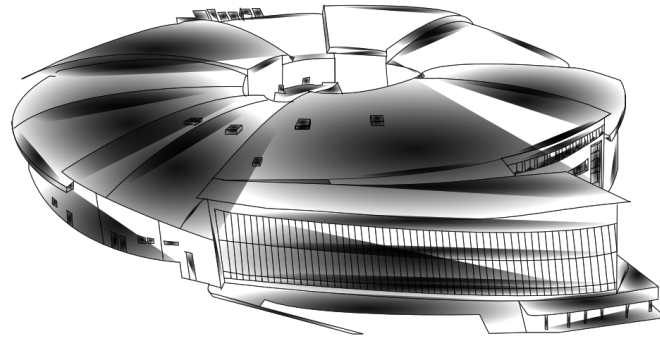


Taurus: Big & Small

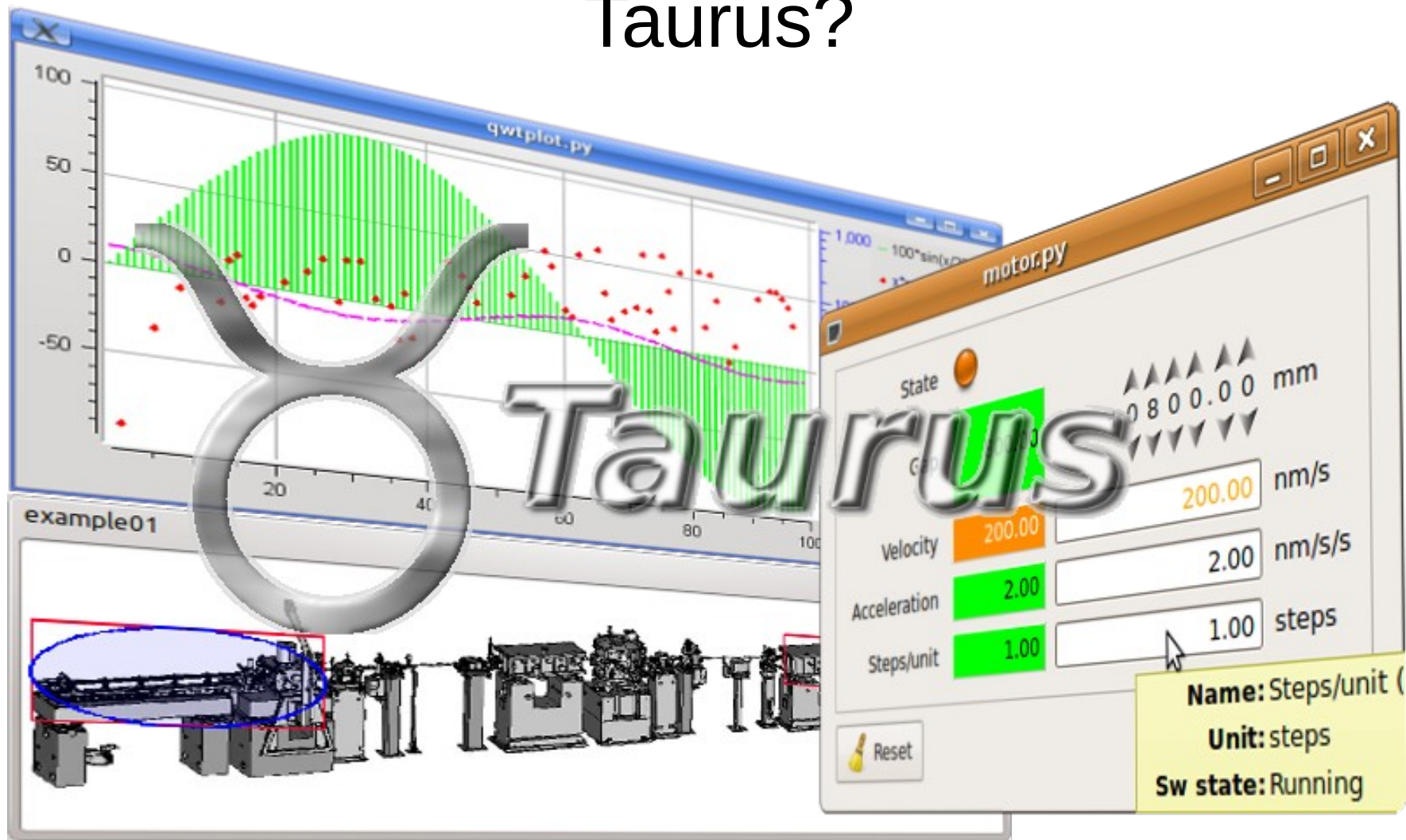
from Particle Accelerators to Desktop Labs



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Taurus?

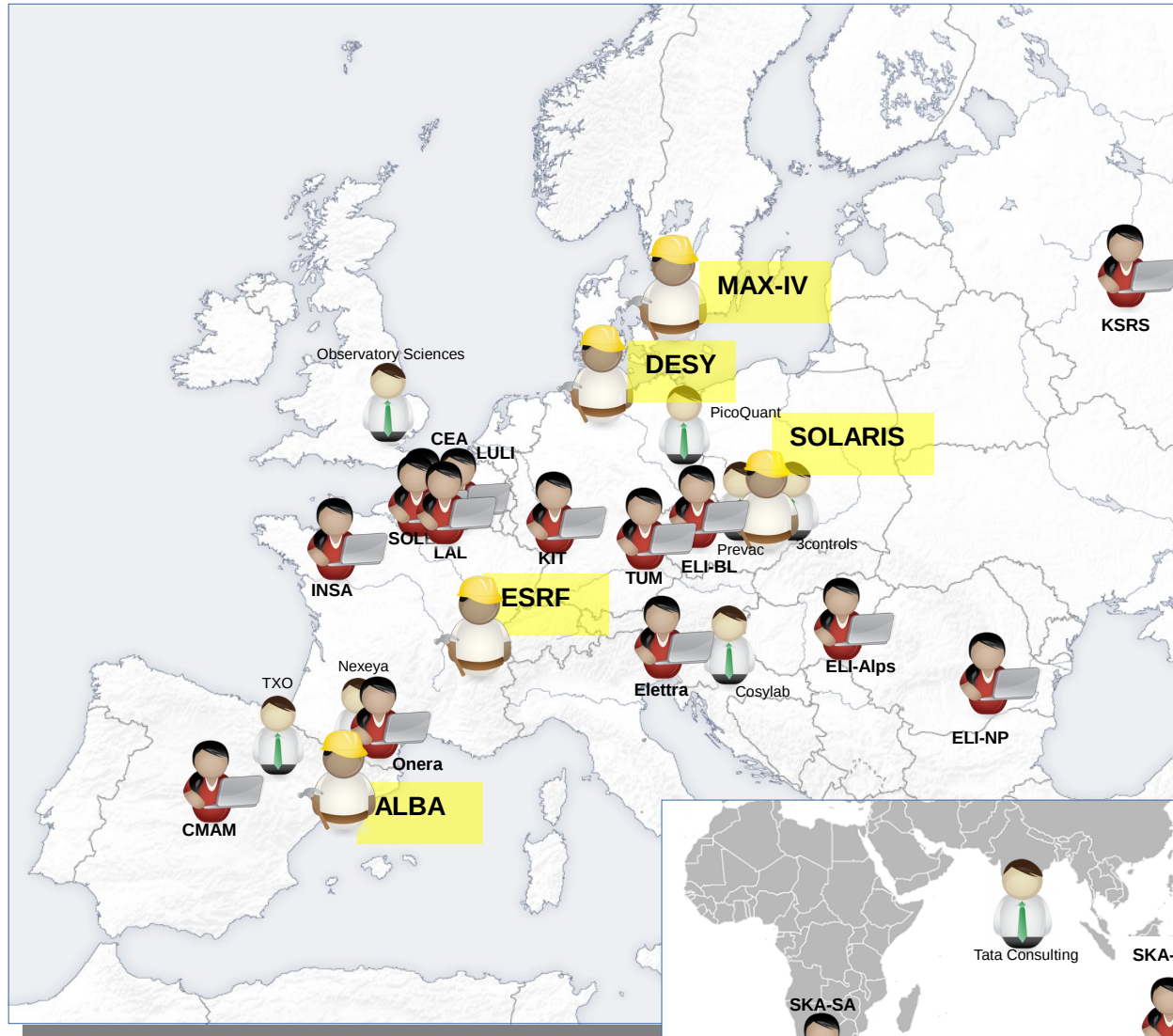
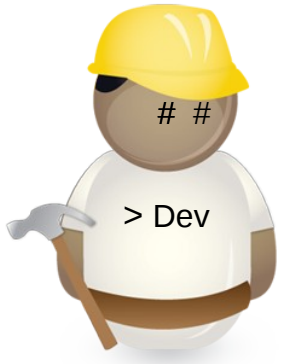


