

Secondary Beamline Operation 2023 and 2024 Outlook

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Introduction

- Follow-up on JAP 2022 actions
- East Area
- North Area

P42

BEAMS



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TI2

JAP 2022 Actions and Updates

- All follow-up actions from JAP 2022 addressed and completed:
 - EAST dump shielding → will be installed in December (ECR: <u>https://edms.cern.ch/document/2920070/0.2</u>)
 - + H6 / H8 electron beams \rightarrow restored to previous purity / intensity
 - support the NA61 low-E beam
 - AFT active feedback
 - PBC experiment Run 4
- H6 smaller spot-sizes and intensity improvement
 - several strategies studied and now being discussed
 - record intensity delivered in H6 in 2023
- Infrastructure upgrades in the East Area
 - ventilation done; drainage solved waiting on final safety validation
- Introduction of a new secondary beamline stand-by service by BE-EA-LE



East Area



East Area

- A systematic measurement of beam composition in T09/T10 was made in tight collaboration with test beam users and BL4S
- East Area Dump shielding improvement studied on request of OP and additional shielding will be installed in December
- The water ingress due to a leak in the roof has been temporarily mitigated
 - important to have mitigated in a general way as there is a <u>high risk of impact on beamlines / experiments</u> if not solved
- New ventilation slats were installed throughout the year to mitigate high temperatures observed by CLOUD
- BHZ027 is close to the RMS limit of the power supply and often trips
 - would benefit from additional energy storage unit











North Area Operation

- Significant savings of protons on target due to the optimisation of losses around the T4 target region
 - reduced activation throughout operation
- Significant improvement and understanding of beam losses in P42 (discussed later in detail)
- T4 VXSS vacuum chamber removal early in 2023
 - T4 VXSS found displaced from geometrical scan of TCC2
 - prompt assessment and intervention to remove it entirely
 - this had a strong (positive) impact on beam losses as well as electron beams in the North Area (again, positive)
- Development and progress towards calibration of TCC2 and TCC8 BSIs with activation foils







H8 & H4 Electron Beams

- H8 users (ATLAS TileCal) reported low electron content in beam in recent years
 - 3.2% in 2021 vs 48% in 2017 (at 100 GeV/c)
 - many investigations and confirmation in 2022
- Removal of the VXSS had a very positive impact
 - an XEMC calorimeter was used in H8 during beam commissioning to measure the electron content of beam
 - measured ~70 80% electrons up to 120 GeV/c
- H8 tertiary beam optics re-optimised to improve transmission with local dispersion suppression at the secondary target
- Again possible to have electron users in H6/H8
 - will help with the current overloading of H2/H4 beamlines
- For NA64(e) several improvements led to records of high purity and low beam halo
 - H4 improved vacuum, removal of instrumentation, improved optics





XEMC calorimeter data showing fraction of electrons See: https://indico.cern.ch/event/1314360/#71-h8-electron-beamupdate



H6 Spot Size and Intensity

- Silicon pixel tests in H6 test out very small sensors
 - require small and higher intensity beam to get enough hits
- Request to study smaller spot sizes in H6
- In 2023, with the removal of the T4 VXSS we were able to reach up to 6 x 10⁶ particles / spill
 - improved transmission for same RP monitor limit
- Studies show smaller spot sizes can be achieved upstream if experiment moves setup
 - do-able now with minimal cost
- An alternative is the addition of 2x quads at the end
 - infrastructure being assessed and cost estimated







M2 Beamline

- Several challenging changeovers between big setups successfully completed (AMBER, NA64µ, MUonE) in a short time, minimising the downtime
- The MUonE tent and infrastructure worked well to isolate the environment of the precise experiment
- During a high intensity hadron test in September, losses were identified in a vertical momentumdefining bend
 - double-peaked beam profiles due to losses understood
 - a re-alignment of the section is scheduled for the EYETS
- For a higher intensity hadron beam, new studies show making the vacuum more continuous will be beneficial
 - reduced angular spread from multiple-scattering will improve the CEDAR efficiency for tagging particles
 - timeline → 2023: integration model; 2024: detailed study and budget request; 2025: procurement; LS3: installation
 - still requires approval of resources







Ion Operation

• MSN Magnet Fire in H4 (MSN.X0220031)

- the fire was most probably caused by an electrical arc due to an inter-turn short or short to ground
- 3 days downtime for all North Area users and H4 users (AMS) were successfully moved to H8
- the incident was relatively close to the end of the physics run so continued operation in other lines was prioritised
- A very <u>near-miss</u> and it could have been much worse and highlights the importance of NA-CONS
 - a similar fire happened in the same design of magnet in P42 (2021)
- Besides this, all ion beams were delivered as requested including fragmented ion beams
 - new secondary target installed in H8 for enriched low-Z fragments
 - improved beam for NA60+ in H8 from improved optics and the T4 VXSS removal



