

# Legacy code overview

mesoSPIM Control software

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Currently, everything is in one big file to avoid the messiness of relative imports

TODO: CHANGE

`class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM_control.Script_Repository` [\[source\]](#)

Bases: `PyQt5.QtCore.QObject`

Class that contains scripts.

Things should be written in here using the mutex.

`class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM_control.mesoSPIM_Camera` [\[source\]](#)

Bases: `PyQt5.QtCore.QObject`

Class for the Hamamatsu Camera

Will run in its own thread

`add_images_to_stack()` [\[source\]](#)

`end_stack()` [\[source\]](#)

`frame`

`live()` [\[source\]](#)

camera running in live mode

`prepare_stack()` [\[source\]](#)

`set_exposure_time()` [\[source\]](#)

`set_line_interval()` [\[source\]](#)

`status`

`stop()` [\[source\]](#)

`class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM_control.mesoSPIM_Core(config)` [\[source\]](#)

Bases: `PyQt5.QtCore.QObject`

The mesoSPIM core takes care of all interactions with NI hardware and is thus the pacemaker of the microscope (responsible for synchronizing all digital and analog outs).

TODO: In the future, the core will take care of script execution as well.

`bundle_galvo_and_etl_waveforms()` [\[source\]](#)

Stacks the Galvo and ETL waveforms into a numpy array adequate for the NI cards.

In here, the assignment of output channels of the Galvo / ETL card to the corresponding output channel is hardcoded:  
This could be improved.

`calculate_number_of_stack_planes(start_z, end_z, stepsize)` [\[source\]](#)

Returns the number of planes

Uses `int()` to round down to the nearest integer.

`close_image_series()` [\[source\]](#)

Cleans up after series without waveform update

**close\_shutters()** [\[source\]](#)

**close\_tasks()** [\[source\]](#)

Closes the tasks for triggering, analog and counter outputs.

Tasks should only be closed are they are stopped.

**create\_filename()** [\[source\]](#)

**create\_tasks()** [\[source\]](#)

Creates a total of four tasks for the mesoSPIM:

These are: - the master trigger task, a digital out task that only provides a trigger pulse for the others - the camera trigger task, a counter task that triggers the camera in lightsheet mode - the galvo task (analog out) that controls the left & right galvos for creation of

the light-sheet and shadow avoidance

- the ETL & Laser task (analog out) that controls all the laser intensities (Laser should only be on when the camera is acquiring) and the left/right ETL waveforms

**execute\_script()** [\[source\]](#)

Execute script

The script QMutex is locked to avoid the script being changed while there is an execution happening.

Using the traceback module to provide decent exception messages when script execution fails.

**lightsheet\_alignment\_mode()** [\[source\]](#)

Switches shutters after each image to allow coalignment of both lightsheets

**live()** [\[source\]](#)

**move\_absolute(dict, wait\_until\_done=False)** [\[source\]](#)

Helper method to allow running movements with or without waiting for completion

**move\_relative(dict, wait\_until\_done=False)** [\[source\]](#)

Helper method to allow running movements with or without waiting for completion

**open\_shutters()** [\[source\]](#)

Here, the possible values are hardcoded which is a DRY violation

**prepare\_image\_series()** [\[source\]](#)

Prepares an image series without waveform update

**run\_stack(start\_z, end\_z, stepsize, return\_to\_start=False)** [\[source\]](#)

Runs a stack

**run\_tasks()** [\[source\]](#)

Runs the tasks for triggering, analog and counter outputs

Firstly, the master trigger triggers all other task via a shared trigger line (PFI line as given in the config file).

For this to work, all analog output and counter tasks have to be started so that they are waiting for the trigger signal.

