TANGO - A POSSIBLE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE AFRICAN LIGHT SOURCE ?

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SOFTWARE NEEDS FOR LIGHT SOURCES

A light source needs at least the following software:

- 1) A distributed control system
- 2) A scanning & data acquisition system
- 3) Data reduction & analysis software
- 4) System software for managing compute + storage resources



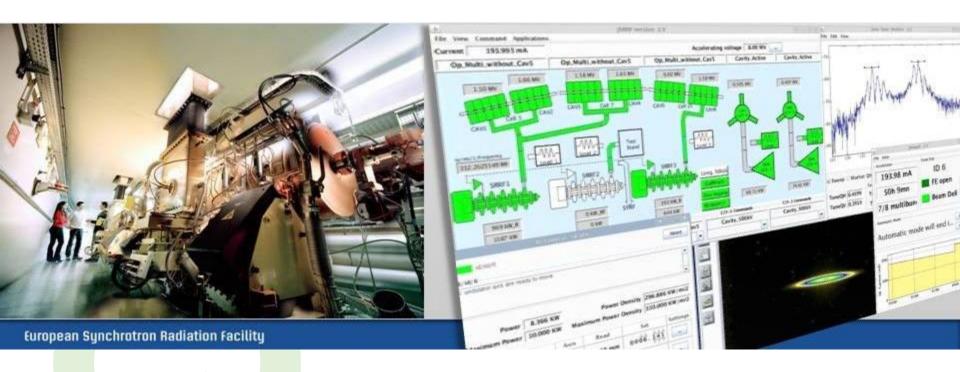
WHAT IS TANGO?

A distributed control system used mainly by large physics instruments e.g. light sources, lasers, telescopes, wind tunnel

- 1) Mature 15 years development + large community
- 2) Binary protocol and object oriented framework
- 3) Tools for configuration and monitoring + testing
- 4) Databases for parameters, archiving, settings etc.
- 5) Graphical toolkits and bindings to commercial tools



ACCELERATOR CONTROL





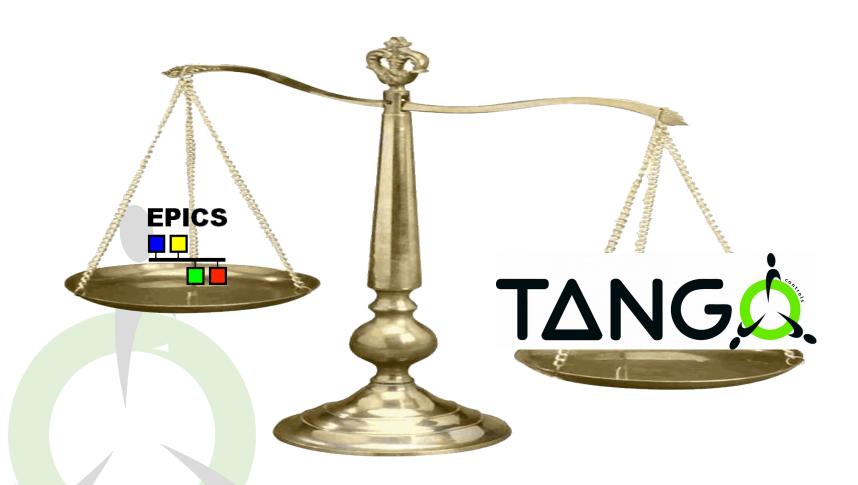
SOFTWARE BUILD OR BUY ?



EVEN BETTER - COLLABORATE!



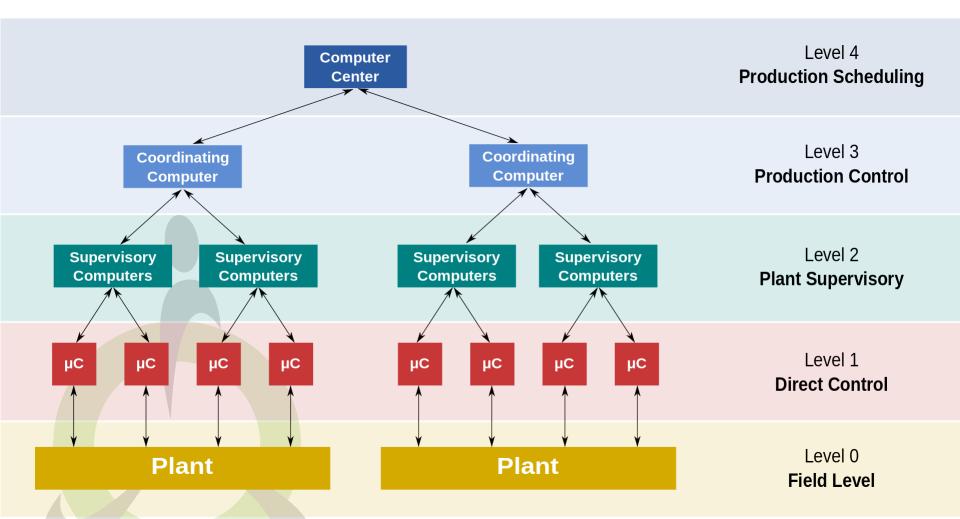
DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEMS



CHOOSE ONE OF THEM - YOUR CALL



A DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM - DCS



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distributed_control_system

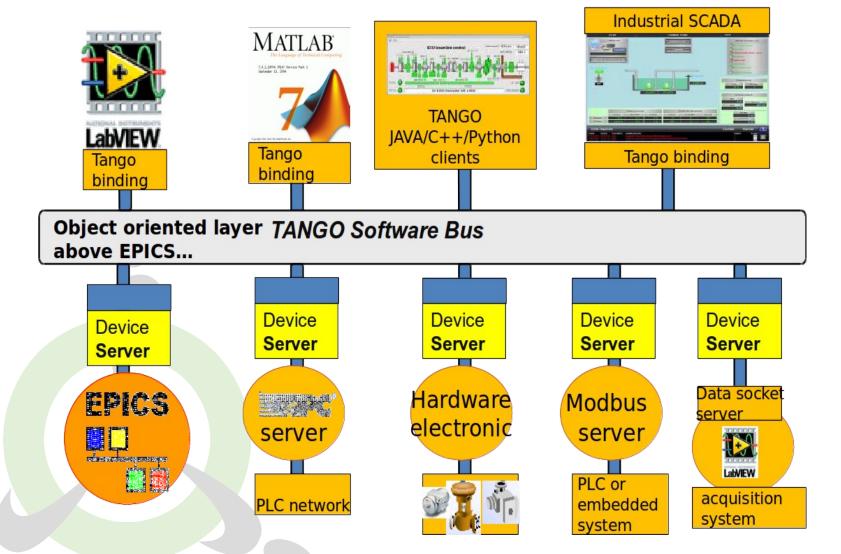


DCS IS THE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION





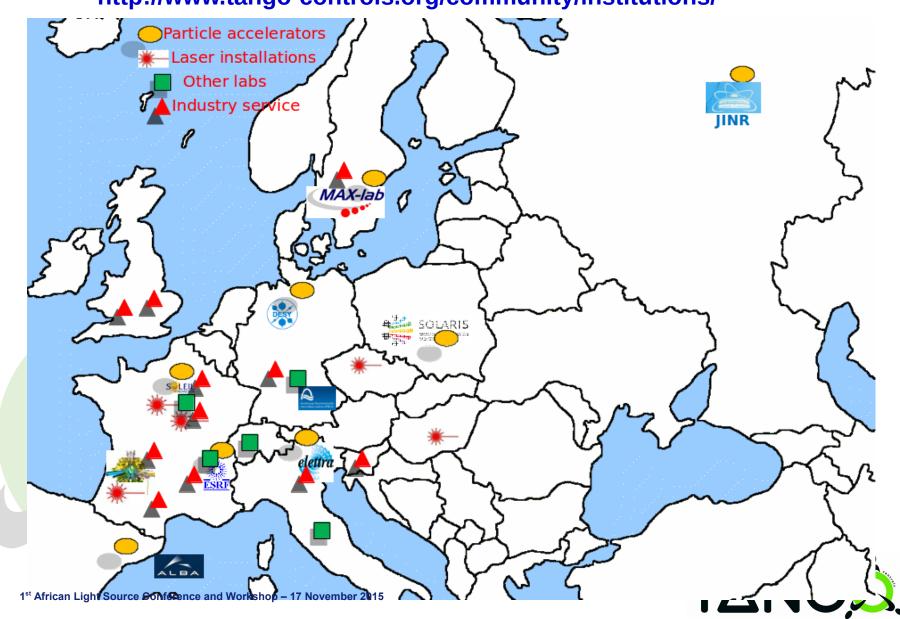
TANGO SOFTWARE BUS





TANGO CONTROLS COMMUNITY IN EUROPE

http://www.tango-controls.org/community/institutions/



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COLLABORATION

































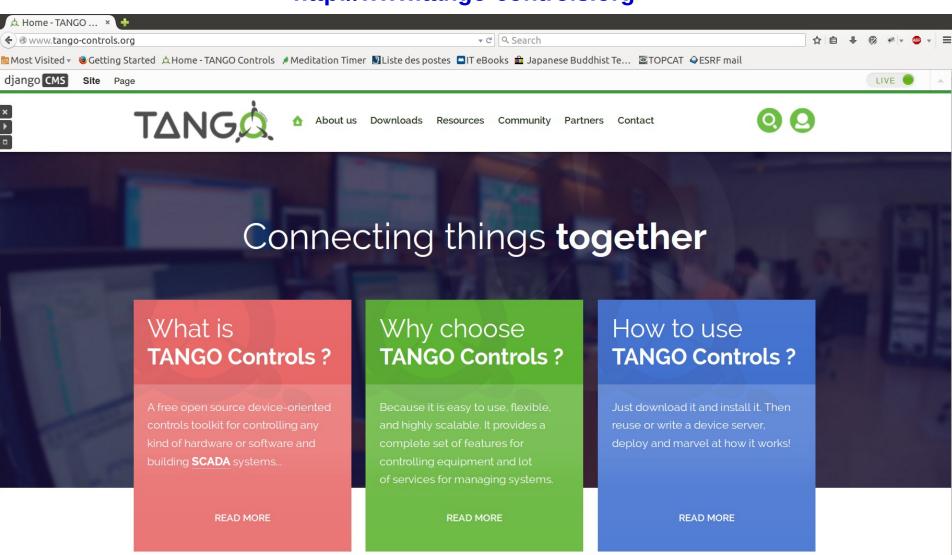
SUSTAINING TANGO COLLABORATION

- We have prepared a contract with partners who are willing to finance TANGO infrastructure developments.
 Contract is for 5 years = 10 keuros/year.
- Two types of partners : Core + Contributors
- Potentially 10 partners have expressed their interested.
 This would finance at least one FTE / year.
- Collaboration contract will start in 2016
- TANGO stays free and Open Source and Sustainable!



TANGO CONTROLS WEBSITE

http://www.tango-controls.org





TANGO VIRTUAL MACHINE

http://ftp.esrf.fr/pub/cs/tango/tango9-vm.zip



LASERS ADOPT TANGO

• 3 Extreme Lightsource Infrastructures have chosen TANGO+EPICS



HOW ELI-ALPS USES TANGO

ELI-ALPS has chosen TANGO as their main control system (similar to ELI-NP)

- 1) Joined the collaboration
- 2) Setup a team of engineers to design and prototype
