

PERSONAL SAFETY SYSTEMS AT DESY AND EUROPEAN XFEL IN TRANSITION.

From Legacy Infrastructure to Modern Safety

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Outline



Personal Safety Systems at DESY - An Overview

- PSS at DESY
- Legal Framework
- Safety Functions
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DESY Campus Overview

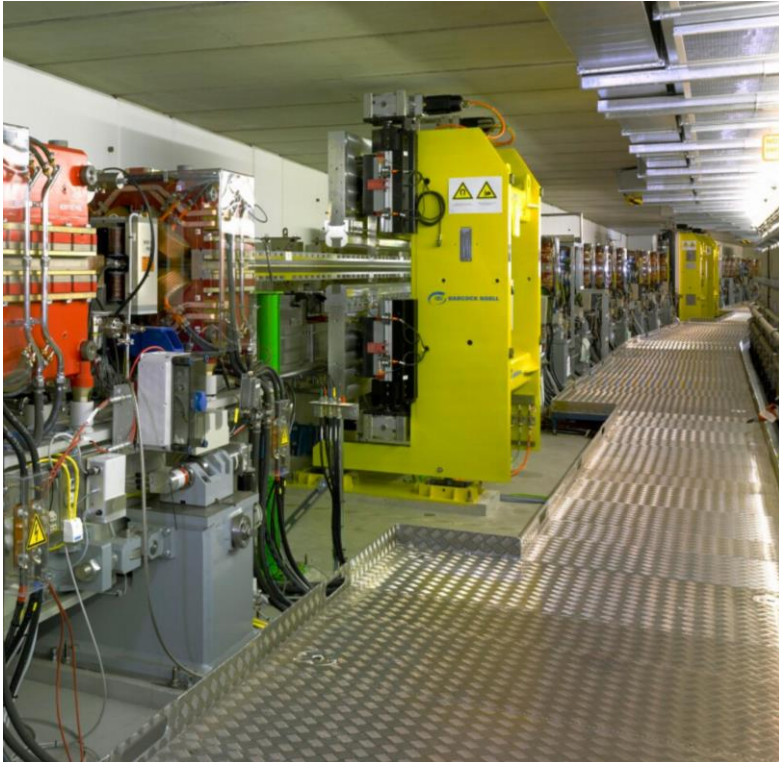


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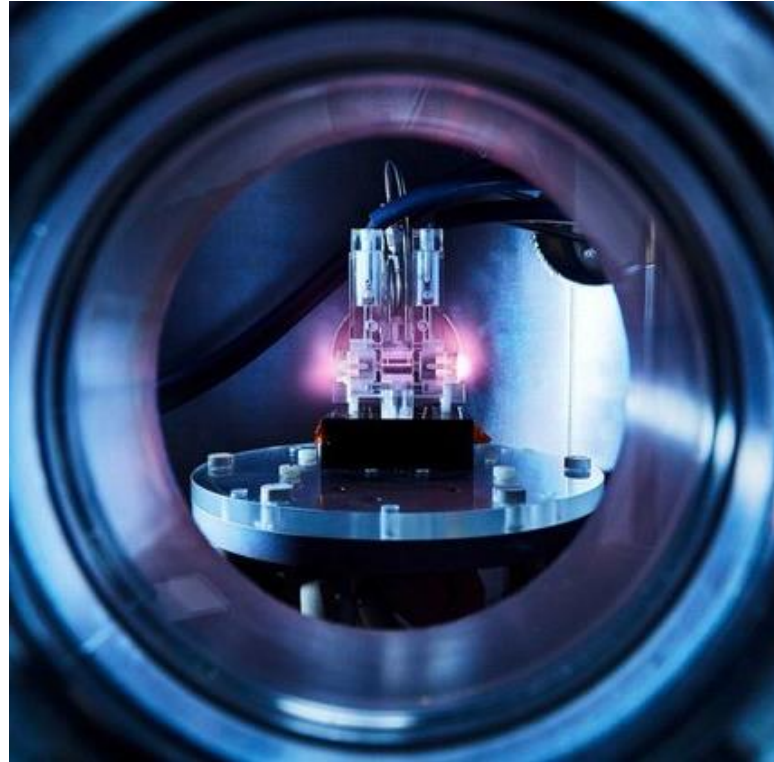
DESY Campus Overview - 18 facilities require PSS



Accelerators and Test Facilities at DESY with PSS (Personal Safety System)



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Accelerator Test Facilities @ DESY



Test Stands @ DESY

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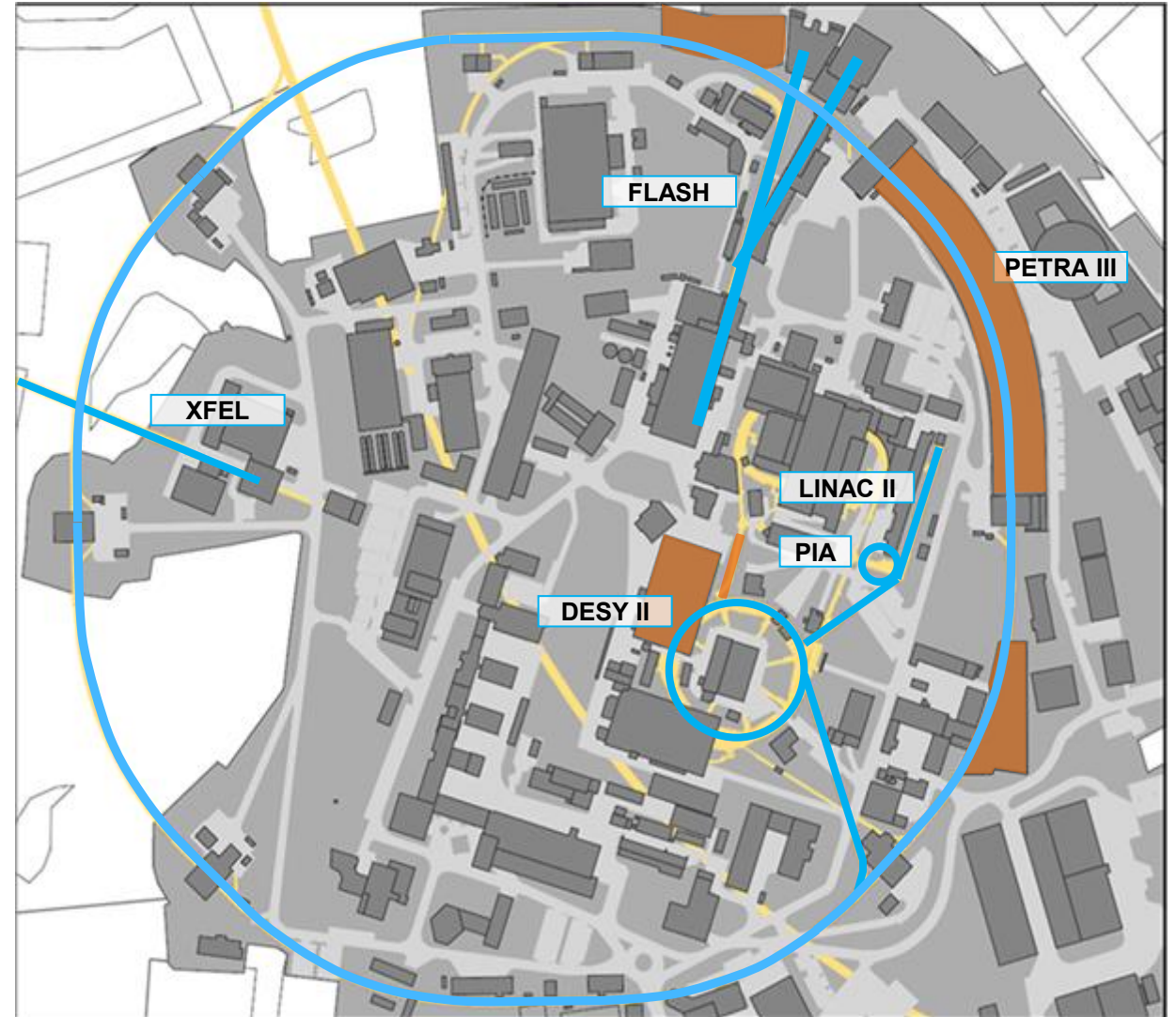
LINAC II: Electron source and pre-accelerator PETRA III

