



**- SysMon -**  
**A robust and flexible remote monitoring system  
for VLBI and more**

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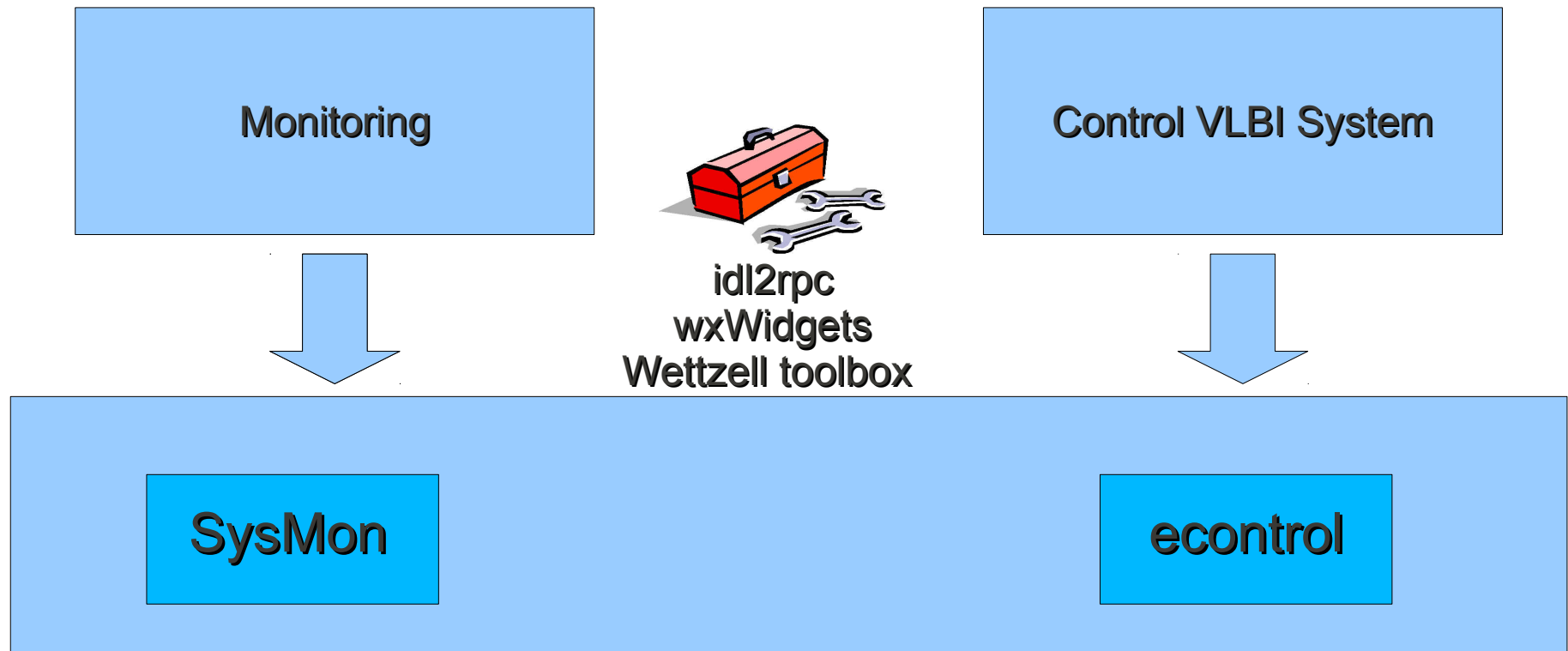


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## What means system monitoring?

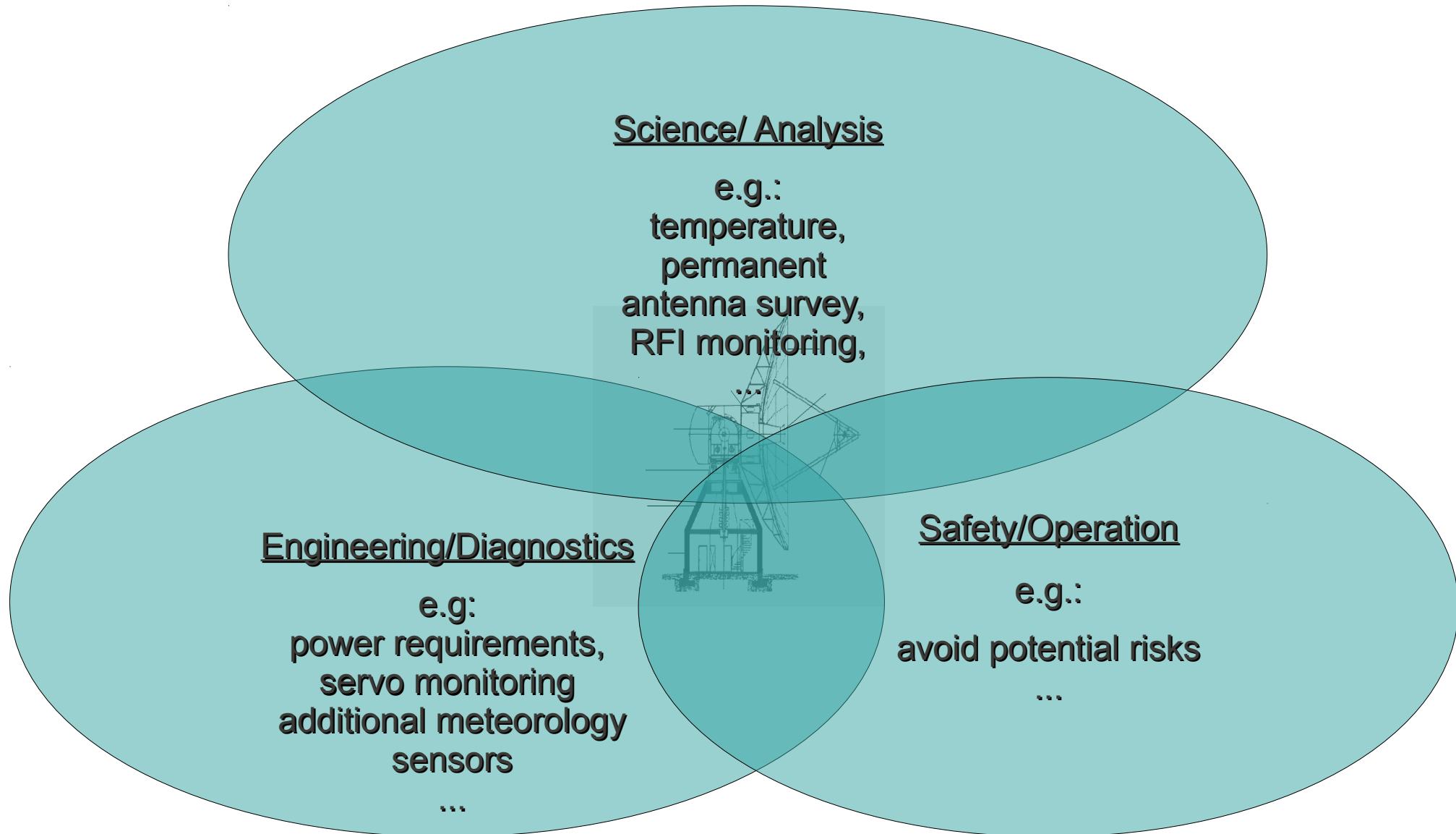
- **Collect data**  
from several sensors at the telescope and site
- **Visualize**  
the data with graphs and diagrams
- **Archive**  
the collected data
- ( **React**  
according to predefined rules )



