



# HEARTS 1st Annual Meeting: WP4

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# Tasks & Objectives

- **Task 4.1:** Knowledge transfer between CERN and GSI
  - Exchange on beam instrumentation and characterization methods
  - Visit of CERN colleagues to GSI to see beam instrumentation in Cave A
  - Discussion with related experts
- **Task 4.2:** Calibration of beam instrumentation for VHE ion beam extraction
  - Calibration and exploitation of existing beam instrumentation
  - Identification and installation of new beam instruments and detectors
  - Closely linked to Task 3.1 and Task 7.2
- **Task 4.3:** Beam delivery monitoring
  - Define necessary beamline instrumentation for beam monitoring during space radiation testing
  - Platform should handle both high intensities ( $10^8 - 10^{10}$  ions/s) for shielding measurements and low intensities ( $10^2 - 10^5$  ions/s) for SEE cross-section measurements
  - Dedicated set of dosimeters, thin gas ionization chambers and plastic scintillators

# Tasks & Objectives

- **Task 4.4: Target Station**
  - Optimization of GSI sample handling to increase TRL
  - Remotely controlled holder for microelectronics with input from industrial partners
  - Automatic placement and removal of material for shielding measurements
  - Standardization between GSI and CERN device under test (DUT) holder
- **Task 4.5: GCR/SPE simulator dosimetry**
  - Definition and standardization of Dosimetry-on-target
  - Explore possibility of microdosimetry behind shielding to characterize the quality factor Q of the mixed field
  - Dedicated measurements for the GCR/SPE simulator measuring the LET spectrum and charge composition of the mixed field
- **Task 4.6: Intercomparison between CERN and GSI**
  - Transfer of experience between CERN and GSI
  - Dedicated comparison measurement between the facilities (e.g. with the same beam instruments and reference electronics)

# Status Task 4.1: Knowledge transfer between CERN and GSI (1/2)

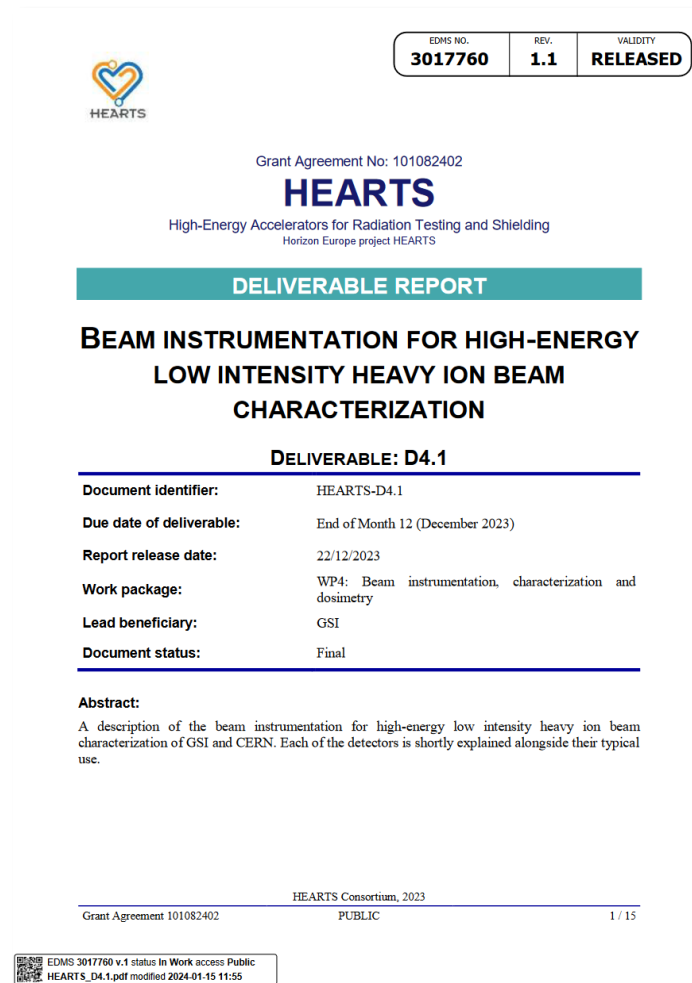
- Knowledge Transfer Meeting at GSI on 20.04.2023
  - Participants from GSI, CERN and Univ. Oldenburg
- Discussions about:
  - The challenges at each of the two facilities
  - Dosimetry detectors used for beam characterization and monitoring
  - Plans for a comparison measurement between the standard detectors available CERN and GSI  
→ Beamtime October 2023 @ CERN (see Task 4.6)



