# **Best Practices for ALARA**

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### **Safety Code F** – *Limitation*

#### Design and operation !

Category B: 6 mSv / yr

### **Radiation Workers**

- 3.2.1 The effective dose received in any consecutive 12-month period by any occupationally exposed person must not exceed 20 mSv.
- 3.4.1 All occupationally exposed persons are classified in one of two categories:
  - a) Category A: persons who may be exposed in the exercise of their profession to more than 3/10 of the limit in terms of effective dose in 12 consecutive months. Category A: 20 mSv / yr
  - b) Category B: persons who may be exposed in the exercise of their profession to less than 3/10 of the limit in terms of effective dose in 12 consecutive months.

### Others

3.2.3 The effective dose received in any consecutive 12-month period by persons not occupationally exposed must not exceed 1 mSv.

### Environment

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**4.2.1** The effective dose resulting from CERN's activities received by any person living or working outside the site boundaries must not exceed 0.3 mSv per year. This limit includes both external and internal exposure, the latter resulting from the intake of radio-active releases.



0.3 mSv / yr

## **Safety Code F** – *Limitation*

	Area	Dose limit	Ambient dose	equivalent rate	Sign Zone Controller Controller
		[year]	Work place	Low occupancy	CONTRôLÉE AREA
	Non-designated	1 mSv	0.5 µSv/h	2.5 µSv/h	
	Supervised	6 mSv	3 µSv/h	15 µSv/h	Dosimeter obligatory Statistics Principal Dosimètre obligatoire
Area	Simple	20 mSv	10 µSv/h	50 µSv/h	Dosimètre obligatory Statuter Projection
Radiation /	Limited Stay	20 mSv		2 mSv/h	LIMITED STAY SÉJOUR LIMITÉ Dosimeters obligatory Dosimètres obligatoires
Rad	High Radiation	20 mSv		100 mSv/h	Dosimeters obligatory Dosimètres obligatoires 🗑 🔊 निर्धायक Prinder HIGH RADIATION HAUTE RADIATION Dosimeters obligatory Dosimètres obligatoires 🗑 🗞 हिस्तंसक Prinder Dosimètres obligatoires
	Prohibited	20 mSv		> 100 mSv/h	PROHIBITED AREA ZONE INTERDITE No Entry Défense d'entrer

- Total number of working hours per year: 2000 hours (*example:* Supervised Area 3 µSv/h × 2000 h = 6 mSv)
- Low-occupancy: < 20% of working time





Design and operation !

#### 2.3 Optimisation

- 2.3.1 The principle of optimisation of radiation protection is defined as a process to keep the magnitude of individual doses and the number of people exposed As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) below the appropriate dose limits, economic and social factors being taken into account.
- **2.3.2** ALARA must be applied by means of optimisation, which is the balancing of constraints on individual doses, risks, number of persons involved, cost of protection measures and consequences of potential failures.
- 2.3.3 A practice is considered as optimised when:

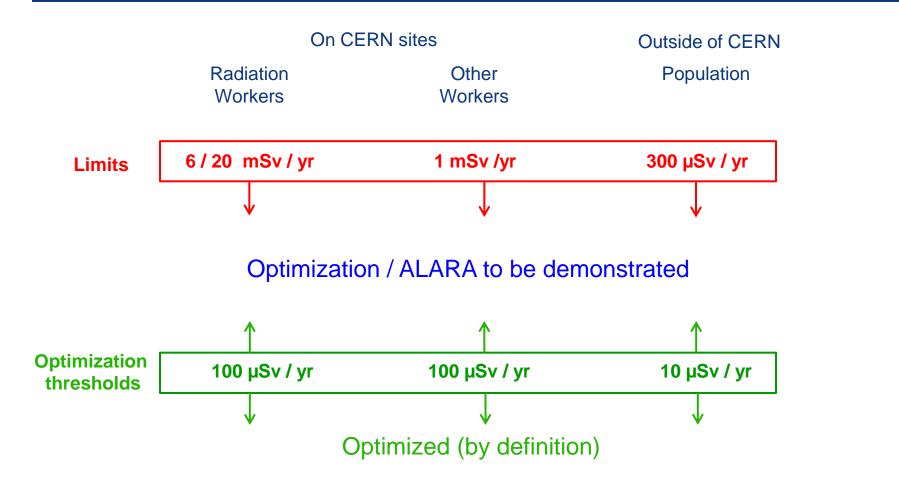
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- a) Different appropriate measures have been evaluated and judged against each other from the radiation protection viewpoint,
- b) The decisional process leading to the chosen solution is documented,
- c) The risk of failures has been taken into account and
- d) The long-term consequences for activated material (re-use or final disposal) have been properly managed.
- 2.3.4 Optimisation can be considered as respected if the practice never gives rise to an annual dose above 100  $\mu$ Sv for persons exposed because of their own professional activity or 10  $\mu$ Sv for circumstances not linked with their own professional activity and for members of the general public.

