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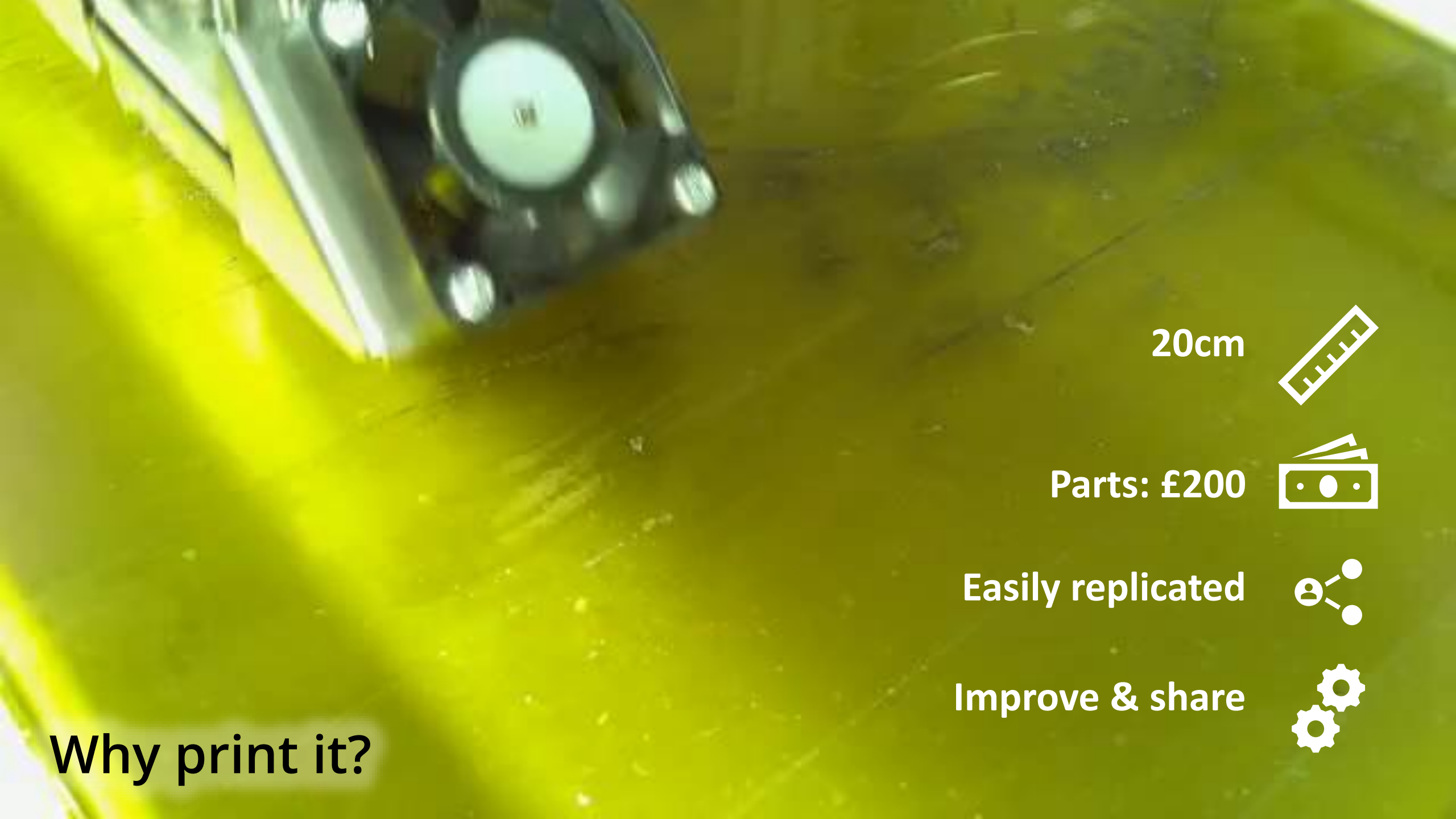
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microscope

Smart microscopy for everyone with the Web of Things

Richard Bowman, WoT GC, 15/2/2024







20cm



Parts: £200



Easily replicated



Improve & share



Why print it?

