



The Bluesky Project Contributors

# National Synchrotron Light Source II



("Giant X-ray beam")

## NSLS-II is a "User Facility"

- Scientific Staff spend 20% time on experiments, the rest on user support
- Users mail samples or visit for ~1–10 days
- 28 active instruments ("beamlines"), 60-70 planned

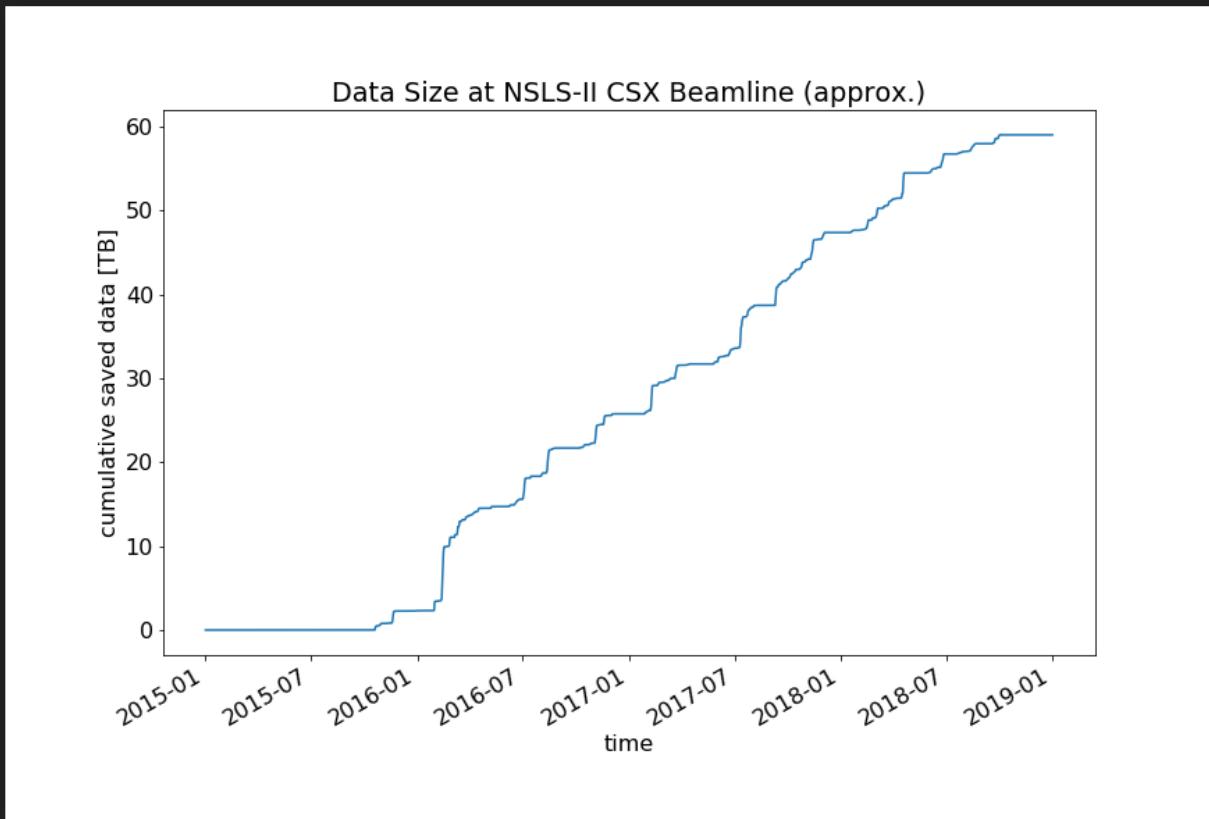
# USER FACILITIES HAVE A DATA PROBLEM

We can learn a lot from particle physics, astronomy, and climate science....but we have some unique problems too.

## What changed to make data problems harder?

- Sources got brighter; detectors got larger and faster: greater data *velocity* and *volume*.
- This exposes the *variety* problem we have at user facilities:
  - Large and changing collection of instruments
  - Wide span of data rates, structures, and access patterns
  - Mix of well-established data processing procedures and original, improvised techniques
- Multi-modal analysis makes this an  $N^2$ , ... problem.

"Big data is whatever is larger  
than your field is used to."



A spot check for data volume at an NSLS-II Project Beamline so...

What changed to make data problems easier?

# Free, open-source scientific software exploded.

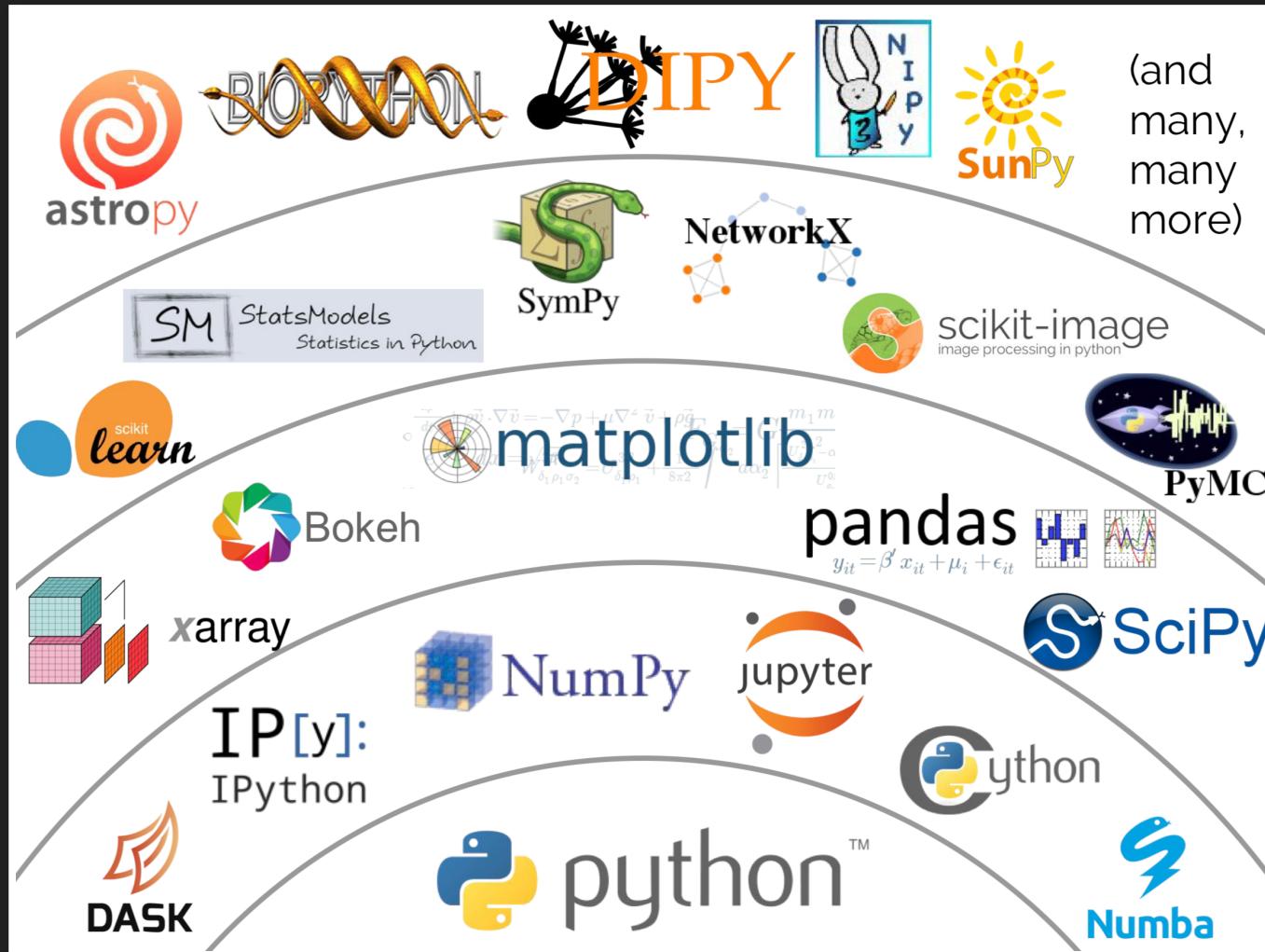


Figure Credit: "The Unexpected Effectiveness of Python in Science", PyCon 2017



## Growth of major programming languages

Based on Stack Overflow question views in World Bank high-income countries

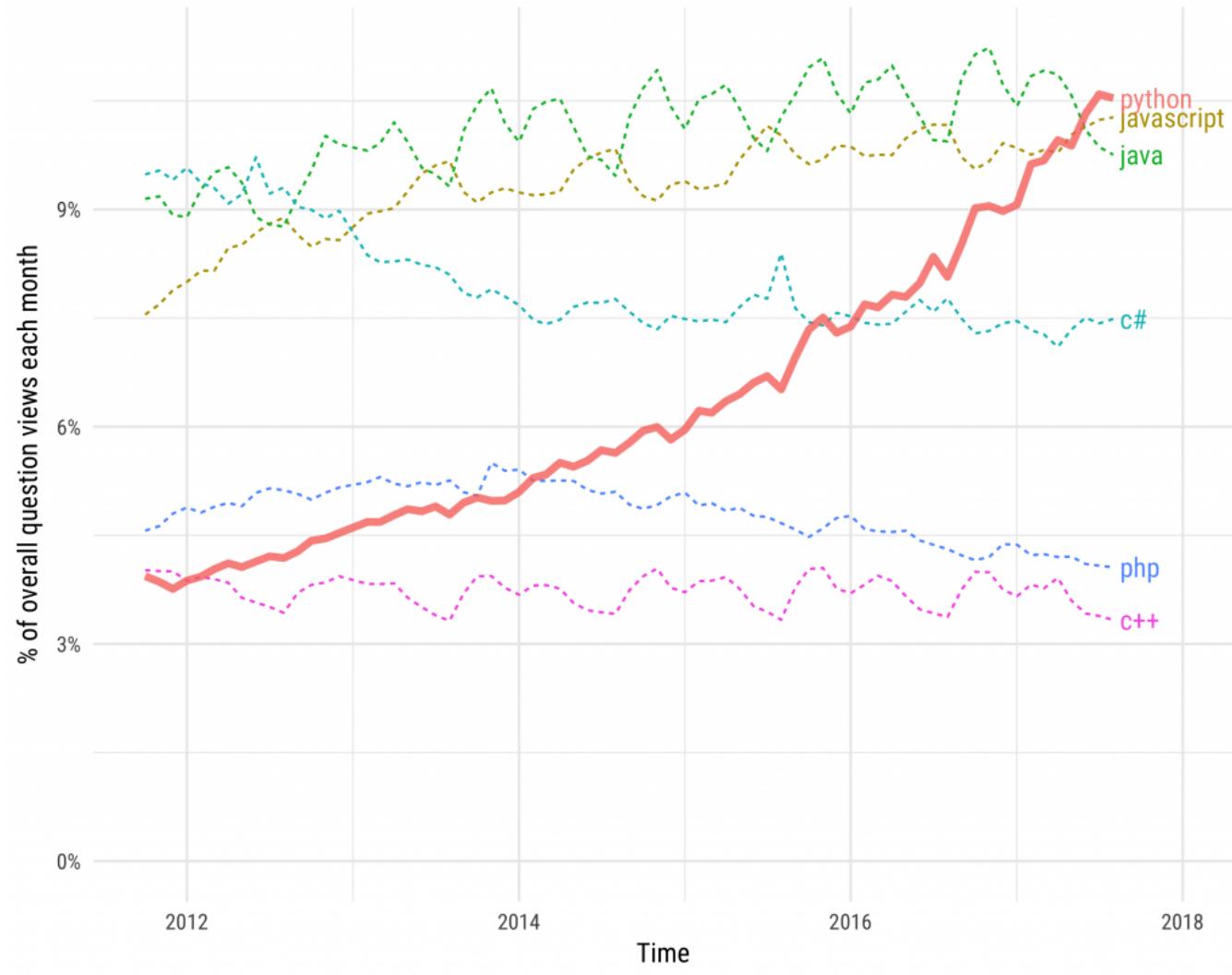


Figure Credit: Stack Overflow Blog <https://stackoverflow.blog/2017/09/06/incredible-growth-python/>

HPC is becoming more accessible.

One inviting example: [jupyter.nersc.gov](https://jupyter.nersc.gov)



- Jupyter as a familiar, user-friendly portal
- Dask for familiar numpy/pandas idioms distributed over many nodes

Also: Commodity cloud-based tools

Lately it's become more practical to work openly and collaboratively....

- across instruments within a facility
- between facilities
- with outside communities with similar data problems (e.g. climate science)

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# ...which is not a new idea, but ease-of-use matters.

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## **Brookhaven Lab to Hold "Open Source/Open Science" Conference, Oct. 2**

UPTON, NY - The U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory will host a conference titled "Open Source/Open Science" on Saturday, October 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Laboratory's Berkner Hall. The public is invited to the conference, but pre-registration is required. The fee for the conference is \$25, which includes lunch.

Open Source software is free software, typically released over the Internet so that a broad audience can evaluate and test it. The conference will bring together scientists and developers to exchange ideas about the use of Open Source software in scientific research at Brookhaven, as well as at other laboratories and universities. Talks by invited speakers, posters, demonstrations and vendor exhibits will be featured at the conference. Also offered will be tours of some of Brookhaven Lab's facilities in which Open Source software is used.

Among the talks and speakers featured at the conference will be:

- "What is Open Source?" Bruce Perens, the principal author of the Open Source definition
- "The Open Science Project," by Dan Gezelter from [openscience.org](http://openscience.org)
- "Open Source Computing for BNL's Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider," Tom Throwe, Brookhaven Lab
- "Open Visualization Data Explorer," Bill Horn, IBM
- "Open GL and GLX: High Performance 3D Graphics for Linux," Jon Leech, SGI
- "ACEDB: An Open Source Object-Oriented Database," Lincoln Stein, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
- "Open Source in Medical Imaging," Bill Rooney, Brookhaven Lab
- "Using Beowulf for Macromolecular Crystallography at the National Synchrotron Light Source," Malcolm Capel, Brookhaven Lab

Also, a panel of experts will discuss the issues that must be overcome by federal facilities in order to use and contribute to Open Source technologies.

To register for the conference, go to the Web site <http://openscience.bnl.gov>, and follow the registration instructions. The registration deadline is September 26. For more information, call (516)344-3582 or (516)344-5682.

