CAT Control Software

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Introduction

Purpose

- Control the electronics (configuration)
- Run acquisition tasks in different conditions to test the electronics
  - noise
  - resolution
  - timing studies
  - spill over
  - bit error rate
  - ...
- Be able to integrate in the same test several systems (Front-End, control board, TVB, ...)
- Be user friendly
  - Do not duplicate work : e.g. USB/Specs interfaces written once for all (stored in a library that you simply load at run time)
  - Graphical interface
  - Plotting capabilities to show results online (save and print graphs)
  - Efficient data storage (ROOT)
  - User may integrate the code for his own electronics easily (by creating a loadable external library)
  - Having an easy to use and powerful command interpreter (python)

Presentation of CAT

Cat

Language:

- C++
- Python (user interfacing)

Uses public software:

- ROOT (Data storage - standard in HEP)
- C++ and Python (standard languages)
- wxPython (graphical package for python)
- Boost (wrapping of C++ in Python, C++ functions of the libraries fully accessible from python)

Works on the 2 platforms

- Linux
- Windows (not competed yet)

The new version

Problems of the previous version

The new version is a re-writing of the version presently used at the pit.
Purpose was to get rid of 2 problems:

1. User command interface was "home-made"
   - It was very painful to code (every instruction was "hard-coded")
   - Not very efficient (could only do what was indeed coded)
   - A typing error could lead to *"segmentation fault"*
2. A private user package had to be integrated by ALL the users
   - User had to include everything in its copy
   - A bug in a small piece of code of a user could prevent everyone from working
   - Could not easily have several versions of a package for test purpose

Solutions

1. Replace the "home-made" command interface by the python interface
   - All python instructions are available (loops, conditions, etc...)
   - The Cat C++ code is interfaced with python (wrapping)
     All C++ functions accessible from the python command prompt (act on the electronics)
   - Convenient functions defined to make the commands unix-like (pwd(), cd(), ls(), tree(), ...)
2. A single compulsory library is needed at the beginning (CatKernel)
   - You load what you need by calling the requested libraries
   - A library is bug? Don't load it at run time or pick-up the previous version.

Running the program

```
505:~/LHCb/Cat$ felix
[CMTPATH definition]
[CMTCONFIG definition]
[Python path]
[BOOST python]
[ROOT definition]
[SPECSLib definition]
[USB port definition - ubuntu]
[USB interface]
Linux system
ProcDataBase              INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010 Building Processus DataBase.
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *********************************************
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *             C     A     T             *
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Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *         |\-''-/|.___..--''"`-._        *
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *         `6_ 6  )   `-.  (     ).`-.__.`)   *
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Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *       _..`--'_..-_  /_ /--'_.' ,'         *
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *    (il),-''  (li),' ((!.-'                *
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010                          *********************************************
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010
Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010 Application running on frederic@nb-machefert2 (Linux - 2.6.32-25-generic)
Application:loadHistor... INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:14 2010 Recovering last run number : 448
nb-machefert2[Computer] > load("Tutorial1.py")
DLLMgr::load              INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Loading dll CatCore.
CatCore                   INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Symbols found in dll CatCore: 6 Element(s) - 1 Processus.
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 ================================================================================
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Element                 Description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010             SpecsElement                                  Generic Specs Element
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010                SpecsI2c                                  Specs I2c bus element
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010          SpecsParallelBus                           Specs parallel bus element
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010              SpecsMaster                 Specs Master interface description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010               SpecsSlave                  Specs Slave interface description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010           UsbFTInterface                    USB FT245 interface description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 ================================================================================
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Processus               Target Type
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010        UsbFTInterfaceTest          UsbFTInterface
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 ================================================================================
DLLMgr::load              INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Loading dll CatCalo.
CatCalo                   INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Symbols found in dll CatCalo: 2 Element(s) - 2 Processus.
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 ================================================================================
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Element                 Description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010                   Croc                                    Croc Board description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010                 Phaser                                   Delay Chip description
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 ================================================================================
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 Processus               Target Type
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010             Acquisition                 UNKNOWN
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010          PhaserRampExec                  Phaser
DLL::print                INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:56:23 2010 ================================================================================
nb-machefert2
croc[Croc] >
```

