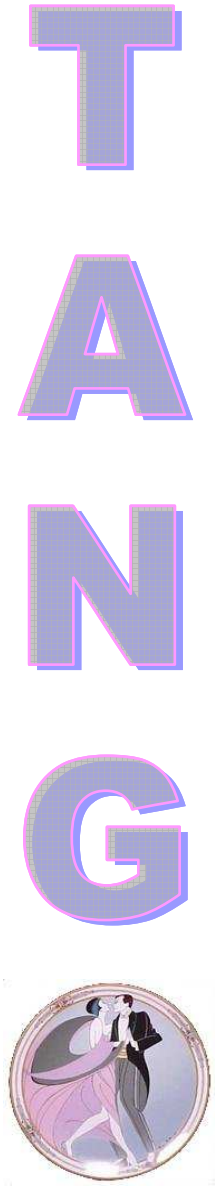







# Tango Training

# Tango Training

- Introduction (1)
- Device and device server (2)
- Writing device server and client (the basic) (3 – 5)
- Events (6)
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# Tango Training: Part 1 : Introduction

- What isTango?
- Collaboration
- Languages/OS/compilers
- CORBA

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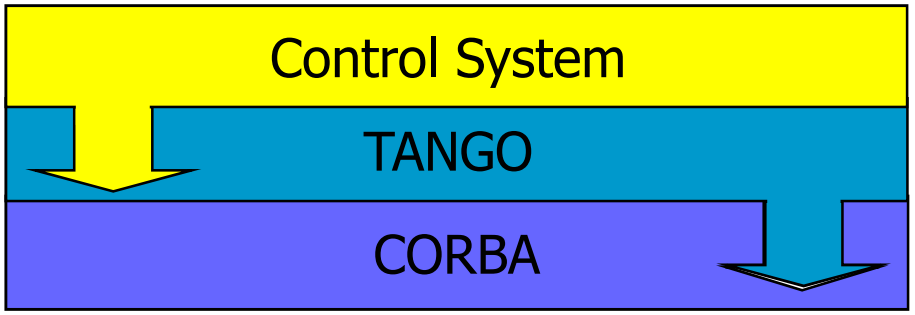
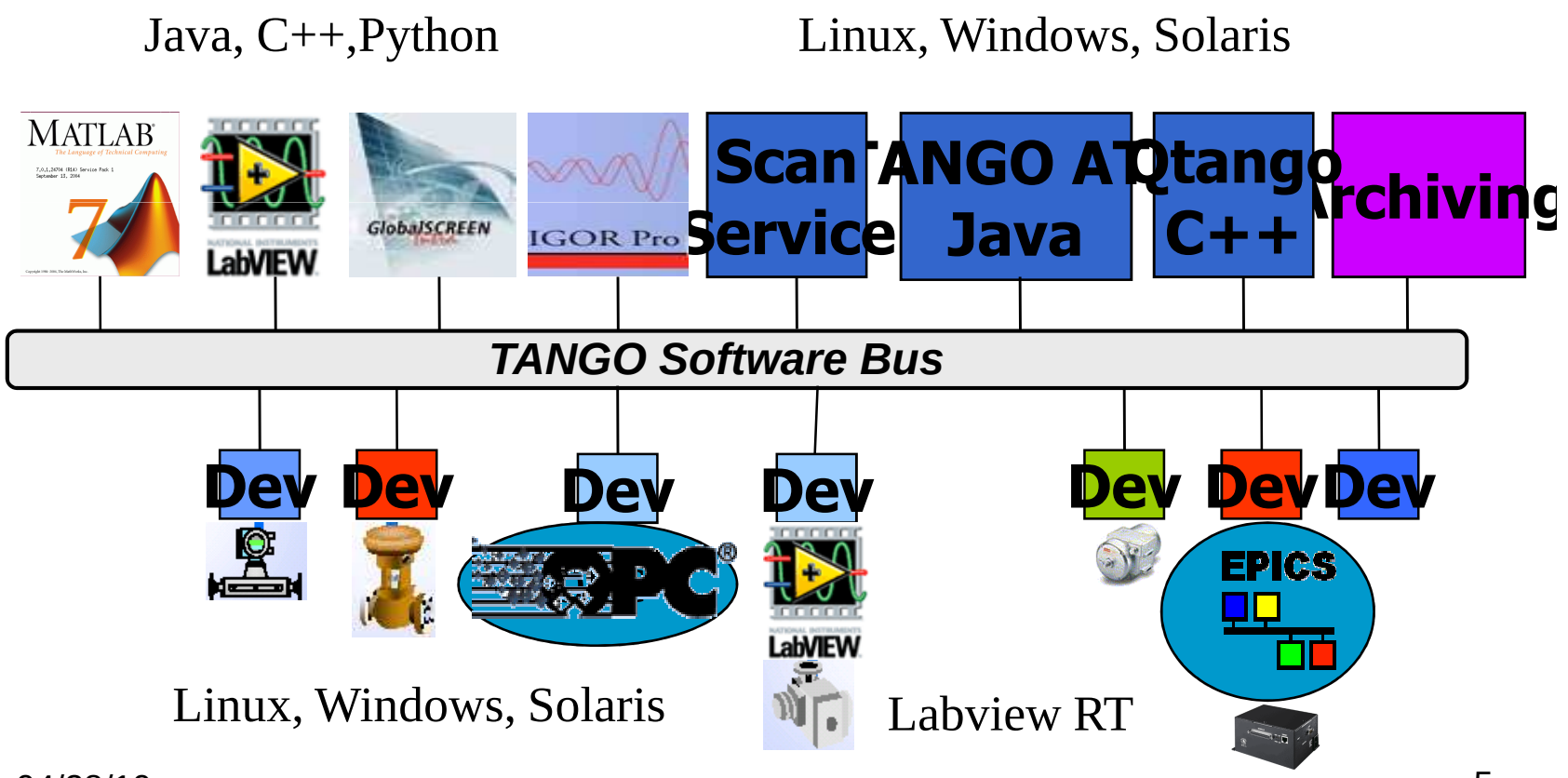
# What is Tango?

- A CORBA framework for doing controls
  - A toolbox to implement  a control system
  - A specialization of CORBA adapted to Control
  - Hide the complexity of Corba to the programmer
  - Adds specific contol system features



# What is Tango?

- A software bus for distributed objects



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# What is Tango?

- Provides a unified interface to all equipments, hiding how they are connected to a computer (serial line, USB, sockets….)
- Hide the network
- Location transparency
- Tango is one of the Control System available today but other exist (EPICS…)

# The Tango Collaboration

- Tango collaboration history
  - Started in 2000 at ESRF
  - In 2002, Soleil joins ESRF to develop Tango
  - End 2003, Elettra joins the club
  - End 2004, Alba also joins
  - 2006: Hasilab, GKSS will use Tango for Petra 3 beamlines
  - 2009: MAX-lab will use it for Max 4
  - 2009: LMJ uses it for target diagnostics
  - 2010: FRM II moves from Taco to Tango

# The Tango Collaboration

- How it works:
  - Two collaboration meetings per year
  - A mailing list (tango@esrf.fr)
  - One Tango coordinator per site
  - WEB site to download code, get documentation, search the mailing list history, read collaboration meeting minutes…

http://www.tango-controls.org

  - Collaborative development using SourceForge

# Language/OS/compilers

- Tango is now (June 2010) at release 7.1
  - The training is based on the features of this release.
- Languages/Commercial tools

| | C++ | Java | Python | Matlab | LabView | IgorPro |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Client** | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK | OK |
| **Server** | OK | OK *** | OK | | | |

# Language/OS/Compilers

- Linux (32 / 64 bits)
  - Redhat E4.0 / E5.0, Ubuntu 9.04 and 9.10 (Suse at Alba)
  - gcc
- Solaris
  - Solaris 9 + CC
  - Solaris 9 + gcc
- Windows
  - Windows XP / Vista with VC8 / VC9

# CORBA

- **C**ommon **O**bject **R**equest **B**roker **A**rchitecture
  - Promoted by OMG
  - It's just paper, not software
- CORBA defines the ORB: a way to call an object "method" wherever the object is
  - In the same process
  - In another process
  - In a process running somewhere on the network
- CORBA also defines services available for all objects (event, naming, notification)

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# CORBA

- CORBA allows mixing languages: a client is not necessarily written in the same language as server
- CORBA uses an Interface Definition Language (IDL)
- CORBA defines bindings between IDL and computing languages (C++, Java, Python, Ada….)
- It uses IOR (Interoperable Object Reference) to locate an object

# CORBA

- IDL for a remote controlled car

```
interface remote_car
{
void go_forward(void);
void go_backward(void);
void stop(void);
void turn(float angle);
};
```

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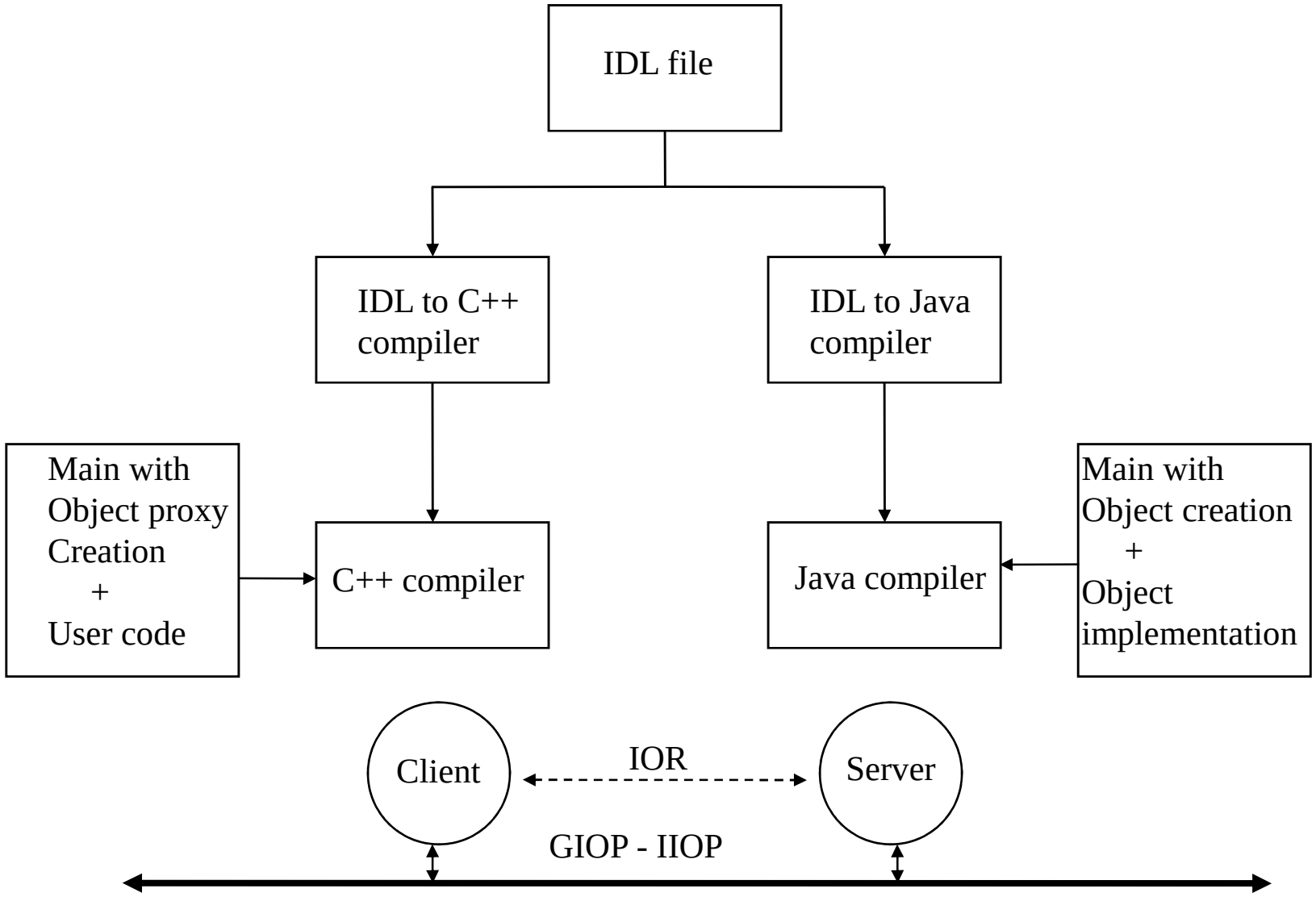
IDL file
IDL to C++ compiler
IDL to Java compiler
Main with Object proxy Creation + User code
C++ compiler
Java compiler
Main with Object creation + Object implementation
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# CORBA

- Many CORBA ORB and services available
- Tango uses
  - omniORB for C++ ORB (http://omniorb.sourceforge.net)
  - JacORB for Java ORB (http://www.jacorb.org)
  - omniNotify for CORBA notification service (http://omninotify.sourceforge.net)
  - Boost python for PyTango (1.41)

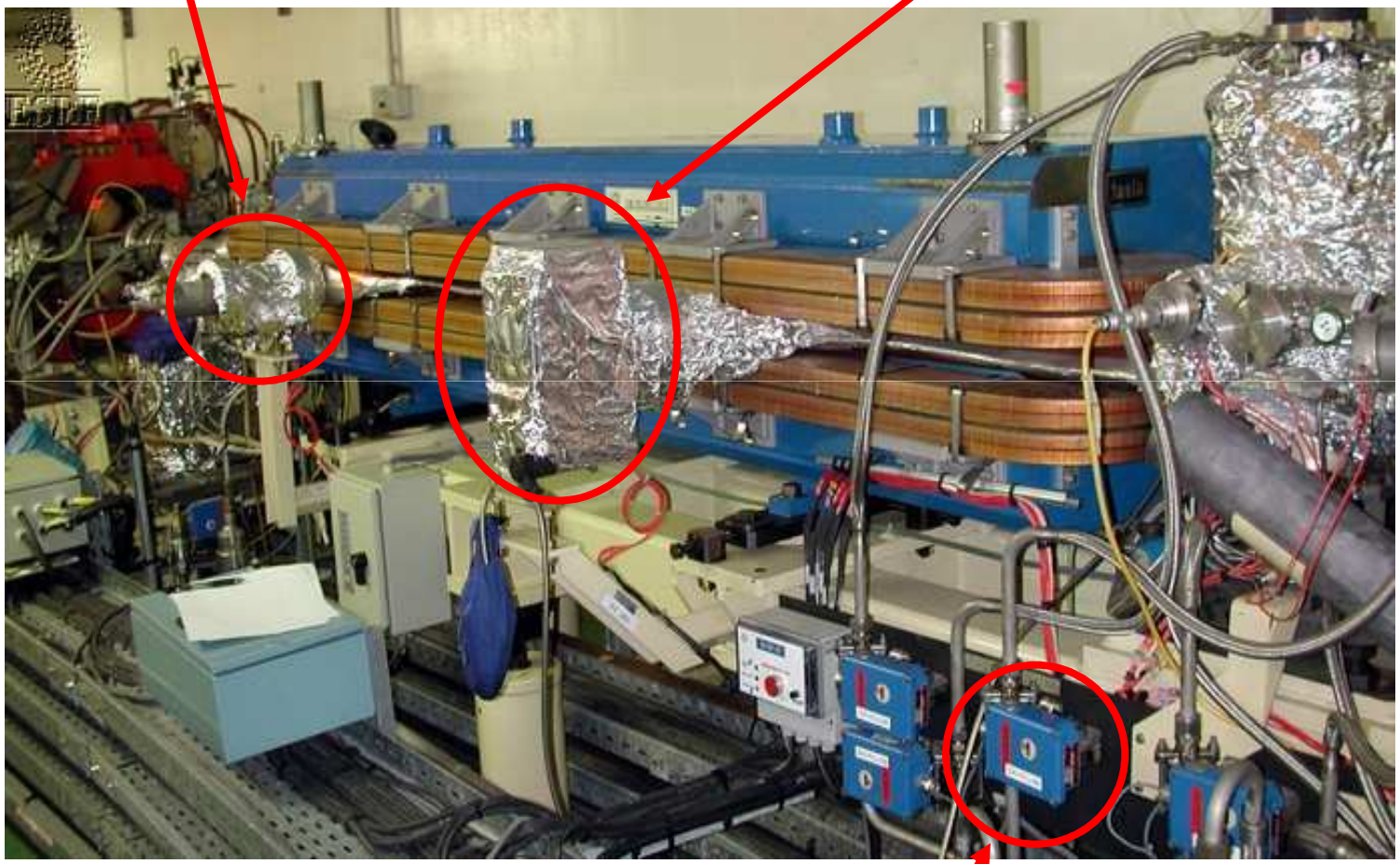
# Tango Training: Part 2 : Device and Device Server

- The Tango device
- The Tango device server
- A minimum Tango System

# The Tango Device

- The fundamental brick of Tango is the device!
- Everything which needs to be controlled is a “device” from a very simple equipment to a very sophisticated one
- Every device has a three field name “domain/family/member”
  - sr/v-ip/c18-1, sr/v-ip/c18-2
  - sr/d-ct/1
  - id10/motor/10

# Some device(s)



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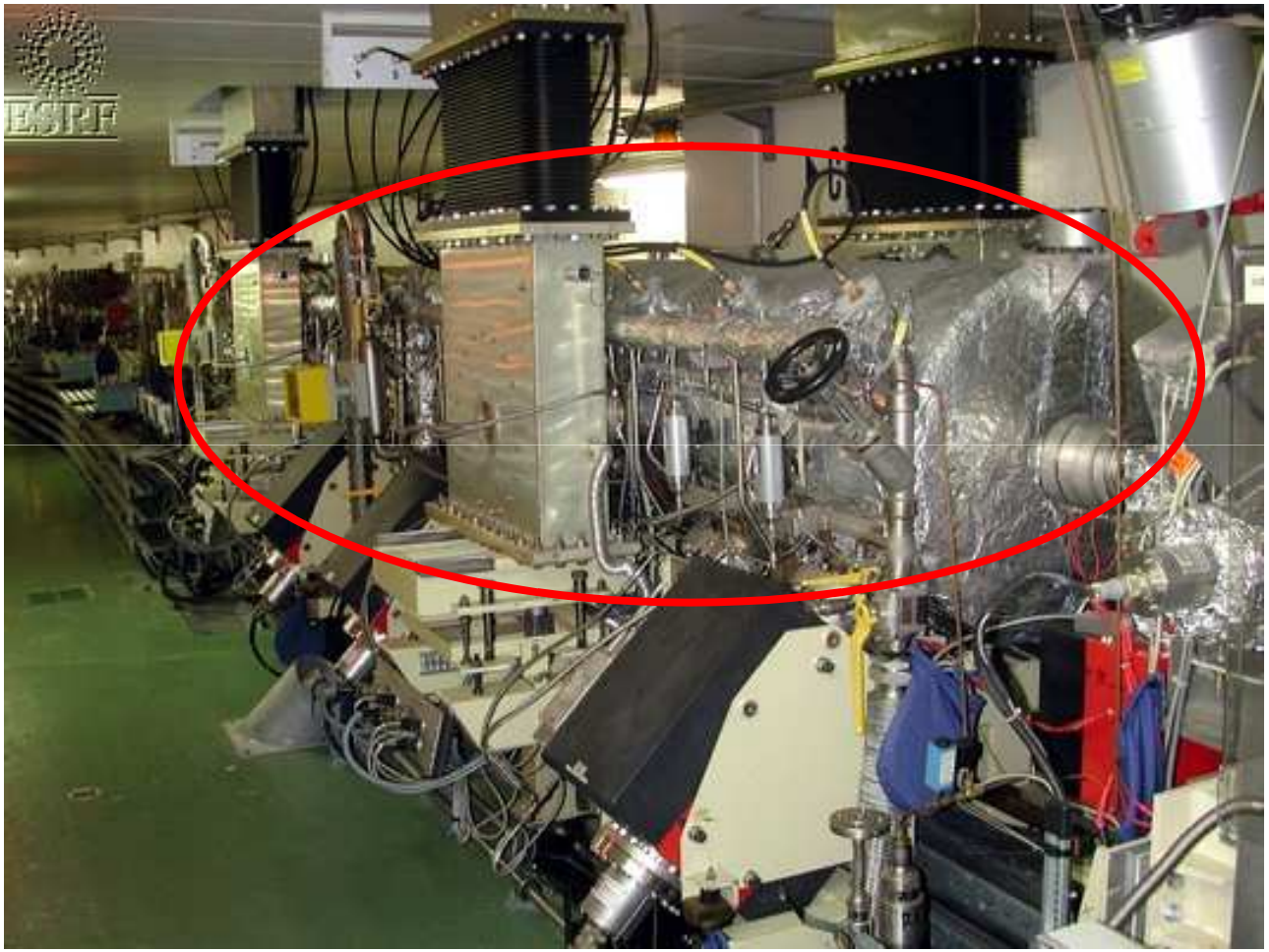
# A sophisticated device (RF cavity)



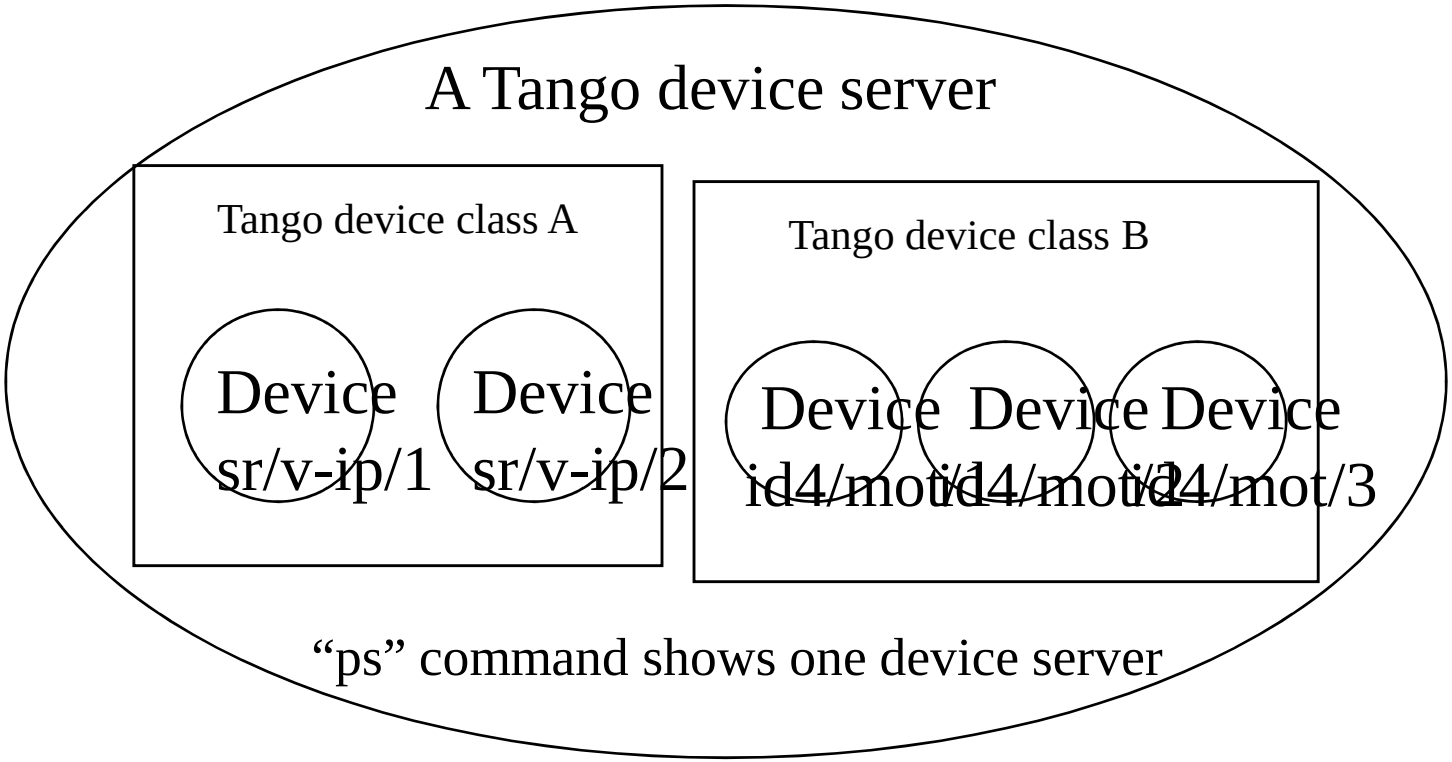
another device

# The Tango Class

- Every device belongs to a Tango class (not a computing language class)
- Every device inherits from the same root class (DeviceImpl class)
- A Tango class implements the necessary features to control one kind of equipment
  - Example : The Agilent 4395a spectrum analyzer controlled by its GPIB interface

# The Tango Device Server

- A Tango device server is the process where the Tango class(es) are running.

