

Karabo Overview

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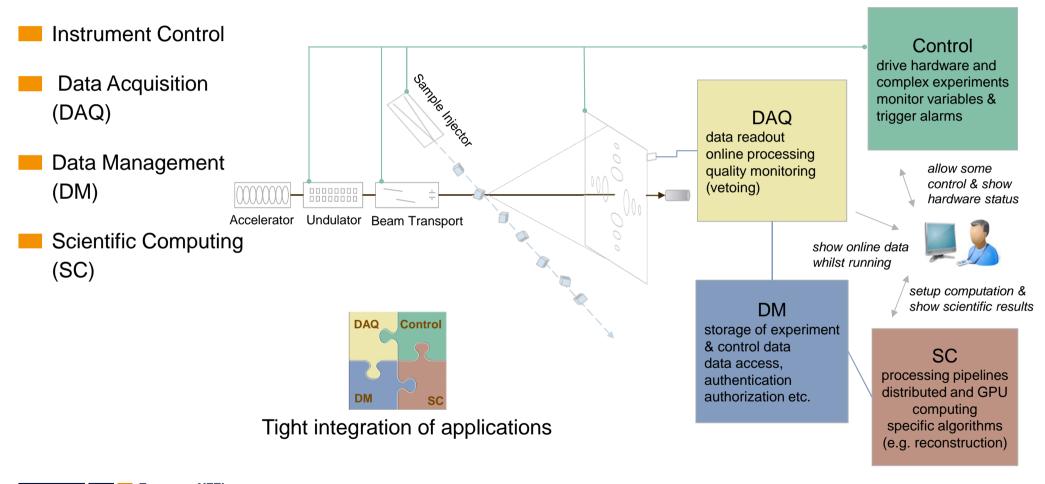
Outline

- Karabo Framework Overview
- Graphical User Interface
- Data Acquisition and Scanning
- Data Analysis Capabilities

Introduction

- Karabo is custom made European XFEL's
 - Control System: controls a wide-range of light source instruments
 - **Data acquisition** system: GB/s scientific data collection
 - Data processing framework: Native support of distributed process chaining using pipelines.
- Under active development
- Drives European XFEL commissioning and user experiments

Unified approach required for:

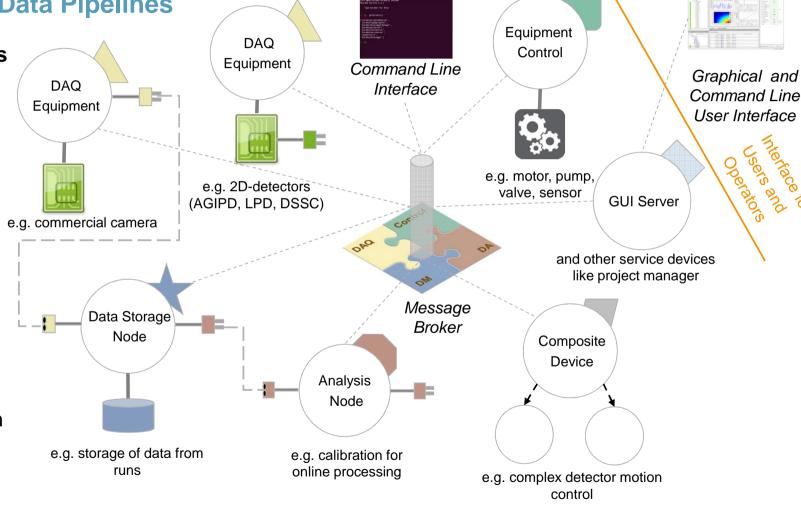


Karabo: Device Based Communication via a Message Broker

and TCP/IP Data Pipelines

Individual Karabo Devices

- Equipment control,e.g. motors, valves,...
- Detectors like
 - big 2D detectors,
 - cameras
- Data storage
- System services
- Online/offline data analysis, e.g. calibration

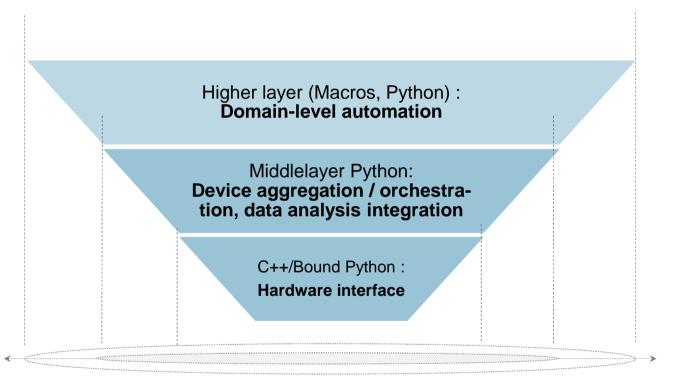


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Four Application Programming Interfaces

...and whom they address:

