SHiP Comprehensive Design Study: Status report

SHiP Collaboration

Abstract
Status of the SHiP experiment and the Comprehensive Design Study (CDS) with focus on the re-optimization, the simulation studies, and the detector and physics performance.

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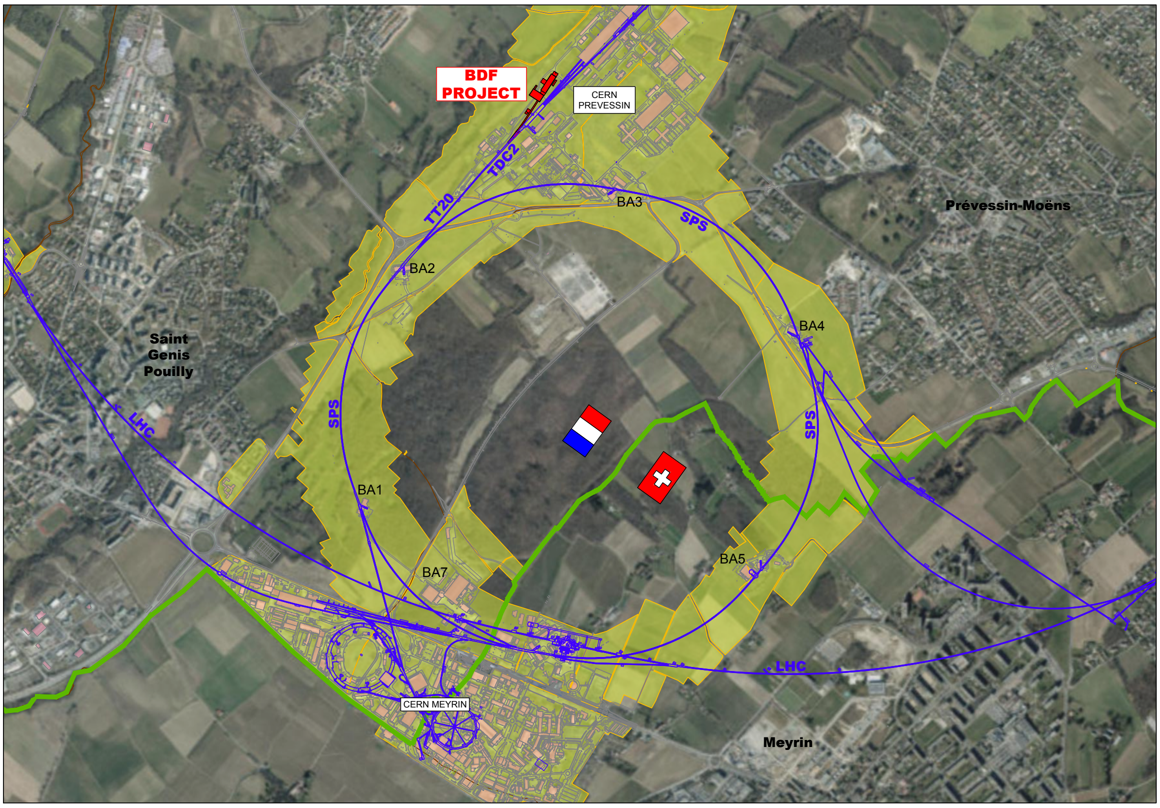

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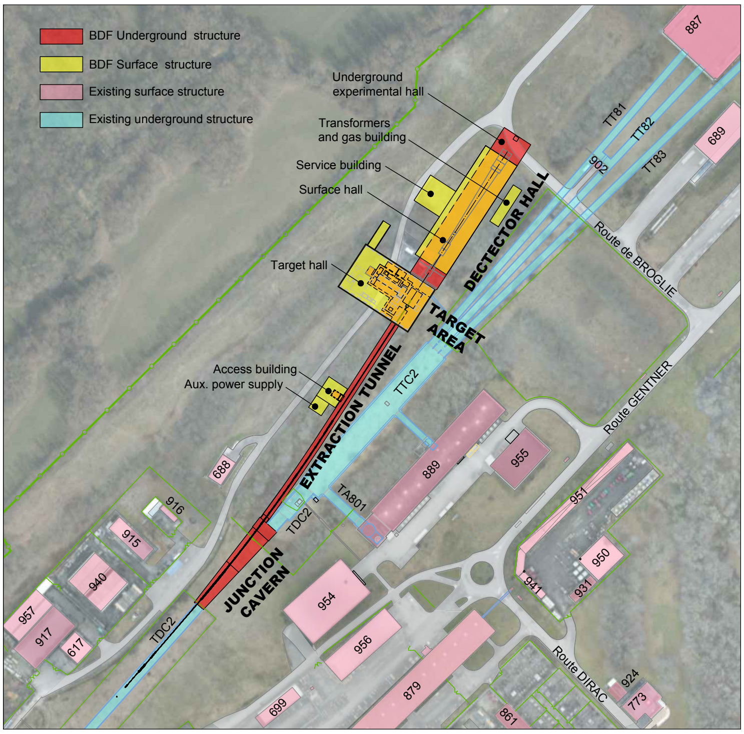
The Comprehensive Design Study for the experimental facility has been carried out by the Beam Dump Facility working group and in its dedicated subgroups in the context of the Physics Beyond Collider Study Group in close collaboration with the SHiP experiment.



