

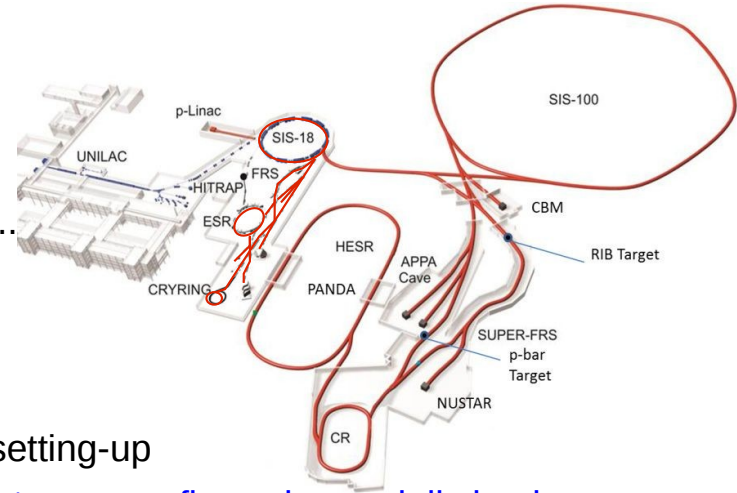
FAIR Commissioning & Control: Status and Outlook until 2025

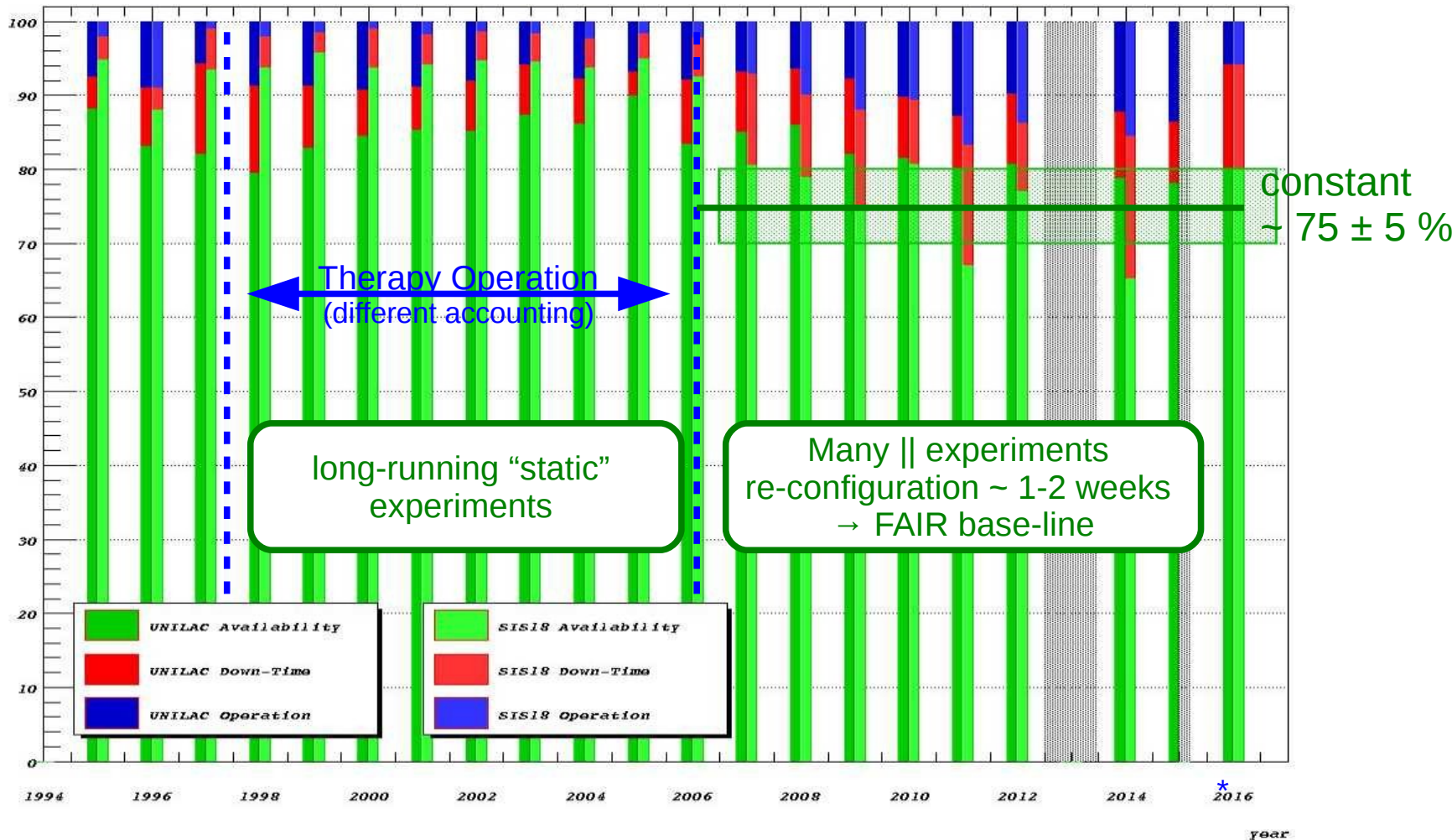
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- FAIR ~4 x the size of existing GSI facility
 - non-linear operational complexity increase $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n^5)$
 - efficiency scaling $\epsilon_{\text{FAIR}} = \epsilon_{\text{UNILAC}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SIS18}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SIS100}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{Super-FRS}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{CR}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{HESR}} \dots$
- 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
 - target hall/experiment, 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)

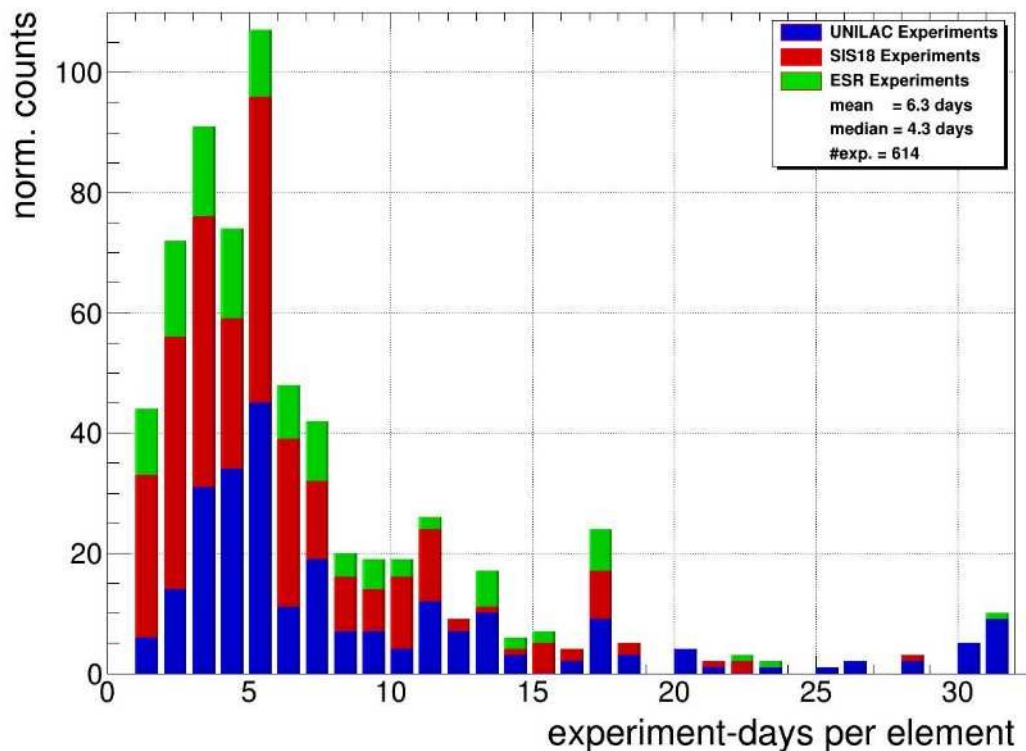




Based on: U. Scheeler, S. Reimann, P. Schütt et al., "Accelerator Operation Report", GSI Annual Scientific Reports 1992 – 2015 + 2016 (D. Severin)
https://www.gsi.de/en/work/research/library_documentation/gsi_scientific_reports.htm

N.B. ion source exchanges are factored out from UNILAC & SIS18 data (\sim 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ UNILAC (w/o A3 & A4)
 • only 1 element in SIS18



bottom line (1st order):

A) an 'average' GSI/FAIR experiment lasts about 5 days

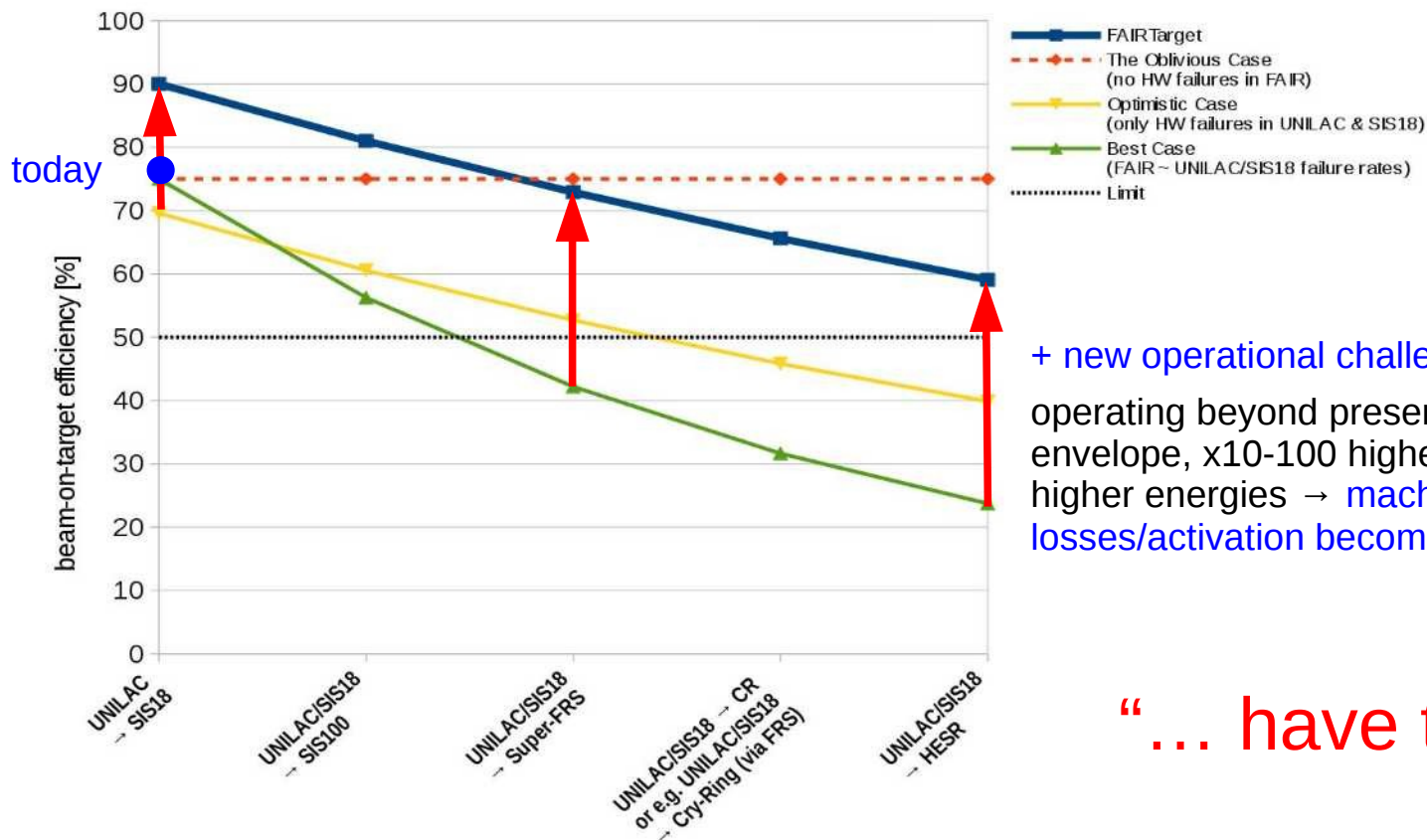
B) FAIR will accommodate about 5-6 parallel experiments

→ expect:

unique to FAIR: setup of new beam-production-chain (BPC) about once per day

- Beam-on-Target figure of merit (FoM) of ~75% → FAIR-BoT (efficiency ϵ_{FAIR}):

$$\epsilon_{\text{FAIR}} := \prod_i^{n_{\text{machines}}} \epsilon_i = \epsilon_{\text{UNILAC}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SIS18}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SIS100}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{SuperFRS}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{CR}} \cdot \epsilon_{\text{HESR}} \dots$$



+ new operational challenges:

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“... have to improve!”

