

Status of PSB B-train

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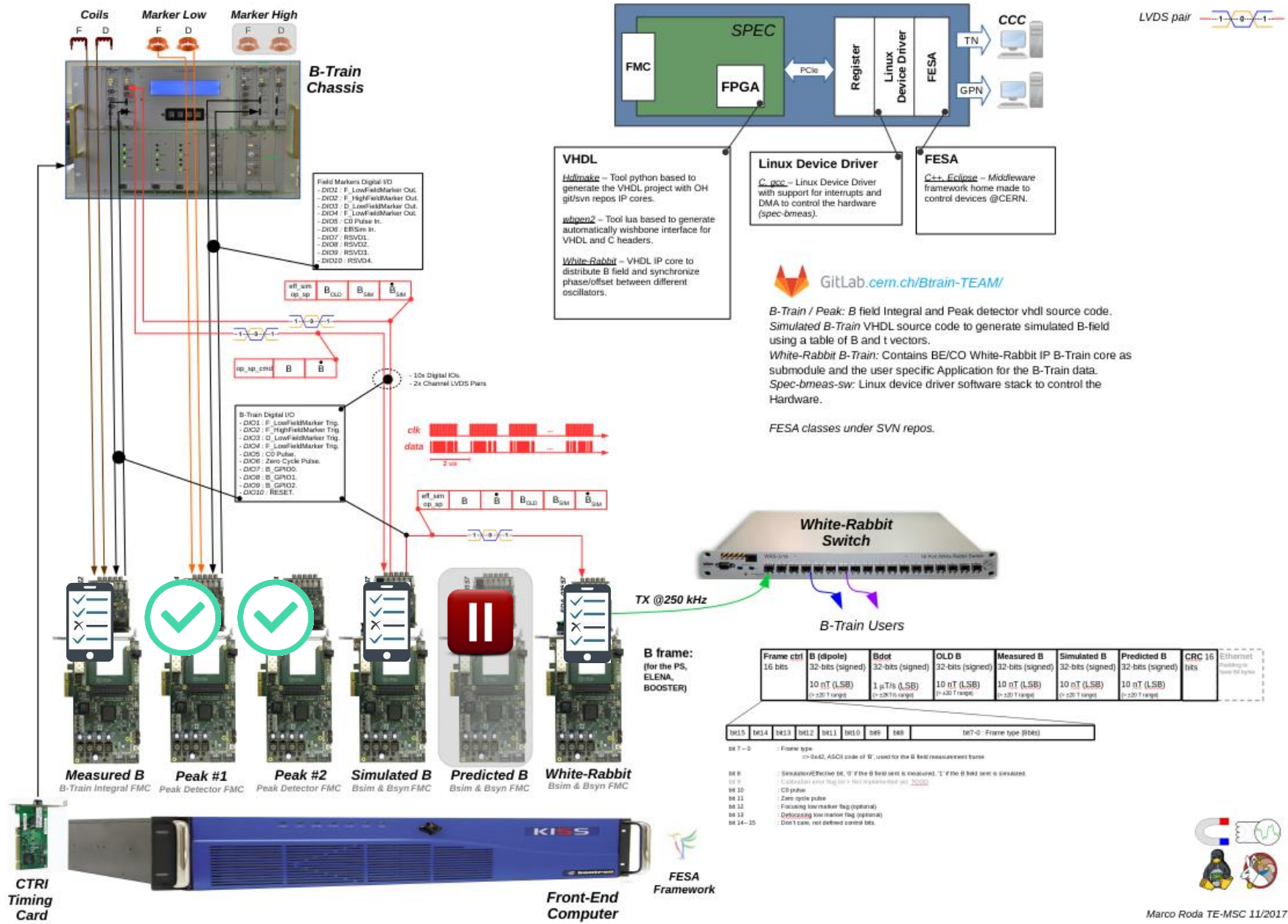
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VHDL

Hidmake – Tool python based to generate the VHDL project with OH git/svn repos IP cores.

Whisper2 – Tool lua based to generate automatically wishbone interface for VHDL and C headers.

White-Rabbit – VHDL IP core to distribute B field and synchronize phase/offset between different oscillators.

Linux Device Driver

C gcc – Linux Device Driver with support for interrupts and DMA to control the hardware (spec-bmeas).

FESA

C++ Eclipse – Middleware framework home made to control devices @CERN.

[GitLab.cern.ch/Brain-TEAM/](https://gitlab.cern.ch/Brain-TEAM/)

B-Train / Peak: B field Integral and Peak detector vhd source code.
Simulated B-Train: VHDL source code to generate simulated B-field using a table of B and t vectors.
White-Rabbit B-Train: Contains BE/CO White-Rabbit IP B-Train core as submodule and the user specific Application for the B-Train data.
Spec-bmeas-sw: Linux device driver software stack to control the Hardware.

FESA classes under SVN repos.

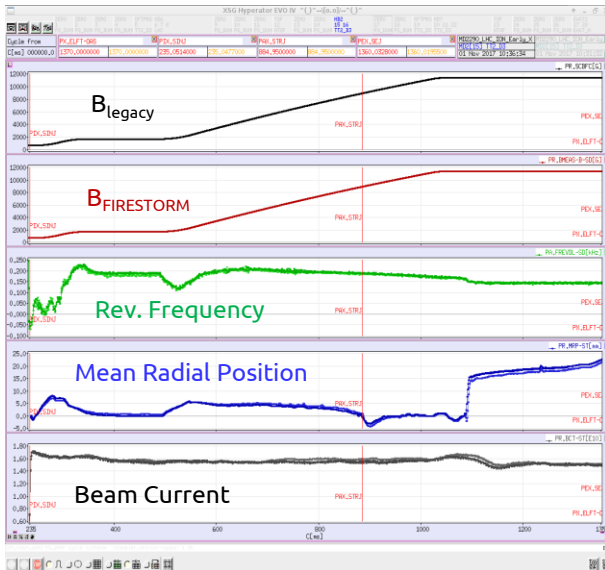
FIRESTORM deployment overview

Machine	Room	Chain	Rack	FEC	FESA classes	FPGA gateway				
						WR	SIM	INT	PEAK	PRED
LEIR	150-R-031	ch. 1	MY-L001	cfc-150-mleibtsp	Btrain 3.2.2	2018	2018	2.4	1.0	LS2
		ch. 2	MY-L002	cfc-150-mleibtsp	Btrain 3.2.2			2.4	1.0	
PS	355-R-012	ch. 1	RR 24 (WRS)	cfc-355-mbtrainop	BmeasPS 6.1.4	2018	2018	2.0	1.0	LS2
		ch. 2		cfc-355-mbtrainsp	BmeasPS 6.1.4			2.0	1.0	
		ch. 3		cfc-355-mpsbtsp	FSBT_xxx 0.2.1	1.0	0.6	2.6	1.0	
PSB	361-1-012	ch. 1	R 373	cfc-361-mpsbbtdev	Btrain 3.3.0	2018	2018	2.3	1.0	
PSB-U	245-S-403	ch. 1	RYAAU05	LS2	LS2	LS2				
		ch. 2	RYAAU06							
		ch. 3	RYAAU07							
		ch. 4	RYAAU08							
SPS	870-R-018	ch. 1	tba	YETS 17	YETS 17	YETS 17				LS2
		ch. 2								
ELENA	193-R-407	ch. 1	RAK 298	cfc-193-melenaop	Btrain 3.3.0	2018	2018	2.4.1	1.0	LS2
		ch. 2	RAK 299	cfc-193-melenasp	Btrain 3.3.0			2.4.1	1.0	
AD	193-R-005	ch. 1	RA-J-007	2018	2018	2018	2018			LS2
		ch. 2	RA-J-007							
bldg. 30	30-3-003	dev. 1	M.1	cfc-30-mbtraindev	Btrain 3.2.2	2.4.1	-	2.4.1		
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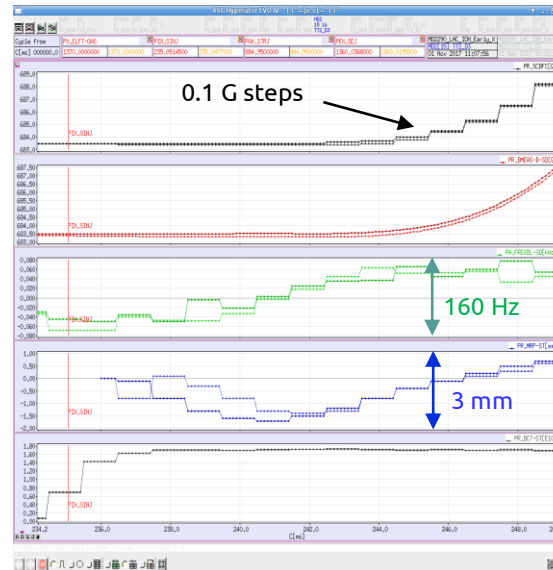
- All electronic components procured/in stock
- Installed and working in LEIR, PS, PSB , ELENA with prototype FPGA gateway
- Production gateway (Integrator, White Rabbit, Simulated) + FSBT_* FESA classes currently under tested in the PS (DEV chain)
- Deployed across all systems in 2018
- New magnetic sensors planned for LEIR (YETS17), SPS (2018) and PS (LS2)

Status of PS system – MD results

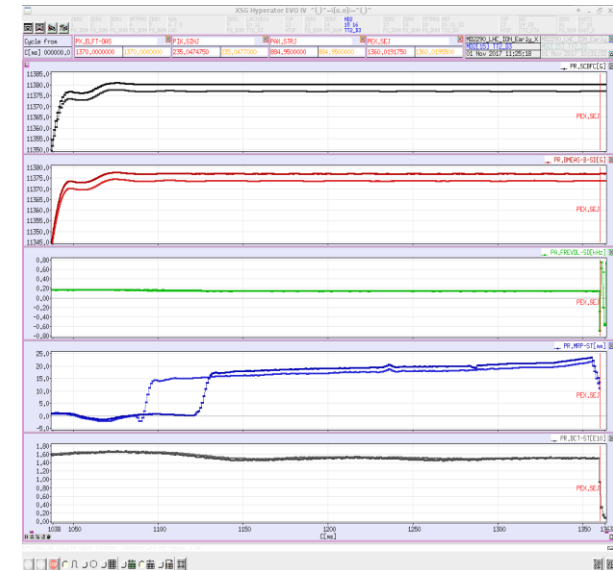
- 3 chains (OP/SP/DEV), 1y+ of operation with old B_{up}/B_{down} distributed via White Rabbit (FMR markers in F/D half; calibrated to best match (on average) the legacy measurement @ injection)
- beam successfully accelerated/extracted on all cycle types (minor adjustments only): LHC_INDIV, LHC25, MTE, TOF, EAST, AD, LHC_ION_Xenon
- **repeatability ~ 0.02 G**, difference w.r.t legacy: **< 0.2 G @ injection**, **< 4 G @ extraction** (well within the radial RF loop correction capabilities)
- **effective resolution ~0.02 G**
 - White Rabbit resolution = 10 nT, effective resolution $\geq f_{WR} dB/dt = 9 \mu T$ (0.09 G) on acceleration ramps
 - example of benefit: elimination of 27 Hz ripple on POPS current, due to non-linear control (0.1 G quantization of B_{up}/B_{down})
- MRP differences at extraction are below typical fluctuations (19 ± 8 mm)
- Since November: operation by default with new system, continuing throughout 2018



LHC ION Xenon cycle



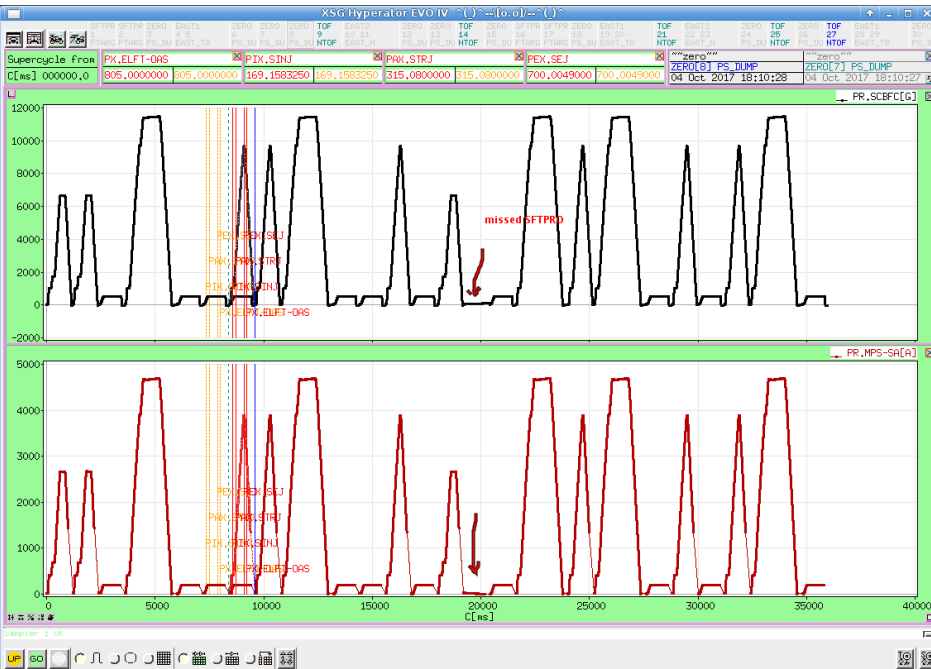
zoom in @ injection



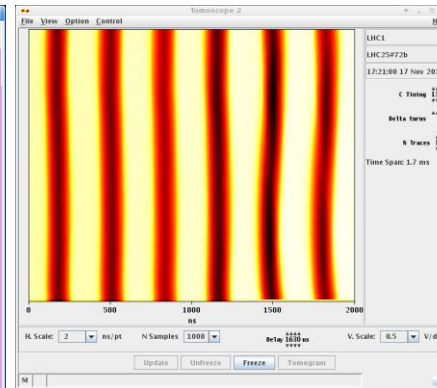
zoom in @ extraction

Problems reported by OP in Oct/Nov:

