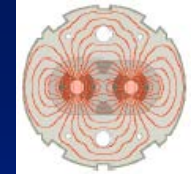


Bus bar splice

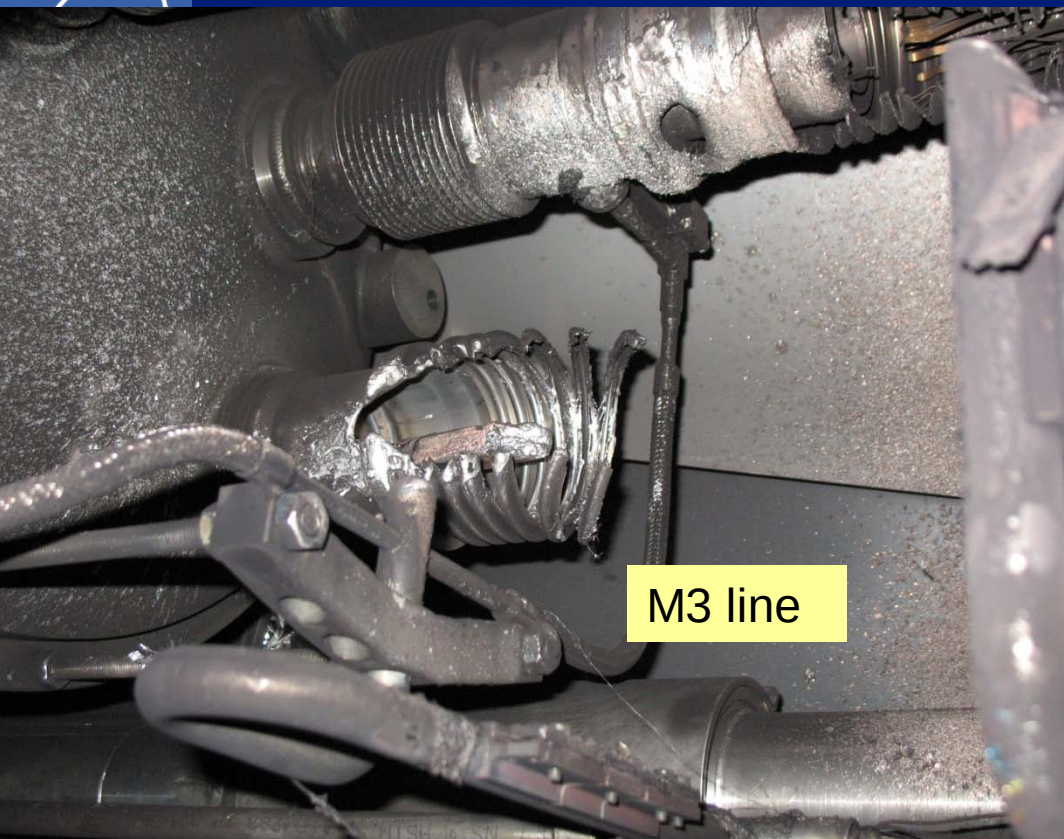








Electrical arc between C24 and Q24

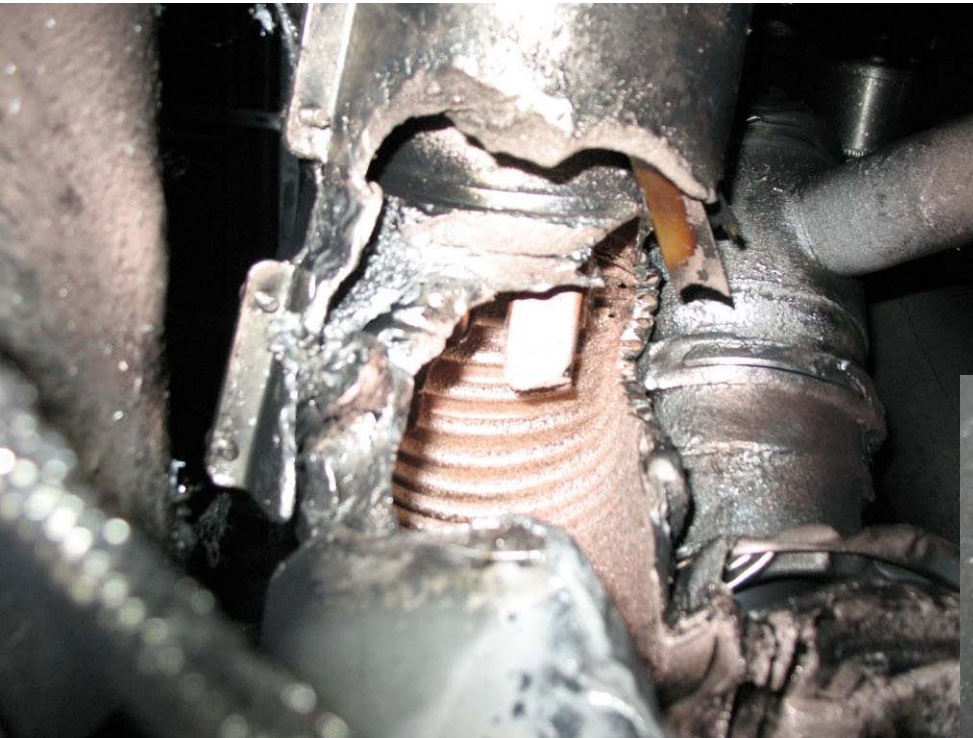
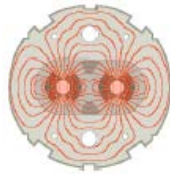


M3 line

V lines



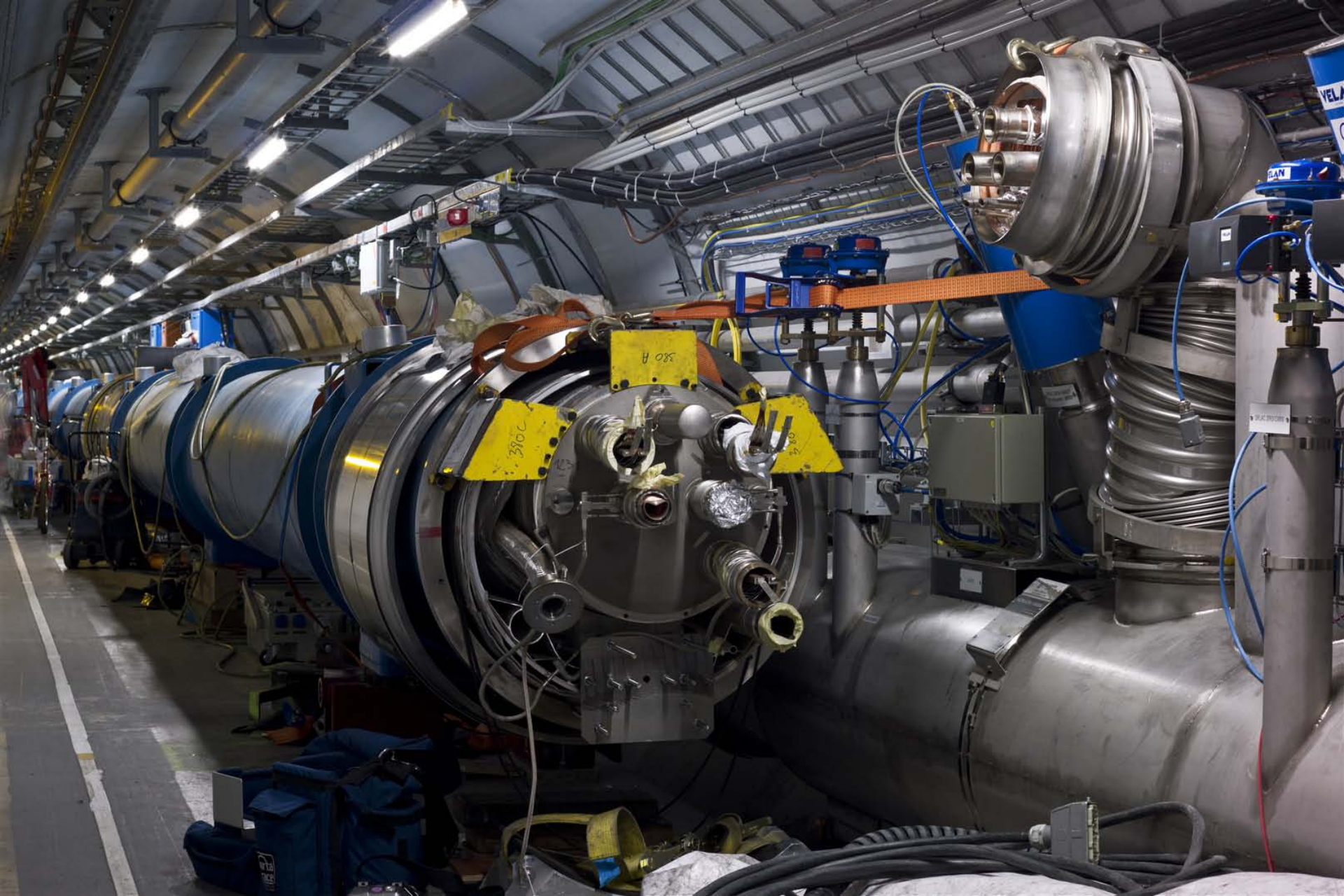
Collateral damage: secondary arcs

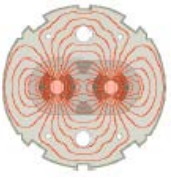


QQBI.27R3 M3 line

QBBI.B31R3 M3 line

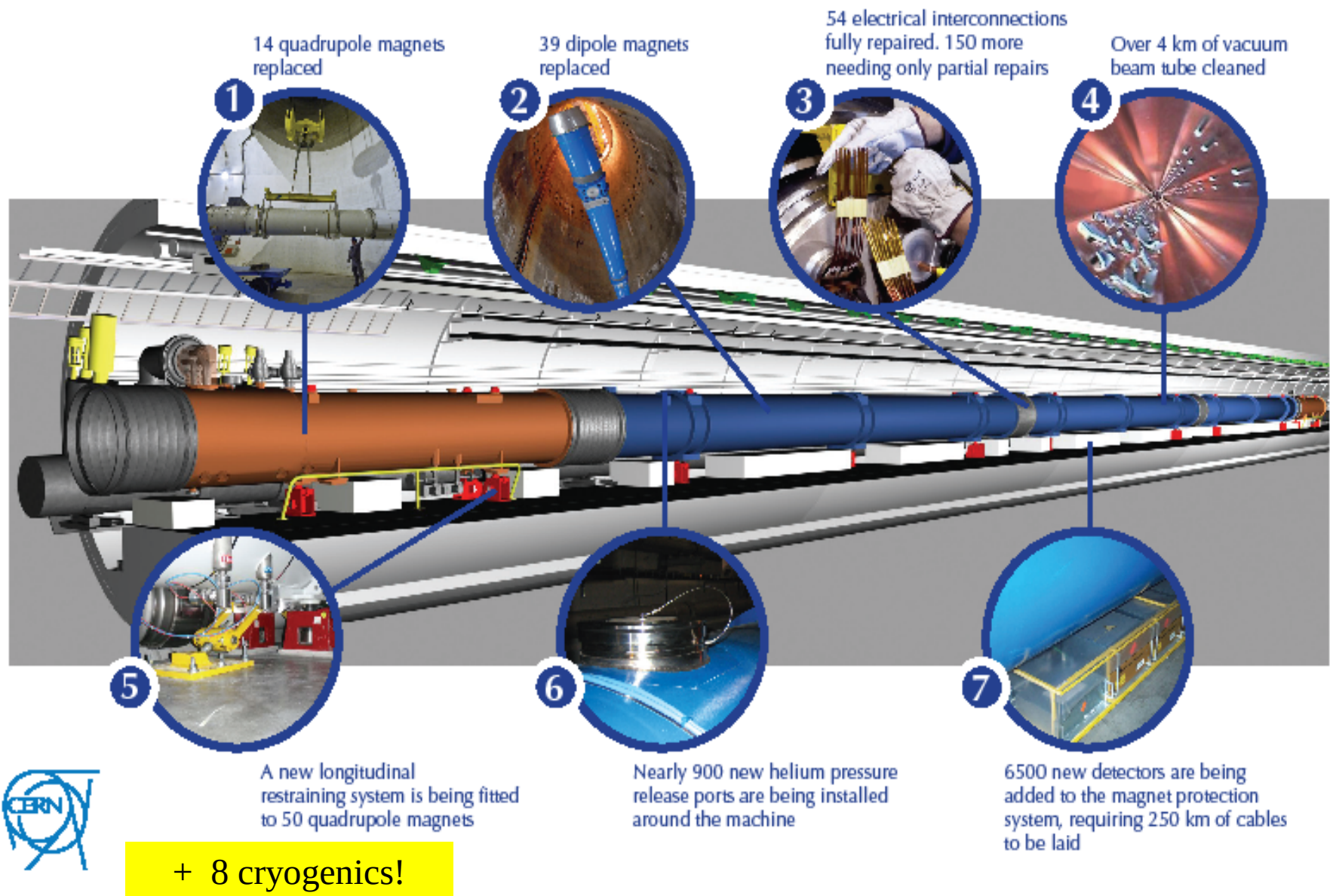






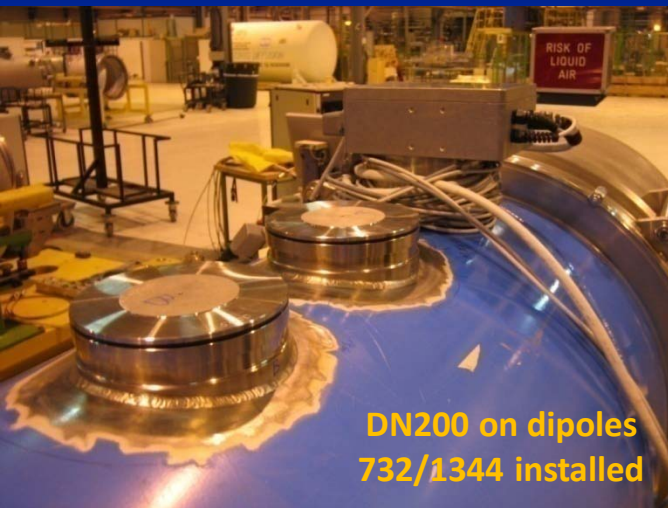
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The LHC repairs in detail





