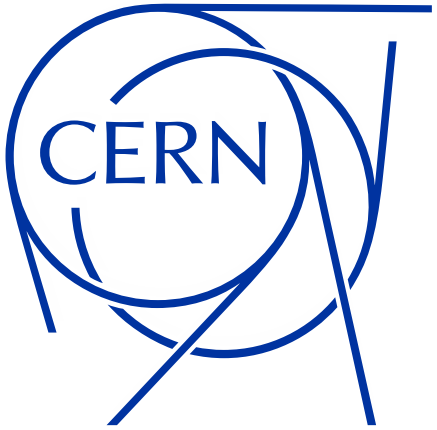


AD/ELENA facility: status and prospects

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Outline

- **Today's AD/ELENA Facility**
  - What it is and how it works
- **Current Beam Performance**
  - Extrapolation toward possible short time-scale improvements
- **Possible Paths for Extending the Physics Reach of the Facility**
  - Engaging in forward-thinking to match possible future experimental requirements with (minor) changes
    - **DISCLAIMER: based on informal discussions only!**
- **Wrapping up and Conclusions**

The AD/ELENA-Facility today

- **The only place in the world with low energy pbars in a synchrotron!**
  - It seems unlikely to have similar capabilities elsewhere for the next 10-20 years
- **Serving 60 Research Institutes/Universities – 350 Scientists – 6 Active Collaborations**

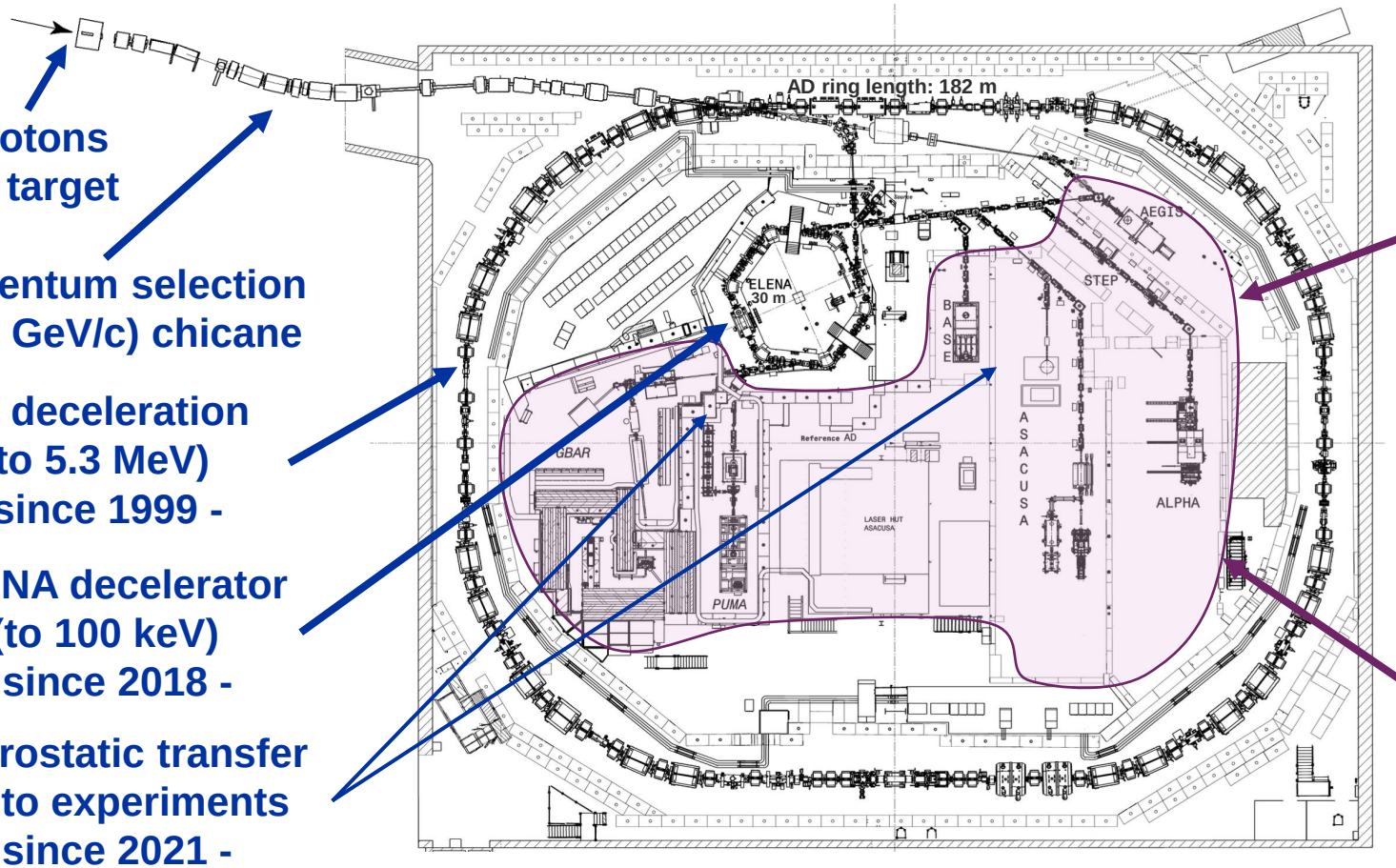
26 GeV protons on iridium target

Momentum selection (3.57 GeV/c) chicane

AD deceleration (to 5.3 MeV) - since 1999 -

ELENA decelerator (to 100 keV) - since 2018 -

Electrostatic transfer line to experiments - since 2021 -



antiprotons

ASACUSA
Antiprotonic helium spectroscopy

BASE, BASE-STEP
Fundamental properties of the proton/antiproton, tests of clock WEP / tests of exotic physics / antimatter-dark matter interaction, etc...

PUMA
Antiproton/nuclei scattering to study neutron skins

antihydrogen

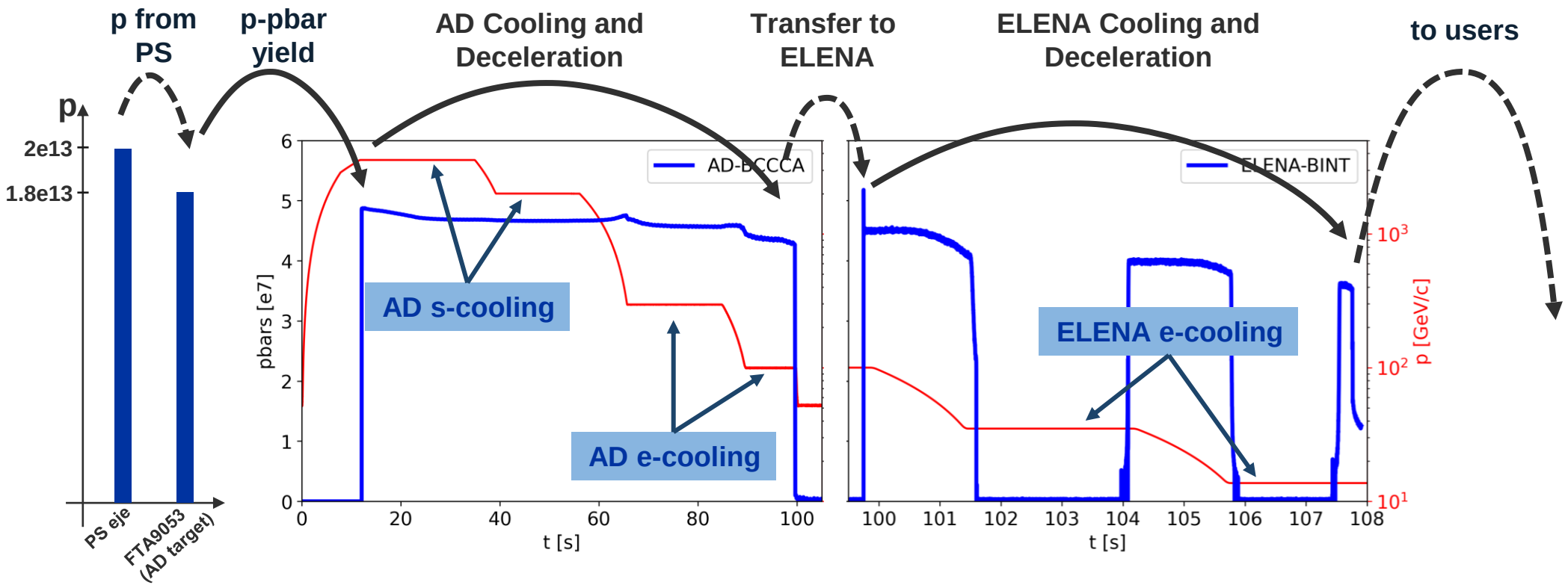
ALPHA,
Spectroscopy of 1S-2S in antihydrogen

