

MXCuBE3 – Installation and User Experience

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First MXCuBE3@ELETTRA installation

- ✓ MXCuBE3 installation started in late August 2017 (almost no scientific activity during holidays around here...)
- ✓ Step by step:
 - 1. Installed a CentOS7 x64 virtual machine (with Tango)
 - 2. Downloaded MXCuBE3 from GitHub repository
 - 3. Followed "Installation and testing" instructions (GitHub wiki)
 - 4. It did not work: installed missing python packages
 - 5. mxcube3-server started !
 - 6. Strong help needed for the npm part (thanks Emiliano)
 - 7. MXCuBE3 login page works... and now?





MXCuBE3@ELETTRA customization



Personal notes for a DIY approach:

- There is not so much documentation for developers
- The analysis of Python console errors is a good starting point for investigating the underlying architecture and object connections
- Use extensivly "grep -r": following log messages helps in discovering who is doing what
- The customization process should concern only the XML configuration files and the HardwareObjects, other stuff is part of the 'core'
- An installation log file could be useful
- If you get stuck ask the MXCuBErs, they always help you



MXCuBE3@ELETTRA status

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- Login :
 - still mockup
- Data Collection Tab:
 - Machine Status (Tango)
 - Beamline Valves and shutters (Tango)
 - Detector Distance (Tango)
 - Beamline Actions
 - Energy
 - Wavelength
 - Resolution
 - Transmission
 - Cryo
 - Flux

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- Motors (Tango)
- Phase Control
- Aperture Control
- Lights (Tango)
- Zoom (Tango)
- Camera: MD2 JPG (Tango)
- 3 Click centring: MD2 command (Tango)
- Automatic centring
- Sample Changer Tab:
 - XRD2 sample changer under development
- Sample Overview Tab:
 - ISPyB: not yet installed
 - Tab content synchronized with SampleChanger Tab Info
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 - Rest authentication through ELETTRA VUO
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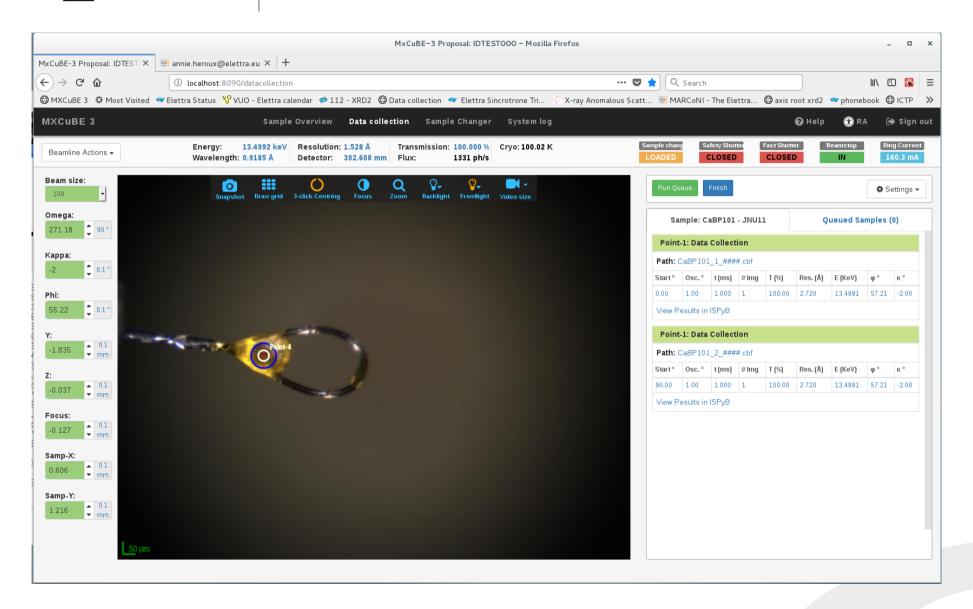
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MXCuBE3@ELETTRA authentication



- ✓ ISPyB not yet available
- √ 1st stage: the user logs in using a dedicated interface to setup the current investigation (info from the VUO)
- √ 2nd stage: the user logs in MXCuBE3 and can select only the current investigation





MXCuBE3@ELETTRA open questions

Filenames:

 is it possible to modify current default naming (Sample XX:YY)?

Data Collection:

- more info in the web gui (units, params meaning,...)
- is it possible to modify the right-click menu when a sample is selected? (less options)
- Is it possible to raise a popup box?

3-Click Centering:

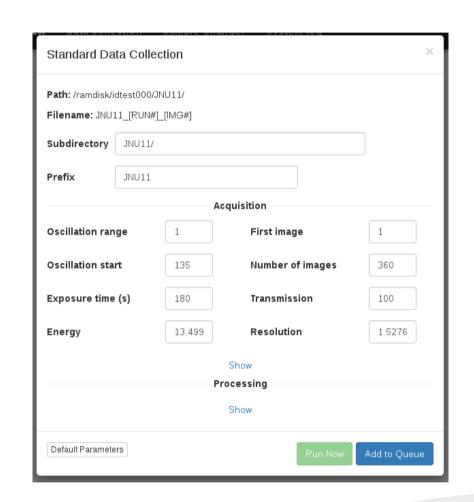
 is it possible to customize it? (no multiple points)

Stop/Abort:

is not clear to us which actions are triggered

Final installation:

does exists a standard installation (Linux service?)





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Fist external user experience

- Period: 1-3 September 2018
- Samples mounted using the XRD2 samplechanger (used a CSV descriptor file)
- Only standard Data Collection on the samples
- Data stored and shared on the ELETTRA central storage
- Data analysis pipeline implented manually
- Pilatus communication errors (under investigation)
- Abort actions raised problems with some instrumentation