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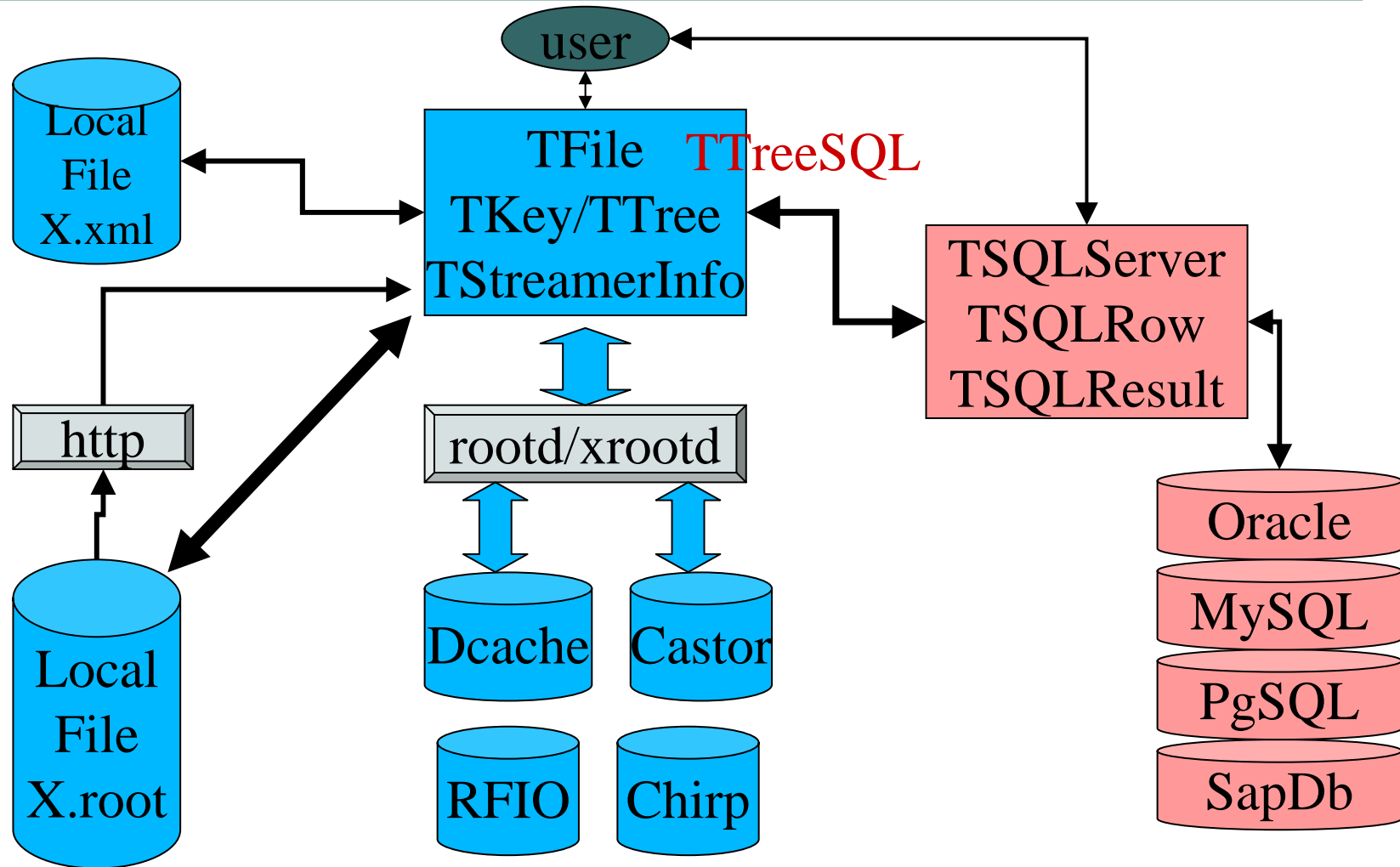
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New RDBMS interface: Goals

- Access any RDBMS tables from TTree::Draw

- Create a TTree in split mode
  - ➔ creating a RDBMS table and filling it.
- The table can be processed by SQL directly.
- The interface uses the normal I/O engine
  - including support for Automatic Schema Evolution.

