

# Handover of Control System Infrastructure

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#### Outline



#### Introduction

- Areas of responsibility
- Introduce the group

#### Technical Network

- ESS Network
- Technical Network
- Network Installations and supporting tools

#### Containers & Virtualisation tools

- Why, What and How
- Demo

# Control System Infrastructure



Areas of responsibility 1/3

The group's responsibilities are to Design, Implement and Operate the IT Infrastructure needed to reliably run the Experimental Physics Industrial Control System (EPICS) eco-system.

The main activities can be grouped into the following work units:

- Main Control Room
- Data Centre
- Technical Network
- Software Infrastructure

## Control System Infrastructure



Areas of responsibility 2/3

**Main Control Room** - Human factors analysis and ergonomic design of the ESS Main Control Room. Control room equipment procurement and installation.

#### Data Centre

File and storage services for data produced by the machine for 'on-line' and 'off-line' analysis. Computer systems and backup and restore.

## Control System Infrastructure

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Areas of responsibility 3/3

#### Technical Network

is a secure Network that interconnects private machine networks. Ethernet cabling, network equipment and monitoring tools and network services.

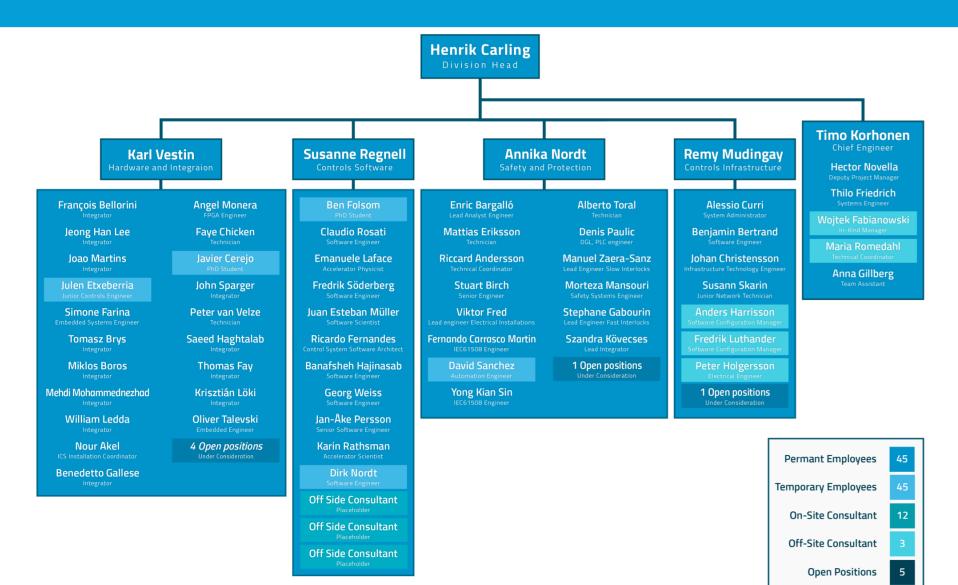
#### Software Infrastructure

Implements and manages the development life-cycle for software produced by ICS and other stakeholders. Configuration management and software deployment tools.

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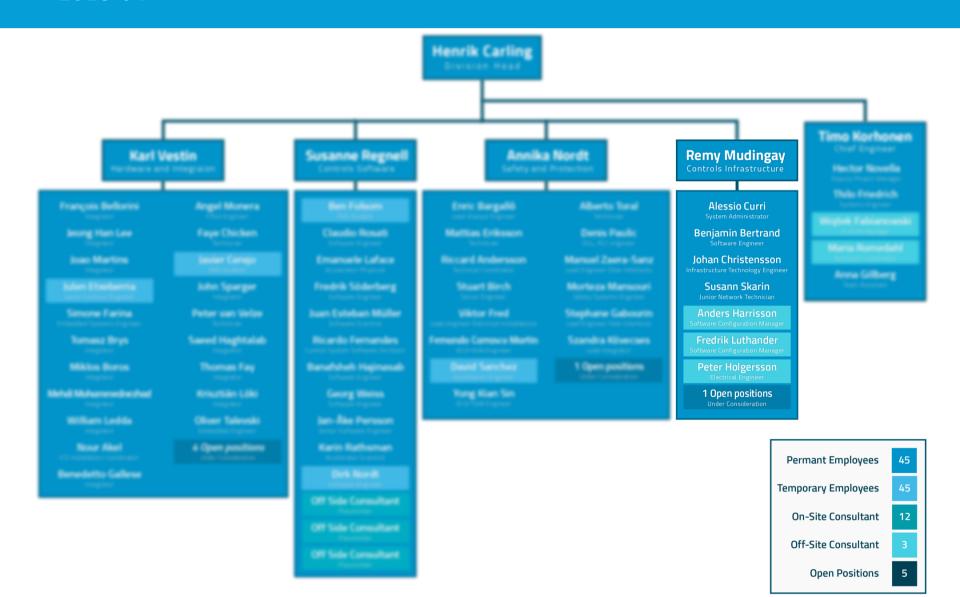




