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# Proton throughput in the LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU) era

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# Outline of the talk



- **CERN's accelerator complex**
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- **Foreseen proton throughput including LIU upgrades**
  - Outlook for non-LHC physics users (existing and future?)
  - General considerations
    - Optimisation of the delivery rates
    - Limitations and challenges
- **Conclusions**

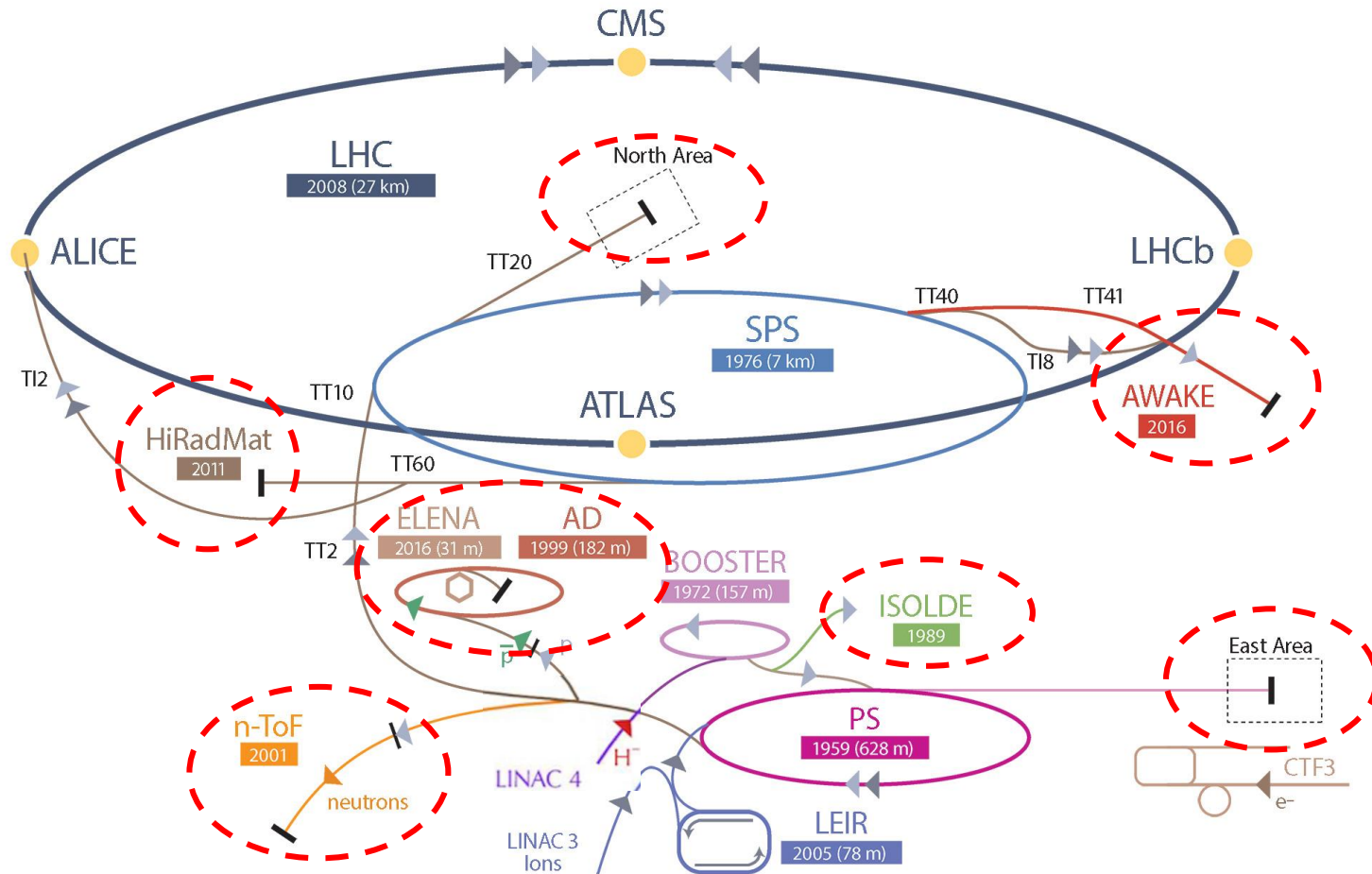




# CERN accelerator complex



CERN's Accelerator Complex



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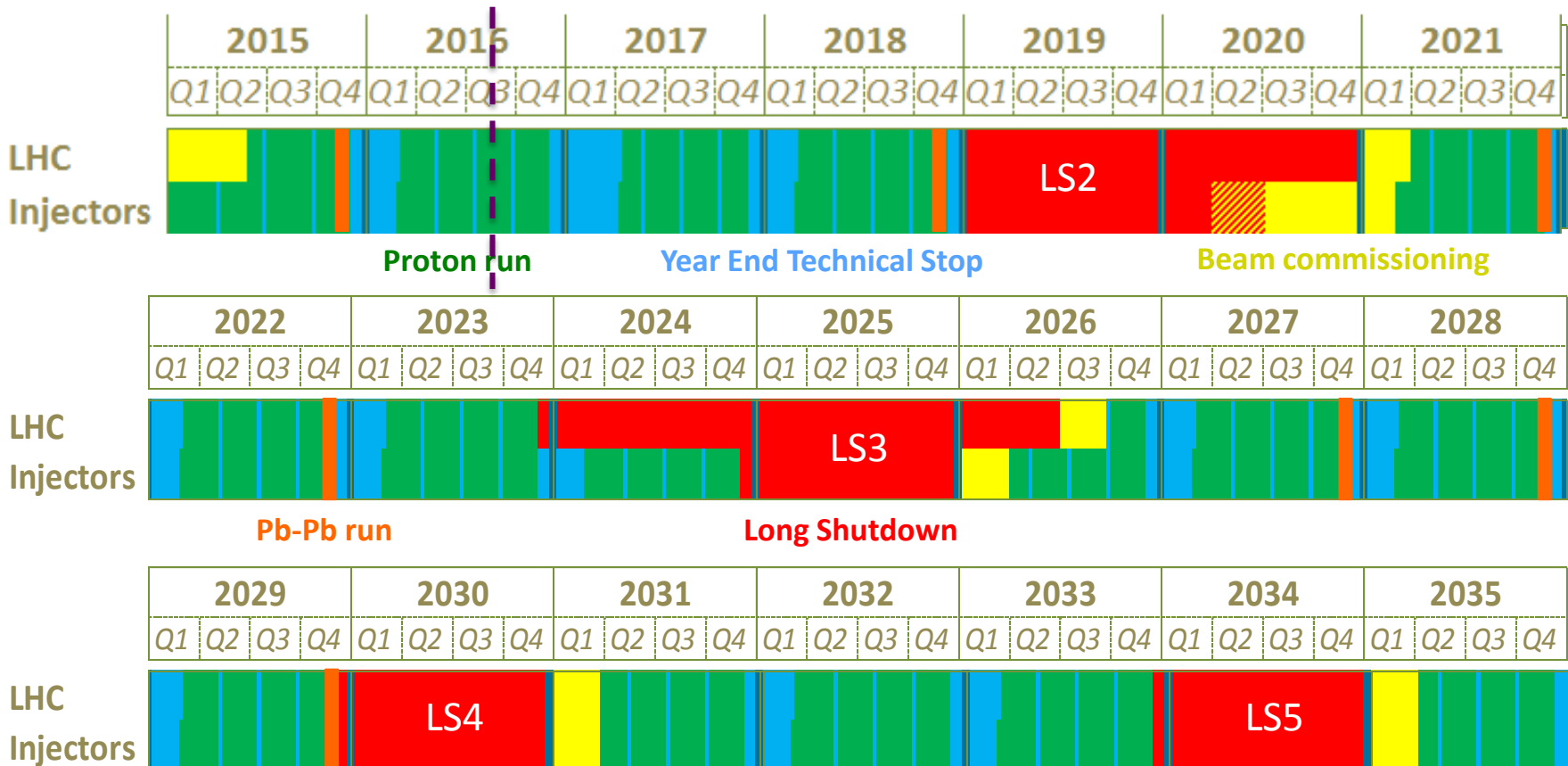




# Timelines up to 2035



- **LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU) installations during Long Shutdown 2**
  - Preparation (studies, hardware design/production) until LS2
  - LIU beam commissioning during Run 3
- **High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) installations during Long Shutdown 3**





# LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU)



## ⇒ AIM of the project

- Increase intensity/brightness in the injectors for **LHC beams** to match High Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC) requirements
- Increase **injector reliability and lifetime** to cover HL-LHC run (until ~2035)