- **Taurus** is a framework for building control and data acquisition **CLIs** and **GUIs**
- It is based on **Python** and extends **PyQt**
- It supports plugins for various control systems (**Tango**, **EPICS**,...) or data sources (**HDF5**, **Python eval**,...)



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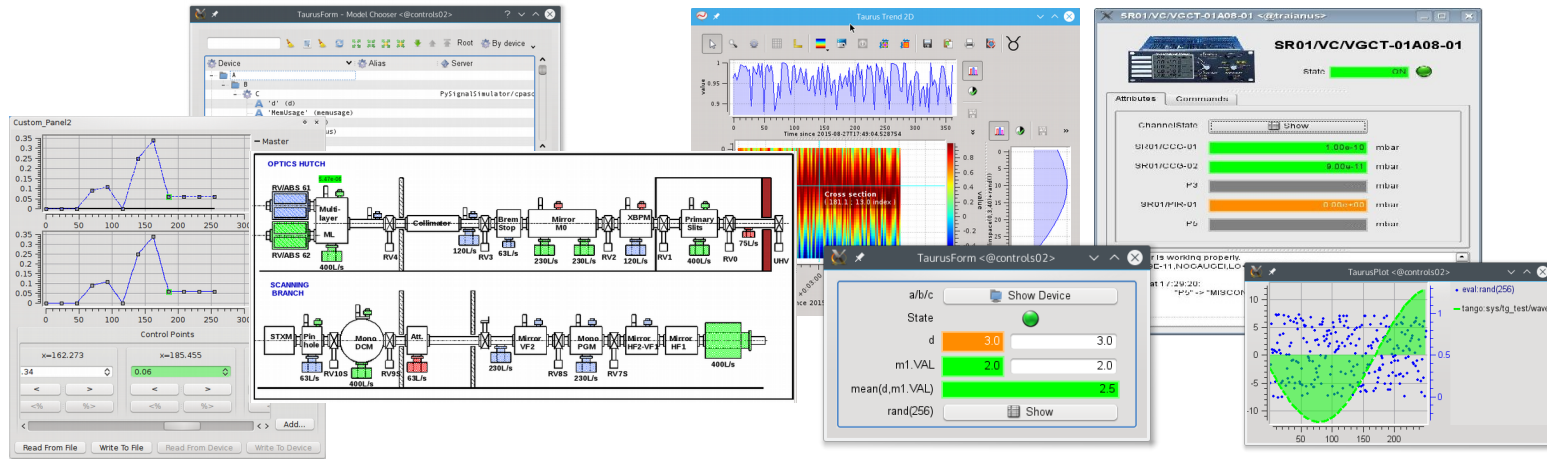
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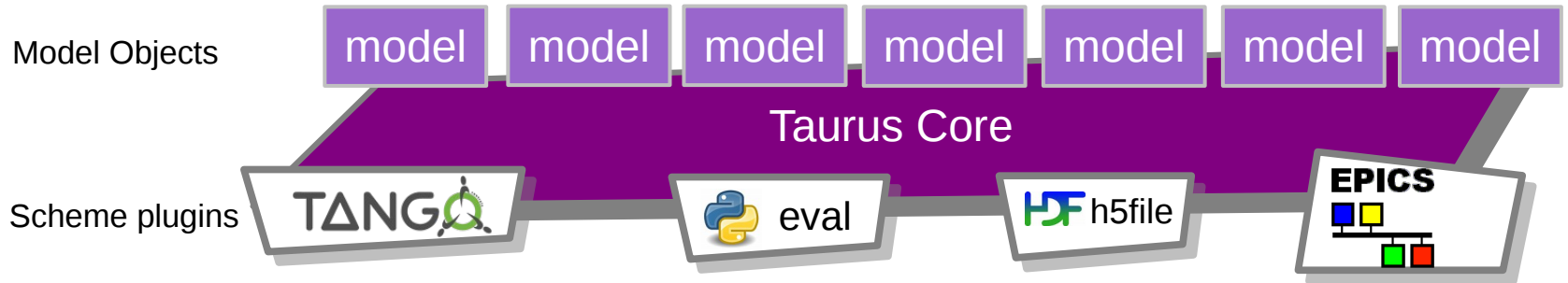
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Structure of Taurus

