

Sardana: SCADA with Tango Controls

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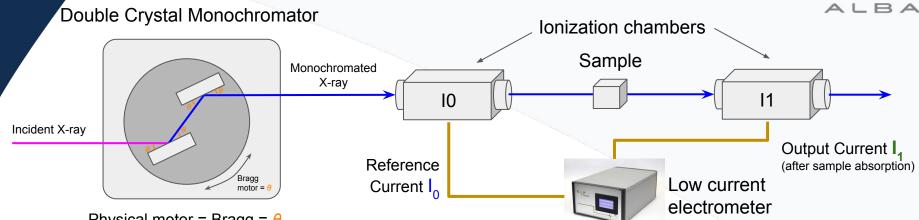
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Motivation

Beamline User Case





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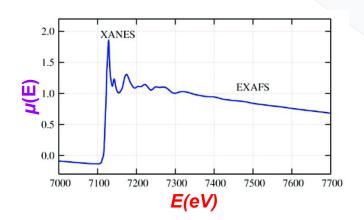
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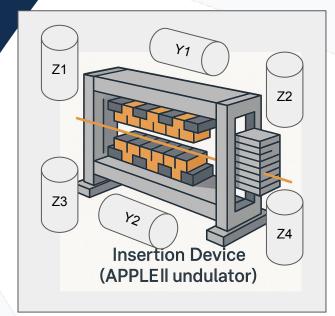
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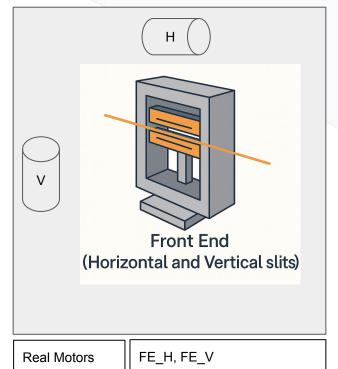


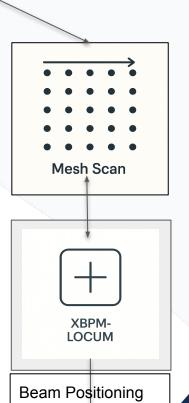


PseudoMotors	(Gap, Phase) => Energy (Gap, Phase) => Polarization
PseudoMotors	Gap = (Z1+Z2)/2 - (Z3+Z4)/2 Phase = Y1 - Y2
Real Motors	Z1, Z2,Z3,Z4,Y1,Y2

Accelerator User Case

For different (Energy, Polarization) pairs: Mesh Scan of FE_H and FE_V





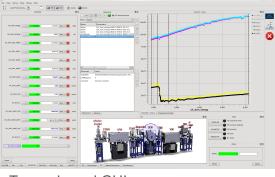


Introduction to Sardana

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Built on top of Tango Control System





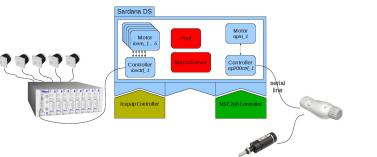
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Four pillars extendable with plugins
Suite = Sardana & Taurus projects



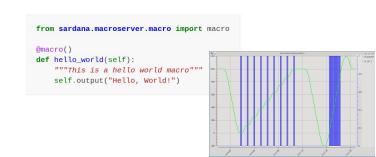
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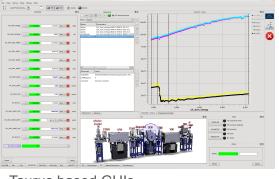
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Taurus based GUIs









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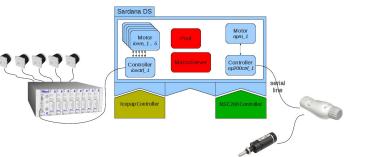
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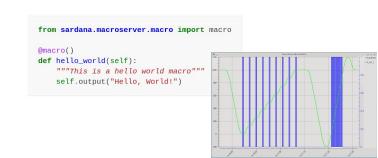
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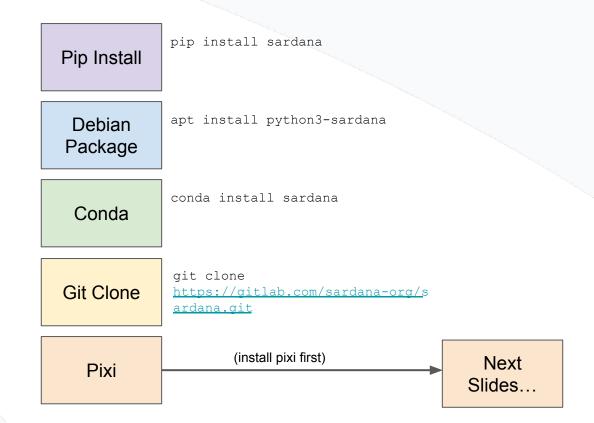


