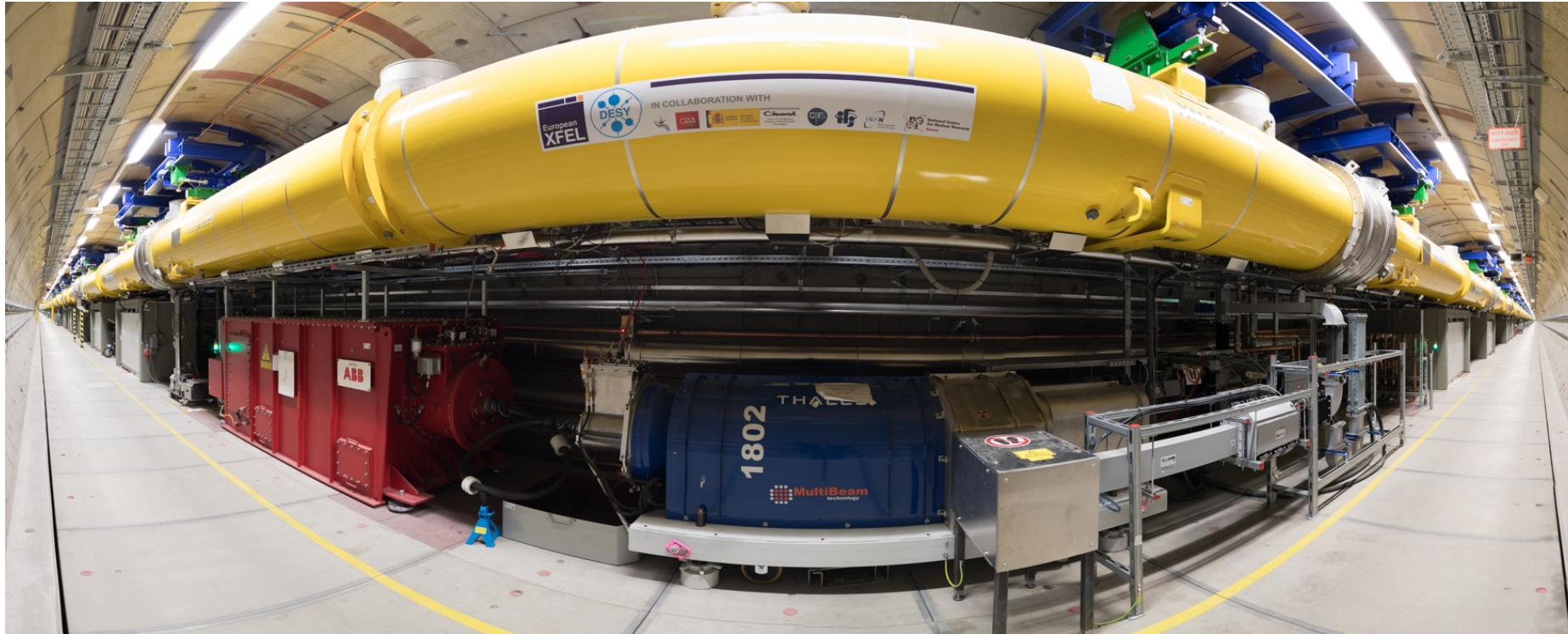


Electron Accelerator – Commissioning Experience and Plans for 2018



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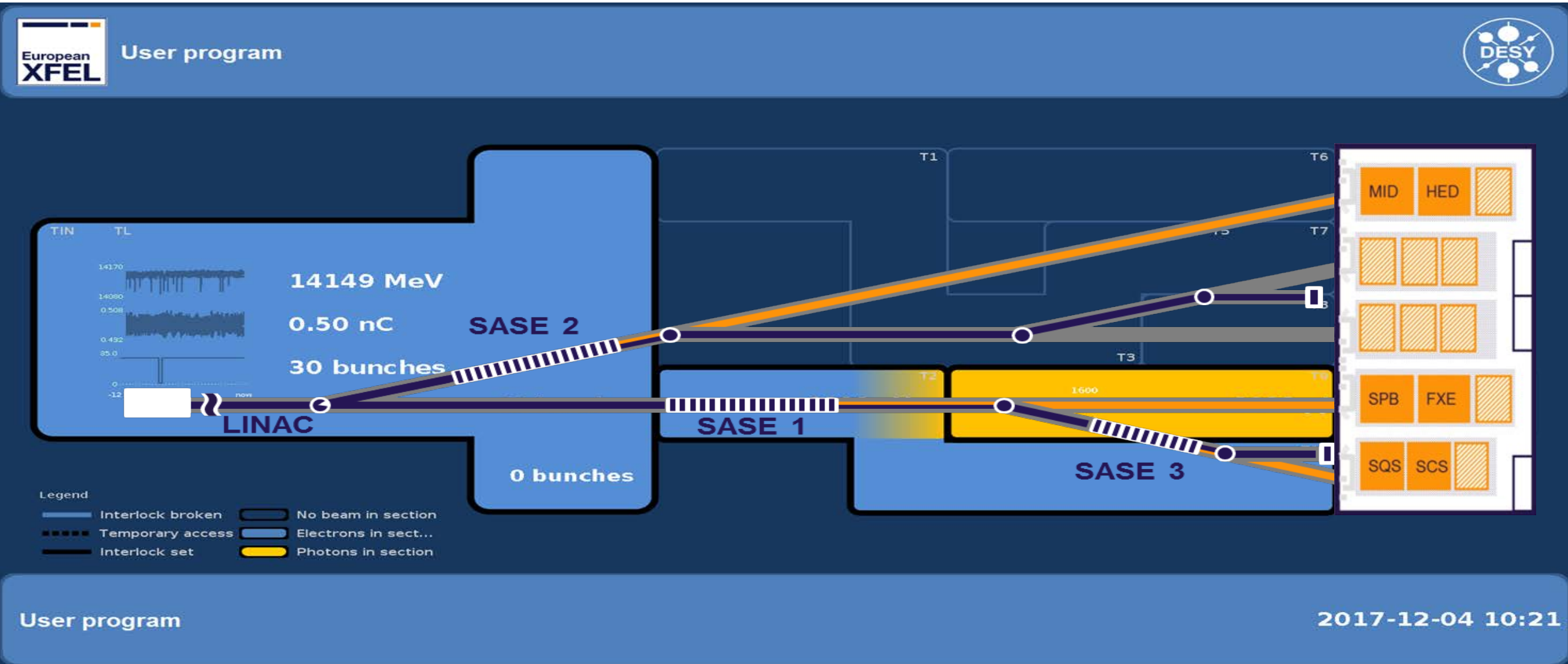
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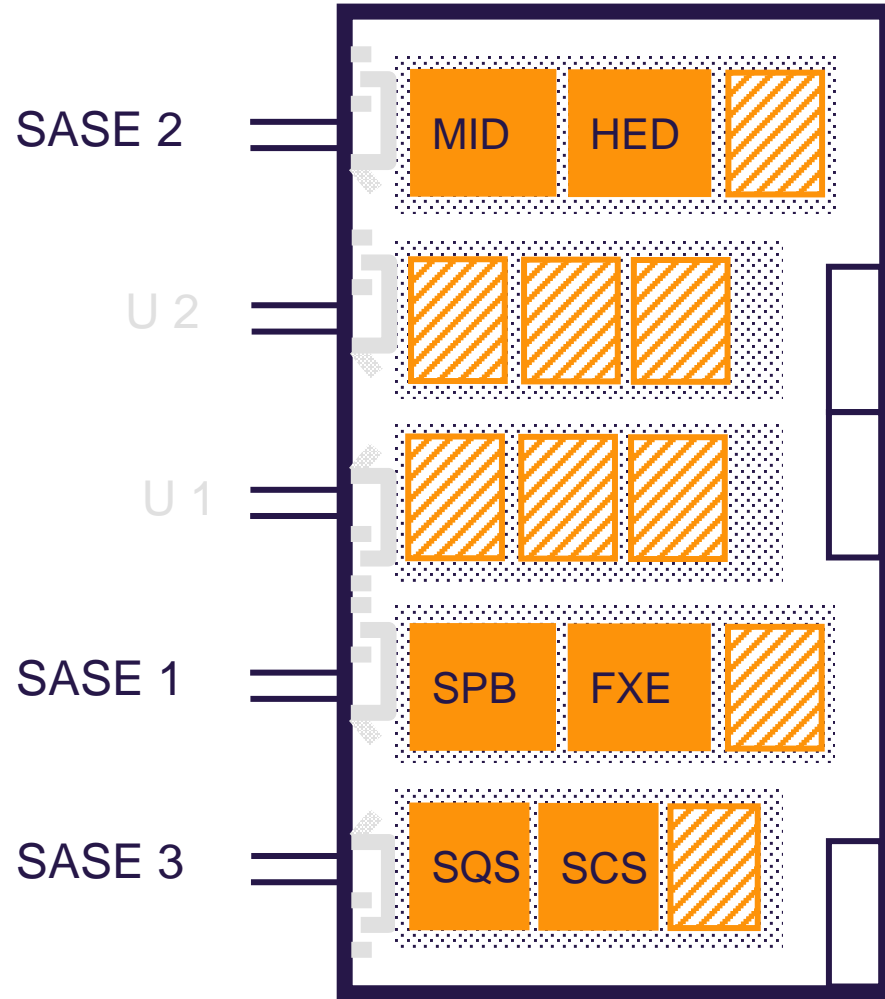


