



Introduction to CERN and its Industrial Control Systems

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Outline

- Short intro to CERN
- Industrial Controls at CERN
- CERN-Siemens/ETM partnership



CERN as Organisation



- European Organization for Nuclear Research
 - Started in 1954 to promote research on nuclear Physics in Europe and not to be left behind the US and the Soviet Union
 - Precursor of many collaboration projects that came afterwards
 - International organization
 - 22 member states (mainly Europe plus Israel)
 - Numerous associated members and observers
 - Open to worldwide scientific community: 17500 people
 - 12200 visiting scientists, 70 countries, 110 nationalities, 600 institutes
 - 2600 employees, 500 students, 800 fellows
 - Budget: 1.1 mld CHF



CERN Mission



Nuclear today? Not at all

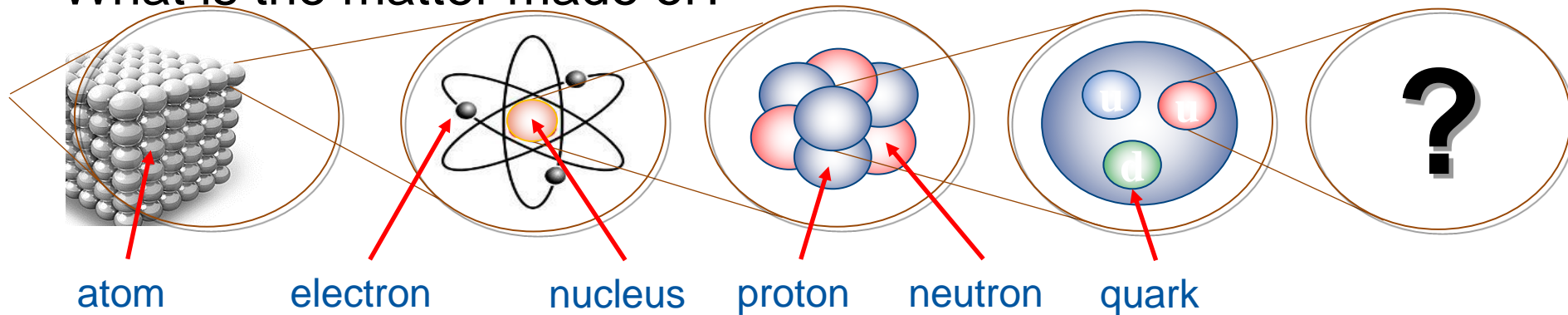


Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucleaire (1954)

European Laboratory for Particle Physics

Although some short-living radioisotopes are produced for cancer treatment in the Geneva area

What is the matter made of?



Antimatter



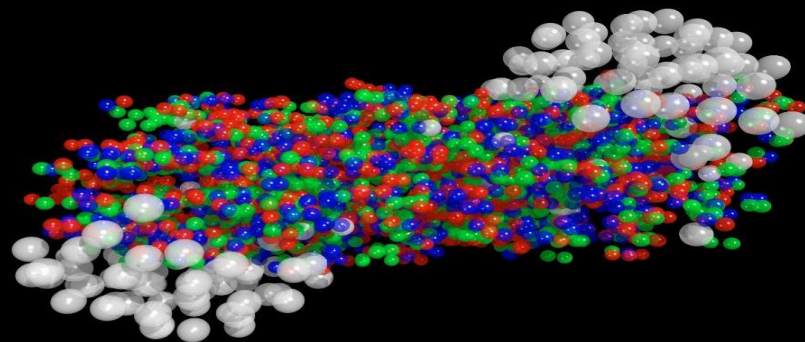
Higgs Boson



Dark Matter



Quark-Gluon Plasma

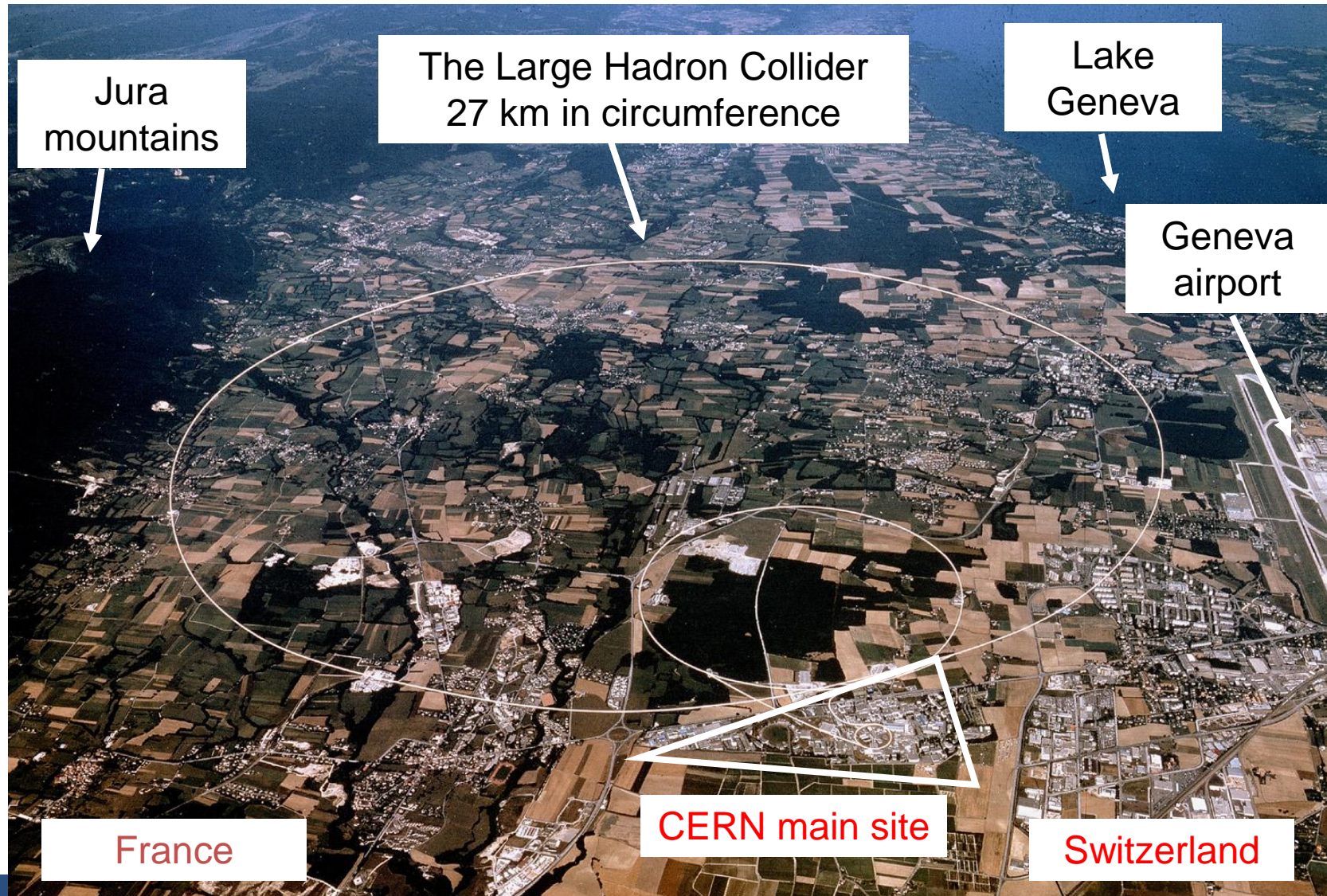


How is this done?