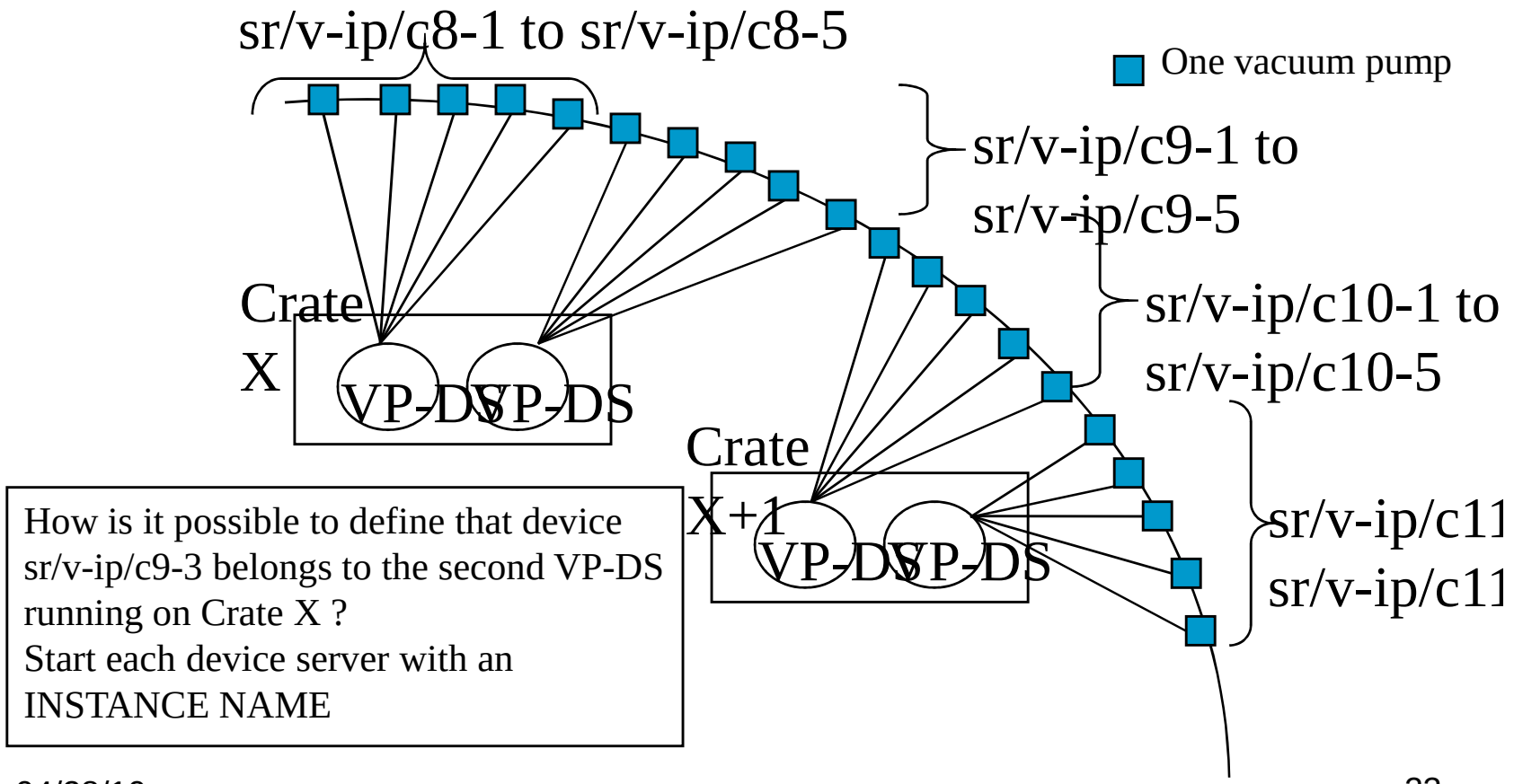



# The Tango Device Server

- Tango uses a database to configure a device server process
- Device number and names for a Tango class are defined within the database **not in the code**.
- Which Tango class(es) are part of a device server process is defined in the database but also in the code (training part 6)

# The Tango Device Server

- Each device server is defined by the couple “executable name / instance name”




How is it possible to define that device sr/v-ip/c9-3 belongs to the second VP-DS running on Crate X ?
Start each device server with an INSTANCE NAME

# The Tango Device Server

- During its startup sequence, a Tango device server asks the database which devices it has to create and to manage (number and names)
- Device servers are started like
  - VP-DS c8
  - VP-DS c10

| DS exec name | Inst name | Class name | Device name |
|---|---|---|---|
| VP-DS | c8 | RibberPump | sr/v-ip/c8-1 |
| VP-DS | c8 | RibberPump | sr/v-ip/c8-2 |
| VP-DS | c8 | RibberPump | sr/v-ip/c8-3 |

# A minimum Tango System

- To run a Tango control system, you need
  - A running MySQL database
  - The Tango database server
    - It is a C++ Tango device server with one device
- To start the database server on a fixed port
- The environment variable **TANGO_HOST** is used by client/server to know
  - On which **host** the database server is running
  - On which **port** it is listening

# A minimum Tango System

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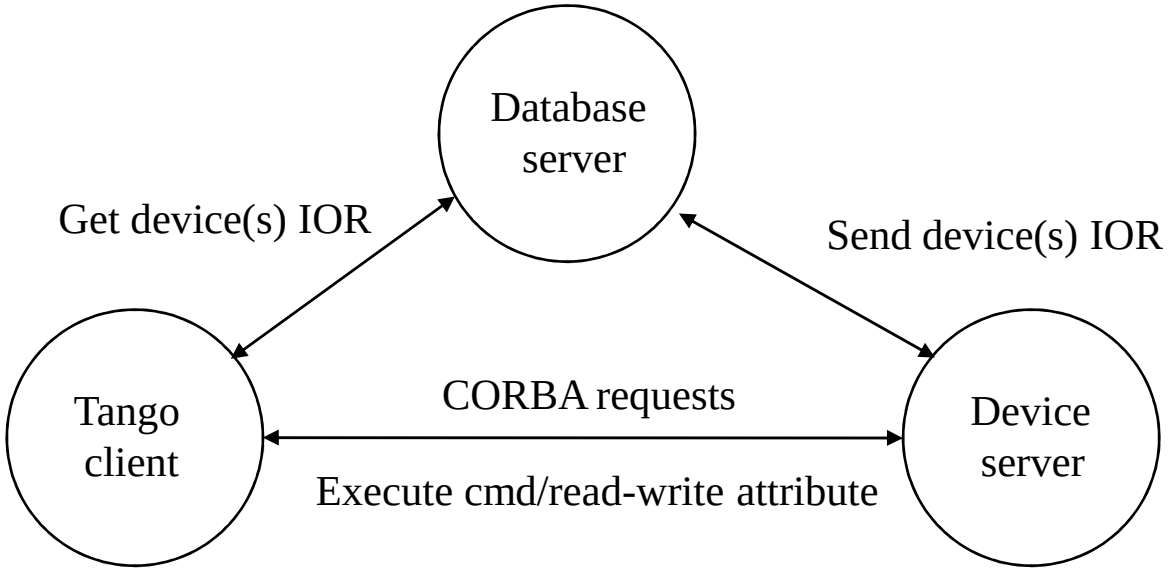
TANGO_HOST=host:port (Ex : TANGO_HOST=orion:10000)



# Tango Training: Part 3 : Writing a device server

- Tango device command/attributes
- Coding a Tango class
- Errors
- Properties

# Tango Device

- Each Tango device is a CORBA object
- Each Tango device supports the same network interface
- What do we have in this interface ?

# Command/Attribute

- On the network a Tango device mainly has
  - **Command**(s): Used to implement “action” on a device (switching ON a power supply)
  - **Attribute**(s): Used for physical values (a motor position)
- Clients ask Tango devices to execute a command or read/write one of its attributes
- A Tango device also has a **state** and a **status** which are available using command(s) or as attribute(s)

# Tango Device Command

- A command may have one input and one output argument.
- A limited set of argument data types are supported
  - Boolean, short, long, long64, float, double, string, unsigned short, unsigned long, unsigned long64, array of these, 2 exotic types and State data type

# Tango Device Attribute

- Self describing data via a configuration
- Thirteen data types supported:
  - Boolean, unsigned char, short, unsigned short, long, long64, unsigned long, unsigned long64, float, double, string, state and DevEncoded data type
- Three accessibility types
  - Read, write, read-write
- Three data formats
  - Scalar (one value), spectrum (an array of one dimension), image (an array of 2 dimensions)
- Tango adds 2 attributes which are state and status

# Tango Device Attribute

- When you read an attribute you receive:
  - The attribute data (luckily…)
  - An attribute quality factor
    - ATTR_VALID, ATTR_INVALID, ATTR_CHANGING, ATTR_ALARM, ATTR_WARNING
  - The date when the attribute was read (number of seconds and usec since EPOCH)
  - Its name
  - Its dimension, data type and data format
- When you write an attribute, you send
  - The new attribute data
  - The attribute name

# Device Attribute Configuration

- Attribute configuration defined by its properties
  - Five type of properties
    - Hard-coded
    - Modifiable properties
      - GUI parameters
      - Max parameters
      - Alarm parameters
      - Event parameters
- A separate network call allows clients to get attribute configuration (get_attribute_config)

# Device Attribute Configuration

- The hard coded attribute properties (8)
  - name
  - data_type
  - data_format
  - writable
  - max_dim_x
  - max_dim_y
  - display level
  - (writable_attr_name)

# Device Attribute Configuration

- The GUI attribute properties (6)
  - Description
  - Label
  - Unit
  - Standard_unit
  - Display_unit
  - Format (C++ or printf)
- The Maximum attribute properties (used only for writable attribute) (2)
  - min_value
  - max_value

# Device Attribute Configuration

- The alarm attribute properties (6)
  - min_alarm, max_alarm
  - min_warning, max_warning
  - delta_t, delta_val
- The event attribute properties (6)
  - period (for periodic event)
  - rel_change, abs_change (for change event)
  - period, rel_change, abs_change (for archive event)

# Tango Device State

- A limited set of 14 device states is available.
  - ON, OFF, CLOSE, OPEN, INSERT, EXTRACT, MOVING, STANDBY, FAULT, INIT, RUNNING, ALARM, DISABLE and UNKNOWN
- All defined within an enumeration.

# Writing a Tango Device Class

- Writing Tango device class need some glue code. We are using a code generator with a GUI called **POGO** : **P**rogram **O**bviously used to **G**enerate **O**bjects
- Following some simple rules, it's possible to use it during all the device class development cycle (not only for the first generation)
- POGO generates
  - C++, Python and Java Tango device class glue code
  - Makefile (C++)
  - Basic Tango device class documentation (HTML)

# A Tango Device Class (example)

- A ski lift class
  - 3 states
    - ON, OFF, FAULT (OFF at startup)
  - 3 commands

| Name | In | Out | Allowed |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reset | Void | Void | If FAULT |
| On | Void | Void | If OFF |
| Off | Void | Void | Always |

  - 3 attributes

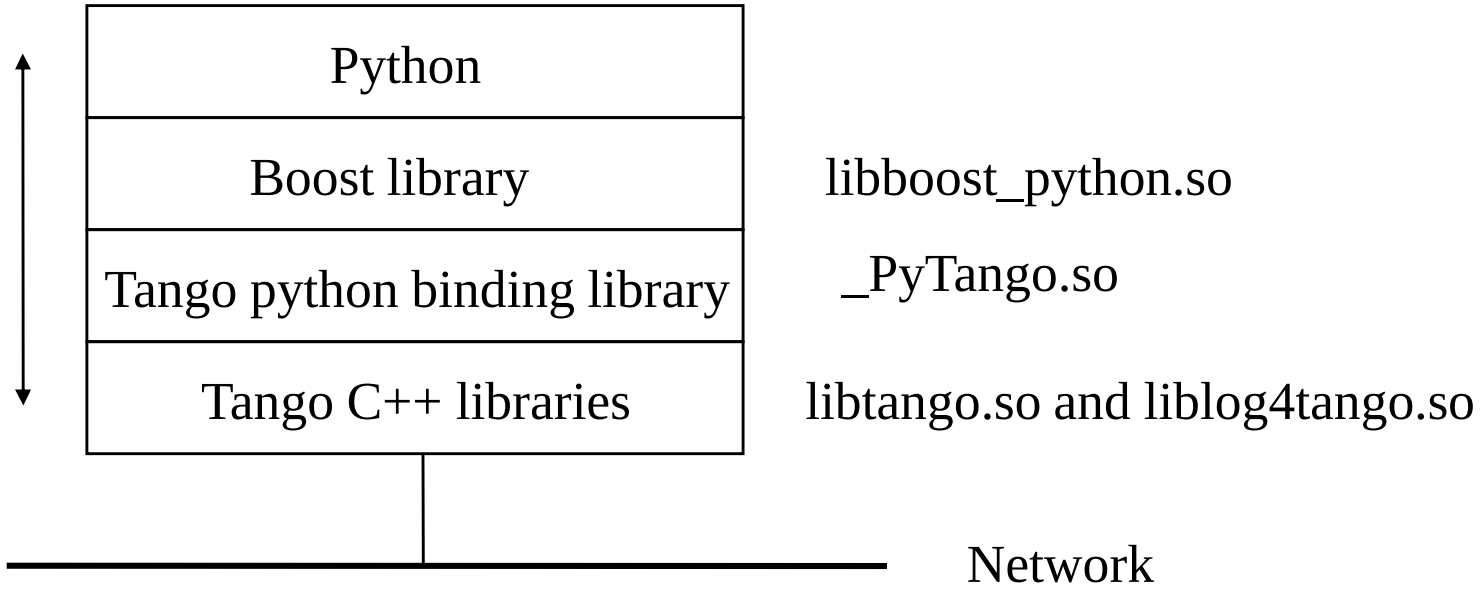
| Name | type | format | Writable |
|---|---|---|---|
| Speed | double | scalar | Read/Write |
| Wind_speed | double | scalar | Read |
| Seats_pos | long | spectrum | Read |

# Exercise 1

- Generate a MaxLabPowerSupply class with Pogo
  - 3 states:
    - **ON**, **OFF**, **FAULT**, **ALARM**
    - OFF at startup
  - 4 commands:
    - **On** to switch device ON
      - allowed when state is OFF
    - **Off** to switch device OFF
      - allowed only when state is ON or ALARM
    - **Reset** to reset the device in case of a FAULT
      - allowed only when state is FAULT
    - **SendCmd** to send low-level command. Expert only. Input arg = DEV_STRING, output arg = DEVVAR_LONGSTRINGARRAY
      - Allowed only when OFF
  - 3 attributes:
    - **Current**: read/write – scalar – double - memorized
    - **Voltage**: read/write – scalar - double
    - **CurrentSetPoint**: read – scalar – double
- Generate the documentation

# Python Binding

- Based on the C++ API and boost for the C++ to Python link (http://www.boost.org/)



# Python Binding

- Module name = **PyTango** and its actual release is 7.1.1 (PyTango.Release.version)
- To use it, you need to have:
  - In your LD_LIBRARY_PATH
    - The boost release 1.41 (or more) library
    - The Tango and ORB libraries
  - In your PYTHONPATH
    - The PyTango python package

# Coding a Tango Device Class

- Four things to code
  - Device creation
  - Implementing commands
  - Reading attributes
  - Writing attributes

# Coding a Tango Class

- For the SkiLift class, Pogo has created 2 files
  - SkiLift.py
  - TangoClassID.txt
- Only SkiLift.py has to be modified

# Coding a Tango Class

- Which methods can I use within a Tango class?
  - SkiLift class inherits from a Tango class called Device_<x>Impl
    - All the methods from Device_<x>Impl class which are wrapped to Python
  - Some methods received a Attribute or WAttribute object
    - All the methods of these two classes wrapped to Python
- Doc available at http://www.tango-controls.org
  - *Documents/Tango Kernel/PyTango* for Python classes
  - *Documents/Tango Kernel/Tango device server classes* for Cpp classes

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# Creating the Device (constructor)

- A init_device() method to construct the device
  - **SkiLift.init_device()**
- A delete_device() to destroy the device
  - **SkiLift.delete_device()**
- All resources acquired in init_device() must be returned in delete_device()

# Creating the Device (constructor)

- The init_device() method
  - Init state and status
  - Init (create) local data

```
#------------------------------------------------
-------
#    Device initialization
#------------------------------------------------
-------
    def init_device(self):
        print "In ", self.get_name(),
"::init_device()"
        self.set_state(PyTango.DevState.OFF)

self.get_device_properties(self.get_device_c
```

# Creating the Device

- The delete_device() method
  - Delete memory/resources allocated in init_device

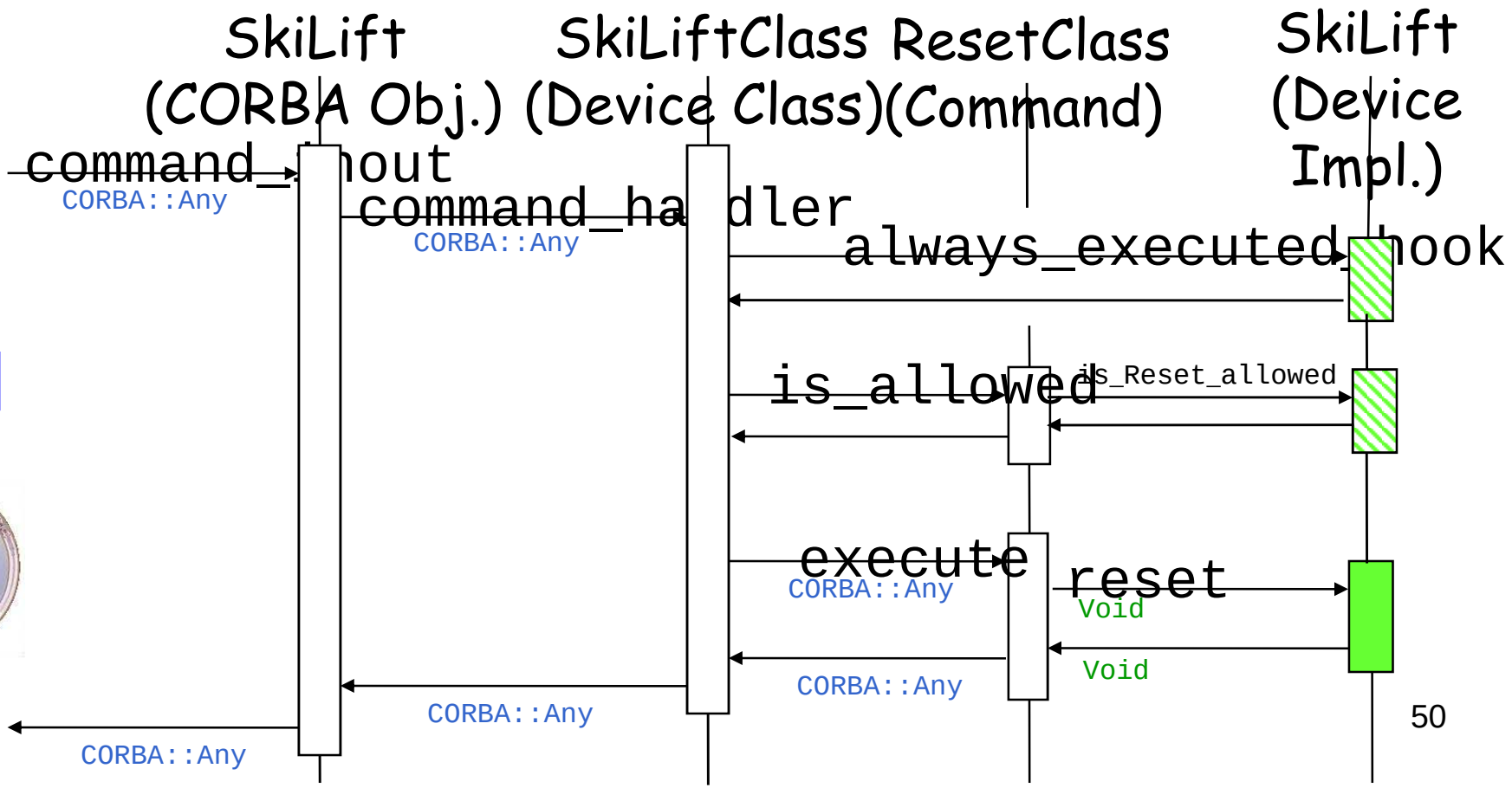
```
#------------------------------------------------------------------
#    Device destructor
#------------------------------------------------------------------
   def delete_device(self):
      print "[Device delete_device method] for device",self.get_name()
```

# Implementing a Command

- One method always_executed_hook() for all commands
  - **SkiLift.always_executed_hook()**
- If state management is needed, one is_xxx_allowed() method
  - **bool SkiLift.is_reset_allowed()**
- One method per command
  - **SkiLift.reset()**

# Implementing a Command

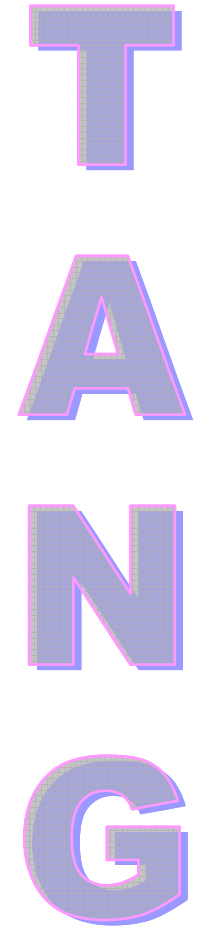
- Reset command sequencing



# Implementing a Command

- SkiLift.is_Reset_allowed method coding

```
#---- Reset command State Machine -----------------
   def is_Reset_allowed(self):
      if self.get_state() in [PyTango.DevState.ON,
                              PyTango.DevState.OFF]:
#       End of Generated Code
#       Re-Start of Generated Code
         return False
      return True
```



# Implementing a Command

- SkiLift.reset command coding

```
#------------------------------------------------------------------
#    Reset command:
#
#    Description: Reset the ski lift device
#
#------------------------------------------------------------------
    def Reset(self):
        print "In ", self.get_name(), "::Reset()"
        # Add your own code here
#       hardware.reset()
   self.set_state(PyTango.DevState.OFF)
   self.set_state('The ski lift is OFF')
```

# Implementing a Command

- General methods

| Name | Input (with self) | return | mandatory |
|---|---|---|---|
| init_device | None | None | Yes |
| delete_device | None | None | No |
| always_executed_hook | None | None | No |

- Cmd methods

| Name | Input (with self) | return | mandatory |
|---|---|---|---|
| is_<Cmd>_allowed | None | bool | No |
| <Cmd_name> | Depends on cmd arg type | Depends on cmd arg type | Yes |

# Command data type (PyTango)

| Tango data type | Python type |
|---|---|
| DEV_VOID | No data |
| DEV_BOOLEAN | bool |
| DEV_SHORT | int |
| DEV_LONG | int |
| DEV_LONG64 | long or int (32/64 bits computer) |
| DEV_FLOAT | float |
| DEV_DOUBLE | float |
| DEV_USHORT | int |
| DEV_ULONG | int |
| DEV_ULONG64 | long or int (32/64 bits computer) |
| DEV_STRING | str |

# Command data type (PyTango)

| Tango data type | Python type |
|---|---|
| DEVVAR_CHARARRAY | sequence<int> or numpy array (numpy.uint8) |
| DEVVAR_SHORTARRAY | sequence<int>or numpy array (numpy.int16) |
| DEVVAR_LONGARRAY | sequence<int>or numpy array (numpy.int32) |
| DEVVAR_LONG64ARRAY | sequence<int>or sequence<long> or numpy array (numpy.int64) |
| DEVVAR_FLOATARRAY | sequence<float>or numpy array (numpy.float32) |
| DEVVAR_DOUBLEARRAY | sequence<float>or numpy array (numpy.float64) |
| DEVVAR_USHORTARRAY | sequence<int>or numpy array (numpy.uint16) |
| DEVVAR_ULONGARRAY | sequence<int>or numpy array (numpy.uint32) |
| DEVVAR_ULONG64ARRAY | sequence<int>or sequence<long> or numpy array (numpy.uint64) |
| DEVVAR_STRINGARRAY | sequence<str> |
| DEVVAR_LONGSTRINGARARAY | sequence with ((sequence<int> or numpy array (numpy.int32)) + sequence<str>) |
| DEVVAR_DOUBLESTRINGARRAY | Sequence with ((sequence<float> or numpy array (numpy.float32)) + sequence<str>) |

# Exercise 2

- Code the 4 commands of the MaxLabPS:
  - Cmd On. The PS automatically switches to FAULT after 10 seconds
  - Cmd Off
  - Cmd Reset
  - Cmd SendCmd
    - Print the received command string
    - Return 3 numbers and 2 strings

# Back to the init_device method

```
#------------------------------------------------------------
#       Device initialization
#------------------------------------------------------------
def init_device(self):
        print "In ", self.get_name(), "::init_device()"
        self.set_state(PyTango.DevState.OFF)
        self.get_device_properties(self.get_device_class())

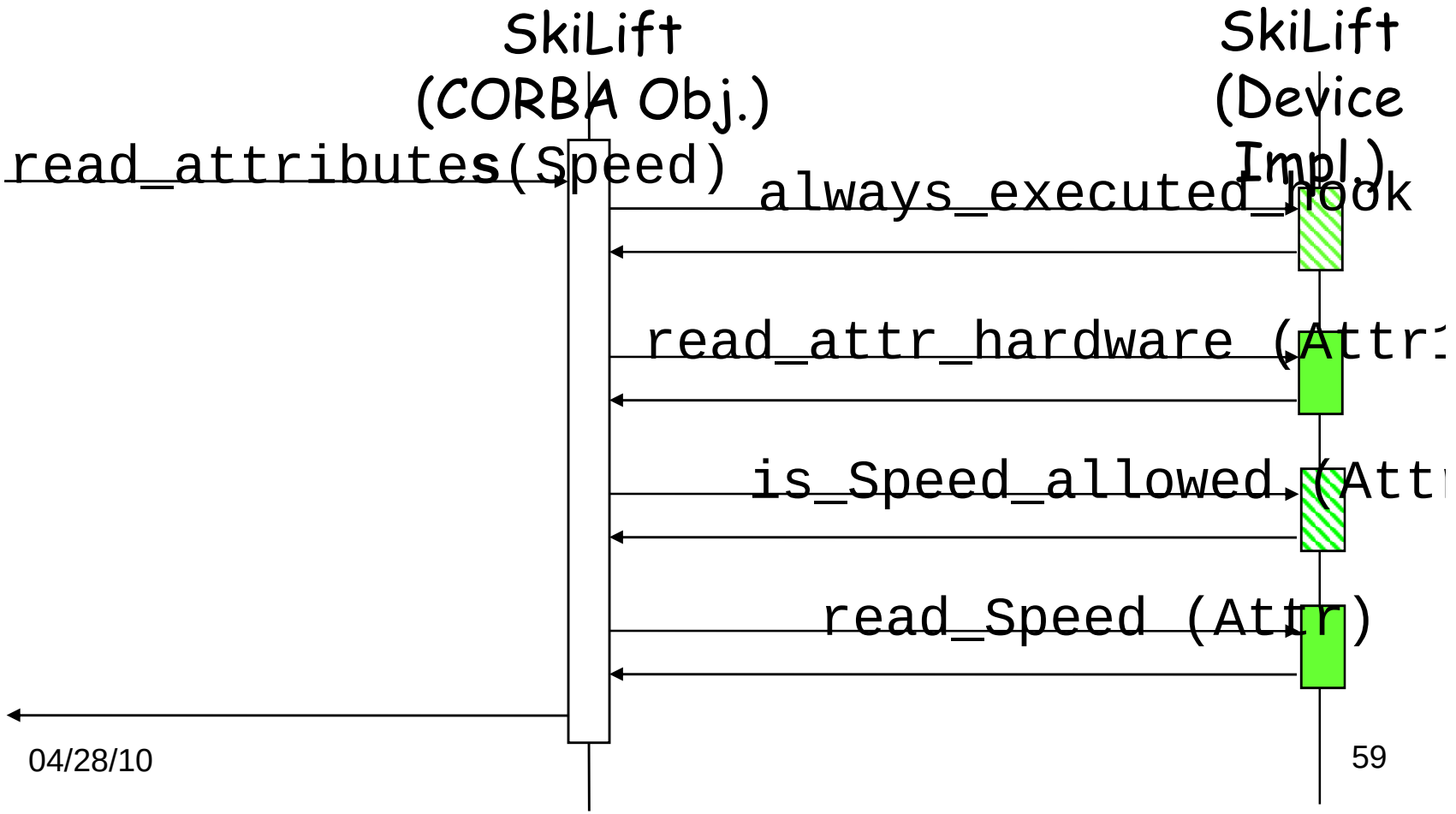
        self.set_status('The ski lift is OFF')
        self.hardware_readings = []
```