User program

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Who is getting the First Photons?





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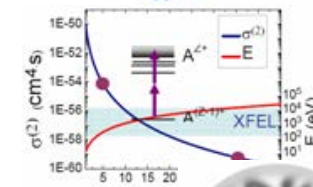
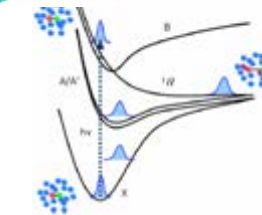
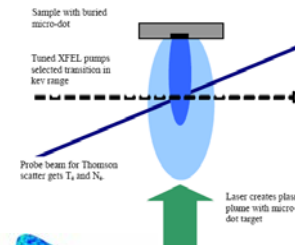
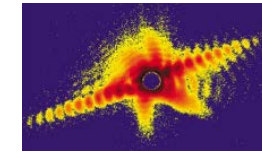
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SPB Single Particle & Biomolecules

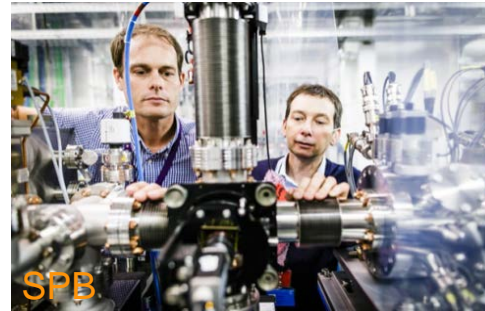
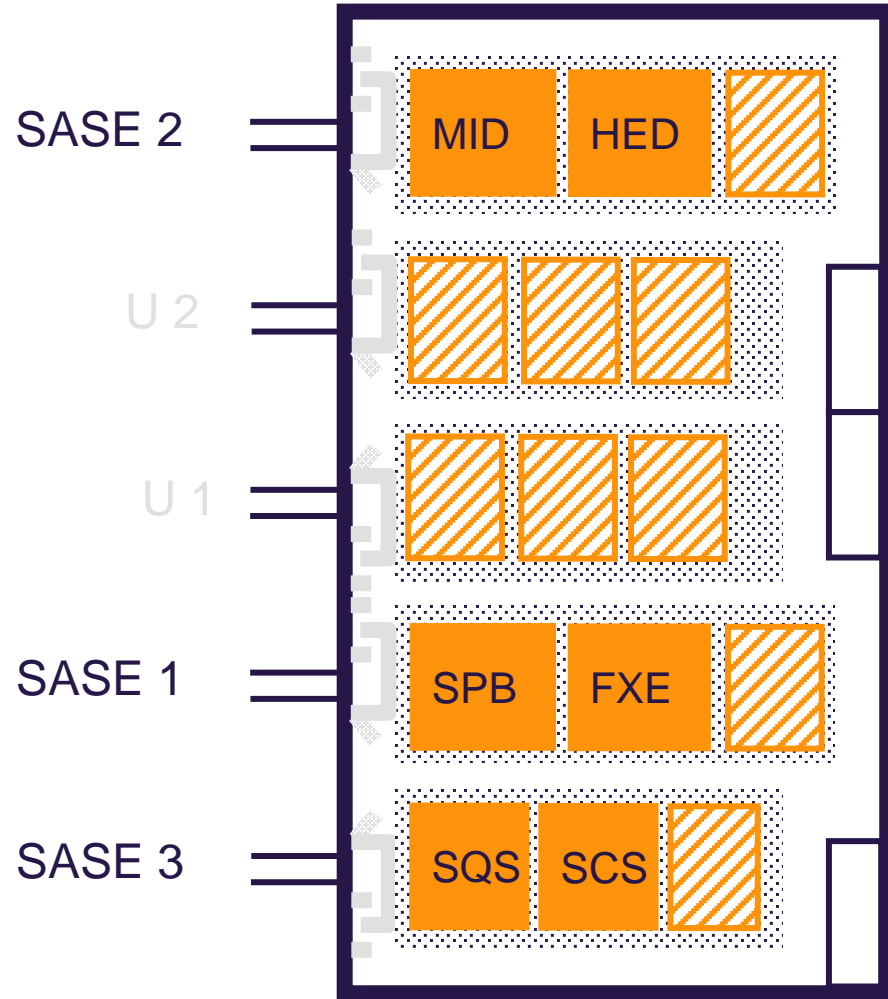
FXE Femtosecond X-ray Experiments