CERN: European Centre for Particle Physics



Large Hadron Collider

CMS

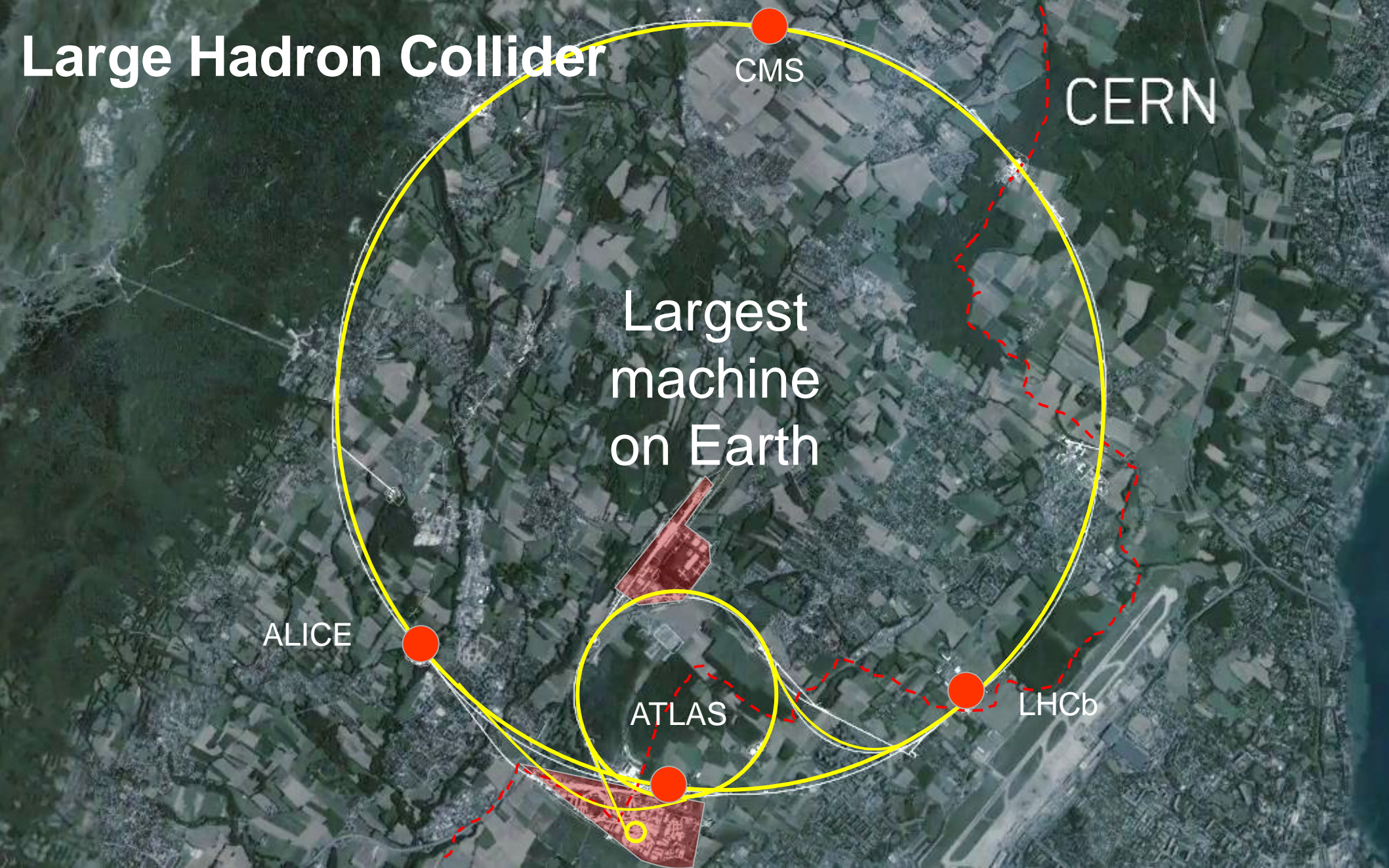
CERN

Largest
machine
on Earth

ALICE

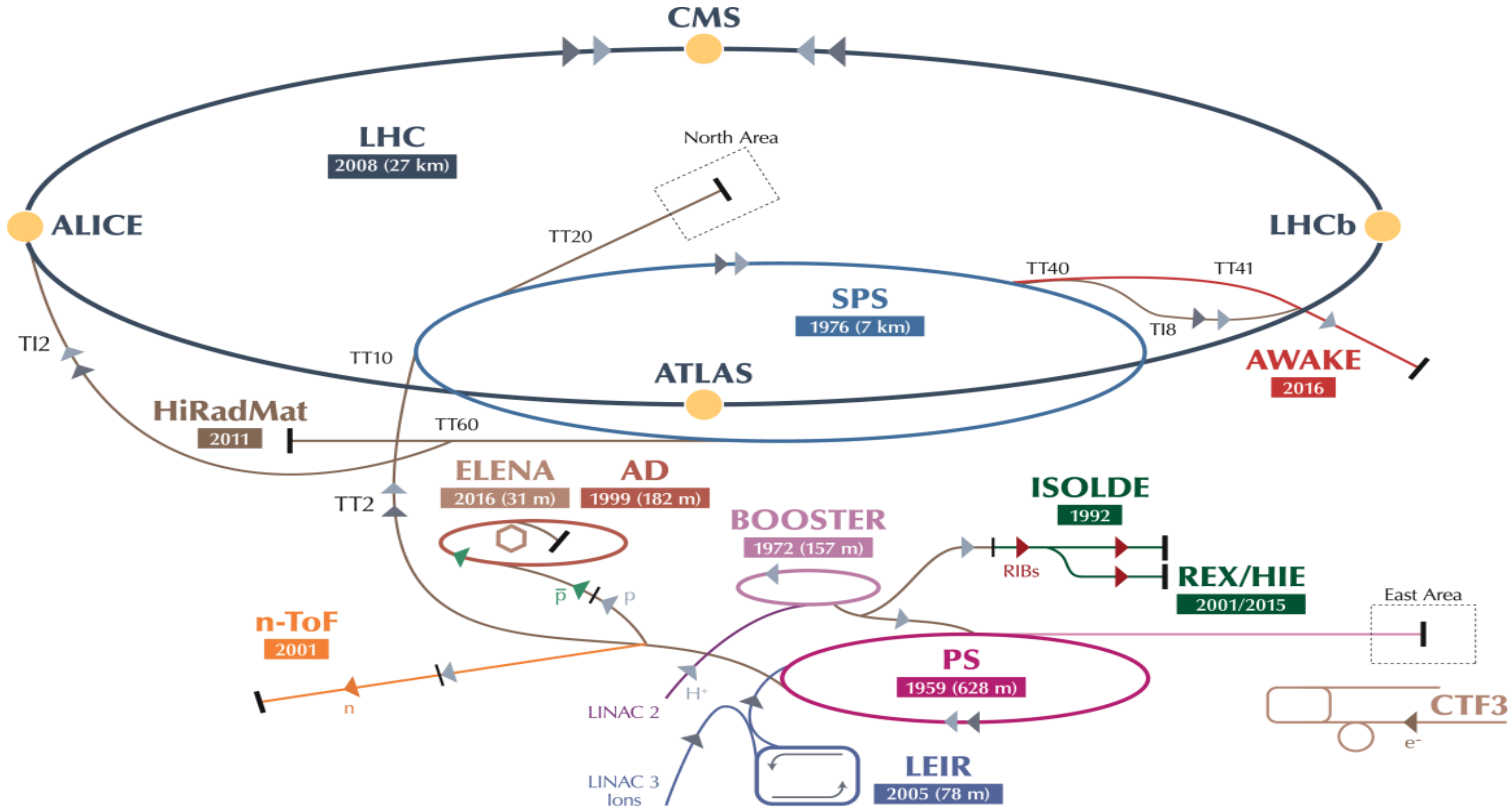
ATLAS

LHCb





Accelerator Complex

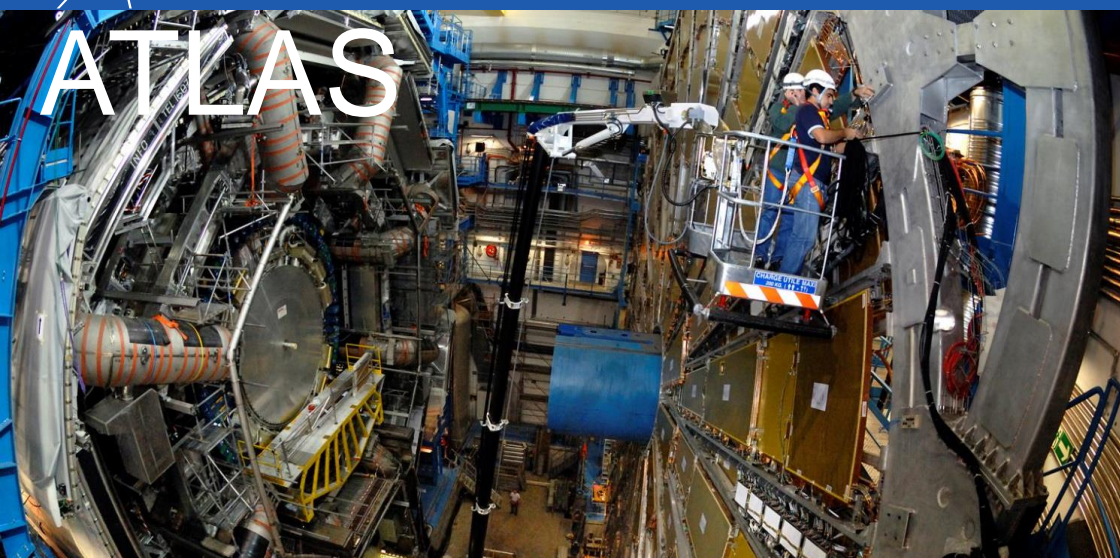


► p (protons) ► ions ► RIBs (Radioactive Ion Beams) ► n (neutrons) ► \bar{p} (antiprotons) ► e^- (electrons) \longleftrightarrow proton/antiproton conversion \longleftrightarrow proton/RIB conversion

LHC Large Hadron Collider SPS Super Proton Synchrotron PS Proton Synchrotron AD Antiproton Decelerator CTF3 Clic Test Facility
AWAKE Advanced WAKEfield Experiment ISOLDE Isotope Separator OnLine REX/HIE Radioactive EXperiment/High Intensity and Energy ISOLDE
LEIR Low Energy Ion Ring LINAC LINEar ACcelerator n-ToF Neutrons Time Of Flight HiRadMat High-Radiation to Materials



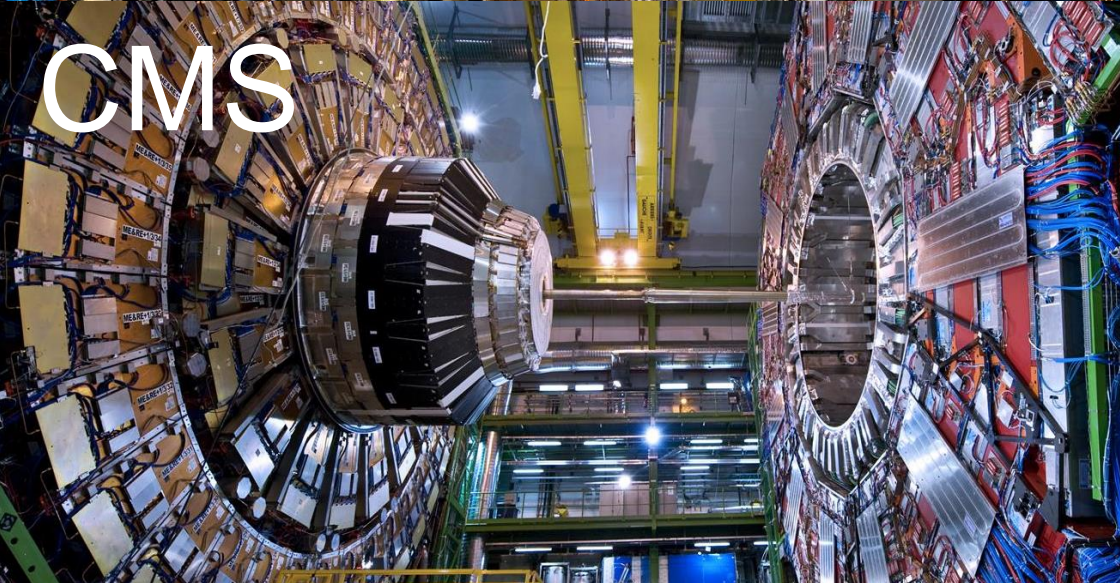
LHC Particle Detectors



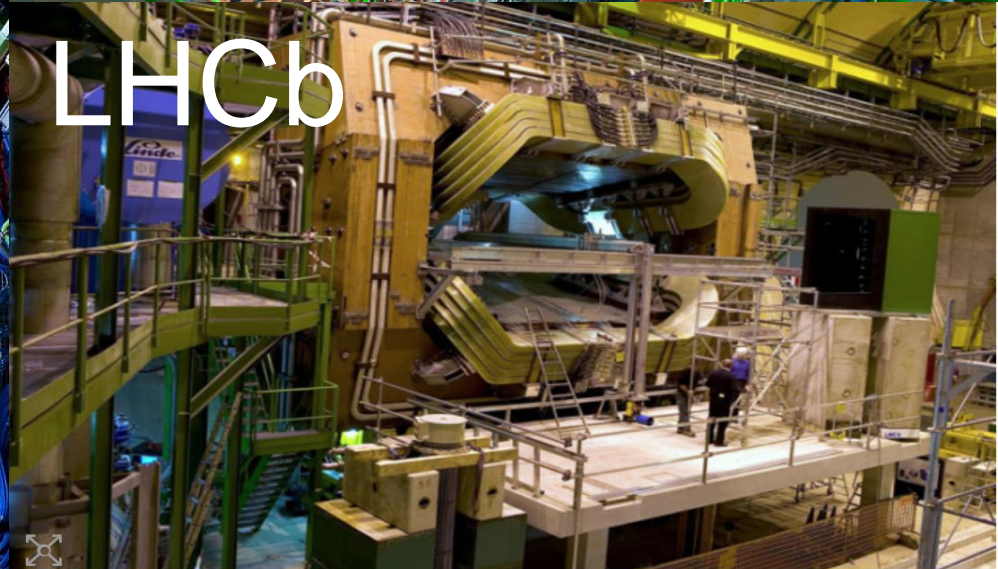
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ALICE



CMS



LHCb



How everything fits together?



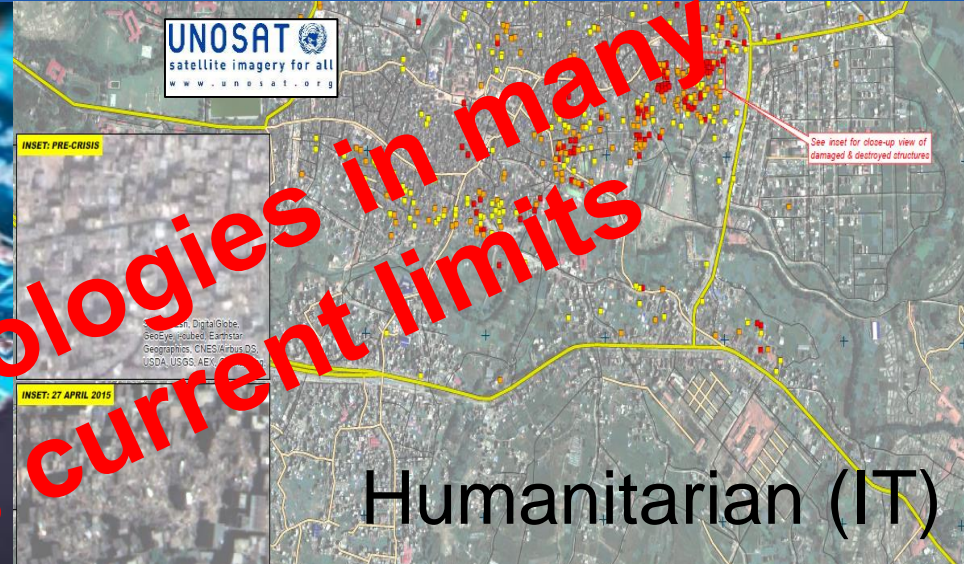
But that's not all...





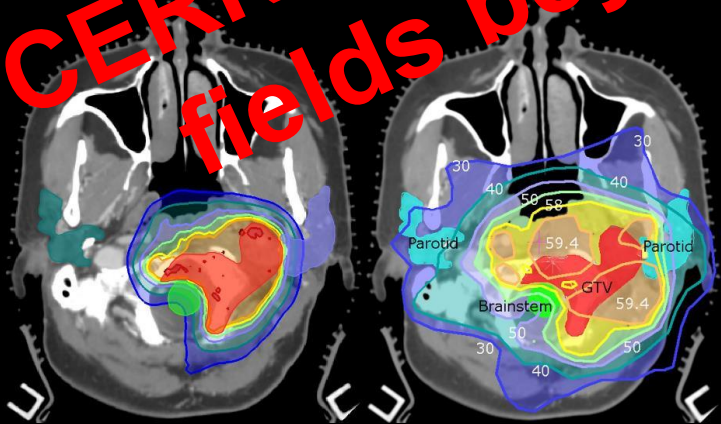
Spinoffs

Electronics for
nuclear and space
environments

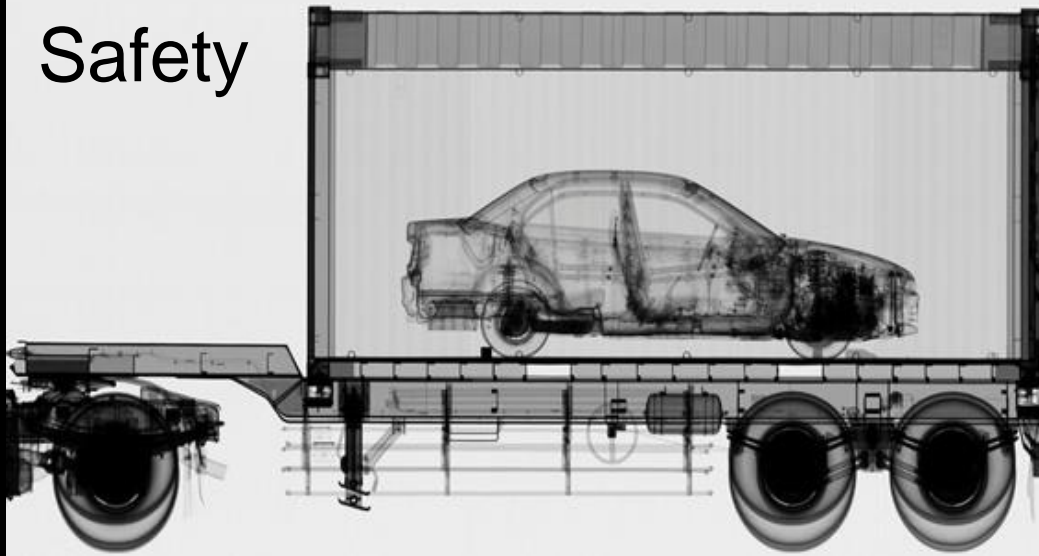


Humanitarian (IT)

Medical applications



Safety



CERN pushes technologies in many fields beyond its current limits



Spinoffs



1989 - 2019

<http://cern.ch/web30>

12 March 2019

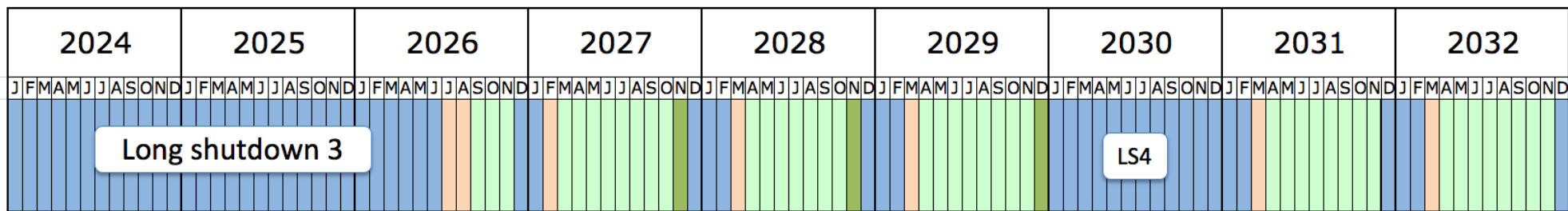
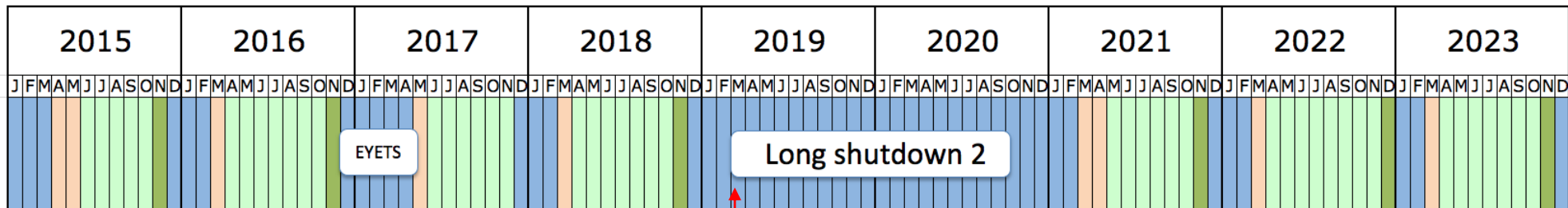


