

FAIR Accelerator Facility Control: Semi-Automation & Beam-Based Feedbacks

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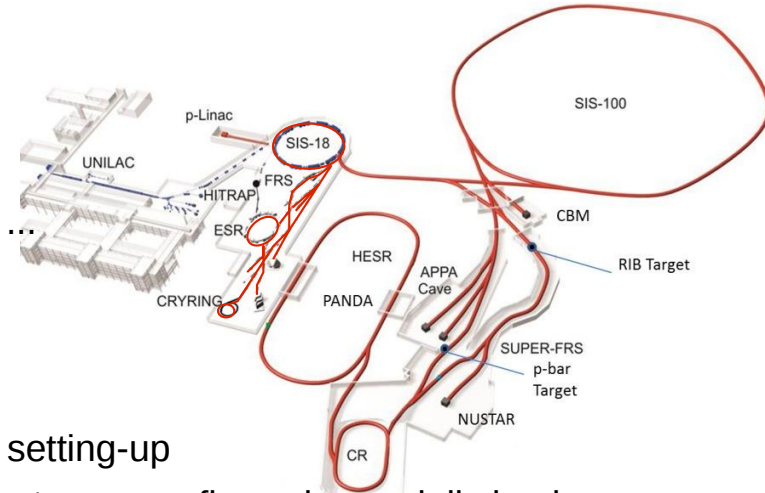
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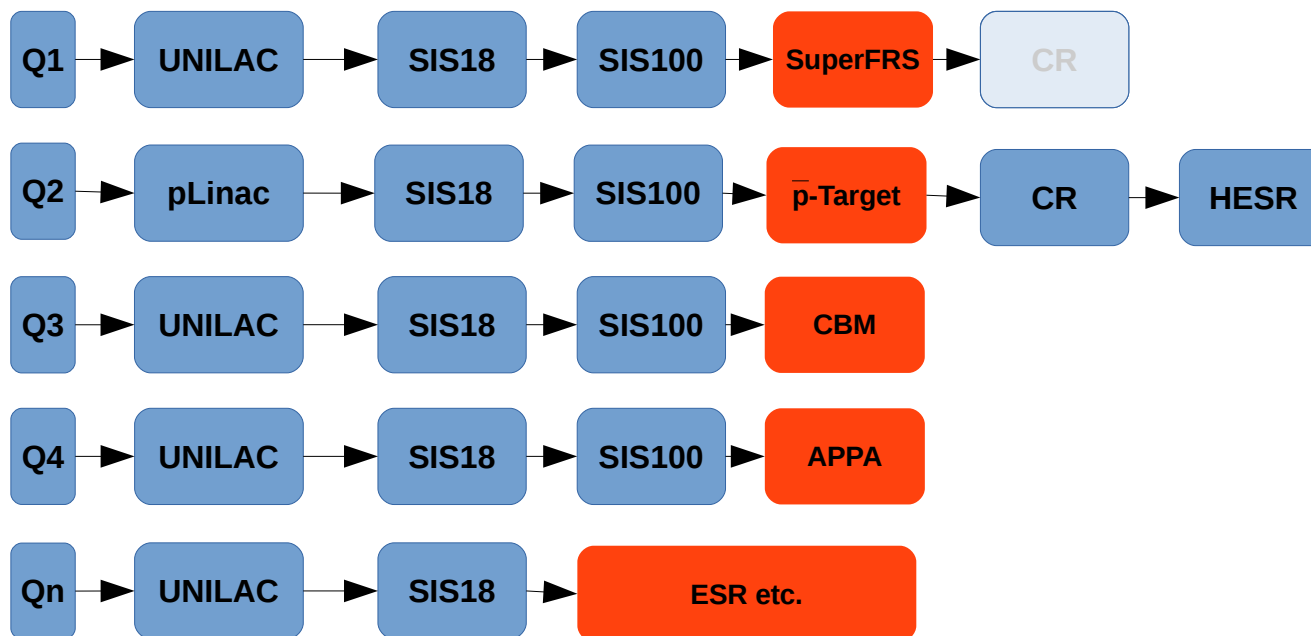
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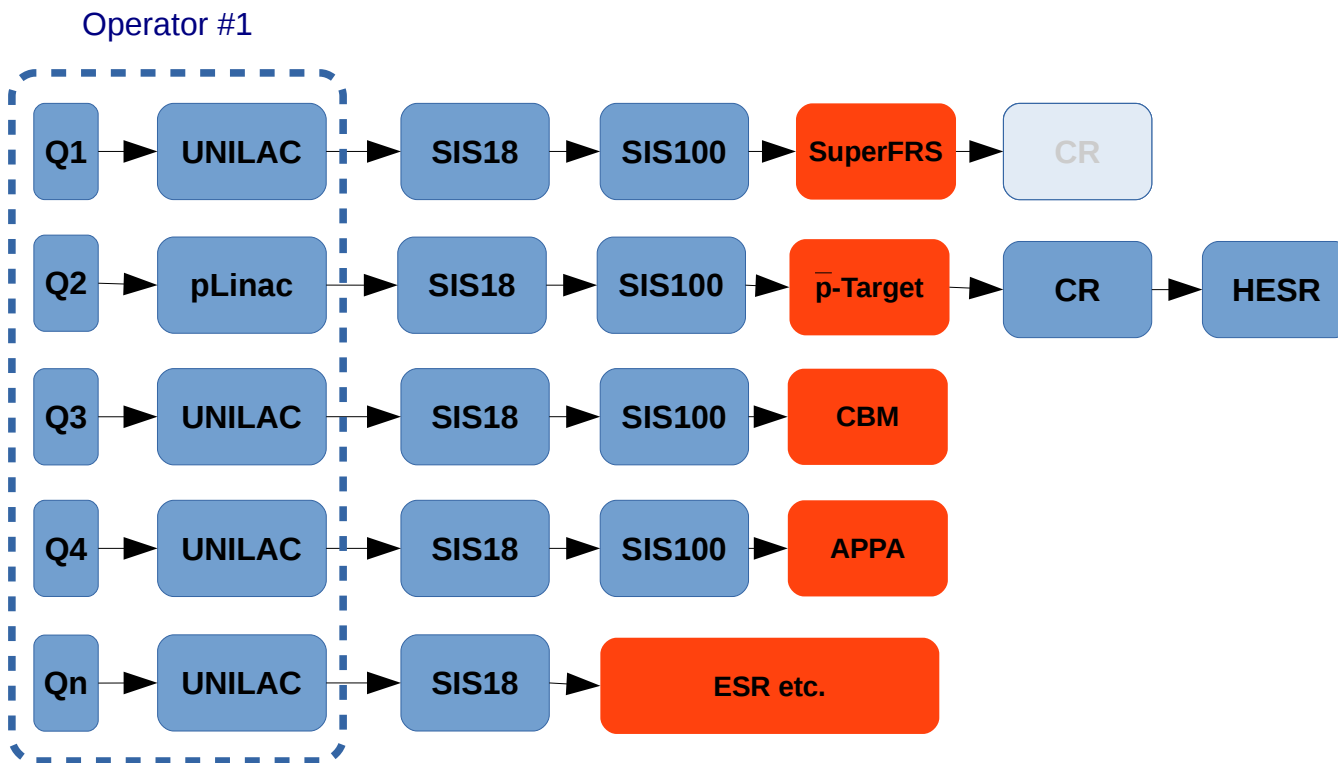
- FAIR ~4 x the size of existing GSI facility
 - non-linear operational complexity increase $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n^5)$
 - efficiency scaling $\epsilon_{\text{FAIR}} = \epsilon_{\text{UNILAC}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SIS18}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SIS100}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{Super-FRS}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{CR}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{HESR}} \dots$
- parallel operation of 5-7 distributed experiments
 - lasting typically only 4-5 days, few long-runners
 - **large potential for cross-talk** between users especially while setting-up
 - **world-wide unique requirement**: facility and key beam parameters reconfigured on a daily basis
 - energy, ion species, intensity, extraction type/length, ...
- new challenges w.r.t. GSI:
 - operating beyond present beam parameter envelope, x10-100 higher intensities, x10 higher energies
→ **machine protection & losses/activation become an important issue**
 - high-intensity and higher-order feed-down effects require machine and beam parameter control well below the sub-percent level → **beyond feed-forward-only (open-loop) modelling and machine reproducibility**
 - **need to operate FAIR with reduced skeleton crew consisting of only ~5-6 operators (nights & weekends)**
 - minimise putting unnecessary stress on crews ↔ ergonomics, human-centric design, (semi-)automation (this talk)



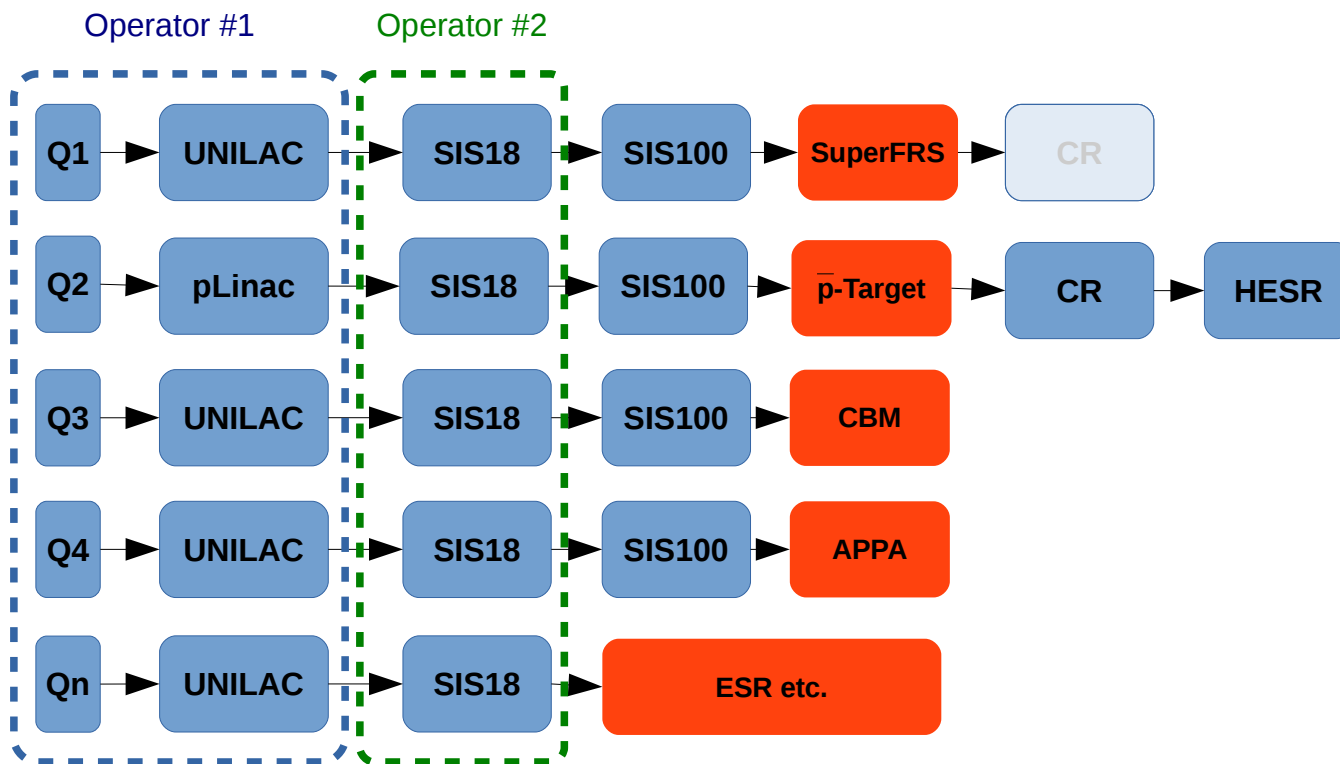
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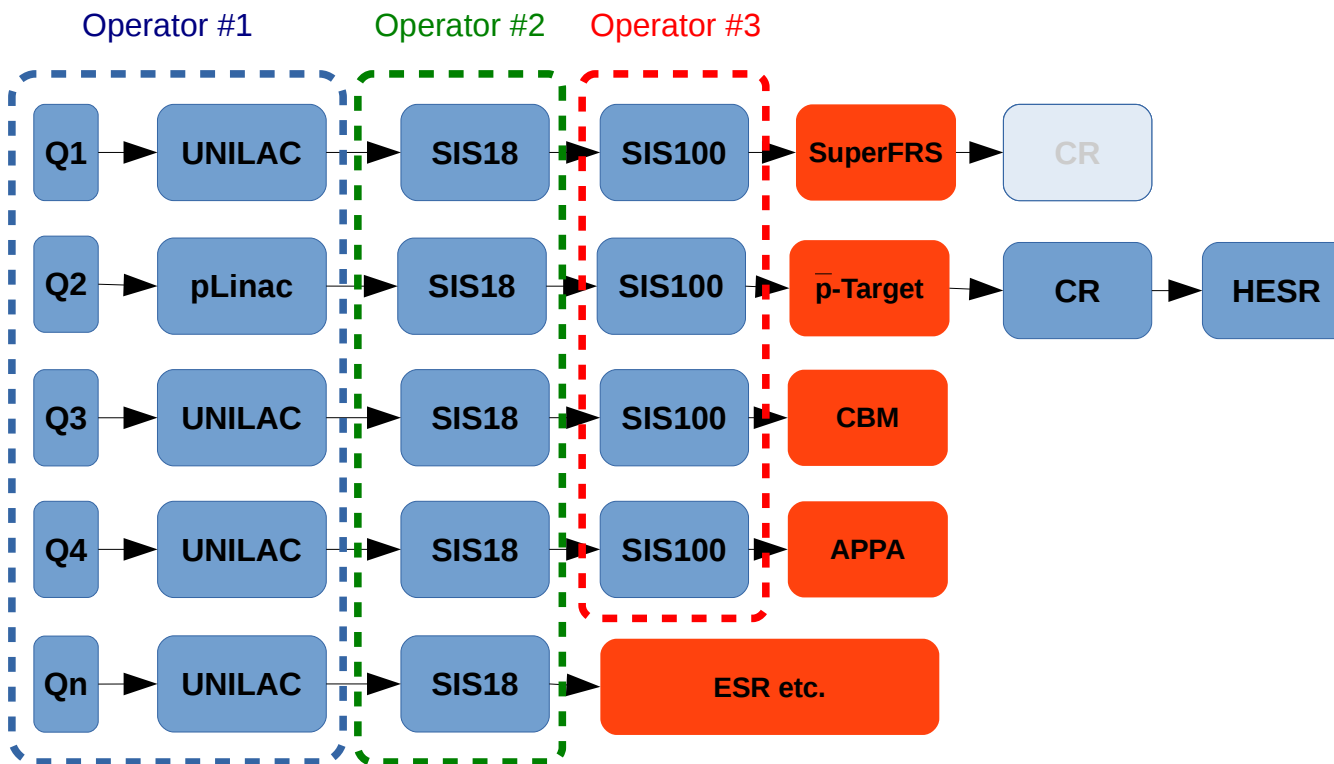
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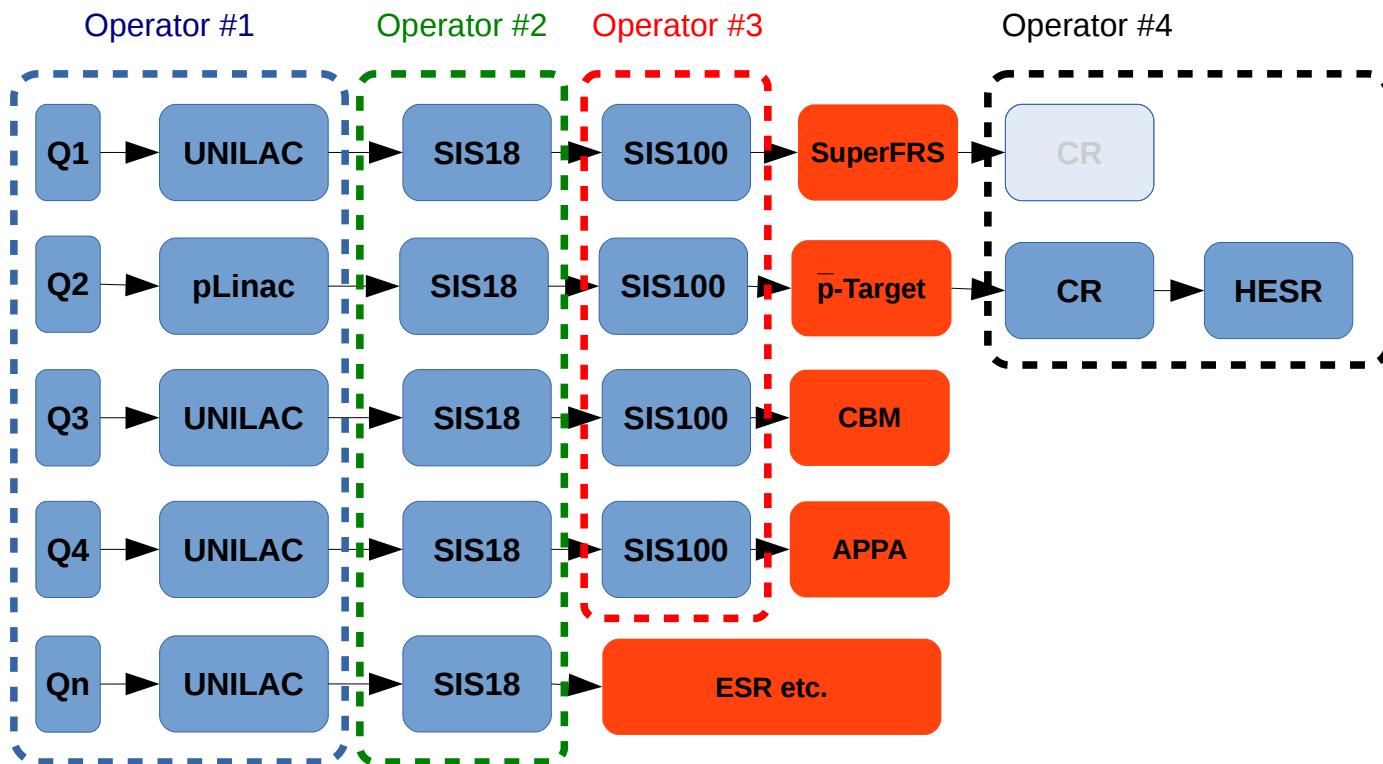
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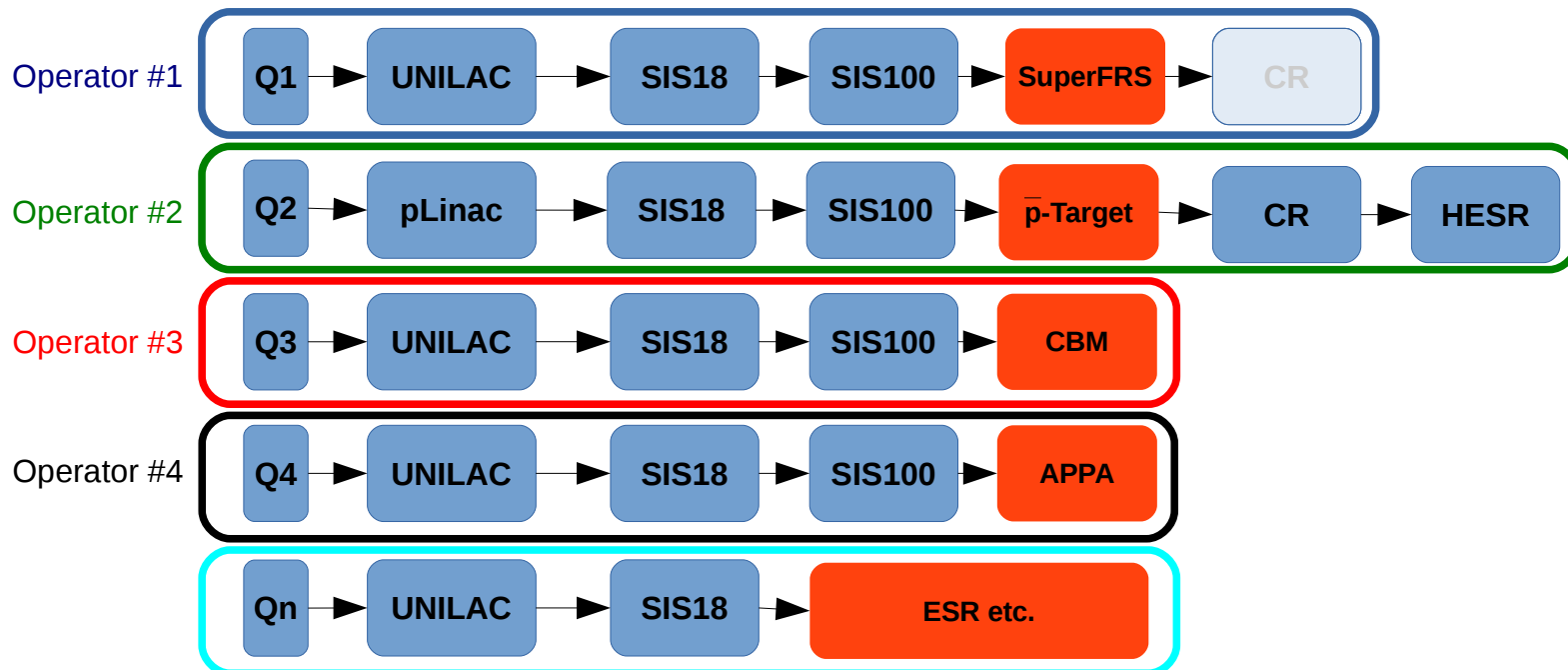
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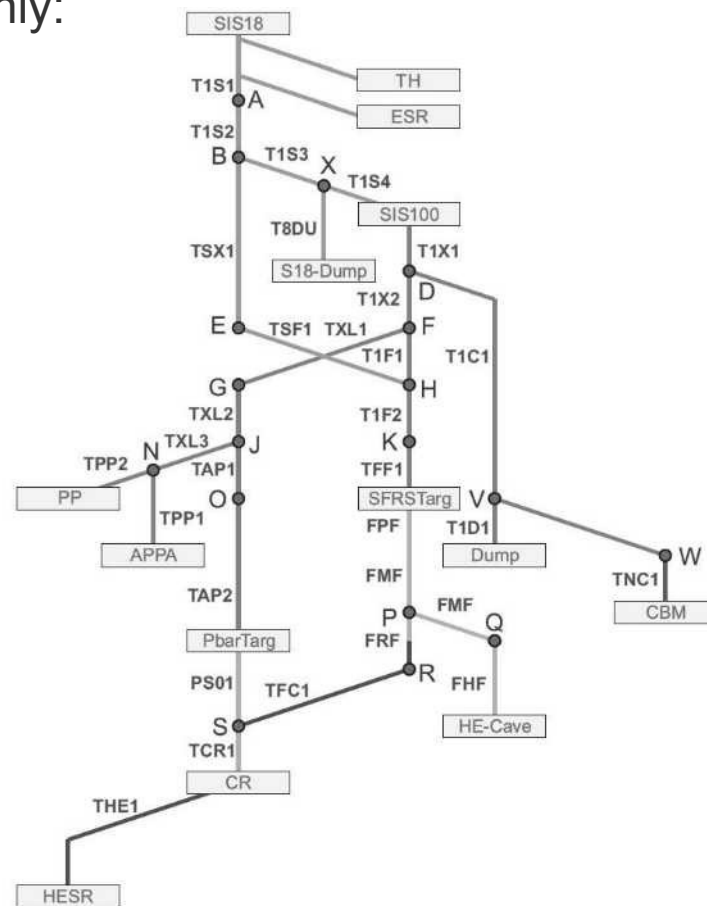
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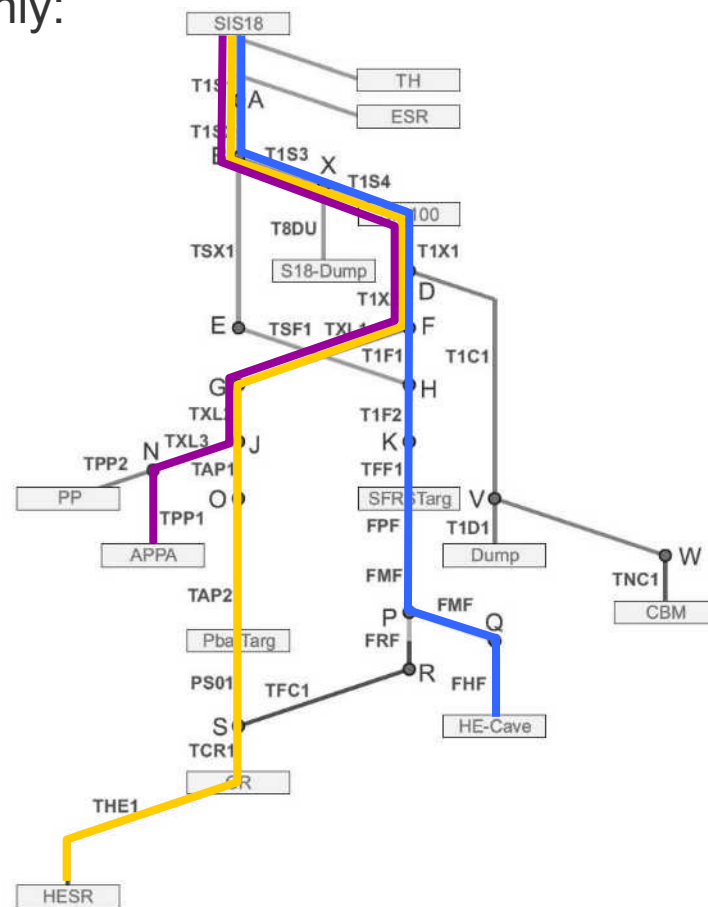
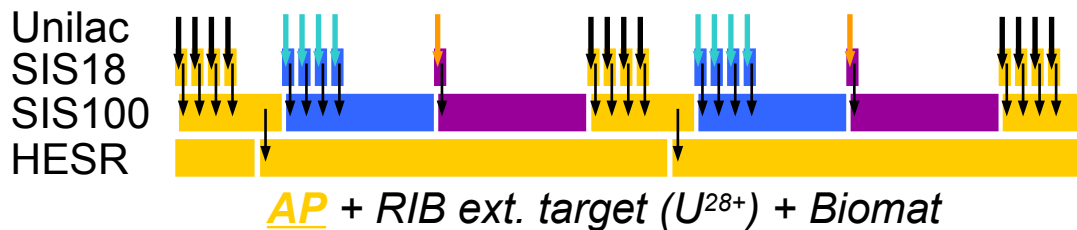


