

LHC experience with installation

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QAP

History

Lessons learned



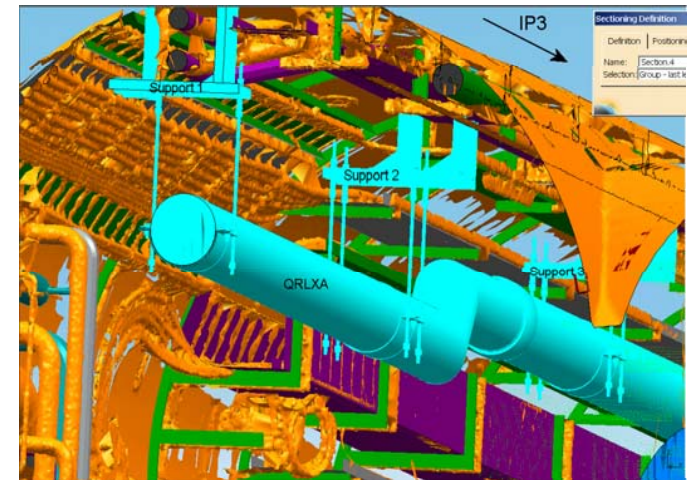
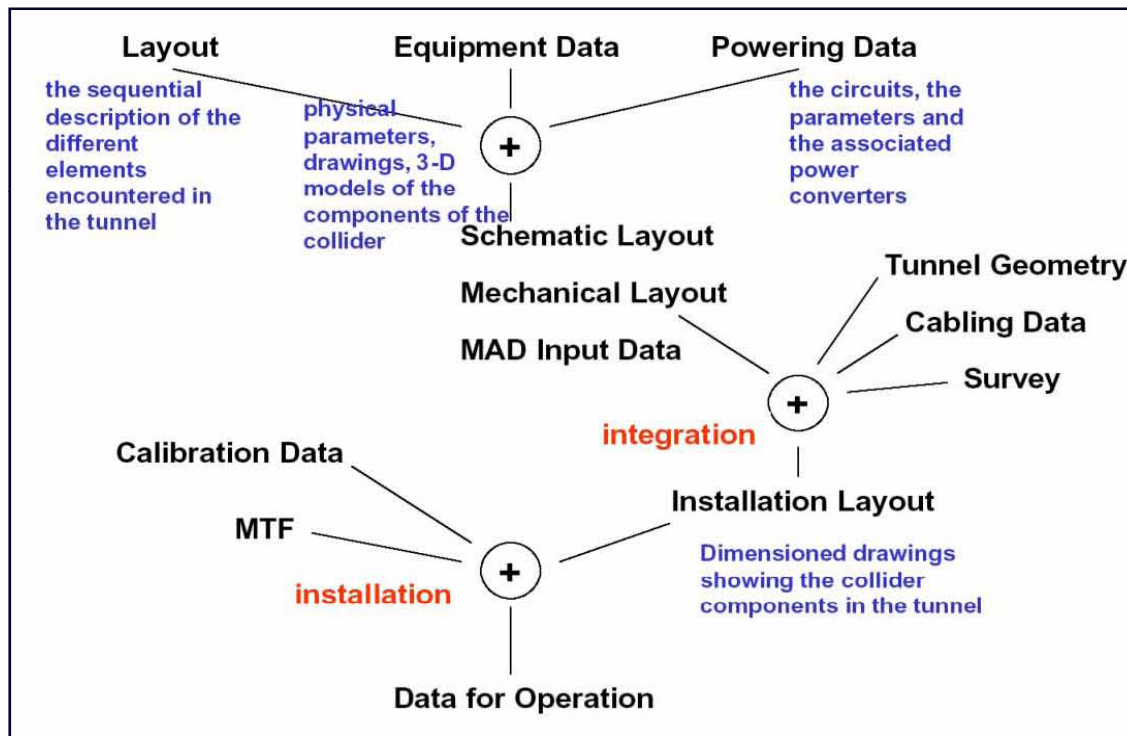
QAP



- Quality Assurance Plan
 - Based on ISO 9000 (documents distributed to all project engineers, contains all the code definitions, procedures) - EDMS
 - Engineering Specifications: functional and interface specifications and design files
 - Engineering Change Request
 - Engineering Drawings
 - Technical Description for Market Survey
 - Technical Specifications
- Manufacturing tool management
 - to follow the prod. & inst. activities:
 - Components traceability,
 - follow-up of non conformity
 - Step sequence of a process.



