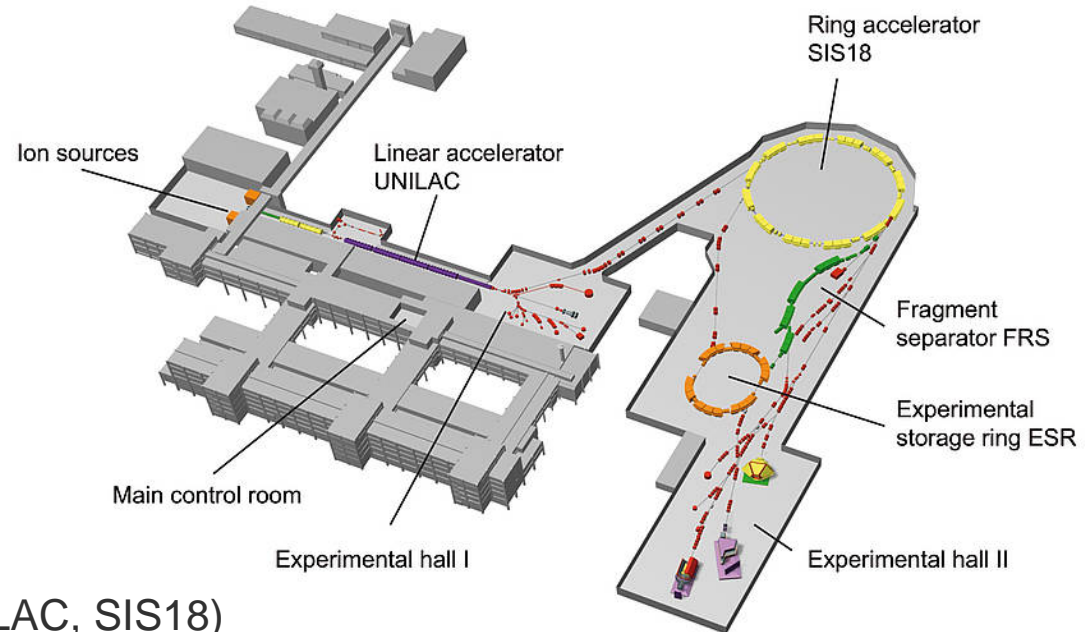
A 3D wireframe model of a particle accelerator, showing a large, oval-shaped ring structure with a complex internal layout of pipes and components. The model is rendered in a light gray color, highlighting the intricate geometry of the facility.

# Scheduling and Tracing of Maintenance Tasks in Long Shutdowns at GSI

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# GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung - Overview

- Located in Darmstadt/Germany
- established in 1969
- Employees: 1350
- Guest Scientists: 1200
- 350 Ph.D. students
- Budget: 108 M€



- 2 Heavy Ion Accelerators (UNILAC, SIS18)
- 1 Experimental Storage Ring (ESR)
- The Fragment Separator (FRS)

also known for

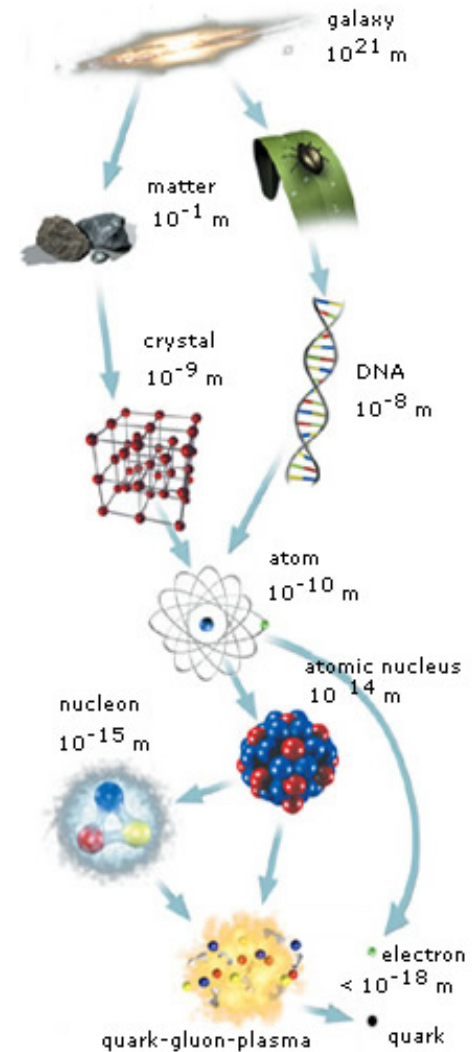
- super heavy elements 107-112 discovered at SHIP/GSI: Bohrium, Hassium, Meitnerium, Darmstadtium, Roentgenium und Copernicium
- PHELIX petawatt Laser
- heavy ion cancer therapy → technology transfer to Heidelberg, Marburg, Shanghai

