

Web API for Sasview

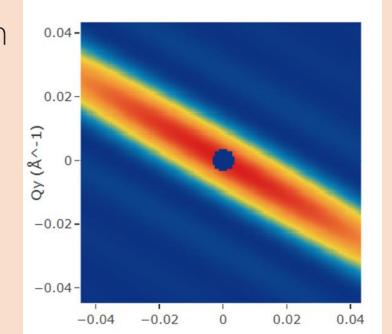
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CENTER FOR NEUTRON RESEARCH

WHAT IS SASVIEW?

NIST Center of Neutron Research is a user facility that uses neutron scattering to observe particle elements. One subdivision is Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS):

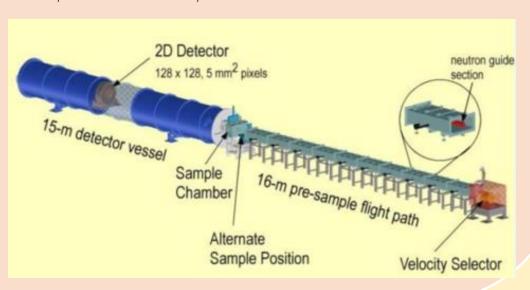
- Instrument shoots neutron through a sample
- Neutron scatters after collision with sample particles and hit detector
- Scattering pattern, scattering length density, intensity, and more elements are measured



Sasview is analysis software that takes the data collected and analyzes it into derivable data.

Two category of tools:

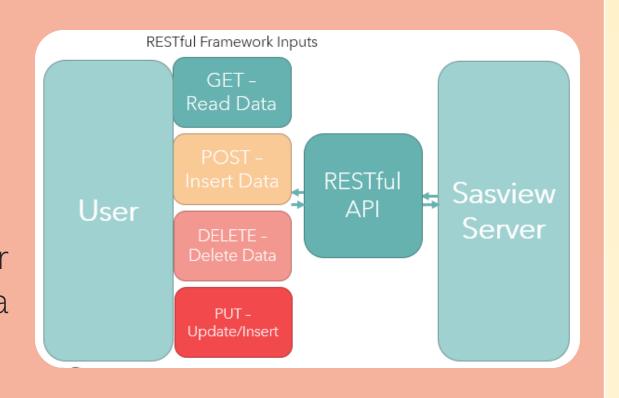
- Analysis Tools: Fit, Inversion, Invarient, Corfunc
- Calculation Tools



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An API is an application programming interface. It acts as a "translator" so the user can

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"communicate" with the
server. The user and server
do not send the same data
format, so translation is
necessary.

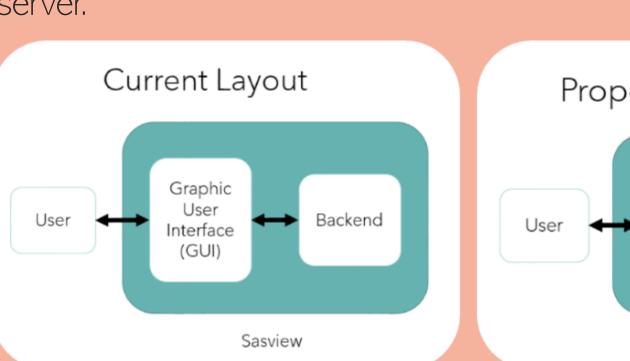


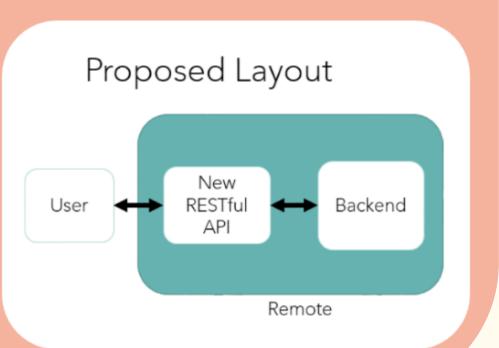
Petfinder is an example of a user-friendly API:



Currently, Sasview has a Graphic User Interface (GUI) – allows user to interact using icons, buttons, and text.

The API act parallel to GUI as second way to communicate to the server.





BENEFITS OF AN API FOR SASVIEW

Alleviate Resources

Analysis tools can take weeks with too much data.

