MIDAS Report from SCDMS-SNOLAB

How we use MIDAS => Open Issues

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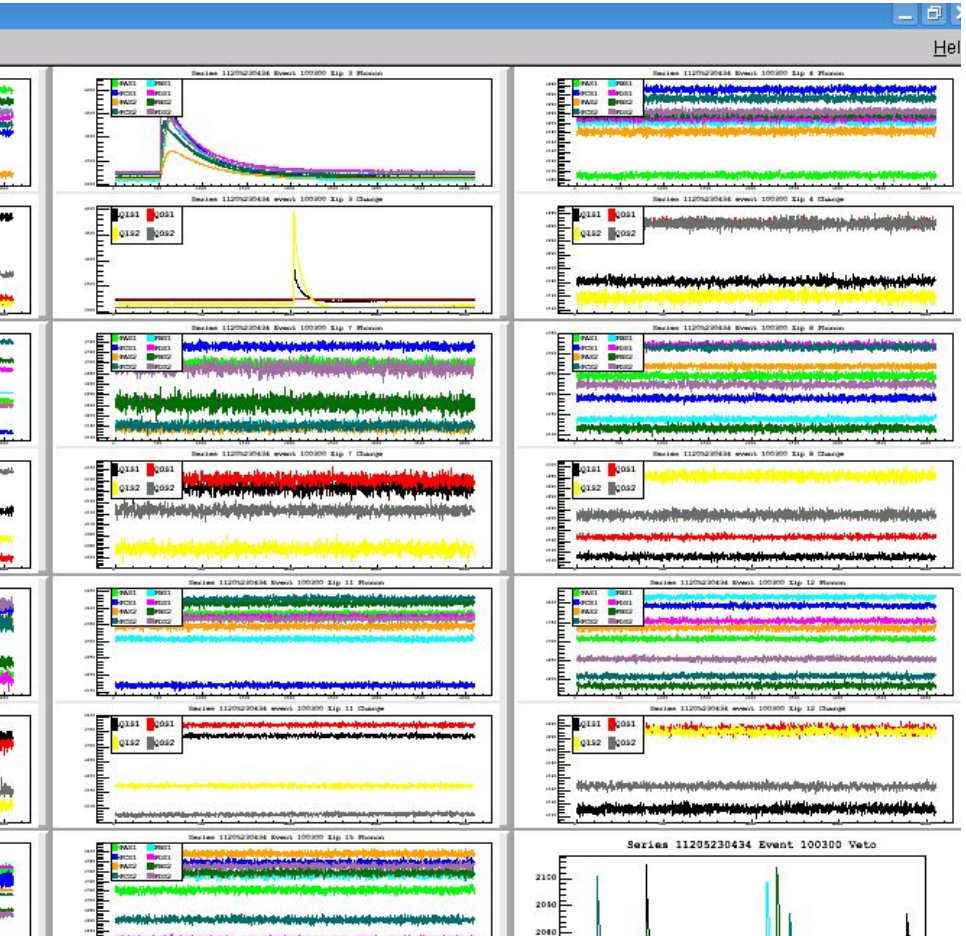
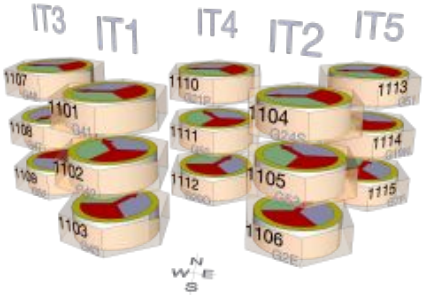
What does SuperCDMS data look like?





- Digitized pulses from many detectors, each with many channels
- The temperature of the detectors
- Detector settings (bias, current through sensors, etc.)

