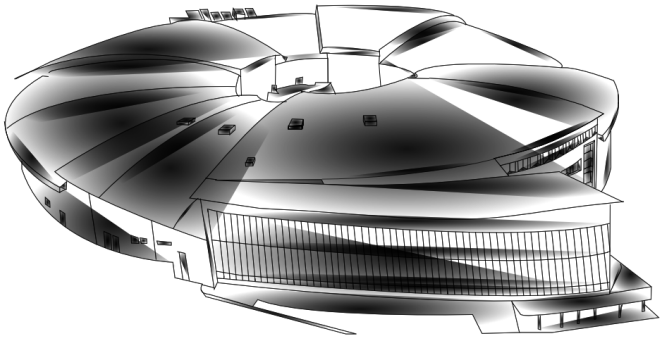
Taurus: Big & Small

from Particle Accelerators to Desktop Labs



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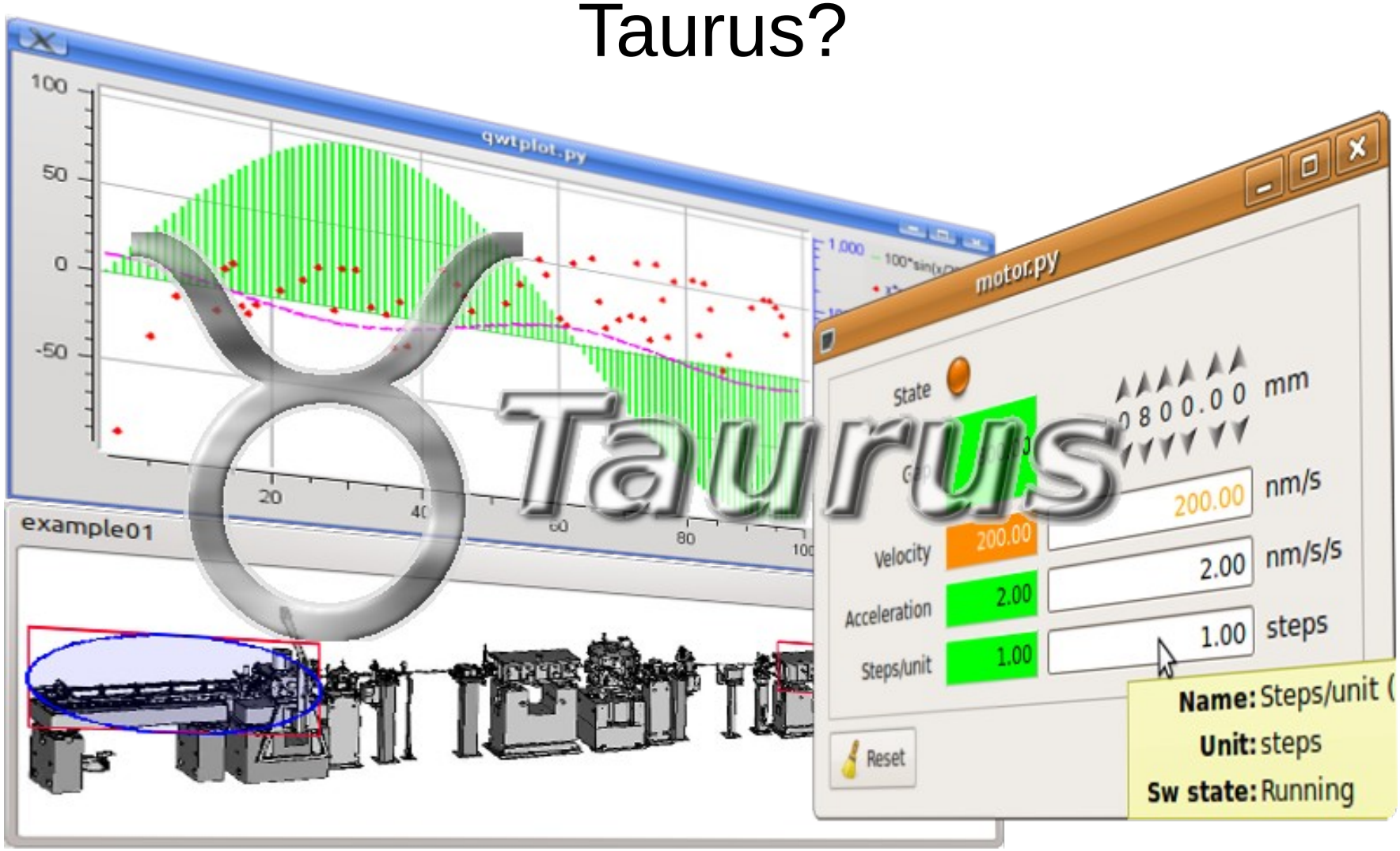

- **Taurus** is a framework for building control and data acquisition **CLIs** and **GUIs**
- It is based on **Python** and extends **PyQt**
- It supports plugins for various control systems (**Tango**, **EPICS**,...) or data sources (**HDF5**, **Python eval**,...)

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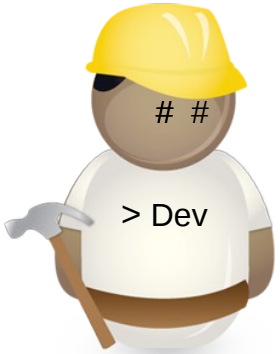
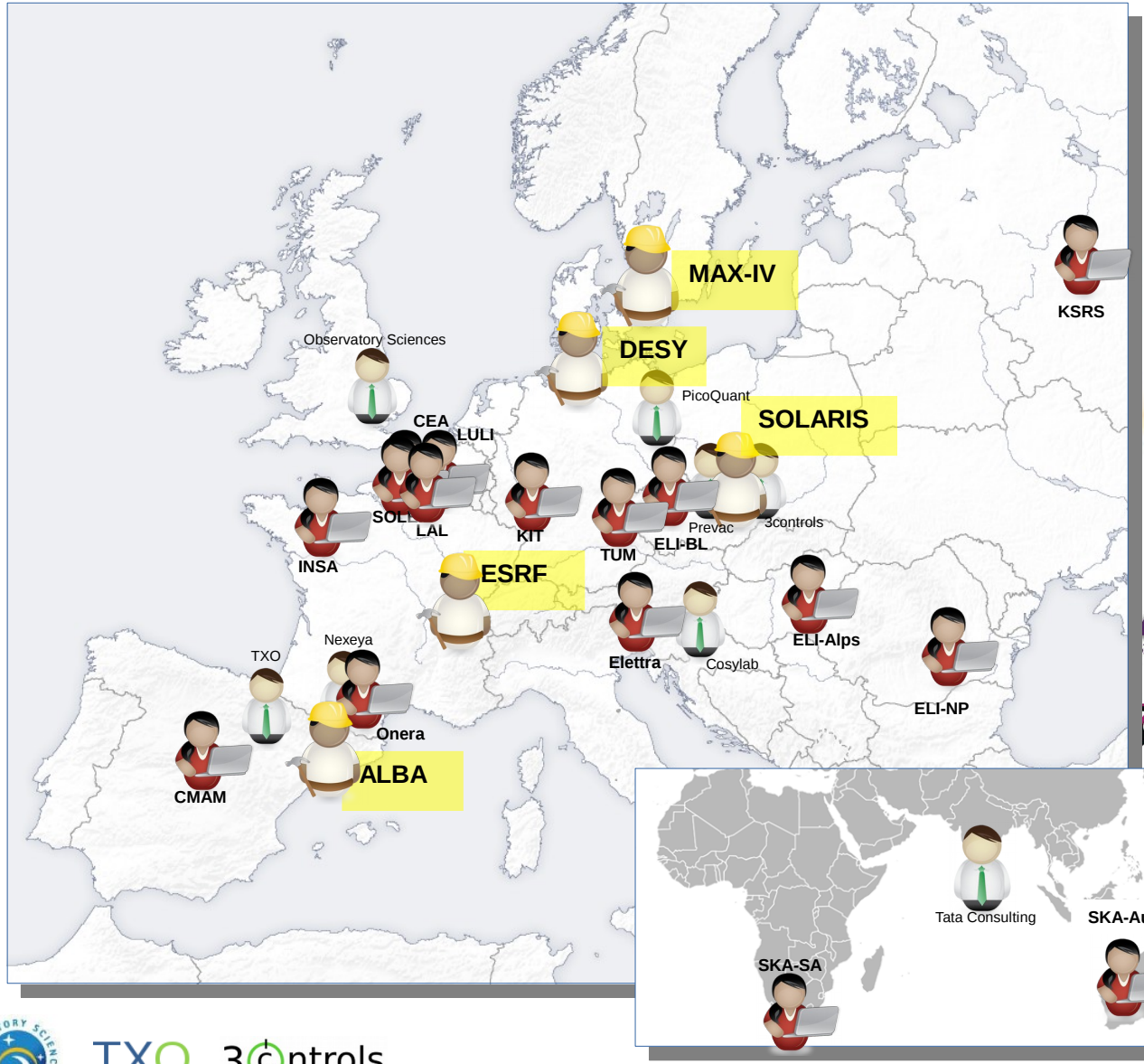
Taurus Community