Brookhaven National Laboratory is located on William Floyd Parkway (County Road 46), one-and-a-half miles north of Exit 68 on the Long Island Expressway.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory creates and operates major facilities available to university, industrial and government personnel for basic and applied research in the physical, biomedical and environmental sciences, and in selected energy technologies. The Laboratory is operated by Brookhaven Science Associates, a not-for-profit research management company, under contract with the U.S. Department of Energy.

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# STATUS QUO: DATA AND METADATA ARE SCATTERED

- Some critical context is only in people's heads
- Many file formats (tif, cbf, Nexus, other HDF5, proprietary, ...)
- `meta_data_in_37K_fname_005_NaCl_cal.t`
- "Magic numbers" buried in analysis tools
- Notes in paper notebooks

## What's the problem?

- Not machine-readable or searchable
- Relationship between any two pieces of data unclear
- Inhibits multi-modal work
- Inhibits code reuse
- Not streaming friendly

What do we need to systematically track?

## Experimental Data

Analysis needs more than "primary" data stream:

- Timestamps
- Secondary measurements
- "Fixed" experimental values
- Calibration / beam-line configuration data
- Hardware settings
- Hardware diagnostics
- Physical details of the hardware

## Sample Data

- What is the sample?
- What is the contrast mechanism?
- Why are we looking at it?
- How was it prepared?

## Bureaucratic & Management Information

- Where is the data and how to get it?
- Who took the data?
- Who owns or can access the data?
- How long will we keep the data?

# DESIGN GOALS

both technical and sociological

for an end-to-end data acquisition and analysis  
solution that leverages data science libraries

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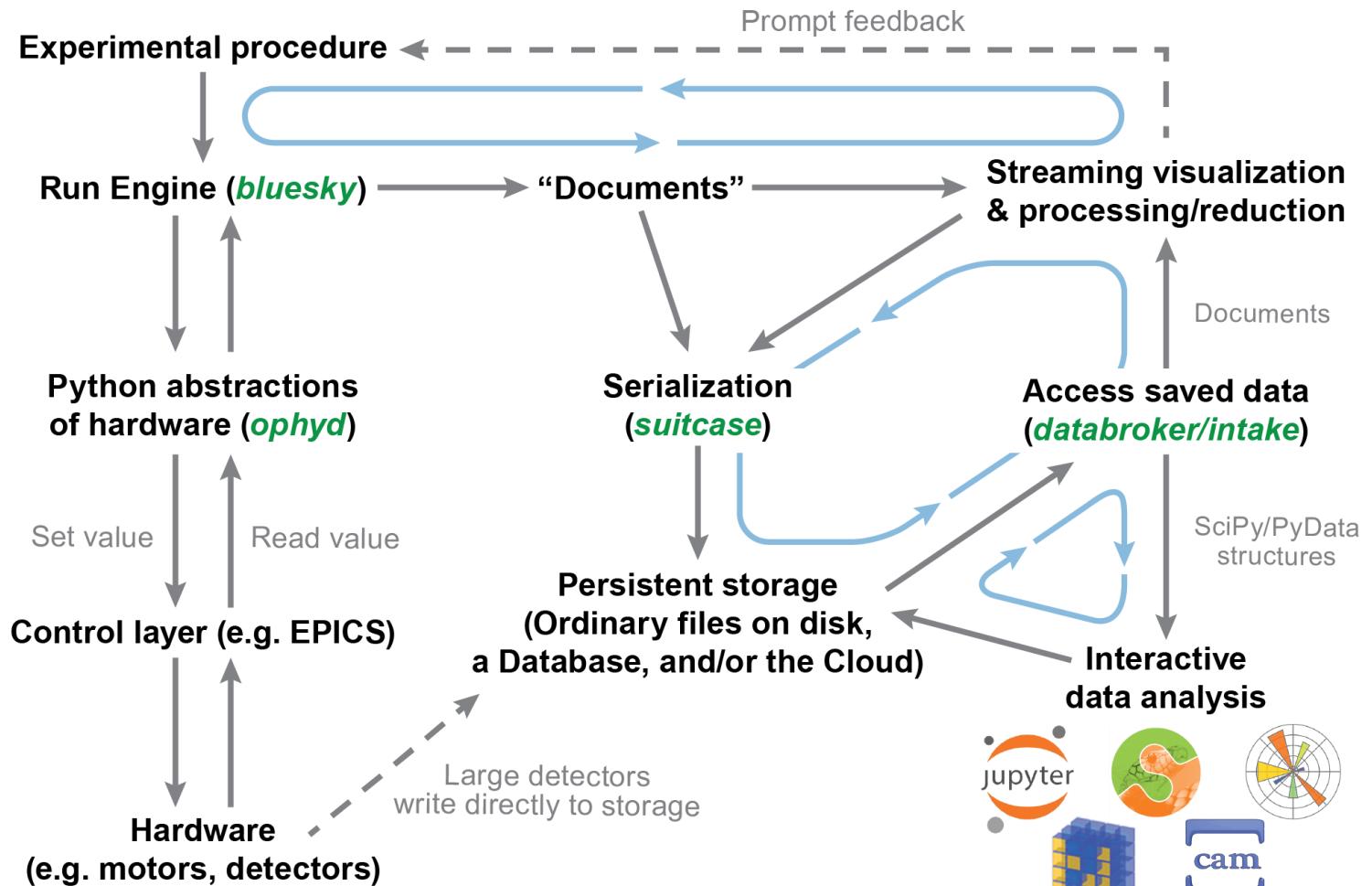
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- Drawing inspiration from the numpy project, embrace *protocols* and *interfaces* for interoperability.

# It's working!



# BLUESKY ARCHITECTURE



## Layered design of Python libraries that are:

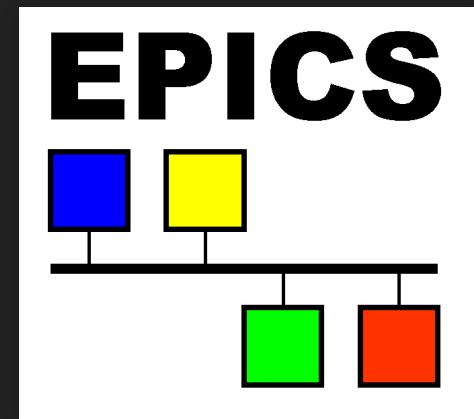
- co-developed and compatible...
- ...but individually usable and useful
- with well-defined programmatic interfaces

*Looking at each component, from the bottom up....*

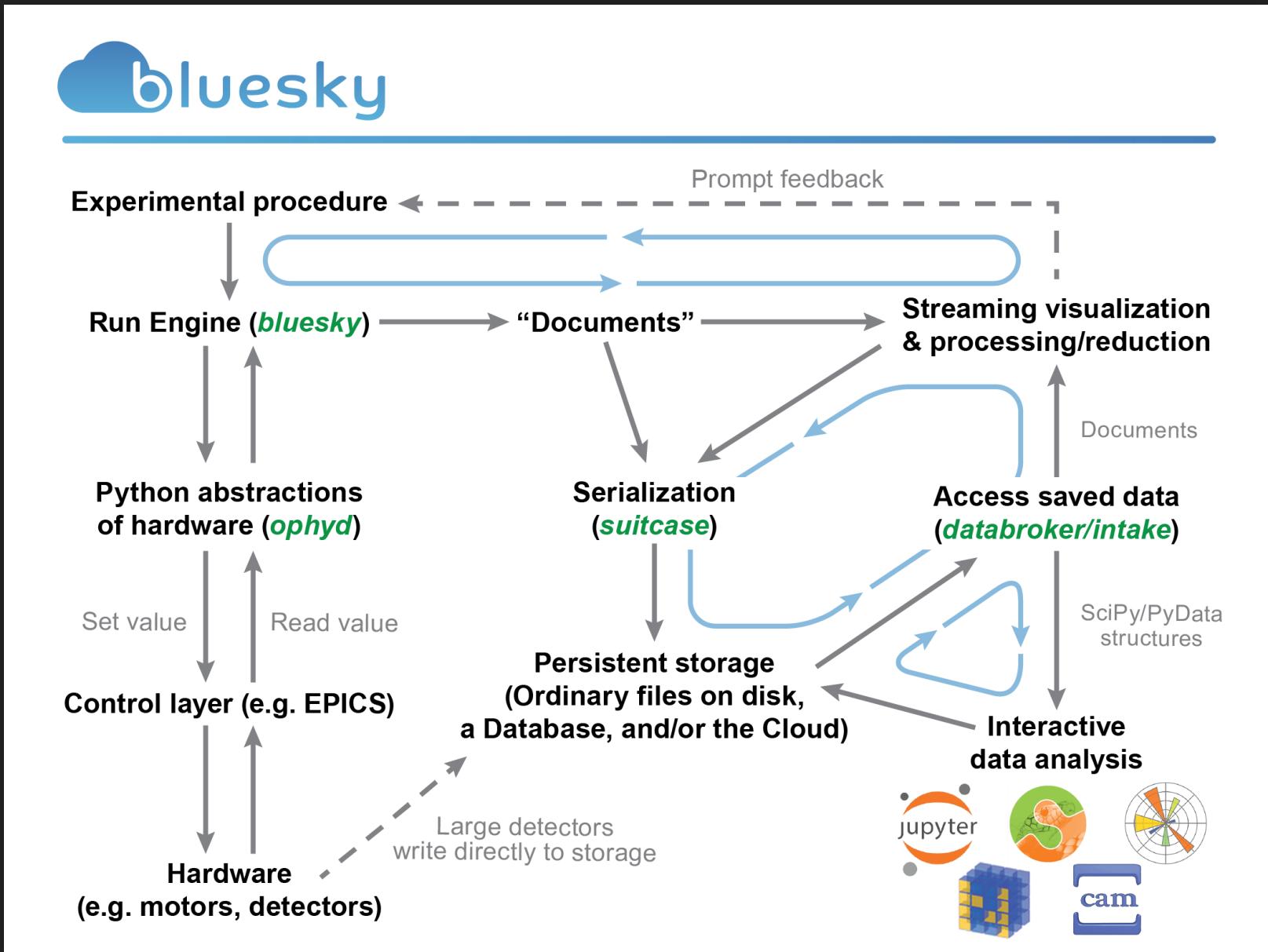
## Device Drivers and Underlying Control Layer(s)

You might have a pile of hardware that communicates over one or more of:

- Experimental Physics and Industrial Control System (EPICS)
- LabView
- Some other standard
- Some vendor-specific, one-off serial or socket protocol



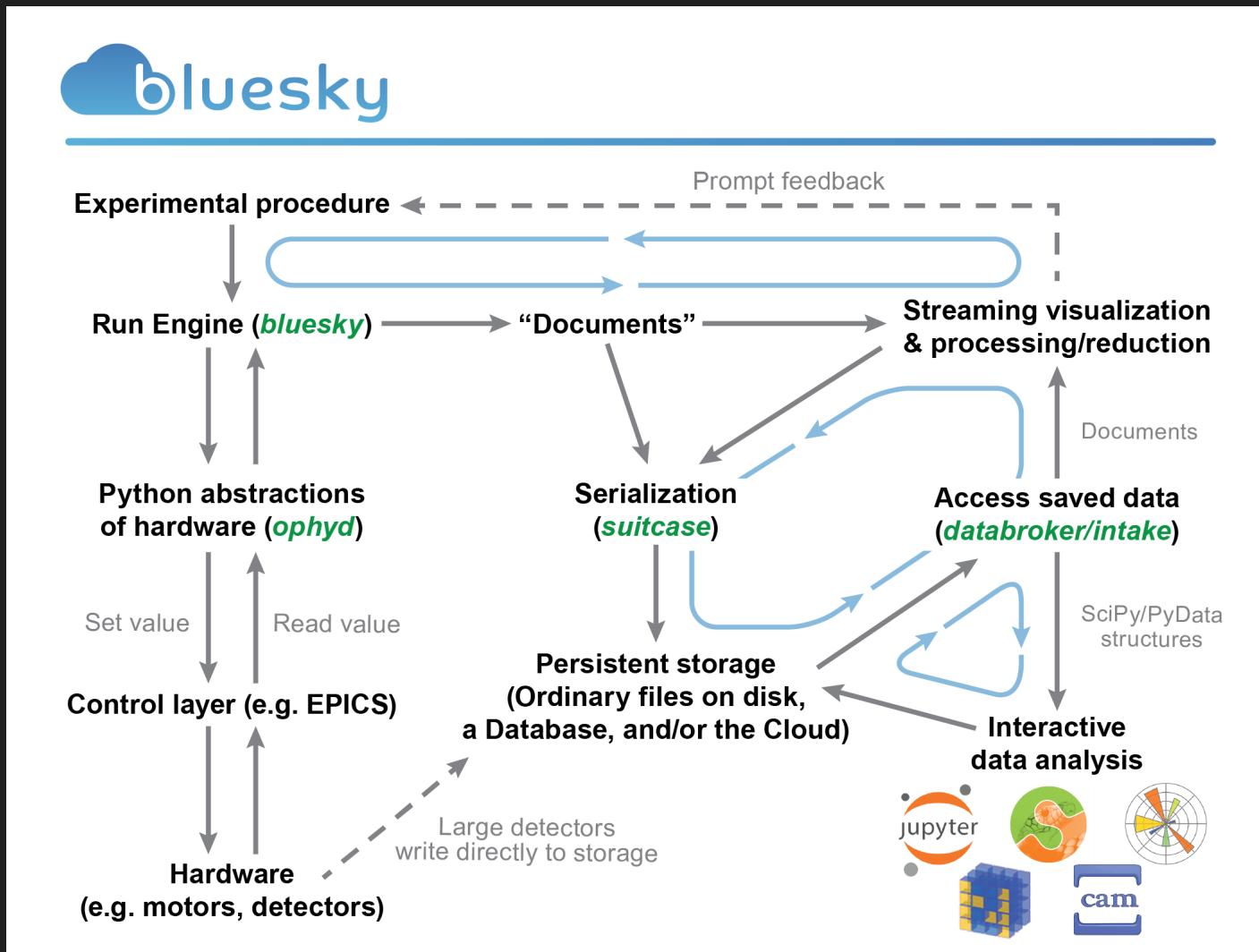
# Ophyd abstracts over the specific control layer.



