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SLS 2.0 Controls and Science IT SubProject Update

# Disclaimer

- All the real work is being done by others
- For technical details please ask colleagues on the beamlines, in controls and science IT.
- I'm a manager and I don't do the fun stuff anymore.







### SLS today

- Lattice type **Triple bend achromat**
- Circumference **288 m**
- **3×** long, **3×** medium, **6×** short straights
- total straight length **~ 80 m**
- Beam current **400 mA**
- Beam energy **2.41 GeV**
- Emittance **5500 pm**



### SLS 2.0

#### maintained

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- **3×** long, **3×** medium, **6×** short straights
- total straight length **~ 80 m**
- Beam current **400 mA**

#### Almost maintained

- Source point positions: |shifts| **< 70 mm**

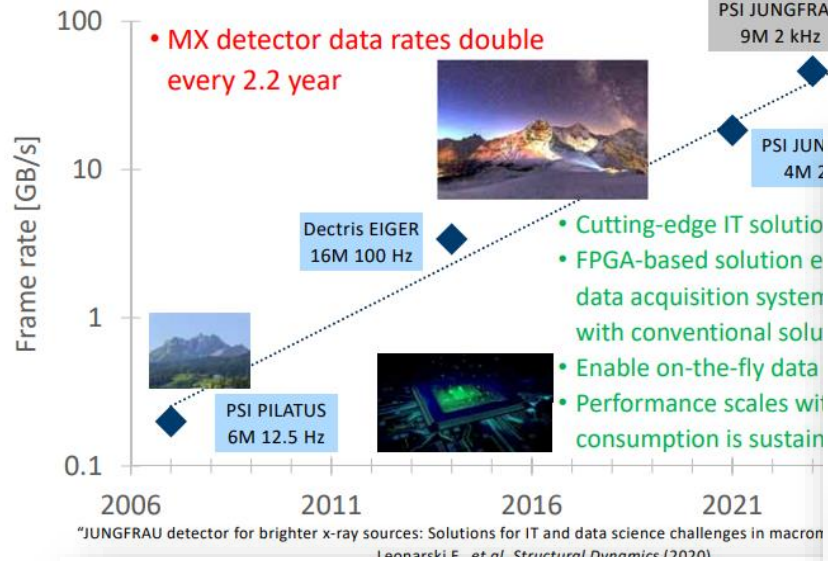
#### Improved

- Lattice type **7-bend achromat**
- Energy **2.7 GeV**
- Emittance **157 pm**



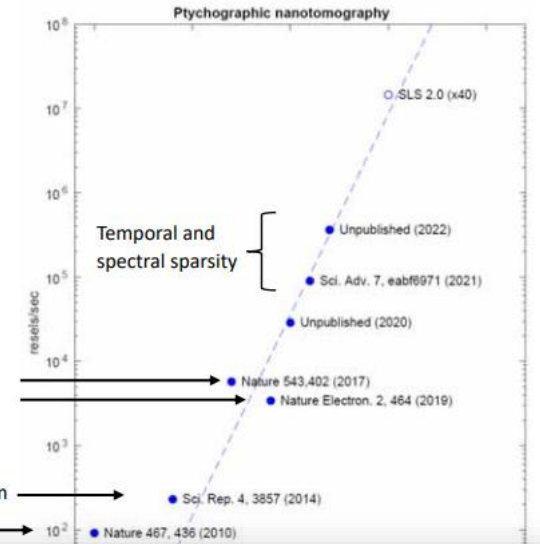
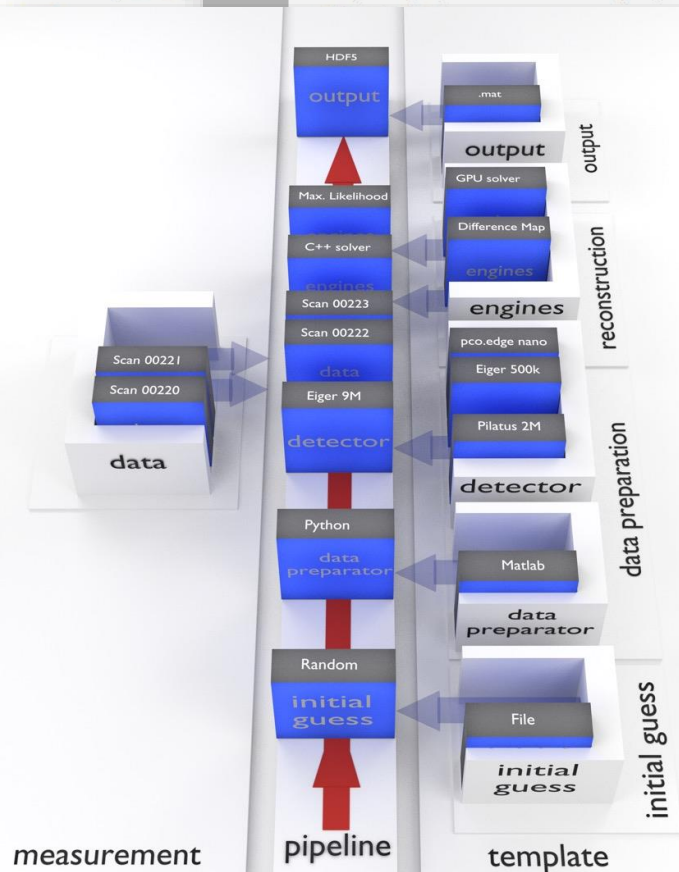
# The Opportunities and Challenges.

## MX Data Challenges and IT Solutions

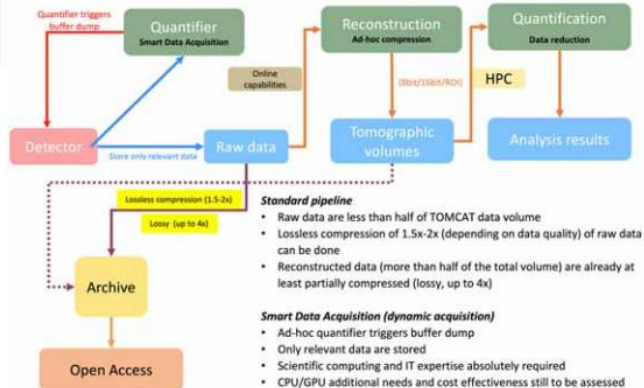


## Data challenges

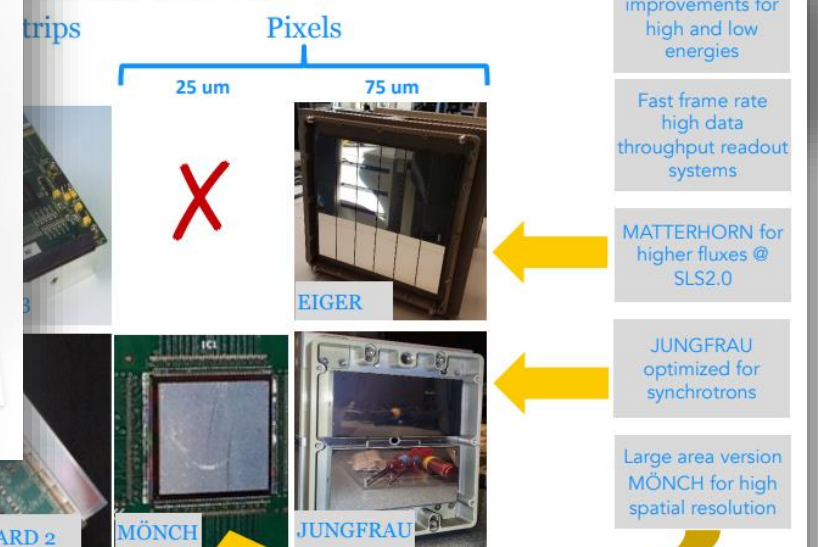
Ptychographic nanotomography is outrunning