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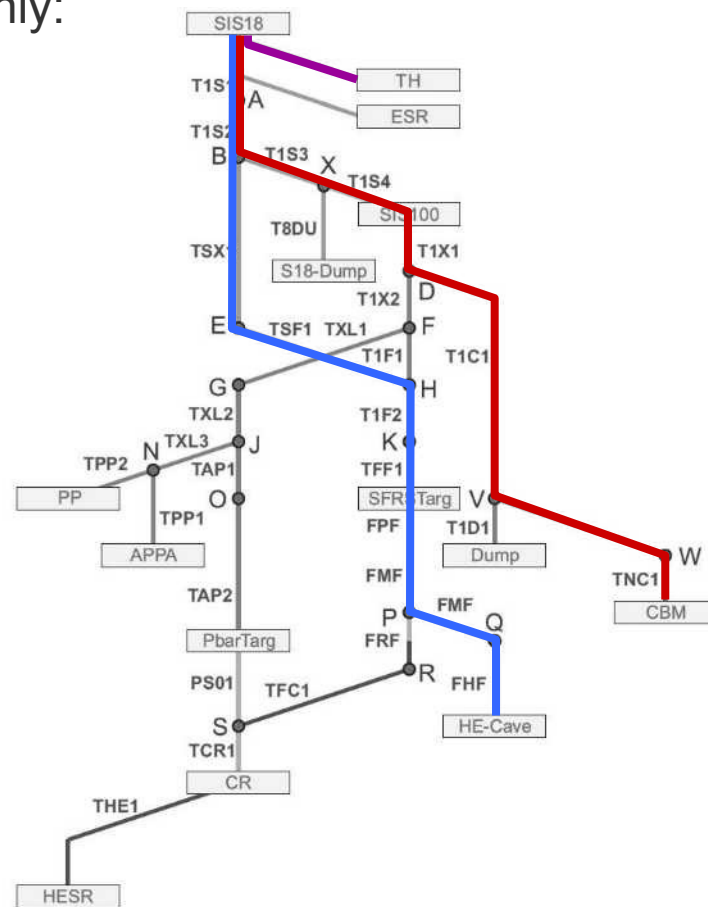
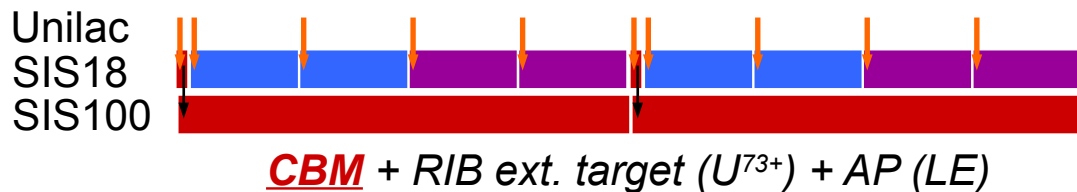
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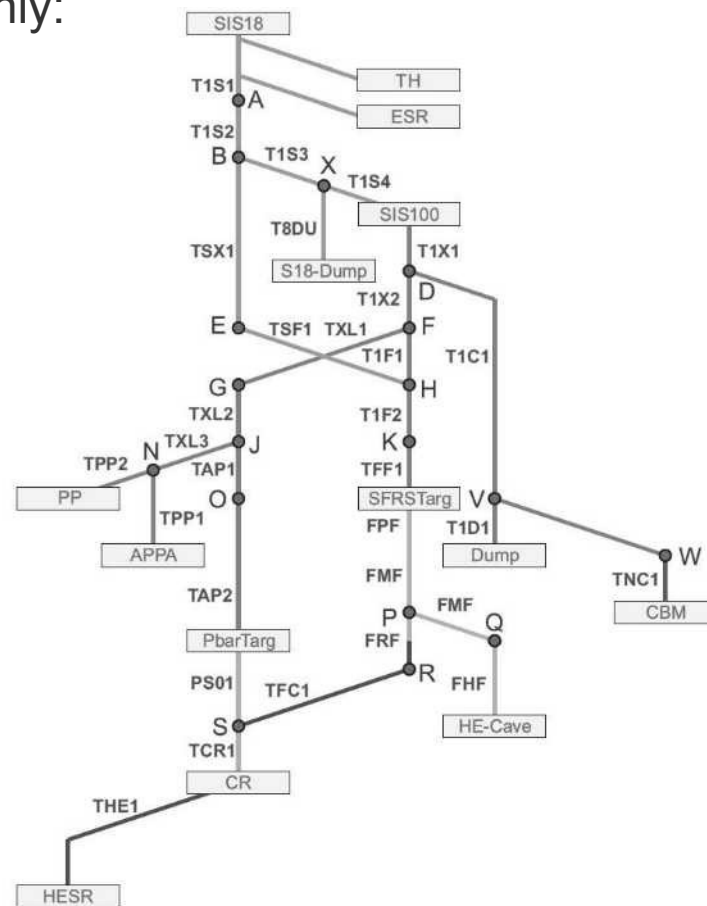
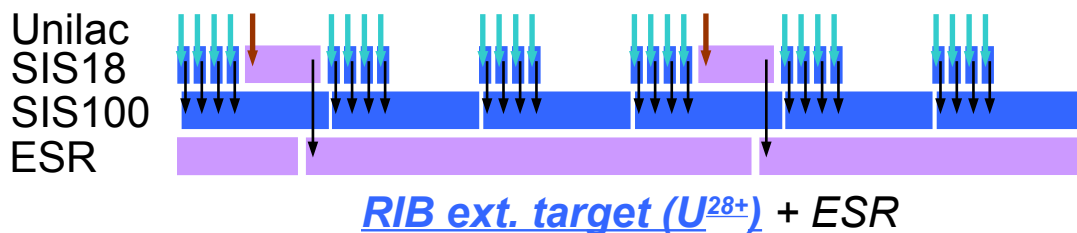
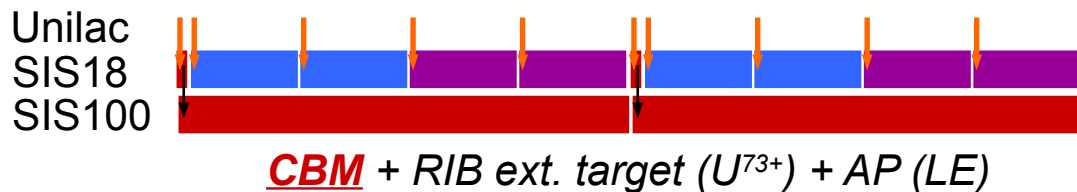
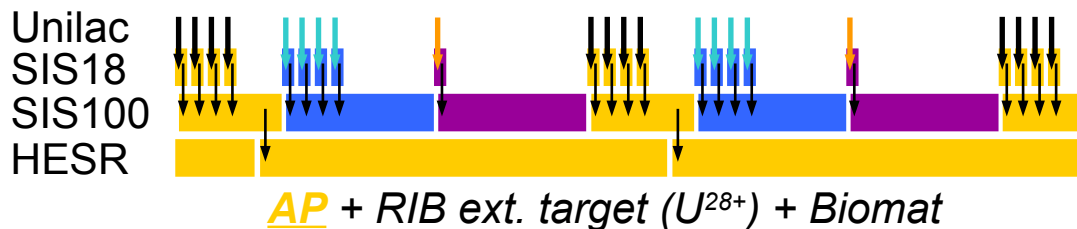
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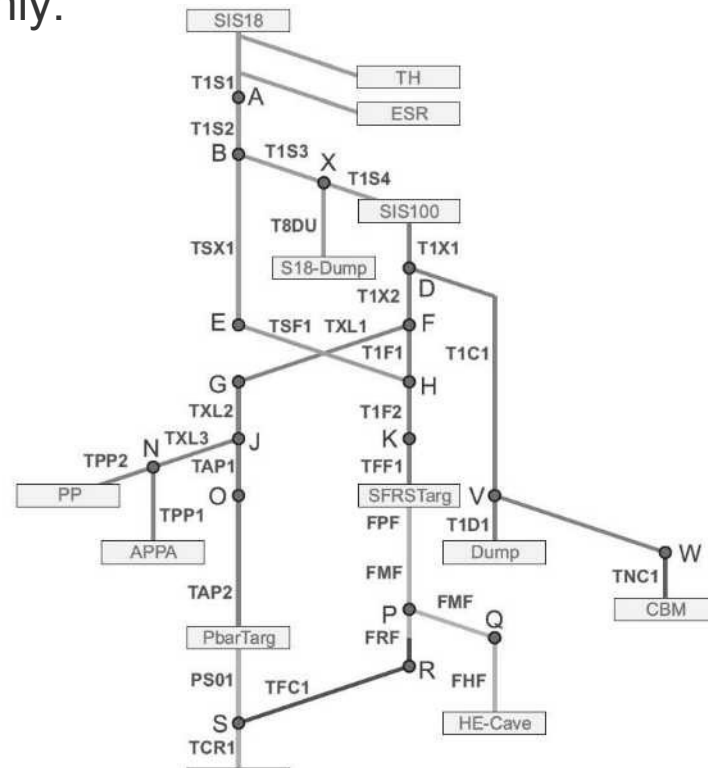
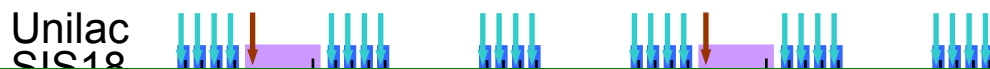
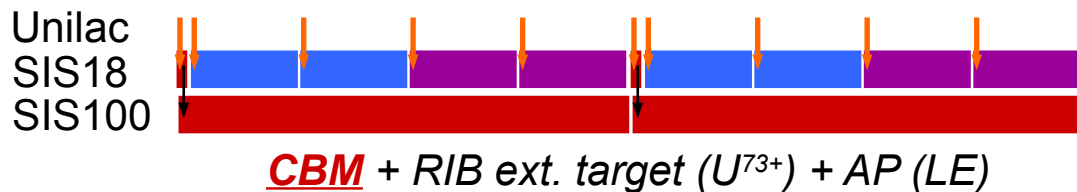
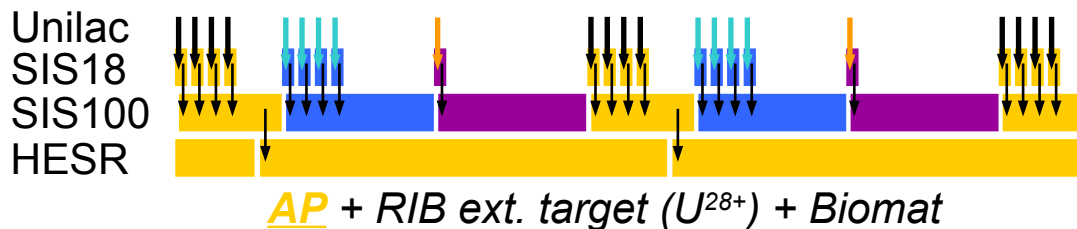


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FAIR Operational Challenge:

- presently: 2 shifts for setup of 2 accelerators → FAIR target: 1-2 shift(s) for setting up 5 accelerators + tighter loss control
- Main strategy/recipe to optimise 'beam-on-target':
 - quasi-periodic cycle operation: limit major pattern changes by construction ↔ beam schedule planning (tools)
 - minimise overhead of context switches → smart tools, procedures & semi-automation, e.g. beam-based feedbacks, sequencer, ...

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- Sequencer tasks – automation of tasks not yet covered by other routine tools
→ big time saver for large-scale equipment acceptance/integration tests, recommissioning, or dry-runs
 - N.B. thousands of FAIR devices & machine protection systems that need to be periodically retested/validated



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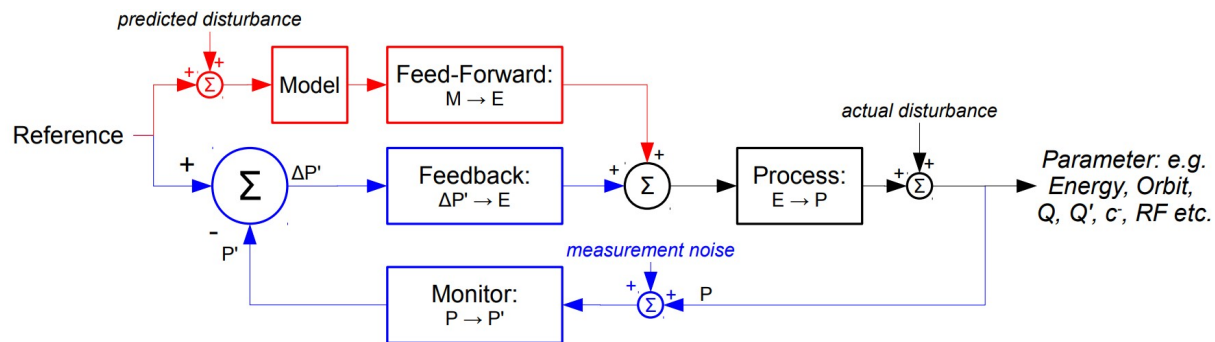
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Machine-specific Beam-Based Systems:

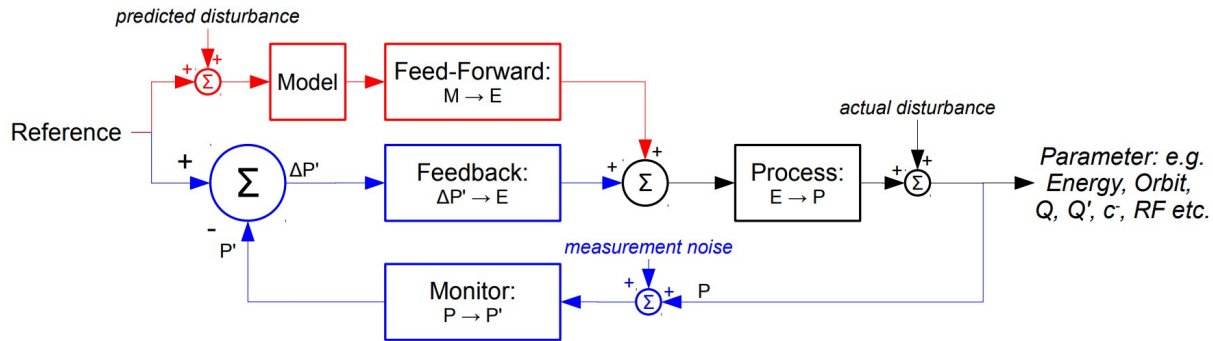
- SIS18: multi-turn-Injection (N.B. highly non-trivial, complex subject), Slow-Extraction (K.O. exciter, spill-structure, ...)
- SIS100: Slow-Extraction (K.O. exciter, spill-structure, ...), RF Bunch Merging and Compression
- ESR, HESR & CR: Stochastic cooling, Schottky diagnostics, ..., tbd.

