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# Consideration on MUC Target Complex

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# Introduction

- What are the challenges of a MUC Target Complex
- Requirements and constraints
- How are we going to tackle these challenges?
- How do we move forward?
- Points already raised during the [MUC Testing Opportunities Workshop \(link\)](#) and [MUC design meetings \(link\)](#)

# MUC Target Complex considerations

- **Facility will need to comply with very stringent radiation and environmental protection considerations (→ C. Ahdida)**
  - Not only neutrino radiation, but neutron stray radiation, air activation at site boundary will be critical
  - Installation in the molasse (bedrock, as CNGS) will simplify many radiation protection constraints
- **Reminder: likely  $\pm$ Sv/h dose rate on large volume components close to production target system/dump**
  - Fully remote handling of components is mandatory, no hands-on intervention
  - Should favour vertical handling (over side access, compliant with ITER remote handling code of practice)
  - Radioactive waste consideration (reuse as much as possible existing material, maximize reliability, etc.)

# MUC Target Complex considerations

- Optimisation of ancillary services (cooling and ventilation, electrical, etc.) shall be thought from the beginning
- Systems **will** fail during the lifetime of the installation → thinking about radioactive waste management from the start (morgue and interim storage for failed components)
- All points relevant and applicable to provide feasibility and a realistic cost estimate ballpark as part of the conceptual design



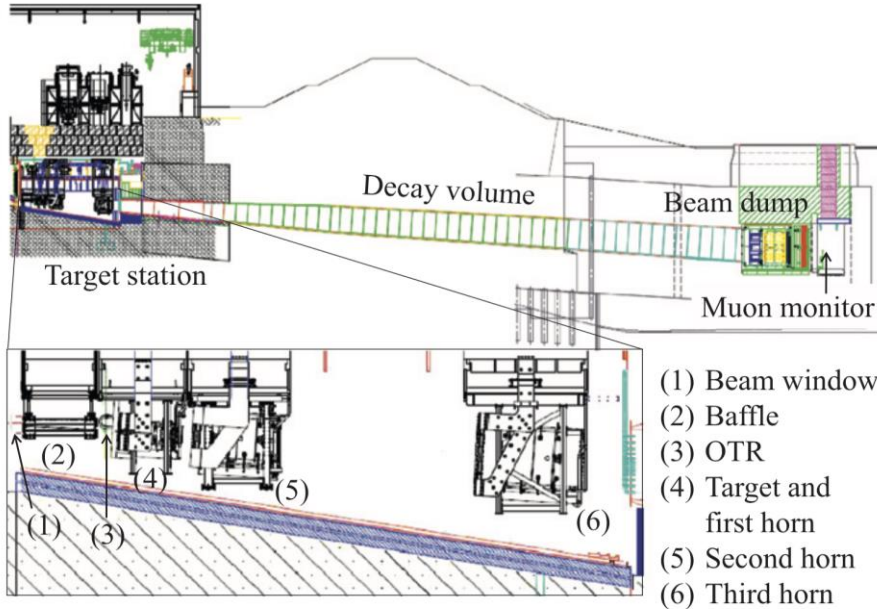
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# Challenges of Target Facilities for HEP

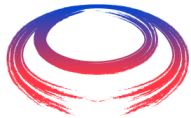
T2K – Japan  
(operational)

Couple of relevant examples

NUMI – US  
(operational)



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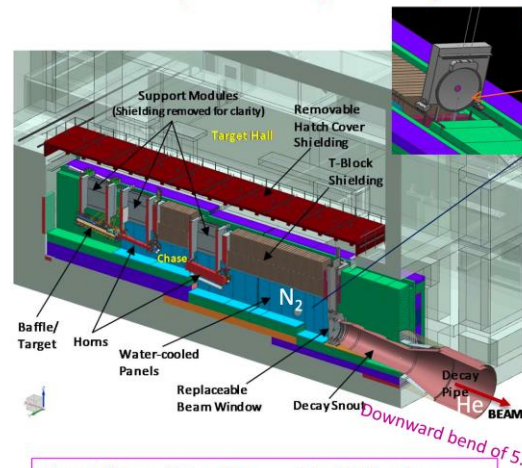
# Challenges of Target Facilities for HEP

