CSS Developments at Diamond Light Source

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Introduction

- Can we use CSS?
- Developments of CSS at Diamond
 - CSS as an EDM Replacement
 - CSS as an Interface to the Fast Archiver
 - CSS for Photon Beamline Control
- Summary



Why choose CSS?

- CSS provides a lot of infrastructure
- CSS is used widely in the EPICS community
 - Several active developers
 - Too big to fail (!)
- CSS conversion tools are improving
- Common client side platform between Controls and Data Acquisition at Diamond (DAWN and GDA)
 - Subject to many caveats
- CSS works on Windows



Why not choose CSS?

- GUIs are too slow
- GUIs don't look nice
- Eclipse works better on Windows than Linux
- (hypothetical) we can't get BOY to perform well enough
- (hypothetical) CSS crashes too regularly
- (hypothetical) we can't convert enough screens accurately enough
- Do we like the Eclipse platform?



CSS as an EDM Replacement





Why Replace EDM?

- Concern EDM is nearing end of life
- EDM's libraries are being phased out
- EDM is has limited support
- See problems with EDM on each OS uplift
 - Fonts, operation over NX
- We could benefit from the rest of the infrastructure CSS provides



Can CSS replace EDM?

- To use CSS to replace EDM
 - We need to be able to programmatically and accurately convert 100s of screens
 - Screens use lots EDM features and tricks
 - There are too many screens to hand build them all from scratch in CSS
 - We need operators to be able to use windows across Linux workspaces
 - CSS out-of-the box isn't a direct replacement
 EDM



Things we're working on

- CSS
 - Eclipse 4, and EDM Mode
- The EDM to CSS Converter
 - Batch conversion
 - Many tweaks to the converter
- CSS widgets
 - 'Enum' PVs used for selecting items in a screen
 - 'Calc' PVs
 - 'Menu mux' buttons
 - Nudge buttons
 - Click throughs

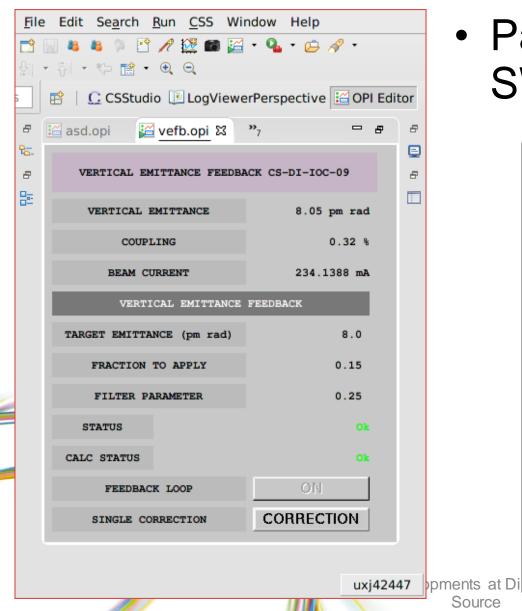


EDM Mode

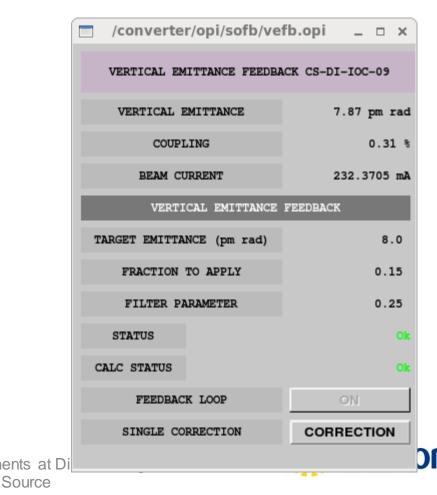
- Machine operators understand the opertio of accelerators through the UI
 - Sensitive to changes in UI
 - This can impact operational performance/reliability
- Can we persuade CSS to resemble EDM?
 - Separate windows per UI (optional)
- We've got pretty close
 - CSS EDM Mode



