

Physics at the CERN secondary lines

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Outline – Contents

- I will attempt to go through the basic design & operation principles of secondary particle beams
- Describe the available facilities of the PS and SPS experimental areas
 - Not discussing AD experiments nor primary beam facilities (like HiRadMat or AWAKE)

Give some highlights of the physics experiments that take place in these facilities and their corresponding beamlines

Hoping to motivate you to visit and participate some experiments or perform a new one ©



Particle beams – What are they?

 The term refers to <u>secondary</u> or <u>tertiary</u> beams, i.e beams produced from <u>primary</u> beams, typically via the interaction on a target material or particle decay.

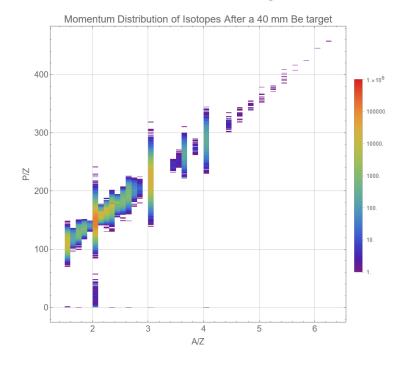
$$\mathbf{p} + A \to p, \bar{p}, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, \mu^{\pm}$$

$$\pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm}, \nu_{\mu}(\overline{\nu_{\mu}}), \nu_{e}(\overline{\nu_{e}})$$

$$\mathbf{p} + A \to \begin{cases} \Lambda^{0}(\overline{\Lambda^{0}}) \to p, \pi^{-}(\bar{p}, \pi^{+}) \\ K^{0}(\overline{K^{0}}) \to \pi^{\pm}, \pi^{\mp} \\ K^{0}_{S} K^{0}_{L} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{p} + A \rightarrow e^{\pm}, \gamma$$
 $e^{\pm} + A \rightarrow \gamma$
 $\gamma + A \rightarrow e^{\pm}$

$lon + A \rightarrow Fragments$





Courtesy: A.Buras

Motivation for particle beams

1. Exciting physics opportunities with particles that can mainly be produced via hadronic interactions or particle decays

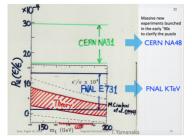
Kaon physics : A prominent example

My own interest in K particles started in 1952-53 while I was at Columbia working with Jim Rainwater on μ--mesonic atoms. At that time the strange behavior of the particles newly discovered in cosmic rays⁽¹⁾ was a major topic of conversation in the corridors and over coffee. By strange behavior I am referring to the copious production but slow decay. Protons bombarded by pions would

Standing alone among the particles with positive strangeness were the K-and Komesons, and I idly thought that if the situation was ever to be understood these objects might be the key. Most often experiments in physics are long and difficult. It takes some special tweaking of interest to make the commitment to a new area of research. The original motivation is, in the

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Indirect (ε) and Direct (ε') CP-Violation



Phenomenology: Wu and Yang, (1964)

$$\eta_{\pm} = \varepsilon + \varepsilon$$

$$\eta_{00} = \varepsilon - 2\varepsilon'$$

$$\eta_{\pm} = rac{A(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{L}}
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$$R = rac{\Gamma(\mathcal{K}_L
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Val. L. Fitch et al. – Nobel Prize 1980

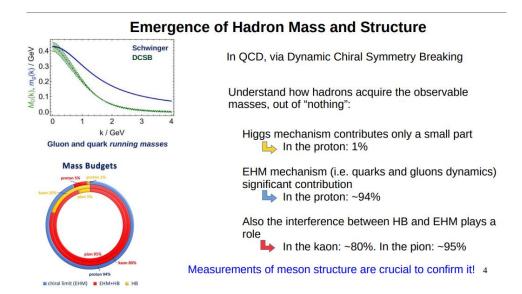
...Still many open questions hiding with kaons But where do we find the **kaons**?

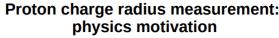


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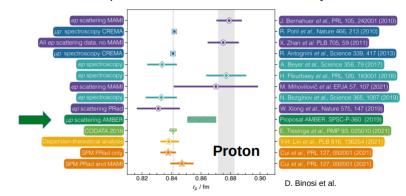
Muon physics: Measuring fundamental properties of matter

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Two types of measurements:

lepton-proton scattering and hydrogen spectroscopy, leading to discrepant results

We need intense **muon** beams to understand more.... Main source of muons: pion decays.



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Motivation for particle beams

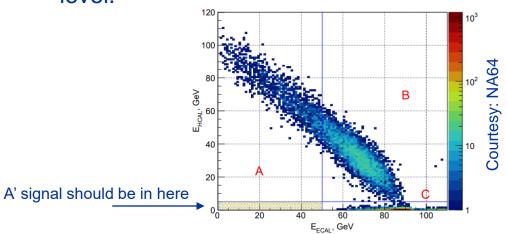
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Dark Matter: It is there, but can we measure it?

The idea that in addition to gravity a new force between the dark and visible matter transmitted by a vector boson, A', called dark photon, might exist is quite exciting [1–4]. The A' can have a mass in the sub-GeV mass range, and couple to the standard model (SM) via kinetic mixing with the ordinary photon, described by the term $\frac{\epsilon}{2}F'_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ and parametrized by the mixing strength

Another method, discussed in this work and proposed in Refs. [43, 44], is based on the detection of the missing energy, carried away by the hard bremsstrahlung A' produced in the process $e^-Z \to e^-ZA'; A' \to invisible$ of high-energy electrons scattering in the active beam dump target. The advantage of this type of experiment compared to the beam dump ones is that its sensitivity is proportional to ϵ^2 , associated with the A' production

Overwhelming evidence of existence of dark matter, but we have no clue what does it mean on the particle level.



We need **intense** and **pure electron** beams to understand more...

High energy electrons (O(10(GeV)) can currently **only** be produced via the $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ channel



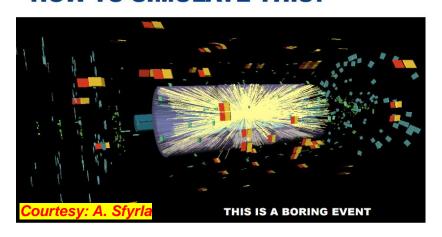
Motivation for particle beams

2. Detector development and R&D

- The design of the big LHC experiments and the future accelerators
 & machines needs a lot of research in order to understand and choose the correct and expensive components.
- Simulations are certainly valuable However ...

Muon Chambers Solenoid Forward Calorimeters End Cap Toroid Forward Calorimeters Barrel Toroid Inner Detector Hadronic Calorimeters

HOW TO SIMULATE THIS?