DESY II: Pre-accelerator PETRA III
User facility → 5 Experimental setups

PETRA III: 3rd generation synchrotron radiation source
with 25 user beamlines

FLASH: Free Electron Laser (FEL)
with 4 user beamlines

XFEL: X-Ray Free Electron Laser
with 7 experimental hutches



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Accelerator Test Facilities at DESY

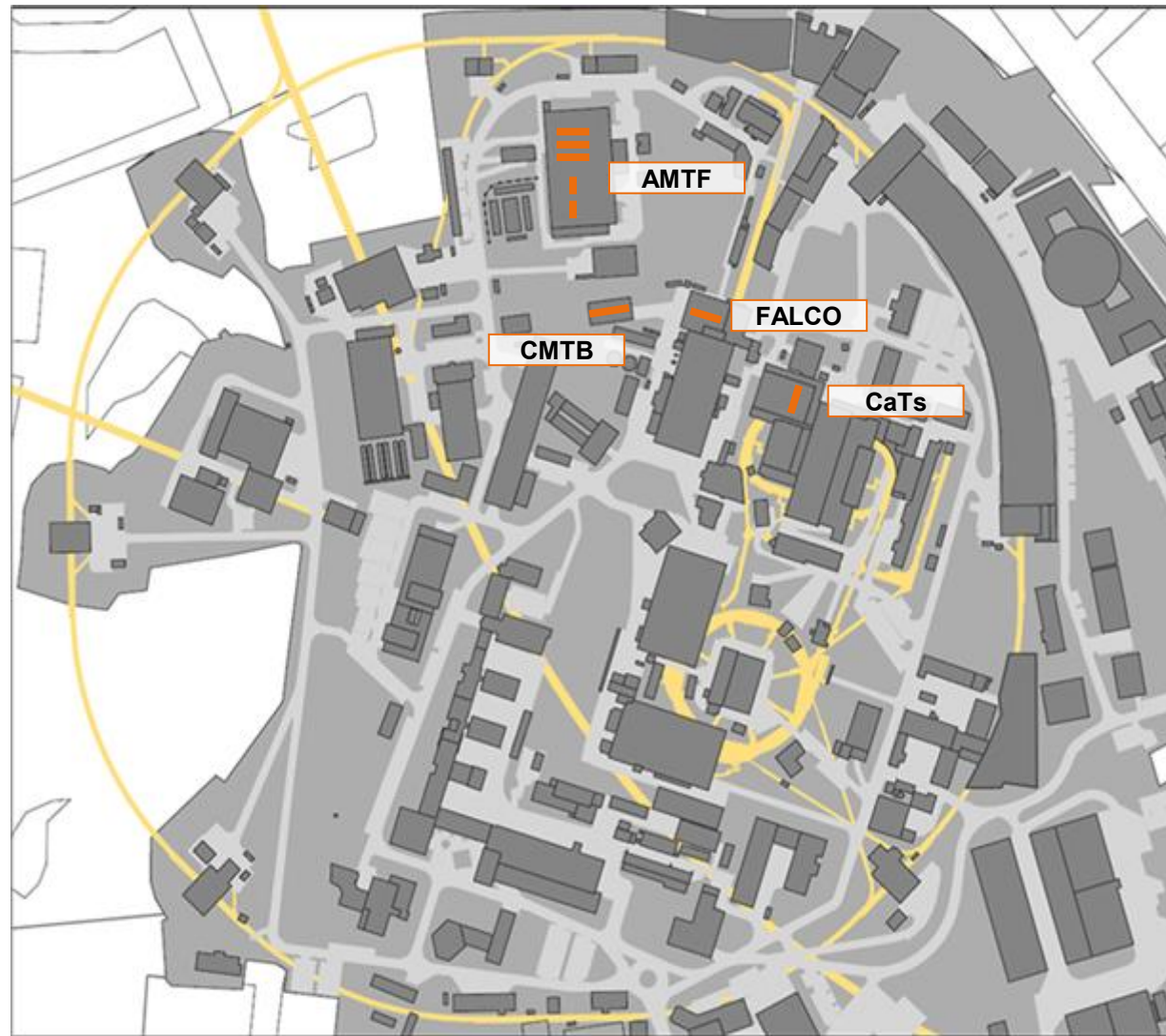
- ARES:** Test accelerator for diagnostics, radiation dose experiments, e-flash therapy
- REGAE:** Test facility for UED
- LUX:** Laser-plasma accelerator test facility for long-time operation, FEL beam and LPA injection
- KALDERA:** Laser-plasma accelerator test facility for high repetition rate operation,
- FORWARD:** Laser-plasma accelerator test facility for development of accelerator schemes and diagnostics and industrial applications
- FLASH FORWARD:** Beam-driven plasma accelerator test facility



Accelerators and Test Facilities at DESY with PSS (Personal Safety System)

Test Stands at DESY

- FALCO: Test stand for testing and conditioning RF cavities (XFEL, FLASH)
- CaTs: Test stand for testing and conditioning RF cavities and RF components (DESY, PETRA)
- AMTF: Test stand for performance tests of XFEL cryomodules, cold tests of RF cavities, waveguides and magnets
- CMTB: Test stand for testing superconducting cryomodules in cw mode



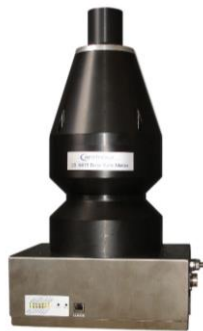
Personal Safety Systems at DESY

Not only Safety Interlock



The Access Control System DACHS

Governs entry to (potentially) hazardous areas.