→ Get a better knowledge about the system behavior during

1. Session
2. Post processing

# Monitoring in case of VLBI



## The idea of system monitoring

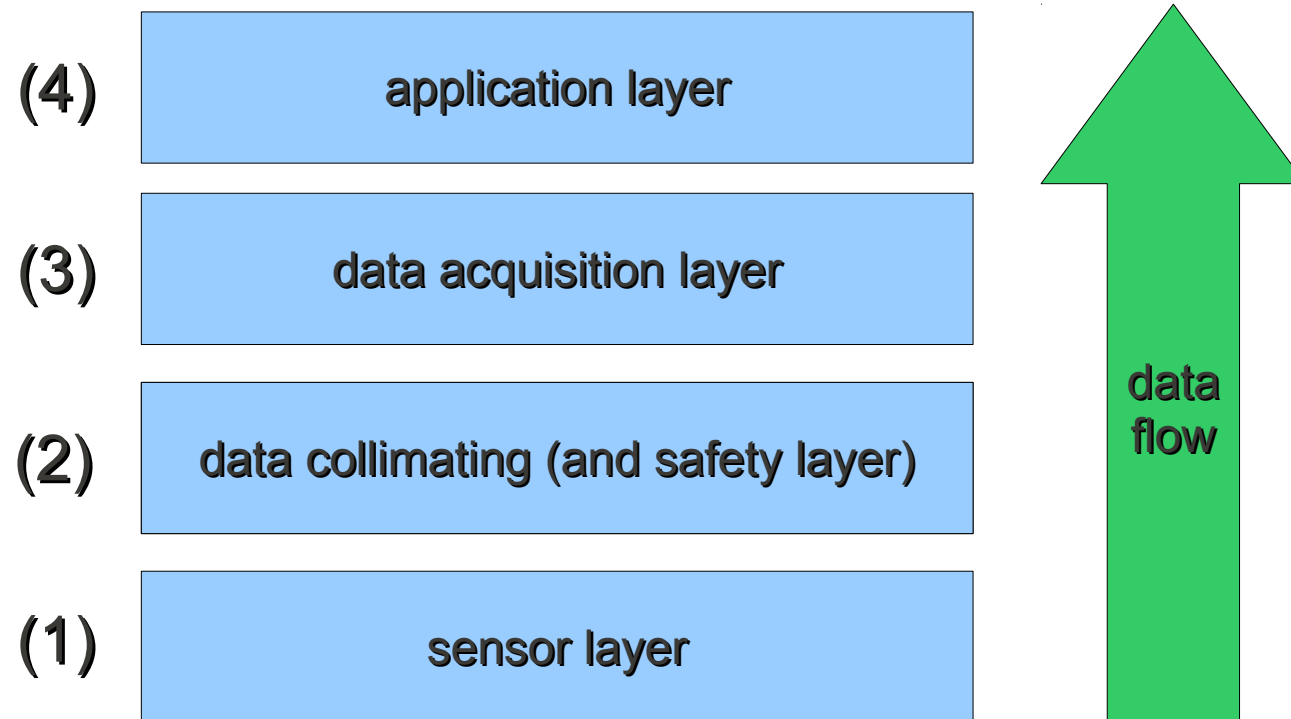
- Requirements

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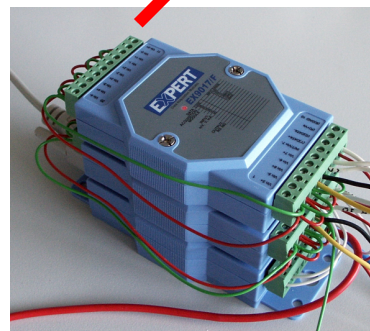
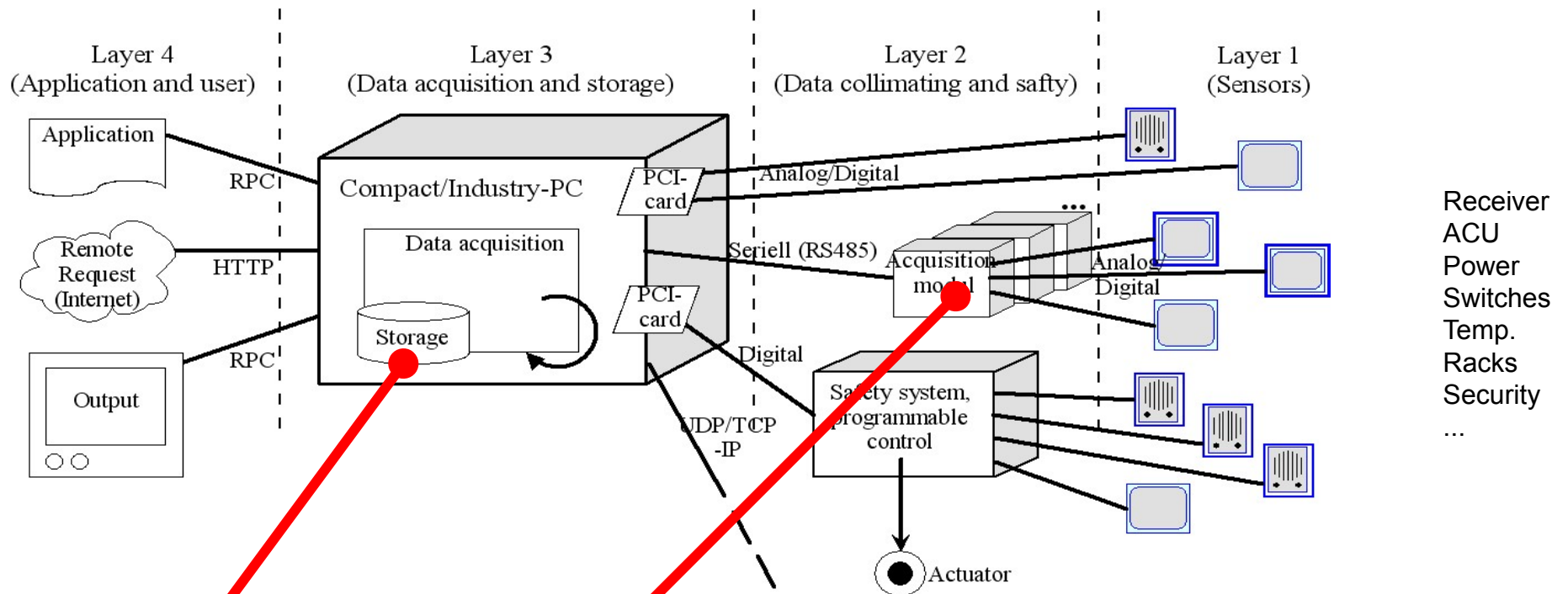
- flexible design
- design does not depend on a specific sensor type or number of sensors