SQS Small Quantum Systems

SCS Spectroscopy & Coherent Scattering

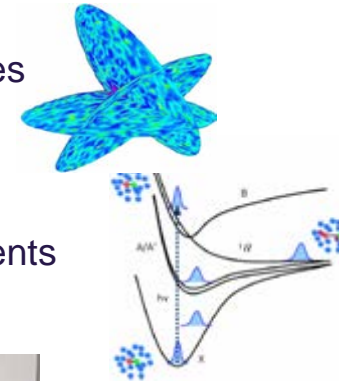


More about experiments: <http://www.xfel.eu>



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FXE Femtosecond X-ray Experiments



■ study of molecule structure and functions

■ molecular movies and chemical reactions



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European XFEL History



European XFEL

2000:

First laser light (109 nm) at the Tesla Test Facility (TTF); today known as FLASH

2001 / 2002 / 2006:

TESLA Linear Collider TDR with XFEL Appendix (2001)
 TESLA TDR Supplement with stand-alone XFEL (2002)
European XFEL TDR (2006)



2009:

Foundation of the European XFEL GmbH
 Start civil construction



2010:

Foundation of the **Accelerator Consortium**
 16 institutes coordinated by DESY



2012:

Tunnel finished
 Start infrastructure installation

2016:

Accelerator finished
 Start commissioning with cool down



Special Thanks to all Colleagues and Friends



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The European XFEL uses the by far Longest Superconducting Linac Worldwide

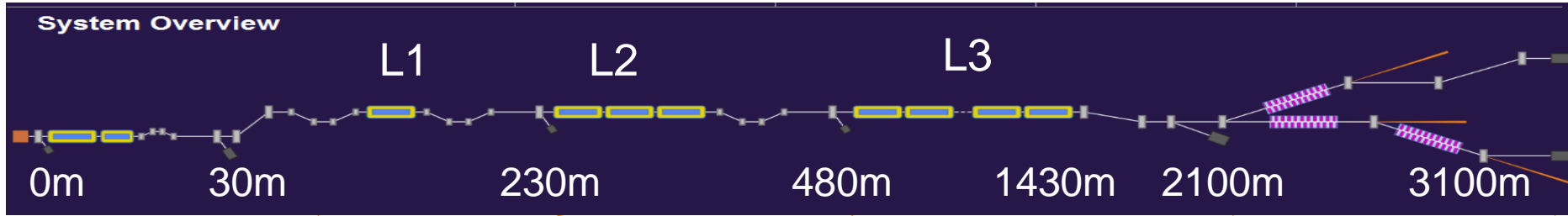


Superconducting Technology

- The successful construction and commissioning of the European XFEL was the result of excellent cooperation within the DESY coordinated **Accelerator Consortium** consisting of 16 institutes.
- The used **TESLA technology** was developed since the early 90ies. **FLASH** is the first result of this R&D and can be seen as the prototype.
- With the European XFEL the **fully successful technology transfer to industry** reached an important point:
 - Other worldwide projects (LCLS-II, ESS, new SRF based FELs at e.g. SINAP, China) are profiting greatly from our efforts.



The first months after the last Users' Meeting



13/01* → 15/01 @ 130 MeV
19/01 @ 600 MeV

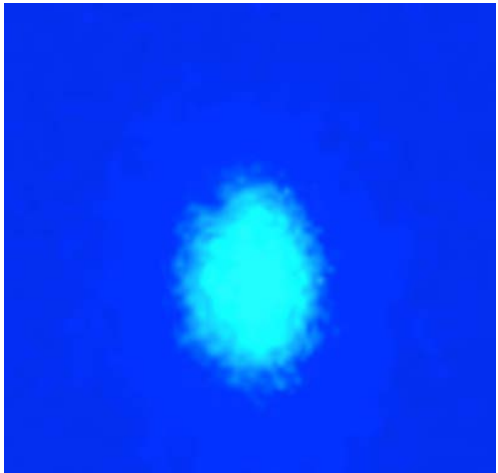
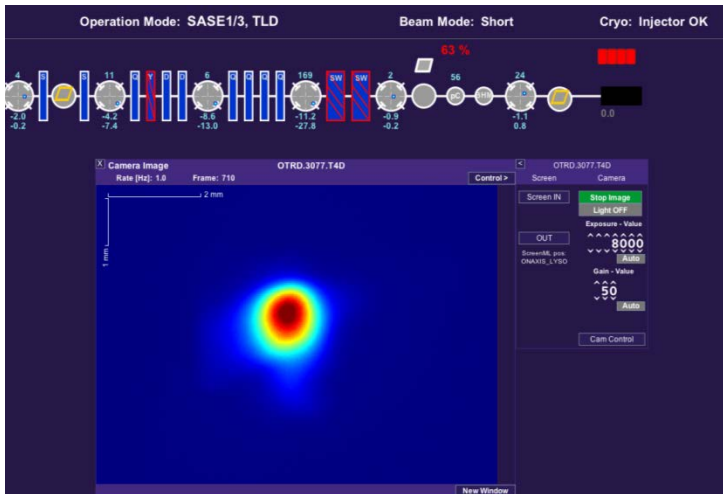
* Beam permission on 13/01

02/02 @ 600 MeV
22/02 @ 2.5 GeV

25/02 @ 2.5 GeV
19/03 @ 6 GeV
08/04 @ 12 GeV

27/04*

27/04 Beam spot before dump



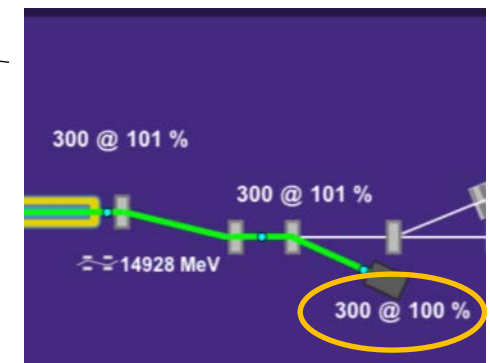
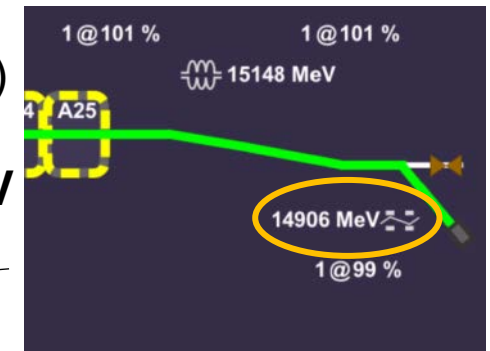
■ First lasing (0.9 nm) reached on May 2nd/3rd

* Beam permission on 26/04

“keen on lasing...”

