Control microscope

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To you, who wants to modify/improve the python code

- Be aware that the main GUI should NOT call an inner function for doing an action that is not instantaneous, it should rather emit a pyQtSignal that is connected to another worker that will perform the action

→ For instance, to home the XY stage (takes 3 secs) : you should tell the APT worker to do it in parallel (so the APT libs and motors should be initialised in this worker)

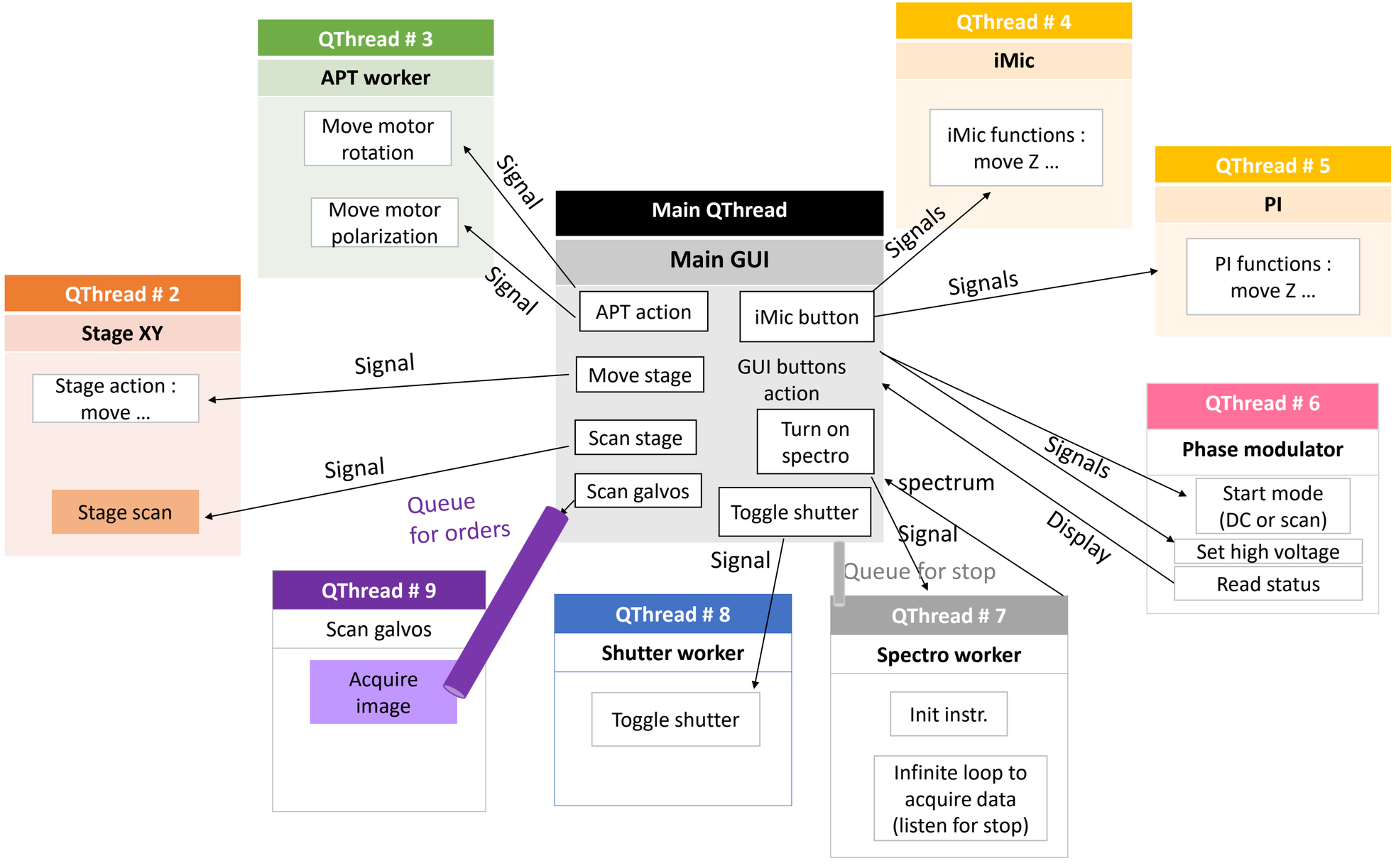
→ By clicking “home button”, you should be connected directly to one of the APT worker’s method: if you go through a GUI method before, it will wait inside this method until it’s completed and will freeze the GUI

- For multiprocess, non ‘normal’ variable are said ‘non-pickable’ : you should only pass classic python and numpy objects to the init of processes. This means you can’t pass VISA resource, DAQ object nor APT motor nor any library to the init, you rather have to init them inside the process itself by importing the corresponding lib in the ‘run’

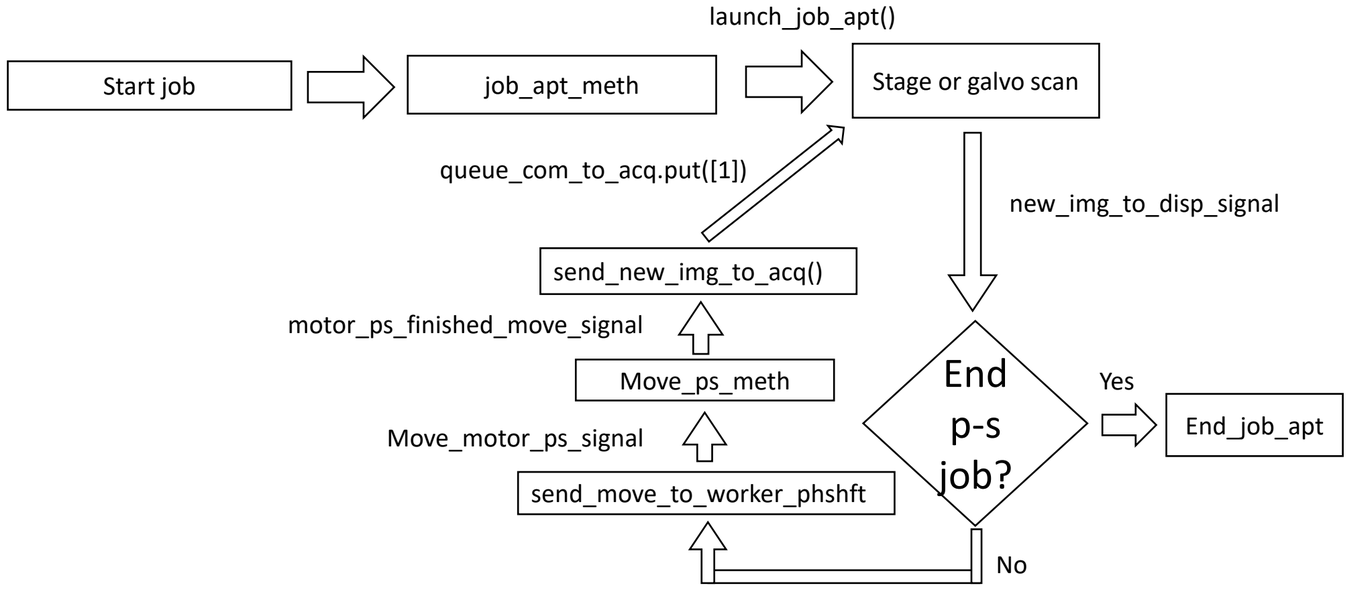
- For efficient use of QThread, you should define a worker in a Class that input only (QObject). Then you define your worker in the GUI by passing to init the var you want through the __init__ method, and you simply call worker_whatever.moveToThread(mythread).

mythread is simply a QThread() that assures that it’s indeed in parallel. You can simply call mythread.start() after to start it.

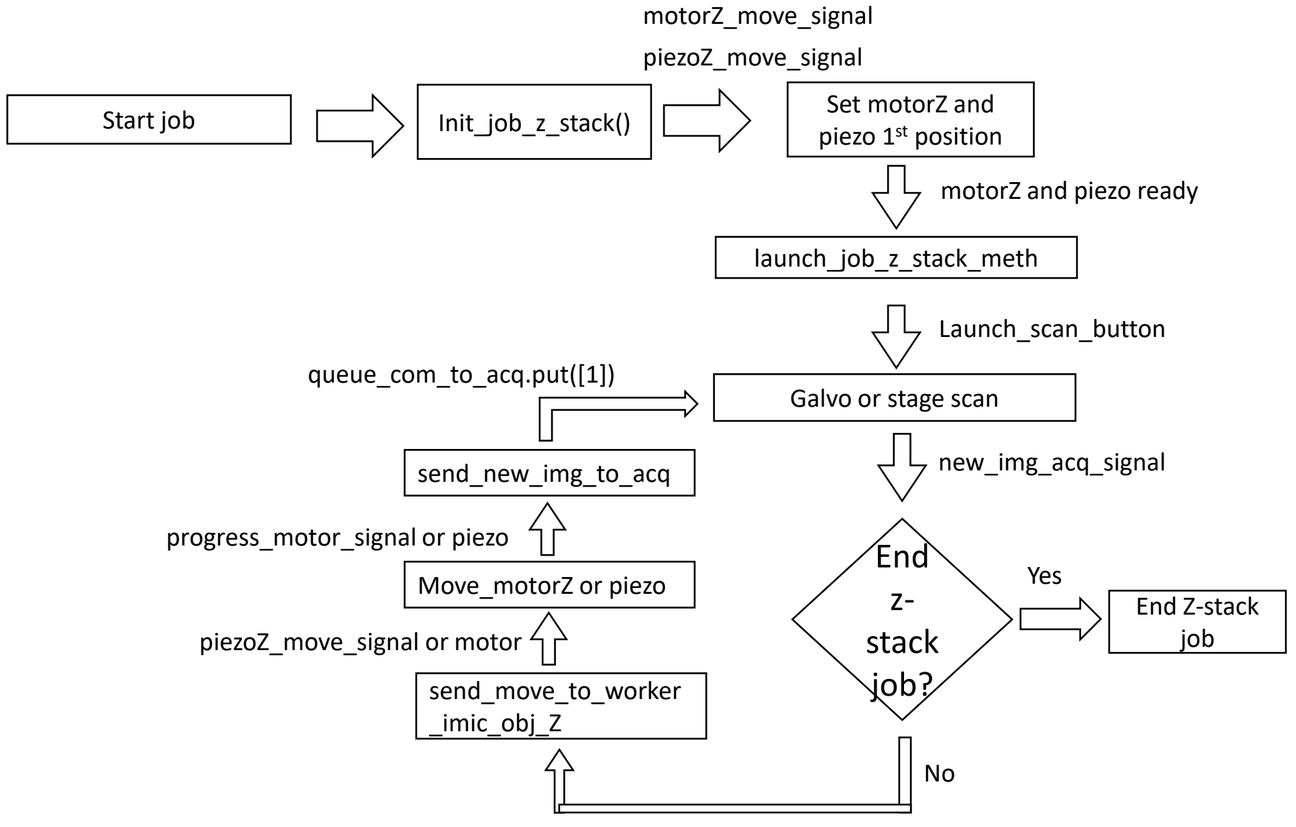
However, a QThread is not a pure parallel process due to GIL. Use Qprocess or multiprocess instead. But it’s fine to keep the GUI responsive


QThread # 3
APT worker
Move motor rotation
Move motor polarization
Signal
Signal
QThread # 4
iMic
iMic functions : move Z ...
Signals
QThread # 5
PI
PI functions : move Z ...
Signals
Main QThread
Main GUI
APT action
iMic button
QThread # 2
Stage XY
Stage action : move ...
Signal
Move stage
GUI buttons action
Scan stage
Turn on spectro
Signal
Stage scan
Scan galvos
Toggle shutter
Queue for orders
spectrum
Signals
Display
Signal
Queue for stop
Signal
QThread # 6
Phase modulator
Start mode (DC or scan)
Set high voltage
Read status
QThread # 9
Scan galvos
Acquire image
QThread # 8
Shutter worker
Toggle shutter
QThread # 7
Spectro worker
Init instr.
Infinite loop to acquire data (listen for stop)