- Convergence between *RAL* interface and the TSQL interfaces

File types & Access in 5.04/xx

TTree with SQL database back-end

- Uploaded in CVS repository of first version of TTreeSQL
  - support the TTree containing branches created using a leaf list (eg. hsimple.C).

```
ntuple->Branch("main",&mytest,"px/D:py/F:pz:random:i/I:c/B");
ntuple->Branch("string",(void*)str,"str/C");
```

- Add an interface to read the proper TTree object depending on the backend
  - Something like TTree::Open using the Plugin Manager
- Extend TTreeSQL to support TBranchElement
- Implement proper schema evolution support
  - The main design problem is how to save/retrieve the TProcessID/TStreamerInfo.
  - One possibility is to use the same mechanism currently in use in TXMLFile

TTreeSQL Syntax

- Currently:
  - ROOT:

```
TFile *file = new TFile("simple.root","RECREATE");
TTree *tree; file->GetObject("ntuple",tree);
```

  - MySQL:

```
TSQLServer*dbserver = TSQLServer::Connect("mysql://…",db,user,passwd);
TTree *tree = new TTreeSQL(dbserver,"rootDev","ntuple");
```

- Coming up:

```
TTree *tree = TTree::Open("root:/simple.root/ntuple");
```

```
TTree *tree = TTree::Open("mysql://host../rootDev/ntuple");
```

Support for **TBranchElement**

- Will add the creation of auxiliary tables
  - table of TStreamerInfos
- Will add support for 'blob' data field to support unsplit object.
- Will need support for 'collection'
  - either by using additional 'linked' tables
  - either by using 'blob' data field

TTreeSQL Optimization

- On a simple test with a local MySQL database:
  - Reading is 5x slower than with ROOT I/O
  - Writing is functional but requires significant optimization of the code.

- Current implementation of the SQL communication (text oriented) could be greatly improved.
  - Could use some expertise in MySQL and odbc (to reinvigorate RDBC)

TTree Draw

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TTree::Scan extensions

```
tree->Scan("a:b:c","","colsize=30 precision=3 col=::20.10");
```

- The output of TTree::Scan can now be customized via the 3rd argument
- Column size:
  - The default is 9 characters
  - It can be modified with "**colsize=ss**" where ss is the new size
- Floating point precision:
  - The default is 9 digits
  - It can be modified with "**precision=p**"
- Individual columns:
  - The size of each columns can be specified via "**col=xxx**"
  - Where 'xxx' is colon (:) delimited list of printing format for each column if no format is specified for a column, the default is
- Array elements
  - The number of array values printed per events can be restricted using "**lenmax=dd**" where 'dd' is the number of element printed

Looking at the Tree

```
myTree->Scan("fEvtHdr.fDate:fNtrack:fPx:fPy","",
    "colsize=13 precision=3 col=13:7::15.10");


************************************************************************************
* Row * Instance * fEvtHdr.fDate * fNtrack *           fPx *              fPy *
************************************************************************************
*    0 *        0 *        960312 *     594 *          2.07 *    1.459911346 *
*    0 *        1 *        960312 *     594 *         0.903 *  -0.4093382061 *
*    0 *        2 *        960312 *     594 *         0.696 *   0.3913401663 *
*    0 *        3 *        960312 *     594 *        -0.638 *    1.244356871 *
*    0 *        4 *        960312 *     594 *        -0.556 *  -0.7361358404 *
*    0 *        5 *        960312 *     594 *         -1.57 *  -0.3049036264 *
*    0 *        6 *        960312 *     594 *        0.0425 *  -1.006743073 *
*    0 *        7 *        960312 *     594 *          -0.6 *  -1.895804524 *
```

TTree::Draw extensions

- ## @ notation

```
tree->Draw("event.fTracks.size()");  // Size of the tracks
tree->Draw("event.@fTracks.size()"); // Number of tracks
```

- ## Sum$

  - Return the sum of the value of the elements of the formula given as a parameter.

```
tree->Draw("Sum$(formula)/Length$(formula)");
// Histo of the mean of 'formula' in each event
```

- ## Allow more cases of branch names

  - The TFormula parsing was improved to allow the branch names to contain class template names (aka myclass<int,double>)

TTree::Draw extensions

- TTree::Draw can call any function or member function which takes numerical arguments:

```
tree->Draw("TMath::Abs(event.fH.GetMean())");
```