- Random B_{up}/B_{down} pulses before the 49.8 G preset
POPS fails its internal check for $B = 0$ at $c_{20} \Rightarrow$ **sporadic aborted cycles.**
Noise source not clear (it's there even if the pulses are distributed via WR) but the problem is solved by switching over to the new continuous measurement
- **Higher rate of POPS trips** at c_0 after switching over to FIRESTORM.
Problem traced to PBL/PAL cards communication in the FGC2 crate (F. Boattini)
- **Beam oscillation** : injection field level has to be adjusted slightly on certain beams
(energy matching remains to be done)

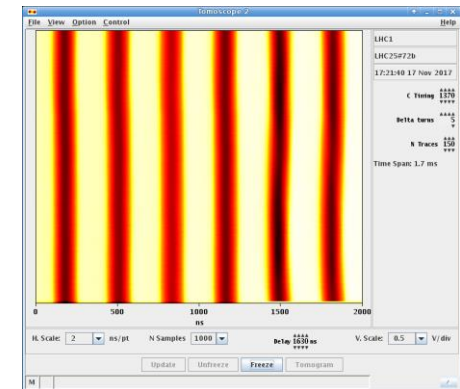


Lost cycle on Oct 4 due to $B \neq 0$ @ c_{20}



after adjustment

Before adjustment

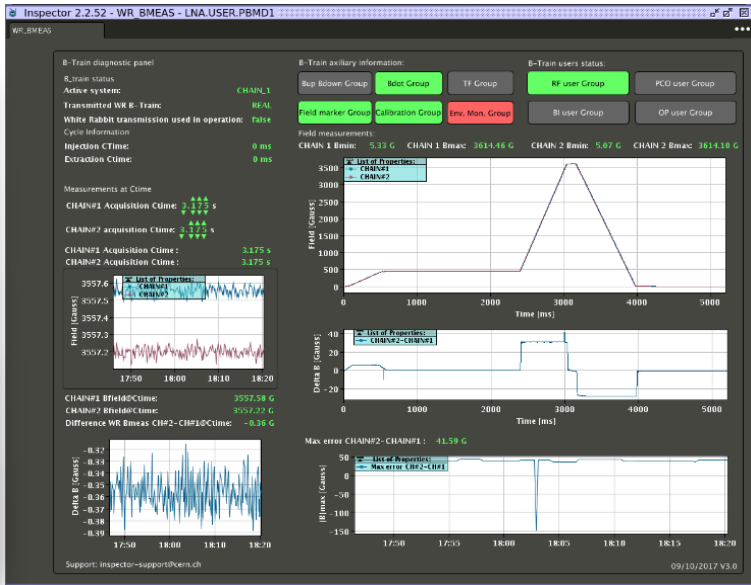


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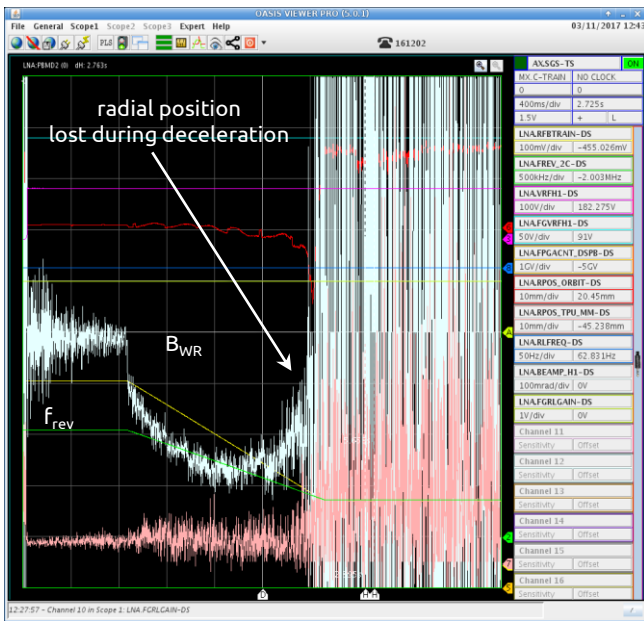
- New system in use since Nov 2016 for ring commissioning and as a testbed for debugging
- **pbar beams successfully captured at 5.3 MeV and decelerated to ~0.7 MeV**
(effectiveness of the radial loop limited by the low intensity – improvements expected after installation of the e-cooler)

Metrological performance:

- Effective NMR marker repeatability: **0.09 G (@ 450 G) 0.03 G (@ 3400 G)**
 - Integrator drift: **0.02 ± 0.01 G/s**
 - Reproducibility @ injection: **0.04 G (OP) 0.7 G (SP) (under investigation)**
 - Difference OP-SP: **-0.7 ± 0.7 G (3·10⁻⁴)**
- (for comparison: magnet’s transfer function repeatability = 3.5·10⁻⁵ (-))



Inspector diagnostic interface



Absolute ELENA B-train calibration

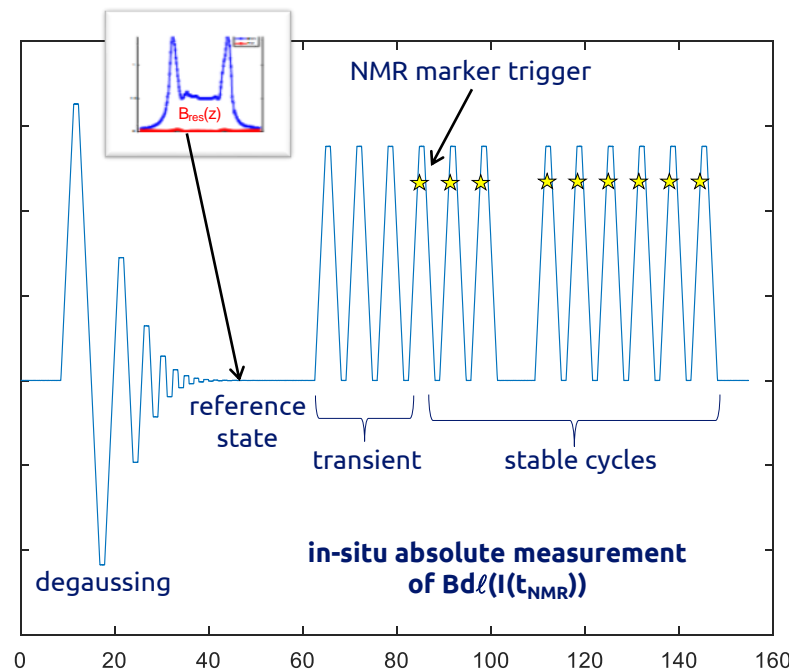
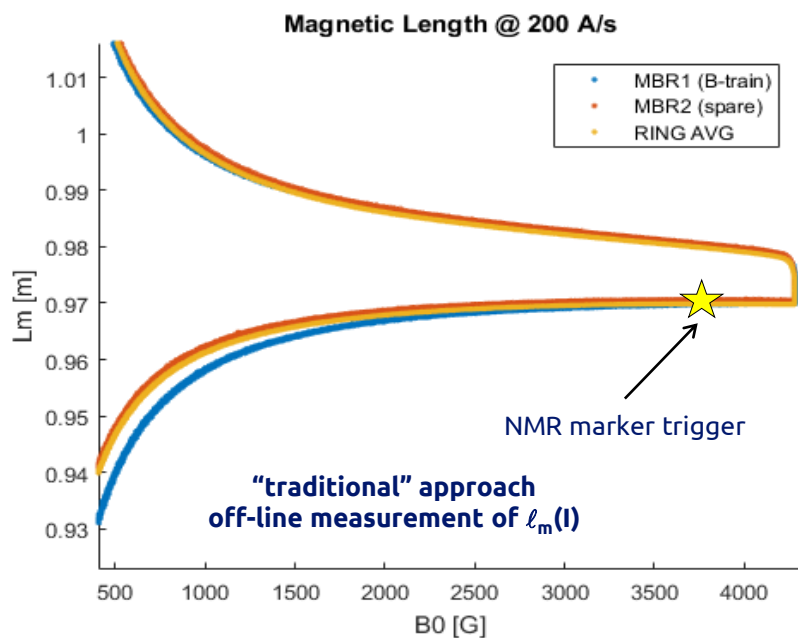
- Aim: provide rigorous uncertainty estimation = error bounds for subsequent adjustments
- Novel approach, will allow absolute energy matching (data analysis in progress, implemented on restart)

$$V_c = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{R_c}{R_{in}}} (V_{meas} - V_0),$$

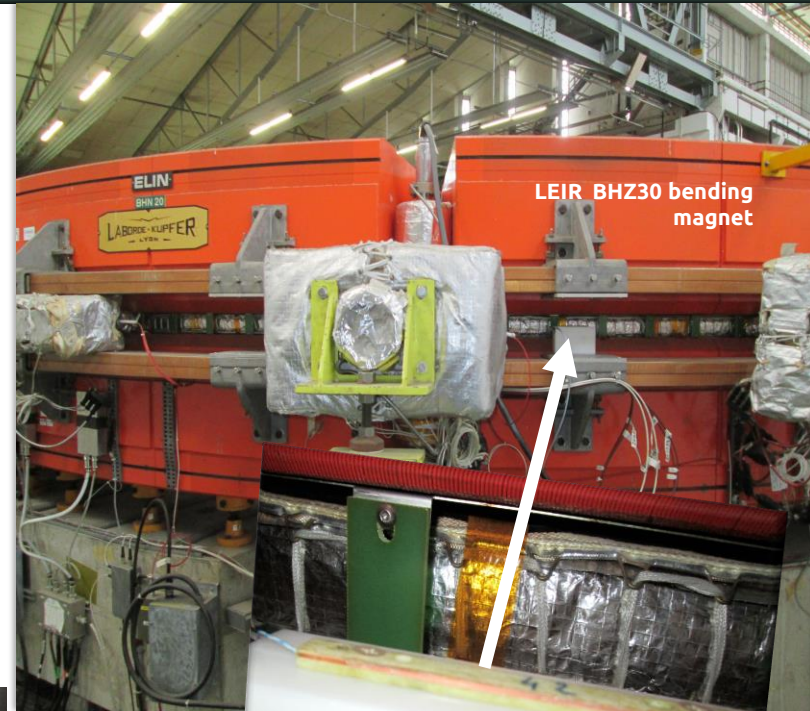
coil voltage (points to V_c)
 voltage offset (source of integrator drift) (points to V_0)
 resistance ratio coil to integrator input (points to $\frac{R_c}{R_{in}}$)

$$\bar{B}(t) = \frac{1}{l_0 N_D B d l_{ref}} \left(B_{marker} l_m + \frac{1 + \epsilon}{w_{eff}} \int_{t_{marker}}^t V_c dt \right)$$

average bending field in the ring (points to $\bar{B}(t)$)
 field integral ratio between average of the ring and reference magnet (points to $\frac{1}{l_0 N_D B d l_{ref}}$)
 reference magnetic length (points to l_{ref})
 integration constant = $f(l, dl/dt, I(\tau \leq t), x_c)$ (points to $B_{marker} l_m$)
 coil correction factor = $f(l, dl/dt, I(\tau \leq t), x_c)$ (points to $1 + \epsilon$)
 effective coil width (points to w_{eff})



- 2× new racks installed in 150-R-031 (available location closest to the ring)
- New (temporary) coils in the fringe field of BHZ20/30, to be replaced by final ones + new FMR markers
- Known issues:
 - temperature variations (~20°C seasonal drifts expected, sensors will be T-controlled, electronics may need air-conditioning)
 - long cabling from the sensors in the ring, EMI interference observed



- T monitor
- White Rabbit optical switch
- B-train chassis
- Linux FEC (integrators, marker...)

