



BIS software layers at CERN

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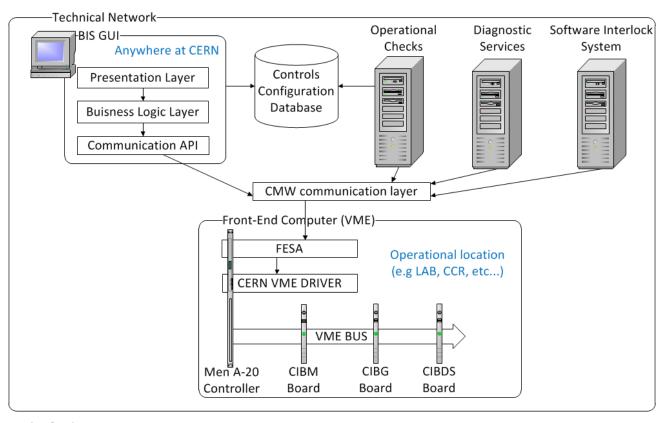
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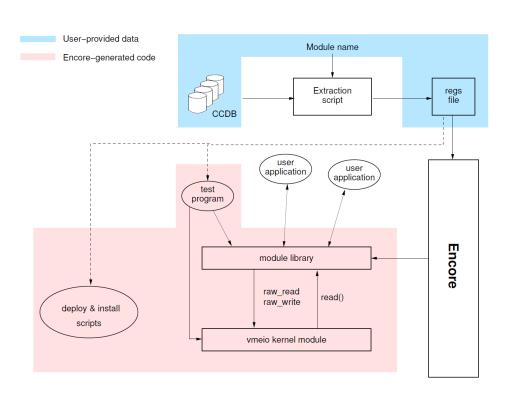
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BIS Hardware

- VME crate containing a (Linux based) controller and multiple VME boards.
- Communication is based on the VME bus.
- Controller can talk to the outside world through Ethernet (machine/technical network).
- More details in Stephane presentation.

CERN VME Driver

- Runs on the Linux controller of the VME crate.
- Interface between VME boards and FESA classes.
- Access to hardware devices occurs through two mechanisms:
 - **♂** I/O operations over registers
 - Interrupts
- Driver generated from hardware types information stored in the Controls Configuration DB (CCDB).

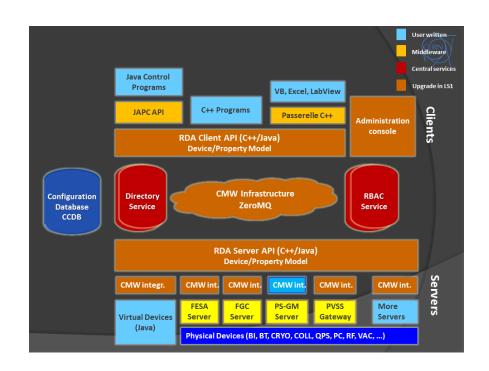


FESA

- FESA = Front End Software Architecture, framework developed at CERN to standardize device access throughout accelerator equipment.
- **The Second Proof** C++ program running on the Linux controller of the VME crate.
- Interface between the board drivers and the 'high-level' software layers.
- Defines a contract (Device Property model) that exposes fields to be acquired or controlled.
- Allows read/write and subscribe operations. Real-time processing of the boards data is synchronized using the accelerators timing system or FESA internal timer.
- For the BIS, no specific logic, only expose the registers with un-decoded raw data.

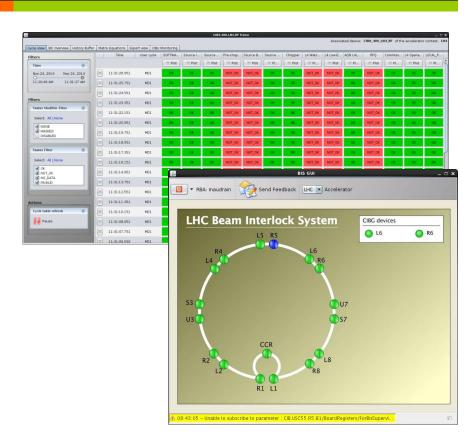
CMW

Controls MiddleWare (CMW) is the communication infrastructure at CERN based on CORBA/ZeroMQ. Bridge between Java and C++ worlds.