- Macros: instrument scientists, possibly later users
- Middlelayer:
 Control experts with feedback from instruments,
 maybe instrument scientists
- Hardware interface:Control experts with hardware knowledge

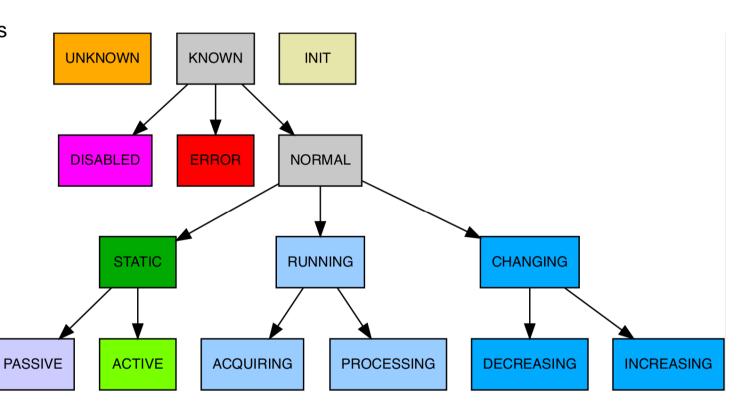


Data Types Supported by Karabo Communication

- 8-, 16-, 32-, 64-bit signed and unsigned integer values
 - 8-bit raw data, booleans
- 32- and 64-bit floating point numbers
 - complex numbers thereof
- strings
- vectors (lists) of all the above
- NDArray (for pipelines): container of multi-dimensional "big data", optimised serialisation
- ImageData: container for
 - NDArray
 - meta-data like info about bits-per-pixel, roi offsets, binning, encoding type,...
- Karabo Hash as nested key / value container
 - string keys nested access through concatenation separated by dot: aHash.get("key1.k2.k3")
 - values can be any of the above

Unified Device States

- Predefined list of device states
- Inheritance system
 - E.g. ERROR is more concrete than KNOWN
- Unified colour representation in the GUI
 - Colour inherited if not explicit

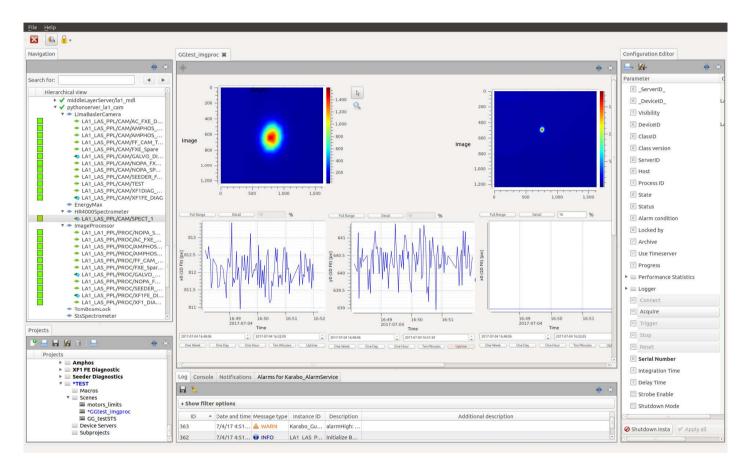


About 60 more states inheriting from those of the last row.

Data Logging and History Reading for Control

- Provides history retrieval for
 - GUI trendlines and configurations from past
 - CLI interface
- Not a data acquisition, no data policy, no pipeline nor big 2D detector data:
 - No data for users...
- Karabo logger service devices subscribe to parameter changes
- Store data in human readable text files per device (and index files): 20190115T013900.706424Z 1547516340.706424 0 perfStats.maxProcessingLatency UINT32 35 VALID
 - Data older than about a month compressed and put on archive
- Karabo reader service reads back using index files
- Plans for refurbishment:
 - Proper data base to replace storage in text files
 - Karabo-less interface
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Graphical User Interface: Integrated cockpit



Unified tool:

- For experts:
 - Full system view.
 - Detailed access to configurations.
 - Integrated command line.
- For everybody:
 - Customizable "scenes" (no coding required).
 - Rich set of widgets.
 - Coherent handling, e.g. limits of settings.
 - Visualisation of
 - ▶ error state,
 - ► properties in alarm condition.
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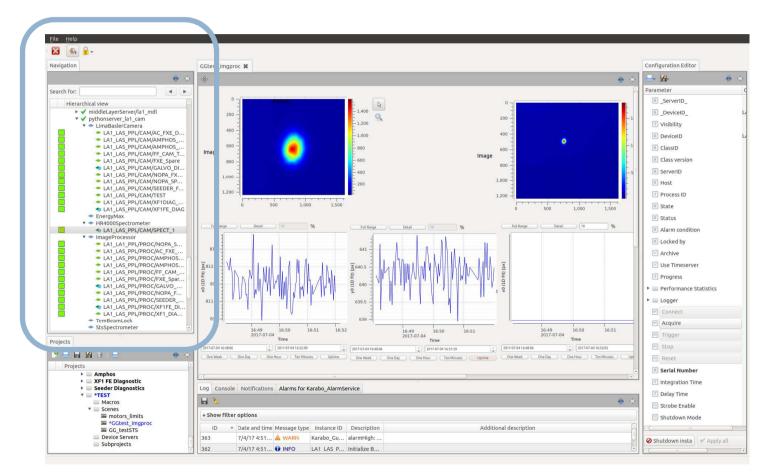
Navigation panel:

- Complete Karabo system topology
- Searchable
- Colour coded device state indicator (error vs. healthy)
- Alarm levels icons if reached:





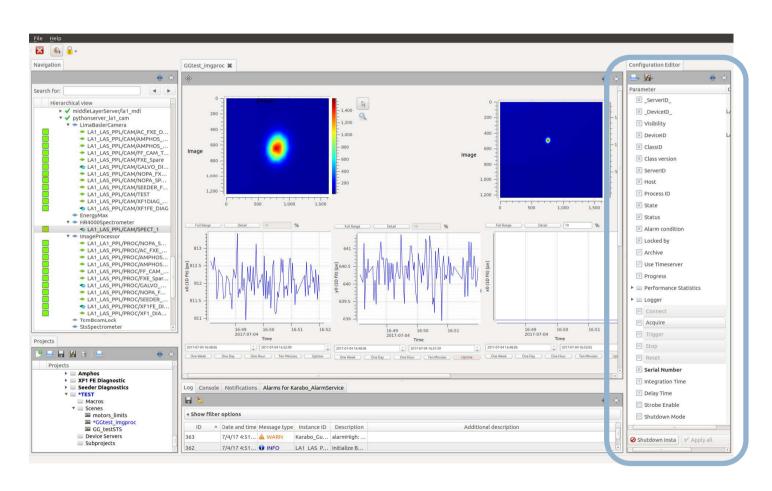






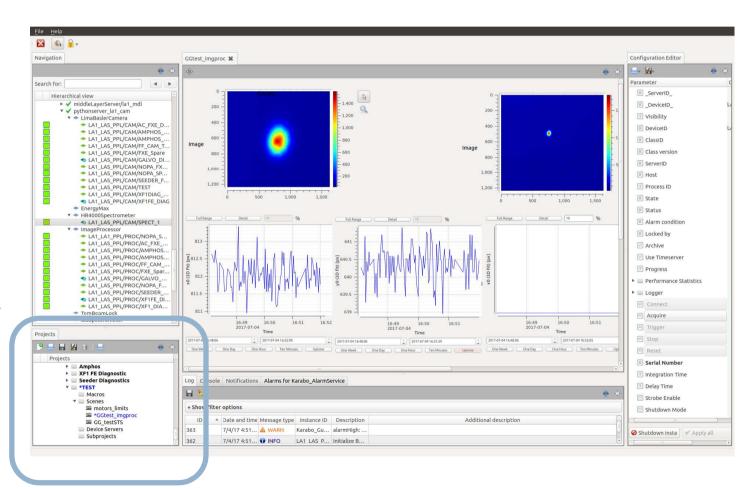
Configuration panel

- Edit online and offline device configuration
- Send commands to devices
- State field colouring
- Coloured background for properties in alarm



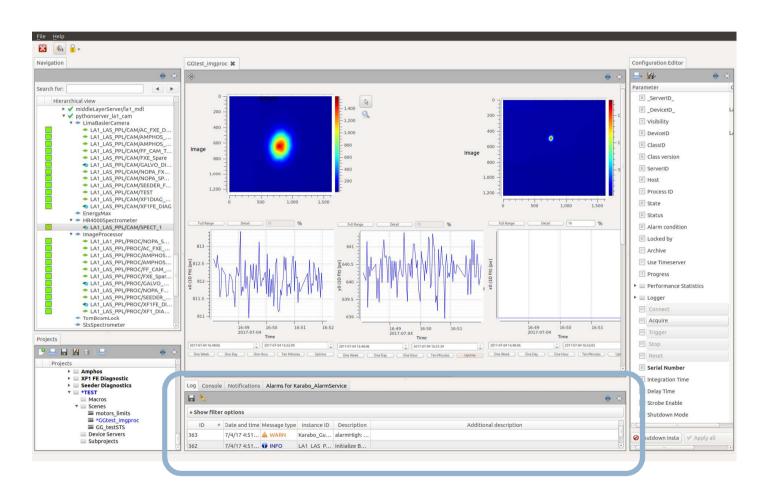
Project panel

- Project data:
 - device configurations,
 - \blacksquare scenes (\rightarrow) ,
 - macros,
 - sub-projects.
- Projects stored in central data base as XML files.
 - local storage option



