



# Design and Fabrication of the FRESCA2 Cryostat

High Field Vertical Magnet Test Facility (HFVMTF): First Workshop on User Interfaces (FNAL, LBNL)  
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# Outline

*NOTE: this talk will focus on the mechanical design, fabrication and assembling of the FRESCA2 cryostat. Some details about cryogenic design and operation will be given. Sample holder, instrumentation and measurement specifications are not in the scope...*

- **FRESCA2 Facility: Main Functional Specification**
- **FRESCA2 Cryostat: Mechanical Design Solution**
- **Project Challenges and Organization**
- **Engineering, Calculations and QA-QC**
- **Mechanical Design & Assembly Procedures**
- **Fabrication, Assembly and Installation**
- **Lesson Learnt**

# FRESCA2 Magnet – Functional Specification

## Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn block coil

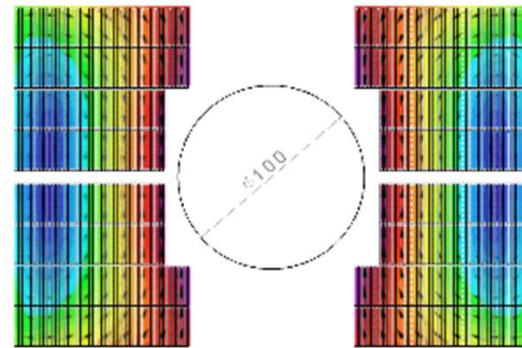
- PIT 192, 1 mm, 63 mH inductance
- 1.03 m ext. Ø, 2.23 m height, mass of 9 t

## 13 T nominal field

- 1500 mm field length (97 %)
- 100 mm aperture
- 10.9 kA, 4.6 MJ stored energy

CEA – CERN collaboration

Reached 14.6 T



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# FRESCA2 Cryostat – Functional Specification

## $I_c$ measurements of superconducting cables:

### Characterization of Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn, NbTi, MgB<sub>2</sub> and HTS cables

- $I_c(B, T)$ , splice resistance, NZPV, min. quench energy,  $T_{cs}$
- 13 T / 14 T dipole, 70 kA, 1.9K – 50 K, 80 mm usable Ø
- in-field measurements of large Ø cables
- cable performance at operating conditions of future high field magnets
- $T_{cs}$  measurements after cyclic EM loading ('Sultan'-type tests)

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## 13 T / 14 T (ultimate)

### Anti-cryostat (80 mm Ø)

- independent cryo operation
- 4.2 K / 1.9 K / 5 – 50 K
- Double-nested Cryostat

### Sample anti-rotation device

- up to 5 kN E.M. torque
- limit rotation to 2° w.r.t. magnetic axis in operation

### LHC HTS current leads

- < 0.4 g/s standby
- 1.0 g/s @ 13 kA



# FRESCA2 Cryostat – Cryogenic design

Test station composed of two nested cryostats:

**Inner cryostat** for sample to characterize

Operation: 1.9 – 4.3 K

Pressurized helium (1.3 bar)

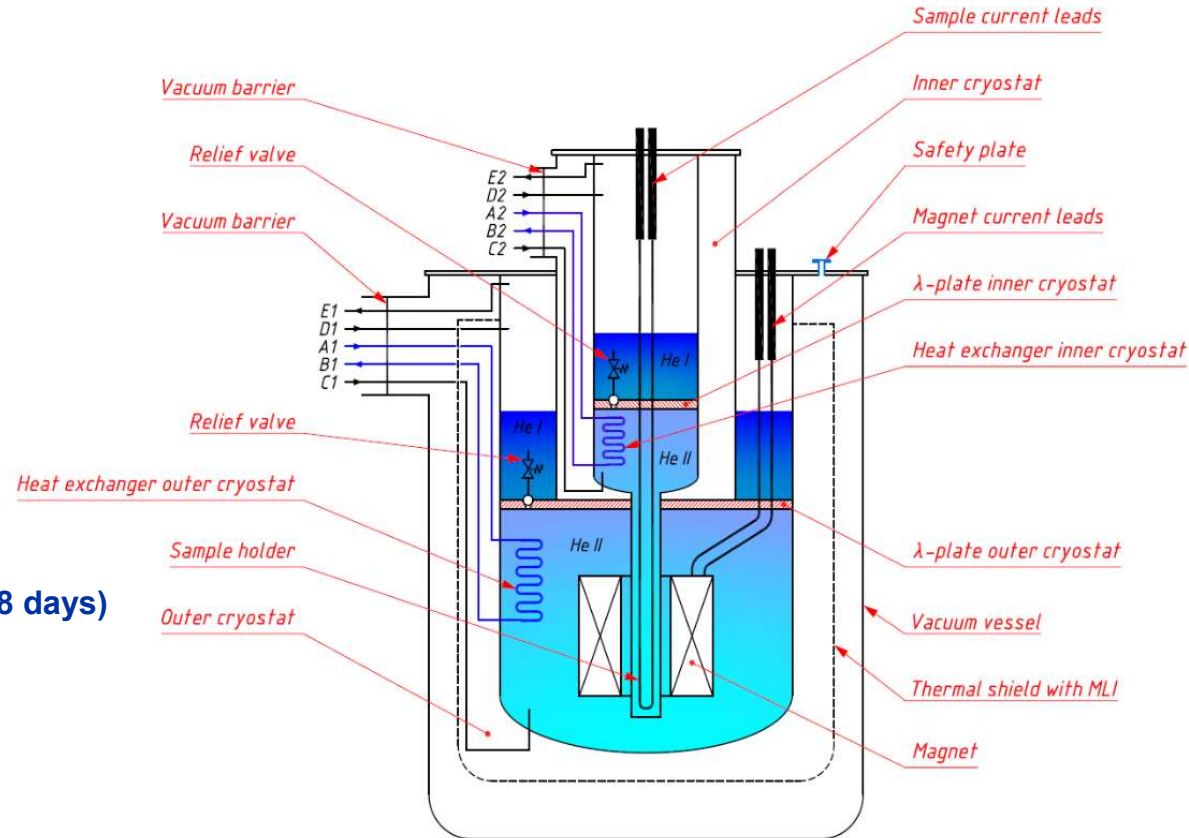
Warm-up, cool-down 1-2 times a week

**Outer cryostat** for magnet

Operation: 1.9 – 4.3 K

Pressurized helium (1.3 bar)

Stays cold all year long (cool-down time 300 K  $\rightarrow$  4.5 K  $\sim$  8 days)



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# FRESCA2 Cryostat – Cryogenic specification

## Cool-down time

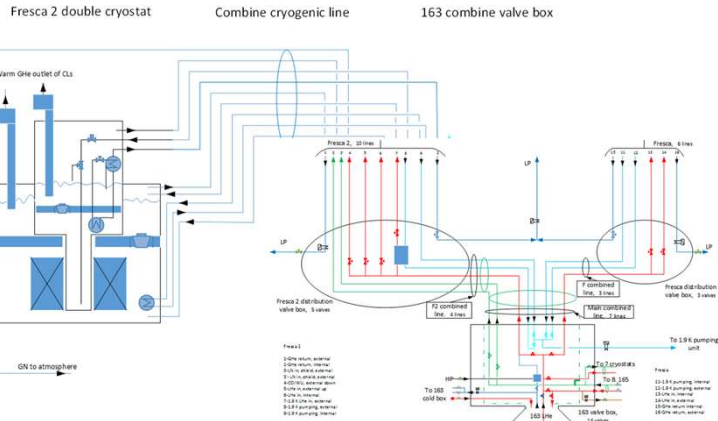
	Magnet	Sample
300 to 4.5 K	8 days (with limitation on magnet T° gradient)	8 h
4.5 to 1.9 K	10 h	2 h

## Heat load budget

T° level	Outer cryostat	Inner cryostat
4.5 K (including current leads)	35 W	85 W
1.9 K	Shall allow cooling time and operation with upgraded pumping unit (2 g/s @ 1.8 K)	

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# FRESCA2 Cryostat – Specific cryogenic features



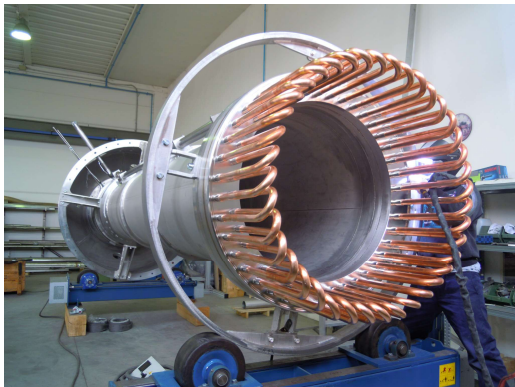
Dedicated valve box for the test station, connection between the valve box and cryostat through a combined vacuum insulated cryogenic line.

