

Electron & Positron beams in the CERN secondary areas

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Outline

- **Introduction – Scope of the presentation**
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- **Possibilities of today's available electron / positron beams**
- **Outlook for the future**

Introduction

- The secondary beam areas of CERN are unique, versatile facilities that can offer particle beams of a very broad range of momenta and intensities.
- Electron & positron beams of high purity have been and are available, while they are recently requested more and more for physics & R&D purposes

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Precision Measurement of Trident Production in Strong Electromagnetic Fields

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We demonstrate experimentally that the trident process $e^- \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$ in a strong external field, with a spatial extension comparable to the effective radiation length, is well understood theoretically. The experiment, conducted at CERN, probes values for the strong field parameter χ up to 2.4. Experimental data and theoretical expectations using the local constant field approximation show remarkable agreement over almost 3 orders of magnitude in yield.

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Editors' Suggestion

Dark Matter Search in Missing Energy Events with NA64

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CMS ECAL intercalibration with cosmic rays and 2006 test beam electrons

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The CMS Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECAL) calibration foresees dedicated protocols both before and during the data taking. Up to now test beam electrons and cosmic muons have been used to precalibrate ECAL. During the summer 2006, nine ECAL supermodules have been exposed to a high energy electron beam at the CERN SPS north area facility and the intercalibration coefficients of the 1700 channels have been measured for each supermodule. The reproducibility of the intercalibration has been tested by measuring a supermodule twice. Different calibration methods based either on single crystals or on matrices of crystals energy reconstruction have been used. The intercalibration coefficients obtained have also been compared with those calculated by means of the cosmic ray muons.

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Muon detection in electron-positron annihilation for muon collider studies

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Investigation on steering of ultrarelativistic e^\pm beam through an axially oriented bent crystal

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Experimental Study of Single Vertex ($e^- - e^+$) Pair Creation in a Crystal