Workers on CERN site **100 µSv / yr** Outside of CERN (environment) **10 µSv / yr** 



### Safety Code F – Limitation / Optimization





# **Radiological quantities**

#### 1. Periods of beam operation

- dose equivalent to personnel by stray radiation in accessible areas (example: dose in counting rooms of LHC experiments during operation)
- activation of effluents and air and their release into the environment as well as the resulting annual dose to the reference groups of the population (example: dose to reference group in the vicinity of LHC Point 1 after LS3)
- dose equivalent to personnel and environment in case of abnormal operation or accidents (examples: dose in counting rooms of LHC experiments during full beam loss, dose impact of fire)

#### 2. Beam-off periods

- radioactivity induced by beam losses in beam-line components and related residual dose equivalent rates (example: dose equivalent rate maps in the UX and LSS)
- individual and collective doses to personnel during interventions on activated beam-line components or experiments (*example: predictions of individual and collective dose for magnet exchange*)

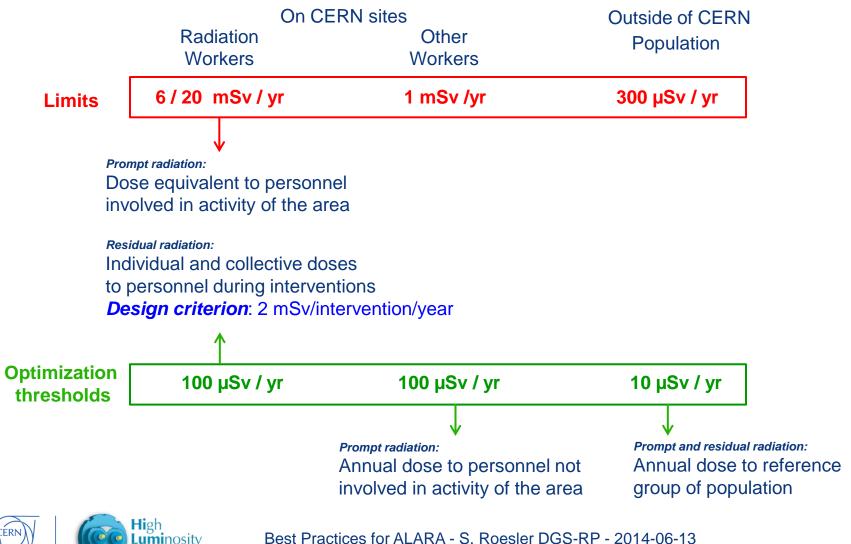
#### 3. Decommissioning

· radionuclide inventory for waste disposal



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### **Optimization during design**



### **Intervention doses** – *Methodology*

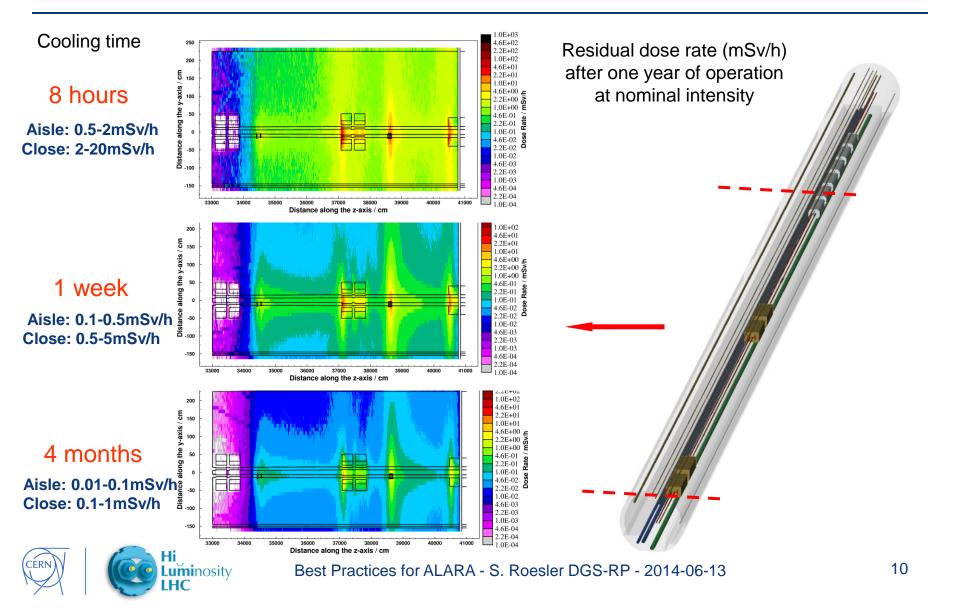
- 1. Calculation of residual dose rate maps
  - for cooling times typical for interventions on the respective component
  - based on nominal operational parameters
  - definition of geometry and materials as detailed as needed (and available)
- 2. Calculation of individual and collective intervention doses
  - based on as realistic as possible work scenarios, including locations, duration, number of persons involved,..
  - identification of cooling times below which work will be impossible (design criterion: 2 mSv/intervention/year)
  - communication of results and constraints to equipment groups
- 3. Revision of design and/or work scenario
  - start with work steps that give highest individual or collective doses
  - consider optimization measures (distance, tooling, material choices, etc.)
  - identify if remote handling is possible

Start of iteration:

New design ?  $\longrightarrow$  Step 1 Revised work scenario ?  $\longrightarrow$  Step 2



### Intervention doses – Example: LHC collimators



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#### 1. Work by collimation team