- Provides a way to store measured data for post processing (database, filesystem, ...)
- works with idl2rpc
- based on the same software components as e-control and SLR-software

## The idea of system monitoring



# A fieldsystem extension – second (safety) monitoring system

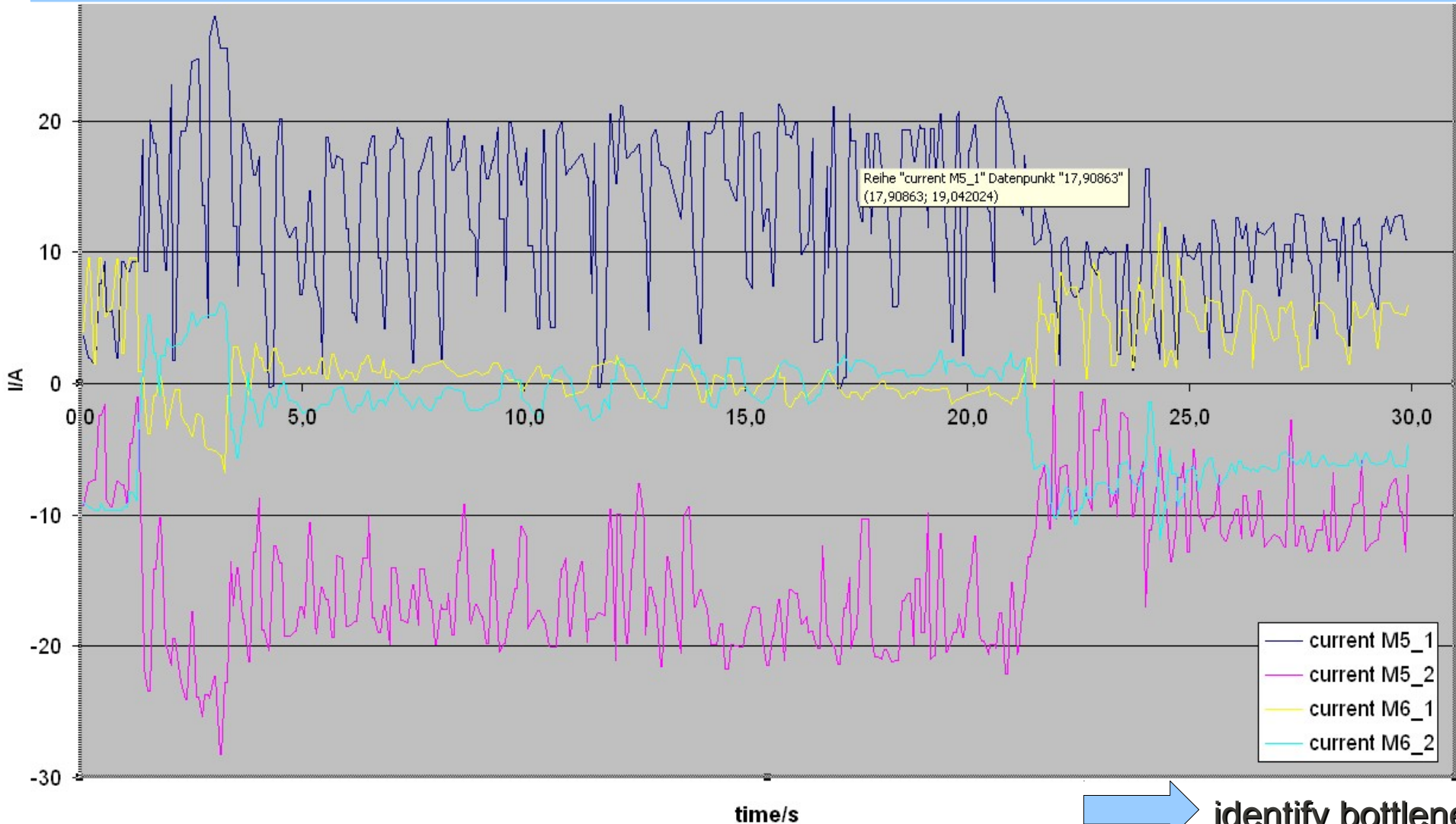
Additional control of the system with system monitoring is under construction