Microscopy for everyone

200M cases/year
500,000 deaths



Quality Assurance

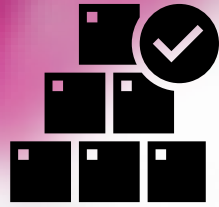


Training



Local Production

A global community project



Easily to build for reproducibility, accessibility, and improvement



open source
hardware

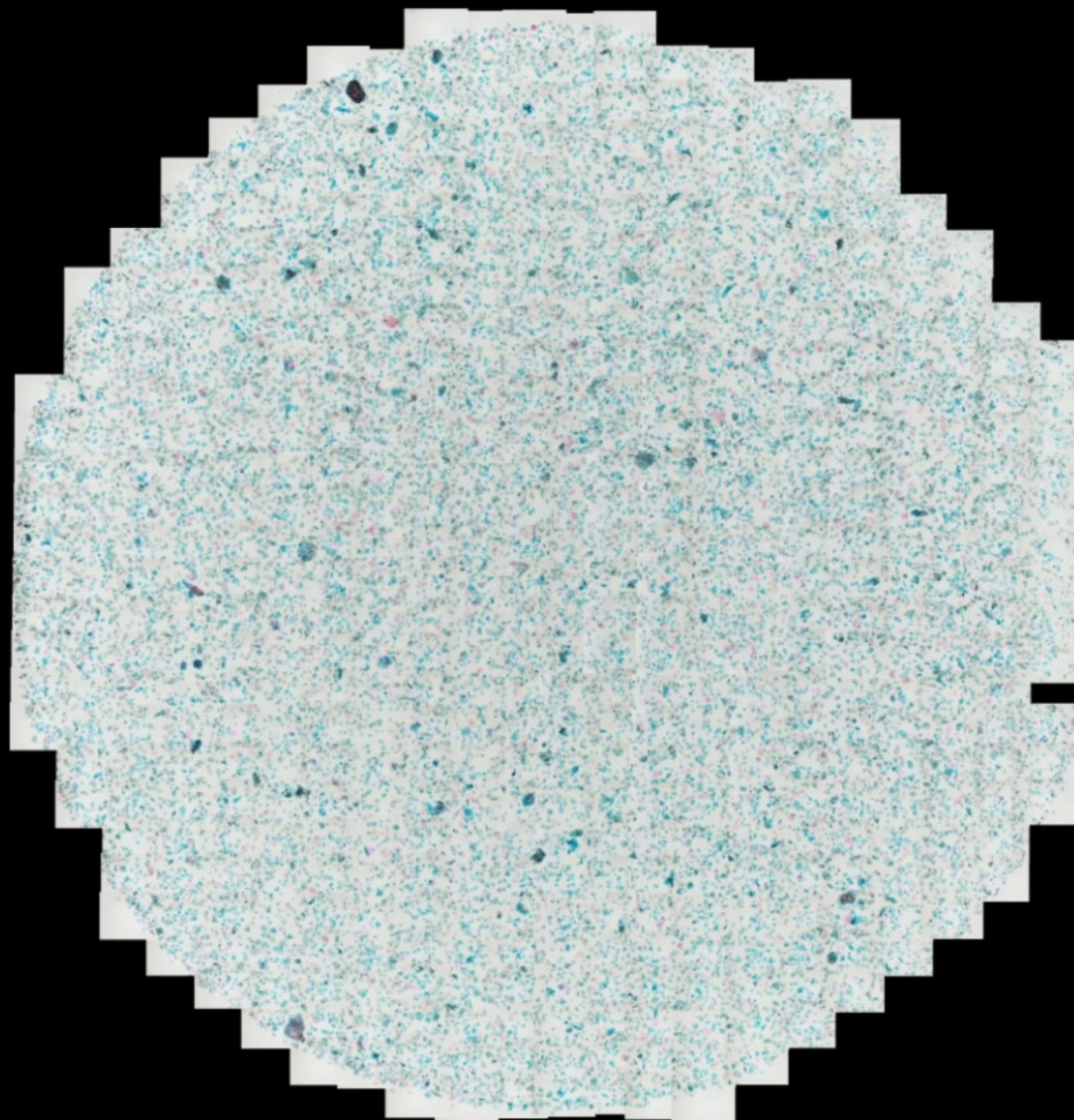
Open hardware & software development



Culture, infrastructure, and effort to **build community**



Smart scanning & tiling



#OPENFLEXURECON2022

1. TANZANIA

Valerian Sanga & Paul Nyakyi, Bongo Tech & Research Labs

MALARIA DIAGNOSIS

1ST EVER MAKER SPACE IN TANZANIA

- Engineering & Consultancy
- Robots & Automation
- R&D Projects
- Youth development
- IoT
- Digital Manufacturing

THE FUTURE

- Construct office Space
- Initiate Tanzania OSH Summit
- Host first Tanzania OSH Summit

Joram Mduda, Ifkara Health Institute

COLLECTING TISSUE SAMPLES & SCAN IMAGING

WE PROVED YOU CAN PRODUCE A DIAGNOSIS DEVICE THAT'S LOCALLY MANUFACTURED

LOCAL REPAIRS

ARE OPTICAL SENSORS JUST FOR EXPERTS? NO!

OPTICAL SECTIONING

ROBOTIC MICROSCOPY FOR EVERYONE!

TATSUNOKE MATSUI, MIE UNIVERSITY

JAPAN

CONVENTIONAL OPTICAL

OBSERVED IMAGE = WELL FOCUSED IMAGE + BLURRED OUT-OF-FOCUS IMAGE

STRUCTURED ILLUMINATION

OBSERVED IMAGE = FOCAL PLANE + OUT-OF FOCAL PLANE

YOU CAN COMBINE SEVERAL MEASUREMENTS TO GET BACK ONLY THE WELL-FOCUSED IMAGE!

11. NIAMH BURKE, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

DEMOCRATISING DISCOVERY

TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF MARINE MICROPLASTICS POLLUTION WITH OPEN & ACCESSIBLE IMAGING TOOLS

SMOOTH MOVES IN THE Z-AXIS

IMMEDIATE MEASURE

DIRECTLY MEASURE

MODIFY

10. JOE KNAPPER, UNIVERSITY OF BATH

MAKING AUTO-FOCUS & SCANNING MORE RELIABLE!

BY TEACHING THE MICROSCOPE HOW TO CORRECT FOR ERRORS

9. SAMUEL McDERMOTT, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MAKING SCRIPTING EASY WITH BLOCKLY

DRAG & DROP

PERFORM SMART EXPERIMENTS

SCRIPTING A SERIES OF OPERATIONS

8. OLIVER HIGGINS, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

ALGORITHM

USE ON SMARTPHONE

DISEASE STATUS

NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

APP

7. NIAH BURKE, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

JELLYLAB!

Automated detection of HELMINTH INFECTION USING 3D PRINTED MICROSCOPY

3. USA

DANIEL ROSEN, BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

MEDICAL EDUCATION

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Assess integration of HMRE
- Investment validation of dysplasia in squamous lesions of the esophagus
- Instrument validation of cervical cytology smears

PROBLEM SOLVED

Using images acquired with OFM to train pathology & med students

WRONG PICTURE = WRONG DIAGNOSIS

WHY OPENFLEXURE?

- High IMAGE RESOLUTION
- Low INFRASTRUCTURE
- ENERGY EFFICIENT
- Low NETWORK REQUIREMENTS
- OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE

EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES DEVELOPED:

