

# Control Software (CAT)

Introduction  
USB Interface implementation

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# Introduction (I)

- LHCb uses PVSS for the control of the experiment
  - PVSS cannot rapidly control/monitor/run the electronics directly (slow)
- CAT is a software to
  - Configure our electronics
  - Monitor the electronics behaviour
  - Run automatized sequences (processes)
- CAT depends on other softwares
  - Which are LHCb standards
    - CMT (package management)
    - ROOT
    - (Python)
  - And graphical packages
    - WxWidgets (wxPython)
- CAT is made of two executables
  - A text program
  - A graphical interface

# Introduction (II)

- What you need to / can do
  - Define your electronics (text file)
  - Configure it
    - You can apply configuration parameters to your electronics
      - SPECS
      - USB (see below)
    - You can read back the configuration
    - You may perform the configuration from a configuration file (text)
  - Run programs on the electronics
    - An automatic sequence is chosen and launched involving your electronics and the different protocols it requires (SPECS, USB)
    - You may define plots to store the information during the processing
  - CAT may show the results on a graphical windows
    - Useful for a rapid diagnostic / result
  - The data may be stored in directories (named from run numbers) for
    - archiving
    - Detailed analysis of the data
    - This last part is the one that uses ROOT (analysis framework)

# Text interface

```
716:~/LHCb/PyCAT/CAT/v1$ python -i python/cat.py -s
ProcDataBase      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:06:43 2010 Building Processus DataBase.
Thu Apr 29 16:06:43 2010
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Application running on frederic@nb-machefert2 (Linux - 2.6.31-20-generic)
Application:loadHistor... INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:06:43 2010 Recovering last run number : 78
nb-machefert2[Computer] > 
```



You can enter your commands here

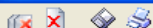


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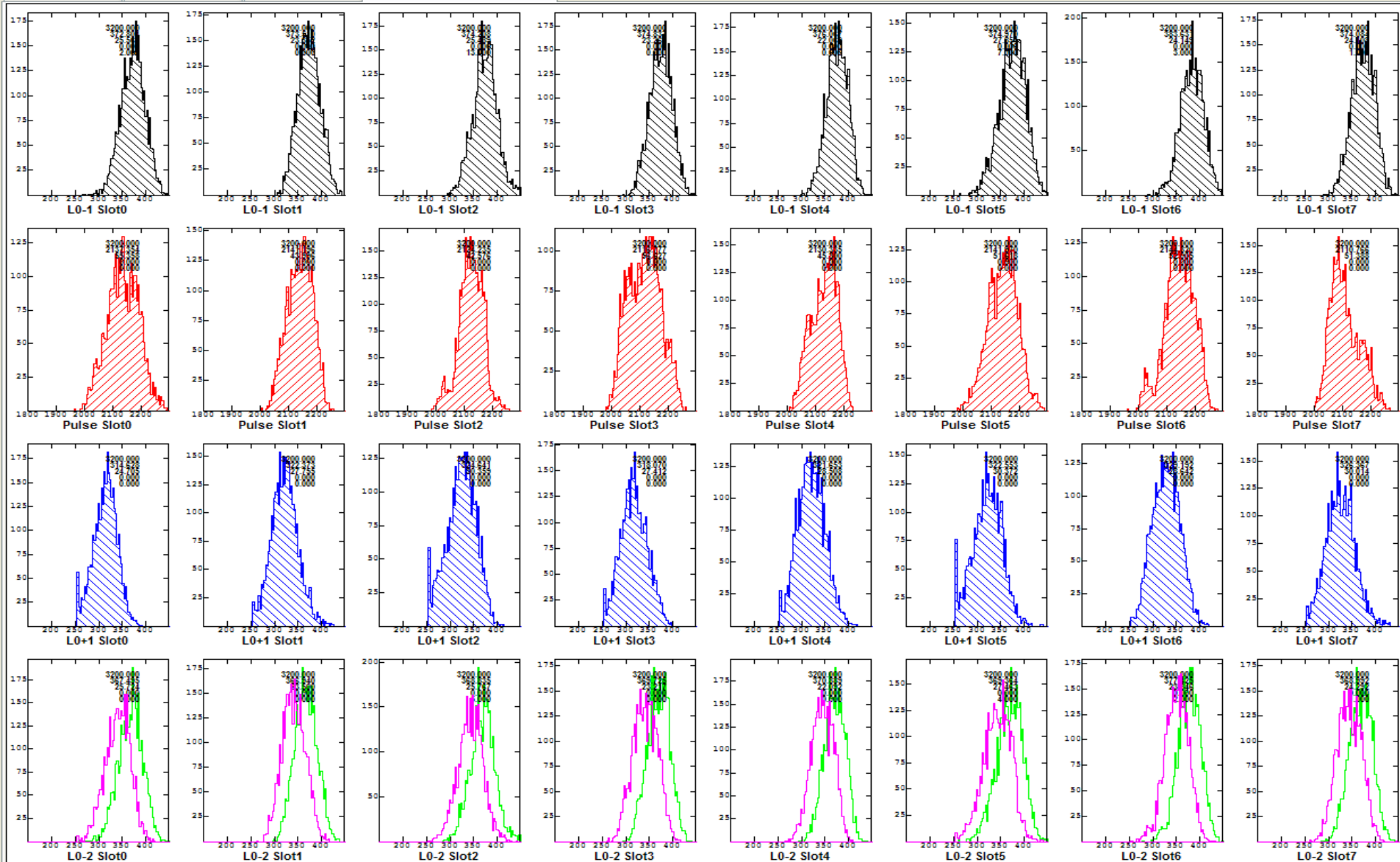
# Graphical interface (II)