Indium  
Vacuum grease



Leak tightness between 4.5 K and 1.9 K complex to achieve on large cryostat with high mechanical force transmission between the components:

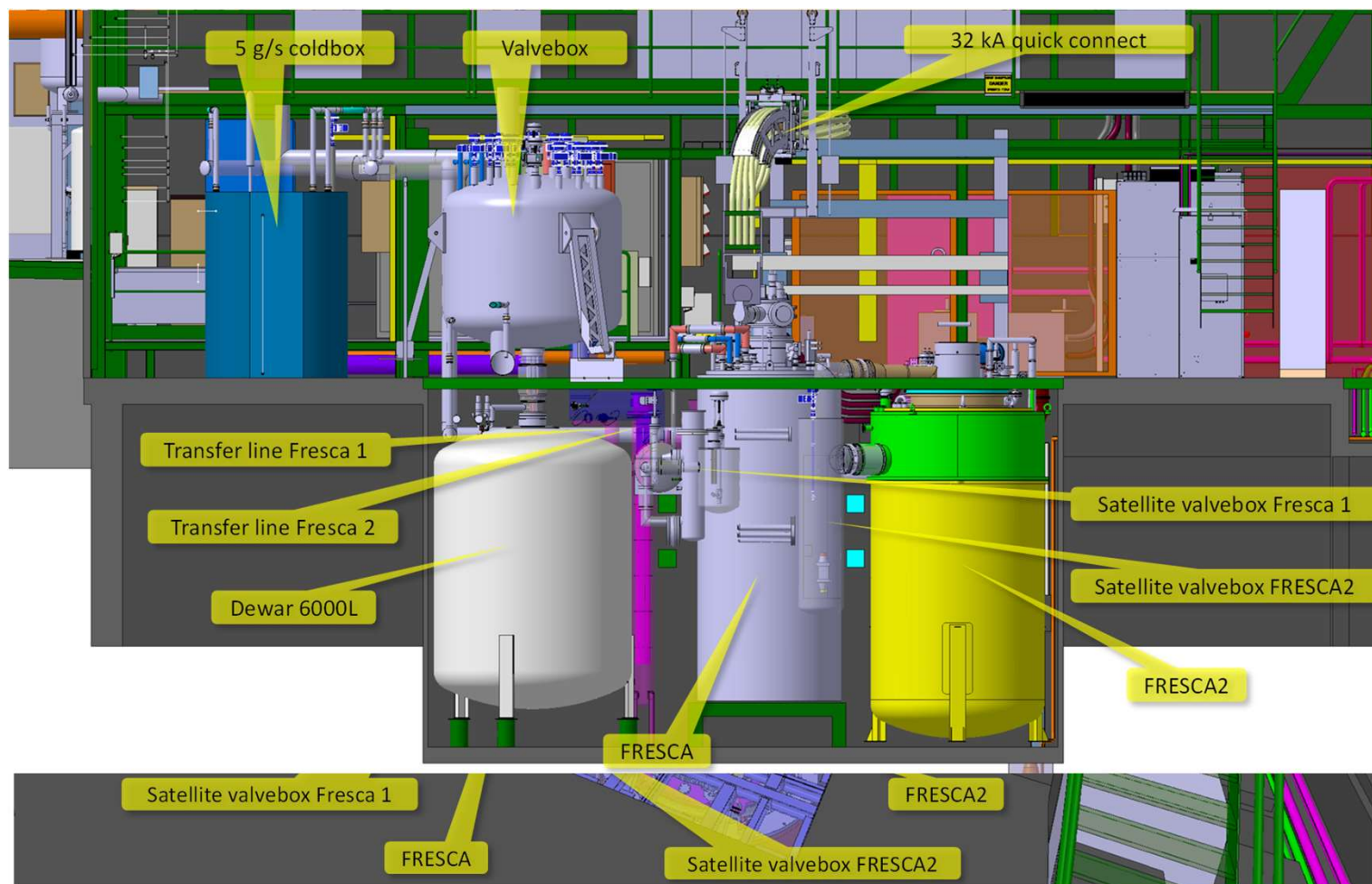
- Indium seal where large compression force available
- Vacuum grease where limited compression force available
- Specific feedthrough design



Large heat exchanger to limit cool-down time from 4.5 K to 1.9 K

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# FRESCA2 Facility @ B163 Superconducting Lab



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# FRESCA2 Cryostat: Design Solution

## FRESCA-2 cryostat:

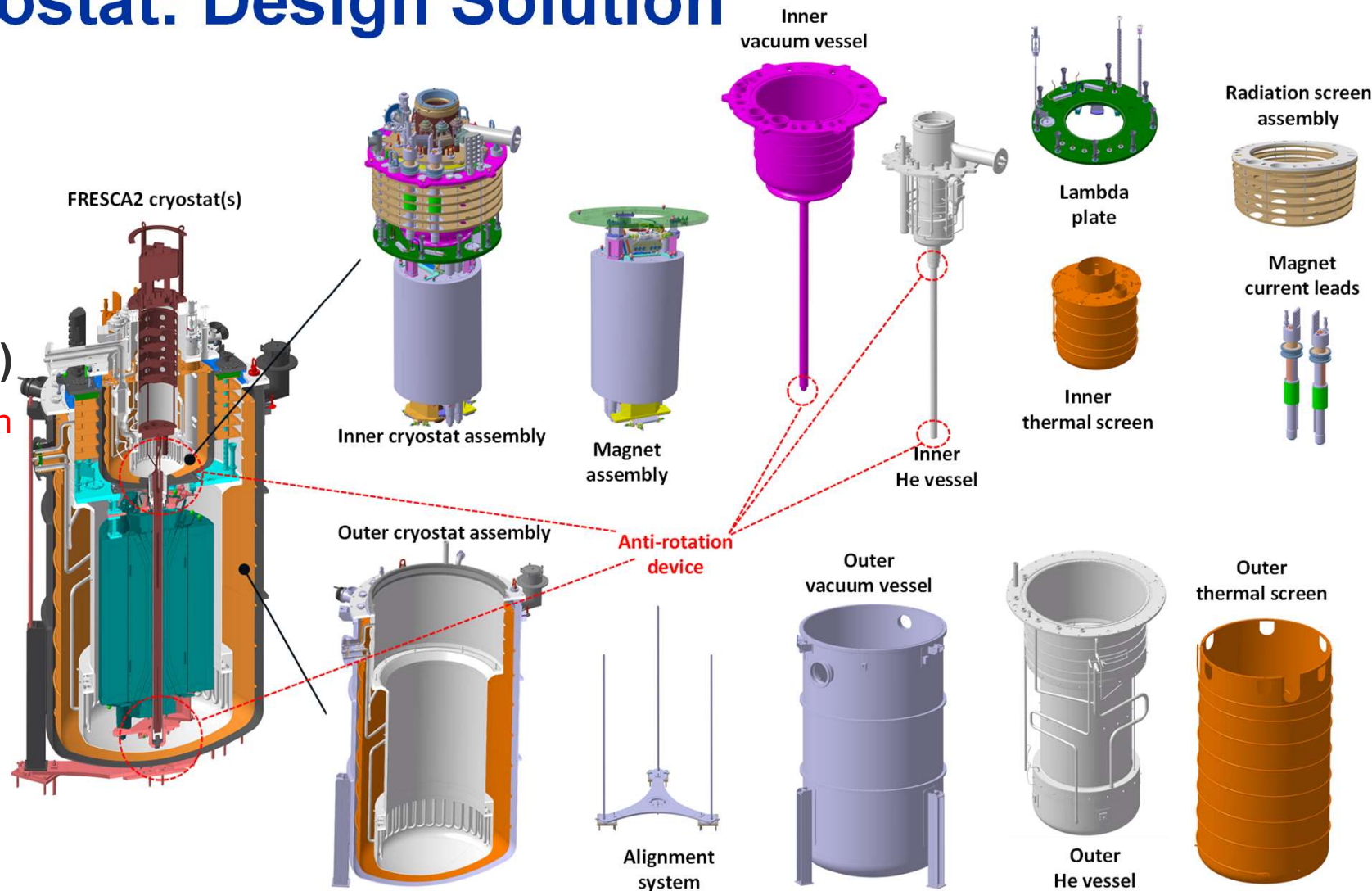
- ~5m height
- ~2m diameter
- >16T weight