Calculations are done remotely, does not use user's GPU/CPU

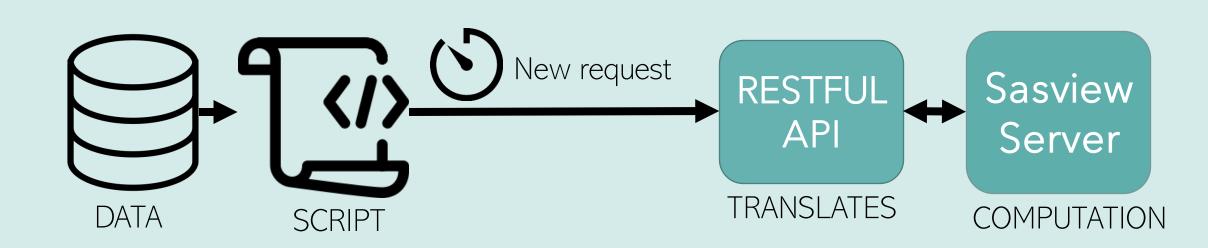
Experimental benefits

Automation!

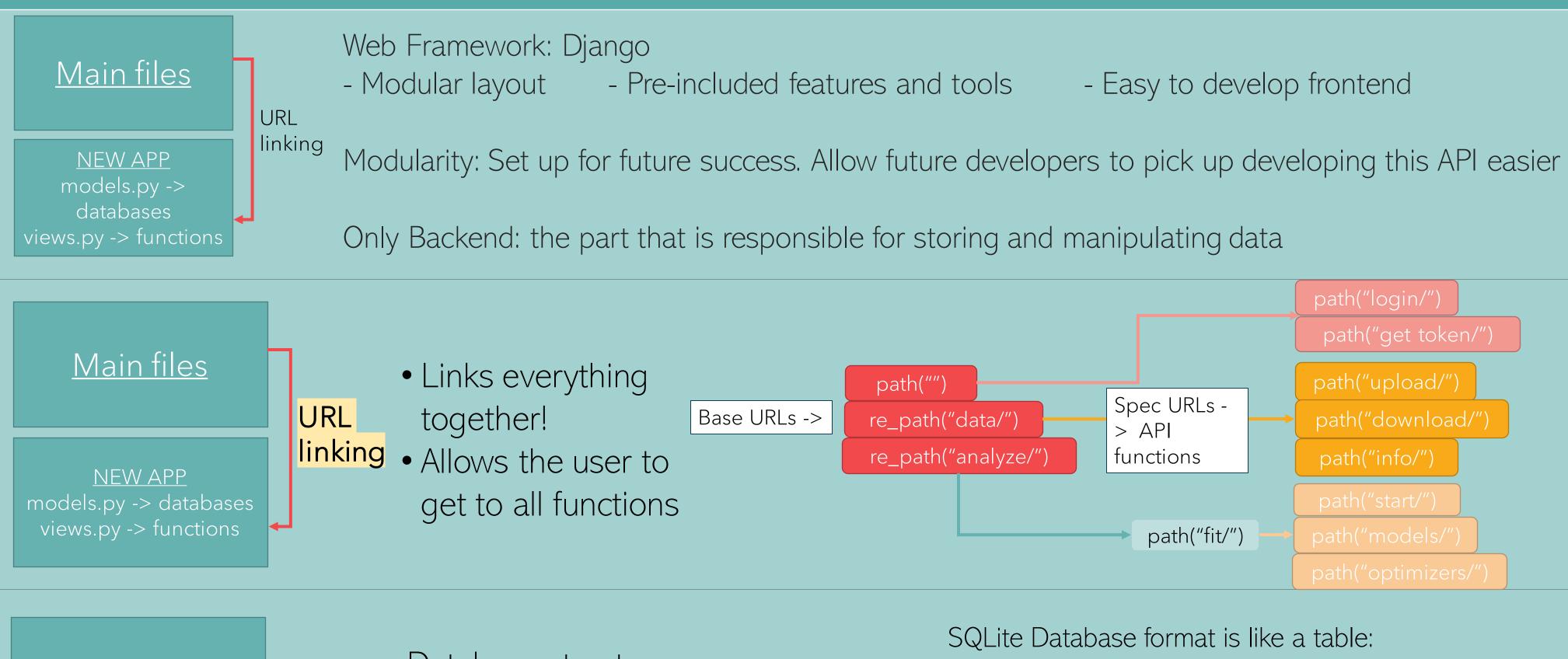
The API allows experimenters to continuously ask the server to update their analysis with code.

