

EDM to CS-Studio conversion at Diamond Light Source

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Starting point

- We've used EDM since Diamond started
- It is stable and we have been happy with its performance
- It is a bit quirky
- We have multiple thousand screens in use

Motivation for moving from EDM to CS-Studio

- EDM is nearing end of life
- EDM's libraries are being phased out.
- EDM is supported by one person, CS-Studio has community support due to use at many sites.
- We could benefit from the rest of the infrastructure that CS-Studio provides, such as BEAST on beamlines and V4 compatibility.
- Potential to integrate into DAWN and GDA; Diamond's data analysis and data acquisition software is also built on Eclipse RCP.

EDM

Applications Places System Rogers Thu 10 Nov, 08:55

edm 1-12-89

File View Path Help

Old Firefox Data
screenshots
Wastebasket
will.zip
will
rffb.png
rffb-windup.png
meeting.png

/dls_sw/prod/R3.14.12.3/support/psc/4-3-33/data/pscl2.edl

Magnet Power Supplies - Technical Area Overview

Storage Ring Status

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Linac LTB TL Booster BTS TL

Dipole Dipole
Quad Quad
Sol Sol
ESS ESS
Str Str

Dipole
Dipole
Dipole Slaves
D Quad
F Quad
Quad Slaves
D Sext
F Sext
Str
Waveform Start/Stop

Start Stop

Pulsed Power Supplies

BR Injection BR Extraction SR Injection

Kicker Kicker Kicker
Setpoint Setpoint Setpoint
Septum Septum Septum

Make ALL Setpoints Zero Setpoint

Timing FastChic Setup IOC Configuration EXIT

Fast Feedback

01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

RUNNING
ORBIT
CORRECTOR
NETWORK
PSC LINK
WATCHDOG

Start Stop Devices Bus Grant OK LATCHED

SLOW FEEDBACK CS-DI-IOC-09

ORBIT FEEDBACK Off
BEAM CURRENT -0.0003 mA
RF SETPOINT 499682040.0 Hz
RING MODE VMX

RF FEEDBACK

RFFB TARGET 499682039.8 Hz
MAX RF STEP (Hz) 0.1
UPDATE PERIOD (s) 10 seconds
RFFB MATRIX
RFFB CALC
BAD PV SR02A-PC-HSTR-08:1
RFFB LOOP OFF

SLOW ORBIT FEEDBACK

MAX CURRENT STEP (A) 0.100
FRACTION TO APPLY 0.2000
REGULARISATION PARAM 0.010
SOFB MATRIX
SOFB CALC
BAD PV OK
SOFB LOOP OFF
SOFB SINGLE CORRECTION
Select BPMs Select Cols SOFB Plot EXIT

VERTICAL EMITTANCE FEEDBACK CS-DI-IOC-09

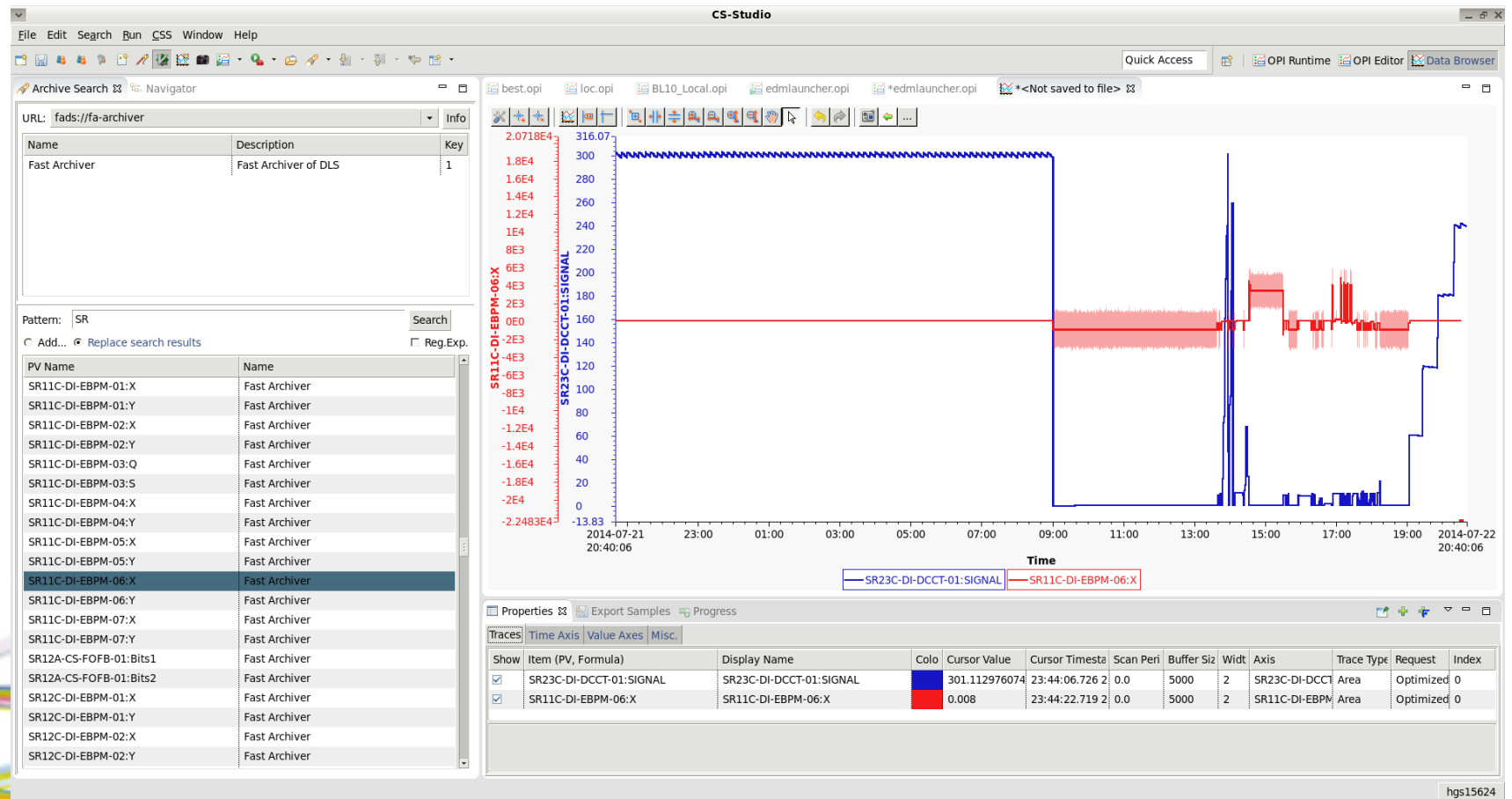
VERTICAL EMITTANCE 0.00 pm rad
COUPLING 0.00 %
BEAM CURRENT -0.0003 mA

