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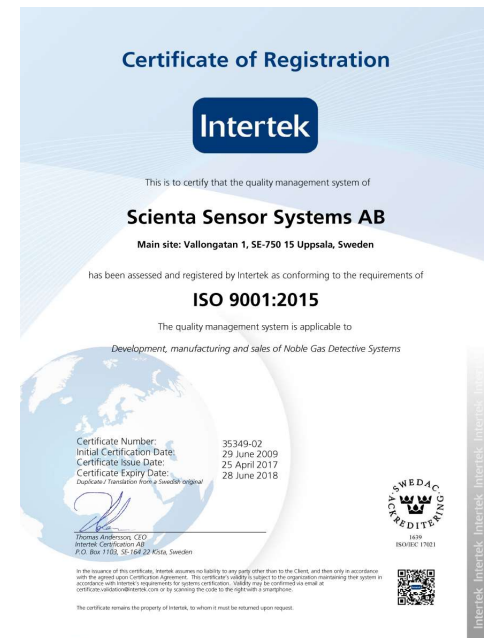
Next generation of SAUNA systems  
SAUNA III-Increased detection and localization capability

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## Scientia Sensor Systems in short

- Provides leading edge solutions for sensitive measurements of fission gas releases
- Part of the Scientia Scientific Group, a world leader in applied nuclear physics, providing sustainable solutions
- Unique collaboration with FOI, the Swedish Defence Research Agency, with R&D and analysis capability
- Several products in the SAUNA family (Swedish Automatic Unit for Noble Gas Acquisition)
- Certified according to, SS-EN ISO 9001:2015





## Scientia Sensor Systems in short

- Supplier of noble gas systems to Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)
- Independent customers in e.g. South Korea, China, Middle East and USA
- Installed base of 37 operational systems worldwide
- Worldwide support via a network of partners