Magnet protection and anchoring



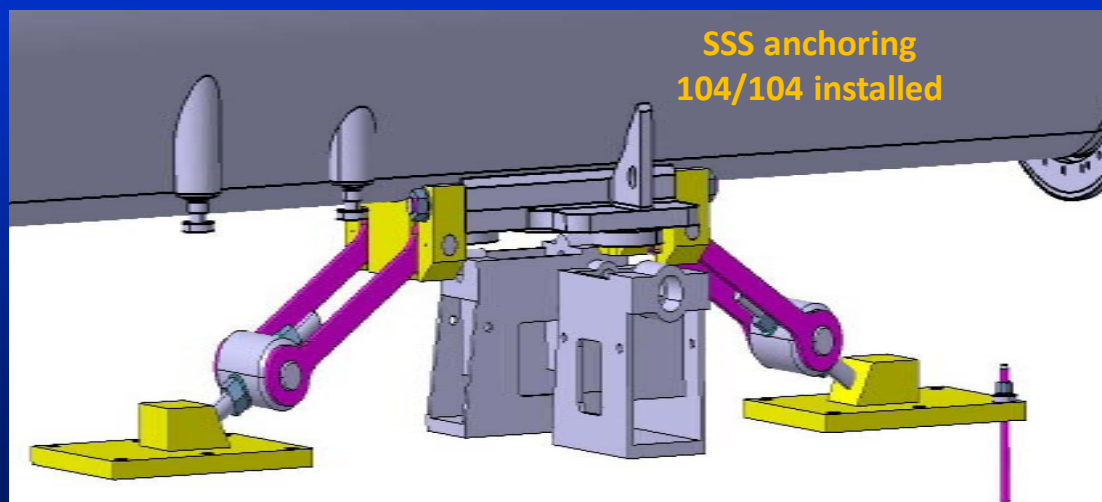
DN200 on dipoles
732/1344 installed



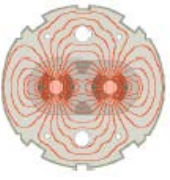
DN200 on ITs
24/24 installed



DN160 on SAM
92/96 installed



SSS anchoring
104/104 installed



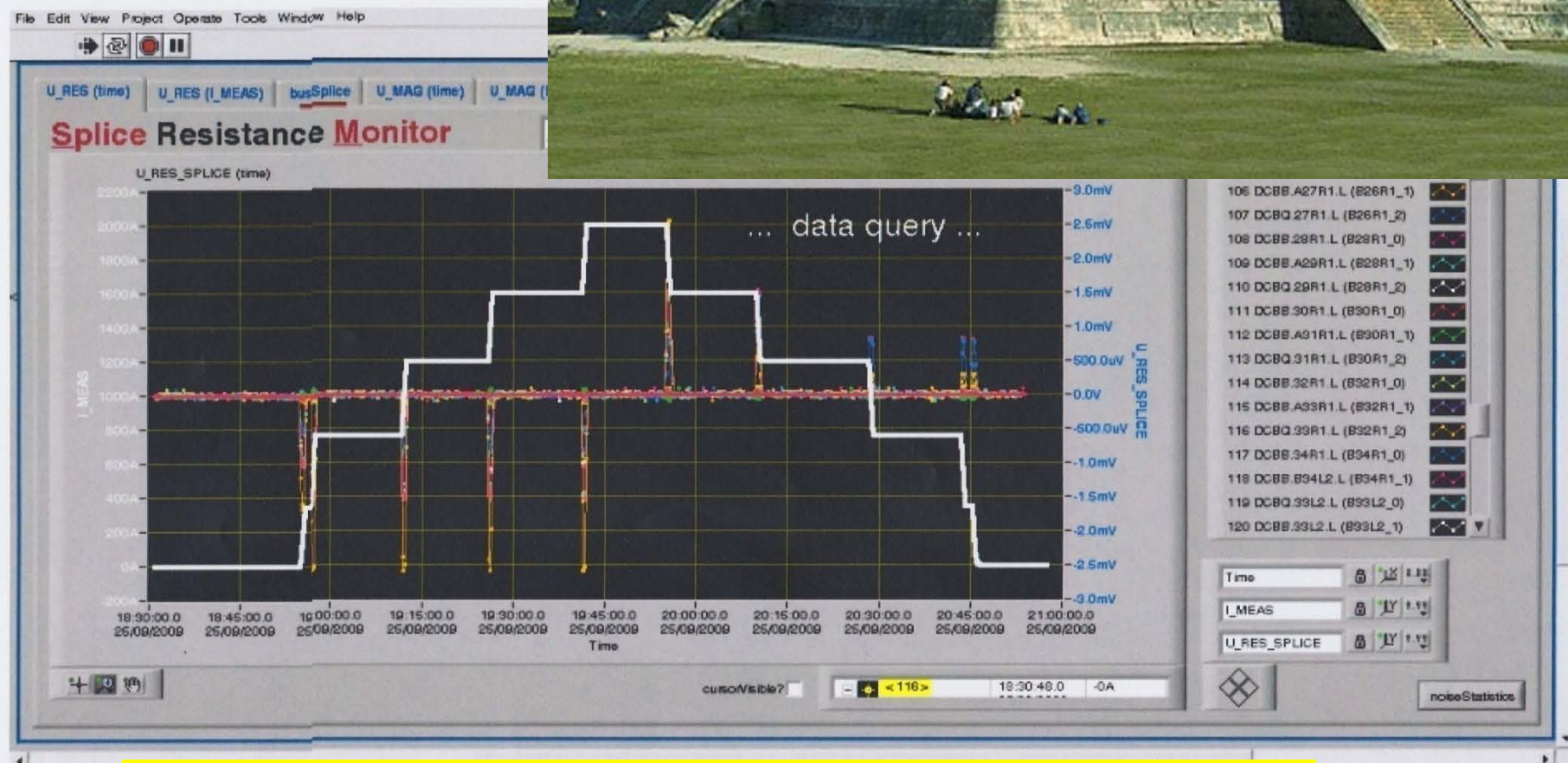
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Pyramid for Splice Mapping

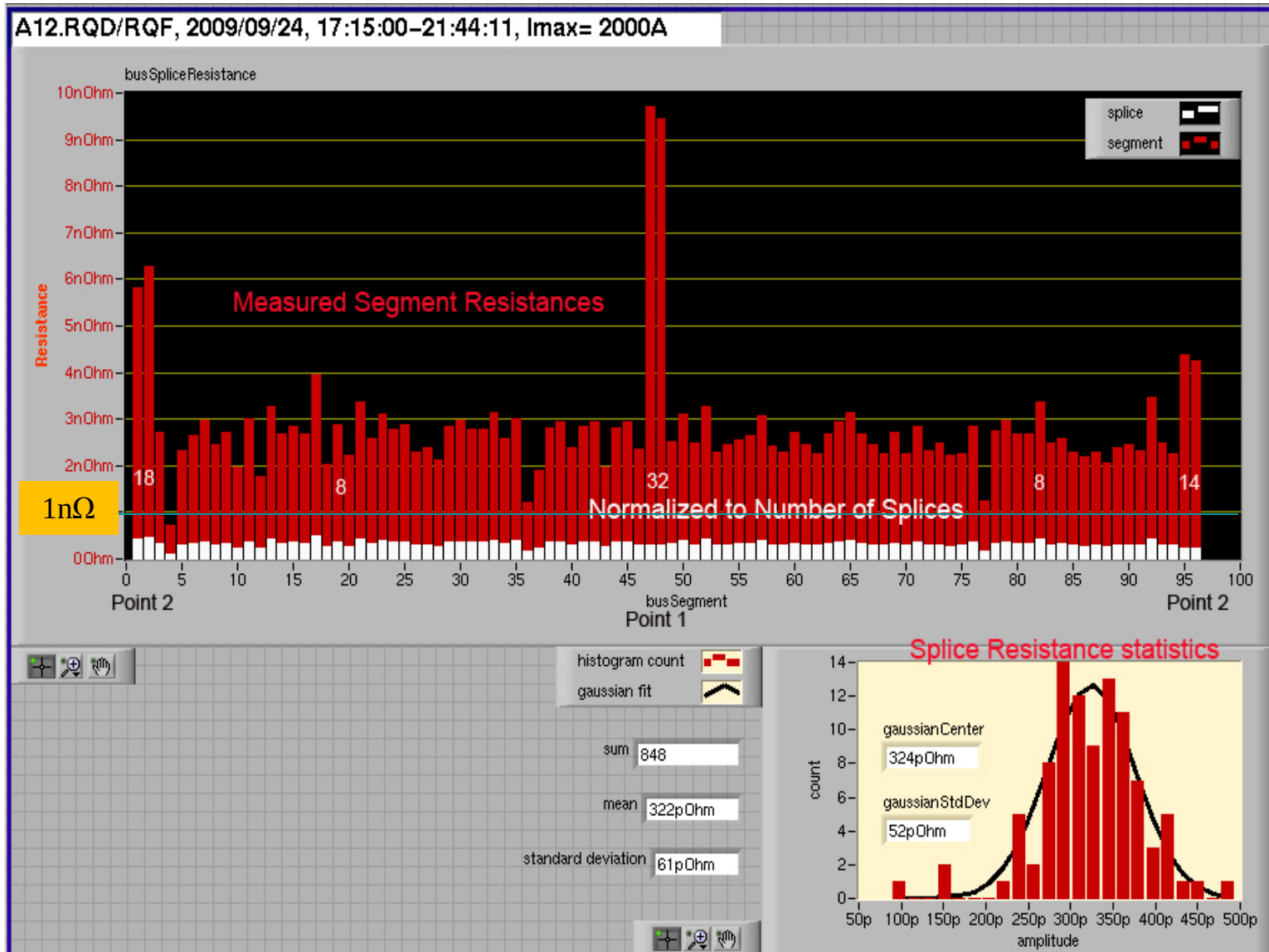


MOPEB044, Koratzinos et al
MOPEB045 Solfaroli et al
MOPEB046 Siemko et al

Maya Pyramid



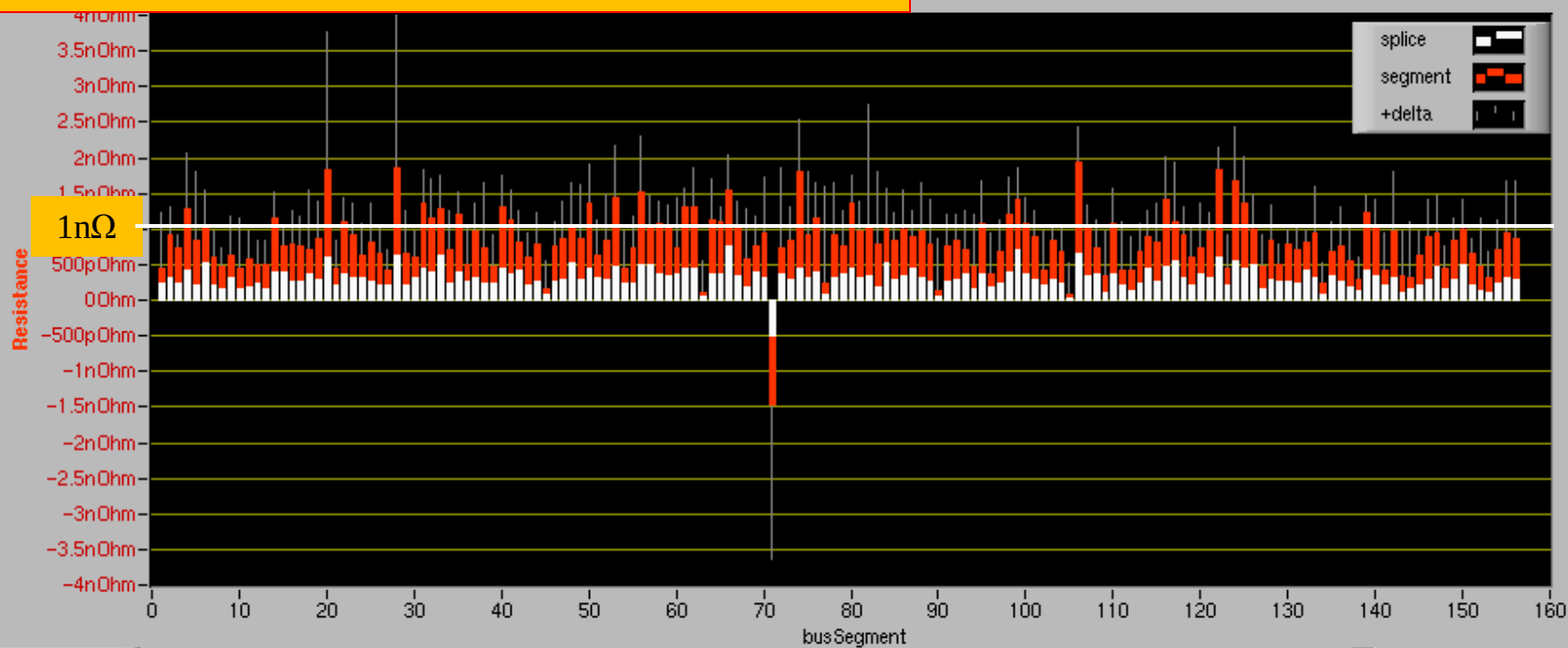
Current in the Dipoles as function of time



A78_RB_20091003_203515-235924.data

Close

A78.RB: Normalized Bus Segment Resistance



Rexcess = Rbus - Nsplice * Rsplice ☐ show excess?

Every single sc splice were measured in 2009

histogram count

gaussian fit

sum

424

mean

309pOhm

stdDev

147pOhm

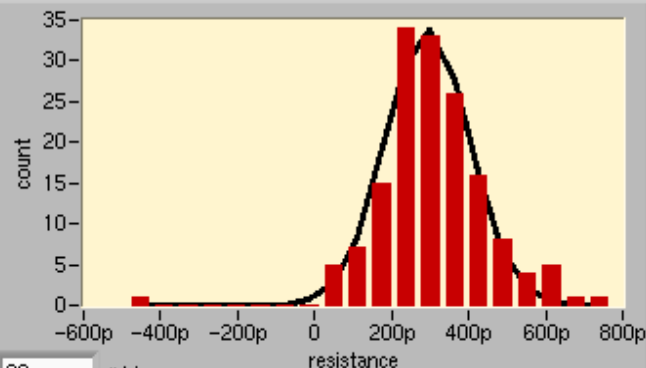
gaussianCenter

293pOhm

gaussianStdDev

109pOhm

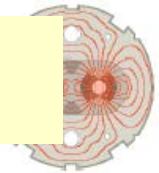
☐ weight?



20 # bins



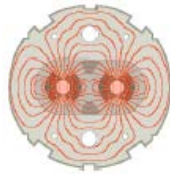
Milestones before Christmas 2009



Date	Day	Achieved
Nov 20	1	Each beam circulating. Key beam instrumentation working.
Nov 23	4	First collisions at 450 GeV. First ramp (reached 560 GeV).
Nov 26	7	Magnetic cycling established (reproducibility).
Nov 27	8	Energy matching.
Nov 29	10	Ramp to 1.18 TeV.
Nov 30	11	Experiment solenoids on.
Dec 04	15	Aperture measurement campaign finished. LHCb and ALICE dipoles on.
Dec 05	16	Machine protection (Injection, Beam dump, Collimators) ready for safe operation with pilots.
Dec 06	17	First collisions with STABLE BEAMS , 4 on 4 pilots at 450 GeV, rates around 1Hz.
Dec 08	19	Ramp colliding bunches to 1.18 TeV
Dec 11	22	Collisions with STABLE BEAMS , 4 on 4 at 450 GeV, $> 10^{10}$ per bunch, rates around 10Hz.
Dec 13	24	Ramp 2 bunches per beam to 1.18 TeV. Collisions for 90mins.
Dec 14	25	Collisions with STABLE BEAMS , 16 on 16 at 450 GeV, $> 10^{10}$ per bunch, rates around 50Hz.
Dec 16	27	Ramp 4 on 4 to 1.18 TeV. Squeeze to 7 m.

