# **A Users Perspective**

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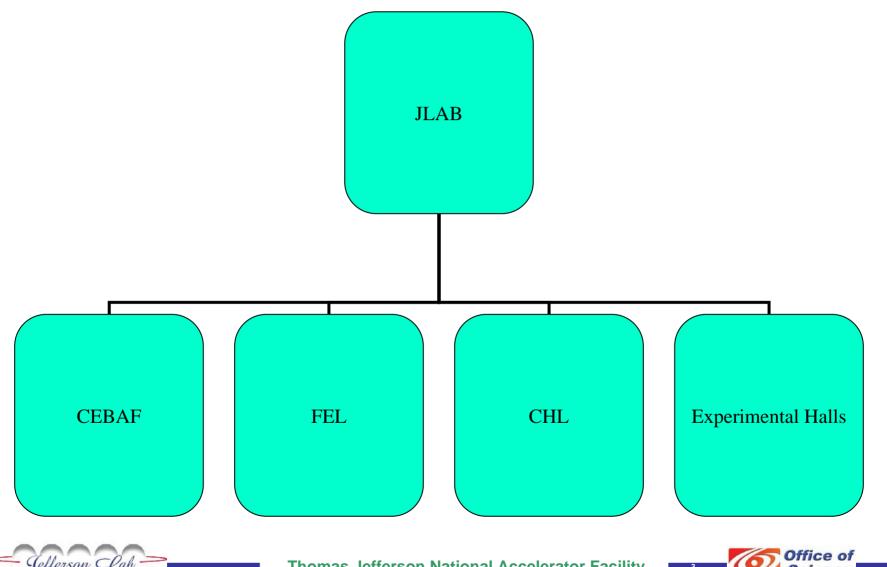
#### Introduction

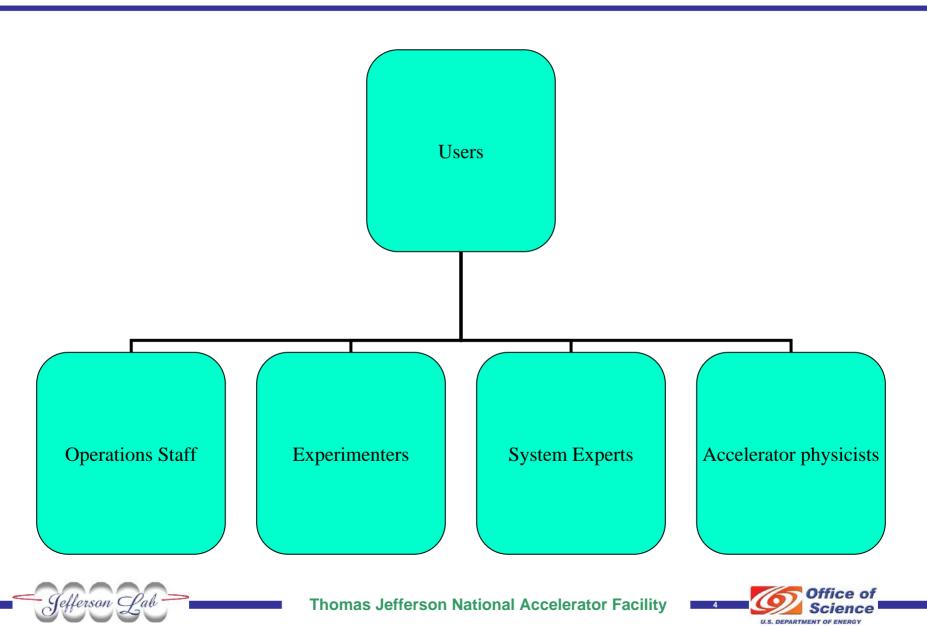
- Industrial design
  - Widely used in analog system design
- Analog controls
  - Long history
  - Not used so much anymore
- Digital controls
  - Less constraints than analog controls
  - Analog limits still apply





#### Jefferson Lab Overview





#### Limitations

- Analog
  - Positive cues
  - Sound
  - Position
- Digital
  - All feedback a deliberate implementation





#### Perspectives

- Colored by environment
- Control room
  - Complex
  - Large number of systems
  - Multitasking
- Operations user
  - Jack-of-all-trades
  - Greater cross system knowledge
  - Do not know as much about systems





## Perspectives

#### Tool paradigm

- Limited operational envelope
- Only a subset of expert tools needed
- Tools determined by beam state
- Tools determined by program

- Tool implementation: Various languages:
  - C, C++,
  - Java,
  - tcl/tk, Perl/tk,
  - EPICS, SNL, etc.