CNGS – CH (CERN)  
(not operational)

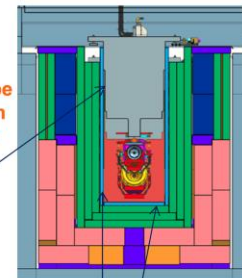
LBNF – US  
(±2028-2030)

## Target Shield Pile layout

~ 40% of beam power in target shield pile

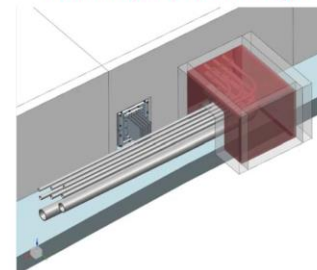


Decay Pipe  
Upstream  
window



Water cooling panels

Horn stripline feedthrough



Target Chase: 2.2 m/2.0 m wide, 34.3 m long nitrogen-filled and nitrogen plus water-cooled (cooling panels). (It used to be air at CD-1R). Sufficiently big to fit in alternative target/horns.



V. Papadimitriou, NBI2017

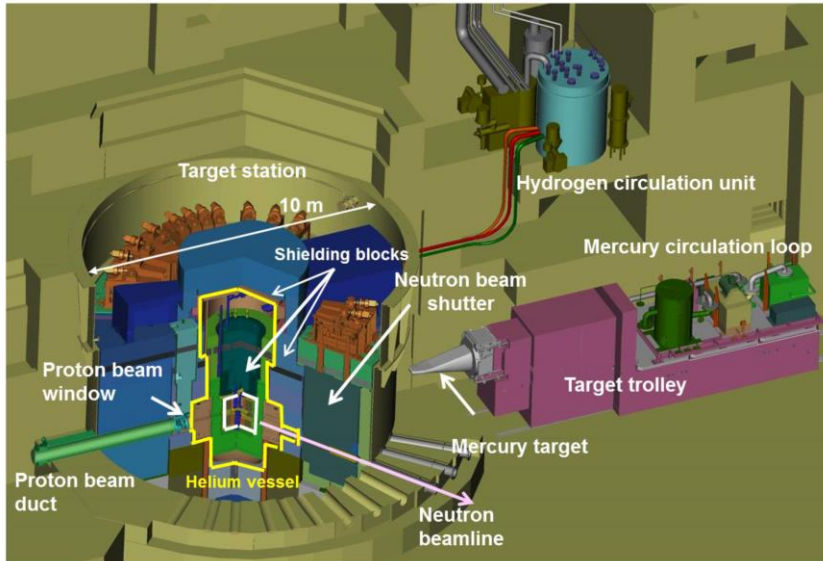
# Challenges of Target Facilities for HEP

- Facilities running in the  $O(100 \text{ kW})$  level
  - heavy activation of large components due to the intrinsic structure of pion producing facilities (you want to focus large amount)
  - Fundamental differences if semi-shallow (like T2K), from deep (NuMI) or very deep (CNGS)
  - Experiences have shown that failures of components is real and determine the reliability of the infrastructure
- In the near future, break the barrier of 1 MW

