



CERN Secondary Beamlines and Test Beams Facilities Overview

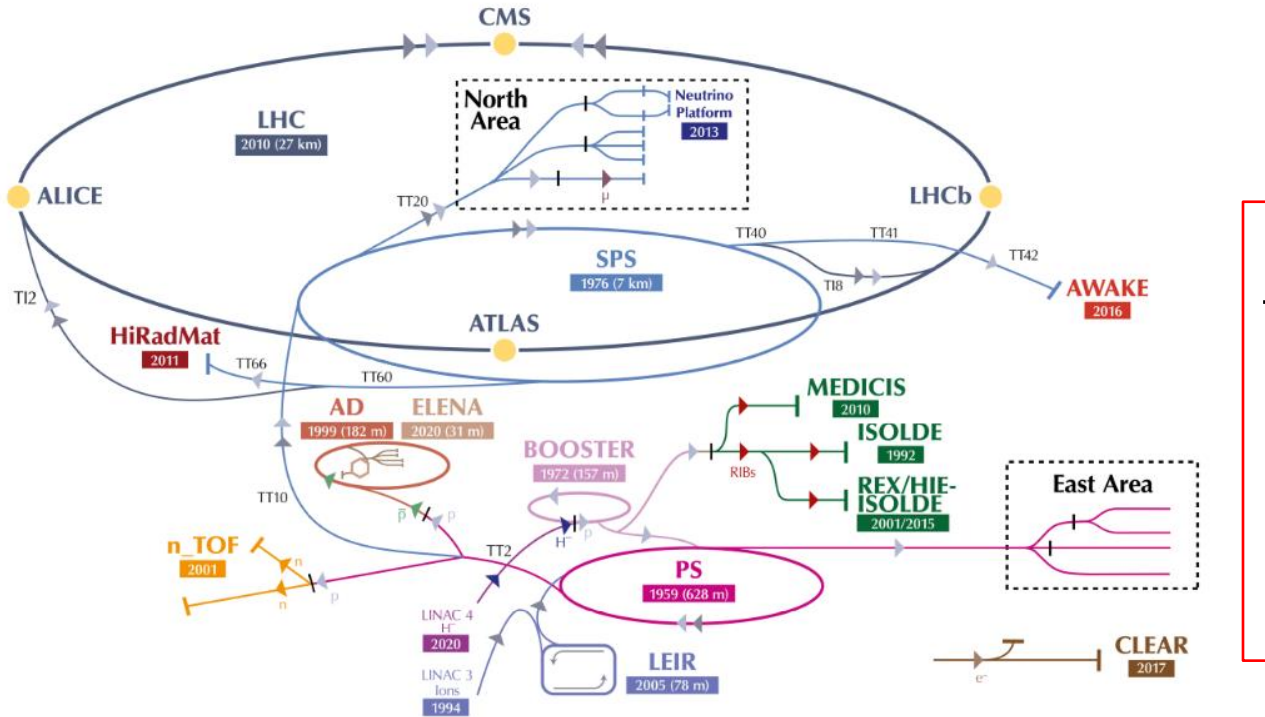
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CERN Accelerator Complex

The CERN accelerator complex
Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



SPS: protons @ 400GeV; ions @ 380GeV/Z
 PS: protons / ions @ 24GeV/Z

Maximum momenta available to the users in the PS/SPS Test Beam Facilities:

North Area → ≤ 360GeV/Z (secondary beam) or primary beams

East Area → ≤ 16GeV (secondary beam only)

▶ H⁻ (hydrogen anions) ▶ p (protons) ▶ ions ▶ RIBs (Radioactive Ion Beams) ▶ n (neutrons) ▶ p̄ (antiprotons) ▶ e⁻ (electrons) ▶ μ (muons)

LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKEfield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive Experiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

