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# *LabGui*

or automating measurements with Python

**Manual measurements**

**LabView**

**Python**

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# *Automating your experiment with LabGui*

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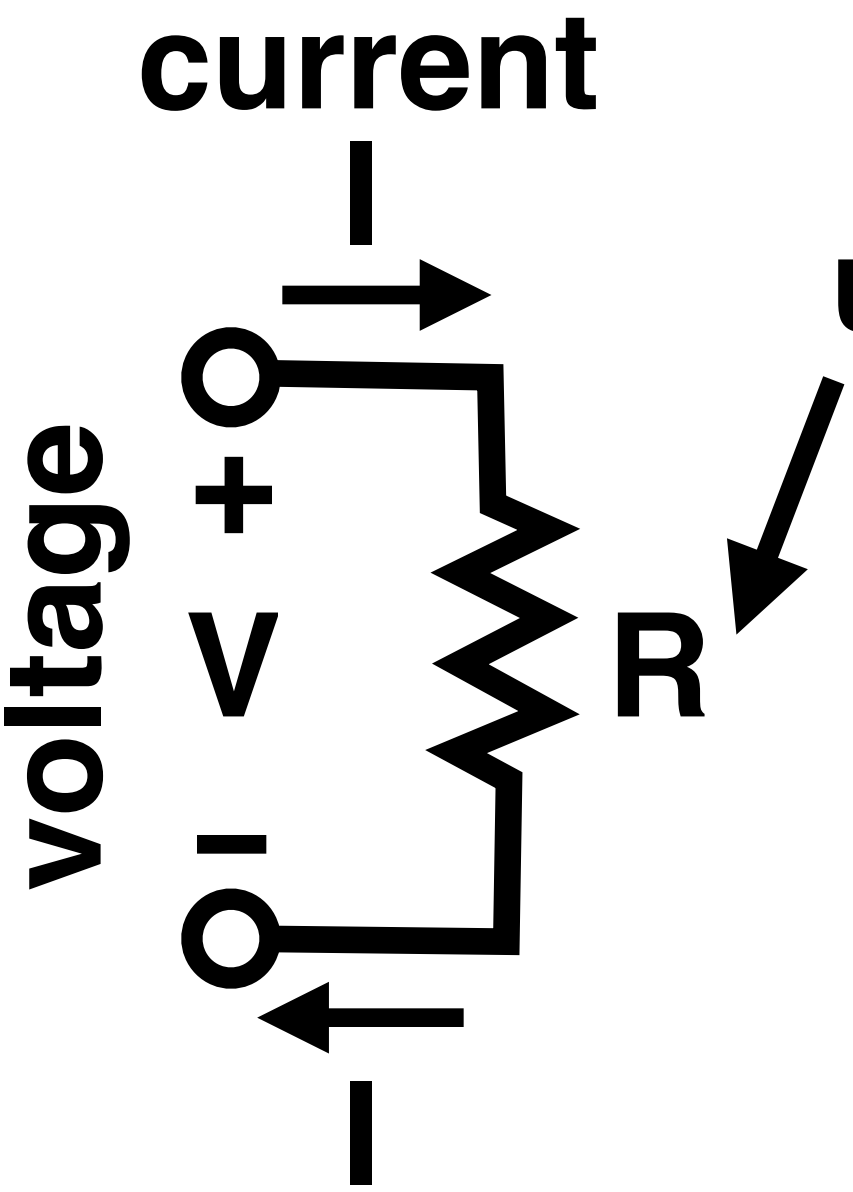
# Determine resistance



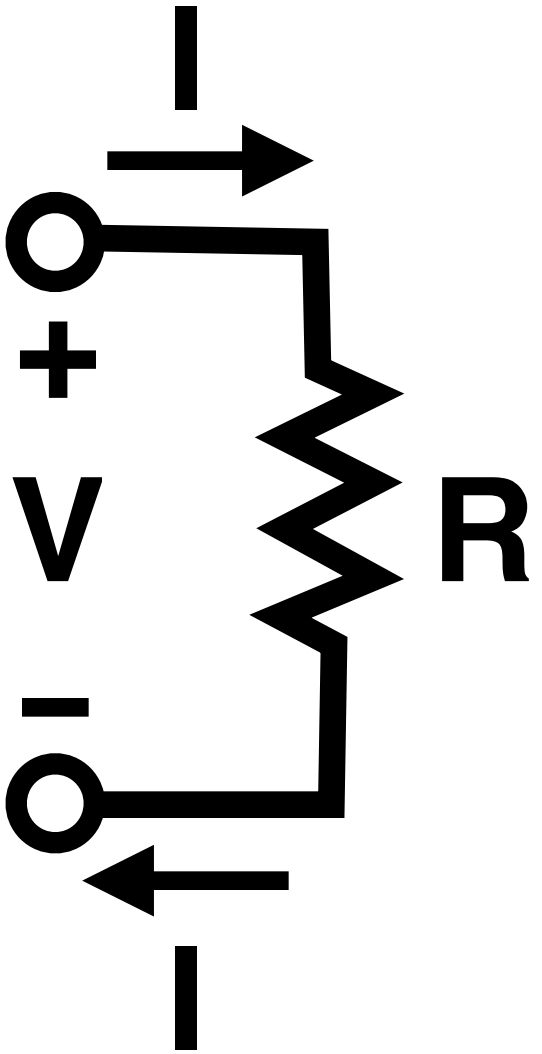

**Use Ohm's Law:**

$$V = I\,R$$

# Ohm's Law example: manual

Start measurement #1

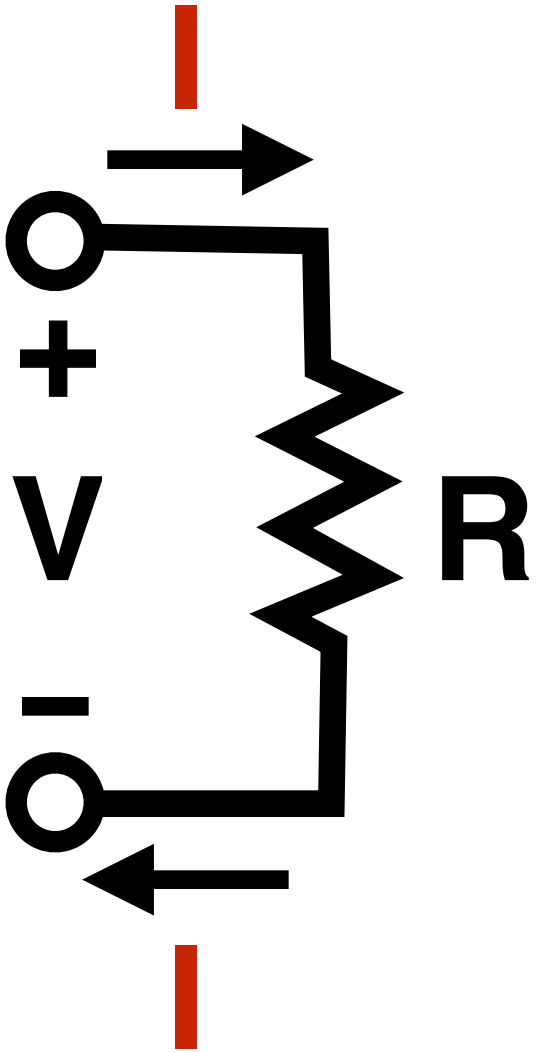
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | | |



# Ohm’s Law example: manual

Set current value **I** to 1A

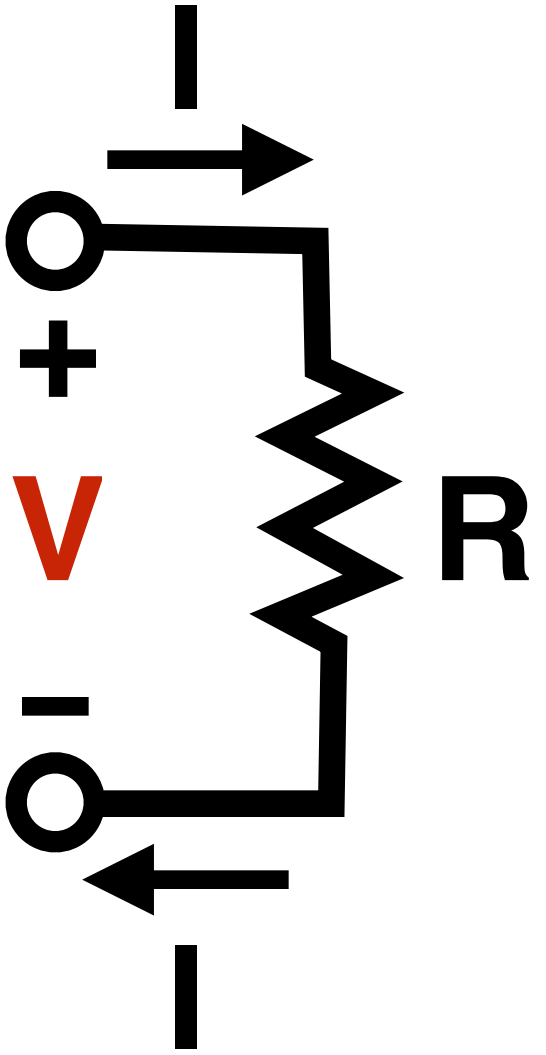
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 | |



# Ohm's Law example: manual

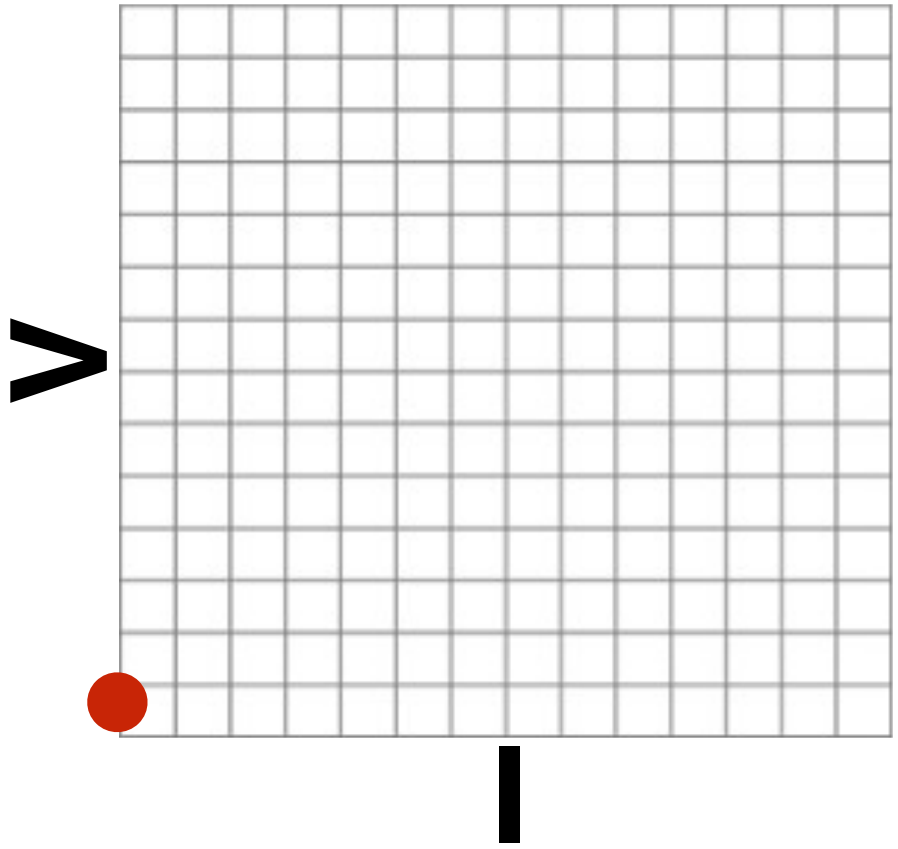
Measure voltage **V**

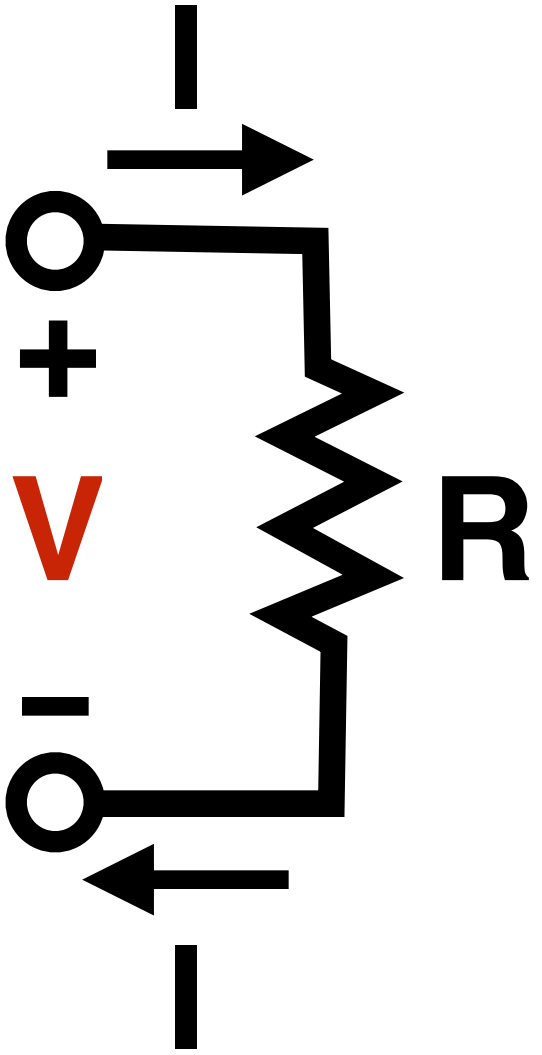
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 | 10.3 |