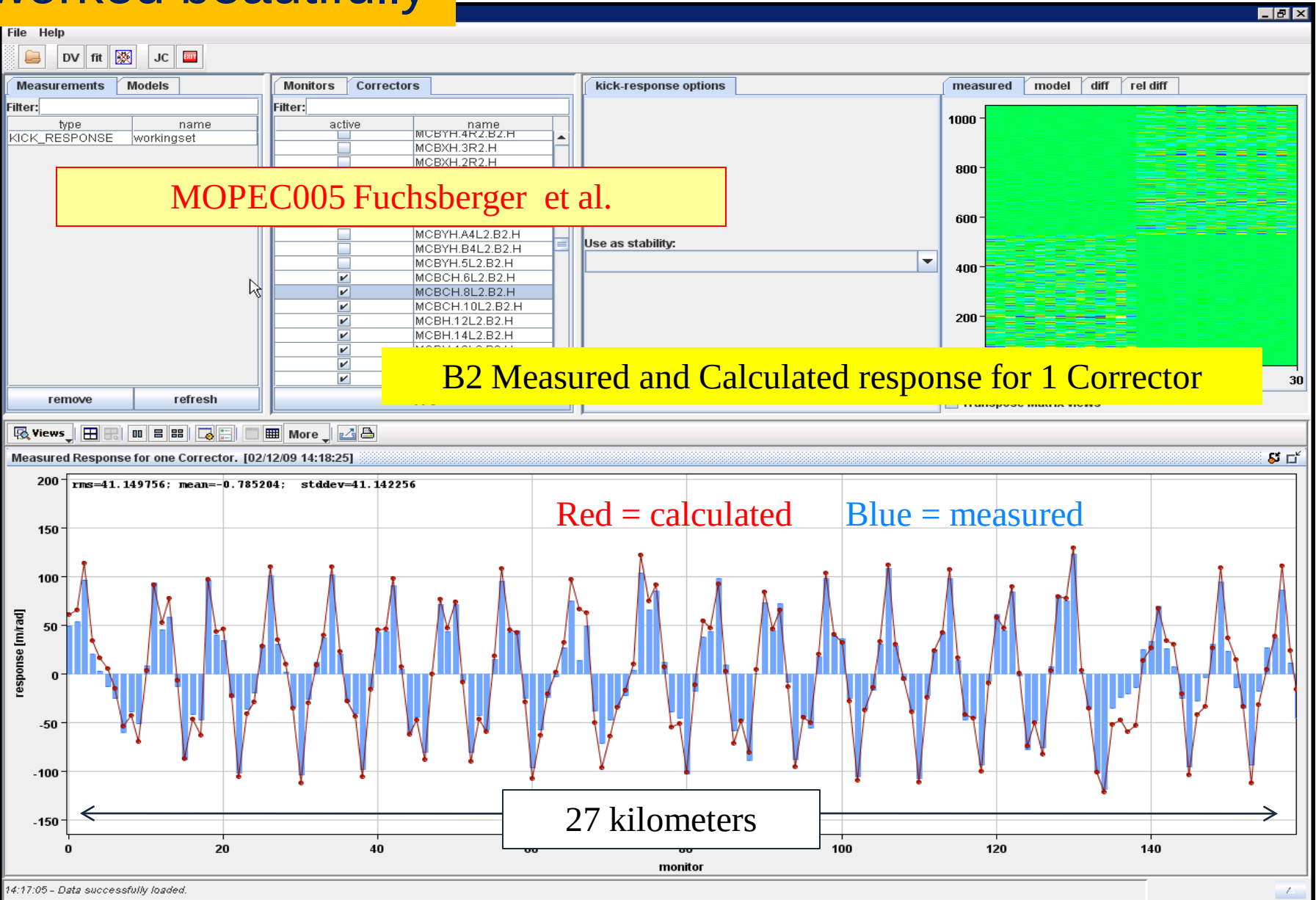
All systems
worked beautifully

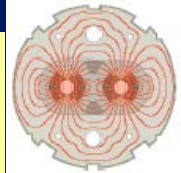
Optics Checks (2nd Dec)



MOPEC005 Fuchsberger et al.

B2 Measured and Calculated response for 1 Corrector





Why are we limiting the beam energy to 3.5TeV in 2010-2011?

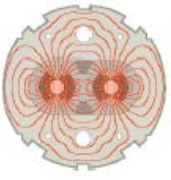
All the work we have done since November 2008 makes us certain that a **repeat** of September 19 can NEVER happen.

The offending connector in this incident had an estimated resistance of $220\text{n}\Omega$. We have measured all 10,000 inter-magnet connectors and the maximum resistance we have seen is $2.8\text{n}\Omega$.

BUT in April 2009, we have uncovered a different possible failure scenario which could under certain circumstances produce an electric arc in the “copper stabilizers” of the magnet interconnects

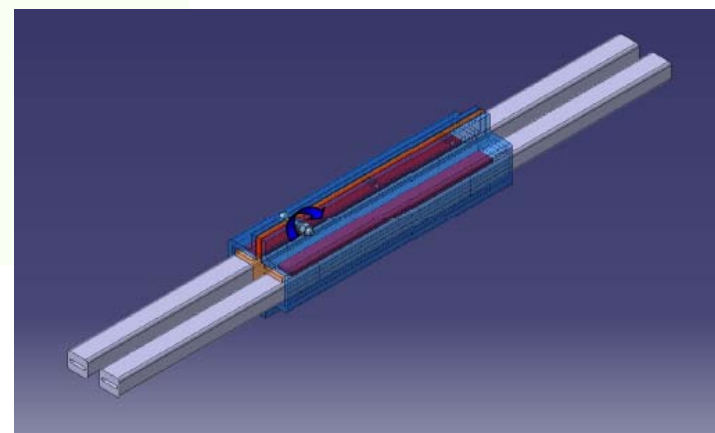
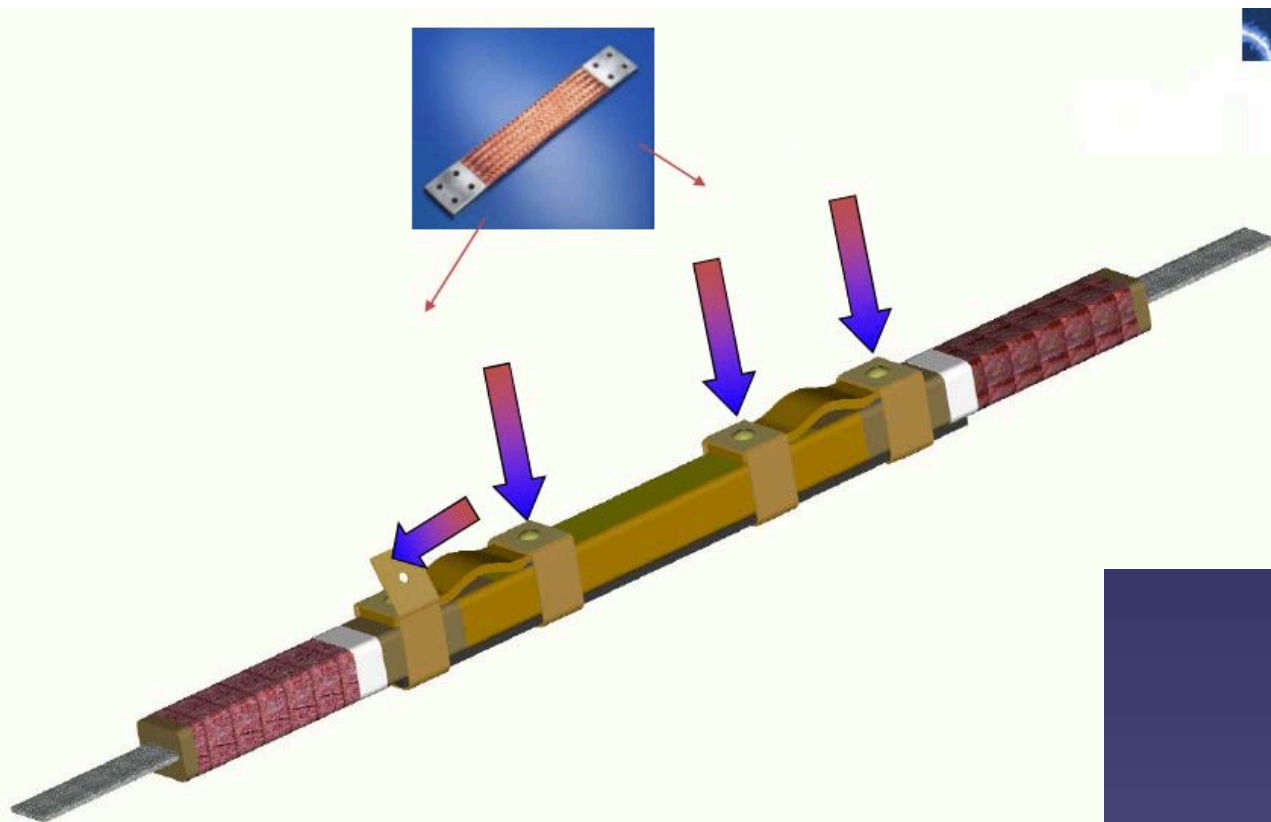


Decided Scenario 2010-2011

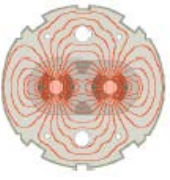


- Run at 3.5 TeV/beam up to a integrated luminosity of around 1fb^{-1} .
- Then consolidate the whole machine for 7TeV/beam (during a shutdown in 2012)
- From 2013 onwards LHC will be capable of maximum energies and luminosities

Clamped and shunted



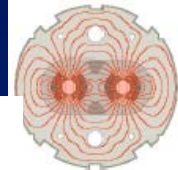
MOPEB042 Bertinelli et al.



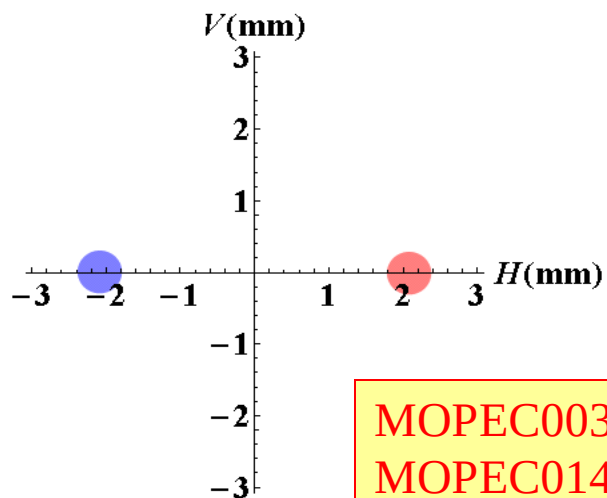
First Collisions at 7TeV cm

March 30, 2010

Media foresaw this at 09:17 precise!!

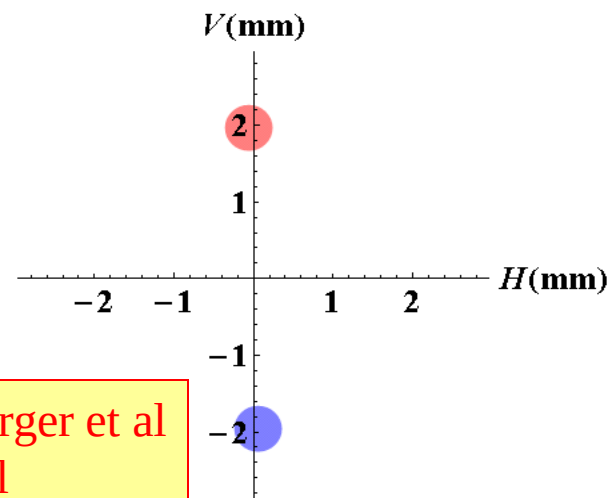


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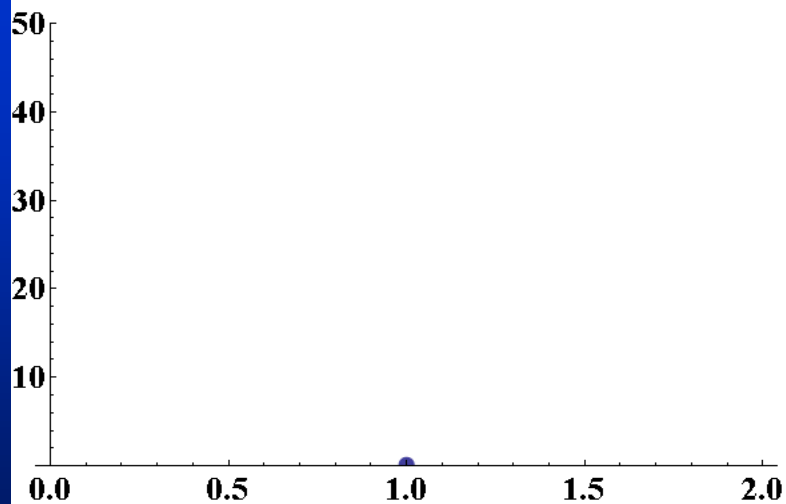
 $H = 4.173 \text{ mm} : V = 0.035 \text{ mm}$ 

MOPEC003/4 Fuchsberger et al
MOPEC014 White et al

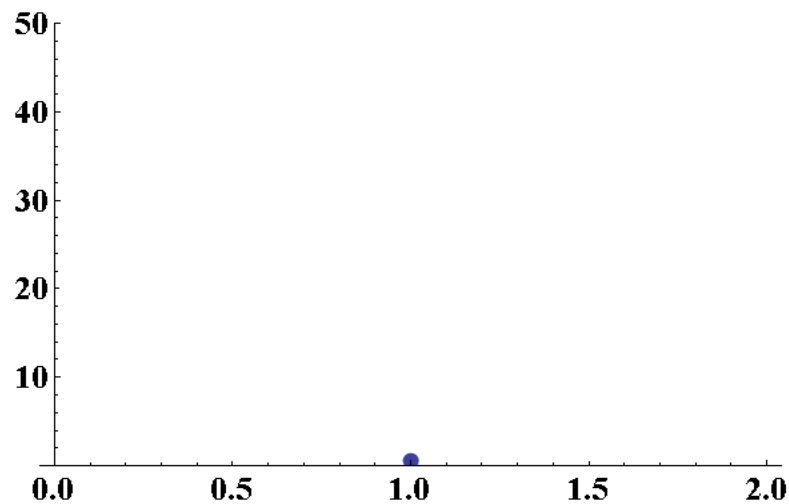
CMS IP Separation

 $H = 0.130 \text{ mm} : V = 3.925 \text{ mm}$ 

ATLAS Coll Rate Evol



CMS Coll Rate Evol





30/3/2010

11:15 injected again
12:38 : At 3.5 TeV

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LHC Page1 Fill: 1005 E: 3500 GeV 30-03-2010 13:24:16

PROTON PHYSICS: STABLE BEAMS

Energy: 3500 GeV I(B1): 1.88e+10 I(B2): 1.68e+10

FBCT Intensity Updated: 13:24:16

Intensity

Time

Comments 30-03-2010 13:22:57 : Stable beams!