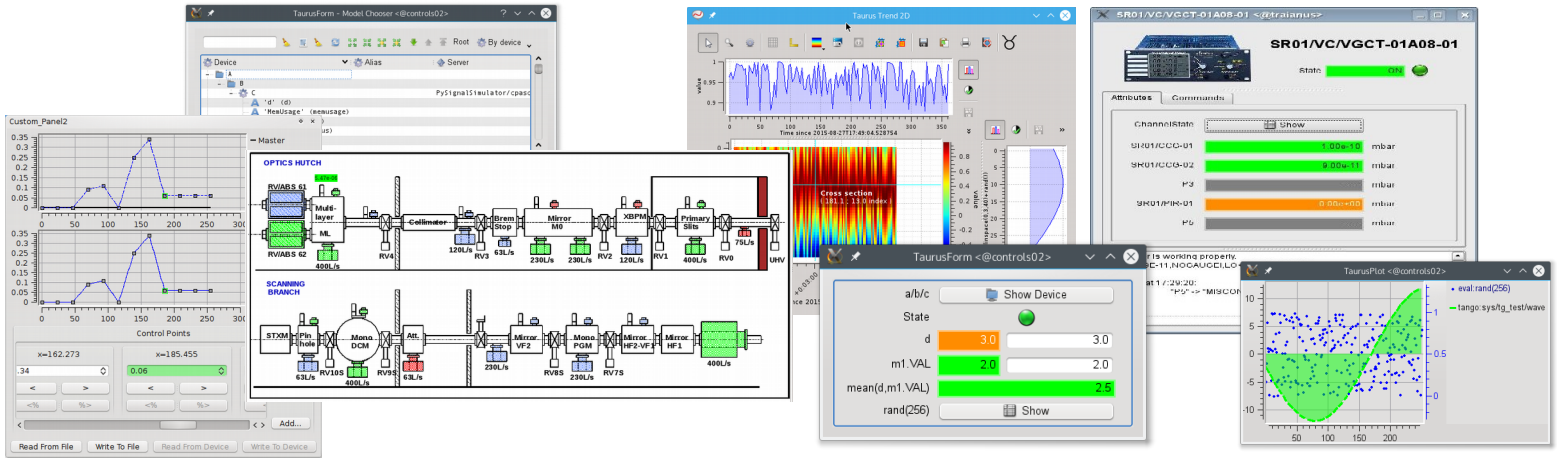




http://github.com/taurus-org/taurus

Structure of Taurus

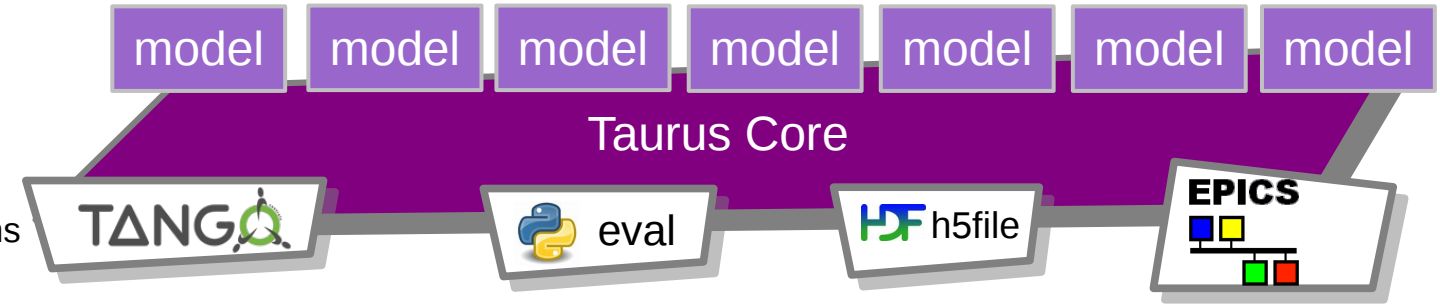
Taurus Qt Widgets



Taurus Core

Model Objects

Scheme plugins



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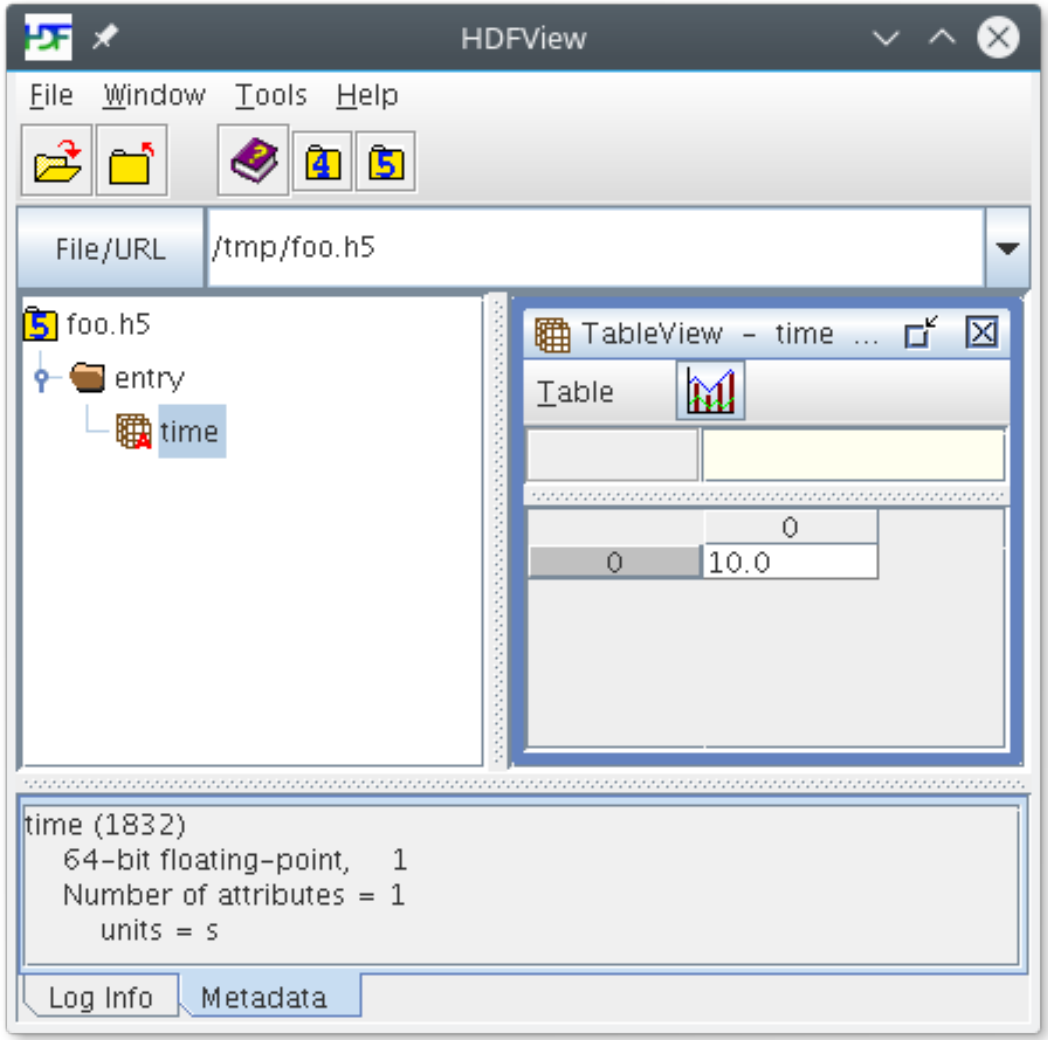