# Ohm's Law example: manual

Plot your first point

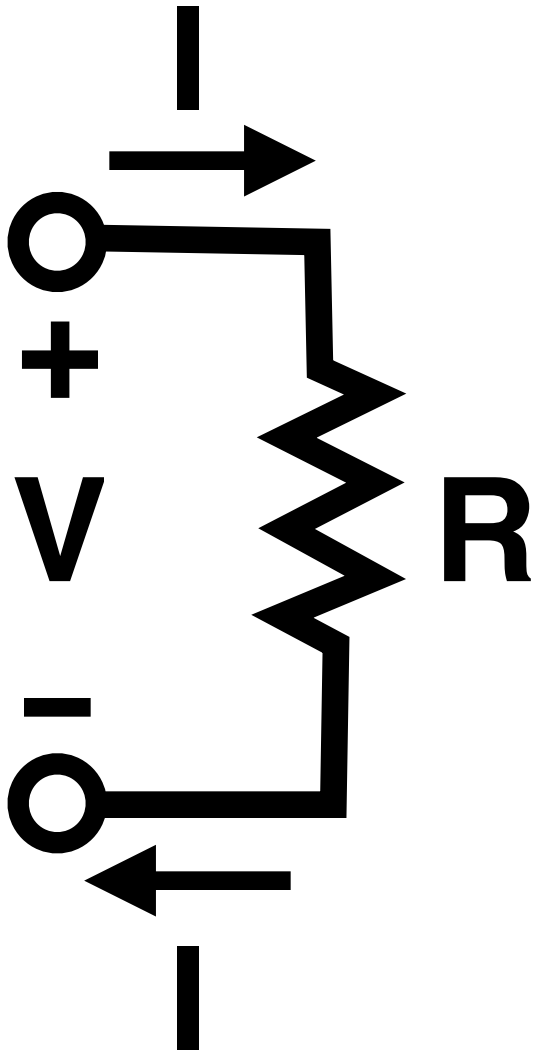


# Ohm’s Law example: manual

Start measurement #2

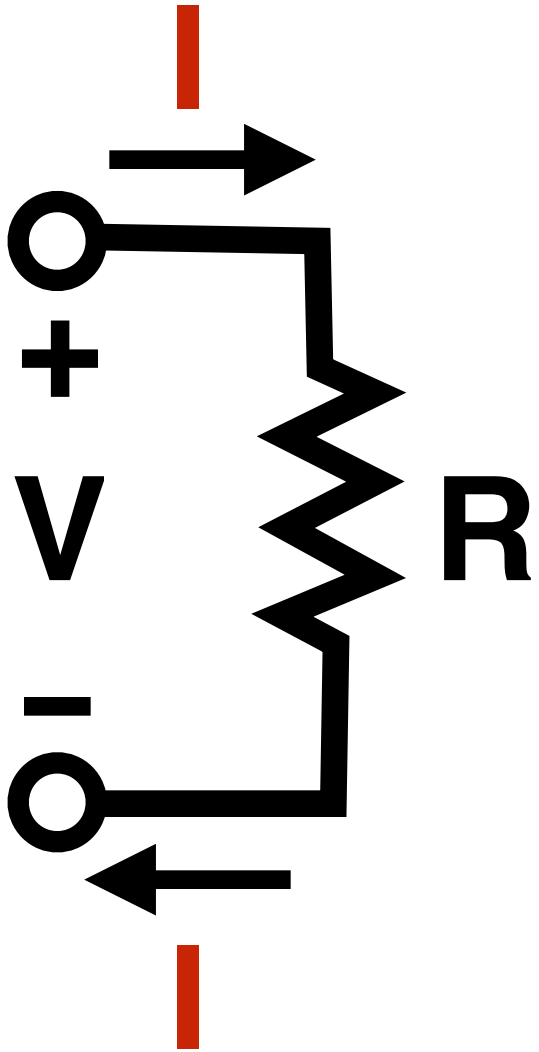
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 | 10.3 |
| 2 | | |



# Ohm’s Law example: manual

Set current value **I** to 2A

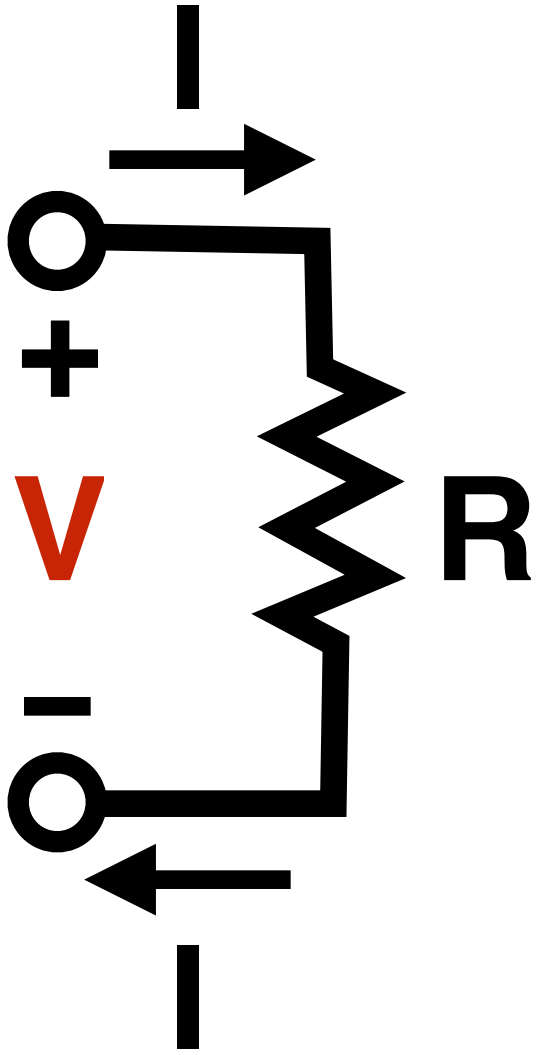
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 | 10.3 |
| 2 | 2.0 | |



# Ohm's Law example: manual

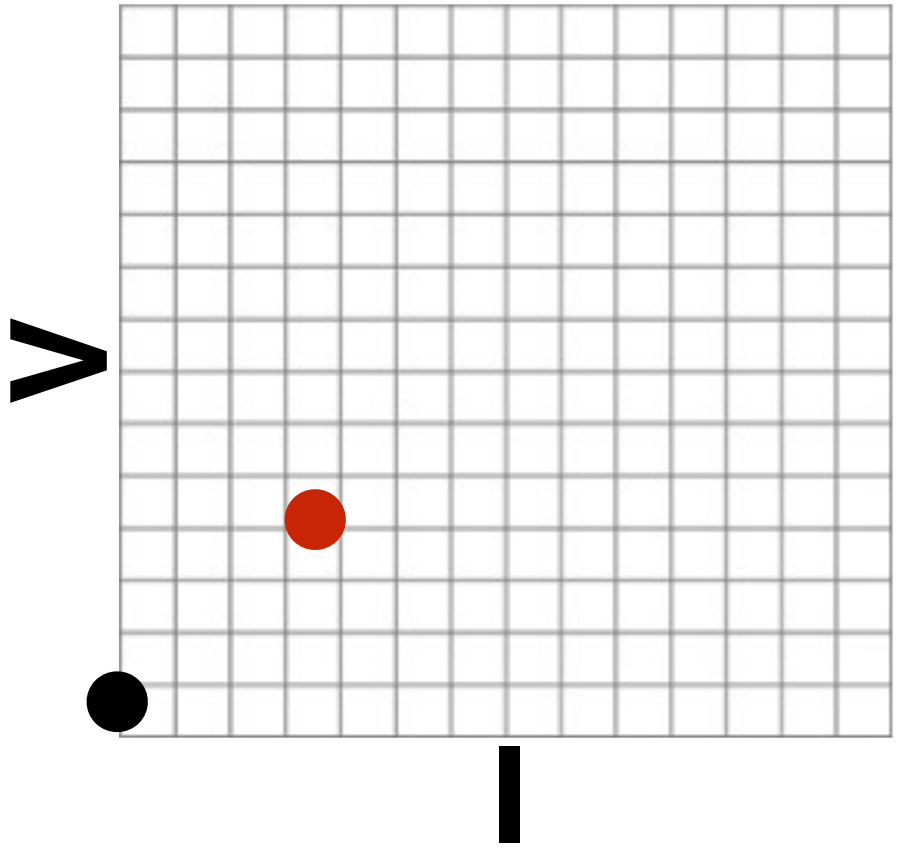
Measure voltage **V**

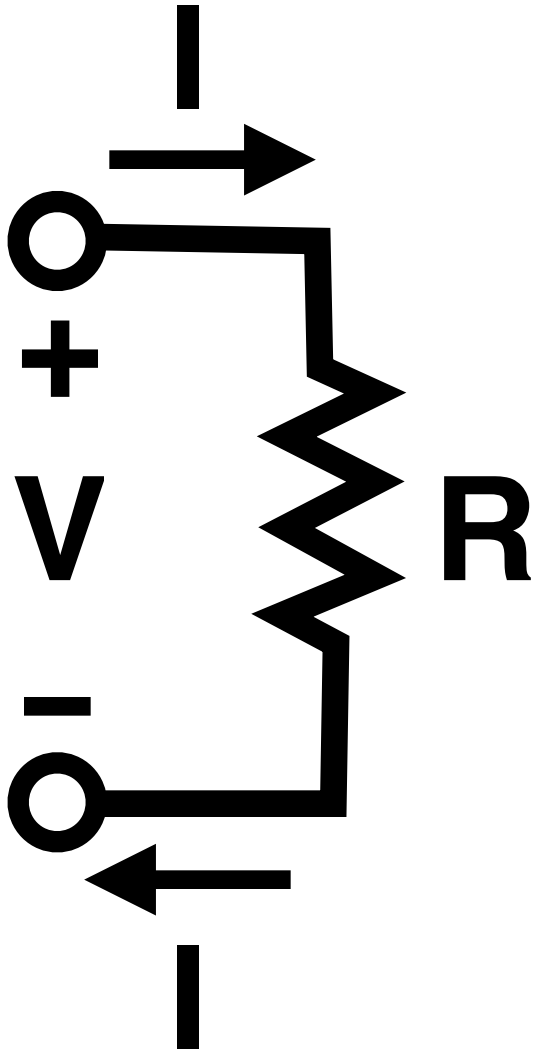
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 | 10.3 |
| 2 | 2.0 | 21.3 |



# Ohm's Law example: manual

Plot your second point



# Ohm's Law example: manual

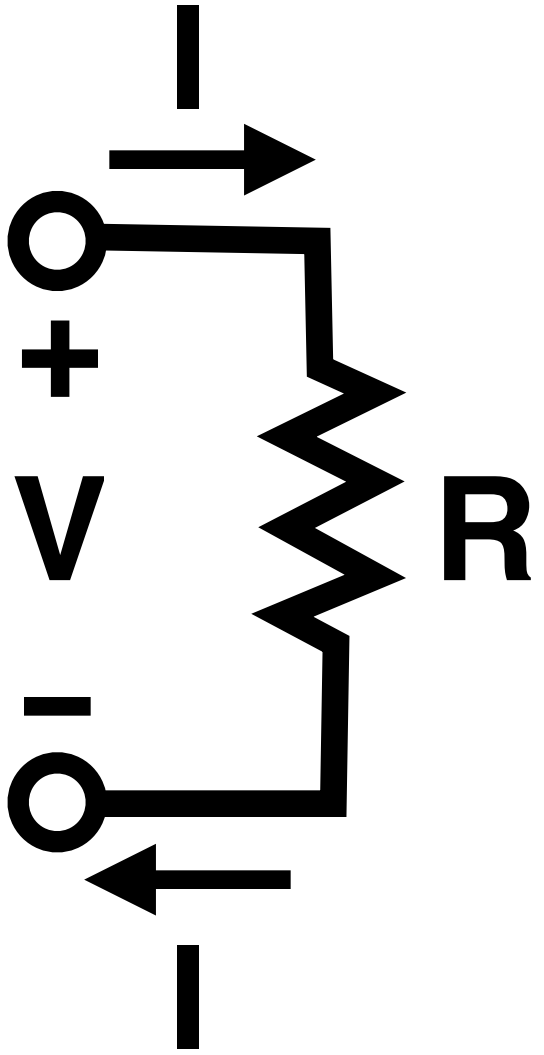
How many measurements
you say one needs to do
to reduce statistical uncertainty?