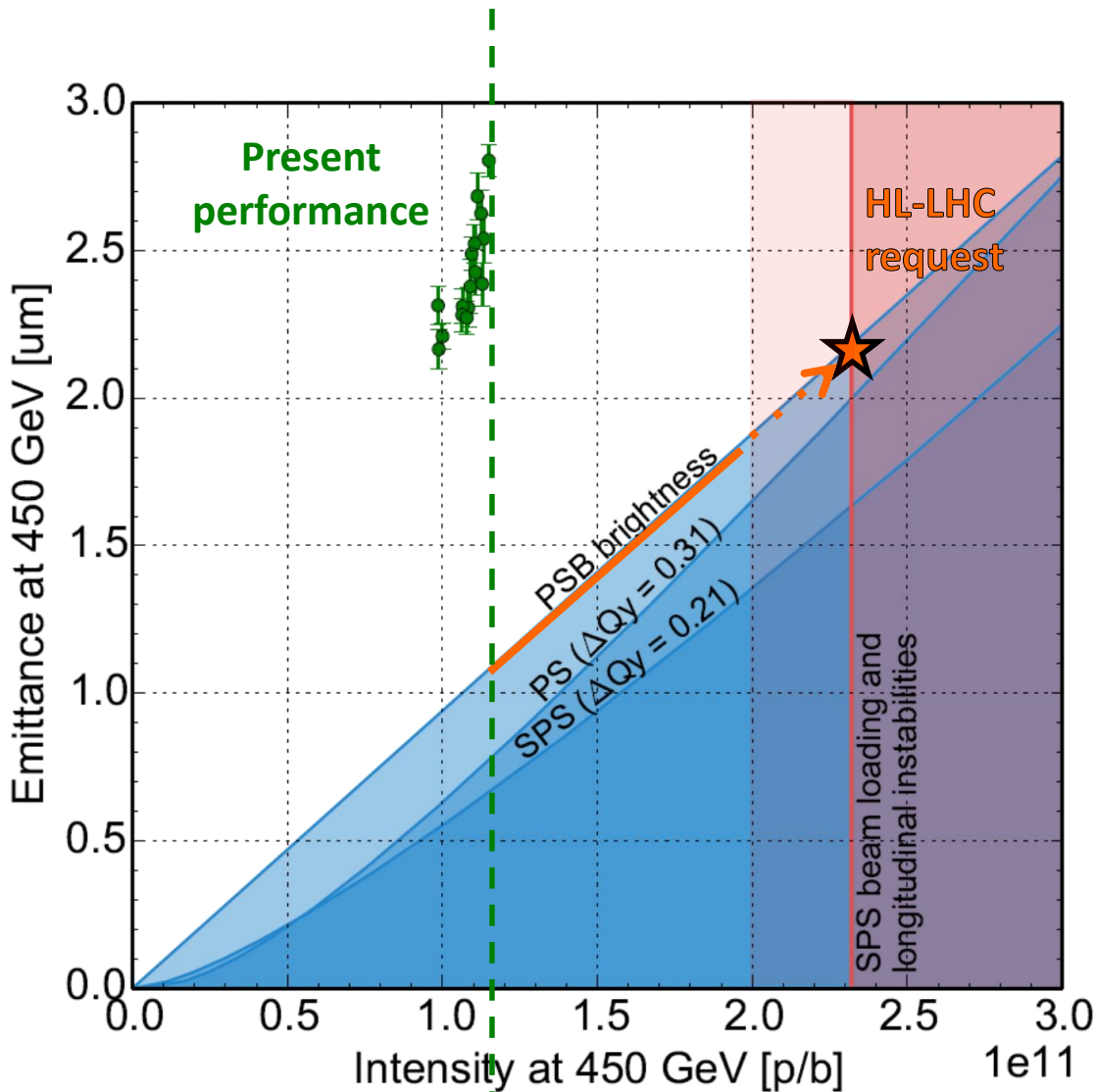
## • Main baseline items

- Replace Linac2 with **Linac4** → H<sup>-</sup> charge exchange injection at 160 MeV into the PS-Booster
- **2 GeV** PS-Booster to PS transfer
- **Upgrade of main RF system** in SPS





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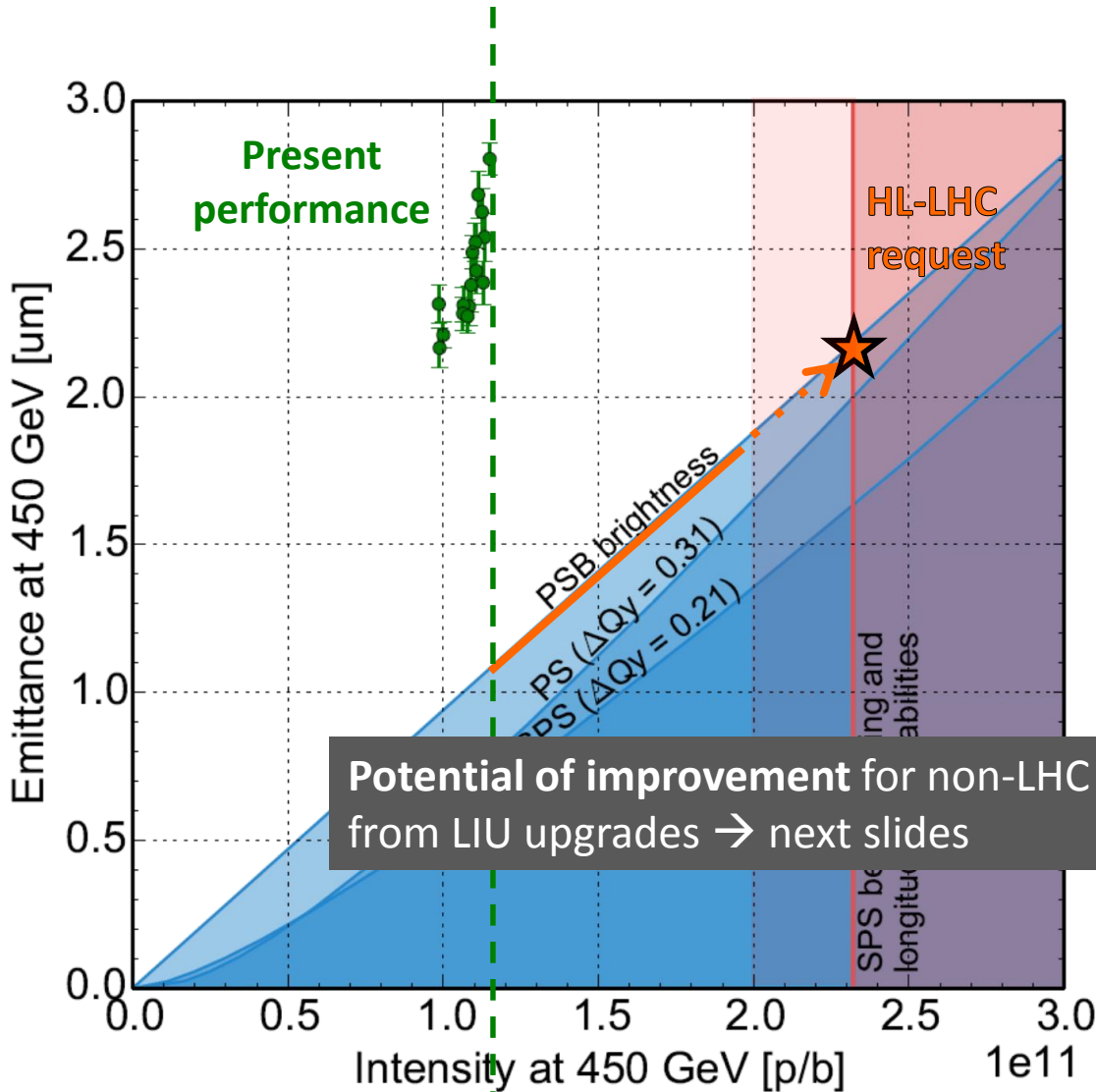
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Potential of improvement for non-LHC physics beams from LIU upgrades → next slides

