

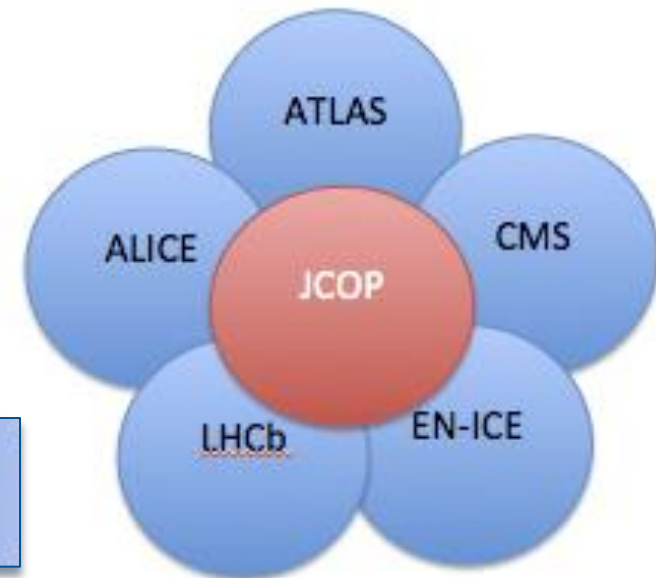
JCOP/DCS Plans for HW Upgrade

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The DCS of the four LHC Experiments is done in common in the frame of the **Joint COntrols Project (JCOP)**

- Started in 1998
- Collaboration between the Experiments and EN-ICE (formerly IT-CO)
- Major subprojects:
 - PVSS Framework
 - Experiments' Gas Control Systems
 - Detector Safety Systems

