

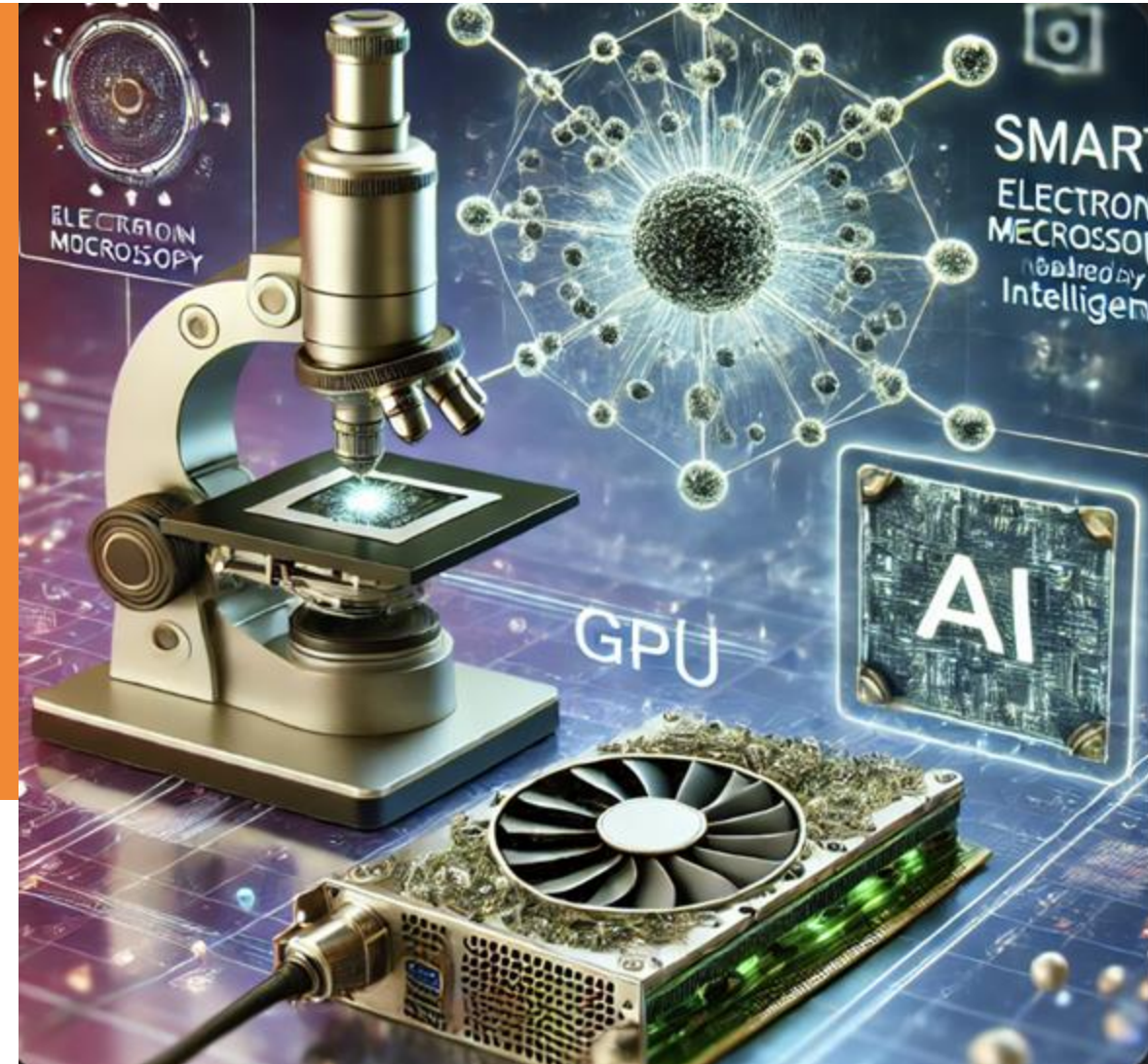
Remote and smart acquisition of spectra in STEM