Exchange of a Collimator - People Intervening on the Collimator only								
. <i></i>	Time per		Individu	ial Dose /	Person [	[mSv]		# of
Actions	person	1h	8h	1d	1w	1m	4m	Persons
Transport material	10	0.129	0.084	0.045	0.010	0.006	0.003	2
Close manual water valve	1	0.063	0.041	0.034	0.020	0.010	0.005	1
Connect water circuit to pressurized air	1	0.063	0.041	0.034	0.020	0.010	0.005	1
Purge water circuit with air	5	0.232	0.136	0.085	0.032	0.020	0.010	1
Position transport material	2	0.117	0.073	0.057	0.030	0.017	0.007	1
Fix lifting equipment to collimator tank	3	0.375	0.304	0.239	0.153	0.086	0.035	2
Lift the collimator	2	0.125	0.082	0.068	0.040	0.021	0.010	1
place the collimator on the transport unit	2	0.117	0.073	0.057	0.030	0.017	0.007	1
Move the faulty collimator	1	0.046	0.027	0.017	0.006	0.004	0.002	1
Position replacement collimator	1	0.059	0.036	0.028	0.015	0.008	0.003	1
Fix lifting equipment to collimator tank	3	0.176	0.109	0.085	0.045	0.025	0.010	2
Lift the collimator	2	0.135	0.096	0.077	0.042	0.024	0.010	1
Install the collimator with quick plug in	5	0.625	0.506	0.398	0.254	0.143	0.058	2
Check electrical connections	2	0.250	0.202	0.159	0.102	0.057	0.023	1
Open manual water valve	1	0.063	0.041	0.034	0.020	0.010	0.005	1
Check water connections, flow	2	0.125	0.082	0.068	0.040	0.021	0.010	1
Other Person Waiting	22	1.287	0.799	0.623	0.329	0.183	0.077	1
Transport out of material	10	0.129	0.084	0.045	0.010	0.006	0.003	2
1st Person	53	2.7	1.9	1.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	
2nd Person	53	2.8	2.0	1.5	0.9	0.5	0.2	
Collective Dose	106	5.5	3.9	3.0	1.7	0.9	0.4	



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### Intervention doses – Example: LHC collimators

#### 2. Work by vacuum team

		Accumulated Dose (mSv)			V)		
Intervention	<b>Duration / min</b>	1h	8h	1d	1w	1m	4m
CF	flanges with bol	lts					
Collimator exchange (leak)	180	6.2	4.3	3.1	1.5	0.8	0.4
Collimator exchange (failure)	155	5.1	3.5	2.6	1.2	0.7	0.3
Dismounting of 2nd beam-line	150	4.9	3.3	2.4	1.1	0.6	0.3
CF flanges with chain clamps							
Collimator exchange (leak)	136	4.1	2.9	2.0	0.9	0.5	0.2
Collimator exchange (failure)	111	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.6	0.4	0.2
Dismounting of 2nd beam-line	106	2.8	1.9	1.4	0.6	0.3	0.2

using vacuum connections with chain clamps reduces the individual dose by almost 40%

Additional dose for the bake out of a single vacuum Sector in IR7									
A - 11 - 11 -	Time per	Accumulated Dose / Person [mSv/person]							
Actions	person	1h	8h	1d	1w	1m	4m		
Transportation of the material (tooling box, and	20	0.258	0.168	0.090	0.020	0.013	0.006		
Checking of the thermocouplers (~72 permanently	15	0.590	0.428	0.280	0.124	0.075	0.032		
Installation of heating jackets	220	8.653	6.270	4.107	1.815	1.096	0.473		
Bake out follow up		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000		
Using the existing controllers	20	0.787	0.570	0.373	0.165	0.100	0.043		
Using the new design PLC controllers									
Conditioning of the vacuum instrumentation and	15	0.590	0.428	0.280	0.124	0.075	0.032		
Disconnection of the bake out, bake out removal	50	1.967	1.425	0.933	0.413	0.249	0.108		
Transportation of the material (tooling box and	20	0.258	0.168	0.090	0.020	0.013	0.006		
Not Permanent	360	13.1	9.5	6.2	2.7	1.6	0.7		
Permanent	90	2.5	1.8	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.1		
Collective Dose [mSv]									
Not I	26.2	18.9	12.3	5.4	3.2	1.4			
	5.0	3.5	2.2	0.9	0.5	0.2			

a permanent bake-out equipment lowers the individual and collective dose by a factor of five



#### 4. Summary of work of all involved groups

Actions	Indiv	vidual Dose / mSv	Collective Dose / mSv						
Actions	Time	1h 8h 1d 1w 1m 4m	Number 1h	8h 1d	1w 1m 4m				
Collimator Exchange (Collimator)									
Collimator exchange (old scenario!)	74	4.8 3.4 2.7 1.6 0.9 0.4	2 9.5	6.9 5.4	3.2 1.8 0.8				
Collimator exchange (new scenario!) 1st person	53	2.7 1.9 1.4 0.8 0.5 0.2	1-2 5.5	3.9 3.0	1.7 0.9 0.4				
Collimator exchange (new scenario!) 2nd person	53	2.8 2.0 1.5 0.9 0.5 0.2	1-2 5.5	3.9 3.0	1.7 0.9 0.4				
Vacuum	Intervent	tion (CF flanges with bolts	)						
Collimator exchange (due to a failure)	155	5.1 3.5 2.6 1.2 0.7 0.3	2 12.3	8.5 6.2	2.9 1.7 0.7				
Dismounting of 2nd beam-line	150	4.9 3.3 2.4 1.1 0.6 0.3	2 9.7	6.6 4.9	2.3 1.3 0.6				
Vacuum Inte	rvention (	(CF flanges with chain cla	mps)						
Collimator exchange (due to a failure)	111	3.1 2.1 1.5 0.6 0.4 0.2	2 10.2	7.0 5.1	2.4 1.4 0.6				
Dismounting of 2nd beam-line	106	2.8 1.9 1.4 0.6 0.3 0.2	2 9.7	6.6 4.9	2.3 1.3 0.6				
Vacuum Inte	rvention -	- Bakeout (different work g	roup)						
not permanent	360	13.1 9.5 6.2 2.7 1.6 0.7	2 26.2	18.9 12.3	5.4 3.2 1.4				
permanent	90	2.5 1.8 1.1 0.5 0.3 0.1	2 5.0	3.5 2.2	0.9 0.5 0.2				
Radiation Protection (Estimate as g	etting hal <sup>.</sup>	If of the dose of one perso	n participating	g in each s	tep)				
Collimator exchange	53	1.4 0.9 0.7 0.4 0.2 0.1	1 1.4	0.9 0.7	0.4 0.2 0.1				
1st Vacuum Intervention - bolts	155	2.6 1.7 1.3 0.6 0.3 0.2	1 2.6	1.7 1.3	0.6 0.3 0.2				
1st Vacuum Intervention (2nd b.)- bolts	150	2.4 1.7 1.2 0.6 0.3 0.1	1 2.4	1.7 1.2	0.6 0.3 0.1				
1st Vacuum Intervention - chain cl.	111	1.5 1.1 0.8 0.3 0.2 0.1	1 1.5	1.1 0.8	0.3 0.2 0.1				
1st Vacuum Intervention (2nd b.)- ch.cl.	106	1.4 1.0 0.7 0.3 0.2 0.1	1 1.4	1.0 0.7	0.3 0.2 0.1				
during bakeout (not permanent)	360	6.6 4.7 3.1 1.3 0.8 0.3	1 6.6	4.7 3.1	1.3 0.8 0.3				
during bakeout (permanent)	90	1.2 0.9 0.6 0.2 0.1 0.1	1 1.2	0.9 0.6	0.2 0.1 0.1				

