





HI-ECN3 Target complex CERN – ESS exchange Lund 20th September 2024

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What do we call Target Complex?

• The target area

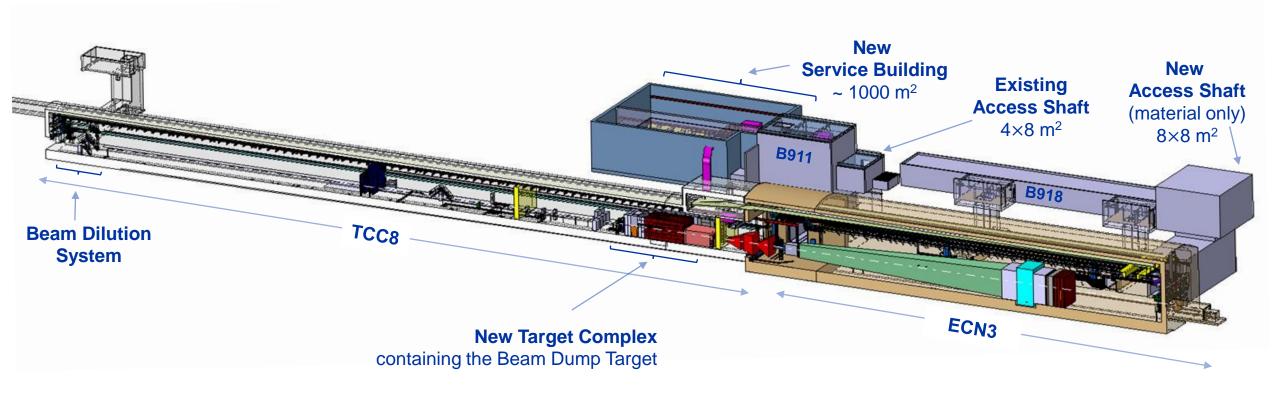
- Target station which contain the target
- Associated shielding
- The space to perform target maintenance activities (inspections, replacement, repair...)
- Remote handling equipment (crane, spreaders, mobile robots)
- Confinement(s)

• The target service building

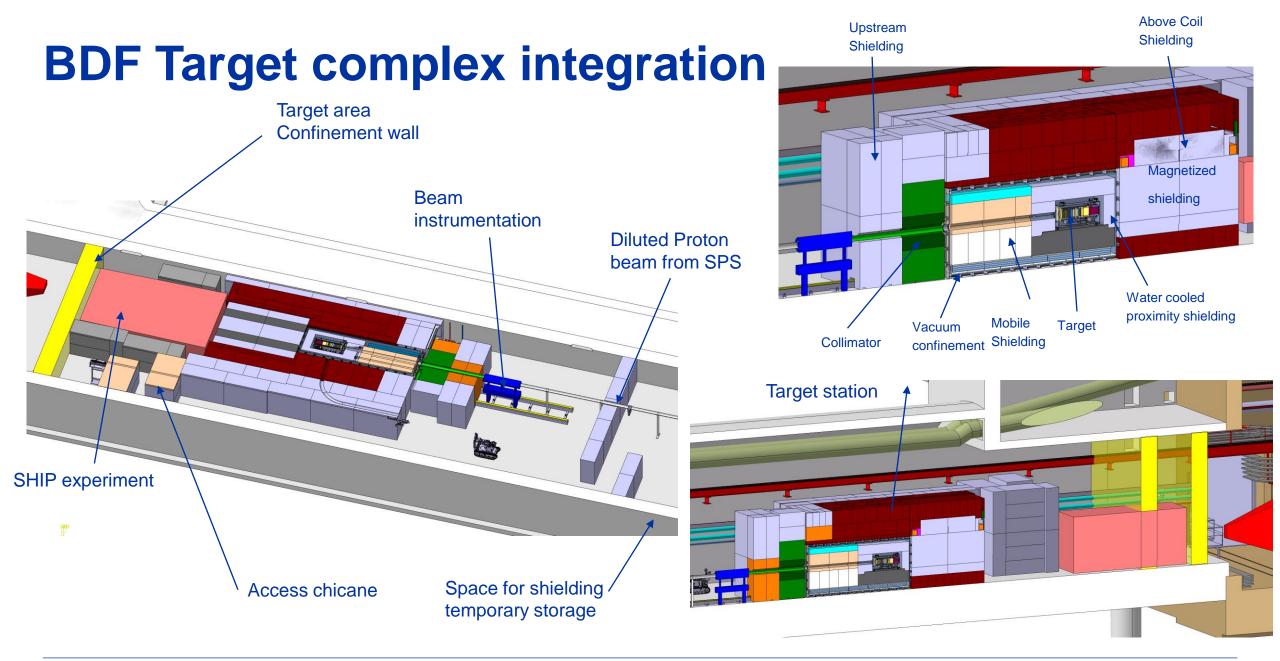
- Air handling units
- Cooling stations
- Controls systems
- The space to perform preparation for target (and other activated components) final disposal and possibly post irradiation examination



