

EPICS for MICE

Status of the MICE slow control system





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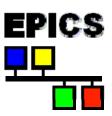
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What is EPICS?



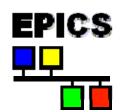
- A Collaboration
 - A world wide collaboration that shares designs, software tools, and expertise for implementing large-scale control systems
- A Control System Architecture
 - A client/server model with an efficient communication protocol (Channel Access) for passing data
 - A distributed real-time database of machine values
- · A Software Toolkit
 - A collection of software tools collaboratively developed which can be integrated to provide a comprehensive and scalable control system







What does EPICS do? P P



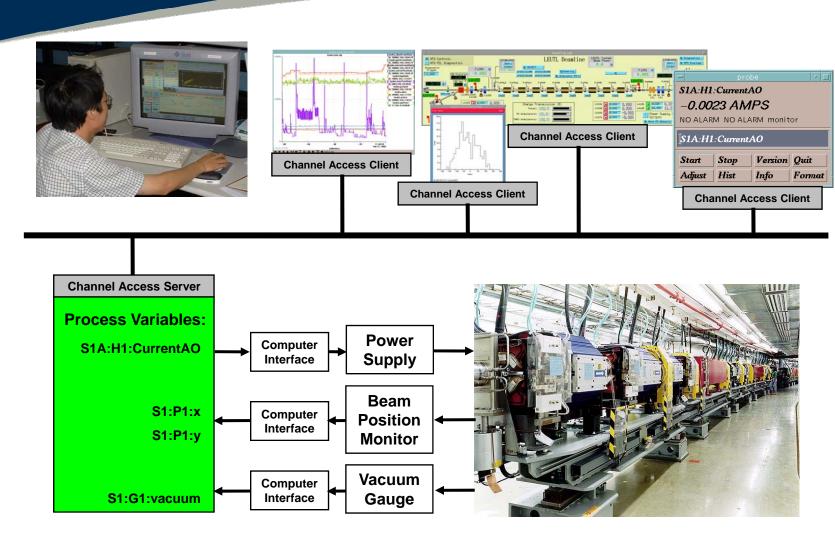
EPICS tools are available to accomplish almost any typical Distributed Control System (DCS) functionality, such as:

- Remote Control & Monitoring of Technical Equipment
- Data Conversion/Filtering
- Closed Loop Control
- Access Security
- Equipment Operation Constraints
- Alarm Detection/Reporting/Logging
- Data Trending/Archiving/Retrieval/Plotting
- Automatic Sequencing
- Mode & Facility Configuration Control (save/restore)
- Modeling/Simulation
- Data Acquisition
- Data Analysis















Why choose EPICS for MICE?

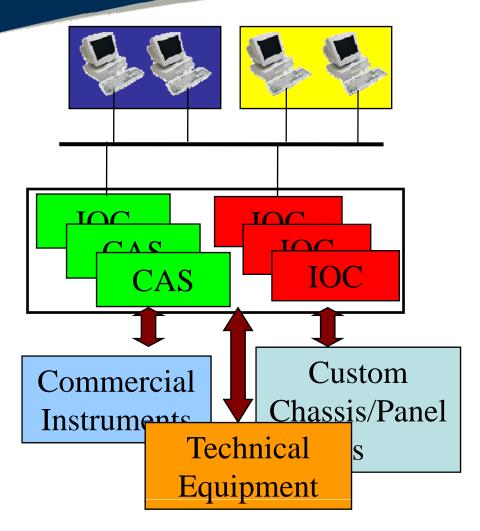


- It's free
- It's Open Source
- There are lots of users
- All a client needs to know to access data is a PV name
- You can pick the best tools out there ...
- ... or build your own
- The boring stuff is already done
- There is a lot of expertise available
- A good contribution becomes internationally known
- By following a few simple rules, you get a lot for free





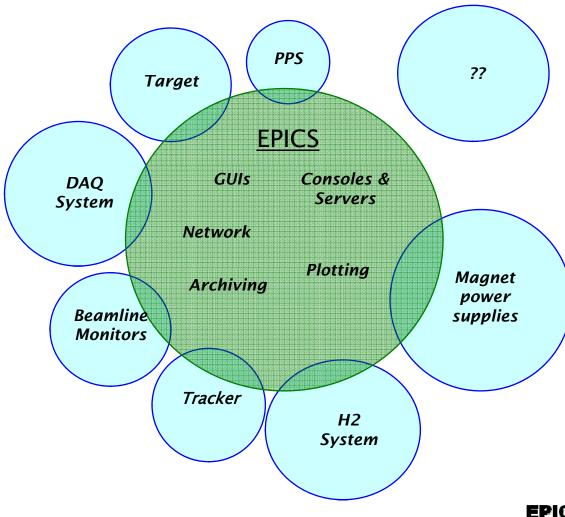


















How do I join in?



First...

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Then...

If you are feeling brave or have previous EPICS experience go ahead and "do-it-yourself" Or...

The Daresbury controls group will be happy to help

Or...