- TTree::Draw can execute scripts in a context where the name of the branches can be used as a C++ variable.

```
// File hsimple.C
double hsimple()
{
   return px
};
```

```
// File track.C
double track()
{
   int ntrack = event->GetNTracks();
   if (ntrack>2) {
     return fTracks.fPy[2];
   }
   return 0;
};
```

```
tree->Draw("hsimple.C");
```
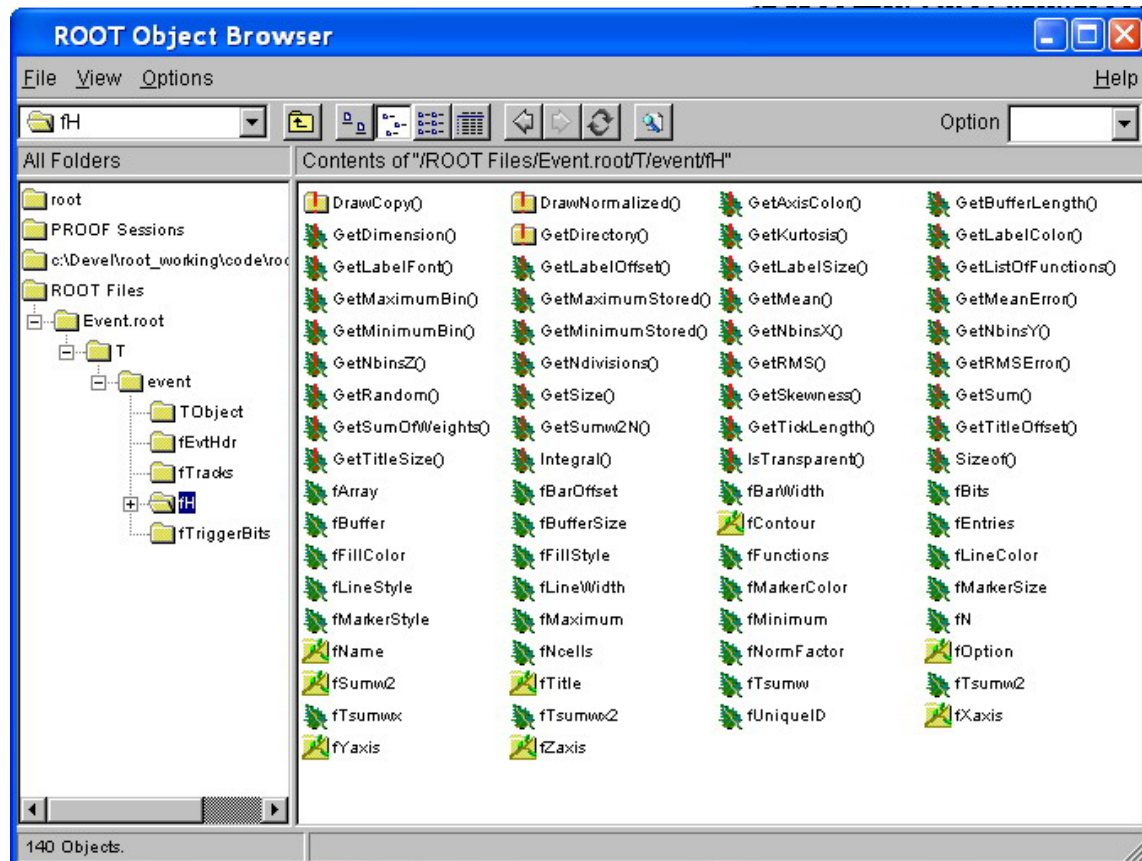
```
tree->Draw("track.C");
```

TTree::MakeProxy

- Enables `tree->Draw("hsimple.C");`

- Generates a skeleton analysis class inheriting from TSelector and using TBranchProxy.
    - TBranchProxy is the base class of a hierarchy implementing an indirect access to the content of the branches of a TTree.

- Main Features:
    - **on-demand** loading of branches
    - ability to use the 'branchname' as if it was a data member
    - protection against array out-of-bound
    - ability to use the branch data as an **object** (when the user code is available)
    - Gives access to all the functionality of TSelector

- Example in $ROOTSYS/tutorials:
  h1analysisProxy.cxx , h1analysisProxy.h and h1analysisProxyCut.C

TFormula Optimizations

- New implementation of the executor part of TFormula

  - Combines or replaces multiple operations by a single indirect function call.

  - Pre-calculate constant expressions

  - minimizes the size of the existing switch

- This result in a significant speed-up of the execution

  - Especially noticeable if used for minimization

Browsing extension

- Can now Browse:
  - Split objects
  - Unsplit objects
  - Collections

- And can now see
  - Simple member functions
  - Transient members
  - Persistent members

Upcoming Features

- Main focus: References
  - Will implement a TVirtualRefProxy providing a generic interface for reference objects (including *GetObject, GetObjectType*). This will be used by TTree::Draw to be able to dereference TRefs and pool::ref
- MakeProxy
  - Add support for STL containers
  - Add support for CINT-interpretation
- I/O
  - Variable size array of 'Foreign' Object: `Obj *fArr; //[n]`
- TTree
  - Indexing using bitmap algorithm (TBitMapIndex) from LBL (See John Wu's talk)