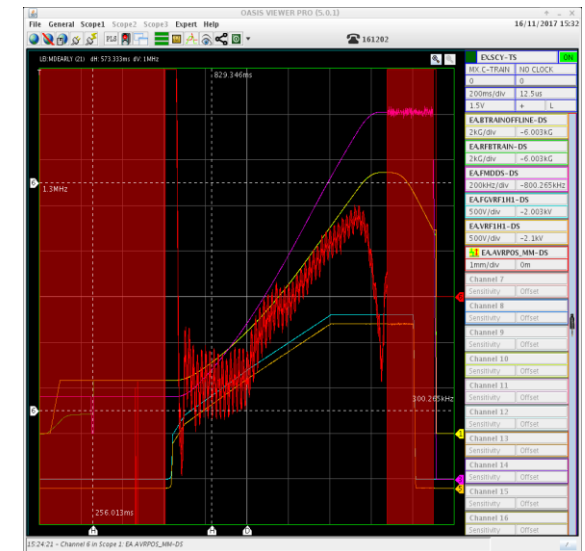
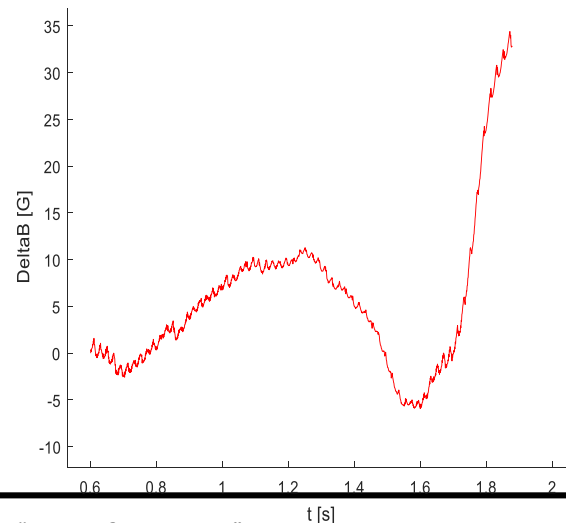
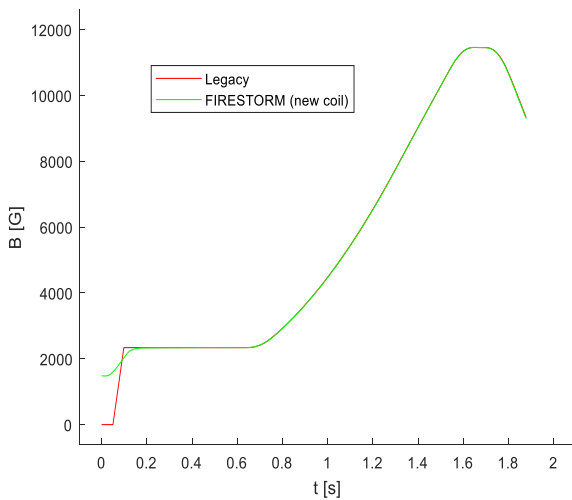
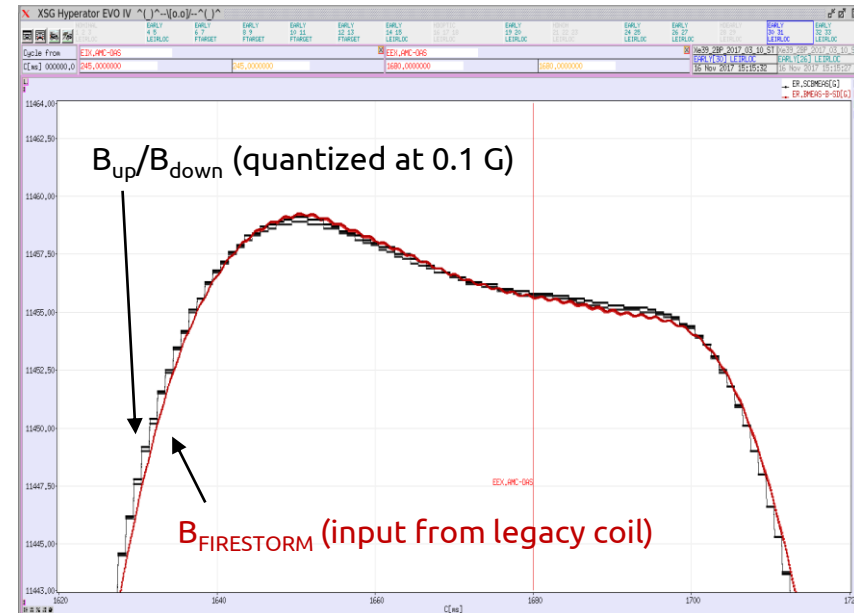
100 × 12 mm
0.6 m² induction coil

FIRESTORM input from legacy coil

- EARLY beam successfully accelerated an extracted

FIRESTORM input from new fringe-field coil

- Measured field: error w.r.t. $B_{up}/B_{down} \approx 15$ G p-p
- MRP oscillations due to 50 Hz EMI on coil destabilizing the radial loop
- Very encouraging results in view of consolidation – compelling argument to forget new coils inside the magnet gap
- Actions: investigate and shield against the EMI source, repeat MDs with longer cycles



AD

- new simulated B-train hardware under test at the PS (Dev chain)
- successful generation of interpolated WR stream from locally stored cycle data
- update of the FESA class to get LSA cycles under way (with BE/CO support)
- to be tested and extended to other machines in 2018

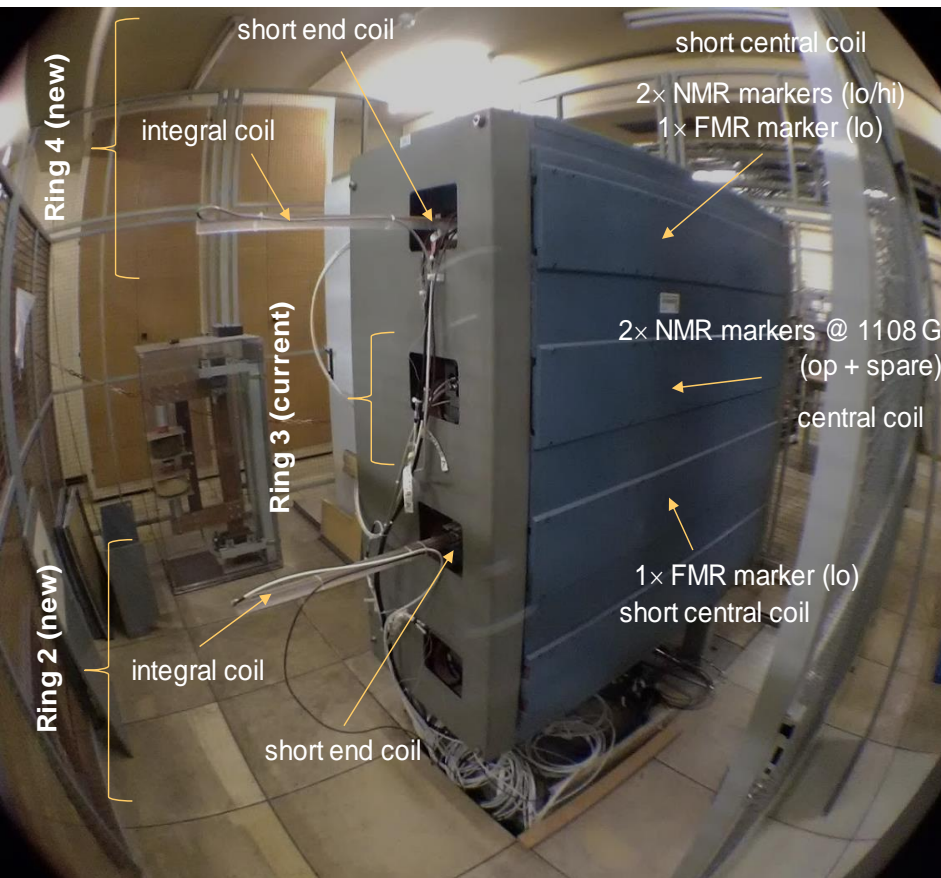
SPS

- installation of two electronic racks + cabling to be completed during YETS
 - tests using legacy sensors (coils/markers) planned upon restart
- (NB legacy system will still work after LS2; simultaneous WR/B_{up/down} operation will be possible)

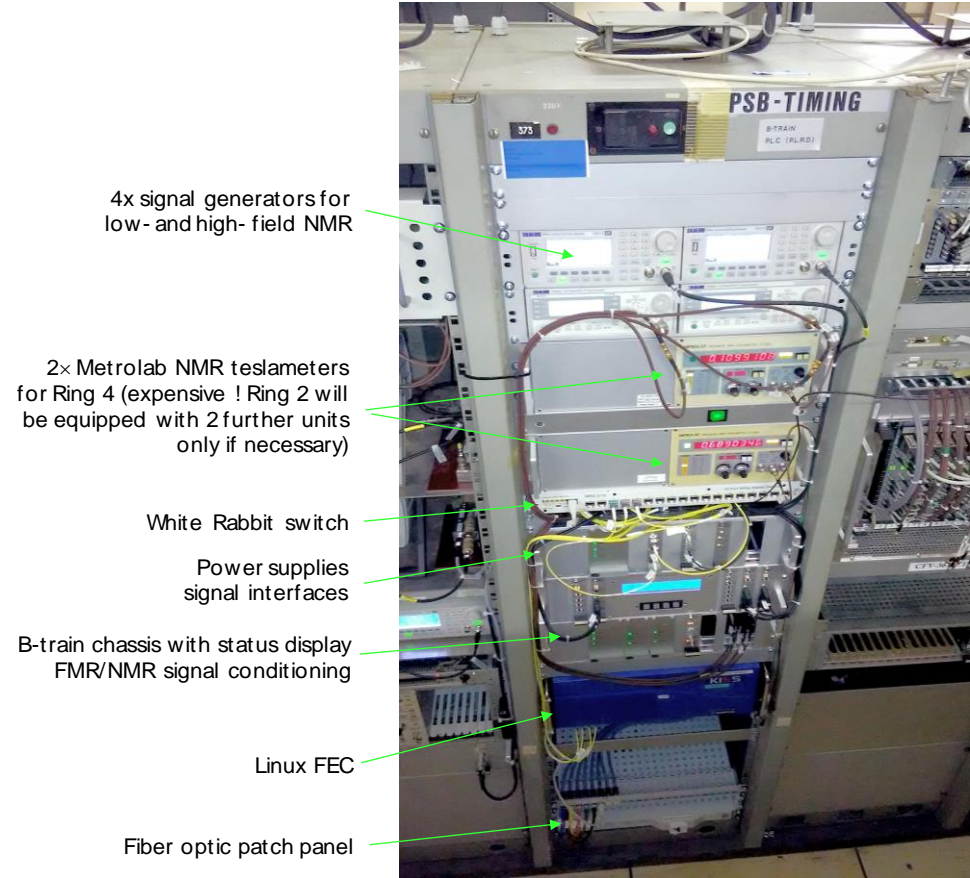


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PSB prototype FIRESTORM B-train