- GENERAL SURGERY PATHOLOGY CASES
- PROSTATE CANCER
- ENDOCRINE PATHOLOGY
- LUNG CANCER
- CERVICAL CYTOLOGY SMEARS

5. GERMANY

F&M

FOLLOWS FUNCTION

DESIGNING CIRCUITS FOURIER VS MODULAR OPTICS

RAPID PROTOTYPING FOR OPTICS

BENEDICT DIEDERICH, OPEN UC2

SPLIT THE MICROSCOPE

HIDDEN WIRES

UC2 ATTACHMENT

BIOLOGICAL PROTOCOLS

MICROSCOPIC IMAGING

IMAGE ANALYSIS

SMART ALGORITHMS DECISION MAKING

6. FERNANDO CASTRO, RE-GOSH - AUVV COOPERATIVE

AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

CONTEXT: FERTILITY = HEALTH

LIVING SOIL WORKSHOPS

MICROBIOLOGICAL AGROPACHA

DIY SOIL MICROSCOPE

SHORT GUIDE TO SOIL MICROSCOPY

17. STEPHANE FADANKA, MBOALAB

CATALYSE LOCAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

MAKER SPACE

COMMUNITY BASED INNOVATION HUB

TRAINING

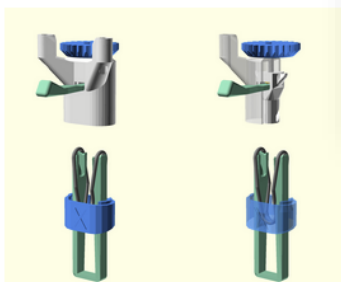
EXHIBITIONS

WORKSHOPS

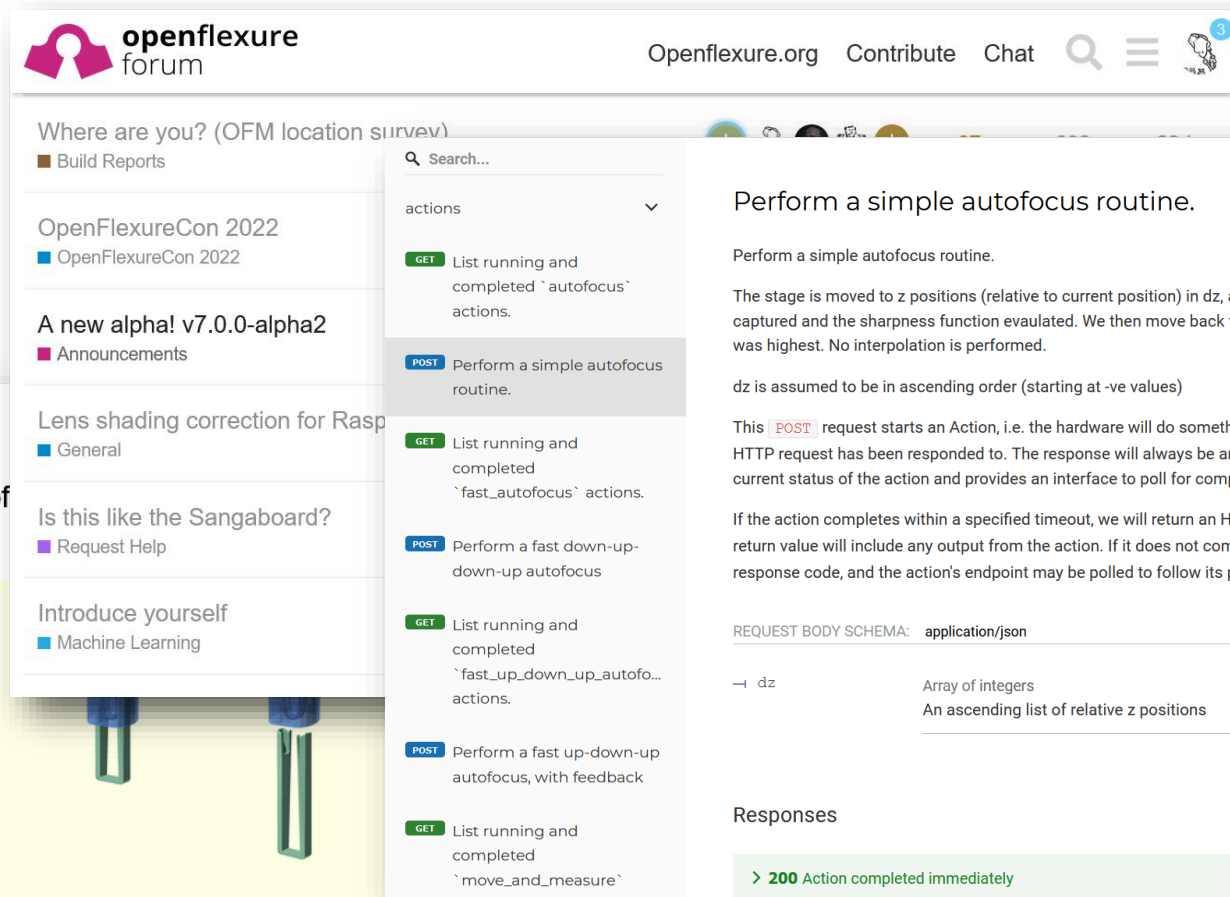
TRANSLATING THE SOFTWARE

Step 5: Attaching

This is the trickiest part of each actuator.



- Take the foot for the x actuator
- Loop a viton band through the foot
- Push the band tool through the foot hook the band onto the tool on each side.
- Push the band tool cover onto the bottom of the band tool
- Align the foot under the microscope so that the letter faces outwards



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Where are you? (OFM location survey)

Build Reports

OpenFlexureCon 2022

A new alpha! v7.0.0-alpha2

Lens shading correction for Rasp

Is this like the Sangaboard?

Introduce yourself

actions

GET List running and completed `autofocus` actions.

POST Perform a simple autofocus routine.

GET List running and completed `fast_autofocus` actions.

POST Perform a fast down-up-down-up autofocus

GET List running and completed `fast_up_down_up_autofo...` actions.

POST Perform a fast up-down-up autofocus, with feedback

GET List running and completed `move_and_measure` actions.

Perform a simple autofocus routine.

Perform a simple autofocus routine.

The stage is moved to z positions (relative to current position) in dz, and at each position an image is captured and the sharpness function evaluated. We then move back to the position where the sharpness was highest. No interpolation is performed.

dz is assumed to be in ascending order (starting at -ve values)

This **POST** request starts an Action, i.e. the hardware will do something that may continue after the HTTP request has been responded to. The response will always be an Action object, that details the current status of the action and provides an interface to poll for completion.

If the action completes within a specified timeout, we will return an HTTP status code of **200** and the return value will include any output from the action. If it does not complete, we will return a **201** response code, and the action's endpoint may be polled to follow its progress.

REQUEST BODY SCHEMA: application/json

dz Array of integers
An ascending list of relative z positions

Responses

> 200 Action completed immediately

POST /api/v2/extensions/org.openflexure...

