



Technology, Productivity and Information on P&H Mining Equipment

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Where are we coming from?

A little over 5 years ago:

- **Analog electronic motion controls**
- **Simple PLC systems for logic and sequencing**
- **Simple fault message displays**
- **Only communications link: Dispatch[®] system to send truck from shovel**



Today--after Technology Changes: Drives

- **Full microprocessor control on both armature and field, continuous interactive operation for optimal cycling**
- **Retrofit applications: between 2 and 6 second cycle time reductions**
- **New machines: move 115 tons in fastest available time**



New Machine Digital Drive Control Cabinet



- Armature, field, and RPC controls
- PLC
- Built-in GUI for troubleshooting PLC and drives

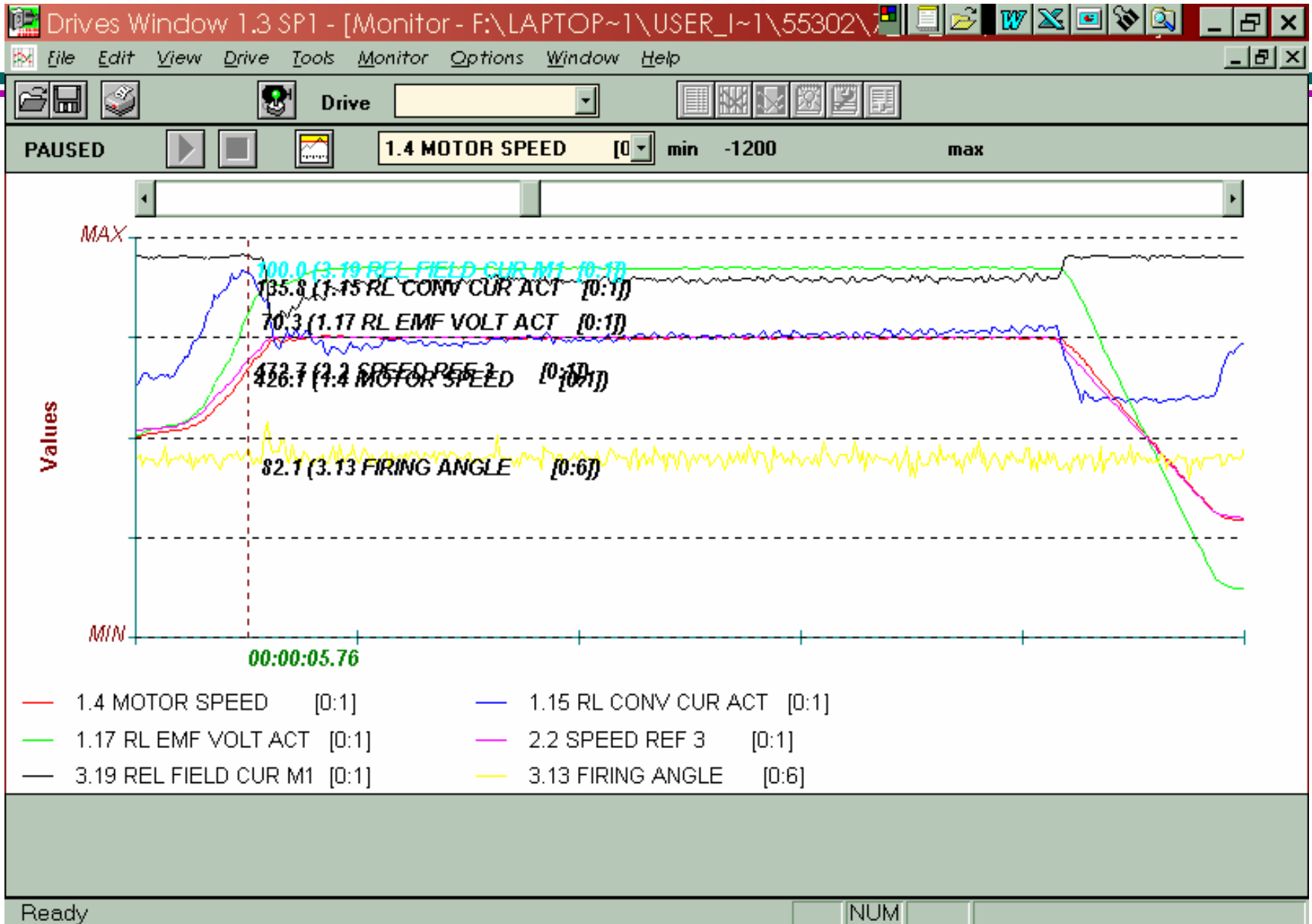


Today--after Technology Changes

- **PLCs with extensive machine limit systems and protectives**
- **Diagnostics available for temperatures**
- **Drive faults diagnostics built-in**
- **Color touch-screen operator and maintenance HMI units**
 - » **on-line help, built-in troubleshooting aids reduce downtime**



