



Beam Delivery to the Target

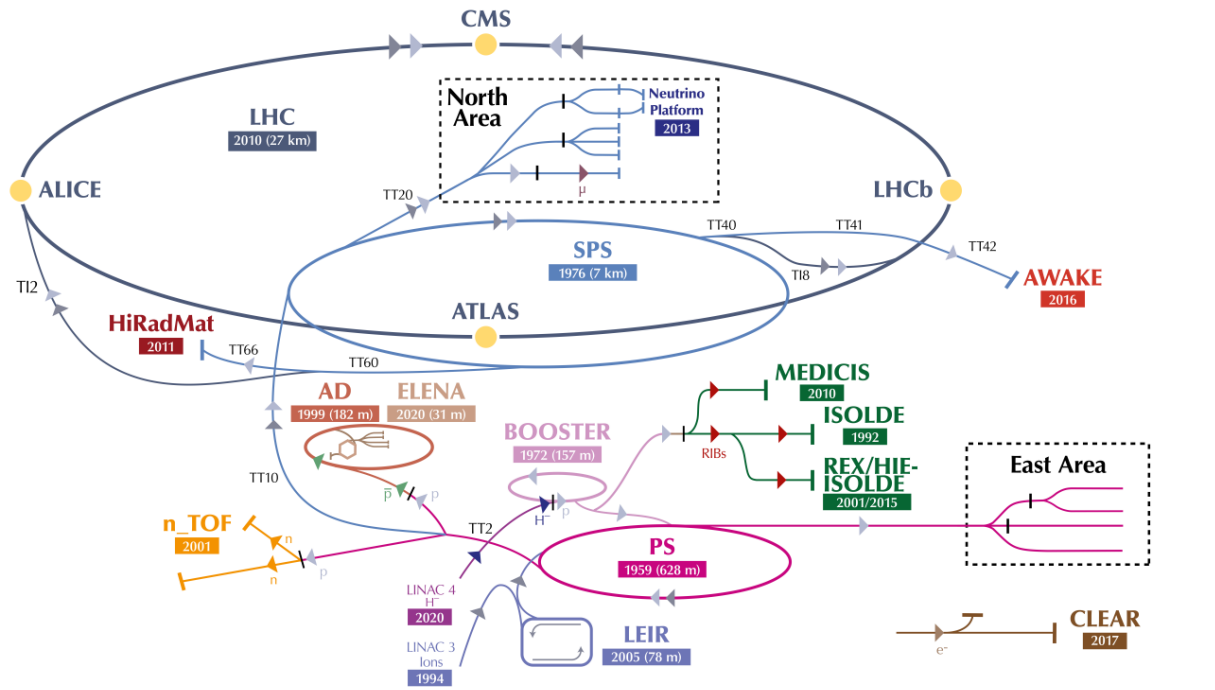
Final focus system, instrumentation and dilution