The only way **is to test these new components**, starting from their "development" phase many years before

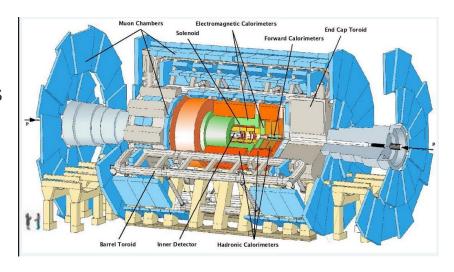
(Simulation material by Z. Marshal) 5



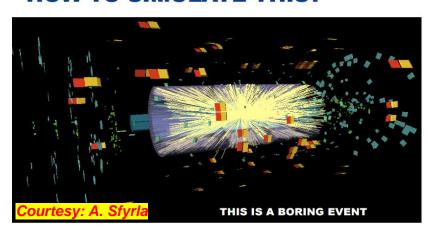
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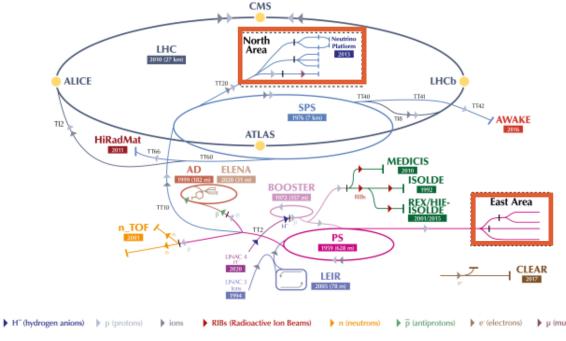
TEST BEAMS

- Controlled and easily accessible environment (and lots of space!)
- ▶ Low intensities (10⁵ 10⁶ pps) of high quality beams
- Many different particles and energies
- Possibility of long-term housing of big and complex installations



The CERN secondary lines

The CERN accelerator complex Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



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 //

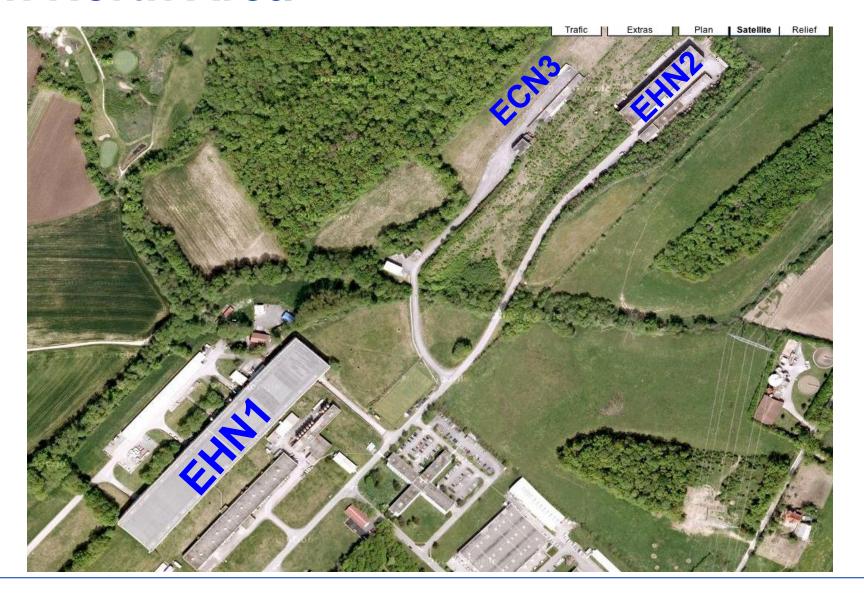
n_TOF - Neutrons Time Of Flight // HiRadMat - High-Radiation to Materials // Neutrino Platform

Essentially, the only place world-wide that such a large variety of high energy secondary particles & momenta can be produced, transported and delivered to various experiments.

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



Focus on North Area





Commissioned in 1978 as the flagship CERN project

SPS NORTH EXPERIMENTAL AREA

General Layout

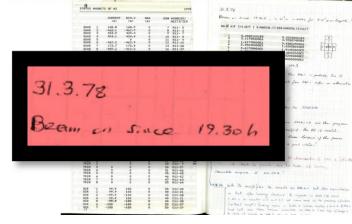
G. Brianti

INTRODUCTION

At its sixth meeting on June 27, 1973, the SPSC approved the basic features of the general layout as outlined in CERN/SPSC/T 73-3, namely:

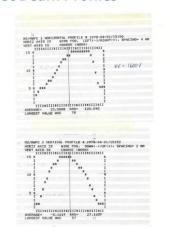
- i) three targets in one common enclosure,
- ii) the types of target stations for the various facilities,
- iii) two experimental zones.

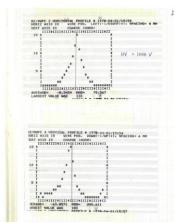
M2 was the first beam to be switched on in 1978



Courtesy: N. Doble

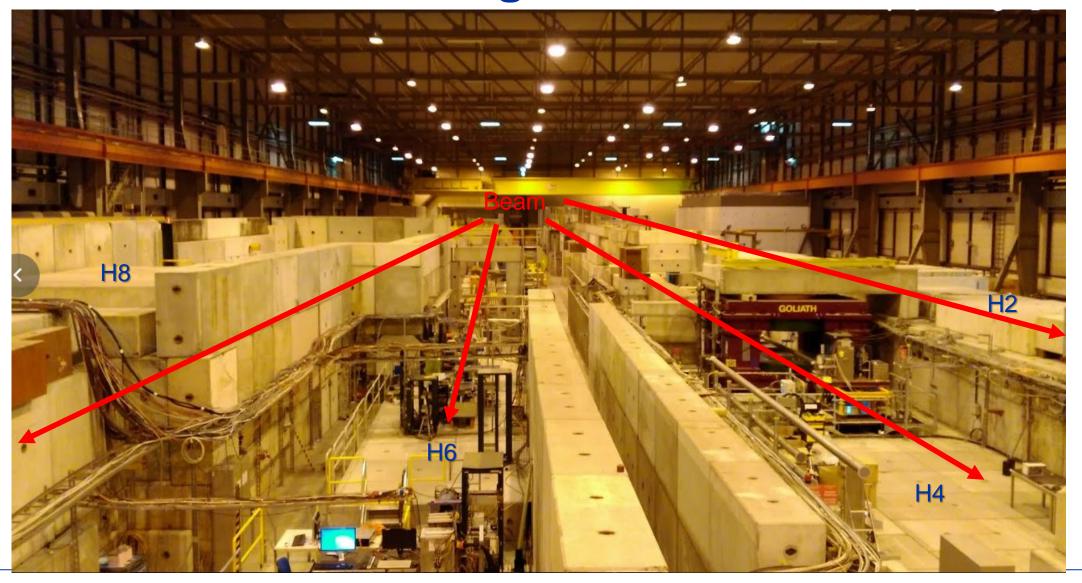
First Beam Profiles







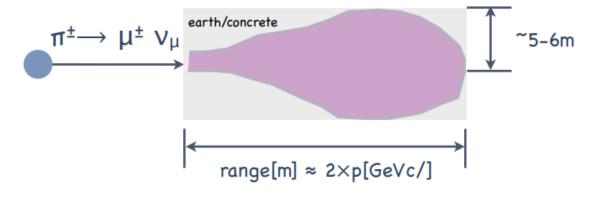
North Area: EHN1 building





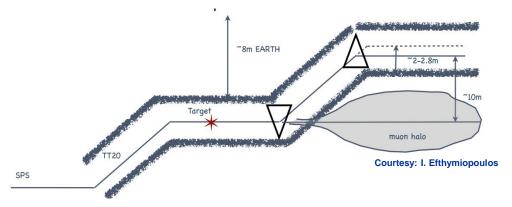
Layout considerations

- Typically, the accelerators are located underground;
 - Radiation, lower cost (land owning), safety ...
- Not very practical for experimental halls though:
 - Accompanying infrastructure, electrical installations, cryogenics
 - Lower intensities Lower radiation environment
 - Background is important to be minimal!
- For this reason: NA designed with two experimental halls & one underground cavern
- In all cases: Momentum selection necessary.



