Review of MPE activities during LS1 and outlook for LS2/LS3

View from BE/CO

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- Application Software
- Development Tools
- Extension of QPS WorldFIP Infrastructure

Feedback from CO/APS (Application SW)

- Collaboration for PMA and HWC Sequencer
- General assessment
 - The collaboration (mainly with TE/MPE/MS) is very good
 - No difference between LS1 or any other period
 - Good planning No unexpected/unplanned work items imposed on BE/CO/APS

CO/APS: Desirable improvements for QPS

- Standardize QPS PM data format
 - QPS PM data format is different from all the other PM data
 - Other systems (PCs, BIs, etc.) have coherent/consistent format
 - Special treatment (development) needed for QPS PM data
- Simplify interactions with QPS from the controls system:
 - We do not have documentation on how to interact with QPS systems we always need to ask QPS expert how to do it
 - The proposed solutions by QPS experts do not always work: involves several iterations of trying, with help from OP people
 - Controls interactions not intuitive and/or too low level (e.g. waiting for PM-data-sending-finished requires 3 steps as opposed to one status flag, SEQ-930) -> specific code needed to compensate for this

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Feedback from CO/DO (Dev Tools + SUWG)

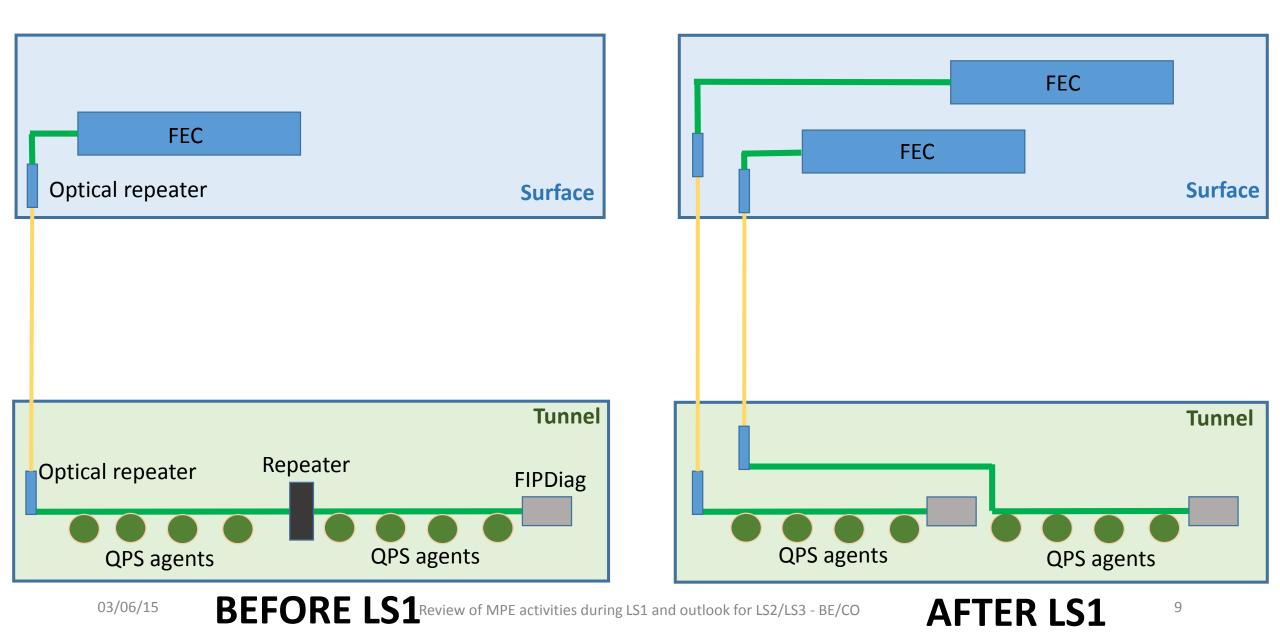
- Collaboration for software development tools
- CO/DO provides development tools to the acc sector
 - Atlassian tools (Wikis, JIRA, Bamboo, Crucible)
 - Tools: Eclipse IDE, Java build tool (CBNG), SW Repositories
- MPE/MS contributes and extends and helps out
 - Customizes Eclipse and helps with support and validation
 - Provides SONAR Quality Assurance tool for BE/CO
 - Early adoption and collaboration on CBNG Build tool (c.f. next slide)
- Smooth upgrade WG (headed by Vito Baggiolini)
 - Timely announcements of planned MPE/MS changes before TS
 - Efficient and reliable upgrades during Technical Stops
- Generally excellent collaboration, mutual respect and trust!

CO/DO: Bumpy collaboration on CBNG tool

- Started collaboration on CBNG build tool in Summer 2013 for acctesting, looked like win-win:
 - DO provides a new tool, MS can use new functionality
 - Acc-testing team validates gives early feedback
- ... but in late 2013
 - Technical difficulties lead to delay and suffering for acc-testing team
 - "Overwhelming" contribution from acc-testing team destabilized CO/DO team
 - Different priorities and objectives lead to some frustration
- Since April 2014 problems mostly solved

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What was your groups' contribution to MPE work? and the other way round?

- BE/CO took responsibility for
 - Design of the new WorldFIP segments
 - Procurement of the components (repeaters, FECs, etc.)
 - Cable/Fiber installation requests
 - Preparation, assembly and installation in LHC surface and underground areas
 - Network Qualification
 - Global LS1 Planning with other partners (power distribution, cabling, fibers, Ethernet, etc.)

What was the impact of MPE work on your own activities?

- Main BE-CO LHC Hardware activity during LS1:
 - QPS extension
 - R2E relocation
 - all other efforts on the Injector Complex in the context of ACCOR
- BE-CO resources involved for QPS extension:
 - Infrastructure (preparation, installation, qualification)
 - 2 FSU 100%
 - 1 CO-FE Staff 80%
 - Data Bases
 - 4-5 weeks of 1 FTE

What were the interfaces (Material, Personnel...) with MPE work? Please define limits of responsibilities

- Planning of QPS Tests: Bruno Puccio
- Hardware questions : Knud Petersen, Reiner Denz
- Software integration, Layout DBs : H.Milcent
- BE/CO responsibility
 - Provision and qualification of WorldFIP low-level HW infrastructure
 - Timing distribution
 - FESA3 Framework
 - Layout DBs

What worked well?

- Planning : we appreciate the flexibility and good communication of the QPS team for all aspects related to the qualification and testing
- Qualification :
 - In general the results were good
 - The few problems encountered during the qualification process (number of agents not well balanced, change of agent location) could easily be fixed thanks to a good collaboration between the teams

What went wrong? ... I would rather say "What can be improved"

- BE/CO not involved in QPS hardware changes, which had an impact on the WorldFIP infrastructure:
 - Remove of 220V socket in QPS crates used for the repeaters
 - Switch of the Bus Arbiter cycle from 200ms to 100ms
 - Upgrade of QPS to double UPS
- Synchronization of the work on the WorldFIP bus:
 - WorldFIP connectors dismantled by QPS team due to new QPS crates
 - need for a second qualification by BE/CO
- Feedback:
 - BE/CO suppressed the unused repeaters asking if any performance issue, no return (no problem?) we are at the max number of agents/segment

Conclusion

- LS1
 - Both QPS and BE/CO teams performed an important work during LS1
 - Both teams showed good flexibility and collaboration, in particular during qualification
- Lesson for LS2,3
 - The WorldFIP infrastructure is shared and any important modification deserves some **better formal upfront specifications** involving BE/CO