

# Target Operator Duties

Here are your 5 duties: **Maintain Polarization, Maintain Cryogenics, Move Target, Respond to Alarms, Log Everything.**

- Your first task on shift is to talk to the outgoing target operator and read the Fermilab elog! ([https://dbweb8.fnal.gov:8443/ECL/spin\\_quest/U/login](https://dbweb8.fnal.gov:8443/ECL/spin_quest/U/login)) Find out the following.
  - What target are we on?
    - What is the calibration constant and baseline we are using?
    - What is the encoder position for that target?
    - What frequency has provided the best polarization?
  - What alarms have occurred? How have they been addressed?
  - Is anything else different about the target today?

Next make sure all the necessary control screens are up. You should have PDP, the Cryo Controls, strip charts, and the alarm handler accessible.

## Maintain Polarization

A good microwave frequency for the material will change as the material acquires dose. Thus the target operator is required to pay constant attention to the time evolution of the polarization and the microwave frequency.

## NMR

- The NMR system is how we monitor the polarization. Read the [PDP overview](#) for a tour of the software we use for NMR.
- "Take Data" to run the NMR, and hit "DC Convert" when you need to recenter the signal.



## Microwaves

- The output frequency of the microwave is automatically controlled by the microwave VI. It takes the real-time polarization data recorded by the PDP via "Data input file".

- Call the target expert if
  - The microwave VI shows any error, which is usually marked with red color.
  - The polarization is going down continuously for longer than 5 minutes.

### User Interface of Microwave VI

The screenshot shows a complex software interface with several panels:

- Communication setup:** Includes a COM Port dropdown, a 'STOP COMMUNICATION' button, and a 'Debug mode' button.
- Manual motor control:** Features input fields for Step size (rev), Step size (GHz), Velocity (rev/sec), and Frequency to seek (GHz), along with 'Move up', 'Move down', and 'Goto' buttons.
- Motor information:** Displays Motor time (sec), Motor Encoder Readback (V), and Frequency (calculated, GHz).
- Motor alarm (error):** Shows an Alarm code (0x00) and a warning to consult the manual.
- Automatic control:** Includes 'Automatic mode on/off', 'Advanced Config', and 'Seek positive polarization' options, along with status indicators for Samples taken, Eventnum, Polarization, and Rate.
- Frequency calibration:** Contains 'Home', 'Mapping', and 'Record' buttons, and fields for Home (GHz), Seek Freq (GHz), and EIP Readback.
- Configuration backup/restore:** Provides 'Save configuration to file' and 'Restore configuration from file' buttons.
- Power (mW):** Shows 'New power (mW)' and 'Width (GHz)' settings, with an 'Add power reading' button.
- Seek bounds:** Includes 'Negative seek bounds', 'Positive seek bounds', and 'Home frequency' sections with minimum and maximum values.
- Polarization switch:** Features a 'Polarization switch countdown' set to 'Disabled' and a 'Polarization seek' button.

