MATLAB to Python Translation: Electron Microscope Tools

COSC 499: Software Engineering

Introduction

- Client: Misa Hayashida, a researcher for the National Research Council
- Project overview: Converting 3 tools from MATLAB to Python
  - qEELS
  - Nanomi Optics
  - Alignment software

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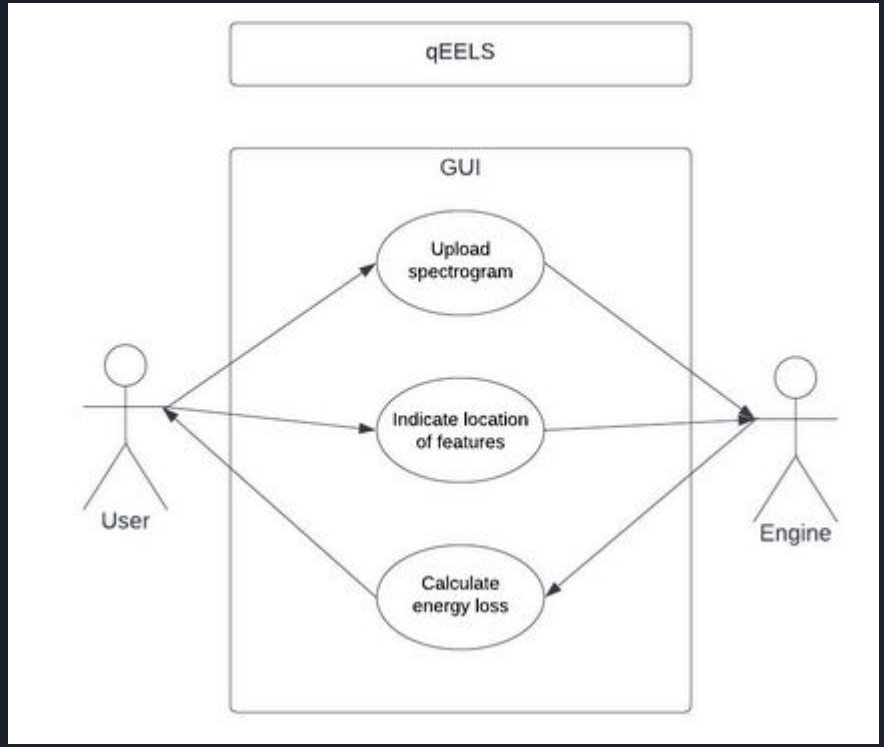
qEELS: Use Cases

Name:	qEELS
Description:	Calculate calibrated energy loss from a spectrogram image.
Flow of Events:	1. The user opens the software. 2. The user uploads the spectrogram image. 3. The user indicates the location of features on the spectrogram image. 4. The user indicates that the software will detect fitted peaks of surface plasmon and bulk plasmon. 5. The user requests the calibrated energy loss axis and transfer axis.
Pre-conditions:	• The user must have the software open. • The user must have an appropriate spectrogram image. • The user has a knowledge of spectrogram images.
Post-Conditions:	The energy loss axis and transfer axis is calculated and displayed in an image.