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Based on the request put forward in the addendum to the SHiP Technical Proposal [**?**], this study phase has consisted in a detailed elaboration of the SHIP operational scenario, and in a preliminary design of the main components of the proton delivery, the target and the target complex, and the experimental area, together with a detailed evaluation of the radiological aspects and mitigation. Several critical items have been prototyped to demonstrate the concepts, the new type of three-way combined beam splitter/kicker magnet and the target and a conceptual version of its enclosure.

In addition, it has been considered of high importance to perform a preliminary study of the integration of the whole complex, civil engineering design and execution process in order to produce a more precise cost estimate and time line for the project.

A full writeup of the Comprehensive Design Study for the Beam Dump Facility is available ([**?**] and references therein).

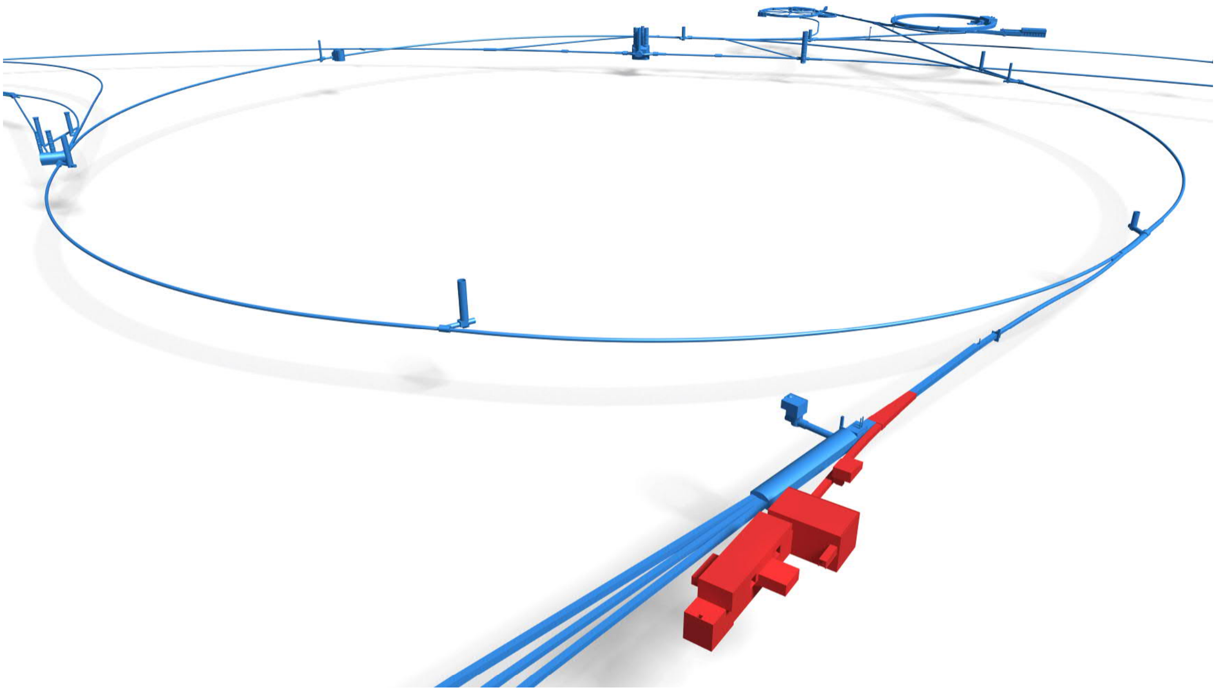
Assumptions and baseline parameters confirmed.

The sections below summarizes the changes, updated requirements, status and key conclusions related to the experimental facility and beam line.