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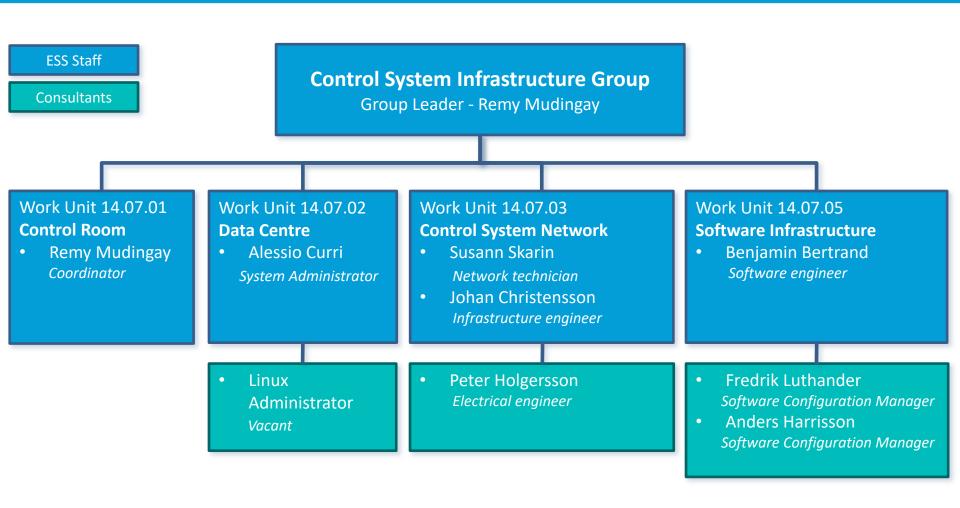
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#### **Group Structure**





# **Technical Network**

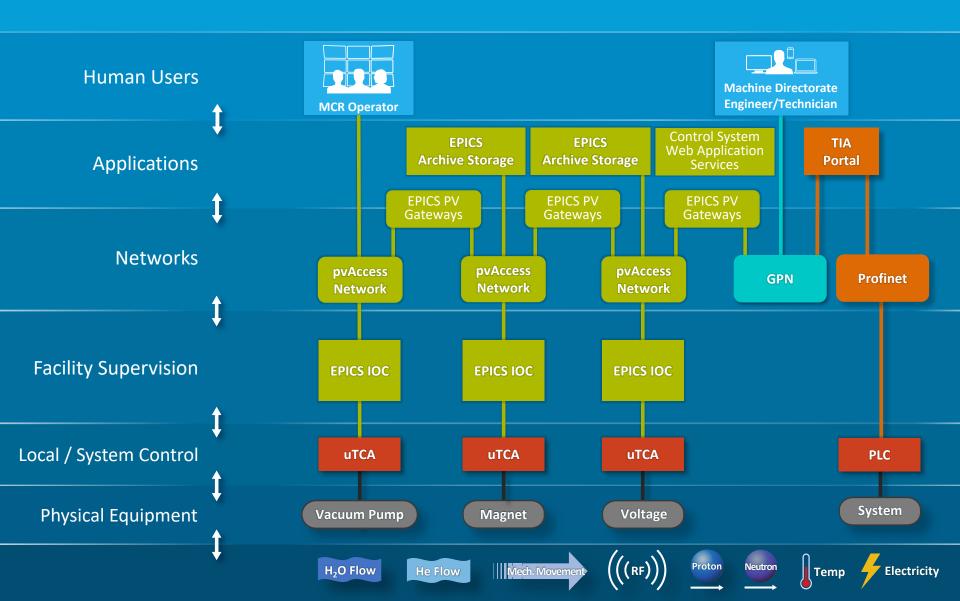
#### Networks @ ESS



- Technical Network
  - Channel/PV access
  - PROFINET (non time-critical data ~ 10ms)
  - S7 protocol (Ethernet)
  - Private (non-routable networks)
  - Point-to-point networks (not included!)
  - Timing system (optical)
- General Purpose Network
  - Office network (wired and wireless)
  - Internet facing network
  - Remote access from the outside->in
- Neutron Data Network
  - Data acquisition from neutron instrument to data aggregator
  - High performance computing