**so, continue…**

# Ohm's Law example: manual

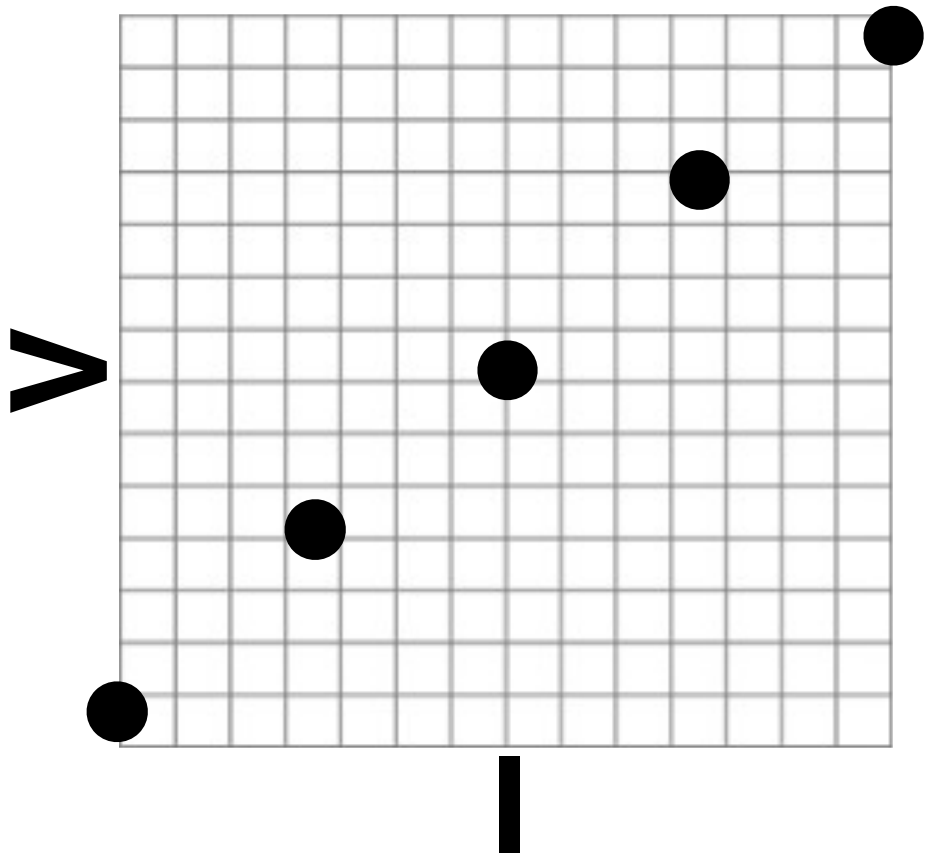
And here is your data

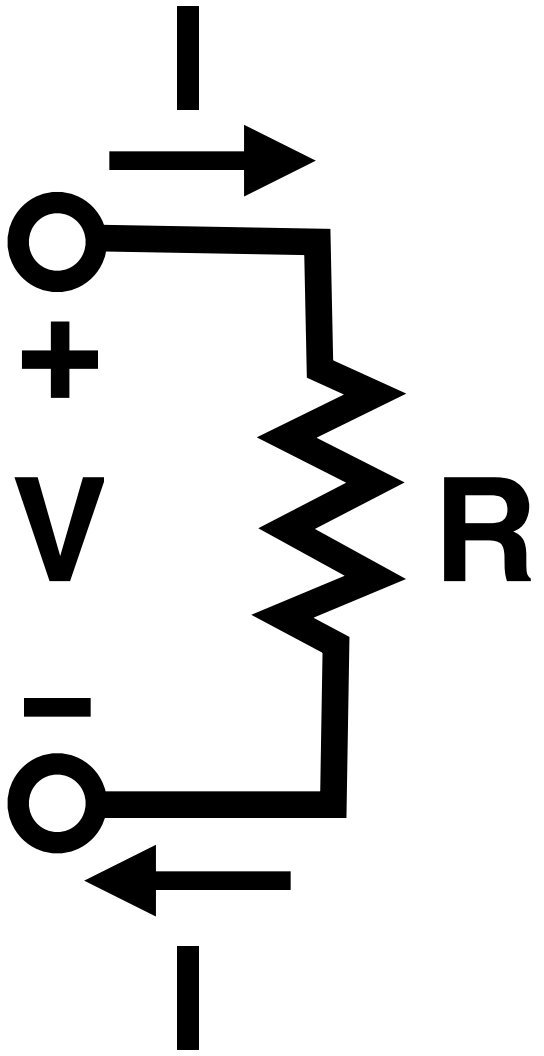
| # | I | V |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0 | 10.3 |
| 2 | 2.0 | 21.3 |
| 3 | 3.0 | 29.9 |
| 4 | 4.0 | 39.5 |
| 5 | 5.0 | 51.2 |



# Ohm's Law example: manual

And here is your plot



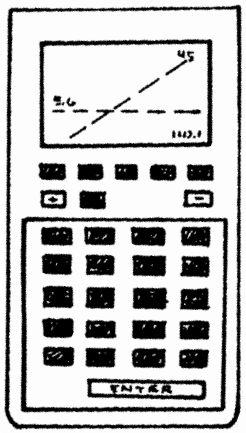



# Ohm's Law example: manual

Linear regression **V = I R**

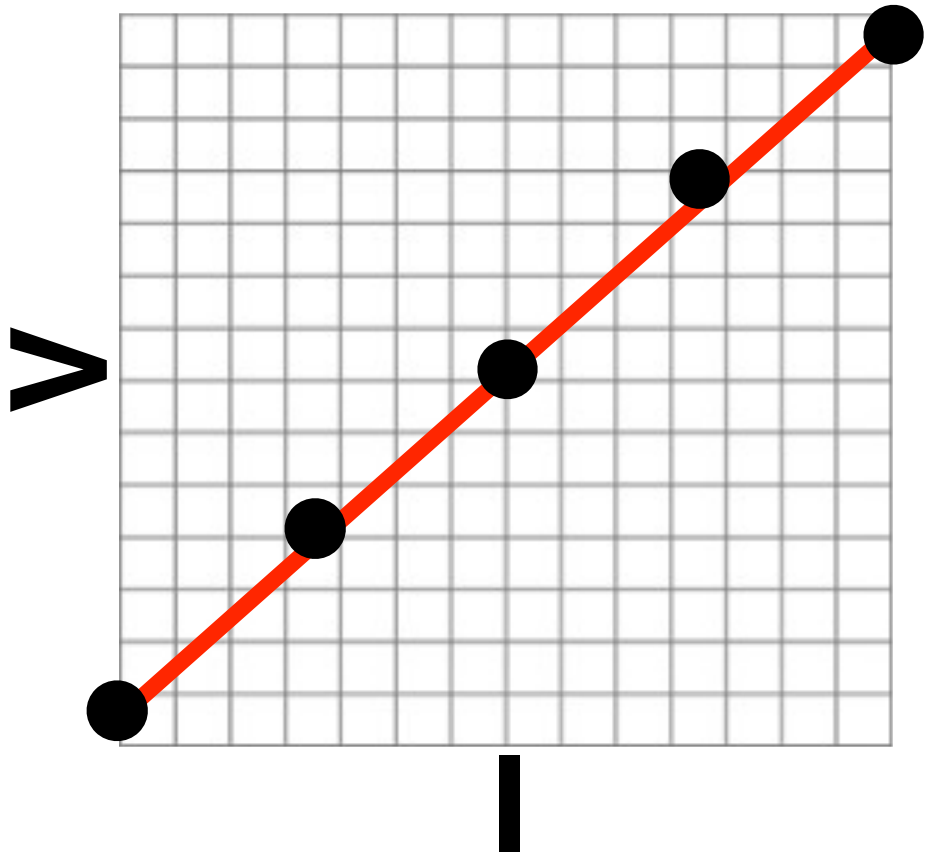
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1^{\mathrm{T}} \\ \mathbf{x}_2^{\mathrm{T}} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_n^{\mathrm{T}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ x_{21} & \cdots & x_{2p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{pmatrix}$$



# Ohm's Law example: manual

And… Here you are!




$$V = I R$$

$$R = 10.12$$

# Ohm's Law example: manual

Is it a job for a student?

# Ohm's Law example: manual

Only two options left

**Manual measurements**

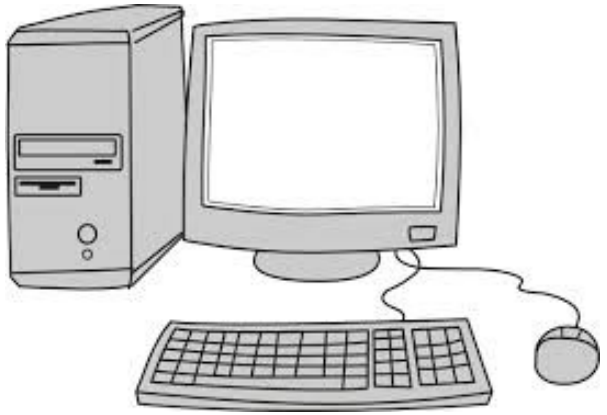
**LabView**

**Python / LabGui**

# Communicate with the device

Ethernet

GPIB



RS232

USB

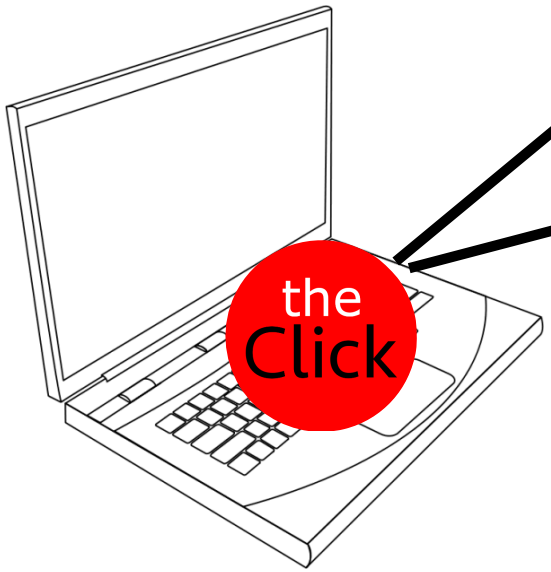
# Ohm's Law example

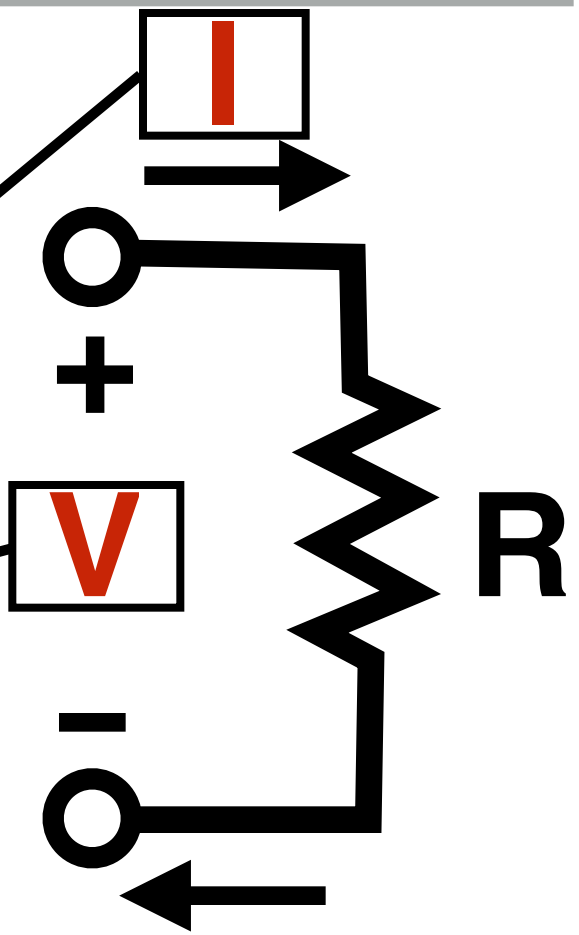
**LabView** or **LabGui**

Let's see how
**LabGui** performs

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

## Set & Measure with a Click

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

```
#empty array which will contain the measurement results
measured_voltages=[]

#create instrument objects using the communication port
current_source=CurrentSource("COM1")
voltmeter=Voltmeter("COM2")

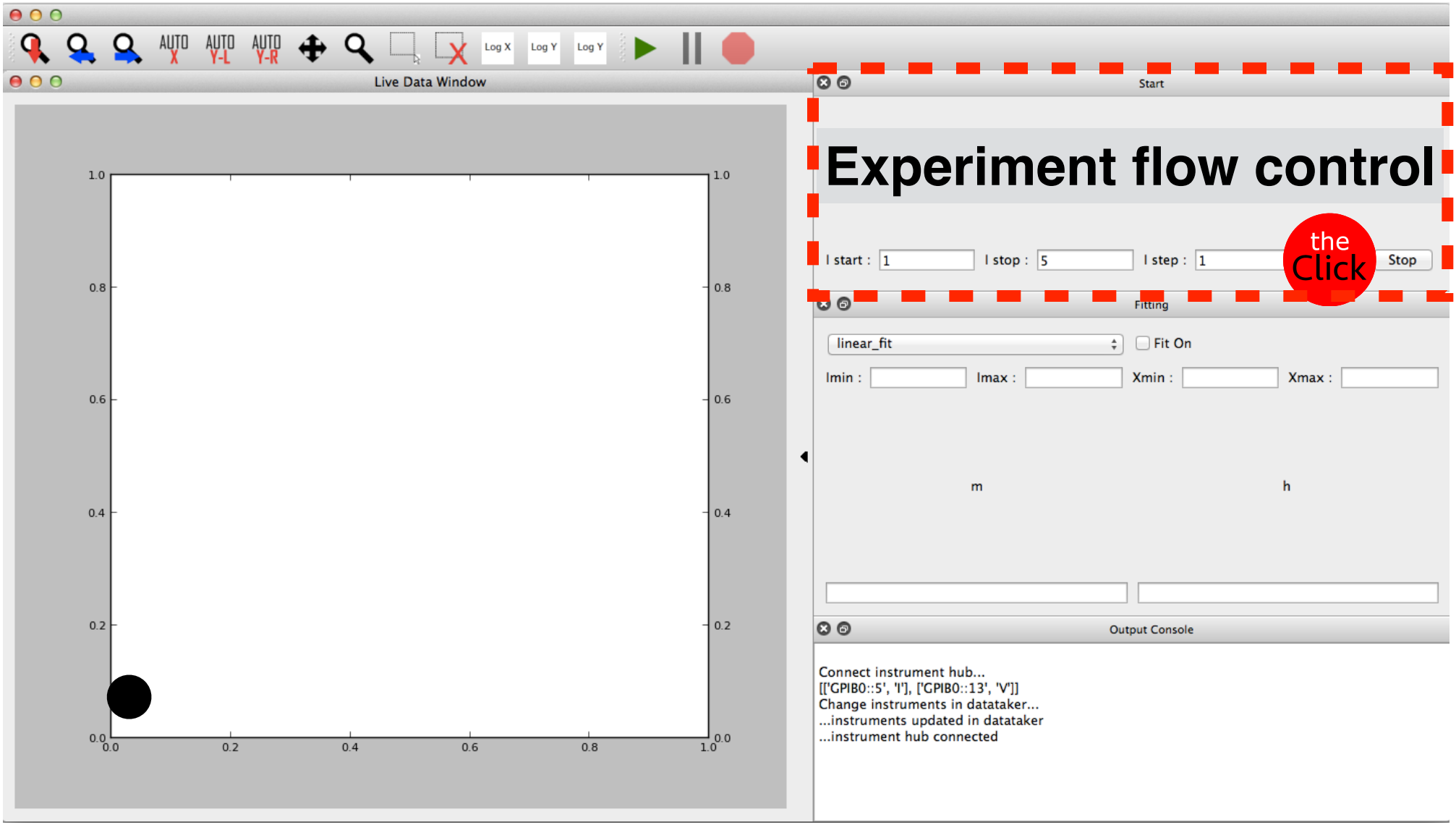


#This is the experiment
I=1.0
current_source.set_current(I)
V=voltmeter.measure_voltage()
measured_voltages.append(V)
```

#code to perform one measurement

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

## Set & Measure with a Click



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Is that hard to automate?

