



# Performance with the Upgraded LHC Injectors

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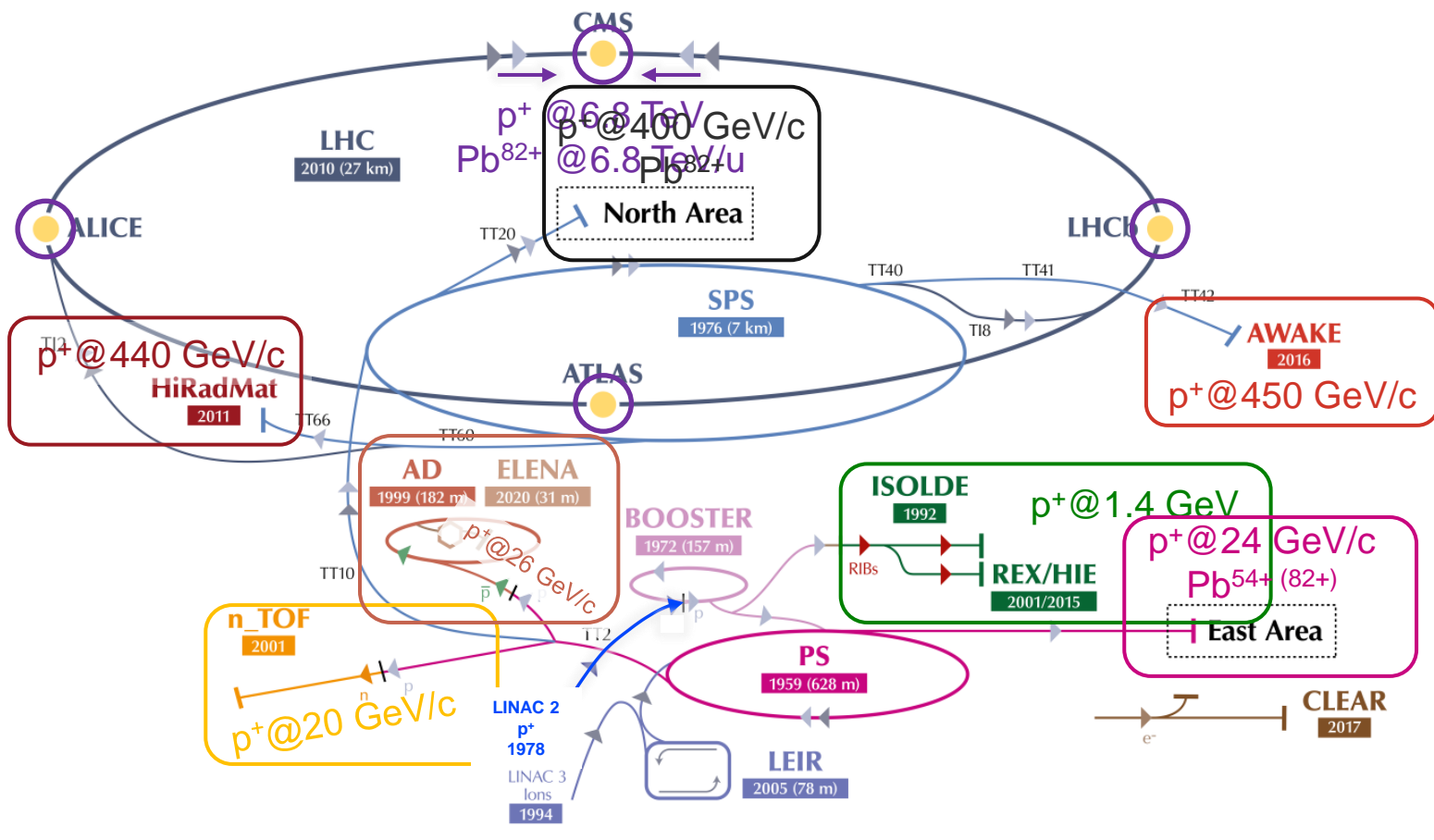
# Outline



- The CERN injectors complex and its recent upgrade
  - Overview accelerator complex
  - Goals and rationale of the LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU) project
  - Organisation, execution and legacy of LIU
- Beam performance ramp-up after LIU installation
  - Beam commissioning, tuning and operational use
  - Achievements, by-products and ongoing studies
- Summary and outlook



# The CERN accelerator complex



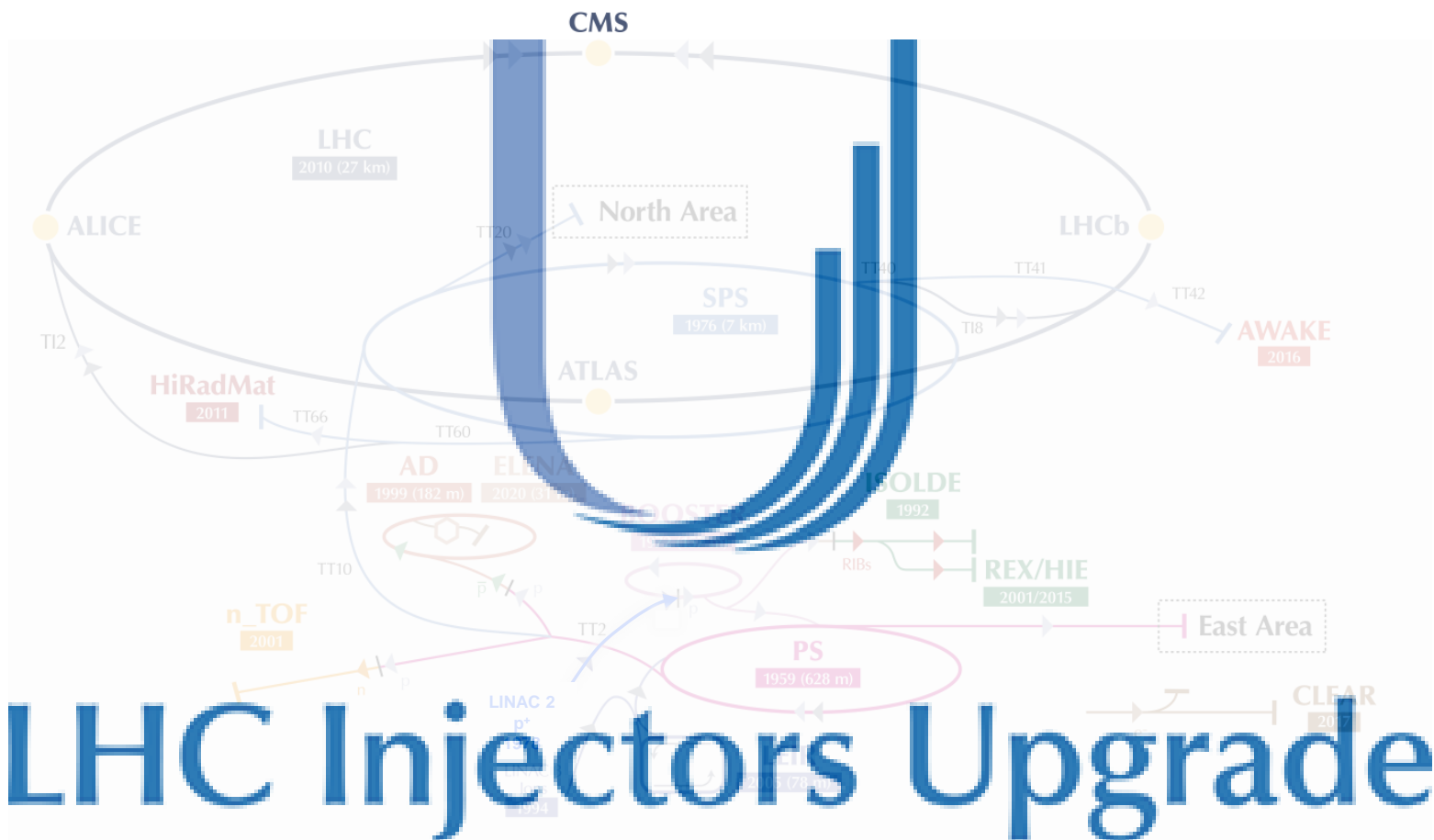
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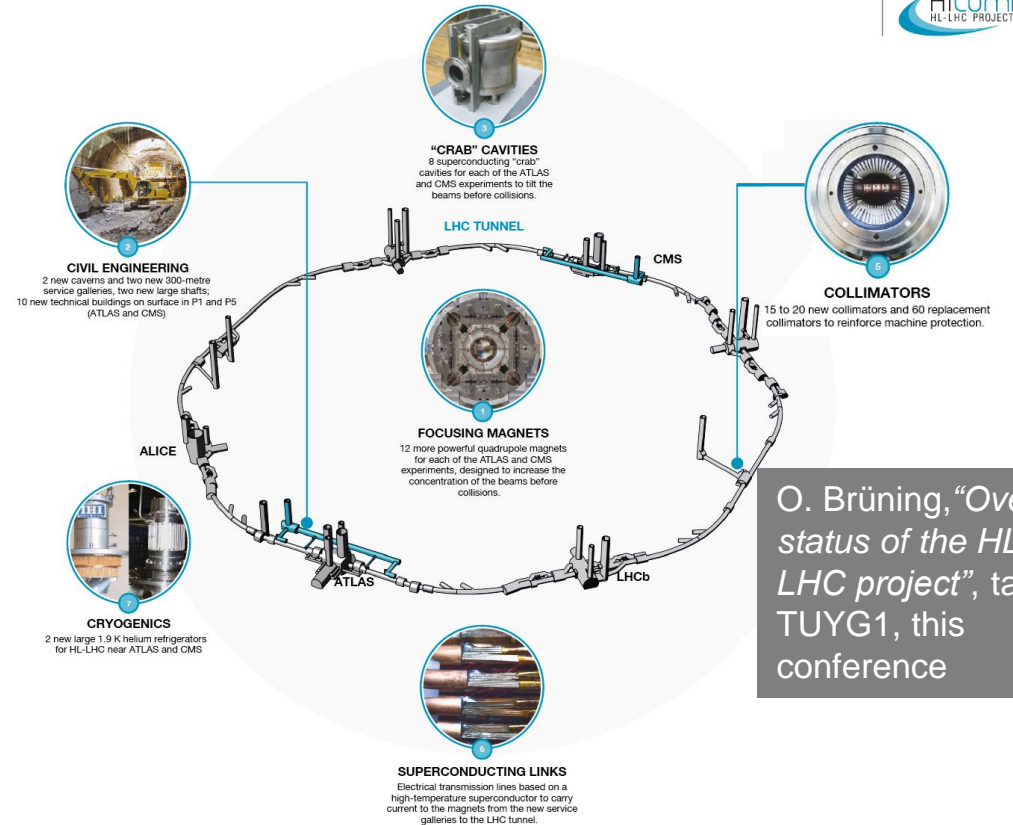
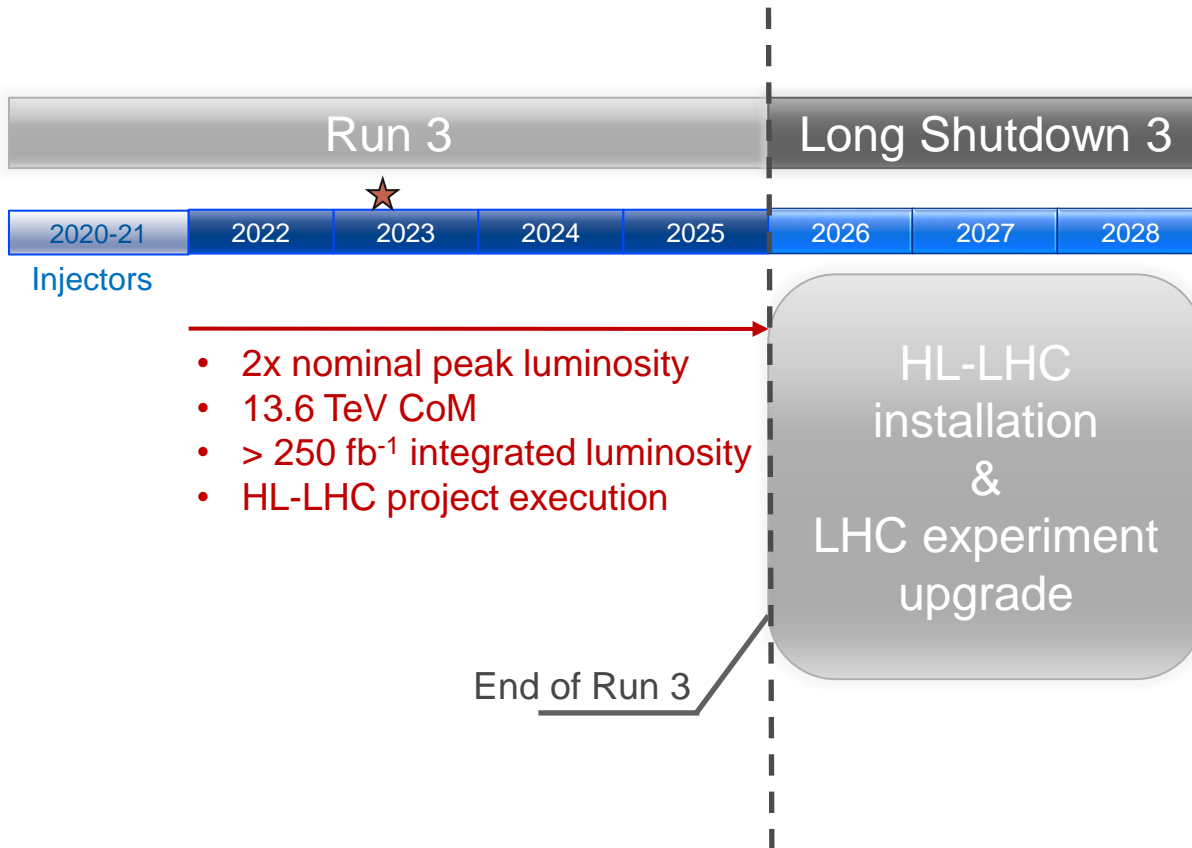


