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# Securing TANGO Control System: A brain storming

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- 3 Cryptography engineering
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## What is a Programmable Logic Controllers



Figure: Part of a PLC controlled system

# What is an SCADA?

## Wikipedia's definition (es)

*"Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition it is a computer software to control and supervise industrial process remotely."*

## Examples of an SCADAs

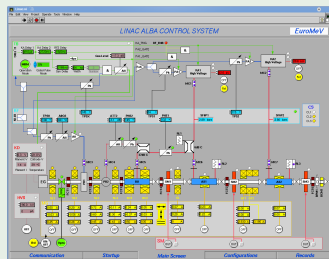


Figure: Labview as SCADA example



# What is an Distributed Control System?

## Wikipedia's definition (en)

a *Distributed Control System* is the computer software for a manufacturing system, process or any kind of dynamic system, in which the controller elements are not central in location (like the brain) but are distributed throughout the system with each component sub-system controlled by one or more controllers.

## What is a distributed system?

Tanenbaum say [1]: *A distributed system is a collection of independent computers that appears to its users as a single coherent system.*

# What is a TANGO? (I)

Tango is an object oriented *Distributed Control System* with active collaborative development from:



Figure: Logos of the Tango Consortium Members

# What is a TANGO? (II)

It's an Distributed Control System

using CORBA as a Middleware (OMNIORB),  
with ØMQ in the event broadcasting.

What means middleware?

Tanenbaum say [1]: *It is what supports heterogeneous computers and networks while offering a single system view.*

# What is a TANGO? (illl)

## TANGO parts

- TANGO core  $\Rightarrow$  the Middleware
- TANGO Device Servers  $\Rightarrow$  the agents in the DCS

## Device servers, device classes, and devices

**TODO:** *"Draw a nice picture about what those three things are..."*

## What has an Agent (a device)

**TODO:** *"commands, attributes and properties"*

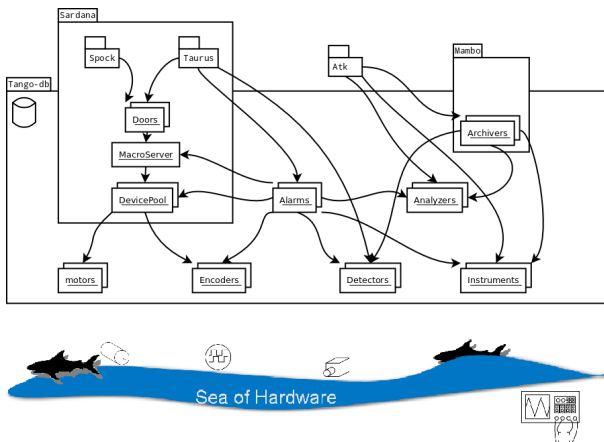
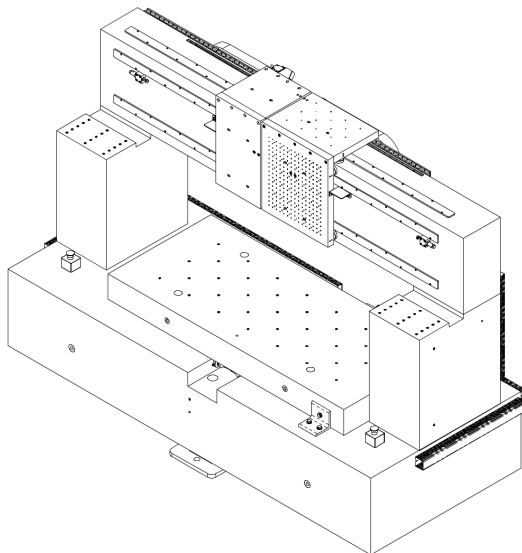
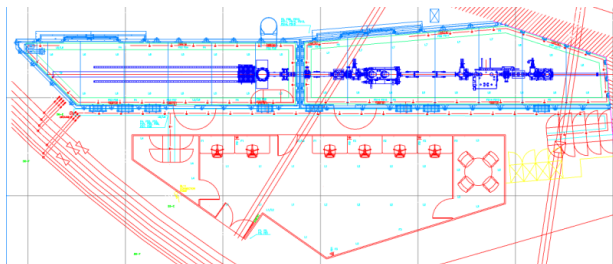


