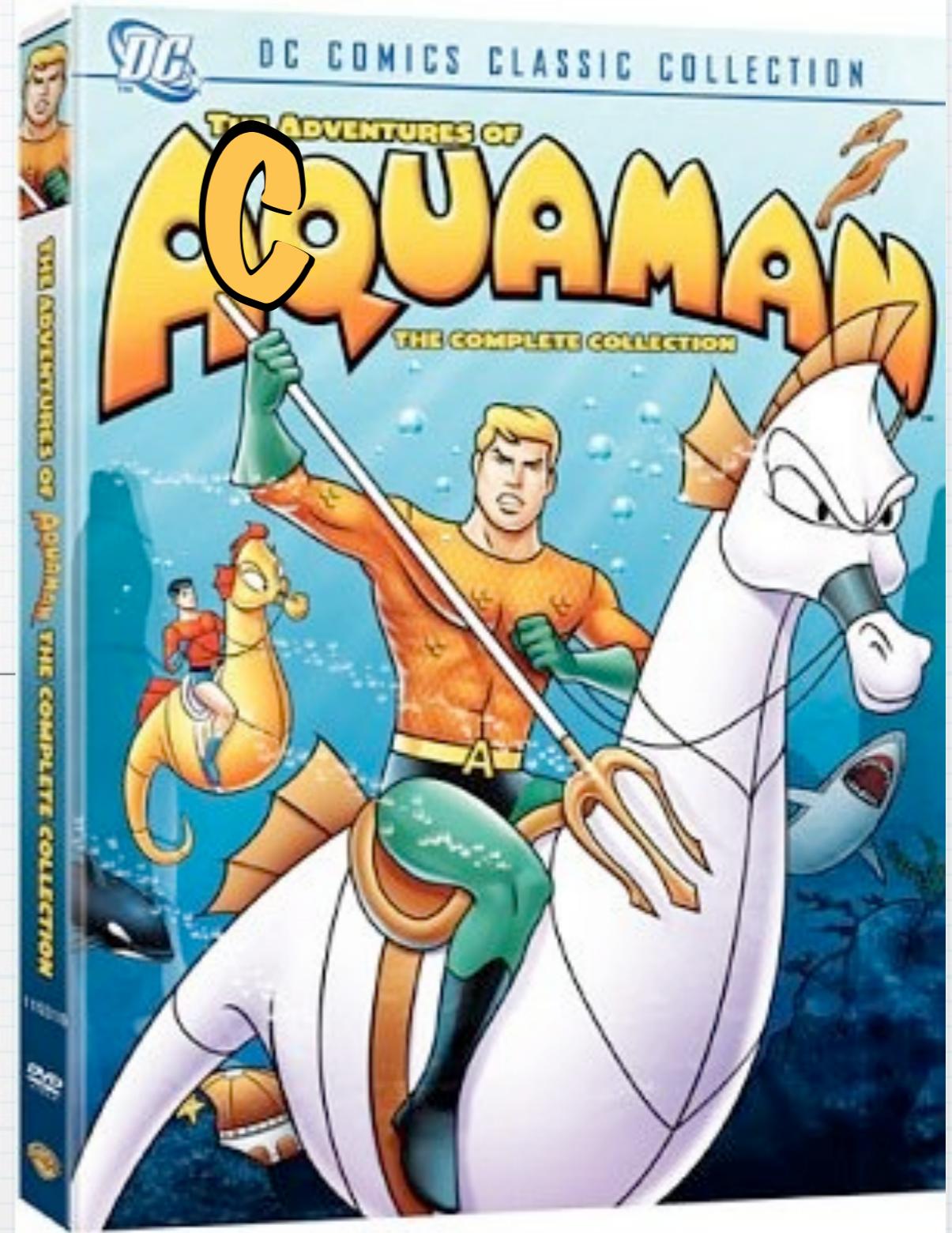


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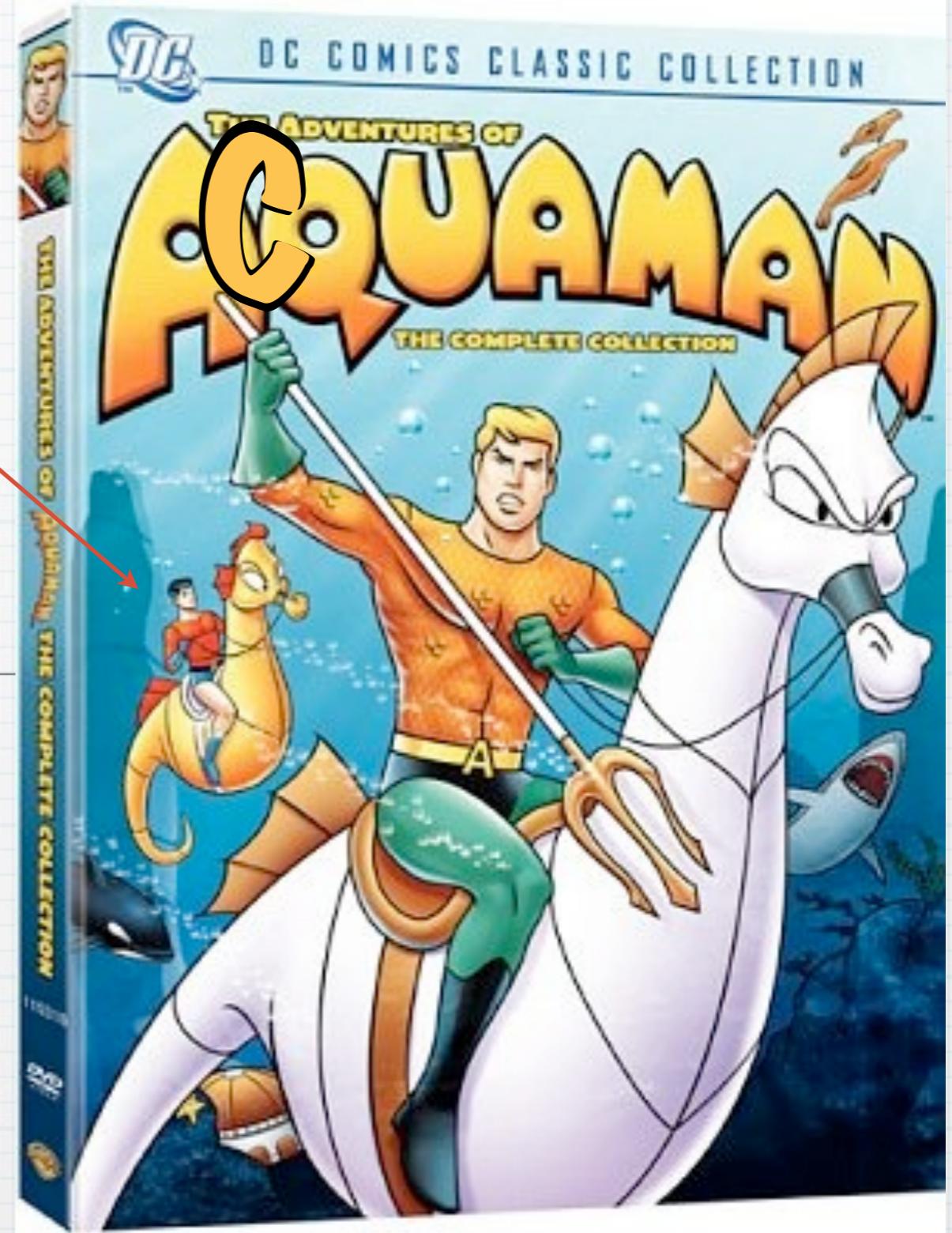
beamline ACQUisition  
And data MANagement



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Dataman



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a Framework

an Application

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Running scans,  
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well, lots of apps,  
actually...

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Beamline-specific,  
integrated apps

Dataman (take-  
home version)

One-off, quick  
utilities

OPEN SCANS

EXPERIMENT SETUP

- Emission Scan
- Spectrometer controls

EXPERIMENT TOOLS

- Workflow

DATA

Runs

- SGM, Feb 12 - 12
- REIXS commissioning, F...
- Experiments

mboots' Runs: REIXS commissioning (Feb 28 – Mar 1)

REIXS commissioning (Feb 28 – Mar 1)

Showing all data from this run (5 scans)

XES Imaging Detector  
xesImage

0 500 1000

REIXS XES Scan  
Feb 28 at 3:34pm

XES Imaging Detector  
xesImage

0 500 1000

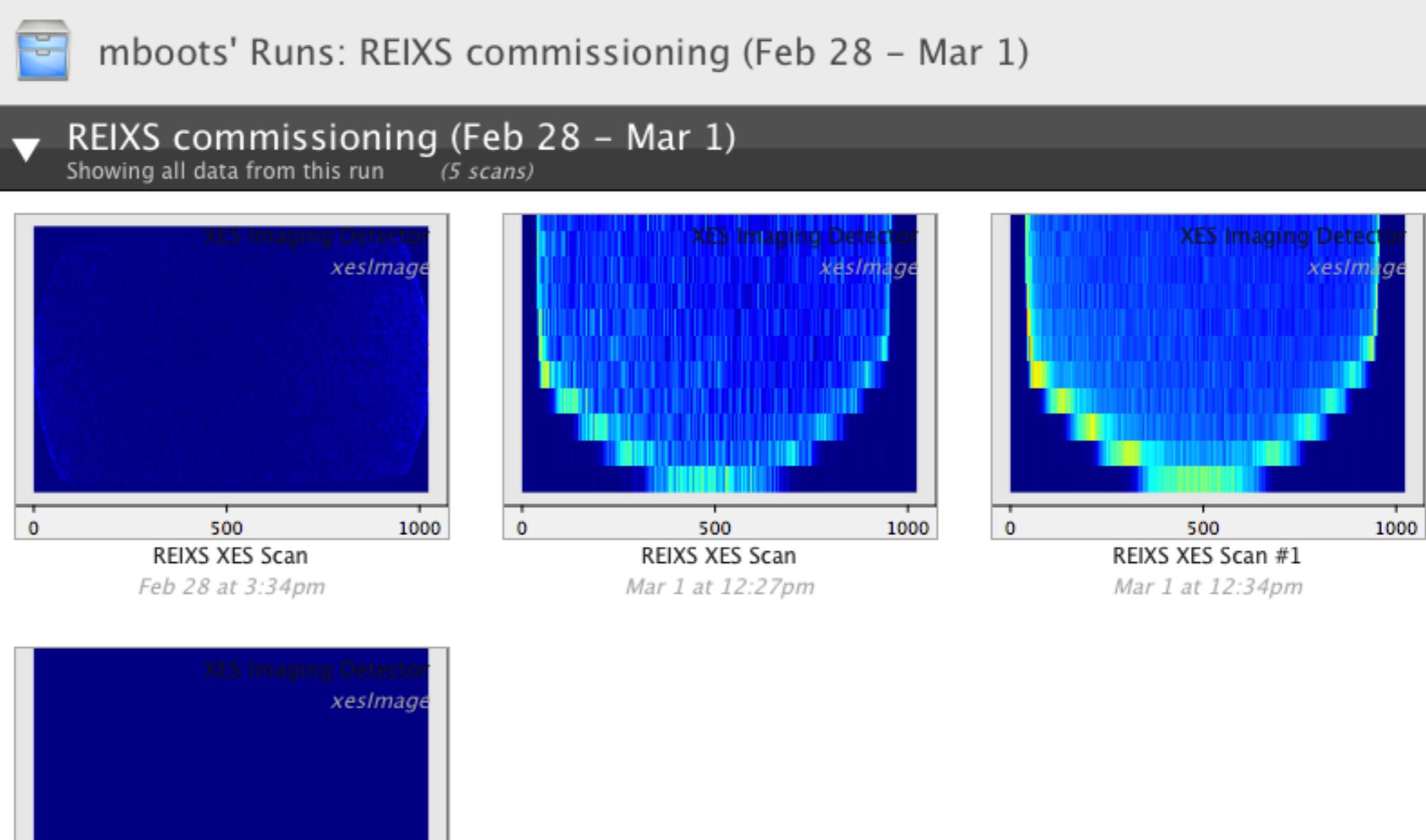
REIXS XES Scan  
Mar 1 at 12:27pm

XES Imaging Detector  
xesImage

0 500 1000

REIXS XES Scan #1  
Mar 1 at 12:34pm

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Beamline-specific, fully-integrated Applications

## ▼ BEAMLINE CONTROL

- SGM Sample Position
- SGM Sample Transfer

## ▼ EXPERIMENT SETUP

- Absorption Scan
- SGM XAS Scan

## ▼ EXPERIMENT TOOLS

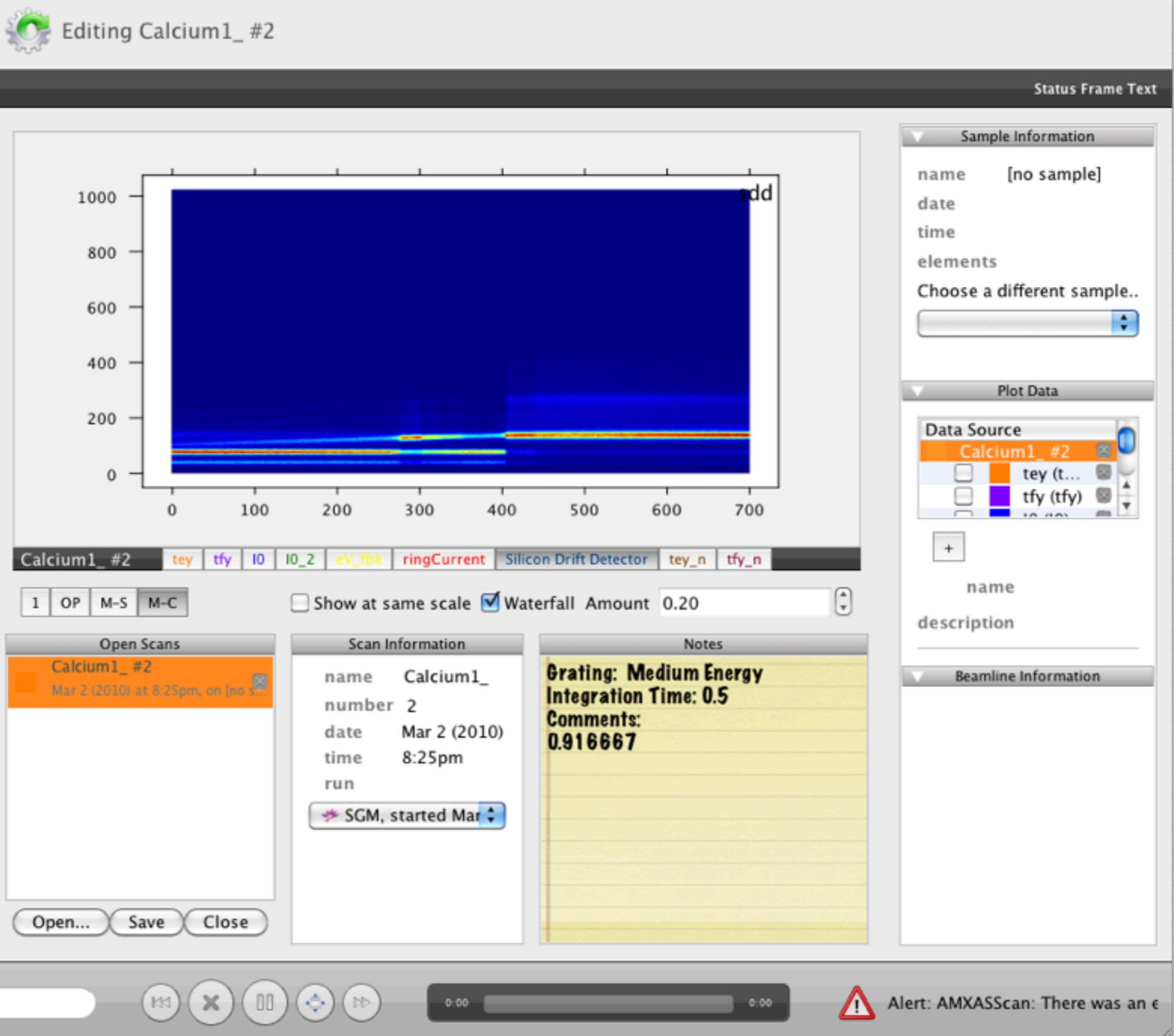
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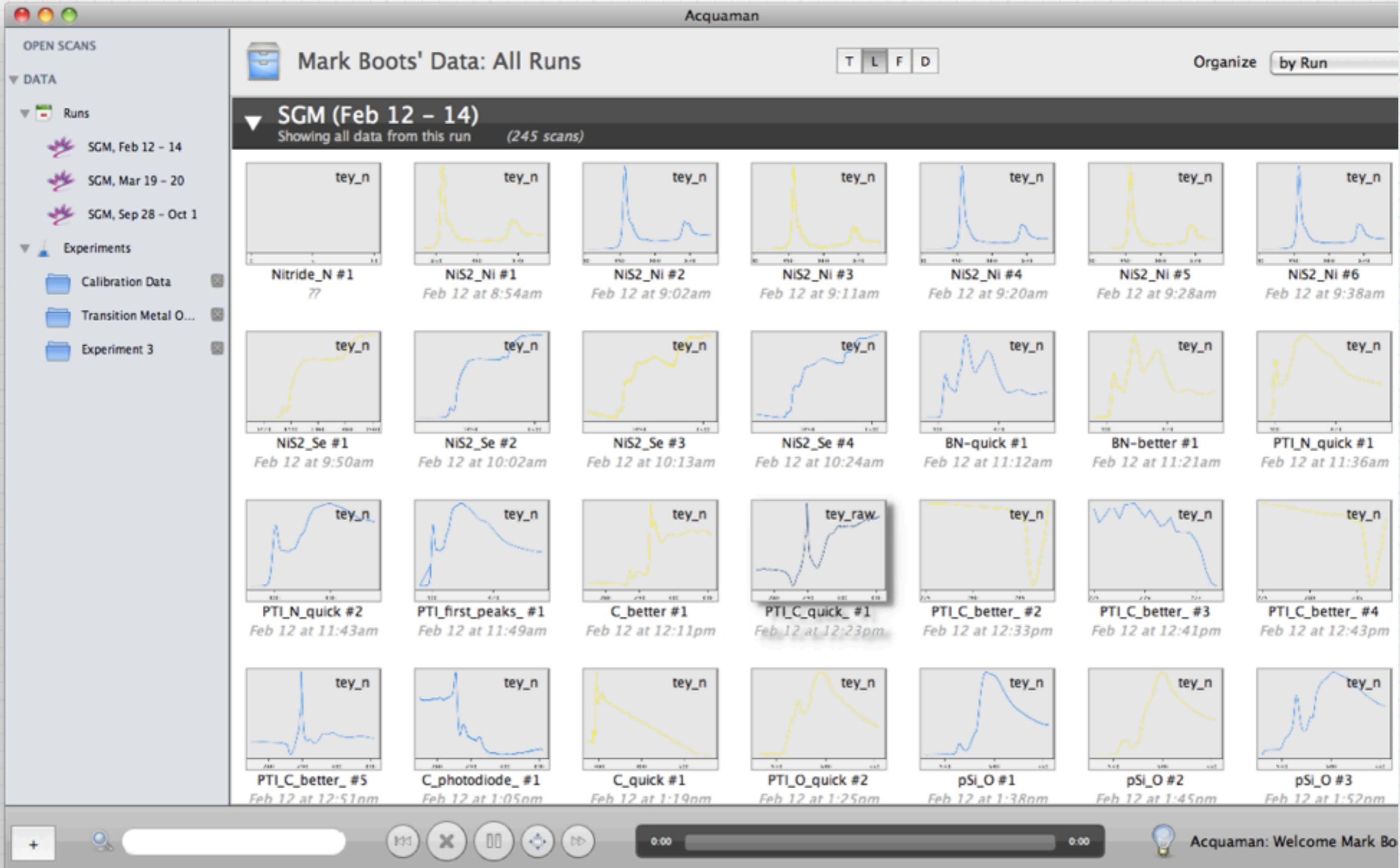
- Calcium1\_#2

## ▼ DATA

- Runs
  - SGM, Mar 2 - 2 (2010)
- Experiments



# Beamline-specific, fully-integrated Applications



Dataman  
(Take-home visualization, analysis, and data management)

Single Element  Four Element

## Regions of Interest

- 1)  Name: Zr Kal Energy (eV): 15770
- 2)  Name: Zr Kb Energy (eV): 17660
- 3)  Name: Fe Kal Energy (eV): 6403.84
- 4)  Name: Fe Kb Energy (eV): 7057.98

## Spectrum

 Erase & Start Stop Save Spectra

Real Time (s): 100.00

Dead Time: 2.39%

Elapsed Time: 19.12 s

Scale

 eV chan.