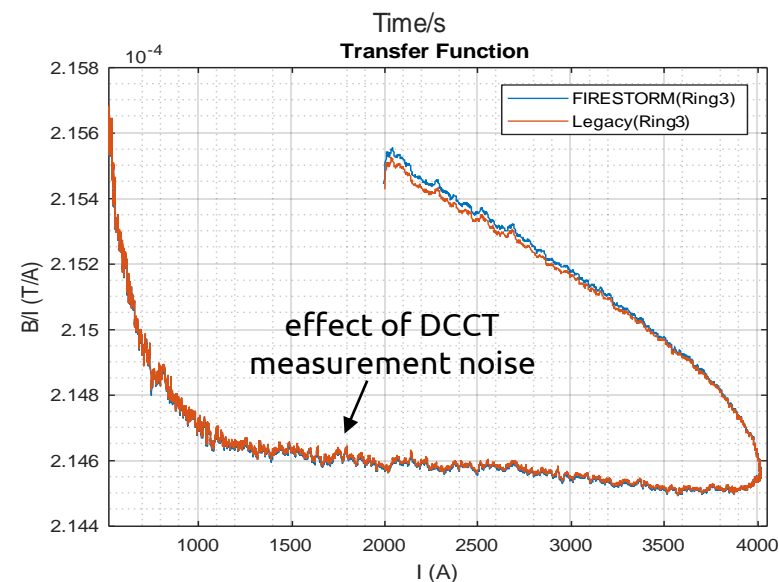
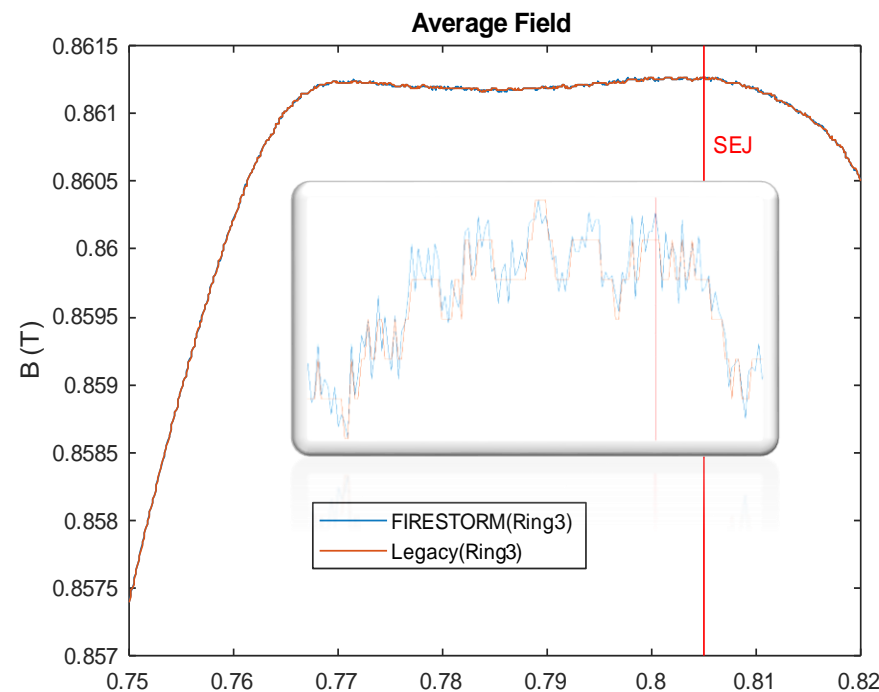
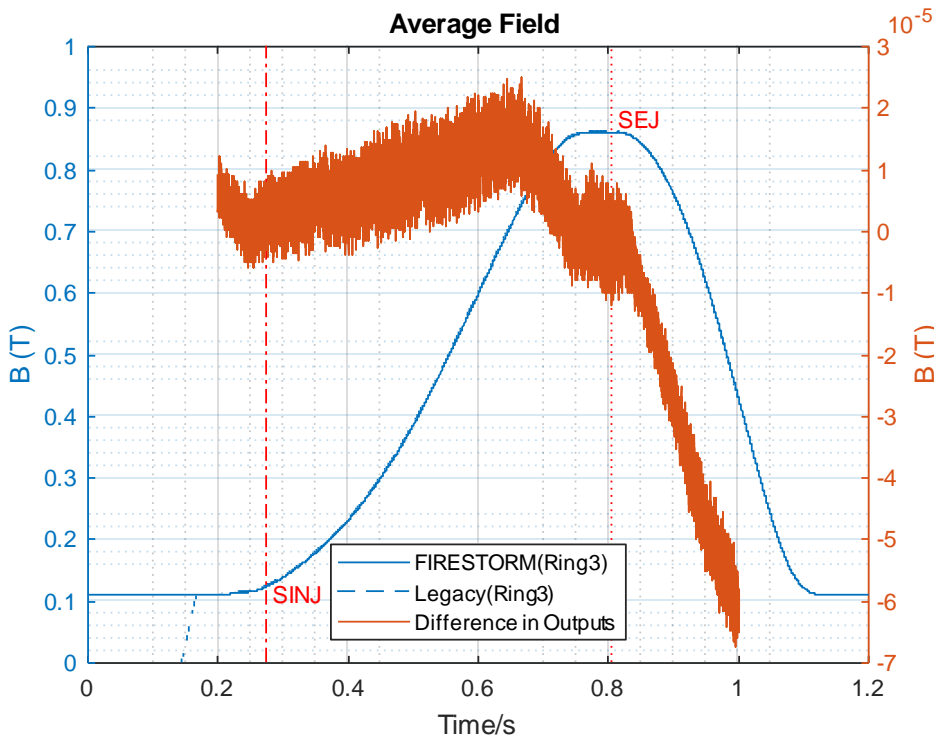
new magnetic sensor setup
in the PSB reference bending dipole



new FIRESTORM electronics
next to legacy B-train

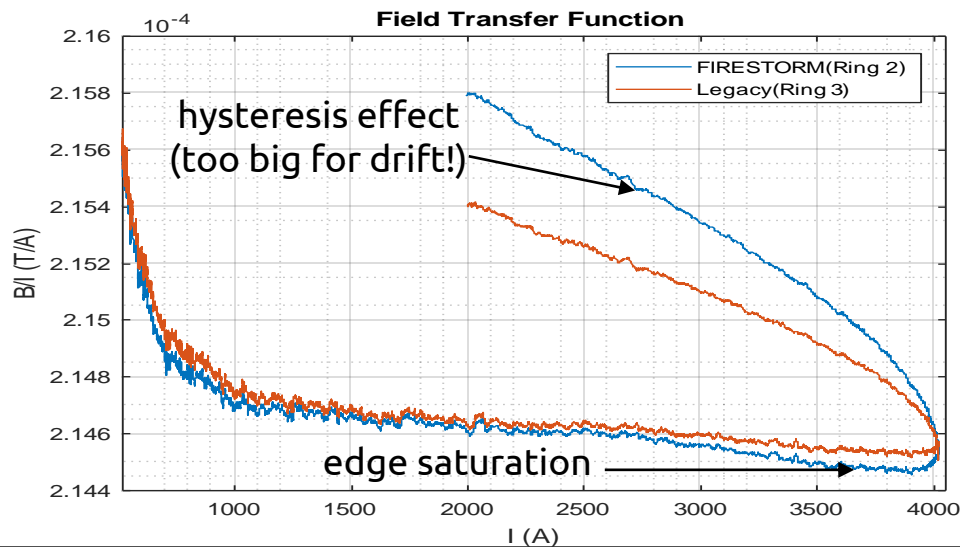
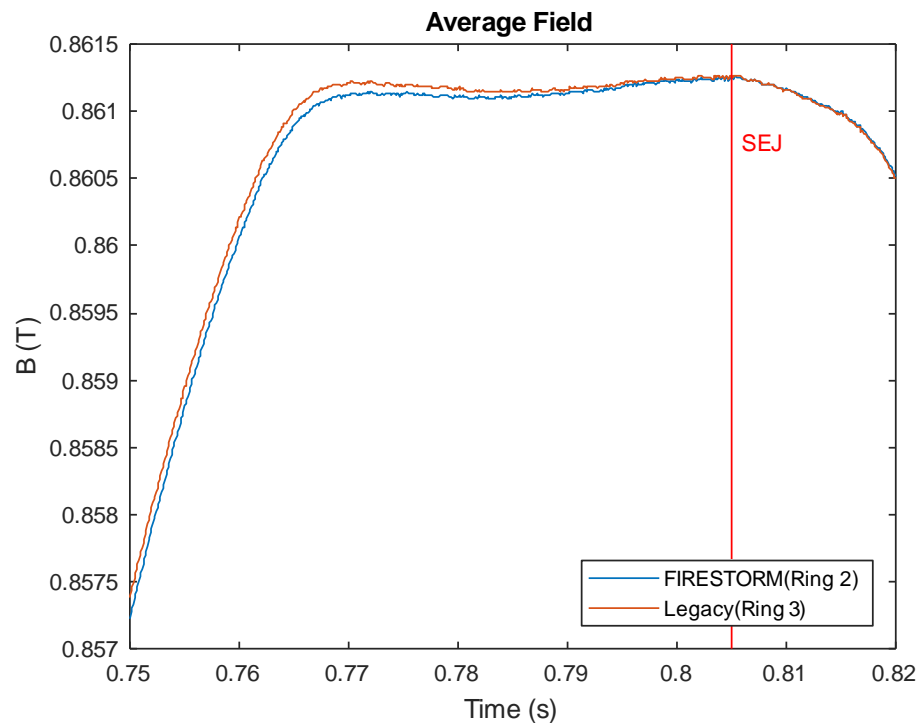
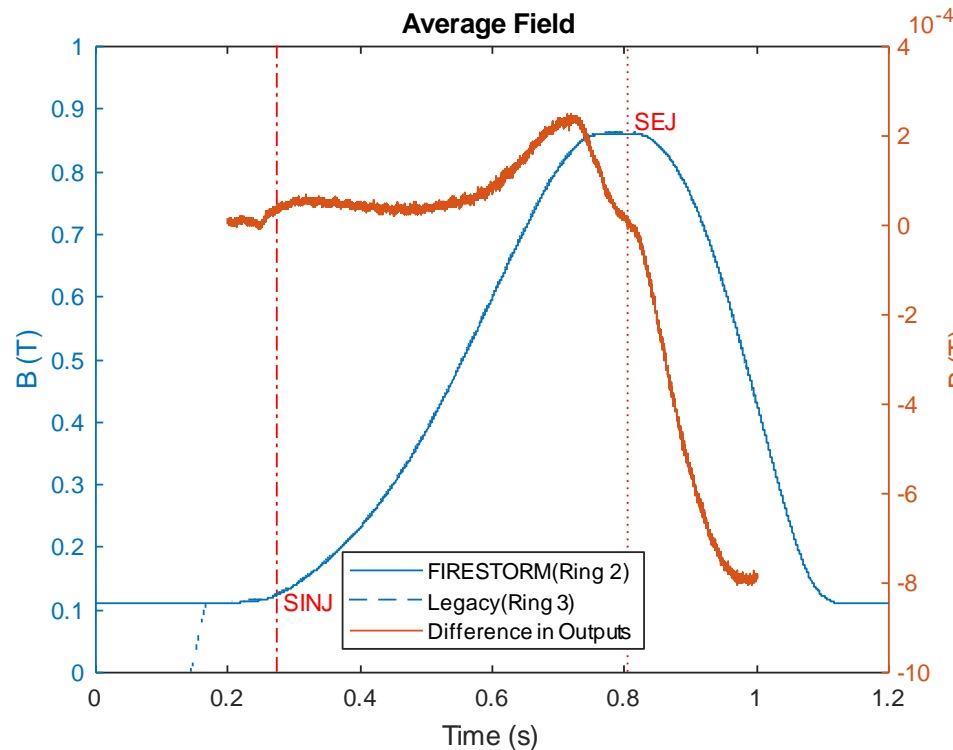
- Electronics hardware of one new FIRESTORM B-train chain fully installed in b. 361
- Installation of new sensors in Ring 2 & 3 of the reference dipole completed in Sept.
- YETS17: new FMR sensors in Ring 4, final WR cabling to RF/BI