# Technical Network

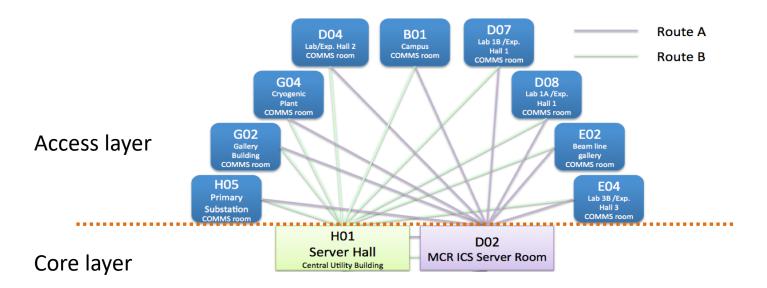








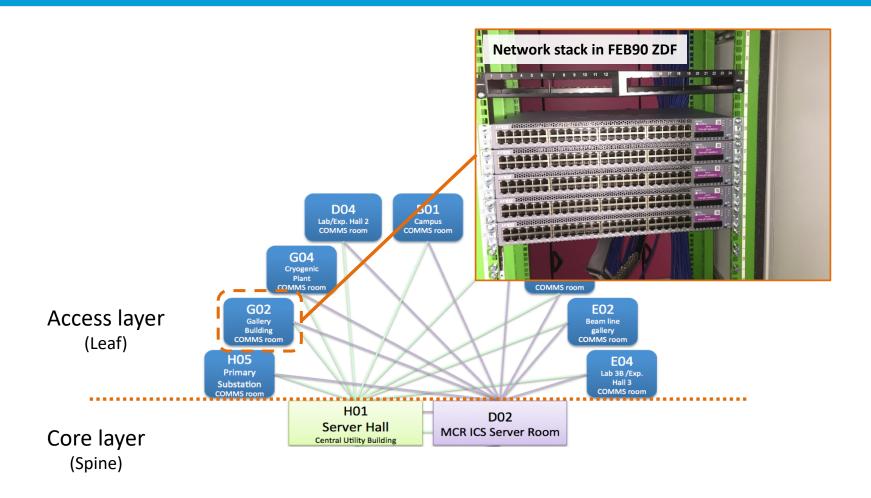
- The logical network topology:
- collapsed Core and access layer
- Two routes from the core to the access layer



# **Network Topology**

Example: access layer switch (stack)

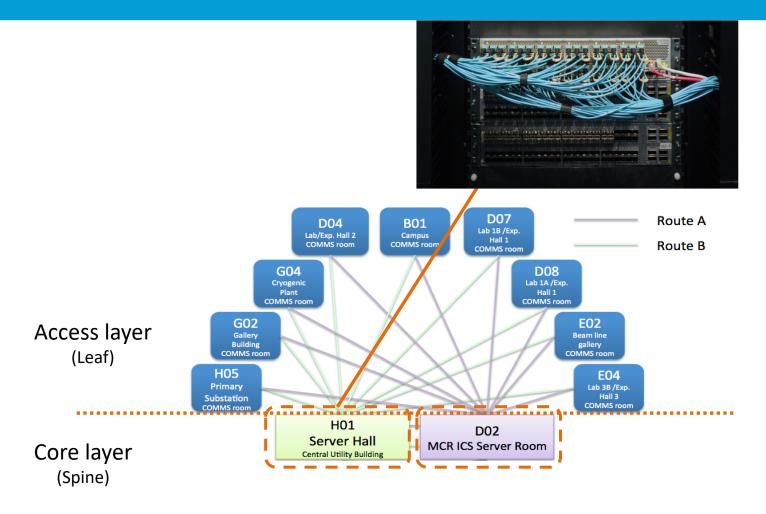




# **Network Topology**

Example: core layer switch





# **Technical Network Equipment**



#### Configuration management

How do you manage these in a consistent manner?