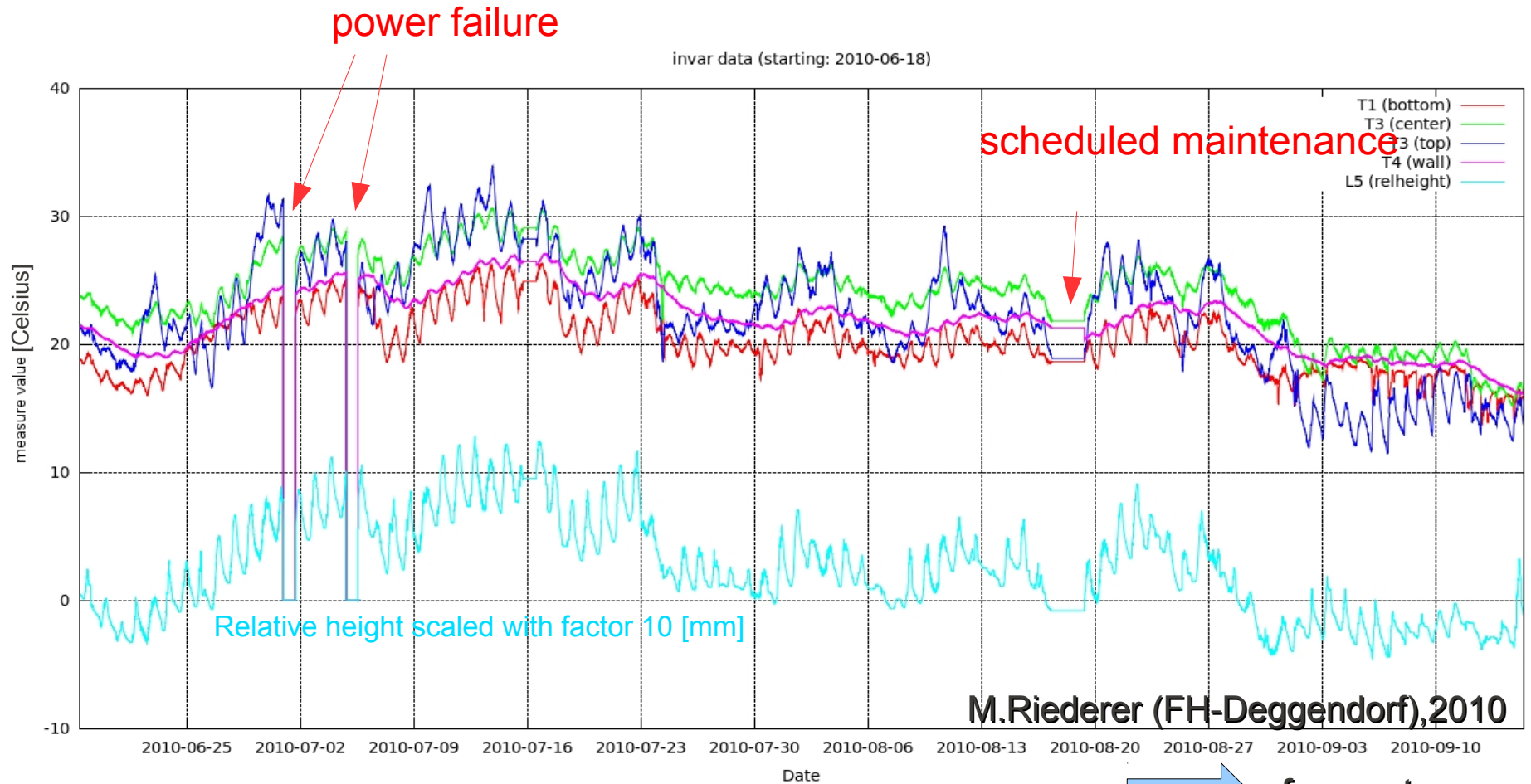
- Standard equipment on standard, robust architectures
- Modular, multi-layer system
- Open for several devices and sensors
- Passive system for monitoring without actuators
- Linux-operating system (maybe minimal installation)
- Open Source
- C/C++
- Communication internal with idl2rpc-generator
- Vendor independence



