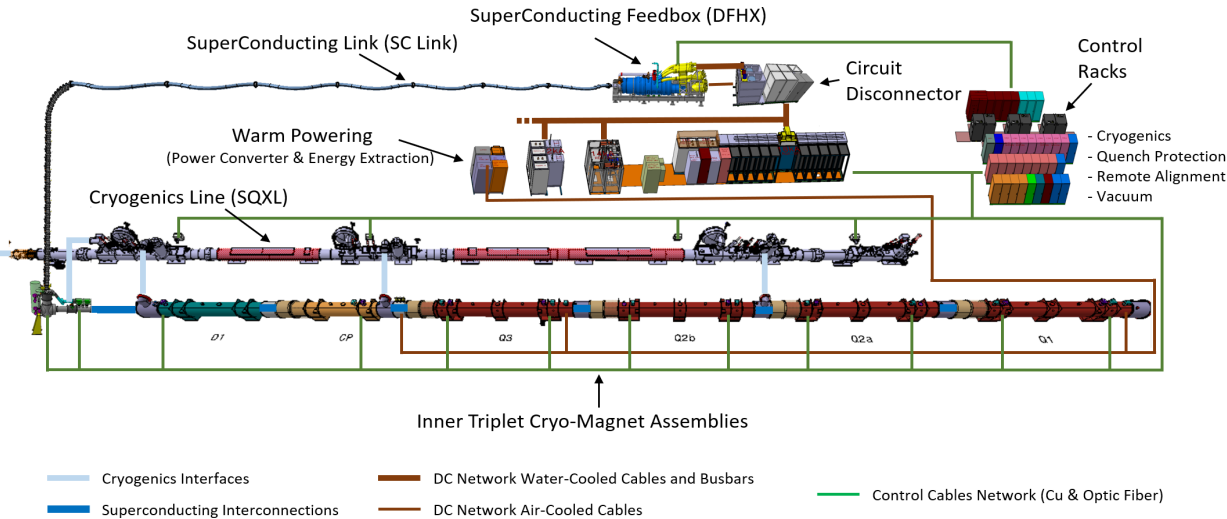




Controls and software for the HWC and operation of the IT String

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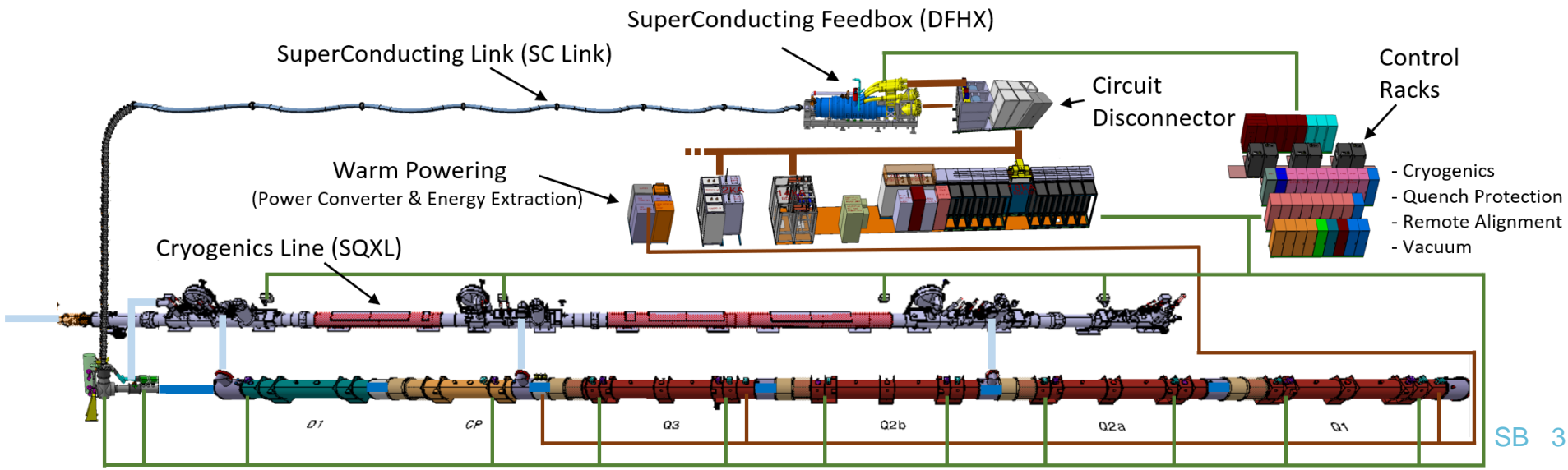
Outline