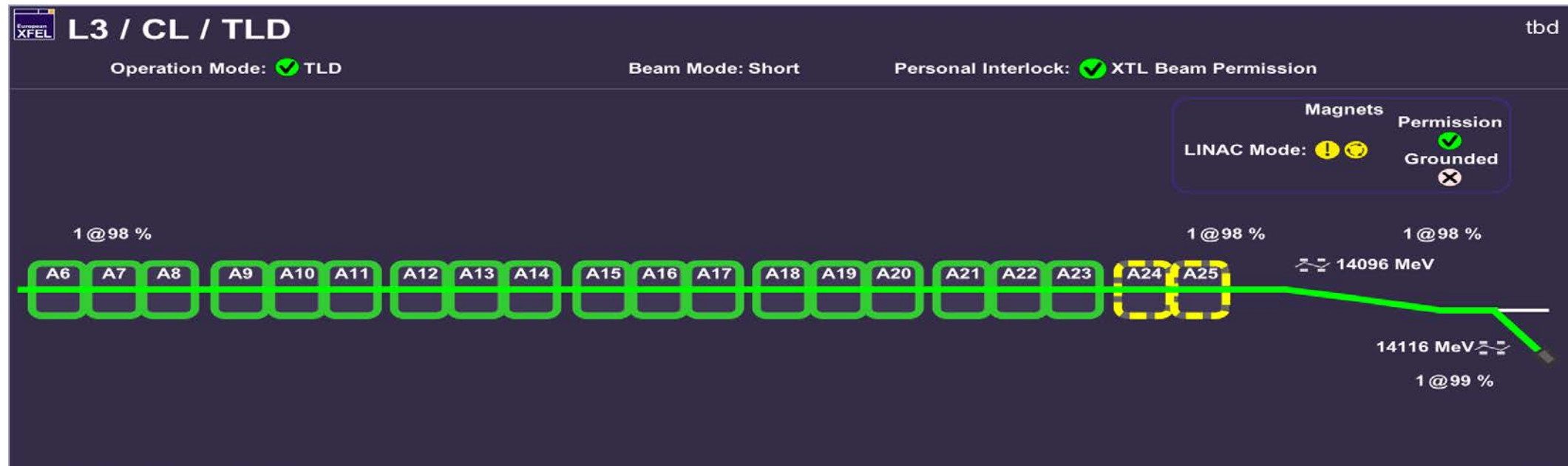
Accelerator Status as of today

- Accelerator has been commissioned according to schedule and towards expected parameters, about 6400 h of scheduled beam time, always being very close to the commissioning schedule
- **23 out of 25 RF** stations commissioned (last two in CS9, will be ready in Q2/2018)
- Maximum potential final energy obtained during dedicated LLRF studies: **16.1 GeV**
- Maximum beam energy **14.9 GeV**, user operation with **14.0 GeV**
- Routine operation with **300 bunches/second** in user mode
- Test operation in linac mode with **3000 bunches/second** (\approx 18 kW beam power)



RF Commissioning: process and results

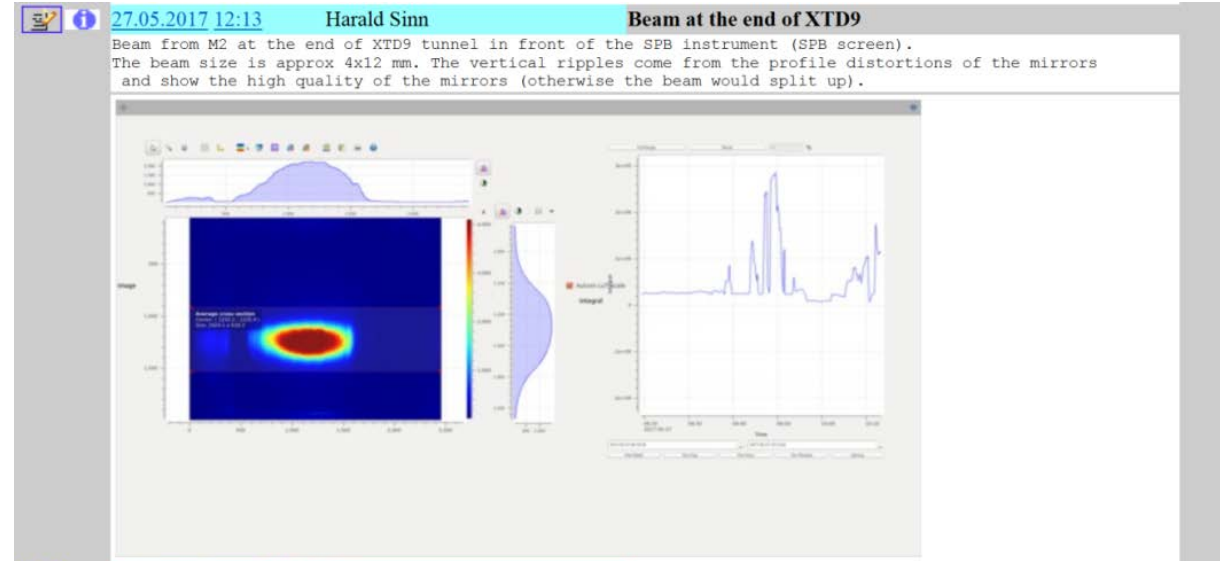
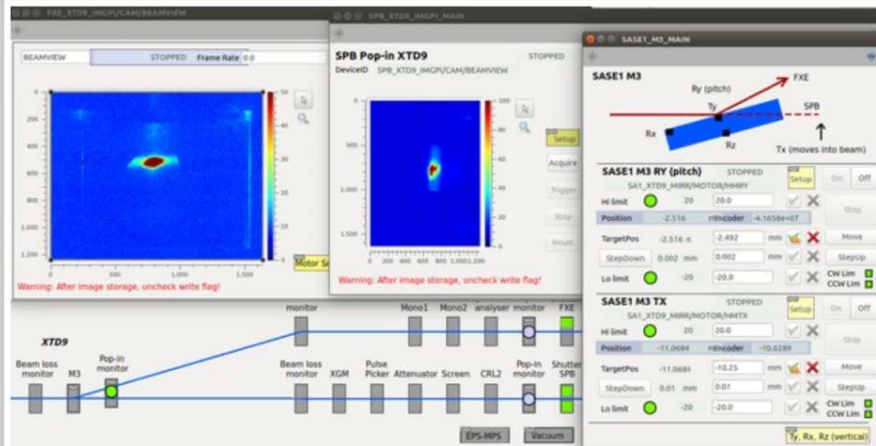
- About 3.5 month total commissioning time with up to 3 teams in parallel
- Without and with electron beam in parallel to other beam commissioning
- 23 out of 25 RF stations initially commissioned
- Operation automated; energy goal for 2017/2018 reached with 1-2 stations in reserve
- Reserve stations can be and are used for further studies / gradient increase