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Agenda

Motivation

**Microscope
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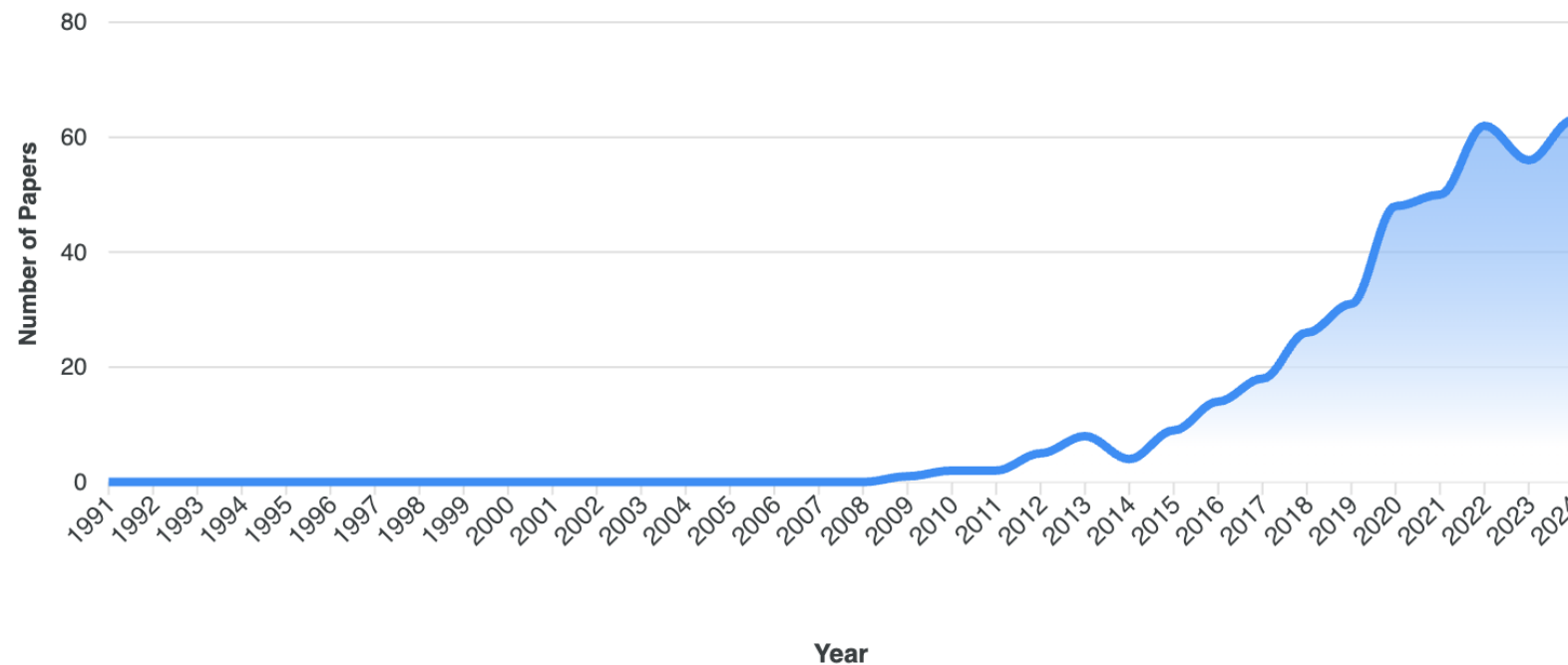
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**Workflows
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**Future
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Hands on!