qEELS: Data Flow

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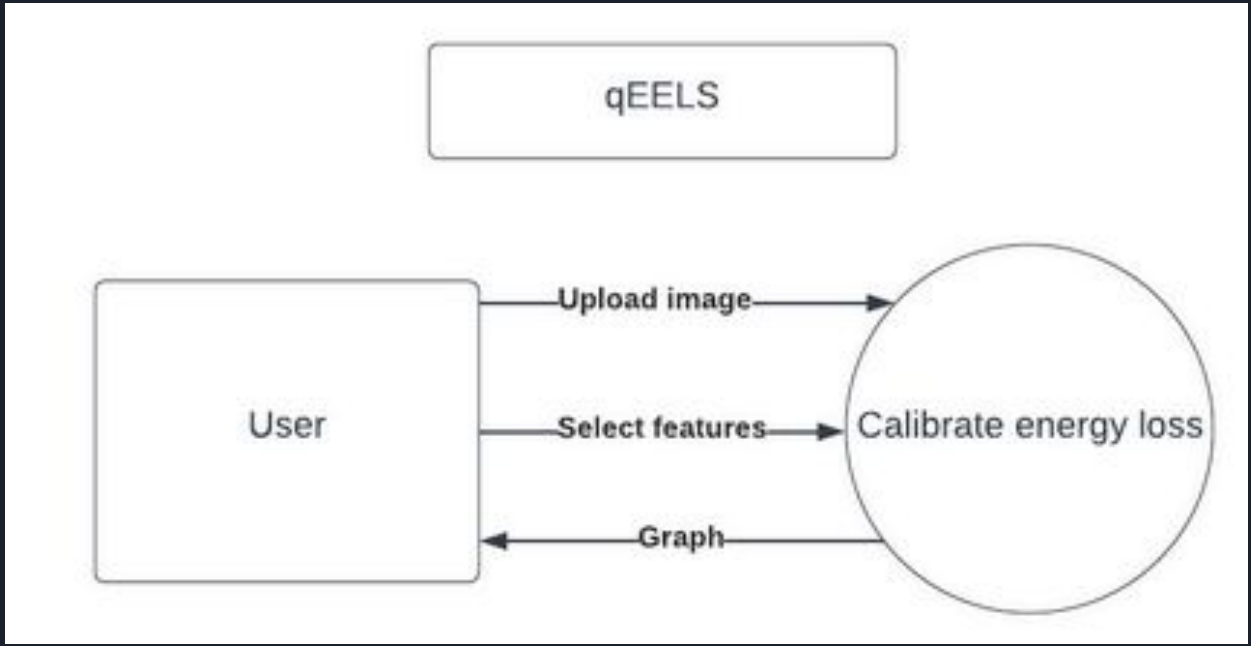
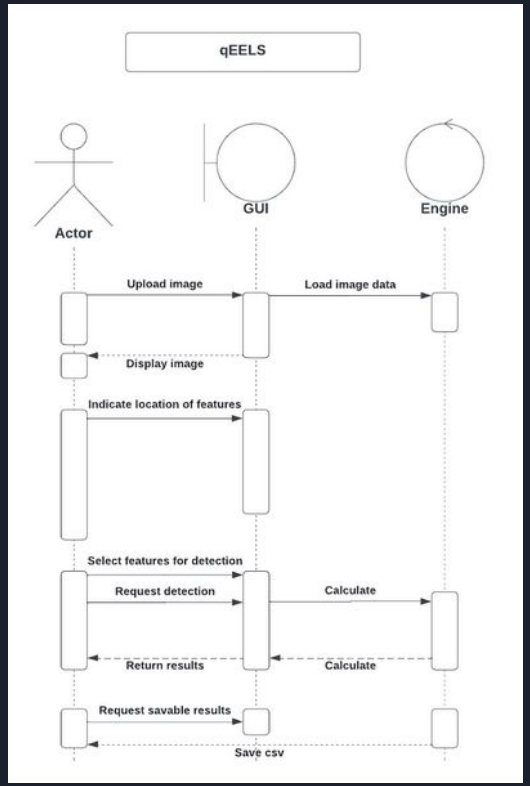
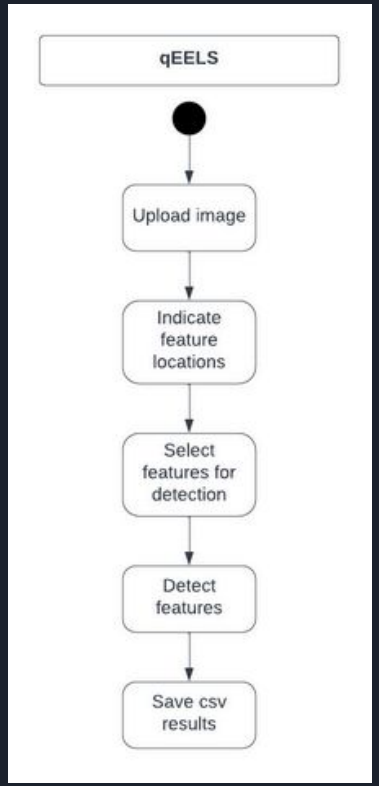
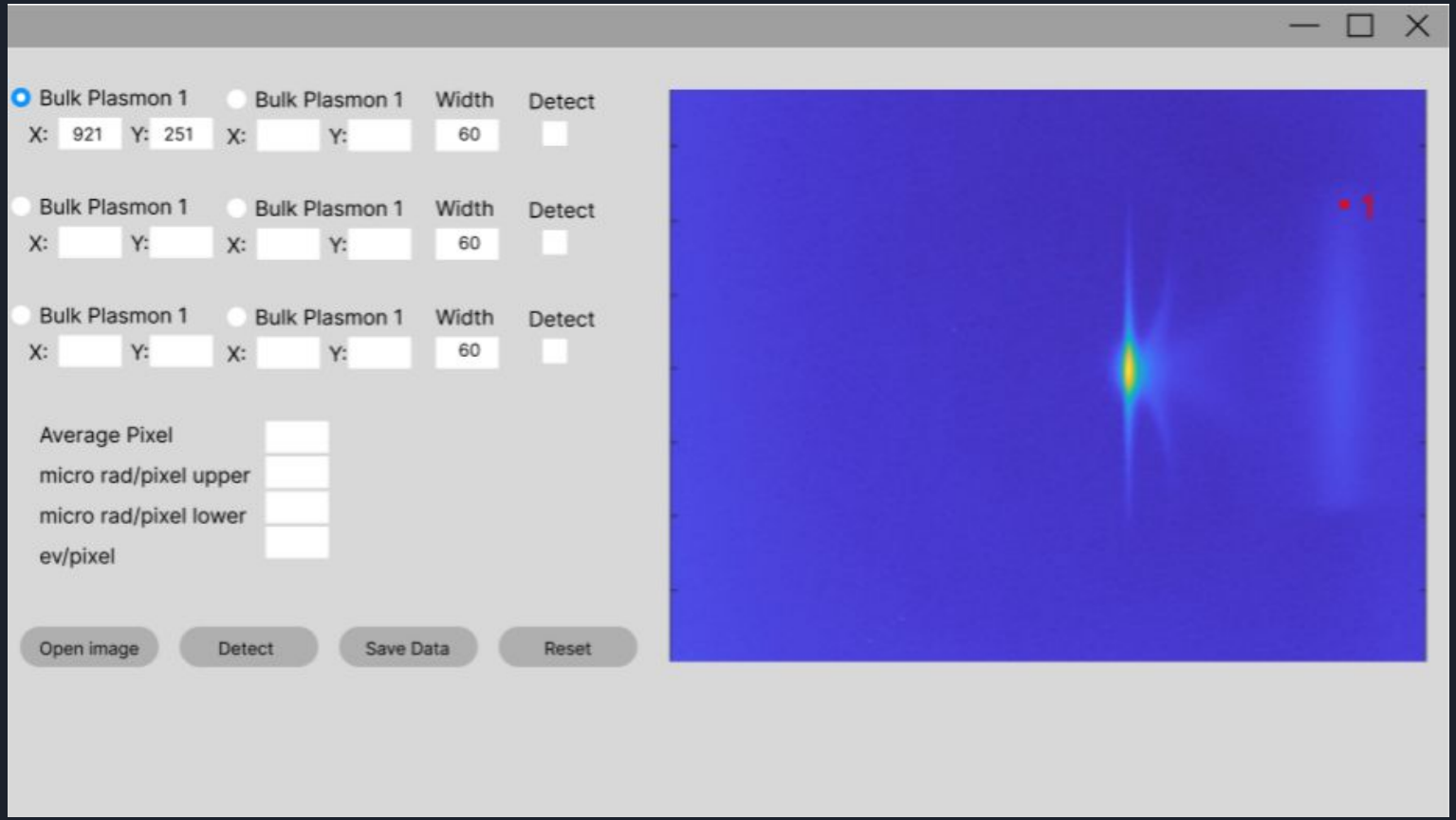


qEELS: Sequence diagram



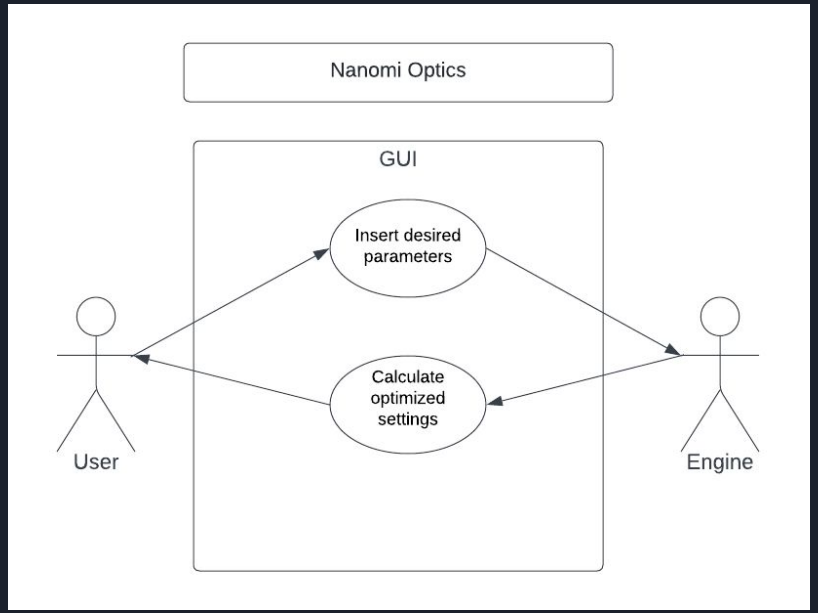


qEELS: UI Mockup



Nanomi Optics Use Cases

Name:	Nanomi Optics
Description:	Optimize electron microscope optics settings.
Flow of Events:	1. The user opens the software. 2. User inputs their desired parameters for optics 3. User request optimized lens settings
Pre-conditions:	• The user must have the software open. • The user has knowledge of electron microscope settings.
Post-Conditions:	Optimized settings are displayed to the user.