# Challenges of Target Facilities for Neutron

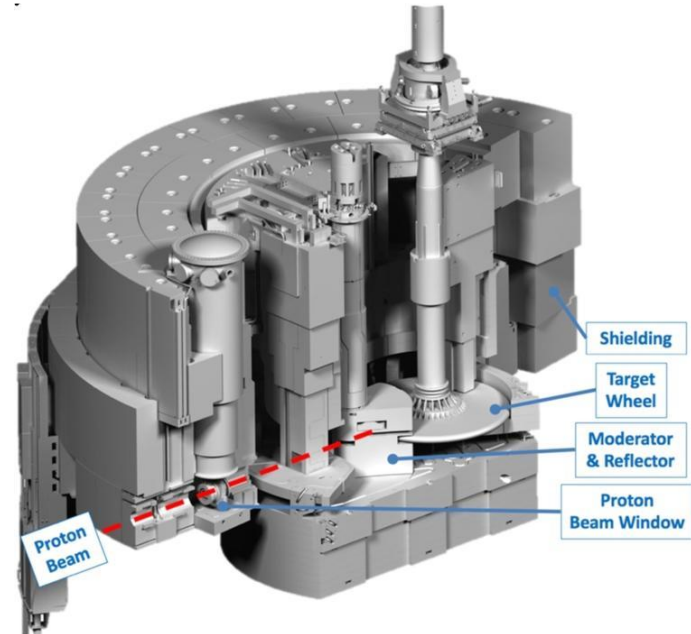
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JSNS (JP) / SNS FTS (US)  
(operational)



<https://doi.org/10.3390/qubs1020008>

ESS (SE)  
(>2025)



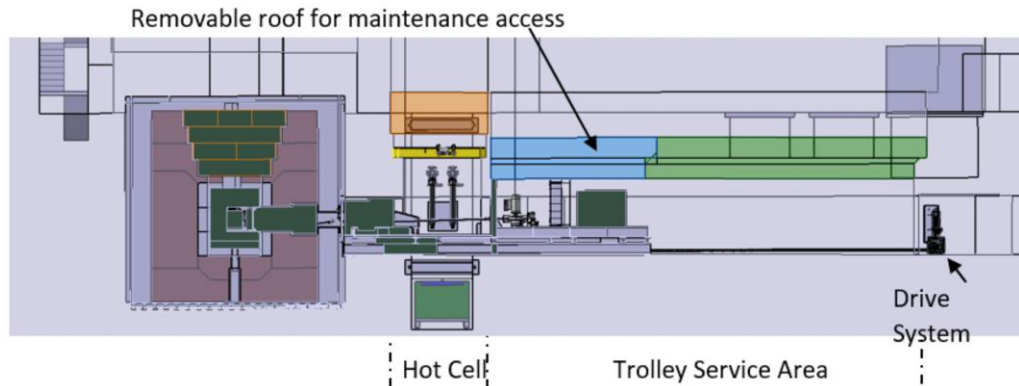
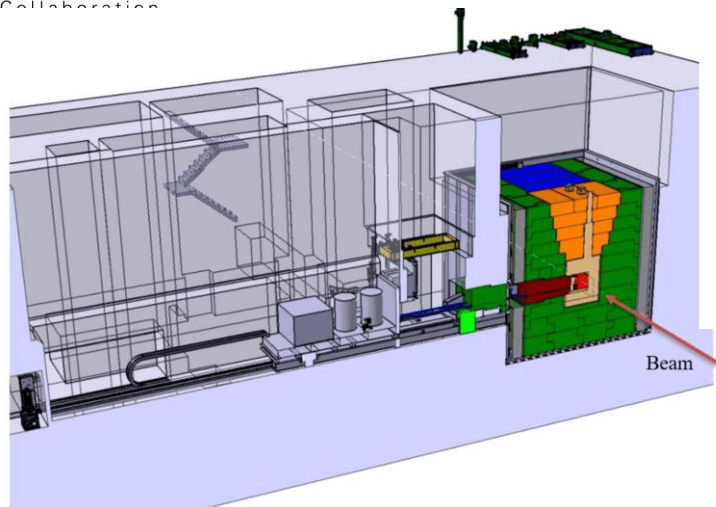
Lyngh, D. et al. 'Engineering and Prototyping of ESS Neutron Beam Extraction System'. 1 Jan. 2020 : 109 – 118.



