

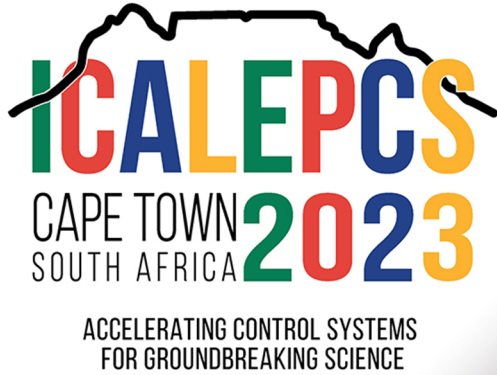
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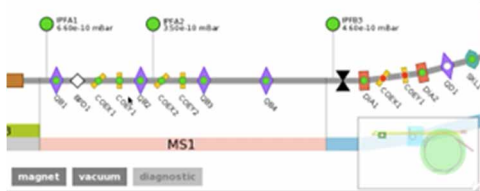


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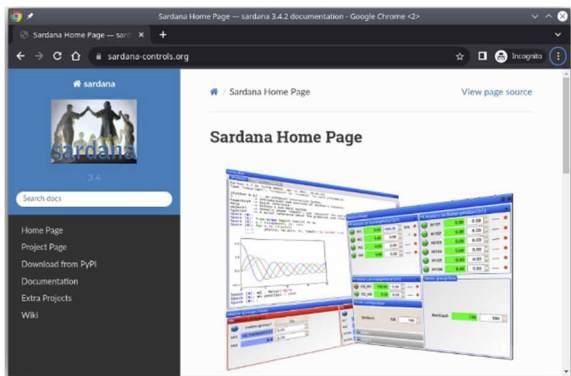
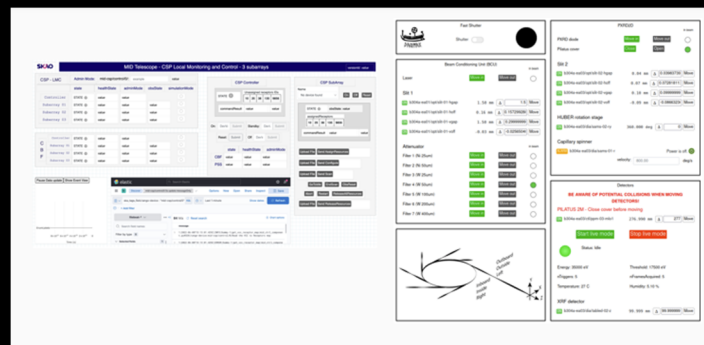
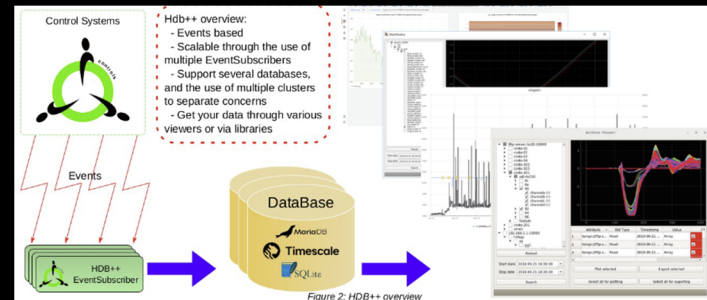
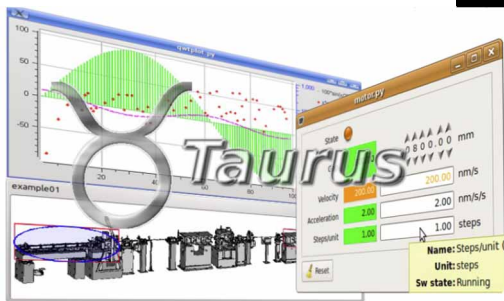
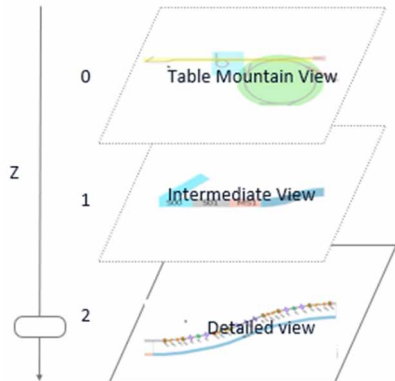


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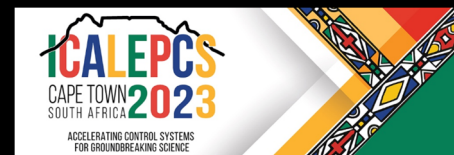


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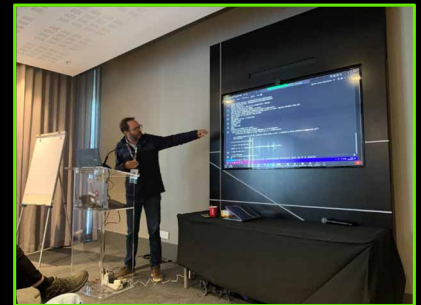
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EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS
AND INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEM**

EPICS Collaboration Meeting Summary

October 8, 2023

Justin Abraham, iThemba Labs

Karen S White ORNL

Thanks

- To ICALEPCS for providing meeting space, coffee, tea and food
- iThemba labs for serving as local meeting host – Justin Abraham
- Session chairs and speakers
- Participants