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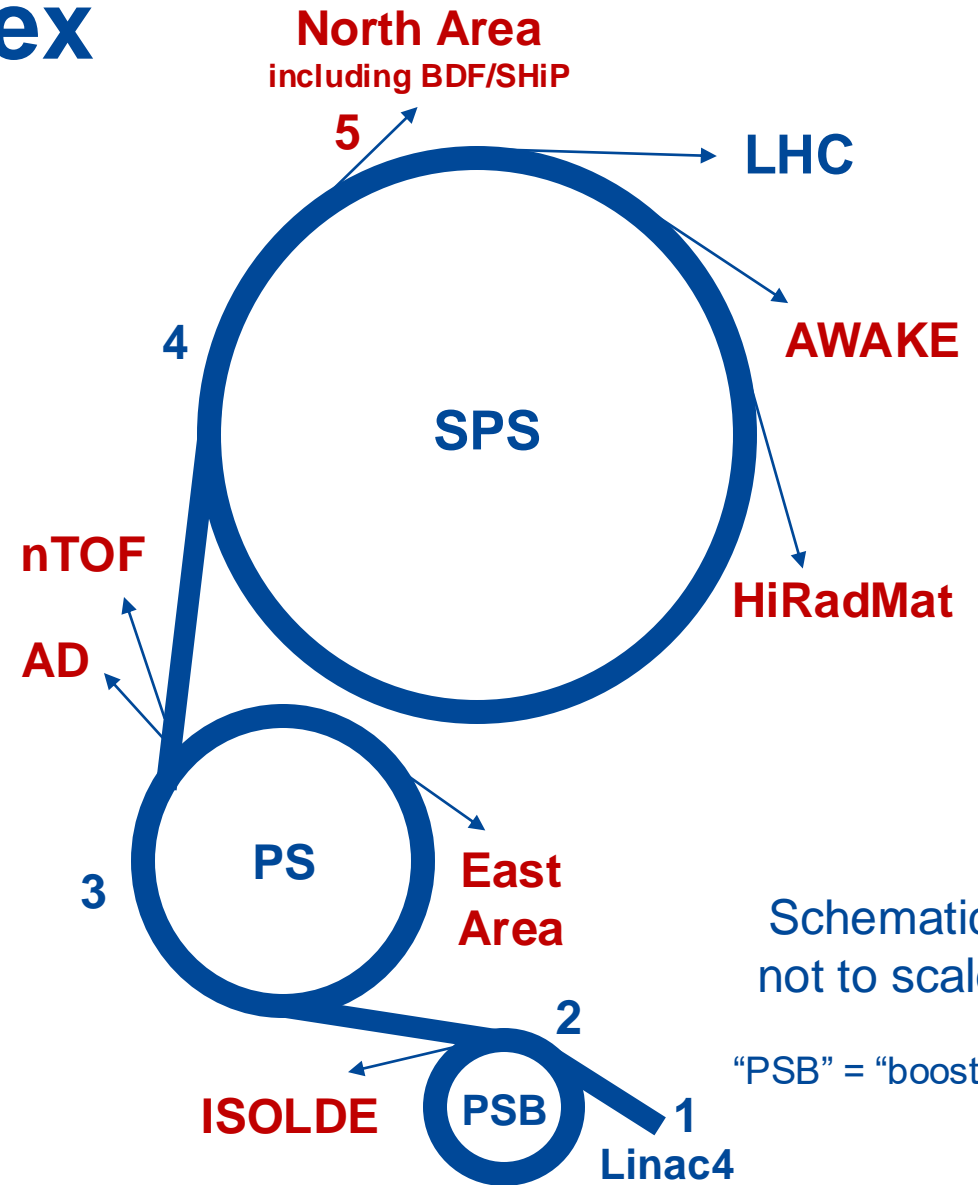
BDF / SHiP in the CERN Complex

The CERN accelerator complex
Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



▶ H⁻ (hydrogen anions) ▶ p (protons) ▶ ions ▶ RIBs (Radioactive Ion Beams) ▶ n (neutrons) ▶ \bar{p} (antiprotons) ▶ e⁻ (electrons) ▶ μ (muons)

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



Schematic not to scale

"PSB" = "booster"

Supercycles

- The injector complex delivers protons to multiple facilities **in parallel**, typically over ~31 weeks per year
 - PSB → PS, ISOLDE
 - PS → SPS, nTOF, EAST, AD
 - SPS → LHC, North Area, AWAKE, HiRadMat
- A supercycle is a **sequence of cycles** directed to the different facilities

- The supercycles are defined based on the **accelerator capabilities & facility requests**
- The **proton sharing** between facilities is achieved using supercycles
- Below is a typical supercycle

See T. Prebibaj's talk for details:
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1469359/contributions/6233099/>