# Reading Attribute(s)

- One method to read hardware
  - **SkiLift.read_attr_hardware(data)**
- If state management is needed, one is_xxx_allowed() method
  - **bool SkiLift.is_Speed_allowed(req_type)**
- One method per attribute
  - **SkiLift.read_Speed(Attribute)**

# Reading Attribute(s)

- Reading attribute(s) sequence



# Reading Attribute(s)

- Most of the attribute Tango feature are implemented in a Tango kernel class called “Attribute”. The user only manage attribute data
- Reading sequence
  - read_attr_hardware
    - 1 call even if several attributes must be read
    - Rule: Reading the hardware only once
    - Update internal variable
  - is_<attribute>_allowed
    - 1 call per attribute
    - Rule: Enable/disable attribute reading

# Reading Attribute(s)

- Reading sequence
  - read_<attribute>
    - 1 call per attribute to read
    - Rule: Affect a value to the attribute
    - Associate the attribute and a variable which represents it with :
      - **attr.set_value(data,…)**

# Reading Attribute(s)

- read_attr_hardware() method

```
#----------------------------------------------------------------
#    Read Attribute Hardware
#----------------------------------------------------------------
def read_attr_hardware(self,data):
     print "In ", self.get_name(), "::read_attr_hardware()"

     self.hardware_readings = hardware.read()
```

# Reading Attribute(s)

- read_Speed() method

```
#----------------------------------------------------------------
#       Read Speed attribute
#----------------------------------------------------------------
def read_Speed(self, attr):
        print "In ", self.get_name(), "::read_Speed()"

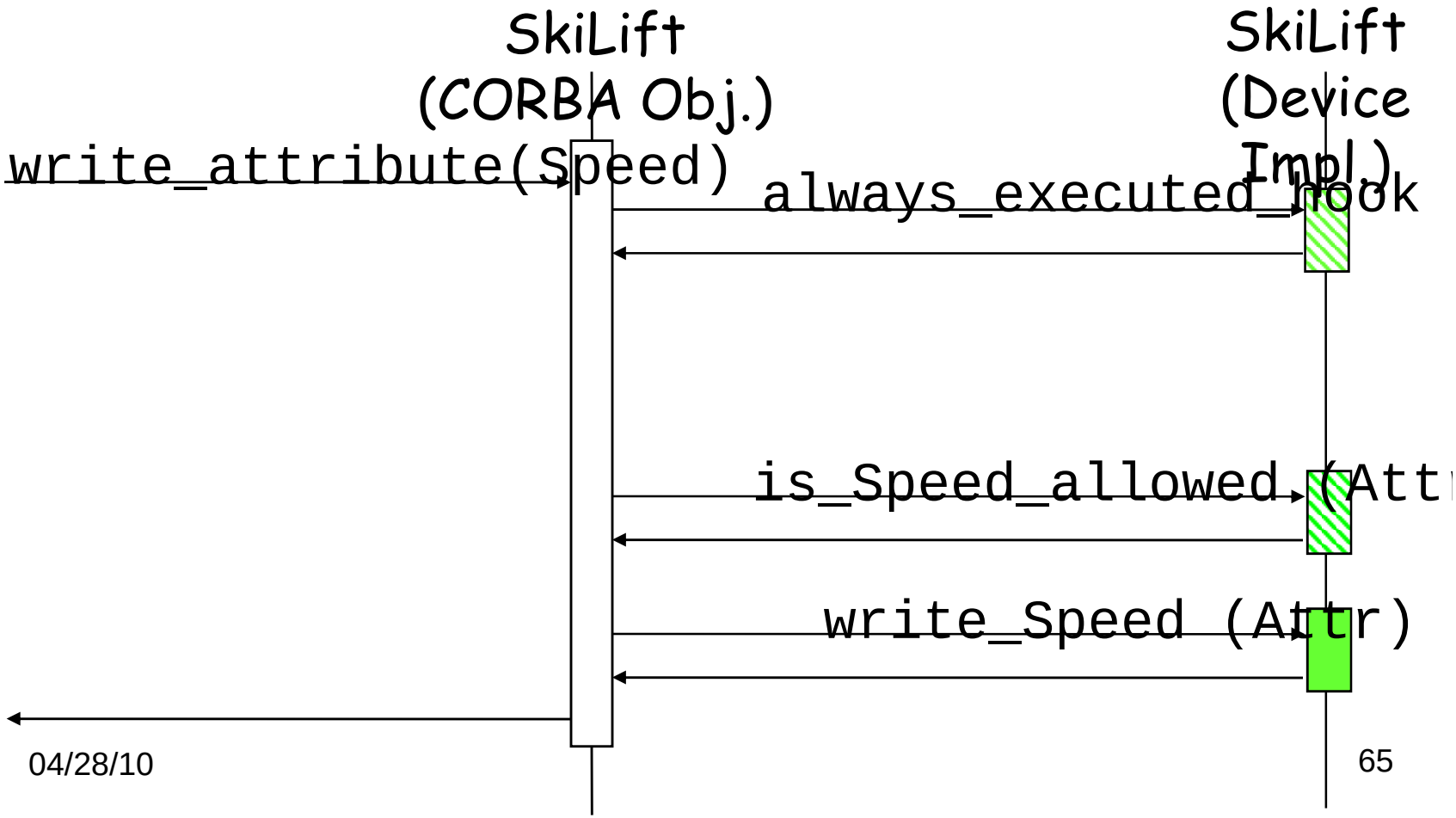
        #       Add your own code here
        attr.set_value(self.hardware_readings[0])
```

# Writing Attribute(s)

- If state management is needed, one is_xxx_allowed() method
  - **bool SkiLift.is_Speed_allowed(req_type)**
- One method per attribute
  - **SkiLift.write_Speed(Wattribute)**

# Writing Attribute(s)

- Writing attribute(s) sequence



# Writing Attribute(s)

- Writing sequence
  - is_<attribute>_allowed
    - 1 call per attribute
    - Rule: Enable/disable attribute writing
  - write_<attribute>
    - 1 call per attribute to write
    - Rule: Get the value to be written and set the hardware
    - Get the value to be written with :
      - **attr.get_write_value()**

# Writing Attribute(s)

- write_Speed() method

```
def write_Speed(self, attr):
        print "In ", self.get_name(), "::write_Speed()"
#               data=[]
#               attr.get_write_value(data)
        data = attr.get_write_value()
        hardware.write_speed(data)
```

# Implementing attribute

- General methods

| Name | Input (with self) | return | mandatory |
|---|---|---|---|
| always_executed_hook | None | None | No |
| Read_attr_hardware | List<int> | None | No |

- Attribute methods

| Name | Input (with self) | return | mandatory |
|---|---|---|---|
| is_<Attr>_allowed | req_type (int) | bool | No |
| write_<Attr> | WAttribute | None | Yes |
| read_<Attr> | Attribute | None | Yes |

# Scalar Attribute data type (PyTango)

| Tango data type | Python type |
|---|---|
| DEV_BOOLEAN | bool |
| DEV_UCHAR | int |
| DEV_SHORT | int |
| DEV_LONG | int |
| DEV_LONG64 | long or int (32/64 bits computer) |
| DEV_FLOAT | float |
| DEV_DOUBLE | float |
| DEV_USHORT | int |
| DEV_ULONG | int |
| DEV_ULONG64 | long or int (32/64 bits computer) |
| DEV_STRING | str |

# Spectrum/Image data type (PyTango)

| Tango data type | Python type |
|---|---|
| DEV_BOOLEAN | sequence<bool> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.xxx) |
| DEV_UCHAR | sequence<int> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.uint8) |
| DEV_SHORT | sequence<int> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.int16) |
| DEV_LONG | sequence<int> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.int32) |
| DEV_LONG64 | sequence<long or int>  or numpy.ndarray (numpy.int64) |
| DEV_FLOAT | sequence<float> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.float32) |
| DEV_DOUBLE | sequence<float> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.float64) |
| DEV_USHORT | sequence<int> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.uint16) |
| DEV_ULONG | sequence<int> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.uint32) |
| DEV_ULONG64 | sequence<long or int> or numpy.ndarray (numpy.uint64) |
| DEV_STRING | sequence<str> |

# Memorised Attributes

- Only for writable scalar attributes!
- For every modification the attribute set point is saved in the database
- Memorized attributes initialization options (supported by Pogo)
  - Write hardware at init.

# Exercise 3 (Arg !!…)

Add attributes to the MaxLabPowerSupply class

- **Voltage** (Double – Scalar – R/W): What you read is what has been written (if state is ON or ALARM, otherwise 0). 0 at init
- **Current** (Double – Scalar – R/W - Mem): What you read is what has been written + random between 0 and 1 (if state is ON or ALARM, otherwise 0). Take 100 mS.
- **CurrentSetPoint** (Double – Scalar - R): The Current attribute set point

# Reporting Errors

- Using exception
  - The Tango exception DevFailed is an error stack
  - Each element in the stack has 4 members :
    - reason (string)
      - The exception summary
    - desc (string)
      - The full error description
    - origin (string)
      - The method throwing the exception
    - Severity (string) (not used)
      - Set to WARN, ERR, PANIC

# Reporting Errors

- Static methods to help throwing an exception
- Another method to re-throw an exception and to add one element in the error stack (Often used in a “except” block)

```
PyTango.Except.throw_exception('SkiLift_NoCable',
                               'Oups, the cable has fallen down !!',
                               'SkiLift.init_device()')

PyTango.Except.re_throw_exception(previous_exception,
                    reason, desc, origin)
PyTango.Except.print_exception(except)
```

# Properties

- Properties are stored within the MySQL database
- No file – Use Jive to create/update/delete properties
- You can define properties at
  - Object level
  - Class level
  - Device level
  - Attribute level

# Properties

- Property data type
  - Simple type
    - bool, short, long, float, double, unsigned short, unsigned long, string
  - Array type
    - short, long, float, double, string
- Pogo generates code to retrieve properties from the database and store them in your device
  - Method MyDev.get_device_property()

# Properties

- Algorithm generated by Pogo to simulate default property values

  - /IF/ class property has a default value
    - property = class property default value
  - /ENDIF/
  - /IF/ class property is defined in db
    - property = class property as found in db
  - /ENDIF/
  - /IF/ device property has a default value
    - property = device property default value
  - /ENDIF/
  - /IF/ device property is defined in db
    - property = device property as found in db
  - /ENDIF/

# Properties

- PyTango creates a class python attribute for each device property

```
if self.MyProp is True:
    Do What You Want
```

# Attribute Properties

- Several ways to define them with a priority schema (from lowest to highest priority) :
  - There is a default value hard-coded within the library
  - You can define them at class level
  - You can define them by code (POGO) at class level
  - If you update them, the new value is taken into account by the device server and written into the database. Device level.

# Exercise 4

- The SendCmd command returns exception if input arg != “calibrate”
- The time before the PS switches to Fault is a device property **TimeToFault** (default value 10)
- The Voltage attribute value at startup is a device property **DefaultVoltage** (default value 123)

# Some code executed only once ?

- Yes, it is foreseen
- Each Tango class has a MyDevClass class (SkiLiftClass) with only one instance.
- Put code to be executed only once in its constructor
- Put data common to all devices in its data members
- The instance of MyDevClass is constructed before any devices

# A Tango Device Server Process

- The main part

```
#==================================================================
#
#       SkiLift class main method
#
#==================================================================
if __name__ == '__main__':
        try:
                py = PyTango.Util(sys.argv)
                py.add_TgClass(SkiLiftClass,SkiLift,'SkiLift')

                U = PyTango.Util.instance()
                U.server_init()
                U.server_run()

        except PyTango.DevFailed,e:
                print '-------> Received a DevFailed exception:',e
        except Exception,e:
                print '-------> An unforeseen exception occured....',e
```

# Automatically added Commands/Attributes

- Three commands are automatically added
  - **State** : In = void Out = DevState
    - Return the device state and check for alarms
    - Overwritable
  - **Status** : In = void Out = DevString
    - Return the device status
    - Overwritable
  - **Init** : In = void Out = void
    - Re-initialise the device (delete_device + init_device)
- Two attributes are automatically added
  - State and Status

# The remaining Network Calls

- ping
  - Just ping a device. Is it available on the network?
- command_list_query
  - Returns the list of device supported commands with their descriptions
- command_query
  - Return the command description for one specific command
- info
  - Return general info on a device (class, server host….)

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# The remaining Network Calls

- get_attribute_config
  - Return the attribute configuration for x (or all) attributes
- set_attribute_config
  - Set attribute configuration for x attributes
- blackbox
  - Return x entries of the device black box
  - Each device has a black box (round robin buffer) where each network call is registered with its date and the calling host

# The remaining Network Calls

- write_read_attribute
  - Write then read one attribute in one go

# The remaining Network Calls

- For completeness
  - Five CORBA attributes
    - state
    - status
    - name
    - description
    - adm_name

# Tango Training: Part 4 : The Client Side

- The PyTango client API
- Error management
- Asynchronous call
- Group call

# Tango on the Client Side

- A C++, Python and Java API is provided to simplify developer's life
  - Easy connection building between clients and devices
  - Manage re-connection
  - Hide some IDL call details
  - Hide some memory management issues
- These API’s are a set of classes

# PyTango Client

- On the client side, each Tango device is an instance of a **DeviceProxy** class
- DeviceProxy class
  - Hide connection details
  - Hide which IDL release is supported by the device
  - Manage re-connection
- The DeviceProxy instance is created from the device name

```
PyTango.DeviceProxy   dev("id13/v-pen/12");
```

# PyTango Client

- The DeviceProxy *command_inout()* method sends a command to a device
- The class DeviceData is used for the data sent/received to/from the command.

**DeviceProxy.command_inout(name, cmd_param)**

```
dev = PyTango.DeviceProxy("et/s_lift/1")

dev.command_inout('On')
dev.on()

print dev.command_inout('EchoShort',10)

print dev.EchoShort(10)
```

# PyTango Client

- The DeviceProxy *read_attribute()* method reads a device attribute (or *read_attribute**s**()*)
- The class DeviceAttribute is used for the data received from the attribute.

**DeviceAttribute DeviceProxy.read_attribute(name);**

```
dev = PyTango.DeviceProxy('et/s_lift/1')
da = dev.read_attribute('SpecAttr')
print da.value

print dev['SpecAttr'].value

seq_da = dev.read_attributes(['SpecAttr','ImaAttr'])
```

# PyTango Client

- The DeviceProxy *write_attribute()* method writes a device attribute (or *write_attribute**s**()*)

**DeviceProxy.write_attribute(name,value)**

```
dev = PyTango.DeviceProxy(‘et/s_lift/1)
dev.write_attribute(‘SpecAttr’,[2,3])

dev.write_attribute(‘SpecAttr’,numpy.array([6,7]))

dev[‘SpecAttr’] = [3,4]

dev.write_attributes(([‘Speed’,5],[‘SpecAttr’,[2,3]]))
```

# PyTango Client

- The API manages re-connection
  - By default, no exception is thrown to the caller when the automatic re-connection takes place
  - Use the *DeviceProxy.set_transparency_reconnection()* method if you want to receive an the exception
- Don’t forget to catch the PyTango.DevFailed exception!

# PyTango Client

- Many methods available in the DeviceProxy class
  - ping, info, state, status, set_timeout_millis, get_timeout_millis, attribute_query, get_attribute_config, set_attribute_config…..
- If you are interested only in attributes, use the **AttributeProxy** class
- Look at PyTango doc (Pink site)

# Errors on the Client Side

- All the exception thrown by the API are PyTango.DevFailed exception
- One catch (except) block is enough
- Ten exception classes (inheriting from DevFailed) have been created
  - Allow easier error treatment
- These classes do not add any new information compared to the DevFailed exception

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# Errors on the Client Side

- Exception classes :
  - ConnectionFailed, CommunicationFailed, WrongNameSyntax, NonDbDevice, WrongData, NonSupportedFeature, AsynCall, AsynReplyNotArrived, EventSystemFailed, NamedDevFailedList
- Documentation tells you (or should) which kind of exception could be thrown.

# Errors on the Client Side

- A small example

```
try:
        att = PyTango.AttributeProxy('et/s_lift/1Pres')
        print att.read()
except PyTango.WrongNameSyntax:
print 'Et couillon, faut 3 / !'
except PyTango.DevFailed,e:
PyTango.Except.print_exception(e)
```

# Exercise 5

- Write a **MultiMaxLabPowerSupply** Tango class
  - 5 states (ON, OFF, FAULT, ALARM, UNKNOWN)
  - 2 commands (On, Off)
  - 1 attribute (Currents: Spectrum – DEV_DOUBLE – R/W)
  - 1 Device property (ChannelsName: string array – default = “Not defined”)
- This Tango class is a client of the individual power supply device (channel)

# Exercise 5

- Refuse to start if no channel name defined
- State management:
  - If one channel in FAULT -> FAULT
  - Idem for OFF and ALARM, otherwise ON
  - UNKNOWN in case of exception
- On Allowed only when OFF/ON
  - Switches ON all channels
- Off Allowed only when ON/OFF/ALARM
  - Switches OFF all channels
- Currents attribute
  - Return individual channels value (as a Numpy array)
  - Write individual channels. Exception if wrong inputs number
- Create 3 MaxLabPowerSupply devices and connect them to a single MultiMaxLabPowerSupply device.

# Asynchronous Call

- Asynchronous call :
  - The client sends a request to a device and does not block waiting for the answer.
  - The device informs the client process that the request has ended
- Does not request any changes on the server side
- Supported for
  - command_inout
  - read_attribute(s)
  - write_attribute(s)

# Asynchronous call

- Tango supports two models for clients to get requested answers
  - The **polling** model
    - The client decides when it checks for requested answers
      - With a non blocking call
      - With a blocking call
  - The **callback** model
    - The request reply triggers a callback method
      - When the client requested it with a synchronization method (Pull model)
      - As soon as the reply arrives in a dedicated thread (Push model)

# Group Call

- Provides a single point of control for a Group of devices
- Group calls are executed asynchronously!
- You create a group of device(s) with the PyTango.Group class
  - It's a hierarchical object (You can have a group in a group) with a forward or not forward feature
- You execute a command (or R/W attribute) on the group

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# Group Call

- Using groups, you can
  - Execute one command
    - Without argument
    - With the same input argument to all group members
    - With different input arguments for group members
  - Read one attribute
  - Write one attribute
    - With same input value for all group members
    - With different input value for group members
  - Read several attributes

# Group Call

- Three classes to get group action result
  - PyTango.GroupCmdReplyList
    - For command executed on a group
  - PyTango.GroupAttrReplyList
    - For attribute(s) read on a group
  - PyTango.GroupReplyList
    - For attribute written on a group

# Tango Training: Part 5 : More info on Device Servers

- The Administration Device
- The Logging System
- The Polling

# The Administration Device

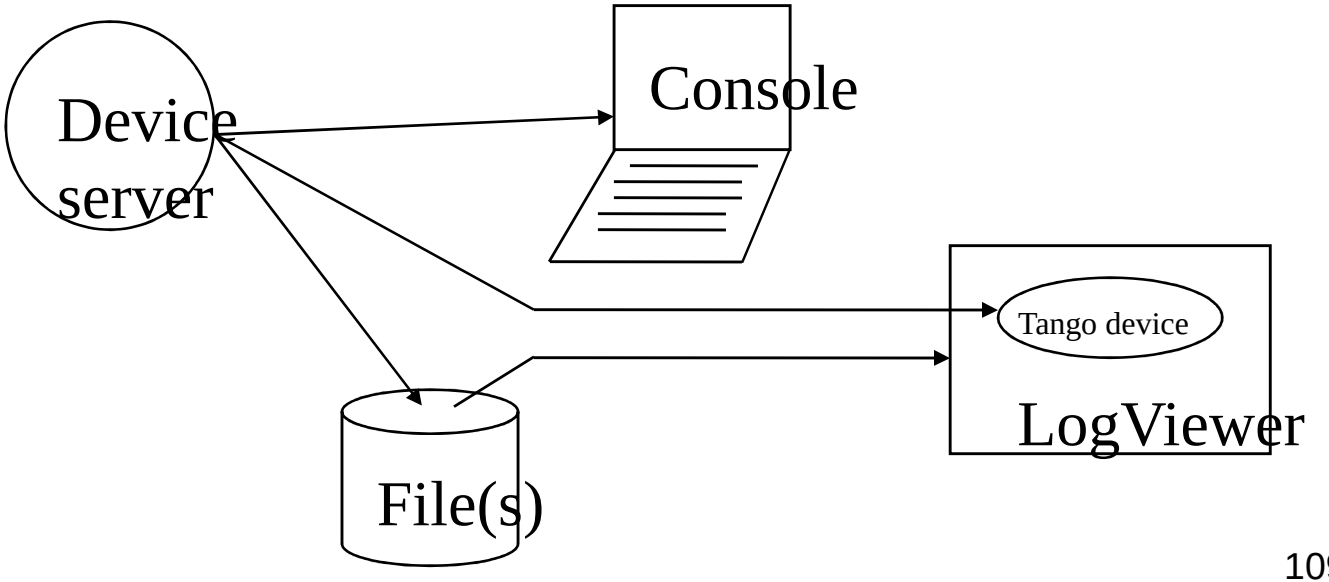
- Every device server has an administration device
- Device name
  - dserver/<exec name>/<instance name>
- This device supports 27 (30) commands and 0 (2) attributes
  - 8 miscellaneous commands
  - 7 commands for the logging system
  - 1 command for the event system
  - 7 commands for the polling system
  - 4 commands to lock/unlock device

# The administration device

- Miscallaneous commands
  - DevRestart destroy and re-create a device. The client has to re-connect to the device
  - RestartServer to restart a complete device server
  - QueryClass to get the list of Tango classes embedded within the process
  - QueryDevice to get the list of available devices
  - Kill to kill the process
  - State, Status, Init

# The Tango Logging System

- Send device server messages to a target
  - A file
  - The console
  - A centralized application called **LogViewer**



# The Tango Logging System

- Each Tango device has a logging level
- Each logging request also has a logging level
- Six ordered logging levels are defined
  - DEBUG < INFO < WARN < ERROR < FATAL < OFF
- Each logging request with a level lower than the device logging level is ignored
- Device default logging level is WARN

# The Tango Logging System

- Five functions to send logging messages
  - print like
    - self.{fatal, error, warn, info, debug}_stream()
- Usage :

```
self.debug_stream(“Hola amigo, que tal ?”)

self.debug_stream(‘In read_Speed method for device’,self.get_name())
```

# The Tango Logging System

- Logging on a console
  - Send messages to the console on which the device server has been started
- Logging in a file
  - Logging message stored in a XML file
  - Manage 2 files
  - Swap files when file size is greater than a pre-defined value (a property). Rename the old one as “xxx_1”. Default file size threshold is 2 MBytes
  - Default file names: “/tmp/tango/process/instance/device.log” or “C:\tango\…..” (create directory by hand…)
  - Read files with the “LogViewer” application

# The Tango Logging System

- Logging with the LogViewer
  - Send messages to a Tango device embedded in the LogViewer application
- LogViewer (Java appl.)
  - Graphical application to display, filter and sort logging messages
  - Two modes
    - Static: Memorize a list of Tango devices for which it will get/display messages
    - Dynamic: The user (with a GUI) chooses devices for which messages must be displayed

# The Tango Logging System

- Seven administration device commands dedicated to logging
  - AddLoggingTarget
  - RemoveLoggingTarget
  - GetLoggingTarget
  - GetLoggingLevel
  - SetLoggingLevel
  - StopLogging
  - StartLogging

# The Tango Logging System

- Logging configuration with Jive
  - current_logging_level
    - Not memorized
  - logging_level
    - Memorized in db
  - current_Logging_target
    - Not memorized
    - console::cout, file::/tmp/toto or device::tmp/log/xxx
  - logging_target
    - Memorized in db

# The Tango Logging System

- Each device server has a “-v” option
  - v1 and v2
    - Level = INFO and target = console::cout for all DS devices
  - v3 and v4
    - Level = DEBUG and target = console::cout for all DS devices
  - v5
    - Like v4 plus library messages (there are many) on target = console::cout
  - Without level is a synonym for –v4