Panels for

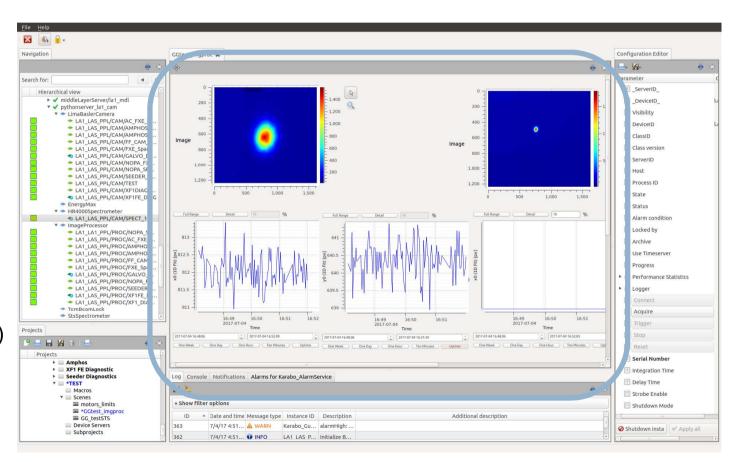
- Message logging
- Alarm handling
- Integrated command line



Scenes

- Easily editable
 - using drag and drop,
 - include svg files,
 - link to other scenes.
- Rich widget set
 - various image views,
 - trend and spark lines,
 - commands,
 - device states,
 - standardized icons,
 - editable tables, FIXME
 - (some details in backup)
- Can un-dock from main window (as all panels)
- Now can run standalone ("cinema" mode)

Graphical User Interface



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Scene Example

Beamline Control: SASE1

- Icons, e.g.
 - ion pumps,
 - valves
- State coloured:
 - open,
 - passive/ closed,
 - interlock
- Scene links



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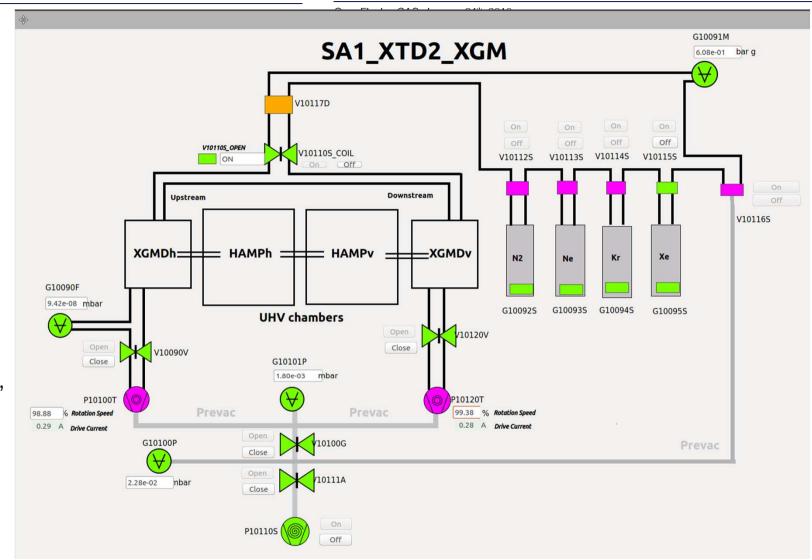
Scene Example

Diagnostic: XGM monitoring

- More icons, e.g.
 - gauges,
 - turbo pumps,
 - scroll pumps
- More state colours:
 - unknown
 (i.e. no h/w info),

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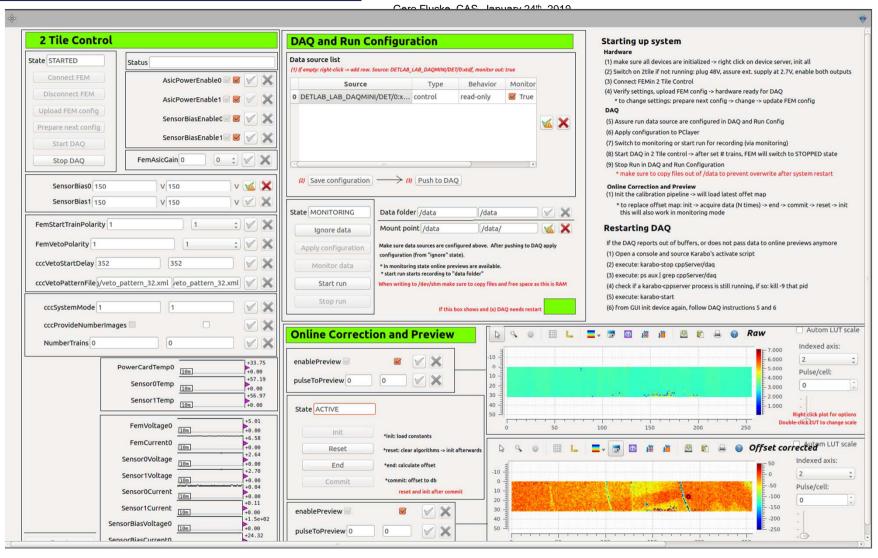
disabled / interlocked



