

Proposal for:

FAIR Accelerator & Beam Modes

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- Purpose:

- A) Communication of intended accelerator operation to experiments, FAIR and wider community

- what to expect and when

- B) Conditioning of control sub-system responses

- e.g. logging, interlocks, management of critical settings (RBAC), machine sequencer, access system, ...

→ associated rules of what is allowed, when, where etc. some examples:

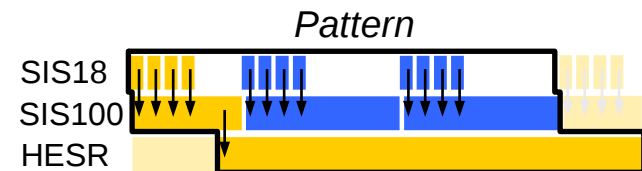
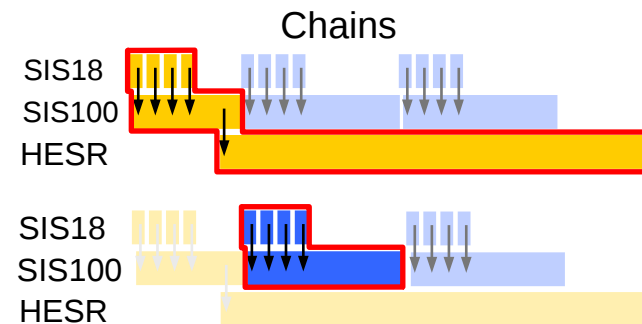
- Limit parameter changes during data taking – aka. 'Stable Beams'/'Production Runs'
- no beam data being logged during 'shut-down' period
- no high-intensity beam injected into an 'empty' machine
- block certain operation during un-safe mode of operation, e.g.
 - moving in beam screens during production runs or while high-intensity beam is being extracted
 - settings change that could affect efficiency/safety of machine operation (e.g. slow-extraction)
 - uncontrolled remote tests on an operational devices during beam operation

