# Supervisory Control Language

## Applying Tcl To The Realtime Arena

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# Background

## CPU’s Mission

Computerized Processes Unlimited, Incorporated is an independent control system integrator serving domestic and international Oil and Gas Energy and other process industries with highly competent consulting services, project management and customized problem solving software.

## Primary Projects

- the design and implementation of systems to monitor and control processes
- realtime data integration with corporate databases
- network integration

## Platforms (client driven)

- Hewlett-Packard 9000/7xx running HP-UX
- Digital VAX
- PC’s

## Foundation requirements

A stable, extensible software foundation to build custom solutions for our clients.

# Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)

## Purpose

- Collect data from field devices and present the data in meaningful form to operators.
- Provide methods for operators to issue commands to field located controllers.
- Operator must be able to:
  - determine the state of the process easily
  - control the process instinctively

## Current State of the Industry

- Current SCADA systems place extreme importance on the interactive operator display to help the operator process data from many sources and respond correctly to changes in the process.

- Small to moderate size systems are now PC based and are user configurable. Unfortunately, configuration is rigid and extensibility is limited.

- UNIX and VMS based systems are used for larger applications. These make use of the multitasking, and operator interface features. Custom integration is still required and can be complex.

# Hewlett-Packard’s Realtime Application Platform (RTAP)

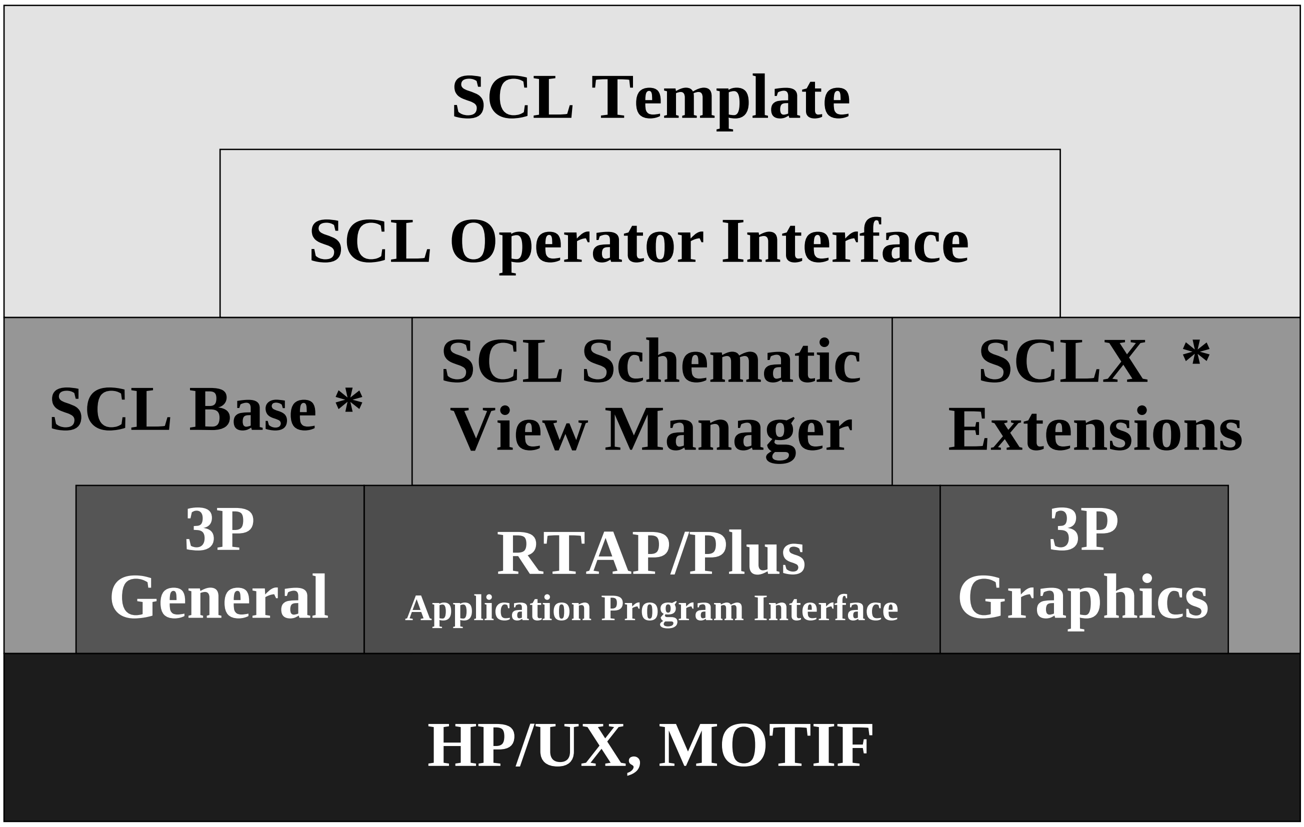
- **Provides a toolkit for building SCADA applications. Configuration is a combination of using interactive tools and C programming.**
- **Major components are:**
    - realtime database with calculation engine
    - data historian to maintain data for longer times
    - time keeper and event manager to support event processing
    - environment configuration and monitoring
    - scan system for acquiring data and issuing commands to and gathering data from remote devices
    - alarm detection, reaction, and display
    - report system for producing hard copy summary reports
    - user interface tools to support the creation and display of interactive schematics