**Conclusions:** 

- minimum waiting time at least one week
- use of quick-connect flanges necessary
- installation of permanent bake-out equipment is important





# **Optimization during design** – Design Options

### 1. Material choice

- Low activation properties to reduce residual doses and minimize radioactive waste (optimization with ActiWiz code, see below)
- Avoid materials for which no radioactive waste elimination pathway exists (e.g., highly flammable metallic activated waste)
- Radiation resistant

#### 2. Optimized handling

- Easy access to components that need manual intervention (e.g., valves, electrical connectors) or complex manipulation (e.g., cables)
- Provisions for fast installation/maintenance/repair, in particular, around beam loss areas (*e.g.*, plugin systems, quick-connect flanges, remote survey, remote bake-out)
- Foresee easy dismantling of components
- 3. Limitation of installed material

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- Install only components that are absolutely necessary, in particular in beam loss areas
- Reduction of radioactive waste



### **Optimization during design** – *Material choice*

Goal:

- Minimize doses received by personnel during maintenance and repair
  - Reduce downtime due to faster access and less restrictions for manipulation
  - Reduce costs for waste disposal
- Consider radiological hazards in the choice of construction materials

Tool to optimize material choices:



#### (Authors: C.Theis and Helmut Vincke)

- Computer code based on a risk model using pre-calculated FLUKA results. Considers external exposure and radioactive waste disposal
- Provides radiological hazard assessment for arbitrary materials within a few seconds
- Catalogue, produced with ActiWiz, listing pre-processed risk factors for typical accelerator construction materials as well as natural elements
- Web-based catalogue (ActiWeb) allowing user friendly comparison of pre-processed materials

Materials not available in the catalogue can be processed with ActiWiz

Web-site: https://actiwiz.web.cern.ch/

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### **Optimization during design** – *ActiWiz*

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Elements - Equal mass	Activation occurring adjacent to the beam impact area	o bulky material (e.g. magnet) surrounding	14 GeV/c
Elements - Equal volume	Activation occurring close to the material)	e concrete tunnel wall (beam loss in bulky	1.4 GeV 800 MeV 160 MeV
	Activation occurring behind mas	ssive concrete shielding	Energy independent
	Activation occurring at 10 cm la	iteral distance to target	
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### **Optimization during design** – *ActiWiz*