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Is that hard to automate?

Nope, with **Python** it's easy!

Just add a **FOR** loop.

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

```
#empty array which will contain the measurement results
measured_voltages=[]

#Value of the current in amperes
currents=[1,2,3,4,5]

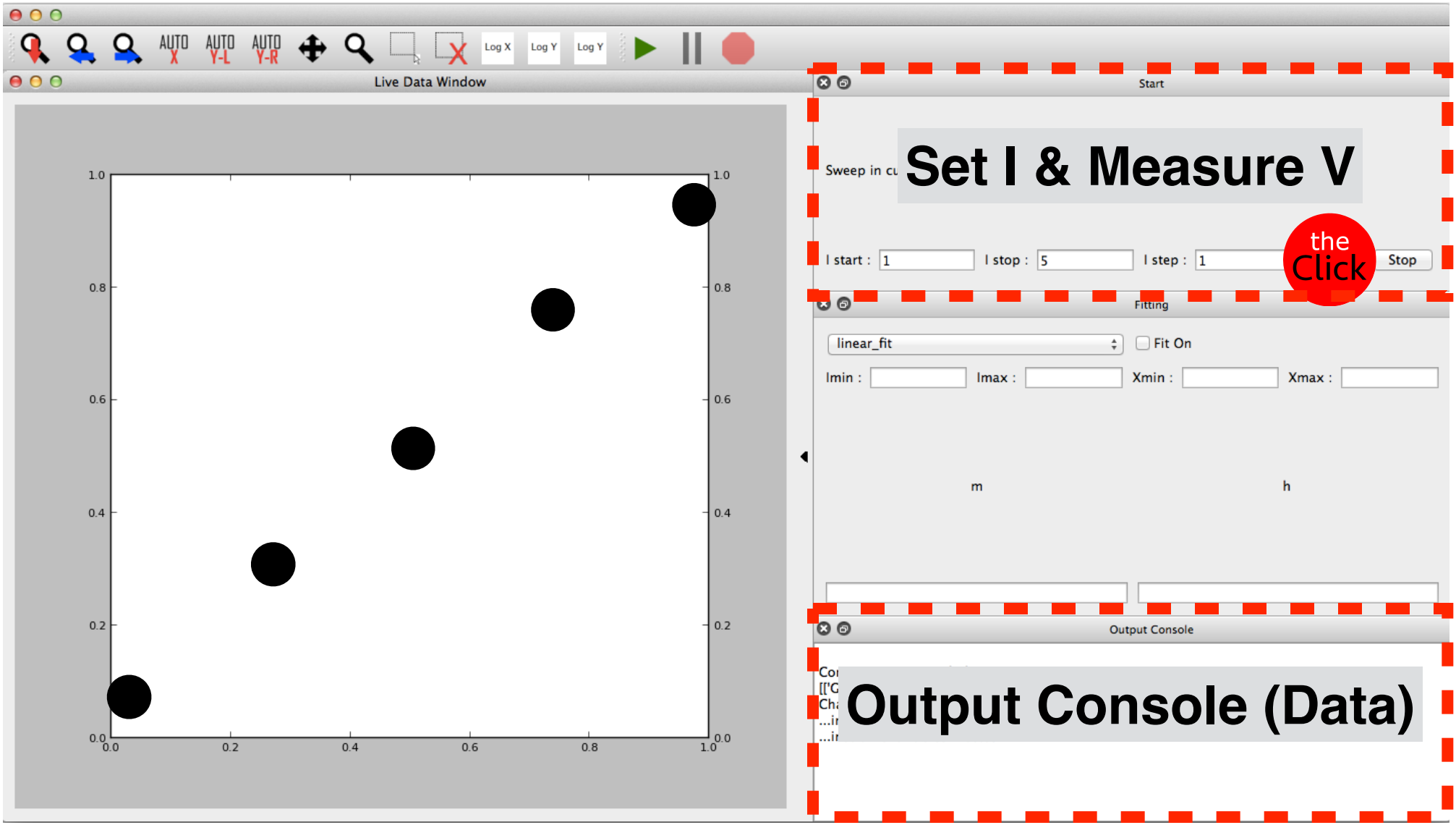
#create instrument objects using the communication port
current_source=CurrentSource("COM1")
voltmeter=Voltmeter("COM2")

#This is the experiment
for I in currents:
    current_source.set_current(I)
    V=voltmeter.measure_voltage()
    measured_voltages.append(V)
    #plots the graph of V versus I
    plot(I,measured_voltages)
```

#code to perform five measurements

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

5 experimental points at once



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

What about fitting?

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

```
#empty array which will contain the measurement results
measured_voltages=[]

#Value of the current in amperes
currents=[1,2,3,4,5]

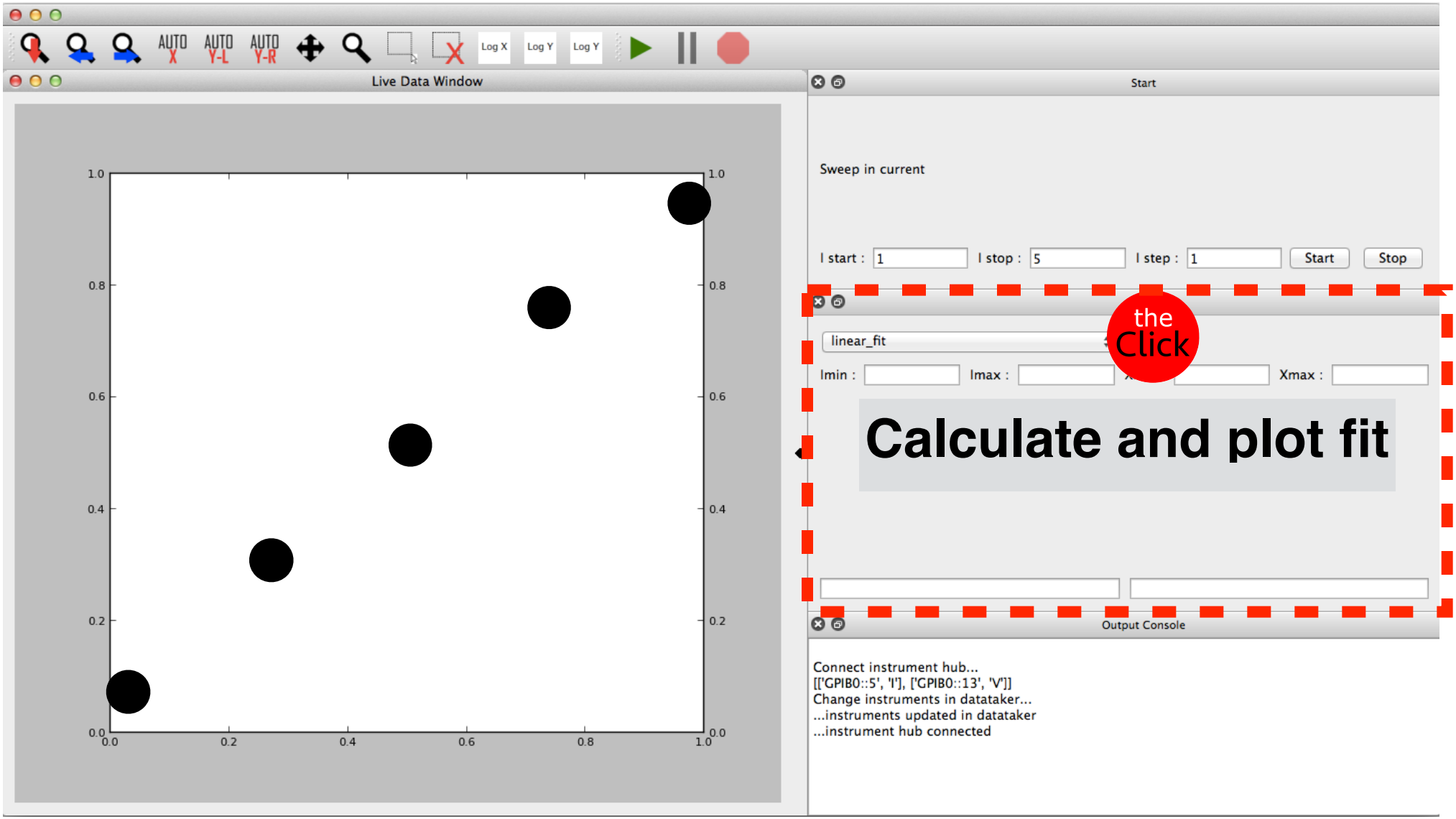
#create instrument objects using the communication port
current_source=CurrentSource("COM1")
voltmeter=Voltmeter("COM2")

def linear(x,a,b):                                    #code added
    return a*x+b

#This is the experiment
for I in currents:
    current_source.set_current(I)
    V=voltmeter.measure_voltage()
    measured_voltages.append(V)
    #plots the graph of V versus I
    plot(I,measured_voltages)
    #fit the function
    if fit_button_on==True:
        perform_fit(I,measured_voltages,name_of_function=linear)
                                                      #code added
```

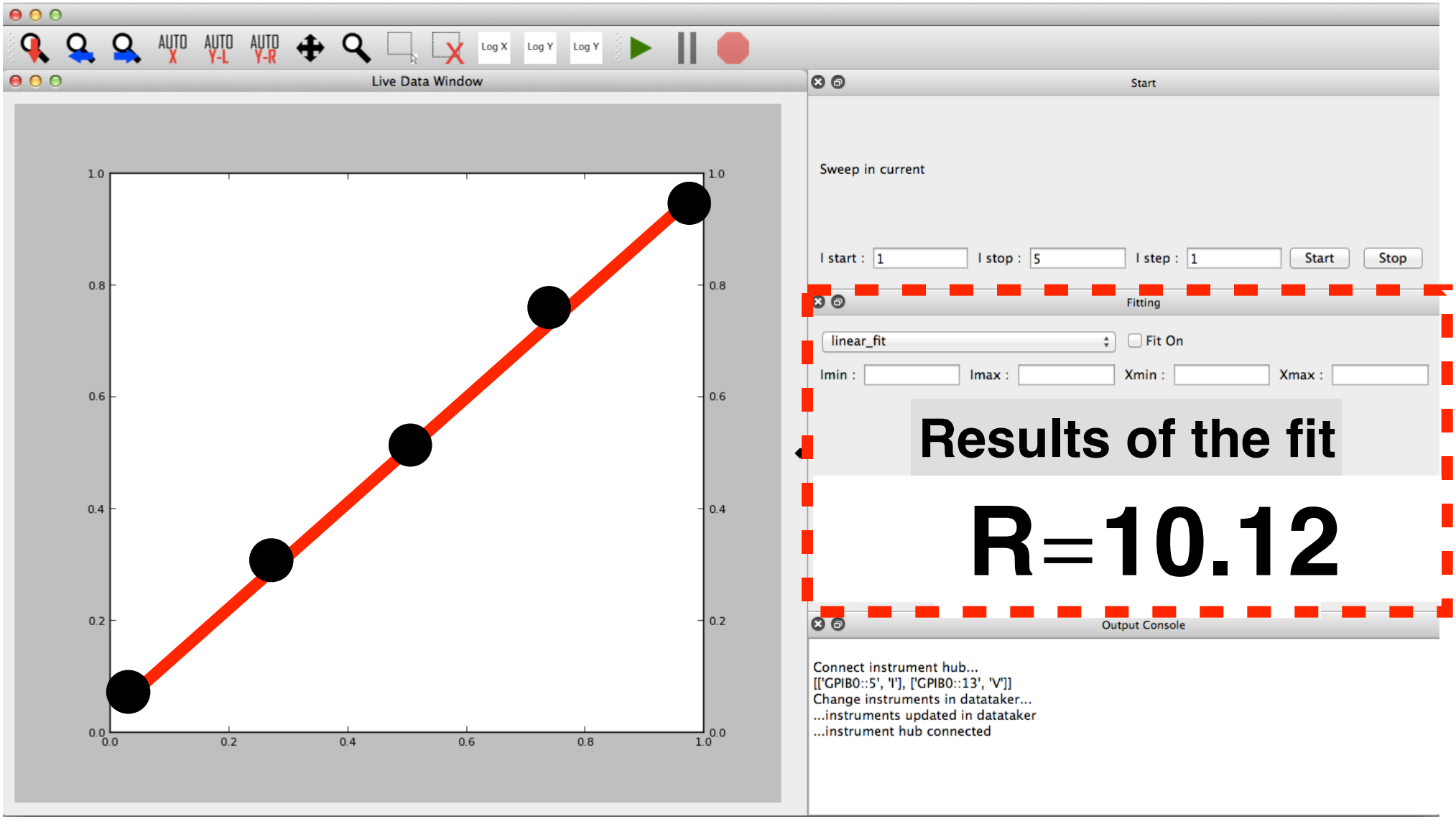
# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

## Calculate and plot fit



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Find fitting parameters



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Ok, what about **non-linear** fitting?