The Radiation Monitoring System

Ensuring permanent monitoring of dose rate in adjacent areas of the facility.

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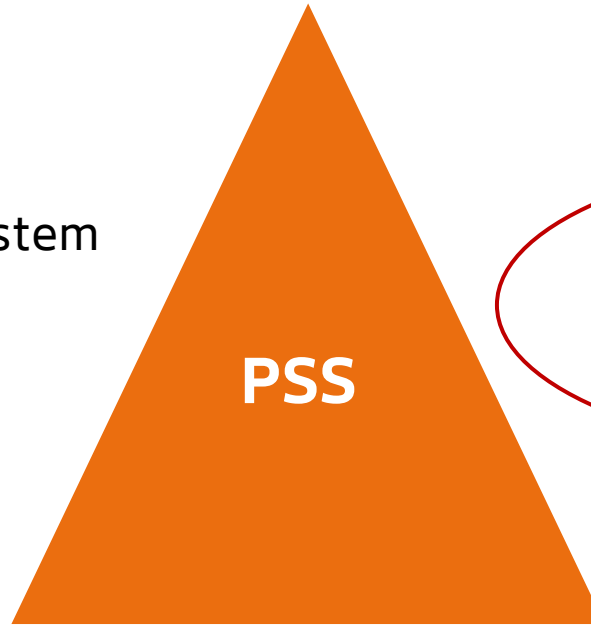
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Framework of German Law and Standards in Radiation Protection

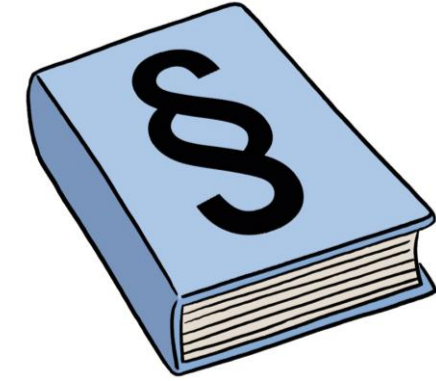
Focus on PSS and Functional Safety

Radiation Protection Act and Ordinance

- Ensure no exposure exceeds authorized limit.
- Implement measures to ensure compliance with safety regulations.
- Safety system must be maintained and inspected by an expert at least once per year.

Standards for Safety of machinery

- EU Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC)
- ISO 12100
- IEC 62061
- ISO 13849



Authorities

- German Agency for Radiation Protection
- State Authorities (AfA Hamburg)

Safety Interlock System at DESY

Components within safety functions

Sensor

Safety network
→

Logic

Safety network
→

Actuator

Door contacts
Emergency-off switches
Position switches at beam shutters
Permission keys
Keys for temporal access
Safety Switch at magnets
Burn Through Monitor
Light barrier

60 V Relay-based technology
Safety PLCs

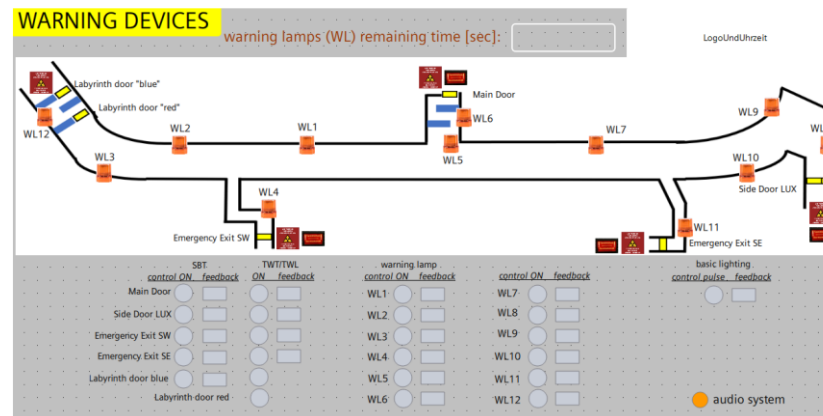
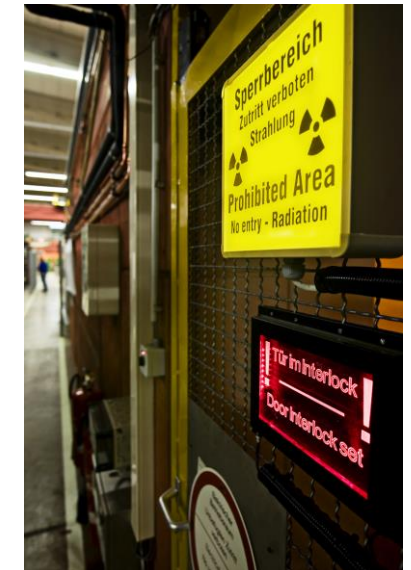
Contactors of rf-modulators
Contactors of hv power supplies
Safety switches to disconnect and ground magnets.



Safety Interlock System at DESY

Supplementary functions, organizational measures

- Tunnel search before operation
(announcement, permission key, search locks and buttons, light barrier)
- Warning signs at doors
- Warning lamps
- Announcements
- Partial lightning
- Feedback of all warning devices



Maintenance and Annual Test of PSS

§88 German radiation protection regulation

- ➔ Maintenance at least once per year as pre-tests before the annual checks by the DESY group for functional safety and technical groups.
- ➔ Annual functional test with external expert (TÜV → German certified inspection agency) led by DESY radiation protection group.
- ➔ Additional functional tests after significant modifications of the setup or the scientific goal of the facility with direct impact on radiation protection.



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Implementation of a robust risk assessment process

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Combination of two or more facilities with safety interlock systems of different ages and technology