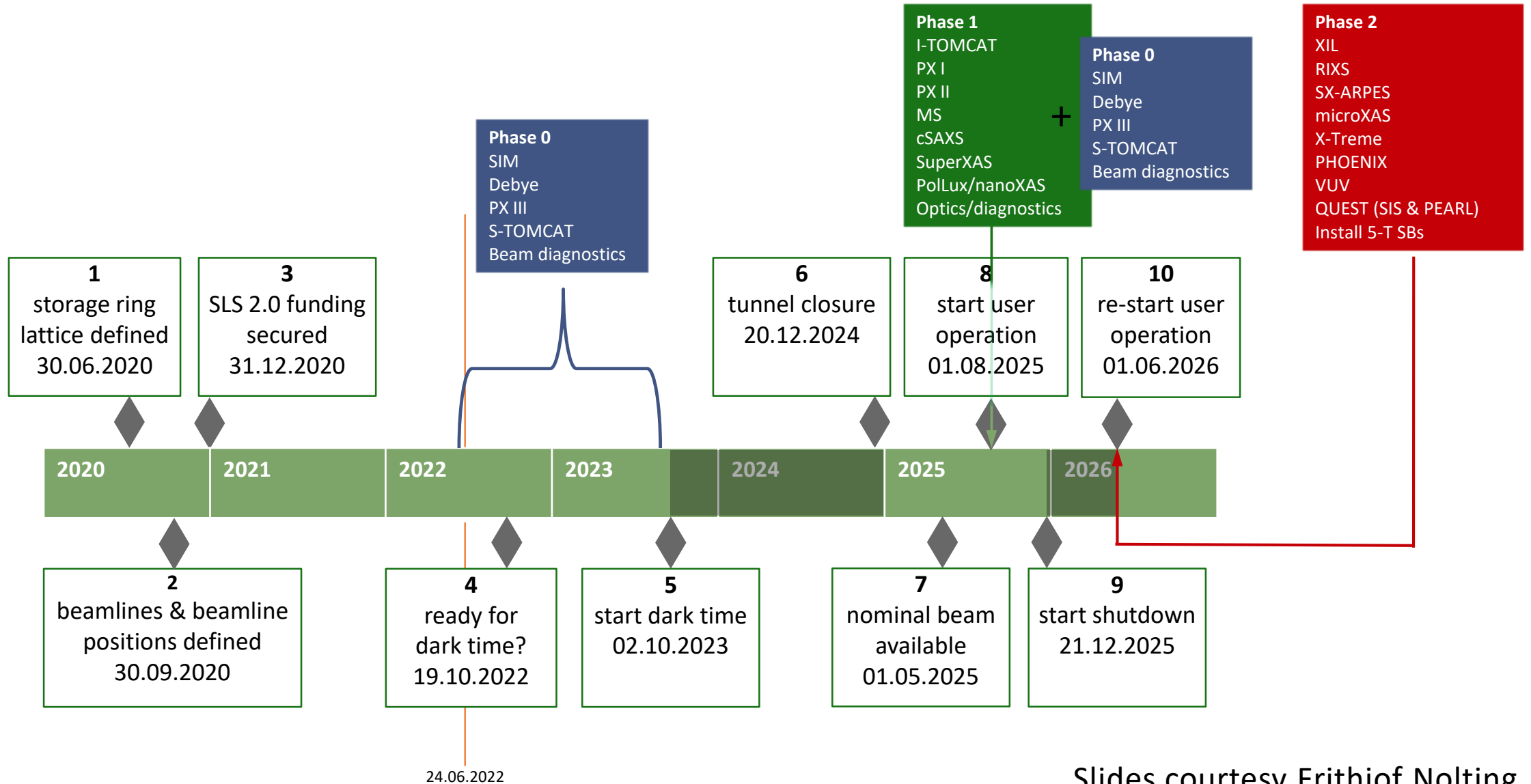
## Towards smart data acquisition

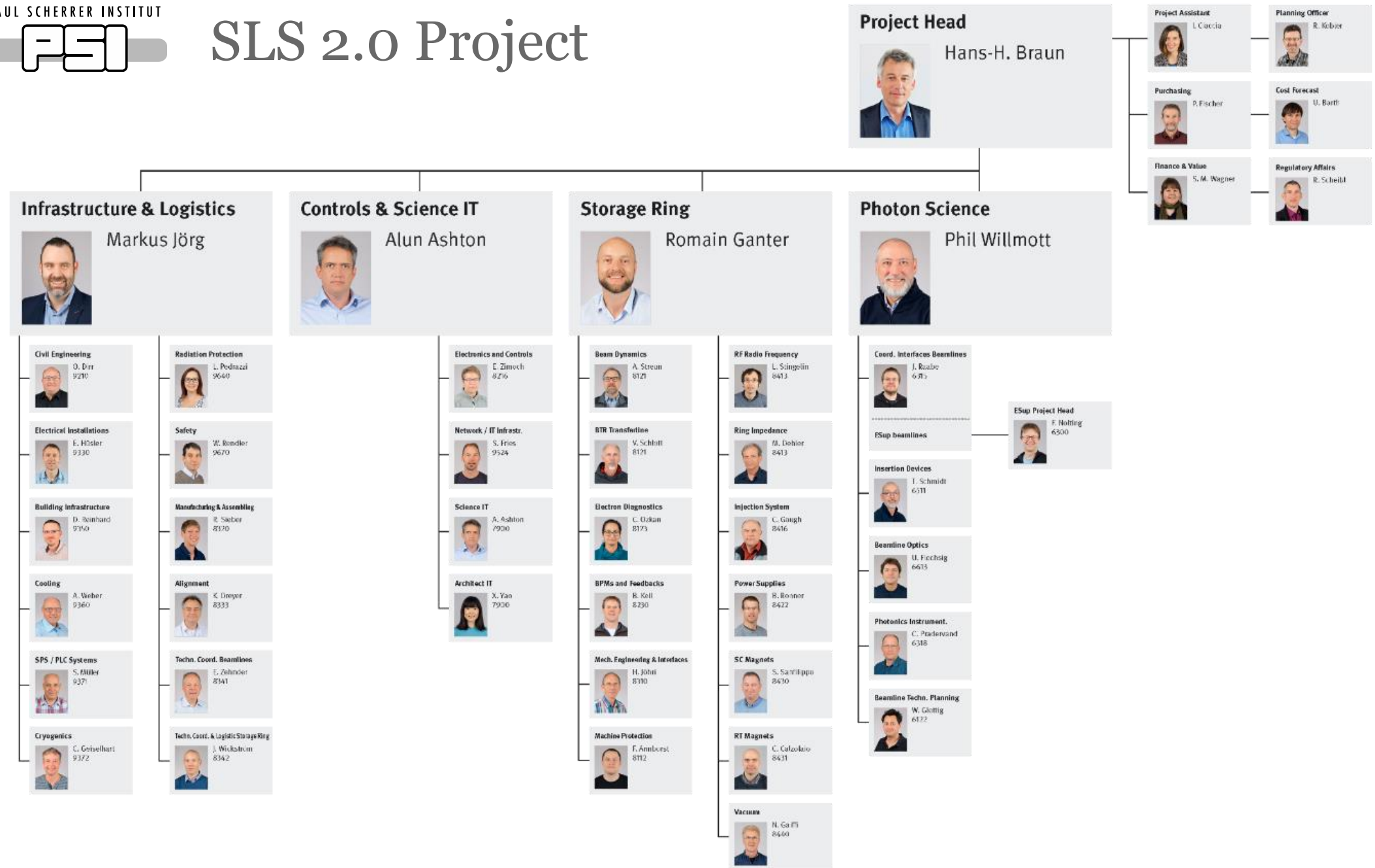


Requirements for SLS 2.0



# SLS 2.0 Timeline





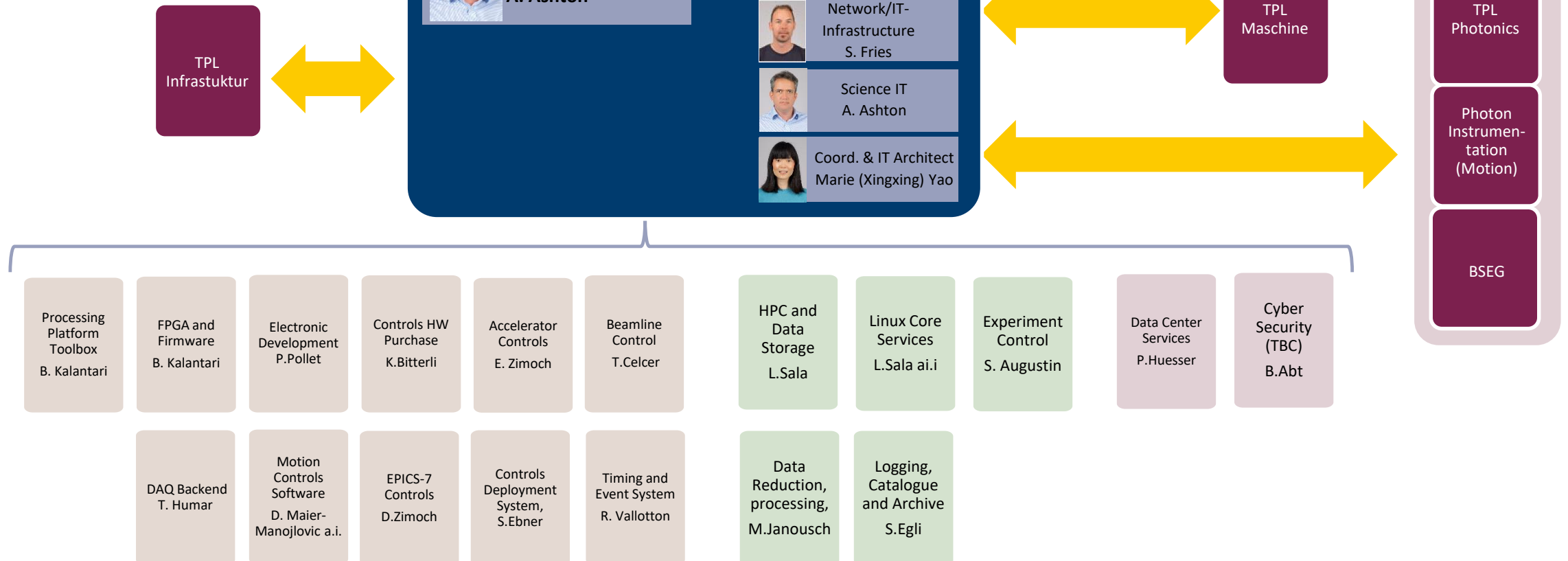
- A key driver for the establishment of CaSIT was to clearly define a hierarchy and relationship between software and infrastructure groups who are organisationally separated within PSI divisional structures
- Goals for the project include:
  - exploit new technical advances,
  - challenge and revisit existing approaches,
  - refine concepts where needed,
  - to facilitate improved development cycles and software quality
  - strengthened exchange between CaSIT group and Beamline groups covering the whole experiment/measurement lifecycle.
  - to coordinate interactions and exploit the various computer science and IT related activities throughout PSI, Switzerland and the wider synchrotron community.



# Schnittstellen (Interfaces) für das Teilprojekt Controls & Science IT: from December 2021

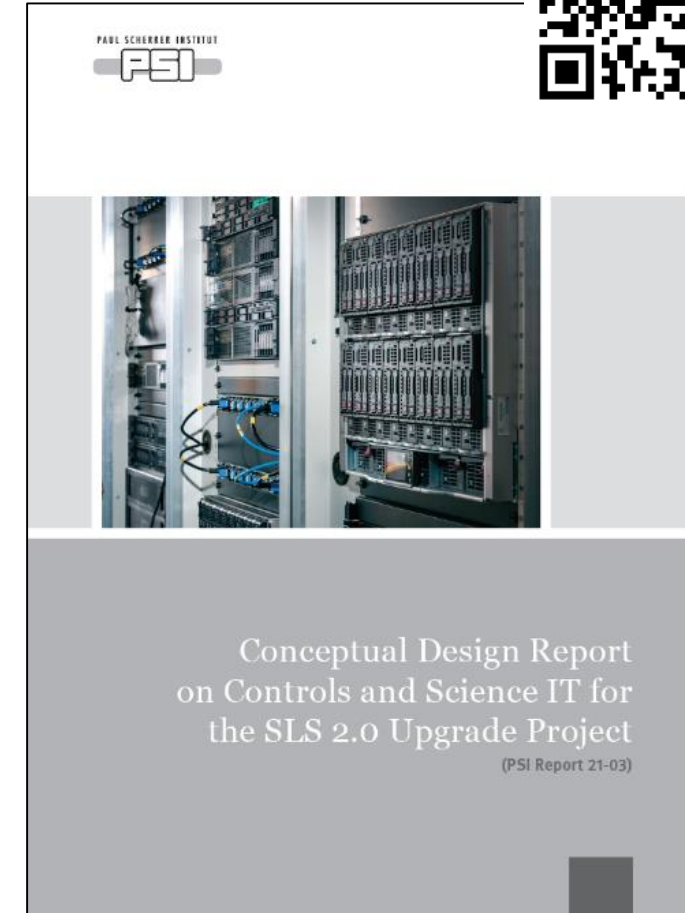
**aCaSIT:** advisory group for Controls and Science IT  
(HBraun, TSchilcher, SBaymani, RPeterhans, AAshton, MarieYao, OBunk)

## External Collaborations and Engagement





- 21 authors, 82 pages
- Virtual review on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2021
  - 16 talks
  - 6 reviewers from ESRF, APS, BESSY, Diamond, and SKA
- Variations in the level of detail in the report highlight the level of maturity of different services
- Published and available open access (Nov 2021):  
<https://www.dora.lib4ri.ch/psi/islandora/object/psi%3A39514>





# Details in the CDR include



- Accelerator and Beamlines
  - EPICS 7
  - Compact PCI-Serial Toolbox
  - Integration of Network and Serial Devices
  - Timing and Event Systems
  - Motion Control
  - EPICS Gateways
  - Legacy Systems
  - GUI and Operator Level Applications
  - Standard Beamline DAQ
  - Networking
- Beamlines
  - Beamline Experiment Control
  - Data and Metadata Pipeline
  - Data Reduction, Reconstruction and Analysis
  - Data Storage and Computing
  - Experiment Information Management and Data Curation

Revolution and Evolution

# Available IT resources and software services can easily facilitate or restrict:

## Capabilities:

- What the beamlines can do
- How quickly they can develop, share or adopt new techniques

## Operations:

- How well you can operate your beamlines
- Steer your experiment
- How well the beamlines can be supported

## The experiment:

- How well you can track your experiment
- How much data you can handle
- How quickly you can analyze
- Publish and share your results and data

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Revolution?