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# Status Task 4.1: Knowledge transfer between CERN and GSI (2/2)

- Deliverable D4.1: Beam instrumentation for high-energy low intensity heavy ion beam characterization
- Reporting on the different detectors used for characterization and monitoring used at CERN and GSI
  - Examples GSI: Parallel Plate Ionization Chamber; Scintillators; various standard dosimetry detectors (Farmer Chambers, etc.); Octavius detector; and more
  - Examples CERN: Silicon diode; Secondary emission chambers (XSEC, XION); Multi Wire Proportional Chamber

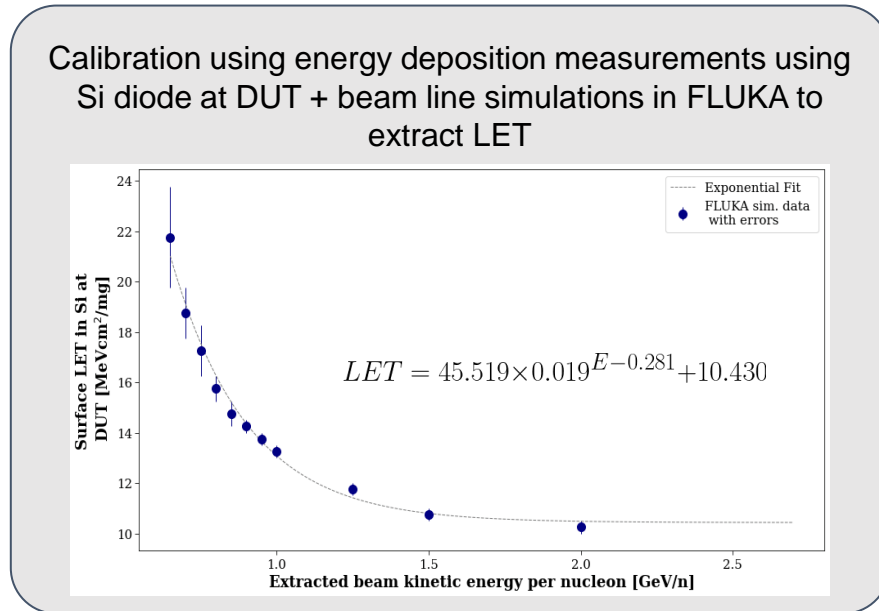


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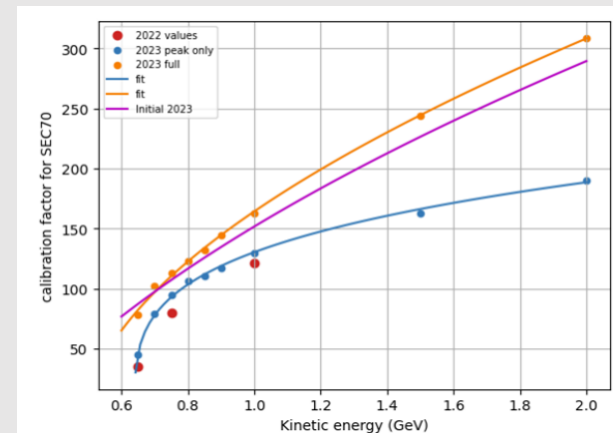
# Status Task 4.2: Calibration of beam instrumentation for VHE ion beam extraction