# Goals of the SCL Project

- **Develop a product that would allow CPU to become more effective at system integration**
- **Provide complete development and configuration environment**
  - Support custom configuration/application by engineer/technician
- **Leverage work done by others**
  - RTAP/Plus
  - Other third party products
  - Public domain products
- **Extensible by:**
  - CPU
  - Third parties
  - Users
- **Provide appropriate interface for different levels of users**

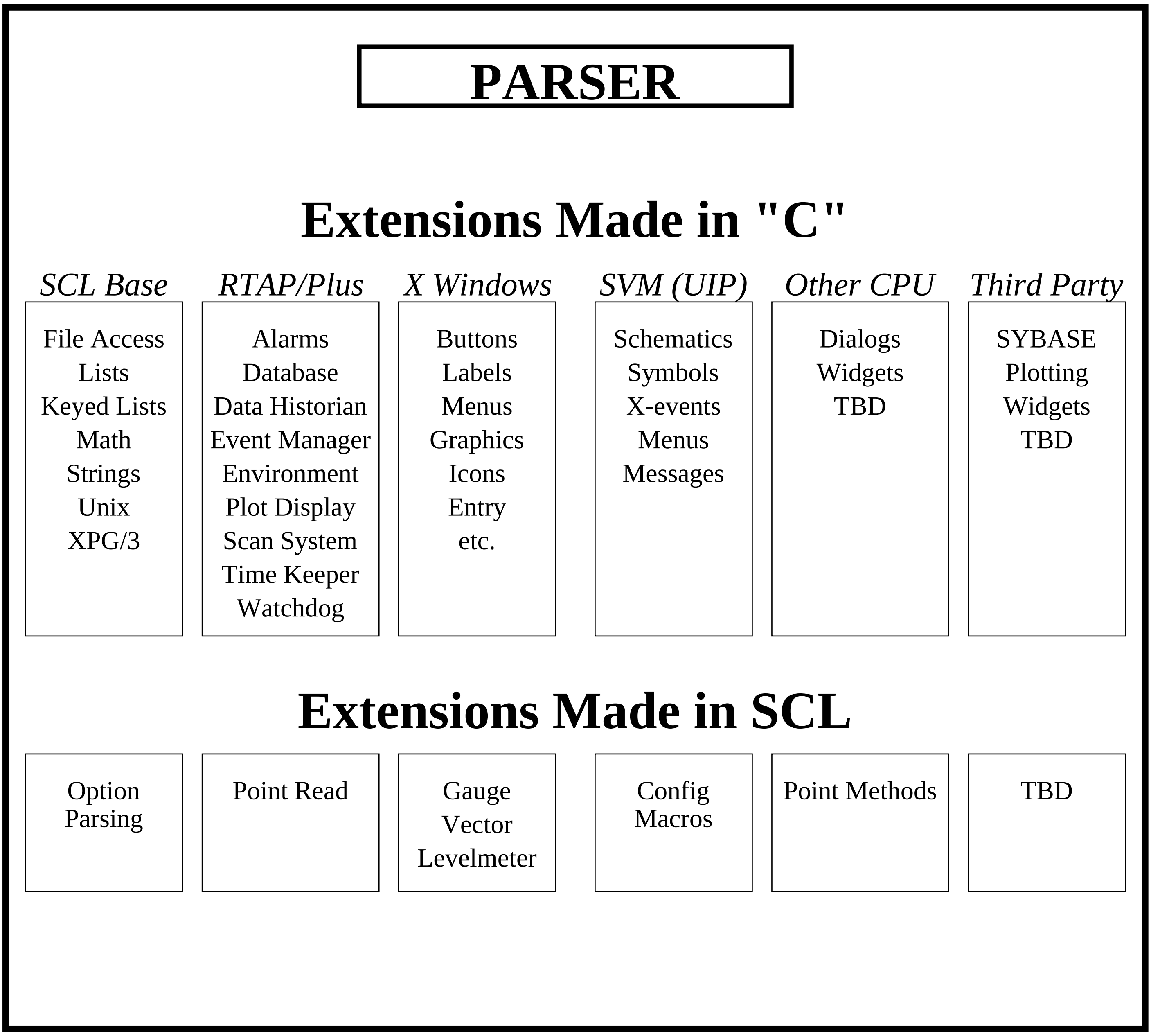
# The SCL Family

## A Layer Diagram



# Peer Type Extensibility

## SCL(X) Interpreter



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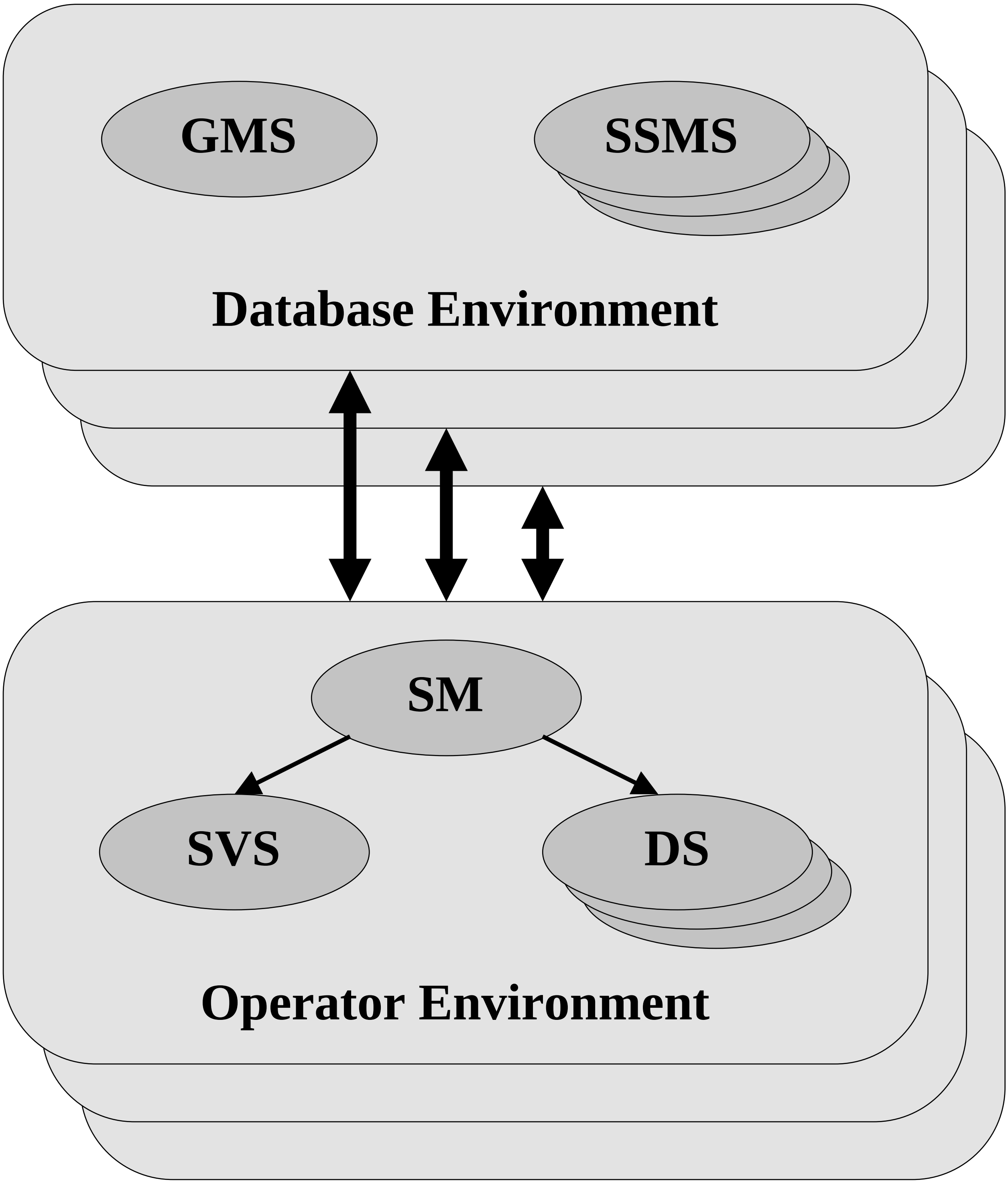
## Extensions Made in "C"

| *SCL Base* | *RTAP/Plus* | *X Windows* | *SVM (UIP)* | *Other CPU* | *Third Party* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| File Access<br>Lists<br>Keyed Lists<br>Math<br>Strings<br>Unix<br>XPG/3 | Alarms<br>Database<br>Data Historian<br>Event Manager<br>Environment<br>Plot Display<br>Scan System<br>Time Keeper<br>Watchdog | Buttons<br>Labels<br>Menus<br>Graphics<br>Icons<br>Entry<br>etc. | Schematics<br>Symbols<br>X-events<br>Menus<br>Messages | Dialogs<br>Widgets<br>TBD | SYBASE<br>Plotting<br>Widgets<br>TBD |