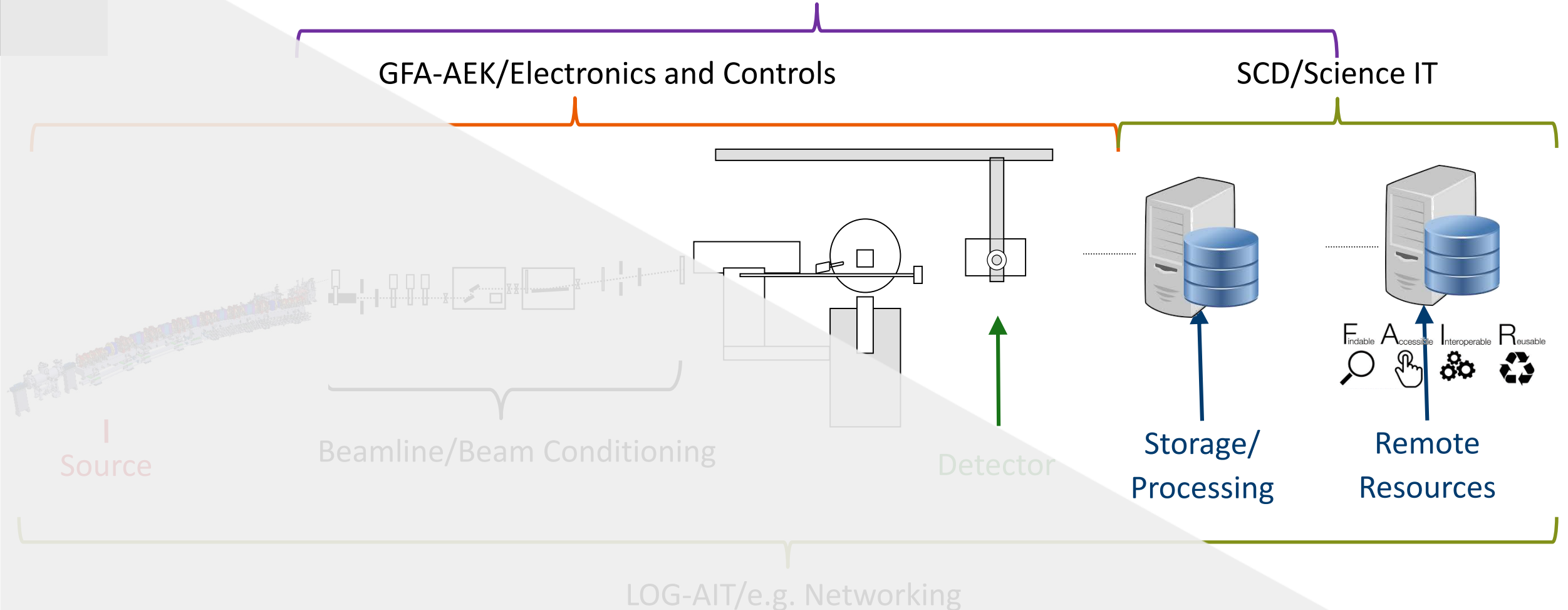


# Beamline IT Environment Support @ SLS

@SLS: PSD Beamlines Groups  
(predominantly responsible for experiment/analysis/processing software)

GFA-AEK/Electronics and Controls

SCD/Science IT



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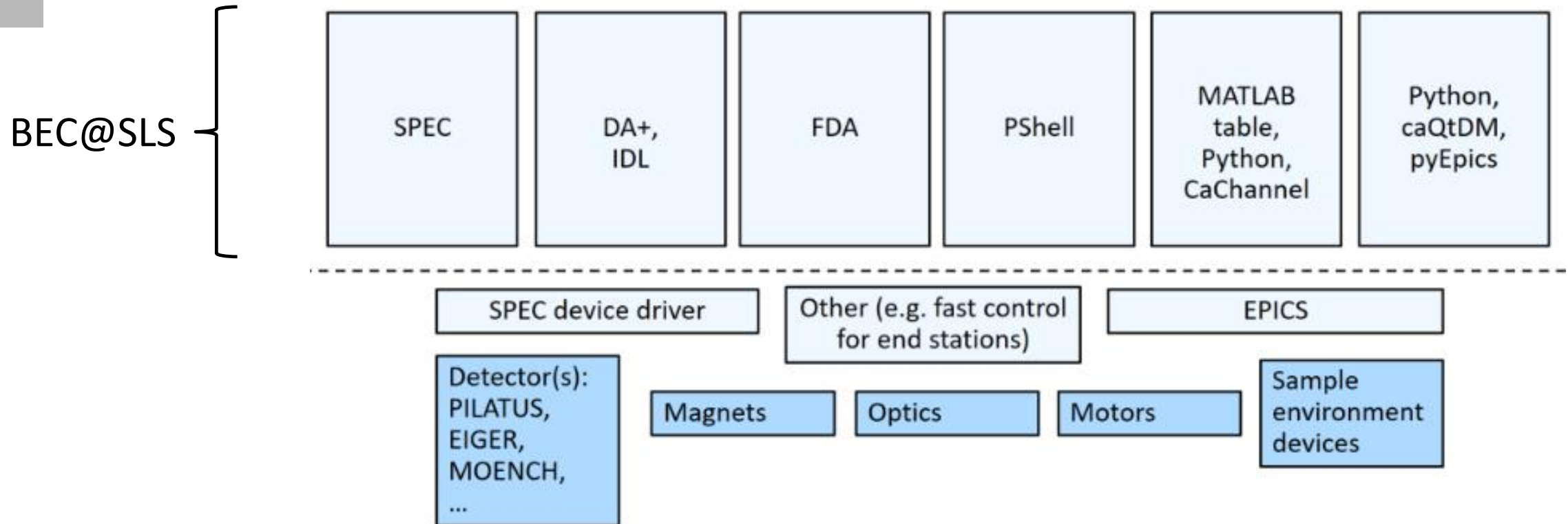
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Beamline Experiment Control (BEC)

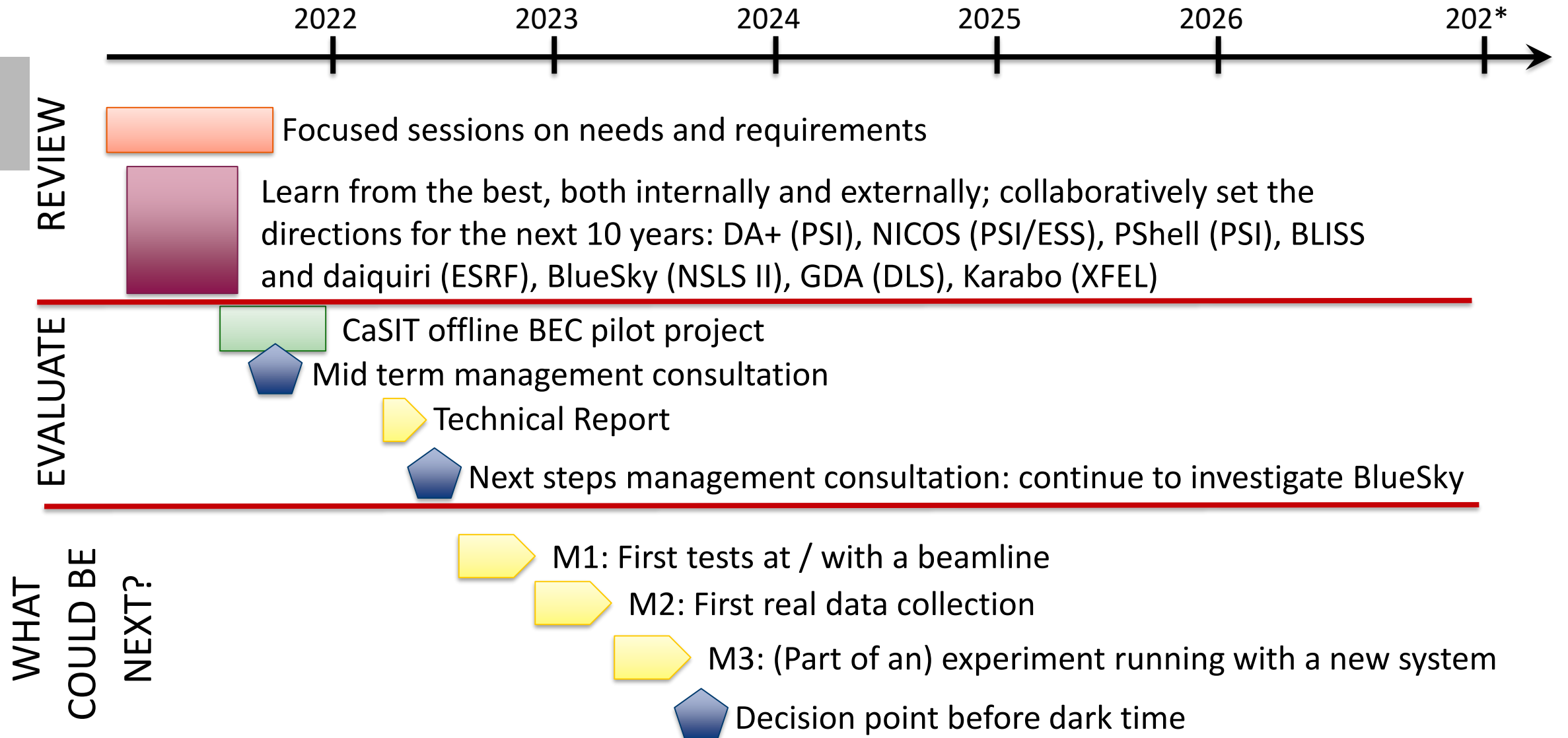


- “ ... the layer between EPICS and the beamline operator...”