Connection side coil

Connection side top





H2 Ion Beam Fluctuations

- NA61 saw frequent beam movements in the 2023 ion run
 - movement was in the horizontal plane on a short timescale
 - large fluctuations in intensity seen (factor ~2) at times
- SPS extracted intensity and T2 BSI also show fluctuations but not as much as what NA61 sees (also in T4/H8)
 - beam instrumentation not ideal for ions a known issue
- Most likely this is a combination of several factors
 - upstream position / angle fluctuation in extraction \rightarrow T2
 - movement of beam at target position \rightarrow narrow acceptance in H2 with necessary collimation
- Needs further study of intensity fluctuations and beam movement (OP / ABT with input from BI)





North Area Operation Continued

- CEDAR detectors have experienced many issues
 - faults have been collected and actively tracked (see Maarten's talk)
- NA61 vertex magnet experienced cryogenic cooling problems but these were solved
- Some issues encountered with ECN3 access system
- H2 moving beam issue BA81 power converter cross-talk
 - it was found that the beam in H2 moves sporadically
 - correlated with changes in other beamlines
 - a very small change in current below measurement resolution
 - unfortunately requires beam time in the whole of EHN1 to understand (see <u>https://edms.cern.ch/document/2932122/1</u>)
 - few tests show correlations but needs further study
 - require some beam time in 2024 to study this



H2 beam position for turning on / off H4, H6, H8 for power converters grouped by BA80 / BA81







P42 Operation in 2023

- 2023 operation on P42 successful
 - Record availability at T10
 - Successful beam dump run
- Radiation levels and losses significantly reduced
 - VXSS chamber removed
- New beam instrumentation installed
 - SEM grid profile monitors (Federico Roncarolo SY-BI)
 - Beam loss monitors (Christos Zamantzas SY-BI)

Beamline improvements

- Done in collaboration with NA-Cons
- P6 bends removed
- Beamline smoothing campaign (camille Vendeuvre)
- SEM devices with faulty IN/OUT motors moved
- **Optics studies and further consolidation**
 - BDSIM and FLUKA models developed
 - For present operation for NA62
 - For future **H**igh-Intensity ECN3 Project
 - Dedicated and Shared optics
- **Big thanks to all involved!**





P6 bends before



Radial Initial-Final





BSG profile monitor





Instrumentation Improvements

SEM Grids Installed

- Previous optics studies performed on TT20
 - Mini-scanner on P42 would have taken too long
- 3 new <u>BSG grids</u> installed + existing one moved
 - S = 389, 512, 653, 836 m (<u>EDMS 2777725</u>)
 - BSG 653 not in dedicated vacuum
 - 6 in total on TT24 + P42
- Allowed <u>kick response study</u> and <u>quad scan</u>

BLMs Installed

- Loss sources or location not well understood
- 13 BLMs installed (EDMS 2777729)
- Have helped in finding loss sources
 - Large peak at ~170 m is $\beta_x \max \text{ and } D_x \max$
- Have helped with intensity and vacuum RP studies
- Have prevented RP issues during optics MDs





Beam Losses in P42

- In recent years beam losses were very high in key areas
 - EHN1 Saleve ramp
 - TCC8/ECN3 bridge
 - Problem for ongoing operation
- Major source identified in YETS \rightarrow VXSS chamber
 - Beam was passing through 22 mm stainless steel
 - Chamber removed completely
 - Extra ~7 m of air \rightarrow potential air activation assessed by RP, found acceptable
- Losses much lower → Significant Radiation reduction
- Beam losses still present
- Using model in BDSIM to identify source
 - Appears to be driven by beam matter interactions
- Dominant source is likely interactions with <u>air in TAX region</u>
- Large variation seen during run
 - Despite stability in P42
 - Study of correlations and conditions ongoing
 - Transmission during dedicated optics lower
- New optical fibre dosimeters to be installed
 - Both active and passive
 - Will provide higher resolution loss positions





Radiation Studies

- Post-LS2 radiation levels too high
- Activation survey of beamline equipment
- RP studies focussing on EHN1 ramp and ECN3 Bridge
- Factor 8 reduction in dose rate since 2022 on EHN1 ramp
 - Within area classification
 - VXSS removal
 - ~100 hours of beamline commissioning
 - Shielding improvements
 - SEM devices with faulty IN/OUT motors moved away from beam
 - Removal of P6 dipoles
 - Beamline smoothing \rightarrow Particularly collimators (EDMS <u>2927202</u>)
- Radiation levels on bridge within present area classification
 - Radiation levels are close to limit
 - Installation of RP monitor with interlock ongoing
- Dedicated FLUKA studies of future shielding scenarios
 - Iron
 - Iron + concrete
 - Movement of aperture restrictions
 - Strategy depends on loss reduction
- Successful Beam dump run
 - 60 units on T10
 - Dose rates on ramp average 1.1 uSv/hr

