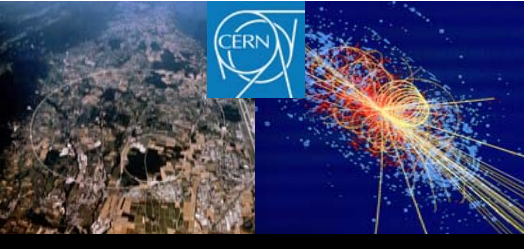


CERN Computing and Network Infrastructure for Controls (CNIC)

Status Report on the Implementation

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Overview

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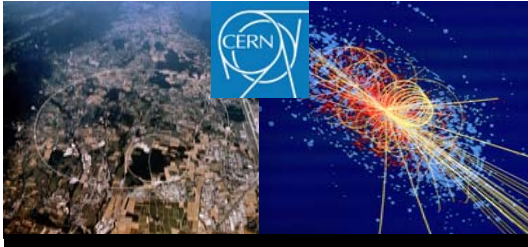
× Threat

× Vulnerability



Mitigation:
"Defense-in-Depth"





Control Systems at CERN

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Experiment:

ALICE, ATLAS,
CMS, LHCb, ...

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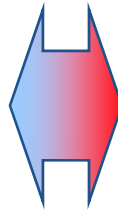
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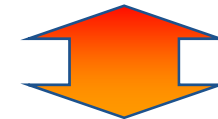
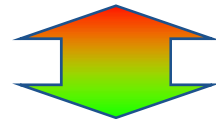


Safety:

Access Control, Radiation Protection, Equipment Protection,

Infrastructure:

Cooling & Ventilation, Electricity, Facility Management,



Accelerators:

ISOLDE, LHC, ...

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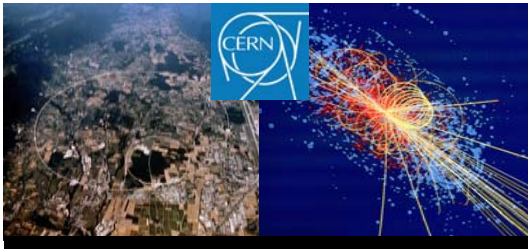
Accelerator Infrastructure:

Beam Position Monitoring, Beam Dump,
Vacuum, Cryogenics, ...

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Standards, if possible !

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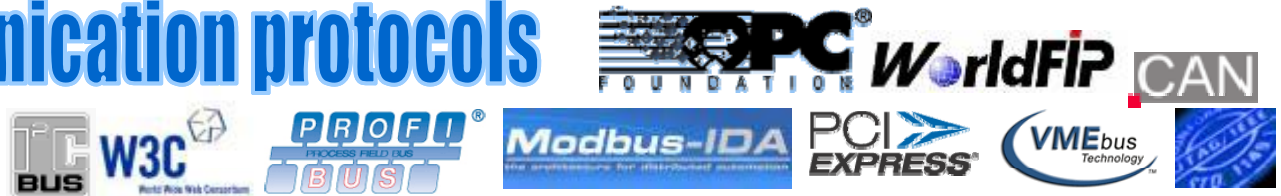
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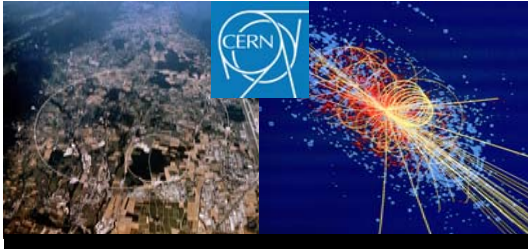


▶ Standard (controls) software



▶ Standard communication protocols





CERN Assets at Risk

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Equipment being affected or even destroyed

- ▶ Some very expensive, essential elements & accelerators
- ▶ Sometimes impossible to replace

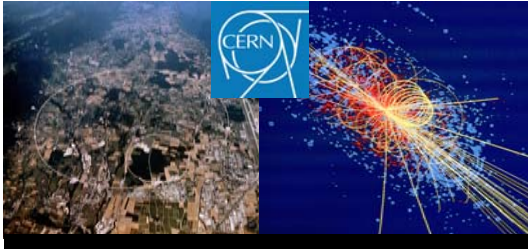
Processes being affected

- ▶ High interconnectivity
▪ A cooling system failure in a superconducting magnet can affect the whole accelerator
▪ A power supply failure in a detector can affect the whole experiment
- ▶ Difficult to coordinate recovery