Script example : electronics definition

```
>from libCatCore import *
>from libCatCalo import *
>loadDll("CatCore")
>loadDll("CatCalo")
>
>opts().setLogOutputLevel(MsgLevel.VERBOSE)
>opts().setLogStorage(False)
>opts().setStoragePath("data")
>opts().setDataStorage(True)
>
>
>cd("")
>create("master","SpecsMaster")
>create("slave","SpecsSlave")
>create("bus","SpecsParallelBus")
>cd("/master/slave")
>create("i2c","SpecsI2c")
>create("phaser","Phaser")
>cd("/master")
>create("croc","Croc")
```

```
Import needed libraries (USB + Calo)
in python
and in C++
.
.
Modify the program options
Do not store log output in a file
Store output in "data" directory
Store data produced on disk
.
Build Electronics hierarchy
Go to the top (the computer itself)
Create a SpecsMaster (in computer)
Create a SpecsSlave (in master)
Create a parallel bus (on slave)
Go back to the slace
Create the i2c bus
Connect a delay chip (i2c)
Go back the master
Connect a CROC (includes everything)
```

Tutorial-1a.py

Tutorial-1b.py

Running a task

The computer is always defined (in the CatKernel library)

You can run a program on the computer (100 events)

```
>run("TestSuite","/computer",100)
```

or

```
>cd()
>run("TestSuite",obj(),100)
```

Running the USB interface

Defining a USB hardware:

```
>cd()
>create("usb","UsbFTInterface")
>usb=cat.computer().child("usb")
>usb.setSerialNum("Wilky_05")
>usb.setDeviceDesc("Carte Test_Wilky")
>usb.init()
>usb.setWordSize(WordSize.U32)
```

Making a simply test in a python script

```
>r=[]
>w=range(int('12345678',16),int('12345678',16)+10)
>r=[]
>usb.write(8,w)
>usb.read(8,10,r)
>print w
>print r
```

Tutorial-2a.py
Tutorial-2b.py

Running a program on the hardware

Running an automatic program (100 events)

```
>p=proc("UsbFTInterfaceTest")
>p.setAddress(8) # define the fifo address where to write/read
>p.setParam(64,100.,20.)  # 64 mots - mean=100 - sigma=20
>run(“UsbFTinterfaceTest”,usb,100)
```

Tutorial3.py

```
Application::makeDir      INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Directory /home/frederic/LHCb/Cat/data/Run_447 created.
UsbFTInterfaceTest        INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 ================================================================================
UsbFTInterfaceTest        INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010    * UsbFTInterfaceTest *
UsbFTInterfaceTest        INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 --------------------------------------------------------------------------------
finalize                  INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Processed Run Number       : 447
finalize                  INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Number of events processed : 100
finalize                  INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Number of Errors           : 0
finalize                  INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Number of App errors       : 0
finalize                  INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Elapsed time              : 0.050000
UsbFTInterfaceTest        INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 --------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Number of data streams : 5
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010  (  0)      Write -                          Written values (    6400)
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010  (  1) ErrorWrite -          Error - Written values if Error (       0)
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010  (  2)  ErrorRead -             Error - Read values if Error (       0)
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010  (  3)  TimeWrite -                            Time to write (     100)
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010  (  4)   TimeRead -                             Time to read (     100)
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Number of 1D histograms : 0
Data::print               INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Number of 2D histograms : 0
UsbFTInterfaceTest        INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 --------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Application::svcRunning   INFO    Fri Oct  1 15:17:50 2010 Processus UsbFTInterfaceTest 'UsbFTInterface test' completed [100 events]
usb[UsbFTInterface] >
```