Scene Example

Detector control: LPD Tile Control

View result of online calibration



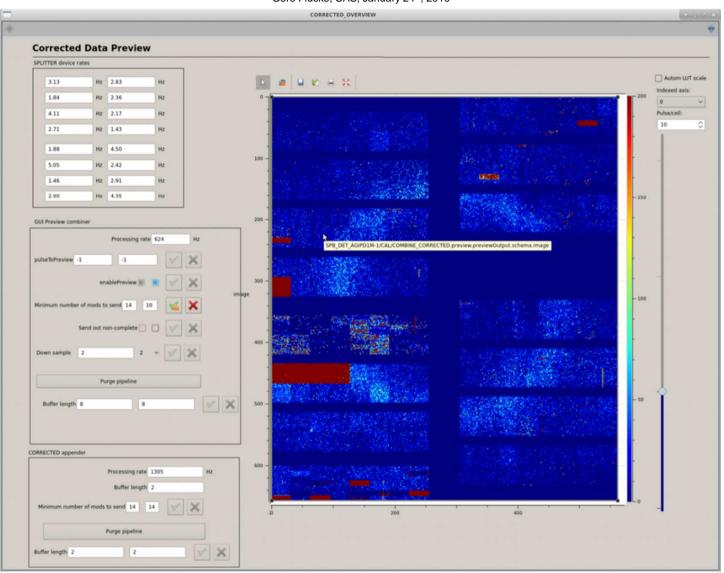
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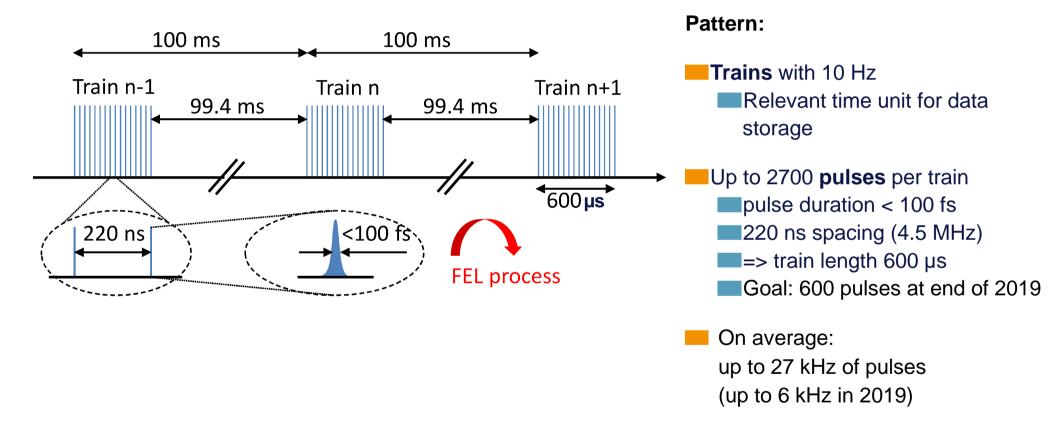
AGIPD Data Preview

- View of online calibrated data
- All 16 readout streams combined



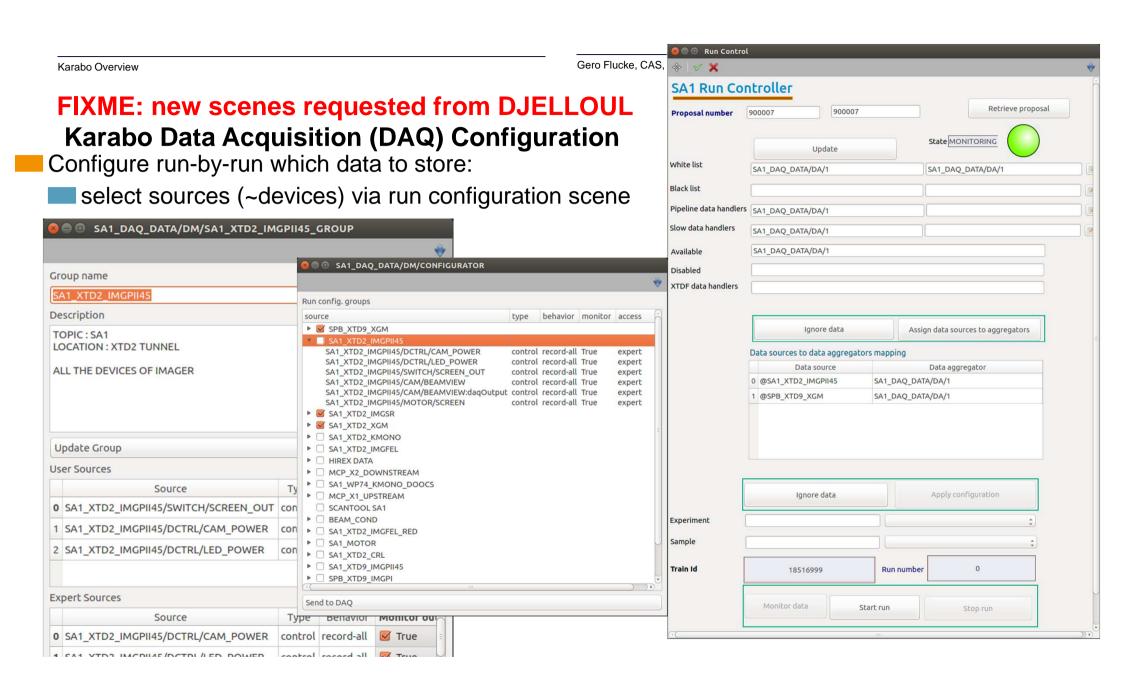
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Karabo Data Acquisition (DAQ) Integration