Offline tests – FIRESTORM taking input from Ring 3



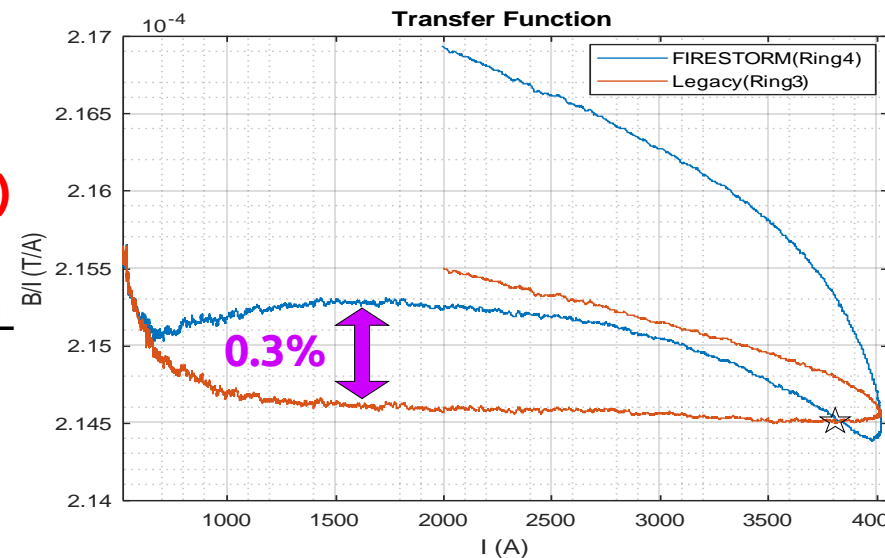
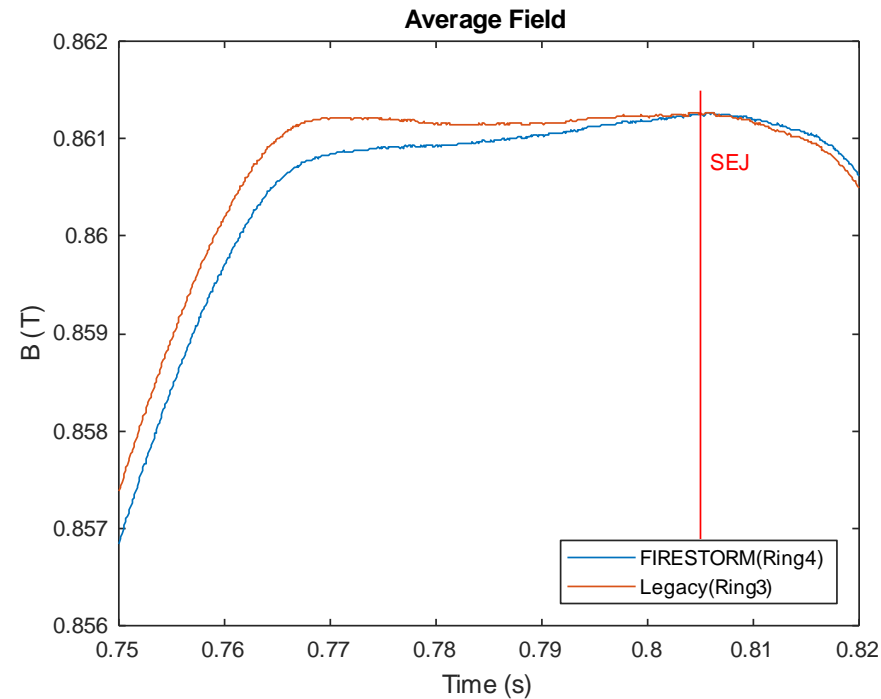
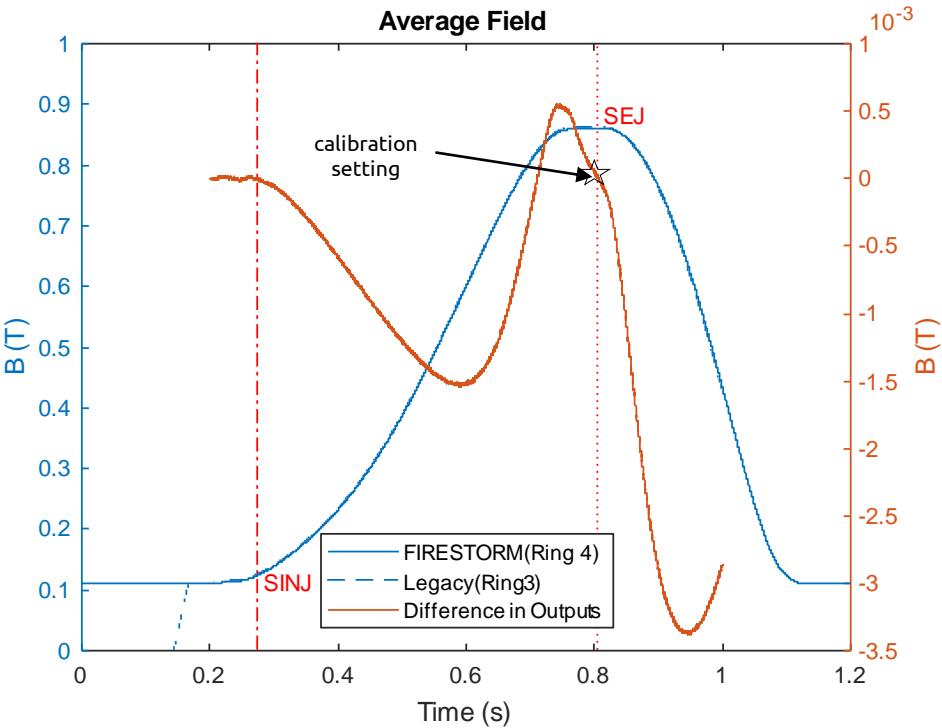
- legacy Ring 3 coil/NMR marker output split up and fed at the same time to both B-trains
- Relative RMS difference across 30 sequential cycles ($B_{\text{FIRESTORM}} - B_{\text{legacy}} \approx 2.5 \cdot 10^{-5}$) (as expected from gain differences in the two acquisition chains)
- Strong indication that the new system can replace the old (general consolidation goal)

Offline tests – FIRESTORM taking input from Ring 2



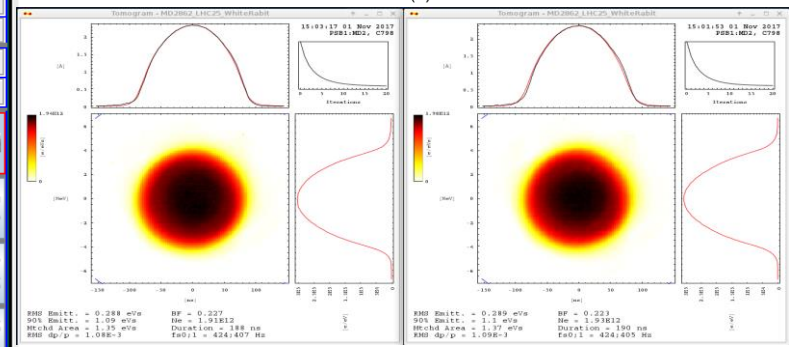
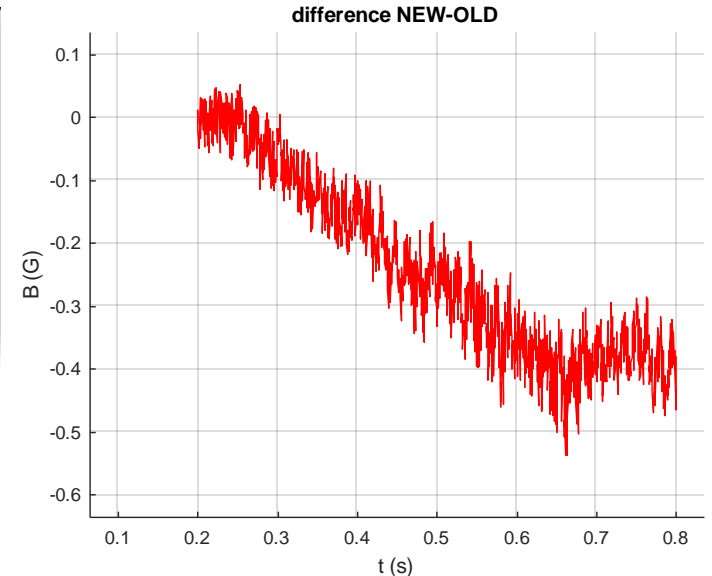
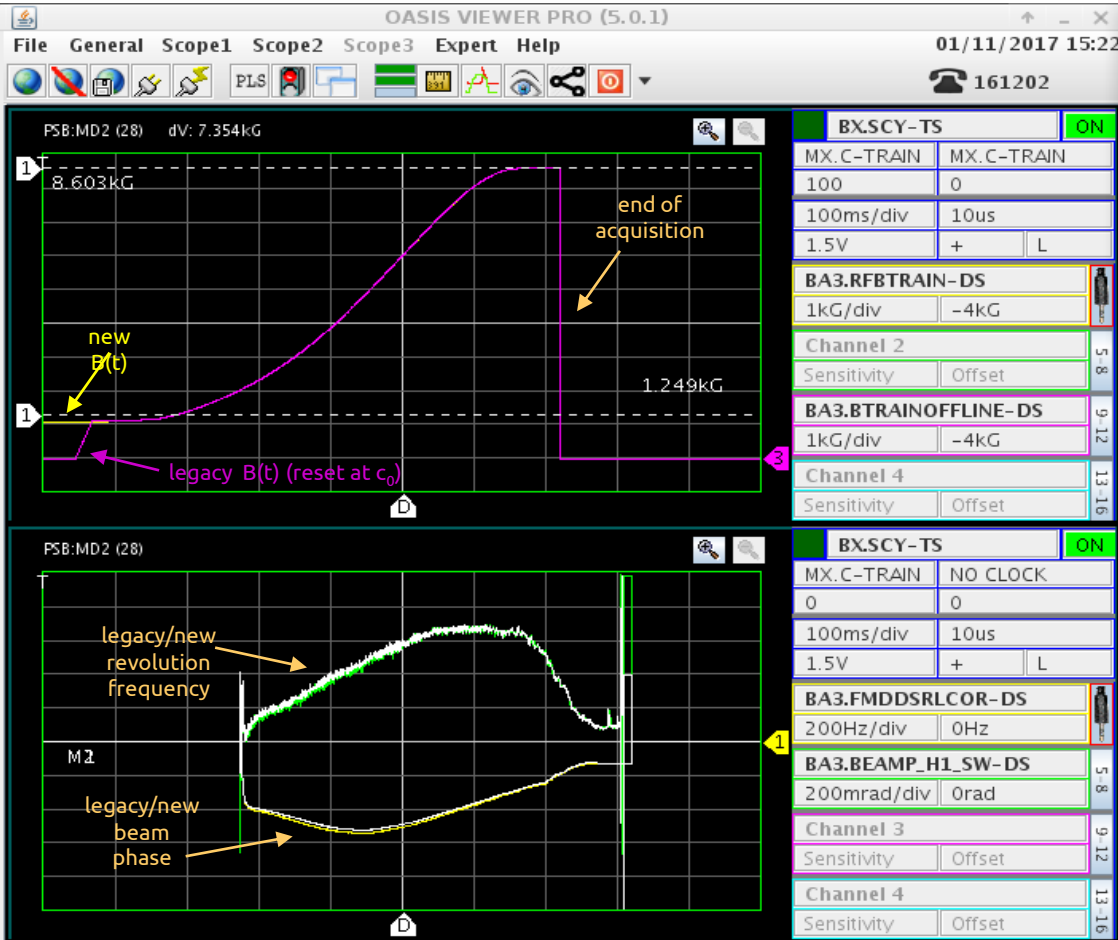
- FIRESTORM input from Ring 2 (same field in principle as Ring 3)
- the integral coil in Ring 2 sees a bit more saturation (edge effect)
- difference from injection to extraction
 $(B_{\text{FIRESTORM}} - B_{\text{legacy}}) \approx \pm 1.4 \text{ G } (1.6 \cdot 10^{-4})$

Offline tests – FIRESTORM taking input from Ring 4

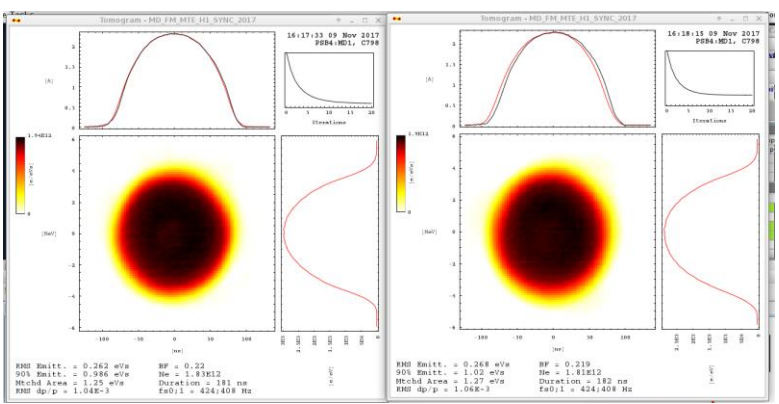
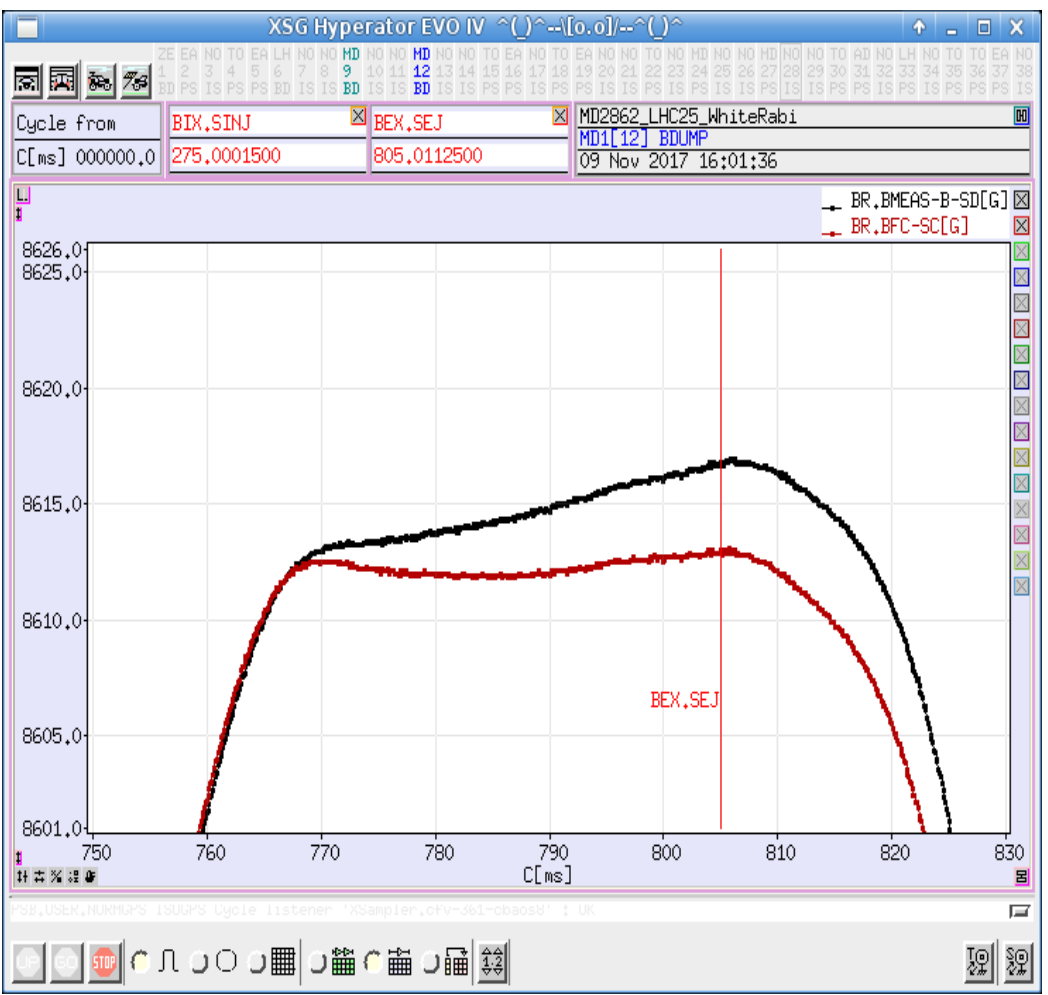


- FIRESTORM taking input from Ring 4 integral coil (with Ring 2 NMR)
- difference $(B_{\text{FIRESTORM}} - B_{\text{legacy}}) \approx \pm 10 \text{ G } (1.1 \cdot 10^{-3})$
- apparent $\Delta TF \approx 0.3\%$ between R4 and R3 – needs to be confirmed by adding in trim and BdL currents
- possibility of improving the equalization of B in the rings – is that needed ?