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LHC Injectors Upgrade

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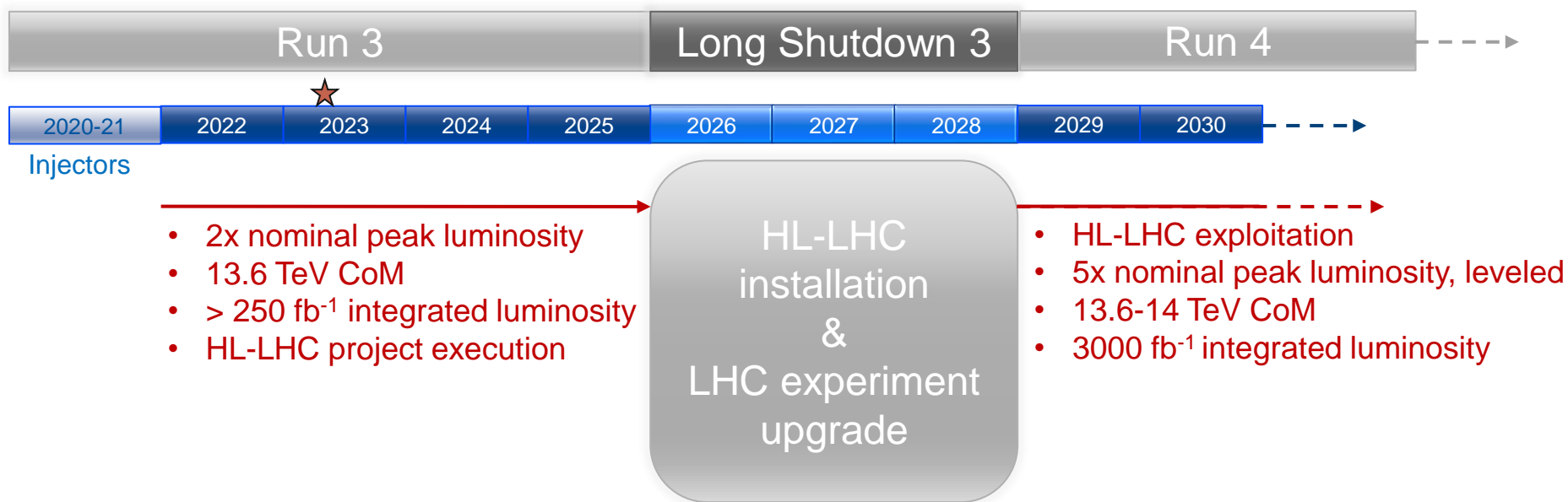
O. Brüning, “Overall status of the HL-LHC project”, talk TUYG1, this conference





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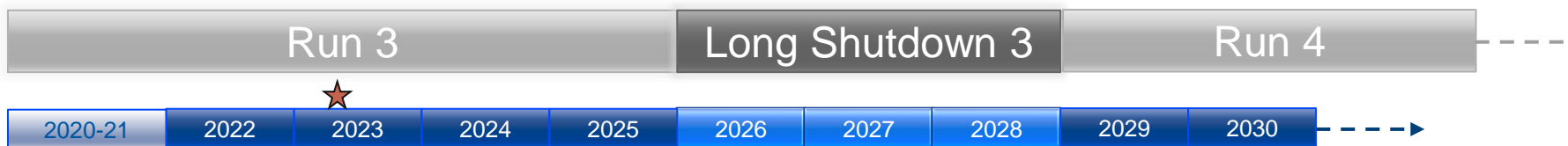
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Injectors

- 2x nominal peak luminosity
- 13.6 TeV CoM
- > 250 fb<sup>-1</sup> integrated luminosity
- HL-LHC project execution

HL-LHC  
installation  
&  
LHC experiment  
upgrade

- HL-LHC exploitation
- **5x nominal peak luminosity, leveled**
- 13.6-14 TeV CoM
- **3000 fb<sup>-1</sup> integrated luminosity**

How do we reach  
5x peak luminosity  
(leveled) and  
3000 fb<sup>-1</sup>??

Beam properties @LHC injection

	$N_b$ (x 10 <sup>11</sup> p/b)	$\epsilon_{x,y}$ (μm)	Bunch spacing	Bunches
HL-LHC beam	2.3	2.1	25 ns	4x72 per injection

