



Radiation Tolerant Systems

New Piezo Gauge controller

Installation

Commissioning









- VPG PLC Controllers
 - Existing PLC controllers for Pumping Groups became obsolete (Siemens S7-300).
 - They are operating 15 years already. Close to their end of life.
 - New Architecture:
 - One dedicated PLC per VPG and the VPG gauges.
 - New PLC for gauge signals & CRYO Alarms.
 - Improved reliability, easier maintenance, well-ordered installation.





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- VPG PLC Controllers
 - New Architecture:
 - Removal of Siemens MPI (Multi-Point Interface) communication.
 - No Master PLC connection. Decentralized control. Reliability.
 - Ethernet communication.
 - Remote access to the PLC. Remote programming & configuration.
 - Easier & fast diagnosis, troubleshooting & maintenance.





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- VPG PLC Controllers
 - New VPGF PLC design: One crate for all VPGF cases.
 - One PLC program. Configurable hardware with DIP switch.
 - Based on the Siemens S7-1200 PLC.
 - Ethernet communication.
 - Production at external company. 216 controllers produced.
 - Additional redundant pumping groups for Inner triplets at Points 1, 2, 5 & 8.
 - Tested in the ICM lab and installed in Service areas and Alcoves.



DIP switch configuration





- Gauge Reading PLC
 - Reads all the Insulation & Beam Vacuum gauges signals from the ARCs and new radiation tolerant electronics.
 - Reads the TPG signals at LSS.
 - Controls the By-Pass Insulation Vacuum valves.
 - Generates the CRYO Alarms.
 - Based on the new Siemens ET200SP PLC.
 - Ethernet connection.
 - 8 controllers ARC & LSS type produced at CERN.
 - 32 controllers ARC & LSS type produced at external company.
 - Tested in ICM lab and installed.

Gauge Reading Prototype



Gauge PLC – LSS type









Radiation Tolerant Systems

- VPG New Local Crate.
 - Provides power locally, in the tunnel to Primary pump & VPG valves.
 - Re-designed, radiation tolerant, no active components.
 - Additional functionalities: Primary pump current, remote thermal relay reset, pressure switch.
 - Status VPG feed back using PLC voltage: Reliability.
 - Production at CERN in ICM lab. (74 controllers).
 - Tested in the lab and Installed in LSS (Higher radiation levels).
 - Modification of the existing controllers in the ARCs. (132 controllers).









Radiation Tolerant Systems

- Radiation Tolerant Electronics.
 - Developed, designed & tested to expected radiation levels up to 500 Gy.
 - Replacement of commercial active gauge electronics.
 - Piezo, Pirani & Penning gauge card.
 - 4-20mA signal transmission.
 - Amplify by-pass valves signal.
 - Installation in Depression Suppressors for LS2.





New Piezo Gauge controller

- Piezo gauge controller
 - Reads the signals of the piezo resistive passive gauges.
 - Direct Replacement of APG101 which became obsolete.
 - CERN design & production. (32 controllers installed).
 - Piezo gauges have unique gain & offset. Calibration required for accuracy through special procedure on-site.





Calibration procedure for piezo gauge controller





- Installation planning & collaboration with LHC coordination team, DLM and BVO sections.
- Preparation
 - Hardware reception and tests.
 - Order of materials and consumables.
 - Cabling manufacturing.
 - Radiation tolerant cards calibration & preparation.
 - Materials transports.



Reception

Testing

Calibration

Transport





- Installation in Service areas & Alcoves
 - VPGF controllers Installation. (206 pcs).
 - Gauge Reading Crate Installation. (34 pcs.)
 - Piezo controllers Installation. (32 pcs).
 - Racks rearrangements.
 - Cabling.

Rack rearrangements & cabling



Service areas

Alcoves





- Installation in Service areas & Alcoves
 - Terminal contacts modifications.
 - New powering cables. Powering from UPS.
 - MPI network removal & new Profibus network installation.
 - Labeling.
 - Installation of new turbo controllers in ARC12.
 - Removal of old equipment, TREC, Transport old equipment to Flex building.
 - Control chain test.





- Installation in the LHC tunnel:
 - Radiation Tolerant Local crates installation at LSS.
 - Installation for the new redundant pumping groups in inner triplets. (74pcs).
 - Modification of Local crates in the ARCs for compatibility with new VPGF controllers. (132pcs).



VRJGE boxes modifications





- Installation in the LHC tunnel:
 - Installation of new Radiation Tolerant electronics mini-racks & cabling. (48 mini racks / 208 cards).
 - Modification of VRGJE connection boxes. (224 boxes).
 - Connection of new VPGs in for inner triplets and ARC12.
 - Removal of old equipment, TREC, Transport old equipment to Flex building
 - Control chain tests.

VRJGE box modifications

New Radiation tolerant electronics mini-Rack



Mini-Rack connections







Vacuum

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- PLC & SCADA upgrades.
 - Vacuum database updates with VacDB Editor. (developed in ICM).
 - Creation of PLC projects for Gauge Reading Crate in TIA Portal.
 - PLC updates for GRC and VPG per LHC octant.
 - SCADA updates per LHC octant.



Commissioning

- Commissioning planning & cooperation with LHC coordination team, DLM and BVO sections, according to cool-down schedule.
- Commissioning
 - Gauges IV and BV tests. Replacement / repair of faulty equipment. (670 gauges tested).
 - New R2E electronics commissioning and calibration.
 - Piezo & TPG Pirani gauges calibration. (186 gauges).
 - By-pass valves test. (56 Valves).

Commissioning planning Februa Month October November January Week 41 42 46 6 43 50 COOLDOWN 80-20 K 12 (100% **COOLDOWN 300-80 k** CRYO COOLDOW 23 (100%) **COOLDOWN 300-80 K** COOLDOWN 80-20 COOLDOWN 300-80 K 34 (100%) CRYO COOLDOWN 80-20 K 45 (100%) COOLDOWN 300-80 K COOLDOWN 80-20 k **BV Final Pump dov** 56 (100%) COOLDOWN 300-80 K CRYO 67 (95%) COOLDOWN COOLDOWN 80-201 78 (100%) COOLDOWN 300-80 K COOLDOWN 80-20 K COOLDOWN 300-80 K 81 (1009







Commissioning

- Commissioning
 - VPGs tests and commissioning: Tested individually primary & turbo pump, valves, gauges & automation process. (206 VPGs).
 - CRYO alarms verification: Alarms were triggered using gauge simulators.
 - Official validation w/Cryogenics Group through special procedure. (400 alarms).



UNICOS CRYO Alarms Diagnostic Panel





LS2 Activities: LHC controls IV

Thank you for your attention!



Questions?