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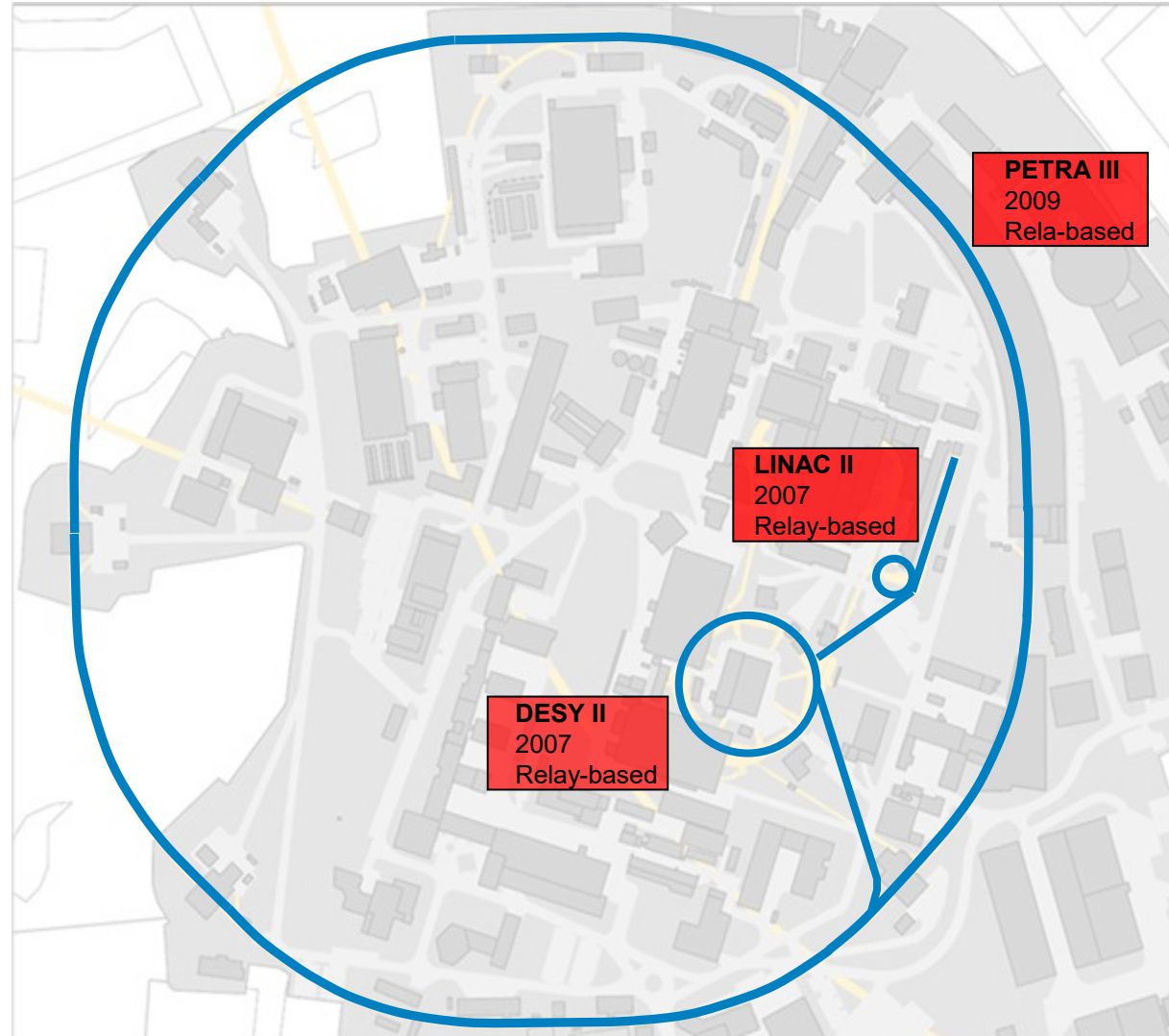
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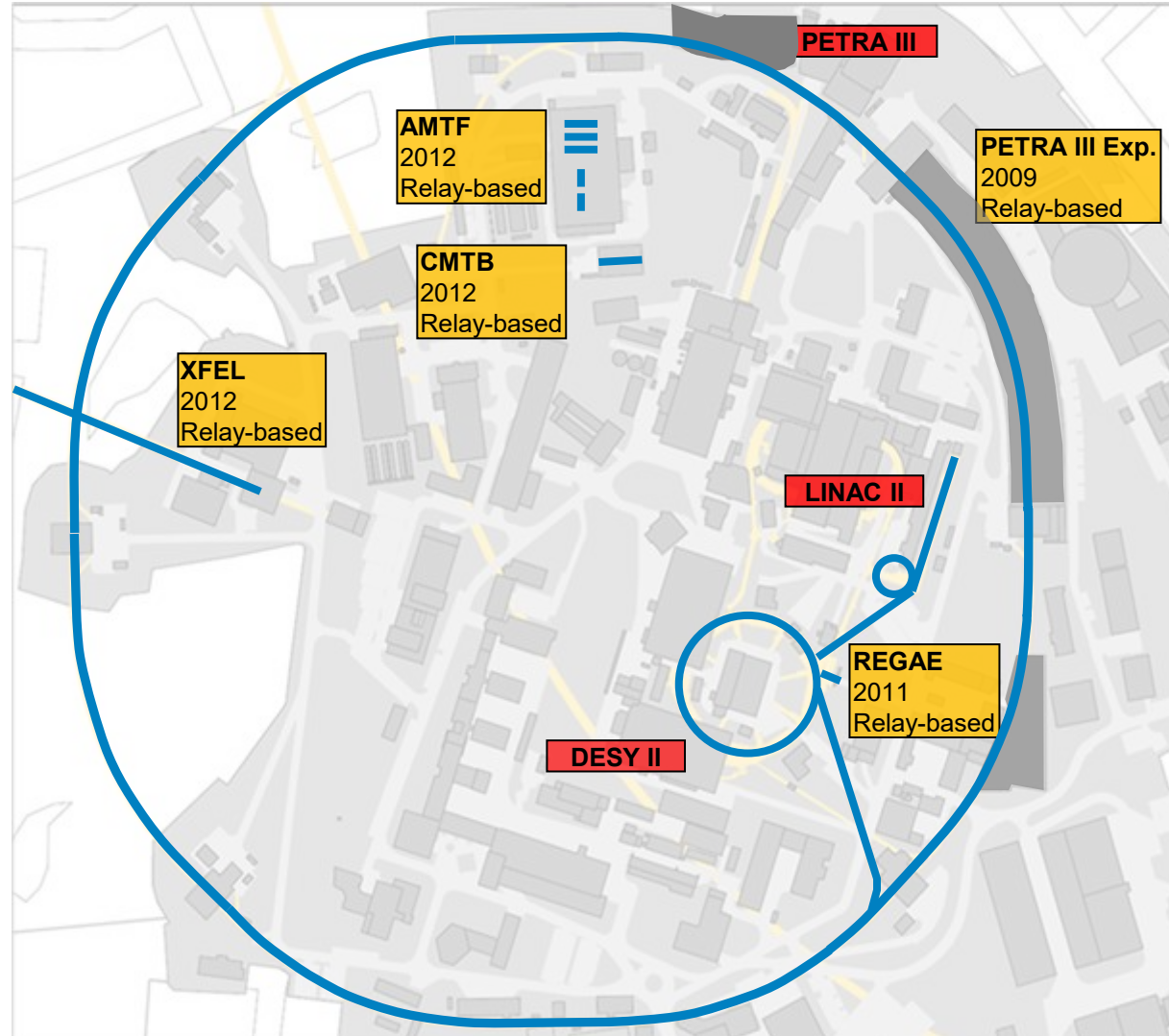
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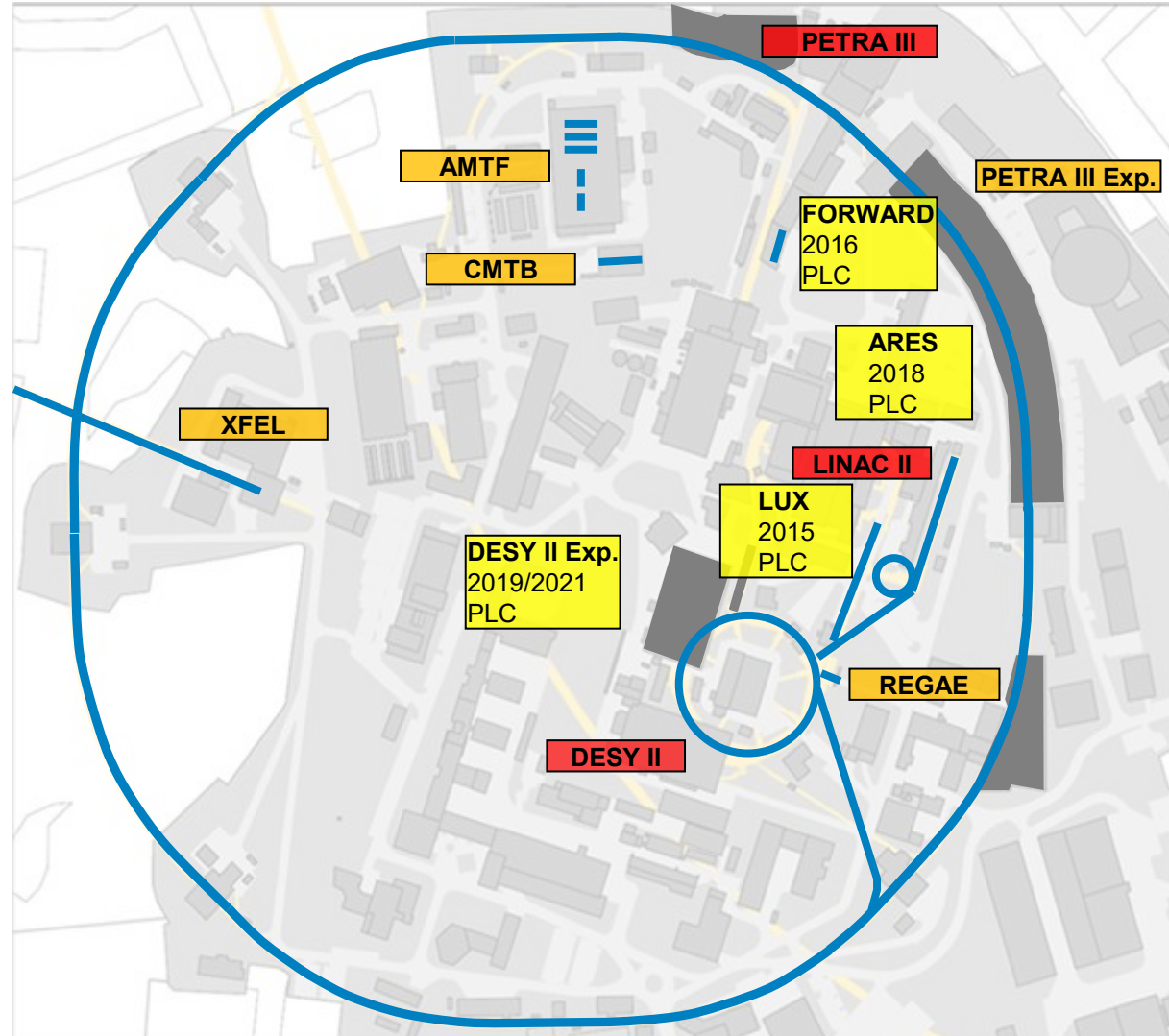
Technology and Age

