

# Fixed Target Beams & Challenges for the Future

Beam dynamics modelling  $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$  Operation

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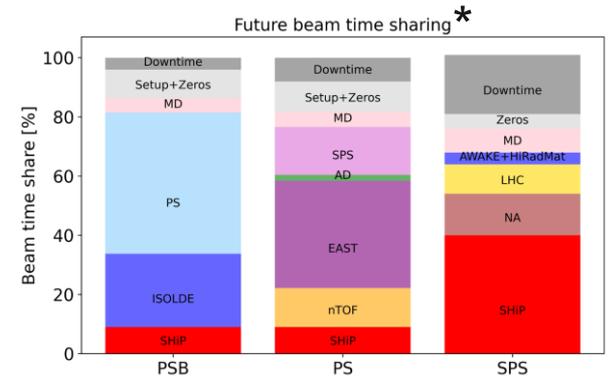
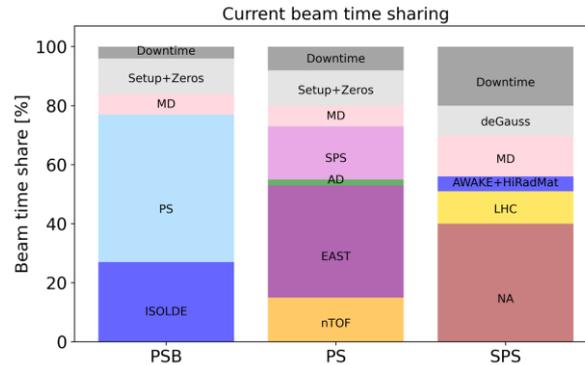
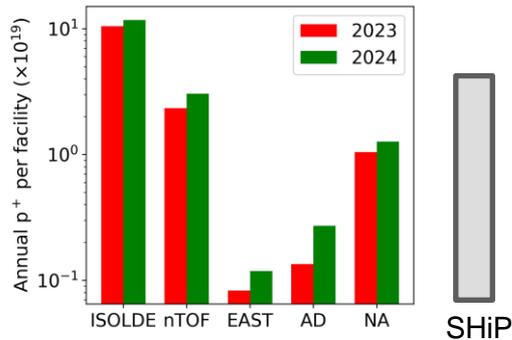
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# Introduction

Fixed target destinations are the largest “particle and cycle consumers” across the complex.

- Demand expected to increase post LS3, with SHiP entering the North Area.
- Requests to extend ion runs (incl. proton+ion parallel operation) must also be considered within this landscape.
- Efforts split across different projects and working groups: IPP, SLAWG, bSAC, SOX, CONS, Future Ions, Hi-ECN3...

Challenge for the future: make the particle-pie bigger and/or share it more effectively.



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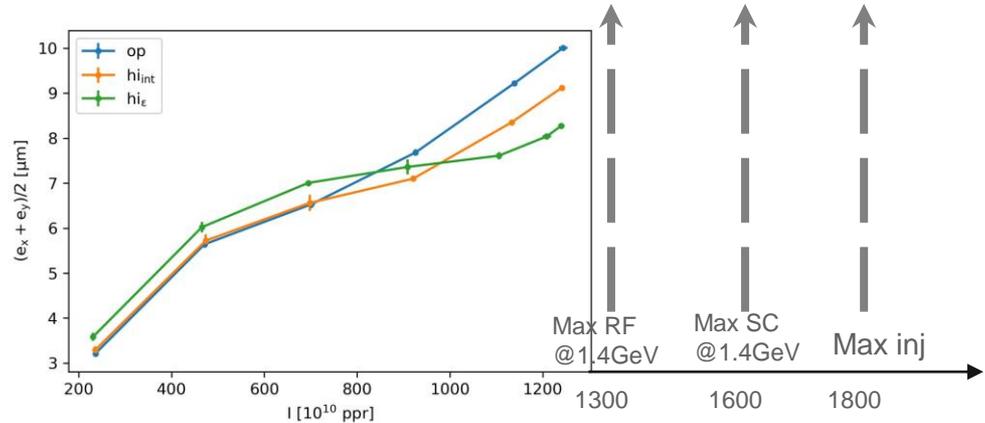
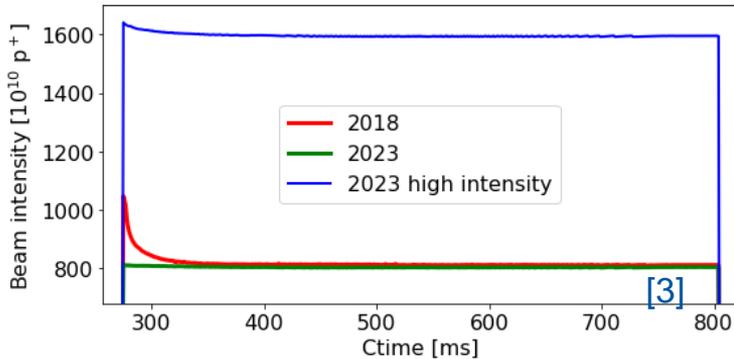
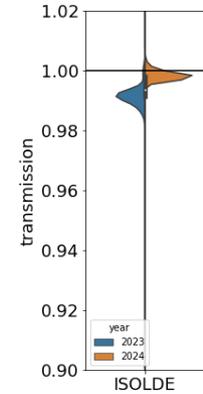


# High(er) intensity

Successful ISOLDE operation, with better transmission w.r.t. 2023 (e.g. improved octupole resonance correction) [1]. High intensity MDs:

- Up to  $5e13$  protons per pulse both to HRS and GPS (nominal  $3.2e13$ ).
- Exploration of maximising transmission and minimising emittance w.r.t. Intensity.

**Remaining:** emittance limits due to extraction apertures, exploration of limitations for 2 GeV (impedance/instabilities & RF).



[1] F. Asvesta, [PSB MPC 2024](#)

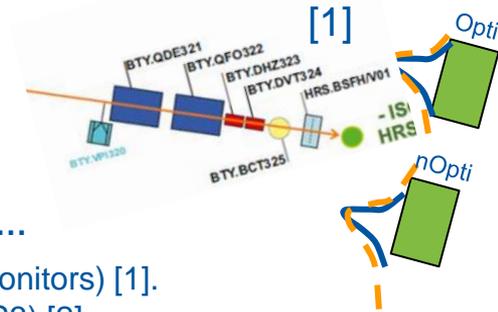
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[3] T. Pebibaj, [IEFC 2024](#)

