



Using SDDS, tcltk and EPICS together

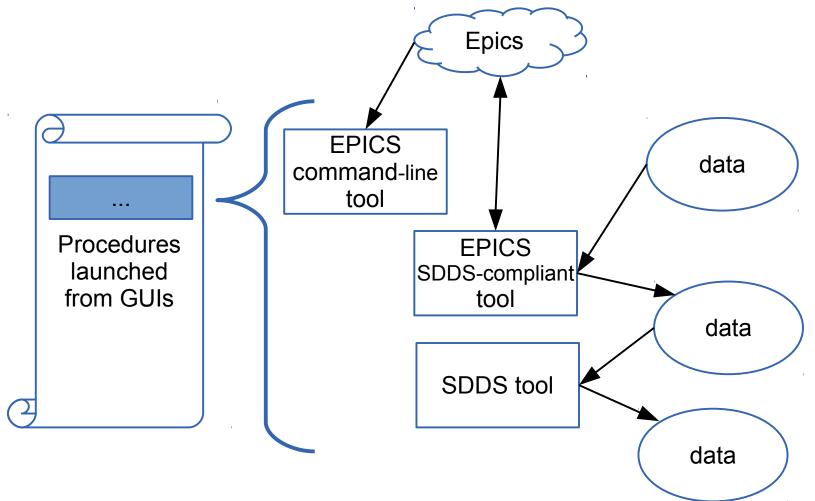
Outline

- Overall picture and philosophy of data archiving, data taking and analysis
- What is SDDS
- What is Tcl/Tk
- Examples of application
 - Setting up storage ring magnets
 - Orbit correction
 - Various beam experiments collecting data from EPICS waveforms and also non-EPICS instrumentation (which could be digitial oscilloscopes, etc.)
 - Generalized feedback: transfer lines, thermal effect compensation
 - Knobs
- Documentation of software found in http://www.aps.anl.gov/Accelerator_Systems_Division/Accelerator_Opera tions_Physics/oagSoftware.shtml

Use of Data Files in Operations of APS

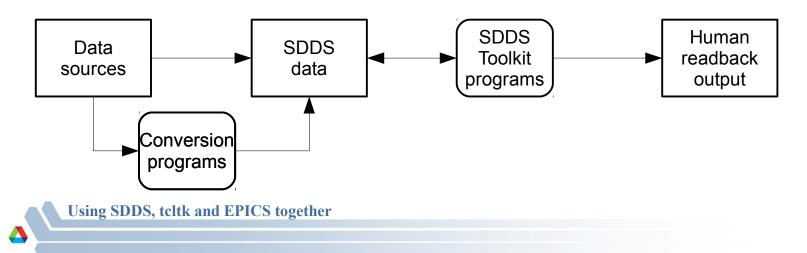
- EPICS hold live data
- Record all data of interest into file
 - To better organize efforts of various kinds, we require a file protocol to read, store and handle all data
- Applications: Put all data and configuration settings in files (as opposed to resident memory) and use software tools as filters from which you can build larger and complicated processes
 - Modularity (make complex operation from smaller pieces)
 - Reusability (e.g. feedback configurable by supplied PV list)
 - Repurposed by others

Control Room Work



What is SDDS

- SDDS stands for "Self Describing Data Sets"
- A standardized way to store and access data, i.e., a "file protocol"
- A group of ~100 programs use this file protocol
- These programs are the "tools" in the SDDS Toolkit
- Programs in the SDDS toolkit can be used to sequentially transform SDDS data sets
 - Use of Unix pipes is extensive
- Each tool makes others more useful without advance planning by developers



Examples of SDDS Toolkit Function

General tools

- Data display
- Plotting (2 programs)
- Printing data as formatted text
- Summarizing data set contents
- Data processing
- Equation evaluation
- Data filtering and outlier removal
- Statistics, histograms, and correlations
- Fitting and smoothing
- Matrix operations (e.g., SVD)
- Cross-referencing, sorting, and collation
- FFTs and digital filtering
- Using SDDS, tcltk and EPICS together

EPICS tools

- Data collection from EPICS
- Logging data at fixed time intervals
- Event-driven data logging
- Alarm logging
- N-dimensional experiments
- Save/restore of EPICS data
- Control functions for EPICS
- Generalized feedback control
- Generalized optimization

