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The LHC Control System

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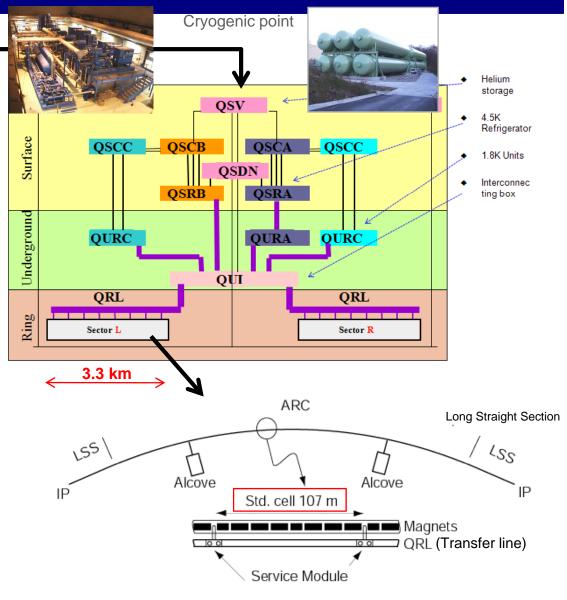
LHC Cryogenics Architecture

LHC cryogenics overview

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LHC tunnel (27 km)



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- Application production by various team
 - » CERN internal
 - » External company (initial tight schedule)
 - » Produced by external collaboration
- Staged commissioning
 - » Commission a new cryogenics component without stopping the already running ones
- 8 years of deployment with evolving technology and requirements
 - » Evolution Radiation environment prevision
 - » Increased number or channels from 30000 to 60000



Reliability

» Avoid Cryogenic downtime

Efficiency

» The complexity of the controlled process is such that the operator duty shall be alleviate by a very high level of automation and efficient diagnostics facilities

• Ergonomic

- » Compatible with former operation practices
- » Homogeneous, intuitive, adapted to a large system
- » Seamless integration of various control hardware components



HARDWARE



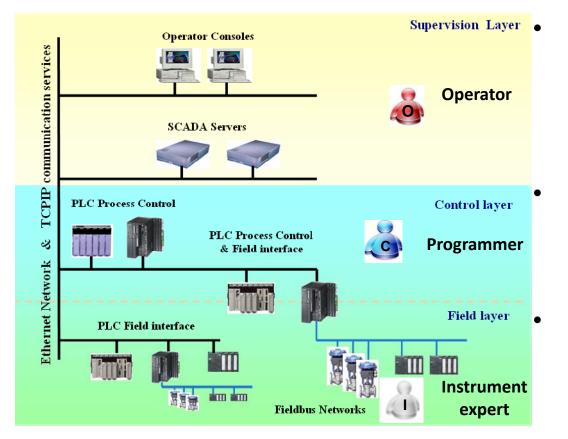
- LEP 2 (1992-2000) (2 layers solution)
 - » 11 Supervision servers Used Operator workstations
 - » 20 PCU directly connected to process I/O
 - » 8000 I/O

• LHC SPECIFIED (1999) (3 layers solution)

- » 20 OWS connected to 5 supervision servers
- » 29 PCU connected to process I/O throught 421 Field interfaces (remote I/O board or fieldbuses)
- » 30000 I/O