Sardana installation

Installation



(from https://www.sardana-controls.org/users/getting_started/installing.html)



Prerequisites: Tango + TangoTest



1) Clone the repo with pixi.toml configuration for the demo:

\$ git clone https://gitlab.com/alba-synchrotron/controls-section/icalepcs2025-workshop.git

Jive 7.45 [127.0.0.1:10000]@ Device Panel [sys/tg_test/1] on 127.0.0.1:10000@pc281 File Edit Tools Filter 2) Create a sqlite TangoDB and database DS (python version) Commands Attributes Pipe Admin Server/Tango Argin value Ex: 2.3 (64bits float) Server Device Class Alia: \$ pixi run pydb boolean scalar ▲ Name double scalar ◆ ₩ DataBaseds Label double scalar - 🐫 TangoAccessControl boolean spectrum Pixi task (pydb in pydb): PyDatabaseds 2 Desc No description P 🐐 TangoTest boolean spectrum ro READ WRITE Writable e 😤 test double image Data format Scalar TangoTest Ready to accept request double image ro Data type DevDouble e sys/tg test/1 double scalar May Dim Y - Properties double scalar rww 😂 Polling Read Write Plot dauble sestes u 🕰 Event Attribute conf 3) Run TangoTest device server test instance Pipe config Attribute: sys/tq_test/1/double_scalar Attribute prop Duration: 76 msec **S** Logging measure date: 18/09/2025 13:48:14 + 462ms \$ pixi run start tangotest quality: VALID 253.50867707095043 Pixi task (start tangotest in default): TangoTest test A.A Ready to accept request 4) Run jive to check DB Clear history Dismiss

\$ pixi run jive

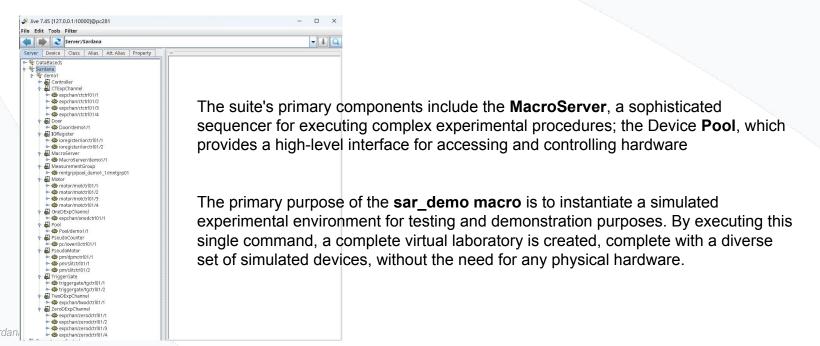
Simulated environment: sar_demo elements



```
$ pixi run create_sar_demo

Pixi task (create_sar_demo in default): sardanactl config load --write sar_demo.yaml
...
```

This command populates the tangodb with a Sardana instance and elements for demo purposes (called sar_demo)



Start Sardana server



```
$ pixi run start_sardana

Pixi task (start_sardana in default): Sardana demo1
...
```

- This command starts de Sardana server, containing Pool and MacroServer (they can also be executed as 2 different processes)
- If demo1 instance does not exist in the Tango database, the script will ask for its creation (but since we populated it before with sar_demo it is already there)



User interaction with Sardana

Sardana clients (GUI, CLI)

Spock: Command Line Interface



```
$ pixi run spock
Profile 'spockdoor' does not exist. Do you want to create one now ([y]/n)?
Available Door devices from 127.0.0.1:10000:
Door demol 1 (a.k.a. Door/demol/1) (running)
Door name from the list? Door demo1 1
Spock 3.6.0 -- An interactive laboratory application.
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IPython profile: spockdoor
Connected to Door demol 1
Door demo1 1 [1]: 1sm
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                 PseudoMotor
                               slitctrl01
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         mot03
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         mot04
                      Motor motctrl01
      offset01 PseudoMotor slitctrl01
```

IPython based CLI.

Uses ipython profiles. Creates one if none exists.

Connects to the MacroServer through **Door** devices.

