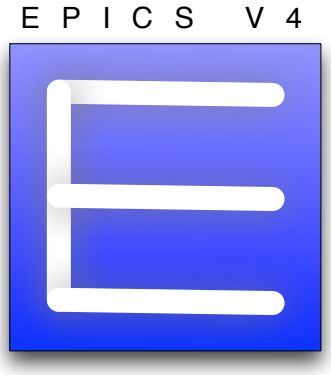
EPICS VERSION 4 WORKING GROUP AND OPPORTUNITIES



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EPICS Version 4 Working Group and Opportunities

1. Version 4 Summary
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4. Working Group Organisation and Process

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EPICS V3

- A narrow interface supports reusable clients
  - DBR_ types included:
    - Double, long integer, enumerated, string
    - Metadata: time stamp, alarm severity, display and control
  - Only monitored value, time stamp alarm severity
- This narrow interface supported signals well
- It is not easily extendible nor is it complete enough

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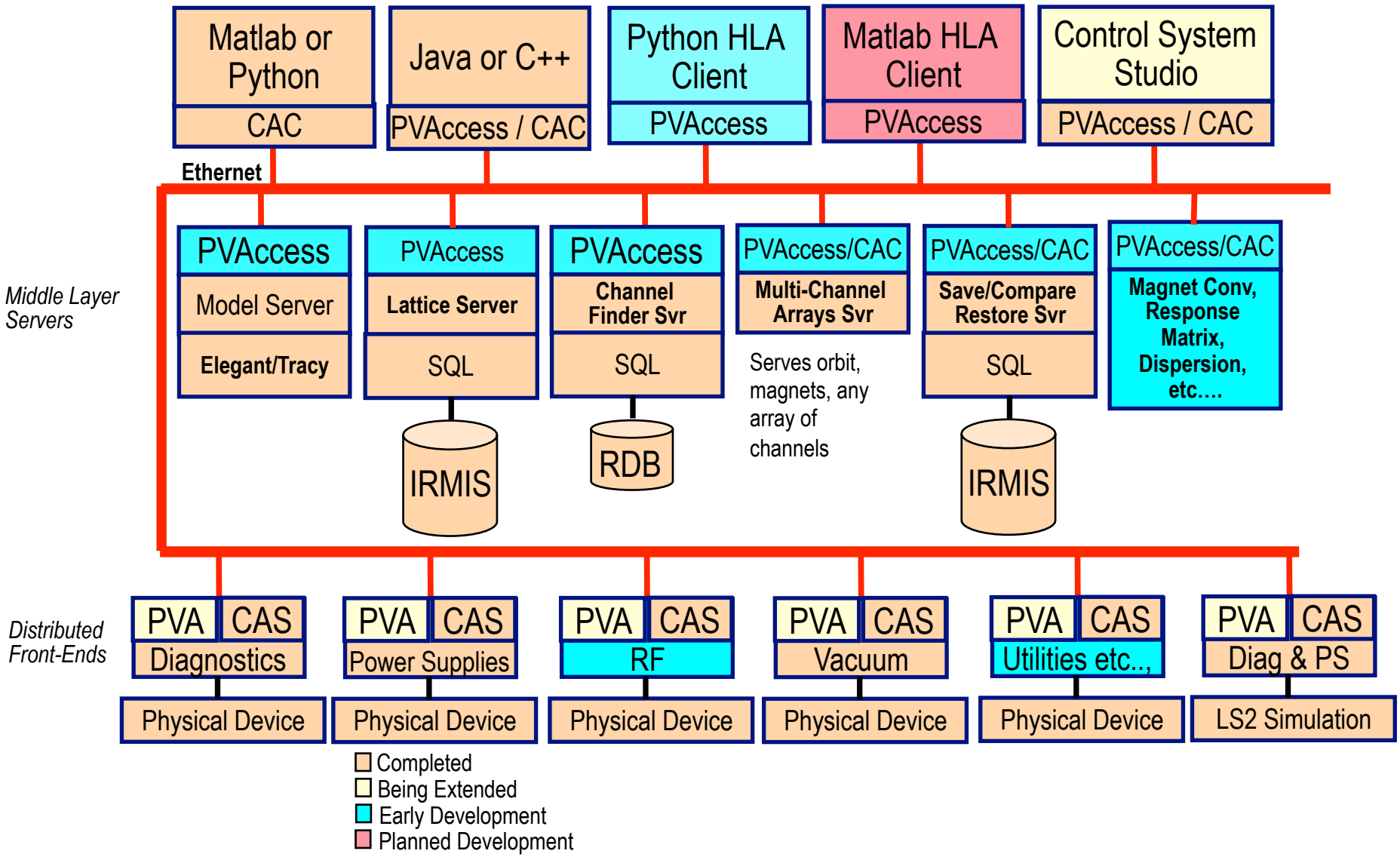
Client-Server Architecture for HLA