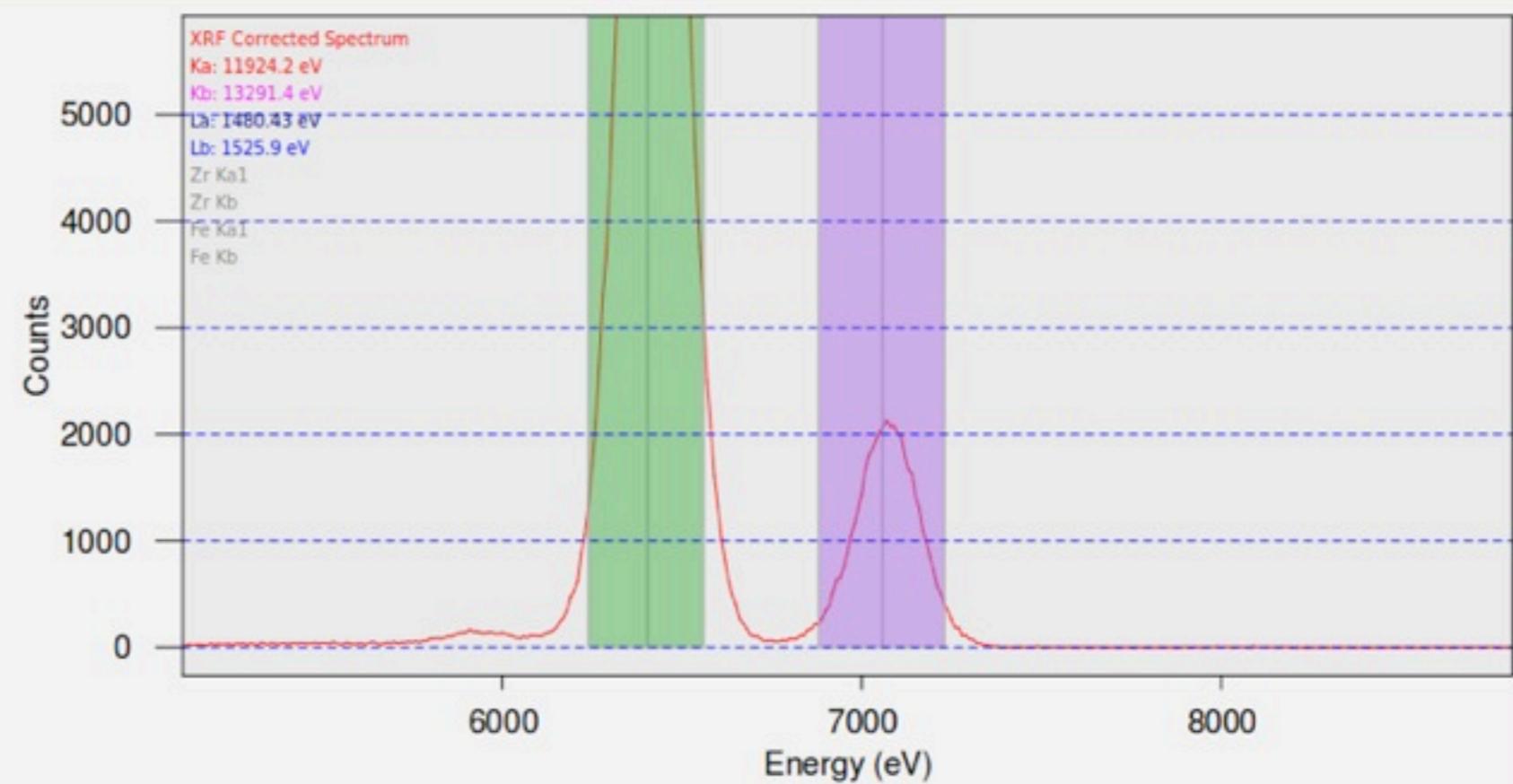
Scale

 Linear Log

Max Energy (keV): 20.48

MCA Update:

Passive



## Add Region of Interest

## Sort Elements

 Alphabetically By Atomic Number

Element: Br

Customize  Remove Selected  Clear List

 Sort Load Defaults

Emission Lines: Kal: 11924.2 eV

 Add Custom ROI Add ROI

# One-off utilities for a specific purpose (Using parts of the framework)

# Why Aquaman?

For Users

for Programmers

# Why Acquamani?

Demand for better usability

Provide experiment-specific (!beamline-specific) support

Paradigm shift?

For Users

Support new techniques, detectors, analysis methods

Enable cross-beamline, cross-facility research

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for Programmers

Carefully-designed for reuse

Qt 4, Epics 3.14.12, etc.

Modern (latest tools, libraries)

Modular and decoupled

Cross-platform

Linux Mac Windows

# From Users: Why can't I...

- \* Easily plot my emission data from ALS BL8 alongside my absorption data (from the same sample) from SGM?
- \* Move from PGM to SGM (to repeat the exact same technique...), without having to learn a brand new beamline and totally different software?
- \* Use one piece of software to manage my entire experiment?

# From Users: Why can't I...

- \* Quickly browse and find a piece of data I took 5 years ago?
- \* Display a 2D fluorescence map of an unexpected element in my VESPER data, that I didn't realize was in there when I did the original scan? [The raw data is all here!]

# Usability/UCD recap

\* Support the experiment, not the machine

1. Support the end-to-end process

Planning   Managing Samples   Measuring   Acquiring Data   Visualization   Analysis   Pondering   Comparing   Browsing old data   Exporting, Graphing   Publication

2. Data management integrated with analysis

3. Do the common (repetitive, expected) tasks exceedingly well

\* If a technique is unique to a beamline, support it explicitly and greatly

\* If something is common across beamlines, have it look and behave the same across all.

# Current Status

- \* Haven't hit completeness/usability goals for beamline users yet.  
(SGM, REIXS apps)
- \* ARE approaching nice usability for programmers

# Current Status

- \* Motivation for opening to other devs:
  - \* More eyes helps to improve the framework:
    - \* Find functionality gaps/oversights
    - \* Bugs
    - \* Identify confusing APIs, insufficient documentation, etc.
  - \* Therefore, offering to support

# Caveats

- \* Just offering as an available tool
  - \* (not forcing or pushing for a facility-wide roll-out)
- \* Still under fast and active development  
(APIs may change)
- \* Mitigate: branches and releases;  
code ratings (coming soon...)

**Release branches**  
(bug fixes only;  
No API changes)

**Beamline-rollout**  
(freezes each BL release)

**Active**  
(Anything could change)

ex: 0.2

ex: SGM\_feb2011

ex: master

# Goals: Today

1. Identify possibilities for using Acquaman
2. Know how to get it
3. Understand starting points for applying it:
  - \* Modules and functionality (**What can it do?**)
  - \* Overall structure (**How does it fit together?**)
  - \* Simple examples (**Where do I start?**)

# Outline

- \* 0 - Intro (almost done...)
- \* 1 - Core concepts (from programmer's perspective)
- \* 2 - Support systems
  - \* How to get it
  - \* Source control
  - \* Documentation
  - \* Code conventions
- \* break;

[2 pm]

# Outline (cont'd)

- \* 4. Modules: Functionality and Examples
  - \* Beamline (moving and measuring stuff)
  - \* Dataman (Representing and storing user data)
  - \* break; [3 pm]
  - \* Acquisition (coordinating and running scans)
  - \* Visualization (Plotting and comparing)
  - \* Analysis Chains
  - \* Open discussion / Wrapup / Hacking session [4 pm]



# Core Concepts

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- \* 1. Technologies

- \* C++

- \* Qt

- \* 2. Paradigms

- \* Object Oriented Programming

- \* Model/View Programming

- \* 3. Tools

- \* Signals and Slots [Qt]

# C++

“ C++ is a statically typed, free-form, multi-paradigm, compiled, general-purpose programming language. It is regarded as an intermediate-level language, as it comprises a combination of both high-level and low-level language features. It was developed by Bjarne Stroustrup starting in 1979 at Bell Labs as an enhancement to the C language and originally named C with Classes. It was renamed C++ in 1983. ”

Just Kidding!

# Qt

- \* A C++ **cross-platform** framework for GUIs and applications
- \* Offers considerable support for everything from widget creation and files access to animation and threading
- \* Uses Meta-Object Compiler (moc) to replace callbacks with **Signals and Slots**
- \* Currently using **Qt 4.7** (up to date)

# Object Oriented Programming

- \* Programming paradigm
- \* Benefits: Inheritance, Polymorphism, and Decoupling
- \* Framework examples

# Inheritance

- \* Key Benefits:

- \* Defining top level APIs

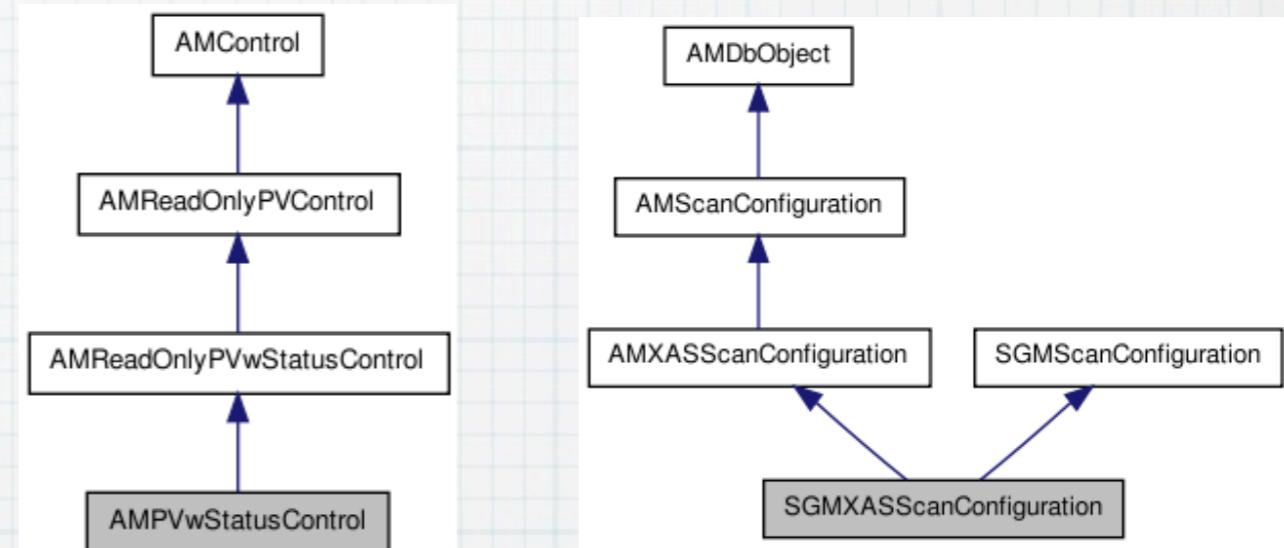
- \* Writing less code

- \* Polymorphism

- \* Extending Functionality

- \* General behavior is defined by API/superclass, specific functionality is programmed into subclasses

- \* “Code” examples



# Top Level APIs

## \* AMControl:

### Capabilities

*These indicate the current capabilities and status of this control. Unconnected controls can't do anything.*

`virtual bool isConnected () const`

Indicates a "fully-functional" control, ready for action.

`virtual bool canMeasure () const`

Indicates that this control *can* currently take measurements.

`virtual bool shouldMeasure () const`

Indicates that this control type *should* (assuming it's connected) be able to measure values.

`virtual bool canMove () const`

Indicates that this control *can* (currently) move to setpoints:

`virtual bool shouldMove () const`

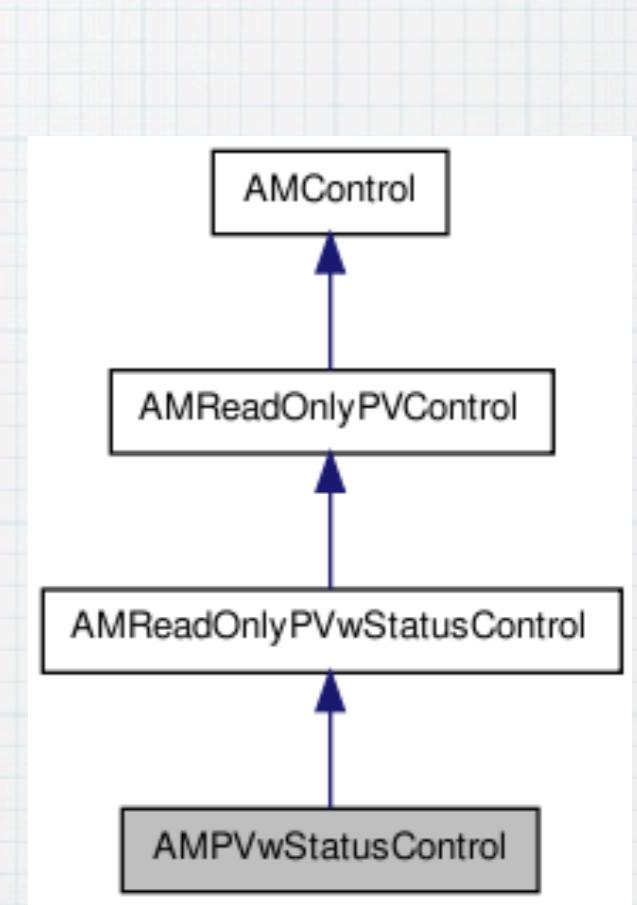
Indicates that this control *should* (assuming it's connected) be able to move to setpoints:

`virtual bool canStop () const`

Indicates that this control *can* (currently) issue `stop()` commands while moves are in progress.

`virtual bool shouldStop () const`

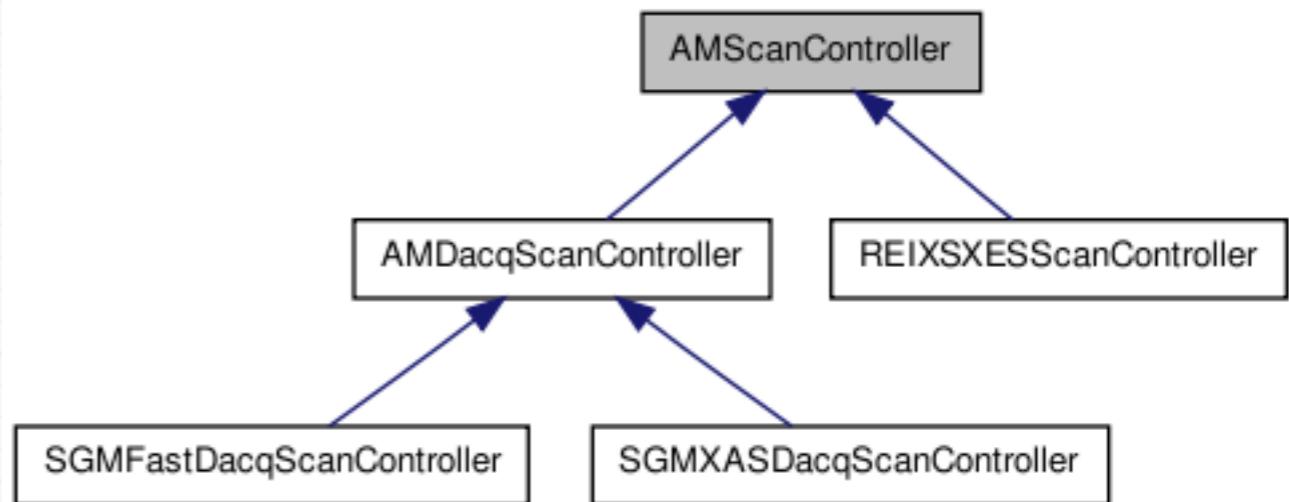
Indicates that this control *should* (assuming it's connected) be able to issue `stop()` commands while moves are in progress.



# Writing Less Code

\* (For you, not me)

\* **AMScanController:**



`bool start()`

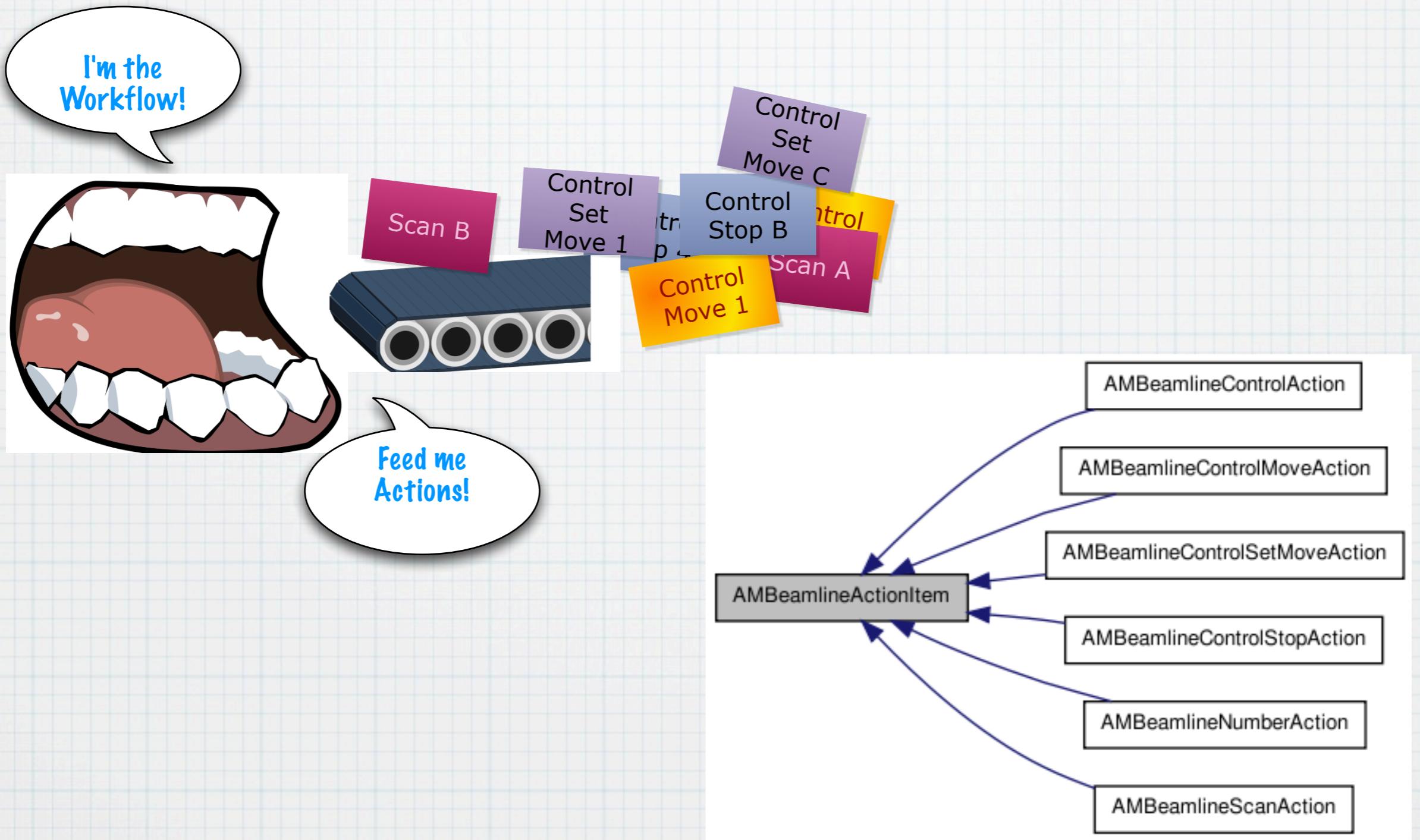
Start scan running if not currently running or paused. Return value is whether or not we are capable of this transition from the current state (we can only start if we are in the initialized state)

`virtual void startImplementation ()=0`

Implement to start a scan (ie: transition from Initialized to Running). After the scan is running, call `setStarted()`.

