

- Modernisation of Control System for injector chain (ion sources, UNILAC, TK)
  - Complete modernisation → beyond scope of this presentation
  - Main objectives: Fit for FAIR (e.g. booster mode) and keep the system operable
- Replacement of UNILAC controls is a complex endeavor
- Lessons learned from replacement of SIS18/ESR controls
- Careful planning & communication is the key for success
  - Project plan revised in 05/2023
  - Commissioning 2025 aligned with strategic operation schedule
  - Detailed planning to be further refined in 11/2025 (BEA/OPE/...)

# UNILAC Controls Transition

## Decision on Strategy for 2024-26

2024 2025 2026

### ACC6 & Pulszentrale

Scenario 1
LSA and/or DM4UNILAC not ready ACC6 still available

Have
ACC6 Pulszentrale

Need
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Risk
ACC6 not available (technical/security) Expert for PZ is currently unavailable Only partial on call duty coverage possible from 2025 due to retirement

Advantage
Known system

Do not
Replace DevAcc devices with FESA (except where new Java apps are available, e.g. IonSource) DM4UNILAC development limited

2024 2025 2026

### LSA & Pulszentrale

Scenario 2
ACC6 not available DM4UNILAC not available

Have
Pulszentrale

Need
LSA data supply Apps Pulszentrale supply by LSA/Apps

Risk
LSA data supply not ready Apps not ready Pulszentrale supply by LSA/Apps not ready No/little test time Expert for PZ is currently unavailable

Advantage
Change only part of the control system at once

Do not
Effort/risk for replacing DevAcc with FESA DM4UNILAC development limited

2024 2025 2026

### LSA & DM

Scenario 3
LSA & DM4UNILAC available

Have
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Need
LSA data supply Apps/Services (+Potboard) DM4UNILAC & connection to SIS18ff WR2MIL-Gateways / DevACC > FESA Replacement for Pulszentrale-Parts (Interlock, RPG, ...)

Risk
LSA data supply not ready Apps not ready DM4UNILAC not ready No/little test time Knowledge from PZ expert needed to replace Pulszentrale parts

Advantage
Minimize effort

Do not
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## ■ Main considerations

- Support beamtimes 2024 and 2025
- Extend operation of legacy control system **ACC6 & Pulszentrale**
- Assure readiness of new control system **LSA & DM** for beamtimes 2025 and 2026
- Minimize risk and effort