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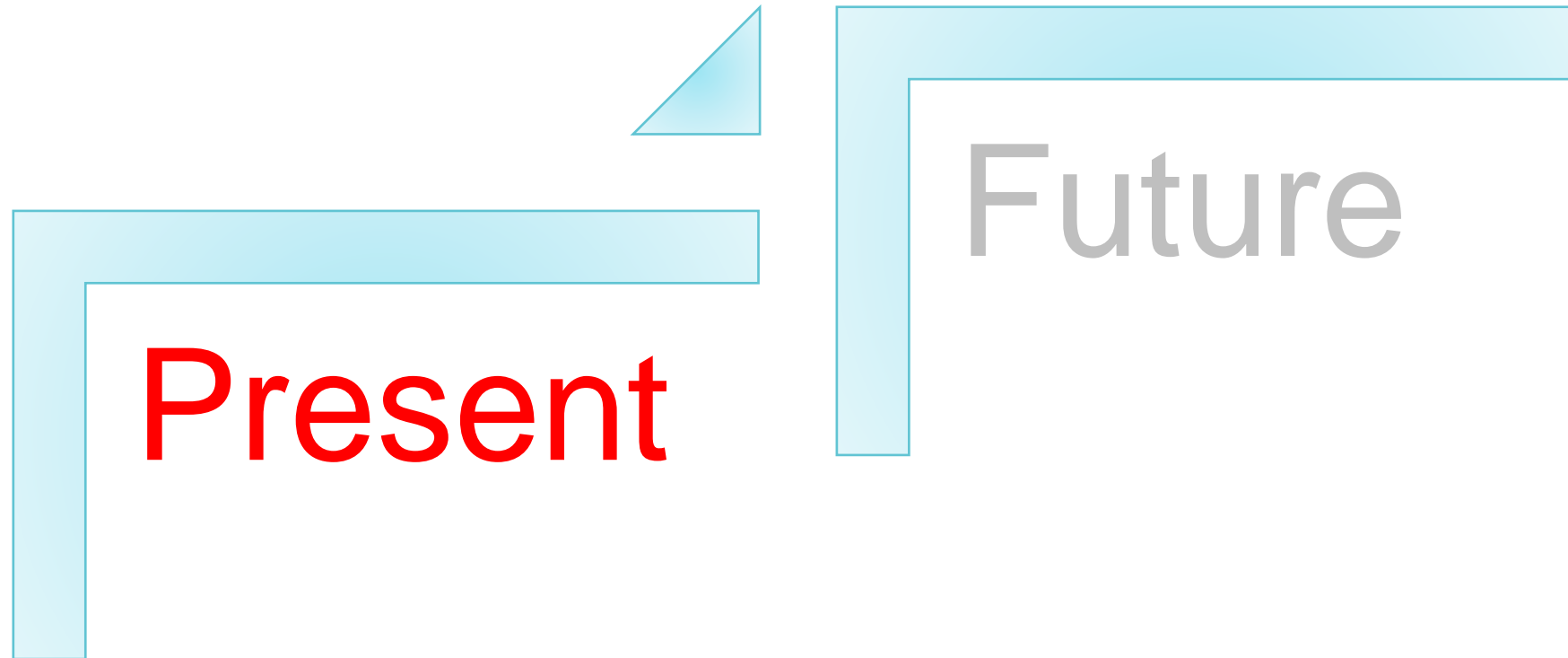
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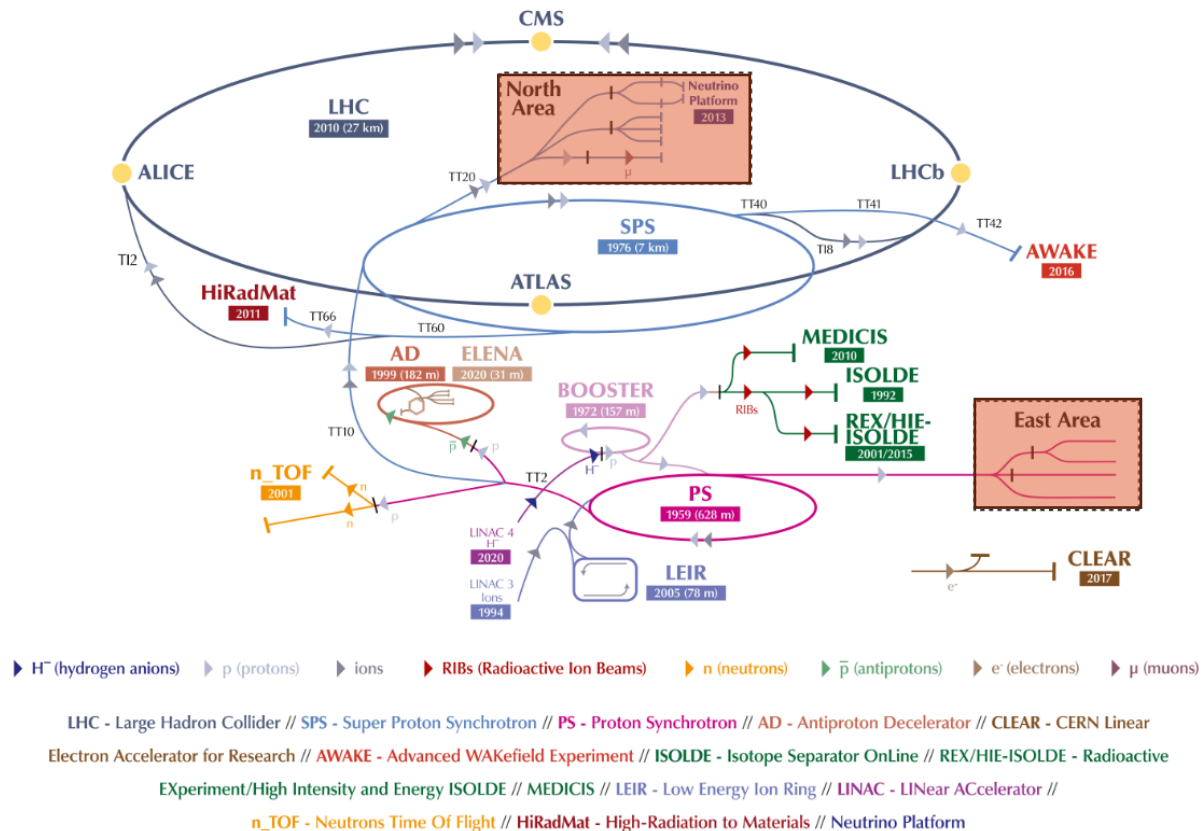
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Existing Proton-driven Facilities