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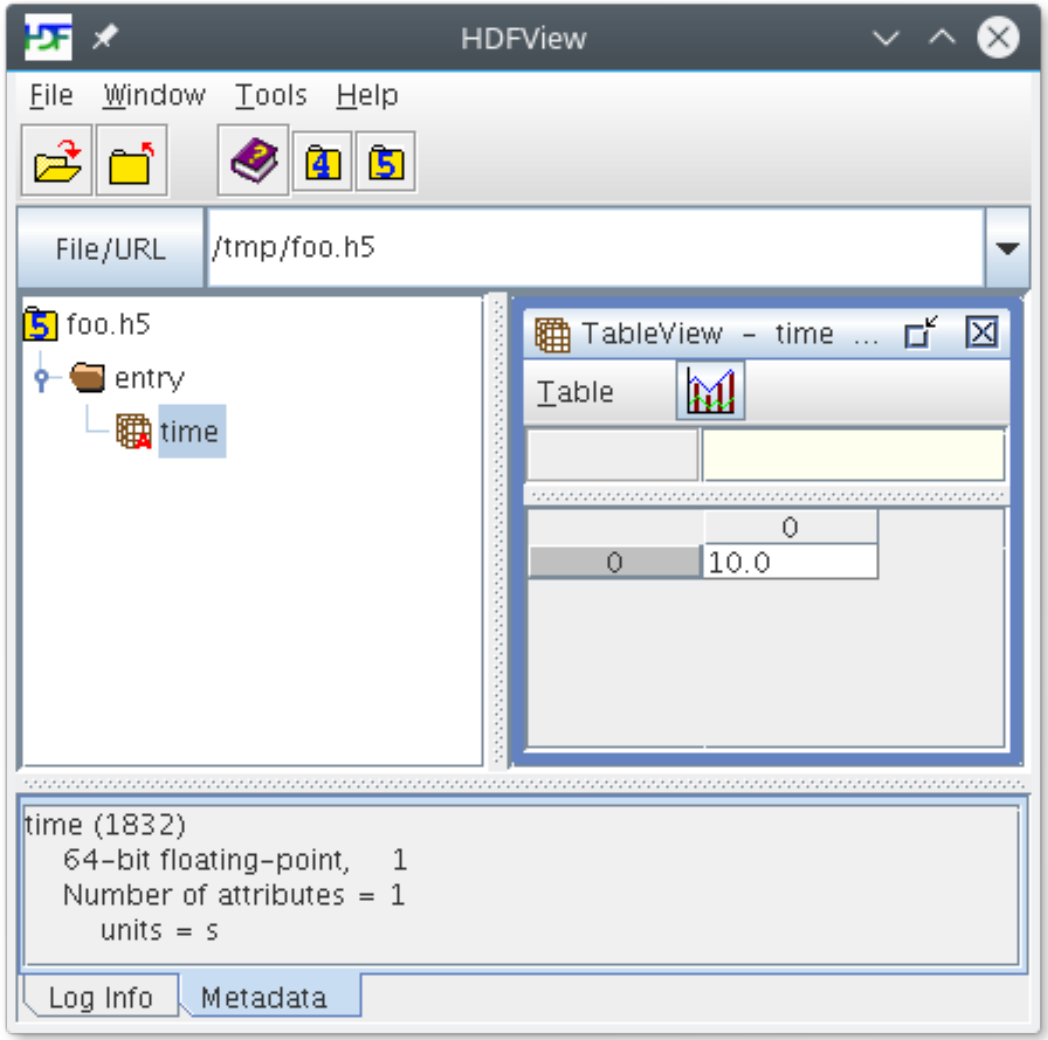

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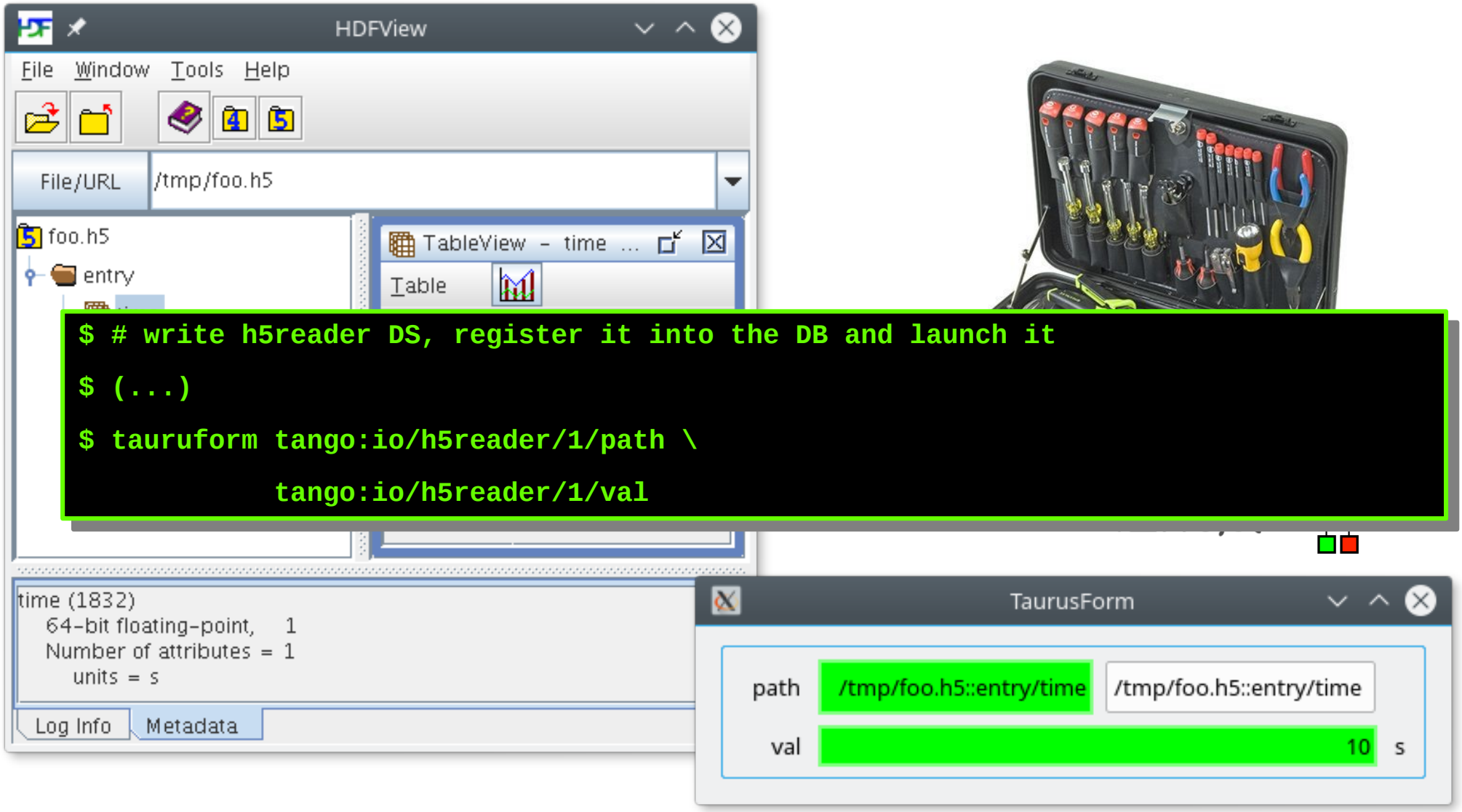