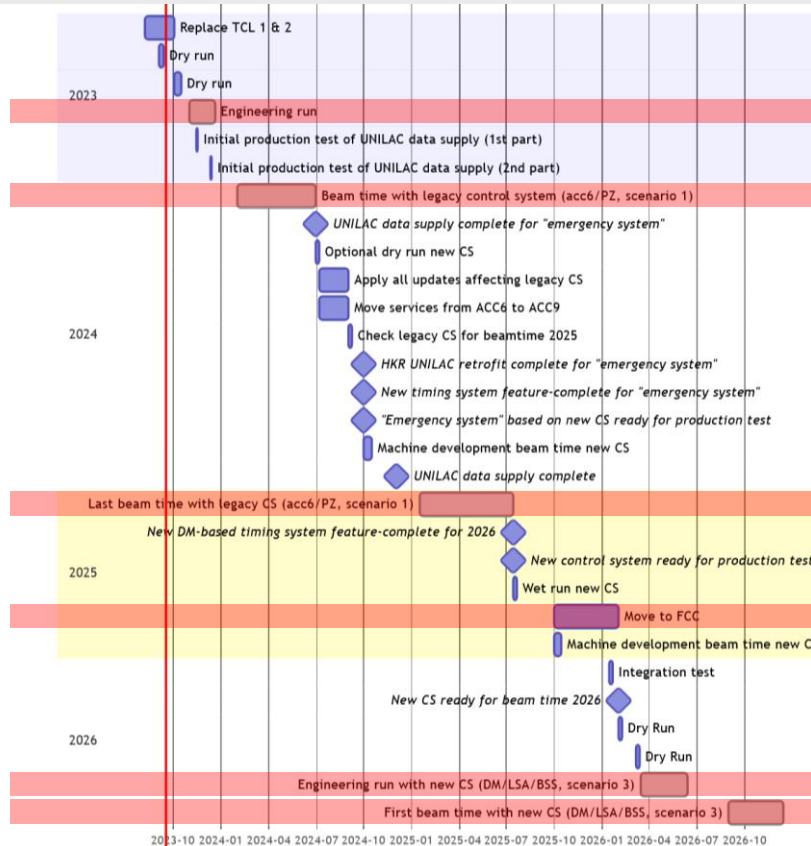
## ■ Risk Mitigation

- "Emergency System" for BT 2025
- Intermediate development step

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Timeline until 2026

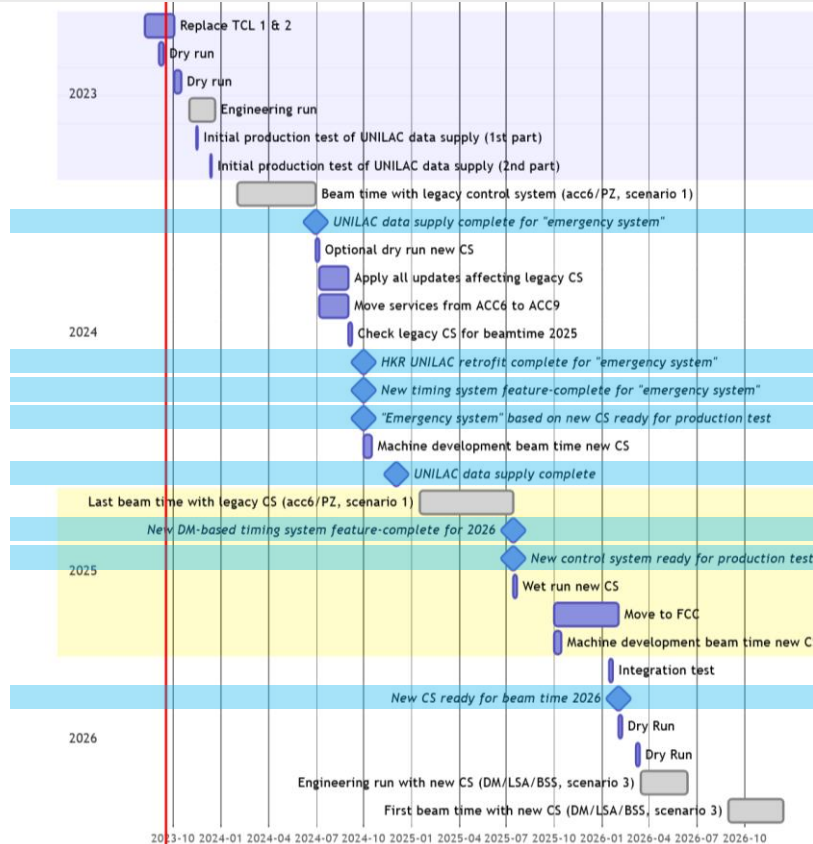
## Obligations



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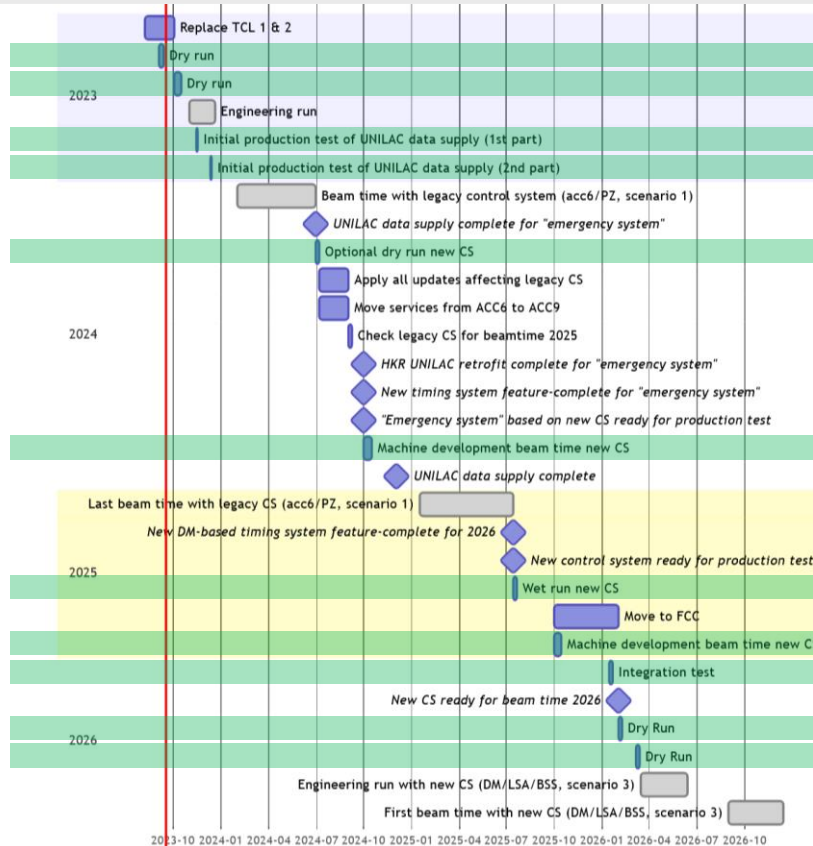
Top level milestones