BDF/SHiP Target & Complex

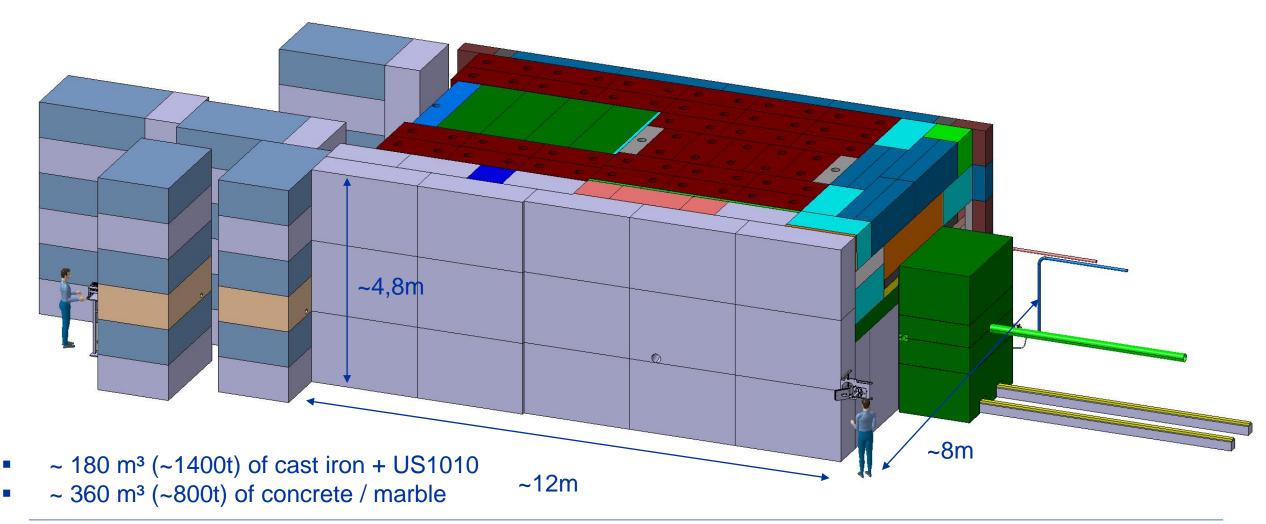






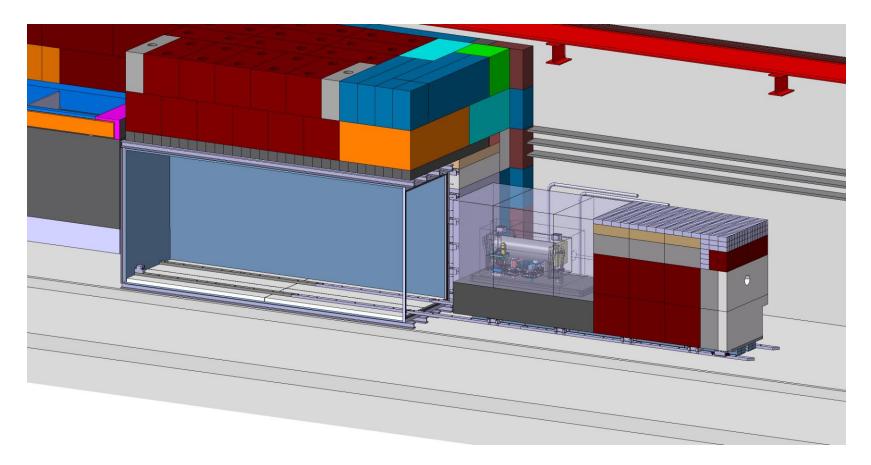


BDF Target complex integration - shielding



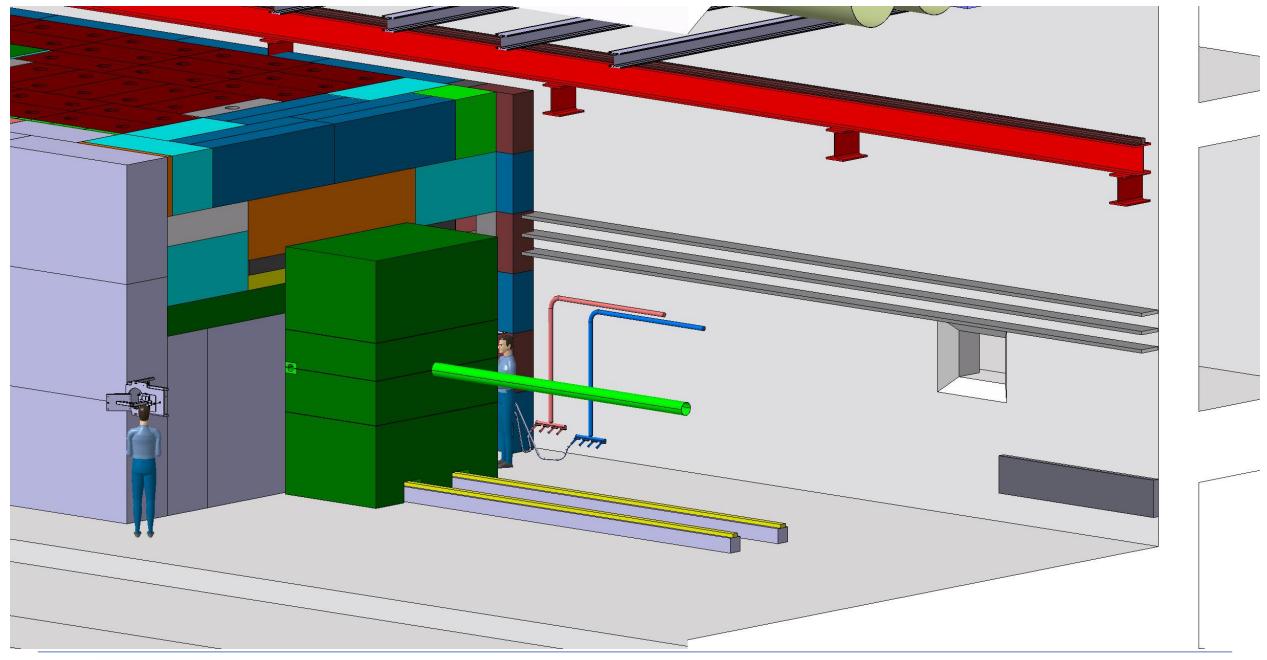


BDF Target complex integration extraction

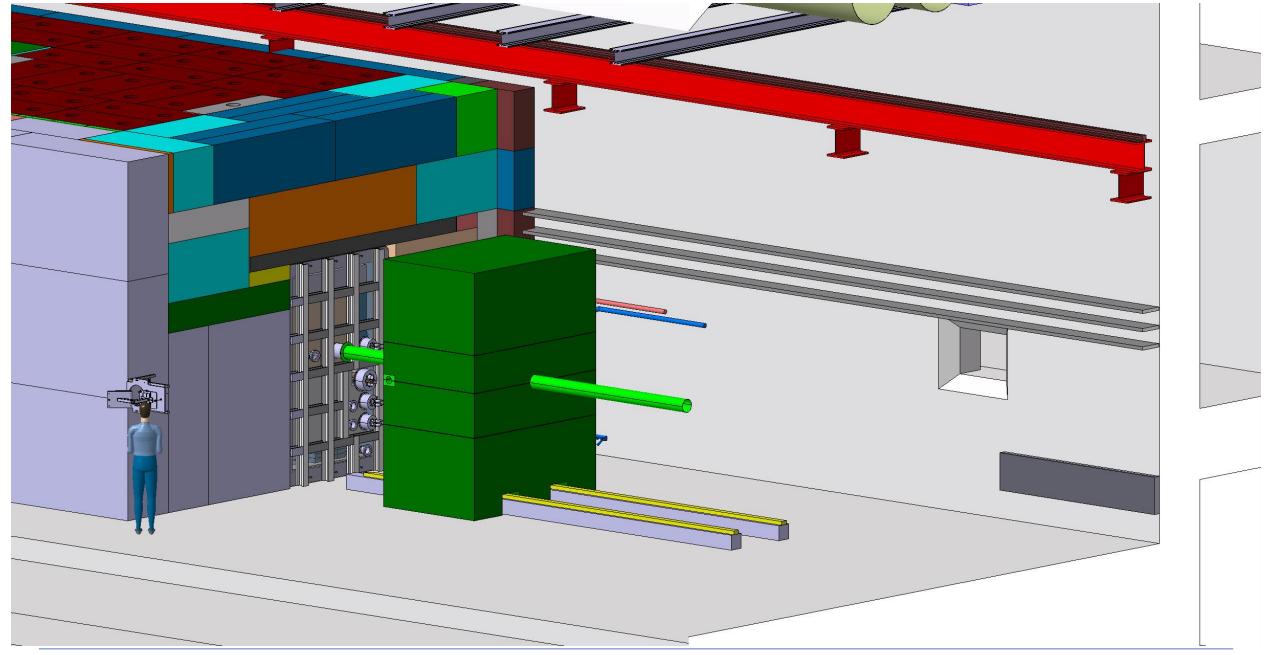


Concept similar to the ISIS target station

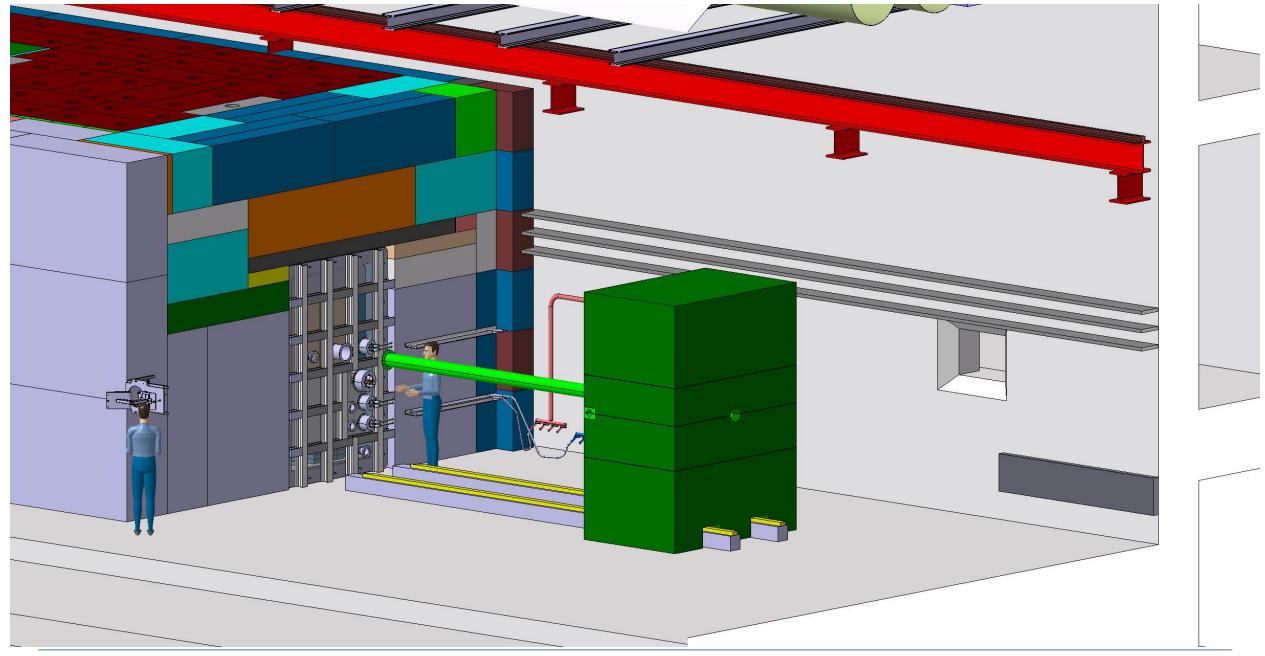