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EPICS Version 4

EPICS V4 = EPICS V3 + A platform for SOA

+ Platform for new IOC

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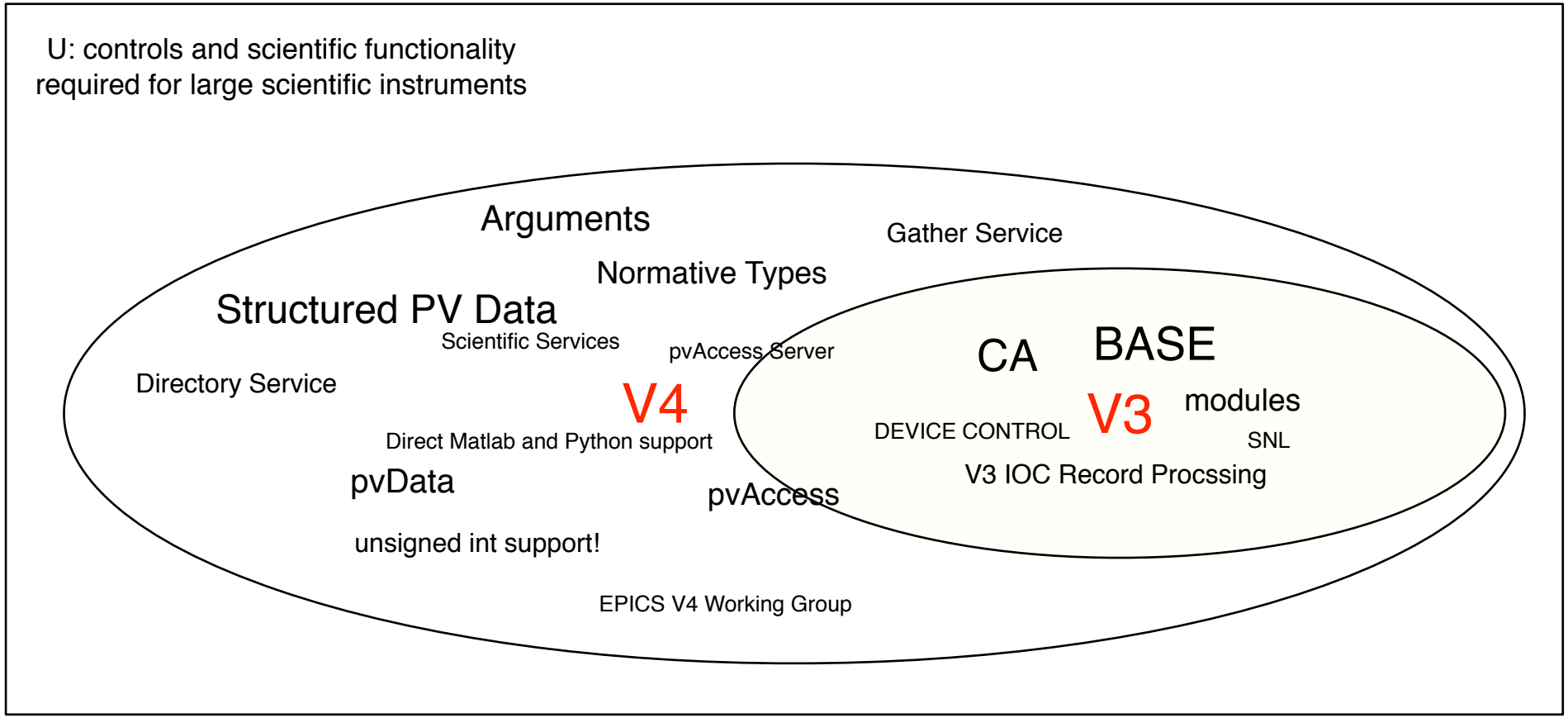


Sets not to scale.

EPICS V4 Principal Additions

New Functionality	Provided by in EPICS V4
CA => pvAccess : A Standardized protocol specification	pvAccess
Full Asynchronous Error and Message passing	
Send only deltas	pvData
Structured Data Exchange and PV Records	
Arguments	
Unsigned Int directly supported	
New IOC to support above	pvIOC
XML defined EPICS DB	

EPICS V4 Principal Science Support Additions

New Functionality	Provided by in EPICS V4
Remote Procedure Call (RPC) type PV	channelRPC
Standardized High Level Data Types	Normative Types
Data Acquisition Management Tools	pvManager, Gather platform
Directory Service	ChannelFinder EPICS V4 service
Direct Matlab and Python support	C++, Java and Python bindings

EXAMPLE 1.

Example 1: Archiver Data Service.

Data are served by a V4 service, over pvAccess. That is, entirely EPICS V4 core, no extension

```
$ gethist -s "3 minutes ago" -e "now" -p 12 QUAD34_Bfield

##QUAD34_Bfield
#timePastEpoch(s)    #value                #Date                       #Alarm
496169397.856321000   7.355487346649e-02  Wed Sep 21 17:49:57 2011  NO ALARM
496169401.996447000   1.682446300983e-01  Wed Sep 21 17:50:01 2011  NO ALARM
496169410.052636000   2.558367252350e-01  Wed Sep 21 17:50:10 2011  NO ALARM
496169420.109690000   3.173123300076e-01  Wed Sep 21 17:50:20 2011  NO ALARM
496169430.100015000   2.159405648708e-01  Wed Sep 21 17:50:30 2011  NO ALARM
496169440.081932000   4.953919649124e-01  Wed Sep 21 17:50:40 2011  NO ALARM
496169450.089935000   3.187555372715e-01  Wed Sep 21 17:50:50 2011  NO ALARM
496169450.699760000   0.000000000000e+00  Wed Sep 21 17:50:50 2011  Disconnected
496169450.699760000   0.000000000000e+00  Wed Sep 21 17:50:50 2011  Archive_Off
496169537.905713000   0.000000000000e+00  Wed Sep 21 17:52:17 2011  Disconnected
```

EXAMPLE 2.