## Extensions Made in SCL

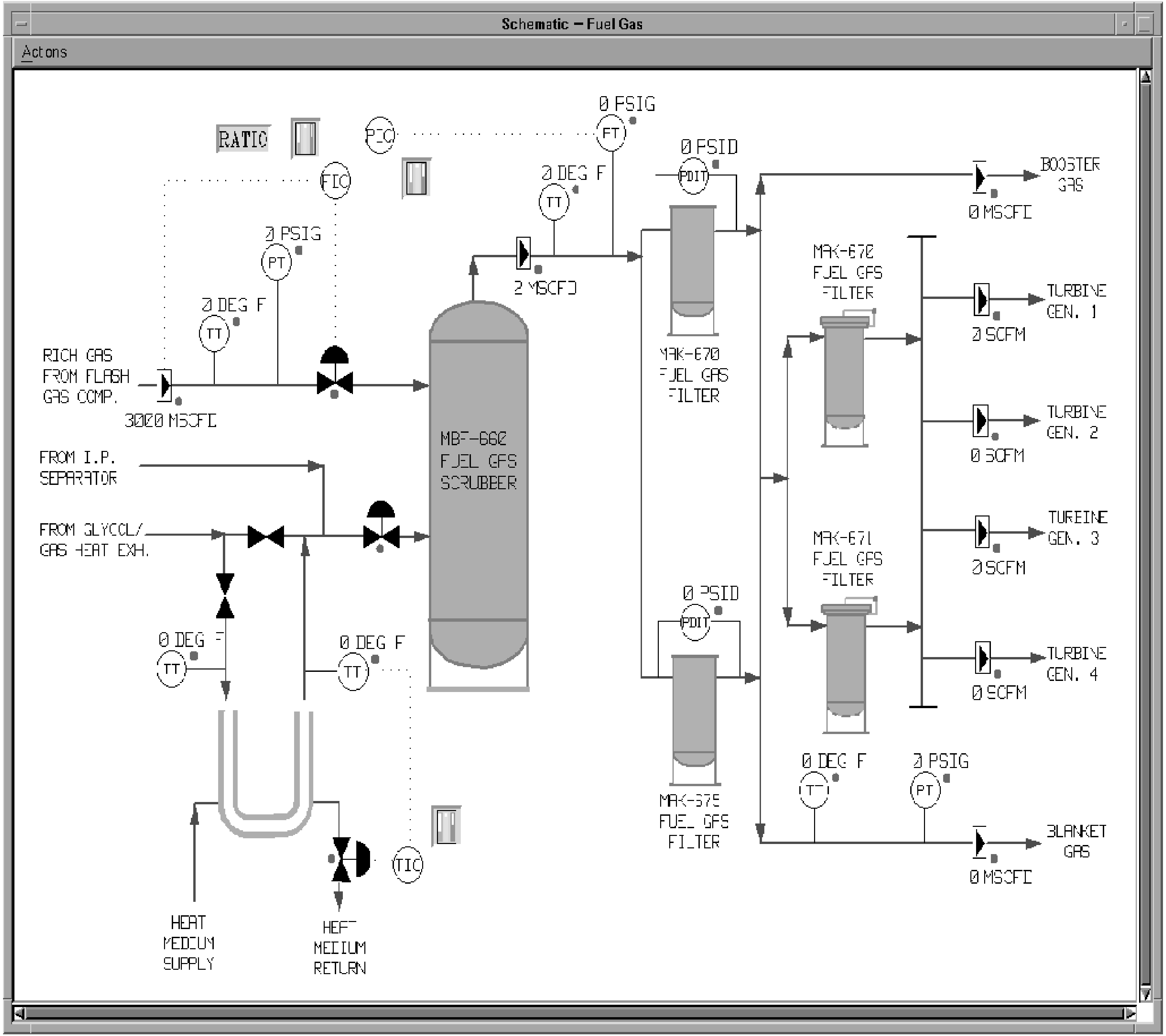
| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Option Parsing | Point Read | Gauge<br>Vector<br>Levelmeter | Config Macros | Point Methods | TBD |