Nanomi Optics Data Flow

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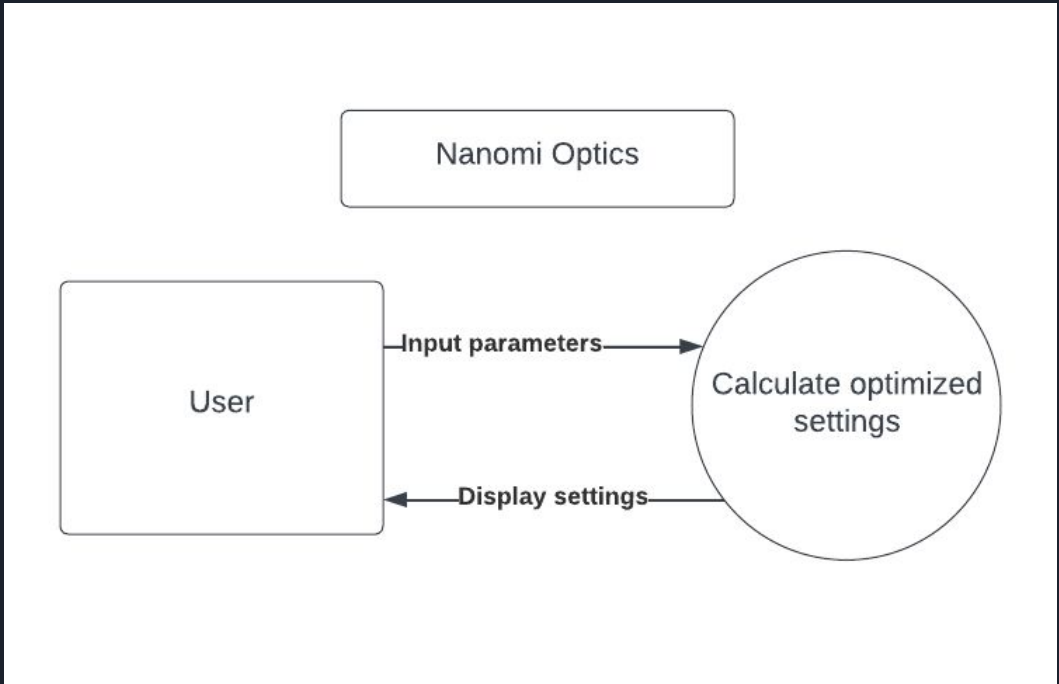
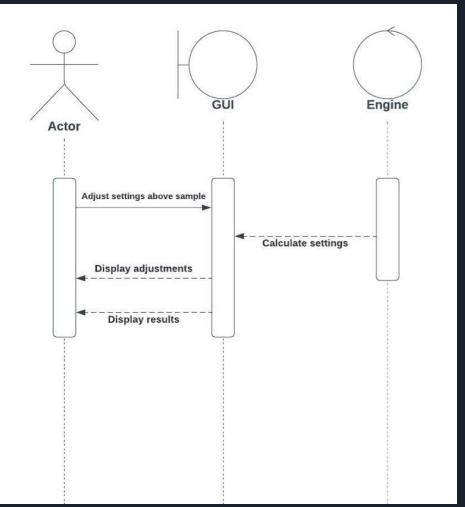
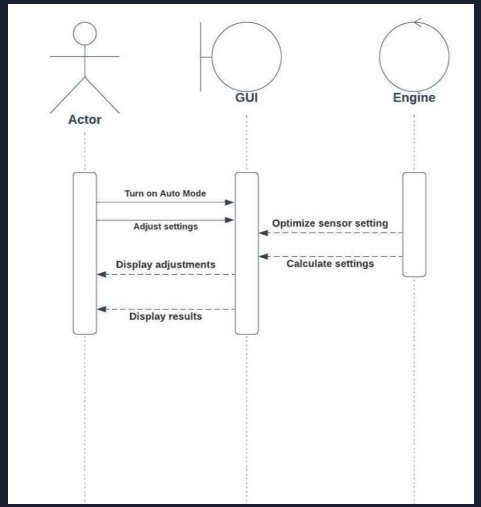
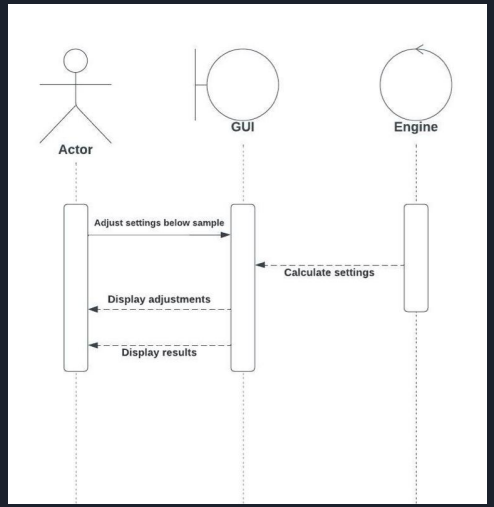
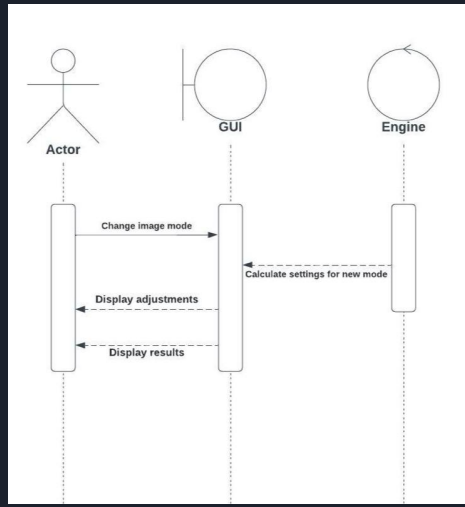