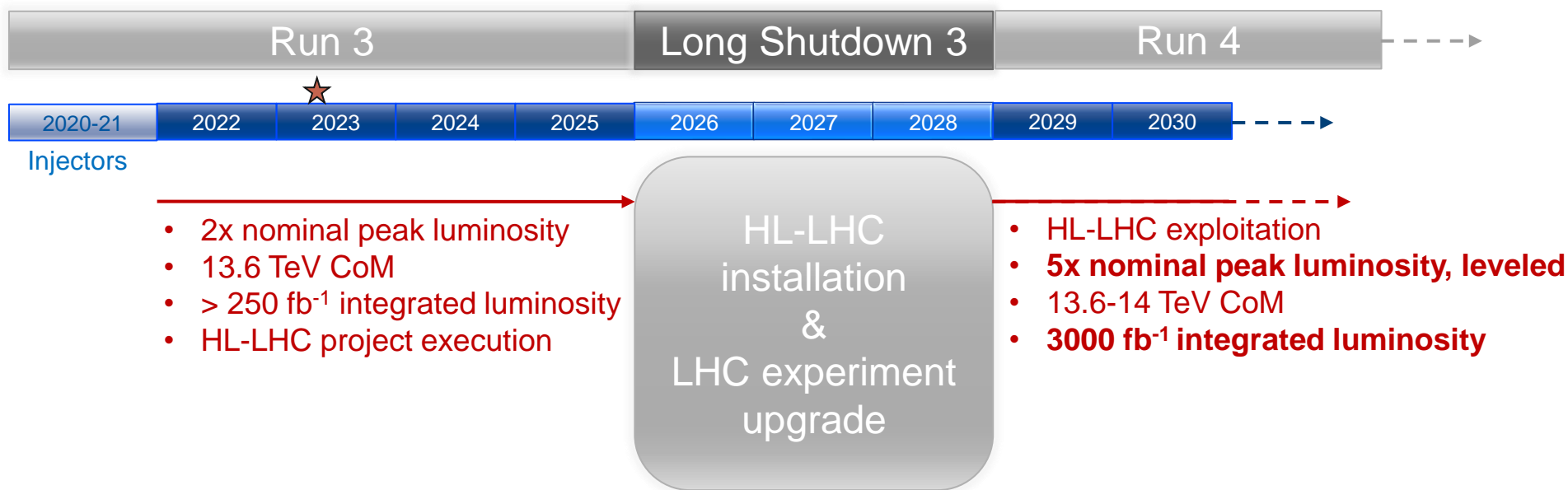






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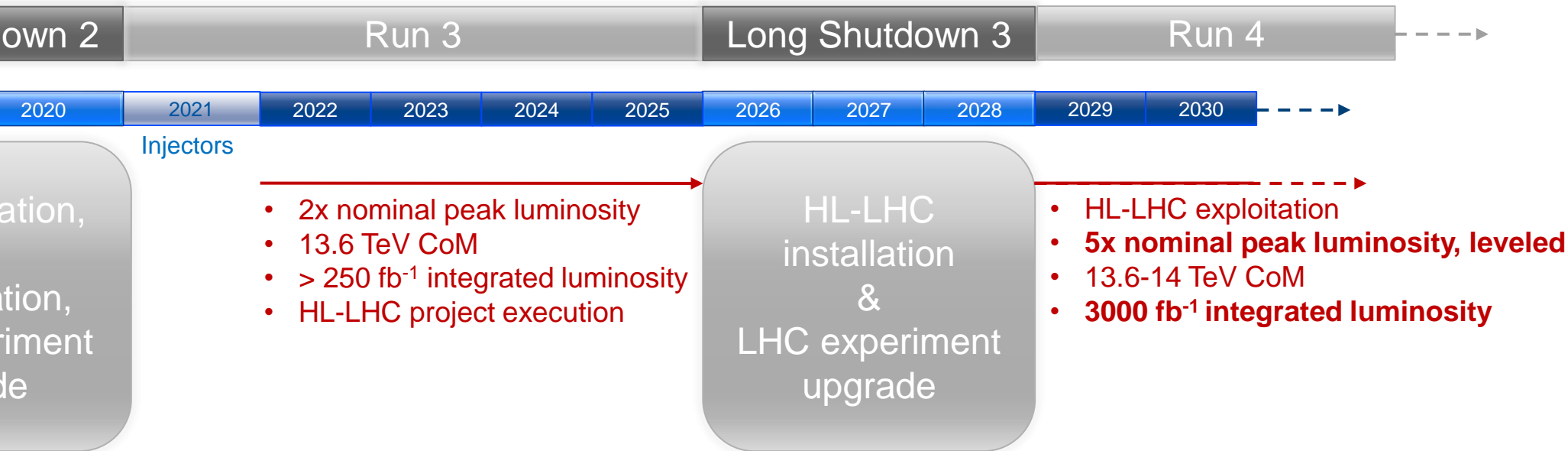
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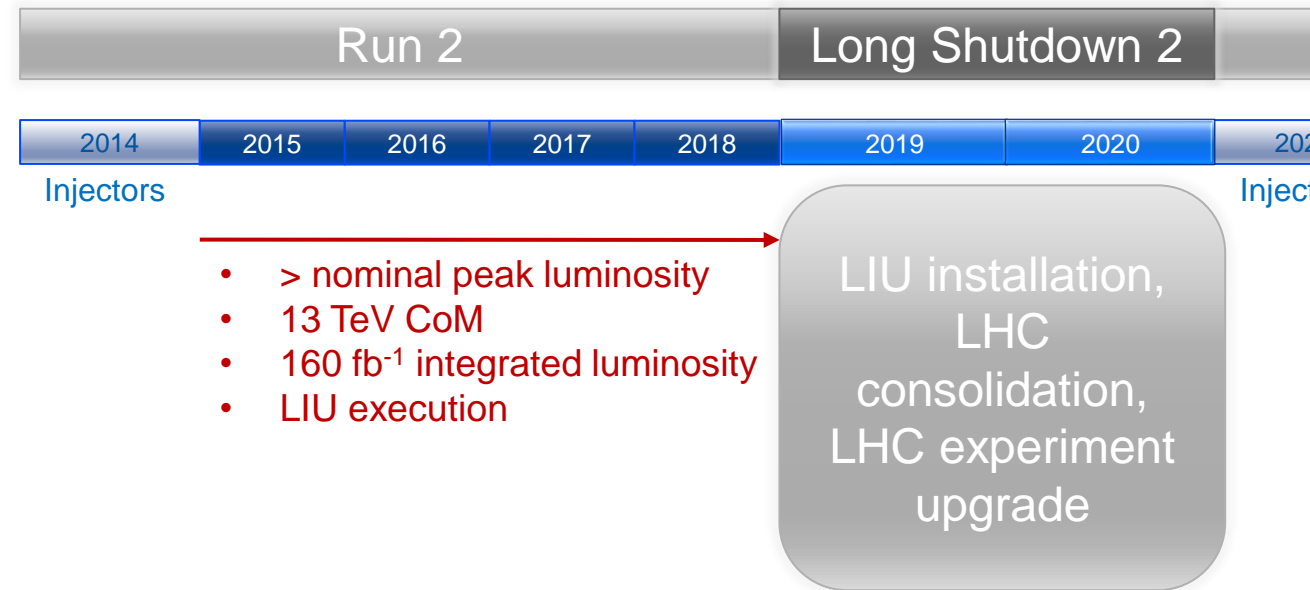
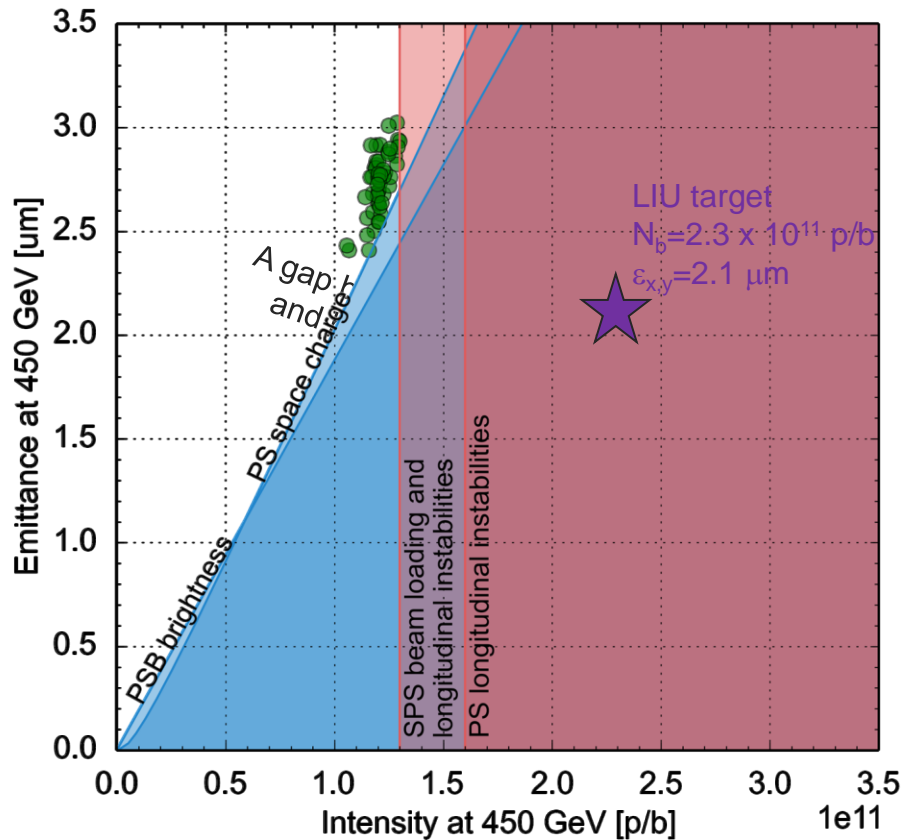
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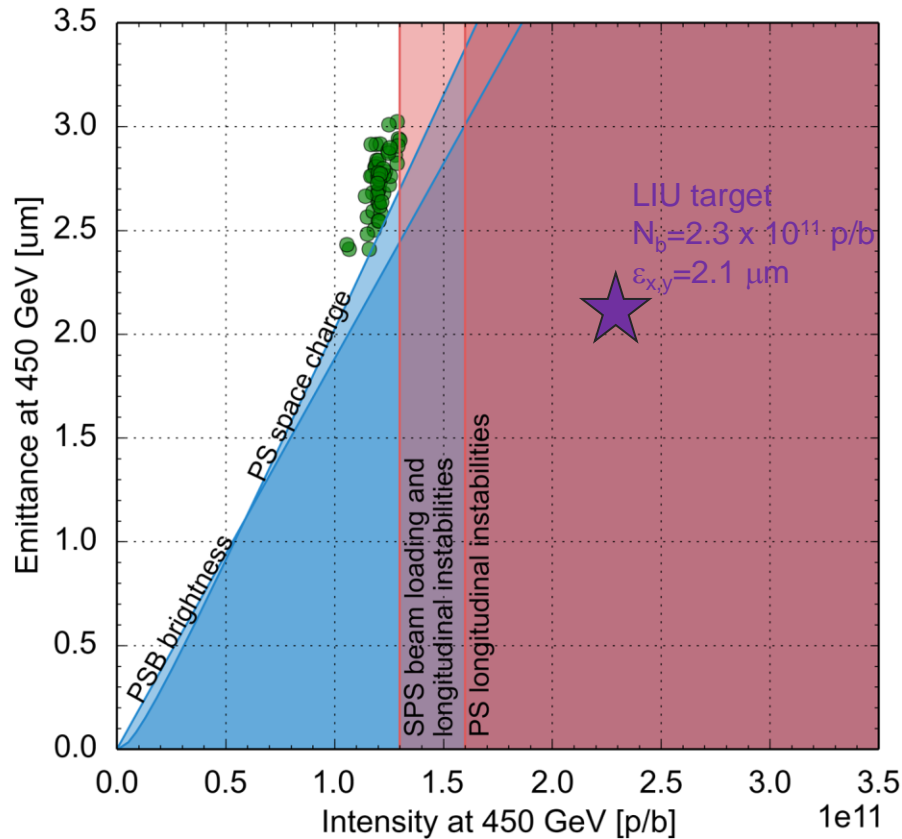
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- > nominal peak luminosity
- 13 TeV CoM
- 160 fb<sup>-1</sup> integrated luminosity
- **LIU execution**

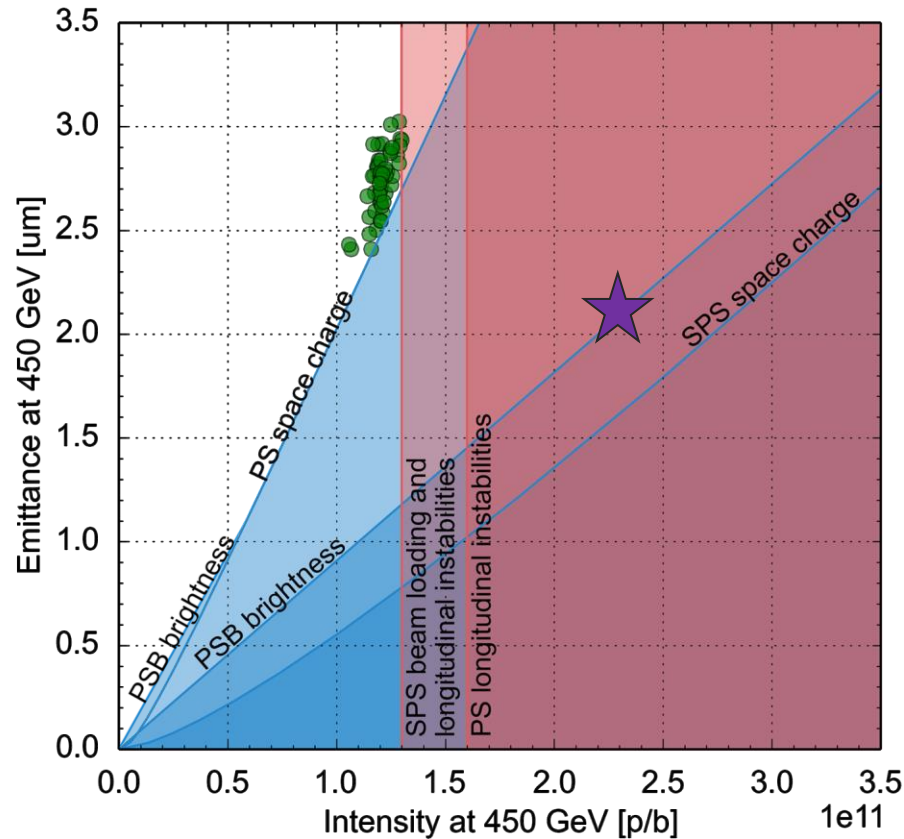
**LIU installation**  
LHC experiment upgrade

- Increase PSB brightness
- Reduce PS space charge
- Increase SPS RF power and suppress instabilities
- Suppress PS instabilities

# Main LIU installations

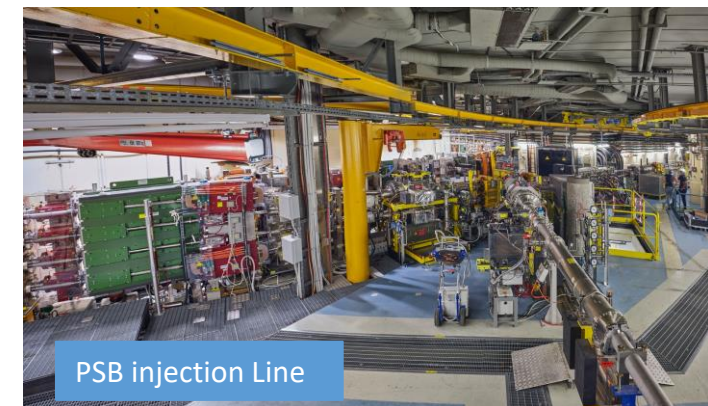


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- **Connection of PSB to Linac4**

- Linac4 providing 25 mA within 0.4 μm
- Charge exchange H<sup>-</sup> injection at  $E_{kin} = 160$  MeV into PSB

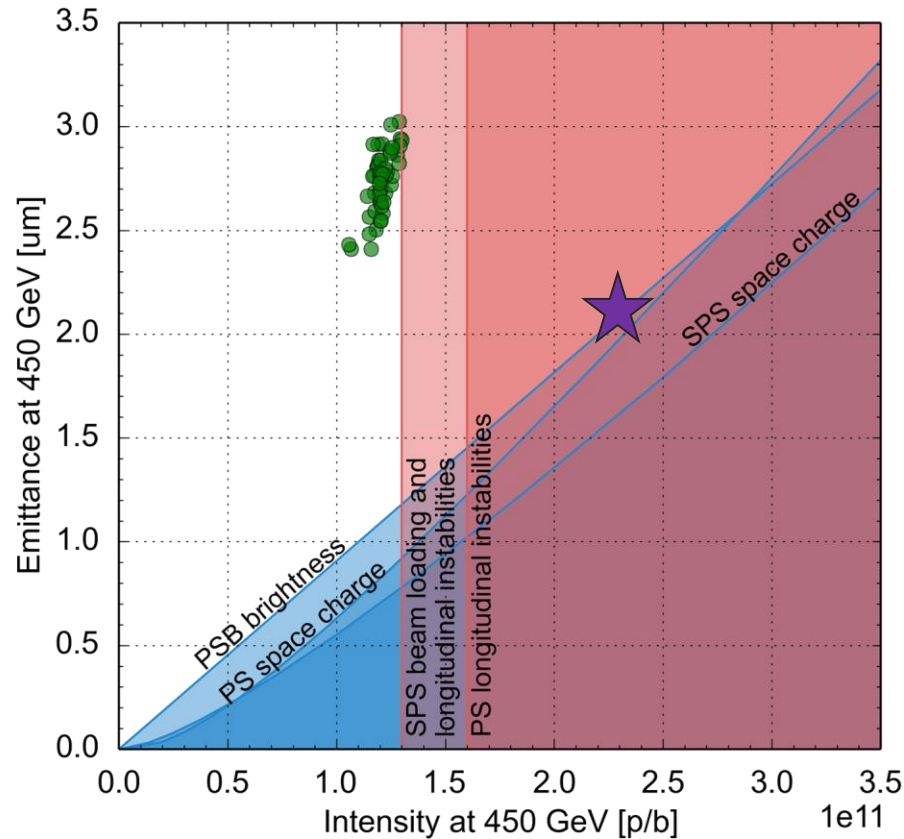




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- **PSB acceleration to  $E_{kin} = 2$  GeV**