CSS EDM Mode



 Panels launched in an SWT Shell

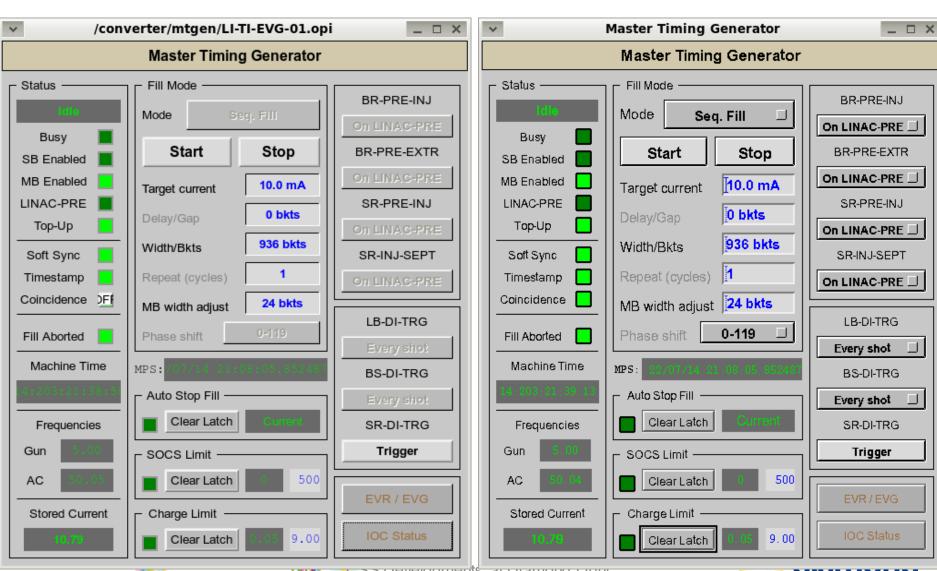


CSS-EDM Mode: tricky bits

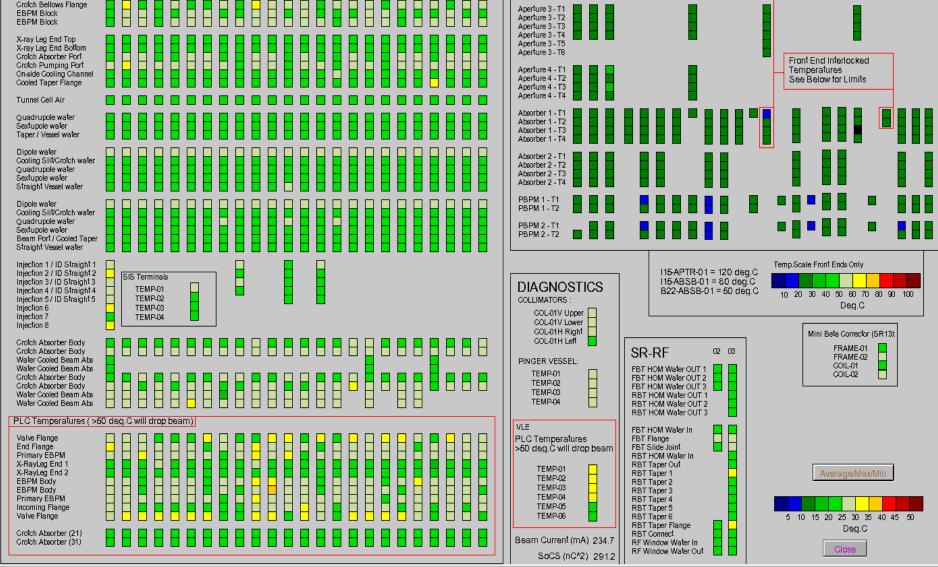
- Right-click context menu has been lost
 - No zooming on graphs
- BOY handles clicks differently to EDM
 - If one widget is above another, the lower widget does not receive a click
- Fonts don't map!
- Graphs are still a difficultly



