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Beam Transfer for the High Intensity facility at ECN3 for the Search for Hidden Particles experiment

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Study Project → Approved Project

Upgrade of beam intensity at North Area and SHiP beam-dump (BDF/SHiP) experiment approved recently...

... with ~ 62 MCHF (over 7 years) reserved for the HI-ECN3 project in CERN's Medium-Term Plan ratified by CERN Council in June 2024.

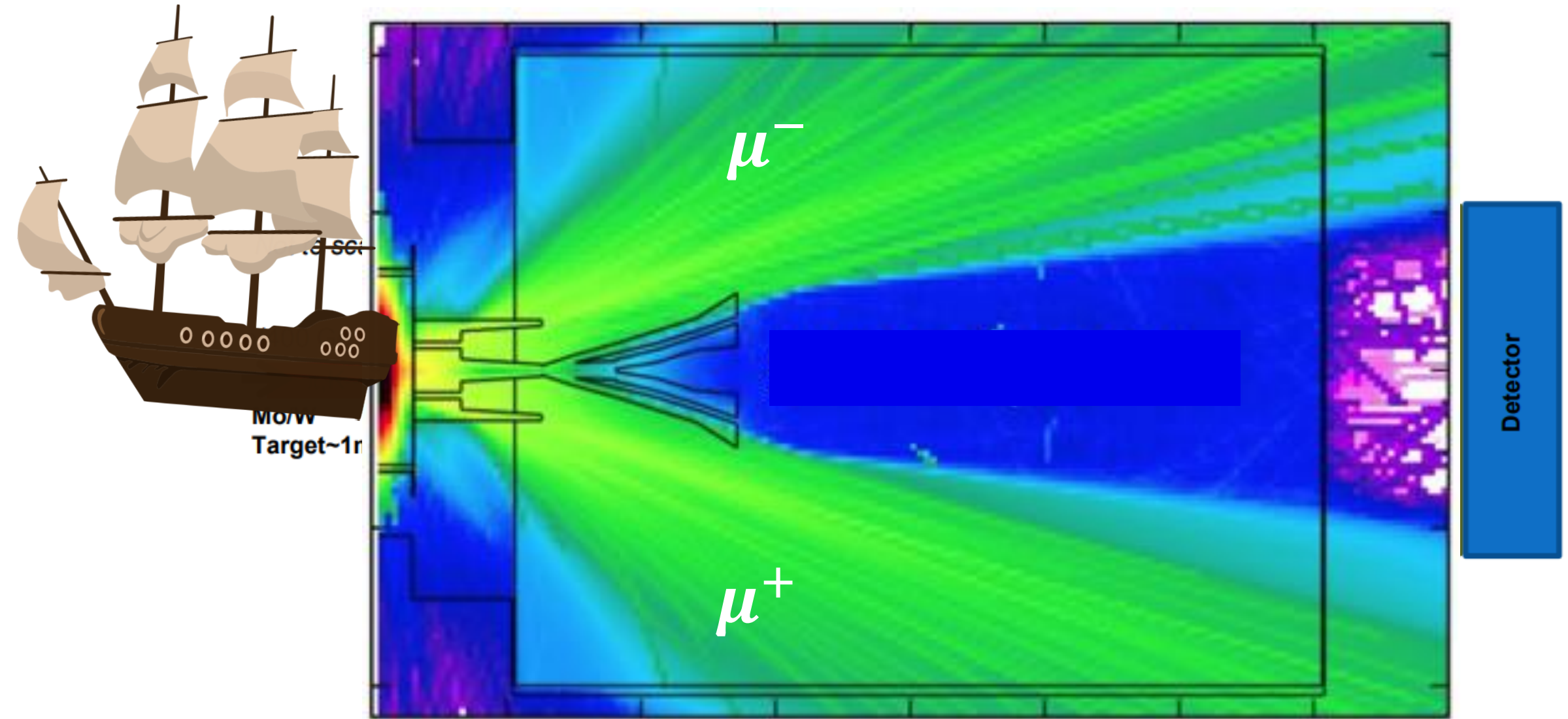
Approved together with ~ 170 MCHF for consolidation of the North Area (NA-CONS project)

The HI-ECN3 project is a part of CERN's...

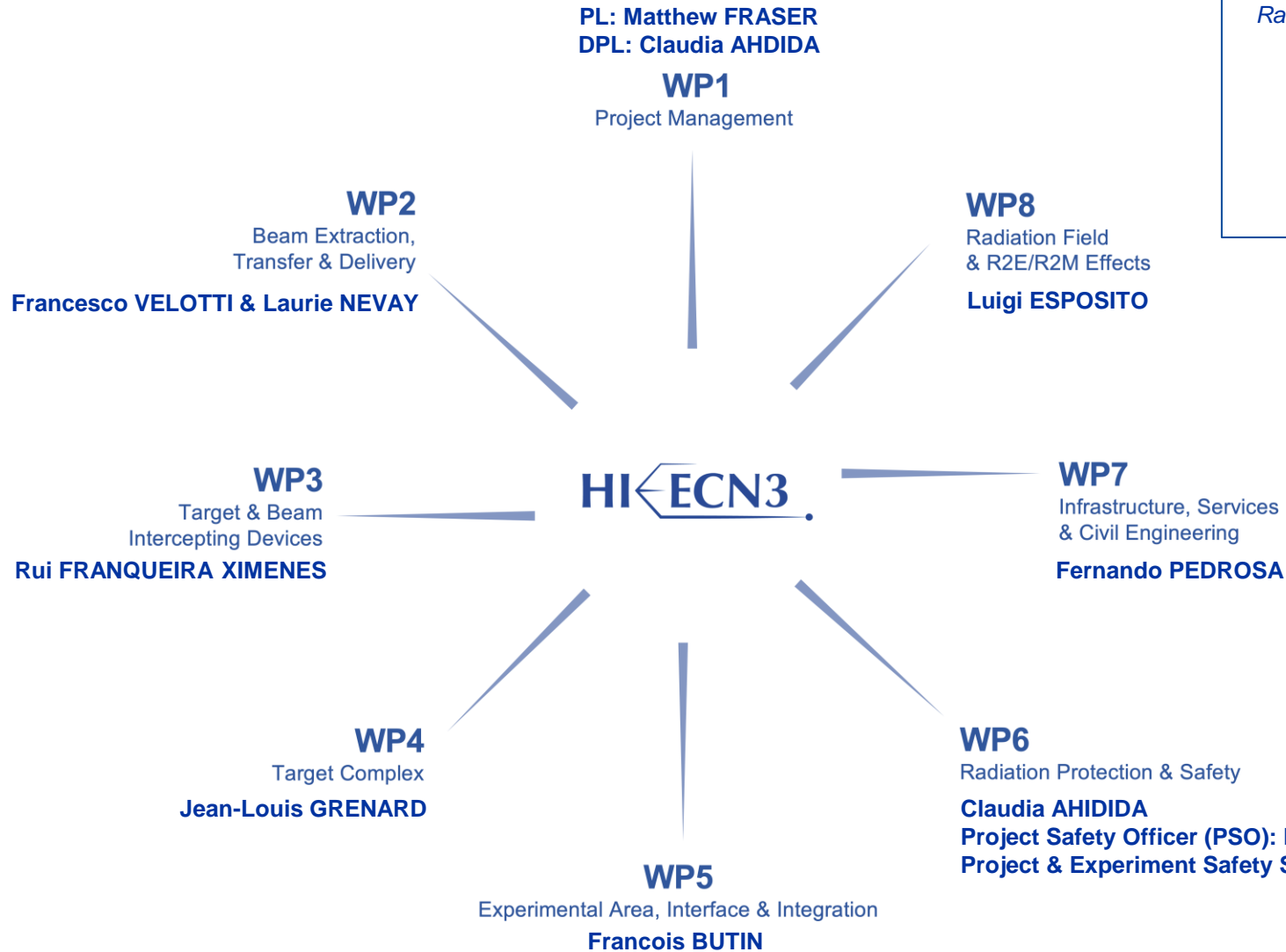
*"...broad **diverse scientific** programme, complementary to the collider and carried out mainly at the injectors: continuously upgraded and expanded (e.g. recently the ECN3 beam intensity upgrade at the North Area)."*

Fabiola Gianotti

SHiP has a bow wave...



HI-ECN3 Project Structure



Other HI-ECN3 contributions at NBI 2024

The Search for Hidden Sector experiment and its tau neutrino program
Current & future facilities session: **Richard JACOBSSON**

Radiation protection studies and considerations for the ECN3 high intensity project
Radiological & safety issues session: **Claudia AHDIDA**

BDF target station design
Secondary beamline session: **Jean-Louis GRENARD**

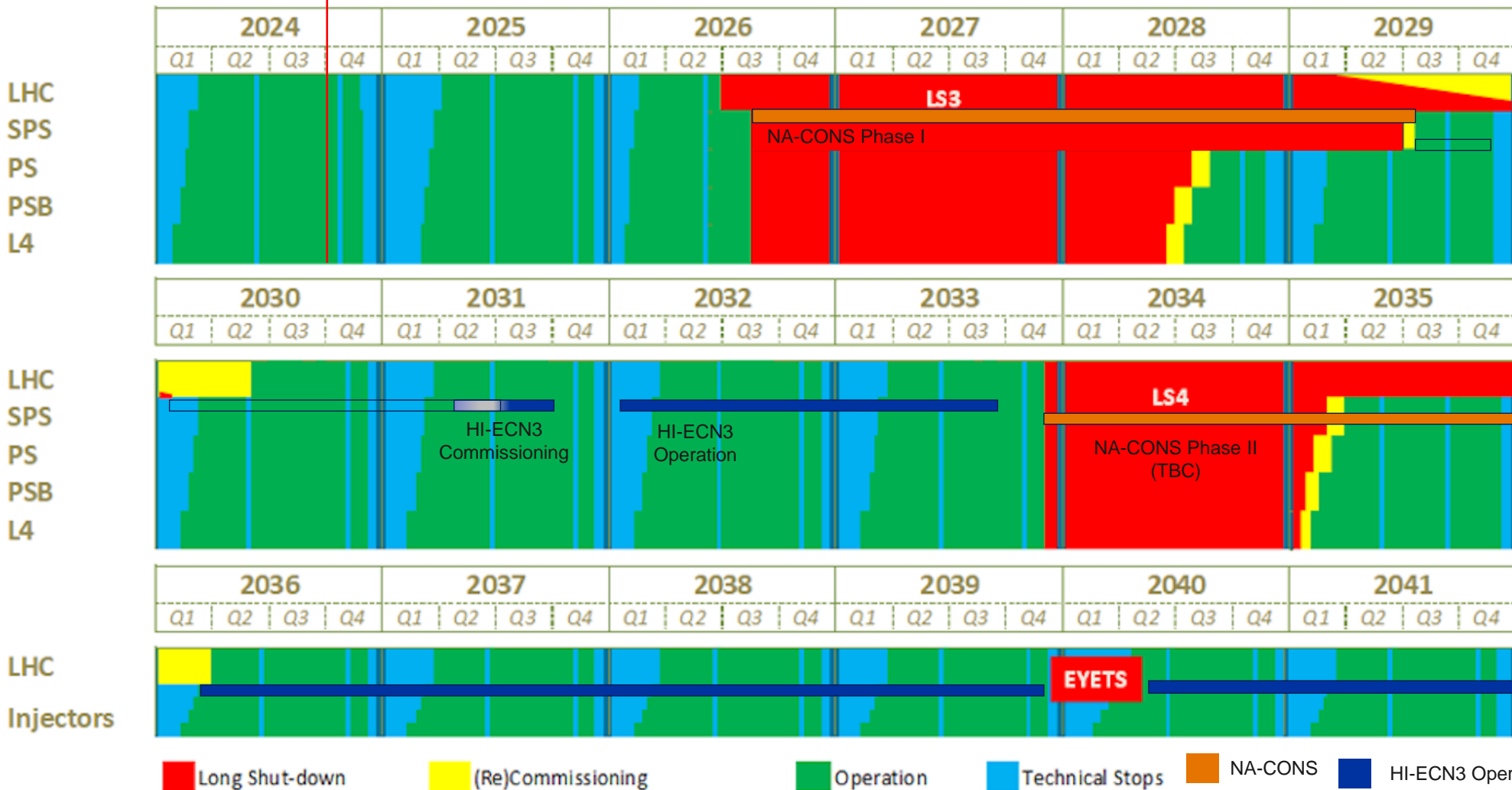
Design considerations for the BDF/SHiP production target
Target and beam window session: **Rui Franqueira XIMENES**