- *Beam-Production-Chain:*

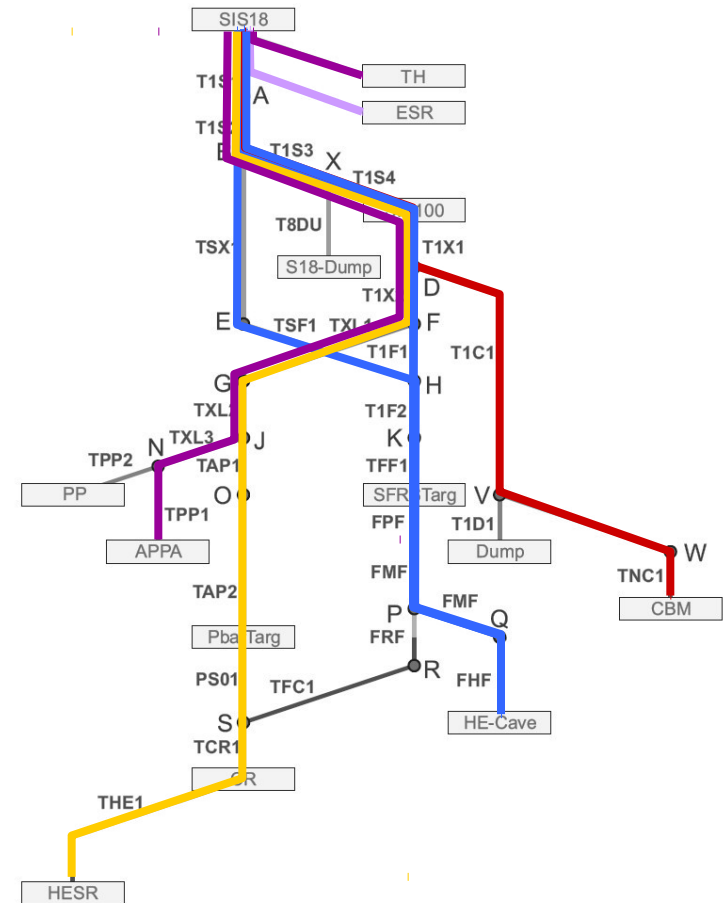
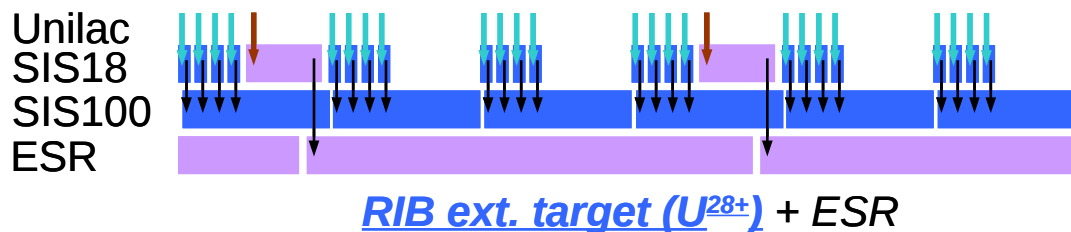
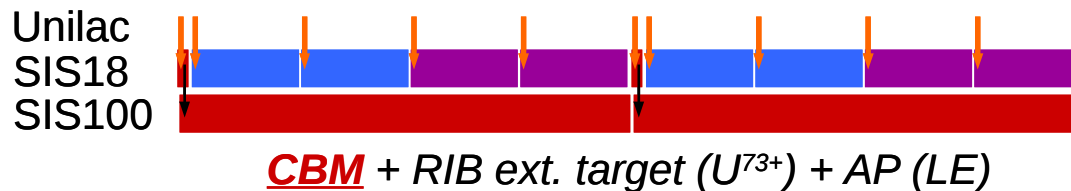
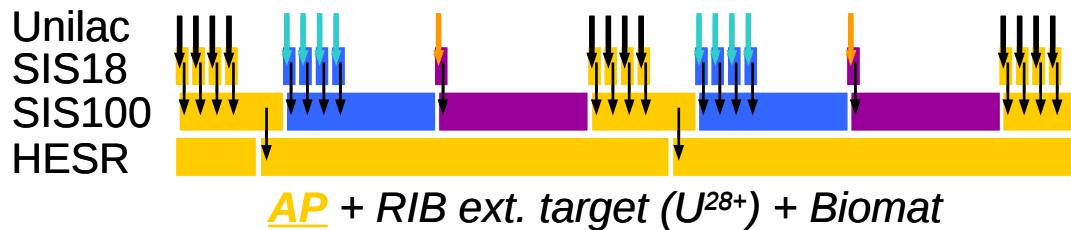
- organisational structure to manage parallel operation and beam transfer through FAIR accelerator facility
- defines sequence and parameters of beam line from the ion-source up to an experimental cave (e.g. APPA, CBM, SuperFRS, ...)
- definition of target beam parameters (set values): isotope, energy, charge, peak intensity, slow/fast extraction, ...

- *Beam Pattern:*

- grouping of beam production-chains that are executed periodically
- can be changed of pattern within few minutes (target, requires automation for beam-based retuning)



Periodic beam patterns, dominated by one main experiment:



courtesy D. Ondreka

Mode:

- **deliberate user-driven state** used to precondition the control system behaviour and responses independent of the actual accelerator or beam state → 'reference' or 'desired target' of operation (long-term)
 - formal agreement between accelerator operations and experimental users w.r.t. what to expect
- Tracked by operator (initially) and semi-automated sequencer to follow normal operational sequence
 - Example 1: 'Shut-Down' → 'Cool-Down' → 'Machine Check-Out'
 - Example 2: ... → 'no beam' → 'pilot beam' → 'intensity ramp-up' → 'adjust' → 'stable beams/production for physics' → ...
 - need to limit number of mutually exclusive and concise modes ↔ overhead of settings generation and their checks
- no real-time requirements

Actual State:

- **measured current state** of the accelerator/beam (short-term)
 - perviates accelerator & beam mode definition & equally used as a ad-hoc/post condition
 - Examples: Beam-Presence-Flag (BPF), Setup-Beam-Flag (SBF), Injection & Extraction Permit (MP interlock states)
- real-time requirements
- **Examples:**
 - 'No Beam' beam mode declares intend (as an agreement) that there will be no beam in the machine
 - 'Beam Presence Flag' is measured actual state whether there is (/was) beam in the machine or not
 - N.B. obviously a 'NO BEAM' beam mode & 'BPF=true' should lead to an interlock
- **Shouldn't mix 'modes' with 'actual states' to prevent circular dependencies, priority/causality inversions**