Looking ahead

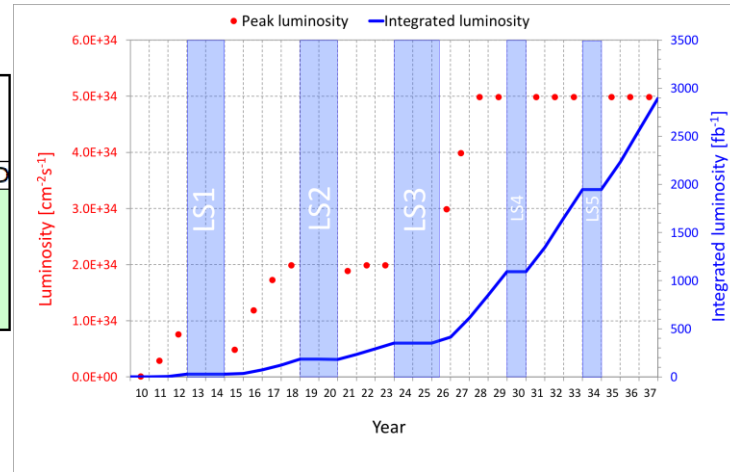
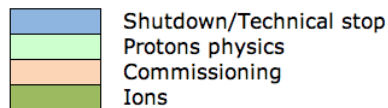
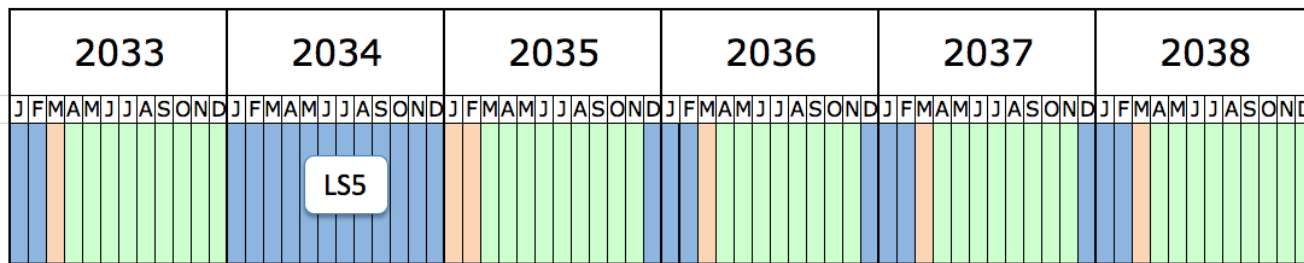




LHC future



HiLumi LHC



What's beyond?

- Proposals for the future colliders at CERN

- Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)

- Conceptual study
 - 11-50 km linear, 3 TeV; in stages
 - ~2035?



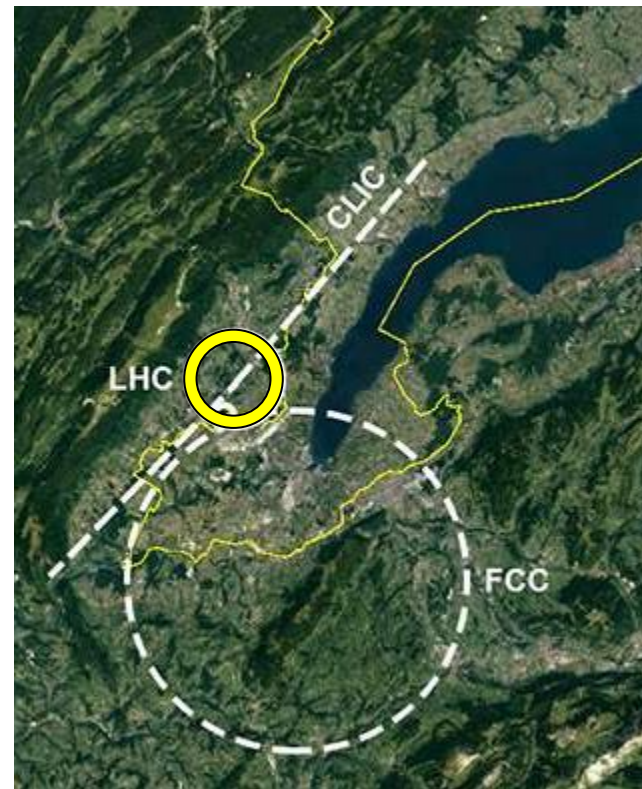
- FCC (Future Circular Collider)

- Conceptual study
 - 100 km, 100 TeV



- Projects are complementary

- SPS→LEP→LHC→....



- Update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics

- Guide the direction of the field to mid-2020 and beyond
 - May 2019 (The Open Symposium)
 - January 2020 (The Strategy Drafting Session)

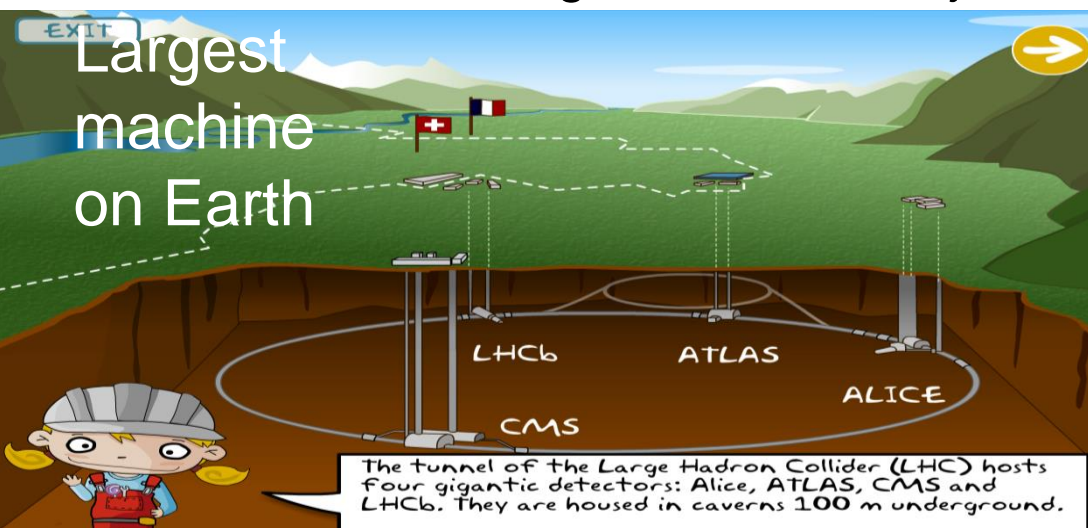
CERN Industrial Controls





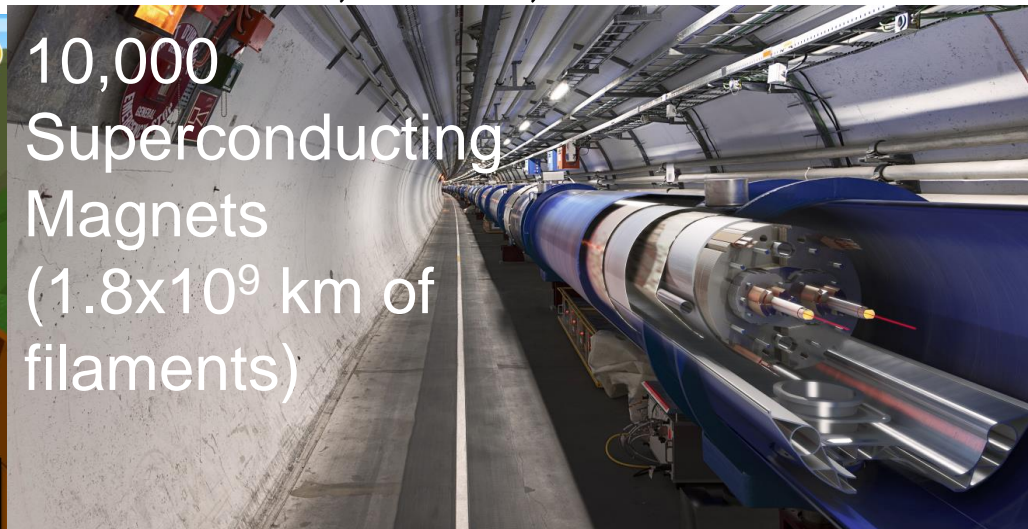
LHC: world largest particle accelerator

27 km, 100m underground, Four major detectors: ALICE, ATLAS, CMS and LHCb

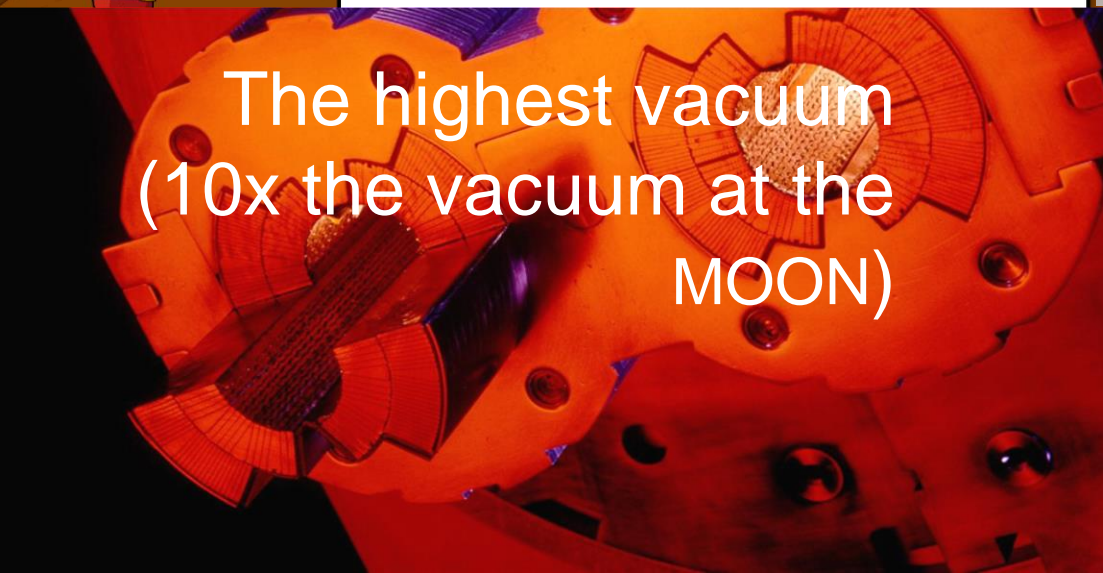


Largest machine on Earth

10,000 Superconducting Magnets (1.8×10^9 km of filaments)



The highest vacuum ($10 \times$ the vacuum at the MOON)



Coldest Temperature (-271°C over 27 km)

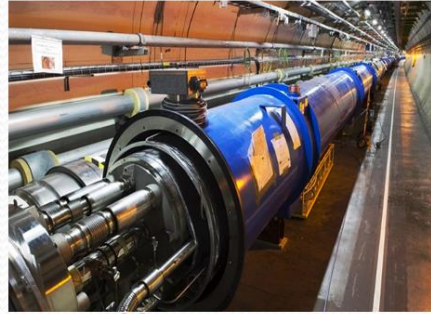




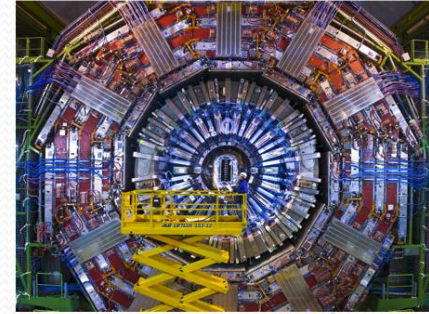
Industrial Controls at CERN



Cooling & Ventilation



Vacuum



Detector Controls



Cryogenics



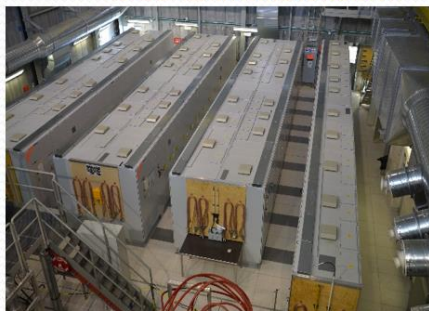
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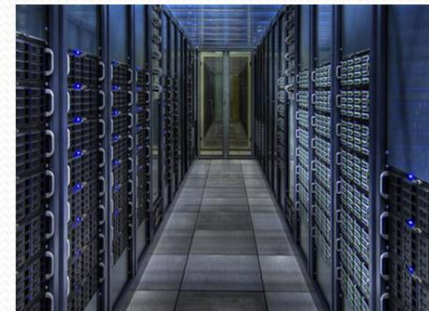
Environment & Radiation