Experiment Project Leader: Richard JACOBSSON
SHiP Experiment Safety Correspondent: Letizia DI GIULIO



CERN Accelerator Schedule

Today



NA available exclusively for EHN1/2 from mid-2029:
 Test-beam users & other POT demanding experiments (e.g. AMBER, MuonE)

ECN3 beam to dump in P42 for commissioning of TCC2 whilst construction ongoing

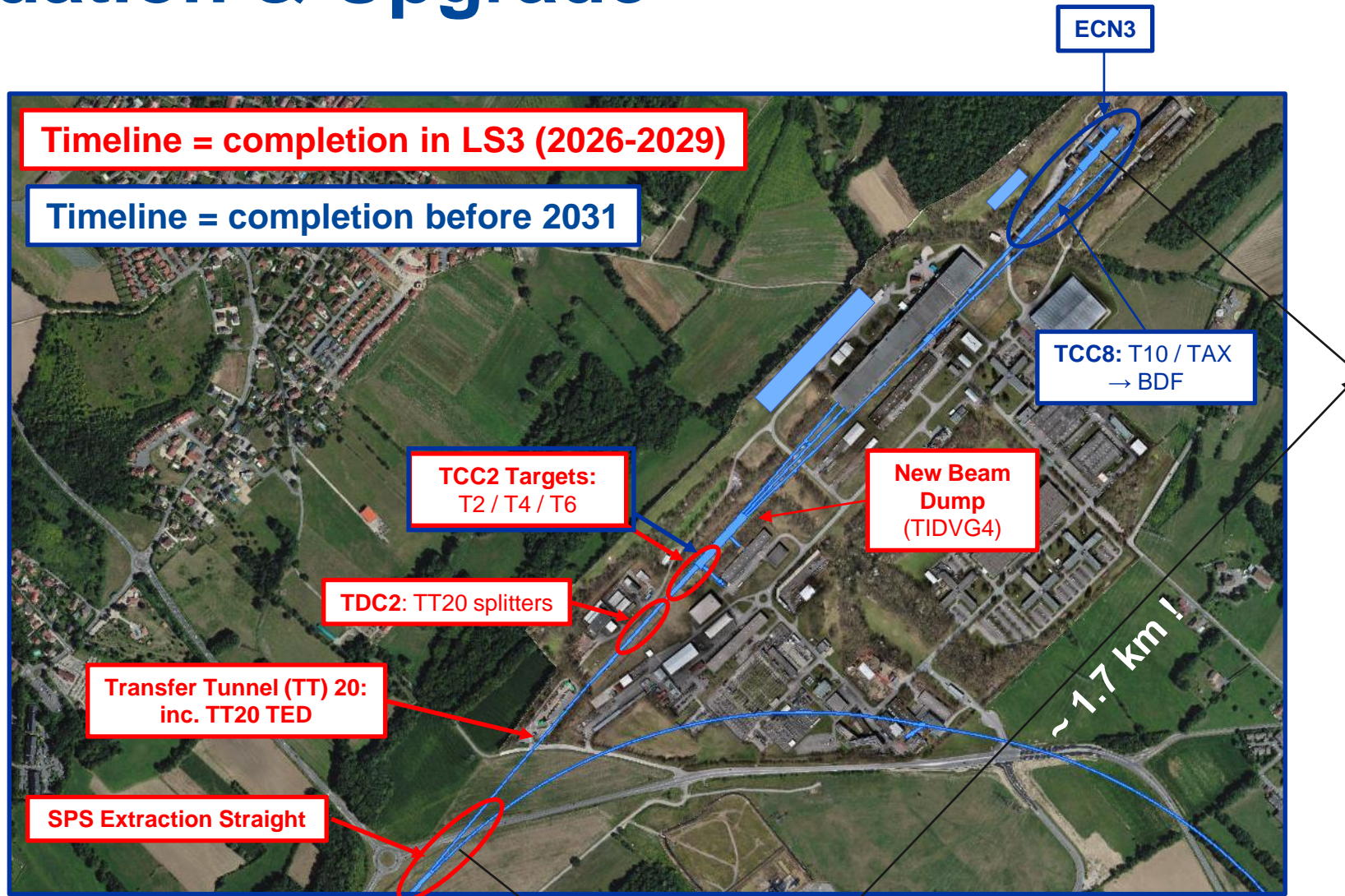


Operation out to late 2040s:
 beyond HL-LHC (frequency & length of LS's TBC)

Consolidation & Upgrade

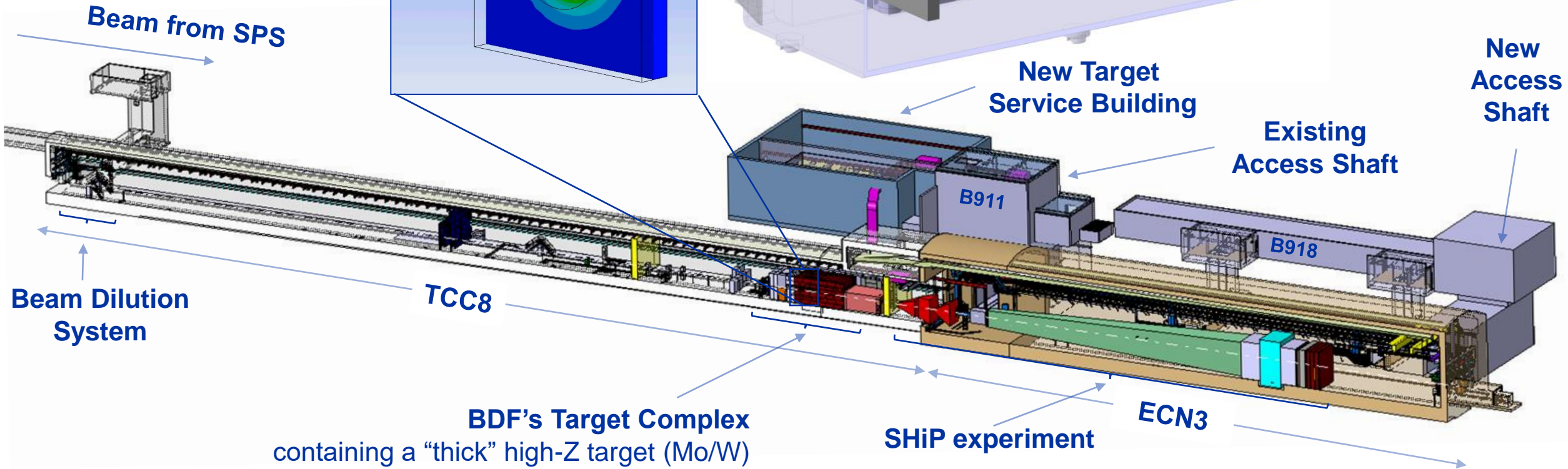
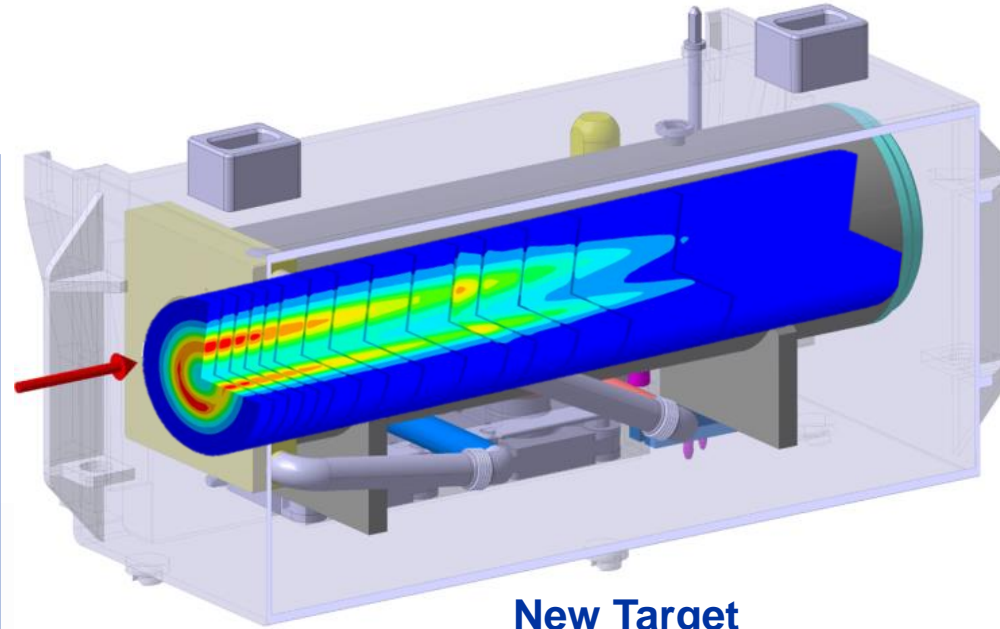
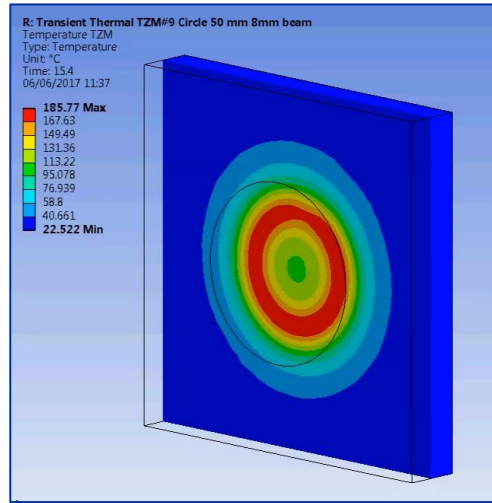
— NA-CONS consolidation project

