



# CERN EHN1 Test Beam Facility

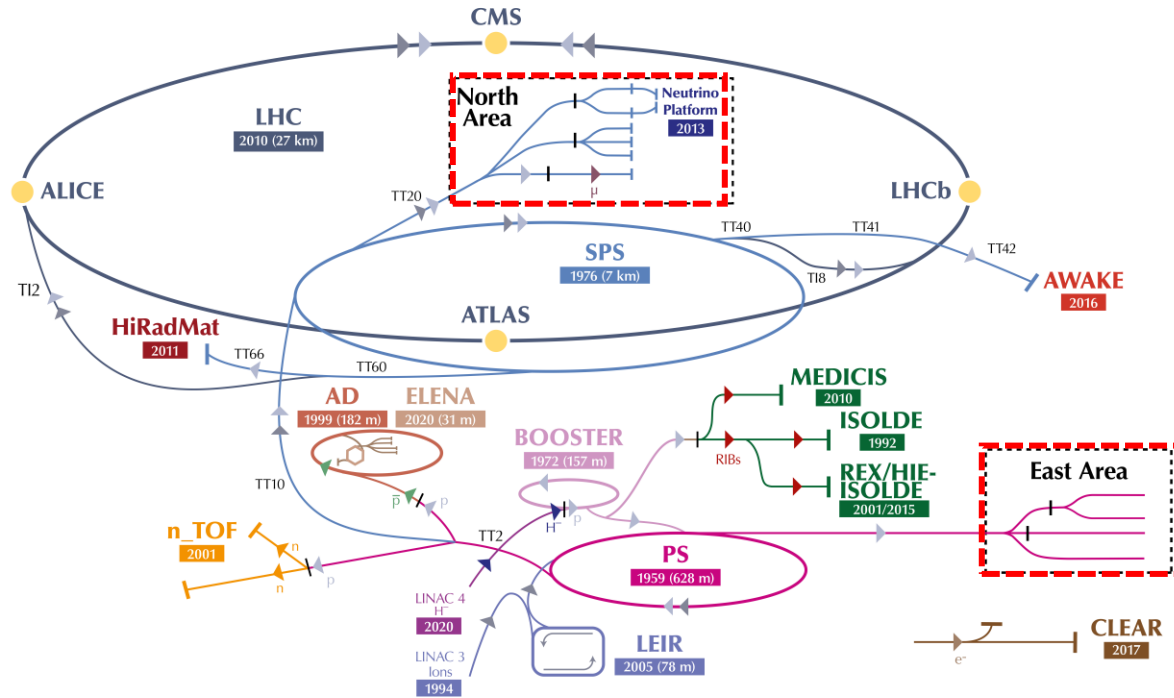
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# CERN Accelerator Complex

The CERN accelerator complex  
*Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN*



SPS : protons/ions @ **400 GeV/c/Z**  
 PS: protons /ions @ **24 GeV/c/Z**

**Maximum momenta** available to the users in the PS/SPS Test Beam Facilities :

North Area →  $\leq 400 \text{ GeV/c/Z}$  (primary beam) or  $\leq 360 \text{ GeV/c/Z}$  (secondary beam).

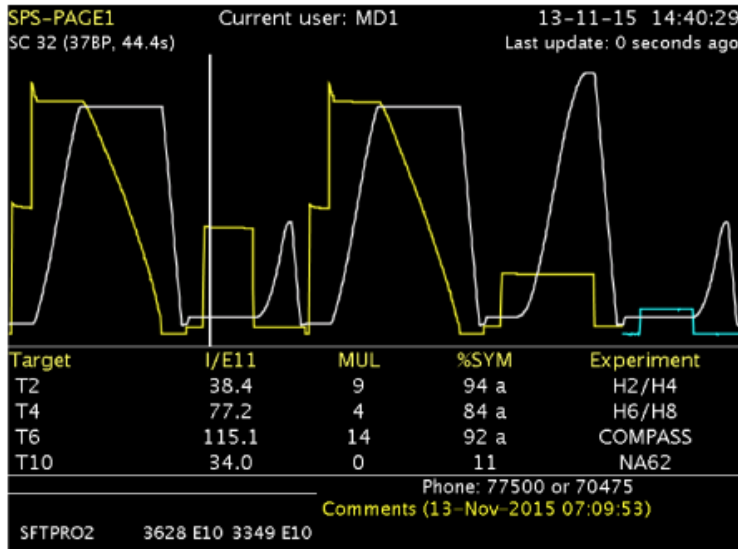
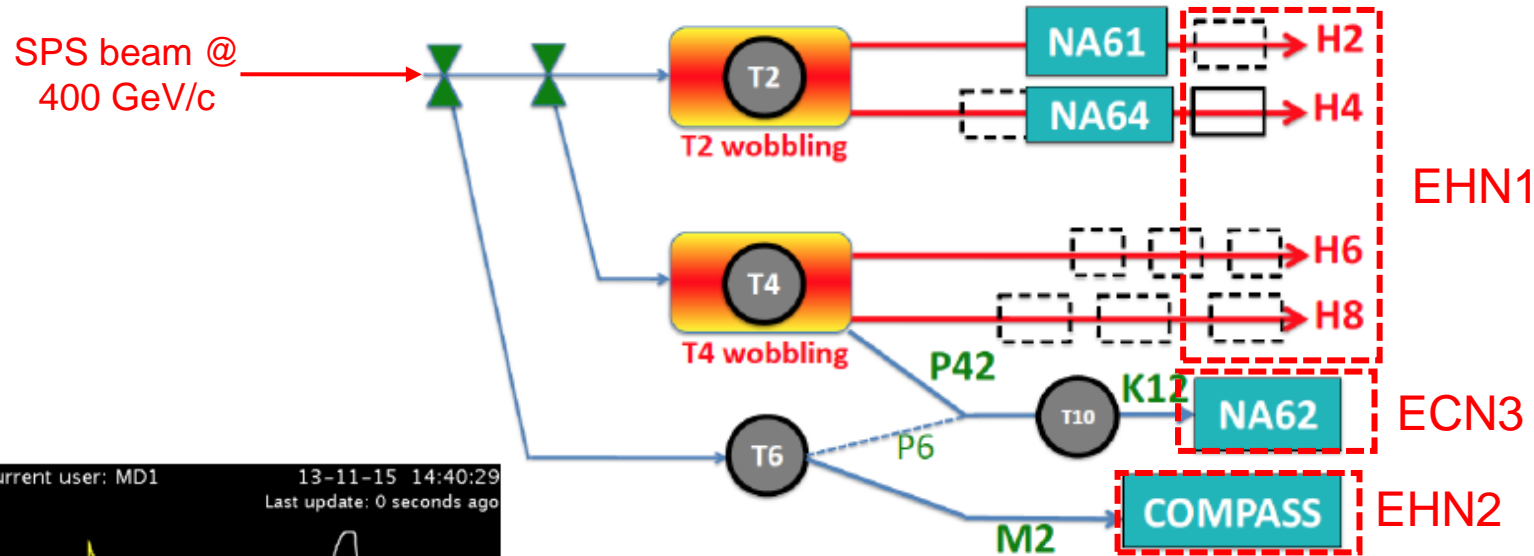
East Area →  $\leq 15 \text{ GeV/c}$  (secondary beam only).