Core development, device support and documentation

- The latest changes to Base were presented including additional features to the iocShell that were much appreciated by the community. Future plans and ideas for iocs like how to support complex structures as database fields were discussed
- Updates on the OPC UA and ECOMC (EtherCAT motion control) support modules for EPICS were presented. A case study for running a major facility at ESS almost exclusively on pvAccess was also shown
- A report on the 2023 Documentathon was presented. Highlights included the development of a new structure and a well-defined process to contribute to GitHub and WordPress pages

Cyber security discussions and initiatives

- A case study was presented of how beam tuning by ML, AI, and big data are changing accelerator network architecture and cyber security at SLAC. The physics and network requirements for future controls and the need for improved cyber security was discussed
- The planned features that form part of the EPICS Security Technical Plan was presented. A demo was shown on how to create TLS certificates, configure and establish secure PVA communications

Local meet ups and project updates

- Feedback and lessons learned from the Oxfordshire EPICS meeting series (UK) were presented. Labs were encouraged to run local meetings
- A number of facilities presented project updates and strategies including: STFC ISIS and KIT (Transition to EPICS), LNL CNPEM (soft IOC usage), ANL (APS Upgrade), ORNL (STS Project) and DLS (Diamond-II Project)







ACCELERATING CONTROL SYSTEMS
FOR GROUNDBREAKING SCIENCE

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Accelerating control systems for groundbreaking science

8th
**Control System
Cyber-Security
Workshop**

Benjamin Bolling (ESS), Brice Copy (CERN), Antonin Fringant (CEA), Stefan Lüders (CERN), George McIntyre (Osprey DCS), Rémy Mudingay (ESS), Marc Vanden Eynden (CERN) and Gregory R White (SLAC)

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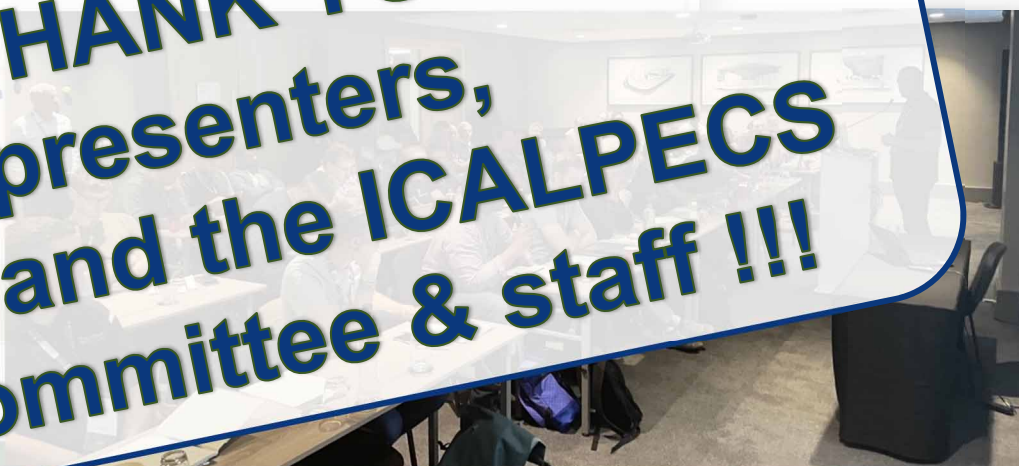


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Findings of SLAC Accelerator Cyber Review

System	Authentication and Authorization	Substantive Security	Malware Out. (Controlled)	Backups	Access/Privilege Protection	Policy / Incident Response	Network Segmentation
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Figure: Example table of cyber review findings, showing each of 8 system's cyber situation on 7 metrics

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SLAC Summary: Positive Overall. Our review was found complete with respect to common practice.

1. Login security is comparable to most facilities. Will soon be leading
2. Backups are complete
3. Malware Detection & Vulnerability Detection are complete (subject to the norm that malware detection is not run in production)
4. CA Security (authorization to change PV) is designed, in cryo IOCS, and ready for broad implementation

All EPICS Labs

However, EPICS itself is insecure. Its use is based on aging assumption of secure perimeter. Lacks strong authentication and software signing.

Review your security posture

Findings of SLAC Accelerator Cyber Review

ATS-IT Flagship Projects

Review your security posture

Control remote accesses to production systems

Project	Short Description
<u>Evolution of Network Isolation</u>	Strategy for the evolution of the CERN Accelerator Technical Network
<u>Orchestrated Containerisation</u>	Define corporate approach for containerisation and orchestrator (Kubernetes)
Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	Analysis of O/B/D/R scenarios and requirements on IT infrastructure
Enterprise Architecture	Formal modelling of dependencies between Accelerator systems and IT services
Service Level, Reliability and Maintenance	Policies for synchronizing IT services upgrades and security fixes with Accelerator operational schedule
GPUs for Scientific Computing and Simulations	Define corporate approach for on-premise and Cloud-based GPUs procurement for Accelerator simulations and Machine learning
Future Linux Operating system for Accelerator Data Centre and Control Room	Define a sustainable O/S roadmap (CentOS Stream, Red Hat Enterprise, ALMA Linux, etc.) for Accelerator control
Future Linux Operating system for Embedded RT systems	Prepare a sustainable O/S roadmap (CentOS7 EOL) for embedded RT platforms and SoCs
Remote Access services to the Accelerator Control system	Secured mechanisms for Accelerator control system remote access
Collaboration Tools (Atlassian)	Corporate approach for Documentation & Issues tracking
Enhancing Infrastructure for Machine Learning	Strategy and provisioning of IT resources for ML in Accelerator control