**save\_etl\_parameters\_to\_csv()** [\[source\]](#)

Saves the current ETL left/right offsets and amplitudes from the values to the ETL csv files

The .csv file needs to contain the following columns:

Wavelength Zoom ETL-Left-Offset ETL-Left-Amp ETL-Right-Offset ETL-Right-Amp

Creates a temporary cfg file with the ending \_tmp

**set\_etl\_l\_waveform**(*amplitude, offset*) [\[source\]](#)

Allows simple external changing of the ETL left parameters

**set\_etl\_r\_waveform**(*amplitude, offset*) [\[source\]](#)

Allows simple external changing of the ETL right parameters

**set\_galvo\_waveforms**(*freq=99.5, amp=3, offset\_l=0, offset\_r=0, phase\_l=1.5707963267948966, phase\_r=1.5707963267948966*) [\[source\]](#)

Updates galvo waveforms, assumes that the frequencies and amplitudes are the same on both sides

**set\_intensity**(*intensity*) [\[source\]](#)

Updates Intensity of the activated laser

**set\_laser**(*laser, intensity*) [\[source\]](#)

Enables laser line, sets laser intensity, updates laser and ETL waveforms with values from the parameter table

laser: String intensity: Float between 0 and 100 %

**set\_laser\_intensity**(*laserline, intensity, delay\_percent=10, pulse\_percent=80*) [\[source\]](#)

**set\_shutter\_selection**(*shutterstring*) [\[source\]](#)

**set\_sweeptime**(*sweeptime*) [\[source\]](#)

Sets the sweeptime in seconds and updates all related waveforms

Things to update: ETL and Galvo parameters are retained, but laser intensity etc. has to be updated

**set\_zoom**(*zoom*) [\[source\]](#)

Little helper method: Because the mesoSPIM core is not handling the serial Zoom connection.

**snap**() [\[source\]](#)

**snap\_image**() [\[source\]](#)

Snaps a single image after updating the waveforms.

Can be used in acquisitions where changing waveforms are required, but there is additional overhead due to the need to write the waveforms into the buffers of the NI cards.

**snap\_image\_in\_series**() [\[source\]](#)

Snaps and image from a series without waveform update

**stack**() [\[source\]](#)

Stack algorithm

Get start and end points & stepsize from the state Go to start position Update waveforms Lock waveform controls Open shutters for i in range(...):

    Snap image in series Move stage Signal progress How to escape the loop?

        Break when stopflag pops up

    Close shutters (no shutter switch in this one) Go back to start position Enable waveform controls

**start\_tasks**() [\[source\]](#)

Starts the tasks for camera triggering and analog outputs

If the tasks are configured to be triggered, they won't output any signals until run\_tasks() is called.

**stop**() [\[source\]](#)

Signal-invoked local stop flag telling all listeners to stop.

TODO: Investigate whether this might be better handled with an internal signal.

**stop\_tasks()** [\[source\]](#)

Stops the tasks for triggering, analog and counter outputs

**update\_etl()** [\[source\]](#)

Little helper method to update ETL parameters

**update\_etl\_parameters\_from\_csv**(*cfg\_path, laser, zoom*) [\[source\]](#)

Updates the internal ETL left/right offsets and amplitudes from the values in the ETL csv files

The .csv file needs to contain the follwing columns:

Wavelength Zoom ETL-Left-Offset ETL-Left-Amp ETL-Right-Offset ETL-Right-Amp

**update\_position\_state**(*position\_dict*) [\[source\]](#)

**update\_stack\_parameters()** [\[source\]](#)

Updates the stack parameters: calculates z\_planes after z\_start, z\_end, z\_stepsize are known

**visual\_mode()** [\[source\]](#)

Provides a simple way to show brains visually with a stereomicroscope

TODO: Sweeptime-induced laser shuttering is still there. Not having this would mean we need a continous output task for the Galvos, which would be a bit of work.

**write\_line**(*file, key="", value=""*) [\[source\]](#)

Little helper method to write a single line with a key and value for metadata

Adds a line break at the end.