- Main modes:

- 1) Accelerator (Machine) Modes

- covering rule sets outside of beam operation
- defined per accelerator/transfer-line segment

- 2) Beam Modes

- covering rule sets during beam operation
- defined per accelerator/transfer-line segment and beam-production-chain

- 3) 'is operational' mode (boolean flag)

- defines whether device/machine control is handled by OP from MCR (formalised handover from development/'machine check-out' to OP)
- e.g. non-MCR access to 'operational device ' is locked down as soon as e.g. 'MACHINE-CHECKOUT' mode is reached (↔ access via RBAC still possible)

Follows annual life-cycle of accelerator facility

- **Operation without Beam:**

- SHUTDOWN
 - could imply possibility of open/controlled access or no powering
- COOLDOWN (SIS100, SFRS)
 - typ. 2-3 weeks, limited/no access
 - need to distinguish between a 'warm' and cold' shutdown?
- BAKE-OUT (SIS18, HEBT, ...) – similar to cool-down
- WARM-UP (SIS100, SFRS)
- RECOVERY (SIS100, SFRS)
 - after quench, partial vacuum loss, typ. few hours - day
 - includes e.g. periodic magnet CYCLING to stabilise hysteresis
- MACHINE-CHECKOUT
 - operations tests without beam in view of beam operation
 - (e.g. power converter calibration, magnet patrol, etc.)
 - done once after a long shutdown, typ. few weeks before beam operation
- ACCESS (during beam operation periods)
 - controlled access for specific tasks only (signature by MCs & OP)

operation without beam
(part of shut-down coordination)