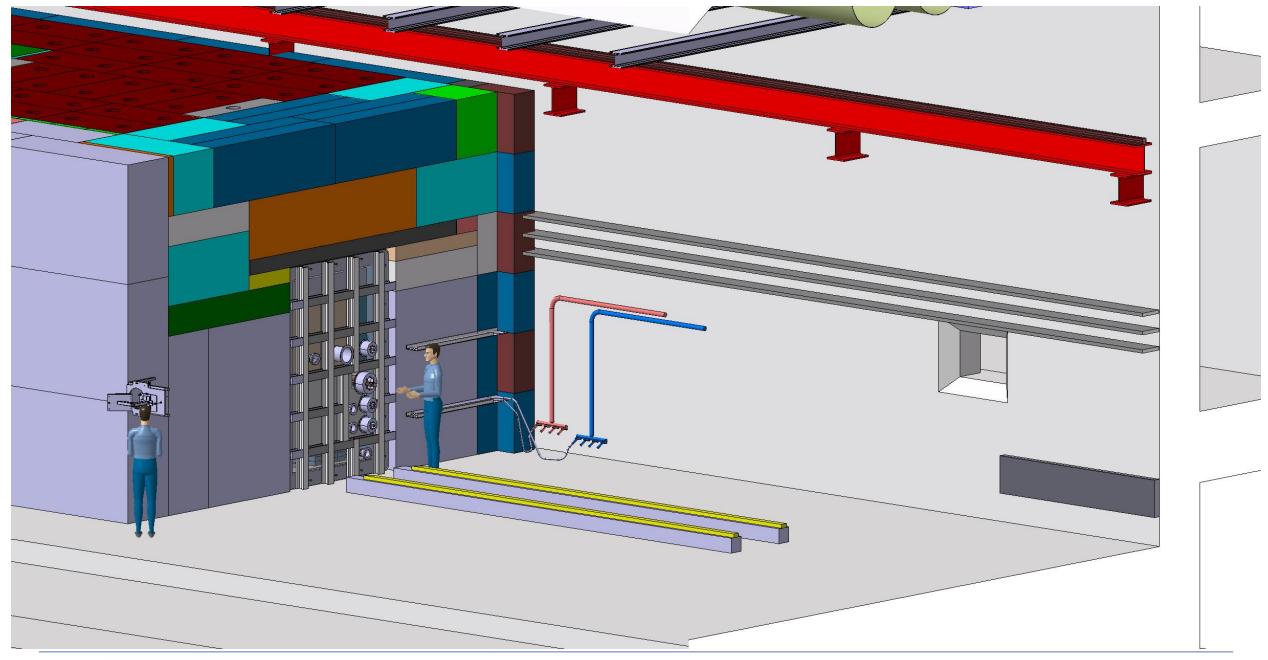




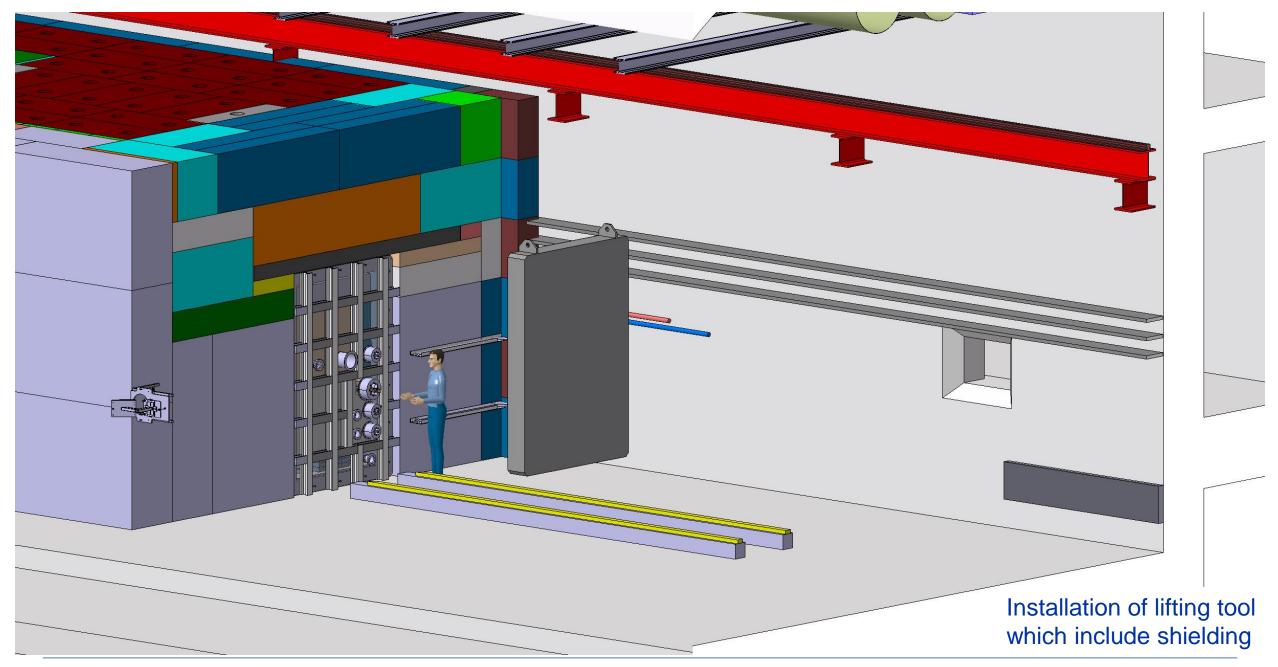




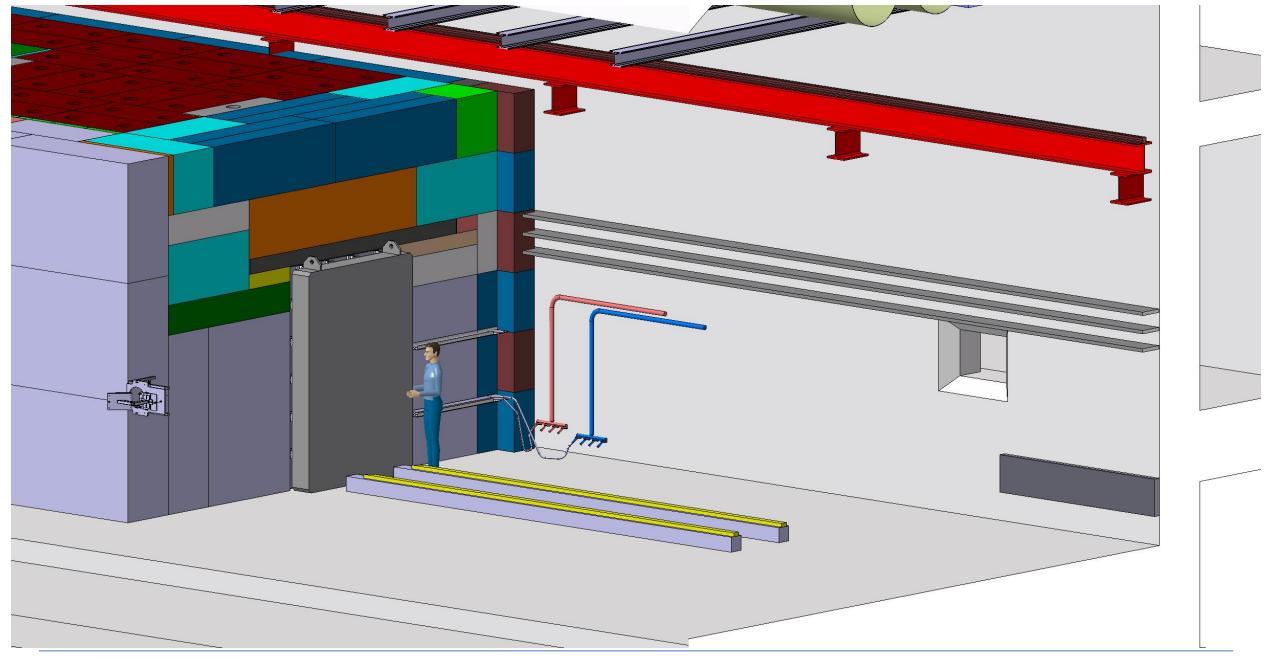




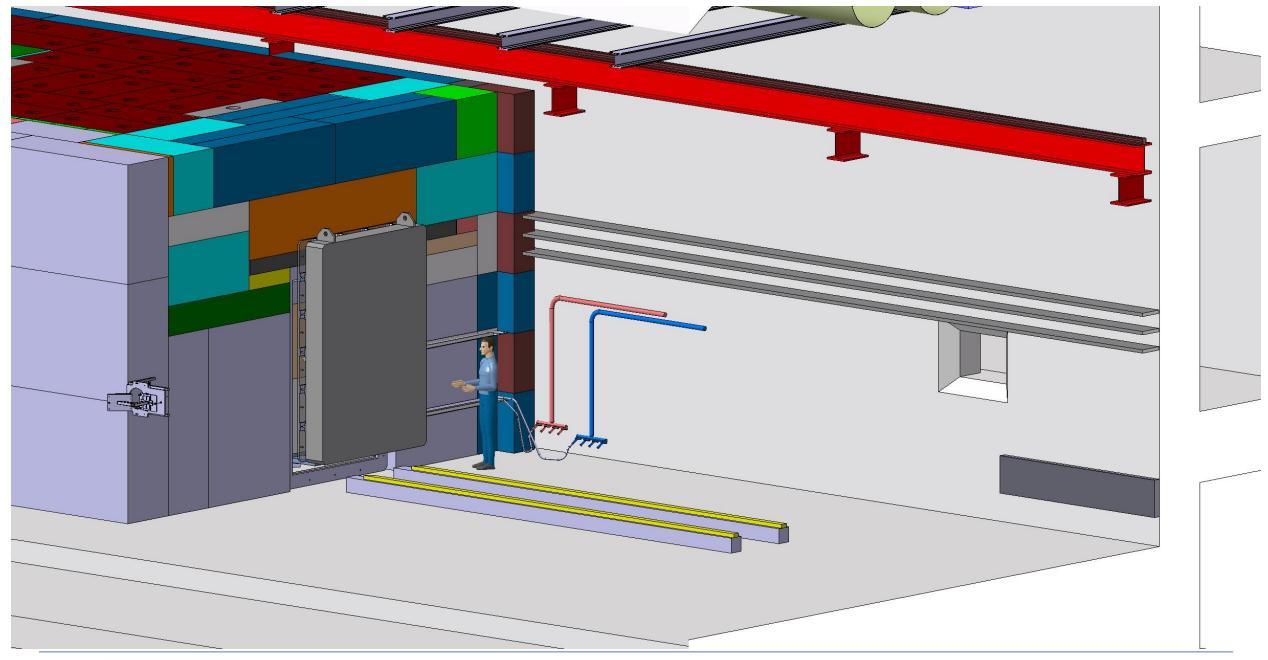




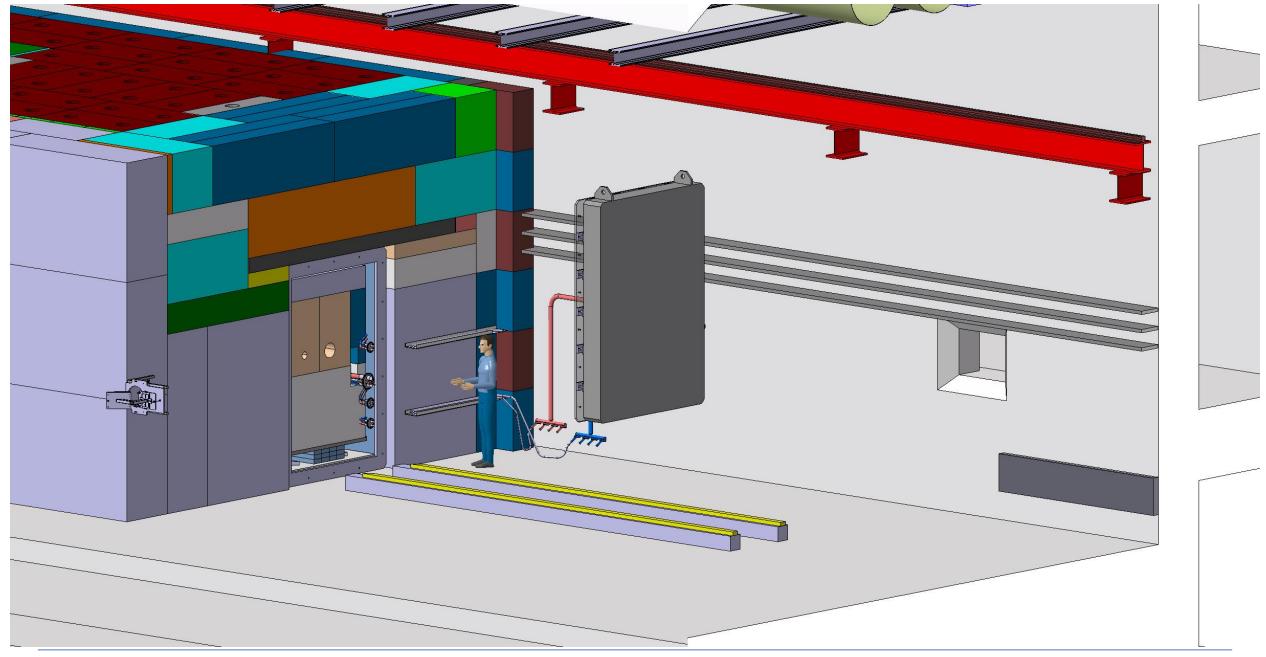




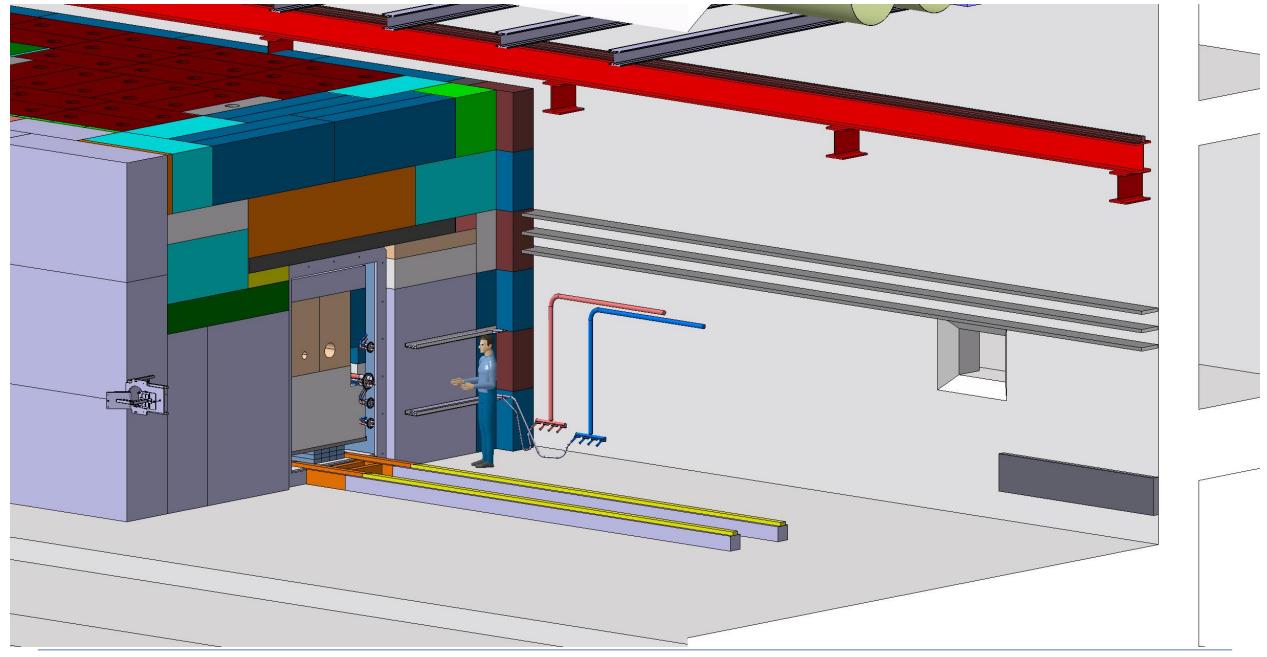




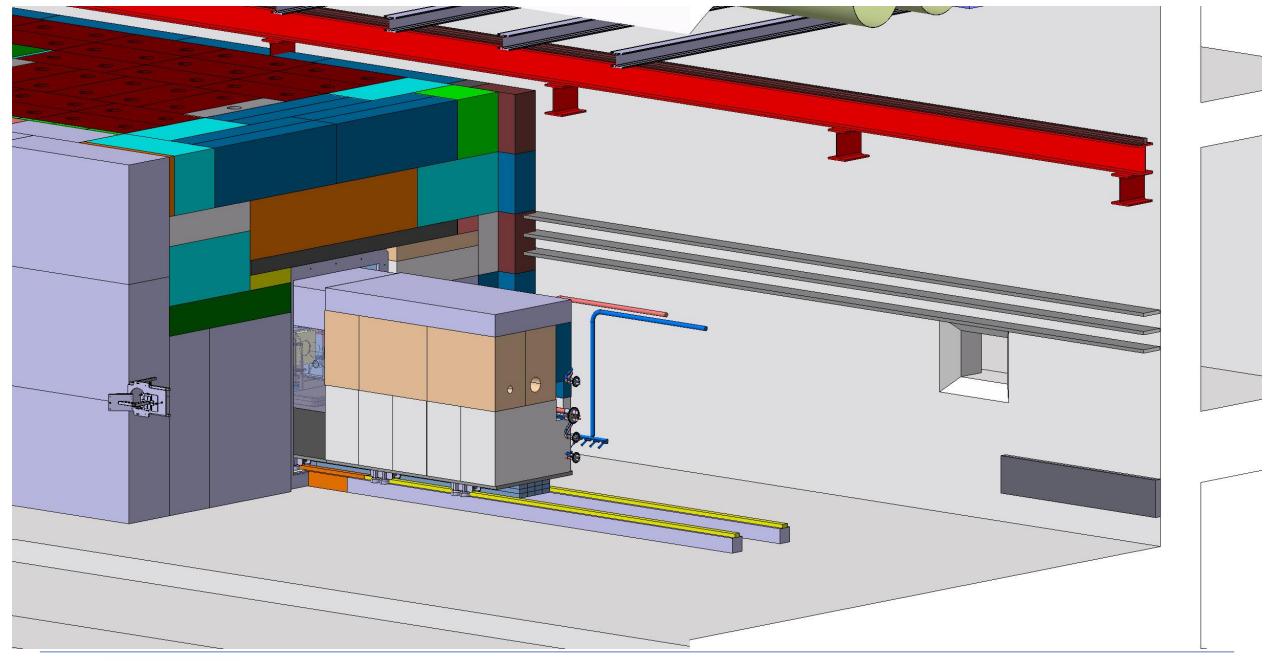




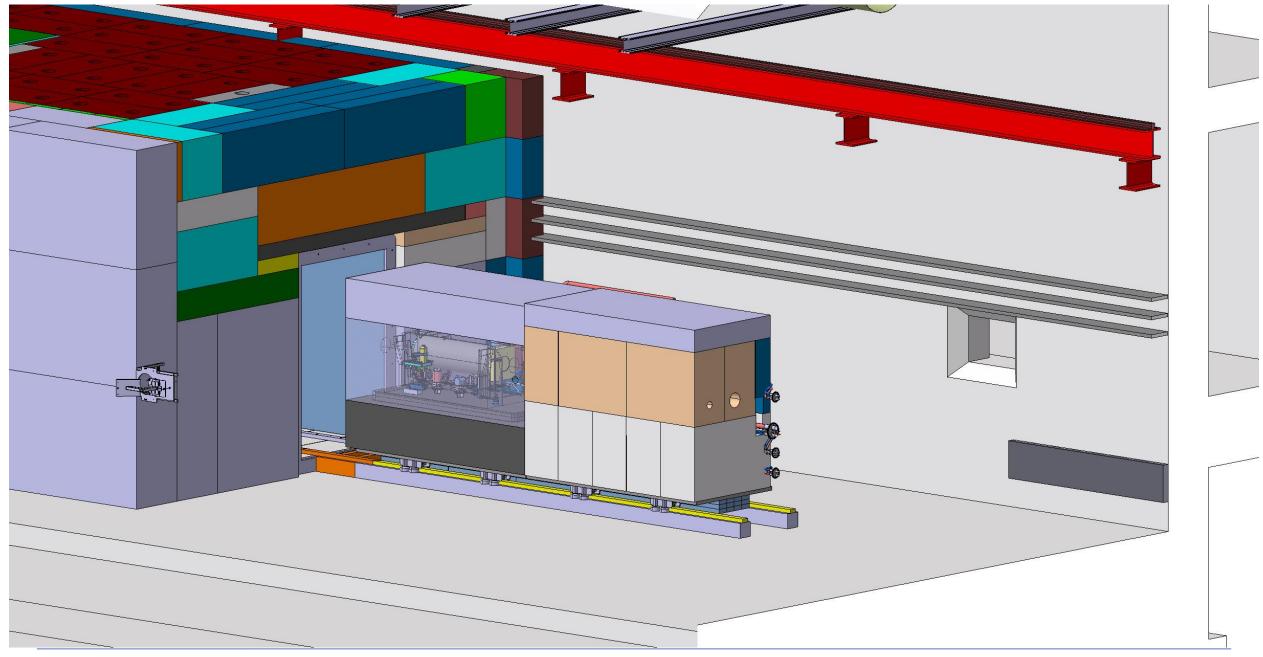




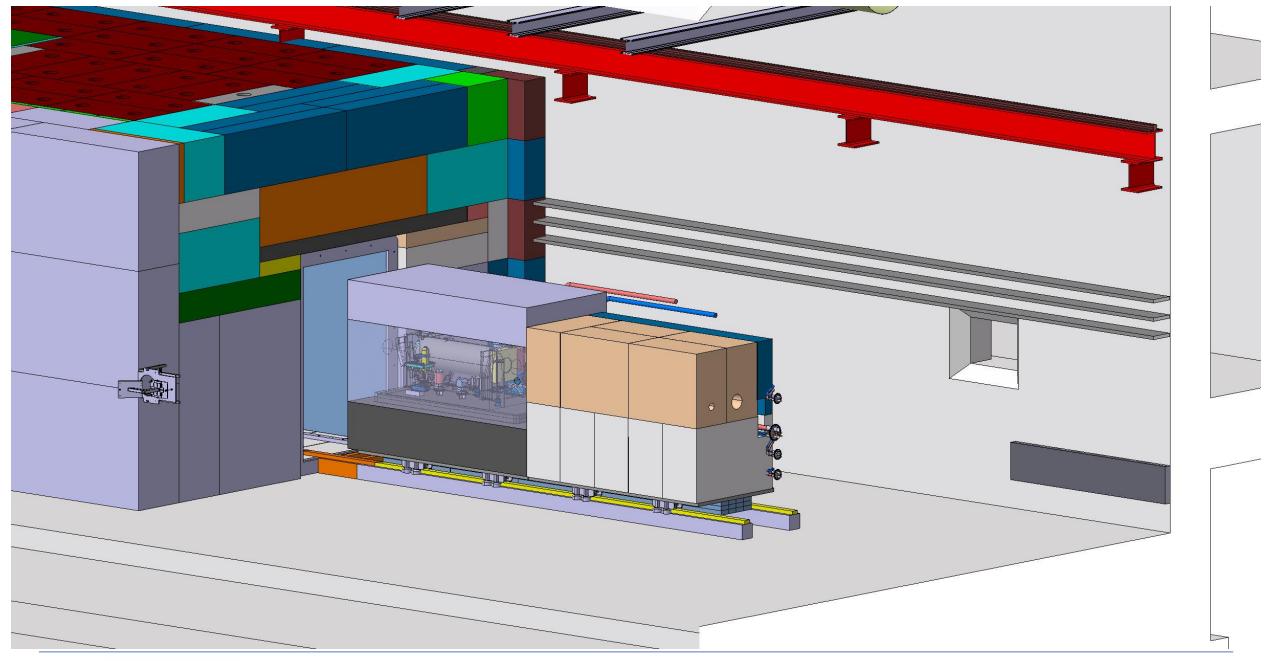