# SCL Plus Process Model



# Typical Screens

- **Process schematic**
- **Detail panel**
- **Plot panel**
- **"Layered" detail panel**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FROM FLASH
GAS COMP.
3000 MSCFD
FROM I.P.
SEPARATOR
FROM GLYCOL/
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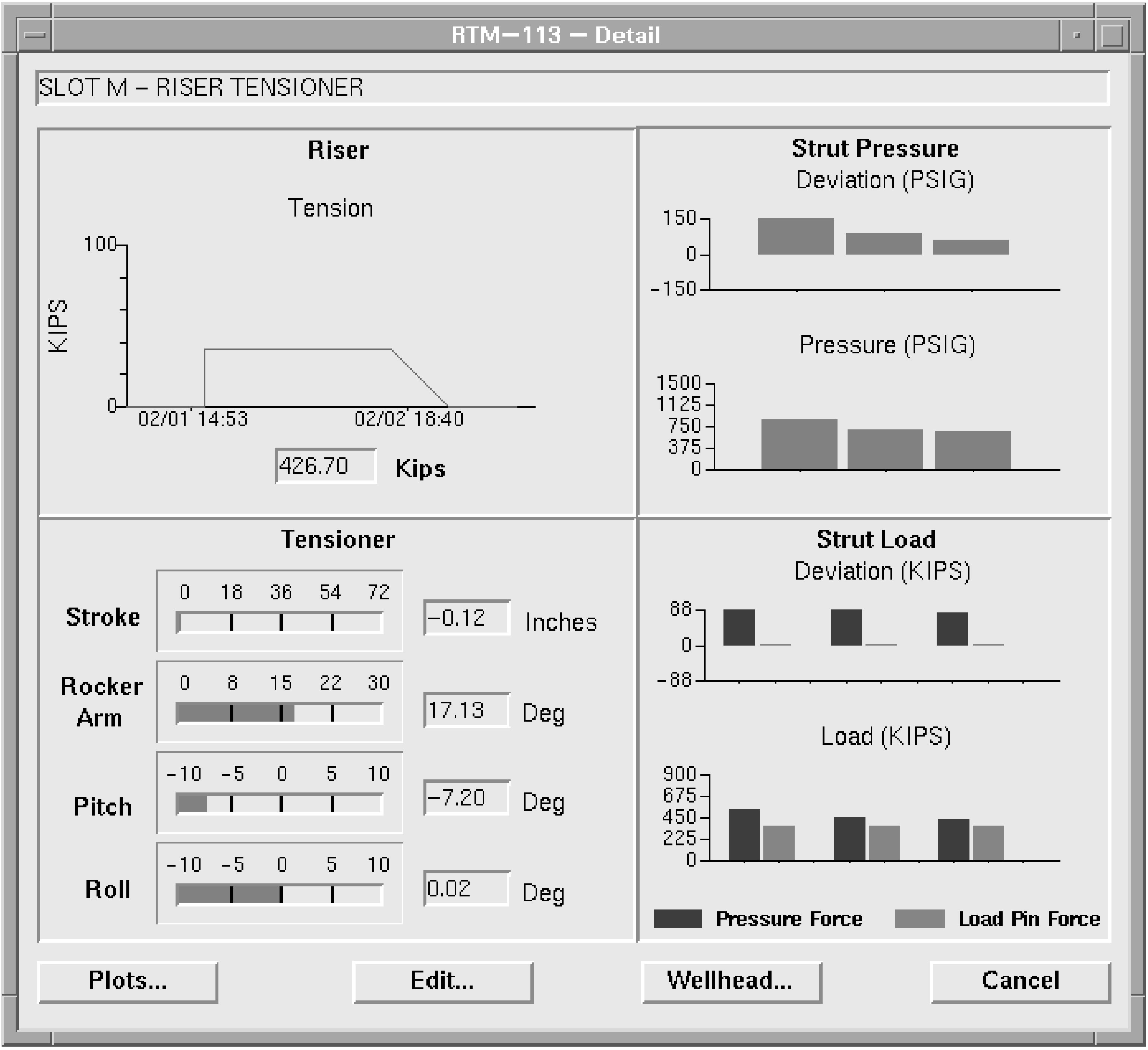


