

Integrating TINE @ the BlissFramework

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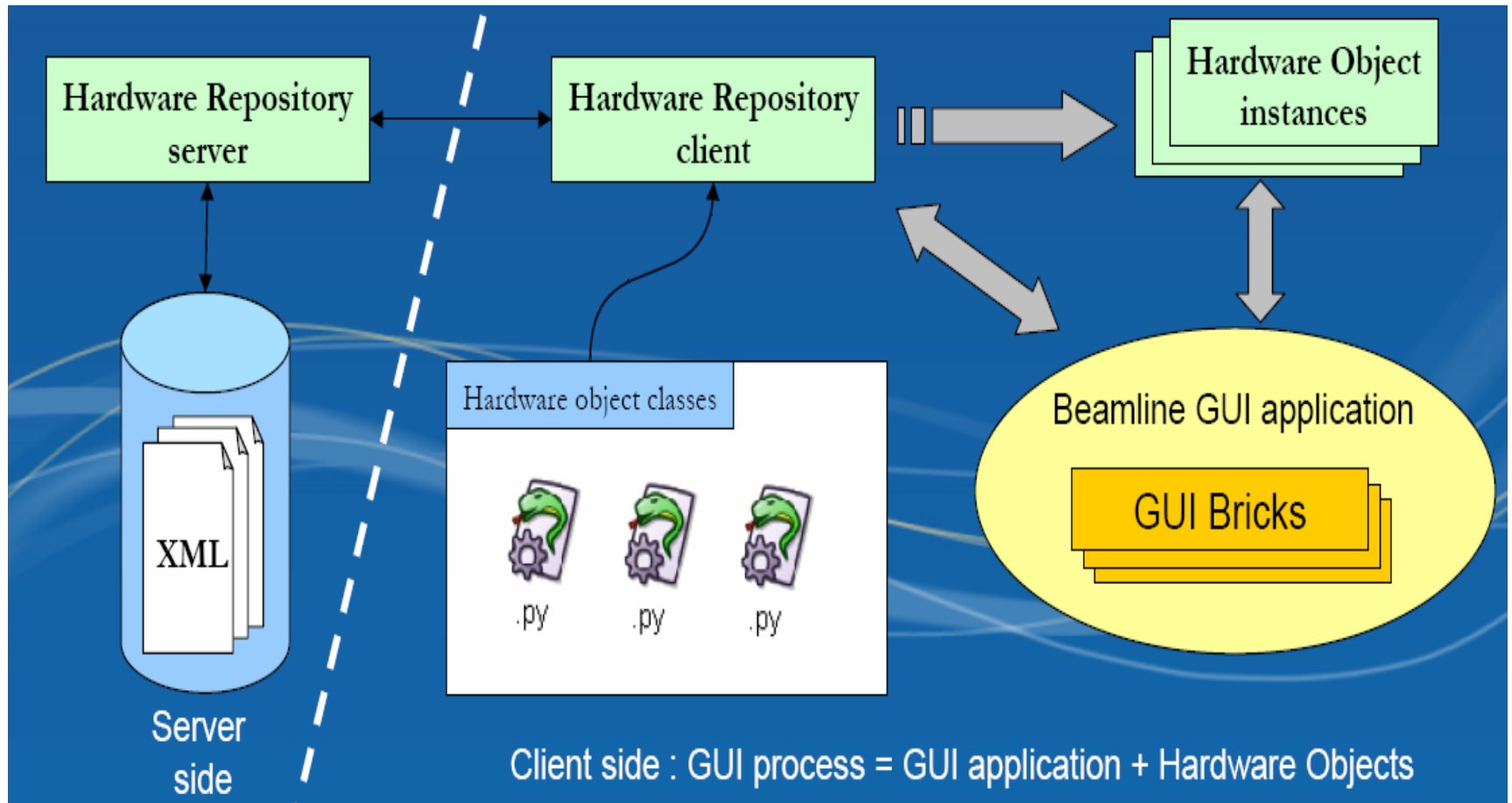
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Bliss GUI Framework

- ESRF project (started at 2003)
- Set of tools and libraries to create GUIs for the beamlines
- Implemented in Python (with graphical toolkit QT)
- Includes a GUI editor
- Multiplatform
- Separation between the graphics and the hardware functionality
 - Bricks
 - Hardware Objects (HO)
- Support for different control systems (Spec, Taco, Tango)

Bliss Framework Architecture



From Matias Guijarro ESRF

mxCuBE

- mxCuBE = macromolecular xtallography Customized Beamline Environment
- Provides a single user friendly interface to control data collection for PX experiments
- It is build on top of the Bliss Framework
- Connected to Spec, Taco and Tango
- DNA and ISPyB integrated and much more...

The screenshot displays the mxCuBE software interface. A 'Collect data' dialog box is open, showing a confirmation message: 'Doing 1 oscillation over 1 sample, totaling 360 images. Estimated time is 16 minutes.' Below this, a warning icon and text state: 'Error setting parameters for validation. No crystal snapshots (hint: press the Accept button)!'. The dialog also includes an 'Options' section with checkboxes for 'Force a dark current at start of collection', 'Mount the sample using the sample changer', 'Skip images already collected', and 'Take 4 snapshots of the sample before collecting'. A 'Files' table is visible at the bottom of the dialog:

Phi start	Phi end	Filename	Directory
0.0	1.0	prefix_1_001.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
1.0	2.0	prefix_1_002.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
2.0	3.0	prefix_1_003.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
3.0	4.0	prefix_1_004.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
4.0	5.0	prefix_1_005.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
5.0	6.0	prefix_1_006.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
6.0	7.0	prefix_1_007.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
7.0	8.0	prefix_1_008.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir
8.0	9.0	prefix_1_009.img	/ImagesBW7A/ir

The background interface shows a table of available samples, a 'Machine current' display at 123.7 mA, and a 'Remaining Time' of 06:03. A large circular diffraction pattern is visible on the right side of the screen.

