

Relation between EMAN2 and SPARX

each package implements unique single particle strategies

communication through shared format of header attributes and file formats (bdb and hdf)

e2____.py

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sx____.py

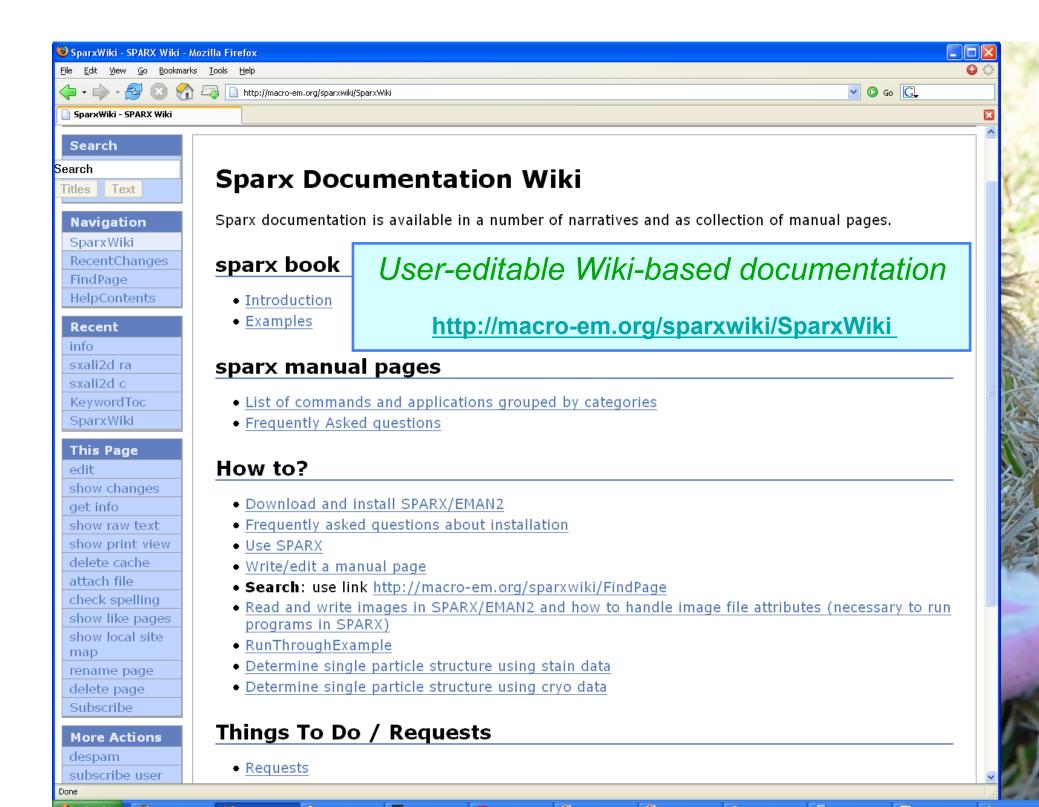
sparx

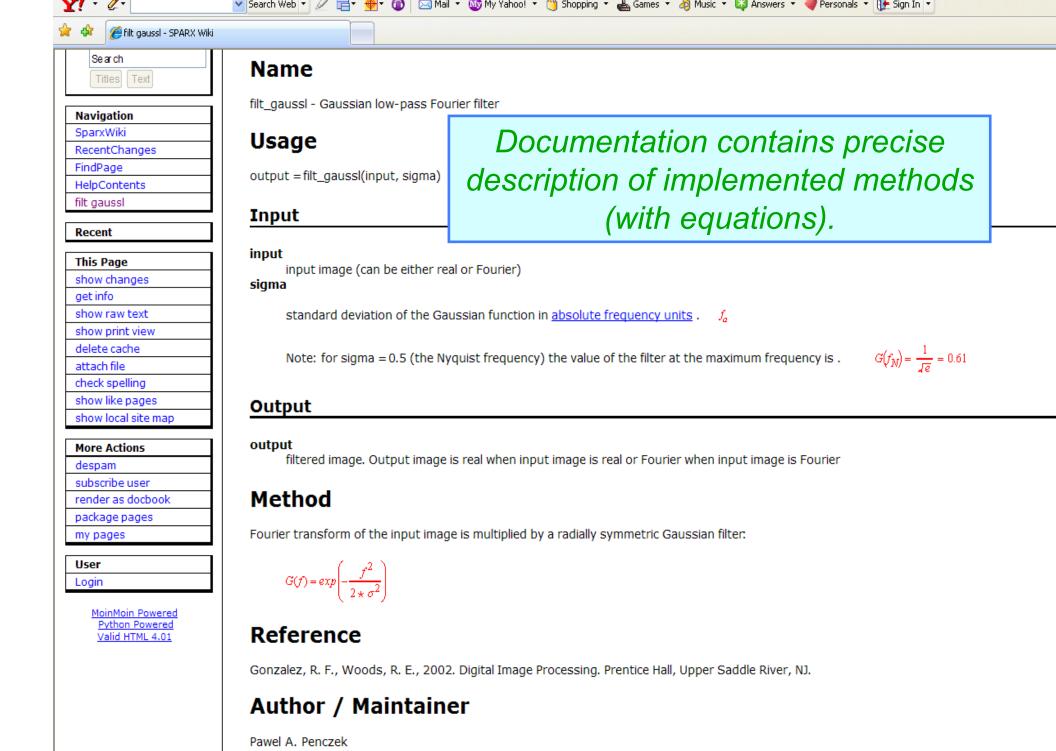
MPI on python level

programs

interactive session

parallelization





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What works?

- 2-D alignment.
- ❖ 2-D clustering, PCA.
- Multi-reference 2-D alignment.
- ❖ 3-D projection alignment, both coarse and fine.
- ❖ 3-D multi-reference alignment
- Real-space variance (bootstrap)
- Full cross-operability with EMAN2.

What is new?

- ❖ 2-D alignment (Yang 2008)
- Highly accurate 3-D projection alignment (Yang, 2008, Ultramicroscopy)
- Cluster analysis (Bert, in preparation)
- ❖ Fast 3-D reconstruction algorithm with CTF correction (Zhang, 2008, Structure)
- *Real-space variance calculation using bootstrap (Zhang, 2008, Structure)
- Centering of averages

General description (1)

- Input image data is never modified, it resides in a database (bdb file format, hdf also supported) that also contains all CTF information and alignment parameters.
- Commands modify only alignment parameters:
 2D alignment,
 projection alignment,
 3D, i.e., volume alignment.

```
sxheader.py bdb:data --print --params=xform.proj sxheader.py bdb:data --backup --params=xform.proj --suffix=_12_10_08 sxheader.py bdb:data --restore --params=xform.proj_12_10_08
```

It is possible to process subsets of images by setting active flag in headers

```
sxheader.py bdb:data --one --params="active" sxheader.py bdb:data --params="active" --import=good_data