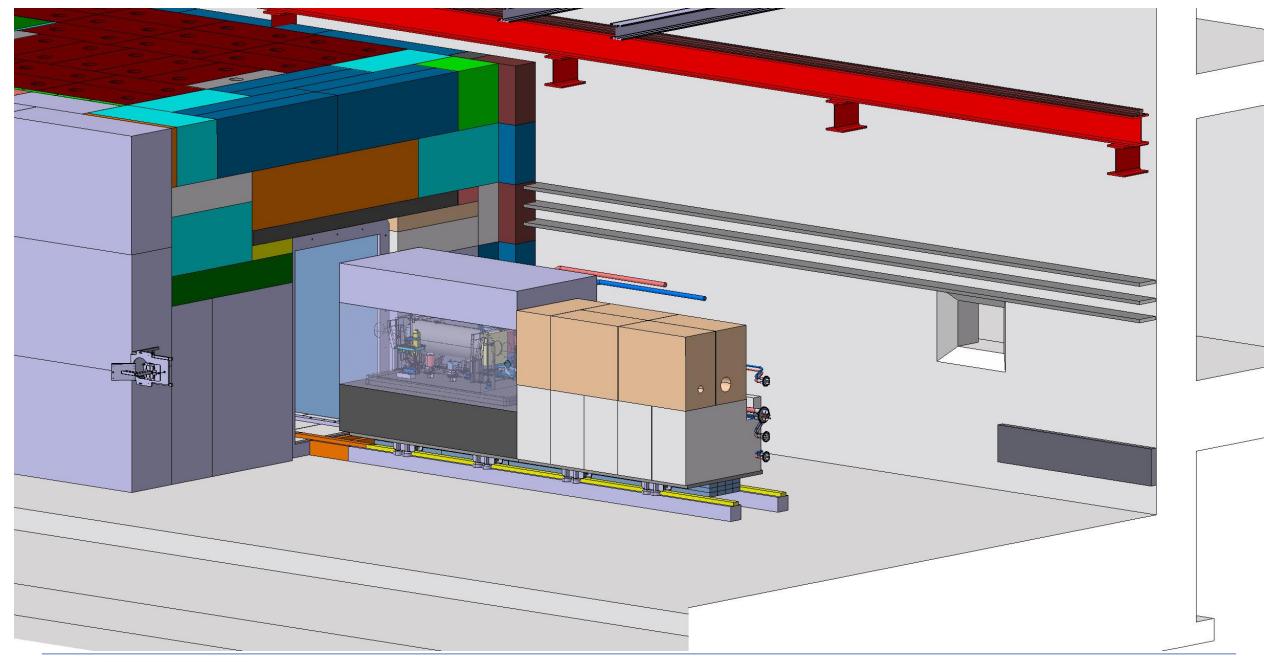




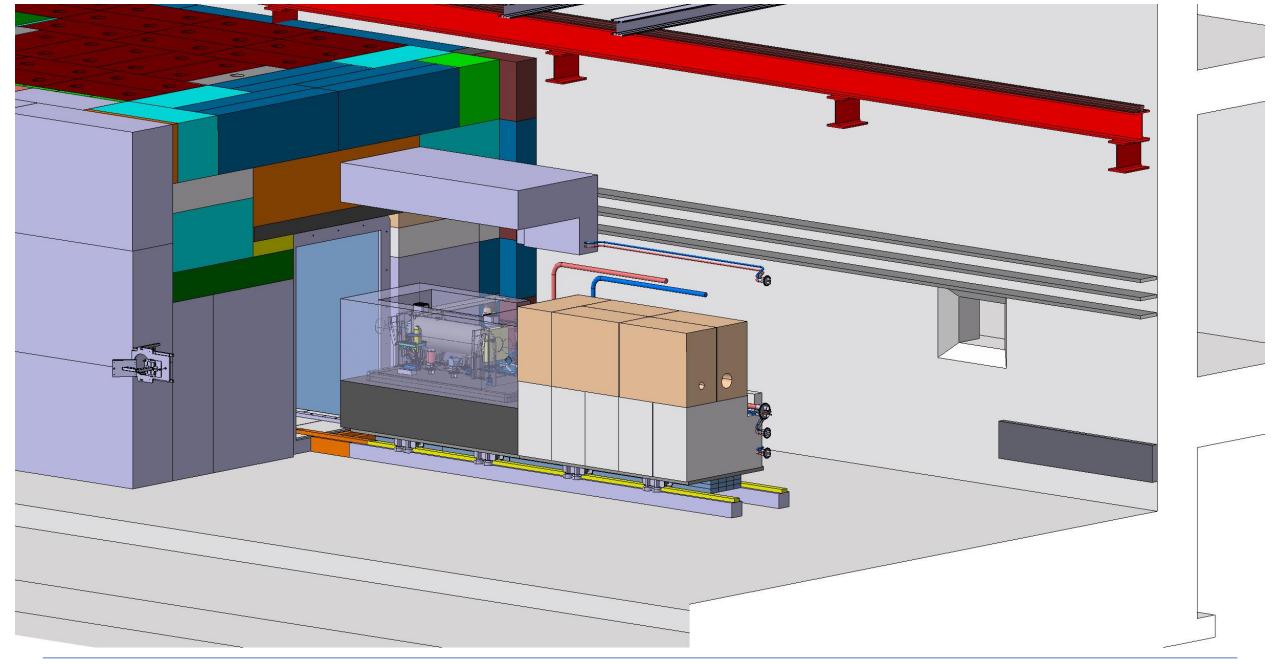




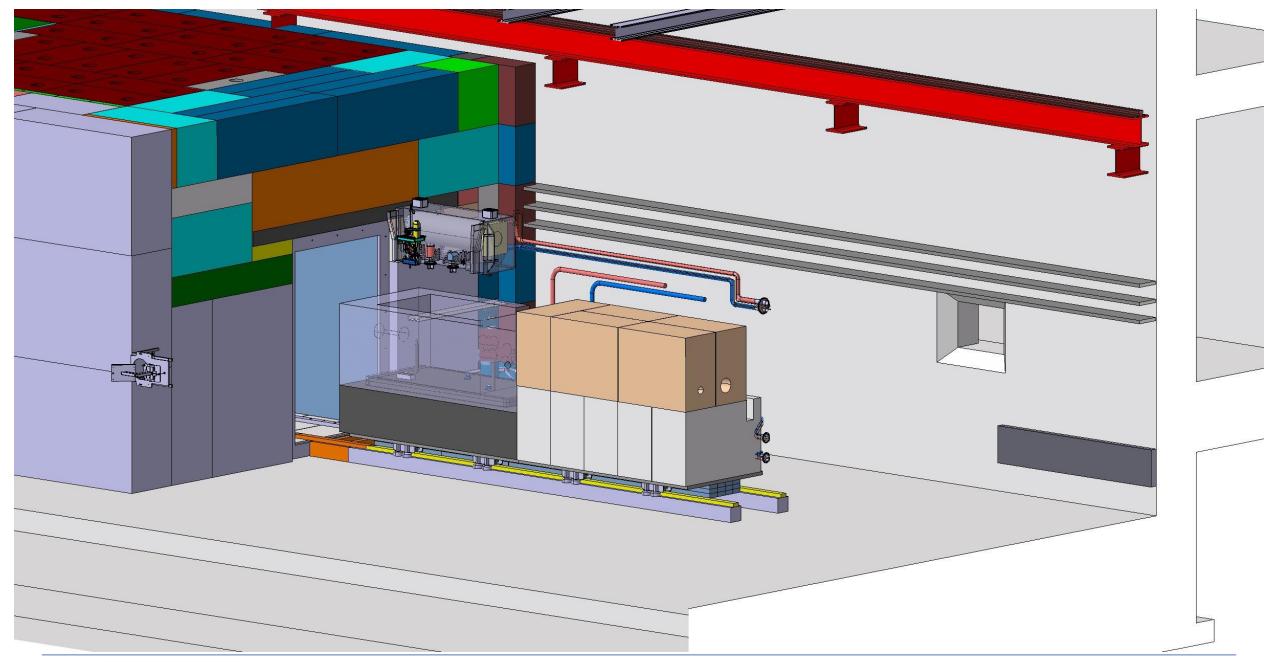






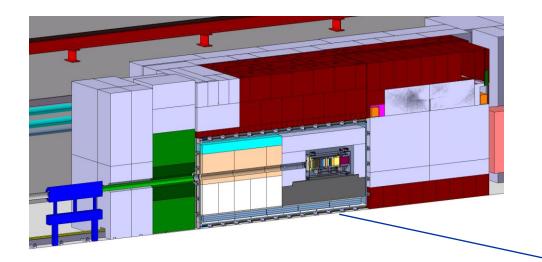








Target station vacuum confinement

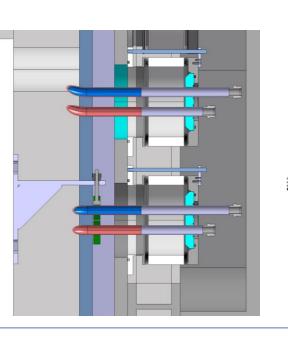


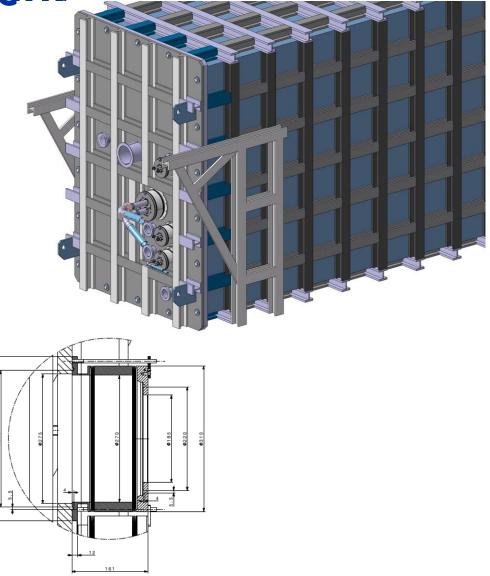
- Overall dimensions: ~6.36 x 2.05 x 2.95 m
- Can be fully fabricated and tested at a contractor premisses