**12 x Top of rack switch**: 12 x 40 GbE & 32 x 10GbE



**2 x Core**: 24 x 100GbE/72 x 40GbE/288 x 10Gb

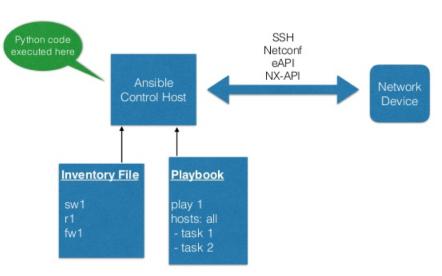


**155 x Edge switch**: 2 x 40GbE & 4 x 10GbE & 48

#### **Configuration management**

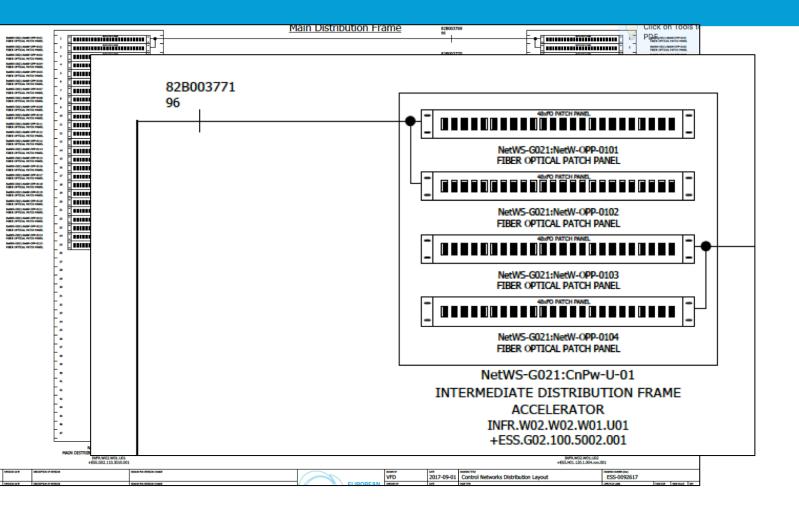
**Automation using Ansible modules** 

- LAX
- NAPALM
- OpenConfig
- YANG





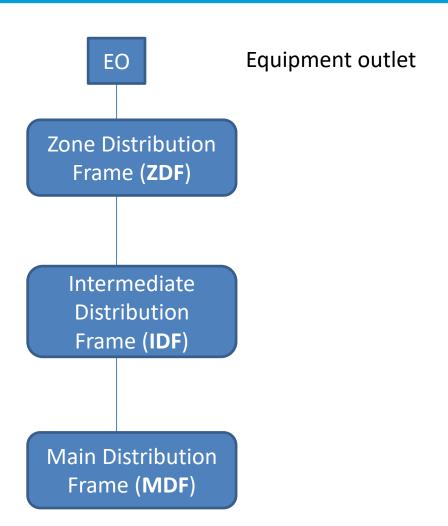
# **Network Design Drawings**



# Physical Network Architecture

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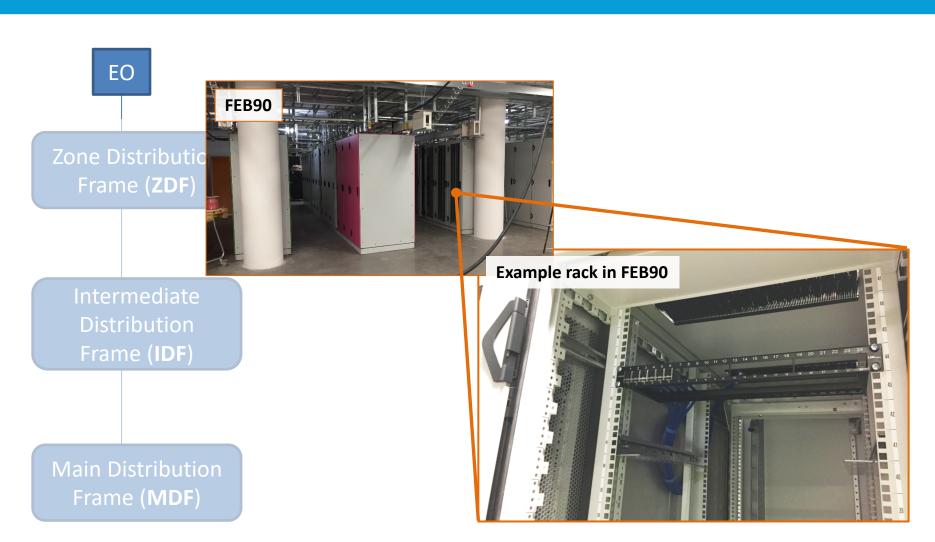