Keyword search for “Automated microscopy” on arxiv



Q. What do we mean by “Automated Microscopy”?

Automated Microscopy Smart Microscopy

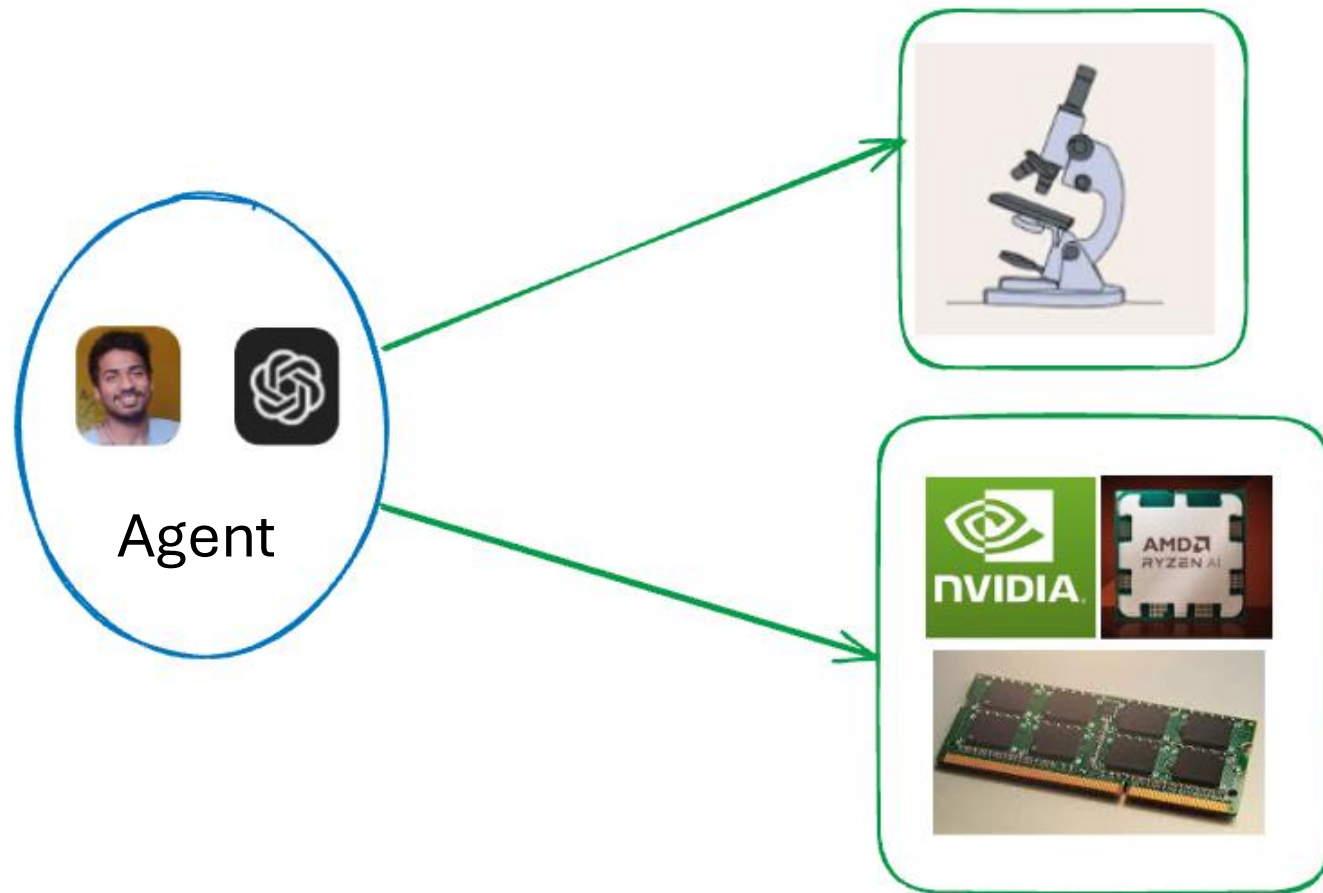
Too much time and resources wasted on

- Acquiring grid data
- Post acquisition analyzing the data
- Handling the unimportant data

Can we with the help of AI agent make data acquisition smart at source?

Q. What is this agent? Human, AI or both?

Human AI collaboration:



Most of the organization have their hpc capabilities:

We have exclusive compute access(Thanks to AI TENNESSEE funding) spread across 5 nodes

- 960 CPU cores
- 4 Nvidia H100's gpu (80 GB memory)
- Can run SOTA AI models (LLM's etc)
- Around 5 TB of ram
- Can run jobs till 720 hours(30 days)

Need to build a “hyper-language” so that Agent can talk to microscope and also access compute!