Tutorial on SDDS

- Protocol requires every data element has a name and forbids access to data except via name
- File header: namelist description of a structure of an arbitrary number of parameters and arrays, and a data table of arbitrary rows and columns
- Zero or more instances of the structure
- Simplicity of protocol makes the SDDS toolkit feasible

http://www.aps.anl.gov/Accelerator_Systems_Division/Accelerator_Operations_Physics/SDDSIntroTalk/slides.html

Other Use of SDDS

- SDDS file protocol can be used for physics simulation codes
 - Outside codes can be modified to use SDDS input and produce SDDS output
- Data obtained from the "off-line" optimization of simulation work can be used in the control room without the need of conversion programs

What is Tcl

- Scripting language "Tool Command Language"
- Simple syntax, few special characters
- Data structures such as list and arrays
- The usual control structures (if, foreach while, etc)
- Built-in event-driven programming
- GUI toolkit Tk seen elsewhere (perl, python) was designed for Tcl
- Launch with tclsh (or oagtclsh, our version)
- These are the features I was interested in. More features listed in http://wiki.tcl.tk/299

Tutorial on Tcl/Tk

- Launch with tclsh
- Variables; there is no types set phase 180 puts \$phase
- Lists set a {1 2 3} puts \$a
- User-defined procedures proc calculateSquare x { return [expr x*x] }
- [...] means run the procedure inside and return a value

Fun recipe.tcl example

```
proc ? L {
   # returns an random index
   lindex $L [expr {int(rand()*[llength $L])}]
}
proc recipe {} {
    # create four lists
    set a {
        {3 eggs} {an apple} {a pound of garlic}
        {a pumpkin} {20 marshmallows}
    }
    set b {
        {Cut in small pieces} {Dissolve in lemonade}
        {Bury in the ground for 3 months}
        {Bake at 300 degrees} {Cook until tender}
    }
    set c {parsley snow nutmeg curry raisins cinnamon}
    set d {
        ice-cream {chocolate cake} spinach {fried potatoes} rice {soy sprouts}
    }
    # returns a recipe, i.e. one of each list
    return "Take [? $a].\n[? $b].\nTop with [? $c].\nServe with [? $d]."
}
```

Run recipe example

>oagtclsh
% source recipe.tcl
% recipe
Take 20 marshmallows.
Cut in small pieces.
Top with raisins.
Serve with spinach.
% recipe
Take an apple.
Bury in the ground for 3 months.
Top with parsley.
Serve with rice.
% exit

Other Tcl Features

- Run external commands with exec command <arguments..>
 - set Idipole [exec caget -n SBM:CurrentAO]
- Catching error codes. Used extensively in our software.
- Regexp
- Some file I/O, though most of the time our complex data files are handled by SDDS toolkit
- Socket communication, e.g. HP instruments
- Events
- Many extensions available, including
 - "pv" package for channel access, and
 - "sdds" package for writing tcl data to and from SDDS files directly.

Command Syntax of pv package

Examples:

pv linkw S35BeamCurrent S35DCCT:currentCC

pv linkw \$apsTopupTclVarList \$apsTopupPvList

- Second word: one of command operation link, unlink, get, getw, put, putw, putq, info, stat, mon, umon, cmon
- Third word: list of names of tcl variables
- Other words: depend on operation. For linkw it is the list of names of PVs

http://www.aps.anl.gov/Accelerator_Systems_Division/Accelerator_Operations_Physics/manuals/APStclCA/APStclCA.html

Example of pv get

- pv linkw S35BeamCurrent S35DCCT:currentCC
 - pv getw S35BeamCurrent

```
if {$S35BeamCurrent < 102} {
    inject-more-beam</pre>
```

}

More Complex Example of pv Package

make links between tcl variables and PV names # The tcl variables are arrays, BPx(1), BPx(2), etc, one for each sector of APS # There are 4 elements in the tcl variables list # The 4 PV names are setpoints for BPMs of a particular sector set sector 1 set Sn 1 set Sn1 2 pv linkw \ [list BPx(\$sector) BPy(\$sector) APx(\$sector) APy(\$sector)] \ [list S\${Sn}B:P1:x:SetpointAO S\${Sn}B:P1:y:SetpointAO \ S\${Sn1}A:P1:x:SetpointAO S\${Sn1}A:P1:SetpointAO] # set up monitor with a script to execute pv umon BPx(\$sector) {set BPx(\$sector) \$BPx(\$sector)} pv umon BPy(\$sector) {set BPy(\$sector) \$BPy(\$sector)}