Electric Grid



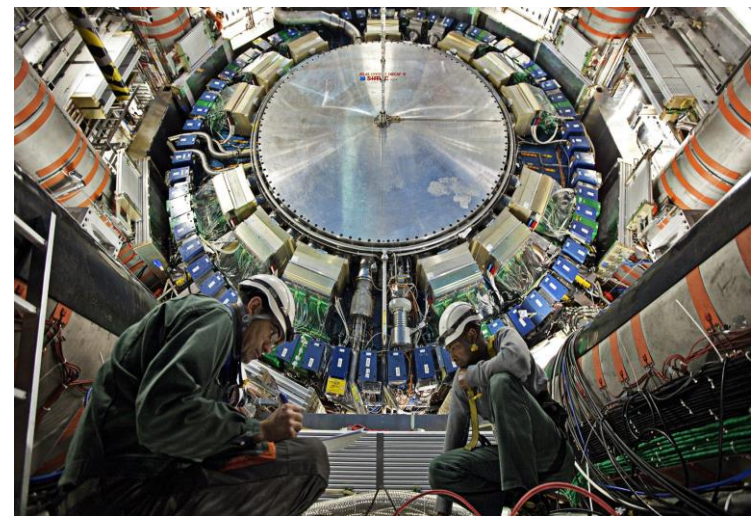
Interlocks and Safety



..and many others

Industrial Control challenges

- **Goal:** maximize and optimize **physics data-taking** by **maximizing uptime** and **optimal operation** of detectors, accelerators and technical infrastructure
- Additional specific requirements:
 - **Environment:**
 - radiation areas, strong magnetic field up to 4T
 - **Unprecedented number of I/O**
 - (3 M h/w channels in ATLAS)
 - **Data volumes and rates**
 - (e.g. QPS 200.000 changes/s)
 - **Large distributed and interconnected systems**
 - **Complexity** (control logic, multiple technologies)
 - **Highly de-centralized instrumentation** (>27 km)
 - **CERN electrical grid** ~ Canton of Geneva



Architecture

Visualization, Business
Logic, Archiving

Data
Analytics

Control

FEC

PLC

Technical Network

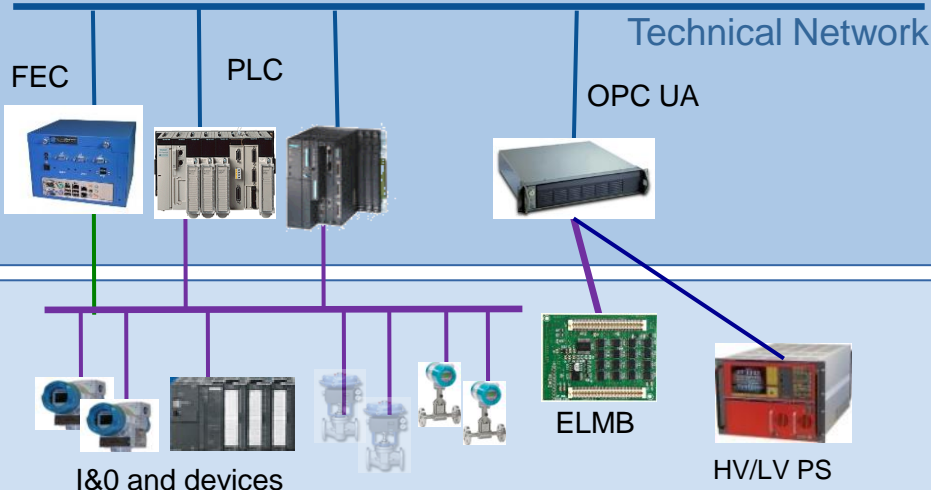
OPC UA

Process

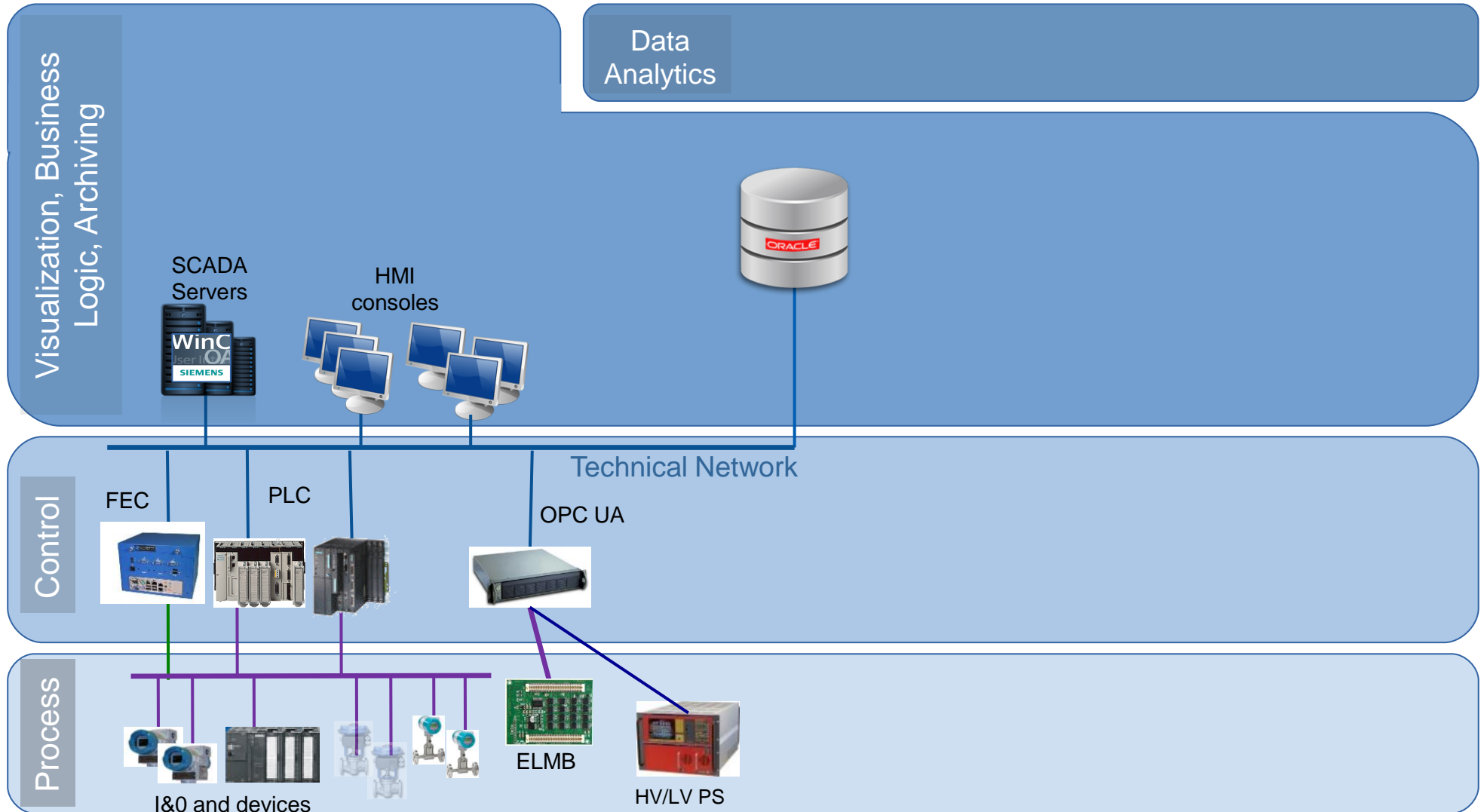
I&O and devices

ELMB

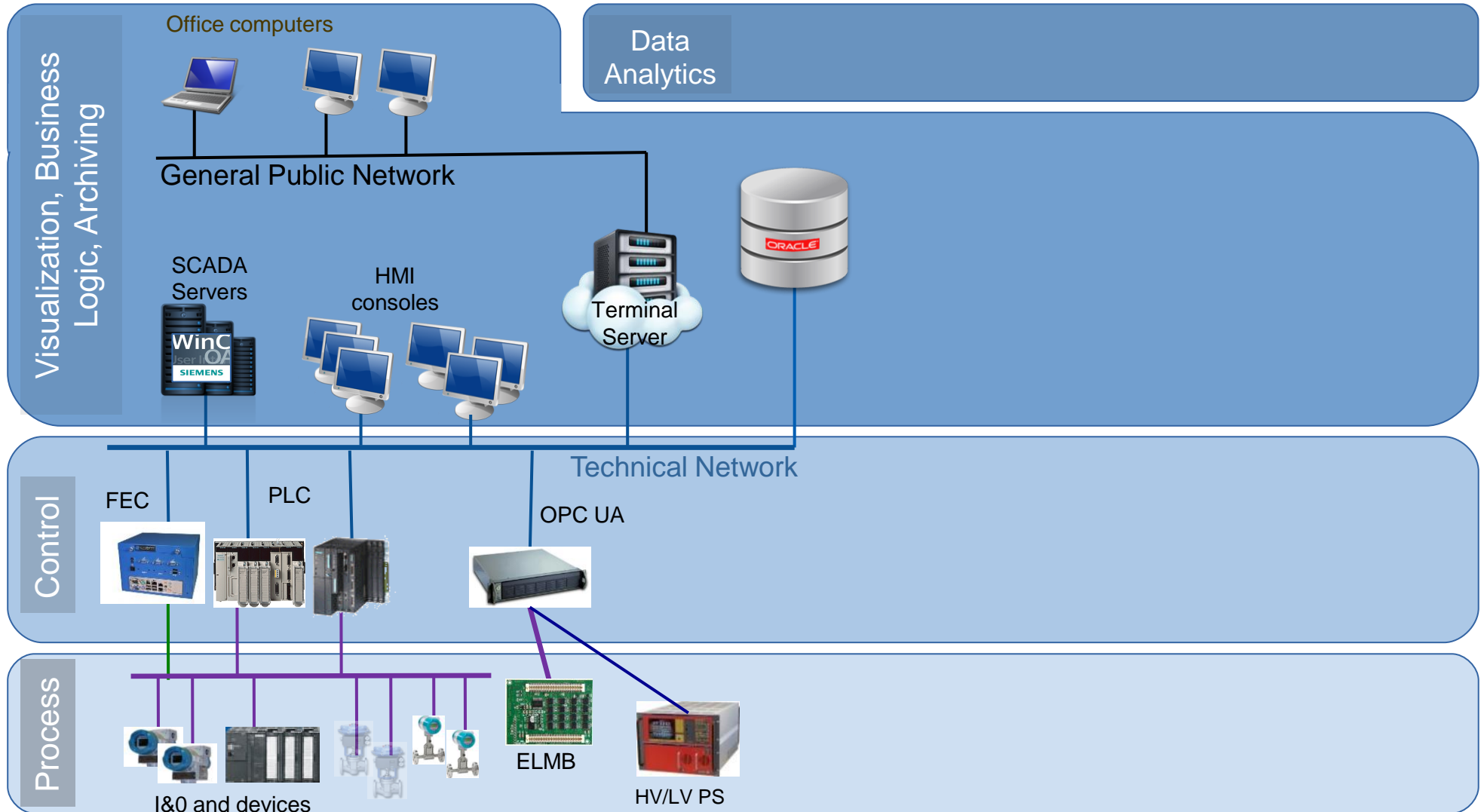
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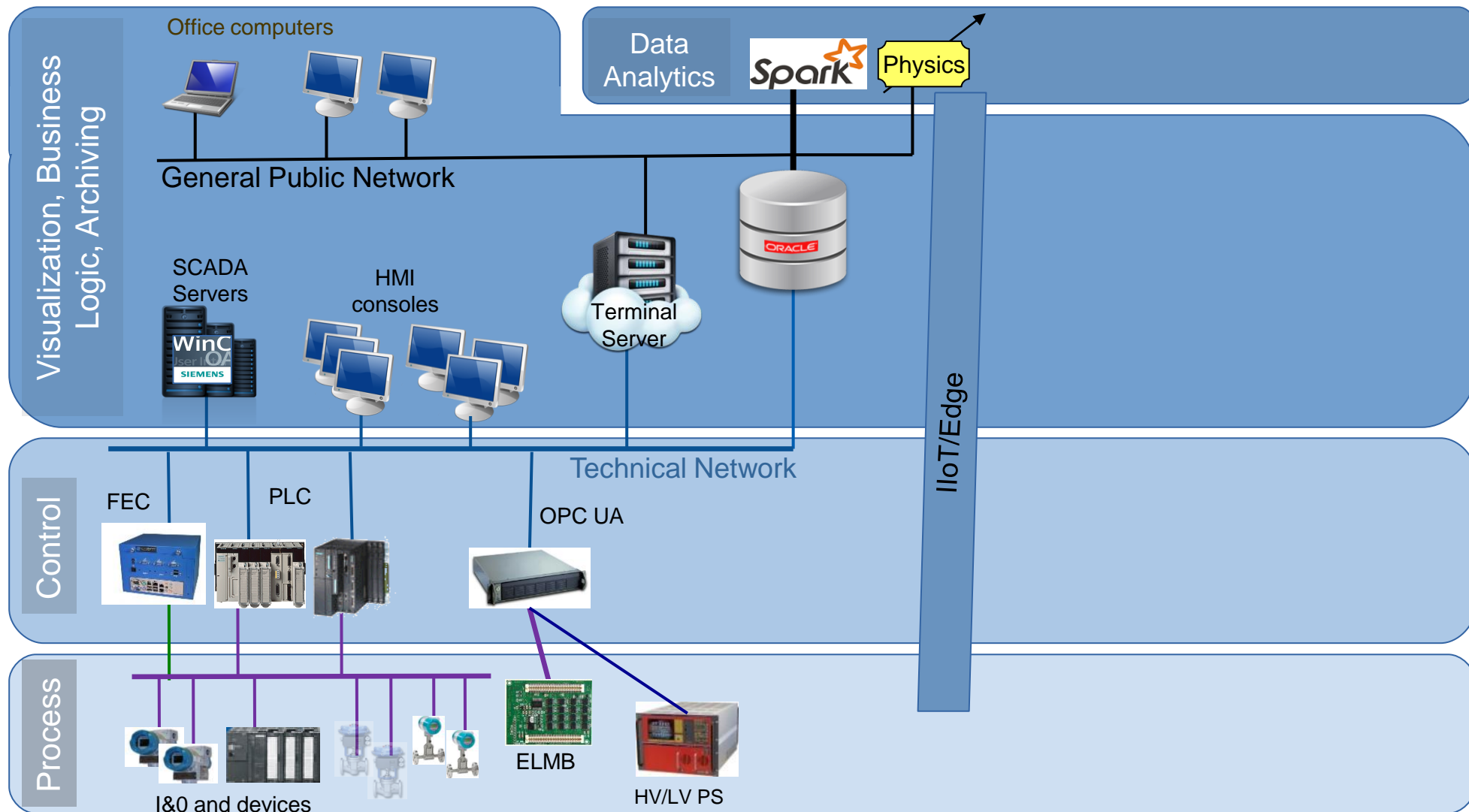
Architecture