▶  $\text{H}^-$  (hydrogen anions) ▶ p (protons) ▶ ions ▶ RIBs (Radioactive Ion Beams) ▶ n (neutrons) ▶  $\bar{p}$  (antiprotons) ▶  $e^-$  (electrons) ▶  $\mu$  (muons)

LHC - Large Hadron Collider // SPS - Super Proton Synchrotron // PS - Proton Synchrotron // AD - Antiproton Decelerator // CLEAR - CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research // AWAKE - Advanced WAKefield Experiment // ISOLDE - Isotope Separator OnLine // REX/HIE-ISOLDE - Radioactive Experiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE // MEDICIS // LEIR - Low Energy Ion Ring // LINAC - LINear ACcelerator // n\_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

# North Area Secondary Beamlines

- The 400 GeV/c primary beam is slowly extracted to 3 primary targets → T2, T4 and T6



**Spill duration:** 4.8 second flat top  
 Typically : **2 cycles / SPS supercycle** for NA and  
 ~ **3000 spills/day**

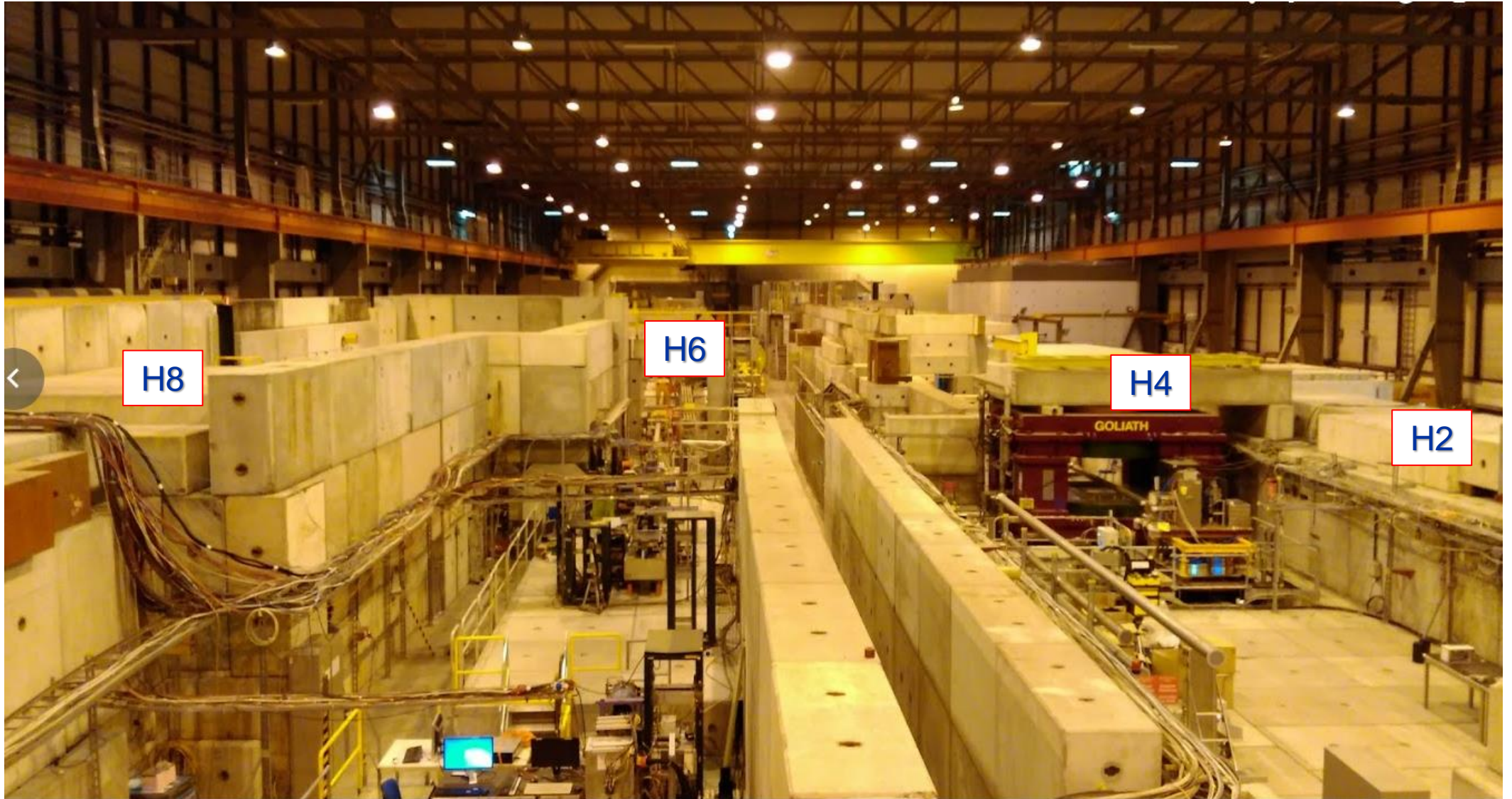
Supercycle structure depends on the physics program of all the facilities served by the SPS including LHC, AWAKE, HiRadMat and the Machine Development program.