- Support for different types of data sources:
 - Control data with train resolution: e.g. sensors, motors (Karabo)
 - → slow data
 - 2D or pulse resolved data: e.g. cameras, digitizers (Karabo pipeline)
 - → fast and/or medium sized data
 - Big 2D detectors as LPD, AGIPD (XFEL train data format)
 - → big & fast data
- Data acquisition organised via several Karabo devices
- Data stored in HDF5 files
 - available after run has finished,
 - Karabo and data access tools provide data of all pulses of a train in one go.
- Provide data stream for online display and online analysis,
 - e.g. feeds calibration of big 2D detectors,
 - can be replicated offline to tune online tools.
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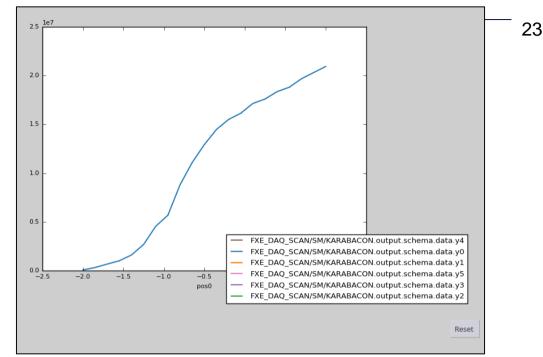
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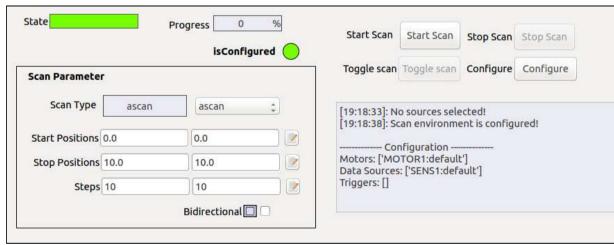
Scan Tool

- DAQ-integrated step scans:
 - one scan one DAQ run.
- GUI and (spec like) command line.
- Configure devices:
 - abstract motor(s): steps to take,
 - passive and active ("triggers") data sources.
- Scan types
 - absolute 1-4 motors: ascan, a2scan,...
 - relative 1-4 motors: dscan, d2scan,...
 - 2D grid absolute and relative: mesh, dmesh

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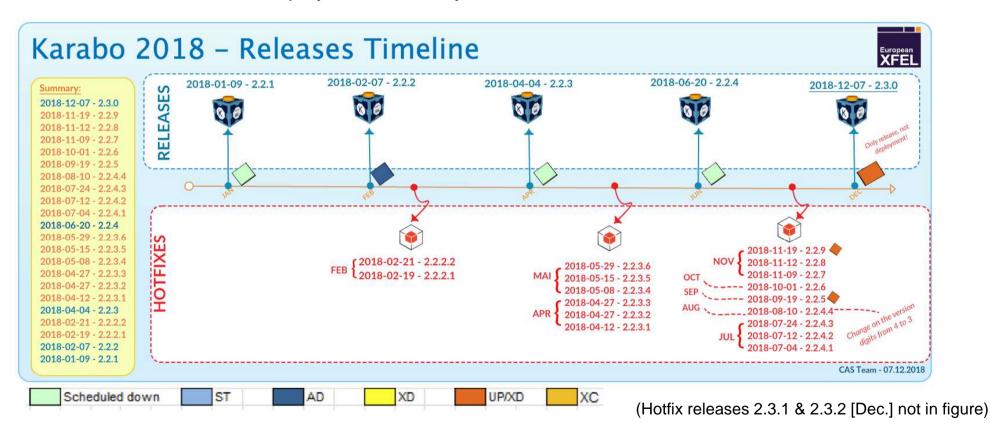
Plotting being extended to non-scalar data





Ongoing Karabo Development in 2018

- Five main, 19 hotfix releases
- Release schedule and deployment driven by EuXFEL schedule to minimise risks