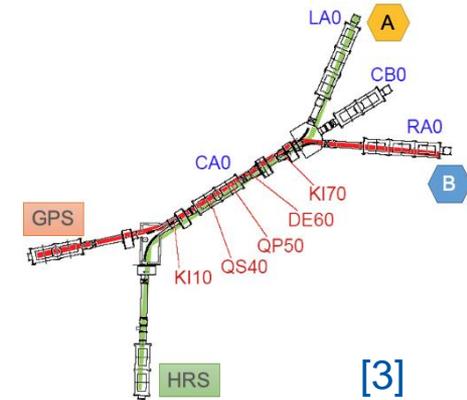
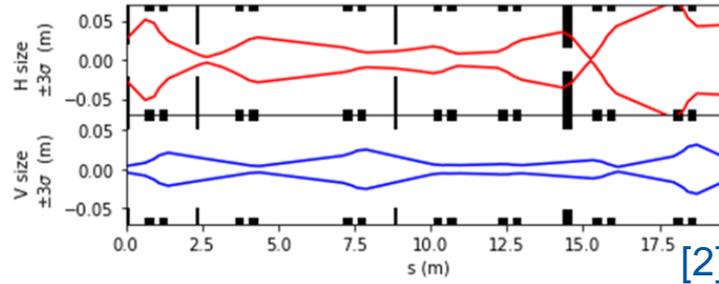
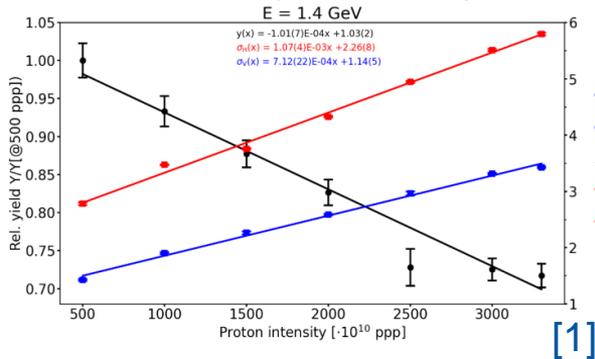
# Facility upgrade

Aiming to have multi-energy/target/intensity operation -> with great flexibility comes...

- Ongoing: Auto-optimisation of BTY steerers and final focus (using yield and/or RP monitors) [1].
- Ongoing: optics models for low-energy lines -> migrate to LSA paradigm (planned LS3) [2].
- Ongoing: design limit for ISOLDE Beam Dump Replacement need to be finalised.
- Post LS3: HRS/GPS parallel operation (software and/or hardware upgrades needed) [3].



Yield vs. pulse intensity



[1] S. Rothe, IPP 2024

[2] Q. Vuillemin, ITC 2024

[3] L. Le, S. Rothe

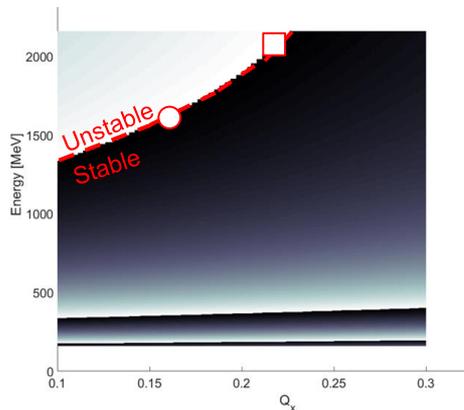
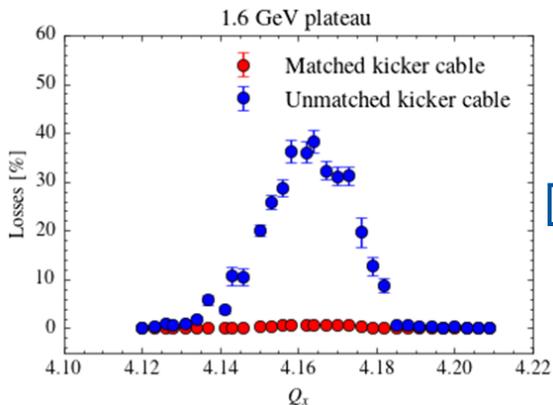
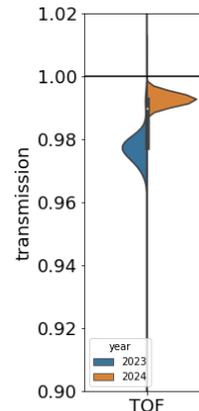
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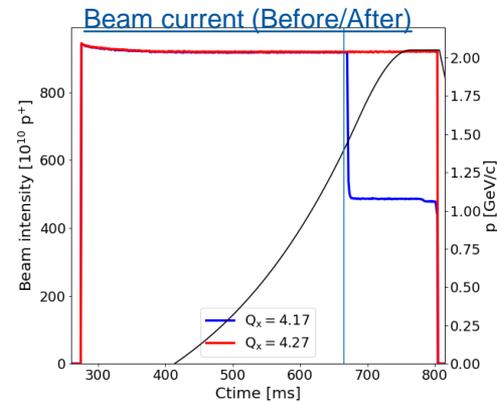
# @ PSB

Successfully operated @ 2GeV with better transmission w.r.t. 2023 [1].

- Identified cause of instability found @ 1.6 GeV -> unmatched kicker impedance.
- Found new  $Q_x$  working point, pushing instability threshold beyond 2 GeV.



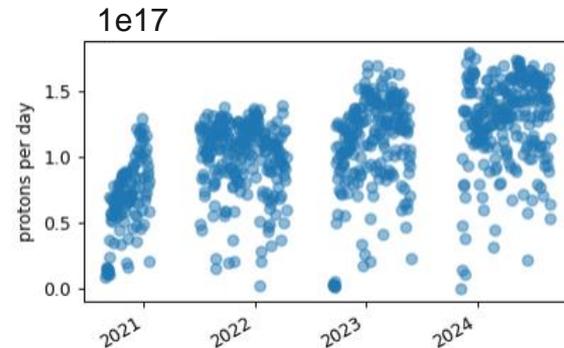
- Old limit, ~1.6 GeV
- New limit, beyond 2 GeV



# High-flux TOF @ PS

High-flux run Aug-Sep 2024, pushing the limits for all TOF cycles [1].

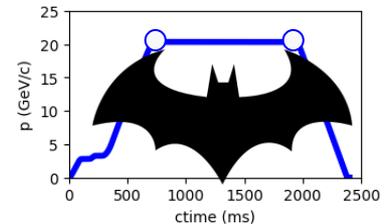
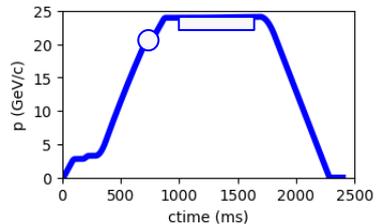
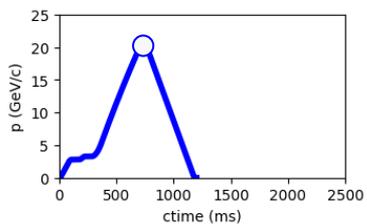
- Running close to target limit ( $2.2 \times 10^{12}$  p+/s  $\rightarrow$   $1.9 \times 10^{17}$  p+/day).
- Double-TOF as option to sustain high-flux during supercycles with high demand from ISOLDE  $\rightarrow$  interlocks being discussed to avoid extracting both bunches together.