## Perspectives

• From the User's perspective the language/system of the implementation is irrelevant.







#### **Human Machine Interface**

- 8,000 EDM screens
- 3,000 EDM screens easily accessible
- Typically used?
- A few dozen!

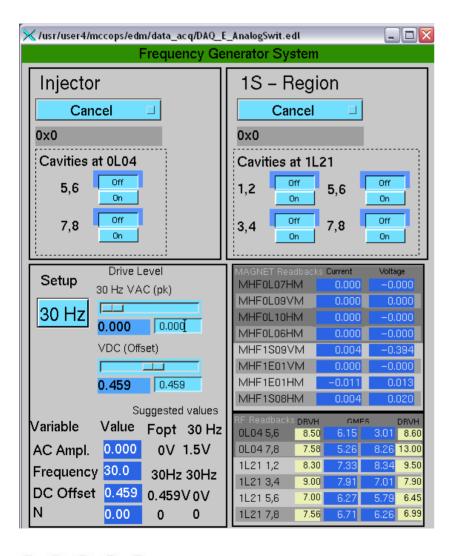


#### **Human Machine Interface**

- Colors
- Layout
- Design
- Limiting factors
  - Startup/shutdown
  - Shiftwork
  - Staffing



## Colors, Layout, Design

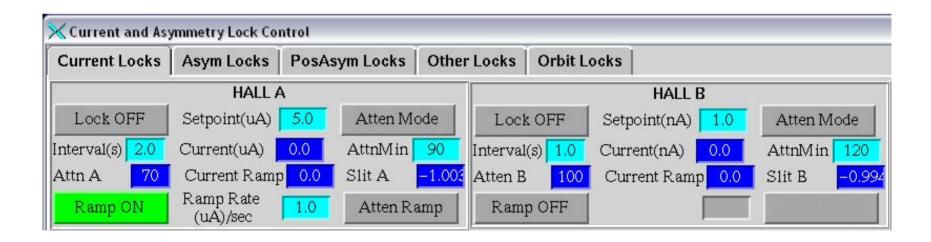


- Control widget
- Readback widget
- Alarm colors (with text)
- Special devices



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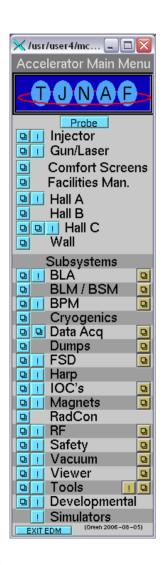
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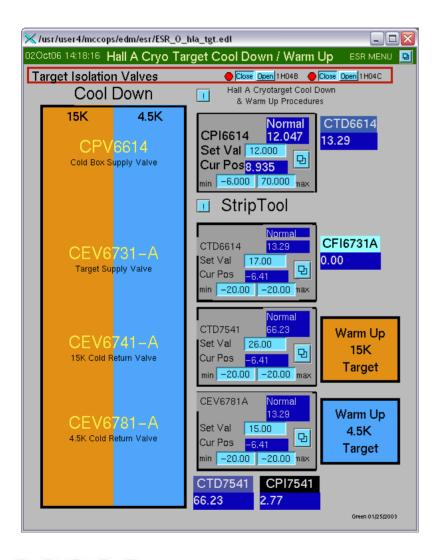
#### Screen Sets



- Central source
- Gold buttons
- Area
- Functions



#### Screen Sets



- Procedure driven
- Devices in logical order
- Related screen buttons
- Scripts
- Link to procedure
- Only required controls





## Widgets

- Correspond to device operation
- Example: RF Cavity Gradients
  - Typically operate @ fixed setting
  - Text control field
  - Cavity SOS'ing step down
  - Slider