— HI-ECN3 project



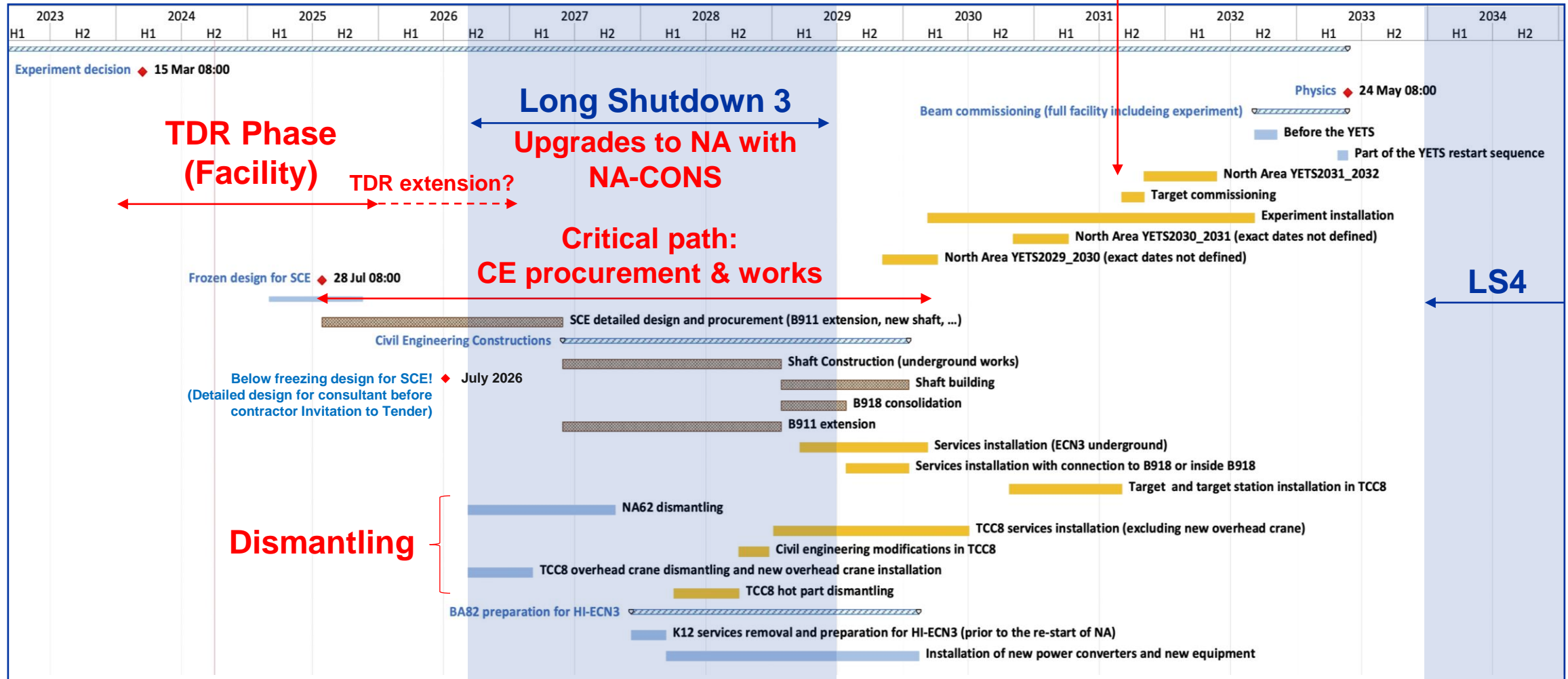
BDF/SHIP in ECN3

~ 300 kW (avg.)
 ~ 2.3 MW (spill)
 1 second spill
 4 Hz sweep



HI-ECN3 Project Timeline

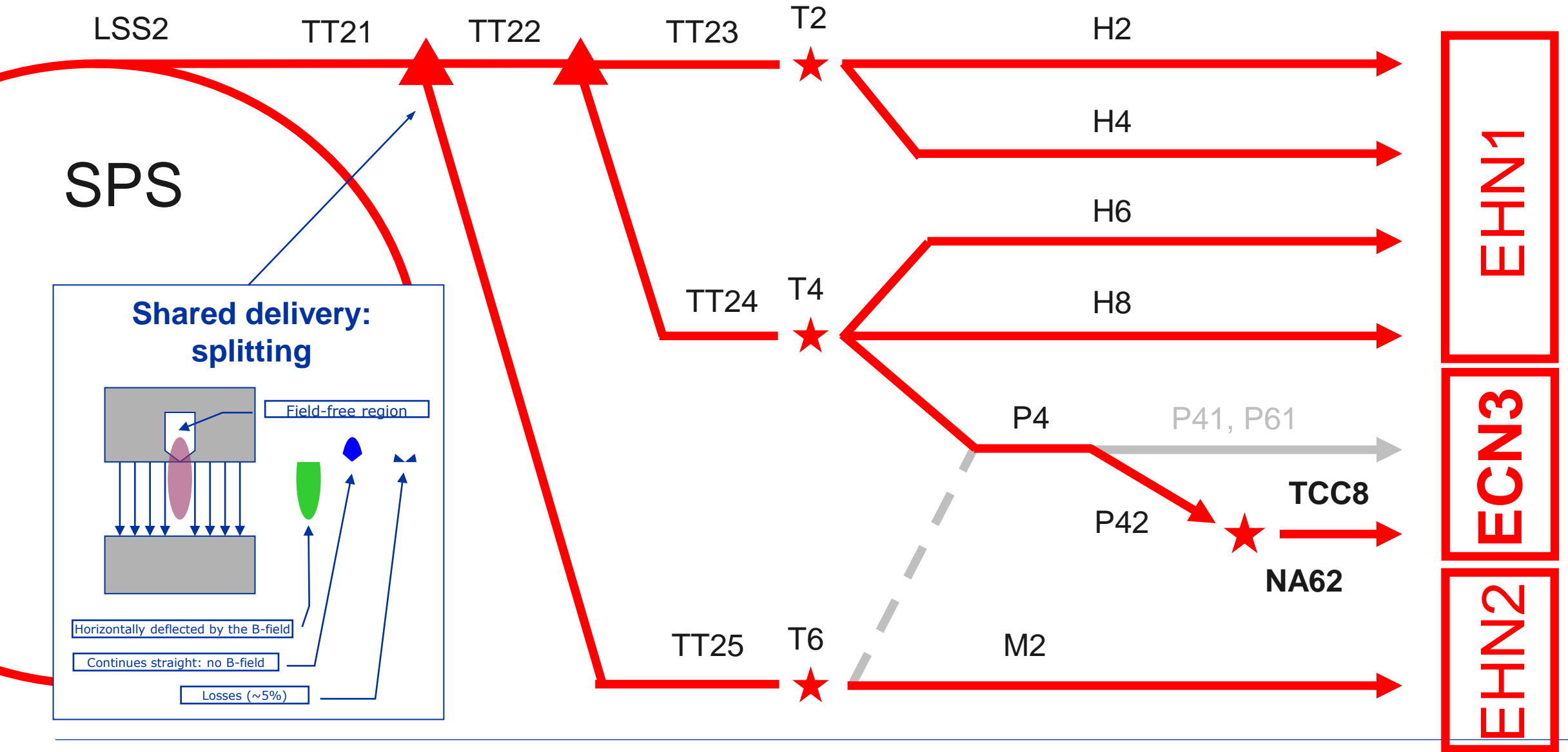
Beam on BDF Target



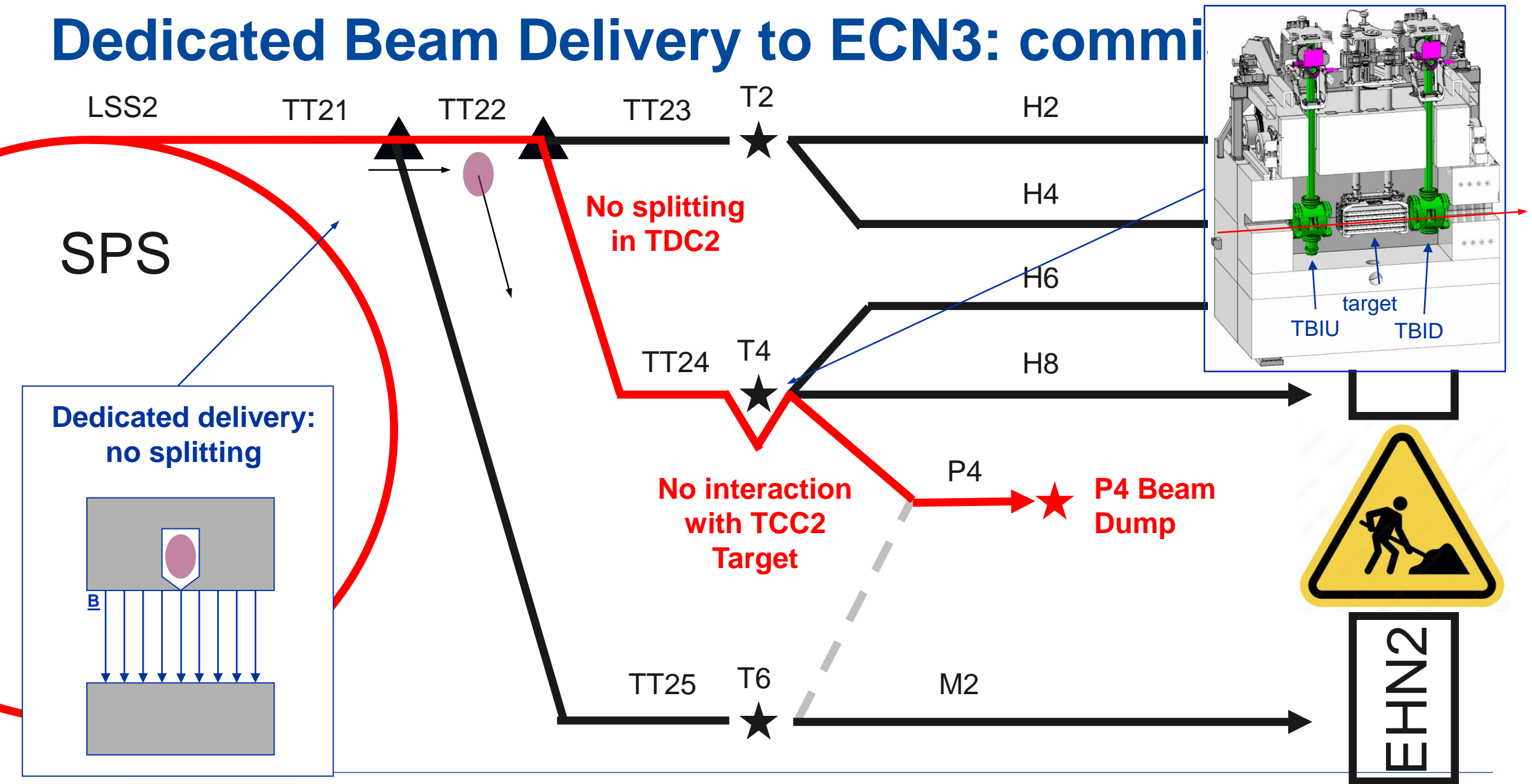
SHiP beam parameter request

BDF Parameter	Value
POT / year [10^{19}]	4.0 (similar to CNGS)
Spill intensity [10^{13}]	≥ 4.2 (including conservative transmission)
Spill length [s]	~ 1.0 on a 1.2 s flat-top (longer spills reduce achievable POT)
Spill quality	<i>... to be formalised with SHiP</i>
BDF spills / year [10^6]	1.0
Vertical emittance	can be as bright as possible for transmission, no splitting : final focus will be adjustable ($\sim 8 \times 8$ mm spot size, swept on target)
Total POT on BDF	60×10^{19}
Duration [years]	15 (at 4×10^{19} POT/year)