Taurus Qt Widgets



Taurus Core

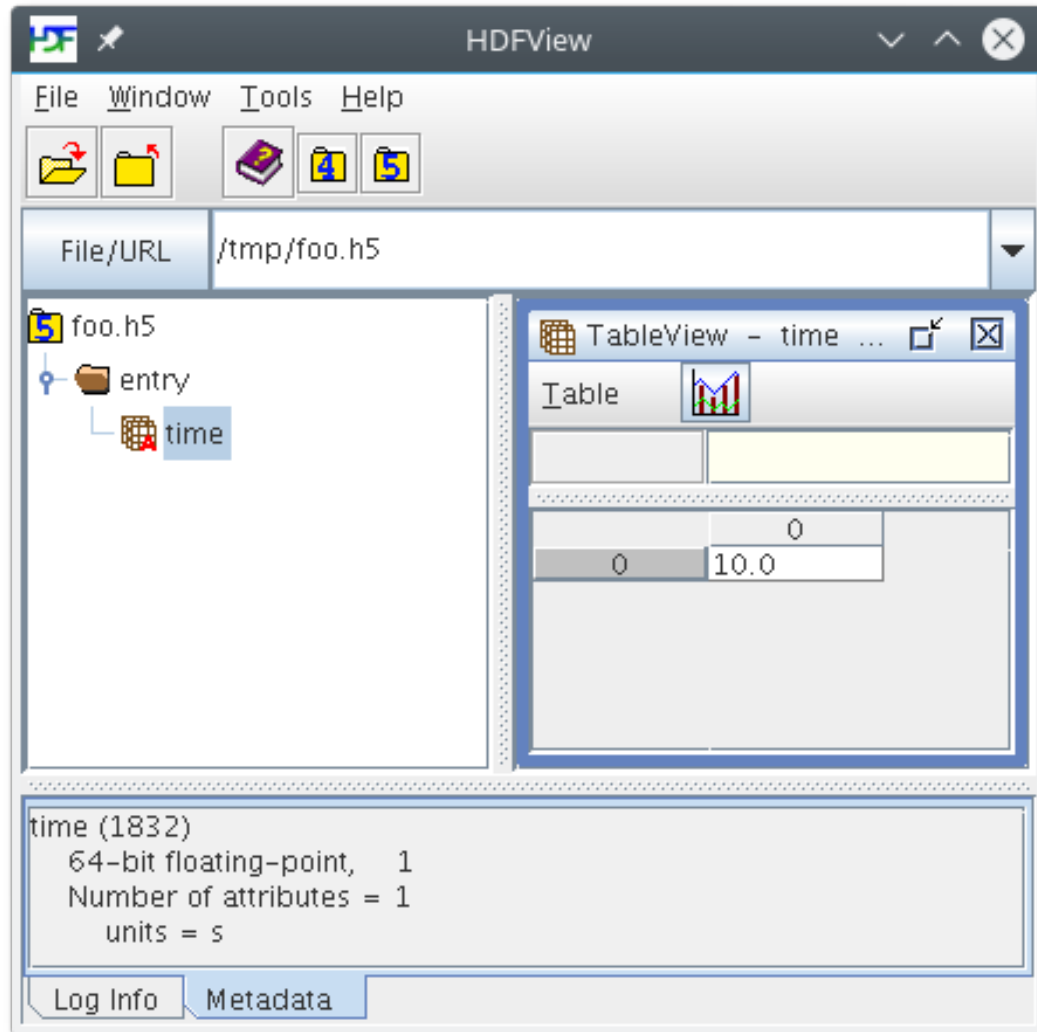


Data Sources



Dealing with new data sources

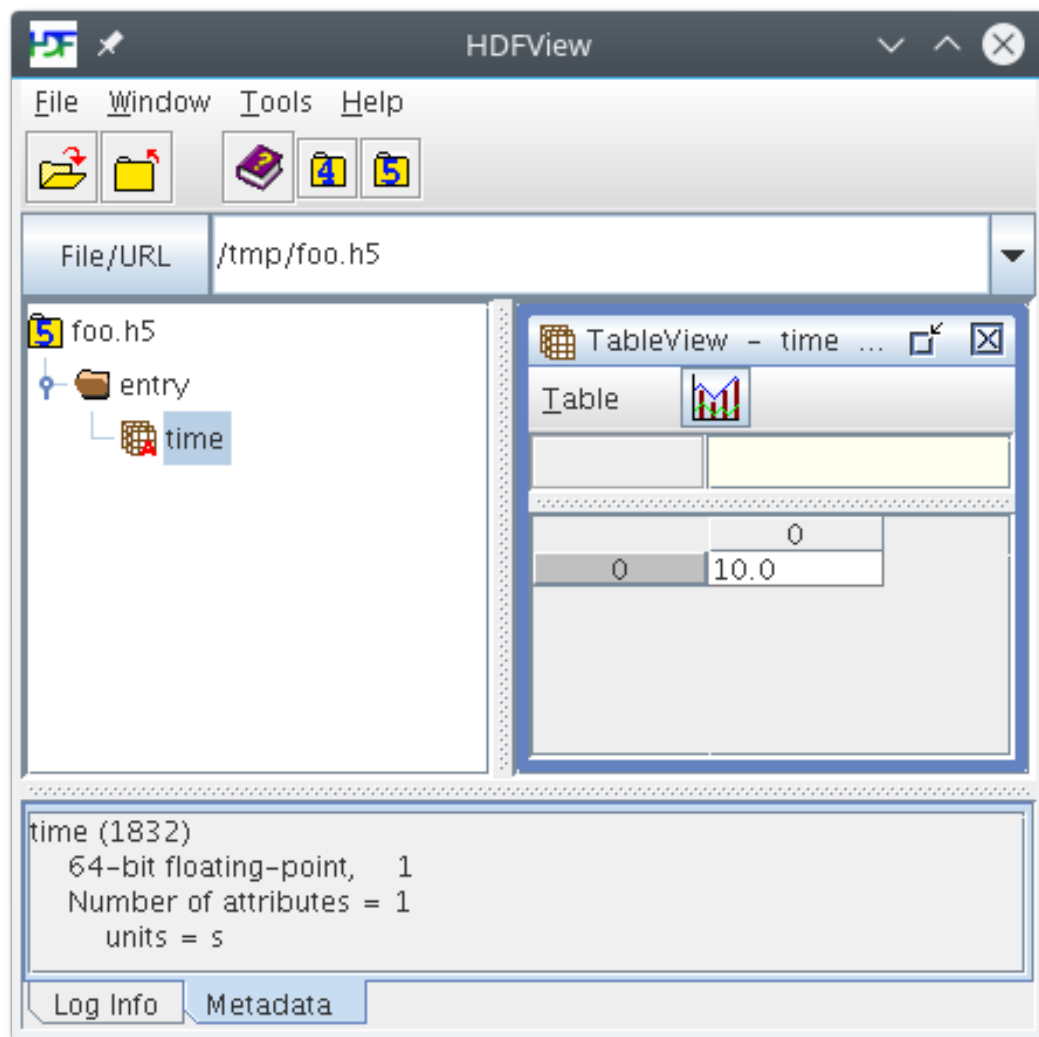
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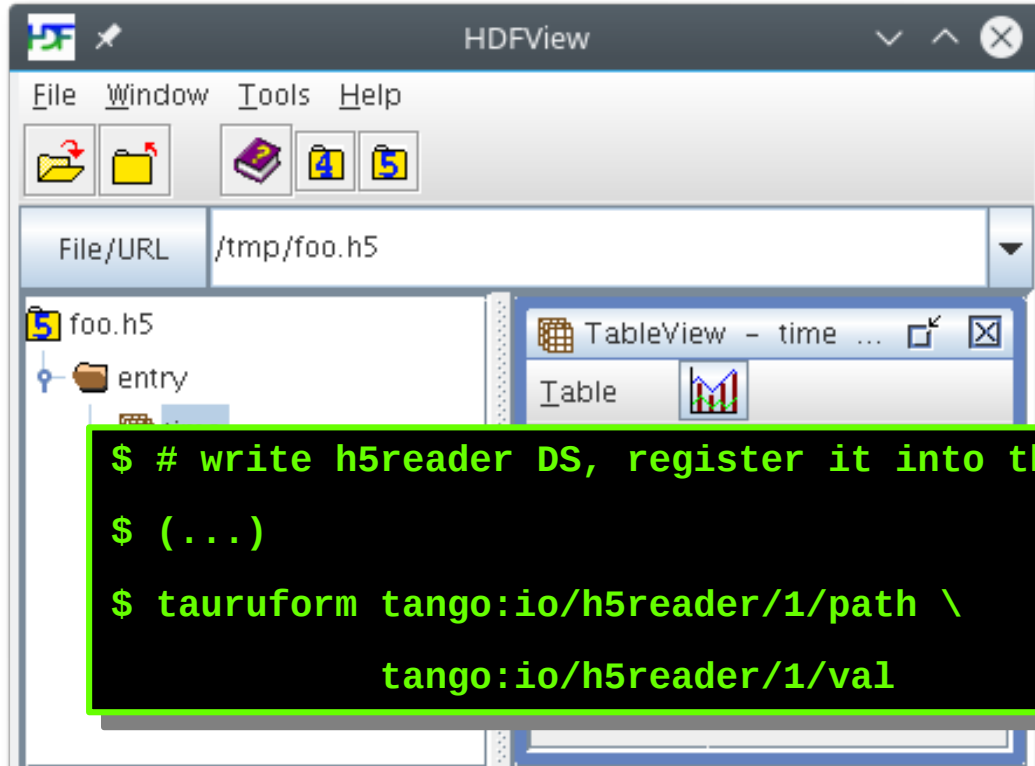
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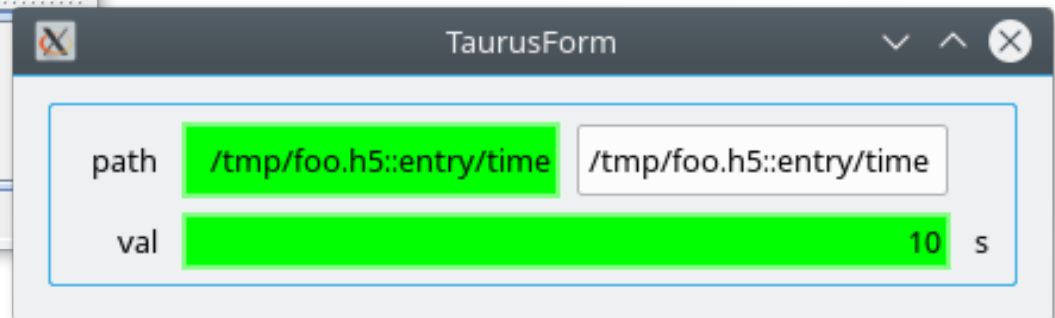