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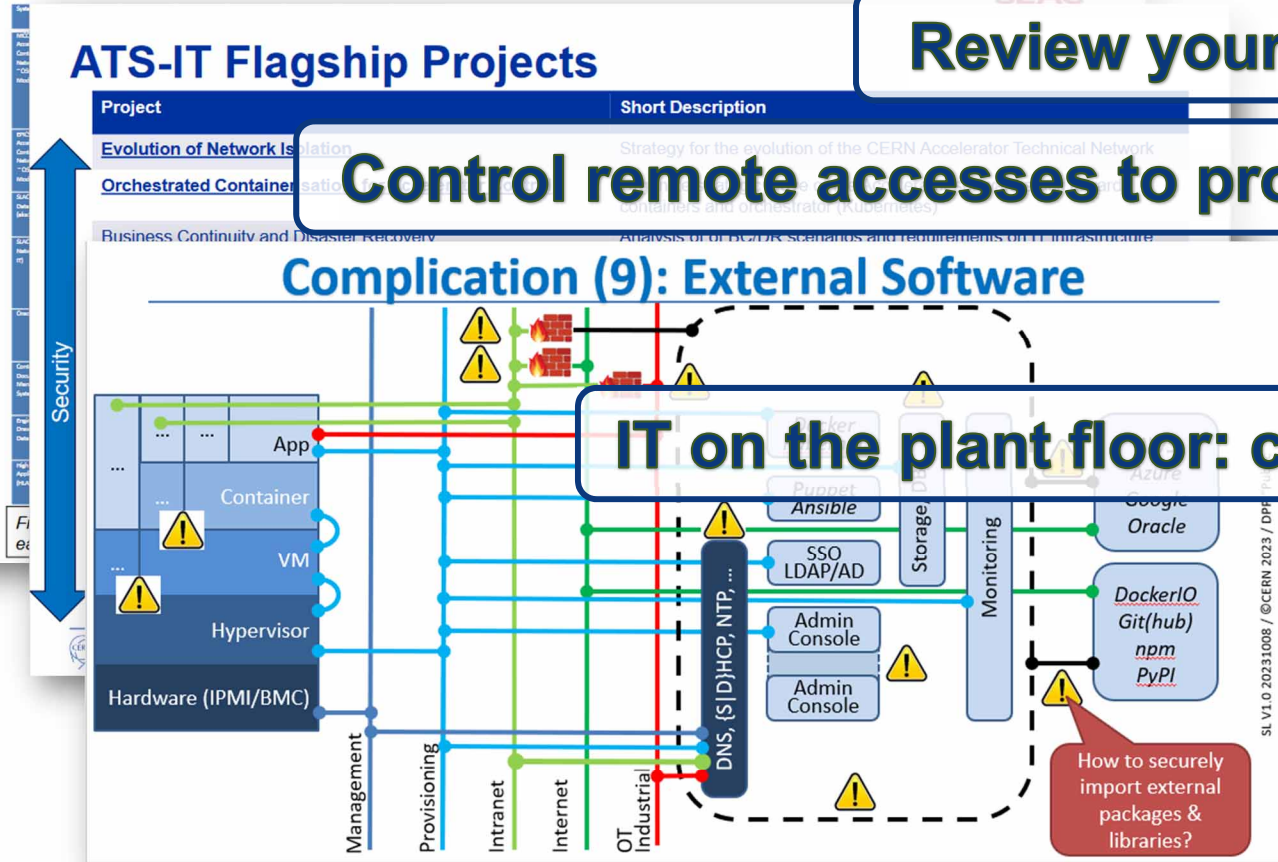
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Complication (9): External Software

IT on the plant floor: containers, ML, ...



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Control software imports...

Examples

Supply chain attacks on user accounts with admin rights

IT on the plant floor: containers, ML, ...

Rest-client git maintainer, August 2019

- Attackers published a series of rest-client versions from 1.6.10 to 1.6.13
- The credentials of a rest-client maintainer was compromised and used
- Consequence:
 - Activated in Rails installations
 - Downloaded code from a URL and execute it
 - Reportedly phoned home to execute instructions

Tovota, user credentials, revealed in October 2022

- Consequence:
 - Identification numbers and emails of over 290,000 customers (luckily, credit card data, phone numbers, or any GitHub user account credentials were not stored in this database)
 - No signs that this breach would allow bad actors to do more than just harvest emails and the associated customer management numbers



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...and have S/W-Bill-of-Materials (SBOM)