VERTICAL EMITTANCE FEEDBACK

TARGET EMITTANCE (pm rad) 8.0
FRACTION TO APPLY 0.15
FILTER PARAMETER 0.25
DELTA 0.0020
STATUS OK
CALC STATUS Missing calc parameters
FEEDBACK LOOP OFF
SINGLE CORRECTION CORRECTION
ADD/SUBTRACT DELTA + -
METHOD NEW

[Change the ...] [fish /scratch...] rdesktop - di... edm 1-12-89 /dls_sw/prod/... edm 1-12-89 Fast Feedback edm 1-12-89 /dls_sw/prod/... edm 1-12-89 /dls_sw/prod/...

CS-Studio



Aside: philosophy of conversion

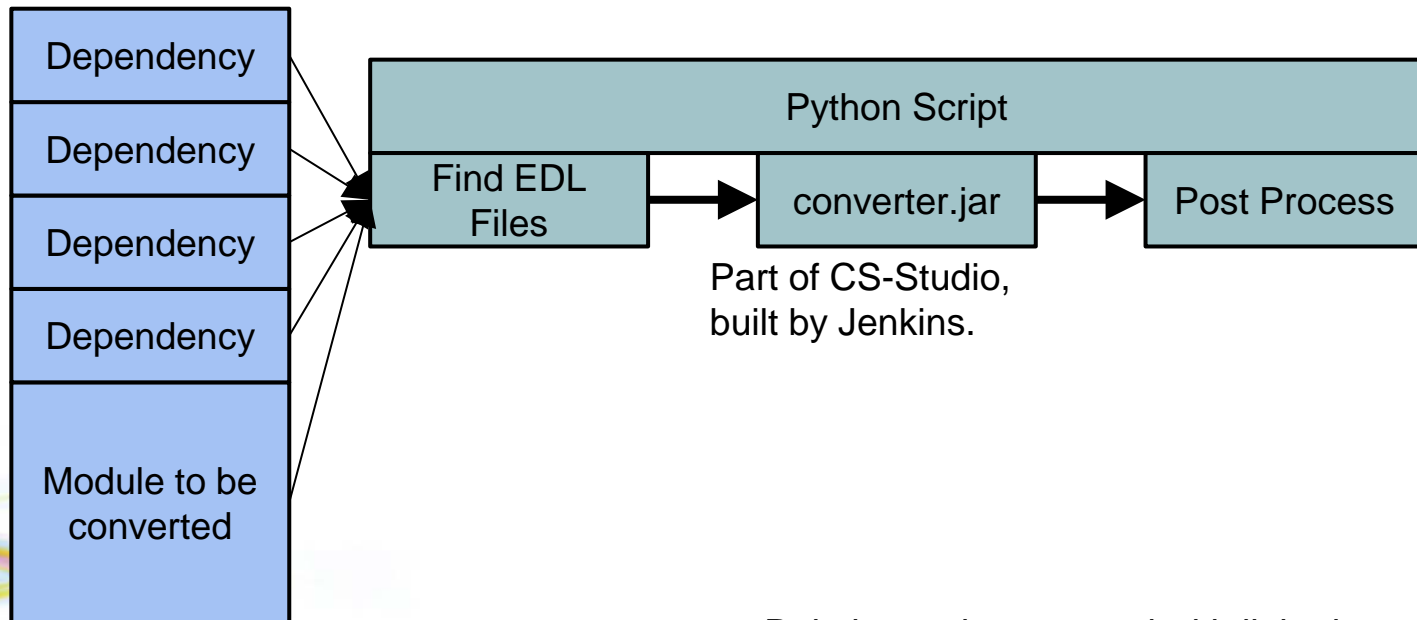
Guiding principle:

Provide the operators with a familiar environment

1. One EDM screen to one CS-Studio screen
 - A converter was already available
2. Standalone windows
 - Operators can keep their layouts
3. Keep up-to-date with the collaboration
 - This takes time and effort
4. Never try to format anything in Powerpoint

Overview of conversion process

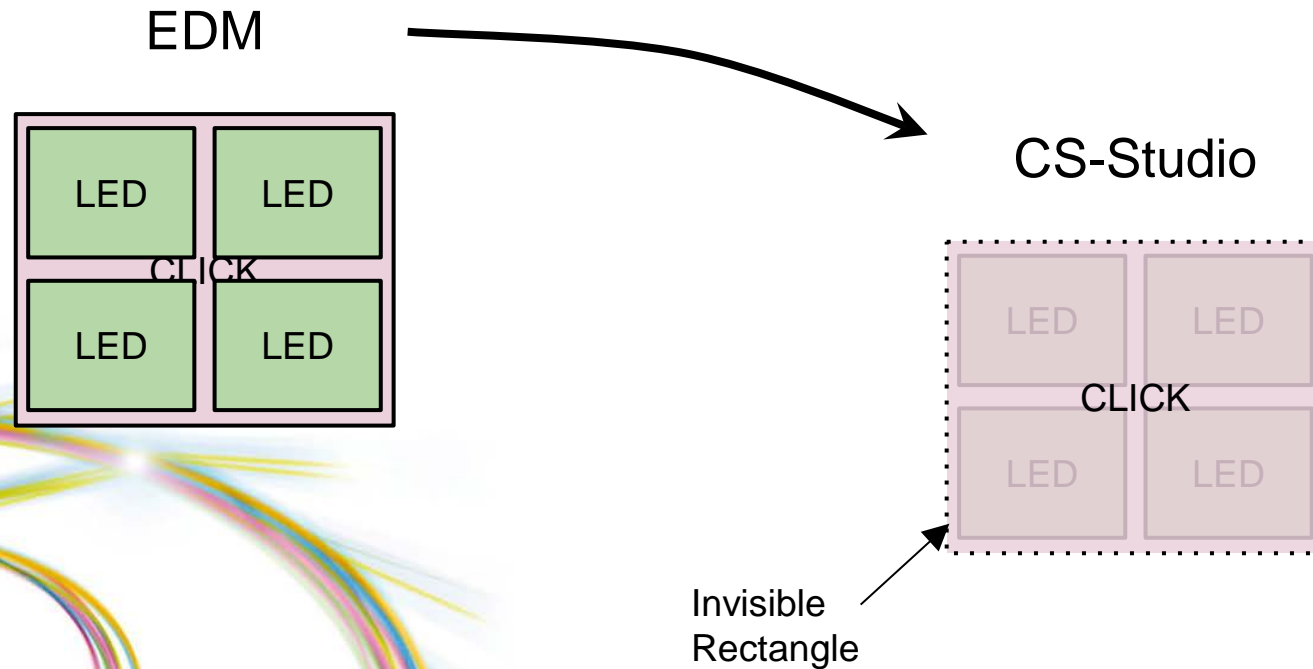
Checkout module to be converted.
Script checks configure/* for dependencies
and also checks out dependent module
tree.



Relative paths are used with linked resources
to take care of versioning and editing out of
the read only production file system.

Post processing: Click ordering

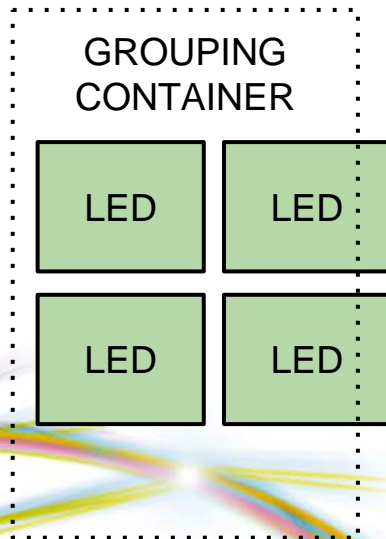
Widgets must be on the top of the stack to be clickable in CS-Studio but not in EDM.
Recreate clicks on the top attached to an invisible rectangle.