## Anti-cryostat (Ø 80mm)

- independent cryo operation
- 4.2°K / 1.9°K / 5 ÷ 50°K
- Double-nested Cryostat

## Sample anti-rotation device

- up to 5 kNm EM torque
- limit rotation to 2° w.r.t. magnetic axis



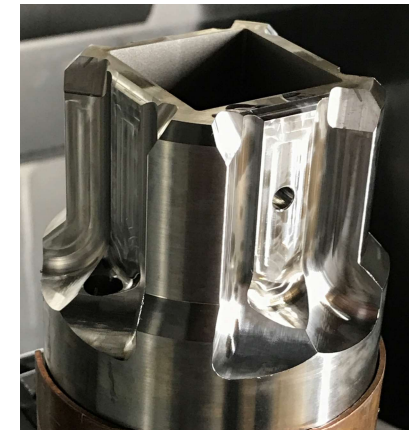
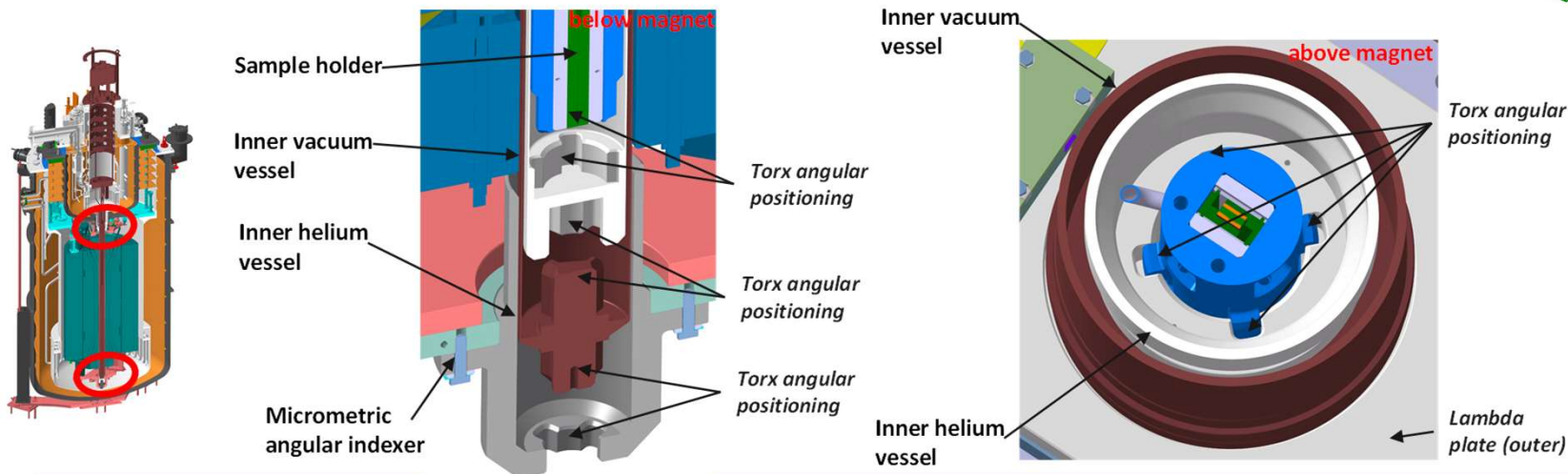
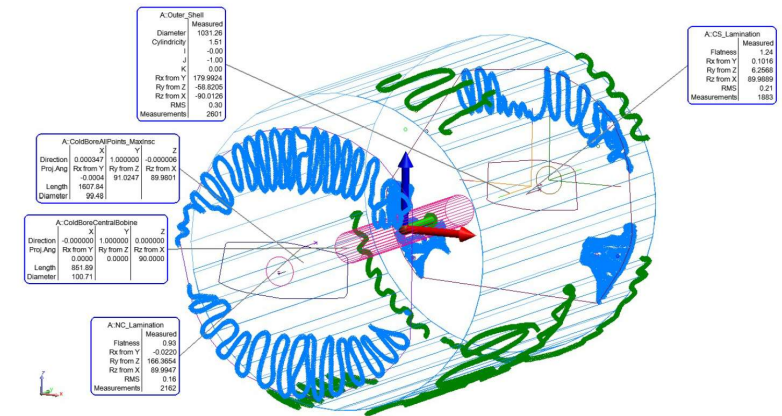
# FRESCA2 Cryostat: Anti-Rotation System

## Measurements with different field-sample orientations

- 2 field directions (polarity selection switch: +B & -B)
- 4 sample directions (rotatable insert: 0°, 90°, 180°, 270°)
- up to 5 kNm E.M. torque, limit rotation to 2° w.r.t. magnetic axis
- sample holder rotation locked: below & above magnet
- **TORX like system to optimize Hertz contact stress**



FRESCA2 Magnet Dimensional controls



# Main Challenges of the Project

- **Pressure Vessels**
- **Cryogenics**
- **High forces and torques**
- **High precision alignment entailing tight tolerances**
- **Large Dimensions and Heavyweight**
- **Complex and precise assembling with heavy handling**
- **Critical Integration within limited space**

# Project Organization

- **Make or Buy Strategy**
- Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) to design and fabricate the vessels
- Identify the “Legal Framework” in agreement with HSE: Equipment Owner, Designer, Manufacturer, Notified Body
- **Calculation Engineer** responsible for a detailed Engineering File including more than **50 calculation reports**
- **Welding Engineer** in charge of QA-QC to ensure complete traceability for fabrication following PED
  - Material certificates
  - Welding map including qualification of welders and of welding procedures (WPS, WPQR...)
  - Witness samples, NDTs, specific mechanical tests...
  - Traceability of Non-Conformities
  - Leak-Tests and Pressure tests
- Complete documentation traced on EDMS with pre-defined approval circuit approved by HSE (**Welding Engineer managing dozens of documents!**)