Time being wasted

- ▶ Downtime reduces the amount of data collected (loss in experiments)
- ▶ Time needed to re-install, re-configure, test and/or re-start
- ▶ Requires many people working, possibly outside working hours

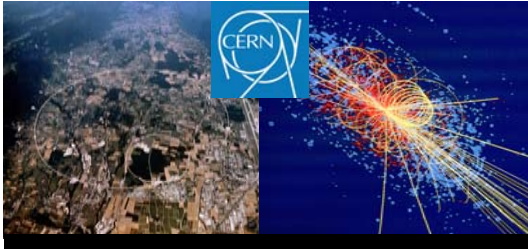
**Consequences
are significant !**



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**Risk = Consequence
× Threat**





Who is the threat ?

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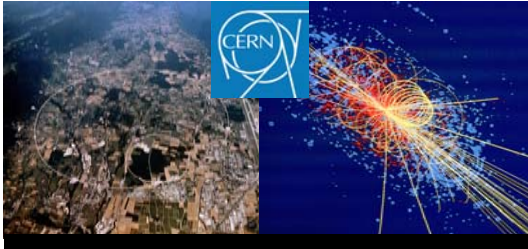
- ▶ Trojans, viruses, worms, ...
- ▶ Disgruntled (ex-)employees or saboteurs
- ▶ Attackers and terrorists

Lack of robustness & lots of stupidity

- ▶ Mal-configured or broken devices flood the network
- ▶ Developer / operator “Finger trouble”

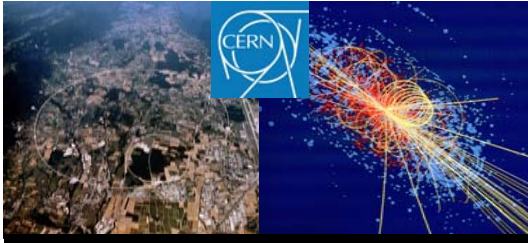
Lack of procedures

- ▶ Flawed updates or patches provided by third parties
- ▶ Inappropriate test rules and procedures



Risk = Consequence
× Threat
× Vulnerability





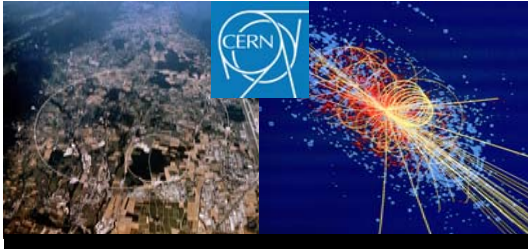
Vulnerabilities ARE fact !

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Management buy-in !



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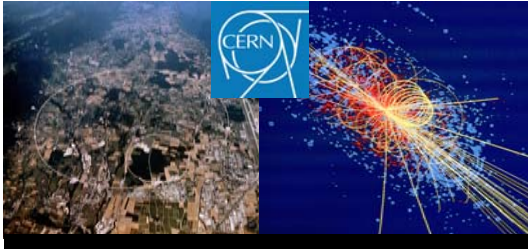
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Mitigation:
"Defense-in-Depth"





“Defense-in-Depth”

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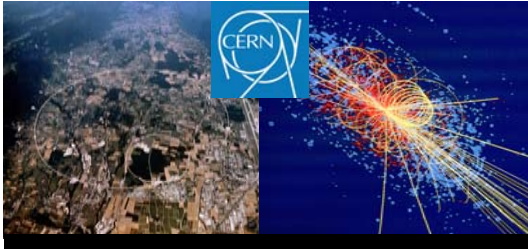
“Defense-in-Depth” means security on *each* layer !

- ▶ ...of the security of the device itself,
- ▶ ...of the firmware and operating system,
- ▶ ...of the network connections & protocols,
- ▶ ...of the software applications (for PLC programming, SCADA, etc.),
- ▶ ...of third party software, and
- ▶ ...together with users, developers & operators

Manufacturers and vendors are part of the solution !

- ▶ Security demands must be included into orders and call for tenders

“Control System Cyber-Security” needed !!!