	Dedicated	Parasitic
Pre high-flux ppp	$0.85 \times 10^{13}$	$0.35 \times 10^{13}$
High-flux ppp	$0.92 \times 10^{13}$	$0.82 \times 10^{13}$ (T9, TN), $0.35 \times 10^{13}$ (T8)

Double (formerly BAT)
$2 \times 0.7 \times 10^{13}$

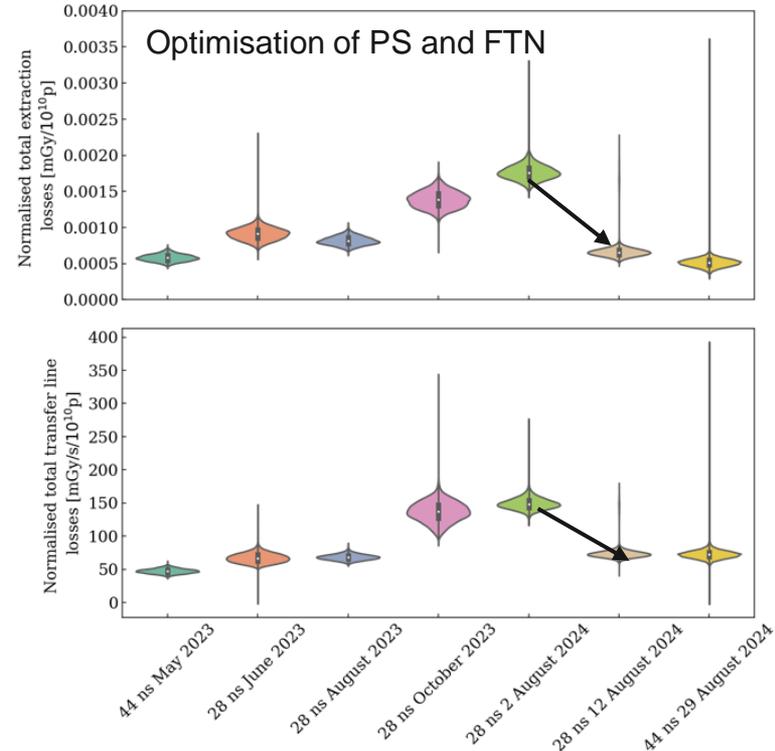
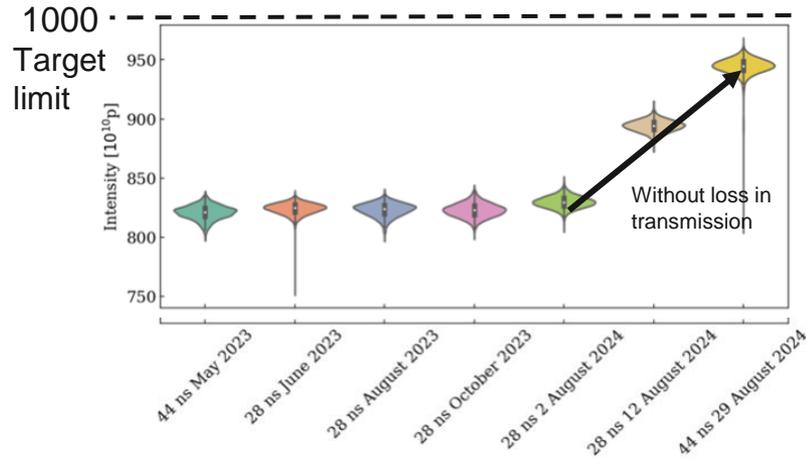
○ TOF extr.  
▭ EAST extr.



# High-flux TOF @ PS: Losses

Transmission and norm. losses kept under control. Ongoing:

- Interlock update to use brightness instead of beam size just upstream of target (remains a software interlock\*).
- Assessment of required RP cooldown time in case of equipment failure requiring intervention in FTN.

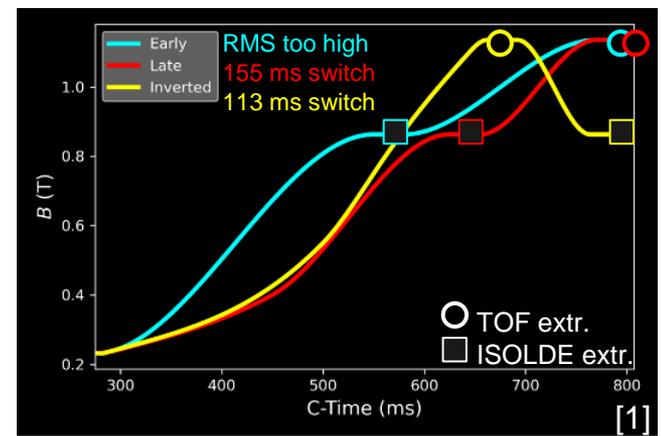


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# PSB Ring sharing

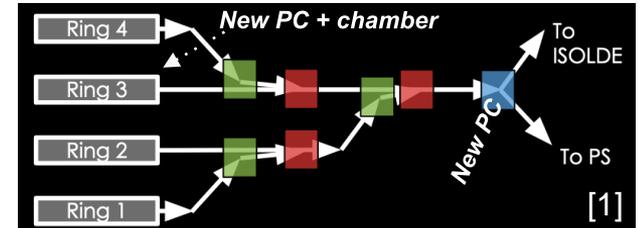
Idea since 2000s to provide nTOF and ISOLDE beams within same PSB cycle using ring-by-ring destinations [2].



## Option 1, “slow” switching:

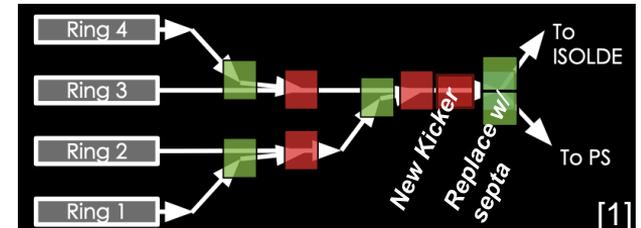
- Hardware required: BT.BHZ10 power converter for polarity switch (? CHF), BE3.SMH15 separate tank (100kCHF) and converter (100kCHF).
- Condition: ISOLDE 1.4GeV\* **AND** TOF + ISOLDE in SCycle **AND** not double-TOF

\*Due to mains RMS current limit



## Option 2, “fast” switching:

- Hardware required: kicker, 2 septa replacing BHZ deflecting into 2 independent dipoles (one to BTM, one to BTP) -> 2.5 MCHF in 2000
- Condition: TOF + ISOLDE in SCycle **AND** not double-TOF



[1] S. Albright, IPP 2024

[2] C. Carli, PPC 2000

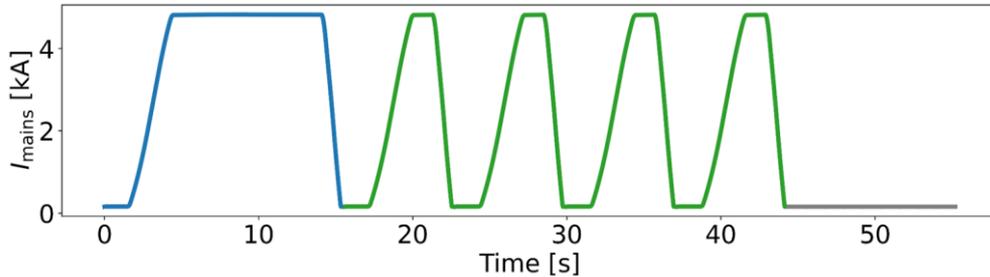
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# Sharing scenarios

Post-LS3, the SPS will aim to provide **4e19 p/year to SHiP in the HI-ECN3 facility, in addition to 1e19 p/year to T2+T4+T6** (comparable to 2023, 2024).