# Beamline Experiment Control (BEC)



# Bluesky is a Toolbox, not an Application

**Current work at PSI is to establish the tools to use, feasibility of migrating, developing and supporting a new service layer with little change in resources**

- **Assignment of responsibilities between three stakeholders**
  - Controls groups
  - Science IT
  - Beamline staff
- **Managing expectations, capacity, enthusiasm and/or anxiety.**

# Beamline Experiment Control

- Eventual Decision
  - Responsibility: PSD Lab Heads with SLS 2.0 beamline responsibilities, AEK Department Head, AWI Department Head, SLS 2.0 Project Head
- Decision Criteria
  - Suitability (based on requirements, goals and risks outlined in CDR)
  - Ease of migration
    - how easily the beamlines will be able to migrate their existing functionality
  - Level/model of operational support
    - the level of investment, training and new resources needed for operational support and how that can be shared between different skillsets
  - Broad community and good support to reduce risks associated with single point of failure and improve shared development costs and sustainability
- Essential for e.g. transferable experience on smart data acquisition, remote access/control, data standards, data reduction, processing and analysis, open data.....



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An aerial photograph of the Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI) facility. The image shows a large, circular, dark-colored building with a central opening, surrounded by various industrial structures and parking lots. A river flows through the landscape, and the surrounding area is covered in dense green forests and rolling hills. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the sun is visible on the right side, creating a warm, golden light. The overall scene is a mix of natural beauty and industrial infrastructure.

Data and Data Treatment



From the requirement gathering

- Optimize existing **data processing software and hardware** to prepare for increased data volume and speed, and faster experiments, for both online processing (for live visualization and feedback to a running experiment) and offline processing (toward publishable data).
- Dedicate **personnel resources and data processing services** to provide a more complete package of larger user facilities, data centre, computing infrastructure and data processing services to improve the competitiveness of the SLS 2.0 and ensure its long-term success.
- **Link experiment measurements and findings to advanced computational methods** such as simulation and modelling, data mining, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

# Data Reduction and Compression.

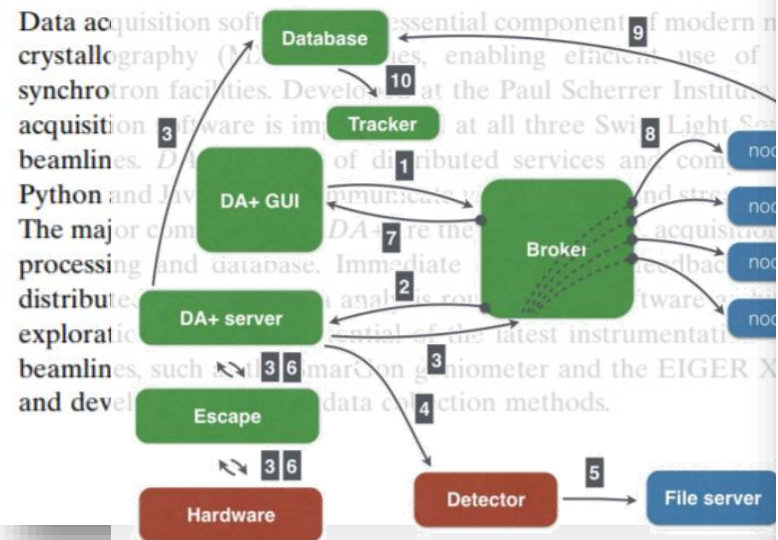
## Example activities

- MX: Task specific hardware
- Imaging: lossy compression
- HDF5 or native compressions
- Local beamline initiatives joint with detector group
- Region of interests
- Memory based camera hardware compression
- LEAPS-INNOV
- REDML: collaboration between PSI, the SDSC and the CSCS to reduce high volume experimental data using Machine Learning.
- Current/perceived drawbacks,
  - Data loss
  - Data Feature loss/degradation in scientific data
  - Computationally expensive
  - Still challenging to put into data streams/operations
  - No centrally coordinated activity
  - Data usability by data owners

## DA+ data acquisition and analysis software at the Swiss Light Source macromolecular crystallography beamlines

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**Figure 1**  
Schematic representation of the software infrastructure at the SLS MX beamlines. The components are shown in green boxes, hardware components in red boxes, and computing nodes in blue boxes. Lines indicate interactions between different components. Numbers show the order of workflow (a detailed description is given in §3.1). The message broker is a major communication hub used by DA+ daq software components. Experiment parameters in the DA+ GUI, while DA+ server carries out data acquisition and communicates with detector and hardware via basic state machine escape. ADP starts a message from the broker, start data processing and send results to the mxdb database. Results of adp are displayed in the web-based adp-tracker.

## cSAXS beamline software packages

### Base package

Basic functionalities for file reading and radial integration and plotting provides a lot of functions used in the other packages.

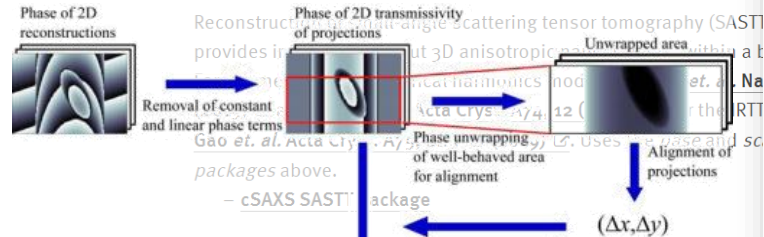
– cSAXS base package

### Scanning SAXS package

Analysis and plotting of scanning SAXS, main orientation of scatterer. Please cite [Bunk et al. New J. Phys. 11, 123016 \(2009\)](#).

– cSAXS scanning SAXS package

### SASTT package



### Tomography package

Beamline component of projections and reconstruction for tomography. Please cite [Odstrčil et al. Opt. Exp. 16, 36637 \(2008\)](#).