Plotting from the command mode

Data storage is coded in the C++

- they can be looked at with root (external session)
- But the data are directly accessible from the python shell

Fast plot capabilities

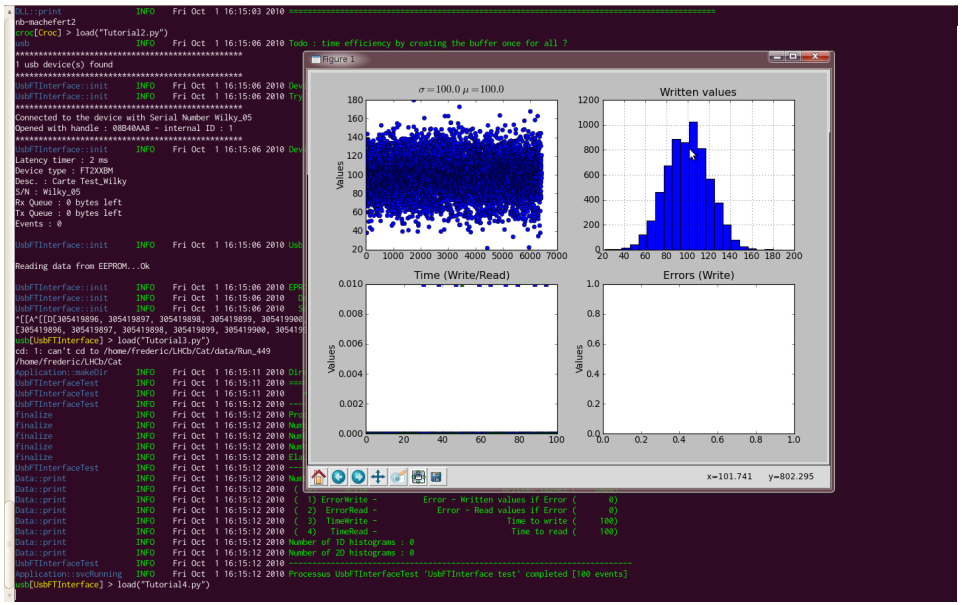
```
>import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
>p=proc("UsbFTInterfaceTest")
>plt.subplot(2,2,1) plt.plot(p.data(0), 'bo') plt.title(r'$\sigma='+str(p.sigma())+'\
\mu='+str(p.mean())+'$') plt.ylabel('Values')
>plt.subplot(2,2,2) plt.hist(p.data().vector(0), 20) plt.title(p.data().title(0))
plt.grid(True)
>plt.subplot(2,2,3) plt.plot(p.data(3), 'bs', p.data(4), 'g^') plt.title(r'Time
(Write/Read)') plt.ylabel('Values')
>plt.subplot(2,2,4) plt.plot(p.data(1), 'k') plt.title(r'Errors (Write)')
plt.ylabel('Values')
>plt.show()
```