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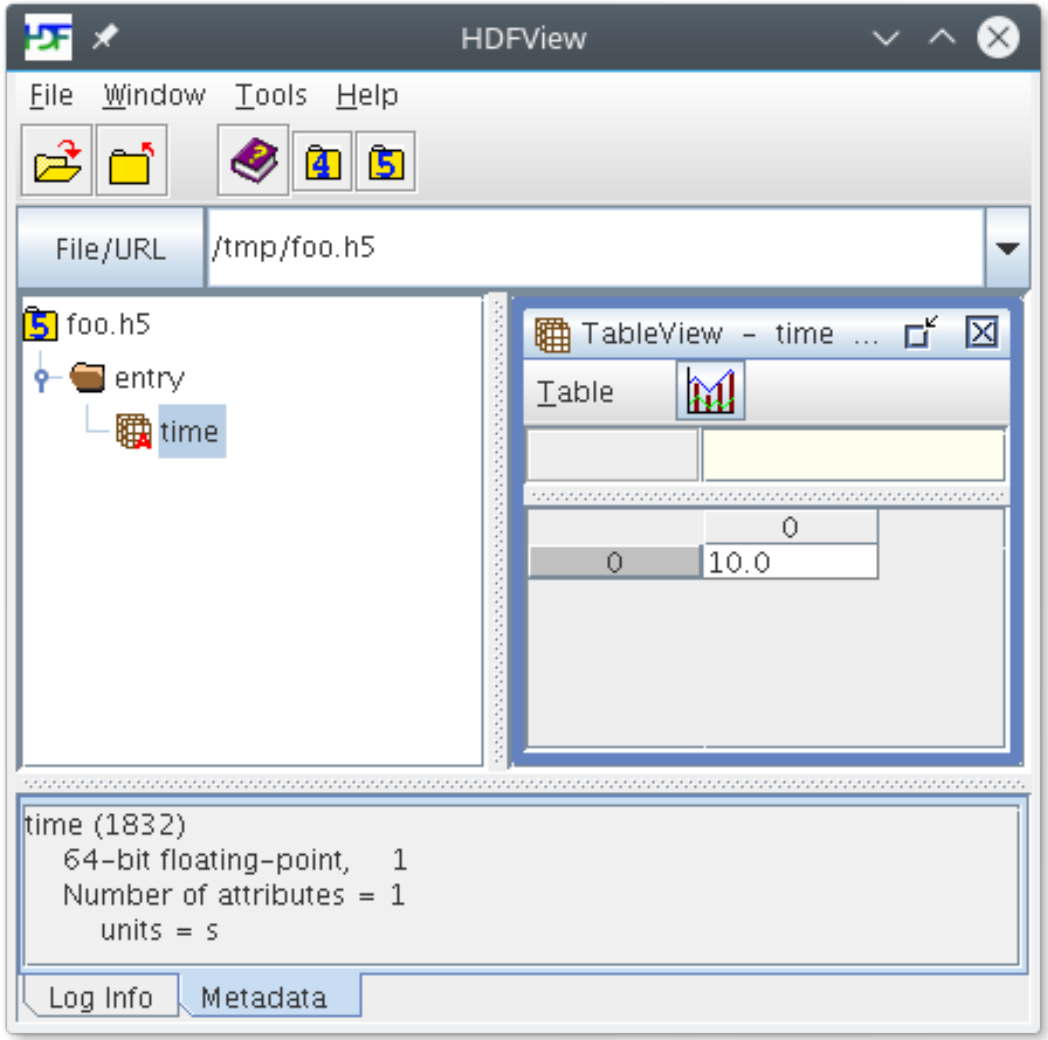

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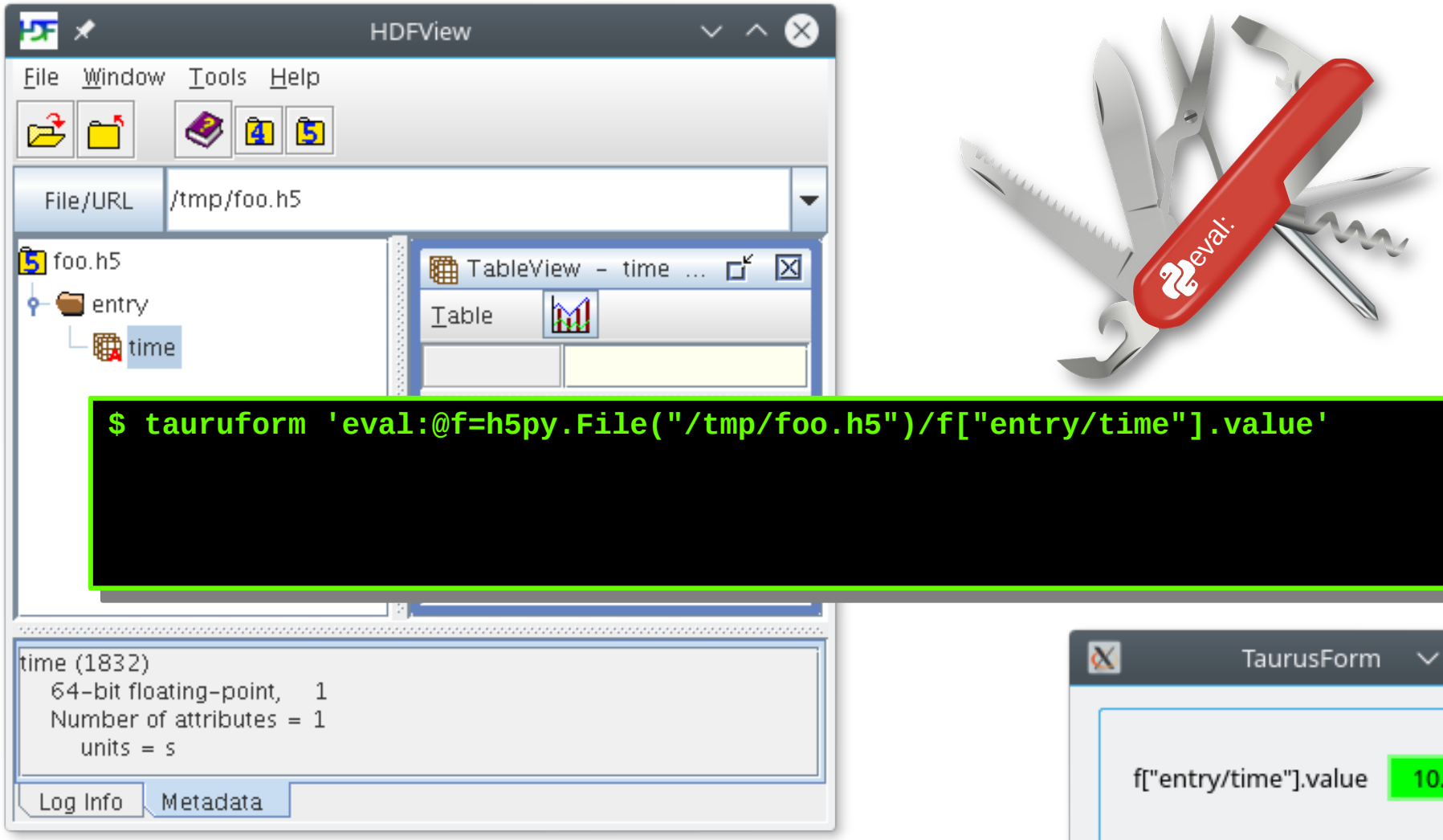