Drive Monitor



PLC Equipment

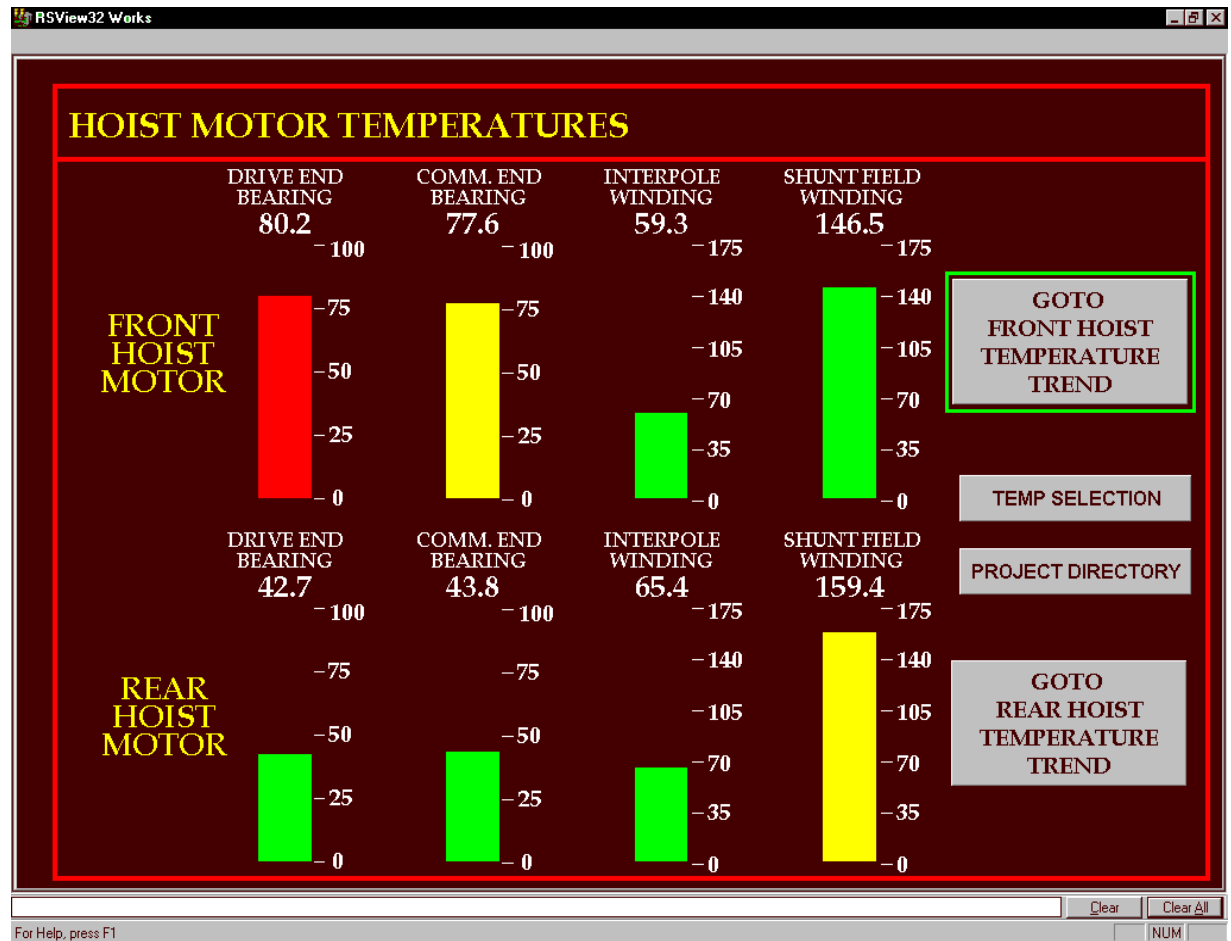


- **PLC processor**
- **Appropriate I/O--rack style or Flex**
- **Interface to drives**
- **Interface to OAP**