- CERN approach: accurate provision of **LET** and **flux/fluence** as dosimetric quantities for users as function of extracted beam energy.
- Energy/LET and flux/fluence calibration achieved after Oct. 2023 test campaign (further detailed in WP7 update)

LET



Calibration of relative beam monitor signal (emission chambers), provided by Si detector at DUT



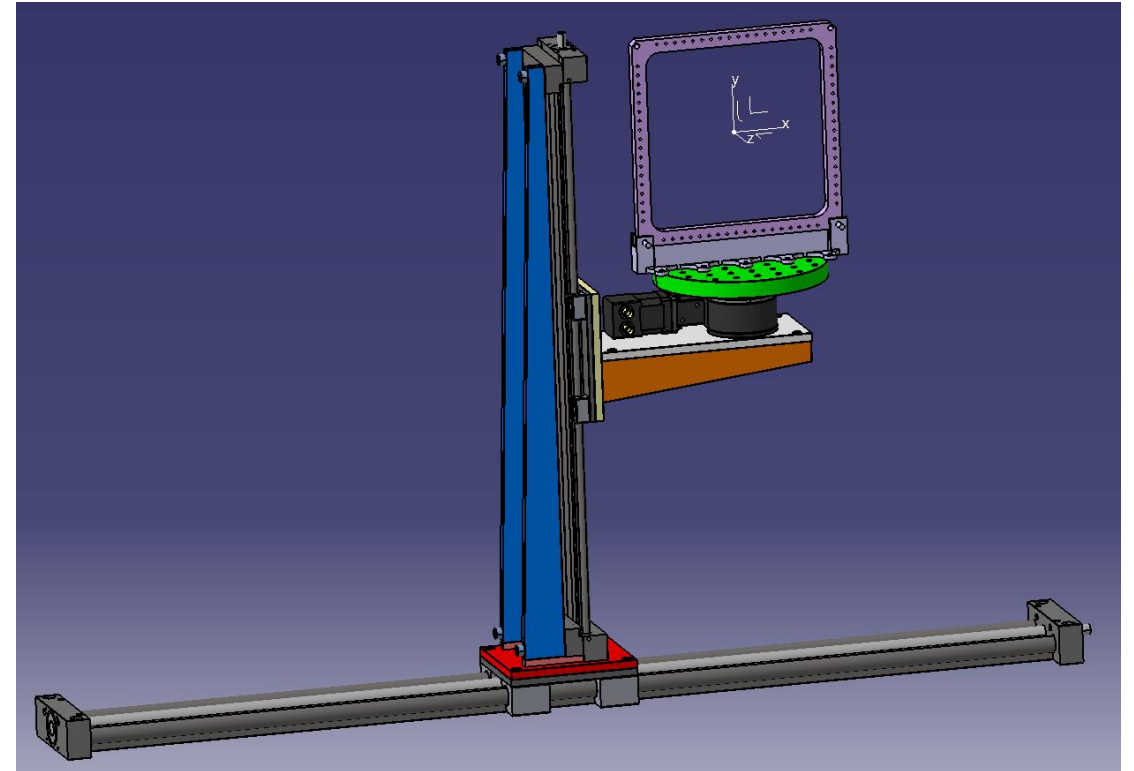
Flux/fluence

# Status Task 4.3: Beam delivery monitoring

- Standard GSI beam monitoring detectors:
  - Parallel Plate Ionization Chambers
    - Used for medium to high intensities
  - Scintillators
    - Used for low intensities, as single particles are counted
- Calibration detectors:
  - Farmer Chamber
  - Octavius detector array
  - Various other absolute dosimetry detectors, e.g., Pinpoint, Markus Chamber, etc.