- New main power supply and RF system in PSB
- New injection region in PS



PSB new RF modules

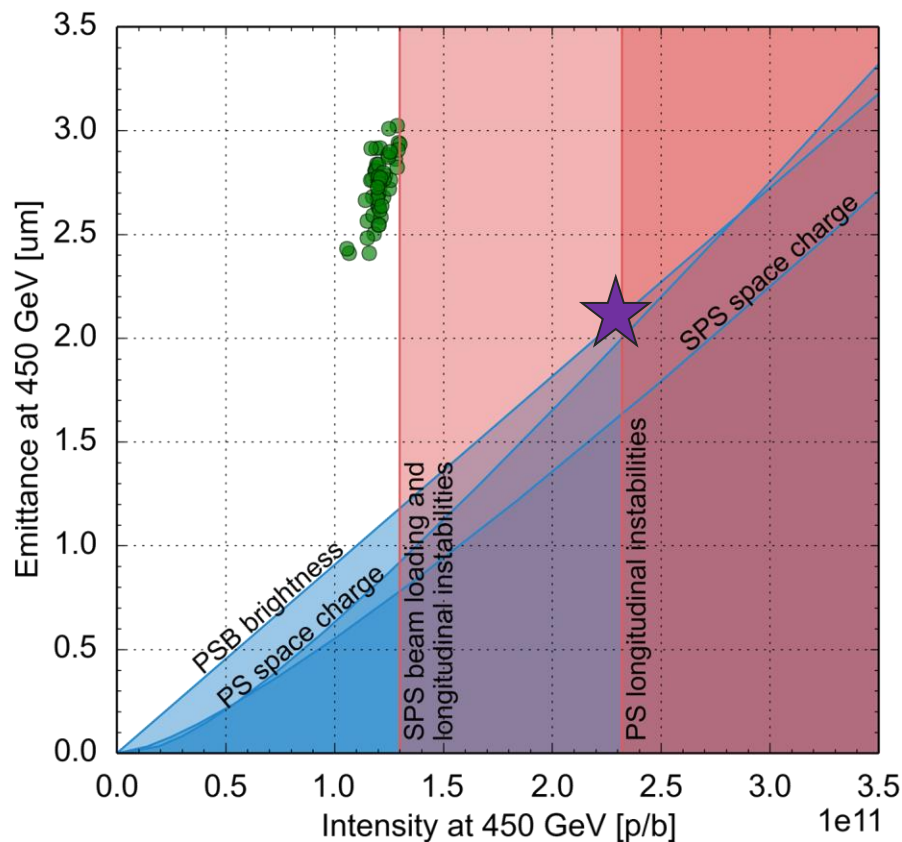


PSB new power supply building



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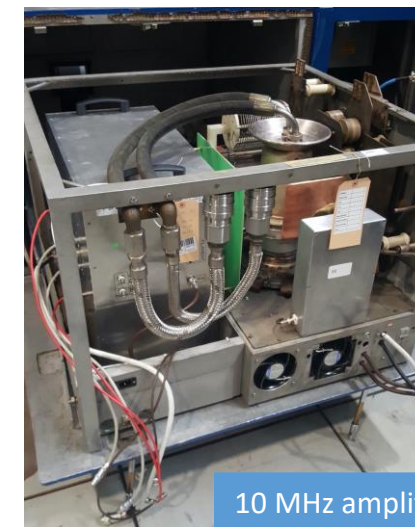


- **PS RF upgrades, e.g.**

- New broadband cavity as kicker for longitudinal feedback system against instabilities
- Impedance reduction of RF systems



Longitudinal damper

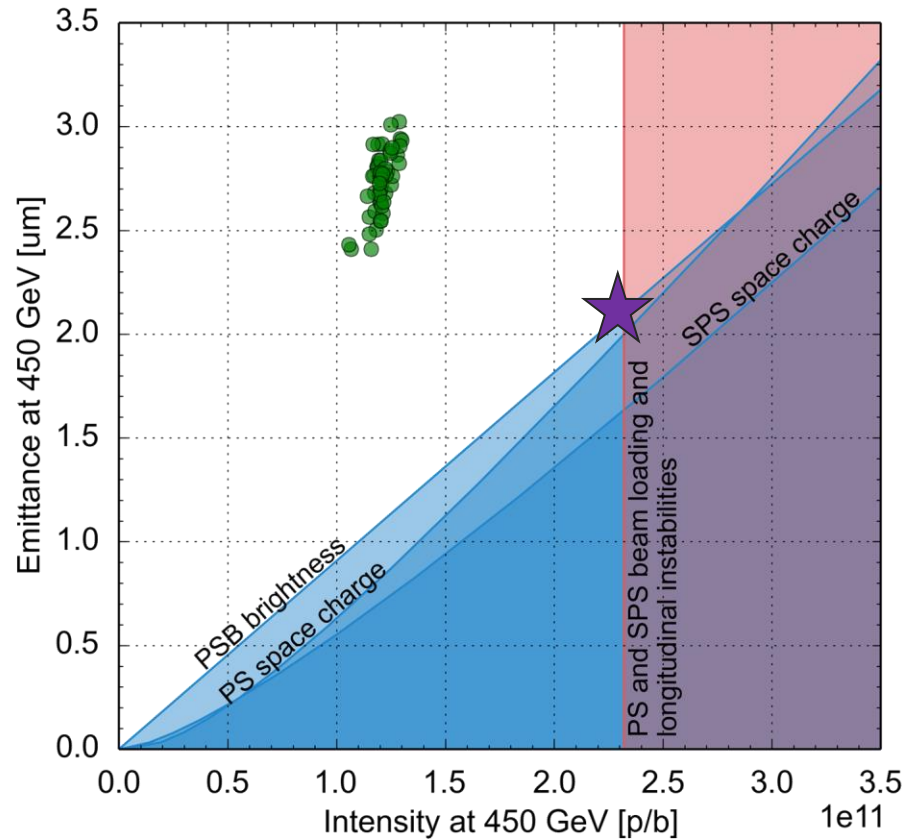


10 MHz amplifiers

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- **SPS upgrade**

- Power and control upgrade of 200 MHz RF system
- Longitudinal impedance reduction
- Amorphous-Carbon coating of selected vacuum chambers



New RF amplifier towers



Low-impedance flanges



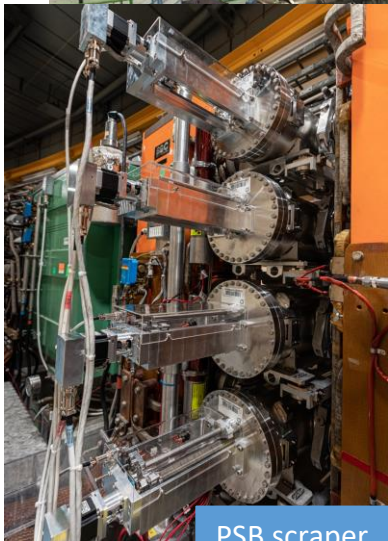
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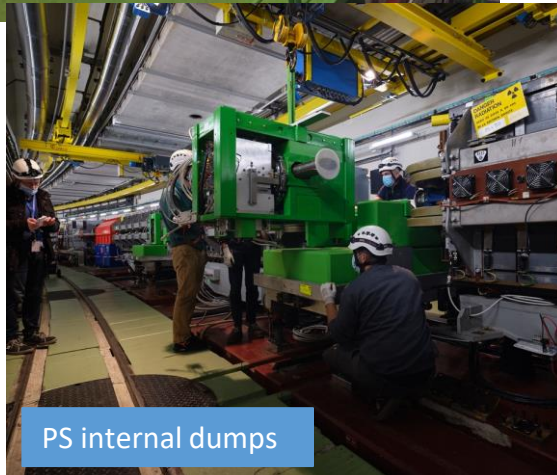
- In addition:



New SPS beam dump



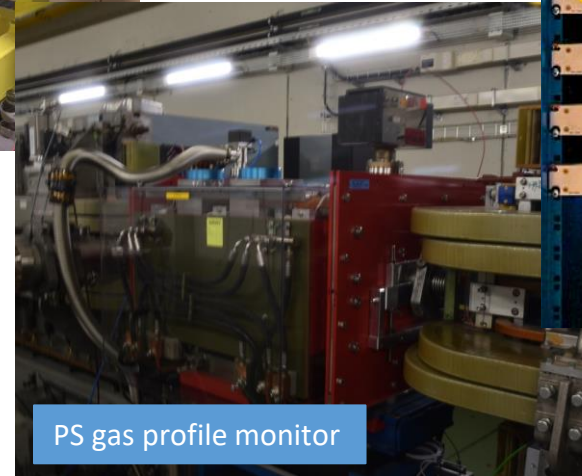
PSB scraper



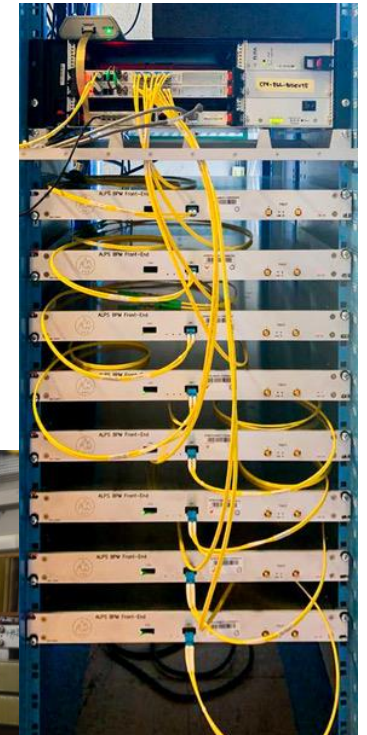
PS internal dumps



PSB wire scanners



PS gas profile monitor



SPS new orbit measurement system



# The evolution of the LIU project

- A **10-years** long and **180 M€** worth project rich of progress and milestones



## • Mandate

“The LHC Injectors Upgrade should plan for delivering reliably to the LHC the beams required for reaching the goals of the HL-LHC. This includes LINAC4, the PS booster, the PS, the SPS, as well as the heavy ion chain.”

of baseline items

- Planning & budgeting
- Exploratory beam studies
- Begin prototyping & testing

Review of all CERN upgrade plans



LHC Injectors Upgrade

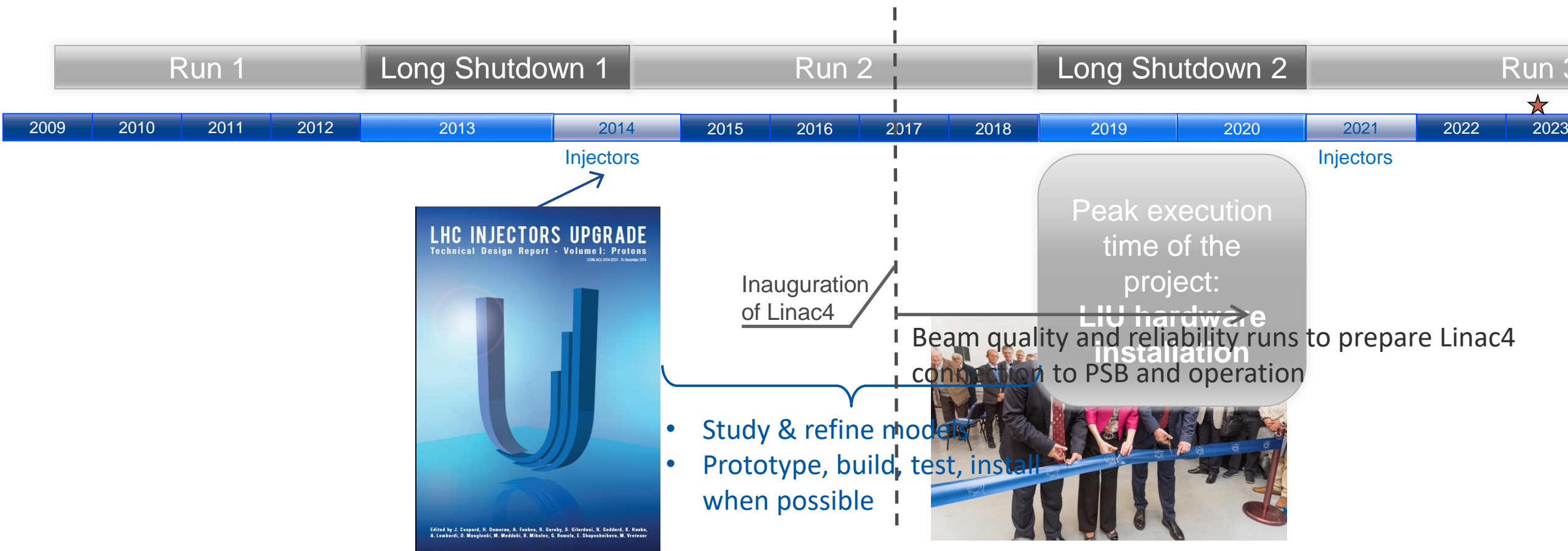
⇒ **The most performance improving upgrades MUST be done as soon as technically possible**





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- Study & refine models
- Prototype, build, test, install when possible



