

Towards a common control system?

- Motivation is fairly clear
 - Economics
 - And it gives us a chance to work together and be nice to each other
- Common control system is a nice idea but we have:
 - History
 - Personality
 - Management

Pragmatism might be useful...

- Fast supercycle changes for the LHC era
- Interlocks
 - cycle dependent interlocks
- Improved trim functionality
- Rationalisation of historically crowded control system
 - Heterogeneous
 - Out-moded technology e.g. C-tree

Reasonable justification for a re-write

Situation

- We know how to operate the SPS
- We have a working, and quite successful, control system



Ambitious attempt to re-implement from top-to-bottom...

This poses some challenges...

So If We're Going to Do It Anyway

- Let's at least try and come up with an approach and solutions that are acceptable and re-usable
- And in this sense - as we look down the transfer lines towards the LHC - use SPS2001 as a test bed for these common solutions
- Many of the control challenges are similar after all

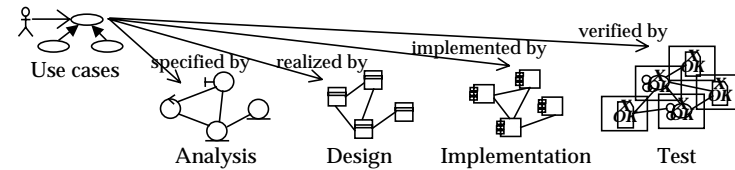
Challenges I

- OO: kicking and screaming into the 21st century
 - Analysis and design:
 - Unified Software Development Process (USDP)
 - UML
 - Case tool - Rational Rose
 - The languages:
 - Java, XML, SQLJ, JDBC
 - The IDE: Jdeveloper, Jbuilder..., GUIs
 - Other tools: Jpublisher, Swing etc. etc
 - Communication
 - Inter Java RMI etc
 - Persistence
 - How to do OO to RDBMS mapping?
 - Which tools to use, if any?

All this does have its advantages, of course
And we really should be doing what everybody else is doing

Analysis and Design

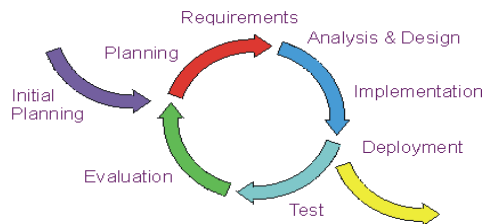
- Establish requirements
- Learn how to establish requirements
- Analysis
- Learn how to analyse the problem & use the language
- Design
- Explore architectural choices and address issues arising
- Explore technical choices



Widely accepted method...

Analysis & Design

The method is clearly re-usable and if used rigorously provides a sound, well-understood, well documented understanding of the problem and a well designed system.



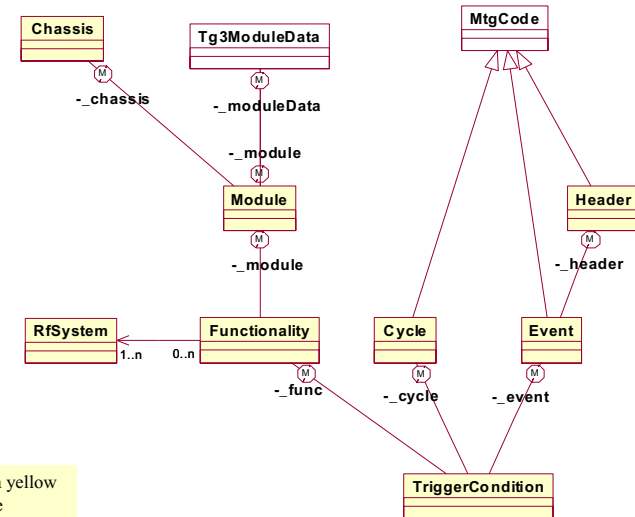
If we get it right, a lot of the concepts, if not the classes, will be re-usable e.g. in the domain of parameter maintenance

"Models if not done properly: vague, sloppy and inaccurate"

70% of projects: Level 1: Chaotic, only saved by hero

25% of projects: Level 2: repeatable but no insight

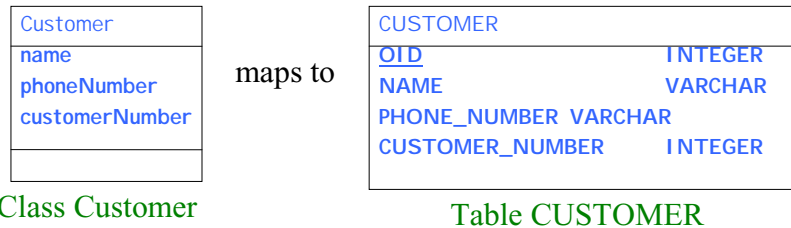
Persistence



Classes in yellow need to be persisted in DB

E Mapping objects to RDB tables

- Attributes map to database columns
 - each attribute maps to zero or more columns
- Classes map to tables
 - each class maps to one or more tables (can use table joins to handle inheritance)
- Every object has a unique object ID
 - the OID uniquely identifies the object (at least within its own class)
 - OIDs are used as primary keys in the database