North Area

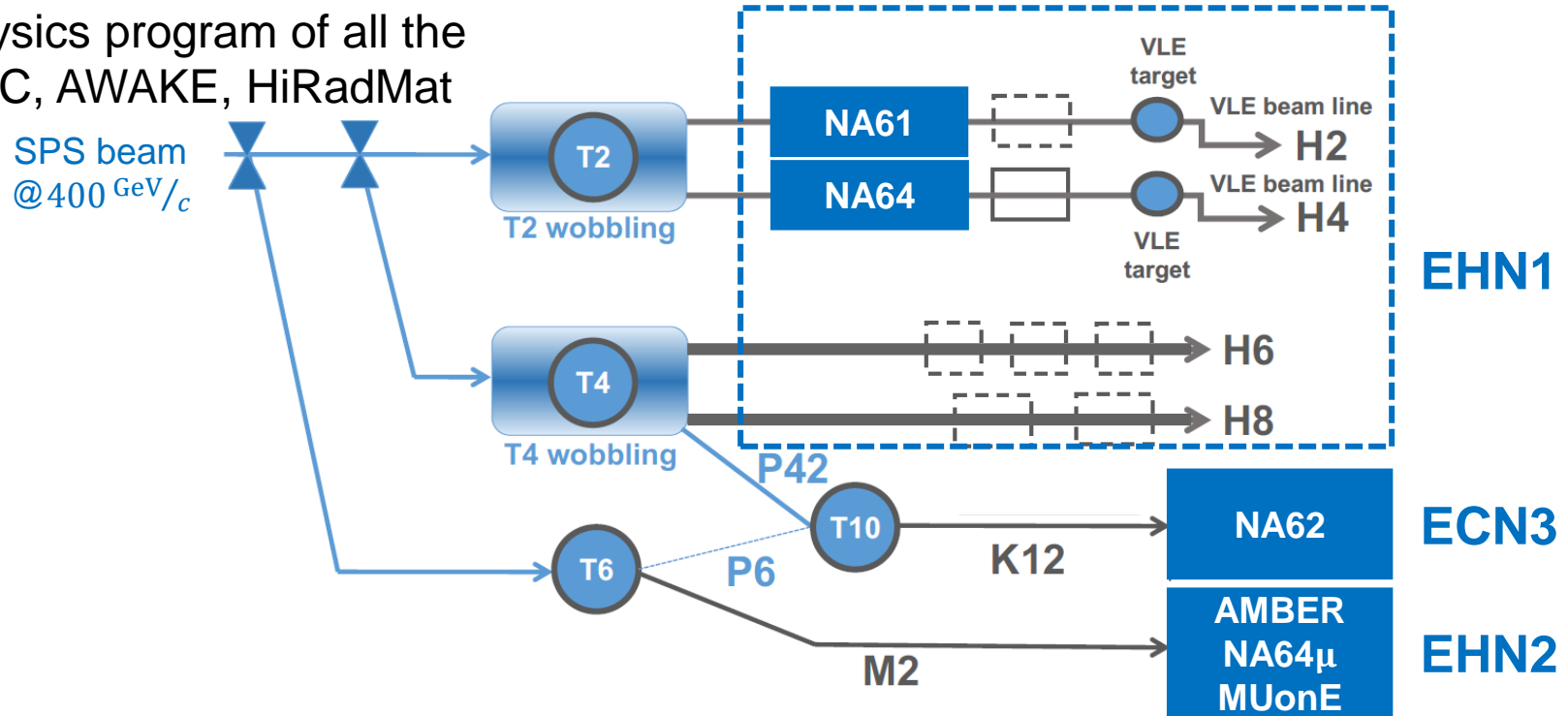
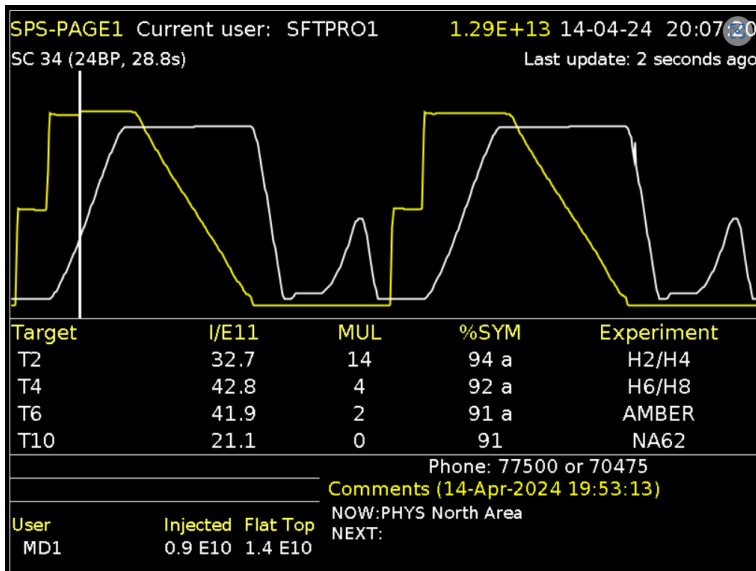
North Area Secondary Beamlines

Spill duration: 4.8s flat top
 Typically : **2 cycles / SPS supercycle** for NA and
 ~ **3000 spills/day**

The $400 \text{ GeV}/c$ primary beam is slowly extracted to three primary targets \rightarrow T2, T4 and T6

Supercycle structure depends on the physics program of all the facilities served by the SPS including LHC, AWAKE, HiRadMat and the Machine Development program