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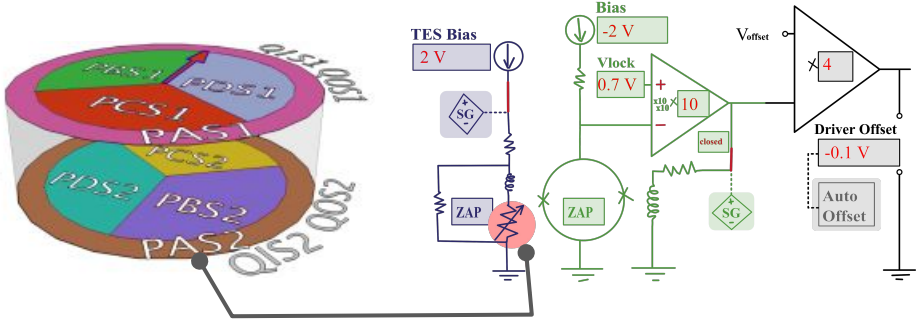

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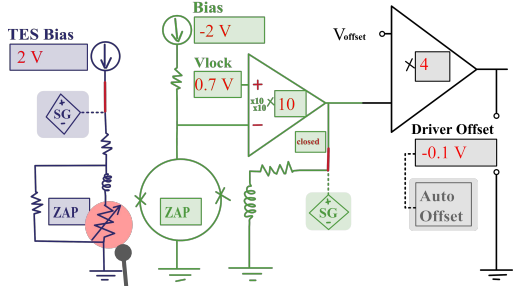

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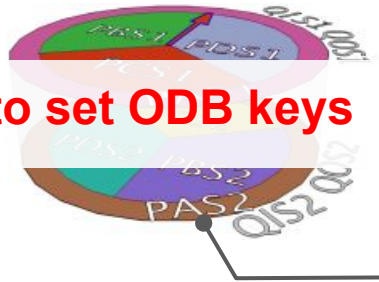

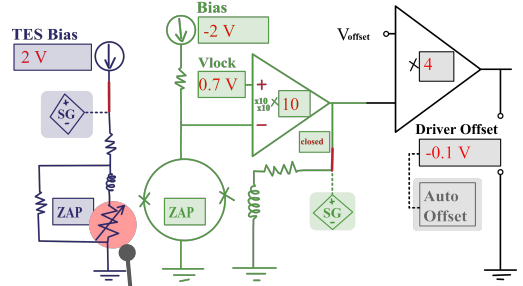

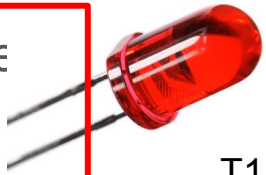

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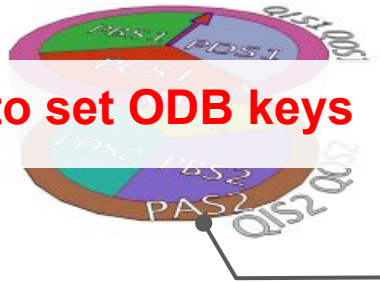

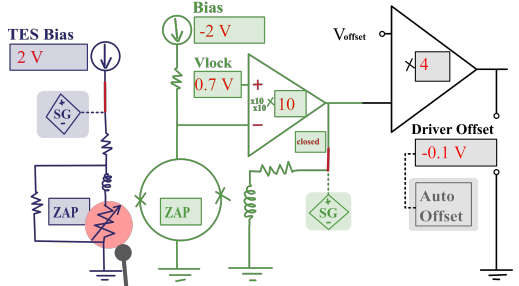

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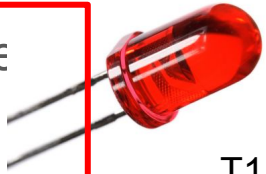

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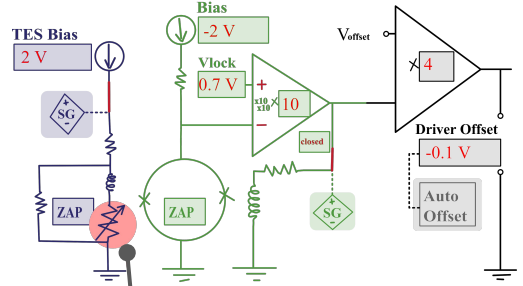