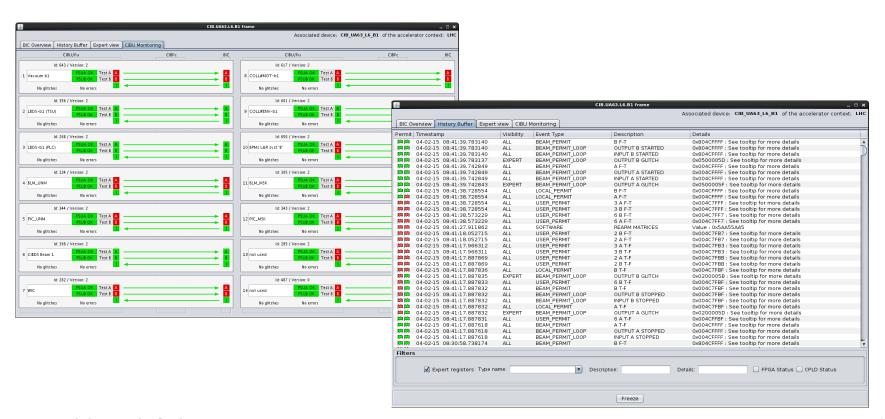


BIS GUI (1/2)

- Main application for monitoring and control of all BICs at CERN.
- Operator/experts panels and commands.
- Timing synchronous monitoring for the cyclic machines (SPS, Booster, Linac4).



BIS GUI (2/2)



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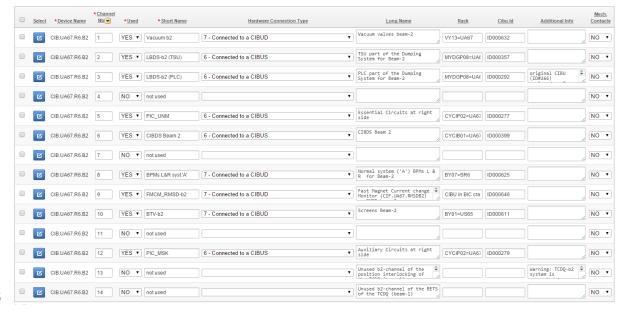
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Controls configuration database

Stores static BIS reference configuration (BIS input names, connection type to user, etc...).

Used mainly by the pre-operational checks to verify consistency with

the hardware.



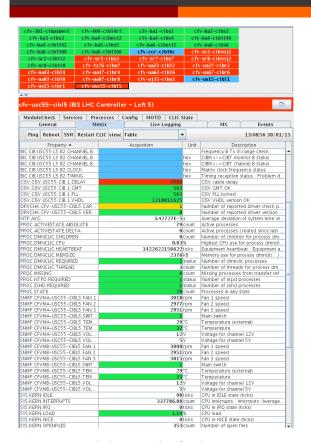
Diagnostic services

- Record of all BIS boards history buffers in the <u>Logging DB</u> to be accessible later on to replay operational states and analyse certain events. Acquisition every second.
- Record BIS history buffer and other information on configurable events in the <u>Post-Mortem System</u>: e.g. beam dump, etc. Used then in the post-operational checks.

Operational checks

- Pre-operational :
 - using the <u>LHC sequencer</u> to run a Java program to verify certain configuration or current states of the BIS before operation.
 - Operation/next cycle can be inhibited.
- Post-operational:
 - with <u>Post Mortem</u> to analyse the BIS buffers around a beam dump and determine potential problems related to the system.
 - Operation/next cycle can be inhibited.

Continuous Monitoring



- DiaMon framework to monitor the FEC state.
- During-operation: using the DiaMon framework, to assert certain values of the BIS boards register and trigger different severity messages.

Software Interlock System

- Can interlock each BIC in the LHC through a dedicated software input.
- Can inhibit operation if additional interlocking constraints are not met (typically for more complex/less critical/redundant verifications like power-converters statuses, LHC access, etc...).
- Timeout to inhibit operation if the SIS connection to the BIS is lost.

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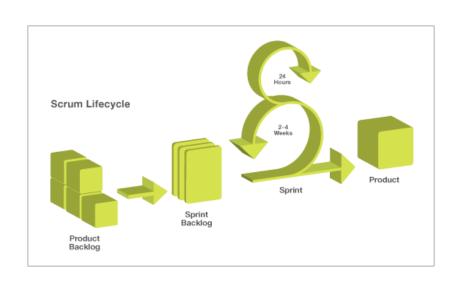
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Scrum