≈ 800 m for P=400 GeV/c !

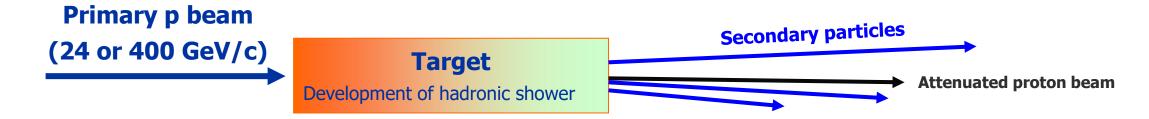
Schematic NA beam design

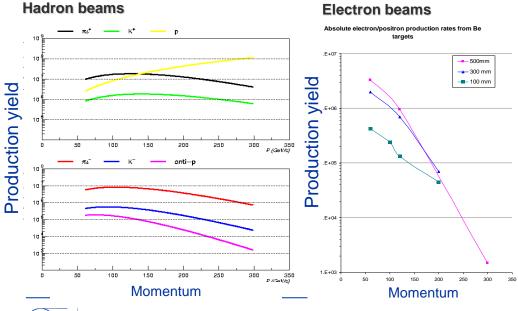




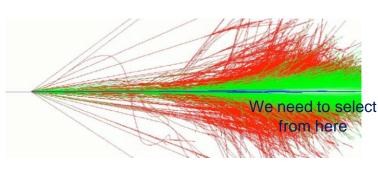
Particle production

 The high energy, high intensity proton beam from PS or SPS is extracted on a target material.



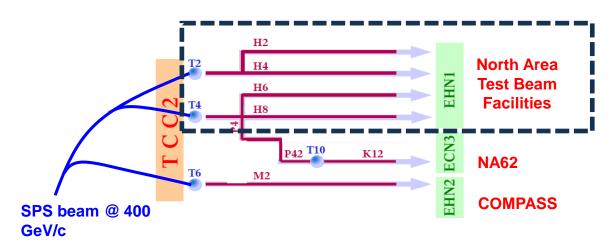








The North Area Target Stations



Detailed information:

https://cds.cern.ch/record/277471 6/files/CERN-ACC-NOTE-2021-0015-NA.pdf 1

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THE NORTH EXPERIMENTAL AREA AT THE CERN SUPER PROTON SYNCHROTRON

Dedicated to Giorgio Brianti on the 50th anniversary of his founding the SPS Experimental Areas Group of CERN-Lab II and hence initiating the present Enterprise

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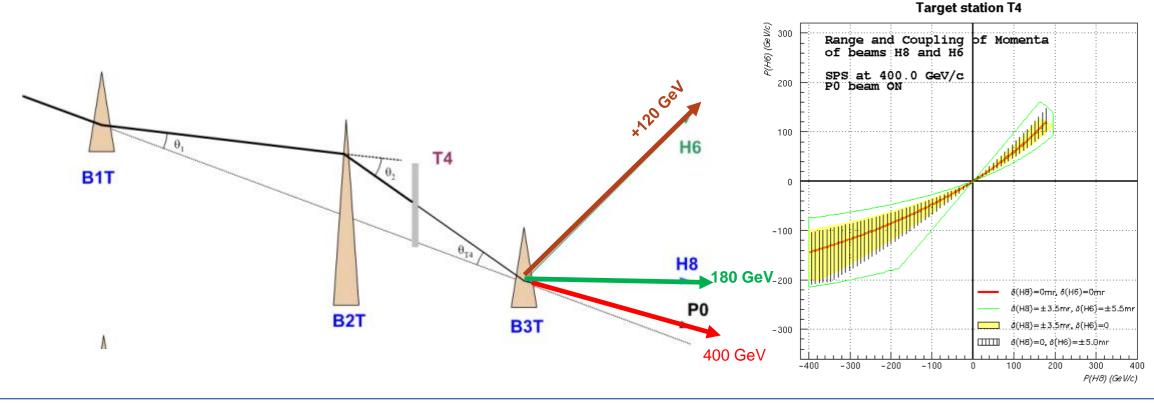
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- 4. Physics Department, Lancaster University, UK





The North Area Target Stations -- Wobbling

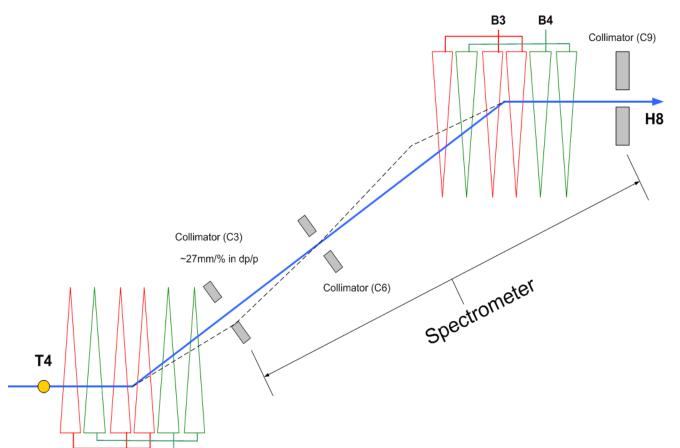
 "Wobbling" of the beam before and after the target allows for different production angles in the different beamlines allowing for many different configurations serving various experiments





Momentum selection

The momentum selection is done in the <u>vertical plane</u> with specially designed collimators.