ASACUSA, ALPHA
Spectroscopy of GS-HFS in antihydrogen

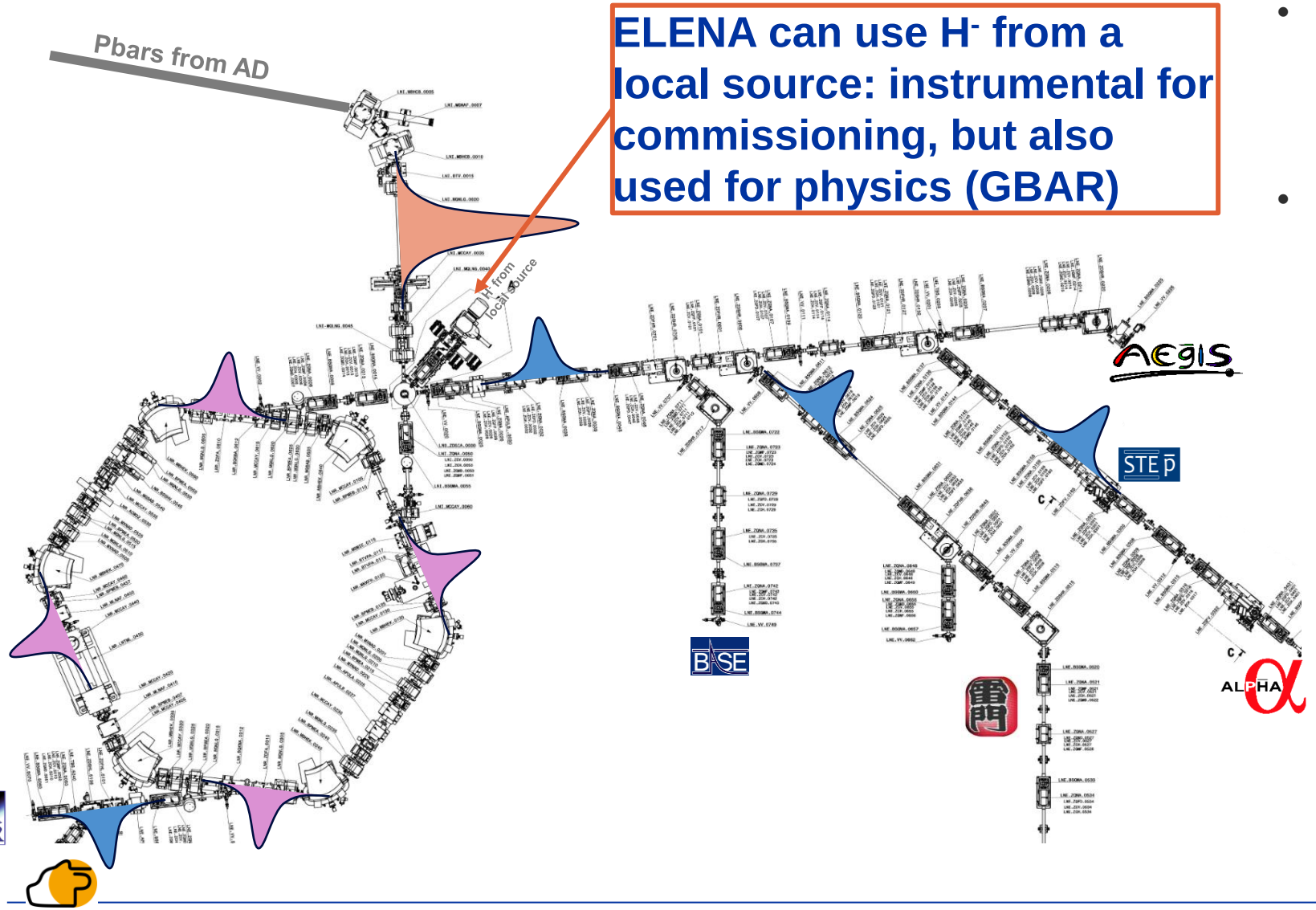
ALPHA, AEgIS, GBAR
Test free fall weak equivalence principle with antihydrogen

The AD and ELENA cycles today

- Generating **pbars from 26 GeV/c protons** (yield of the order of 3e-6 pbar/p)
- Up to **80% deceleration efficiency from 2.75 GeV** (3.57 GeV/c) **to 100 keV** (13.7 MeV/c)
  - Thanks to **several stochastic** and **electron cooling steps**
- Up to **4e7 pbars every 2 minutes** delivered to experiments

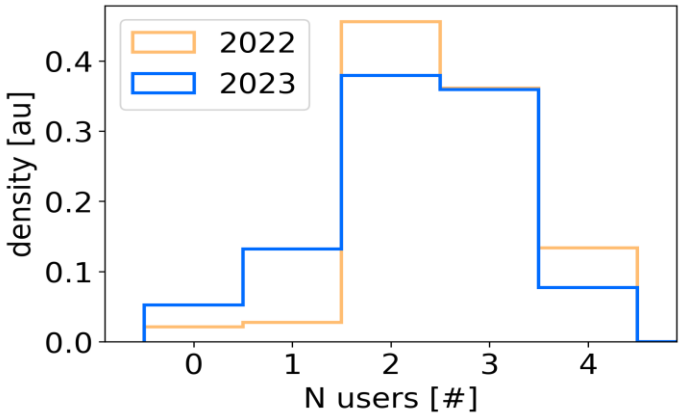


Beam Delivery to Users today



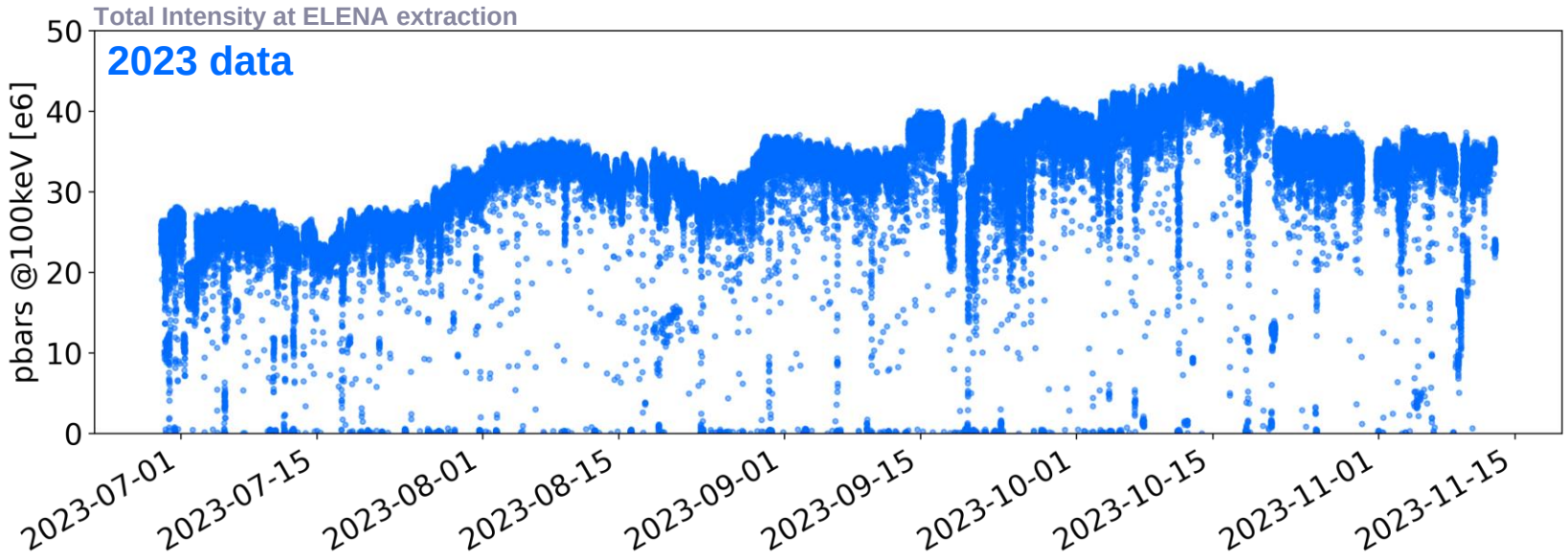
ELENA can use H^- from a local source: instrumental for commissioning, but also used for physics (GBAR)

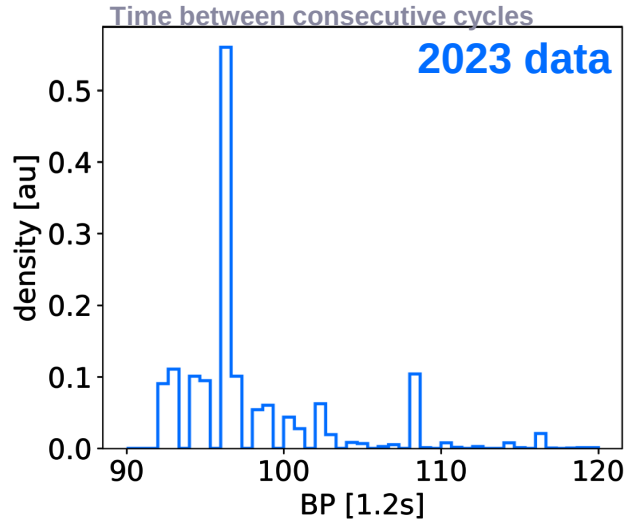
- **AD produces 1 bunch at 5.3 MeV**
- **ELENA: 4 bunches at 100 keV**
  - <150 ns FWHM
  - <1e-3 RMS dp/p
  - <4 um emittances (<2 um in 2024?)
- Up to **4 experiments served at the same time** with 1e7 pbars/bunch
  - **24/7 beam availability was the key game changer for AD users**!
  - **~30% of bunches "wasted",** but comfortable for (most) experiments present "ELENA R&D" phase…



What our (typical) user want: stability and reproducibility!