# Physical Network Architecture

device/equipment outlet





# Physical Network Architecture





Zone Distribution Frame (**ZDF**)

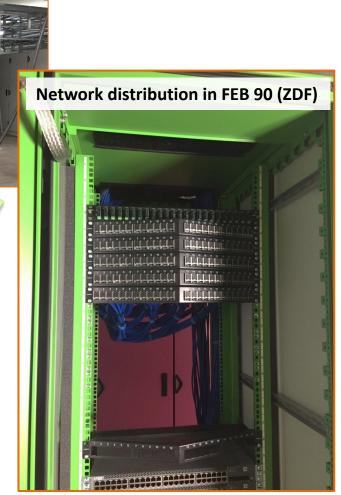
Intermediate Distribution Frame (**IDF**)

Main Distribution Frame (**MDF**)



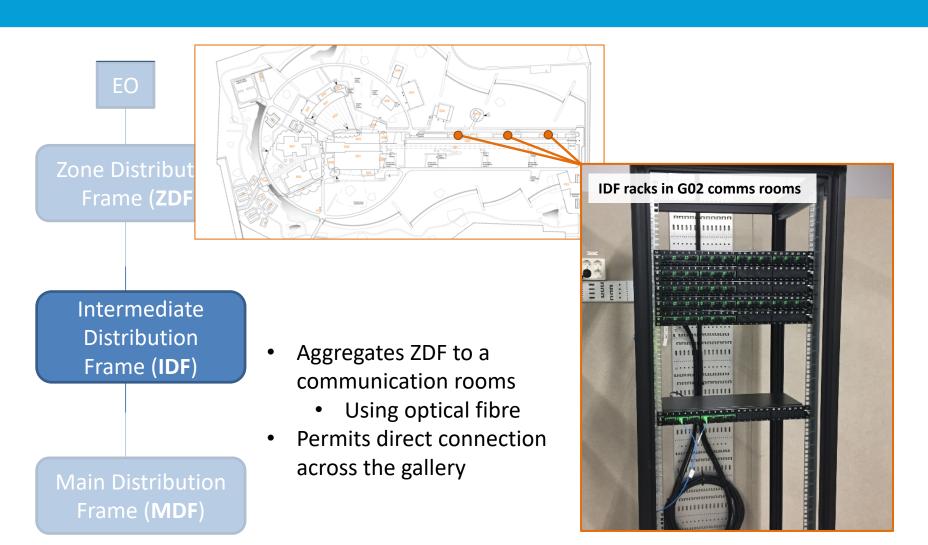
 Provides network outlets to devices

- Located in all racks that need network connectivity
- Modular system that an be easily expanded



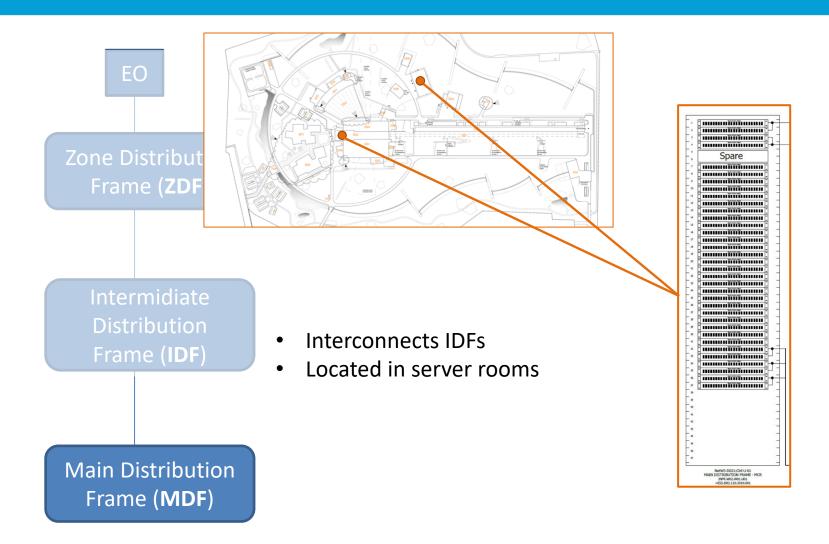










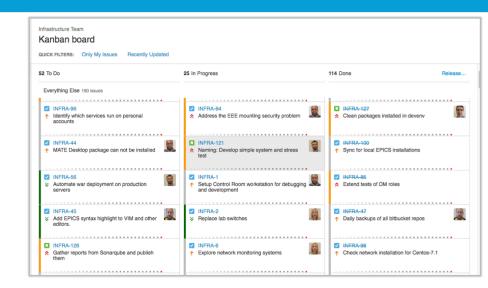


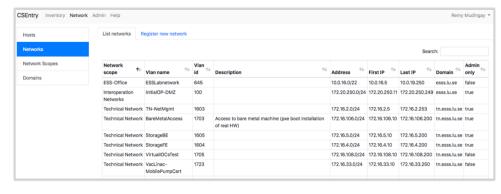
#### **Network Installations and Supporting Tools**