- Maximum Energy
  - UNILAC: 11,4MeV/u
  - SIS18: 2GeV/u
  
- Accelerated Elements
  - everything from  $p^+$  to Uranium
  - many different isotopes and charge states
  
- 3 Ion Sources Terminals
  - 1. PIG - Penning Ionization Gauge or MeV/u (High Current Injector)
  - 2. ECR - Electron Cyclotron Resonance Source (High Charge State Injector)
  - 3. one of [MUCIS, CHORDIS, VARIS] (High Charge State Injector)

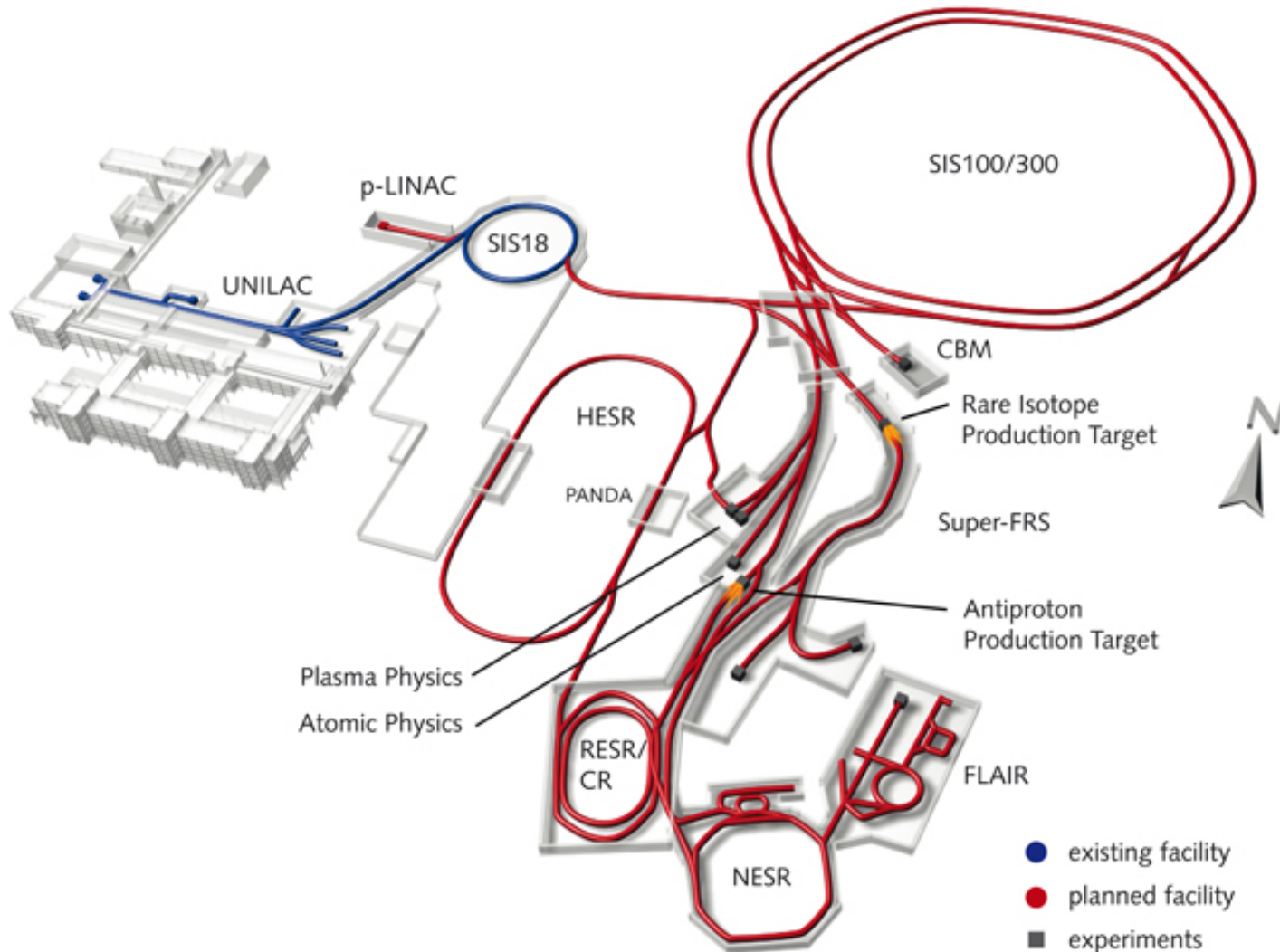
# Research Program

“The research program of GSI spans over 17 decimal powers: it ranges from the modification of materials to the destruction of cancer cells, to the investigation of atoms, to the investigation of atomic nuclei as well as the Quark-gluon plasma”