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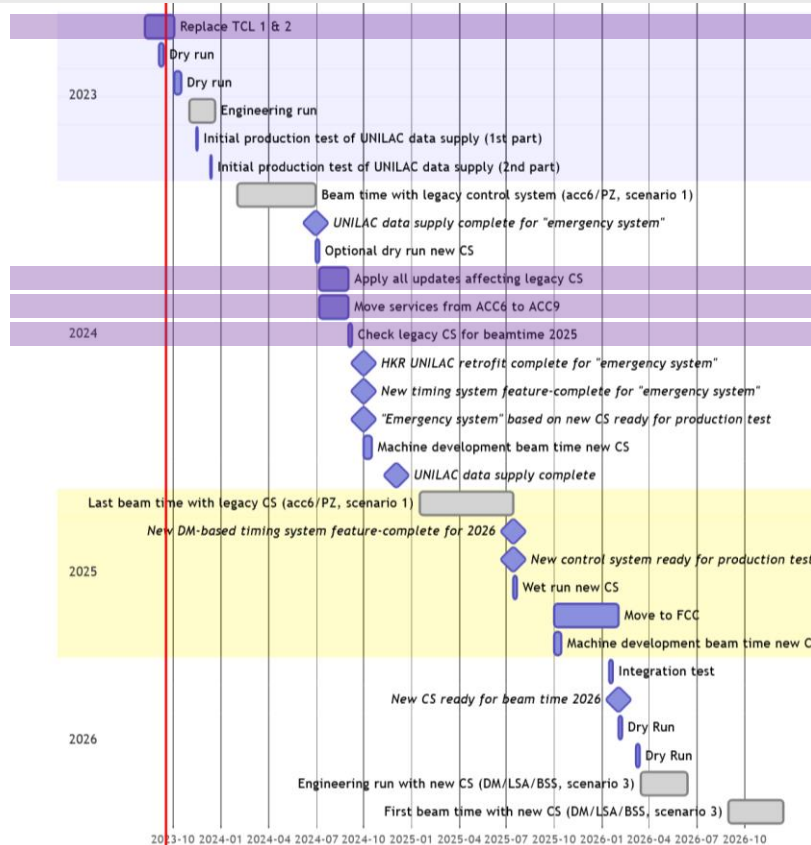
Timeline until 2026

Testing periods



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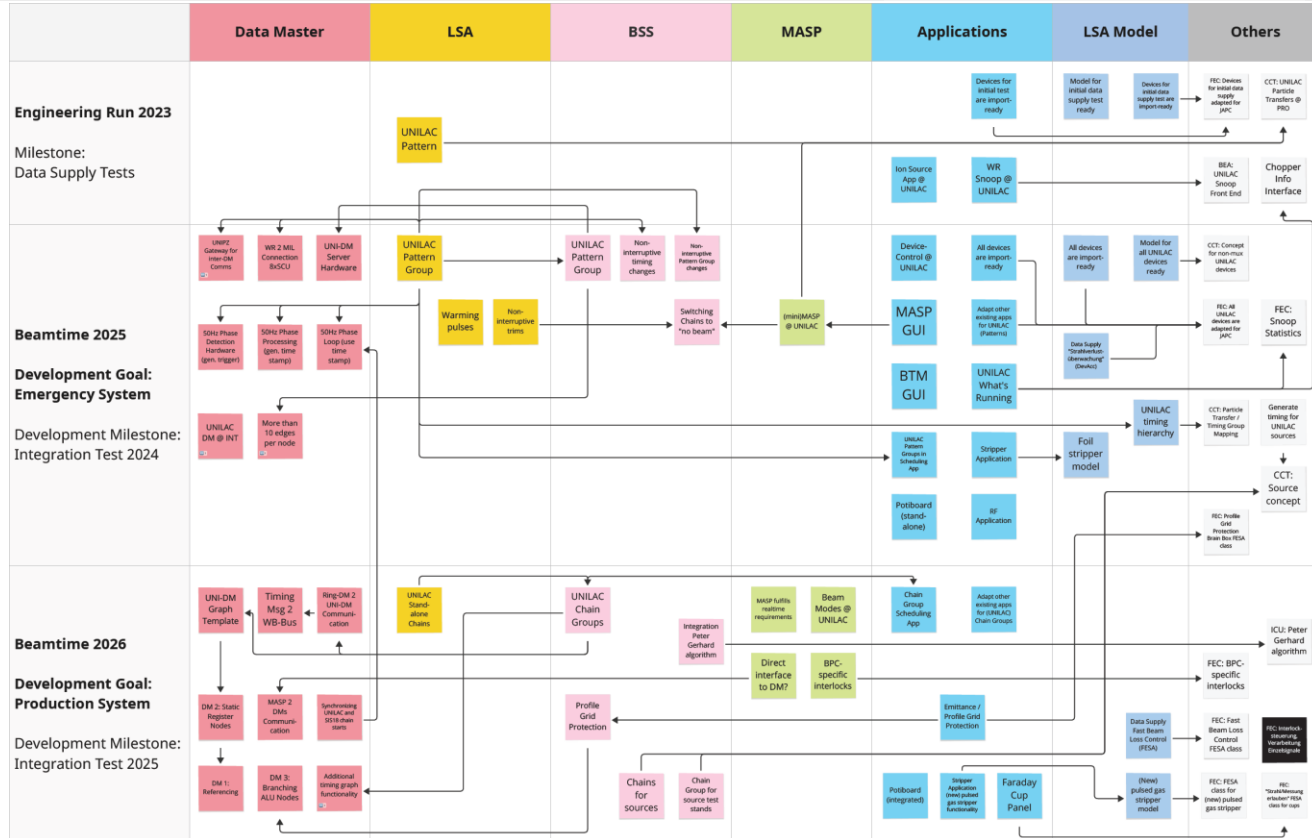


