

PETAL LASER

The PETAL laser will be a high energy multi-Petawatt laser beam near Bordeaux (France) :

- ⇒ 500 fs to 10 ps short pulse
- ⇒ few kJ compressed energy

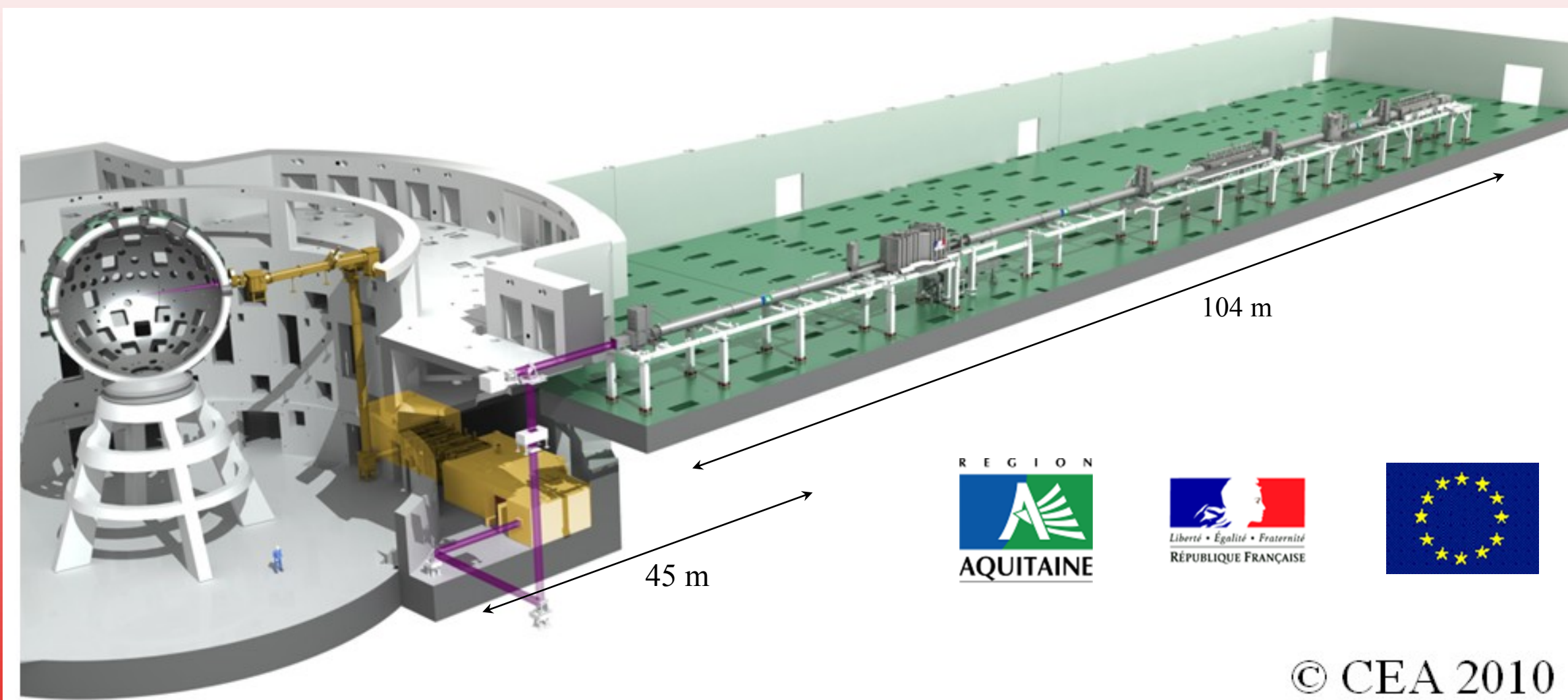


PETAL is installed in the building of the Laser MegaJoule facility.