The secondary beam areas today

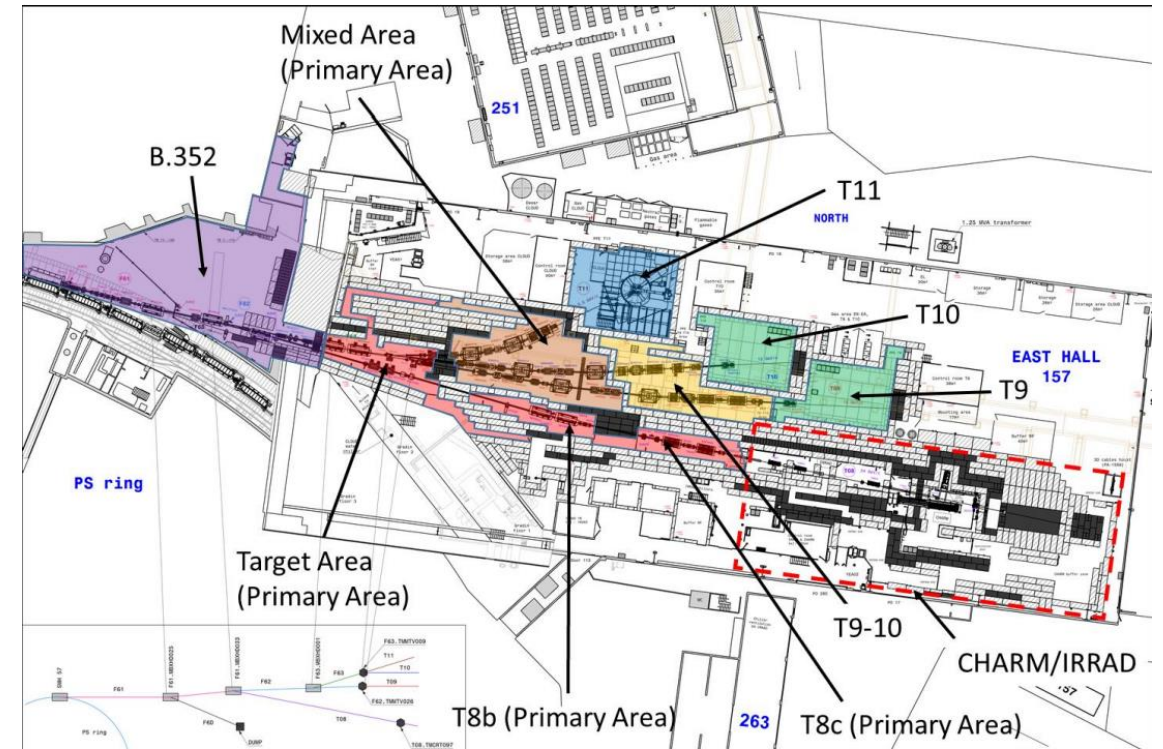
The CERN accelerator complex
Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



- SPS : protons/ions @ 400 GeV/c/Z
- PS: protons /ions @ 24 GeV/c/Z
- North Area → ≤400 GeV/c/Z (primary beam) or ≤ 360 GeV/c/Z (secondary beams)
- East Area → ≤ 10 GeV/c secondary beams
- Electrons / positrons available both in North & East areas.

East Area of CERN/PS

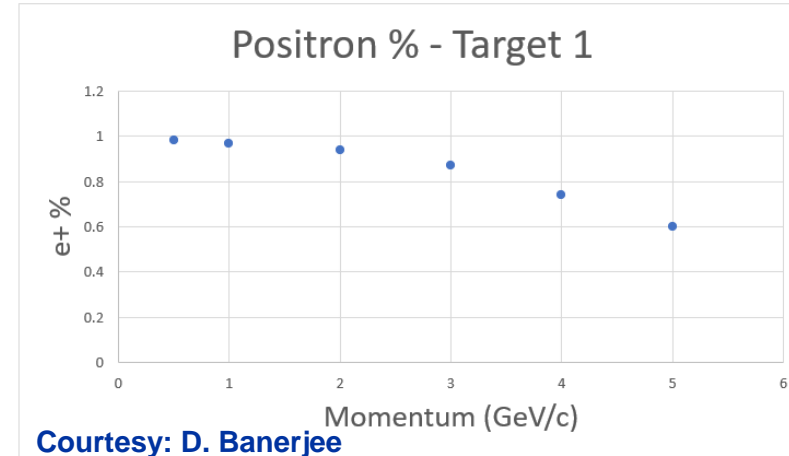
- Two beamlines available for tests : T9 and T10
- Electrons of momenta 0.5 GeV/c – 10 GeV/c available
- Purity variable between 99% - 50% (lower – higher momenta)
- Spill structure from PS accelerator:
 - 400 ms spill length
 - ~1 spill every 18s, more on request
- Quick access, short routes from control to experimental areas