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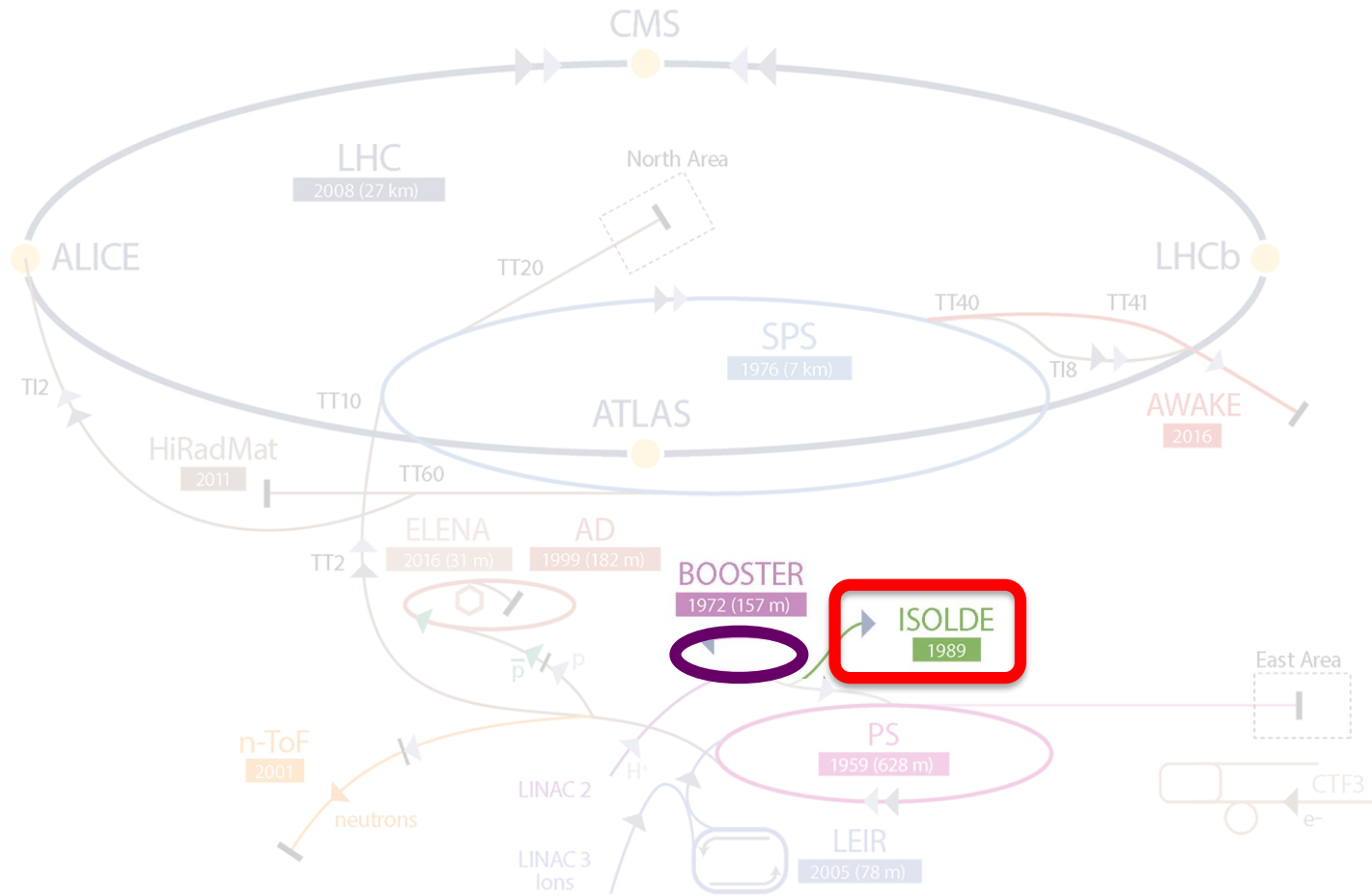






# PSB & ISOLDE

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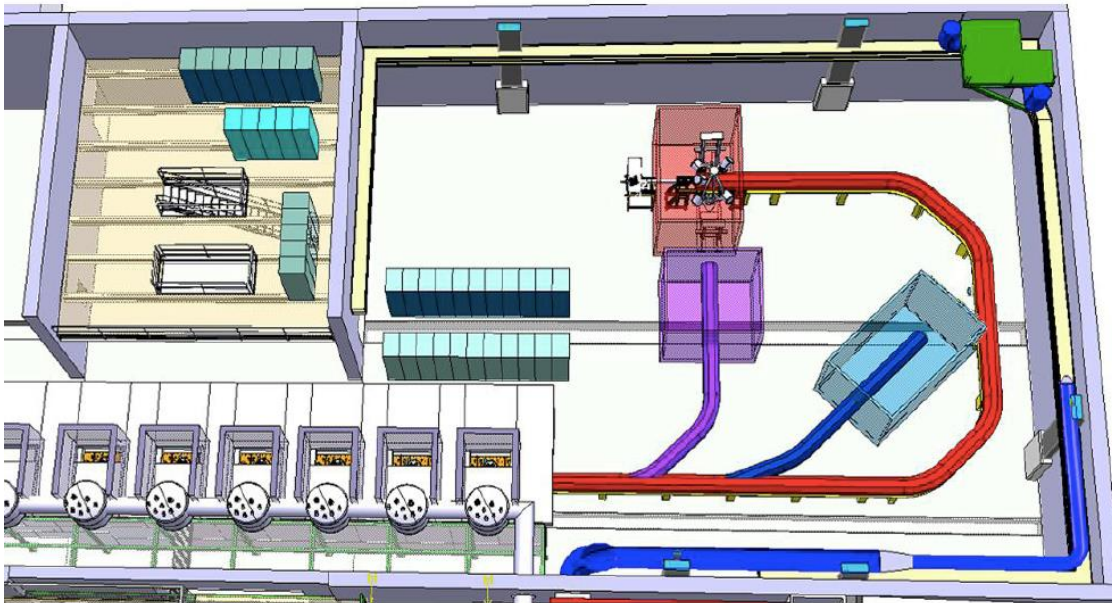


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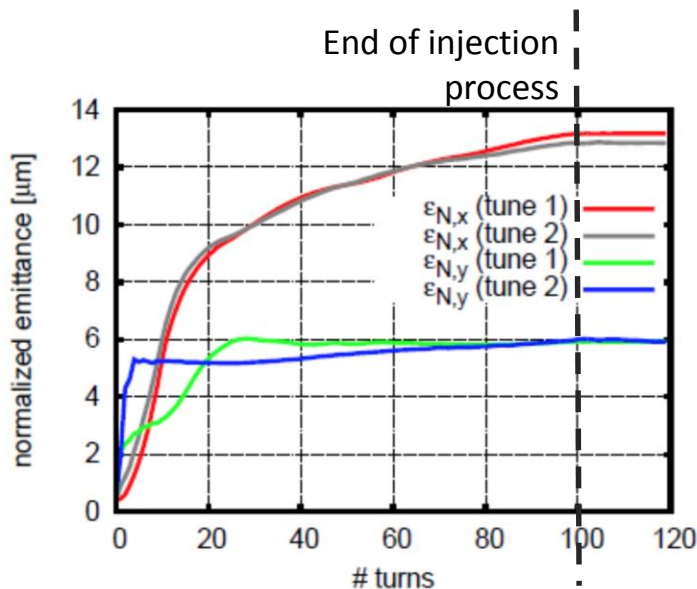
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**A post-accelerator after  
REX-ISOLDE**

- **Future beam to ISOLDE after LIU upgrades**

- Higher intensity thanks to
  - H<sup>-</sup> charge exchange injection at 160 MeV
  - Increased RF power with new RF system
- Limitations
  - Current at the end of Linac4
  - Injection and extraction losses