Can execute **macros** (e.g. lsm is a build-in macro to list motors)

Taurus for GUIs



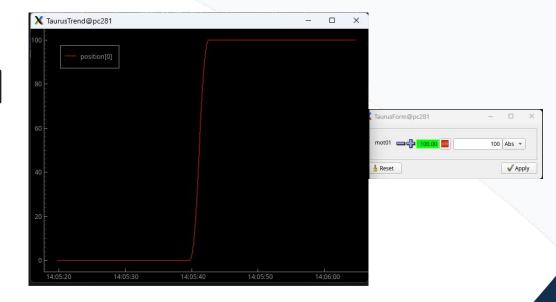
Start a form with a motor widget

\$ pixi run taurus form mot01

Plot and monitor the position of a motor

\$ pixi run taurus trend mot01/position







Measurement Group and Scans

Orchestrating the Experiment



With Sardana elements defined and linked to the Tango device attributes, we can now orchestrate a full experiment. The Sardana MacroServer is a powerful sequencer for running complex operations and custom macros, including step and continuous scans.

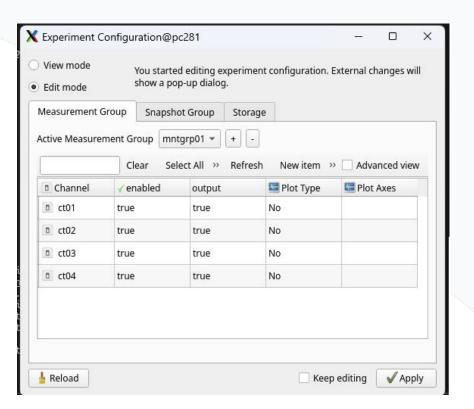
- 1. **Define a Measurement Group:** Configure the channels that will be used for data acquisition during the experiment.
- **2. Execute a Scan:** Use built-in macros, such as ascan, to automatically coordinate the motion of a motor with data acquisition.
- **3. Visualize and Store Data:** The data can be displayed in real time using tools like showscan and taurustrend, and permanently stored in files (e.g., HDF5 format).

Measurement groups



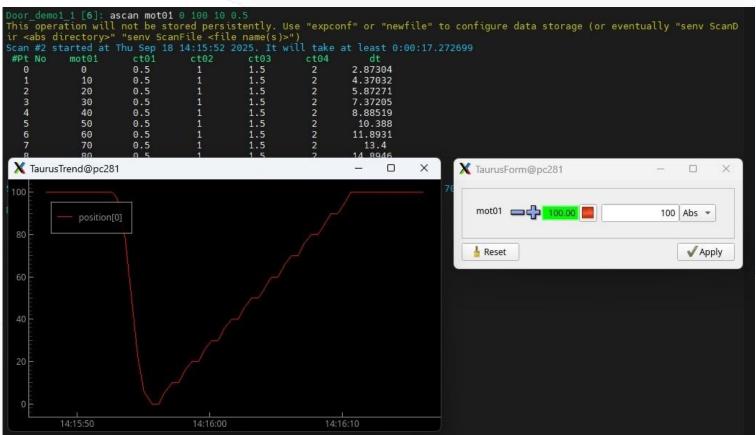
Open experiment configuration GUI from spock

```
$ pixi run spock
...
Door_demo1_1 [1]: expconf
```



Execute a Step Scan



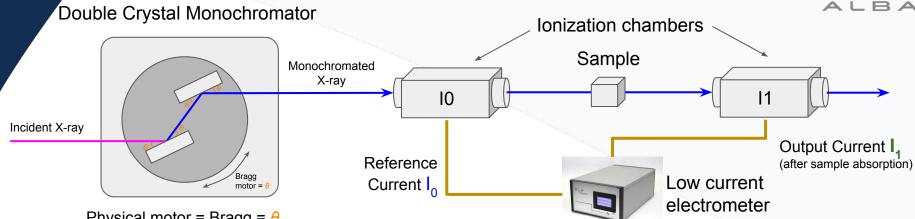




Tango Controllers

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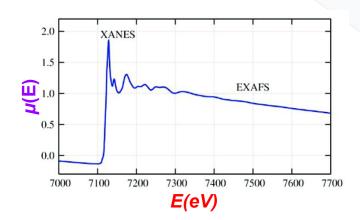
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Beamline Simulation: TangoTest + Sardana



Simulating an Experiment with Tango and Sardana

Sardana provides a crucial high-level layer on top of Tango, enabling scientists to define and execute complex experiments with ease while leveraging existing Tango infrastructure. We can demonstrate this by using the ubiquitous sys/tg_test/1 Tango device to simulate a realistic experiment. The device's attributes can be configured to represent real-world physical quantities in Sardana.