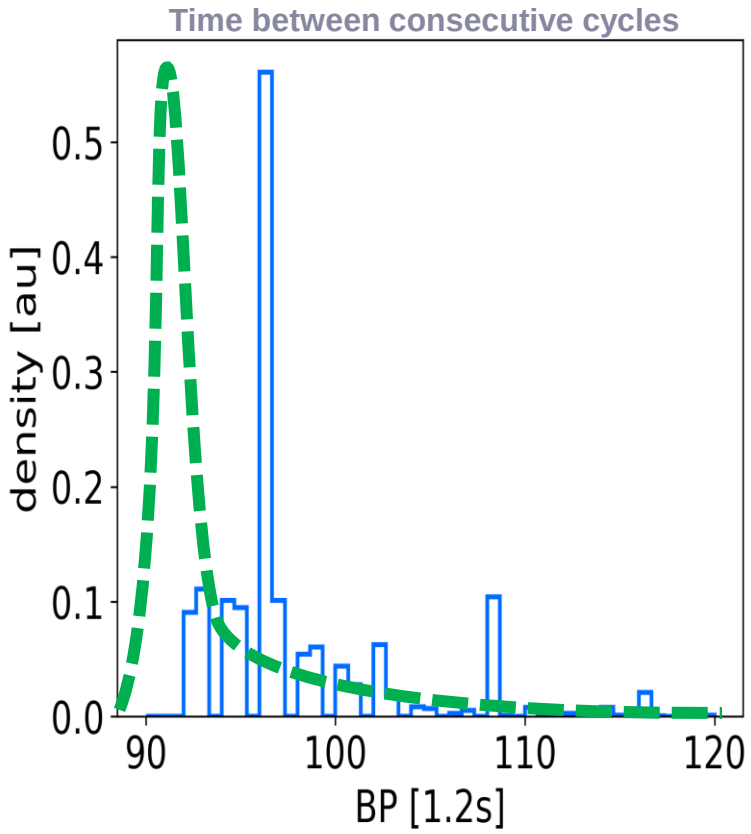
- **Main request: stable intensity of more than 25e6 pbar every ~120 s (typically, higher flux is better)**
  - **Acceptable** to **have slow intensity drifts** over **time scales of days/weeks**

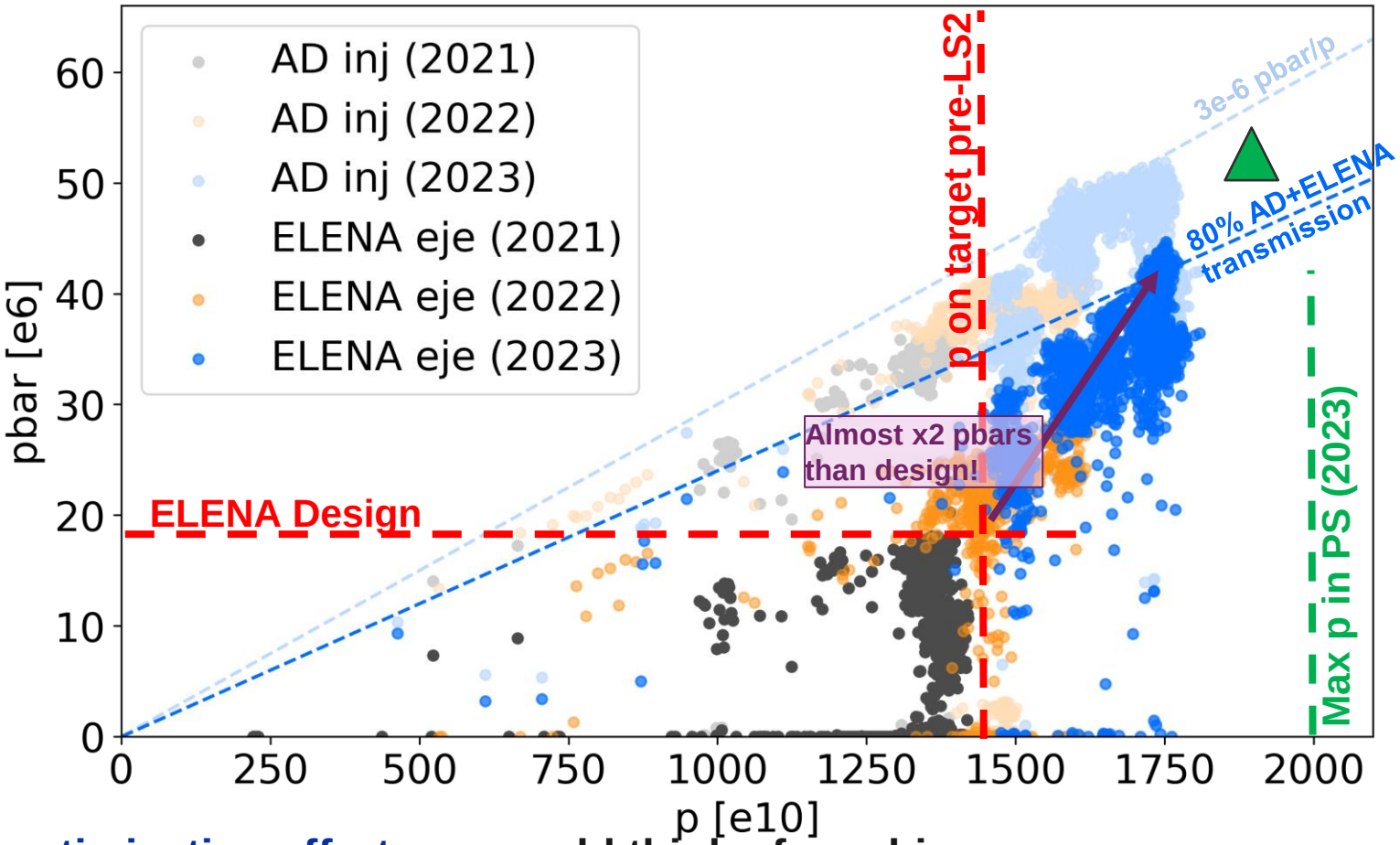




- In practice, **quite some intensity variation/fluctuation (>20%!) over the year**
  - **Slow improvements** thanks to motivated operation team
  - Slow/fast **degradations** due to **natural drifts** and **hardware faults/issues**
  - Shot-to-shot **fluctuations** due to **non-reproducibility** of several sub-systems
- Also, **repetition rate variation** driven by **PS super-cycle** composition and beam scheduling strategy
  - **Not much we can do about it**, but CERN-timing long-term plans to upgrade protons scheduling strategy

Overall Performance: Pbar Yield and Repetition Rate





With present hardware and ongoing optimisation efforts we could think of reaching:

- **10-20% increase in beam intensity** (**stability to be improved** with consolidated hardware/instrumentation)
- **10-20% reduction in cycle length** (stability mainly linked to p production scheduling)

Present, Short and Long Term User Needs

- **Present users are happy!**
  - **No strong request for "better" or "more" beam: still exploring** the **potential of ELENA**!
  - **Request** for higher **shot-to-shot repeatability, beam availability** and **continuity**
    - Investment in **modern technologies/techniques crucial** for enhanced **beam stability** and **efficient operation** (this includes optics, control, instrumentation, …)
    - **Paramount** to finalise/pursue **AD consolidation** efforts
    - Must ensure a **long term pbar-facility lifespan (20+ years)**
- Most **technological challenges** are **after** the **handover point!**
  - Is there something on our side that will **make our users life easier**?! E.g.:
    - **High Liquid Helium consumption: question must be addressed** with high priority
    - **Electricity cuts et al. to be minimized**: experiments running **also during YETS/LS**!
  - **Longer term, no clear direction** for new (beam) requirements, but we can **speculate** based on **informal discussions**: can we **anticipate** the **future user wishes?!**

Looking Beyond the Horizon: Higher Intensity?

- **Already at 80% AD+ELENA deceleration efficiency, i.e. up to 20% gain at very most**
- **Already at the maximum p intensity in the PS:**
  - **10% to gain at very most** on PS-to-AD proton transport efficiency
  - Present **target design already at engineering limits** and **radiation levels** close to **limits**!
- **Directly increasing the pbar yield (AD target/horn design? Transport in DI line?)**
  - **Not obvious gain**: lengthly and complex studies requiring dedicated beamtime

One way could be accumulation at AD injection

- Tested during early AD times (see CERN-ACC-Note-2019-0025)
- Possible to reach more than **x2 in intensity** (optimistically, up to x10), but **it requires dedicated studies**

Note 1: We might be limited by **radiation levels in the AD hall**

Note 2: **bunch properties** at ELENA extraction will be **affected** (higher emittance, length, …)

Note 3: **Alternative: accumulation in traps?** Experiment's business, and **probably less efficient…**

Looking Beyond the Horizon: Higher Rep. Rate?

- **Cycle length driven by cooling processes in AD** (~50%)
  - New AD **e-cooler** designed to hopefully gain **10%** on cycle time
  - Maybe possible to save **10%** on cycle time with an “improved” **s-coolling**?
  - Maybe trying **injecting in AD at a lower momentum**?
- **Additional inefficiencies from beam control**
  - Maybe possible to save **10%** on cycle time with “improved” **power converters**?
  - Maybe possible to save **10%** on cycle time with better **beam instrumentaton/controls**?

- **Overall, maybe possible to gain a factor 2, at most** (from 110 to 60 s cycle time)
  - **Investment on hardware/studies needed**