- Unique Reference database :

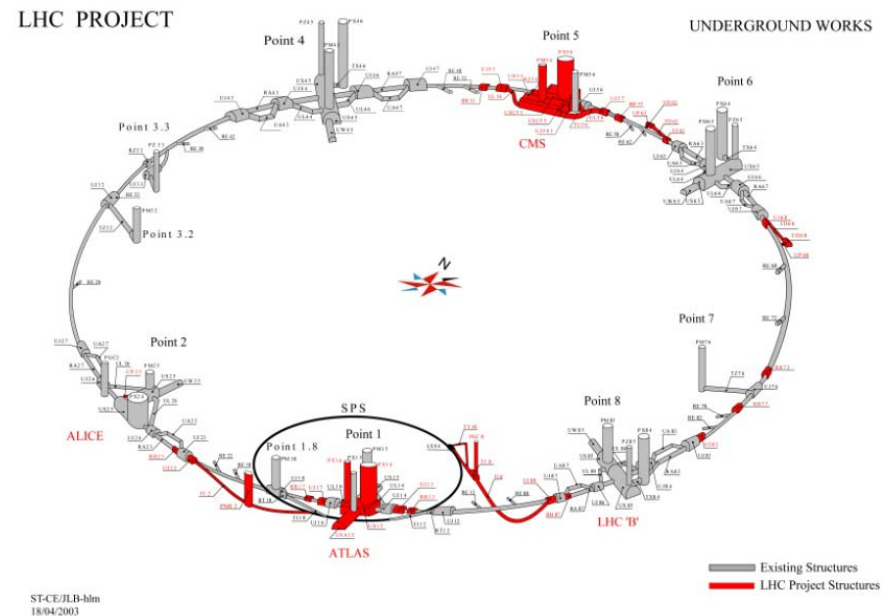




History



- 5 main phases
 - Civil engineering
 - General services
 - Cryogenics
 - Machine
 - Hardware commissioning





Civil engineering phase



Scope

- Surface buildings
- Underground:
 - 2 injection tunnels ~5km
 - 2 beam dump tunnels
 - 2 new experimental areas
 - Other tunnel modifications: RR..

240'000 cubic meters

4 main contracts





Civil engineering phase



Main problems encountered

- From CE side
 - Modification of scope while contracts were signed
 - New buildings
 - Modification of design
 - Introduction of 35h law in France
 - ➔ Impact on contractors planning and resourcing...
 - Discussions with contractors
 - ➔ Target cost mechanism
 - Some geological problems :
 - PM54,
 - Water leaks in UD68 and sector 34
- From coordination side
 - Lots of dust
 - Endless ends





General services Phase



Electrical general services and cabling

- More than 4'500km of cables
- 2 Industrial Services Contracts
 - Benefit: Fast intervention possible
 - Disadvantage: limited resources
- Main problems encountered:
 - For EL
 - At the beginning: integration not fully done
 - Late request from users
 - Availability of cables (other contracts...), and other
 - From coordination side
 - Lots of delay Endless ends



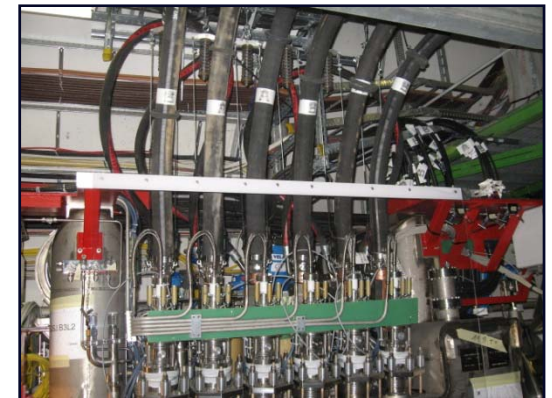
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General services Phase



- Optical fibers
 - Skilled contractor and very good contract follow-up – Easy coordination
 - Could we have replace some of the control cables by optical fibers ?
- Water cooled cables
 - Supply contract
 - Hard time for planning
 - Technical problems..... “Fire brigade”