**$1.6 \times 10^{13}$  p per pulse and per ring**  
 with 40 mA (unchopped) from Linac4 and  
 100 turns injection

**Twice** as much as available today from PSB

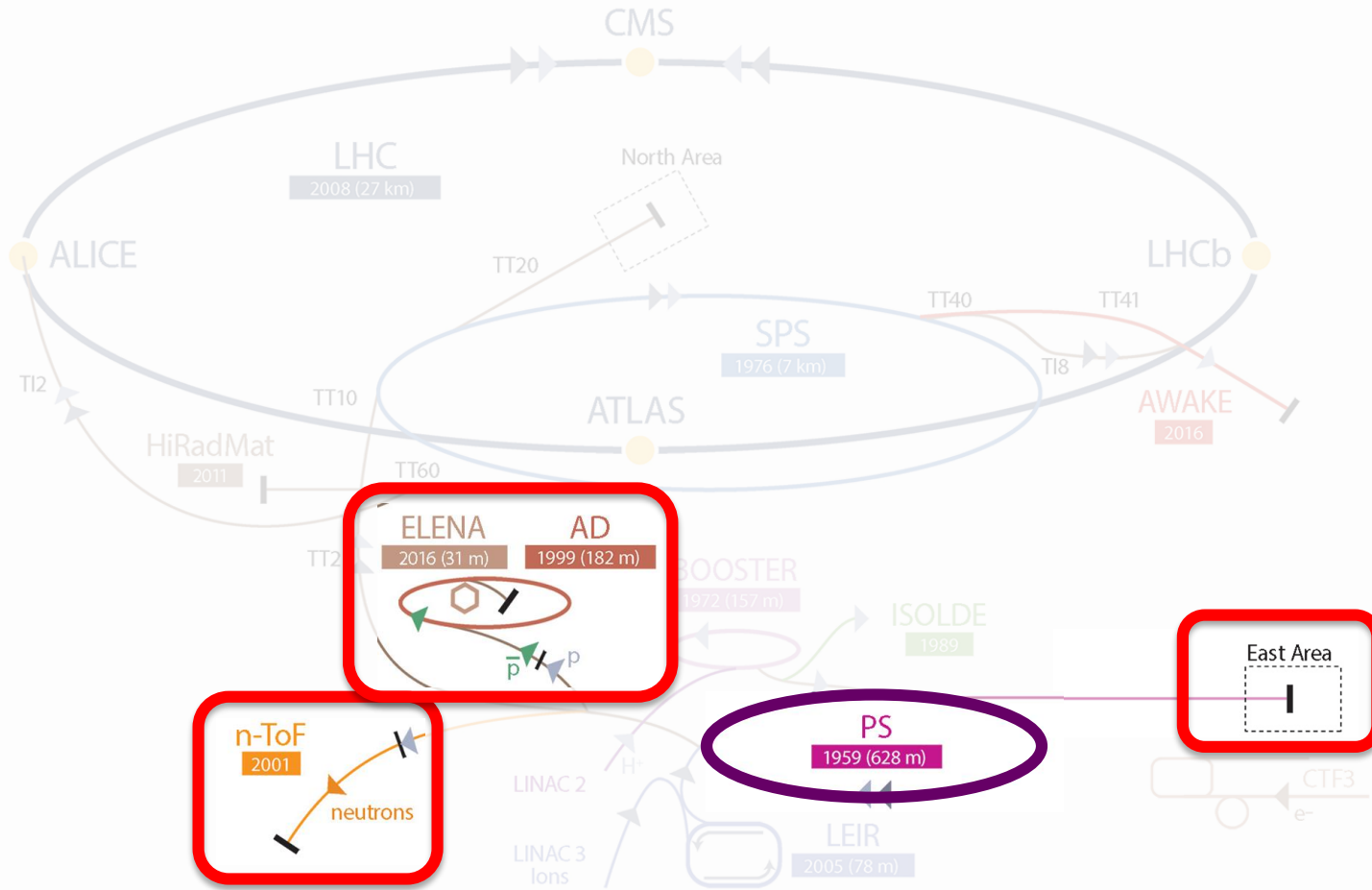
*J. Abelleira et al, in [LIU-PSB Injection meetings](#)*



# PS & users



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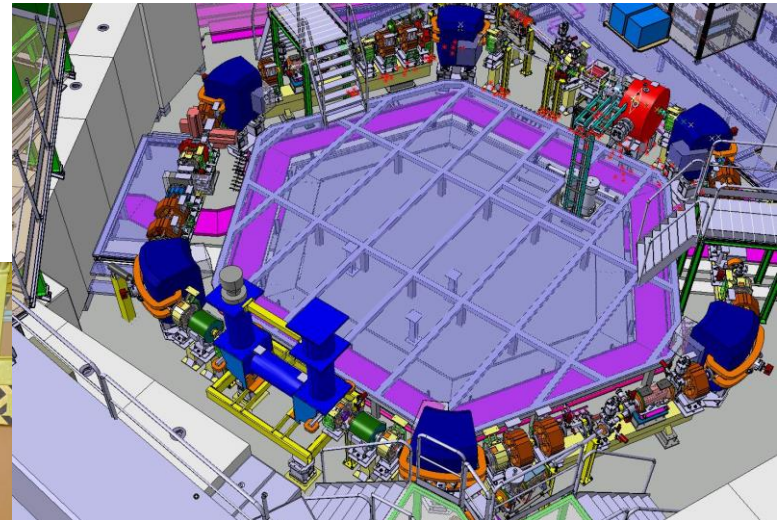
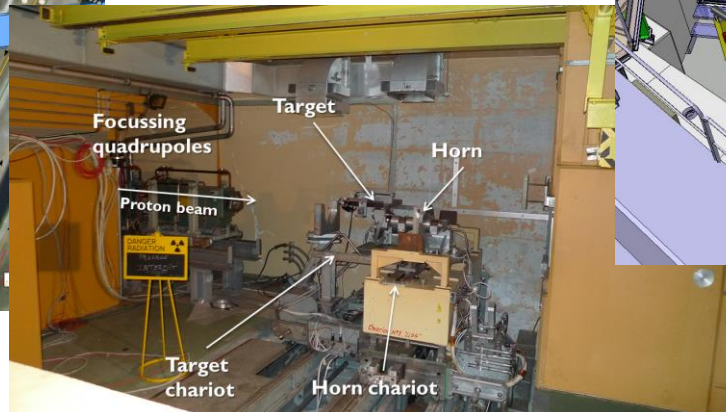


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- **Expected to run until 2030 and beyond**
    - Target exchange during LS2
      - To increase present limit of  $1.66 \times 10^{12}$  pot/s to  $3 \times 10^{12}$  pot/s
      - To accept up to  $1.5 - 2 \times 10^{13}$  pot/pulse
    - Expected lifetime of target  $\sim 10$  years, many clients
  
  - **Protons to nTOF: present and future**
    - $8 \times 10^{12}$  pot/pulse (17% of supercycle dedicated, 17% parasitic with half intensity)
      - RF power for acceleration and bunch rotation before extraction
      - Transverse instability
      - Losses at extraction septum
- This results in the delivery of  **$1.9 \times 10^{19}$  pot/year**
- Beam after LS2 and LIU upgrades ( $>10^{13}$  pot/pulse?)
    - More intensity from the PS-Booster
    - Enhanced beam stability
    - Lower transverse emittance

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  - **Protons to AD/ELENA: present and future**
    - $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{13}$  pot/pulse – mainly limited by shielding in AD ring
    - Beam on AD target every  $\sim 100$  s
    - Similar AD beam request in the future (increase depends on improvement of AD shielding)
      - Higher proton rate for stacking (9.6 sec period after upgrade) and high energy antiprotons
- **$2 - 4 \times 10^{18}$  pot/year** limited mainly by the repetition rate

- **Expected to run until 2030 and beyond**
  - Test beams and irradiation facility
  - Major renovation plans during LS2
    - Redesign and renovation of transfer lines during LS2
    - Improvement of RP aspects, consolidation of infrastructure
  
- **Protons to East Area: present and future**
  - Low intensity:  $1 - 5 \times 10^{11}$  p/spill
  - 17% of cycles in supercycle
  - No change expected in the East beam request in the future, maybe ion beams should be also included for irradiation tests