Peak execution time of the project:  
LIU hardware installation

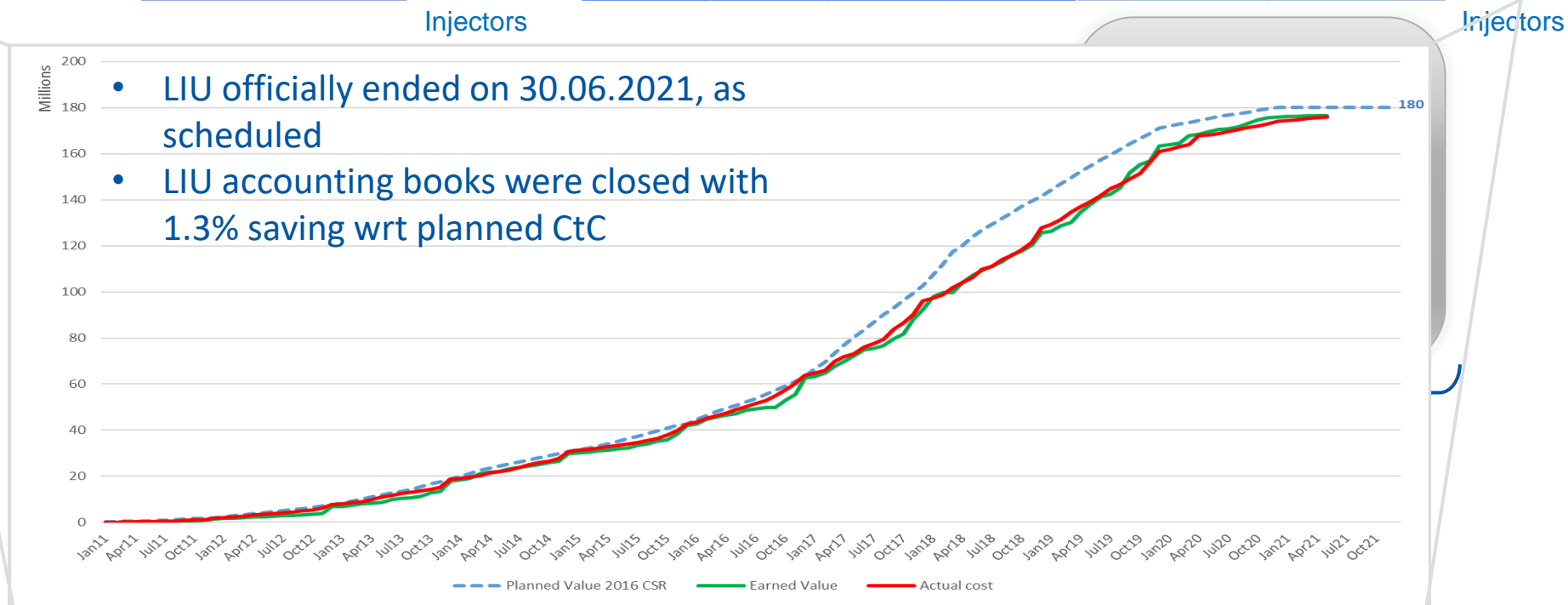
Beam quality and reliability runs to prepare Linac4 connection to PSB and operation





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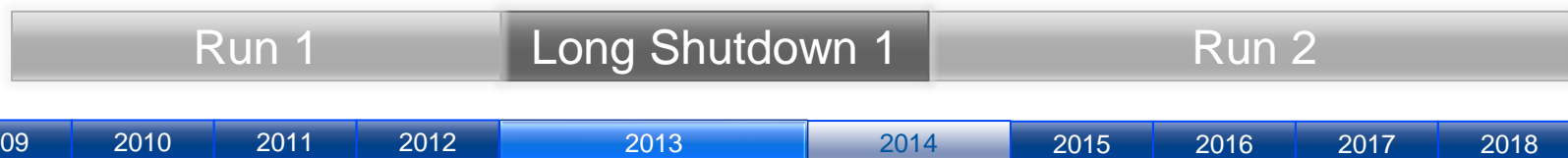






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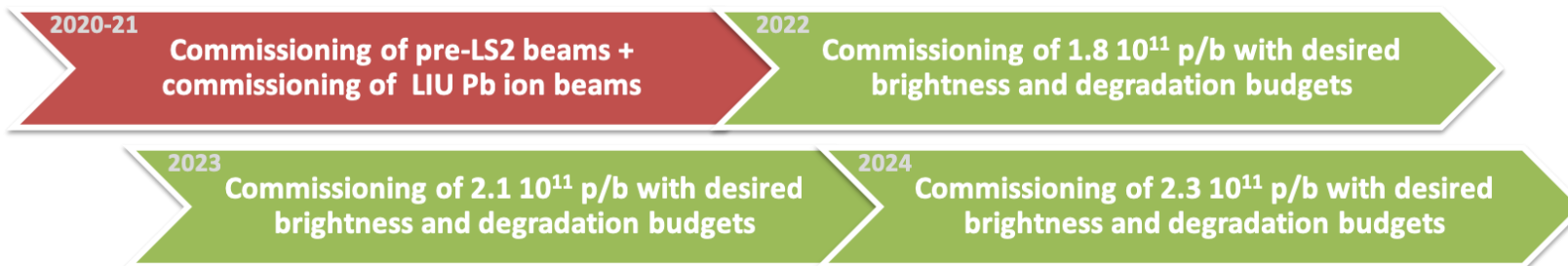
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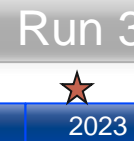
Injectors

LIU legacy:

- A robust plan for LIU beam ramp-up over Run 3
- A risk register listing beyond-LIU items to be installed for possible shortcomings



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LHC Injectors Upgrade		REFERENCE <b>LIU-PM-RPT-0049</b>		
		Date: 15/10/2020		
PROJECT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT				
<b>LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU)</b>				
<b>Beyond Long Shutdown 2 (LS2): Possible injector upgrades to reach the LIU parameters</b>				
ABSTRACT:				
The LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU) project aims at providing proton beams with the required beam parameters for the LHC to meet its goal of 3000 (4000) fb <sup>-1</sup> total integrated luminosity during the full High Luminosity (HL) run for nominal (ultimate) operation. The beam commissioning in the injectors to the LIU specifications will take place gradually during Run 3 (2020 – 2025). In this paper we illustrate the strategy for the beam parameters ramp up to the LIU values and provide a detailed list of post-LIU options to be kept in store should any related performance limitations actually occur.				
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A key to LIU success?

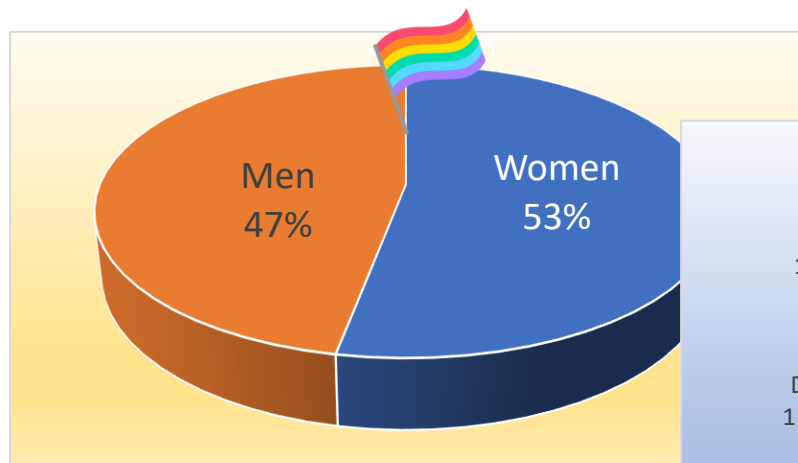
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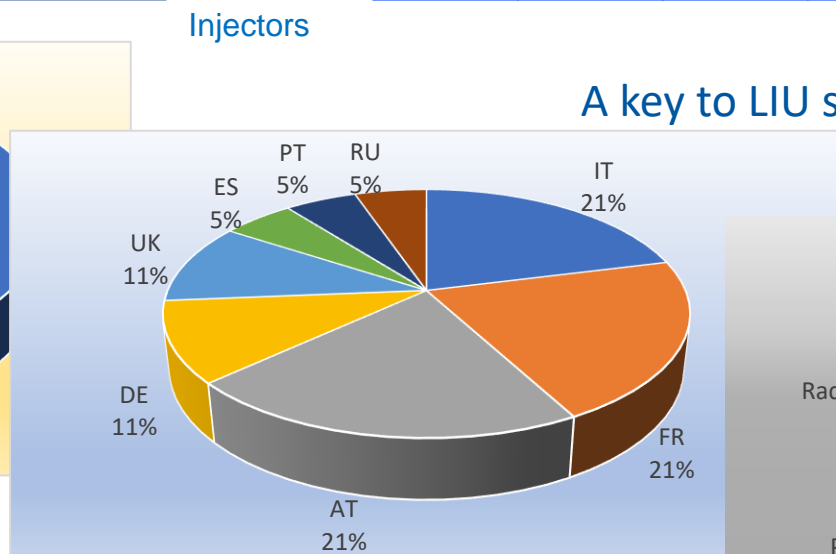


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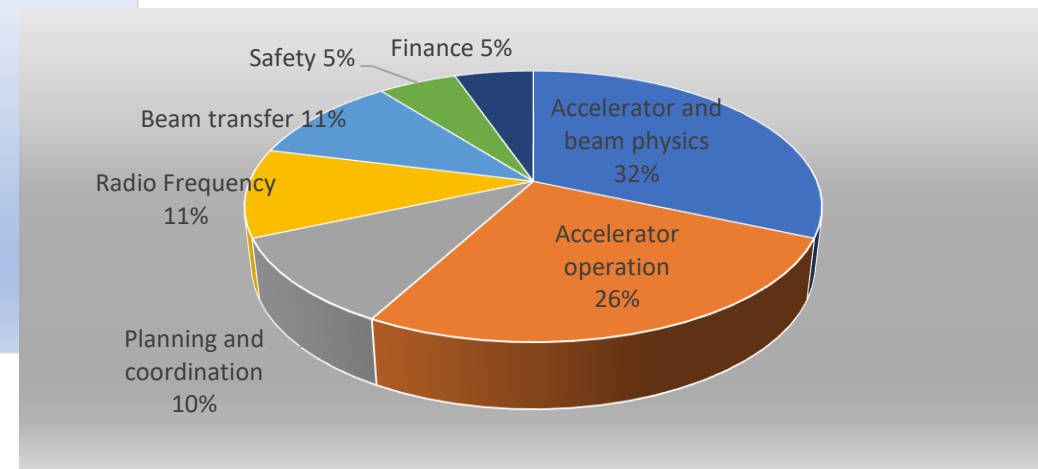
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Diversity in gender ...



... in nationality ...



... in domain of competence ...





# Beam performance with upgraded injectors

- Now we close the loop and get back to where we are ...



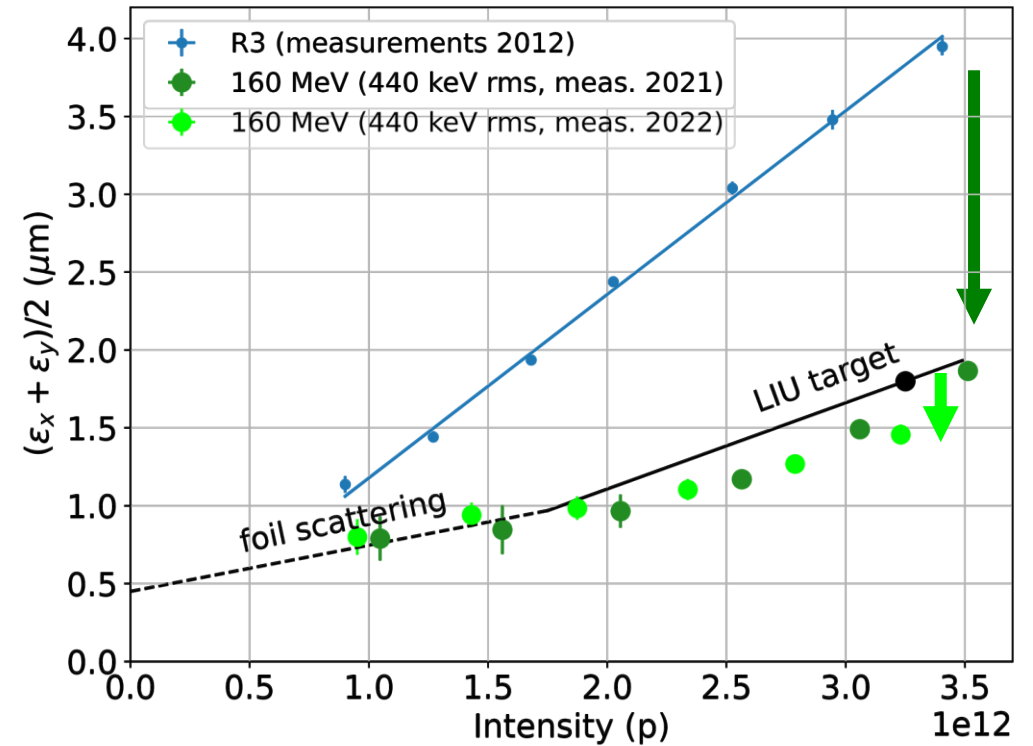
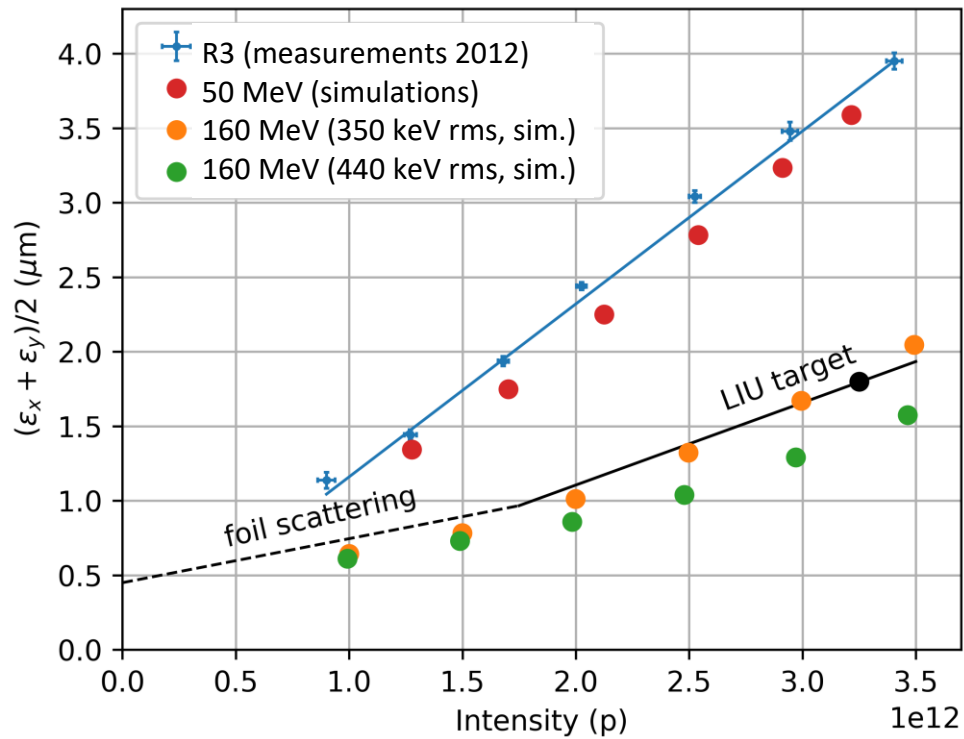
LIU hardware installation