# Characteristics of the Beam

Parameter	T2 Target		T4 Target	
	H2	H4	H6	H8
Beam Line				
Attenuated primary proton / <b>Secondary beam</b>	400/360	400/360	-/205	400/360
Maximum $\Delta p/p$ (%)	$\pm 2.0$	$\pm 1.4$	$\pm 1.5$	$\pm 1.5$
Maximum intensity/spill (hadrons/electrons)	$10^7/10^6$	$10^7/10^7$	$10^7/10^5$	$10^7/10^5$
Available particle types	Primary protons or pure electrons or pure/mixed hadrons or pure muons			
Ion Beam Availability	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

- **T6 Target** → Serves the M2 beam that was used by the COMPASS experiment until 2022 for 20 years and is currently used by AMBER, NA64mu and MUonE.
  - $< 10^8$  hadrons/spill  $< 280$  GeV/c.
  - $< 2 \times 10^8$  muons/spill  $< 250$  GeV/c.
- **P42** beam shares the T4 target (with H6/H8) and transports the proton beam that has not interacted, onto the T10 target to produce typically 75 GeV/c kaon beam for NA62.

# EHN1 (B-887, Preveessin Site)



# Large aperture magnets available in the North Area for tests with beam



## GOLIATH

- EHN1, H4 beam line
- Large classical dipole
- 160 x 240 x 360 cm
- 1.5 T max field
- Use of GOLIATH via CESAR (please contact B. Rae)

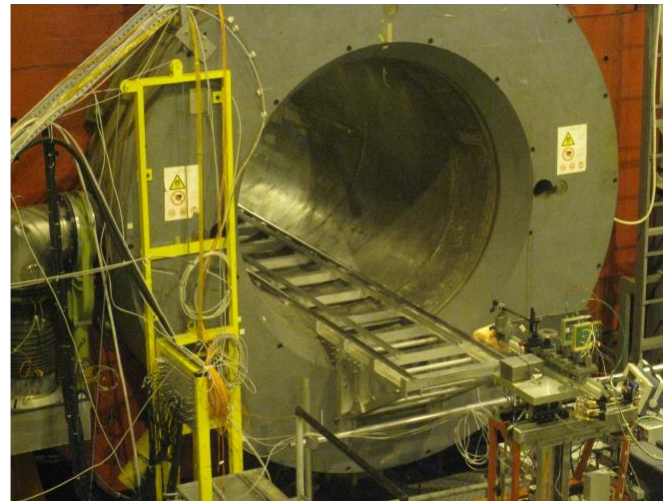


## CMS M1 magnet

- EHN1, H2 beam line
- superconducting dipole
- 82 cm gap, 1.4m diameter
- 3.0 T field

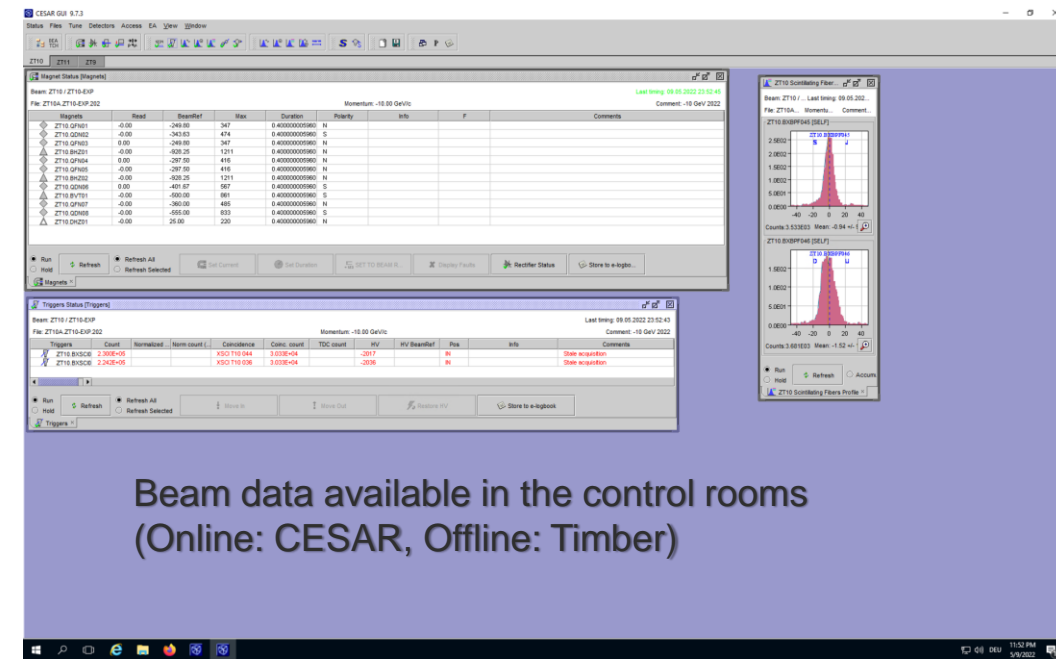
## Morpurgo

- EHN1, H8 beam line
- Superconducting dipole
- 1.6 m diameter, 4 m length
- 1.5 T field



# Beam Instrumentation in the North Area

- Depending on the beam line and the zone :
  - Threshold Cherenkov gas counters (XCET) and CEDARs → used for particle tagging
  - Beam profile & intensity monitors:
    - scintillators & analog/delay multi wire chambers are installed in several positions along the beam line.
    - As part of the consolidation efforts under NACONS all analog/delay wire chambers will be replaced by XBPFs.
  - FISC scanners → precise slower profile monitors – can also be used for angular measurements



# H4 Beamline



- Quite “famous” for the high intensity, high purity electron beam that it can offer.