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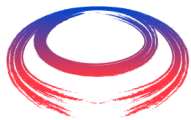
- Facilities running at the 0.5-1.4 MW level
  - Radiation is contained in the target monolith, with the exception of the neutron ports
  - Target Systems reliability  $>1$  MW is challenging and require quite a lot of experience
  - Remote handling and hot-cell critical for the successes of the infrastructure

# Recent studies for potential facilities at CERN



## ■ Beam Dump Facility (BDF)

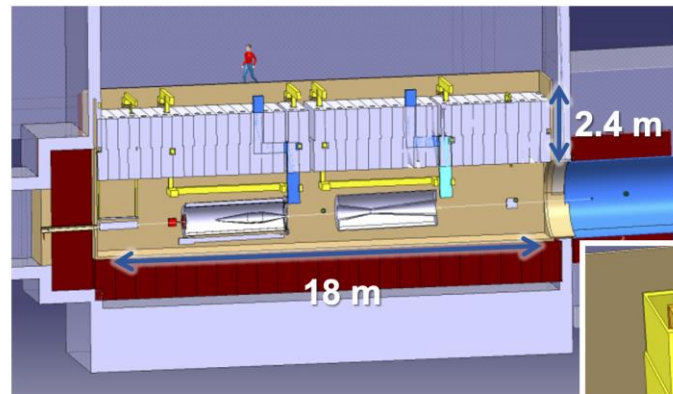
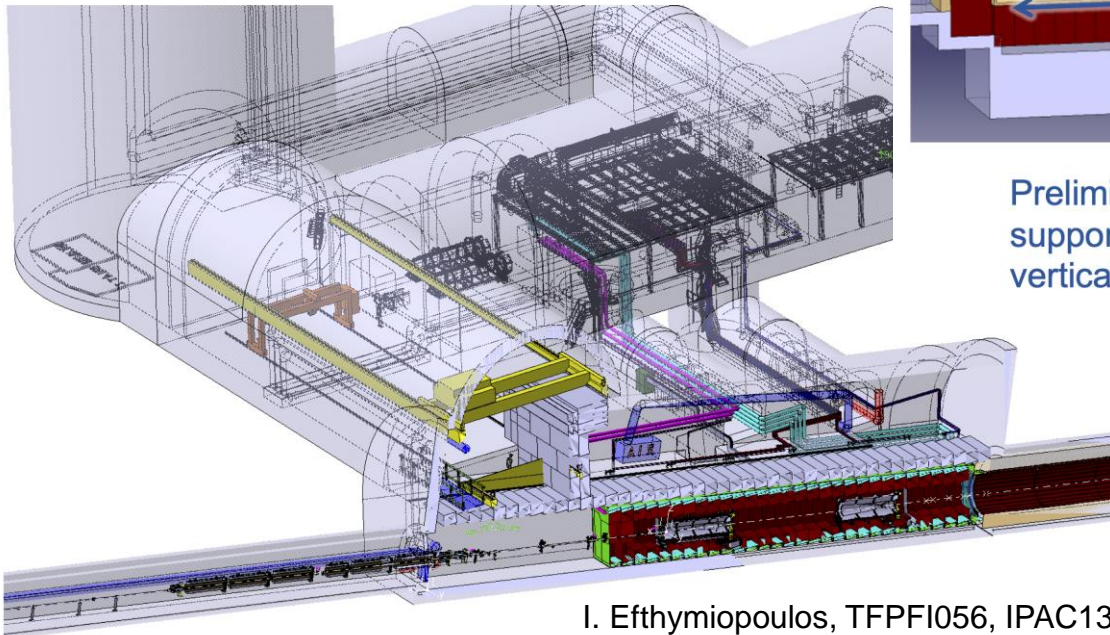
- 350 kW target/dump assembly, close to the design of a spallation source
- Detailed study ( $\pm 2$  "focused" years) for the comprehensive design study
- <http://dx.doi.org/10.23731/CYRM-2020-002>
- <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/13/10/P10011>