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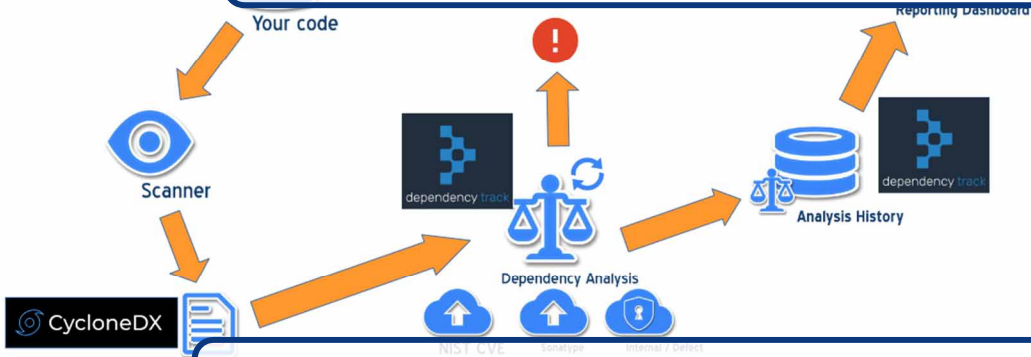
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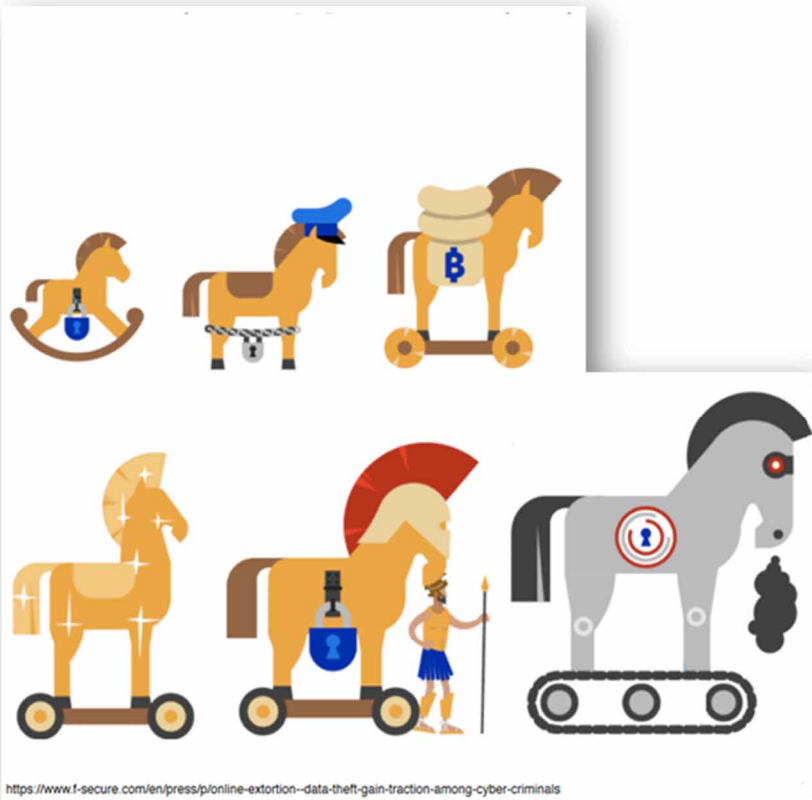
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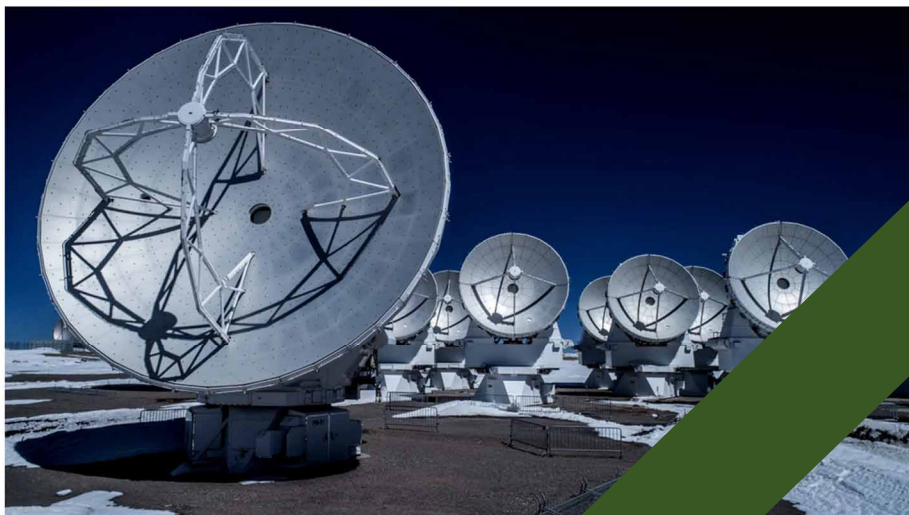
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By **Bill Toulas**

November 3, 2022 10:46 AM 0



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**The Elephant has arrived...
What do you do
to protect your operations ?**

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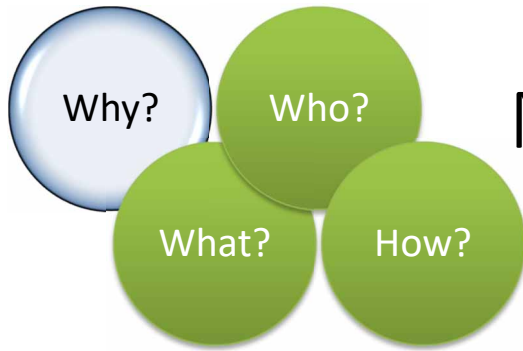
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8th workshop dedicated to Motion Control and Robotic Applications in large Facilities

Yves-Marie ABIVEN (SOLEIL), Mario Di Castro (CERN) , Nicola Coppola (EuXFEL), Christer Engblom (SOLEIL), Xavier Serra Gallifa (Alba), Laura Muñoz(SOLEIL), Brian Nutter(Diamond)



MOCRAF Workshop



Motion control and Robotics are **key element**, which enable high level of performance at scientific facilities

A long tradition now with 7 previous MOCRAF Workshop

(2011 in SOLEIL, 2012 in Diamond, 2013 ICALEPCS San Francisco, 2015 ICALEPCS Melbourne, 2017 ICALEPCS Barcelona, 2019 ICALEPCS New York, 2021 ICALEPCS Shanghai)

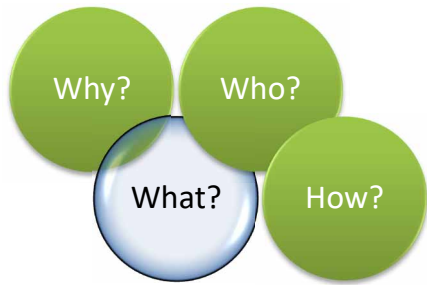
ICALEPCS 2023 in CAP TOWN is an ideal place for the 8th WS, ...