PETAL Project



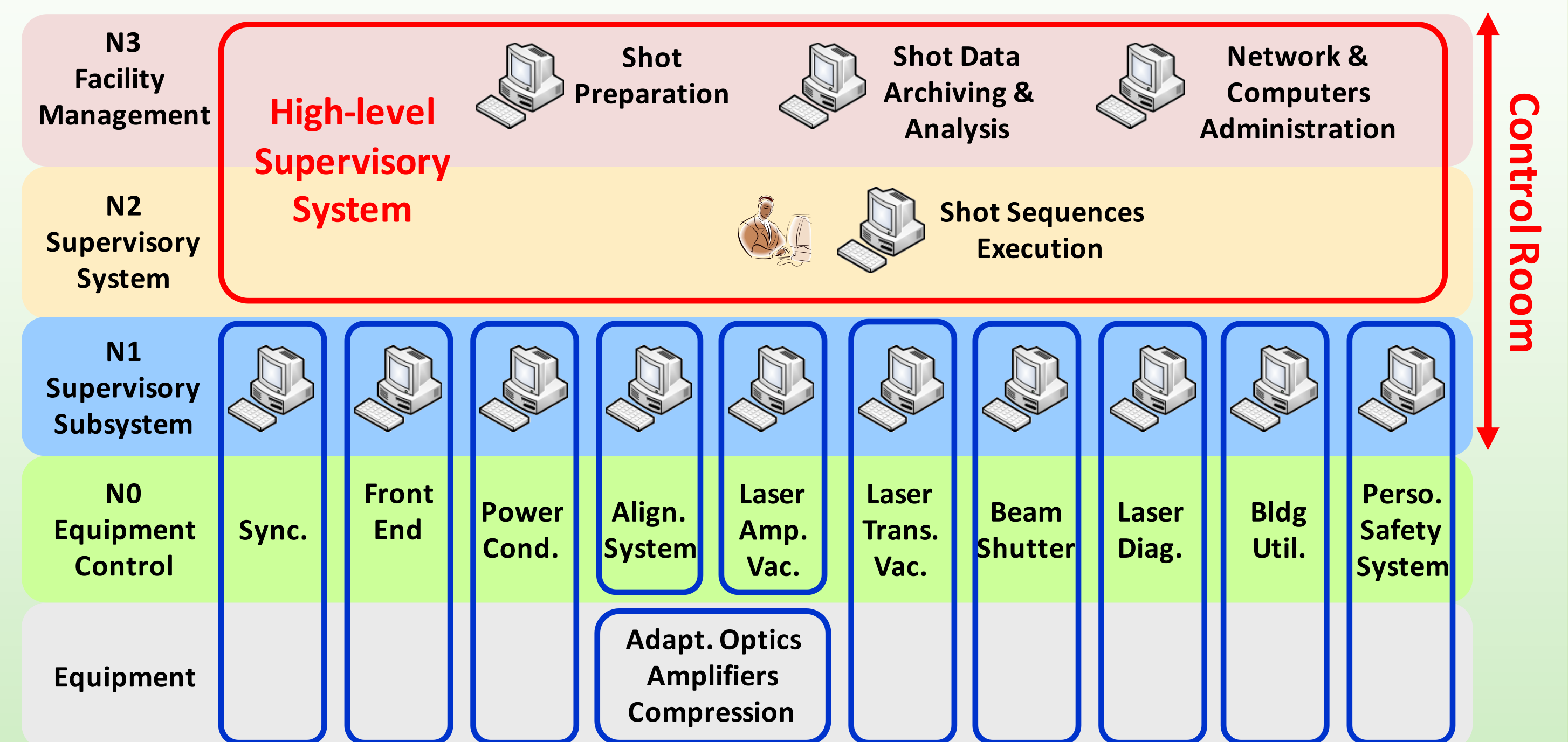
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Control System Architecture