Reference to feasibility studies in TP addendum and BDF working group, focus on re-optimization and updates, synthesis of conclusions BDF work

2 Proton yield and beam delivery

The SHiP operational scenario is based on a similar fraction of beam time as the past CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso (CNGS) program. The most favourable experimental conditions for SHiP are obtained with a proton beam energy of around 400 GeV. A nominal beam intensity of 4×10^{13} protons on target



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per spill is assumed for the design of the experimental facility and the detector. In the baseline scenario, the beam sharing delivers an annual yield of 4×10^{19} protons to the SHiP experimental facility and a total of 10^{19} to the other physics programs at the CERN North Area, while respecting the beam delivery required by the LHC and HL-LHC . The physics sensitivities are based on acquiring a total of 2×10^{20} protons on target, which may thus be achieved in five years of nominal operation.

Significant progress has been made in the studies of techniques to reduce the beam losses and activation during the slow extraction process which is necessary to achieve the baseline intensity of 4×10^{19} protons on target per year. The current status confirms the intensity reach to within a factor of two, and further techniques presently under deployment are aiming to provide the additional reduction to allow the full intensity.

2.1 Operation with slow-extraction in bunched mode

SHiP profits from the unique feature in the SPS of slow extraction of a de-bunched beam over a timescale of around a second. It allows tight control of combinatorial background, and allows diluting the large beam power deposited on the proton target both spatially and temporally. Should an observation require consolidation, a second mode of operation with slow extraction of bunched beam is also foreseen in order to further increase the discrimination between the signature of a Light Dark Matter object, by measuring their different times of flight, and background induced by neutrino interactions.

3 Target system

Target extended from 10 to 12 interaction lengths, radius changed from square block 30x30 to cylindrical with radius of 12.5cm.

4 Updated experiment layout

The main experimental challenge concerns the requirement of highly efficient reduction of beam-induced backgrounds to below 0.1 events in the projected sample of 2×10^{20} protons on target. To this end, the experimental configuration includes a unique design of a muon shield based on magnetic deflection to reduce the flux of muons emerging from the target by six orders of magnitude in the detector acceptance.

The SHiP experiment incorporates two complementary apparatuses. The first detector immediately downstream of the muon shield consists of an emulsion based spectrometer optimised for recoil signatures of hidden sector particles and τ neutrino physics.

4.1 Magnetization of the target hadron stopper

Contract and activity with RAL

4.2 Free-standing Muon shield

The design and performance of the muon shield poses certain technological challenges. These include how to best assemble sheets of Grain Oriented steel without disrupting the magnetic circuit, how to cut the GO sheets into desired configurations, and how to best connect the GO sheets to achieve the desired stacking factor. In order to address these questions a prototyping campaign is underway.

The design of the muon shield and the residual rate of muons depends on the momentum distribution of the muons produced in the initial proton collision. The latest shield optimisation and rate estimates were performed using `PYTHIA` simulations. In order to validate these simulations a test beam campaign is starting in July to measure the muon flux using a replica of SHiP's target. Further details can be found in Ref. [SHiP-EOI-016]. Depending on the outcome of this test beam campaign, a further optimisation of the shield configuration will be performed.

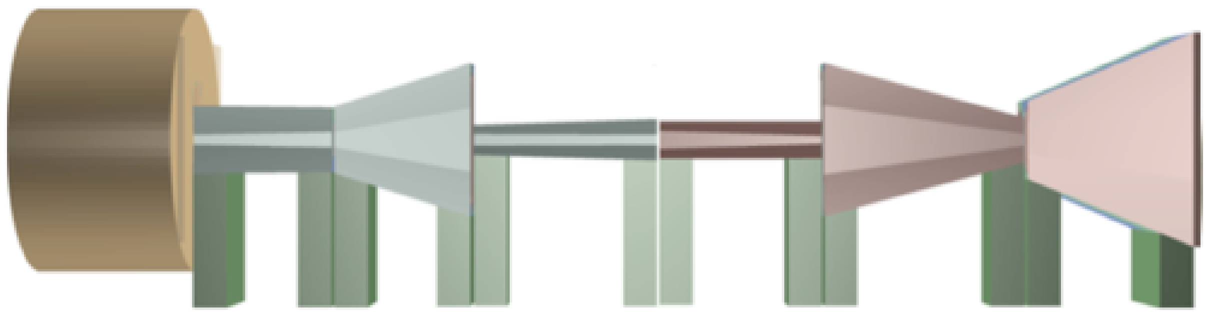


Figure 4: Side view of the optimized muon shield magnets.