Request samples

Payload

Content type application/json

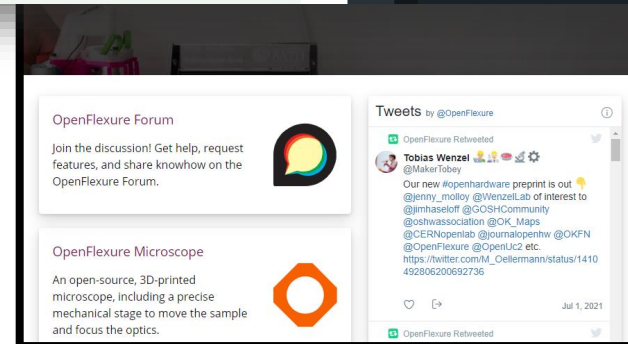
Copy Expand all Collapse all

```
{
  - "dz": [
    -300,
    -200,
    -100,
    0,
    100,
    200,
    300
  ]
}
```

Response samples

200 201 5XX

Content type



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OpenFlexure Microscope

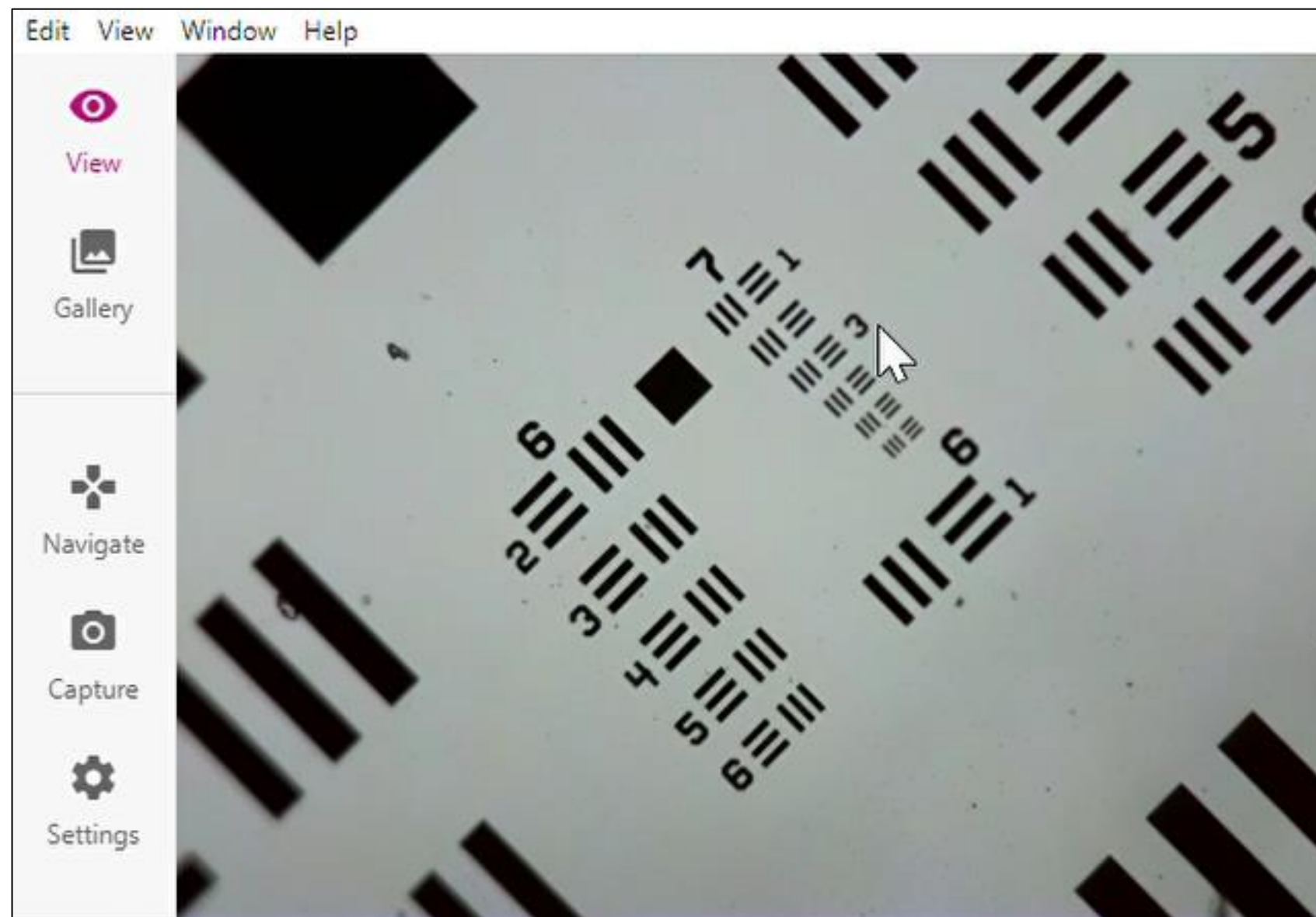
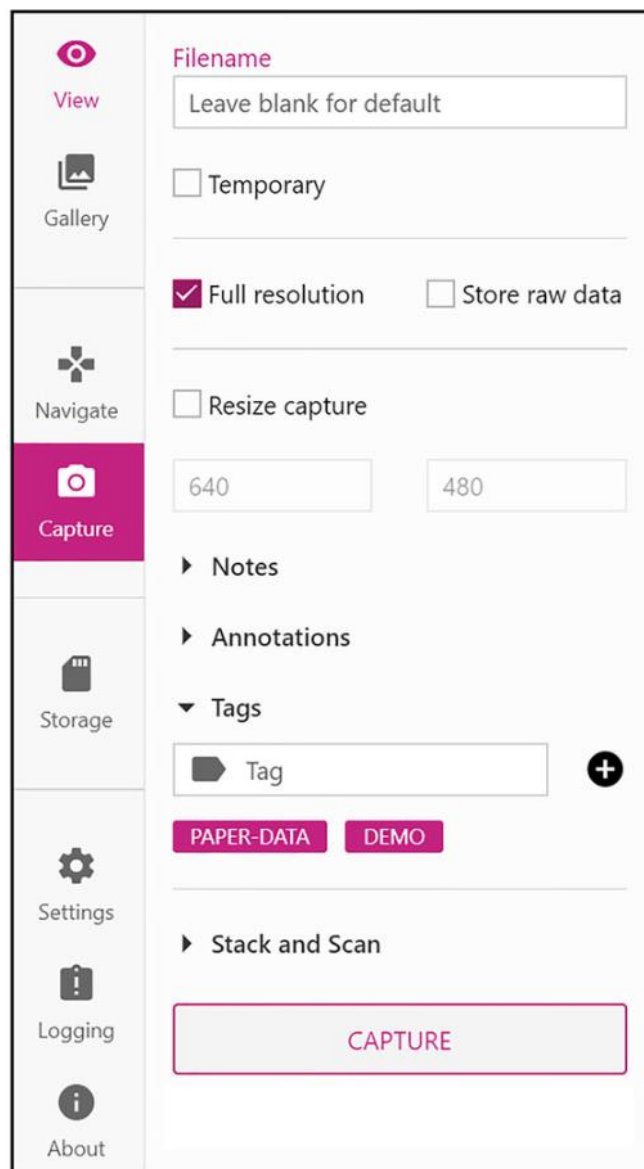