# Layer 1, RTW current of elevation drives



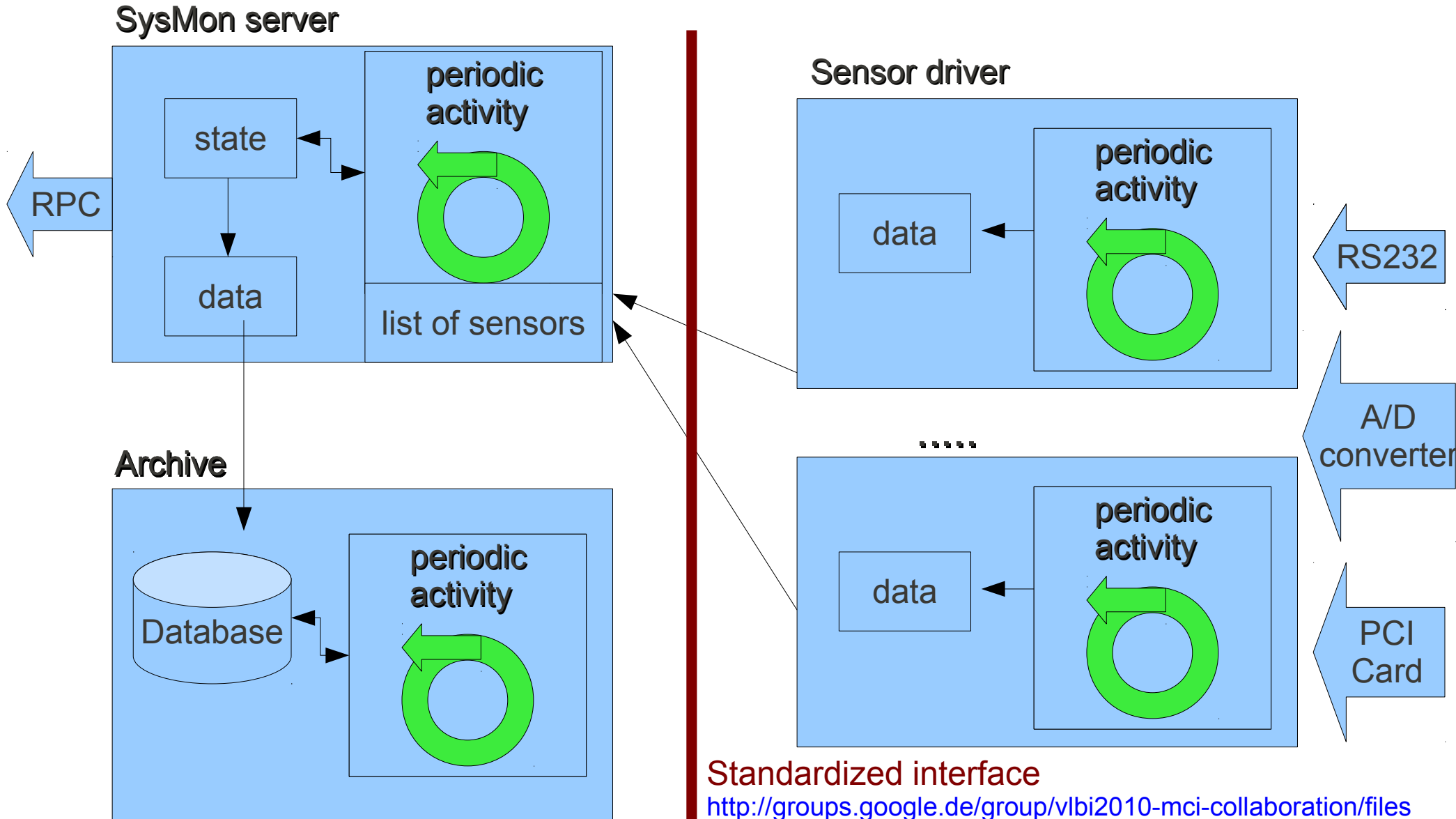
# Layer 1, RTW strain and temperature sensor data



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→ for post processing /analysis