RTM–113 – Detail

SLOT M – RISER TENSIONER

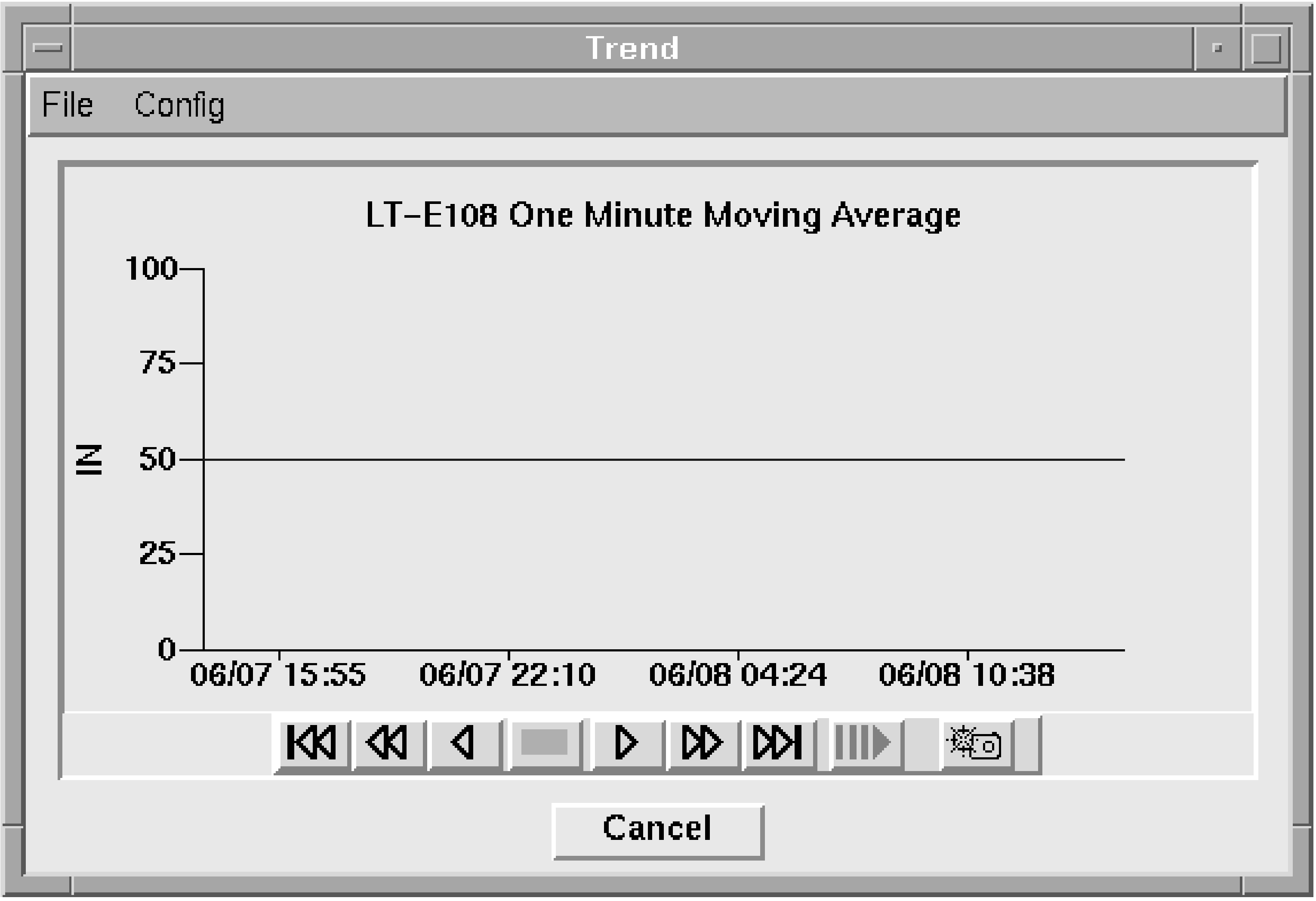
426.70 Kips

Stroke –0.12 Inches

Rocker Arm 17.13 Deg

Pitch –7.20 Deg

Roll 0.02 Deg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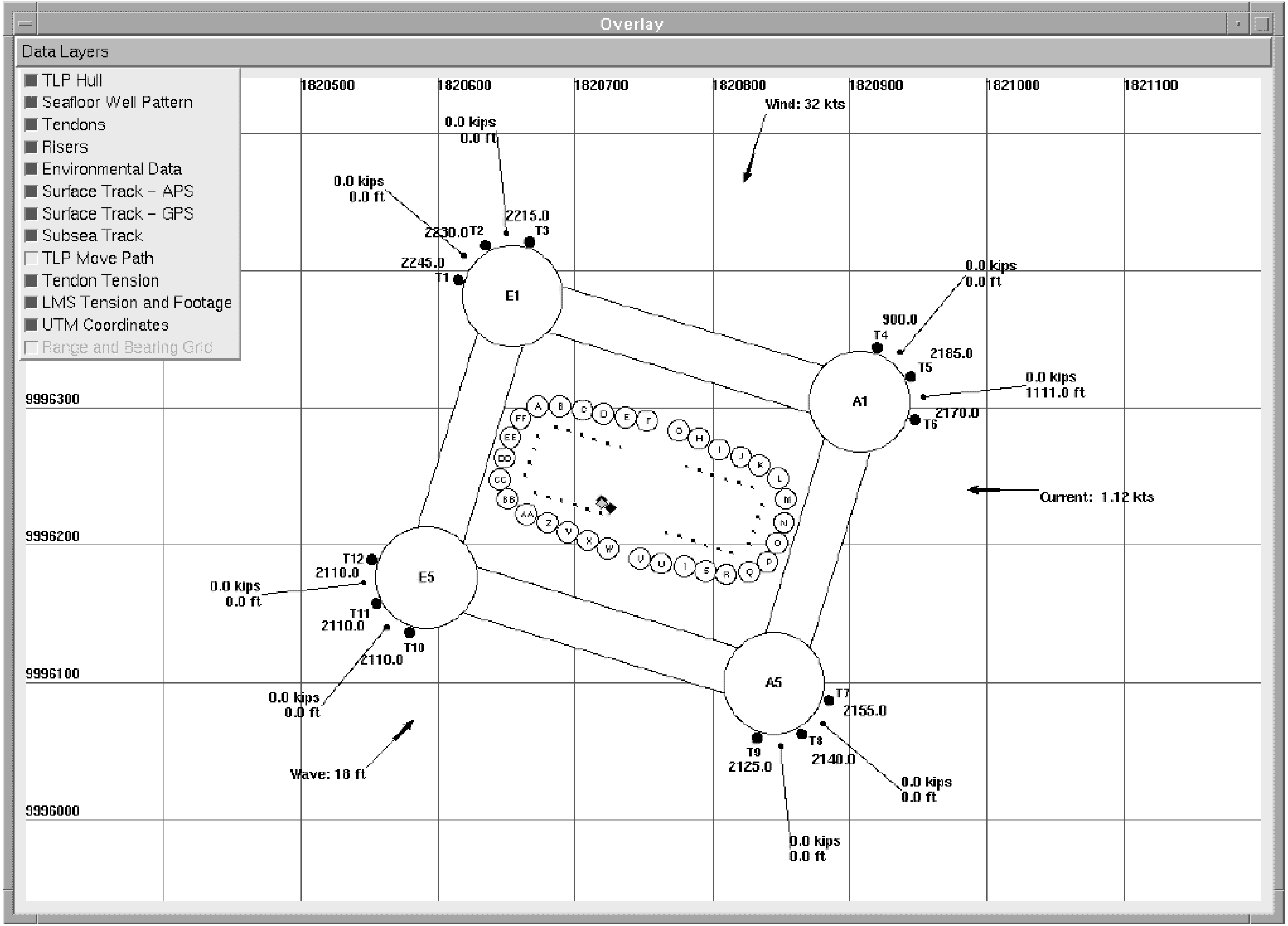

Data Layers

- ■ TLP Hull
- ■ Seafloor Well Pattern
- ■ Tendons
- ■ Risers
- ■ Environmental Data
- ■ Surface Track – APS
- ■ Surface Track – GPS
- ■ Subsea Track
- □ TLP Move Path
- ■ Tendon Tension
- ■ LMS Tension and Footage
- ■ UTM Coordinates
- □ Range and Bearing Grid

# CPU's TCL Activity

**C Code:**

27,000 lines

**Tcl/Tk Code:**

120,000 lines

# Conclusion

- **SCL has allowed CPU to become more effective at integrating systems.**
  - drastically reduced development time by:

    almost eliminating C code programming

    eliminating linking and compiling

    reducing the need for the script writer to be concerned with memory allocation and other operating system "baggage"
  - greater reusability of applications since libraries are easier to build and maintain
  - debugging and testing is made simpler by the interactive interface
  - all of the above results in a substantially reduced turnaround time

# Desired Future Directions for Tcl/Tk

- **Better support for multiple interpreters**
  - Multiple interpreter support for Tk