Example of pv Package with Catch Statements

```
# make links between tcl variables and PV names
# The tcl variables are arrays, BPx(1), BPx(2), etc, one for each sector of APS
# The PV names are setpoints for BPMs of a particular sector
set sector 1
set Sn 1
set Sn1 2
If { [pv linkw \
    [list BPx($sector) BPy($sector) APx($sector) APy($sector)] \
    [list S${Sn}B:P1:x:SetpointAO S${Sn}B:P1:y:SetpointAO \
      S${Sn1}A:P1:x:SetpointAO S${Sn1}A:P1:SetpointAO ] ] != 0} {
  APSAlertBox .alert -errorMessage "linkw error $errorCode"
  exit
# set up monitor with a script to execute
If { [pv umon BPx($sector) {set BPx($sector) $BPx($sector)} ] != 0} {
  APSAlertBox .alert -errorMessage "umon error $errorCode"
  exit
If { [pv umon BPy($sector) {set BPy($sector) $BPy($sector)} ] != 0} {
  APSAlertBox .alert -errorMessage "umon error $errorCode"
  exit
```

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About 60 GUIs use pv package

- ExperimentDesigner
- PVmonitor
- SRIDSteering, SRBMIntensityOptimization
- SRBunchTrain
- SREnergyApVoltScan
- SRRFPhaseSliders
- TclKnobs
- Also many libraries, cautils.tcl devices.tcl APSRunControl.tcl

What is Tk

- Windowing toolkit, extension of Tcl
- Creates and manipulates widgets in a window
- Buttons, labels, text boxes, list boxes, scrollbar
- Extensions available for fancy elements like tabs.
- Launch with wish (or oagwish, our version)
- More at http://wiki.tcl.tk/487
- APS has built a standard set of Tk calls for APS GUIs



APS Tcl/Tk Library (1996)

- Collection of widget procedures for creating Tk applications with a consistent look and feel
- Calling convention: APSWhatever <widget> [<option-list>] where <option-list> is a list of -name value pairs.
- Options common to most procedures

 -parent <widget>
 -packOption <list>
 -contextHelp <string>
- Use APSHelp to get the latest list of procedures and usage

http://www.aps.anl.gov/Accelerator_Systems_Division/Accelerator_Operations_Physics/manuals/APSTk/APSTk4.html

Demo Script of APS widgets

/usr/local/oag/apps/bin/linux-x86_64/demoScript

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Print Save As Email Expand Dialog	
EntryBox Buttons Misc.	
Plain entry widget:	My entry
Entry widget with file selection support:	home/oxygen/BORLAND/myFile.sdds
Entry widget with command support:	/home/oxygen/BORLAND/myFile.sdds
Entry widget with enable/disable button:	3.1415926

Demo Script of APS widgets

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	Check buttons:	□ 5 ▼ 6 ▼ 7 ▼ 8 ▼ 9 All None	
	Number chosen:	6	
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Demo Script of APS widgets

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10:08:49: Working 10:08:49: Remember:	double-right-click to bring up context help	
Print Save As Email Exp	and Dialog	
EntryBox Buttons Misc.		
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	Listbox widget	
	One	
	Two Three	
	Infinity	
	Accept	
	Listbox selection: Infinity	