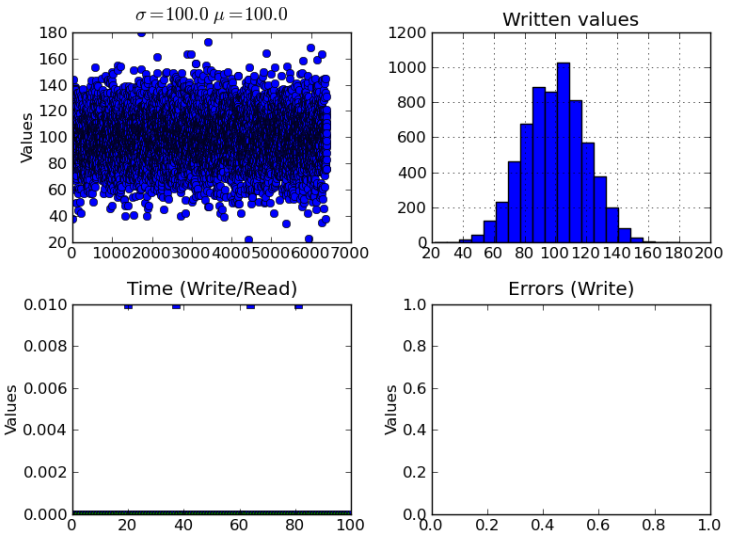
Tutorial4.py

Plots

Plots may be

- saved
- printed
- zoomed
- Text can be written on plot in latex mode





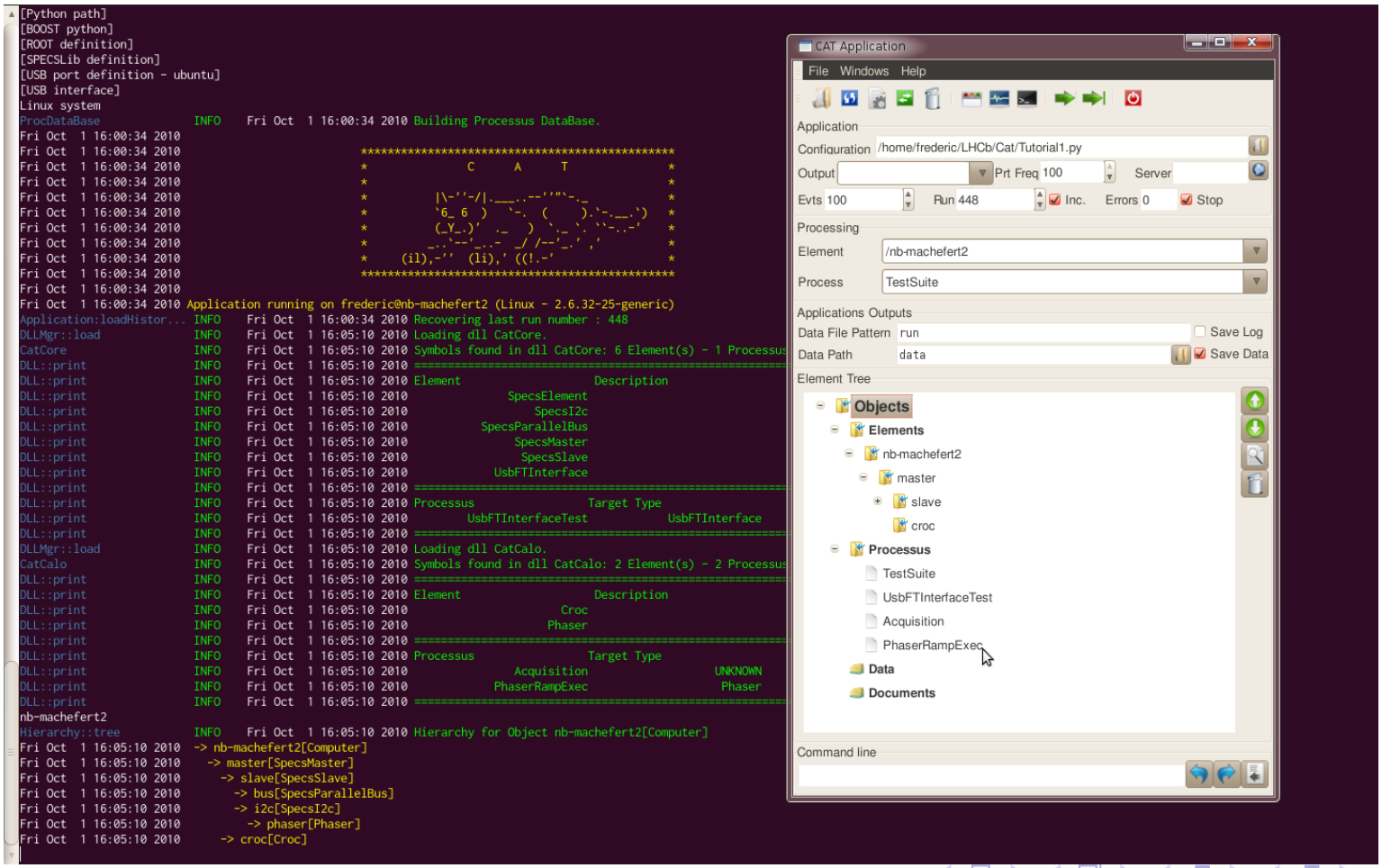
Graphical Interface : loading a script

The graphical interface of cat uses the previous program (runs on top of it)