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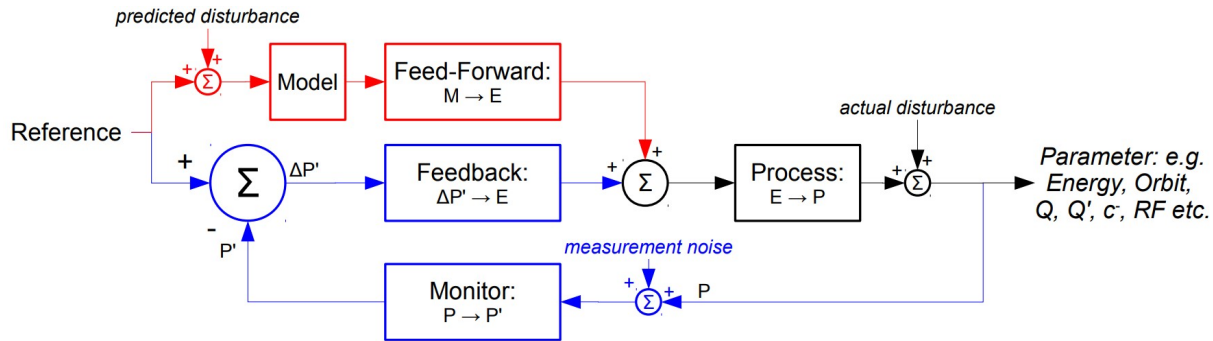
- **Remote DAQ of Analog Signals**
(strong impact on HKR migration/operation!)
- Facility-wide fixed-displays, facility & Machine Status (“Page One”)
- context-based monitoring of controls and accelerator Infrastructure,



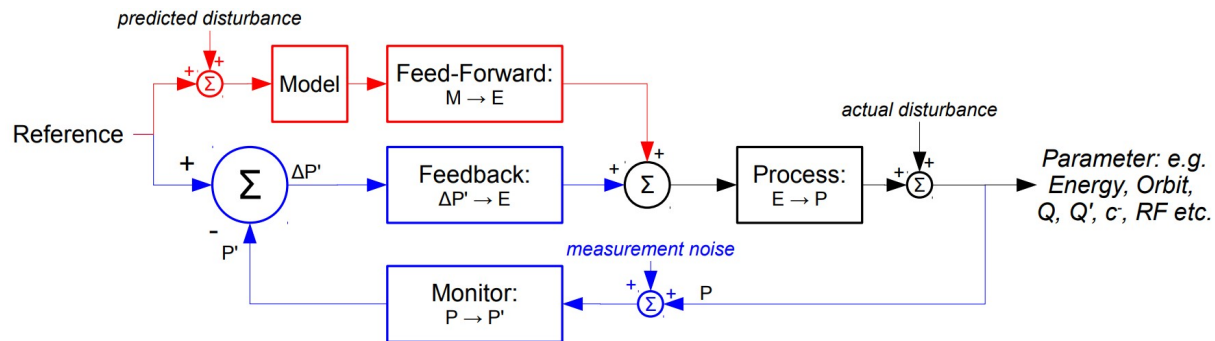
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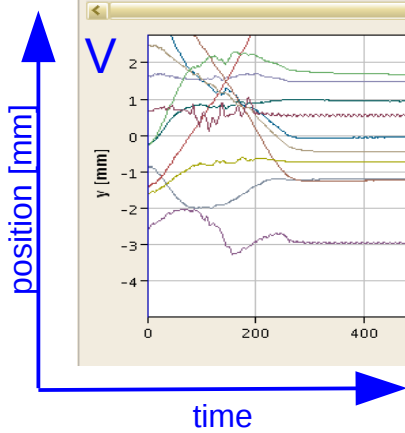
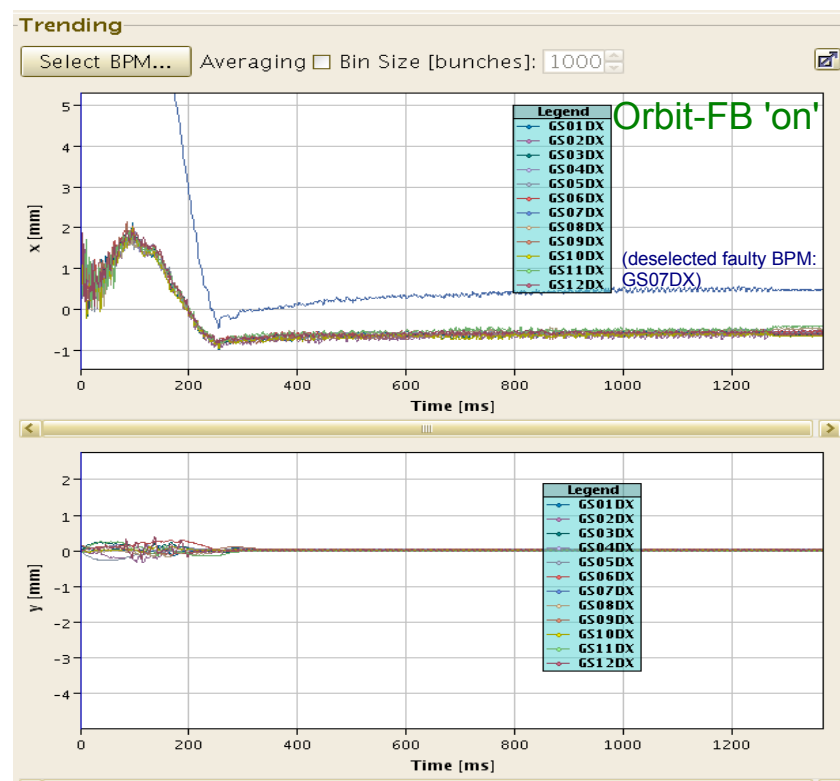
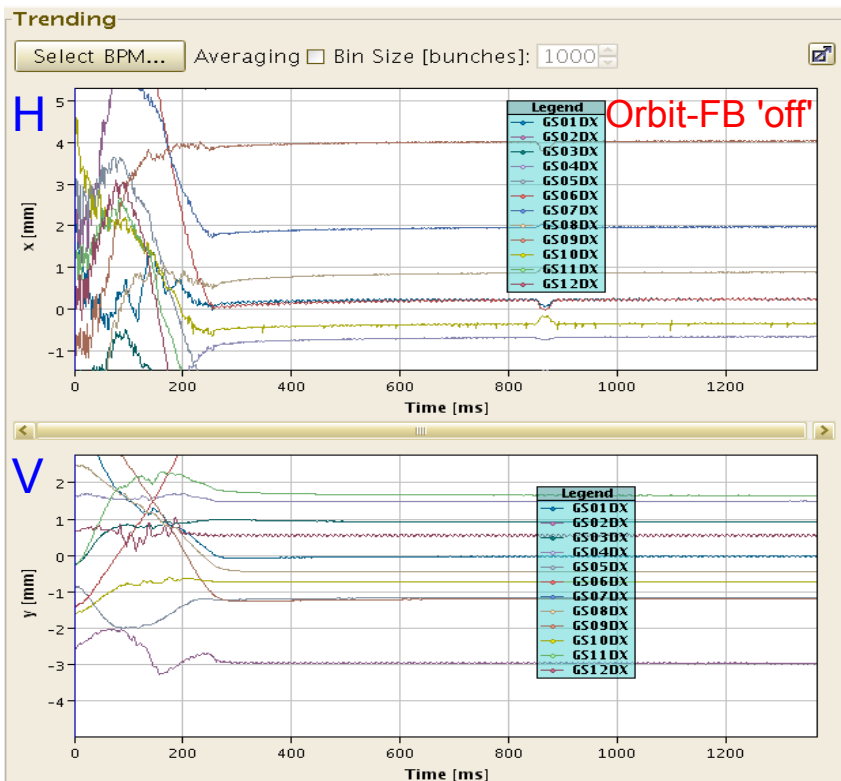
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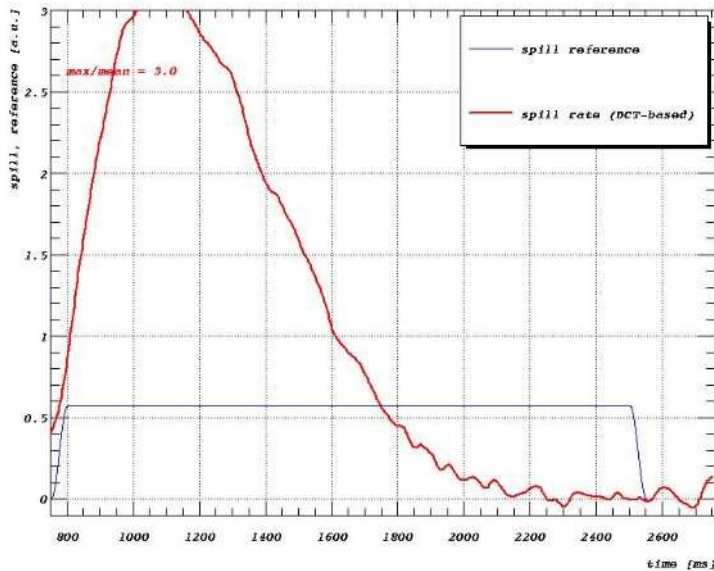
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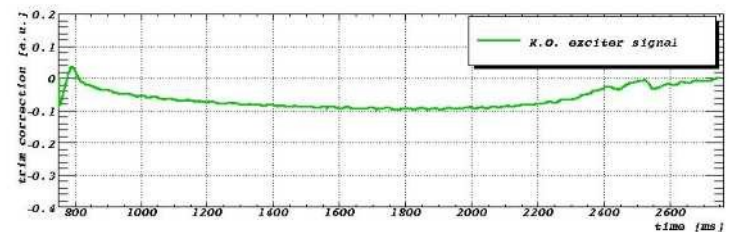
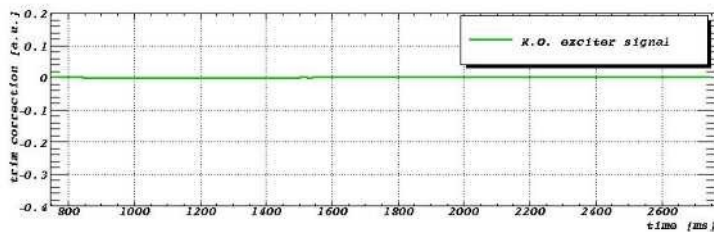
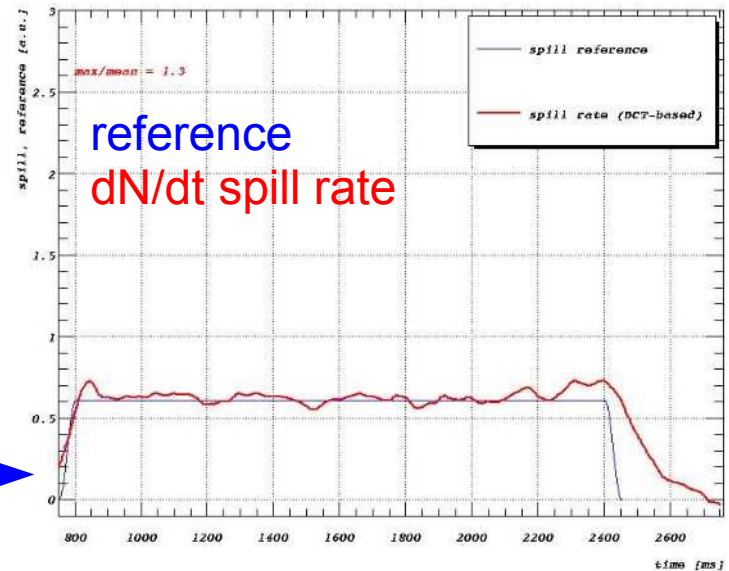
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 - **overall strength depends on the reliability of the weakest link in the chain**



- some workarounds needed, but overall success and results look promising
 - need to follow-up: reliability, performance issues related to CO & BI + detailed integration before being put into regular operation
 - N.B. remaining horizontal oscillation due to uncorrected $\Delta p/p$ mismatch \rightarrow radial-loop/Energy-FB



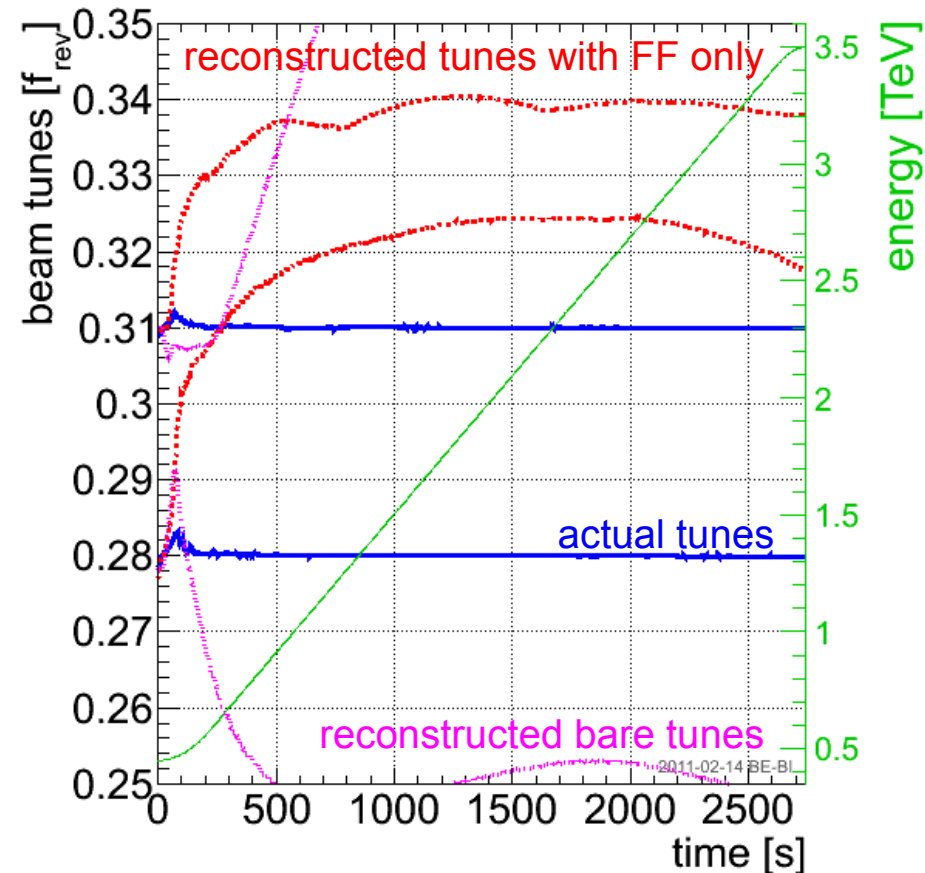
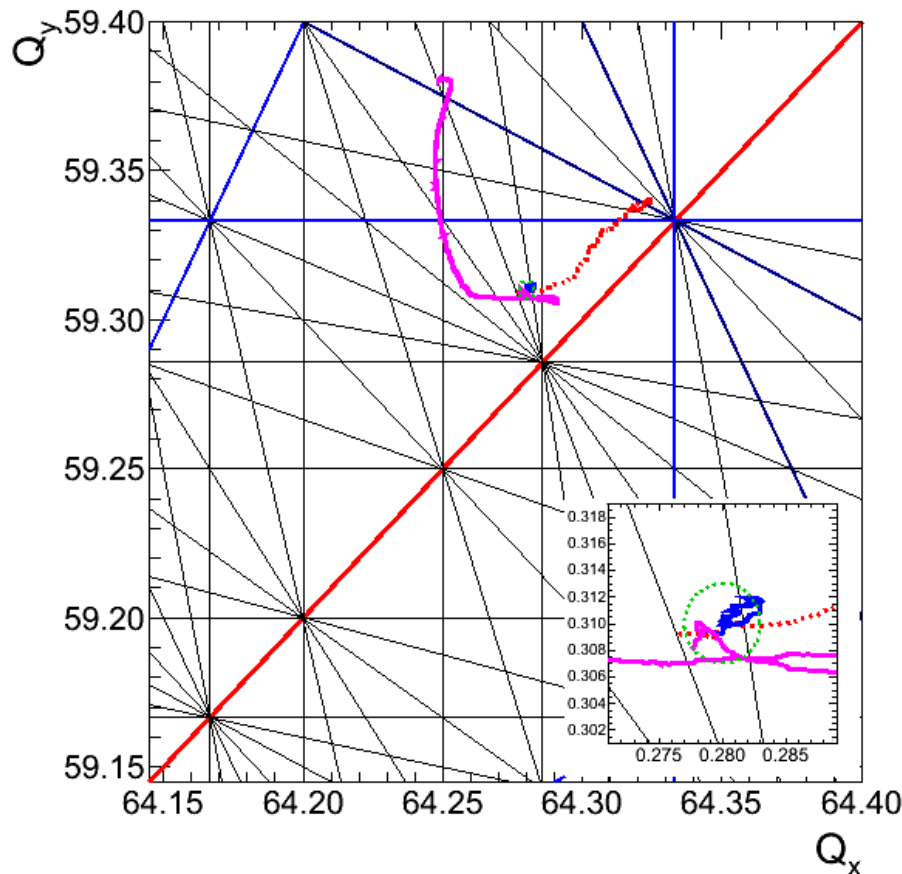
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FB on dN/dt
(DCCT-based) →



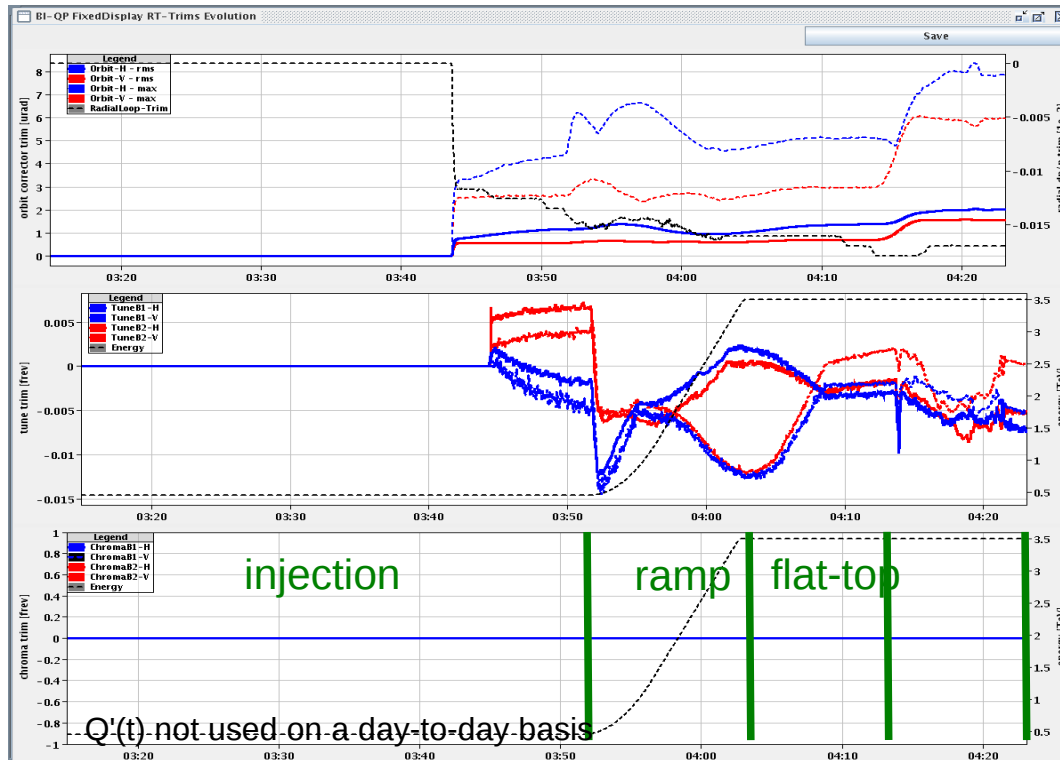
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 - Alternative: FB using fast extraction quadrupole or main-quads
 - Desirable: direct FB signal from experimental detectors