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E Mapping OO to RDBMS

- Poses a number of problems being wrestled down out in the world
- Oracle seems a natural choice for the SPS to replace C-tree as a settings and configuration repository.
- Experience gained in this domain clearly of future use
- Solutions found in this domain clearly of potential future use

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Challenges II - middleware

- A common solution to provide command/response and publish and subscribe would be nice
- Um.. Synchronous and asynchronous
- Oh and I need to configure my instrumentation at the same time as I request a measurement
- ... but what if someone else is subscribing to that measurement..
- User options, filters, cycle dependency etc...
- Don't swamp my front-end with your device server
- Commercial solution (maybe, maybe not)
- Topics on subscribe
- And could a device tell me what it's capable of...
- Oh and contracts

See Vito's talk...

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Challenges II - Front-ends

- Common Front-End:
 - hardware architecture
 - software architecture

are desirable... see Pierre's talk

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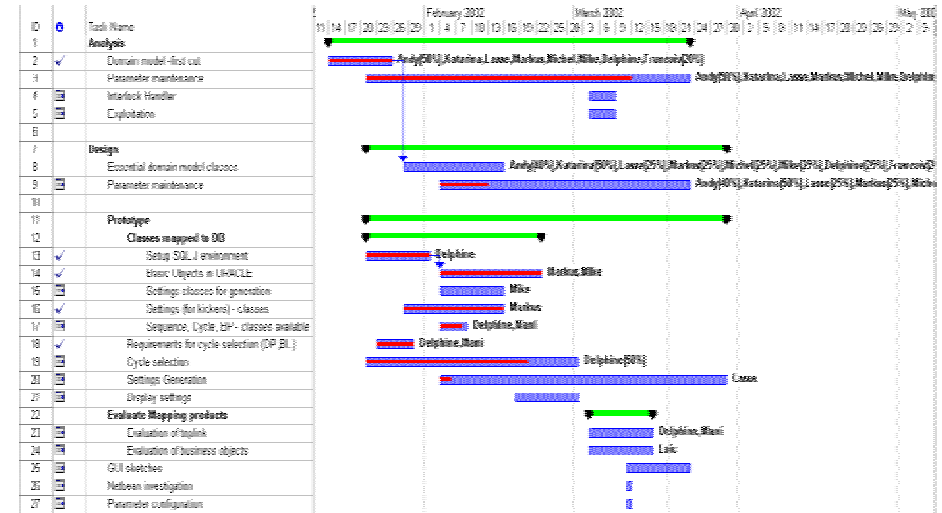
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Challenges III

Project Bloody Management

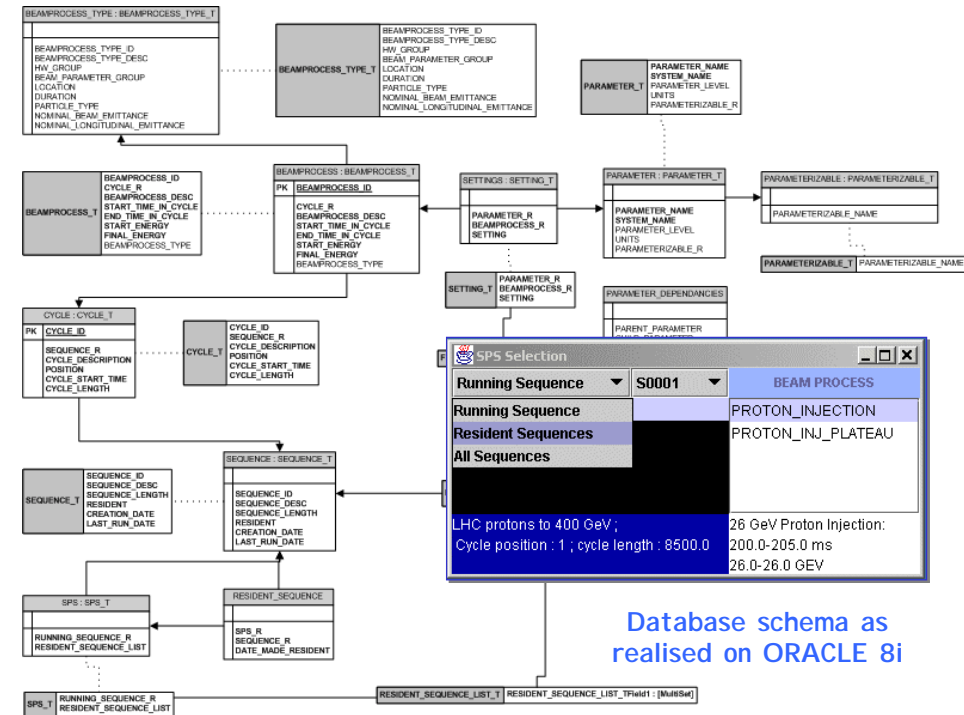
'nuff said...