- Scope
- Architecture
- Coordination
- Status
- Dry Runs
- Conclusion

Scope

Controls and software to achieve the **operation, diagnostics, logging and analysis** of the IT String HWC and specific tests program:

- Controls of equipment systems:
 - **Cryogenics & insulation Vacuum, Power Converters & Power Interlocks, Quench Protection, Alignment.**
- Software required for the **Operation & Analysis.**
- **Configuration** of the Powering Applications.



3-layers Controls Architecture

Analysis

Hardware Commissioning
Powering

Supervisory Powering

Specific test
Powering

Monitoring & Operation tools

Operation & Analysis
Application
Layer

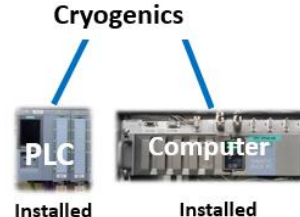
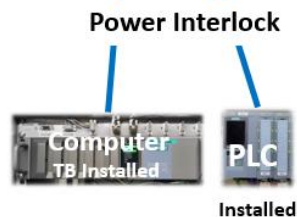


Circuit
Synoptic



Systems
Application
Layer

See M. Sosin "Status of FRAS" Thu AM



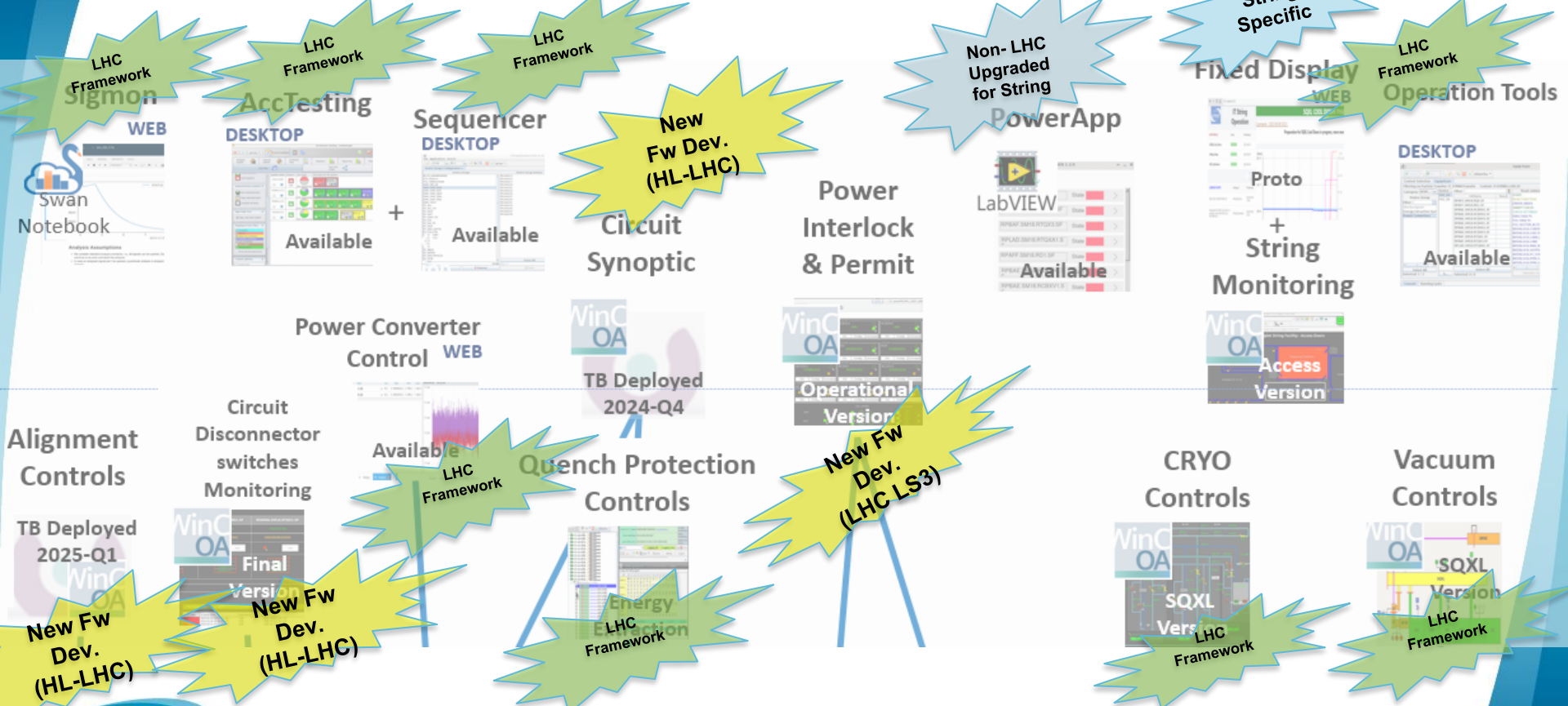
Front-End
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Architecture: Frameworks & Developments