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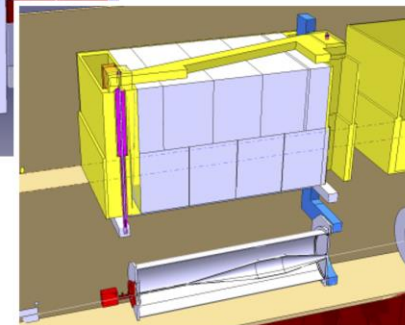
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## ■ CN2PY - LBNO



Integration of  
target trench,  
 $3 \times 3 \text{ m}^2$ ,  
matching DP  
diameters

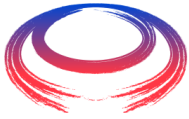
Preliminary design of the  
support module, pure  
vertical movements



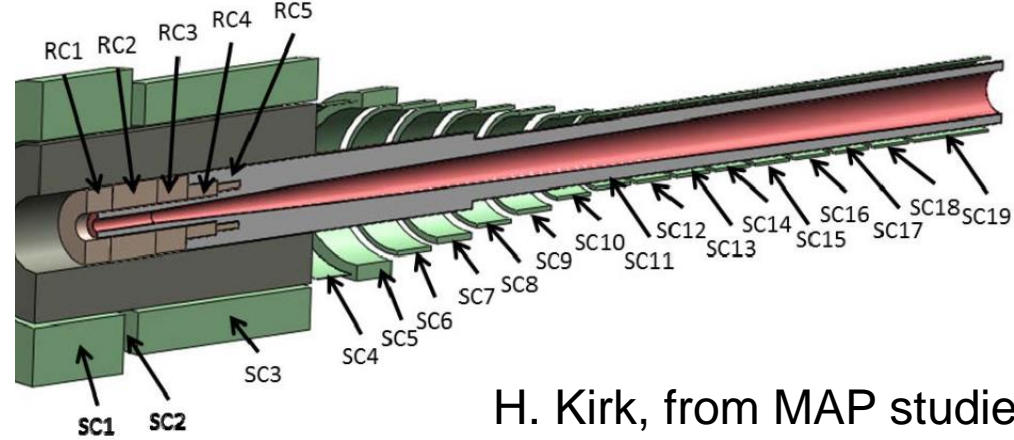
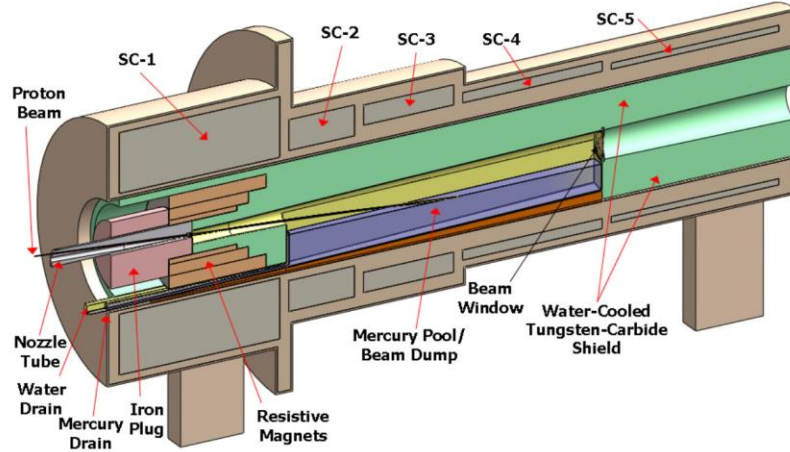
## ■ CERN Neutrino Facility / SBN

# Challenges of MUC Target Facility

- **MUC Target Facility is expected to merge the challenges of both infrastructures**
- (Very) high beam power, possibly liquid targets and very high residual dose rate ( $O(1000 \text{ Sv/h})$ ) for beam line components
- Remote handling mandatory (including hot-cell for autopsies and post-mortem)
- Ready to exchange target/solenoids/horns quite frequently
- Proton beam dump inside the SC solenoid or in the capture channel → a (big) challenge as it will be the **main** stray radiation source