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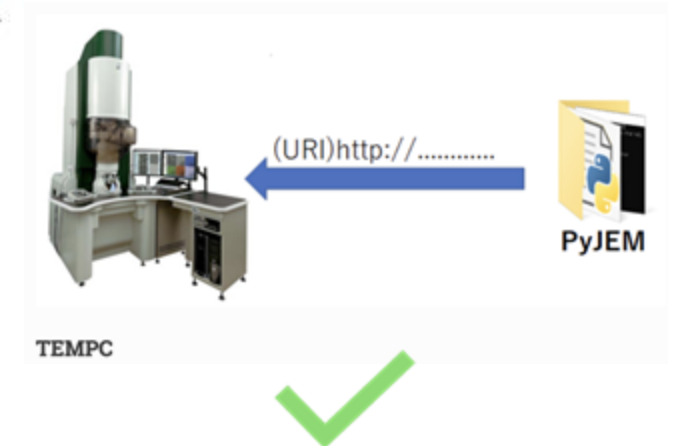
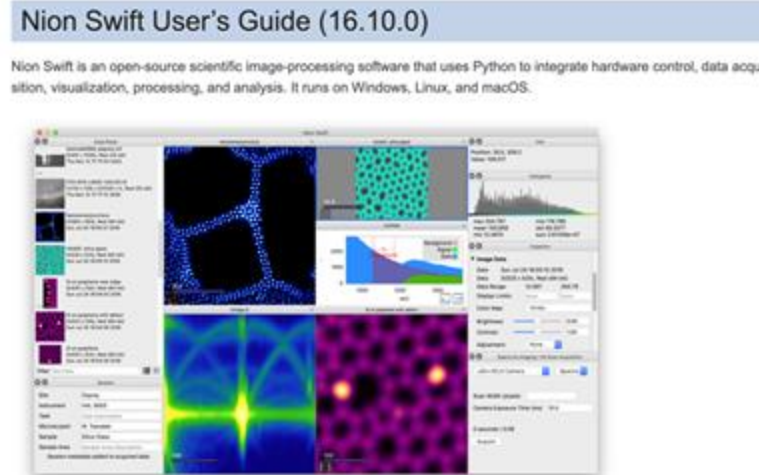
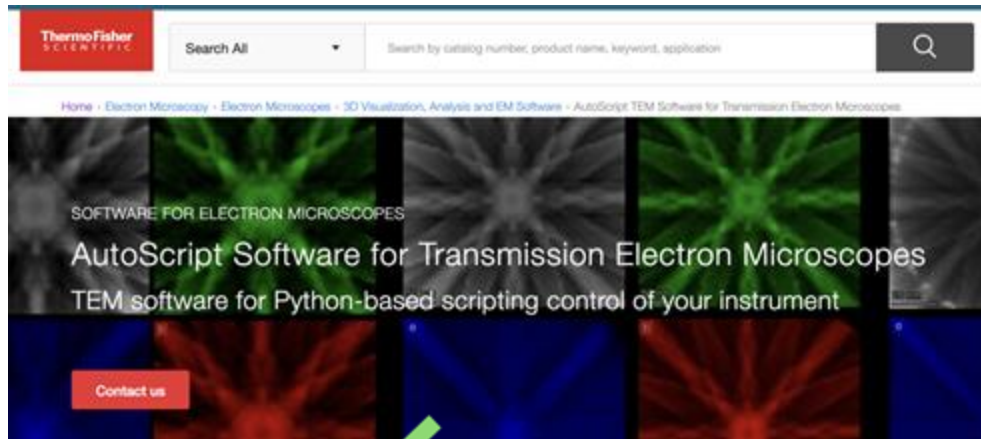
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Examples of Electron microscopy software's



DigitalMicrograph Software

DigitalMicrograph, also known as Gatan Microscopy Suite, drives your digital cameras and surrounding components to support key applications including tomography, *in-situ*, spectrum and diffraction imaging, plus more.



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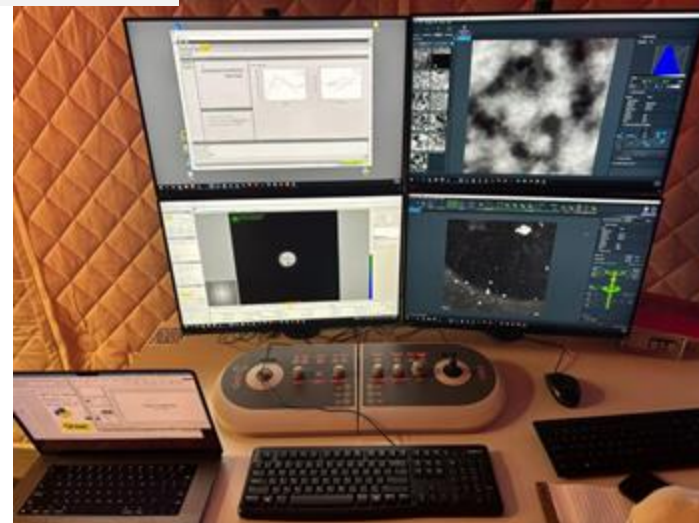
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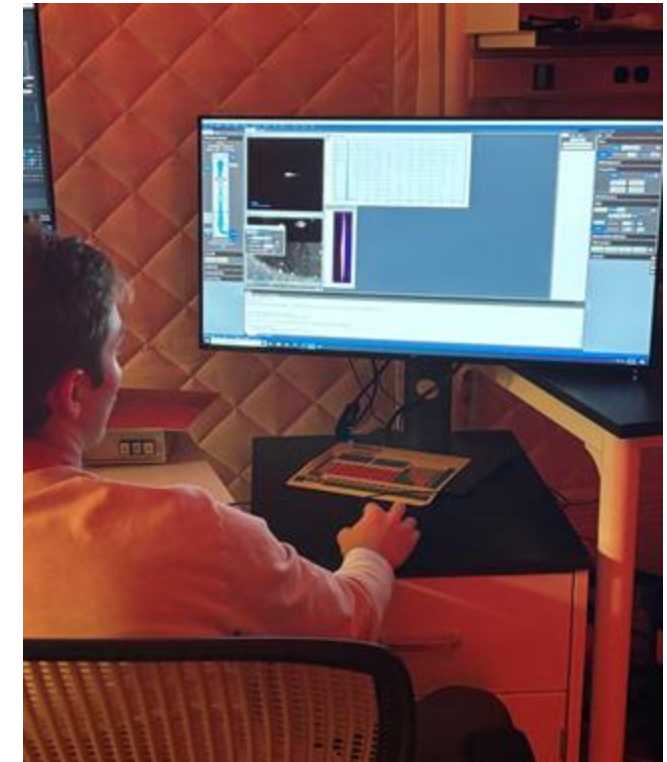
Spectra 300 by Thermofisher