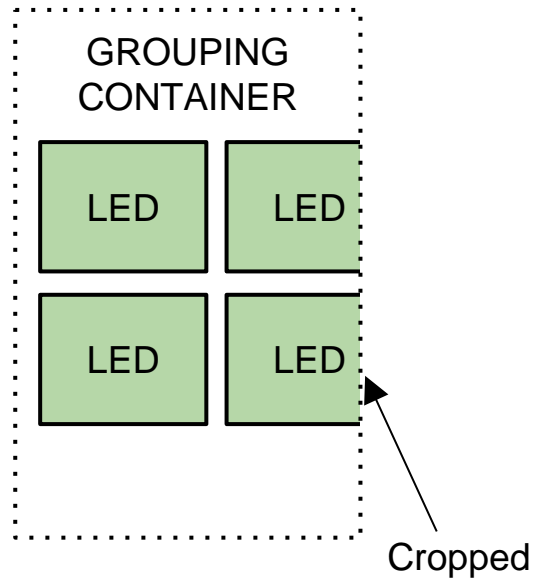
Post processing: Grouping containers

Extend grouping container boundaries to include all widgets.

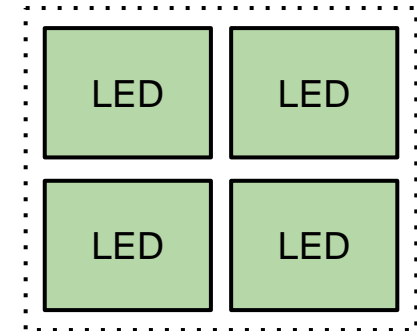
EDM



CS-Studio



Fixed!



Post processing

- The above clicks and groups
- Convert EDL symbol files for DLS symbol widget.