**write\_metadata**(*path*) [\[source\]](#)

Writes a metadata.txt file

Path contains the file to be written Filename

**write\_waveforms\_to\_tasks()** [\[source\]](#)

Write the waveforms to the slave tasks

*class* mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM\_control.mesoSPIM\_GUI [\[source\]](#)

Bases: **PyQt5.QtWidgets.QMainWindow**

Main application window which instantiates a worker object and moves it to a thread.

**button1()** [\[source\]](#)

select the first laser

**button10()** [\[source\]](#)

**button11()** [\[source\]](#)

Increment filter

**button12()** [\[source\]](#)

Decrement filter

**button13()** [\[source\]](#)

Increment zoom

**button14()** [\[source\]](#)

Decrement zoom

**button15()** [\[source\]](#)

Zero XYZ

**button16()** [\[source\]](#)

Zero F

**button17()** [\[source\]](#)

Select left shutter

**button18()** [\[source\]](#)

Select left shutter

**button19()** [\[source\]](#)

Select left shutter

**button2()** [\[source\]](#)

**button20()** [\[source\]](#)

Select right shutter

**button21()** [\[source\]](#)

**button22()** [\[source\]](#)

**button23()** [\[source\]](#)

**button24()** [\[source\]](#)

**button25()** [\[source\]](#)

**button26()** [\[source\]](#)

Increase laser intensity

The LaserSliderChangeCount is used to decrease the number of events, otherwise the slider would be moved too quickly.

**button27()** [\[source\]](#)

Decrease laser intensity

The LaserSliderChangeCount is used to decrease the number of events, otherwise the slider would be moved too quickly.

**button28()** [\[source\]](#)

**button29()** [\[source\]](#)

**button3()** [\[source\]](#)

**button4()** [\[source\]](#)

**button5()** [\[source\]](#)

**button6()** [\[source\]](#)

**button7()** [\[source\]](#)

**button8()** [\[source\]](#)

**button9()** [\[source\]](#)

**button\_handler**(*string, index, message*) [\[source\]](#)

**button\_handler\_method**(*string, index, method\_to\_call*) [\[source\]](#)

**choose\_etl\_config()** [\[source\]](#)

File dialog for choosing the config file

TODO: Check that this is really a .csv-File

**disable\_alignment\_mode\_buttons()** [\[source\]](#)

**disable\_controls()** [\[source\]](#)

**disable\_mode\_control\_buttons()** [\[source\]](#)

If the microscope is in any acquisition state, it should disable ALL the buttons that can cause it to go into another mode and enable the stop button.

ONLY the stop button or proper finishing of the acquisition allow the GUI to return to the original state.

**display\_status\_message**(*string*, *time=0*) [\[source\]](#)

Displays a message in the status bar for a time in ms

If time=0, the message will stay.

**enable\_alignment\_mode\_buttons()** [\[source\]](#)

**enable\_controls()** [\[source\]](#)

**enable\_stop\_button()** [\[source\]](#)

**execute\_script()** [\[source\]](#)

If the script comes as a string, we can just exec it

**farm\_panel\_handler**(*data*) [\[source\]](#)

Buttons 1 to 8

**get\_bin**(*x*, *n=0*) [\[source\]](#)

Get the binary representation of x.

**Parameters:**

- **x** ([int](#)) –
- **n** ([int](#)) – Minimum number of digits. If x needs less digits in binary, the rest is filled with zeros.

**Returns:**

**Return type:** [str](#)

**joystick\_handler**(*axis*, *value*) [\[source\]](#)

**joystick\_persistent\_update()** [\[source\]](#)

**joystick\_timer\_start()** [\[source\]](#)

The interval is hardcoded and was found to be ok with PI stages

**joystick\_timer\_stop()** [\[source\]](#)

**lightsheet\_alignment\_mode()** [\[source\]](#)

Run in light-sheet switching mode: interleaved left/right shuttering for coalignment of the light-sheets

TODO: When Stack / Script buttons become available, disable them as well

**live()** [\[source\]](#)

Enter live mode

**load\_sample()** [\[source\]](#)

**load\_script()** [\[source\]](#)

Load a script

The empty string in the method arguments ensures that it remembers the last location from where a file was opened.