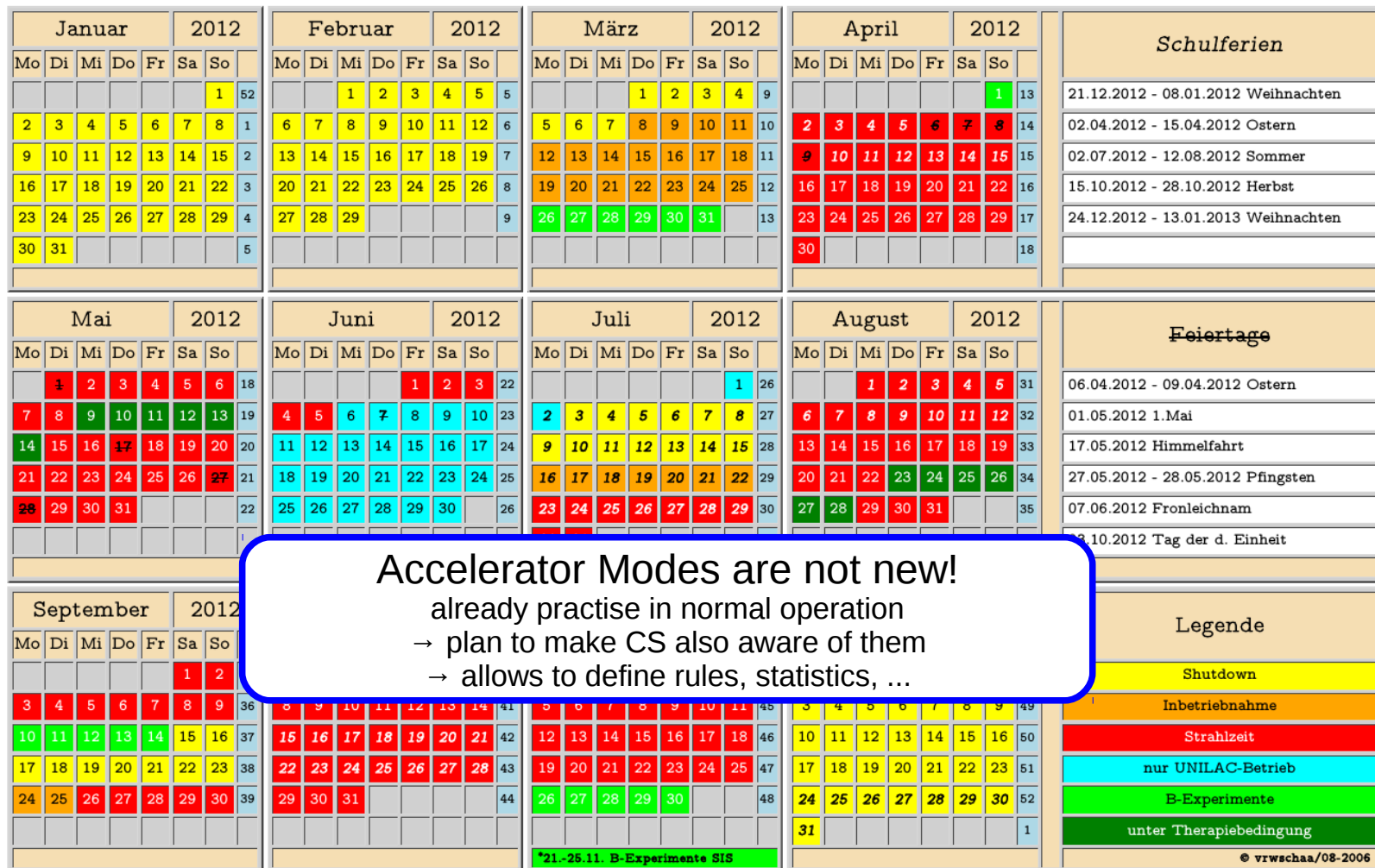
- **Operation with Beam:**

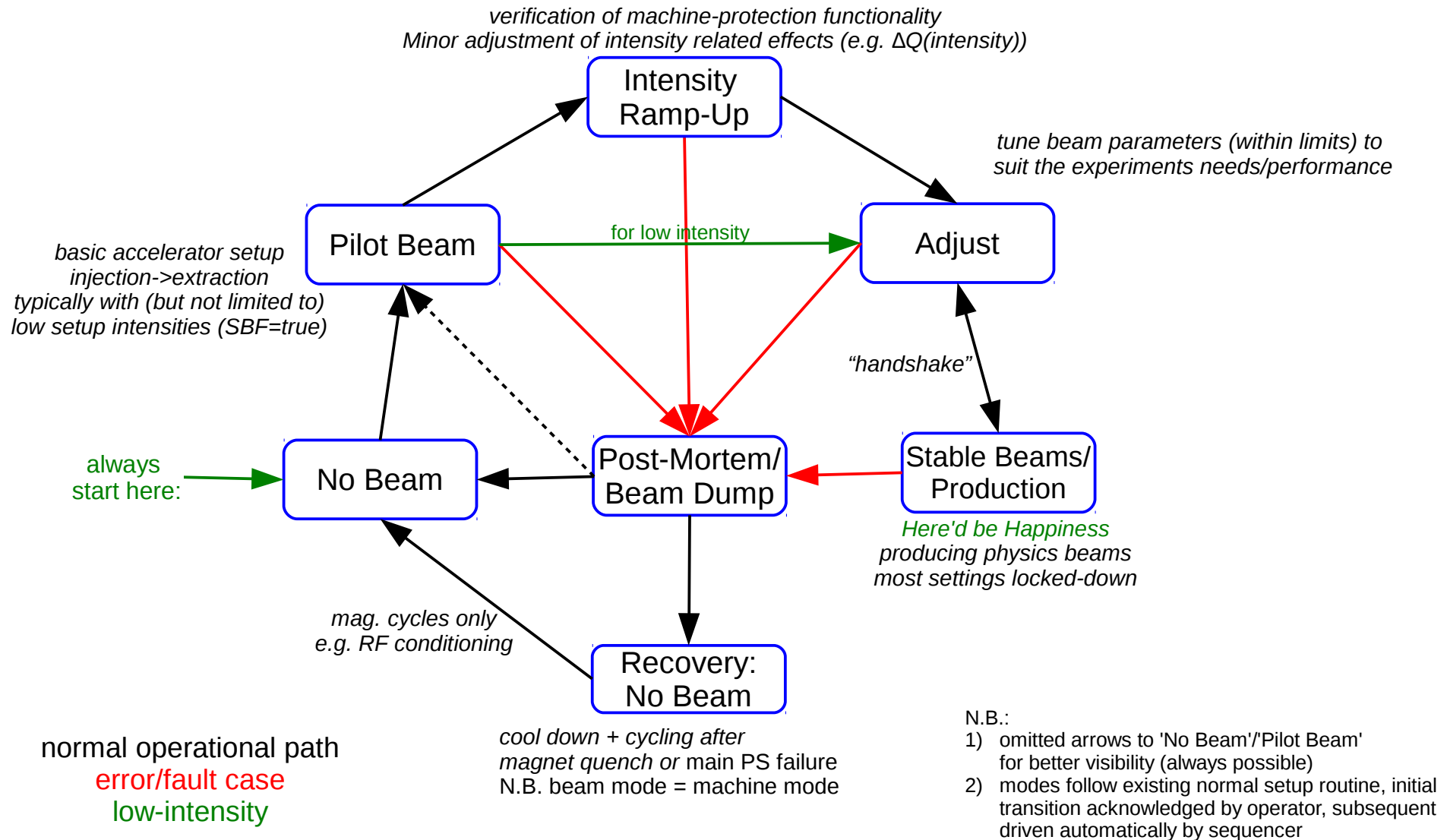
- BEAM SETUP or MACHINE SETUP
 - focus on initial/re-commissioning, machine setup after long shut-down + OP training
- PHYSICS
- MACHINE DEVELOPMENT
 - focus on accelerator/beam physics aspects
- MACHINE TEST (during beam operation periods)
 - controls, RF, new front-end, ... tests w/o beam + OP training
 - Ad-hoc during beam operation but not 'Physics' nor 'MD'