- nuclear and particle physics
- atomic physics
- plasma physics
- biophysics and medical science
- materials research



# The FAIR-Project

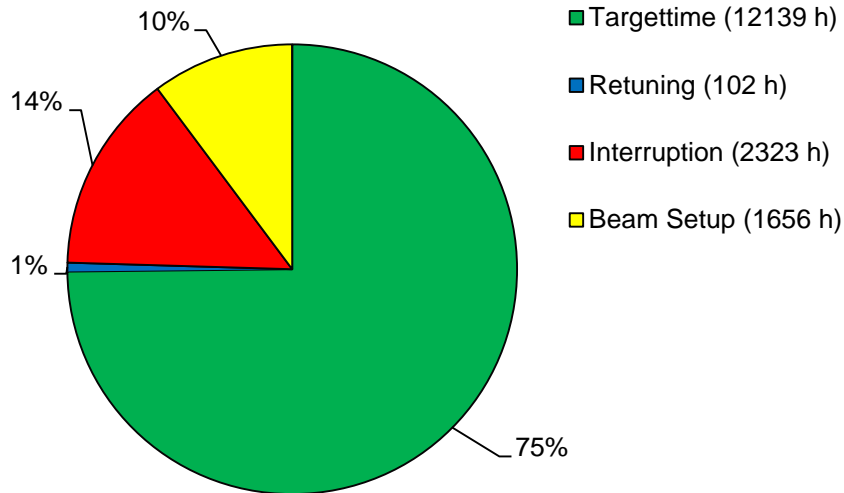


# Implications

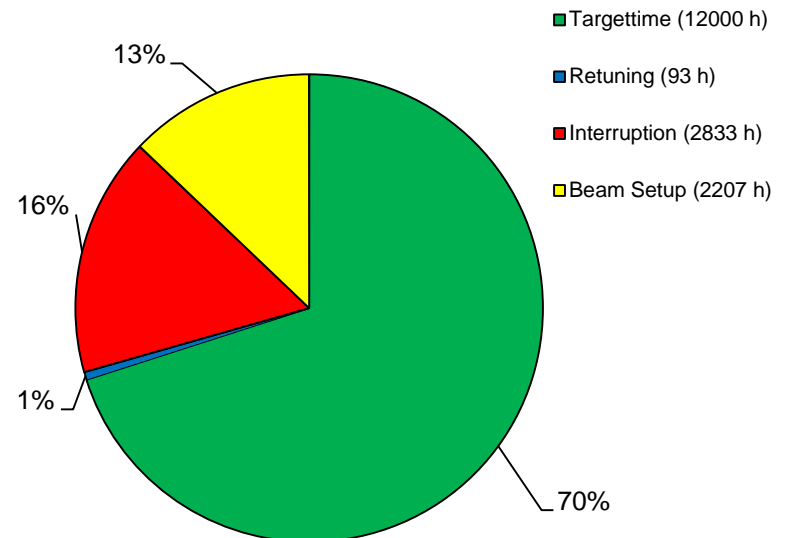
- maintenance of legacy machines, realizing the new project and maybe beam time at the same time, executed by the same persons
  - beginning civil construction for FAIR
  - machine upgrade for FAIR operations
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- reduced standard operation → reduced operation team
  - more machine experiments and device tests
  - insertion of new devices → longer shutdowns