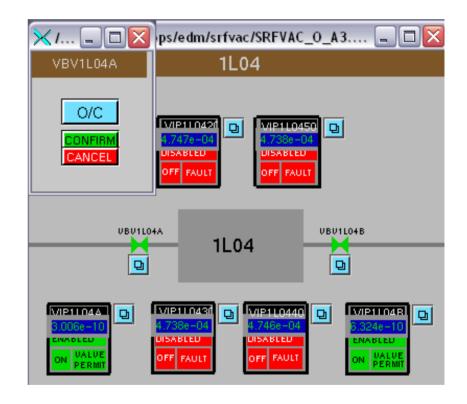






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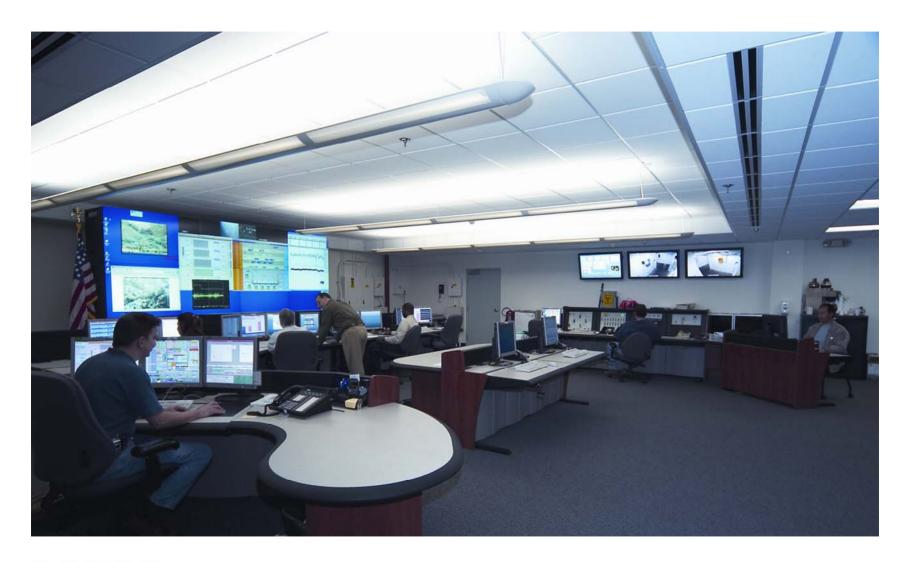
- Complications limited to high penalty operations
- Example: Beamline Vacuum
  - Potential vacuum loss
  - Confirmation required
- Combination control
  - Individual controls onerous
  - Dozens of valves normally opened







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## Screen Displays

- Different users have different display environments
- Operators
  - Triple-headed displays
  - 4 x 2 ft. status monitors
  - 16 x 6 display wall
- Other users
  - 19 " LCD monitor
  - 21" CRT monitor





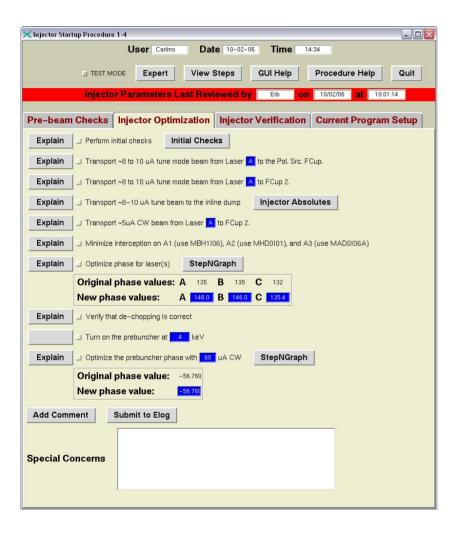
## Alarm Handling

- Standard EPICS Alarm Handler
- Safety Alarms ODH, Fire, Radiaton
  - PLC driven
  - Audible alarm
  - Flashing LED
- Additional Fire Alarms annunciators
  - Visual flashing strobes
  - Geographically based computer display





#### **Expert Systems**



- Application encapsulates experts' knowledge
- Injector Setup
  - Logical progression
  - Embedded help
  - Links to tools
  - Automatic elog entries



## Summery

- The user is often the most overlooked component of the control system.
- Consistency is key.
- Language/System is irrelevant to user.
- Usability is most important factor to user.