SPS beam
 @ $400 \text{ GeV}/c$

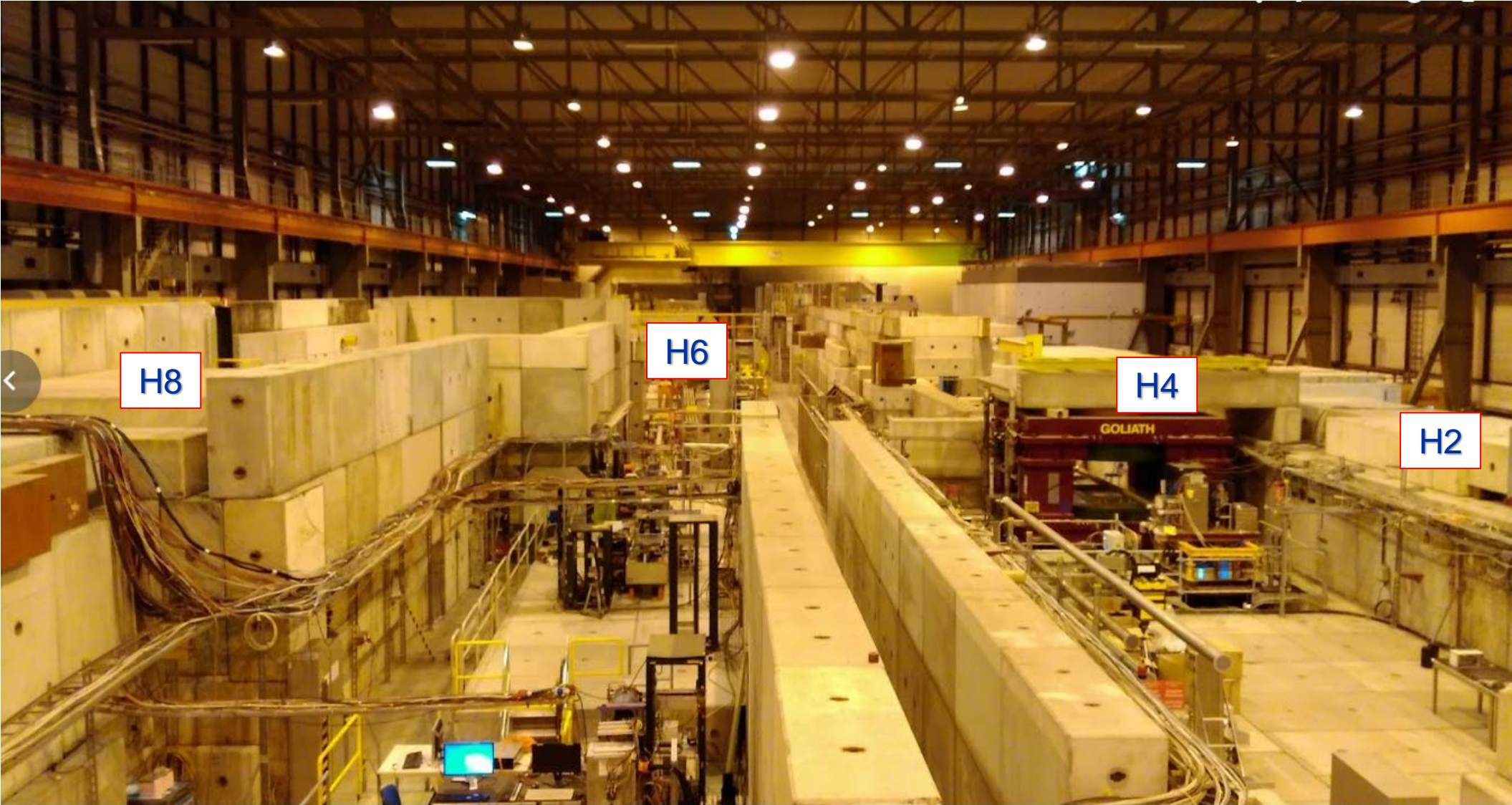


Characteristics of the beams

Parameter	T2 Target		T4 Target	
	H2	H4	H6	H8
Beamline				
p attenuated primary / secondary beam in GeV/c	400/360	400/360	–/205	400/360
Maximum $\Delta p/p$ in %	± 2.0	± 1.4	± 1.5	± 1.5
Maximum intensity/spill (hadrons/electrons)	$10^7/10^6$	$10^7/10^7$	$10^7/10^5$	$10^7/10^5$
Available particle types	Primary protons or pure electrons or pure/mixed hadrons or pure muons			
Ion beam availability	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

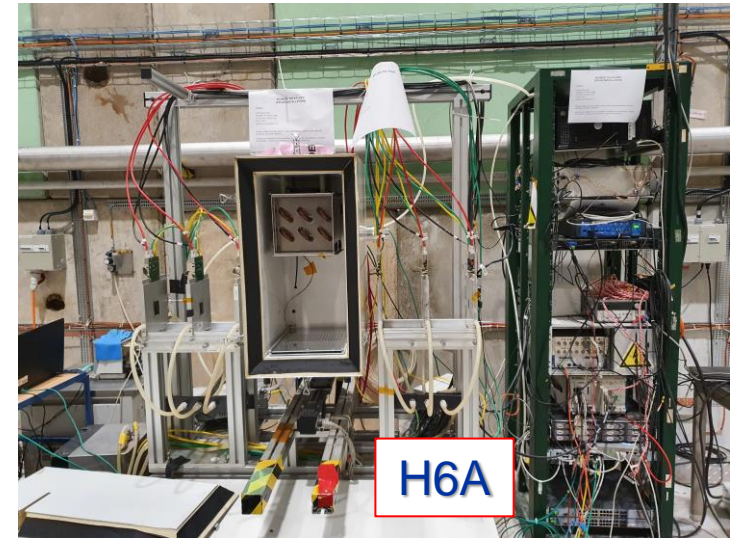
- **T6 target** → Serves the **M2** beam that is currently used for the AMBER experiment
 - $< 4.8 \times 10^8$ hadrons/spill with $< 280 \text{ GeV}/c$ (requires additional shielding around target); increase to 10^9 with improved shielding in future
 - $< 2 \times 10^8$ muons/spill with $< 280 \text{ GeV}/c$
 - NA64 μ and MUonE will continue physics and test runs
- **P42** beam also originates from the T4 target and transports the proton beam that has not interacted onto the T10 target to produce typically $75 \text{ GeV}/c$ kaon beams guided via **K12** to NA62

EHN1 (B-887, Preveessin Site)



Telescopes in CERN North Area (SPS)