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Ok, what about **non-linear** fitting?
Any function!

This is **Python**
YOU control everything

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

```
#empty array which will contain the measurement results
measured_voltages=[]

#Value of the current in amperes
currents=[1,2,3,4,5]

#create instrument objects using the communication port
current_source=CurrentSource("COM1")
voltmeter=Voltmeter("COM2")

def non_linear_whatever(x,a,b):
    return a*exp(b*x)

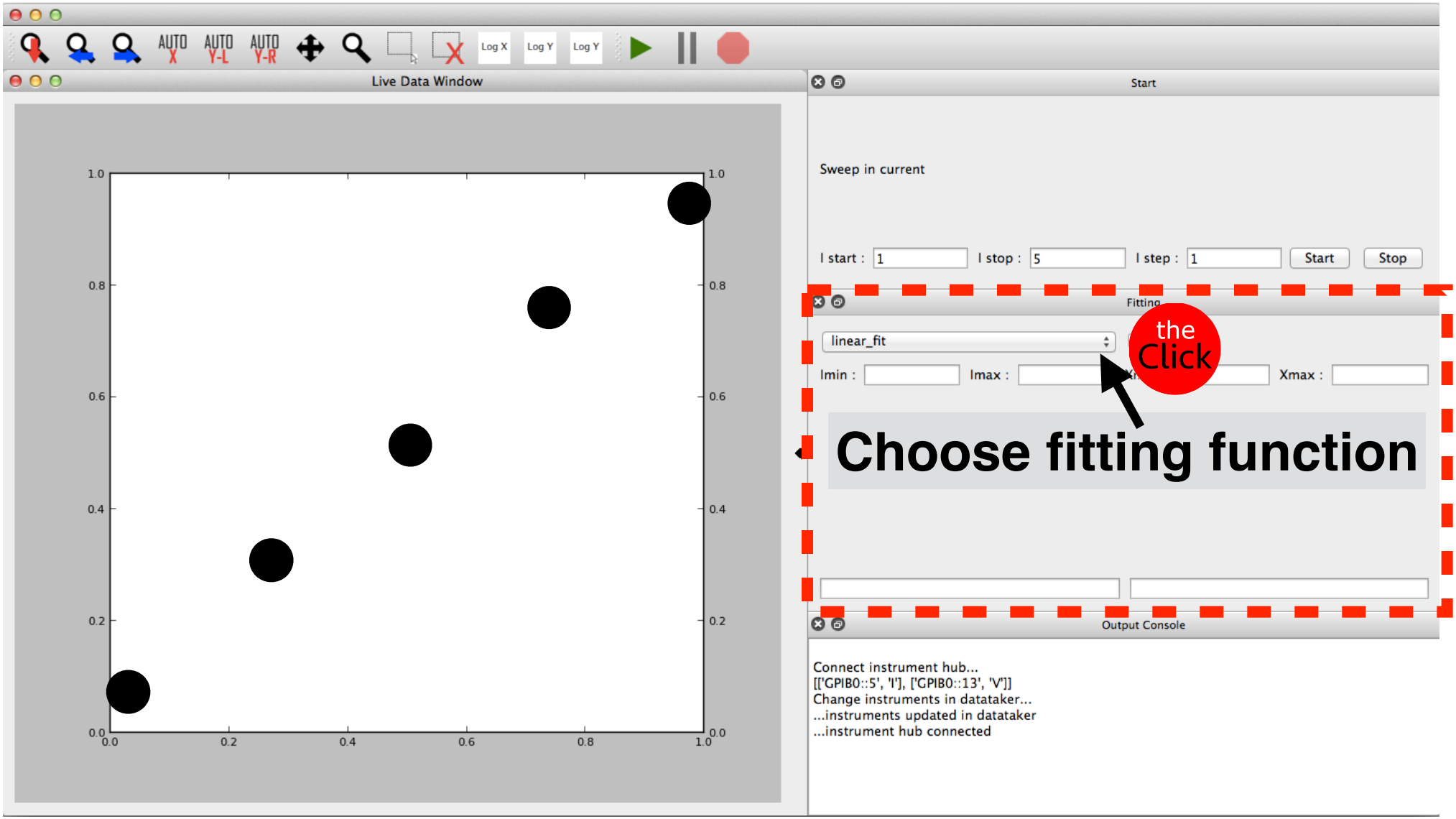
#This is the experiment
for I in currents:
    current_source.set_current(I)
    V=voltmeter.measure_voltage()
    measured_voltages.append(V)
    #plots the graph of V versus I
    plot(I,measured_voltages)
    #fit the function
    if fit_button_on==True:
        perform_fit(I,measured_voltages,name_of_function=non_linear_whatever)
```

#code changed here

#code changed here

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

## Choose a fitting function



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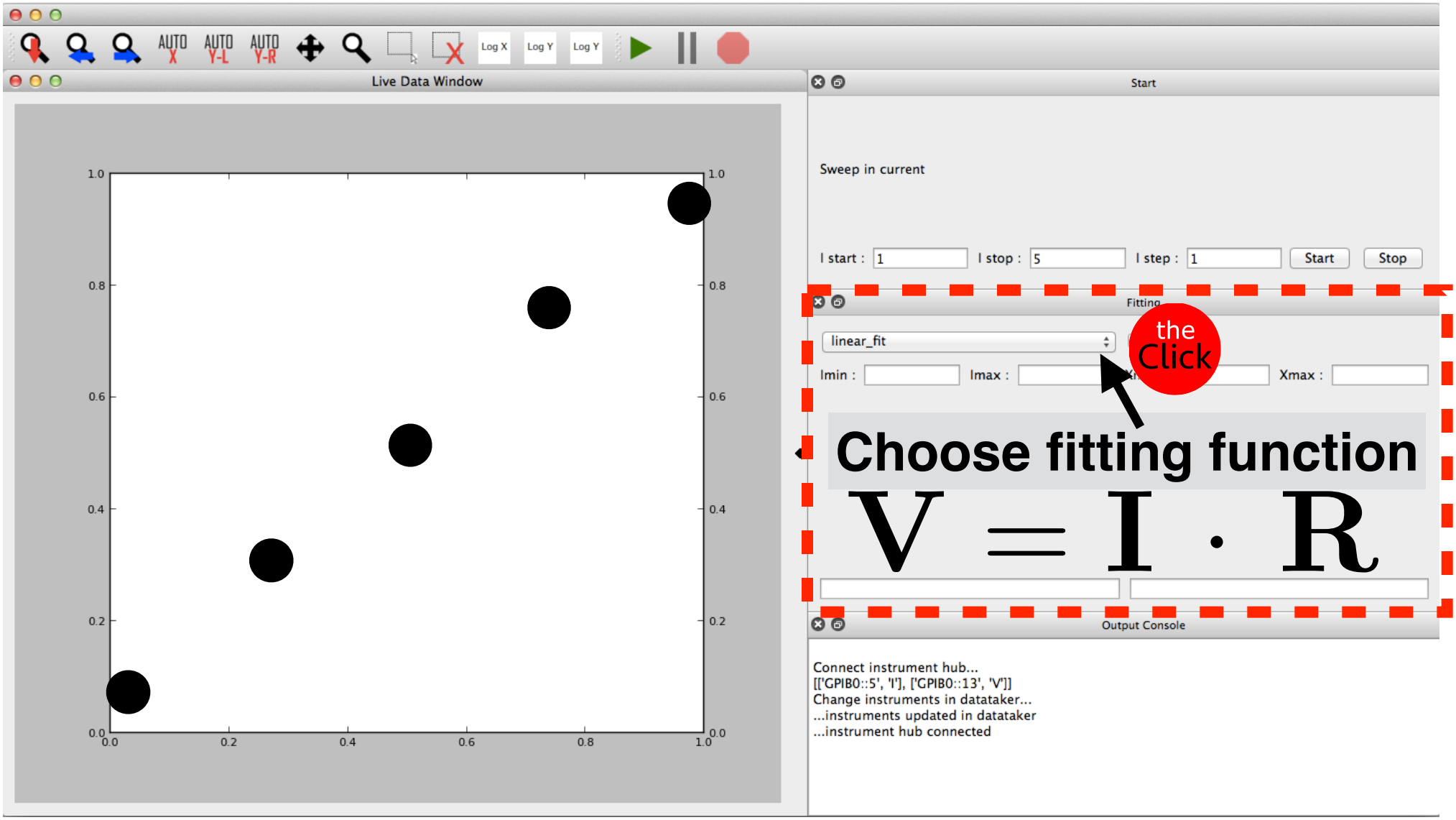

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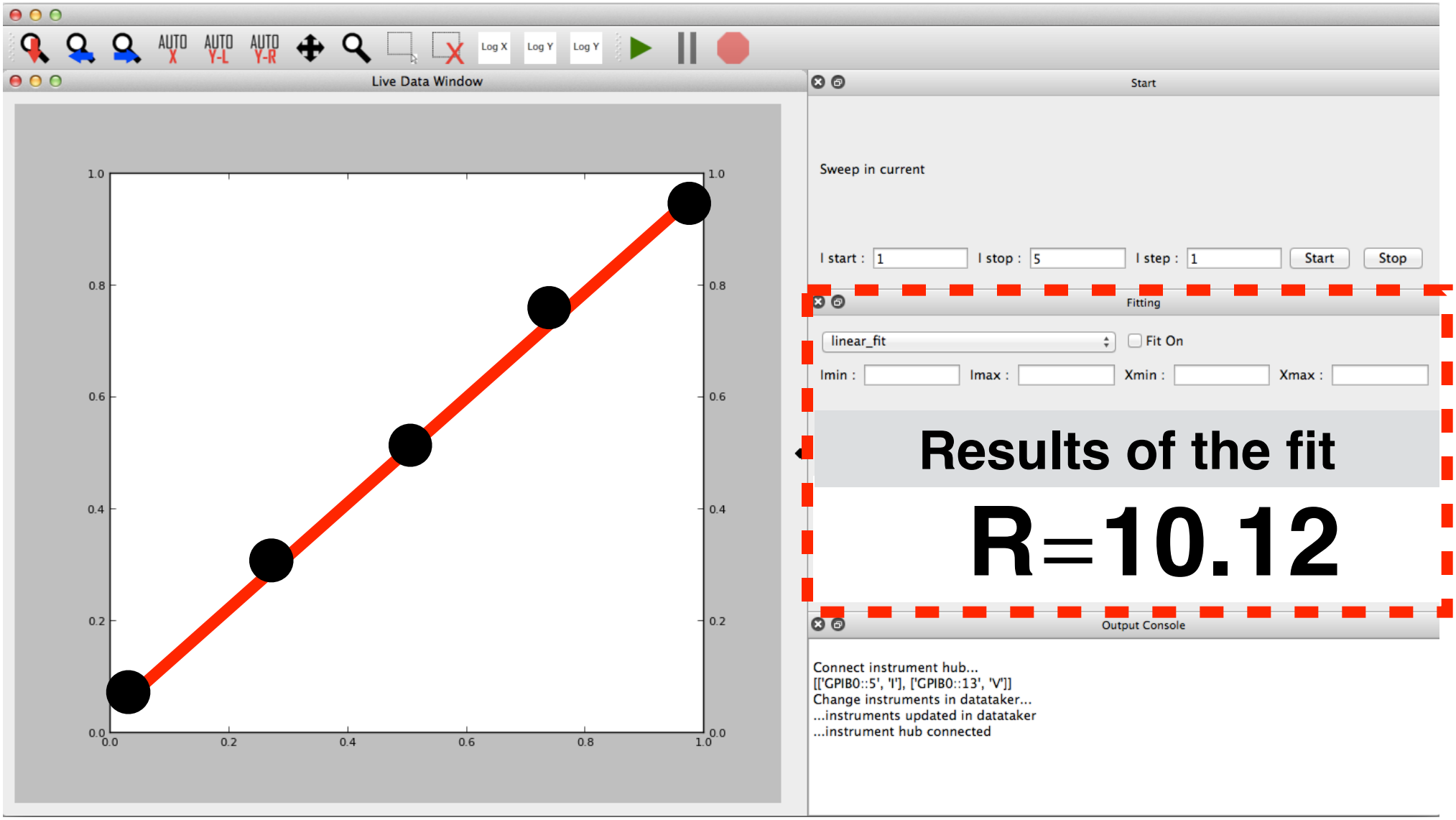