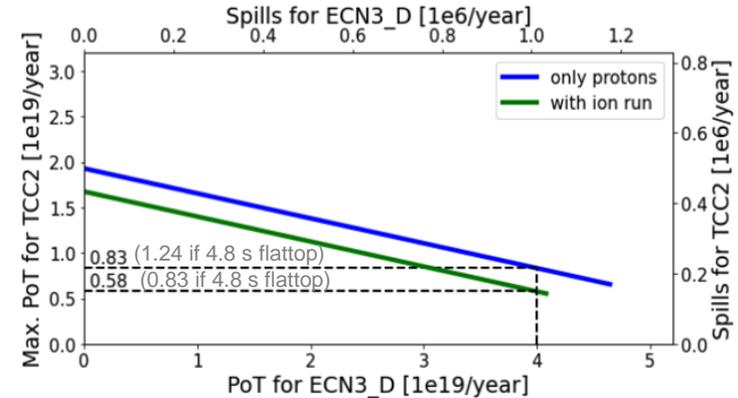
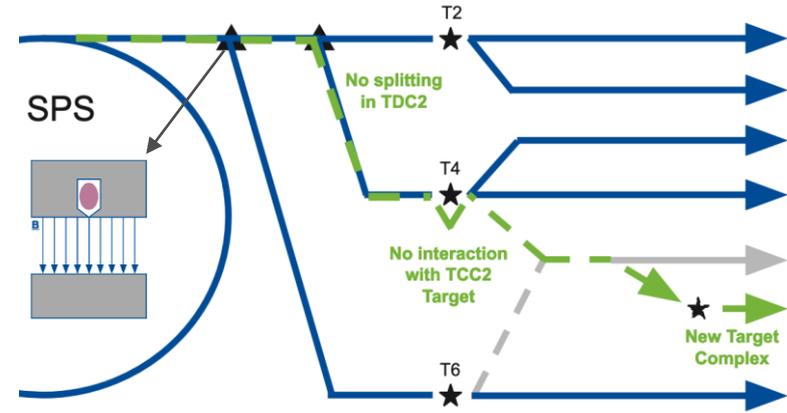
- Baseline: 4.2e13 p/spill slow extracted for both SHiP (not shared in TT20) and SFTPRO (shared in TT20) [1].
- bSAC and SOX efforts developing “super-cycle models” to further optimise situation -> MDs requested pre-LS3 for super-cycle composition.



SFTPRO: 9.6 s flattop (4.8 s flattop also possible: worse for other PS/PSB users)

SHiP: 1.2 s flattop

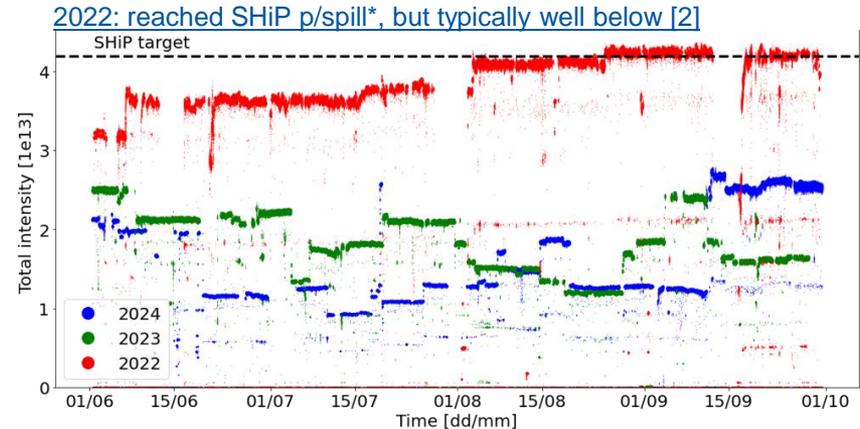
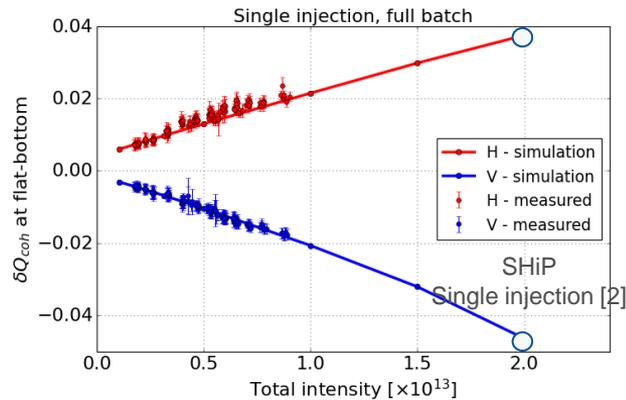
deGauss: required to stay within NA RMS current limit (more constraining than SPS mains)



# High intensity

To run at  $4.2e13$  p/spill and  $5e19$  PoT/year, extensive studies and upgrades performed and under way [1, 2].

- @PSB: experience delivering intensities well beyond SHiP -> working on smaller V-emittance.
- @PS: running reliably with barrier bucket, demonstrating extractions at/beyond SHiP intensity.
- @PS-to-SPS, ongoing: beam loss between PS extraction and SPS flat-bottom.
- @SPS, ongoing: systematic understanding of intensity-dependent tune shift.
- @SPS sloex, ongoing: systematic understanding of spill quality and losses at high-intensity (not easy to study since it requires extraction all the way to the targets).



[1] M. Fraser, IPAC 2024

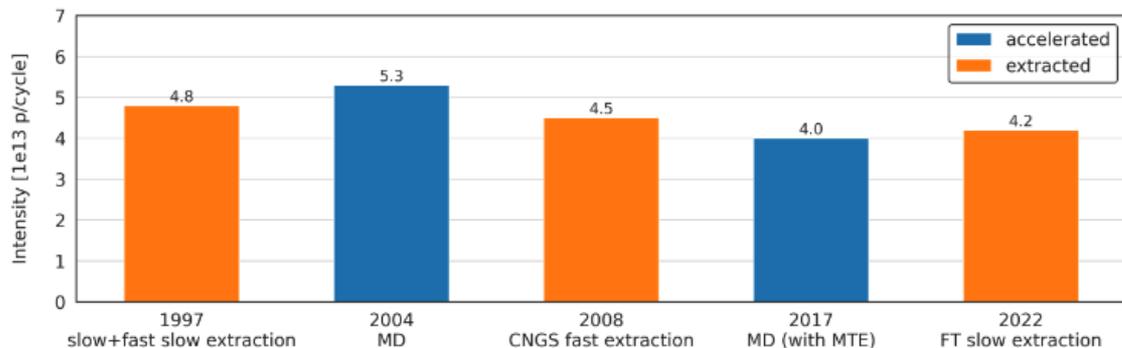
[2] T. Prebaj, IPP 2024

\*Additionally, transmission was rather low across the complex.

# (Even) High(er) intensity

Moving **beyond 4.2e13 p/spill** would provide a means to provide more PoT/year or reduce the number of spills\*. In addition to limitations in previous slide [2]...

- **@SPS:** SPS internal dump (TIDVG#5) limit at 7e13 p/spill (while respecting also average power limits).
- **@NA, ongoing:** power limits for NA interceptive devices. SHIP: BDF target. SFTPRO: TCSC, TAX, T2/T4/T6 targets.
- **@PS, ongoing:** beam-loading compensation of Finemet to avoid barrier bucket distortion.



[1] Figure 1: Intensity per cycle achieved in the SPS.