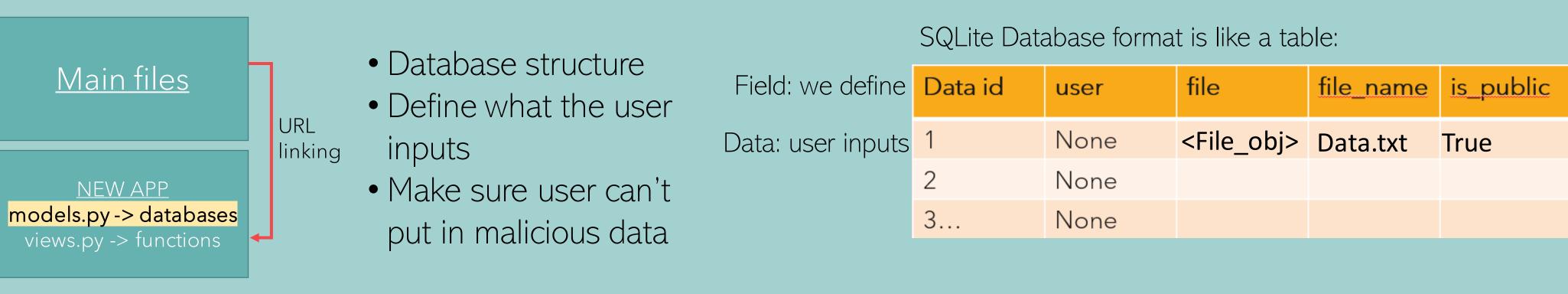
Operating System Deployment

Overcomes Window, Linux, Mac Requirements as the computation is being done elsewhere.



DEVELOPING AN API FROM SCRATCH





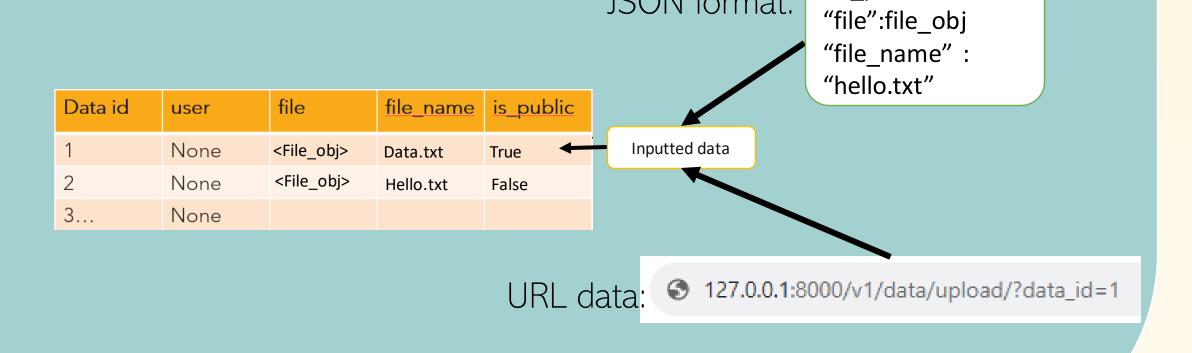
<u>Main files</u>

NEW APP

nodels.py -> database

views.py -> functions

- Translator
- Puts into databases
- Defines how user's data looks

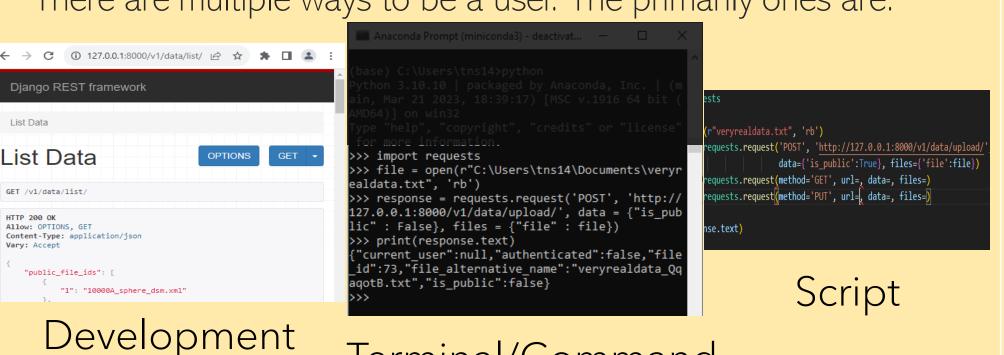


JSON format:

"is_public": False

USER SIDE

There are multiple ways to be a user. The primarily ones are:



Development Server: API view

Terminal/Command pallet

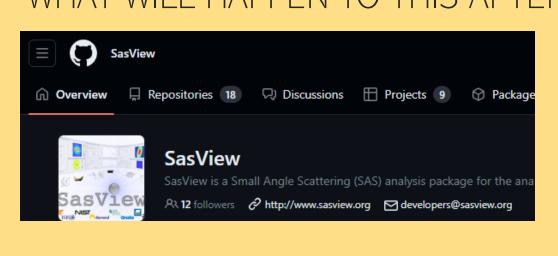
This demonstration of the working model is using the development server, as it is the most readable





FUTURE

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS AFTER THIS SUMMER?



This will continue to live as an in-progress project for Remote fitting interface in Sasview GitHub

NEXT STEPS:

- Add constraints to Fit
- it Implement calculation tools
- Implement other analysis Wrap and create frontend tools

WHAT WILL I CONTRIBUTE AFTER?

- Use API to analyze bicelle data
- Get API approved to merge into Sasview package