# Operation Statistics / Reliability

beam time 2012



beam time 2014



# Breakdown Statistics 2014

System	Duration/h	Number of Events	Share (h)
Power Supply	580	412	29,21%
Vacuum	438	119	22,03%
Beam Diagnostics	31	19	1,54%
Operating	38	38	1,93%
Interlock/ Safety System	38	36	1,93%
Ion Sources	143	53	7,20%
Misc.	186	89	9,35%
Infrastructure	40	16	2,01%
RF Systems	328	434	16,54%
Controls	164	70	8,25%
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# Standard Shutdown

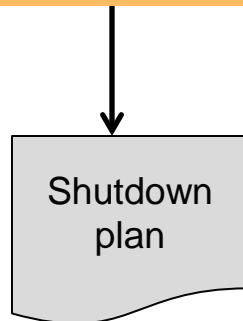
- 4 maintenance periods per anno (duration: min. 2 weeks)
  - maintenance work
  - repairs
  - insertion of new devices
- if possible, all repairs will be shifted into the shutdown periods
- Prioritization and planning by machine coordinators
- Scheduling and tracing by shutdown coordinator (operations department)
- weekly meeting with shutdown coordinator, machine coordinators, the security responsible person for each machine and one contact person of each concerned department

# Shutdown Coordination

## preparation phase

prioritization, scheduling

- shutdown coordinator
- machine coordinators



## weekly Shutdown Meeting

reporting, adjusting

- shutdown coordinator
- machine coordinators
- safety responsible persons
- involved executing departments
- project responsible persons

# The standard shutdown plan

- Offline-MS Project plan, one for each shutdown period
- on average 200-300 tasks per shutdown (150 per week)
- **contains:**
  - all tasks
  - logical and chronological dependencies
  - availability of power connections, cooling circuits, LAN, cranes, etc.
- **does not contain:**
  - planning of personnel resources
- the tasks are grouped per department
- granularity is a trade-off between “don’t forget important steps” and “don’t schedule every screw”

# The Major Shutdown

		2014		2015				2016				2017			
		Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
UNILAC	BEA MTI ME	Shutdown (8 months)				BEAMT IME		Shutdown (>1.5 years)				Commissioning			
	BEA MTI ME	Shutdown (> 2.5 years)										Commissioning			