# Polymorphism

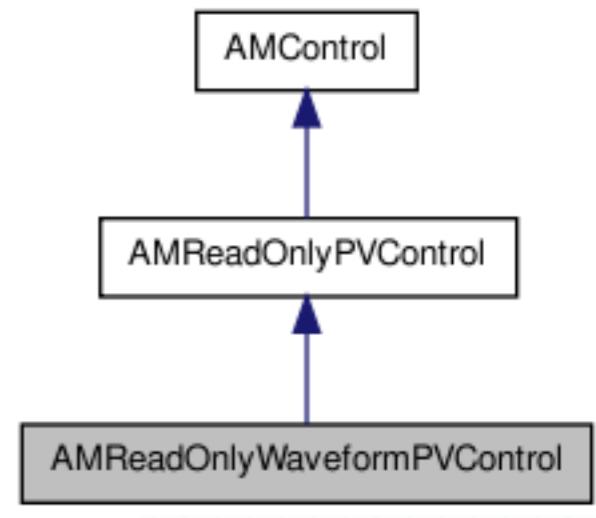
## \* Workflow and Actions:



# Extending Functionality

## \* SDD Waveform:

```
AMReadOnlyWaveformPVControl::AMReadOnlyWaveformPVControl(const QString &name, const QString &readPVname,  
    AMReadOnlyPVControl(name, readPVname, parent)  
{  
    disconnect(readPV_, SIGNAL(valueChanged(double)), this, SIGNAL(valueChanged(double)));  
    setBinParameters(lowIndex, highIndex);  
    connect(readPV_, SIGNAL(valueChanged()), this, SLOT(onReadPVValueChanged()));  
}  
  
double AMReadOnlyWaveformPVControl::value() const{  
    return readPV_->binIntegerValues(lowIndex_, highIndex_);  
}  
  
void AMReadOnlyWaveformPVControl::setBinParameters(int lowIndex, int highIndex){  
    lowIndex_ = lowIndex;  
    highIndex_ = highIndex;  
}  
  
void AMReadOnlyWaveformPVControl::onReadPVValueChanged(){  
    emit valueChanged(value());  
}
```



# Decoupling

- \* Key Benefits:
  - \* Separating interactions
  - \* Digestible code
  - \* Reusable objects
- \* Central feature of Model/View programming

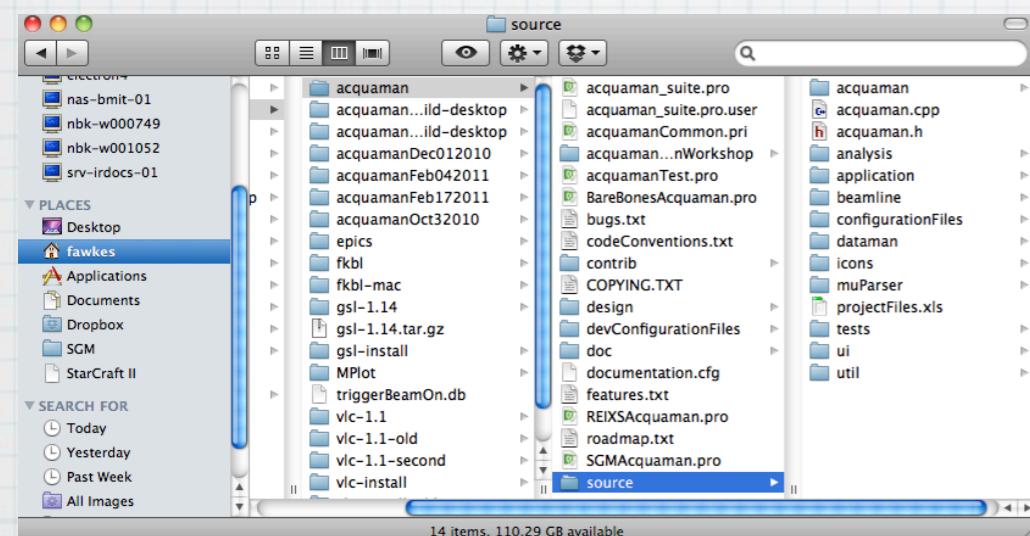
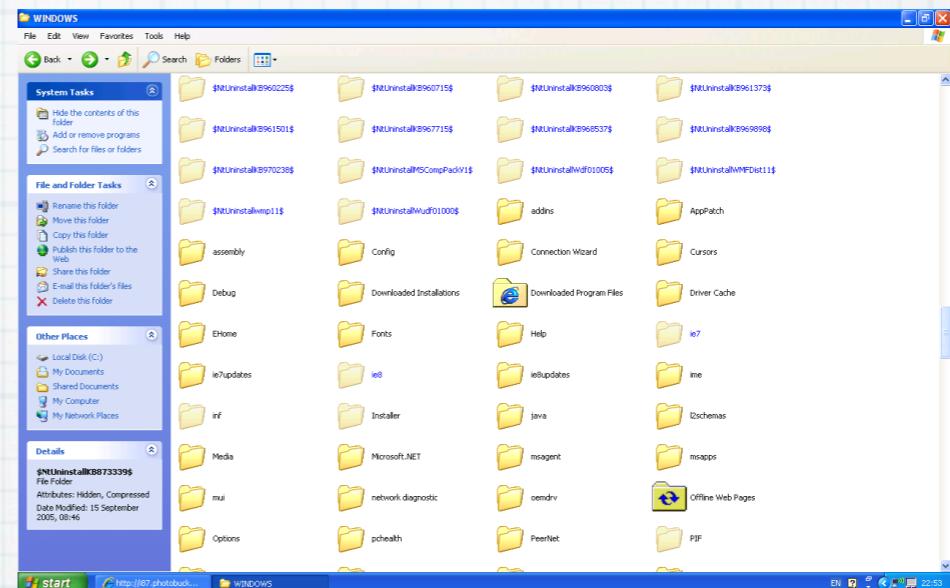
# Model/View Programming

- \* Generally Model/View/Controller (MVC), Qt lumps the View and Controller together (we're doing the same)
- \* Decouple View (what it looks like) from Model (how it works)
- \* Examples

# General M/V Example

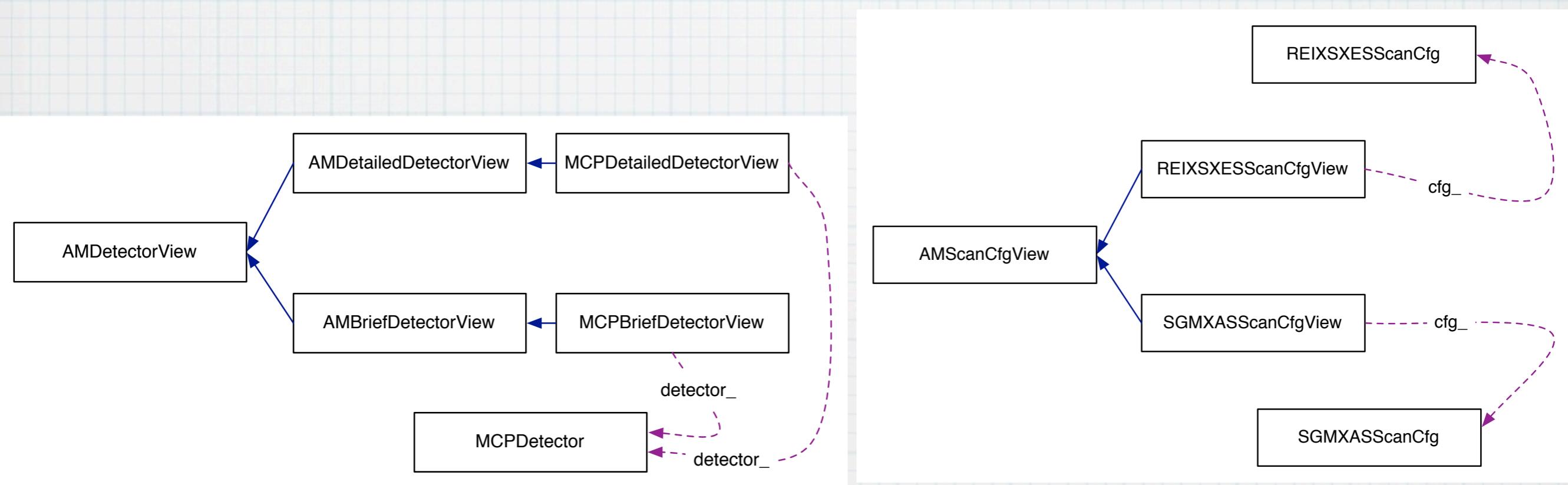
## \* File Directory:

Name	Size	Type	Modified
/	4 KB	Drive	2006-03-23 20:38:59
bin	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-24 15:23:20
boot	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 20:38:59
cdrom	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 17:22:20
debootstrap	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 17:31:36
dev	0 bytes	Directory	2006-03-27 16:10:49
etc	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-27 18:56:13
home	104 bytes	Directory	2006-03-23 16:35:42
initrd	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 17:23:25
initrd.img	5 MB	img File	2006-03-23 20:38:59
lib	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 20:38:38
alsa	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 17:24:12
alsa-utils	4 KB	Directory	2006-03-23 17:24:12



# Qt M/V vs Acquaman

- \* Qt imposes a **very strict API** for models and views (so any model “can” be viewed in their views)
- \* Acquaman focusses more on the principle
  - \* Anything that can be “viewed” has a **model class** and a **view class**



# Signals and Slots

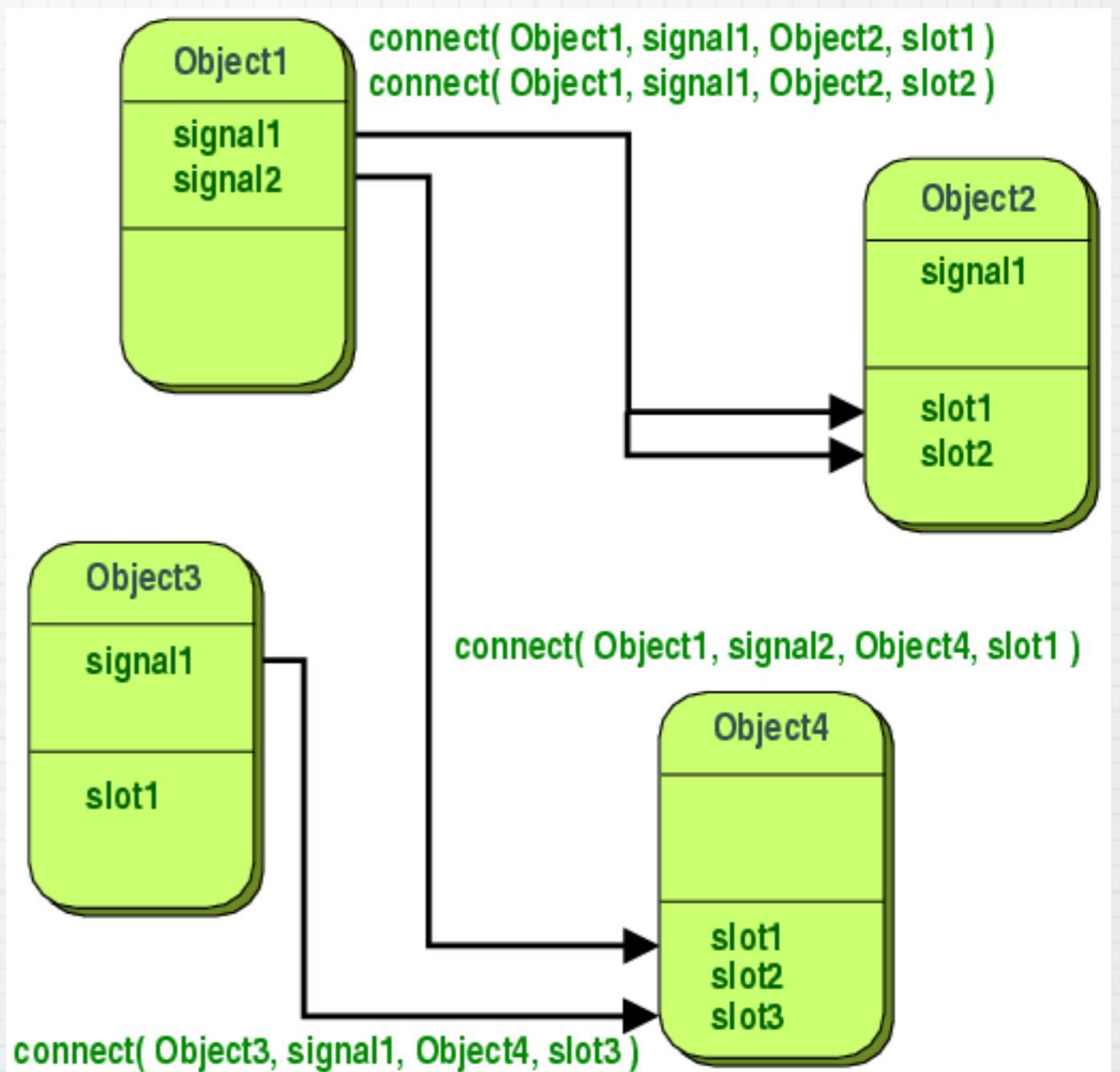
- \* Convenient access to Event-Driven Programming Paradigm
  - \* Acquaman utilizes Signals and Slots to be Event-Driven and manages to be single-threaded (with careful exceptions)
- \* Benefits:
  - \* Like callbacks, but type-safe
  - \* No relationship restrictions (one-to-one, many-to-one, etc.)
  - \* True information encapsulation
  - \* How it works...

# Signals & Slots (Abstractly)

- \* QObjects (anything that inherits it) can declare signals & slots

- \* Signals can be “emitted” when something interesting happens

- \* Signals can be “connected” to slots (and carry payload)



Slots: just member functions, defined under the `slots:` keyword

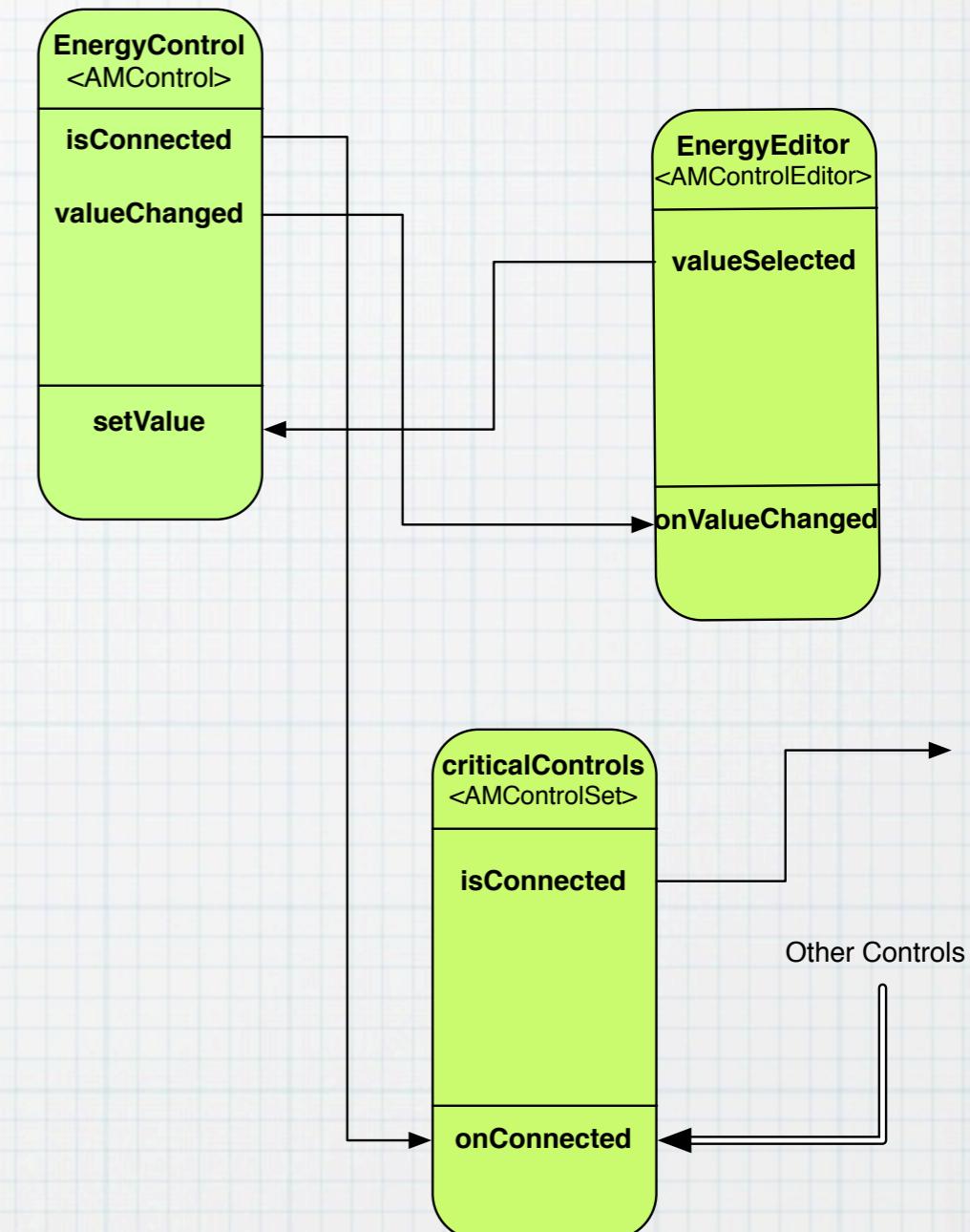
# Signals & Slots (Example)

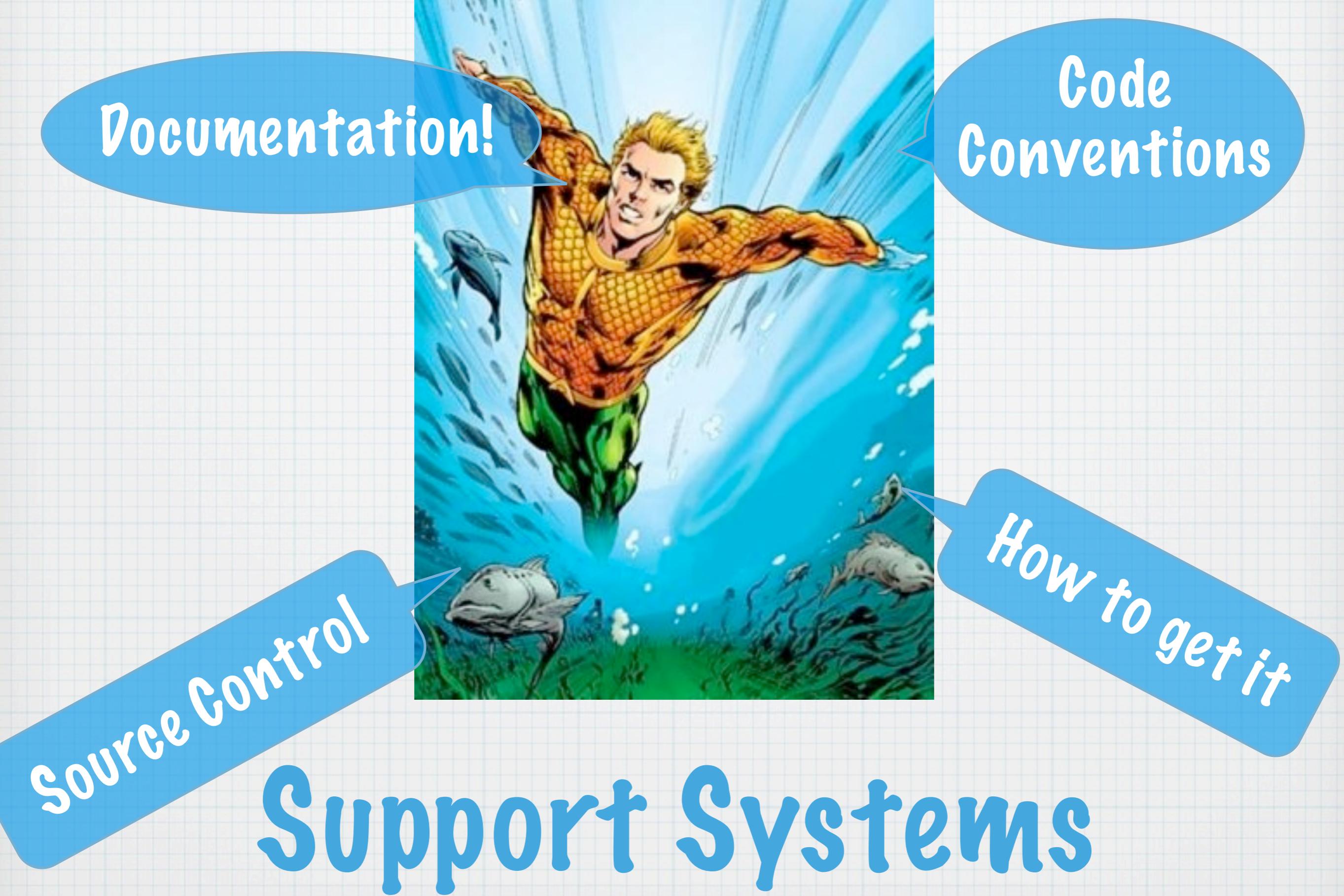
- \* We can be event-driven from **EPICS** level: The energy value changed because that **PV changed value**

- \* We can be event-driven from the **user interface**: User changes energy to some value and hits enter

- \* Can be done manually:  
connect(energyControl, valueChanged, EnergyEditor, onValueChanged)

- \* Or automatically: **AMControlEditor** is constructed with an **AMControl**





# Documentation

- \* Integrated into source code
- \* (doxygen)
- \* Online, browse-able
- \* Updated with every commit:
  - \* <http://beamteam.usask.ca/mark/acquaman>  
(for now)

# Documentation

- \* Currently:
  - \* a two-sentence “why” description for each class
  - \* a brief explanation of each function and its parameters.
- \* Not yet (but we know we need it)
  - \* A detailed “how” description for each class
  - \* Code examples

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bool [wasConnected\\_](#)  
 Used to detect changes in [isConnected\(\)](#)

## Detailed Description

An [AMControl](#) is an abstract representation of all basic scientific quantities that can be adjusted (controlled) or measured.

Fundamentally, a Control can be "measured" and/or "moved". All controls have the following abilities:

### actions:

- void [move\(double setpoint\)](#): set a Control to a requested target value

### properties:

- double [value\(\)](#): the readout/value/position at this instant in time
- QString [name\(\)](#): A descriptive (and hopefully unique) name for this Control
- [isConnected\(\)](#): indicates that the control is hooked up and operating correctly; ready for use.
- signal: [connected\(bool isConnected\)](#): emitted for changes in [isConnected\(\)](#)
- bool [shouldMeasure\(\)](#): this control should be capable of reporting its current value, assuming that it's connected.
- bool [shouldMove\(\)](#): this control should be capable of being adjusted, assuming that it's connected.
- bool [canMeasure\(\)](#), [canMove\(\)](#): indicate that, at this instant in time, the control is capable of being measured or moved
- QPair<double, double> [range\(\)](#)
- double [minimumValue\(\)](#):
- double [maximumValue\(\)](#): the limits of this control's range
- double [setpoint\(\)](#): For Controls that can be moved, this is the most recently requested target (desired value)
- double [tolerance\(\)](#): This "deadband" or "epsilon" represents how close a [AMControl](#) must get to its target value for it to count as [inPosition\(\)](#) (or for the move to have succeeded). It represents the level of accuracy the scientist requires for this quantity; ie: the maximum acceptable error between [measure\(\)](#) and [setpoint\(\)](#). The default value is [CONTROL\\_TOLERANCE\\_DONT\\_CARE](#) -- a very large number. Use [setTolerance\(\)](#) to change it.
- bool [inPosition\(\)](#): indicates the [AMControl](#) is within [tolerance\(\)](#) of its requested target.