- **Two telescopes installed permanently (not managed by BE-EA):**
 - ACONITE in H6A
 - AIDA telescope in H6B
 - A mobile telescope AZALEA is also available
 - **Contact: Andre Rummler or PS/SPS physics coordinator**
- **Properties:**
 - 6 Mimosa-26 planes
 - TLU/EUDAQ based
 - Dedicated remote control PCs in control huts
 - High degree of usage and increasingly simultaneously
 - Separate $x - y$ table can be booked and installed behind telescopes serving larger DUTs
 - Remote controlled high voltage (ISEG modules with 8 channels up to $-500V$ and 8 channels up to $-2000V$)



Large aperture magnets for tests with beam

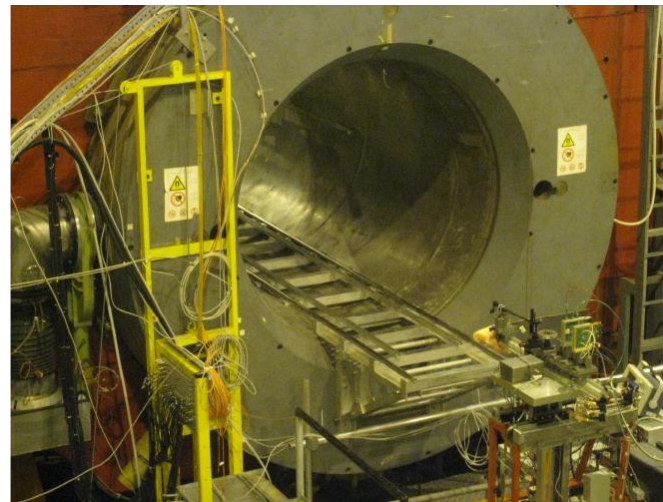


GOLIATH

- EHN1, H4 beamline
- Large classical dipole
- $160 \times 240 \times 360\text{cm}^3$
- 1.5T field

Morpurgo

- EHN1, H8 beamline
- Superconducting dipole
- 1.6m diameter, 4m length
- 1.5T field



CMS M1 magnet

- EHN1, H2 beamline
- Superconducting dipole
- 82cm gap, 1.4m diameter
- 3.0T field

North Area

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M2
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H2
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H8
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H6
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Nikos Charitonidis

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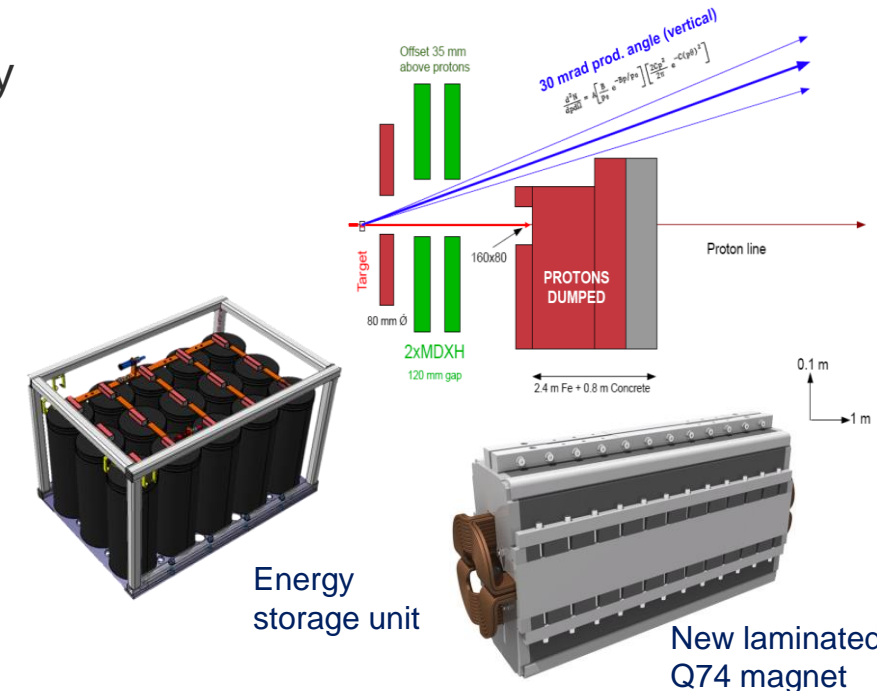
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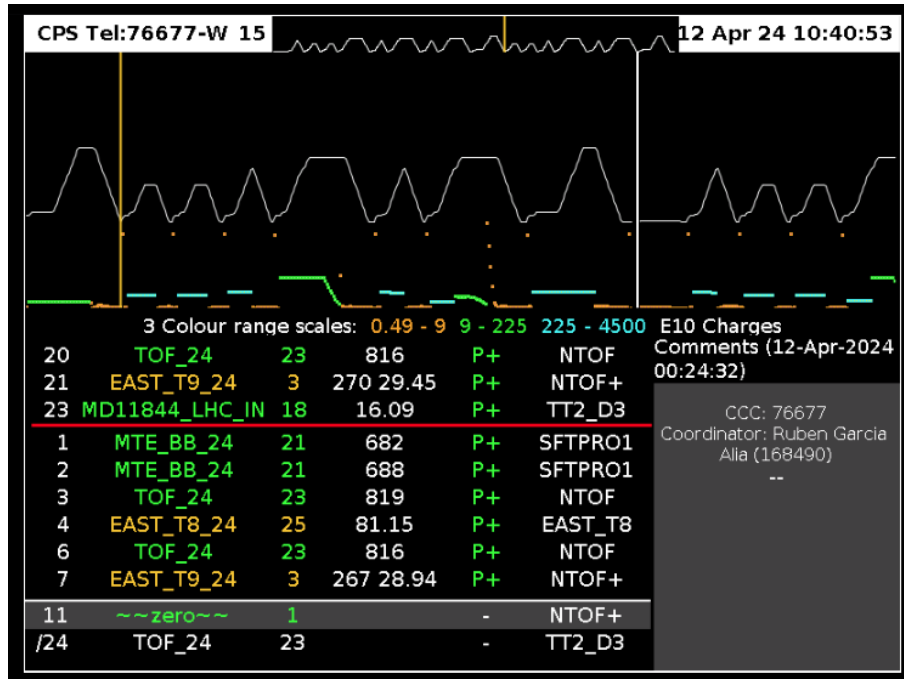
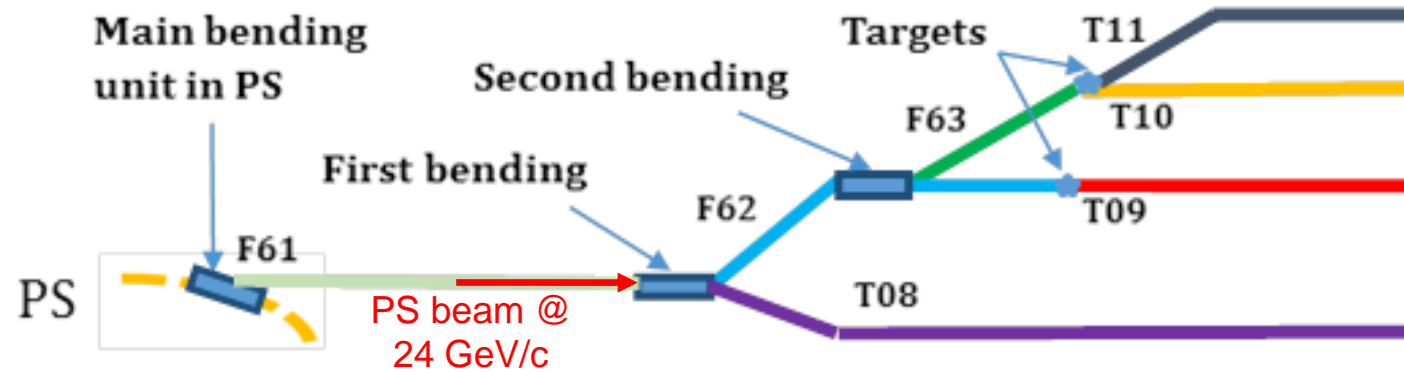
East Area