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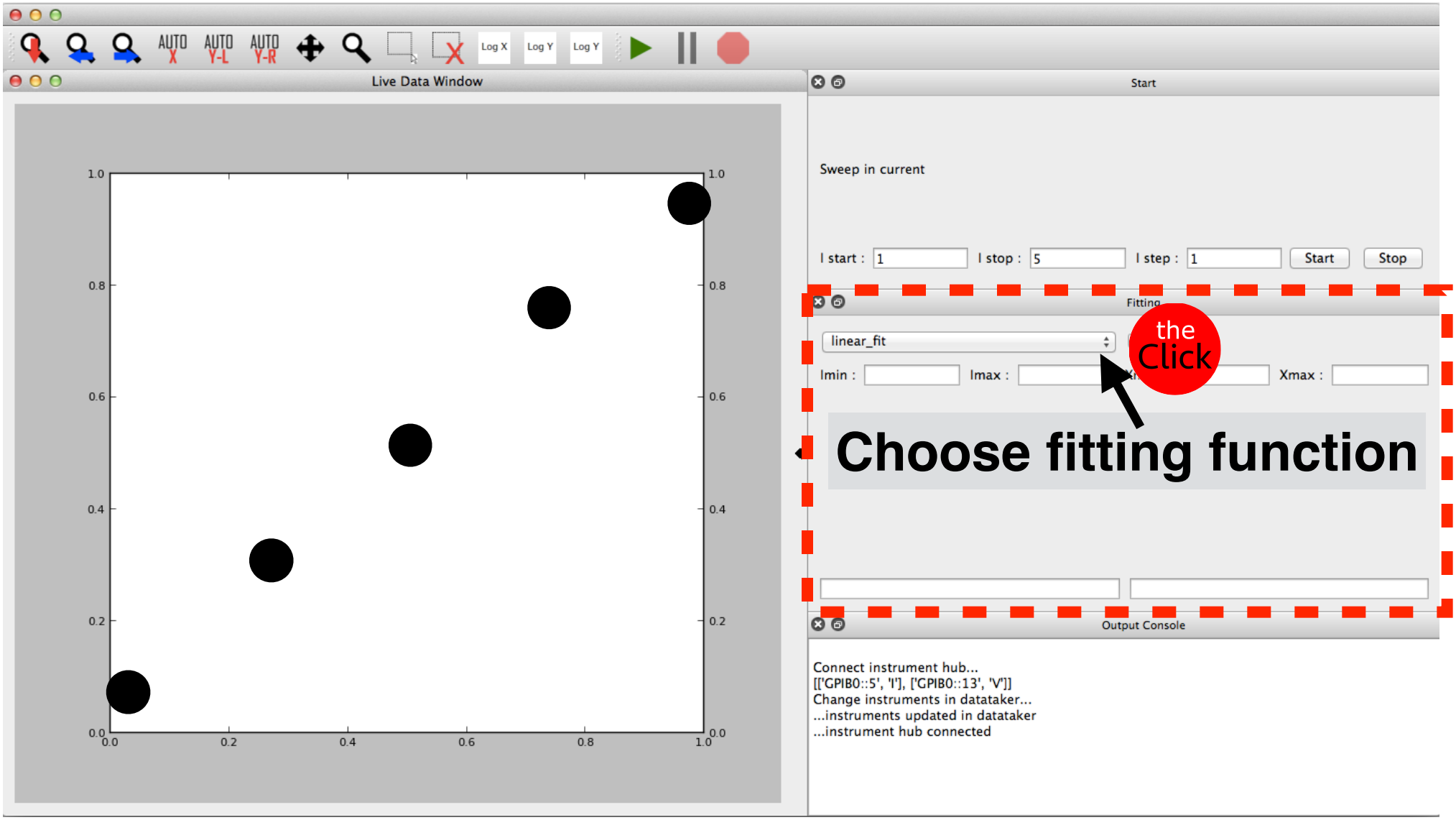
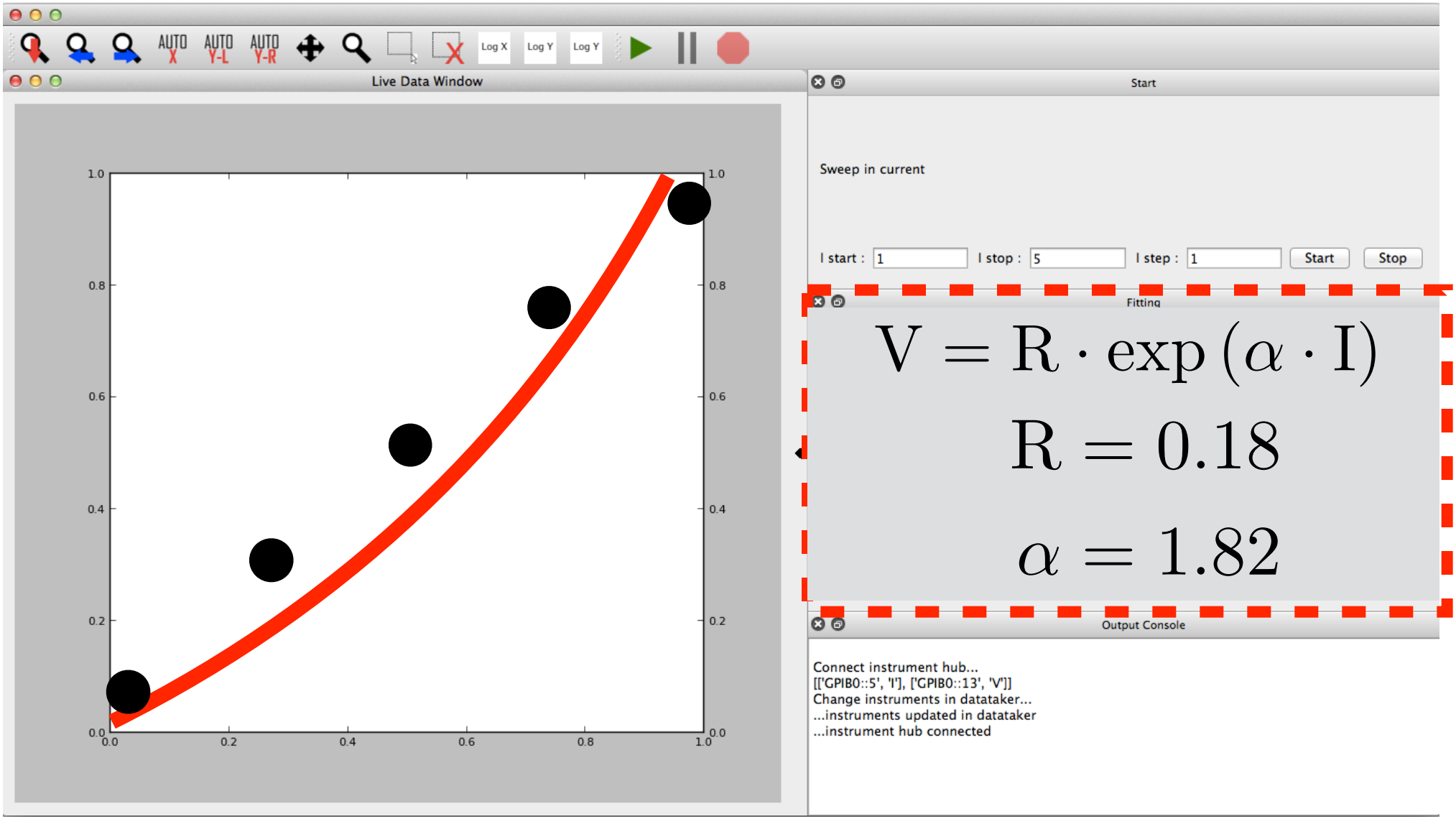
Choose another fitting function



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Calculate and plot new fit



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Want more statistics?

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Want more statistics?
Just add another **FOR** loop

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

```
repetitions=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]

#empty array which will contain the measurement results
measured_voltages=[]

#Value of the current in amperes
currents=[1,2,3,4,5]

#create instrument objects using the communication port
current_source=CurrentSource("COM1")
voltmeter=Voltmeter("COM2")

#This is the experiment
for j in repetitions:
    for I in currents:
        current_source.set_current(I)
        V=voltmeter.measure_voltage()
        measured_voltages.append(V)
        #plots the graph of V versus I
        plot(I,measured_voltages)
```

#code changed **only here**

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

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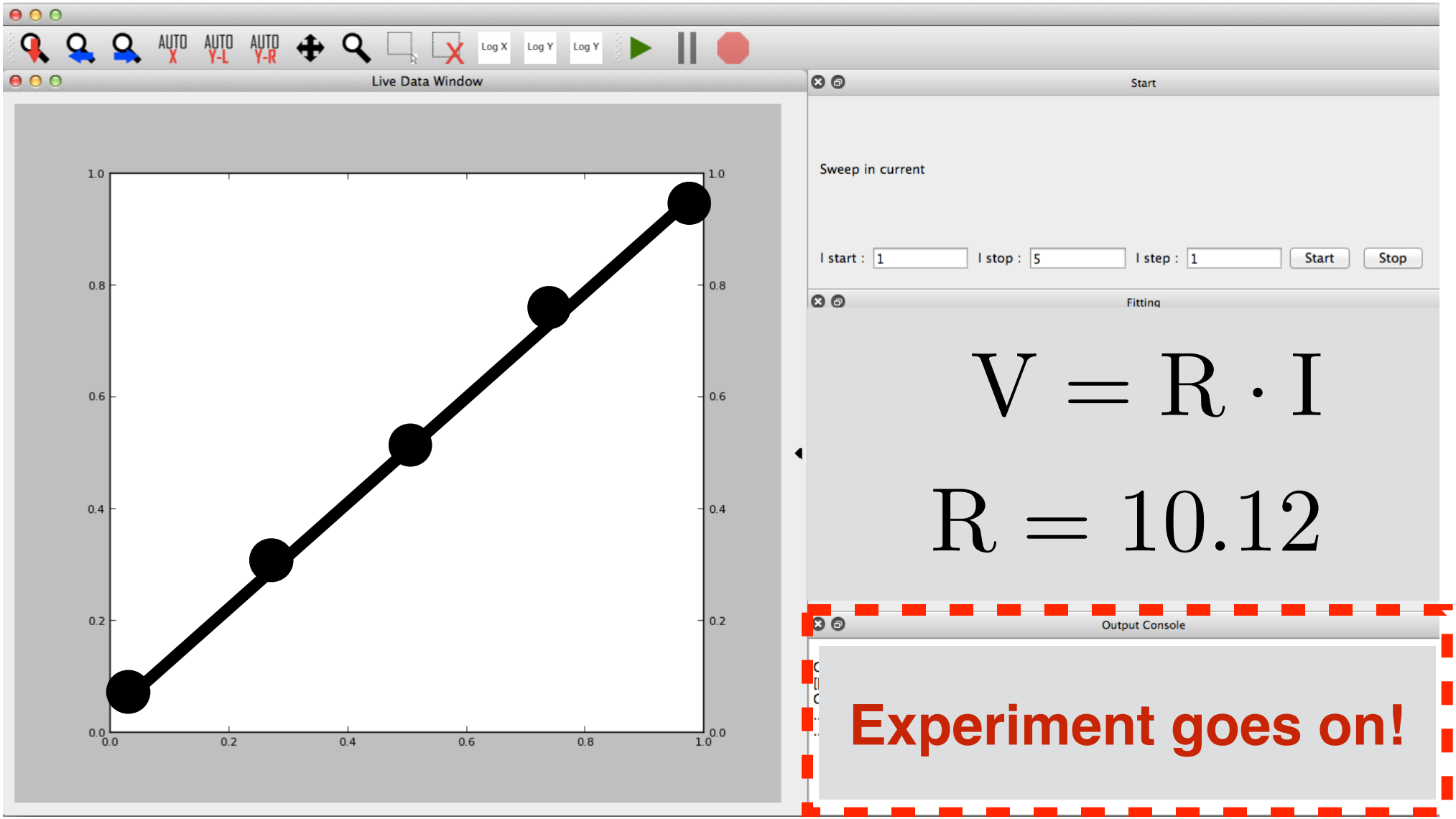
**Bonus:**
Play with fits of already taken data
while
experiment goes on in the bckg

# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Meanwhile in the background



