

# Qt Applications at TRIUMF

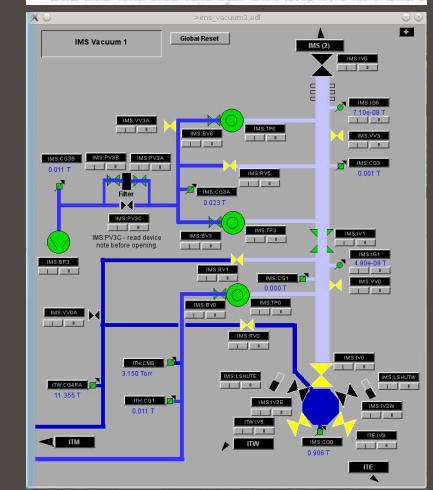
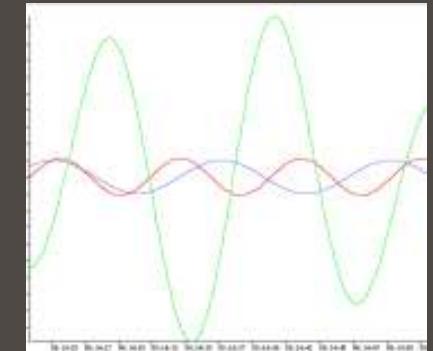
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# Motivation: Replace Motif Applications

- Decisions:

- stay with C++
- Motif → Qt
- full backward compatibility

- Applications

- alarm handler: alh → TAlh
- charting: StripTool → TChart
- display manager: edm → edmq

# Alarm Handler TAh

- Functionality
  - Implements all alh features
  - new:
    - configuration editor (add/remove/modify alarms)
    - "channel monitors" – on-the-fly alarms on PV values
      - no IOC record severities involved
    - alarm logging by plug-in
      - File → like alh
      - PSql → to PostgreSQL relational database
- Status
  - used in production at TRIUMF for the last two years.
    - (still File logging)



TRIUMF Alarm Handler Handler1 Rev 0.95 (editing enabled) - global - active - logging - (C:/Users/rolf/.alh/test.alhConfig)

File Edit Options Info Help

## Hierarchy ( inactive: 1 disabled: 1 )

Group	Severity	Acks	Status	Value
>MainGroup	INVALID	INVALID		
>Analog	MAJOR	MAJOR		
Phase 1 Cold Box System Fault	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
Phase 1 Compressor Speed Out of Range	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
Bottom Temperature Out of Range	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
Bottom Temperature Out of Range	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
Centre Temperature Out of Range	MAJOR	MAJOR	HIGH	130
Left Temperature Out of Range	MINOR	MINOR	HIGH	75
Right Temperature out of Range	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
>Digital	INVALID	INVALID		
Phase 2 Cold Box System Fault	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
Phase 2 Compressor OFF	MAJOR	NO_ALARM	STATE	on
Phase 2 Turbine 1 Speed Out of Range	NO_ALARM	NO_ALARM		
Phase 2 Turbine 21 Speed Out of Range	INVALID	NO_ALARM	not connected	0
>Rest	INVALID	INVALID		
>Pitiful	INVALID	INVALID		
TESTP1	INVALID	NO_ALARM	not connected	0
TESTP2	INVALID	NO_ALARM	not connected	0

## Alarm Hierarchy

PV TESTAREC7 Alias: Left Temperature Out of Range Event Time: 2016-05-14 14-06-56

Severity: MINOR Ack State: MINOR

Status: HIGH Value at event time: 75

## Runtime Configuration

<input type="checkbox"/> Enable
Silence
Disable
Ack Yes
ACKT Yes
Log Yes

## Operator

Show Guidance  
Acknowledge Execute Command Cancel

## Unacknowledged (silenced 1 hr)

Event Time	Channel	Severity	Status	Type
2016-05-14 14:07:27	Centre Temperature Out of Range	MAJOR	HIGH	alarm
2016-05-14 14:06:56	Left Temperature Out of Range	MINOR	HIGH	alarm

Unacknowledged

Event Time	Channel	Severity	Status	Type
2016-05-14 14:06:32	Phase 2 Compressor OFF	MAJOR	STATE	alarm

Acknowledged

# Strip-Charting: TChart

- **Functionality**

- Compatible with StripTool configuration files
- uses monitor subscriptions, not synchronous CA gets
- optionally writes data to file (all – not just display buffer)
- retrieves and displays
  - saved TChart data
  - saved traces from different TChart instances
- retrieves and displays archived data via plug-in
  - pan from live strip-chart into archived data
  - use retrieved archive data as background
- uses QCustomPlot Widget (<http://qcustomplot.com/>)