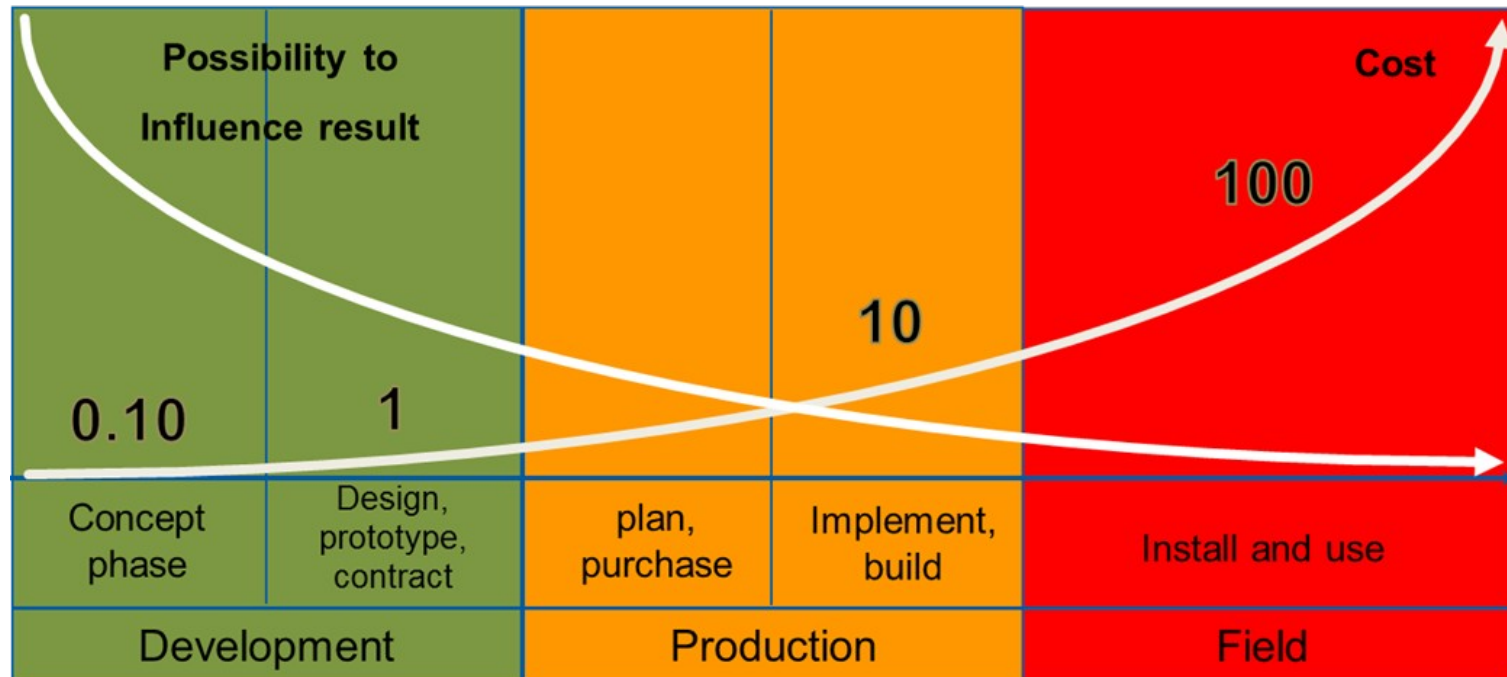


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- The earlier constraints are included in the design, the more effective the resulting measures
- Drives FC²-strategy:
 - A) Continuous improvement → right processes to produce right results & for getting it right the first time
 1. [commissioning procedures as evolving operation and commissioning standard](#)
 2. [system integration: determine of what, how and when is needed](#)
 - B) Prevention of inefficiencies, inconsistencies & wastes by design → 'poka-yoke'/'error proofing' principle

A) Hardware/Sub-Component into System Integration

into one coherent FAIR Commissioning, Operation and Controls Concept

- devices/functions specified by the MCs & SPL
- **priorities on first commonalities, controls prerequisites, and then high-level (machine) specifics**
 - SPL, MCs, experiment and management consensus and personnel resource driven & required
- vertical & lateral integration into the control system & operation environment
 - verified during Hardware Commissioning (HWC), 'Dry-Runs' and Beam Commissioning (BC)
 - **requires input and active participation by both equipment, experiment and accelerator experts**
 - processes driven by 'commissioning procedures', functional requirements, concise interface description between different equipment groups, accelerator experts and SPLs/MCs

B) FAIR (Parallel) Operation Concepts and Requirements → improve facility efficiency through:

- Improved model based control (aka. Feed-forward) → **modular, maintainable and extendable!**
 - LSA settings supply, quasi-periodic/static operation, beam-production-chain concept, ...
- (Semi-)Automation → **faster turn-around and setup times**
 - Sequencer (Testing, HWC & BC), Beam-Transmission Monitoring, Multi-Turn Injection-, Slow-Extraction Optimisations, ...
- Beam-Based Feedbacks (cycle-to-cycle) → **faster setup-times & more precise parameter control**
 - trajectory, orbit, Q/Q', slow-extraction spill, optics, ...

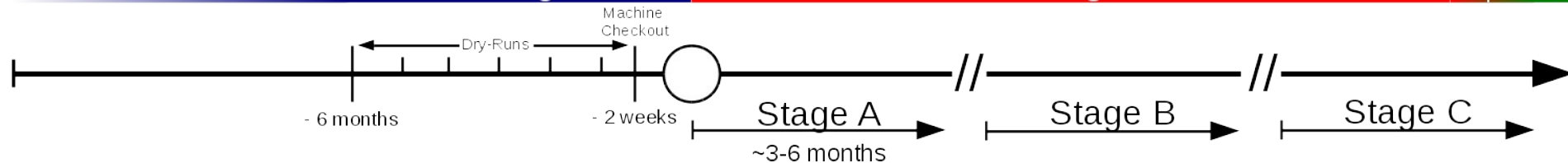
C) Physical and SW-Control Room Ergonomics & Human-centred Design → FAIR Control Centre:

- 24h/7 FAIR Operation ist one of the most challenging tasks
- Main-Control-Room should support and not 'get in the way' of operation

Hardware Commissioning

Commissioning with Beam

Assisted Operation



• Distinguish two forms of 'commissioning':

A) Hardware Commissioning (HWC → SAT A)

- conformity checks of the physical with contractual design targets,
- || commissioning of individual systems & tasks → MPLs/equipment group responsibility

B) Commissioning with Beam (BC → "SAT B" ...)

- Commissioning of beam-dependent equipment
- Focus on tracking beam progress through the along the beam production chain (
 - threading, injection, capture, acceleration and extraction
- + 'Dry-Runs': pre-checks at the end of HWC in view of beam operation:
 - Checks conformity of system's controls integration and readiness for Commissioning with Beam
 - check as much control/system functionality without beam as possible
 - Machine ist put into a state assuming that beam could be injected into the ring/segment
 - unavailable devices/systems are at first ignored, noted down, and followed-up at a defined later stage

Driven by
'Commissioning
Procedures' (↔
~FATs & SATs) as
the first crucial step
for the conceptual
design and system
integration

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participation by both equipment,
experiment and accelerator
experts

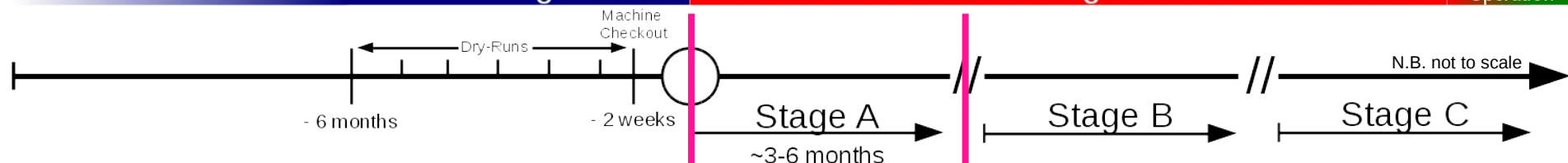
Terminology:

- **Dry-runs:** a rehearsal of the accelerator performance/function, starting typically six month before t
 - needs to (partially) repeated after shut-down or longer technical stop with substantial modification
 - initial frequency: 1-2 days every month
 - frequency increased depending on the outcome of the initial dry-run tests
- **Machine-Checkout:** intense accelerator performance tests (e.g. machine patrols, magnet/PC heat
 - needs to repeated after every shut-down or longer technical stop
 - repeated also on the long-term during routine operation of existing accelerators (already existing)

Hardware Commissioning

Commissioning with Beam

Assisted Operation



• Split Beam Commissioning into three stages:

A) Pilot beams/"easily available" ions (e.g. Ar)

- basic checks: threading, injection, capture, cool, convert, acceleration/decelerate, stripping & extraction
- always done with 'safe' ie. low-intensity/brightness beam
 - Ions: simpler optics, beam dynamics → Protons: transition crossing

FAIR-'Day 0'

First
"Splash Events"
in 2025

B) Intensity ramp-up & special systems

- achieving and maintaining of nominal transmission and beam losses
- commissioning of e.g. e-cooler, slow extraction, transverse fast feedbacks
- commissioning and validation of machine protection & interlock systems
- Possibly unsafe operations always preceded by checks with safe beam

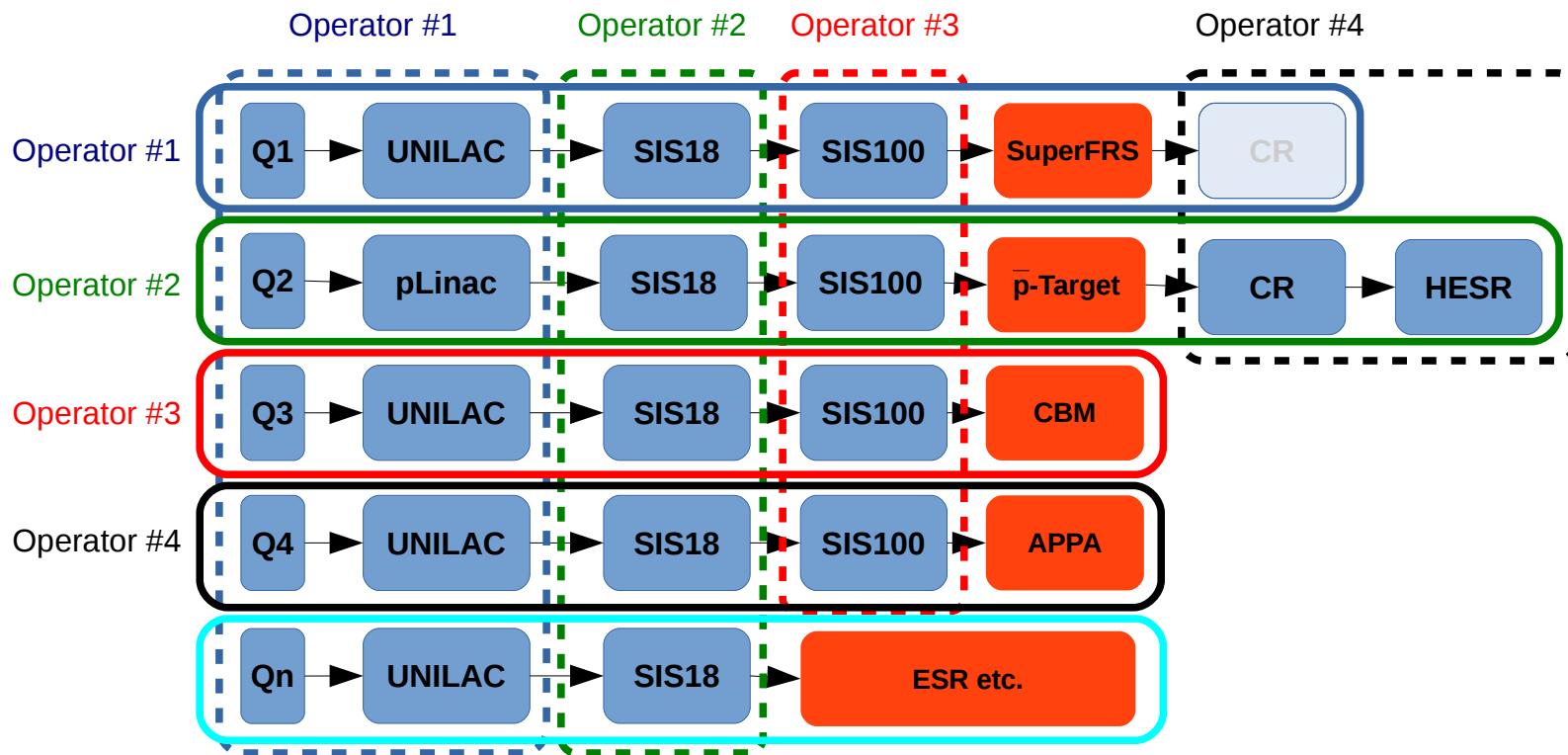
commissioning details
& 'what-if-scenarios'
planned in 2.14.17.1