# Engineering and Calculations

## FRESCA2 Cryostat

Strength assessment  
of the vessels

EN 13445-3:2014

Welding  
connections

EN 1993 Eurocode 3  
EN 13445-3:2014

Piping

EN 13480-3:2014

Torque  
distribution

Handling  
transport

Welded  
connection

EN 1993 Eurocode 3

Pressure  
tests

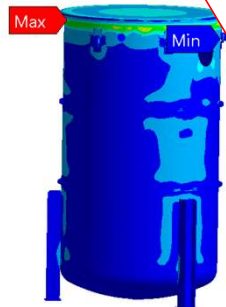
Outer and inner  
thermal screens

Assessment according to

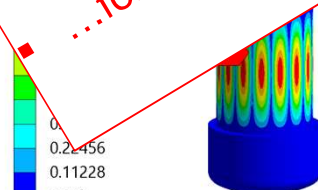
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Detailed assessment of ALL critical components  
...in ALL relevant conditions  
...following relevant standards



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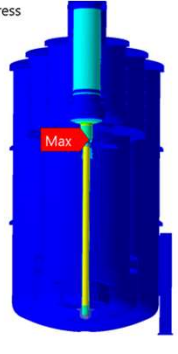
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100% ISO 5817 - Level B																		ISO 17636-2 - Class B ISO 10675-1 - Level 1		Signature & date		Signature & date	
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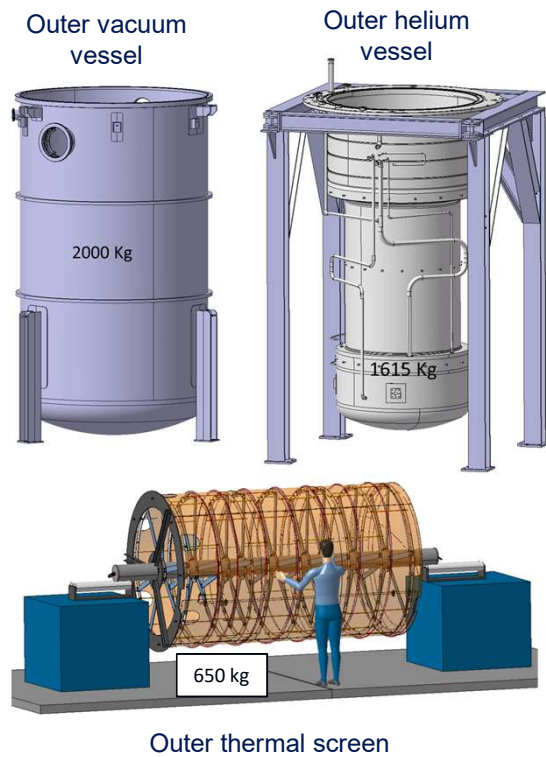
# Mechanical Design Strategy

- Design solution developed in parallel with assembly procedures...
- ...as well as with assembly and handling tools (EN-HE)
- Early involvement of fabrication experts to guarantee feasibility of required tolerances
- Careful evaluation of the tolerance “budget” by considering
  - **Functional requirement**: alignment of 2° w.r.t. magnetic field
  - **Structural deformations** (cryo environment and EM forces) in operating conditions **via detailed FEM...**
  - **Fabrication tolerances** (sheet-metal forming with precise calibration + high-precision machining) **~50μm**
  - **Re-machining after welding** to guarantee critical references
  - **Large dimensions** of components
  - **Fits and clearances** to allow precise assembly **~100μm**

# Outer Cryostat Assembly Procedure

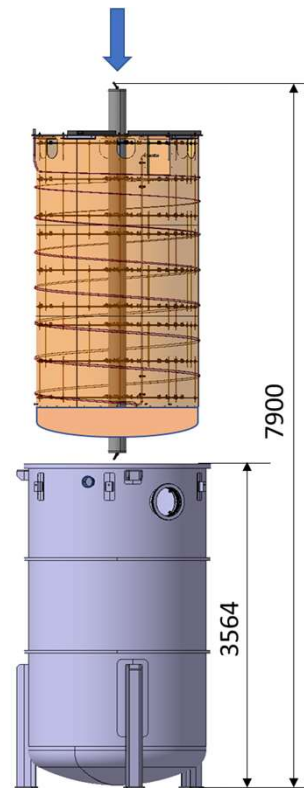
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## Main components



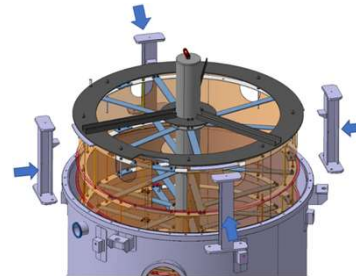
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## Insertion of the thermal screen



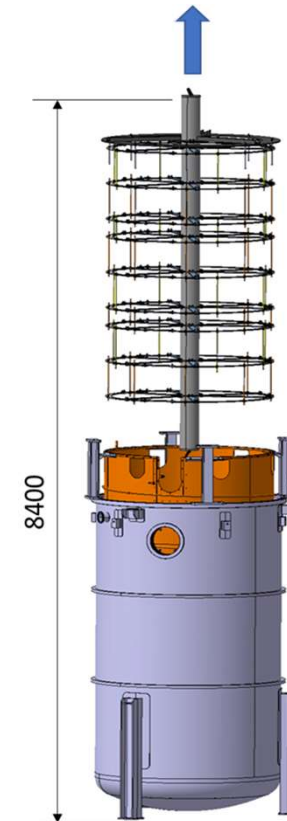
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## Pre-positioning of the thermal screen



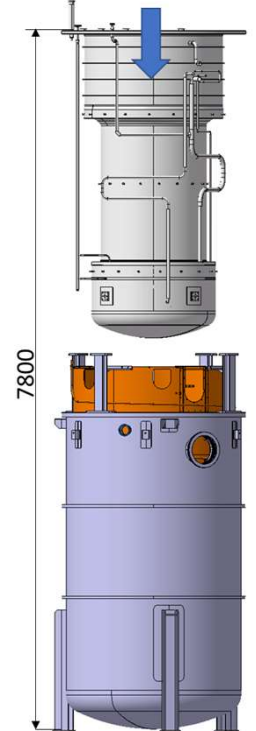
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## Removal of the support frame



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## Insertion of the outer He vessel

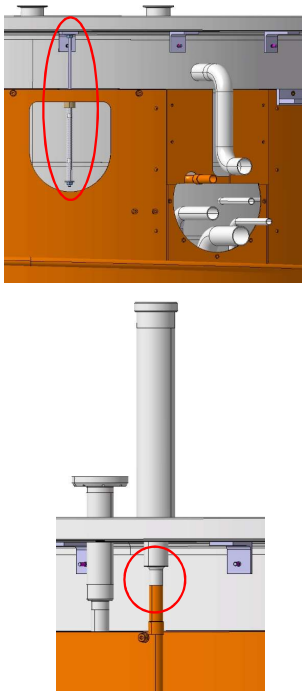




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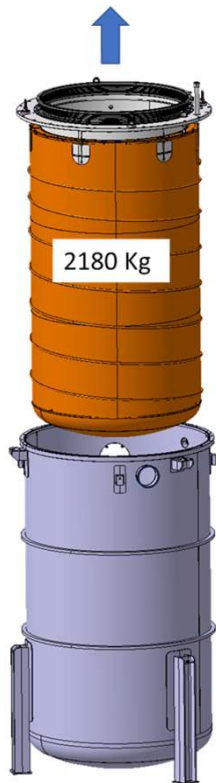
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Thermal screen suspension system, LN2 welding & large bellow assembly