  - Standard method of resolving signals when using multiple interpreters
- **Further development of canvas**
  - partial fill of objects
  - drawing tool for creating objects and defining bindings
- **Compiler**
- **Windows NT**
- **Continued unencumbered license (no Copy Left)**

# Appendix A

# SCL RTAP Extensions

## Alarm System

rrtas_alarm_ac

rtas_close

rtas_config_connection

rtas_open

rtas_update_msg

## Database

rtdb_close

rtdb_config *item*

ADD_NULL_PT, ADD_SCALAR, ADD_TABLE, ADD_VECTOR, ALIAS, ATTR_NAME, CATEGORIES, COPY_ATTR, COPY_BRANCH, COPY_POINT, DEFINITION, DEL_ATTR, DEL_BRANCH, DEL_BR_CHK, EXP_ORDER, GROUPS, MOVE_POINT, PT_CLASS, PT_NAME, RESIDENCE, SET_RECORD_CNT

rtdb_control *item*

CE_ORDER, DISABLE_SNAPS, ENABLE_SNAPS, LOCK_PT, REL_CFI, RUN_CE, SET_CFI, SET_CWP, SET_USAGE, SNAPSHOT, UNLOCK_PT, XFER_LOCK_PT

rtdb_match_pts

rtdb_multi_read,

rtdb_multi_write

rtdb_open

rtdb_query *item*

ALIAS, ALPHA_ATTRS, ATTRIBUTE, ATTR_ACCESS, ATTR_CNT, ATTR_NAMES, ATTR_ORDER, CATEGORIES, CATEG_NAMES, CE_DEP_REF, CE_DEP_UPD, CE_OPER, CONN_INFO, DEFINITION, DE_TYPE, DIRECT, DIRECT_ATTR, EVENT, EXPR_ORDER, FIELD_NAMES, FIRST_CHILD, GROUPS, GROUP_NAMES, LRL, NEXT_SIBLING, PARENT, PTS_IN_CLASS, PT_CLASS, RESIDENCE, SYM_ABS, SYM_ALIAS, SYM_REL, USAGE