- Based on:
 - **Industrial control systems** (Vacuum, Cryogenics, Power Interlock, ...)
 - **Accelerator Front-End Software Architecture** (Powering, Quench Protection,...)
 - Accelerator **standard operation and diagnostic software**
- **Use frameworks** (UNICOS/JCOB, FESA,...)
- **No specific framework development:** only LHC or HL-LHC developments (excepted String Monitoring app / Fixed Display)
- Operation software configured with **Accelerator Databases** (Control Configuration DB, LHC Software Architecture DB, Layout DB, ...)

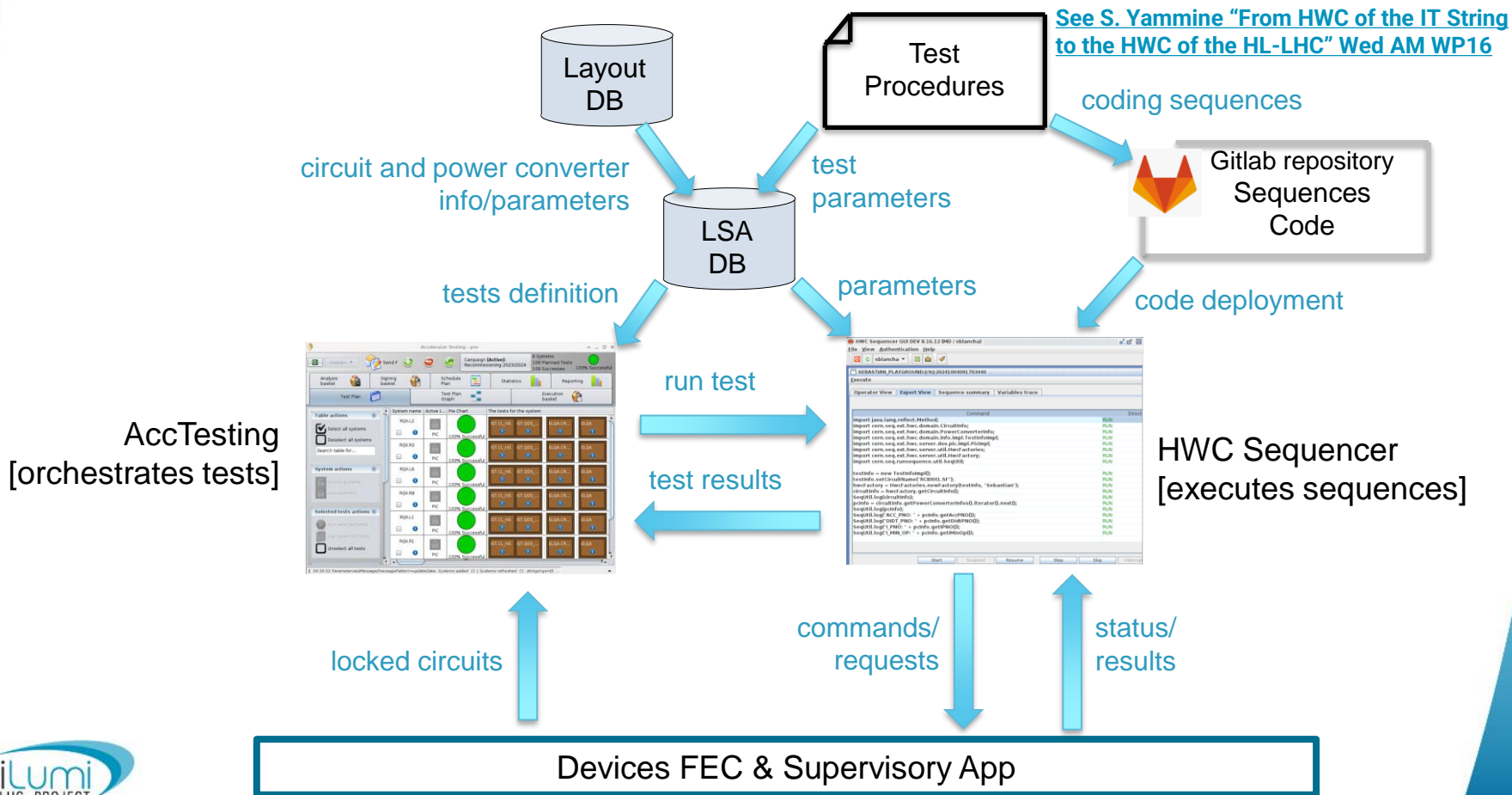
Architecture: Developments



3 Departments, 9 Groups



Configuration of services for Powering Tests



Coordination inside the IT String Work Package

STRING Technical Coordination

↑ organized and reported

- Front Ends **hardware** intervention
- Software **upgrades & updates**
- Services **interventions & outages**

STRING Validation Program

↓ provides

- **Tests** definition
- Test **parameters**
- Test **sequences/transitions** in HWC Sequencer
- Specifications **Analysis** software notebook

[See S. Yammine "From HWC of the IT String to the HWC of the HL-LHC" Wed AM WP16](#)

STRING Quality Assurance and Control

↓ includes in QA plan

- Controls **hardware alarm** signals checkout
- Test **parameters integrity** (conform with test procedure specifications)

[See N. Heredia "Quality Assurance / Quality Control in the IT String" Wed AM WP16](#)

Coordination meetings and communication

Coordination and follow-up Meetings

address

- **Readiness** of services and applications
- **Deployment** strategy
- **Status** reports

Topical Meetings

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- Availability of **functionalities**
- Implementation of **interfaces**
- **Configuration** of DB
- **Code** definition of test **sequences**