4.3 Vacuum vessel

Baseline is a .... Consist of several sections

The preliminary studies of the vacuum system for the approximately 1750 m^3 SHiP vacuum vessel shows that the requirements can be satisfied with a system of combined root-screw pumps, piezo and membranes gauges for pressure monitoring and manual valves for operation and venting purposes [**?**](EDMS 2000025). A low outgassing epoxy paint is considered to be deposited on the steel surface under vacuum in order to reduce the surface outgassing. The longitudinal vacuum forces which are taken into account in the design of the vacuum chamber are around 300t.

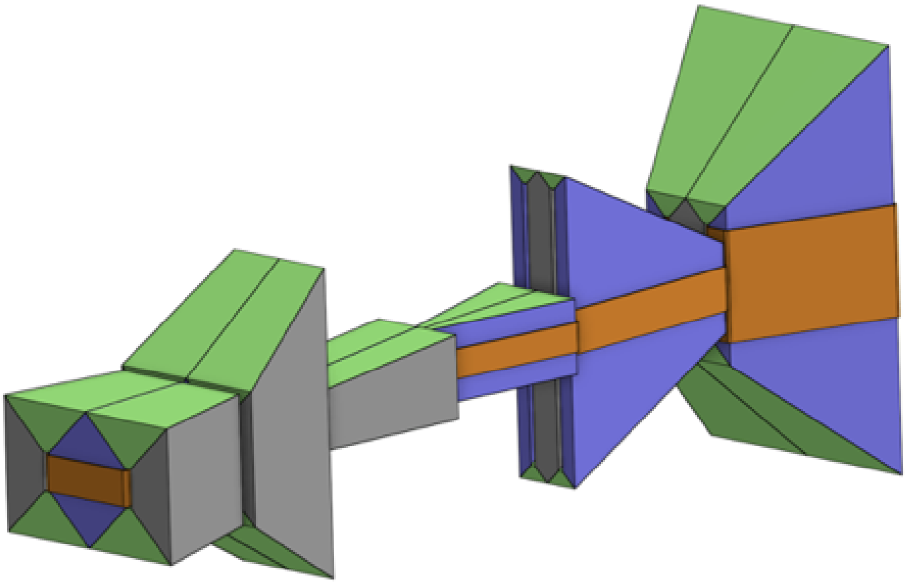


Figure 5: 3D view of the optimized muon magnetic shield.

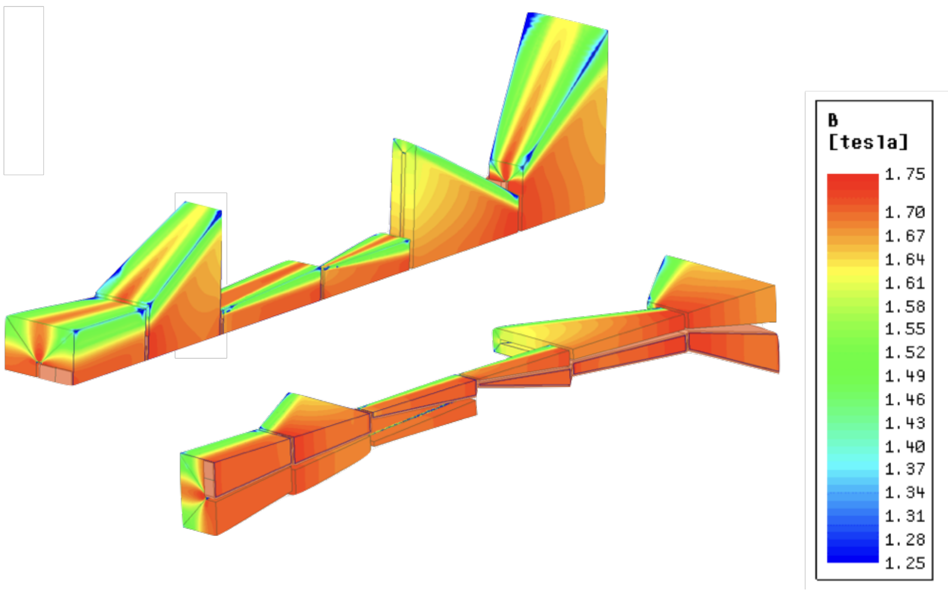


Figure 6: Modelled magnetic field distribution with nominal field intensity set to 1.7T. Quadrant cut out is shown.