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General services Phase



Cooling and ventilation

- Scope:
 - Piping: more than 160 km of pipes ,
~ 8km of flexible
 - Cooling and ventilation
 - Lots of work in surface buildings and experimental areas
 - New Cooling and ventilation systems in alcoves (UA, RR), modification in surface (upgrade, controls...)
- Main problems:
 - Technical or and commercial



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Cryogenic phase



- Cryo Islands
 - Upgrade or new installation
 - « stand-alone » Works
- Cryogenic Line installation
 - Started in June 03
 - After few months: Serious technical and quality problems
 - Worksites stopped in July 04, CERN repaired and re-installed all the faulty elements already at CERN
 - Started again in November 04
 - Finished in December 06





Cryogenic phase



Impacts induced by QRL delays

- Technical: Skip systematical cold tests on each sector
- Logistics:
 - Cryo-magnets storage
 - Cryo-magnets transport in parallel with QRL installation and interconnections works
- Organizational
 - Change of the sector sequence
 - Squeeze time dedicated to the machine phase
 - > change the scope of contracts which were already signed (human and material resources to be added)
 - Squeeze the hardware commissioning phase by almost a factor 2
 - > find resources to parallelize



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Machine phase



Cryo-magnets transport

- Most of cryo-magnets transported through a unique shaft: PMI2 (+PX65 & PX24)
- More than 1'700 magnets transported
- Main problems encountered:
 - Cross working sites in a narrow areas
 - Some breakdown at the very beginning teething problems
 - Delays in magnet's deliveries: most of the time, no margin between surface readiness and transport
- Dedicated task force to ease the process (technical and organizational)



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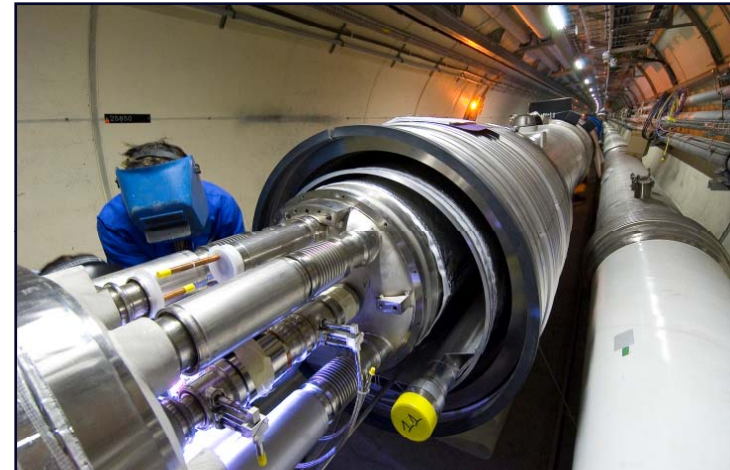


Machine phase



Interconnections

- Including:
 - more than 1'900 interc.
 - vacuum tests
 - electrical tests
- Slow start-up: missing magnets, co-activities
- Got organized on the 3rd sector while continuous sequence of magnets were available.



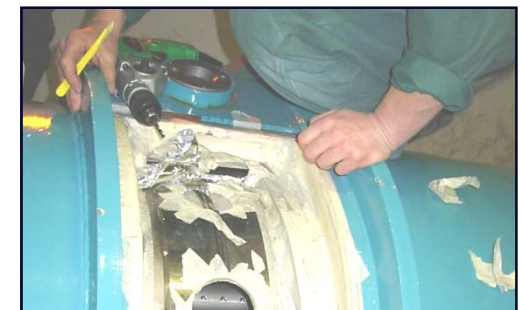
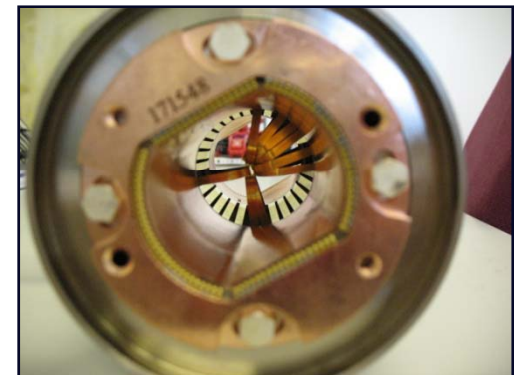