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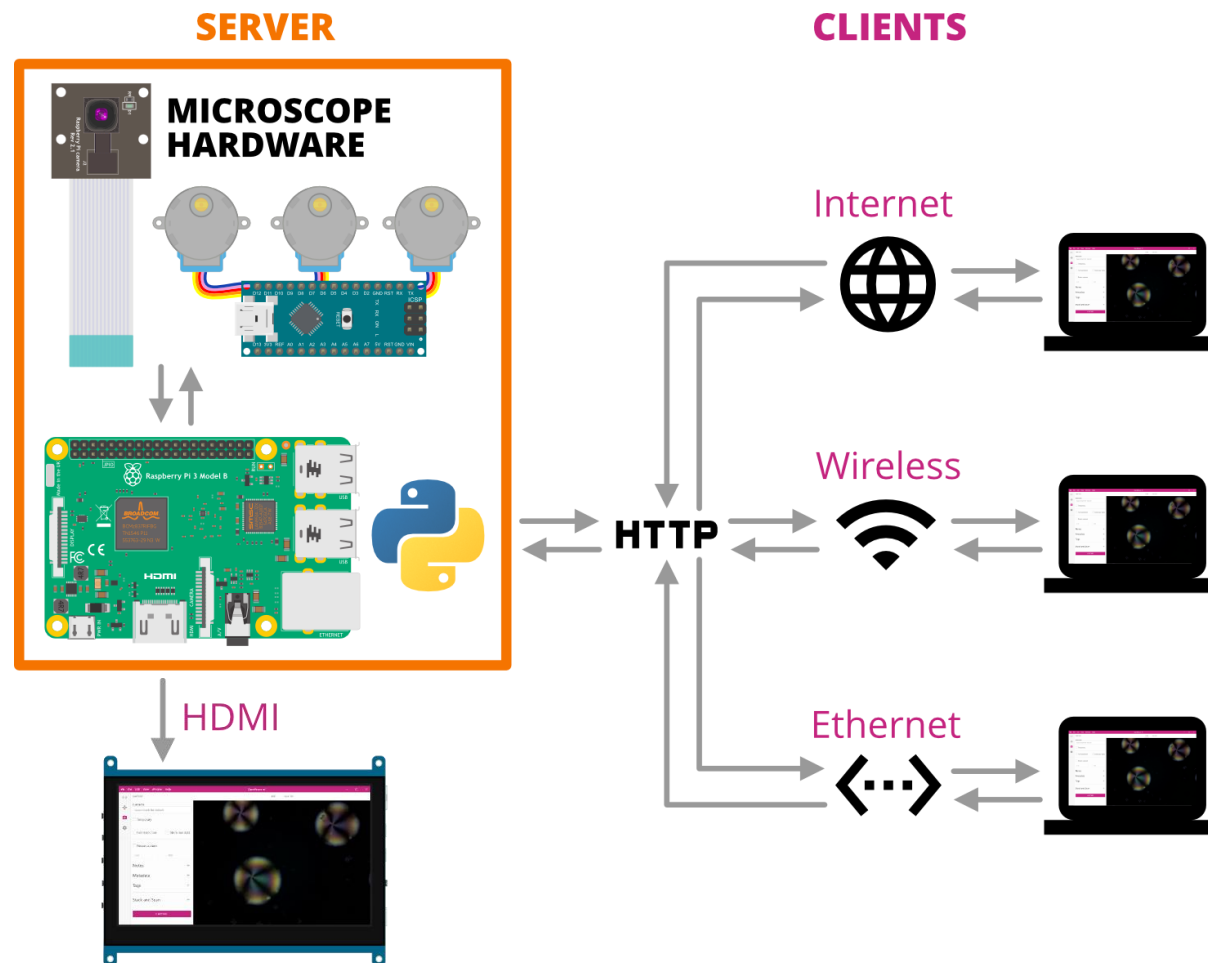
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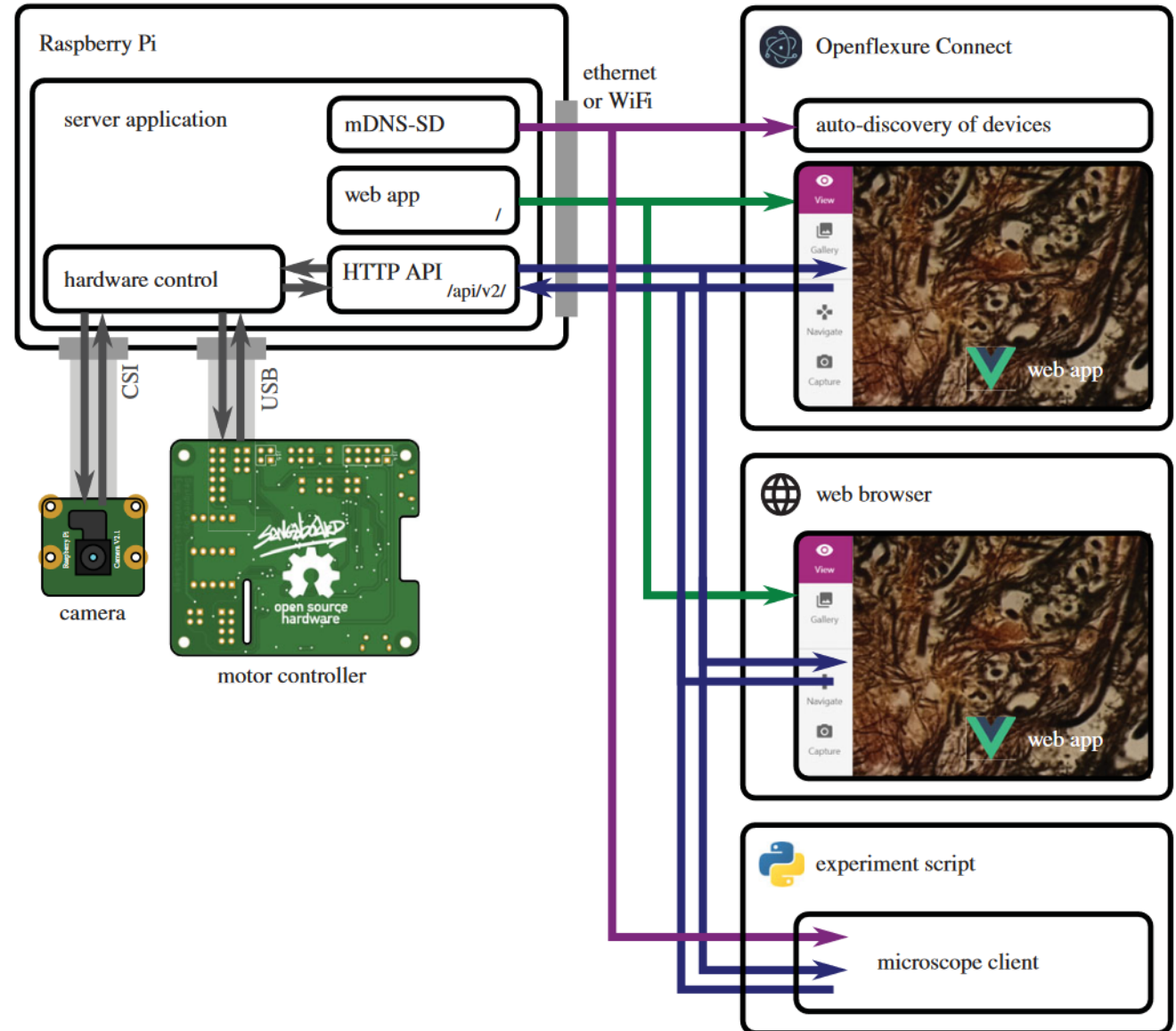
Our new openhardware preprint is out! @jenny_molloy @WenzelLab of interest to @jimhaseloff @GOSHCommunity @oshwassociation @OK_Maps @CERNopenlab @journalopenhw @OKFN @OpenFlexure @OpenJ2 etc. https://twitter.com/M_Celleermann/status/1410492806200692736