[animated GIF - link](#)

- Tune-FB driving and accelerating early commissioning in 2009-2011
 - tunes kept stable to better than 10^{-3} for most part of the ramp and squeeze
- even though perturbations were unrelated to quads, feedback helped mitigating these feed-down effects while allowing OP crews to work on other more pressing issues ... (N.B. BBQ instrumentation was key-ingredient to success)



- Most accelerator facilities: stability of actual observable became secondary
- trims become de-facto standard to assess the FB and machine performance and to improve machine modelling (done off-line)



Orbit-FB &
Radial-Loop
Trims (μrad)

Tune-FB trims

Q'(t)-FB trims
Energy (TeV)

Q'(t) not used on a day-to-day basis

β^* -squeeze

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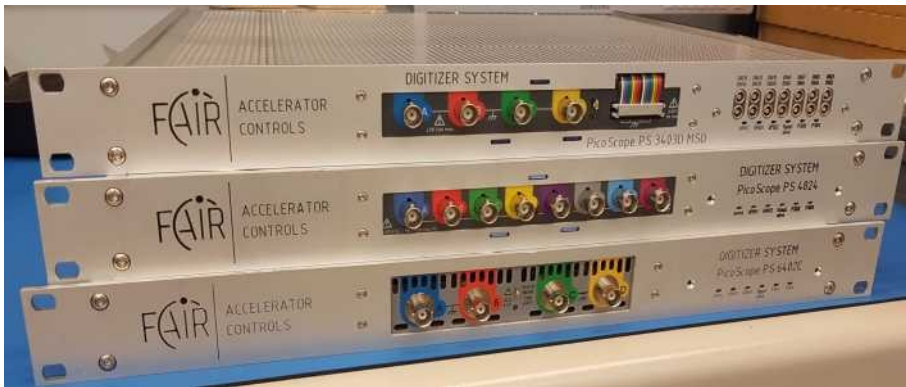
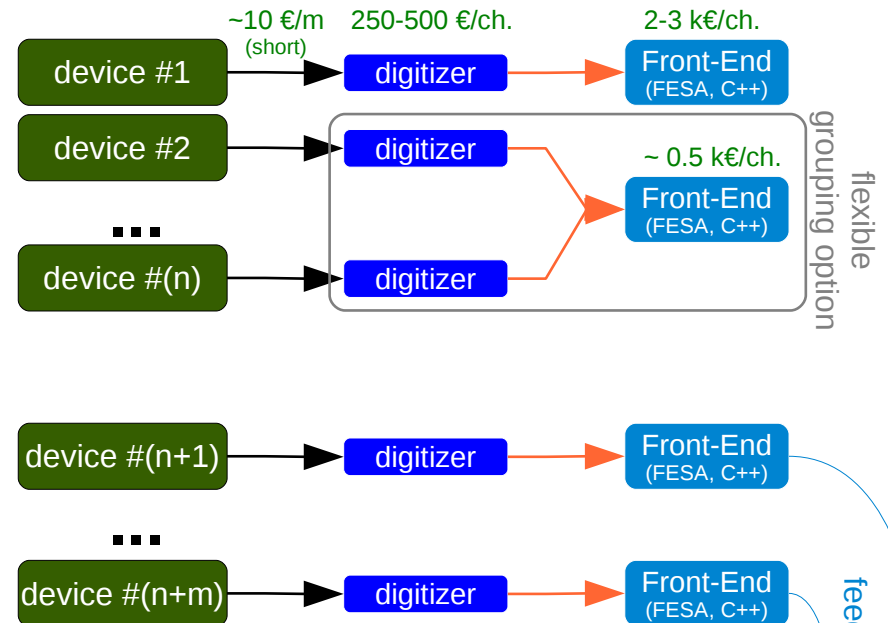
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N.B. importance: quantitative accelerator performance and bug/fault-tracking indicators

- targeted concept
(underlying assumption: scopes/digitizers are cheap, RF switches are expensive)



start deployment ≥ 2018 (SIS18), crucial for:

- migration to new FAIR Control Centre (FCC),
- optimisation of commissioning & operation
- automated tracking/isolation of faults (\leftrightarrow post-mortem)
- less-biased performance indicator

link: more details

permanent monitoring

(error-case, trending, interlocks, beam-based feedbacks, ...)



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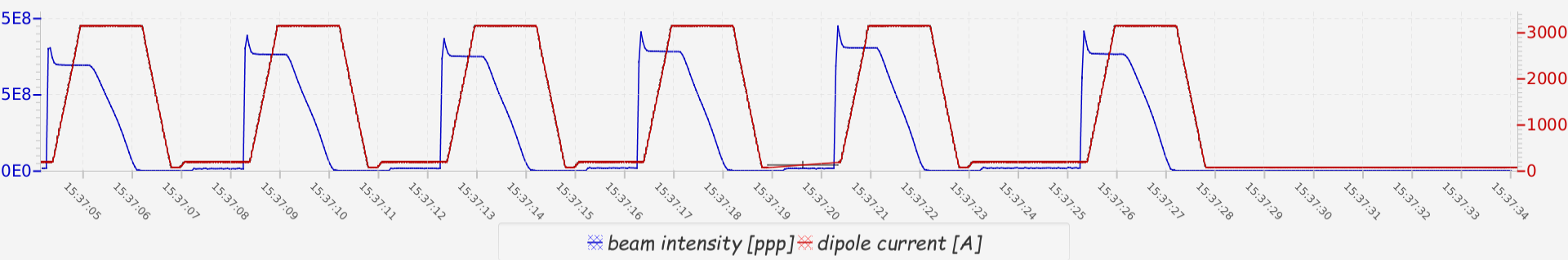
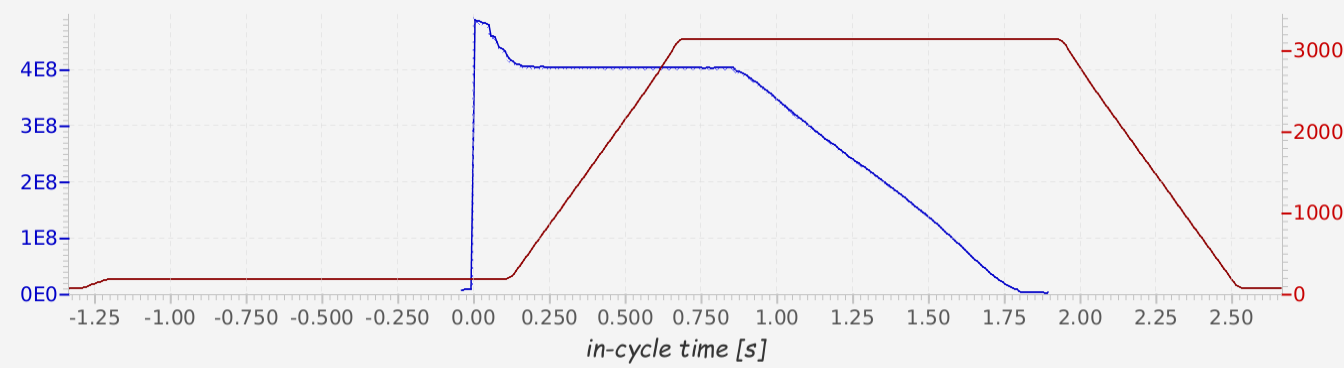
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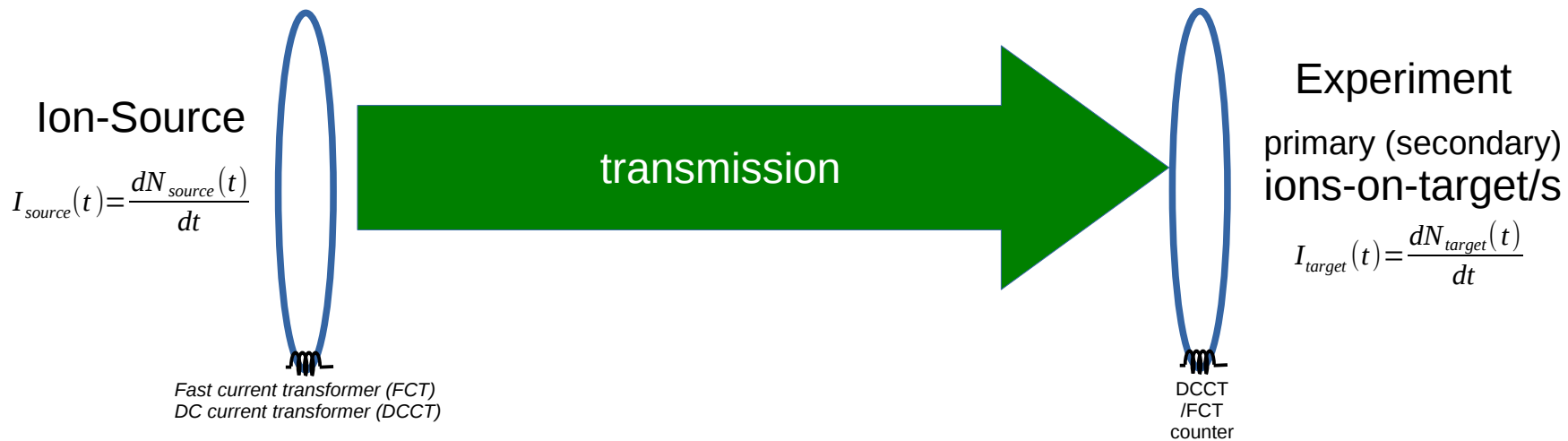
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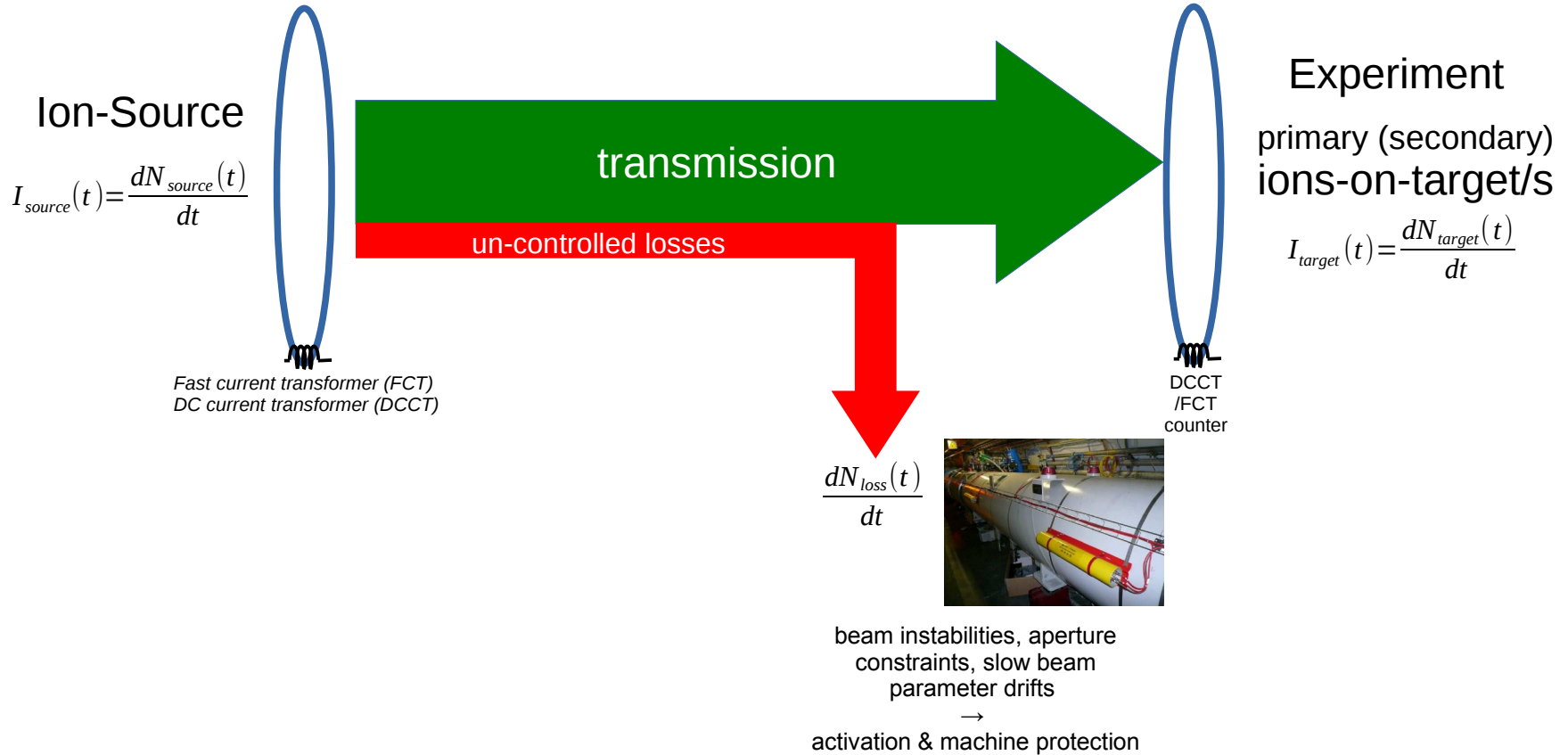