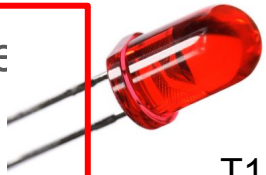

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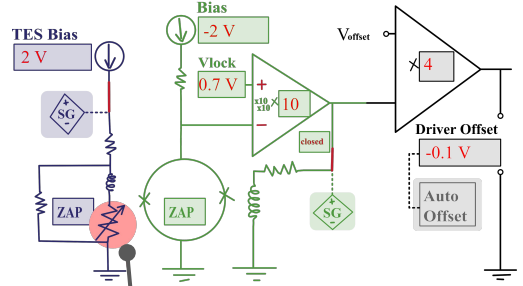

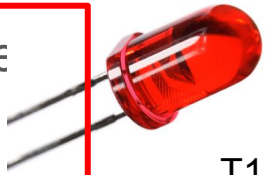

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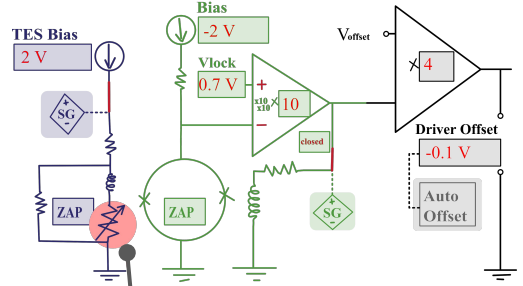

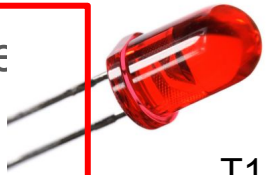

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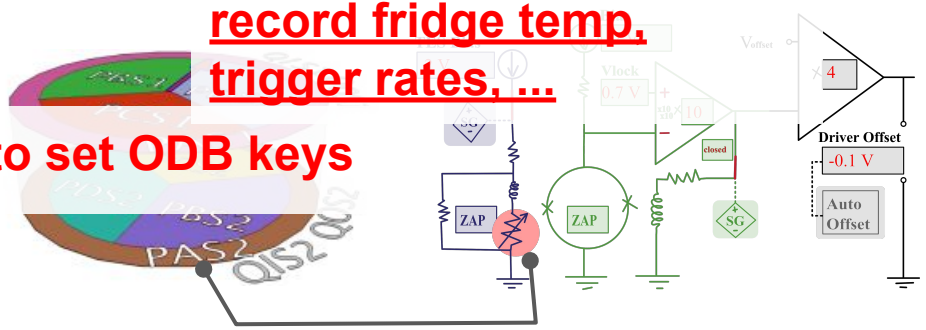
Take data with SuperCDMS

Use MIDAS History to record fridge temp, trigger rates, ...



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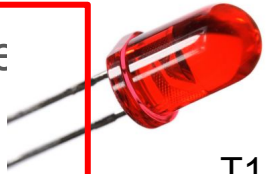

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Open Issues

MIDAS History

Information that should be recorded together is not

Sequencer

Prone to crashing and will be too slow when we run with full set of detectors

Public API

Runs and sequencer are controllable through HTTP commands but these can change

mhttpd

Near-in-time requests over a typical public network often slow mhttpd response time to several minutes

History Bug Type 1: Bank-Writing Out-of-Syncness

1a) ‘SQL version’

Out-of-syncness between first and subsequent listed struct members when writing a struct to a history bank.

Present in:

- SQLITE history
- ODBC history
- MYSQL history (?)

1b) ‘MIDAS version’

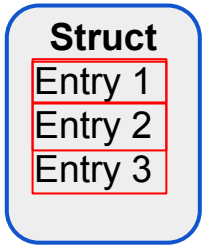
Out-of-syncness between first and subsequent banks when writing to multiple history banks at once.