describe main aim
of machine operation
+
info & Accounting
type modes

Example: GSI Beam Schedule aka. "Strahlzeitplan"

Planung Strahlzeit- und Shutdownperioden 2012 (Stand 17.10.2012, W. Bayer)





- Follows life-cycle of beam setup and production – also not new, de-facto how
 - **NO BEAM**
 - prevent/stop beam being injected by design (\leftrightarrow mode)
 - **PILOT BEAM** – alternate: Beam Setup?
 - Establishing main machine parameters: injection steering, RF capture, ramp, orbit, Q/Q', optics checks, extraction
 - typically done with low setup-intensities
 - **INTENSITY RAMP-UP** – should we differentiate stages? e.g.: INT. RAMP-UP #1, INT. RAMP-UP #2, ... ?
 - beam parameter tuning and checks related to increasing intensities (e.g. slow extraction, space-charge, etc.)
 - check of interlocks & machine protection functionalities (limited user group only \leftrightarrow special RBAC role for e.g. interlock settings)
 - **ADJUST**
 - Perform actions/change minor beam parameters (“minor” needs to be defined)
 - tune beam parameters (within limits) to suit the experiments needs/performance
 - **STABLE BEAMS** – alternate: PRODUCTION (for physics)
 - main intend is to deliver stable beam to experiments
 - tbd: very limited machine tuning
 - **BEAM-DUMP or POST-MORTEM**
 - response to quench, MP action, or other action that needs to be analysed before one can continue with normal operation
 - **RECOVERY**
 - recovering from severe post-mortem, essentially includes 'CYCLING'
- For storage rings (essentially only ESR & HESR)
 - Do we need INJECTION/ACCUMULATION & RAMP modes?

Beam Modes are not new!
already practise in normal operation
→ plan to make CS also aware of them
→ allows to define rules, statistics, ...

		Accelerator Mode									
		Shut-down	Cool-down	Warm-Up	Recovery	Beam Operation					
						Machine-Checkout	Access	Machine Test	Beam Setup	Physics	Machine Development
Beam Mode	No Beam	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Pilot Beam								X	X	X
	Intensity Ramp-Up								X	X	X
	Adjust								X	X	X
	Stable Beams									X	
	Post-Mortem								X	X	X
	Recovery								X	X	X

N.B. defined per
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beam production chain

concatenation of <accelerator mode>:<beam mode>
e.g. 'Shut-down:No Beam', 'Physics:Pilot Beam'