CNIC: Computing & Network Infrastructure for Controls

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9/2004: Development of a security policy for controls

- ▶ Major stakeholders from experiments, accelerator, infrastructure, and IT
- ▶ Management buy-in & support

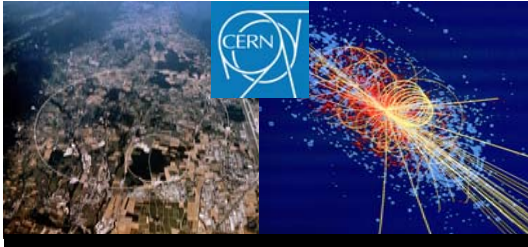
4/2005: CNIC Security Policy & implementation proposals

- ▶ Approved by all parties involved
- ▶ See ICALEPCS2005

10/2005: Implementation of major security measures

- ▶ Technical implementation done by IT:
Network, Windows, and Linux experts
- ▶ Controls expert became part in CERN's Computer Security Team
- ▶ Huge effort in getting buy-in from developers, operators, and users

7/2007: Review of security policy & re-assessment of goals



Ground Rules for Cyber-Security

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Separate controls and campus networks

- ▶ Reduce and control inter-communication
- ▶ Deploy IDS
- ▶ Apply policy for remote access

Use centrally managed systems wherever possible

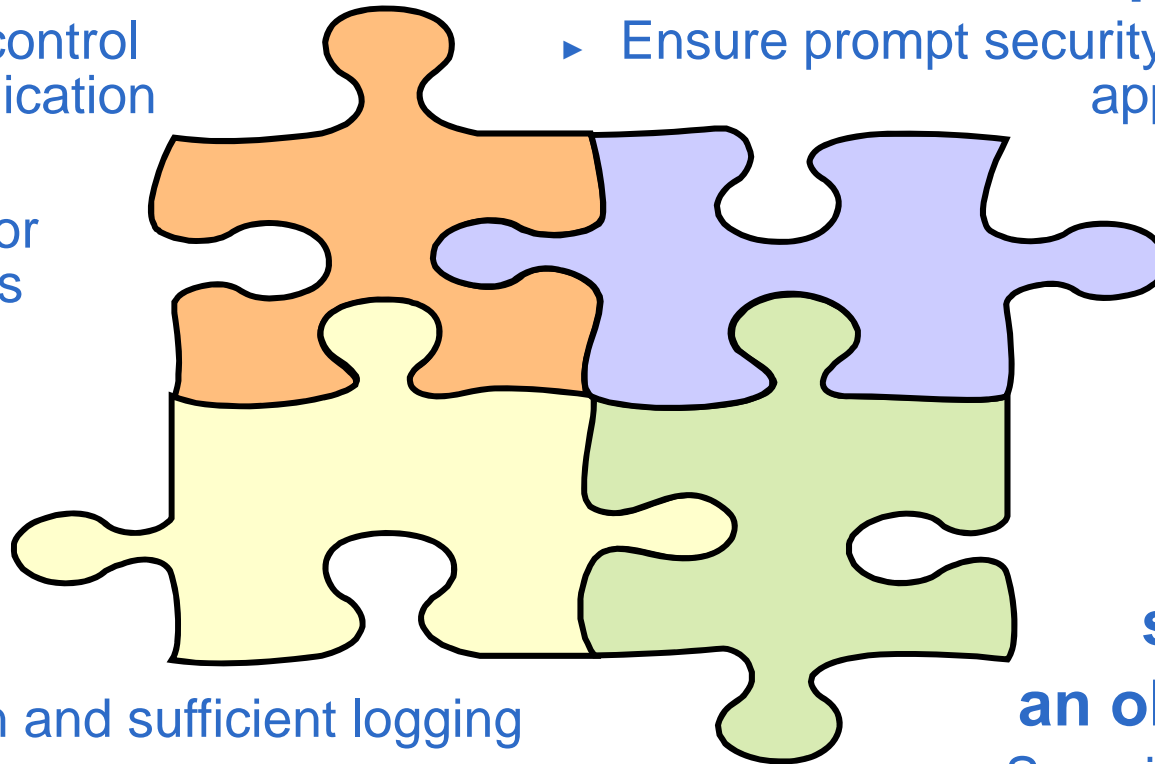
- ▶ Ensure prompt security updates: applications, anti-virus, OS, etc.