Renewal wherever possible.



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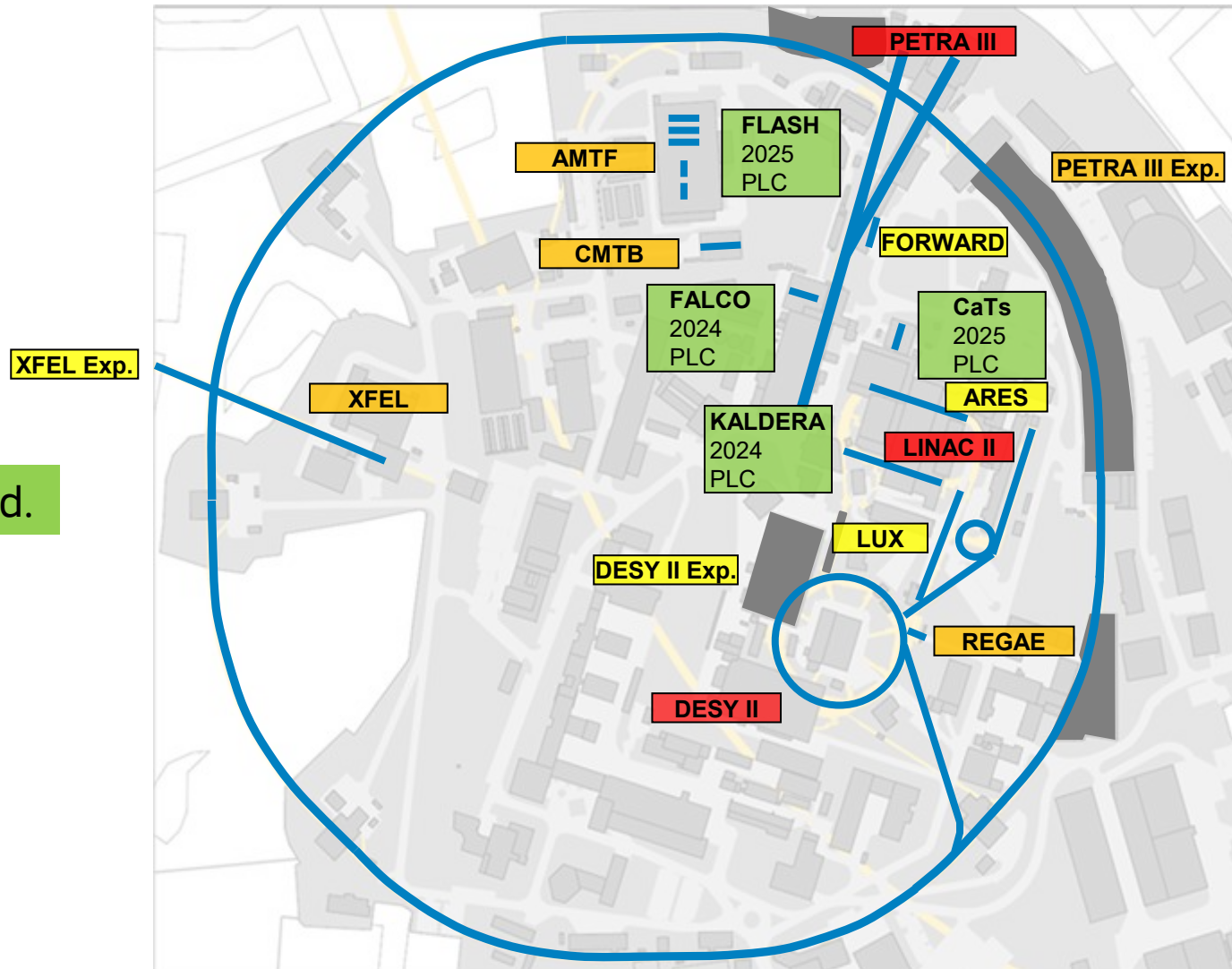
Technology and Age



Upgrade only after major changes or in case of failure.