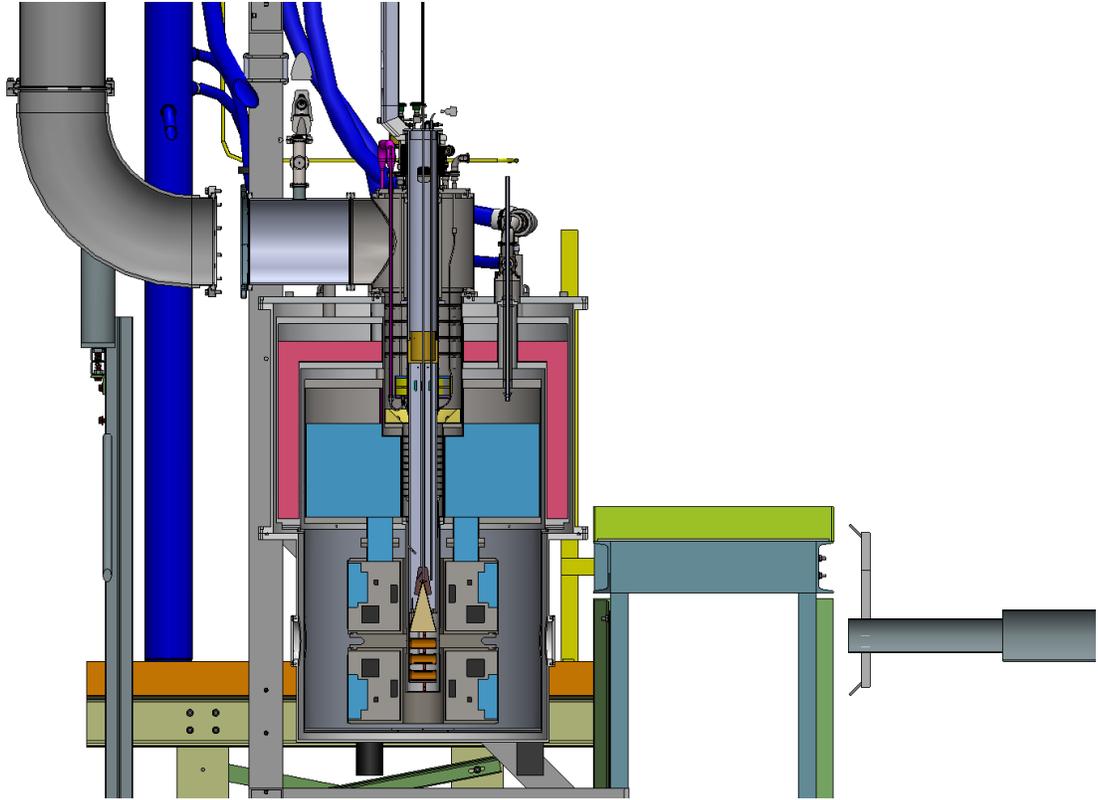
### Example of Polarization vs Time

The graph displays a linear increase in polarization over a one-minute period. The data points are as follows:

Time	Polarization
22:42:37	0.05
22:43:37	0.65

Maintain Cryogenics

The cryogenics are maintained by automatic PID loops. Your job is generally to monitor these loops and step in if they fail.



## Nose Level

- Keeping the Liquid Helium above the targets is crucial.
  - If the level drops below a target cup, the polarization will drop to zero!
  - With both the beam and microwaves on, there is a large heat load evaporating helium.
- A PID loop should automatically adjust the run and separator valves to maintain appropriate levels.
  - If the PID loop is not working, it is your job to adjust the run and separator valves to keep the target running.
  - If the liquid level probe is not working, you can use the platinum resistors readings in PDP.
- Use the flows out of the fridge to anticipate changes in liquid level.
  - The **separator flow** (FI91127) is usually good around 5-10.
  - The **main flow** (FI91148) will change with the heat load of microwaves and beam. With both on, 20's is good.
  - Keep the separator flow higher than the fridge flow in most cases.
    - These values are guides, and may not always be best for all situations.

## Magnet Liquid Level

- The magnet helium and nitrogen levels are controlled automatically.
- Ensure the levels stay within alarmed levels. If they drop too low or go too high, wait to see if the alarms go away. If they don't contact a target expert.

Space	ID	Low	High	Fill Procedure
Magnet LHe	manifolds Magnet Dewar Level	10%	45%	<a href="https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=9670">https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=9670</a>
Magnet LN2	LL106-N	40%	90%	<a href="https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10337">https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10337</a>

There are 4 levels to watch

- Magnet Helium (LL91111)
- Magnet Nitrogen (LL91110)
- Buffer Dewar Helium (LL91101)
- Nose Level (LL91112)

- Magnet LHe level: This LHe level should always be > 10% during the operational state. Monitor the level and arrange re-fills in a timely manner.  
Note: Maximum level of the magnet is 45% due to the geometrical positioning of the level probe in the magnet.
- Purifier liquid nitrogen (LN2) level: This LN2 level should always be > 50%. Monitor the level and arrange re-fills in a timely manner.
- Storage tank (gHe) pressure: This should be between 40 PSI and 110 PSI.  
If the pressure reaches 110 PSI, then you will need to arrange to vent gHe to the atmosphere.  
Use this procedure: <https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10285>  
If the pressure is reaching 40 PSI, you will need to arrange a re-fill of gHe ahead of time. Please contact Kun Liu for a re-fill.