**SAUNA II IMS System**



**SAUNA II Mobile Sampling Unit**



**SAUNA II**

# SAUNA PRODUCT FAMILY



**SAUNA II Laboratory System**



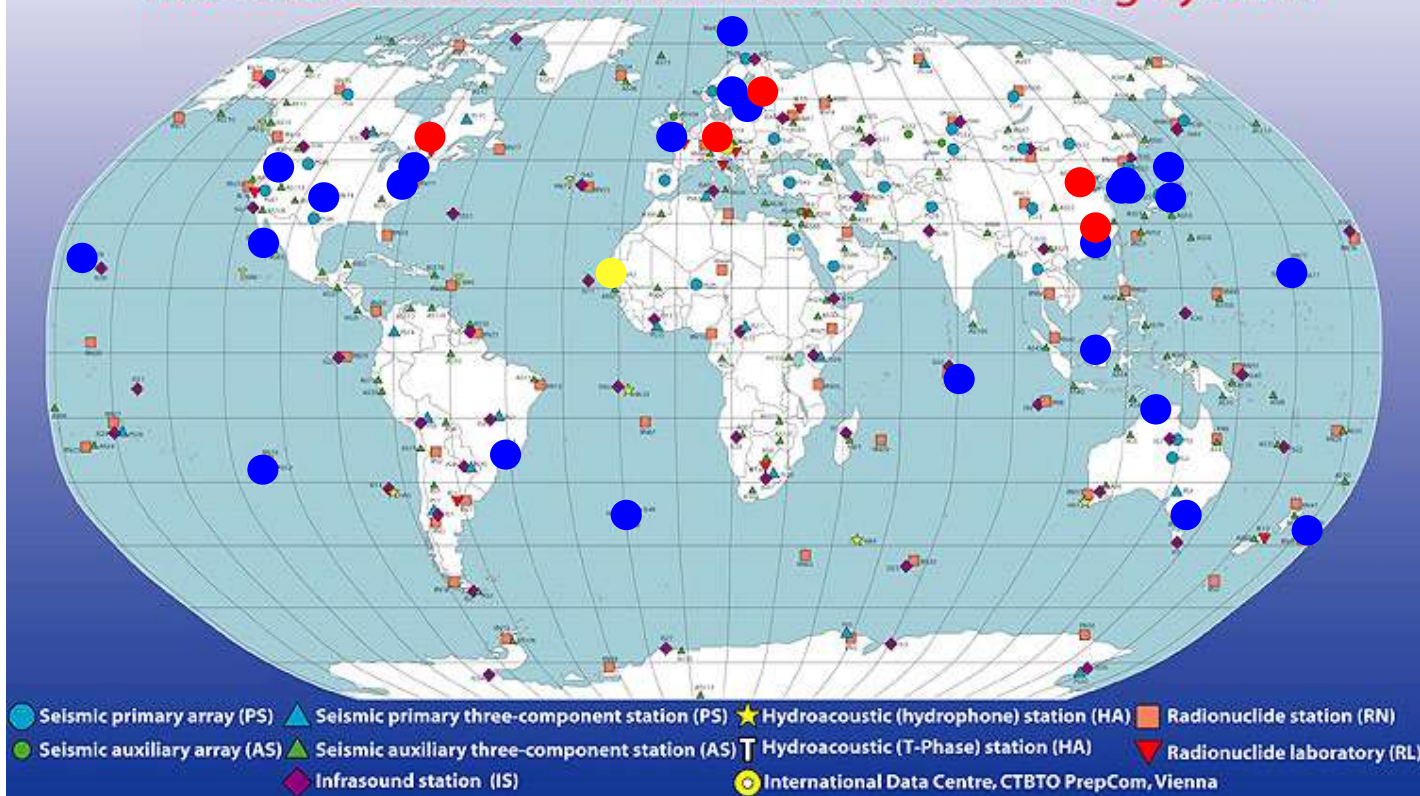
**TXL - Transportable SAUNA system**



**SAUNA-Field**

# SAUNA network

## Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBTO) Facilities of the CTBT International Monitoring System





# SAUNA Product Road Map & Release Mgt

## SAUNA 2.1

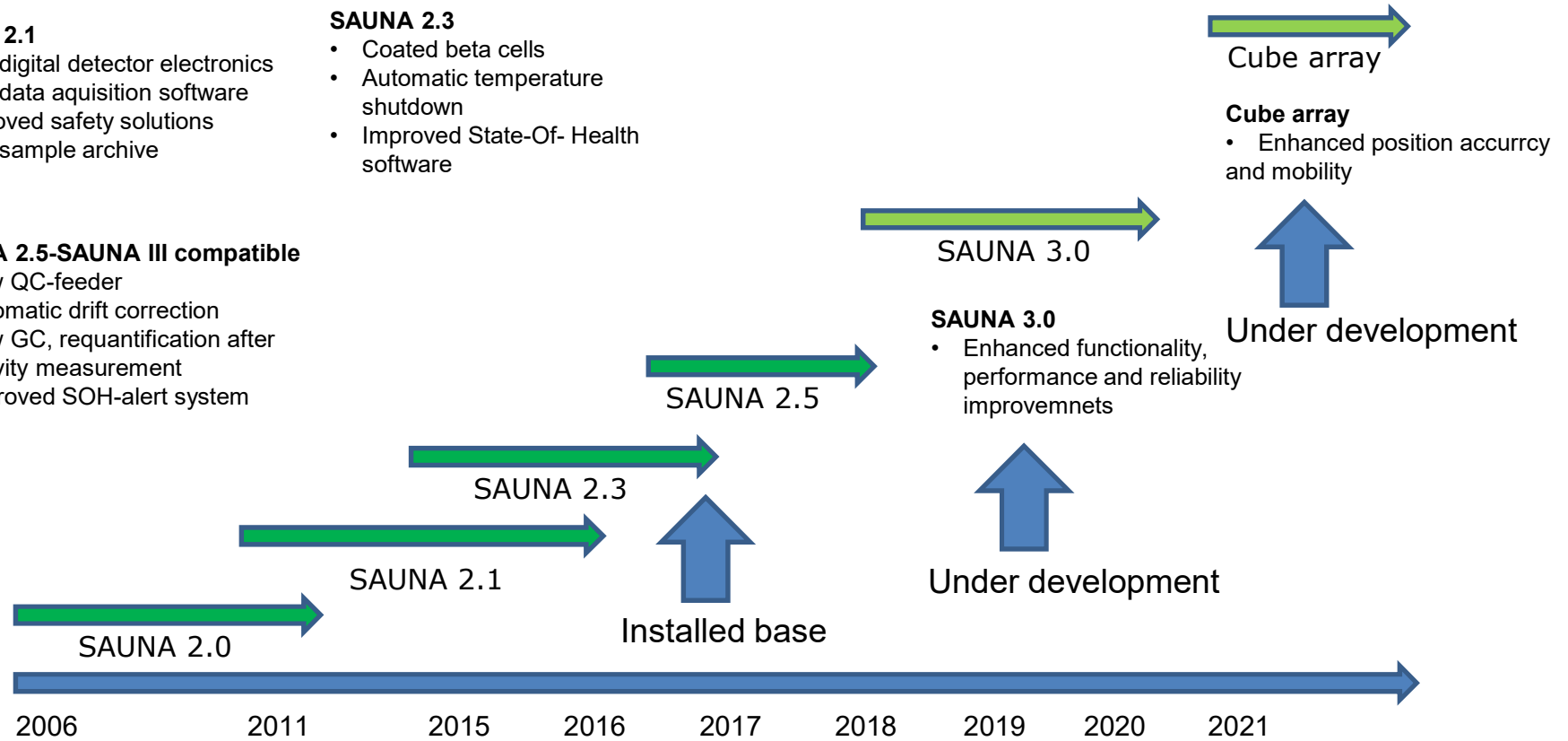
- New digital detector electronics
- New data acquisition software
- Improved safety solutions
- New sample archive