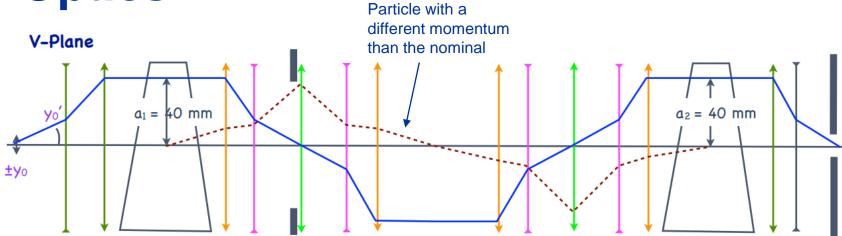




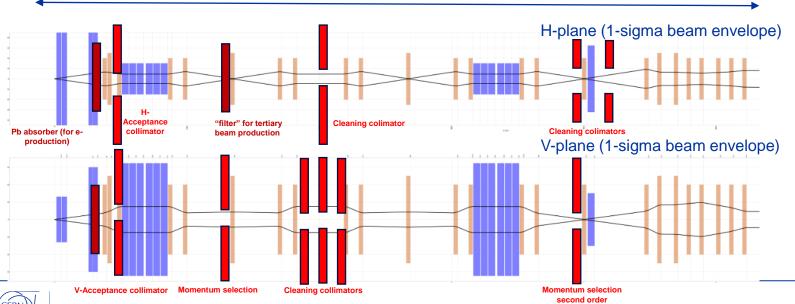


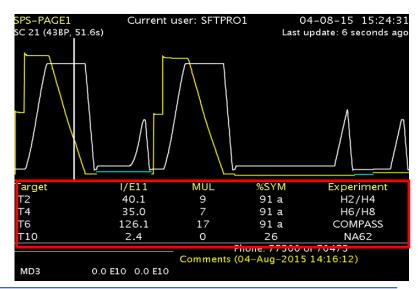
Optics

 $\theta_1 = 40 \text{ mrad}$



- Spill duration approx. 5 seconds
- Usually: 2 cycles / SPS supercycle for NA





 $\theta_2 = -40 \text{ mrad}$

~600m length

North Area EHN1 Beamline Characteristics

Parameters	Т	arget T2	Target T4				
Beam Line	H2	H4	H6	H8			
Maximum Momentum [GeV/c]	400 / 350	400 /330	- / 205	400 / 350			
Maximum Acceptance [uSr]	1.5	1.5	2	2.5			
Maximum Δp/p [%]	± 2.0%	± 1.4 %	±1.5%	±1.5%			
Maximum Intensity / spill * (Hadrons / Electrons)	10 ⁷ /10 ⁵	10 ⁷ /10 ⁶	10 ⁷ **/10 ⁵	10 ⁷ **/10 ⁵			
Available Particle Types	Primary protons/ions*** OR pure electrons OR mixed hadrons (pions, protons,kaons)						

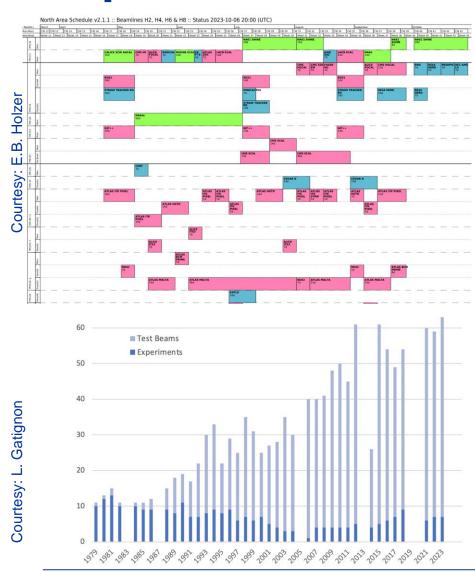
^{*} Imposed by Radio Protection, and not available to every zone



^{**} In some zones can be elevated up to 108 subject to certain restrictions

^{***} Not available in H6

Experiments / test-beams in the SBA



 Estimate similar levels of overbooking as in 2024 (not yet accounting for the reduction in the available number of spills per week)

p beam period EHN1	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	
NA61 proton period	6	6			6	6	6	6	6										H2
NP02		6			possibly	possibly	possibly												H2
NP04	6		LS3		possibly	possibly	possibly			LS4						LS5			H4
NA64e	10	10			9	9	9	8	8		8	8	8	8	8				H4
NA64e+					2	2	2	3	3		3	3	3	3	3				H4
GIF++	6	6	0	0	8	8	8	8	8	0	8	8	8	8	8	0	8	8	H4
NA60+ p beam					2	3	3	3	3		3	3	3	3	3				H8
SUM experiments H4 (without	22	22	0	0	17	17	17	17	17	0	11	11	11	11	11	0	0	0	
GIF++ and test beams)	22	22	U	U	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	U	11	11	11	11	11	U	U	U	
SUM EHN1 (without GIF++ and test beams)	22	22	0	0	19	20	20	20	20	0	14	14	14	14	14	0	0	0	

2023 and 2024 Multi-User Lines PS EA and SPS NA Beam Time Requests

Weeks requested as main user during proton beam period

2023	SPSC related user	LHC experiments R&D	other users (CERN and external)		uested nain)	Weeks available		ested parasitic
PS T9 & T10	8	22	19	49	85%	58		
SPS H2, H4	28	28	13	69	157%	44	77	175%
SPS H6, H8	0	64	24	88	200%	44	128	291%

2024	SPSC related user	LHC experiments R&D	other users (CERN and external)	Requested (main)		Weeks available	Requested including parasiti	
PS T9 & T10	27	24.5	30	81.5	132%	62		
SPS H2, H4	24	30	11	65	135%	48	75	156%
SPS H6, H8	0	55	28	83	173%	48	155	323%



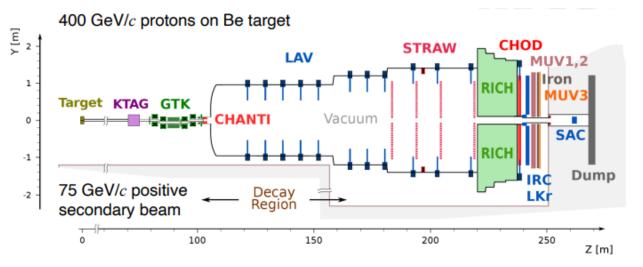
Just a few highlights of experiments





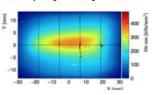
The NA62 experiment

Courtesy: G. Ruggiero (NA62)



SPS Beam:

- * 400 GeV/c protons
- ★ 2.10¹² protons/spill
- ★ 5s spill [3s eff.] / ~16 s



Secondary positive Beam:

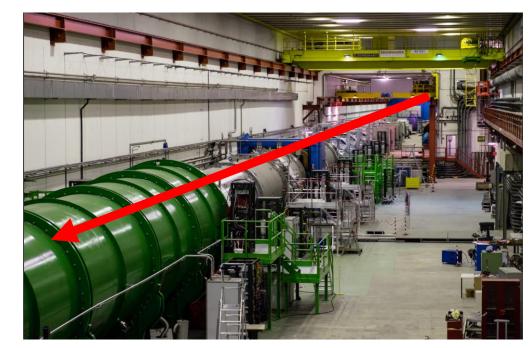
- * 75 GeV/c momentum, 1 % bite
- * 100 μrad divergence (RMS)
- ★ 60x30 mm² transverse size
- $\star K^{+}(6\%)/\pi^{+}(70\%)/p(24\%)$
- ★ For 33x10¹¹ ppp on T10
- → 750 MHz at GTK3

■ Decay Region:

- ★ 60 m long fiducial region
- ★ ~ 5 MHz K⁺ decay rate
- ★ Vacuum ~ O(10⁻⁶) mbar

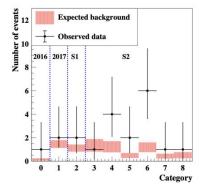
Detector and Performances: arXiv:1703.08501





NA62 Combined Result (2016,2017 and 2018)

JHEP 06 (2021) 093 arXiv:2103.15389 [hep-ex]