Microscope



Microscope-control 1
Velox



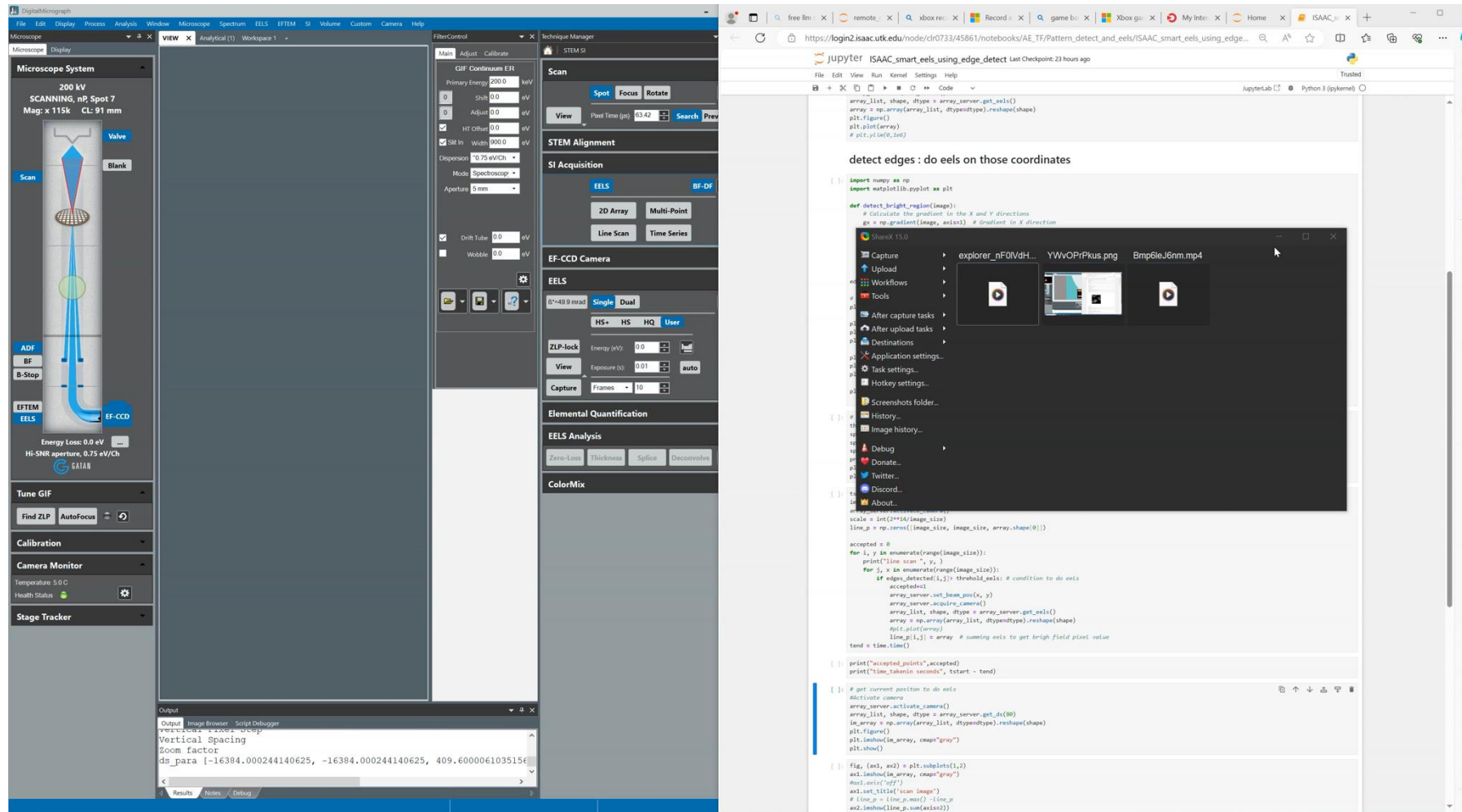
Microscope-control 2



Building a remote window
through DigitalMicrograph

Let's see what it looks like:

VIDEO →



What is our minimal need from the connection?