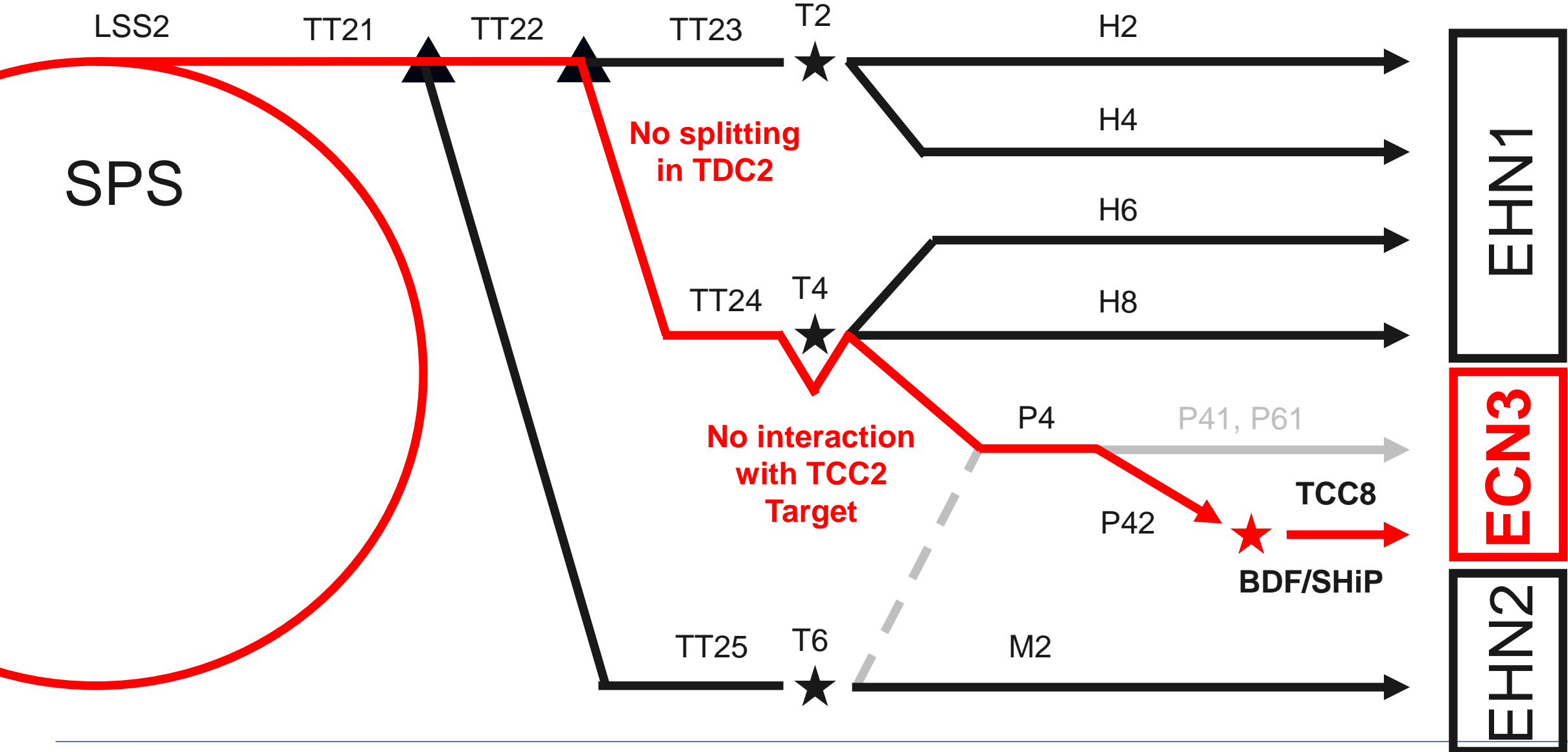
Shared Beam Delivery to ECN3



Dedicated Beam Delivery to ECN3: commi

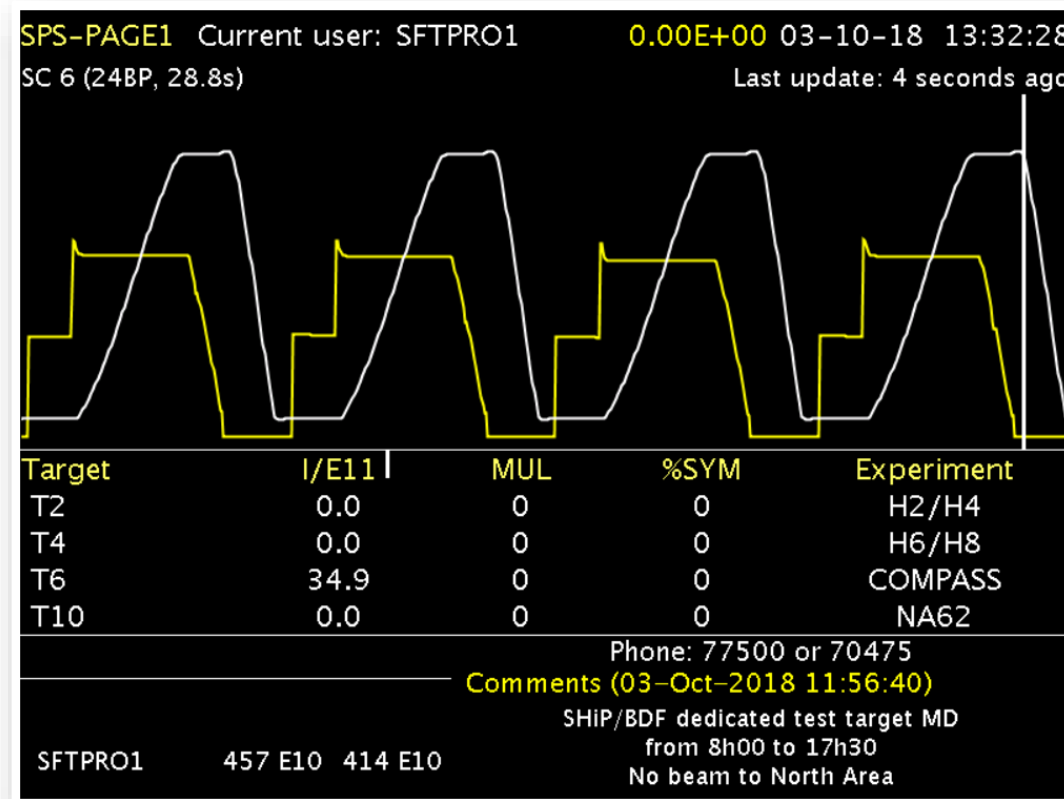


Dedicated Beam Delivery to ECN3



How many protons for BDF / SHiP? (i)

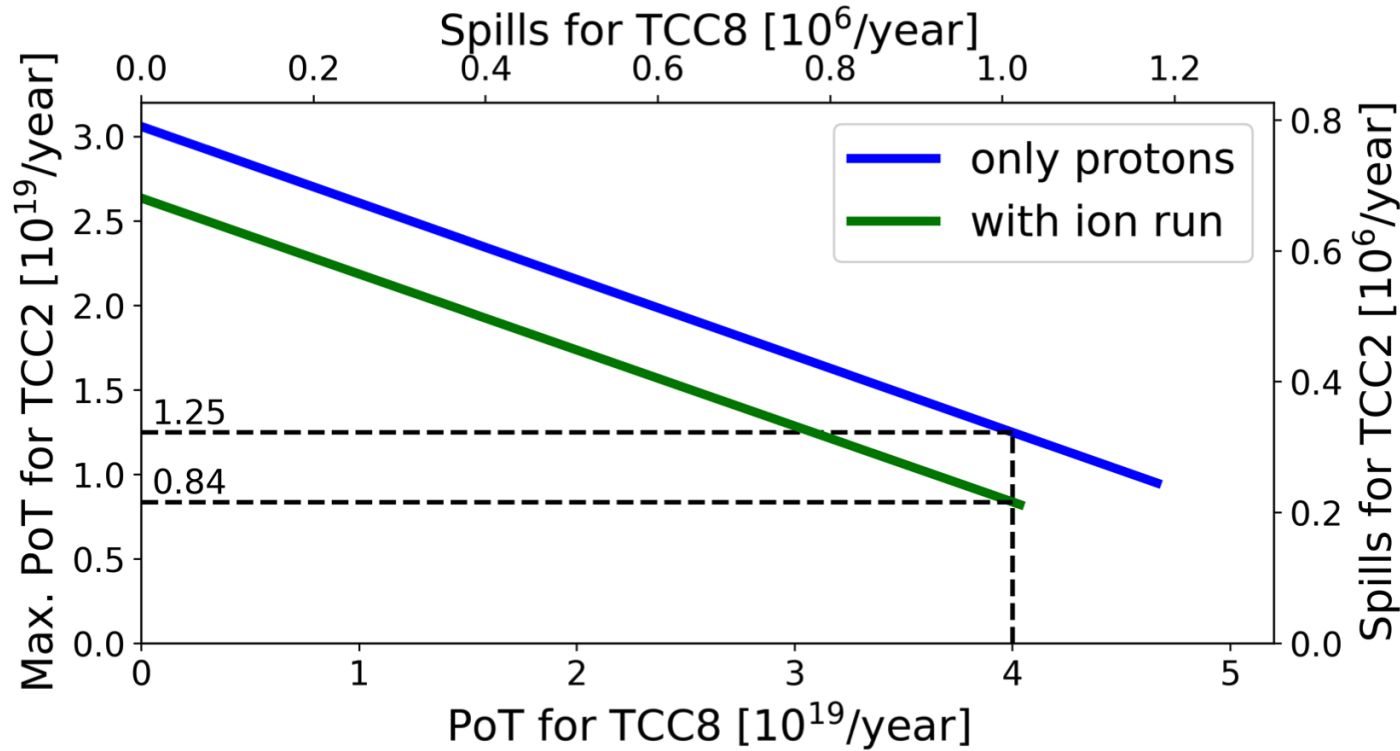
Short CNGS-like 7.2 s SFTPRO cycle with a 1.2 s FT (~ 1 s spill)



SPS Page 1 during BDF prototype target test at T6 in 2018

How many protons for BDF / SHiP? (ii)

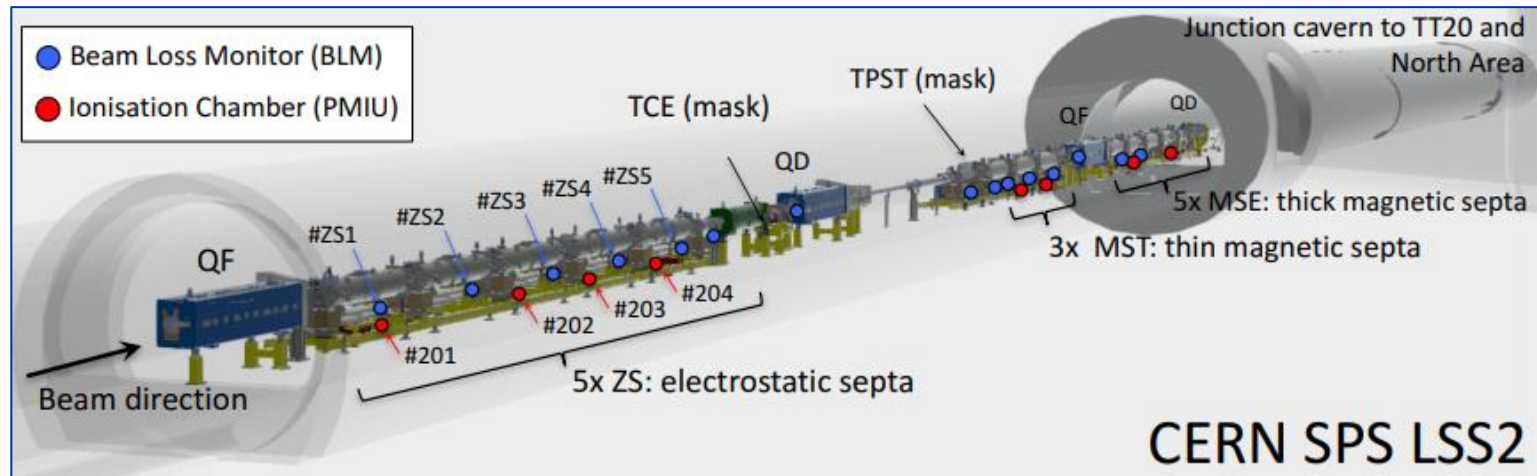
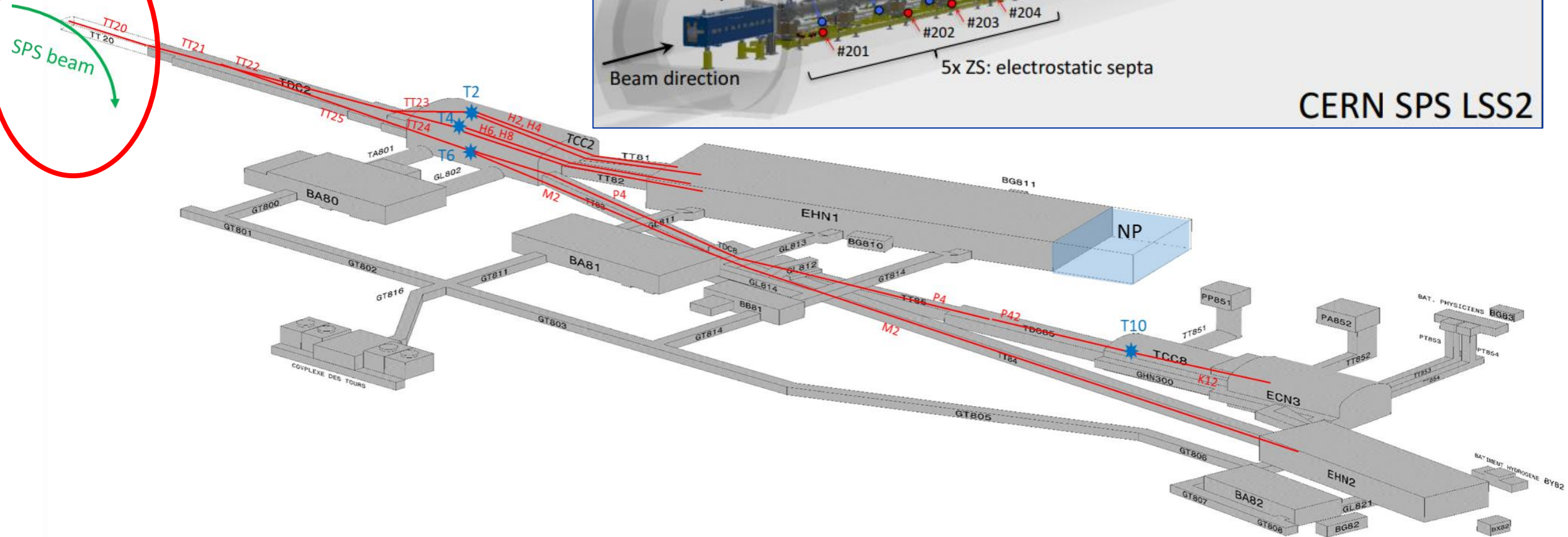
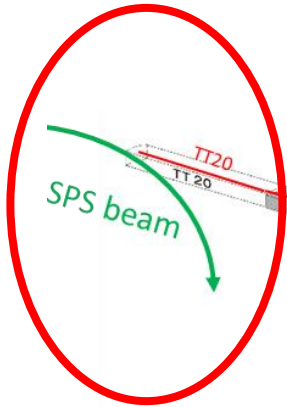
Protons to TCC2 (other NA users)