 $SES = (0.839 \pm 0.053_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{-11},$ $N_{\pi\nu\bar{\nu}}^{\rm exp} = 10.01 \pm 0.42_{\rm syst} \pm 1.19_{\rm ext},$ $N_{\text{background}}^{\text{exp}} = 7.03_{-0.82}^{+1.05}$

 $B(K^+ \to \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (10.6^{+4.0}_{-3.4} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.9 \text{ (syst)}) \times 10^{-11}$

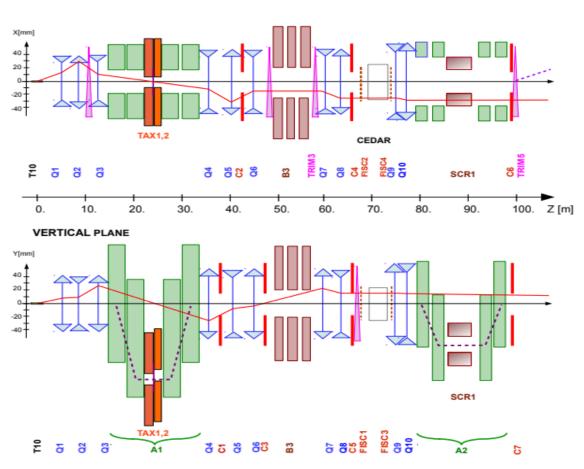
20 Candidates

3.4 σ significance, P(back.only) 3.4·10⁻⁴



The K12 beamline

HORIZONTAL PLANE



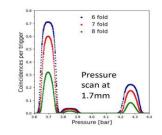
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Reduction of material budget in the beamline: N_2 3. 9% X_0 vs H_2 0. 7% X_0 Expected 15% reduction rate at LO, Lower occupancy of detectors (to be quantified)







Photon yield $\langle N_{\gamma} \rangle \approx 18-19$ $K-\pi$ separation $\pi^+ ID < 10^{-4}$ Time resolution $\sigma_t^{KTAG} \approx 65 \ \mathrm{ps}$



...And exciting proposals on the table for the future of ECN3 with higher intensities____

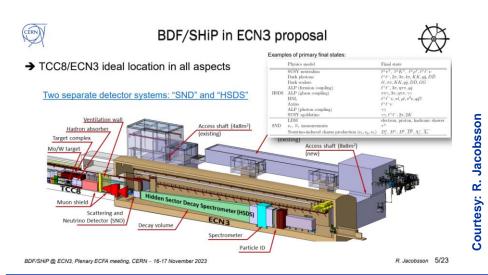
HIKE design: Phase 1

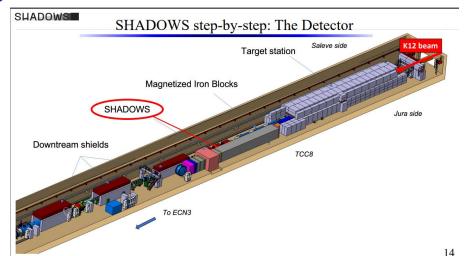
K*: 1.2 10¹³ protons on T10 per spill (4.8 sec)

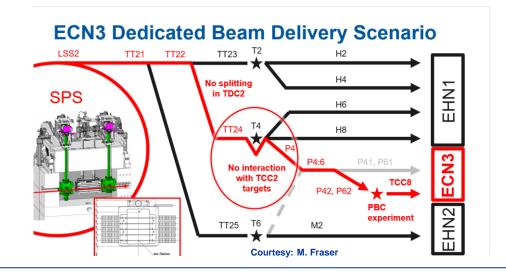
Primary

Large Angle Vetos

Large A









Just a few highlights of experiments





AMBER: Uncovering the mysteries of muon/hadron

structures and spectroscopy



A new



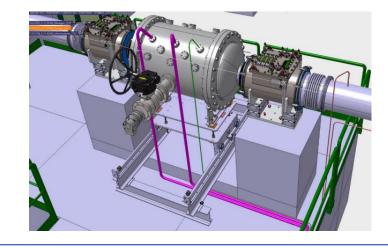
Apparatus for Meson and Baryon Experimental Research

- Successor of
- with appropriate extensions and modernisations
- at the CERN M2 beamline
- Collaboration of >200
 physicists from 41
 institutions, 14 countries

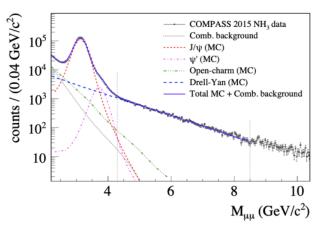


Courtesy: A. Cecucci

New TPC to be employed and will offer unprecedented precision in the Proton Radius Measurement program



Drell-Yan cross-section measurements to study meson structure



 The high-energy, high-intensity M2 hadron beams allow to measure Drell-Yan pairs, cleanest in the range 4.3 to 8.5 GeV

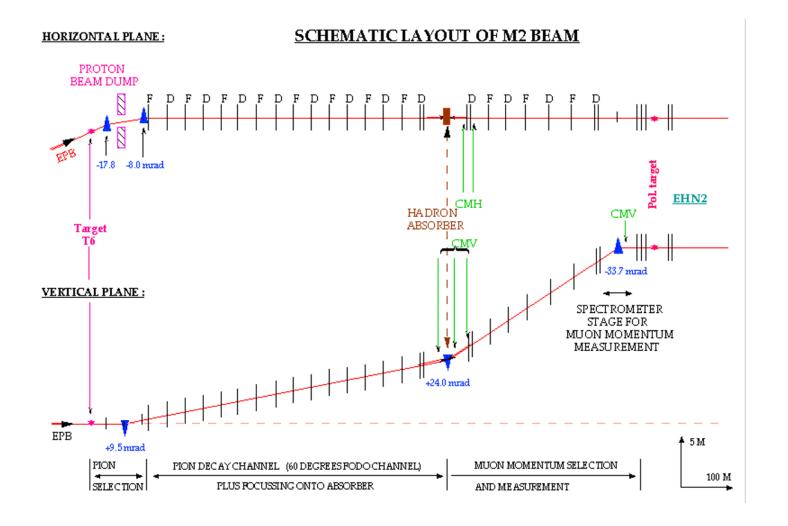
In M2 line, up to 2x108 muons/spill @ 190 GeV/c

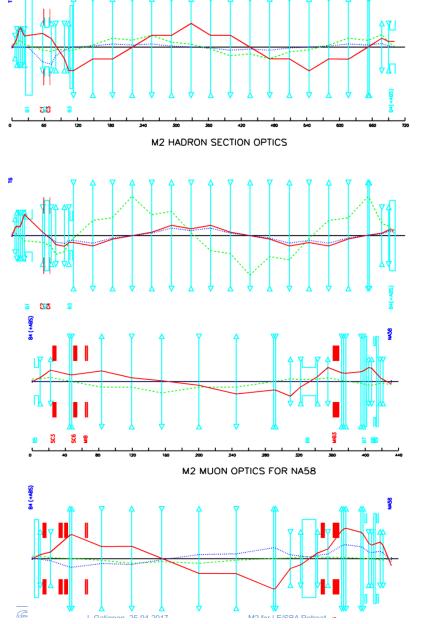
"The most intense polarized muon beam in the world"

Hadrons of high intensity also available for D-Y measurements.