### QT System

Set of slides with operational settings: [QT\\_Operational\\_Settings.pdf](#)

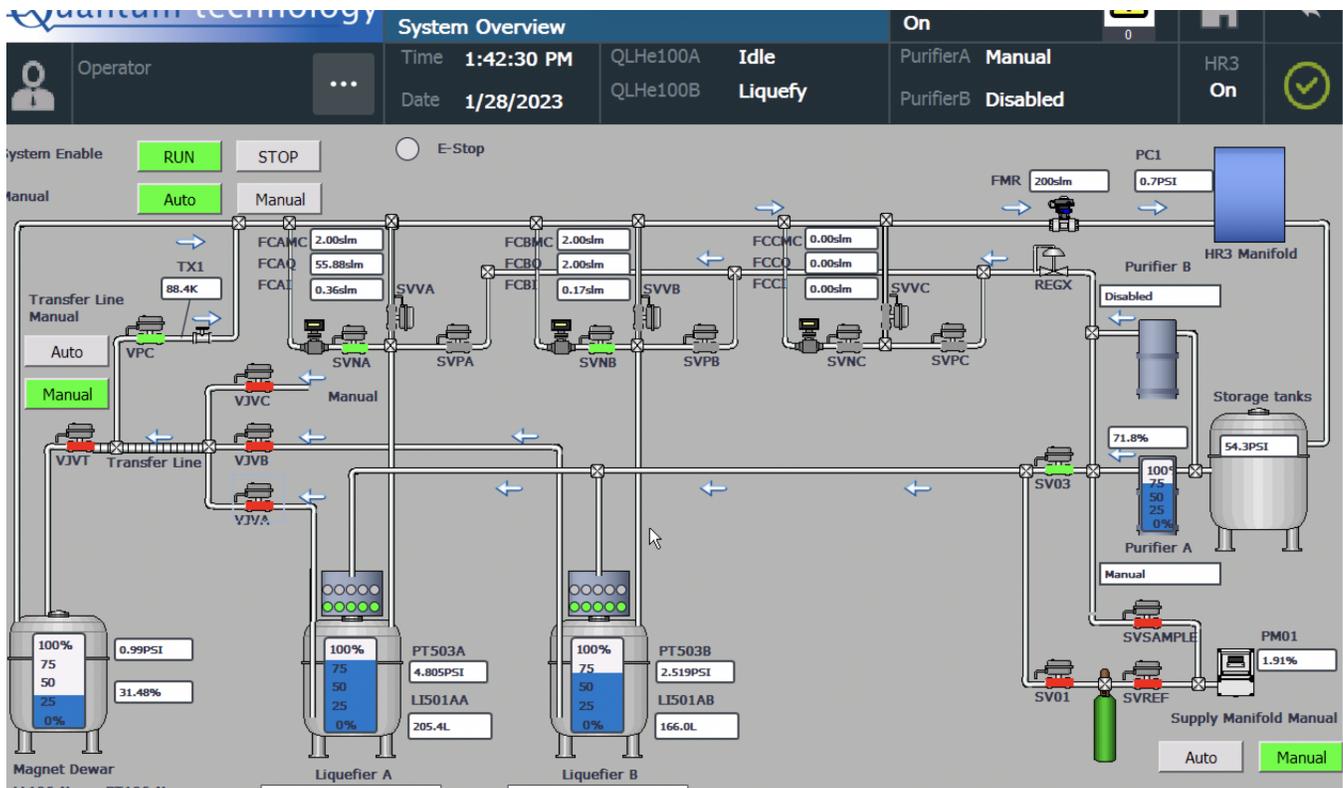
The first thing (on the UVA-QT system) to check is the overall status of the system on QT-HMI, and the main part of the screen is the following.