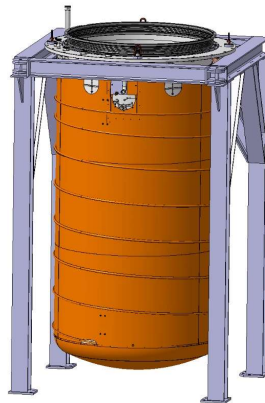
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Removal of the inner helium vessel assembly



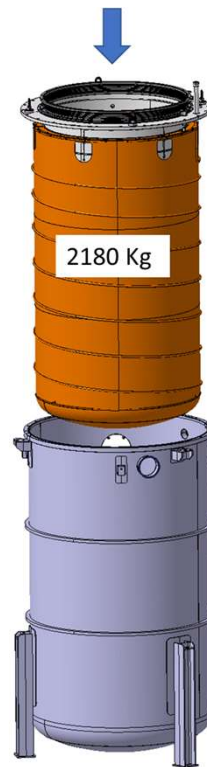
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Fixation of the MLI



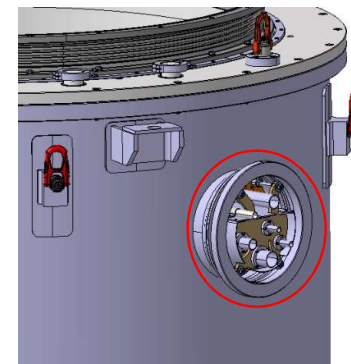
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Re-insertion of the inner helium vessel assembly



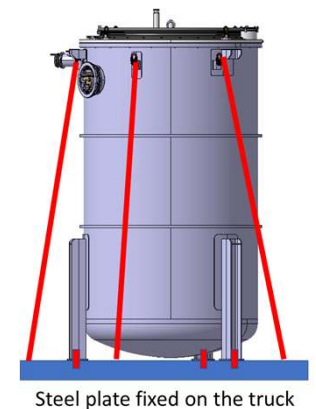
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Welding of extension tubes for the cryogenic connection & Assembly of the fixed point



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Outer cryostat ready for transport

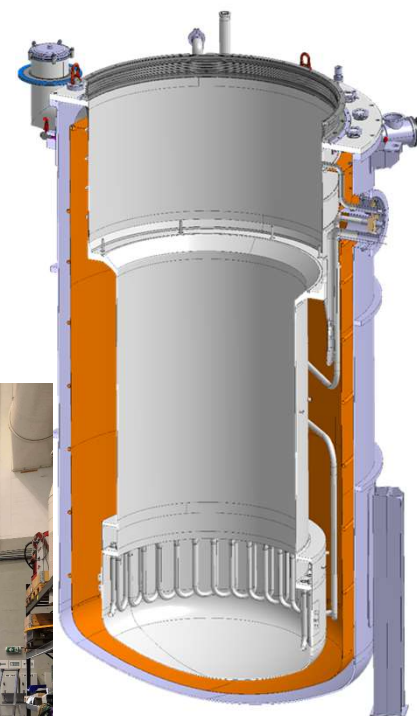


# Fabrication of the Outer Cryostat





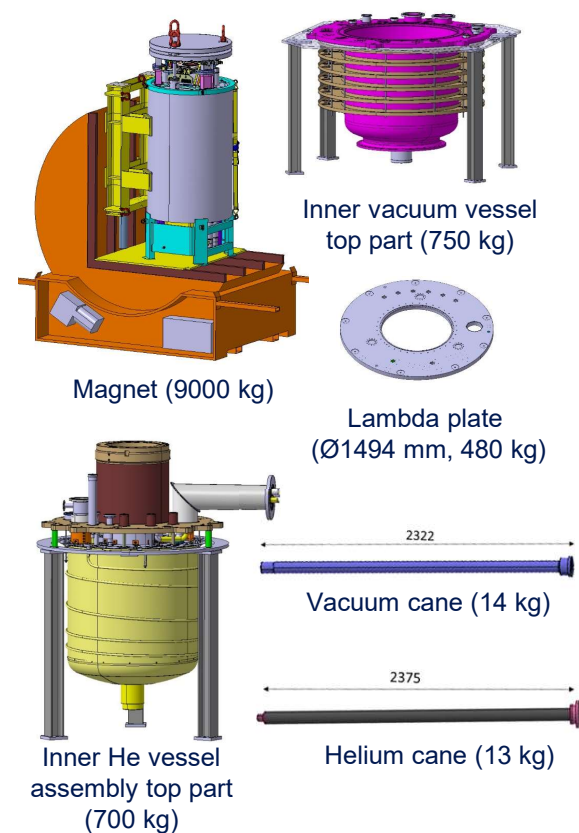
# Fabrication of the Outer Cryostat



# Inner Cryostat Assembly Procedure

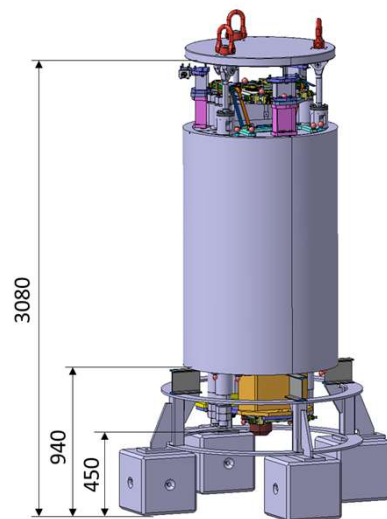
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## Main components



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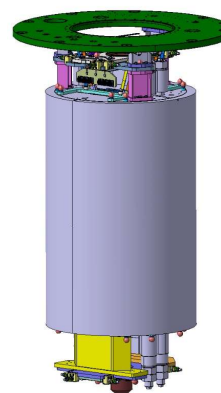
## Positioning of the magnet on its supports (vertically)



Magnet already equipped with the cane alignment system (centering + torx) at the correct position and angle

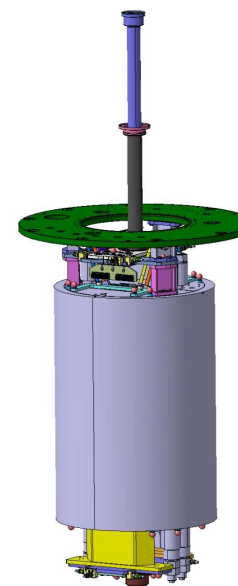
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## Assembly of the lambda plate (horizontal plane & rotation along z axis)



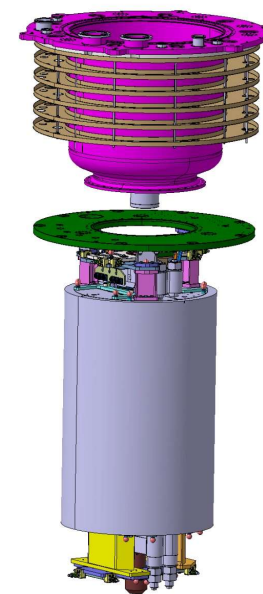
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## Insertion of the canes



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## Assembly of the inner vacuum vessel