→  $\sim 10^{18}$  pot/year

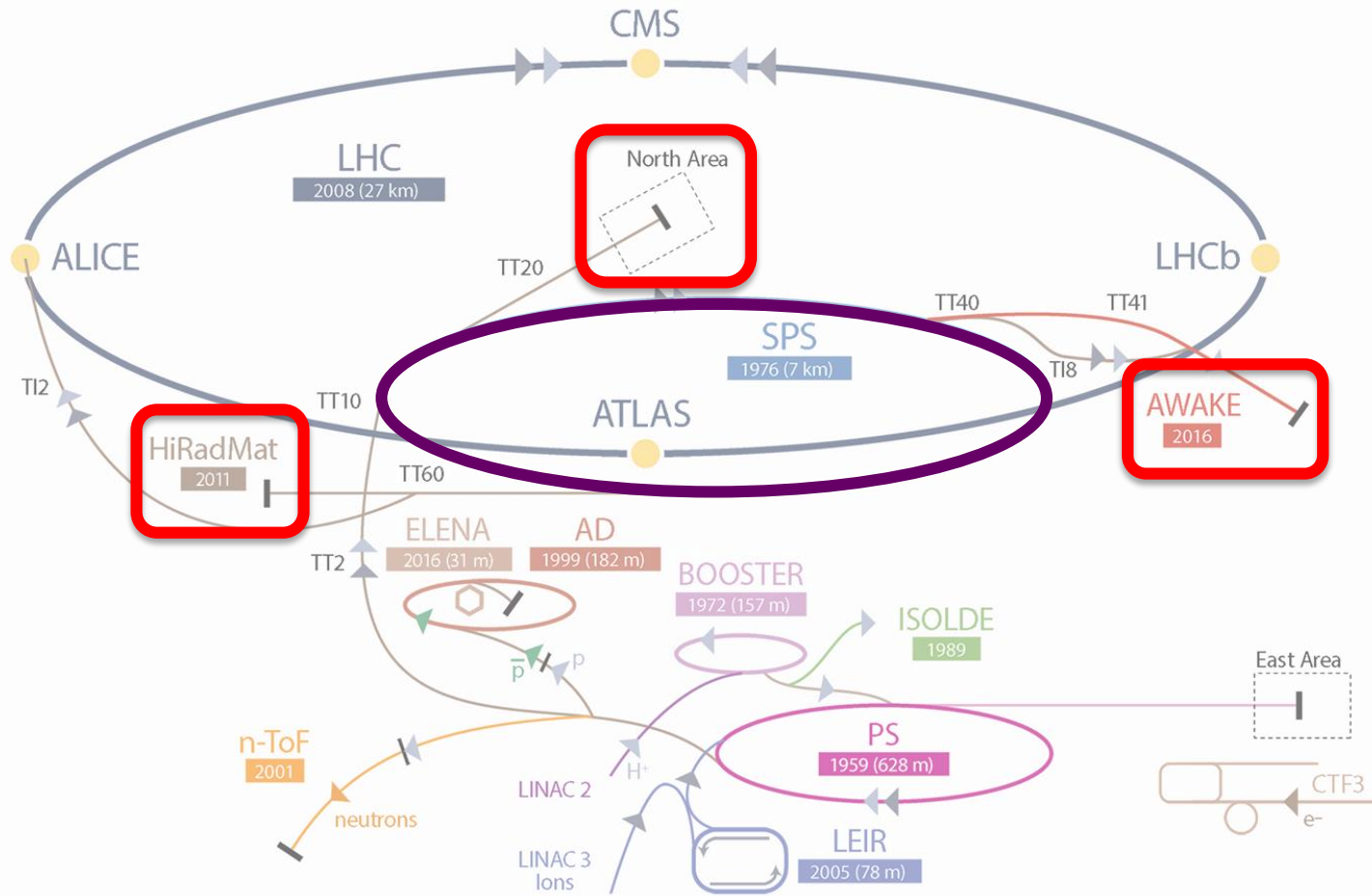




# SPS & users



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# HiRadMat & AWAKE



- **Plans for the Medium Term and beyond**

- Both experiments will be active until LS3 and beyond
  - Several clients for **HiRadMat** to test accelerator components
  - **AWAKE**: proof of concept for plasma wake acceleration (<LS2), demonstration of plasma wake acceleration with good beam quality, scalability and applications (>LS2)

- **Protons to AWAKE and HiRadMat: present and future**

- HiRadMat: Single bunches ( $10^{11}$  p/pulse) to full LHC beams (pulses of 288 bunches with  $1.2 \times 10^{11}$  p/b) for ~10 experiments/year mainly limited by environmental impact
  - Double intensity expected after LIU upgrades
- AWAKE: Bright intense short single bunches ( $\sim 3.5 \times 10^{11}$  p/pulse). With LIU:
  - RF power upgrade and longitudinal impedance reduction (stability, bunch shortening)
  - Lower transverse emittance

→  **$2 \times 10^{16}$  pot/year for HiRadMat and  $10^{17}$  pot/year for AWAKE**

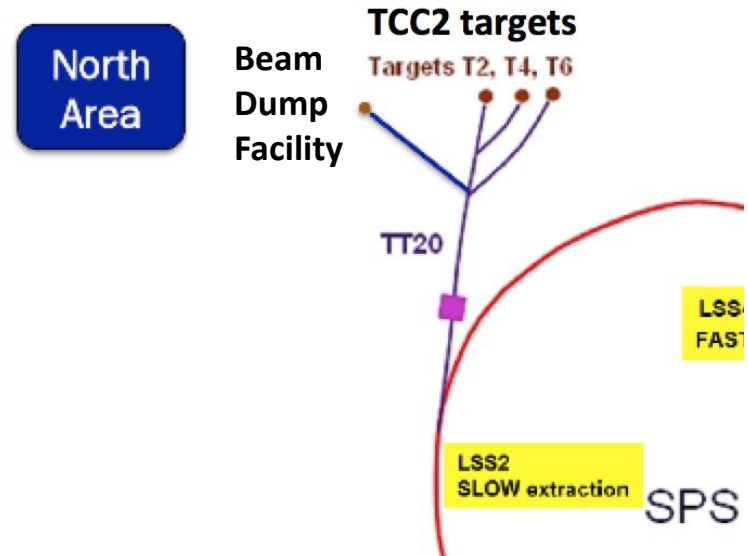




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  - **Protons to North Area: estimates from past experience**
    - $4 \times 10^{13}$  p/spill to TCC2
    - $4.2 \times 10^{13}$  p/spill to BDF
    - Both limited by losses and machine activation, margin to improve with smaller LIU beams and RF upgrade in SPS
- Target for BDF is  $4 \times 10^{19}$  pot/year – how much available to TCC2 targets?



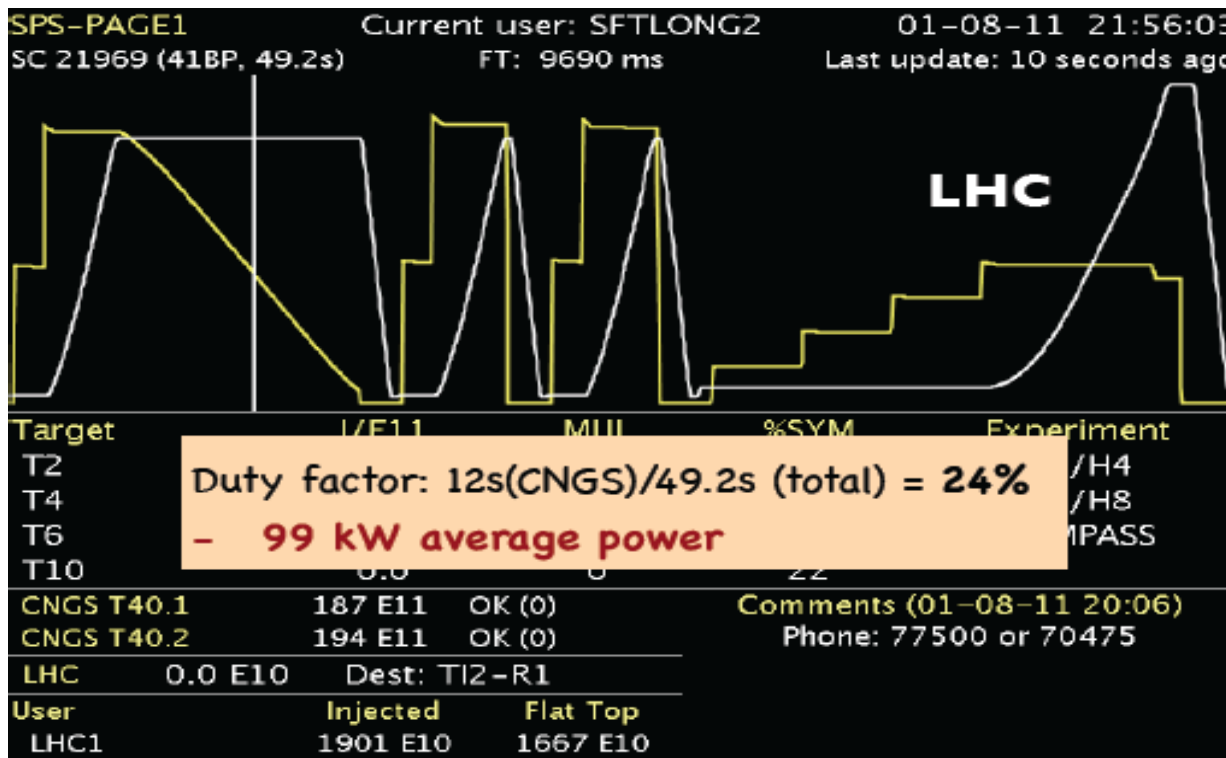


# BDF scenario



## Assumptions

- Running scenario based on SPS operational experience in 2011-2012
- Spill of 9.7 s for beam to TCC2, 1 s for beam to BDF
- Several supercycle compositions considered (e.g. day and night, during LHC set up and filling)