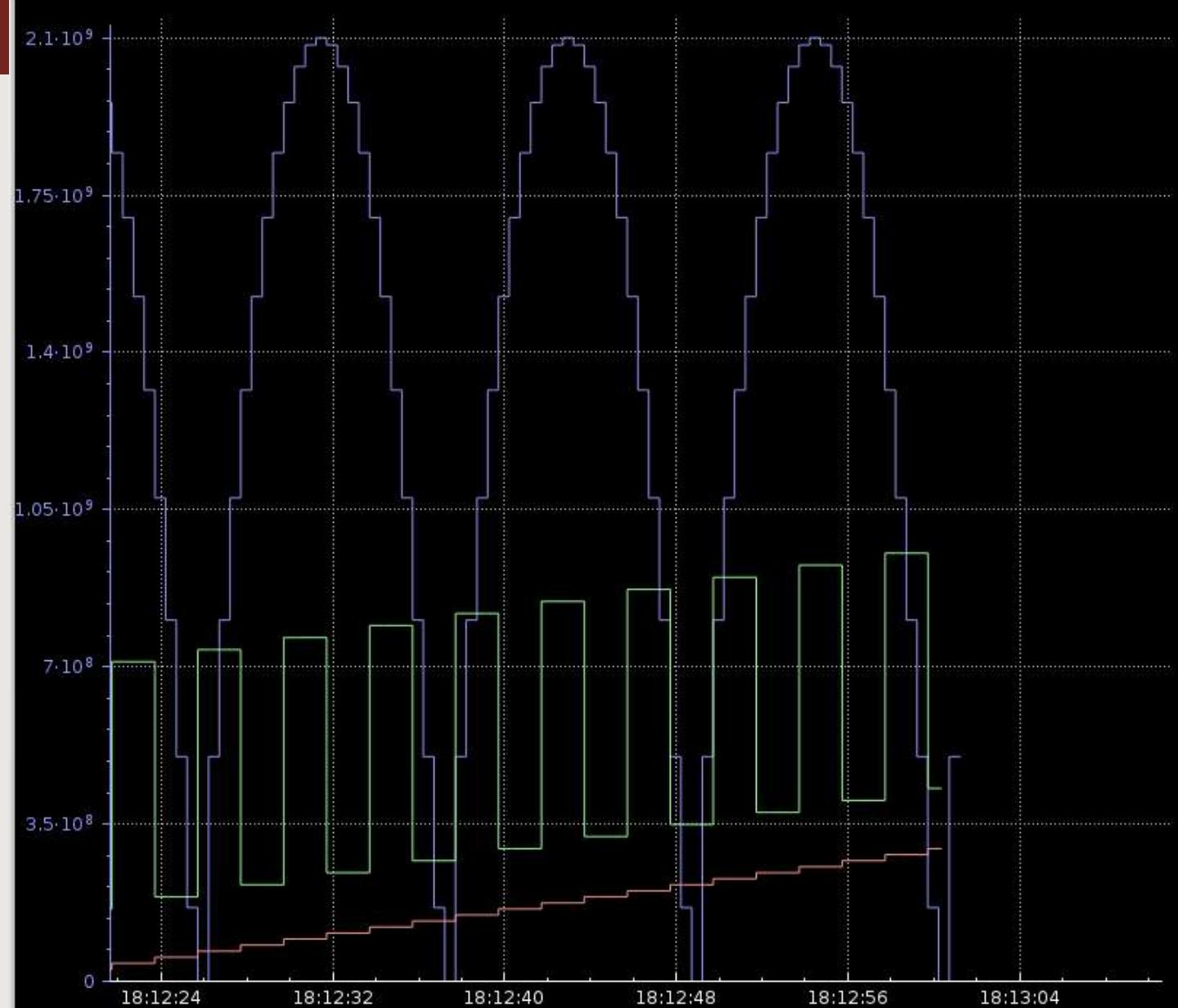
- **Status**

- functional, some cleanup in the works
- slow operator take-up



## TChart 1.5.5 - no archiver - Strip-Chart (no data writing) - zoom/pan: viewport/vis.axis

File Strip Traces Zoom View Help

TEST:BOUNCE  
[0, 2.1e+9]  
8.04e+8 unitsTEST:INC  
[0, 16.0]  
2.2 unitsTEST:STEP  
[0, 16.0]  
3.20 units2021-05-25  
10:23:51  
no data

|| X ^ V &lt;&gt;&gt; &gt;&gt;&lt;&lt; &lt;&lt; &gt;&gt; |&lt; &gt;| Select Log10 Auto