# The Polling

- Each Tango device server has a polling thread pool
- It's possible to poll attributes and/or commands (without input parameters)
- The polling result is stored in a polling buffer (round robin buffer)
- Each device has its own polling buffer
- Polling buffer depth is tunable
  - By device (default is 10)
  - By command/attribute

# The Polling

- By default, there is only one polling thread in the pool
- You assign polled device to a thread
- Two admin device properties to manage polling thread pool
  - polling_thread_pool_size
  - polling_thread_pool_conf
- The Tango admin tool (astor) has a graphical panel to tune device server polling

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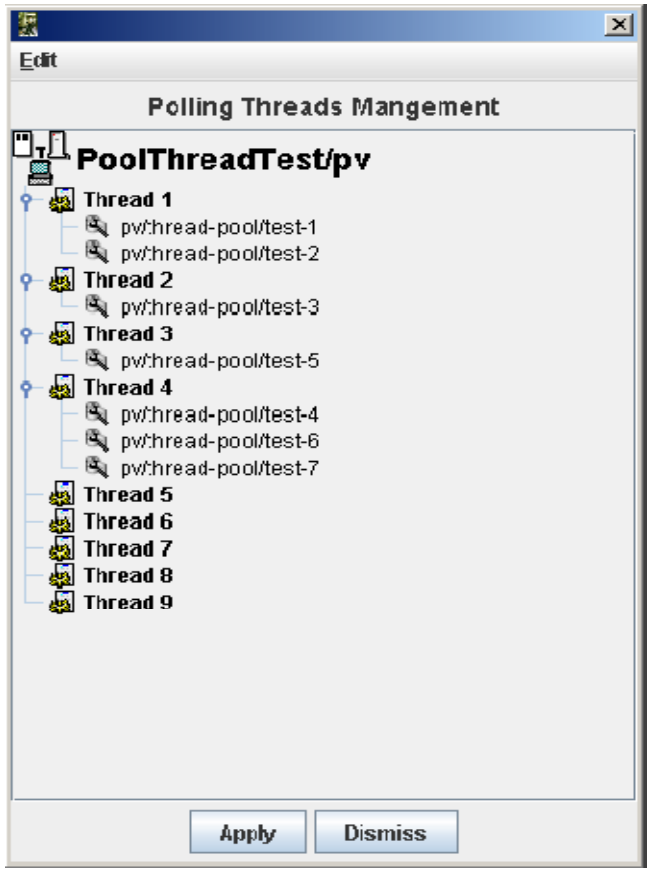
# The Polling



# The Polling

- A client is able to read data from
  - The real device
  - The last record in the polling buffer
  - The polling buffer and in case of error from the real device
  - The choice is done with the *DeviceProxy.set_source()* method
- A network call to read the complete polling buffer is also provided (command_inout_history or read_attribute_history defined in the Tango IDL)
  - *Not wrapped to Python…*

# The Polling

- Seven administration device commands allow the polling configuration
  - AddObjPolling
  - RemObjPolling
  - UpdObjPolling
  - StartPolling
  - StopPolling
  - PolledDevice
  - DevPollStatus

# The Polling

- How it starts ?
  - At device startup
- For completeness
  - Externally triggering mode (C++ DS only)
  - External polling buffer filling (C++ DS only)
    - Get data with the command_inout_history or read_attribute_history calls

# The Polling

- The polling has to be tuned
  - Do not try to poll a command with a polling period of 200 mS if the command needs 250 mS !!!
  - If a polling thread is late (for one reason or another), it discards polling
  - Leave your device available for around 50 % for external world requests
    - For a command needing 250 mS, minimum polling period around 500 mS

# Exercise 6

- Poll the Current attribute of one MaxLabPowerSupply device
  - Play with the source parameter
- Add some Tango logging messages in the MaxLabPowerSupply Tango class
  - Start device server process using –vx option
  - Start the LogViewer appli

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# Tango Training:
# Part 6 :
# Events

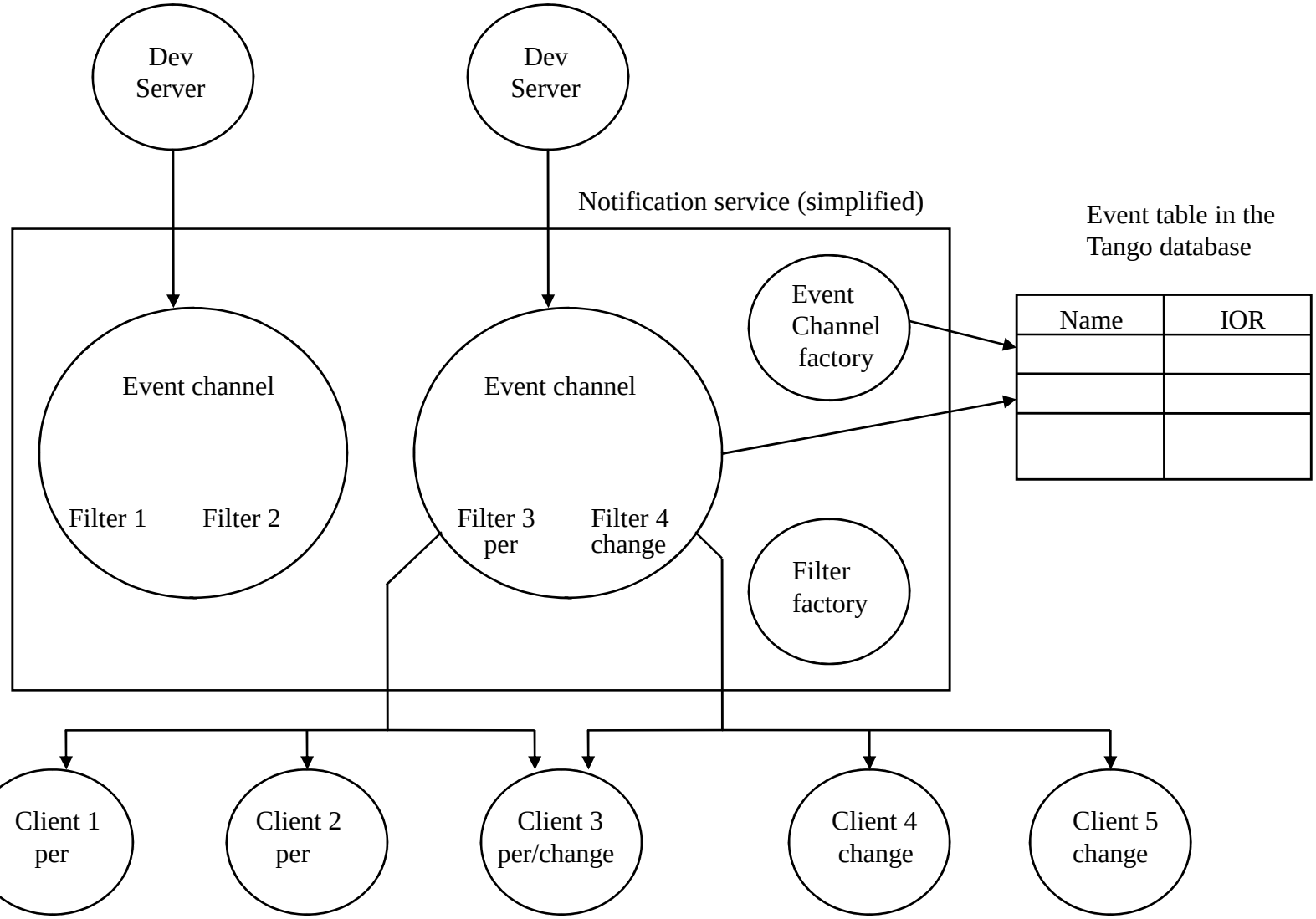
# Events

- Another way to write applications
  - Applications do not poll any more
  - The device server informs the applications that “something” has happened
- Polling done by the device server polling thread(s)
- Uses a CORBA service called “Notification Service”
- Tango uses omniNotify as Notification Service

# Events

- One Notification service daemon (notifd) running on each host
- Event propagation
  - The event is sent to the notification service
    - When detected by the polling thread(s)
    - On request (push_event() call family)
  - The notification service sends the event to all the registered client(s)
- It is possible to ask the notification service to filter events

# Events


Dev Server
Dev Server
Notification service (simplified)
Event table in the Tango database
Event Channel factory
Name
IOR
Event channel
Filter 1
Filter 2
Event channel
Filter 3 per
Filter 4 change
Filter factory
Client 1 per
Client 2 per
Client 3 per/change
Client 4 change
Client 5 change

# Events

- Only available on attributes!
- Does not requires any changes in the device server code
- Based on callbacks. The client callback is executed when an event is received
  - Event data or an error stack in case of an exception
- 6 types of events
  - Periodic, Change, Archive
  - Attribute configuration change, Data ready
  - User defined

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# Events

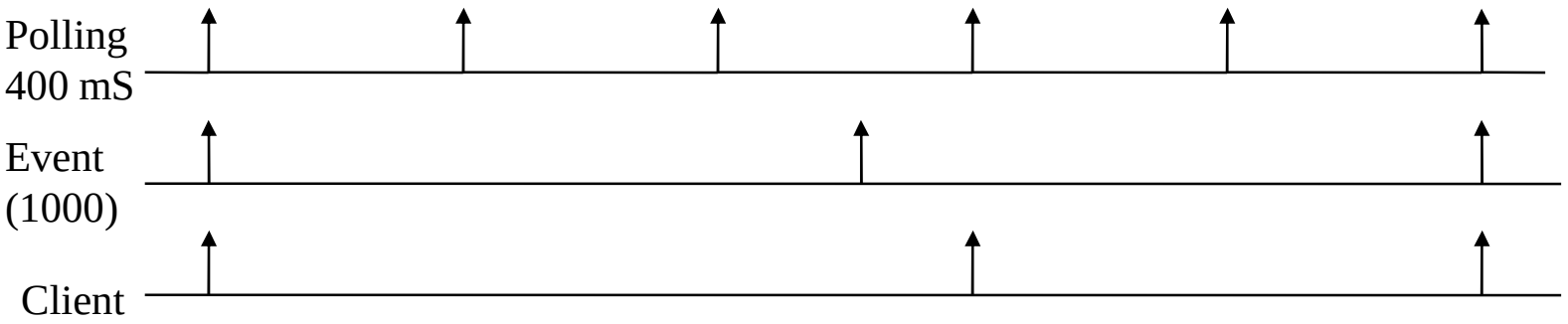
- Periodic event
  - Event pushed:
    - At event subscription
    - On a periodic basis
- Change event
  - Event pushed when
    - a change is detected in attribute data
    - a change is detected in attribute size (spectrum/image)
    - At event subscription
    - An exception was received by the polling thread
    - the attribute quality factor changes
    - When the exception disappears

# Events

- Archive event
  - A mix of periodic and change events
- Attribute configuration change
  - Event pushed when:
    - At event subscription
    - The attribute configuration is modified with set_attribute_config()
- User defined event / Data ready event
  - Event pushed when the user decides it

# Events (configuration)

- Periodic event configuration
  - event_period (in mS).
    - Default is 1000 mS
    - Cannot be faster than the polling period
  - Polling period != event period
  - The event system does not change the attribute polling period if already defined



# Events (configuration)

- Change event configuration
  - Checked at the polling period
  - rel_change and abs_change
    - Up to 2 values (positive, negative delta)
    - If both are set, relative change is checked first
    - If none is set -> **no change event!**

# Events (configuration)

- Archive event configuration
  - Checked at the polling period
  - event_period (in mS).
    - Default is 0 mS -> **no periodic archive event**!
  - rel_change and abs_change
    - Up to 2 values (positive, negative delta)
    - If both are set, relative change is checked first
    - If none is set -> **no archive event on change!**

# Events (configuration)

- Event configuration parameters (event_period, abs_change, rel_change…) are part of the attribute configuration properties
- Can be configured with Jive

# Events (pushed from the code)

- Possible for change, archive, user and data ready events
- To push events manually from the code a set of data type dependent methods can be used:

DeviceImpl.push_xxx_event (attr_name, ....)

xxx = {change, archive, data_ready, ‘nothing’}

- It is possible to push events from the code and from the polling thread at the same time
- Attribute configuration with Pogo

# Events (pushed from the code)

- To allow a client to subscribe to events of non polled attributes the server has to declare that events are pushed from the code

DeviceImpl.set_change_event(attr_name, implemented, detect = true)

DeviceImpl.set_archive_event(attr_name,implemented, detect = true)

  - *implemented*=true inidcates that events are pushed manually from the code
  - *detect*=true triggers the verification of the same event properties as for events send by the polling thread.
  - *detect*=false, no value checking is done on the pushed value!

# Events (filtering)

- When you subscribe to an event, you may ask for a filters
- **All filters are compared to the last event value send and not to the actual attribute value!**
- Periodic event filter
  - Filterable data name : “counter”
  - Incremented each time the event is sent
  - Ex : “$counter % 2 == 0”

# Events (filtering)

- Change event filters are
  - “quality” is true when the event was pushed on a quality change
    - “Ex: $quality == 1
  - “forced_event” is true when the event was pushed due to an exception, an exception change or when the exception disappears
  - “delta_change_rel” and “delta_change_abs” contain the change detected by server compared to the last event pushed
    - Ex : “$delta_change_abs >= 2”

# Events (filtering)

- Archive event filters are
  - “counter” as for the periodic event
  - “quality” and “forced_event” as for the change event
  - “delta_change_rel” and “delta_change_abs” as for the change event
  - “delta_event” contains the delta time in ms since the last archive event was pushed
    - Ex: “$delta_event >= 2000”

# Events (heartbeat)

- To check that the device server is alive
  - A specific “heartbeat event” is sent every 10 seconds to all clients connected on the event channel
- To inform the server that no more clients are interested in events
  - A re-subscription command is sent by the client every 200 seconds. The device server stops sending events as soon as the last subscription command is older than 600 seconds

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# Events (heartbeat)

- A dedicated client thread (KeepAliveThread) wakes up every 10 seconds to check the server's 10 seconds heartbeat and to send the subscription command periodically.

# Events (threading)

- On the client side
  - As soon as you create a DeviceProxy -> 2 threads (main thread + omniORB scavenger thread)
  - First event subscription adds 3 threads:
    - (orb thread, omniORB thread and KeepAliveThread)
  - Clients are servers : One more thread per Notification service sending events to the client
  - thread number: 5 + n (n = Notif service connected (+1 for linux))
  - Warning : Callbacks are not executed by the main thread !
- On the server side
  - No changes

# Events (client side)

- Event subscription with the *DeviceProxy.subscribe_event()* method
- Event un-subscription with the DeviceProxy.*unsubscribe_event()* method
- Call-back (idem to asynchronous call)
  - Method *push_event()* to overwrite in your class
  - This method receives a pointer to an instance of a PyTango.EventData class

# Events (client side)

```
import PyTango
import time

class MyCb:
def push_event(self,ev_data):
    if ev_data.err is True:
        print “Error received in event callback”
    else:
        if (ev_data.attr_value.get_err_stack() == 0:
            print ev_data.attr_value.value

if __name__ == ‘__main__’
cb = MyCb()
```

```
class EventData:
    device (DeviceProxy)
    attr_name (string)
    event (string)
    attr_value (DeviceAtt
    err (bool)
    errors (sequence<Dev
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# Events (client side)

- The event subscription can be stateless (in case the device server process does not run)
- You can also manage an event queue to decuple the application from the events
  - Defined at event subscription time
    - Queue size defined in the DeviceProxy.subscribe_event() call
  - The user calls DeviceProxy.get_events() to get the events from the queue

# Exercise 7

- Test set up
  - Add a command which increments by 2 the Current attribute (IncrCurrent – void –void)
- Start the notification service and register the service to the Tango database
  - notifd –n
  - notifd2db
- Write a client which subscribes to a change event and sleeps waiting for events

# Tango Training: Part 7 : Device Server Level 2…

- C++ specific features
- Attribute Alarms
- Several classes in the same device server
- Threading model
- Abstract classes
- Device servers on Windows

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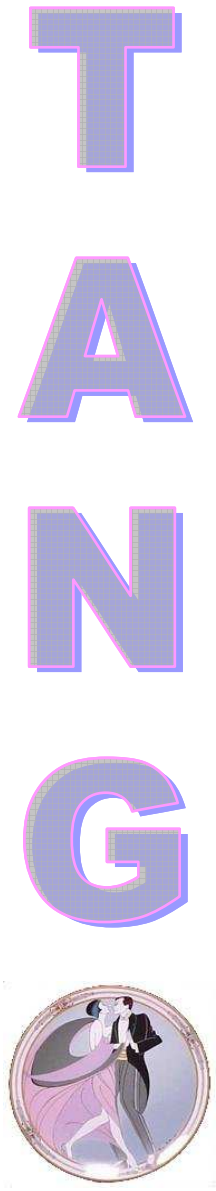
# C++ : Creating the Device

- A init_device() method to construct the device
  - **void SkiLift::init_device()**
- A delete_device() to destroy the device
  - **void SkiLift::delete_device()**
- All memory allocated in init_device() must be deleted in delete_device()



# C++ : Command Memory Management

- For string dynamically allocated (Pogo style)
  - Memory allocated in the command code and freed by the Tango layer

```
Tango::DevString MyDev::dev_string(Tango::DevString argin)
{
    Tango::DevString argout;

    cout << “The received string is “ << argin << endl;

    string str(“Am I a good Tango dancer?”);
    argout = new char[str.size() + 1];
    strcpy(argout,str.c_str());

   return argout;
}
```

# C++ : Command Memory Management

- For string statically allocated
  - ConstDevString is not a new type, just to allow type overloading
  - Pogo gives you the choice (for free !)

```
Tango::ConstDevString MyDev::dev_string(Tango::DevString argin)
{
    Tango::ConstDevString argout;

    cout << "The received string is " << argin << endl;
    argout = "Hola todos";

    return argout;
}
```

# C++ : Command Memory Management

- For array dynamically allocated (Pogo)
  - Memory freed by Tango (how lucky are the users!)

```
Tango::DevVarLongArray  *MyDev::dev_array()
{
   Tango::DevVarLongArray   *argout = new Tango::DevVarLongArray();

   output_array_length = …..;
   argout->length(output_array_length);
   for (unsigned int i = 0;i < output_array_length;i++)
        (*argout)[i] = i;

   return argout;
}
```

# C++ : Command Memory Management

- For array statically allocated
  - Tango provides a simple function to build Tango array types from a pointer (create_xxxx)

```
Tango::DevVarLongArray  *MyDev::dev_array()
{
    Tango::DevVarLongArray  *argout;

     long argout_array_length = ….;
     argout = create_DevVarLongArray(buffer, argout_array_length);
     return argout;
}
```

# C++ : Command Memory Management

- For string array dynamically allocated
  - Again memory will be freed by Tango layer

```
Tango::DevVarStringArray *MyDev::dev_str_array()
{
   Tango::DevVarStringArray *argout = new Tango::DevVarStringArray();

   argout->length(3);
   (*argout)[0] = CORBA::string_dup("Rumba");
   (*argout)[1] = CORBA::string_dup("Waltz");
   string str("Jerck");
   (*argout)[2] = Tango::string_dup(str.c_str());

   return argout;
}
```

# C++ Attribute Memory Management

- Designed to reduce data copy
  - Uses a pointer to a memory area which by default is not freed

```
void MyDev::read_LongSpecAttr(Tango::Attribute &attr)
{
    …..
    attr.set_value(buffer);
}
```

But it is possible to ask Tango to free the allocated memory

```
void MyDev::read_LongSpecAttr(Tango::Attribute &attr)
{
    long length = …..
    long *buffer = new long[length];

    attr.set_value(buffer,length,0,true);
}
```

# C++ : Attribute Memory Management

- What about a string spectrum attribute ?

```
Class MyDev:…..
{
….
DevString attr_str_array[2];
};
```

```
void MyDev::read_StringSpecNoRelease(Tango::Attribute &attr)
{
     attr_str_array[0] = “Donde esta”;
     attr_str_array[1] = “la cerveza?”;

     attr.set_value(attr_str_array,2);
}

void MyDev::read_StringSpecRelease(Tango::Attribute &attr)
{
   Tango::DevString *str_array = new Tango::DevString [2];

   str_array[0] = Tango::string_dup(“La cerveza”);
   str_array[1] = Tango::string_dup(“esta en la nevera”);

  attr.set_value(str_array,2,0,true);
}
```

# OS signals in a Device Server

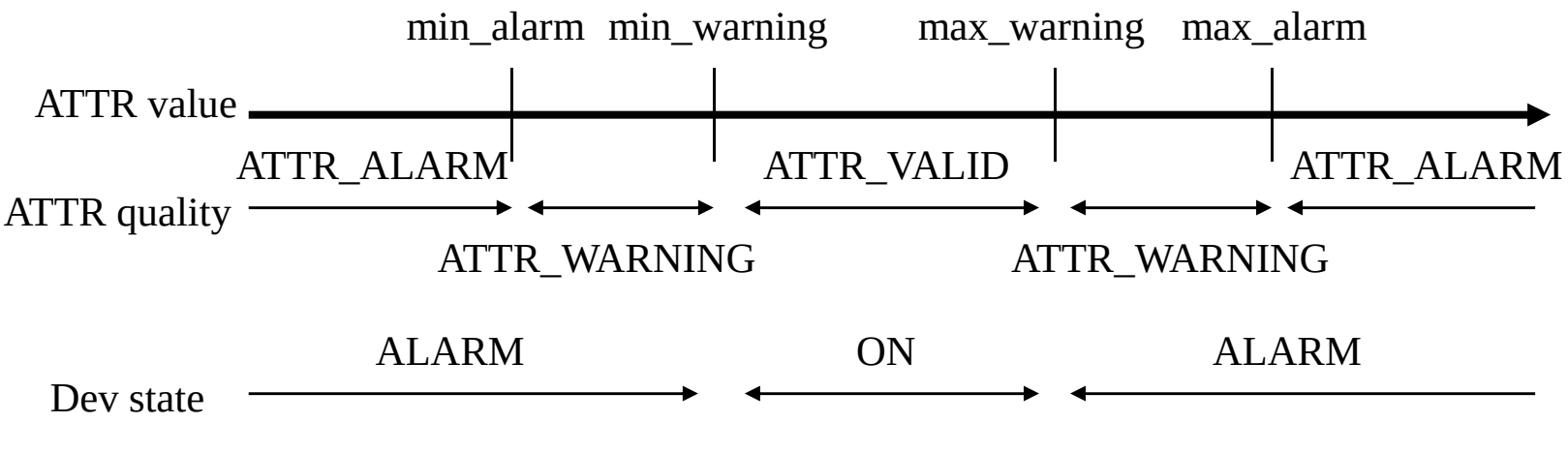
- It is UNSAFE to do what you want in a signal handler
- Device servers provide a dedicated thread for signal handling
  - You can code what you want in a Tango device signal handler
- Use the *register_signal()* and *unregister_signal()* methods to register/unregister signal handlers

# OS signals in a Device Server

- Code your handler in the *signal_handler()* method
- You can install a signal_handler on a device basis if you filter the registering/un-registering methods
- It is also possible to install a signal handler at class level

# Attribute Alarms

- Two types of alarms
  - On value
  - On read different than set
- Alarm on value
  - Two thresholds called ALARM and WARNING




# Attribute Alarms

- Read value different from set value
  - Two parameters to tune this alarm
    - The authorized delta on value
    - The delta time between the last attribute setting and the attribute value check
  - Obviously, only on Read-Write attributes and not available for string and boolean

# Attribute Alarms

- Six parameters to tune the alarm part of the attribute configuration
  - min_alarm, min_warning, max_warning, max_alarm
  - delta_t, delta_val
- Attribute alarms are cheked during the State command (attribute) execution

# Multi Classes Device Server

- Define which Tango classes are embedded in your server
  - C++ : in the class_factory file
  - Python : in the script ‘main’ part
- To communicate between classes, use the DeviceProxy instance
- All devices of all classes are “exported”
- Classes are created in the defined order and destroyed in the reverse order

# Multi Classes Device Server

- C++ example of a multi classes device server

```
#include <tango.h>
#include <SerialClass.h>
#include <ParagonClass.h>
#include <PLCmodbusClass.h>
#include <IRMirrorClass.h>

void Tango::DServer::class_factory()
{
    add_class(Serial_ns::SerialClass::init("Serial"));
    add_class(Paragon_ns::ParagonClass::init("Paragon"));
    add_class(PLCmodbus::PLCmodbusClass::init("PLCmodbus"));
    add_class(IRMirror_ns::IRMirrorClass::init("IRMirror"));
}
```

# Multi Classes Device Server

- Python example of multi classes device server

```
import PyTango
import CableCar
import SkiResort

if __name__  == '__main__':
    py = PyTango.Util(sys.argv)
    py.add_TgClass(SkiLiftClass, Skilift, 'SkiLift')
    py.add_TgClass(CableCar.CableCarClass, CableCar.CableCar, 'CableCar')
    py.add_TgClass(SkiRessort.SkiResortClass, SkiRessort.SkiResort, 'SkiResort')
```

# Multi Classes Device Server

- C++ server build:
  - The classes need to linked together
  - For C++, Pogo generates a Makefile with the options
    - make lib : to add the class to the static class library libtgclasses.a
    - make shlib : to create a shared libray per class. For a class called MyClass the shared library will have the name MyClass.so

# Multi Classes Device Server

- Python server build:
  - It is possible to mix C++ and Python classes within the same python device server
  - The C++ class has to be compiled as shared library
  - The shared library has to be in the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable
  - Use the add_Cpp_TgClass() method

# Multi Classes Device Server

- C++ class in Python server:

```
import PyTango
import CableCar
import SkiResort

if __name__  == '__main__':
    py = PyTango.Util(sys.argv)
    py.add_Cpp_TgClass('Modbus','Modbus')

    py.add_TgClass(SkiLiftClass,Skilift,'SkiLift')
    py.add_TgClass(CableCarClass,CableCar,'CableCar')
    py.add_TgClass(SkiResortClass,SkiResort,'SkiResort')
```

# Exercise 8

- Join the classes MaxLabPowerSupply and MultiMaxLabPowerSupply in one device server process

# The Threading Model

- omniORB is a multi-threaded ORB
  - A Tango device server also…
- One thread is created in a device server for each client
- A scavenger thread destroys thread(s) associated to unused connections (omniORB feature)
- Not always adapted to hardware access
- Tango also has its own polling and event threads

# The Threading Model

- Each Tango device has a monitor to serialize the device access.
- Four modes of serialization
  - By device (the default)
  - By class (one monitor for a Tango class)
    - Access to all devices of a class is serialized
    - Use this model if your Tango device needs to access a non threadsafe library
  - By process (one monitor for the whole Tango device server)
  - No serialization (**extreme care**)

# The Threading Model

- C++ :
- The *Util::set_serial_mode()* method is used to set the serialization model in the main function

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    try
    {
        Tango::Util *tg = Tango::Util::init(argc,argv);

        tg->set_serial_model(Tango::BY_CLASS);

        tg->server_init();
        …..
```

# The Threading Model

- Python :
  - The *Util.set_serial_mode()* method is used to set the serialization model in the main part

```
If __name__ == '__main__':
    try:
 py = PyTango.Util(sys.argv)
        py.add_TgClass(SkiliftClass,SkiLift,'SkiLift')

U = PyTango.Util.instance()
U.set_serial_model(PyTango.SerialModel.BY_CLASS)
       U.server_init()
        ……
```

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# Abstract Classes

- Based on the C++ abstract classes (or Java interfaces)
- A way to standardize interfaces
  - What is the minimum number of commands/attributes that my kind of device should provide
  - Write an abstract class which defines only this minimum (no code) with Pogo
  - Write the concrete class which inherits from the abstract class

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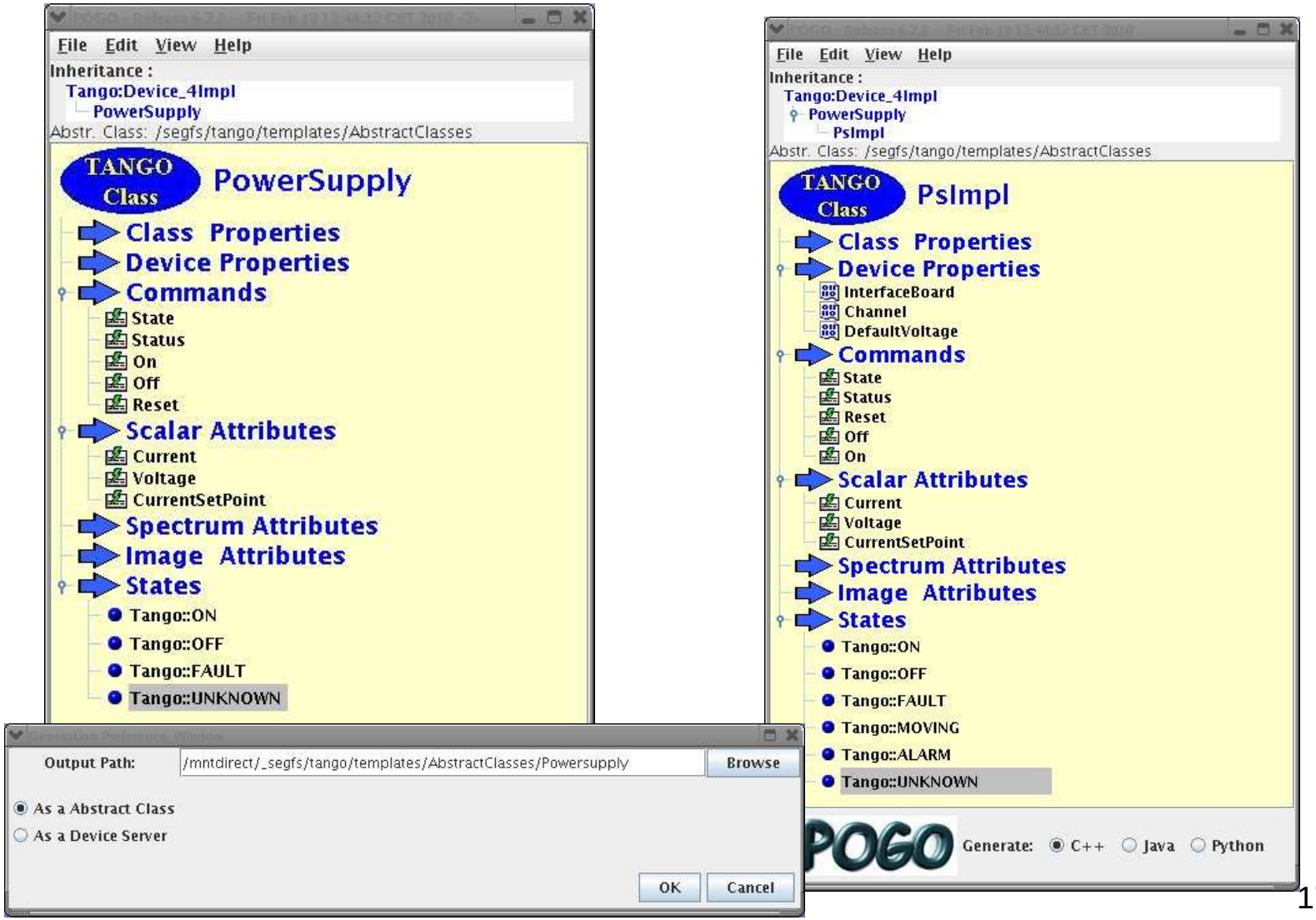
# Abstract Classes

- This allows to have a minimum common interface/behavior for the same type of device
- If possible, an application uses only the minimum interface defined in the abstract class and is independent of the real hardware
- Pogo also supports writing of the abstract class itself.

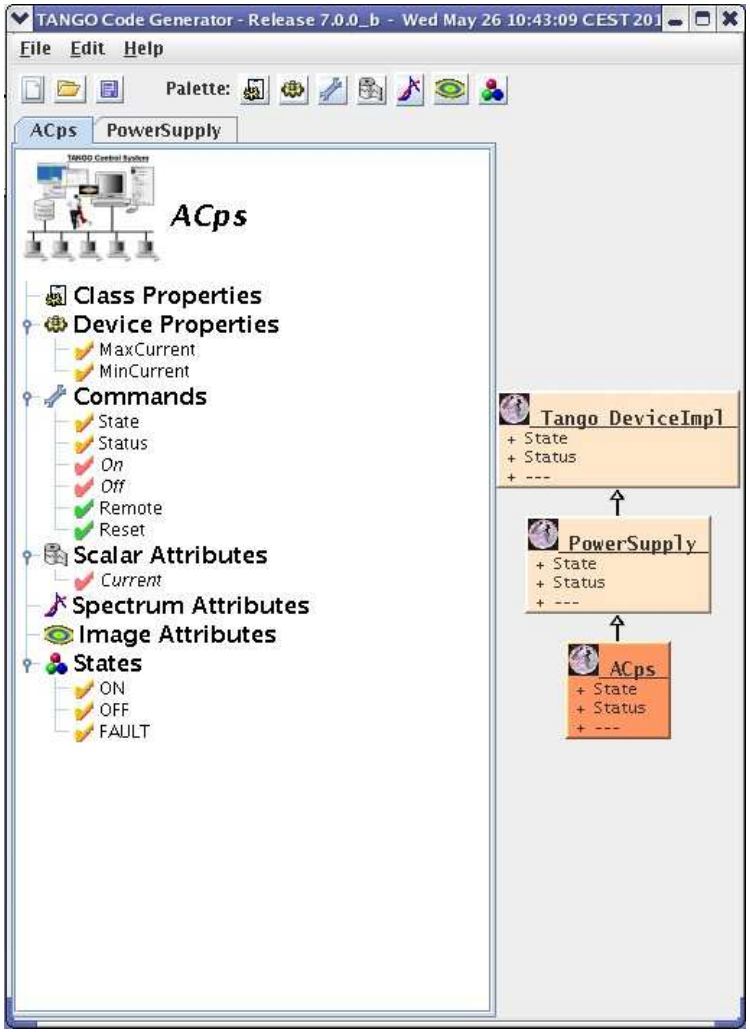
# Abstract Classes



# Abstract Classes

- The next major version of Pogo will allow real inheritance of Tango classes
  - Base classes are not only interface classes
  - Base classes can be easily extended
- C++ version in beta test
- Python not yet started

# Abstract Classes

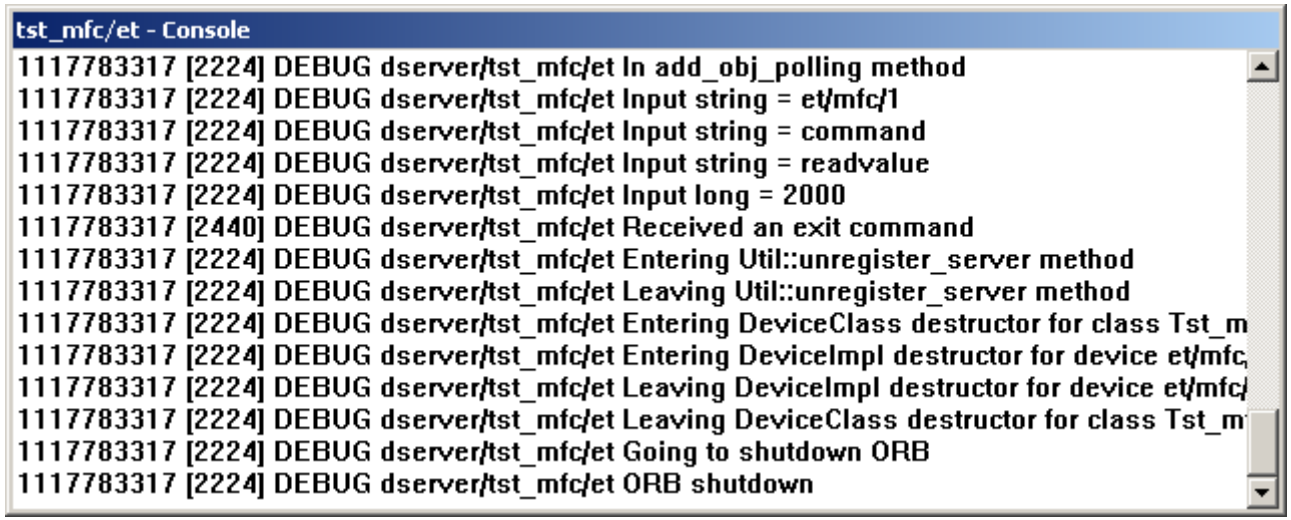



# Device Server on Windows

- Two kinds of Tango device servers on Windows
  - Running as a Windows console application
    - No changes
  - Running as a Windows application
    - Written using MFC
    - Written using Win32 API

# DS on Windows





# Device server on Windows

- With the Win32 API
  - Very similar to a traditional “main” but
    - Replace main by WinMain
    - Display message box for errors occurring during the device server start-up phase
    - Code the Windows message loop
  - See example in doc chapter 8.5.3
- With MFC, see chapter 8.5.2
- Don’t forget to link your device server with the Tango windows resource file

# Device Server on Windows

- Take extreme care with the kind of libraries used for linking (No mix)
- Tango supports
  - Multithreaded  (/MT)
  - Debug Multithreaded (/MTd)
  - Multithreaded DLL (/MD)
  - Debug Multithreaded DLL (/MDd)

# Device Server on Windows

- A Tango device server is able to run as a **Windows service** but
  - Needs changes in the code (See doc chapter 8.5.4)
  - Needs to be registered in the Windows service manager
    - A new set of options is available when a device server is used as a Windows service
      - -i, -u or -s

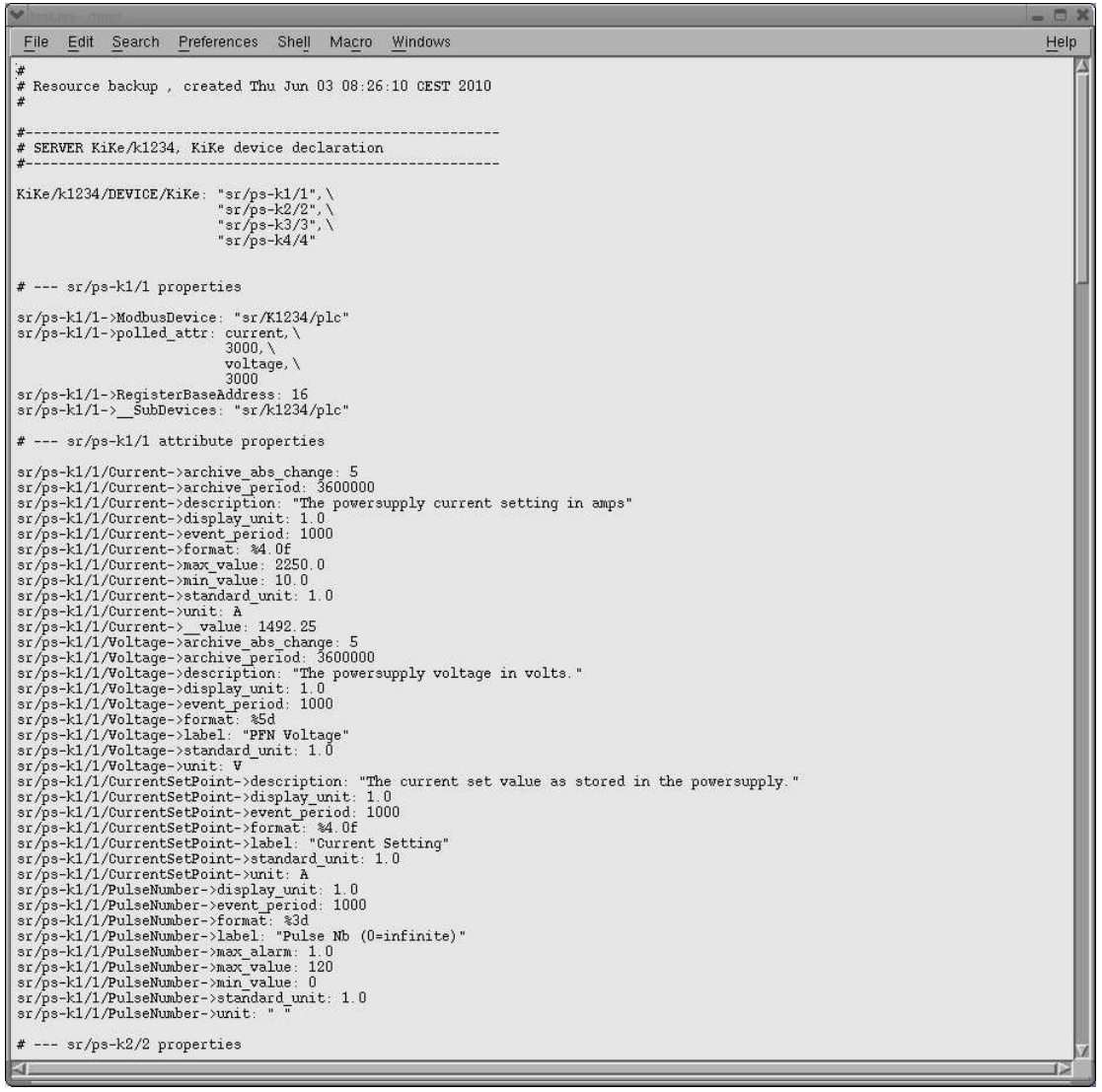
# Tango Training:
# Part 8 : Advanced Features

- Tango without database
- Multi CS / Multi DB
- Tango adminstration
- Server Wizard

# DS using a File as Database

- Tango device server supports using a file instead of the database
- Generate the file with Jive
  - Choose server -> right click -> save server data
- It is possible
  - Get, update, delete class properties
  - Get, update, delete device properties
  - Get, update, delete class attribute properties
  - Get, update, delete device attribute properties

# DS using a File as Database



# DS using a File as Database

- Start the device server on a specified port

```
MyDs inst –file=<file_path>  -ORBendPoint giop:tcp::<port>
```

- Device name used in a client must be changed
  - With database:
    - sr/d-fuse/c04
  - With file as database:
    - tango://<host>:<port>/sr/d-fuse/c04#dbase=no

# DS using a File as Database

- Limitations
  - Modifications are not reported back to the database
  - No check that the same device server is running twice
  - Manual management of host/port
  - No alias

# DS not using a Database at all!

- It is also possible to start a device server without using a database at all
  - Do not code database access within the device server…
- The option is **–nodb**
- Another option –dlist allows the definition of device names at the command line for the highest tango class

# DS not using a Database at all

- A method DeviceClass::device_name_factory is used to define device names for a class, when it is not possible to define them at command line

```
MyDs inst –nodb –dlist id13/pen/1,id13/motor/2
-ORBendPoint giop:tcp::<port>
```

# DS not using a Database at all

- Change of device name
  - tango://<host>:<port>/sr/d-fuse/c04#dbase=no
- Limitation
  - The same as for a server with file database
  - No properties at all
  - No events

# Multi TANGO_HOST

- A client running in control system A is able to access devices running in control system B by specifying the correct name
- Full Tango device name syntax

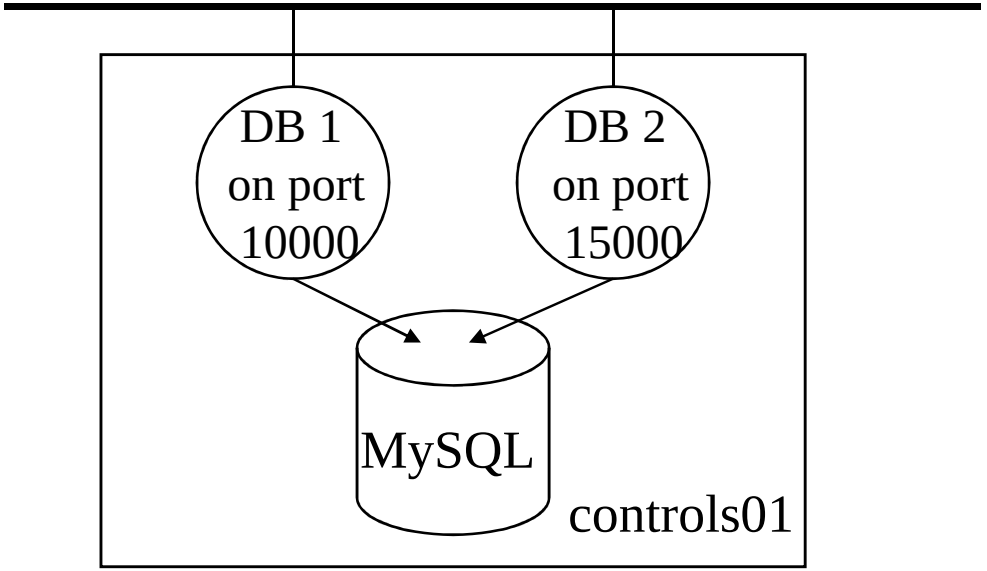
**[protocol://][host:port]device_name[/attribute][->property][#dbase=xx]**

- Examples
  - tango://freak:1234/id00/pen/c11#dbase=no
  - tango::://orion:10000/sr/d-vlm/1

# Tango Control System with Several Database Servers

- Defined using the TANGO_HOST environment variable
- Client and servers will automatically switch from one server to the other if one dies

```
TANGO_HOST=controls01:10000,controls01:15000
```



# Tango CS Administration

- The goal:
  - Overview of all hosts in a control system and all running device servers
  - Start/stop device servers in the control system from a central point
  - Diagnose rapidly problems or failures
- To administrate a Tango control system you need:
  - The Starter device server on every host
  - Astor, the administration application

# Tango CS Administration

- The Starter server is able to
  - Start even before the database is running and wait for it
  - Get the list of device servers configured for the host from the database
  - Start device server(s)
    - Manage 5 (default) startup levels for ordered startup
  - Kill a device server (command “kill” of the admin device)
  - Check that a device server is running.
  - Ping the device server process admin device to check if it is alive
  - Check if the notifd is running

# Tango CS Administration

- Run one Starter device server per host in the control system
- Start the Starter device server using the host name as instance name

Starter <host>

- The starter device name is (only one device)

tango/admin/<host>

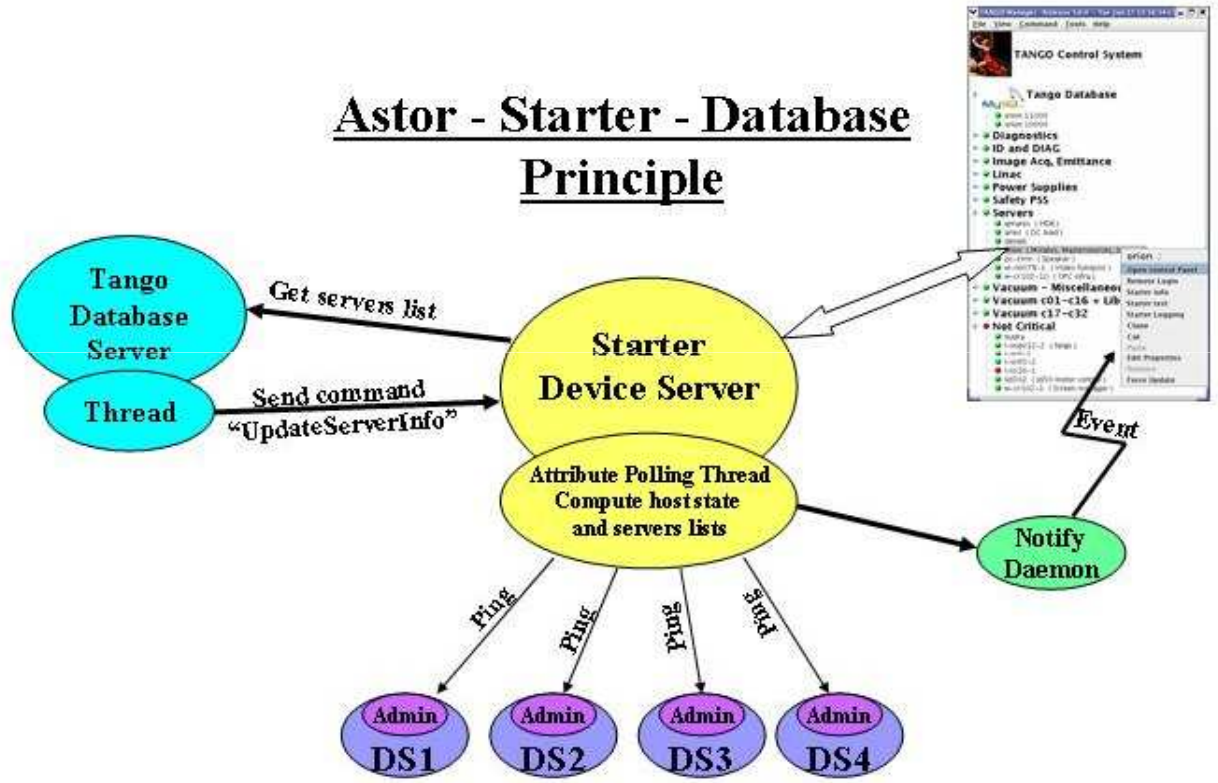
# Tango CS Administration

- Astor is a graphical interface to the starter device(s) and is able to
  - Manage host(s) in a tree structure
  - Display the state of hosts and device servers
  - Start / Stop several servers on several host(s) with some clicks
  - See the device server output
  - Open a window on a host
  - Help you creating a new Starter entry for a new host

# Tango CS Administration

- Tools available within Astor:
  - Jive
  - Polling thread manager
  - Polling thread configuration and profiling
  - Event configuration and testing
  - Device dependency tree

# Tango CS Administration



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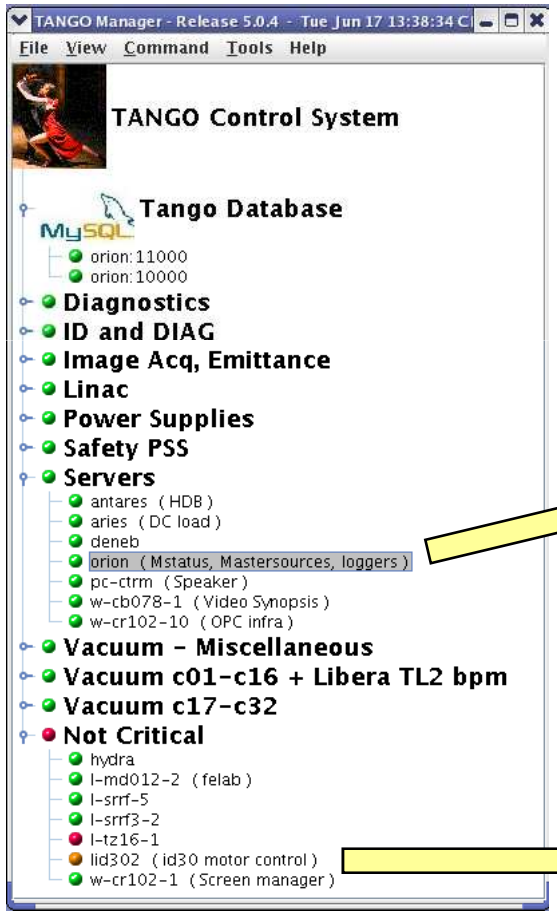
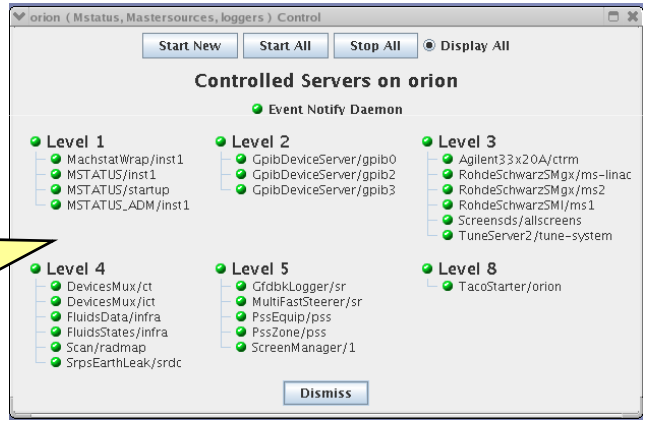



| Hosts | Servers |
|---|---|
| All controlled servers are running.<br>Starter is starting server(s).<br>At least, one controlled server is stopped.<br>Starter is not running on host. | Server is running<br>Server is running but not alive (Starting ?)<br>Server is not running. |