## Database (cont.)

rtdb_read
rtdb_set
rtdb_write
rtdb_unit_write

## Historian

rtdh_close
rtdh_config *item*
AUTOREARM, COPY_ABS_POINT, COPY_REL_POINT, DELETE_TABLE_POINT, RECORD_DATA, TABLE_NAME, TABLE_RESIDENCE, TABLE_SIZE
rtdh_control *item*
ARM_TABLE, AUTOARM_DISABLE, AUTOARM_ENABLE, CLEAR_TABLE, DATAWRAP_DISABLE, DATAWRAP_ENABLE, DISABLE_TABLE, DISARM_TABLE, ENABLE_TABLE, ONESHOT_TABLE
rtdh_open
rtdh_query *item*
AUTOARM, AUTOREAM, DATAWRAP, OUTPUT_TRIGGER, RECORD_DATA, TABLE_CONN_PLIN, TABLE_LIST, TABLE_LIST_CNT, TABLE_NAME, TABLE_RESIDENCE, TABLE_SIZE, TABLE_STATE
rtdh_read
rtdh_set

## Event Manager

rtem_attach_event
rtem_change_event
rtem_detach_event

## Environment System

rtenv_bind_msg_handler
rtenv_break_dispatch
rtenv_dispatch_msg
rtenv_get_env_dir
rtenv_get_error
rtenv_get_my_name
rtenv_ get_option *item*
 DEBUG, PRECISION, READ_BUFFER, READ_WRITE_STAT
rtenv_get_proc_name
rtenv_get_proc_num
rtenv_get_unix_pid
rtenv_log_error
rtenv_msg_recv
rtenv_msg_send
rtenv_print_error
rtenv_query_msg_handler
rtenv_sched_process
rtenv_set_my_name
rtenv_set_option *item*
 DEBUG, PRECISION, READ_BUFFER, READ_WRITE_STAT

## Plot System

rtpd_control *item*

CLOSE_VIEW, CONFIGURE_PLOT, COPY_PLOT, COPY_PLOT_UNDER, DELETE_PLOT, HOUR_GLASS_OFF, HOUR_GLASS_ON, ICONIFY, ICONIFY_VIEW, OPEN_VIEW, OPEN_VIEW_AT, PRINT_PLOT, PRINT_PLOT_TO, REFRESH, SET_LIST_BY_PARENT, SET_LIST_BY_SIBLING, SWITCH_VIEW, UNICONIFY, UNICONIFY_VIEW

rtdp_query *item*

GET_CONTEXT, GET_VIEW_STATUS

## Scan System

rtss_close
rtss_control *item*

COLD_RTS_DEVICE, COMM_PORT_MODE, DISABLE_SS, DISABLE_CP, DISABLE_SD_SI, DISABLE_SD_SI_PT, DISABLE_SD_SO, DISABLE_SD_SO_PT, ENABLE_SS, ENABLE_CP, ENABLE_SD_SI, ENABLE_SD_SI_PT, ENABLE_SD_SO, DENABLE_SD_SO_PT, FORCE_POLL, FORCE_POLL_TYPE, FORCE_PRBX, FORCE_PRBX_TYPE, POLL_PERIOD, POLL_TYPE, PRBX_PERIOD, PRBX_TYPE, SET_TIME, SNAP, SNAP_WITH_VERIFY, WARM_RST_DEVICE

rtss_open
rtss_query *item*
SYSTEM_STATE, TASK_STATE
rtss_read
rtss_set
rtss_write

## SCL Initialization

scl_init

## Time Keeper System

rttk_cancel_timer
rttk_delay
rttk_start_timer

## Watchdog

rtwd_cancel_monitor
rtwdcontrol_server
rtwd_report_condition
rtwd_start_monitor

# Appendix B

# SVM Extensions

## Schematic View Manager

- svm_bind
- svm_control item
  - POLL
  - REFRESH
  - RUN
  - STOP
- svm_config_menu
- svm_config_menu_item
- svm_config_sch
- svm_config_sym
- svm_control
- svm_create_menu
- svm_create_sch
- svm_destroy_sch
- svm_message
- svm_query
- svm_query_sch
- svm_query_sym
- svm_set