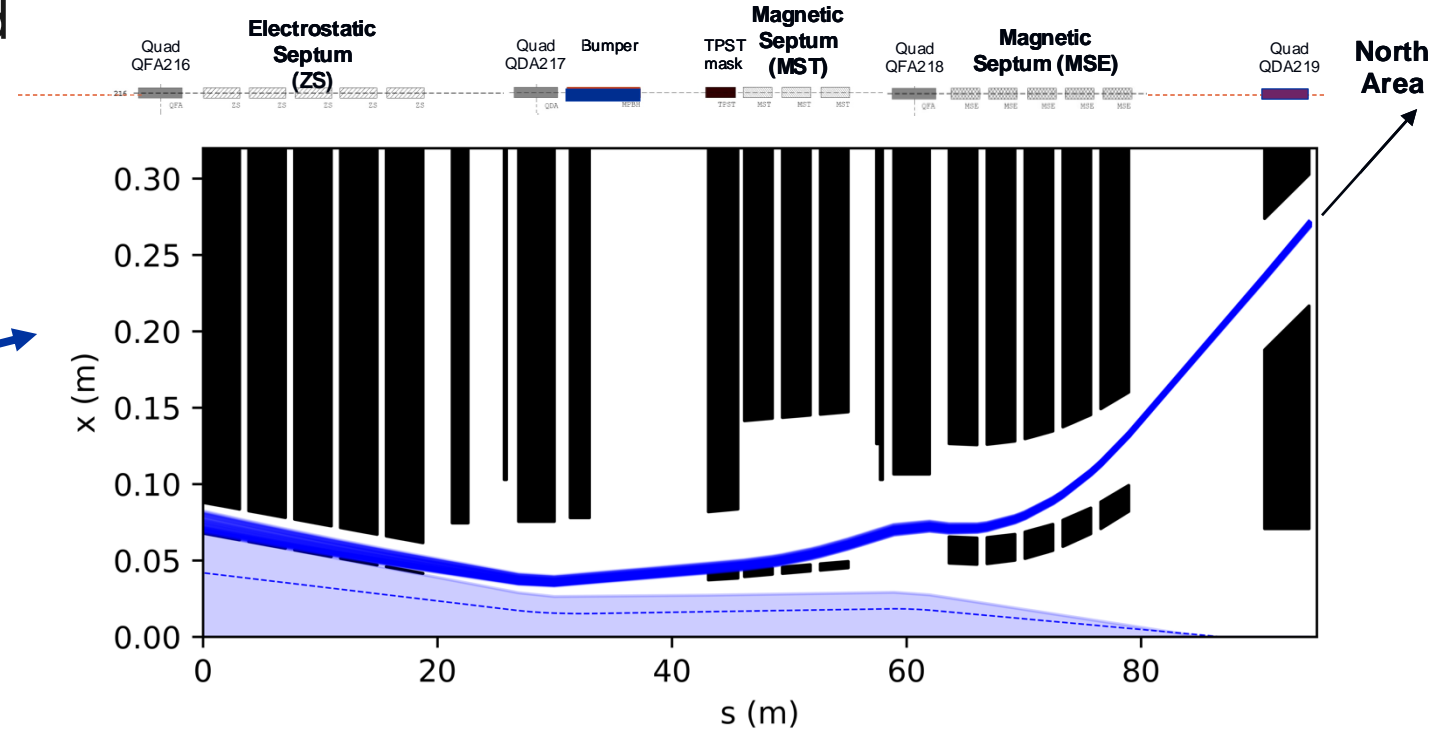
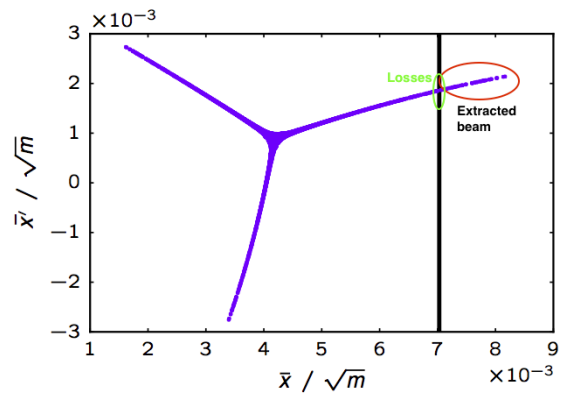
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SPS	North Area (SFTPRO)										LHC filling																Hysteresis / RMS current limits						
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SPS Slow Extraction