# Tango CS Administration

- **Host (Starter) actions:**
  - Open a control panel (see servers)
  - Remote login (not for win32)
  - Starter test
  - Clone (create a new Starter in database)
  - Cut /Paste (to manage tree)
  - Edit properties (Starter $PATH, comments…)
  - Remove

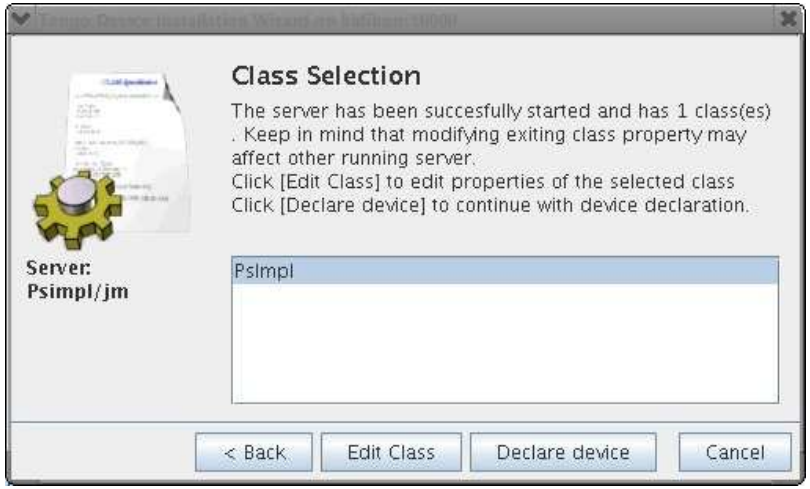
# Tango CS Administration

- **Server actions:**
  - Start / kill server
  - Restart (kill wait a bit and start)
  - Set startup level
  - Polling management
  - Configuration (using the server wizard)
  - Server and class info
  - Test a device
  - Check states
  - See standard error

# The Device Wizard

- Available from Jive or Astor
- Allows a user to create and configure a new device server dynamically in the database without knowledge on
  - Available classes in the server
  - Usable device properties when creating new devices
- The wizard will
  - Automatically retrieve class properties and will ask for new values
  - Automatically retrieve device properties and will ask for new values

# The Device Wizard

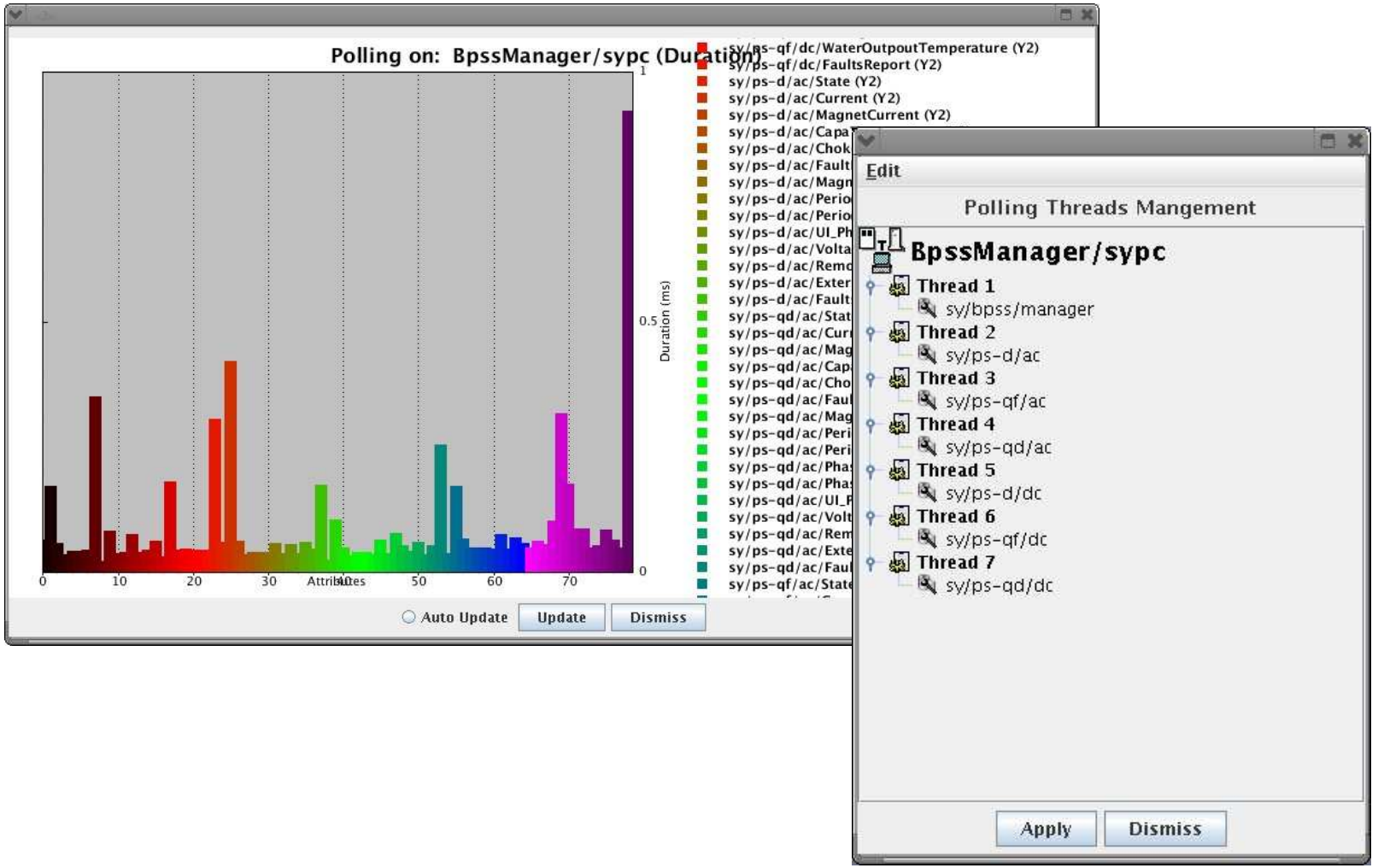




# Polling Management

- Available from Astor
- Thread pool management
- Polling configuration
- Polling profiling

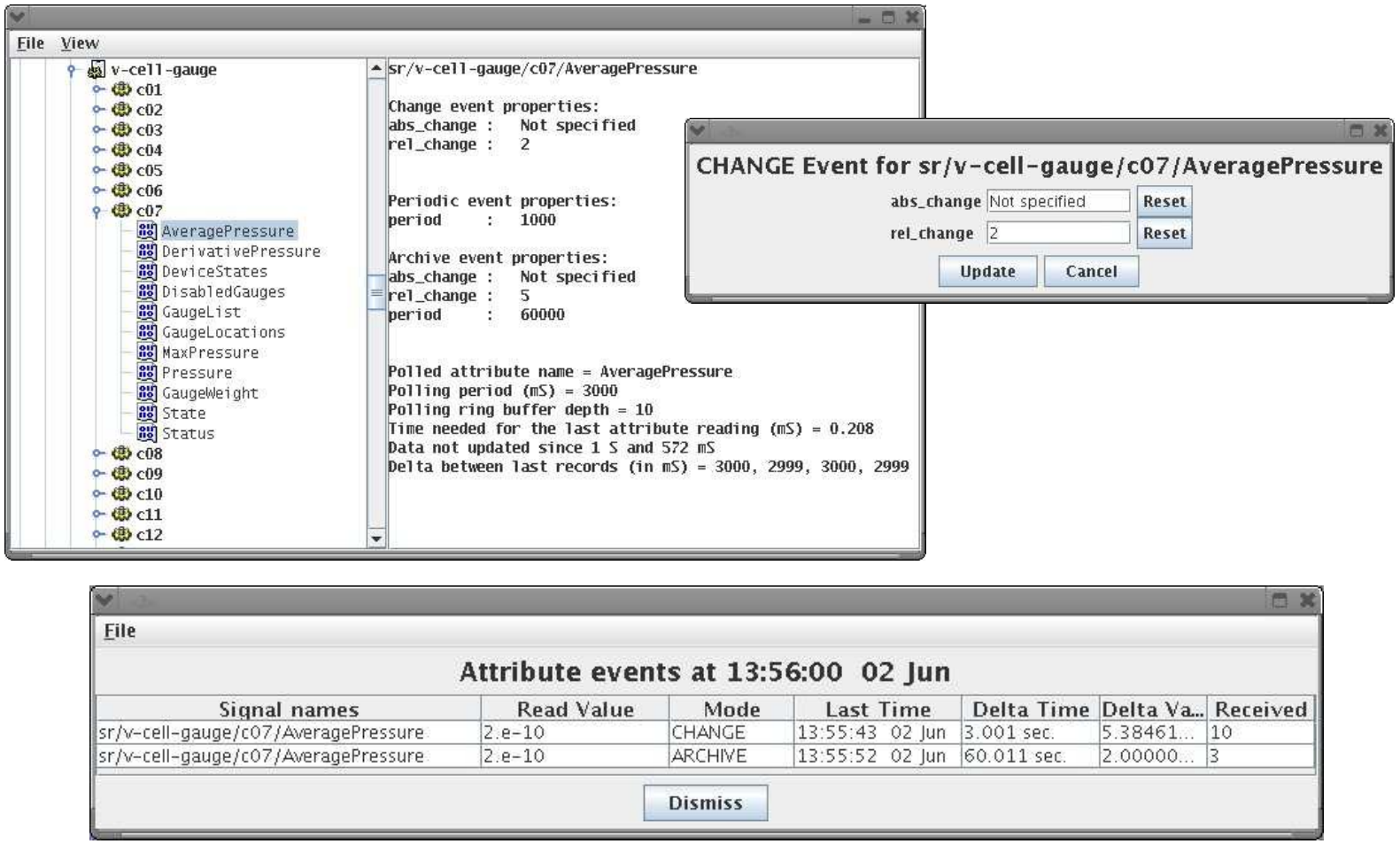
# Polling Management



# Event Manager

- Available from Astor
- Configure periodic, change and archive events
- Subscribe and test a set of events

# Event Manager



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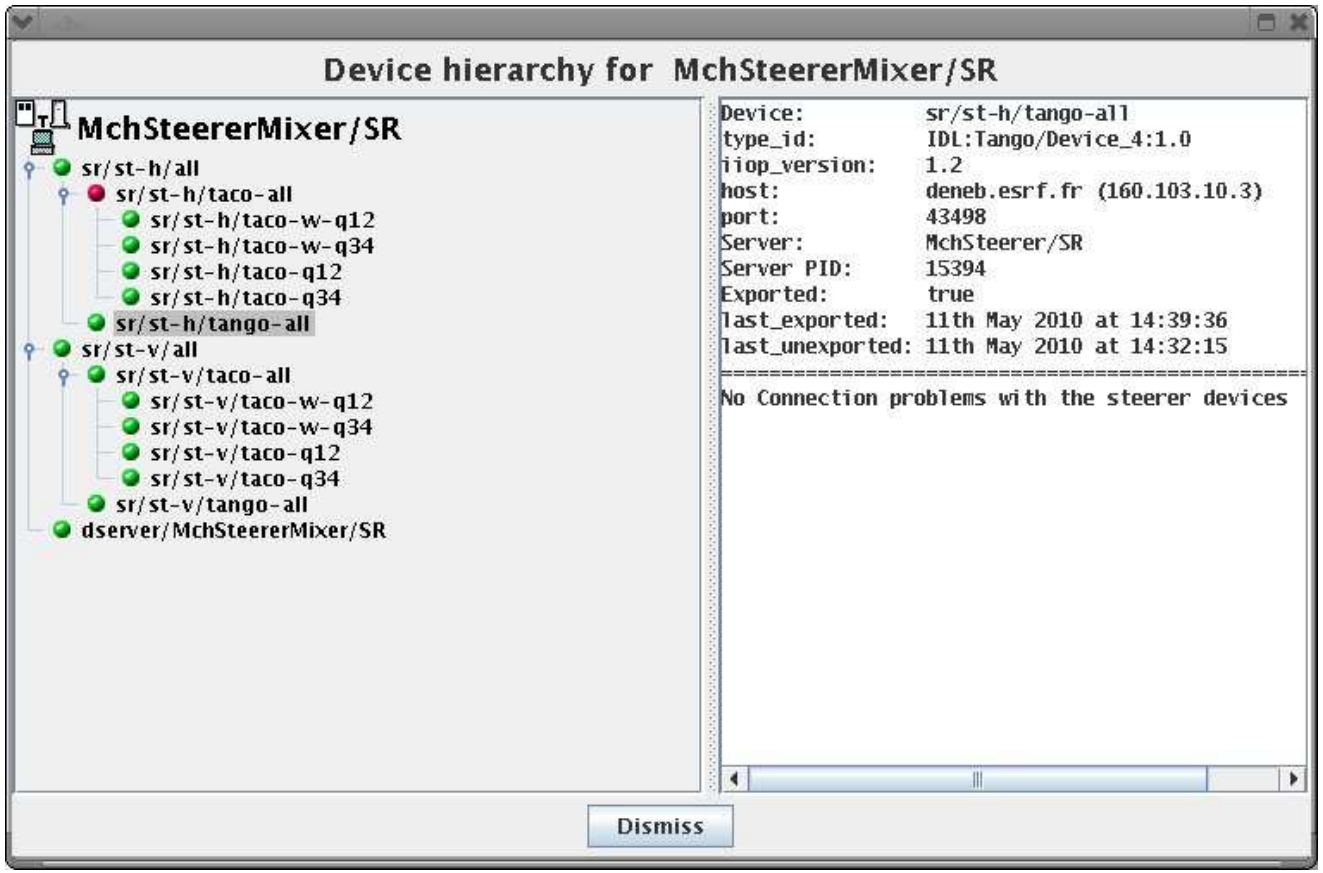
# Device Dependency Tree

- Available from Astor
- Shows all open connections to sub devices for every device in a device server
- Connections which cannot be directly attributed to a device are listed under the administration device name

# Device Dependency Tree



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# Access Control

- Allows to restrict user access on devices:
  - Reading is always possible
  - Writing must be allowed
- A default access need to be defined
- For a user can be defined:
  - A list of allowed host or network addresses
  - A list of READ_WRITE or READ_ONLY devices

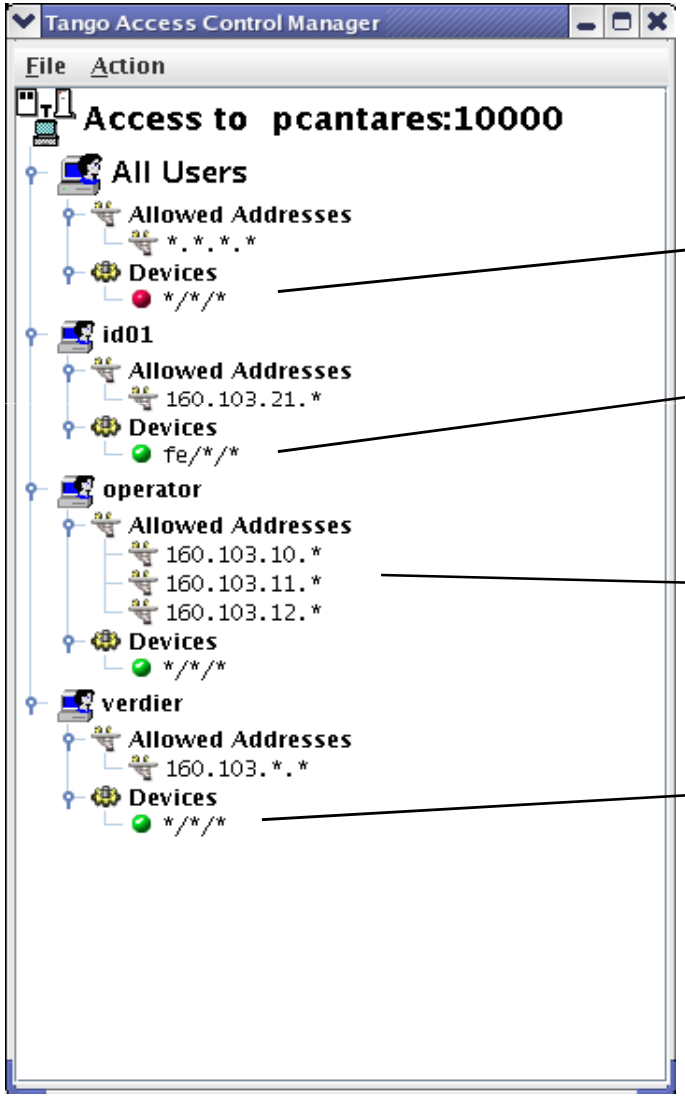
# Access Control

- To enable access control:
  - Create the free property **CtrlSystem** (if not yet available)
  - Start the TangoAccessControl service as

    **TangoAccessControl 1**
  - Execute the command **RegisterService** on the device **sys/access_control/1**
  - Start Astor and open the **Access Control** panel from the tools menu

# Access Control

How to configure TANGO access control:




**All user are in read only mode. (default mode)**

**User id01 can access only devices of the domain FE from it's network.**

**Operator can access all Tango devices from control room networks.**

**User verdier (administrator) can access all Tango devices from all ESRF network.**

# Exercise 9

- Add the device server with a start-up level in Astor
- Create a polling thread for every MaxLabPowerSupply device and configure the polling of the Current attributes
- Configure change events for the Current attributes and test the events

# Tango Training: Part 9: Graphical User Interfaces

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- GUI Toolkits
- ATK
- Synoptic Views
- Panel Builder

# GUI Toolkits

- Java :
  - ATK based on Java Swing
  - Widgets a Java Beans
- C++ :
  - Qtango based on Qt
  - Can be used in QtDesigner
- Python
  - Tau based on PythonQt
  - Can be used in QtDesigner

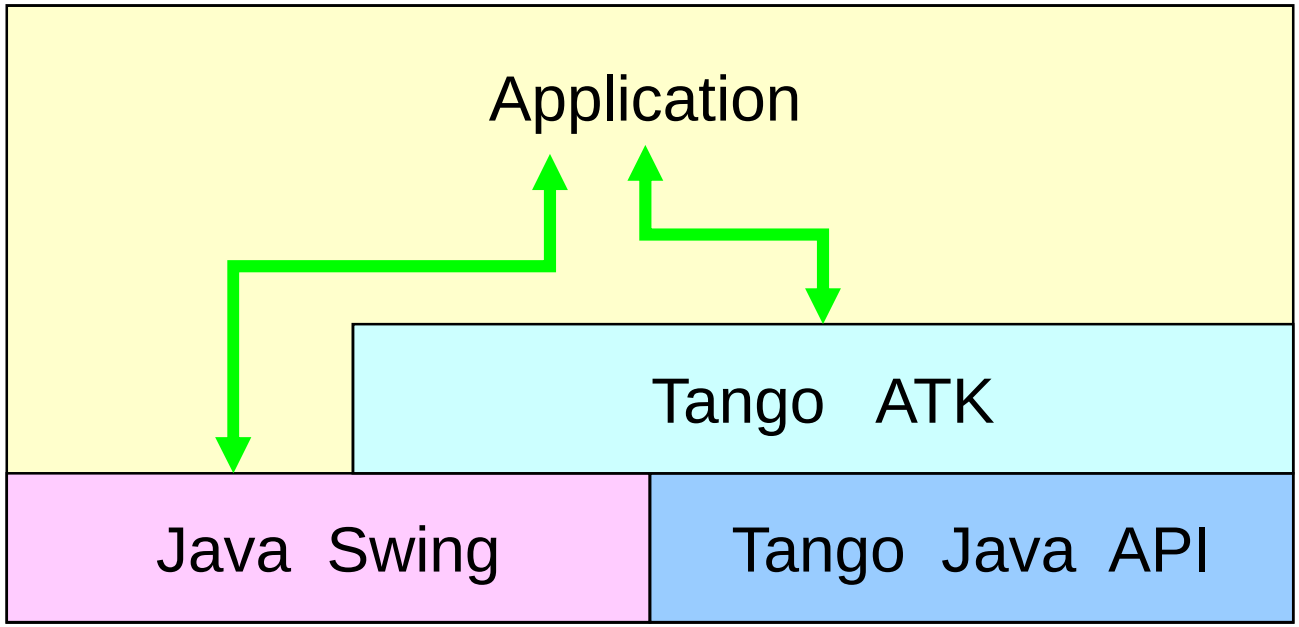
# GUI Toolkits

- All toolkits follow the MVC model
- All toolkits are based on a core and a widget libray
- All toolkits implement a device and an attribute factory (DeviceProxy only once)
- All toolkits abstract data reception
  - Use events when available
  - Otherwise polling

# GUI Toolkits

- Provides a framework to speed up the development of Tango Applications
- Helps to standardize the look and feel of the applications
- Implements the core of “any” Tango Java client
- Is extensible

# ATK Software Architecture



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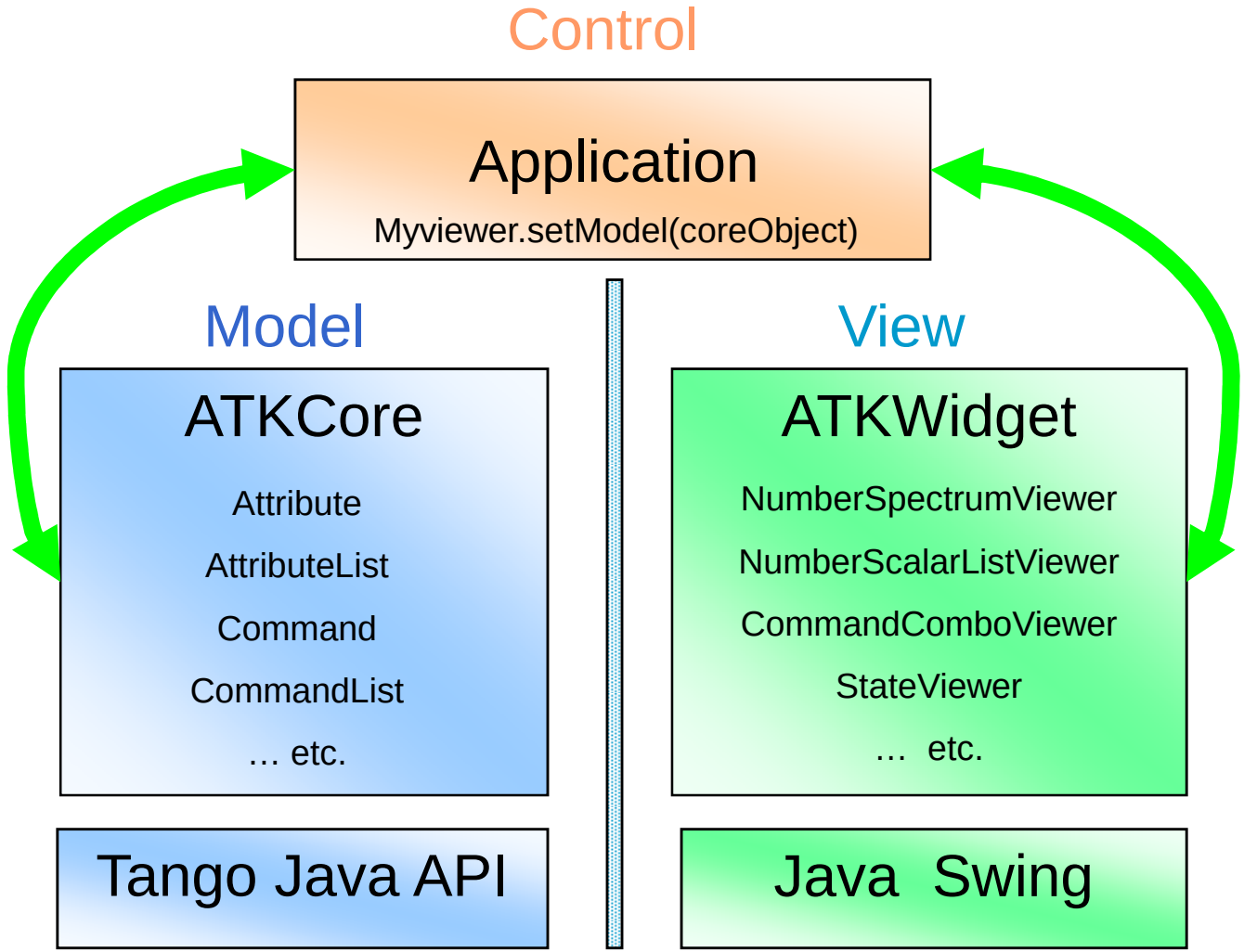
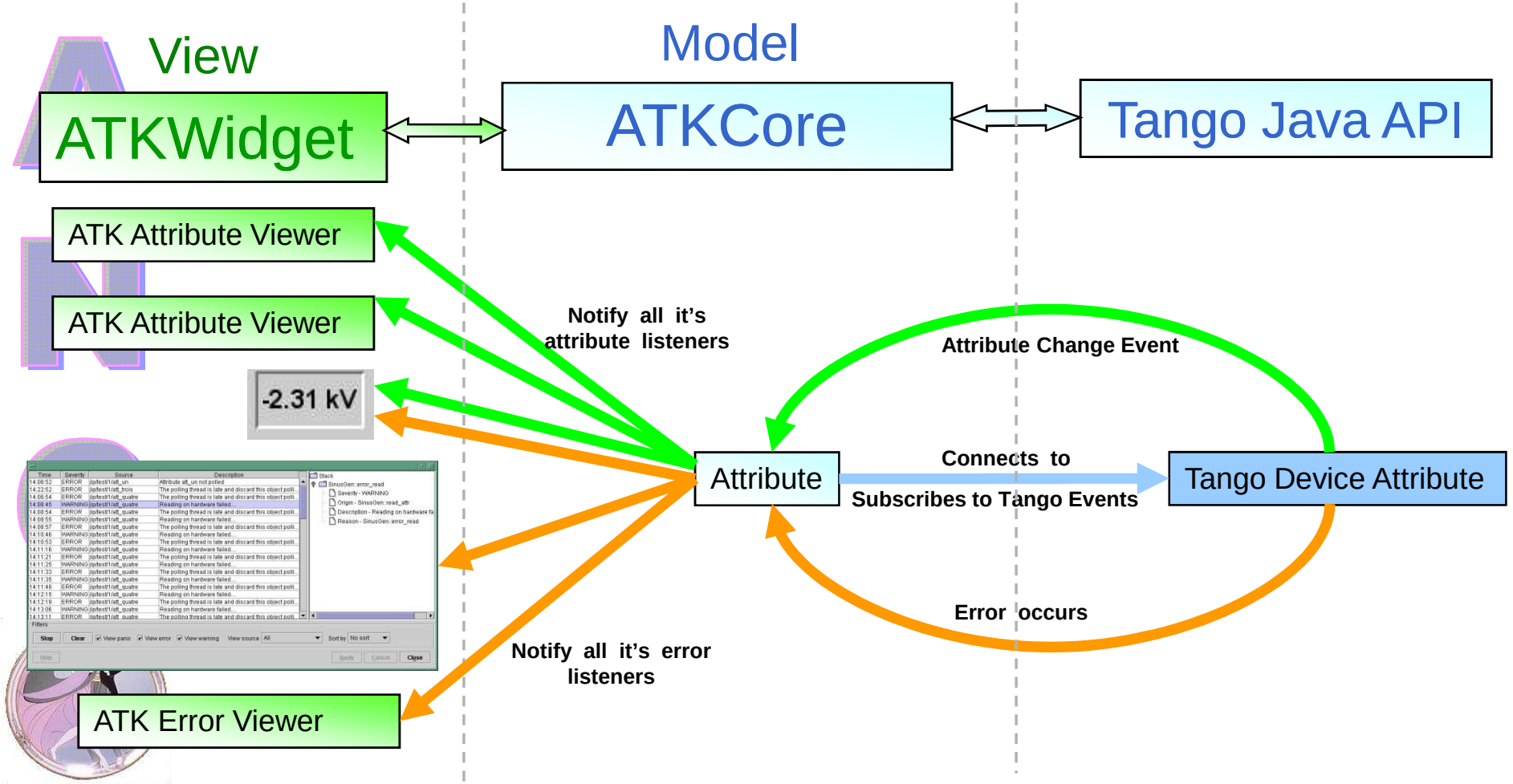