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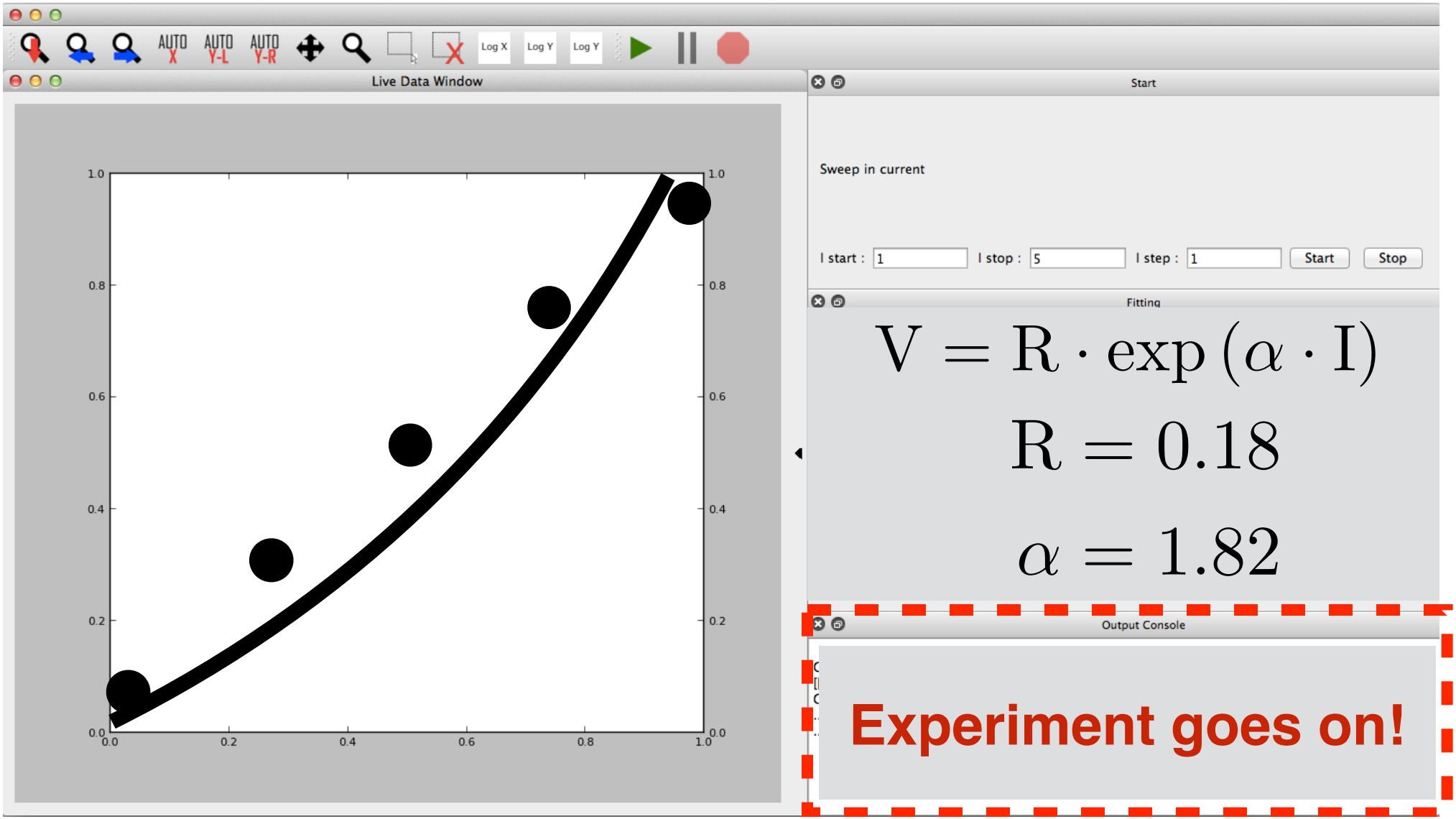
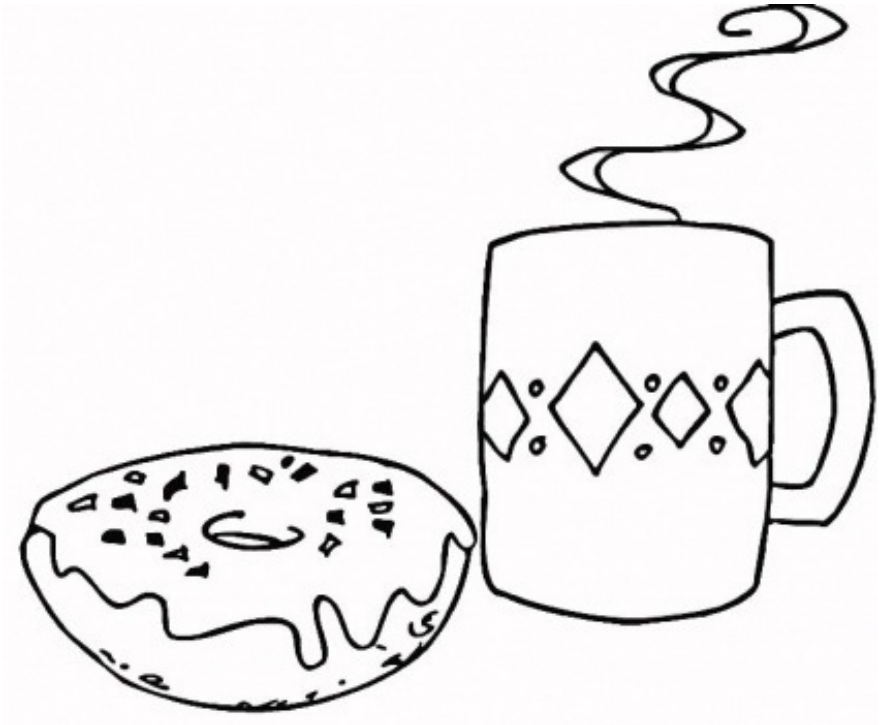


# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Go grab a coffee
while your experiment is going on!



# Ohm's Law example: LabGui

Go grab a coffee
while your experiment is going on!

**Another bonus:**
**LabGui** will send
you an email, if
something happens!

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        V=voltmeter.measure_voltage()
        measured_voltages.append(V)
        #plots the graph of V versus I
        plot(I,measured_voltages)

#Call a function which send you an email
send_email("you@some_server.org",message="Come back, the measurement is over ;)")
```

#all the code you need to send an email

# Ohm's Law example

Why should I use **LabGui**?

Let's compare the key features

# Compare LabView & LabGui

VS

**LabView**

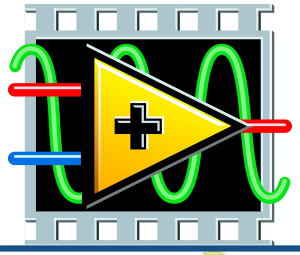
**Python / LabGui**

#1

**ALL** devices speak

**ONE** language

# Compare LabView & LabGui

| |  |  |
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# #2
# Project’s complexity

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Source of complications: **PL** vs **GPL**

**LabGui** = **P**rogramming **L**anguage

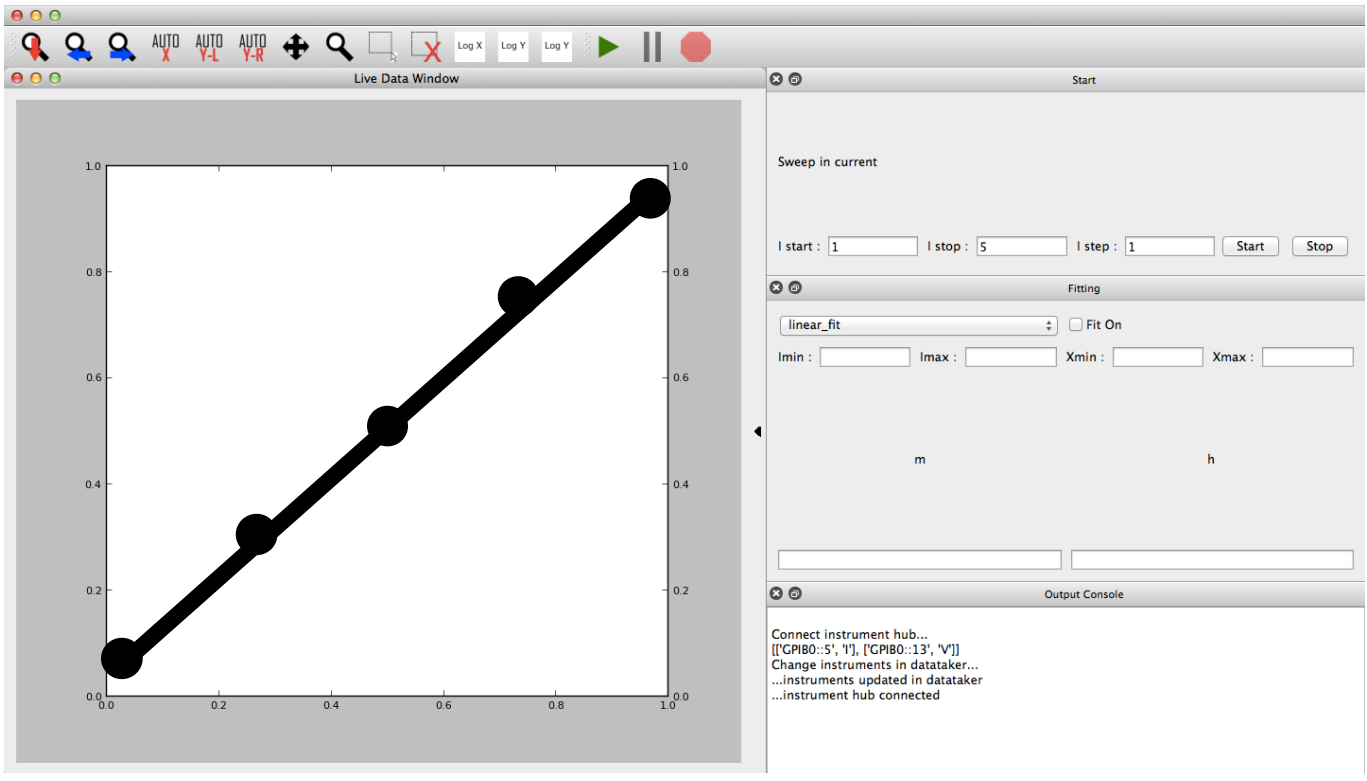
**LabView** = **G**raphical **P**rogramming **L**anguage

# LabGui

Code →

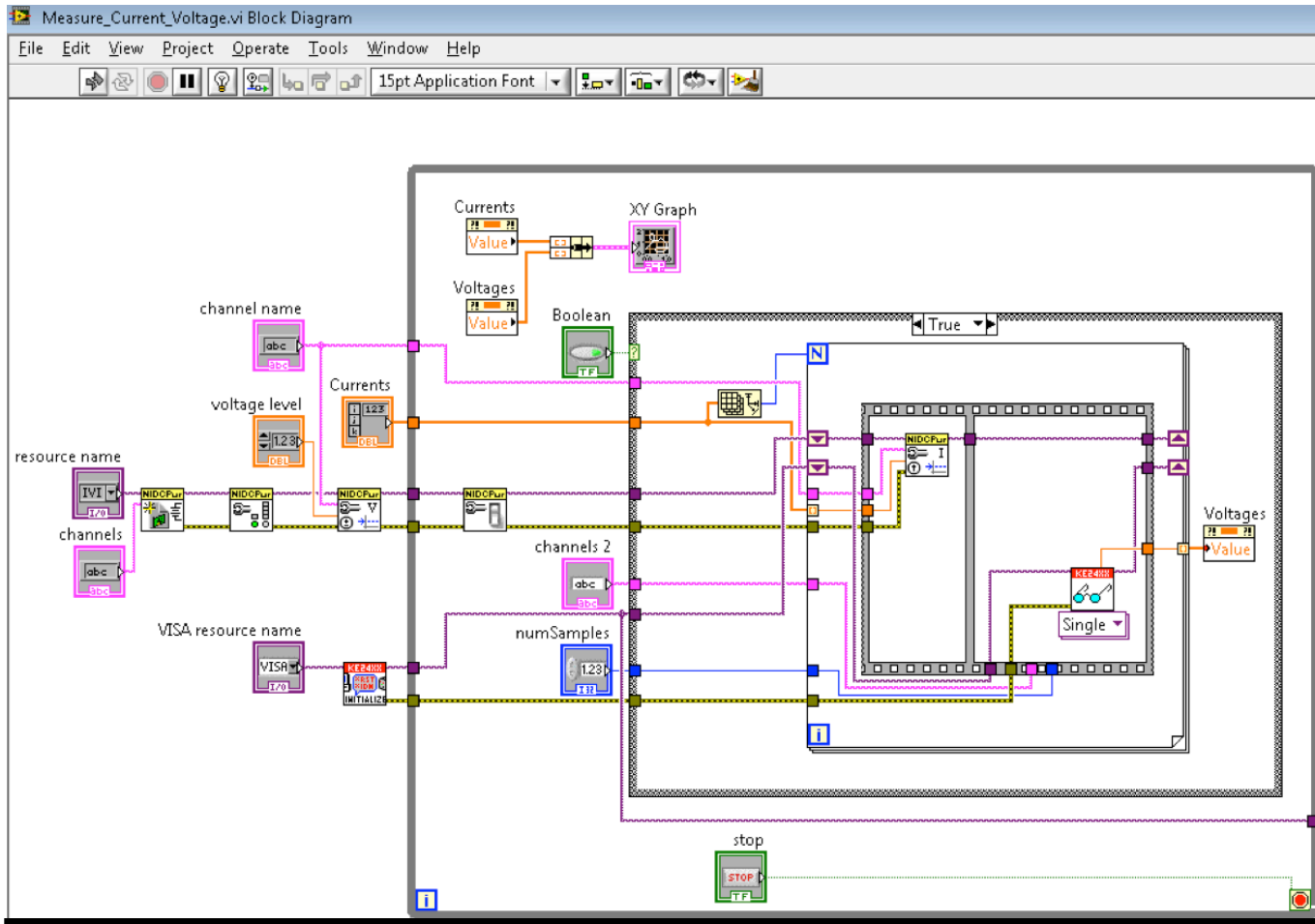
Interface →