Note 1: We might be limited by **radiation levels in the AD hall**

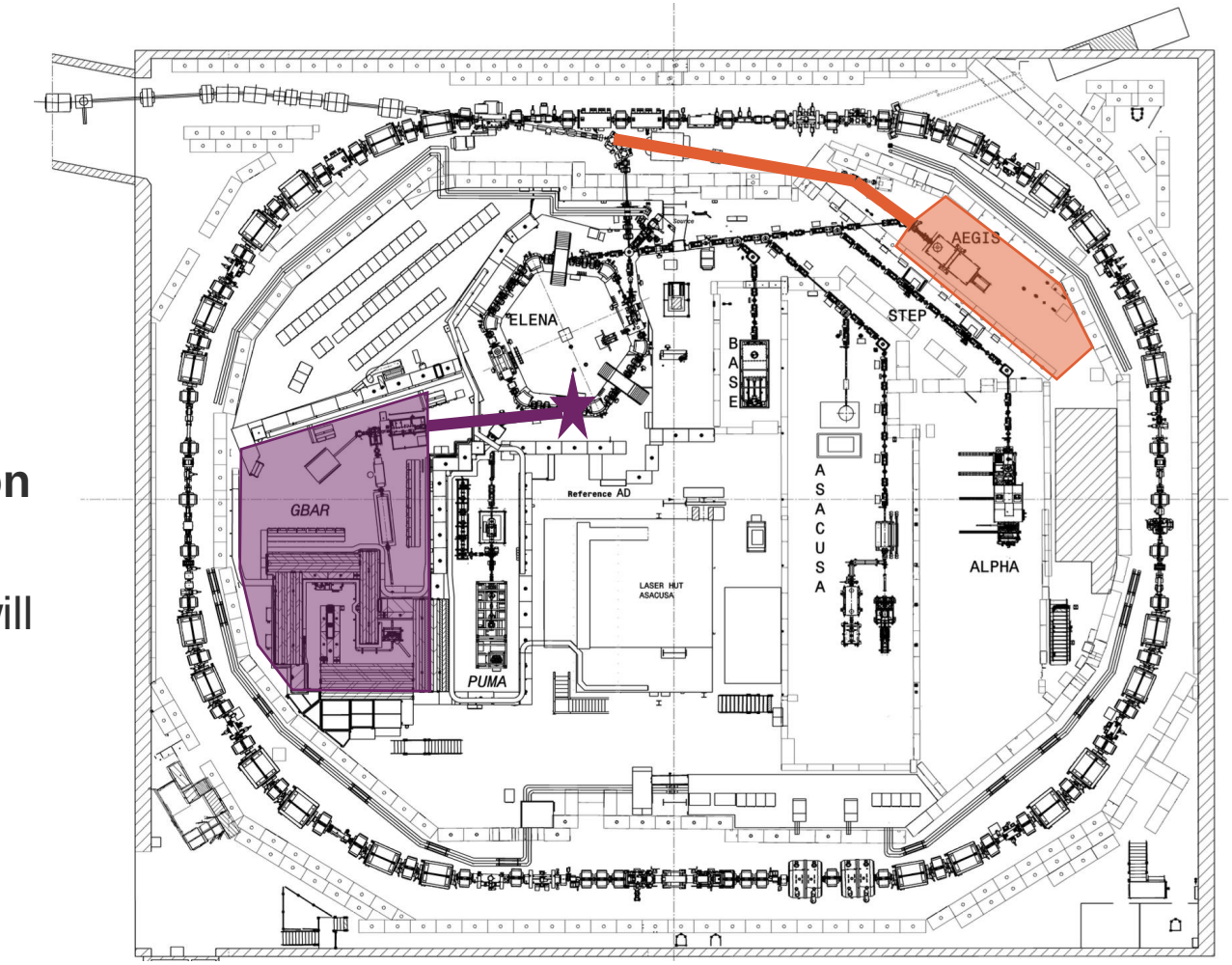
Note 2: It requires also higher use of **proton cycles!**

Looking Beyond the Horizon: Different Energy?

- Considering reviving **AD extraction up to 500 MeV/c** (~125 MeV E_k) to, e.g., AEGIS zone
  - It requires **exclusive beam use**, limiting ELENA's multi-user capacity
  - **Could be studied, if requested!**

- **Extraction up to 100 MeV/c** (5.3 MeV E_k) **from ELENA?**
  - Requires to install a **more powerful extraction kicker + septum** (as the injection one)
  - **Adaptation or redesign of transfer line(s)** will be required, potentially using new magnets
  - **Could be studied, if requested!**

- **Note: RP aspects to be evaluated!**

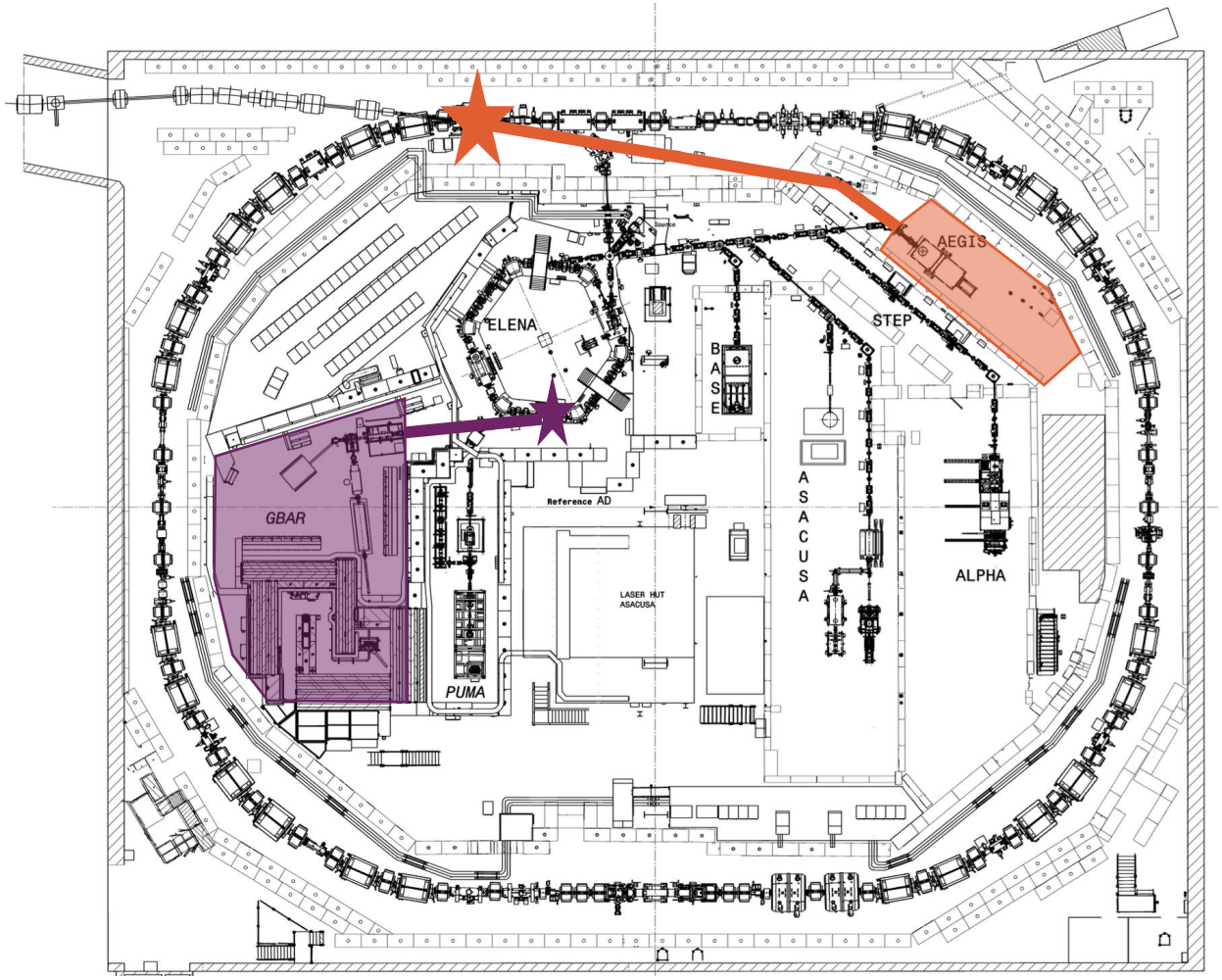


Looking Beyond the Horizon: Slow Extraction?

- As before, it might be **possible by modifying extraction hardware** (ELENA and/or AD)
  - Typically, requires an **electrostatic septum** to be designed and installed in the ring(s) plus **optics gymnastics**
  - It **might be** relatively **easy** to implement for **ELENA at 100 keV** toward “GBAR/PUMA”
  - **Could be studied, if requested!**
- Alternatively, **burst-mode extraction** of low intensity “bunches” with minor power supply/control upgrades? Or a single **7-us-long stream** of pbars from ELENA?
  - **Could be studied, if requested!**

Note: Already done/planned by experiments:

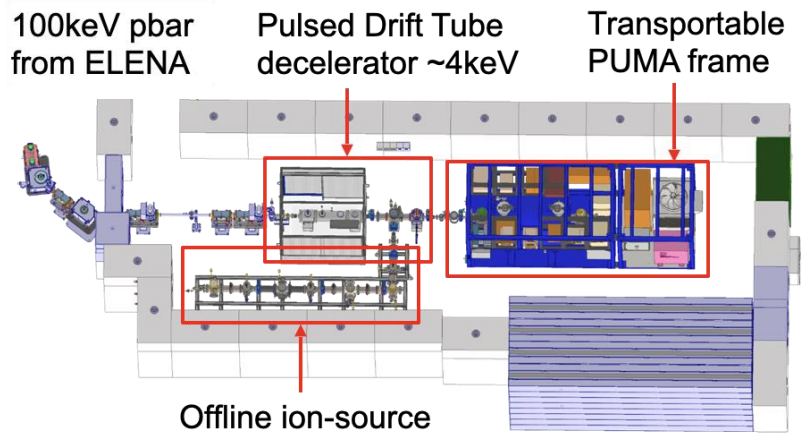
- Accumulating in **traps** and **then slow release**, typically at **lower energies** (a few hundred eV)

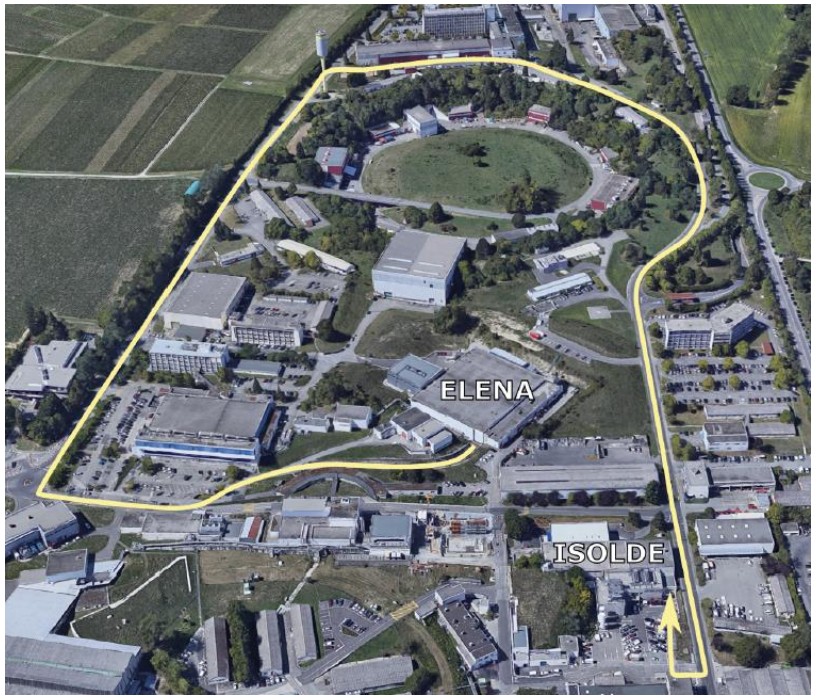


Looking Beyond the Horizon: More Off-Site Traps?