- Primary vacuum to optimize air activation around target
- (Water containment in case of water leak)



Target station vacuum confinement

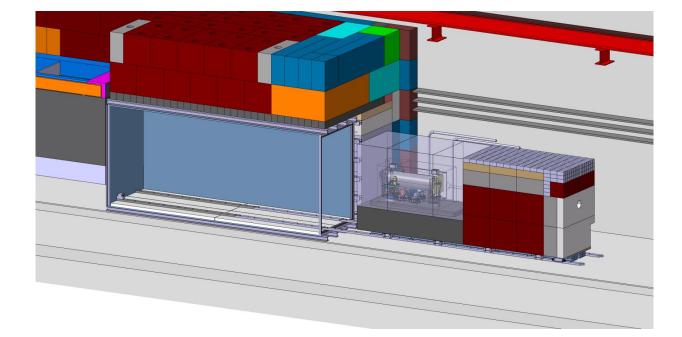
- Utilities feedthroughs
- Mechanical design ready to build a prototype
- Design of radiation tolerant gaskets
- Decommissioning plan





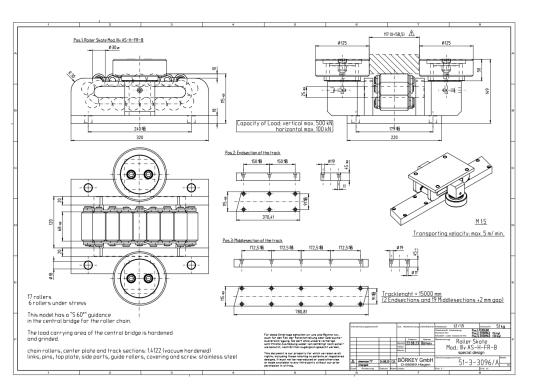