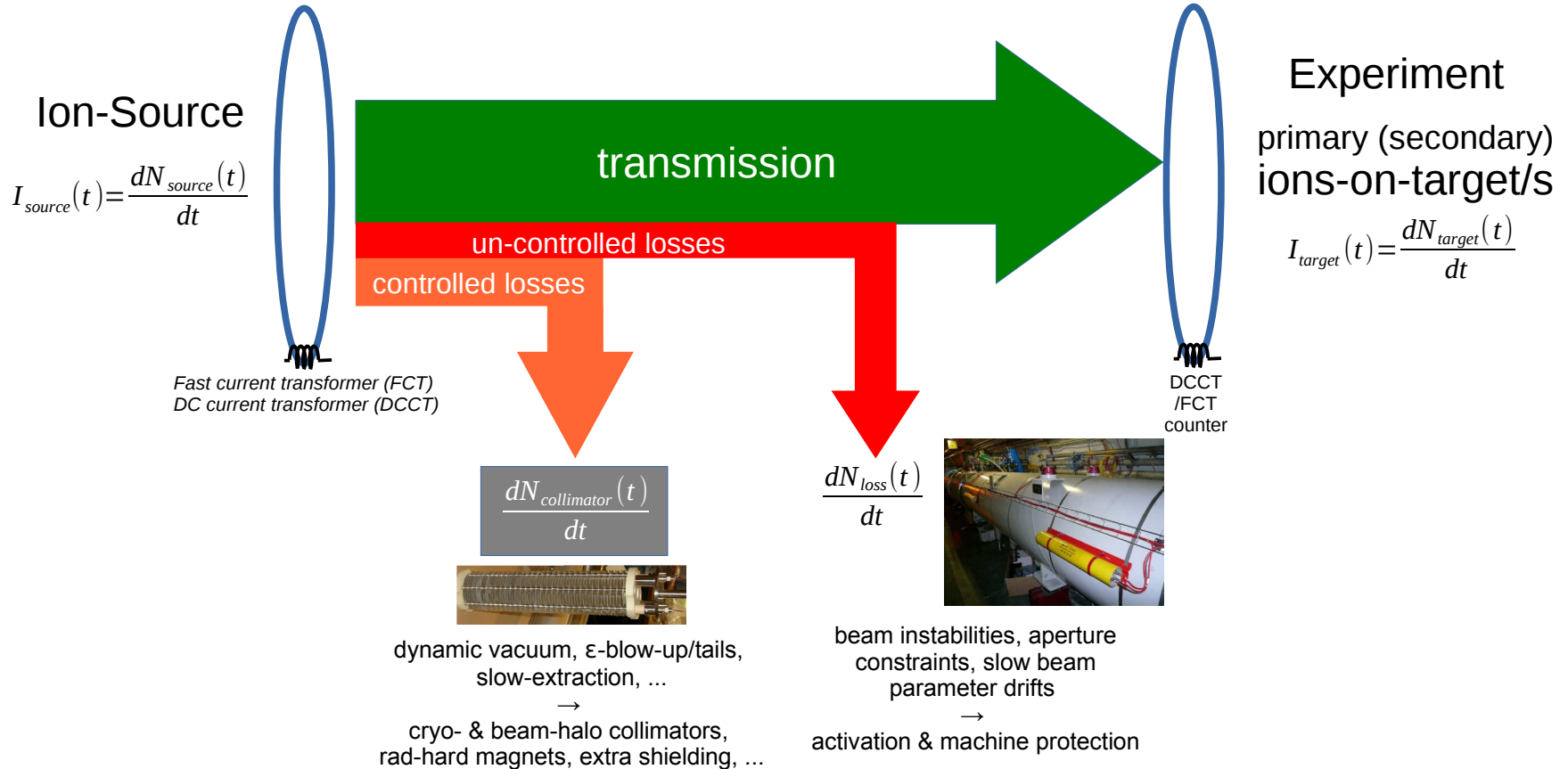
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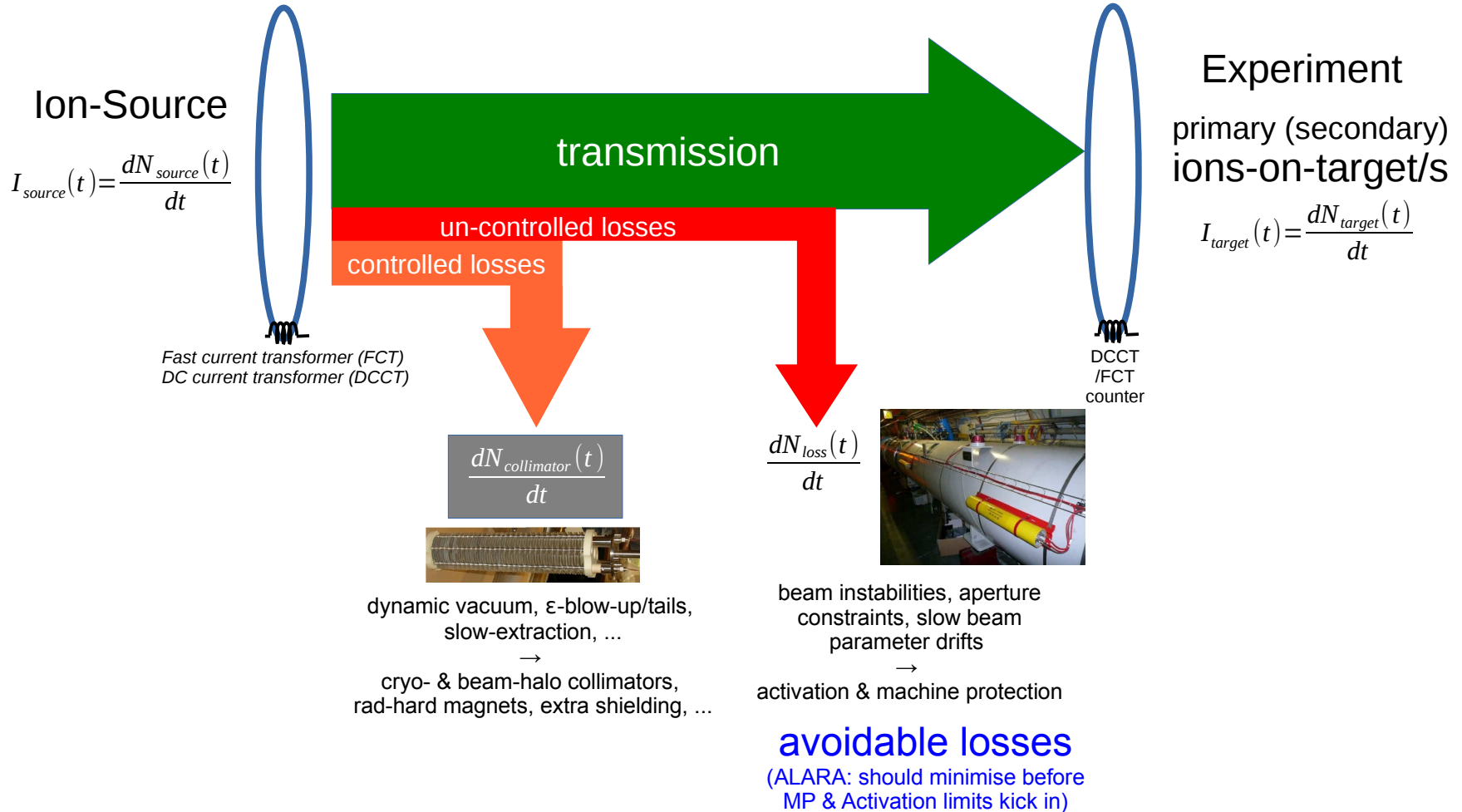
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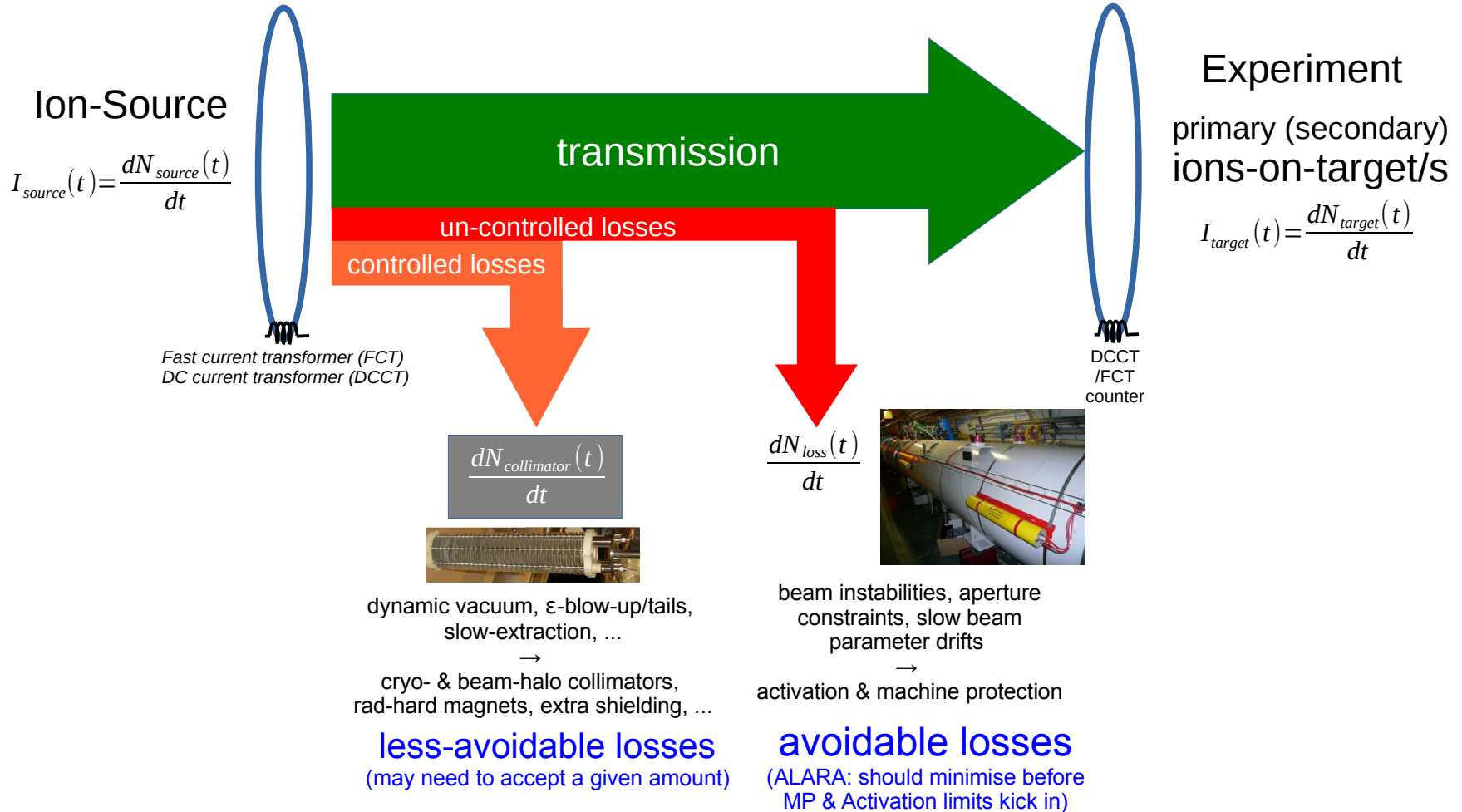
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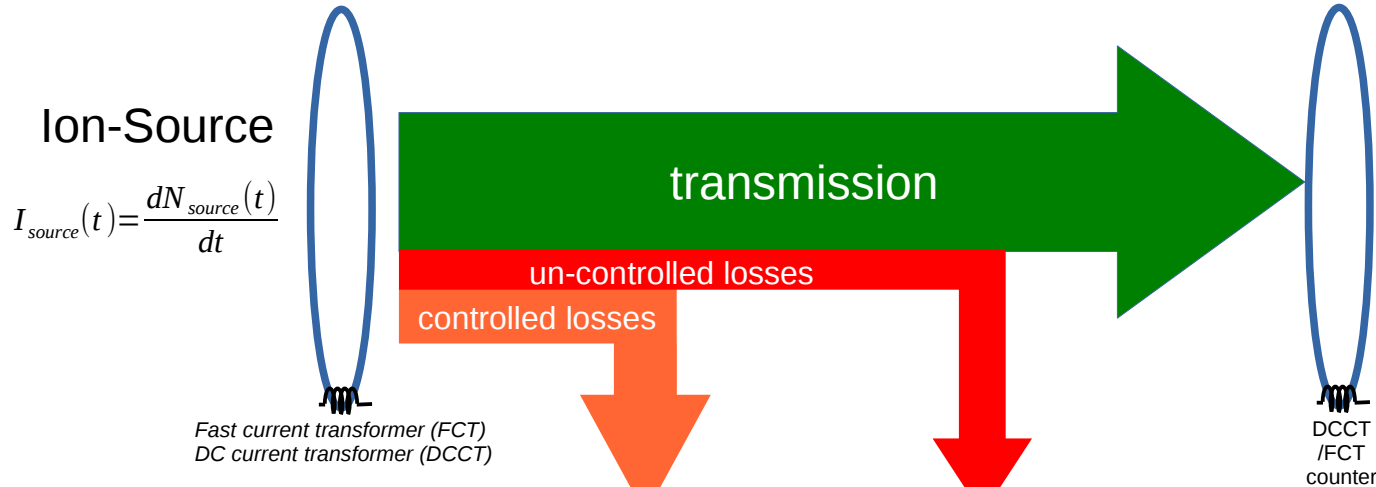












Experiment
primary (secondary)
ions-on-target/s

$$I_{target}(t) = \frac{dN_{target}(t)}{dt}$$

Fast current transformer (FCT)
DC current transformer (DCCT)

DCCT
/FCT
counter

$$\frac{dN_{collimator}(t)}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dN_{loss}(t)}{dt}$$

dynamic vacuum, ϵ -blow-up/tails,
slow-extraction, ...
→
cryo- & beam-halo collimators,
rad-hard magnets, extra shielding, ...

beam instabilities, aperture
constraints, slow beam
parameter drifts
→
activation & machine protection

less-avoidable losses
(may need to accept a given amount)

avoidable losses
(ALARA: should minimise before
MP & Activation limits kick in)



online dosimetry (abs. reference)

Quality Management	Document Type	Document Number	Date
FAIR	Common Specification	F-CS-B-0004e	2017-04-21
		Template Number	Page 1 of 20
		Q-FO-QM-0005	

Document Title:	Integration of Beam Current, Transmission and Life-Time Monitoring in the FAIR Accelerator Complex
Description:	Common Specification for the definition and integration of beam intensity, beam transmission and loss measurement devices into the accelerator control system
Division/Organization:	FAIR
Field of application:	FAIR Project, existing GSI accelerator facility
Version	V 1.1

Abstract

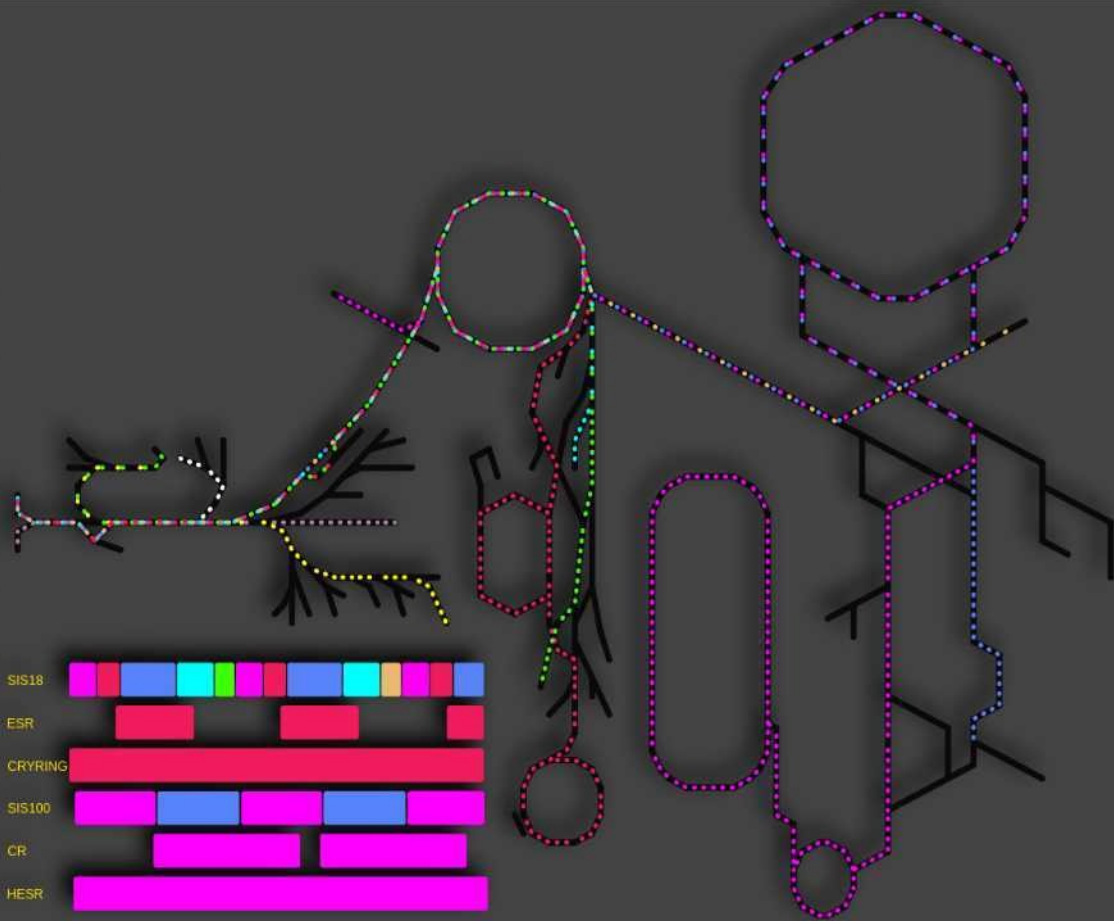
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§§ Radiation Permit – limits on total dose per year (facility & external)

FAIR-Status

Color	Experiment	Target	Energy	Ion	Current	Status
Magenta	HESR	PANDA	241,2 MeV/u	p^-	4.23 ⁸ PPP	●
Blue	SUPER FRS	NUSTAR	1.1 GeV/u	^{238}U	8.55 ⁹ PPP	●
Cyan	HHT	APPA	1 GeV/u	^{238}U	8.07 ¹¹ PPP	●
Green	HTM	BIOMAT	110 MeV/u	^{48}Ca	0.03 ⁶ PPP	●
Yellow	X8	Nuclear Chemistry	4,75 MeV/u	^{48}Ca	8.96 ⁹ PPP	●
White	M3	Materials Research	4,8 MeV/u	^{238}U	4.74 ⁹ PPP	●
Red	CRYRING	Atomic Physics	15 MeV/u	^{238}U	9.55 ⁷³⁺ PPP	●
Purple	Y7	NUSTAR / ENNA	5,25 MeV/u	^{50}Ti	0.09 ⁹ PPP	●
Orange	S18-Dump	Machine-Studies	1 GeV/u	^{238}U	3.39 ⁹ PPP	●
		Parallel Machine-Studies				●

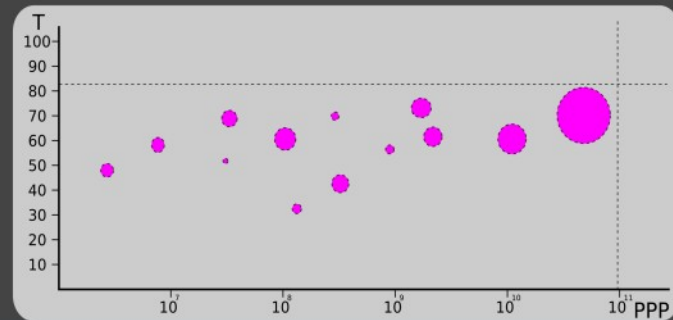
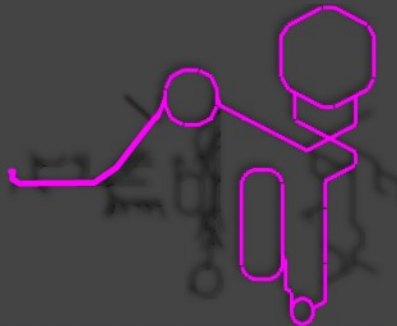


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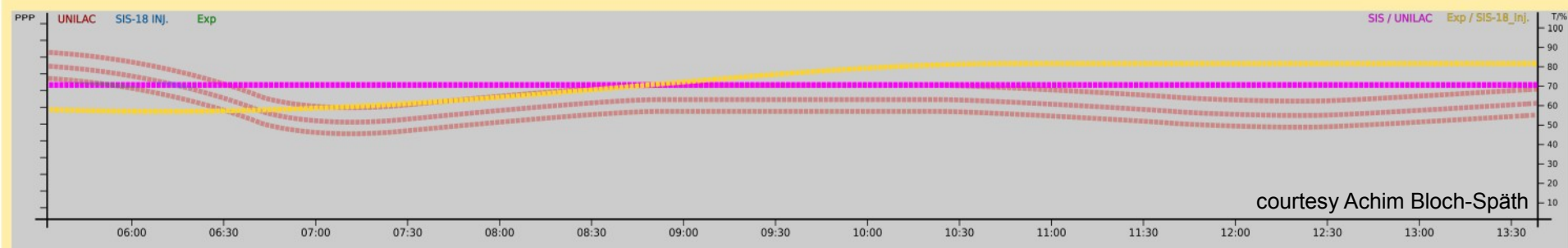
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 Analysis with the new Experimenttarget
 Contact Person: Hans Mustermann Phone 4711
 Experiment-Cave: Phone 1508

14:33 2016-12-02
 Adjust Beam in CR
 14:00 2016-12-02
 Shiftchange in the Control Center
 12:30 2016-12-02
 Stable Beam in SIS 100



UNILAC	SIS 18	SIS 100	CR	HESR
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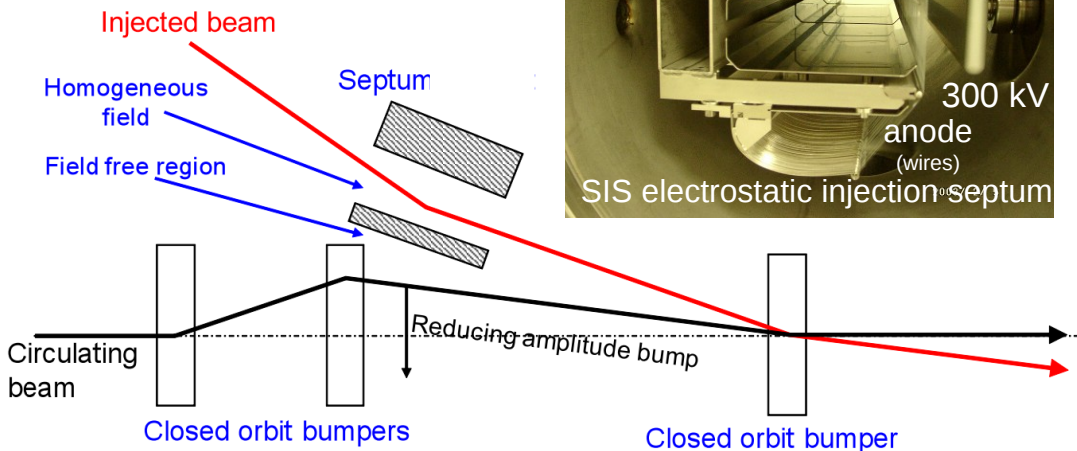
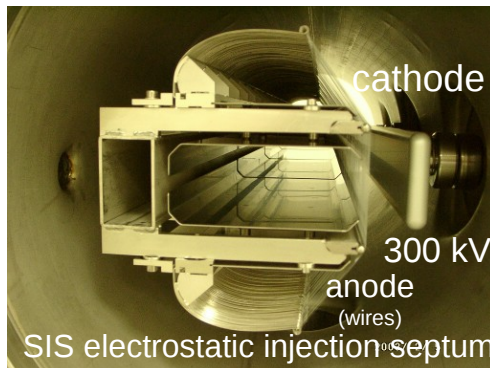