CAT Graphic



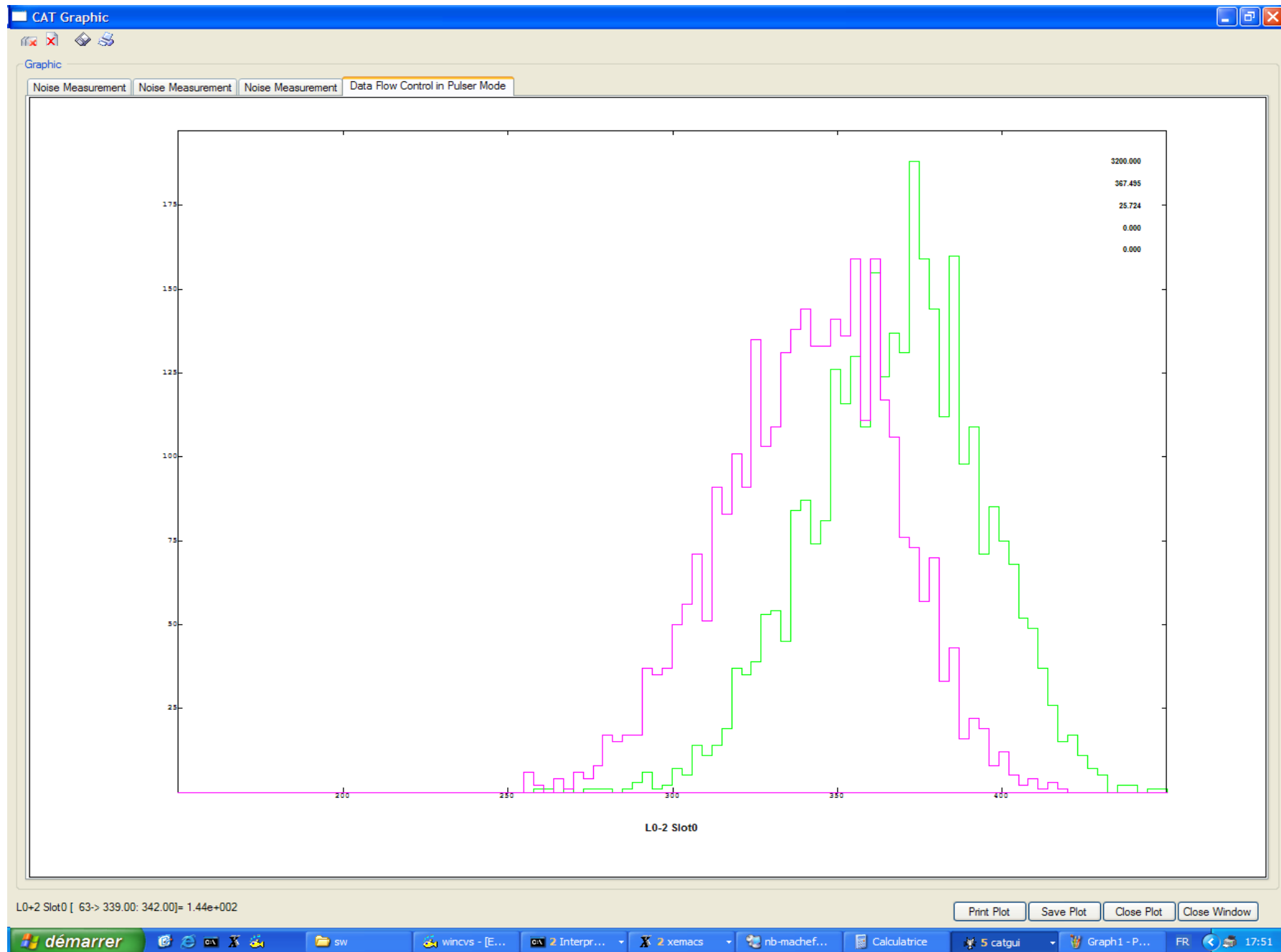
Graphic

Noise Measurement Noise Measurement Noise Measurement Data Flow Control in Pulsar Mode