# Status Task 4.4: Target station (1/3)

- Movement in 2 dimensions + 1d rotation possible
  - 2d movement for the positioning of the sample
  - 1d rotation for irradiation with grazing angles, if desired by the use
- Compatible with the “ESA standard frame”
  - “ESA standard frame” allows users familiar with other electronics irradiation facilities to mount their samples quicker and easier
- Assembly and testing ongoing, expected to be fully assembled and tested early 2024

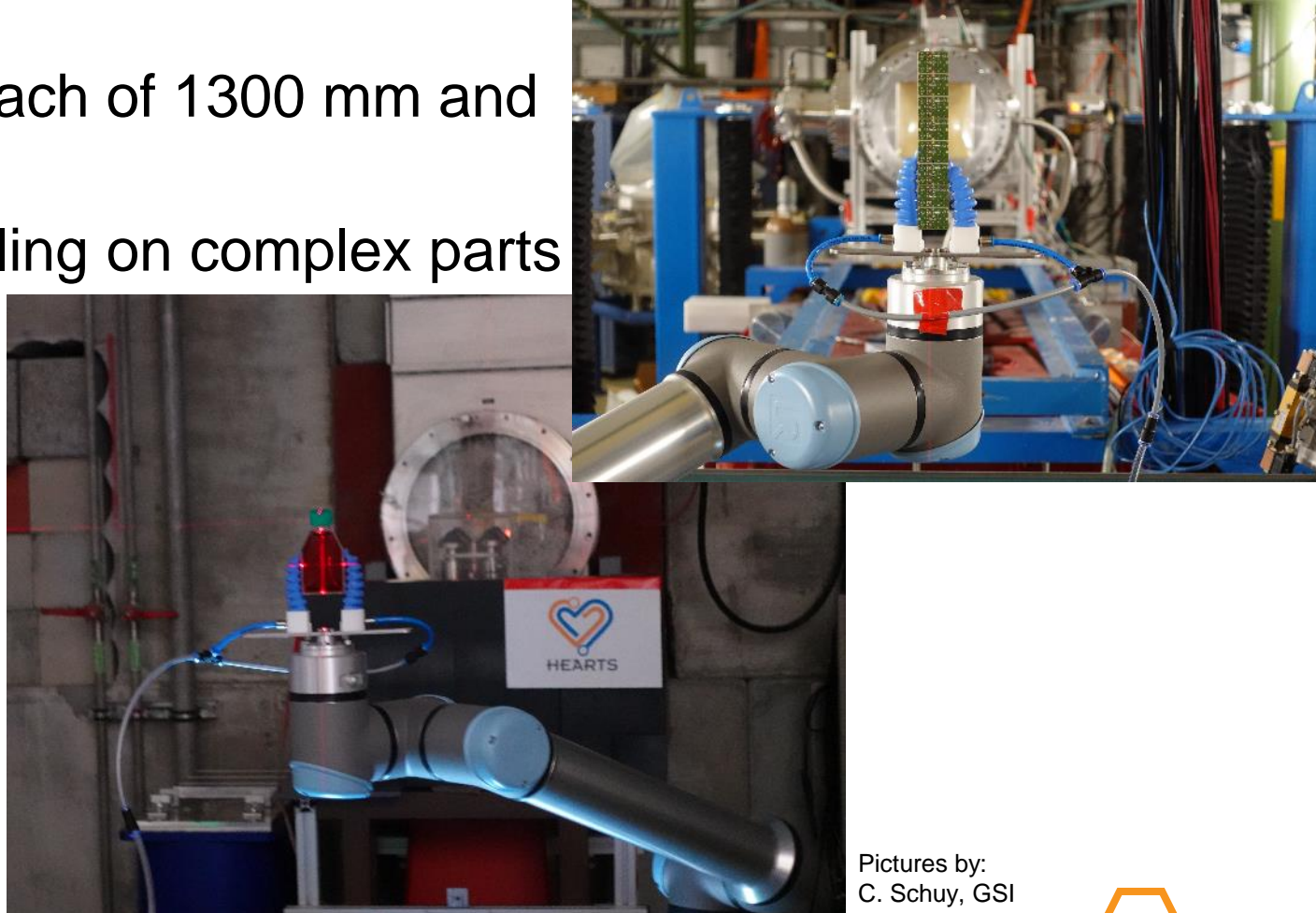


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# Status Task 4.4: Target station (2/3)