- **PUMA** and **STEP** plan to fill a trap that will allow to **transport cold pbars to other facilities** (e.g. to ISOLDE for PUMA)
  - **Several challenges to be demonstrated!**
  - For **STEP,** the main reason is to **"escape"** the AD hall's **electromagnetically noisy environment**
  - **First results** could already come during **Run3!**

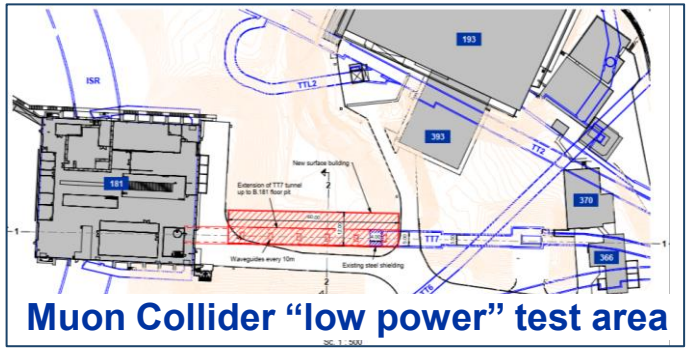
- Will this open **new experimental possibilities?**
  - Shall CERN acquire trap technology and provide "standard" pbar-filled "bottles" for users?
    - **Discarded in the past**: too different user needs… will the PUMA/STEP experience change the picture?
    - **Could be studied, if requested!**

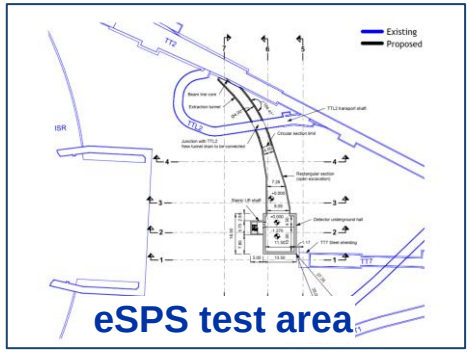


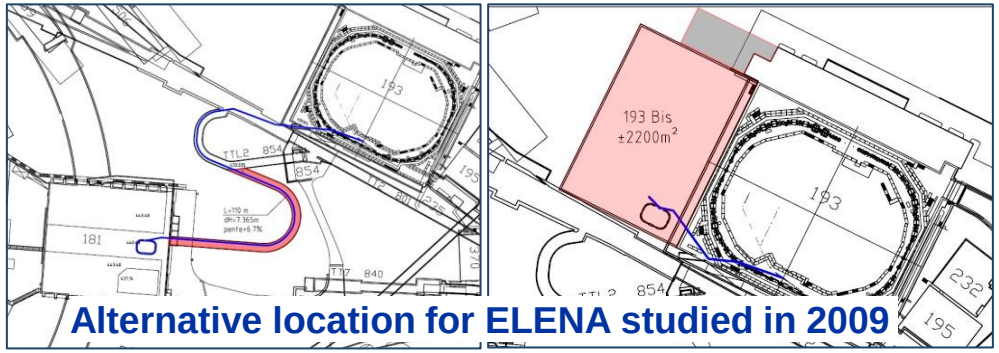


Looking Beyond the Horizon: Bigger Exp. Area?

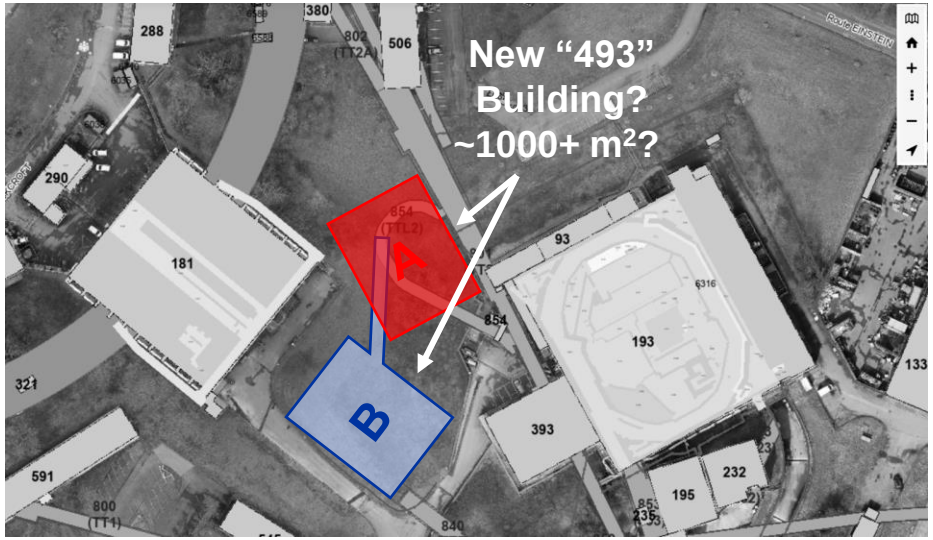
- **One must be looking outside of the AD hall, looking at other projects:**







- **TTL2** is empty and **not useful**, today.
  - What about **new building** (493?) with semi-underground experimental area for “high energy” experiments?
  - It could take **protons** from PS, **pbars** (up to 3.5 GeV/c?) from AD, e^- from **eSPS**?, used as **Muon Collider** “low power” test area? (e.g. A, B, …)…
  - **Could be studied, if requested!**



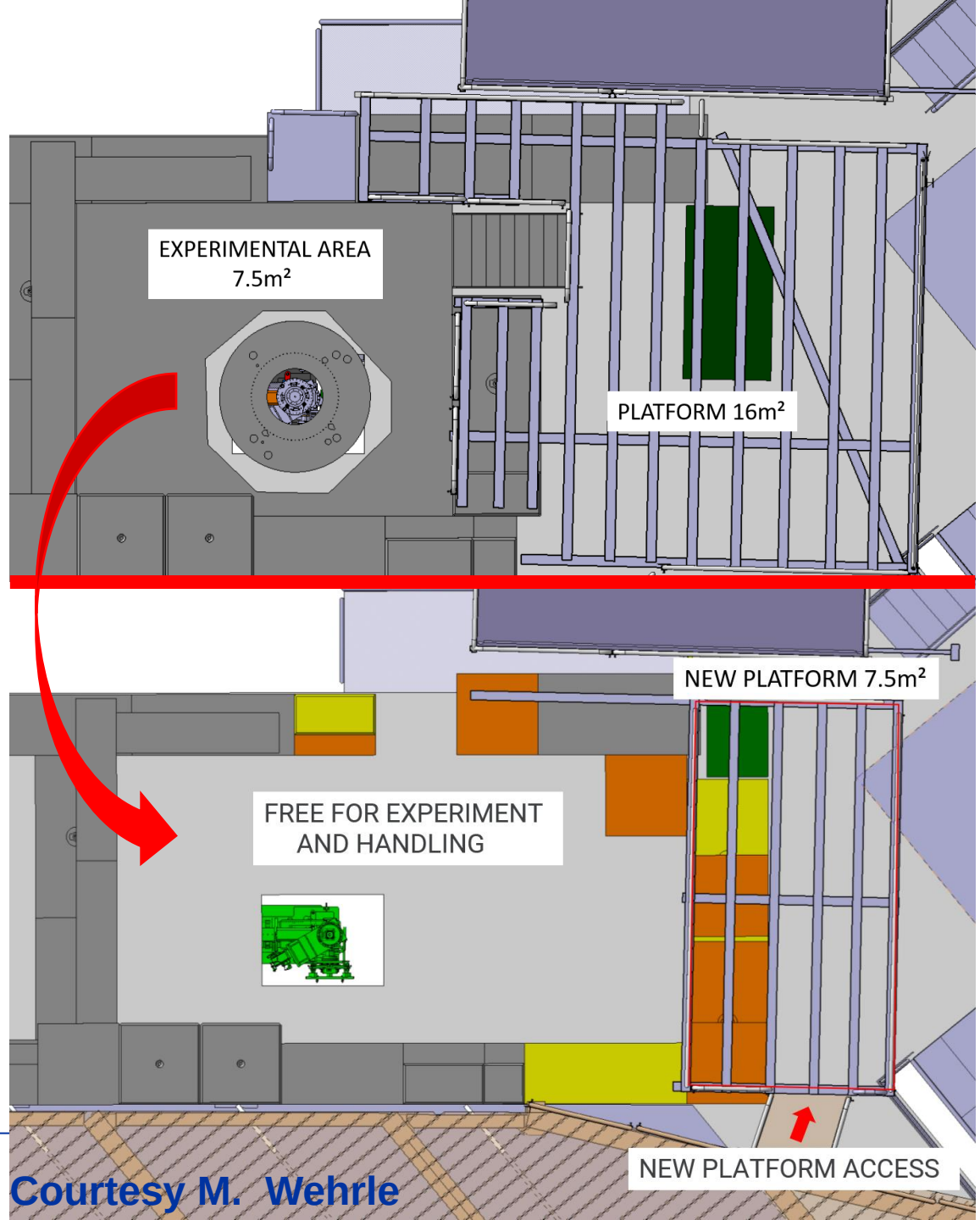
Looking Beyond the Horizon: New Particle types?