User requests

- JIRA
  - Description of issue or need
- CSEntry (control system entry)
  - Web application
  - Role-based access
    - Read-only
    - Read-write
    - Administrator
  - Inventory
  - Declarative network tool
    - Define networks (name, subnet, catalogue)
    - Define host (hostname, aliases, multiple ip addresses)







# Containers, Virtual Machines, Oh my!

#### **Containers and Virtual Machines**



What are they

• A **virtual machine (VM)** is an emulation of a computer system (network, storage, memory, operating system, etc.)

Application
Operating system

**Emulated hardware** 

• A **container** is a an application environment (libraries, binaries) that has been isolated from other applications without the overhead of emulating a computing system.

Application
Binaries

Libraries

#### **Containers and Virtualisation**

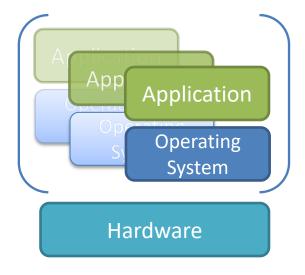
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#### Comparison

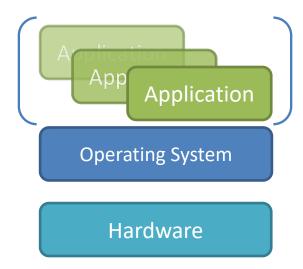
#### **Traditional**

Application
Operating
System
Hardware

#### Virtualisation



#### **Containers**



- Typically applications are deployed onto physical systems with a 1:1 relationship
- Higher consolidation ratios and better utilisation
- Faster deployment
- Application benefit from virtual machine features (live migration & high availability)
- Even higher consolidation ratios and maximises on the utilisation or resources.
- Software deployments take seconds
- Application benefit from virtual machine features (live migration & high availability) + bare-metal performance

#### Containers and Virtualisation tools



Why use them?

#### Objectives:

- Easy deployment :
  - Facilitate the deployment of applications
  - Automate creation, change and updates
- Straight-forward workflow should be intuitive and transparent to all authorised users
- Traceability and availability
  - Using common and widely available open source tools that are actively maintained
  - Who did what, when.
  - Provide highly available systems that are redundant and failover (without user intervention)

#### Containers and Virtualisation tools



What applications have we containerised/virtualised?

- Provides a stable, redundant environment where we can run our applications
  - Deployed
    - Archiver Appliances
    - Channel access gateways
    - Continuous Integration workflows

#### Testing

IOCFactory, CableDB, CSEntry, [...]

#### Planned

- vIOCs (1000+)
- Everything that does not require direct access to specialized hardware

#### Virtual machine creation



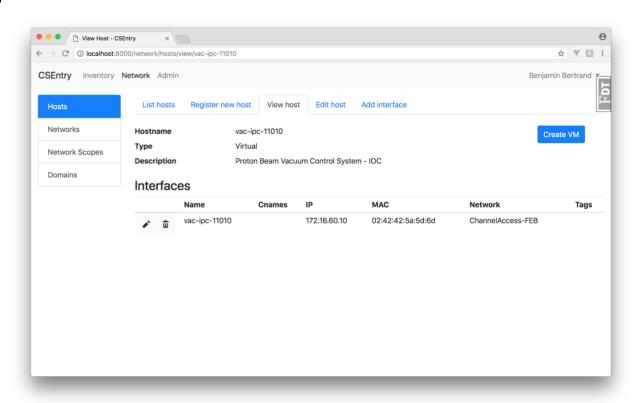
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How is this achieved?

#### CSEntry (control system entry)

- Self service platform
  - Create a VM
    - Or a vIOC



# Virtual machine creation DEMO



- CSEntry
- Use case
  - CA gateway
    - Restart (speed)
  - Virtual IOC
    - Example IOC
  - **—** ...



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