```

General description (2)

- Data can be processed with or without CTF correction. To use CTF correction, CTF information has to be present in headers and flag —CTF has to be added.
- Most programs exist in:
- 1) single processor version these are rather slow and of limited use. However, the code is transparent and easy to follow. Often, these versions lag behind (will not have most recent features).

sxali3d_d.py bdb:data output_directory

2) MPI version – recommended to run, even if machine has only one CPU.

mpirun –np 2 sxali3d_d.py bdb:data output_directory --MPI

Most programs produce a logfile (name ending with a time stamp) that contain input parameters used and runtime information.

General description (3)

Most programs are not entirely foolproof (automated). Not all steps can be entirely formalized or made to work for all possible datasets and needs.

To address this issue, alignment programs use an external function that prepares average for a next iteration of alignment. Examples are in user_functions.py, but user can write external functions that will reside outside of the system.

```
mpirun –np 2 sxali3d_d.py bdb:data output_directory --MPI --function=refi7
```

or

```
--function=[/home/justus, functions, refi7]
(i.e. refi7() defined in file /home/justus/functions.py)
```

(for details please consult Justus: loerke@molgen.mpg.de)

Recommended reading

- Penczek, P.A., 2008. Single Particle Reconstruction, in: U. Shmueli, (Ed.), International Tables for Crystallography, 2008.
- Vainshtein, B.K., and P.A. Penczek, 2008. Threedimensional reconstruction, in: U. Shmueli, (Ed.), International Tables for Crystallography, 2008.

Thank you!