## Ophyd: a hardware abstraction layer

- Put the control layer behind a **high-level interface** with methods like `trigger()`, `read()`, and `set(...)`.
- **Group** individual signals into logical "Devices" to be configured and used as one unit.
- Assign signals and devices **human-friendly names** that propagate into metadata.
- **Categorize** signals by "kind" (primary reading, configuration, engineering/debugging).

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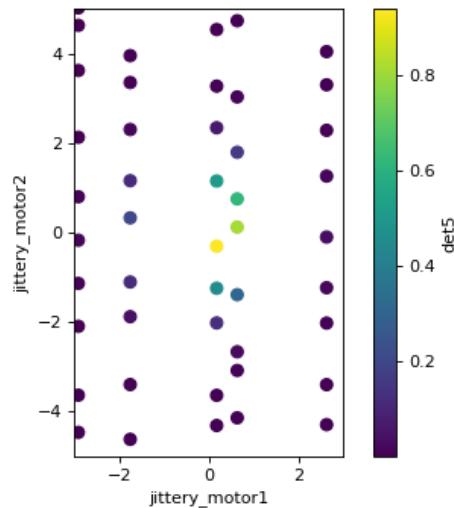
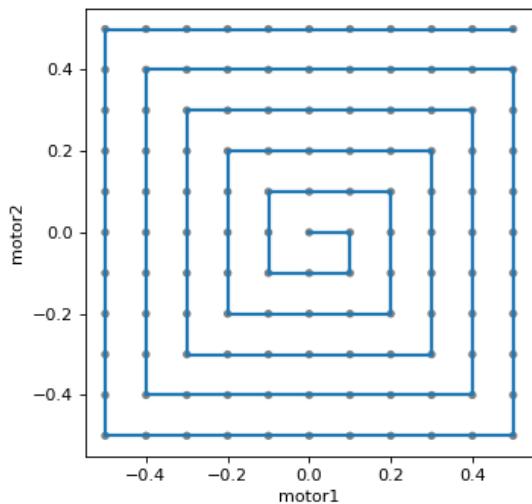
# Bluesky: an experiment specification and orchestration engine

- Specify the logic of an experiment in a hardware-abstracted way. Bluesky says a detector *should* be triggered; ophyd sorts out *how*.
- First-class support for **adaptive feedback** between analysis and acquisition.
- Data is emitted in a **streaming** fashion in standard Python data structures.
- Pause/resume, robust error handling, and rich metadata capture are built in.

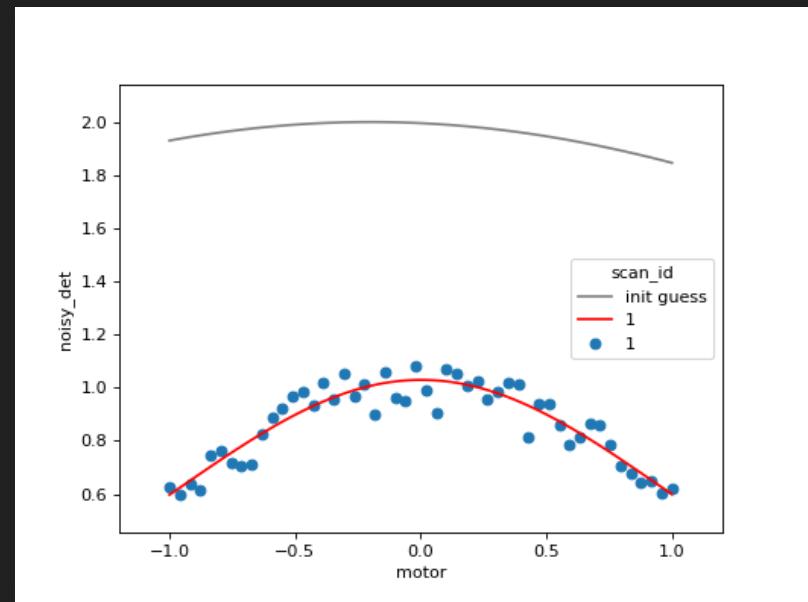
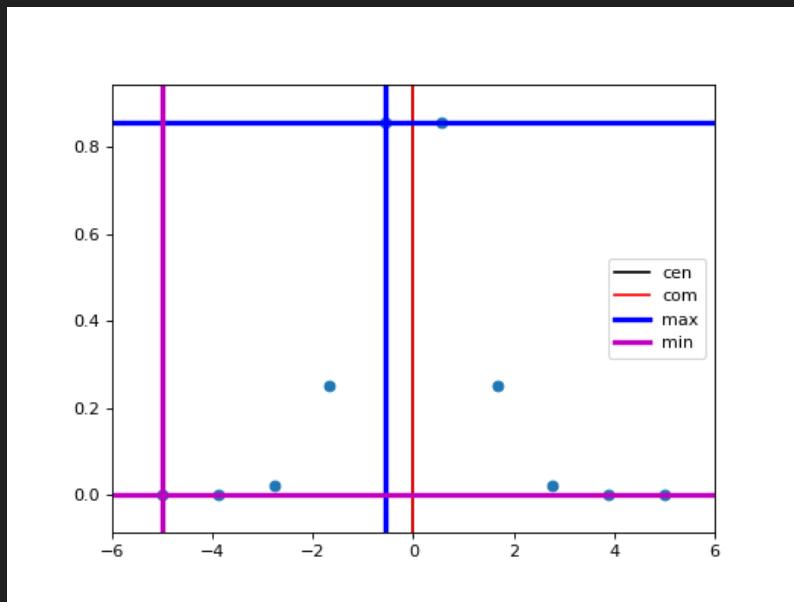
# Mix and match (or create your own) plans...

<code>count</code>	Take one or more readings from detectors.
<code>scan</code>	Scan over one multi-motor trajectory.
<code>rel_scan</code>	Scan over one multi-motor trajectory relative to current position.
<code>list_scan</code>	Scan over one or more variables in steps simultaneously (inner product).
<code>rel_list_scan</code>	Scan over one variable in steps relative to current position.
<code>list_grid_scan</code>	Scan over a mesh; each motor is on an independent trajectory.
<code>rel_list_grid_scan</code>	Scan over a mesh; each motor is on an independent trajectory.
<code>log_scan</code>	Scan over one variable in log-spaced steps.
<code>rel_log_scan</code>	Scan over one variable in log-spaced steps relative to current position.
<code>grid_scan</code>	Scan over a mesh; each motor is on an independent trajectory.
<code>rel_grid_scan</code>	Scan over a mesh relative to current position.
<code>scan_nd</code>	Scan over an arbitrary N-dimensional trajectory.
<code>spiral</code>	Spiral scan, centered around (x_start, y_start)
<code>spiral_fermat</code>	Absolute fermat spiral scan, centered around (x_start, y_start)
<code>spiral_square</code>	Absolute square spiral scan, centered around (x_center, y_center)
<code>rel_spiral</code>	Relative spiral scan

...and streaming-friendly viz...



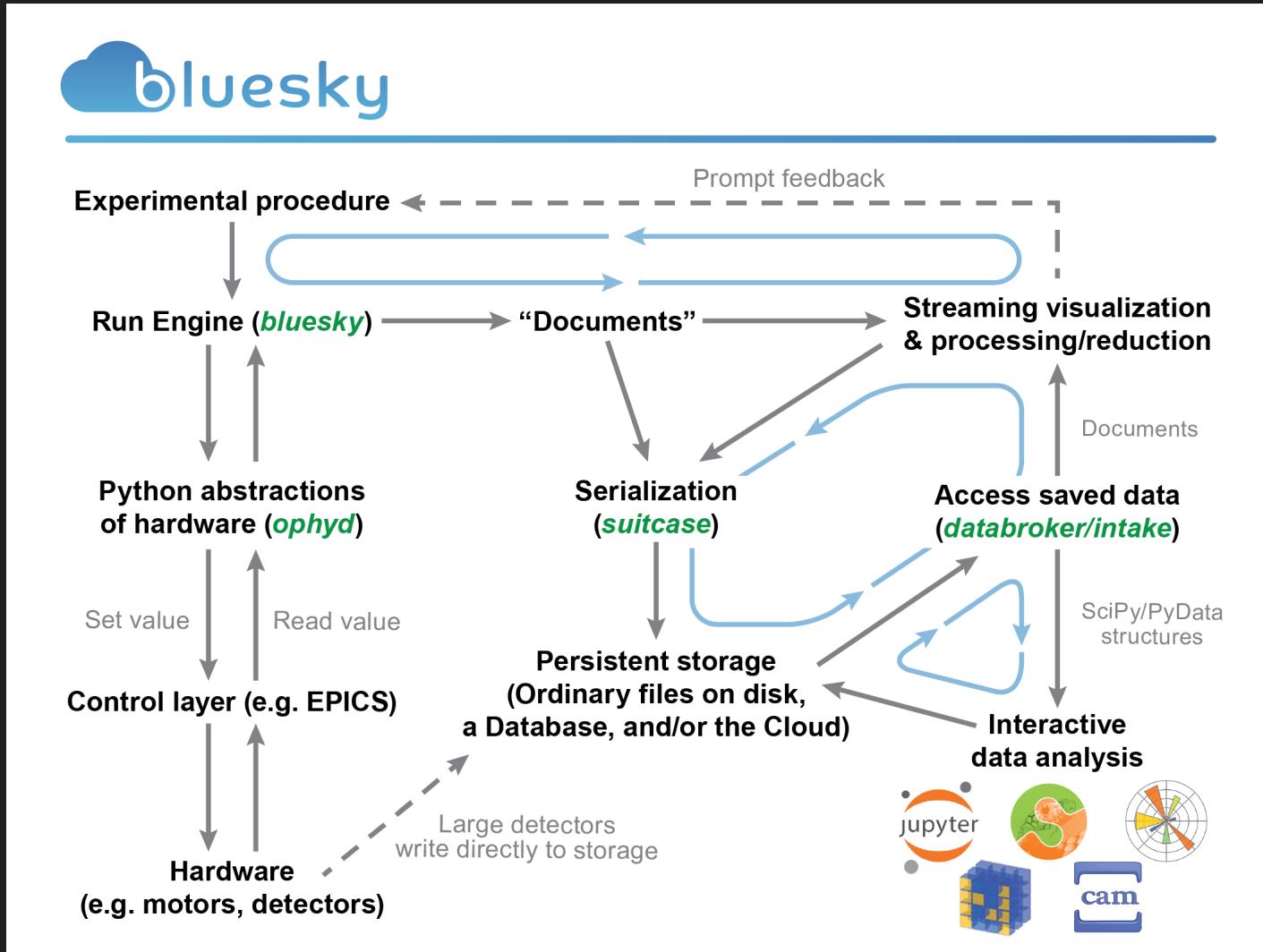
## ...and streaming-friendly analysis



## High Throughput

- Bluesky can process 30k messages/second ("message" = trigger, read, save, ...).
- Typically, the vast majority of its time is spent waiting for hardware to move or acquire.
- To go faster than that, use kickoff ("Go!") — complete ("Call me when you're done.") — collect ("Read out data asynchronously").

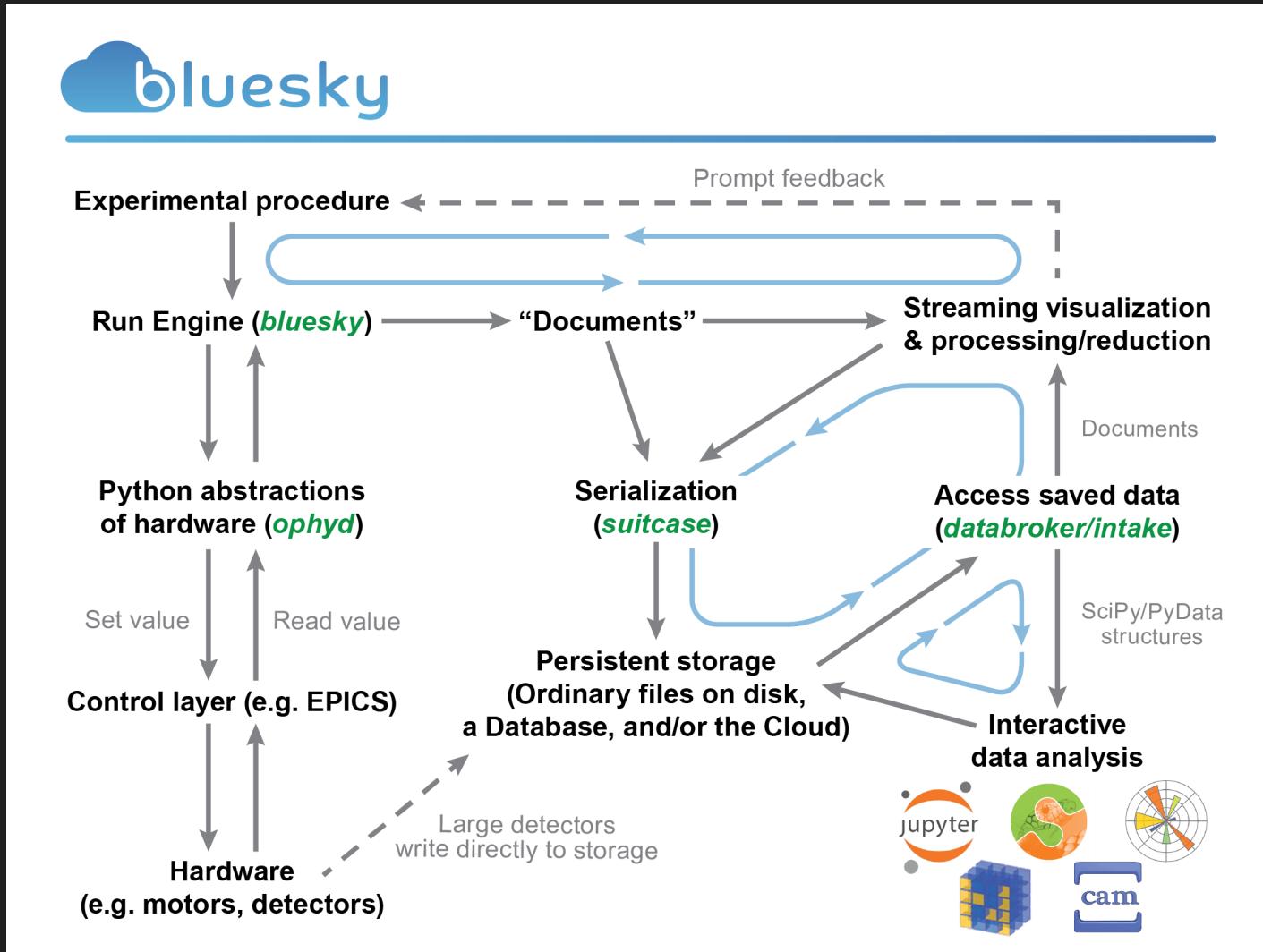
# Suitcase encodes documents for storage or export.