- indicates that cycle/settings have been validated with Pilot- or Physics-Beam in the recent past*
 - main usage: prevent high-intensity injections into an 'empty' machine with new untested magnetic settings or modified machine conditions
 - defined per accelerator or transfer-line segment (where necessary)
 - flag being set if settings are basically OK (excluding high-intensity effects) w.r.t. basic accelerator function. Example:
 1. empty machine → beam mode set to 'PILOT BEAM'
 2. check/tune: injection, RF capture, orbit, tune, chromaticity, ramping, extraction, transmission, ...
 3. Compare results with targets (either by design or from Archiving System)
 4. if result is with predefined limits → 'BPF:=true' + time stamp
 - initial check done by operator, subsequent updates by sequencer
 5. sequencer: repeat steps 2-4 in parallel and update time stamp when applicable
 - To be discussed/defined:
 - when are 'settings' are the 'same', 'marginally' and 'sufficiently' different to force stepping back to 'pilot beams' ↔ affects: settings check, tolerance bands & MCS
 - Proposal to automatically expire when 'Accelerator Mode' changed
 - e.g. Physics → Access → Physics
 - when to 'expire' the BPF: after a few minutes, hours, days, weeks?
 - N.B. *'recent past' ↔ slightly different definition compared to LHC

- Indicates beam used to setup beam production chain (typically low-intensity)
 - Interlocks targeted for high-intensity operation may impact setup and availability with low-intensities.
 - defined per accelerator or transfer-line segment (where necessary)
 - SBF provides flexibility of masking interlocks during setup periods
 - Flag derived automatically by beam current transformers (simple threshold)
 - 'SBF=TRUE': less critical interlocks can be masked
 - improves availability
 - 'SBF=FALSE': masked interlocks are automatically un-masked
 - limits risk of forgotten but for high-intensities critical masked interlocks
 - Examples:
 - temporary transmission of 20% OK during setup but shouldn't keep this disabled once moving to high-intensity operation with same beam type
 - Beam screens, wire-grids create extraction/injection interlock when inserted to protect themselves. Interlock can be however be masked if the 'SBF==true' + additional beam mode requirements: e.g. not in 'STABLE BEAMS' or 'INTENSITY RAMP-UP', etc.

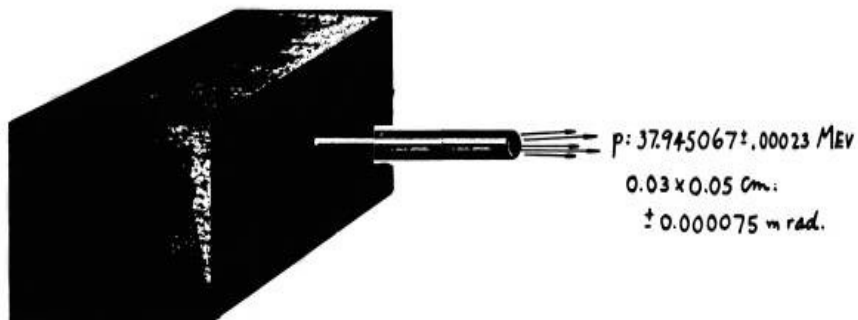
- *N.B. why 'Setup' and not 'Safe': SBF formerly also coined as 'safe beam flag', but 'setup' preferred to 'safe' since
 1. some of the setup operations need to be done with un-safe beam intensities,
 2. there is no unconditional 'safe intensity' for some very sensitive devices (e.g. SIS100 e.-s. septa, Si tracker)
 3. Old/known concept: should stick to common terminology already established in other facilities (CERN)
- Examples:
 - e.g. setup of slow extraction (different emittances due to 'emittance \leftrightarrow intensity' correlation, etc.)
 - e.g. setup of BLM thresholds with nominal beam intensities
- SBF-maskable interlock candidates: mostly more complex & BI-derived interlocks:
 - beam transmission & beam loss monitoring (\leftrightarrow beam availability during beam setup)
 - beam screens & multi-wire grids (protect when necessary)
 - orbit during injection, ramp & extraction (\leftrightarrow uncertain reliability)
 - long-term: longitudinal (easier) & transverse emittance
- To be discussed:
 - BPF & SBF transmission via timing system alongside accelerator & beam mode information
 - no BCT information \rightarrow 'SBF:=FALSE'
 - if $(t_{\text{now}} - t_{\text{BPF}}) > \Delta t_{\text{thresh.}}$ \rightarrow BPF:=FALSE'
 - Integration of SIS18/SIS100 current transformer, threshold definition, time-scales, reliability
 - Simple threshold, evaluated 100 (10?) ms before SIS18/SIS100 extraction; no information \rightarrow 'SBF:=FALSE'

