



Conventional Beams Working Group ECN3 Report

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CBWG Mandate



The working group analyses the **requirements** and **provides support for the experiments** attributed to the working group, including **design of secondary beam lines** and **integration** in the existing SPS and PS experimental areas, in view of the submission of the **proposals** to the relevant committees. Similar support will be also provided for the study on novel neutrino beam lines. The working group evaluates **the feasibility, compatibility, infrastructure needs, approximate costs and resource requirements** from CERN and collects all this information for the PBC-A&T Committee.

The following experiments are followed by the PBC: NA64 μ /h, NA60+, **HIKE (Phase1/K+, Phase 2/K_, Phase 3/KLEVER), SHADOWS,** AMBER (RF-separated beams), ENUBET and NuTAG. Representatives from experiments already followed-up by the SPSC using the same areas and/or requiring shared physics studies will be part of the working group.









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Target station

(CNGS-like)

TAX system

shielding

- Detailed studies have started in the • second PBC phase, including radiation protection requirements and for handling and operation.
- There is the necessity of a new target-TAX • complex, which is compatible with RP needs and best practices of maintenance and operation, in synergy with and based on the ECN3 TF studies.

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- the need of a new design for both elements for high intensity operation.
- Initial studies for the limitations of the T10 • target and K12 TAX have been completed during the last PBC study phase and show Magnets embedded in

Target and TAX Complex in TCC8



Target area

~40 m

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Radiation Protection



- A soil activation study evaluates ground water contamination risks and implies the potential need for further ground shielding (i.e. civil engineering), even with relaxed limits of the overall radionuclide built-up during operation of the facility of ³H: 1000 Bq/kg (CENF/BDF CDS: 10 Bq/kg) and ²²Na: 50 Bq/kg (CENF/BDF CDS: 2 Bq/kg).
- A dedicated hydrogeological study at ECN3 would allow to predict these limits more precisely.





Target Complex Civil Engineering



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HIKE-KLEVER Integration



Extension tunnel (150m)



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HIKE Phase 2



- A recent addition to the studies is the HIKE Phase 2 set-up, aimed at multi-purpose measurements with high-intensity neutral beams and tracking in the HIKE spectrometer.
- Based on the original HIKE-KLEVER beam design, a 120 m-long beam line with 0.4 mrad acceptance is proposed with minimal changes to the HIKE set-up.
- First ideas have been discussed and a first design will be started next, to be included in the next update of the CBWG report.



HIKE Phase 2 (K_L)





- The original idea of a two-stage muon shield has been further developed. Several iterations on position of the magnets have been completed, leading to an overall reduction of the muon background by a factor 10.
- In a next step, a passive detector cover has been added to shield against stray muons from the beam line.





- A Figure of Merit (FoM) has been constructed, including the initial muon distributions as well as the preferred deflection and maximum field of the two stages.
- Then, a set of 20000 different magnet designs has been generated with field calculations in FEMM, varying the most important magnet parameters. coil current I





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- The new design proposal reduces the muon background for SHADOWS by a factor of 157 without impact on the HIKE muon rates.
- Mechanical stability and other engineering aspects will be included in further optimisations. Integration, handling, required services etc are not yet studied and will be tackled next.



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Updated Report

- The PBC CBWG Report has been updated to reflect studies done during LS2 and included some update on the first measurements with new beam configurations.
- The current second edition is a snapshot and will be updated further with the upcoming findings for ECN3 and the other CBWG subgroups.
- For traceability, the original report is still available as CERN-PBC-REPORT-2018-002 while the new version is called CERN-PBC-REPORT-2022-002 (same <u>CDS link</u>).
- The next edition will be published as a Yellow Report.





Summary



- The ECN3 subgroup of the Conventional Beams Working Group has successfully integrated the new ideas for HIKE and SHADOWS.
- While the current focus is on the beam delivery for higher intensities via the ECN3 Task Force, substantial progress was made for the radiation protection and integration aspects of HIKE.
- The next priority is the optimised design of the target/TAX complex in TCC8 that is compatible with the North Area Consolidation Project, all three phases of HIKE, SHADOWS data taking, radiation protection needs and operational, handling and maintenance aspects.
- The new idea of a short K_L beam as HIKE Phase 2 will be studied and a new beam design will be proposed. For HIKE-KLEVER, the studied extension of ECN3 offers the possibility to include further collimation stages, subject to further investigations.
- A new muon sweeping system has been designed for SHADOWS that significantly reduces the muon background.
- The next important steps will be a mechanical design for the SHADOWS muon sweeping magnets, the integration of the full SHADOWS setup, the evaluation of R2E for the SHADOWS frontend electronics, and several infrastructure aspects such as access to the experimental area. Integration of an optional neutrino detector downstream of SHADOWS will be started soon.





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