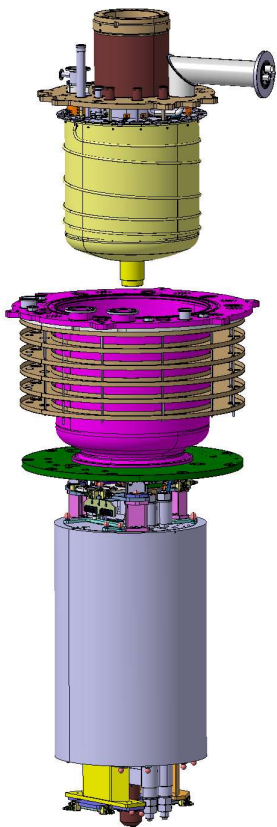




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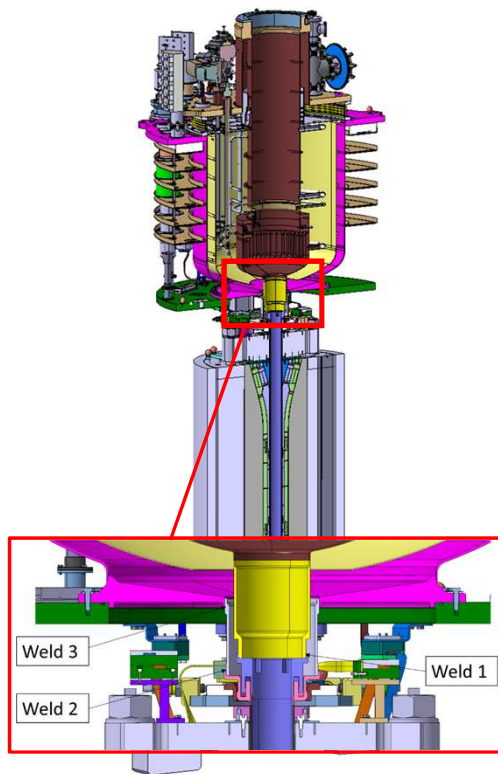
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Assembly of the inner He vessel



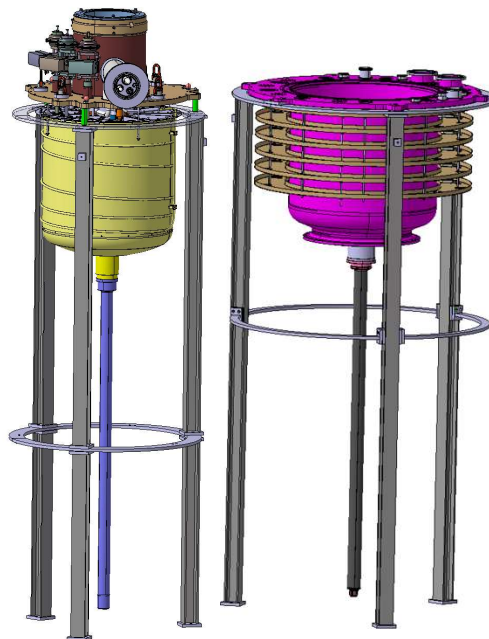
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Preliminary welding of the canes on vessels



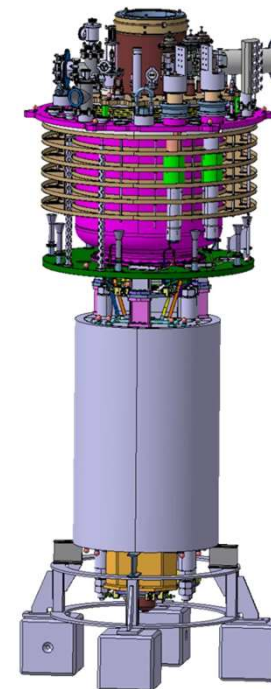
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Removal of the vessels, final welding of the canes, geometrical check & fixation of the MLI



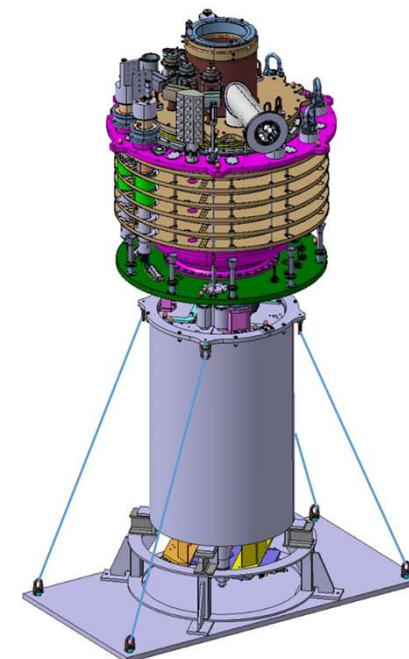
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Assembly of all components incl. current leads, large bellows, safety devices & instrumentation



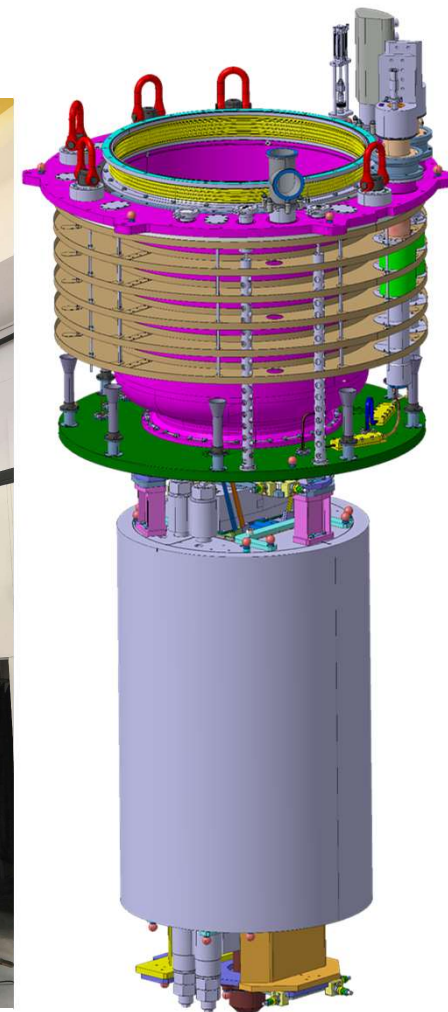
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Inner cryostat insert assembly ready for transport