### Monitoring Motion

There are two useful but distinct ideas on whether a control is "moving", particularly for distributed control systems like in a synchrotron. Often, beamline parameters can be controlled from a user's software interface, but they can also spontaneously start moving due to external events or other control interfaces.

# Source Control

- \* Collaborative development
  - \* Version control
  - \* Powerful branching and merging
    - \* ex: Apply a bug fix in the master branch... Merge just that fix into a stable release branch.
  - \* Accessible to non-CLS collaborators
  - \* git!
-

# git?

- \* Open-source version control system
- \* used by large projects like Qt, WebKit, OpenSUSE, Ruby, Linux (kernel), etc.
- \* Distributed (each working directory is a complete repository, with history. Don't need a server)
  - \* Share changes through merging with a "remote" repository
- \* Focus on fast, easy branching and merging
- \* Commits: Think about "changes", not "files"
- \* Crash course: <http://gitref.org/>

# Git basics

- \* “Clone” a repository to start working:

git clone git@github.com:acquaman/acquaman.git

- \* Do some work (Make changes to files)

- \* See what you've done:

git status

- \* Commit your changes:

git commit -a -m “My detailed commit message”

- \* Retrieve and merge in other people's changes:

git pull

- \* Push your changes back to the remote

git push

# Source Control

- \* Remote Repository:

- \* Hosted on GitHub  
(public accessibility, no-worry backups, off-site)

- \* git address:

- git@github.com:acquaman/acquaman.git

- \* Web interface

- <https://github.com/acquaman/acquaman>

- \* Secondary remote repository:

- \* git@beamteam.usask.ca/acquaman.git

# Getting Acquainted

- \* Prerequisites: Development Environment
  - \* Qt 4 (development libraries and build tools)
  - \* [optional] Qt Creator (a brilliant IDE)
  - \* Both available here:  
<http://qt.nokia.com/downloads>
  - \* Min version: 4.6,  
but as a rule we keep up-to-date with the latest  
stable release (4.7.2 now)

# Getting Acquaman

## \* Prerequisites: Development Libraries

Library	Version (min)	Version (max)
EPICS	3.14.9 (oldest tested)	3.14.12 (latest)
GSL (GNU Scientific Library)	whatever	whatever
VLC (Required for video widgets only)	1.1 branch	1.1.8 (latest)
libxml2 (Required for CLS dacqlib)	whatever	whatever
MPlot (plotting library; part of acquaman project)	<a href="https://github.com/acquaman/MPlot">https://github.com/acquaman/MPlot</a>	

# Getting Acquaman: 1

- \* 1 - Download latest **Acquaman** and **MPlot** (from GitHub website, or clone using git)
- \* If you want to use the standard project paths, we usually work in \$HOME/dev (on Mac), or \$HOME/beamline/programming (on Linux)

```
cd ~/dev
git clone git@github.com:acquaman/acquaman.git
# (This creates an acquaman folder for you)
git clone git@github.com:acquaman/MPlot.git
# (This creates an MPlot folder for you)
```

# Getting Acquaman: 2

- \* 2 - Get the required libraries
- \* Shortcuts:
  - \* Mac: edit and run (or look at and follow)  
`acquaman/contrib/getAcquamanDependencies_Mac.sh`
  - \* Linux: most decently-modern systems should be well-equipped already. Might need a newer VLC  
(\*)
  - \* Windows:

# Getting Acquaman: 3

- \* 3. Create a new Qt project  
(in Qt Creator: File > New File or Project...)
- \* Include `acquamanCommon.pri` in your project file:

```
include ( acquamanCommon.pri )

TARGET = XYZAcquaman

# Add your UI files here (Qt Creator does automatically when
# creating them using File > New File or Project... )
FORMS +=

# Add your header files here (Qt Creator does automatically)
HEADERS +=

# Add your source files here (Qt Creator does automatically)
SOURCES += source/application/XYZ/XYZMain.cpp
```

# Acquaman Projects

- \* The file `acquamanCommon.pri` is a Qt Project “include” file.  
It references all of the acquaman framework code, as well as instructions for linking, include paths, etc.
- \* Edit it as required if there are special paths to your development libraries

```
# #####  
# QMake project file for acquaman.           January 2010. mark.boots@usask.ca  
# Note: Set EPICS_INCLUDE_DIRS, EPICS_LIB_DIR, VLC_*, and GSL_* correctly for platform  
# #####  
  
# Automatically determines a user's home folder  
HOME_FOLDER = $$system(echo $HOME)  
  
macx {  
  
    # Where you want to do your acquaman development (as a path from $HOME). You don't need to include leading or trailing slashes.  
    DEV_PATH = dev  
  
    # EPICS Dependencies:  
    EPICS_INCLUDE_DIRS = $$HOME_FOLDER/$$DEV_PATH/acquaman/contrib/base-3.14.12/include \  
                        $$HOME_FOLDER/$$DEV_PATH/acquaman/contrib/base-3.14.12/include/os/Darwin  
    EPICS_LIB_DIR = $$HOME_FOLDER/$$DEV_PATH/acquaman/contrib/base-3.14.12/lib/darwin-x86  
  
    # MPlot Source
```

# Acquaman Projects

- \* Example ready for you: `acquaman_suite.pro`
- \* includes as sub-projects:
  - \* `REIXSACquaman.pro`
  - \* `SGMAcquaman.pro`
  - \* `BareBonesAcquaman.pro`
  - \* `Unit test program`

# AM Projects: an Example

```
include ( acquamanCommon.pri )  
  
TARGET = REIXSACquaman  
  
FORMS +=  
  
HEADERS +=      source/application/REIXS/REIXSAppController.h \  
                source/acquaman/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanConfiguration.h \  
                source/acquaman/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanController.h \  
                source/beamline/REIXS/REIXSBeamline.h \  
                source/ui/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanConfigurationView.h \  
                source/dataman/REIXS/REIXSXESMCPDetectorInfo.h \  
                source/acquaman/REIXS/REIXSXESMCPDetector.h \  
                source/dataman/REIXS/REIXSXESCalibration.h \  
                source/ui/REIXS/REIXSXESMCPDetectorView.h \  
                source/ui/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanConfigurationDetailedView.h \  
                source/ui/REIXS/REIXSXESHexapodControlEditor.h  
  
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                source/application/REIXS/REIXSMain.cpp \  
                source/acquaman/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanConfiguration.cpp \  
                source/acquaman/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanController.cpp \  
                source/beamline/REIXS/REIXSBeamline.cpp \  
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                source/ui/REIXS/REIXSXESSScanConfigurationDetailedView.cpp \  
                source/ui/REIXS/REIXSXESHexapodControlEditor.cpp
```

- \* REIXSACquaman.pro:
- \* Include acquaman framework
- \* Add additional (REIXS-specific) code
- \* Note: nicely organized into REIXS subfolders to keep clean

# Structure of a typical AM project ("XYZ")

File(s)	Purpose
XYZAcquaman.pro	Qt "Project" file. Specifies all app-specific code files.
acquamanCommon.pri	Includes all general Acquaman framework code.
source/ application/XYZ/ XYZMain.cpp	Application entry point: <code>main()</code> . Create your <code>XYZAppController</code> and tell it to <code>startup()</code> . [See <code>BareBonesMain.cpp</code> for example]
source/ application/XYZ/ XYZAppController.h	Subclass of <code>AMAppController</code> . Creates and manages all your custom top-level program objects and windows.

# Code Conventions

- \* Readability
- \* Consistency
- \* Predictability

- \* Trivial:

- \* Tabs, not spaces, for indenting

- \* useCamelCase () for variables and  
functionNames (). (No underscores)

- \* Member variables have a trailing underscore:

```
protected:  
    /// The color of this sheep  
    QColor color_;  
    /// How many pounds of wool are on it  
    double currentWoolWeightPounds_;
```

- \* ALLCAPSFORMACROS / DEFINES

# Code Conventions

- \* Readability
  - \* Consistency
  - \* Predictability
- 
- \* Naming:
    - \* All framework classes (ie: general, common) have an AM prefix (ex: `AMControl`, `AMScan`, `AMDataSource`)
    - \* Beamline or app-specific code also has a telltale prefix: (`REIXSXESScanController`, `SGMXASScanConfigurationView`, etc.) and goes into its own folder within a module.
    - \* Yes, we're verbose...

# Code Conventions

- \* Readability
- \* Consistency
- \* Predictability
- \* Predictable interfaces (following after Qt):

Variable color_	QColor color_;
Accessor Function color()	QColor color() const;
Modifier Function setColor()	void setColor(const QColor& newColor);
Signal colorChanged()	void colorChanged(const QColor& newColor);

# Recap

- \* Documentation is online
- \* Get Acquaman using git  
(or from the GitHub website)
- \* Code conventions for readability,  
consistency, and predictability

# Modules

ui

MPlot

acquaman (acquisition)

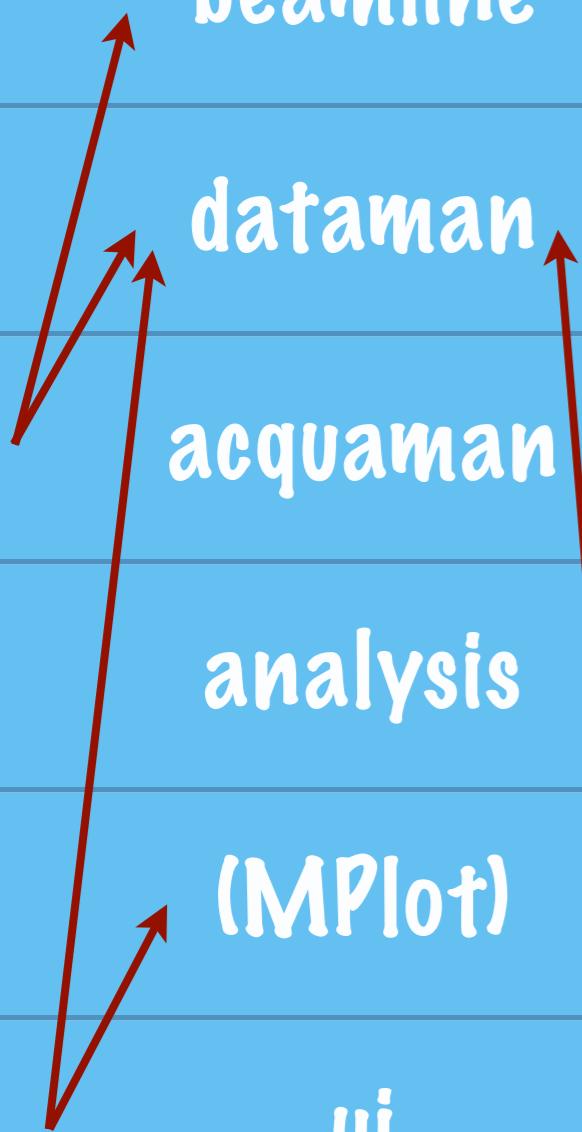
analysis

beamline

dataman



beamline	Interface to beamline hardware; Organization of controls
dataman	Representation of user data (scans, scan configurations, raw data); access to the user's database
acquaman	How to acquire data and store it (ex: Scan Controllers)
analysis	Standard and custom "filters" for processing data. (binning, peak fitting, 2D-1D summing, etc.)
(MPlot)	Library created for 2D plotting (independent, but used by Acquaman)
ui	All user interface code.
[util]	Miscellaneous utilities (ex: data and time formatting, etc.)
[application]	main() functions and application-wide controller objects





1) beamline

# Control Freak



1) beamline

# Functionality Overview

- \* 1) Interface to beamline hardware
  - \* Implementation-specific AND general (how?)
- \* 2) Handy organization of controls, so that they can be accessed by programmers

# Beamline Core Classes

AMBeamline

Organizes a beamline of controls in a hierarchy.  
“Singleton”: access from anywhere: `AMBeamline::bl()`

AMControl

Common implementations of actual controls (\*)

AM\_\_\_\_Control

AMDetector

Interface for all detectors

Interface for “Beamline Actions”  
Implementations can: run scans, move motors,  
change samples, etc.

AMBeamlineActionItem

and kids

AMProcessVariable

Interface to EPICS channel access, with handy signals and  
slots: `value()`, `setValue()`, `valueChanged()`

# Starting simple: How to change a PV?

# AMProcessVariable

```
// Let's assume we have one already:  
AMProcessVariable* myPV = MyBeamline::bl()->myPV1();  
  
// Or create and connect one:  
AMProcessVariable* myPV = new AMProcessVariable("PCT1402-01:mA:fbk", true);  
v Channel Access Name  
start monitoring right now please ^
```

# Starting simple: How to change a PV?

```
// Is it connected?  
myPV->isConnected(); // true (After some time, hopefully)  
  
// Or check permissions and connection status:  
myPV->canRead(); // true  
myPV->canWrite(); // also true (interesting, for the ring current)  
  
// Other handy tricks:  
myPV->units(); // "mA"
```

# Starting simple: How to change a PV?

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```
// Support array PVs automatically:  
  
myPV->count(); // 1 (for this one)... more for others  
  
// If there were more:  
myPV->lastValue(index); // value at index  
myPV->lastFloatingPointValues(); // the whole array, as a  
QList<double>  
  
myPV->setValues(doubleArray, arraySize);  
myPV->setValues(intArray, arraySize);  
myPV->setValues(stringList);
```

# Abstraction: AMControl

- \* EPICS Channel Access only one way (but common) to access hardware.
- \* What are the essential characteristics of a “controllable” object?

value() ?

setpoint() ?

tolerance() ?

isMoving() ?

move()

stop()

// some can...

// My move? Someone else moved it?

# Abstraction: AMControl

- \* Even at a general level:
- \* Uniqueness... Not all controls can do the same thing...

canMeasure() ?

canMove() ?

canStop() ?

// for programmers:

name() ?

// for humans:

description() ?

units() ?

// Limits!

minimumValue() ?

maximumValue() ?

# Abstraction: AMControl

- \* When do you want to be notified?
- \* SIGNALS:

connected()

valueChanged()

// any move:

movingChanged()

// the move you  
asked for:

moveStarted()

moveSucceeded()

moveFailed( why )

# AMControl: Implementations

AMReadOnlyPVControl

Just a feedback value  
(single PV)

AMPVControl

A feedback PV and a setpoint PV  
[Optional: Stop PV]

AMReadOnlyPV  
wStatusControl

A feedback PV and a status PV  
(don't need to guess at moving anymore)

AMPVwStatusControl  
// Motors!

Feedback, setpoint, and moving status PVs  
[Optional: Stop PV]

# AMControl: Implementations

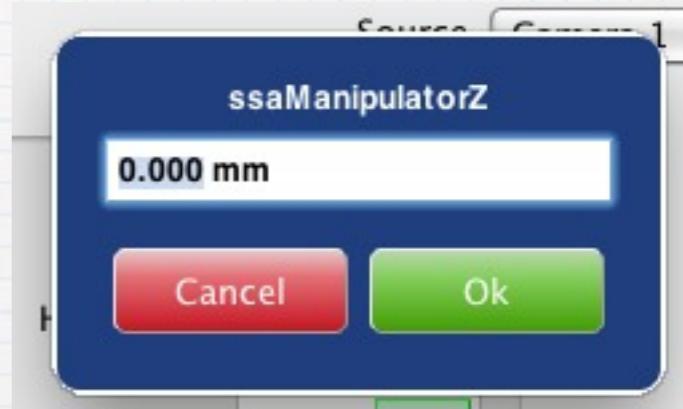
- \* Different ways to implement the SAME interface
- \* Upper layers: can just deal with “AMControls”, and forget about the details
- \* Other control systems (TINE, TANGO, etc.) or non-EPICS hardware: just create own AMControl implementations and roll...

# AMControl: UI Views

AMControlEditor,  
AMBASICControlEditor



click:



```
AMPVControl* myControl =  
    new AMPVwStatusControl("hexapodX", // name  
                           "HXPD1610-401:X:sp", // feedback PV  
                           "HXPD1610-401:X", // setpoint PV  
                           "HXPD1610-401:moving", // Moving status  
                           QString(), // No stop PV  
                           this, // parent object  
                           0.1); // tolerance
```

```
AMBASICControlEditor* myEditor =  
    new AMBasicControlEditor(myControl, this);
```

# AMBeamline

- \* Used to: group and access controls
- \* Singleton object (only one beamline)
- \* Can access the object from anywhere in your app:
  - \* `AMBeamline::bl()` or `XYZBeamline::bl()`
- \* Meant to be subclassed
- \* Big or small as you need it

```

class SGMBeamline : public AMBeamline
{
    Q_OBJECT

public:
    enum sgmGrating {lowGrating=0, mediumGrating=1, highGrating=2};
    QString sgmGratingName(SGMBeamline::sgmGrating grating) const;
    enum sgmHarmonic {firstHarmonic=1, thirdHarmonic=3};
    QString sgmHarmonicName(SGMBeamline::sgmHarmonic harmonic) const;

    static SGMBeamline* sgm(); // singleton-class accessor

    virtual ~SGMBeamline();

    bool isConnected() const {
        return criticalControlsSet_->isConnected();
    }

    QStringList unconnectedCriticals() const;

    bool detectorConnectedByName(QString name);

    QString beamlineWarnings();

    QString pvName(const QString &amName) const { return amNames2pvNames_.valueF(amName); }
    QString amName(const QString &pvName) const { return amNames2pvNames_.valueR(pvName); }

```

```

AMControl* ringCurrent() const { return ringCurrent_; }
AMControl* energy() const { return energy_; }
AMControl* energySpacingParam() const { return energySpacingParam_; }
AMControl* energyC1Param() const { return energyC1Param_; }
AMControl* energyC2Param() const { return energyC2Param_; }
AMControl* energySParam() const { return energySParam_; }
AMControl* energyThetaParam() const { return energyThetaParam_; }
AMControl* exitSlitGap() const { return exitSlitGap_; }
AMControl* entranceSlitGap() const { return entranceSlitGap_; }
AMControl* mono() const { return energy_->childControlAt(0); }
AMControl* undulator() const { return energy_->childControlAt(1); }
AMControl* exitSlit() const { return energy_->childControlAt(2); }
AMControl* m4() const { return m4_; }
AMControl* grating() const { return grating_; }
AMControl* harmonic() const { return harmonic_; }
AMControl* undulatorTracking() const { return undulatorTracking_; }
AMControl* monoTracking() const { return monoTracking_; }
AMControl* exitSlitTracking() const { return exitSlitTracking_; }

```

```

AMDetector* teyDetector() const { return teyDetector_; }
AMDetector* tfyDetector() const { return tfyDetector_; }
AMDetector* pgDetector() const { return pgDetector_; }
AMDetector* i0Detector() const { return i0Detector_; }
AMDetector* evFbkDetector() const { return evFbkDetector_; }
AMDetector* photodiodeDetector() const { return photodiodeDetector_; }
AMDetector* encoderUpDetector() const { return encoderUpDetector_; }

```

**// Singleton Access:  
SGMBeamline::sgm()**

**// Lots of Controls**

**// Some Detectors**

# beamline: other classes

AMControlSet	A group of controls, accessible by index or by name
AMControlInfo	The frozen state (value, min, max, etc.) of a control

# Applying beamline

subclass AMBeamline:  
**XYZBeamline**

// long-lived objects

in **XYZBeamline** constructor,  
create your control objects

Make accessor functions to  
return (pointers to) controls

[optional]

Make AMControlSets for useful  
groups of controls



## 2) Dataman

# dataman Core Classes

**AMDatabase**

Low-level access to a database (the user's database, public database, whatever). Make tables, rows, queries, etc.

Base class for all “persistent” objects.

Inherit **AMDbObject** so that you can automatically save yourself to the database (`storeToDb()`), or restore yourself (`loadFromDb()`)

**AMDbObject**

**AMScan**

AMDbObject that represents a scan. Container for a raw data store, some metadata, raw and filtered data sources.

All scans belong to a (single) run. However, users can organize their scans into experiments however they want.

**AMRun**

**AMExperiment**

**AMUser**

We might as well have an **AMDbObject** for them too! (Preferences, settings, etc.)

# dataman Core Classes

**AMDataSource**

Interface for exposing multi-dimensional data, so that it can be plotted, analyzed, etc.

Anywhere we need to specify index into multi-dim data.

AMnDIndex(), AMnDIndex(3), AMnDIndex(2, 7), etc.

point

1D

2D

...

**AMnDIndex**

**AMDataStore**

API for storing raw (multi-dim) scan data. Implemented by:  
AMInMemoryDataStore, ~~AMHDF5MemoryStore~~ (not yet)

Describes an axis (size, units, etc.) in a dataset.

QList<AMAxisInfo> can describe multiple axes.

**AMAxisInfo**

**AMNumber**

Doubles and ints don't let us return a "No Data Here" or a "Something's Wrong" value. AMNumber can hold a double or an int, as well as a state.

# AMDatabase

## low-level DB access

- \* “Doubleton” class:  
returns user’s private / public, databases:

```
static AMDatabase* userdb();  
static AMDatabase* publicdb();
```

- \* Saving/Updating rows:

```
int insertOrUpdate(int id, const QString& table, const QStringList& colNames,  
const QVariantList& values);  
bool update(int id, const QString& table, const QString& column, const QVariant&  
value);
```

- \* Retrieving Rows or just Values:

```
QVariantList retrieve(int id, const QString& table, const QStringList& colNames)  
const;  
QVariant retrieve(int id, const QString& table, const QString& colName)  
const;
```

# AMDatabase

## low-level DB access

- \* Adding tables, columns, indexes:

```
bool ensureTable(const QString& tableName, const QStringList& columnNames, const  
QStringList& columnTypes, bool reuseDeletedIds = true);
```

```
bool ensureColumn(const QString& tableName, const QString& columnName, const  
QString& columnType = "TEXT");
```

```
bool createIndex(const QString& tableName, const QString& columnNames);
```

- \* Start a raw sql query (using the QSqlQuery object)

```
QSqlQuery query() { return QSqlQuery(qdb()); }
```

- \* Scared?

- \* Good, don't use it...

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

- \* Have an AMDbObject?
- \* Store its current state forever:

```
AMScan s;  
// Get it full and interesting...  
// ...  
int databaseId = s.storeToDb(AMDatabase::userdb());
```

- \* Restore it back  
(different instance, same instance, whatever)

```
AMScan s2;  
s2.loadFromDb(AMDatabase::userdb(), databaseId);
```

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

- \* Making your own AMDbObject:
  - \* 1) Inherit AMDbObject
  - \* 2) Use the Q\_OBJECT macro
  - \* 3) Define **properties** for the values you want to be persistent
  - \* 4) Register your class before attempting to  
storeToDb () or loadFromDb ()

# AMDbObject

## Easy persistent database storage for your objects

```
class XYZThingie : public AMDbObject {
    Q_OBJECT

    Q_PROPERTY(double springConstant READ springConstant WRITE setSpringConstant)

public:
    XYZThingie(QObject* parent = 0);
    double springConstant() const { return springConstant_; }

public slots:
    void setSpringConstant(double newSC) {
        springConstant_ = newSC;
    }

protected:
    double springConstant_;
};
```

```
AMDbObjectSupport::registerClass<XYZThingie>();
```

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Easy persistent database storage for your objects

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# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

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    Q_OBJECT 2

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    }
```

```
protected:  
    double springConstant_;  
};
```

```
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```

4 (at runtime)

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

Type

getter  
function

```
Q_PROPERTY(double springConstant READ springConstant WRITE setSpringConstant)
```

Property name  
(DB column name)

setter  
function

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

- \* Supported types (of stored variables)
  - \* int, double, QString, QStringList, QByteArray,
  - \* AMIntList, AMDoubleList, AMnDIndex
  - \* QDateTime
  - \* everything else:  
attempted to convert to string and stored as text

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

\* Except...

\* `AMDbObject*`

or

`AMDbObjectList` (aka `QList<AMDbObject*>`)

\* Store composite objects! (Child objects)

```
Q_PROPERTY(AMDbObject* scanInitialConditions READ scanInitialConditions WRITE dbLoadScanInitialConditions)
Q_PROPERTY(AMDbObjectList rawDataSources READ dbReadRawDataSources WRITE dbLoadRawDataSources)
```

\* Special rules for getter and setter functions...  
see documentation for `AMDbObject`.

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

- \* Extra options: `Q_CLASSINFO("propertyName", ...)`
- \* create index on columns
- \* share a table with another class. (Otherwise each class gets its own)
- \* Provide a description of the type
- \* Tell it not to re-use row ids after deleting old objects
- \* specify a version number (for db upgrades)

# AMDbObject

Easy persistent database storage for your objects

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**see Documentation**

# AMScan

## One powerful AMDbObject

- \* What/Why?
- \* Provide **metadata** for user scans
- \* Act as container/way of accessing:
  - \* Scan's raw (RAW) data: `AMDataStore: rawData () ;`
  - \* Scan's raw data, nicely exposed for analyzing or plotting:  
`AMRawDataSource: rawDataSources () ;`
  - \* Processed data (using analysis module):  
`AMAnalysisBlock: analyzedDataSources () ;`
  - \* The user's scan setup (unique for different kinds of scans):  
`AMScanConfiguration: scanConfiguration () ;`
  - \* The state of the beamline at the start of the scan:  
`AMControlInfoList: scanInitialConditions () ;`
  - \* Load raw data from file: `loadData ()` [subclasses: options for file formats]

# AMScan

## One powerful AMDbObject

- \* Scan MetaData
  - \* **name** (user-given), **number** (user-given)
  - \* **dateTime**
  - \* **runId** (Which run did I take this on?)
  - \* **sampleId** (Connection to AMSample Db objects)
  - \* **notes** (Free-form text for user notebook)
  - \* **fileFormat**, **filePath**, **additionalFilePaths** (for loading raw data)
  - \* **scanInitialConditions**: state of beamline at start of scan

# AMDataSource

## Generic interface to multi-dimensional data

- \* Anything that implements the AMDataSource interface can be understood / analyzed / plotted.

- \* Dimensionality, Size, and range of the data:

```
QList<AMAxisInfo> axes();
```

- \* Current state of the data (valid? processing? static?):

```
int state();
```

- \* Data (ie: dependent) values:

```
AMNumber value(AMnDIndex i);
```

- \* Axis (ie: independent) values:

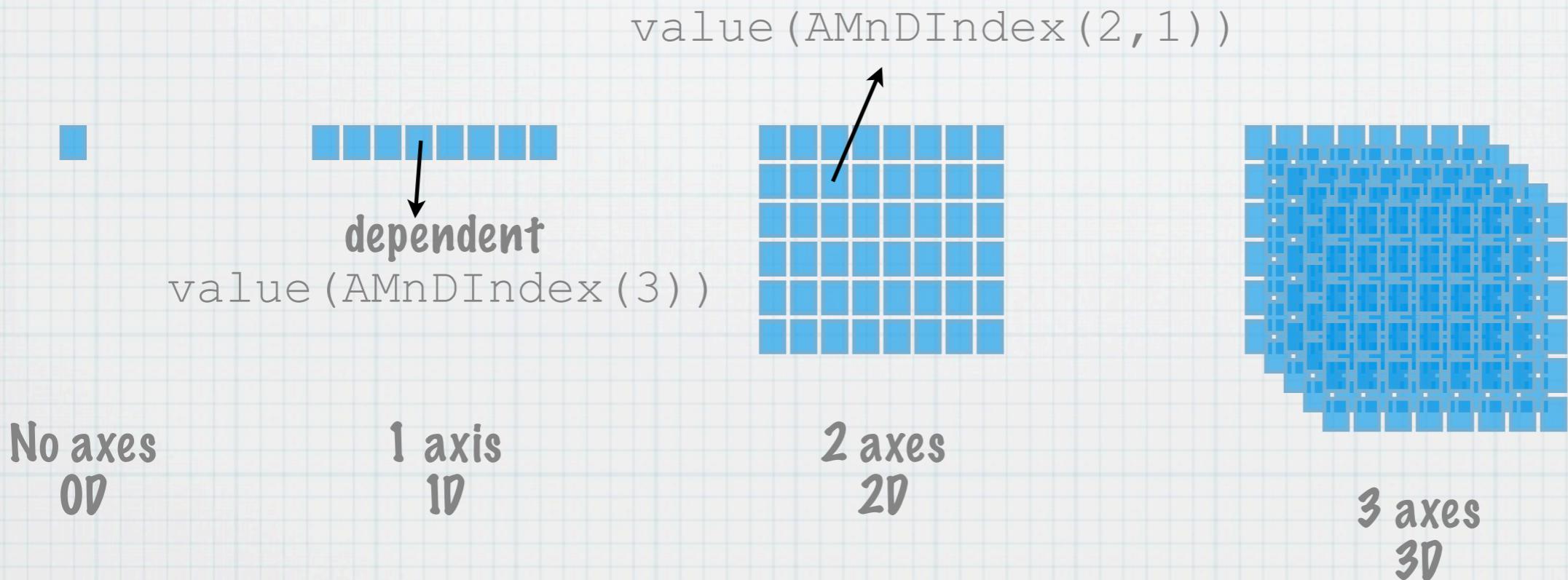
```
AMNumber axisValue(int axisId, int index);
```

- \* Units, description, identifying name, etc.

# AMDataSource

## Generic interface to multi-dimensional data

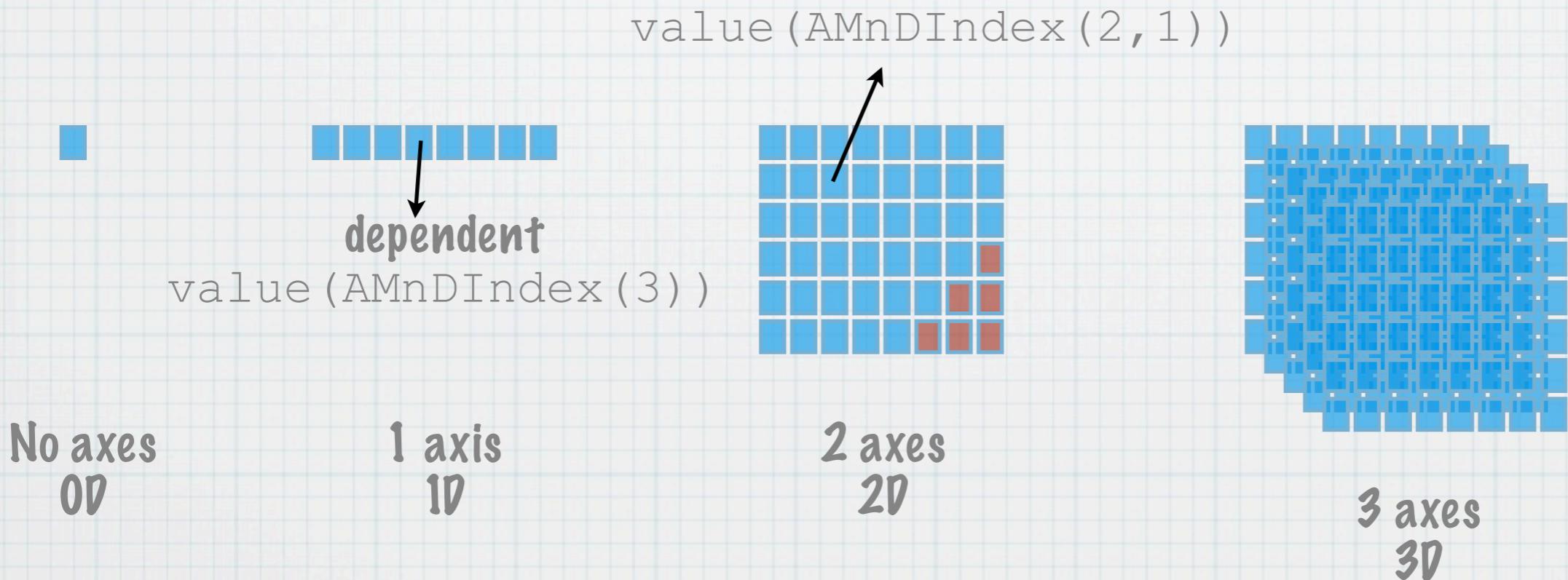
\* NOTE: assumes a regular n-dimensional space



# AMDataSource

## Generic interface to multi-dimensional data

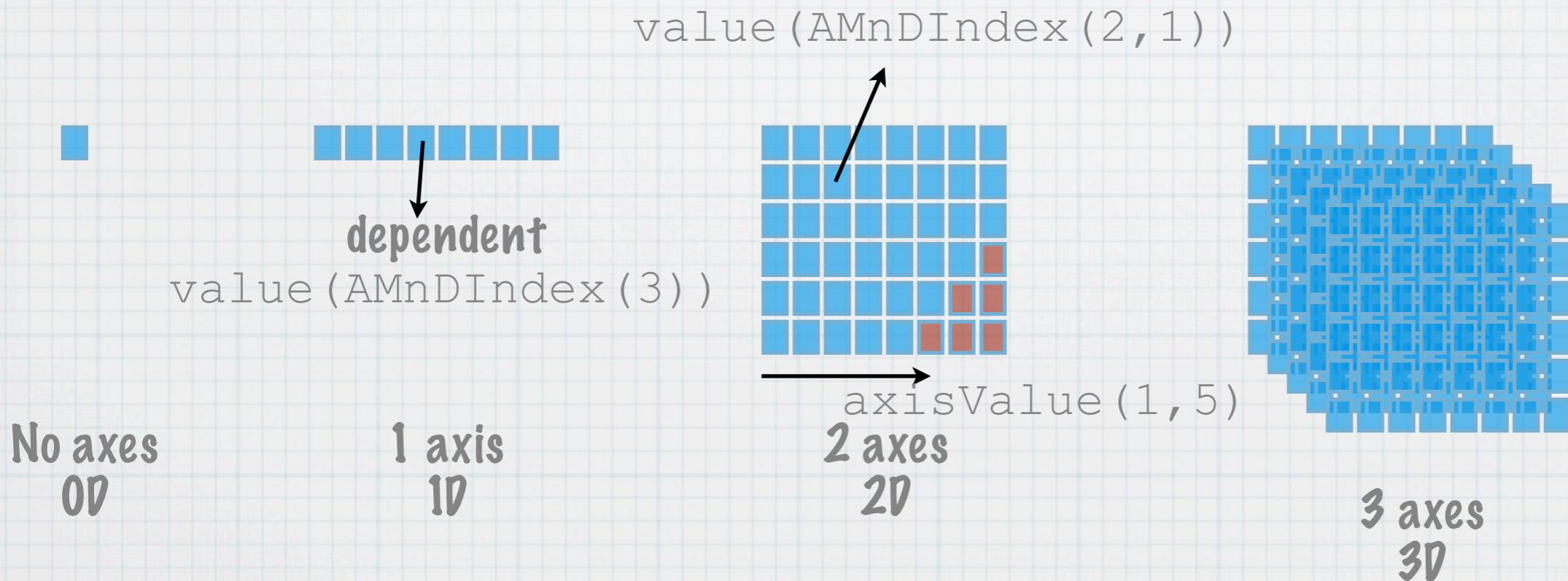
- \* NOTE: assumes a regular n-dimensional space
- \* Can return **AMNumber::Null** for missing values



# AMDataSource

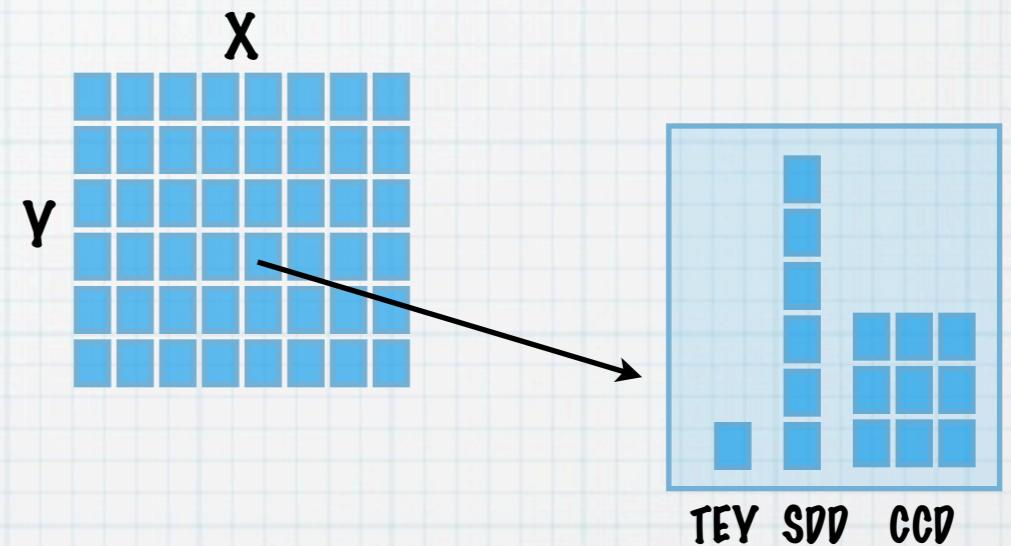
## Generic interface to multi-dimensional data

- \* NOTE: assumes a regular n-dimensional space
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# AMDataStore

- \* AMDataSource is for exposing data... AMDataStore is for storing it.
- \* Problem: Could be a weird shape.
  - \* Imagine:
    - \* 2D microprobe scan,
    - \* using constant incident energy
    - \* while measuring with a 0D detector (TEY, fluorescence detector), a 1D detector (silicon drift detector), and a 2D detector (CCD or XES image)
  - \* Large datasets
  - \* Notification when data changes



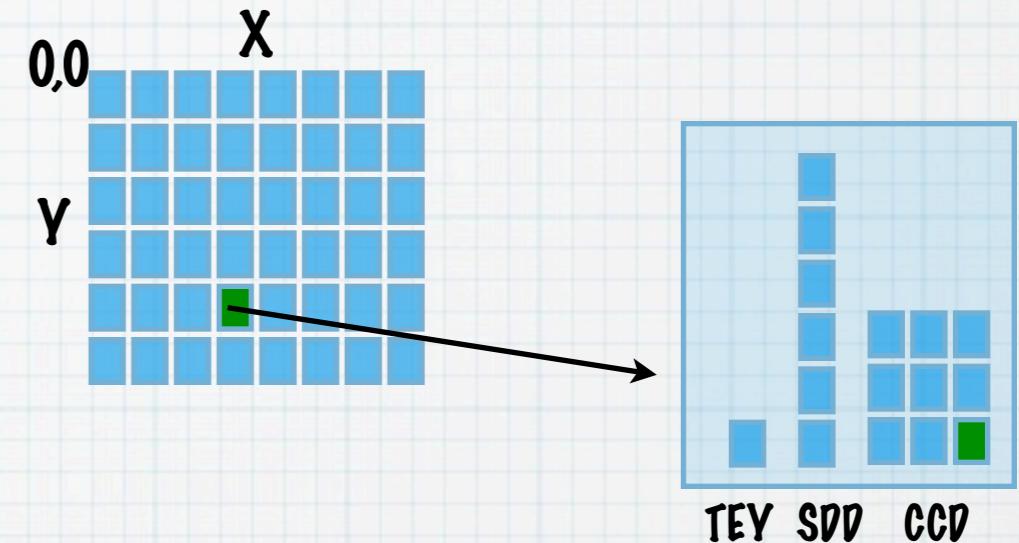
# AMDataStore

- \* Solve with:
  - \* Three spaces:
    - \* **n-dimensional Scan space:**
      - \* [what you “iterated” over: varied **n** parameters and measured something at each point]
    - \* **set of detectors (1-dimensional)**
    - \* **(for each detector) m-dimensional detector space**
  - \* Different implementations for optimization and performance
    - \* AMInMemoryDataStore
    - \* AMHDF5DataStore **(disk-based with caching) //todo**

# AMDataStore

- \* Back to example:

- \* 2D microprobe scan,
- \* using constant incident energy
- \* while measuring with a 0D detector (TEY, fluorescence detector),  
a 1D detector (silicon drift detector), and  
a 2D detector (CCD or XES image)



Scan: X=3 Y=4 Detector: CCD (2) Pixel position: Px = 2, Py = 2

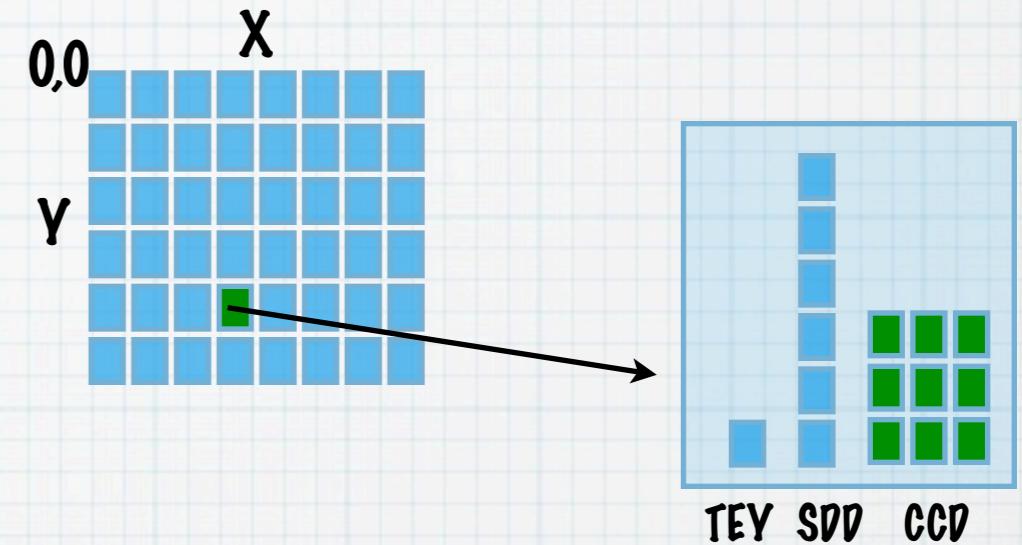
```
/// Set the value of a measurement, at a specific scan point
virtual bool setValue(const AMnDIndex& scanIndex,
                     int measurementId,
                     const AMnDIndex& measurementIndex,
                     const AMNumber& newValue)
```

AMnDIndex(3, 4)  
2  
AMnDIndex(2, 2)  
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# AMDataStore

- \* Back to example:

- \* 2D microprobe scan,
- \* using constant incident energy
- \* while measuring with a 0D detector (TEY, fluorescence detector),  
a 1D detector (silicon drift detector), and  
a 2D detector (CCD or XES image)



Scan: X=3 Y=4 Detector: CCD (2) Pixel values: [have whole image at once]