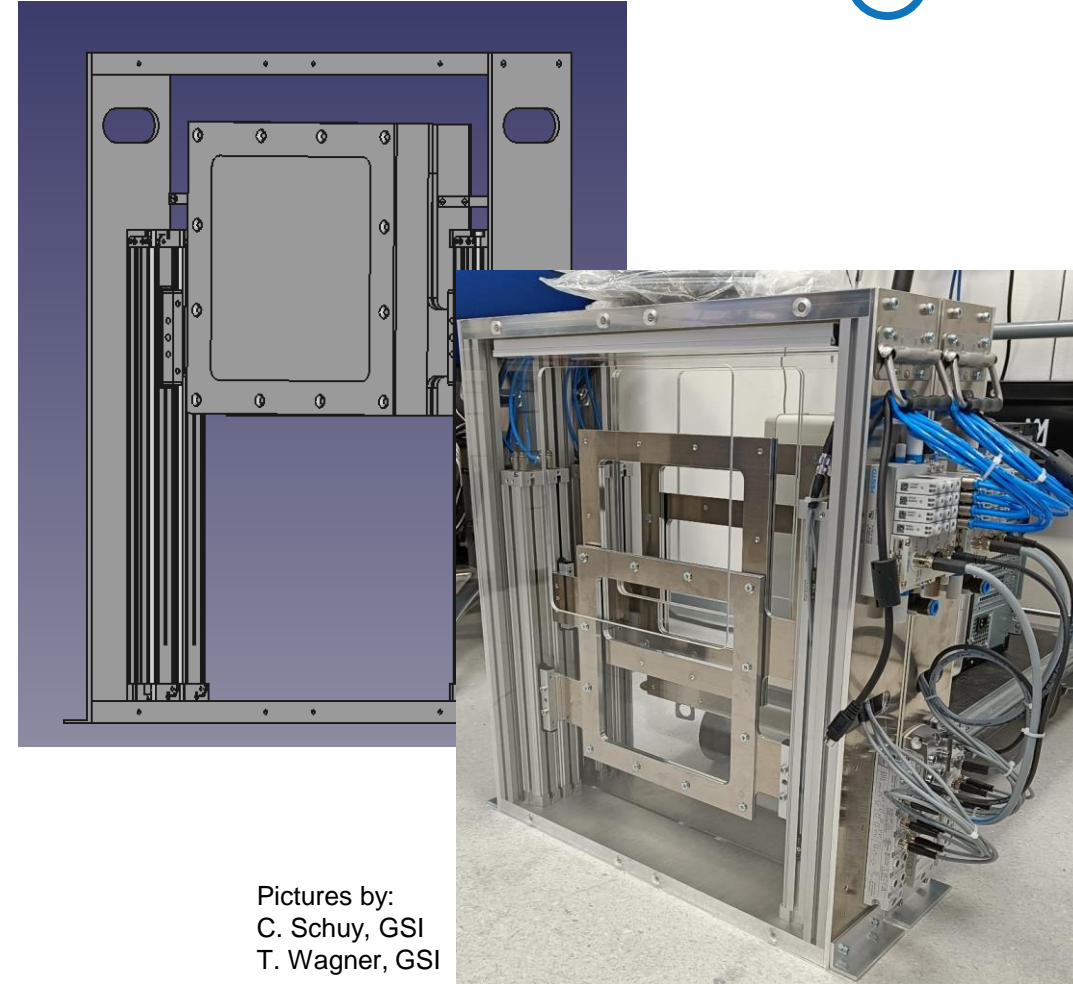
- Robotic arm UR10e with a reach of 1300 mm and a payload of 12,5 kg
- Will be used for sample handling on complex parts and biological samples
- Confirmed operation in an environment with ionizing radiation (December 2023)