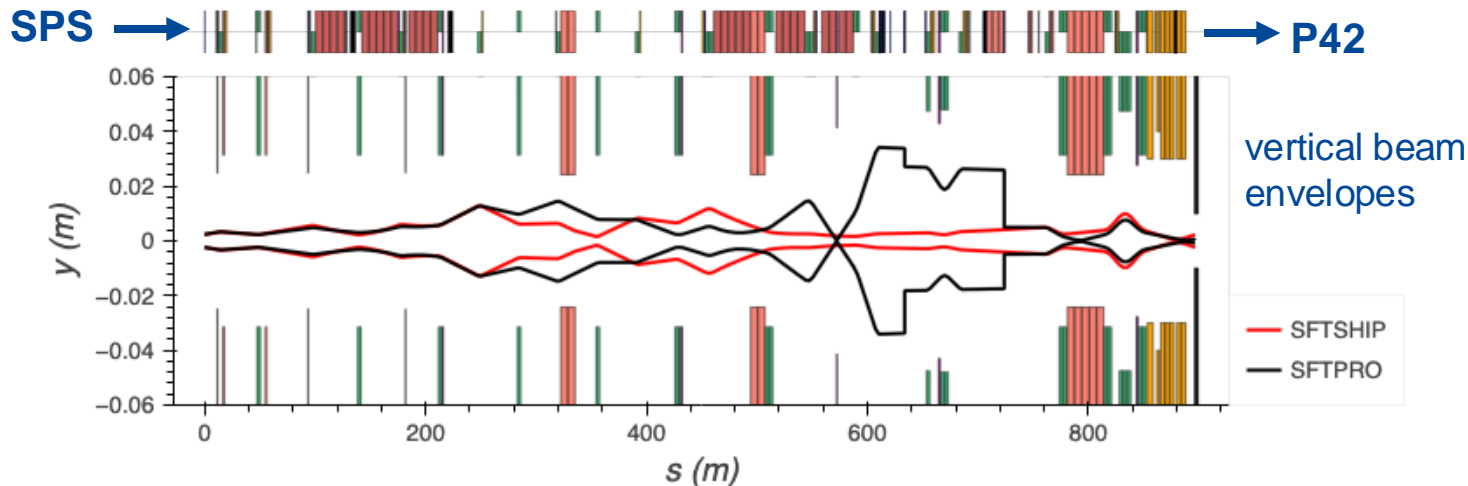
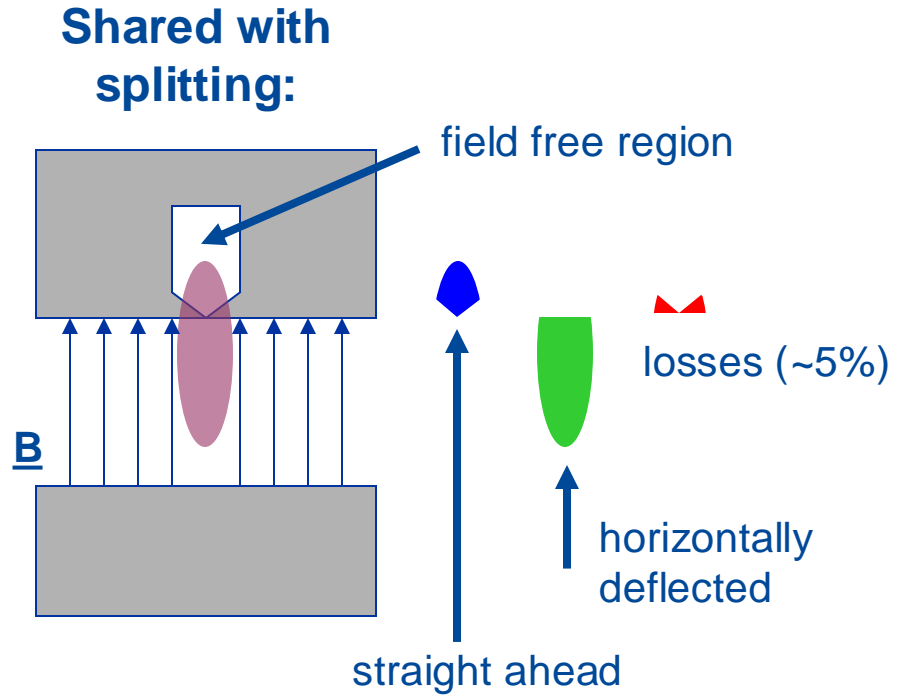
- The beam in the SPS is excited with a 3rd order resonance in the horizontal plane
- RF gymnastics are performed first to reduce momentum spread and give the most uniform distribution in time
- High amplitude particles are extracted with a thin electro-static septum
- The beam extracted is nominally **uniform in time** with no bunch structure