C) Production operation with nominal intensities

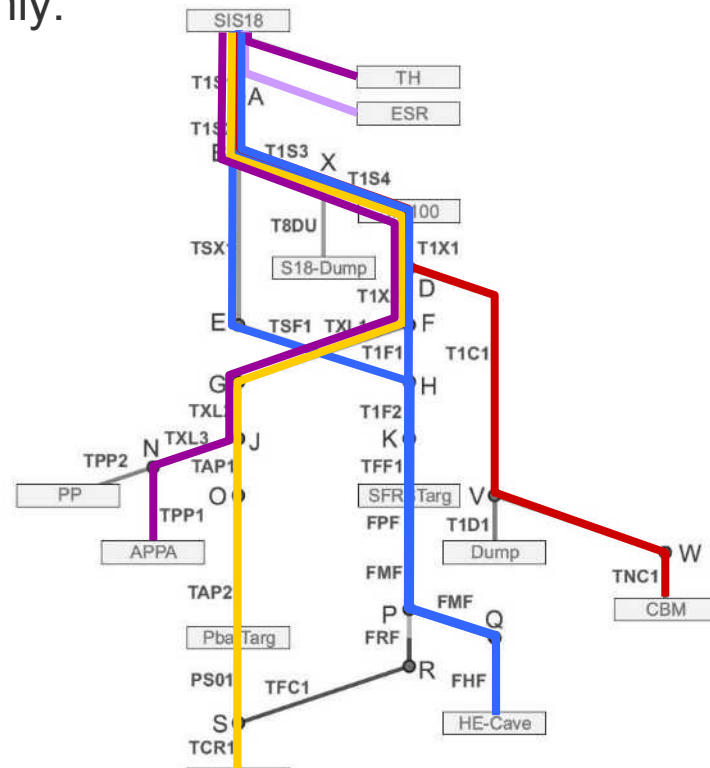
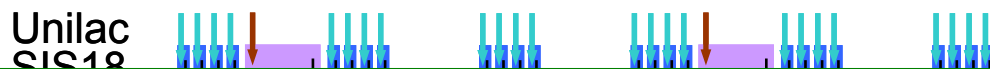
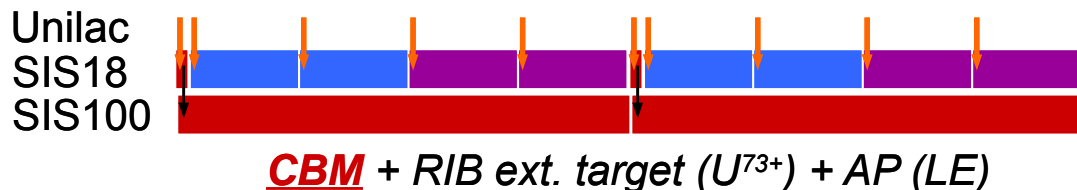
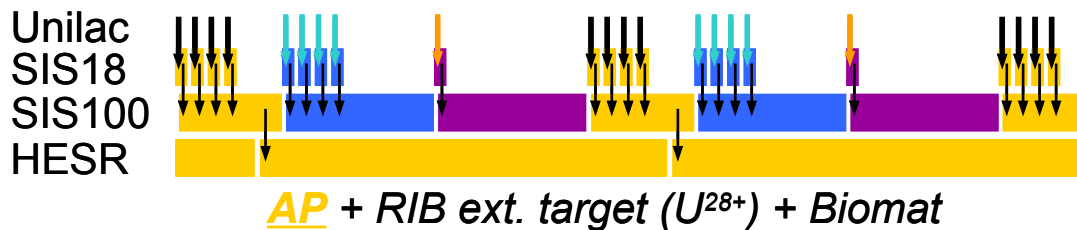
(N.B. first time counted as 'commissioning' or 'assisted operation' → later: 'regular operation')

- push physics and beam parameter performance (emittance, momentum spread, ...)
- identify and improve upon bottlenecks impacting FAIR's 'figure-of-merit'
- make fast setup and switch-over between different beam production chains routine

- Some important OP boundary conditions:
 - Compared to GSI, FAIR facility size and complexity increases roughly by a factor 4
 - Expect some improvement but 'Operator' & 'System Expert' will likely remain a scarce resource (N.B. ~5-6 operators (nights & weekend) ↔ pool of ~35 operators)
- One strategy option: 'One Operator per Accelerator Domain' vs. 'One Operator per Experiment':



Periodic beam patterns, dominated by one **main** experiment
– change every two weeks, some run for 2-3 days only:



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 FBs, sequencer, ...

... optimise routine task so that operation crew talents are utilised/focused on more important tasks that cannot be automated

Focus priorities on systems that have a big impact on setup, tracking and optimisation:

- ‘biggest bang-for-the buck’ or ‘low-hanging-fruits’*:
 - ie. systems that are best understood, require least effort/know-how to integrate/implement
- operationally critical or hard to achieve by-hand:
 - e.g. slow-extraction spill control, slow trajectory/focus drifts of beam-on-target
- mitigating drifts that are driven by feed-down effects due to higher-order parameter tuning: e.g. orbit, tune
- ...

Examples:

- beam-transmission-monitoring and other actual-vs-reference monitoring systems
 - identify, localise and fix failures/near-misses as early as possible
- semi-automated multi-turn/optics/slow-extraction monitoring/correction/... setup tools → improve facility turn-around and setup times
- classic beam-based feedbacks on trajectory, orbit, tune, chromaticity, etc.
 - monitor and maintain tight parameter tolerances
- 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



Generic Beam Control (focus on use-case)

1. [Transmission Monitoring System](#)
2. [Orbit Control](#)
3. [Trajectory Control](#) (threading, inj./extr., targets)
4. [Q/Q'\('\) Diagnostics & Control](#)
5. [TL&Ring Optics Measurement + Control](#)
(LOCO, AC-dipole techniques etc.,)
6. RF Capture and (later) RF gymnastics
7. Longitudinal Emittance Measurement
8. Transverse emittance measurement
9. Transverse and longitudinal feedbacks

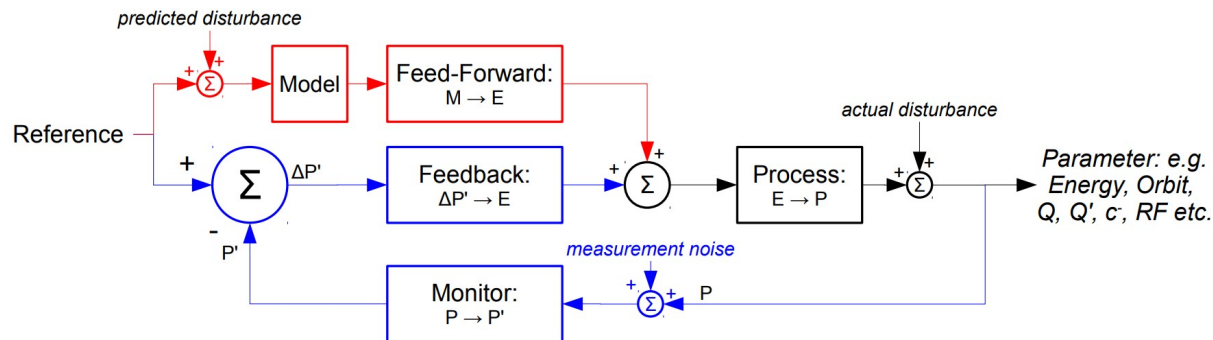
Bread-and-Butter
systems for operation

Machine-specific Beam-Based Systems:

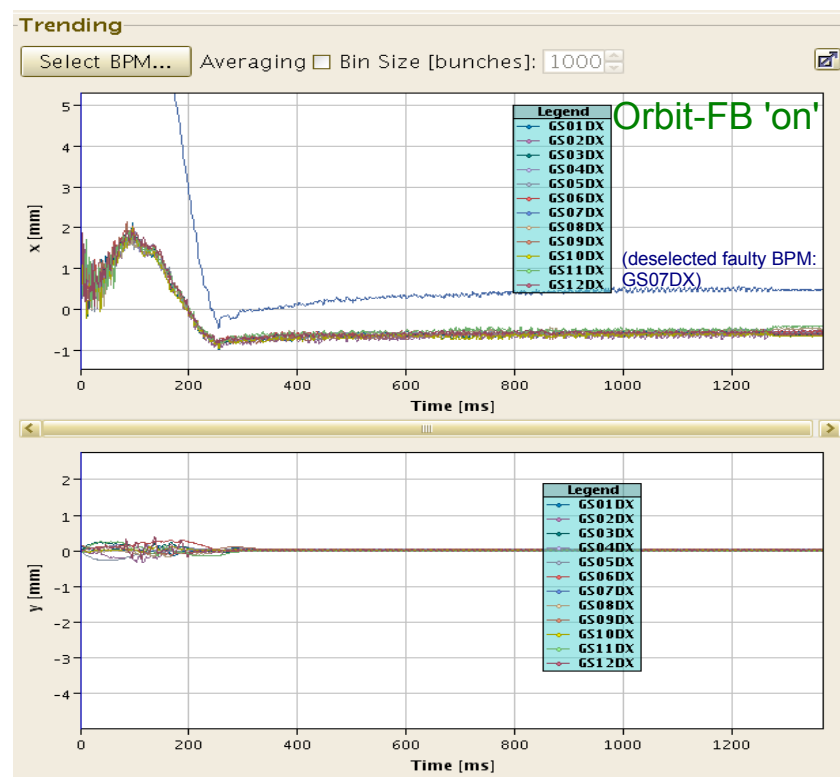
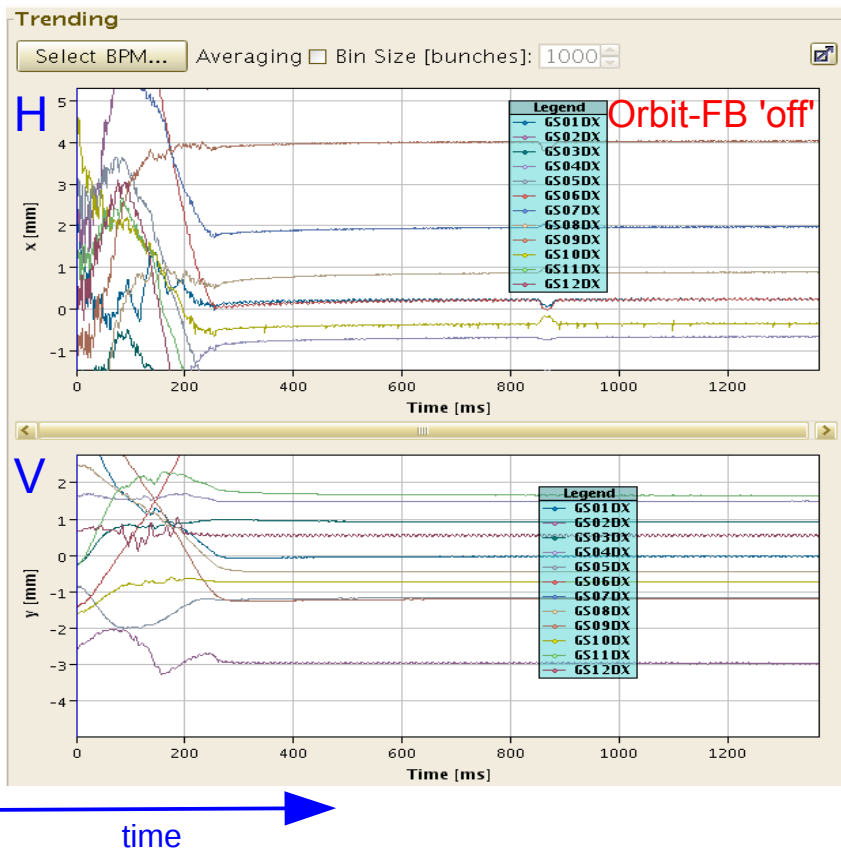
- SIS18: multi-turn-Injection (N.B. highly non-trivial, complex subject), Slow-Extraction (K.O. exciter, spill-structure, ...)
- SIS100: Slow-Extraction (K.O. exciter, spill-structure, ...), RF Bunch Merging and Compression
- ESR, HESR & CR: Stochastic cooling, Schottky diagnostics, ..., tbd.

Generic:

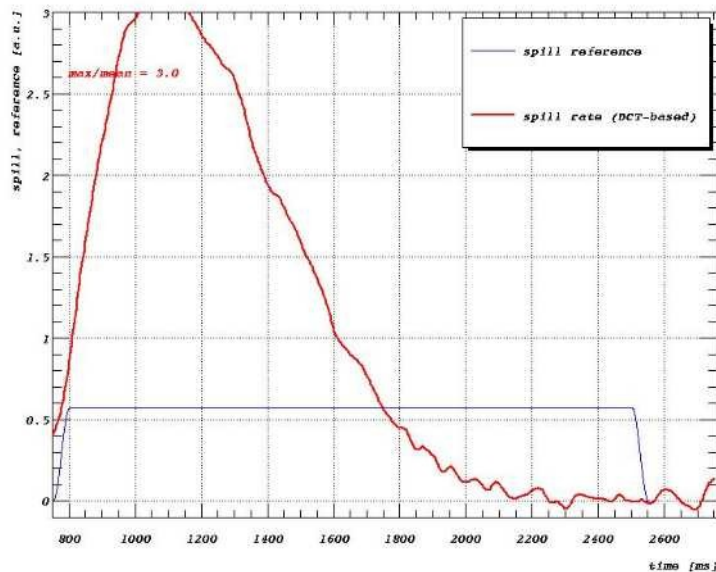
- [Remote DAQ of Analog Signals](#)
(strong impact on HKR migration/operation!)
- Facility-wide fixed-displays, facility & Machine Status ("Page One")
- context-based monitoring of controls and accelerator Infrastructure,