The jobs, **Case 01 : phase-shifts**

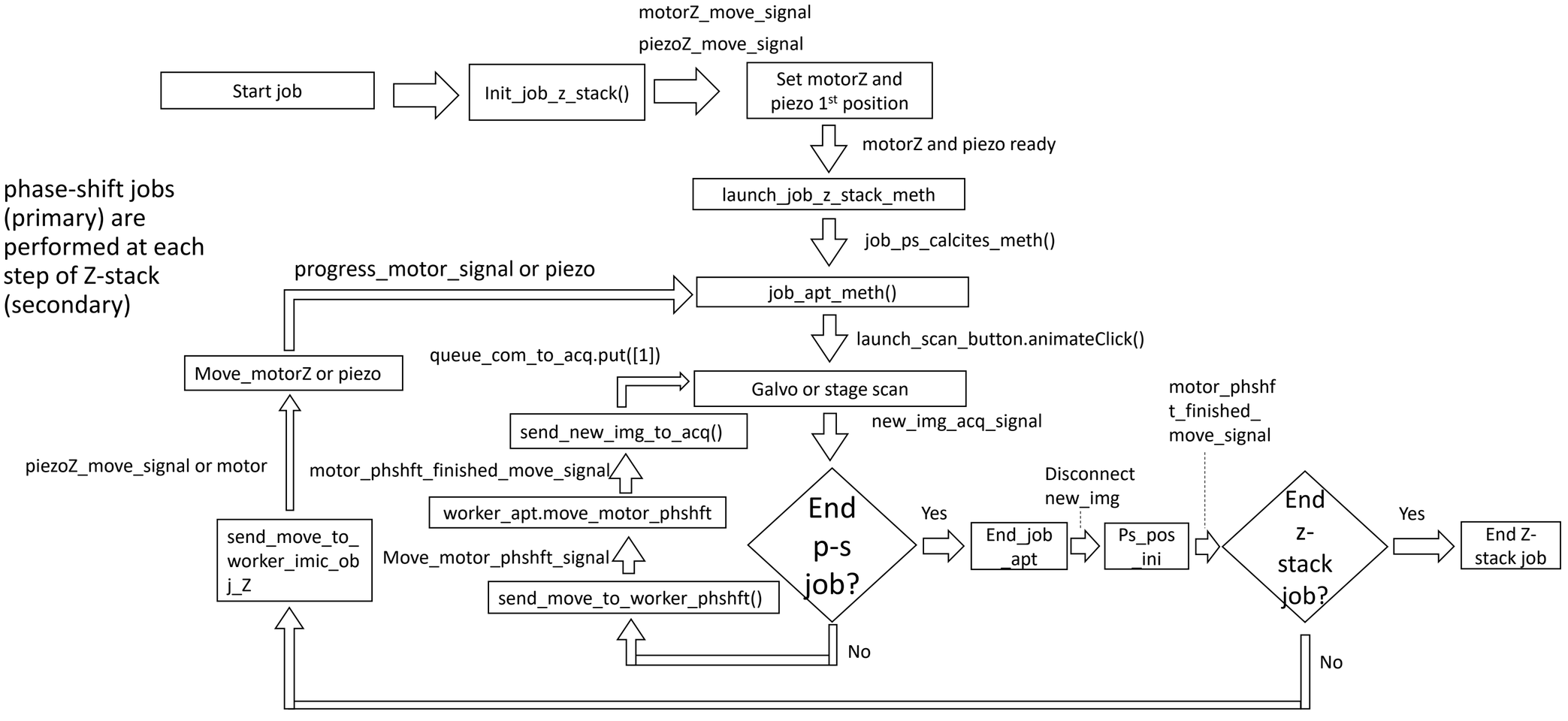


The jobs, **Case 02 : z-stack**

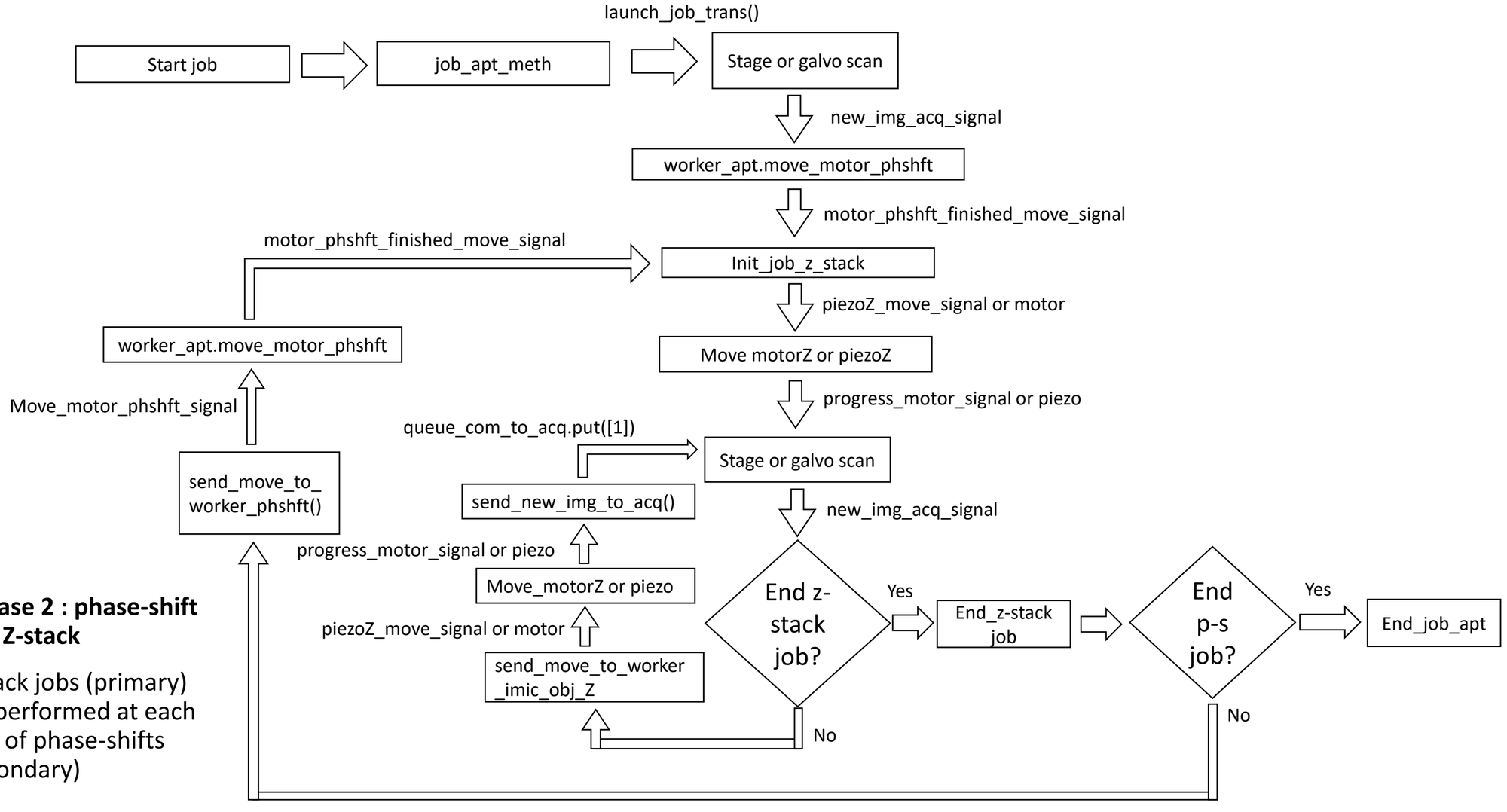


The jobs, **Case 1 : Z-stack > phase-shift (updated 2018/07/09)**

→ phase-shift jobs (primary) are performed at each step of Z-stack (secondary)



The jobs, **Case 2 : phase-shift > Z-stack (updated 2018/07/09)**



- **Case 2 : phase-shift > Z-stack**

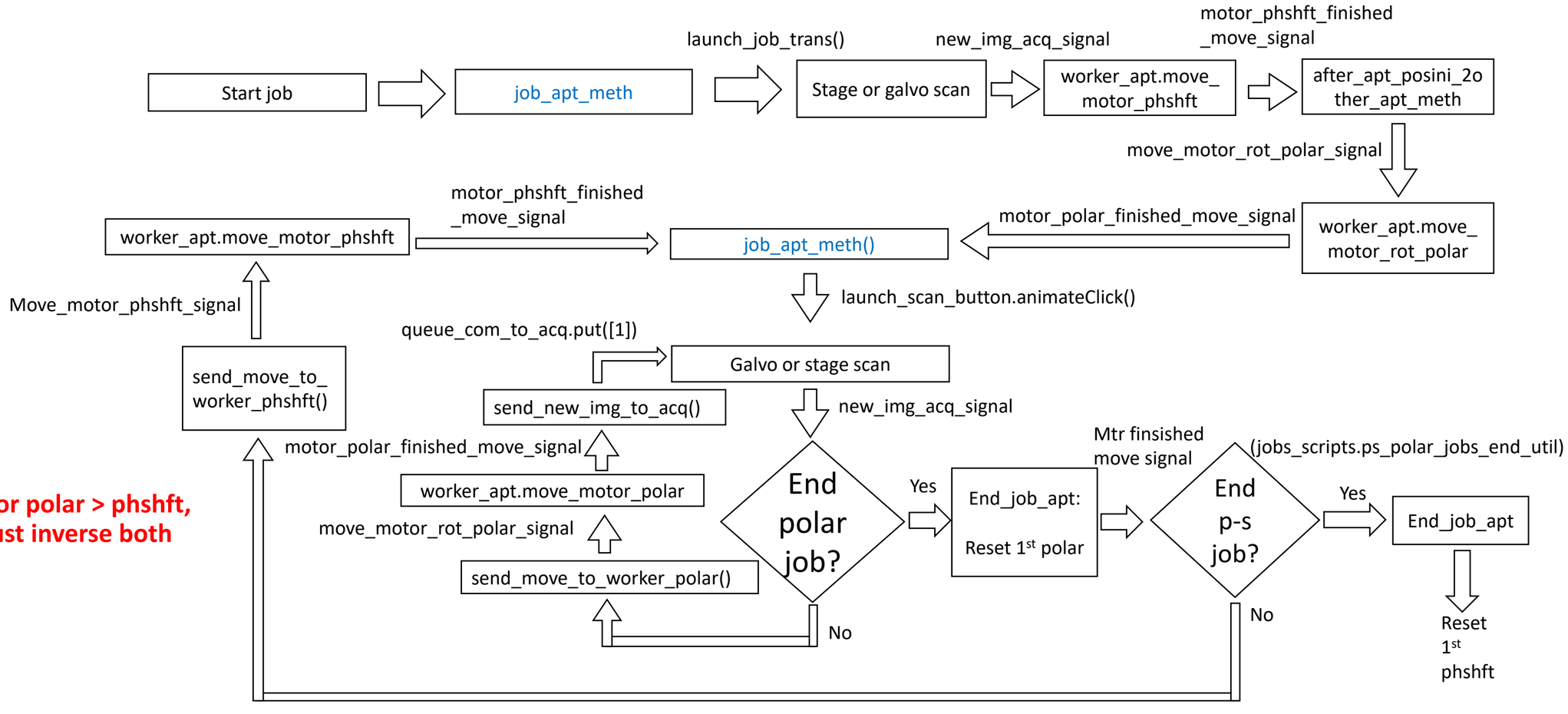
Z-stack jobs (primary) are performed at each step of phase-shifts (secondary)