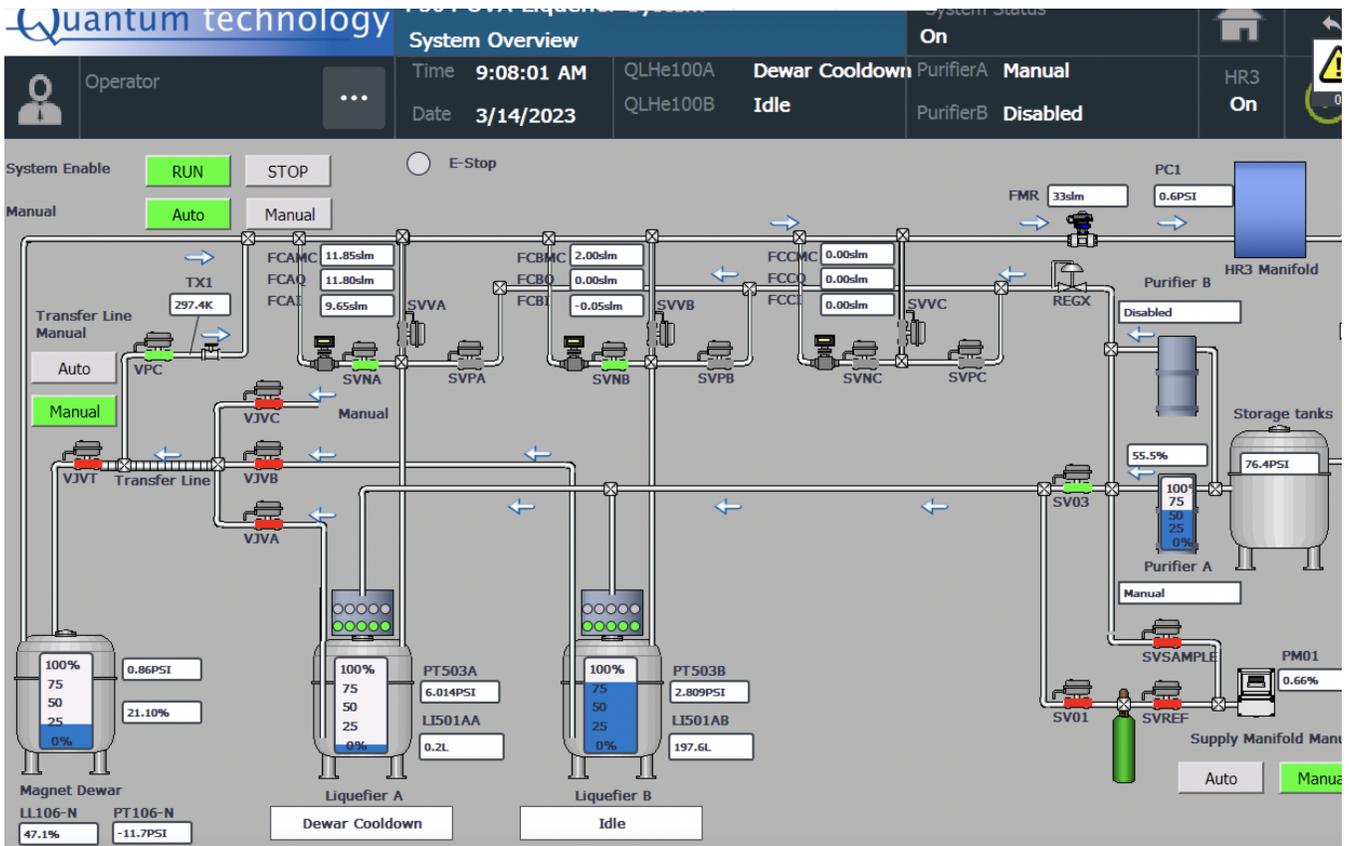
System status: "ON"  
Both Liquefiers: "Liquefy" mode (or could be either "Cooldown" or "Manual" mode depending on the current conditions different from "Liquefying").  
Purifier A: "Manual" mode  
Purifier B: N/A (we don't have a purifier B)  
HR3: "ON" + Green check mark.

If you see "Alarm" on any of those status indicators (in the above picture), then that needs to be addressed/fixd soon.  
If that's the case, coordinate with the Target Expert on shift to fix those.