horizontal phase space

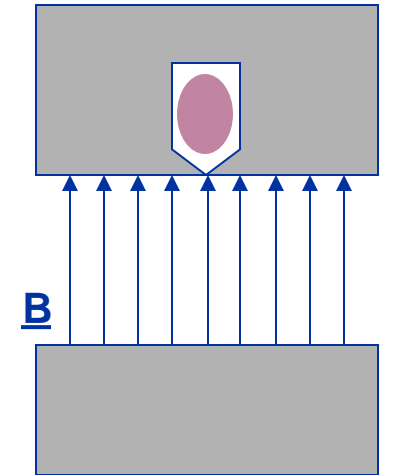


Shared and Dedicated Beam

- The beam from the SPS is normally split with magnetic splitters twice
 - the vertical position on the splitter determines the sharing ratio
 - the 3 beams are directed onto 3 targets producing 5 secondary beams and 1 left-over primary beam
- For BDF / SHiP, a new set of optics will be used that **bypass** the splitters **without splitting** (low losses)



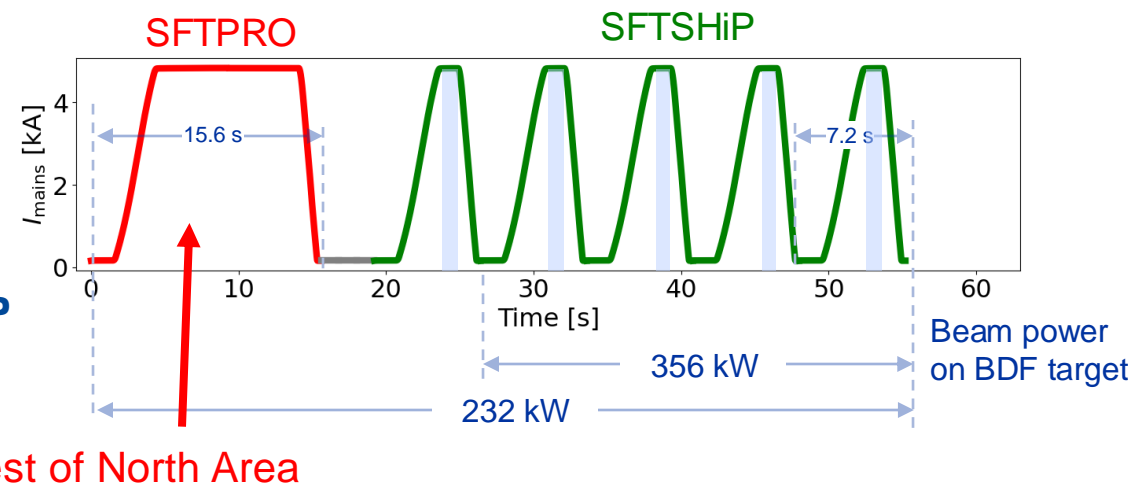
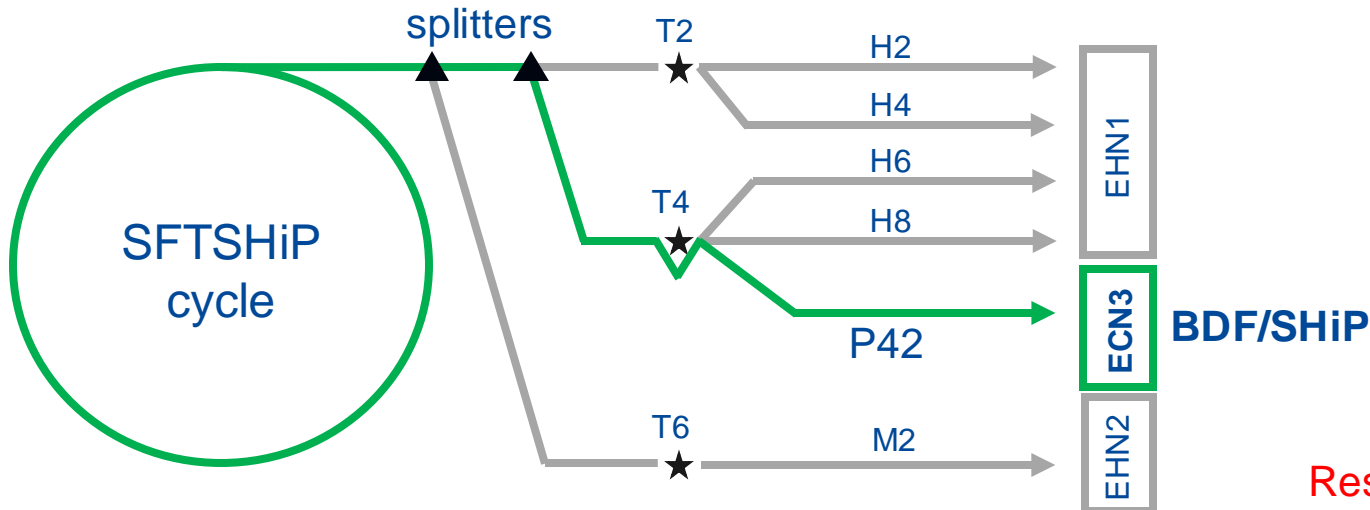
**Dedicated delivery:
no splitting**