## Suitcase: store in any database or file format

- Lossless storage: MongoDB, msgpack, JSONL
- Lossy export: TIFF, CSV, specfile, ....
- Documentation on how to write a suitcase for your own format
- Use any transport you like. Write to disk (ordinary files), memory buffer, network socket, ....

# DataBroker provides search, access to stored data.



DataBroker takes the hassle out of data access.

- An API on top of a database and/or file.
- Search user-provided and automatically-captured metadata.
- Exactly the same layout originally emitted by Bluesky, so consumer code does not distinguish between "online" and saved data

# Keep I/O Separate from Science Logic!

Interfaces, not File Formats

- The system is **unopinionated about data formats**.
- Can change storage with no change to consumer code.
- Any file I/O happens transparently: the **user never sees files**, just gets data in memory (e.g. a numpy array, a mapping with labeled metadata).
- Your detector writes in a special format?  
Register a custom reader.

# EMBRACE INTERFACES

The most important aspect of the Bluesky architecture  
are the well-defined protocols and interfaces.

Interfaces enable:

- Interoperable tools without explicit coordination
- Unforeseen applications

# Interface Example: Iteration in Python

```
for x in range(10):
    ...

class MyObject:
    def __iter__(self):
        ...

for x in MyObject():
    ...
```

## Interface Example: numpy array protocol

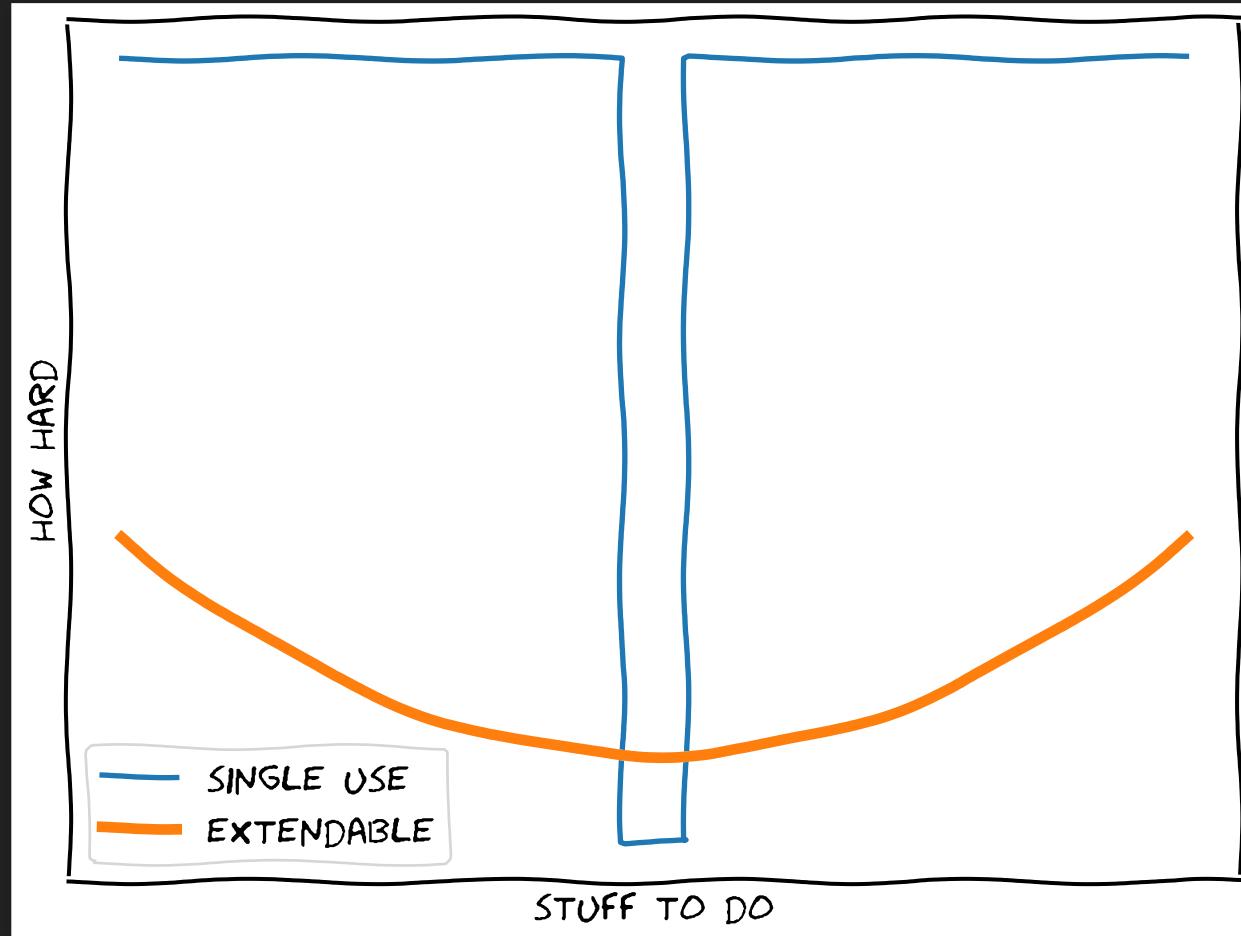
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import pandas
import numpy