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```
$ # write h5reader DS, register it into the DB and launch it
$ (...)
$ tauruform tango:io/h5reader/1/path \
           tango:io/h5reader/1/val
```

```
time (1832)
 64-bit floating-point, 1
Number of attributes = 1
units = s
```

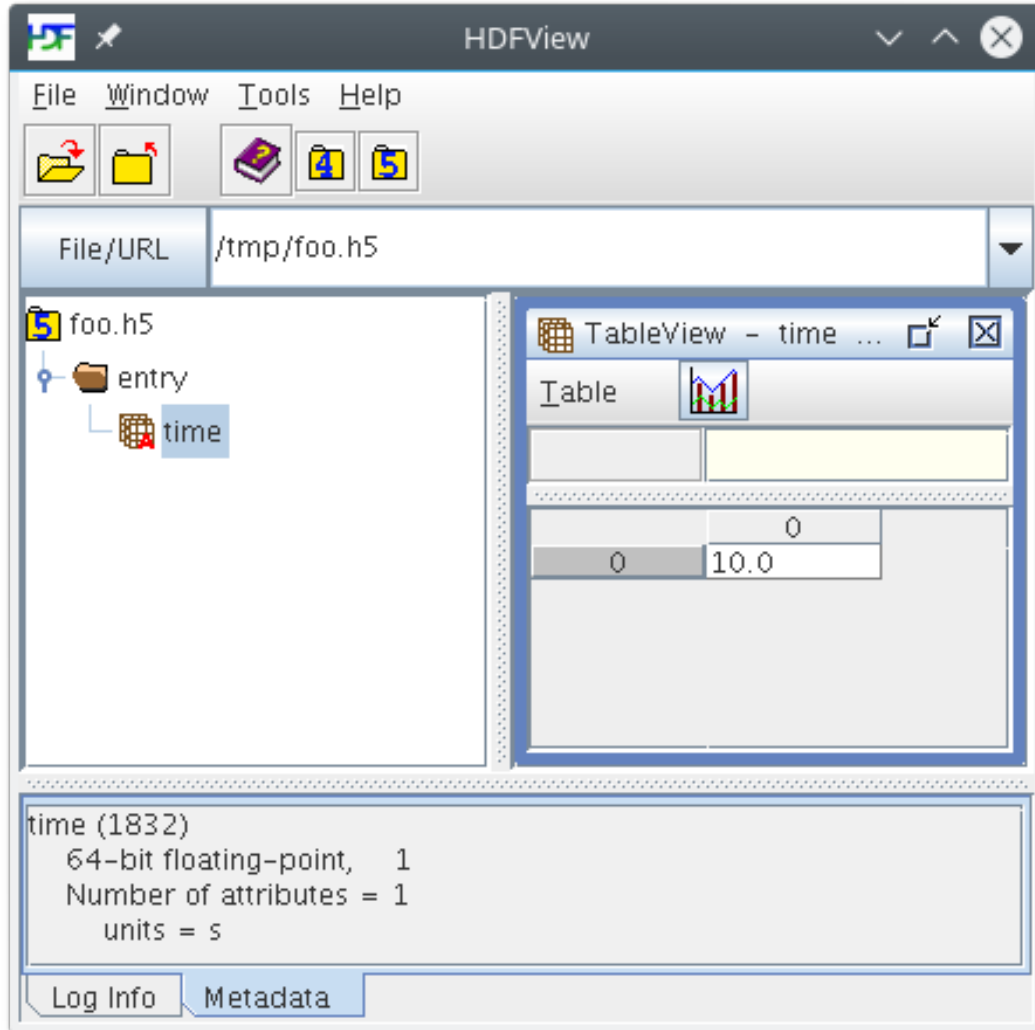


The screenshot shows the TaurusForm application window. The title bar reads "TaurusForm". There are two input fields: "path" with the value "/tmp/foo.h5::entry/time" and "val" with the value "10 s".

Dealing with new data sources

e.g., how to read data from a HDF5 file as an attribute?

Approach 2: Evaluation scheme



The screenshot shows the HDFView application window. The main pane displays a tree view of the file structure: 'foo.h5' containing an 'entry' which contains a 'time' attribute. A 'TableView - time ...' window is open, showing a table with two columns and two rows of data. The table content is as follows:

Table	
0	10.0

At the bottom of the window, the metadata for the 'time' attribute is displayed:

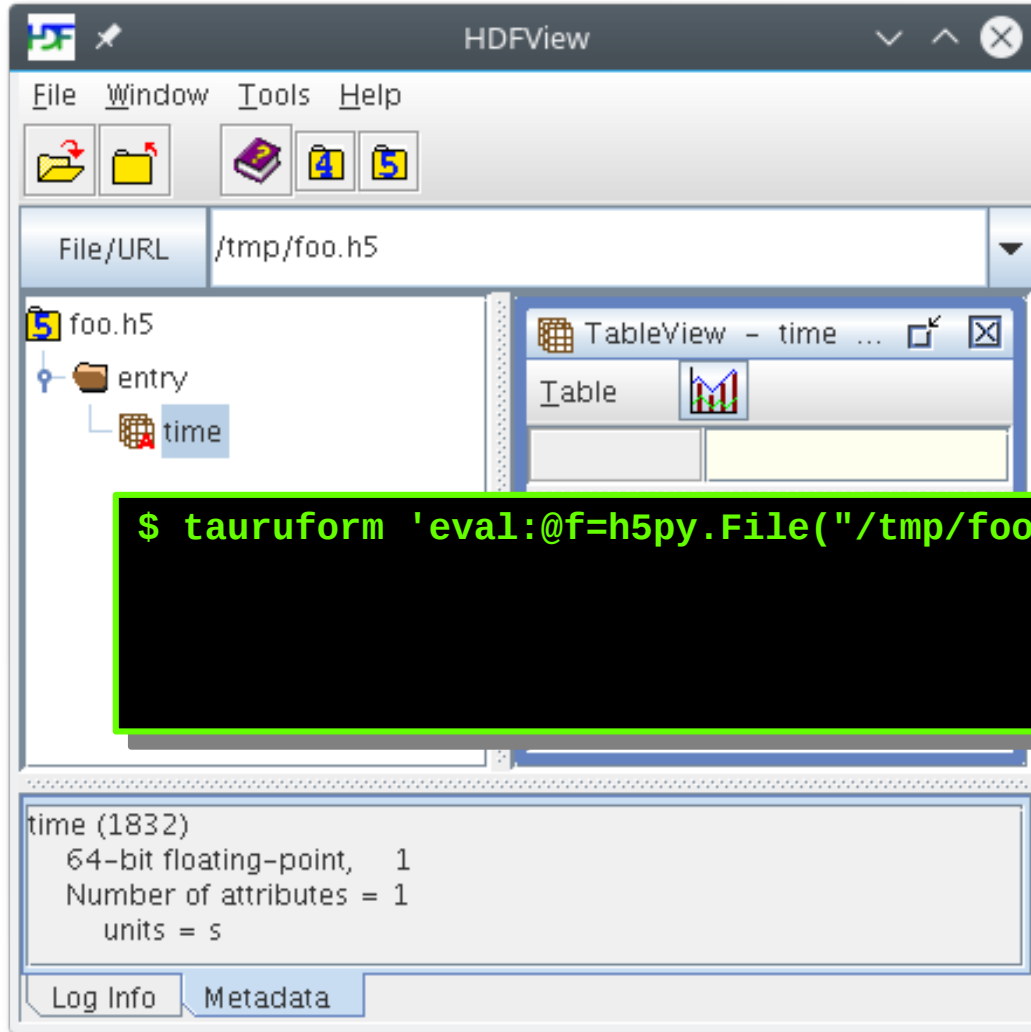
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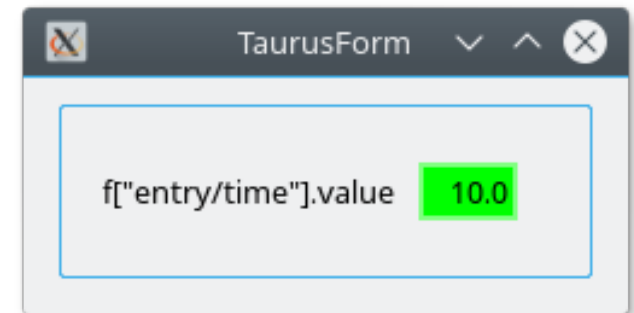
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```
time (1832)
 64-bit floating-point, 1
Number of attributes = 1
units = s
```