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**Precision Measurement of Trident Production in Strong Electromagnetic Fields**

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We demonstrate experimentally that the trident process  $e^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$  in a strong external field, with a spatial extension comparable to the effective radiation length, is well understood theoretically. The experiment, conducted at CERN, probes values for the strong field parameter  $\chi$  up to 2.4. Experimental data and theoretical expectations using the local constant field approximation show remarkable agreement over almost 3 orders of magnitude in yield.

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Editors' Suggestion

**Dark Matter Search in Missing Energy Events with NA64**

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**NA64**

**CMS ECAL intercalibration with cosmic rays and 2006 test beam electrons**

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The CMS Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL) calibration for muons dedicated protocols both before and during the data taking. Up to now test beam electrons and cosmic muons have been used to precalibrate ECAL. During the summer 2006, nine ECAL supermodules have been exposed to a high energy electron beam at the CERN SPS north area facility and the intercalibration coefficients of the 1700 channels have been measured for each supermodule. The reproducibility of the intercalibration has been tested by measuring a supermodule twice. Different calibration methods based either on single crystals or on matrices of crystals energy reconstruction have been used. The intercalibration coefficients obtained have also been compared with those calculated by means of the cosmic ray muons.

Keywords: calorimetry, LHC, CMS, electromagnetic, calibration, high energy

**CMS**

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**Muon detection in electron-positron annihilation for muon collider studies**

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Regular Article - Experimental Physics

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**Investigation on steering of ultrarelativistic  $e^\pm$  beam through an axially oriented bent crystal**

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**Experimental Study of Single Vertex ( $e^- - e^+$ ) Pair Creation in a Crystal**

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**NA33**

**Study of Unexplained Hard Photon Production by Electrons Channelled in a Crystal**

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**NA42**

# H4 - Experimental Zones

- **Experimental zones :**
  - H4A → PPE134, very long and broad area, equipped with GOLIATH magnet. Has an XTDV (beam dump) to separate from PPE144.
  - H4B → PPE144, houses the NA64 experiment and upstream of GIF++. Has an XTDV (beam dump) to separate from PPE154.
  - H4C → PPE154, GIF++ bunker. Separated from PPE164 with an XTDV.
  - H4D → PPE164, Dedicated CMS zone downstream of GIF++.

PPE134



PPE144

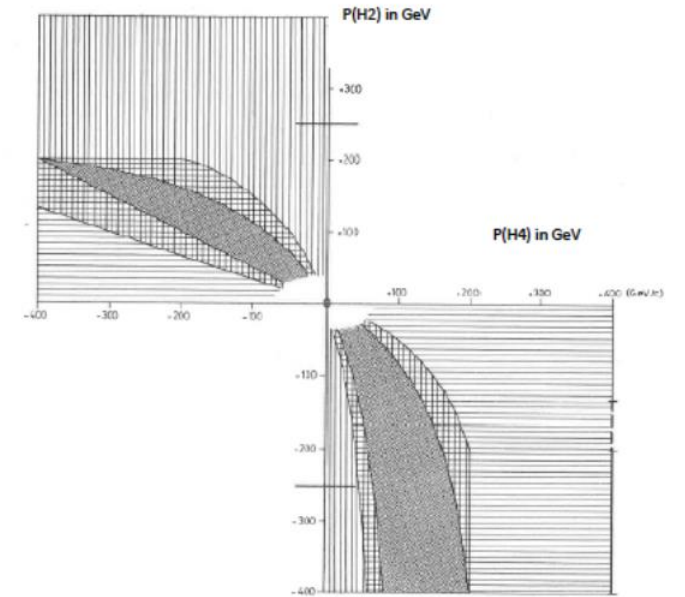
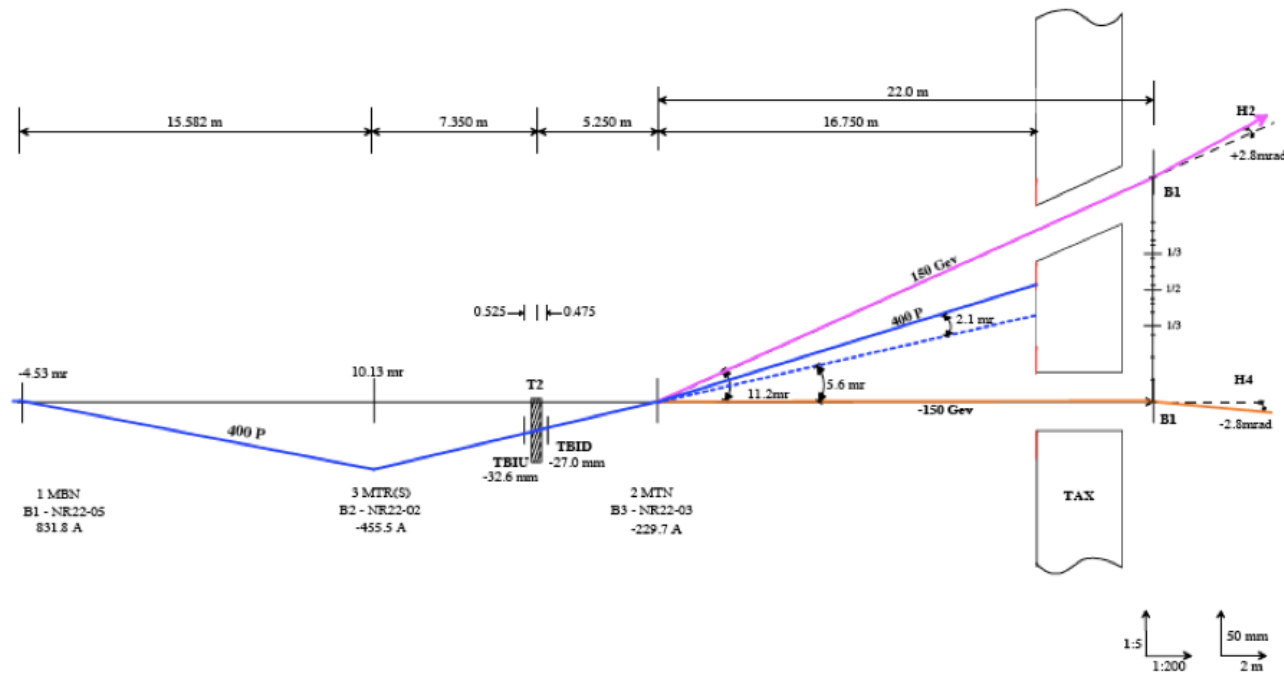