# Layer 2 and 3

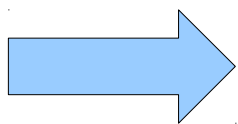


## Layer 4, Application

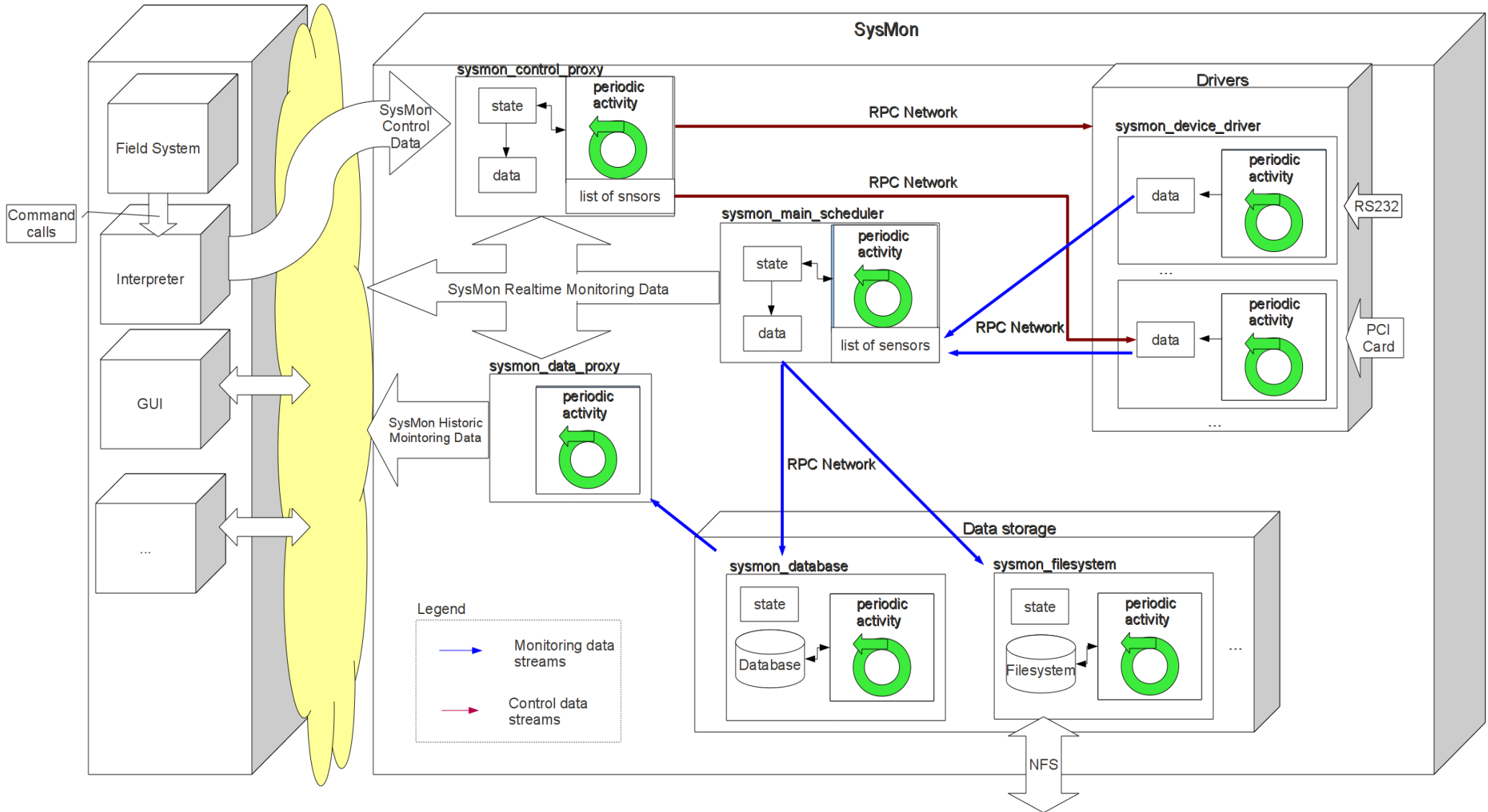
### Graphical User Interface

- wxWidgets a cross platform C++ library (32 and 64-Bit)
- Many extensions have developed:
  - windsensor, polar plotting, ....

wxWidgets API						
wxMSW	wxGTK	wxX11	wxMotif	wxMac	wxCocoa	wxOS2
Win32	GTK+	Xlib	Motif	Carbon	Cocoa	PM
Win/Win CE	Unix/Linux			OS 9/OS X	OS X	OS/2



**One software for multiple platforms**  
(due to current idl2rpc restrictions at the moment only Linux)





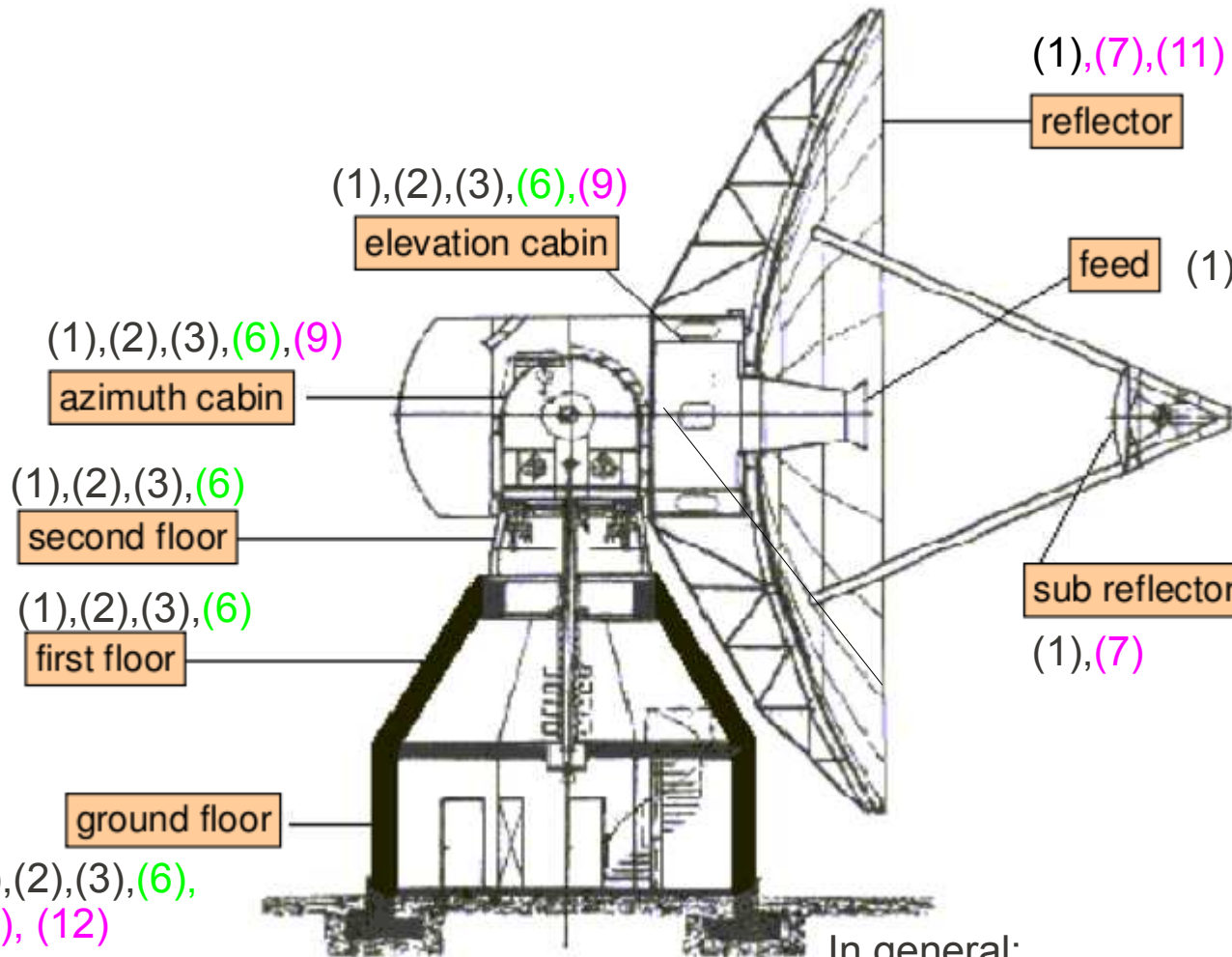
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## What kind of sensors do we need?

