# PS/SPS - End of the Year Wrap Up

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Irradiator operation throughout the whole

year





## GIF++ @ EHN1

#### **Irradiation Bunker**



#### **Introduction :**

- Unique place, combining a high energy muon beam with a 12 TBq\* <sup>137</sup>Cs gamma source
- Joint EP & BE facility, operated by EP-DT
- Designed for testing real size detectors
- ≈100 m<sup>2</sup> irradiation fields, 2 irradiation zones with independent attenuation systems
- Central Control System, wide range of available gases (+ custom gases), common DCS...

\*) 14TBq as of 2014

#### **Current R&D Program :**

- Detector validation tests in presence of high radiation background & muon beam
- Ageing studies under HL-LHC radiation conditions
- Search for eco-friendly gas mixtures
- Mass-production test of muon chambers
- Radiation tests of electronics and optical components







### Successful 2022 with extended muon beam operation :

- Irradiator operation from 14.Jan. to 16. Dec. = 48 weeks of operation ! (stop only during CERN Christmas closure and essential maintenance)
- 9 weeks of dedicated muon beam, up from 7 weeks requested Providing essential muon beam time for critical projects like ECOGAS beyond requests

Setups participating		Date of beam period starting:											
		25.04	4.05	11.05	18.05	25.05	1.06	13.07	20.07	19.10	26.10		
Nr.	Setup / Week	17	18	19	20	21	22	28	29	42	43	Requested	
1	ATL NSW MM	D	D	D	Ð	Ð	D	D	D	D	D	3 x 1 week	2 dedicated wee
2	ATL NSW sTGC							Ð	Ð			3 x 1 week	5 shared weeks y
3	ATL RPC	Ð	Ð	Ð	Ð	Ð	Ð	Ð	D	Ð	D	3 x 2 week	
4	ATL sMDT	Ĥ	:		Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	4 x 2 week	1 parasitic week
5	CMS CSC – 1	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	3 x 2 week	+2 extra weeks of
6	CMS CSC – 2	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	3 x 2 week	cancelation of ot
7	CMS CSC – 3							Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	3 x 2 week	
8	CMS DT	U	U			Ĥ	Ĥ	U	U	U	U	2 x 2 week	
9	CMS GEM							D	D			2 x 2 week	
10	CMS RPC – 1	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	4 x 2 week	Up to 15 setups s
11	CMS RPC - 3	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	4 x 2 week	
12	iRPC (inside	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	3 x 2 week	Up to 11 setup here
13	EP DT2	U	U	U			U	U	U	U	U	3 x 2 week	
14	RPC ECOGAS	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	Ĥ	Ĥ	2 x 2 week	
15	ProTov-RPC							Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	Ĥ	2 x 2 week	Several cancelat
16	RE21/CBM		•	•						Ĥ	Ĥ	1 x 2 week	
	Upstream (U)	6	6	- 5	4	4	5	6	6	5	5		manpower issue
	Downstream (D)	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	5	3	4	-	with LHC experim
	Beam Time GIF Alone						GIF & RD51		G Para	GIF Parasitic U/D		Extra weeks	

- ks for GIF++
- with RD51
- (sparsely used)
- due to ther H4 users



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### 6th GIF++ Annual User Meeting 1.12.2022



#### https://indico.cern.ch/e/GIF-AUM-2022







## Comments on 2022 Run

- After the turmoil of the pandemic at the end of the LS2 and last year's start of Run 3, we had a comparable smooth year of running
  - Several primary gas system issues, access system issues.... but no major show stopper
  - Improved beam configuration file, with good muon intensity for PPE134 (RD51) and GIF<sup>++</sup> simultaneously (Thanks Nikos !)
- Many of the improvements made during the last years paid of, and we could host all user requesting irradiation and beam time (!)
  - With the parallel startup of the LHC experiments, user manpower become an issue. Hard to fill night shift for muon beam weeks when people are working hard on their experiment
  - The GIF<sup>++</sup> control room could be extended by converting/joining the nearby sparsely used meeting room (again, thanks to BE-EA)
- We did profit from a generous allocation of beam time in 2022 (partly caused by cancelation of other H4 users)
  - + Very good relationship with RD51 (we also share some users)
  - Parallel weeks can not fully be counted as GIF<sup>++</sup> allocated weeks
    Frequent access in RD51 while fully understandable shuts down the beam for GIF<sup>++</sup> while our access is transparent.
    Use of Goliath or electron beam by RD51 is lost time for us.

#### Any improvements on making RD51 access more transparent

(e.g. dedicated XTDV upstream of 134 ?) would be highly appreciated









## Comments on 2022 Fun



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### Not done yet....

- GIF++ is still fully operational (!)
  - ▶ We will stop the Irradiator FRIDAY 16.12.2022 for the CERN closure
- Annual Irradiator maintenance :
  - First full week of new year to avoid 2 shutdowns : 09-12.01.2023
  - DSO Source Permit on 12.01.2023

### Restart of facility

- We expect normal access from Friday 13.01.2023
- Restart of irradiator on/after Monday 16.01.2023

### Operation throughout the YETS

- The time between beam operation is essential for us to progress on ageing studies by accumulating gamma dose
- Electricity, Gas System, Access System & Radiation Monitoring are vital for us
- Stops can of course be arranged. However unplanned stops can lead to lengthly recovering (e.g. several days of flushing after gas system failure...)
- With a very moderate power consumption of 13kW during beam (and less without beam), we hope to be able to run for most of the YETS.

# We expect some very challenging years for the gas system upcoming, with increased RPC and ECOGAS activities.











Picture of trolley 3 - Upstream - 3 m from the source

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