- 2 years with beam
- How many of the LIU promises have been fulfilled?
- What issues have we discovered?



- PSB brightness line after connection with Linac4





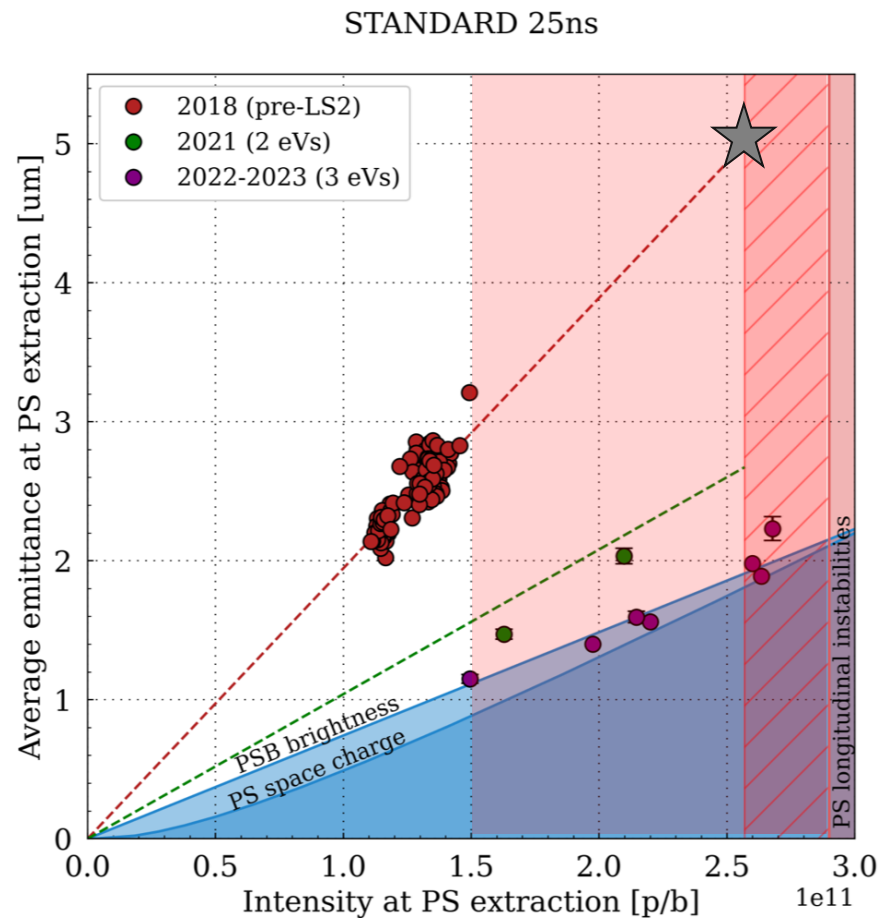
# LIU predictions fulfilled?

- **Double brightness for PSB beams after connection with Linac4**
  - Achieved with margin



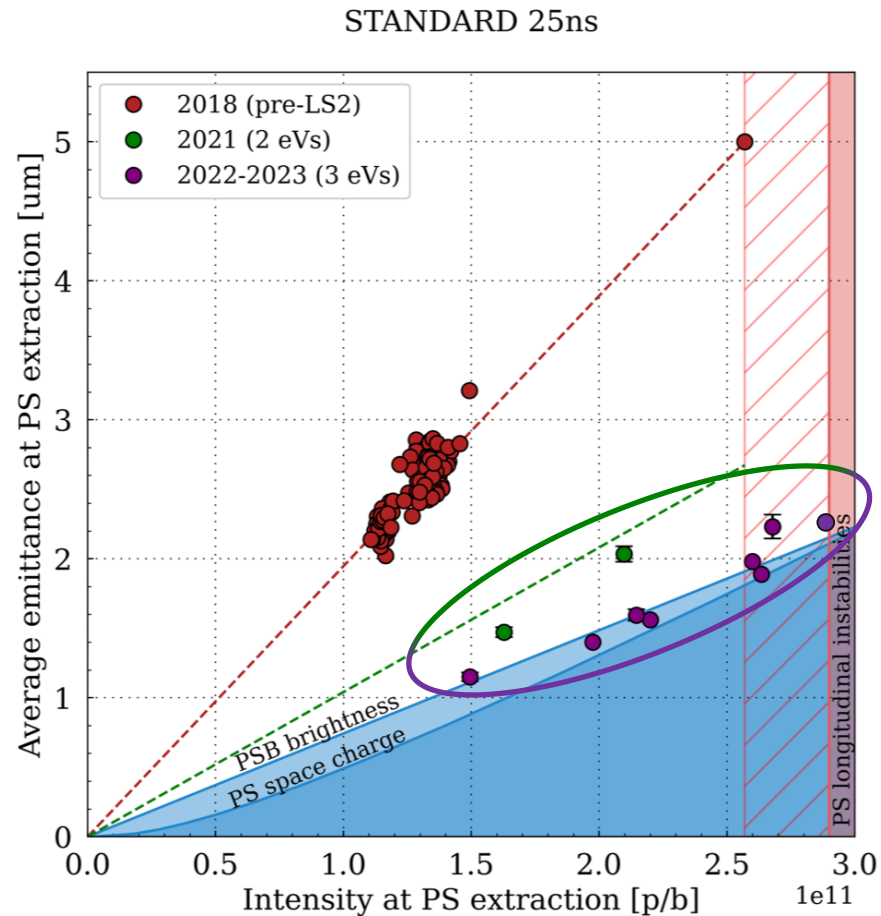


- LIU intensity and brightness achieved and exceeded in 2022 in the PS



- Intensity demonstrated already in 2018 thanks to LIU longitudinal feedback prototype installed in 2014

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- Intensity demonstrated already in 2018
- **First step of brightness ramp-up (2021)** with 2 GeV and 2 eVs injection
- **Full PS performance achieved in 2022** thanks to 3 eVs injection
- **Actually  $2.9 \cdot 10^{11}$  p/b** successfully achieved out of the PS



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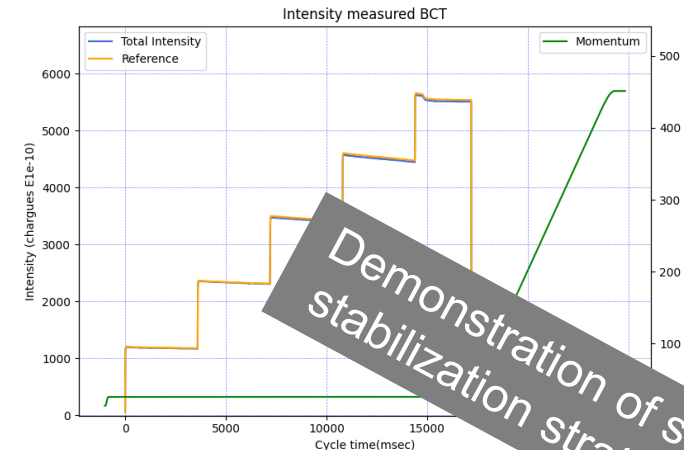
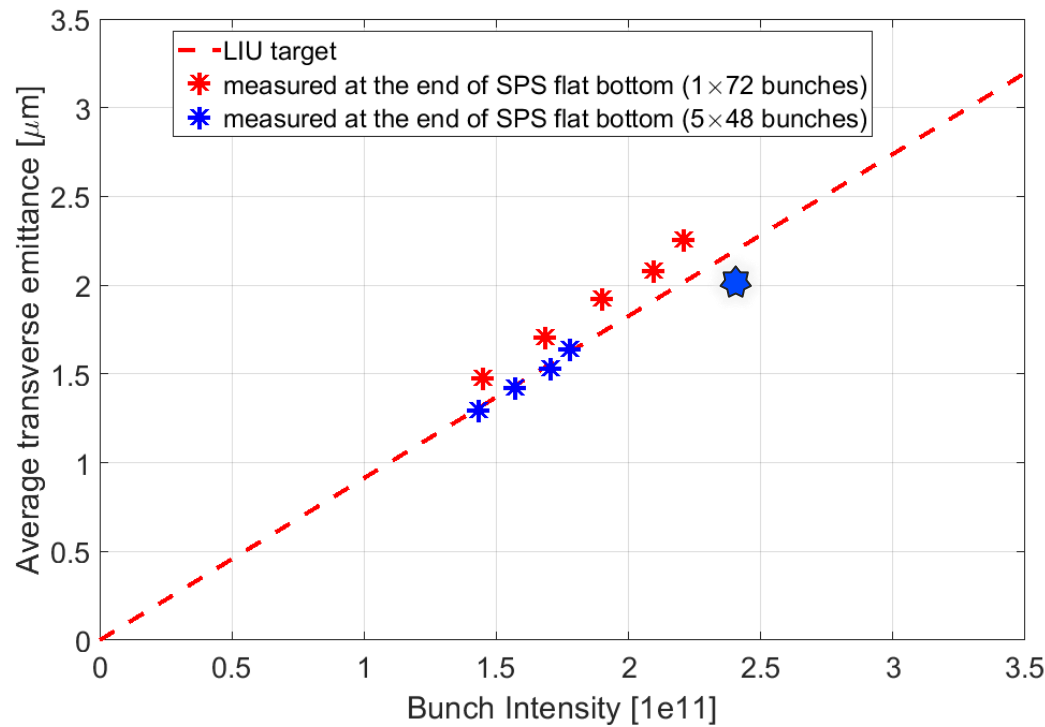
- **Double brightness for PSB beams after connection with Linac4** ✓
- **Preservation of PSB brightness in PS thanks to space charge reduction at 2 GeV injection** ✓
- **Stabilisation of PS longitudinal instabilities to extract  $2.6 \cdot 10^{11}$  p/b** ✓
  - Even reached  $2.9 \cdot 10^{11}$  p/b



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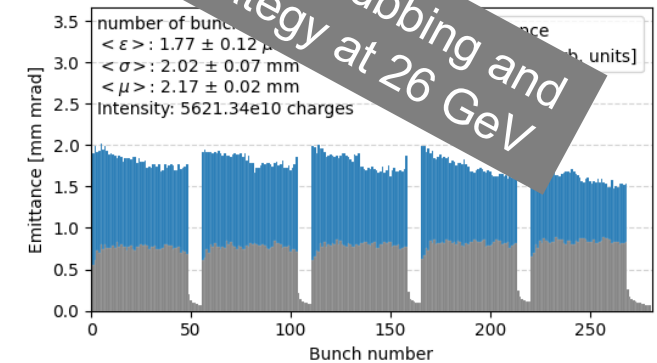