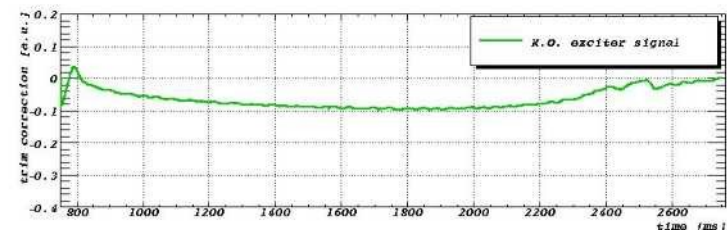
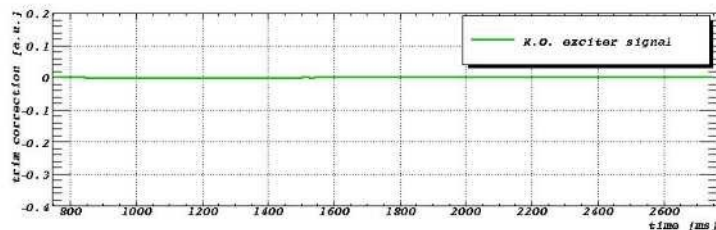
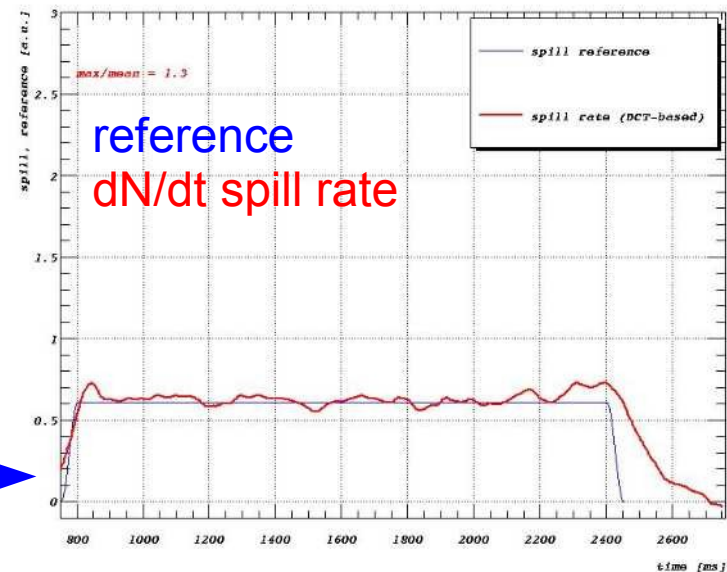
- Real-World challenges of FB & (semi-) automation:
(hint: usually control theory or beam physic isn't the problem)
 - second-scale FBs/tools are often already quite sufficient for >90% of problems
 - Computers are better than humans for repetitive/quantitative tasks, however: FBs are essentially only as good as
 - beam-diagnostics or machine-parameter measurements they are based-upon
 - integration into the controls & operation environment and exception handling
 - interfaces, interfaces, interfaces....
 - long-term maintenance, upgrades, adaptations, ...
 - developer skills that needs to cover multiple domains: acc. HW, BI, RF, Controls, machine modelling, beam physics, ...
 - overall strength depends on the reliability of the weakest link in the chain → however: requires serious controls integration efforts to become robust/operationally ready (typically 80% of tools is exception handling of non-conformities)



- 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 → radial-loop/Energy-FB



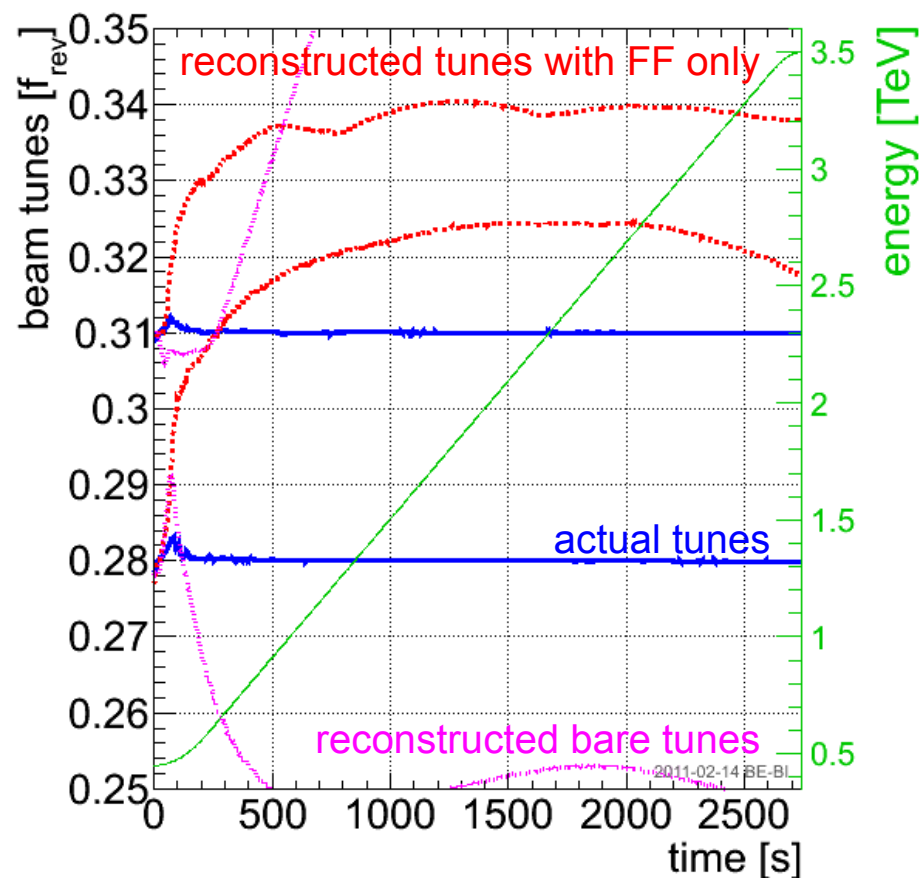
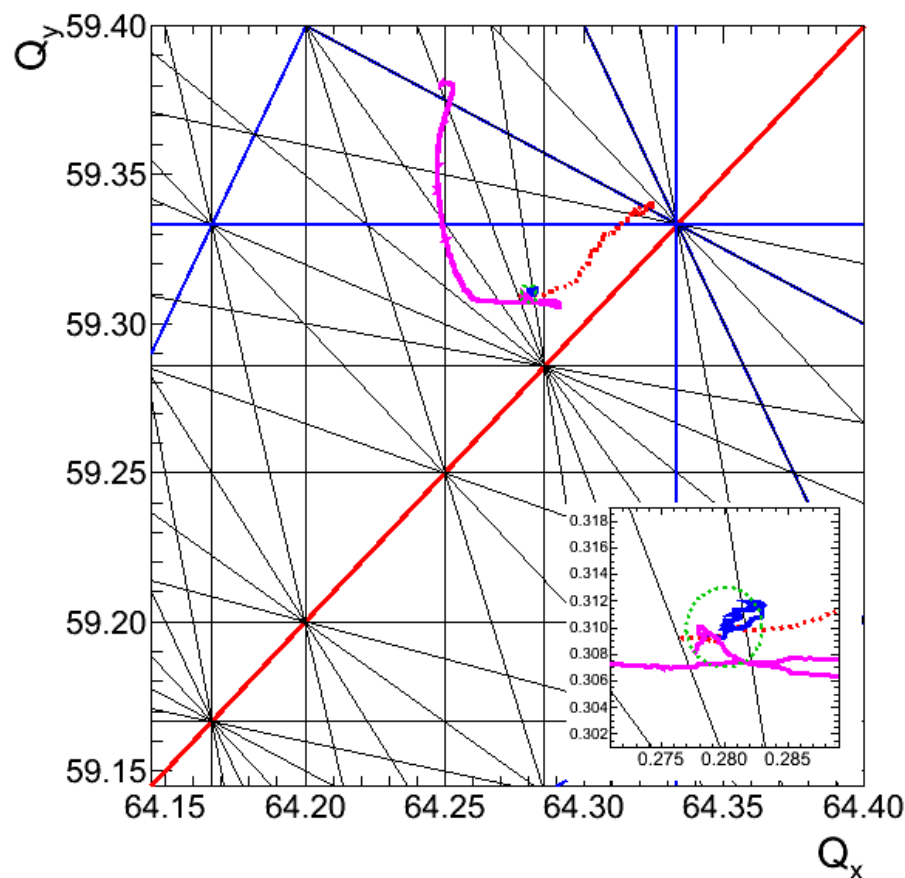
Fill-to-Fill
FB on dN/dt
(DCCT-based)



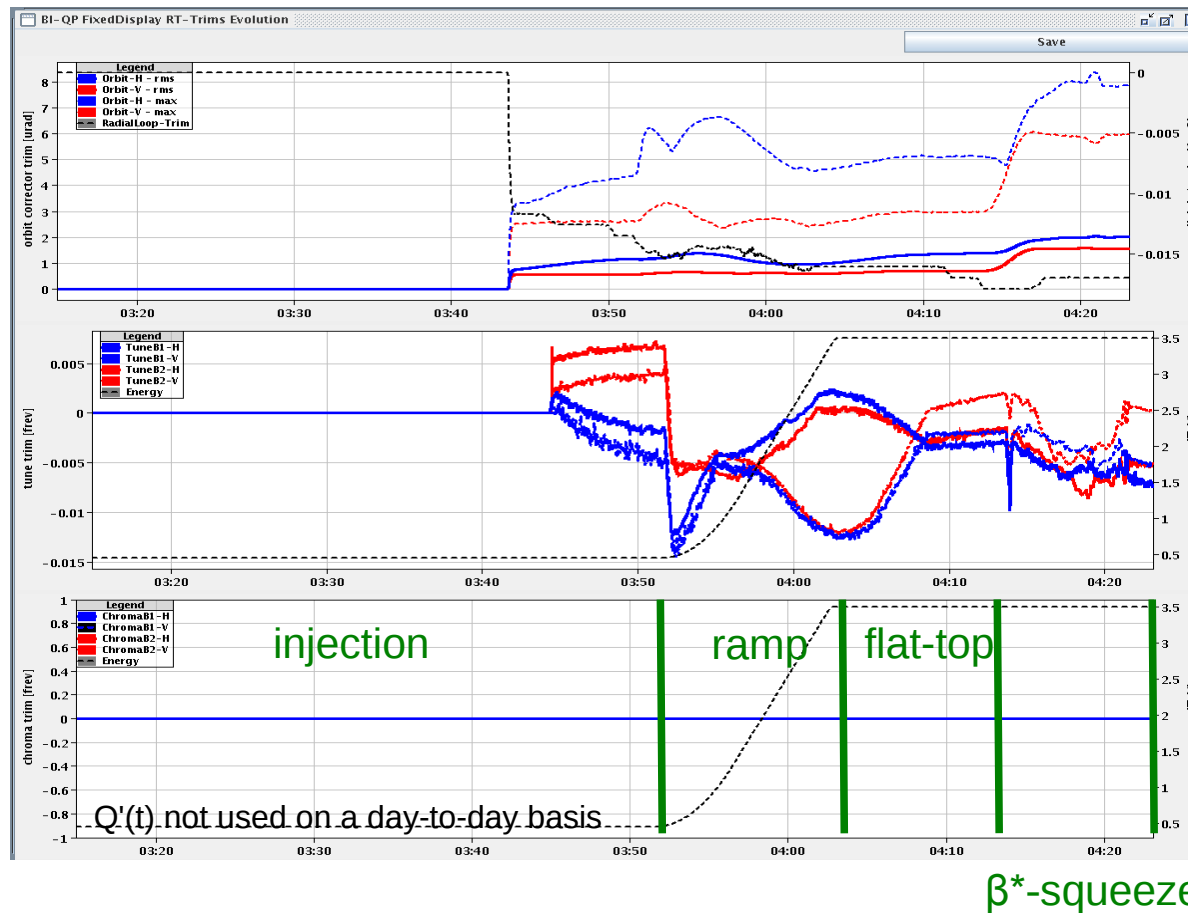
- some workarounds needed, but overall success and results look promising
 - need to follow-up: K.O. exciter power-limitation handling (easily for >10 Tm operation)
 - Alternative: FB using fast extraction quadrupole or main-quads
 - Desirable: direct FB signal from experimental detectors

[animated GIF - link](#)

- ... Q/Q'-FBs help mitigating these feed-down effects while allowing OP crews to work on other more pressing issues → stability of actual observable became secondary
 - N.B. BBQ instrumentation is key-ingredient to success



- trims become de-facto standard to assess the FB and machine performance and to improve machine modelling (done off-line) → also base-line for FAIR

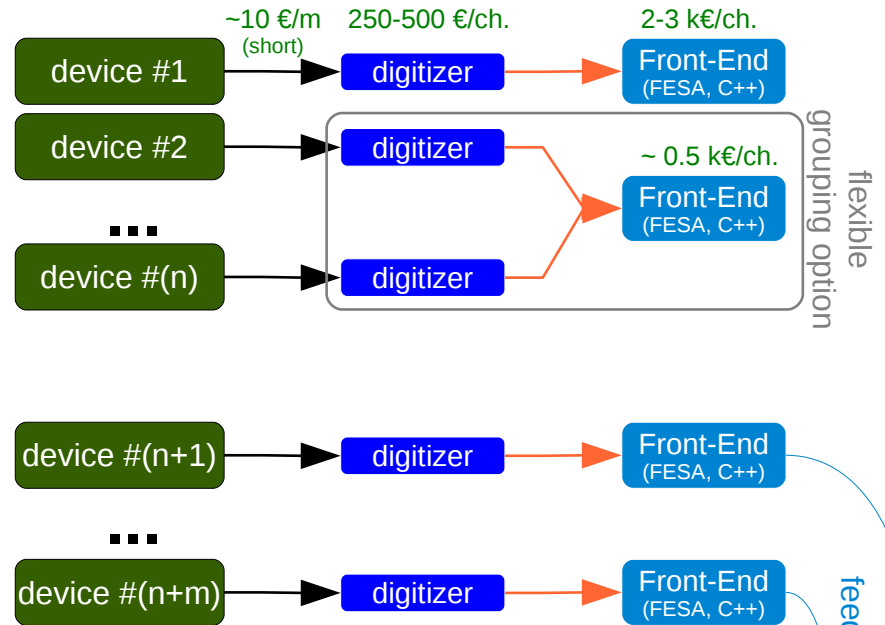


Orbit-FB &
Radial-Loop
Trims (μrad)

Tune-FB trims

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

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



start deployment ≥2018 (SIS18), crucial for:

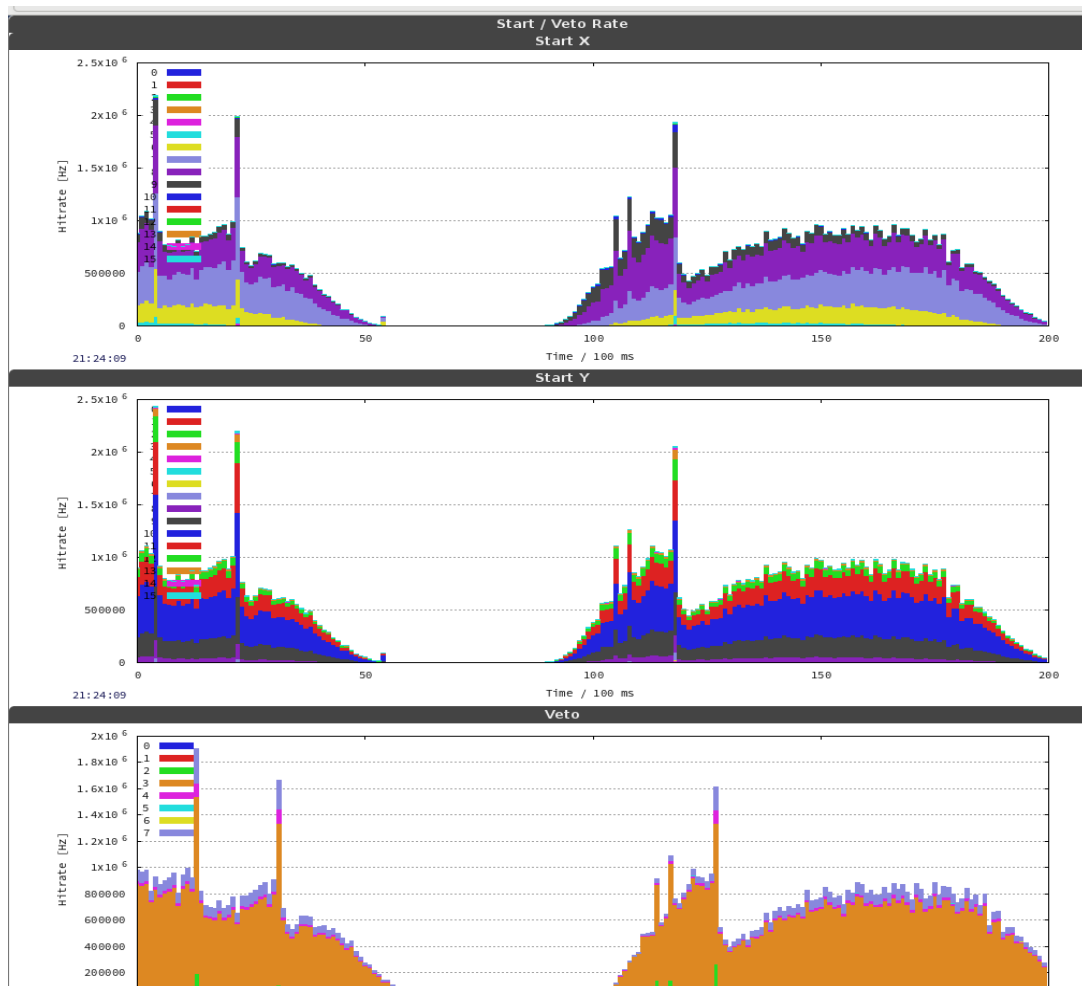
- migration to new FAIR Control Centre (FCC),
- optimisation of commissioning & operation
- automated tracking/isolation of faults (↔ post-mortem)
- less-biased performance indicator

link: more details

permanent monitoring

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

In a control room not so far away...



... likely caused by spurious equipment input

Digitizer are key to monitor all critical devices that may act upon the beam!

- continuous actual-vs-reference monitoring → efficiently localise & isolate faults or rare events
- complimented by Archiving System → tracking of (especially) rare events.

SIS18_FAST_COOLER_ESRTRANSFER_20181204_ENGRUN SIS18_SLOW_HHD_20181130_084227 SIS18_SLOW_HADES_20181206_210727 SIS18_SLOW_HTD_20181203_235223

40 AR 18+262.0 MeV/u
ESR via TE (FAST)
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107 AG 45+1580.0 MeV/u
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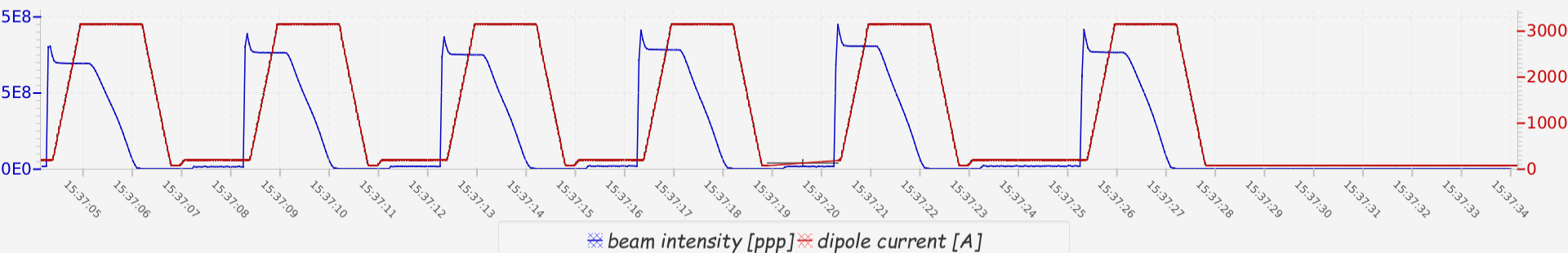
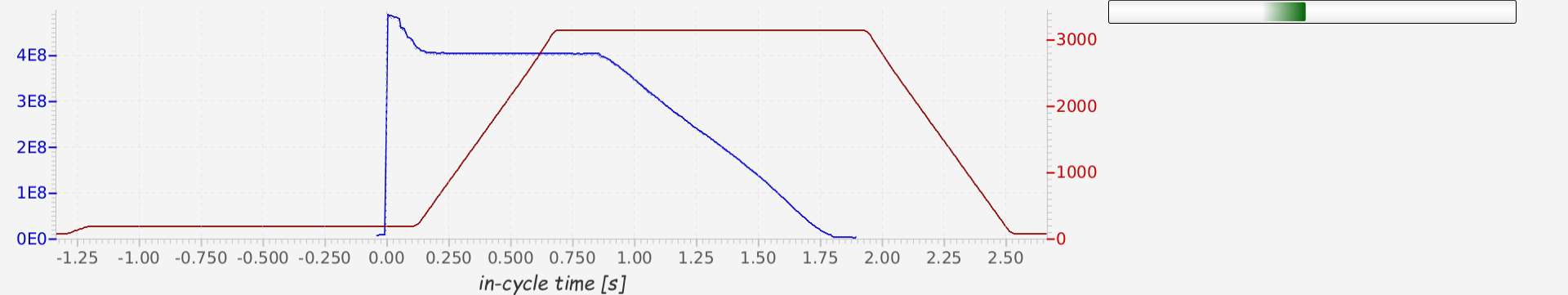
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U 09S04
PILOT BEAM

M L P O U



- ... collect and store all pertinent accelerator data centrally to facilitate the analysis and tracking of the accelerator performance as well as its proper function.
- Combined Archiving and Post-Mortem storage concepts
- Aim at storing maximum reasonable amount of data
 - facilitates data mining (performance trends, rare failures, ...)
 - key to understanding and improving accelerator performance
 - also: use feedback action to improve machine model (data mining)!

Archiving



Post-Mortem



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N.B. importance: quantitative accelerator performance and bug, transient recording & fault-tracking indicators

HWC 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

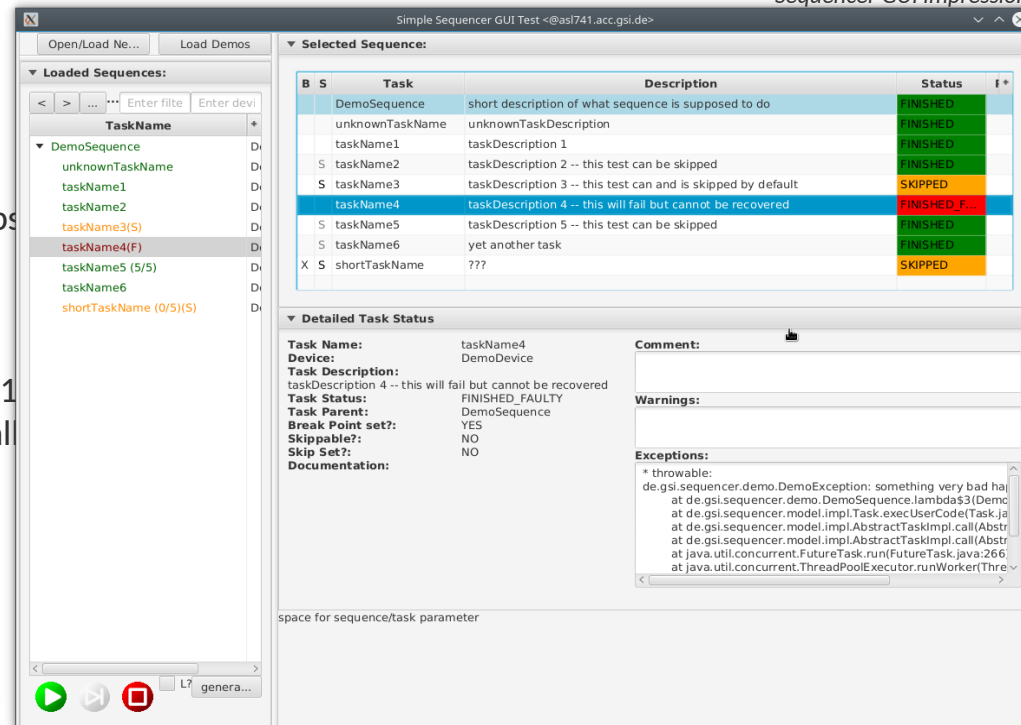
Sequencer GUI impression

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 201
- establish process of writing Sequencer tasks parallel to development (in progress)



The screenshot shows the 'Simple Sequencer GUI Test' window. It features a 'Loaded Sequences' panel on the left with a tree view of tasks. The main panel displays a table of tasks with columns for 'Task', 'Description', and 'Status'. The 'Status' column uses color-coded indicators: green for 'FINISHED', yellow for 'SKIPPED', and red for 'FINISHED_FAULTY'. Below the table, there is a 'Detailed Task Status' section for the selected task 'taskName4', showing its description, status, and a stack trace of exceptions.

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		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

Detailed Task Status

Task Name: taskName4
 Device: DemoDevice
 Task Description: taskDescription 4 -- this will fail but cannot be recovered
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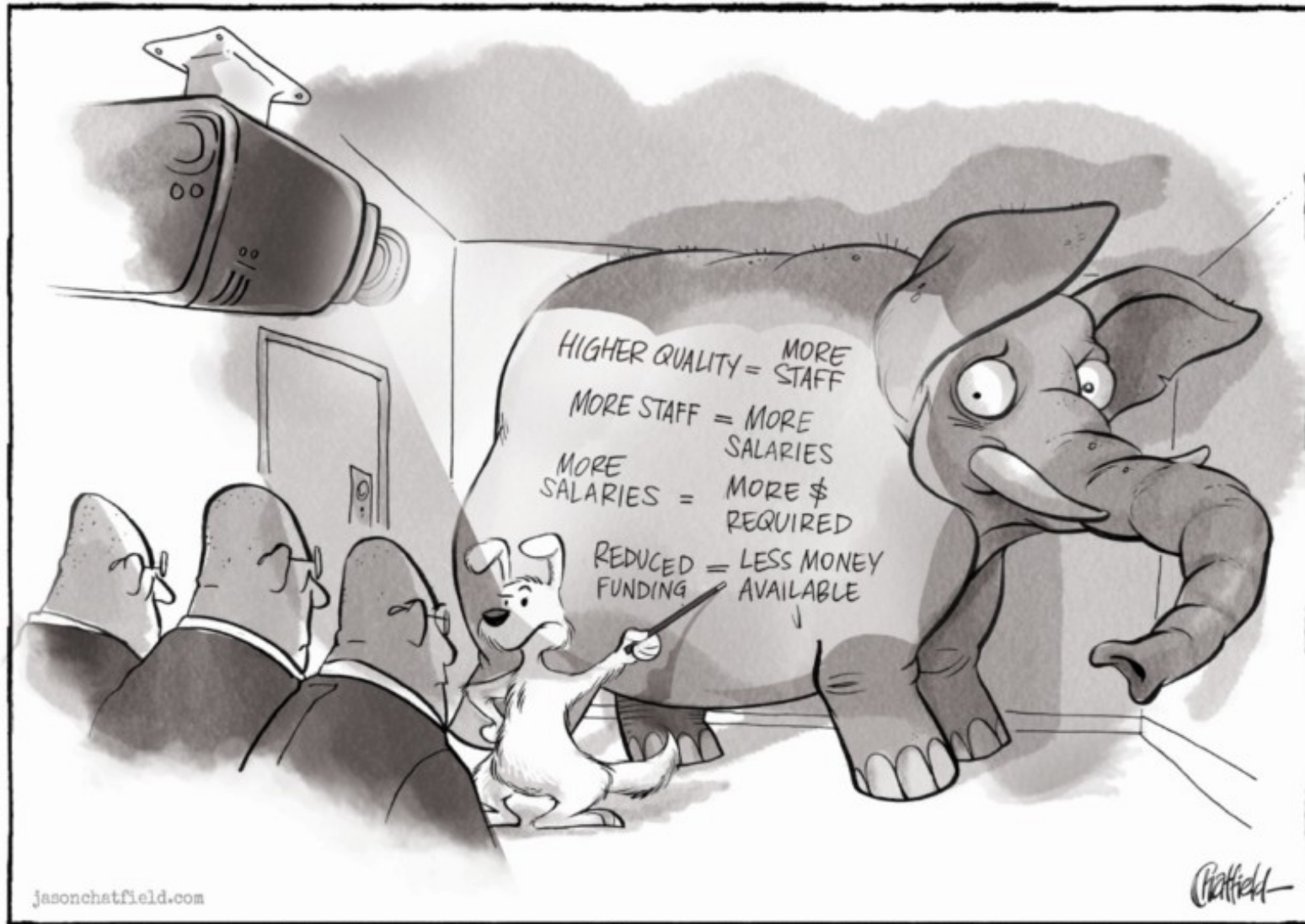
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space for sequence/task parameter