Machine phase



Interconnections Major incidents

- November 06 - Inner Triplets failure: heat exchanger tube
- Few weeks later after repair : Inner triplets spiders failed
- ▶ Sector 78 cooled and power test without IT in order to gain experience.
- September 07: PIM crisis
 - Ingenious solution for diagnostic : RF ball
- February 08: connection cryostat crisis



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Hardware Commissioning Phase



Short Circuit Tests & Individual System Tests

- Each system individually commissioned with relevant performance assessment
- IST Include:
 - cryogenic line pressure and leak tests,
 - collimators tests,
 - Powering Interlock System tests,
 - Energy Extraction tests,
 - Beam Instrumentation tests,
 - Injection and Beam Dump systems tests,
 - Cryogenics Instrumentation tests,
- Had to fit within tight constraints of the LHC installation planning



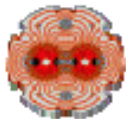
Hardware Commissioning Phase



Cool-down

- Started in January 2007. painful beginning, but weak points identified:
 - Cryogenics
 - Cold compressor tuning
 - Cryo commissioning of stand alone magnets
 - DFB's : condensation and thus frost
 - Services
 - Power cuts
 - Faulty relays
 - Network problems
 - CV consolidations





Hardware Commissioning Phase



Powering tests

- Object: power test each sector independently to ensure a safe and efficient machine start-up without being plagued by technical problems.
- Reminder: in 2003, ~10wks/sector and one sector at a time
- Beginning of 2007, after QRL and IT crisis, decision was taken to increase the number of sectors being commissioned in parallel from 2 up to 6 !

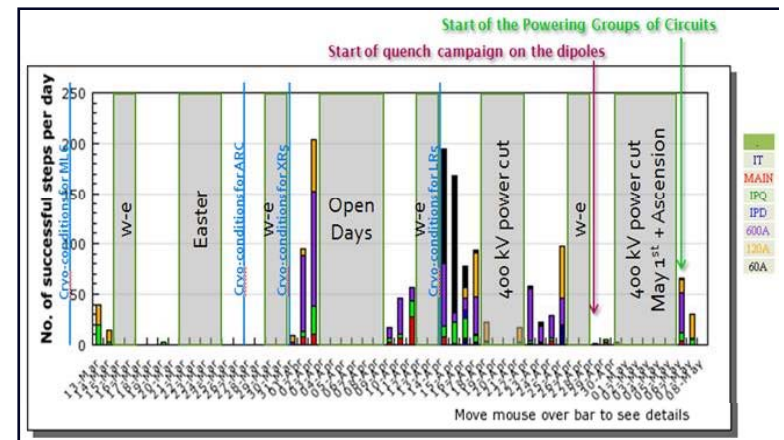
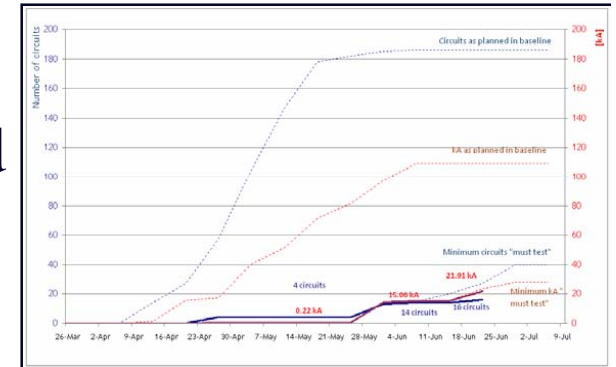


Hardware Commissioning Phase



Powering tests

- Started in March 2007: painful beginning due to low Mean Time Before Failure and High Mean Time To Recovery
- March 2008: Taking into account the recent delays, and in order to meet the target of a beam in LHC before the end of this summer, decision was taken to qualify circuits at least for 5TeV.
- Situation in May 08:
 - Sector 45 commissioned partially
 - Sector 56: commissioned to 5TeV
 - Sectors 78 & 81: progressing
 - From mid-June: every 2 weeks, a sector will be available for powering tests





Lessons learned



- Keep baseline documentation is essential through the lifetime of the project
- Integration vs. Installation
- Safety
- First 25% of installation (2/8 sectors) are longer
- Gain experience asap for each phase is a benefit
- Fast Internal Intervention team is crucial

