Injector Controls Upgrade Project



- 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/...)

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

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)

OM4UNILAC 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

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

Do not



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



20 23-10 2024-01 2024-04 2024-07 2024-10 2025-01 2025-04 2025-07 2025-10 2026-01 2026-04 2026-07 2026-10

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Top level milestones



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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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20. and 21.09.2023

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



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

Strategy and Challenges



- 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
 - Iong-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 (1)

- List of Applications / Mapping of Functionality exists
- First rough planning done
- Detailed planning in work



- **New Applications**
 - IonSource

HF App

- \rightarrow in work
- Spectrum UNILAC What's Running
- \rightarrow started
- \rightarrow 2025 (first mock-ups started)
- Profile Grid Protection App \rightarrow 2025
- \rightarrow 2025 BTM GUI (2 step approach) \rightarrow 2024/25
- Faraday-Cup-Panel App → 2024/25
- Adaptation of existing new Apps
 - MASP GUI for UNILAC \rightarrow 2024
 - Snoop GUI for UNILAC → 2024
- LSA Data Supply
 - UNILAC Machine Model \rightarrow Peter Gerhard, S. Jülicher (in work)
 - SVÜ (Fast beam loss control) Data Supply \rightarrow 2025



Existing Program ~	Consolets v	Description	Future place of functionality	Responsible	Status v	Milestone 👻
,	U1.U3.TK	Beam Induced Fluorescence Monitor (letzter: GTX60F2GH, GTX80F2GV,	GTK8DK2, GTK6DK2A, GTK8DT2, TK6M52H)	51 Rainer		
VIEW	U1.U3.TK	Beam View	[BI Rainer		
FAST	EM	Emittanz Messprogramm (schneller?)	ProEMeas	ACO-APP	Restarbeit + Test	Mrz 20
MI	HO,EM	Emittana Messprogramm (Schrittmotor/Schlitze, Profilgittermessung) (ProtMeas	ACO-APP	Restarbeit + Teste	Mrz 20
		Phasensonden mit Positionsmessung: Sondensignale und Tanksignal			open/Klärung	
3		Programm f. EZR-Quellenteststand	Quellenprogramm		ready	
	EM	Emittanamessstelle auswählen	ProfMeas	ACO-APP	Restarbeit + Teste	Mrz 20
VUTI/Prophelper		Device Access Geräte Zugriff	ist bereits neu	ACD-FEC	ready	
		HF-Steverprogramm	new HF-App, zusätzliche Funktionalität: Übersicht? Referenz ableg	ACO-APP	ready / todo	tbd
		Nodalbedienung HF	new HF-Jpp		ready	
_158		Hochfrequenzsteuerung UNILAC und HLI	new HF-App			
HS		Inbetriebnahme Hochstrom	LSA Settings Management		todo (Modell)	
	TK	Interlock: Übersicht Anlage, Auswirkungen auf eingerichtete VAccs, Hi	MASP, Konfiguration für Unitac nötig			
			Scheduling App		evtl. Kleinigkeiter	
		Quellenprogramm Operatingprogramm	Java Quellenprogramm	ACO-APP	in progress	
		Quellen-An- und Abfahrprogramm, Gerätetest	Sequencer Task	ACO-APP		
MAGN		Magnete einzeln oder gemeinsam setzen für die Magnete im Bereich	LSA Settings Management		todo (Modell)	
		Profilgitterprogramm, auf einem Draht einzeln anzeigen	Profilgitterprogramm	ACO-APS	in Arbeit	
siex		Spektrumprogramm: Scanfunktion, Massenspektrum, Ladungsspektrus	new Spektrum App	ACO-APP	in Arbeit	tbd
		Schreibt Stromwerte weg	Archiving		finished	
-HKR	12	Quellenoszi HKR 77777 Oszi Screenshots7				
		Quellenosti rechts	bringen Webinterface mit, sind remote bedienbar			
8.	HLU2,EQ,U3	Low Energy Beamline				
			bringen Webinterface mit, sind remote bedienbar			
HISB		Quellenosti LSB	bringen Webinterface mit, sind remote bedienbar			
AS	U3,U3,U2,HI	Phasensondenarwahl				
		Emittanz Auswertung	ProEmi Java			Mrz 20
		Screenshot incl Ausdruck	Screenshot Applikation	ACO-APP	ready	
ι	TK	Strahlwegumschaltung Unilac-EH - Magnete teilen sich ein Netzgerät	Sequencer Task?		open/Klärung	
		\$D	Device Control	ACO-APP	todo (Gerätetype)	yi 👘
ÉK	U3/TK	Ladungsspektrum und Auswertefunktionen, Spektren Abspeichern un	new Spektrum App	ACO-APP	in Arbeit	Nov 20
0	TK, U1, U2, HL, U3	Transversale Strahloptimierung				
FABC				M.Chilly		
		Unitac Pulszentralenprogramm			ready	

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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) ightarrow no candidate yet
 - Early re-staffing of open position for the early retirement → urgently needed, blocked