– cSAXS tomography package

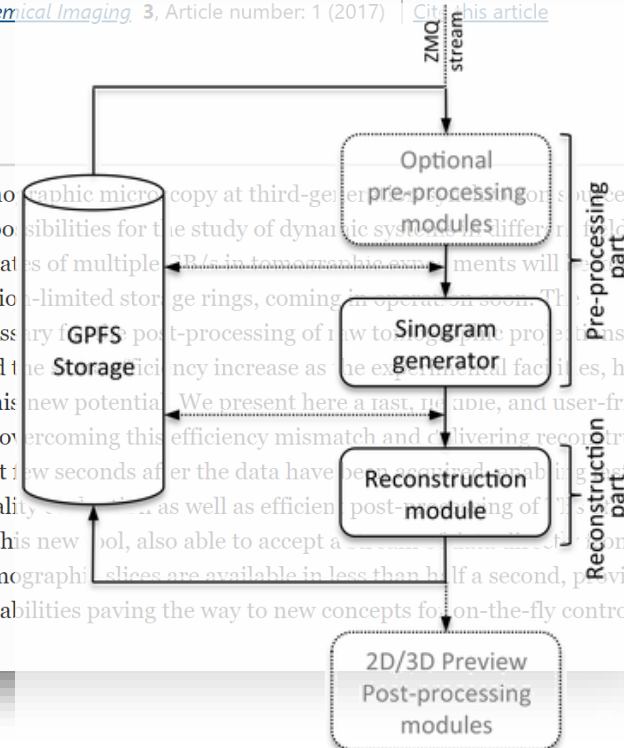
## Towards on-the-fly data post-processing for real-time tomographic imaging at TOMCAT

Federica Marone, Alain Studer, Heiner Billich, Leonardo Sala & Marco Stampanoni

*Advanced Structural and Chemical Imaging* 3, Article number: 1 (2017) | [Cite this article](#)  
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### Abstract

Sub-second full-field tomographic microscopy at third-generation synchrotron facilities, opening up new possibilities for the study of dynamic systems. Sustained elevated data rates of multiple 2D/3D sinograms are more common at diffraction-limited storage rings, coming in operation soon. The computational tools necessary for the post-processing of new tomographic datasets just few seconds after the data have been acquired, enabling parameter and image quality optimization as well as efficient post-processing of tomographic data. With this new tool, also able to accept a detector, few selected tomographic slices are available in less than half a second, providing advanced previewing capabilities paving the way to new concepts for on-the-fly control of dynamic experiments.





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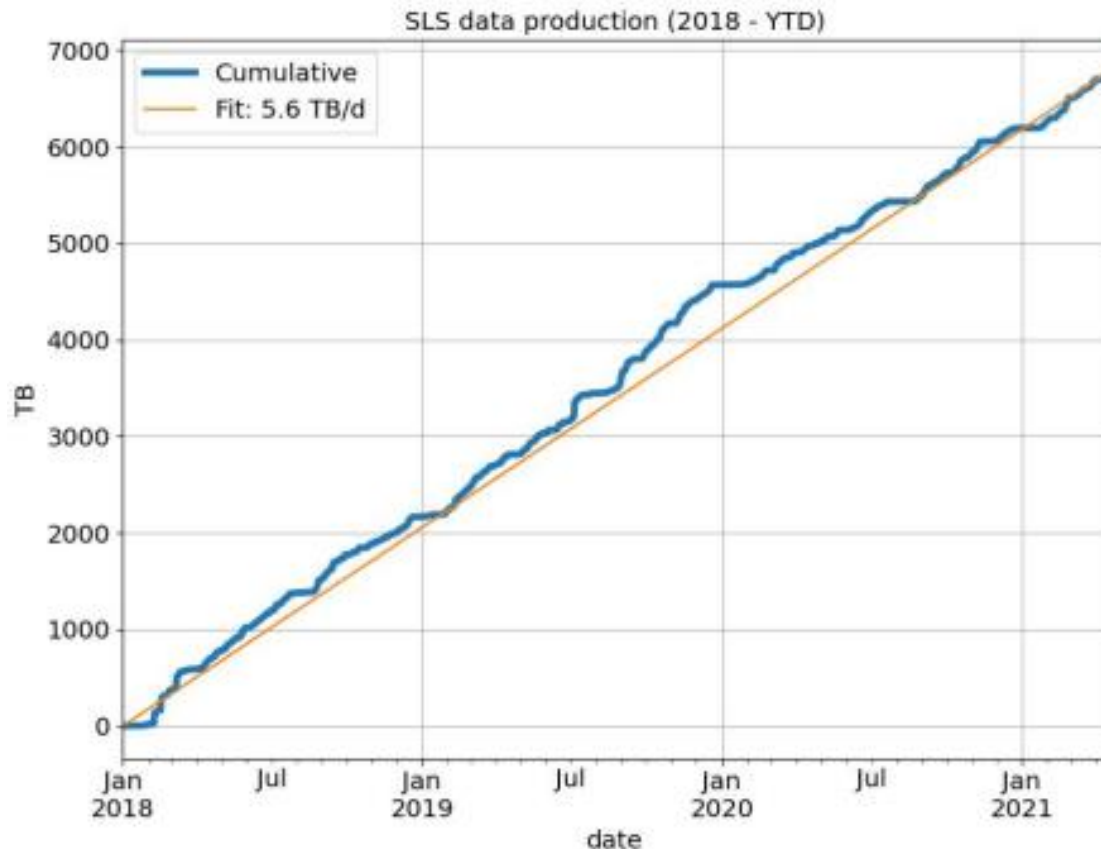
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Data Storage and Computing