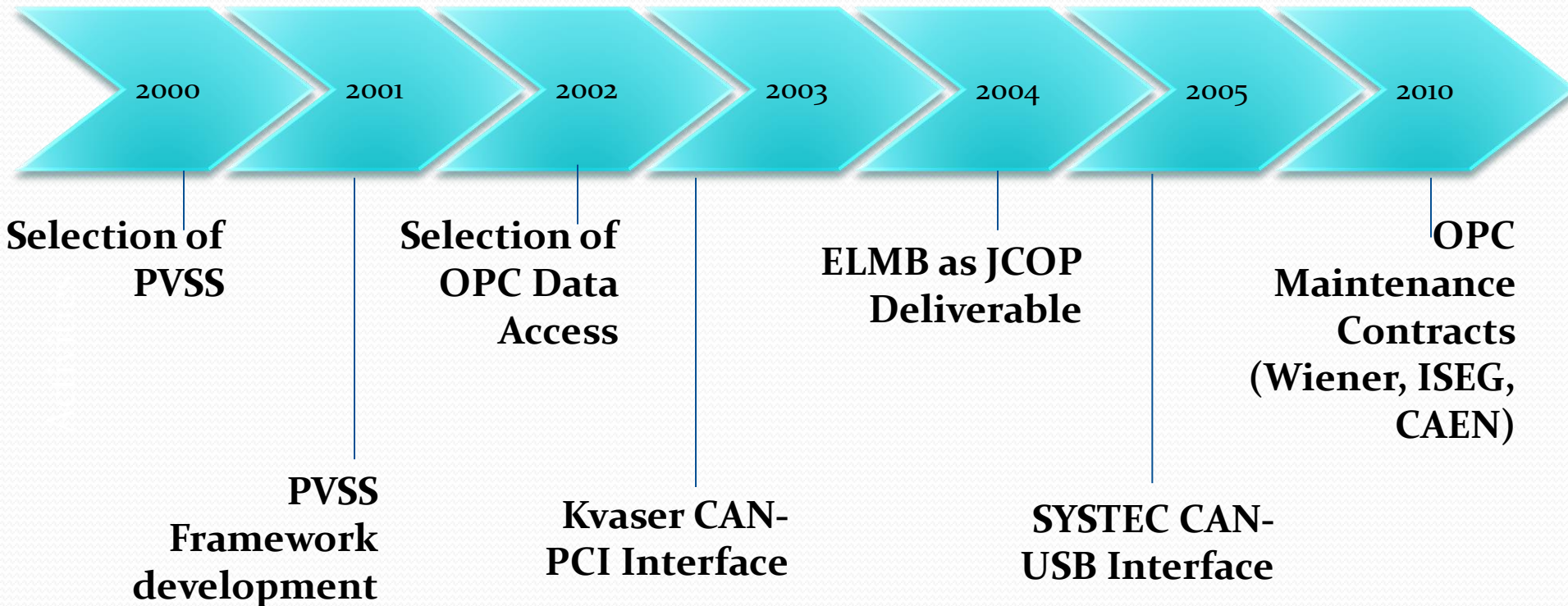


Only common DCS components will be covered in this talk

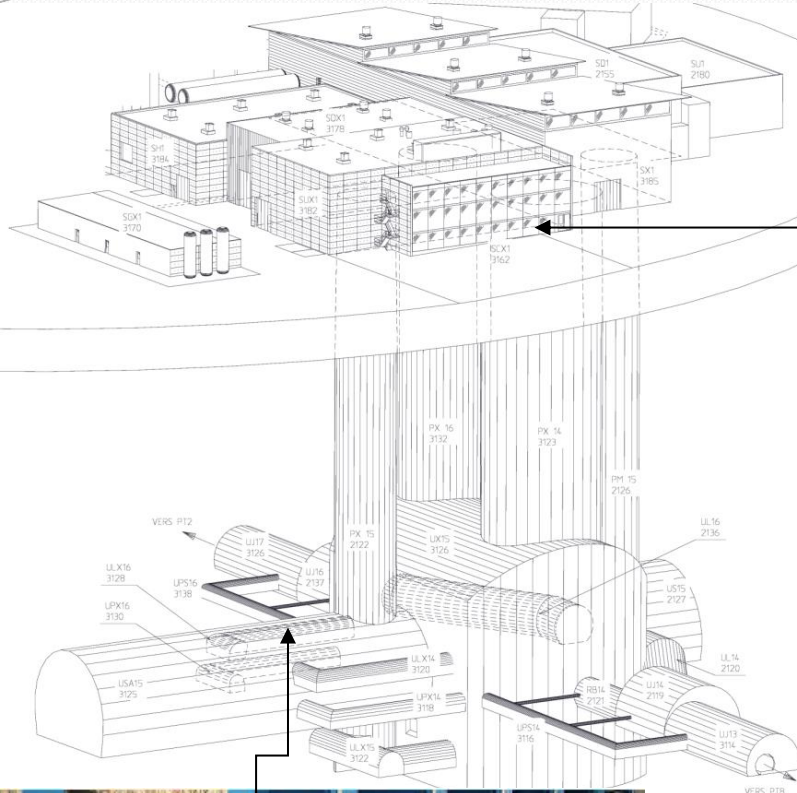
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Some events with impact on the DCS hardware:



Typical DCS

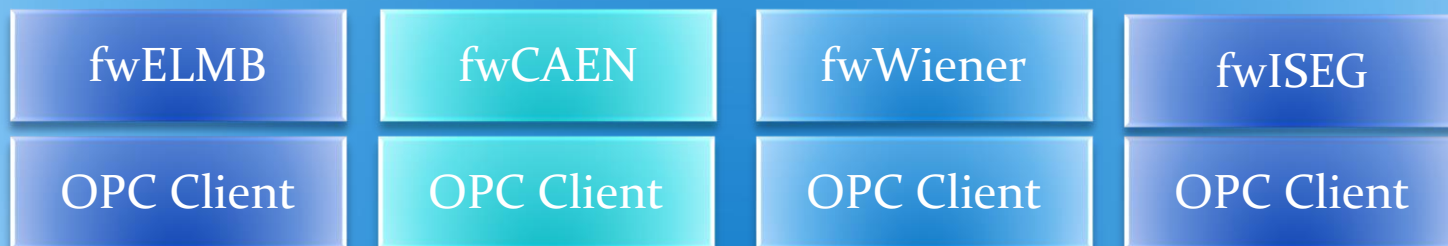
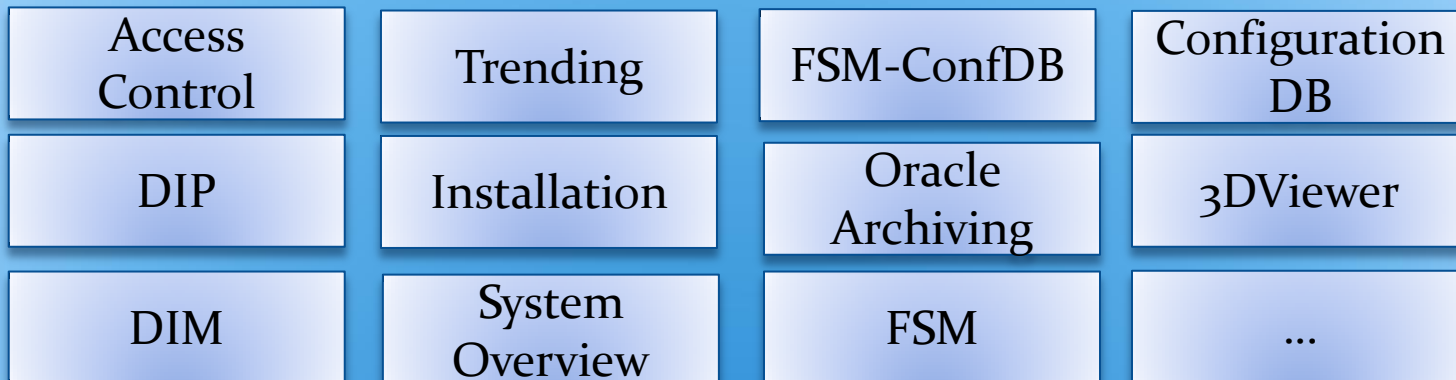