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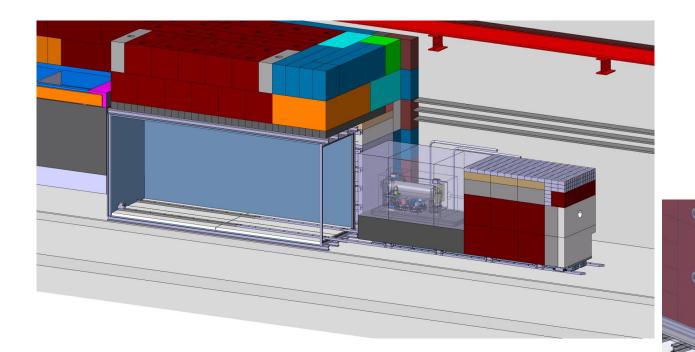
Trolley mounted on full stainless steel chain action rollers



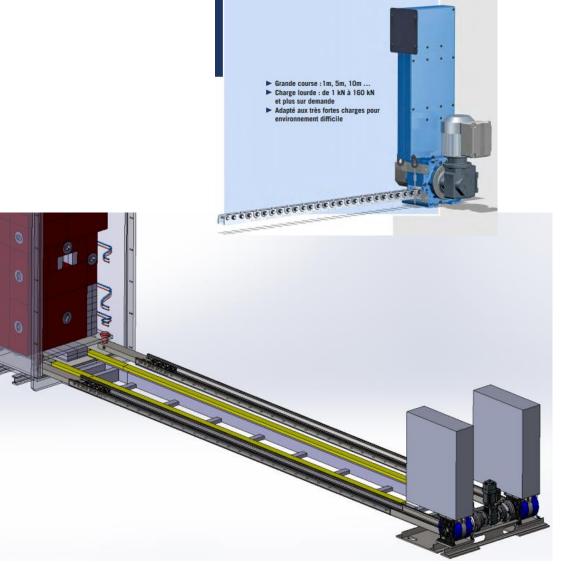




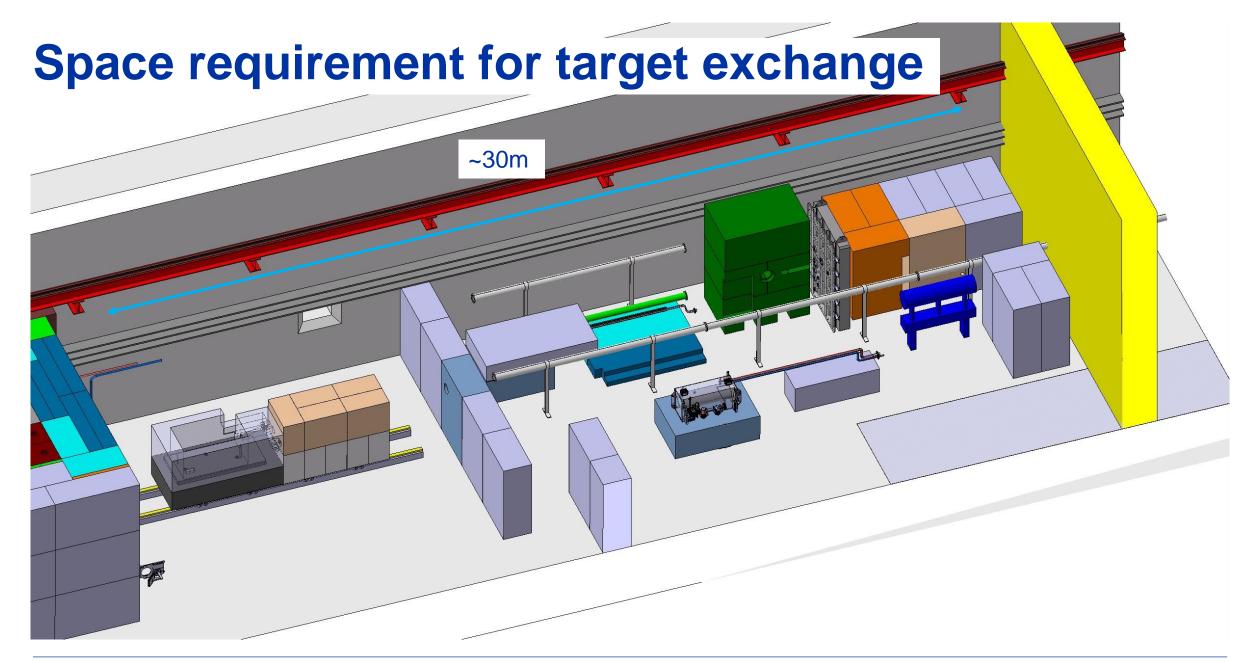
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Extraction / insertion mechanism based on a motorized rigid chain This will be installed on purpose in case of target exchange





