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slow control  
for the  
lock system

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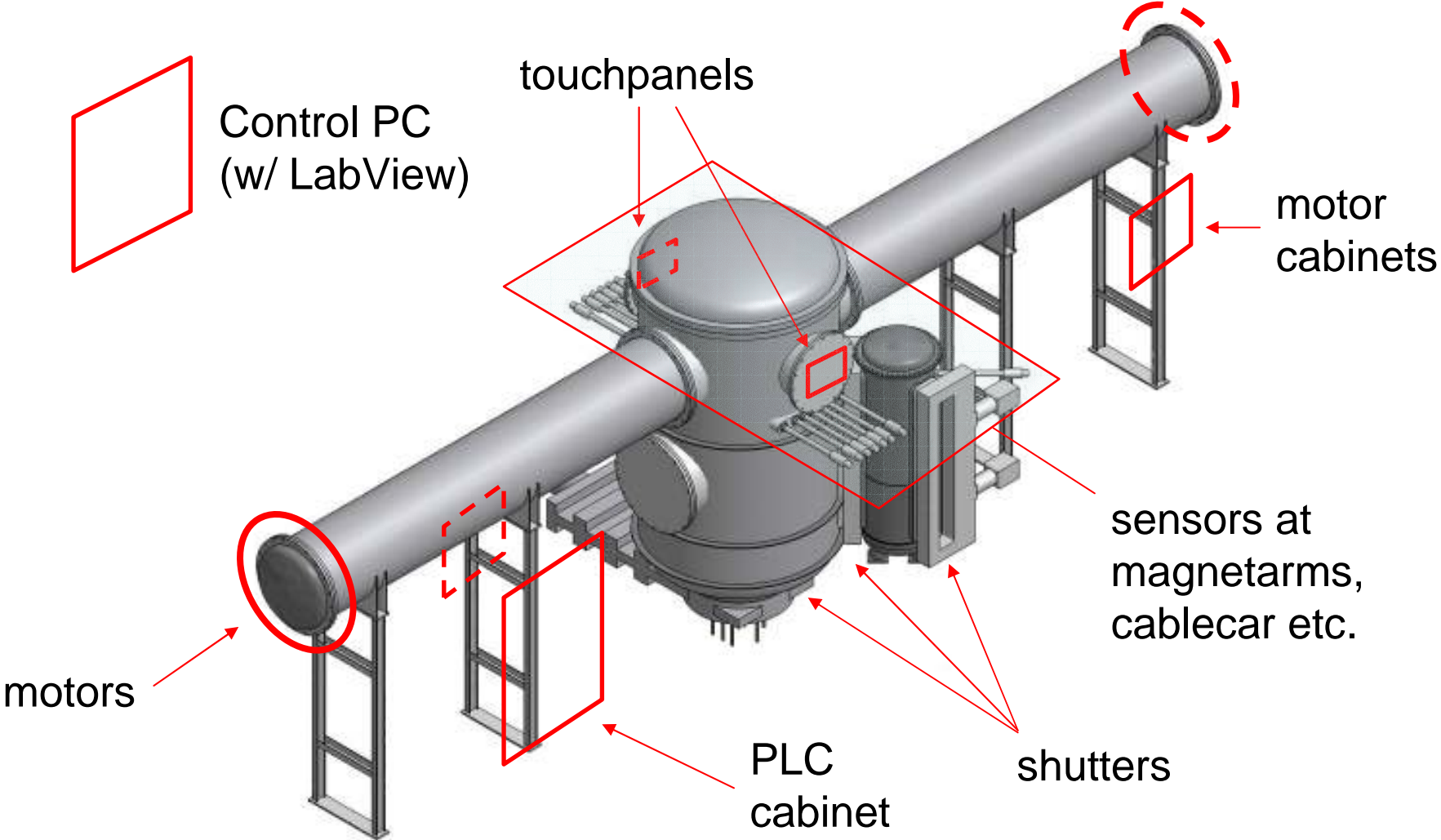