- **From the AD target: Antideuteron**
  - **Maybe** possible to have **10 to 1e4 antideuteron** at AD injection **already today**
    - Assuming they could be decelerated/trapped, would those numbers be **interesting?**
    - **S-cooling and RF systems** are the most likely to require some **key modifications to allow deceleration**
  - **A new target and/or full facility might be required**
  - **Could be studied, if requested!**
- **In the experiments** (their core business, but **can AD/ELENA help?)**
  - **Anti-Hydrogen molecule**
    - Might benefit from **higher pbar intensity/shot**
  - **Anti-Neutrons**
    - Typically, requires **slow extraction at high energy (>100 MeV/c) on a target**
  - **Antiprotonic atoms** (see AEGIS, ASACUSA, …)
    - E.g. production of S(uuddss) hexaquark (dark matter candidate) from pbar - ^{3}He reaction in a trap
    - Might benefit from **higher pbar flux** (intensity or rep-rate)

In the Meantime: TELMAX

- **Refurbishment** of the old **ATRAP2 area** and conversion **into a test beamline (TEst Line for Machine And eXperiments):**
  - For **accelerator equipment tests** (e.g. instrumentation)
  - For **experimental equipment characterization** (e.g. foils, detectors R&D/calibration)
  - …
- **The area will be reorganized to increase usable surface :**
  - **Standard services** will be provided (electricity plugs, demineralized water, compressed air, etc.…)
  - **Changes** described in the ECR: **EDMS 2975107**
  - **Area normally available by end of 2024!**

- **Beam-time request strategy being formalized**
  - will normally be a regulated by “standard” **SPSC Beam Time Requests** as for other facilities



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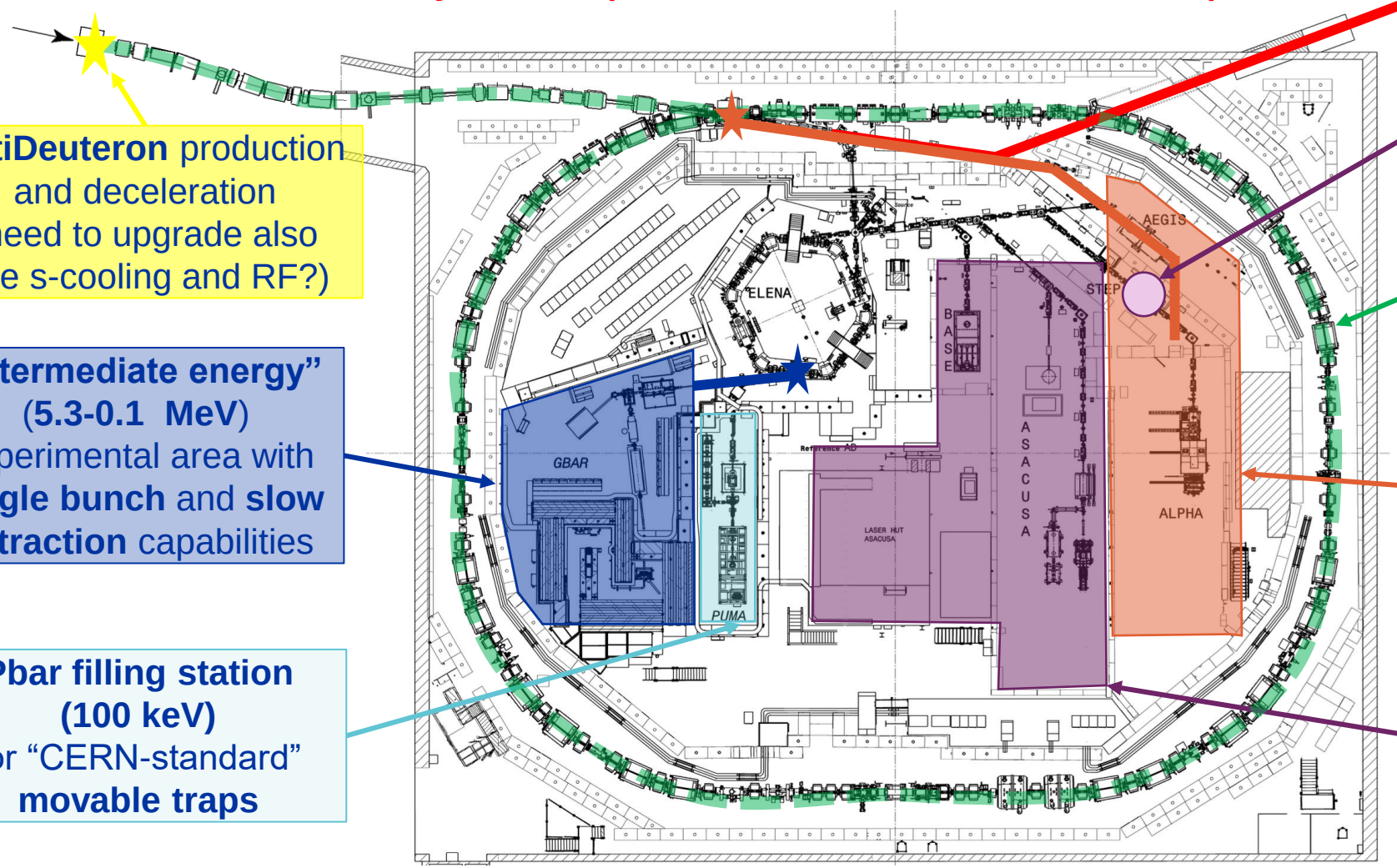
Overview of “Independent” Upgrade Cases

- **Any of these (except TELMAX) will require well-defined physics experiment cases!**
- **The actual cost and feasibility of each option will be evaluated if and when required.**

External ”high energy” experimental hall?

AntiDeuteron production and deceleration (need to upgrade also the s-cooling and RF?)

TELMAX
Test Experimental Area



Higher pbar flux:
x2 on **rep rate**
x2 on pbar **intensity**

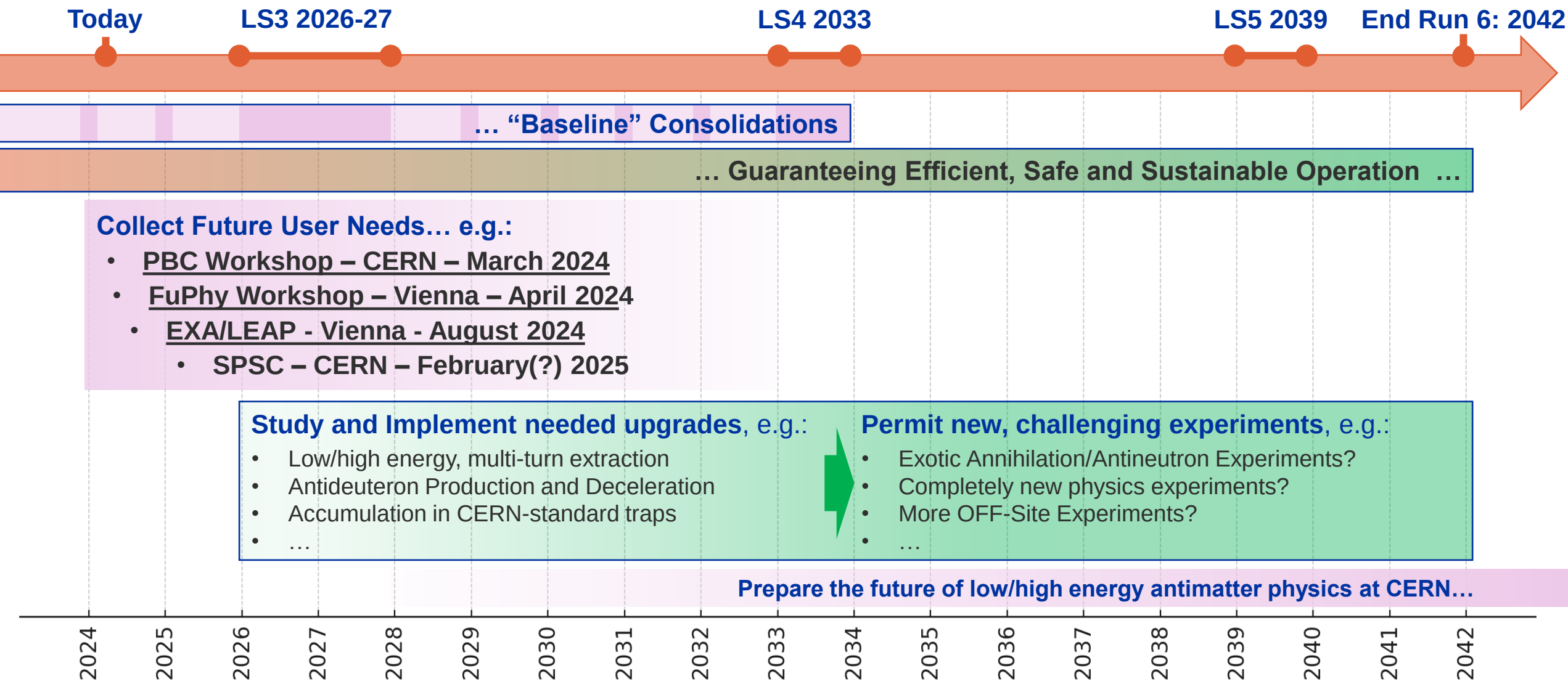
“Intermediate energy” (**5.3-0.1 MeV**) experimental area with **single bunch** and **slow extraction** capabilities