Present in:

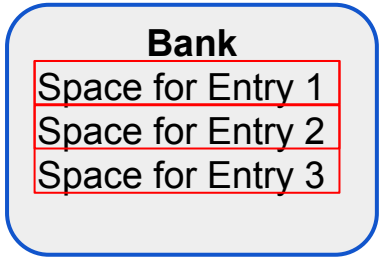
- MIDAS history
- FILE history

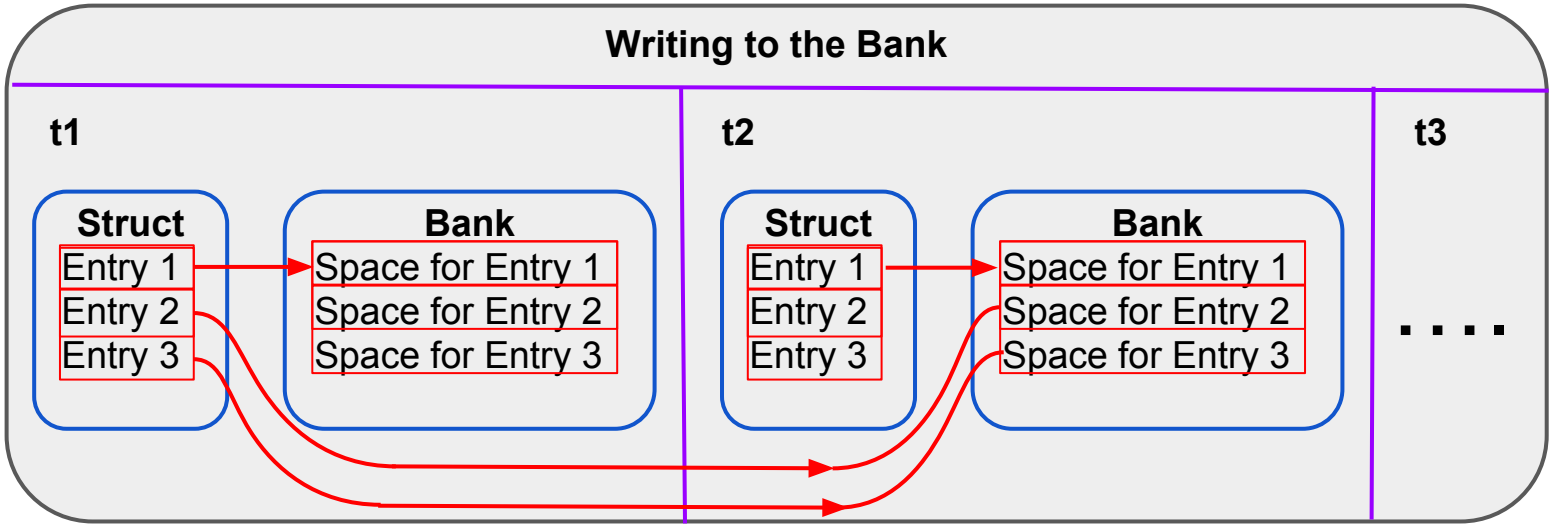
More on Bug Type 1a - ‘SQL Version’

Struct defined with multiple entries:



Bank defined to contain the struct:



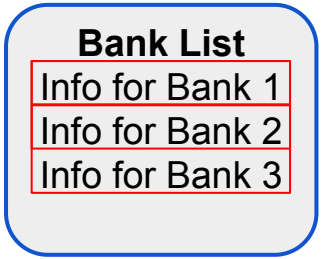


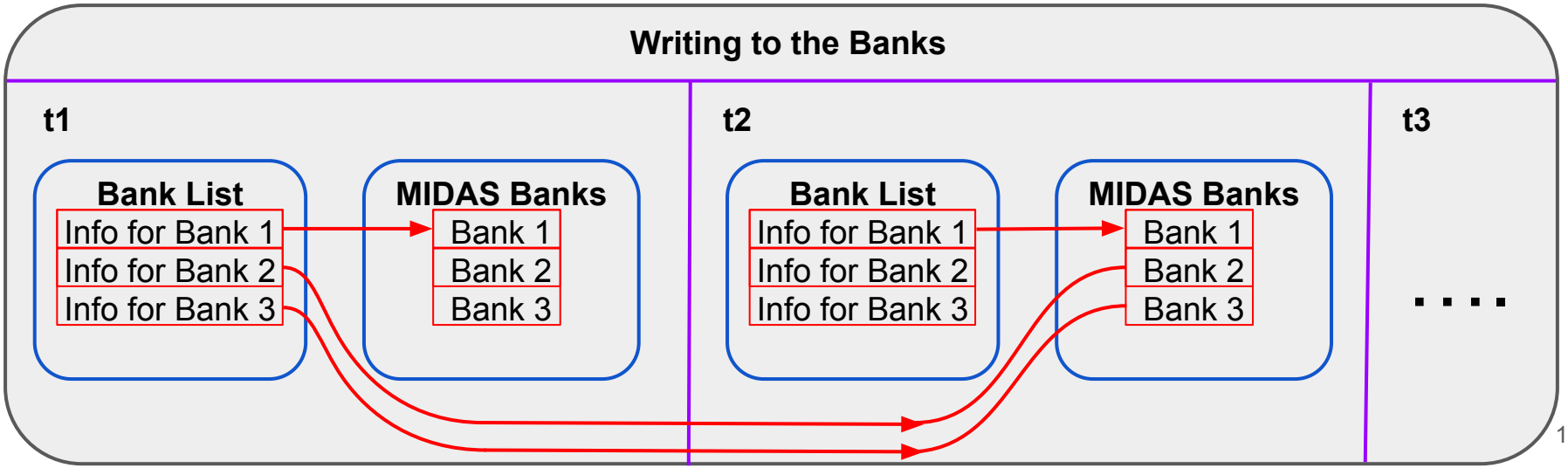
Point of Interest

This bug only appears when connecting to MIDAS through an mserver.

More on Bug Type 1b - ‘MIDAS Version’

Bank list defined to contain bank info. The banks may contain any variable types (int, struct, array, etc.)





History Bug Type 2: Slow Bank-Writing with SQLITE

When writing to the banks using SQLITE history:

- It takes ~6-12 seconds for bank entries to appear in and become readable from the bank.
- This is an issue for programs that need to read and write new bank data at $\mathcal{O}$(1s) rates.

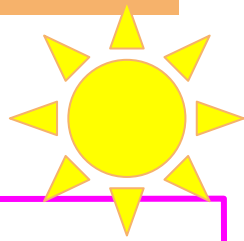
When writing to the banks with other history systems, it takes less than 1 second for bank entries to appear and become readable after they are written to the bank.

Sequencer: fantastic for detector development

Parses commands

Controllable via HTTP requests

Provides status info



aroberts@dcrc01:/home1/cdms_test/MidasDAQ/online/sequencer

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Simple commands in a text file, => scientists testing detectors can write useful DAQ sequences.

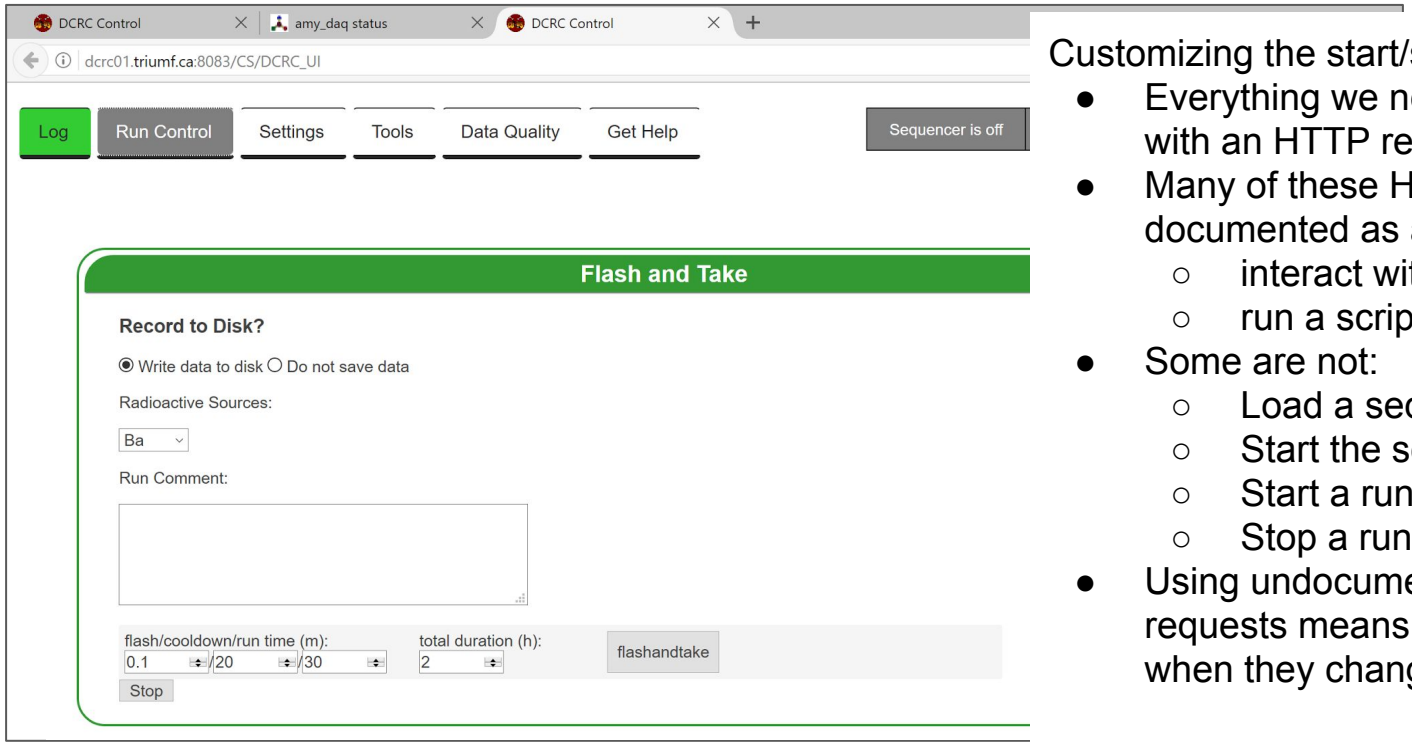
Even without expert DAQ knowledge!