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$ tauruform 'eval:@f=h5py.File("/tmp/foo.h5")/f["entry/time"].value'
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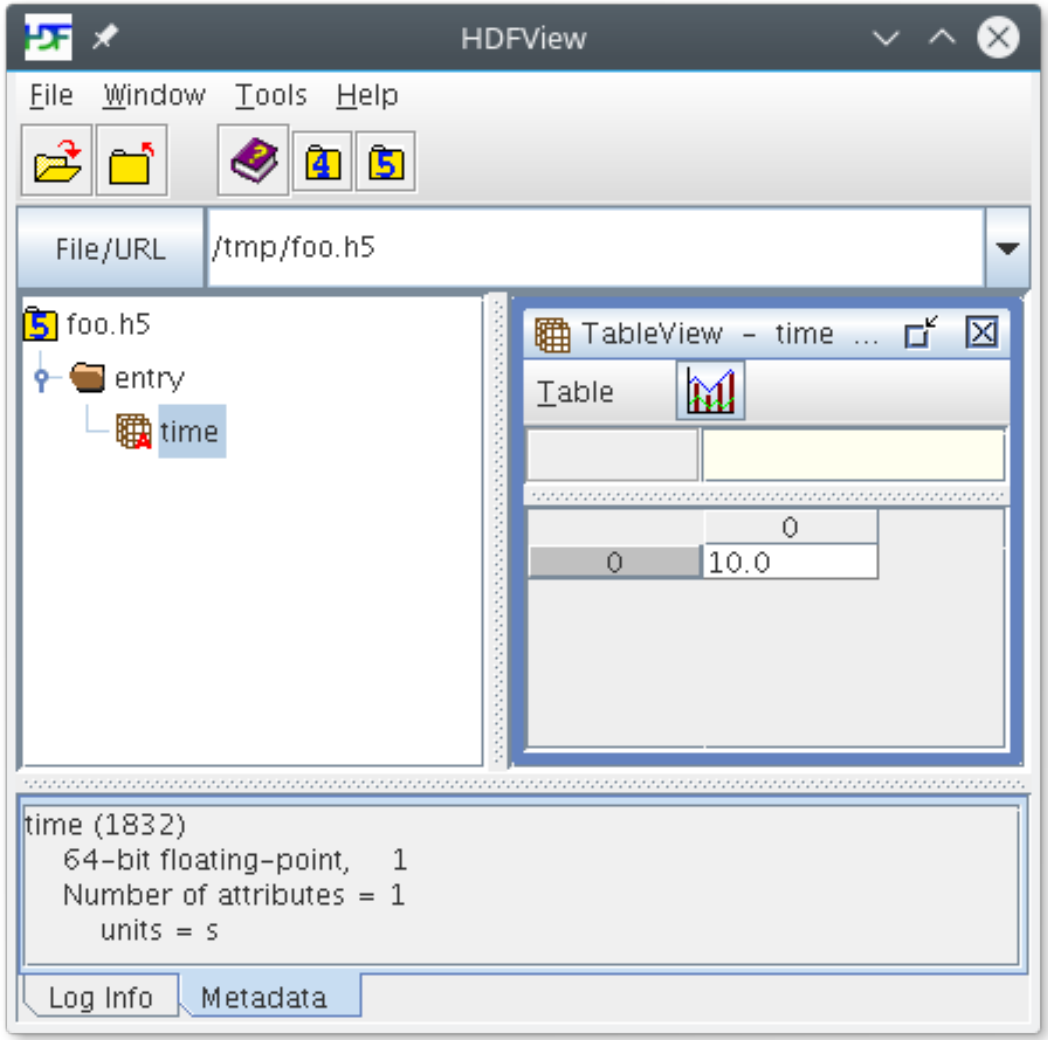

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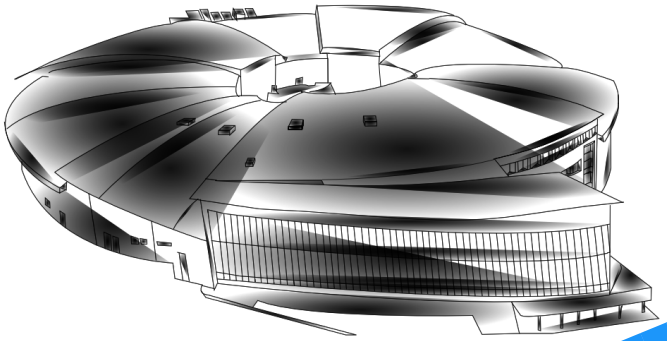
```
$ pip install git+https://github.com/taurus-org/h5file-scheme.git
$ echo 'EXTRA_SCHEME_MODULES = ["h5file"]' >> taurus/tauruscustomsettings.py
$ taurusform h5file:/tmp/foo.h5::entry/time
```

but… does taurus scale well?



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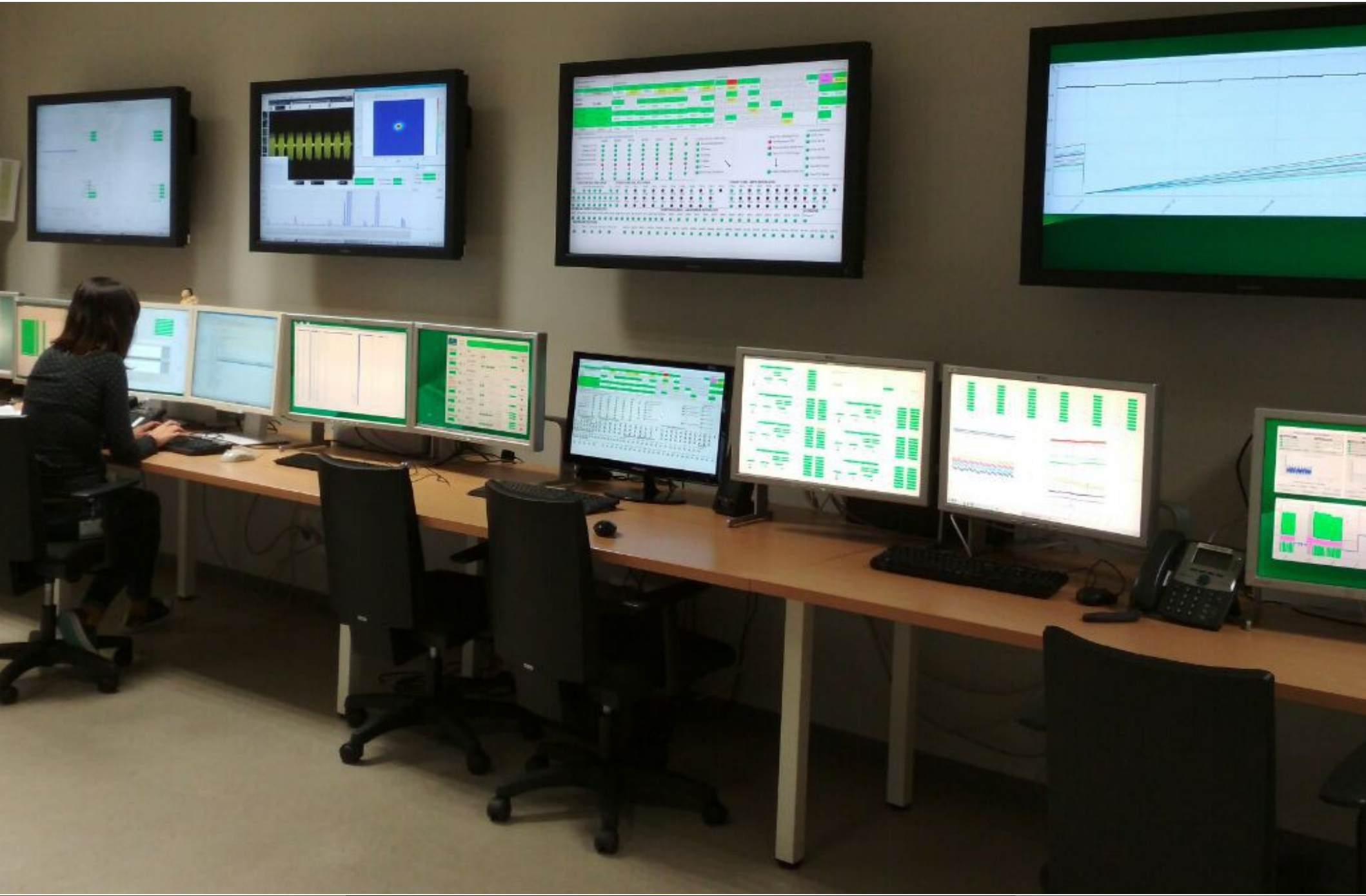
Taurus in large facilities