Steel plate fixed on the truck

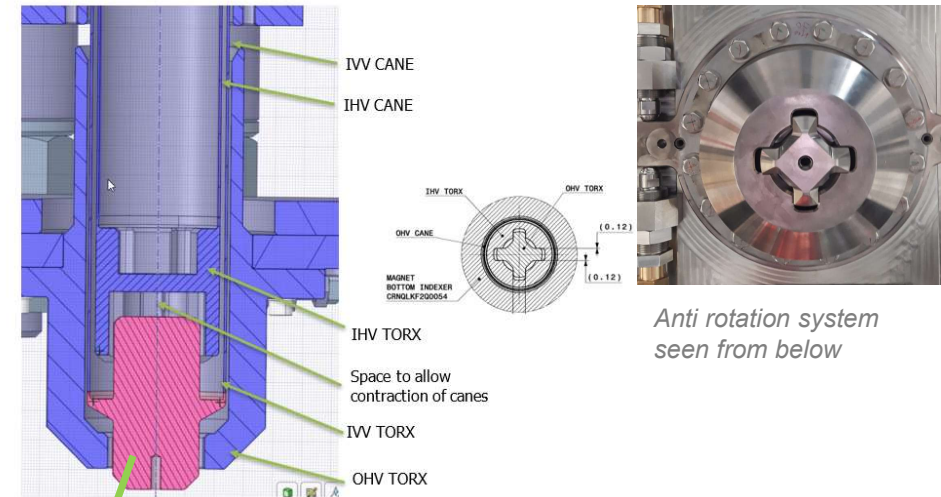
# Fabrication of the Inner Cryostat





# Fabrication of Canes

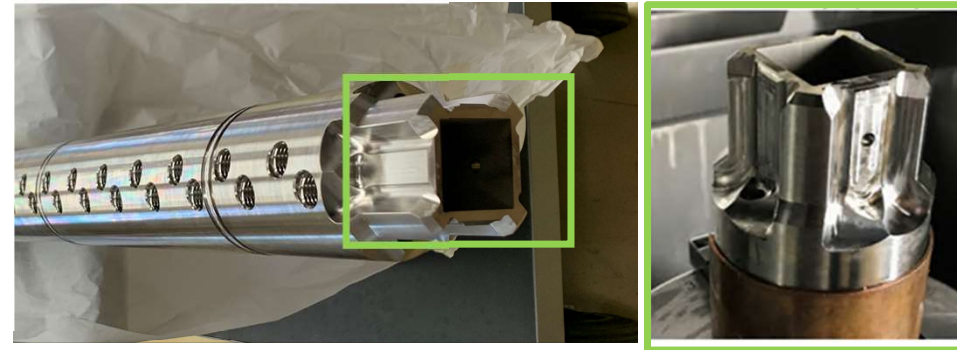
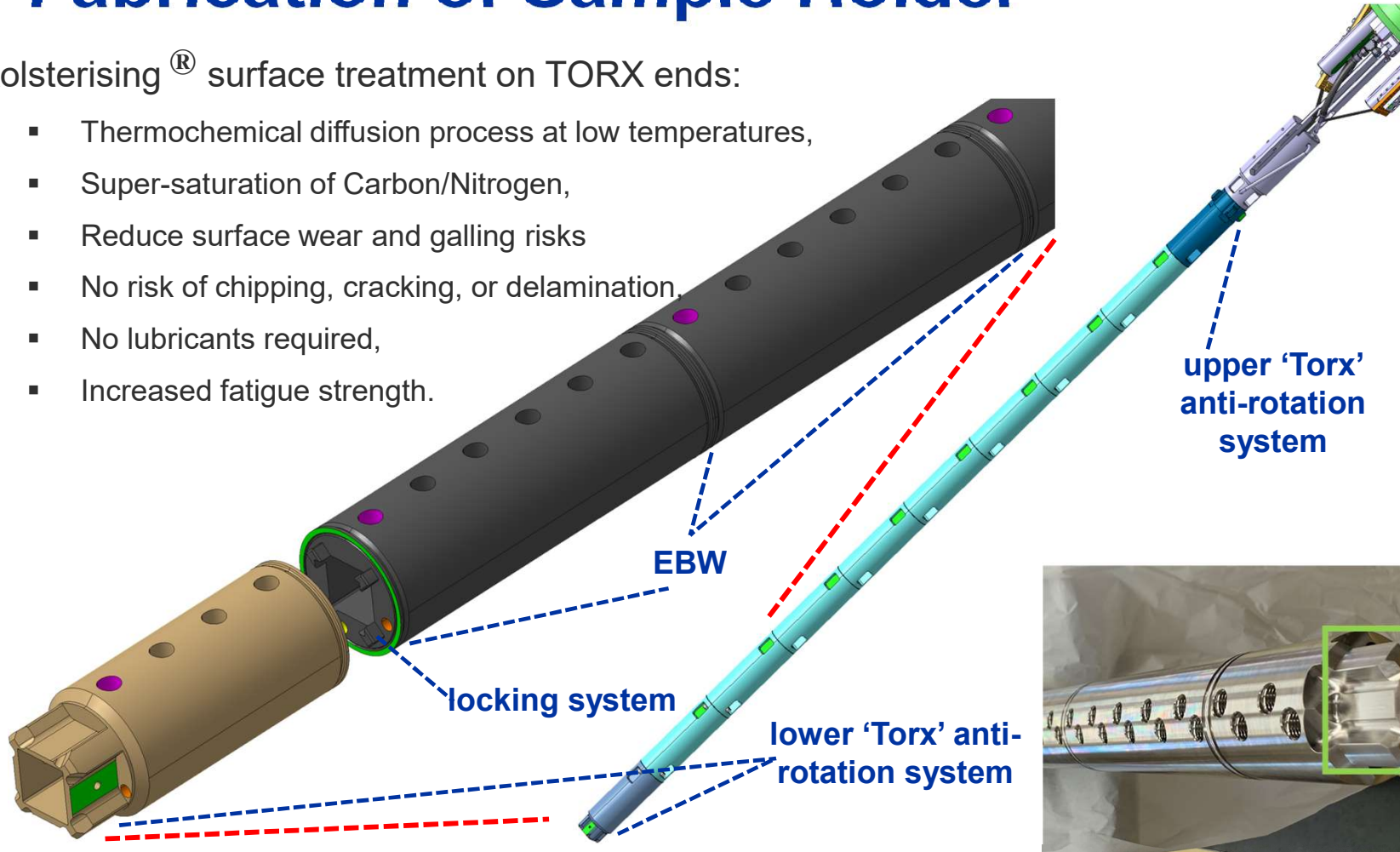
- Sheet-metal forming with precise calibration
- High precision machining of TORX ends
- Surface treatment of TORX ends (Kolsterising<sup>®</sup>)
- Intermediate re-machining
- Intermediate metrology
- Specific tool for pre-alignment
- Tack welding and EBW
- Final Metrology
- QA-QC (including NDTs and mechanical tests on mock-up)
- Tolerance range 25÷50÷100µm (over >2m)



# Fabrication of Sample Holder

Kolsterising<sup>®</sup> surface treatment on TORX ends:

- Thermochemical diffusion process at low temperatures,
- Super-saturation of Carbon/Nitrogen,
- Reduce surface wear and galling risks
- No risk of chipping, cracking, or delamination.
- No lubricants required,
- Increased fatigue strength.



# High Precision Machining

- Re-machining of large components (>2m)
- Development of specific tools
- Tolerance range 50÷100µm