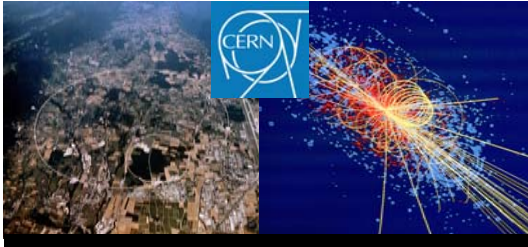
Deploy proper access control

- ▶ Use strong authentication and sufficient logging
- ▶ Ensure traceability of access (who, when, and from where)
- ▶ Passwords must be kept secret: beware of “Google Hacking”

Make security an objective

- ▶ Security training
- ▶ Management buy-in
- ▶ Bring together IT and Controls experts





Network Segregation

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Campus network for desktop computing

“Networks Domains” for Controls

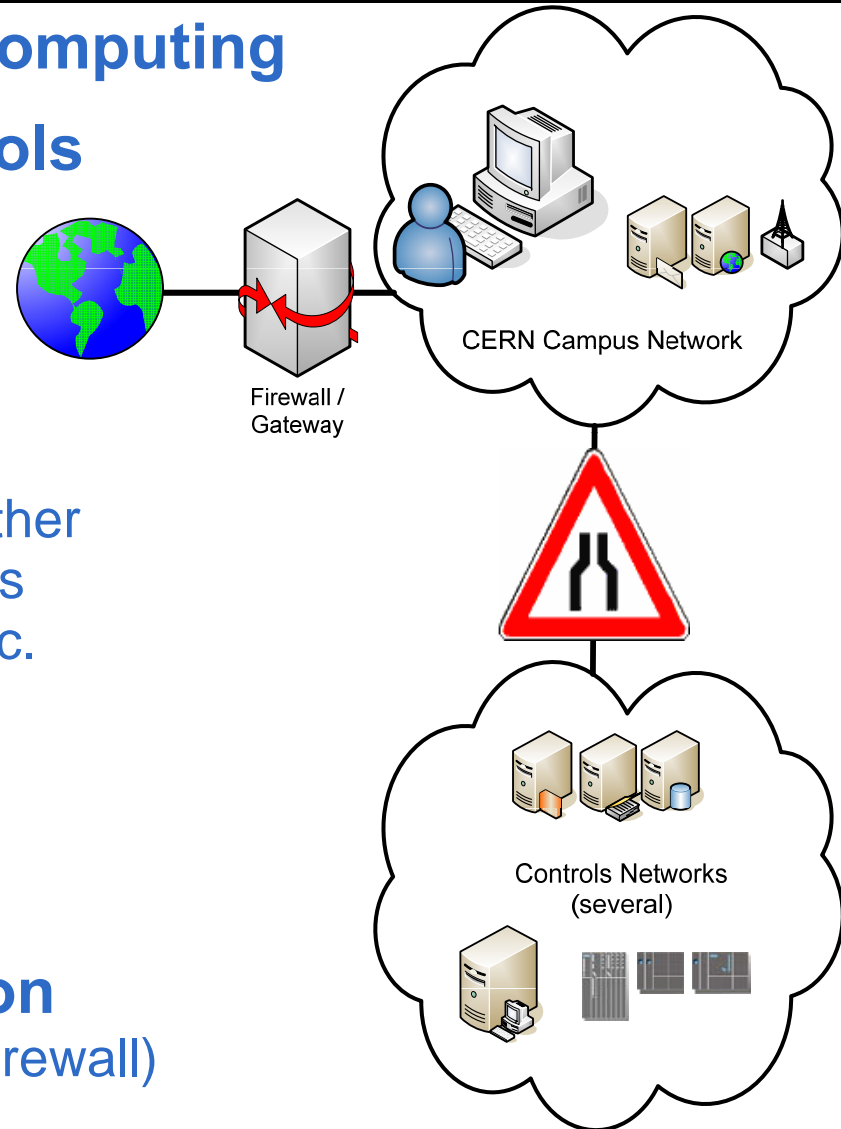
- ▶ Domain Manager with technical responsibility
- ▶ Authorization procedure for new connections
- ▶ MAC address authentication
- ▶ Only operational devices, but neither laptops nor wireless access points
- ▶ Additional protection for PLCs, etc.