BIS status and SMP flags

	B1	B2
Link Status of Beam Permits	true	true
Global Beam Permit	true	true
Setup Beam	true	true
Beam Presence	true	true
Moveable Devices Allowed In	true	true
Stable Beams	true	true

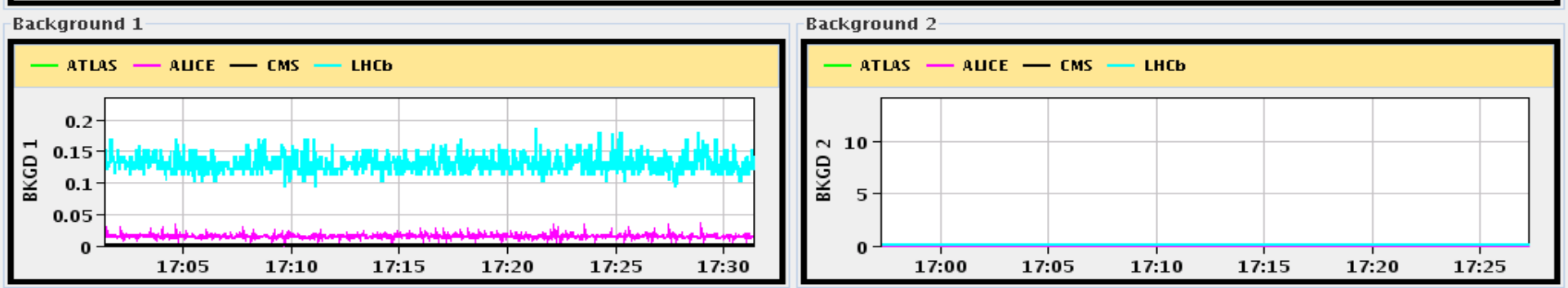
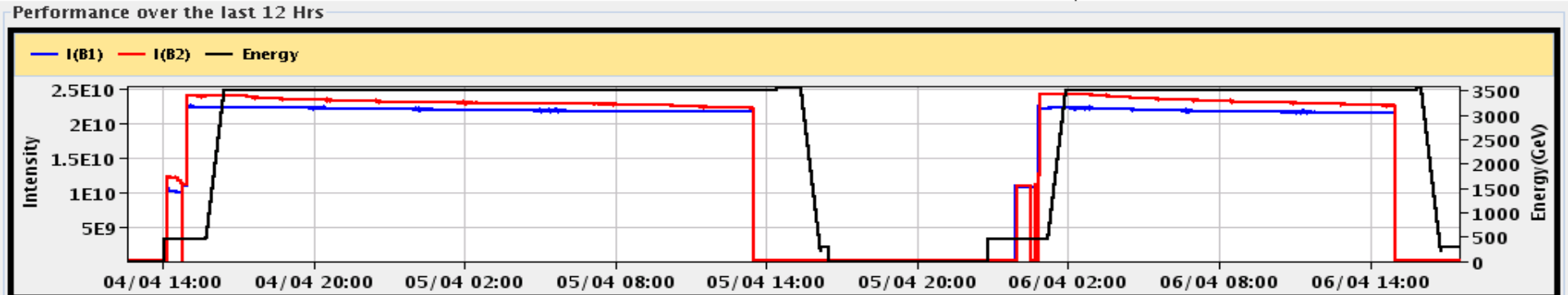
LHC Operation in CCC : 77600, 70480

PM Status B1 ENABLED PM Status B2 ENABLED

Since the first Collisions

06-Apr-2010 17:27:13 Fill #: 1023 Energy: 297.4 GeV I(B1): 1.55e+08 I(B2): 7.01e+07

	ATLAS	ALICE	CMS	LHCb
Experiment Status	STANDBY	NOT READY	STANDBY	STANDBY
Instantaneous Luminosity	0.000e+00	0.000e+00	0.000e+00	8.989e-04
BRAN Count Rate	3.229e-07	4.059e-32	2.086e-11	1.635e-32
BKGD 1	0.002	0.014	0.002	0.131
BKGD 2	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.002
BKGD 3	0.000	0.005	0.003	0.037
LHCf	STANDBY	Count(Hz): 0.000	LHCb VELO Position	OUT
Gap: 58.0 mm	TOTEM:	CALIBRATION		





- Single beam lifetimes:

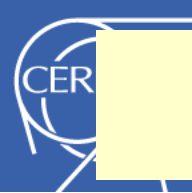
- Beam 1: 990 hours
- Beam 2: 730 hours

- Very good beam-gas, negligible luminosity burn, negligible diffusion

- Luminosity lifetime

- 40 – 50 hours

- Mainly from gentle beam blow-up ($\tau \sim 40$ hours for B2V)
- Beam tune shift ~ 0.0015 (one plane, 2 real collision points, reduced emittances)

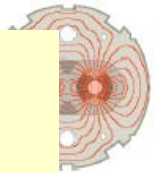


Magnetic model

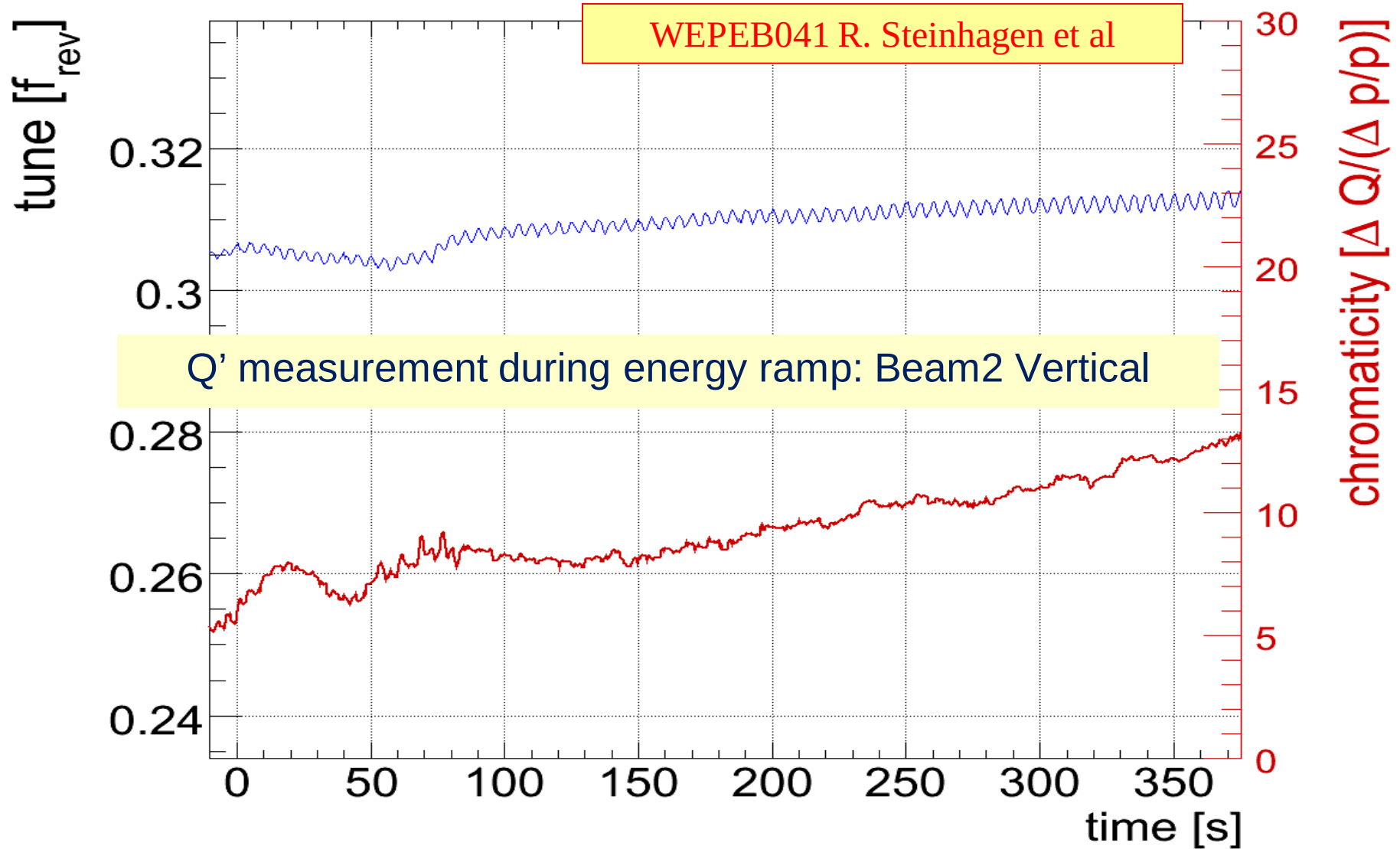
MOOCRA01 Todesco et al



- The knowledge of the magnetic model of the LHC is remarkable and has been one of the key elements of a very smooth beam commissioning
- Tunes, energy matching, optics remarkably close to the model already
- Bodes very well for the future.



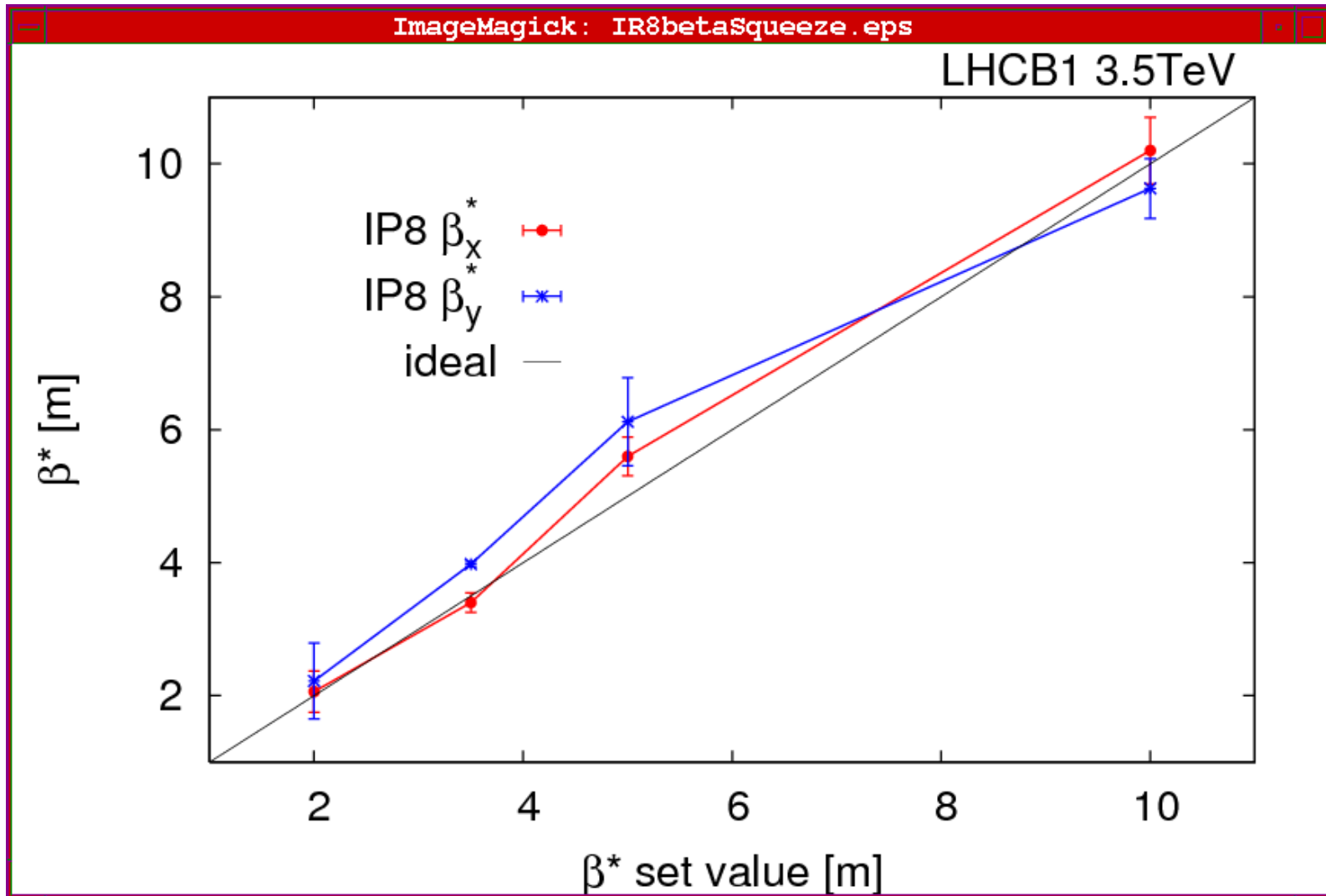
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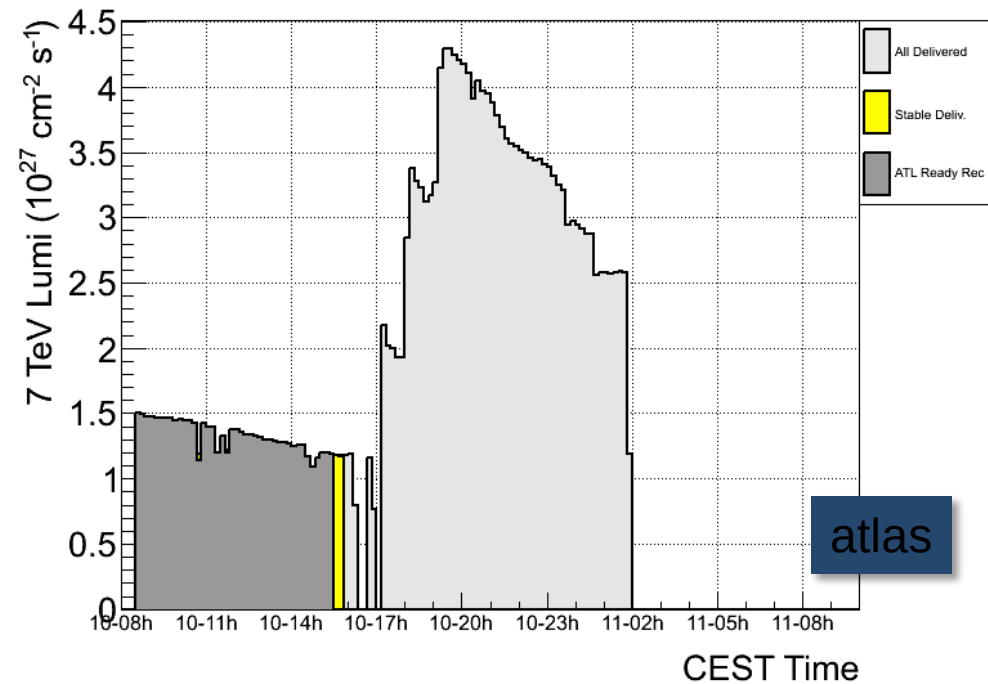
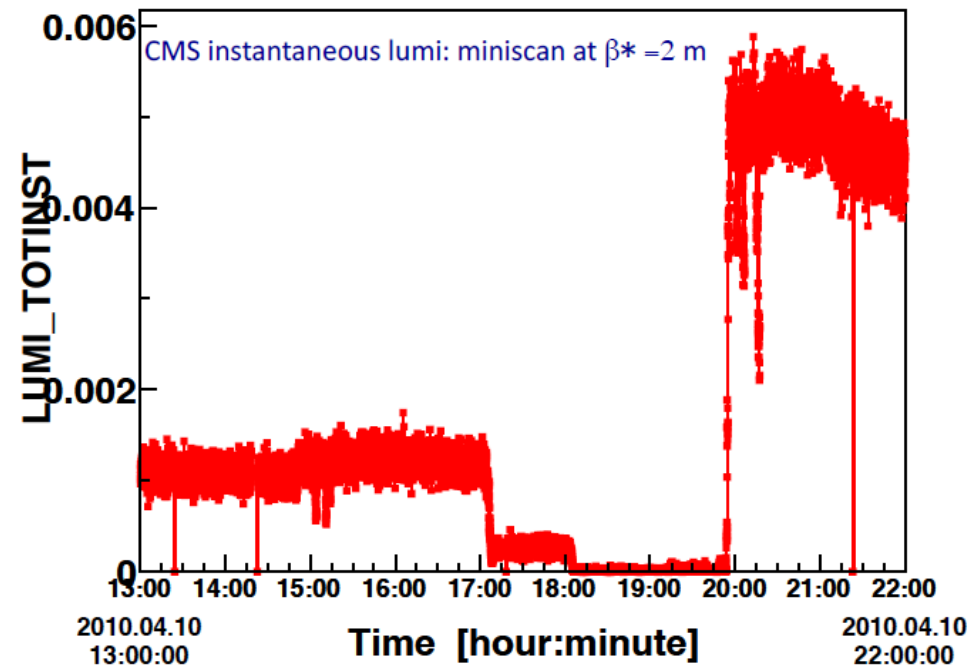


- β^* during squeeze to $\beta^* = 2\text{m}$ in IR8:

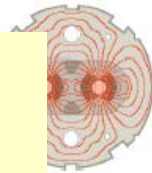


IP1&5 lumi vs squeeze

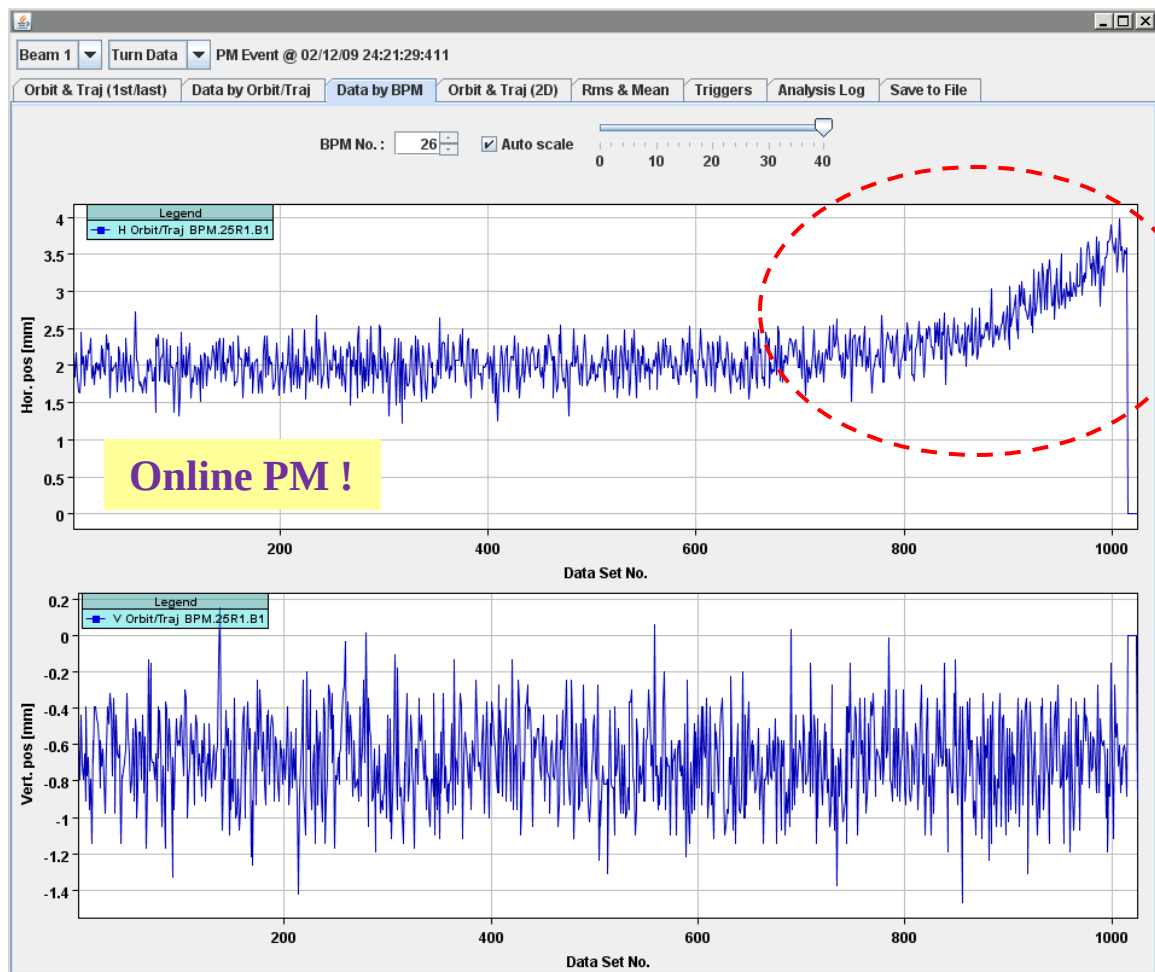
- Raw (online) lumi plots on 10 apr 2010, during the squeeze to 2m in IP1 and IP5
- Factor gained (raw numbers):
 - ~4.5 in Pt5 (after min scan)
 - ~4 in Pt1
- Not corrected for lumi decay over the ~5h of squeeze and mini scans



FMCM Beam Tests for D1 IR1/5

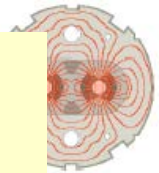


- ☐ Low intensity beam test.
- ☐ Trajectory evolution after OFF send to RD1.LR1, with FMCM masked.
- ☐ Beam **dumped by BLMs in IR7**.



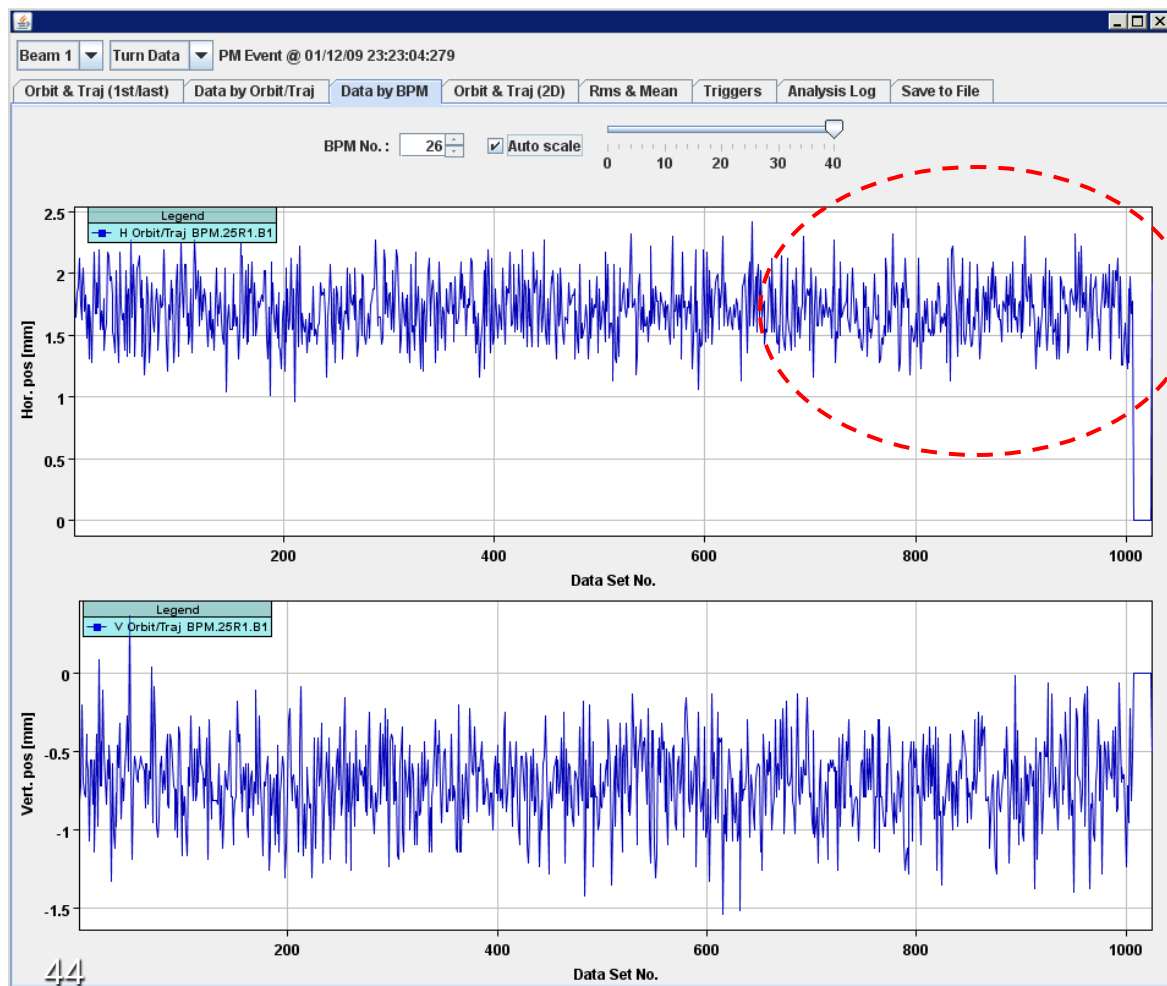
- o Trajectory over 1000 turns at a BPM.
- o Position change of ~ 1.5 mm over last 250 turns.

TUOCMH03 Schmidt and Wenninger



FMCM beam tests

- ☐ Low intensity beam test.
- ☐ Trajectory evolution after OFF send to RD1.LR1, with [FMCM active](#).
- ☐ Beam **dumped** by FMCM.



- o Trajectory over 1000 turns at a the same BPM.
- o No position change visible within resolution.

>> The redundant protection is working

LHC Design Bunch Intensity:

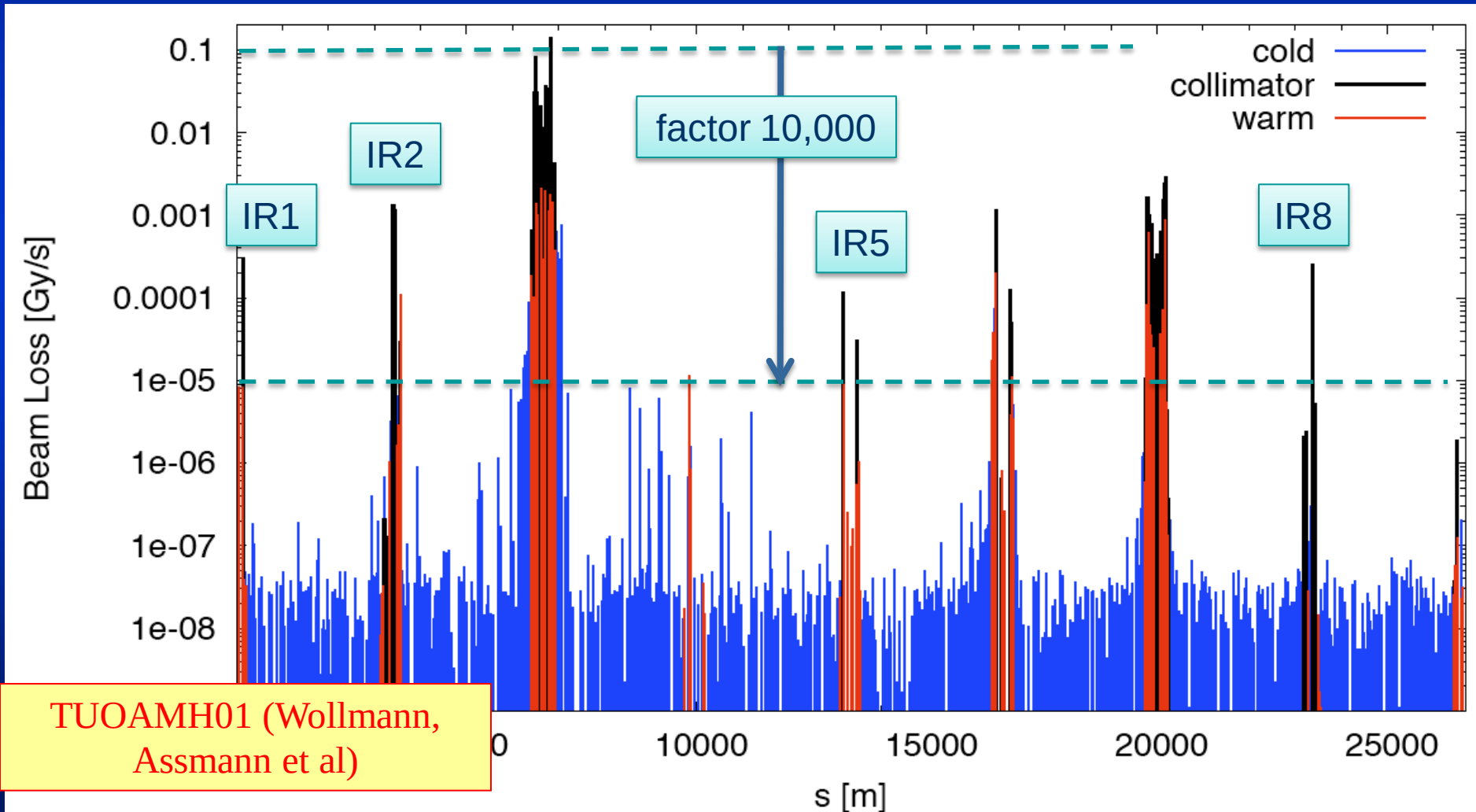
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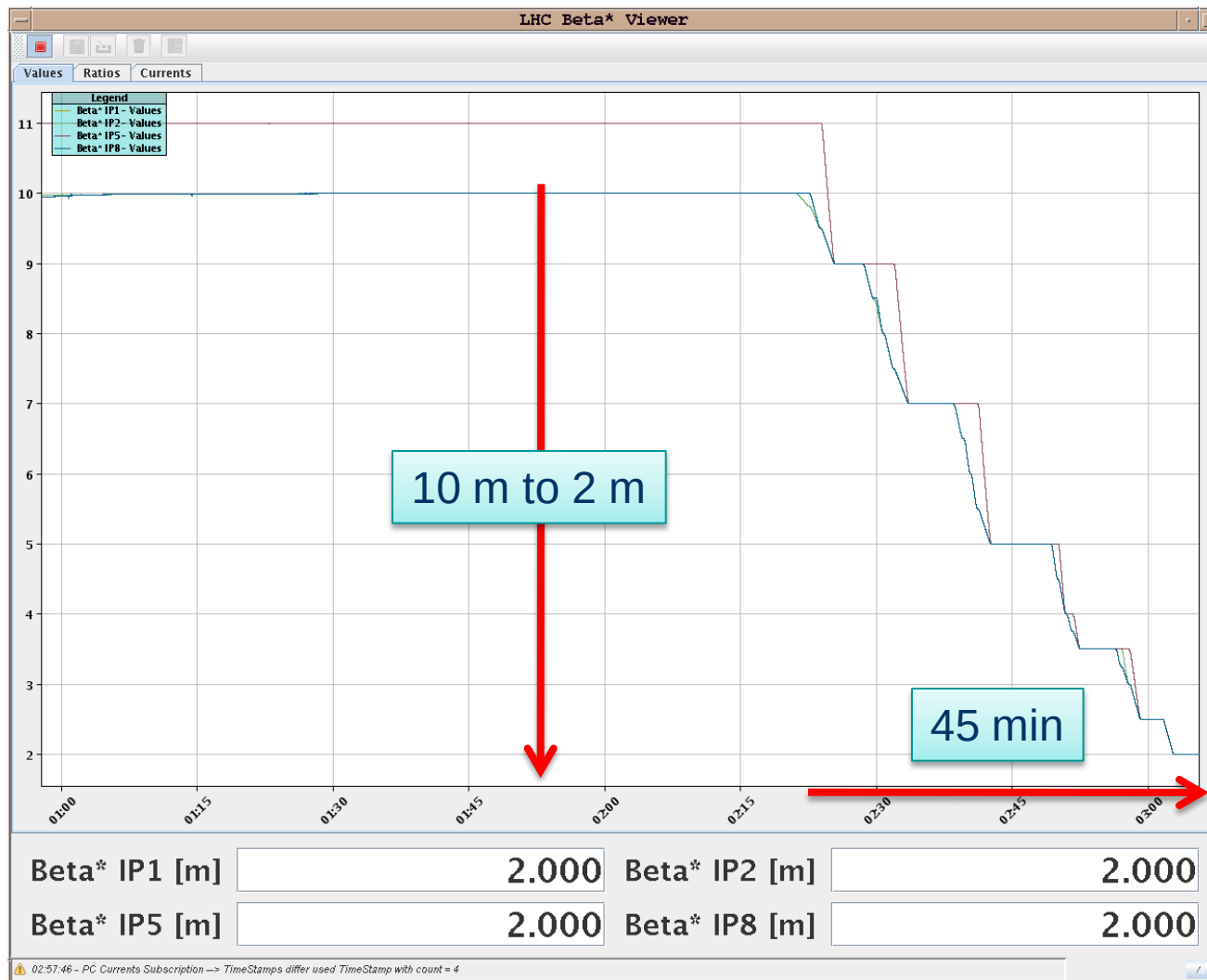
- Higher intensity
 - Over-injection working well
 - Over-injected $1.1\text{E}11$, with collimators at nominal 4.5 sigma settings.
 - Emittance at $1\text{E}11$: 2.5 μm H, 2,3 μm V.