GIF++



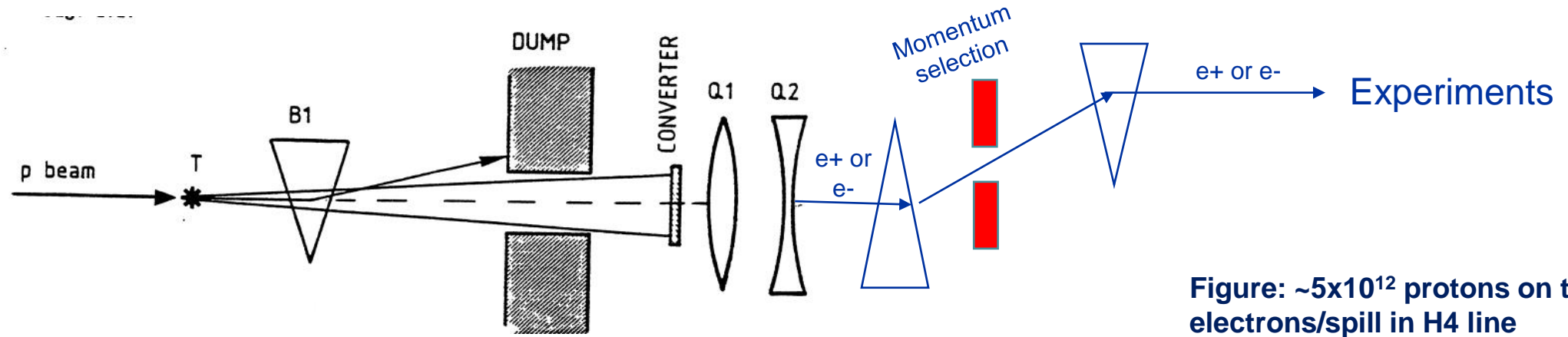
# H4 – Available beam modes

- H4 shares the target T2 with H2. Therefore, there are some coupling between the momenta available in H2 and H4.
- Available beam modes - High energy hadrons ( $\sim 5E6$ /spill), muons ( $1E4$ /spill) and electrons ( $7E6$ /spill) are available upon request



# H4 Electron beams

- Mechanism : Production of electrons / positrons from the neutral channel ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  and then, in a Pb converter  $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ )



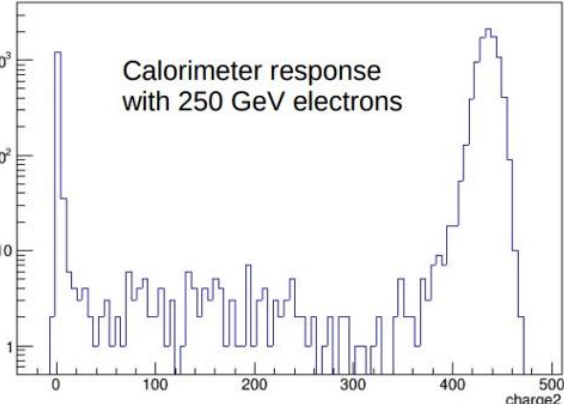
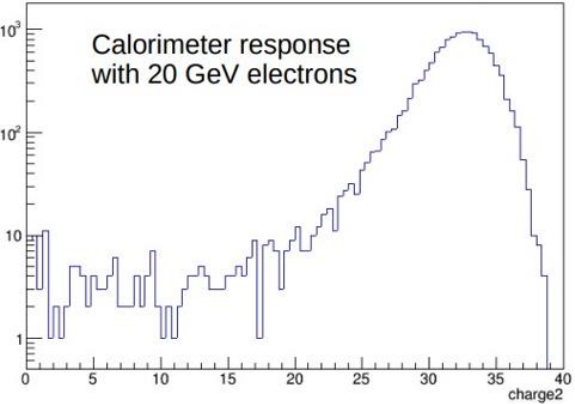
- Intensities between  $10^3 - 10^7$  particles per spill, depending on the collimation & momentum selection precision
- Purity between 50 – 100% depending on the momentum & exact target station configuration
- Converter: Pb, 4mm thickness
- Only available in H2 / H4 lines – H6 & H8 don't have this option