	CNGS	RECORD	CN2PY
$E_{SPS}$ [GeV]	400	400	400
Bunch spacing [ns]	5	5	5
$I_{bunch}$ [ $\times 10^{10}$ ]	1.05	1.3	1.7
$N_{bunches}$	4200	4200	4200
$I_{SPS}$ [ $\times 10^{13}$ ]	4.4	5.3	7.0
$I_{PS}$ [ $\times 10^{13}$ ]	2.3	3.0	4.0
PS cycle length [s]	1.2	1.2	1.2/2.4
SPS cycle length [s]	6.0	6.0	6.0/7.2
$E_{PS}$ [GeV/c]	14	14	14
Beam power [kW]	470	565	747/622

CN2PY aiming at 7e13 p/pulse FAST EXTRACTED (CDR)



[1] T. Prebibaj, [PBC 2023](#)

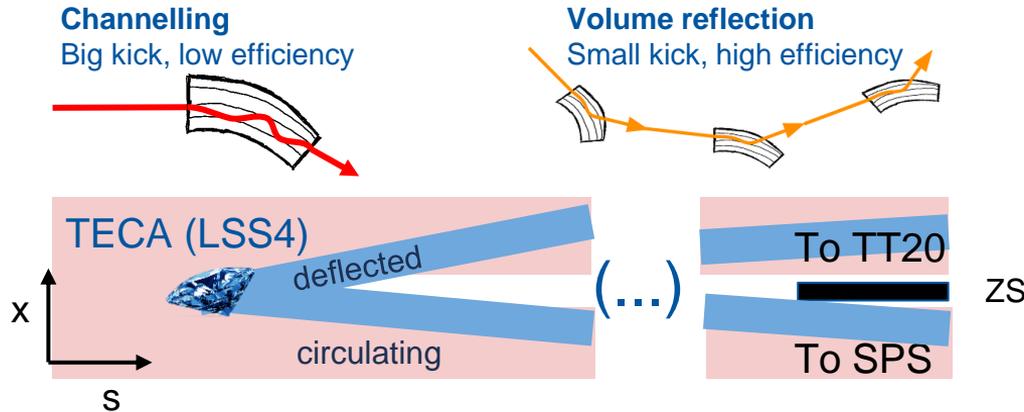
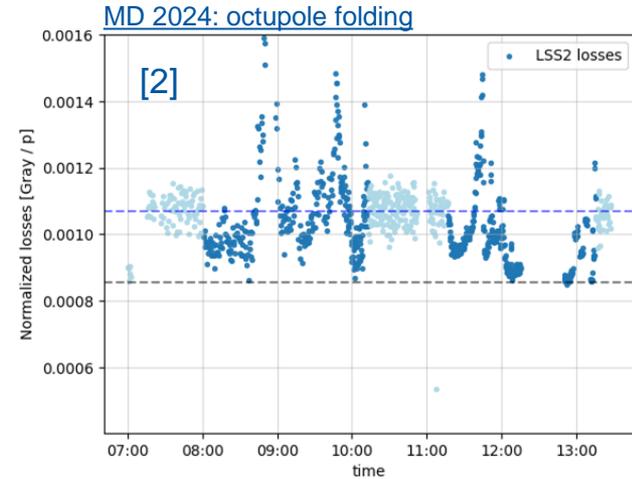
[2] [BDF/SHiP, 2023](#)

\*SHiP searches extremely rare processes and is thus not rate limited. The same is NOT true for other users.

# Extraction losses

Goal to keep dose to LSS2 unchanged, even when POT will be increased by 4x.

- Crystal shadowing of ZS: DECRYCE project advancing to build optimised single crystals and multi-volume array (possibly pre-LS3) [1].
- MD: bump, septa, octupole-folding optimisation -> 20% loss reduction [2].
- Building AI ZS tank (-40% activation w.r.t. stainless steel), after extensive R&D [3,4].



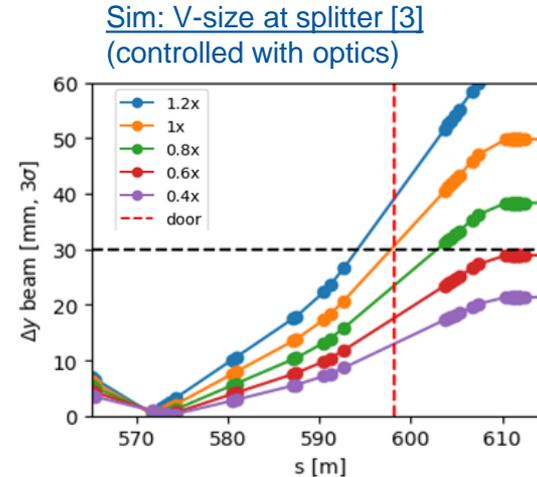
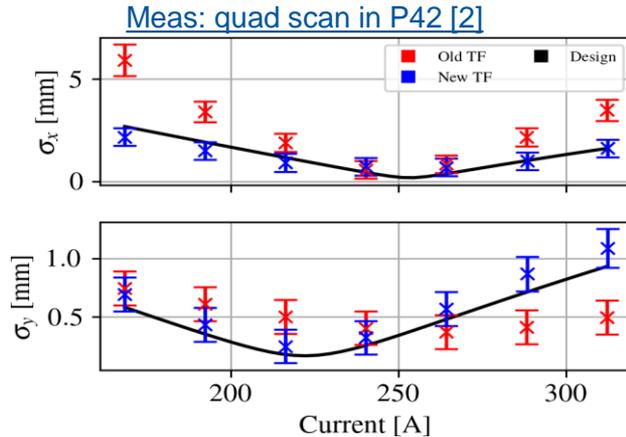
FEA Ansys model  
(iteration with 4 stiffeners)



# TT20 optics

Identified errors in I-to-B transfer functions for QTN, QTL (4%), QTA (1%). Deployment planned in 2025 commissioning (LHC B1 and HiRadMat lines also contain QTL).

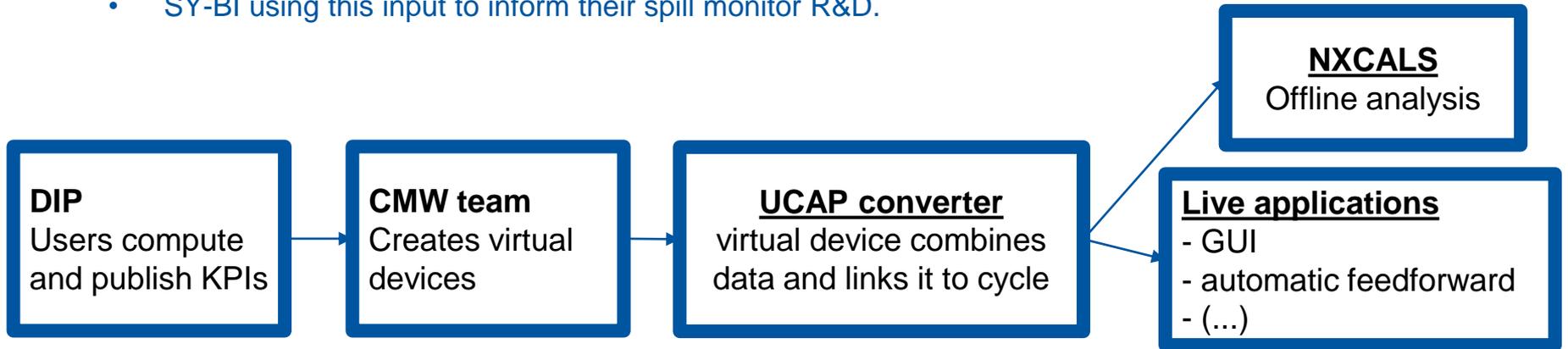
- Significantly improved agreement between model and measurements [1,2].
- MD/Commissioning 2025: correct vertical beam size at splitters using optics, instead of requesting large V-emittance from PSB (would improve transmission, especially at SPS inj.).