Use of tag/value pairs in Tcl/Tk calling procedures

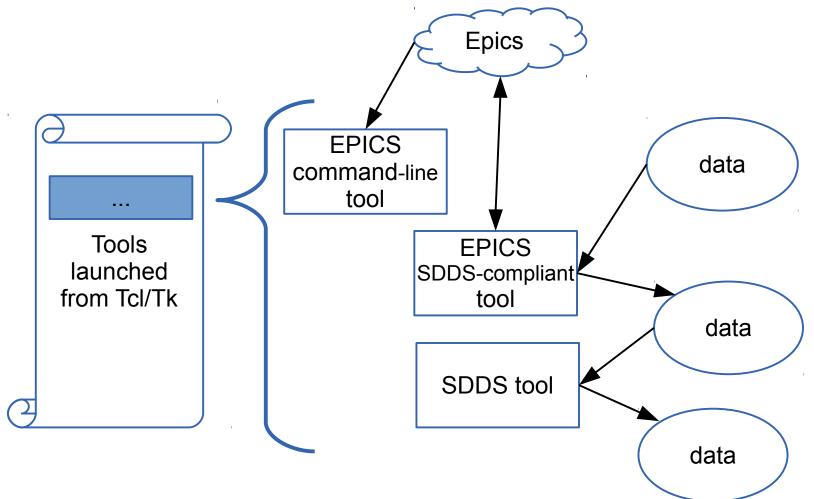
- APS Tcl scripts and procedures are called with tag-value pair arguments, making it unnecessary to remember the order of arguments.
 myAPScommand -var1 val1 -var2 val2
- These items are converted into local variables inside procedure disregarding the order

```
proc myAPScommand {args} {
    # new local variables will be creates from
```

```
# the args list
APSParseArguments {var1 var2}
puts $var1
puts $var2
```

```
}
```

Script working with SDDS and EPICS toolkits



Three ways to communicate with EPICS from Tcl

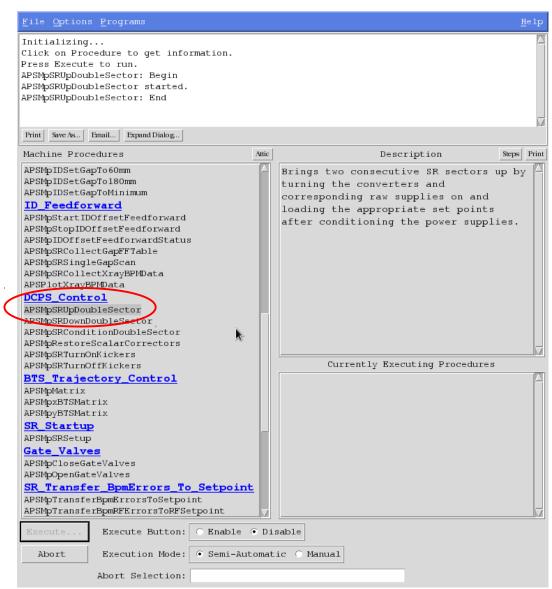
- pv extension package, e.g.
 - pv putw SRdipoleMain 450
- External command-line interface, e.g.
 - exec caput S:BM:CurrentAO 450
 - exec cavput -list=S -range=beg=1,end=40 \
 -list=A:QS4:CurrentAO=0.1 -delta
- APS extension library
 - APScavput -list=S -range=beg=1,end=40 \
 -list=A:OS4:CurrentAO=0.1 -delta
- SDDS-compliant toolkit, e.g.
 - exec sddscasr -restore SR.snp
 - exec sddsmonitor PV.mon PV-01 -interval=1 -time=1,day
 - exec sddscontrollaw matrix -interval=1 -gain=0.5
- Choice depends on complexity and requirement for leaving CA connections open

Example of procedure: Starting up SR magnets

- Goal: run the necessary steps to turn on power supplies of SR magnets, run conditioning cycles, and leave magnets running with currents of predetermined set points. Also we need to monitor progress.
- A high-level procedure was written that
 - Requests from the operator which archived file to use for current set points
 - Selected possible a subset of sectors or magnet types
 - Creates a file of PVs that configures the power supplies cycling
 - Sends "configure" commands to power supplies ioc
 - Sends "On" commands to all power supplies. Waits for completion
 - Sends "Start conditioning" commands. Waits for completion
 - Sends final values for current to power supplies
 - Pop-up window gives progress.

http://www.aps.anl.gov/Accelerator_Systems_Division/Accelerator_Operations_Physics/manuals/APSPEM/APSPEM4.html

Procedure Launched from PEM interface



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Windows for Starting SR Magnets