```
/// Performance optimization for setValue(): this allows multi-dimensional measurements to be set in a single setValue call.
```

```
virtual bool setValue(const AMnDIndex &scanIndex,  
                     int measurementId,  
                     const int* inputData,  
                     int numArrayElements)
```

AMnDIndex(3, 4)  
2  
image  
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# AMDataStore: Using

## \* Configuring an AMDataStore:

### \* Create scan-space “scan axes”:

```
addScanAxis(const AMAxisInfo& axisDetails)
```

### \* Add detectors:

```
addMeasurement(const AMMeasurementInfo& measurementDetails)
```

## \* Filling an AMDataStore:

### \* Add “rows” (ie: extend axes as you go):

```
beginInsertRows(int axisId, int numRows = 1, int atRowIndex = -1)
```

### \* Insert data values: (or use bulk setValue() function)

```
setValue(const AMnDIndex& scanIndex, int measurementId, const AMnDIndex&
measurementIndex, const AMNumber& newValue)
```

### \* Finish inserting and notify automatically that there's new data:

```
void endInsertRows();
```

# back to AMDataSource

## Implementations: Almost anything

- \* Done for you: **AMRawDataSource**  
Easily expose one “detector” or “measurement” out of a data store.
- \* Dimensionality: Scan space first, then added dimensions for the measurement space
  - \* Ex: 2D micromap scan with 1D SDD detector = 3D  
Axis 0: X motion  
Axis 1: Y motion  
Axis 2: SDD detector axis (fluorescence energy)

// AMDataSource

```
scan() -> addRawDataSource(new AMRawDataSource(scan() -> rawData(), 0));  
                                // Detector # 0
```

# back to AMDatasource

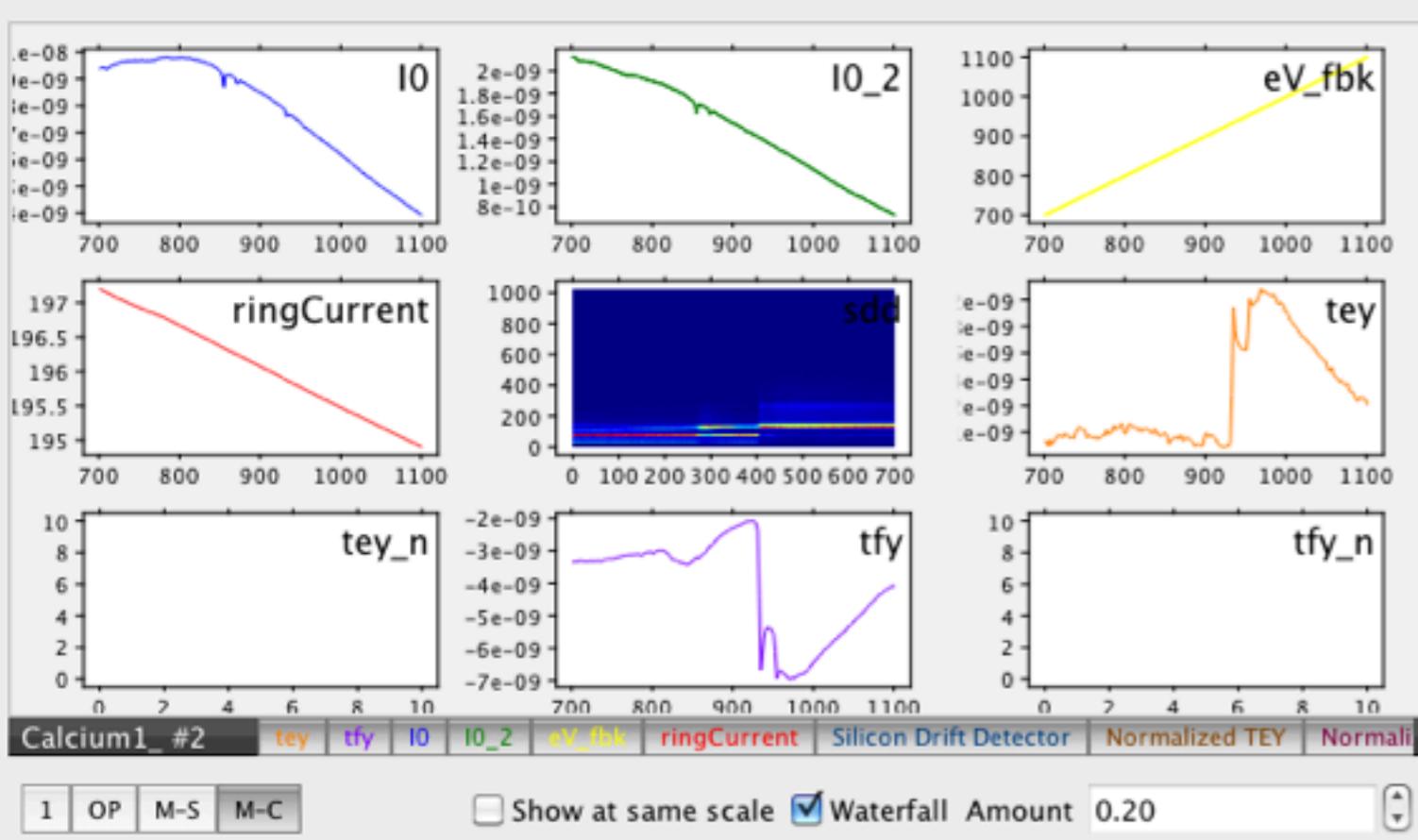
## Implementations: Almost anything

- \* **All AMAnalysisBlocks**
  - \* See analysis module
  - \* Basically: analysis blocks are “filters” that eat sets of AMDatasources.
    - \* They themselves are also AMDatasources
      - \* Creates a “chain” of filters processing data.
      - \* Can plot / visualize at any stage. AMScan shows you all your AMDatasources:  
`dataSourceCount()` and `dataSourceAt(index)`;
- \* Anything you build, that you want to use for:
  - \* Plotting
  - \* Input to an analysis filter

# AMScan: UI Views

## \* ui/AMScanView

- \* 4 different ways to view and compare the data sources in a group of scans
- \* Shows all data sources (Can toggle visible or not)
- \* 1D and 2D plotting

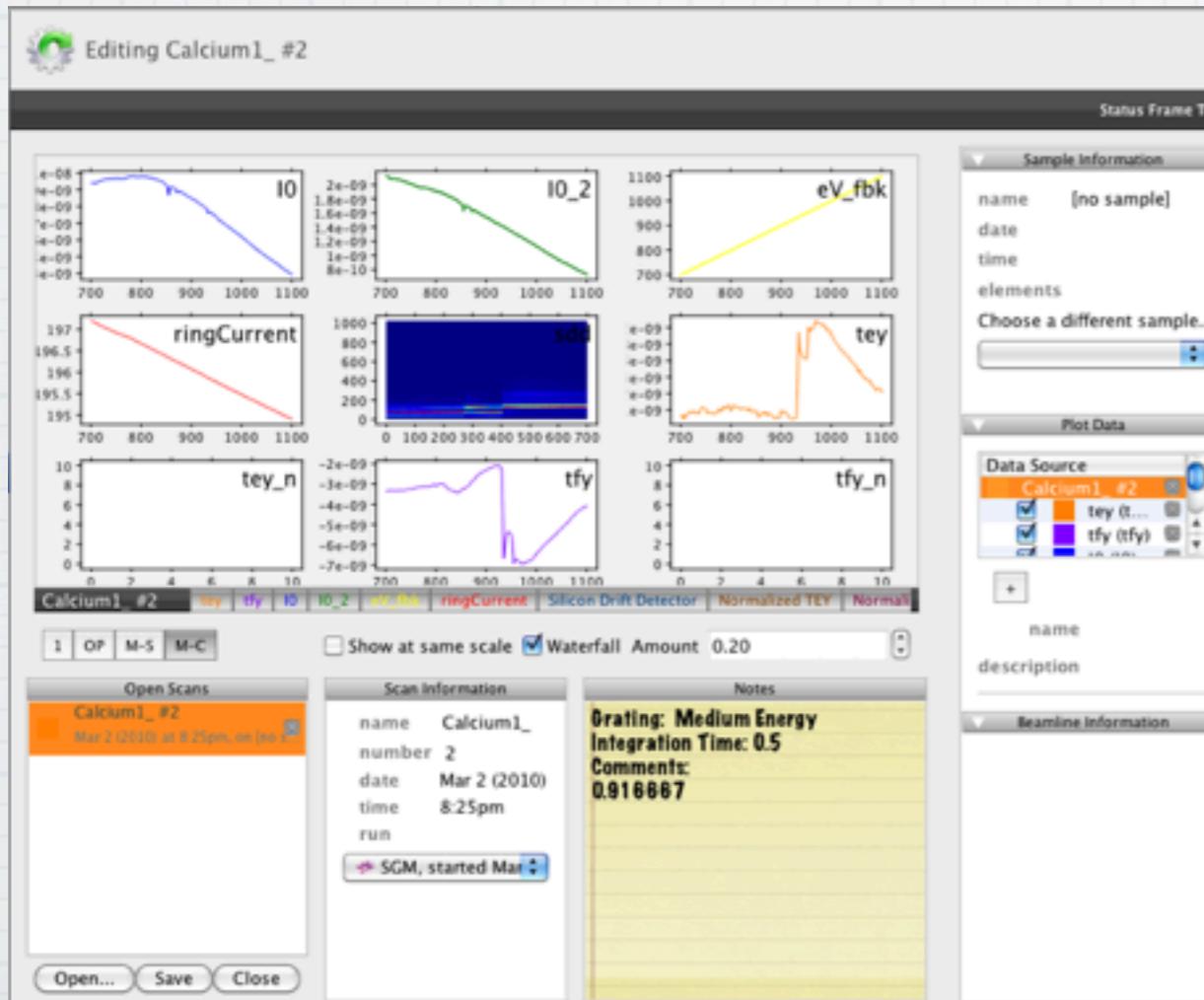


```
AMScanView* view = new AMScanView();
AMScan* scan1 = getFromSomewhere();
AMScan* scan2 = getFromSomewhere();

view->addScan(scan1);
view->addScan(scan2);
```

# AMScan: UI Views

- \* ui/AMGenericScanEditor
  - \* An AMScanView and more...
  - \* View and modify data sources, change metadata, etc.



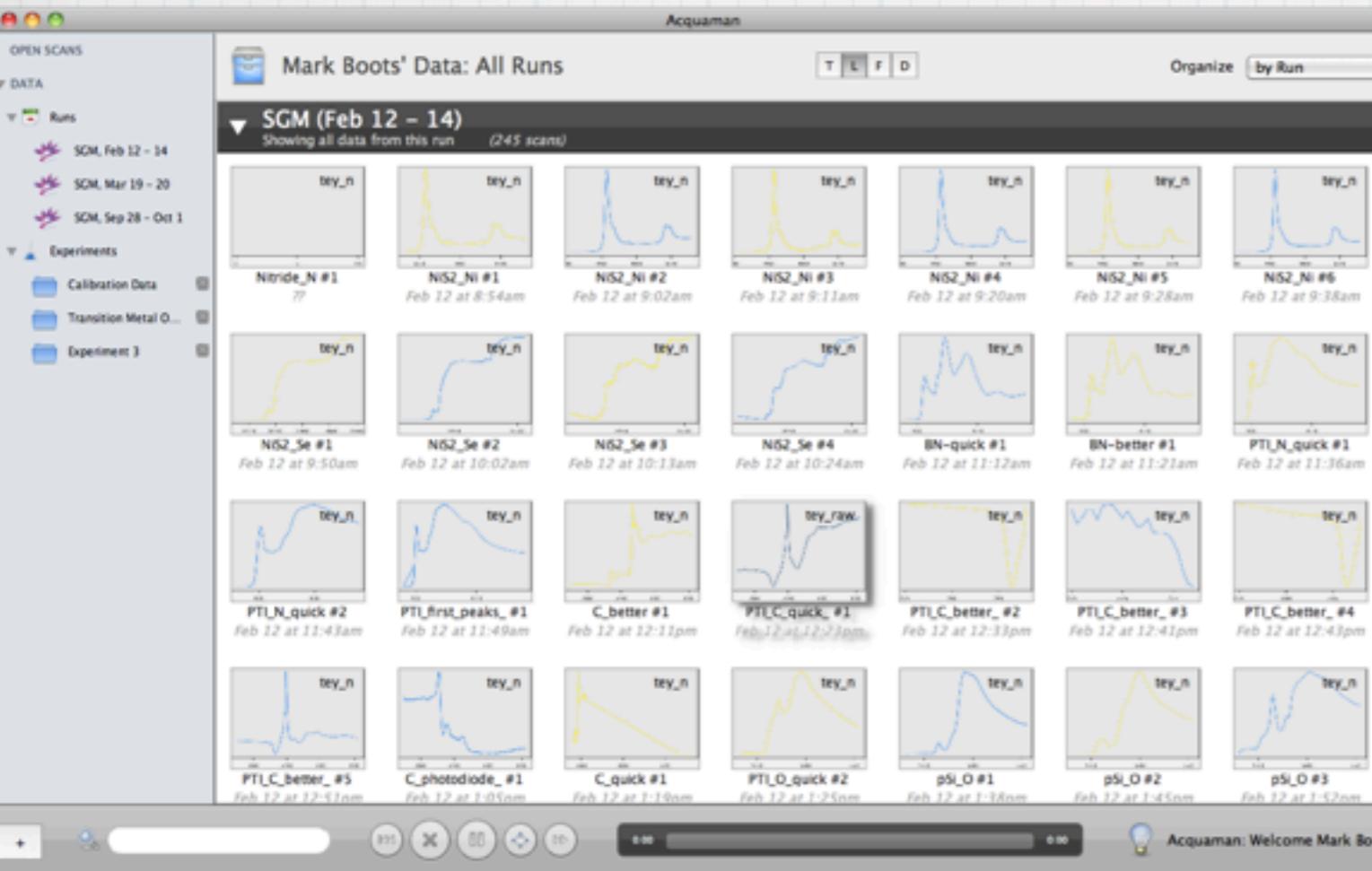
```
AMGenericScanEditor* editor =  
    new AMGenericScanEditor();
```

```
editor->addScan(scan1);  
editor->addScan(scan2);
```

# AMScan: UI Views

## \* ui/AM DataView

- \* Shows the user their entire database: organized, sortable, browsable
  - \* Includes all scan objects that share the AMScan table
  - \* Double-click to edit a scan in a new AMGenericScanEditor
  - \* Thumbnail view complete; more view options **TODO!**



```
AM DataView* view =  
    new AM DataView  
(AMDatabase::userdb());
```

# Applying the dataman module

**Custom objects to store in Database?**

Subclass `AMDbObject`,

then `obj->storeToDb()`  
`obj->loadFromDb()`

**Scan objects to view/plot?**

`AMScanView`, `AMGenericScanEditor`:

`addScan()`

or: use `MPlot` directly (\*)

**Got some acquiring todo?**

Create a new `AMScan` object

Configure its `rawData()` [`AMDataStore`]  
and then fill it with something groundbreaking

Create `AMRawDataSources` to expose your  
measurements, then `addRawDataSource()`

Set some meta-data

`storeToDb()`

**Or wait for David's acquisition module...**



3) acquisition

# Functionality Overview

- \* 1) Way to interact with the detectors users have available (centers design around user functionality)
  - \* `AMDetector`, `AMDetectorInfo`, `AMDetector[Info]Set`
- \* 2) Framework to “get things to happen”
  - \* `AMBeamlineActionItem`, `AMBeamlineParallelActionsList`
- \* 3) Abstract Interface to describe scanning
  - \* Configuration, Controller, and Configuration View

# Detector Core Classes

**AMDetectorInfo**

The settings and inherent properties of a detector  
(Also a snapshot of those settings)

The means to access the readings and settings for a  
detector (probably a bunch of AMControls)

**AMDetector**

**AMDetectorSet**

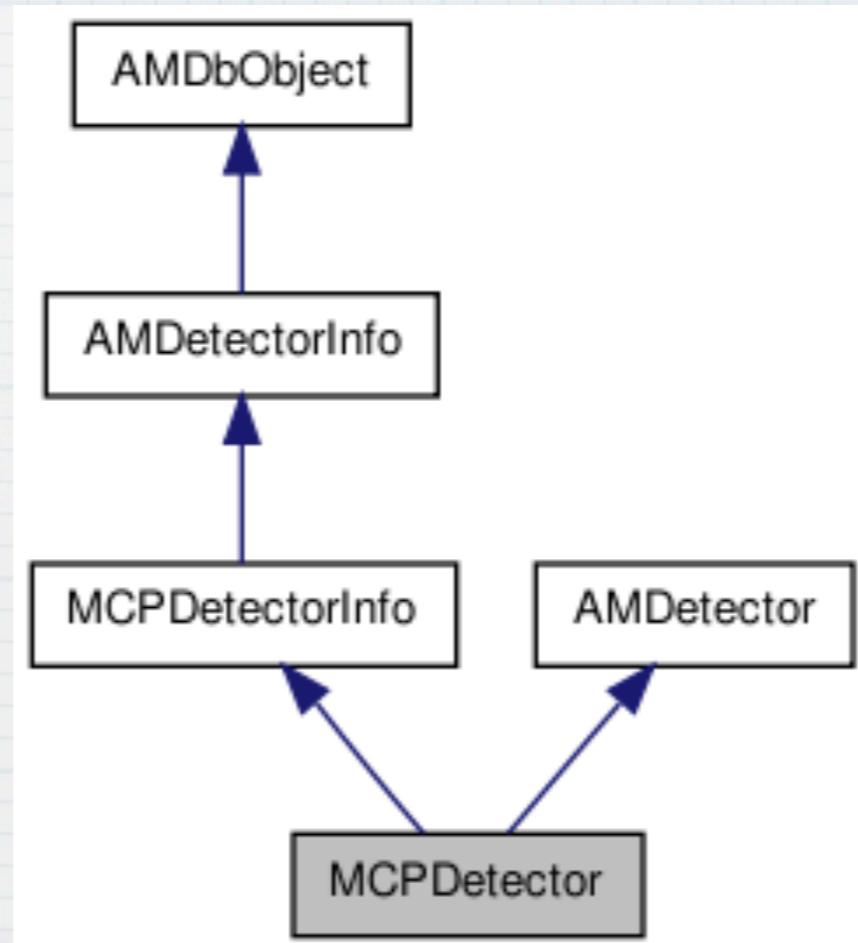
A group of detectors (probably those that can be  
selected for a particular scan)

**AMDetectorInfoSet**

A snapshot for an entire group (use it to save or set  
the state of an AMDetectorSet)

# Making a Detector

- \* 1) Inherit **AMDetectorInfo** and define the properties and settings of your detector
- \* 2) Inherit **AMDetector** and **your detectorInfo** to define how to **read/write** your detector's settings and readings



# Let's Make a Detector

Why not a ionization chamber for HXMA ( $I_T$ )

- \* 0) Let's pretend we have an HXMA Beamline Object `HXMABeamline::hxma()`

- \* 0.1) And it has controls for reading the picoammeter and controlling the voltage

`hxma() ->iTransReading()`

`hxma() ->iTransVoltage()`

- \* 1) Inherit AMDetectorInfo

```
class IonChamberDetectorInfo : public AMDetectorInfo{  
    ...  
    double voltageSetpoint();  
    void setVoltageSetpoint();  
    double voltageSetpoint_;  
};
```

# Let's Make a Detector

Why not a ionization chamber for HXMA ( $I_T$ )

## \* 2) Inherit AMDetector and your detector info

```
class IonChamberDetector : public AMDetector, public IonChamberDetectorInfo{  
    ...  
    AMDetectorInfo* toInfo();  
    AMControl* readingControl();  
    AMControl* voltageControl();  
    ...  
    void setFromInfo(AMDetectorInfo*);  
    ...  
};
```

## \* We'll see how these are used later

# What about a Detector View?

- \* 0) Obviously, it would be really nice to **interact** with your detector in the GUI

- \* 1) Inherit **AMDetectorView** and make a view