Converting Panels







Operations - Absolute Temperatures



Quadrupole and Sextapole - Current Overview 🔞

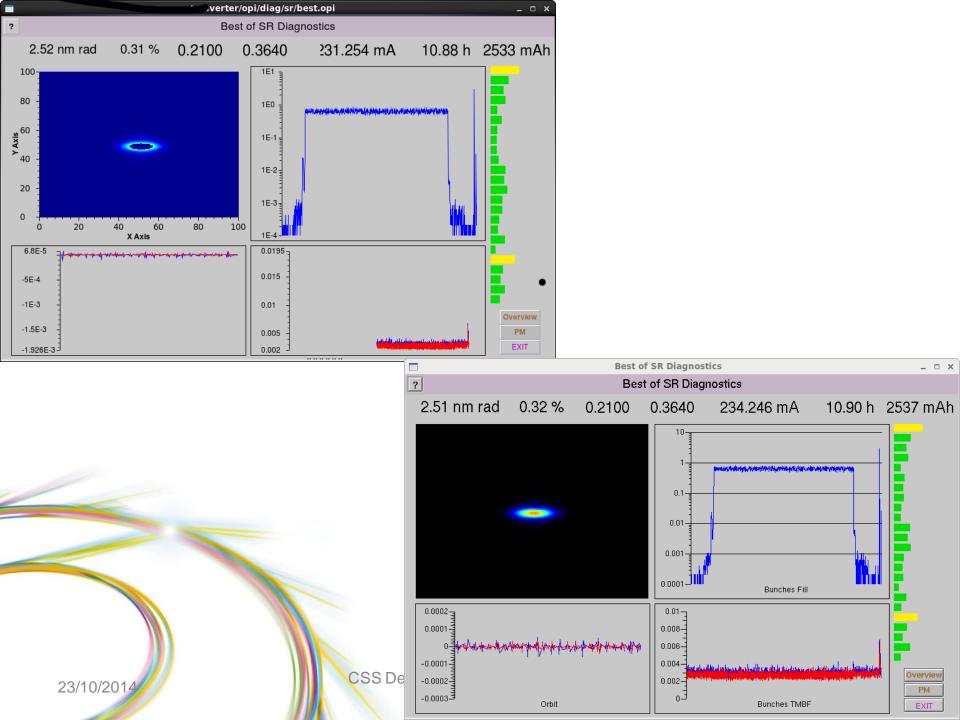
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CSS Performance

- CSS uses a lot of memory
 - EDM doesn't
- Some screens use a lot of CPU
 - We need to track them down
- Occasionally CSS crashes
 - Occasionally EDM crashes
- Screens load slightly slower than EDM (acceptable)
 - We may need to live with this
- Performance doesn't appear to decay over time
 - Stable over a weekend
- Memory scales with number of screens open
 - 2GB is enough for a lot of screens
 - If you run out of memory, CSS will be unrecoverable

In Summary EDM Mode

- Demonstrated that CSS can be used as a replacement for EDM
 - Direct panel translation
 - Compatible behaviour
 - Acceptable performance
- Still work to do on conversion, workspace management, performance, stability
- Next stage is a project to manage the conversion of all operational panels, testing, deployment

Fast Archiver Data Browser



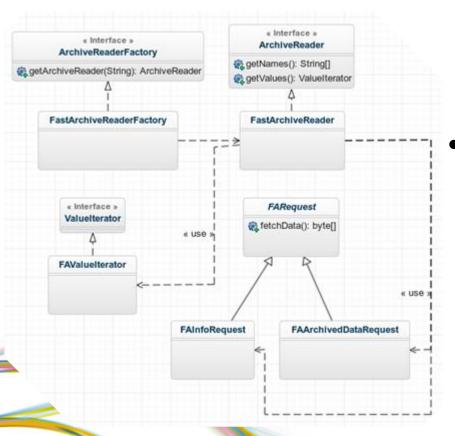


CSS Interface to Fast Archiver

- Fast Archiver (FA)
 - Record 255 BPMs X and Y data at 10kHz ~21MB/sec
 - 16 days~30TB ring buffer
 - Calculate decimated (by 64 and 16384) versions of the data
 - Decimated sample rates: 150 Hz and 0.75 Hz
 - Integrate the Fast Archiver into CSS's Data Browser
 - Provide integration of FA data and CA PVs



