

P2 events & perturbations

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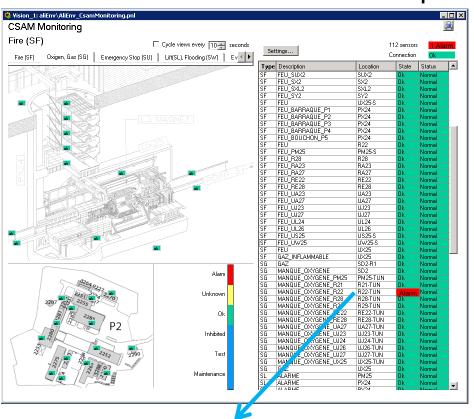
Overview

- 27.04 : ODH alarm sector 1-2
- 28.04 : Power glitch
- 01.05 : Trip solenoid magnet
- 02.05 : Power glitch
- 04.05 : Cooling water stop



27.04 : ODH alarm \$1-2

15:44 – CSAM alarm: "Manque Oxygen R22"



- During technical stop
- Arrival fire-brigade for inspection in tunnel
- Evacuation in tunnel, no evacuation in ALICE cavern
- Access to cavern suspended (signal at top of lift & request firebrigade)
- ~17:00 Fire-brigade finishes inspection; green light from to continue access to ALICE cavern



27.04 : ODH alarm \$1-2

Cause:

Perturbation in CPU of 'centrale gaz' (still under investigation)

Impact for ALICE:

- No direct impact on ALICE installations
- Only perturbation: access to cavern was suspended for ~1 h

Remarks:

- Some confusion: no access, but no evacuation
- At some point decided to inform people in cavern, and suggest them to leave if activity allowed. Had some difficulties to reach all people in cavern.

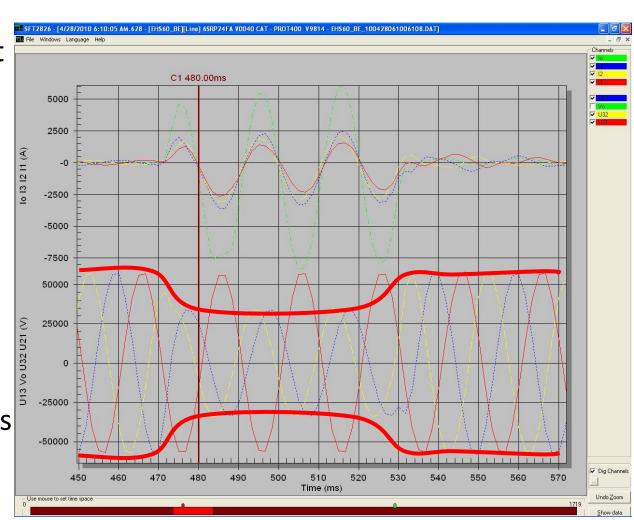
Actions:

- Confirmed: "no access, but no evacuation" is correct
- Re-enforce procedure on how to people in cavern (leave phone number, carry and answer phone)



28.04: power glitch

- 06:10 : short power glitch at P2 (and rest of CERN)
- Many detector equipment tripped off
- All detectors were called to recover their systems
- Most services recovered by piquets (local or remote)





28.04: power glitch

Cause:

 Short circuit on 400kV network supplying CERN (RTE: "Une activité avifaune serait à l'origine de ce court-circuit")

Impact for ALICE:

- Many detector equipment tripped off
- Many services (cooling, ventilation) off
- Part of 18kV filter (SVC) off

SVC: Static Var Compensator

Remarks:

- During access, magnets were off (would have tripped), and access for verification was possible
- Relatively smooth recovery, no damage reported
- Filter switched on transparently (only TCR)