Nanomi Optics Sequence Diagrams

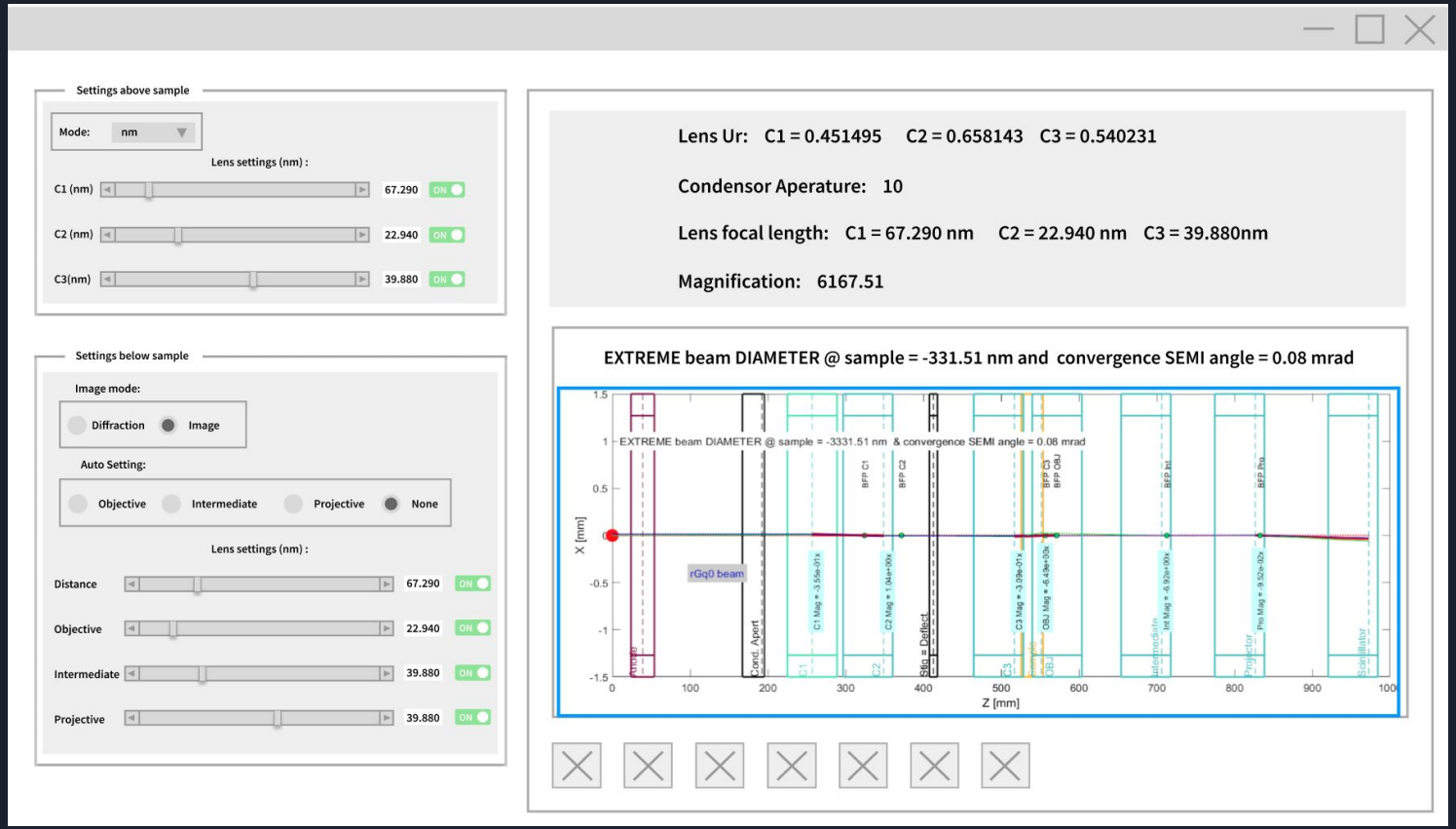






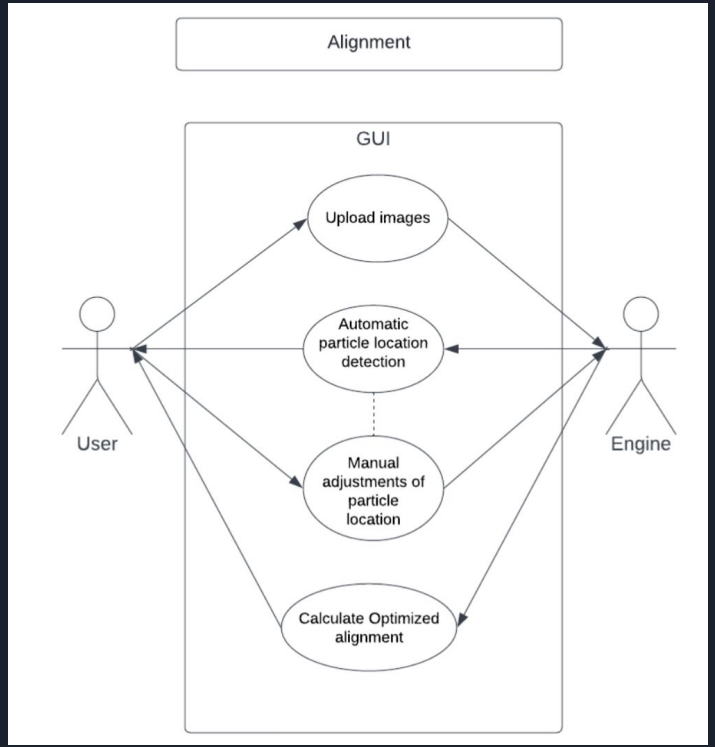


Nanomi Optics UI



Alignment - Use Cases

Name:	Alignment Software
Description	Align nanoparticle images.
Flow of Events:	1. The user opens the software. 2. The user uploads nanoparticle images. 3. The user selects the location of the particle on the image. 4. The user requests aligned sequence images from software.
Pre-conditions:	• The user must have the software open. • The user has appropriate nanoparticle images. • The user has knowledge of nanoparticle images.
Post-Conditions:	An aligned sequence of images is optimized and calculated.



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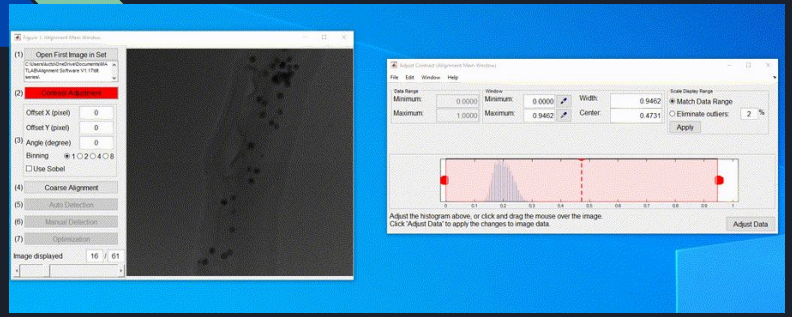
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Use Sobel
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Auto Detection
Manual Detection
Optimization
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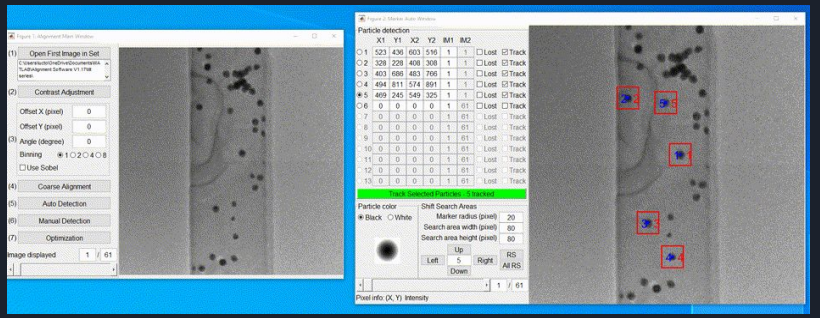
Adjust Data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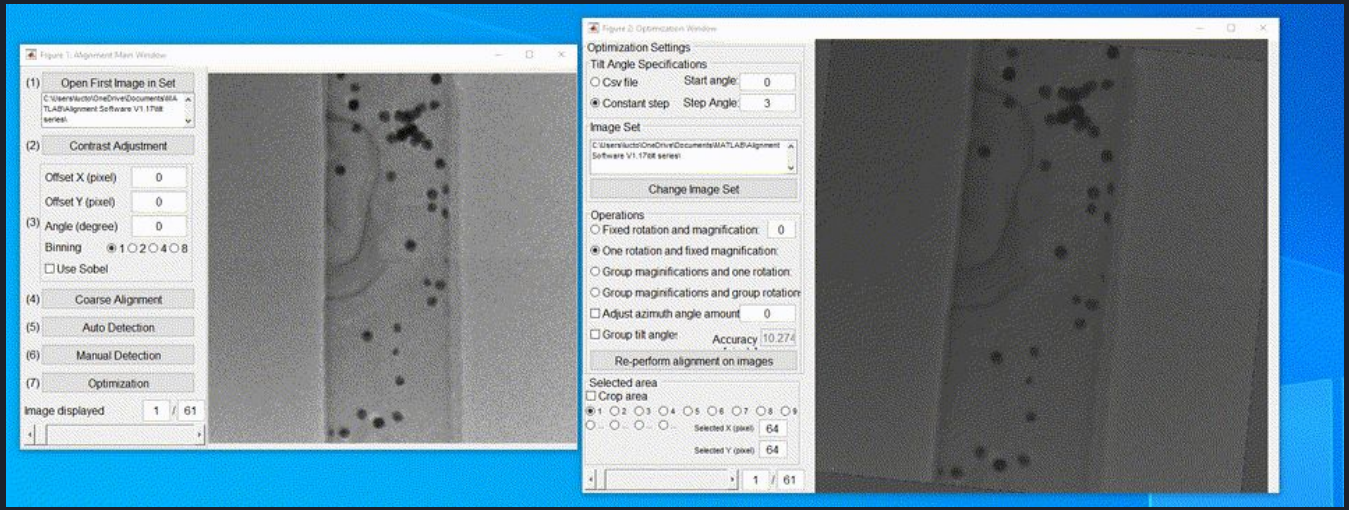
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Alignment - Data Flow