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slow control parts and locations

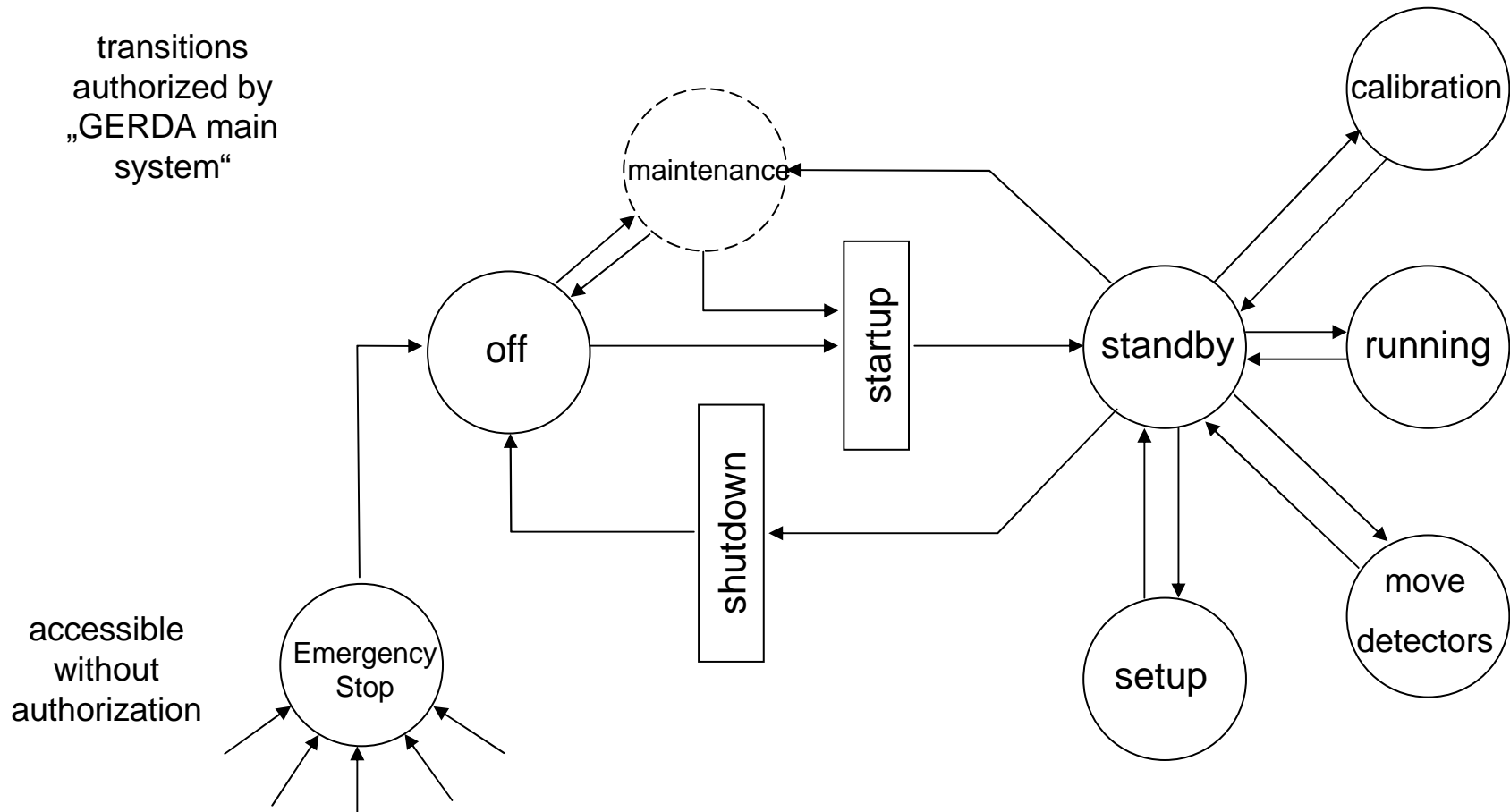
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- **security issues**
  - personnel
    - separate cryostat and clean room (shutters)
  - material
    - smooth detector string movements
    - only controlled shutter movements (prevent lock damage)
- **precise detector string positioning**  
(well defined measurement conditions)
- **clearly structured user interfaces**
  - prevent operating errors
  - quick status overview