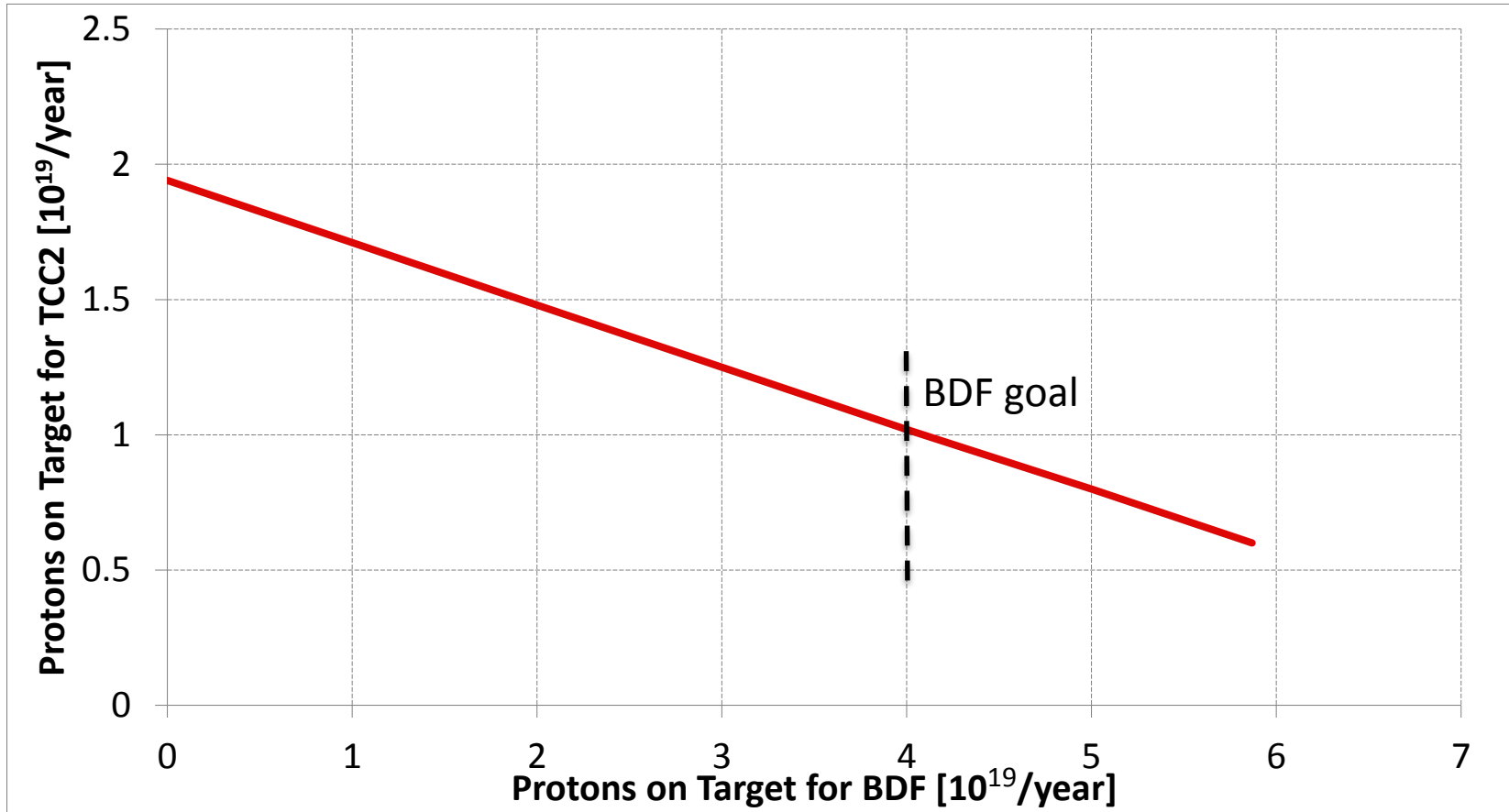


Example of supercycle with CNGS, NA and LHC filling (2011)



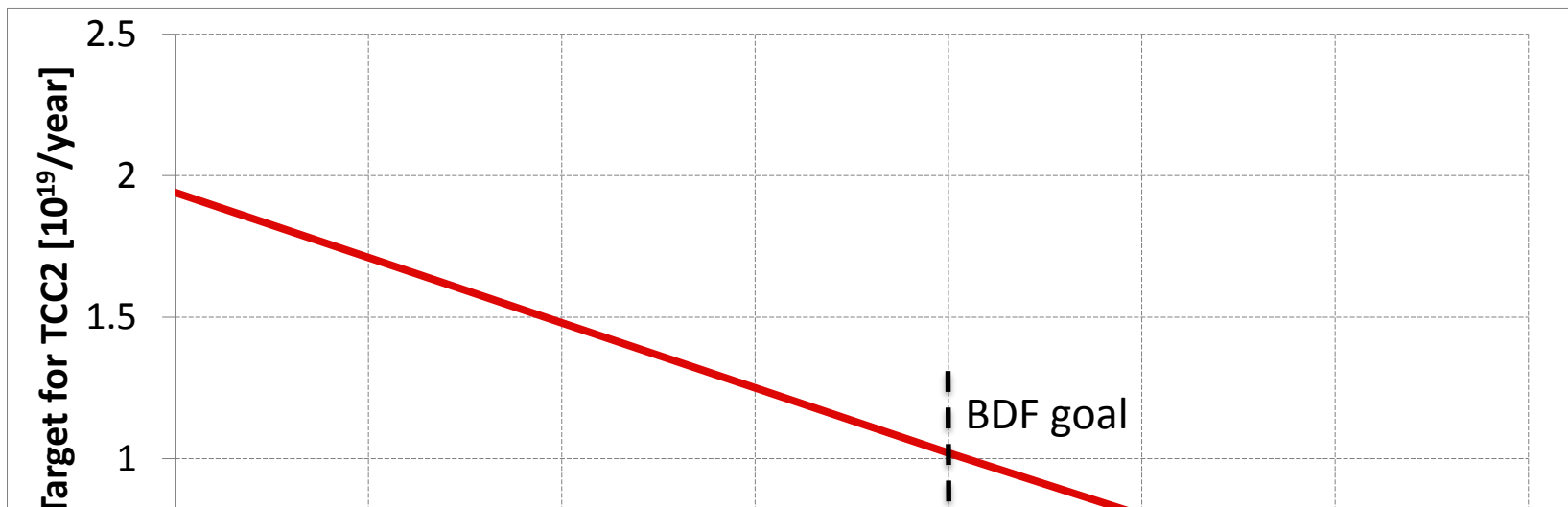


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- **25% less protons to TCC2 to be (reasonably) expected due to**
  - HiRadMat (~10 days/year for set up and run)
  - Ions to NA (~4 weeks/year, assuming major set up is done during Machine Development time)
  - AWAKE to be included in the supercycle (for at least 2 months/year) if overlap
- **BDF supercycles will limit proton delivery to physics users in PSB/PS**





# Optimisation of delivery rates



- **Increase limits of proton delivery rates on target**
  - Better compensation of the time distribution to users on timescale of weeks
  - Ex. nTOF/ISOLDE could increase the number of cycles in supercycle when other not online
- **Normal/spare mechanism in supercycle driven by direct request from users**
  - When one user's request off, play spares to increase number of other physics users in supercycle compatibly with limitations
  - Concept already applied to AD due to its 'sparse' repetition rate
  - Avoid manual readjustments from the CCC and use all available time
- **Fully use the potential of the four PS-Booster rings**
  - Concept already applied when playing parasitic nTOF with EAST users
  - Whenever users needing one PS-Booster ring are served, other three rings could serve ISOLDE
    - Fast pulsing of the switching magnet







# Outstanding intensity limitations for non-LHC beams



- **Beam losses in all accelerators → machine activation**

- PSB: Losses at recombination septum limit vertical emittance of high intensity beams
- PS: Losses at extraction → With currently operational Multi Turn Extraction (MTE) islands are extracted without need of intercepting device and losses are controlled
- SPS:
  - Losses due to limited vertical acceptance
  - Losses on electrostatic septum (ES) during slow extraction – might pose in the future a serious limit on the maximum number of protons per year that can be extracted to the North Area
  - Capture losses

- **Other intensity limitations**

- PS & SPS
  - RF power
  - Beam instabilities
  - Heating/outgassing/sparking of sensitive elements, stress on beam dump





