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Tools for the maintenance of Siemens PLCs and associated Profibus® fieldbuses and intelligent instrumentation

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Introduction

Developed PC software tools:

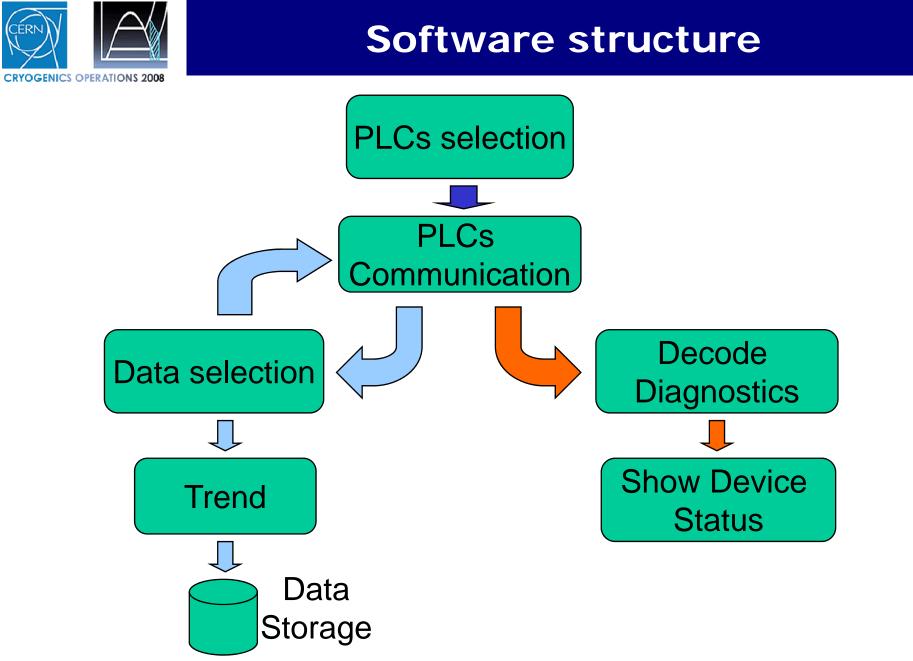
- Run independently of the control infrastructure
- Not require any particular computer configuration
- Fast to load and run

Two real-time TCP/IP communication PC \Leftrightarrow PLCs tools

- PLCdiag: Shows all status from Siemens CPUs, as well as their Profibus masters ans slaves.
- FastTrend: a multi variable real-time (50 ms refresh rate) visualization of instrumentation readings and other PLC data

Offline tool for data visualization:

• Multigraph: Multi-variable bar-graph animator, with adjustable time frame, that reads data directly from excel files; a future version might retrieve data from the LHC logging system.





Software structure

PLCs Communication

- Uses LIBNODAVE, a free communication library for Simatic S7 PLCs
- It is used to just read data from PLCs

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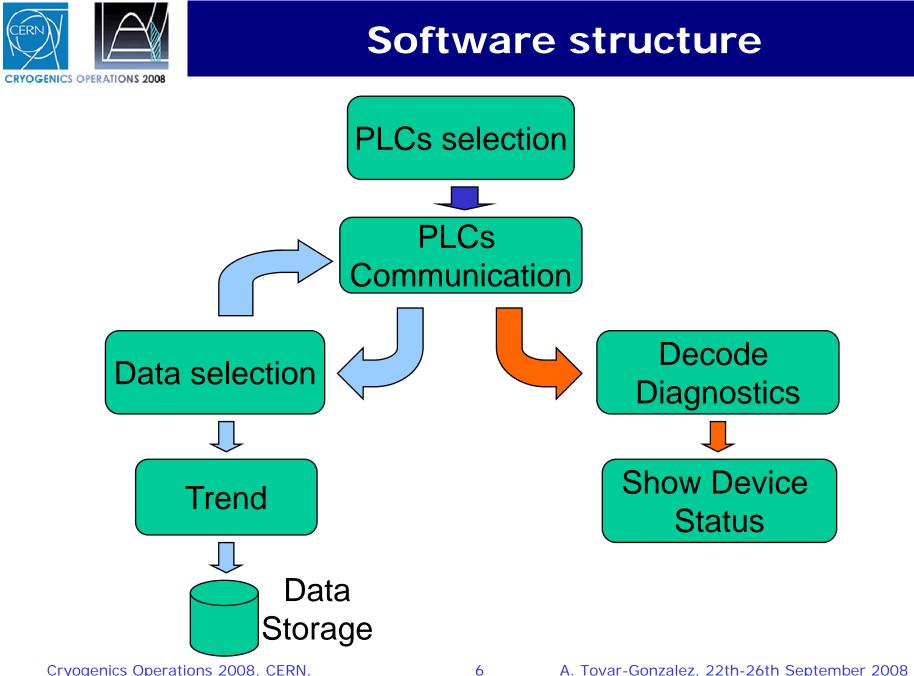
• Any ActiveX trend software can be used



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