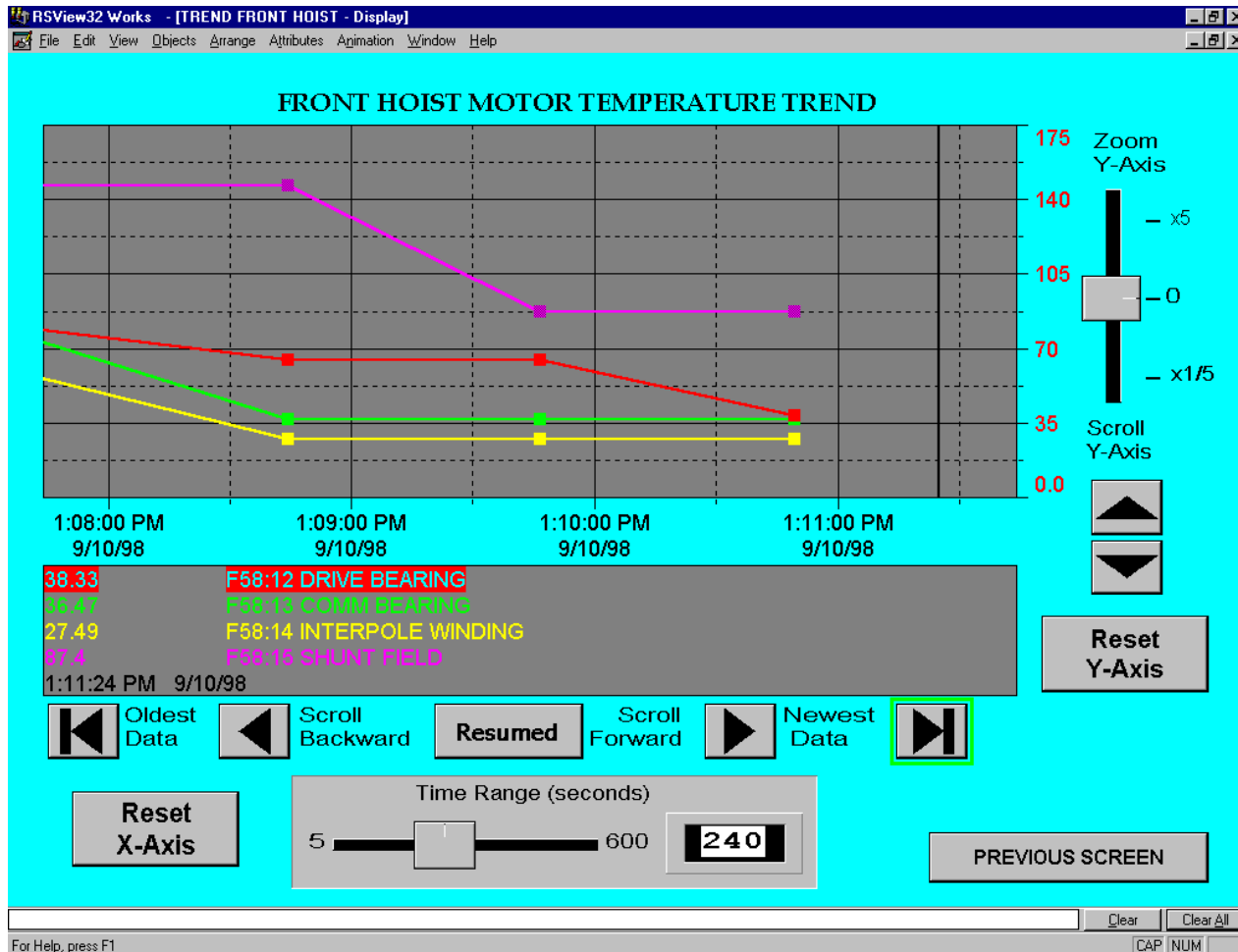
Temperature Display

- All new motors equipped with four RTDs
 - » Drive End Bearing
 - » Opposite Drive End Bearing
 - » Main Field coil
 - » Interpole