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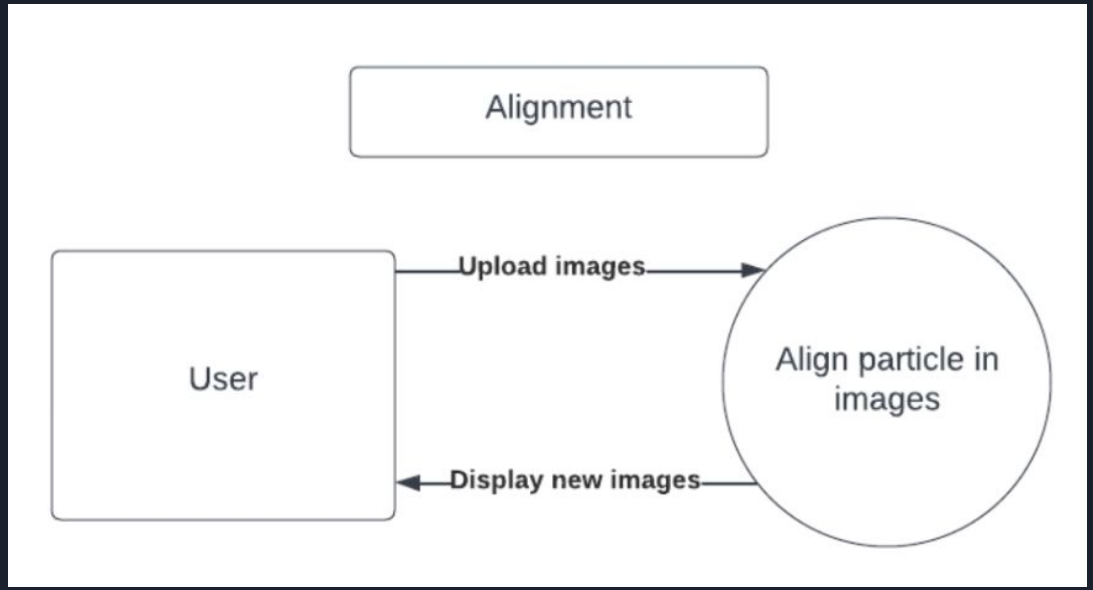
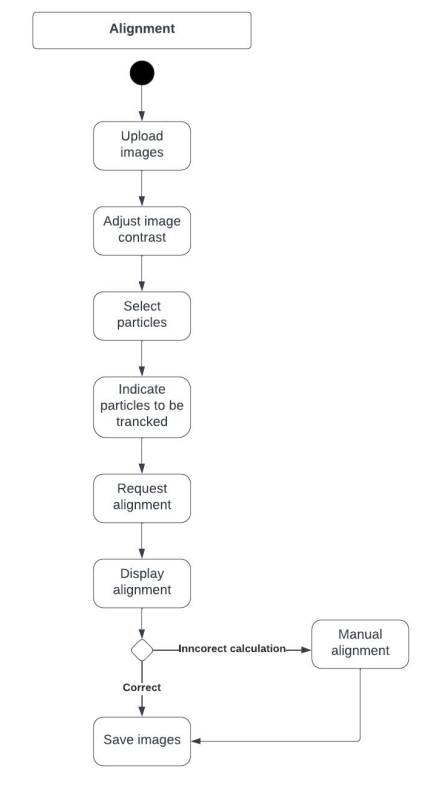
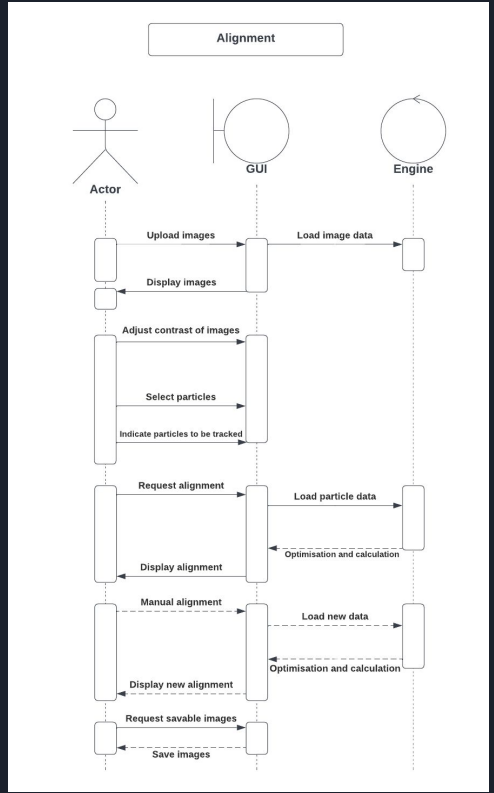
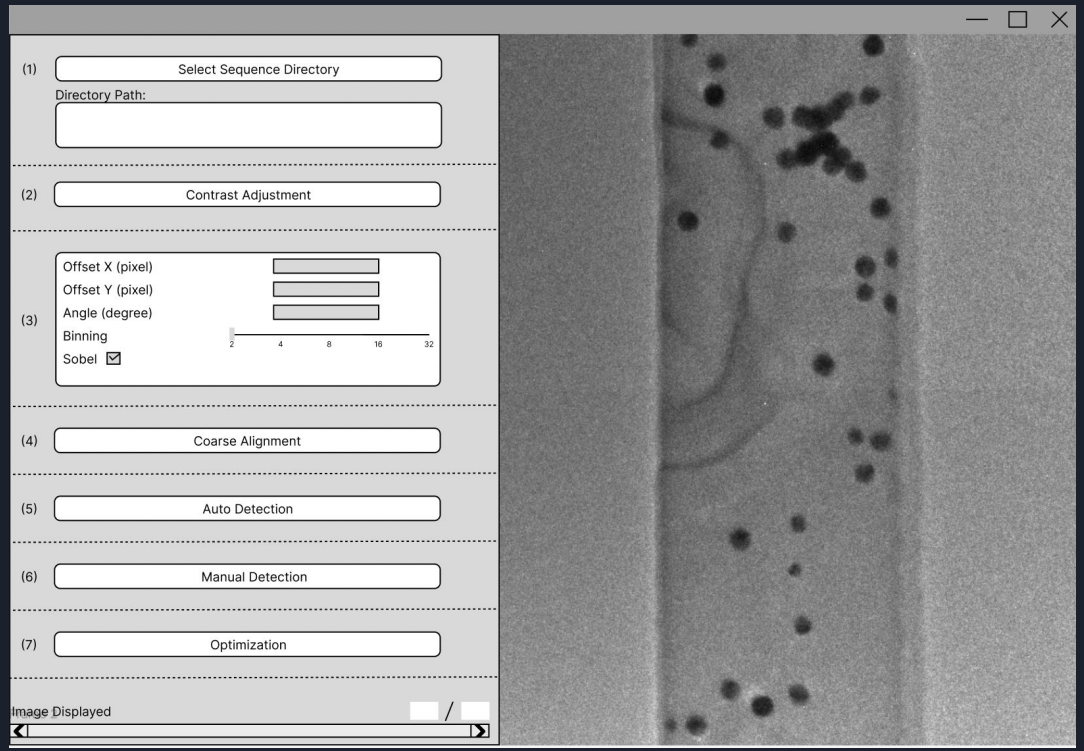