BDF Beam and SPS Supercycle Composition

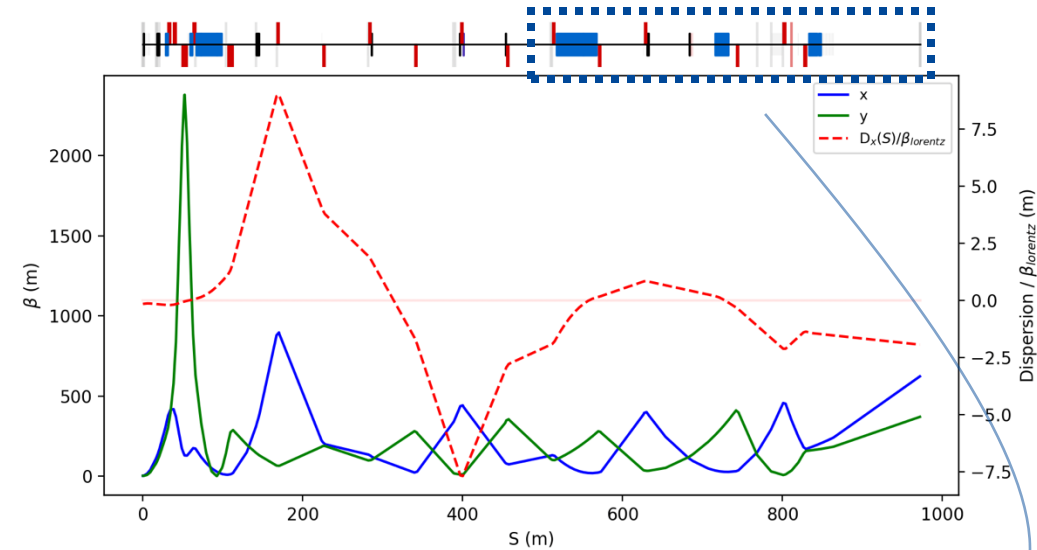
- Nominal 4×10^{13} protons in a 1s spill to BDF/SHiP
 - the 1 s of continuous beam is inside a 7.2 s overall cycle
- A study has shown 5×10^{13} protons / spill would mean ~40% more spills to other North Area users
 - MDs this year will investigate SPS intensity limits
 - previously operated at 4.8×10^{13} for CNGS (fast extraction)
 - greater North Area availability from a proton-sharing point of view