- Get survey image
- Query Beam position
- Set beam position at desired pixel
- Acquire live EELS

Brief overview of connection



DigitalMicrograph

→Survey image:

- DM.GetActiveCamera()
- cam.PrepareForAcquire()
- DS_StartAcquisition()

→Beam control:

- DM.DS_GetScanControl()
- DM.DS_MoveBeamTo()
 - Offset from img metadata
- DM.DS_GetBeamDSPosition()

→Acquire EELS:

- cam.CreateImageForAcquire()

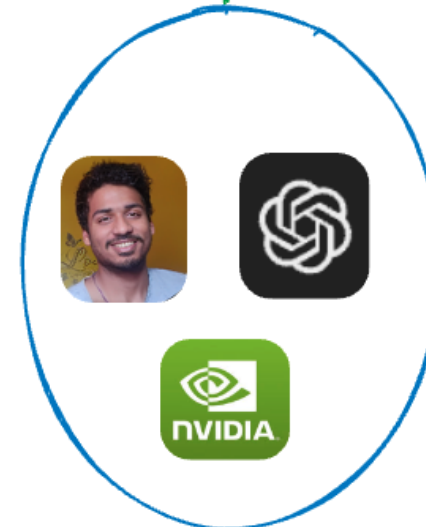
→For debugging:

- DM.GetFrontImage()

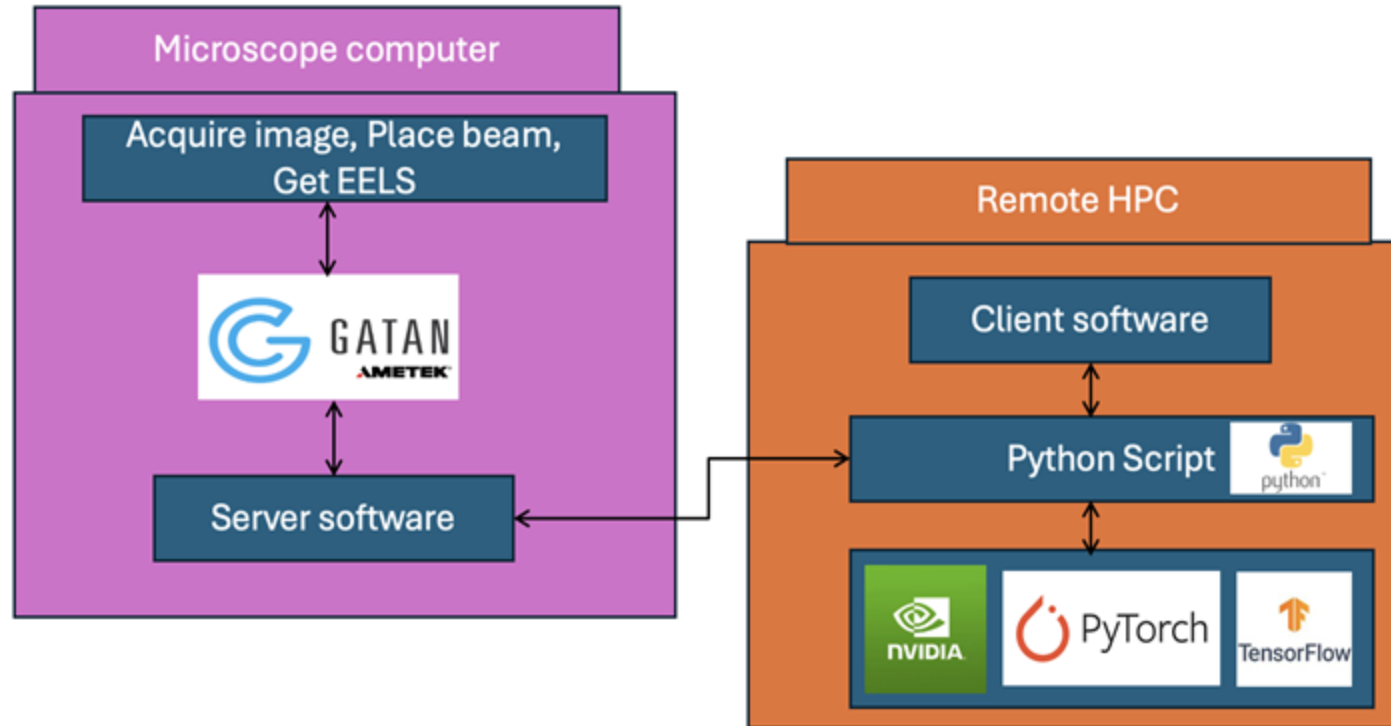
ADD more!