# H4 electron beams - Examples

## Beam Quality

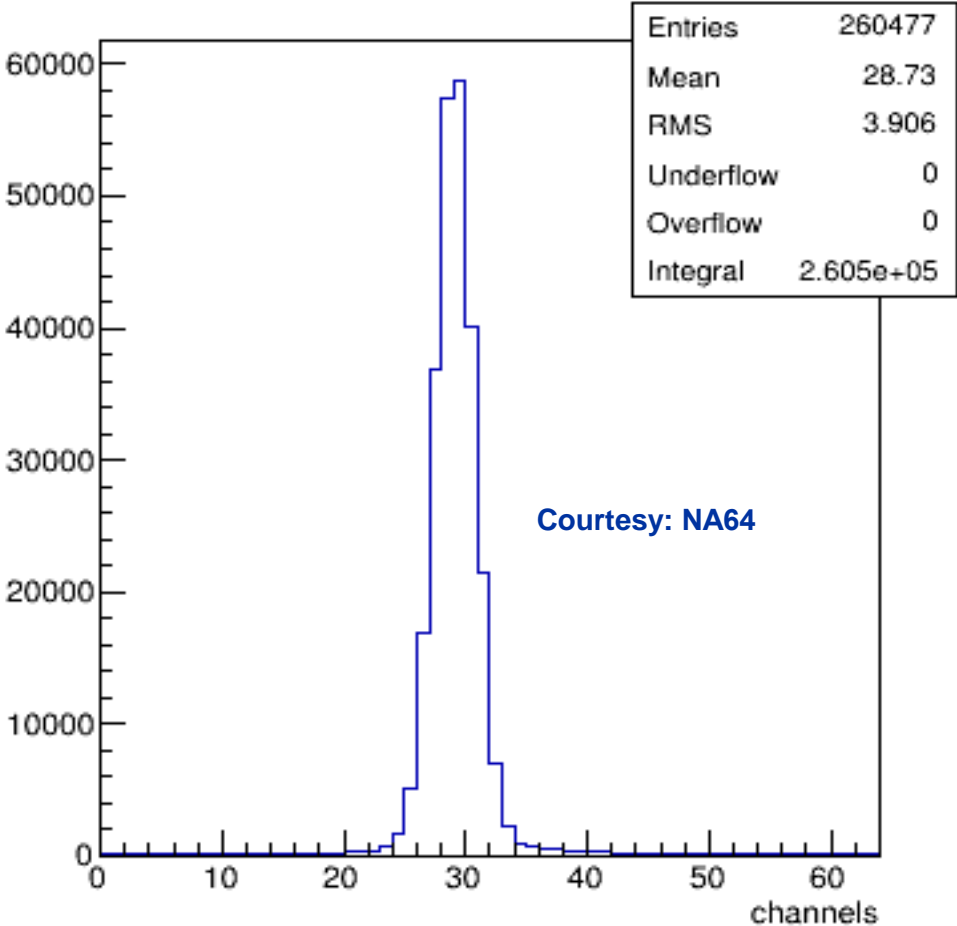
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- Had excellent beam quality for electrons, muons, pions
  - Very high purity achieved after wobbling change of Friday
- Adjusted momentum collimators for some runs to reduce momentum spread at high energy



Courtesy: FASER

ST01X channels distribution



# H4 muon beams

- In 2022, a new muon target has been installed in PPE124. This greatly improved the muon purity in PPE134 and downstream.