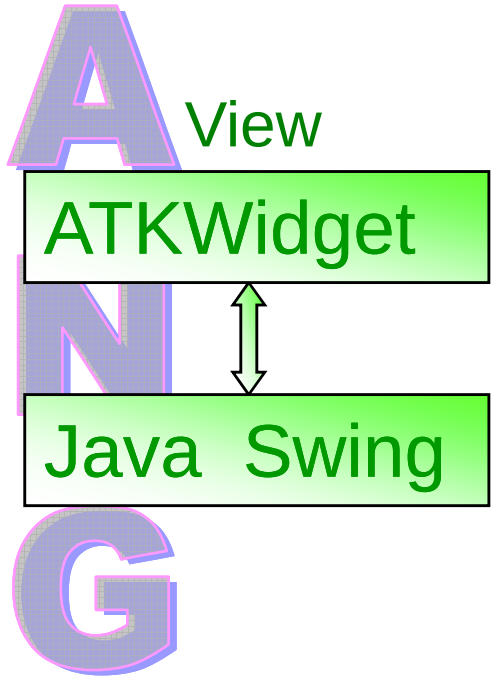

# Inside ATK

**ATKCore** sub-package provides the classes which implement the model



# Inside ATK

**ATKWidget** sub-package provides the classes to view and to interact with ATKCore objects

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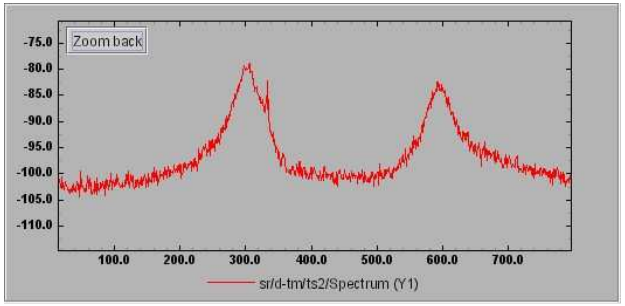


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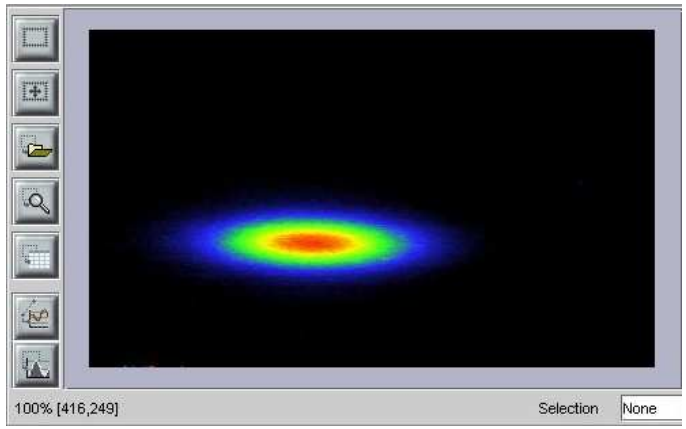
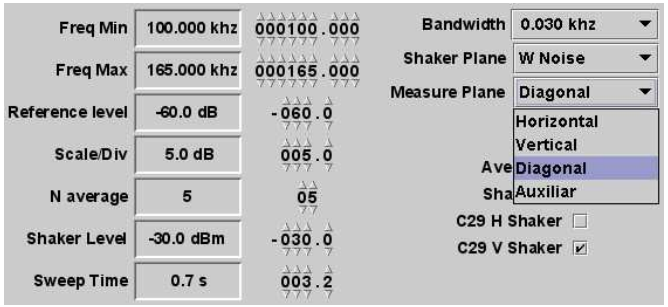


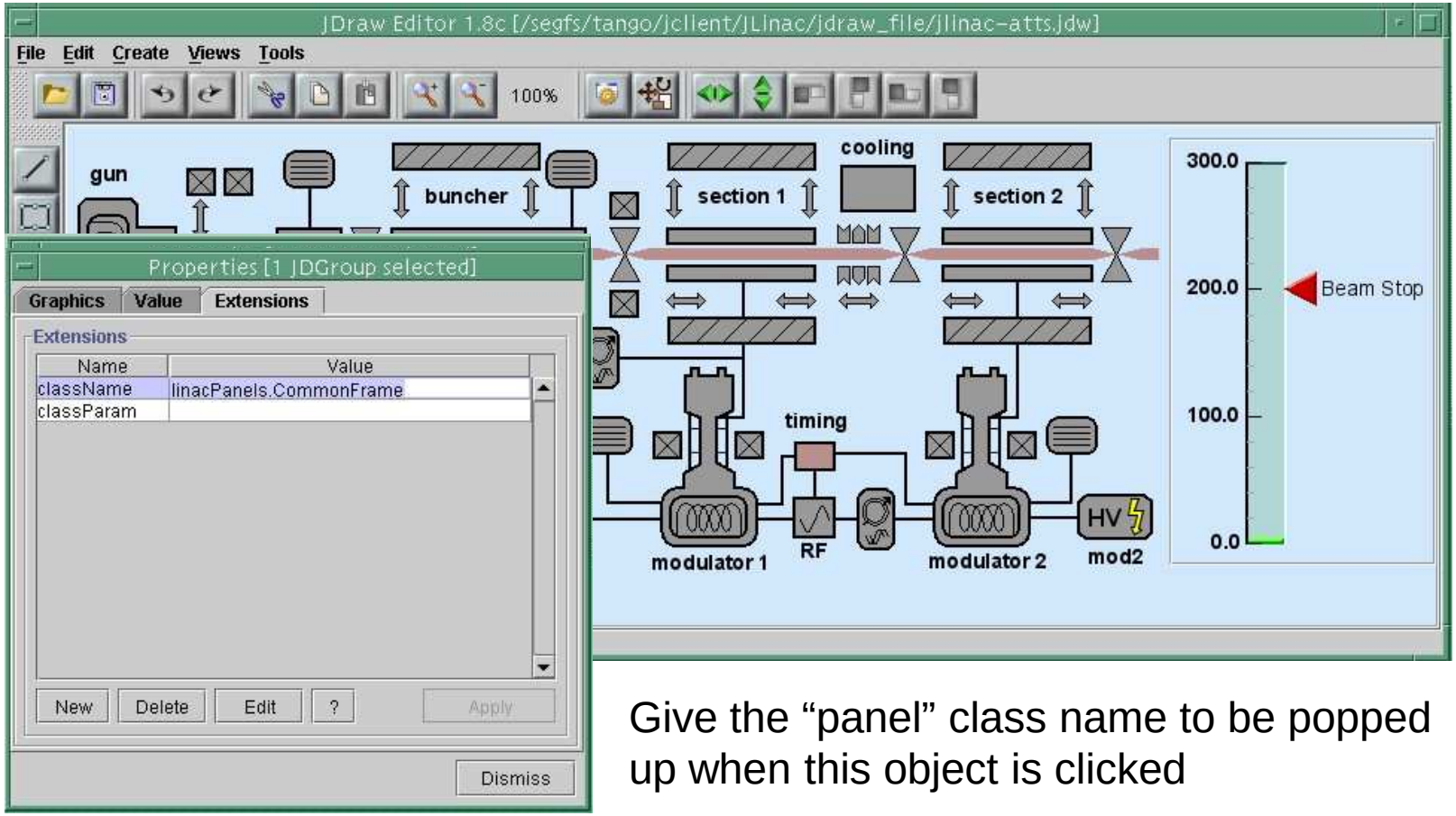

CommandComboViewer


ScalarListViewer



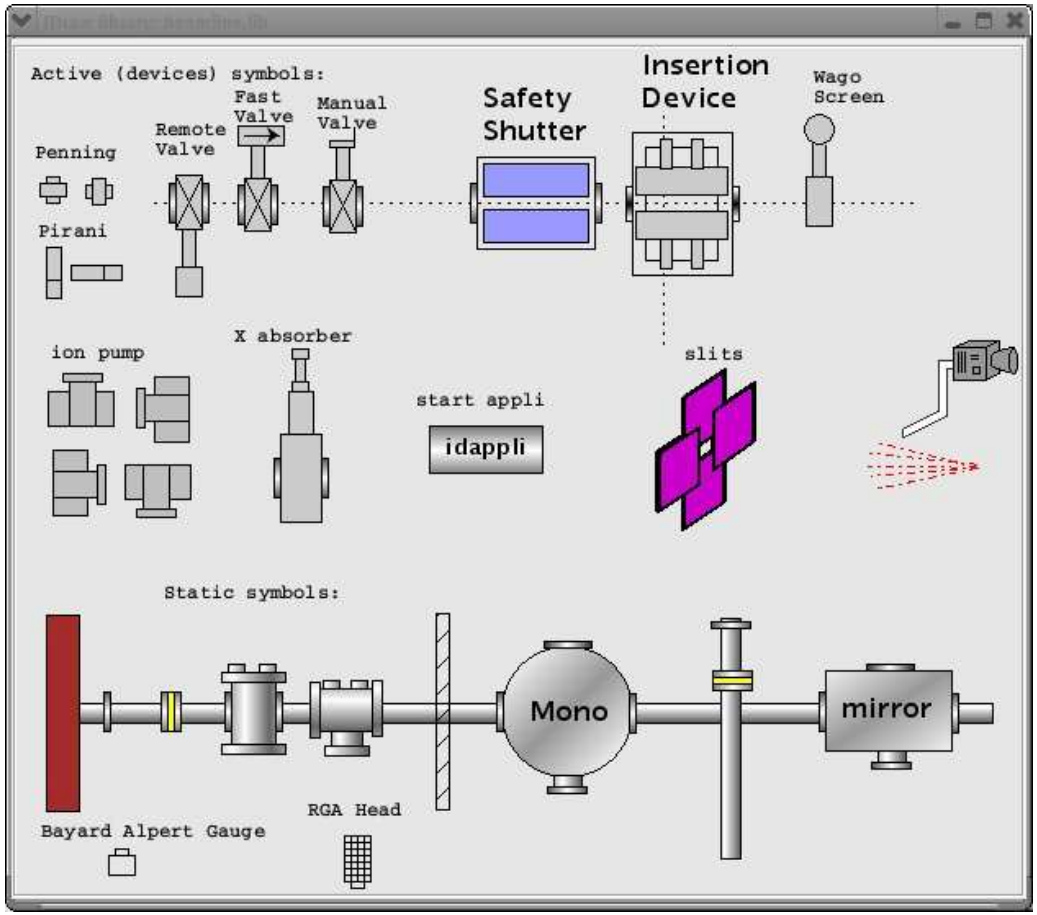

# Synoptic

Jdraw editor to draw the synoptic with vector graphics




Give the “panel” class name to be popped up when this object is clicked

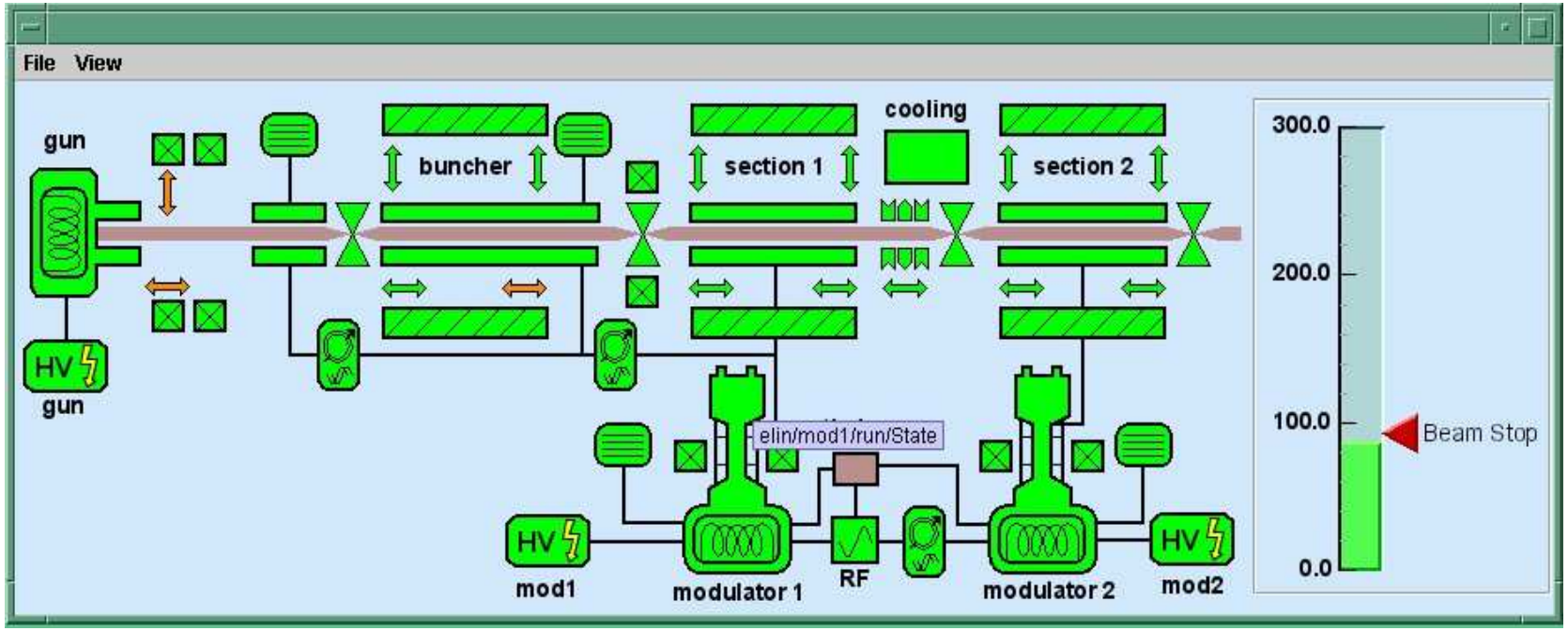
# Synoptic




Graphical component libraries can be created

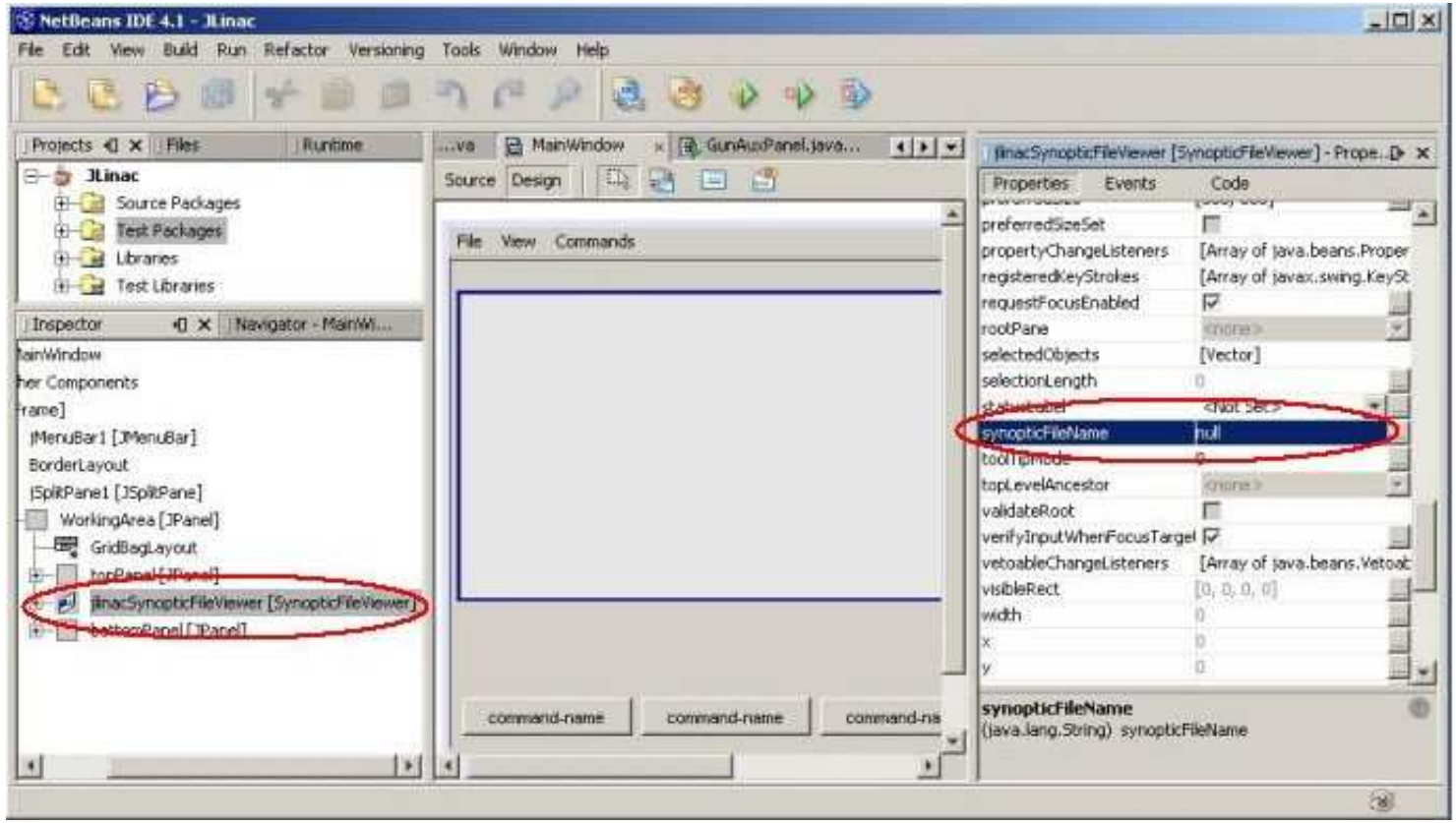
# Synoptic

Launch the ready to use ATK application “SimpleSynopticAppli” to test the synoptic at run time



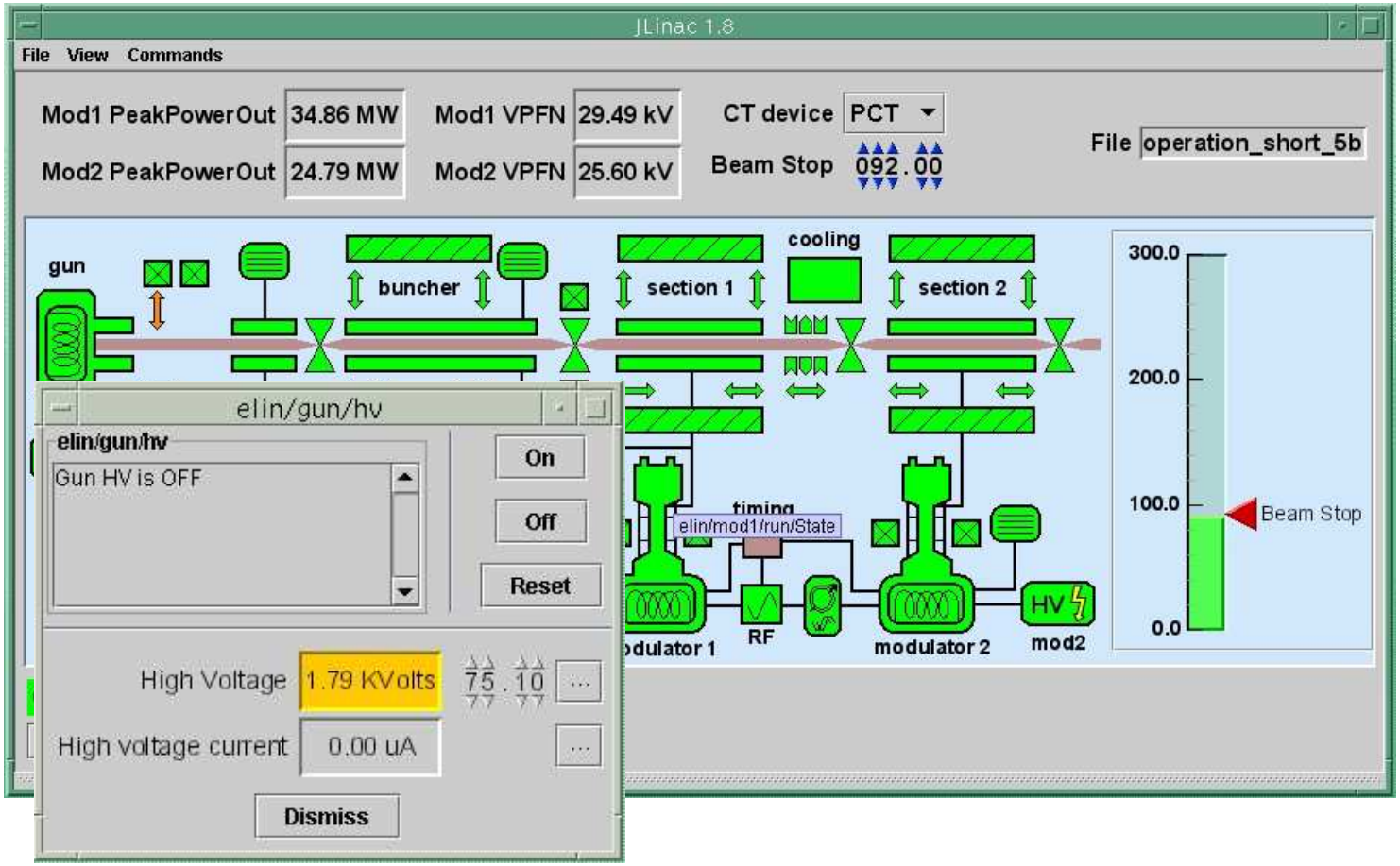
# Synoptic

Design your own specific ATK application using your favorite Java IDE



# Synoptic

Final synoptic application

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# Panel Builder JDDD

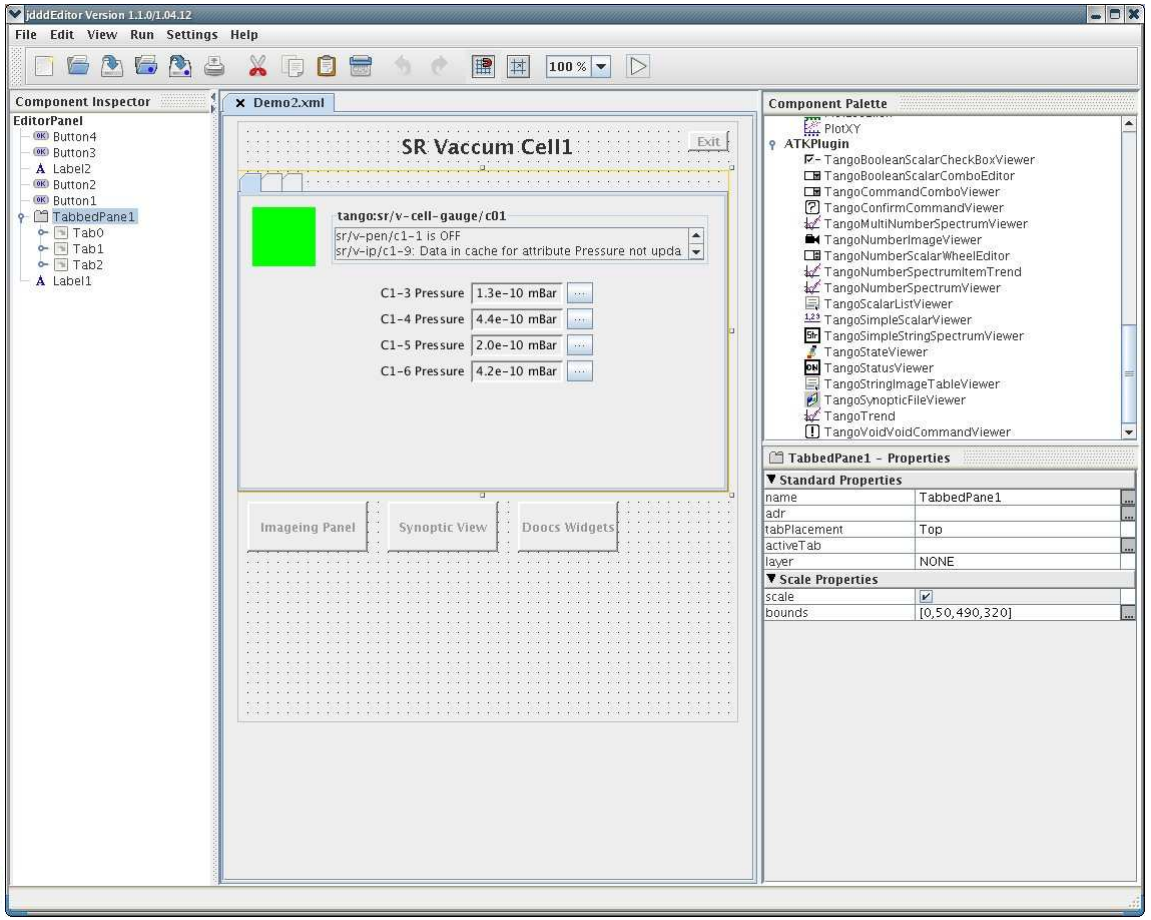
- JDDD = Java Doocs Data Display

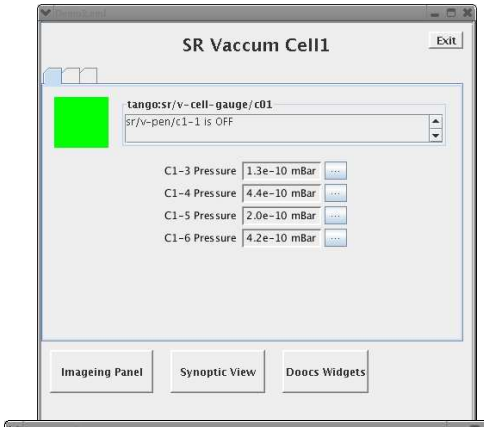
  http://jddd.desy.de
- Developed at DESY (MCS group)
- Interactive panel builder
- Stores panels in XML format
- Can use ATK widgets as plugin