At the bottom of the window, there are tabs for "Log Info" and "Metadata".



```
$ tauruform 'eval:@f=h5py.File("/tmp/foo.h5")/f["entry/time"].value'
```

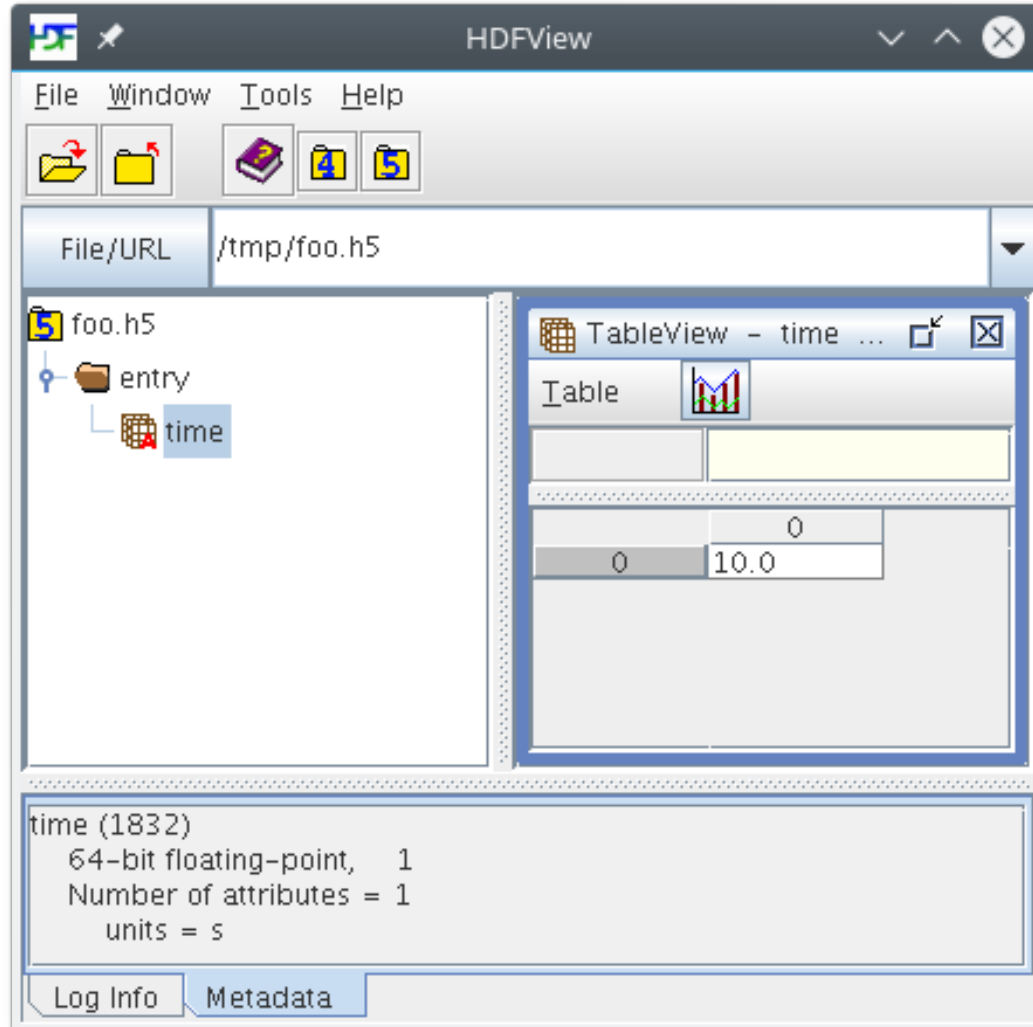


The screenshot shows the TaurusForm application window. The title bar reads "TaurusForm". The main display area shows the expression `f["entry/time"].value` followed by the result `10.0`, which is highlighted in a green box.

Dealing with new data sources

e.g., how to read data from a HDF5 file as an attribute?

Approach 3: Custom scheme



The screenshot shows the HDFView application window. The title bar reads "HDFView". The menu bar includes "File", "Window", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar contains icons for file operations and data visualization. The "File/URL" field shows "/tmp/foo.h5". The left pane displays a tree view with "foo.h5" containing an "entry" which has a "time" attribute. The right pane, titled "TableView - time ...", shows a table with the following data:

Table	
	0
0	10.0

At the bottom of the window, the "Metadata" tab is active, showing the following information for the "time" attribute:

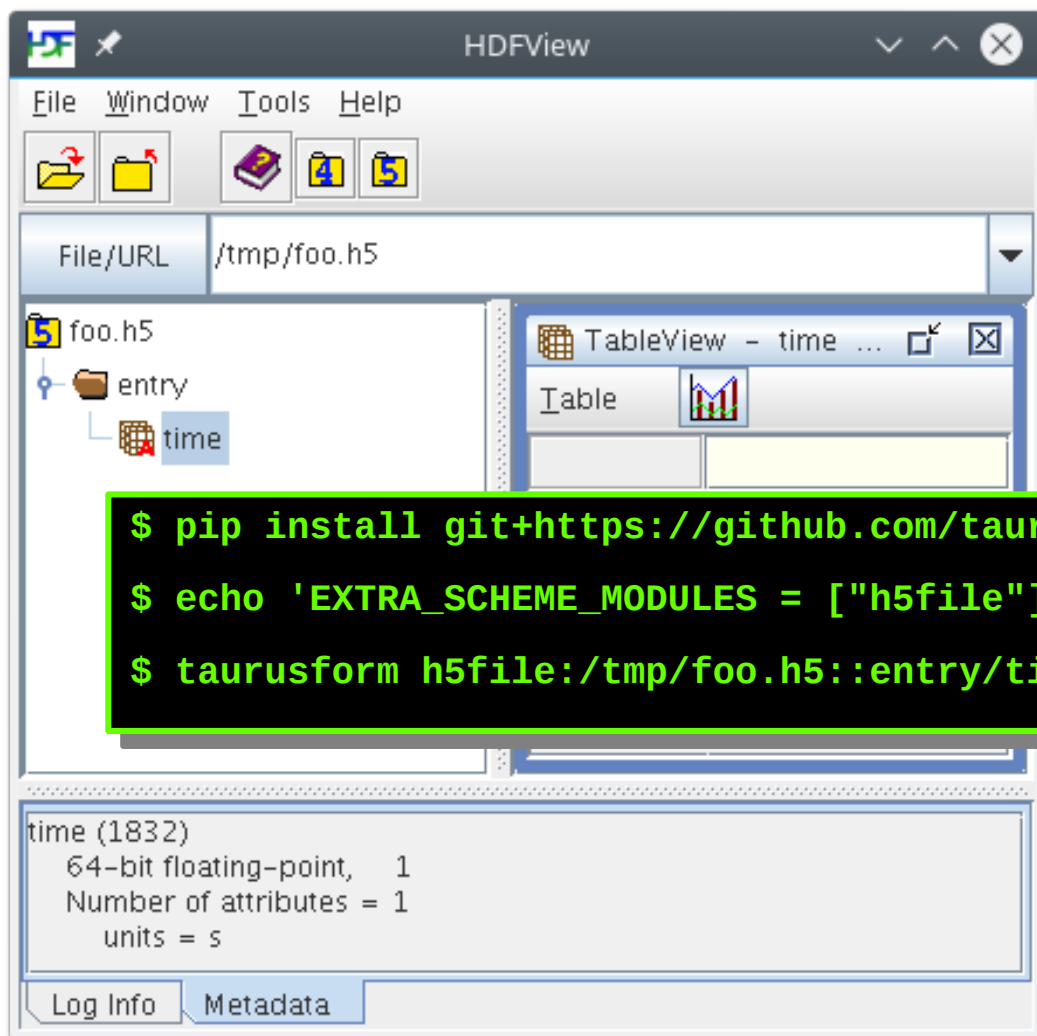
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units = s
```



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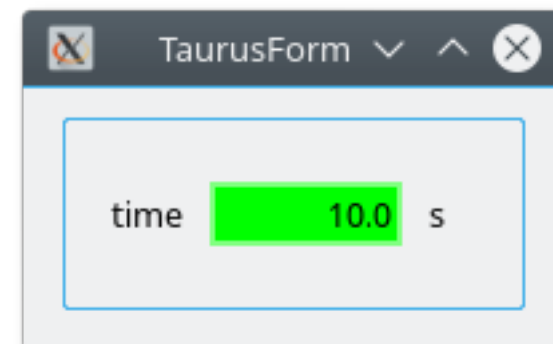
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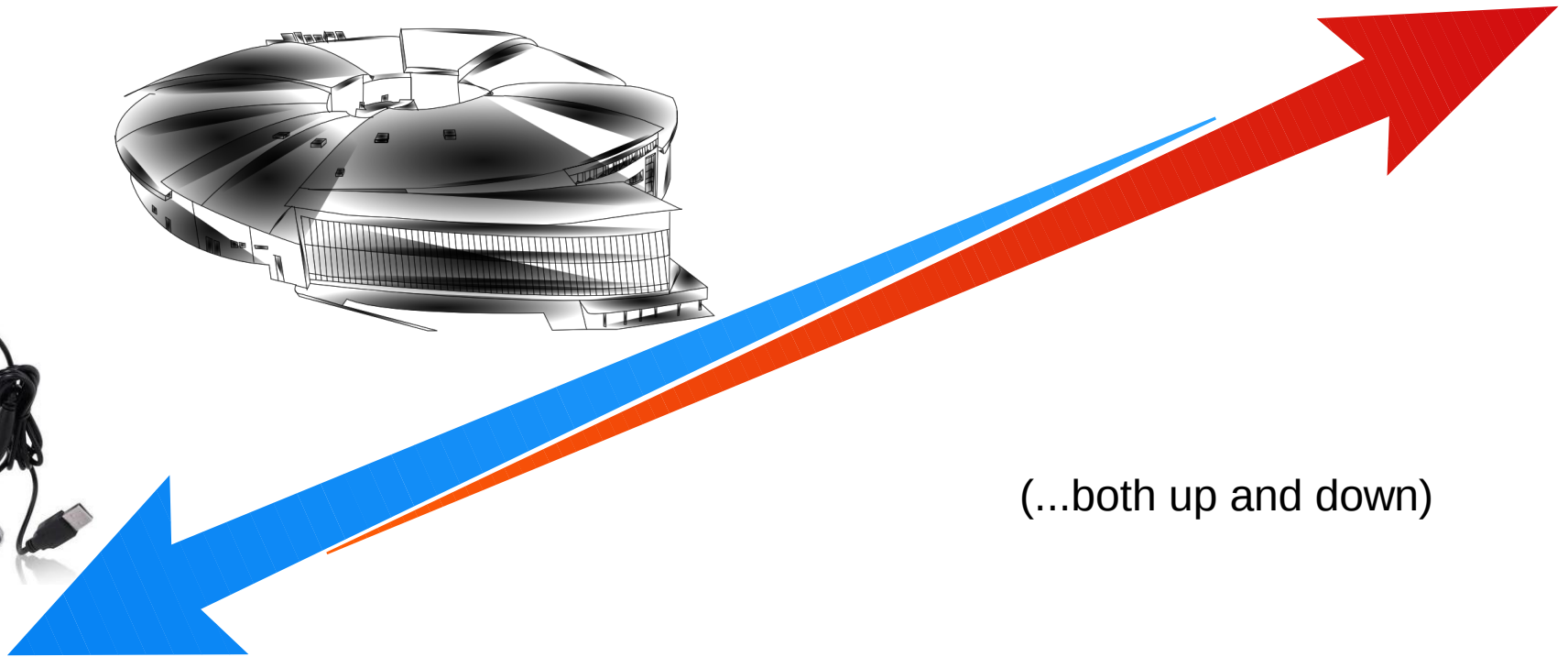
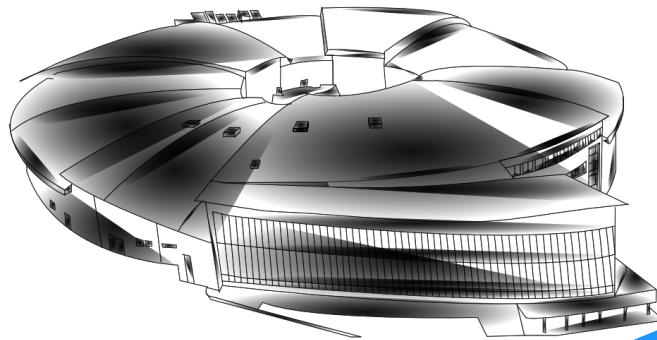
```
$ pip install git+https://github.com/taurus-org/h5file-scheme.git
$ echo 'EXTRA_SCHEME_MODULES = ["h5file"]' >> taurus/tauruscusomsettings.py
$ taurusform h5file:/tmp/foo.h5::entry/time
```

time (1832)
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time	10.0	s
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but... does taurus scale well?

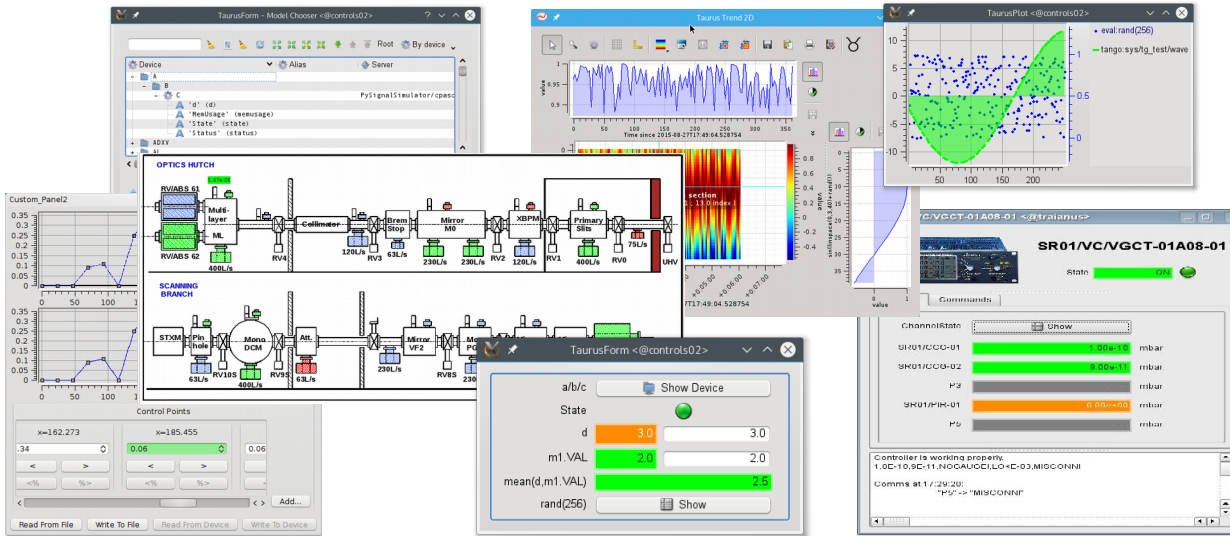


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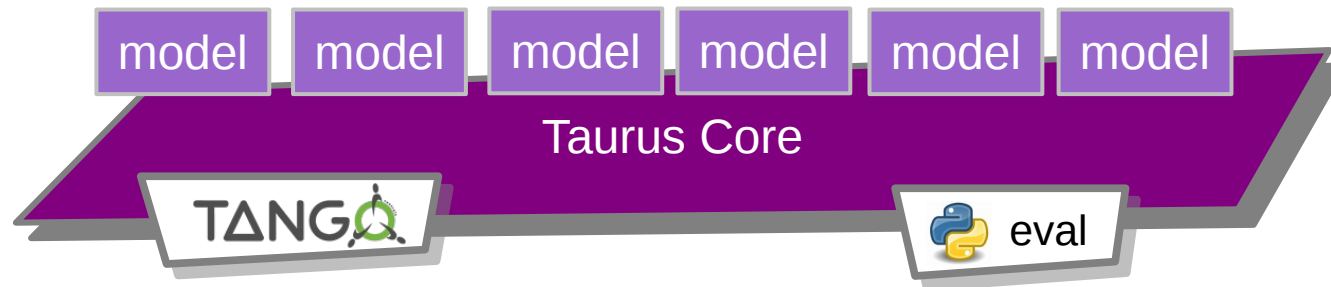
Taurus in large facilities



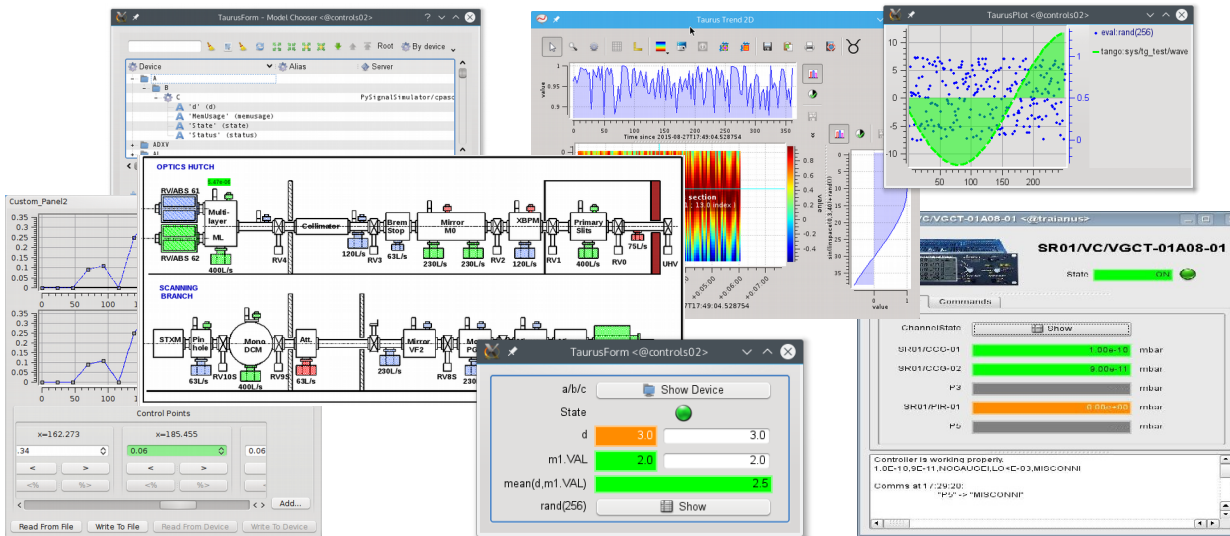
Taurus in large Facilities: example of ALBA



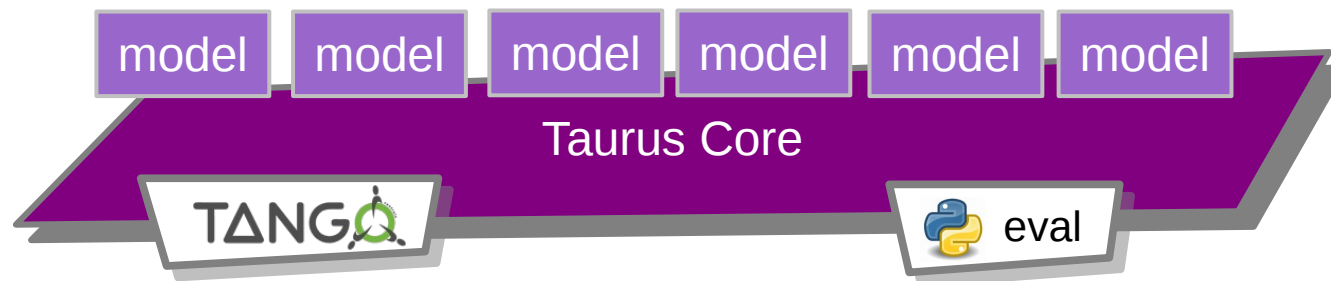
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- ~300 machines
- ~10 Tango DBs
- ~100K Tango attributes