Specification Architecture

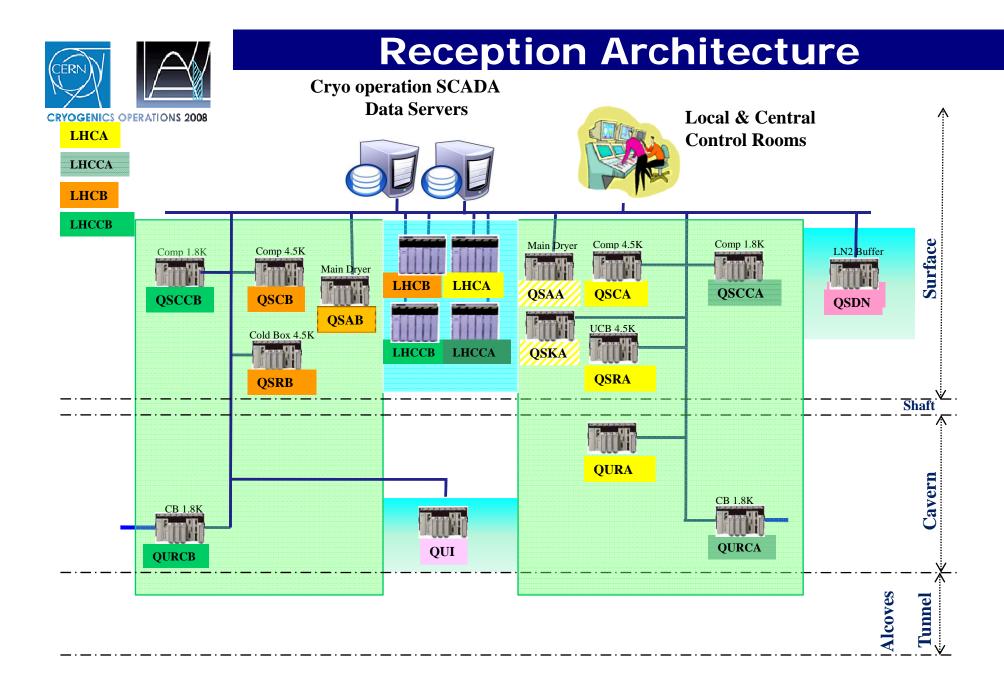


- Supervision layer
 - Interface for operation Team
 - All operators action are taken from this level

- Process control layer
 - PLC : the control logic is performed at that level
 - Programmers act on that Level