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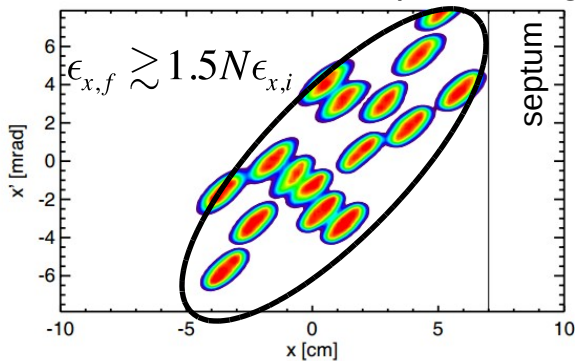
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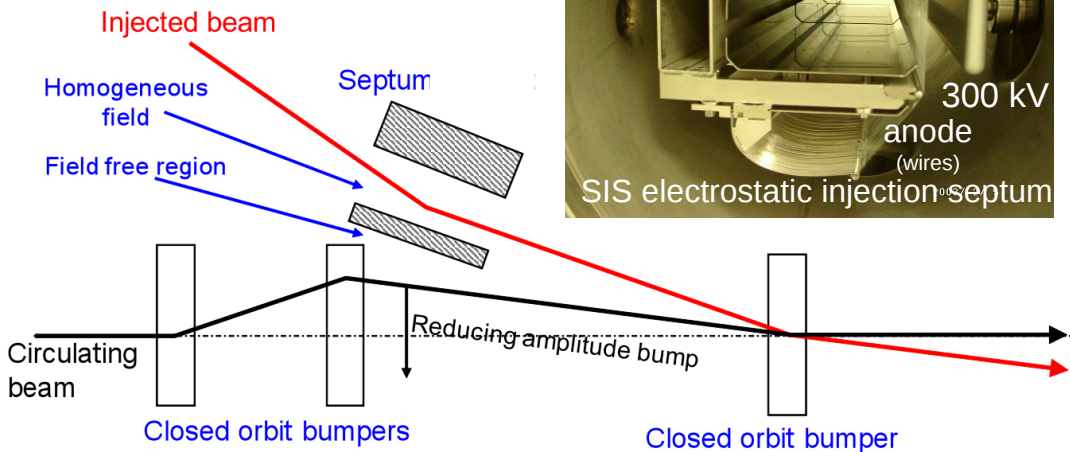
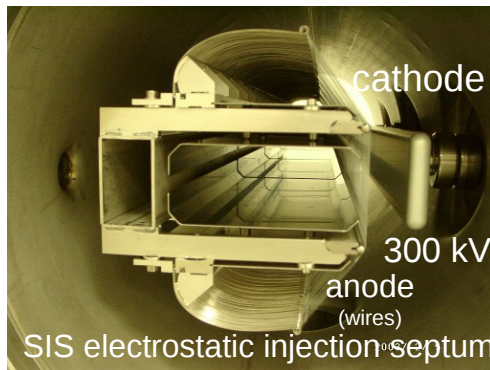
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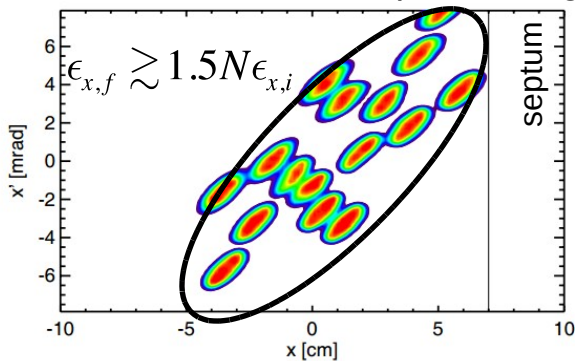
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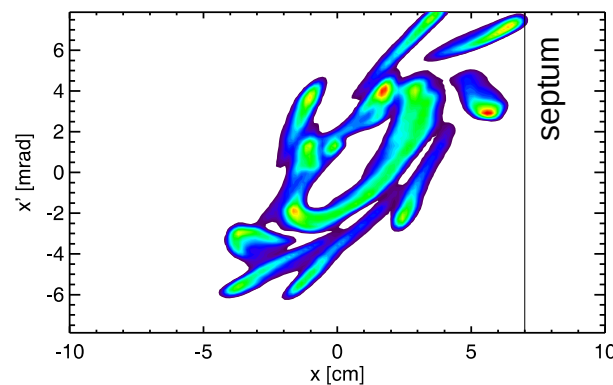
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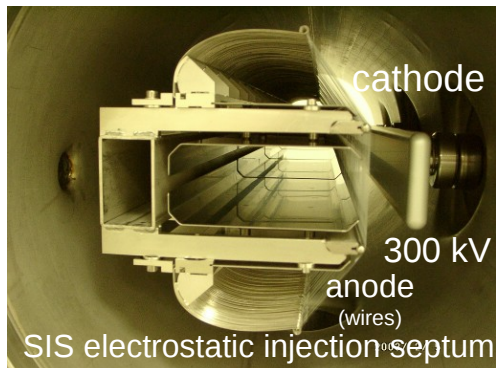
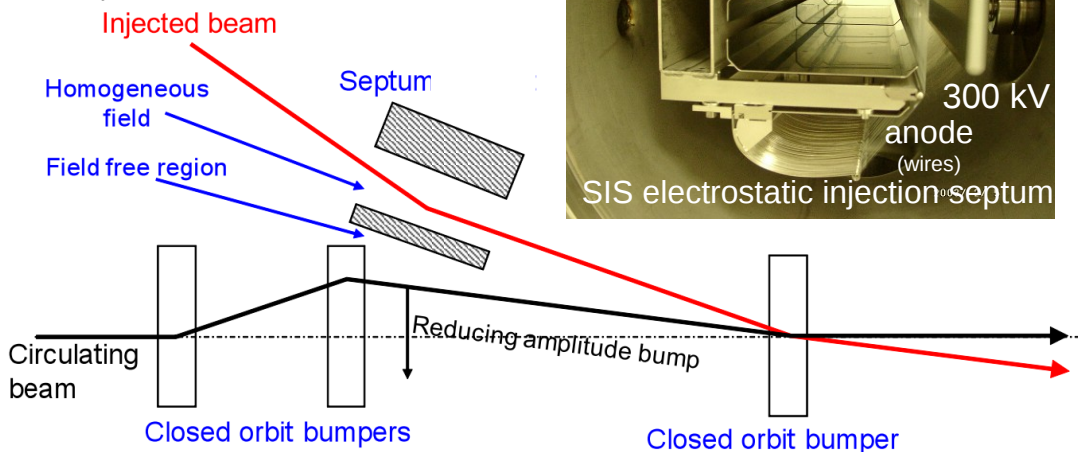
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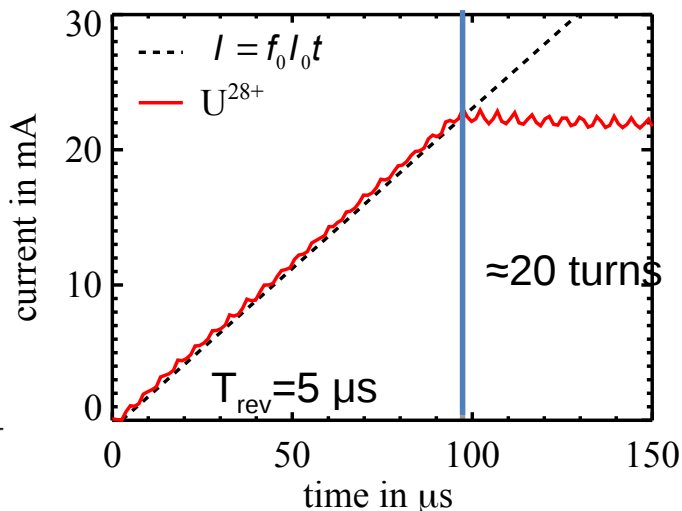
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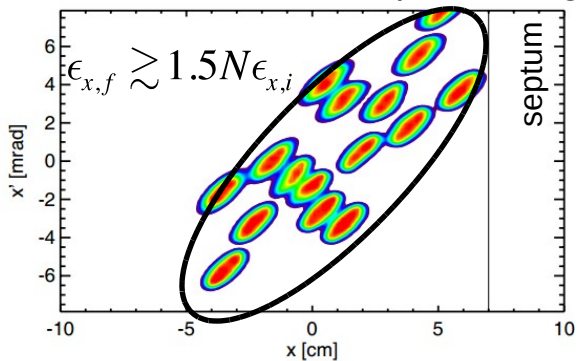
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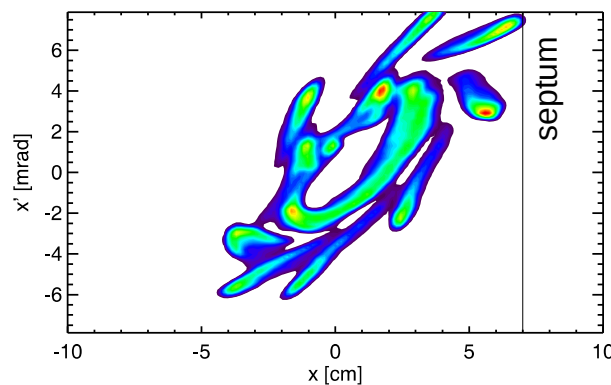
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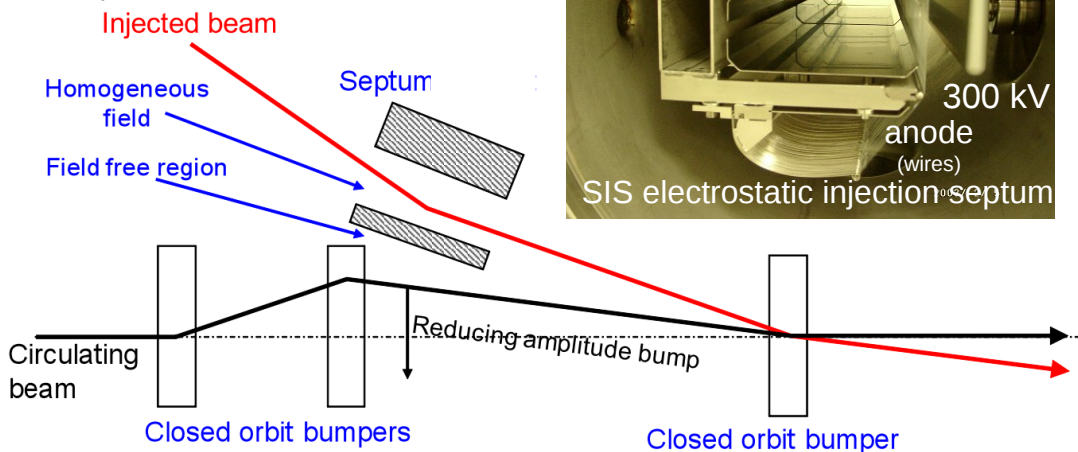
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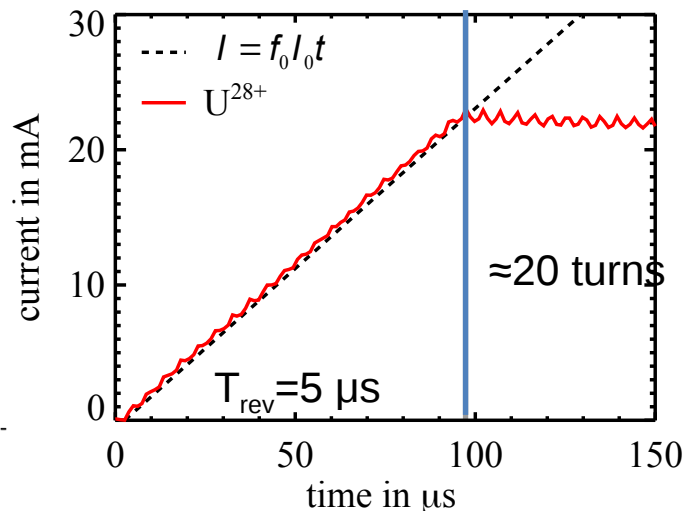
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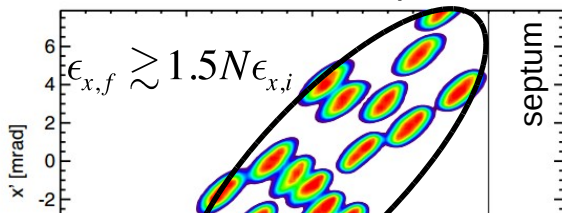
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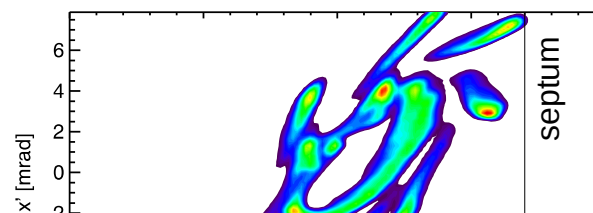
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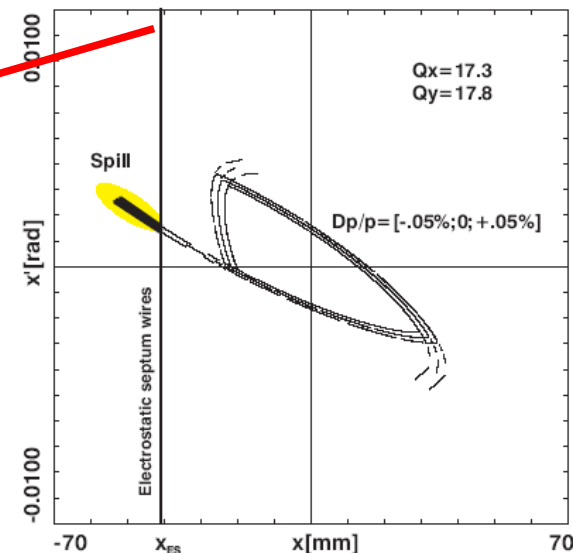
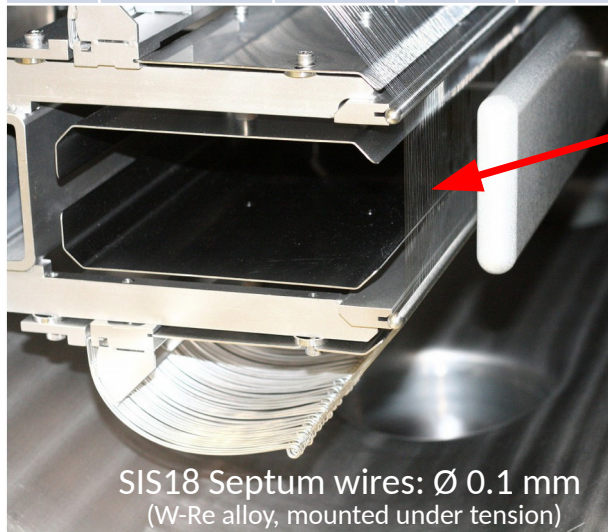


Simulation: with space charge



Injection losses → dynamic vacuum pressure rise
 (highly complex: easy to simulate ↔ hard to measure/tune with beam)
 looking forward to: injection steering (BPMs) & turn-by-turn profiles (IPMs)

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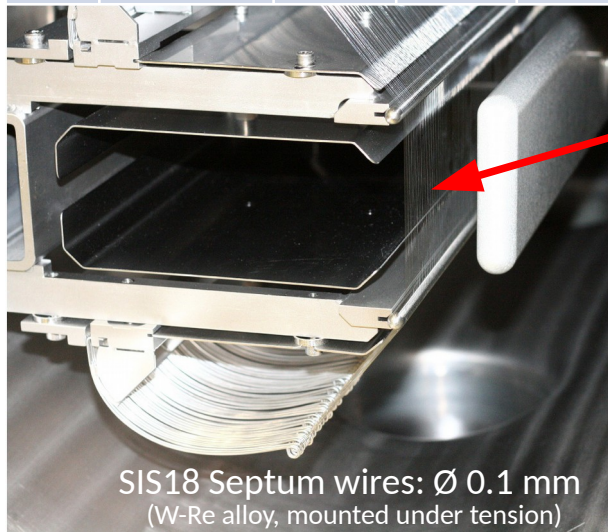
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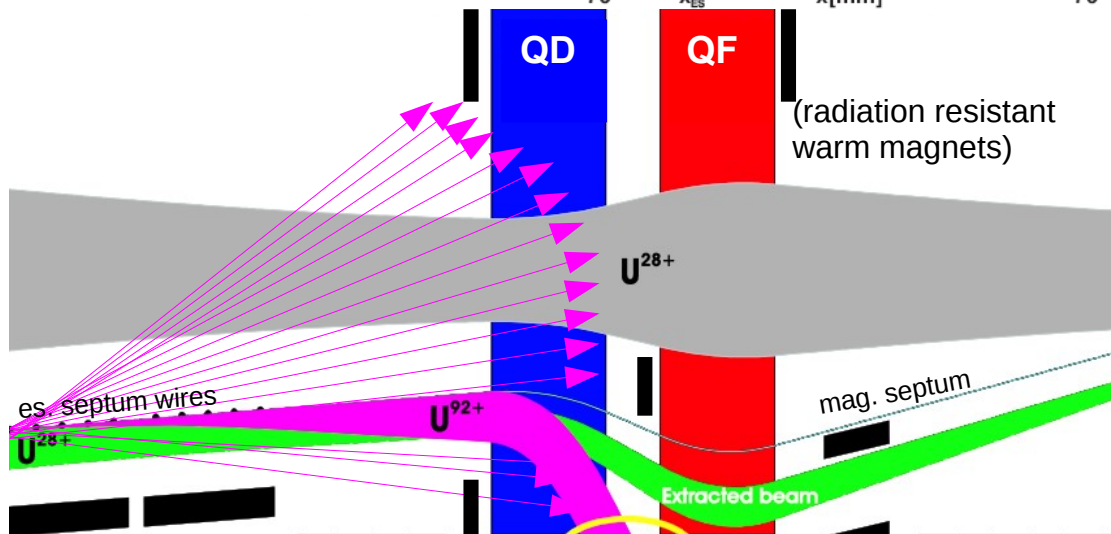
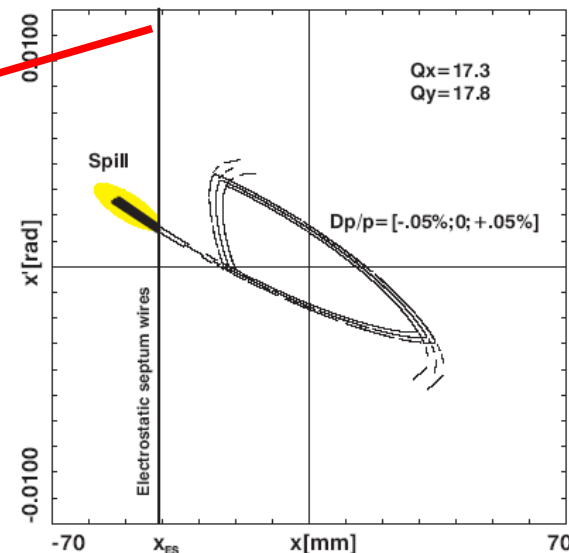


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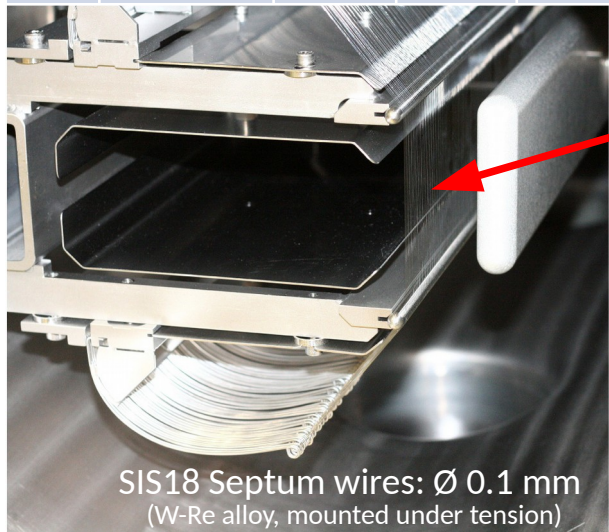
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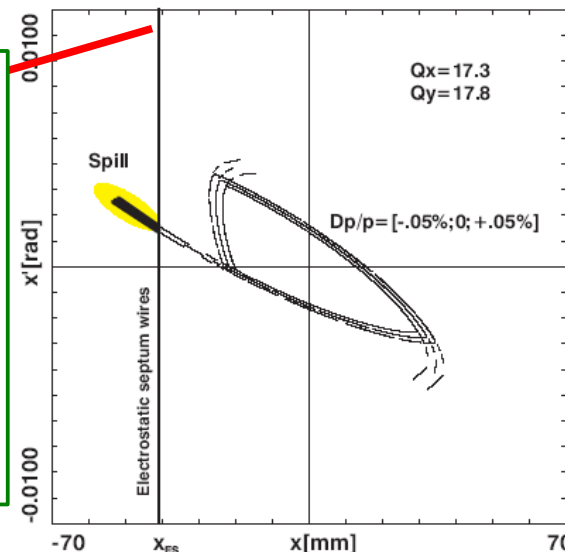
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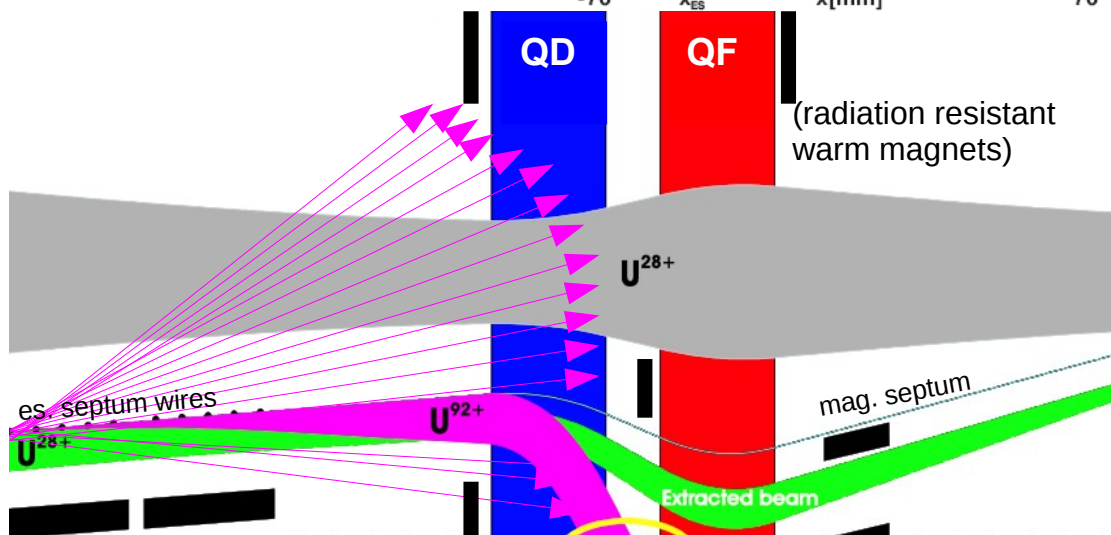