...meeting new friends

... Sharing expertise, methods, tools,

... Exchanging experience, solutions, lessons learned

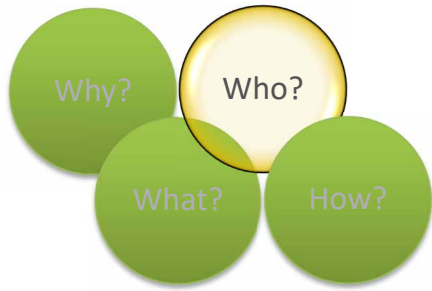
...Initiating collaboration



MOCRAF Workshop



- **Frequency vs Time Domain**
Discover how we employ frequency vs time domains to enhance our mechatronic systems. Join the discussion on control loops, mechanics, metrology, and other relevant aspects.
- **Robotic Frameworks**
Explore the implementation of robotic frameworks within different facilities. Share your experiences and insights on the various types of frameworks utilized in diverse contexts.
- **Digital Twins**
Uncover how digital simulations can be used in optimizing and augmenting existing systems. Learn how digital twins contribute to anti-collision systems, hardware-in-the-loop setups, advanced sensor integrations, and more.
- **Overcoming Existing System Limits**
Find out how we overcome limitations in motion control systems. Engage in conversations about handling obsolete controllers, improving motor resolutions, and other innovative solutions.
- **Advanced Motion Control Algorithms**
Gain valuable knowledge about cutting-edge algorithms employed in motion control applications. Delve into topics such as Kalman filters, iterative learning control, model predictive control (MPC), applicative machine learning, and other advanced techniques.



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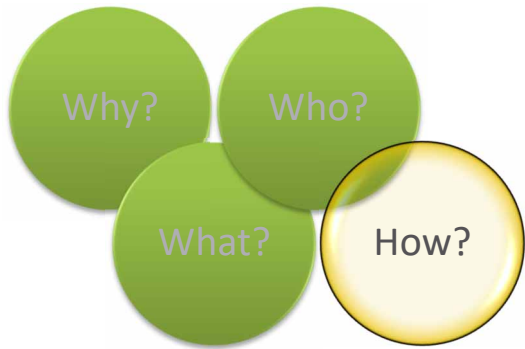
→47 attendees

→8 countries

→21 Institutes

→3 trading companies

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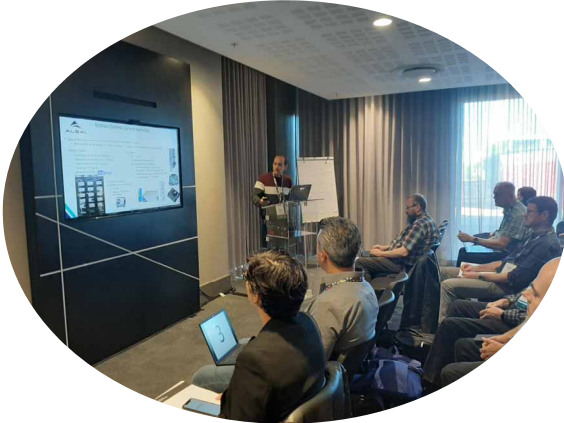
Workshop sessions

Update of the status and challenges at each facilities

5 tracks related presentation feature talks followed by 45 min round table discussion in groups, with a 5 minutes summary from the groups

MOCRAF 2023					
08H30		Introduction			
08H35	Morning session	short presentations (2-3")	Chair: Yves-Marie ABIVEN	speaker	Timekeeper
		1 ALBA Synchrotron			
		2 Argonne National Laboratory			
		3 Australian Synchrotron - Aussto			
		4 AWE PLC			
		5 CERN			
		6 Diamond Light Source			
		7 Esrf			
		8 European XFEL GmbH			
		9 European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility GmbH			
		10 Fraunhofer UZAM Messtechnik Berlin GmbH			
		11 Forschungszentrum Jülich			
		12 Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin			
		13 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory			
		14 MAX IV Laboratory			
		15 Michigan State University			
		16 Nicosia SDC Limited			
		17 Nrl Kumba Labs			
09H30		coffee			
10H00	Morning session	short presentations (3")	Chair: Nicola Coppola	speaker	Timekeeper
		18 Oak Ridge National Laboratory			
		19 Paul Scherrer Institut			
		20 SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory			
		21 South African Radio Astronomy Observatory			
		22 Synchrotron SOLEIL			
		23 Umcg-partrec			
10H25	Morning Session	Frequency vs Time Domain	Chair: Mario Di Castro	speaker	Timekeeper
	15"	Metrology experience at Alba	Alba	Xavier Serra Gallia	
	15"	#Frequencies tuning tools	DLS	Eivett Sing-Gen	
		Advanced Motion Control Algorithms			
	15"		Faraday motion		
11H30		Lunch			
12K30	Afternoon session	Robotic Frameworks	Chair: Laura Munoz		Timekeeper
	15"	CERN robotic framework	CERN	Mario Di Castro	
	15"	Robotic organization at DLS TBC	DLS		
	45"	Round table & discussion by group			
	45"	summarize by group			
13H30		coffee			
15h	Afternoon session	Overcoming Existing System Limits	Chair: Xavier Serra Gallia	speaker	Timekeeper
	15"	SOLEIL feedback with nanopositionner	SOLEIL	Laura Munoz	
		Digital Twins	Chair: Xavier Serra Gallia	speaker	
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17h	30"	Workshop summary			
17H30		END			

Workshop Summary



Dynamic and
interactive
day!