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No upgrade needed.

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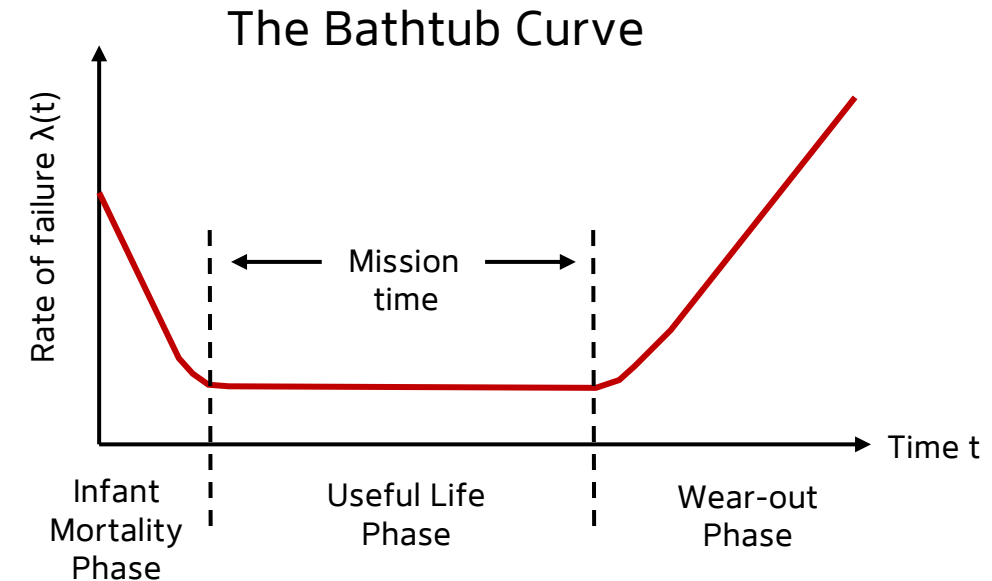
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Mission Time

A Key Safety Parameter in Functional Safety Design

- The mission time of components is defined as the time of constant rate of failure (→ Bathtub Curve).
- Standards ISO 62061 and ISO 13849-1 assume a mission time of 20 years typically.
- The mission time of components must be specified by the manufacturer in the product data sheet.
- Beyond stated mission time, safety parameters in the product data sheet are no longer valid.
- The mission time (normally 20 years) is used at DESY to calculate the PL for safety functions.



The replacement of the components is mandatory before the end of their mission time.

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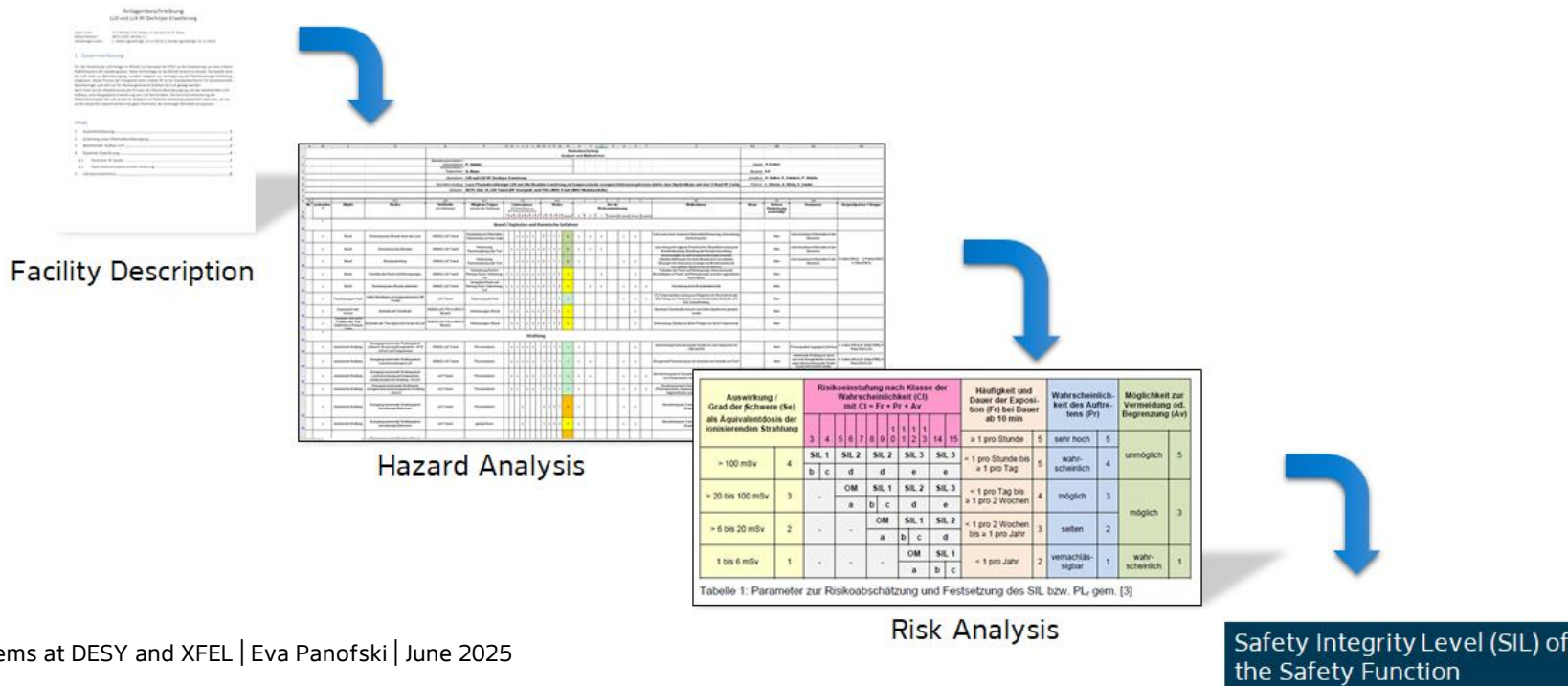
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The way to PSS at DESY

Risk assessment process in a nutshell

The official **"Guidelines for the Organization of Safety in Accelerator Projects at DESY"**

- defines roles (governing board, project leader, safety team, project management office) and their
- tasks in different, typical accelerator-related project phases (CD, TD, setup, commissioning, operation),
- ensures conformity with applicable laws, standards, and DESY safety regulations,
- specifies the risk assessment process in projects.