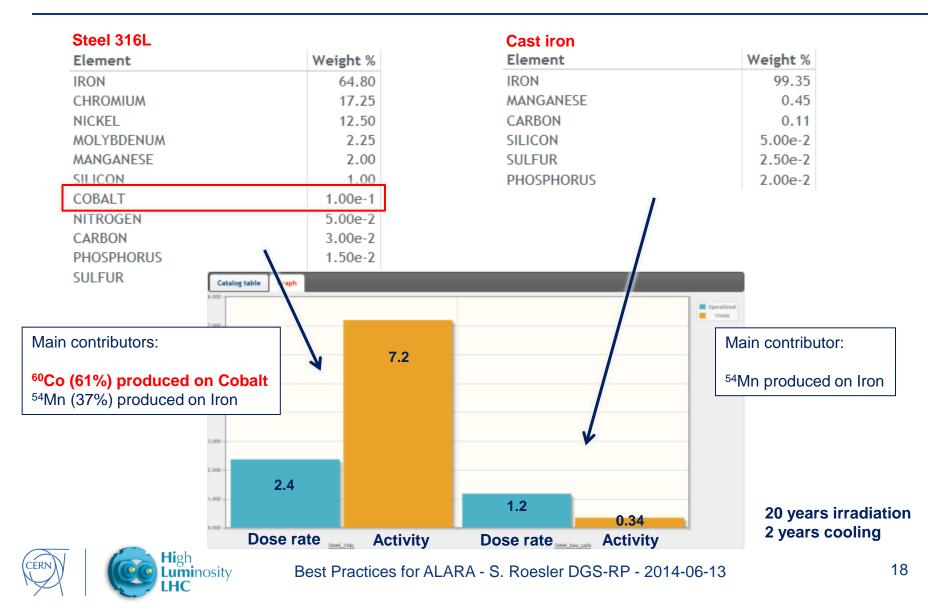
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compound	Operational ᅌ	Waste ᅌ	Operational 💠	Waste :						
Aluminium_2219	0.51	0.58	0.24	0.58	0.16	0.56	0.43	0.41	0.28	0.51
Aluminium_5083	0.50	0.43	0.23	0.43	0.14	0.41	0.43	0.29	0.27	0.37
Aluminium_6060	0.50	0.41	0.23	0.40	0.13	0.39	0.40	0.28	0.25	0.36
Aluminium_6061	0.50	0.41	0.23	0.41	0.13	0.40	0.40	0.28	0.25	0.36
Aluminium_6082	0.49	0.41	0.23	0.41	0.13	0.39	0.41	0.28	0.26	0.36
Aluminium_ALUMAN	0.50	0.40	0.23	0.40	0.14	0.39	0.41	0.28	0.26	0.36
Aluminium_PERALU	0.49	0.42	0.23	0.42	0.14	0.40	0.41	0.28	0.26	0.37
Brass_CuZn37	0.76	2.48	0.79	2.48	1.42	2.43	1.86	1.93	1.35	2.28
Brass_CuZn39Pb3	0.80	2.47	0.82	2.47	1.41	2.42	1.83	2.05	1.35	2.31
Concrete_Barite	0.26	4.01	0.24	4.01	0.20	4.02	0.33	5.71	0.26	4.58
Concrete_BaronBarite	0.24	3.91	0.21	3.91	0.17	3.91	0.29	5.56	0.22	4.46
Concrete_CERF	4.45e-2	0.23	2.70e-2	0.23	3.51e-2	0.22	0.11	0.21	5.87e-2	0.22
Concrete_HighIron01	0.22	0.42	0.26	0.42	0.34	0.42	0.44	0.49	0.35	0.44
Concrete_HighIron02	0.34	0.48	0.46	0.48	0.60	0.48	0.78	0.55	0.61	0.50
Concrete_LHCb	4.20e-2	0.23	2.57e-2	0.23	3.52e-2	0.23	0.12	0.21	6.01e-2	0.22
Copper_CuAl10Fe5Ni5C	0.77	2.66	0.75	2.66	1.23	2.60	1.68	2.06	1.22	2.44
Copper_CuBe_C17200	0.68	3.20	0.72	3.20	1.28	3.14	1.78	2.45	1.26	2.93
Copper_CuBe_C17410	0.71	3.55	0.75	3.54	1.34	3.47	1.92	2.68	1.33	3.23
Copper_CuCr1Zr	0.75	3.17	0.79	3.17	1.39	3.10	1.91	2.43	1.36	2.90
Copper_CuDHP	0.74	3.20	0.78	3.20	1.39	3.13	1.92	2.44	1.37	2.93
Copper_CuETP	0.74	3.20	0.78	3.20	1.38	3.13	1.91	2.44	1.36	2.92
Copper_CuFe2P	0.73	3.13	0.78	3.13	1.37	3.07	1.88	2.40	1.34	2.87
Copper_CuNi10Fe1Mn	0.87	3.00	0.96	3.00	1.67	2.94	2.13	2.31	1.59	2.75
Copper_CuNi1P	0.75	3.17	0.80	3.17	1.41	3.11	1.93	2.43	1.38	2.90
Copper_CuNi1Si	0.76	3.15	0.80	3.15	1.42	3.09	1.94	2.41	1.38	2.88
Copper_CuNi9Sn2	0.87	3.33	0.95	3.33	1.65	3.26	2.17	2.56	1.59	3.05
Copper_CuOF	0.74	3.20	0.78	3.20	1.39	3.13	1.91	2.45	1.36	2.93
Copper_CuOFE	0.74	3.20	0.78	3.20	1.39	3.13	1.91	2.45	1.36	2.93
Copper_CuSn015	0.74	3.20	0.78	3.19	1.39	3.13	1.92	2.44	1.36	2.92
Copper_CuSP	0.74	3.19	0.78	3.18	1.38	3.12	1.91	2.44	1.35	2.91
Copper_CuZn05	0.74	3.19	0.78	3.19	1.39	3.12	1.92	2.44	1.36	2.92
Copper GLIDCOP	0.74	3.20	0.78	3.19	1.38	3.13	1.91	2.44	1.36	2.92



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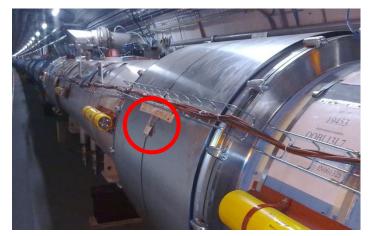
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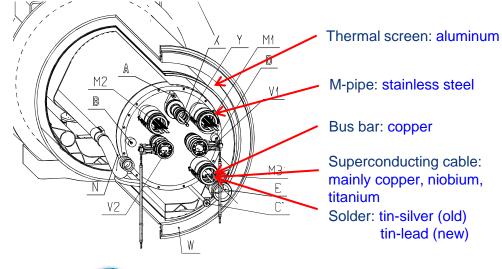
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### **Monitoring of activation** – *Material samples*

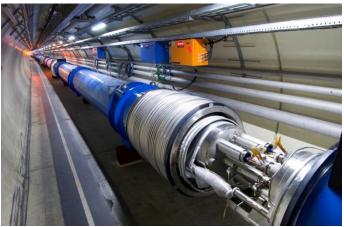
#### **Example: interconnections**

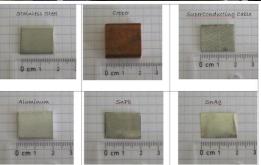




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- samples put in plastic bags and attached to the outside of interconnections
- in total 148 bags at most critical and representative positions

