

The Isolde Control System - Status Report

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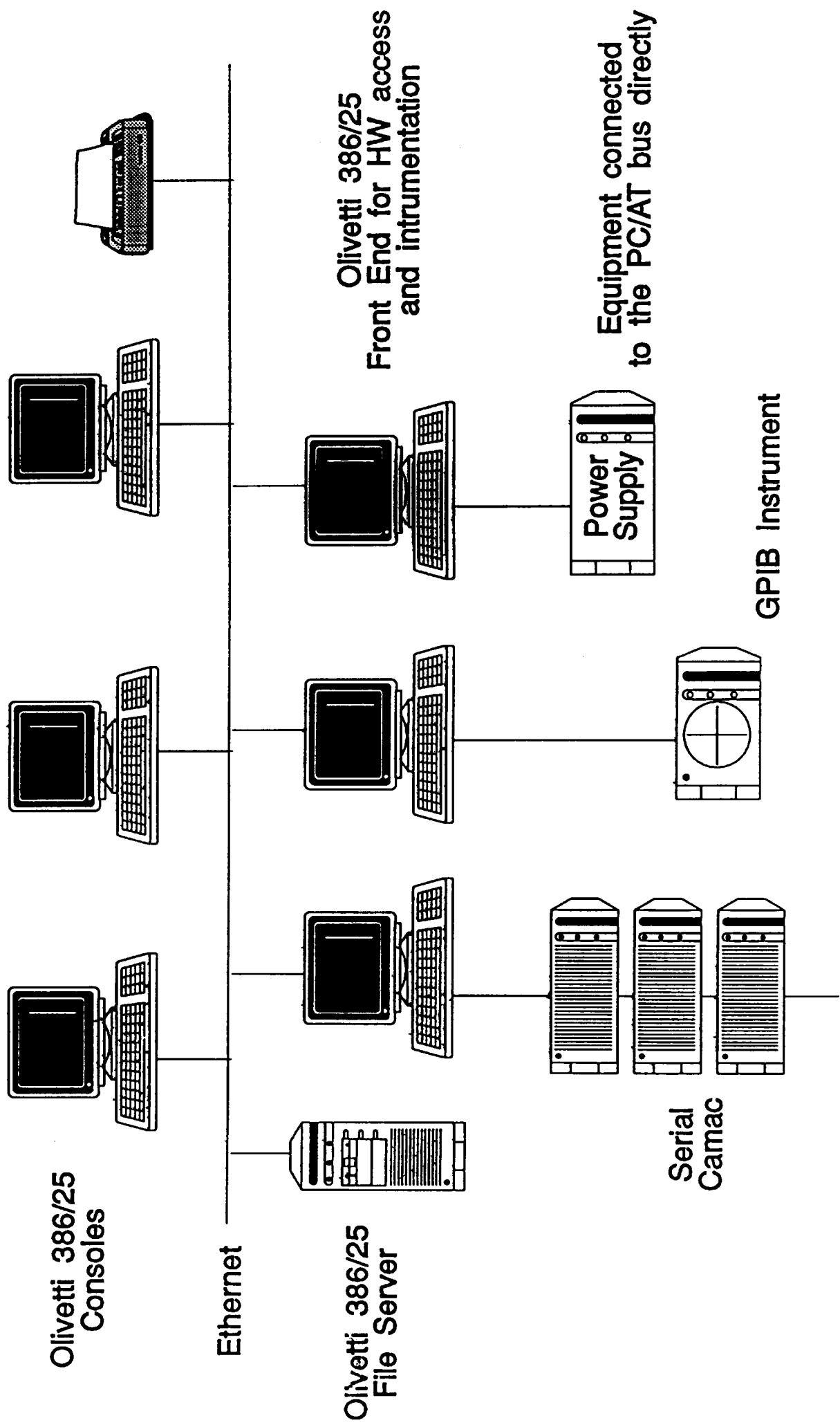
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The Isolde Control System Architecture



Isolde Numbers

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- 1794 Control channels
- 3 buses: Camac, GPIB (instrumentation), PC/AT
- 14 plug-in PC/AT boards
- 8 Front End PCs with Extension chassis
- 3 consoles

Equipment Access

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- High Level access from Consoles in terms of Names and Properties
 - Low Level C Subroutines (Equipment Modules)
 - Element Name interpretation. Front End Computer name and Equipment Module name resolution. Remote Procedure Call hidden and entirely handled by the control system
- Example, from Nodal, you type:
- ```
set rpo("GPS.QP180","CCV") = 23.5
and this will call, in the correct FEC
D_pow(17, "CCV", -1, 23.4)
With the correct Equipment Number.
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## Characteristics

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## High Level Development Tools

- Interactive Edit-Compile-Link-Debug process as if C was interpreted.
- While editing, context sensitive hypertext documentation that includes C reference and programs examples
- Dynamic Link
- Incremental Link and Compile
- Dialog Editor, Pixman and Icon Editor, Font Editor ....

## Characteristics

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## Integrated in the Office Network

- Databases and Documentation available from PC and Macintoshes
- Statistics, Logbook
- Allow development from the offices
- In the user's culture
- Avoid proliferation of different computer types and operating systems.

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## Tools

- User Interface: Microsoft Windows
- Documentation: Microsoft Word
- Database: Microsoft Excel
- Applications: Excel, Word, Nodal for Windows, Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit
- Front End Development: Microsoft Quick C

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## Characteristics

### Uniform and Simple

- Global View
- Entirely mastered by all persons involved
- Professional skills not necessary: Physicists and equipment responsibles can write programs after very little training
- Quick Development

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## Characteristics

and .....

- Fast (20-30 ms Network Equipment access)
- Cheap
- European (Philips, Olivetti, Thompson, Siemens)
- ... 10-15 Million unit/year, Wide software offer, performances increasing x2 per year, competitive market, Wide offer of add-on boards, World wide standard, binary compatibility, documentation .....

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## Conclusion

- Promising Experience
- Useful exchange of Ideas between MS Windows and OSF Motif
- Certainly interesting for "small" systems