The jobs, **Case 3 : polar jobs , + Z**

→ Same APT worker

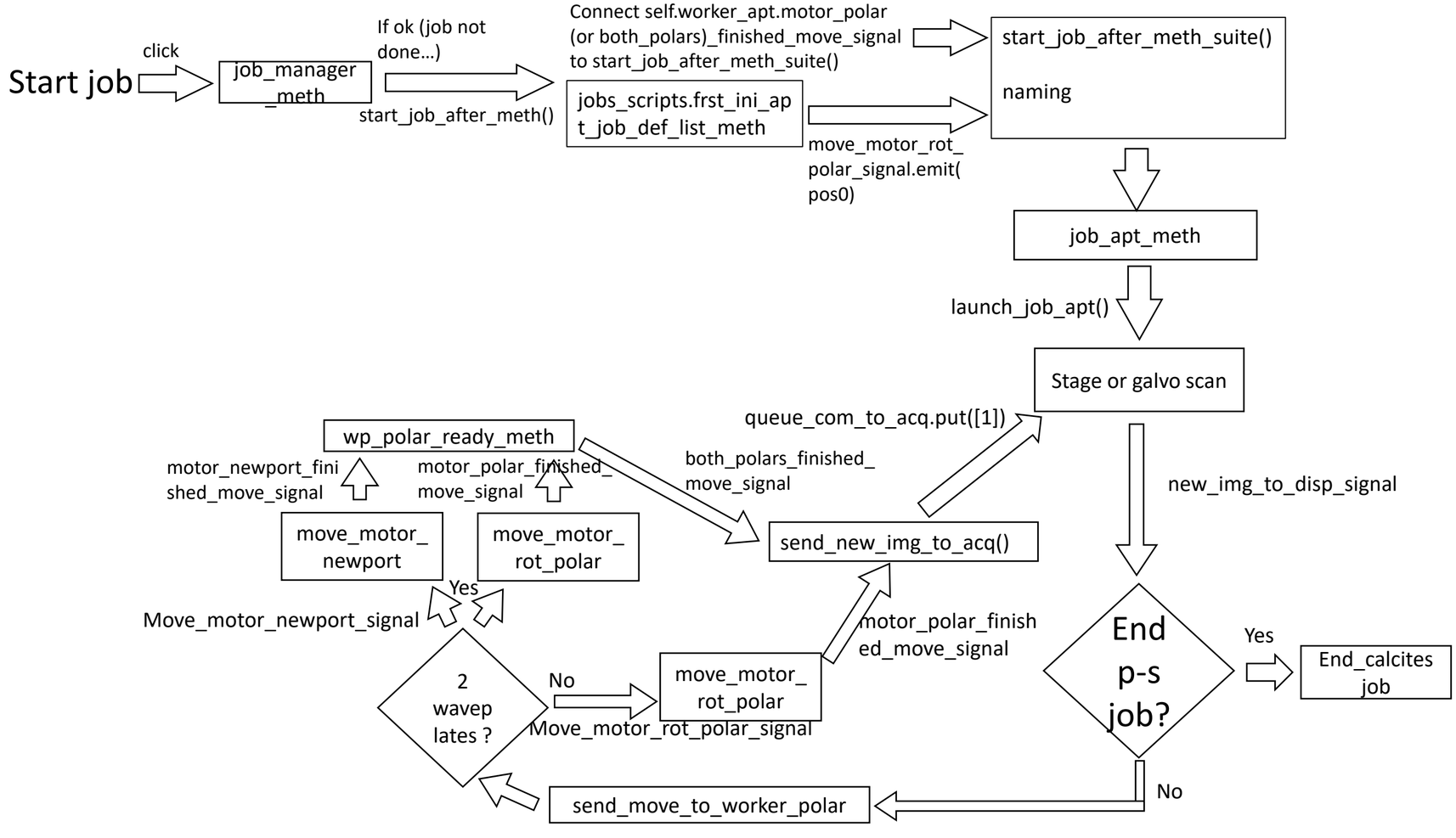
→ Replace phshft by polar

The jobs, **Case 4 : phase-shift > polar (updated 2018/07/09)**

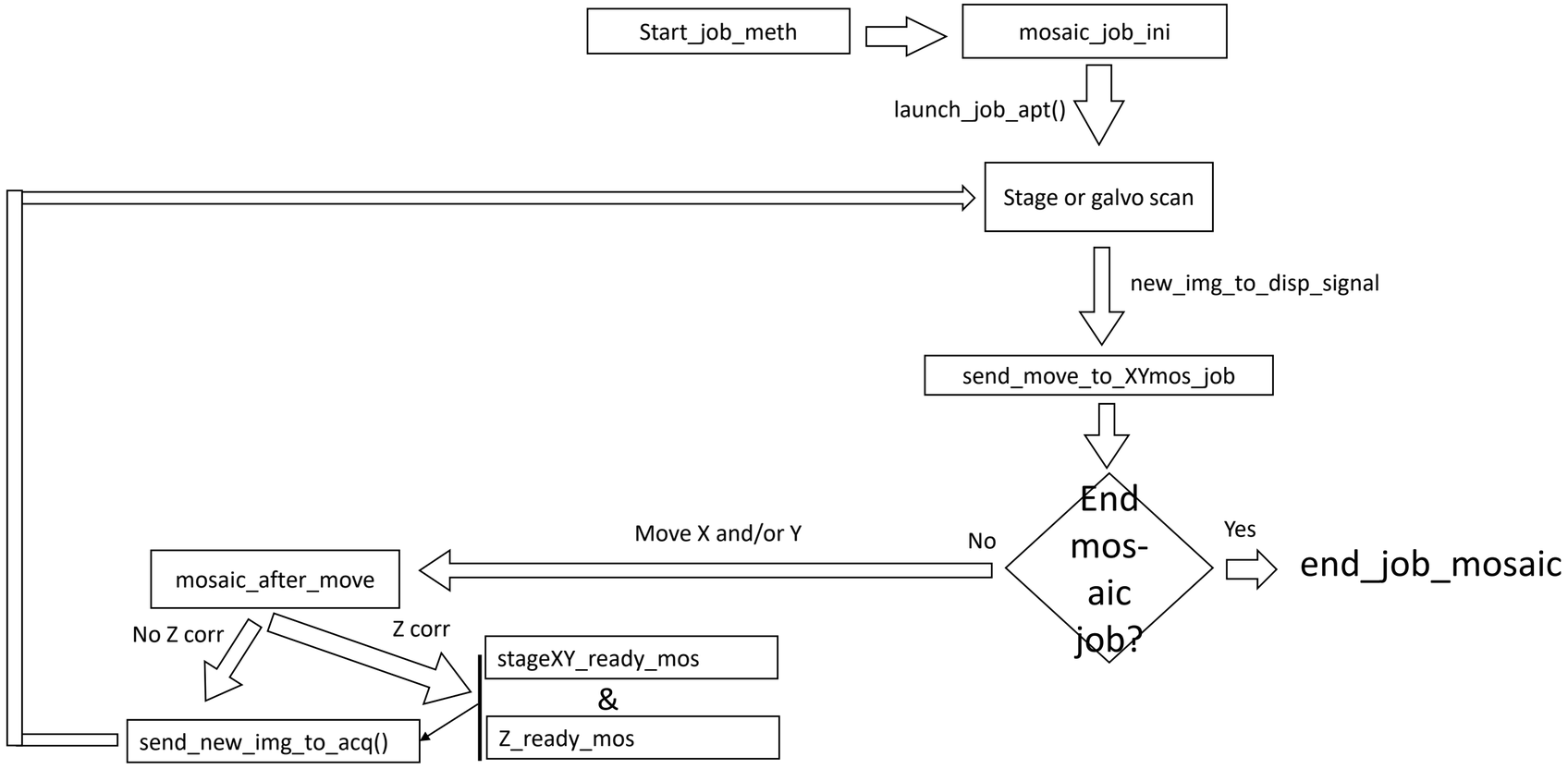


- **For polar > phshft, just inverse both**

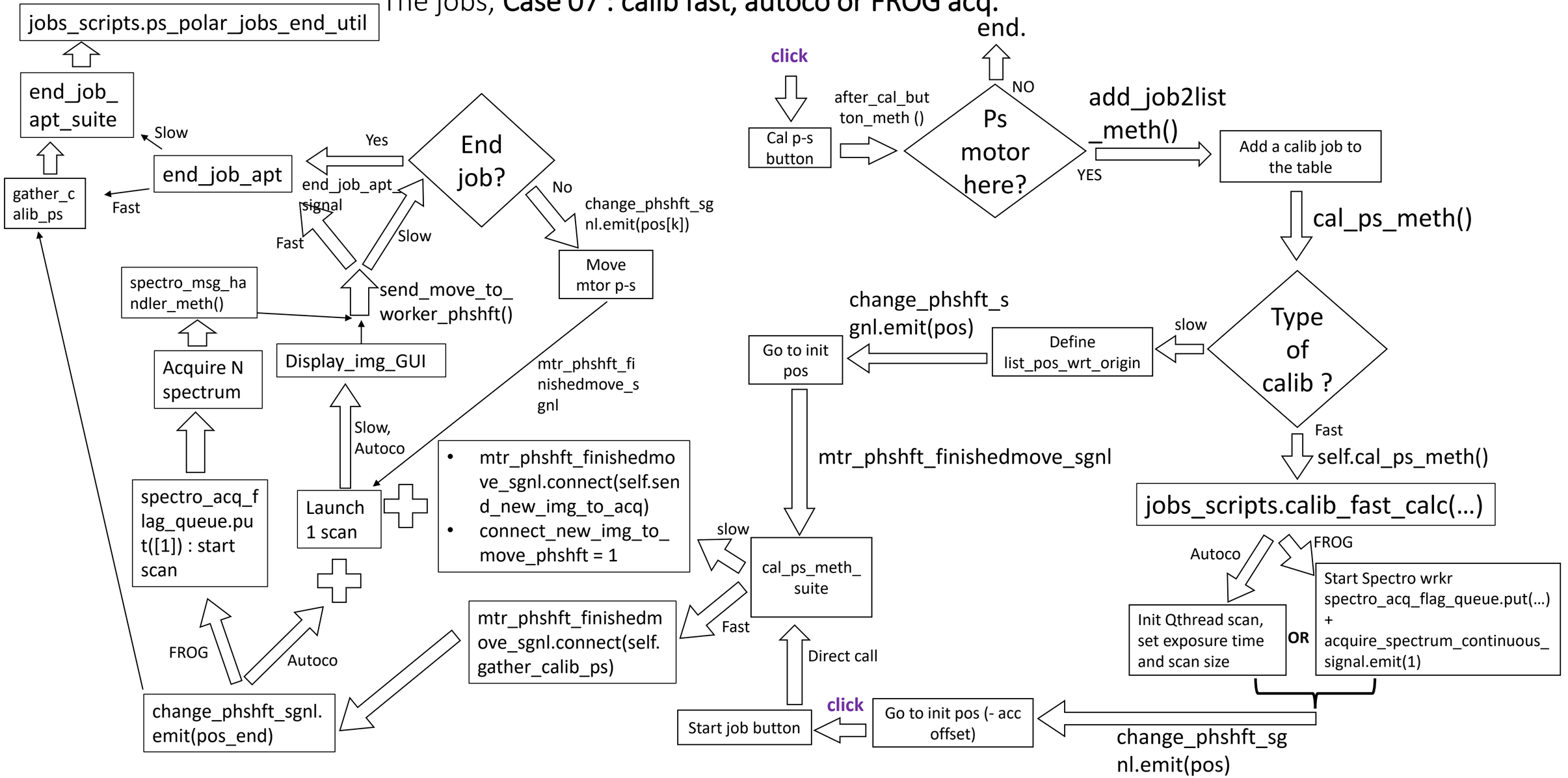
The jobs, **Case 05 : polar with many WP**



The jobs, **Case 06 : mosaic, with or without Z corr.**

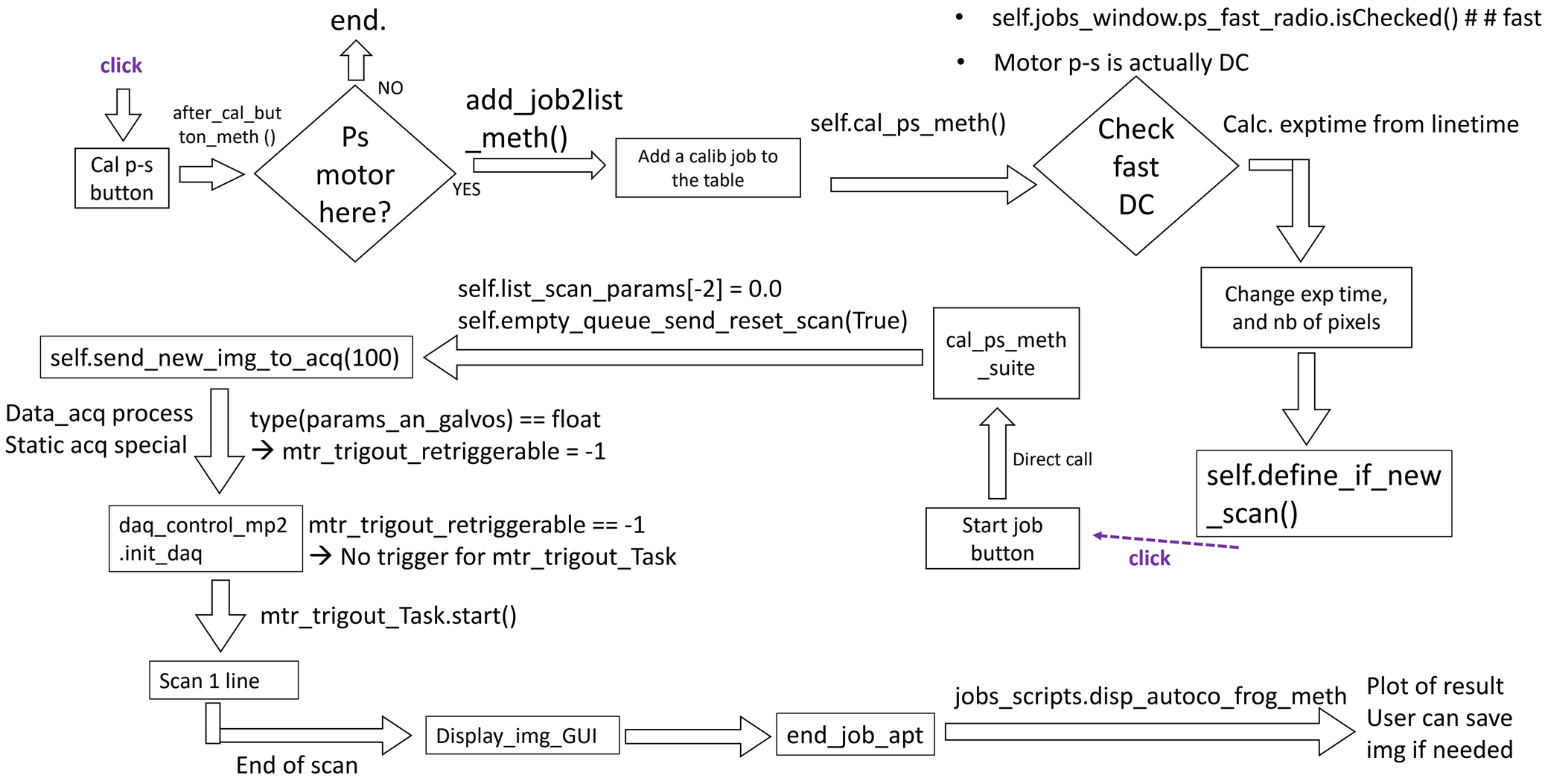


The jobs, **Case 07 : calib fast, autoco or FROG acq.**



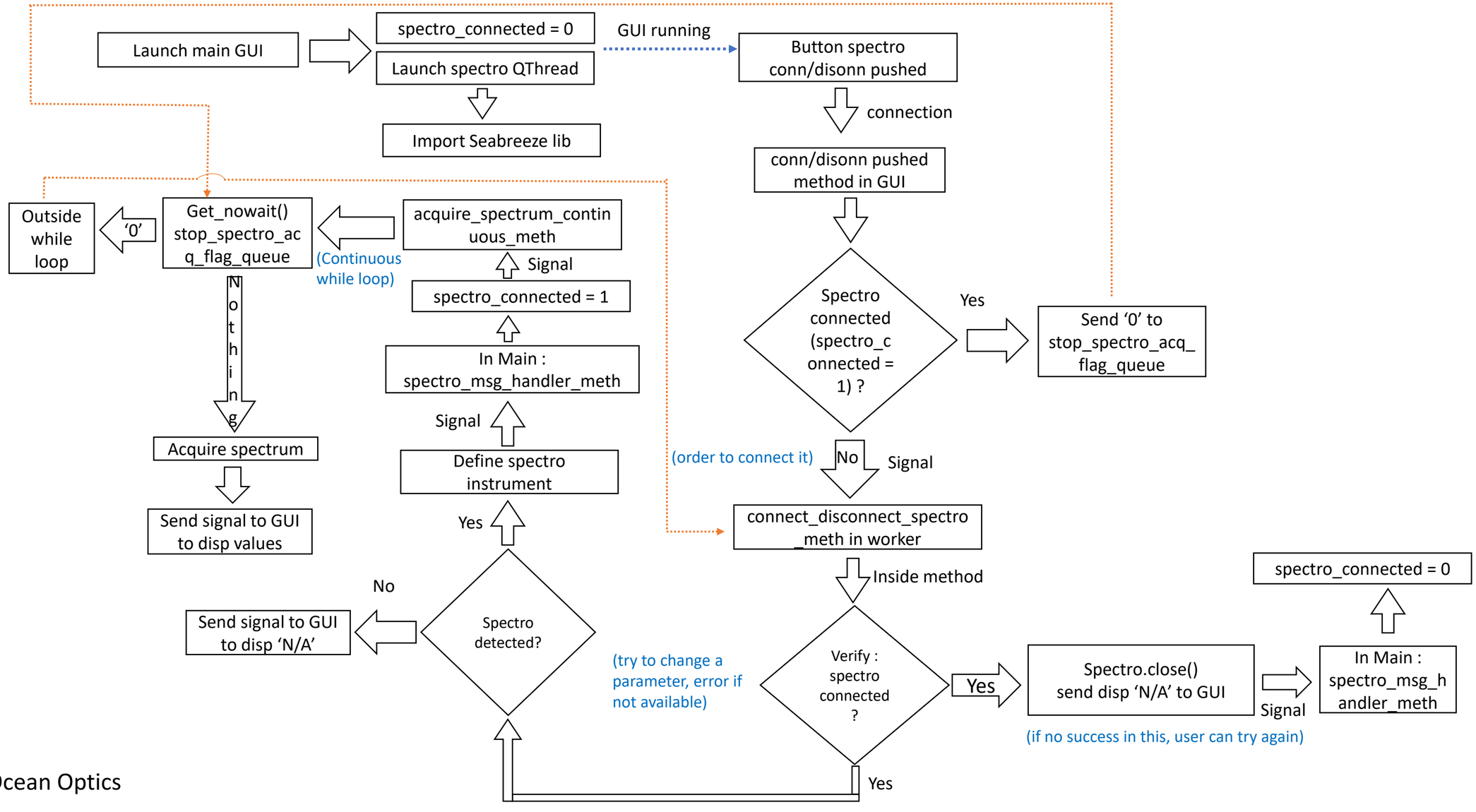
The jobs, **Case 08 : calib fast of EOM AC**