Presentation Tier

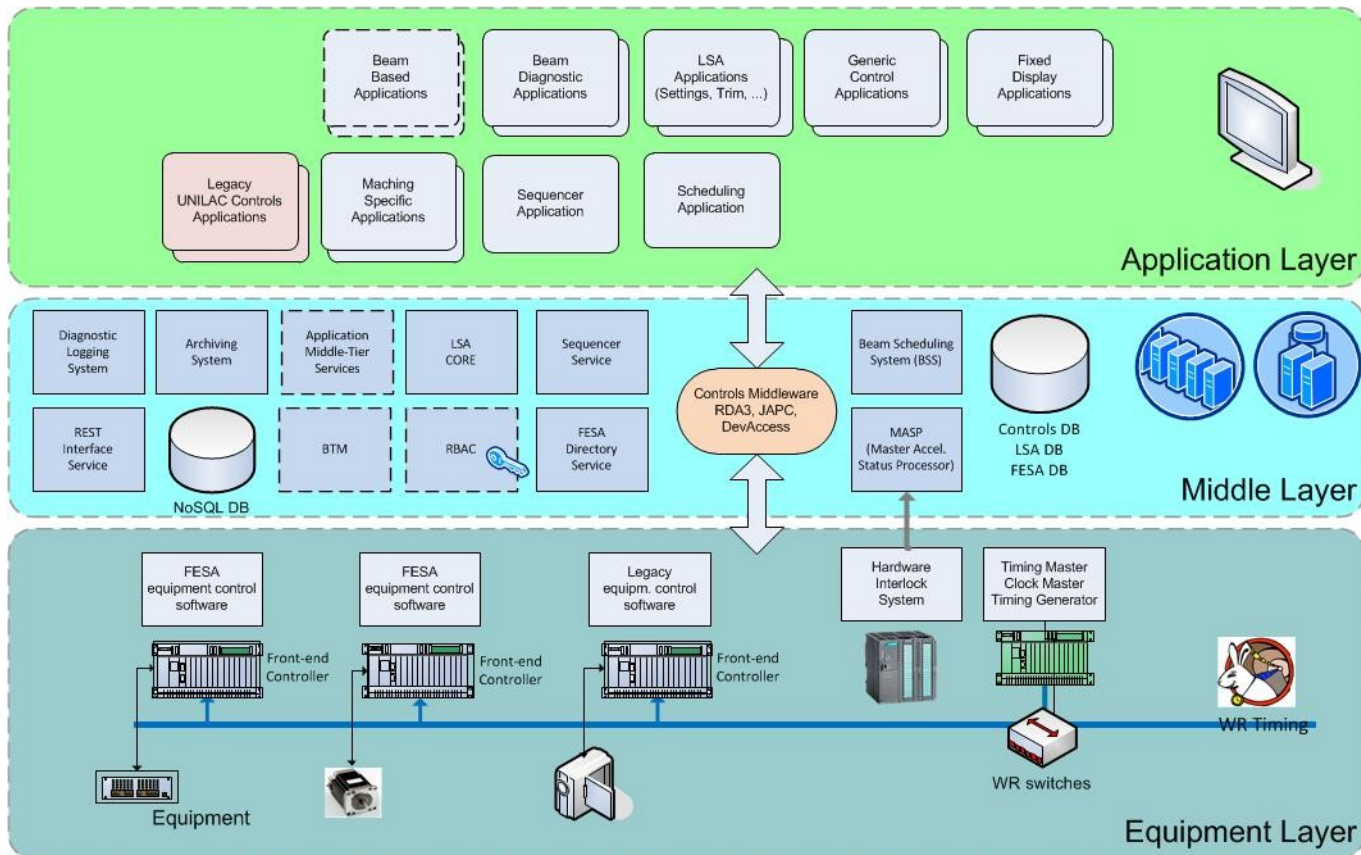


Middle Tier powerful servers



Resource Tier FESA

C++



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

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BC-Stage C,
Machine Availability
Analysis, adv. beam
parameters optimisation, FAIR
performance model. optimisation.

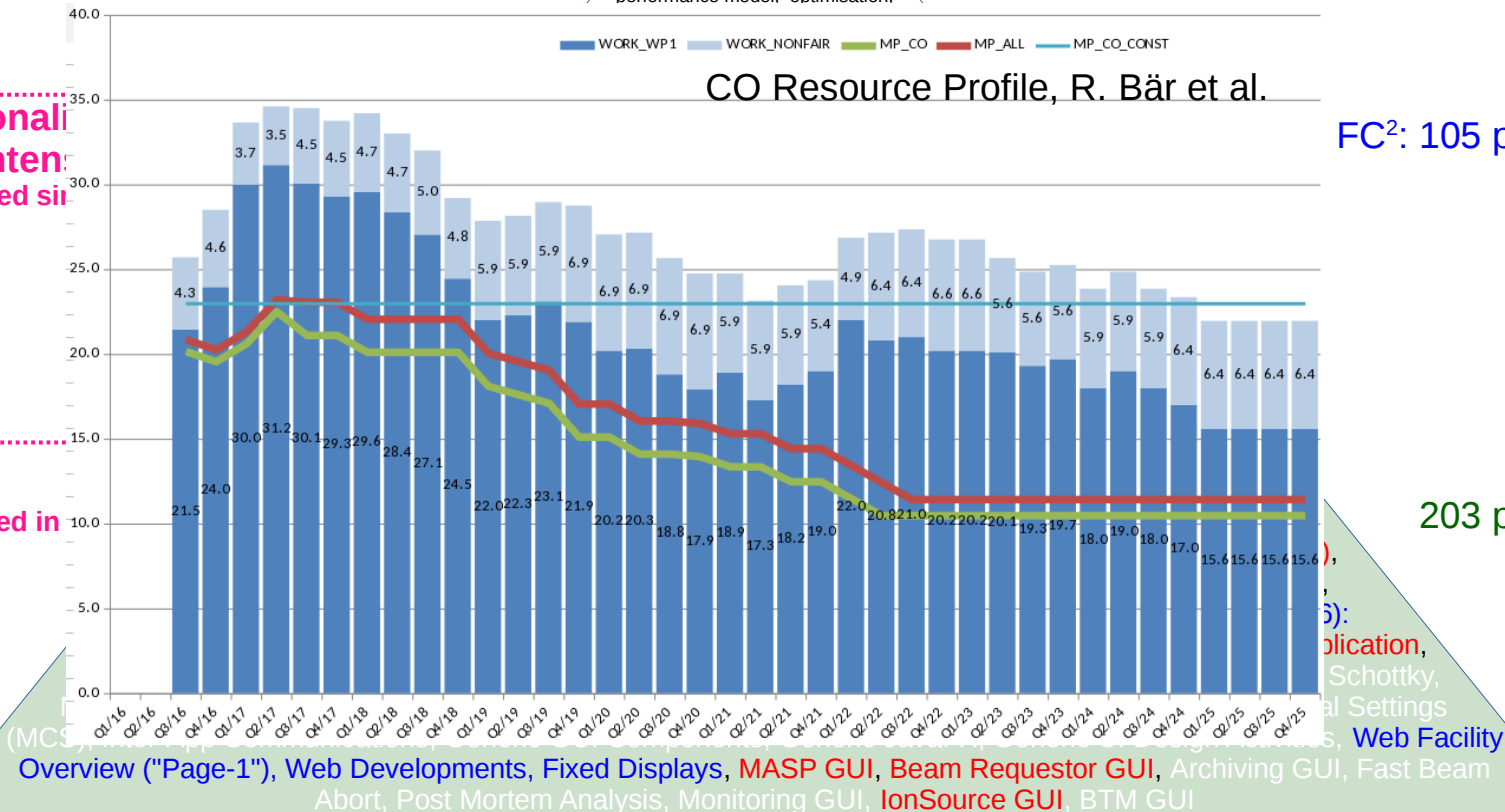
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(as defined in ...)

2025
(as defined in ...)

CO Resource Profile, R. Bär et al.

FC²: 105 person-years
(missing)

ACO:
203 person-years



GSI/FAIR

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Total:

3.2MSLOCs

Min:

12.0MSLOCs

legacy
systems →

language:	SLOCs
java:	1236810 (38.38%)
cpp:	990110 (30.73%)
ansic:	492459 (15.28%)
f90:	160651 (4.99%)
python:	159864 (4.96%)
sh:	74152 (2.30%)
fortran:	49298 (1.53%)
asm:	30226 (0.94%)
php:	17493 (0.54%)
pascal:	7662 (0.24%)
ada:	1177 (0.04%)
yacc:	1113 (0.03%)
perl:	917 (0.03%)
tcl:	285 (0.01%)
awk:	105 (0.00%)

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python:	129853 (1.08%)
sh:	53927 (0.45%)
ada:	14382 (0.12%)
perl:	13609 (0.11%)
php:	12506 (0.10%)
cs:	3556 (0.03%)
ml:	2052 (0.02%)
tcl:	1780 (0.01%)
jsp:	1302 (0.01%)
csh:	968 (0.01%)
yacc:	959 (0.01%)
awk:	328 (0.00%)
exp:	281 (0.00%)
fortran:	72 (0.00%)
sed:	11 (0.00%)
ruby:	7 (0.00%)

Development Effort Estimate

871FTEs

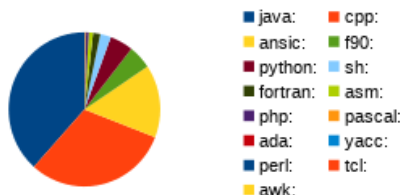
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Total Estimated Cost to Develop

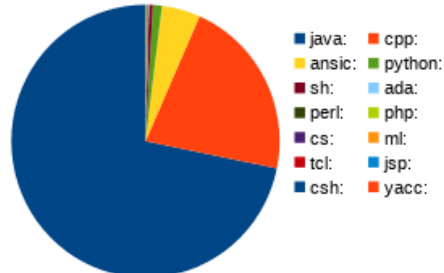
104MEUR

395 MEUR

GSI code base (SVN)
ratio of kSLOCs



CERN code base (SVN)
ratio of kSLOCs



N.B. here:

SLOCs total physical Source Lines of Code

FTE person-year (Full-Time-Equivalent)
according to COCOMO (II)

costs intern:

1 FTE = average salary = 50 kEUR/year (overhead = 2.40)

costs extern:

1 FTE = average salary = 160 kEUR/year (overhead > 2.40)

generated using David A. Wheeler's 'SLOCCount'.

N.B. FTEs are very rough estimates with large error bars for a project of this size... !!

→ in-lack of better tools at least qualitative scaling, relations and order of magnitude seems reasonable

Requirements & Conceptual Design – primary goals:

- provide sufficient room for the operation of the existing and enlarged GSI/FAIR facility
 - includes control of technical infrastructure, cryogenics, and storage-ring experiments or those tightly intertwined with accelerator operation
- **Ergonomics: Main Control Room should not “get in the way of it’s primary function”**
 - establish functional relationships between MCR & ancillary rooms
 - validate/check w.r.t. FAIR Commissioning & Control concept
 - validate/check whether input for building planner is feasible and consistent with DIN/ISO norms
- Keep within set budget