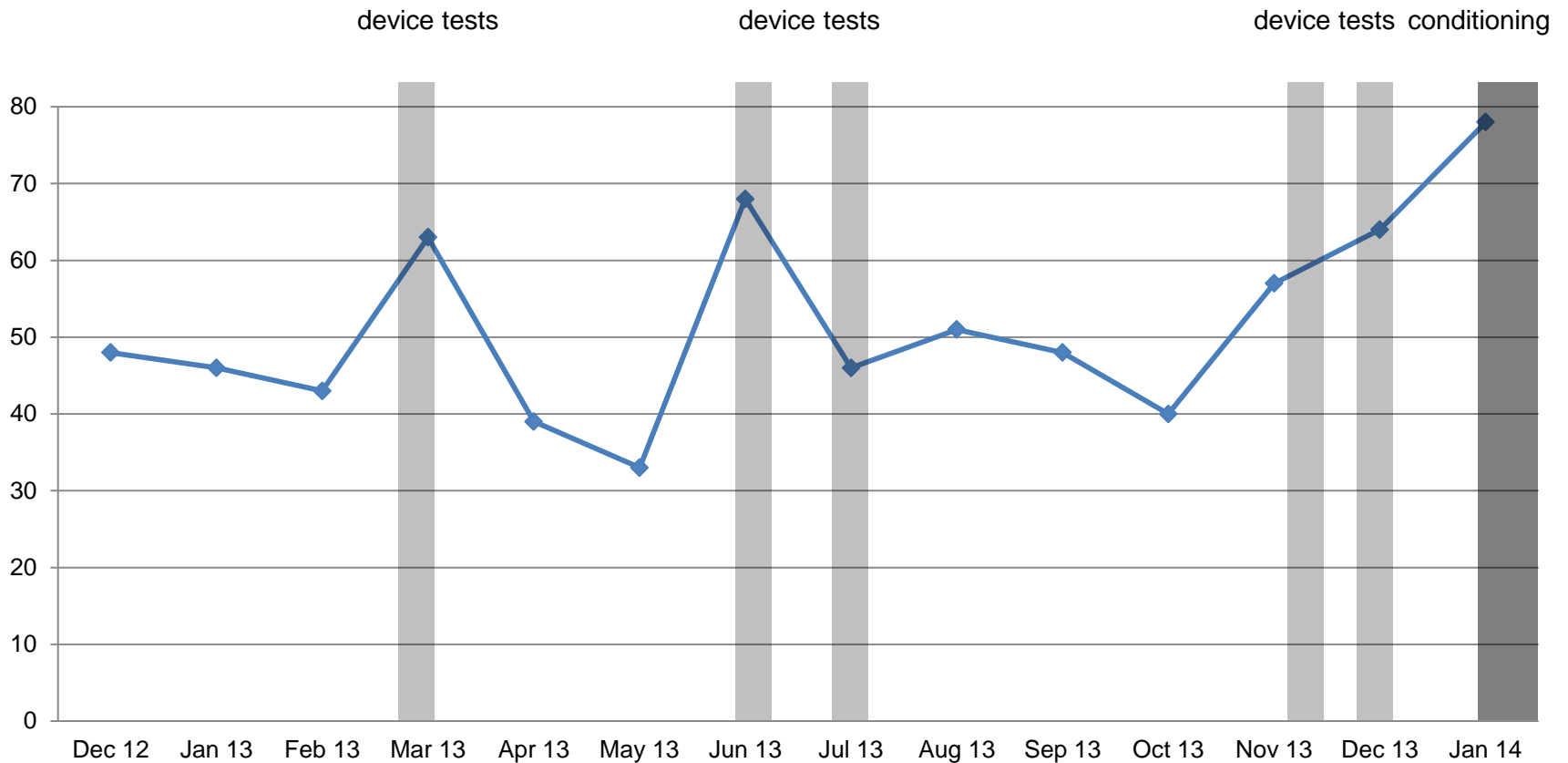
- min. 1.5 years of UNILAC shutdown starting in 2016
- min. 2.5 years of SIS18/ESR shutdown since 2014
- 4 months of shutdown parallel to operations
- from 2016 at least 1.5 years without any operation
  - → operators are delegated to other departments
  - → reduced operations department → shutdown department

# Expectations und Questions

- What differences to standard shutdown can be expected?
  - factor of 50 more tasks (10000) ?
  - unmanageable dependencies?
  - never-ending shutdown meetings?
- What about the personnel planning?
  - Do we need a shutdown coordination office?
- How can we assure the availability of the whole facility at the end of the shutdown period?
- 4 months of shutdown parallel to operations?

- fortunately we had a long (1 year) shutdown in 2013
- 724 tasks / 61 weeks → 18 per week instead of 150 per week
  - more long term tasks
  - lower granularity
  - nearly the same number of smaller tasks per year
- more delays → many postponed tasks
- more time for re-conditioning needed → some departments misuse the beginning of the conditioning phase to finish the last shutdown tasks
- people tend to move things near the deadline

## Finished Tasks per Month



# Grouping the Tasks

- In shorter shutdowns we grouped by machine and below by department
  - so, department members can find their tasks fast and easy
  - leads to a clearly arranged project plan
  - no problem, when a department has only a hand full of projects
- In long shutdown 2013 we came to a limit, because some projects were shared all over the shutdown plan
  - jumping up and down in the plan
  - hard to follow the dependencies
- so we started to group the tasks of some bigger projects
  - clear chronological order per project
  - but departments have to check all projects, whether they are involved → no Problem, because they know their projects