Cond: fast calib mode, with DC as p-s motor (in 2nd job window)
→ User has to put himself the right ramp mode

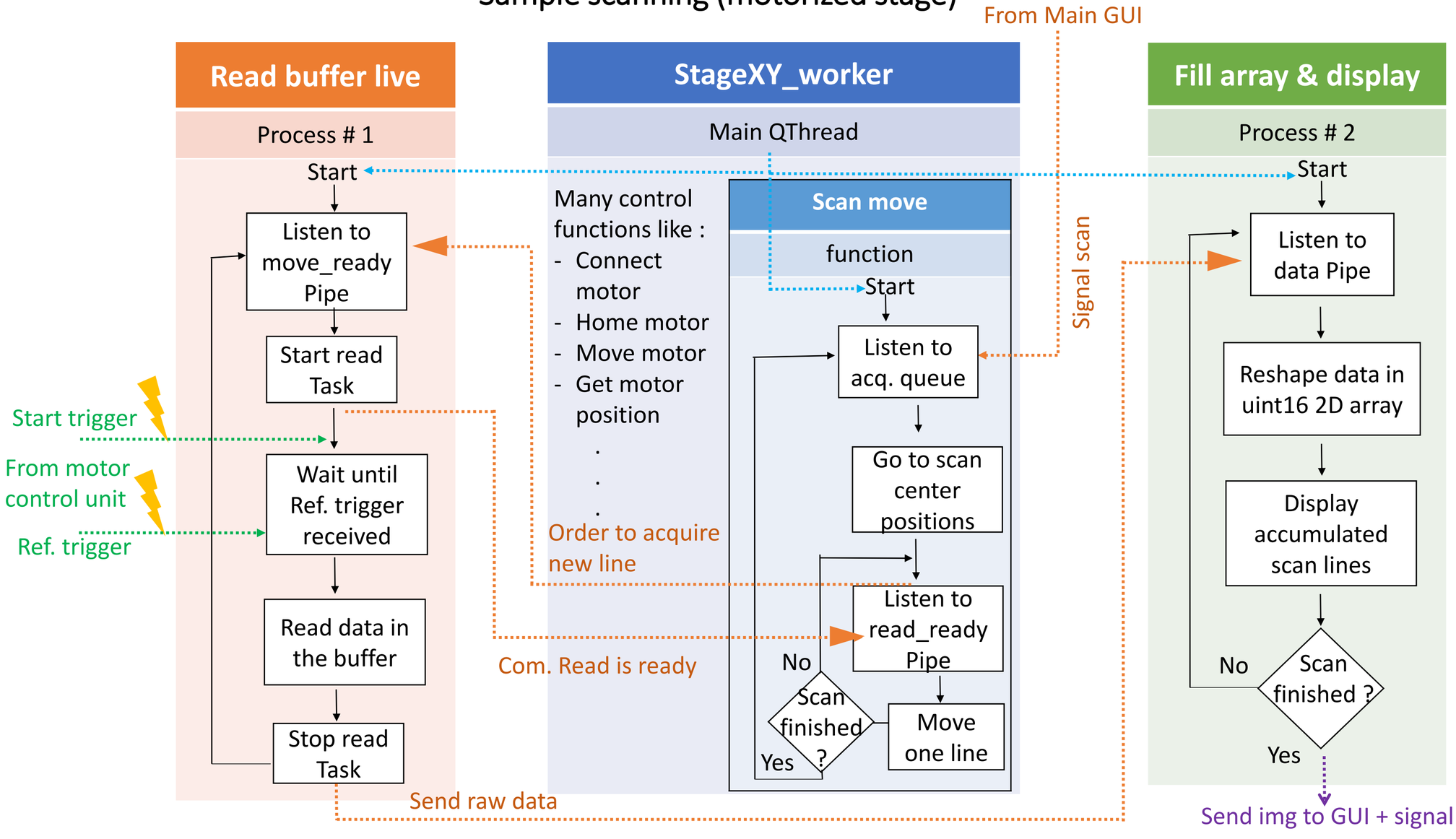


- self.jobs_window.ps_fast_radio.isChecked() # # fast
- Motor p-s is actually DC

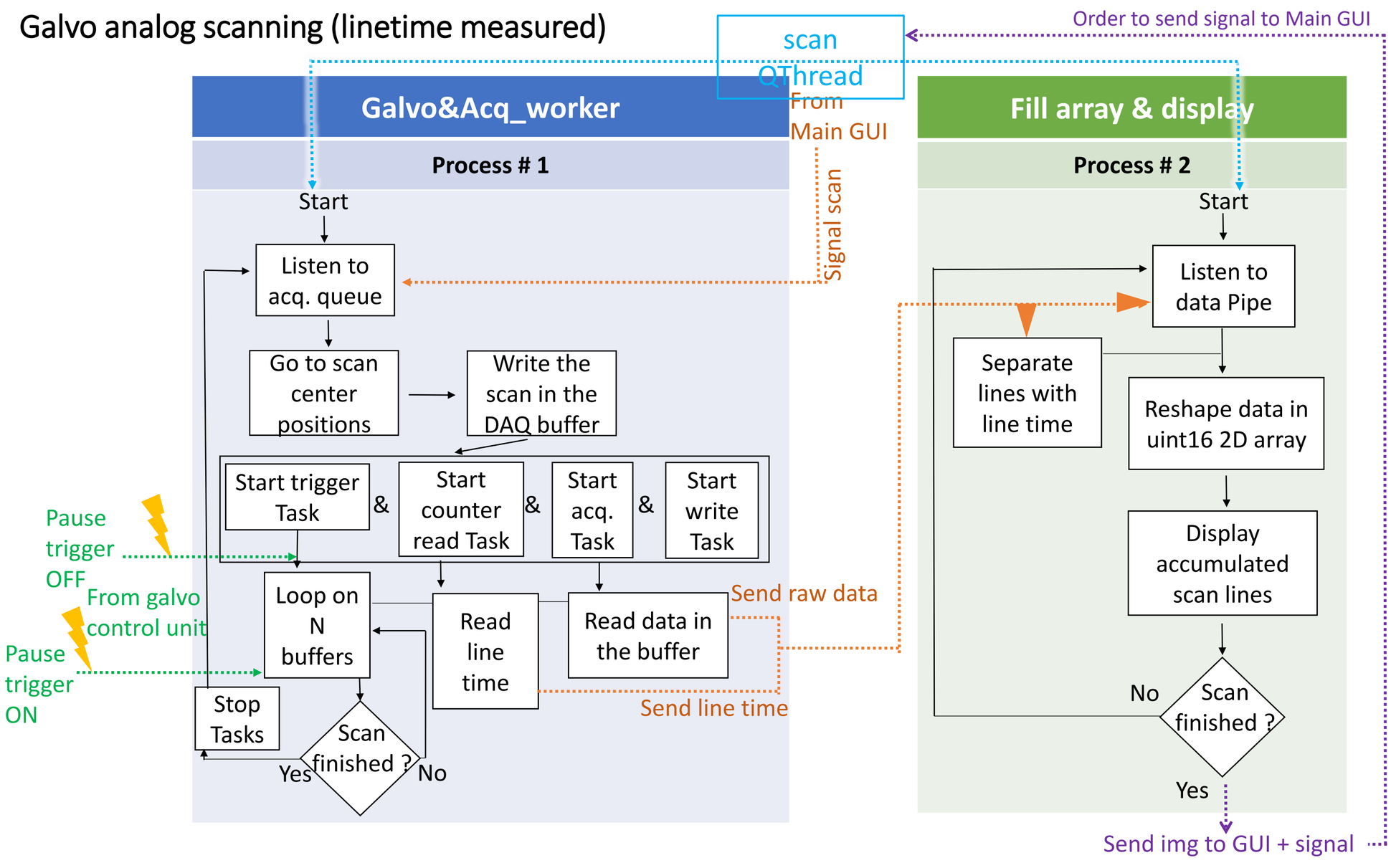
Spectro QThread



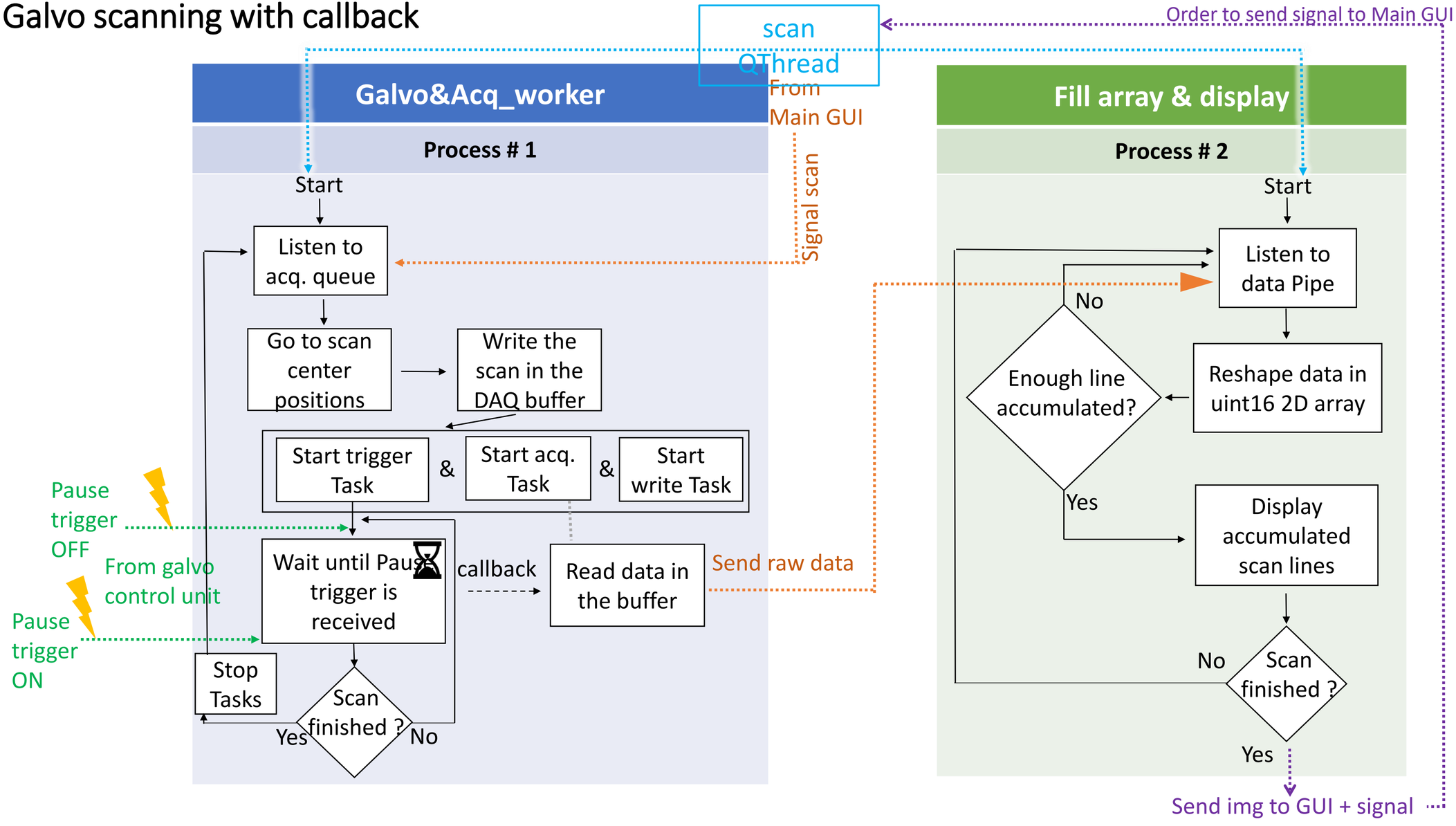
Sample scanning (motorized stage)