Protons to ECN3 (BDF/SHiP)

**North Area needs
 $\sim 5 \times 10^{19}$ protons/year...
 a la CNGS ($\sim 4 \times 10^{19}$ p⁺/y)
 ... but, slow extracted...
 ...unprecedented !**

Slow Extraction from LSS2 in SPS

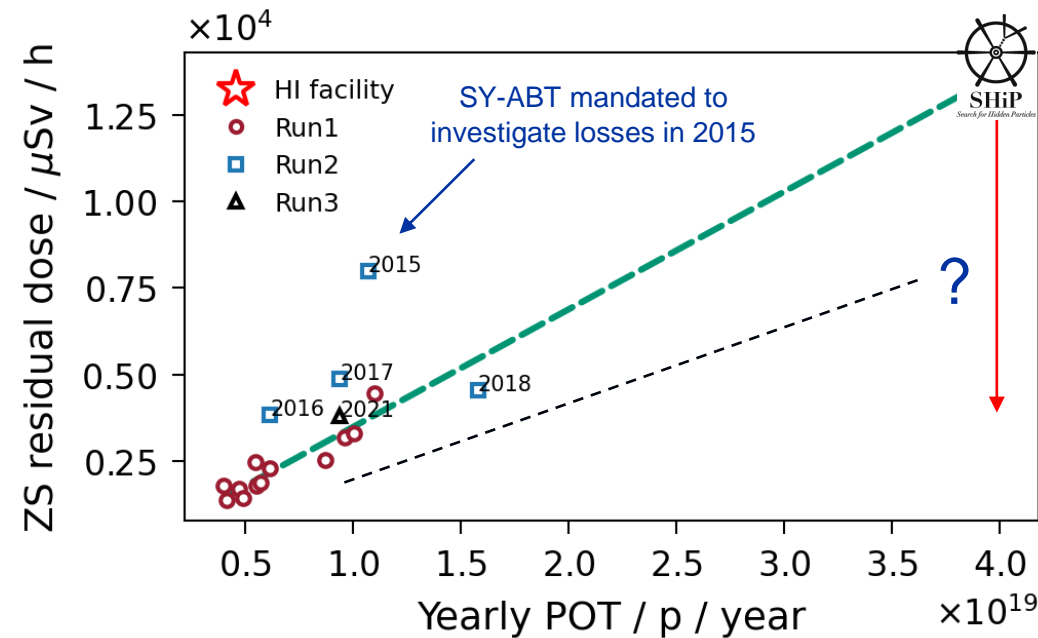


CERN SPS LSS2

Slow extraction beam loss reduction

Objective: to achieve a beam loss reduction factor of ~ 4 in stable, in long-term operation

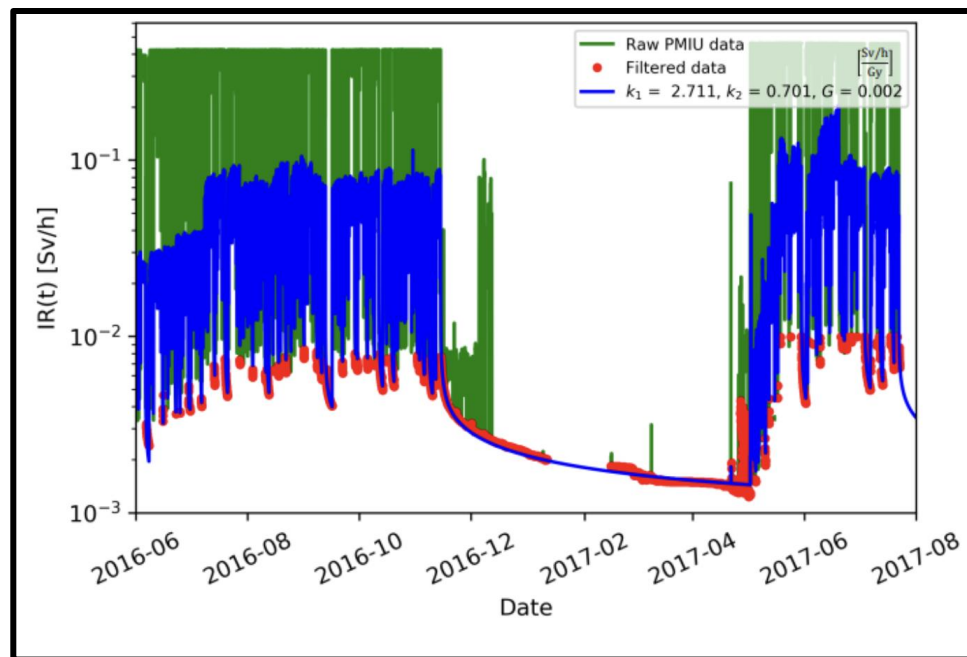
Correlation between end of year activation dose rate (peak at electrostatic septum) and annual POT



Modelling induced radioactive in the SPS

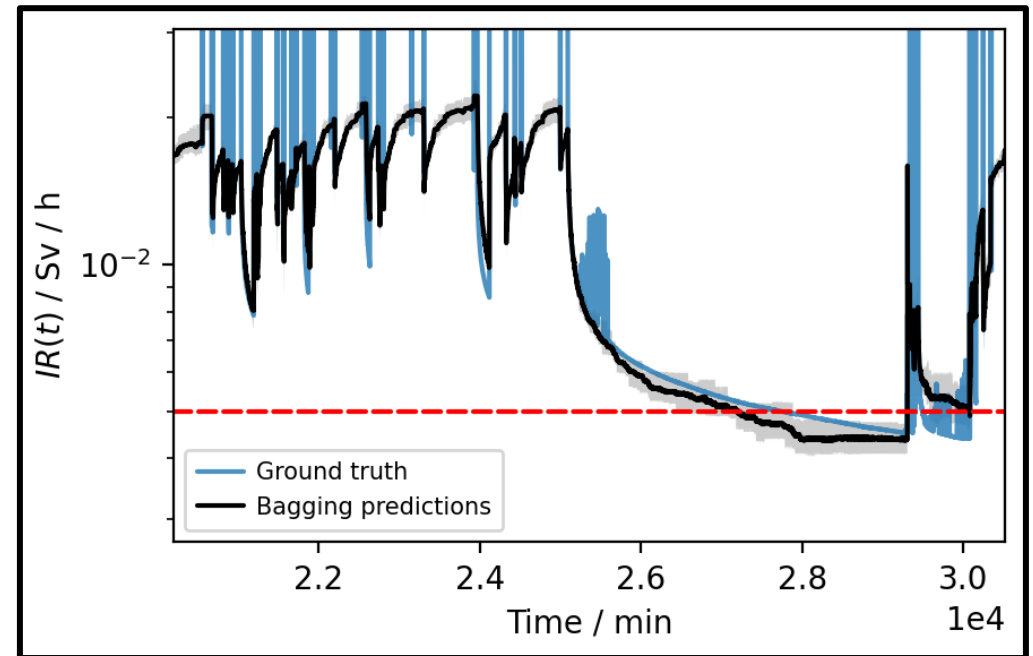
Radiation hazards of future operational scenarios can be predicted using **data driven models**: fit measured prompt beam loss [Gy] & proton flux [p⁺] to RP monitor [Sv/h]

Semi-analytic: $IR(t) \propto \exp(-k_1 \ln(t)^{k_2})$



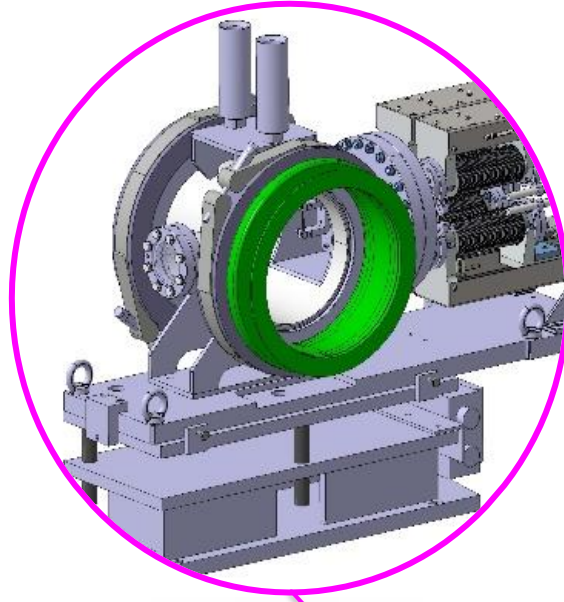
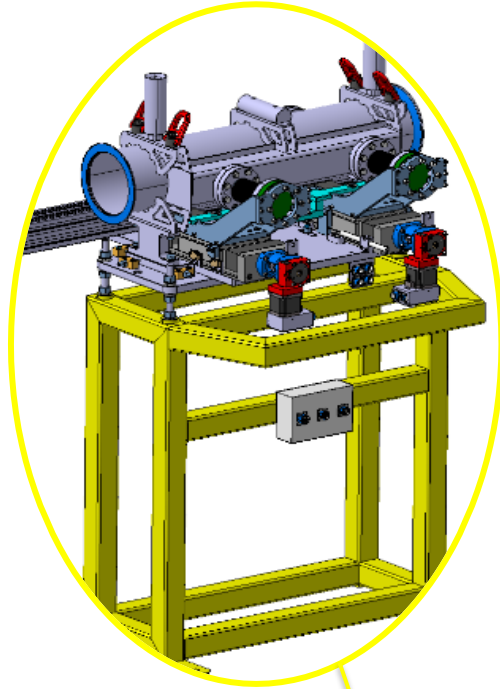
t(function call) ~ minute