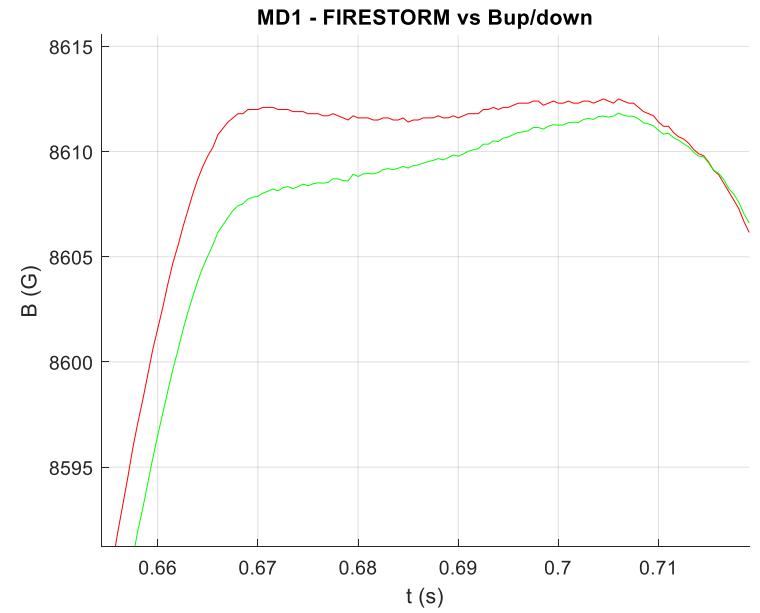
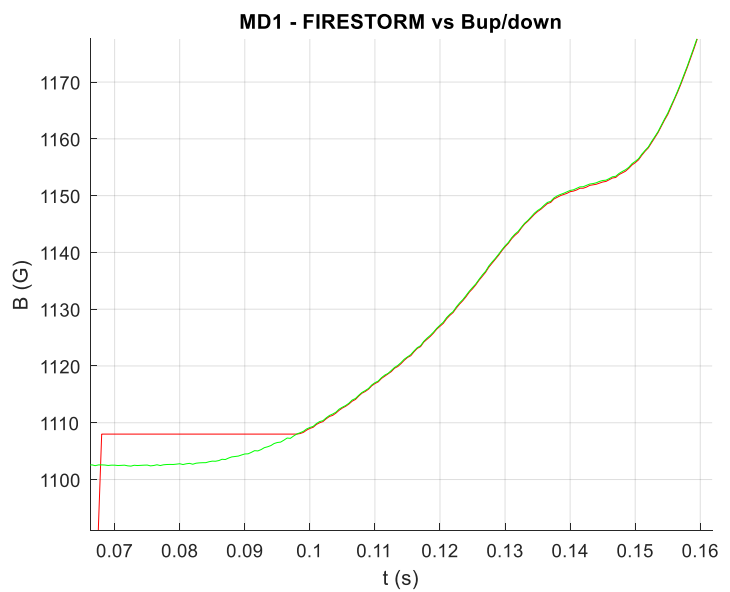
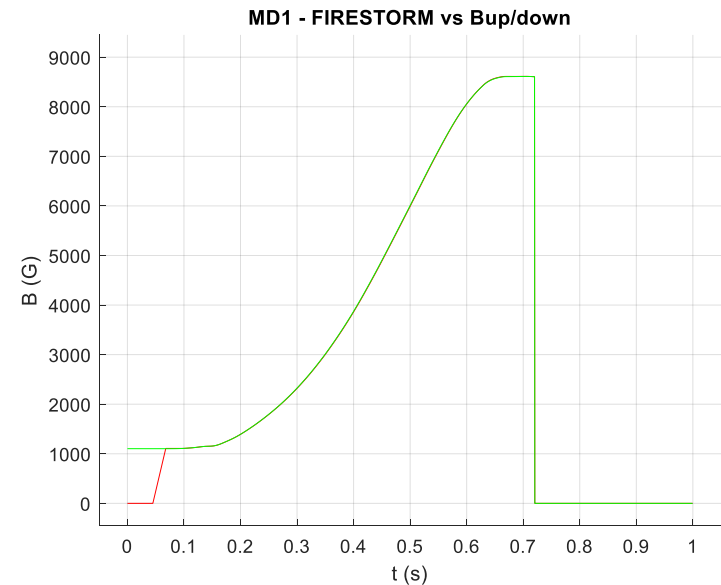
- Beam accelerated for the first time with the new FIRESTORM measurement distributed via WR
- New LLRF on all four rings tested with input from legacy magnetic sensors (coil/NMR) in Ring 3
- less than ~0.5 G field difference with initial calibration, no measurable impact on beam



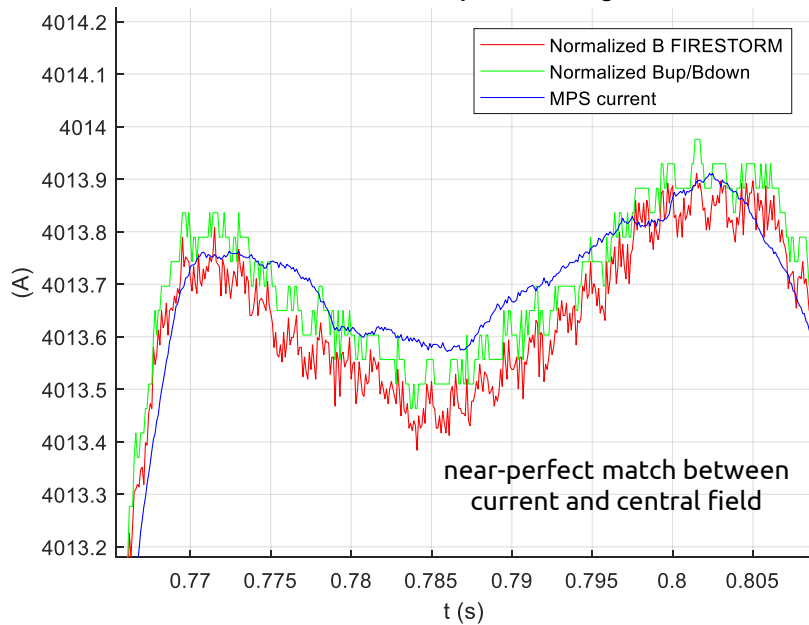
- LHC25 beam accelerated with the new FIRESTORM measurement taking input from the new magnetic sensors (integral coil/NMR) in Ring 2 fed to LLRF R2/R4
- ~4 G field difference at high field



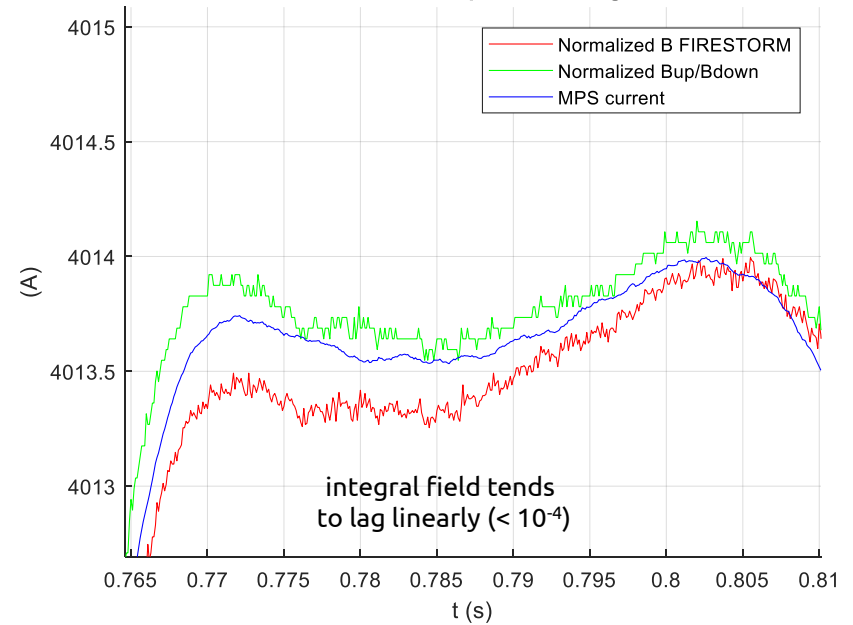
- beam accelerated with the new FIRESTORM measurement taking input from the new magnetic sensors: integral coil in Ring 4, NMR in Ring 2
- ~5 G field difference at high field (after gain correction)



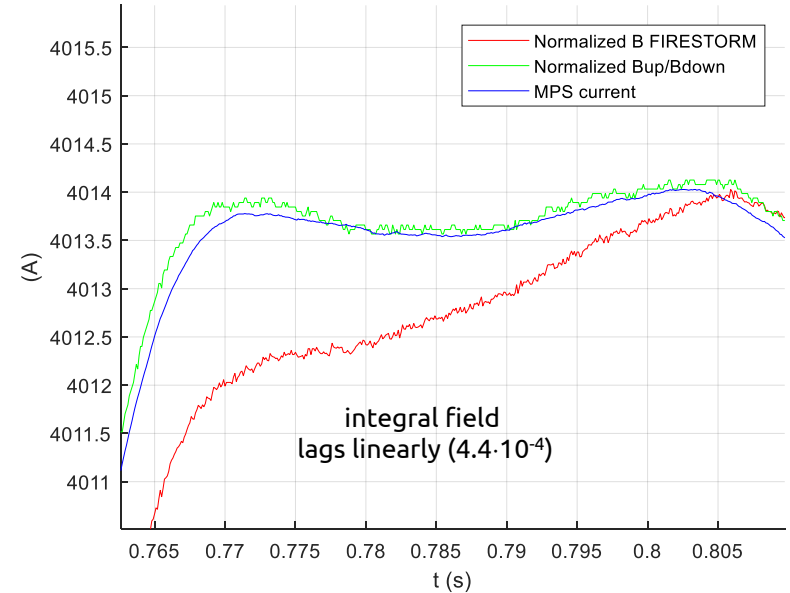
FIRESTORM input from Ring 3



FIRESTORM input from Ring 2



FIRESTORM input from Ring 4



- Eddy current analysis: normalize the field to match current at end of flat-top, look for signature exponential decay
- linear decay observed for R2 (small) and R4 (large)
- no clear evidence for eddy current effects
- confounding factors: rounding-off and oscillations of the current, trim/BdL current missing from the analysis

YETS 17/18

- Replacement of faulty power supply for the OP NMR interface in the legacy B-train
- commissioning of new FMR markers in Ring 2 & 4
- install and cable new OASIS chassis
- replacement of temporary WR fiber to RF (BOR R708 in 361-1-009) and BCT (BOR 757 in 361-1-011) + new fiber to b. 30
(cabling demand launched)