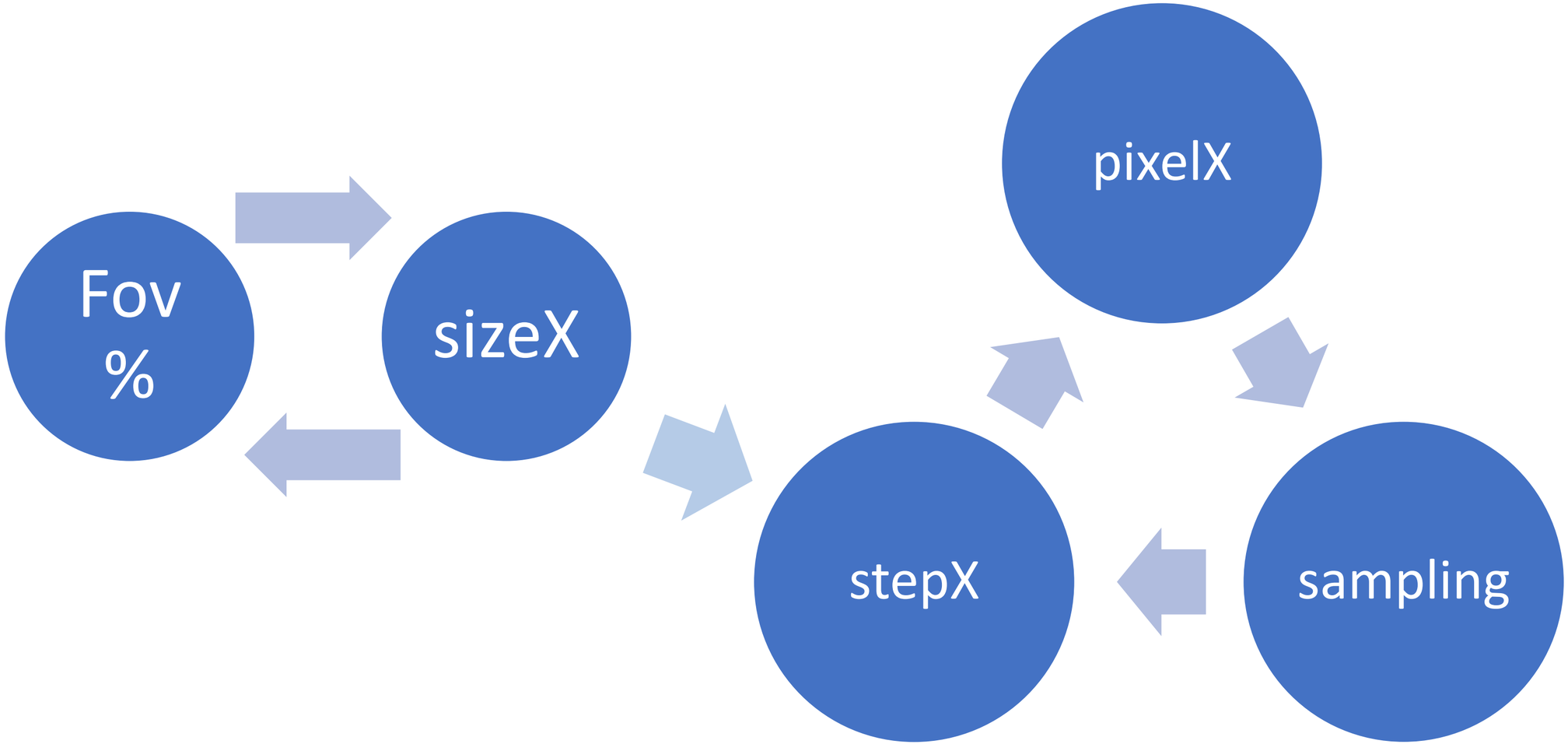


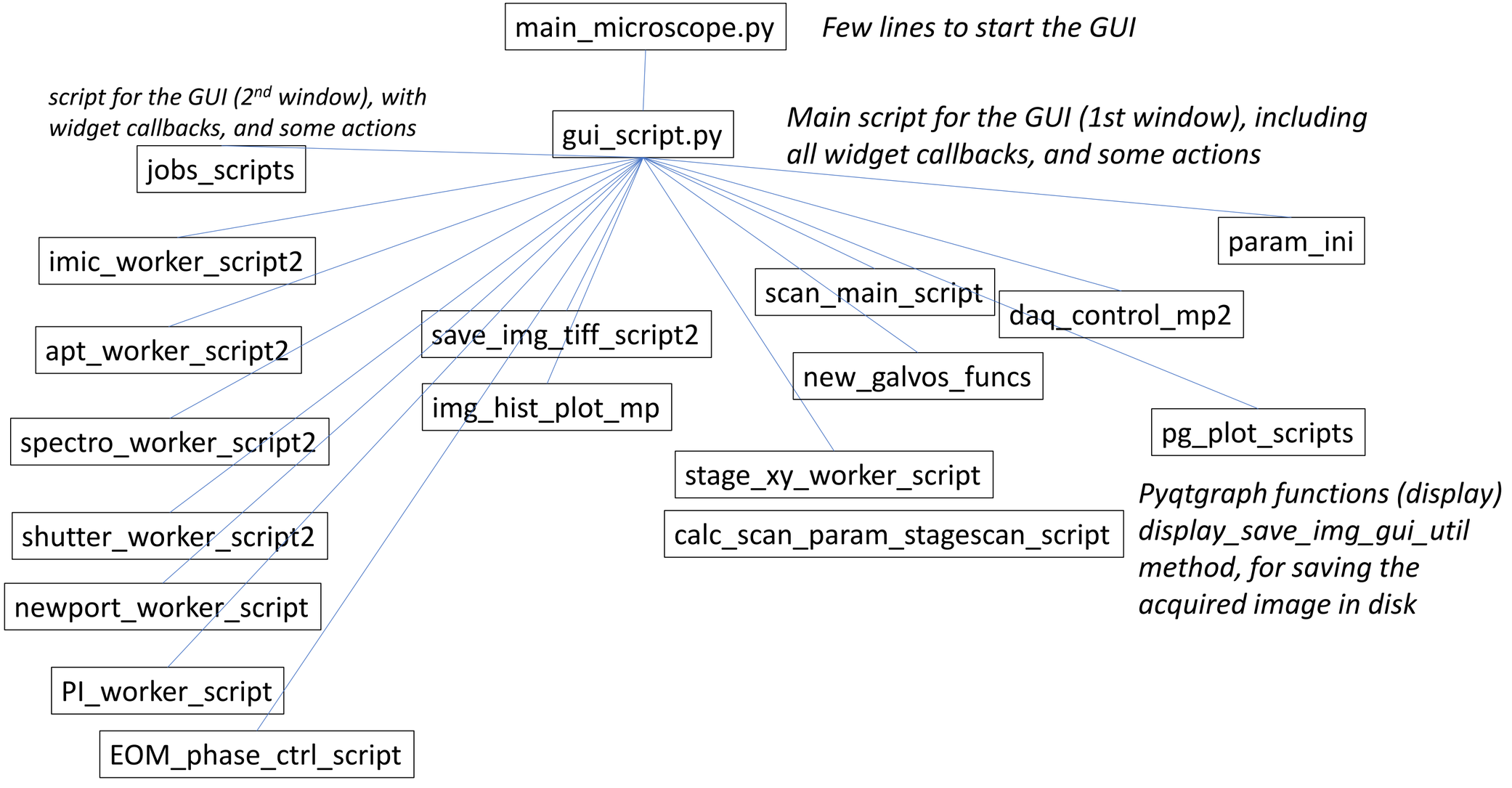
Galvo analog scanning (linetime measured)

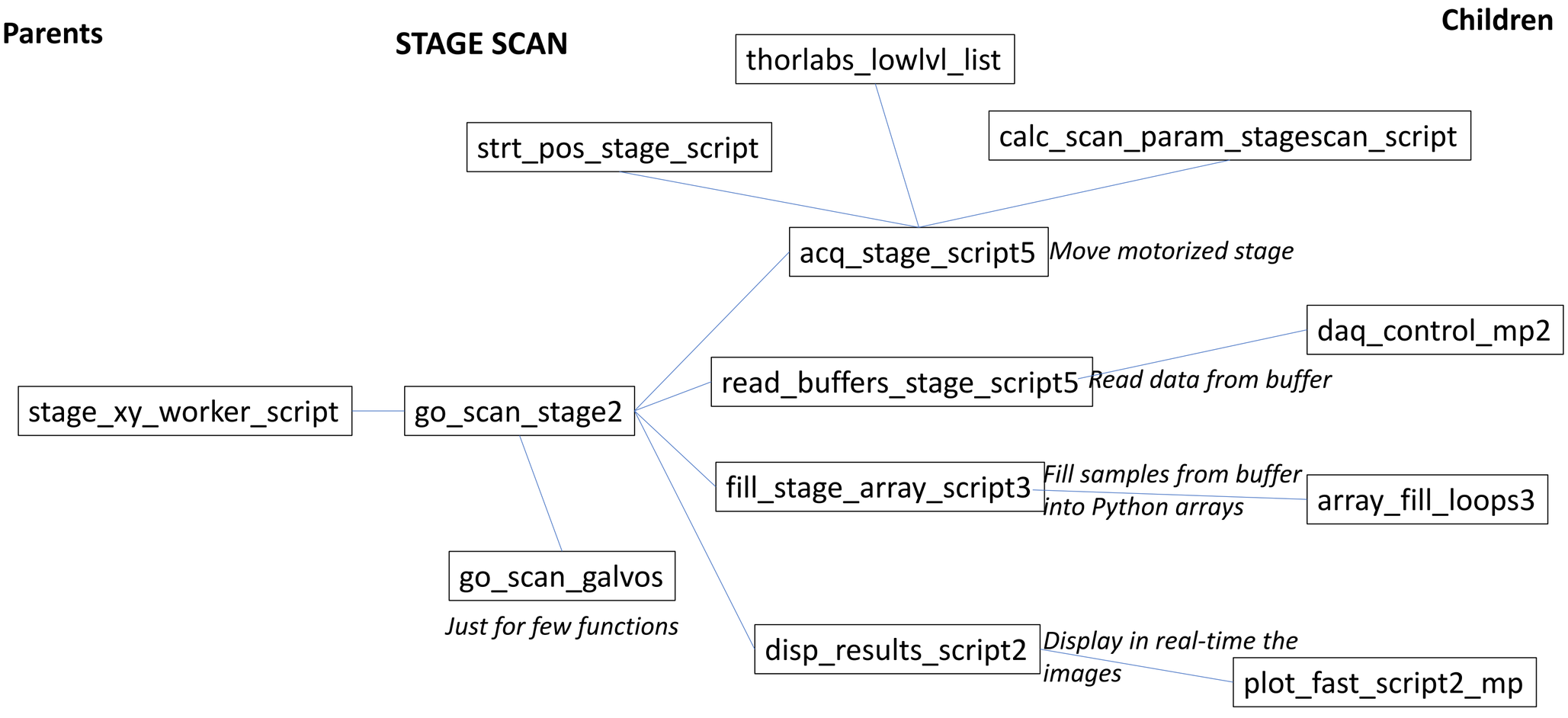


Galvo scanning with callback




Fov
%
sizeX
pixelX
stepX
sampling

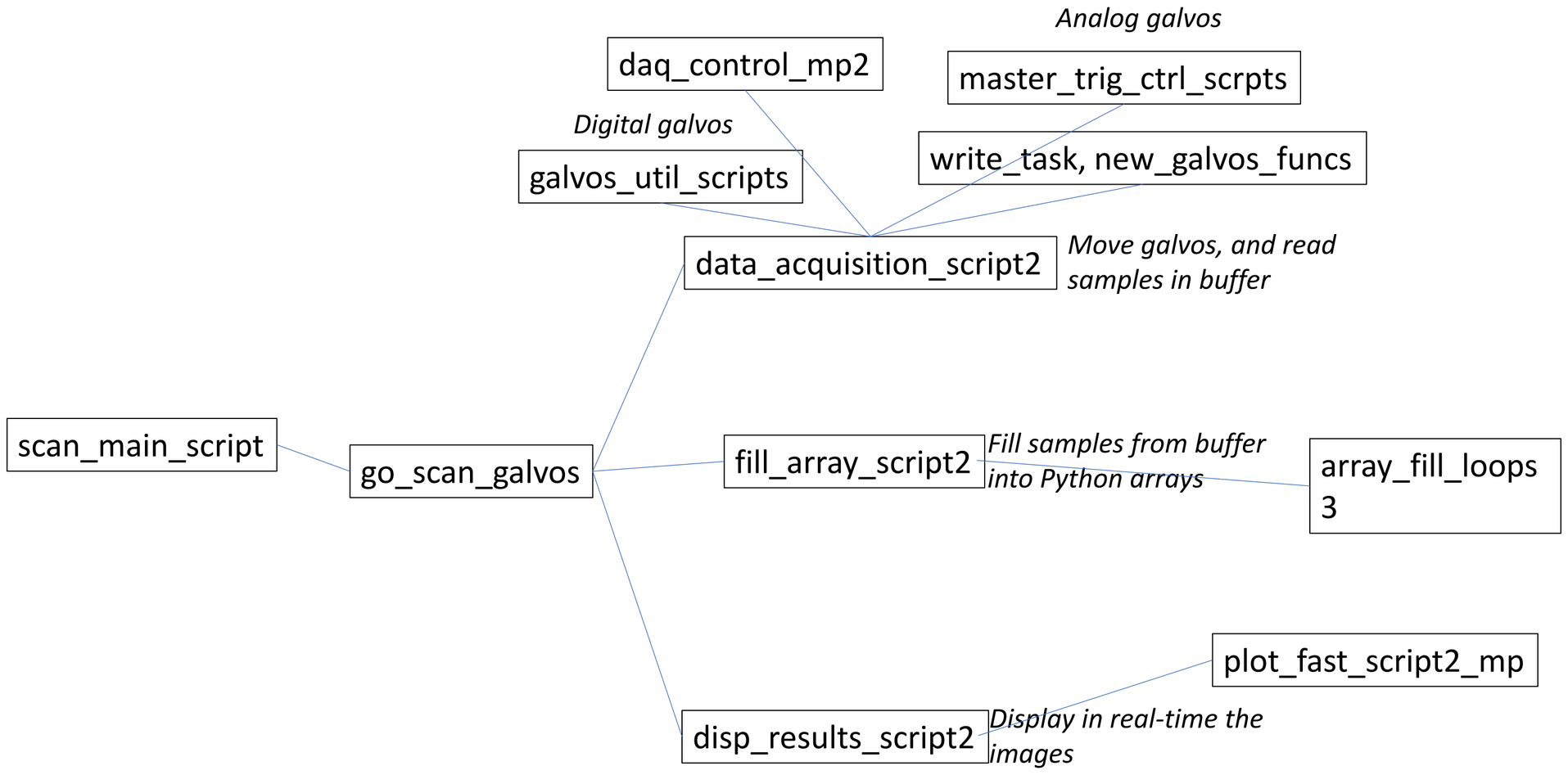

main_microscope.py
Few lines to start the GUI
script for the GUI (2nd window), with widget callbacks, and some actions
gui_script.py
Main script for the GUI (1st window), including all widget callbacks, and some actions
jobs_scripts
imic_worker_script2
apt_worker_script2
spectro_worker_script2
shutter_worker_script2
newport_worker_script
PI_worker_script
EOM_phase_ctrl_script
save_img_tiff_script2
img_hist_plot_mp
param_ini
scan_main_script
daq_control_mp2
new_galvos_funcs
pg_plot_scripts
stage_xy_worker_script
calc_scan_param_stagescan_script
Pyqtgraph functions (display)
display_save_img_gui_util method, for saving the acquired image in disk