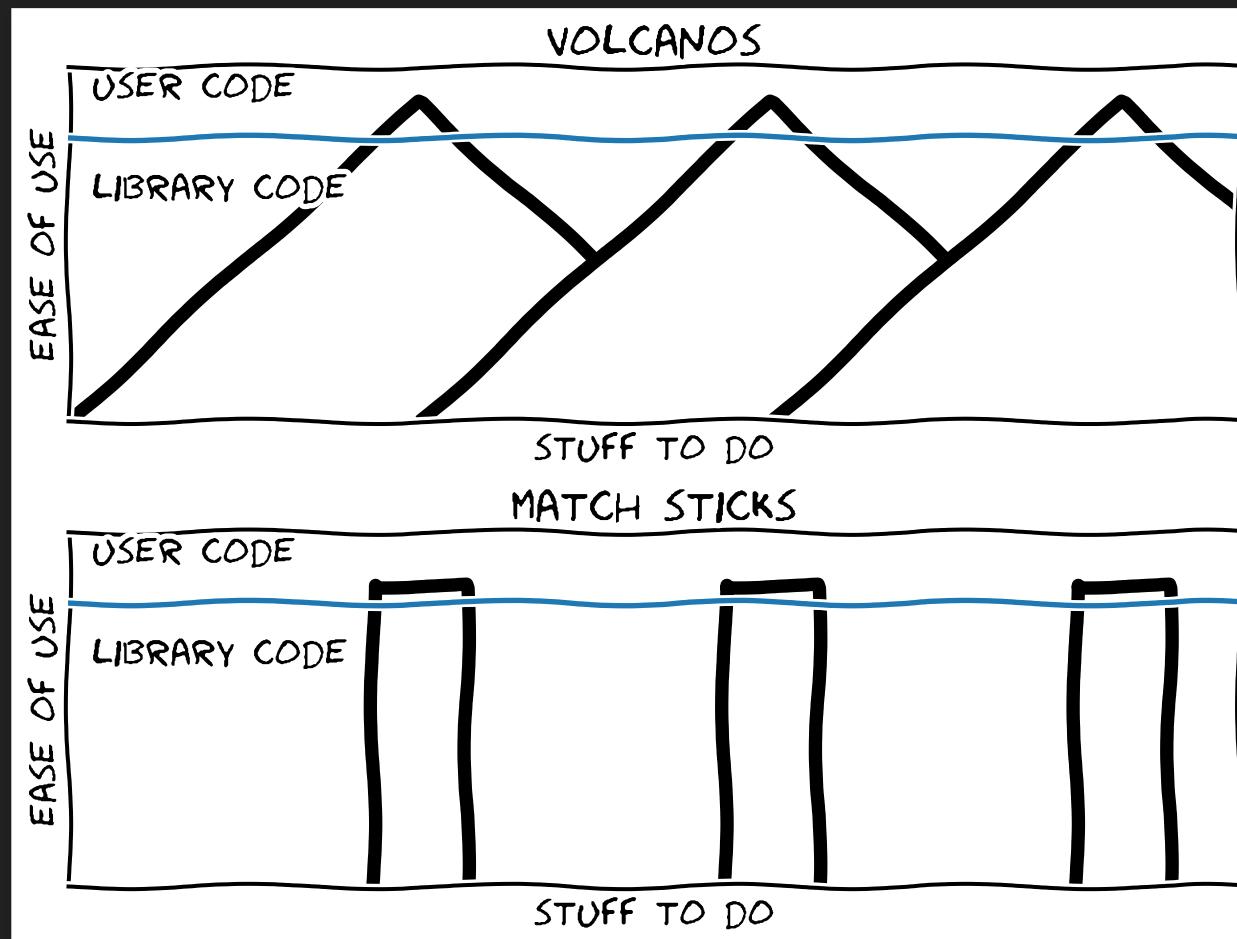
df = pandas.DataFrame({'intensity': [1,1,2,3]})
numpy.sum(df)
```

## Interfaces in Bluesky

- Event Model – connects data producers to consumers
- Message protocol – connects experiment sequencing with inspection and execution
- Ophyd hardware abstraction – connects what you want to do to how to do it

# EMBRACE LAYERED EXTENDABLE CODE





EMBRACE COMMUNITY OPEN-SOURCE  
PROCESSES

## Work openly

- Use version control.
- Make new work public from the start.
- Put ideas and roadmaps on GitHub issues where others can search, read, comment.

Automated tests are essential

They enable people to try new ideas with confidence.

- Ensure that we don't accidentally break our ability to recreate important results.
- Ensure that *my* "improvement" won't accidentally break *your* research code by protecting it with tests that verify key results.
- Continuous Integration services ensure the tests always get run on every proposed change.

Good, current documentation is essential.

It convinces people that it might be easier to learn *your* thing than to write their own.

- Complete installation instructions
- Fully worked examples
- Tools for simulating data or public links to example data sets

# EVENT MODEL

## Minimalist and Extensible

- Every document has a unique ID and a timestamp.
- Specific domains, facilities, collaborations, research groups can overlay schemas implementing their own standards (e.g. [SciData](#), [PIF](#)).



**Run Start:** Metadata about this run, including everything we know in advance: time, type of experiment, sample info., etc.



**Run Stop:** Additional metadata known at the end: what time it completed and its exit status (success, aborted, failed)



**Event:** Readings and timestamps



**Event Descriptor:** Metadata about the readings in the event (units, precision, etc.) and the relevant hardware

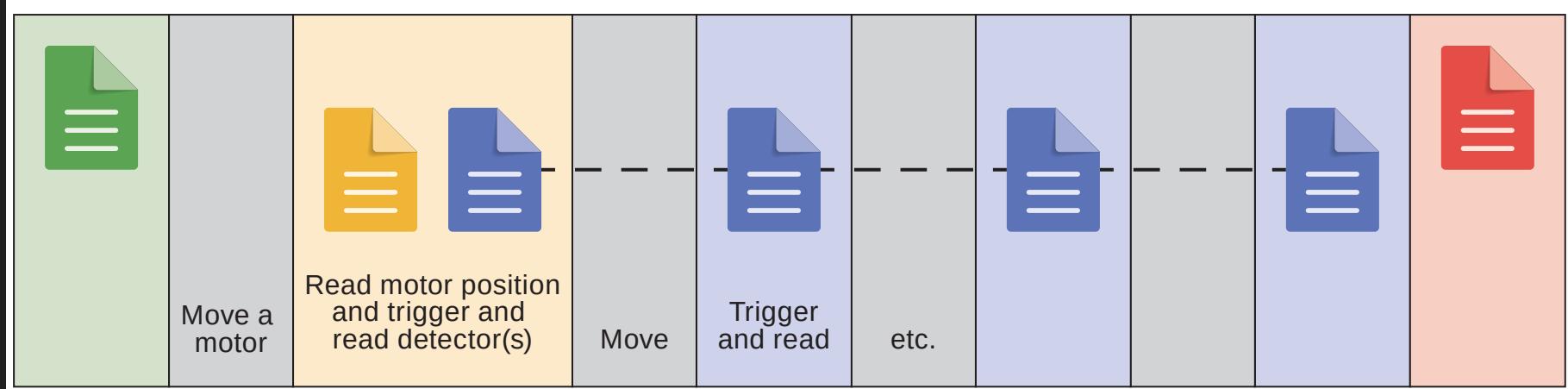
## Example 1: Simplest Possible Run



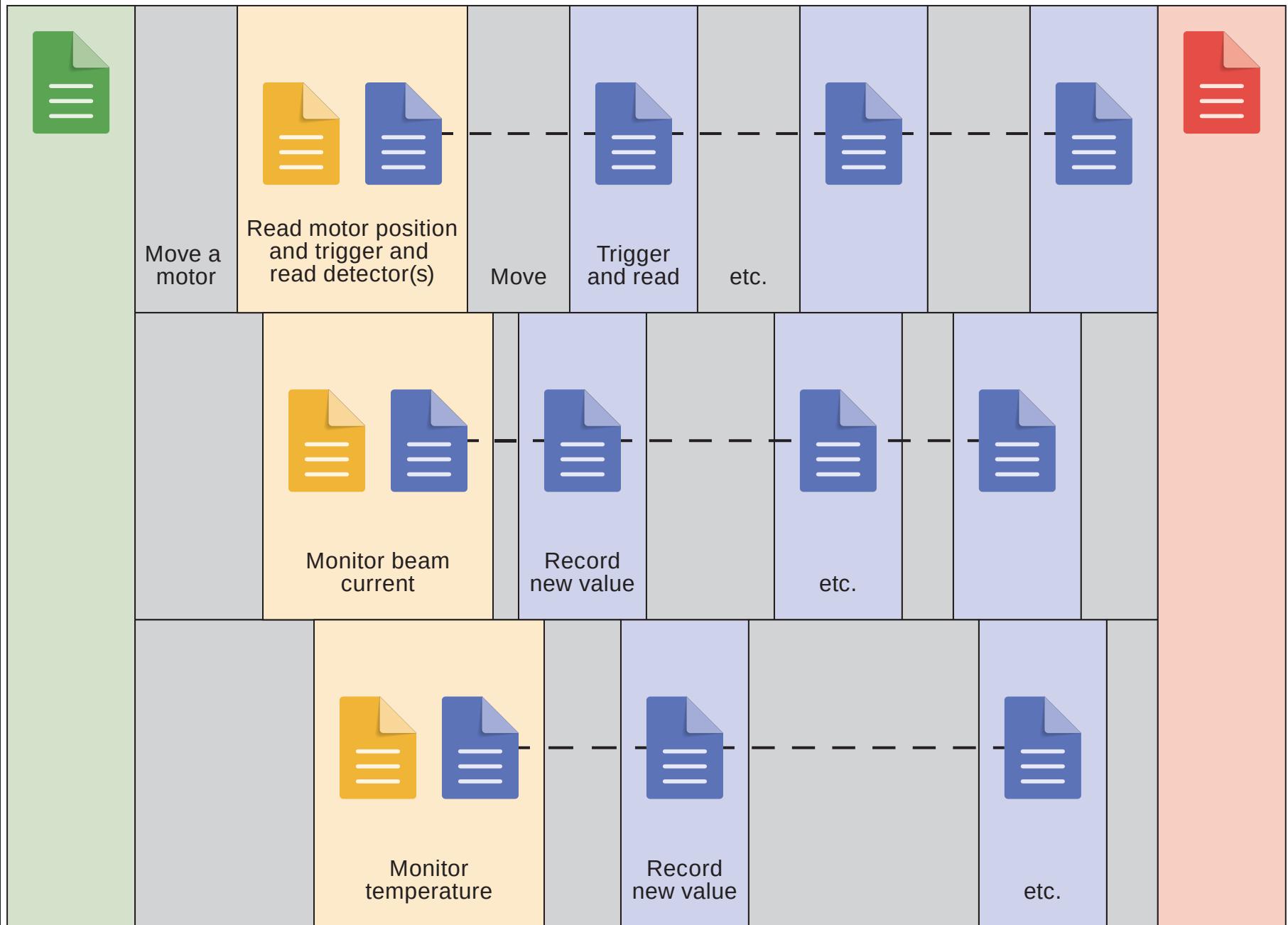
Do nothing - this is the simplest possible experiment!



## Example 2: A Simple Scan



### Example 3: Asynchronously Monitor During a Scan





## Bluesky emits documents, streamed or in batches

- Bluesky is responsible for organizing metadata and readings from hardware into valid documents.
- Sometimes the readings come one at a time and Events are emitted steadily during an experiment.
- In special applications (commonly, *fly scans*) the readings come from the hardware in bulk and Events are emitted in batch(es).

# ADAPTIVE EXPERIMENTS

## Feedback Paths

- prompt / real-time analysis to steer experiment
- "human-in-the-loop"
- "computer-in-the-loop"
- data quality checks

## Scales of Adaptive-ness

1. below bluesky & ophyd
2. in bluesky plans, but without generating **event**
3. providing feedback on a per-**event** basis
4. providing feedback on a per-run / **start** basis
5. providing feedback across many runs
6. asynchronous and decoupled feedback

## below bluesky & ophyd

- timescale:  $\gg 10\text{Hz}$
- very limited time budget for analysis
- very limited access to data
- tightly coupled to hardware (PID loop, FGPA)
- expensive to develop

in bluesky plans, but without generating **event**

- timescale: 1-10Hz
- limited time budget for analysis
- limited access to data
- logic implemented in Python in acquisition process
- coupled to hardware
- can be used for filtering

providing feedback on a per-**event** basis

- timescale: 1-5s
- modest time budget for analysis
- access to "single point" of data (& cache)
- run in or out of acquisition process

providing feedback on a per-run / **start** basis

- timescale: 5-60s
- modest time budget for analysis
- access to "full scan" data (& cache)
- run in or out of acquisition process

providing feedback across many runs

- timescale:  $\infty$
- arbitrarily compute budget
- access to all historical data
- multi-modal

## asynchronous and decoupled feedback

- Is the beam up?
- Is the shutter open?
- Is the sample still in the beam?
- Do we have enough data on this sample?
- Is the sample toast?

Docs with theory and examples:  
[bluesky/bluesky-adaptive](#)

# WHAT IS NEEDED FOR REMOTE DATA ACQUISITION?

## Components of Remote Acquisition

- Monitoring the instrument's status
- Invoking acquisition to collect data
- Reviewing / processing / interact with just-collected data

## Beamline Status

- Is the RunEngine running or idle?
- Is the shutter open?
- Is the ring up?
- Where are some key motors?

This is best handled by something that will re-publish from the control system (e.g. EPICS) using web-based OPIs, industry standard monitoring tools, or simple web pages.

## Invoke Acquisition

Each level of access builds on the previous one:

1. Physical, manual access (e.g. with a wrench)
2. Direct access (read/write to PVs)
3. Device-level access (Ophyd, Tango)