# Input from users

To ensure efficient operation and R&D, **tight collaboration with users is crucial. Spill Optimisation for eXperiments (SOX) effort ongoing [1]:**

- Collected requirements & limitations from NA62, SHiP, AMBER, MUonE and NA64 -> direct input for beam sharing scenarios, report being written.
- Developing online analysis pipeline to profit from user-relevant KPIs -> minimal example to be tested before LS3.
- SY-BI using this input to inform their spill monitor R&D.



# Outline



# Conclusion

- Exciting fixed-target beams program ahead, pushing new limits for intensity and beam quality.
- Challenges spread across all machines & FT beam types.
- R&D opportunities over all aspects: beam dynamics, operations, equipment, automation & controls.
- Need to combine input from this presentation with input from users to prioritize amongst different options.



"Second quarter is up. No, fourth quarter.  
Now second again. OK, it's third now..."

# Extra slides

# Topics:

- Prospect of running ISOLDE with higher intensity per shot in 2025 in view of future proton sharing, and status of upgrade project
- Higher intensity for TOF
- Fixed-target beams: bunch length/momentum spread/beam size (PSB, PS), spill quality (PS/SPS), losses
- Higher intensity requests for North-Area post-LS3 + Beamline acceptance.
- Beam for BDF/SHiP and intensity increase to  $7e13$ , future beam sharing (different scenarios for proton sharing in the SHiP-BDF time) MDs related and proposed tests before LS3.
- Where do we stand concerning losses and activation for high intensity beams?
- Check BPT: <https://bpt.web.cern.ch>

CodiMD: <https://codimd.web.cern.ch/2DjIMqkCQ3u1X-RiXJkKw?both#>

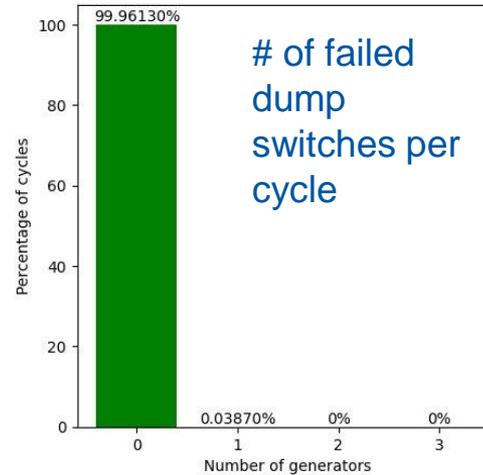
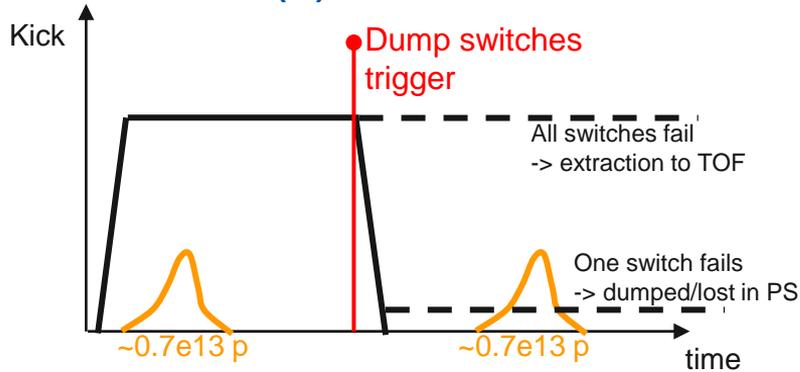
# double-TOF @ PS

Not the cycle CERN deserves,  
but the one it needs right now?



Cycle ready & nTOF DAQ modified to take both bunches. Ongoing work to ensure bunches are not extracted together\*. Collecting failure modes:

- (i) all twelve KFA71-79 dump switches fail to trigger.
  - Preliminary analysis of 10 million shots indicates this is highly unlikely to happen.
  - Trim range can be limited and protected by MSC settings (standard across other kickers at CERN).
- (ii) bunches spaced too closely from PSB.
- (iii) Others



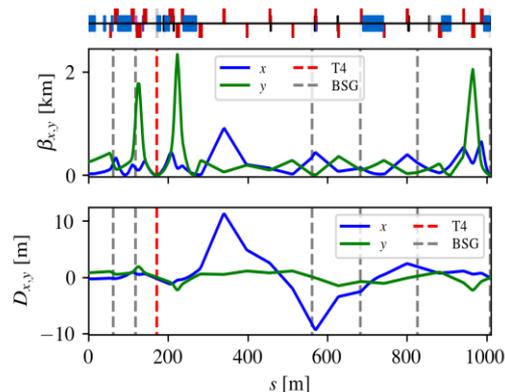
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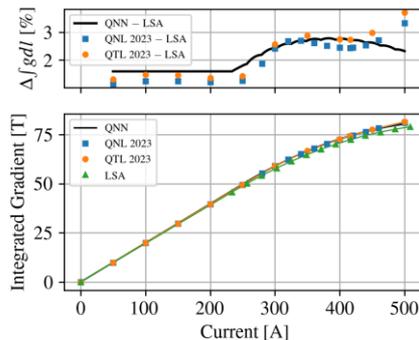
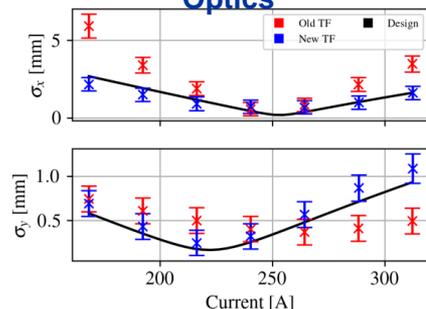
# TT20-P42 Optics Measurements

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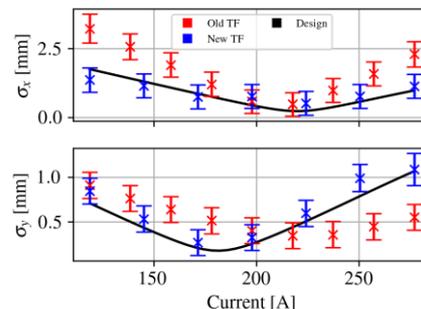
- Beam to HI-ECN3 will use dedicated optics
  - Beam is not split
  - Optics changed cycle to cycle
- Beam loss prompted optics studies in TT20-P42 [\[JAPW23\]](#)
  - Implied error source → QNL/QTL settings in TT20.
  - P42 was already using the new QNL transfer function.
  - Further studies showed QTA as 2<sup>nd</sup> leading source of error.
- Big effort under NACONS to measure the transfer functions of various magnets.
  - Measurements showed ~4% error in TF for QNL/QTL and ~1-2% error in TF for QTA.
- MDs done using measured magnet TFs for the TT20 magnets.
- **Optics substantially closer to design**