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C. Schuy, GSI

# Status Task 4.4: Target station (3/3)

- New modular range shifters for positioning of shielding material
- Two plates / elements can be mounted to each of them
  - Three modular range shifters for a total of 6 plates / elements
- Distance between the individual range shifters can be varied for a more diverse application
- Added flexibility as more complicated structures can also be mounted to them, e.g., modulators for the beam



Pictures by:  
C. Schuy, GSI  
T. Wagner, GSI

# Status Task 4.5: GCR simulator dosimetry

- Detailed characterization of the GCR Simulator for Cave A in April 2024
- Plan to use various different detectors:
  - Standard dosimetry detectors
  - Microdosimetry detectors
  - Neutron detectors (Bonner Spheres)
  - Silicon diode
  - etc.
- In the future:
  - Measurements of the GCR Simulator with shielding
  - Faster validation of the GCR field with a quick dosimetry measurement compared to full characterization for regular operation

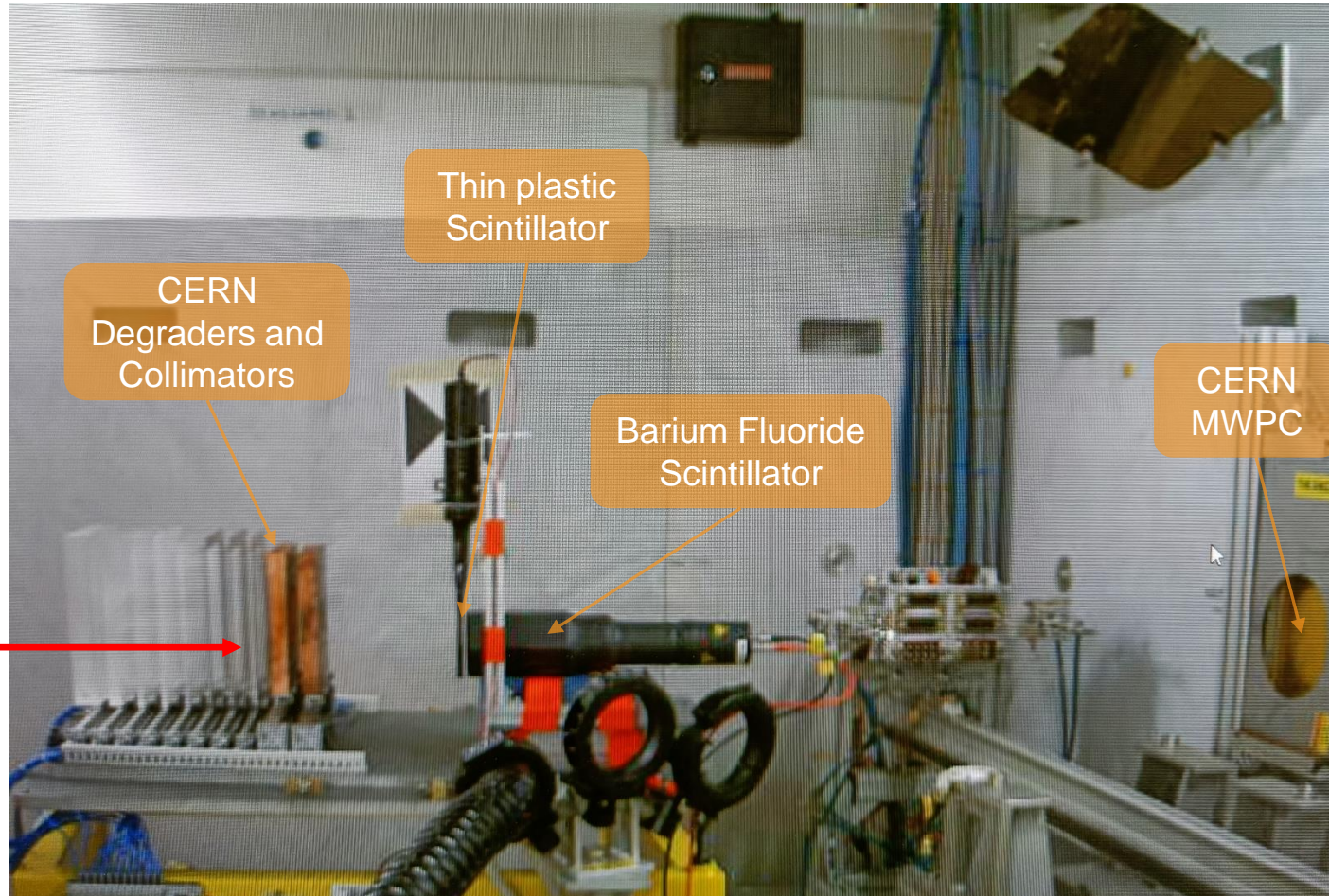
# Status Task 4.6: Intercomparison between CERN and GSI (1/2)