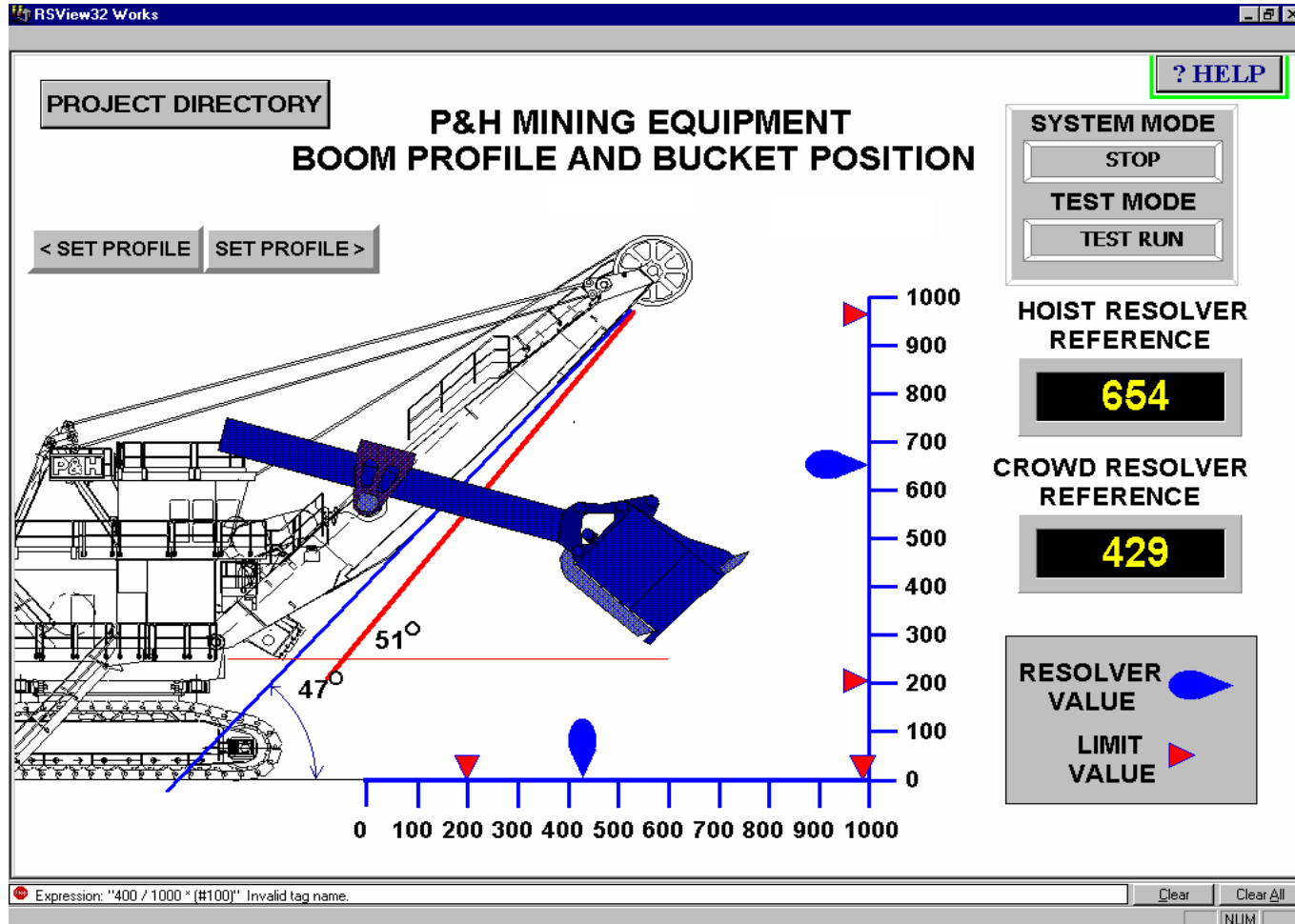


Temperature Trending

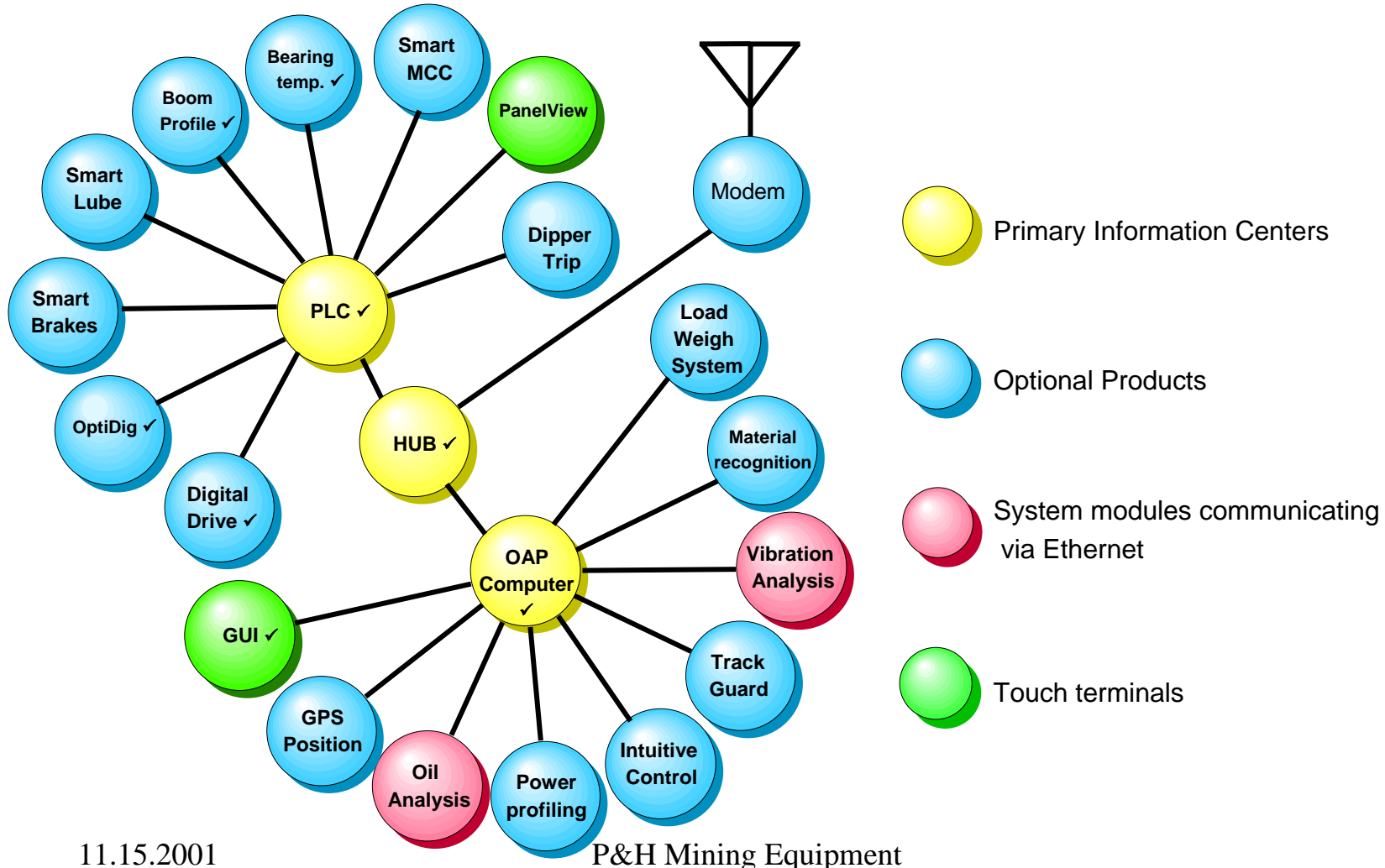




Motion Limits and Boom Protection



Integrating Technology



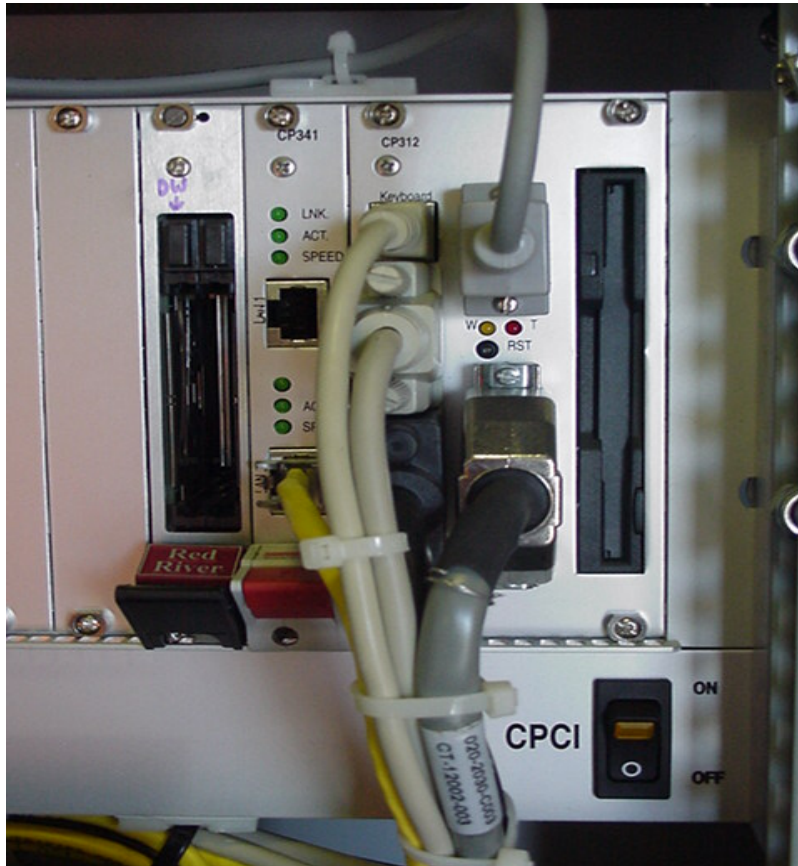


Today--after Technology Changes

- ◆ **Open Architecture Processor (OAP) for data**
 - » adds pre-processing and data collection ability
- ◆ **On-board, on-the-fly payload weighing**
- ◆ **Ability to send data off-board**
 - ◆ = *optional*



Open Architecture Processor



- Allows high speed data processing independent of critical machine control
- Access to other mine systems via ethernet connection



Replacing

“on-off” sensors with transducers

- **Allows more flexible response to changing conditions**
- **Resistance Temperature Detectors (RTDs) vs. temperature switches**
- **Pressure transducers vs. switches for air and lube pressure**
- **Resolvers vs. limit switches for position, e.g. Automatic Boom Soft Setdown (ABSS)**
- **Transducer vs. no sensor for Lube Level**



Lube level transducers





Transducers generate more data flow

- **Transducers vs. on-off switches**
 - » *words of data* vs. one single bit
 - » trending and histories mean *files of words* vs. one single bit
- **What do we do with all this data?**
- **Storing it and transmitting it both have downsides**



More Data

- **Digital Drives and additional PLC functions provide increased information when an alarm or fault occurs**
 - » on-line diagnostics shorten MTTR, but generate more data
- **Additional functionality to assist productivity, e.g. OptiDigtm stall prevention**