```
class IonChamberBriefDetectorView : public AMBriefDetectorView
```

- \* 2) Since it's a "**brief view**", I just want to know what it's reading and whether it's powered on

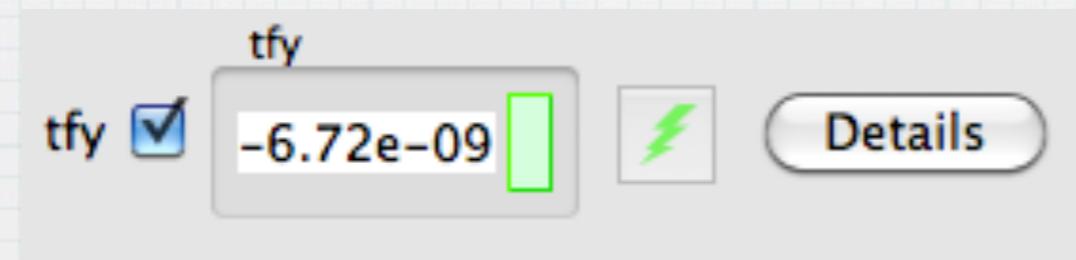
- \* **Reuse** **AMControlEditor** for the reading

- \* **Implement** something for the power state

# What about a Detector View?

## \* 2) (cont'd)

```
readingCE_ = new AMControlEditor(detector_->readingCtrl(), 0, true);
powerState_ = new QToolButton();
powerState_->setIcon(powerOffState_);
powerState_->setEnabled(false);
hl_->addWidget(readingCE_);
hl_->addWidget(powerState_);
connect(detector_, SIGNAL(poweredOnChanged(bool)), this, SLOT(onPoweredOnChanged(bool)));
```



# Detector Sets and Views

- \* 0) Personally, I get tired of coding the same stuff over and over.
- \* If the **same three detectors** are used over and over for a particular scan type, **why not group them**
- \* 1) Just make an **AMDetectorSet** and throw them in there

```
AMDetectorSet *xasDetectors_ = new AMDetectorSet();  
xasDetectors_->addDetector(hxma()->iTransDetector());  
xasDetectors_->addDetector(hxma()->flyDetector());  
xasDetectors_->addDetector(hxma()->g32ElementDetector());
```

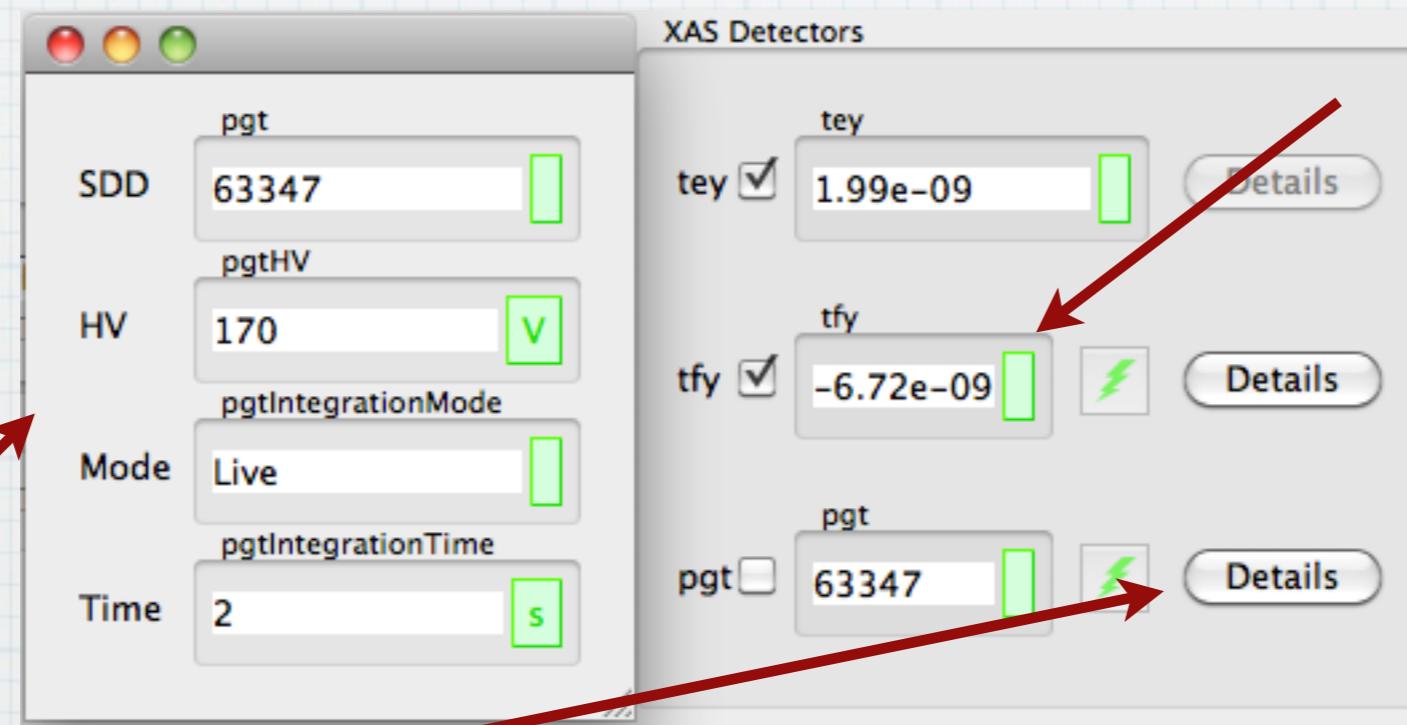
# Detector Sets and Views

- \* 2) You can register your views for particular detectors

```
AMDetectorViewSupport::registerClass< IonChamberDetector,  
IonChamberBriefDetectorView>
```

```
AMDetectorViewSupport::registerClass< IonChamberDetector,  
IonChamberDetailedDetectorView>
```

- \* 3) Then an **AMDetectorSetView** can try to display them



A “brief view” for your  
detector type

And a “detailed view” is  
accessible if one exists

# ActionItem Core Classes

**AMBeamlineActionItem**

The API defining class which gives an interface to the state machine

**AMScanActionItem**

**AMControlMoveActionItem**

**AMControlSetMoveActionItem**

A list of actions organized into stages. Stages operate in parallel, while the end of one stage starts the next.

**AMBeamlineParallelActionsList**

**AMWorkflowManager(View)**

The master list of actions the user wants executed (namely scans or moving to a new sample). All of these classes might actually belong in a Workflow Module.

# Starting simple: How to make an action to move a control?

```
// Assume we have a beamline (like sgm() to work with)

AMControlMoveAction *myAction =
    new AMControlMoveAction(sgm()->exitSlitGap());
    // Say you want to move the exit slit gap

myAction->setSetpoint(12.0);
    // Let's tell it to move to 12.0 um
connect(myAction, SIGNAL(succeeded()),
    <someone cool>, SLOT(onActionSucceeded()));
    // Now we'll know when the action has finished successfully

... <some time later>

myAction->start(); // Tell the action to start
```

# Amping Up: What about that list of actions?

```
// Assume we have a bunch of actions to work with
AMBeamlineParallelActionsList *myList =
    new AMBeamlineParallelActionsList();
    // Setting up a new list
myList->appendStage(); // Set up first stage
myList->appendAction(goToEnergyMidpointAction);
myList->appendStage(); // Set up second stage
myList->appendAction(turnOffUndulatorTrackingAction);
myList->appendAction(turnOffExitSlitTrackingAction);
myList->appendStage(); // Set up third stage
myList->appendAction(goToStartEnergyAction);
myList->appendStage(); // Set up fourth stage
myList->appendAction(changeMonoVelocityAction);
myList->appendAction(changeMonoAccelerationAction);
... <some time later>
myList->start(); // Start these actions
```

# Acquisition Core Classes

**AMScanConfiguration**

The particulars of what should be done for a given scan  
AMScanCfg is light, but AMXASScanCfg is bulkier

The “guts” of how to execute a scan

Implementation that uses the dacq library under the hood

**AMScanController**

**AMDacqScanController**

**AMScanConfigurationView**

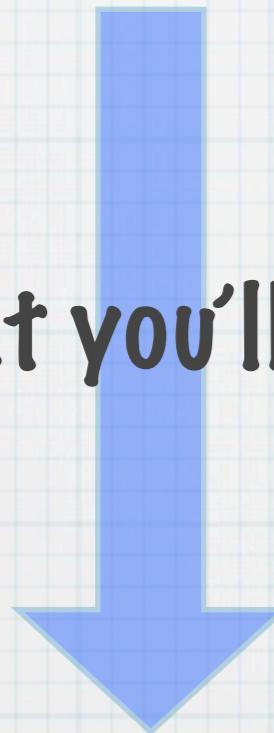
GUI to set up a scan configuration (and general API)

**AMScanConfigurationView  
Holder**

Trimming around the configuration view to give  
consistent options (run, queue, etc)

# Making a Configuration

So you want to make  
a configuration



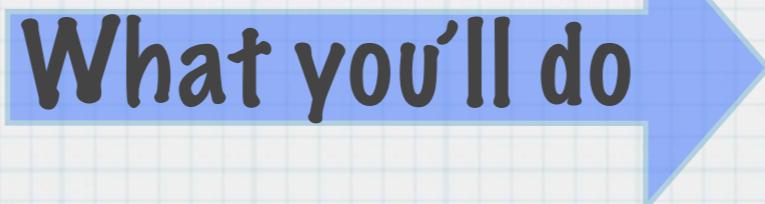
What you'll need

- \* Beamline
- \* (Controls)
- \* (Detectors)

- \* Beamline specific constraints
- \* Controls options available
- \* Detectors users can choose



What you'll code



- \* Inherit the closest option
- \* Implement the API

# Let's Make a Configuration

Why not an XAS Configuration for SXRMB

What we'll need:

- \* Let's pretend we have an **SXRMB Beamline Object** `SXRMBBeamline::sxrmb()`
- \* And it has **controls** for energy, crystal pair, and slits

`sxrmb() ->energy()`

`sxrmb() ->crystal()`

`sxrmb() ->slits()`

- \* And the applicable **detectors** (tey, tfy, and sdd)

`sxrmb() ->tey()`

`sxrmb() ->tfy()`

`sxrmb() ->sdd()`

# Let's Make a Configuration

## Why not an XAS Configuration for SXRMB

What we'll do:

- \* There's already an AMXASScanConfiguration, so let's **inherit** it

```
class SXRMBXASScanConfiguration : public AMXASScanConfiguration
```

- \* **Implement the API** (pure virtual functions)

```
createCopy () {  
    ... }
```

```
createController () {  
    <we'll get to this> }
```

# Let's Make a Configuration

## Why not an XAS Configuration for SXRMB

### What we'll code:

- \* Beamline **specific constraints** (energy range)

(parent class instantiates an AMXASRegionsList named regions\_)

```
SXRMBXASScanConfiguration:: SXRMBXASScanConfiguration{  
    regions_->setEnergyControl (sxrmb () ->energy ())  
}
```

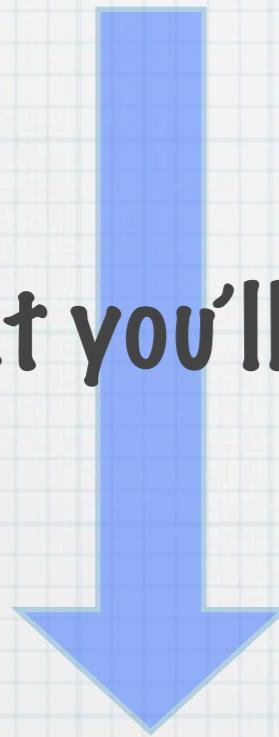
- \* Interface to **controls** and **detectors**

```
double slitWidth()  
void setSlitWidth(double)
```

```
AMDetectorInfoSet detectorCfg()  
void setDetectorCfg(AMDetectorInfoSet)
```

# Making a Controller

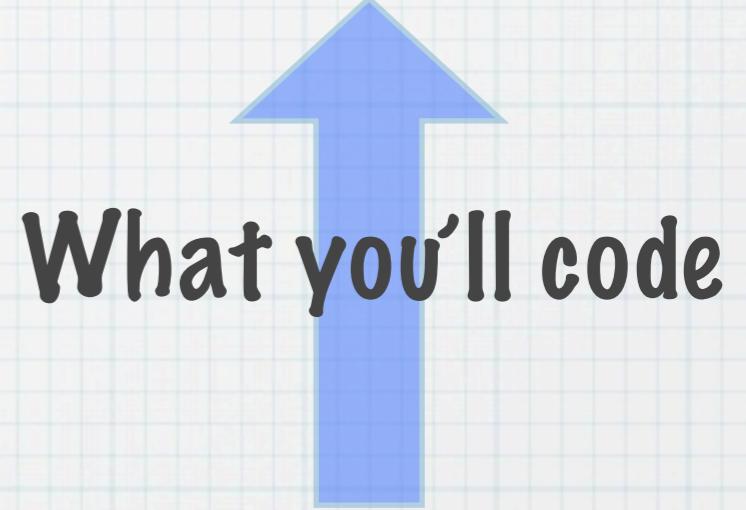
So you want to make  
a controller



What you'll need

- \* Beamline
- \* Configuration
- \* Scan Class

- \* Creation of scan object, etc
- \* Some beamline initialization
- \* How to scan (**Whoa!!**)



What you'll code



- \* Inherit the closest controller option
- \* Implement the API

# Let's Make a Controller

Why not the XAS Controller for SXRMB

What we'll need:

- \* We should already have our **SXRMB Beamline Object** `SXRMBBeamline::sxrmb()`
- \* And, now, we have a **configuration** as well  
`SXRMBXASScanConfiguration *cfg_`
- \* And there's **already** an **AMXASScan** class  
`AMXASScan *xassScan_`

# Let's Make a Controller

Why not the XAS Controller for SXRMB

What we'll do:

- \* **AMDacqScanController** is an existing class and **SXRMB** uses the **dacq** library, so let's **inherit** it

```
class SXRMBXASScanController : public AMDacqScanController
```

- \* **Implement the API (implementation functions)**

```
initializeImplementation() {  
    ... }
```

```
startImplementation() {  
    ... }
```

# Let's Make a Controller

Why not the XAS Controller for SXRMB

What we'll code:

## \* Create scan object and data sources

```
xasScan_ = new AMXASScan();  
loop over ( the detectors I want to use ) {  
    xasScan_->rawData()->addMeasurement( detector );  
    xasScan_->addRawDataSource( new AMRawDataSource( that raw data ) )  
}
```

## \* Beamline specific initialization

```
AMBeamlineParallelActionsList *xasScanInitActions_;  
xasScanInitActions_->appendAction( setCrystalAction );  
xasScanInitActions_->appendAction( setSlitsActions );
```

# Let's Make a Controller

Why not the XAS Controller for SXRMB

What we'll code:

- \* How to scan ... whoa, Whoa!, **WHOA!!**
- \* Just wait, we **inherited** **AMDacqScanController**. **What can it do for us?**
- \* **AMDacqScanController** will:
  - \* Give you a **QObject** to listen to with **signals & slots** (**QEpicsAdvAcq** class)
  - \* Make the **output handler** and manage the threaded communication
  - \* Place the incoming data into the **scan object's data store**
  - \* ~~Vacuum the laundry, take out the carpet, and wash the trash ...~~

# Let's Make a Controller

Why not the XAS Controller for SXRMB

Really Dave, what do I need to code?

- \* Pass it a **dacq config file** to load up

```
advAcq_->setConfigFile("my path to config file");
```

- \* Set the "**detectors**" you want to acquire

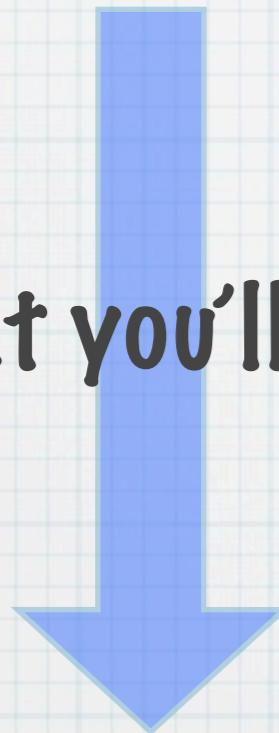
```
loop over ( the detectors I want to use ) {  
    advAcq->appendRecord( pvNameLookup(detector) );  
}
```

- \* Reset the **regions**

```
for(int x = 0; x < pCfg_->regionCount(); x++){  
    if(advAcq_->getNumRegions() == x)  
        advAcq_->addRegion(x, pCfg_->regionStart(x), pCfg_->regionDelta(x), pCfg_->regionEnd(x), 1);  
    else{  
        advAcq_->setStart(x, pCfg_->regionStart(x));  
        advAcq_->setDelta(x, pCfg_->regionDelta(x));  
        advAcq_->setEnd(x, pCfg_->regionEnd(x));  
    }  
}
```

# Making a Config View

So you want to make  
a configuration view



What you'll need

- \* Configuration!
- \* Beamline

- \* Really depends
- \* You can use pre-built stuff
- \* Or, do it yourself



What you'll code

What you'll do

- \* Inherit the from general config view
- \* Use whatever you want to display it

# Let's Make a Config View

Might as well finish the XAS suite for SXRMB

What we'll need:

- \* Yeah yeah, we know we need the configuration  
`SXRMBXASScanConfiguration *cfg_`
- \* And the **SXRMB Beamline Object** might be handy  
`SXRMBBeamline::sxrmb()`

# Let's Make a Config View

Might as well finish the XAS suite for SXRMB

What we'll do:

- \* **AMScanConfigView** is an existing class with a very small API, so let's inherit it

```
class SXRMBXASScanConfigurationView :  
    public AMScanConfigurationView
```

- \* Implement the ^very small API

```
configuration() {  
    return cfg_;  
}
```

# Let's Make a Config View

Might as well finish the XAS suite for SXRMB

## What we'll code:

(I'm lazy, I'm going to use pre-built classes)

### \* Something to view our regions

```
AMXASRegionsView *xasRegionsView =  
    new AMXASRegionsView(cfg_->regions());
```

Set it to  
“configurationOnly” mode

### \* And something to view our controls

```
AMControlEditor *slitGapCE =  
    new AMControlEditor(sxrmb()->slits(), ..., true);
```

```
connect(slitGapCE, SIGNAL(setpointRequested()), this,  
        SLOT(newSlitGapConfig()));
```

Connect to the signal that the  
configuration value changed

# Let's Make a Config View

Might as well finish the XAS suite for SXRMB

## What we'll code:

(I'm lazy, I'm going to use pre-built classes)

### \* And something to view our detectors

```
AMDetectorSetView *xasDetectorsView =  
    new AMDetectorSetView(cfg_->xasDetectors());
```

### \* Chuck your stuff in a layout

gl_.addWidget(regionsView_,	1, 0, 2, 3, Qt::AlignLeft);
gl_.addWidget(fluxResolutionView_,	3, 0, 2, 3, Qt::AlignLeft);
gl_.addWidget(trackingView_,	1, 3, 2, 2, Qt::AlignLeft);
gl_.addWidget(xasDetectorsView_,	3, 3, 2, 2, Qt::AlignLeft);
gl_.addWidget(warningsLabel_,	2, 0, 1, 5, Qt::AlignCenter);

### \* Throw it into an AMScanConfigViewHolder