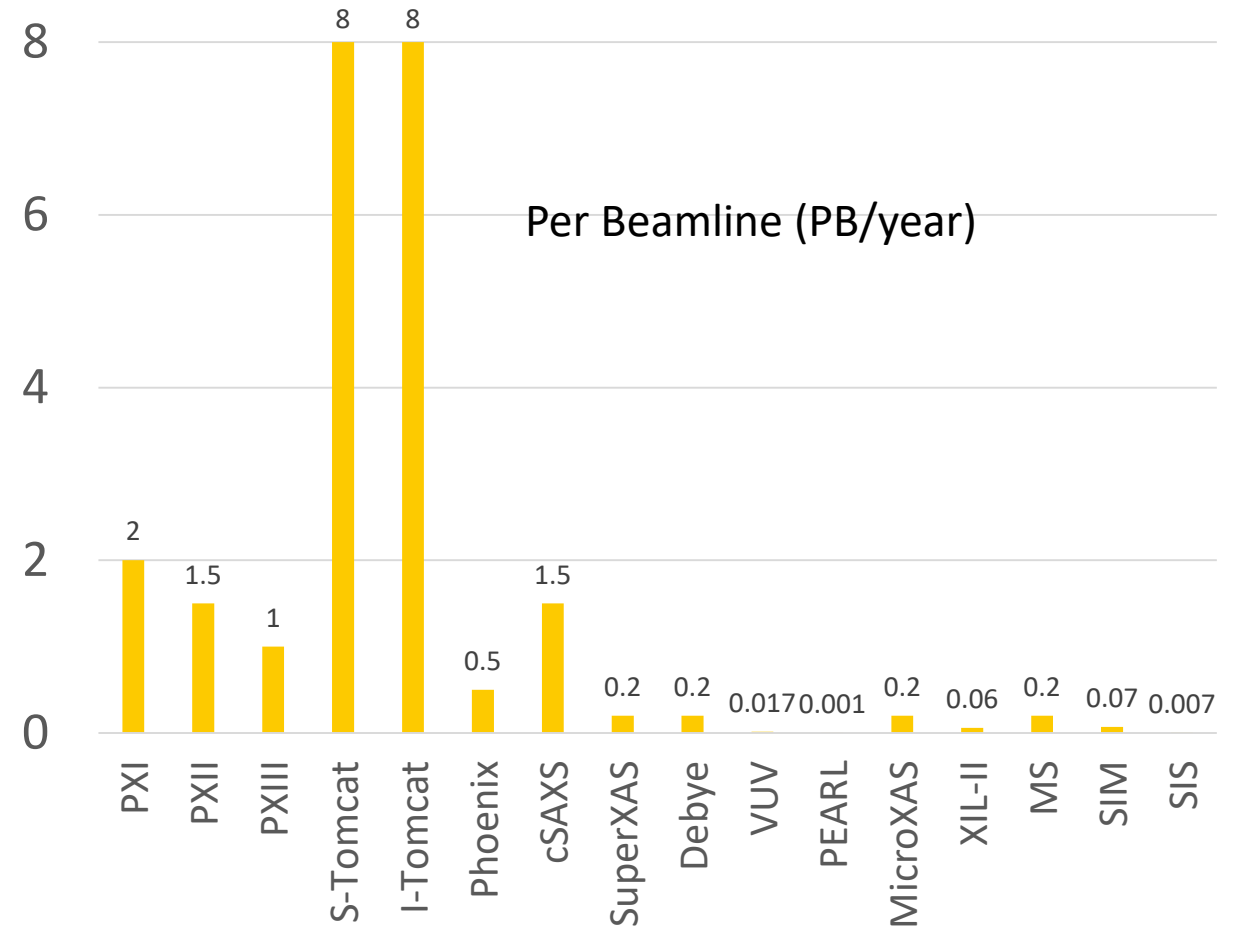
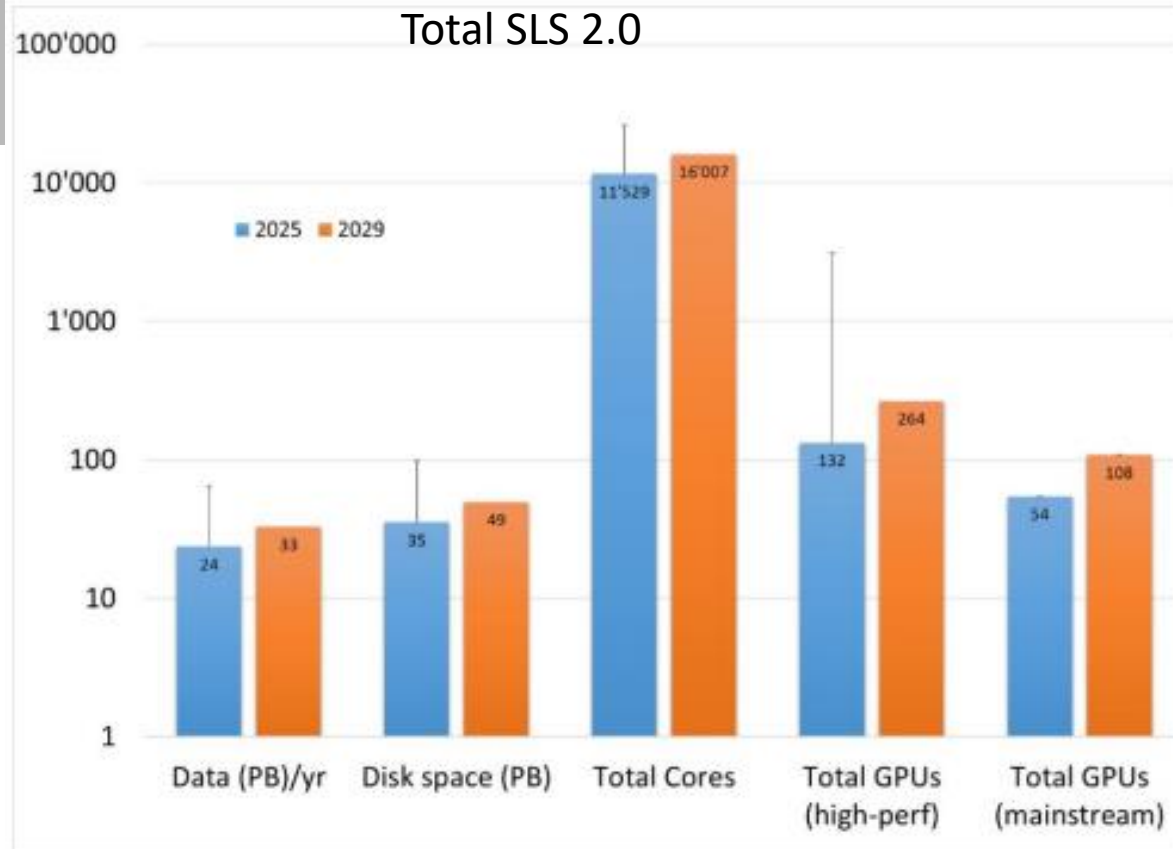
# Data Storage and Computing (summer 2021)

- Historically split into:
  - online - dedicated compute, storage
  - offline / data analysis - DaaS,
  - shared between SLS and SwissFEL



	SLS	DaaS (SLS + SwissFEL)
Storage: PB	3.2	11
Storage: GB/s	25	90
Compute: cores	2360	2000
Compute: RAM (TB)	2	18
Compute: GPUs	4	12

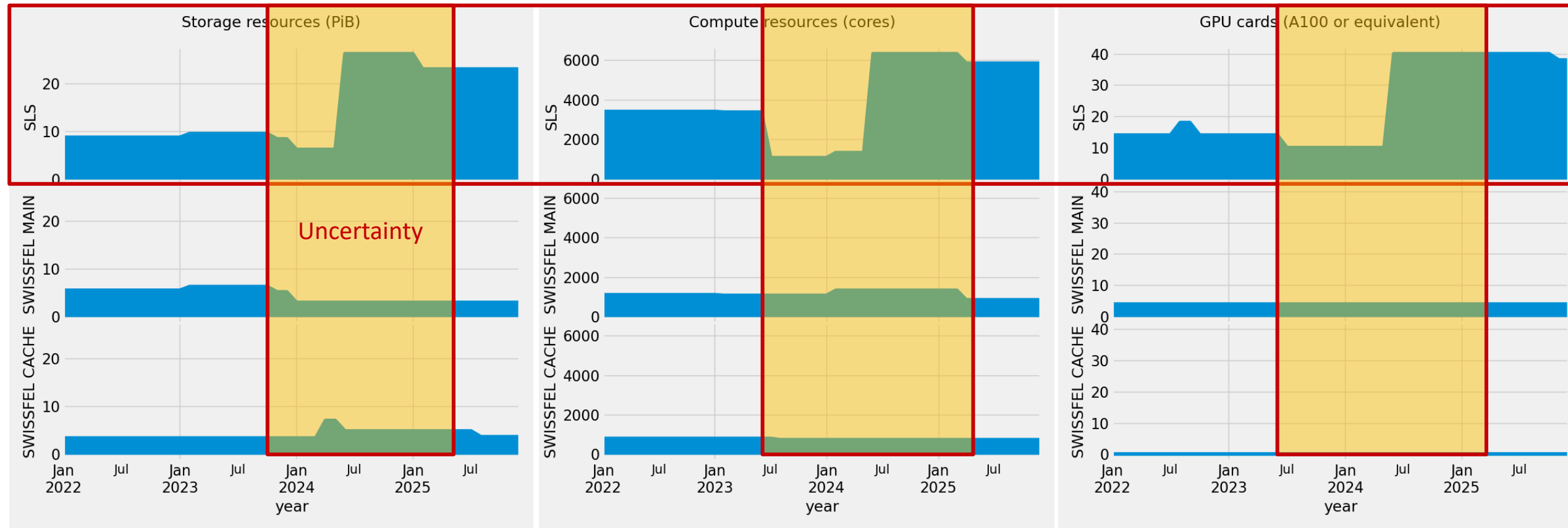
# Forecast for 2025



# Storage and compute updates

IT resources planning with SLS2 project- and PSD baseline-budget (*build to budget – first draft*)

- SLS resources reduced during dark period, but analysis and tests still possible
- Detailed numbers will depend on requirements, technology (e.g. A100 vs A10 cards)
- Shared resources with SwissFEL and need to move server rooms