2018

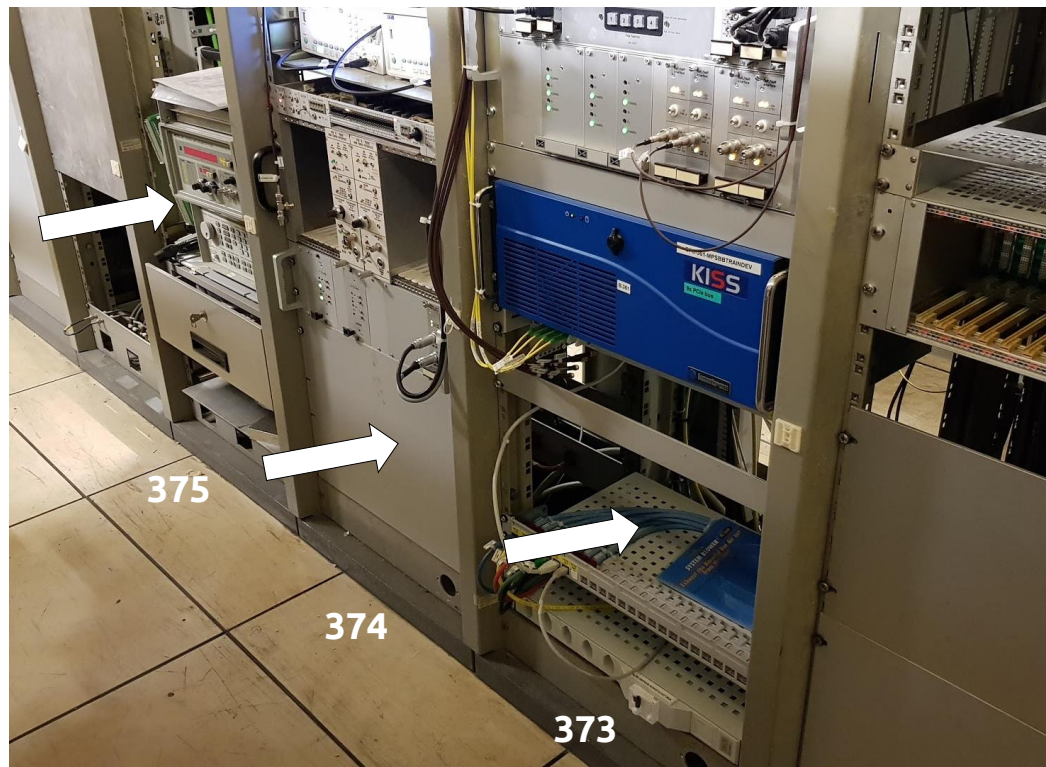
- update VHDL/FESA, check calibration with new FMR (offline)
- dedicated MD(s) to find optimal configuration with beam
- reliability run (2 weeks) to gather stats and OK phasing out VME FEC
- if all the above OK: switch over to regular operation

LS2

- Baseline in case of fallback to MPS: power the new reference magnetic in b. 245 with old MPS
- Recover NMRs / scopes / OASIS crate from b. 361 → b. 245, dismantle the rest

New OASIS crate

- new OASIS crate with 16×2 diff. channels, 16-bit, 200 kHz (~ 12 kCHF on 99284) (overlapping bandwidth with existing crates is not recommended)
- adequate for all legacy and new sensors
- temporary installation in b. 361 during YETS17, to be moved to b. 245 during LS2
- possible emplacements: BCR 368/367/373/374/375 in 361-1-012 (TBD with B. Ninet)
- triggers locally generated as [PX.SCYDEL-FMR](#), clock synchronized as [PX.CLK-FMR](#)

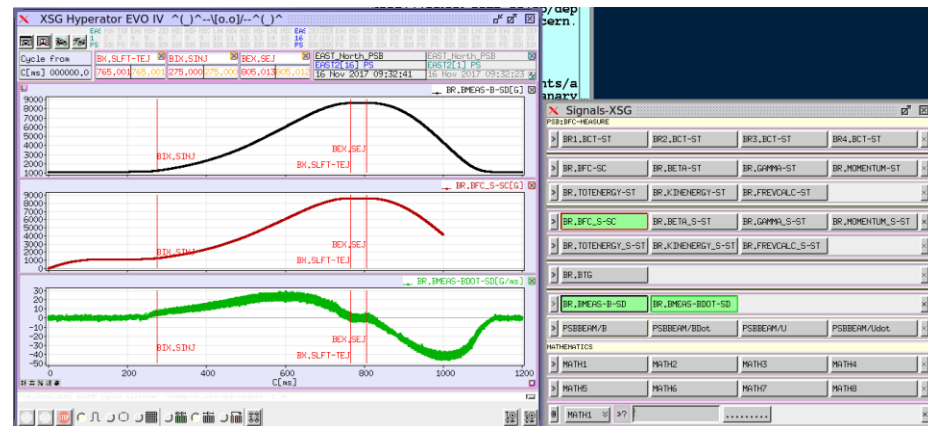


New OASIS/Sampler B-train Signals

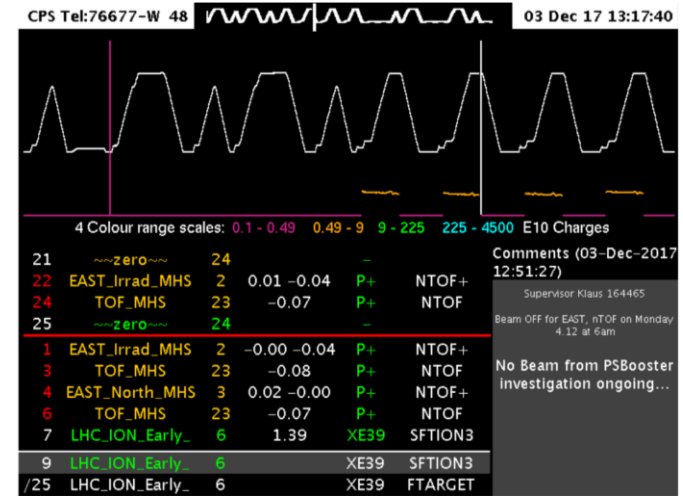
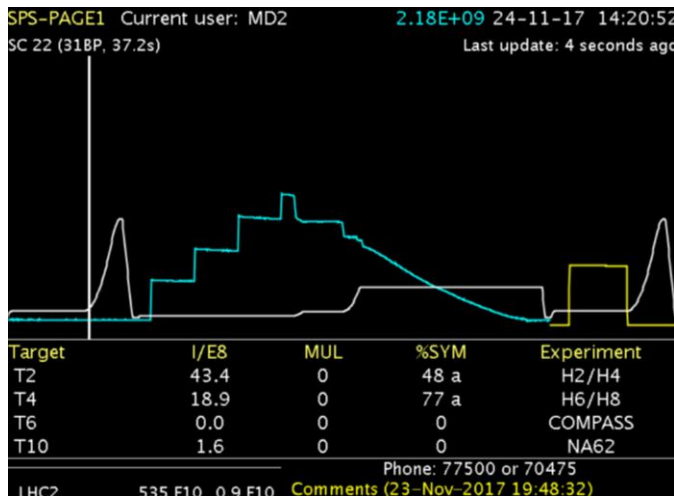
MAIN USERS	BUDGET CODE	DEPARTMENT	SIGNAL NAME	DESCRIPTION
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PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR2.SHORTCOIL_2-AS	central coil Ring2
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PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR3.SHORTCOIL_EDGE-AS	spare coil 2 for old B-train
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PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR3.NMR_LOW_SP-AS	spare marker for old B-train
PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR3.NMR_HIGH-AS	legacy marker (high) for old B-train
PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR4.LONGCOIL-AS	integral coil Ring4
PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR4.SHORTCOIL_1-AS	end coil Ring 4
PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR4.SHORTCOIL_2-AS	central coil Ring 4
PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR4.FMR_LOW-AS	FMR marker low Ring 4
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PSB OP	99392	TE/MSC/MM	BR4.NMR_HIGH-AS	NMR marker high Ring 4

TIMBER Variable Name	Notes
BR.BFC-SC:SAMPLES	old B-train
BR.BMEAS-B-SD:SAMPLES	new B-train
BR.BMEAS-BDOT-SD:SAMPLES	(B and Bdot)
FSBT_PSB_CV:M1MarkerSignal	operational field markers
FSBT_PSB_CV:M2MarkerSignal	(NMR or FMR)
BR1.BCT-ST:SAMPLES	
BR2.BCT-ST:SAMPLES	
BR3.BCT-ST:SAMPLES	beam current in the 4 rings
BR4.BCT-ST:SAMPLES	
BR.MPS-SA:SAMPLES	
BA1.FREV-SD:SAMPLES	
BA2.FREV-SD:SAMPLES	
BA3.FREV-SD:SAMPLES	revolution frequency
BA4.FREV-SD:SAMPLES	programmed & measured
BA1.FREQPROG-SD:SAMPLES	
BA2.FREQPROG-SD:SAMPLES	
BA3.FREQPROG-SD:SAMPLES	
BA4.FREQPROG-SD:SAMPLES	
BA1.RPOS-COR-SD:SAMPLES	radial position
BA2.RPOS-COR-SD:SAMPLES	
BA3.RPOS-COR-SD:SAMPLES	
BA4.RPOS-COR-SD:SAMPLES	

- Requests for new signals in OASIS and TIMBER have been made
- NB: due to the input impedance being as low as 800 k Ω , operational sensors will need additional buffering



- Objective: **new Fixed Displays** showing measured B field + other relevant data (simulated field, OP/SP comparison, markers ...) in real-time (refresh ≤ 100 ms)
- Existing published FESA signals not adequate \Rightarrow new development needed (currently: vector properties published at the end of every cycle i.e. every 1.2 s up to ~ 120 s)
- Proposed solution: **dedicated FEC**, receiving WR input on standard FMC carriers, publishing it via a **new FESA class** at the required rate
 - main advantage: show signals as received by users
 - possible synergy: high level, real-time quality assessemnt, diagnostics and alarms
- Proof-of-concept in 2018 (support of BE/CO/APS): *PS B-train chain 3 \rightarrow analog output on FMC_INT \rightarrow OASIS digitizer \rightarrow new Fixed Display.*
- Final deployment during LS2; detailed definition and customization by BE/OP
Attention to the risk of confusion between $B_{\text{measured}}/B_{\text{simulated}}/B_{\text{predicted}}$...

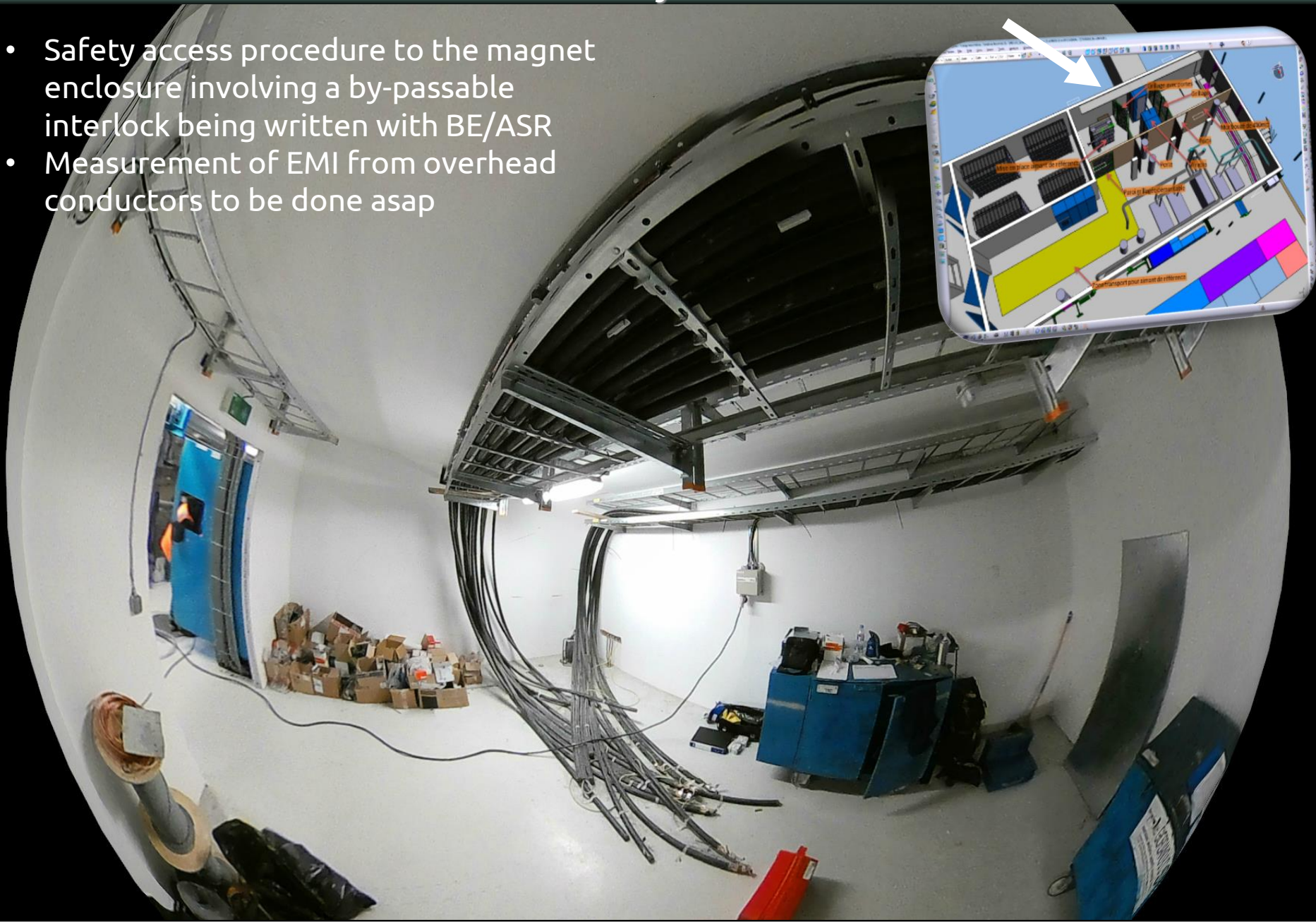


Fixed vs. scrolling cursor – can we make the same choice for all systems ?