Print Plot Save Plot Close Plot Close Window

# Graphical Interface (III)



# Recent evolution of CAT

- CAT works well
  - but...
  - CAT was missing a USB interface
  - CAT interpreter is hard-coded
    - This is not flexible
    - This was hard to code
      - Could result in crash dump when users was making a “syntax error”
    - Could not perform any simple operation in the interpreter
      - “arithmetic” ( $2+2=4$ ), “If” type conditions
  - CAT is heavy
    - The program (executable) uses everything
    - Includes the libraries coded by all the other groups
    - ... and the bugs of all the groups
- I tried to resolve those problems in a new version
  - USB interface... see after
  - Interpreter → the new version of CAT is based on the python interpreter
    - Far easier for the person who codes (the interface is given for free)
  - Weight → new version is based on dynamic library loading
    - You include only what you need



# USB Interfacing (I)





# USB Interfacing (II)





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## Write/Read using the interpreter

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This time an automatized Run was launched :

- 256 bytes
- 1000 read/write Op.
- ~3s

- You can store “ntuple”
- To analyse “online” from the interpreter



# USB Interfacing (I)

```
C16:17:54 to the device with Serial Number Wilky_05
Opened with handle : 0983D990 - internal ID : 1
*****
UsbFTInterface::init      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:20 2010 Device opened with UsbId 1.
Latency timer : 2 ms
Device type : FT2XXBM
Device : Carte Test_Wilky
Serial : Wilky_05
Rx Queue : 0 bytes left
Tx Queue : 0 bytes left
Errors : 0

UsbFTInterface::init      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:20 2010 Usb device initialization done.

Receiving data from EEPROM...Ok

UsbFTInterface::init      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:20 2010 EPROM data :
UsbFTInterface::init      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:20 2010 Device Description -> Carte Test_Wilky
UsbFTInterface::init      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:20 2010 Serial Number -> Wilky_05
<libCATKernel.StatusCode object at 0x98163ac>
usb-machefert2[Computer] > cd("usb")
usb[UsbFTInterface] > p=proc("UsbFTInterfaceTest")
usb[UsbFTInterface] > p.setAddress(8)
<libCATKernel.StatusCode object at 0x9816374>
usb[UsbFTInterface] > p.setParam(64,100.,20.) # 64 mots de 32 bits - mean=100 - sigma=20
<libCATKernel.StatusCode object at 0x98163ac>
usb[UsbFTInterface] > cat.run("UsbFTInterfaceTest",obj(),1000)
cd: 1: can't cd to data/Run_85
Application::makeDir      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:27 2010 Directory data/Run_85 created.
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:27 2010 =====
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:27 2010 * UsbFTInterfaceTest *
Application::loop        INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 [Processing evt 1000]
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 -----
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Processed Run Number      : 85
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Number of events processed : 1000
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Number of Errors          : 0
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Number of App errors      : 0
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Elapsed time              : 1.050000
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 -----
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Number of data streams : 4
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 ( 0 ) TimeWrite -                      Time to write (    1000)
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 ( 1 ) TimeRead -                      Time to read (    1000)
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 ( 2 ) valueWrite -                    Error - Written values (    0)
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 ( 3 ) valueRead -                     Error - Read values (    0)
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 -----
Application::svcRunning  INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:31 2010 Processus UsbFTInterfaceTest 'UsbFTInterface test' completed [1000 events]
<libCATKernel.StatusCode object at 0x981648c>
usb[UsbFTInterface] > p.setParam(68,100.,20.)
<libCATKernel.StatusCode object at 0x9816454>
usb[UsbFTInterface] > cat.run("UsbFTInterfaceTest",obj(),1)
cd: 1: can't cd to data/Run_86
Application::makeDir      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Directory data/Run_86 created.
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 =====
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 * UsbFTInterfaceTest *
UsbFTInterface:usbWri... WARNING Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 256 byte(s) written on USB interface usb out of 272 bytes to be sent.
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 -----
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Processed Run Number      : 86
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Number of events processed : 1
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Number of Errors          : 0
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Number of App errors      : 0
finalize                INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Elapsed time              : 0.000000
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 -----
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Number of data streams : 4
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 ( 0 ) TimeWrite -                      Time to write (     1)
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 ( 1 ) TimeRead -                      Time to read (     1)
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 ( 2 ) valueWrite -                    Error - Written values (    0)
Data::print             INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 ( 3 ) valueRead -                     Error - Read values (    0)
UsbFTInterfaceTest      INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 -----
Application::svcRunning  INFO      Thu Apr 29 16:16:56 2010 Processus UsbFTInterfaceTest 'UsbFTInterface test' completed [1 events]
<libCATKernel.StatusCode object at 0x9816374>
usb[UsbFTInterface] >
```