This has never happened before and significantly shortens the time to do on-the-fly tests.

Sequencer: issues

- ➔ **If mhttpd crashes, the sequencer crashes.**
  - Separate sequencer from mhttpd?
- ➔ **Fixed delay (1 second) between line execution.**
  - Setting up detectors could dominate deadtime!
- ➔ **Flow control for the production DAQ will be complex**
  - Example: the fridge system wants to take a noisy measurement.
    (1) wait until we've finished the current run
    (2) take the noisy measurement
    (3) start the next run

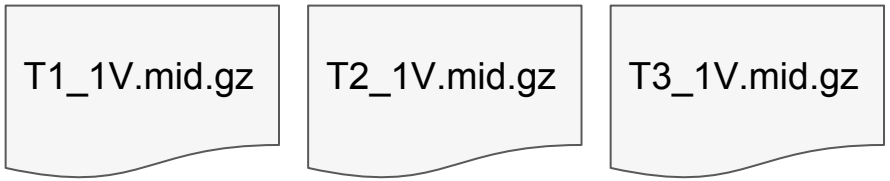
Public API: HTTP requests



Customizing the start/stop run interface:

- Everything we needed can be done with an HTTP request!
- Many of these HTTP requests are documented as a public API
  - interact with ODB
  - run a script
- Some are not:
  - Load a sequencer file
  - Start the sequencer
  - Start a run
  - Stop a run
- Using undocumented HTTP requests means our code breaks when they change