East Area Renovation

- **The renovation was completed during LS2 and included:**
 - Full refurbishment of East Hall with its beamlines and infrastructures
 - Upgrade of heating/ventilation, improved thermal insulation, wall and roof cladding, separated cooling for primary and secondary beamlines
 - Improved radiation protection
 - Improved equipment accessibility and faster repair times, primary beam dump just downstream of the primary target
 - Change in the beamline layout
 - Higher maximal p and improved selectivity of particle types
 - Completely new magnet powering scheme
 - Cycled powering leading to reduction of annual power consumption from 11 to 0.6GWh
 - Less magnet types for better maintenance



East Area Secondary Beamlines



Spill duration: 0.4s flat top

Usually : 1 – 2 cycles per minute per East Destination

Max 3.3×10^{10} protons/second per destination

(limited by RP for secondary lines)

Max 6.6×10^{10} protons/second for T08

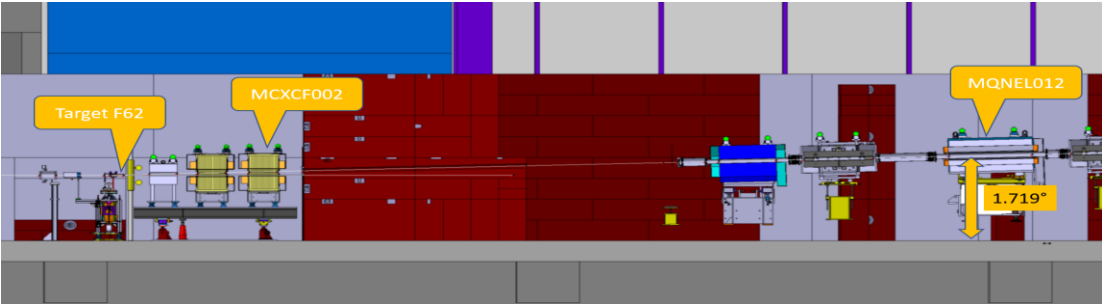
Supercycle structure dependent on all users (SPS, nTOF, ...)