## SAUNA 2.3

- Coated beta cells
- Automatic temperature shutdown
- Improved State-Of- Health software

## SAUNA 2.5-SAUNA III compatible

- New QC-feeder
- Automatic drift correction
- New GC, requantification after activity measurement
- Improved SOH-alert system



## SAUNA III

- Very sensitive, suitable at remote low background sites
- Higher time resolution (6 h) and
- Better detection limits (MDC:s) than SAUNA II increases the probability of detection and allows for more precise source localization
- Upgradeable path on existing installed base of SAUNA II
- Lower operational cost, N<sub>2</sub> instead of He
- Automatic detector drift correction
- Improved QA/QC-xenon quantified before and after activity measurement
- New operator software

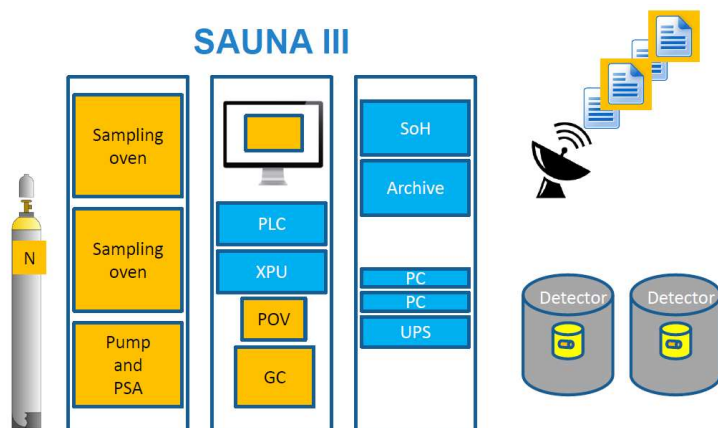
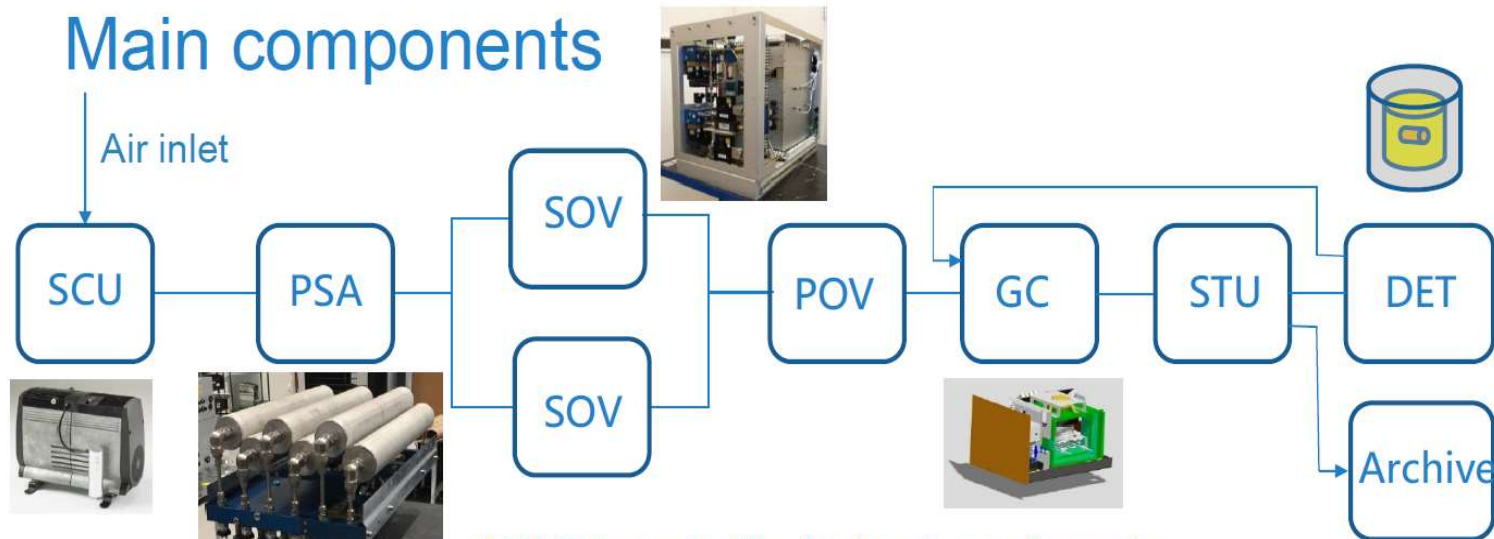