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5 trains of 48 bunches with 95% transmission and stable beam across injection plateau

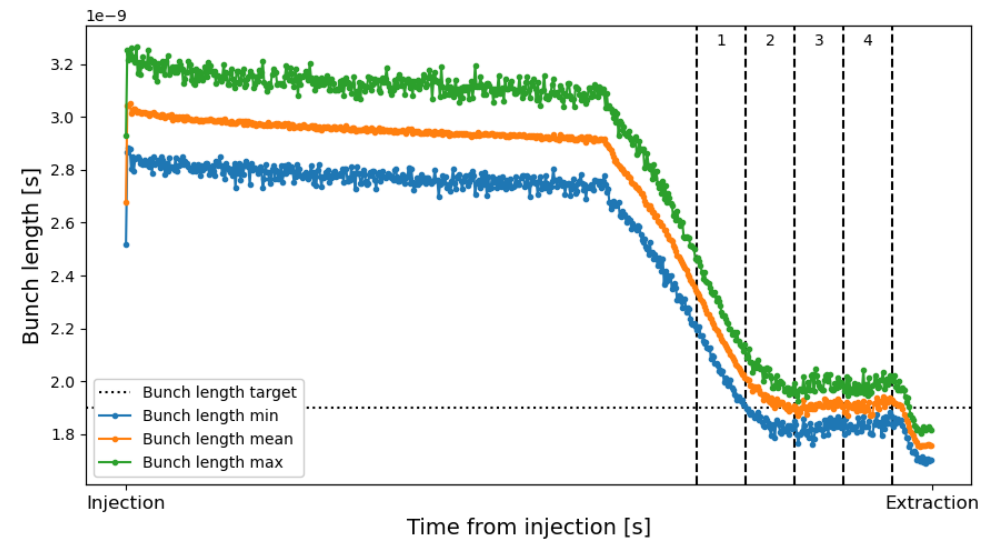
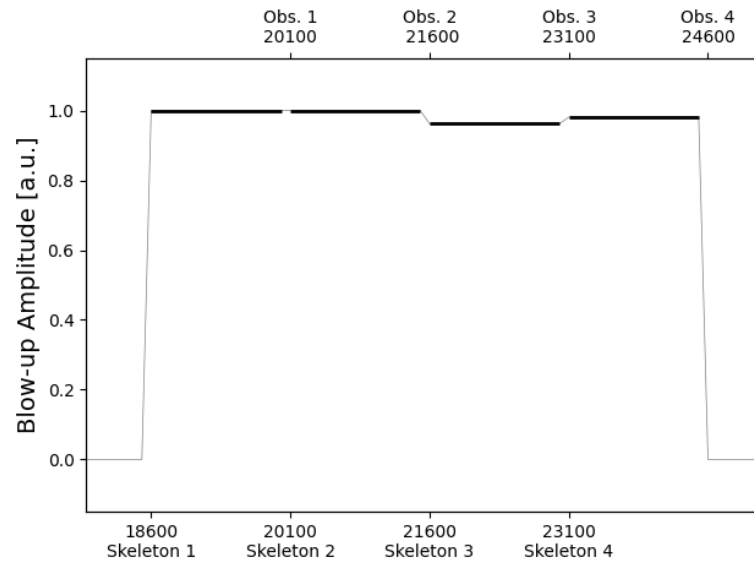
Demonstration of scrubbing and stabilization strategy at 26 GeV



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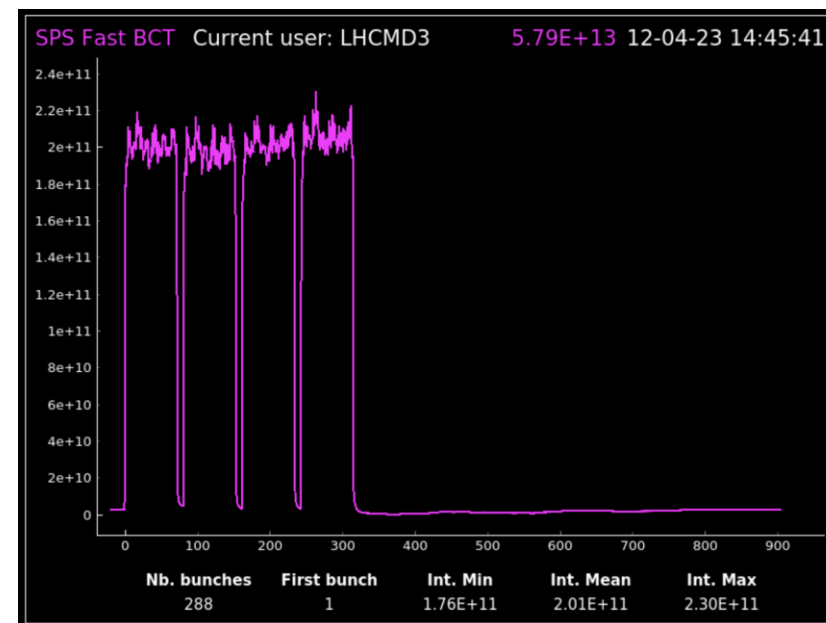
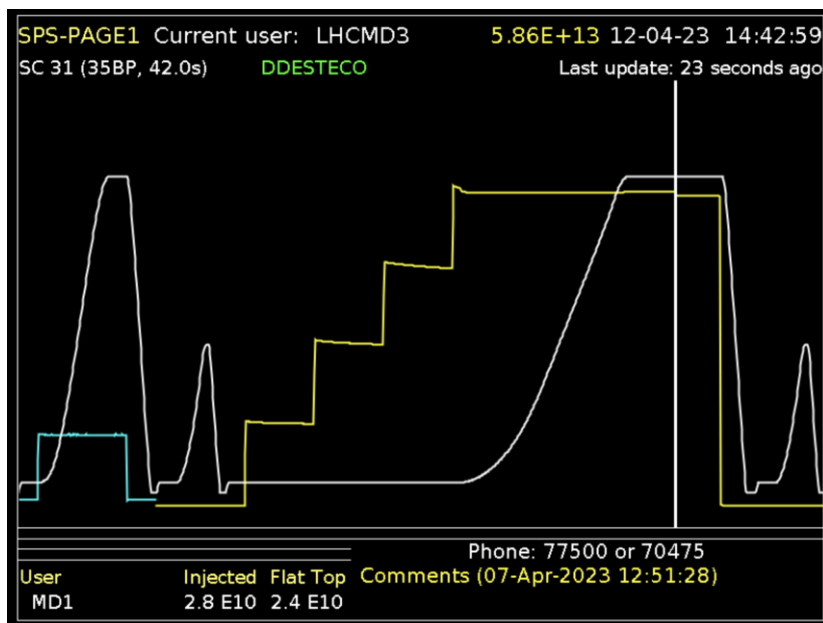
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- Longitudinal stability on the ramp achieved by **deployment of automatized longitudinal emittance blow-up** with target bunch length (2022)





# SPS 2023: Sneak a peek ...

- Reached  $2 \cdot 10^{11}$  p/b with 4 trains of 72 bunches at SPS extraction and even  $2.2 \cdot 10^{11}$  p/b in single train







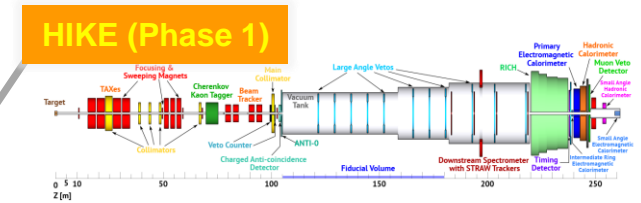
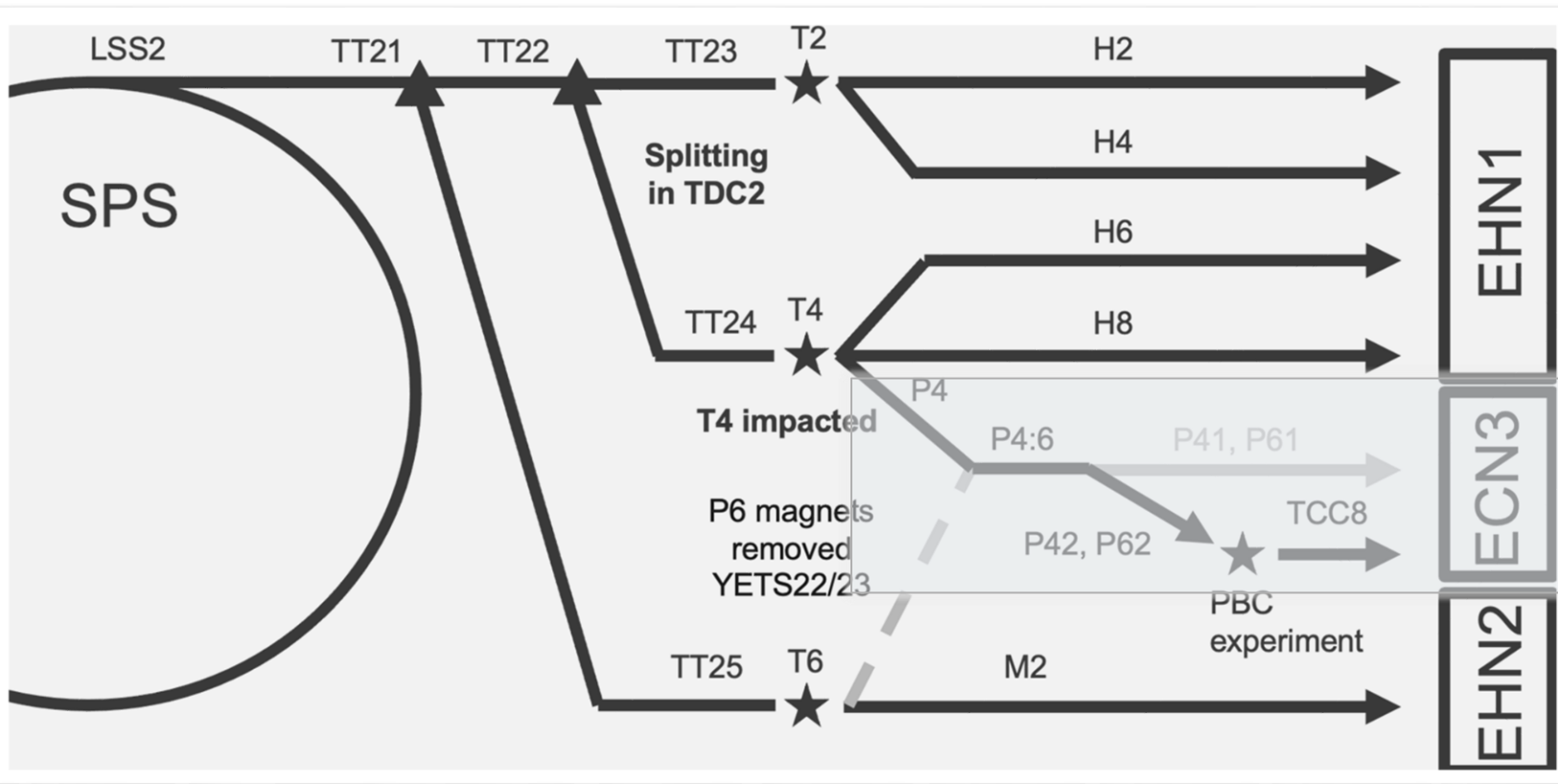
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- **SPS scrubbing and stabilization strategies in transverse and longitudinal planes**
- **Acceleration of LIU beams in the SPS**
  - Achieved  $2.0 \cdot 10^{11}$  p/b at extraction in 4 trains of 72 bunches (consistent with ramp-up plan)