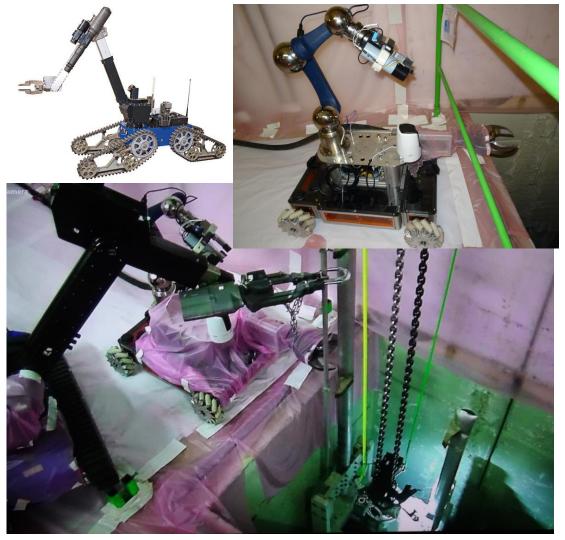




Maintenance of the target complex - few ideas

Target exchange

- Connections of utilities located in "human" accessible environment
- Remote handling features for the connections
- Support of remotely controlled crane and ROVs
- Size reduction for final disposal by shearing
- Transfer from the underground to surface in shielded casks



n-TOF target#2 pipes reduction with ROVs



Target Complex handling

- Existing overhead travelling crane 30t capacity replaced
 - Redundancy on the 3 movements of the crane
 - Integration of a video system
 - Integration of a positioning system for the 3 movements
 - Off-board control cubicles
 - Cable festoon routing
 - Remote tools connection on the hook
 - Auxiliary hoist
 - Investigation on possibility to optimize crane size

Ongoing specification







The target service building

Nuclear ventilation system of the target complex

• Air handling units, filters, dehumidifiers (outside)

Target cooling systems

- Pumps, Filters, Heat exchanger, Cooling instrumentation, He circulation system
- Target controls systems
- Target monitoring (sensors), Target control valves, vacuum vessel confinement
 Service cell / hot cell

Buffer area

Safety systems

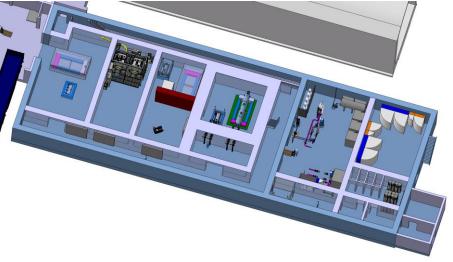
Electrical distribution system

Control and safety systems

(Evaporator)

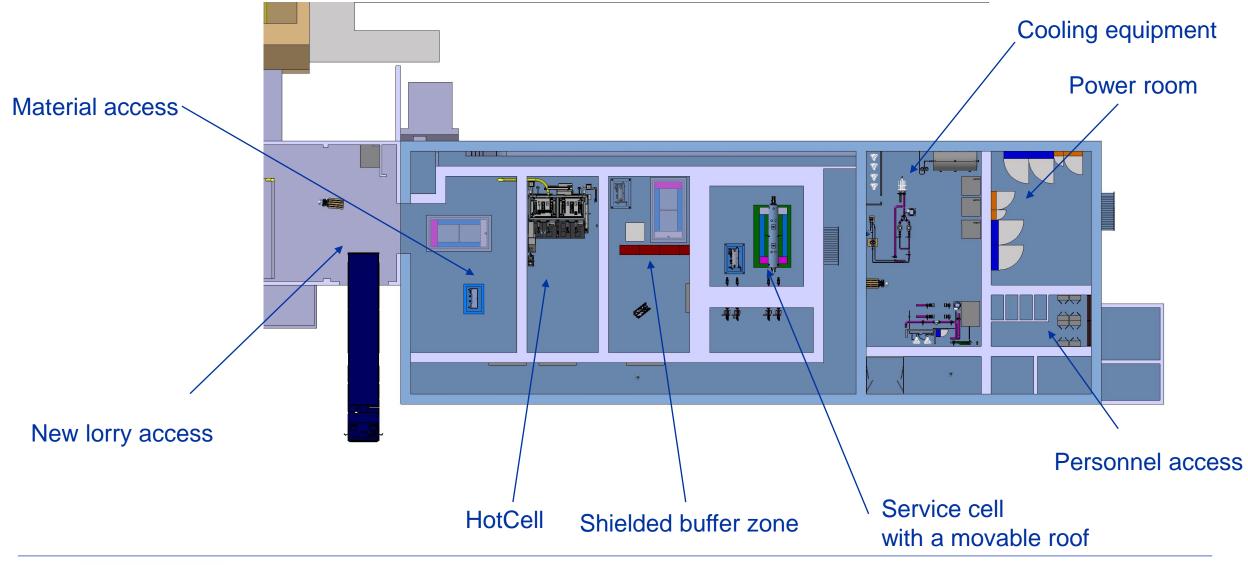
~1000m²





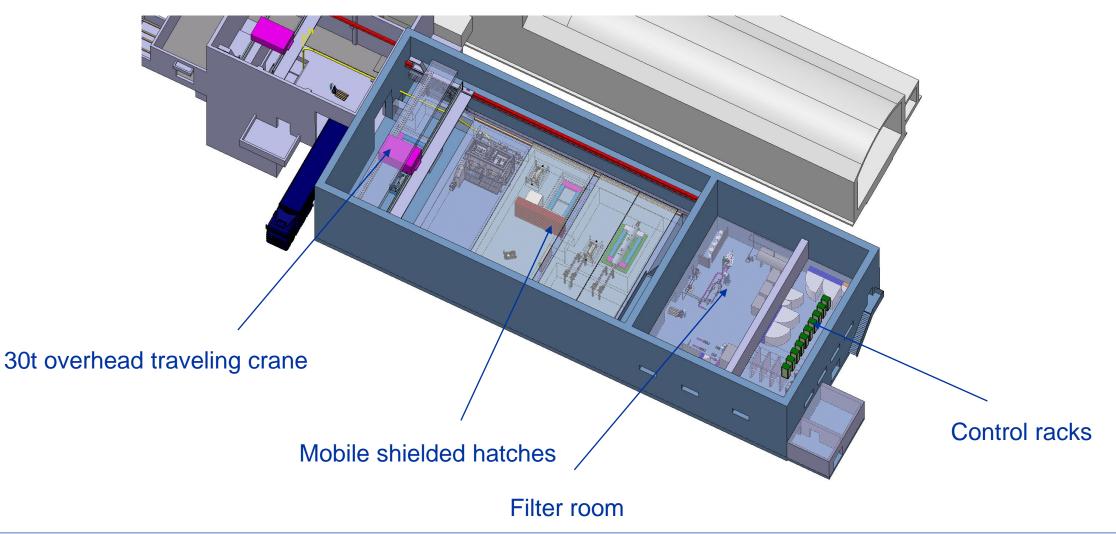


Service building – ground floor





Service building – 1rst level





HI-ECN3 service cell - context

HI-ECN3 project need to have a facility to prepare objects for final disposal

- BDF target
- Proximity shielding
- Hadron stopper coil

Why do we need a specific facility to prepare HI-ECN3 object for final disposal (waste packaging)?

- Level of radiation (~few Sv/h after 1year of cool down)
- Characteristics of materials (W)

Main justification

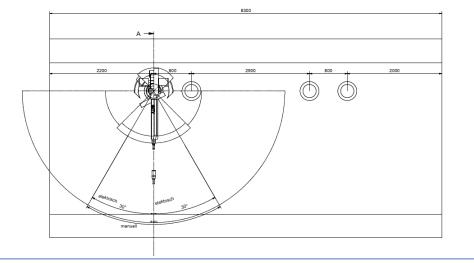
- Presence of radiological critical spallation products
- Size and weight of the objects doesn't fulfil elimination path requirement towards PSI (container size limitation)
- Understanding of failure modes to improve future designs
- Lessons learnt from waste packaging of highly radioactive objects (ISOLDE target, LHC TDE, n_TOF spallation targets)
- Currently such facility does not exist at CERN