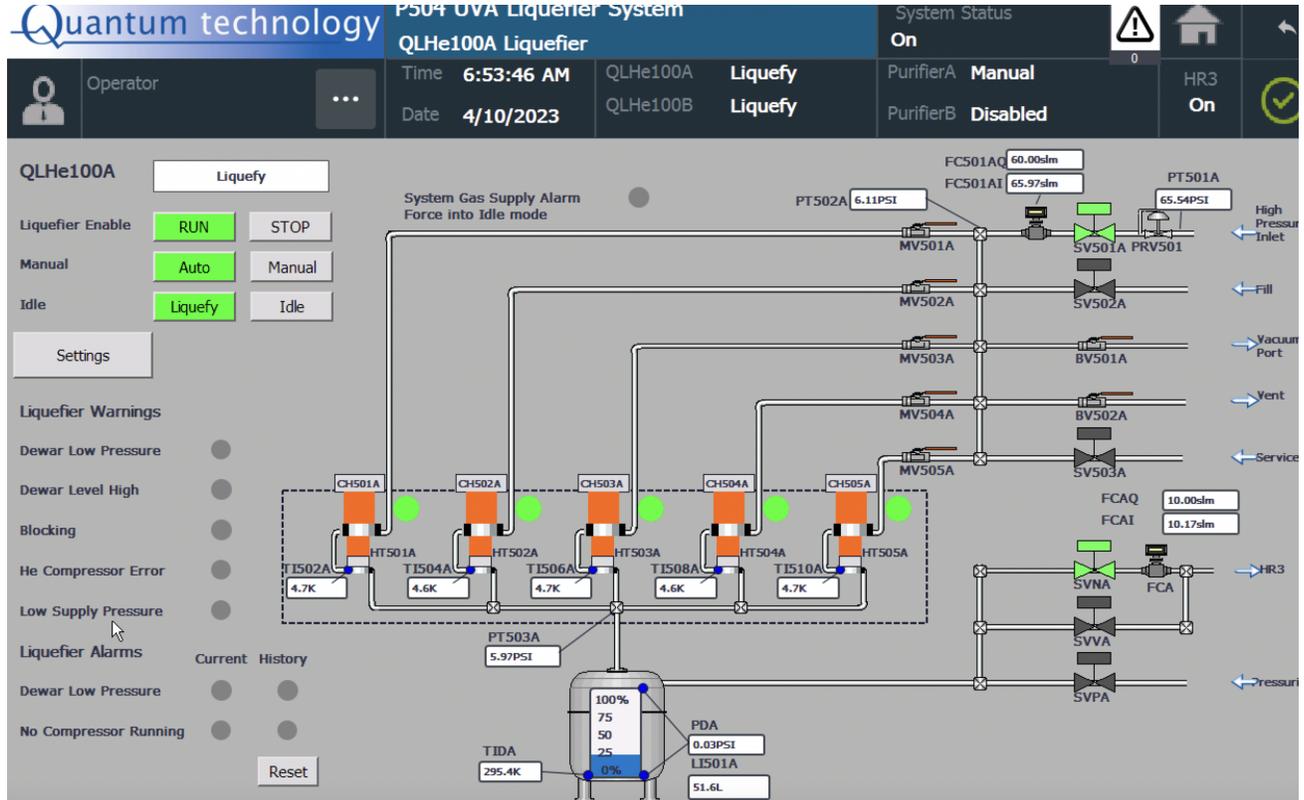
### The overview screen (example)



This example picture illustrates that both Liquefiers are "ON". Liquefier A is in "Idle" mode, whereas Liquefier B is in "Liquefy" mode. ("Idle" mode means, the Liquefier is just holding liquid helium at ~4 K but not producing). Also, you can monitor the LHe, LN2 levels in the magnet, as well as the LN2 level in the purifier as well. Another example image is below.



Check each Liquefier screens (A & B) at least once per hour. A sample operational screen is below.



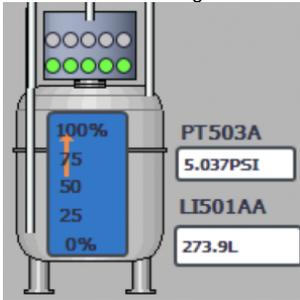
The main components to check on the Liquefier screens are below:

- 1) Mode (top left): Should be Run + Auto + Liquefy mode if it's in the production mode
- 2) Cold head temperatures: Should be around > 3 Kelvin.
- 3) Make sure the Liquefier is producing LHe and the Dewar level keeps increasing (~4L/hr in average)

If you start seeing large frequent fluctuations (similar to the following image).