Alignment - Sequence Diagram

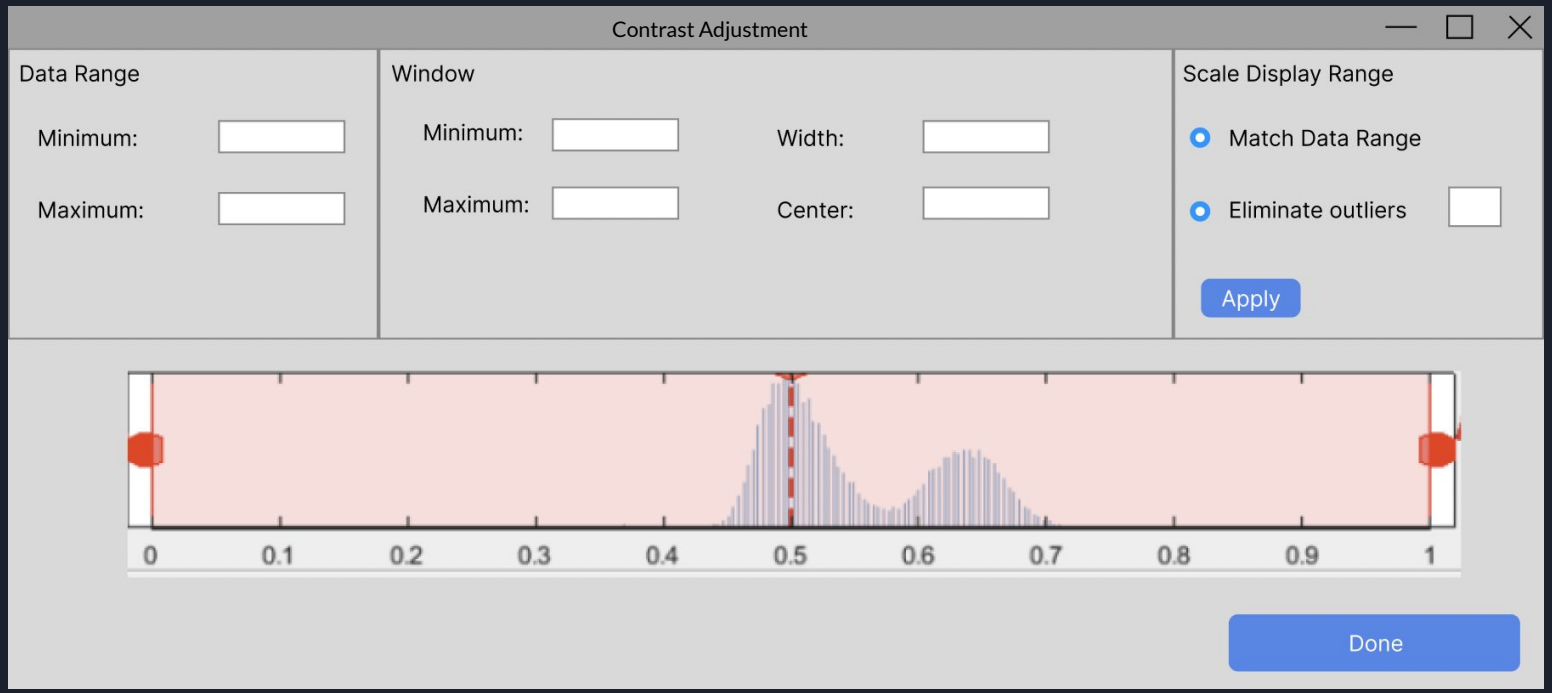




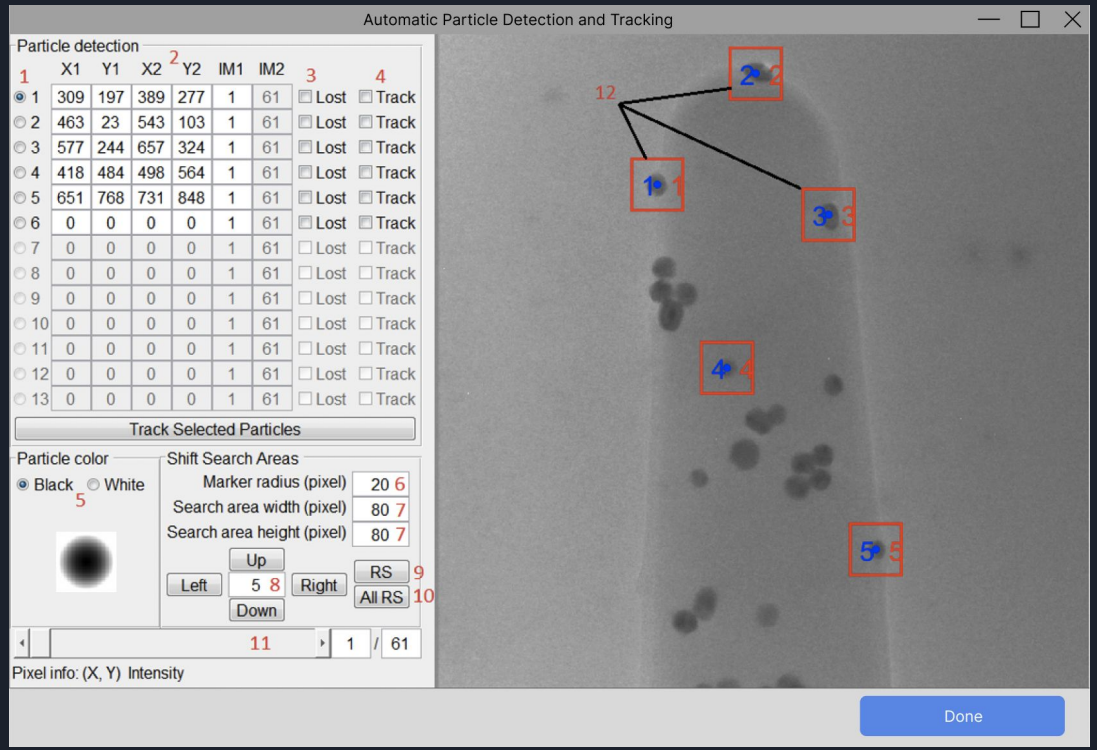
Alignment - Main Window UI



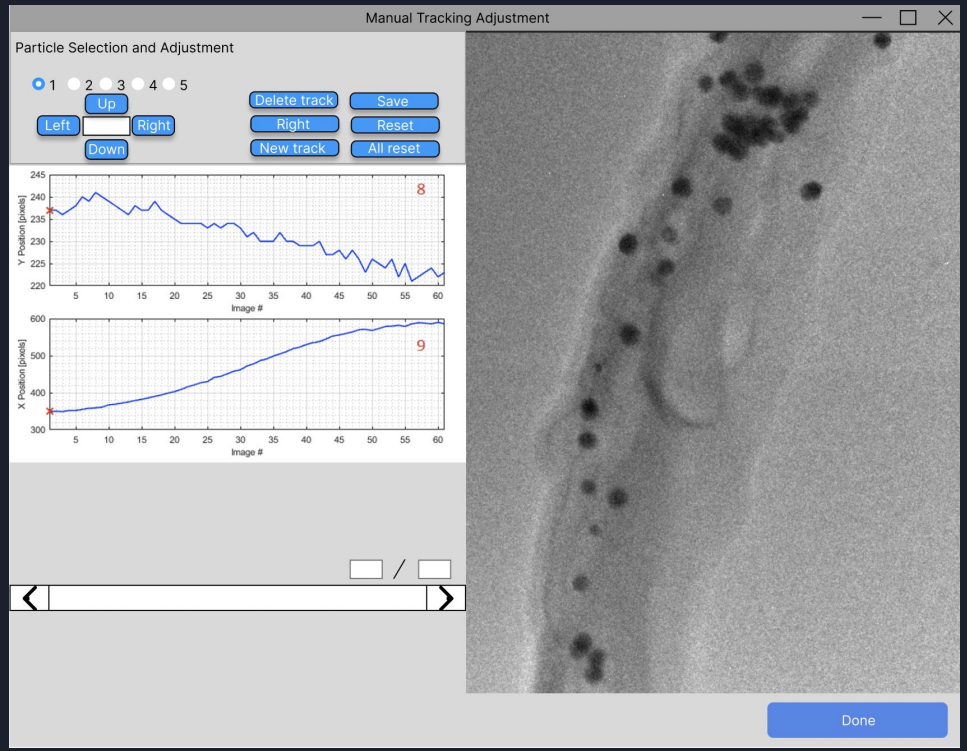