### **Operational scenario**

	Year of LHC Operation	Peak / levelled luminosity [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	Integrated Iuminosity [fb <sup>-1</sup> ]
	≤2012	0.8E+34	30
LS1			
	2015	1.45E+34	35
	2016	1.65E+34	50
	2017	1.75E+34	50
LS2			
	2019	2.0E+34	25
	2020	2.0E+34	60
	2021	2.0E+34	60
LS3			
	2024	5.0E+34	150
	2025	5.0E+34	250
	2026	5.0E+34	250
LS4			
	2028	5.0E+34	200
	2029	5.0E+34	250
	2030	5.0E+34	250
LS5			
	2032	5.0E+34	200
	2033	5.0E+34	250
	2034	5.0E+34	250
	2035	5.0E+34	250

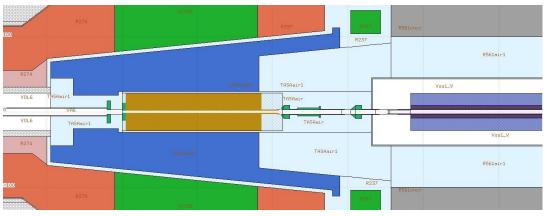


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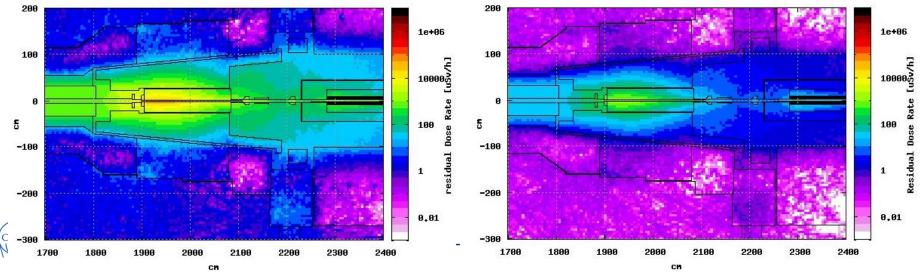
### **Dose rates** – *LS1*