Electron beam properties in the East Area

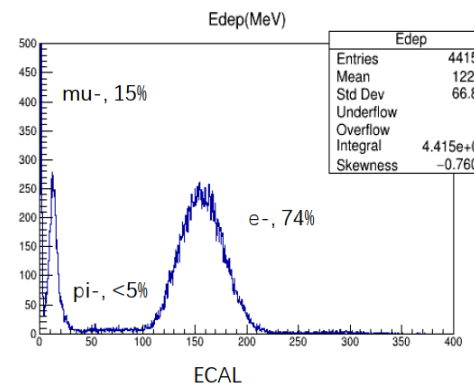
- Electrons beams of various purities and intensities are available, between 0.1 & 5 GeV/c
- Electrons & positrons produced equally, choice to transfer one of the two signs in the various experiments
- > 90% electron purity for momenta <5 GeV/c reaching ~99% at 1 GeV/c
- Rates, in all momenta up to $\sim 10^5$ particles / spill in T09

XCET Data – Plot 2

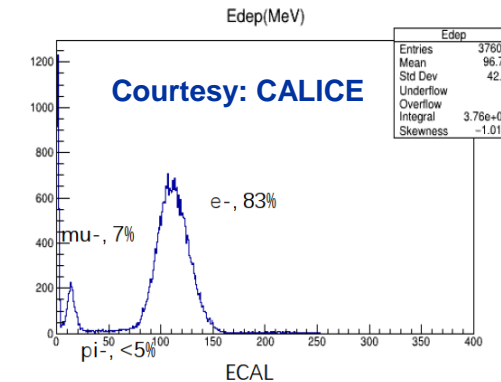


ECAL Energy Response to e-

4 GeV/c e- energy deposition in ECAL

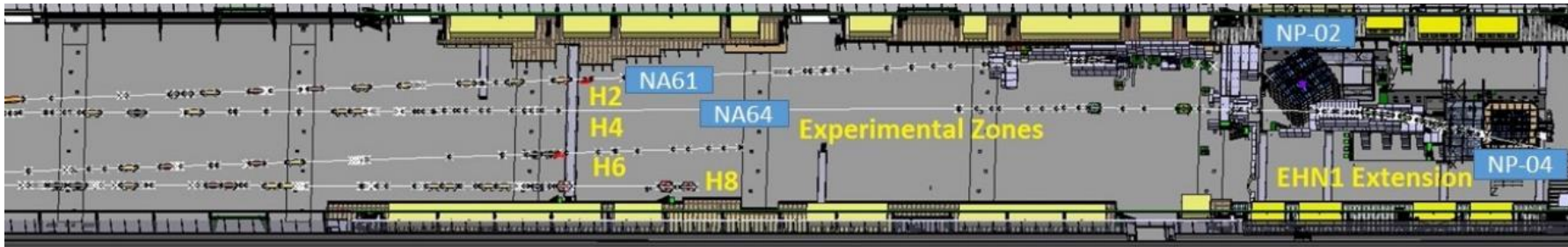
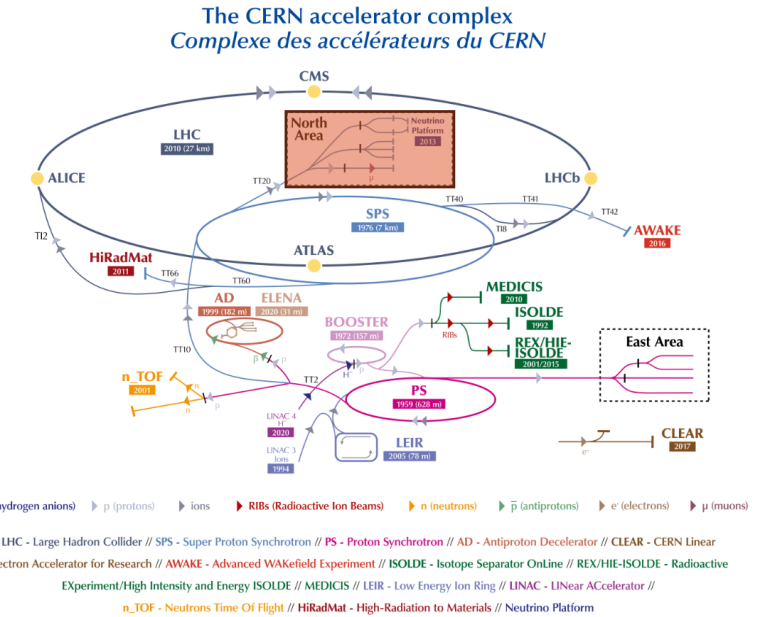
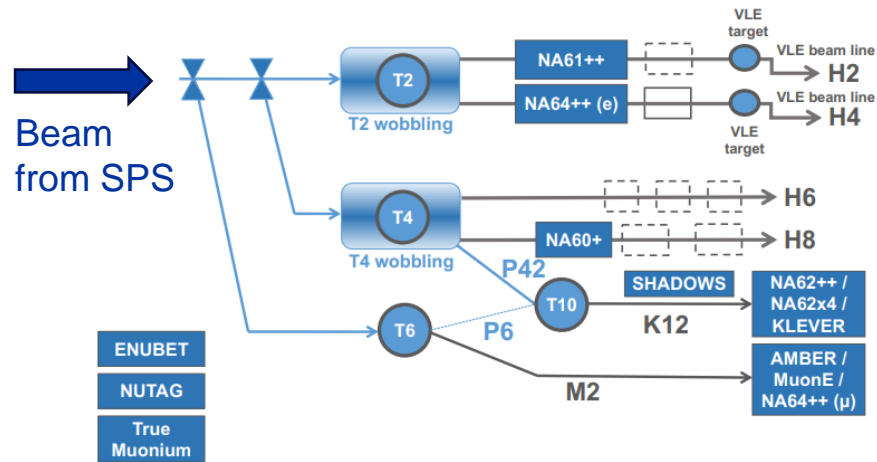