Sensor type	Category
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature</li> <li>• Power</li> <li>• Activity states</li> <li>• Meteorology</li> <li>• Interlock states</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<h3>Safety and Operation</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voltage (higher sampled)</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<h3>Engineering and Diagnostics</h3>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strains</li> <li>• Tilts</li> <li>• Positions</li> <li>• RFI</li> <li>• Structural integrity</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<h3>Science and Analysis</h3>



# Sensor locations



1. Temperature
2. Interlock States
3. Power
4. Activity states
5. Meteorology
6. Voltage (higher sampled)
7. Strains
8. Tilts
9. Positions
10. RFI
11. Structural integrity
12. ACU-Data

In general:  
(5),(8),(10)



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## SysMon, what is the benefit?

- Get a better knowledge about the system and its behavior
- Make the system even more reliable
- Provide more information for analysis of VLBI data
- Can be used from remote (uses idl2rpc)
- Learn more about the systems “health” state
- Identify system weak points
- Reduce downtimes
- Reduce consequential costs
- Avoid potential human safety risks
- Also useful for other systems, e.g.: SLR, Ringlaser,...

 Higher degree of automation

## Future planes

### Laser-ranging

SOSW  
(first realization)

### VLBI (Antarctica)

Monitoring  
+  
windsensor  
(O'Higgins)



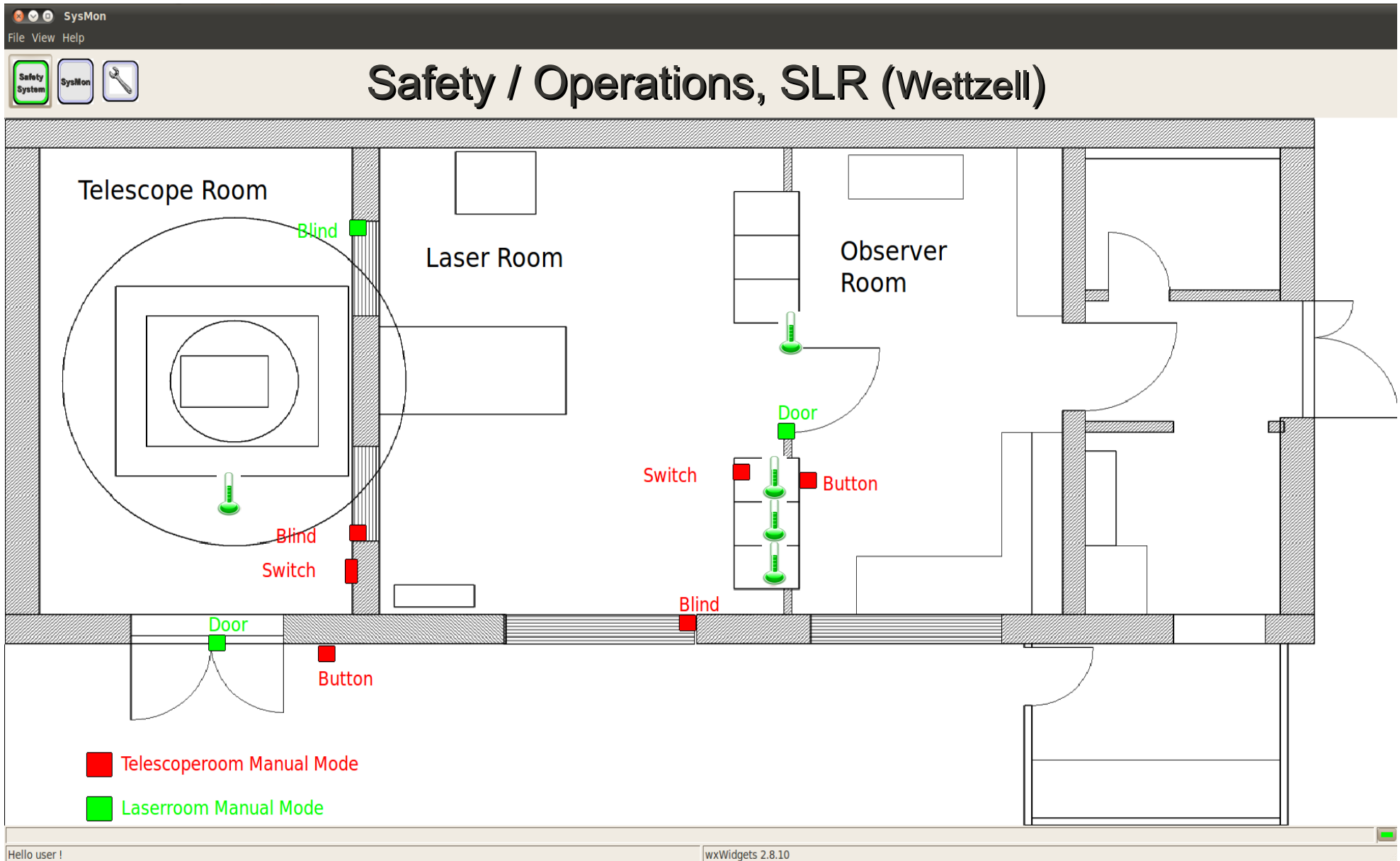
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### GPS, Wettzell-Met