# Challenges of MUC Target Facility



H. Kirk, from MAP studies

- All the production and capture section will have to be hosted in a well protected and shielded area; no human intervention possible
- Double target/horn(s) systems a possible alternative

# How are we going to tackle these challenges?

- Target Complex engineering design was not carried out within previous studies
- Understand that it is currently **not required to produce a conceptual design in the next 5 years** (and no resources will be available for that)
- However, if we want to provide a reasonable cost estimate, it is suggested to
  - Model in rough 3D the main components of the production, capture and cooling section of the MUC to understand integration/handling challenges
    - This is essential also for the development of the Test Facility / Demonstrator
    - **Input and feedbacks are essential to move on**
  - Execute a high-level RP assessment
  - CE pre-study to be able to understand overall costs of infrastructure

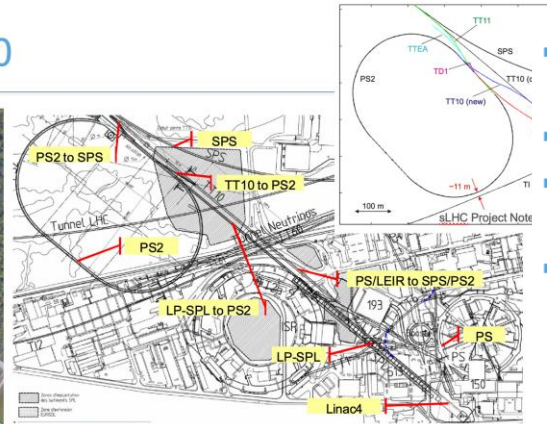
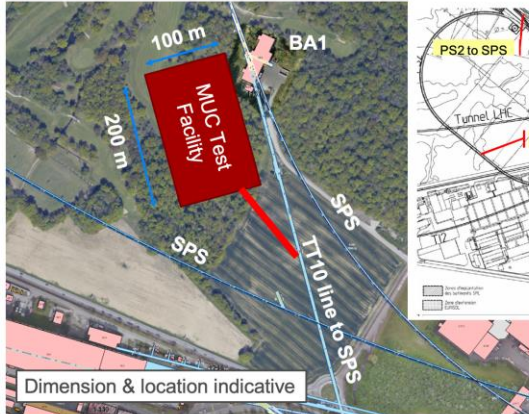
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- Test Facility / Demonstrator could have an important role in the definition of the final Muon Collider Target Station
  - **Engineering & Cost (w/ “informed” scaling)!**
  - Demonstrator for the handling technologies and telemanipulation to be employed for the final facility
  - Should embed flexible design to be able to testing different target and production solenoid systems or multiple targets/horns systems
  - How to most efficiently introduce the different elements in the final Target Station (morgue, ancillaries, enclosure/confinements, etc.)?
- **Demonstrator Target Station development is likely to be essential in supporting the design of the final MUC Target Station!**

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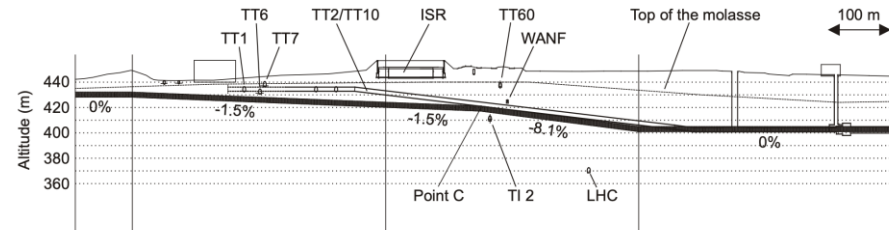
- As reported by D. Schulte/R. Losito yesterday, proposition of couple of option at CERN ([link](#)), favouring “TT10” option

## Possibility around TT10



M. Benedikt, LHC Performance Workshop, Chamonix 2010  
CERN-AB-2007-061

- Fully underground solution ( $\pm$ SPS level), reduced radiation protection concerns (facility well in the molasse)
- Maximum PS beam power (O(80) kW)
- Expandability guaranteed, as now expected limitations in terms of infrastructure appear to be present
- Common services around BA1?

