

Lustre @ GSI

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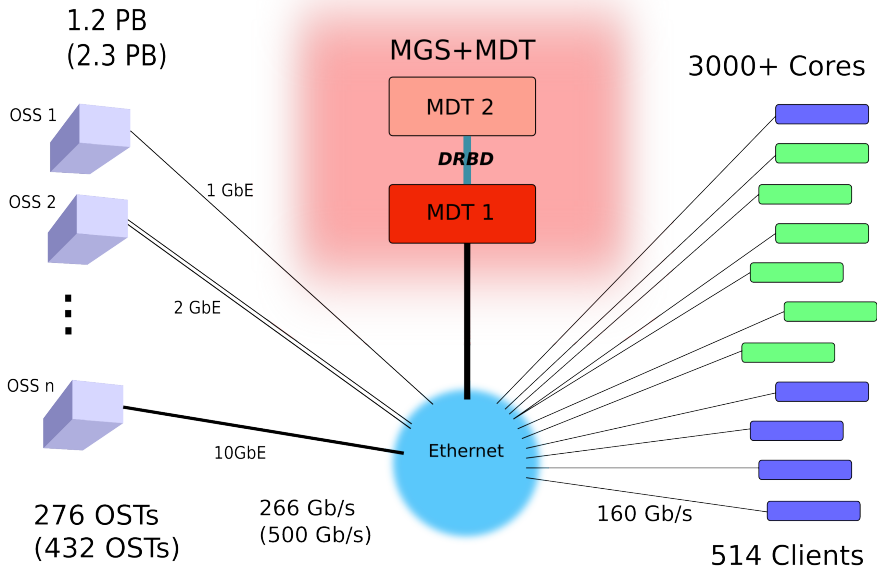


Outline

- GSI Lustre Setup
- Lustre version upgrade
- Hardware Upgrade of MDS
- Future plans for Lustre



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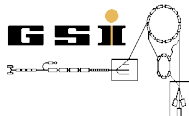
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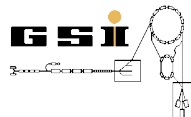
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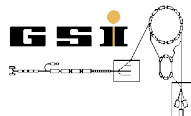
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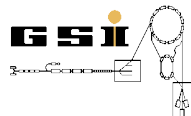
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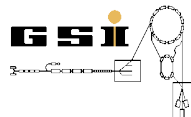
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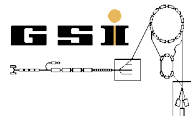
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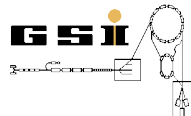
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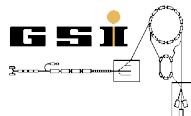
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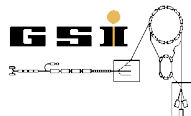
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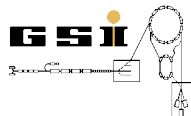
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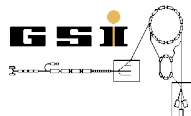
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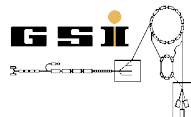
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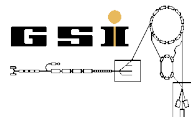
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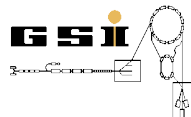
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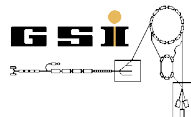
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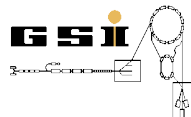
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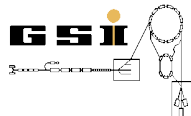


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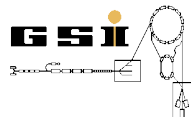
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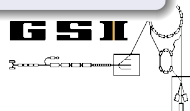


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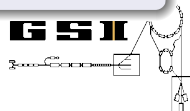
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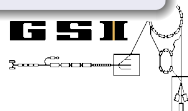
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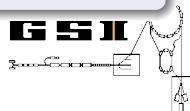
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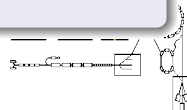
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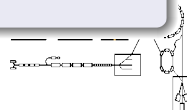
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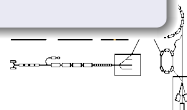
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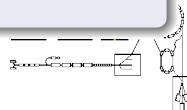
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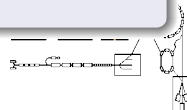
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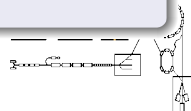
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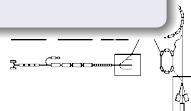
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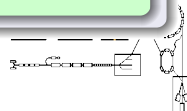


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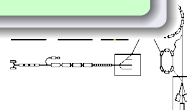
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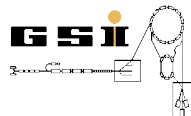
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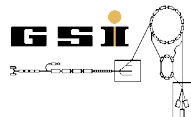
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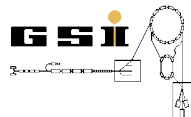
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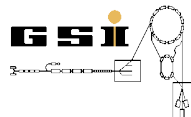
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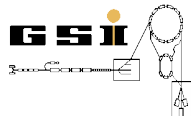
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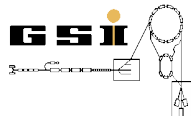
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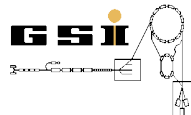
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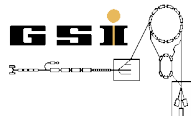
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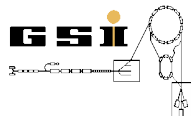
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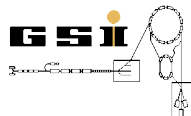
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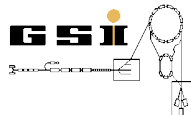
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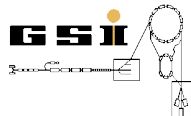
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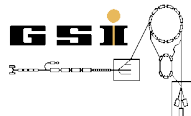
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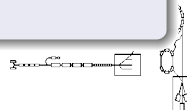
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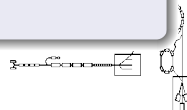
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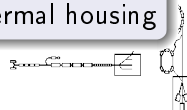


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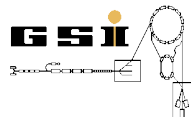
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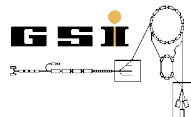
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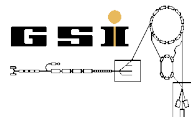
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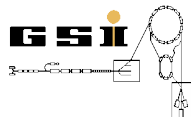
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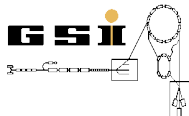
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