The M2 beamline







Just a few highlights of experiments





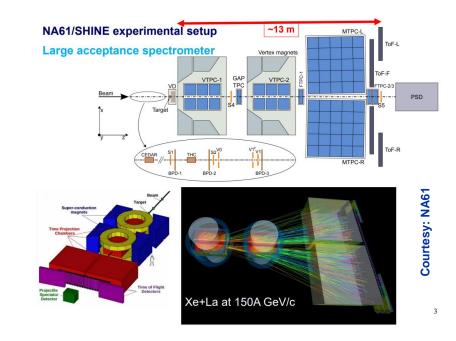
NA61: Understanding hadronization

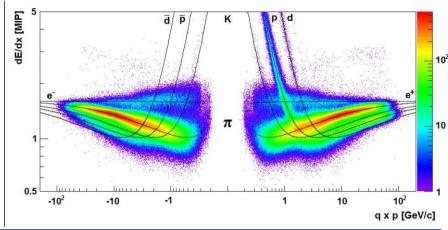
Strong interaction physics

- Focus: Understanding the properties of the 'onset of deconfinement'
- Direct measurement of open charm mesons

Neutrino and cosmic ray physics

- Service measurements for JPARC, FNAL and other laboratories
- Nuclear fragmentation cross sections for intermediate mass nuclei.
- Measurements using hadrons of very broad energy range (30 – 120 GeV/c).
 - With a unique TPC + spectrometer of large acceptance

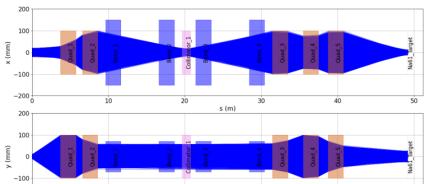


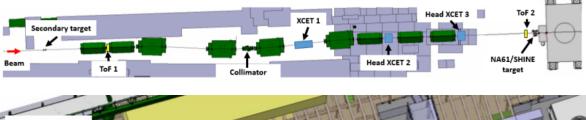


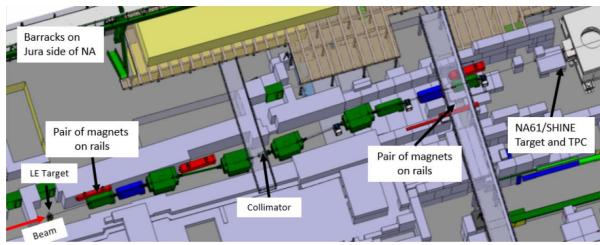


NA61 Low-Energy – A DOCT thesis from Univ. Oxford & CERN

- NA61 in need of measurements in the "Very-Low" momentum range of 1 – 10 GeV/c. The beamline serving NA61 is optimized for momenta > 30 GeV/c.
- A new, short, high-acceptance beamline was designed in front of NA61 that could deliver particles in this very low energy range.
- Led to the PhD thesis of C. Mussolini (Univ. Oxford, 2023)
- Proposal under consideration by the CERN committees.



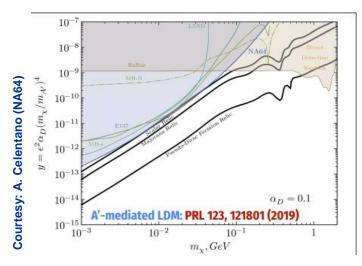


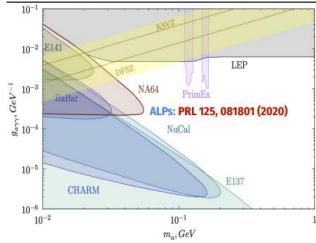




NA64: Looking for dark matter and FIPs

 Comprehensive search for new physics with feebly interacting particles

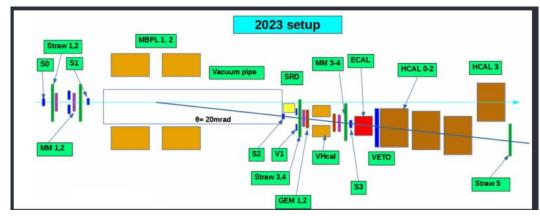










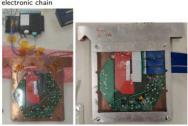




Test beams for LHC experiments (and not only)

CMS-HGCAL beam test in H4: 02/07-09/07

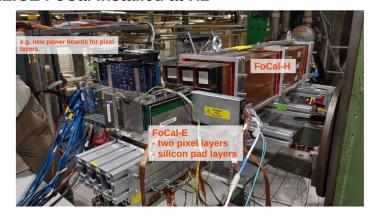
 Test 2 silicon modules with the (almost) full HGCAL electronic chain





CMS: Electrons 20-250 GeV/c @ H4

ALICE FoCal Installed at H2



ALICE: Electrons / Hadrons 20-250 GeV/c @ H2

Setup in H8-PP158



ATLAS: Hadrons / Electrons 20-180 GeV/c @ H8

LHCb

Setup

Three-layer beam telescope and DUT "MuPix10" sensors

- → HV-MAPS developed for mu3e
 → pixel size 80 mum x 80 mum
- → sensitive area ~ 20 mm x 20 mm