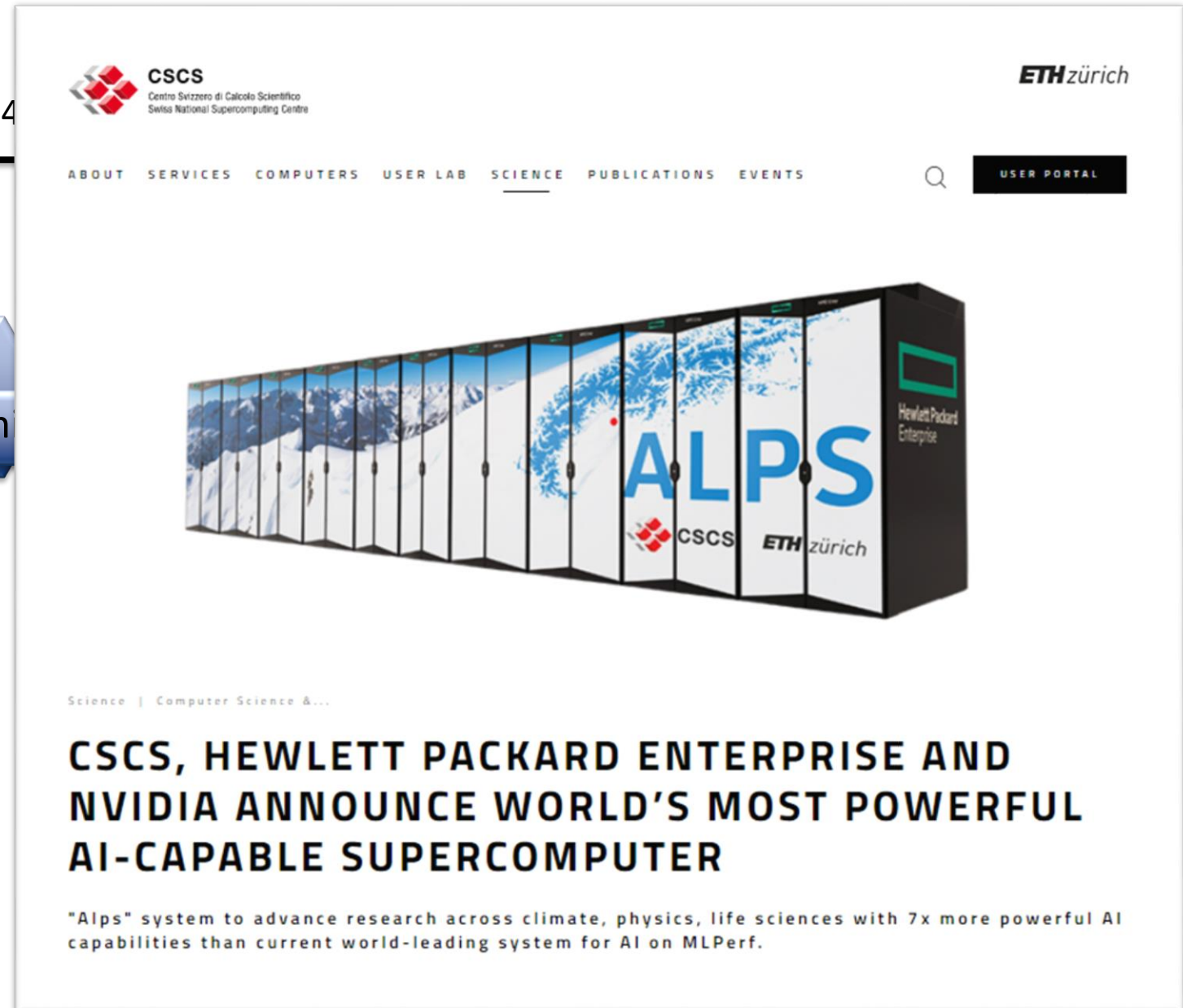
# Long term offline data processing services.

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CSCS  
Collaboration

CSCS ALPS Project

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The screenshot shows the CSCS website with the following elements:

- Header:** CSCS logo (Centro Svizzero di Calcolo Scientifico / Swiss National Supercomputing Centre) and ETH zürich logo.
- Navigation:** Links for ABOUT, SERVICES, COMPUTERS, USER LAB, SCIENCE, PUBLICATIONS, and EVENTS. A search icon and a USER PORTAL button are also present.
- Main Image:** A large graphic of the ALPS supercomputer system, featuring a long row of server racks with a blue and white mountain landscape background. The text "ALPS" is prominently displayed in large blue letters, with the CSCS and ETH zürich logos below it. A Hewlett Packard Enterprise logo is visible on the right side of the rack.
- Text Below Image:** "Science | Computer Science &..."
- Headline:** "CSCS, HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE AND NVIDIA ANNOUNCE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL AI-CAPABLE SUPERCOMPUTER"
- Sub-headline:** "Alps" system to advance research across climate, physics, life sciences with 7x more powerful AI capabilities than current world-leading system for AI on MLPerf.



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Experiment Information Management and Data Curation



- SciLog – An Electronic Logbook for User Experiments
- <https://github.com/paulscherrerinstitute/scilog>
- Initiatives (funded) within the wider ETH domain to explore synergies and platform sharing in preparation.

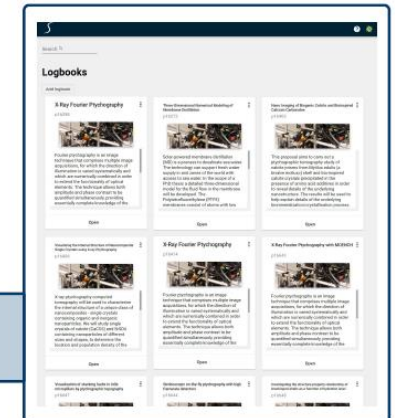


Properly capturing raw and meta-data during an experiment is rightfully given a high priority. Yet, it is the logbook that aids in putting the decisions made during the experiment and thus also the acquisition strategy itself into context. However, logbooks are frequently lacking a good integration into facility-specific services such as authentication and data acquisition systems and often end up as a burden, especially in stressful situations during an experiment.

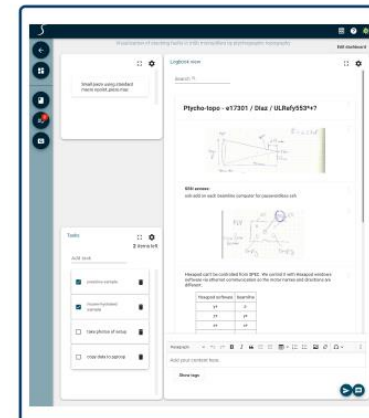


SciLog, a logbook system based on MongoDB<sup>1</sup>, Loopback<sup>2</sup> and Angular<sup>3</sup>, aims to alleviate these constraints by providing a flexible and extensible environment as well as a simple and intuitive user interface.

Users can login using their PSI account, experiment account ("eaccount") or a functional account. This allows for a flexible user authorization without the need of creating new accounts for users.



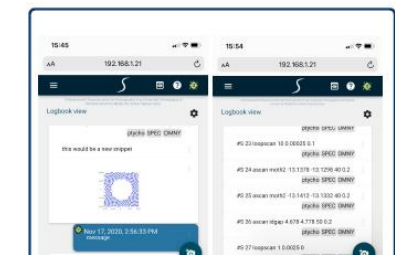
The automatic creation of logbooks based on proposal information enables users to immediately capture their thoughts and decisions without any setup required. Additional logbooks can be created through the web interface or the Python SDK if needed.



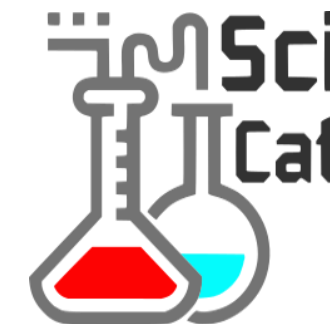
After opening a logbook, the user is presented with a dashboard that can be customized to the user's needs for a particular experiment.

Entries in the logbook are stored in MongoDB and can be queried and filtered freely. In addition, the usage of tags enable users to search and filter more efficiently.

Furthermore, the modular dashboard can be used to add widgets to plot, pin entries or add task lists.



# Data Curation: see Carlo Minotti presentation



PSI Public Data Repository

## Public Data Repository Dashboard

ARPES data linked to the publication N.B.M. Schröter et al., Science aaz3480 (202...  
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