



EP-DT  
Detector Technologies

# LHCb Gas Systems

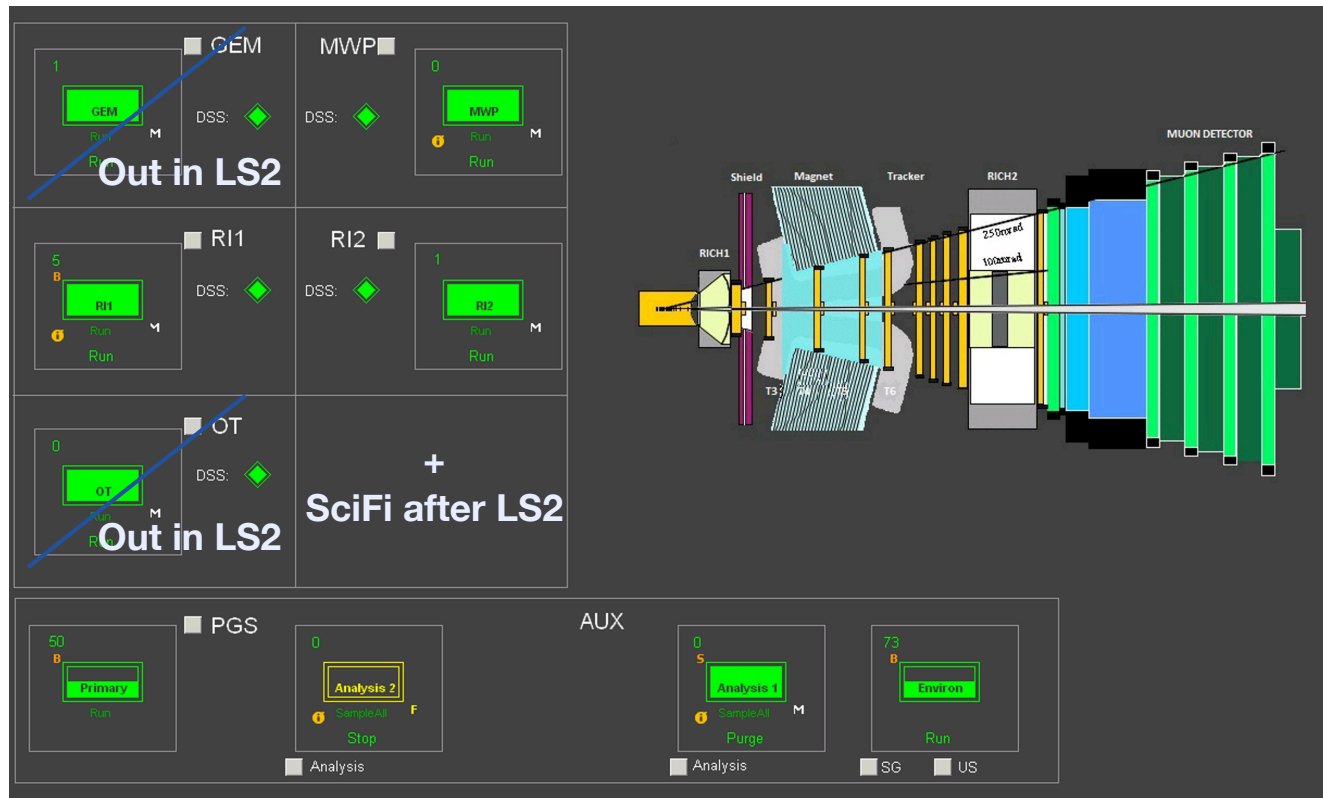
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# LHCb Gas Systems



- Gas system distributed in three levels
  - Surface (SG), Gas Service room (USC), Experimental cavern (UXC)
- Complex systems that have to ensure an extremely high reliability in terms of stability and quality of the gas mixture delivered to the detectors
- Each gas system is made of functional modules configurable to satisfy specific detector requirements

# Work Package agreement

***Mandate: EP-DT to maintain and operate the LHC detector gas systems***

- The maintenance and operation of LHC gas systems has been operational since January 2008
- Complementary to this work package, EP-DT provided for each experiment a “Gas System Hand-Over Document” describing the status of each system when handed-over for operation
  - Hand-over is often very difficult.
- Gas Piquet 24h/24h 7d/7d
- Gas supply is EN responsibility
  - Our piquet does not cover the supply
- M&O budget for each experiment according to complexity and number of gas systems

Resources allocated for LHCb M&O:

- technician: 0.7 FTE
- physicist: 0.2 FTE

*Valid until end 2018 —> new one will be release soon*

<https://edms.cern.ch/document/1721624/2>

# Work Package agreement: addendum

*In last years several activities were done outside the M&O work package*

## Projects:

- Operation of detector technologies with gas recirculation systems at HL-LHC luminosities
- Gas systems R&D for upgrade/consolidation

## Examples:

- Gas analysis (gas chromatograph, upgrade of gas analysis rack and more)
- Gas recuperation (upgrades/consolidations of the present CF<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>10</sub> plant, development of R134a-SF<sub>6</sub> recuperation plants)
- Developments for future upgrades

## Resources:

1 doctoral, 1 technical, 1 TTE (the latter for the 1st year 50% for CMS-CF<sub>4</sub> recuperation) hired and integrated in the team.