“High energy” (**125-5.3 MeV**) Experimental area with **single bunch** and **slow extraction** capabilities

Pbar filling station (100 keV) for “CERN-standard” **movable traps**

Low energy (**100 keV**) experimental area for present and new (e.g. H2bar) experiments

Overall Long-Term Timeline Proposal



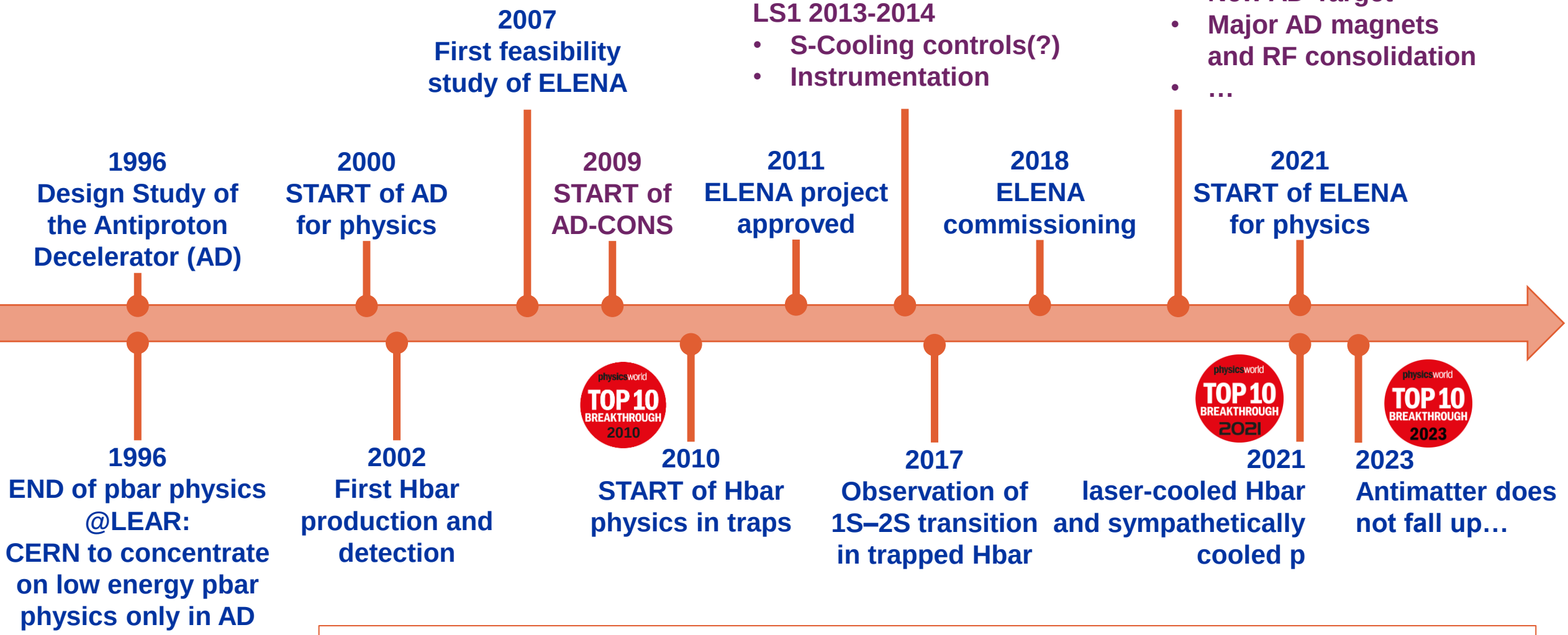
Conclusions

- **AD/ELENA Facility is a unique facility worldwide**
  - **Unique globally**, with no realistic alternative for the next 20+ years.
  - **Consistently delivers 4e7 antiprotons at 100 keV bi-minute** to six thriving collaborations
  - **High satisfaction** across the physics user community
- **Short-term Prospects**
  - **Continue investing** in machines control, and automation to **improve beam stability** and **availability**
  - Potential for minor **performance improvements** (+10-20% intensity and repetition rate)
  - **Establish** the **TELMAX** Beam test area to boost component development and **support new/old users**
- **Long-term Prospects**
  - **Extend facility's physics reach** is **possible**, depending on emerging cases
  - **Hardware consolidation** within AD presents new use case **opportunities**
  - **PBC is an asset** framework to intercept and actualize new requests (e.g. **support feasibility studies**)
  - **CERN's engagement is crucial** for facility continuity (20+ years)

Looking forward to new, exciting, yet realistic, user requests to trigger relevant studies!

APPENDIX

Timeline



Timestep between major results/changes: ~5-10 years

How did we get here?

- **Modest investments** relative to CERN's capabilities
  - Leveraging on the possibility of **reusing existing hardware**
- **Exceptional commitment** from a handful of individuals, coupled with the **goodwill** of numerous others
  - **Not turn-key machines:** several **unique technologies/features**!
- **Resilient user community** conducting extensive, intricate, long, and unparalleled experiments on a **restricted budget** and with **scarce resources**
  - Over two decades of **specialized expertise** challenging to replicate
- Made possible by **CERN**'s existing infrastructure and expertise

Might be impossible to replicate this anywhere else!

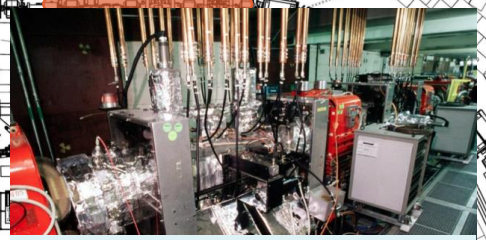
Current Facility Challenges: Infrastructure

- **Hardware Aging, especially the AD!**
  - AD made from **hardware recycled from previous facilities**
    - *Example risk:* **water leak in special magnet in 2023** disrupted 10% of physics operation time
  - Ongoing **consolidation efforts** since the facility's early days
- **Liquid Helium Demand**
  - Our users are among the **top consumers** of liquid helium at CERN
    - Presently **running at maximum helium capacity**, and often not enough…
- **Space Constraints**
  - **AD hall** predominantly **occupied** by experimental setups
  - **Complex experiments** with **lengthy timelines** (>5 years) from setup to initial results
  - **Limited space** for **new/bigger experiments** and/or **auxiliary installation,…**

Hardware: Most Critical/Aged Items

Injection line magnets with high risk of breakdown and no spare

Outdated Power Converters

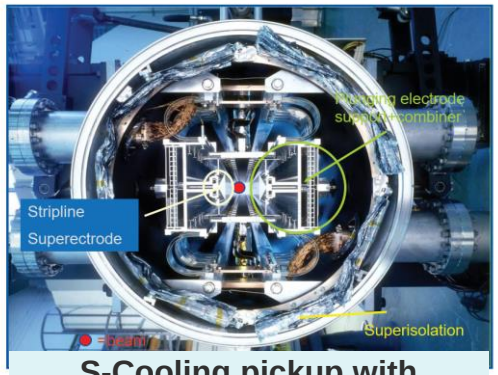


Critical reliability and spare availability for s-cooling kickers and power amplifiers

Outdated (and not very “green”) cooling and ventilation systems

Outdated e-cooler design, critical in spare parts

AD magnets consolidation being finalised



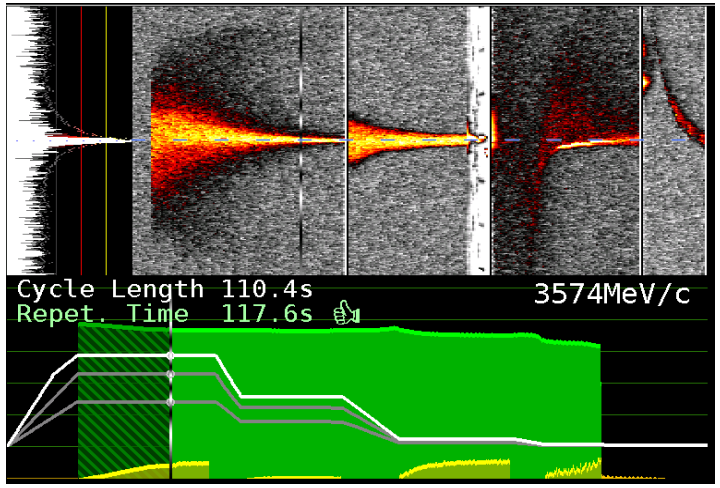
S-Cooling pickup with no spares, limited know-how

Outdated LLRF and HLRF for C10 cavities

Current Facility Challenges: Beam Control

- **Challenges** in **Beam Diagnostics** in measuring very **low intensity** and **low energy beams**
  - **Mainly relying on Schottky and Intensity measurements**
    - i.e. indirect measurement of many possible faults/effects
  - **Only destructive transverse beam profile measurements**
- **Dedicated operation team :**
  - **Maintain high machine availability**
    - E.g. Finding solutions to run without BHZ-TRIM in 2022…
  - **Obtain the best performance from existing hardware**
    - E.g. toward ELENA design emittances, …
  - **Respond to user needs**
    - E.g. Optimise beam transport from ELENA to traps …
  - **Follow-up constant consolidation needs, often unique systems**
    - E.g. electron and stochastic cooling consolidations …