- Swap some fonts and sizes to improve legibility.
- Tweak colours to keep antialiased fonts legible.

Must 'infer' what the designer wants
Results in some manual corrections

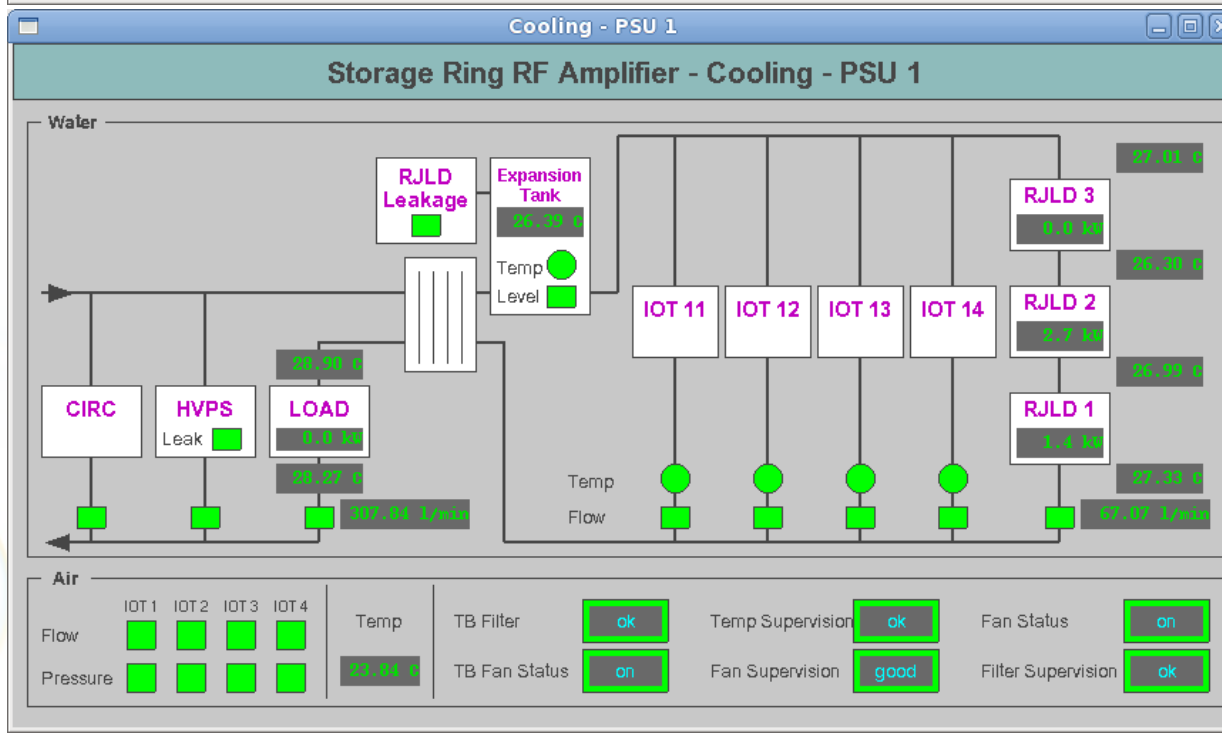
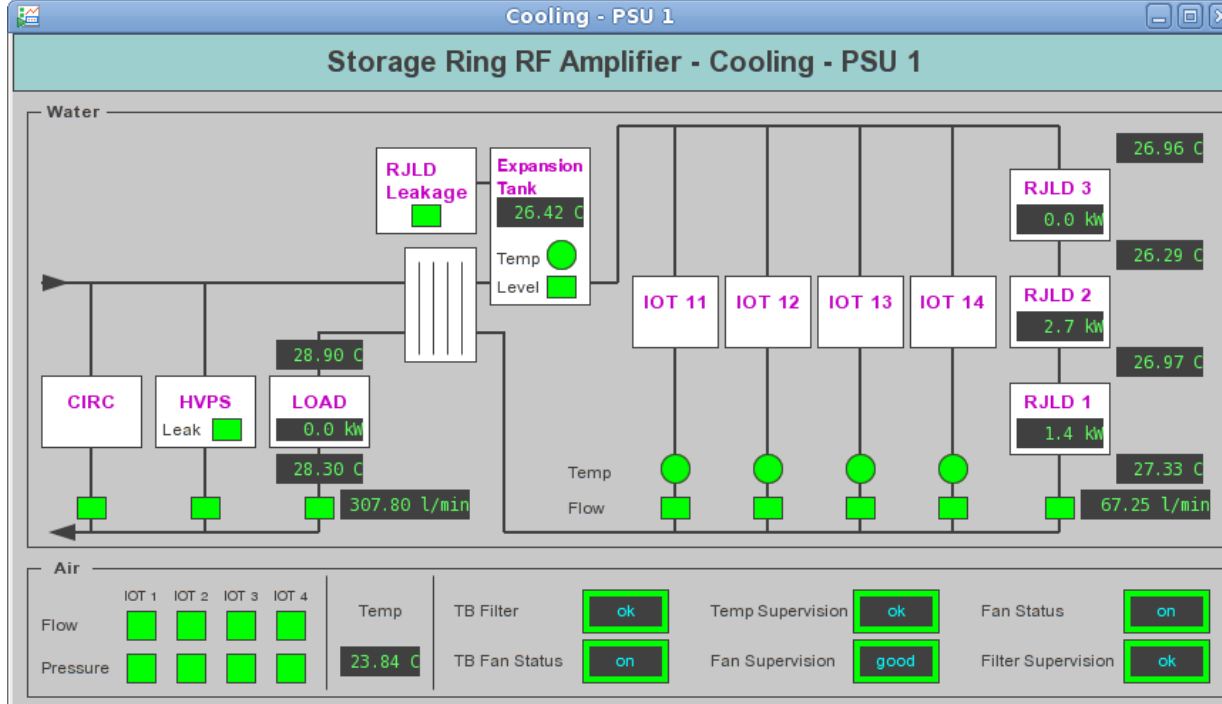
Many small issues we have overcome