Qualification: Off-momentum collimation

Loss map for off-momentum error. All OK. See expected low leakage to experimental IR's. OK for stable beams from coll.



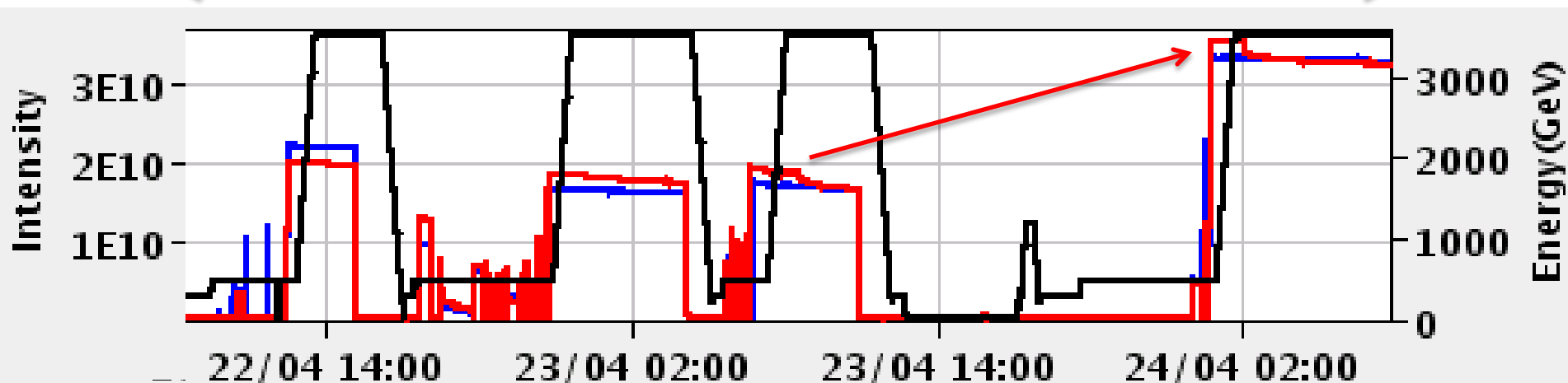
Squeeze to 2 m: Fast and Smooth



— $I(B1)$ — $I(B2)$ — Energy

LHC UPS repair
SPS problem

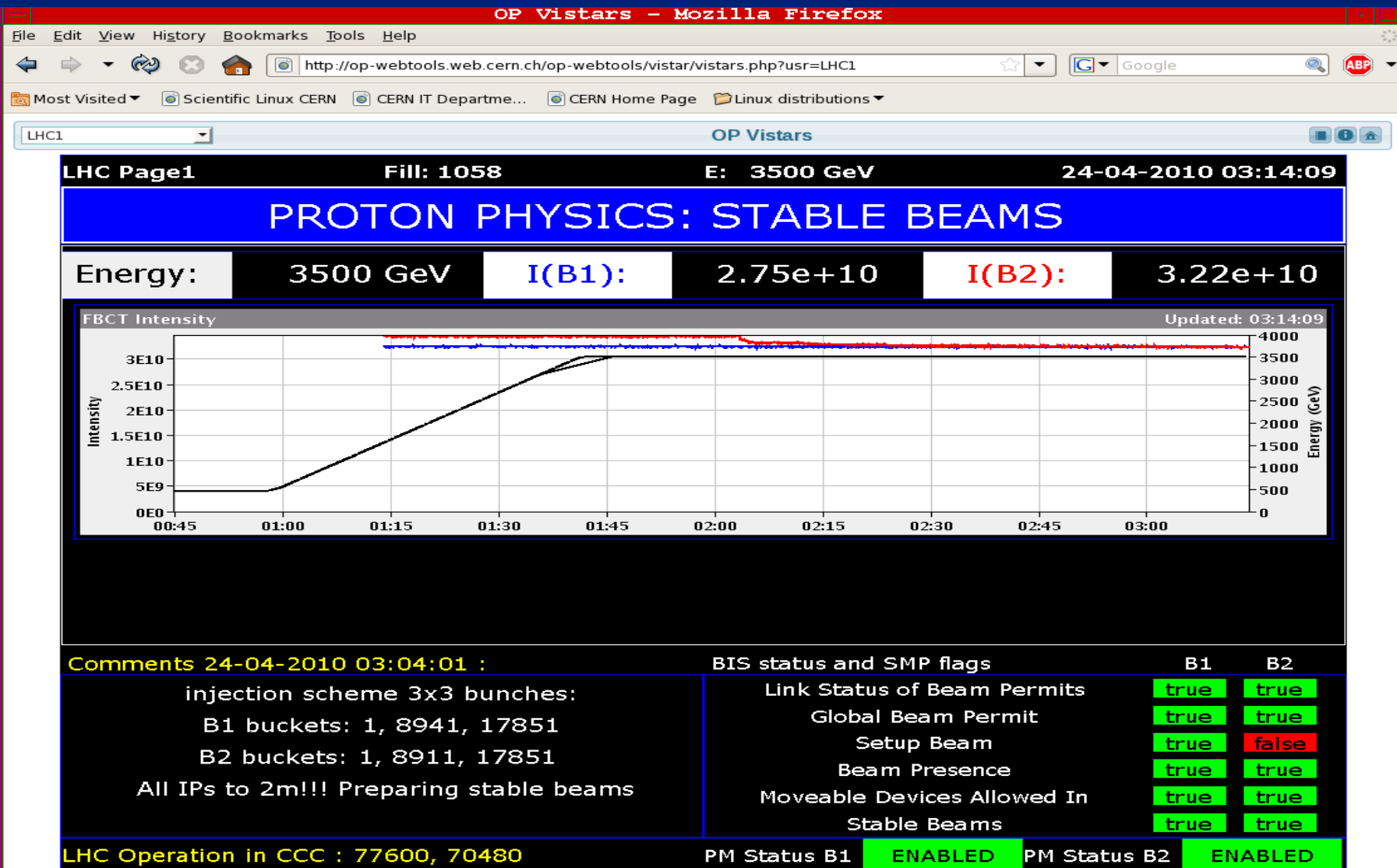
~ 48 hours



Ramp & squeeze @ 3.5 TeV qualification:
...last 2 fills w/o problem, lost on purpose...
Transverse damper commissioning @ 450 GeV

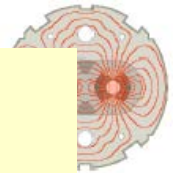
Ramp & squeeze for
physics @ 3.5 TeV with
higher intensity

Saturday 24/4/2010



by E.Matl

Stable beams



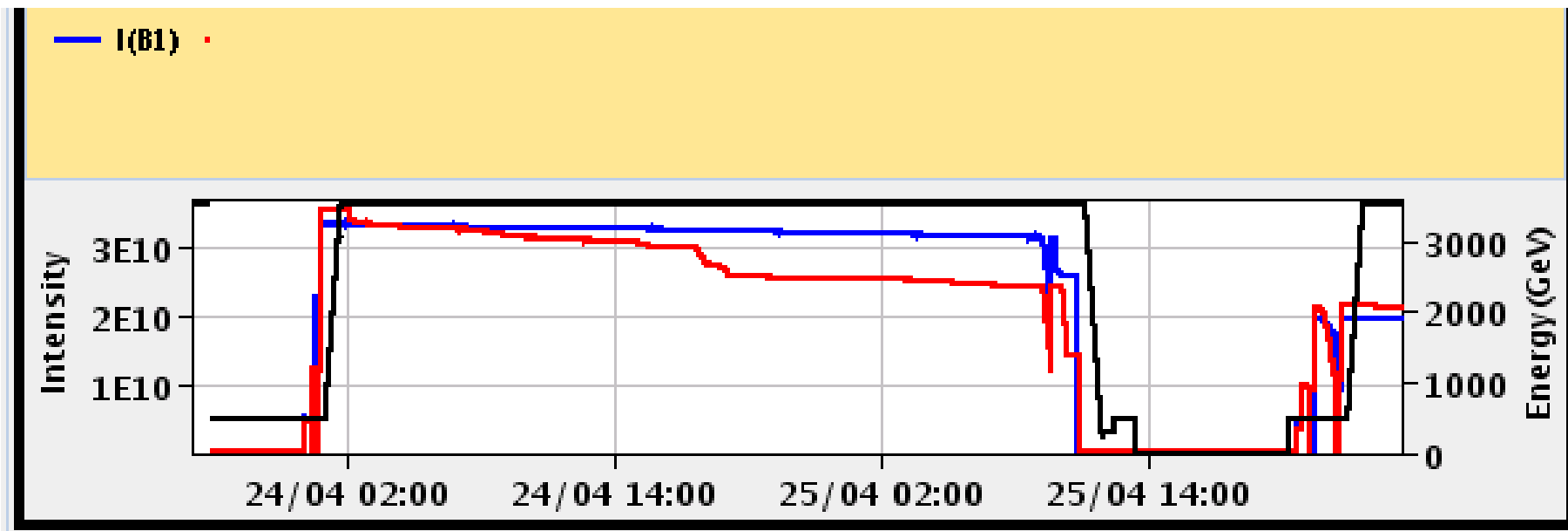
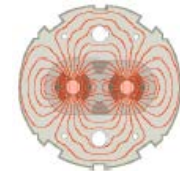
Performance 3.5 TeV

IP	Beta* (x, beam 1)	Beta* (y, beam 1)	Beta* (x, beam 2)	Beta* (y, beam 2)
1	2.28 m	2.02 m	1.92 m	2.10 m
2	2.07 m	1.85 m	2.09 m	2.12 m
5	2.05 m	2.02 m	1.92 m	2.58 m
8	2.07 m	1.86 m	2.24 m	1.72 m

24-Apr-2010 05:32:51 Fill #: 1058 Energy: 3500.3 GeV I(B1): 3.28e+10 I(B2): 3.25e+10

	ATLAS	ALICE	CMS	LHCb
Experiment Status	PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS
Instantaneous Luminosity	1.284e-02	1.147e-02	1.444e-02	1.497e-02
BRAN Count Rate	1.966e+02	1.159e+02	3.518e+02	3.810e+02
BKGD 1	0.048	0.014	0.040	0.141
BKGD 2	5.000	24.770	5.608	2.321
BKGD 3	0.000	0.005	0.003	0.045
LHCf	PHYSICS	Count(Hz): 5.400	LHCb VELO Position	IN
		Gap: 0.0 mm	TOTEM:	STANDBY

All experiments: $L > 1.1 \times 10^{28} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
factor ~10 achieved, as predicted



Fill length:

First time:

Luminosity

First time:

First time:

30 h

with unsafe beam.

> 1.1e28 Hz/cm²

3 bunch scheme

end of fill studies and dump.

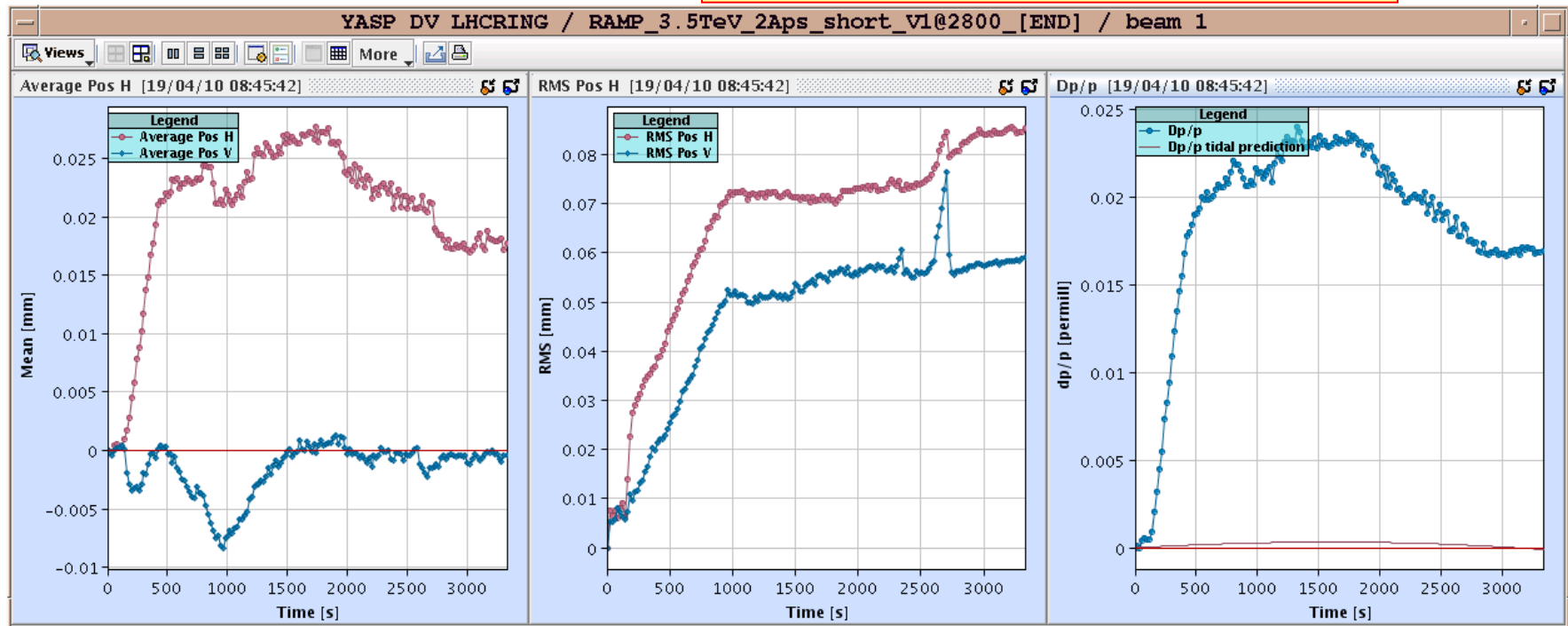
One order of
magnitude increase in
luminosity

Just 4 more to go
before the long
shutdown!!!