3 GeV/c e- energy deposition in ECAL



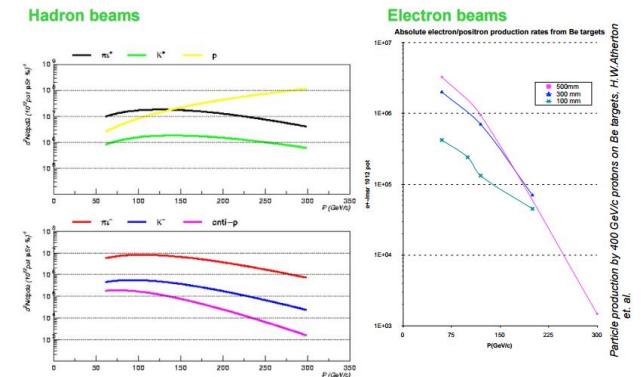
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North Area of CERN SPS



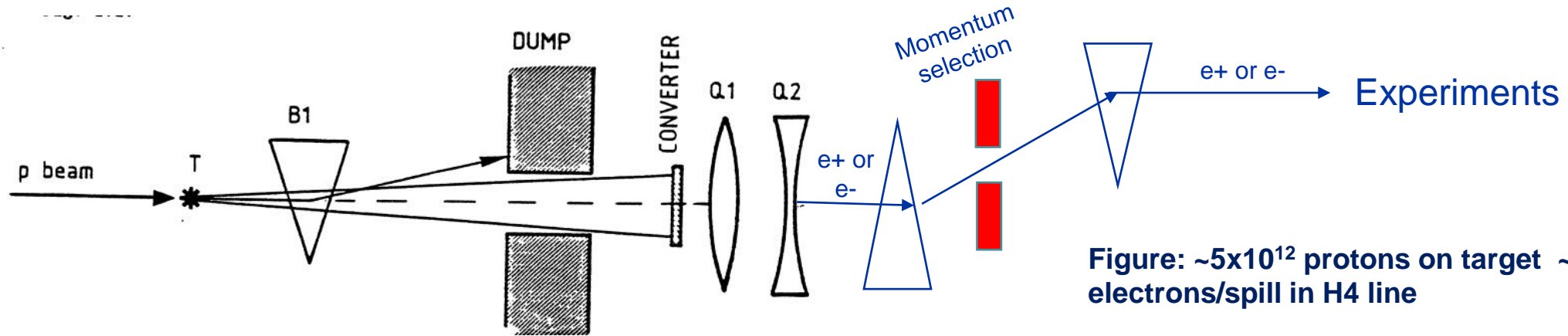
400 GeV/c beam from the SPS impinges on 3 Be targets, producing essentially all the secondaries that can be chosen with the magnetic spectrometers of the secondary lines.