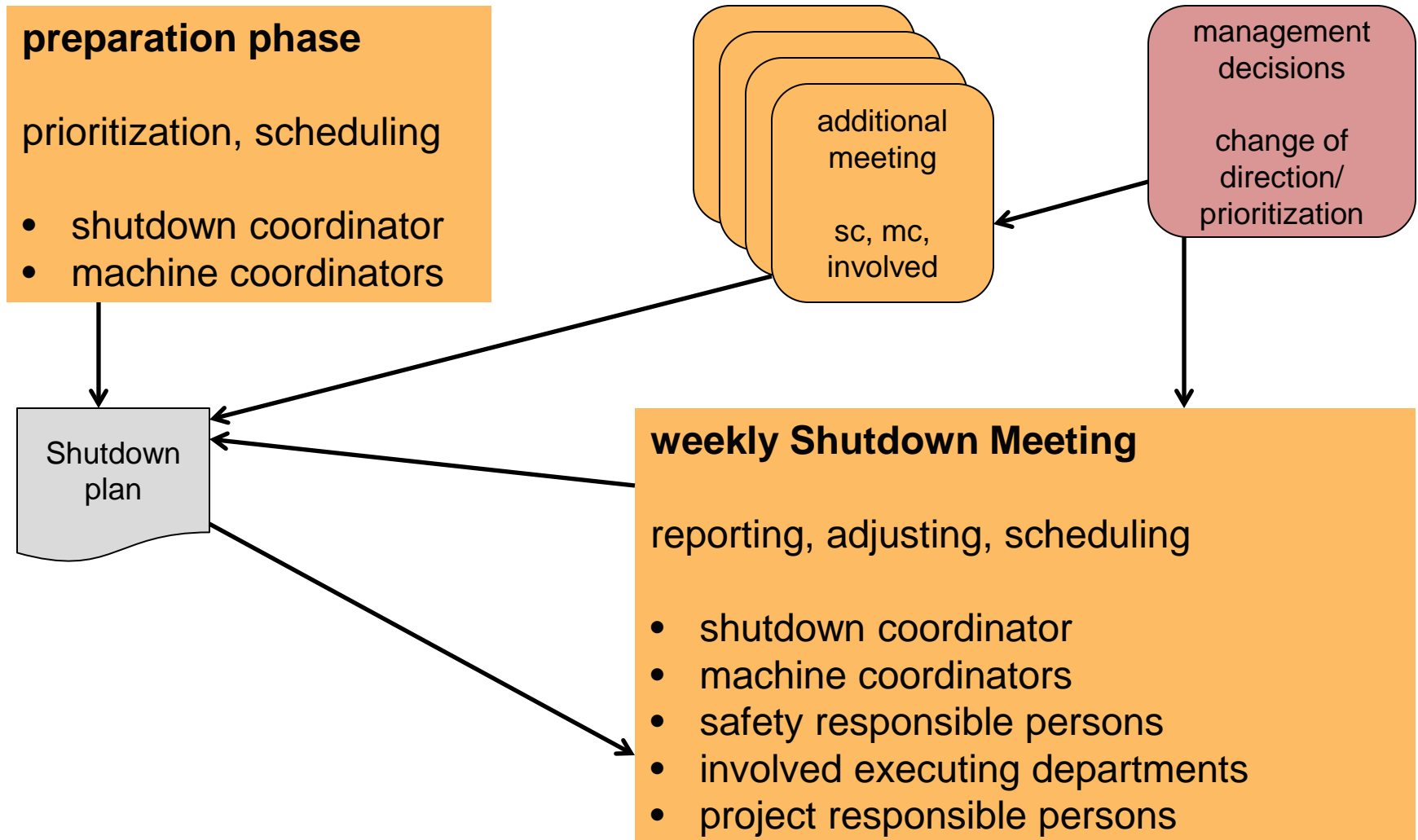
## Personnel needs

- 1 main shutdown meeting per week is still ok
- 1-2 shutdown coordinators are also enough
- machine coordinators are more involved than in shorter shutdowns
- in some cases additional work package meetings of shutdown coordination, machine coordination and departments are needed