Machine Learning: LightGBM: A Highly Efficient Gradient Boosting Decision Tree

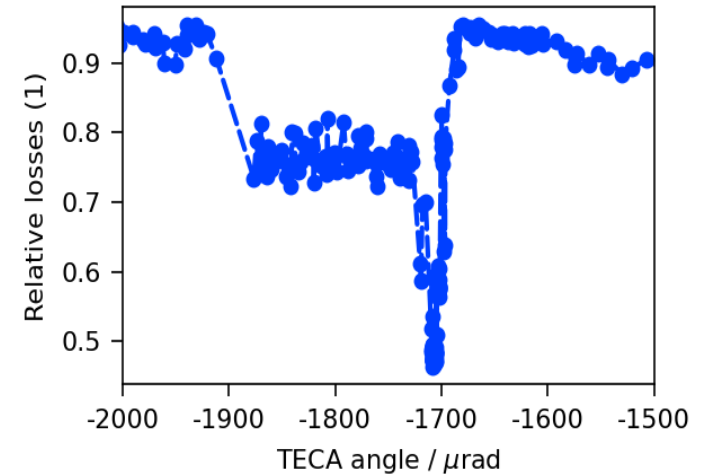


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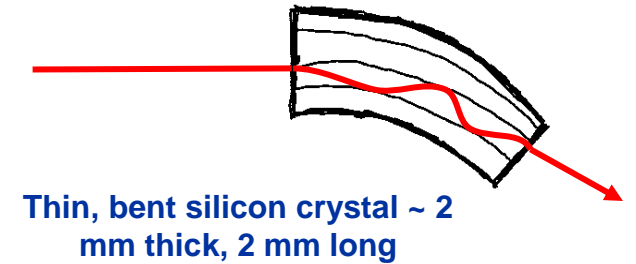
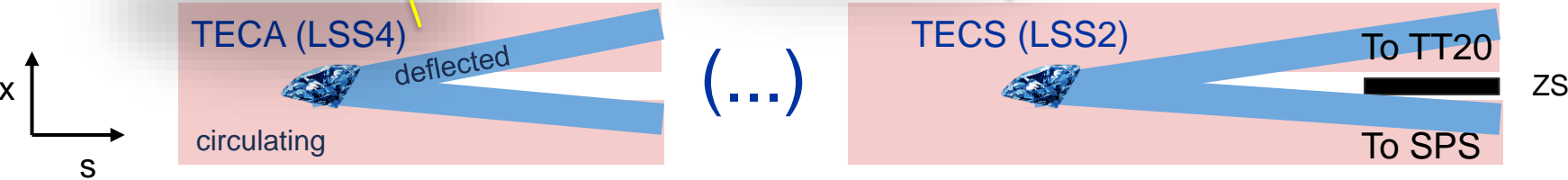
Crystal Shadowing of electrostatic septa



LSS4 gonio R&D:
 ~ 55% loss reduction
 To be deployed operationally in 2024



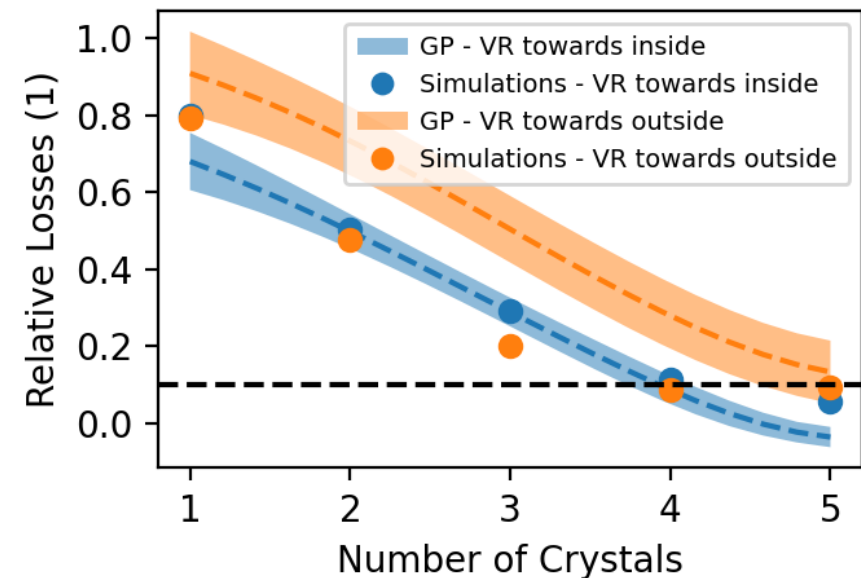
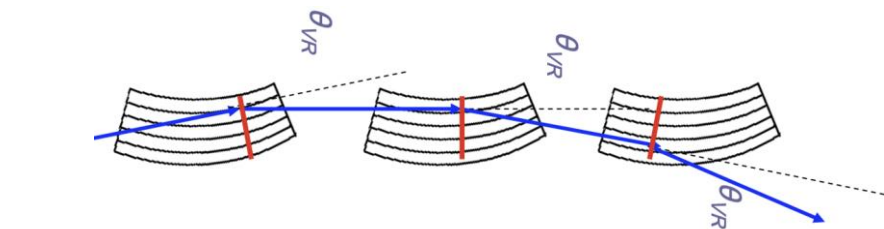
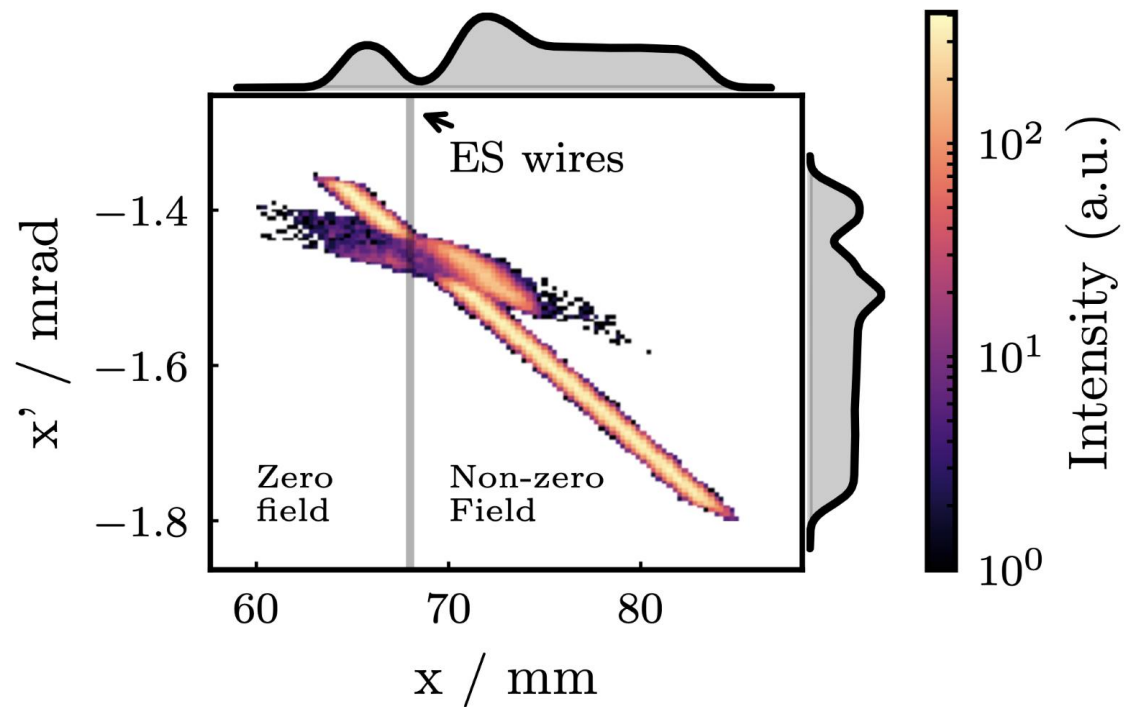
LSS2 gonio already operational
 with 20% loss reduction



Crystal Shadowing of electrostatic septa (ii)

Objective: achieve an even higher loss reduction factor (x10?!) with advanced crystal technology (**multiple thin, bent crystals aligned for Volume Reflection**) installed in SPS

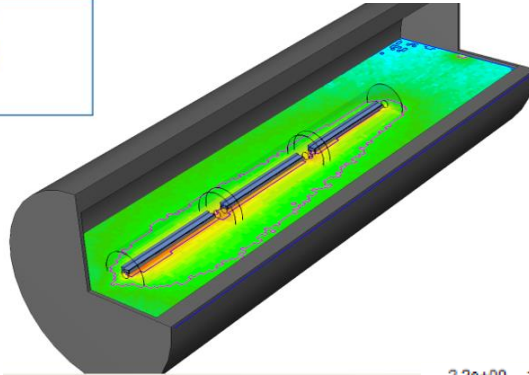
- Prototype might be available for tests in 2025 (mechanics developed in-house at CERN)



Low-density septa

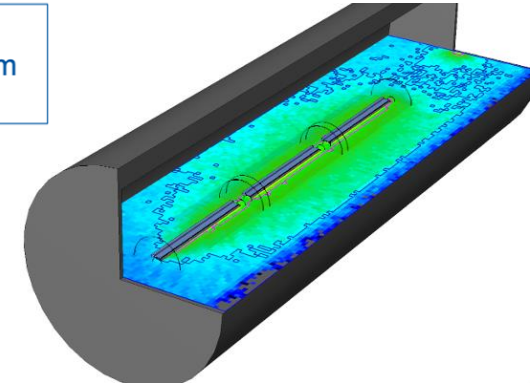
Today

Wires: Re/W
Anode: Steel
Tank: Steel



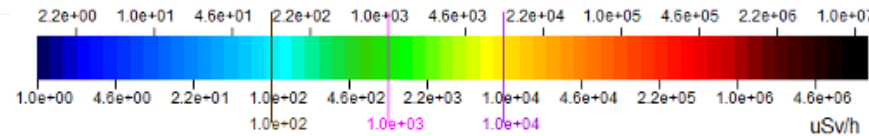
Dream world

Wires: Be
Anode: Aluminium
Tank: Aluminium



20x reduction!