Our Scenario

- Connection of mxCuBE with our system (using PyTine)
- Control the data collections from this interface
- The Bricks stay exactly the same
- The HO ideally also... but not 100% in reality
- The XML configuration files should be modified

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<device class = "Attenuators">
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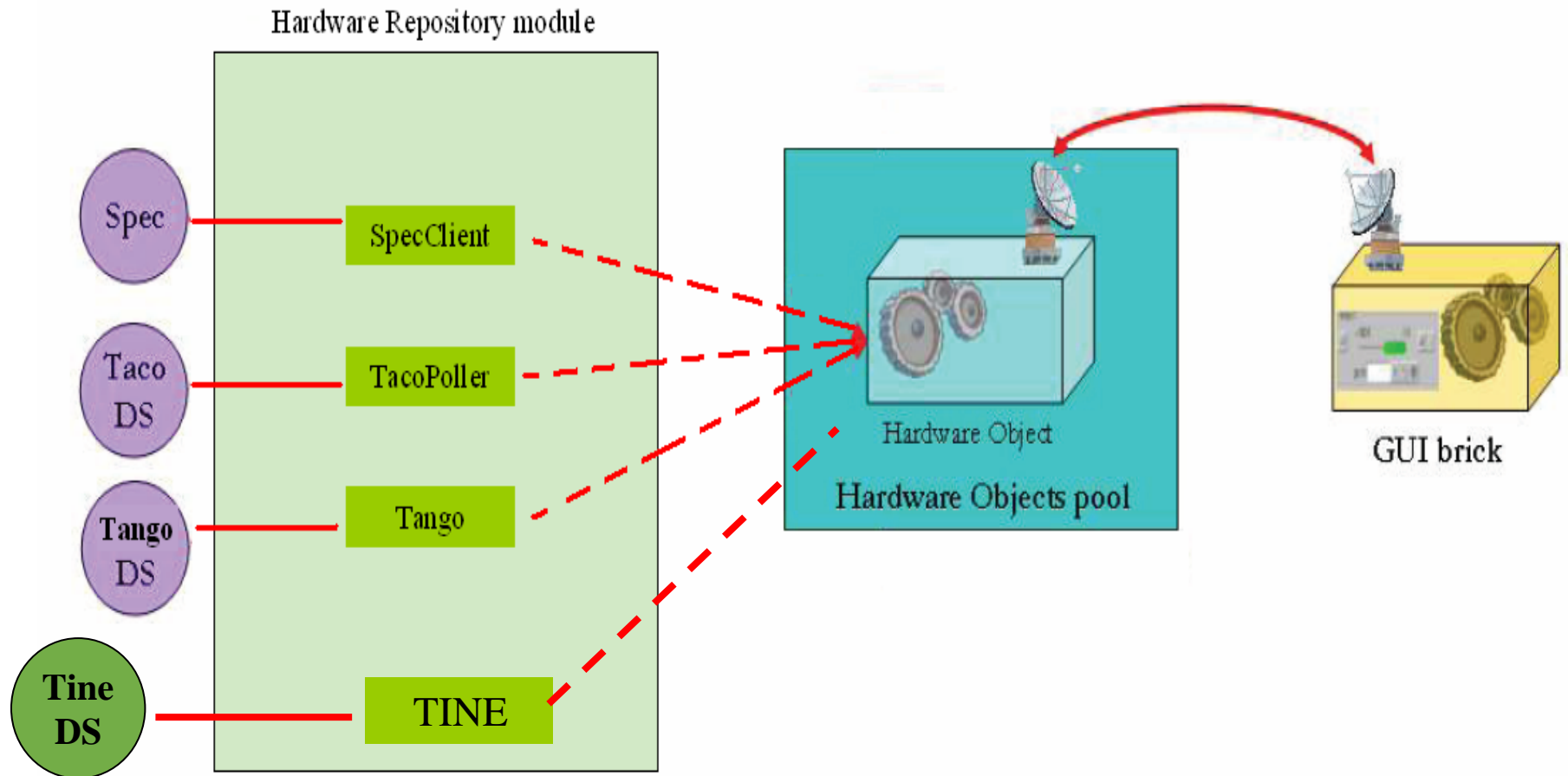
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<username>Attenuators</username>
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<command type="tine" name="setTransmission" tilename="DC/Transmission"  
  format="FLOAT" size="1" >axis_setPosition</command>
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<channel type="tine" name="attfactor" tilename="DC/Transmission" format="FLOAT"  
  size="1" polling="events">axis_position</channel>
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</device>
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Our Scenario



Positive points

- Reusability of the graphical user interface
- Many users know and are used to the system
- Possible to create new bricks
- In some cases we can learnt of the HO
- Source code and support available from ESRF
- Possible collaborations and common developments
- ... We keep our scientists happy

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Conclusions

- Official collaboration for the mxCUBE Beamline Control Environment
 - Established at Grenoble last September
 - EMBL Hamburg belongs to it and TINE will be officially supported
 - Other organizations involved: ESRF, Soleil, MAX-Lab, BESSY
- Integration already demonstrated and tested
- A final architecture has been defined compatible with BlissFramework
- Integrated at GIT (fast version control system)

Thank you !!!

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