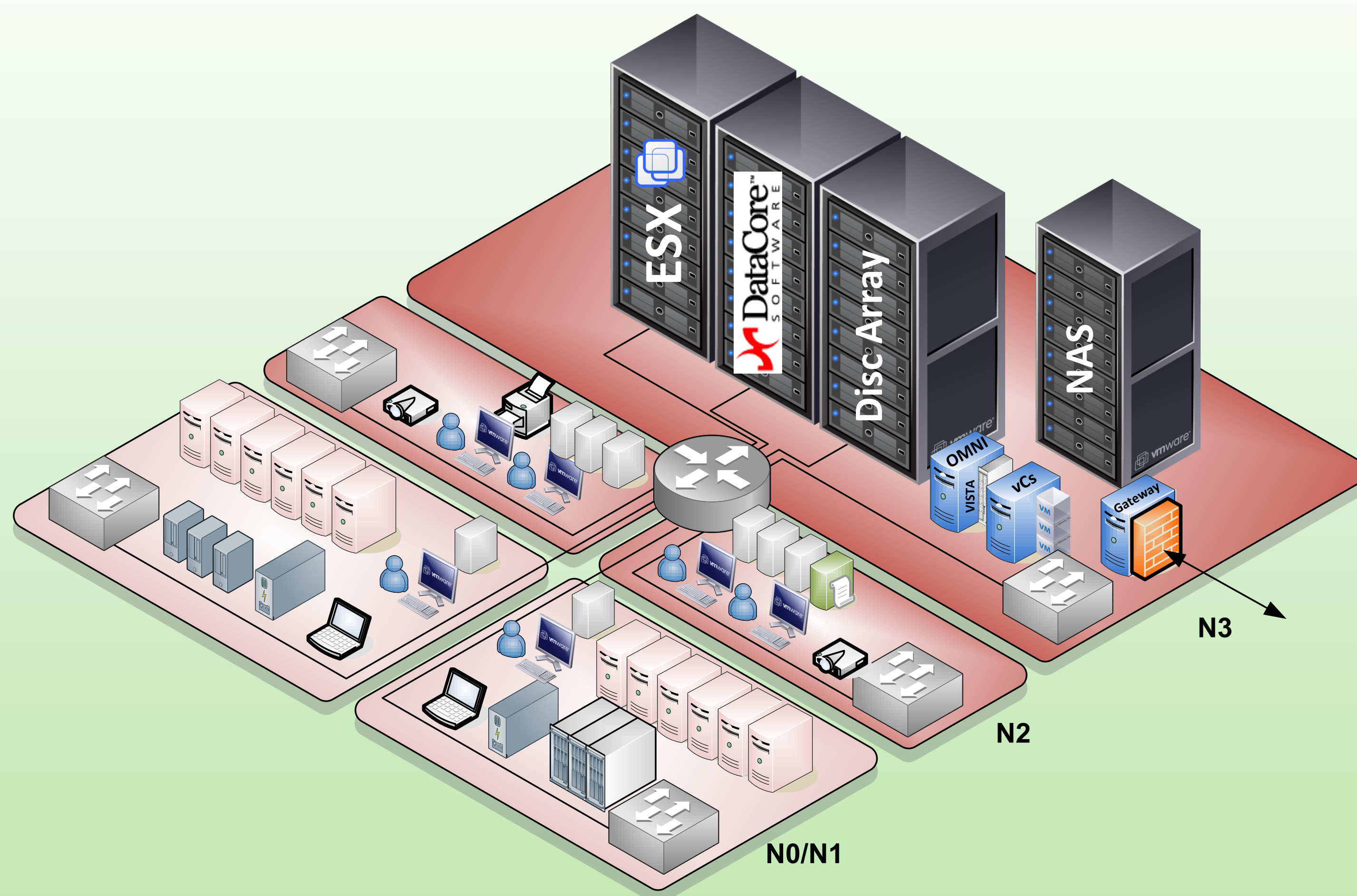
PETAL's control system is distributed on a pyramid of 4 layers



The N1 and N0 layer is divided into 10 major subsystems, corresponding to the main functions of the beam's control system. The Shot Sequences Execution controls the states of each subsystem to lead to the shot.

PETAL Infrastructure

All the N1, N2 and N3 layers are virtualized using VMware and DataCore solutions. N3, N2 layers and each subsystem (N1, N0) are localized on a VLAN linked to the central backbone.