Fig. 2. SAUNA III as an upgrade of SAUNA II (in yellow the new components)



## Main components



**SCU:** Pump, water filter, heat-exchanger, flow-meter

**PSA:** Pressure Swing Adsorption (MS)

**SOV:** Sampling Ovens (MS and Ag-ETS).

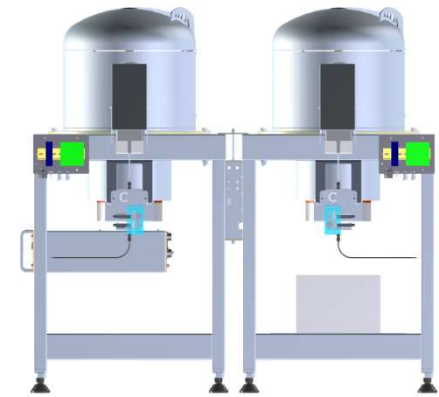
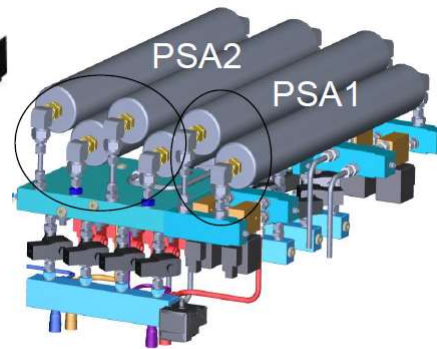
**POV:** Process Oven (MS and CMS)

**GC:** Gas Chromatograph, same as SAUNA II

**STU:** Same as SAUNA II with new CMS –trap

**DET:** Detectors – SAUNA II concept with new beta cells

### SAUNA III



SAUNA II SOV MS



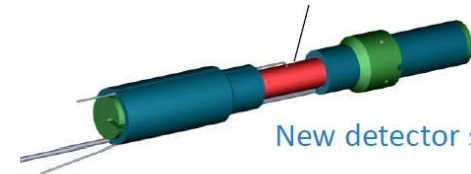
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SAUNA III SOV MS