Pyro - Python Remote
Objects - 5.15
→ Offset correction
→ Data serialization



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Features:

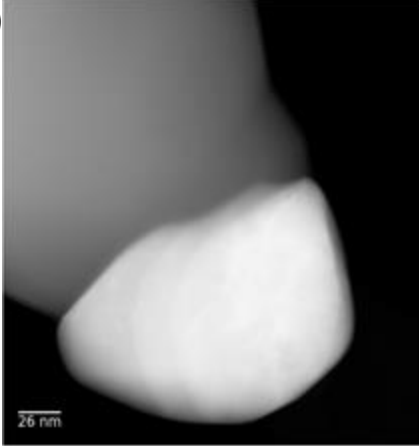
- In Memory data handling
- Multiple acquisition if data is processing
- Interfaces directly with any STEM having Digital Micrograph installed

Recommend to take a look at our manuscript for timing details

Workflow 1: Canny filter based smart EELS

The GaAs-Au nanowire sample.

a)



HAADF

Interesting
physics in
interface

Grid-based Spectrum Image:

- 128*128 image

4.5 seconds to acquire the survey image

Total time for spectrum image: 80 minutes

considerable beam exposure

Sparsely-sampled Spectrum image:

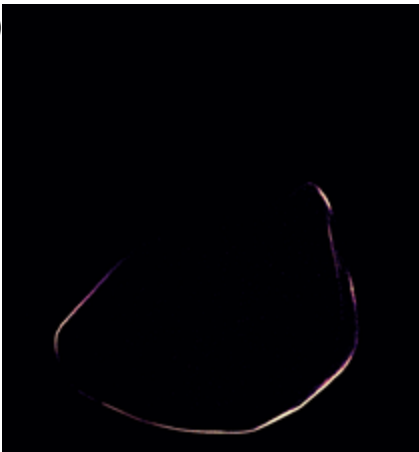
137 pixels were identified to be interesting

- 1% of total pixels

Total time: 2 minutes

400X faster and less beam damage

b)

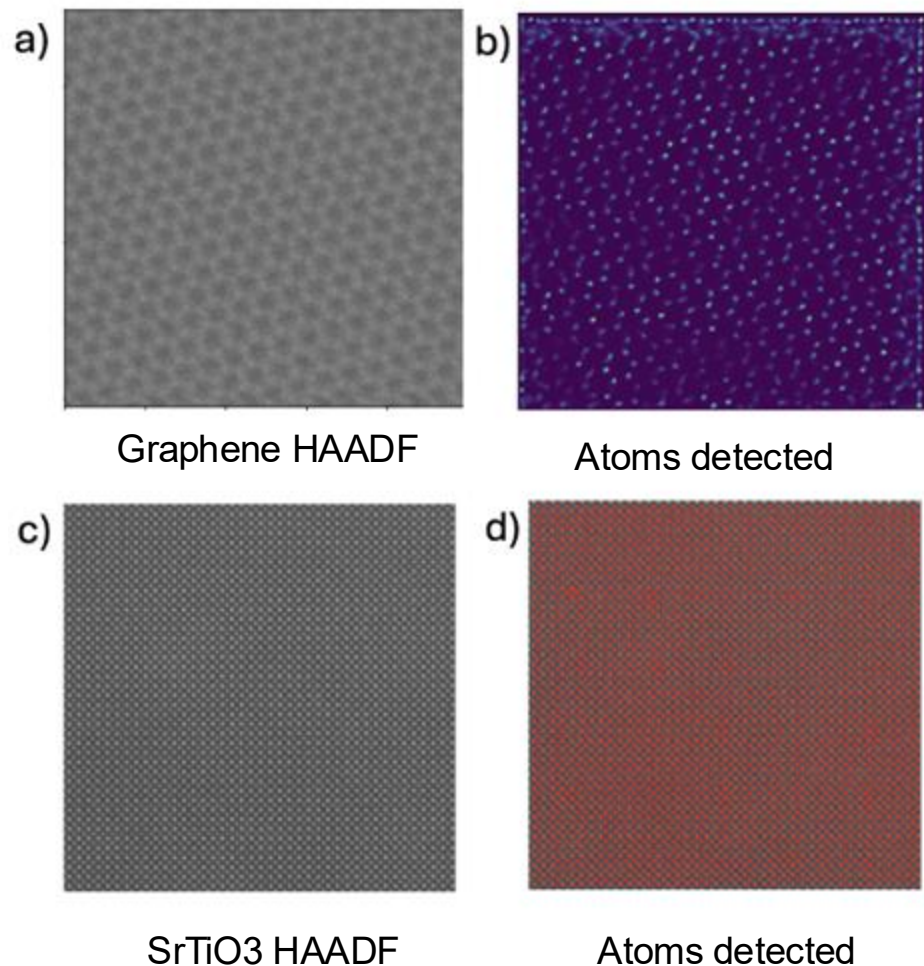


Edge detected

Source: [Realizing smart scanning transmission electron microscopy using high performance computing](#)

Utkarsh Pratiush, Austin Houston, Sergei V. Kalinin, Gerd Duscher, Rev. Sci. Instrum. 95, 103701 (2024). DOI: 10.1063/5.0225401

Workflow 2: Ensembled DCNN for atom finding



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Number of UNETS: 8

GPU memory required: 20 GB

We were able to run this due to gpu's
accessible remotely!