# Display Manager/Editor: edmq

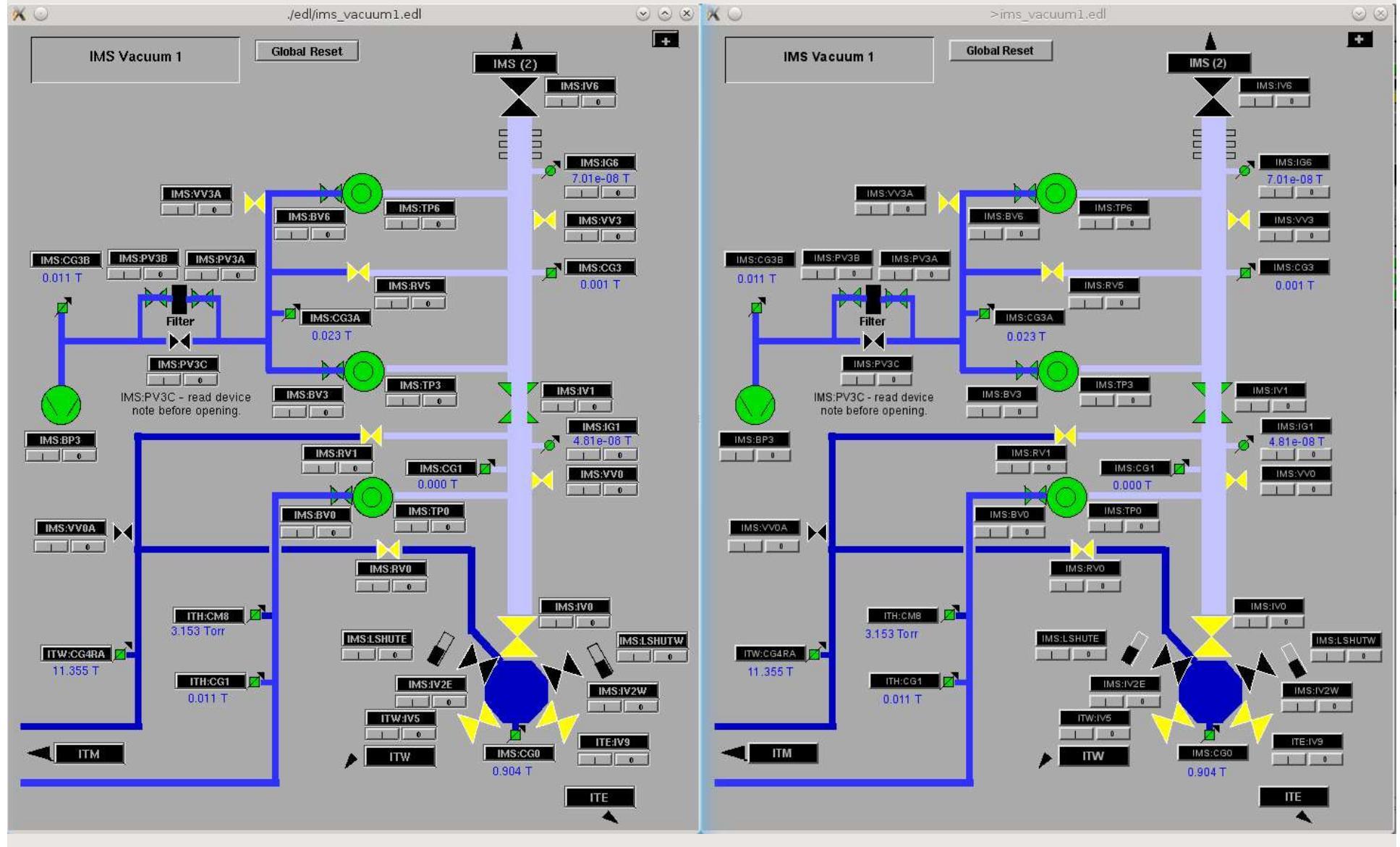
- **Functionality**

- fully backward compatible with edm, uses the same .edl files
- uses Qt, but not based on Qt
- implements all widgets of basic edm distribution
  - no slaclib, diamondlib
- hooks for site specific widget libraries
- new features
  - scaling of displays
  - widgets
    - 2D slider (x,y mouse movement controls two PVs)
    - process (spawned process can exchange data with \LOC variables)
- Performance: slightly slower display startup than edm – not significantly slower

- **Status**

- release candidate for Linux
  - could use more testing
- recent working version for Windows
  - needs more work / testing

# edm and edmq screen shot



# Links

- **email**
  - Rolf Keitel: rolf@triumf.ca
  - Roberto Armenta: rarmenta@triumf.ca
- **on-line help**
  - <http://isacwserv.triumf.ca/epics/TAlh/>
  - <http://isacwserv.triumf.ca/epics/TChart/>
  - <http://isacwserv.triumf.ca/epics/edmq/html/>
- **doxygen documentation for edmq**
  - <https://isacwserv.triumf.ca/epics/edmq/doxygen/html/>
- **Repositories**
  - Presently Mercurial → Git (near future)



Thank you -- Merci