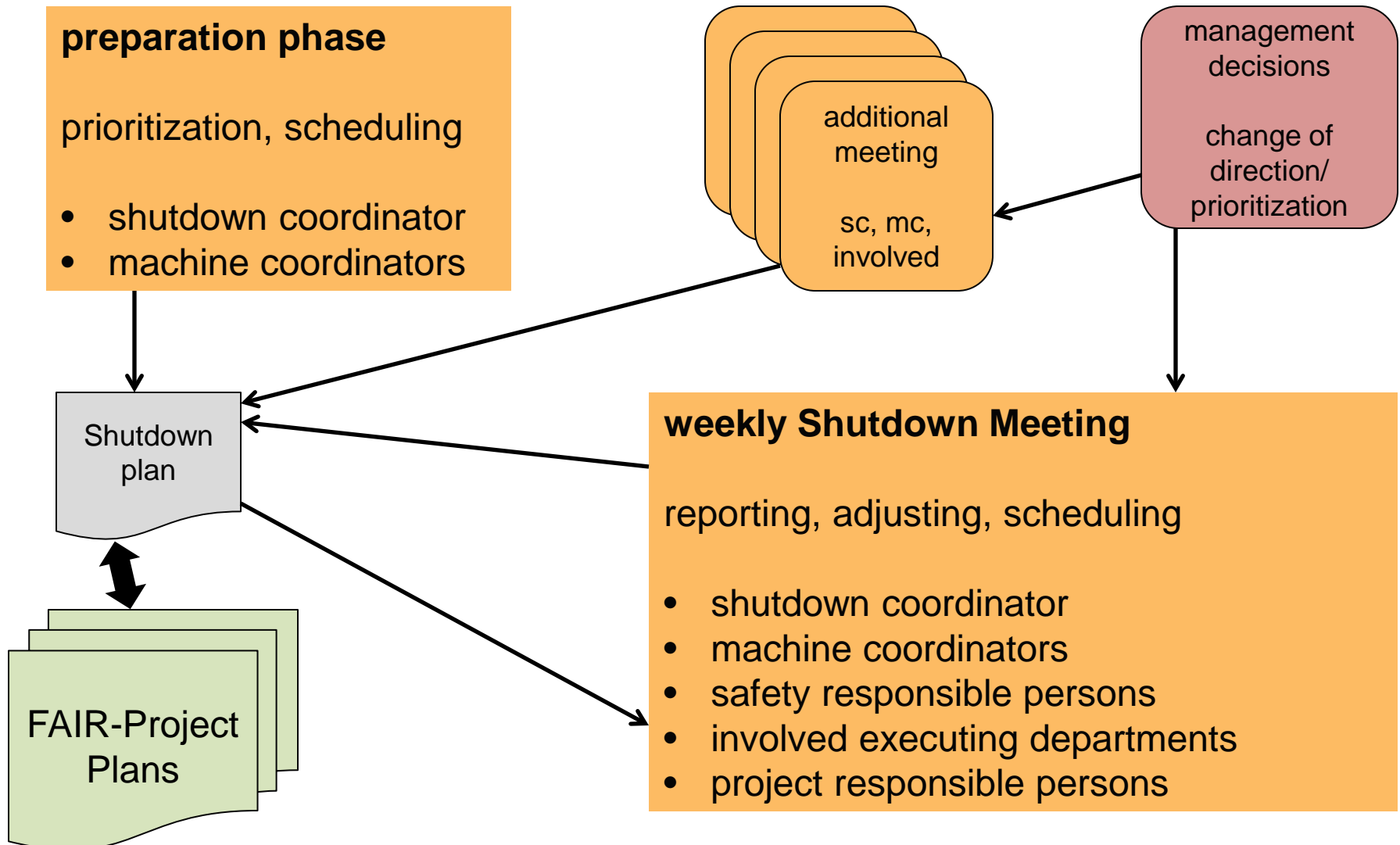
## Summary of lessons learned

- testing periods are helpful not only to test devices and sustain availability but also to force the departments to meet the deadlines
- detailed planning of media + infrastructure availability is necessary
- flexibility in planning and/or good assumptions of how long a task will be processed
- grouping by project
- additional smaller project meetings on demand
  
- most of the time a long shutdown is less stressful to coordinate than a short one

# Shutdown Coordination in long Shutdown 2013



# Status Quo



## Status Quo

- additional planning of the construction work related to the link GSI/ FAIR (beam lines, infrastructure)
- hard constrains because of many fixed dates (coming from FAIR project plans)
- plan became less flexible
- at the moment ca. 600 tasks, but only 2015 is planned in detail
- challenging: UNILAC beam time parallel to shutdown from Jul - Nov 2015
  - but it is a reduced experiment program (UNILAC reaches not full performance)
  - only a few big tasks at SIS during the beam time
- results will maybe reported at ARW 2017

**Thank you for paying  
attention**