- Up to 3M HW I/Os
 - i.e. up to several million dipes
- Up to 160 PVSS interconnected systems
 - Geographically distributed
 - Oracle archiving to a central DB server
- Up to 6000 PVSS processes
 - And many non-PVSS processes
- Apps developed around the world
 - Linux and Windows
 - Integrated and managed at CERN (1-2 men)
 - Lifetime ~20 years
- Operation as FSM

JCOP PVSS Framework



JCOP PVSS Framework



Commercial OPC Servers

- Commercial Powering Systems
 - CAEN, Wiener, ISEG
 - Support
 - Hardware and firmware: PH-ESE
 - Interface Software (OPC): EN-ICE
- PLC-based safety systems (ALICE and CMS)
- Wiener VME crates
- ATLAS Embedded Local Monitor Board (ELMB)
- CANbus interfaces:
 - Kvaser PCI
 - Systec USB
- Lots of custom hardware where JCOP supports interfaces
 - DIM, Modbus, etc.

Motivations for Upgrade



- New Requirements

- Virtualization (LHCb)
- Redundancy (CMS)
- Full DCS under Linux (ATLAS)



No direct connections between hosts and front-end equipment => **Go Ethernet!!**

- For new electronics, part of the DCS data will share data path with DAQ (e.g. GBT)
 - Needs DCS BE interface on off-detector electronics (e.g. Embedded OPC UA servers on FPGA/ARM processors)

- Technology obsolescence

- OPC DA based on MS DCOM

- Equipment ageing due to radiation (foreseen)

- e.g. ELMB

- New standards/new functionality

- xTCA as replacement for VME
- e.g. EtherCat

CAN Upgrade Plans



- CAN in the Experiments' DCS
 - Hundreds of ELMB applications (detector, environment, racks, etc.)
 - Control of Wiener VME Crates
 - ISEG HV PS on PEAK CAN-USB or CAN-PCI interface
- Issue: Current CAN USB or PCI interfaces put limits to redundancy and virtualization
- Short/mid term plan: Look for an Ethernet-based replacement
 - Multi-port (at least 12 CAN ports)
 - Drivers for Windows and Linux
 - AnaGate CAN Quattro as a very promising candidate
 - Decision expected by Spring 2014
- Longer run:
 - Look into EtherCat or other Ethernet based protocols, as possible replacement of CANbus for new applications

- Currently OPC **D**ata **A**ccess is the software interface to CAEN, Wiener and ISEG power supplies
- Issue: OPC DA is based on DCOM -> Technology phased out by Microsoft
- Mid/Long term upgrade plan: OPC **U**nified **A**rchitecture as natural evolution
 - Platform Independence
 - Embedded Platforms
 - Modern Security
 - OO-like Information Modelling

OPC: Lessons learnt

- CAEN, ISEG, Wiener are hardware vendors
 - Significant effort for them to develop OPC servers
- “Black-box” model followed in the past does not work, i.e. CERN does not care how the server is implemented as long as it works
 - Far too long to deliver working OPC servers
 - Extremely inefficient debugging
 - Problems are only manifested in production setups
 - Not possible to reproduce in smaller lab setups
 - CERN had no access to the source code for debugging
 - Luckily enough this has changed recently