Alignment - Adjust Contrast UI



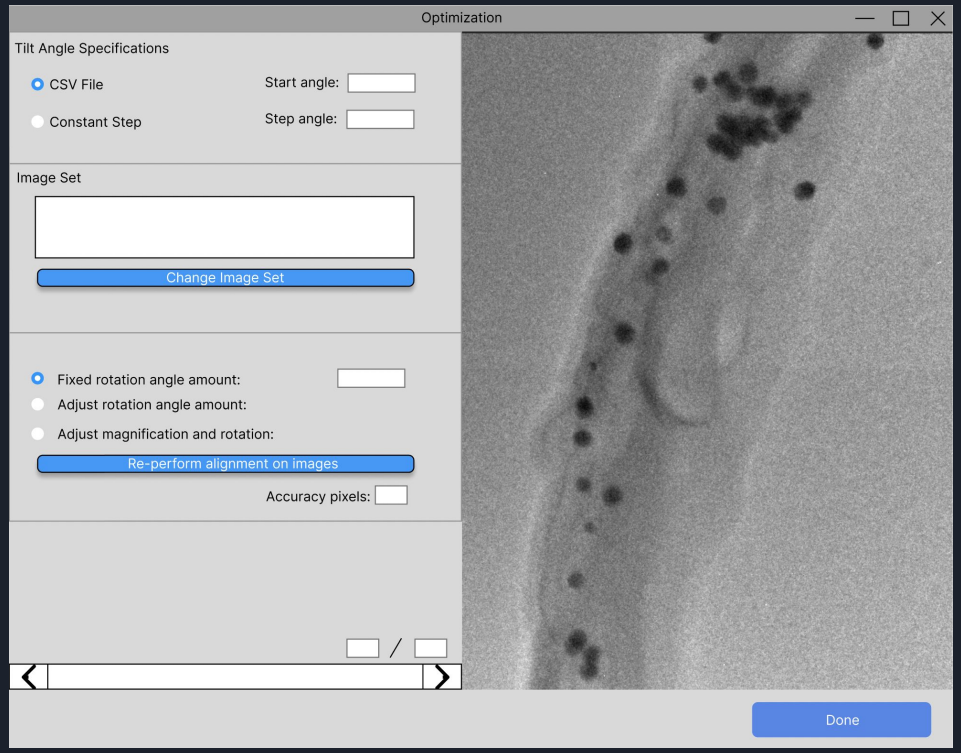
Alignment - Automatic Particle Detection and Tracking UI



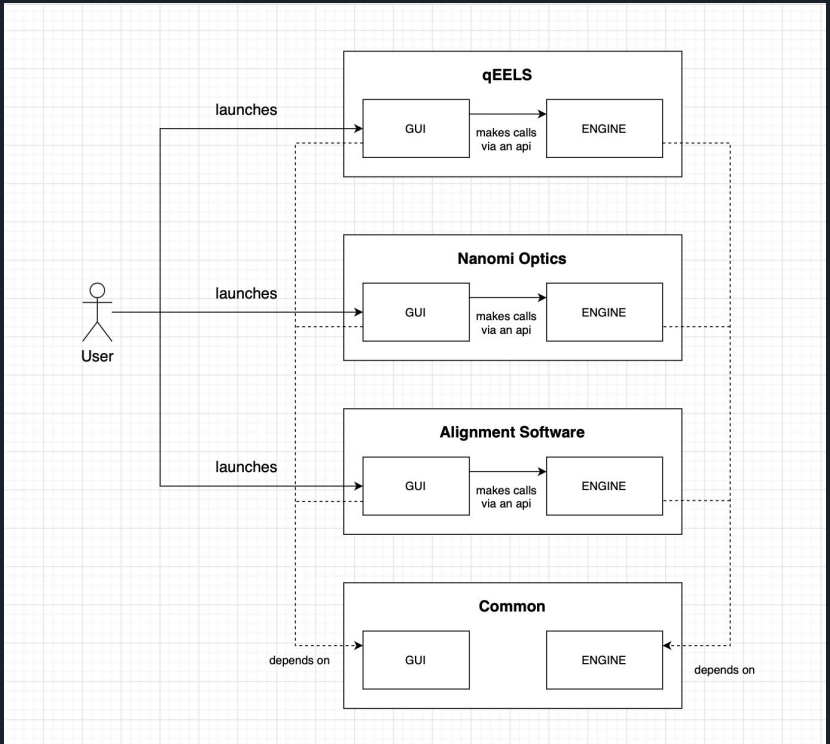
Alignment - Manual Tracking Adjustment UI