- load the same scripts

The log output appears in the background

The main configurations parameters are accessible from the graphical interface



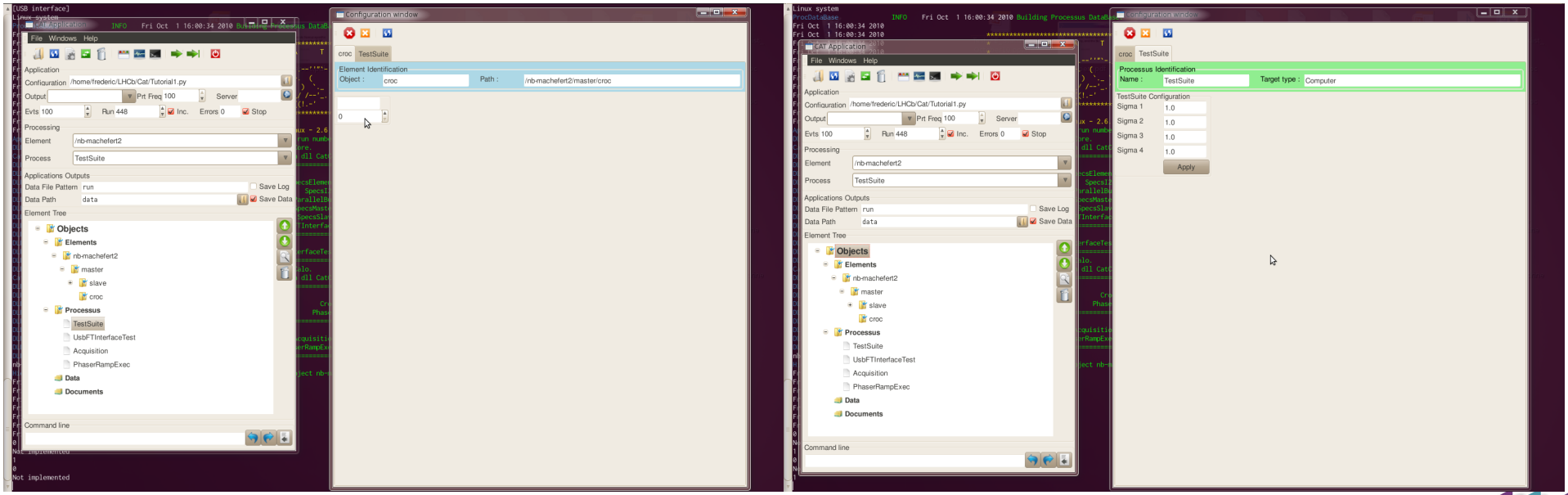
Editing the Hardware/Programs

It is possible to edit both the electronics and the programs with specific panels.