**mark\_stack\_end()** [\[source\]](#)

**mark\_stack\_start()** [\[source\]](#)

**pos2str**(*position*) [\[source\]](#)

Little helper method for converting positions to strings

**relative\_movement**(*dict*) [\[source\]](#)

Takes a single-axis movement dict in the form

{‘z\_rel’: 100} and sends it out as {‘x\_rel’: 0, ‘y\_rel’: 0, ‘z\_rel’: 100, ‘f\_rel’: 0, ‘theta\_rel’: 0}

**reset\_GUI()** [\[source\]](#)

Resets the GUI after any acquisition (live, stack, alignment etc ran)

TODO: When Stack / Script buttons become available, reset them as well

**sample\_handler(*data*)** [\[source\]](#)

**save\_etl\_config()** [\[source\]](#)

Save current ETL parameters into config

**save\_script()** [\[source\]](#)

Save a script

**set\_etl\_increments()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_etl\_parameters()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_exposure\_time()** [\[source\]](#)

Display is in ms, value needed is in seconds

**set\_filter()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_galvo\_parameters()** [\[source\]](#)

Update Galvo Parameters from the values in the parameter tab

**set\_intensity()** [\[source\]](#)

Updates laser intensity of the running laser

**set\_laser\_and\_intensity()** [\[source\]](#)

Sends laser and laser intensity in %

**set\_laser\_via\_button(*index, laser*)** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_line\_interval()** [\[source\]](#)

Change line interval

**set\_progressbar\_to\_busy()** [\[source\]](#)

If min and max of a progress bar are 0, it shows a “busy” indicator

**set\_progressbar\_to\_standard()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_shutter\_selection()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_sweptime()** [\[source\]](#)

Display is in ms, value needed is in seconds

TODO: Functionality needs to be added

**set\_tiling\_start\_position()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_tiling\_z\_end\_position()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_z\_stepsize()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_zoom()** [\[source\]](#)

**snap()** [\[source\]](#)

Snap a single image

**stack()** [\[source\]](#)

**stop()** [\[source\]](#)

Should stop everything

**stop\_movement()** [\[source\]](#)

**tiling()** [\[source\]](#)

**unload\_sample()** [\[source\]](#)

**update\_etl\_parameters()** [\[source\]](#)

**update\_file\_prefix()** [\[source\]](#)

**update\_folder()** [\[source\]](#)

Get a new folder name for saving the acquisition

**update\_position\_indicators(*dict*)** [\[source\]](#)

**update\_progressbar(*value*)** [\[source\]](#)

**update\_start\_number()** [\[source\]](#)

**update\_tiling\_parameters()** [\[source\]](#)

Here, the tiling parameters are calculated and set by the GUI

These are: - number of z\_planes per substack - total number of planes

**update\_z\_planes()** [\[source\]](#)

**visual\_mode()** [\[source\]](#)

Run in visual mode without ETL parameters

TODO: Disable ETL controls and reenale them later as part of the stop method ?

**zeroLeftETL()** [\[source\]](#)

Zeros the amplitude of the left ETL for faster alignment

**zeroRightETL()** [\[source\]](#)

Zeros the amplitude of the right ETL for faster alignment

**zero\_focus()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_rot()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_xy()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_xyz()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_z()** [\[source\]](#)