Big contribution from RP and BMI



Several RP surveys at the EHN1 ramp and TCC8/ECN3 bridge





EHN1 Ramp - 0.005 % beam losses





Vacuum Level Study

- Nominal Vacuum level in P42 ~ 10⁻³ mbar
 - Collaboration between NA-Cons and HI-ECN3
 - What vacuum level is required for HI-ECN3?
 - Impact on losses, RP, and BSG grids
- Test performed from 10 mbar 0.01 mbar
 - Measure BSG 653 vs BSG in dedicated vacuum
 - Record BLM data and RP monitors
- BSG performance improves with lower pressure
 - Operation at nominal pressure comparable to high vacuum
- Beam losses reduce with lower pressure
 - Very small difference from baseline losses below 0.1 mbar
- Radiation levels reduce with lower pressure
 - Very small change in measured dose below 0.1 mbar
- Nominal vacuum should be okay for HI-ECN3
 - To be verified
- Functional specification being drafted for consolidation





Optics studies

- Since 2018 T10 Beam spot has been too large
 - Entirely due to **VXSS** \rightarrow consistent with BDSIM simulations —
 - Reduction from 0.5 x 0.75 mm² \rightarrow 0.26 x 0.28 mm²
- Longstanding issue of TT20 and P42 mismatch
 - Collaboration between ABT, OP and EA to match entire beamline
- Magnet measurements
 - Transfer function in LSA and YASP is from unknown source
 - QNL and QTL magnets have been remeasured —
 - Up to 5 % discrepancy —
 - Some magnets are <u>very sensitive</u> \rightarrow final focus
- YASP test planned for 2024
- New instrumentation has enabled new optics studies
 - MDs dedicated to optics studies
- **Kick response study**
 - Scan of horizontal and vertical correctors
 - Optics changed between correctors and BSGs
 - Some agreement but not total \rightarrow Analysis ongoing
- Quad scan
 - Scanned quads along entire TT24-P42 line
 - Use MADX model from KR study to fit initial conditions





1200

1000

600

T4 Vertical Bypass

- Vertical bump around T4 target for HI-ECN3
 - Protect T4 target
 - Improve transmission through T4 region
 - Reduce losses downstream
- New dipole kicker installed in YETS
 - Temporary cabling and cooling
 - Installed in air \rightarrow connect to vacuum in LS3
 - EDMS 2797504
- Tested in MDs in 2023
 - − 300 mm Be Target (λ_l = 421 mm) → ~48 % survival
- Results suggest a possible working point
 - Successfully bumped beam → 4 mm + 3 mm
 - Bump not fully closed \rightarrow could be due to optics issues
 - Intensity changed on T10
 - Interactions in target
 - Issues with BSI readings (see Maarten Van Dijk)
 - Beam loss is asymmetric at BLM 043





Future Optics Studies

- Implement new QNL and QTL transfer function in LSA
 - Initial check during commissioning
- Re-analyse optics with new TF
 - Transfer lines may require re-tuning
 - Repeat KR study and quad scan
 - May require MD time

Design new TT24-P42 optics for new constraints

- Reduce sensitivity
- Reduce impact of beam scattering
- Beam collimation
- Dedicated beam dump optics
 - Location and performance to be evaluated
- Implement optics in MDs
- Vital for success of HI-ECN3
 - Match optics
 - Reducing beam losses



Present TT24-P42 optics

example 1%

quad error



Beta Function [] 12000

1000

Target 0 mm, s = 132.0 m

0.100

0.073

0.050

₫ 0.000

Summary

East Area

- roof water ingress needs to be properly mitigated
- BHZ027 magnet would benefit from an additional energy storage unit
- M2 vacuum request for future Drell-Yan resources need to be approved following the budget estimation in 2024
- Ion beam fluctuations (intensity and trajectory) need further investigation
- H2/H4 moving beam issue needs time during commissioning to be understood
- Electron beams are back in H8/H6 !
 - realignment of H6 / H8 in YETS \rightarrow commissioning will be thorough and also re-confirm H6 electron beams
- P42
 - radiation levels significantly reduced
 - optics being studied
 - MD time important in realising HI-ECN3



Thank you

A huge thank you to the the many teams involved in running the secondary beamlines







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Backup



East Area Availabilities

- Very good availability for all beam lines of the East Area, also thanks to the very good PS availability.
- **No major issues** in the secondary beam lines and experimental area infrastructure.



North Area Availabilities

- Overall, there was good availability for all beam lines of the North Area, and also thanks to the good SPS availability.
- A few major issues in the secondary beam lines and the experimental area infrastructure led to less availability in certain weeks
 - top 3 issues: CEDAR issues during the AMBER p-bar run; cryogenics issues with the NA61 spectrometer magnets; and the MSN fire, affecting the overall NA availability during the ion run.