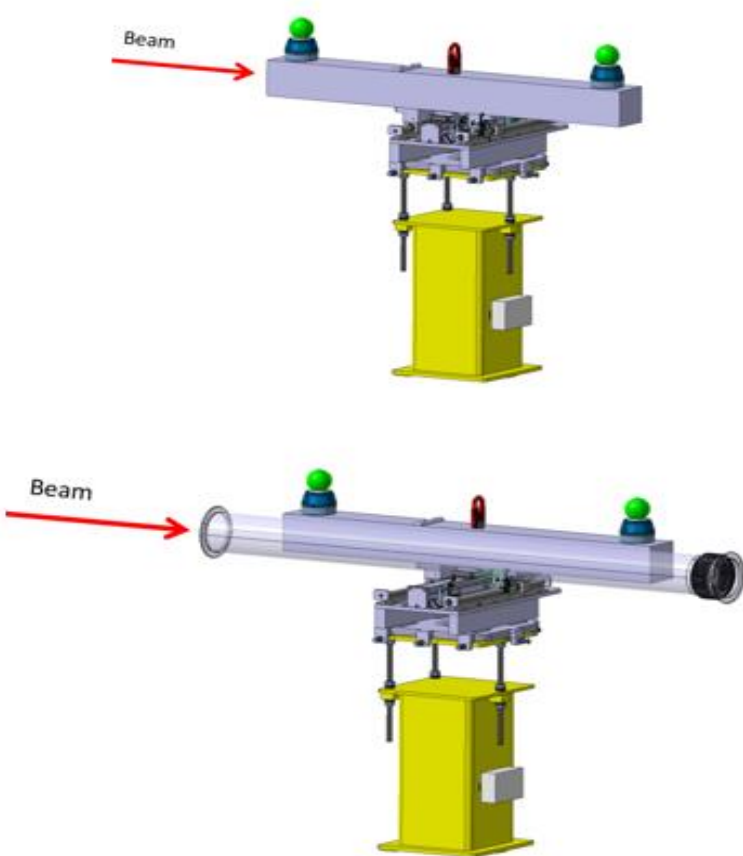


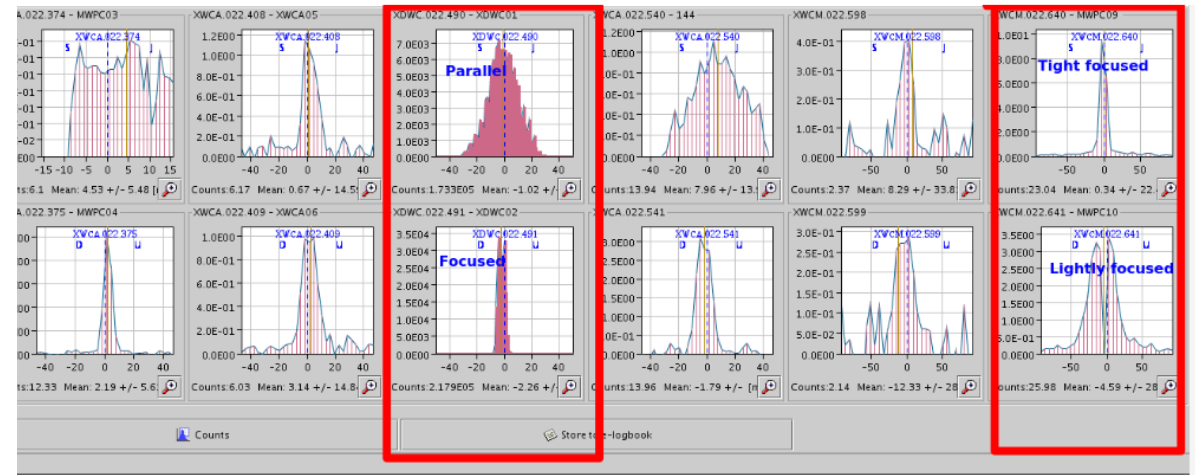
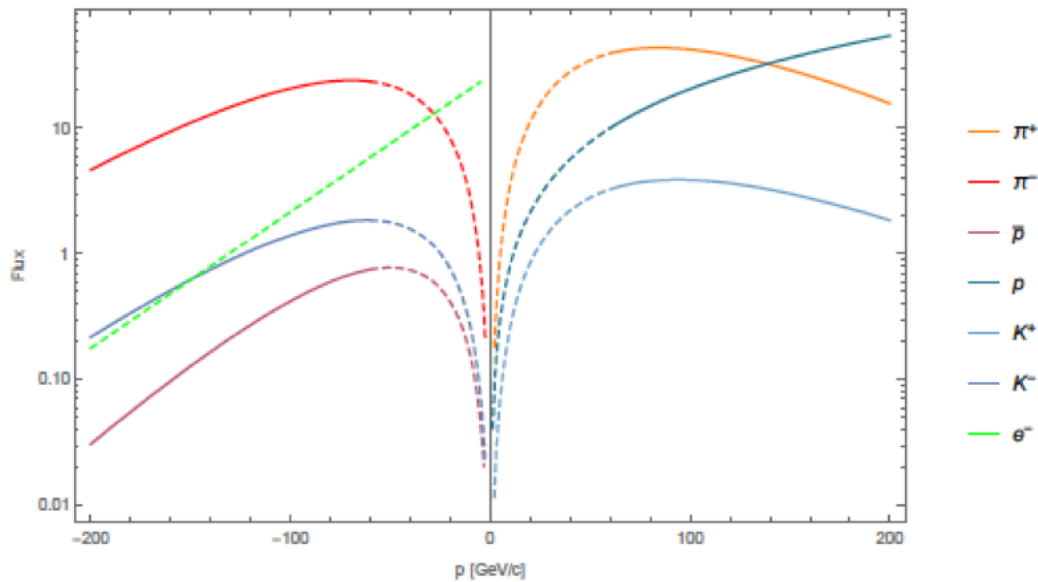
Figure 10 – Installed XCIO on the line.



Remember: Muon beams are big ;)

# H4 hadrons beams

- Mixed secondary hadron beams coming from the protons on target are transported to the experimental zones.
- Various optics options possible.



**Figure 4.2:** Particle production curves at 0 mrad for pions, kaons and (anti-)protons. The incident proton momentum is 400  $\text{GeV}/c$  and negative momentum values indicate the momentum for negative particles.

# H4 Contact Persons

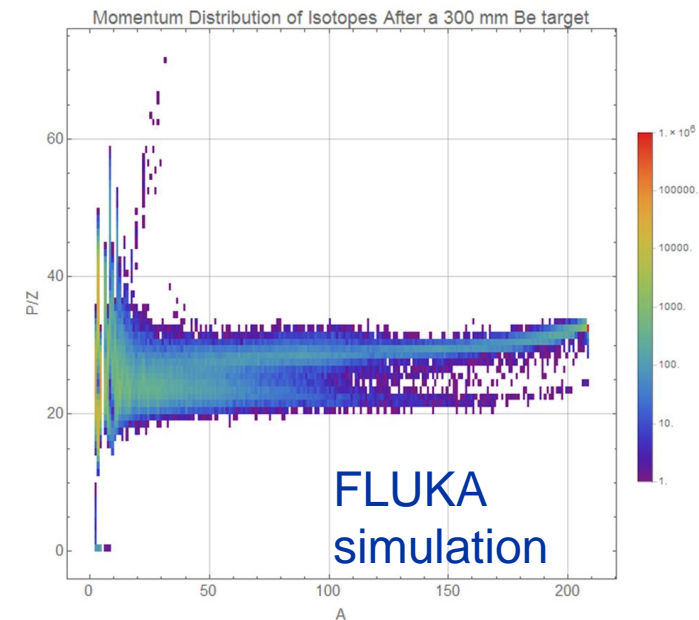
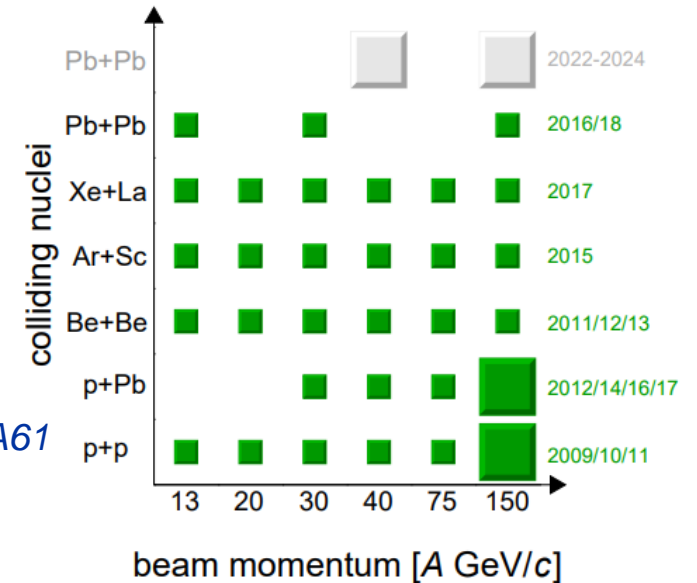
- **Responsible liaison physicist – N. Charitonidis (62102/169887)**
  - Beam composition, intensity, spot-size, PID, vacuum, Cherenkov gases, general layout, possibilities, beam tuning.
- **Beam line support – B. Rae (63625/167388)**
  - CESAR training, patron rights training, beam control, file loading, beam tuning...
- **In the event of absence of both N. Charitonidis and B. Rae (highly unlikely 😊 )**
  - Deputy beam physicist: D. Banerjee (164065)
  - BE-EA-LE Section Leader: J. Bernhard (164896)
- **Technical Support – M. Lazzaroni (162407)**
  - “I want help with transport”, “ I need a special table”, “my zone has less blocks than last year and I need them”, “something is broken in the zone”....