Field layer

- Interface to process direct I/O Boards, Fieldbuses

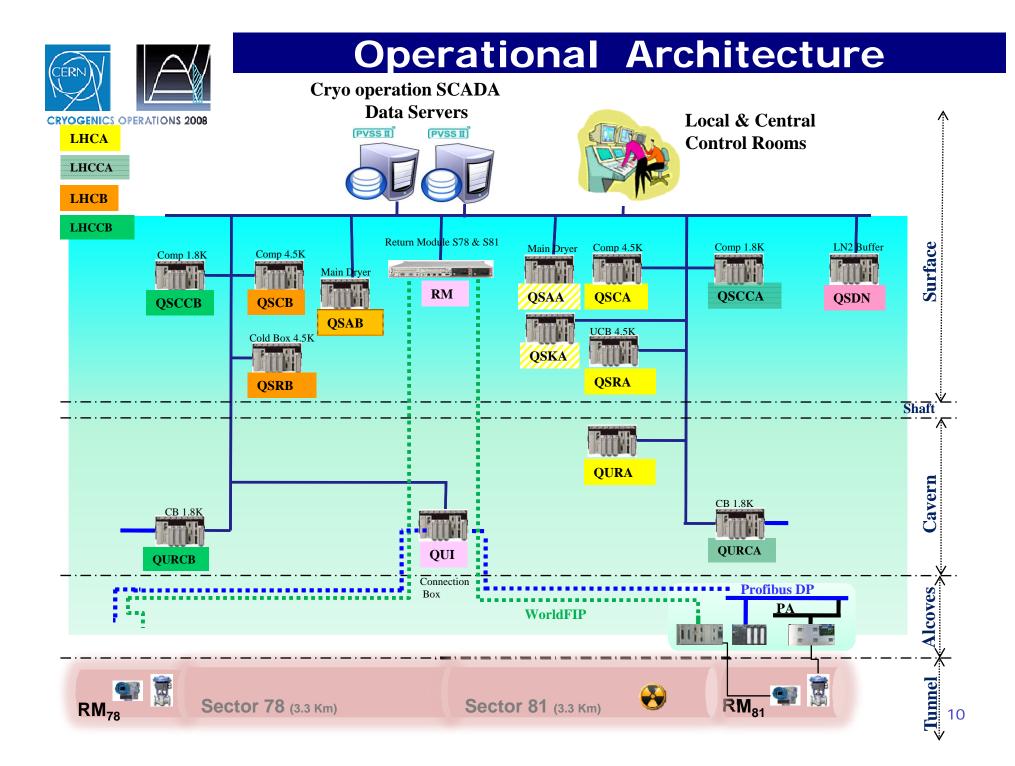


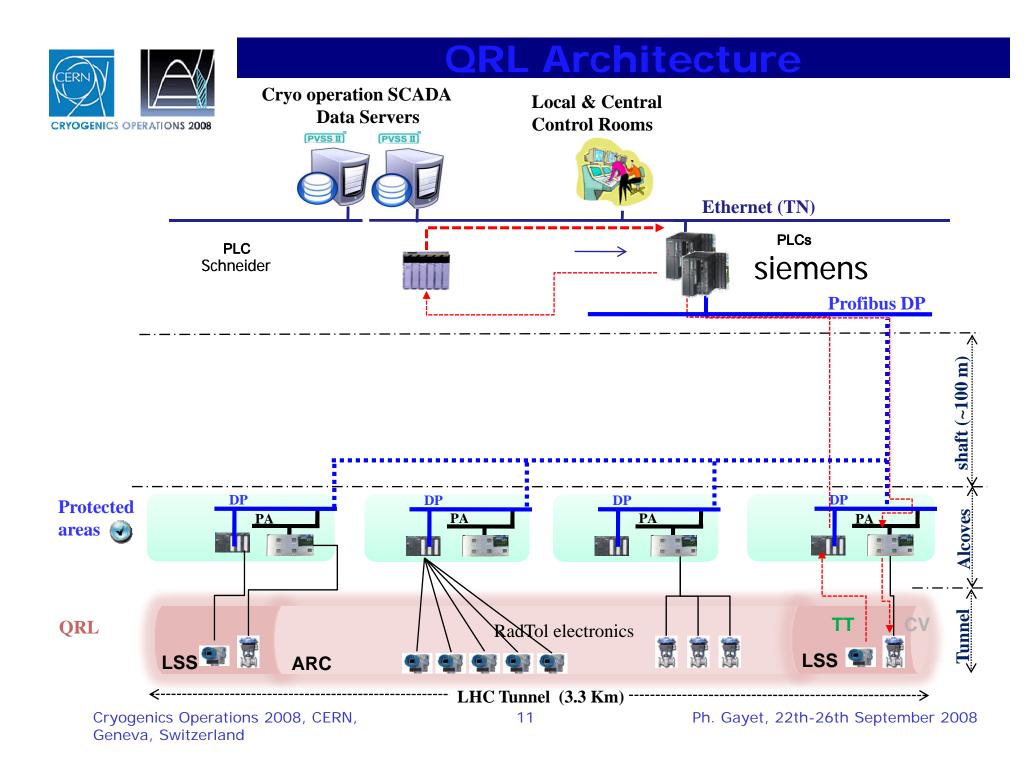


Adaptation during project

Control Layer and Field layer

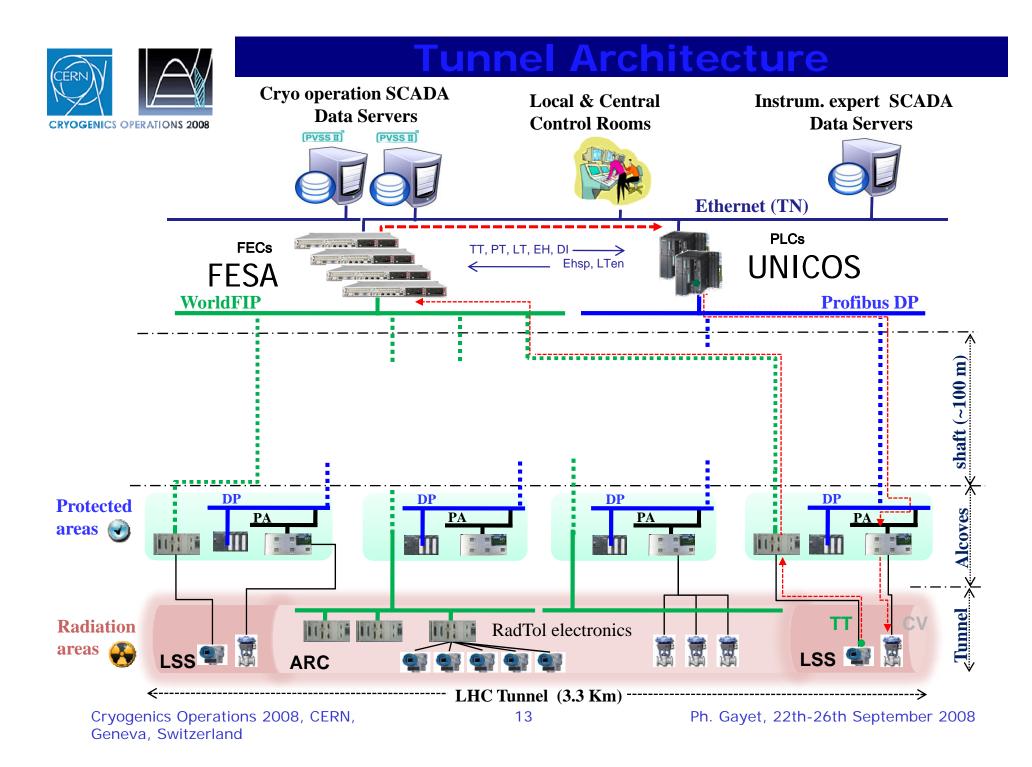
- » Dependency of closed loop to the network led o the suppression of Quantum PLC (2007)
- » Introduction of FIP for instrument under 🚱 Environment
- » Doubling of I/O numbers compared to Specification
- » Migration from PL7 and concept to UNITY (2001)







- Control Layer and Field layer evolution
 - » Introduction Of FESA FEC for FIP (2004) to take profit of the AB-CO support on that hardware type
 - » Development of UNICOS on Siemens PLC (2004) and use of them for Tunnel control (2004) To reduce the number of components improve the reliability and allow the use of intrumentation maintenance software for cryogenic valves





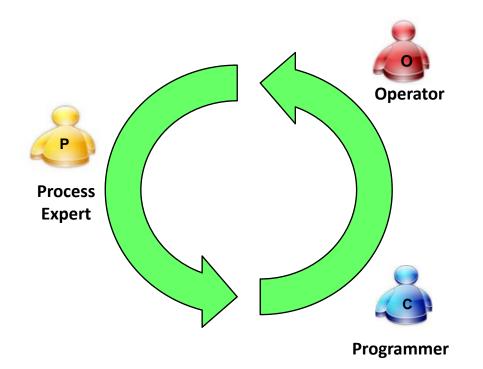
- Absolute necessity of Layer Independence
- Choose always scalable solutions
- In house mastering of the technology allow the proper adaptation to the user requirement evolution