4. Procedure-level access (bluesky plans)

The procedure level is the one we target for remote access.

## Review Data

- Live-updating visualizations of streaming data
- Browsable catalog of saved data
- Export / download
- Interactive exploration via Jupyter

This is addressed by web portals which likely need to be facility- or instrument-specific (but we can share components).

# BLUESKY RUNENGINE AS A SERVICE

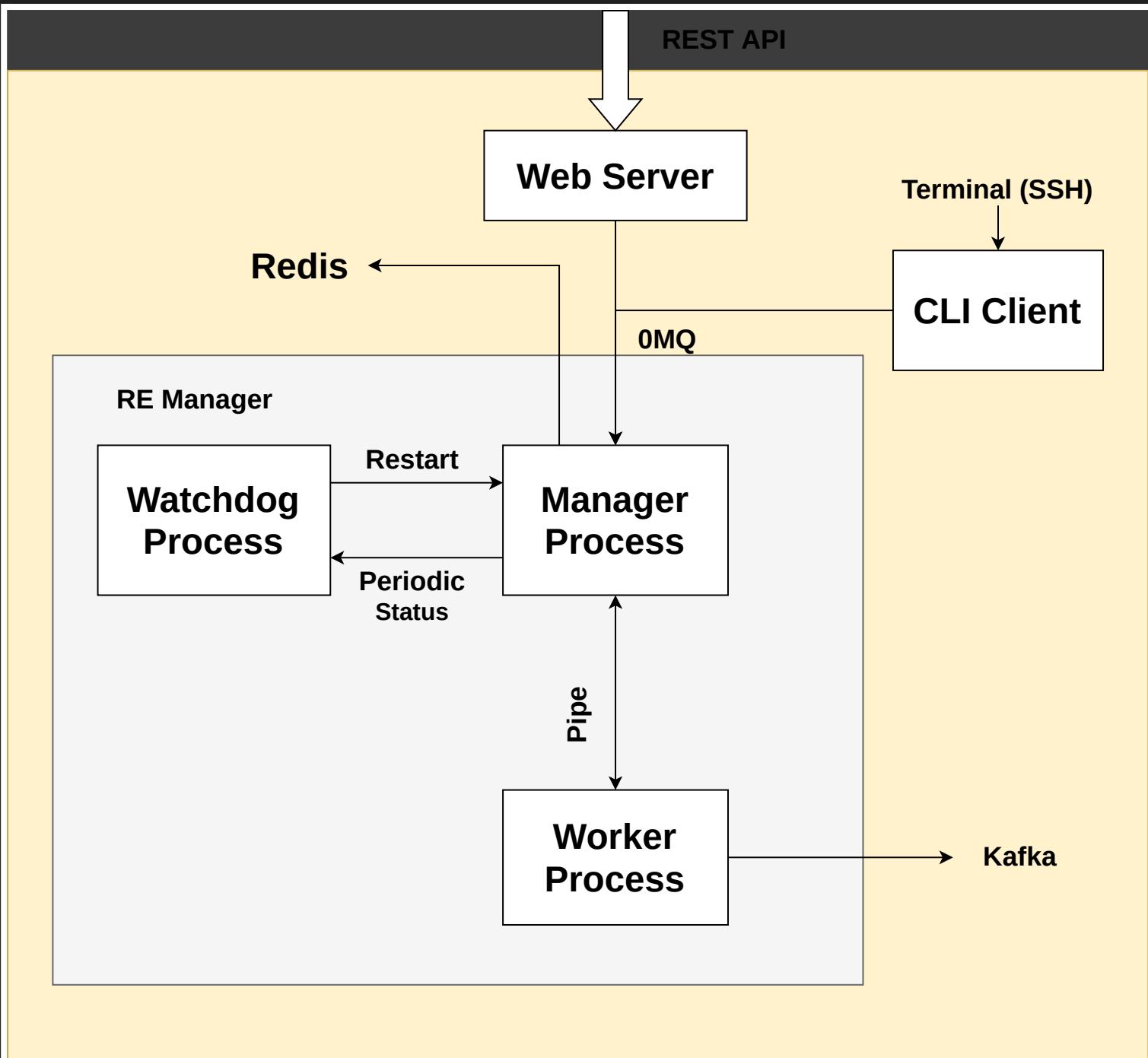
- Support remote and multi-tenant data acquisition
- Documentation: [bluesky-queueserver](#)
- Highly resourced by NSLS-II Remote Experiments Task Force
- Under rapid development (~2 large PRs / week)

Traditional in-person, REPL-based control assumes:

- RunEngine, ophyd objects, CA connections all live in one process that user runs at local workstation
- User has exclusive control, enforced by physical presence

To enable remote operation we need to:

- Enforce exclusive control
- Run procedures without full access to the beamline
- Provide per-user profiles of what devices and procedures a user can access

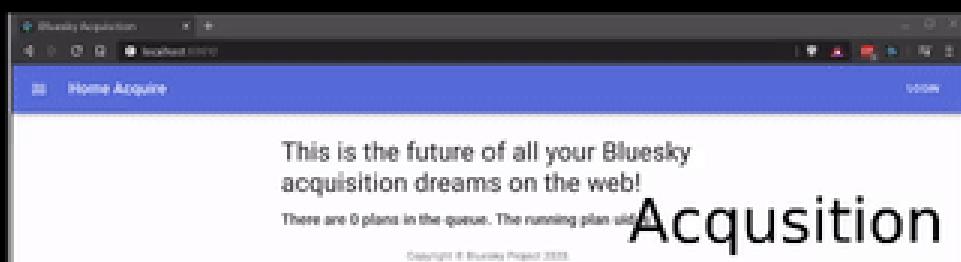




# Queue (http) server

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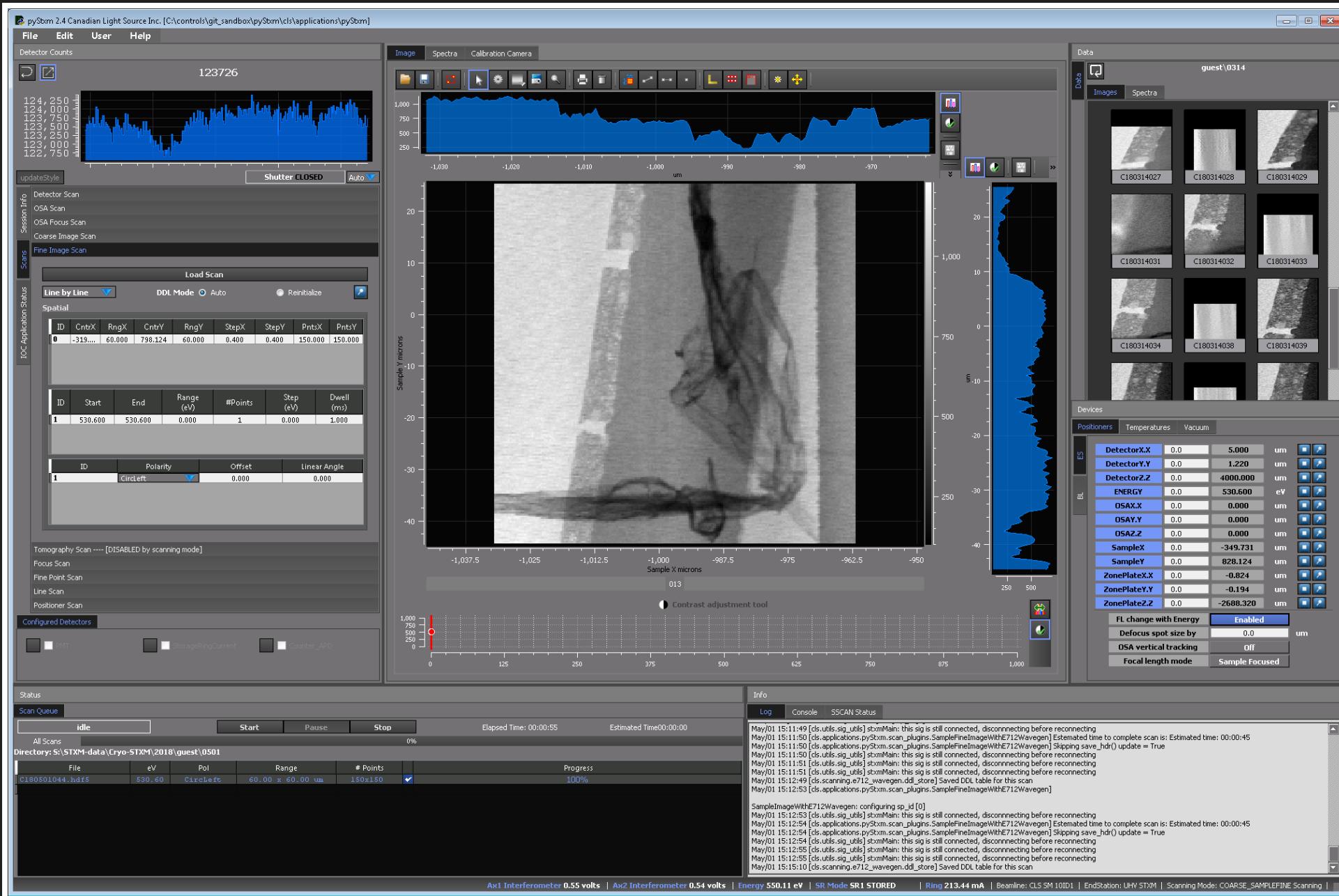


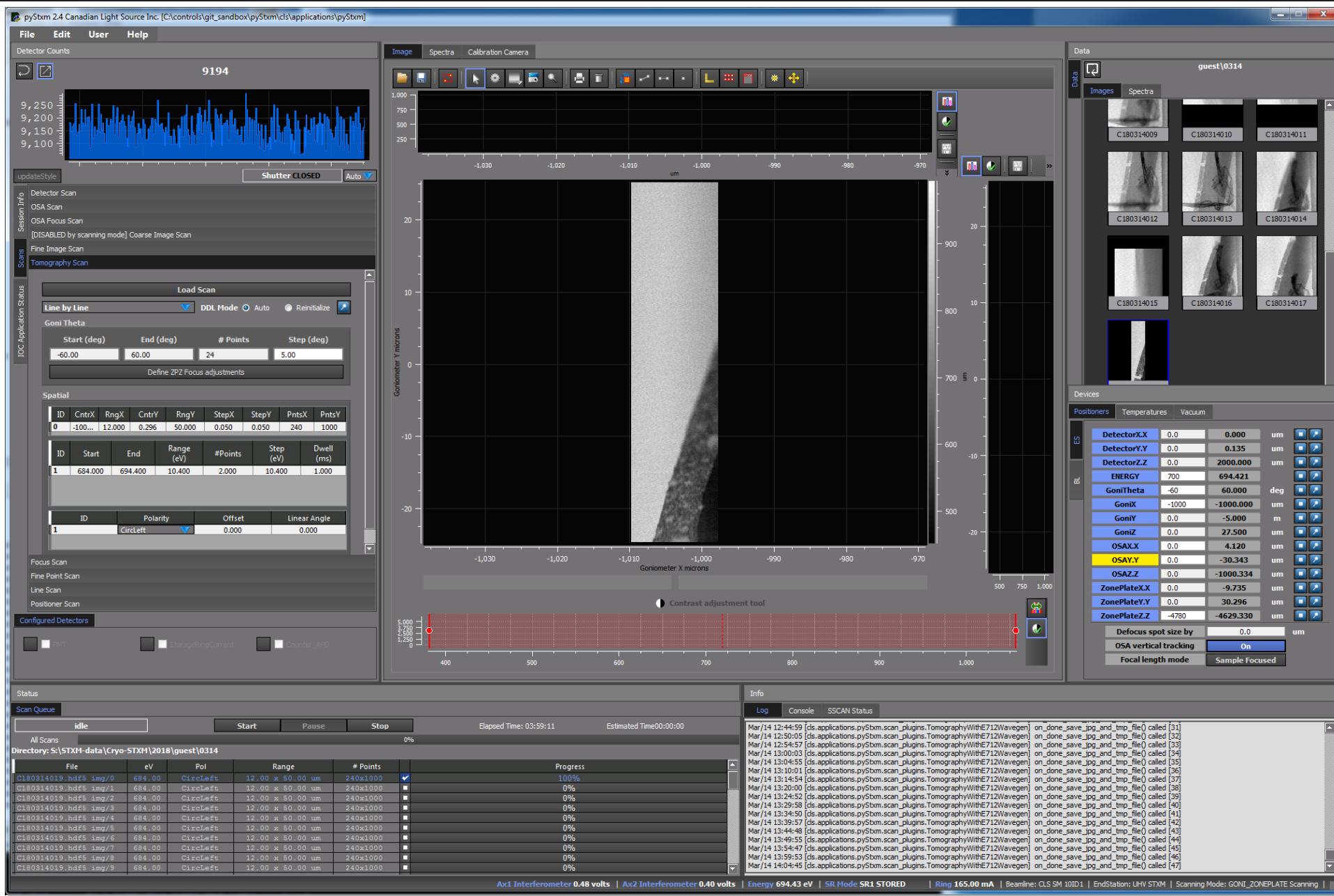
# SURVEY OF COMMUNITY UI DEVELOPMENTS

Various institutions are building graphical user interfaces on Bluesky.

## pyStxm at Canadian Light Source (Russ Berg)

- Desktop-based (Qt)
- Formerly had custom scanning engine
- Refactored to use Bluesky
- [RussBerg/pyStxm3](#)





# GUI for SAXS at Australian Synchrotron (Stephen Mudie)

- Web-based (React)
- Code partially available at  
[AustralianSynchrotron/saxs\\_beamline\\_library\\_react](https://AustralianSynchrotron/saxs_beamline_library_react)
- Plans to be fully open in a week or so

SAXSY McSAXSFace

localhost:3000

SAXS Beamline Status: Status Unavailable Detector Status: Status Unavailable Mono Shutter: CLOSE OPEN

PEW PEW!!! PAUSE FINISH Idle...

Number of Acquisitions: 1 Ad Infinitum Delay between Acquisitions: 0 Use Shutter

NOT CONNECTED NOT CONNECTED

Description

SAVE SCAN LOAD SCAN RUN SCAN PAUSE SCAN ABORT SCAN

Loop 0 Loop 1 Loop 2 +

No. Points: 20 Delay (s): 0 Positioner: Sample Table X

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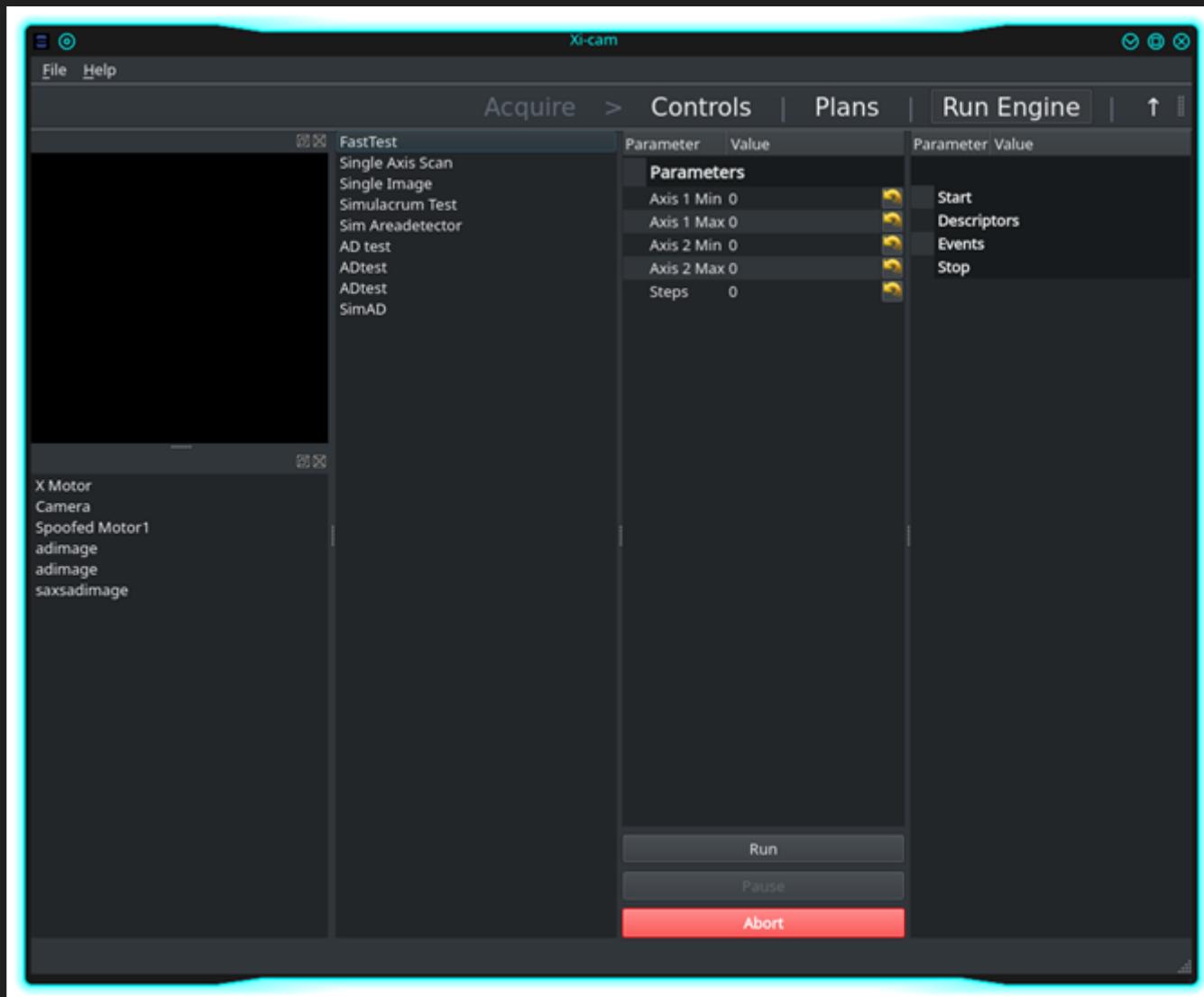
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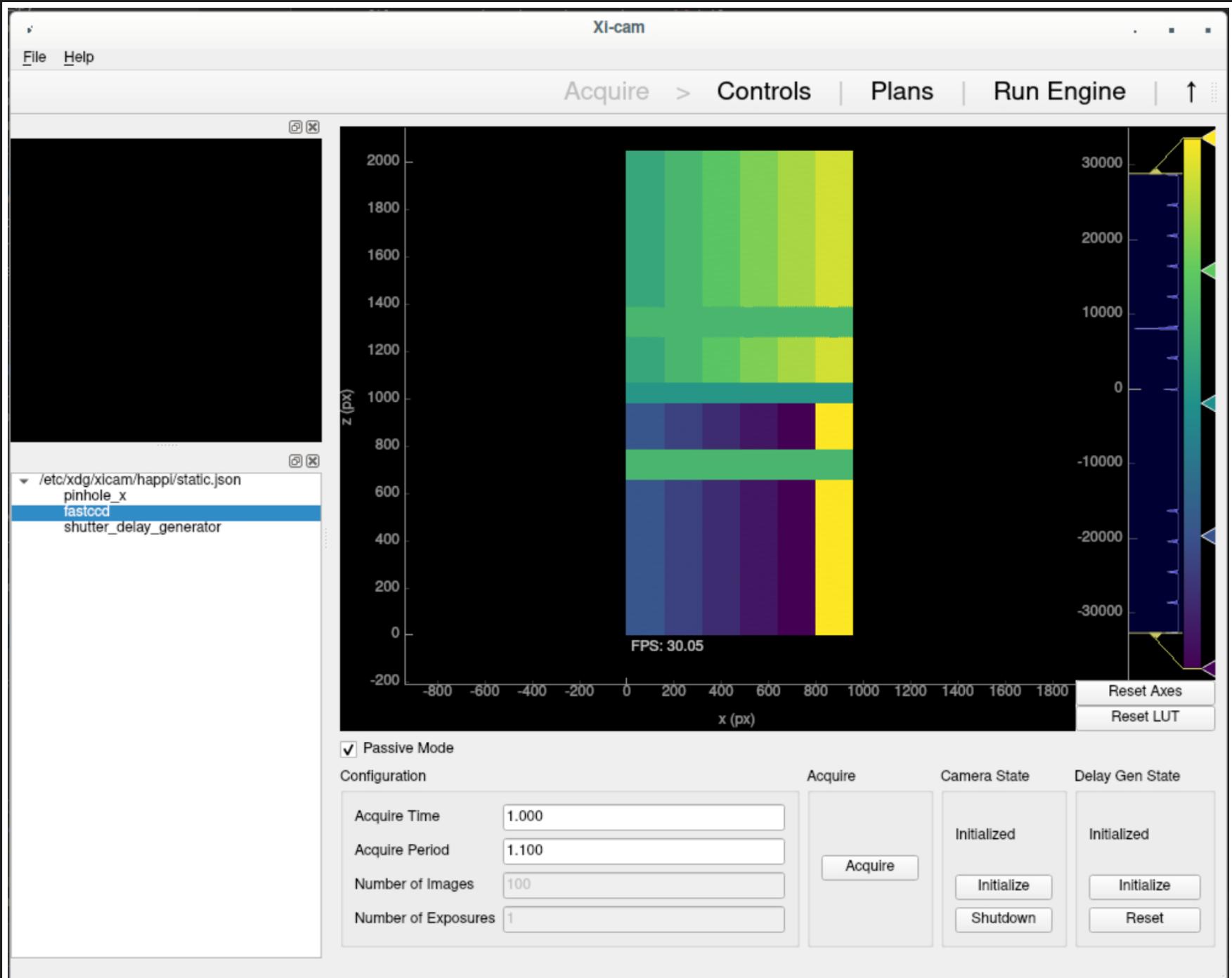
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This screenshot shows the SAXSY McSAXSFace software interface, specifically the 'SAXS' tab. The top navigation bar includes the title 'SAXSY McSAXSFace' and the URL 'localhost:3000'. Below the title, it displays 'Beamline Status: Status Unavailable' and 'Detector Status: Status Unavailable'. A 'Mono Shutter' control section shows 'CLOSE' and 'OPEN' buttons. A red header bar contains the text 'PEW PEW!!!', 'PAUSE', and 'FINISH' buttons, along with an 'Idle...' status message. To the right of the red bar are controls for 'Number of Acquisitions' (set to 1), 'Ad Infinitum' checkbox, 'Delay between Acquisitions' (set to 0), and 'Use Shutter' checkbox. Below this are two green 'NOT CONNECTED' buttons. On the left side, there is a vertical toolbar with various icons. The main workspace is divided into three sections labeled 'Loop 0', 'Loop 1', and 'Loop 2', each containing fields for 'No. Points' (20), 'Delay (s)' (0), and 'Positioner' (Sample Table X). Below these are dropdown menus for 'Linear' and 'Absolute' modes, and input fields for 'Start' (0) and 'End' (10) positions. At the bottom of each loop section is a 'Positions' field with a value of 0. A green '+' button is located to the right of the 'Loop 2' section.

# GUI for COSMIC at Advanced Light Source (Xi-CAM Team)

- Desktop-based
- Plugin to the Xi-CAM framework (Qt)
- [Xi-CAM/Xi-cam.Acquire](#)







Finally, various one-off solutions developed by beamline and/or Controls staff at NSLS-II

- "X-Live" (NSLS-II ISS & QAS)
- "xpdacq" (NSLS-II XPD & PDF)
- "XFP High-Throughput Multi-Sample Holder" (NSLS-II XFP)
- "BS-Studio" (NSLS-II ESM)

We intend to guide a systematic refactor of these onto components from bluesky-queueserver and bluesky-widgets.

# BLUESKY WIDGETS

A new project aimed at sharing GUI components built  
on Bluesky interfaces

[bluesky/bluesky-widgets](#)

# Goals

- A component library, not an extensible application
- Ships runnable examples, but instruments should build their own
- Integrate with existing applications (napari, PyFAI, Xi-CAM, ...)
- All actions can be performed from a terminal or run headless
- Model is framework-agnostic. Front-ends will include Qt, Jupyter.

Examples of integrating Data Broker search into  
existing software...

The screenshot shows a split-screen environment. On the left is an IPython terminal window titled "IPython: bnl/databroker". It displays the following session:

```
(py38) ✓ ~/Repos/bnl/databroker [master|...1 1]
17:27 $ ipython --gui=qt
Python 3.8.5 (default, Sep 4 2020, 07:30:14)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 7.18.1 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.

In [1]: from bluesky_widgets.examples.qt_search import Searches
In [2]: s = Searches()
In [3]: s.active.input.since
Out[3]: datetime.timedelta(days=-1)

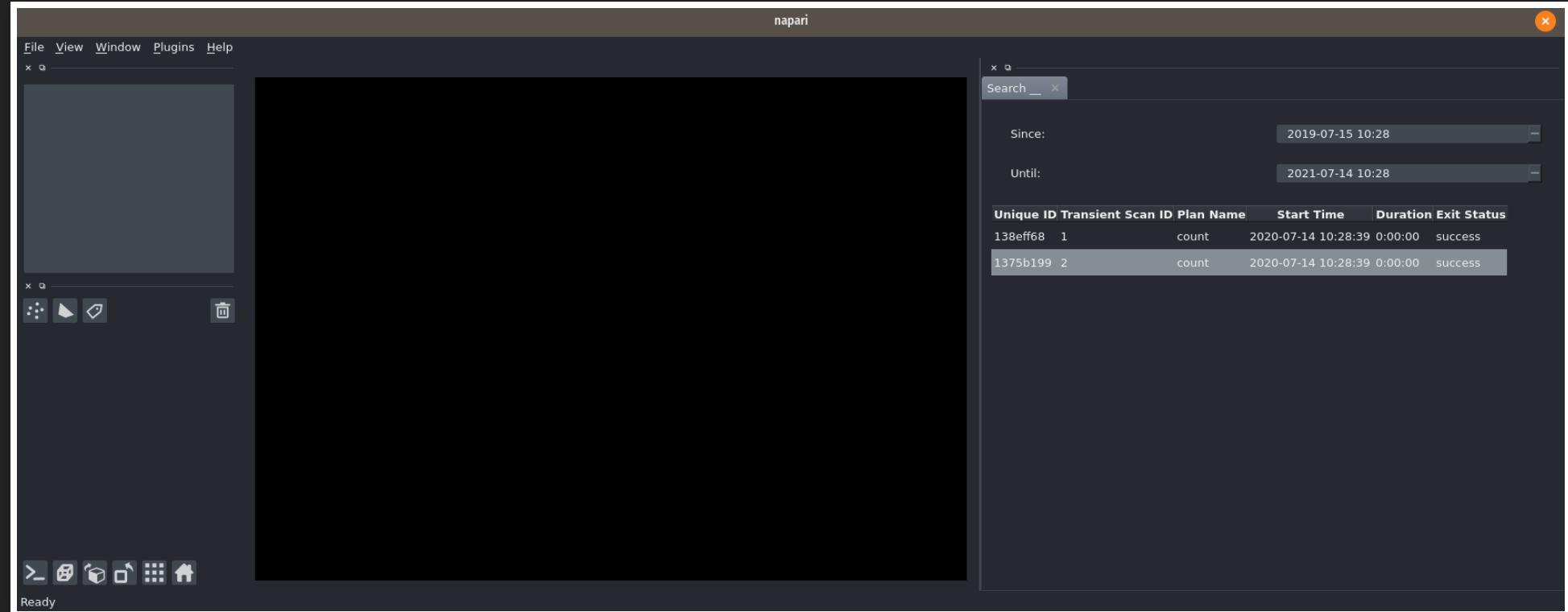
In [4]: from datetime import datetime
In [5]: s.active.input.since = datetime(2020, 3, 1)
In [6]: 
```

On the right is a "bluesky\_widgets" search interface window. It has two tabs: "Search 1" and "Search 2", with "Search 1" selected. The interface includes filters for "When" (radio buttons for All, 1 Week, 1 Year, 24h, 30 Days, 1 Hour), "Since" (text input: 2020-03-01 00:00), and "Until" (text input: 2020-10-20 17:28). A "Refresh" button is below the filters. A table lists search results:

Unique ID	Transient Scan ID	Plan Name	Start Time	Duration	Exit Status
51cdfe4a	2	count	2020-10-20 17:27:34	0:00:00	success
17abfacd	1	count	2020-10-20 17:27:34	0:00:00	success

A "Process Selected Runs" button is at the bottom of the table, and the status "Ready" is displayed at the bottom of the search interface.

Model can be manipulated from IPython terminal



Unique ID	Transient Scan ID	Scan ID	Plan Name	Start Time	Duration	Exit Status
138eff68	1		count	2020-07-14 10:28:39	0:00:00	success
1375b199	2		count	2020-07-14 10:28:39	0:00:00	success

# Search Data Broker from napari (N-dimensional image viewer)

# PyFAI Calibration



Data Broker

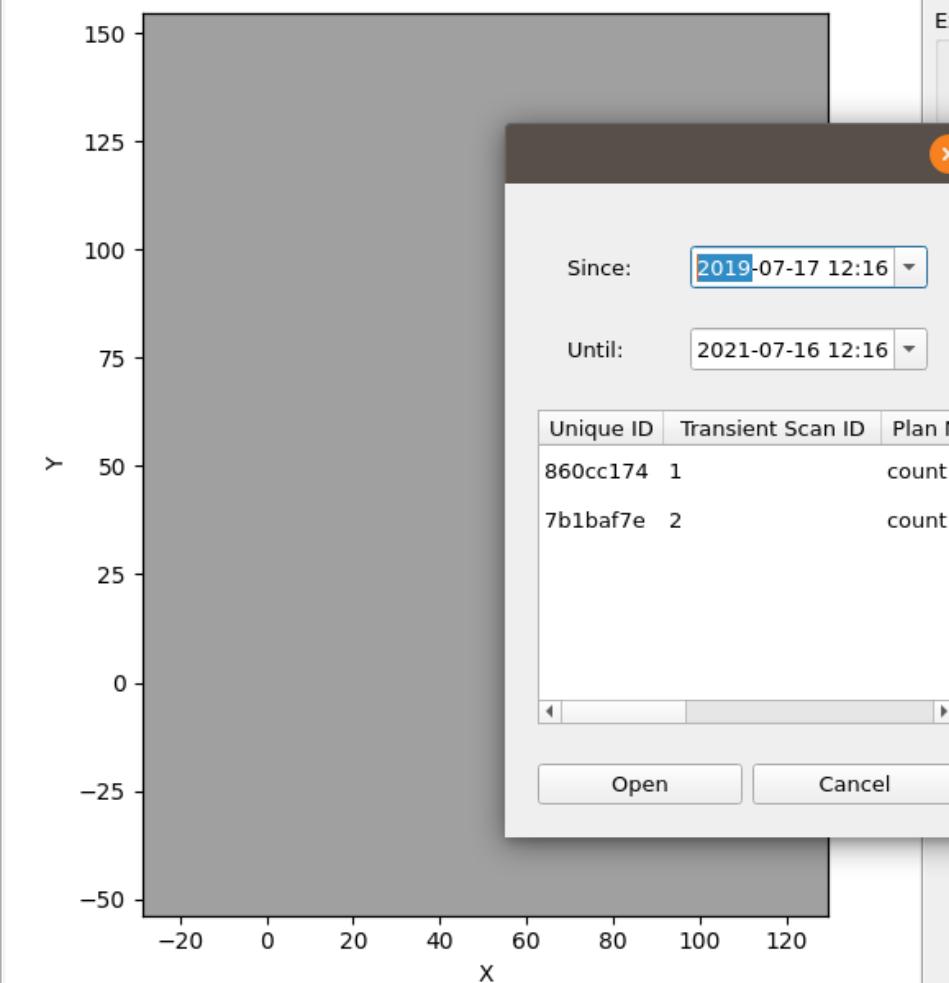
Experiment settings

Mask

Peak picking

Geometry fitting

Cake & integration



Help

Define parameters of your experiment.

Calibrant, wavelength, detector, and an image are expected.

Experiment settings

Energy:  keV

Wavelength:  Å

Calibrant:

Detector:

Name:  No detector

Image (h×w):

Pixel size (h×w):  μm

Position:

Image file:

No image

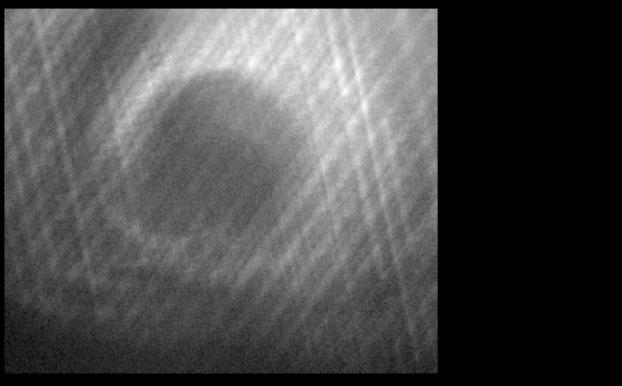
Mask file:



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# Search Data Broker from PyFAI (powder diffraction software)