Ag-ETS

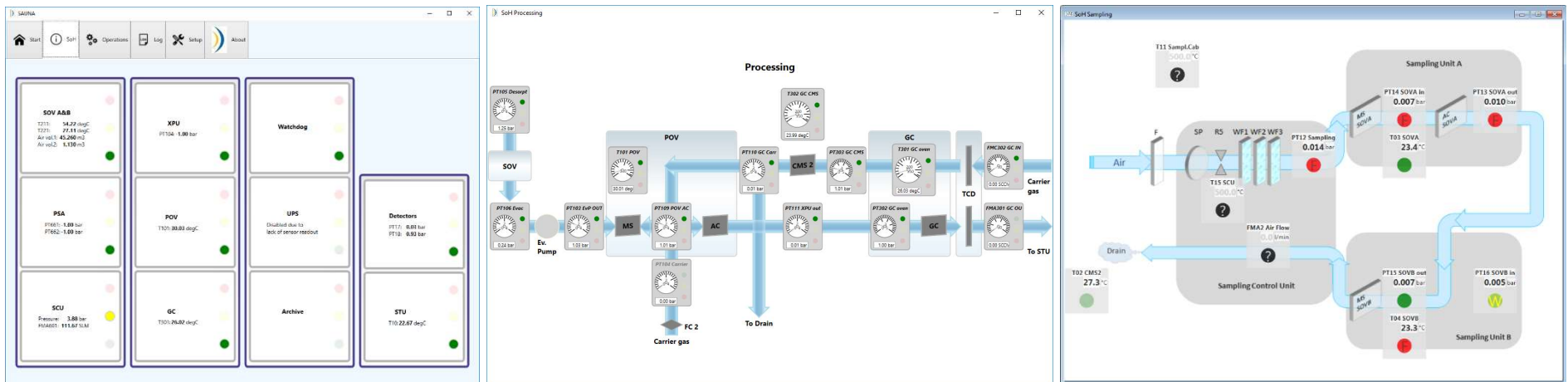


New detector support



## New operator software

- New GUI and operational software
- All user functionality included in one GUI
- Replaces the current GUI and SoHviewer
- Service functionality included
- Xecon4 integrated, allowing a full on-line sample analysis



## Specification

|                                    | SAUNA II | SAUNA III |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Collection time (h)                | 12       | 6         |
| Carrier gas                        | Helium   | Nitrogen  |
| Gas consumption (l/day)            | 300-450  | 380       |
| Mean power (kW)                    | 3        | 3.7       |
| Peak power (kW)                    | 5.5      | 6.0       |
| Xe volume (cm <sup>3</sup> at STP) | 1.2      | 3         |
| MDC Xe-133 (mBq/m <sup>3</sup> )   | 0.25     | 0.15      |
| MDC Xe-131m (mBq/m <sup>3</sup> )  | 0.2      | 0.1       |
| MDC Xe-133m (mBq/m <sup>3</sup> )  | 0.2      | 0.1       |
| MDC Xe-135 (mBq/m <sup>3</sup> )   | 0.7      | 0.3       |
| Detector dead volume (%)           | <15      | 5         |

## SAUNA III installation

### SAUNA III Upgrade strategy



- Replace all modules in the first rack
- New trap in POV
- POV 2 disconnected
- New gas-lines between POV and XPU
- New trap in STU
- New  $\beta$ -detectors
- Upgraded PLC
- Upgraded software (WIN10)
- Same footprint and UPS

- Cost efficiency
- Work with exchange modules

- Cost efficiency of the production process
- Standardization of the production
- Transfer of prototype drawings
- Final review
- Design of industrial solutions like vale block assemblies
- Serviceability final review
- Introducing all drawing s and component list into the production system
- Supplier evaluation
- No of suppliers per component
- Review of module test procedures-identifying stable key parameters for system set up
- Review of system test procedure

## Serviceability

- Service interval
- Robustness of new components
- Redundancy
- No of unique components
- Location of components within the system
- Complexity of service
- PM programme
- Depot of recommended spares



## Operationability

- User friendliness and ease of understanding the system
- Identifying service tasks possible for the user to perform
- SW interface user friendliness
- Manuals, trouble shooting procedures, operational routines
- Training program





## Present status SAUNA III

- First 6 month testing at FOI has shown excellent performance
  - All hardware and software of the industrial system installed and tested at Scientia Sensor Systems in Uppsala
  - HW and SW stressed and tested in industrial environment
  - Some challenges remains
  - Field testing planned to start Q1 2019
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- Manuals, trouble shooting procedures, operational routines under development



Thank you