TCR: Thyristor Controlled Reactor

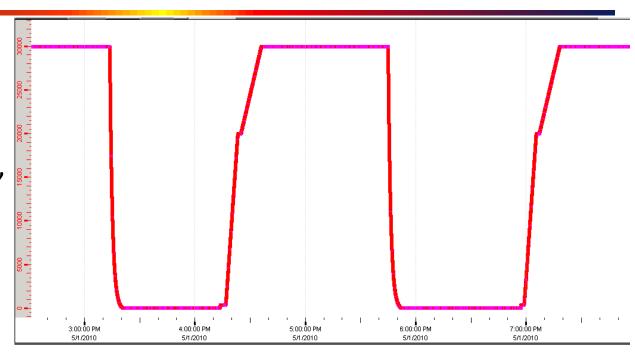
Actions:

None



01.05: trip solenoid

- 15:13 fast trip of solenoid magnet
- Piquet changed fuse on T reading system, ramp up ~16:20
- 17:45 fast trip of solenoid magnet
- Disabled part of T reading system, ramp up ~19:00





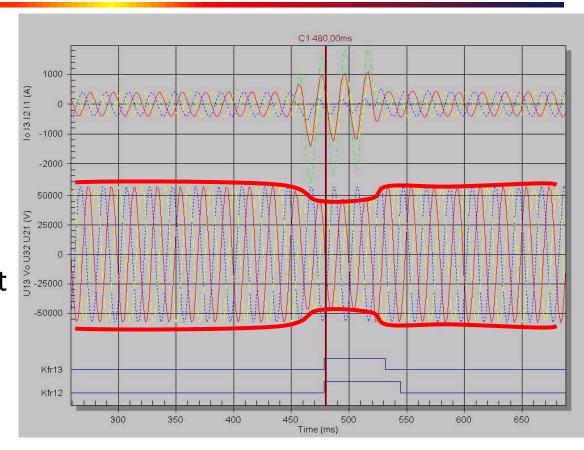
01.05: trip solenoid

- Cause:
 - Failing temperature reading
- Impact for ALICE:
 - No data lost (no physics beams)
- Remarks:
 - none
- Actions:
 - Collect feedback magnet piquet



02.05 : power glitch

- 02:59: short power glitch at P2 (and rest of CERN)
- Beams lost, dipole magnet tripped, TRD HV crates off
- TRD recovered by expert (~4:00), magnet by piquet. Ramped up at ~05:10.





02.05 : power glitch

- Cause:
 - Short circuit on 400kV network supplying CERN (thunderstorm, close to Genissiat)
- Impact for ALICE:
 - Dipole magnet and TRD HV crates off
- Remarks:
 - Relatively small perturbation for ALICE
 - No damage reported
- Actions:
 - None



04.05 : cooling water stop

- 10:24 stop of cooling towers at P2
 - Stop of LHC cryo
 - Stop of both magnets
 - Trip of 18kV compensator
 - Slow rise in temperature of mixed water
 - CRs switched over to 'backup cooling'
 - Advised detectors to switch off water cooled equipment (or at least to keep a close eye on temperatures)
- ~11:00 CCC/TI asks for green light to switch on SVC
 - Need to shut down non-UPS part of DAQ and HLT
- 11:50 OK to switch compensator
- 12:00 Compensator OK, confirmation cooling OK
 - Switch on again



04.05 : cooling water stop

Cause:

- Stop of point 2 cooling towers, due to fuse in control cabinet (human error)
- Impact for ALICE:
 - Both magnets off
 - Major reduction in cooling power (graceful switch off of detector equipment)
 - Shutdown of DAQ and HLT for compensator switch-on

Remarks:

- Major impact on LHC; cryo back only during the night
- Problem restarting solenoid
 - Magnets were 'ready' at ~13:00, problem only discovered at ramp late evening
 - Could have been identified and fixed by doing 'test ramp' in the afternoon
- No damage reported

Actions:

- Refine procedure for switch-on of compensator (already in preparation)
- ALICE should insist in doing test ramp of magnets after fast trip



Summary

- Several 'incidents' in last 10 days
- No damage reported
- Improve documentation/instructions and procedures