Orbit Feedback in Operation



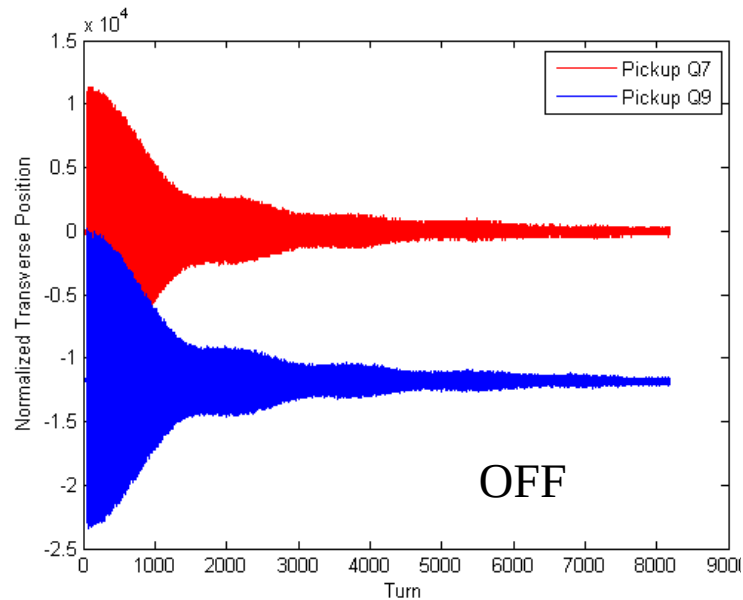
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Maximum orbit change during energy ramp: **0.08 mm**

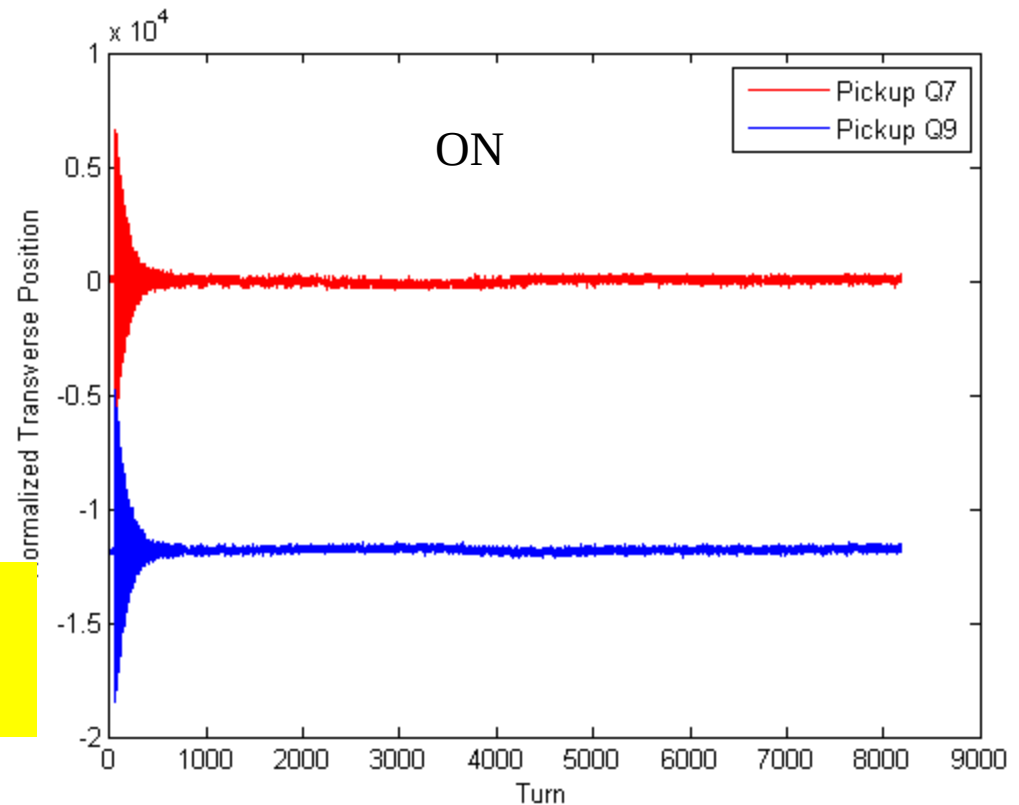
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Transverse Damper: Damping Beam Excitations



Crucial device to keep
emittance growth
under control!

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Transverse Damper will
stabilize against the Hump

Collisions with design current at 450GeV



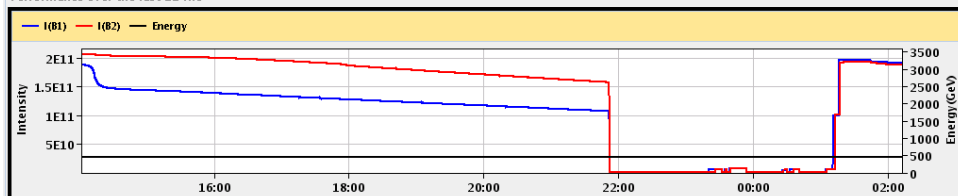
Sunday 02/05/2010 Stable beams at design current per bunch at 450GeV



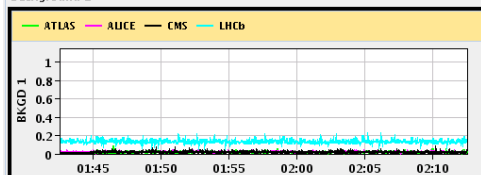
03-May-2010 02:12:32 Fill #: 1069 Energy: 450.1 GeV I(B1): 1.91e+11 I(B2): 1.87e+11

	ATLAS	ALICE	CMS	LHCb
Experiment Status	PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS
Instantaneous Luminosity	1.374e-02	7.252e-03	1.223e-02	4.197e-03
BRAN Count Rate	6.000e+00	1.000e+00	5.000e+00	1.000e+00
BKGD 1	0.016	0.014	0.016	0.131
BKGD 2	0.000	16.910	2.606	1.362
BKGD 3	0.000	0.005	0.003	0.041
LHCf	MOVING	Count(Hz): 0.000	LHCb VELO Position	OUT Gap: 58.0 mm TOTEM: STANDBY

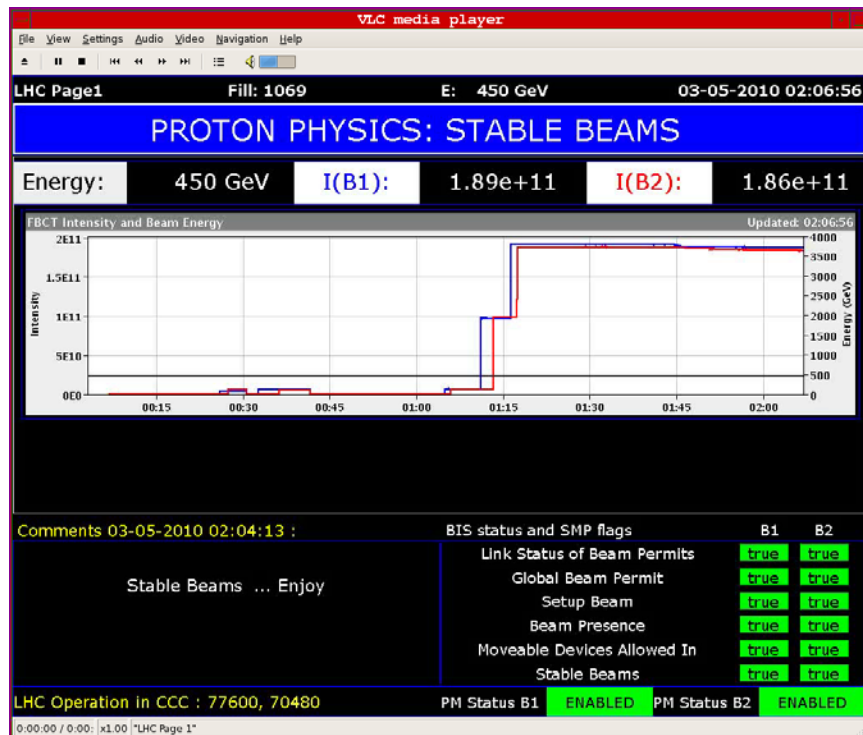
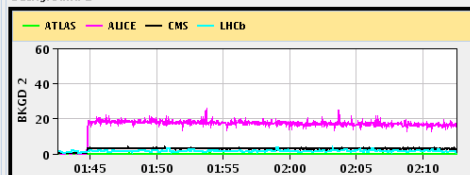
Performance over the last 12 Hrs



Background 1



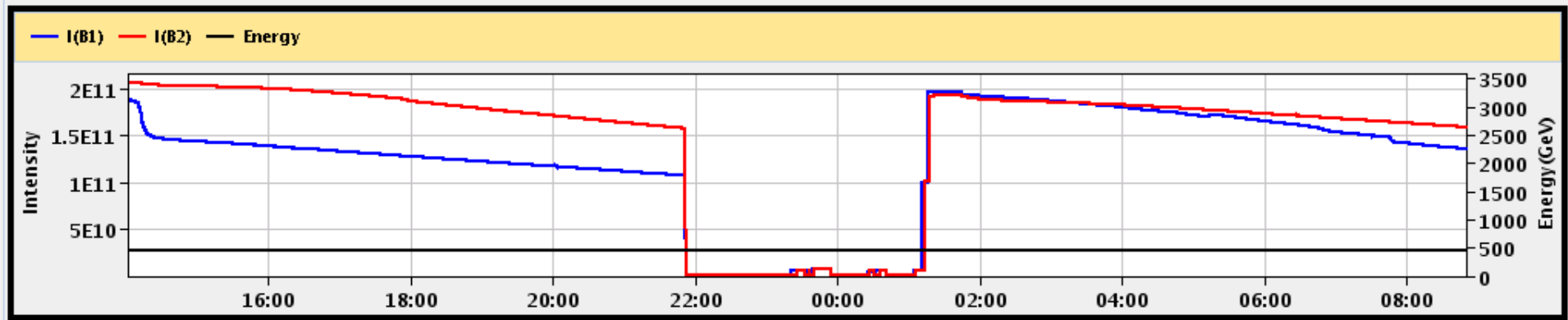
Background 2



02:04 Stable beams for the second time after LHCb polarity switch and some troubles at injection

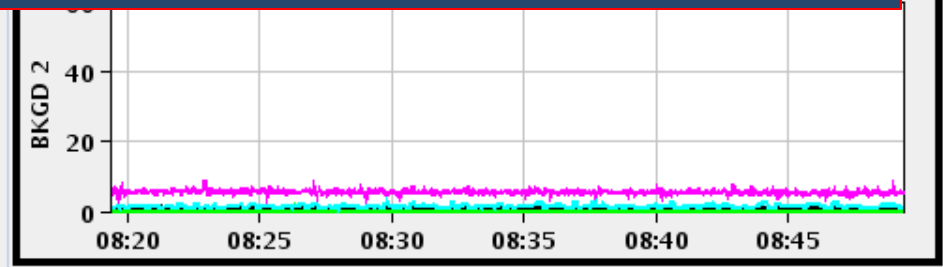
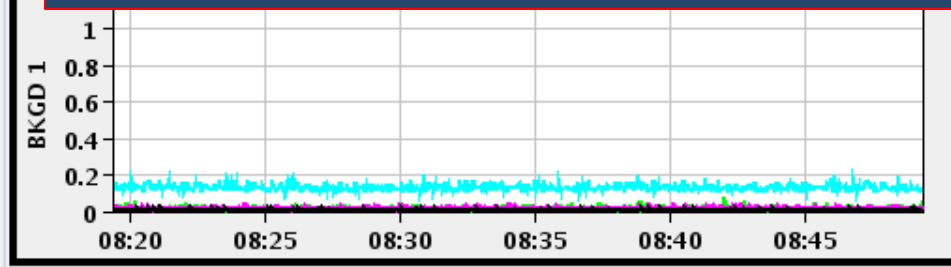
		ATLAS	ALICE	CMS	LHCb		
Experiment Status		PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS	PHYSICS		
Instantaneous Luminosity		4.080e-03	2.376e-03	3.276e-03	2.314e-03		
BRAN Count Rate		0.000e+00	0.000e+00	5.000e+00	1.000e+00		
BKGD 1		0.015	0.013	0.010	0.122		
BKGD 2		0.000	5.000	0.774	0.850		
BKGD 3		0.000	0.005	0.003	0.047		
LHCf	PHYSICS	Count(Hz): 0.000	LHCb VELO Position	IN	Gap: 20.0 mm	TOTEM:	STANDBY

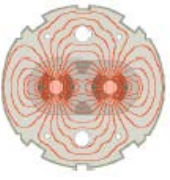
Performance over the last 12 Hrs



Background 1 Background 2

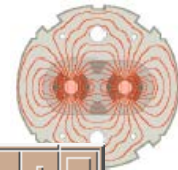
Second fill with better lifetime conditions for B1 after RF phase loop adjustment.