Parents
STAGE SCAN
Children
thorlabs_lowlvl_list
strt_pos_stage_script
calc_scan_param_stagescan_script
acq_stage_script5
Move motorized stage
daq_control_mp2
read_buffers_stage_script5
Read data from buffer
stage_xy_worker_script
go_scan_stage2
fill_stage_array_script3
Fill samples from buffer into Python arrays
array_fill_loops3
go_scan_galvos
Just for few functions
disp_results_script2
Display in real-time the images
plot_fast_script2_mp

Parents

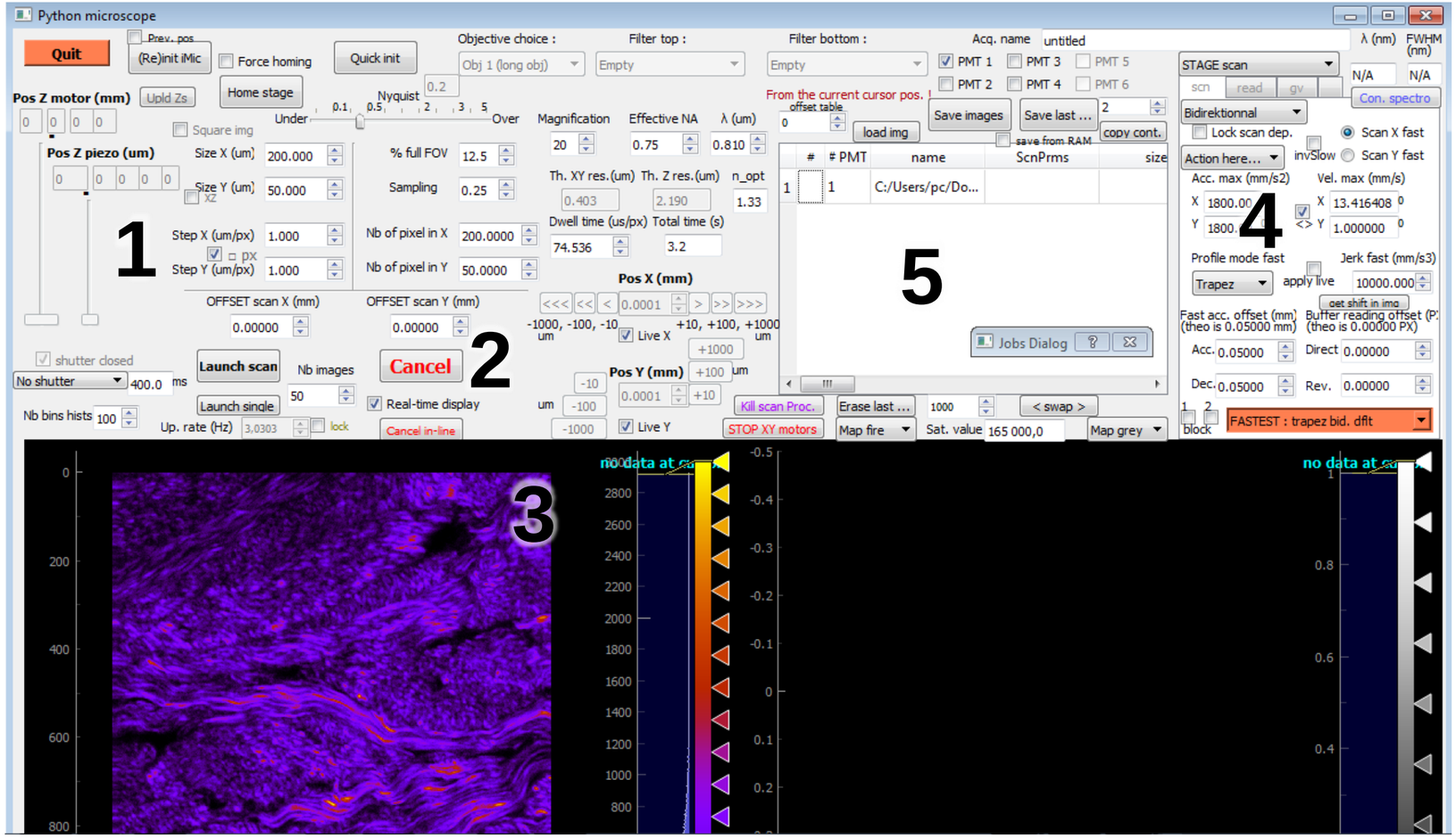
GALVOS SCAN

Children

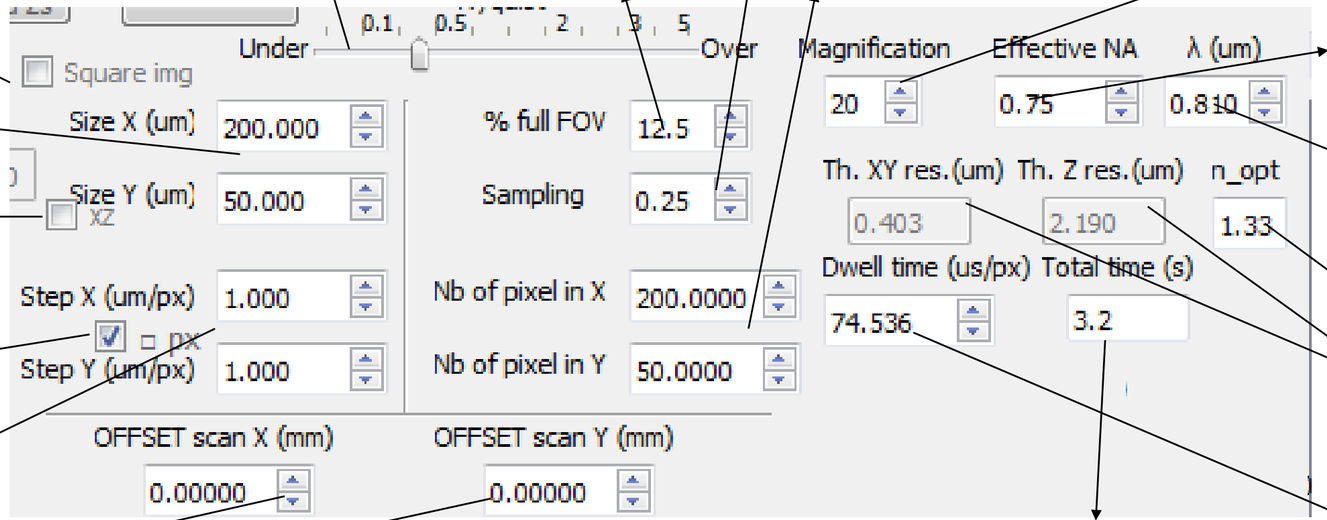


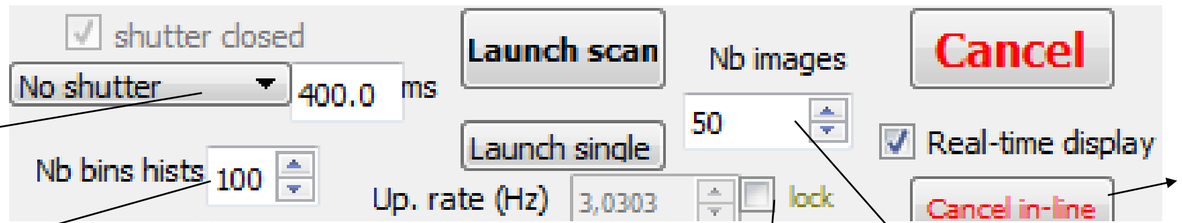
Full GUI description

Full GUI description in Python



1) GUI : (main) scan parameters





A scan step corresponds to a sampling

A scan size corresponds to a % of the FOV

Ratio to the Nyquist factor

Corresponding number of pixels, knowing the scan size and step

Magnification of the objective

Impose square image

N.A. (measured) of objective

SizeX/Y in µm

Fundamental wavelength

Do a XZ scan instead of XY (need modif to be implemented)

Index of medium (sample)

Impose square pixels

THEORETICAL resolution in SHG (Zipfel et al.)

Step X/Y in µm/px

Exposure time/px

Total time of img (s)

Offset in X/Y of the scan, used with galvos to change the 0 pos of the alignment.

Use of shutter, or not

Nb of bins for the 2D histogram

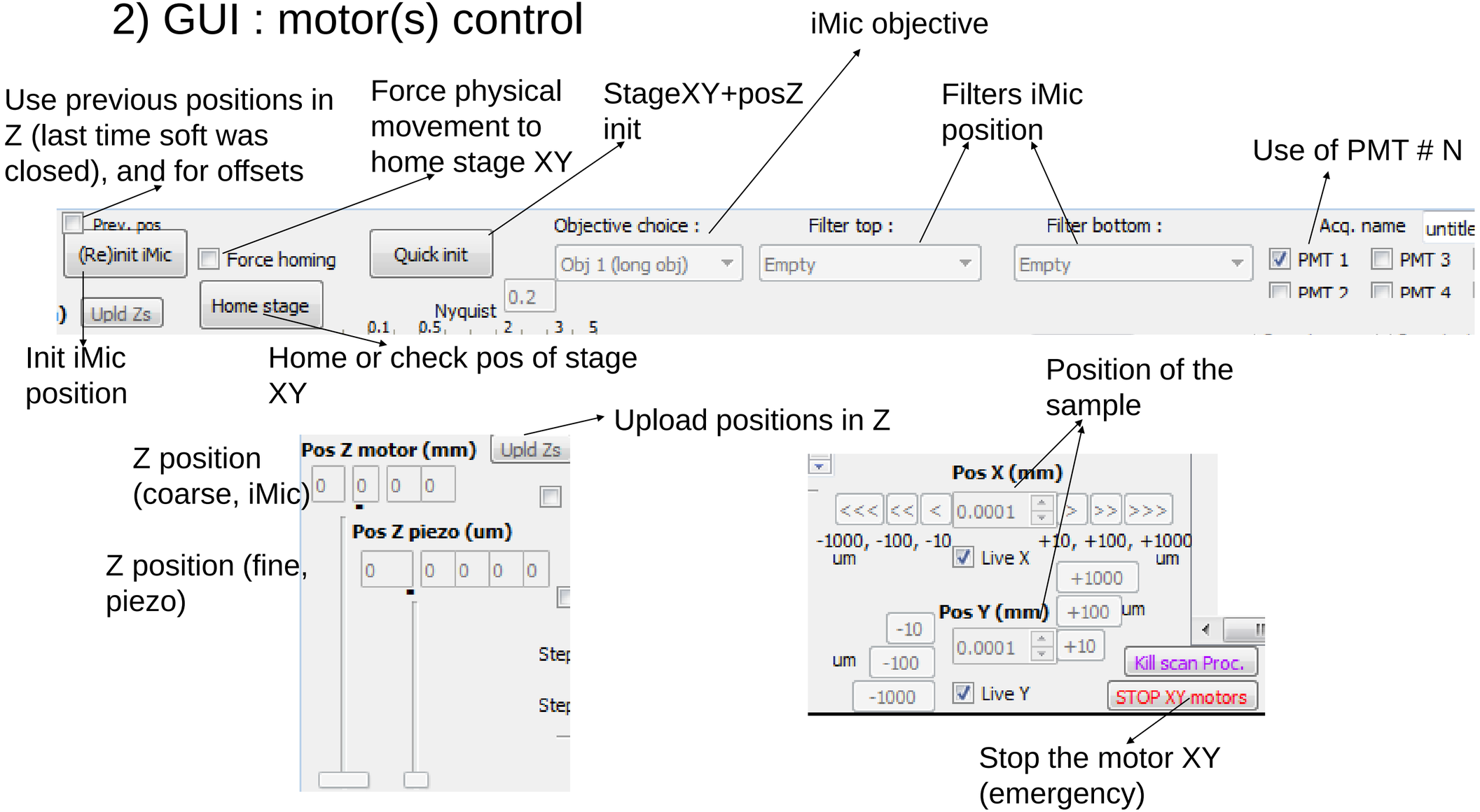
Update rate of buffers (for static acq., or galvos)
Higher rate→ smaller packets

Lock update rate

Nb of images to acquire

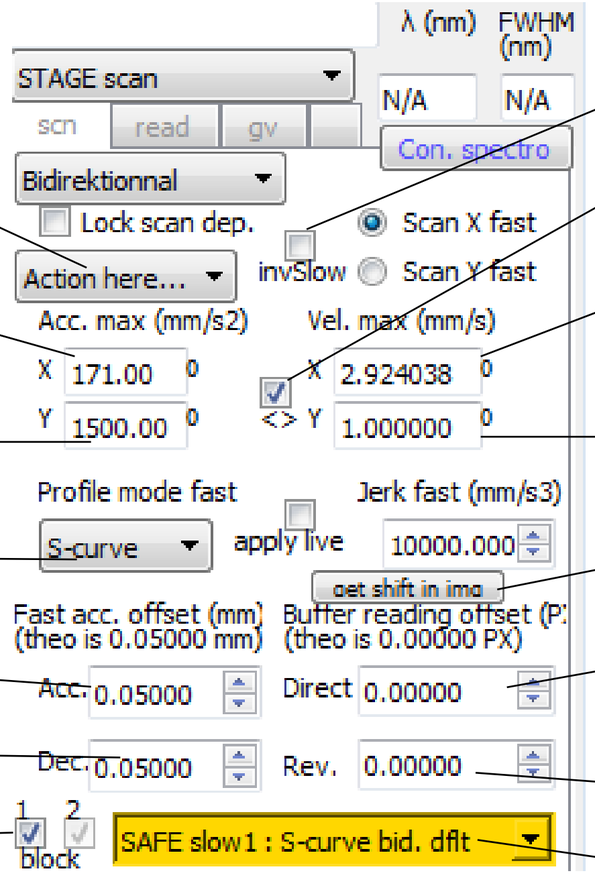
Cancel image during acquisition (not ok for dig galvos, as scan has to finish anyways)

2) GUI : motor(s) control



4) GUI: Detailed parameters of the mode

FOR STAGE SCAN



Force update, or set of optimal params, or lock params

Acceleration of the motor (X, usually fast)

Acceleration of the motor (Y, usually slow)

Scan mode profile

Acceleration offset (spatial)

Deceleration offset (spatial)