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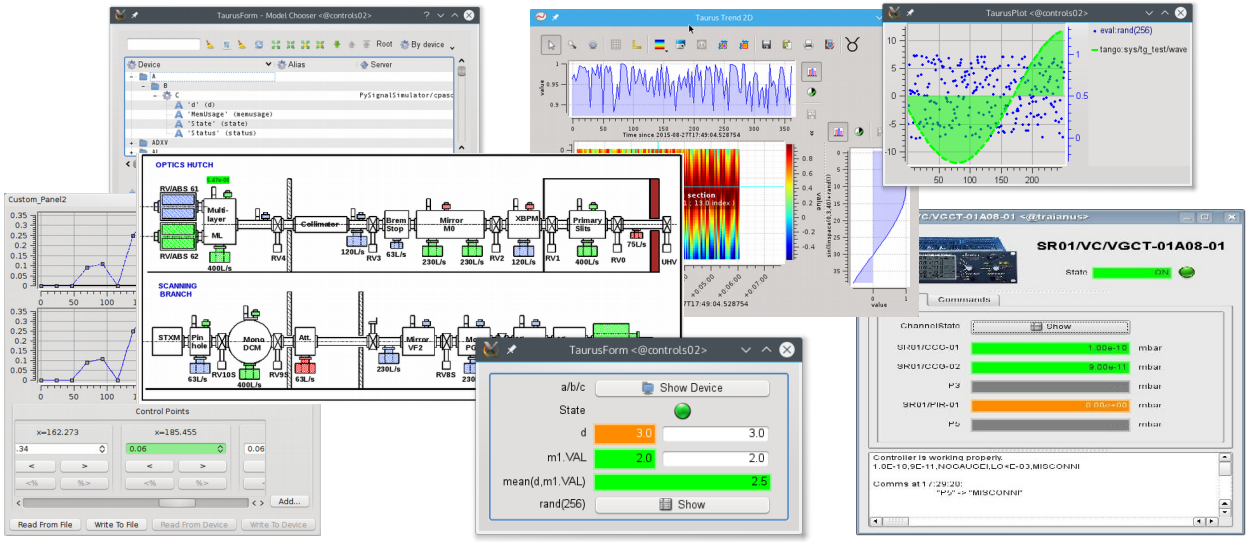