Workshop Summary



- Main takeovers:

- ✓ Interactive format has been appreciated by attendees
- ✓ Standardisation of motion control solution should be strived for
- ✓ For challenging motion control applications open solutions might give better understanding and ease integration
- ✓ Collaboration among institutes should be highly encouraged, this type workshop/forum are suitable to build new partnership
- ✓ Robotics: more and different types as previously foreseen have been shown.
It is a optimal point in time to decide to have common and standard solutions
- ✓ Digital twins: powerful engineering tool, not explored yet in motion control, started recently in robotics, tools and knowledge should be built and shared
- ✓ Fruitful discussion with participants from industry who informed us that feedbacks from institutes on future developments and features are needed
- ✓ Workshop will be followed up in future with topical discussions (~every 6 months)
- ✓ [Looking forward for the 9th workshop edition!](#)

PLC Based Controls Systems workshop summary

Jeronimo ORTOLA

on behalf of Bard SCHOFIELD and Enrique BLANCO



Goals

4th edition of the PLC workshop

- Create **collaborative** atmosphere
- Promote **exchange** of expertise, methods, tools, solutions, lessons learned...
- Seek for collaboration opportunities

Scope



Control systems specification: Formalisation



Engineering: standardisation, automated code generation, versioning



Testing and verification: methods, automated testing, virtual commissioning



Maintenance: Obsolescence, upgrades, asset management

Organisation

Two sessions:

- 9 general presentations from the institutions: UMG-PARTREC, STFC - ISIS Neutron and Muon Source, SLAC, ELBE (Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf), EBG MedAustron GmbH, CEA Paris-Saclay, NFN-LNL, SOLEIL.
- 5 talks on specific topics:
 - Virtual Commissioning for Advanced Controllers
 - Optimizing control: Engineering lifecycle
 - XFEL. PLC framework
 - Database driven control system specification
 - Full Stack PLC to EPICS Integration at ESS

Participation

55 participants: 19 institutes, 7 companies, 12 countries

- Australian Nuclear Science And Technology Organization
- CEA Paris-Saclay. France
- CERN. Switzerland
- ELETTRA Synchrotron Trieste. Italy
- European Spallation Source. Sweden
- European XFEL (X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility). Germany
- Helmholtz. Germany
- INFN-LNL. Laboratori Nazionali di Legnaro. Italy
- Institute of High Energy Physics, CAS. China
- Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences. China
- King Faisal Specialist Hospital And Research Centre. Saudi Arabia
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. United States
- LNLS. Laboratório Nacional de Luz Síncrotron. Brazil
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory. United States
- NRF-iThemba LABS. South Africa
- SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. United States
- UKRI. UK Research and Innovation. UK
- PARTREC. Particle Therapy Research Center. Netherlands
- SARA0. South African Radio Astronomy Observatory

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- AWE
- Beckhoff
- Medaustrron
- FMBFeinwerk Und Messtechnik
- PROCON
- Observatory Sciences Ltd.
- Nusano

Outcome

- High quality presentations
- Great participation and discussions
- Follow-up sessions to be organised on:
 - Asset management
 - Modern software development (Test driven development, CI, Automated code generation)
 - Versioning
 - Use of AI techniques in PLCs (ML, Model predictive control,...)
- Interest from many participants in a PLC experts and users online community





Program and presentations available at

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1250169/timetable/#20231007.detailed>

Workshop on Controls GUI Strategies



11th October 2023

Workshop Summary – Chris Roderick



Workshop – Motivation & Aims

GUIs have the potential to **make peoples work much easier** (often hiding complexity)

GUIs present **many challenges**: UX design, **inevitable technology evolution**

[1st GUI Strategies Workshop in 2022](#) → a lot of interest and some topics to be followed-up:

- Extended discussions around **Charting, Data Decimation, & Synoptics, Web application Packaging**
- Collaborations / Institutes **developing zero/low code GUI platforms**

This **workshop aimed** to bring the interested people together again, in person (!), as a community, to **share knowledge, discuss, & hopefully, make new connections & get inspired**

Agenda

Introduction & workshop overview	Chris Roderick	08:30 - 08:40
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
GUI Situation & Strategy @ CERN	Stephane Deghaye	08:40 - 09:15
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
GUI Situation & Strategy @ MAX IV	Vincent Hardion	09:15 - 09:50
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Tea / Coffee - offline discussions		09:50 - 10:20
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
GUI Strategy @ CEA	Katy Saintin	10:20 - 10:40
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
GUI Strategy @ ESRF	Matias Gujjarro	10:40 - 11:00
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
GUI Strategy @ ESS	Benjamin Bolling	11:00 - 11:25
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
GUI Situation & Strategy @ Other Institutes	Chris Roderick	11:25 - 12:10
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Lunch		12:10 - 13:10
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		

Taurus	Mr Zbigniew Reszela	13:10 - 13:40
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Taranta Status Update & Demo	Matteo Canzani	13:40 - 14:10
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
CERN Accelerator Controls WRAP GUI Platform	Stephane Deghaye	14:10 - 14:40
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Tea / Coffee - offline discussions		14:40 - 15:00
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Radiasoft low-code GUIs	Evan Carlin et al.	15:00 - 15:30
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Example Charting & Data Decimation @ CERN	Anti Asko	15:30 - 15:55
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Open discussion around Charting & Data Decimation	Chris Roderick	15:55 - 16:10
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
SVG Synoptics	Vincent Hardion	16:10 - 16:20
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Synoptic generation based on accelerator data & SSVGs	Stephane Deghaye	16:20 - 16:40
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Packaging the WRAP application for the CERN Control Centre	Anti Asko	16:40 - 17:10
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		
Workshop Closeout	Chris Roderick	17:10 - 17:15
Room 8/9, Cape Town (South Africa)		