#### **Example:** TAS at Point 5

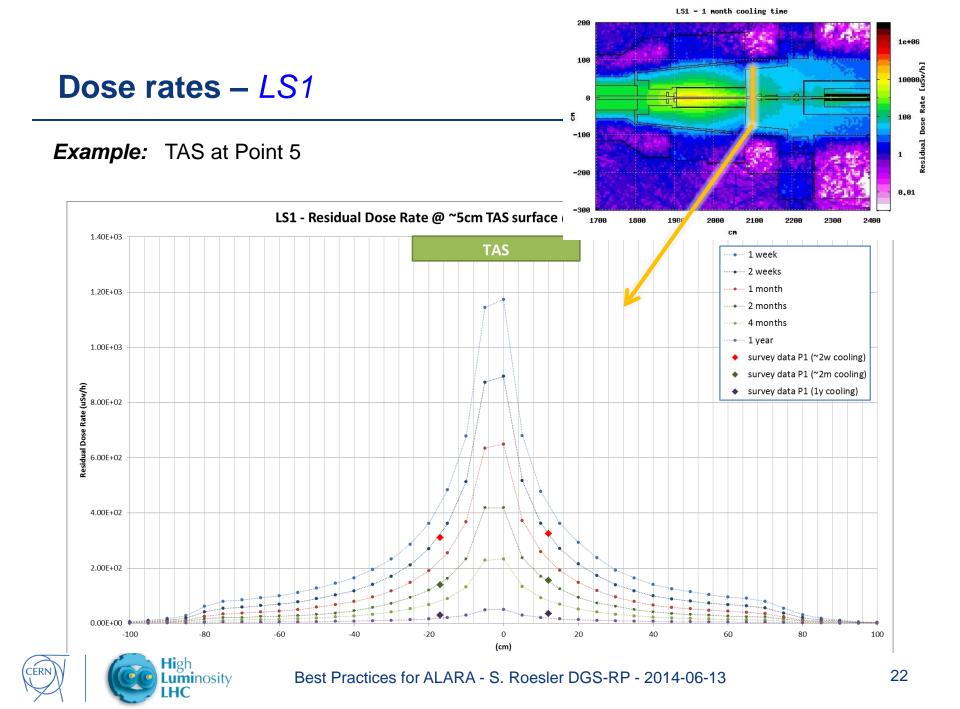


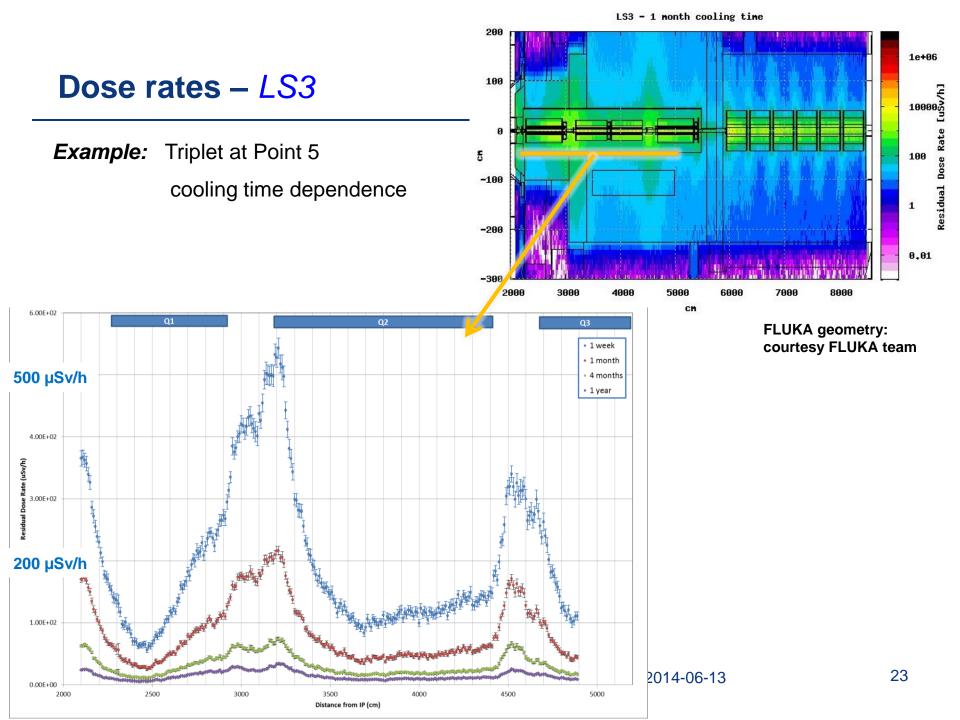
FLUKA geometry: courtesy FLUKA team

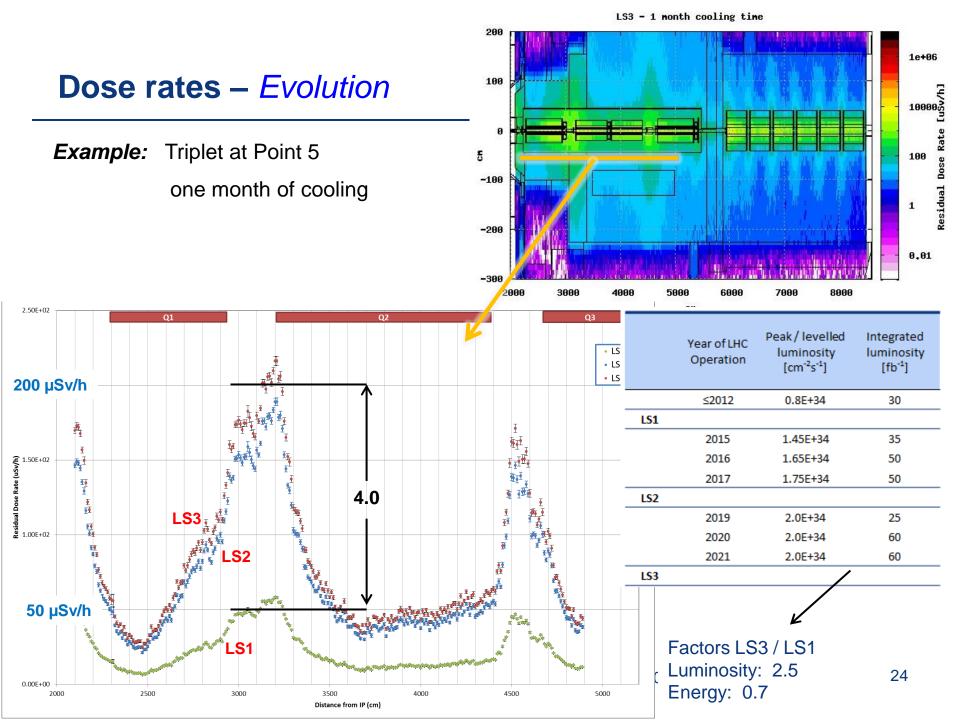


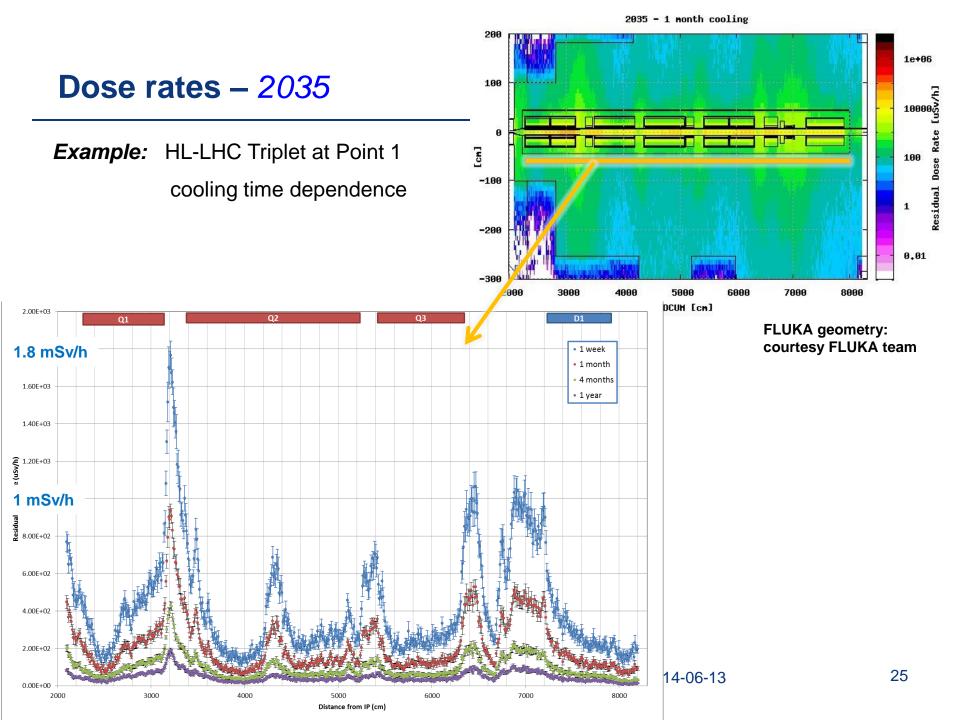


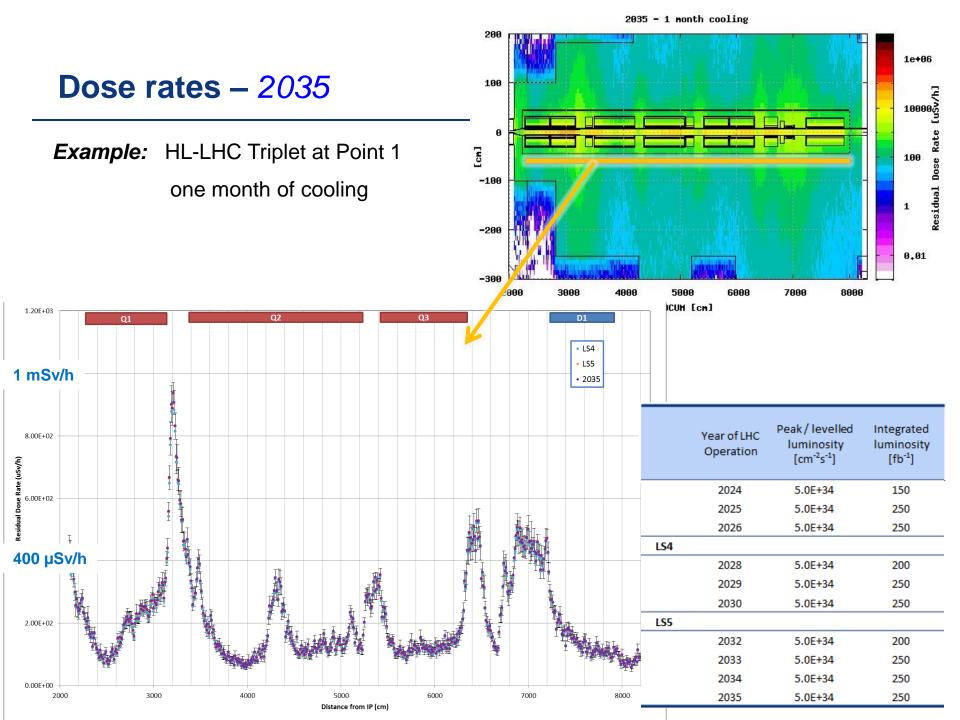
LS1 - 1 year cooling time



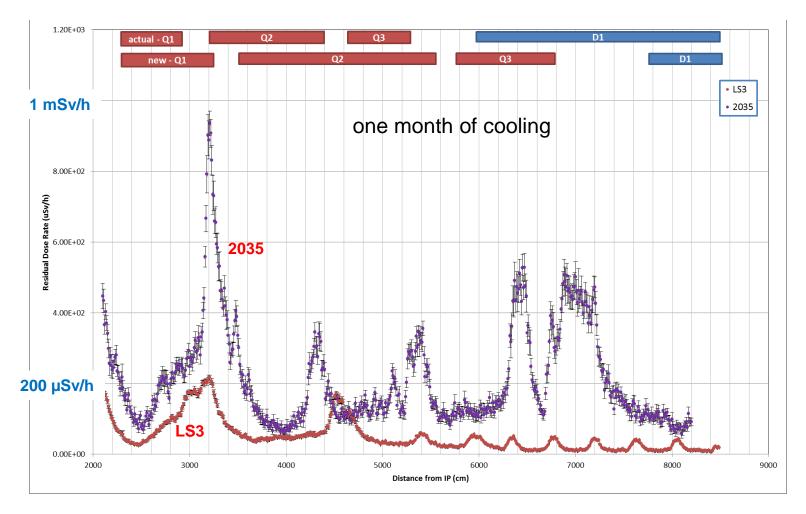








### **Dose rates** – *LS3 vs. 2035*





# Summary

- Optimization / ALARA is a legal requirement and starts with the design of a facility. A wide range of options, tools and models is available to achieve this goal.
- Optimization of the design is applied since many years for the LHC.