Public API: MIDAS C/C++ library

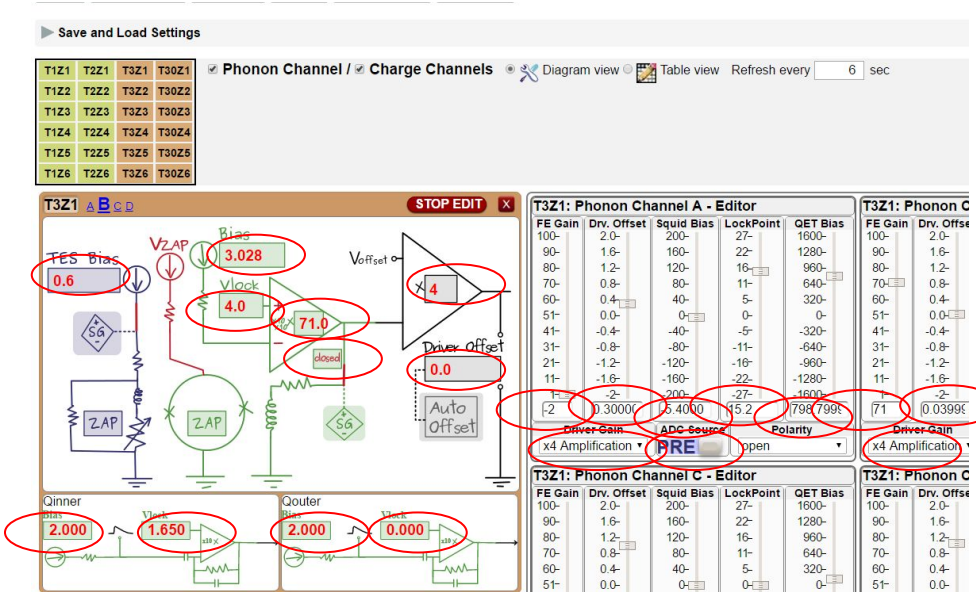


Detector Monte-Carlo programs also generate data files

- Ideally, format would be identical to the format of the DAQ data files!
- The MIDAS bank structure is simple and we could replicate it
- Or link to existing MIDAS bank-writer functions?

mhttpd: two users => slow response

- We send HTTP requests for ODB data about every second
- Two users working with the detector-tuning interface => mhttpd can take minutes to respond
- Slow-down may be triggered by close-in-time requests



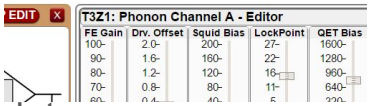
All this data is in the ODB and comes from an HTTP request to mhttpd.

The End!

1. MIDAS has allowed us to build a usable DAQ for detector testing
2. The HTTP API and Sequencer have been extremely useful
3. Our production DAQ has to address mhttpd slowness, sequencer slowness, and History bugs
4. Our production DAQ has to allow complex flow-control

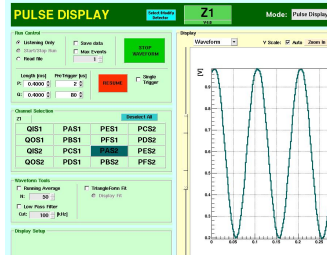
The SNOLAB DAQ

DCRC UI (dcrc_ui.git)

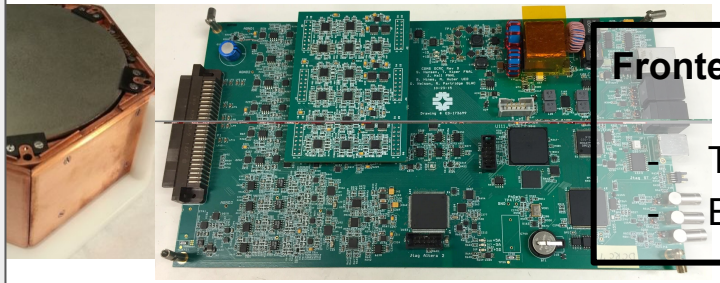


- Control detectors, data runs
- Amy, Xuji et al.
- Uses code in MidasDAQ to Flash, etc.

Midas Tools (MidasTools.git)



- Tune SQUIDs, measure Rp/Rn
- Bruno, Bill et al.
- Reads data provided by frontends



Frontends (MidasDAQ.git)

- Talk to our DCRC hardware
- Belina et al.

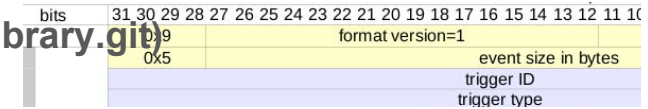
cdmsbats (cdmsbats.git)

- Read and process the data
- Bruno, Anthony et al.

MIDAS (midas_fork.git)

- General framework, not specific to CDMS
- Thomas Lindner et al.
- Using MIDAS Sequencer, History (Danika), etc.

Data I/O (IOLibrary.git)



- Packs/Unpacks CDMS data
- Matt Wilson et al.
- First use in frontends

Approximate Dependency