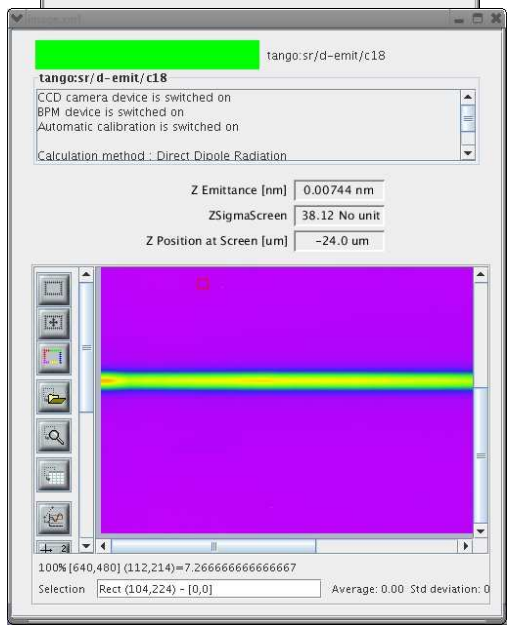
# Panel Builder JDDD

- Interesting concepts
  - Hierarchical panel usage
  - Can handle several application layers
  - Address inheritance through the components is possible
    - Configure a device name only once for the whole panel
  - Allows the use of a SVN repository to store and retrieve panel files
  - Easy to use logic and animation features
  - Wild card addressing for ATK widgets

# Panel Builder JDDD




# Examples

More information : ➢http://www.tango-controls.org

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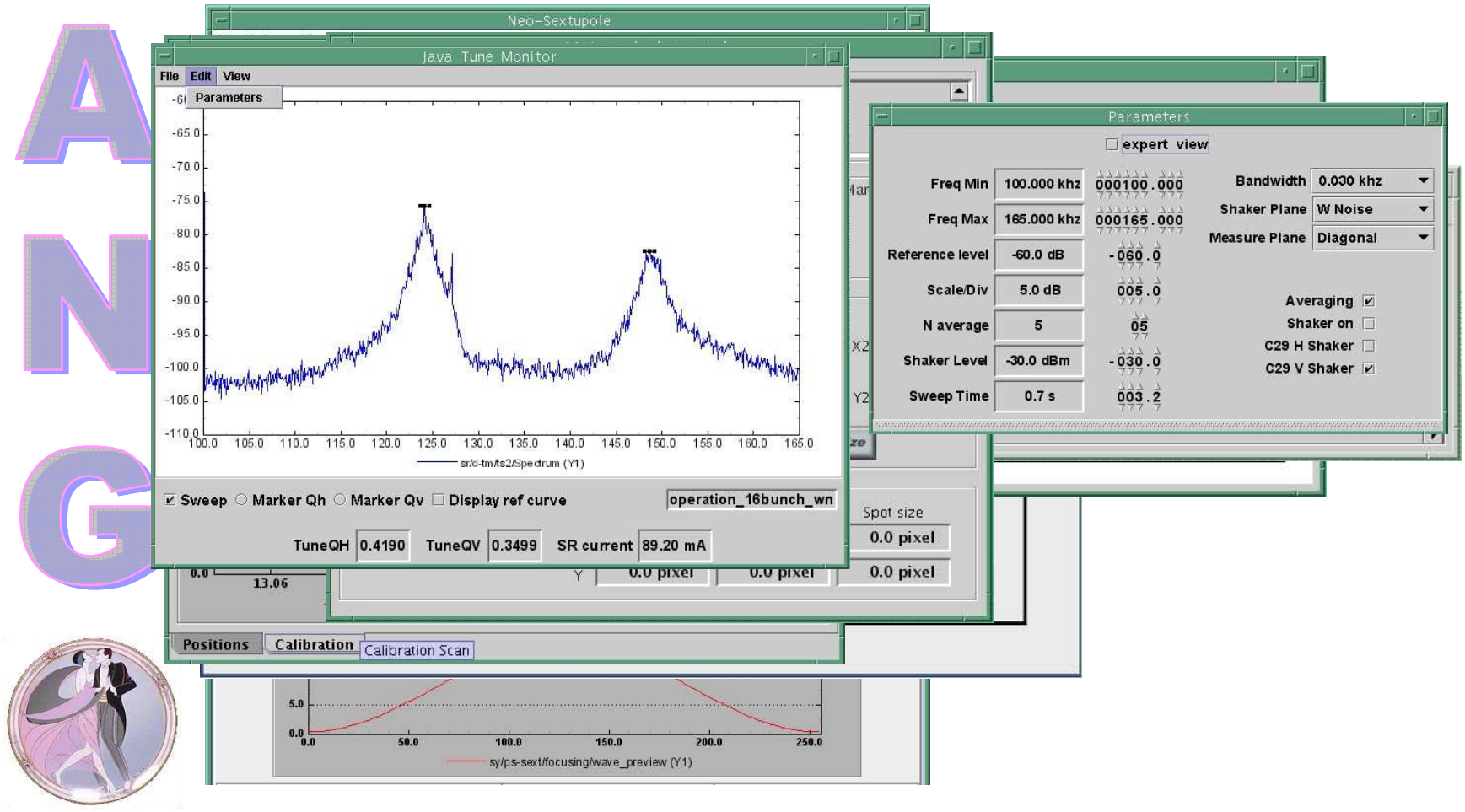

# Exercise 10

- Create a panel or synoptic to drive three MaxLabPowerSupply devices
  - Commands On, Off
  - Current reading and writing
  - State and status

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# Tango Training: Part 10 : Archiving System

- HDB
- TDB
- Snapshots

# Archiving System

- A set of three databases to keep history of what's going on in the control system
  - HDB (History Database)
  - TDB (Temporary Database)
  - Snap (Snapshot database)
- Two supported underlying database systems
  - Oracle (Soleil)
  - MySQL (Alba, Elettra, ESRF)

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# Archiving System

- Implemented using
  - A set of Java device servers to
    - Get data from the control system
    - Send extracted data to the requesting client
  - JDBC to access the database itself
- Running 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

# HDB / TDB

- Storage of data coming from attributes only
  - Command result storage is not supported
- HDB is dedicated to long term storage
  - Data are never deleted
  - Smallest storage period = 10 sec (0.1 Hz)
- TDB is dedicated to temporary storage
  - 3 days max (configurable)
  - Smallest storage period = 0.1 sec (10 Hz)

# HDB / TDB

- Several storage modes:
  - Periodic: Data stored at a fixed period (mandatory)
  - Different:
    - Data stored when reading is different from the last stored value
    - Data stored when the difference between read value and last stored value is greater/lower than an absolute limit
    - Data stored when the difference between read value and last stored value greater/lower than a limit in %
  - Threshold: Data stored greater/lower than a pre-defined threshold

# HDB / TDB

- Device servers common for HDB / TDB
  - ArchivingManager
    - Provide global command(s)
    - Load balancing

# HDB

- Device servers for HDB
  - HdbArchiver(s)
    - Collect data from the control system and store them in the database
      - Uses polling of devices
      - Can be configured to receive archiving events
        - » Not yet documented
        - » Only handled by Mambo for data extraction
  - HdbExtractor(s)
    - Extract data from the database and send them to caller
  - HdbArchivingWatcher
    - Diagnosis tool : detecting abnormal archiving interruption
    - Recovery : reactivate archiving on failed attributes

# TDB

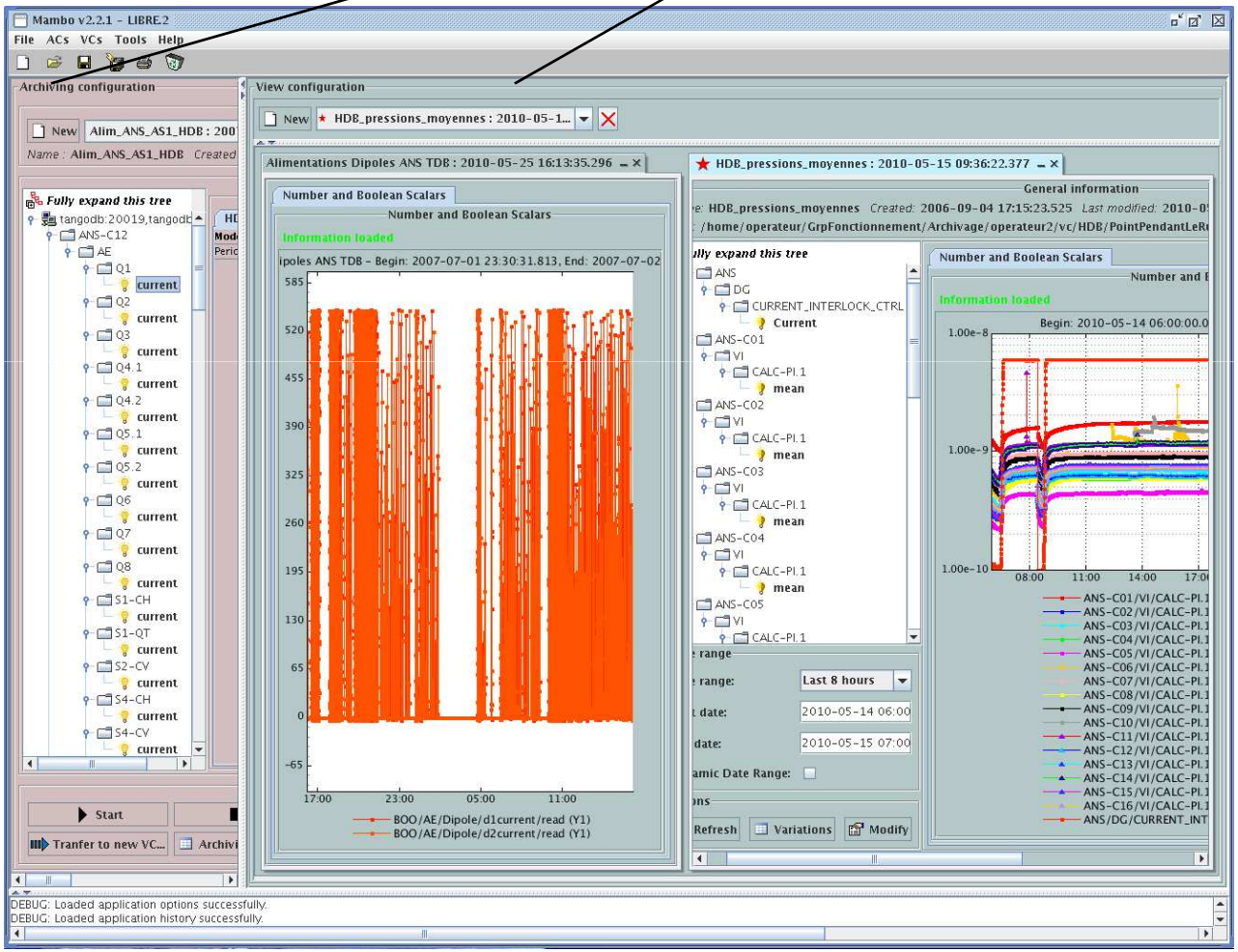
- Device servers for TDB
  - TdbArchiver(s)
    - Collect data from the control system and store them in the database
      - Uses only polling
  - TdbExtractor(s)
    - Extract data from the database and send them to caller
  - TdbArchivingWatcher
    - Diagnosis tool : detecting abnormal archiving interruption
    - Recovery : reactivate archiving on failed attribute

# HDB / TDB

- Mambo
  - Configure HDB and TDB
  - Display of data stored in HDB / TDB
  - Handle user configurations
- Mambo as web-start application
  - Uses the Tango web protocol
- E-Giga
  - Display of data coming from HDB in your WEB browser

# HDB / TDB

## MAMBO : Configuration and Extraction application




# Exercise 11

- Store the currents of the MaxLabPowerSupply devices
  - in HDB
    - Every 60 seconds
    - On value change, check every 10 seconds
  - In TDB
    - Every second
- Read stored data with Mambo
- Read stored data with AtkMoni from the HDB extractor server

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# SNAP

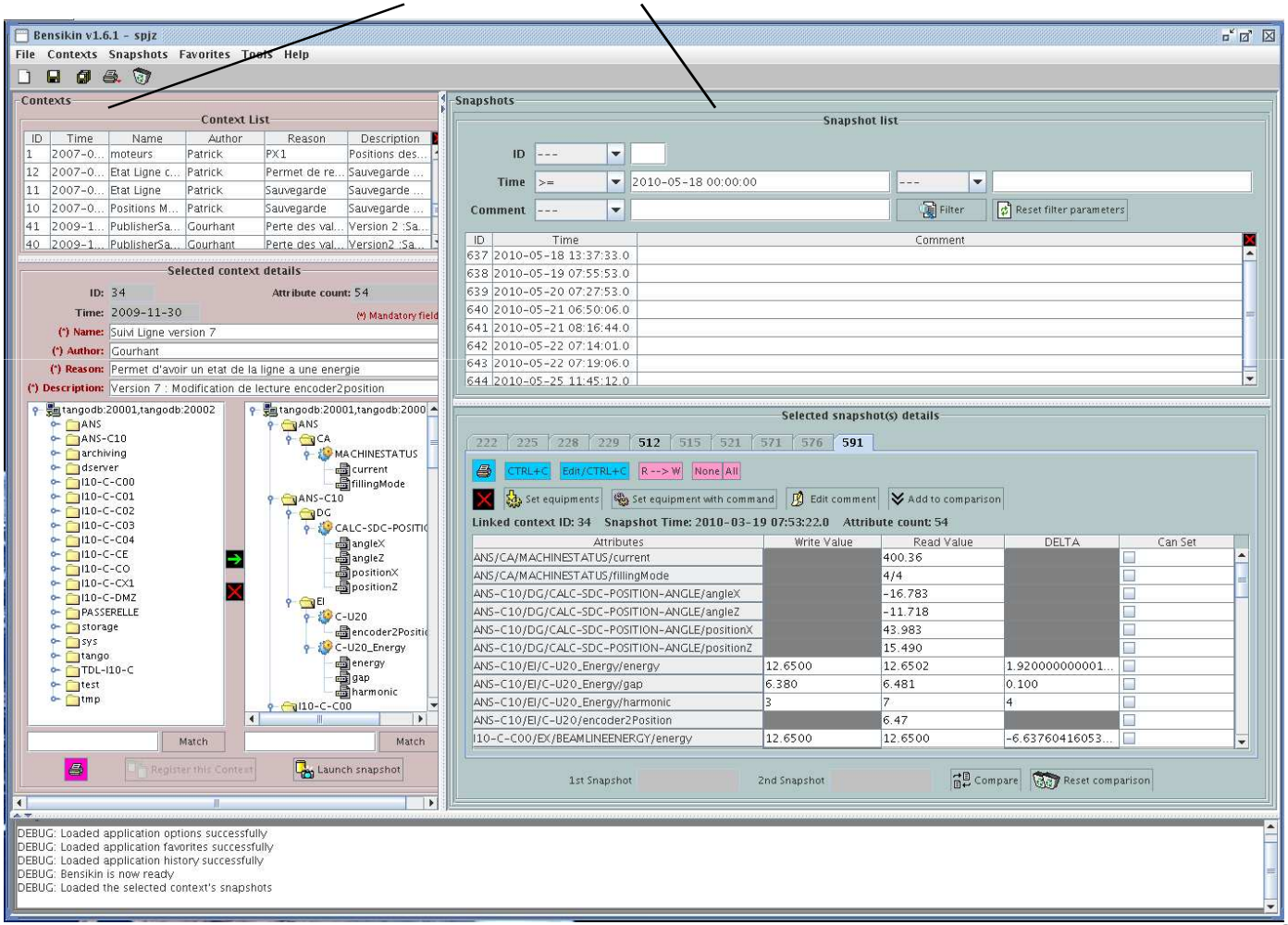
- Capability to take a picture of a set of attributes at a time
  - Motors positions before a planned electric halt
- Compare quickly and easily the attributes values
  - Before and after an experience to analyse the beamline parameters evolution
- Send instructions easily to several equipments
  - Set the beamline in a configuration reference

# SNAP

- Device servers for Snap
  - SnapManager
    - Manage snapshot configuration
    - Send command(s) to SnapArchiver
  - SnapArchiver
    - To take the snapshot and send the data to the database
  - SnapExtractor
    - To extract snapshot data from database

# SNAP

## BENSIKIN : Configuration and Exploitation



# Exercise 12

- Configure a snapshot to store the actual Current values of the MaxLabPowerSupply devices
- Change the power supply Current set points
- Apply the stored snapshot to the power supplies

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# Tango Training: Part 11 : Miscellaneous

- Getting software
- Who is doing what

# Getting the Tango Core

- You can download Tango from the ESRF Tango WEB page (http://www.tango-controls.org/download)
  - As a source package for UNIX like OS
  - As a Windows binary distribution
- For Unix (and co), do not forget to first download, compile and install
  - omniORB
  - omniNotify
- For Windows all libraries and binaries for omniORB and omniNotify are included in the distribution.

# Getting the Tango Core

- In both distributions, you have
  - Tango core (libraries and jar files)
  - Database device server and a script to create the Tango database for MySQL
  - Pogo, Jive, LogViewer
  - Astor and Starter device server
  - A test device server (TangoTest)
  - ATK

# Getting the Tango Core

- For the UNIX like OS source distribution, you have to compile everything with the famous three commands
  - configure
  - make
  - make install

# Tango Core Sources

- All Tango core sources are stored in a CVS server hosted by SourceForge called Tango-cs (http://sourceforge.net/projects/tango-cs/)
- On this project, you find sources for
  - C++ libraries and Java API
  - Database, Starter and TangoTest device servers
  - Pogo, Astor, Jive, LogViewer and ATK
  - Binding for Python, Matlab and Igor
  - The Tango archiving system

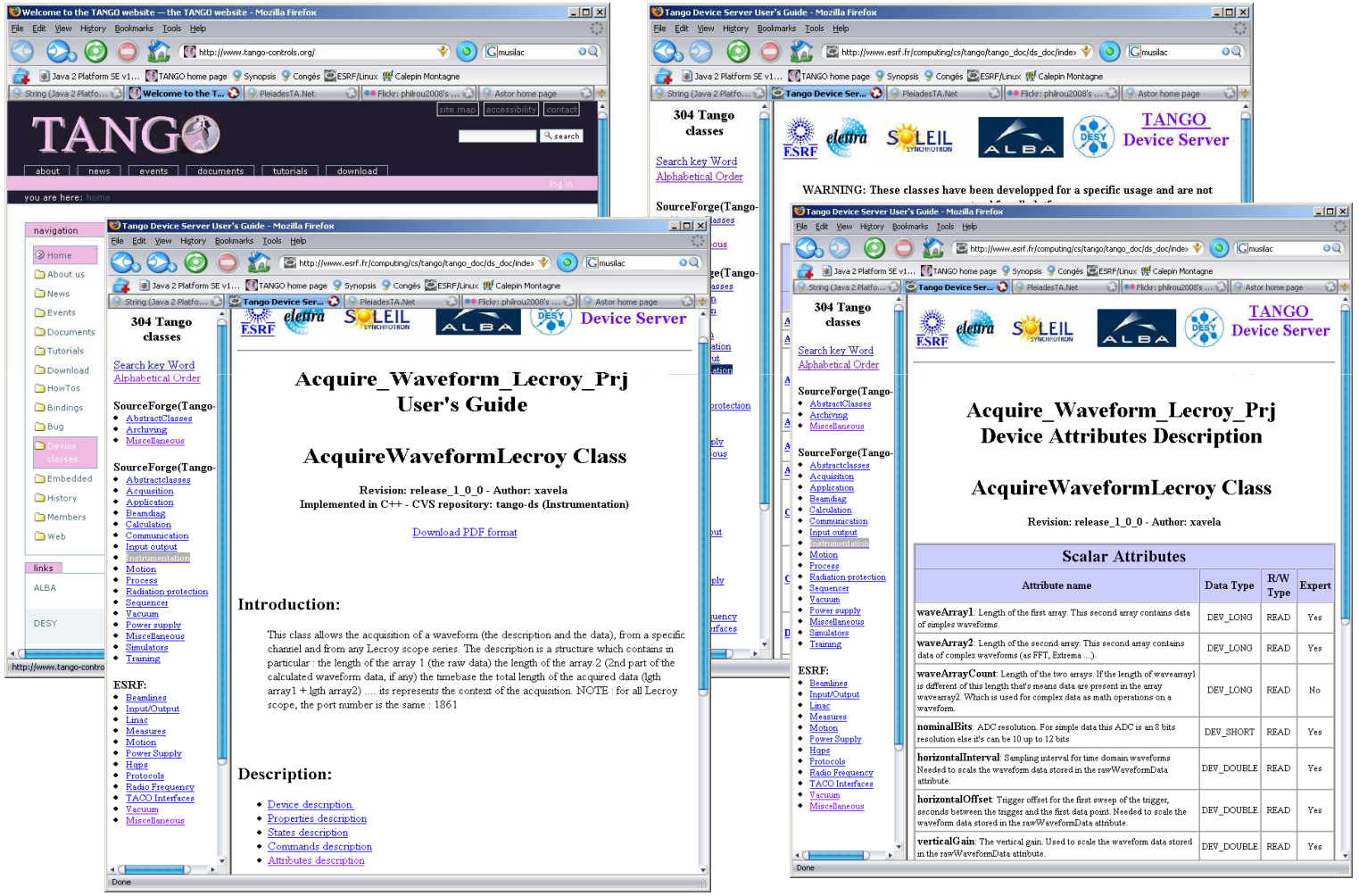
# Getting Tango Classes

- Nearly all Tango classes (> 200) are available for download on the WEB from Tango related WEB sites
- Two kind of classes
  - Common interest classes and interfaces to commercial hardware
  - Specific classes to interface institute specific hardware

# Getting Tango Classes

- On the WEB for each class, you find the HTML pages generated by Pogo
- Common interest classes sources are stored in a CVS server hosted by SourceForge
  - Project name = tango-ds
  - http://sourceforge.net/projects/tango-ds/
- Local classes sources are stored in a local CVS repository at each institute

# Getting Tango Classes




# Tango Core Development

- ELETTRA:
  - Alarm system
  - Canone: A WEB interface using PHP
  - E-Giga: A WEB interface above the Tango archiving system
  - QTango: ATK like GUI toolkit in C++
    - Using QT

# Tango Core Development

- SOLEIL:
  - Archiving system
    - Using ORACLE or MySQL
  - Snapshot system
    - Using ORACLE or MySQL
  - Matlab and Labview bindings
  - WEB protocol for ATK

# Tango Core Development

- ALBA:
  - Python binding (PyTango release 4.x)
  - Sardana: Control software for experiments
  - Tau: ATK like GUI toolkit in Python
    - Using QT

# Tango Core Development

- ESRF:
  - Tango libraries (C++ and Java)
  - Pogo
  - Jive
  - Astor / Starter
  - ATK