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Since:

2019-07-17 12:09

Until:

2021-07-16 12:09

Unique ID	Transient Scan ID	Plan Name	Start Time	Duration	Exit Status
bc35550f	47584	user_fly_only	2019-12-12 03:39:33	0:00:21	success



## Welcome to Xi-cam

Please cite Xi-cam in published work:

Pandolfi, R. J., et al. (2018). *J. Synchrotron Rad.* **25**, 1261-1270.

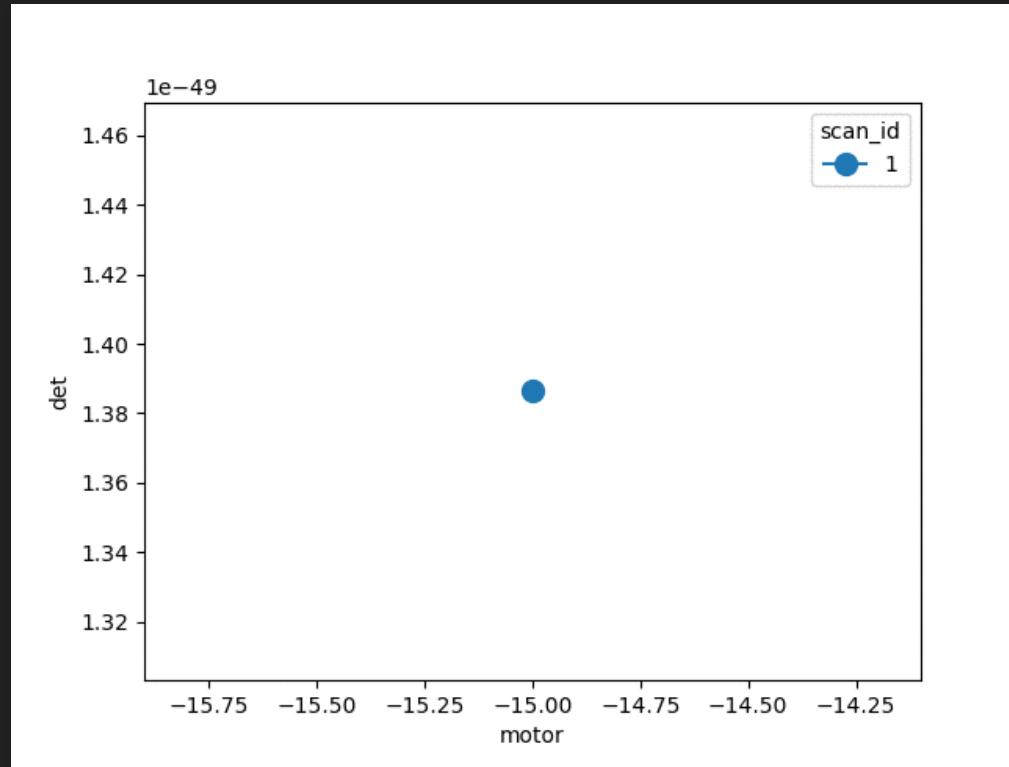
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# Search Data Broker from Xi-CAM

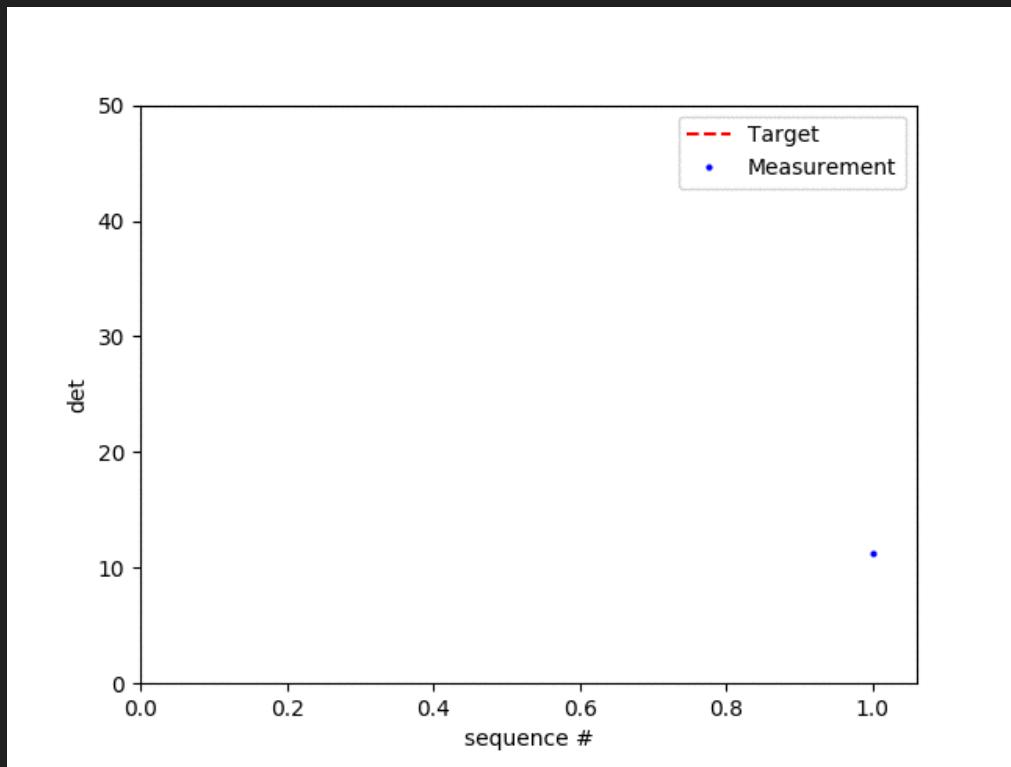
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EASY AND ROBUST INTEGRATION WITH  
EXISTING SOFTWARE

Proof of concept:  
In this scan, each step is determined adaptively in  
response to local slope.

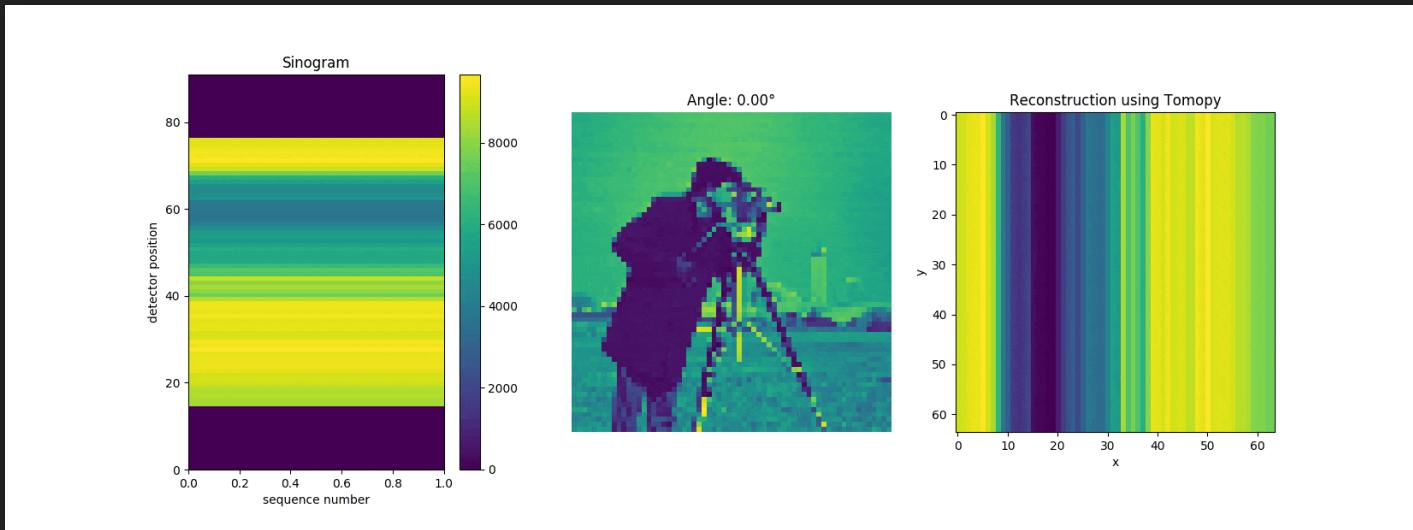


The system is designed to make fast feedback easy to write.

LCLS's [Skywalker](#) project builds on this to automatically deliver the photon beam to a number of experimental hutches at LCLS.

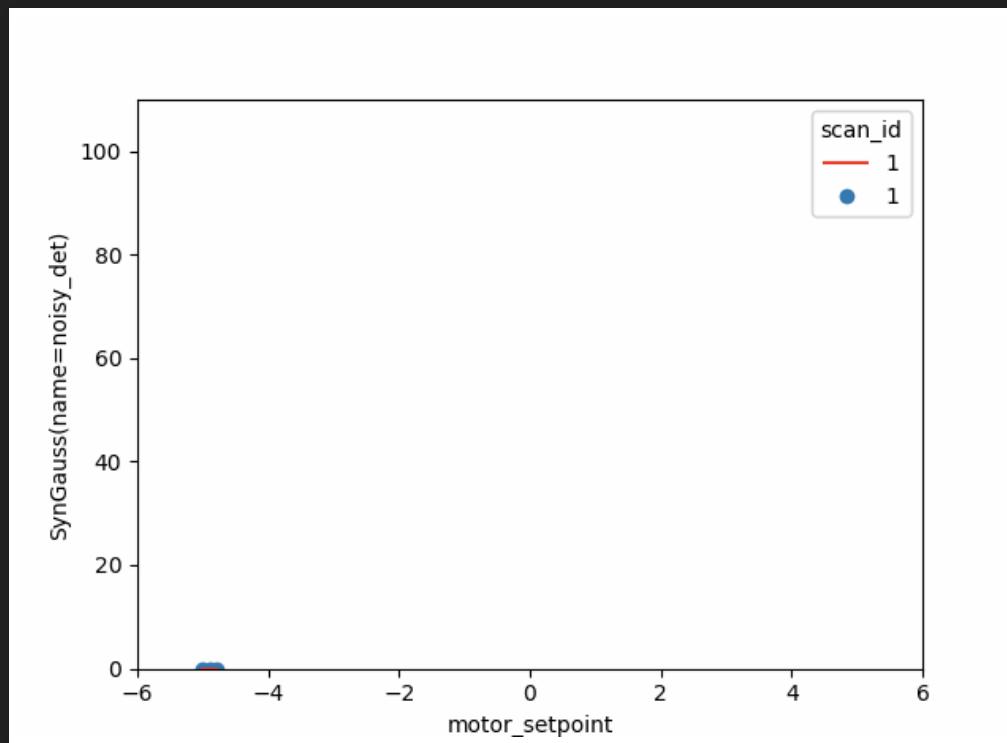


A stream of images from a linear detector is reconstructed into a volume using *tomopy* (APS).

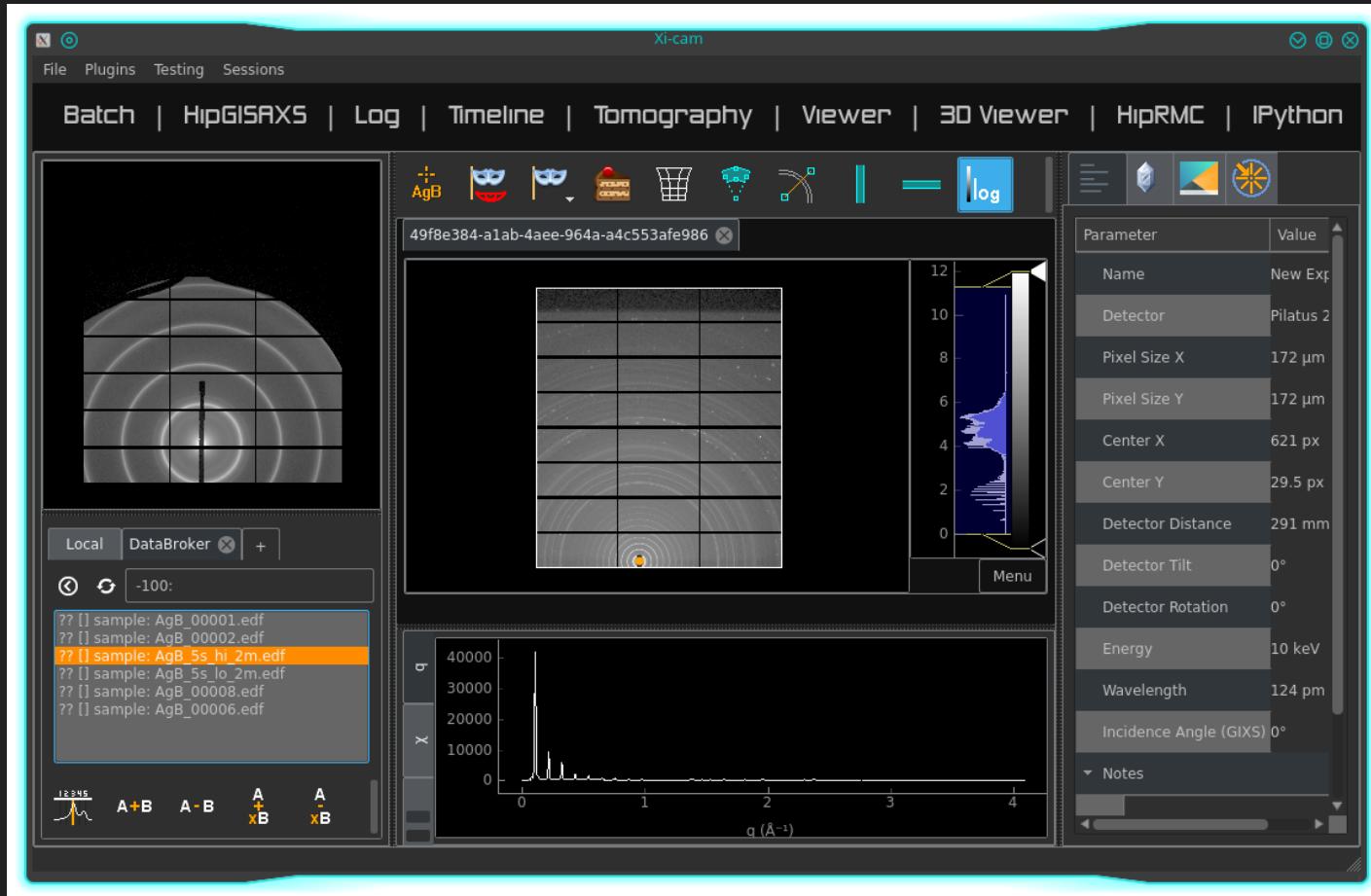


It took one TomoPy developer and one Bluesky developer less than 20 minutes to write this.

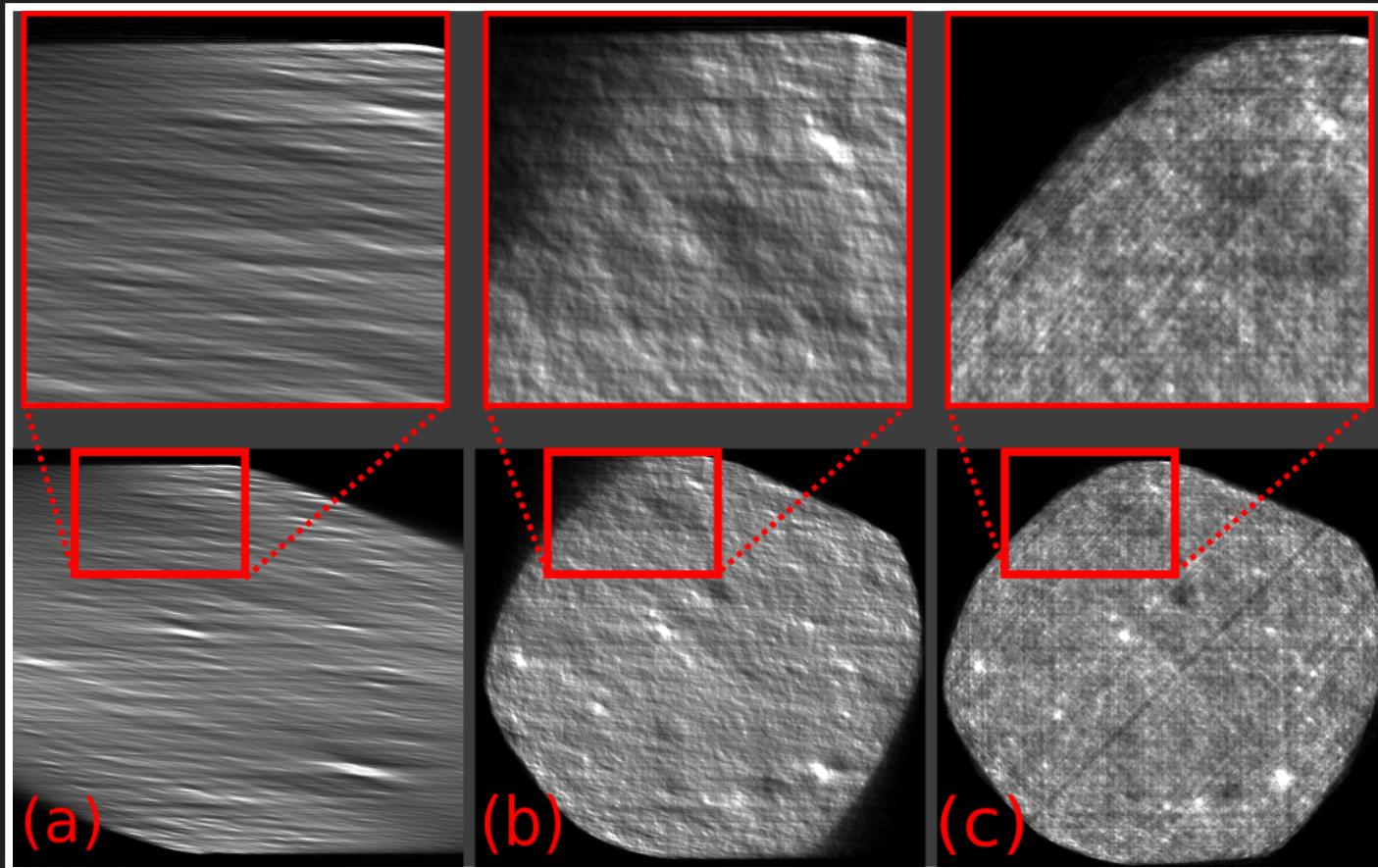
A Gaussian is fit to a stream of measured data using the Python library *lmfit* (from U. Chicago / APS).



The [Xi-cam 2 GUI](#) / plugin framework from CAMERA has adopted Bluesky's Event Model for its internal data structures.



# Real-time Data Analysis at APS



Data is streamed from APS to Argonne Leadership Compute Facility. Results are immediately visualized at APS.

# LINKS

- Home Page and Documentation:  
[blueskyproject.io](https://blueskyproject.io)
- Code and Arguments about Code:  
[github.com/bluesky](https://github.com/bluesky)
- Live, Public Demo Deployment (using Jupyter):  
[try.nsls2.bnl.gov](https://try.nsls2.bnl.gov)
- These Slides:  
[blueskyproject.io/bluesky-slides](https://blueskyproject.io/bluesky-slides)