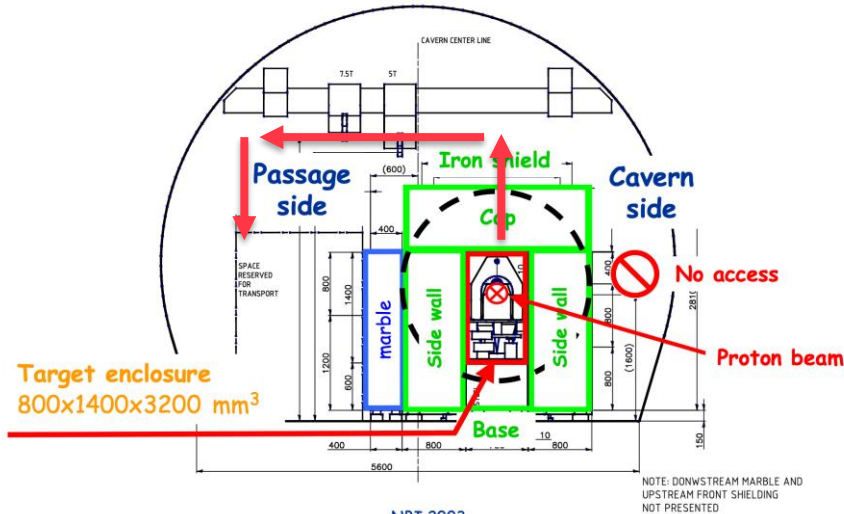




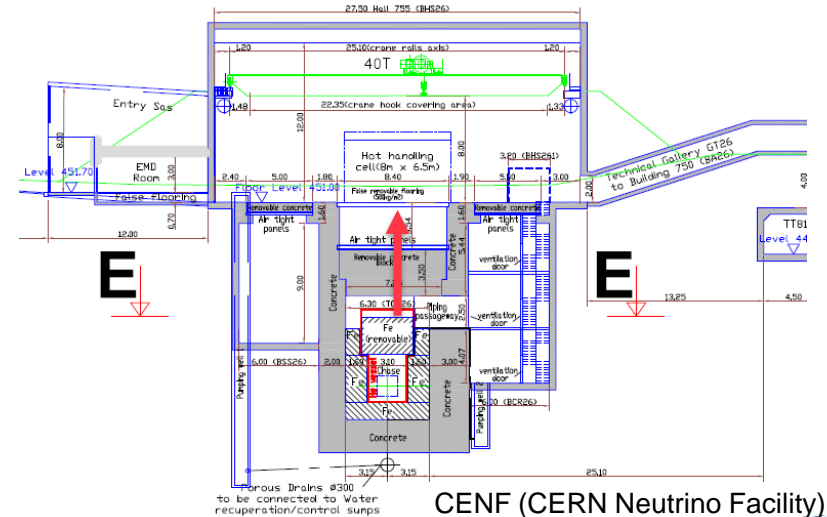
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- Options that could be envisaged/studied?
- And what is their impact for the final Target Station?

## CNGS/WANF-like / lateral handling

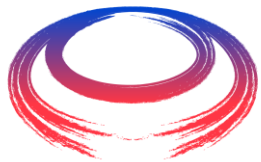


## “Chase” / vertical handling



# Conclusions

- Design of the MUC Target Station (and related Systems) is a major challenge
- Advancement in the feasibility design is required in order to solve some specific technical challenges, address RP-specific questions and to allow a more precise costing
- **Target Facility / Demonstrator will place a major role in helping addressing design and technical challenges**



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