**class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM\_control.mesoSPIM\_Global\_Signals** [\[source\]](#)

Bases: **PyQt5.QtCore.QObject**

Contains general state and config of the microscope

**acquisition**

**add\_images\_to\_stack**

**end\_stack**

**execute\_script**

**finished**

**joystick\_timer\_start**

**joystick\_timer\_stop**

**lightsheet\_alignment\_mode**



`live`  
`load_sample`  
`move_absolute`  
`move_absolute_and_wait_until_done`  
`move_relative`  
`move_relative_and_wait_until_done`  
`prepare_stack`  
`progress`  
`save_etl_parameters_to_csv`  
`set_filter`  
`set_intensity`  
`set_laser_and_intensity`  
`set_zoom`  
`snap`  
`stack`  
`status_message`  
`stop`  
`stop_movement`  
`unload_sample`  
`update_camera_exposure`  
`update_camera_line_interval`  
`update_etl_from_csv`  
`update_etl_gui`  
`update_gui`  
`update_position`  
`update_stack_parameters`  
`update_sweeptime`  
`update_waveforms`  
`visual_mode`  
`zero_focus`  
`zero_rot`  
`zero_xy`  
`zero_xyz`  
`zero_z`

`class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM_control1.mesoSPIM_Serial`(*config*)

[\[source\]](#)

Bases: `PyQt5.QtCore.QObject`

The mesoSPIM Serial class takes care of all interactions via serial ports.

These are:

- Stages (translation and rotation)
- Zoom Control

- Filter wheels

The reason for running this in its own thread is that stages require frequent polling of coordinates.

**block\_till\_controller\_is\_ready()** [\[source\]](#)

Blocks further execution (especially during referencing moves) till the PI controller returns ready

**check\_target\_safety**( $x, y, z, f, \theta$ ) [\[source\]](#)

**create\_internal\_position\_dict()** [\[source\]](#)

**create\_position\_dict()** [\[source\]](#)

**load\_sample()** [\[source\]](#)

**move\_absolute**(*dict*) [\[source\]](#)

PI move absolute method

Lots of implementation details in here, should be replaced by a facade

TODO: Also lots of repeating code. TODO: DRY principle violated TODO: Emission of a stop signal a good idea or not?

**move\_relative**(*dict*) [\[source\]](#)

**move\_relative\_and\_wait**(*dict*) [\[source\]](#)

**move\_relative\_with\_wait\_option**(*dict*, *wait\_until\_done=False*) [\[source\]](#)

PI move relative method

Lots of implementation details in here, should be replaced by a facade

**read\_position()** [\[source\]](#)

**send\_position()** [\[source\]](#)

**set\_filter**(*filterstring*) [\[source\]](#)

**set\_zoom**(*zoomstring*) [\[source\]](#)

This should also signal back to the GUI that sth was changed

**sig\_move\_rel\_xy**

**sig\_zero\_xy**

**stop\_movement()** [\[source\]](#)

**unload\_sample()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_focus()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_rot()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_xy()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_xyz()** [\[source\]](#)

**zero\_z()** [\[source\]](#)

**class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM\_control.mesoSPIM\_Stages**(*config*) [\[source\]](#)

Bases: [object](#)

Implements a facade providing a unified interface for the stages & movement depending on whether a Galil & L&N or Physik Instrumente stage combination is installed.

**move\_absolute()** [\[source\]](#)

**move\_relative()** [\[source\]](#)

**read\_coordinates()** [\[source\]](#)

```
class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM_control1.mesoSPIM_State(cfg)
```

[\[source\]](#)

Bases: **PyQt5.QtCore.QObject**

This class contains the microscope state

Here, we convert from a dictionary to a normal object

Any access to this global state should be locked via mutexes

TODO: Turn this into a singleton at some point, for now: Instantiate only once.

```
calculate_samples()
```

[\[source\]](#)

```
class mesoSPIM.legacy.mesoSPIM.mesoSPIM_control1.mesoSPIM_camera_GUI
```

[\[source\]](#)

Bases: **PyQt5.QtWidgets.QWidget**

```
display_status_message(string, time=0)
```

[\[source\]](#)

Displays a message in the status bar for a time in ms

If time=0, the message will stay.

```
draw_crosshairs()
```

[\[source\]](#)

```
set_image(image)
```

[\[source\]](#)