LHCb: Hadrons 180 GeV/c @ H8

Day3, Fri: Installation

Mounting prototypes on the DESY table





-Support frame
-Grounding

-HV & readout cables

-Gas

-Safety inspection @ 4pm

MPGD: Hadrons 120 GeV/c @ H6

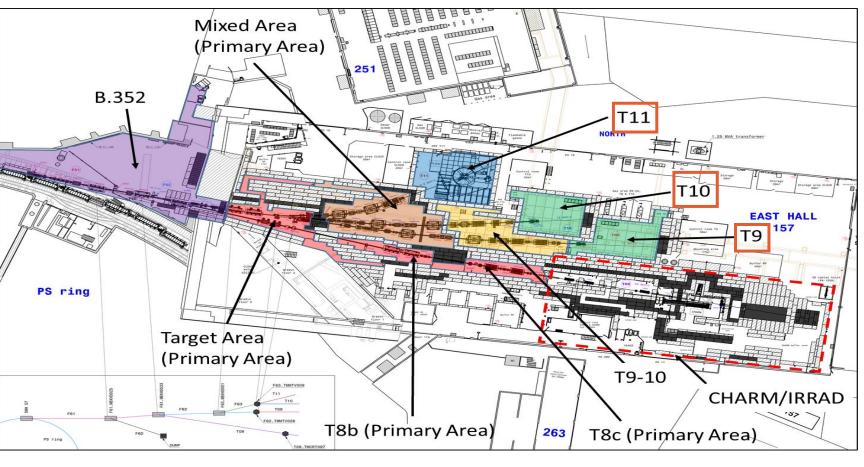


POKER: Hadrons/Electrons @ 20-180 GeV/c @ H8



(Quick) Focus on the East Area

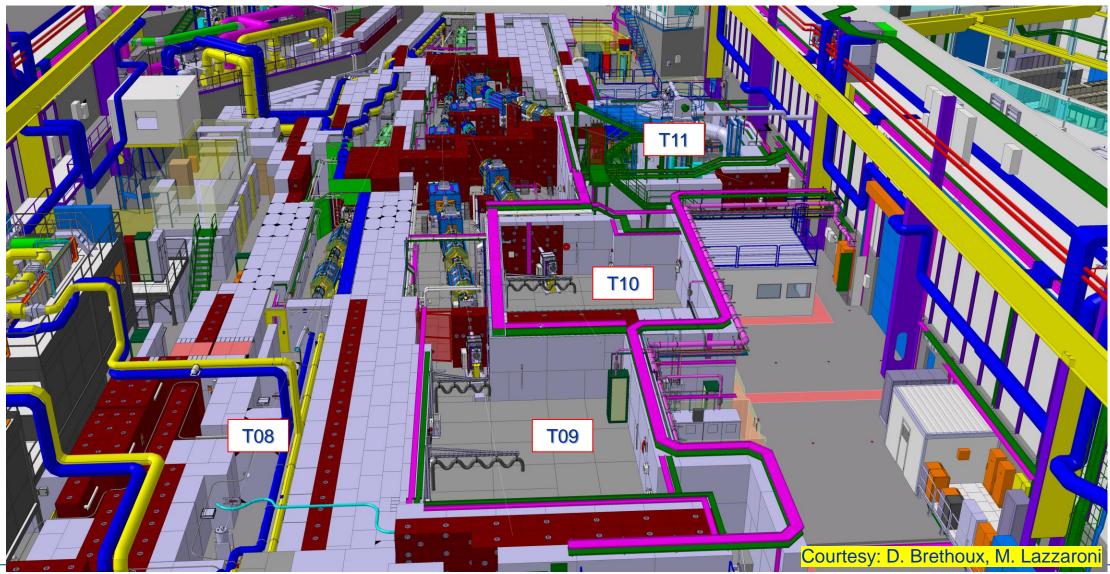




Recently (2021) renovated and commissioned : Improved energy consumption (11GWh /y → 0.6 GWh/y)

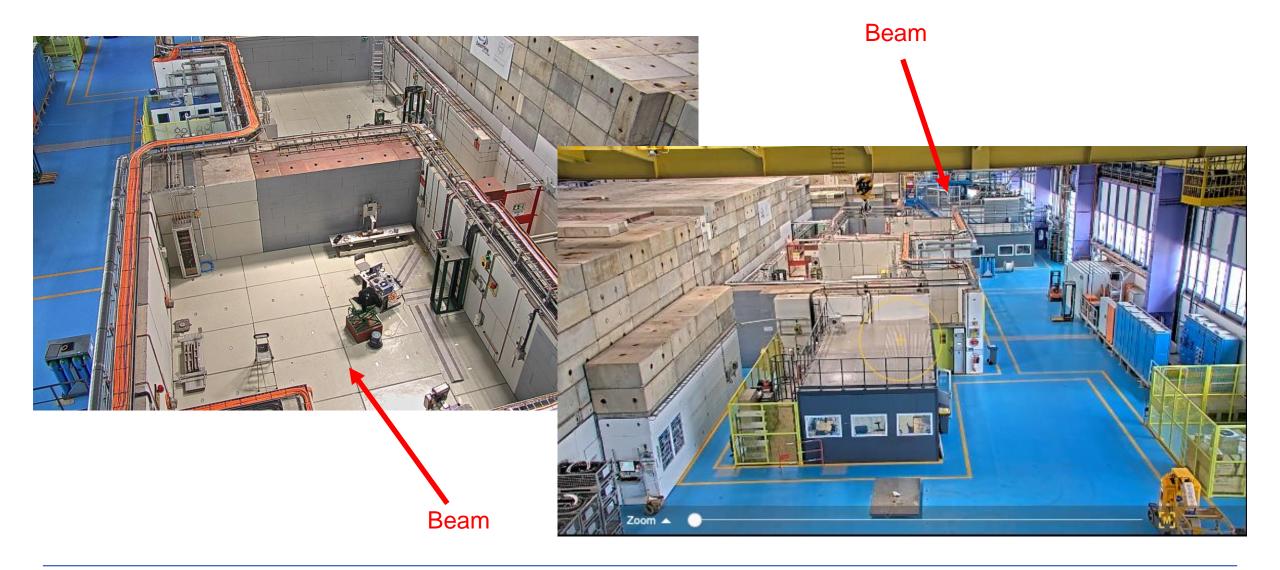


East Area beamlines





East Area Lines: T9/T10

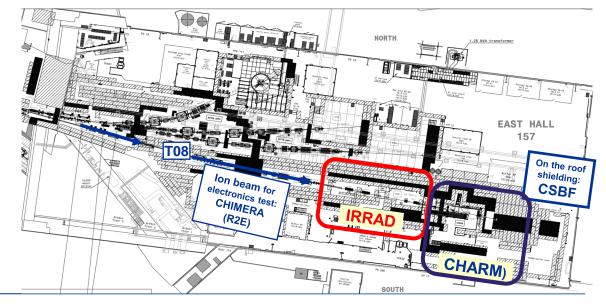




East Area Beamline Characteristics

Parameter	T09 Target	T10/T11 Target			
Beam Line	T09	T10	T11		
Secondary beam Max Momentum (GeV/c)	15	11.5	3.5		
Δp/p (%)	±0.7 to ±15.0	± 0.7 to ± 15.0	±0.7 to ±15.0		
Maximum intensity/spill (hadrons/electrons)	~few x 10 ⁶	~few x 10 ⁶	~few x 10 ⁶		
Available particle types	Pure electrons (T09) or	r mixed/pure hadrons	or pure muons		

..and a dedicated primary line – T08, delivering the PS protons of 24 GeV/c to various irradiation facilities





East Area Experiments

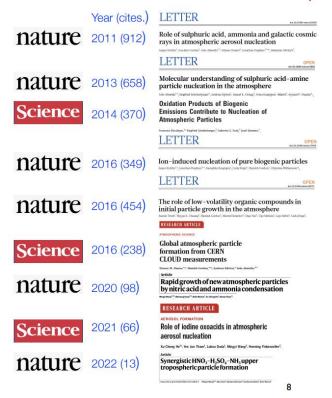
T11: CLOUD experiment

- Study of aerosol particles influence on climate
- Simulation of a CLOUD in a dedicated chamber using the 3 GeV/c hadron beam from PS

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CLOUD advances in atmospheric aerosol 2011-23



- CLOUD publications total around 75, including:
 - ▶ 6 in Nature
 - X 4 in Science
 - 1 in Nature Geosc.
 - 1 in Nature Chem.
 - 4 in Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA
 - 2 in Nature Com.
 - 4 in Science Adv.





Summary

 I hope that I have given a summary of the existing facilities in the CERN secondary areas

 There are exciting physics opportunities in these unique areas, and as well a long standing collaboration with JAI and Univ. Oxford.