- 3) Started collaboration with local **university** to train **students**
- 4) Using all **TANGO tools**, developing only new features
- 5) Sub-systems from industry delivered with TANGO



ELI-ALPS CONTROL ARCHITECTURE

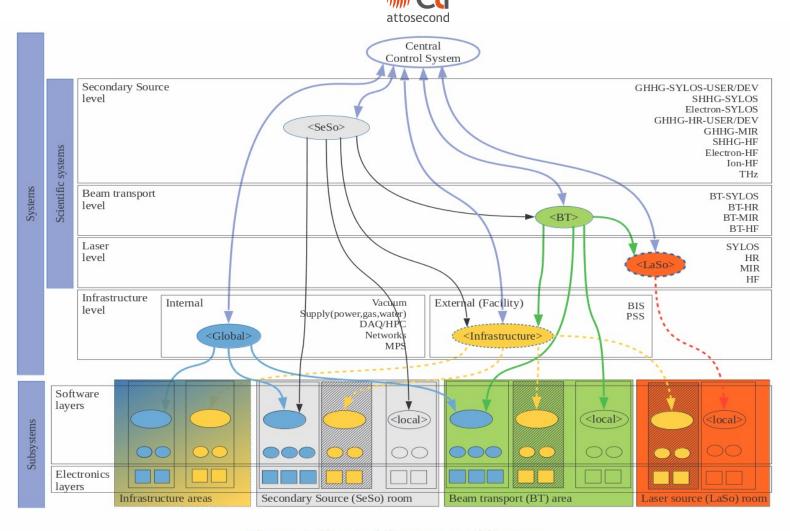


Figure 1: Control System Architecture.



SKA CHOOSES TANGO

Square Kilometer Array has chosen TANGO as it distributed control system

 TANGO will be the nervous system of world's largest radio telescope



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SKA largest science project in Africa







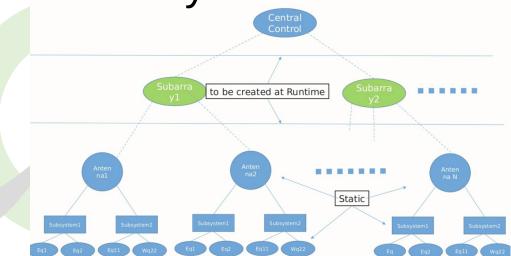


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HOW SKA WILL USE TANGO

 Current pathfinder systems like MEERKAT + GMRT will be bridged to TANGO

 TANGO will form backbone of Telescope Monitoring and Control system :











CREATING SYNERGY WITH SKA

- SKA + African Light Source could collaborate via TANGO
- Sharing know-how, engineers, students
- Creating a local knowledge pool
- Be a major player in the TANGO collaboration



CONCLUSION

- African Light Source will depend on software to be successful
- Collaborate on Open Source Free Software avoid building or buying from scratch!
- The TANGO distributed control system framework would be a good choice for collaborating with other light sources in Europe and SKA in Africa
- Ensure software and control systems are included from the beginning in the design + budget