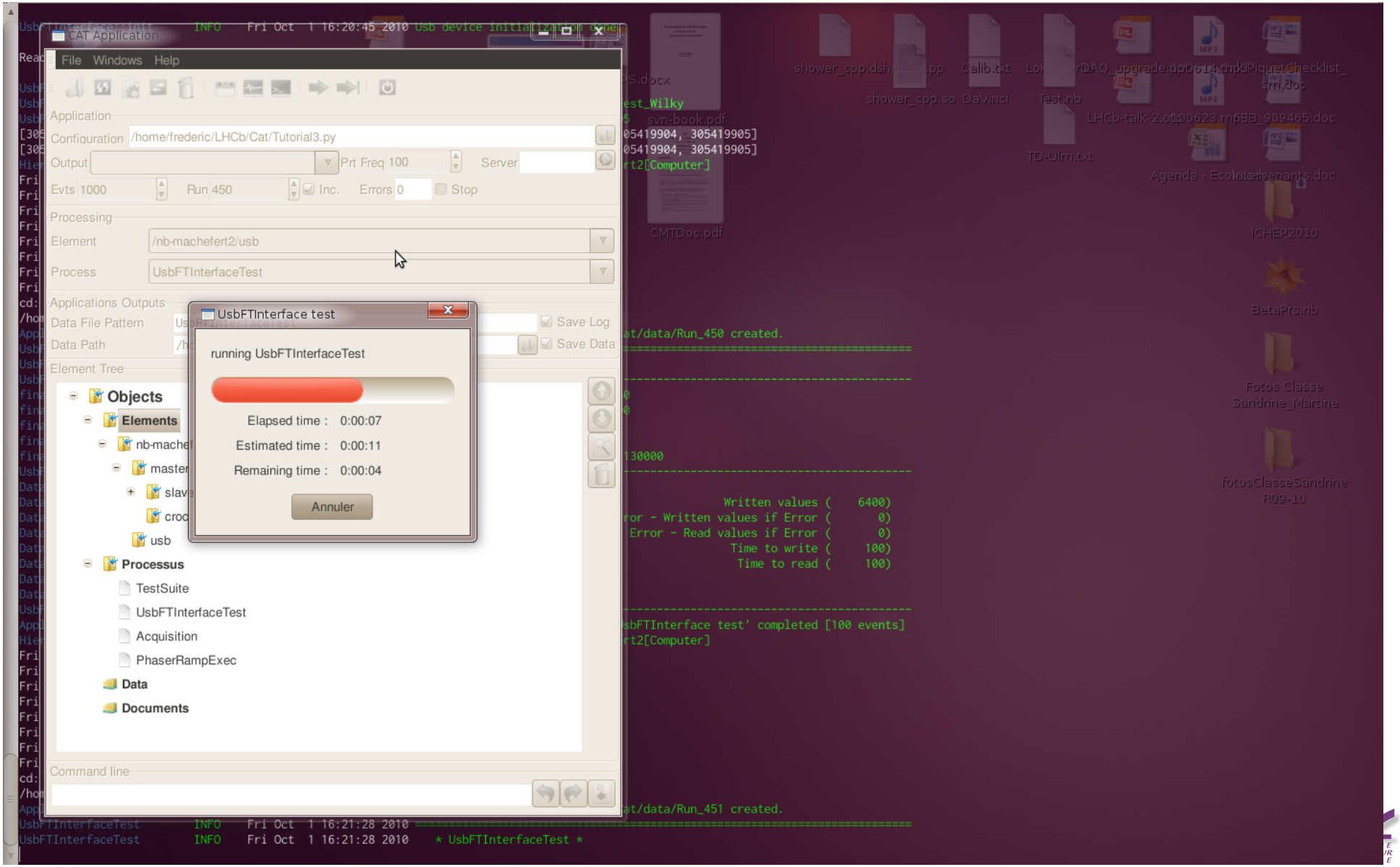
- Previous version of Cat could only configure the hardware through the graphical windows (had to use the command line)

The panels are easy to make

- a graphical tool can be used to make them
- none is defined yet, I simply made a few rudimentary examples (see below)

