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CERN Beams 2026 - Update

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Meeting with PS/SPS Coordinator Martin Jaekel

- OH met with Martin at CERN on 11/24 to discuss ePIC beam requests
- PS (SPS) run time 2026 is 76% (68%) of 2025
 - SPS 2026 already 20% higher requests than 2025
 - As we all knew, 2026 would be tough.
- ePIC was designated “Recognized Experiment 47” status. This means nothing for test beams.
 - Technically ePIC beam requests are still bound by the rule of “outside experiments can request 2 wks PS + 1 wk SPS at maximum” which **applies to the entirety of ePIC**.
 - In practice Martin and the PS/SPS coordinators are understanding and supportive of ePIC requests – but it is clear CERN experiments, DRD collaborations and further experiments approved by the SPS Council. Getting approval by SPSC will not be possible before 2026 run times.
- ePIC beam times have been at the mercy of the PS/SPS coordinators – we need to be responsive and accommodating to get anything close to what we requested.