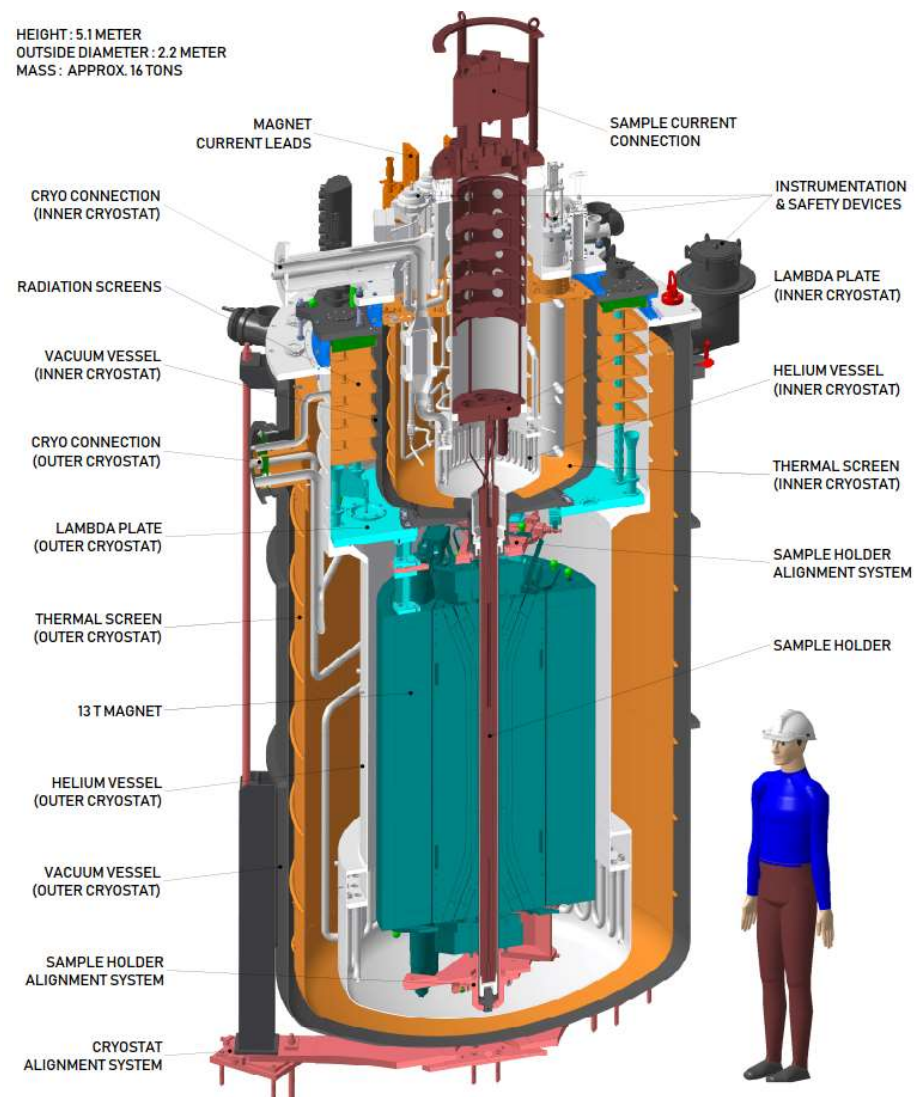
# Pressure Tests @ B181



# Final Blank Assembly Test

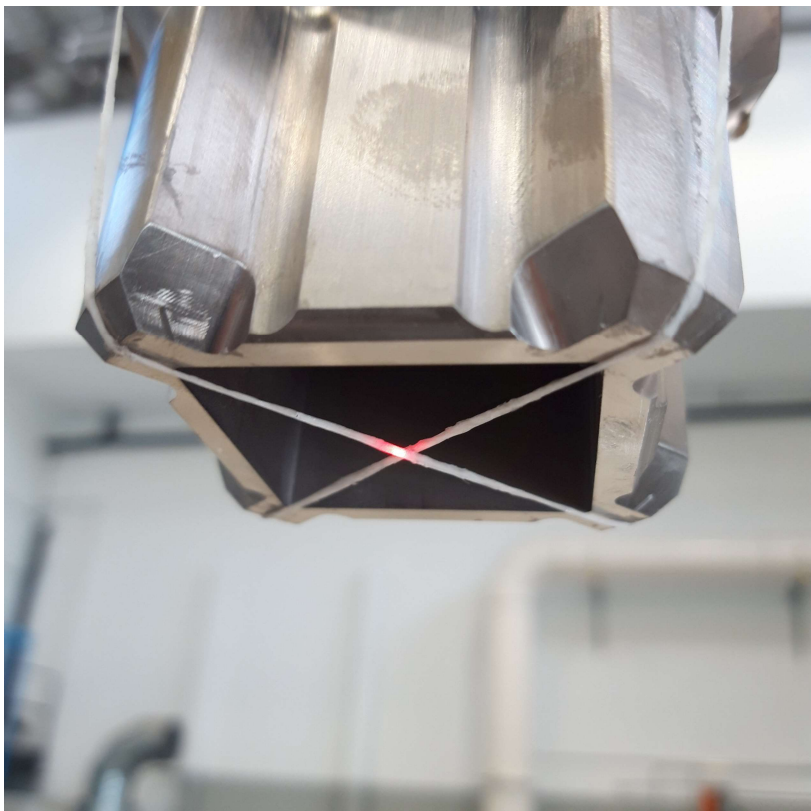


HEIGHT: 5.1 METER  
OUTSIDE DIAMETER: 2.2 METER  
MASS: APPROX. 16 TONS





# Sample Holder Assembly Test





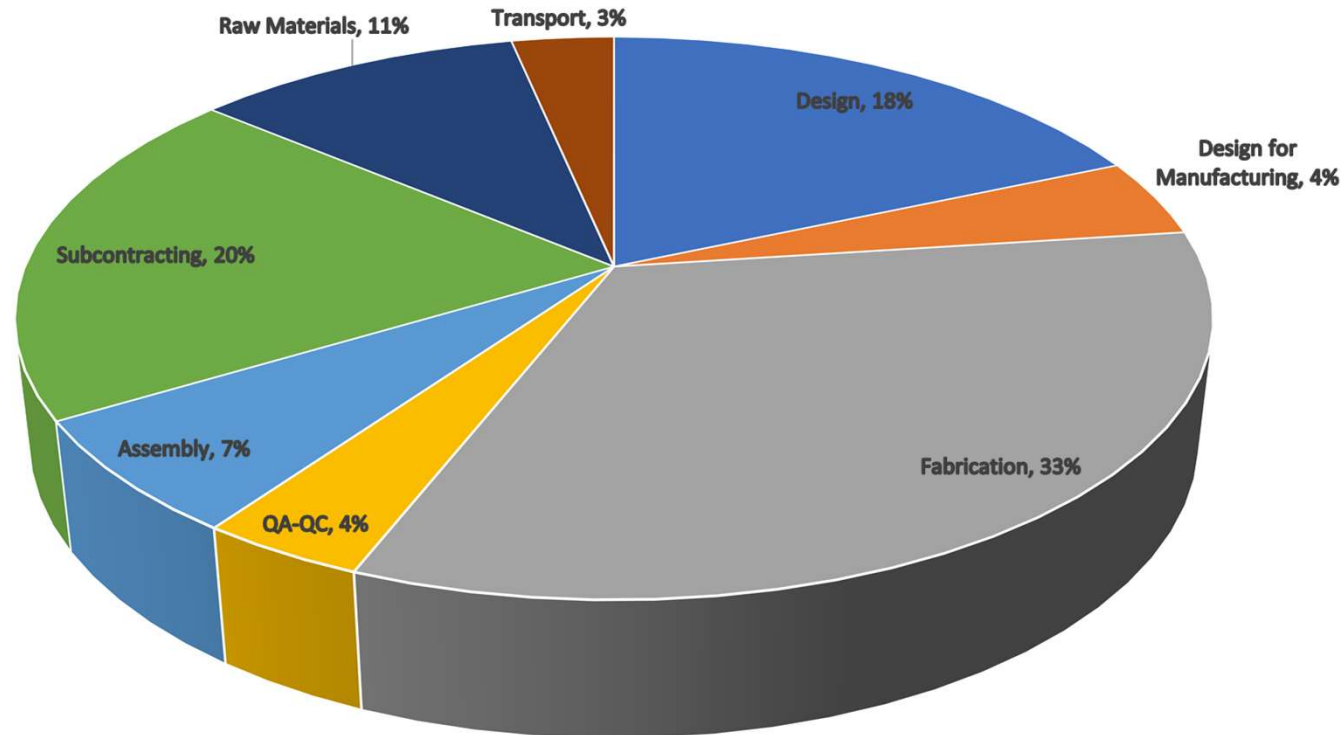
# Transport and Final Installation @ B163



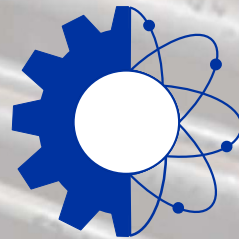
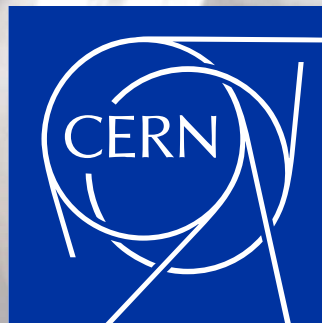
# Lesson Learnt

- FRESCA2 Cryostat: designed, engineered, fabricated and assembled by EN-MME from May 2019 to November 2021
- Make or Buy strategy: cryostat or complex instrument?
- Early design of the interfaces between the magnet and the cryostat
- Integration between Design and Fabrication...
- Assembly procedures for large components...
- QA-QC and Legal Framework...

Budget summary







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