Fast Archive Reader

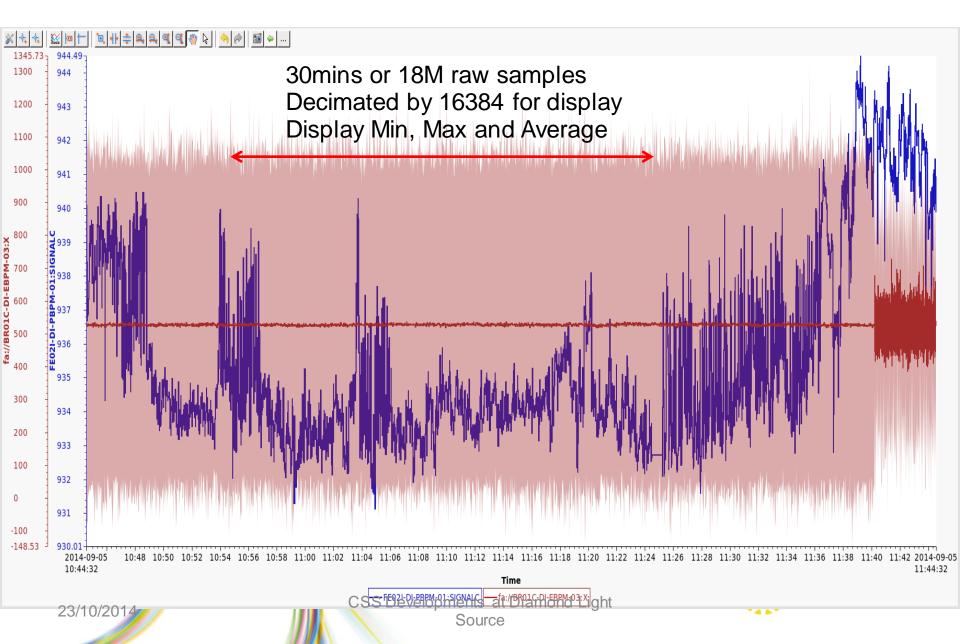


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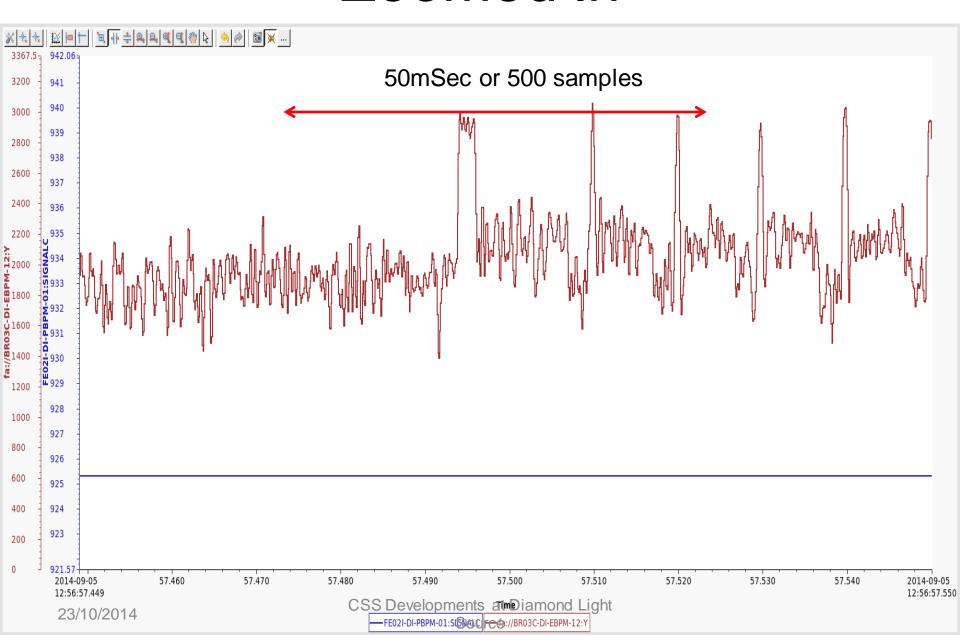
- FA data source provide Min/Max and Std dev of data
 - Added option to CSS for Std dev
 - CSS assumption every item corresponds to a PV
 - FA Archiver items do not (at least, not directly)
 - Needed to simulate live PVs