Mapping Tango Attributes to Sardana Elements via TangoAttrXXXControllers

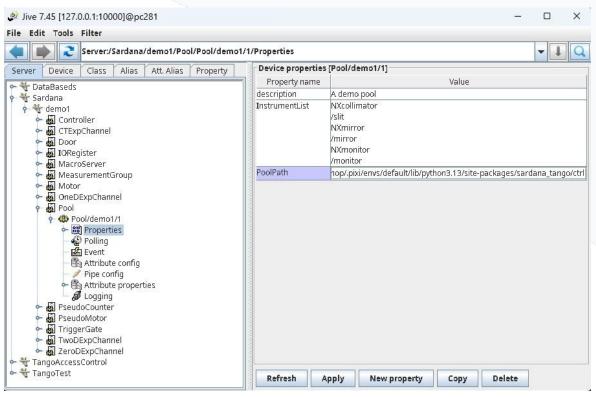
The following table illustrates how Tango device attributes are mapped to Sardana elements using dedicated controllers. These elements appear in the Sardana Device Pool and can be accessed via the Spock command line interface (CLI) or Jive.

Tango Attribute	Purpose	Sardana Controller and Element
sys/tg_test/1/ampli	Represents a motor position (e.g., a monochromator).	TangoAttrMotorController (e.g., Energy)
sys/tg_test/1/double_scalar	Represents an analog reading (e.g., I0 Current).	TangoAttrZeroDController (e.g., I0_Current)
sys/tg_test/1/double_scalar	Represents an analog reading (e.g., I1 Current).	TangoAttrZeroDController (e.g., I1_Current)
sys/tg_test/1/wave	Represents a 1D array attribute (e.g., an absorption curve).	TangoAttrOneDController (e.g., Spectrum)
sys/tg_test/1/boolean_scalar	Represents a binary state (e.g., a shutter open/close).	TangoAttrIORController (e.g., BeamShutter)

tango_attr_xxxx_controllers

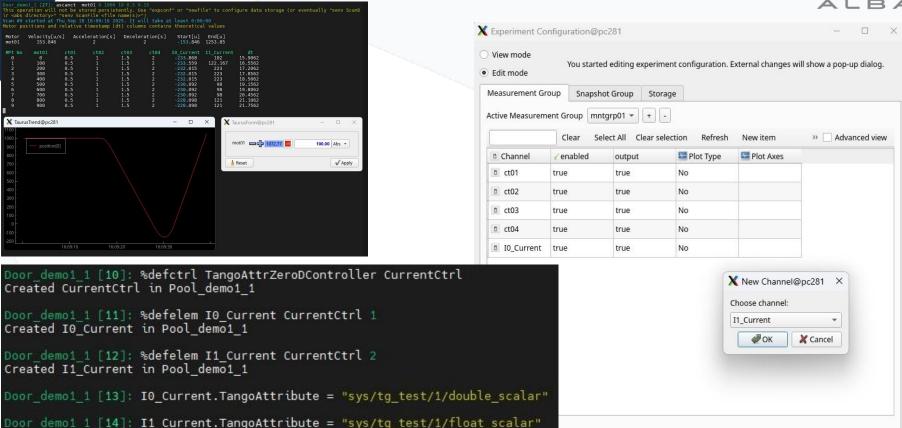


Add plugins to Sardana cd .pixi/envs/default/lib/python3.13/site-packages/sardana_tango/ctrl/pwd → output should go to *PoolPath* Pool Tango property



Creation of a TangoAttrZeroDController





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Custom hardware and macro integration

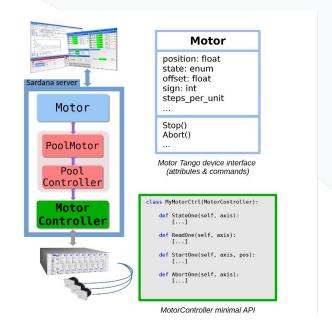
Custom hardware integration



- 1. Tango Device → Configure the sardana Tango controller (as you have seen it today).
- 2. Tango Device → Develop a custom sardana controller using DeviceProxy.
- 3. No Tango Device → Develop a custom sardana controller e.g. using a socket.