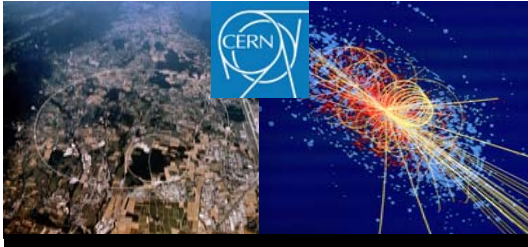
Network monitoring

- ▶ Statistics & intrusion detection
- ▶ Disconnection if threat for others

Restricted cross-communication

- ▶ Traffic filtering (ACL-based plus firewall)
- ▶ Application gateways plus DMZ





Restricted Inter-Communication

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Remote interactive access *from* “outside”

- ▶ “outside” means “office”, “home”, “wireless”
- ▶ Using (Windows) Terminal Servers
- ▶ Methods to access controls applications
- ▶ Methods to access local control PCs

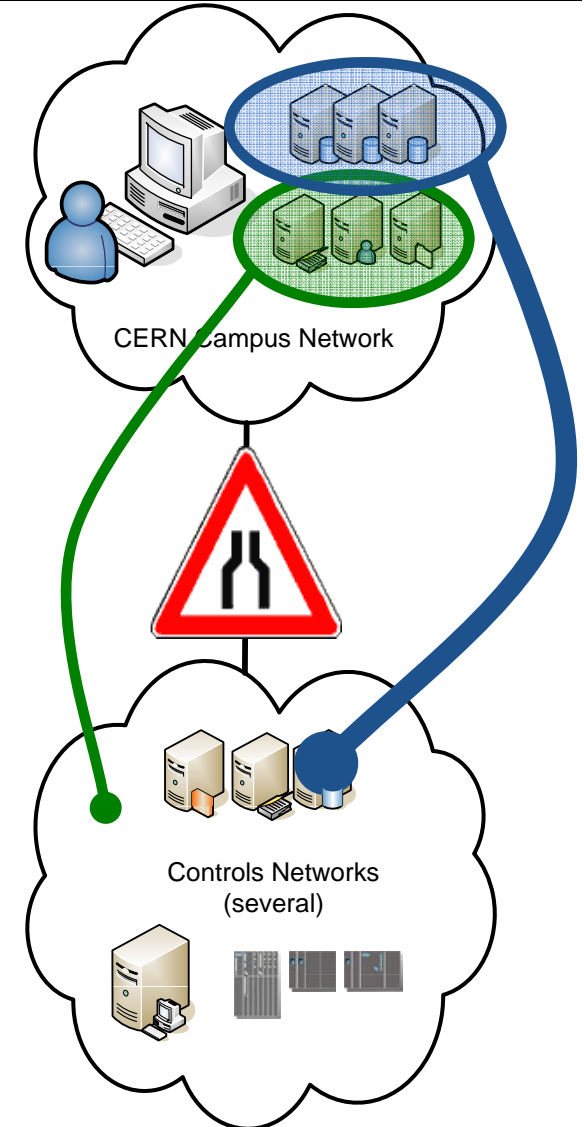
Interactive access *to* the “outside”

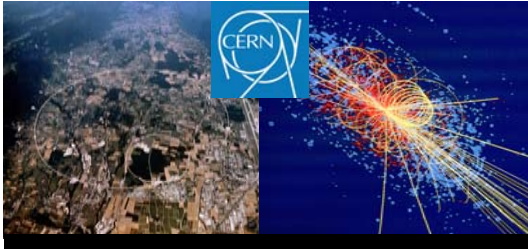
- ▶ Rules for web-browsing, automatic e-mails, file transfer, etc.

“Fat-Pipe” data transfer to “the GRID”

Essential services are “trusted”

- ▶ DNS, NTP, Oracle, data storage, ...





Central Installation Schemes (1)

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"Poorly secured systems are being targeted."

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User-driven PC management

- ▶ Pass flexibility and responsibility to the User
- ▶ **HE** decides **WHEN** to install **WHAT** on **WHICH** control PCs (instead of the IT department)
- ▶ IT will send out email notifications of new patches to be installed
- ▶ **HE** has to ensure security
- ▶ However, PCs might be blocked if threat for others

Implementations for

- ▶ Windows XP, Windows Server (web-based interface)
- ▶ CERN Scientific Linux 3/4 (terminal-based) using  quattor



Central Installation Schemes (2)

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Install...