- Injection/Extraction Permit
 - SIS100 equipped with fast-abort-system that de-facto defines this
 - need similar structure also for SIS18, Super-FRS, HEBT, ... to suppress extraction/injection of unsafe high intensity beam
 - e.g. when beam screens are inserted in transfer-line

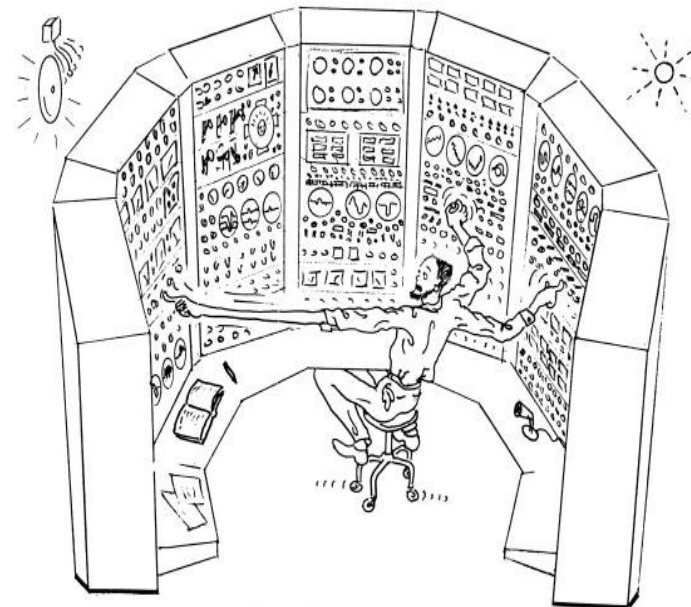
- Accelerator & Beam Modes:
 - 'modes' are deliberate user-driven states declaring the intended operation/sequences
 - [Communication of intended accelerator operation to experiments, FAIR and wider community](#)
 - [Conditioning of control sub-system responses](#)
 - Proposed modes:
 - [Accelerator Modes \(11\)](#): SHUTDOWN, COOLDOWN, WARM-UP, RECOVERY, MACHINE-CHECKOUT, ACCESS, MACHINE TEST, Operation with Beam (info): BEAM SETUP, PHYSICS & MACHINE DEVELOPMENT
 - covering rule sets outside of beam operation, defined per accelerator/transfer-line segment
 - [Beam Modes \(7\)](#): NO-BEAM → PILOT BEAM → INTENSITY RAMP-UP → ADJUST → STABLE BEAMS + POST-MORTEM & RECOVER
 - covering rule sets during beam operation, defined per accelerator/transfer-line segment and beam-production-chain
- 'Actual States' – measure current states
 - Beam-Presence-Flag, Setup-Beam-Flag, Injection/Extraction Permit
 - N.B. should refer to 'setup beam' rather than 'safe beam'
- Next steps:
 - re-iterate concept through FAIR Commissioning & Control WG (FC²WG)
 - Prepare and circulate dedicated specification via EDMS as reference document (target: Q3-2015)
 - N.B. present information spread out/included into documents with other larger/different focus

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Appendix



... the experimental physicist



... the operator

... two modes:
'Beam-on or Beam-off'

needs good
compromise

... more than two modes

- Mode changes need to be logged and used as meta-data for archiving & system machine performance analysis, e.g.
 - Accelerator performance: intensity/particles-on-target during 'Stable Beams'
 - Accelerator availability: how was allocated beam time spread across 'Beam Setup', 'Intensity Ramp-Up', 'Adjust' & 'Stable Beams' for given experiment
 - establishes reference for future, identifies bottlenecks/inefficiencies to be targeted
 - Beam parameter stability during 'Stable Beams' (e.g. orbit, Q/Q', transmission)
- Accelerator modes are independent for every machine/transfer line segment
 - Respect modes in accelerator chain
 - e.g. cannot have down-stream machine in 'production beams' while up-stream machine is e.g. in 'ACCESS', 'PILOT BEAMS', etc.
- Beam modes are different for beam production chains
 - e.g. SIS100 could be in 'PRODUCTION' for U^{28+} but in 'SETUP' for Au^{79+}
 - Need to check for accelerator modes that are global (e.g. access, recover, cool-down)