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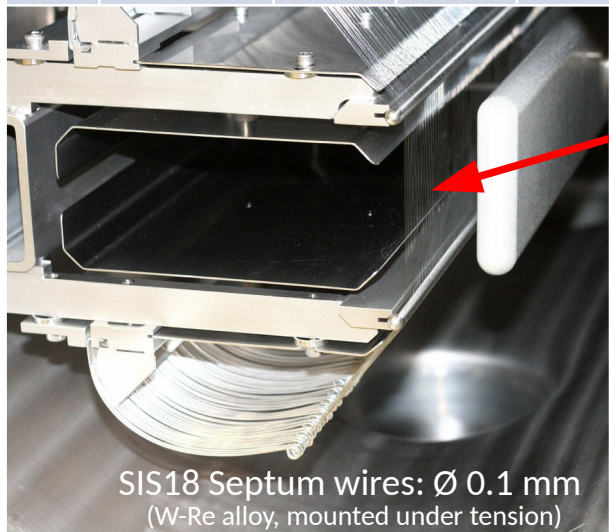
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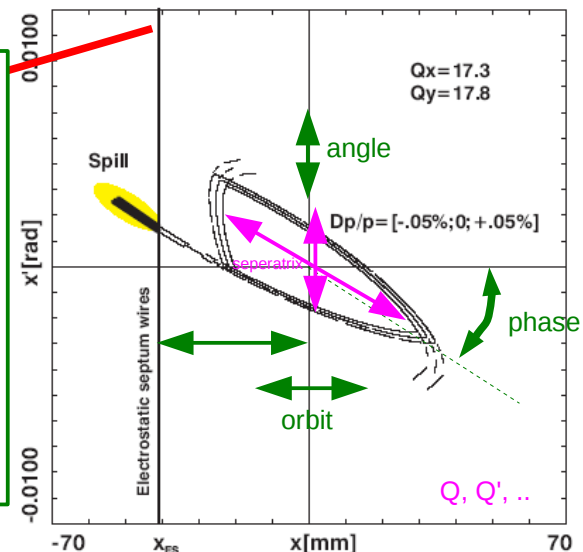
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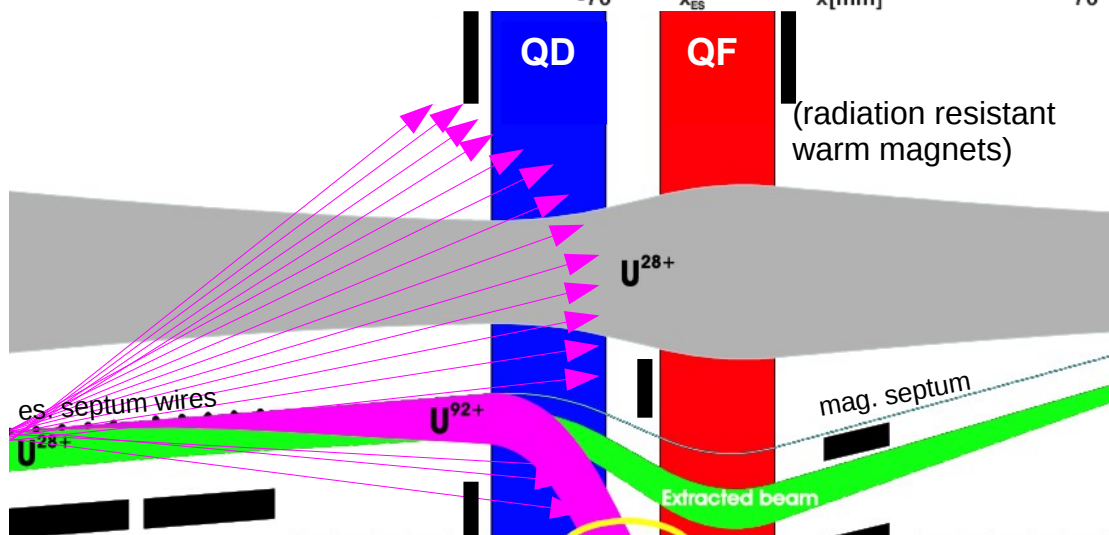


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HW and beam commissioning require efficient tools for testing

- perform initial and acceptance tests, early detection of non-conformities and faults
- perform QA and regular re-validation tests
- considering size and complexity of FAIR, and limited resources: efficient and reliable execution and documentation of tests

→ Development of a **Sequencer framework**, as a core part of the FAIR control system to aid semi-automated testing

Sequencer GUI impression

Sequencer architecture conceptually divided into:

- middle-tier *sequencer service* (run sequences, generate automated reports)
- the *sequences* with a subset of *tasks* (testing steps)
- graphical user interface (GUI) program

Operational experience so far:

- was tested and used already since Dry-runs in 2017
- establish process of writing Sequencer tasks parallel to development (in progress)

The screenshot shows the 'Simple Sequencer GUI Test' application. It features a 'Loaded Sequences' tree on the left, a 'Selected Sequence' table in the center, and a 'Detailed Task Status' panel on the right.

B	S	Task	Description	Status	F
		DemoSequence	short description of what sequence is supposed to do	FINISHED	
		unknownTaskName	unknownTaskDescription	FINISHED	
		taskName1	taskDescription 1	FINISHED	
S		taskName2	taskDescription 2 -- this test can be skipped	FINISHED	
S		taskName3	taskDescription 3 -- this test can and is skipped by default	SKIPPED	
		taskName4	taskDescription 4 -- this will fail but cannot be recovered	FINISHED_FAULTY	
S		taskName5	taskDescription 5 -- this test can be skipped	FINISHED	
S		taskName6	yet another task	FINISHED	
X	S	shortTaskName	???	SKIPPED	

The 'Detailed Task Status' panel for 'taskName4' shows:

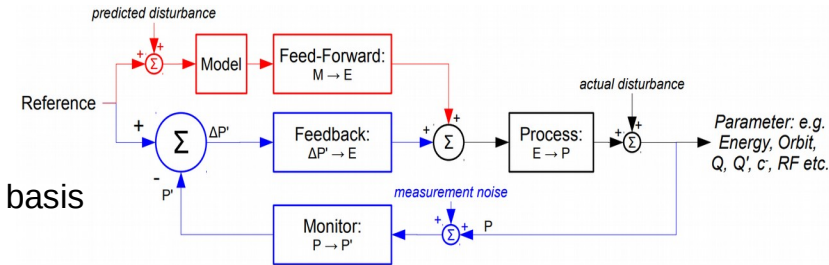
- Task Name:** taskName4
- Device:** DemoDevice
- Task Description:** taskDescription 4 -- this will fail but cannot be recovered
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- Task Parent:** DemoSequence
- Break Point set?:** YES
- Skippable?:** NO
- Skip Set?:** NO
- Documentation:**

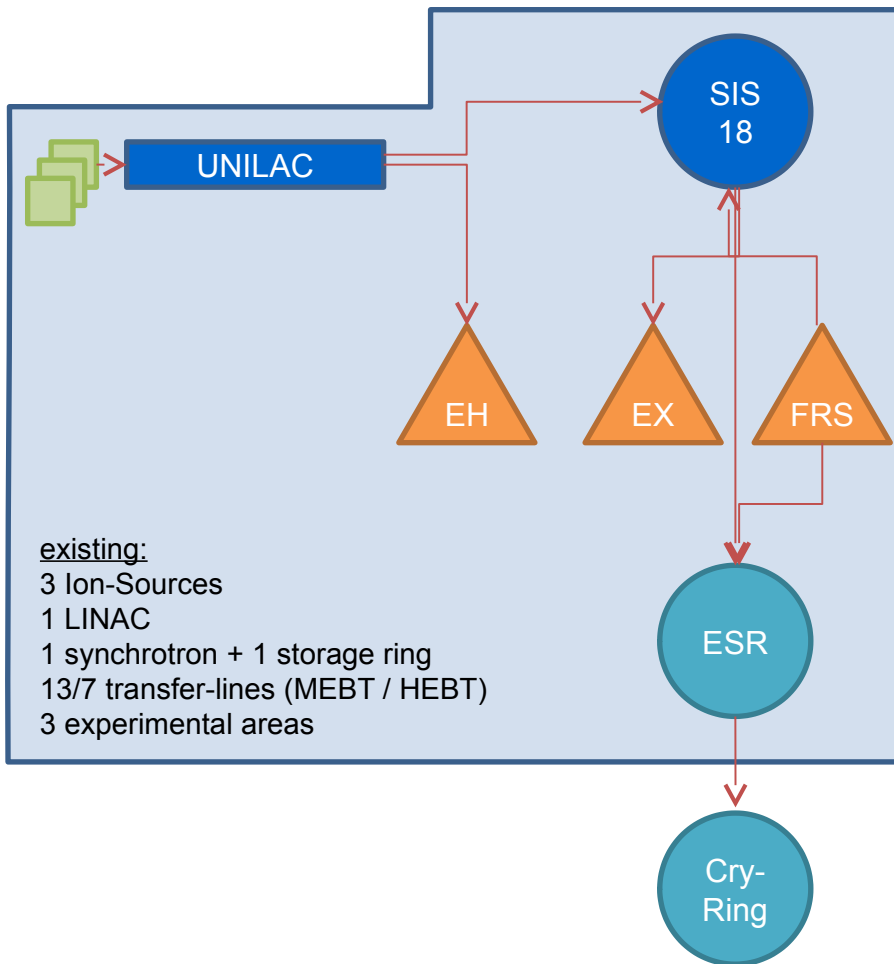
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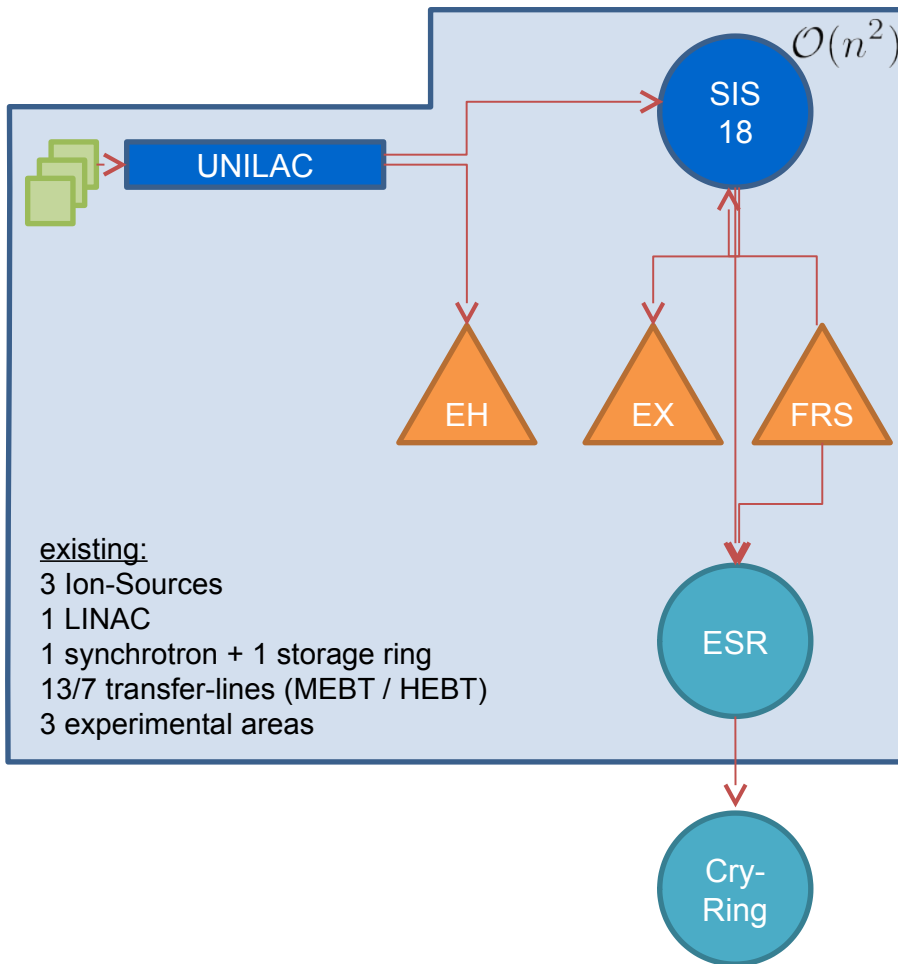
- FAIR ~4x the size of GSI,
 - non-linear operational complexity increase $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n^5)$
 - 5-7 parallel experiments + typically lasting only 4-5 days
 - world-wide unique requirement: reconfigure facility on a daily basis
 - new challenges w.r.t. GSI:
 - x10-100 higher intensities, x10 higher energies
 - machine protection & losses/activation become an important issue
 - high-intensity and higher-order feed-down effects require machine and beam parameter control on the sub-percent level
 - beyond static feed-forward (open-loop) machine modelling and machine reproducibility
 - have to be able to operate FAIR with reduced OP skeleton crew of ~5-6 operators → minimise unnecessary stress on crews

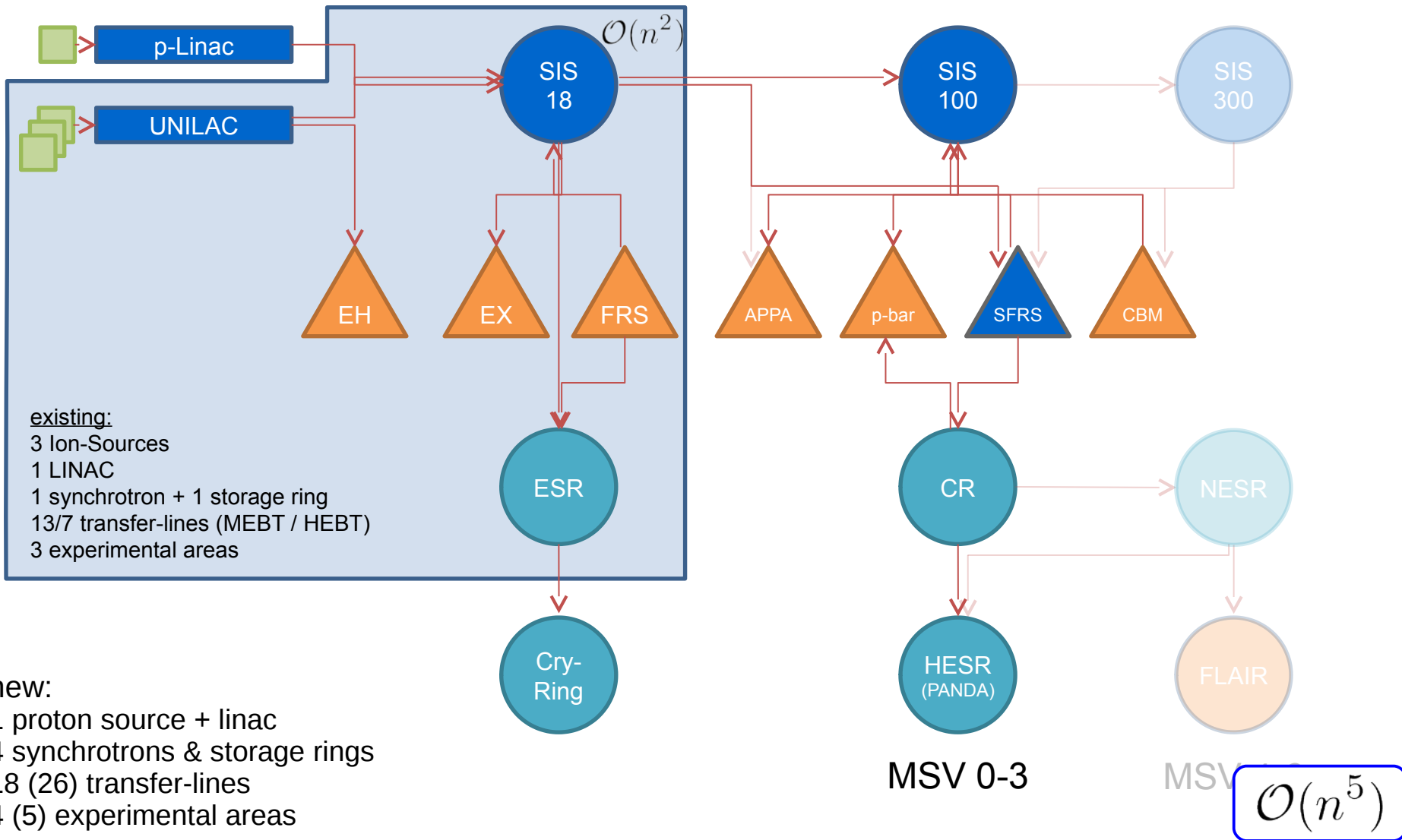
- Beam-Based feedbacks and (semi-)automated setup tools are key ingredient for efficient operation and commissioning → optimise and automise routine task so that OP talents are utilised/focused on more important tasks that cannot be automated
 - actual-vs-reference monitoring system → identify, localise and fix failures/near-misses as early as possible
 - classic beam-based feedbacks → monitor and maintain tight parameter tolerances
 - semi-automated setup tools → improve facility turn-around and setup times
 - Sequencer to automate tasks not yet covered by other tools → saves on tedious revalidation and conformity checks

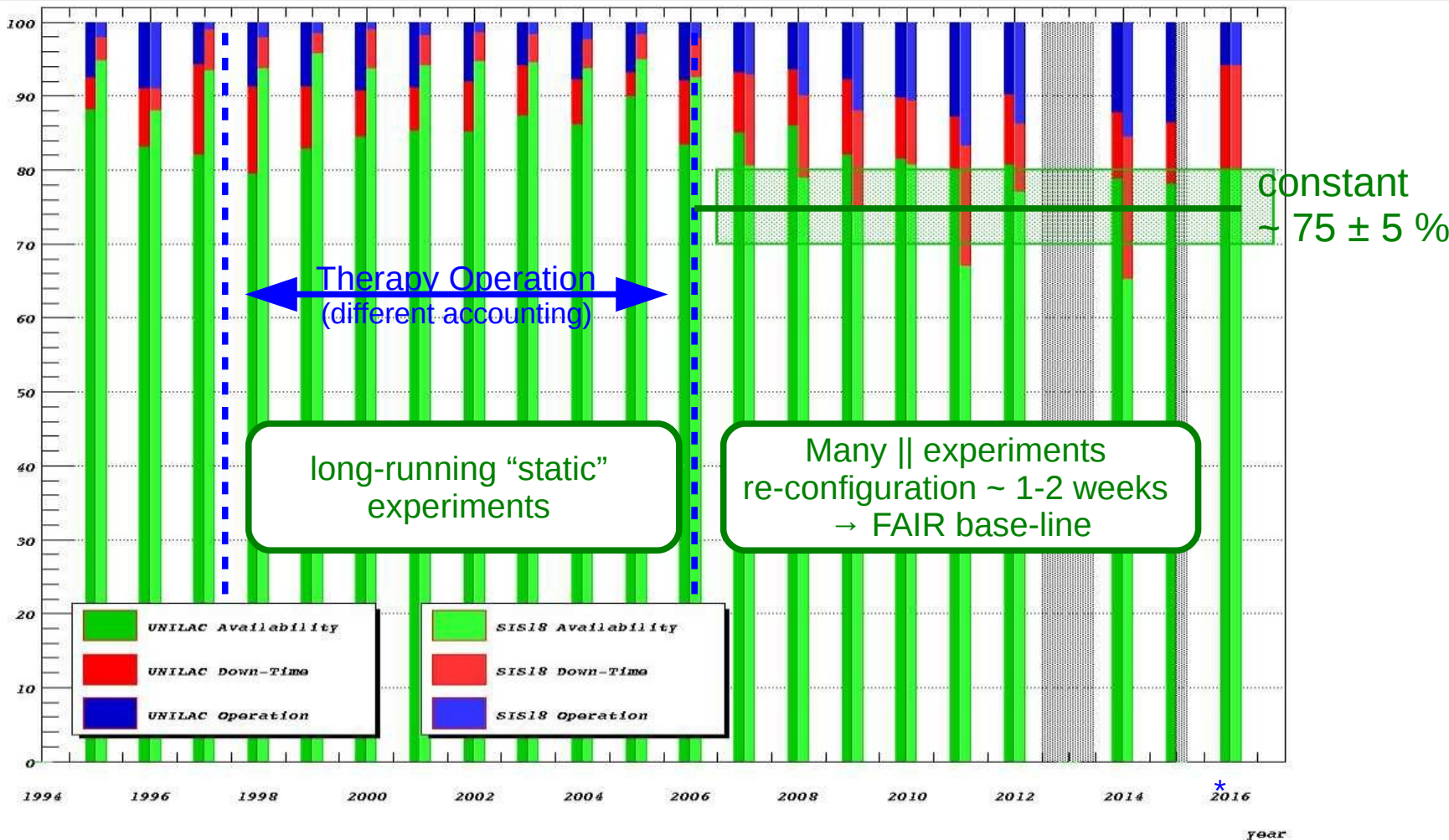
- Real-World challenges of feedbacks & (semi-) automation
 - not necessarily speed – FB & tools operating on second-scales already quite sufficient for >90% of the problems
 - Computers are better than humans for repetitive/quantitative tasks but overall strength depends on the reliability of the weakest link in the chain (instrumentation, integration into controls/OPs, developer, ...)