Karabo Release High Lights in 2018

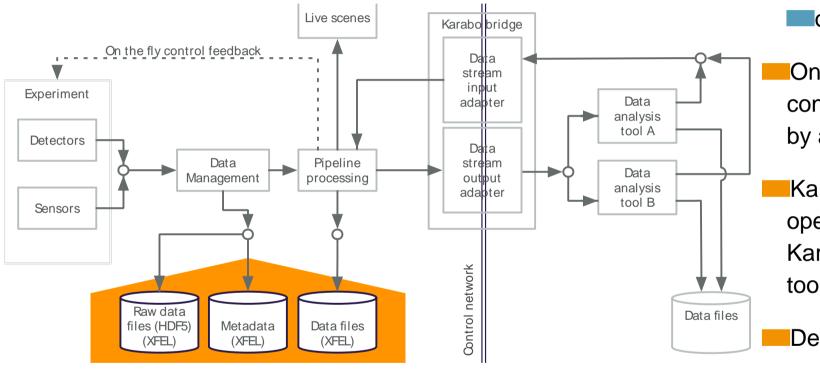
- 2.2.2 February 2018: refurbished GUI client for speed
- 2.2.3 April 2018: Substantial stabilisation of servers with hundreds of devices
- 2.2.4 June 2018: Significant speed-up of serialisation in data pipelines
- 2.3.0 December 2018:
 - Configuration retrieval from past in GUI
 - Double-click access to parameter trendlines
 - Double-click access to device specific GUI scenes
 - Defined interfaces with CLI listing: motor, camera, trigger, processor, multi axis motor
 - Python 3.4.3 → 3.6.6
 - GUI "cinema" mode to run scenes only
- All along:
 - Bug fixes, stability, performance, minor features, harmonizing APIs, improve interface to accelerator control system DOOCS,...

Karabo:

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) at work!

- More than 10 large Karabo "ecosystems" for instruments and photon beamlines
 - Nov. 2018 count:
 - ▶ more than 400 installations (plus those for GUI clients),
 - ► 8266 devices (excl. Karabo services),
 - ► 1.087 million of control points
 - Communication in between ecosystems being improved
- FIXME Krzystof ??? TB of data stored in 2018
- Performance experiences:
 - Single device can stably consume 2 kHz of messages
 - ▶ production systems have usually an overall rate 50-500 Hz
 - Latencies at GUI server << 100 ms</p>
 - Online calibration pipelines run smoothly with 2 s latency and 1.79 GB/s throughput

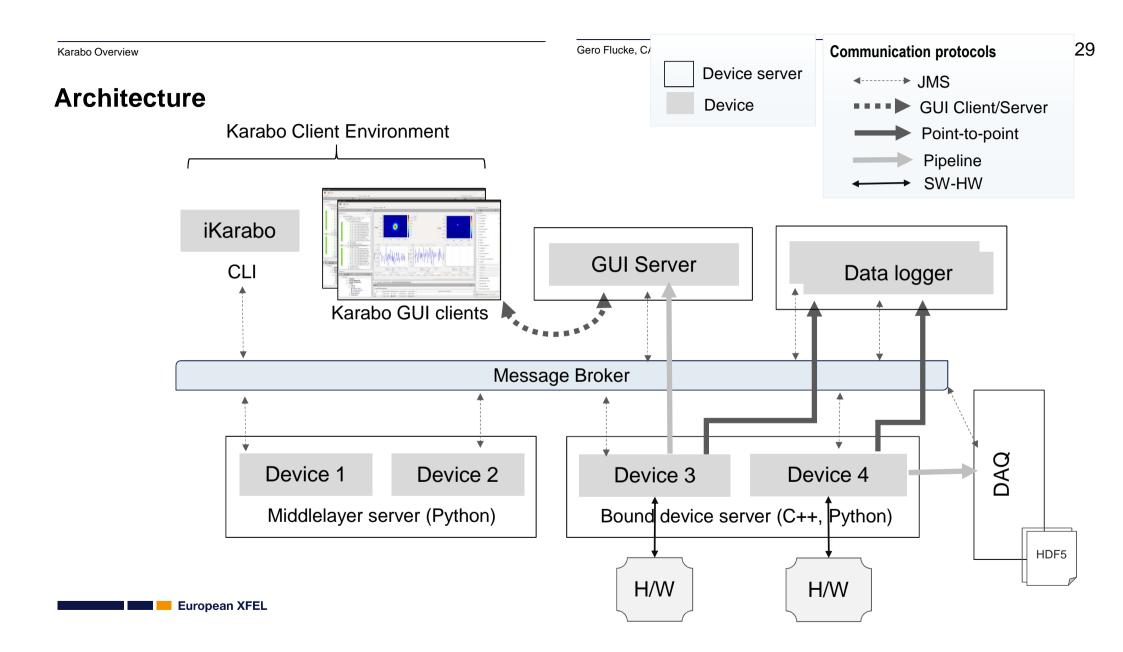
Online Data Analysis



- Karabo goes beyond
 - data on tape
 - online preview
- Online pipeline can contain be extended by analysis devices
- Karabo bridge device opens space of Karabo agnostic user tools via ZeroMQ
- Details in later talks