```
3. vim
85 class LabGui(QtGui.QMainWindow):
86     #The command window
87     cmdwin=None
88
89     outputfile=None
90     def __init__(self):
91         # run the initializer of the class inherited from6
92         super(LabGui, self).__init__()
93
94         self.settings = QSettings(self)
95         self.settings.setValue("state", self.saveState())
96
97         #defines the zone in which you can create widgets
98         self.zoneCentrale = QtGui.QMdiArea()
```

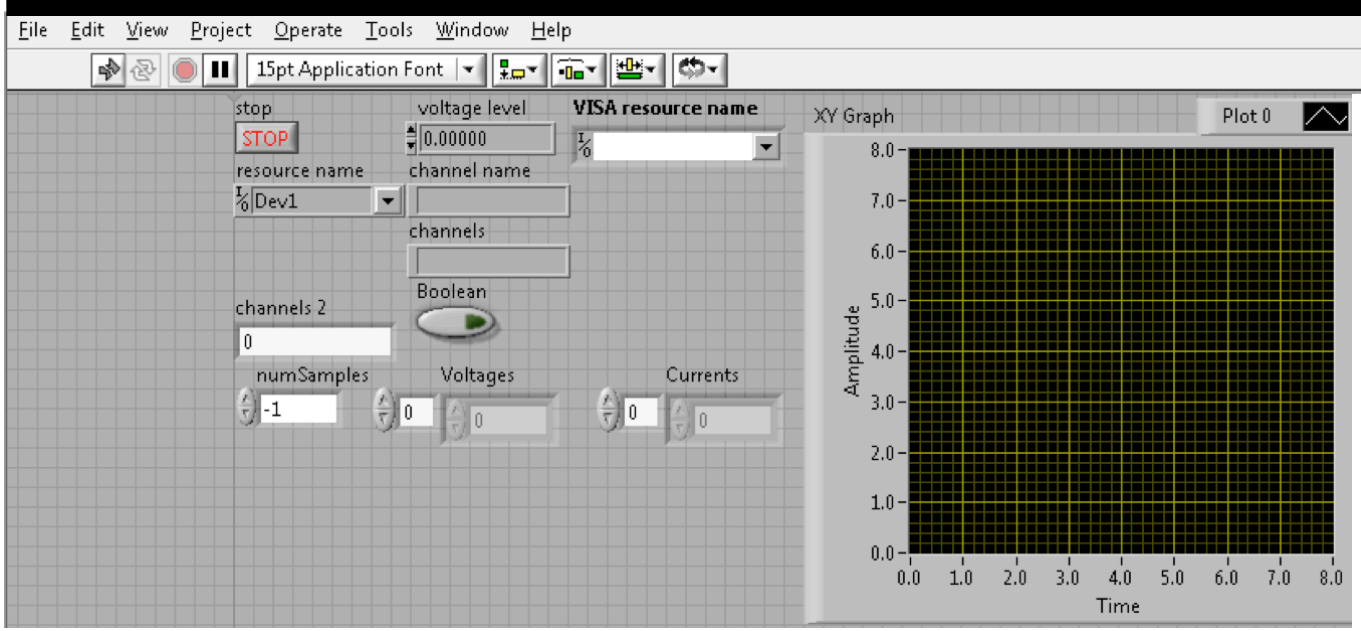


# LabView

Code →




Interface ▸



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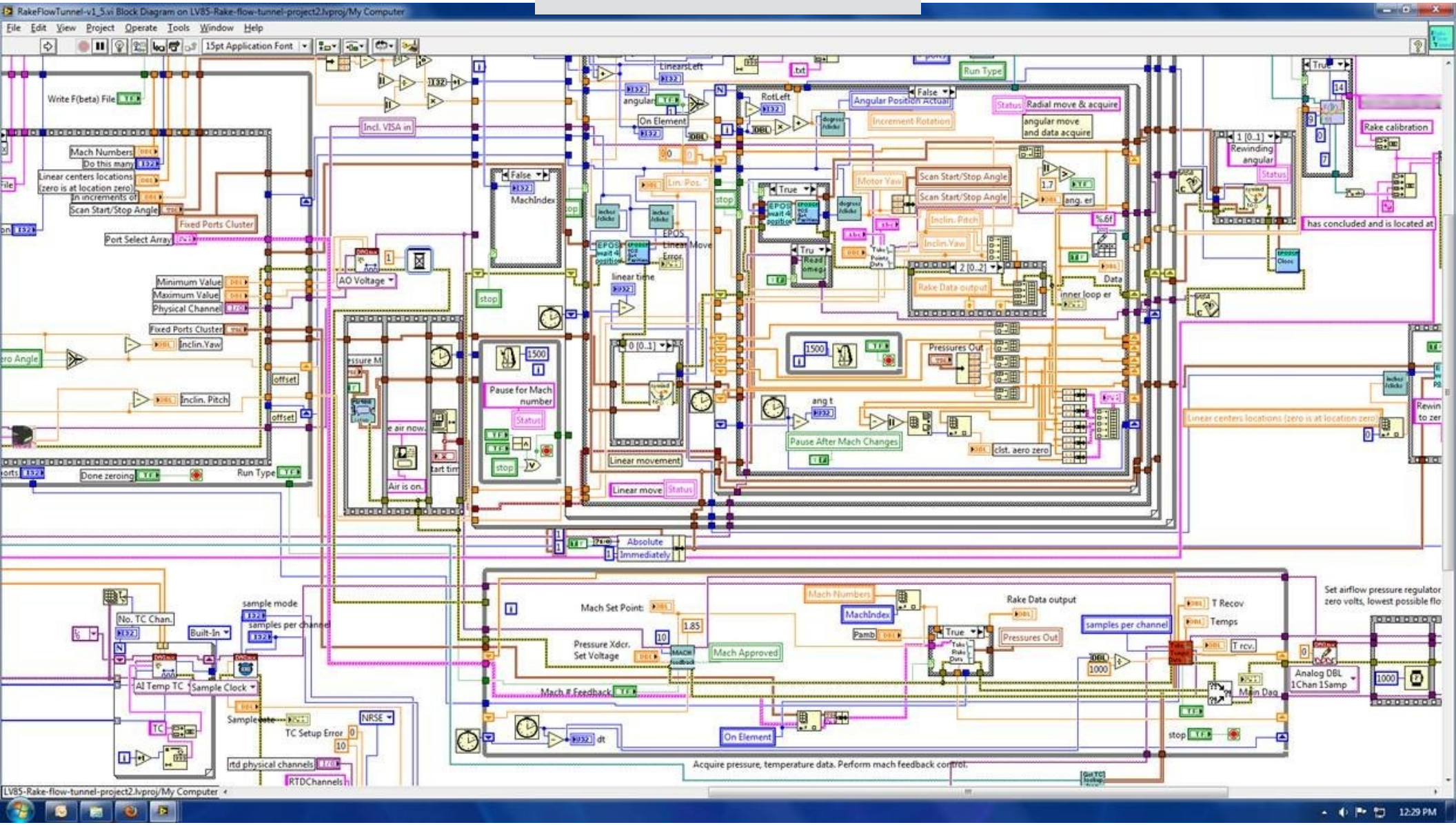


Actually that diagram looks benign compared to some of the stuff that we use in our lab.

# PL vs GPL

“LabView makes:

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- the hard things harder.”

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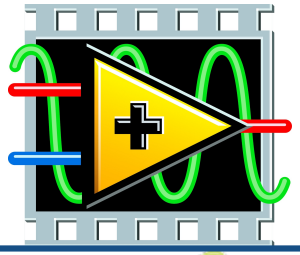
- The learning curve of **GPL** is lower, but so is the productivity
- **GPL** has less convenient and standard VERSION CONTROL
- It's cumbersome and slow to use **GPL** over SSH and/or on old computers

# Compare LabView & LabGui

| |  |  |
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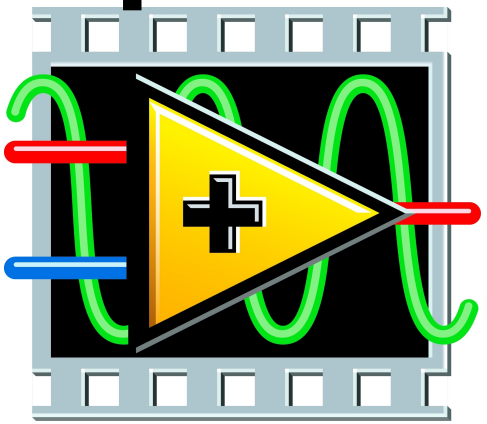


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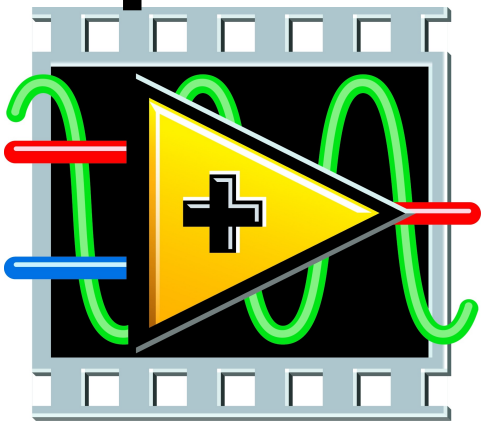


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# LabView compatibility issues

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| 6.1 | M | M | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 7.0 | M | M | M | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
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| 8.0.x | M | M | M | M | M | S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
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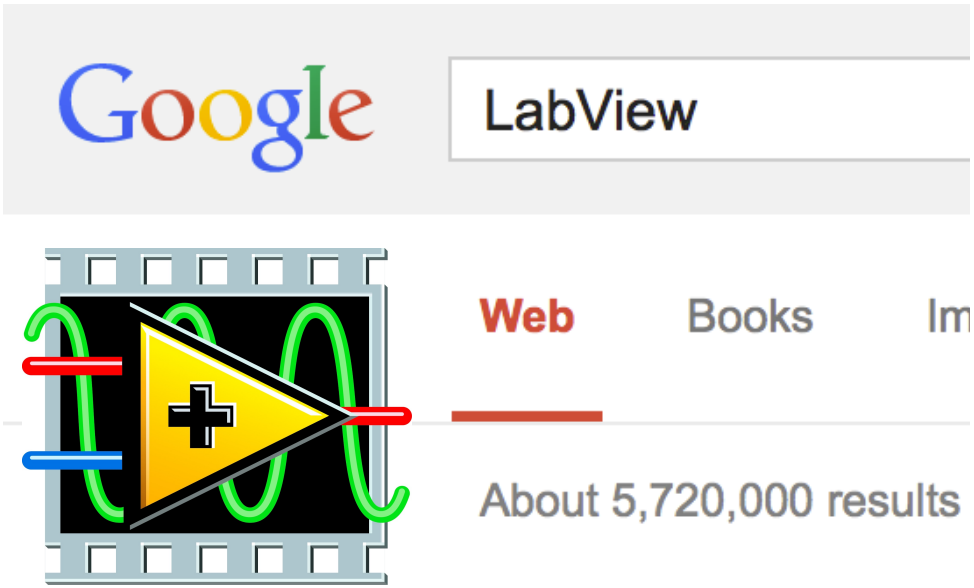


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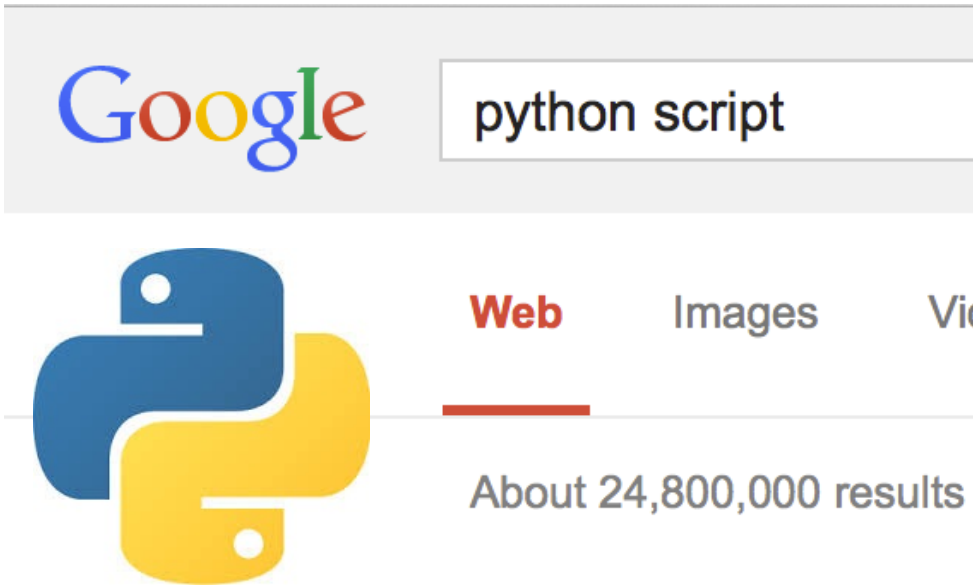


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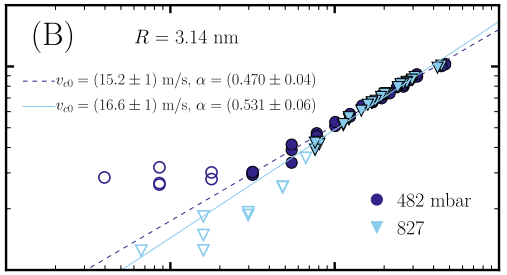


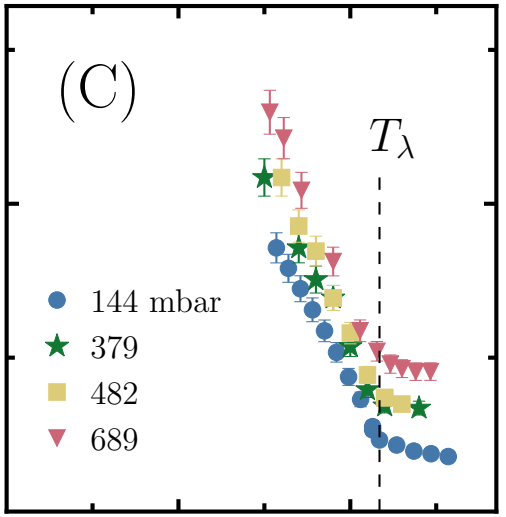

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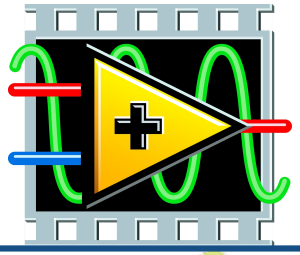
| |  |  |
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