- New hardware ?



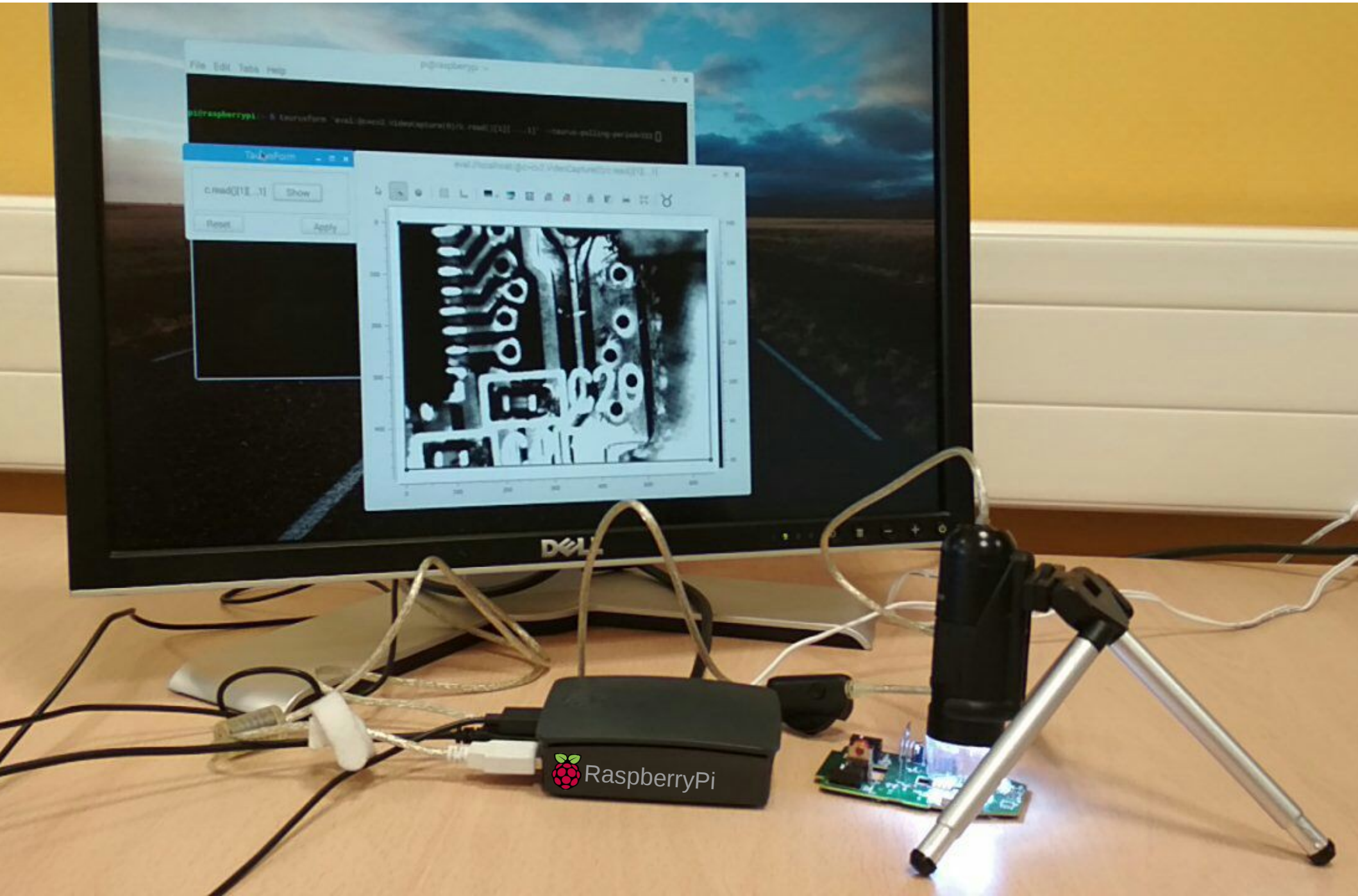
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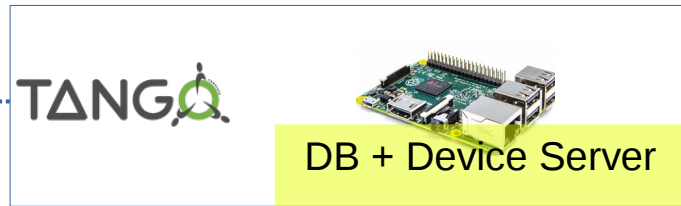
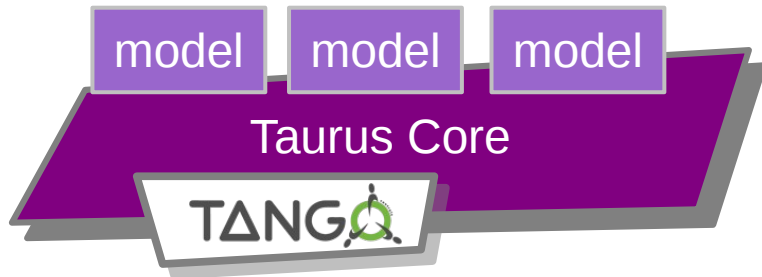
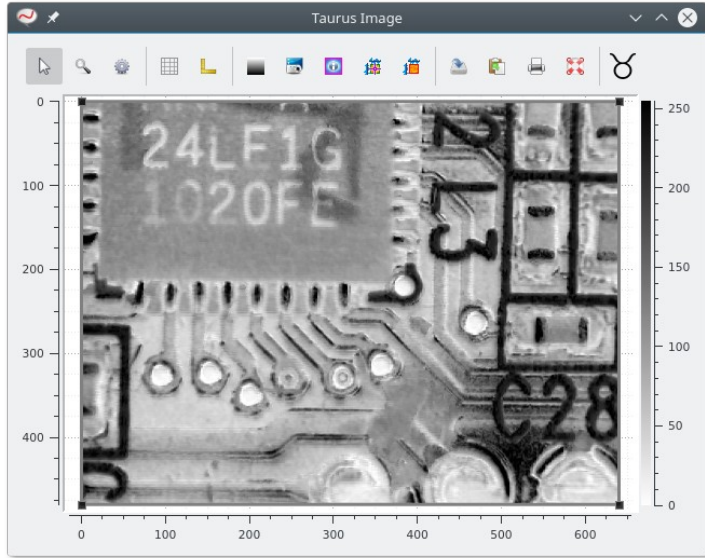
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- New hardware → write a Tango Device Server



Taurus in “Desktop Labs”:



Taurus in “Desktop Labs”



Approach 1

*Use same tools as for large facilities (scale-down):
use a Distributed Control System on a single
machine*

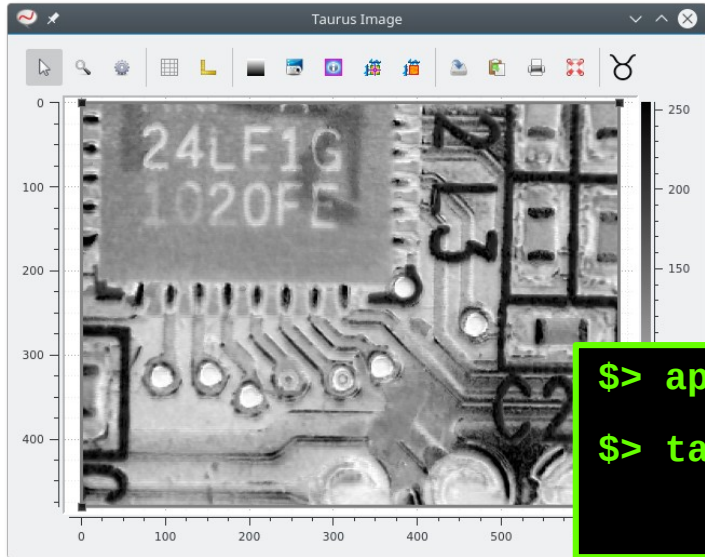
```
$ apt-get install default-mysql-server  
$ apt-get install tango-db  
$ apt-get install python-taurus  
$ # write a DS, register it and DB and launch it  
$ (...)  
$ taurusimage tango:optics/microscope/1/image
```

Recommended if:

- you are already familiar with Tango/EPICS
- the hardware is already supported by Tango/EPICS
- you do not mind the communication overhead
- you plan to add more hardware



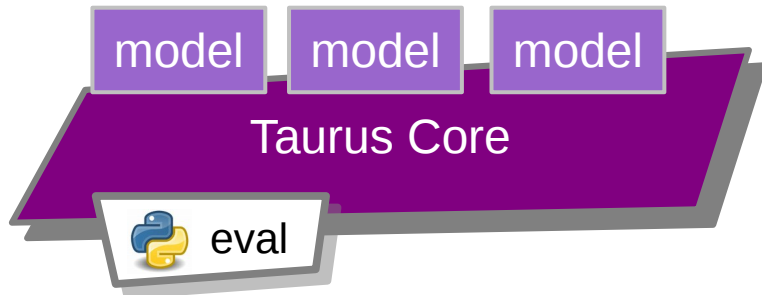
Taurus in “Desktop Labs”



Approach 2

Use the eval scheme and connect directly with the OpenCV module