● Charting Solutions & Data
● Controls Synoptics
● GUI Technologies & Evolution Plans
● Web Application Packaging &
● Zero/Low-code Solutions

A Broad & Rich Participation

~60 Participants from ~23 institutes

ANL: Argonne National Laboratory

BNL: Brookhaven National Laboratory

CEA Saclay

CERN

DLS: Diamond Light Source, UK

EBG MedAustron GmbH

Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste

ESO: European Southern Observatory

ESRF: European Synchrotron Radiation Facility

ESS: European Spallation Source

Fermilab

HZB: Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin

HZDR: Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf

LBNL: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

LNLS/CNPEM, Brazilian Synchrotron Light
Laboratory

MAX IV Laboratory

PSI: Paul Scherrer Institute

Radiosoft LLC

ISIS, Science and Technology Facilities Council

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

SNRC: Soreq Nuclear Research Center

SARAO: South African Radio Astronomy Observatory

UMCG-PARTREC

Brief High-Level Summary

PyQt and Web are now mainstream, with Java (for GUIs) declining

Growing adoption & investment in zero/low-code solutions (Taurus, Taranta, WRAP)

not obvious if there is any strong investment in this topic for a generic EPICS solution?

Some institutes look close to switching 100% to Web

No perfect Charting solutions out there – performance Vs advanced features:

→ 2 solutions for different needs? Data decimation can go a long way. Code sharing proposed.

Synoptics generation is a common need & there is wide interest. To be followed up.

Promising results for packaging Web applications as desktop applications (aids user acceptance)

Open questions around GUI Testing (& Testing in general) → not on the agenda → future workshop?

Lots of interesting discussions:

- Some existing, new, and potential future EPICS users got connected, and will help one another 😊
- Some UX aspects (e.g. use of fixed colours → good or bad? UX by developers or UX specialists)
- Who develops GUIs? (e.g. professional software development team Vs physicists, equipment experts, etc.)
- Best approaches to data decimation (e.g. client-side Vs server-side)
- ... other things I forgot for now...

Mission Accomplished

Advertised Objectives:

- *Listen, discuss, and exchange knowledge and ideas on various aspects of GUI development in a Controls environment.*
- *Establish contact with people in other institutes facing similar challenges or with interesting solutions.*

This was a workshop 🧑🏫

plenty of discussion, people took part
& shared their questions, ideas, feedback, experience, etc.



Thanks very much! See you next time...



Data Science & Machine Learning Workshop Summary

ICALEPCS 2023 – Data Science & Machine Learning Workshop

Manuel GONZALEZ-BERGES (CERN)

Participants

- Conference registration: 57 people (36 Institutes/Companies)
- **Diverse backgrounds & interests**

Pre-workshop Survey

DS/ML Experience	
New field to me	41%
Some experience	22%
Regular experience	37%

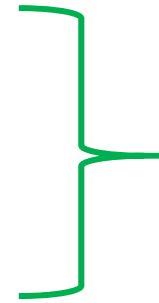
Programming level	
No knowledge	2%
Beginner programmer	17%
Regular programmer	54%
Expert programmer	27%

Interests:

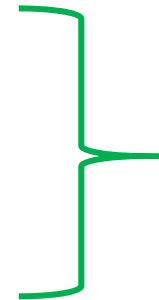
- Anomaly detection
- NLP
- Computer Vision
- Denoising
- Predictive Maintenance
- Parameter optimization
- Advanced control
- Calibration
- Time series modelling
- Real-world applications
- etc

Workshop Structure

- Introduction
- Tutorials
- Project Specific Presentations
- Open Discussion Session




Morning



Afternoon

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Program Introduction


M. Gonzalez-Berges, M. Lonza

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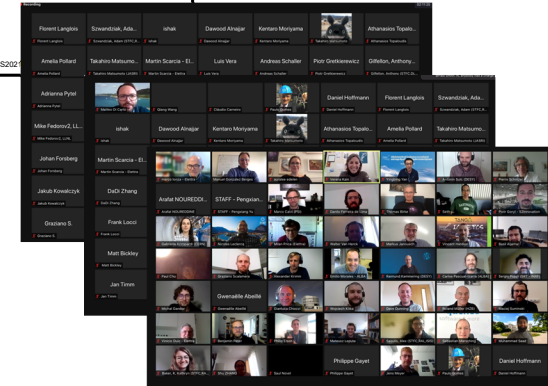
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Manuel Gonzalez-Berges (CERN)
Marco Lonza (Elettra)

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130 attendees (>200 registered)

Tracks with ML related papers

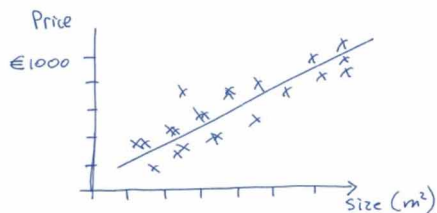
Conferences	Tracks
ICALEPCS 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge-based Techniques
ICALEPCS 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback Systems, Tuning
ICALEPCS 2017 (first time ML mentioned in descriptions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analytics• Feedback Control and Process Tuning
ICALEPCS 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analytics• Feedback Control and Process Tuning• Experiment Control
ICALEPCS 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Analytics• Feedback Control, Machine Tuning & Optimization• Experiment Control• Timing Systems, Synchronization & Real-Time Apps
ICALEPCS 2023	Many tracks (~35 papers mention ML) Specially: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning

Tutorials Session



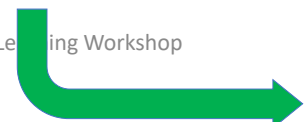
Linear Regression: example

- Consider apartment prices in Cape Town as a function of size.