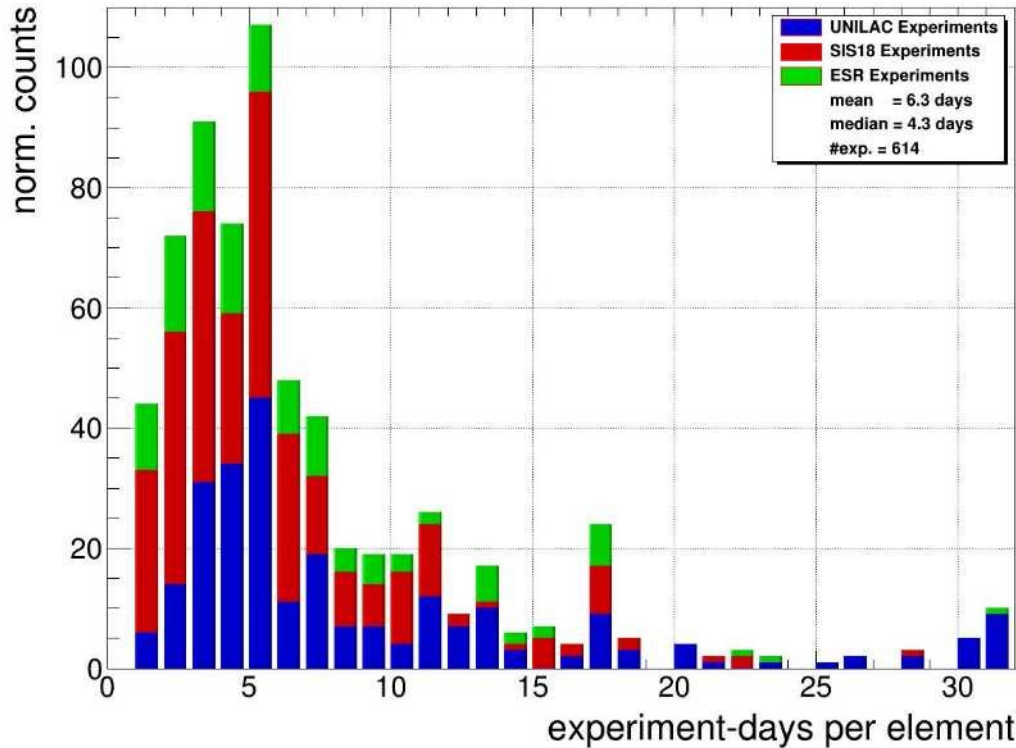


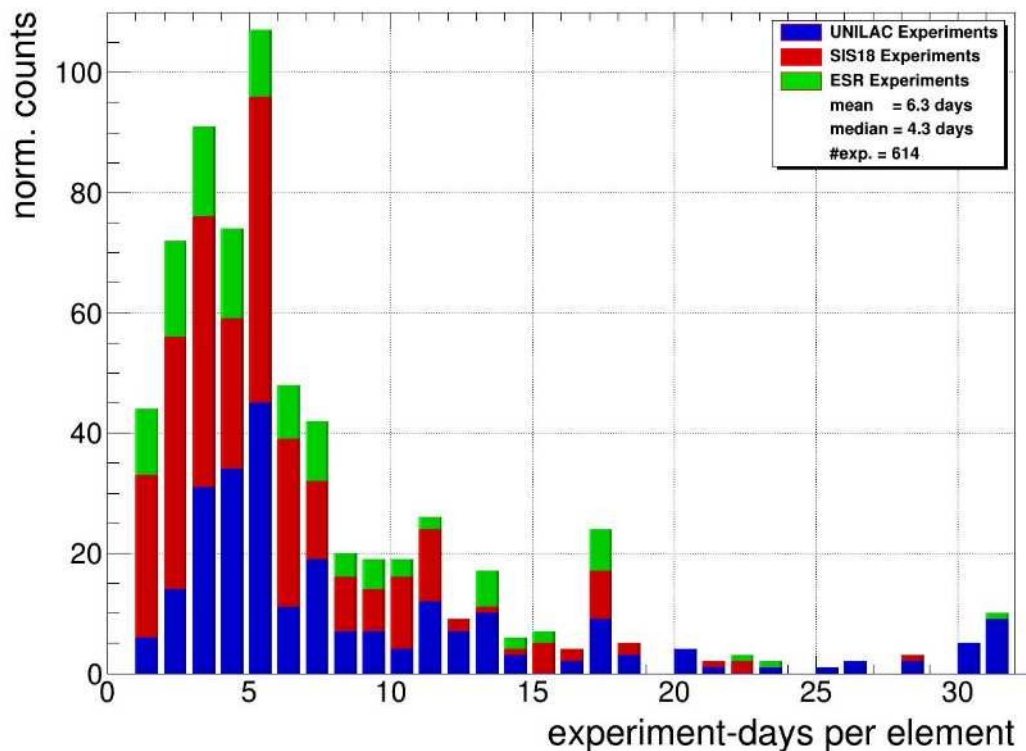


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https://www.gsi.de/en/work/research/library_documentation/gsi_scientific_reports.htm

N.B. ion source exchanges are factored out from UNILAC & SIS18 data (~ constant overhead)
 Availability: experiments + detector tests + machine development + beam to down-stream accelerators;
 Down-time: unscheduled down-time + standby; Operation: accelerator setup + re-tuning

* 2018 operation limitations:
 • only ½ UNILAC (w/o A3 & A4)
 • only 1 element in SIS18





bottom line (1st order):

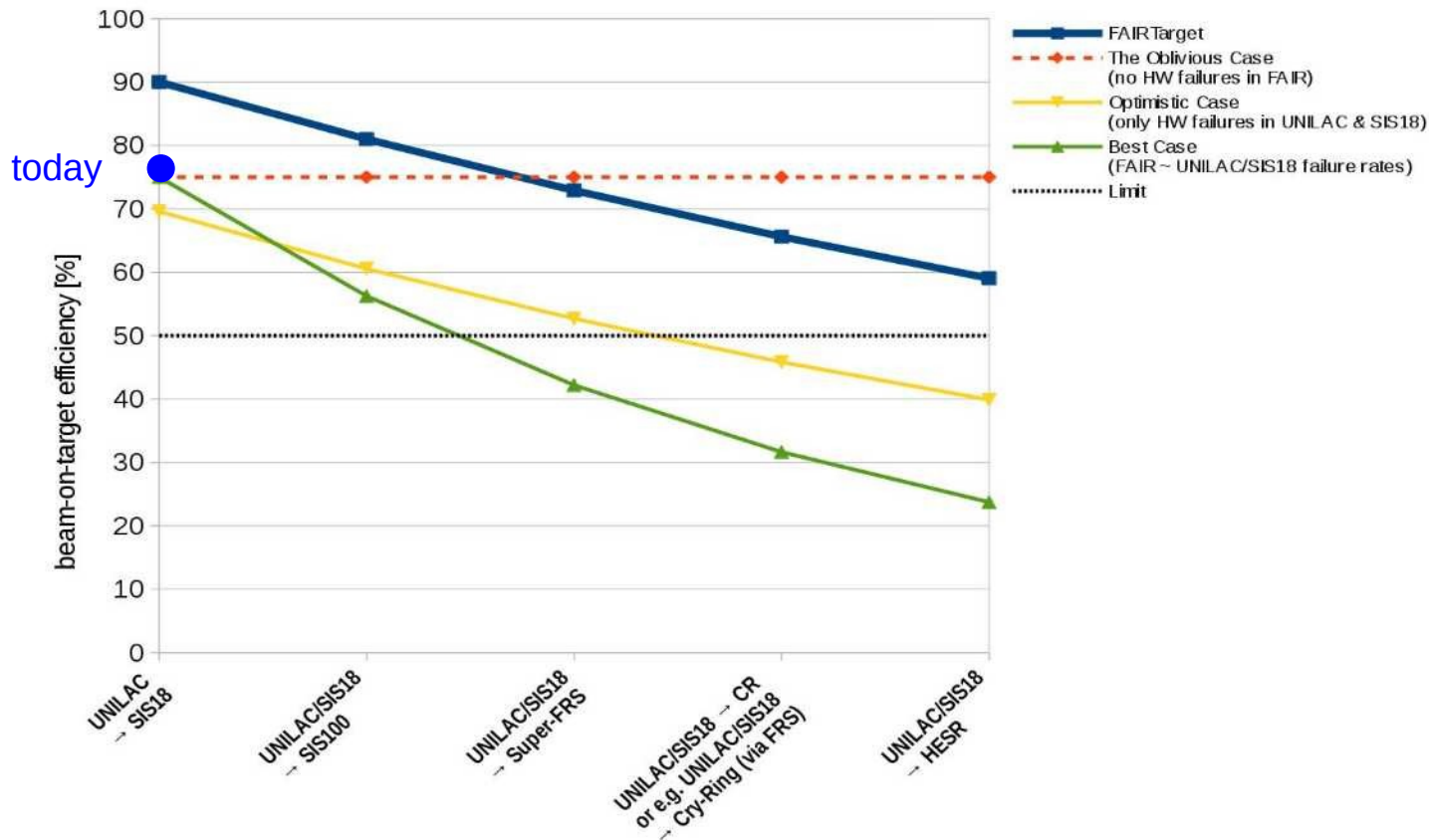
- A) an 'average' GSI/FAIR experiment lasts about 5 days
- B) FAIR will accommodate about 5-6 parallel experiments

→ expect:

- setup of new beam-production-chain (BPC) about once per day
- longer BPCs (↔ number of sequential acc.) → larger complexity

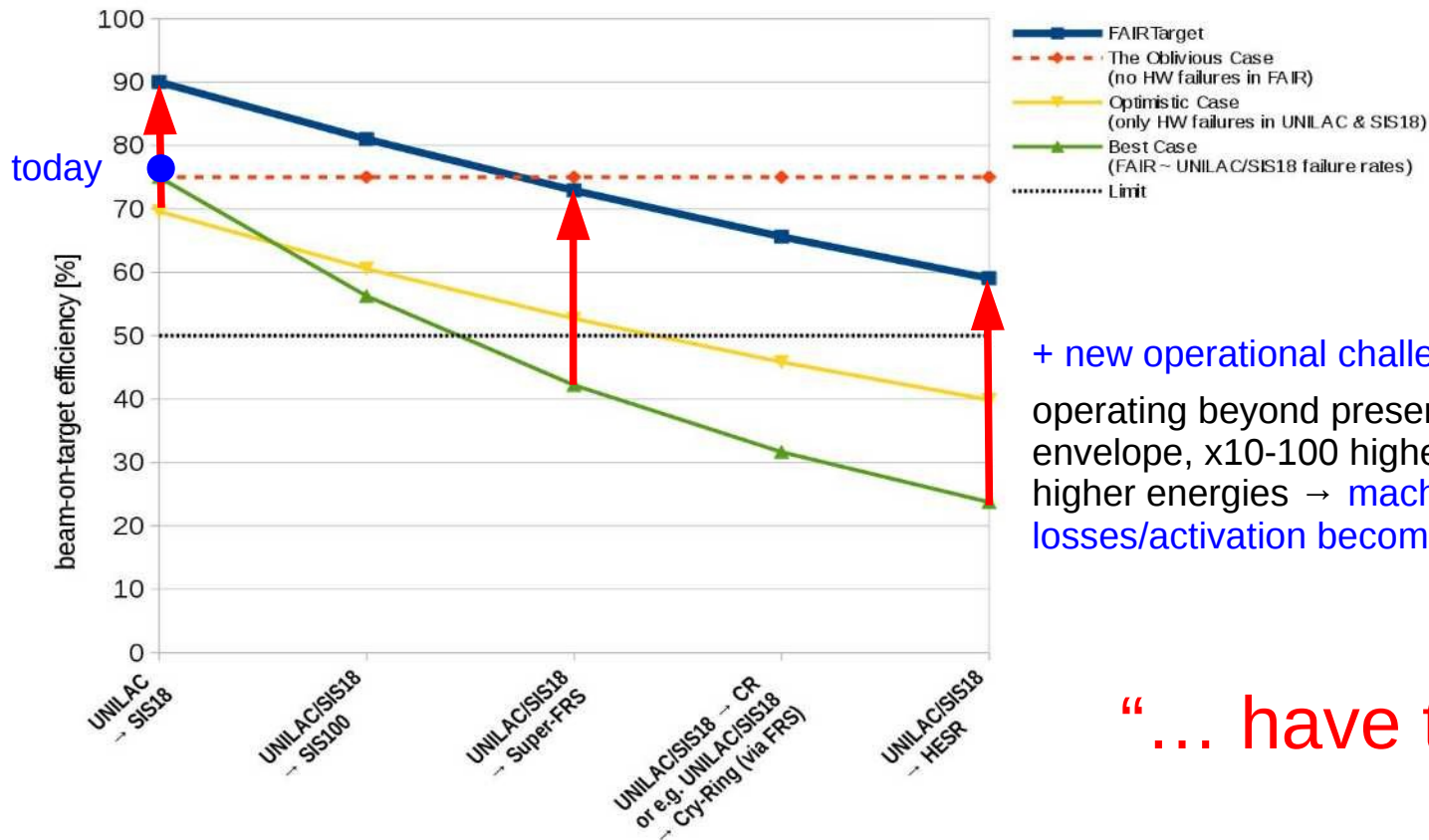
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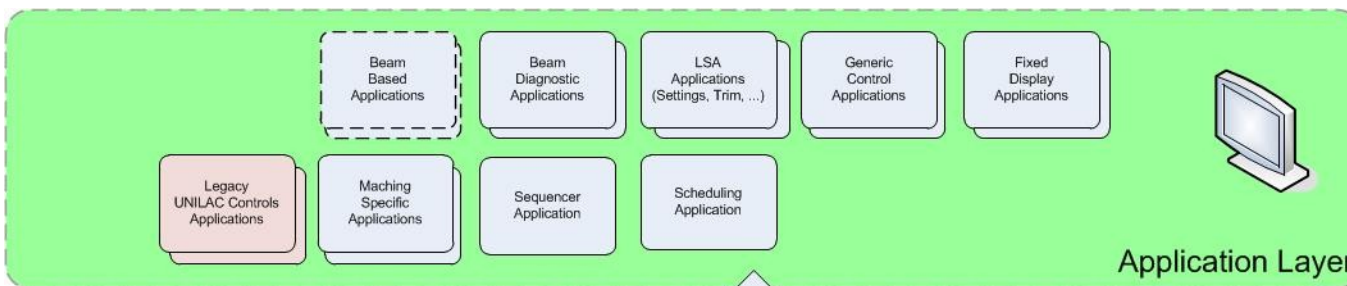
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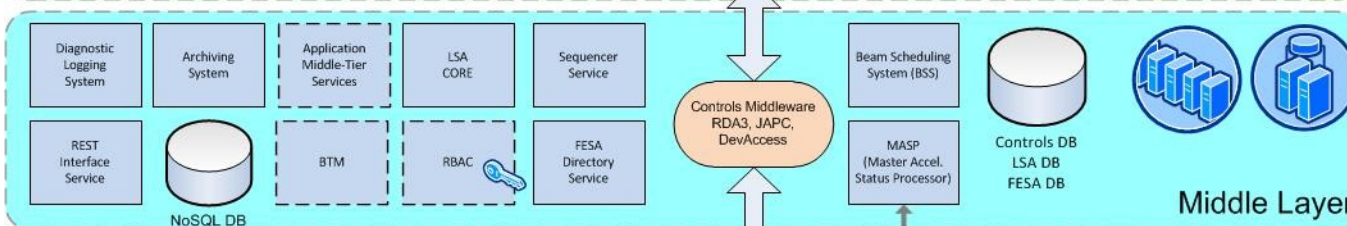
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“... have to improve!”

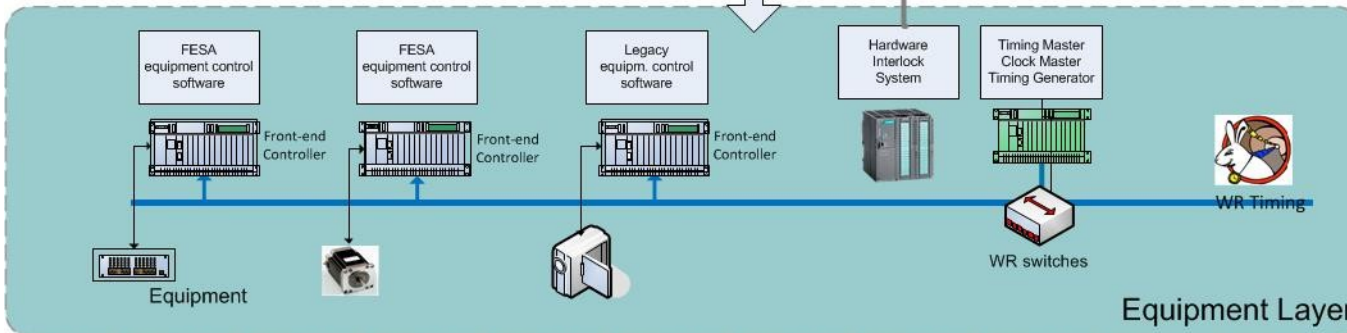
Presentation Tier



Middle Tier powerful servers



Resource Tier FESA



- Standard 3 tier model; distributed OO system
- Modular design with well defined interfaces

primary aim: provide tools, extensions to, and integration of the existing basic technical system to ensure a swift, efficient commissioning and control of the accelerator facility

- Facility & Interface Analysis
 - Procedures: Hardware Commissioning (HWC), HWC-'Machine Check Out', Beam Commissioning (BC), BC-Stage A (pilot beams), BC-Stage B (intensity ramp-up), BC-Stage C (nominal/production operation) Beam parameters, FAIR performance model, optimisation, Accelerator & Beam Modes
- Beam Instrumentation & Diagnostics – System Integration (into operation and controls environment)
 - Intensity (DCCTs) & beam loss (BLMs) → Beam Transmission Monitoring System (BTM), trajectory & orbit (BPMs), Q/Q', optics (LOCO & phase-advance), longitudinal & transverse emittance (FCTs, WCM, screens, IPM, etc.), $\Delta p/p$, long. bunch shape (FCTs, Tomography), abort gap monitoring, ...
- Accelerator Hardware – System Integration (into operation and controls environment)
 - Power converter, magnets, magnet model, RF, injection/extraction kicker, tune kicker/AC-dipole, beam dump, collimation/absorbers, cryogenics, vacuum, radiation monitoring, k-modulation, technical infrastructure (power, cooling/ventilation), machine-experiment interfaces
- Control System
 - Archiving system, acquisition/digitization of analog signal, test-beds, timing, bunch-to-bucket transfer, cyber security, role-based-access, middleware, real-time & cycle-to-cycle feedbacks, daemons
- Components
 - post-mortem, management of critical settings (safe-beam settings), machine protection, interlocks, beam quality checks, daemons, 'facility status display', aperture model, ...
- Applications
 - Sequencer (semi-automated test/commissioning procedures), fixed-displays, ...
 - Beam-Based Applications & GUIs

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