Risk assessment at DESY

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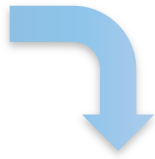
Anlagenbeschreibung
LUX und LUX RF Beschleuniger Erweiterung

1. Zusammenfassung

Inhalt

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- 2. Zielsetzung dieser Planungsunterlagen
- 3. Beschreibung Aufbau LUX
- 4. Organisatorische Einbettung
- 5. Zusammenfassung der Ergebnisse
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Facility Description



Objekt	Risiko	Maßnahmen	Restrisiko	Maßnahmen	Restrisiko
Brand / Explosion und thermische Gefahren	Brand / Explosion und thermische Gefahren	Brand / Explosion und thermische Gefahren	Brand / Explosion und thermische Gefahren	Brand / Explosion und thermische Gefahren	Brand / Explosion und thermische Gefahren

Hazard Analysis



Auswirkung / Grad der Schwere (Se) als Äquivalentdosis der ionisierenden Strahlung	Risikoeinstufung nach Klasse der Wahrscheinlichkeit (Cl) mit $Cl = Fr + Pr + Av$	Häufigkeit und Dauer der Exposition (Fr) bei Dauer ab 10 min	Wahrscheinlichkeit des Auftretens (Pr)	Möglichkeit zur Vermeidung od. Begrenzung (Av)								
					3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
> 100 mSv	SIL 1	SIL 2	SIL 3	SIL 3	SIL 3	≥ 1 pro Stunde	5	sehr hoch	5	unmöglich	5	
> 20 bis 100 mSv	OM	SIL 1	SIL 2	SIL 3	SIL 3	< 1 pro Stunde bis ≥ 1 pro Tag	5	wahrscheinlich	4	unmöglich	5	
> 6 bis 20 mSv	OM	SIL 1	SIL 2	SIL 3	SIL 3	< 1 pro Tag bis ≥ 1 pro 2 Wochen	4	möglich	3	möglich	3	
1 bis 6 mSv	OM	SIL 1	SIL 1	SIL 1	SIL 1	< 1 pro 2 Wochen bis ≥ 1 pro Jahr	3	selten	2	möglich	3	
	OM	SIL 1	SIL 1	SIL 1	SIL 1	< 1 pro Jahr	2	vernachlässigbar	1	wahrscheinlich	1	

Tabelle 1: Parameter zur Risikoabschätzung und Festsetzung des SIL bzw. PL_r gem. [3]

Risk Analysis



Safety Integrity Level (SIL) of the Safety Function

The structural approach ensures standardized, traceable safety decisions across projects.

Refurbishment of the PSS at FLASH from 2013

- Refurbishment of the whole safety interlock system at FLASH
- 1 year shutdown time
- Formal risk assessment process completed
- Implementation of a SIL 3 safety interlock system

→ Talk A. Rathjen

Challenge: Modernization of existing systems to meet
SIL 3 requirements.

- New testing methodology

➔ Only I/O signals and switch-off, no test of logic



Lessons learned from test-rehearsal:

Compliance with SIL 3 requires more than the use of a certified component — the entire system architecture, the validation process, and the expertise of qualified personnel must meet the standard.

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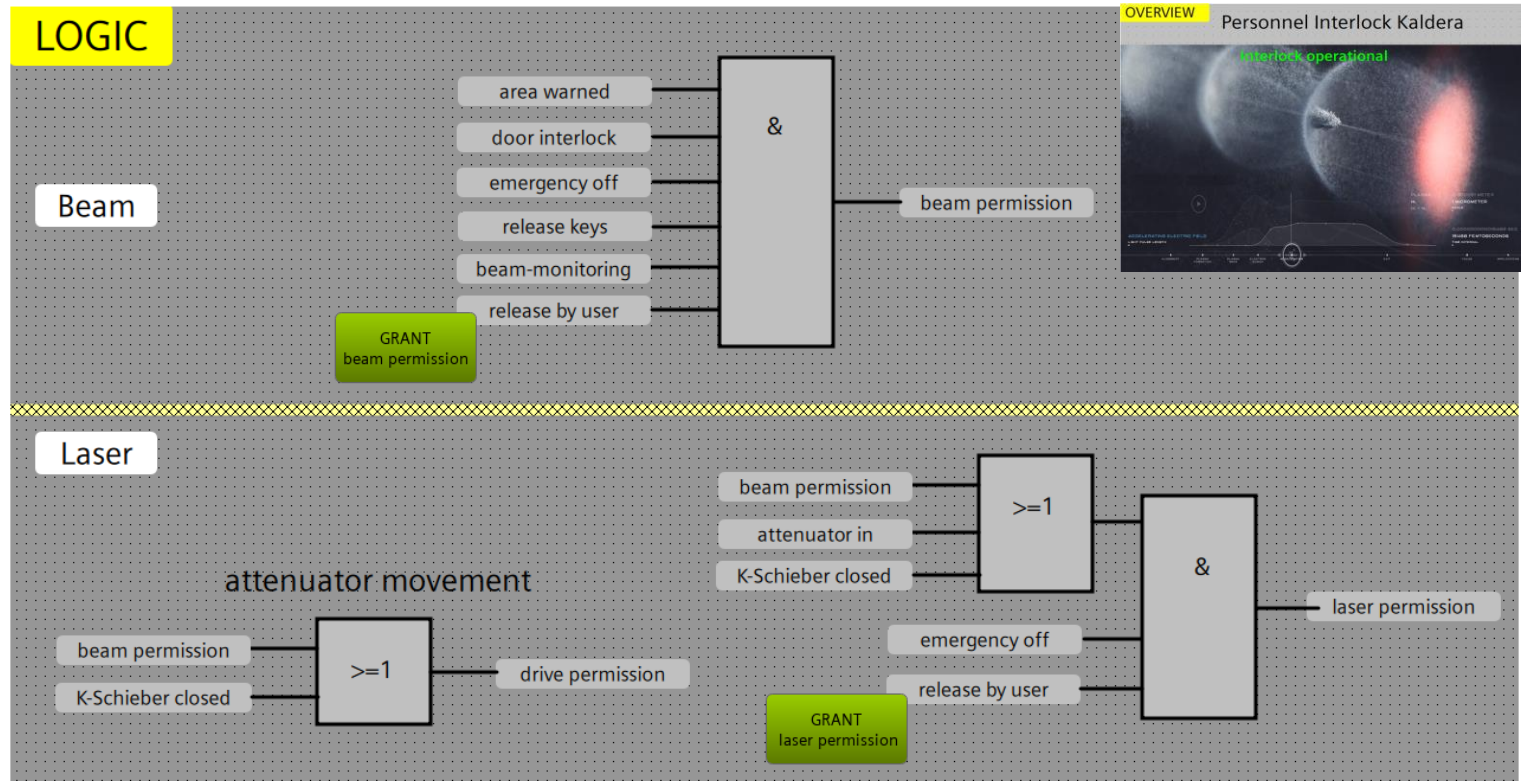
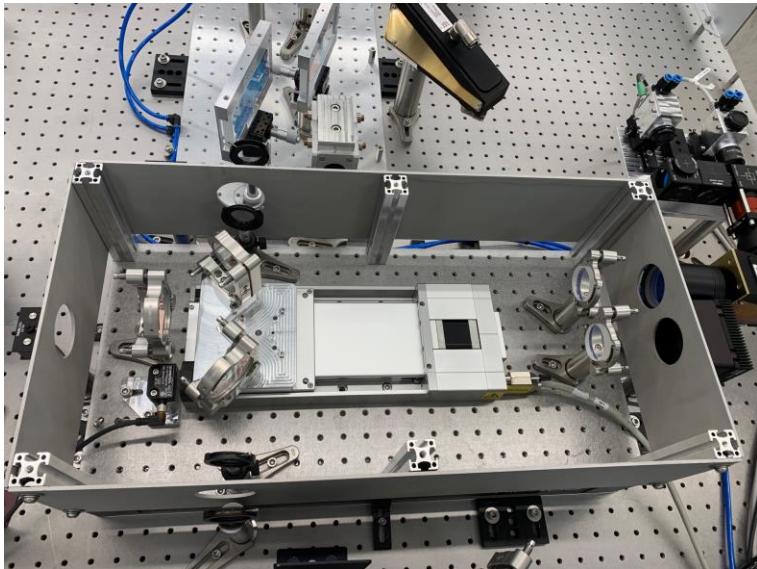
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Example: KALDERA