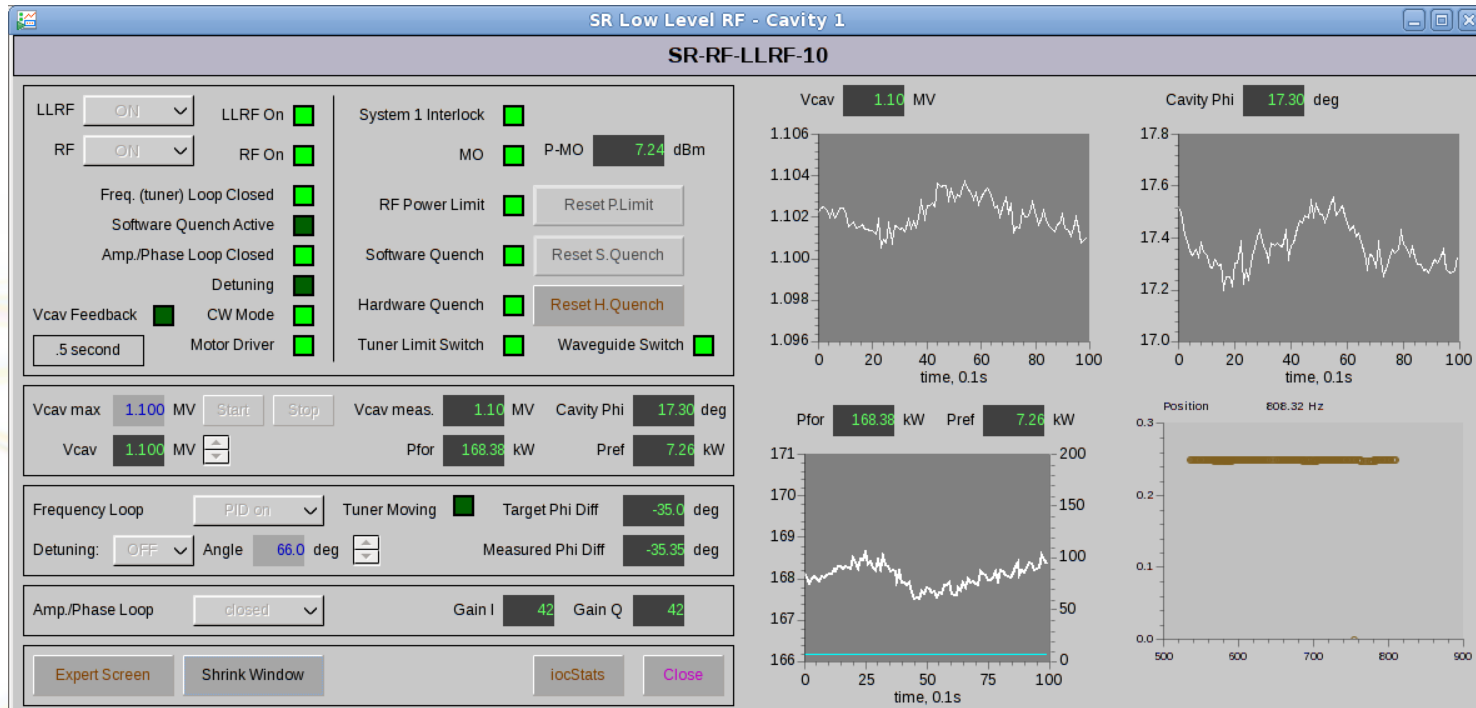
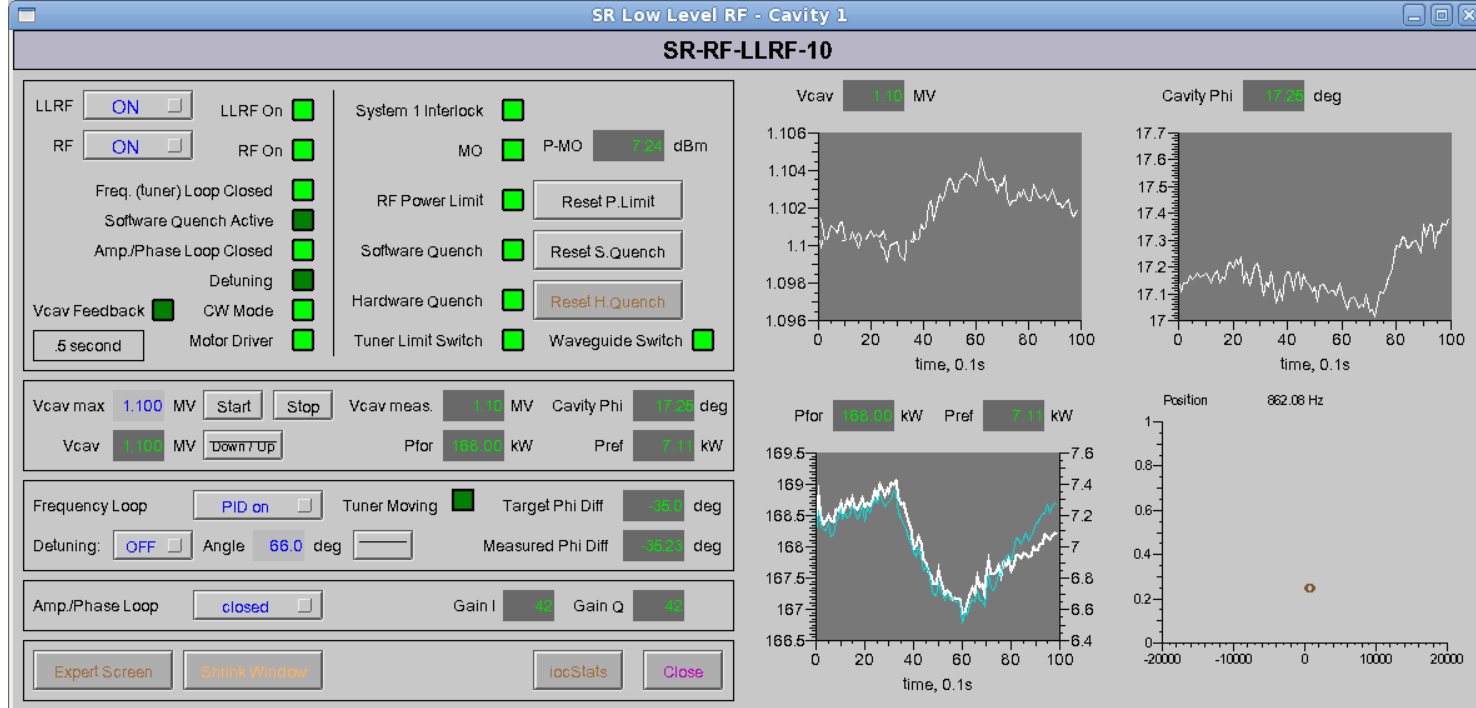
- Can't create local Enum PVs
- Escaping quotes in external command line calls
- Unsigned data in intensity graph
- Missing grid lines in XY-Graph
- Keeping specific OPI files bound to a view when changing perspective and restarting
- Many many more...

