Integration and Use of a Beamline History Database





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Motivation



- Store all the beamline history in a central place
- Be able to trace and correlate events in time
- Store and restore beamline configurations
- Correlate experiment data with beamline or storage ring events





Global View



- Storage of scalar data in time
- Storage of scan data (synchronized data)
 - Scan description
 - Grouped scan spectra
- Storage of snapshot data
 - Snapshot description and identifier
 - Snapshot data



Actual Status



- Data storage from different data sources
 TACO, TANGO, SPEC
- Dynamic database configuration and storage
- Complete data extraction API in C and data analysis application
- Only storage of scalar data values in time

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Actual Status



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The Future



- History database installed locally on the beamline
- Joint development with SOLEIL for the TANGO history database
- Data extraction server allows clients to be written in multiple languages
- Storage of scan and snapshot data

How to Use HDB



- To trace and correlate beamline and machine events by the scientist
- In connection with the experiment database to trace beamline or machine events which happened during an experiment
- Saving and restoring experiment conditions or beamline configurations for fast experiment preparation
- To find automation problems by analyzing numerous events of the same type

Conclusion



- A history database as centralized data archive is a necessary part of a beamline
- Performant database browsing and data analysis tools are an important part of a history database project
- Interaction with an experiment database is important to correlate experiment data with beamline events