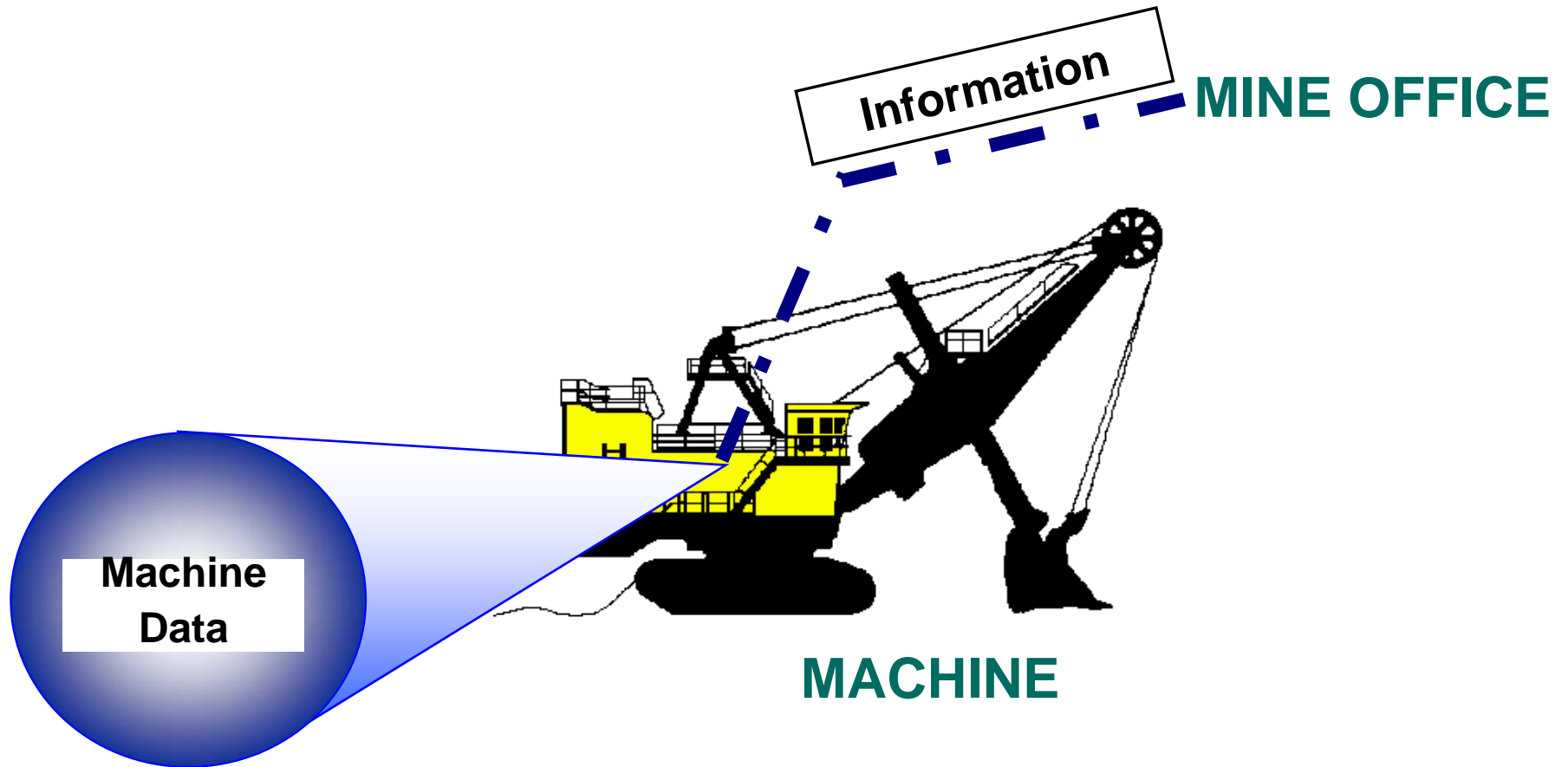
Future Directions

- **Continued work toward on-line predictive diagnostics (vibration data, oil analysis)**
- **More monitoring of machine/operator aspects to balance maximum productivity against increased maintenance, e.g. OptiDigtm, Track Guardtm**
- **Work on Smart Brakes and Smart Motor Control Centers**