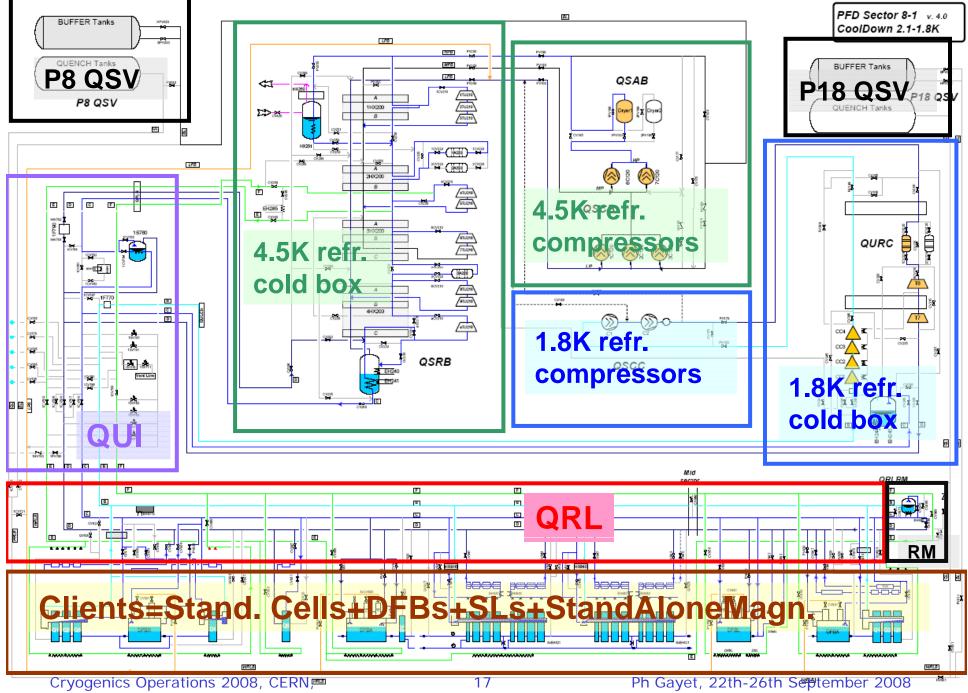




SOFTWARE CYCLE



- This iterative cycle implies a good communication between the actors.
- All partner shall have a common understanding without knowing the details of the other specialties
- The cycle will perform several loops and the more you approach the operation the shortest it is.
- The quality shall no be forgotten but must remain manageable
- No regression or side effect must be generated by control logic modifications.