# system states

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## state descriptions

off	before startup / after a shutdown
startup	test and adjust lock system sensors and actuators
standby	system ready to switch to running (sensors tested)
move detectors	system controls detector movement
calibration	experiment calibration (calibration sources)
running	no movements allowed in lock system
shutdown	bring actuators to standard position, switching off
setup	change standard system parameters (velocity, current, ...)
maintenance	subsystem is decoupled, each single actor can get activated independently (password)
Emergency Stop	immediate shutdown

system states

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## error state descriptions

each system state supports four different error levels

ok ready to operate

warning system is working with minor errors

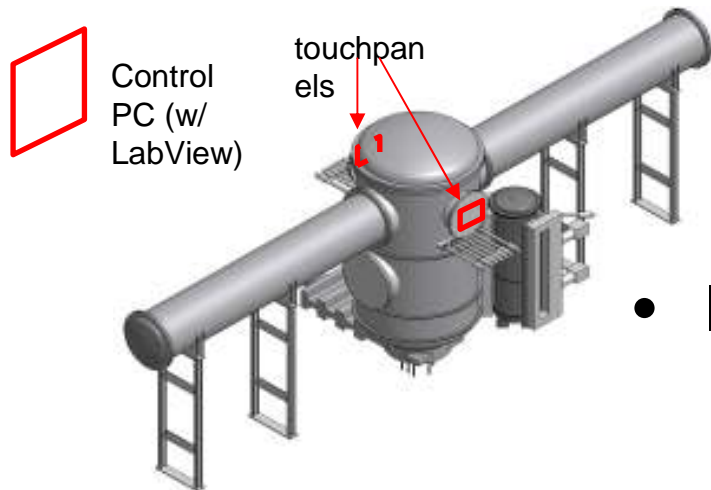
fault system is not working, errors are not dangerous