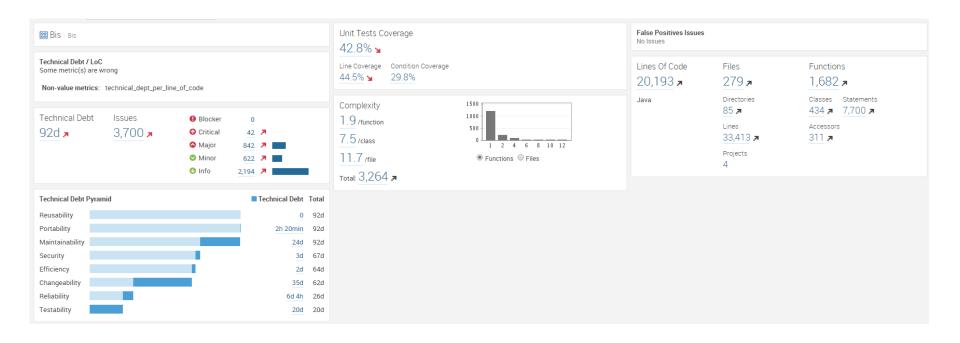
- Individuals and interactions over Processes and tools
- Working software over Comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over Contract negotiation
- Responding to change over Following a plan



Quality tools (1/2)

- Sonarqube for quality metrics,
 - Distribution of quality profiles to developer machines
- Eclipse workstation configuration with Eclipse SDC:
 - Static code checkers configuration,
 - Code coverage plug-ins,
 - Code generation plug-ins.

Quality tools (2/2)



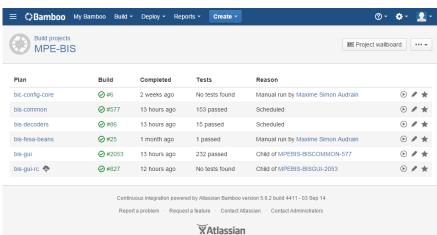
Continuous delivery

- Using Bamboo and Gradle to ensure all-time delivery capability.
- Product tested and released each time new code is added.

Release candidate build runs the acceptance tests to ensure the product is

deployable.

Deployment plan -> "Click to deploy"



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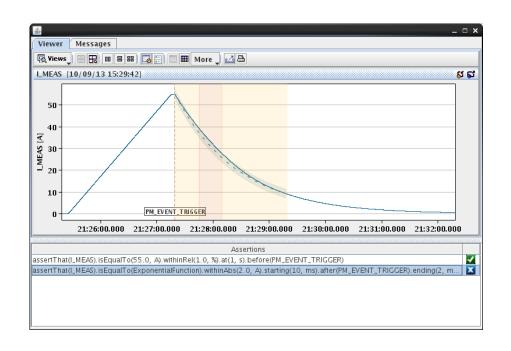
- VME driver
 - CERN version -> EPICS version
- **7** FESA
 - **₹ The Second of the Proof o**
 - Genericity from board type.
- CMW -> EPICS MiddleWare

Adaptable architecture (2/4)

- BIS GUI will need some adaptation to select a communication API according to the context: ESS, CERN
- Role Based Access -> EPICS Security module?
- **7** CCDB
 - any data source: DB, CSV, etc...
- Logging Service
 - Any continuous acquisition service backed by a "write once read many" storage: e.g. Cassandra, etc...

Adaptable architecture (3/4)

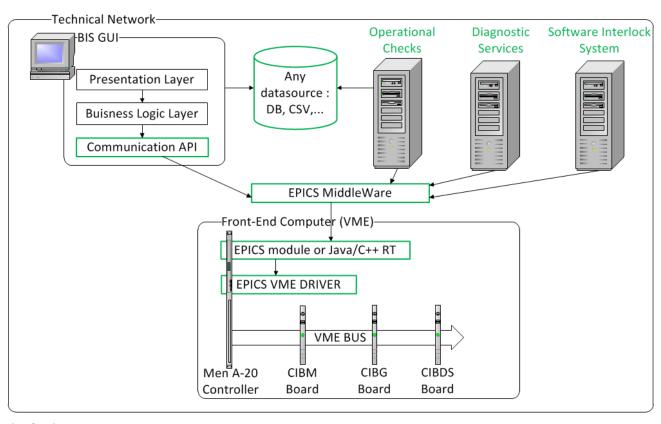
- Pre-Op
 - Use EPICS sequencer?
 - Need communication adaptation (EPICS MW)
 - Re-use or complement logic
- Post-op
 - Could use PM data collection (PM tightly coupled to CMW)
 - Analysis framework required-> eDSL



Adaptable architecture (4/4)

- Continuous monitoring
 - DiaMon can be replaced by any free and open source solution: Nagios, Icinga, Shinken.
- Software Interlock System
 - CERN core with ESS specific modules?
 - Can be re-implemented.

New architecture overview



Outlook

- **尽力** Complete CERN infrastructure for BIS supervision and diagnostic
- Partly reusable and/or adaptable
- Interested for collaboration!

Thank you for your attention

Do you have any questions?