- ▶ Centrally managed OS & SW
- ▶ User applications
- ▶ Automatically & network-based
- ▶ On many PCs in parallel

Configure...

- ▶ Look & Feel
- ▶ Access rights & restrictions

Full remote control of...

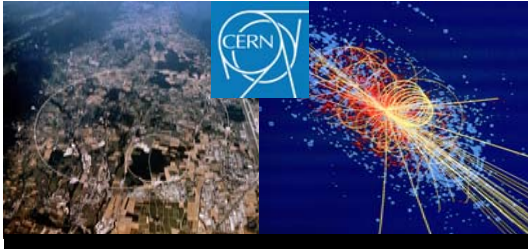
- ▶ Configuring
- ▶ Installation
- ▶ Patching
- ▶ Rebooting

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... this works even for oscilloscopes !!!



Policies on Access Control

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"People are increasingly the weakest link."



Restricted emailing or web browsing on controls networks

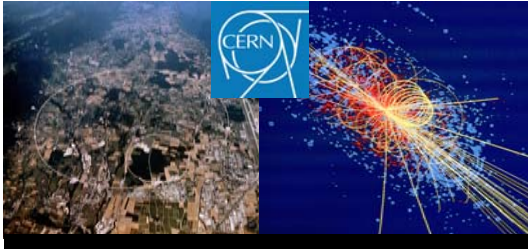
Role Based Access Control

- ▶ User credentials for authentication
- ▶ Role assignment for authorization
- ▶ Strict rules for remote access
- ▶ See talks by S. Gysin & P. Chochula

However, still problematic areas

- ▶ Lack of access control in standard communication protocols
- ▶ Problem controlling user privileges in commercial controls applications
- ▶ Generalisation to one common central scheme at CERN





Incident Response & System Recovery

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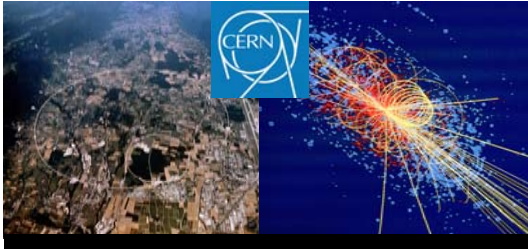
**"Even with a stringent Security Policy,
incidents can never be prevented completely."**



Incident handling on a Domain

- ▶ Part of CERN's general procedures
- ▶ Jointly by Domain Administrator & CERN's Computer Security Team
- ▶ In emergencies, the acting CERN Security Officer has the right to take appropriate actions

CERN's Central Installation Schemes CMF and L4C allow for fast system recovery.



Review & Re-assessment

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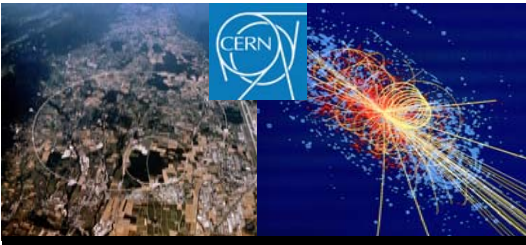
Recent review of the CNIC Security Policy:

- ▶ Review threat scenarios and priorities
- ▶ Review assumptions being made initially
- ▶ Take more realistic perspective
- ▶ Document and review the implementation
- ▶ Regular annual reviews of the CERN CNIC Security Policy and its implementation planned for the future

Still some construction sites:

- ▶ Large DMZ & lots of exceptions
(*“We’re still in commissioning phase”*)
- ▶ Some control systems still on campus network
(e.g. some fixed-target experiments)
- ▶ Single sign-on and a coherent CERN-wide solution
(still too many authentication & authorization schemes around)





Summary

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Ground Rules for CERN Security

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A "Defense-in-Depth" approach offers 100%-& mitigation.

"Control system cyber security needed !!!"

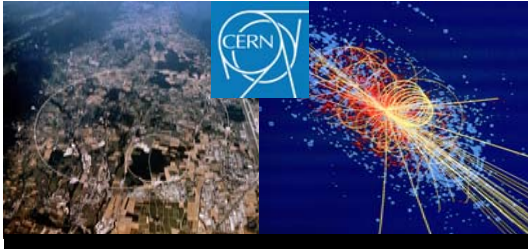
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