fatal system is not working, errors ARE dangerous

user interface

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## overview control panels

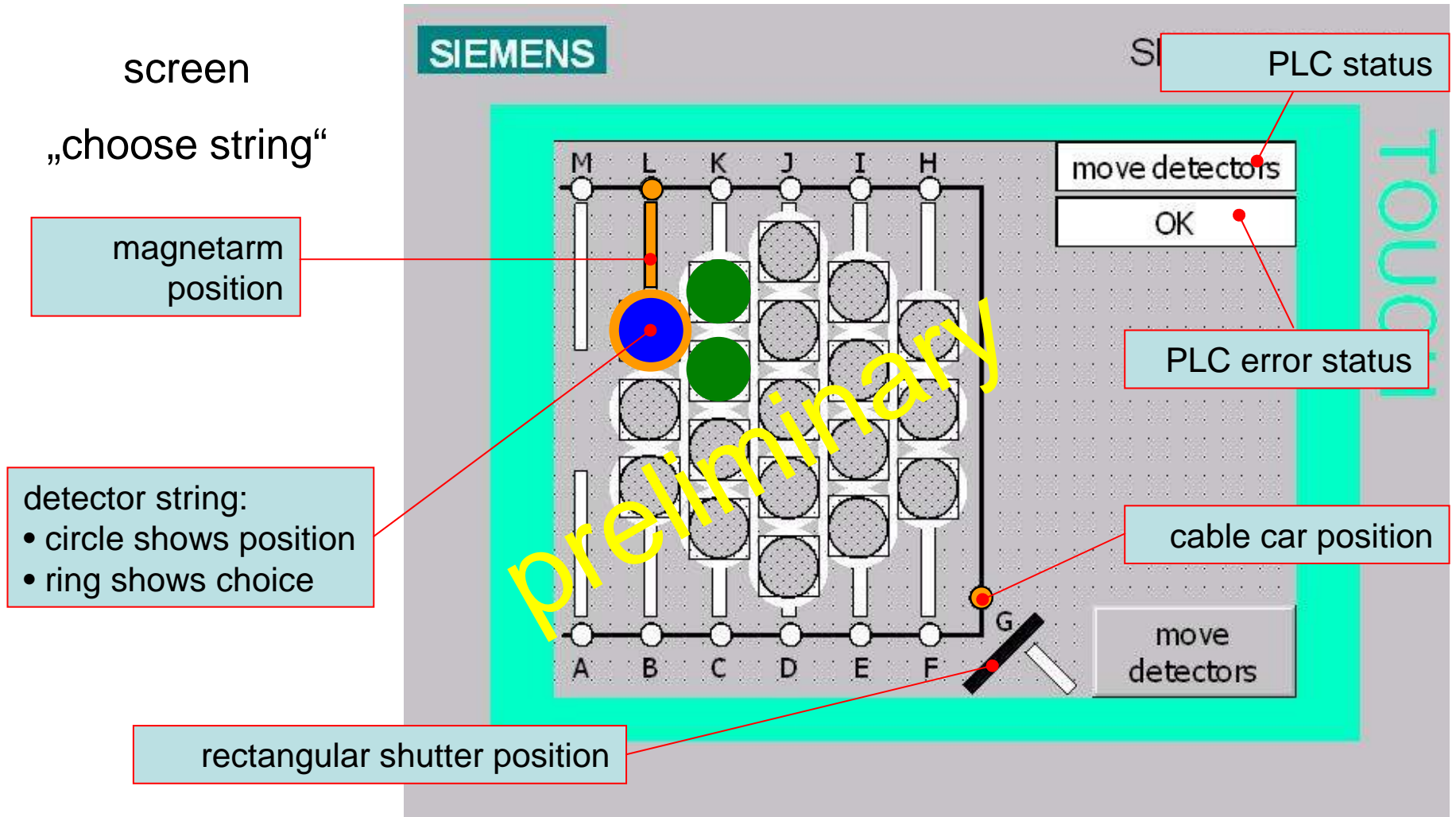


- lock system control (LabView-PC)
  - display and control the whole lock system
- touchpanels
  - display the rail system by the related sensors
  - motor control (lift and lower detectors)



user interface

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SIEMENS SIMATIC PANEL TOUCH

detector position

move detectors  
OK

0000 position [mm]  
0000 LAr [mm]  
0000 Array top [mm]  
0000 Array end [mm]  
00 speed [cm/min]