Designing a PSS for a new laser-plasma facility

- Laser-plasma accelerator test facility for high repetition rate (100 Hz).
- Experimental setup in the old DORIS tunnel → PSS infrastructure must be entirely re-engineered.
- Implementation of a SIL 3 safety interlock system
- Source of risk: High-power laser driving a plasma.
- Specific features of KALDERA PSS:
 - Switch-off laser oscillator
 - Laser attenuation for alignment mode



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Future Project in 2026: LPA Injector into DESY II

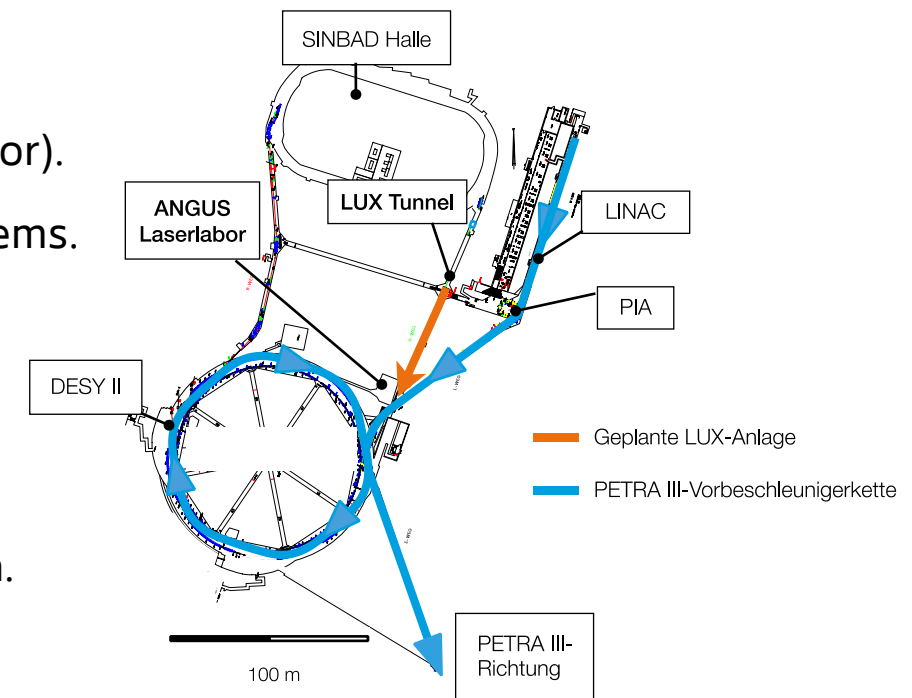
Challenge: Significant Change of Facilities with PSS

Scientific Goal:

Demonstrate injection of laser-plasma injector beam into storage ring

Challenge:

- Tight time schedule: 1 year from kick-off to start injector commissioning.
- Combination of three personal safety systems (LINAC II, DESY II, LPA injector).
- Integration of old (relay-based) and new (PLC-based) safety interlock systems.
- Interpretation of results from risk assessment process needed.
- Modification during user operation in short maintenance intervals — limited time for installation and pre-testing.
- Pre-tests and §88-tests — require additional time and careful coordination.



Summary and Outlook

Some challenges due to significant changes, e.g. linking multiple facilities and their existing PSS.

Future machines can be equipped with SIL 3-rated components by default.

PSS approaching end of their mission time are being upgraded.

Next step: Refurbishment of the PSS at LINAC II and DESY II in 2026.

A risk assessment process has been implemented.



Various PSS of different ages and technologies at DESY.

Long expertise in PSS design and operation at DESY.

Thank you for your attention

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Example: Safety function door interlock (IEC 62061)

Door contacts → SIL 3

Risk scenario: Someone enters the accelerator tunnel during operation of the accelerator

Severity of injury S: 4 (high dose rate, irreversible injury)

Frequency and duration of exposure F: 4

Probability of occurrence of a hazardous event W: 4

Probability of avoiding or limiting harm P: 5

Consequences	S	C					F		W		P	
	S	4	5-7	8-10	11-13	14-15						
Death, loosing an eye or arm	4	SIL 2	SIL 2	SIL 2	SIL 3	SIL 3	≥ 1 per h	5	Very high	5		
Permanent injury, loosing fingers	3		OM	SIL 1	SIL 2	Sil 3	< 1 per h up to ≥ 1 per d	5	Likely	4		
Reversible injury, medical attention	2			OM	SIL 1	SIL 2	< 1 per d up to ≥ 1 every 2 w	4	Possible	3	Impossible	5
Reversible injury, first aid	1				OM	SIL 1	< 1 every 2 w to ≥ 1 per a	3	Rarely	2	Rarely	3
							< 1 per a	2	Negligible	1	Probable	1