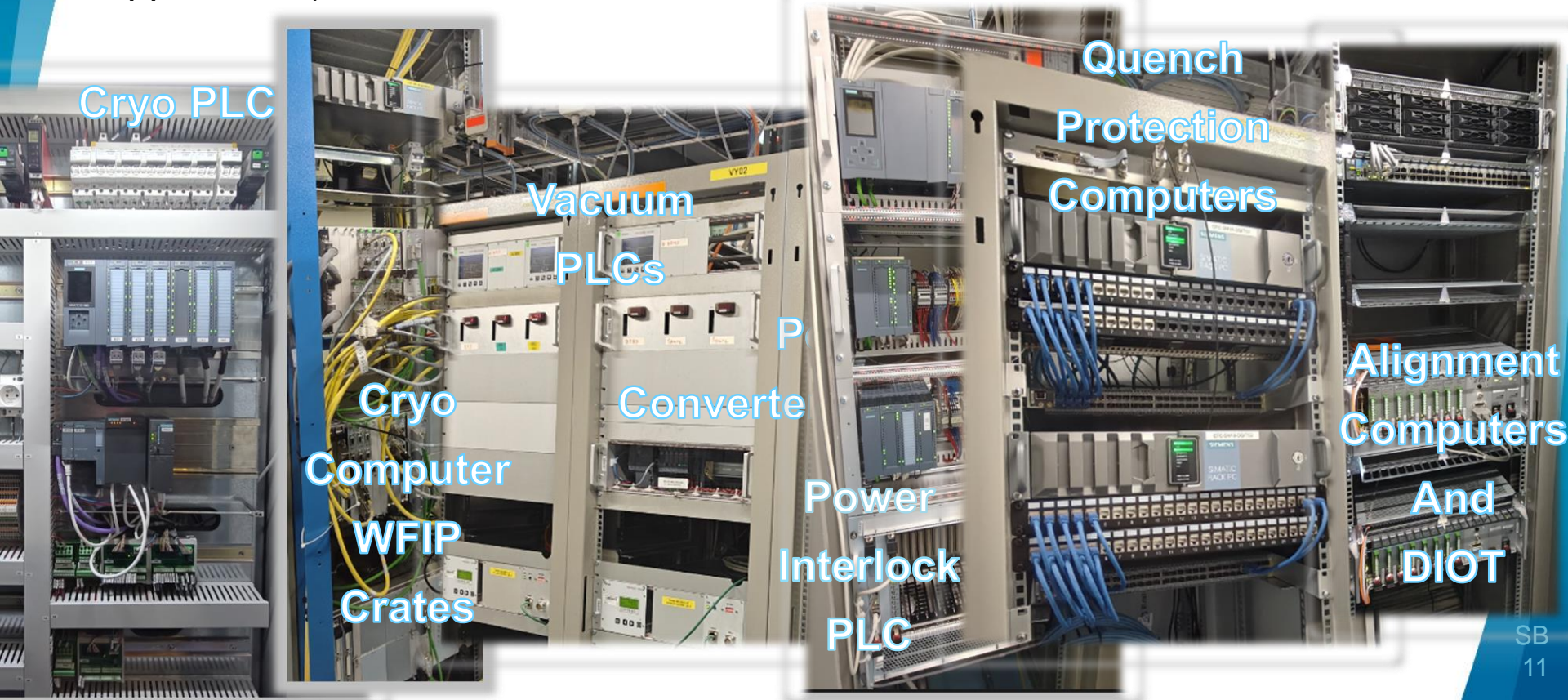
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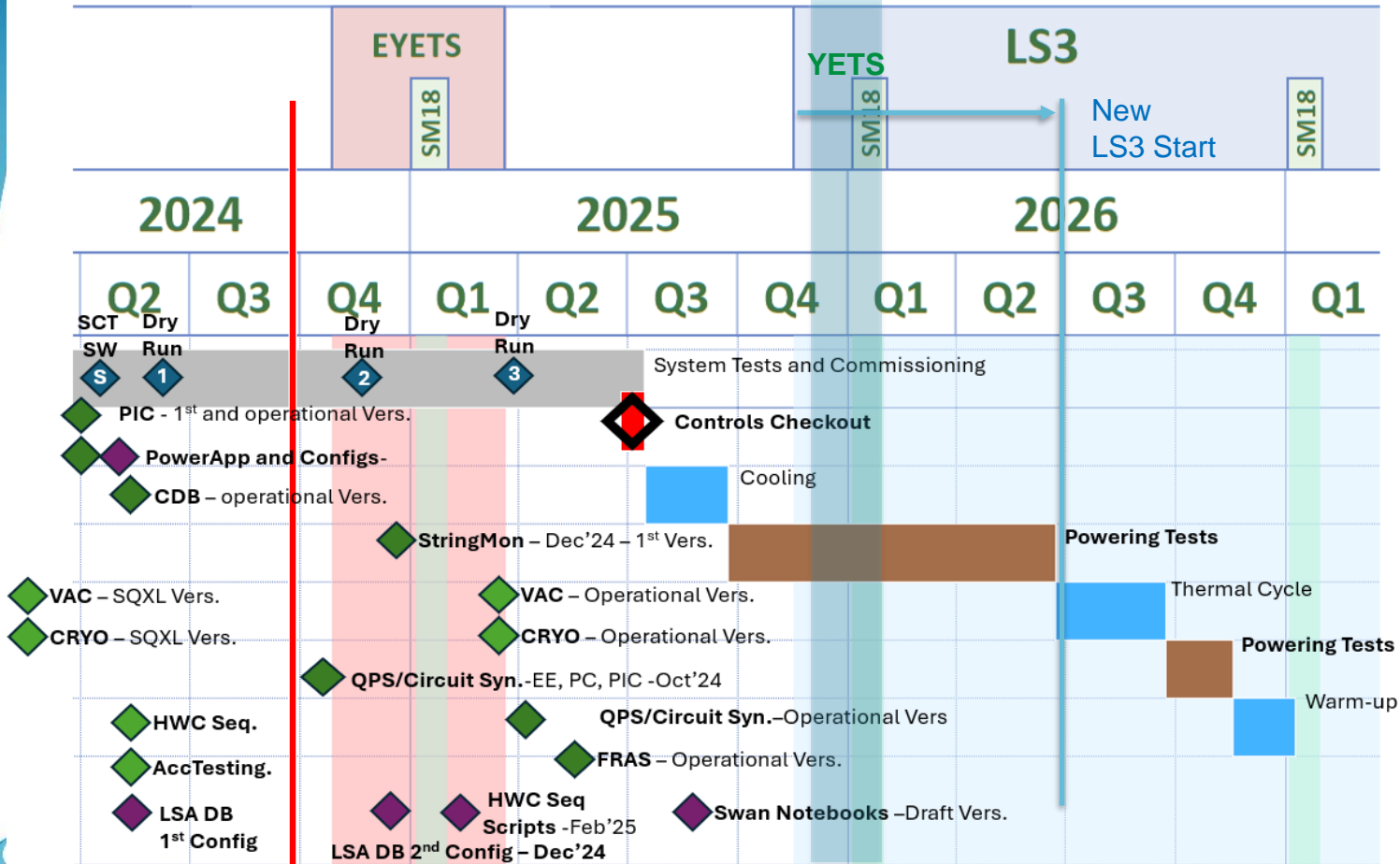
- Coordination of **accelerator controls upgrades & interventions**
- Announce impacting interventions and report on **outages**