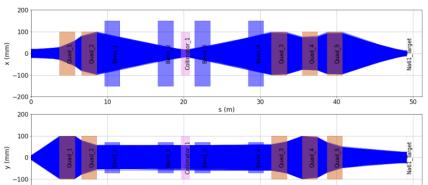
- Looking forward to see you at CERN!
 - Contact <u>sba-operation@cern.ch</u>

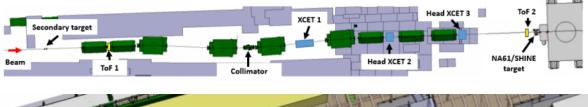


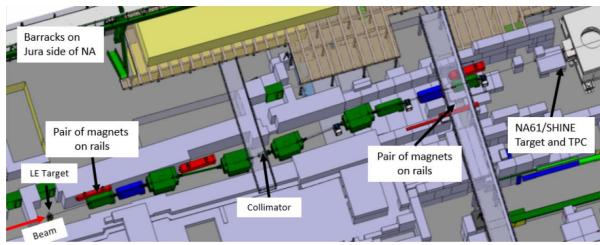


NA61 Low-Energy – A DOCT thesis from Univ. Oxford & CERN

- NA61 in need of measurements in the "Very-Low" momentum range of 1 – 10 GeV/c. The beamline serving NA61 is optimized for momenta > 30 GeV/c.
- A new, short, high-acceptance beamline was designed in front of NA61 that could deliver particles in this very low energy range.
- Led to the PhD thesis of C. Mussolini (2023)
- Proposal under consideration by the CERN committees.









East Area testbeams

T9: IDEA DRC (Team Korea)

- Thank you very much for the stable and high quality em and hadron beams.
- We are grateful to Dipanwita, James, Alex, RP measurement people, and CCC for their kind and essential help.
- Thanks to nice people and the excellent beam facility, we had a successful test beam!!!



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T10: ALICE MUON ID

Test beam program





Different plastic scintillators (1m length) were tested:

Fermilab (with WLS fiber)

- -> REFERENCE OPTION FOR MID
- -> LOW COST
- Ellen (w/o WLS fiber)
- Mexican scintillator (w and w/o WLS fiber)

Bricron (w/o WLS fiber)

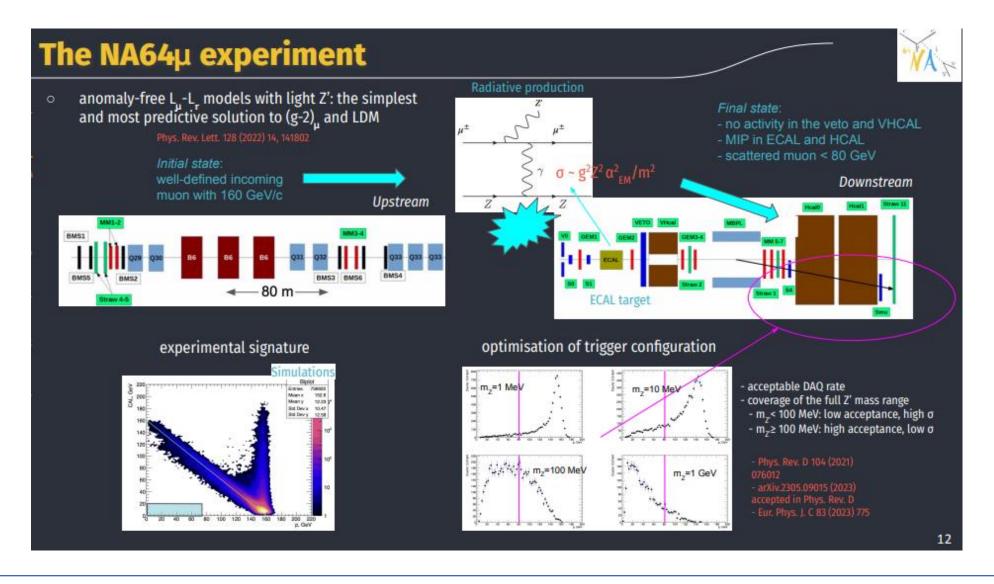
Other technologies were tested (also considered for MID):

RPC MWPC

VIVVPC



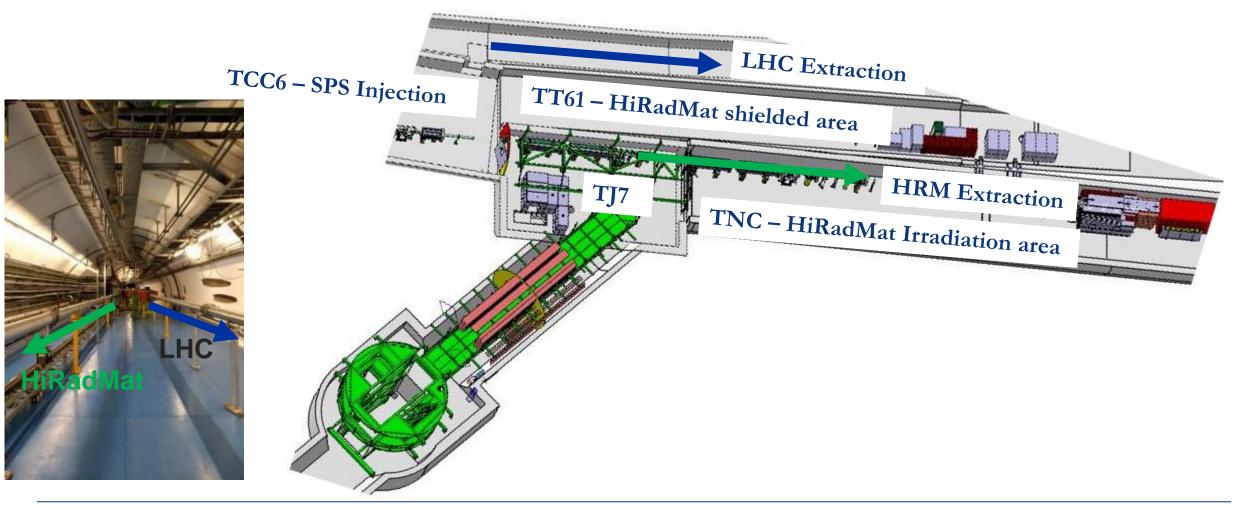
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HiRadMat

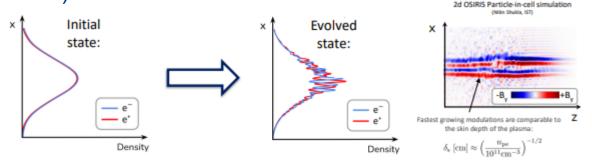




HRMT64 FIREBALL-2 – Oxford Univ.

Courtesy of Charles Arrowsmith (and the FIREBALL collaboration)

- Motivation: Produce a laboratory analogue to an electron-positron enriched astrophysical jet
- Improve layout and diagnostic equipment
- Larger beam size
 - σ_r ~ 1 mm \rightarrow 2/3 mm
- Beam parameters
 - 3e11 ppp
 - $4\sigma_t \sim 1 \text{ ns}$
 - σ_r ~2-4 mm
- Integrated fluence will not exceed 1x10¹⁴ protons



Introduce:

- an additional target
- a magnetic lens (permanent quadrupoles)

To enhance:

- spatial structure in the proton beam
- Collimate the electronpositron beam