```
xasScanConfigHolder_->setView(mySXRMBXASScanCfgView_);
```

# Let's Make a Config View

Might as well finish the XAS suite for SXRMB

Voilà!

The screenshot displays the XAS suite interface for SXRMB. At the top, there is a header bar with a yellow background and a grey bar above it. The grey bar contains the text "Δ = 1" and the values "950" and "960". Below this is a table with columns "Start", "Delta", and "End", containing the values 0, 1, and 960 respectively. There are "Add Region" and "Delete Region" buttons below the table. To the right of this is a "Tracking" section with three items: "undulatorTracking" (On), "monoTracking" (On), and "exitSlitTracking" (On). Further down is an "XAS Detectors" section with three entries: "tey" (checked, value 1.99e-09), "tfy" (checked, value -6.72e-09), and "pgt" (unchecked, value 63347). At the bottom, there is a red-bordered box containing the text "When I'm done here:  Show me the workflow  Setup another scan" and two buttons: "Add to Workflow" and "Start Scan".

Same regionsView

Okay, so this one's mine

Some ControlEditors

Even a detectorSetView

Get this for free with  
scanConfigViewHolder

# Acquisition Classes

## What's the big deal?

- \* 1) Maybe you don't like my regionsView class (tables suck!)
  - \* Just reimplement the view yourself however you like
- \* 2) We can make a reasonable model and view for the techniques we share (so users can start quickly on new beamlines)
  - \* We've got something\* for XAS, what about EXAFS?
- \* 3) Scan controller isn't doing what I want it to
  - \* Reimplement the acquisition event from the dacq library
  - \* Make a new controller



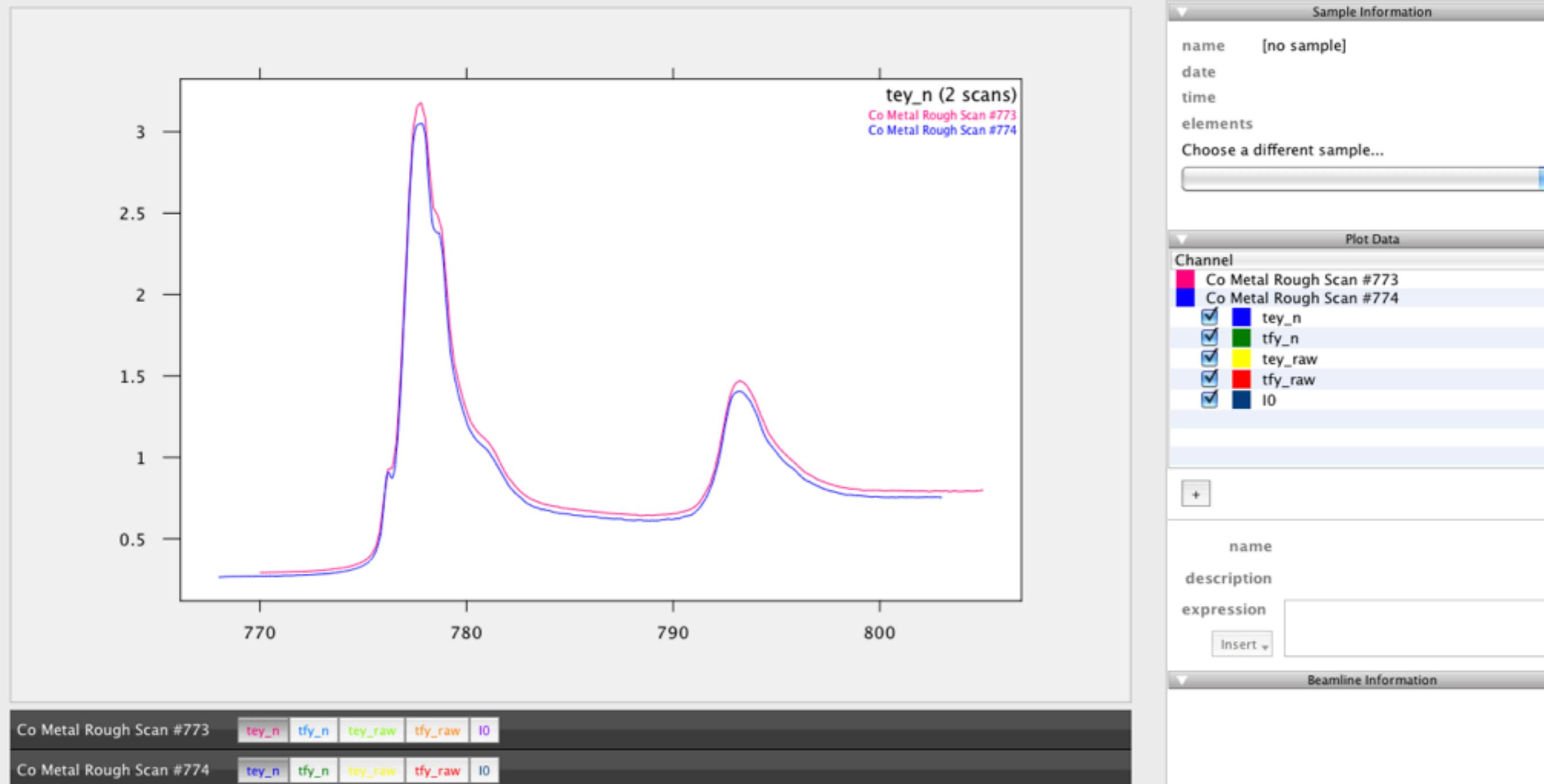
# 4) Analysis

# Everybody needs to do it...

\* Helpful to see WHILE COLLECTING DATA...

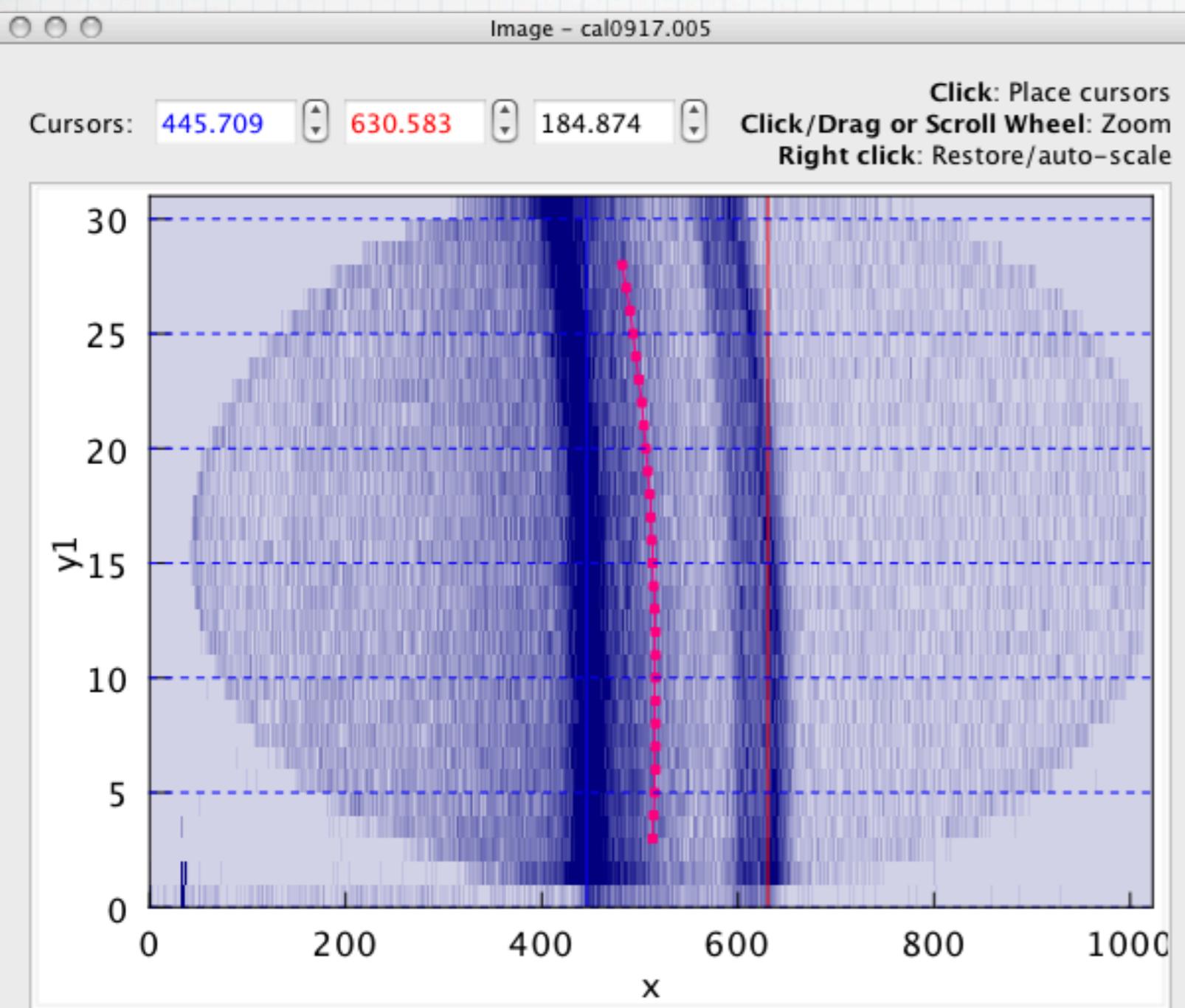
# Everybody needs to do it...

- \* ex: Normalization of a signal to 10 / incident light



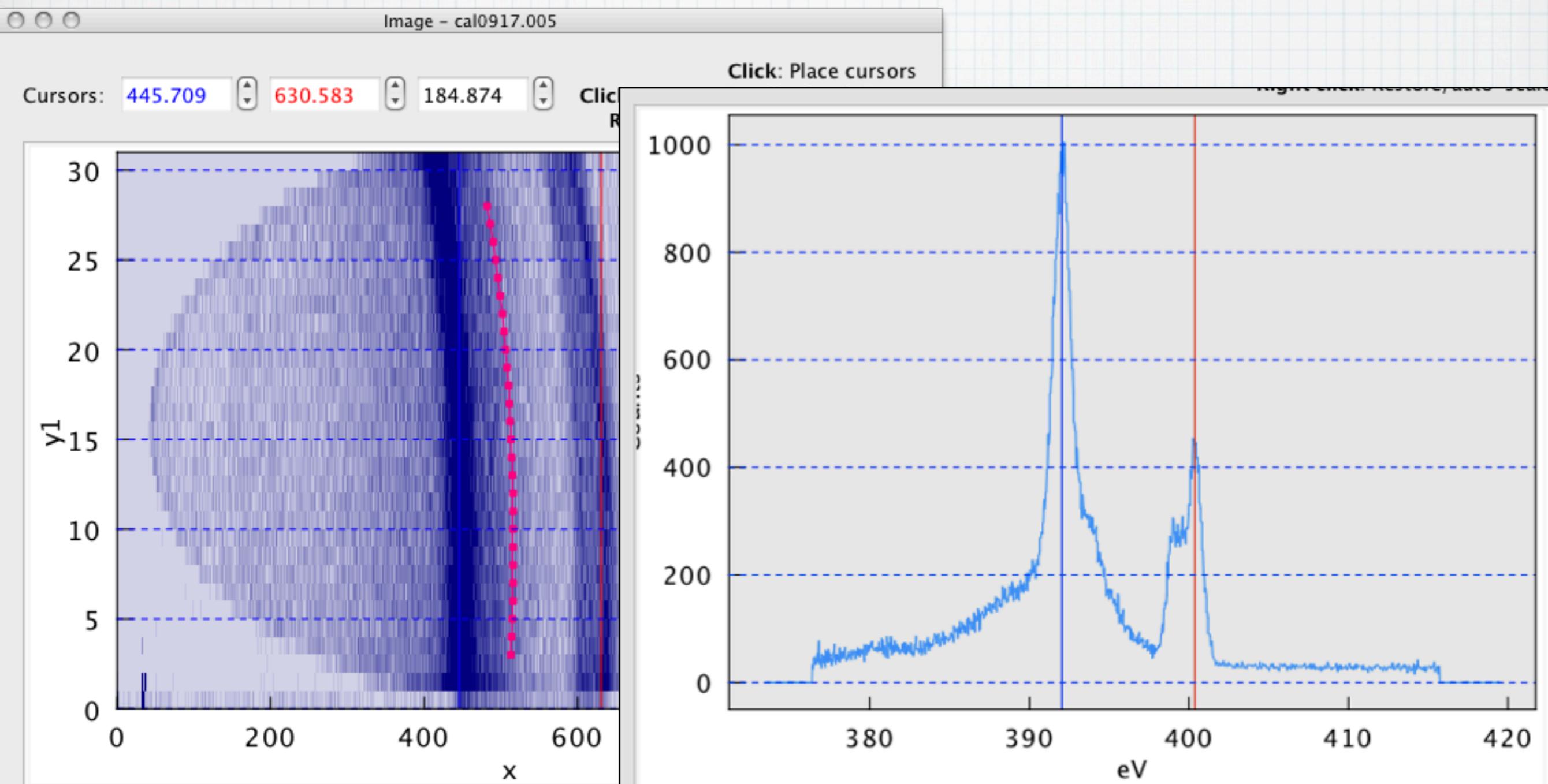
# Everybody needs to do it...

## \* XES Image Processing



# Everybody needs to do it...

## \* XES Image Processing



# Everybody needs to do it...

- \* Helpful to see WHILE COLLECTING DATA (real-time)
  - \* ex: Normalization of a signal to I<sub>0</sub> / incident light
    - \* More sophisticated methods to remove noise/ account for dirt in SGM beamline
  - \* ex: Binning a region of a 2D measurement into a 1D dataset
  - \* XES image processing
  - \* Region-of-interest binning on a fluorescence micromap scan (per-element / per-edge)

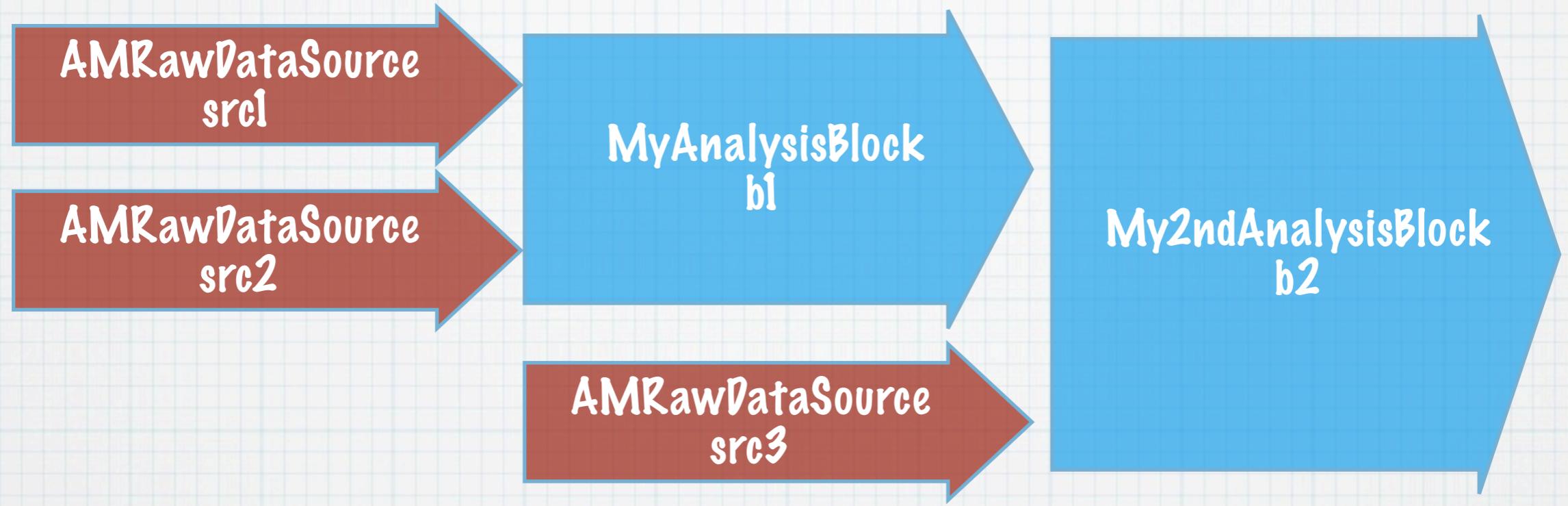
# Everybody needs to do it...

- \* More sophisticated, non-realtime:
  - \* complex processing of stacks of images to produce strain maps [Vespers]
  - \* etc.

# AMAnalysisBlock

- \* Analysis framework: uses existing data-representation system in 'dataman' module
- \* Chains of "blocks" or filters:
  - \* Set a list of AMDDataSource's as input
  - \* Are an AMDDataSource themselves [for passing to other blocks]
  - \* Can specify what sets of inputs are allowed
  - \* Can change size dynamically
    - \* Constraint: Cannot change # of dimensions dynamically
  - \* Can change the validity (ex: state(), isValid() ) of their output data dynamically
  - \* Subsequent blocks wait for valid inputs [handles non-realtime]

# AMAnalysisBlock



```
MyAnalysisBlock* b1 = new MyAnalysisBlock(...);  
My2ndAnalysisBlock* b2 = new My2ndAnalysisBlock(...);
```

```
QList<AMDataSources*> input1;  
input1 << src1;  
input1 << src2;  
b1->setInputDataSources(input1);
```

```
QList<AMDataSource*> input2;  
input2 << b1;  
input2 << src3;  
b2->setInputDataSources(input2);
```

# AMAnalysisBlock: Implementing your own

- \* Subclass AMStandardAnalysisBlock
- \* Store your input data sources in `QList<AMDataSource*> sources_;`
- \* Store your output axis information (size, units, etc.) in `QList<AMAxisInfo> axes_;`
- \* Implement  
`bool areInputDataSourcesAcceptable(const QList<AMDataSource*>& dataSources)`
  - \* The empty-list must always be acceptable (null data state())
- \* Implement  
`void setInputDataSourcesImplementation(const QList<AMDataSource*>& dataSources)`
- \* Call `setState()` whenever the state flags of your data changes (ie: you finish processing, your input data sources are set to <empty>, etc.)
- \* Implement the `AMDataSource` API for your output data:  
`value()`, `axisValue()`, etc.
- \* Optional: Implement  
`QWidget* createEditorWidget()`  
to create an editor widget that users can use to set any custom parameters, etc.

# AMAnalysisBlock: We've implemented:

AM1DExpressionAB

From a set of 1D input sources:  
create 1D output based on a math expression

AM2DSummingAB

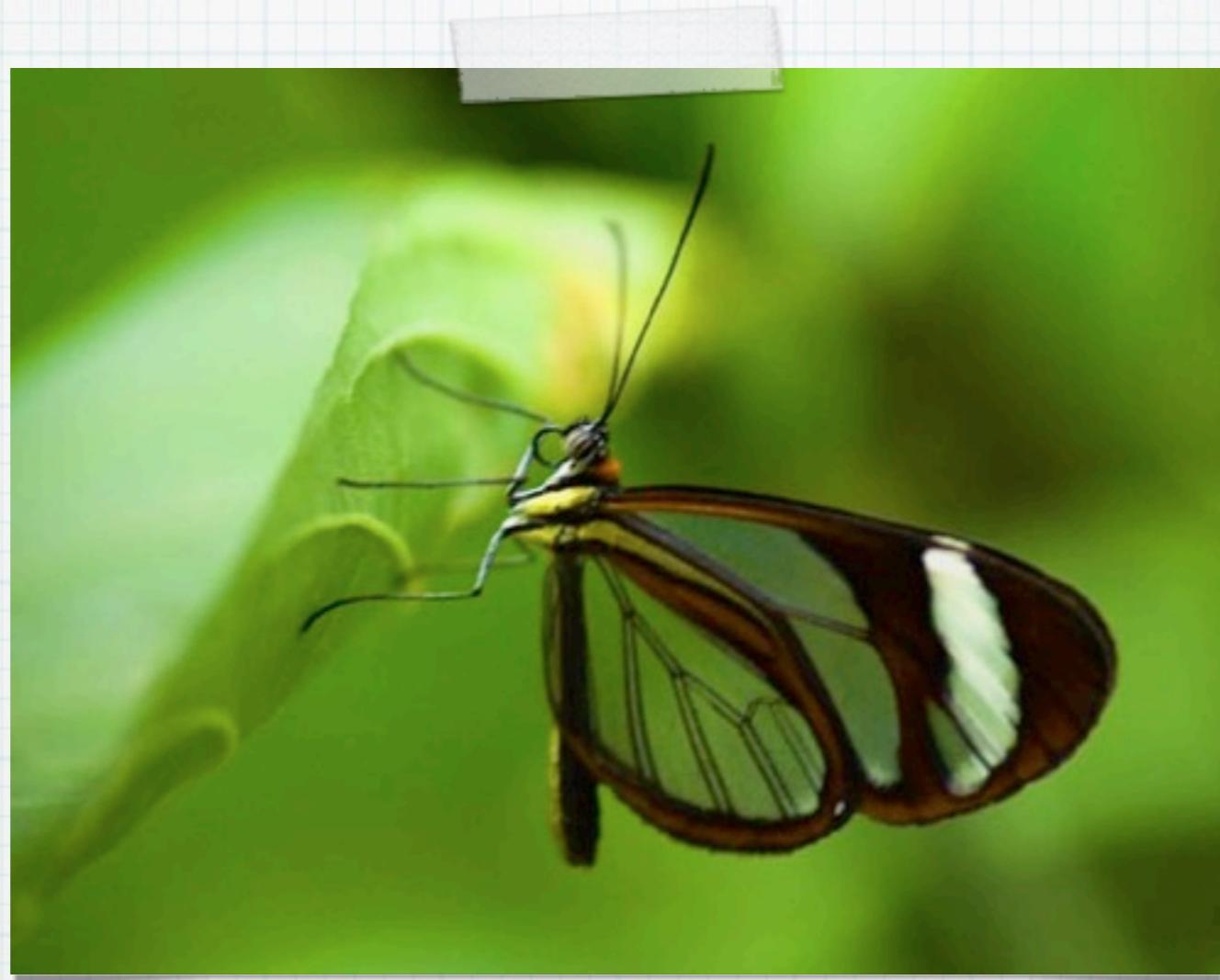
Takes a single 2D input source:  
Bins a region horizontally or vertically to get  
a 1D output

REIXSXESImageAB

Bins a curved XES detector image into a  
spectrum

Todo: The  
possibilities...

differentiation, integration, Fourier  
Transform, Peak Fitting,  
Fluorescence Map ROI, etc.



# 5) Visualization

# visualization Core Classes

MPlot

Main Plot Object... Contains "items", and has axes, options, etc.  
A QGraphicsView framework QGraphicsItem.

A graphics item that draws a XY line or scatter plot

MPlotSeries

MPlotSeriesData

Interface for data that can be used for MPlotSeries.  
Set with myPlotSeries->setModel(mySeriesData)

AMDataSourceImage

Takes an AMDataSource and wraps it to become  
MPlotImageData. (If the dimensionality is right)

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# Applying the visualization module

## Use Pre-built Scan Views

AMScanView,  
AMGenericScanEditor

// Uses MPlot internally

## Use an MPlot inside an MPlotWidget

Set the axis scales: `setXDataRange()`,  
`setYDataRangeRight()`,  
`setYDataRangeLeft()`

or enable auto scaling:  
`enableAutoScale(axisFlags)`

Find an MPlotSeriesData object to plot  
implement the interface yourself, or use  
AMDataSourceSeriesData to wrap an AMDataSource

Make an MPlotSeries object  
call `setModel()` with the series data object

Add it to the plot  
`plot->addItem(myMPlotSeries)`

Thanks!