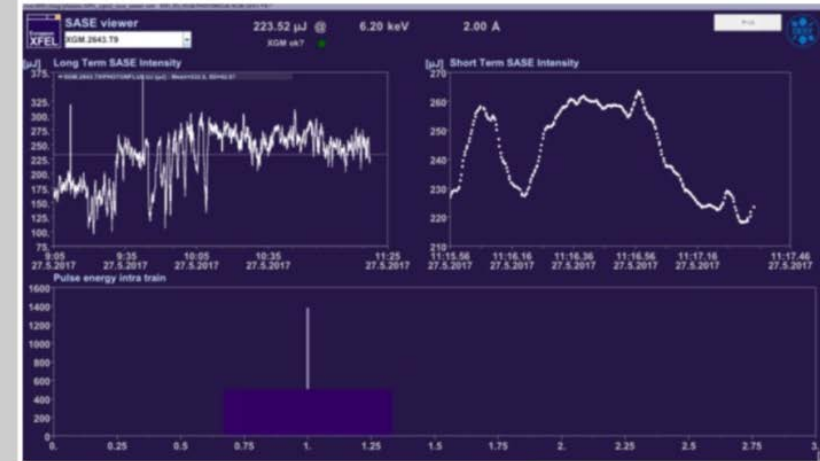
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- Undulator trajectory alignment (23/05)
- 1st lasing at about 6.2 keV (24/05)
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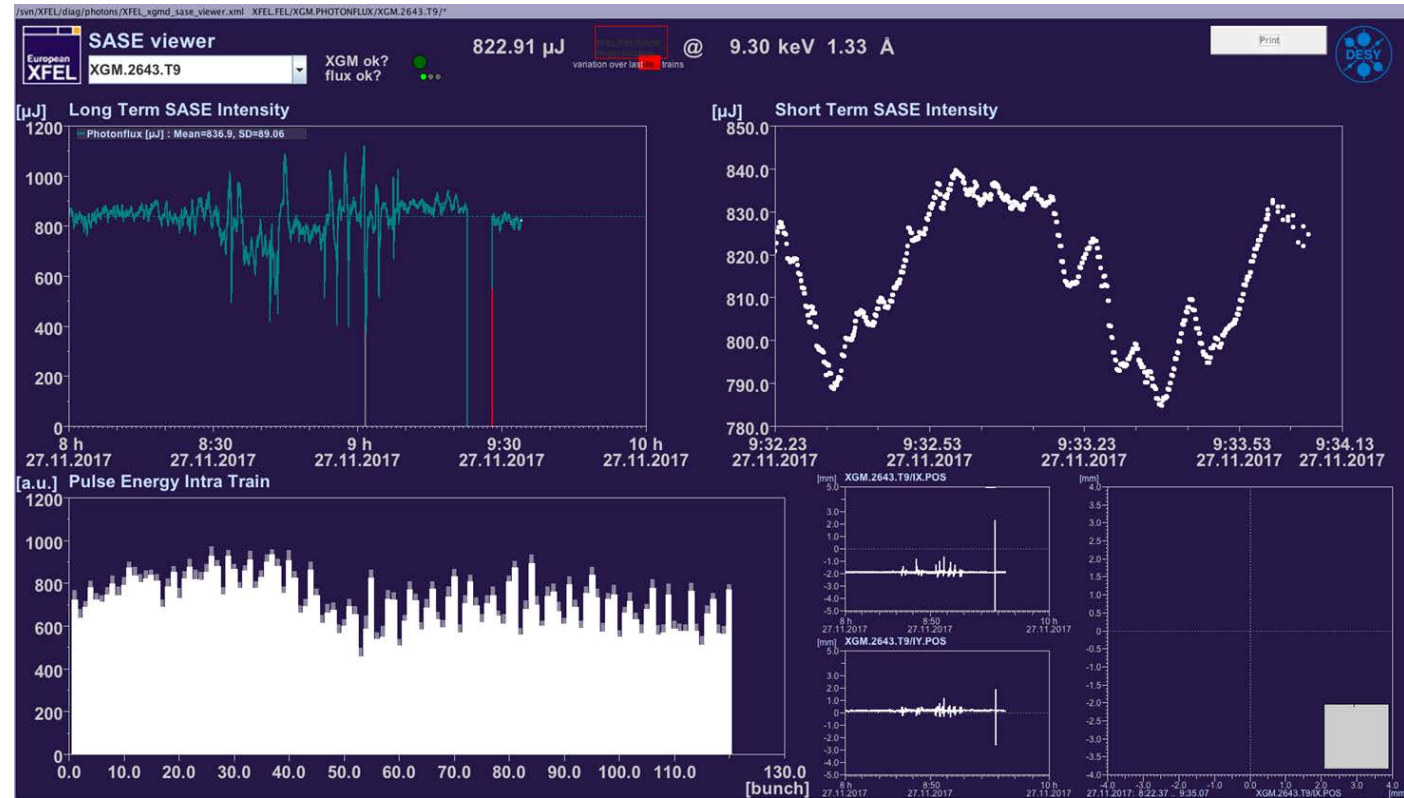


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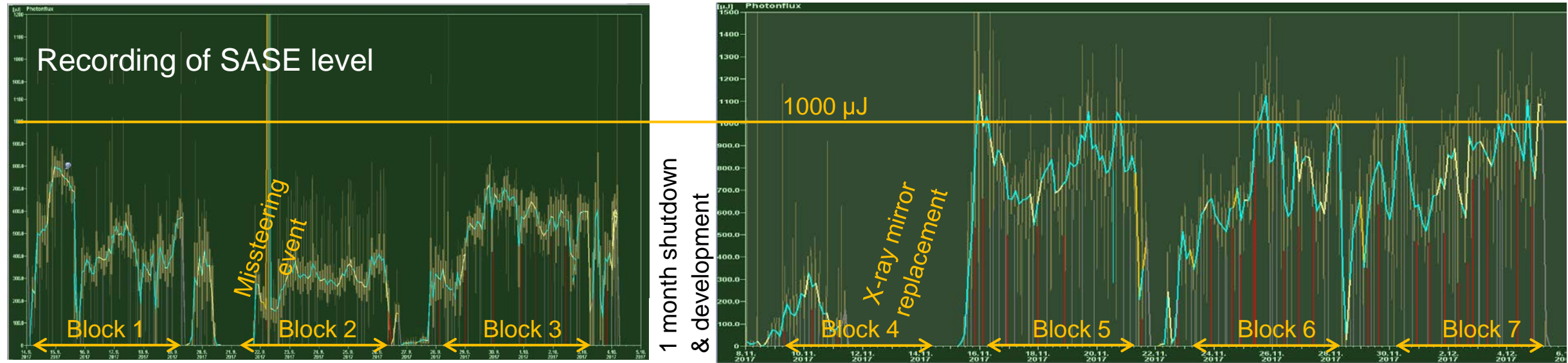
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- Photon systems / experiment commissioning
- First user run (14/09)
- 1200 X-Ray pulses / s (27/11)