**TT24-P42 Dedicated Optics**

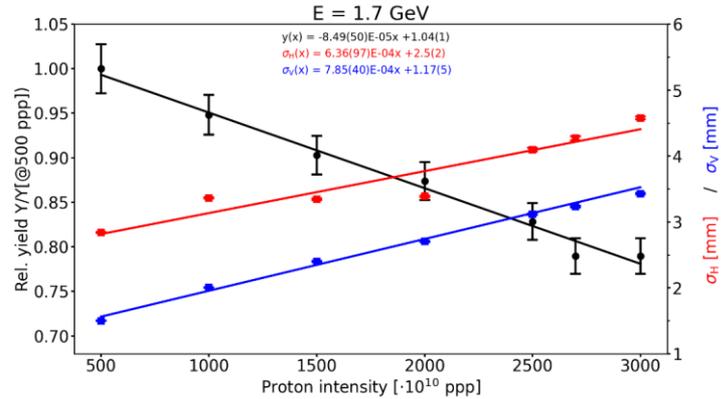
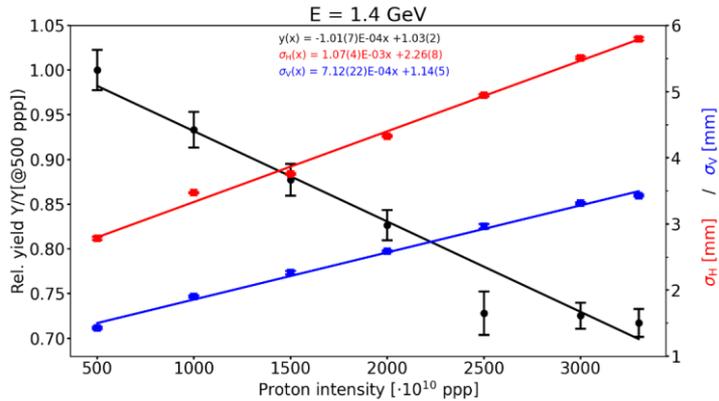


**QTL-QNL magnetic transfer functions**

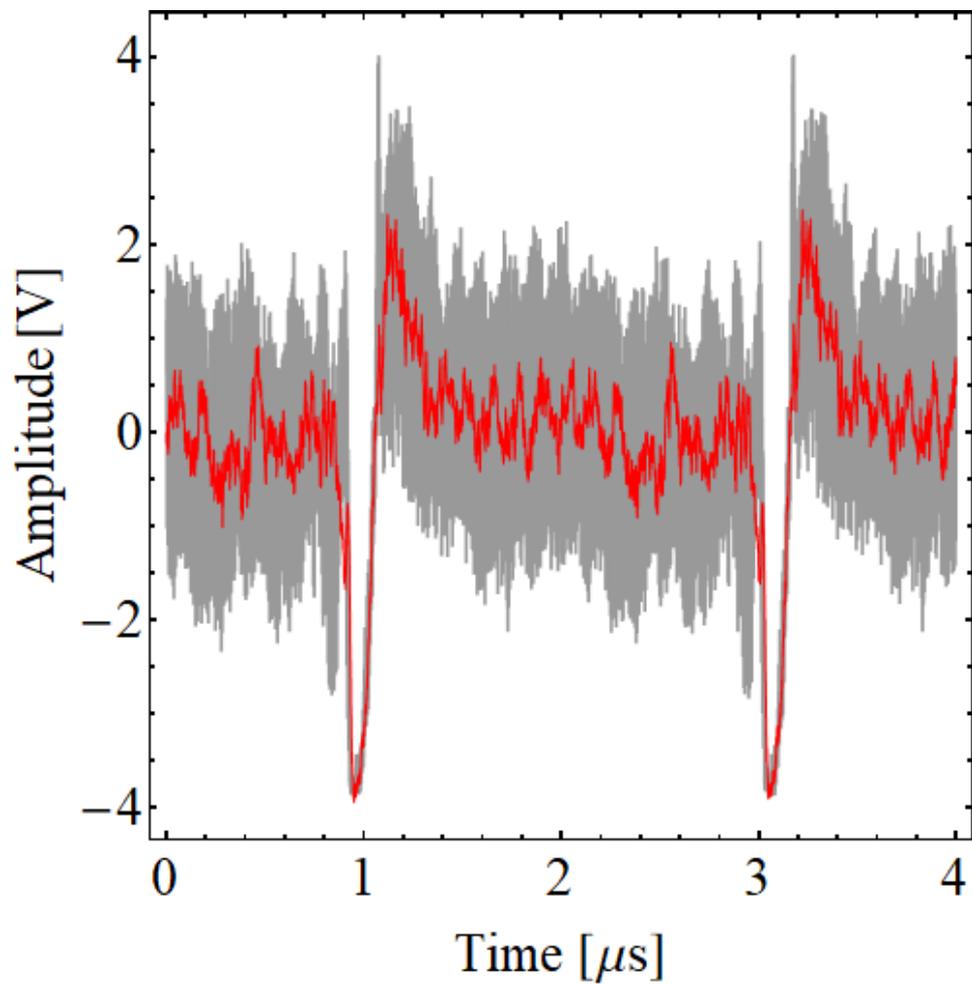


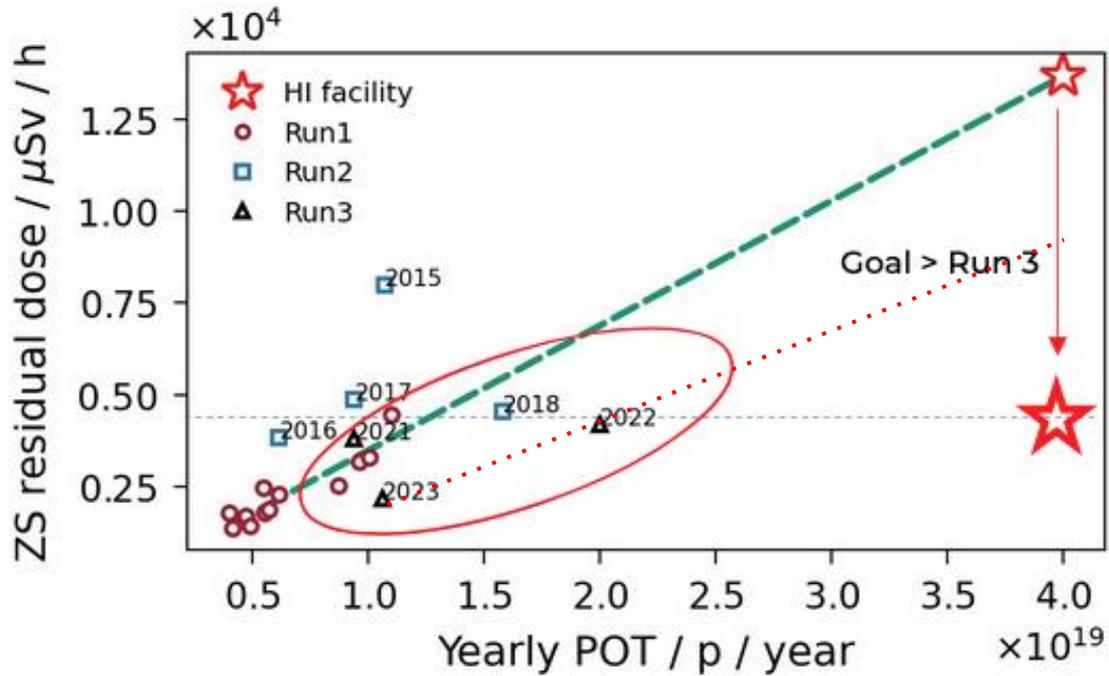
**Example quadrupole scans: New Vs old TFs**  
**Measuring beam size as a function of magnet current**

# Beam size vs. yield



- Better focus with higher energy – as expected
- -> MD





# New septum materials

Hazards related to residual dose can be tackled by looking for viable **low-Z materials for different septum components.**