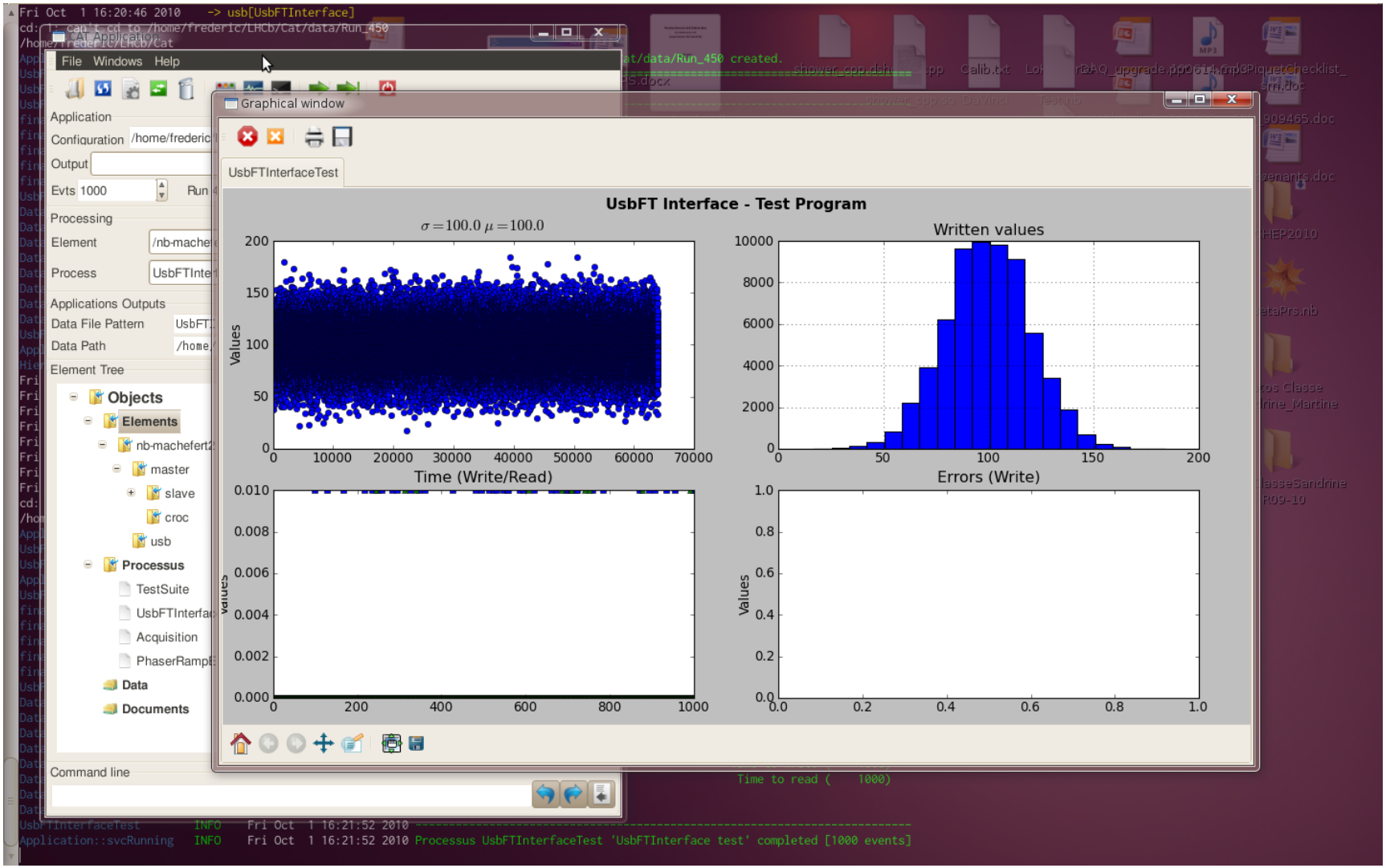


Running a program



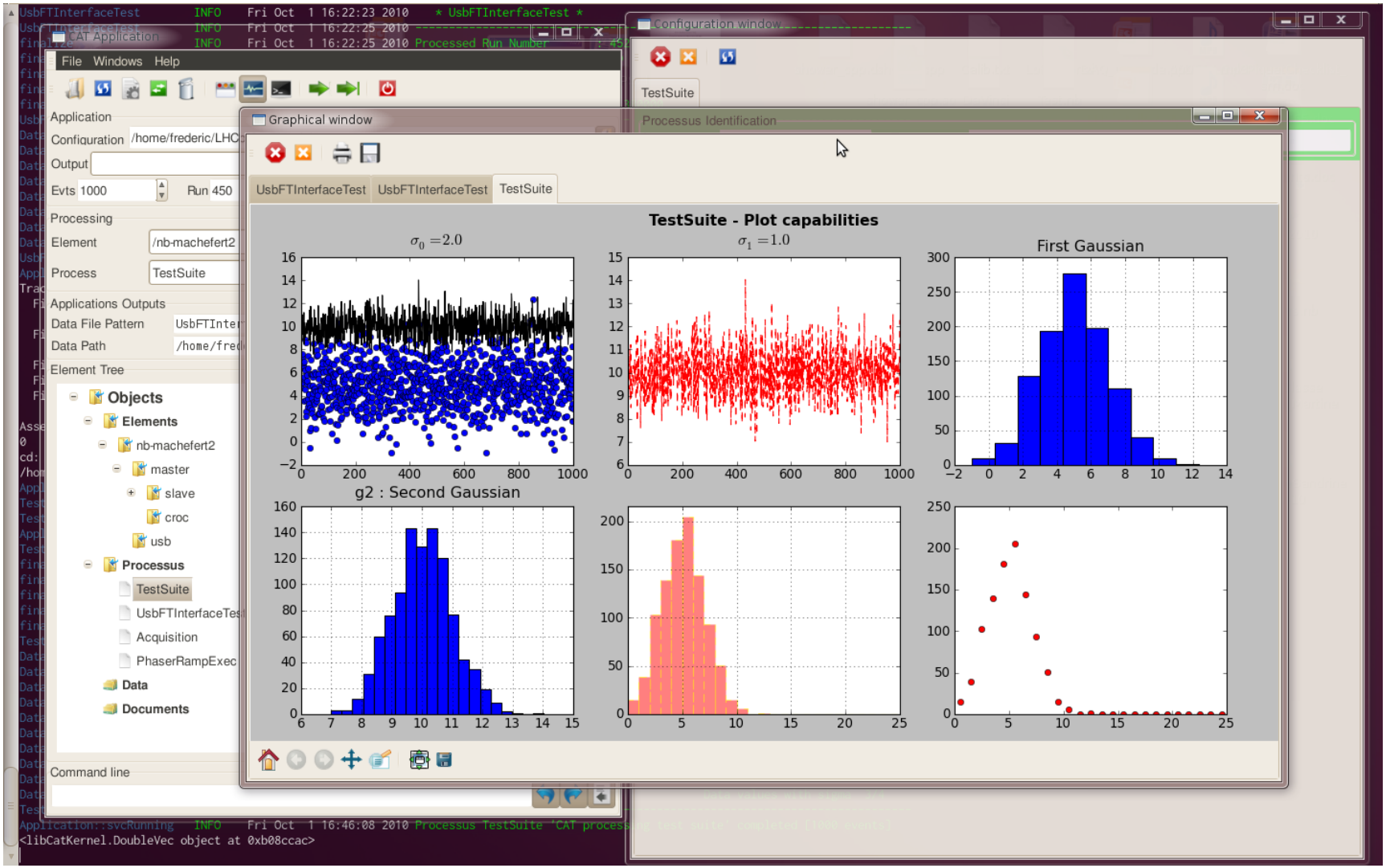
Getting the results

A plot window pops up when a program ends and is supposed to plot anything.



Keep track of the history

The results appear in a new tab of the plot window → keep track of the previous results.



Conclusion

- Cat is fully usable
- Some functionalities have not been fully implemented
  - Networking (access from the network - DIM server)
- Windows compatibility should not be a problem
  - did not spend much time on it
- The program should be accessible from a svn repository
  - but the Cat program is not enough to have it functional
    - Python
    - C++ compiler
    - Boost
    - ROOT
    - wxWidgets
  - These are all free and "standard" software
  - But they have to be installed on your computer first
- We started to work on the usb interface on the first prototype at LAL