Characteristics of the beams

Parameter	T09	T10	T11
p_{\max} of secondary beam in GeV/c	16	12	3.5
$\Delta p/p$ in %		± 0.7 to ± 15	
Maximum intensity/spill (hadrons/electrons)		10^6	
Available particle types	Pure electrons (T09 only) or mixed electrons (T10) or mixed/pure hadrons or pure muons		

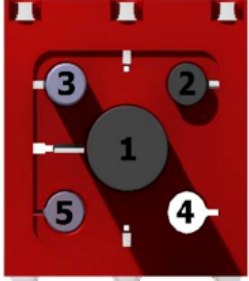
- T11 serves the CLOUD experiment which is a permanent installation

30 – 35mrad vertical production angle



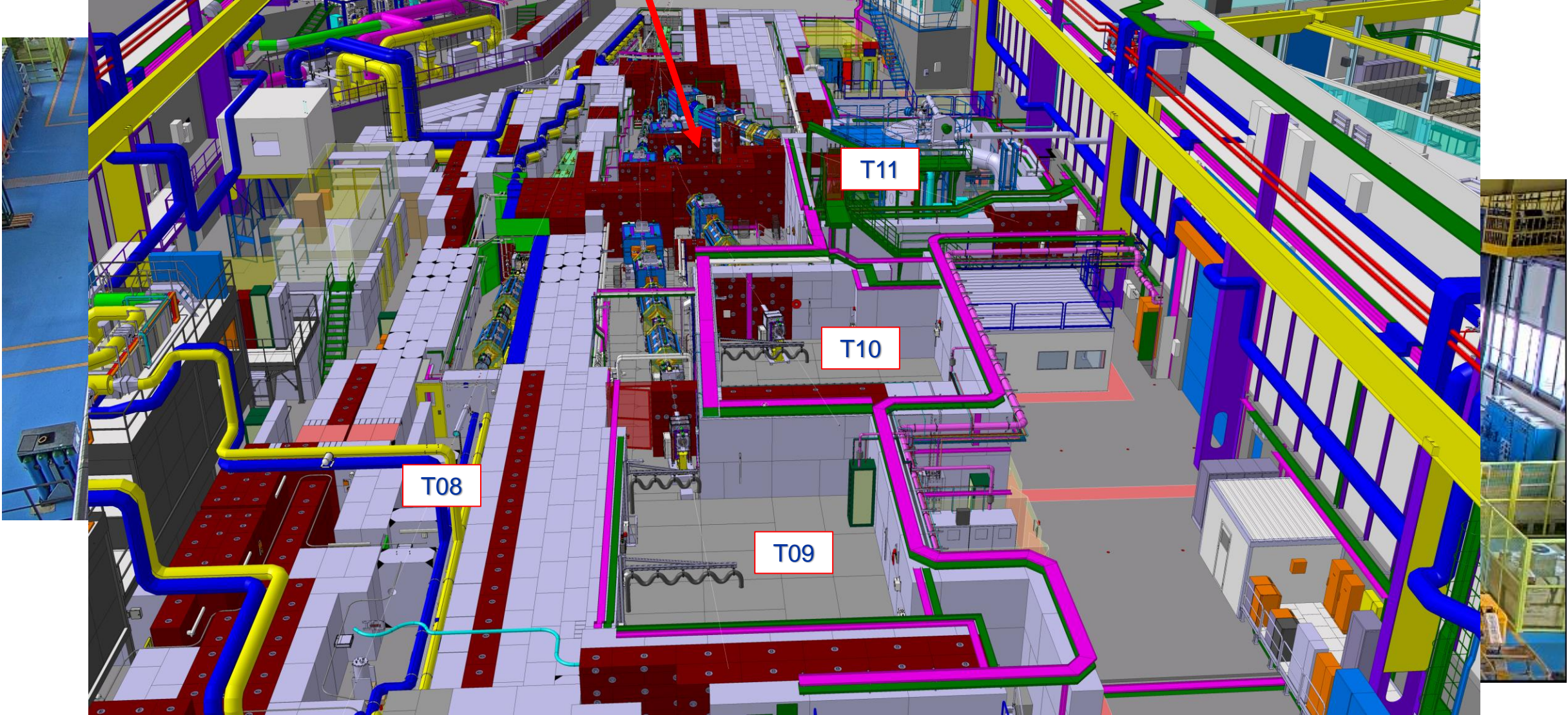
Multi-target configuration

Head	Material	Length (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Comments
1	Be	200	10 + Al case	Electron enriched
	W	3		
2	Al	100	10	Electron enriched
	W	3		
3	Al	200	10	Hadron
4	Air	-	-	Empty
5	Al	20	10	Hadron



East Area (B-157)