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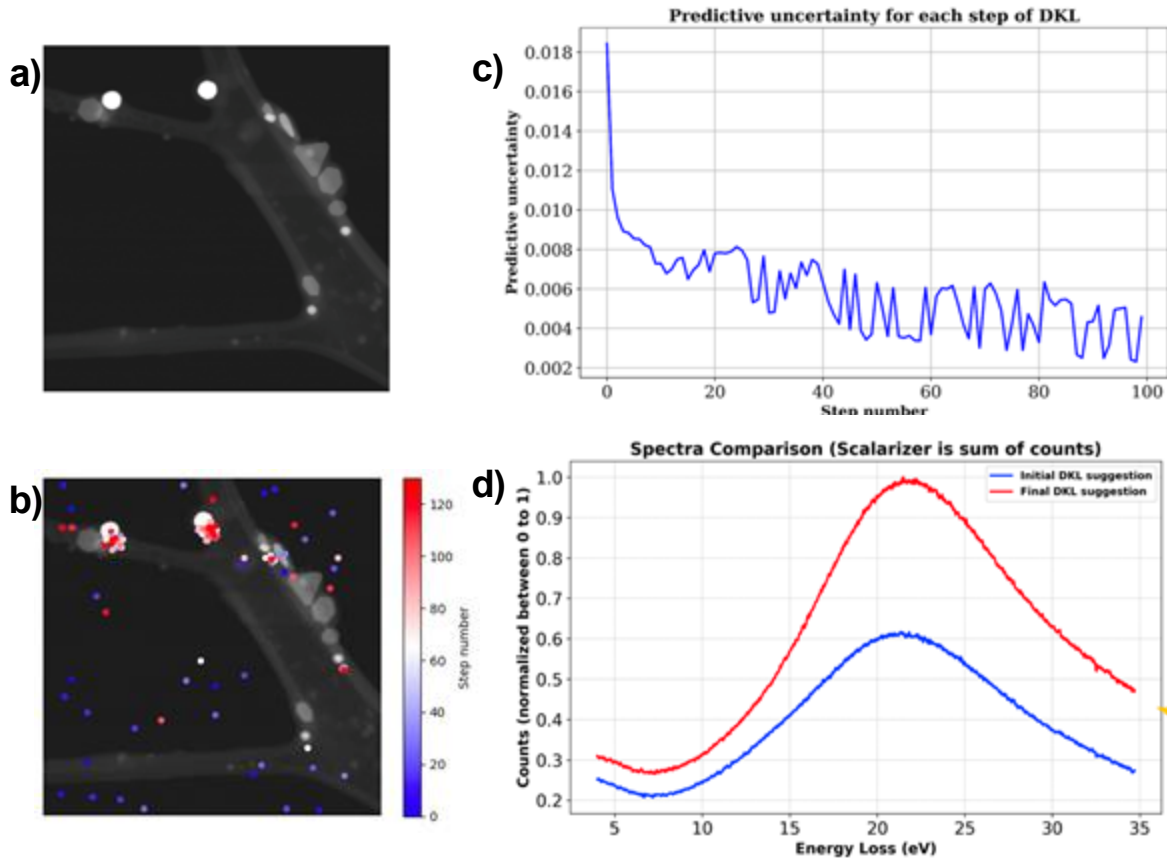
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Workflow 3: Deep kernel learning – Example collect eels in those pixels where the sum of counts is maximum.



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Machine learning for automated experimentation in scanning transmission electron microscopy

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Q. Can you see the problem?

As experiment progresses the algorithm learns to measure in regions with high values of scalarizer

Source: [Implementing dynamic high-performance computing supported workflows on Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope](#)
arXiv:2406.11018



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Friday – 2pm to 2:50pm,
New opportunities enabled by remote
ML controlled acquisition

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<https://github.com/pycroscopy/pyAutoMic/>

- Setup remote acquisition for EELS

- Client side

- Clone the repository
 - Install the dependencies
 - Connect to the network
 - Running the workflow

- Server side:

- If needed install the offline package
 - <https://www.gatan.com/products/tem-analysis/gatan-microscopy-suite-software>
 - DM scripting mode
 - Accessing the dm environment and installing
 - Importing the server script – run on a **port**