Progress



Analysis and design

- It has been a steep learning curve...
- Consultancy has been necessary and has helped (and is helping...)
- Got moving on parameter maintenance domain
 - Pushed through analysis into design
 - More-or-less acceptable domain model
 - First cut PMD analysis finished
 - Moving into design stage
- Prototyping and gaining experience in mapping our classes on to an RDBMS:
 - Prototyped sequence, cycle etc as persistent objects using SQLJ, object related features of Oracle 8i
 - Given this: cycle selection prototype (Delphine)
 - Store and retrieve of kicker settings (Markus)
 - Settings generation to persistent objects. (Lasse)



Database schema as realised on ORACLE 8i

Mapping

Attempting to wrestle this one to the ground at the moment...

- **Castor JDOs** evaluated
- **Toplink** evaluated
- **Business Components for Java** evaluated
- **Played with JPublisher**
- **Database Objects** created by hand, database gateway classes created and cycle selection prototyped
- **Database Objects** created for kicker settings archival and retrieval

Seeking an appropriate technical solution for our requirements

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Tools, Services, Components...

In place and in use...

- **Code style:** JIndent
- **Graphical User Interfaces:** StopMi
- **IDE:** Jbuilder and JDeveloper
- **Version control:** Razor
- **Case tool:** Rational Rose
- **Report generation from Rose:** SoDA
- **Error Handling:** log4J evaluated
- **XML:** widely used
- **Testing:** tools evaluated
- **Components:** e.g. Java Dataviewer

Message: OO firmly embraced...

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XML

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<table id="EPD" format="long" depth="4" >
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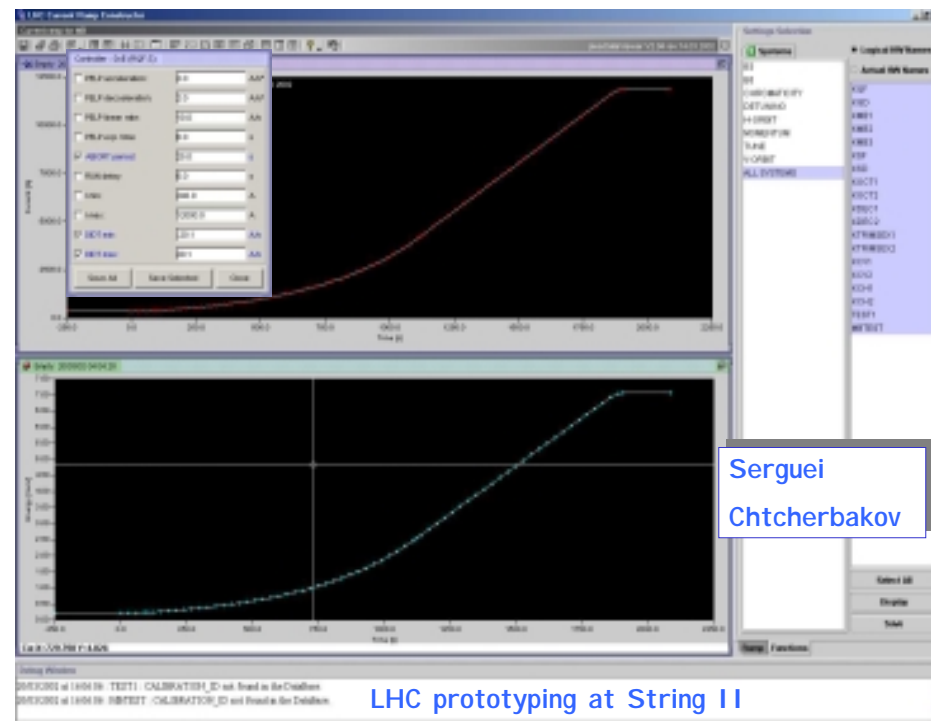