# Ion Beams

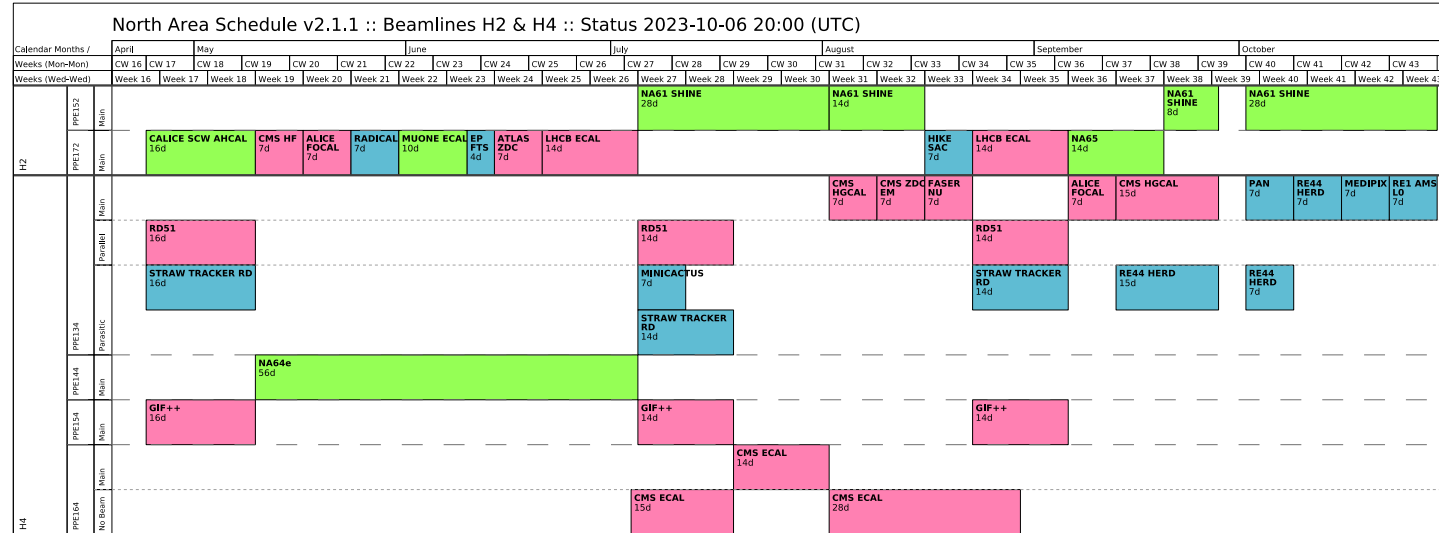
- Ion beams are available in the North and the East Area
  - 2021: No ions
  - 2022 - 2024: Pb
  - Later : to be defined
- Primary and Fragmented ion beams are available.
- Availability for test beam users in H2/H4/H8 and T08.
- Experiments like **NA61** and **NA60+** have ion beam programs in the North Area.
- Test-beam users like **Medipix**, **Nucleon** (satellite experiments), **HERD**, **PAN** also request ion beams.
- In 2022 and 2023 CHIMERA also took low energy ions in T08.

Courtesy: NA61



# Schedule and planning

- The beam time request must be sent to the PS-SPS coordinator ~ November for the following year via the link <https://ps-sps-users.web.cern.ch>.
- Short (<1 week @ SPS or < 2 weeks @ PS) requests can be handled by the PS-SPS coordinator only.
- Longer requests require recommendation by CERN physics committees (SPSC, LHCC, REC, RB)

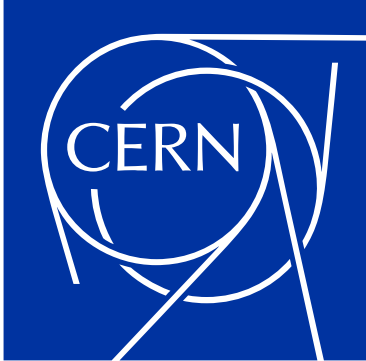


The scheduling is based on priorities of different experiments and is discussed with the scientific committees. The draft schedule is presented at the CERN research board for approval.

# Summary

- CERN offers a great variety of test-beam options with beams ranging between 0.1 GeV/c (East Area) – 400 GeV/c (North Area).
- H4 in the North Area is notable for the high intensity, high purity electron beam that it can offer.
- Additionally muon and hadron beams are also available.
- Please contact in advance [Sps.Coordinator@cern.ch](mailto:Sps.Coordinator@cern.ch) and [sba-operation@cern.ch](mailto:sba-operation@cern.ch) in order to optimally use your beam time and the facilities.
  - Visit <https://ps-sps-coordination.web.cern.ch/ps-sps-coordination/> for the updated version of the schedule and other useful information.

*Looking forward to seeing you at CERN !!*



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