Get help wherever you can

EPICS website

Mailing lists

Commercial support







"Do-it-yourself"

There are essentially two different approaches:

- · Standard IOC
 - Analogue signals
 - Digital I/O
 - Serial (RS232, 485)
 - Motor drives
- · Portable Channel Access Server
 - Complex software sub-systems
 - Unusual or non-standard hardware







Target Drive

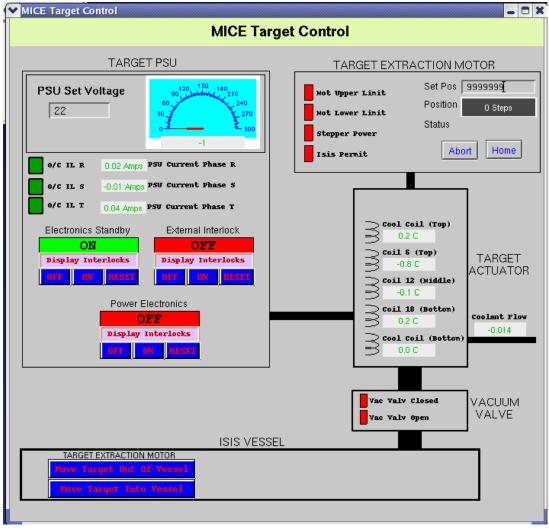


- Stepper motor and gate valve controls and interlocks are installed and commissioned.
- Issue with motor drive control is being investigated.
- · Offline target control system has been completed at DL and is being transported to RAL right now.















Beamline Power Supplies

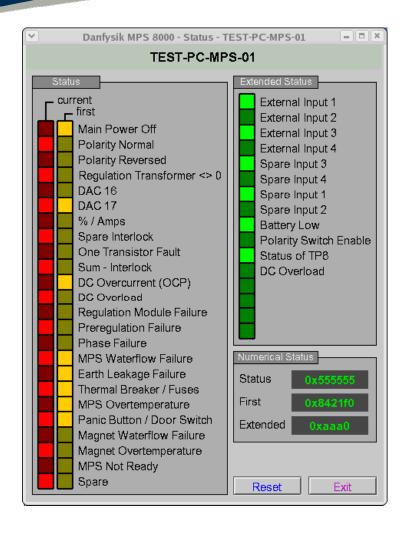


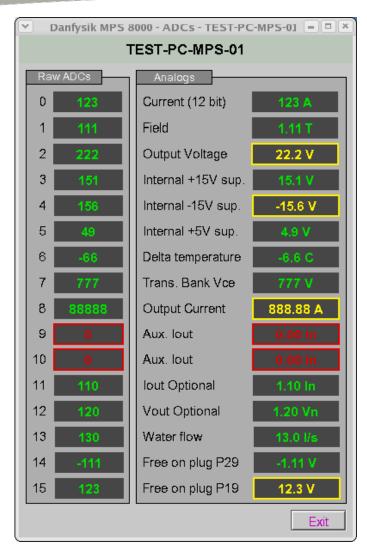
- · Control interface software is complete
- Testing has only been possible with RS232 interface because of late delivery of RS422 modules.
- · All hardware now available and full commissioning of the control system can take place in the next two weeks.

















Network



- All network switches/routers in place
- Configuration has been done by RAL network group but still not working. This is being investigated.
- · Still waiting for network cable installation.







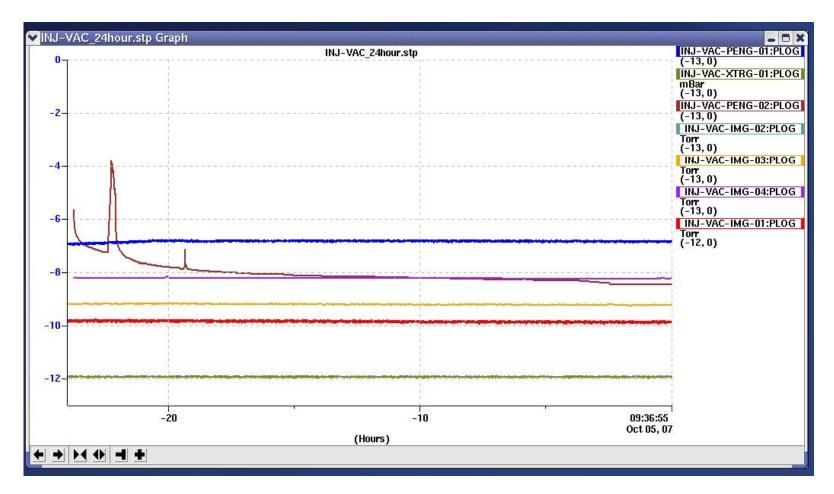
Consoles & Servers



- · All hardware has been procured, software installed and tested.
- · Awaiting completion of network before final installation in the LCR.











Next steps



- · Set up data archiving, alarm monitoring, trend plotting
- · Integration of the DAQ System
- · H2 System
- · RF System
- · System access security