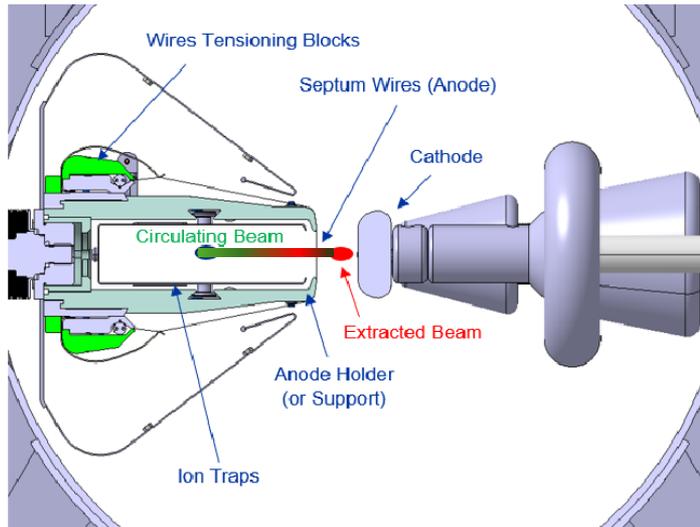


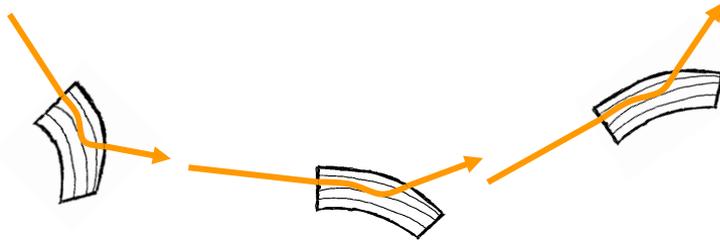
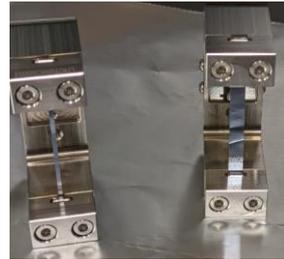
Table 6: Radiological beneficial component material exchanges for extraction equipment.

Element	Component	Current material	Beneficial material	Dose rate reduction factor
ZS	Anode wires	Rhenium/ Tungsten	Titanium or Graphite	0.2-0.6 integrated reduction after 30 hours. 0.1-0.001 anode contribution at 1 metre distance (Figs. 72 and 74)
ZS	Anode support	Stainless steel or Invar	Titanium	0.25-0.33 after 1 week, 1 metre distance (Fig. 73)
ZS	Vacuum tank	Stainless steel	AL6061	0.6 after 1 week, 1 metre distance (Fig. 75)

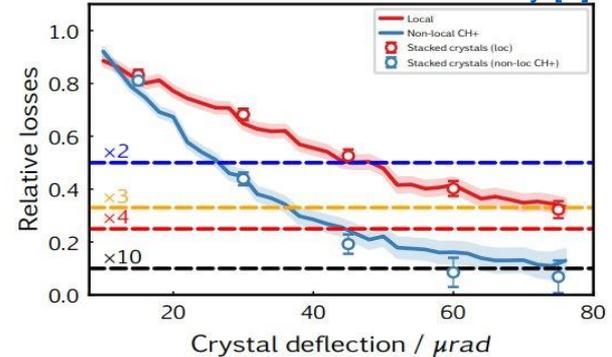
# In-house crystals

**DECRYCE** (DEvelopment of CRYstals for Collimation and Beam Extraction) project established for **CERN's crystal needs [1]**: LHC collimation, septum shadowing...

- Procurement of crystal wafers
  - Cutting and polishing
  - Bender system and integration
  - Validation with X-ray and particle beams
- Multi-volume reflection



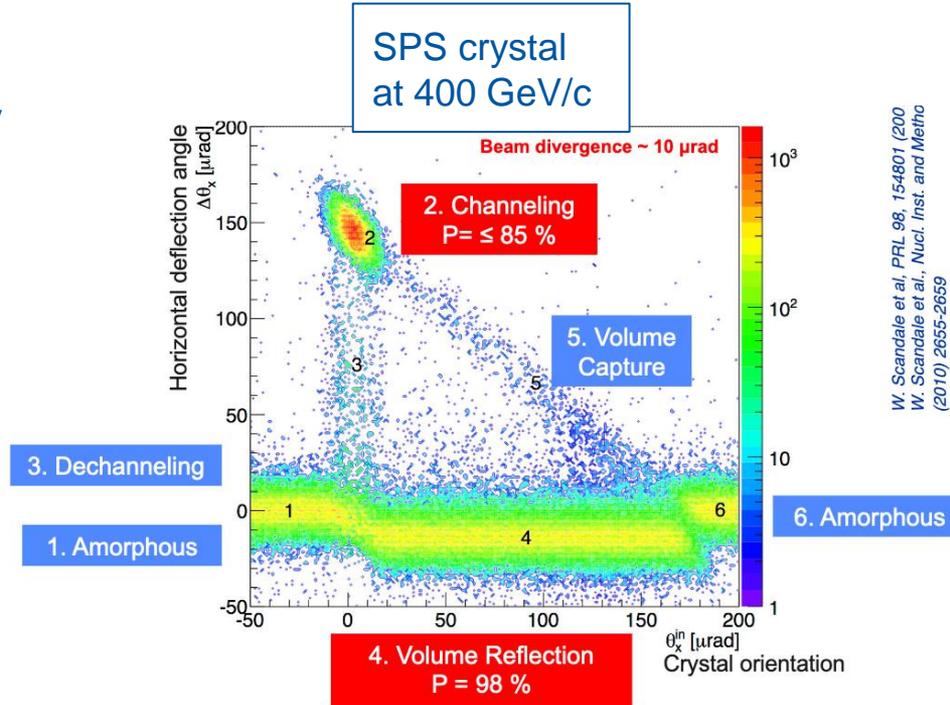
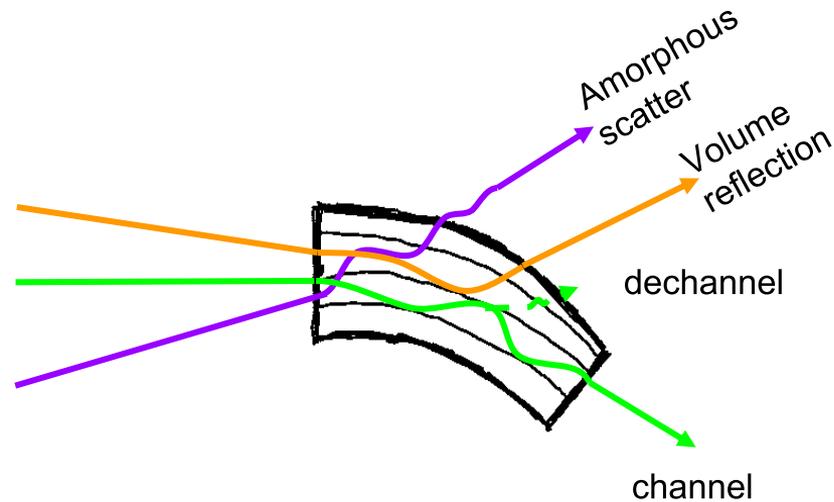
Simulation: SPS with MVR array [2]



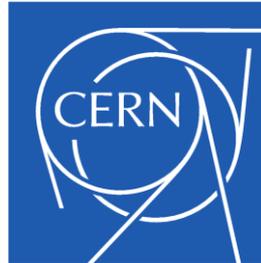
# Crystal shadowing (ii)

Two regimes can be exploited for bending:

- Channelling: large kick, low efficiency
- Volume reflection: small kick, high efficiency



W. Scandale et al. PRL 98, 154801 (2007)  
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