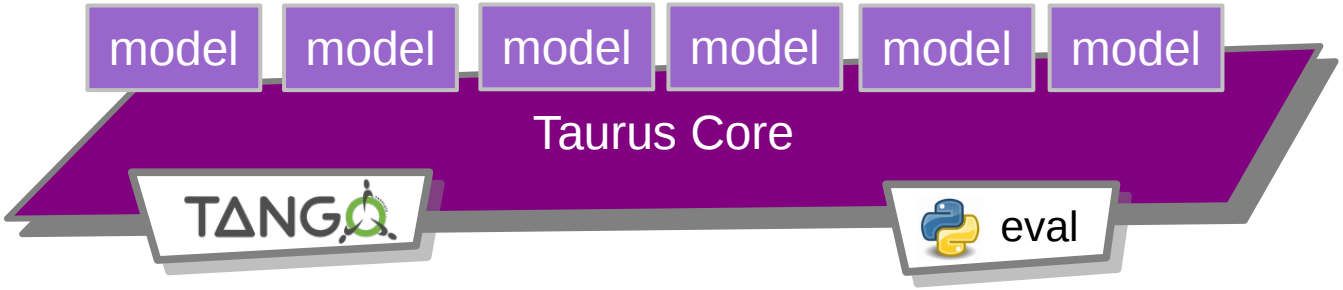

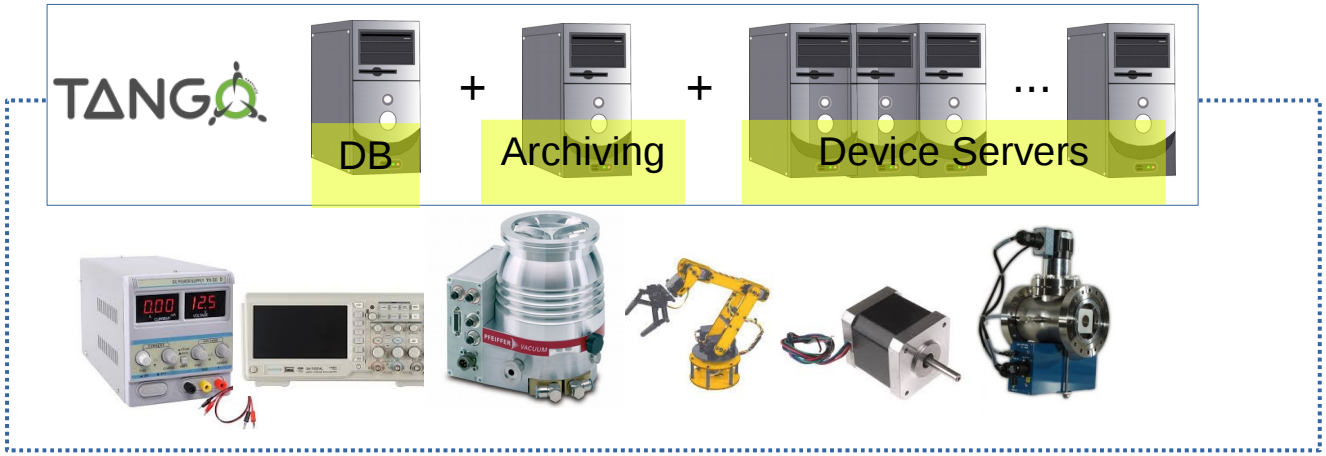

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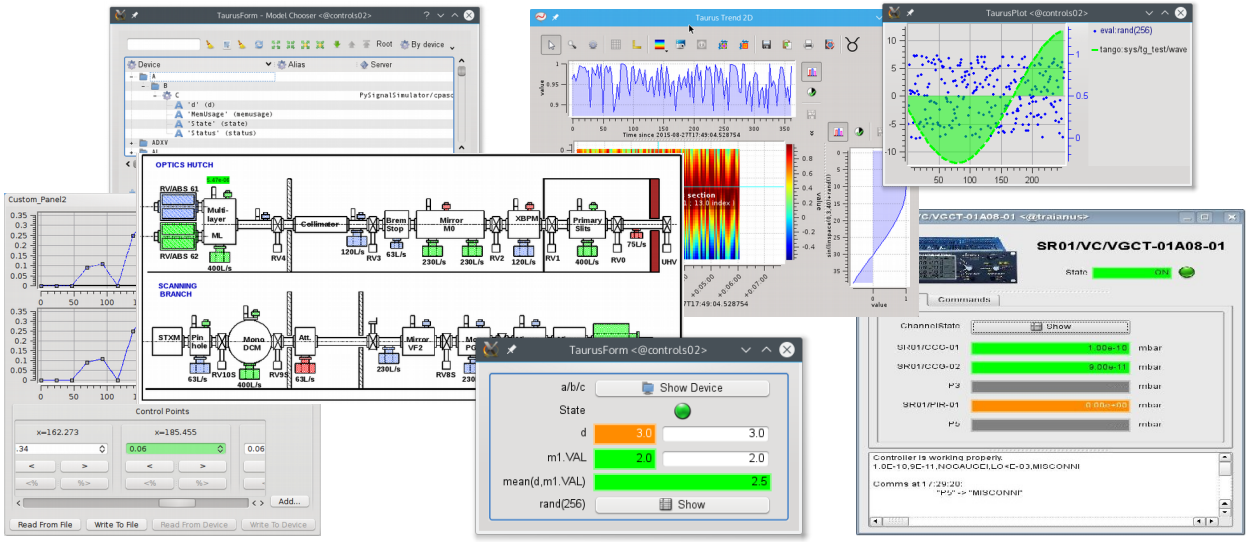

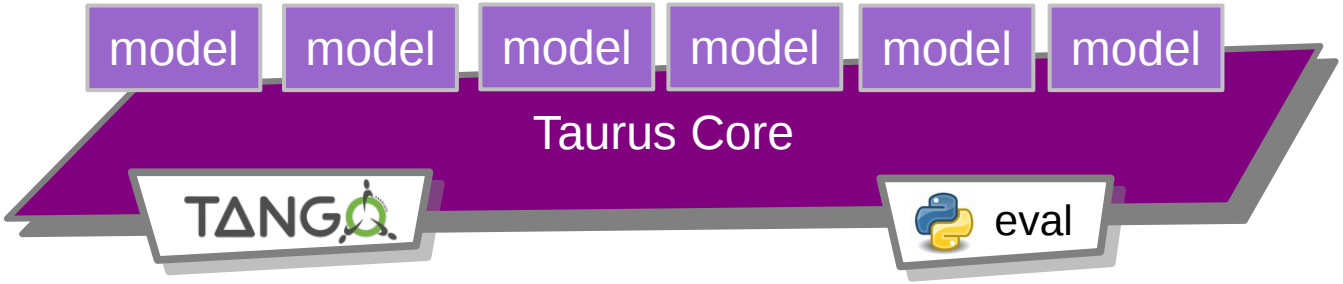

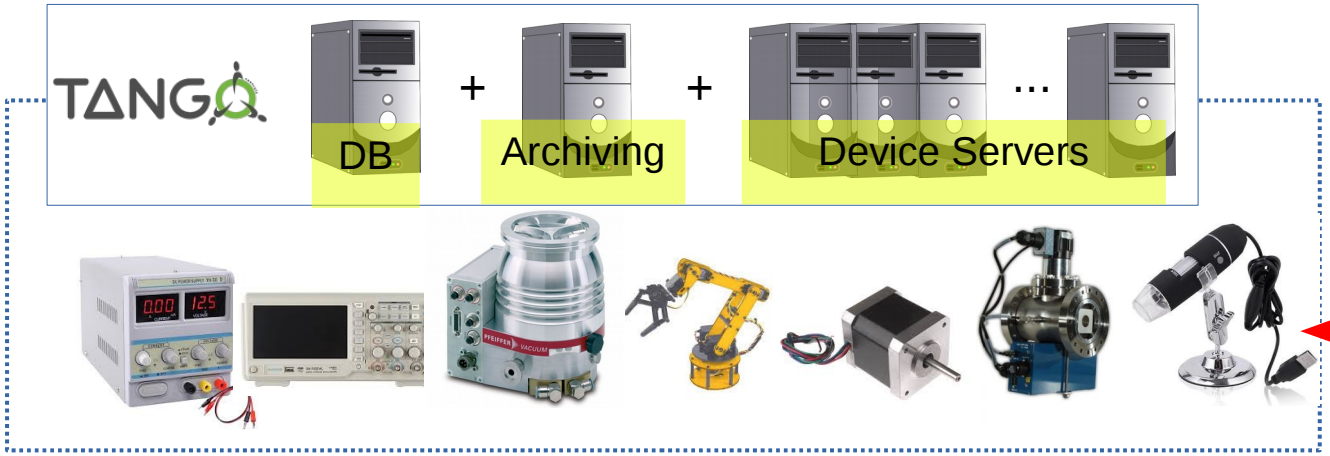

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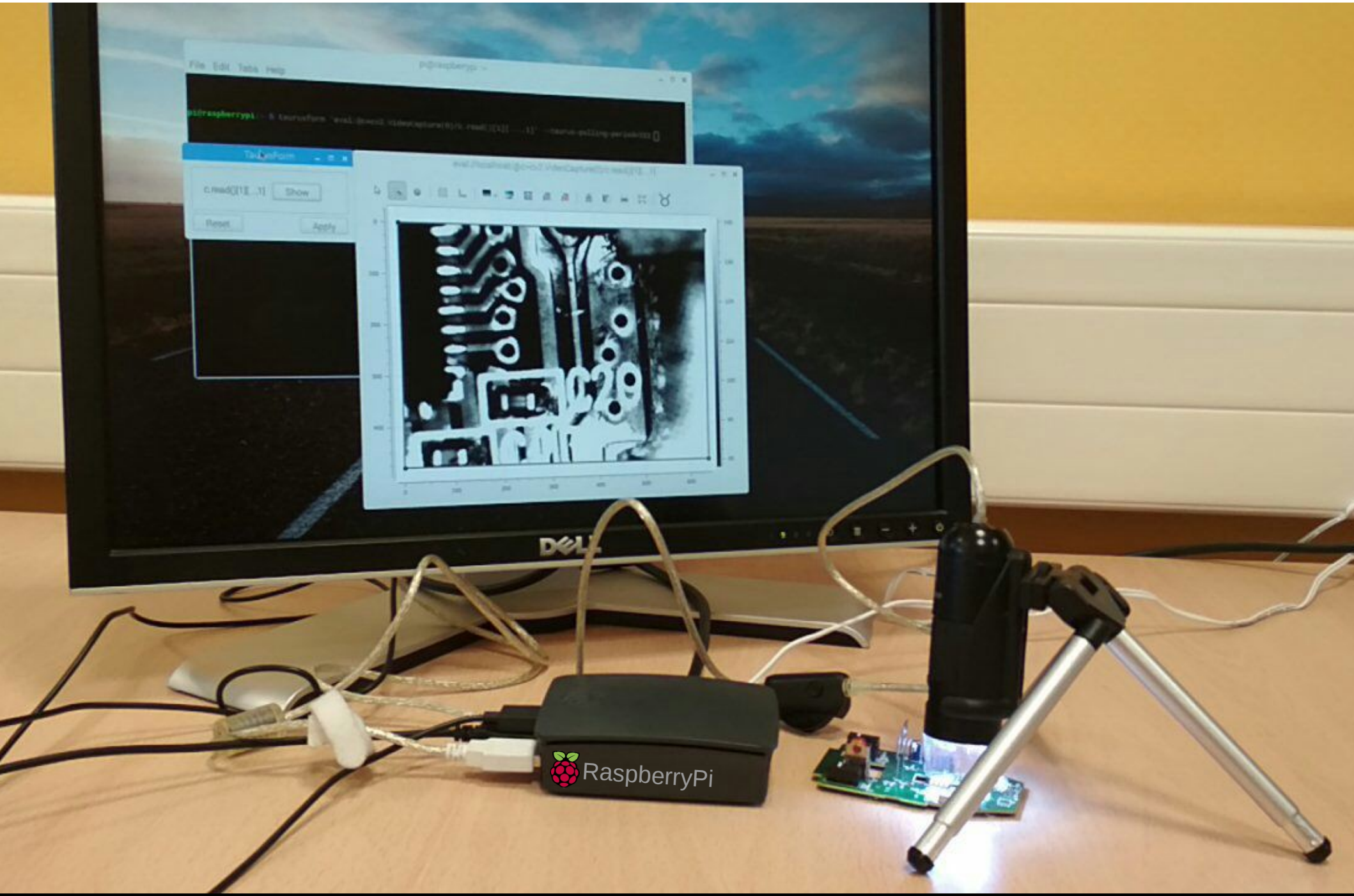