Status Hardware

- Front End **Hardware** (Computers, PLC, DI/O-Tier), Servers (Supervisory Applications) are **installed and available**.



Status software (and future milestones)



Software deployment and configurations

- ◆ SCT & Dry Run Software Tests
- ◆ Applications deployment
- ◆ Configuration and Scripts

Status software (and future milestones)

Example of control systems Graphical User Interface already deployed:



Action points, issues tracking and calendar

Use of Atlassian™ products: JIRA and Confluence (collaboration and documentation tools).

Action points (IT STRING JIRA project) and issues tracking (contributors JIRA projects):
<https://confluence.cern.ch/display/SKB/Controls+Issues+Tracking>

Confluence Controls **Calendar** based on **IT STRING JIRA Project**:
<https://confluence.cern.ch/display/SKB/calendars>

When impacts

STRING Technical Coordination

Controls Issues Tracking

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Context	Period	JIRA	
EE	Dry Run 2	✓ STRING-74 - Check impacts EE names change OPEN	Check impacts EE names change
Cryo	N/A	✓ STRING-73 - Crye	Cryo PLC replacement to S7-400
Cryo	Dry Run 1	✓ STRING-77 - CIET SCHEDULED	CIET_STRING App Deployment Crate Panel
LSA DB	Dry Run 1	✓ STRING-70 - LSA	LSA DB update with required information for AccTesting+HWC Sequencer
PowerApp	SCT and DR	✓ STRING-69 - Tests newPower 1.3.9 IN PROGRESS	Application Test
StringMon	N/A	🔗 ENS-34674 - WCCOA UNICOS application project request RESOLVED	String Monitoring WCCOA app setup
Fixed Display	N/A	🔗 ENS-33870 - IT STRING: WinCCOA app as img sources for Fixed display WebApp REOPENED	Web UI to Fixed Display App
QPS SCADA	Dry Run 2	🔗 QPSS-477 - New QPS Devices for IT String OPEN	QPS SCADA Device types development
Cryo CIET	N/A	✓ STRING-71 - CIET: auto generation of the crate panels IN PROGRESS	WFIP Crate Panel auto generation
NXCALS	N/A	🔗 ENS-34730 - NXCALS Hierarchy Cryo SOQL devices CFP-SM18-QLKITS OPEN	IT-STRING Hierarchy for Cryo devices
NXCALS	N/A	✓ STRING-67 - Check NXCALS Vac App 2024-Q2 SCHEDULED	Vac Devices subscription check
Energy Extraction	N/A	🔗 SWQPS-924 - As Samer, I want EE signals in IT string to have prefix DQEVs DEMO	NxCals Hierarchy IT-String for EE
WCCOA Servers	N/A	🔗 ENS-33956 - Status for String Facility - server setup REOPENED	Setup
Layout DB	N/A	🔗 LAYOUT-4583 - SM18 STRING Layout configuration ON-HOLD	Epic for IT-String config in LDB



Calendars



Dry Runs – Definition, Goal, and Environment

Definition:

- Series of powering tests involving the Warm Powering devices available.

Goal:

- Check and validate the software behaviour for the powering tests.

Environment:

- Power Converters operated either in **Simulation** or **Short Circuit** mode
- Role-Based Access Control: limits the access to **IT String devices only**.
- Configuration Database (LSA DB): **DEV environment** schema (no impact on accelerator configurations).

Dry Runs – Objectives & Results

Objectives:

- **Check** all the **applications** involved in Powering Tests inside the IT String environment.
- **Check** the **availability** of the test definitions and parameters in **Configuration DB**.
- Check data logging.
- **Tests** typical **sequences** and their transition conditions.
- Gives **feedback** to applications and services providers.
- **Train** String team coding sequences and configuring database

First Results:

- Validation of the **functionalities** provided by Power Interlocks (**PIC**) application.
- **Validation** of **PowerApp** application (String specific test).
- Circuit **Parameters** (from Layout DB) are **accessible** in the Configuration DB.
- Effective **interface** between AccTesting (orchestration) and HWC Sequencer application (execution).
- **Post-Mortem** data logging of **Energy Extraction** to DB.

Conclusion

- Front End **Hardware** (FEC, PLC, DIOT), Servers (Supervisory Applications) are **installed**.
- **Configuration** of the powering application and **coding** first sequences **in progress**.
- Intensive validation and **tests** of the software and its interfaces during **Dry Runs**.
- The conditions to be able to **proceed with the Dry Run depends on the availability of devices**.
- Globally, **positive feedback** on the functionalities & performance of the already tested applications.
- Still a lot of work for the **configuration**, **sequences** implementation, **tests**, and **learning** of operation applications and tools.

Control room String II (2002)....