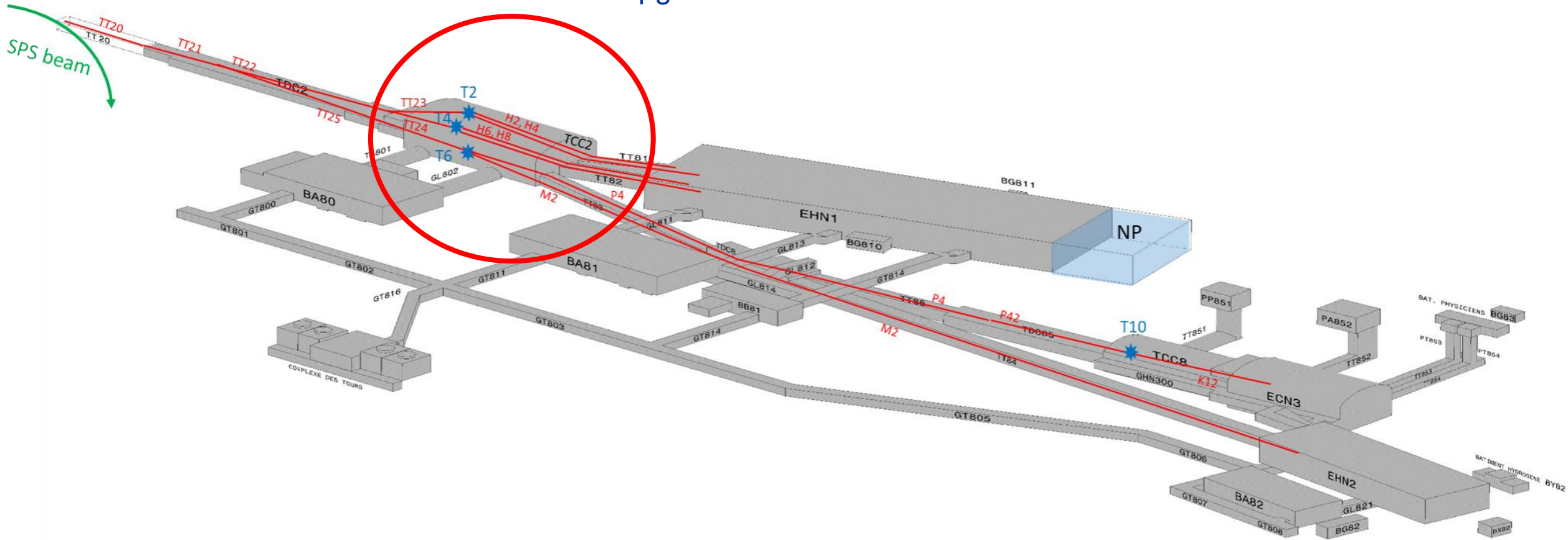
Residual dose rate after 1 week



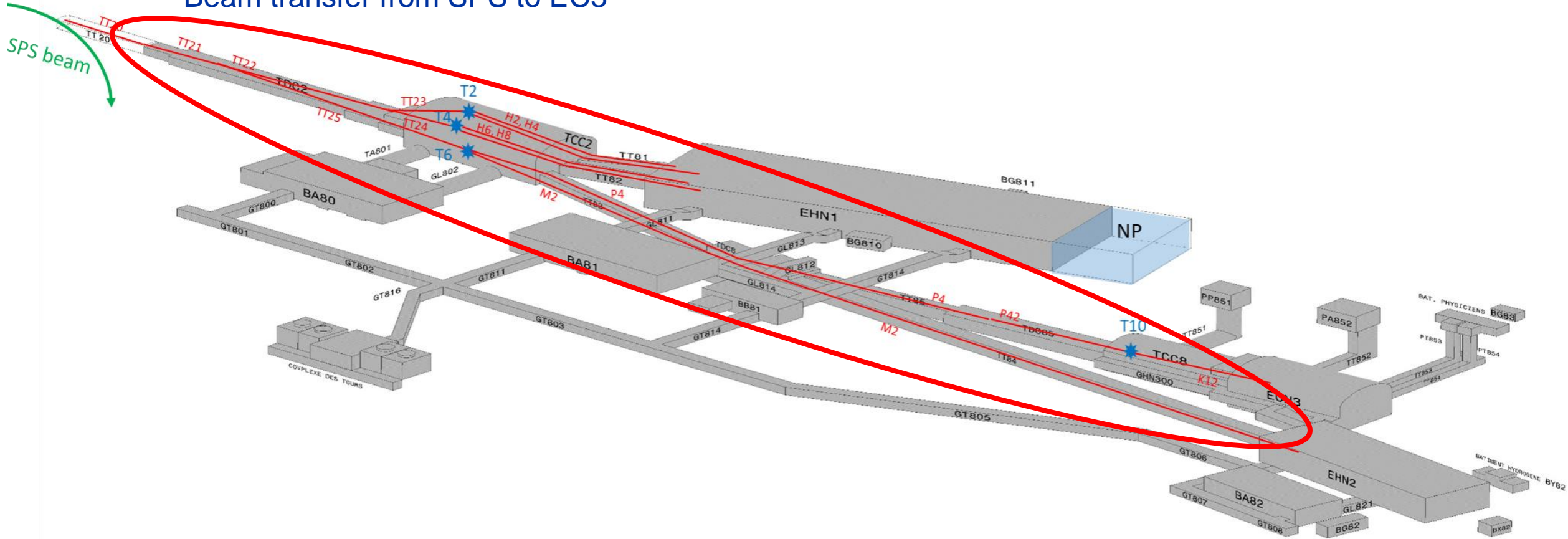
Efforts focused on tank material as the best candidate: feasible + factor 2 dose reduction

- Selection of alloy → Al 5083
- Design of low-Z flanges → Bimetallic flange
- Buckling tests → mass reduction of 2.7x w.r.t. current tank
- Manufacturing → mock-up + welding tests

TCC2 Upgrades



Beam transfer from SPS to EC3

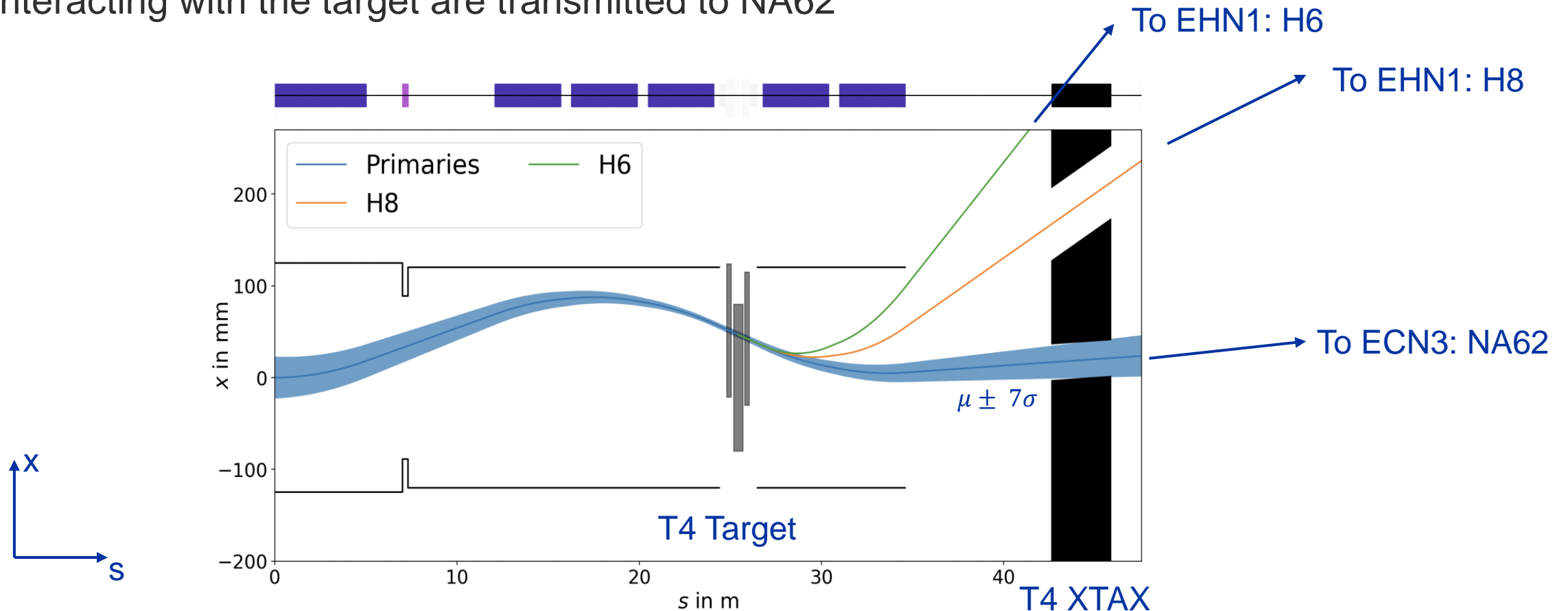


A huge effort is ongoing to improve understanding of old 1970's transfer line equipment

Existing TCC2 Target T4 Region

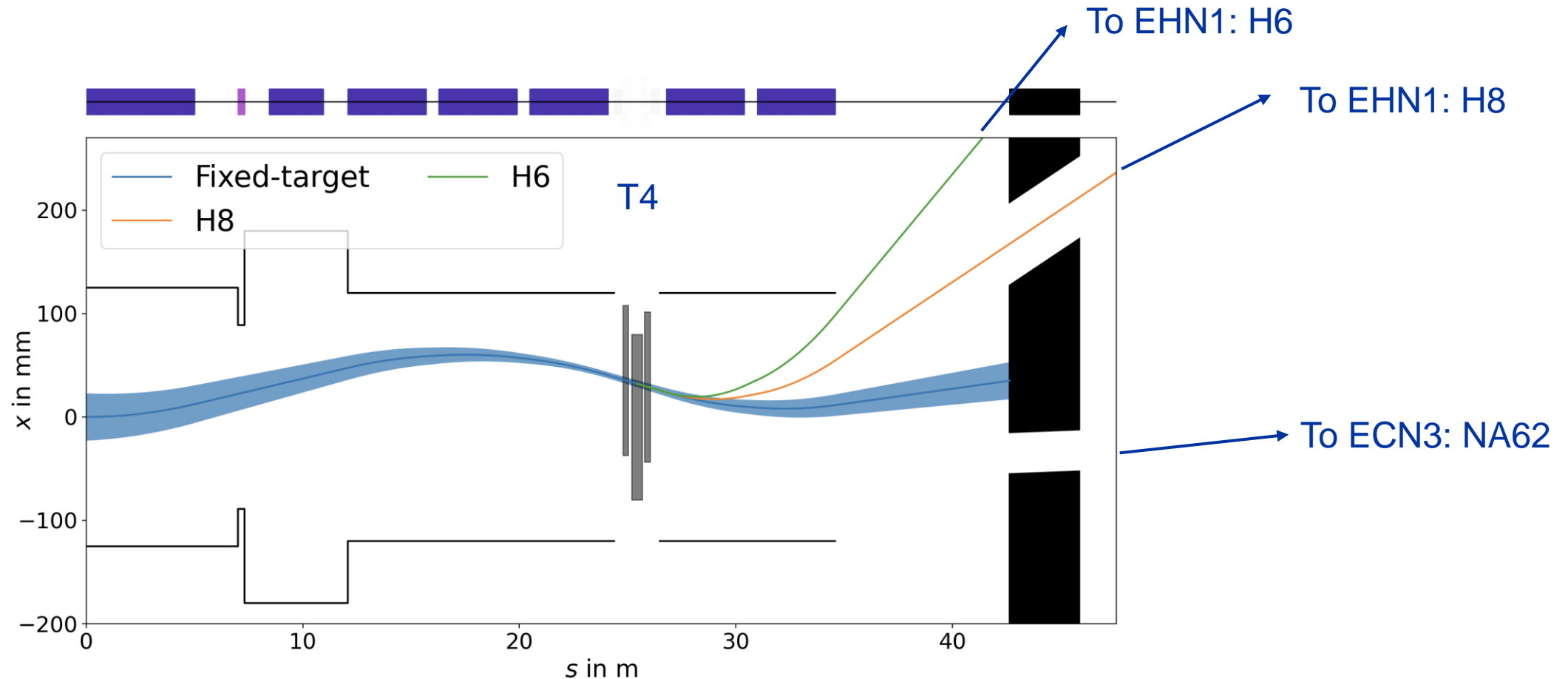
Today, operation of EHN1 (H6/H8 test beams) is coupled with ECN3 (NA62)

- Secondary particles for EHN1 are selected using magnet wobbling system, whilst protons not interacting with the target are transmitted to NA62