# Conclusions

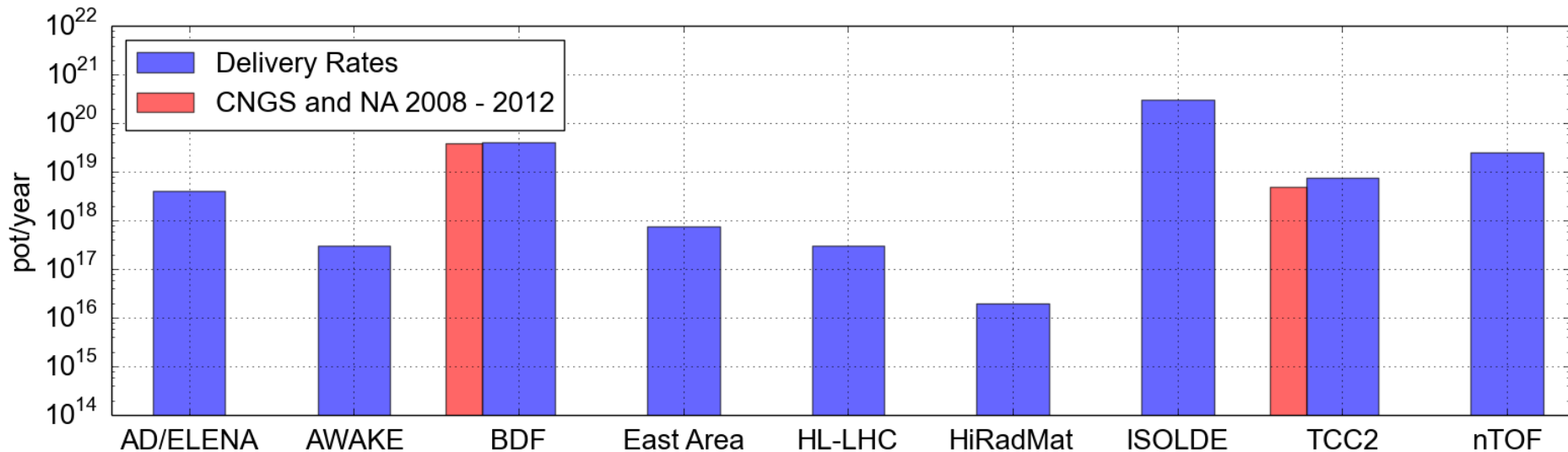


- **LIU upgrades implemented in LS2**

- Goal is to double intensity and brightness of LHC beams
- Benefits for non-LHC physics beams
  - ISOLDE, HiRadMat, AWAKE
  - Potential for nTOF and SPS Fixed Target
  - Still limitations from beam loss and machine activation

- **Future scenario with BDF at SPS**

- Will constrain proton delivery to TCC2 targets and physics users upstream
- Options available to increase proton delivery in LIU era





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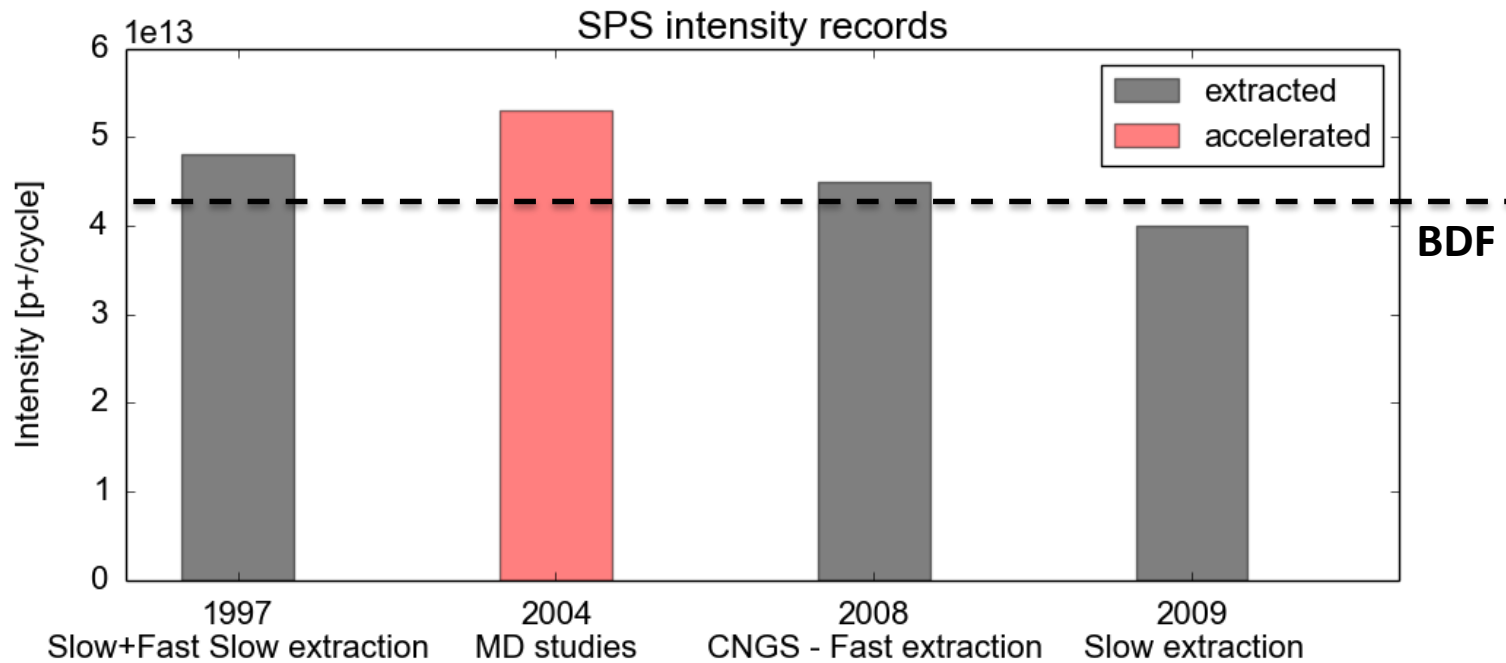


# BDF running scenario



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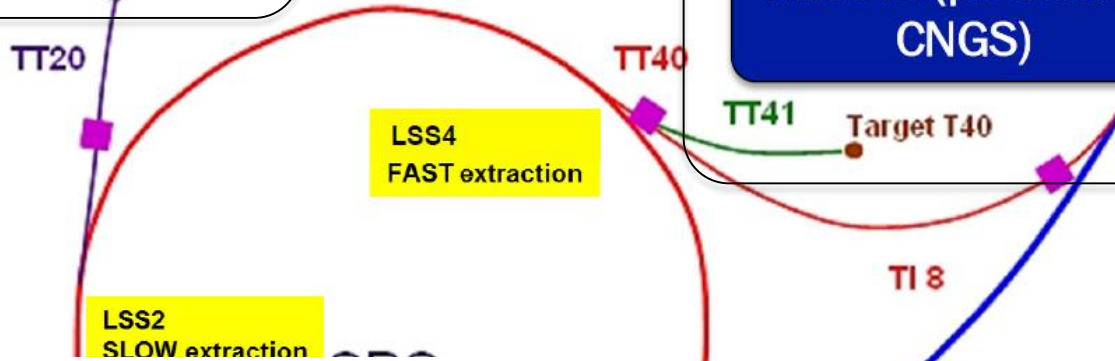
- Based on operationally demonstrated fixed target beam intensity
  - Room for improvement thanks to LIU upgrades (smaller emittance, SPS RF upgrade)



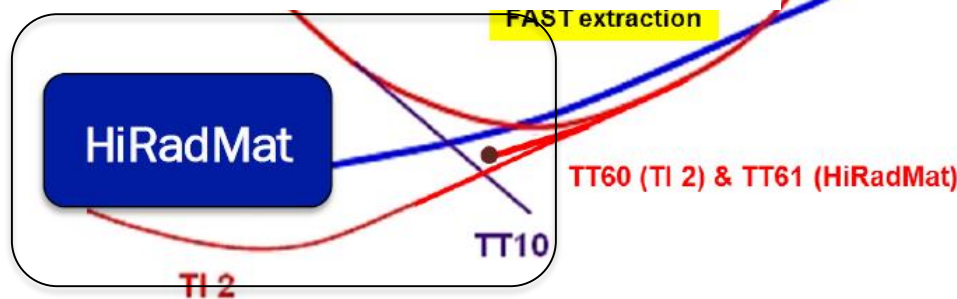
TCC2 target experiments and SHiP  
(general-purpose fixed target facility  
to search for hidden particles)



Former CERN Neutrino to Gran Sasso (CNCS)  
2006-2012. Now AWAKE: Proton-driven  
plasma wakefield acceleration experiment



HiRadMat: test area to evaluate the effect of  
high-intensity pulsed beams on materials or  
accelerator components