*Cost shared between the four experiments*

*Valid until 2020 —> to be renewed*

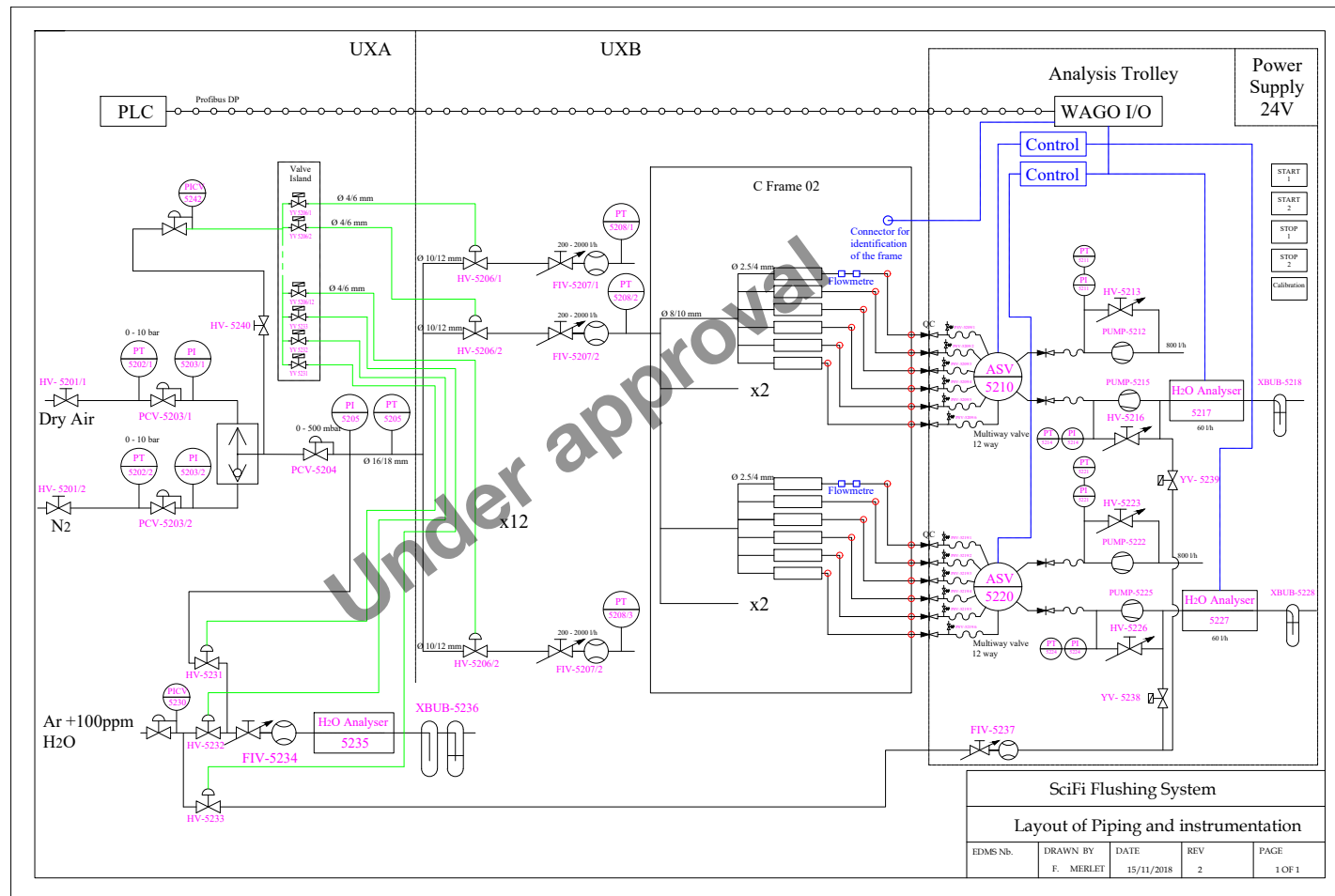
<https://edms.cern.ch/document/1838074>

# New gas system: SciFi

## New gas system for the SciFi detector → not on M&O

- Work package agreement almost ready
- Cost of the system entirely paid by LHCb
- After commissioning, it will be included in the gas system M&O

Resources allocated:  
2018: 0.3 FTE  
2019: 0.4 FTE



<https://edms.cern.ch/document/2052204/1>

# Beyond M&O budget

## **CERN Environmental Protection Steering board (CEPS)**

Special funds allocated for 2019-2026 by CEPS to boost activities in the addendum and many others  
(human resources from the gas team and from CEPS budget)

For LHCb:

- **CF<sub>4</sub> compression system for RICH2**
  - New system to recuperate (and re-use) CF<sub>4</sub> of RICH2
  - 100 m<sup>3</sup>
- **C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>10</sub> recuperation system and mixture cleaning for RICH1**
  - Every year ~2-3 times need to clean “online” RICH1 gas mixture → very critical operation → new system needed
  - C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>10</sub> stock is limited
- **Gas analysis for recuperation systems (common to all experiments)**
  - Gas Chromatograph analysis, Ion Selective Electrode analysis (fluorine analysis)
  - Others
- **Environmentally friendly gases (common to all experiments)**
  - Search and studies of possible new gases