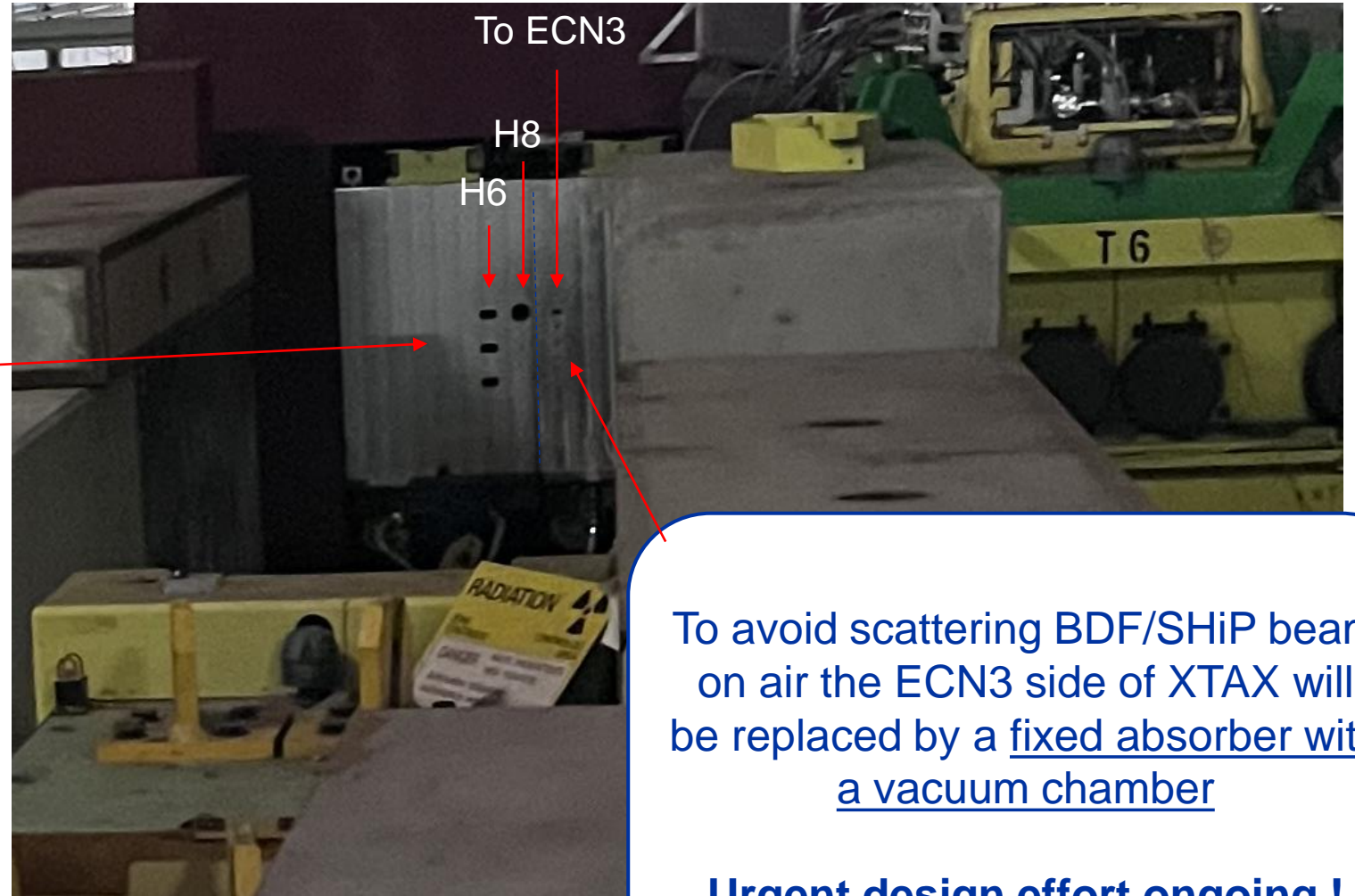
Upgrade for BDF/SHiP

A pulsed magnet allows us to decouple proton beams on the dedicated HI-ECN3 cycle in the horizontal plane (in addition to vertical separation to avoid target)



T4 XTAX absorber in TCC2

Looking downstream from on top of T4 target

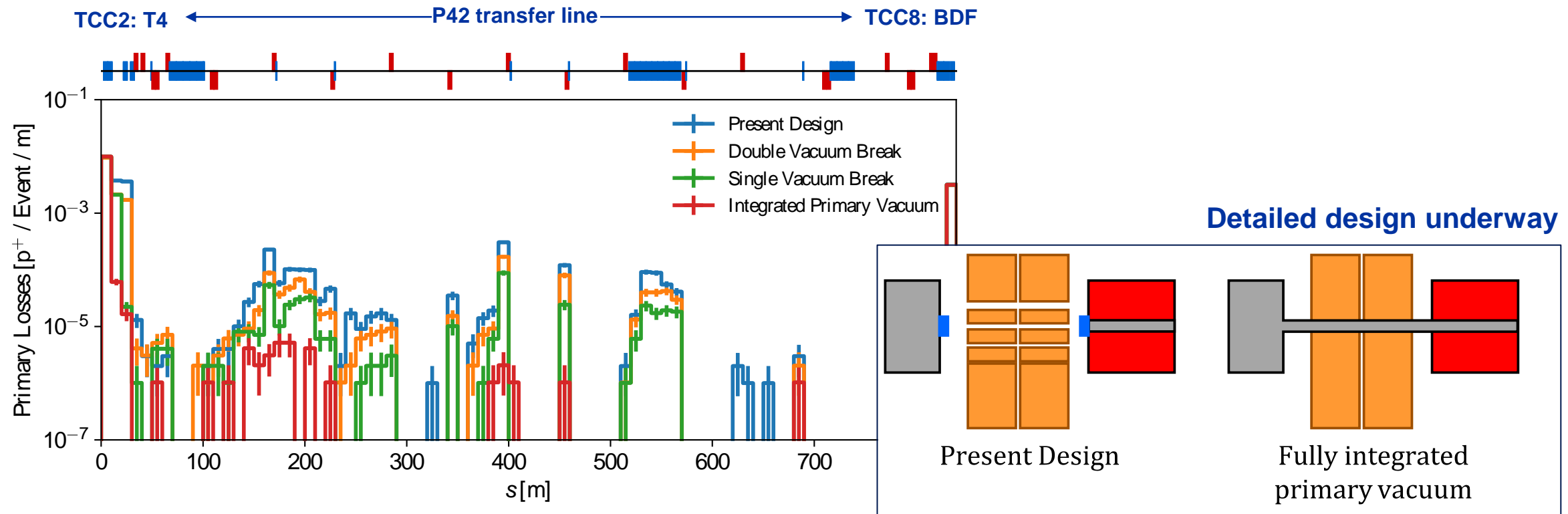


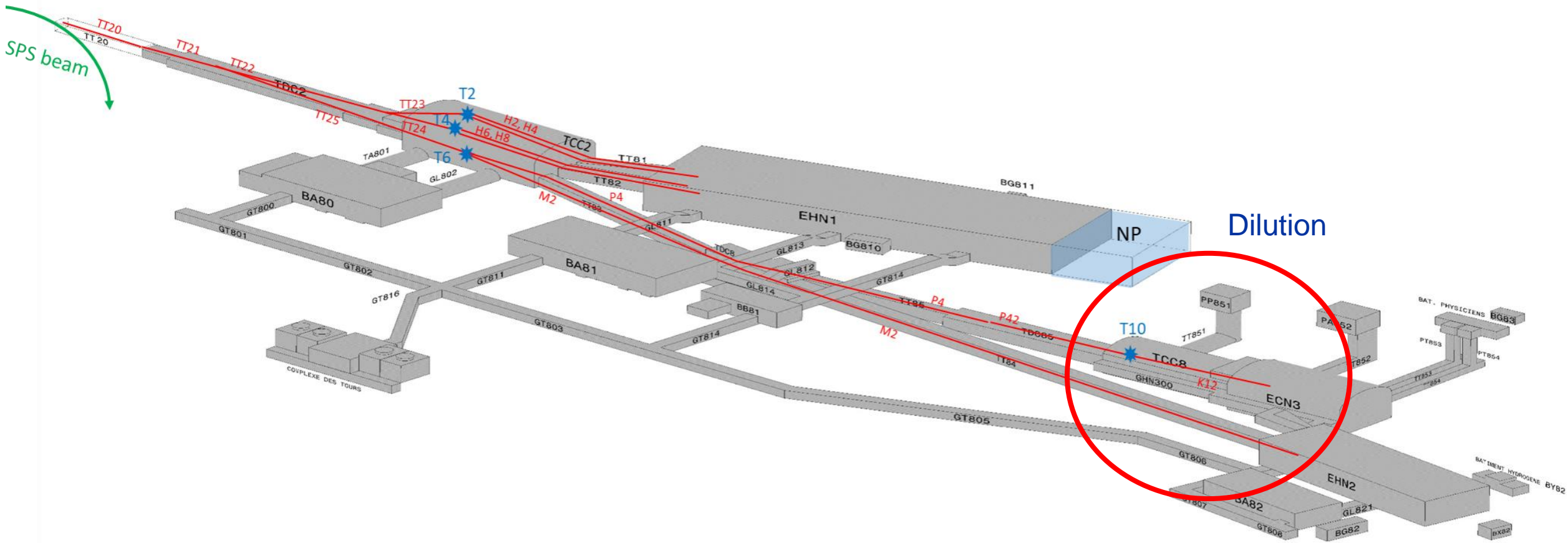
To avoid scattering BDF/SHiP beam on air the ECN3 side of XTAX will be replaced by a fixed absorber with a vacuum chamber

Urgent design effort ongoing !

TCC2 Target System Upgrade

- **Reduce beam loss in P42 transfer line to ECN3:**
 - Putting XTAX under a continuous primary vacuum of $\sim 10^{-3}$ mbar will reduce the beam loss in the shallow transfer tunnels from TCC2 to ECN3 caused by scattering of BDF/SHiP (by up to a factor $\sim 50!$)

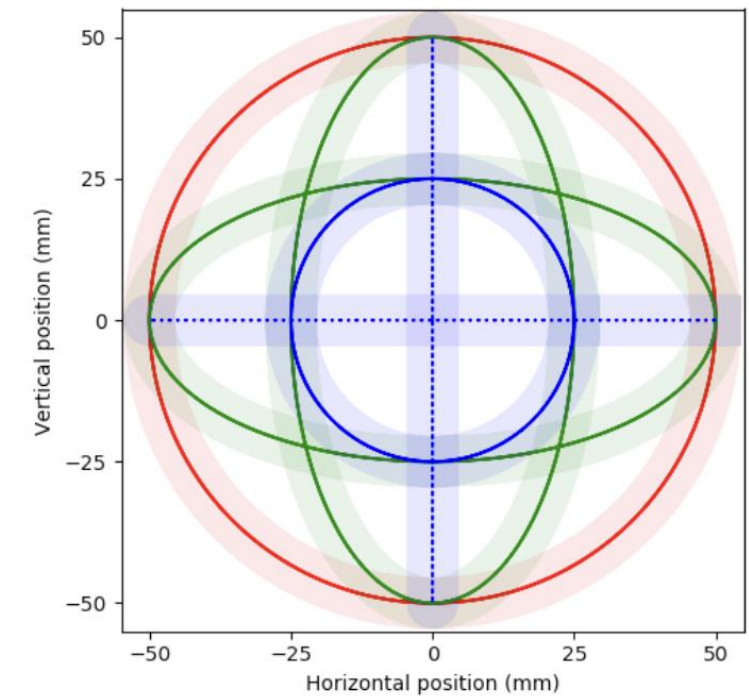




BDF Dilution System

Present baseline:

- Slow sweep = 4 Hz over a 1 second spill
- $\pi/2$ scheme: independently powered laminated dipole magnets:
 - 2H + 2V magnets (~ 0.5 mrad, 0.7 Tm per plane)
 - de-phased by 90 degrees to give circular spill
- Beam profiler(s) to check beam position, size & sweep post-operator
- **Challenge:** protection of the target critical, loss of dilution during single spill will likely damage the target
- **Independent interlock system needed for redundancy:**
 - Independent DCCTs measurement current in dilution dipole magnets
 - Dedicated “live” beam position monitoring of beam during its sweep



Failure Scenario:

- Failure 2H OR 2V
- Failure 1H OR 1V
- Failure 1H AND 1V

Summary

- **BDF/SHiP was approved in 2024**
- **CERN has reserved budget in its MTP for a new facility in ECN3 under the project named HI-ECN3**
- **We are under pressure to meet NA-CONS deadlines for Long Shutdown 3 and in the last 6 months we have focused on beam delivery in the North Area**
- **Some ~ 10 years of slow extraction R&D will converge into a Technical Design Report as part of the HI-ECN3 TDR**
- **HI-ECN3 TDR to be published in 2026, aiming at beam on target in 2031 !**



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