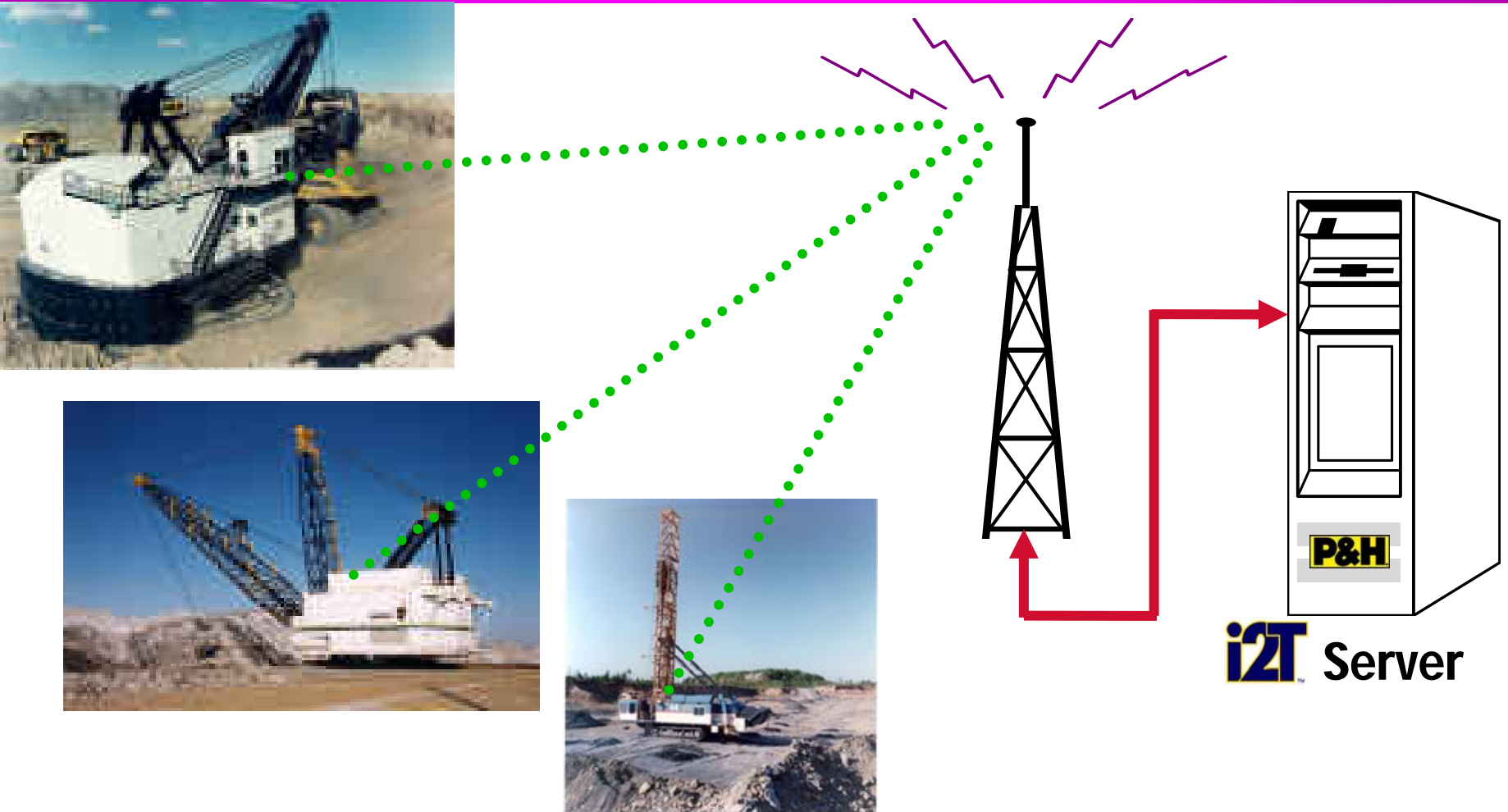
Future Directions - cont'd

- **Work on adaptive controls for drives taking into account :**
 - » power system conditions
 - » material changes
- **All of these have data flow implications!**

Remote Communications



Link to Server



Integrating Information

- Linking information - - i2T Remote Communications
 - ✦ Internal to machine
 - ✦ Machine to Mine Office
 - ✦ Mine Office to internal LAN, P&H, . . .
- Common platform for:
 - ✦ Multiple options (LWS, Remote Communications, . . .)
 - ✦ Universal solution to Shovels, Draglines, Drills



How do we move data off-board?



“Push” vs. “Pull”

- **P&H i2T approach has been to “pull” data off-board from on-board**
- **Only transmit specifically requested data**
- **Requires person at off-board side to request data**
- **Requires separate radio channels due to bandwidth/size of data stream**

“Push” vs. “Pull” (continued)

- **Why not “push” commonly desired data into an off-board database?**
 - » Requires on-board pre-processing
 - » requires a communication pipeline with capacity
- **“Pull” makes sense when dealing with long streams of data**
 - » example: motor currents and voltages, temperature logs, fault information



Mining Information for Multiple Users



- **Management**
- **Production**
- **Mine Planning**
- **Maintenance**
- **P&H (MinePro, Engineering,
Service, Management,...)**
- **...**

Information Challenges

- **Mobile equipment - stationary office**
- **Global communications disparities**
- **Remote locations**
- **Insufficient qualified personnel**
- **Mines do not want several different communications systems--one network should service all pit equipment**

Collaboration

- **Need Industry consensus on data file format.**
- **Mine-specific requirements identified and variations minimized.**
- **Trust.**

Conclusion

- P&H wants to be part of the solution.
- In-pit radio systems are not a P&H core competency.
- i2T Products are a start toward better information management.
- The Industry (Miners, OEM's, 3rd Parties) need to collaborate toward mine-wide integration.
- Mines, however, need to be the drivers!



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