- We would like to build a model that predicts price given a certain size.
- This is a case of *supervised learning*

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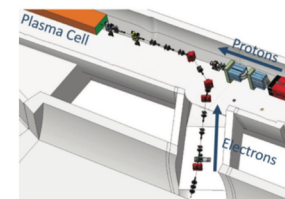

2 hours tutorial

Examples of Reinforcement Learning

Fly a helicopter



Ensure a corrected orbit



Manage an investment portfolio



Play Atari games better than humans

Project Presentations

Neural Networks for Anomaly Detection in LINACs, Injectors, and Transfer Lines

Jonathan Edelen, Dan Abell, Evan Carlin, Paul Moeller, Mike Keilman, Rob Nagler (RadiaSoft),
Kevin Brown and Vincent Schoefer (Brookhaven National Laboratory)
Chris Tennant, Brian Freeman, Reza Kazimi, and Daniel Moser (Jefferson Laboratory)

October 7th 2023

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Project Presentations

Logbooks & Large Language Models

for accelerator(s)

Antonin Sulc, Raimund Kammering, Annika
Eichler, Tim Wilksen
Cape Town,

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Project Presentations



Machine Learning & Data Processing for Beam Profile Measurements

Javier Martínez Samblas, Manuel Gonzalez-Berges

Contributions by:

Glenn Anta, Clara Marie Fleisig, Verena Kain, Mark Mclean, Hampus Sandberg, James Storey

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Filip Leonarski :: Beamlines Data Scientist :: MX Data Group

Addressing protein serial crystallography 36 GB/s data-rate challenge with FPGAs and GPUs

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Project Presentations

Common Problems in Early-Stage Projects at the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source

Kathryn Baker
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ISIS Neutron and Muon Source

10/12/2023

Discussions

- Many questions and cross-project suggestions throughout the day
- Selected topics: necessary data for ML, correlations, taking systems to production, etc
- Last discussion focussed on the use of **assistants**
 - Programming (e.g. GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, Amazon CodeWhisperer)
 - Design of systems (e.g. electronics circuit, particle accelerator)
 - etc

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**4 participants make
regular use**

Thanks!

- Workshop participants
- Presenters
- Organizers & LOC
- Room technicians



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1st edition of “Efficiency through Automation” workshop

Efficiency through Automation



Welcome note to the 1st edition of EtA workshop

8th October 2023

- ~50 participants, 20 institutes,
- half-day, discussion focused event
- a break-out session
- 3 talks to stimulate the discussions

Objectives:

- Gauge the interest in *(a very abstract & broad)* topic of efficiency and automation software
- Identify the focal areas and opportunities to collaborate, to exchange, to learn & help from each other



Efficiency and automation

Concepts, Ideas and shared perspectives



"Efficiency through Automation" Workshop
Lukasz Burzanowski | CERN
6th October 2023

Summary

By identifying and measuring the fundamental issues impacting the efficiency, we can evaluate return-on-investment and develop the strategy.

Metrics and KPI can help to identify where to put the effort, and ultimately to shorten the turn-around times.

Software solutions do not solve fundamental problems: inefficient processes, organisational and human challenges.

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"Efficiency and Automation"

introduction to the workshop

strong interest in areas such as workflows and processes, usability, human aspects, KPI, auto-discovery, and many more...

"Case-study: CERN Sequencer"

Introduction to accelerator operations automation software

@ from the Monday morning: *"What specifications can you share for the Sequencer? We really liked the features we saw and would be interested in duplicating it for our stack."*

Edit and execute

The Sequencer GUIs:
Editor of sequences and the Executor (to control and monitor the execution).

Sequencer Editor Sequencer Executor

The outlook

In the context of efficiency, and the objective to further automate and shorten the turn-around times of CERN machines, the Sequencer acts as a building block.

How to automatically fill LHC?
How to automatically recover from HW/SW issues?
... and many more specific questions to answer

In this context, we plan to:
Invest more into it, re-think GUI and modernize, addressing known technological risks, to consider opening it, when justified by the external interest, research!
The work to begin in 2024+ horizon, driven by the Efficiency working group@CERN.

How other labs could benefit from the Sequencer?

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Efficiency Through Automation



A. García-Tabarés on behalf of the Controls Group

Automation at EuXFEL: a successfully story

Issue Stop and restart topics Start remaining devices

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+ include: all
+ include: recovery_facts.yml
+ name: start all device servers
+ include: demontesta.yml
+ tags:
+ state: started
    
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"Automation at EuXFEL: a success story"

Ana García-Tabarés / on behalf of the XFEL Controls Group

Success story of "Recovery portal", triggering variety of questions thanks to shared practical experiences.

thank you Marie, for the
idea & help

Breakout session focus groups:

Workflows and processes | Usability and ergonomics | Software solutions

Under the shared theme: ~“Efficient recovery from an error”

Workshop take-aways:

- Great atmosphere and the discussions, engagement from all the participants!
- Much in common among us all: the challenges and solutions.
- Several areas of interest to follow-up, an online workshop next year?

Big thank you...

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... for making the 1st EtA workshop a great experience.