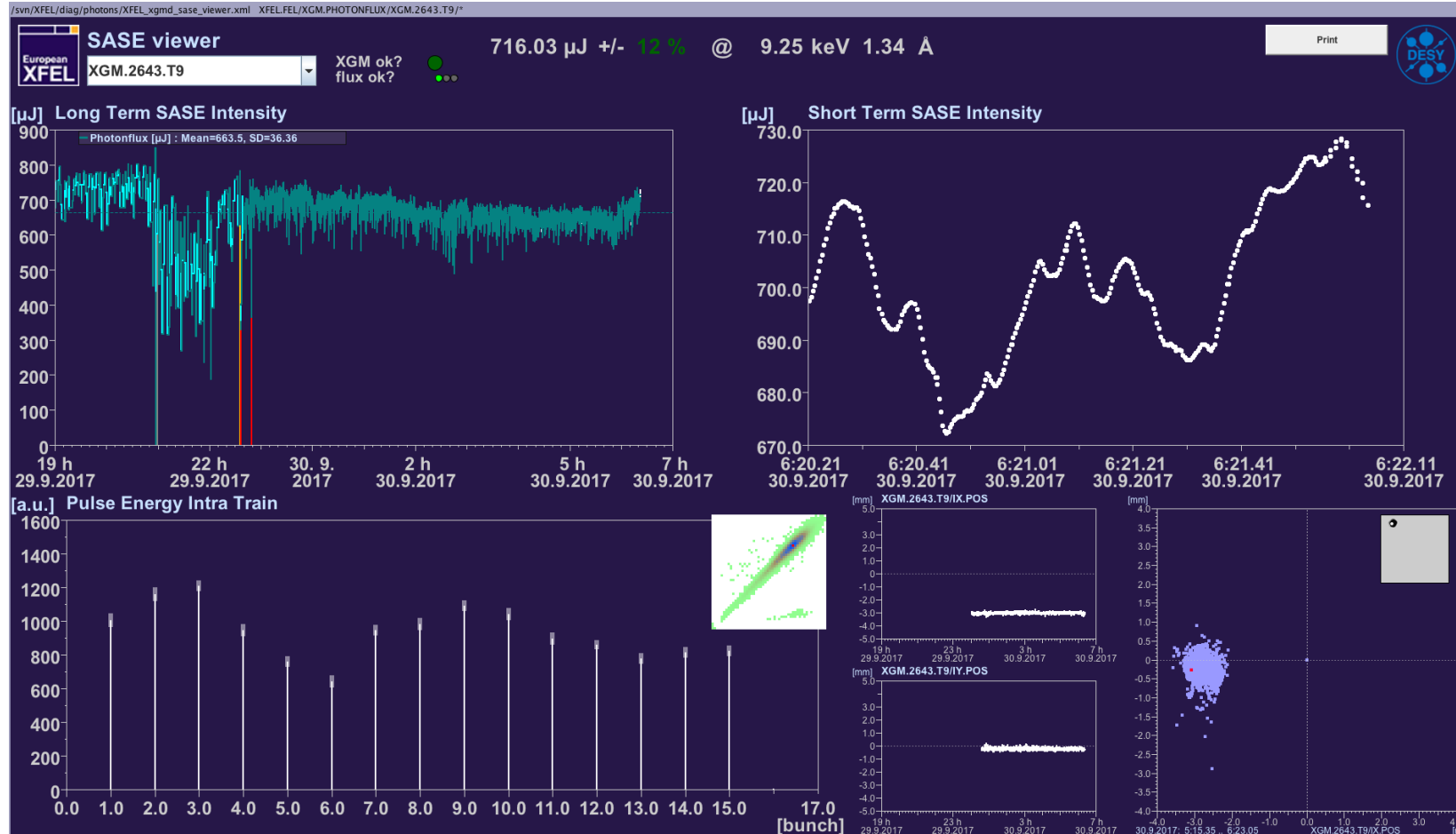
1200 bunches/s lasing – during radiation protection tests

Facility performance during user run



- 7 user blocks, 5 days each, with 2 days in between for set-up & tuning
- 14 GeV, 1-30 bunches, 9.2 - 9.3 keV
- Availability (= SASE delivery above threshold) between 10% (Block 4) and 97% (Block 6&7)
- Little tuning needed (because of limited flexibility offered), but frequent small wavelength changes and variation of bunch number (1-30)
- Prominent error sources: X-ray mirror, operation & controls, RF trips (speedy recovery), magnets

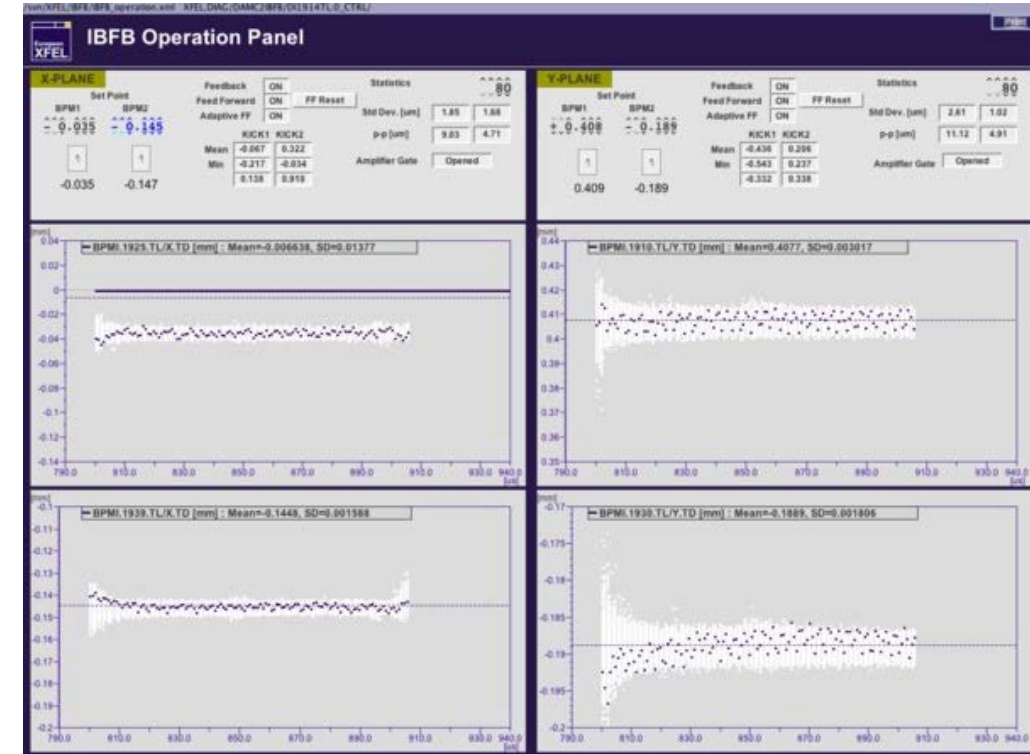
Good User Day (30.09.)