- The residual dose rate increase until LS3 depends on operational scenario, cooling time and material and is about a factor of 4 for the above mentioned conditions.
- Residual doses beyond LS3 depend (in addition) strongly on the new layout of installed components. Thus, scaling factors can only be reliably given for sections of the accelerator or experiments that will not change in LS3.
- Updated residual dose rate results are available for the present LSS1/5 and are being computed for the HL-LHC upgrade (thanks to the FLUKA team for sharing inputs!).

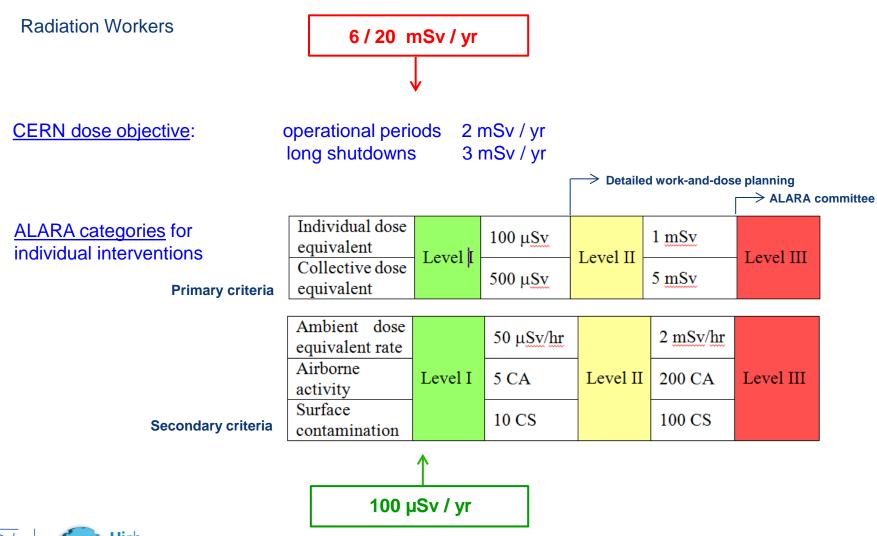




# Additional information



## **Optimization during operation –** *ALARA procedure*



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