- N.B: Slow extraction, 4.8s spill duration, 1 spill ~20 seconds
- Electron beams available for test-beams only in EHN1 (H2/H4/H6/H8 lines)



Electron beam properties in the North Area (1)

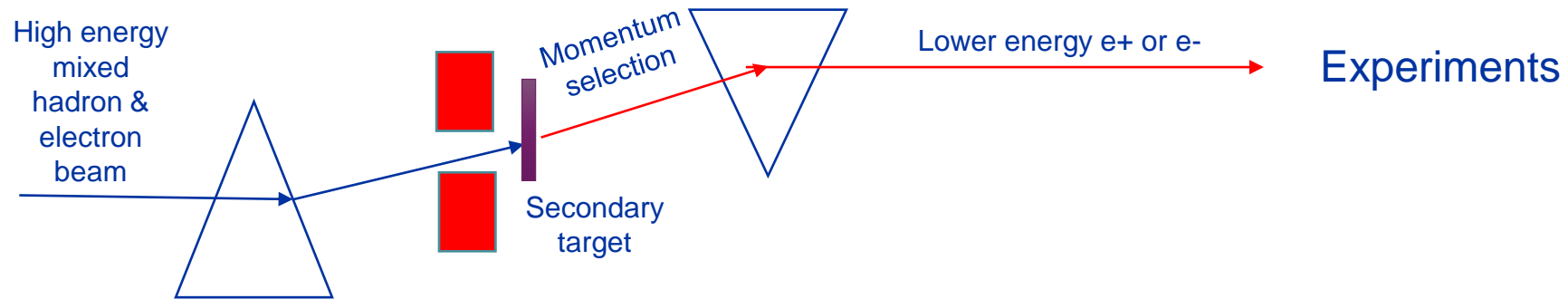
- Mechanism 1 : Production of electrons / positron from the neutral channel ($\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ and then, in a Pb converter $\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$)



- Intensities between $10^3 - 10^7$ particles per spill, depending on the collimation & momentum selection precision
- Purity between 50 – 100% depending on the beamline, momentum & exact target station configuration
- Converter: Pb, 4mm thickness
- Only available in H2 / H4 lines – H6 & H8 don't have this option

Electron beam properties in the North Area (2)

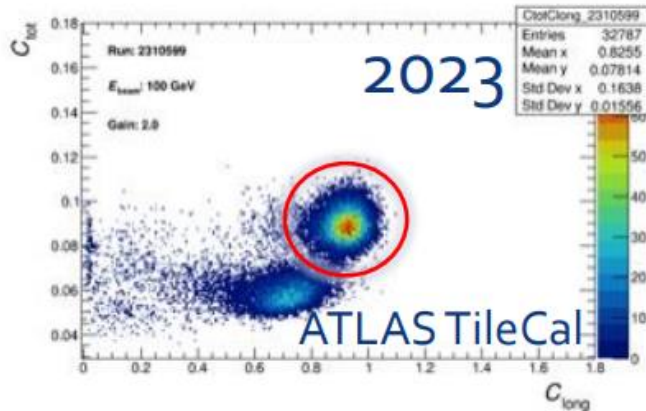
- **Mechanism 2 : Bremsstrahlung of electrons/positrons produced at the upstream targets, using a secondary target**



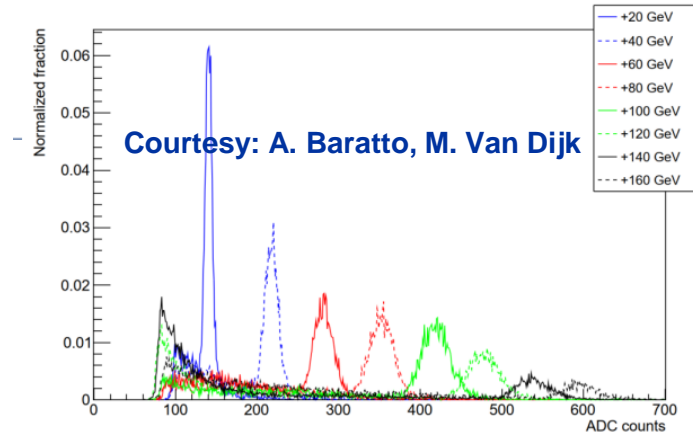
- **Intensities between 10^2 – 10^4 particles per spill, depending on the collimation & momentum selection precision**
- **Purity between 10 – 90% depending on the beamline, momentum & exact target station configuration**
- **Secondary target: Cu, Pb, 3 – 300mm**
- **Available in H6 & H8 beamlines**