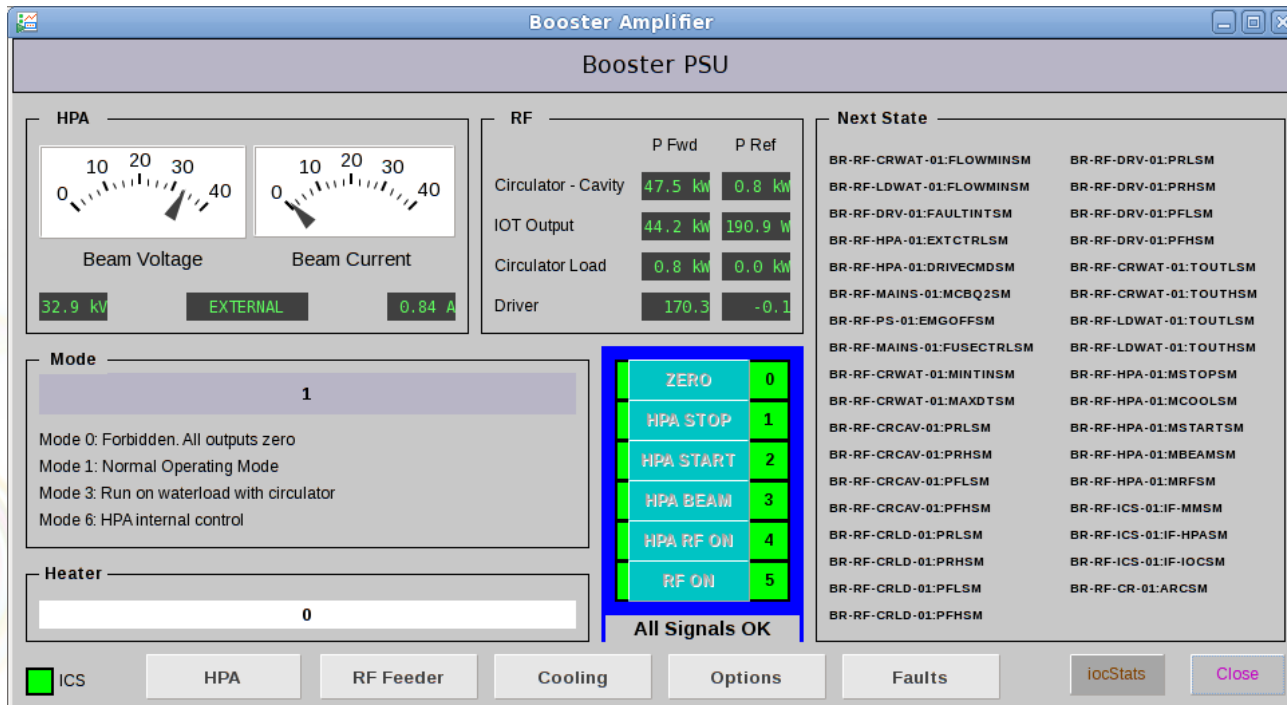
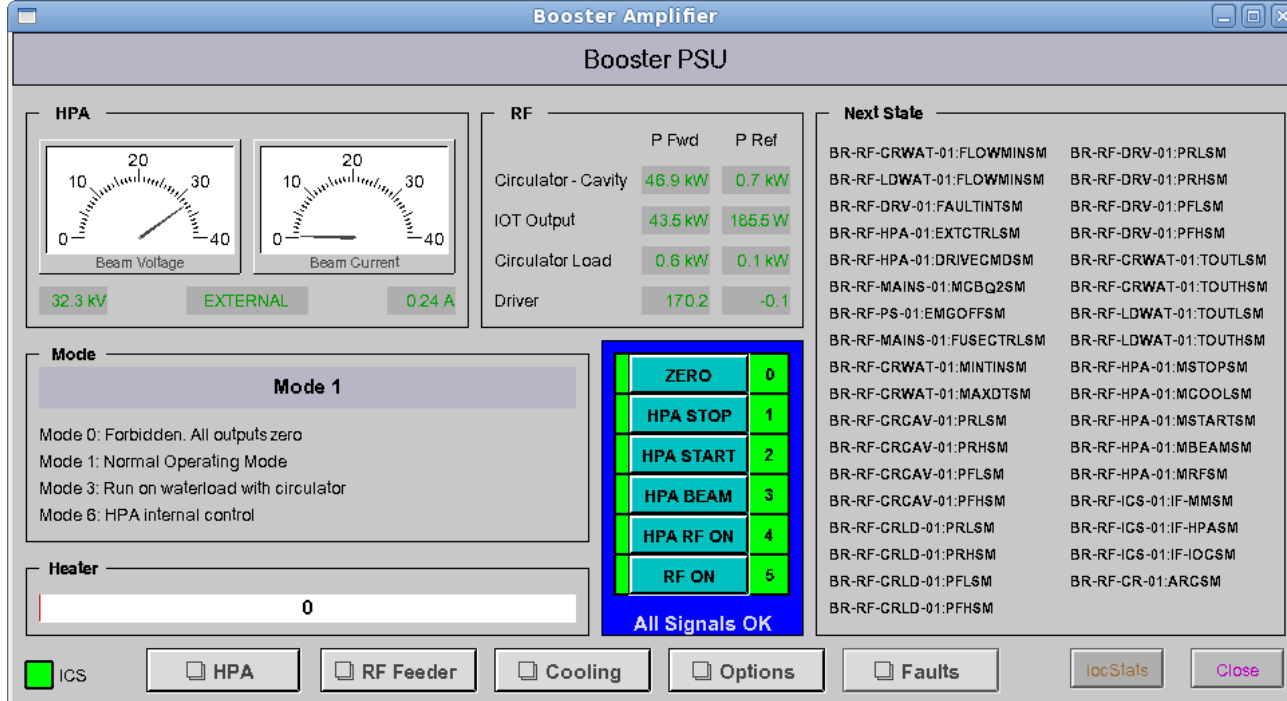
Some more small issues yet to be overcome