It may be an indication that the Dewar level sensor tubes are contaminated. Please contact the Target Expert on shift immediately.

Procedure for cleaning the tubes: <https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10401>



- 4) Make sure FC501(A/B)I (actual inlet gHe flow) is close to FC501(A/B)Q (gHe set-flow from PID) (see "Settings" screen to check the set values)
- 5) Make sure FC(A/B)I (actual outlet gHe flow) is close to FC(A/B)Q (gHe outlet set-flow from PID) (see "Settings" screen to check the set values)

In terms of the UVA-QT system maintenance, we need to keep the LN2 levels in the purifier always above 50% for higher production rate.

Fill Procedure	Procedure
Filling LN2 to the purifier (remote: using the outside LN2 tank)	<a href="https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10337">https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10337</a>
Filling LN2 to the purifier (in-person: using a portable LN2 Dewar)	<a href="https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10053">https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=10053</a>

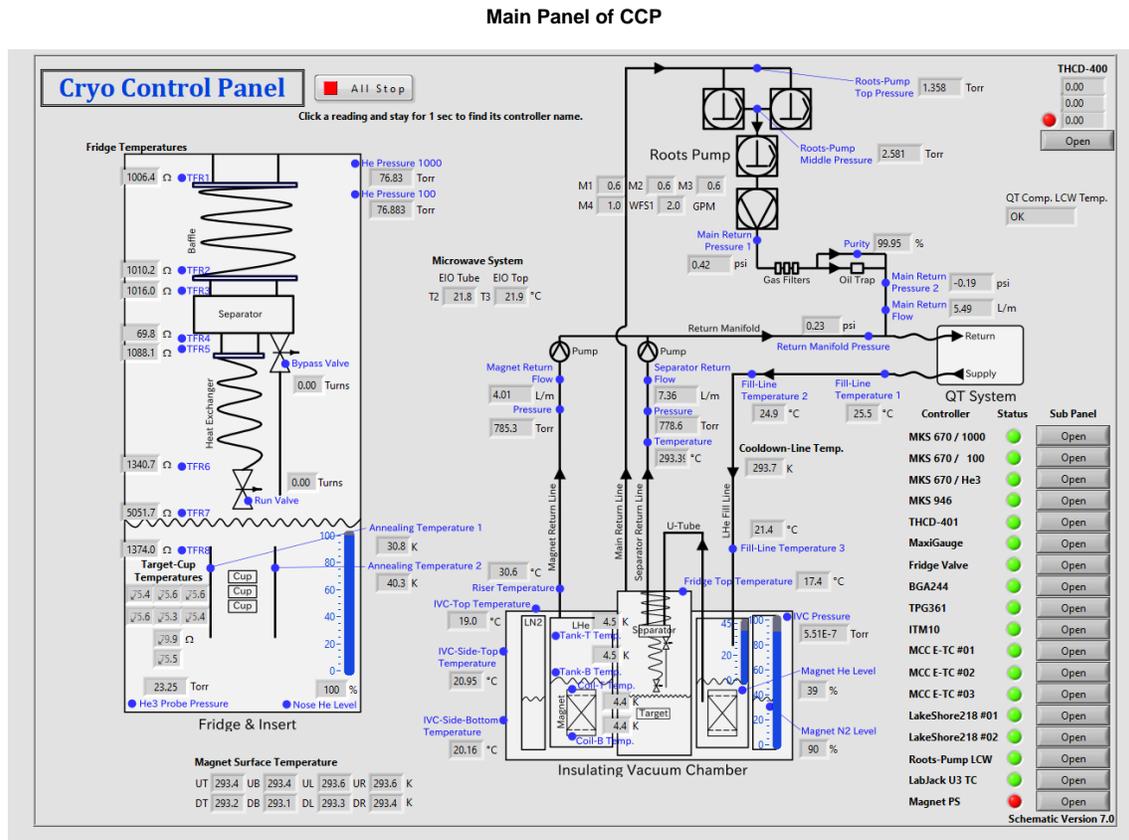
- Liquid helium fill procedure: <https://seaquest-docdb.fnal.gov/cgi-bin/sso/ShowDocument?docid=9670>
  - In the liquid helium fill procedure; we do not need to set the "Dewar Set Pressure" to 3 psi because we swapped out the separator relief valve from 3 psi to 6 psi. So, the separator relief will not happen at 3 psi in the target cave.