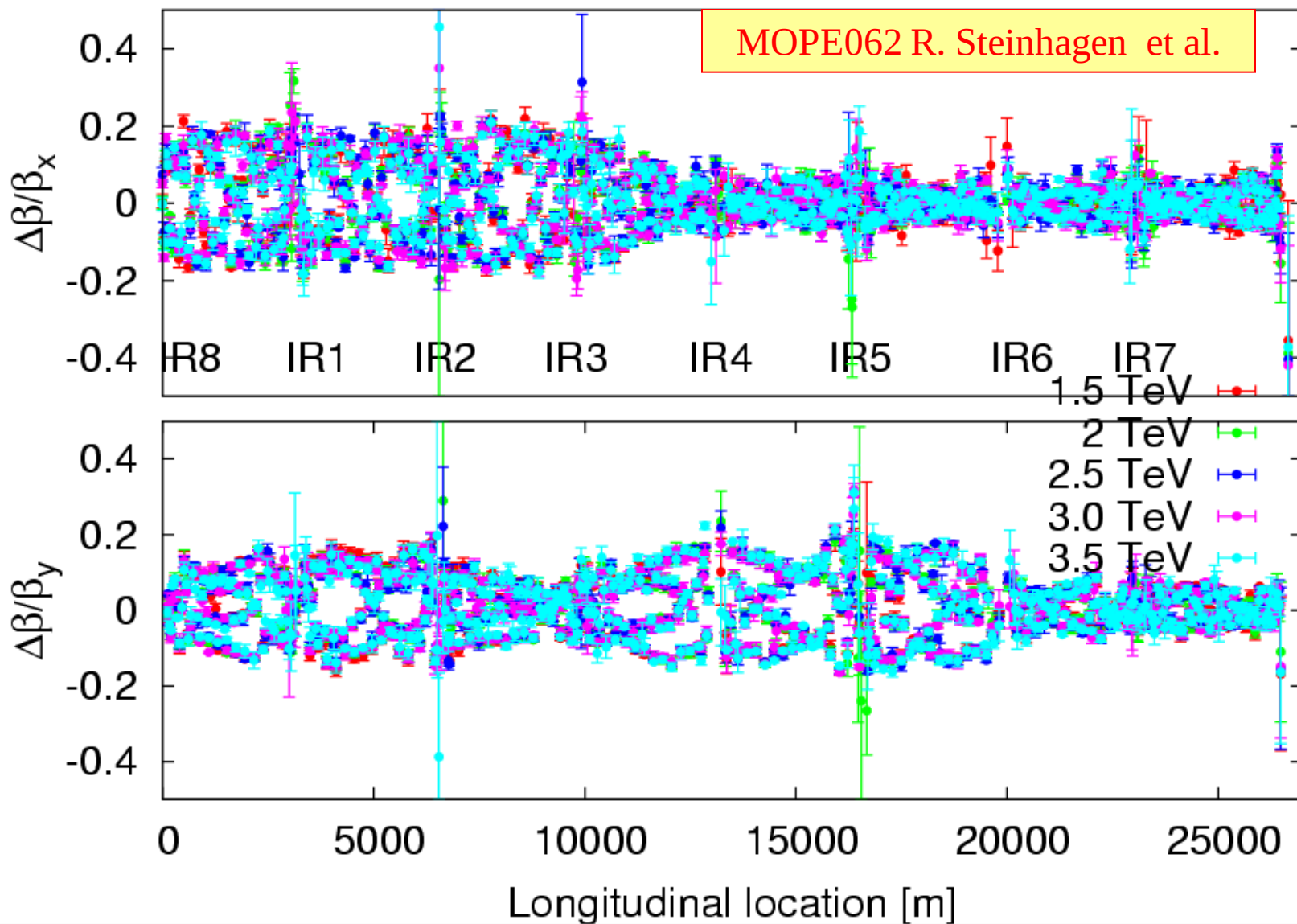
Peak and Integrated Luminosity

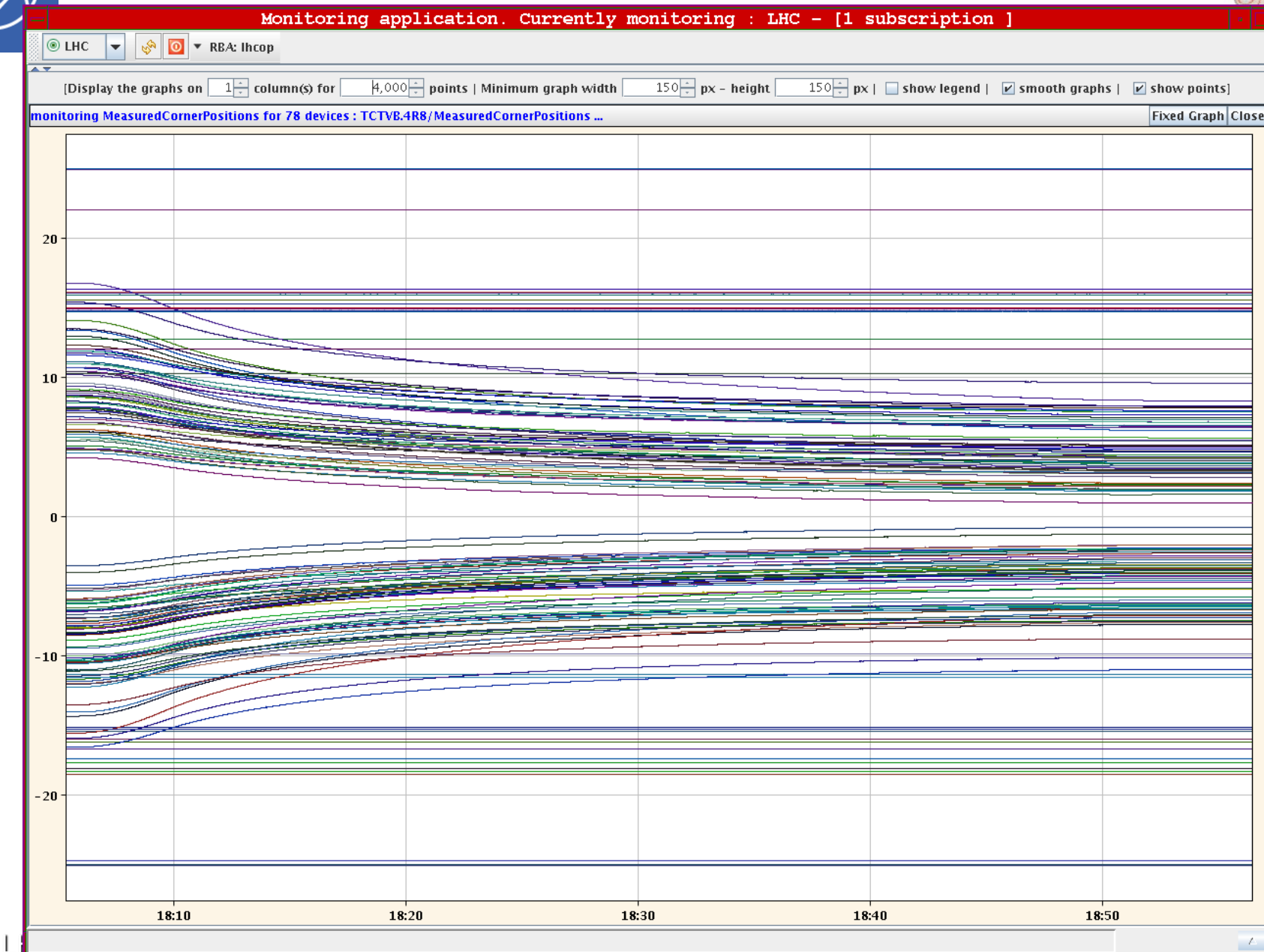
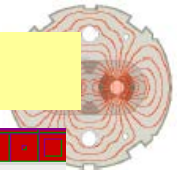
Ramps for Beta Beat: 1.5 TeV → 3.5 TeV



ImageMagick: HVbetabeat.ramp2.eps

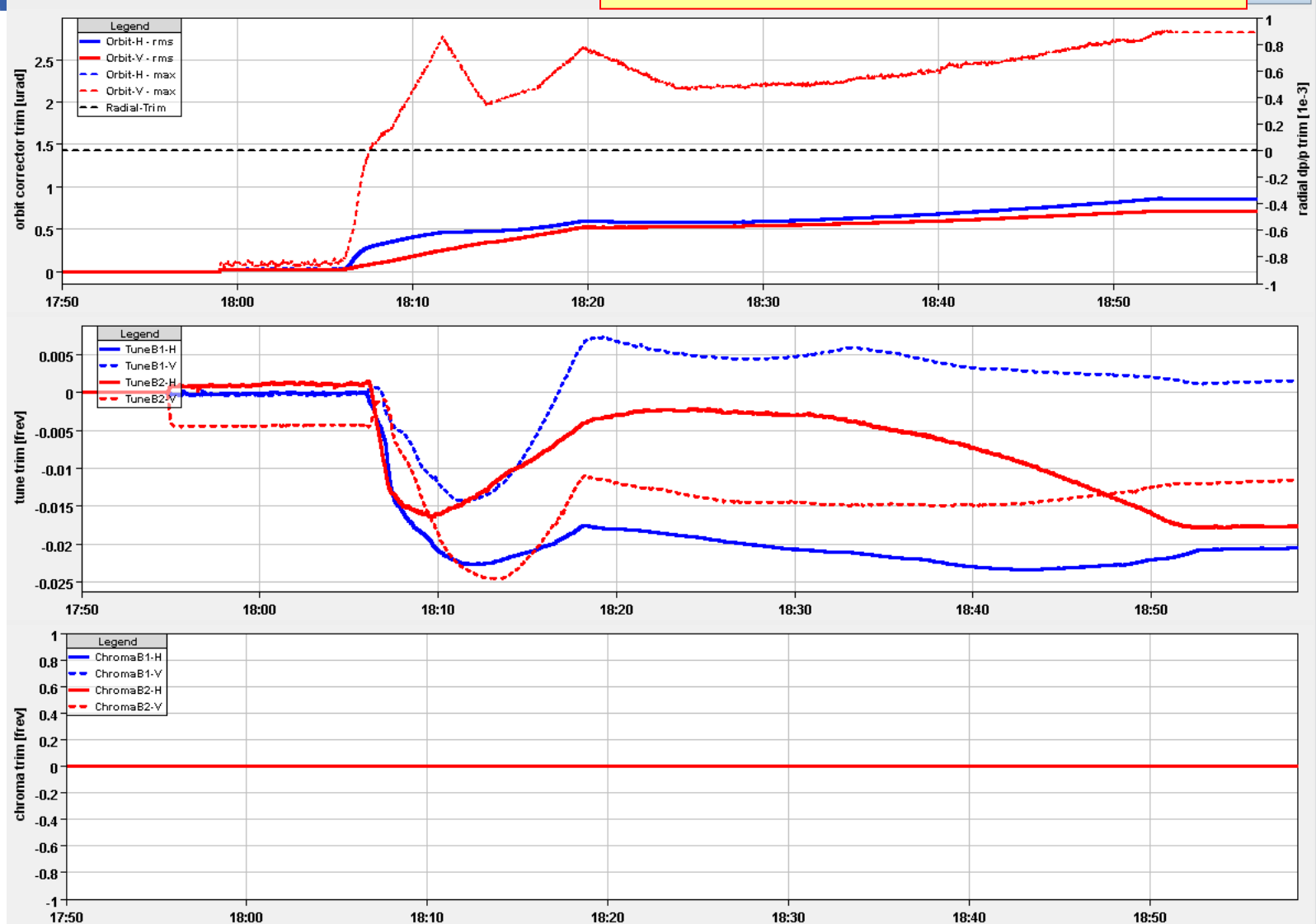
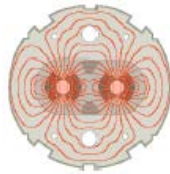
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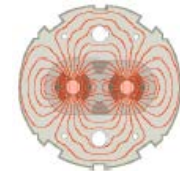
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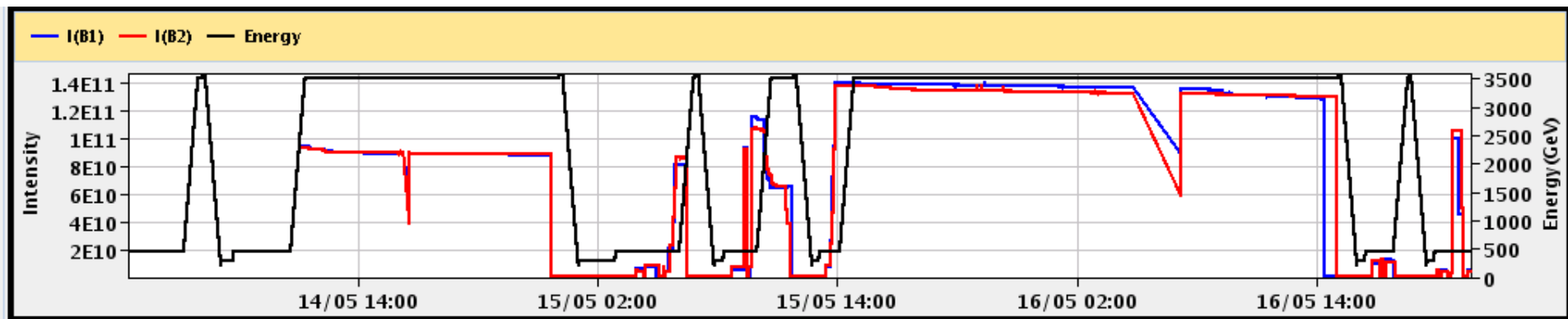




Pushing Number of 2×10^{10} Bunches

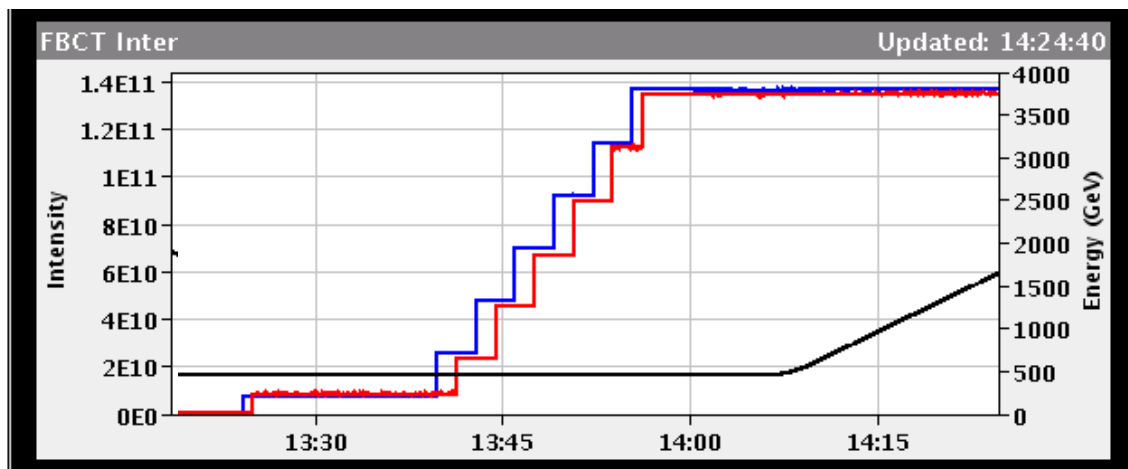


$2 \times 2 \times 10^{10} \rightarrow 4 \times 2 \times 10^{10} \quad 6 \times 2 \times 10^{10}$ per beam

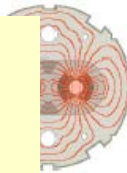


48 hours

Allowed doubling the integrated luminosity for 2010 within 48 hours!

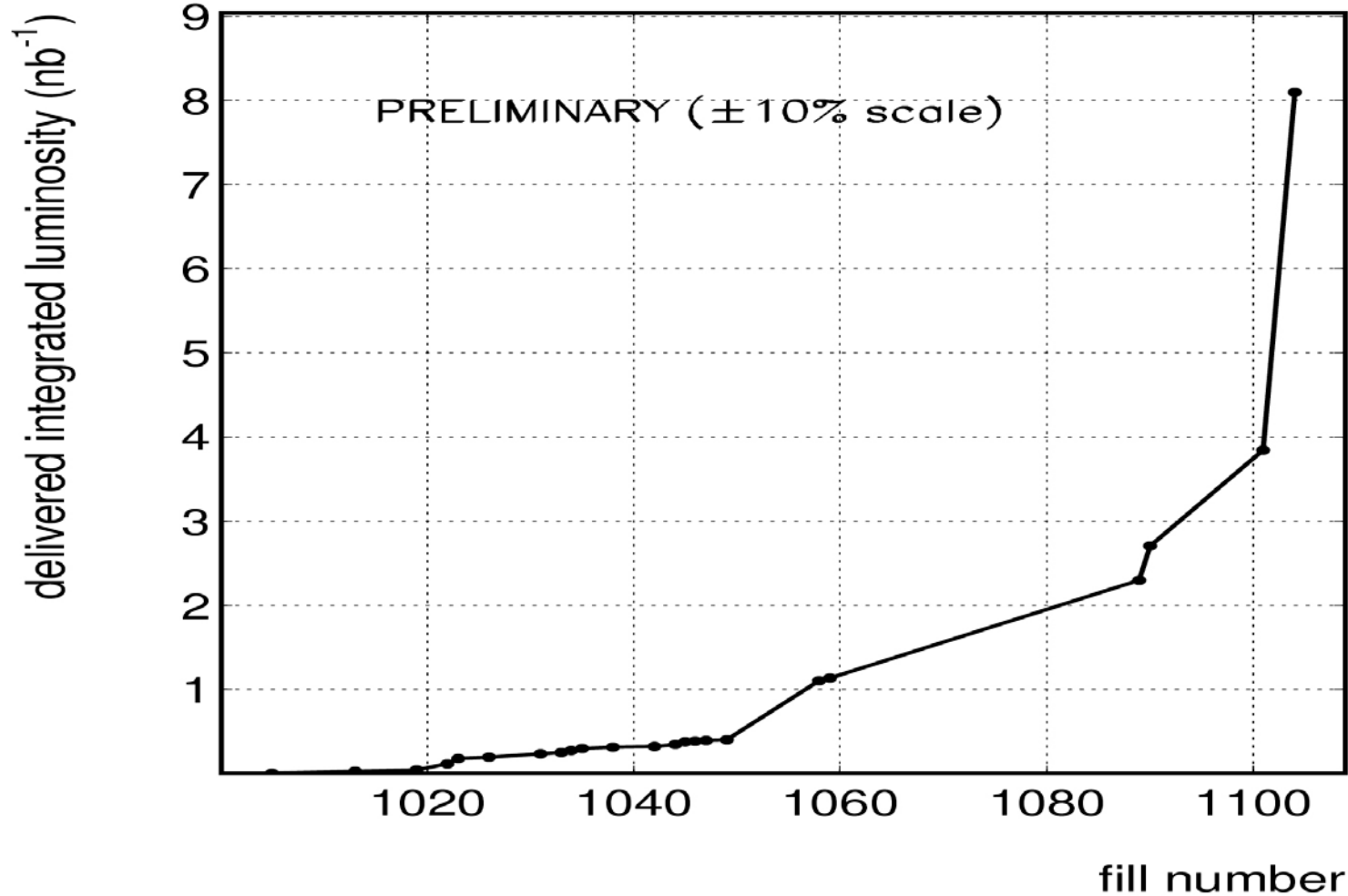


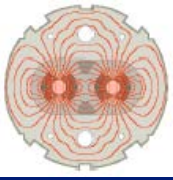
Integrated Luminosity versus Time



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LHC 2010 RUN (3.5 TeV/beam)

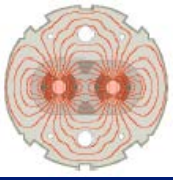




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