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- Simple GUI
- Easily scriptable
- Script & GUI simultaneous
- Headless/unattended operation
- One computer, many microscopes



- Server: Python, FastAPI, LabThings (was Flask *et al.*)
 - Things are Python classes
 - Actions & properties are Python descriptors
 - The signature of a Thing and a ThingClient are ~compatible
 - FastAPI dependency injection for inter-thing dependencies
- GUI: Vue.js + Axios
 - Actions are started by a custom Vue component
 - Properties are read/written by another Vue component
 - Not (yet) using node-wot, I can't seem to use it with webpack (?)
- Thing Descriptions: multiple things (camera/stage/plugins)
 - Example from v3 pre-release:
<https://gist.github.com/rwb27/7e0c0b70a2e9b32cfa35a67fe1d7ae33>


```

Take a snapshot of the cells

In [19]: [[locate_sample_with_opentrons()
microscope.capture_image_to_disk()

Out[19]: <Response [201]>

Grab and Add Primary Antibody

In [20]: l_pipette = 8
l_wait_primary = 520 # minutes

In [36]: pipette.home()
protocol.home()
# get reagent
l_row = 8
l_primary = 8
l_secondary = 1
l_box = 2
l_gbs = 5
l_trash = 4
V_aspirate = 100

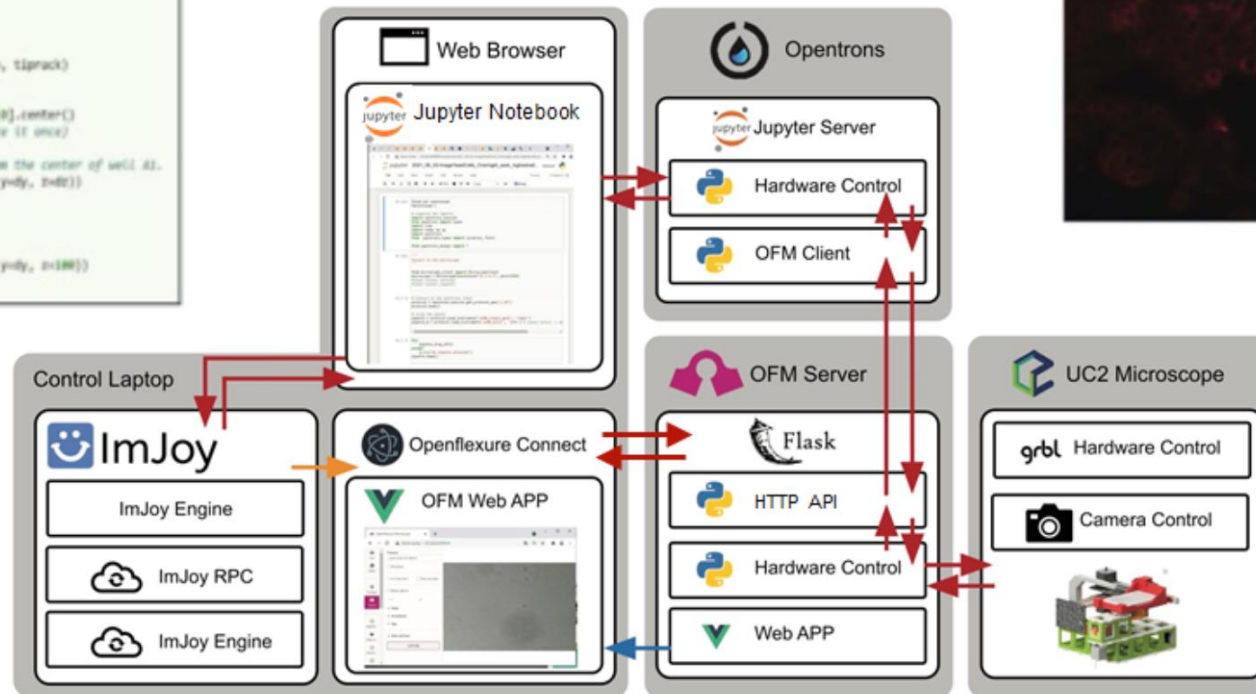
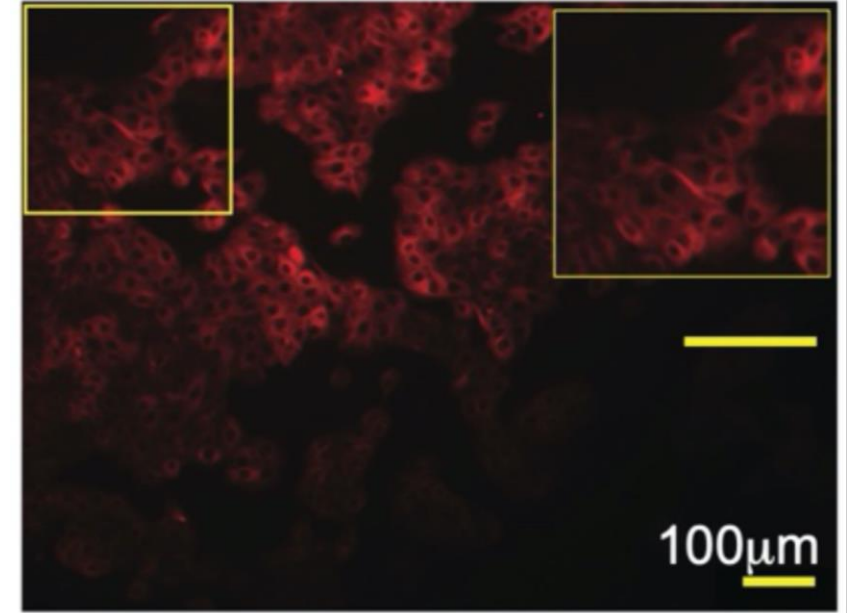
# pickup new pipette since we have a new reagent
l_pipette = pickup_fresh_pipette_tip(l_pipette, pipette, tiprack)