5 Experimental Area and Infrastructure

6 Potential siting of a search for Lepton Flavour Violation experiment

(Pictures from presentation at BDF WG)

Motivation (yield)

From the beam optics point of view, several locations can provide the required beam conditions and the beam drift space to accommodate the detector along the new 200 m transfer line between the TDC2 switch yard cavern and the BDF target station without affecting the location of the BDF experimental area and without significant changes to the configuration of the beam line. The choice is instead driven by considerations related to the civil engineering in the vicinity of the existing installations, ra-

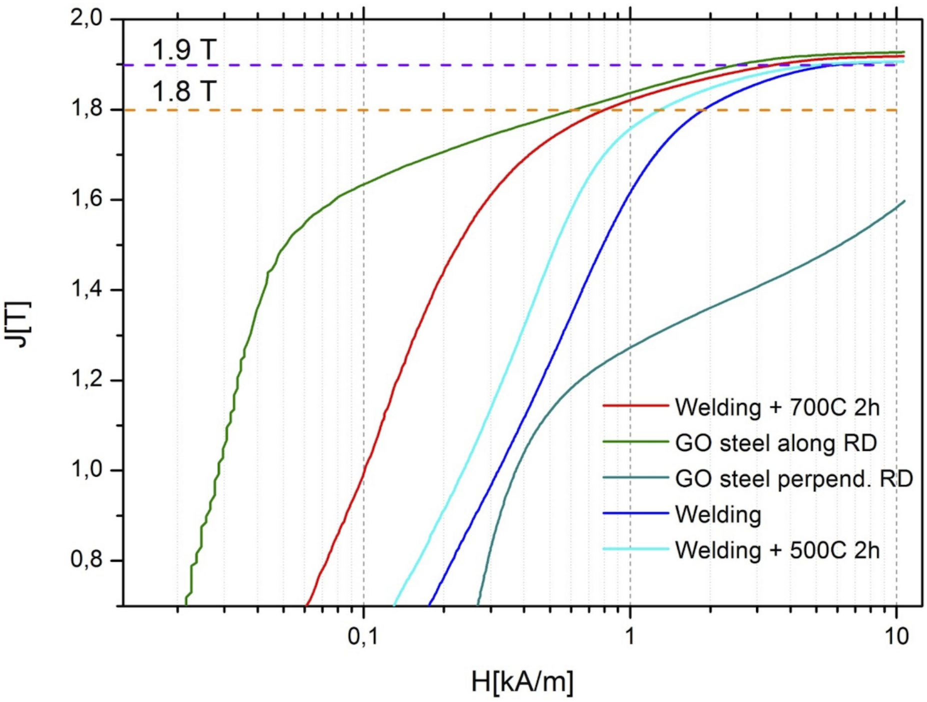


Figure 7: Measured magnetic properties of the Grain Oriented steel batch: unprocessed sample along (green) and perpendicular (dark green) to rolling direction, after the welding (blue), after the following annealing at $500°$C (cyan) and $700°$C (red).