# Typical PSB cycles (currently)



| User                | Kinetic energy (GeV) | Intensity ( $10^{10}$ p/ring) | Duration (s) |   |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---|
| ISOLDE              | 1.4                  | 800                           | 1.2          | 40% of cycles in supercycle               |
| LHC PROBE/LH CINDIV |                      | 1 – 50                        |              | Typically only Ring 3                     |
| LHC25               |                      | 160                           |              | 4 + 2 rings                               |
| TOF                 |                      | 800                           |              | Only Ring 2                               |
| AD                  |                      | 360                           |              |   |
| SFTPRO              |                      | 400                           |              |   |
| EAST                |                      | 10 – 50                       |              | Only Ring 3 (with possible parasitic TOF) |
| MD                  |                      | 0.05, 0.16, 1.4               |              | 1 – 900                                   |



### Plans for the Medium Term

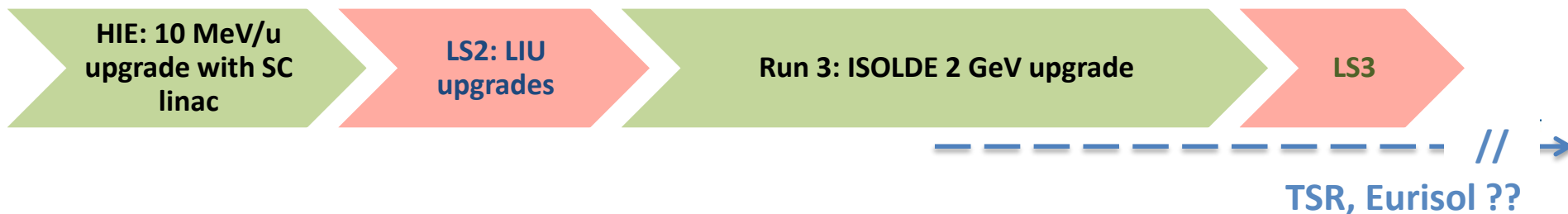
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|                    | ppp                          | Current     | Power        |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>MT Target**</b> | <b>6.4 x 10<sup>13</sup></b> | <b>6 μA</b> | <b>13 kW</b> |

\*\* assumes 50% of the cycles to ISOLDE

### Beyond MT

- Will be steered also by potential clients and new facilities coming online in the next years (SPES@LNL, Spiral2@GANIL), however it is reasonable to assume long term running
- A long term option is Eurisol with the construction of the “next-generation” European ISOL radioactive ion beam (RIB) facility (~100 kW, will require new injector)

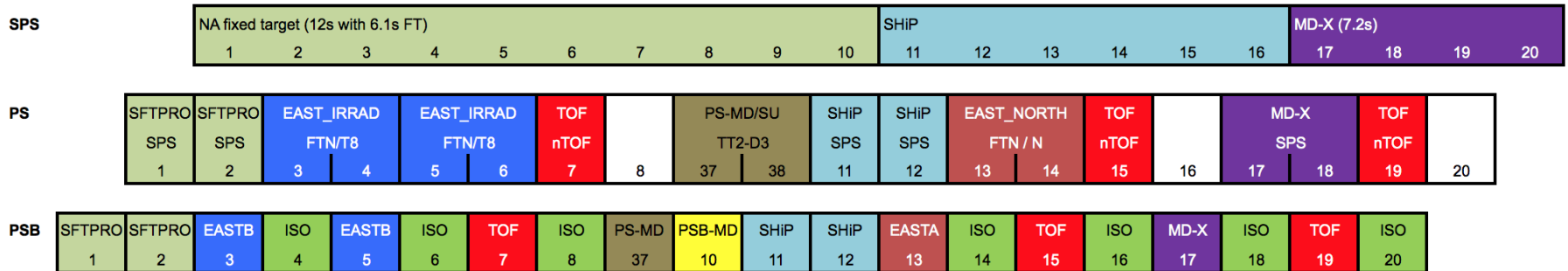




# BDF running scenario



- **Example of impact of BDF supercycle on other physics users in PSB and PS**
  - FT + BDF during day time (i.e. including an MD cycle in all machines)
  - TOF runs in dedicated and parasitic on East cycles (half intensity)
  - Intensity to ISOLDE assumed to be doubled ( $6.4 \times 10^{13}$  p/pulse)



**3  $\mu$ A to ISOLDE**

(50% above present limitation, half of future limitation)

**$1.65 \times 10^{12}$  p/s for TOF**

(just compliant with present limitation and 55% of future limitation)



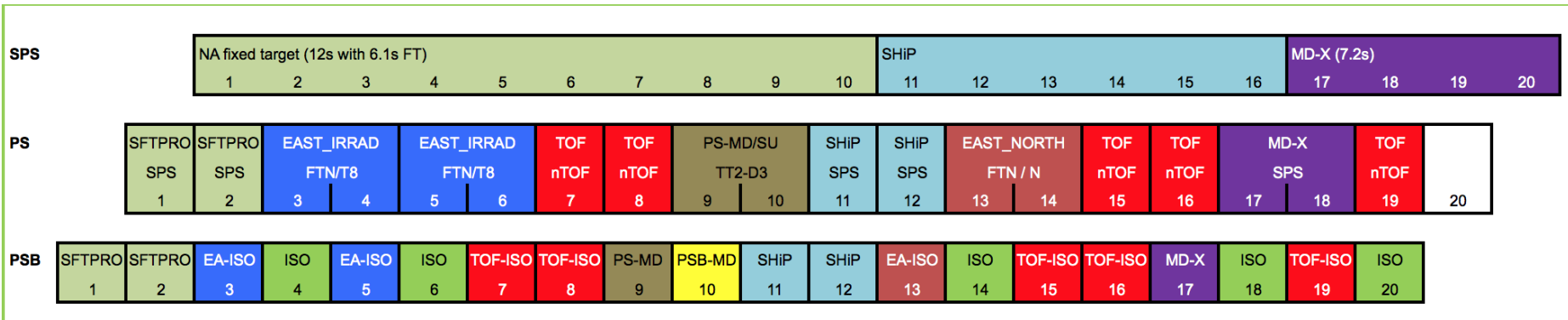




# BDF running scenario – improved



- **Example of impact of BDF supercycle on other physics users in PSB and PS**
  - Implementing the optimisation on the PSB rings, i.e. combining three rings to ISOLDE with both TOF and East users
  - Immediate gain by >50% on ISOLDE, ~15% on TOF – could be redistributed



**4.7 μA to ISOLDE**  
(80% of future limitation)

**1.9 x 10<sup>12</sup> p/s for TOF**  
(65% of future limitation)





# Challenges and areas of further exploration for non-LHC beams



- **PSB**

- ❑ Full potential for high intensity beams will be determined by
  - Linac4 current depending on source performance – present assumption is 40 mA unchopped
  - Range of energy sweep of the debuncher for longitudinal painting

- **PS**

- ❑ Explore intensity limitation after LIU upgrade and impedance reduction
- ❑ Extraction beam loss reduction
  - Test MTE with high intensity ( $2.4 \times 10^{13}$  p/pulse and above)
  - Barrier bucket or bunched beam with MTE to avoid kicker rise time
  - Higher extraction energy, possible with MTE → new kickers required + impact on duty cycle
  - Three injections into SPS (two 3-turn and one 4-turn extractions from PS) → increase of cycle time

- **SPS**

- ❑ Beam loss reduction and extension of intensity reach
  - Voltage modulation for individual capture of each batch with new LLRF
  - Use 800 MHz cavity during the cycle to improve beam stability
  - Higher injection energy (smaller beam size + avoid transition crossing)
  - Possibility of gamma jump quadrupoles for transition crossing with high intensity
  - Extraction beam loss on-line monitoring and control (ZS alignment, extraction orbit control)
  - Collimation system to control/localize losses





# Conclusions



- **LIU upgrades implemented in LS2**

- Goal is to double intensity and brightness of LHC beams, which will remain below 0.1% of the total proton delivery of the CERN complex even in the HL-LHC era

- **Perspectives for most of the present physics users up to 2030+**

- Some of the beams will clearly benefit from LIU upgrades (e.g. ISOLDE)
- Increase of target limitations is the key to improve throughput
  - Make a better use of potential higher intensity for non-LHC beams
  - Optimise time distribution between users on timescale of weeks and through normal/spare mechanism driven by user request

- **Beam Dump Facility scenario?**

- Target is  $4 \times 10^{19}$  pot/year
- SPS: Proton delivery to TCC2 users likely to be limited below  $10^{19}$  pot/year
- PSB and PS: physics users also well below future target limits with BDF supercycles
  - Potential to improve by optimising the use of the four PSB rings

- **Main limitations and challenges**

- Machine activation especially due to (extraction) losses in all machines
- Several ideas to be tested to reduce losses