OPC Upgrade Plans

CERN to collaborate with the companies on the development of the OPC UA servers

- Develop in-house knowledge of the code to improve troubleshooting and issue reporting to the company
- Restrict the work done by the companies to communication with hardware
- Provide coherency and promote utilization of common software components across OPC servers
- Expected in production by end of LS2

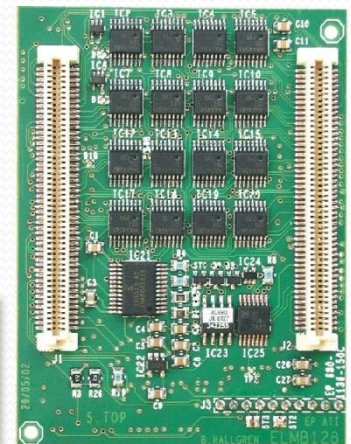
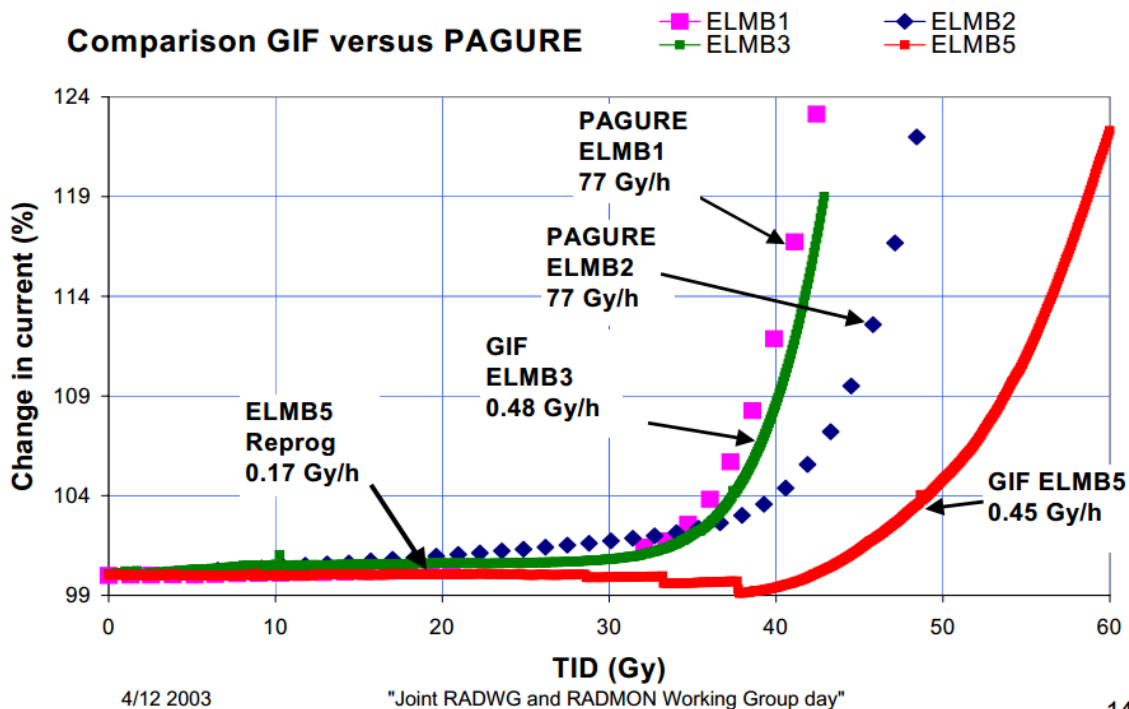
Still under discussion. Personal view

ELMB Ageing



ELMB designed to operate 10 years outside the ATLAS calorimeters

4.7 Gy (Expected dose rate) * 3.5(sim. rad level) * 1 (low dose rate effect) * 2
(COTS components homogeneous preselected) = **33 Gy** = 3.3 kRad in 10 years



JCOP is very interested in initiatives like the
ELMB++

- As many other systems, DCS builds on top of technologies chosen and decisions taken years ago
 - Although if we were to do it all over again, things wouldn't look very different
- New requirements have also appeared
- In some cases, there is a clear plan to upgrade
- Workshop to define the long term objectives for JCOP
 - to be scheduled early this Summer