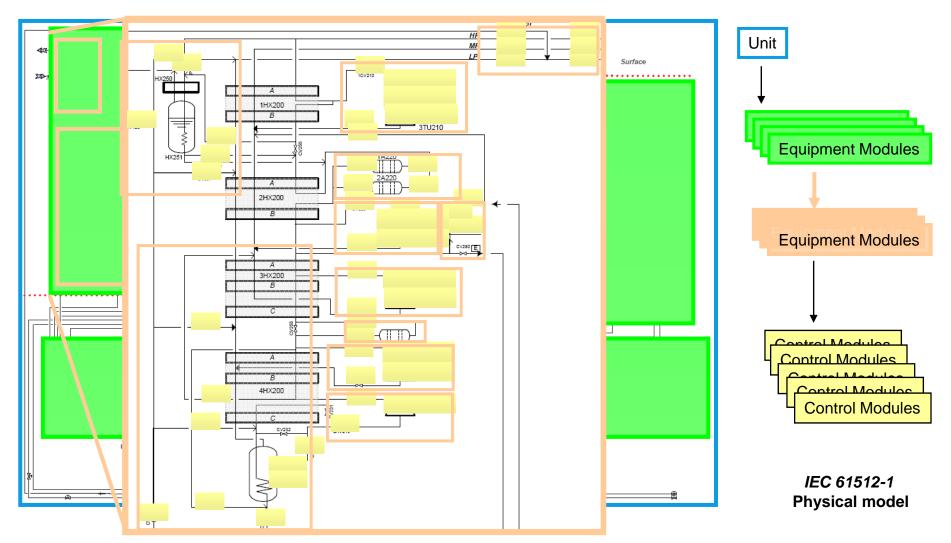


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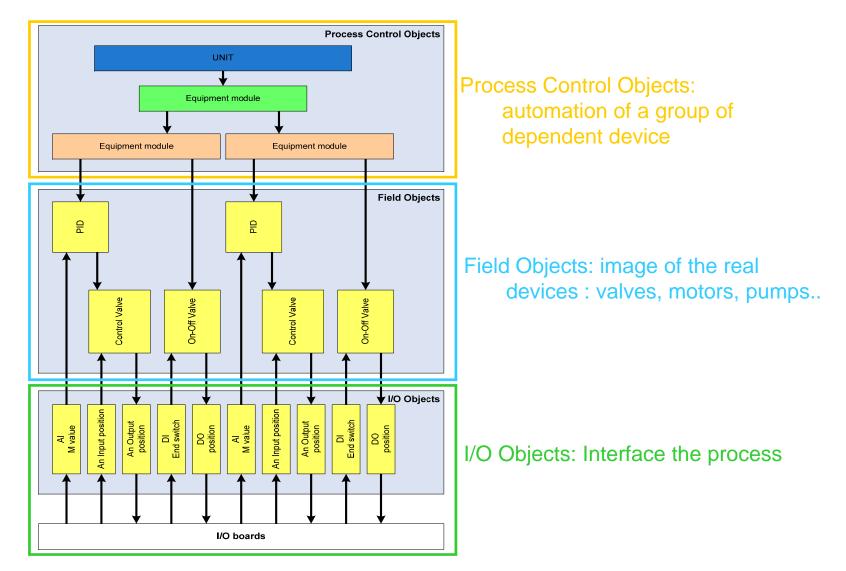
Hierarchical Process Functional Analysis

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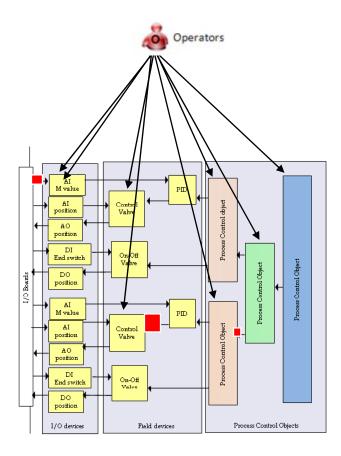
Control system breakdown



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Control and Operation principles



- Automation duties are performed in PLC
 - » Automatic startup/stop sequences
 - » Closed loop control
 - » Interlock action and automatic recovery
- But Operation team must be able to :
 - » Take manual control of any individual control device to overcome automatic request :
 - Online tune the close loop
 - Simulate Input in case of sensor failures
 - Brake the closed loop
 - Put part of the controlled system in special condition to face degraded environment.
 - Test new control strategy manually before implementation



- Chosen breakdown analysis and control implementation is successful and adapted to all cryogenics systems, the software cycle was efficient, we have experienced regression but now the processus is mastered
- Possibility of online modification was mandatory for commissioning period but the modifications will be reduced and even suppressed during the operation to avoid downtime as these actions weaken the control system
- The capabilities to overcome implemented logic given to Operators have been extensively used and was necessary



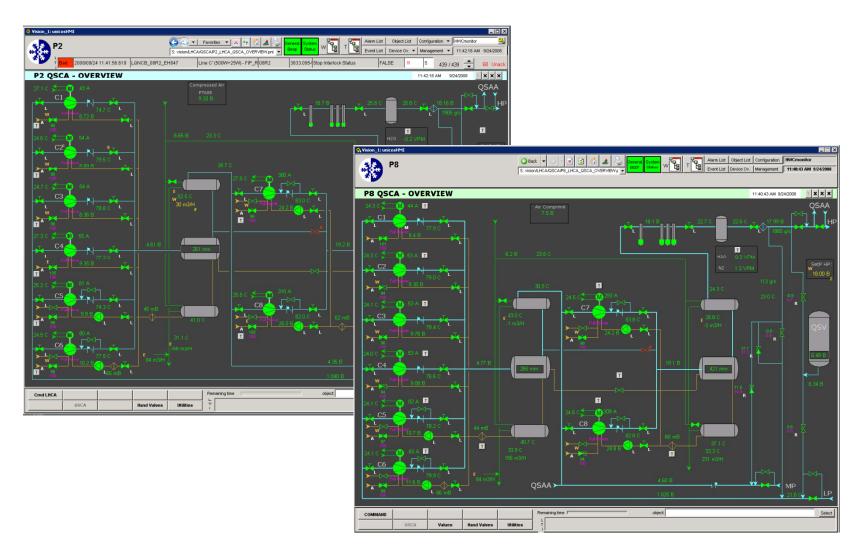
Operator user interface



- Homogeneous user interface
 - » Panels with identified roles
 - » Enforced rules to present the information
 - » Common interaction to devices
 - » Access to all information related to one device by one click
- Access right to distinguish between users
- Post mortem tools and integrated diagnostics
- Monitoring on the control system itself