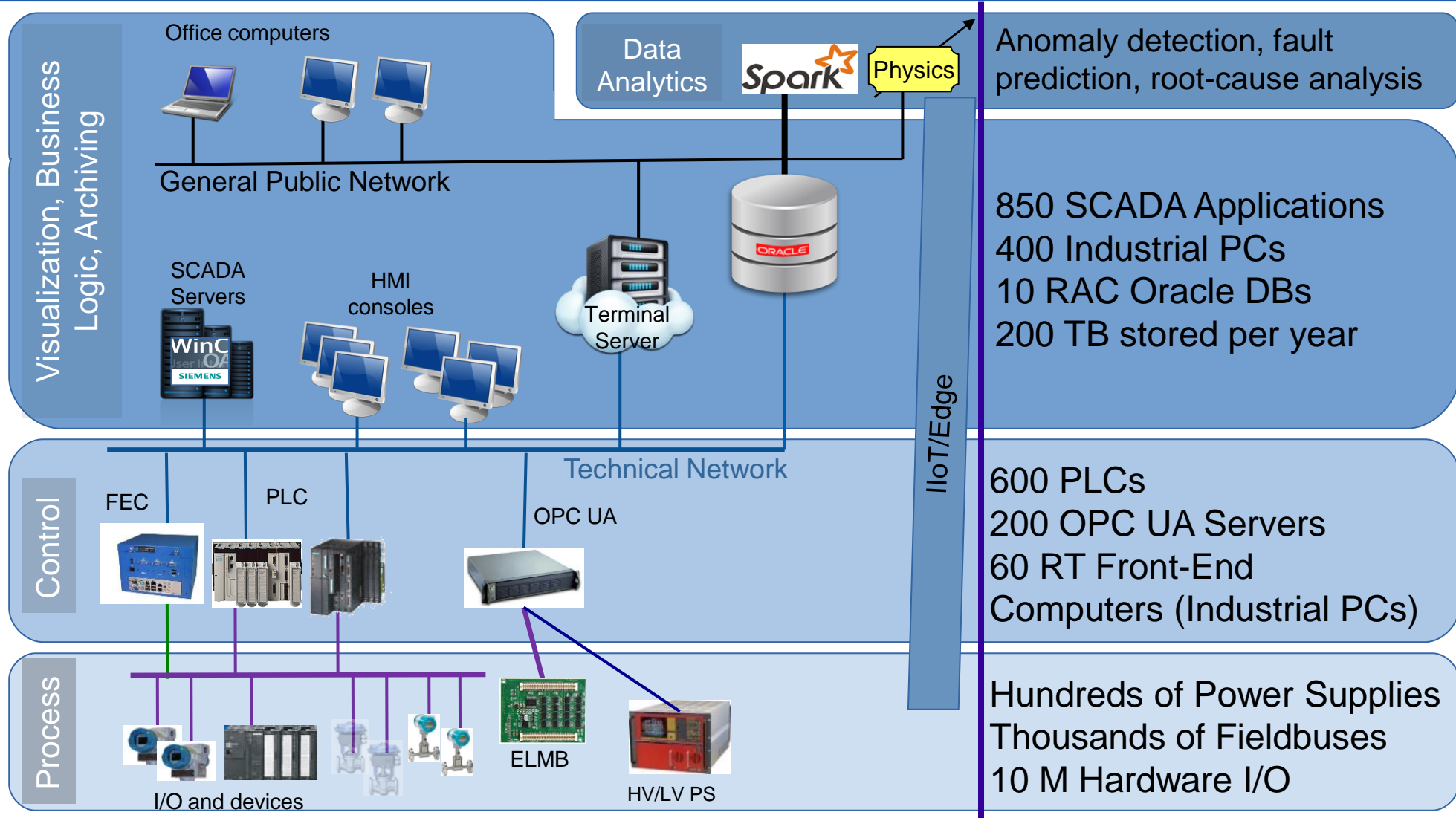
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Architecture



Architecture & Figures



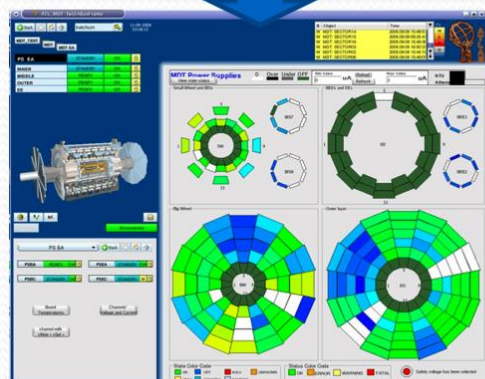
Approach to Industrial Controls

- Use of Industrial (COTS) solutions whenever possible
 - Custom radiation-tolerate electronics and middleware
- Standardization at all layers of the controls chain (also ISA, IEC)
 - Restricting the number of technologies and protocols
- Development of generic Industrial Controls Frameworks
 - Joint **C**ontrols **P**roject (**JCOP**) and **UNICOS**
- ~850 industrial controls applications were developed using these frameworks



ATLAS Embedded
Local Monitor Board

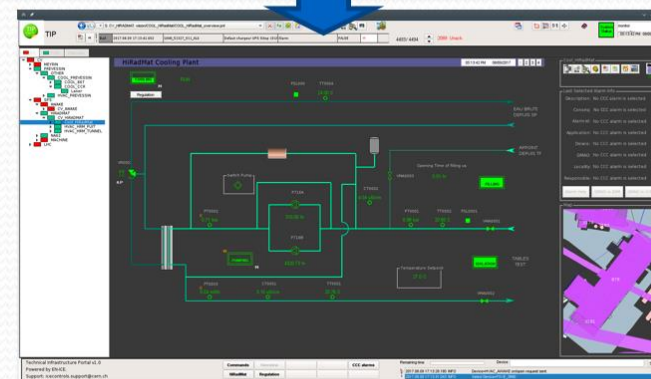
Unprecedented level of homogeneity of Industrial Controls at CERN



ATLAS



CERN Electrical Grid



Cooling & Ventilation

Standardized Technology Stack

SUPERVISION, Visualization and programming

- WinCC OA (PVSS) SCADA (standard)
- Legacy systems: PCVue32, FactoryLink, WinCC

CONTROL

- SIEMENS, Schneider (standards)
- Industrial PCs: SIEMENS IPC, Kontron

FIELD LAYER

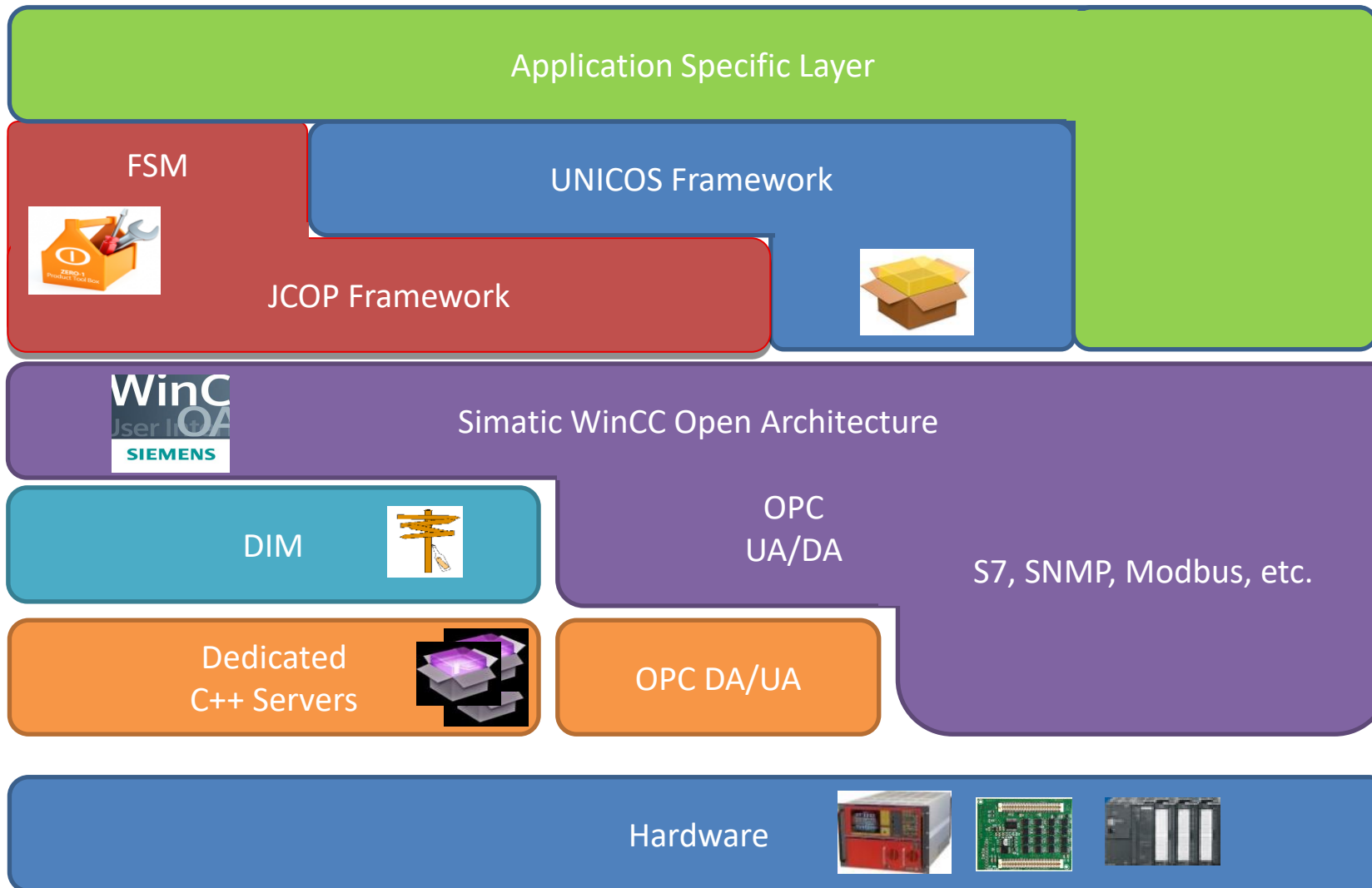
- Industrial instrumentation: Sensors, actuators
- Industrial customized actuators: Profibus PA positioners
- Home made electronics: ELMB, Signal Conditioners (CRYO), Power supplies

COMMUNICATIONS

- Fieldbuses: Profibus, WorldFIP, CAN, Profinet, Ethernet/IP
- In house developments: White rabbit
- OPC



ICS Building Blocks



WinCC OA as key in element in the standardization of CERN Industrial Control Systems

WinCC Open
Architecture
SIEMENS

- Selection of technologies for the LHC era
 - Started in 1996
 - Use of industrial products/standards
 - Many technologies evaluated
 - SCADA, middleware, fieldbuses, PLCs, etc
- SCADA evaluation
 - Extensive market survey (hundreds of SCADA, 40 companies contacted for specs)
 - Evaluation 1997-99 (>10 man-year effort, 6 products evaluated)
 - Very long list of criteria
 - PVSS (WinCC OA) selected in year 2000 after CERN tender
 - Since 2007: PVSS II -> WinCC Open Architecture



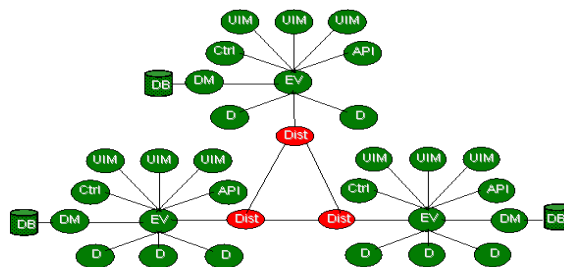
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Why WinCC OA ?