## Cryo Control Panel (CCP)

It is a LabVIEW program (VI) that controls and monitors all cryogenic devices (except the QT Liquefier System). It is running on the target computer.

The target operator

- Checks the Main panel of CCP regularly (once every 5 minutes), and
- Call the target expert if any error appears on the Main panel of CCP, which usually marked with red indicator or red background color.



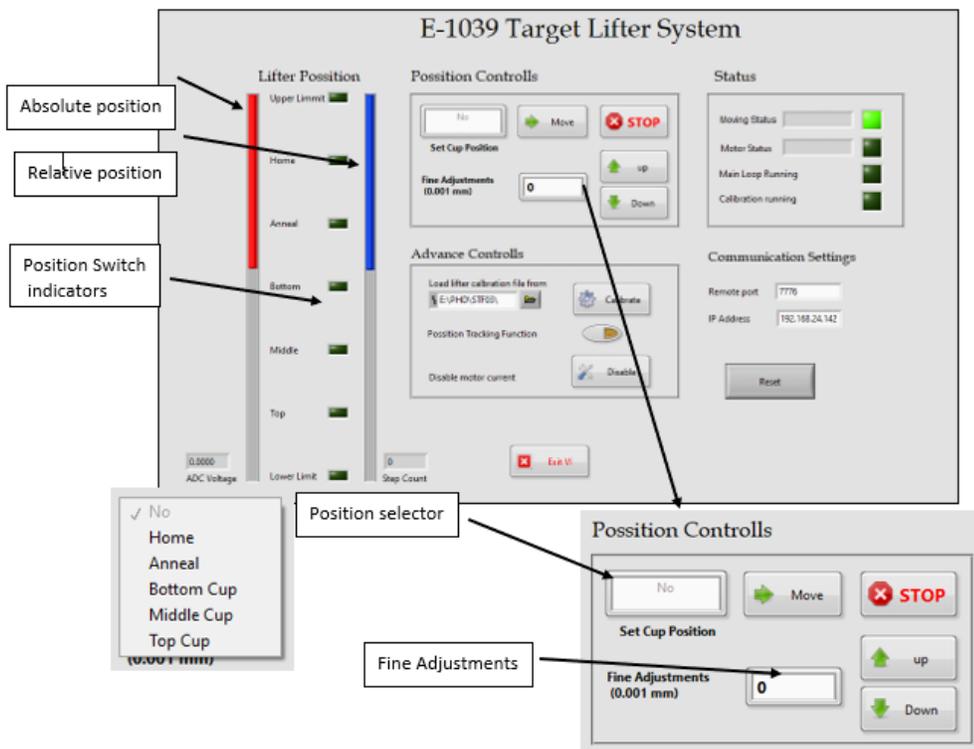
## Move Target

The position of target cells is controlled by moving the target stick via the Target Lifter VI on the target computer. The run coordinator schedules the next target move.

The target operator moves the target at the scheduled time, by following the instructions below. If the Target Lifter VI shows any error or causes any unexpected condition, please call the target expert.

- Confirm that
  - The beam is stopped and
  - The microwave is stopped.
- Make sure what is the destination location (i.e. "home", "annealing", "bottom", "top" or "middle").
- Select the destination label from the drop-down menu in the Target Lifter VI.
- Press "move". Confirm that the red and blue progress bars update accordingly.
- Keep eyes on the corresponding position switch indicator on the VI.
  - It will illuminate and stop the motion by itself.
  - If you see the progress bars update beyond the desired location, press the "STOP" button to stop the motion immediately, and call the target expert.

## User Interface of Target Lifter VI



## Change NMR

There are 2 NMR coils, one in the Top cup, one in the Bottom.

- Set the channel.
- Set the calibration constant.
- Select a baseline.
- Take Data and run DC Convert. Change Gain when needed.

## Check Position

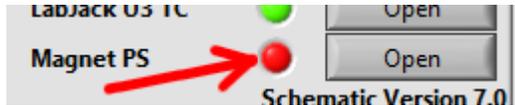
- Check that the beam is hitting the point on the target stick that it is suppose to
- Look at the Slow Raster images. Post them to the halog!
  - Hot spots on the edges of the circle mean beam is crashing into our target cups!
  - Destruction of target cups mean delays, make sure your shift worker is watching the slow raster!