- 14 GeV, 500 pC, 1 to 30 bunches
- Photon energies: 9.2 – 9.3 keV
- fine tuning: Gap & number of bunches on user demand
- Challenging:
 - Easy control of photon wavelength
 - Missing possibility to look for correlation between electron and photon signals
 - Global undulator controls

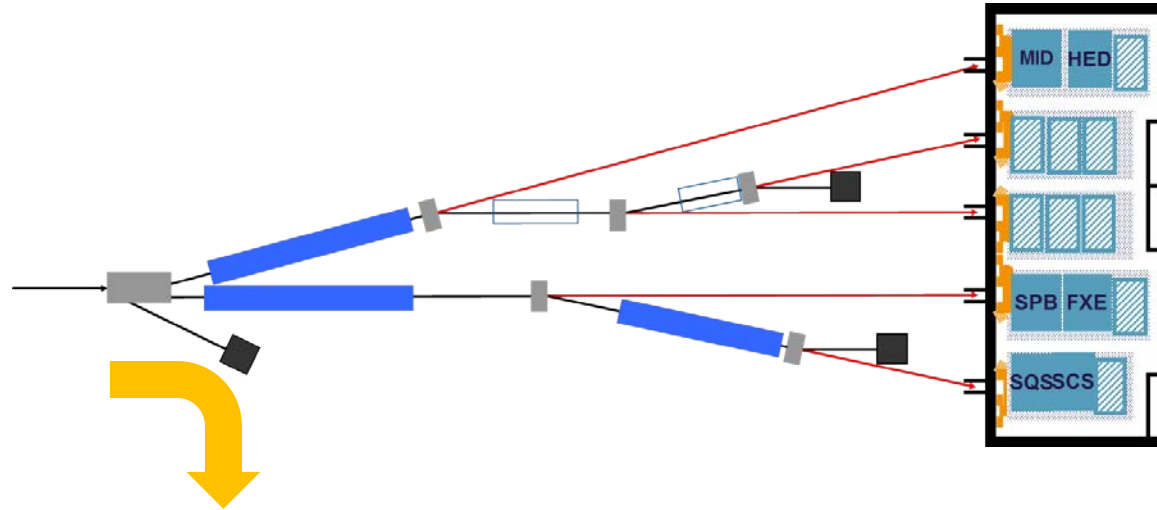
Stability & Feedbacks

- Stability will be greatly improved by feedback systems (needs bunch trains)
- Continue to find – and hunt for – jitter and drift sources
- Need more on-line correlation with photon based signals from photon diagnostics and experiments
- Electron beam measured jitter
 - Transverse jitter about 0.1σ for bunches 5 – 30
 - Energy jitter about $1e-4$
 - Arrival time jitter about 30-40 fs, potential for 10 fs

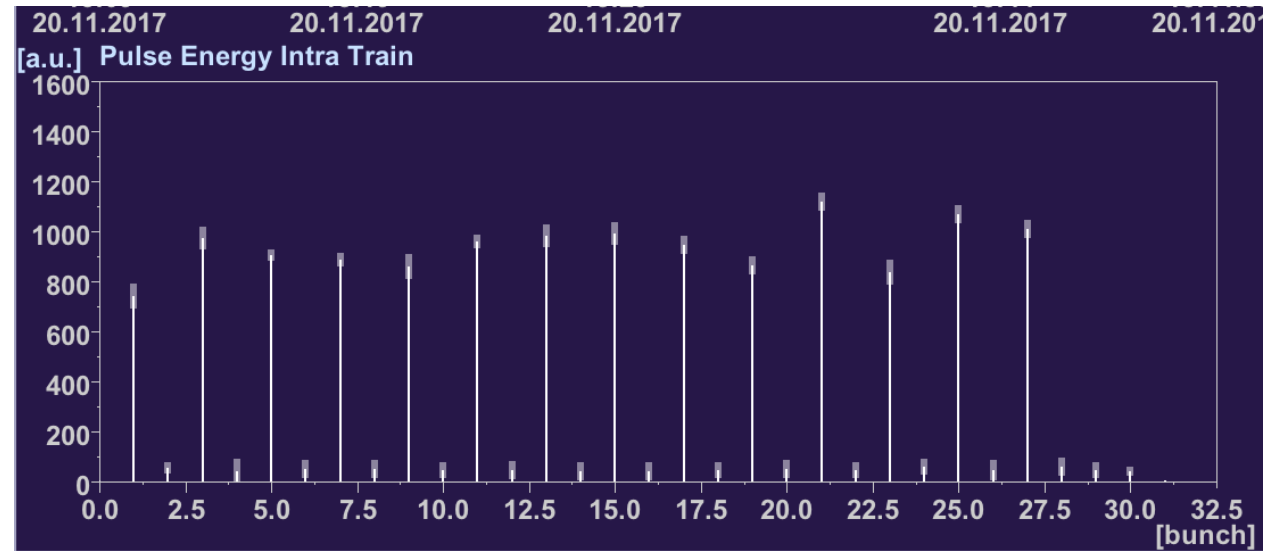
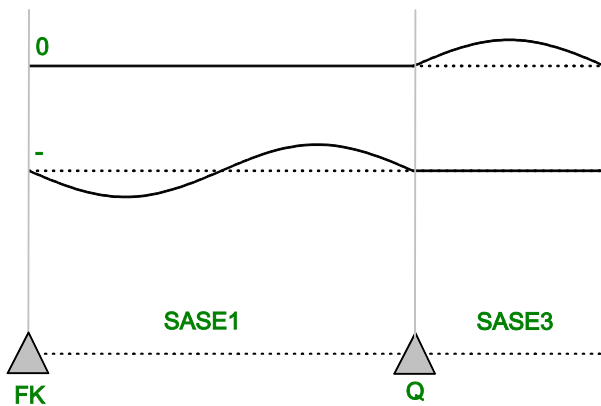