Schottky and Intensity (BCCCA) in AD



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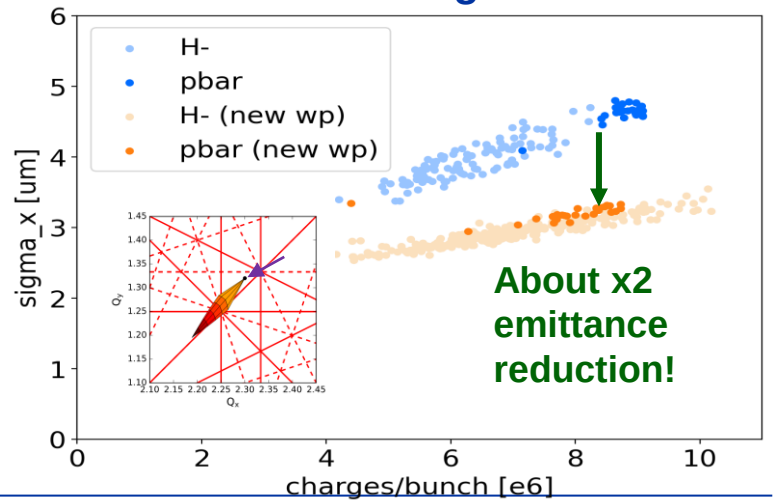
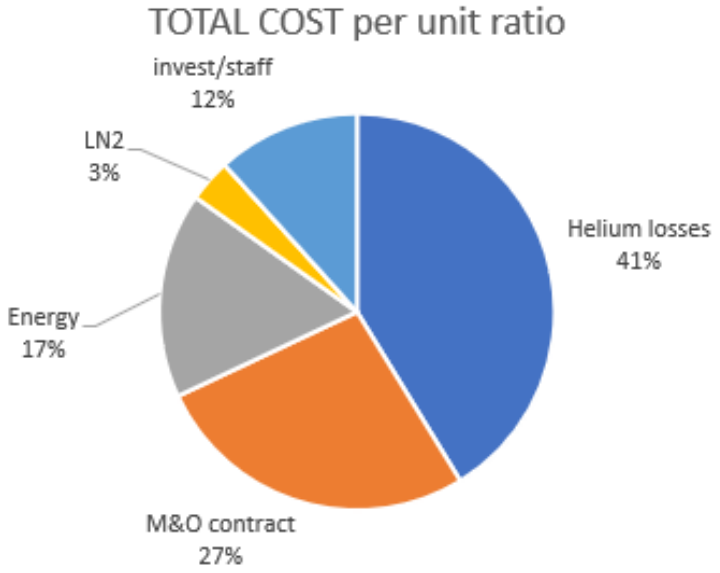
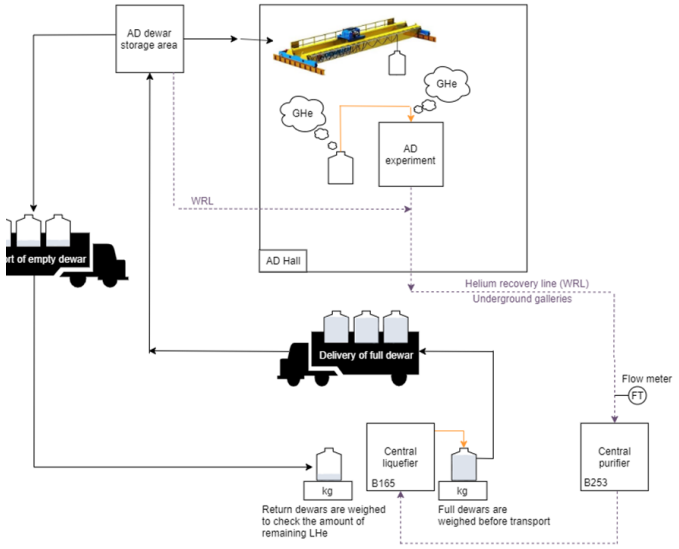
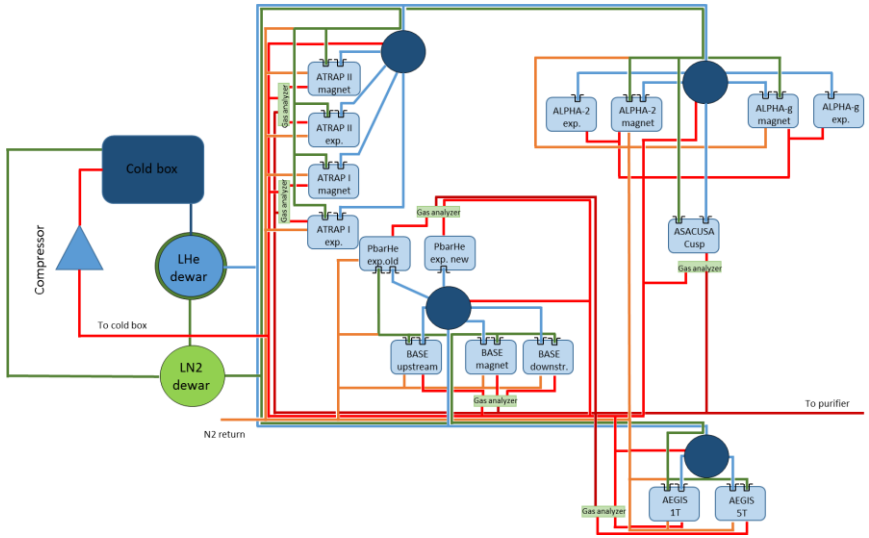


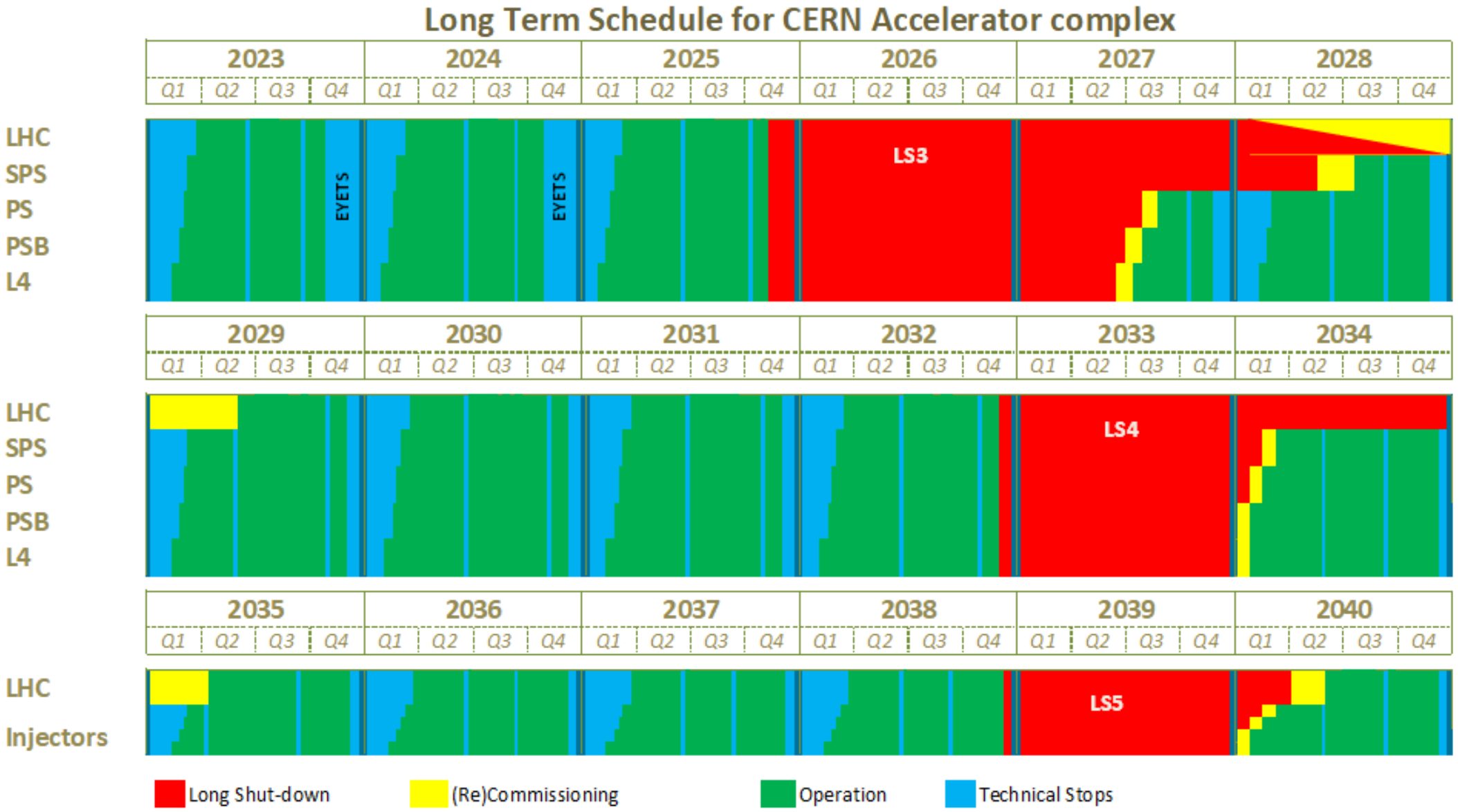
Users Helium Consumption

- **CERN cost in 2022: ~2 MCHF for ~700x500L dewars of LHe**
  - “Constantly” at 20 dewars/week delivery (CERN max capacity: 25 Dewars/week)
  - ~3140 m3/year of gHe (roughly 88 kCHF), mainly needed for pressurize Dewars for lHe transfer
- **Alternative cooling methods**, e.g. cryocoolers, **will require long/costly RD program**
- **Closed circuit system with local liquefier:**
  - **Addresses distribution** and **safety concerns,** offering a **more eco-friendly** solution!
  - **Cost 8.3 MCHF** + 8.5 FTE (only possible **after LS3**), **savings 0.6 MCHF/year!**





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2023
2024
2025
2026
2027
2028
Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
LHC
SPS
PS
PSB
L4
EYETS
EYETS
LS3
2029
2030
2031
2032
2033
2034
LS4
2035
2036
2037
2038
2039
2040
LHC
Injectors
LS5
Long Shut-down
(Re)Commissioning
Operation
Technical Stops