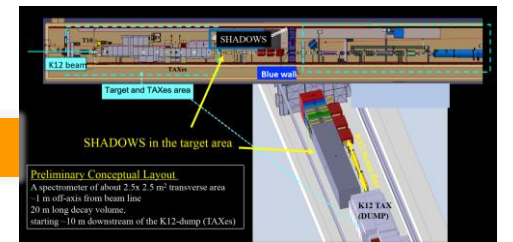


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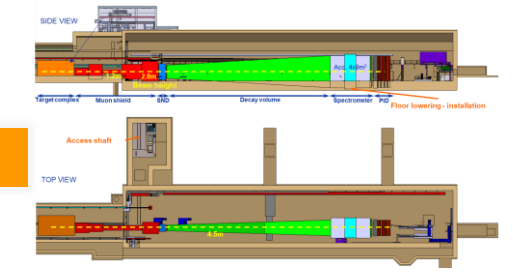
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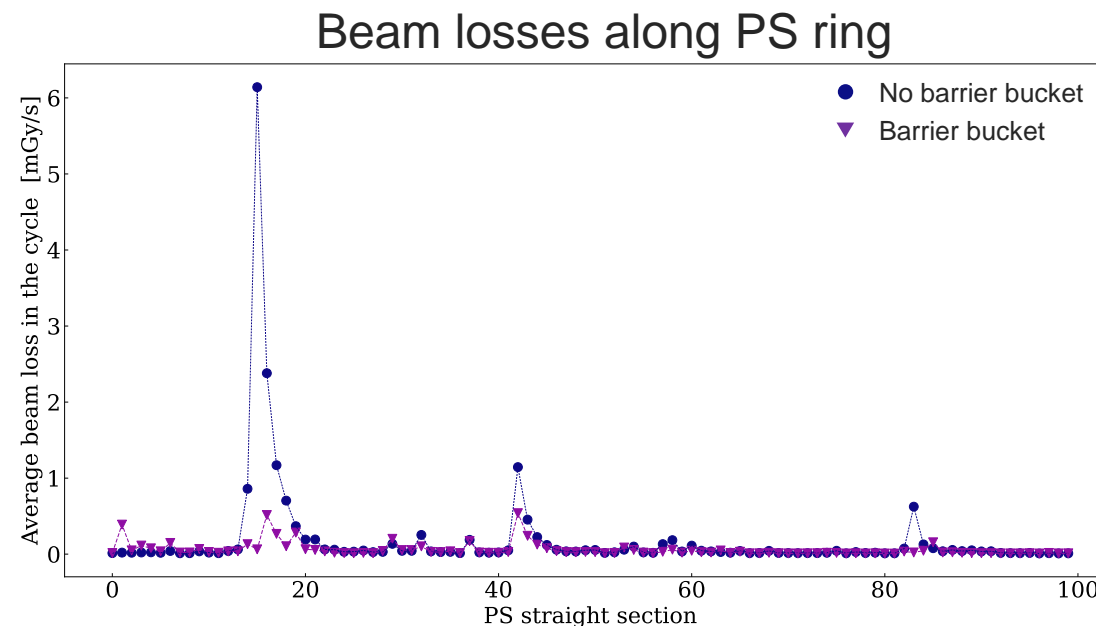
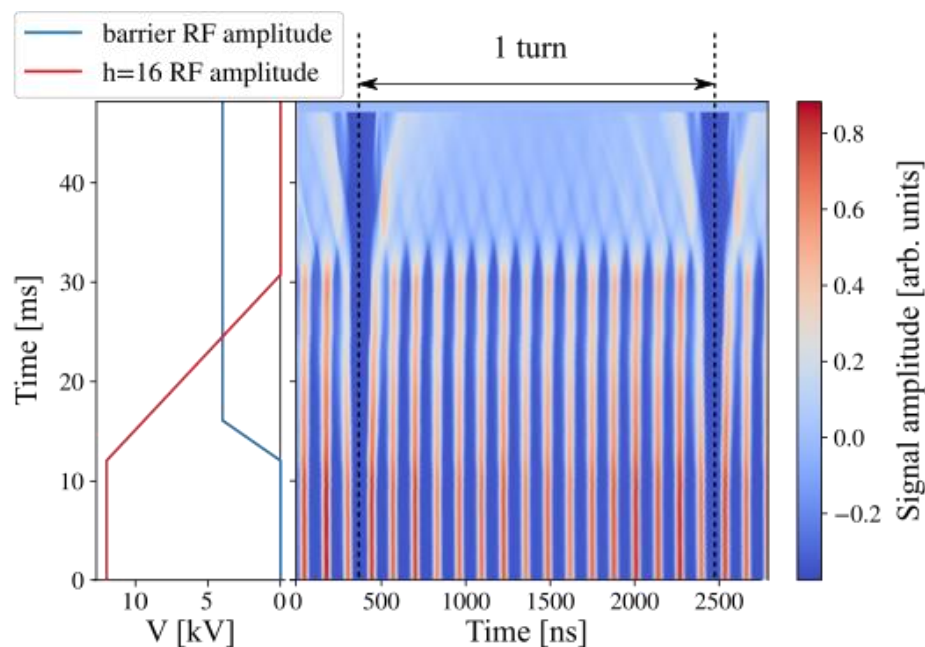


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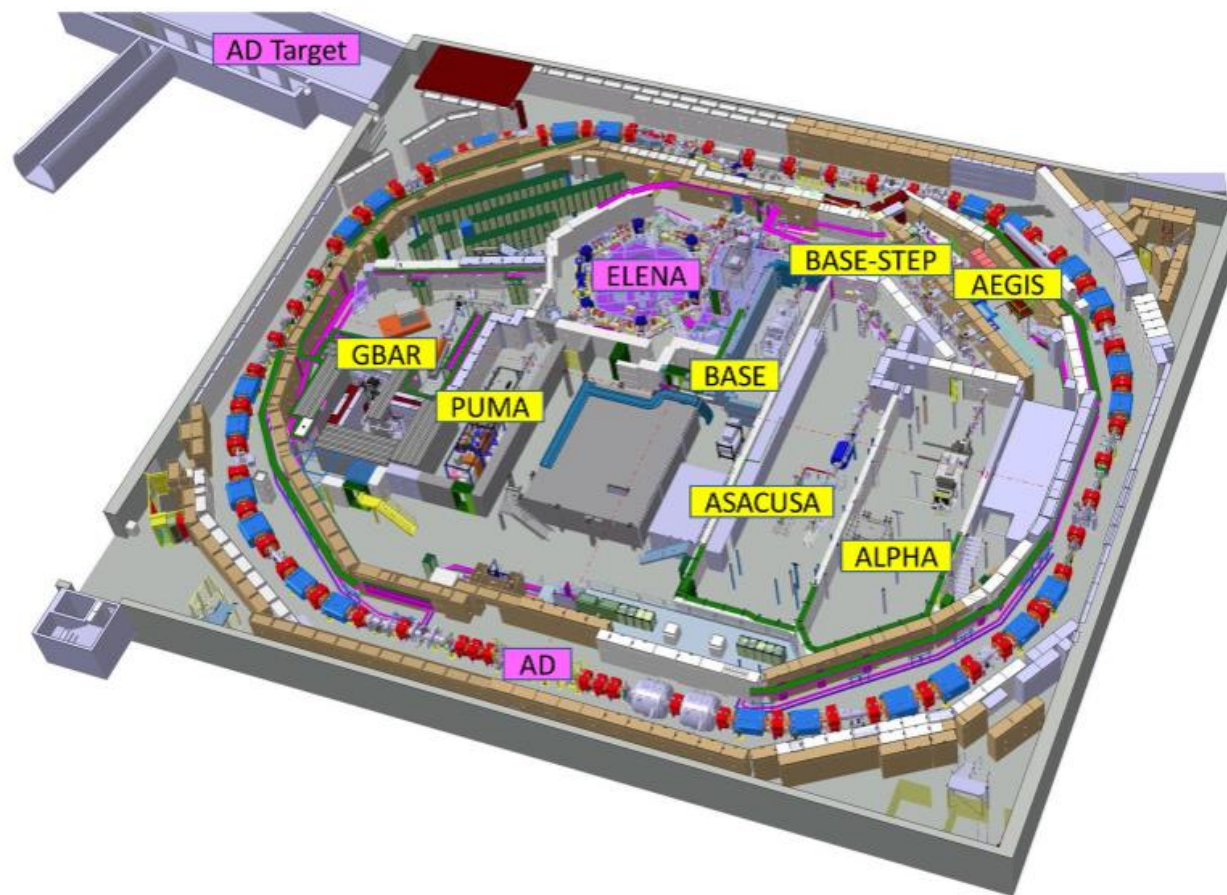
# LIU for fixed target physics ...

- **Beam delivery to SPS North Area (NA) with potential future users within the Physics Beyond Colliders (PBC) program**
- **Barrier bucket PS-to-SPS transfer thanks to LIU broadband cavity**
  - Important loss (and activation) reduction at PS extraction, now operational



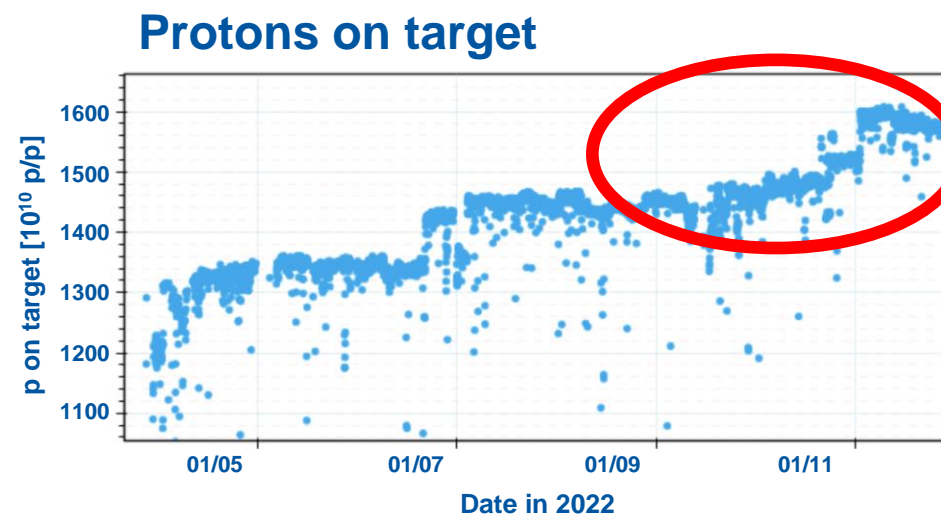
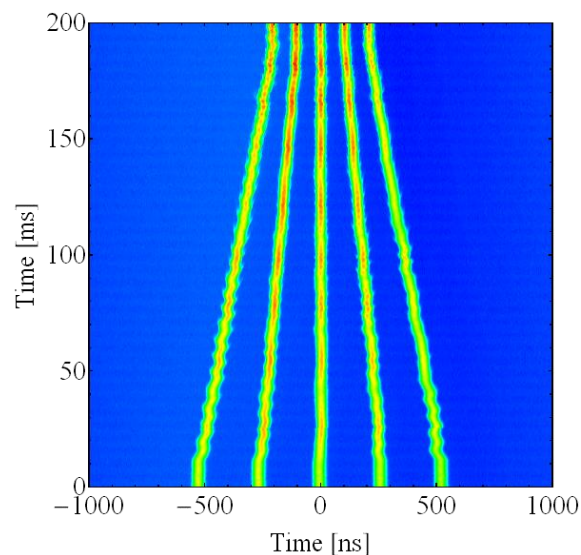
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- **Intensity increase on AD target**
  - PSB/PS can send 5 bunches to AD target thanks to lower LIU emittances
  - First increase by >10% end 2022, further 30% increase possible







# And much more ...

- **The future has more in store ...**

The case for post HL-LHC colliders is strong and well developed – several choices are on the table and decisions will be taken by the end of this decade

- **The LHC injectors are gearing up for the new era challenges ...**

- Achieve better efficiency and automation of operation
- Continue minimising environmental impact - CERN energy management and accelerator sustainability panels
- Play a key role for next generation machines



# Summary and outlook

- **LIU project** was conceived to fulfil the HL-LHC target parameters
  - Completed on time and budget
  - Injectors sequentially back to operation since July 2020
  - Teamwork, diversity and competences were the project strength
- **LIU beam commissioning on schedule**
  - PSB and PS already fulfilled and exceeded LIU targets
  - SPS also in line with ramp-up plan and excellent results already achieved
  - LIU has benefited beams **beyond standard LHC-type**, opening paths for high intensity Fixed Target beams in all injectors
- **Throughout 2023 and 2024 the beam optimization will continue to open a new era of high brightness beam facilities**





# IPAC contributions relevant to this talk



Presenter	Title	IPAC reference
O. Brüning	<i>Overall status of the HL-LHC project</i>	<b>TUYG1</b>
L. Mether	<i>Electron cloud observations and mitigation for the LHC Run 3</i>	<b>WEPA091</b>
A. Huschauer	<i>Beam performance and operational efficiency at the CERN Proton Synchrotron</i>	<b>TUPA158</b>
C. Zannini	<i>Transverse instabilities at injection energy in the CERN-SPS: Lessons learned during high intensity studies</i>	<b>WEPL156</b>
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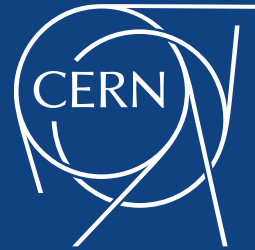
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