Using the interpreter it is  
Easy to tune a processus

Here I ask to read 272 bytes

I tried to write more  
Than 256 in a frame

# Test Sequence Initialisation

- CAT is made to be as simply as possible for the user
- Each Sequence is divided in three steps
  - Initialisation
  - Execution
  - termination

Open the root file

```

36 //=====
37 StatusCode UsbFTInterfaceTest::initialize ( ) {
38     openRootFile ();
39     m_write=new TH1D( "Write" , "Write" , 32 , 0. , 256. );
40     m_read =new TH1D( "Read" , "Read" , 32 , 0. , 256. );
41     m_error=new TH1D( "Error" , "Error" , 32 , 0. , 256. );
42     m_rnd =new TRandom();
43     addDataStream("TimeWrite","Time to write");
44     addDataStream("TimeRead","Time to read");
45     addDataStream("valueWrite","Error - Written values");
46     addDataStream("valueRead","Error - Read values");
47     return StatusCode::SUCCESS;
48 }
49
50 //=====

```

Define Histo

Define data to be stored (vectors)

# Test Sequence execution

```
51 // Virtual function execute
52 //=====
53 StatusCode UsbFTInterfaceTest::execute ( ) {
54
55     // prepare vector to be written
56     std::vector<U32> write,read;
57     write.reserve(m_size);
58     read.reserve(m_size);
59     for (unsigned int i=0; i<m_size; ++i){
60         write.push_back((int)((U32)(m_rnd->Gaus(m_mean,m_sigma))));
61     }
62
63     // fetch the usb interface
64     UsbFTInterface *usb=dynamic_cast<UsbFTInterface*>( element() );
65     usb->setWordSize(UsbFTInterface::WS_DWord);
66
67     // write / read and measure times
68     float tw,tr;
69     clock_t start;
70     start=clock();
71     usb->usbWrite(m_address,write);
72     tw=elapsedTime(start);
73     start=clock();
74     usb->usbRead(m_address,m_size,read);
75     tr=elapsedTime(start);
76
77     dataFill("TimeWrite",tw);
78     dataFill("TimeRead",tr);
79
80     // store values and check errors
81     float w,r;
82     for (unsigned int i=0; i<m_size; ++i){
83         w=write[i];
84         r=read[i];
85         m_write->Fill(w);
86         m_read->Fill(r);
87         if (w!=r){
88             m_error->Fill(w);
89             dataFill("ValuesWrite",w);
90             dataFill("ValuesRead",r);
91         }
92     }
93     return StatusCode::SUCCESS;
94 }
```

Usb interfacing

Store the parameters you want to keep

Fill the histograms

The rest is what you want you code to do...

# Test Sequence Termination

- You may use this part for
  - Specific printout
  - Evaluating counters on the run
  - Etc...
- But the rest is done for you

Close the Root file  
Will soon disappear → done for you)

```
//=====
//  Virtual function finalize
//=====
StatusCode UsbFTInterfaceTest::finalize ( ) {
    // Plot settings
    closeRootFile(); // Deletes the histos -> do not make it yourself !!!
    return StatusCode::SUCCESS;
}
```

- [illegible]

# Conclusion

- CAT is already extensively used and works well
  - I am ready to give a hand to install it on any system
- I started to work on a new version
- The USB interfacing exists both in the old and the new version
  - Don't have to wait to start working
- The graphical interface of the new version is still preliminary
  - No specific difficulties (time...)
  - Should permit the user to make simpler graphical interfaces
- The python interpreter works well
  - Allows a direct access from the interpreter to ALL the C++ commands
  - Don't need to “code” your own interpreter (was a nightmare)
- The USB interface works fine in Linux
  - It should work on windows...
    - But I still experience some difficulties (rapid attempt)