## Respond to Alarms

The target operator responds to all alarms that appear on the QT HMI, the Cryo Control Panel, the Microwave VI, the Target Lifter VI and the PDP. There are two levels of alarms;

- Warning
  - Indicated with yellow color and/or a word "Warning".
  - No immediate action is required to resolve.
  - An elog entry has to be created when it appears for the first time during the shift.
  - Call the target expert if the alarm persists longer than the time specified in the instruction on each alarm.
- Error
  - Indicated with red color and/or a word "Error".

- An immediate action is required, by following the instruction on each alarm.
- Follow the instruction of each alarm type.
- Call the target expert if the alarm does not go away.
- Create an elog entry.



- Example of the error alarm:

An instruction on each alarm can be found in the documentation on the corresponding subsystem page. Call the target expert if you cannot find it.

## Log Everything

After filling the LN2 (liquid Nitrogen) in the purifier, the magnet shield, the LHe (liquid helium) to the Magnet space, and the fridge space should be recorded on the FNAL elog ([https://dbweb8.fnal.gov:8443/ECL/spin\\_quest/U/login](https://dbweb8.fnal.gov:8443/ECL/spin_quest/U/login)). Each filling should be recorded on the FNAL ECL by creating a new Entry under the **Target** category and followed by approved procedures. Some target-related elogs pattern is listed below:

- LN2 filling to the Purifier FNAL Elog:

**Entry Subject:** Filled the purifier using LN2 outside tank

I filled the purifier using the LN2 outside tank, following the procedure on docdb #10337 (by Jordan Bohn).  
 LN2 Tank level = 37 inwc  
 LN2 Purifier = Starting time=15:38, Starting level=63.0%, Finish time=15:59, Finish Level=91.0%

In the above Elog, the Purifier is filled with LN2 using the approved procedure using the outside LN2 tank. Before filling the purifier, look at the LN2 tank manual gauge. For filling the purifier, the LN2 tank should be above 10 inwc. These instructions are listed on the procedure on docdb #10337.



- LN2 filling to the Magnet Shield FNAL Elog:

**Entry Subject:** Filled the magnet shield using LN2 outside tank

I filled the magnet shield using the LN2 outside tank, following the procedure on docdb #10337 (by Jordan Bohn).  
 LN2 Tank level = 30 inwc  
 LN2 Magnet shield= Starting time=16:38, Starting level=55%, Finish time=17:00, Finish Level=91.0%

In the above Elog, the magnet shield is filled with LN2 using the approved procedure using the outside LN2 tank. Before filling the magnet shield, look at the LN2 tank manual gauge. For filling the magnet shield, the LN2 tank should be above 10 inwc. These instructions are listed on the procedure on docdb #10337.

- LHe filling to the fridge space FNAL Elog:

**Entry Subject:** Filled the target fridge with LHe

I filled the target fridge with LHe  
 \* From nose level = 0% at 15:01  
 \* To Heat-Ex Top at 16:13.

Before filling the fridge space with LHe, we do not need to manually open the gate valve bypass valve because we are working on the remote gate valve bypass valve. We will swap out the manual gate-valve bypass valve with a remote gate valve. The approved procedure is on DocDB# 10375.

- LHe filling to the magnet space FNAL Elog:

**Entry Subject:** Fill the magnet with LHe using QT Dewar

We filled the magnet up to 45% (145 L) with LHe using QT Dewar B and maintained the coils' temperature at 4.4K. Today's transfer efficiency was 65%.

In the above FNAL elog, the choice of the QT Dewar A/B and how to calculate the transfer efficiency are listed on the procedure on docdb #9670.

### **Add to FNAL elog:**

- Run, Separator Valve settings
- Microwave frequency, bellows position, polarization
- Target movement and new encoder value
- Alarms that don't go away by themselves
- Screengrab of PDP every hour
  - For the screengrab, adjust the polarization graph to show how polarization has changed since the last screengrab.
- Screengrab of the cryo screen at the start of your shift
- Screengrab of the slow raster plot after a target movement.