main screen

back

array

operate motors

position cryostat shutter

overview „choose string“

„move string“

screen

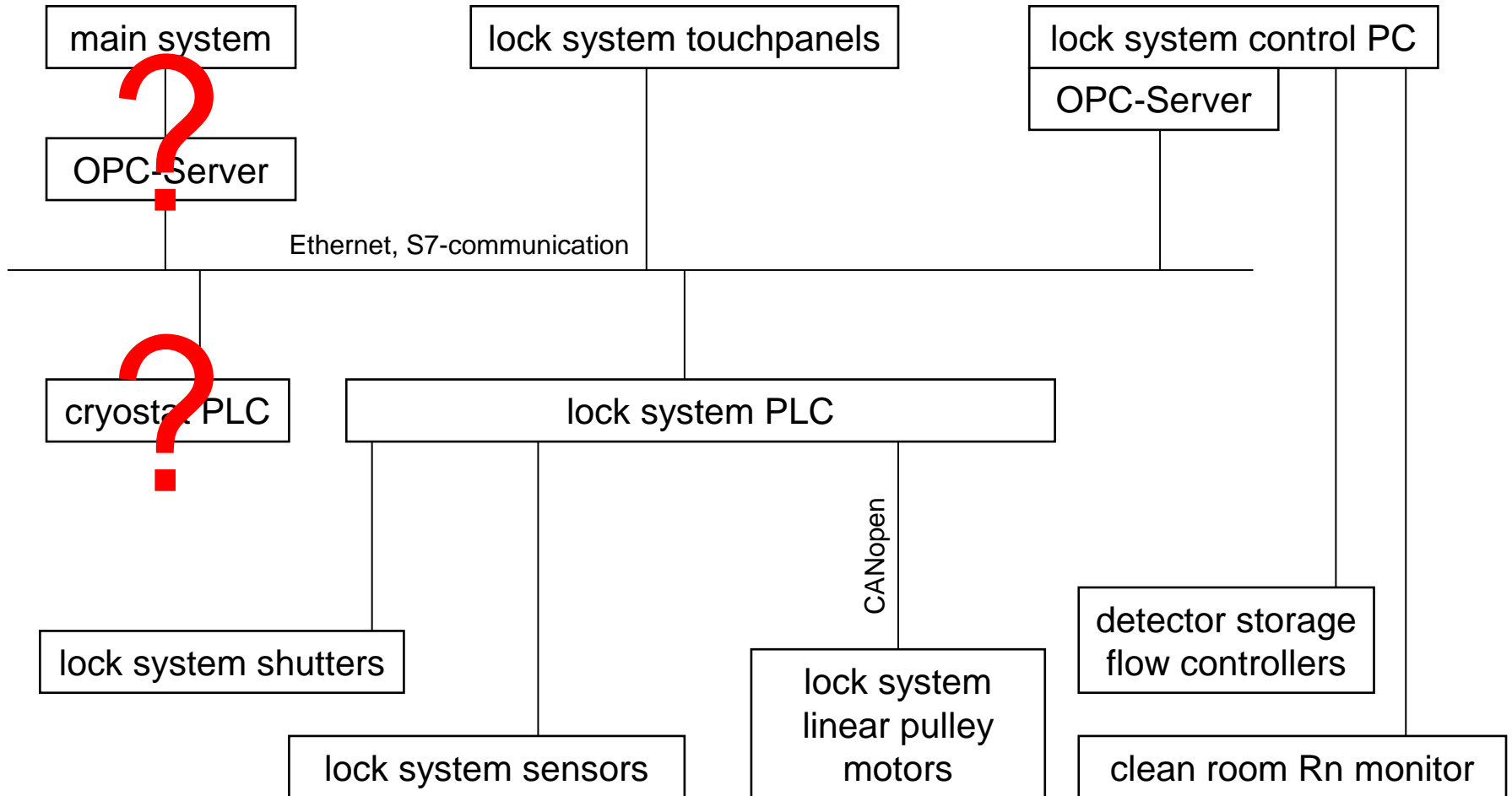
Up  
STOP  
Down

M L K J I H  
A B C D E F G

preliminary

# communication

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## communication interfaces

- cryostat slow control (still defining)
  - protocol: S7 communication on ethernet
  - variables
    - PLC status, PLC error status
    - cryostat shutter open / closed
    - lock purging valves open / closed
    - more valve states, pressures, temperatures...
- slow control main system (suggestion)
  - protocol: OPC - S7 communication on ethernet
  - variables
    - PLC status, PLC error status
    - state transition request / authorization
    - detector positions, pressures, shutter states...

next steps

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- define interfaces
- wiring
- program PLC
- program touchpanels
- program LabView PC
- test programs
- definition / tests of precise movement parameters
  - immersion speed
  - motor currents
  - cable warming time (for detector upward movements)
  - ...

## conclusion

- control concept is worked out
- system interfaces are partly defined
- main hardware parts are delivered
- basic control tests are successful

→ lock system slow control is on the way