1. Status of the B-train consolidation project
2. Commissioning of the PSB test system (b. 361)
- 3. Plans for the PSB Upgrade (b. 245)**

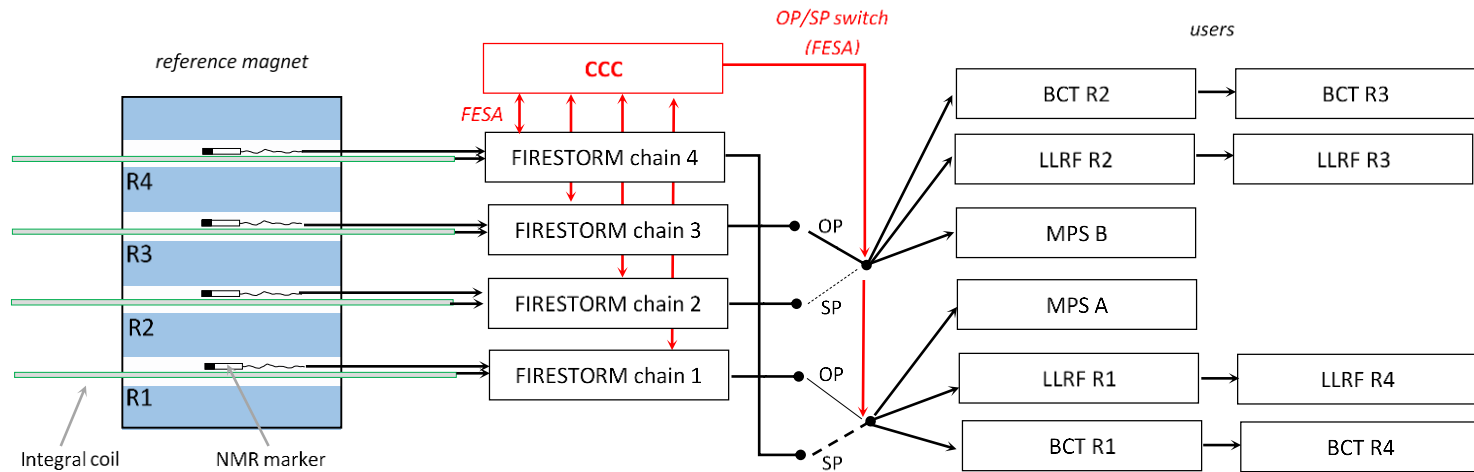
B-train facility in 245-S-403

- Safety access procedure to the magnet enclosure involving a by-passable interlock being written with BE/ASR
- Measurement of EMI from overhead conductors to be done asap



Overall layout

- **Baseline layout:** assume top/bottom symmetry (to be remeasured on final reference magnet)
- B-train chains switched as a whole: chain 2 = hot spare of 3, chain 1 = hot spare of 4 (NB: sensor failure much less probable than electronics)
- Simultaneous failure of R2/R3 or R1/R4 chains not covered (requires expert intervention and rewiring/repair)



Selection made by CCC via 2x settable boolean FESA properties

Selection bit 1	1	1	0	0
Selection bit 2	1	0	1	0
FIRESTORM chain 4 →	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	-	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	-
FIRESTORM chain 3 →	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	-	-
FIRESTORM chain 2 →	-	-	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3
FIRESTORM chain 1 →	-	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	-	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4

- Problem: **LLRF/BCT could profit from feedback from individual rings**
- Solution: more complex switching matrix requiring four-tier switching, capable of recovering from all single-point and some double-point failures
- Simultaneous failure of inner or outer chains still not covered
- **Benefits should be weighted carefully against extra complexity**

Selection bit 1	1	0	1	1	1
Selection bit 2	1	1	0	1	1
Selection bit 3	1	1	1	0	1
Selection bit 4	1	1	1	1	0
FIRESTORM chain 4 →	MPS A, LLRF 4, BCT 4	-	MPS A, LLRF 4, BCT 4	MPS A, LLRF 4, BCT 4	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4
FIRESTORM chain 3 →	MPS B, LLRF 3, BCT 3	MPS B, LLRF 3, BCT 3	-	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	MPS B, LLRF 3, BCT 3
FIRESTORM chain 2 →	LLRF 2, BCT 2	LLRF 2, BCT 2	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	-	LLRF 2, BCT 2
FIRESTORM chain 1 →	LLRF 1, BCT 1	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	LLRF 1, BCT 1	LLRF 1, BCT 1	-

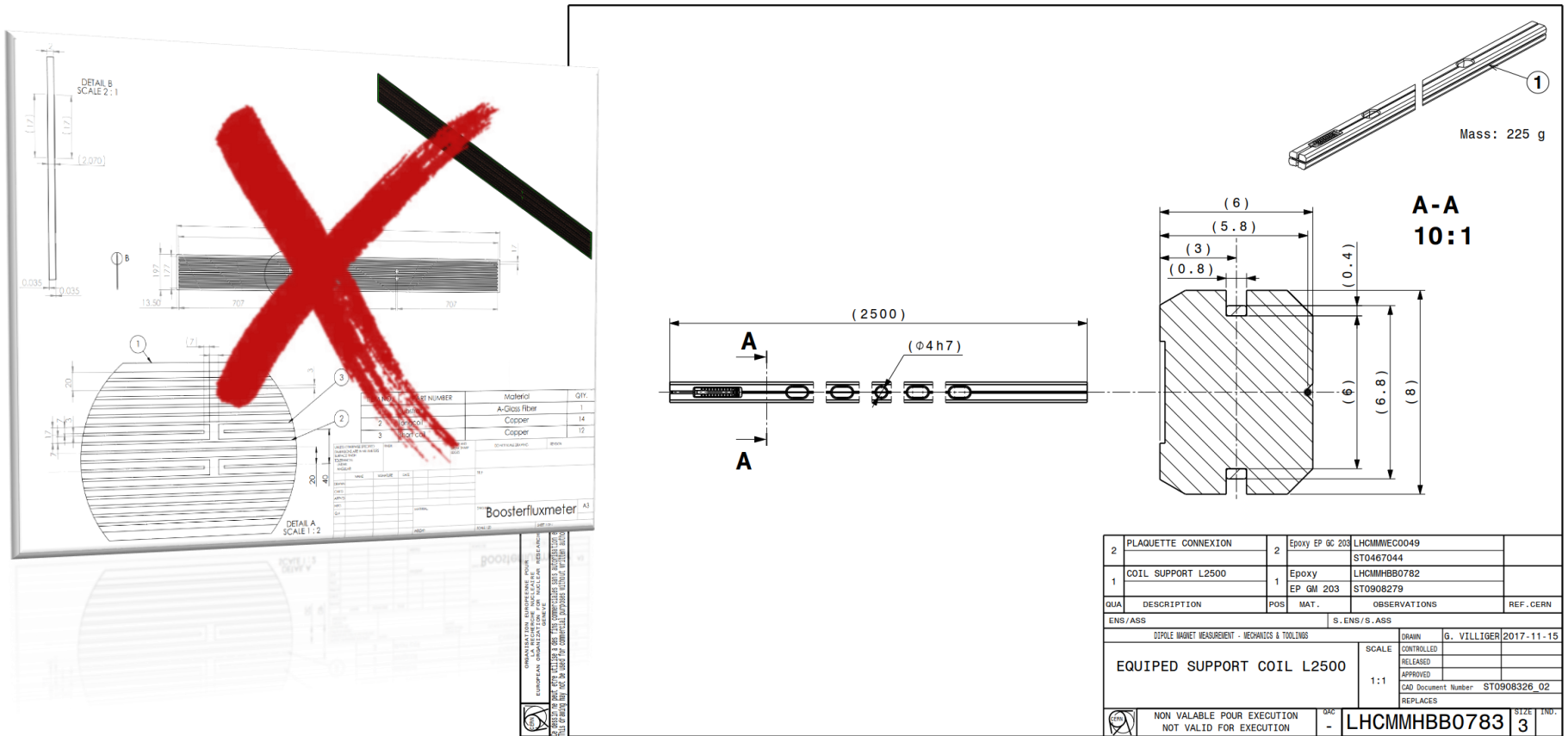
Default operation

single chain failure

double chain failure

0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
-	-	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4
-	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	-	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3
MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	-	MPS B, LLRF 2/3, BCT 2/3	-
MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	MPS A, LLRF 1/4, BCT 1/4	-	-

- Yet another possibility, closer to the physics of the object being controlled:
 - feedback the average of inner/outer rings to POPS-B A and B
 - feedback individual rings to RF/BI
- **major disadvantages:** extremely more complex, more integrator FMCs, more WR switches (and one more rack necessary), distributed field is different for different users ...



- **PCB fluxmeter:** recent failures with both external and CERN manufacturing of the ELENA unit → too risky to continue (esp. considering that field harmonics are not required)
- plan B: switch to traditional solution (**multi-filament wire wound on a G10 form**) (same as integral coils being used now in bldg. 361)
- absolute calibration possible in 867-R-H29, no need for strict surface equality between rings
- order being prepared, foreseen ready for installation H2 2018

Summary



- A number of **important milestones** has been reached, proving that the new FIRESTORM B-train is **capable to accelerate and extract** a wide variety of beams in **ELENA, LEIR, PSB and PS**
- Under many operating conditions, performance **far exceeds** the old system in terms of resolution and stability
- No major obstacle identified that prevents phasing out legacy VME FECs at the end of LS2, however:
- **Simulated B-train** still to be completed; substantial **VHDL and FESA development** foreseen in 2018 and beyond
- We rely on the continuing support by BE/CO and BE/OP, as well as on functioning control infrastructure during LS2

Additional slides

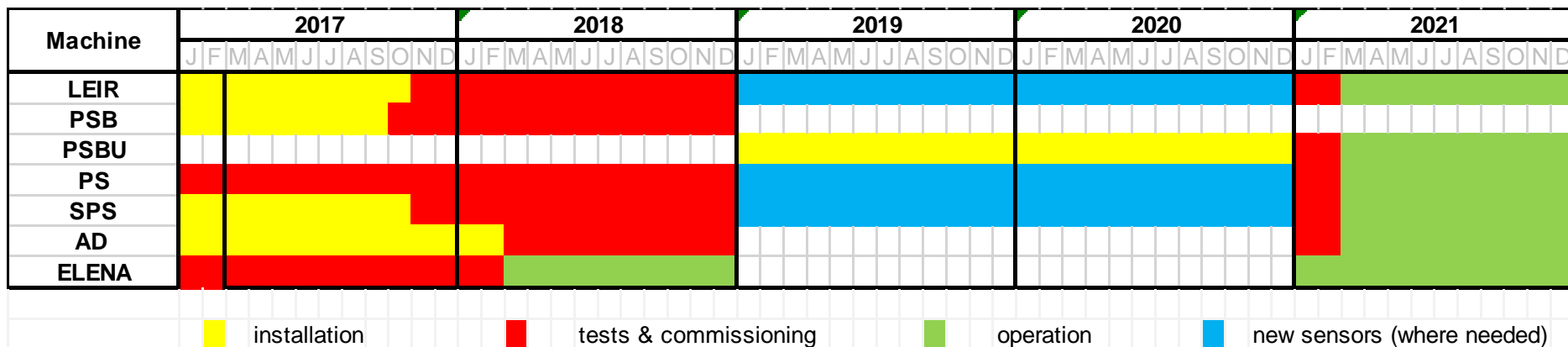
CRITICAL ITEMS – ALL SYSTEMS (2018)

- simulated B-train
 - get next B/Bdot/I cycles from LSA and prepare for real-time interpolation at next cycle
 - differences between machines to be coded in FESA and tested
- complete and propagate debugged version
 - 2.4% round-off error in B and Bdot gain
 - coil calibration coefficient limited to [0,2]
 - two cycles published via FESA instead of one (linked to absence of end-of-cycle timing event in ELENA, PSB, LEIR)
- update of VHDL & FESA classes to final modular WR hardware
- Add PPM FESA properties to adapt calibration constants on a per-cycle/type basis
- metrological characterization of the new chain under the full range of operating conditions (in particular, supercycle composition)

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

- new magnetic sensors for the PS, LEIR and SPS
- additional VHDL/FESA functionality
 - continuous estimation and subtraction of integrator voltage offset (→ reduced need of ZERO cycles for internal calibration)
 - enable marker triggers based on current field level rather than fixed time window (→ simpler, more robust calibration)
 - dynamic calibration constants as function of field level (→ simpler, more flexible than PPM properties)

**All changes to be tested in the shadow of normal operations
on (SP/DEV) chains – fully reversible in a few hours**



alignment of production version
VHDL (gateway) / FESA
on all systems

Reliability Run 2018

Accumulated statistics (thanks to having the same components everywhere)

- ELENA: all year
- PS: all year
- LEIR: 2 weeks in May
- PSB: TBD
- AD: TBD
- SPS: TBD

need to agree on acceptance criteria
to phase out legacy VME FECs after LS2