Nominal Design Parameter	Value
Beam type	proton
Beam momentum [GeV/c]	400
Beam pulse intensity [$\times 10^{13}$ p]	4.0
Spill length [s]	1
Beam pulse power [kW]	2560
Average beam power [kW] (7.2 s)	356
POT [$\times 10^{20}$ p over 15 years]	6.0

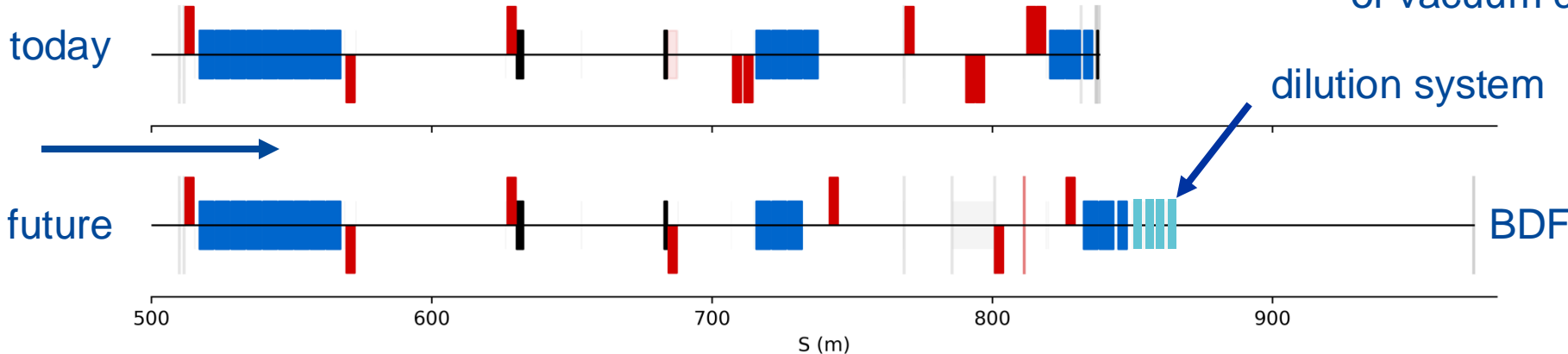


P42 Final Focus & Dilution System

- The beamline “P42” that delivers protons to ECN3 will be modified in the final 200 m
 - quadrupoles will be removed and shifted to create a much larger beam
 - beam size and ratio will be adjustable independently
 - 100 m from last magnet to front of BDF target
- A dilution system of N dipoles will sweep the beam in a circle
 - number of magnets / plane depends on possible failures and being studied
- No sweeping and a large beam size is possible, but we must stay clear of the aperture



Beam size can easily be produced from $\sigma = 1 - 20$ mm, but choice affects design of vacuum chamber