- Char arrays are shown as integers in text updates, not ASCII text.
- Small (~1px) sized details can be lost by slight changes in widget and border dimensions.
- Font and colour tweaks have unexpected results when screens don't conform to design guidelines.
- Graph missing points, because it has 250,000 of them!

These types of issue can normally be patched manually after conversion. Automated conversion needs to reduce this to an acceptable workload.





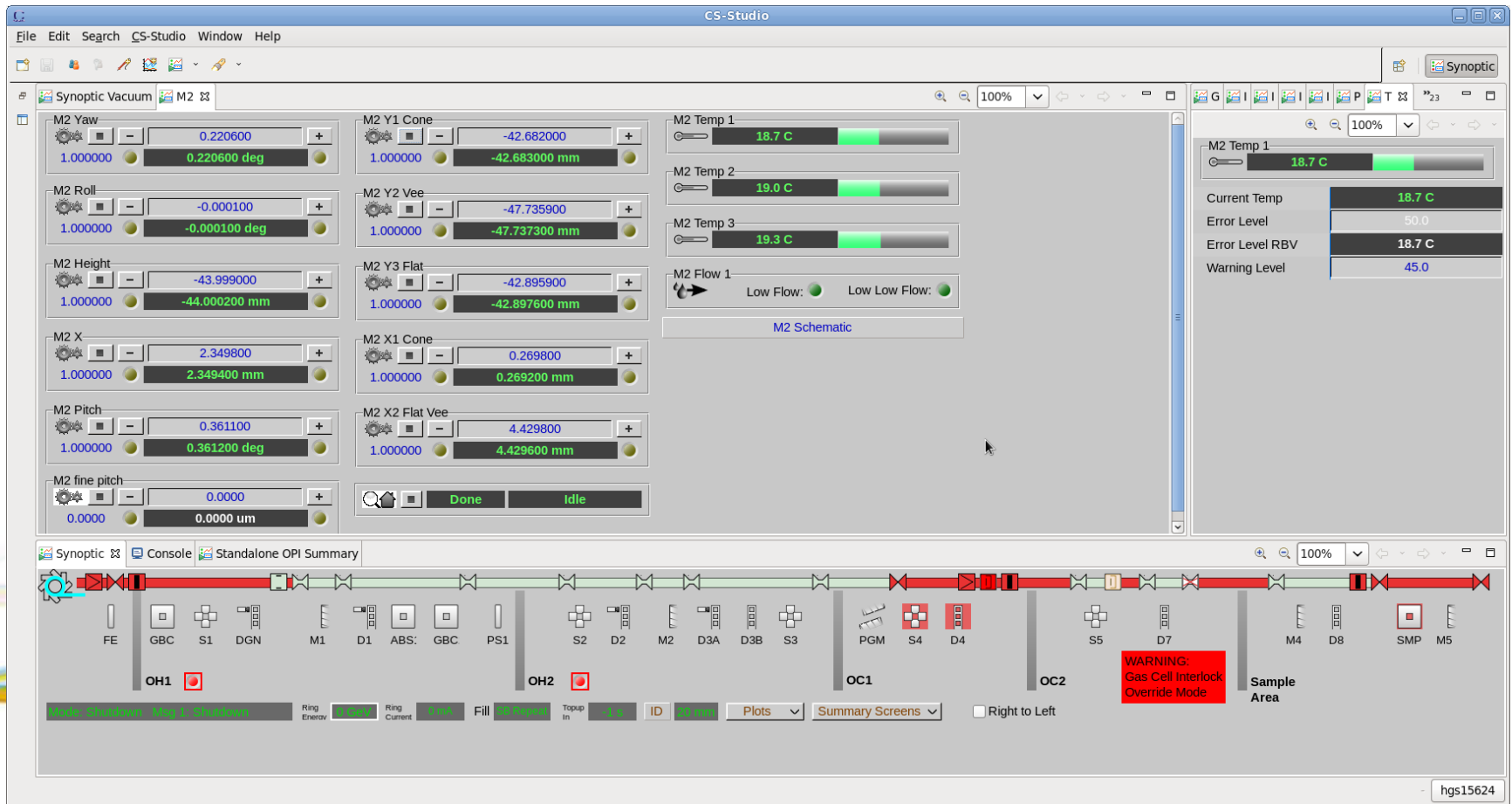


Upshot

- This is tricky
- Integrating with existing systems has taken a lot of time
- Automated conversion is accurate but not perfect
- Each 'module' will need its owner to review and approve it
- We will have a period using both EDM and CS-Studio
- 2017?

Meanwhile

Beamline GUIs are autogenerated. New beamlines are receiving CS-Studio-based GUIs, with a completely different design:



(and are happy)