# get position of the first well of the microscope
pos_reagent = plate_reagents.columns[l_row][l_primary].center()
dx=0; dy=-1; dz=35 # offset-coordinates (only calibrate 1x once)

# set a location 1 mm right, 1 mm back, and 1 mm up from the center of well A1.
adjusted_location = pos_reagent.move(types.Point(dx, y=dy, z=dz))
pipette.move_to(adjusted_location)
pipette.move_to(adjusted_location)
pipette.aspirate(V_aspirate)

# move head up
adjusted_location = pos_reagent.move(types.Point(dx, y=dy, z=100))
pipette.move_to(adjusted_location)

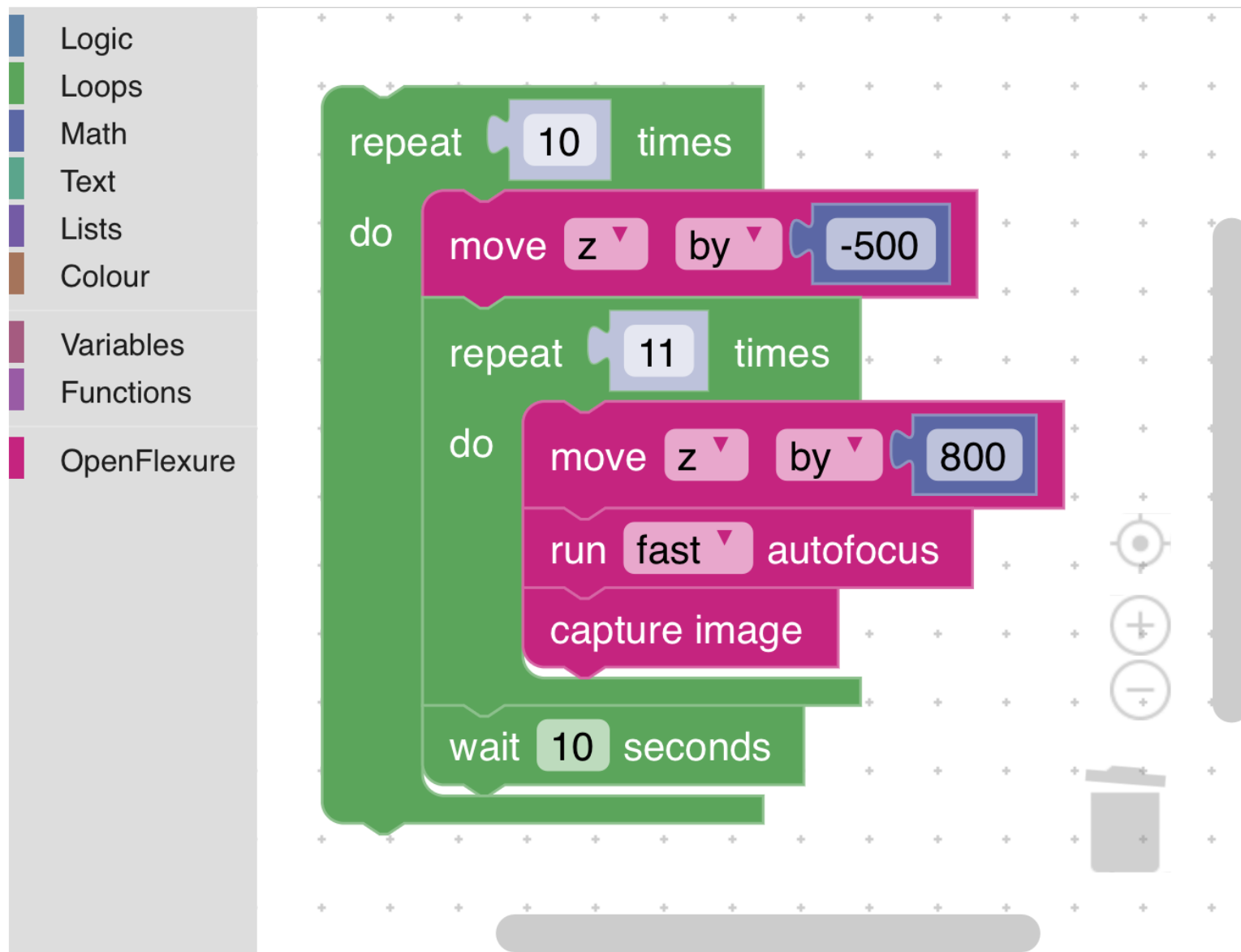
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Live preview



To start using OpenFlexure with Blockly, connect to your microscope.



Blockly script for OpenFlexure automation:

- Logic
 - repeat 10 times
 - do
 - move z by -500
- Loops
 - repeat 11 times
 - do
 - move z by 800
 - run fast autofocus
 - capture image
 - wait 10 seconds

Categories: Logic, Loops, Math, Text, Lists, Colour, Variables, Functions, OpenFlexure.

- Learned about WoT when searching for ReST interface advice, ~4 years ago. Credit to postdoc Joel Collins for that.
- What has it solved?
 - Clear way to control hardware with HTTP
 - Nice documentation for hardware API
 - Cross-language, cross-platform hardware control
 - (future) linking up frameworks/ontologies with semantic types