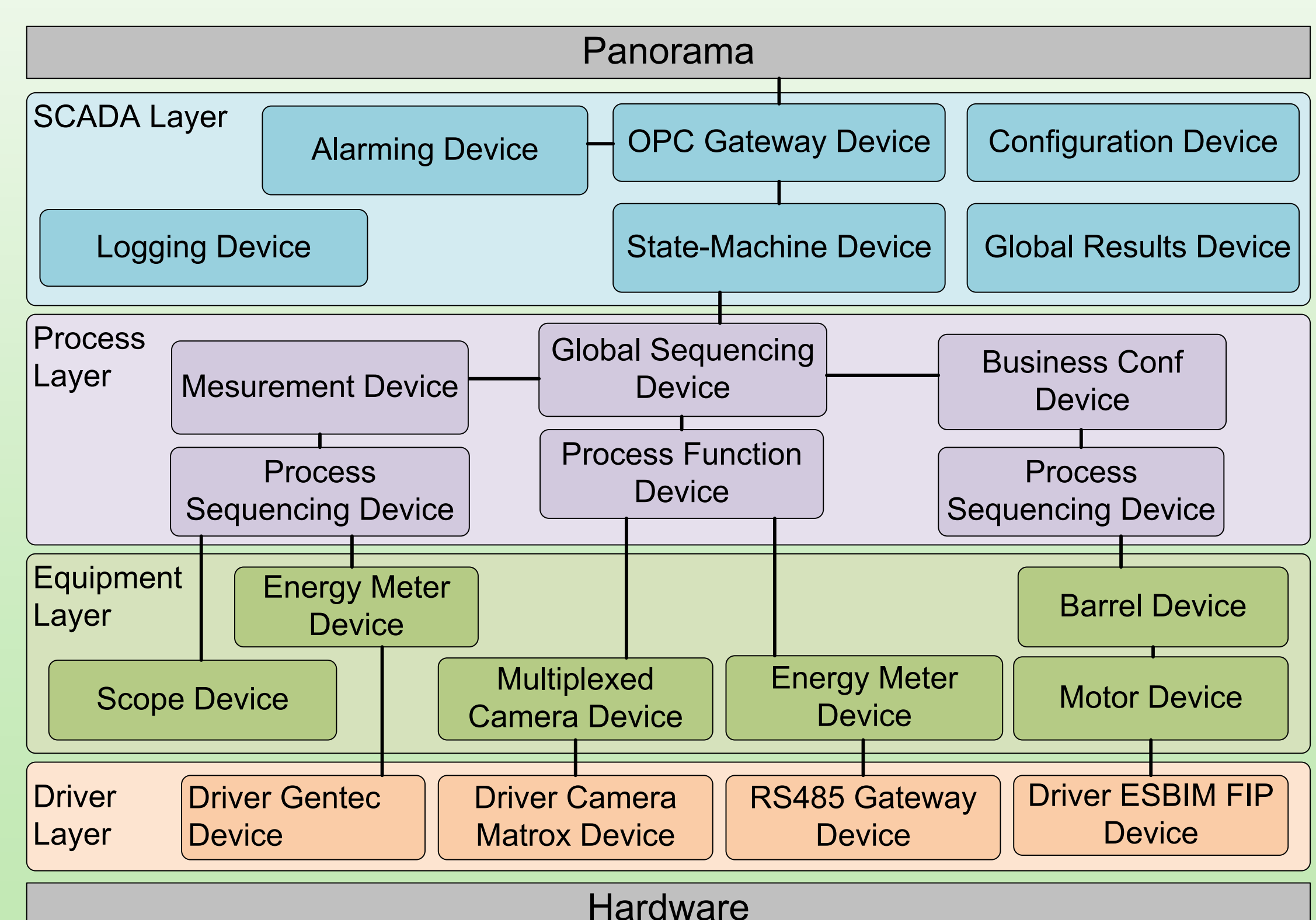


PETAL set up two twin plat-forms. The first one is dedicated to operation process, the second to control system integration process.

TANGO-based architecture

The N0 Layer has been built on a 4 layers software TANGO-based architecture with reusable core components written in C++ :

- "SCADA" layer : regroups all the interface, logging and global system state management components
- "Process" layer : regroups components used implement the specific task of each subsystem (use SCXML for the sequence), plugin base system to implement algorithms
- "Equipment" layer : regroups all the components that controls a specific equipment (cameras, motors, barrel wheel)
- "Driver" layer : regroups components that allows access to a shared resource (RS485 modbus gateway, specific control card for AON input and output cards)



Specific behaviour is externalized in configuration files and through the use of a SCXML sequences files.