Figure: Tango schematic layout

# Optics Lab: Long Term Profiler

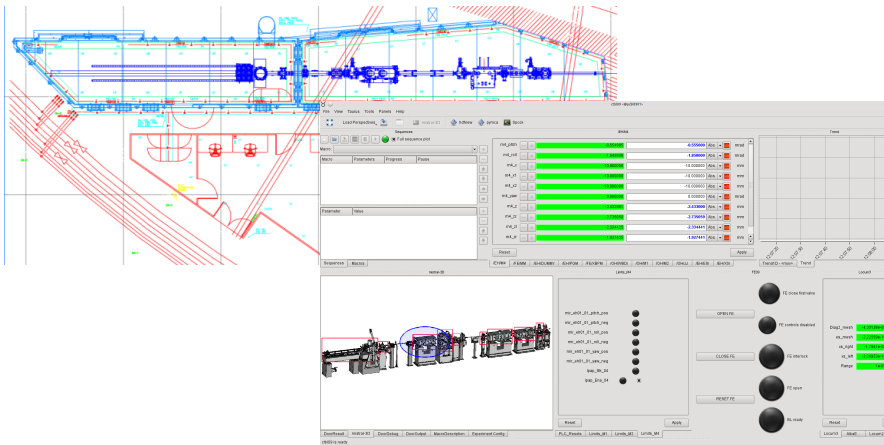


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Use cases of TANGO

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# Control a synchrotron accelerator

- **TODO:** *"Draws of the synchrotron layout and data from the ccdb about the service area numbers"*
- **TODO:** *"List subsystems in the accelerator"*
  - Timming (132 agents)
  - Vaccum (1085 agents)
  - Power supplies (491 agents)
  - Radio frequency (124 agents)
  - Diagnostics (744 agents)
  - **+2500 agents**
- **TODO:** *"Astor"*

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## Security threads

All those transparencies shows at least on security issue

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- ⑥ Auditory
  - trace who access where  
(extremely useful for a security breach analysis).

## Passive

- Eavesdropping

## Active

- Men-in-the-middle
- Spoofing
- Noise-Interruption-poisoning: Block transmissions
  - Includes [D]DoS
- Modification/Fabrication: agent impersonate

## counter-measures

- Intrusion detection and recovery

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## Sub-classifications

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- Elliptic curve cryptosystem for TLS (RFC4492 [6])
- This one allow any curve (prime&char2) in WRF, unlike RFC6637 [7]

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- Elliptic curves cryptosystem for *key exchange*
- (generalized) Rijndael and/or Stream cyphers for data transmission and event broadcasting

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- Homomorphic encryption/Ordered cryptography

## 5 Reference Papers

- Zero-knowledge proof
- Session key exchange
- Symmetric and stream cyphers
- Homomorphic encryption

# (free) Paper sources

- International Association for Cryptologic Research (e-print & archiver)
- [arxiv](#) (open access e-print archiver)
- [vixra](#) (alternative open e-print archiver)
- [citeseer](#) (scientific search engine)
- [scholar](#) (Google's indexer)
- [dblp](#) (bib reference)

# Zero-knowledge proof for authentication

- S.Martínez, "*Protocolos de seguridad para sistemas de identificación por radiofrecuencia*". PhD Thesis UdL, march 2011. Directed by: Concepció Roig and Magda Valls.[8]
- BSI TR-03110: "*Advanced security mechanisms for machine readable travel documents.*".[9]

# key exchange

- R. Tomàs, “*Volcans d’isogenies de corbes el·líptiques: Aplicacions criptogràfiques en targetes intel·ligents*”. PhD Thesis UdL, march 2011. Directed by: Josep M. Miret and Daniel Sadornil.[10]
- BSI TR-03111: “*Elliptic curve cryptography, version 2.0*”. [11]
- S. Blake-Wilson, N. Bolyard, V. Gupta, C. Hawk, and B. Moeller, “*Elliptic curve cryptography (ecc) cipher suites for transport layer security (tls)*” May 2006. RFC4492. [6]



# Symmetric cyphers

- “*Specification for the advanced encryption standard (aes).*” Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 197, 2001.[12]
- J. Daemen and V. Rijmen, “*The Design of Rijndael*”. Secaucus, NJ, USA: Springer-Verlag New York, Inc., 2002. [13]
- Smaller block size requested
- Bigger block size would be better than block cipher modes (CBC, CFB, CTR)
- J. Schaad and R. Housley, “*Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Key Wrap Algorithm.*” Sept. 2002. RFC3394 [14]

# Stream cyphers

- **TODO:** *"More information required!"*

# Private database query system

- D. Boneh, Craig Gentry, S. Halevi, F. Wang, and D. J. Wu, “*Private database queries using somewhat homomorphic encryption*,” International Association for Cryptologic Research, June 2013.

# Reference journals

- **TODO:** *"More information required!"*

# Reference conferences & workshops

- **Icalepcs**: International Conference on Accelerator and Large Experimental Physics Control Systems
- **No-bugs**: New Opportunities for Better User Group Software
- **CHES**: Cryptographic Hardware and Embedded Systems
- **SAC**: Selected Areas in Cryptography
- Tango Meeting

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Updated by RFC 5246.



A. Jivsov, “Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) in OpenPGP.” RFC 6637 (Proposed Standard), June 2012.



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