- Cross comparison of GSI and CERN detectors during a beamtime in October 2023 @ CERN
- Analysis of data still ongoing → Will be reported on in D4.6

| Detector 1                              | Detector 2                         | Reason   |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Parallel Plate Ionization Chamber (GSI) | Farmer Chamber (GSI)               | Calibration of IC with an absolute detector and Cross-check of RF-gain intensity adjustments |
| Parallel Plate Ionization Chamber (GSI) | Silicon Diode (CERN)               | Comparison between standard GSI and CERN detectors   |
| Thin plastic Scintillator (GSI)         | Silicon Diode (CERN)               | Comparison between standard GSI and CERN detectors (for lower intensities)                   |
| Thin plastic Scintillator (GSI)         | Barium Fluoride Scintillator (GSI) | Measurement of beam spectra and Characterization of the fragments                            |

The CERN emission chambers (XSEC and XION) were always placed in the beam.

# Status Task 4.6: Intercomparison between CERN and GSI (2/2)



Experimental setup for the measurement of the thin plastic scintillator vs the Barium Fluoride scintillator in October 2023 at CERN.

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# Deliverables due in Y1

| Deliv. No. | Deliverable name   | Due date   | Status   | Summary  |
|------------|--|------------|----------|--|
| D4.1       | Beam instrumentation for high-energy low intensity heavy ion beam characterization | 2003-12-31 | Achieved | A description of the beam instrumentation for high-energy low intensity heavy ion beam characterization of GSI and CERN. Each of the detectors is shortly explained alongside their typical use. |

*The achieved deliverables are available on HEARTS website page:*

*<https://hearts-project.eu/project/deliverables/>*

# Milestones due in Y1

- No milestones due in Y1 for WP4

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# Upcoming Deliverables & Milestones

| Deliv. No.  | Deliverable name   | Due date   | Status  |
|-------------|--|------------|---------|
| D4.2        | Calibrated CERN beam instrumentation documented and installed in the accelerator | 2024-12-31 | Pending |
| D4.3        | Experimental measurements on GSI beam instrumentation and dosimetry              | 2025-12-31 | Pending |
| D4.4        | Documentation on the target station construction and use                         | 2025-12-31 | Pending |
| D4.5        | Report on microdosimetry for GCR simulator calibration                           | 2025-12-31 | Pending |
| D4.6        | Intercomparison between CERN and GSI instrumentation and standardisation         | 2026-12-31 | Pending |
| Milest. No. | Milestone name   | Due date   | Status  |
| M12         | CERN beam instrumentation and dosimetry installed and running                    | 2024-12-31 | Pending |
| M13         | GSI beam instrumentation and dosimetry installed and running                     | 2025-21-31 | Pending |