- Scalability

- Large Distributed Systems
- Millions of I/Os
- Datapoints: Structured tags
- High throughput



- Openness

- CTRL, C++ API
- API Managers, Drivers, CtrlExt, EWO



- Multiplatform



- Partnership with the company



WinCC OA-based Control systems at CERN



Projects: the LHC

- Cryogenics and instrumentation

- 11k actuators, 5k control loops
- 50k I/O tags, 100 PLCs, 40 FECs
- 26 SCADA servers, 1.5 M tags

- Vacuum

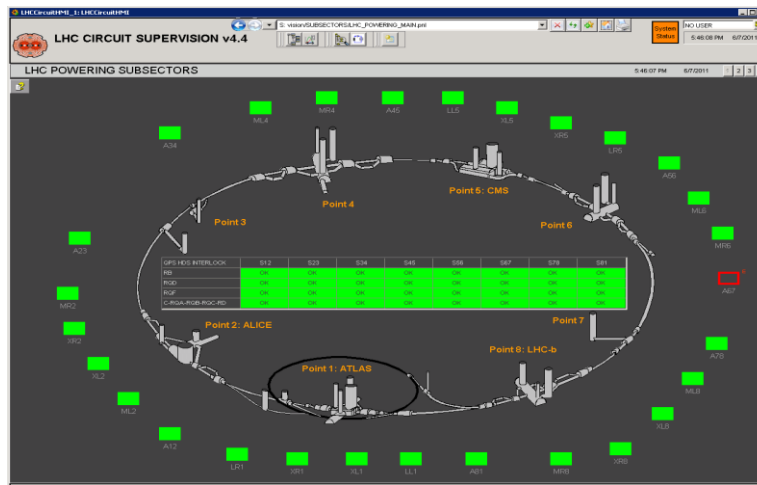
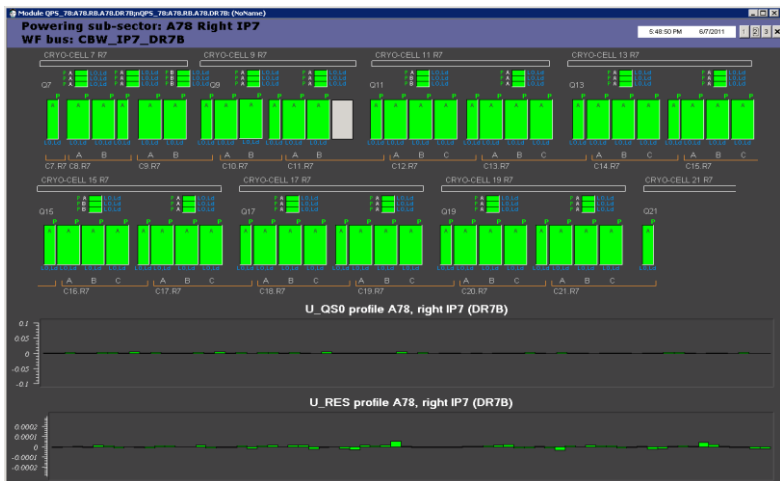
- Magnet Protection Systems

- Powering and interlocks

LHC: 9'600 Magnets for Beam Control



1232 superconducting dipoles for bending: 14m, 35t, 8.3T, 12kA





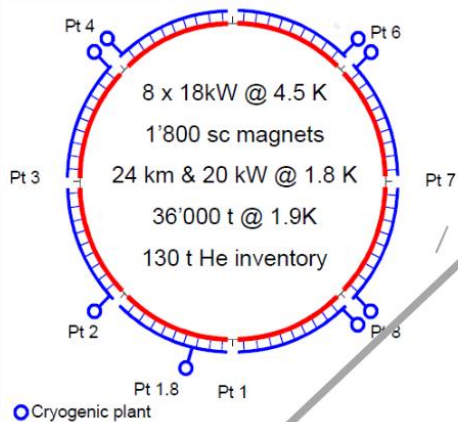
LHC Cryogenics

LHC Cryogenics (or the coldest place in universe! -271°C)

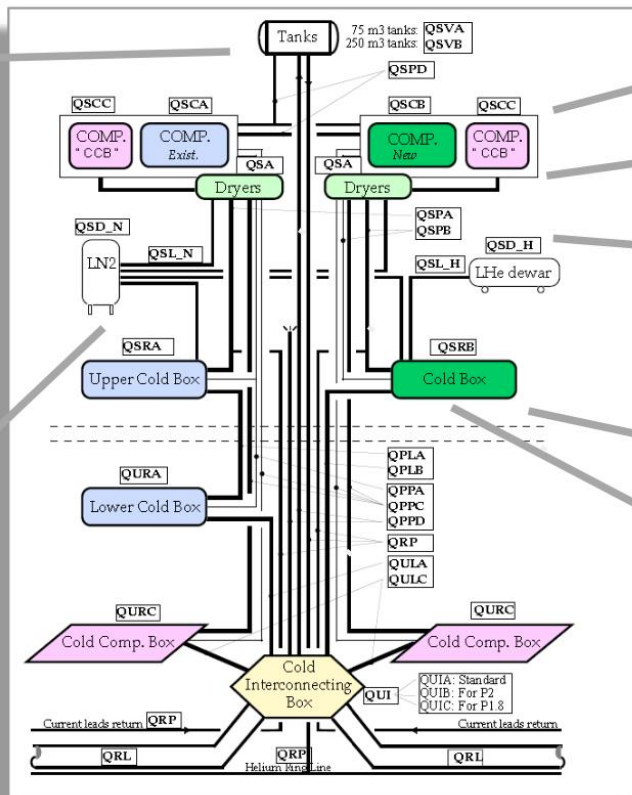
helium storage



Pt 5



liquid nitrogen storage



3.3 km

3.3 km

compressor stations



liquid helium storage

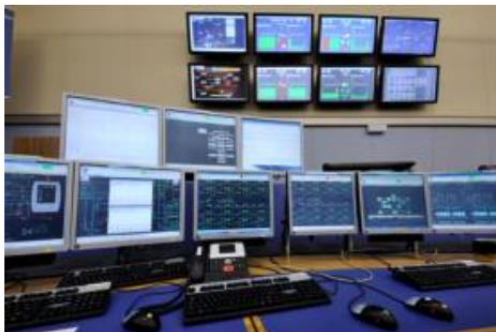


cold boxes





LHC Cryogenics Controls



WinCC OA HMI in the CCC

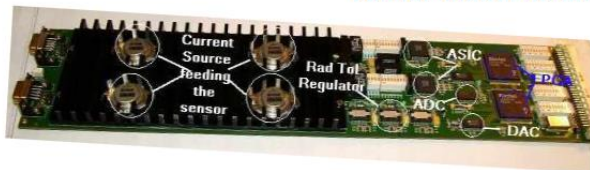
- 27 km of decentralized instrumentation and control
- 50k I/O, 11k actuators, ~5k feedback control loops
- Control: ~100 PLCs (Siemens, Schneider),
~40 FECs (industrial PCs)
- Supervision: 26 SCADA servers : 1.5 million TAGS



Electro-pneumatic positioner, SIPART PS2

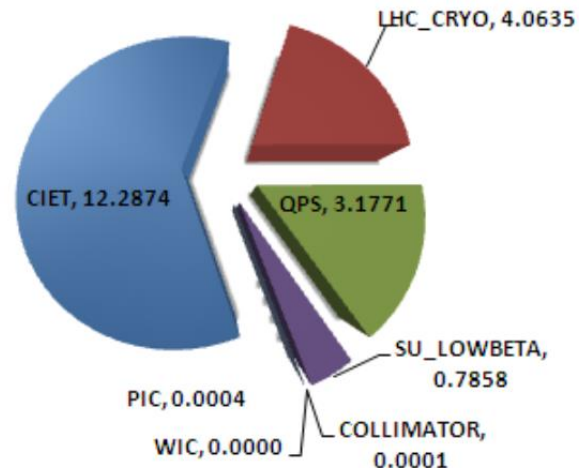
Instruments	Range	Total
TT (temperature)	1.6- 300K	9500
PT (pressure)	0-20 bar	2200
LT (level)	Various	540
EH (heaters)	Various	2500
CV (Control Valves)	0 - 100 %	3800
PV/QV (On Off Valves)	--	2000

Tunnel Instrumentation



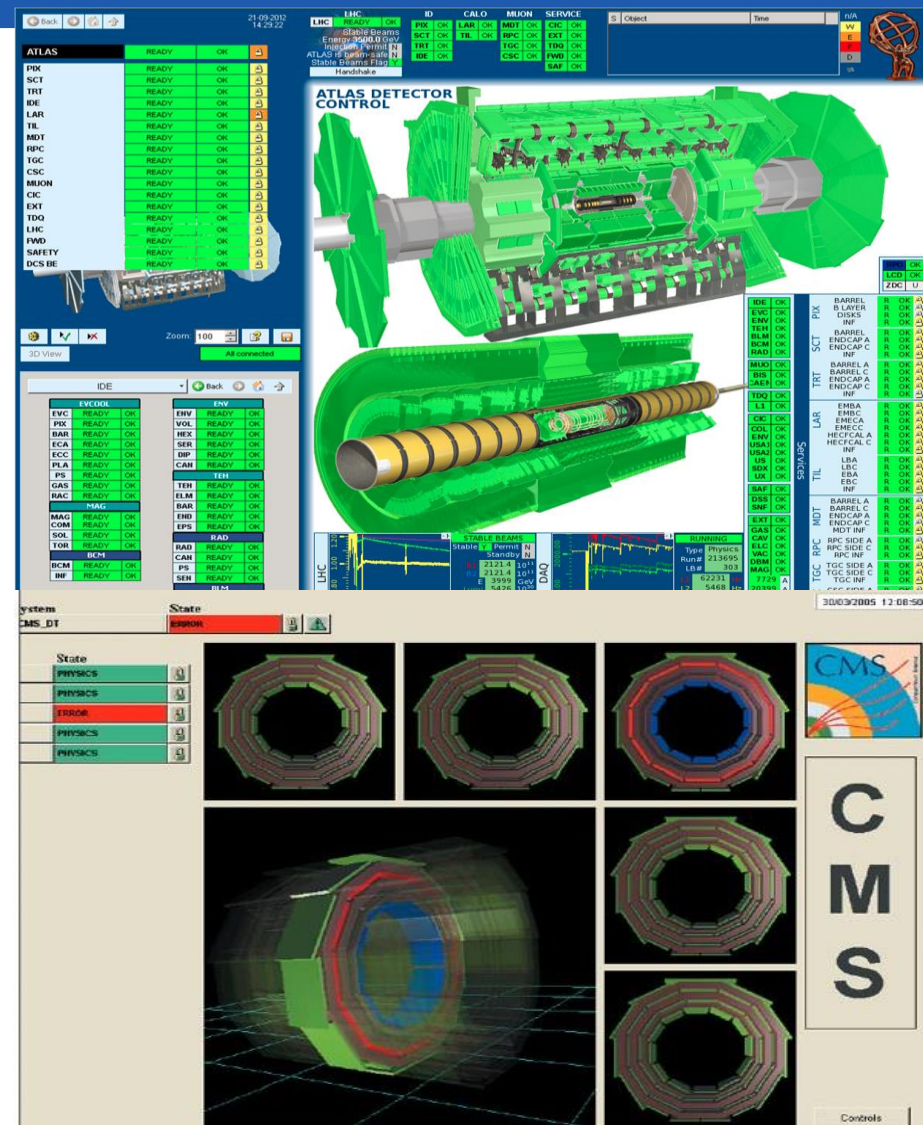
RadTol in-house electronics for signal conditioning and actuation

Logging DB Gb/day



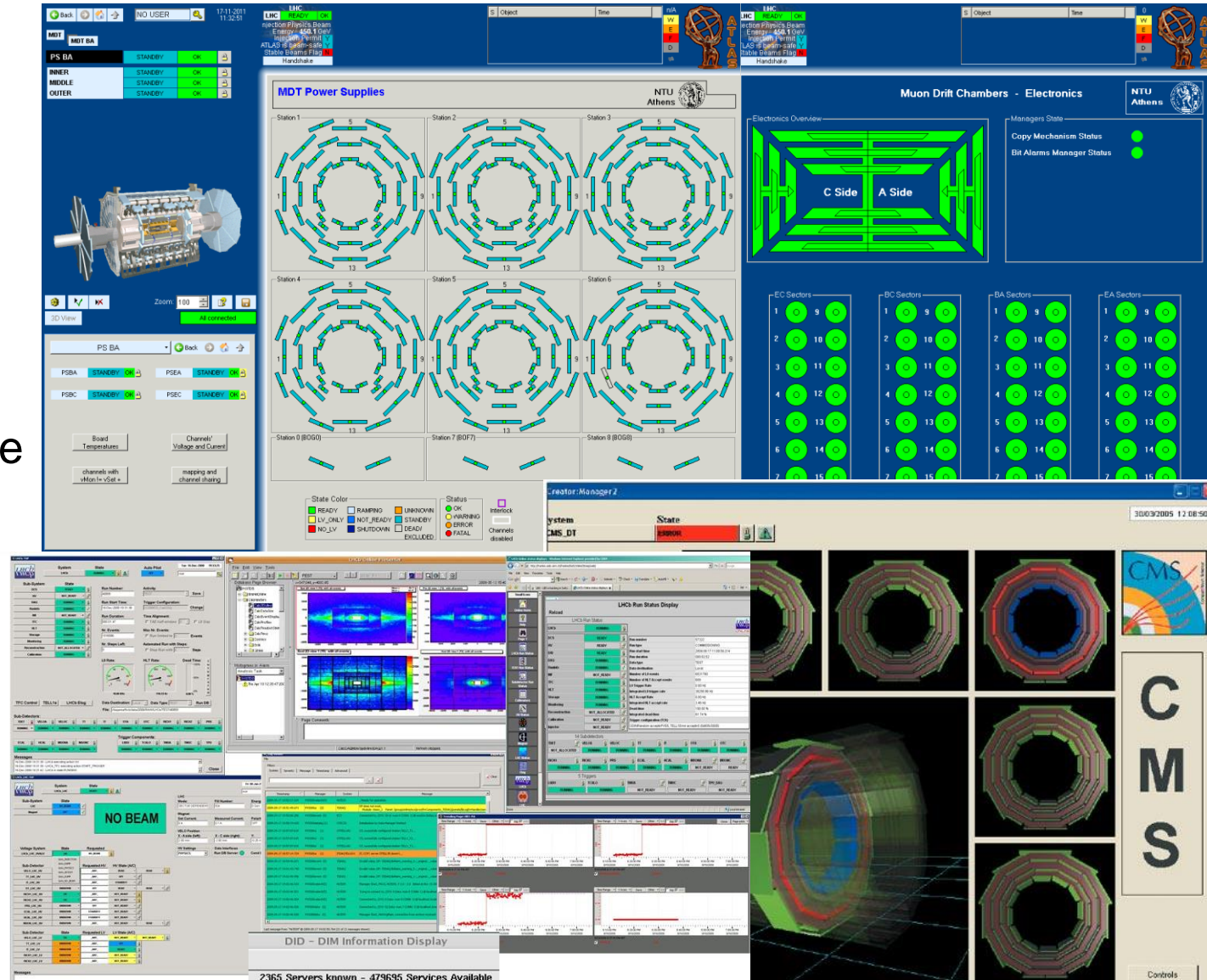
Projects: Experiments

- A variety of Control Systems
 - Detector Control Systems
 - Run Control Systems
 - Detector Safety Systems
 - Gas Control Systems
 - Magnet Control Systems
 - Vacuum Control Systems
- For
 - The 4 LHC experiments
 - Smaller experiments COMPASS, NA62
 - Low-energy experiments: ISOLDE
 - Other experiments: CAST, CLOUD