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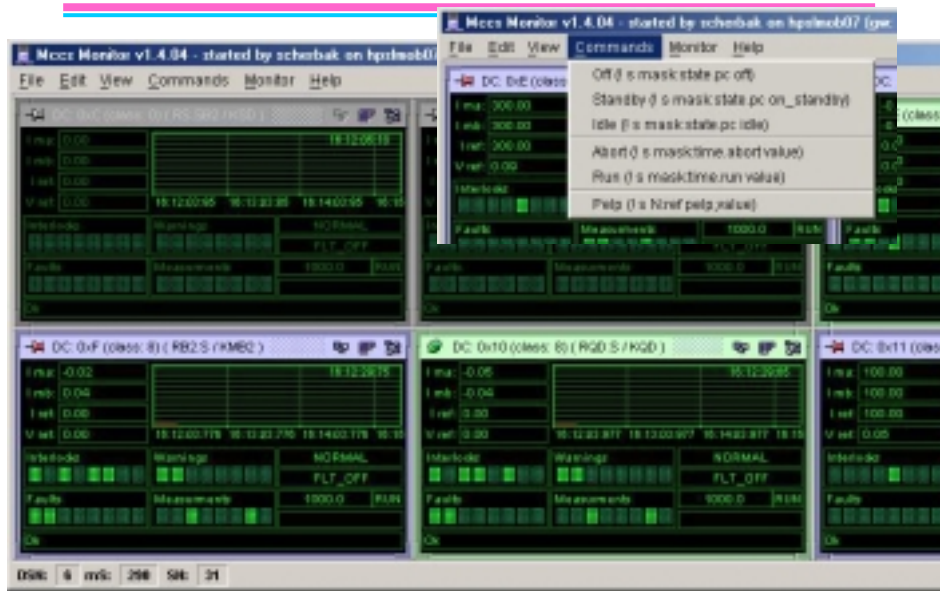
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LHC Prototyping - String II



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Local Orbit Feedback Prototype

Proposal:

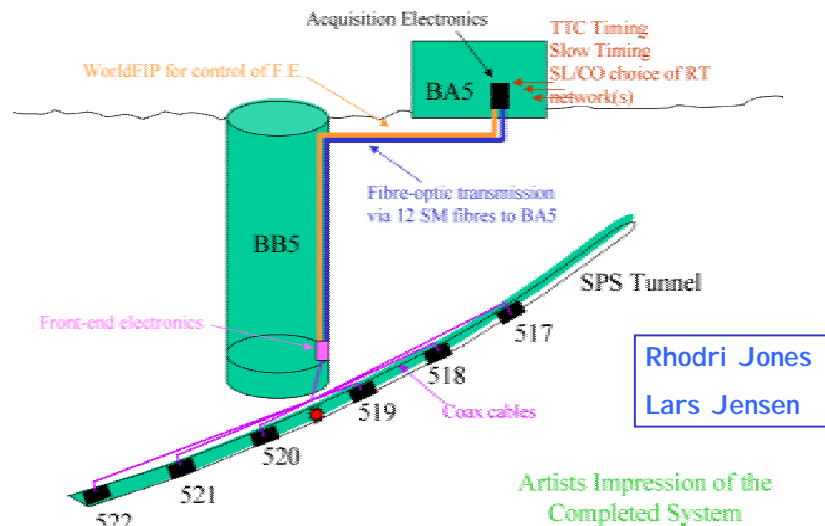
- Install 6 pickups around point 5 of the SPS and equip them with LHC front-end electronics (WBTN)
- LHC data acquisition system (DAB - version 2 prototype from Triumph)
- Link to PCR & pull local orbit measurements to high level and display position in real-time (10 Hz)
- Closed loop at high level with RT connection to power converters to prototype local orbit feedback

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Local Orbit Feedback Prototype



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Conclusions

- Clear that as we move into the LHC era we don't have the resources to support multiple solutions to similar technical problems. Need to settle on:
- Analysis and design approach:
 - USDP, UML, Rational Rose etc.
- Development environment:
 - JAVA, IDE, ORACLE, GUIs
 - Persistence layer
 - Version control etc.
 - Supporting applications: dataviewer, fixed displays...
 - Use of EJBs, application servers or whatever...
- Operational environment
 - Operating system (LINUX?)

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Conclusions

- Try and move towards a common Middleware
- Front-end Framework
- Explore novel requirements of LHC such as real-time
- Operational tools
 - Sequencer, Logbook, Console manager...
- Services
 - Alarms, Logging, Post mortem, Interlocks...
- Plus, with a bit of luck, some application software...

We're trying to come up with acceptable solutions appropriate for the transfer lines and the LHC...

and before promising the earth we have to prove that it works... watch this space.

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