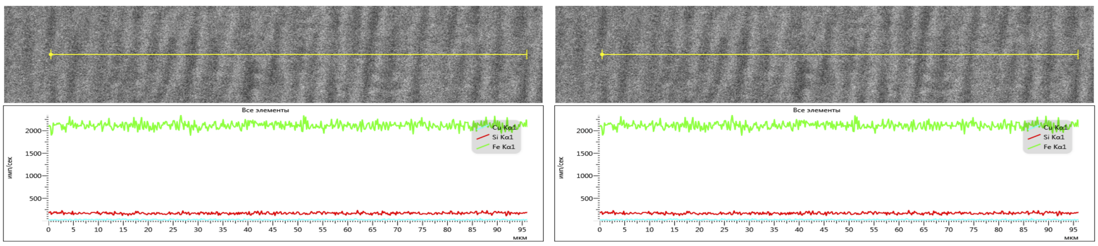


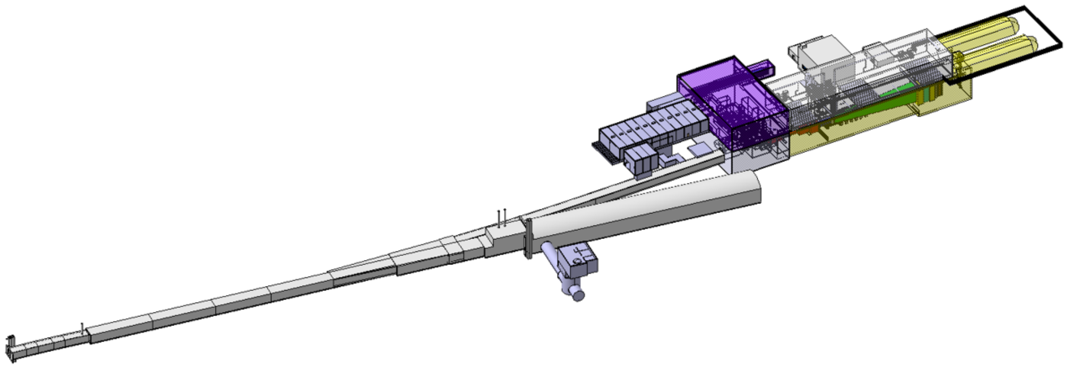
Figure 8: Carbon structure in the welded joint before (left) and after (right) *(to be updated) annealing.*

Figure 9: Simulated hit rates caused by muons passing magnetic shield. Comparison of ideal magnetic field setup (red) and realistic magnetic field (blue).

Figure 10: Reconstructed track rates caused by muons passing magnetic shield. Comparison of ideal magnetic field setup (red) and realistic magnetic field (blue).

diological protection, and to access and transport requirements above ground and underground. Lateral space is required on both sides for shielding in order to limit the radiation exposure of the surrounding underground area to levels typical for the rest of the beam line.

The preferred location under study is situated 60 m upstream of the BDF target bunker. An access and service complex for the transfer line is already foreseen at this location. It would be extended and reconfigured to include a bypass tunnel, the detector bunker, service cavern and the required surface complex.



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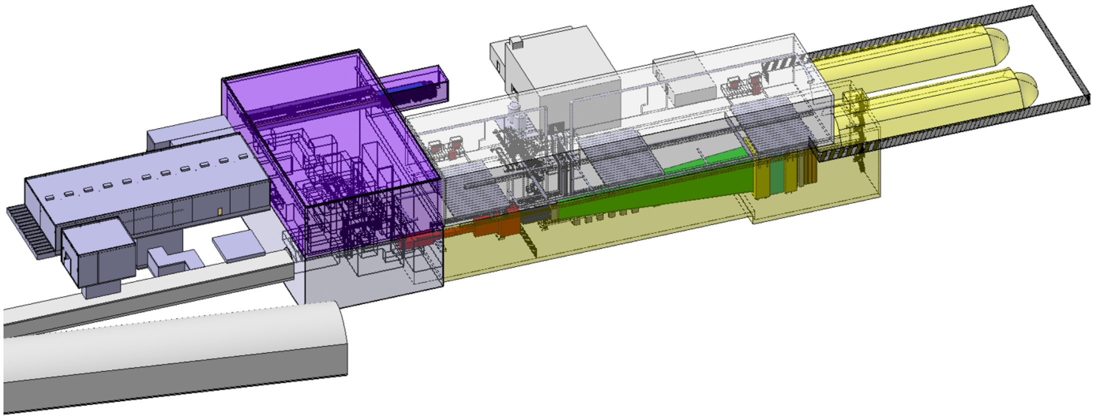

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By a modest reconfiguration of the existing beam elements, the location provides a beam spot of $\sigma_x = 4.4\ mm \times \sigma_y = 1.1\ mm$ and a drift space of $20\ m$ to implement the detector and the shielding. A compensator magnet is foreseen to allow the experimental dipole magnet and the need to swap polarity. The downstream dilution system which is required to sweep the beam in a circle on the BDF target to dilute the beam power will have to be twice as strong in this configuration.

A first check of the characteristics of the proposed target configuration and beam induced effects on the material has revealed no showstopper. The target and the silicon-pixel detector will share a common closed volume containing an inert gas in circulation to prevent radiation induced corrosion and to ensure external cooling of the target and the detector.

A preliminary FLUKA study of the radiological aspects has been performed. It confirms that the radiation environment will be very challenging for the detectors. Remote handling will be required to move the detectors out of their data taking position into an adjacent service cavern for interventions. A shielding wall will separate the service cavern from the detector bunker during operation. No access is allowed underground during operation. An important challenge concerns preventing irradiation of the downstream beam elements due to radiation leakage through the whole in the shielding for the beam line.

A preliminary check of the surrounding environment shows no problems with respect to environmental limits or fluxes in neighbouring underground areas at the North Area, but this requires further studies. The additional flux of muons and neutrinos which enter the SHiP experiment will be studied as soon as the TauFV experimental configuration reaches more maturity.