```
$> apt-get install python-taurus  
$> taurusimage 'eval:@c=cv2.VideoCapture(0)/c.read()[1][...,1]'
```



Recommended **for**:

- single-machine systems
- quick prototyping
- quick support of new hardware



More eval examples...

- Use **any module or class** instance as an “eval device”
- Supports writable eval attributes
- Allows mathematical operations with other attributes



```
$ taurusform 'eval:@c=mymod.MyClass()/c.foo' \
'eval:@datetime.* /date.today().isoformat()' \
'eval:@os.* /environ["USER"]' \
'eval:@os.path.* /getsize("/var/log/mail.err")<50' \
'eval:{tango:sys/tg_test/1/ampli}/{h5file:/tmp/foo.h5::entry/time}'
```

mymod.py

```
class MyClass(object):

    _foo = 0

    def get_foo(self):
        return self._foo

    def set_foo(self, value):
        self._foo = value

    foo = property(get_foo, set_foo)
```

TaurusForm

c.foo	7	7
date.today().isoformat()	2017-10-10	
environ["USER"]	cpascual	
getsize("/var/log/mail.err")<50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ampli/time	1.2	m / s



docs: <http://www.taurus-scada.org/devel/api/taurus/core/evaluation.html>
mymod example: `taurus.core.evaluation.test.res.mymod`

Summary

- Taurus is **successfully used in many large facilities**
- When used with a Distributed Control System (DCS), **it scales as well as the DCS**
- A full DCS + Taurus system can be **run on a single RaspberryPi**
- Taurus **can be used without a DCS** (using custom schemes and/or “eval”)
- The “eval” scheme is great for **prototyping** and quick integration of data sources



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