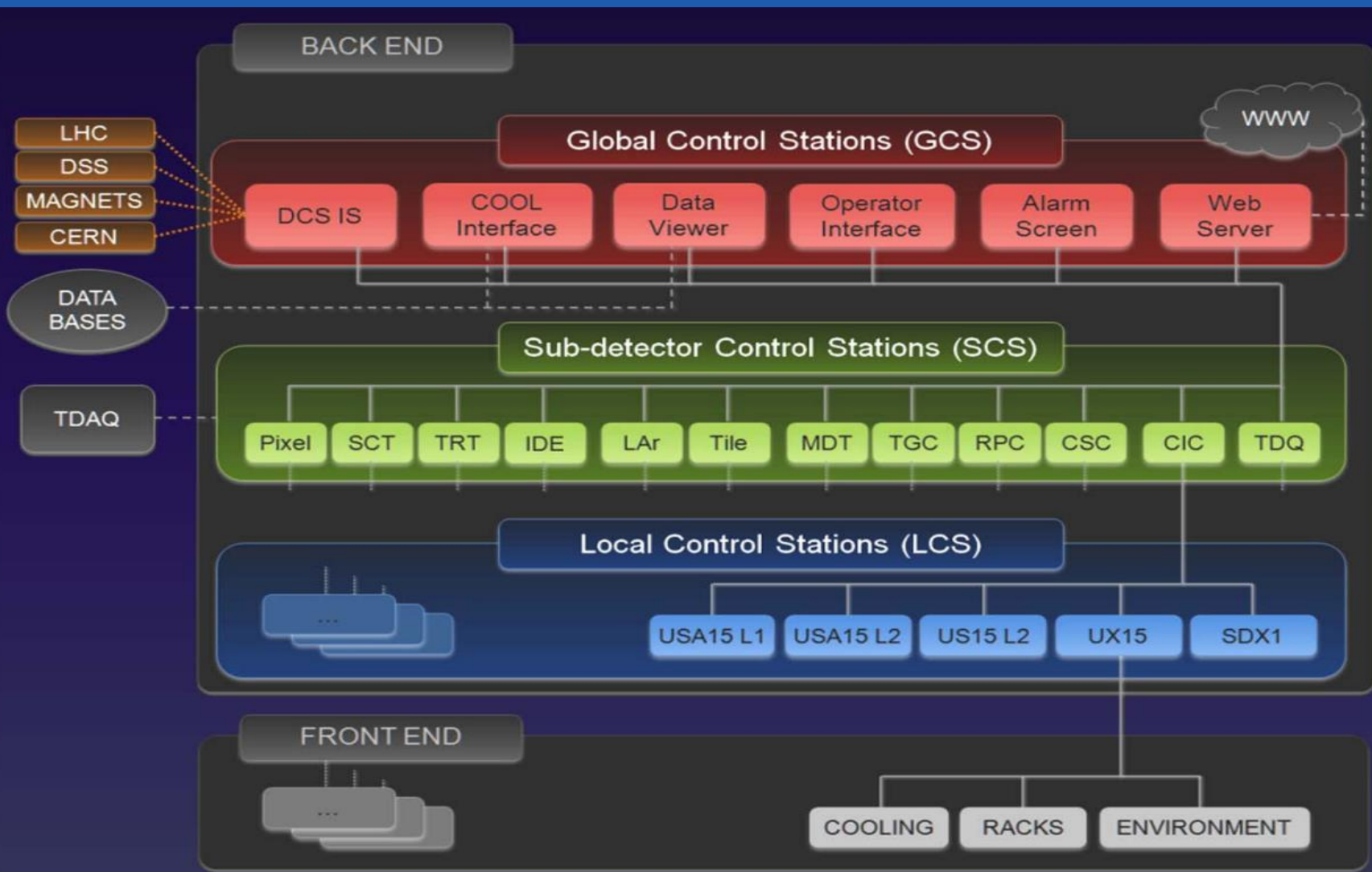


Detector Control System

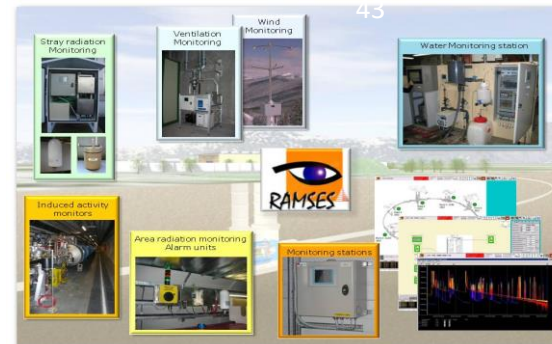
- Up to **160** Interconnected WinCC OA Systems
- Up to **3 M I/O**
- Up to **10 M** variables (dpes)
- Common Oracle Database
- Synchronized through FSM and Expert System
- A single non-experience operator



Distributed Supervision Architecture in ATLAS



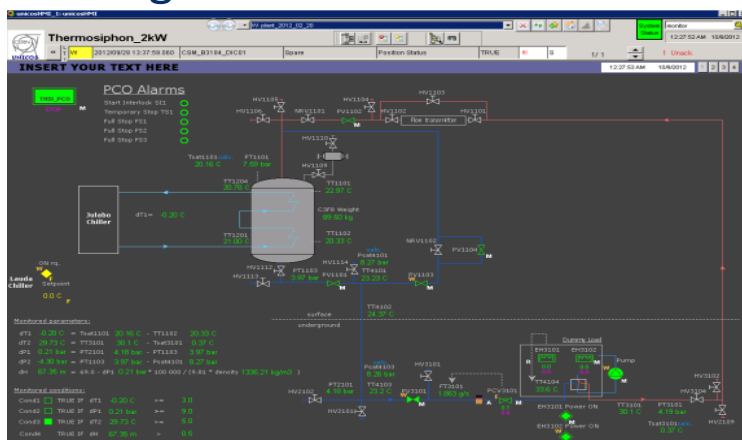
- Radiation and Environment Monitoring



- Geometry and alignment



- Cooling and Ventilation

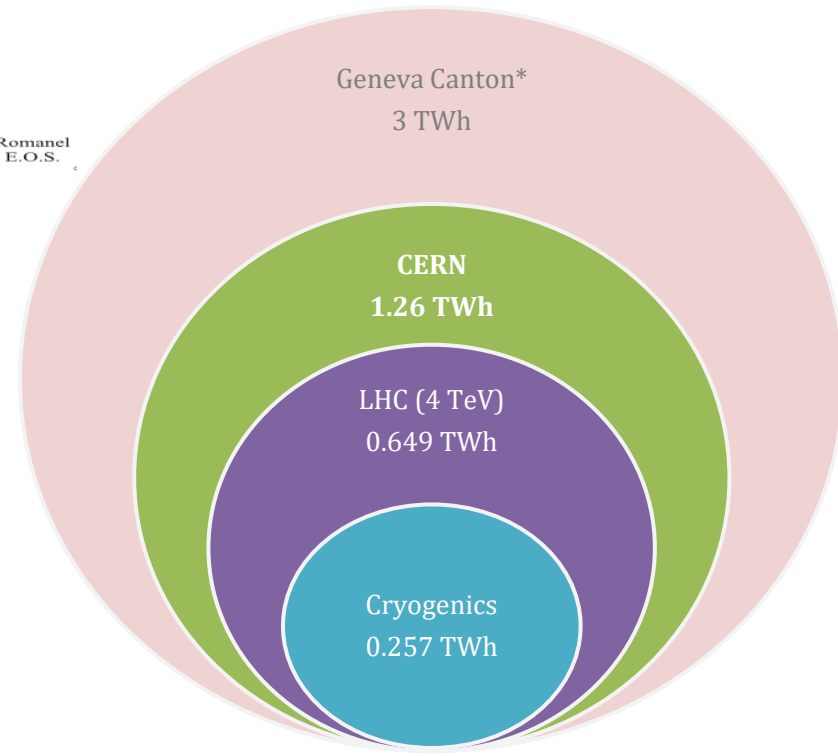
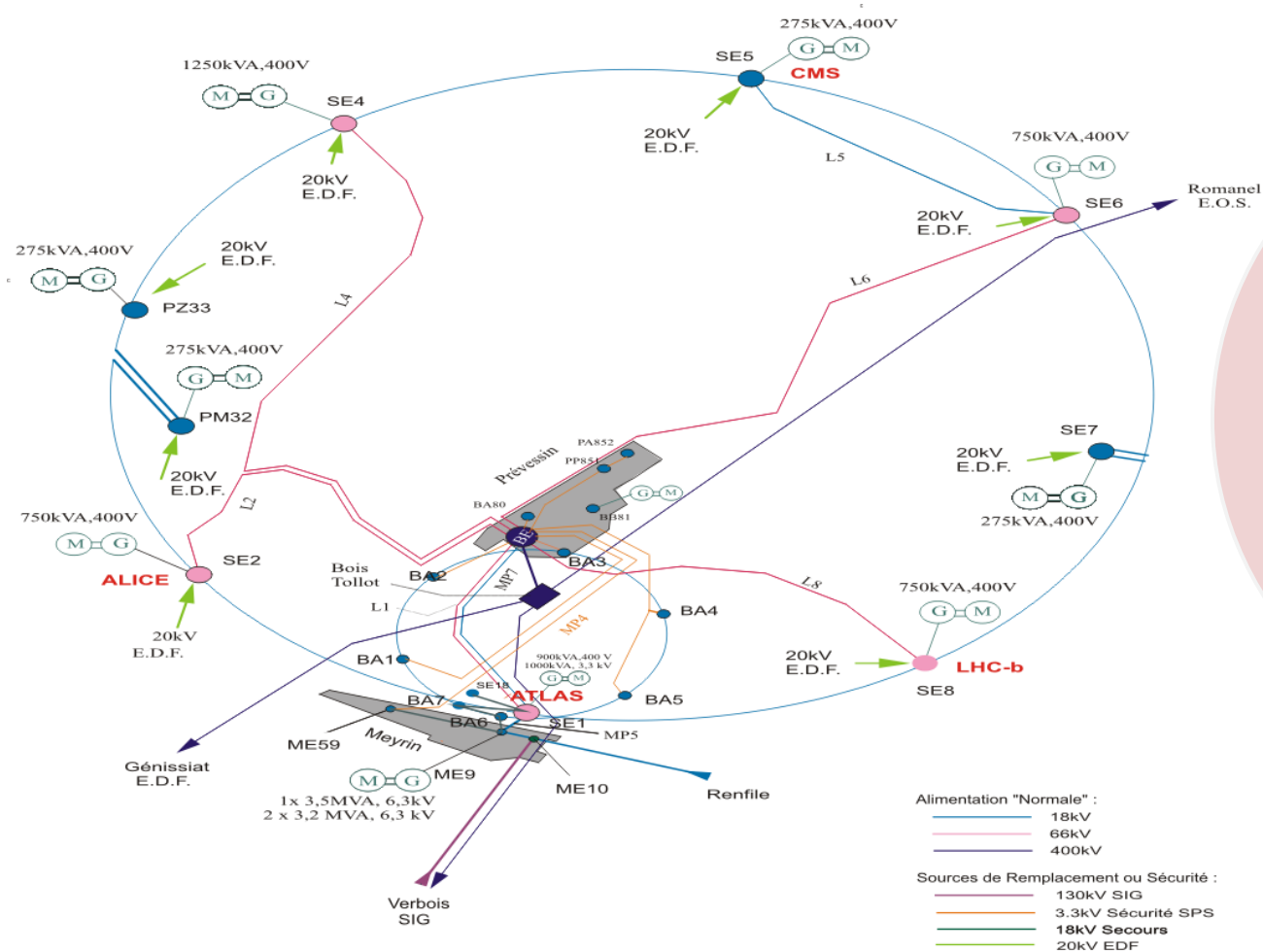