Alignment - Optimization UI



Architecture



- Each project will be separate launcheable piece of software
- Each project will have a distinct GUI and ENGINE
- The GUI will make calls to the ENGINE
- The ENGINE will not make calls to the GUI
- Common functionality between the three softwares will be factored out into shared Common package

Tech Stack

Programming Languages:

- Python

Python Libraries:

- Tkinter (GUI)
- Matplotlib (Chart Rendering)
- Scipy (Optimization and other algorithms)
- Numpy (Efficient numeric arrays)
- Pillow (Image processing and transforms)
- Flake8 (Linting)
- Pytest (Unit Testing)

Tech Stack

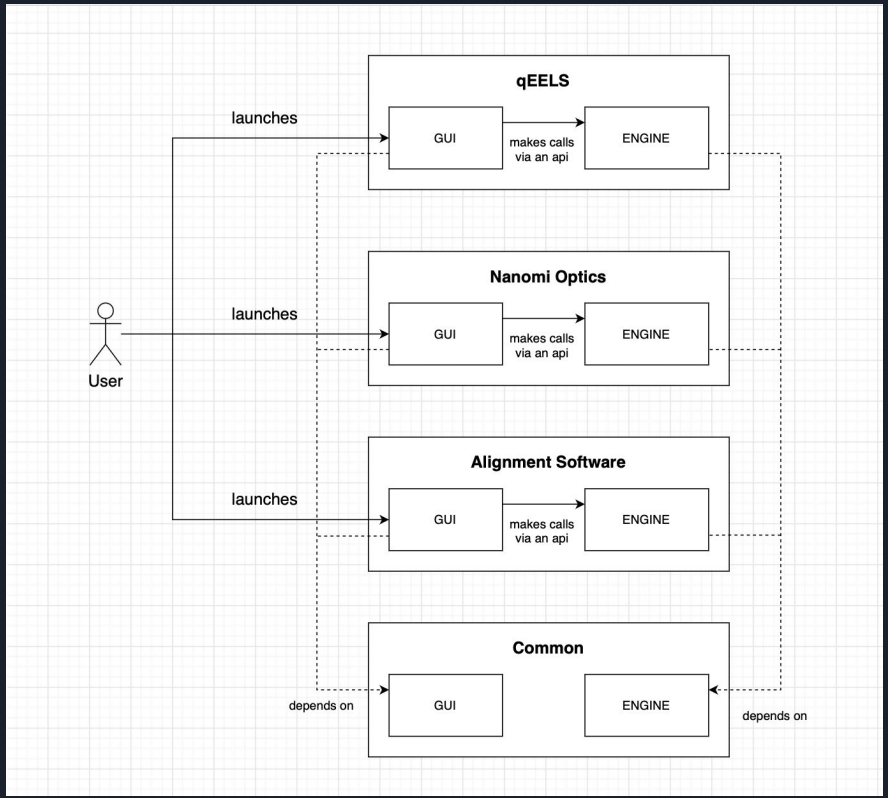
Supporting Technologies:

- Github
- Github Actions (CI/CD)
- Github Projects (Project Management)

Testing Plan

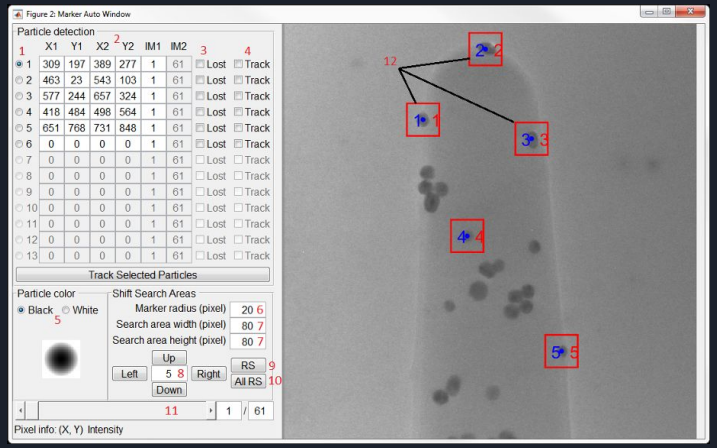
- Set up Github Actions workflows to run all tests automatically
- Pushing to the main branch directly will be blocked
- Merging pull requests without all tests passing first will be blocked
- All pull-requests will require an approving review
- Pull-requests should not be approved unless they include tests which demonstrate the functionality they implement
- All code will be linted with Flake8 automatically

Testing Plan: System Architecture



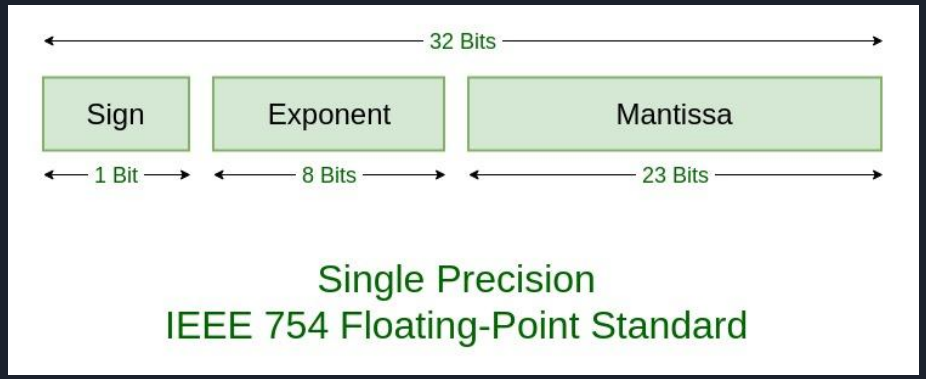
Testing Plan: Optimization Problems

- Nanomi Optics and the Alignment Software both use Optimization Algorithms
- Optimization output can vary from the original software
- Optimization output may vary run-to-run or machine-to-machine
- Instead of testing for an exact result, use some threshold tests to test the underlying conditions that the software is optimizing for



Testing Plan: Floating-Point Problems

- All three of the softwares use floating-numbers extensively
- Not all numbers can be represented exactly by a floating-point number
- Some loss in precision when operations are performed
- Equality depends on order of operations
- Once again, use thresholds



Testing Plan: Large Output Problems

- Alignment Software performs many operations on large images which much be tested, such contrast adjustment and kernel convolution
- Could be to have an exact copy of the expected output, but that is difficult to hand-craft
- Use smaller sample images for test-cases which will make crafting test-cases easier