Individual Bunch Pattern

■ Kick bunches into dump after linac

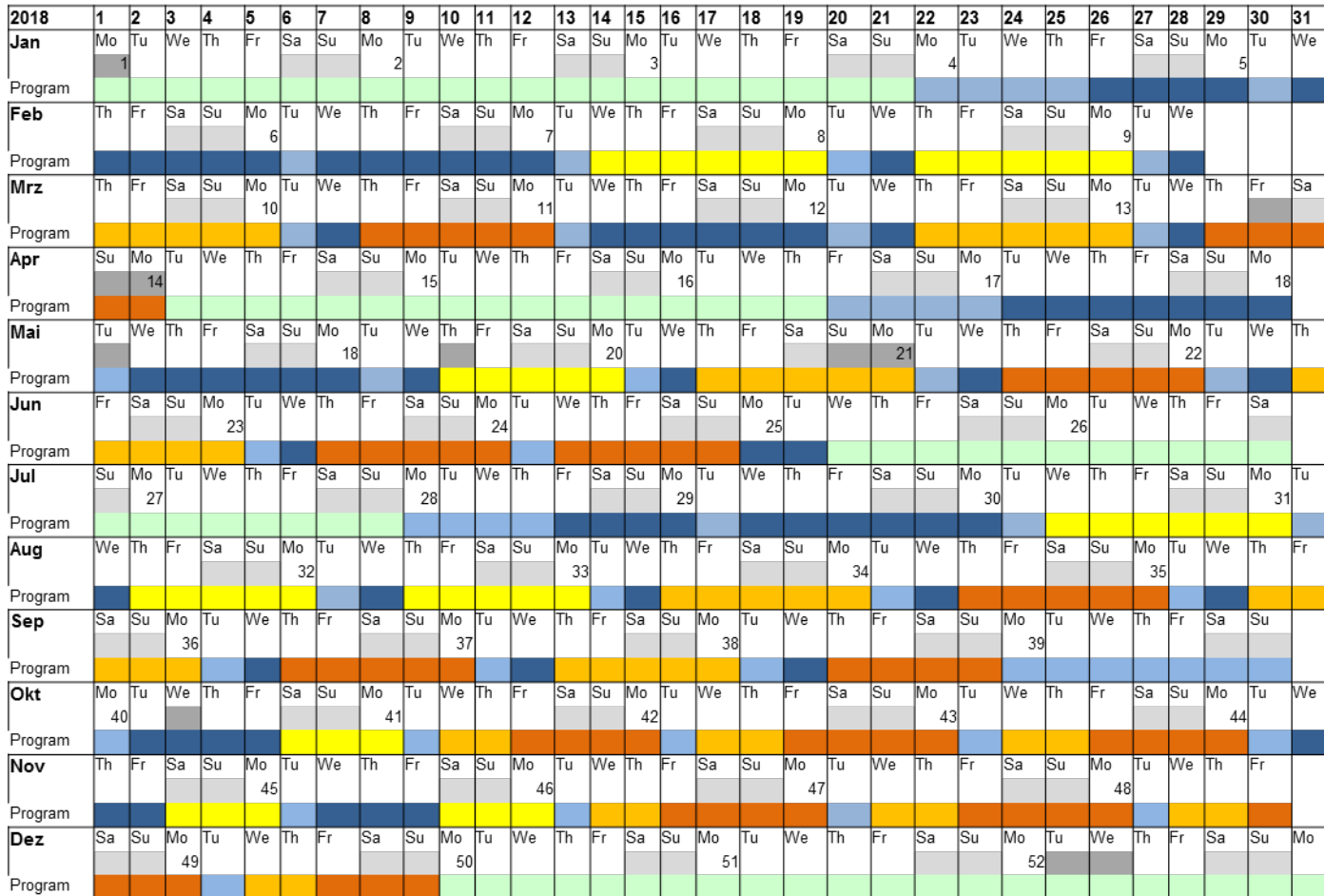


■ Operate SASE3: Suppress lasing in SASE1



Schedule 2018

Legende: Weekend Bank holiday Scheduled down ST AD XD UP/XD XC



SD	Scheduled down
ST	Access, Setup, Tuning
AD	Accelerator Development
XD	X-ray Development
XC	Experiment Development
UP	User Program

- About 6800 hours of operation
- Shutdowns:
 - January & April for CS9
 - June/July for IL and MKK work
 - December for SASE2 self-seeding

Accelerator R&D – Different Categories

IMP:

Improvement of operational stability and efficiency

Continuous R&D to improve operational stability and efficiency of the existing facility. The direction of these activities might alter during operation.

CW:

Continuous Wave (CW) operation of XFEL (common interest with ARD-ST1 program)

R&D with the goal for a credible proposal for an upgrade of the European XFEL towards CW operation.

EXT:

Extension of the facilities' parameters and performance range (common interest with ARD-ST3 program)

Electron source, electron bunch manipulation, novel diagnostics, novel radiation schemes.

OPEN:

Open short term R&D

Goals for 2018

- SASE1: About 1,600 h user operation
- SASE2: First e-beam in March, first lasing in May
 - Commission laser and photon systems parallel to user runs
 - Installation of Self-Seeding Chicanes (December)
- SASE3: First lasing in February
 - photon systems commissioning influences SASE1 operation
- Accelerator:
 - 17.5 GeV by July (continue high gradient task force & CS9 installation and commissioning)
 - 3,000 bunches/second lasing in SASE1 by mid of the year (Possible limitation: dose rate in undulators)
 - 27,000 bunches in XTL by December

2018 E-beam Parameters

Quantity		Project Goal	Achieved	Routine	2018 Goal
electron energy	GeV	8/12.5/14/17.5	6-14.9	14	8/12.5/14/17.5
bunch repetition frequency within pulse	MHz	Up to 4.5	1.1, 4.5	1.1	1.1
bunch charge	pC	20 – 1000	100, 500	500	200, 500
electron bunch length after compression	fs (FWHM)	2 – 180	20, 90	90	40, 90
beam power	kW	500 kW	18 kW	1.8 kW	50 kW
undulators in operation (lasing)		SASE1-3	SASE1	SASE1	SASE1-3
photon energy (SASE1)	keV	0.25 - 25	1,6,9	9-9.5	6-15
photon pulses / s / undulator		27000	1200	300	3000
saturation power (@ 14 GeV, 500 pC, 9 keV)	mJ	1	1	0.4	1