- Testbench systems





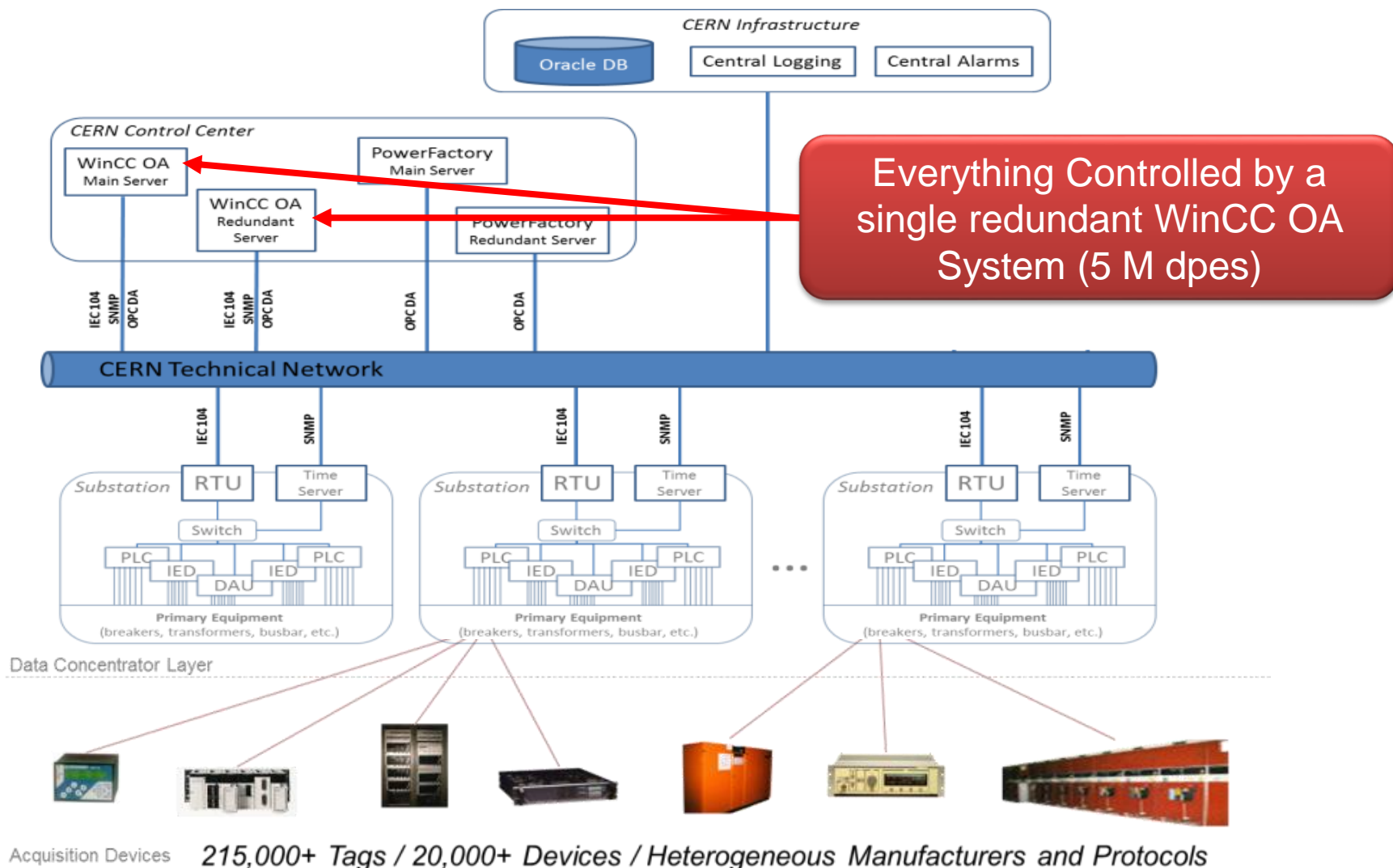
CERN Electrical Network



2012 Yearly Consumption



WinCC OA for Electrical Distribution



20 years of Successful Partnership

SIEMENS
Ingenuity for life

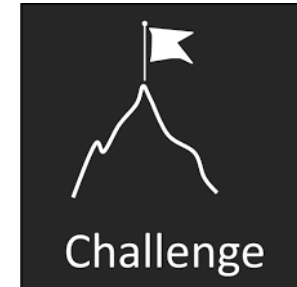


Long-term partnership

- Different collaboration models with Siemens & ETM
 - CERN specifications + feedback
 - Joint Workshops (with source code)
 - Openlab
- Many results
 - WinCC OA Distributed Systems
 - WinCC OA Oracle Archiver optimization
 - WinCC OA User Interface technology (Qt based), WebUI, CTRL++
 - WinCC OA Driver development (Modbus, S7)
 - ML applied to ICS
 - Distributed Complex Event Processing
 - PLC Security
- Current work
 - Next Generation Archiver
 - Industrial Edge & Device Monitoring
- Reference site and visit organisation for potential customers
- Regular follow up meetings
 - Annual meetings to review roadmaps, get information about new products and releases (Nuremberg, Eisenstadt)
 - Regular meetings to follow up on support issues



Ongoing and future Challenges



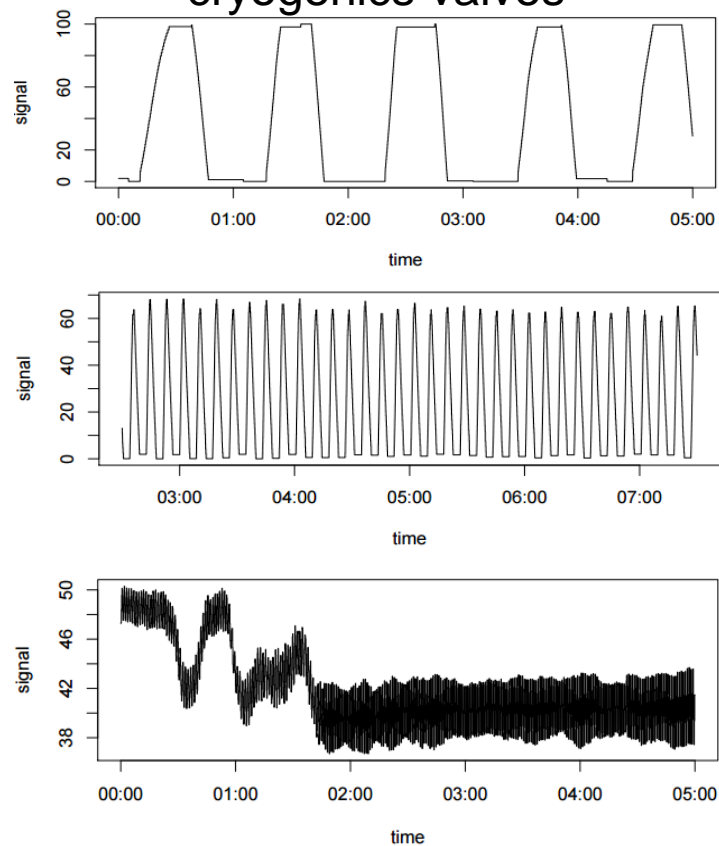


Ongoing and Future Challenges

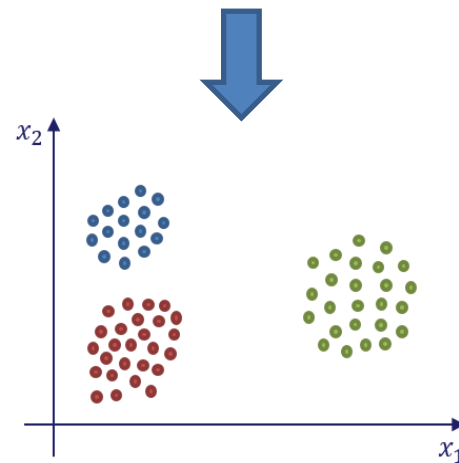
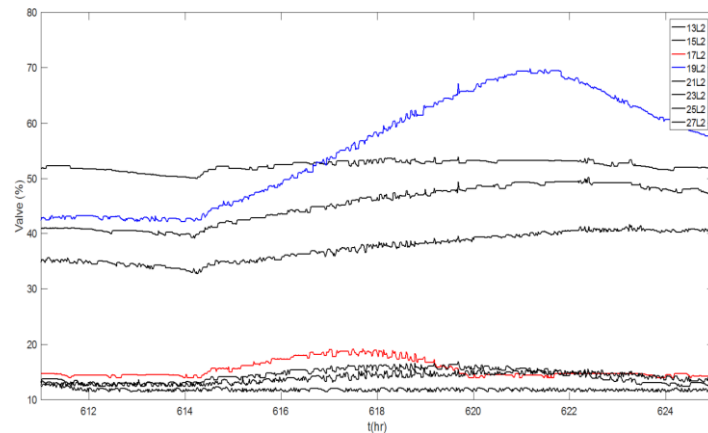
- Migration of Archiving from Oracle to Influx DB and PostgreSQL/Timescale DB
- Integration of Machine Learning and AI to reduce operation and maintenance cost:
 - Predictive maintenance
 - System Optimization
 - Smarter control system that can guide operators in the event of problems or to take automatic corrective actions
- Integration of Industrial Edge and IoT devices

Some selected ML results (1/4)

Abnormal Oscillation of cryogenics valves



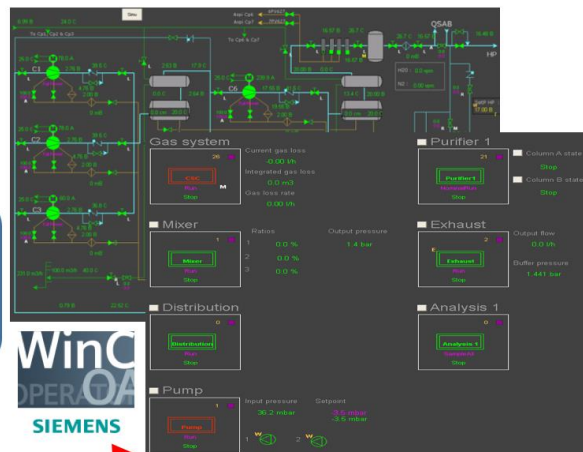
Anomaly Detection



Some selected ML results (2/4)

Root-cause analysis in the event of major events (Alarm flood)

Misleading feedback!
Actual problem in the
distribution and not in the Pump



❌ Fault in the distribution system

Domino effect

[illegible]

Alarms flooding



 **by the same fault**



A diagram showing a blue cylinder representing a database on a grey square base. A blue arrow points from the base to a network of interconnected nodes (represented by blue rectangles) connected by yellow lines, illustrating data distribution or network connectivity.

Identify and detect fault / abnormal pattern for Diagnosis and Prognostics

Provide experts with Root-cause and Gap Analysis using Rules and Patterns Mining

Forecasts, Trends and Early-Warnings to increase Operating Hours

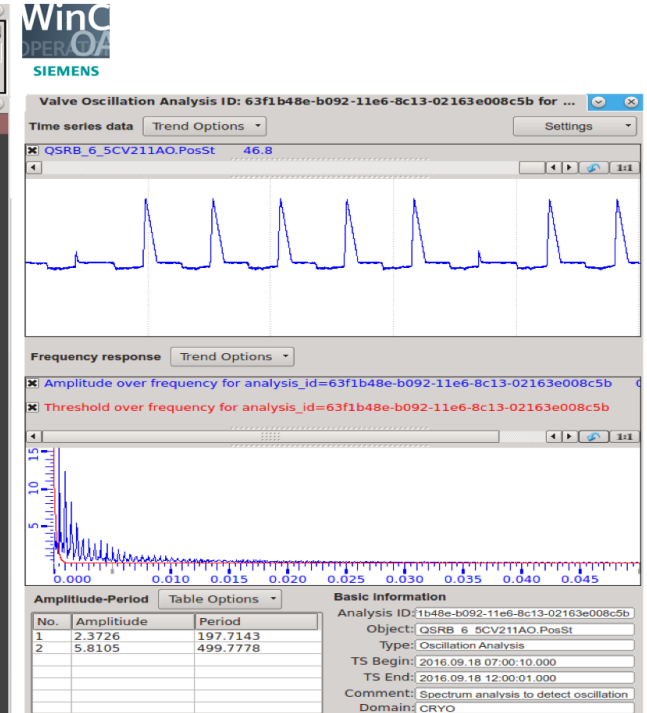
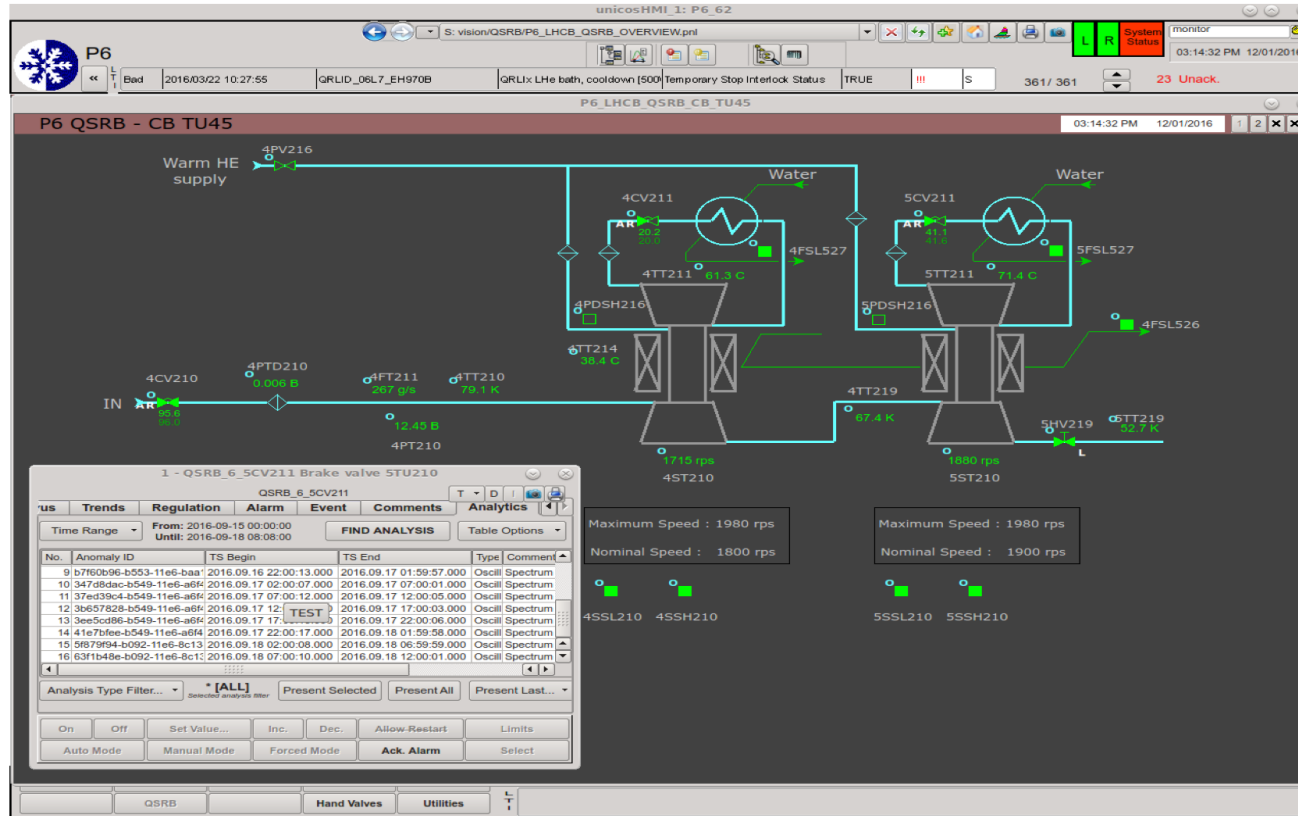
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Achievements:

- ✓ Identification of the root of the problem
- ✓ Algorithm learns patterns and use them to forecast possible faults
- ✓ Early warning to operators to intervene

Some selected ML results (4/4)

Visual feedback and alarms in WinCC OA as result of ML analysis



Status: Working prototype

Credits:

- Industrial Controls Systems Group
- LHC Experiments



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