	Storage Ring Sector Selection Power Supply Selection
	□ S40:01 □ S02:03 S04:05 □ S06:07 □ DIPOLE (BM) + TRIMS (MT)
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	□ S32:33 □ S34:35 □ S36:37 □ S38:39 ▼ SEXTS (S)
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	Force conditioning
	Launch APSCalibrateDCPS
	Choose SR SCR file
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	End year, month, day, hour: 2015 5 28 24 TODAY -DAY +DAY -WEEK +MONTH +MONTH -YEAR +YEAR
	Snapshot choice (SR)
	Filename SR2015-148-0528-082957.gz
Continue Done Acknowledge Error Abort	Description
	Refresh Clear
	Preferred/Reference Choices
	User beam operator preferred
	Injection Open Gaps
	User beam system manager reference BPM offset reference
	[k]
	Snapshot Choices Thu May 28 08:30:01 2015 Orbit Recovery + ID1/ID4 P0 offset + S8/9/10 BPM offset (Gap open). AX
	Thu May 28 08:00:22 2015 Move to user orbit, xfer error to setpoint for ID1/ID4. AX
	Thu May 28 07:45:46 2015 Move orbit to P1 center, xfer error to offset for ID1/ID4. AX
	Thu May 28 05:28:21 2015 Orbit Recovery: open gap, orbit recovered. AX Thu May 28 05:22:31 2015 Orbit Recovery: user Gap, orbit recovered. AX
	Thu May 28 04:54:26 2015 Orbit Recovery: 15mm Gap, orbit recovered. AX
	Thu May 28 03:49:27 2015 Orbit Recovery: 24, coupling 1.0, xfer BPM spikes to BPM offsets. AX Thu May 28 03:43:53 2015 Orbit Recovery: 24, coupling 1.0. AX
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Choices in Running an Experiment

- For the purpose of this discussion, an "experiment" is a scan of one or more control variables (could be discrete values form a list) and the collection of physcially-dependent quantities
- Use a loop in a Tcl/Tk script or GUI
- Use sddsexperiment with configuration file describing with namelist commands the control variable and the monitored variables, and also the pauses between the steps
- Use ExperimentDesigner for very complex situations that need scripts to be run in between steps

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Experiment Designer

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Other Tcl Applications

See following slides

Orbit Correction Launcher

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Dispersion and Chromaticity Measurement

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Measurements to average:			1
Pause (s):			15
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x est. chromaticity: 6		y est. chromaticity:	4
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Control of a network analyzer and rf frequency

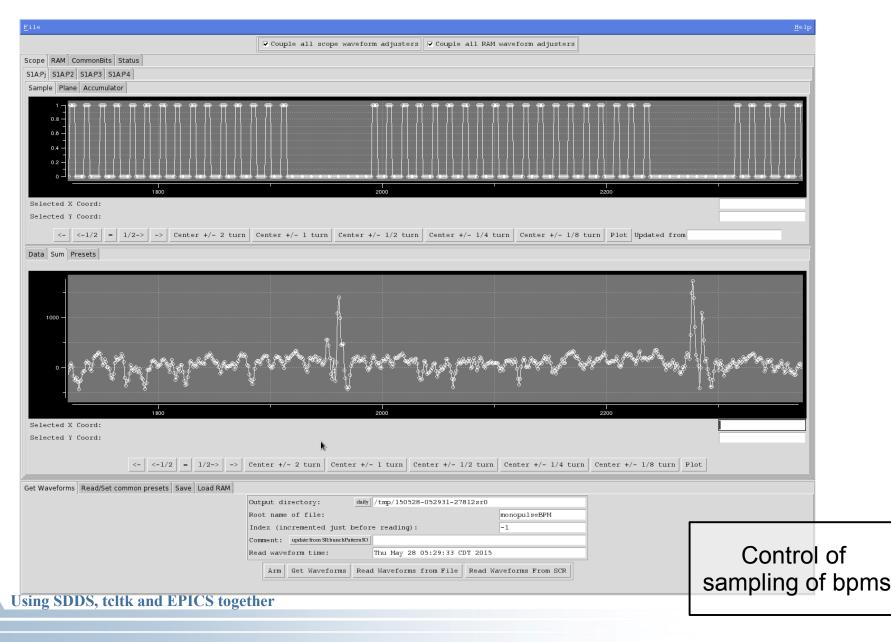
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Tcl knobs for SR Tune

Use File menu to configure the knobs to a different set of PVs

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BSP-100 BPM Control Waveform Viewer



Conclusions and Comments

- Complex applications have been constructed using Tcl/Tk working with EPICS and with SDDS and EPICS tools
- All this could have been done similarly with other scripting languages. I find Tcl/Tk (espeically other's code) cleaner to read.
- Other labs have used MATLAB in the role of Tcl/Tk, and instead of using SDDS toolkit, they have used MATLAB functions.
 - SDDS extension is available in MATLAB, BTW.