- Pain points
 - Standard ways of dealing with long/interactive actions
 - Synchronisation – e.g. an Event that's associated with an Action
 - Detail on protocol bindings (e.g. websockets)
 - Where is Swagger for my Thing Description?
 - Thing Description is not *quite* JSON Schema

- Top-down taxonomy of instrument types, as classes
 - Advantage: abstraction
 - Disadvantage: not flexible
- Language-specific
- Complicated to install/set up environment
- Only one process at a time

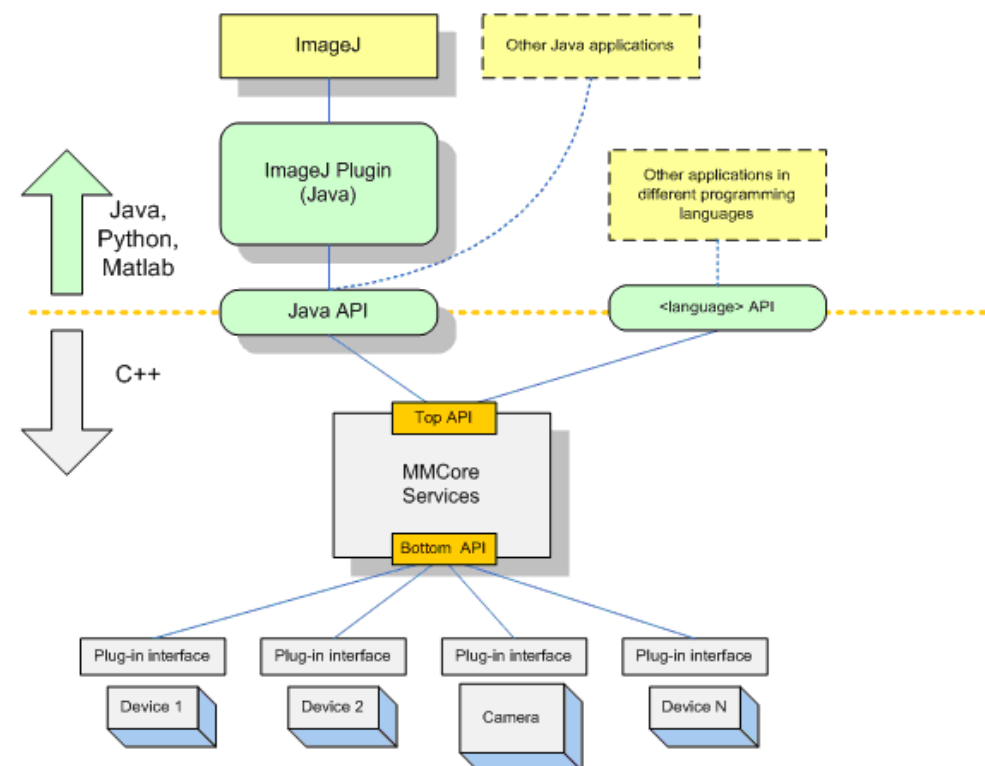
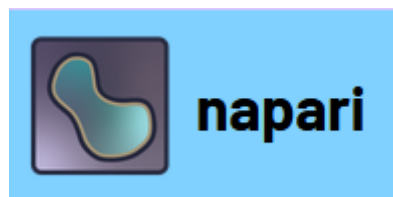


Microscope-
Cockpit

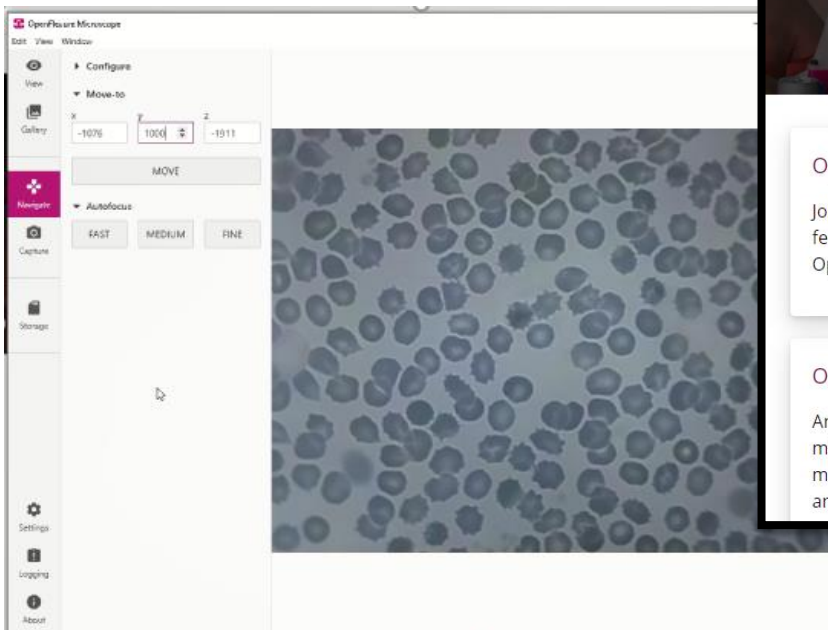
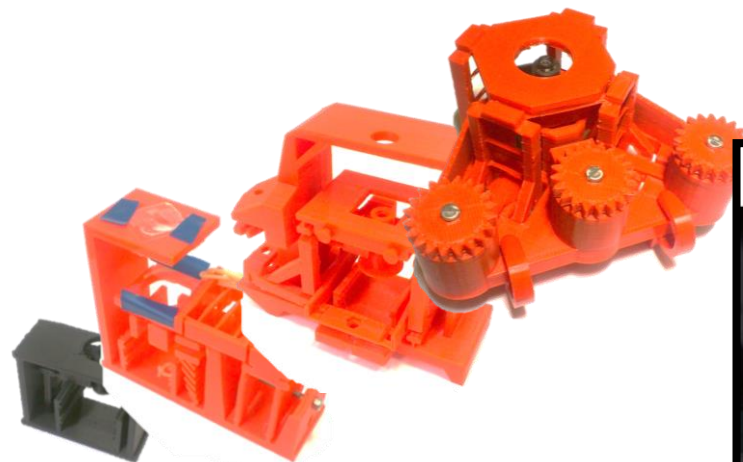
ImSwitch: Generalizing microscope control in Python

Xavier Casas Moreno¹, Staffan Al-Kadhimi¹, Jonatan Alvelid¹,
Andreas Bodén¹, and Ilaria Testa¹

¹ SciLifeLab, KTH Royal Institute of Technology



- Standardised, cross-platform, language-independent way to run *and document* actions, get/set properties, watch for events [WoT – TD & protocol binding]
- Opt-in taxonomies, allowing frameworks to align gradually over time [WoT semantic types]
- Neat ways to determine compatibility of devices [TD?]
- Needs to be useful *immediately* without huge up-front time investment
- Gradually becomes more useful as it's more fully implemented



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