Fast Archiver in DataBrowser



Zoomed In



- The Fast Archiver Data Browser interface implemented by Friederike Jöhlinger
 - Summer intern at Diamond

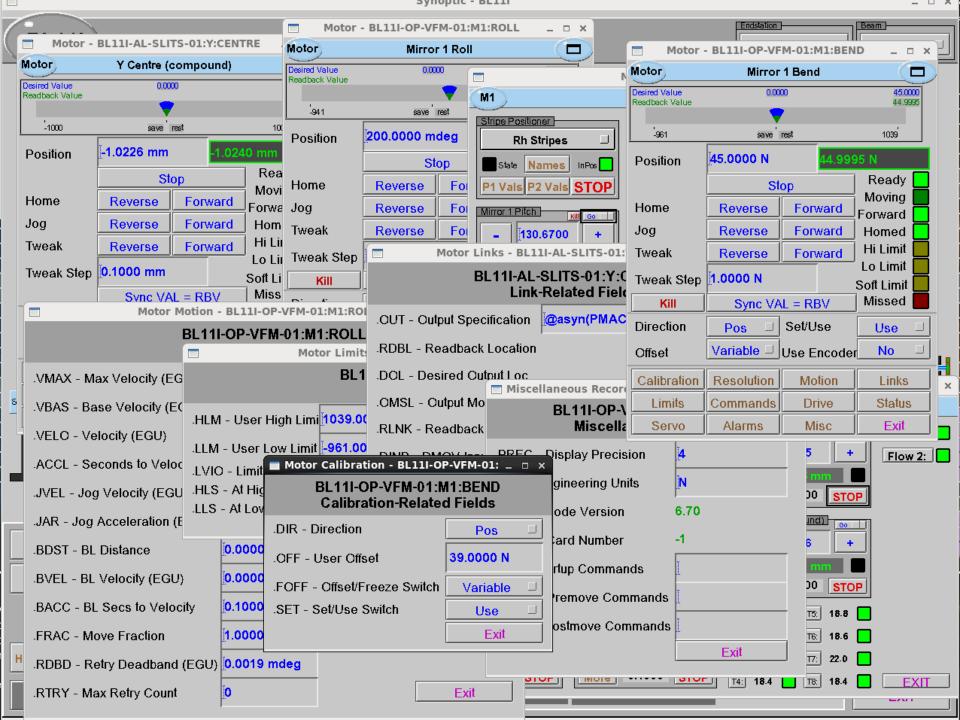




CSS for Photon Beamline Control





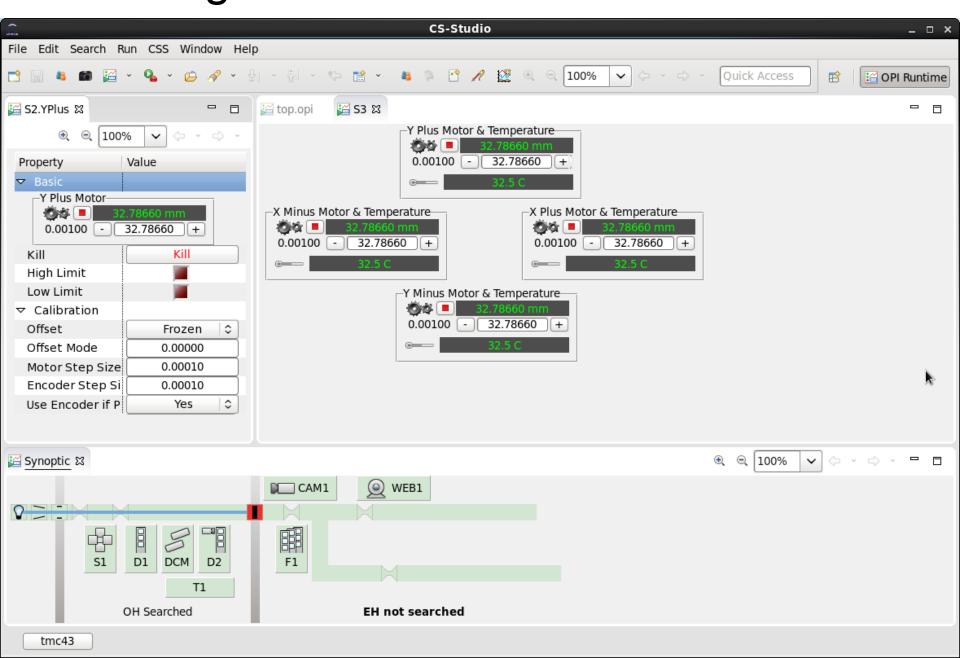


Beamlines what doesn't work?

- Proliferation of windows obscures synoptic
- Autogenerated screens useful, but are too inflexible
- Client side fonts don't work well over NX and will probably stop working in RHEL8
- Can't easily share screens between EPICS and GDA
- Very little integration between tools, e.g.
 Striptool and archive viewer

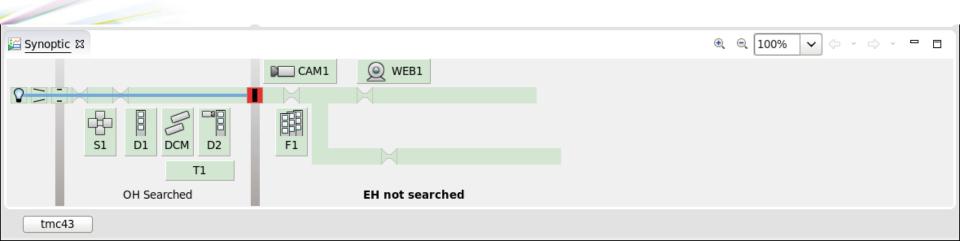


What might Beamline CS-Studio look like?