Examples of electron beams in EHN1

...as measured by the various experiments

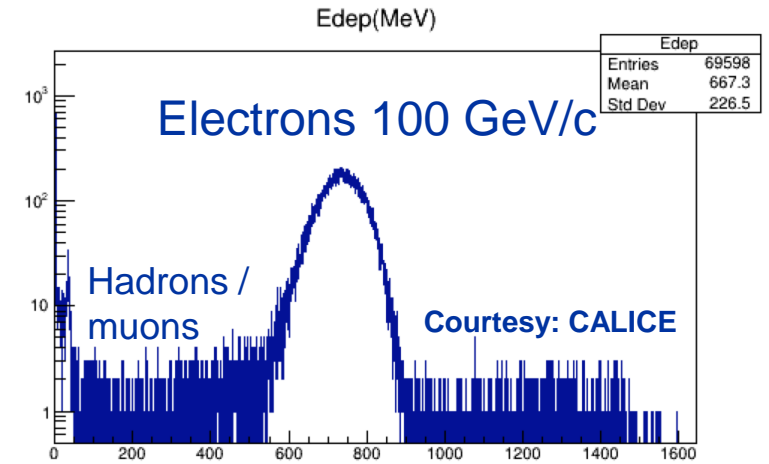


H8



Courtesy: A. Baratto, M. Van Dijk

H8



Electrons 100 GeV/c

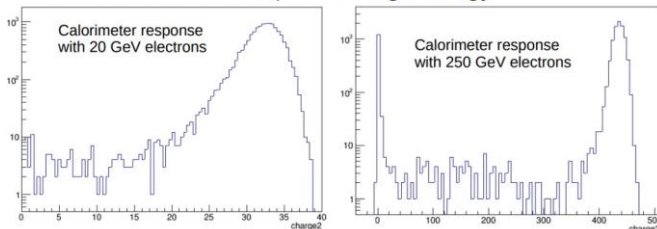
Hadrons / muons

Courtesy: CALICE

H2

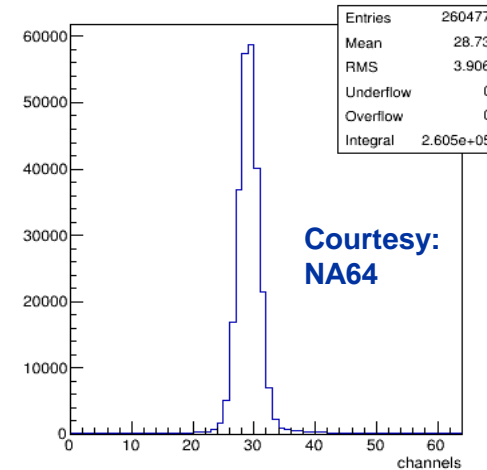
Beam Quality

- Had excellent beam quality for electrons, muons, pions
- Very high purity achieved after wobbling change of Friday
- Adjusted momentum collimators for some runs to reduce momentum spread at high energy



