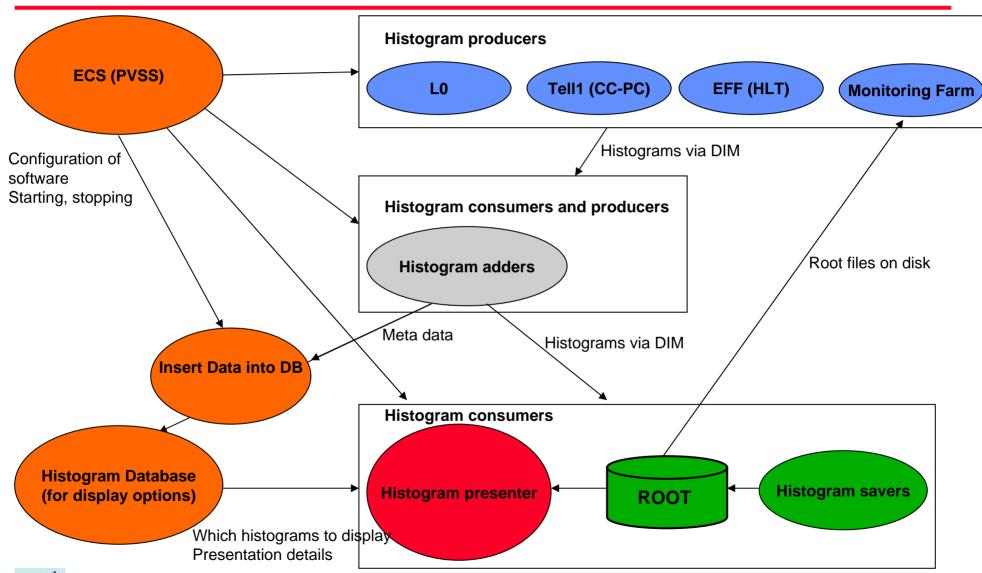
Root – LHCb Online meeting

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Monitoring architecture (in pit)



Presenter requirements

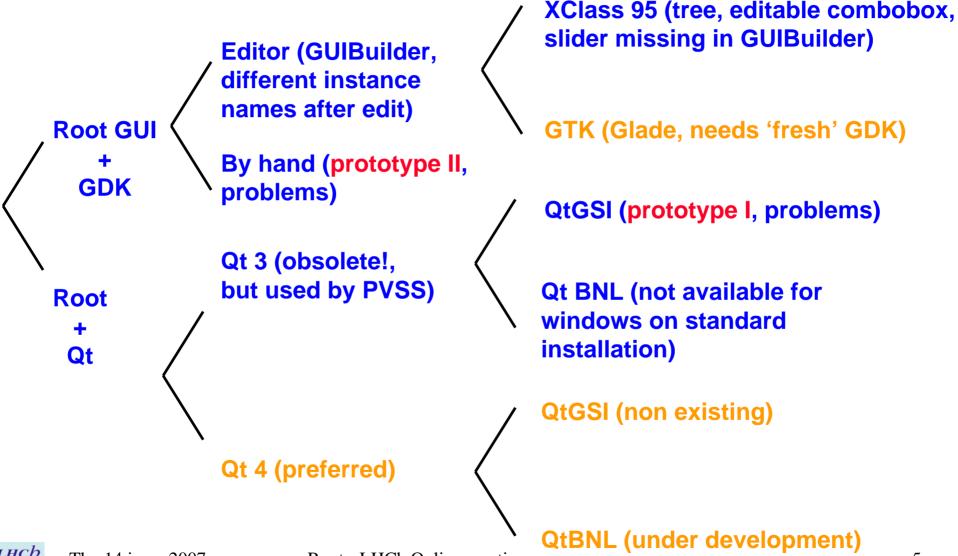
- Tool to monitor the quality of the data
- Display histograms online (via DIM) and in history mode (from a Root file); build histograms over any time period
- 1D, 2D, profiles, trend plots
- Use a central Oracle DB to determine which histograms/pages to present, and how (display details, page structure, dynamic gui)
- Predefined pages for shift crew and experts
- Friendly graphical page editor (for grouping histograms and selecting display options)
- Trigger analysis actions (compare with reference versions, fitting, spike/hole finding, etc.)