Legacy  
system  
maintenance

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## Milestone Overview until 2026

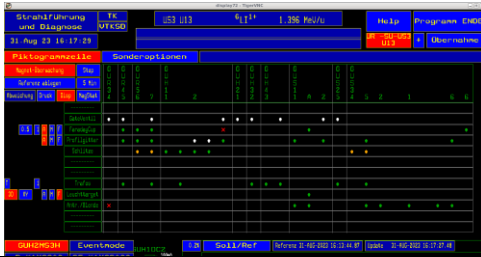
- Stepwise adaptation, extension and development of existing control system
- Support of other departments essential (BEA, SYS, OPE)
- APP development effort exceeds capacity



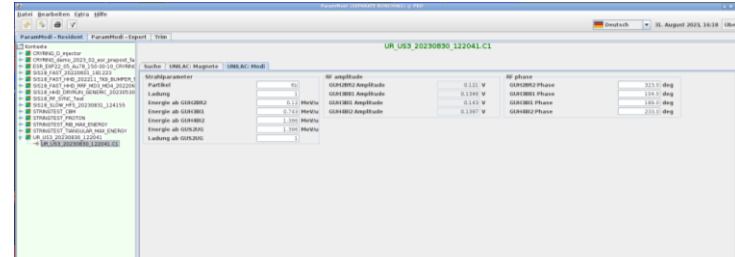
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Highlight: First LSA@UNILAC Test in Dry-run 08/2023

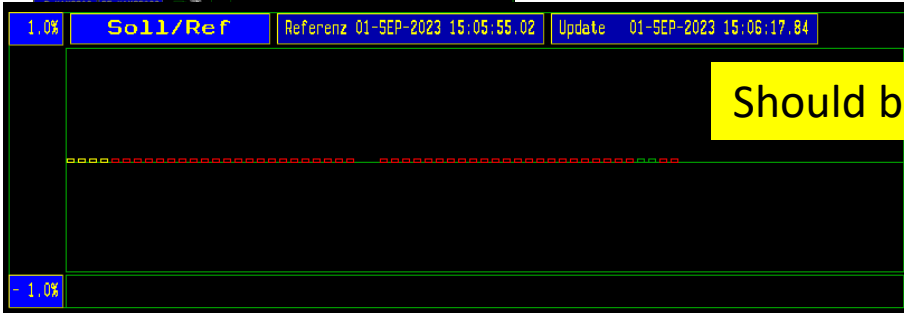
- LSA setting supply of 47 magnets of 3 device types @HSI
- Supply settings for identical beams from both old and new control system



Old



New



Should be identical!



- Also tested for different beams from new control system (not shown)



- Extend operation of legacy control system
  - Software: end of life ⇒ use extended support, check availability after patching
  - Hardware: obsolete
    - short-term: maintain or exchange where necessary
    - long-term: upgrade path to new technologies, go as soon as possible
  - Maintenance: loss of experts
- Migration, development of new control system
  - Short time, few development cycles → request additional testing possibilities, concentrate on basic operability, new features later
  - Loss of experts and expertise of the legacy system
- Commissioning of new control system for beamtime 2026
  - Learn and benefit from commissioning experience at SIS18 and ESR
  - Close coordination with OPE and users in preparation of the beamtime 2026



# Controls Upgrade for UNILAC

## Control Room Applications (2)

- Work started
- Test use of first applications targeting the Ion Sources already in the Engineering Run:
  - IonSource Application for HLI, Profile Grid Application, IonSource sequences, Emittance App
- Lots of upgrade tasks, new applications as well as adaptations of existing applications
- Tight resource constraints
  - Estimates exceed capacity of the team
  - Mitigations
    - FAIR "urgent items support contract" (Cosylab), **work started**
    - Labour leasing (Arbeitnehmerüberlassung/Ferchau) → **no candidate yet**
    - Early re-staffing of open position for the early retirement → **urgently needed, blocked**