H4

ST01X channels distribution

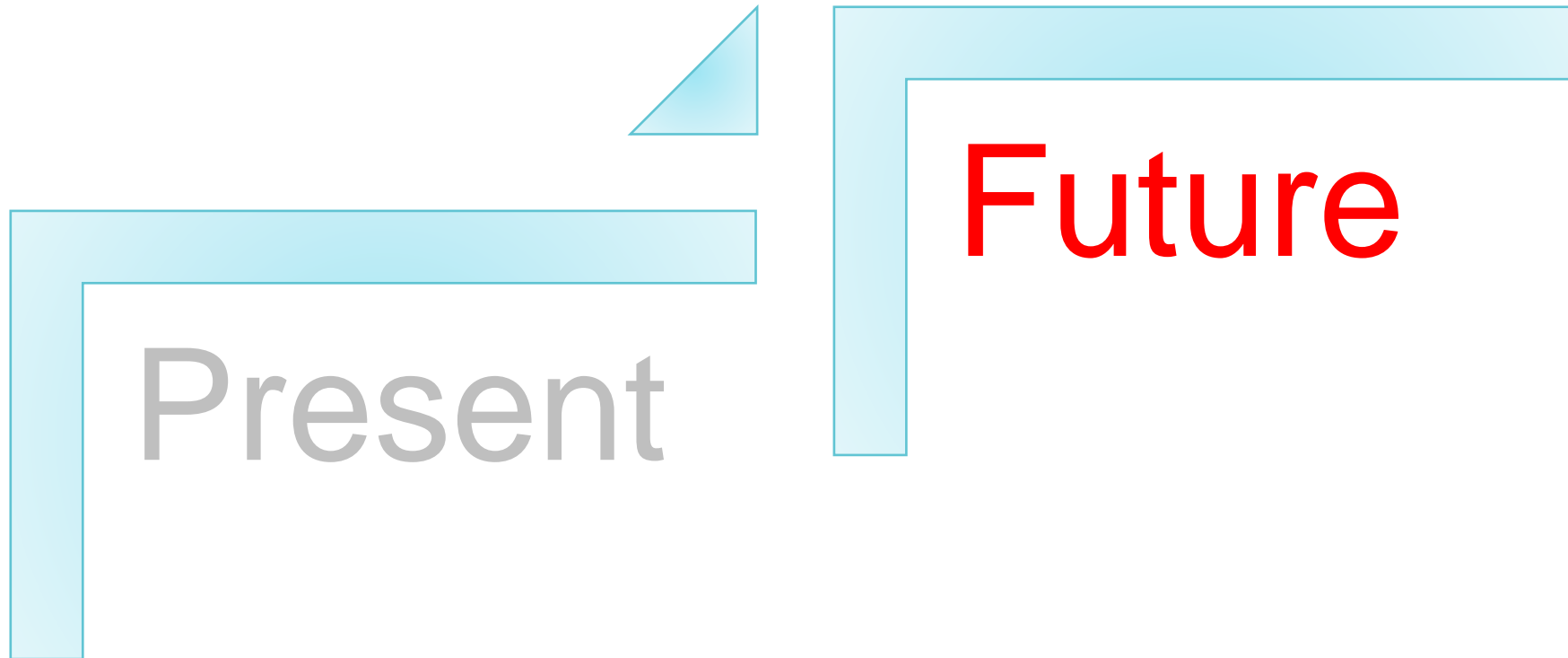


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H4

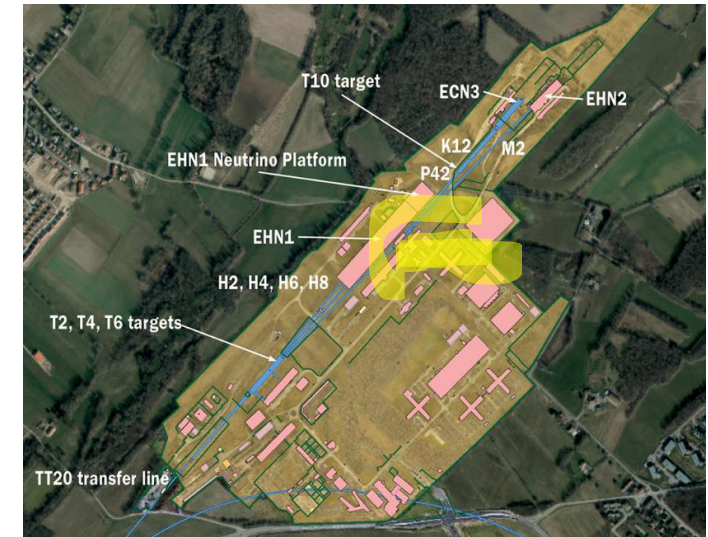
Many thanks to Bastien and Nikos for their prompt and efficient work in setting up beams experiments for initial requirements. Managed to cover almost the full range of electron energies. Courtesy: FASER

Future Proton-driven Facilities



Future Proton Facilities – CERN HI ECN3

- New proposals are coming up for the North Area
- Within the Physics Beyond Colliders initiative and the **ECN3-HI TF**, three proposals are being considered for post-LS3 (2029) operation :
 - **HIKE** : A proposed expansion of the current NA62 experiment for studying rare decays of charged kaons and (later) neutral kaons ;
 - **SHADOWS** : A new experiment that would look for visible feebly-interacting particle (FIP) decays off-axis and could run in parallel to HIKE ;
 - **BDF/SHiP** : A proposal that would allow a full investigation of hidden sectors in the GeV mass range.
- All experiments would require unprecedented intensity extracted towards the CERN North Area (4×10^{13} protons / slowly extracted spill – $O(10^{19})$ protons per year)
- More requests for electron beams are to come up ?
 - higher intensities...?
 - Crystal studies ...? More collimated and bright beams ?



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2802785/files/2204.03549.pdf>

Summary

- **The CERN's secondary beam areas are excellent facilities for providing high quality electron beams, in a variety of intensities and purities**
 - Many fixed target experiments & R&D efforts have made use up-to date and more are to come
- **The future “landscape” has yet to be fully explored – also many new ideas will be coming from Physics Beyond Colliders or other initiatives in the upcoming years**
- **If there are requests for exciting experiments, don't hesitate to contact us !**