Beam



East Area

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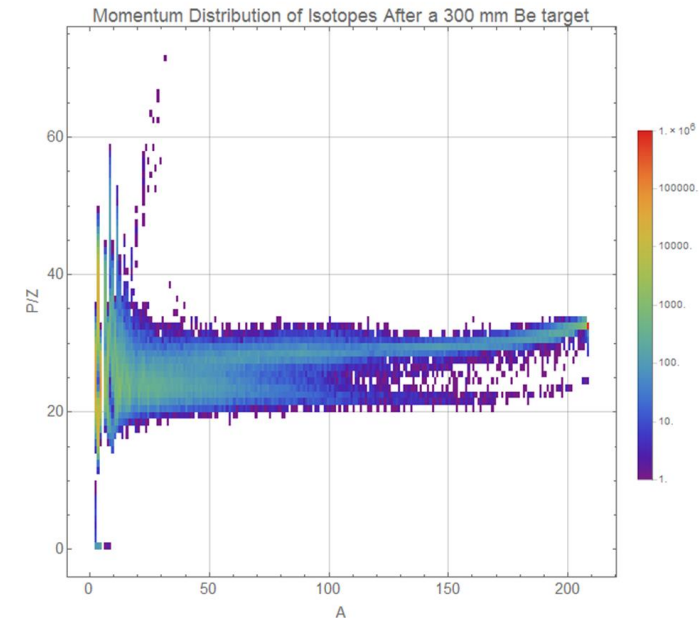
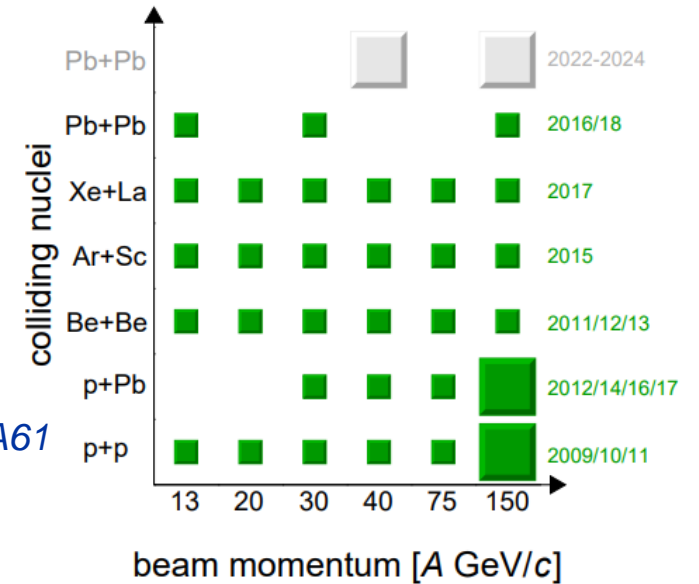
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Ion beams

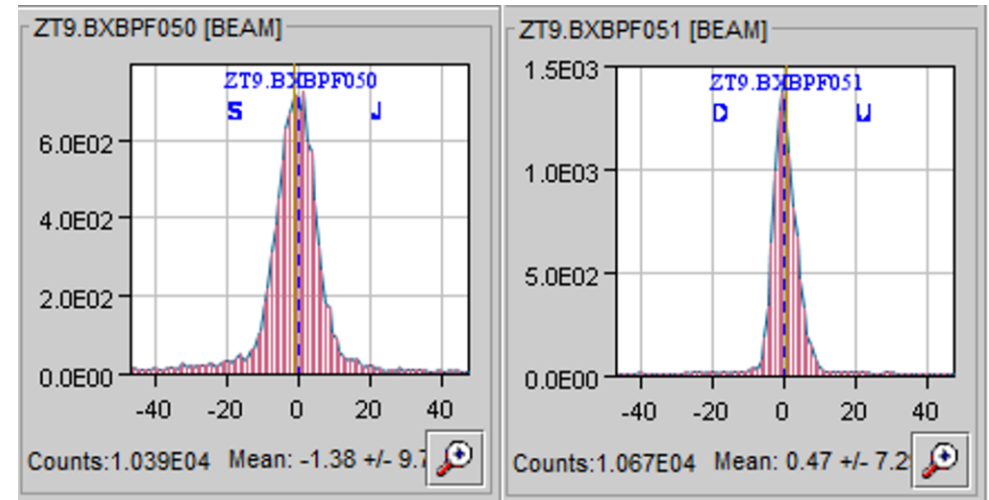
- Ion beams are available in the North and the East Area
 - Ion beam time needs to be defined for the future
- Primary and fragmented ion beams are available
- Availability for test beam users in **H2/H4/H8** and **T08**
- **NA61** has ion beam programs in the North Area
- Test beam users like **Medipix**, **Nucleon**, **HERD**, **PAN** request ion beams
- HEARTS/CHIMERA requested low energy ions in T08