There will be beam halo and the aperture must be clear of this

Nominal and Accident Scenarios

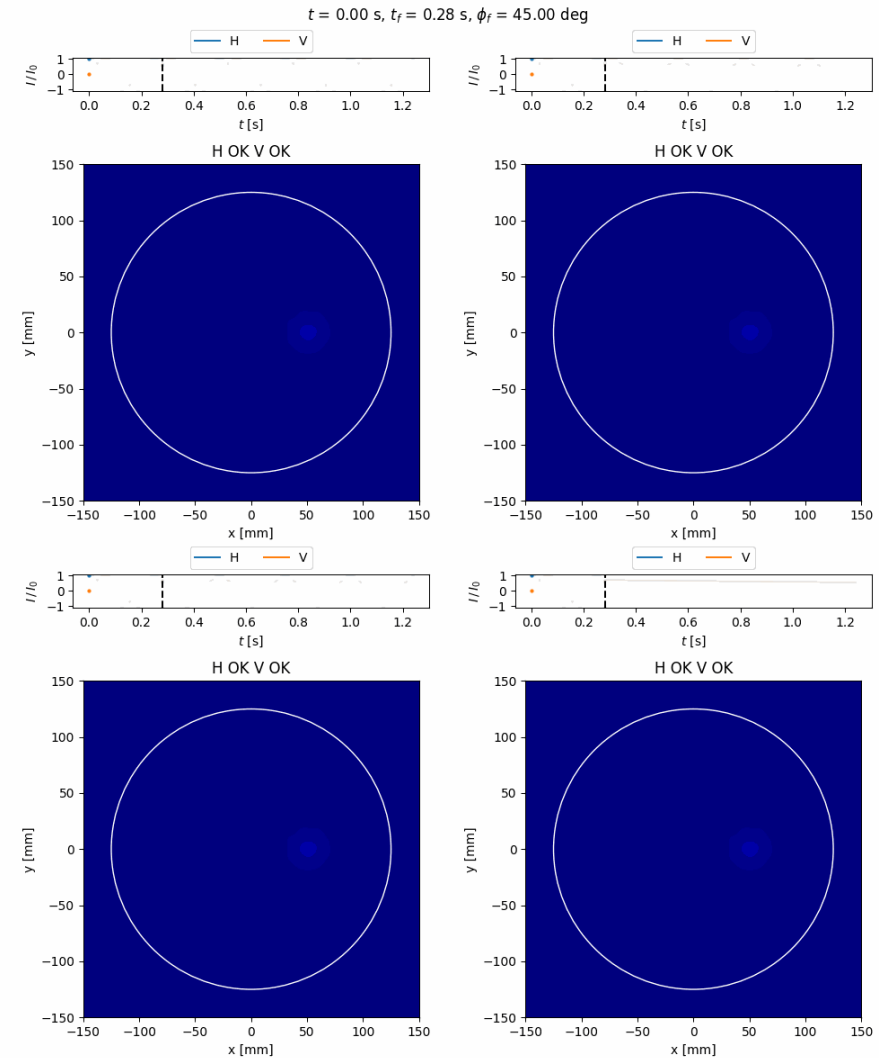
- Magnets along the beamline can fail
 - change in beam position and size as the field drops
- Beam loss monitors will be placed on each quadrupole to cut the beam quickly if losses high
- A crucial failure mode will be that of the dilution system magnets and power supplies

1 magnet per plane

2 magnets per plane

N failures	C1		C2			
	H	V	H1	H2	V1	V2
1	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green
2	Red	Red	Green	Green	Red	Red
3	-		Green	Red	Red	Red
4	-		Red	Red	Red	Red

Patterns on target vary depending on the magnet and exact time of failure



Beam Instrumentation Requirements

Beam Delivery & Experiment

- Beam position during spill
 - can be given after each spill to the experiment
 - ensure sweeping radius
- Beam intensity (< 3% absolute error)
- The strategy for beam instrumentation immediately before BDF is **being studied**
- Background for the experiment created by matter interaction with the beam being studied
 - muons far from the axis could possibly be captured into the experiment (to be studied)
- We must align the beam axis well w.r.t. the target and know the beam size and sweep radius
- Foresee an instrumentation package 10 - 20 m upstream of the front of the target
- Diagnostics must give feedback during the spill on a short time-scale
 - avoid slow, high-level software interlocks

Target

- Beam position to ensure sweeping
- Beam spot size each spill
- Avoid front-mounted diagnostics as complicated to access / maintain

Interlocking

- The baseline maximum intensity allowed without sweeping is 2×10^{12} protons
 - this corresponds to a maximum of a 50 ms spill at the nominal extraction intensity
- Fast interlocks can act on the time-scale of $O(100 \mu\text{s})$ and cut the SPS extraction
- The current of most transfer line power converters will be monitored
 - this includes the ramp across the spill to compensate for the shift in momentum
- Beam loss monitors (BLMs) will be placed beside each quadrupole and in key locations
- We will consider an independent method of verifying the beam sweeping pattern on the target
 - e.g. an independent current measurement
 - or, 4 beam loss monitors for position via asymmetry of back-splash



Tunnel Names