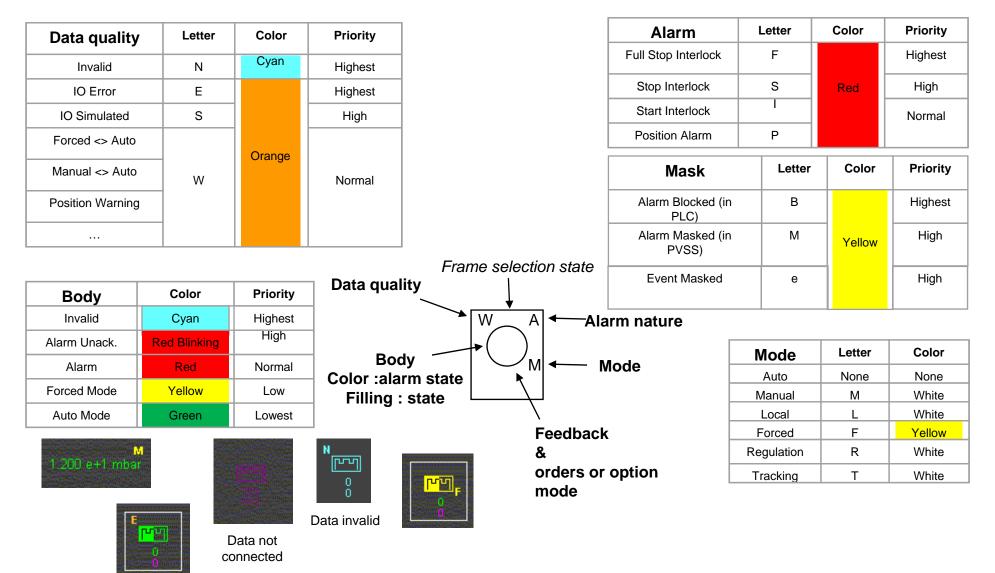


Homogeneous layout



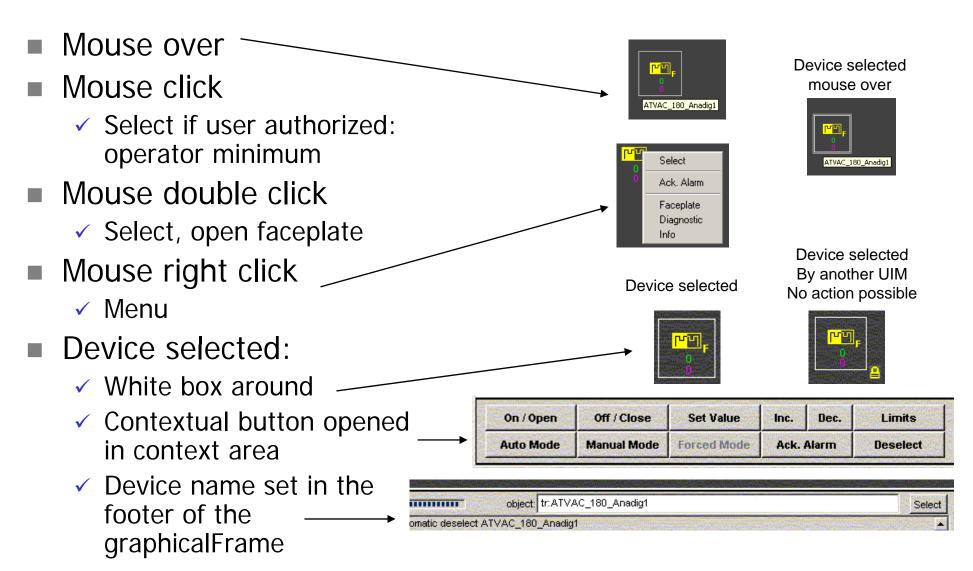


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Homogeneous interaction





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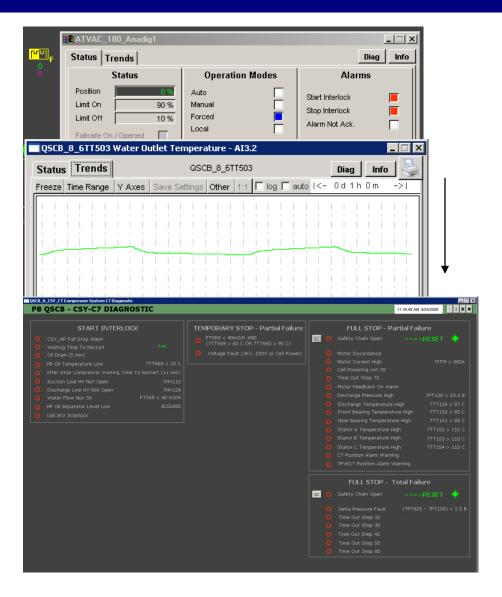


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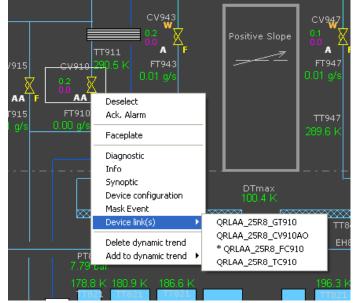
Device analysis

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- Trend area
- Diagnostic: PVSS panel

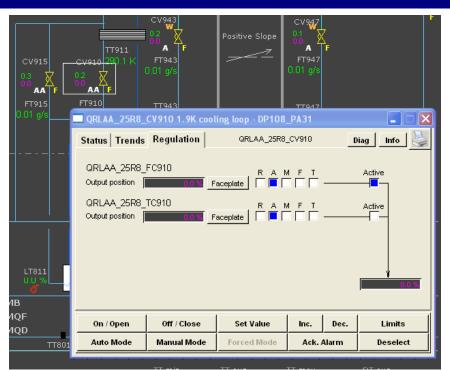


Easy navigation between devices

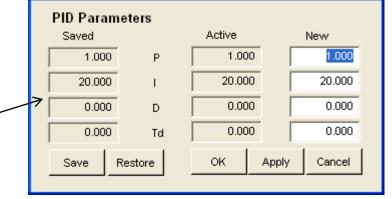
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Adaptation during project

Supervision layer

- » scalability and performance during first commissioning and political decision pushed us to migrate from PCVUE to PVSS (2002) to solve
- » performances and commissioning constraints lead to increase the number of server from 5 to 15
- » Number of task to be performed and the complexity of the duty imposed to increased number of operator consoles from 12 to 30
- » Safety issues and early diagnostics Implied the necessity to access/operate from remote location (20 clients per sites)
- » Necessity to develop a dedicated application for instrumentation experts

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- For such a large project scalability of the supervision system is absolute necessity
- "When you give your hand to the operator they want your arm"
 - » Many additional functionalities had to be added (xy diagrams, bar-graph, device links,....)
- Supervision tools must be adapted to the User needs :
 - » Instrument expert requirements are far from the cryogenic operator ones and the tools shall be separated.



Conclusion

- Despite of the evolution of the project requirements and planning the control system for LHC has (almost) always be delivered in time and fulfilled the Users needs.
 - » Chosen 3 independent layers architecture
 - » Choice of scalable components
 - » Decision to use an enforced control methodology
 - » In house mastering of the technology even for parts that had to be subcontracted.
 - » Excellent cooperation and mutual understanding of the control and cryogenic teams