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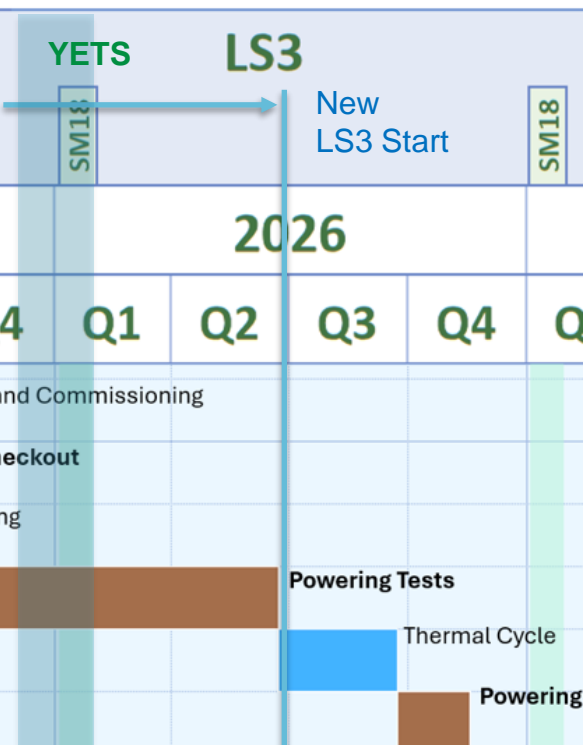
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... Apologies for those I have certainly forgotten in this non-exhaustive list

Spare Slides

Impacts of accelerators Technical Stops and Long Shutdown

- Accelerator **control services availability** is **not guarantee** during the period of YETS and LS3.
- Dependencies have been listed from the Interfaces diagram, and mitigation actions are put in place



List of dependencies and mitigation actions:

Dependencies	Possible interrupt Time Slot	Comment
NXCALS, RDA, DIP, RBAC, NFS, EOS, SCALAR DB...	No (24h/365d services)	No long interruption foreseen except short interruption and unpredictable outage
OS/Patch update (FEC, Op Console, Application servers)	systAdmin days	Can be tested before and even anticipated/postponed
Timing	YETS, LS3	Timing will migrate to White Rabbit - Migration to be coordinated for String with CEM TO BE CHECKED CSS
LSA/INCA (accelerators software architecture)	systAdmin days, LS3	
RMI (java communication protocole)	End of Life interrupt	This interface should not be used for operation but still required for the test plan (EOL to be coordinated with MPE) TO BE CHECKED MPE
PostMorten DB	Should be 24h/365d services	TO BE CHECKED MPE
PostMorten Triggering mechanism	??	TO BE INVESTEGATED
Supervisory (WCCOA) Applications and Power App updates	Depend on application (see next slide)	TO BE CHECKED Groups and ICS (Most of time String dedicated applications means no other depencies with other facilities, update slot to be approved by String Operation) TO BE INVESTEGATED
Operations Applications updates	YETS, LS3 (but depends on group owner schedule)	TO BE CHECKED Can be related with other facilities required update (because generic application not only for String)
Operation tools (e-logbook, eqp state, eqp monitoring, pm browser, i-viewer...)	LS3 (depends on many different owners, availabilities may be difficult to foreseen during LS3)	TO BE INVESTEGATED
Triggering mechanism between Operation Applications and Operation Tools		
Expert Applications updates	YETS, LS3 (but depends on group owner schedule)	TO BE CHECKED Can be related with other facilities required update (because generic application not only for String)
Analysis software updates (SIGMON)	YETS, LS3 (but depends on MPE-CB schedule)	Rather related with the availabilities of all the functionalities and API
Analysis software updates (Script)	Not related with YETS/LS3 (depends how the scripts are managed)	Do we rely intirely on MPE-PE? If not how to manage it?
Servers, APIs, Apache Sparks, Kubernetes and other services... for analysis software	No (24h/365d services)	IT Services not only ACC related should be independent to YETS/LS3 - only short interruption and unpredictable outage expected