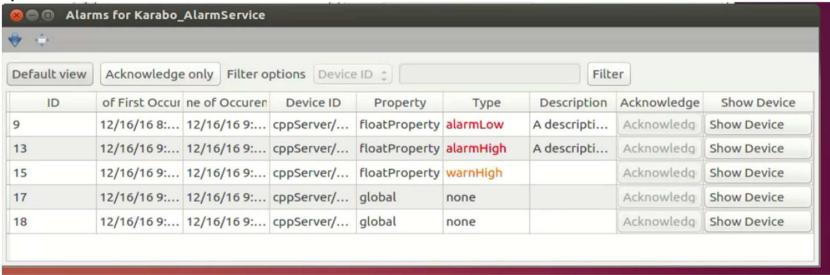
Summary

- Karabo, an integrated framework for
 - Instrument Control
 - Data Acquisition
 - Data Management
 - Scientific Computing
- Broker based communication
- Workflow support through data pipelines, e.g. for online monitoring
- Four APIs (C++, Python) for extensions
- GUI easily customizable via scenes (by operator or device programmer)
- Experiment automation using macros and scan tools
- Online analysis with external tools



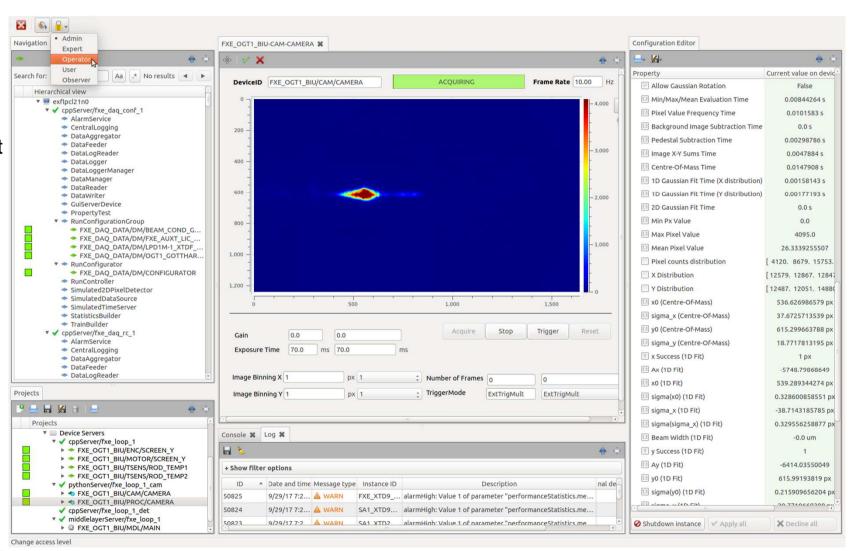
Alarms

- Reports any trespassing of property-specific thresholds
- Can be investigated from the GUI (and CLI) and acknowledged as soon as the alarm condition has passed



Scene Example

Experiment Control: FXE's Beam Imaging Unit



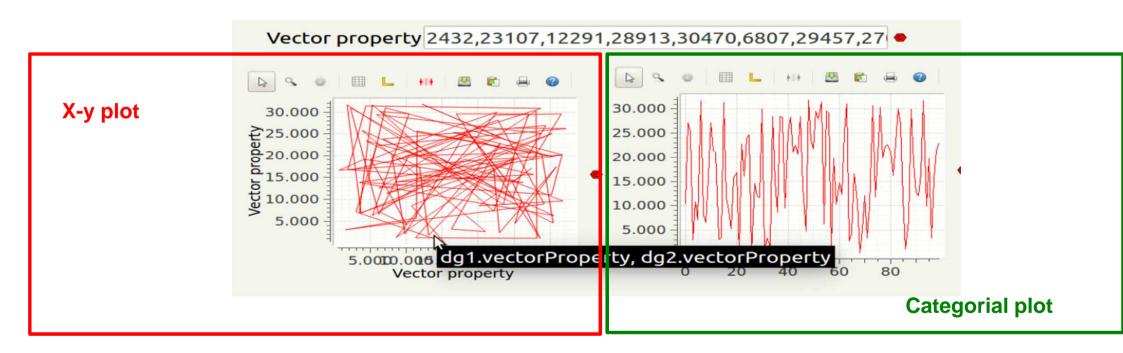
Introduction to Value Displays

- Karabo comes with a set of standard visualization options for:
 - **▶** Scalars
 - ▶ Vectors
 - ► Images
 - ► Image stacks
- For scalars: value field, expression evaluation, trendline, sparklines, x-y plots, bit fields, checkboxes
- For vectors: value fields, x-y plots, categorial plot
- For images: scientific, webcam, minimal, stacked

Introduction to Value Displays - Scalars



Introduction to Value Displays - Vectors



Introduction to Value Displays - Images