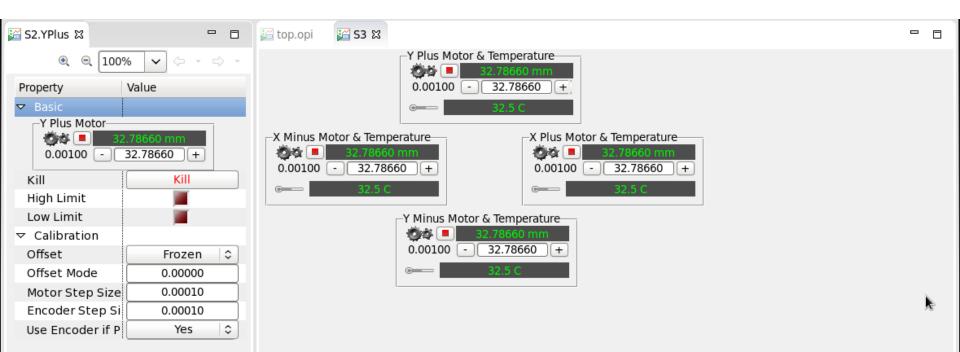
How does it solve our problems?

- Proliferation of windows obscures synoptic
 - Shrunk synoptic bar at the bottom of the screen
 - Each icon shows alarm status
 - Action to acknowledge alarm status
 - Scripting to make beam stop at blocking component and allow right-left flipping



How does it solve our problems?

- Proliferation of windows obscures synoptic
 - New "Detail widget" that allows searching/filtering of property names
 - Tabbed areas for component views and detail widgets



Summary

- Diamond is looking at using and extending CSS
- Looks promising that all future UIs will be CSS based
- We will have flavours of CSS
 - True Eclipse CSS
 - EDM like CSS



Thank You