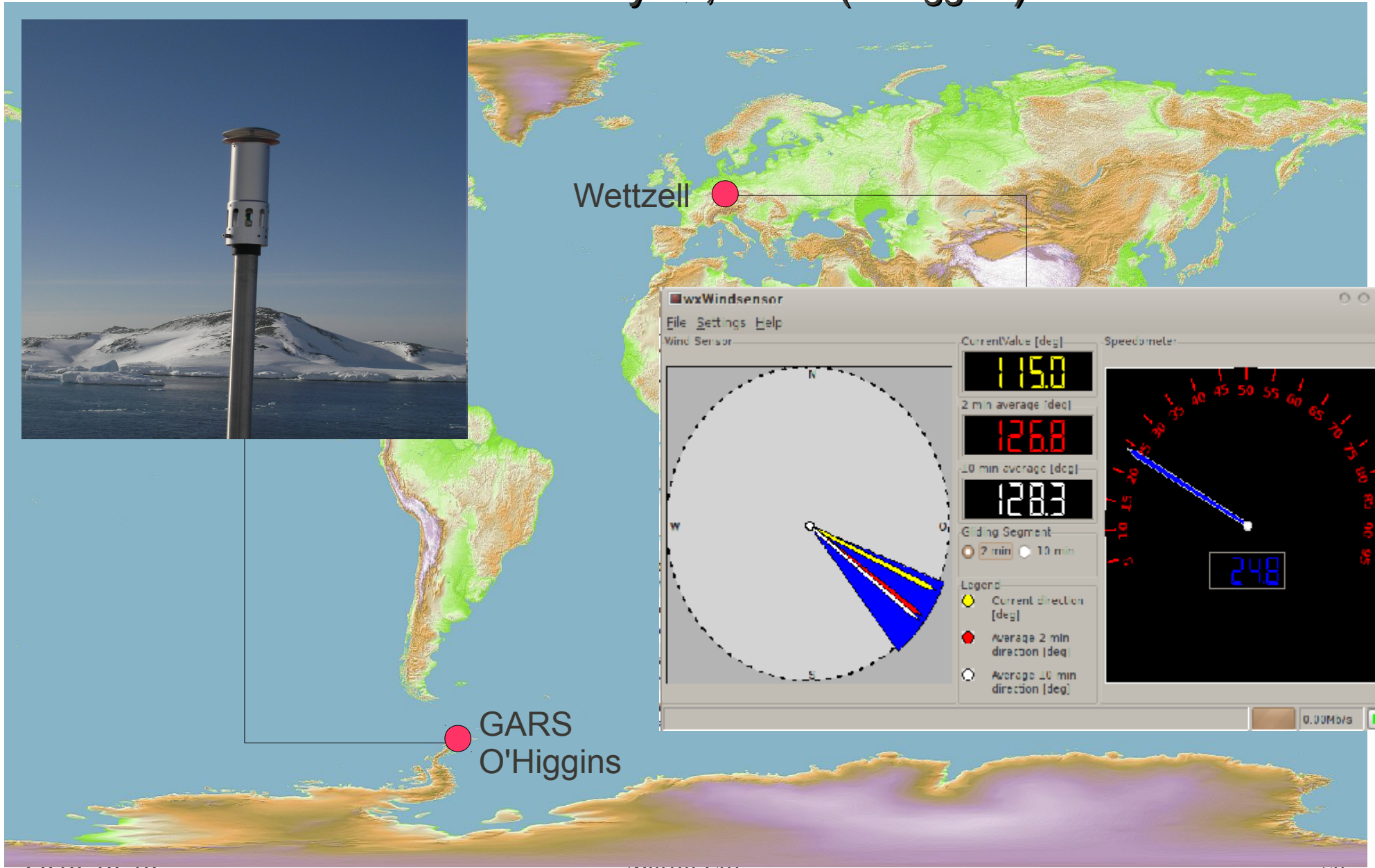
Meteo station

### VLBI (Wettzell)

RTW,  
Twin Telescopes



# Science/Analysis, VLBI (O'Higgins)





**Thank you!**