Block until end of move (can uncheck for fast)
See stage_scan summary

Invert slow direction

Enable/disable link between acceleration and speed of motor

Velocity of the motor (X, usually fast)

Velocity of the motor (Y, usually slow)

Get shifts (fast unprecise, use DIPimage for more precise)

reading offset (in buffer)

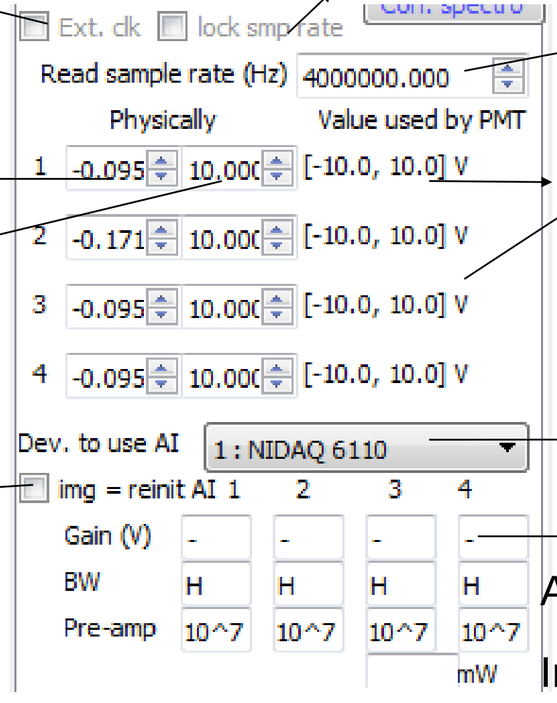
reading offset (in buffer, reverse)

Easy change of mode

4b) GUI: Detailed parameters of the mode

Use external clock for sample rate

Lock sample rate, to avoid it to vary with other parameters



Sample rate for acquisition

Min and max values physically given by the PMT

Value used by daq card for analog input bounds, that determines the precision (for PMT 1, 2, …)

NI card to use for acquisition (2 choices)

Check to re-init Tasks of card at each images

Gain on amplifier of PMT

Anode amplifier carac

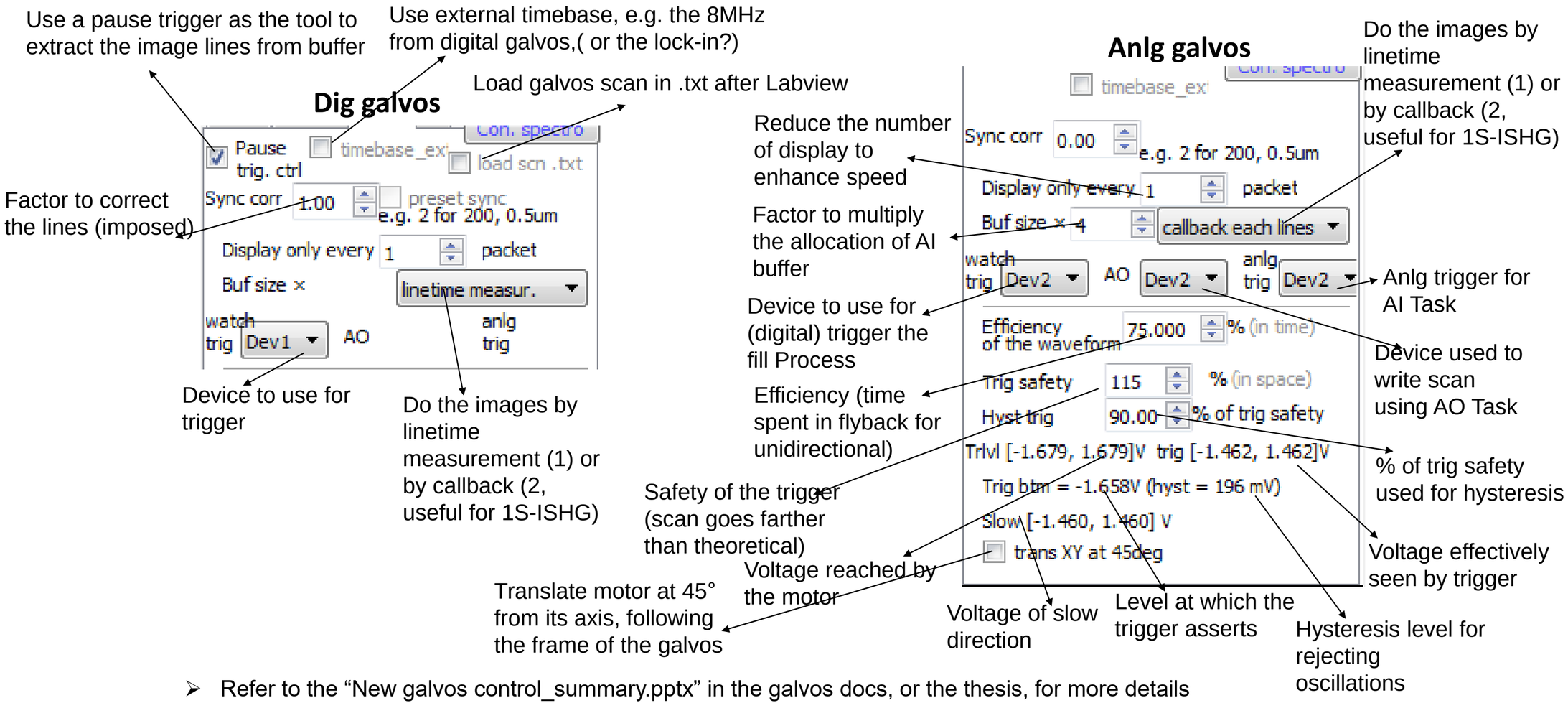
Input optical power

LAST TAB

Draw a rectangle on current image to define a ROI

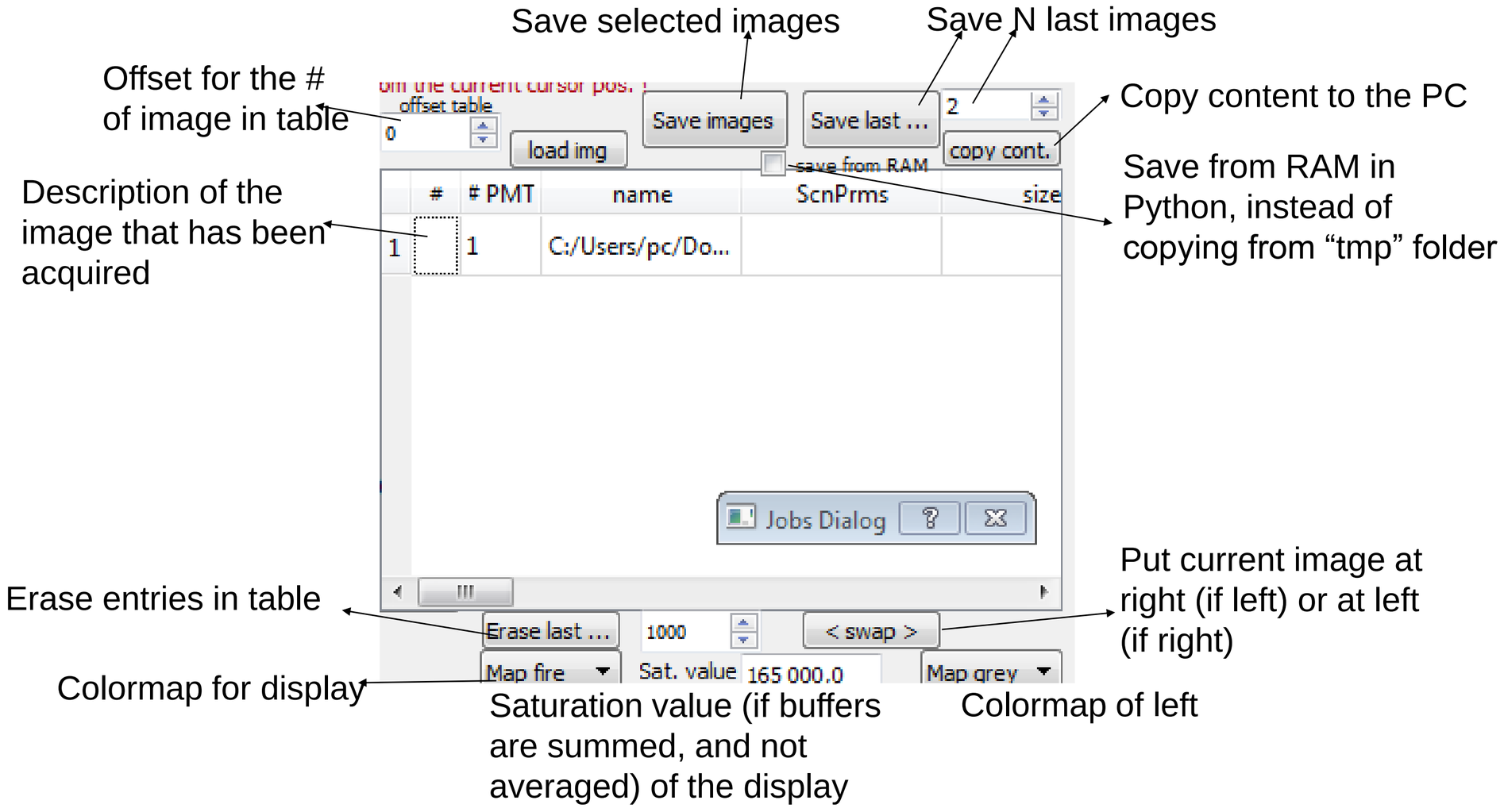
Define the drawn ROI in scan parameters

4c) Galvos, anlg & dig

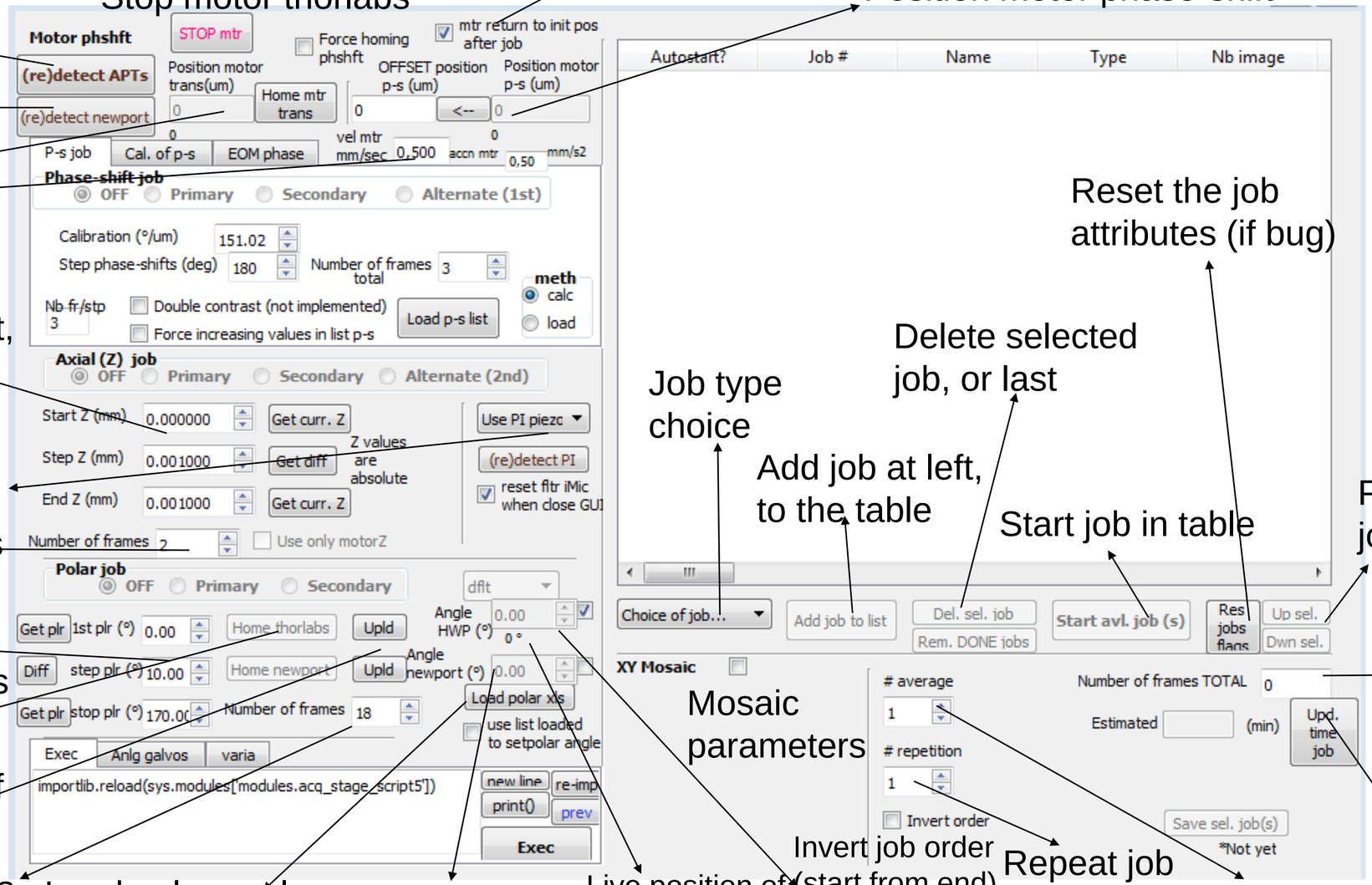


- Refer to the “New galvos control_summary.pptx” in the galvos docs, or the thesis, for more details

5) GUI: image display



6) GUI: jobs



Stop motor thorlabs

return to init position after job of phase-shift

Position motor phase-shift

Detect Thorlabs cube motors

Detect Newport motor

Motor translation

Velociy/accn of motor phase-shift

Reset the job attributes (if bug)

Z motor job: start, step and stop positions

Delete selected job, or last

Job type choice

Add job at left, to the table

Start job in table

Put selected job up or down

Detect PI piezo (Z)

Number of frames for Z jobs

Polar start, step, and stop positions

estimation of job duration (automatic normally)

Mosaic parameters

Upload position of waveplates

Upload estimation of job duration (automatic normally)