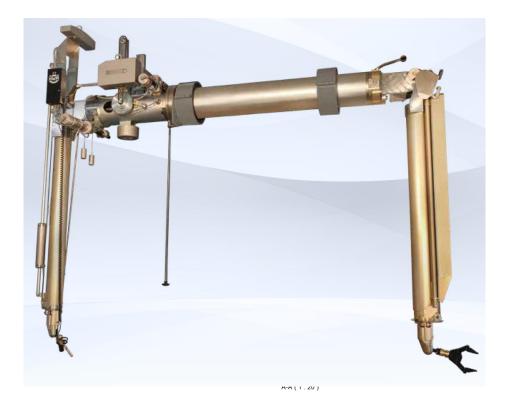


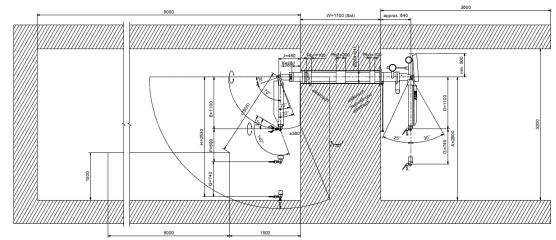
Service cell definition - design

Prelimiary discussion with master slave manipulator manufacturer

→Check of volumes in integration model





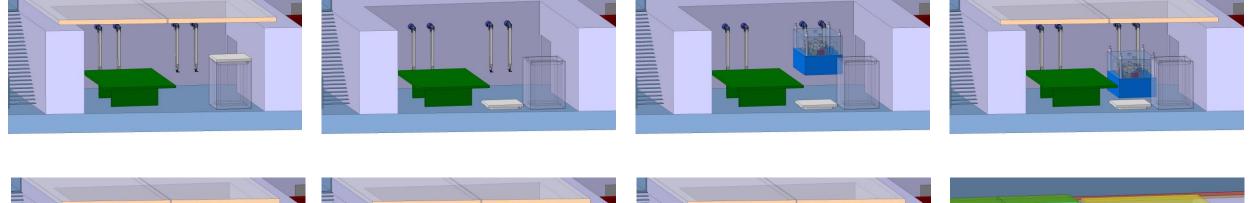


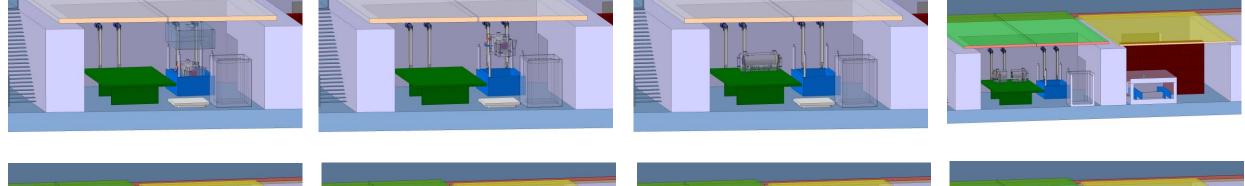


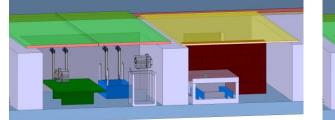
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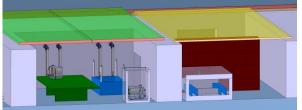
Target complex - JL Grenard

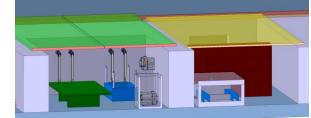
Service cell definition – BDF target waste packaging draft sequence

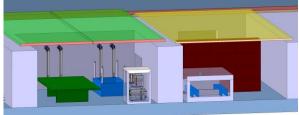






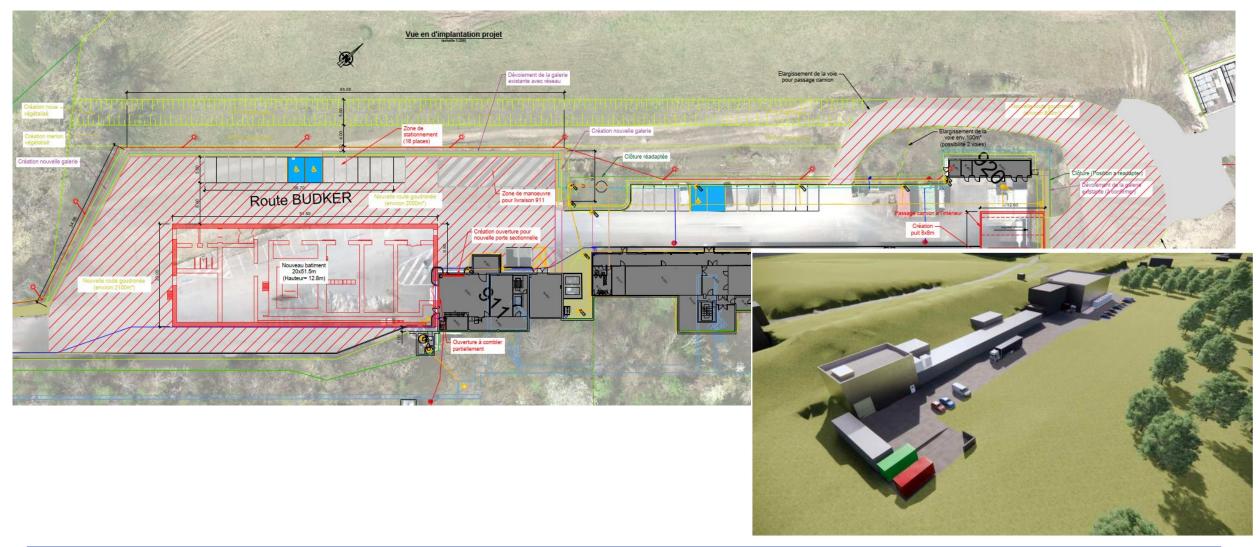








Service building within the BDF/SHiP complex





Systems failure scenarios

Evaluation required for operation and maintenance scenarios

- Water and/or He leak
- Vacuum leak
- Fire
- Ventilation
- Cooling
- Extraction system
- Handling tools



Subjects of concern – Target station

- Did you have any elastomers (for gaskets?) in areas with (high) radiation dose?
- Did you have any lubricant in areas with (high) radiation dose?
- Did you have any place where you have implemented measure to prevent cold welding (typically on rolling elements)
- How have you qualified sub systems? And to which extend have you over stressed your systems?
- How have you prevented the pollution of the target vessel during installation? To which extend all your systems are sensitives to dust and corrosion?



Subjects of concern – Cooled shielding

- What has made de decision for ESS to move towards a cooled shielding made out of stainless steel?
- What is the chemical composition of the stainless steel shielding?
- Did you encountered any difficulties during production?
- What QA checks have you performed typically for the quality of the welds?
- Have you identified several suppliers for those blocks? Could share the name of your suppliers?



Subjects of concern - Hotcell

- How have you define the process and workflow for the hotcell?
- What is the strategy for the final disposal of the target wheel?
- Did you intend to separate each individual W block from the wheel?
- How dose the design of the hot cell and associated process have defined the target?
- What has made decision to built a hotcell without lead glass window (Just operating with cameras)
- How did you guarantee the air tightness of the hotcell when you insert equipment?
- What are your constrains in term of final packaging for waste disposal? (Package type, shielded container)
- What are the standards you have used to design the hotcell?
- Did you intend to use your hot cell else than for the target facility?



Subjects of concern – Support building

- From which standards (as a nuclear facility) have you based your design?
- Which systems are covered by secured network (UPS and/or diesels generators)?
- What is the strategy in case of power outage?





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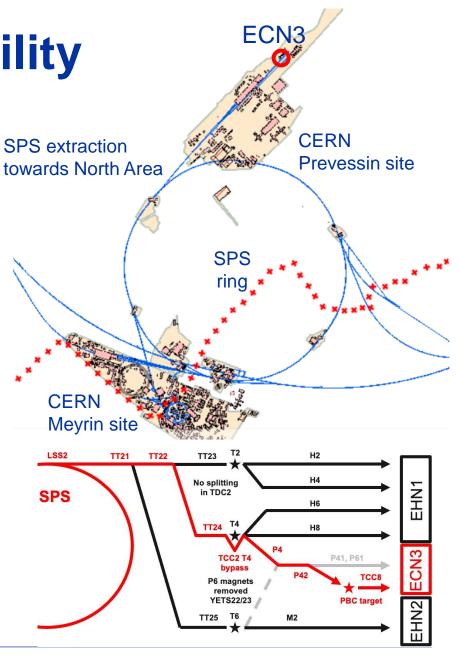


Spares slides



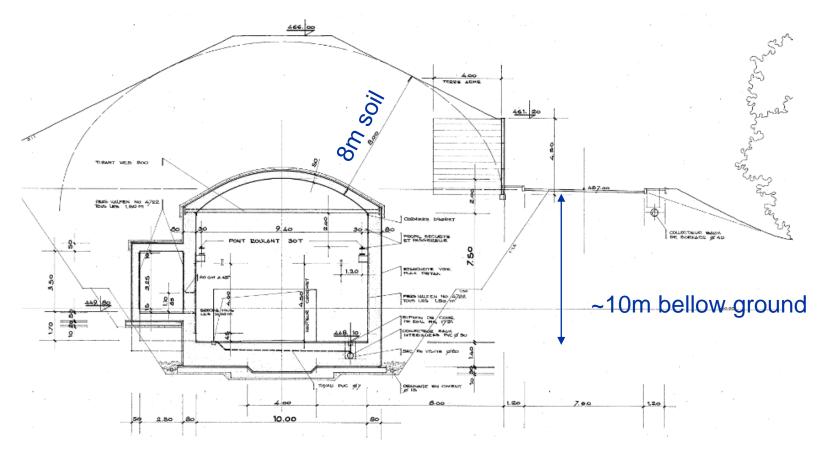
Target Complex in an existing facility

- Implementation in the SPS North Area ECN3 designed at construction in 70's for a High Intensity (NAHIF)
- Currently used by NA62 experiment
- SPS North Area beam lines and associated infrastructure being currently consolidated
- Would require the dismantling fraction of current beam line, target station, the experiment
- Only one target station can be accommodated in the cavern





The TCC8 area



TCC8 cross section (length 170m)



Target station vacuum confinement

- Grid of HE 100 M beams (each 120 mm tall) crossing each other at 90°, 500 mm separation
- Skin thickness: 30 mm
- Boundary condition: floor beams fixed to the floor in the vertical direction.
- Max displacement 3 mm
- Max VM stress in the sheet: ~200 MPa local peak, lower elsewhere
- Max utilization factor of the beams:0.49
- Buckling factor: 0.82
- Simplified analysis using 1-d beams and 2-d shell elements
- More detail vessel design