Courtesy: NA61



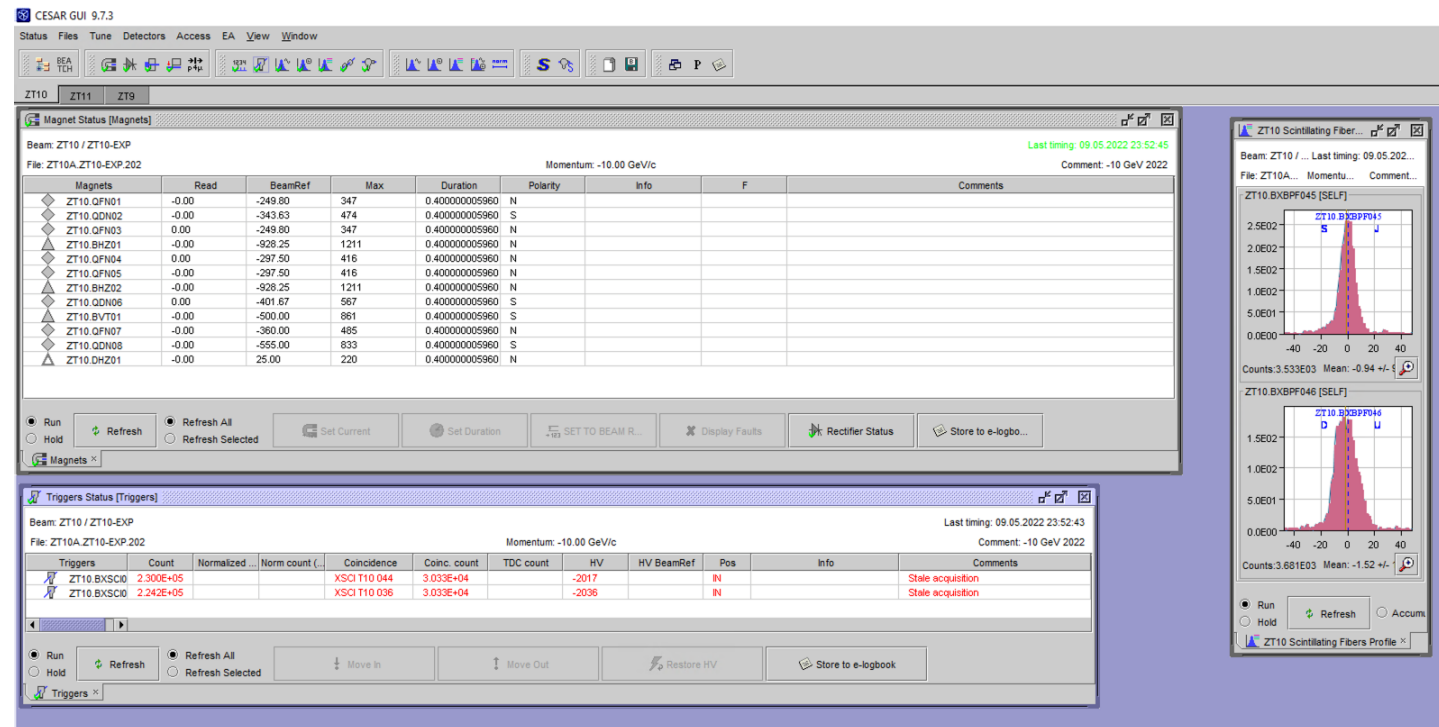
Beam Instrumentation in the North and East Area

- **Threshold Cherenkov gas counters (XCET) and CEDARs** → used for particle tagging
 - In the East Area new high pressure XCETs are available that go up to 15bar
 - Refrigerant gases like R218 and R134a can be used for low momenta particle tagging
- **Beam profile & intensity monitors:**
 - Scintillators & Analog / Delay Multi Wire Chambers are installed in several positions along the beamlines
 - In the East Area Scintillating Fibre Hodoscopes (XBPF) are used as profile monitors
 - As part of the consolidation efforts under NACONS all Analog / Delay Wire Chambers will be replaced by XBPFs
- **FISC scanners (only North Area):**
 - Precise slower profile monitors
 - Can also be used for measurements of beam divergence



Access and Beam Control Software

- The beam can be controlled using the CESAR interface
 - Magnet currents can be changed, collimators can be controlled, Threshold Cherenkov pressure can be set, beam files can be loaded, beam profiles and trigger information can be accessed etc.,
- A demo version of upgraded control software to be rolled out for test (not operation); beyond LS3 full implementation planned
- The zone can be accessed with a dosimeter and safety equipment without any other special access request
- 2-3 members from each user group are given the patrol rights following an on-site training to be able to close the zone for beam



Schedule and planning

- The beam time request must be sent to the PS/SPS physics coordinator ~ September/October for the following year (depends on injector schedule availability)
 - Short (< 1 week @ SPS or < 2 weeks @ PS) requests can be handled by the PS/SPS physics coordinator directly
 - Longer requests require recommendation by CERN physics committees (SPSC, LHCC, DRDC, INTC, RB)

The scheduling is based on priorities of different experiments and is defined by the SPS coordinator & scientific committees and approved by the CERN research board

Calendar Months /		April					May					June					July
Weeks (Mon-Mon)		CW 15	CW 16	CW 17	CW 18	CW 19	CW 20	CW 21	CW 22	CW 23	CW 24	CW 25	CW 26	CW 27	CW		
Weeks (Wed-Wed)		Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27			
H2	PPE172 Main	LHCB 7d			ALICE PHOS 15d		VLAST 7d	ALICE FOCAL 7d	DRD6 IDEA DRC 7d	ILC DUMPS 7d		LHCB ECAL 18d					
	H4_NP Main											NP04 7d					
		STRAW TRACKER RD 14d												MINIACCTUS 14d			
														STRAW TRACKER RD 14d			
	PPE134 Main	RD51 14d												RD51 14d			
	PPE144 Main			NA64e 56d													
H4	PPE154 Parallel	GIF++ 14d												GIF++ 14d			

Summary

- **CERN offers a great variety of test beam options with beams ranging between $100 \text{ MeV}/c$ to $400 \text{ GeV}/c$**
- **The Experimental Areas include:**
 - EHN1, EHN2 and ECN3 in the North Area
 - T9, T10 and T11 in the East Area
- **Please contact in advance Sps.Coordinator@cern.ch and sba-operation@cern.ch to optimally use your beam time and the facilities**
 - Visit <https://ps-sps-coordination.web.cern.ch/ps-sps-coordination/> for the updated version of the schedule and other useful information
 - Subscribe to *ps-sps-users* e-group
 - Visit <https://be-dep-ea.web.cern.ch/experimental-areas/beamline-responsibles> for further information on the various beamlines

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