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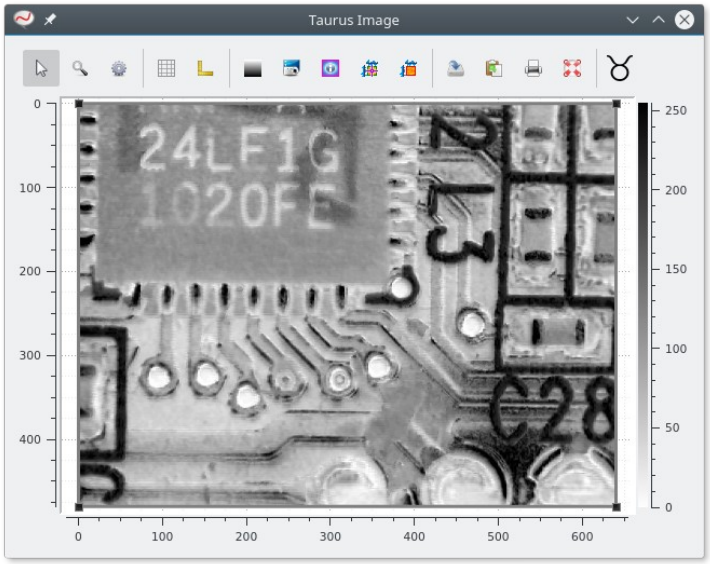

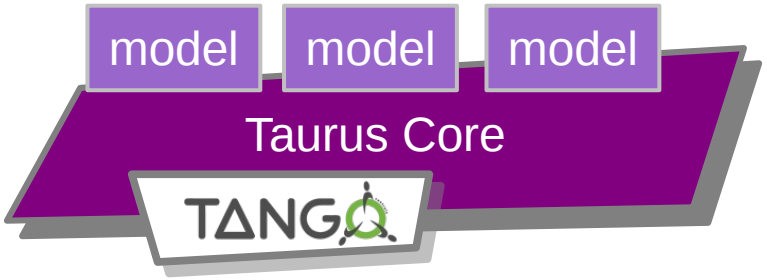

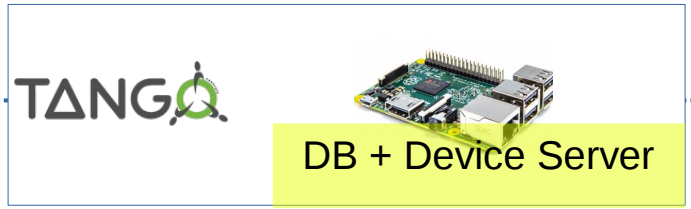

Approach 1

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

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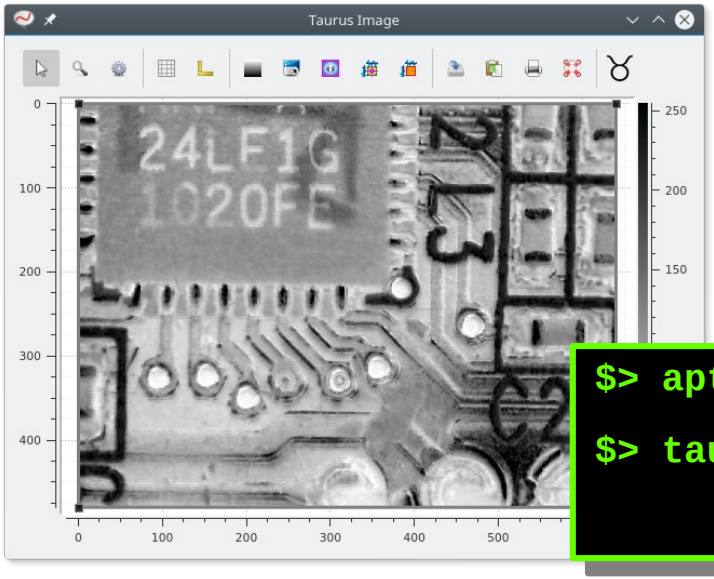
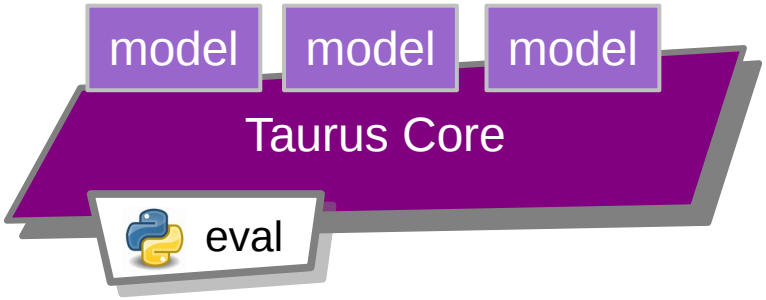


Approach 2

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)
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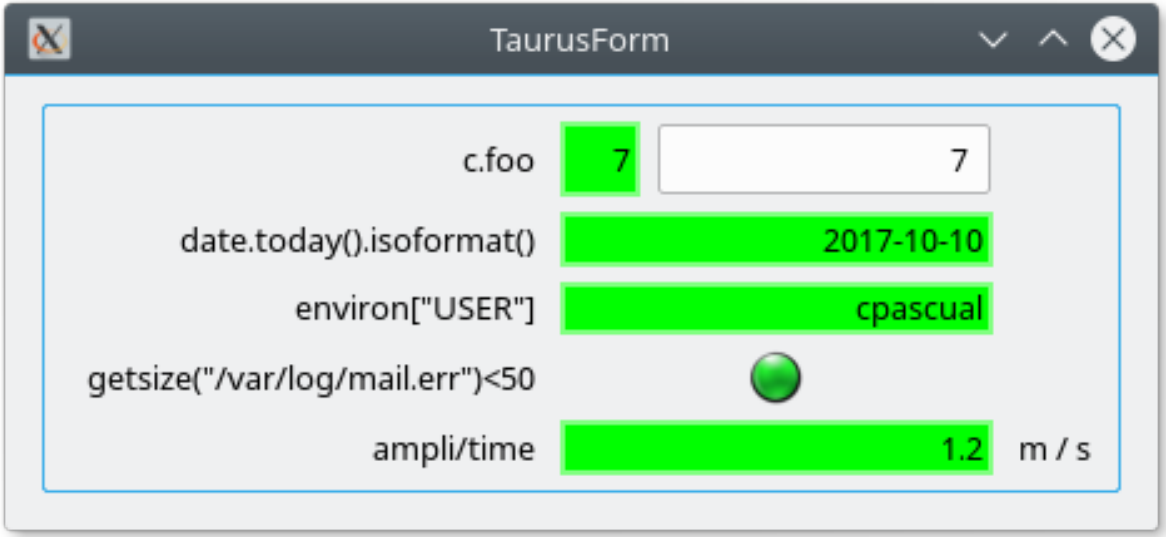

MORE INFO

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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