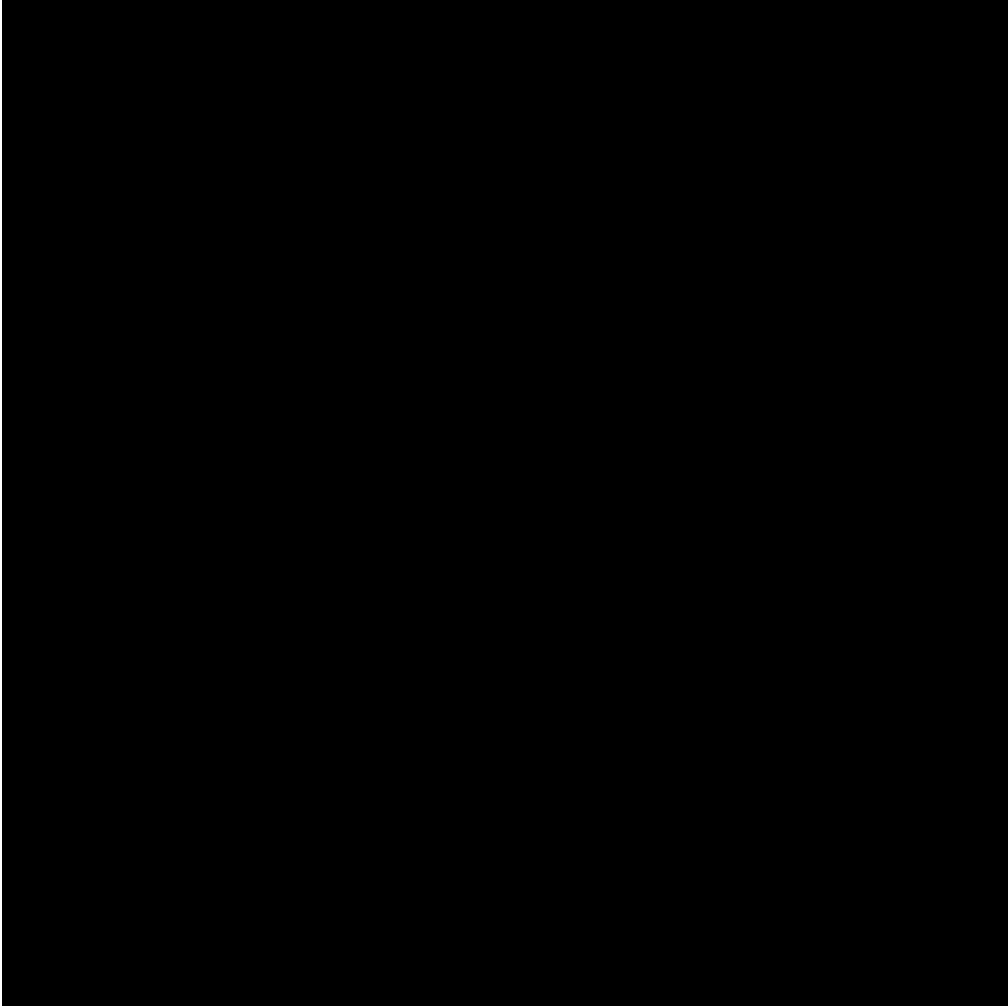


# Plans for the (near) future

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- **Task 4.4: Target Station**
  - Finish building and commissioning the target station
  - Test and use the robotic arm for first experiments and tests with cells
  - Detailed report on the GSI target station → Deliverable D4.4
- **Task 4.5: GCR simulator dosimetry**
  - First measurements in April 2024
- **Task 4.6: Intercomparison between CERN and GSI**
  - Analysis of measured data from October 2023 @ CERN
  - Further comparison measurements planned, e.g. Silicon Diode in GSI Iron beam

# Thank you for your attention



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