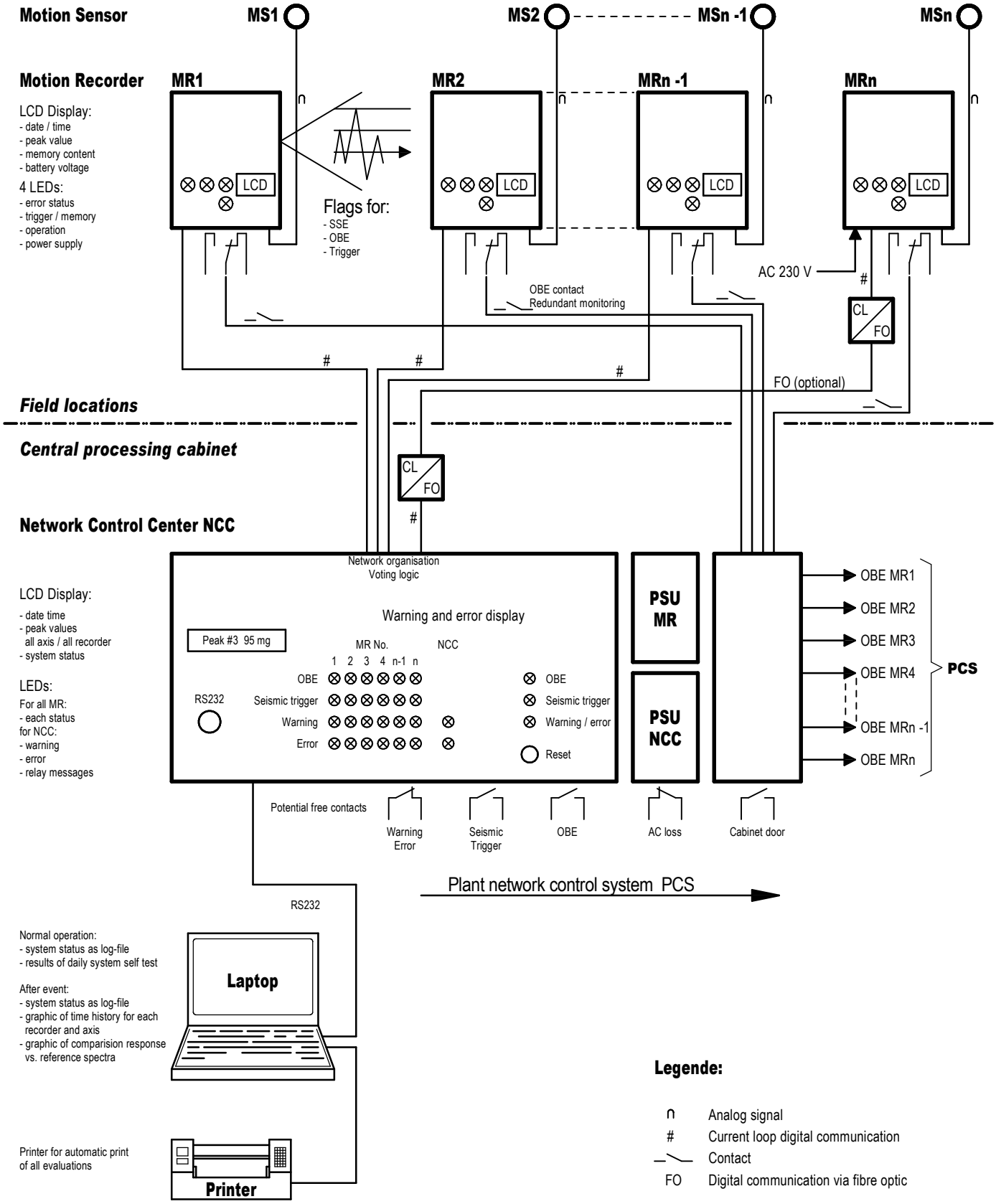General system overview