lame	Description	Link(s) to project
AdLink	AdLink DAQ cards e.g. 2005	sardana-adlink
AgitisAGAP	Agilis Conex AGAP mirror mount	AgilisAGAPMotorController
AgitisAGP	Agilis Conex AGP rotational mount	AgilisAGPMotorController
ALBA Em Electrometer	Low current electrometer	sardana-albaem
AmptekOneD	AmptekPX5 Multi-channel analyzer as oned	AmptekOneDCtrt
AmptekPX5	AmptekPX5 Multi-channel analyzer	AmptekPX5
CaenFastPS	Caen FastPS power supply	CaenFastPSMotorController
DGG2	DGG2 timer	DGG2Ctrl
EigerDectris	Eiger Dectris	EigerDectris
EigerPSI	Eiger PSI	EigerPSI
EpicsMotor	Epics Motor	EpicsMotorController
EpicsZeroD	Epics ZeroD	EpicsZeroDControllerr

Sardana extra projects catalogue: https://gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-extra



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IPython profile: spockdoor

Connected to Door_demol_1

Door_demol_1 [1]: edmac myexperiment mymodule

@macro()
dof mymacro(solf).
```

- interactive macros
- macro progress
- plotting
- ..

Macro development features:

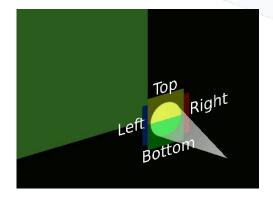
- parameters
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- data
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- hooks



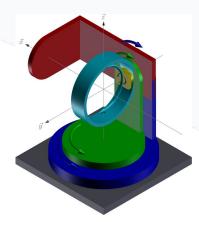
Extras

More Sardana capabilities





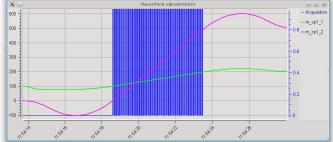
Pseudo motors



Diffractometer control (using hkl lib by F. Picca)



YAML-based config format and tools



Continuous Scans (hardware & software synchronized)



HDF5 data recording, also SPEC, FIO, blissdata by the ESRF (Redis) ...and more, and more to come...

Sardana Project and Community





https://sardana-controls.org





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https://gitlab.com/sardana-org

- Monthly follow-ups organized by ALBA, DESY, MAX-IV, SOLARIS. https://gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-followup
- Community Workshops (~yearly)
 - 2023 Continuous Scans Workshop in SOLARIS https://indico.solaris.edu.pl/event/5/
 - 2024 Sardana workshop in Tango Meeting at SOLEIL https://gitlab.com/sardana-org/sardana-followup/-/blob/main/20240530-SOLEIL/AGENDA.md
 - 2025 Sardana Workshop in MAX IV https://indico.maxiv.lu.se/event/5634/
 - 2026? Tango Meeting is in BCN...



Thank you for your attention! Any questions?

Sardana & Taurus Status

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Beamline User Case

Beamline Context

This slide describes a typical experimental procedure on a Beamline where Sardana is used for orchestration.

- •Goal: To obtain an absorption spectrum of a sample.
- •Process Orchestration (Sardana):
 - **Step 1: Mono-Energy Scan:** The Sardana MacroServer orchestrates a scan of the mono-energy. This involves controlling the monochromator motors to step through a defined range of energies.
 - Step 2: Electrometer Acquisition: At each energy step, Sardana triggers the acquisition of data from an electrometer to measure the current passing through the sample.
 - **Step 3: Data Analysis:** After the acquisition at each point, Sardana can perform real-time data analysis to calculate the absorption value.
- •Result: The coordinated scan and acquisition results in the generation of an absorption spectrum, which is then presented to the user.



Accelerator User Case

Service Area Context

This slide describes a control and measurement scenario within a Service Area, using Sardana to manage various devices.

- •Goal: To verify the stability and position of the X-ray beam using Insertion Devices (IDs) and Front Ends (FEs). → fescan_lorea.py
- Process Orchestration (Sardana):
 - **Step 1: Device Scans:** The Sardana MacroServer orchestrates a scan of the Insertion Device (ID) and Front End (FE) motors. This can be used to tune or characterize the beamline components.
 - **Step 2: XBPM-Locum Reading:** Throughout the scan, Sardana reads the values from the X-ray Beam Position Monitor (XBPM-Locum) to continuously monitor the beam's position and stability.
- •Result: The synchronized scanning and reading provides critical diagnostic information, ensuring the beam is correctly positioned and stable for user experiments.