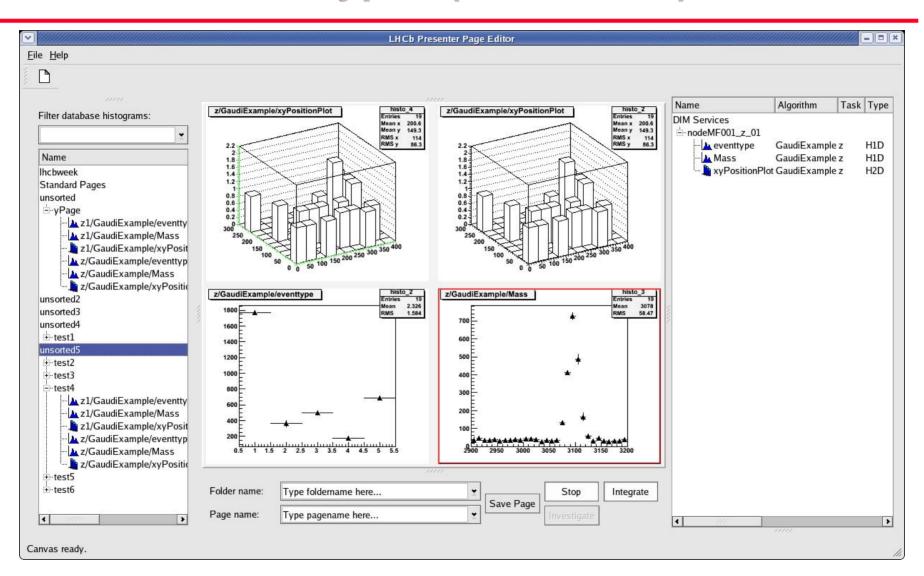
Boundary conditions

- Part of LHCb online data quality monitoring project presenter being designed by Peter Somogyi, Ph.D. student
- The presenter is a tool from the LHCb online group, integrated in the LHCb (online) environment
- Should work on Linux & Windows
- Distribute & release via CMT
- Uses Root, no requirement for running in a web browser
- Simple, reliable and maintainable over the lifetime of the experiment

Options



Prototype I (Root + Qt3)

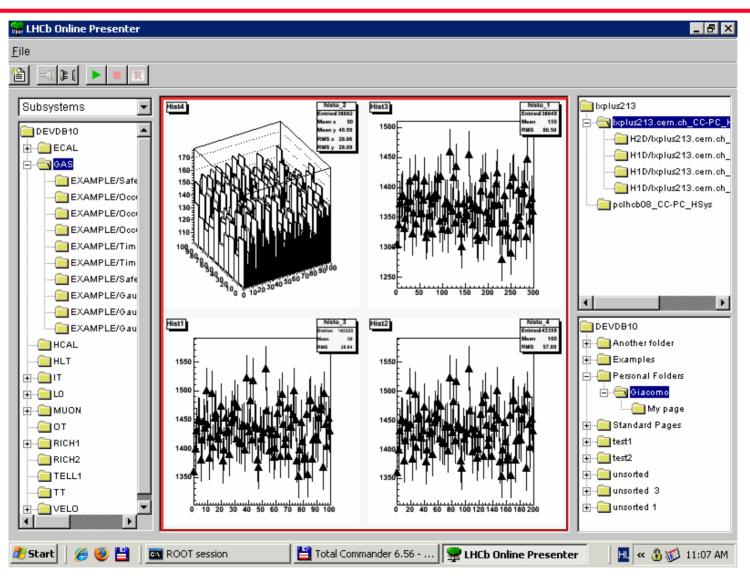




Problems/Questions

- Choose this direction because of convenience for building platform independent GUIs
 - PVSS 3.6 uses QT 3
- QTGSI part of Root distribution since july 2006
- Root QT integration problems
 - Both use different event loops, synchronization problems
- Same problems experienced by ATLAS -> modified QTGSI
 - Attempt to fix synchronization
- Distribution problems
 - CMT on windows doesn't support make fragments for QT applications

Prototype II (Root only)





Problems/Questions

- Pure Root like ALICE (requirements much like LHCb with MySQL for DB and DIM for communication)
- Creating GUIs with Root difficult are there plans for a more developer friendly GUI editor?
- Unexpected behaviour of X11 based Root GUI widgets
 - Widget coordinates hardwired
 - Multiple selections awkward
 - Problems with editable dropdown combobox, reported in Savannah
- What do the Root team recommend for building GUIs on the longer term?