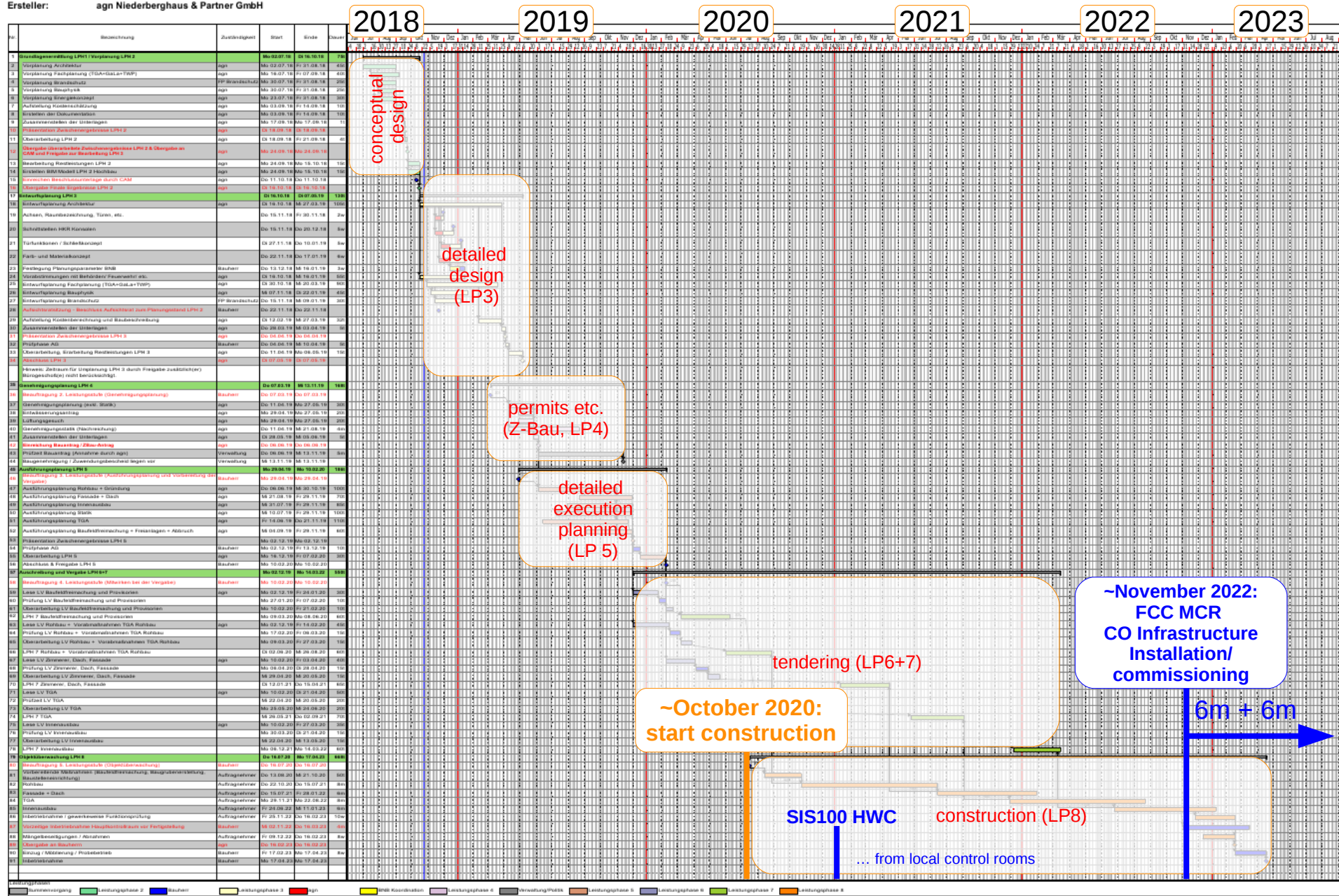


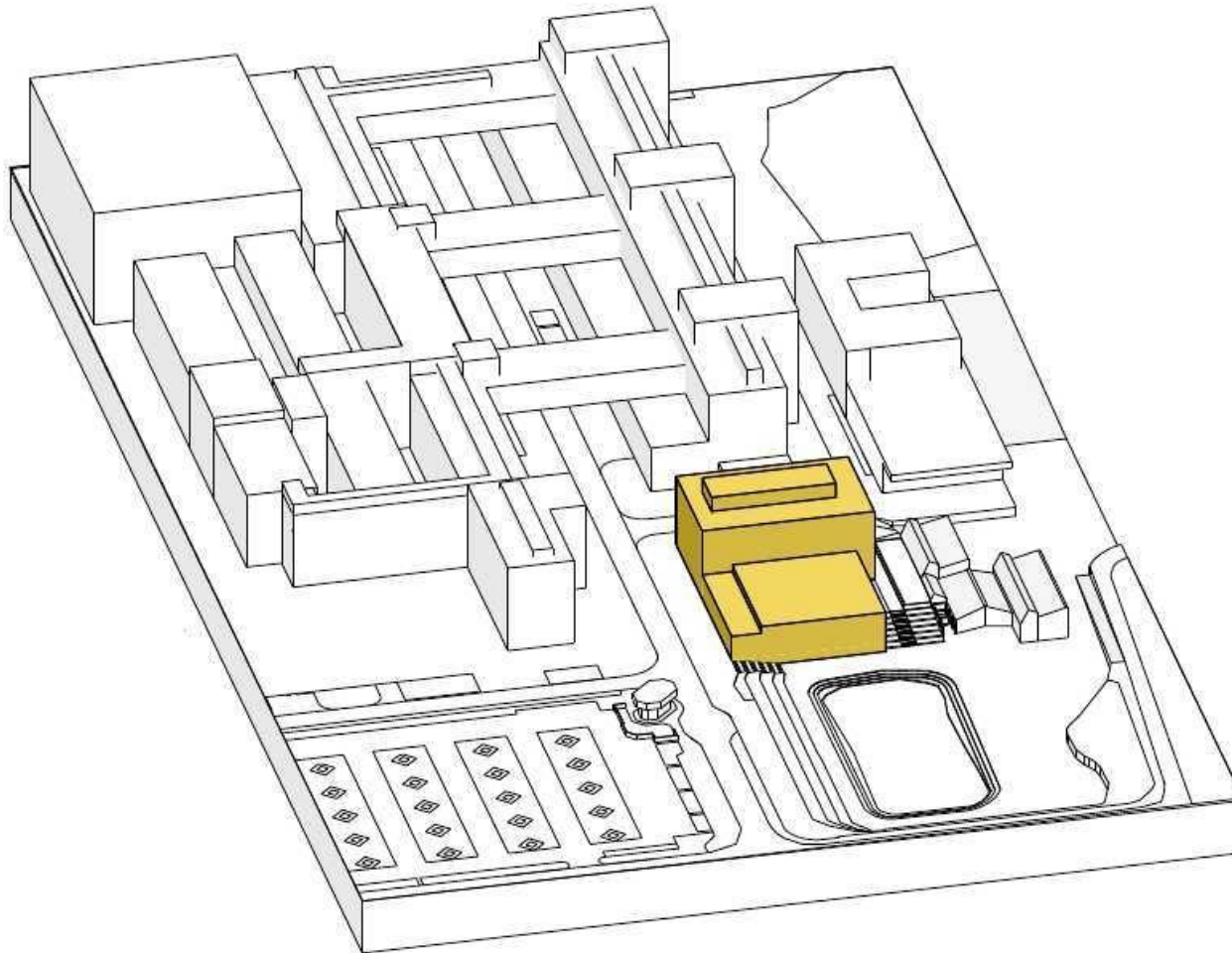
thumbs-up to our
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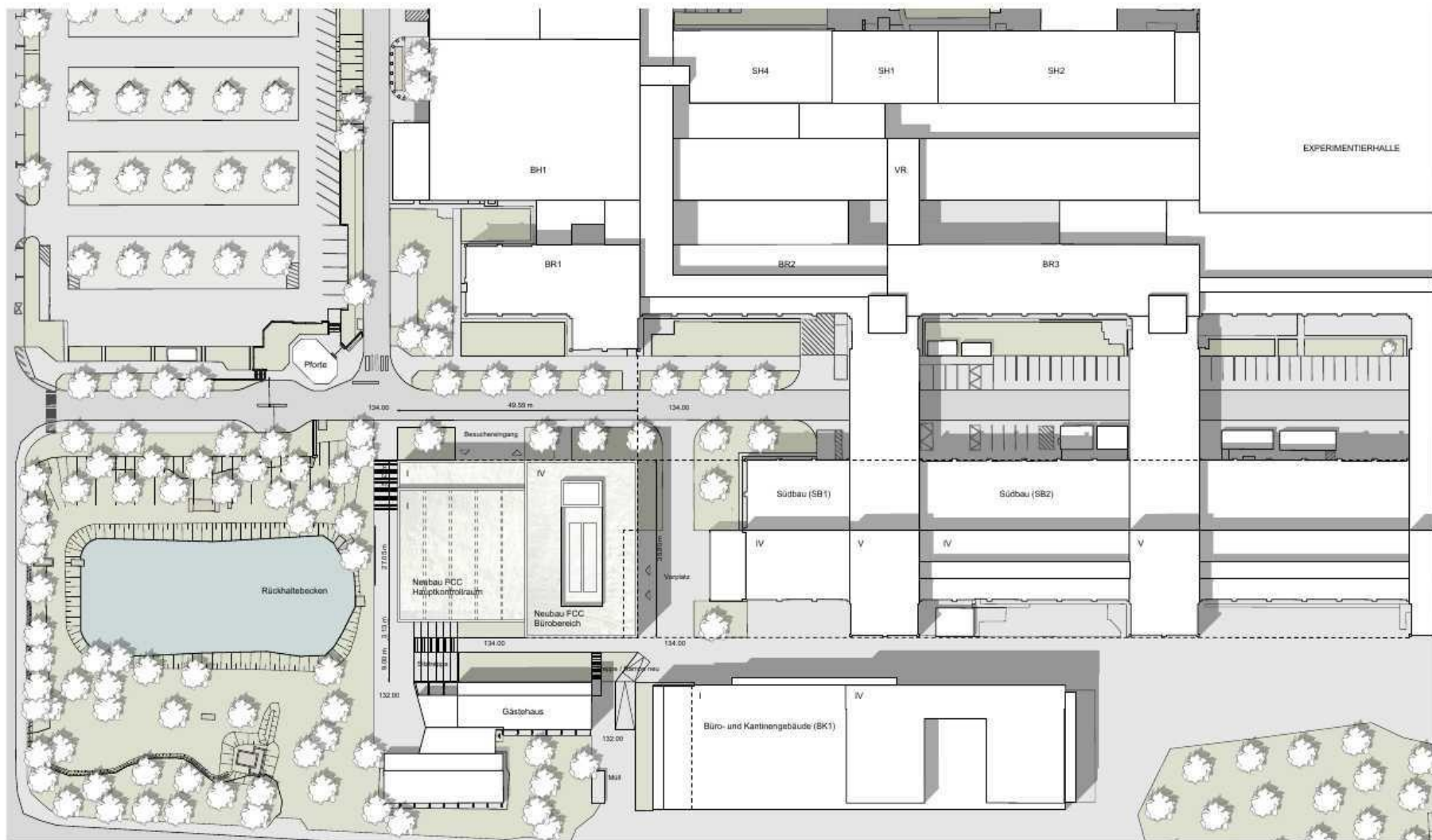
FCC estimated “ready” for HWC starting 2022 (+ backup option)

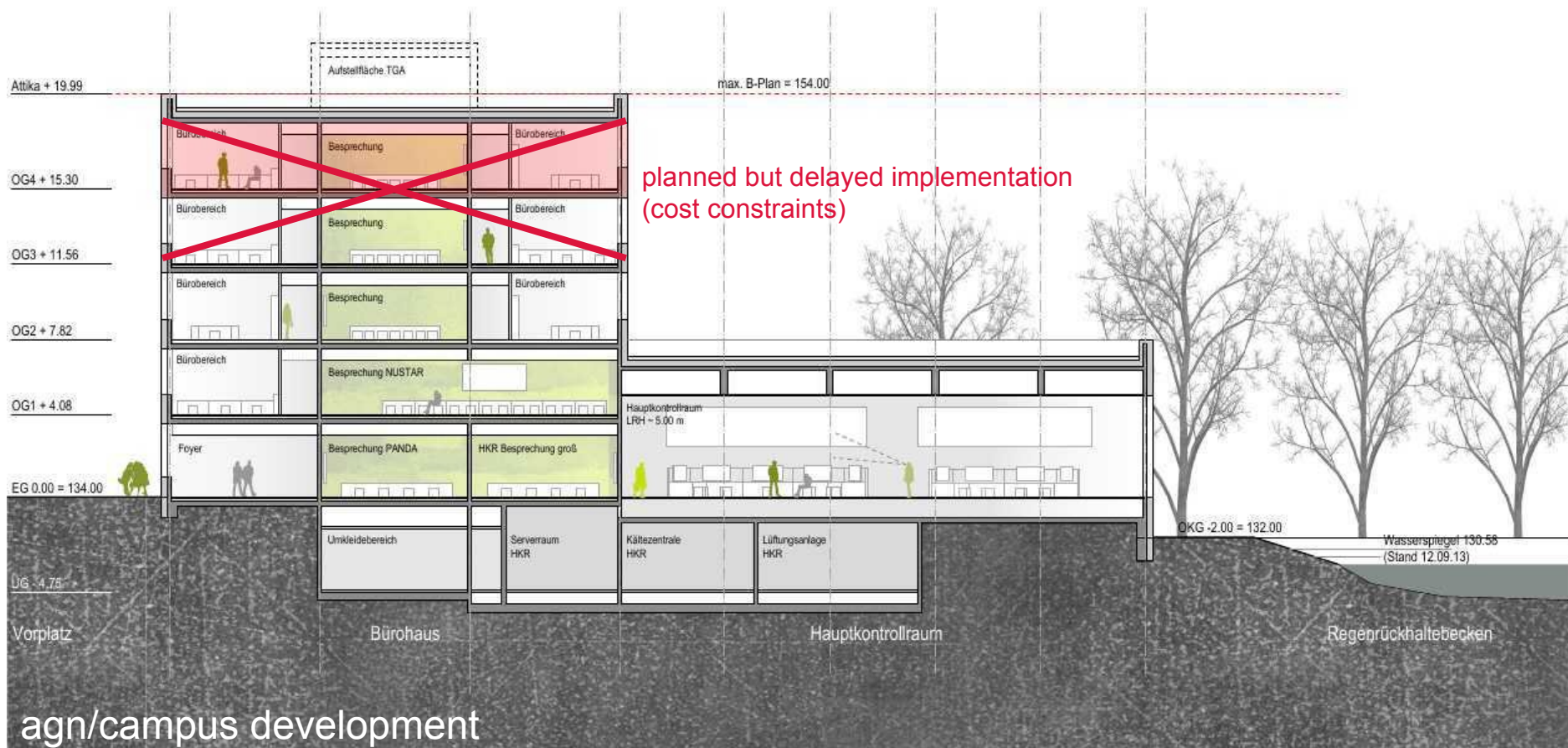
Open issues:

- OP-readiness (notably UNILAC) to move to new FCC building





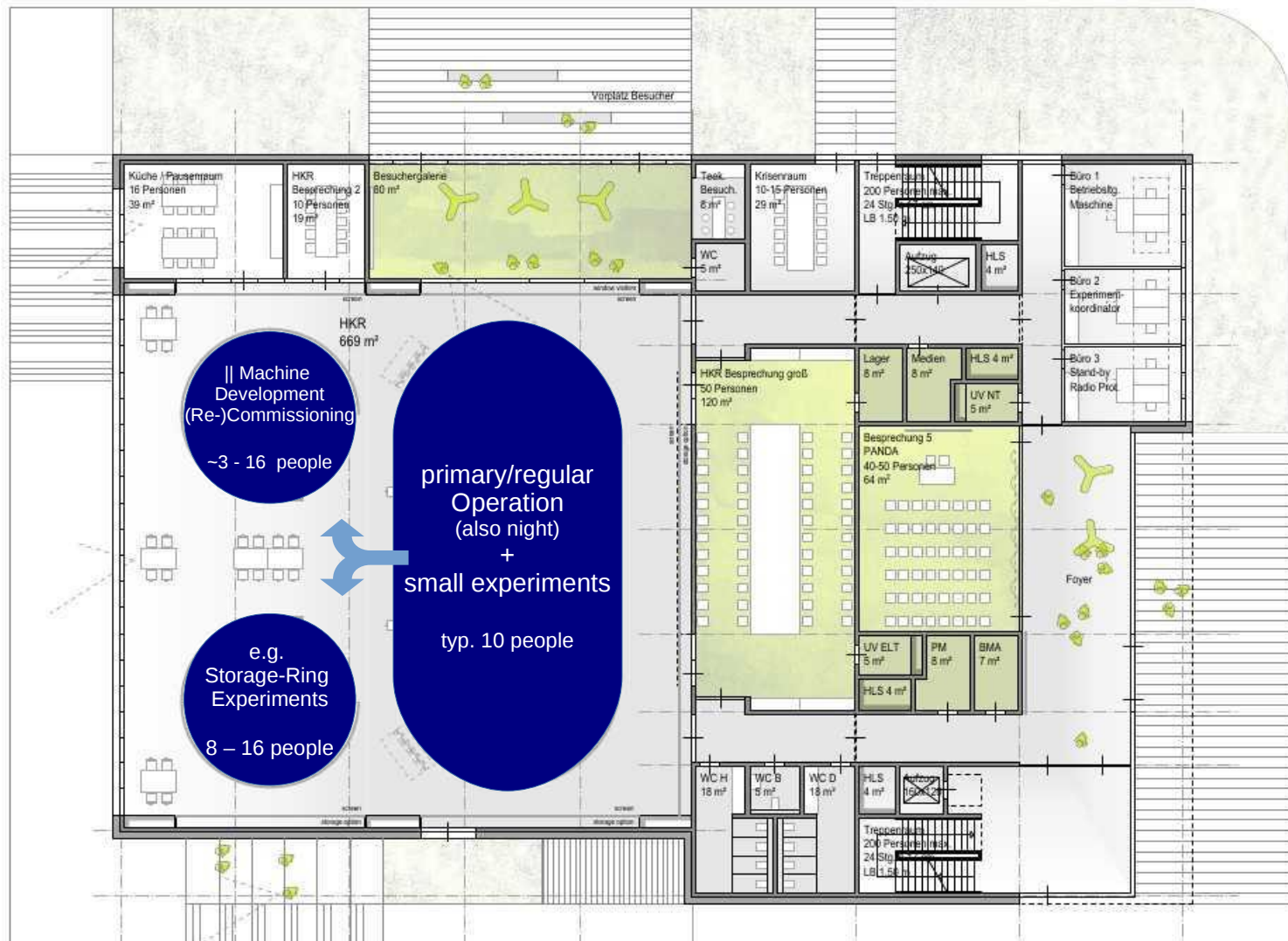






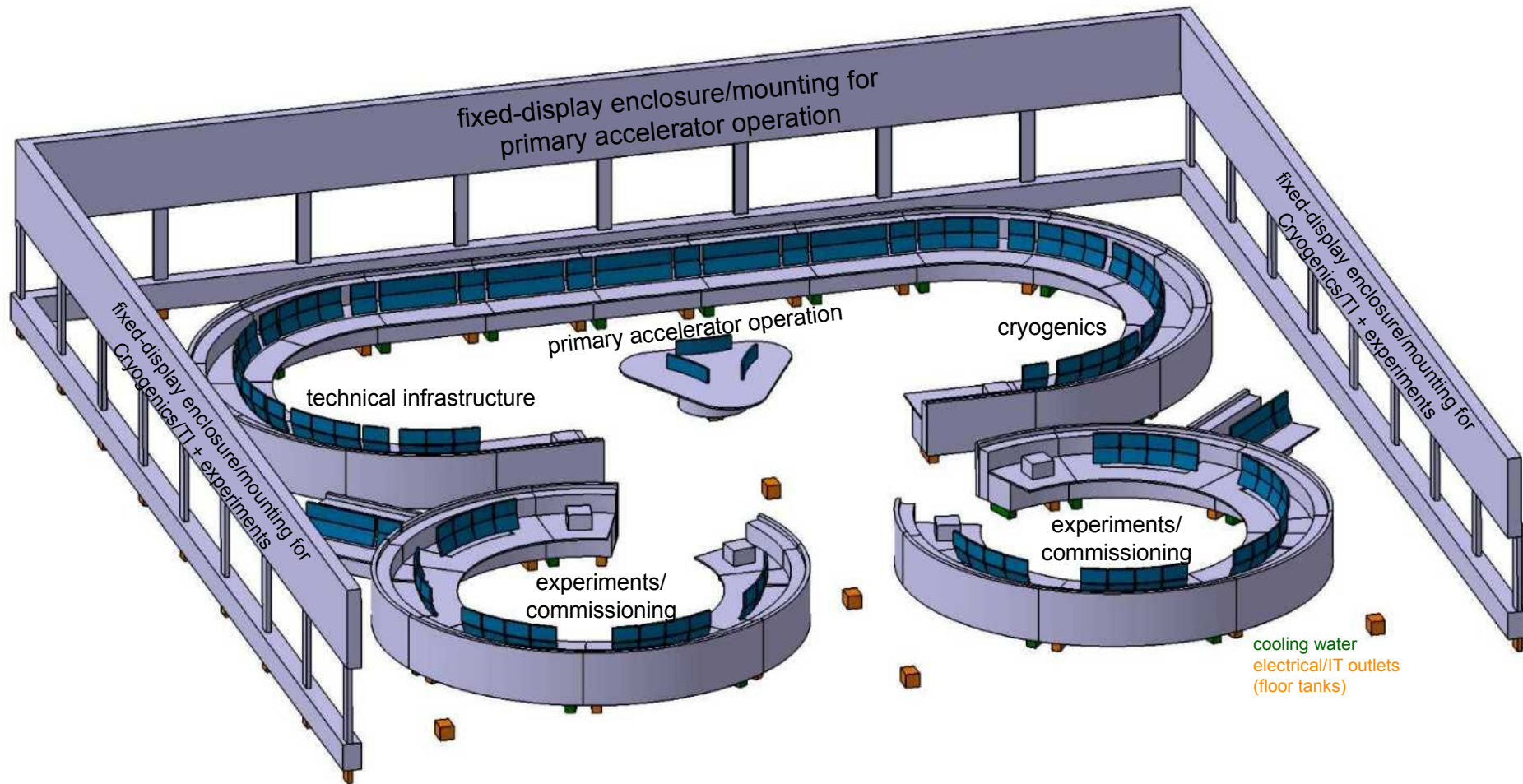
agn/campus development

work in progress: outside facade not
finalised yet → user survey pending!!









David See et al.

- FAIR basics from a commissioning & operation point of view:
 - Facility size quadruples → 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
 - 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 OP crews
- FC²-strategy driven by:
 - Continuous improvement process
 - commissioning procedures as evolving operation and commissioning standard
 - system integration: determine of what, how and when is needed
 - Prevention of inefficiencies, inconsistencies & wastes by design → 'poka-yoke'/error proofing' principle (example: digitizer/fault isolation)
- Main Optimisation Strategies:
 - Improved model based control: quasi-periodic operation, beam-production-chain concept, ... → LSA operationally deployed since 2018
 - Beam-Based feedbacks and (semi-)automated setup tools are key ingredient for efficient operation and commissioning
 - optimise and automatise routine task so that OP talents are utilised/focused on more important tasks that cannot be automated
 - actual-vs-reference monitoring system, semi-automated setup tools, classic beam-based feedbacks, and Sequencer to automate tasks not yet covered by other tools
 - requires serious controls integration efforts and resources (~ 3 → 12 MSLOCs)
 - Basic control system functionality to be implemented by 2025 (still challenging task) → be patient
 - Efficiency improving (semi-)automation is planned and scheduled but lacks implementation resources → be even more patient
 - constructive skilled contributions/resources are welcome ...
- FAIR Control Centre and Main Control Room on track → expect installation/commissioning by Q1/2023



Thank You!

Merry Christmas!

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a successful 2019!

- HIC4FAIR'15 (Hamburg):
 - *“Options for Parallel Operation”* → [link](#)
- HIC4FAIR'16 (Rheingau):
 - *“FAIR Commissioning & Control WG - Status & Strategy Update”* → [link](#)
 - *“Machine Experiment Interface - 2nd Iteration”* → [link](#)
- Special FC2WG & FCC Projectgroup Info-Meeting'17
 - *“FCC – FAIR Control Centre -- Concepts, Requirements & Next Steps”* → [link](#)
 - K. Berkl: *“Neubau - FAIR Control Centre – FCC”* → [link](#)
- MAC'18 - Machine Advisory Committee: *“FAIR Commissioning & Control WG Status”* → [link](#)
- ... more documentation (Google: 'FC2WG'): [FC2-WG Homepage](#), [Presentations](#) & [Minutes](#)

- Develop a (initial/re-)commissioning and operation strategy:
 - memorandum of understanding between stake-holders (SPLs, MCs, AP, BI, CO, RF, ...)
 - define when, where and how the individual accelerator systems should fit in
 - identify and define missing procedures, equipment and tools, e.g.:
 - define, check the need or priority of applications vs. 'use cases'
 - define, check integration and interface between specific equipment and CO/OP environment
 - focus first on commonalities across then specifics within individual accelerators
 - MPLs/MCs define pace & resources of how fast to achieve the above
 - dissemination/knowledge transfer from groups that constructed and performed the initial HW commissioning to the long-term operation
 - training of operational crews (physics, operation, tools, ...)
 - scheduling tool for technical stops to follow-up possible issues found

*Procedure aims not only at the initial first but also subsequent re-commissioning e.g. after (long) shut-downs, mode of operation changes and/or regular operation

GSI/FAIR

- vertical/horizontal controls integration:
 - [ACO \(alone\) bears full responsibility for controls core infrastructure, vertical and horizontal integration](#)
 - notable exception: BI & partially: Ring-RF
- settings supply (LSA-based)
 - Beam-Production-Chain, Pattern and flexible Beam-Process- & Timing concepts
 - [different lab-specific implementations](#)
- control room visualisations/tools:
 - only few (legacy-type) Java/Swing dependencies
 - JavaFX as primary workhorse for applications
 - strong Java/C++ community
 - very small Python community (↔ serious maintenance issues)
 - evaluating: C++/Qt & WebAssembly
- controls code base
 - 3.2 Million SLOCs
 - [~10% to be replaced legacy](#)
- application devs outside controls:
 - [only a few CO-type devs outside ACO: 3 BI, 2 SYS, 3 OP \(beginner\)](#)
 - [ACO: 2 \(+1\) JavaFX + 2 Java-Swing-only devs](#)
 - [1 web-based app developer \(OP\)](#)
- experiment client composition:
 - vast majority running less than a week
 - require (presently) typically 1-2 days to setup
- accelerator operation:
 - [GSI: pool of about 20 operator \(2-3 Ops/shift\)](#)
 - [FAIR: 5-6 acc. Ops/shift + 1-2 Cryo-/TI-Ops/shift](#)
 - [very-low degree of automation: predominantly manual tuning based on analog hardware](#)

CERN

- Equip. groups responsible for vertical HW & SW integration
- CO responsible for controls core infrastructure and some lateral systems (timing, LSA, Oasis, Alarms, ...)
- OP et al. heavily involved in horizontal integration & control room apps development
- Super-Cycle, Hypercycle & semi-static Timing concepts
- [different lab-specific implementations](#)
- massively invested into Java & Swing (500+ apps)
- custom web-based technologies/tools
- JavaFX projects now frozen → discontinued
- strong Java & Python community
- evaluating: Python/Qt & WebAssembly
- [12 Million SLOCs](#)
- [est. total: > 100 FTEs \(BE-BI, BE-CO, BE-ICS, BE-OP, BE-RF, BE-ABP, ...\)](#)
- producing the bulk of useful (often rapid-prototyped) tools
- second-job of many operators and EICs
- [nearly all groups have their own SW section with their application developer](#)
- long-running experiments (weeks ... months, ie. @ LHC)
- [less overhead w.r.t. machine setup vs. beam-on-target](#)
- [pool of about 90+ operators/EICs \(+ Cryo/TI Ops\)](#)
- [high degree of automation, beam-based tools, modular system design, ...](#)