Nb of frames of polar job

Load polar angles, HWP+QWP

Position of QWP (Newport)

Live position of HWP

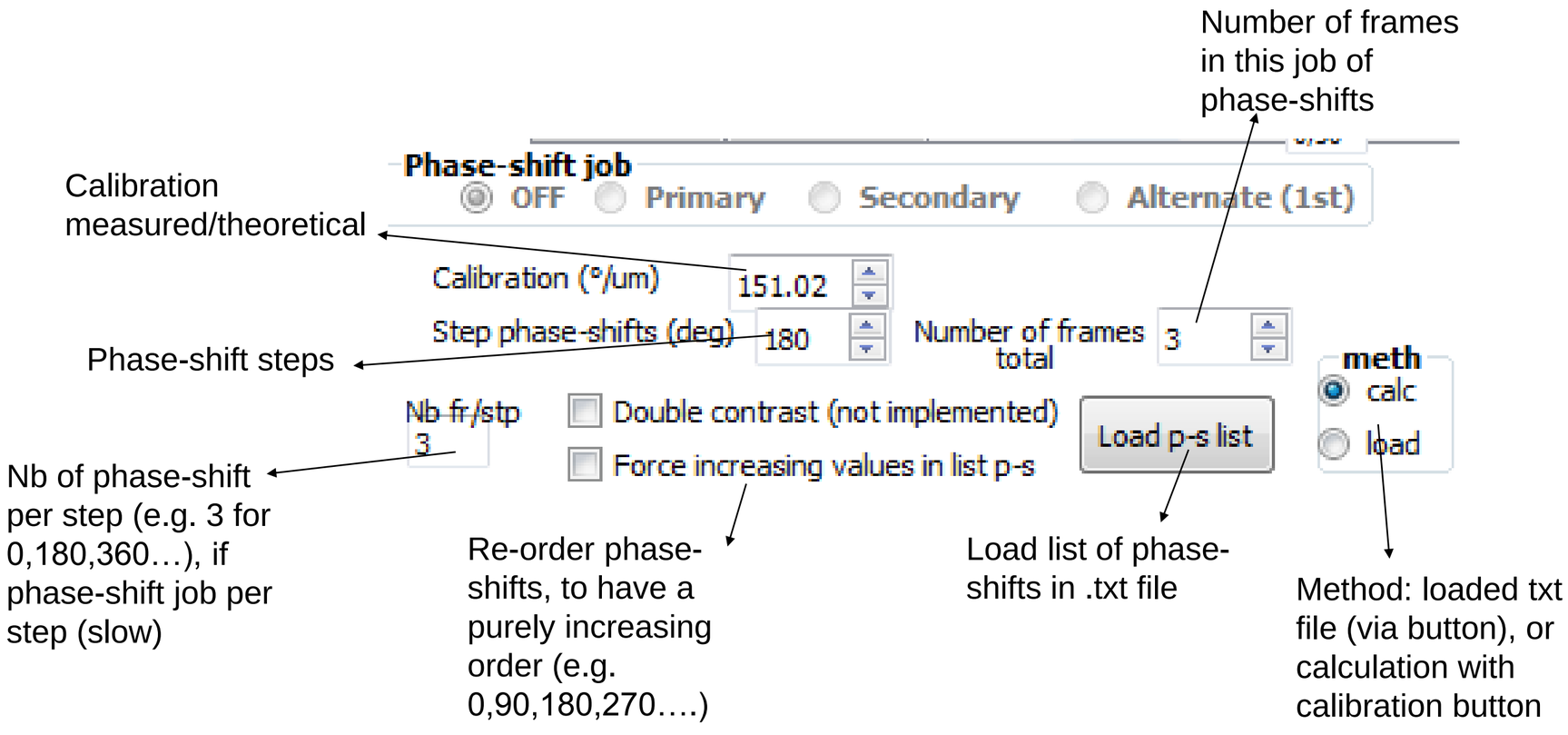
Change HWP (Thorlabs) position

Invert job order (start from end)

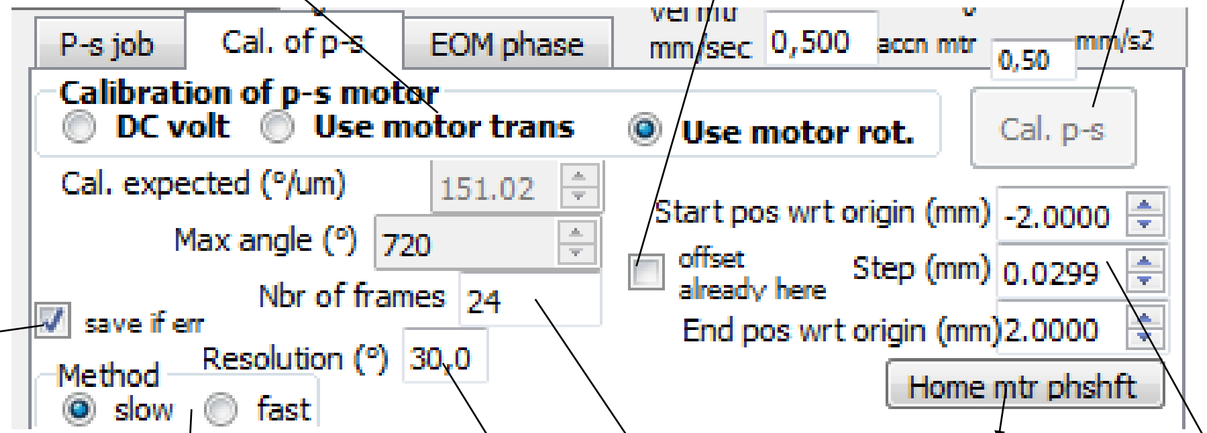
Repeat job N times

Number of average in jobs

6a) GUI: jobs


Number of frames in this job of phase-shifts
Calibration measured/theoretical
Phase-shift job
OFF
Primary
Secondary
Alternate (1st)
Calibration (°/um)
151.02
Step phase-shifts (deg)
180
Number of frames total
3
Phase-shift steps
meth
calc
load
Nb fr/stp
3
Double contrast (not implemented)
Force increasing values in list p-s
Load p-s list
Nb of phase-shift per step (e.g. 3 for 0,180,360…), if phase-shift job per step (slow)
Re-order phase-shifts, to have a purely increasing order (e.g. 0,90,180,270….)
Load list of phase-shifts in .txt file
Method: loaded txt file (via button), or calculation with calibration button

6b) GUI: jobs



Motor for phase-shift, or calib

If checked, don't translate motor to compensate acceleration for calib

Start calib

Save calib if error during acquisition

Calib slow (step-by-step), or fast (one translation)

Resolution of calib

Number of frames in calib

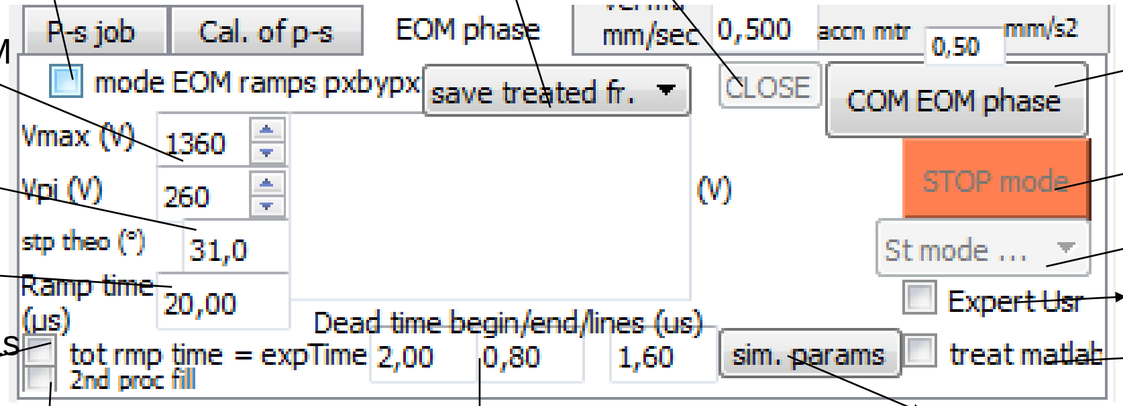
Home motor phase-shift (optional)

Start/step/stop positions for calib

Save only treated interferograms, or whole arrays, or both

Acquire with EOM phase treatment (even if no mode is started

Close EOM



Voltages of EOM (Vpi and max)

Step of phase-shift

Ramp time of EOM mode

Impose EOM mode as pixel exposure time

Start a 2nd Process to fill buffer for EOM

Dead-times of mode EOM

Connect phase EOM

Stop EOM mode

Start EOM mode

Show advanced buttons of EOM

Treat ps job in MatLab

Display parameters of EOM scan

6c) GUI: jobs

Zone to input text, to be executed in Python's console in live (to modify code, or reload a script)

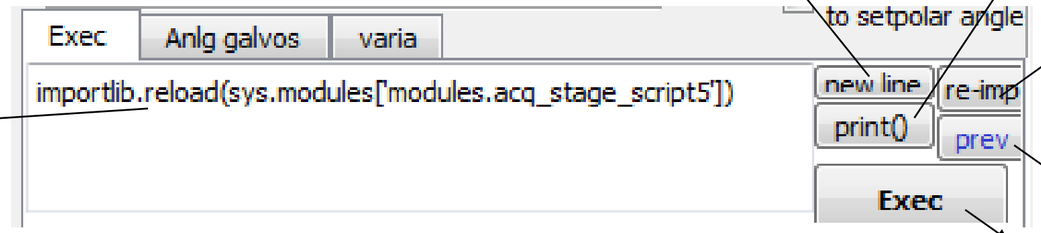
Break a line in the plain Text

Put print balise in widget's text

Put the text to reimport module in PlainText

Display previous commands

execute command in PlainText

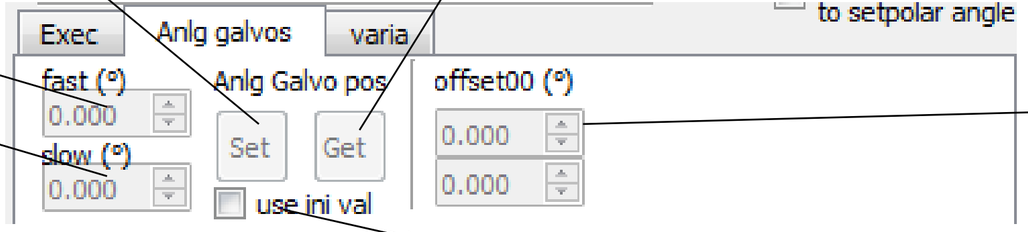


Set positions of widget

Get positions of galvos, by plugging cables

Fast/slow position of anlg galvos, to set

Offset of anlg glavos



Check to use values saved in txt file (previous)

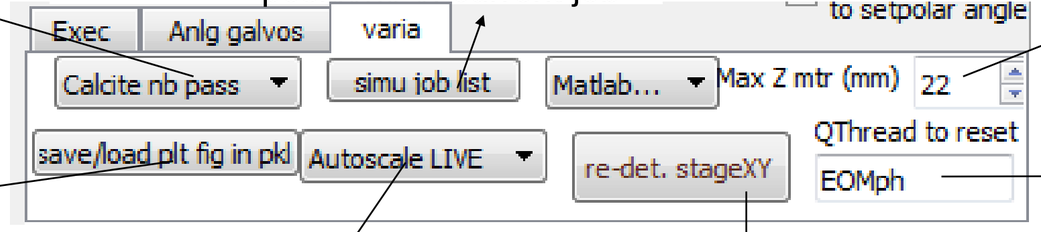
For calib autoco, number of pass in calcite (for calculations)

Display (in logger) the list of positions of current job

maximum value of Z for objective (can limit to a smaller value to avoid hitting the sample)

Save plotted figure in pkl (left-click), or load a .pkl file (right-click)

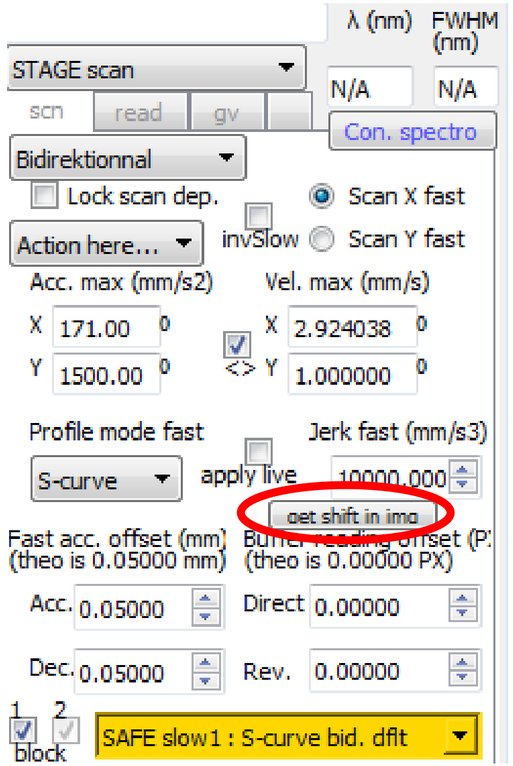
By pressing 'Enter', put widget's text in PlainText for reloading a QThread: shutter, apt, …



Autoscale LIVE, or 90% of dynamic range, or 1st buffer

(re)detect stage Thorlabs XY (if was closed for bug)

Get accurate shift lines in bidirek stage scan



DIPIMAGE

You could use get shift lines in Python, which uses Skimage. But it was showed to fail for large shifts.

Instead, in Matlab you can use DIPimage (install from website before). Using ‘reg_shift_advanced_func.m’ , the reg is done ~5 times to get accurate result.

[shiftv, im] = reg_shift_advanced_func(im0, lim1, off_shift, [])
%
% im0 image to treat (array of numbers), [] if load
% lim1 limit the ROI to X first lines (sizeY dflt)
% off_shift : final imposed offset (0 dflt)
% % !!! transpose the image to find shift on Y (here it's on X) !!!
% shift00 is [] dflt, unless to just shift

→ shiftv contains the shifts wanted. Works on X direction, for Y transpose image first !
→ It plots the result.