Example using the general purpose EPICS V4 client (caget) to get a quadrupole's R-matrix from an EPICS V4 implemented model service.

Note: Arguments

```
$ pvget QUAD:LI21:271/R -a TYPE=DESIGN -a POS=MID -a RUN=LATEST
       0.23     0.1234  0.0      0.0      0.067562 0.001167
      -0.34520  0.0923  0.0      0.0      0.046981 0.001514
         0.0      0.0    1.881007  4.857304 0.0      0.0
         0.0      0.0   -1.50064  -3.862346 0.0      0.0
      -0.00132 -0.001129 0.0      0.0      0.224701 0.003894
       0.162595 0.10285  0.0      0.0    -19.603   -0.233109
```

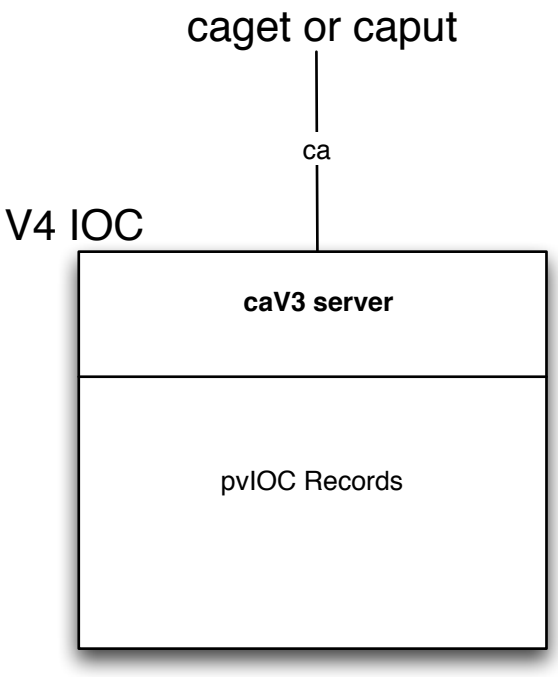
Note: prints as a matrix

EPICS V3-V4 INTEROPERATION (Part 1)

Simple Interop supported by V4 pvIOC subsystem "caV3"

[See Marty's Talk]

V3 client ←→ V4 server



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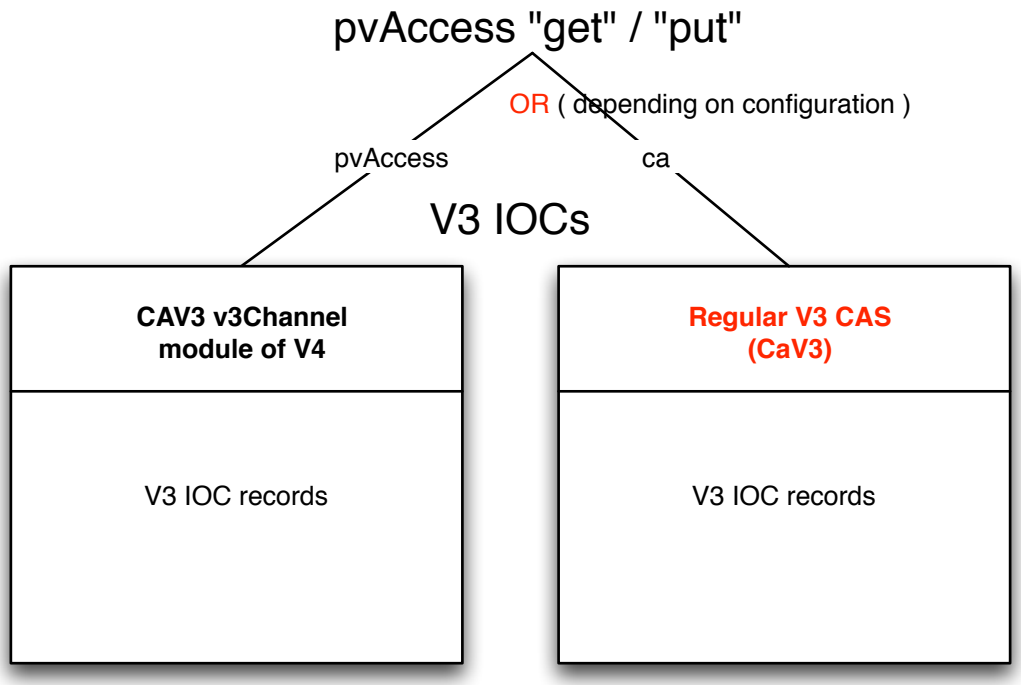


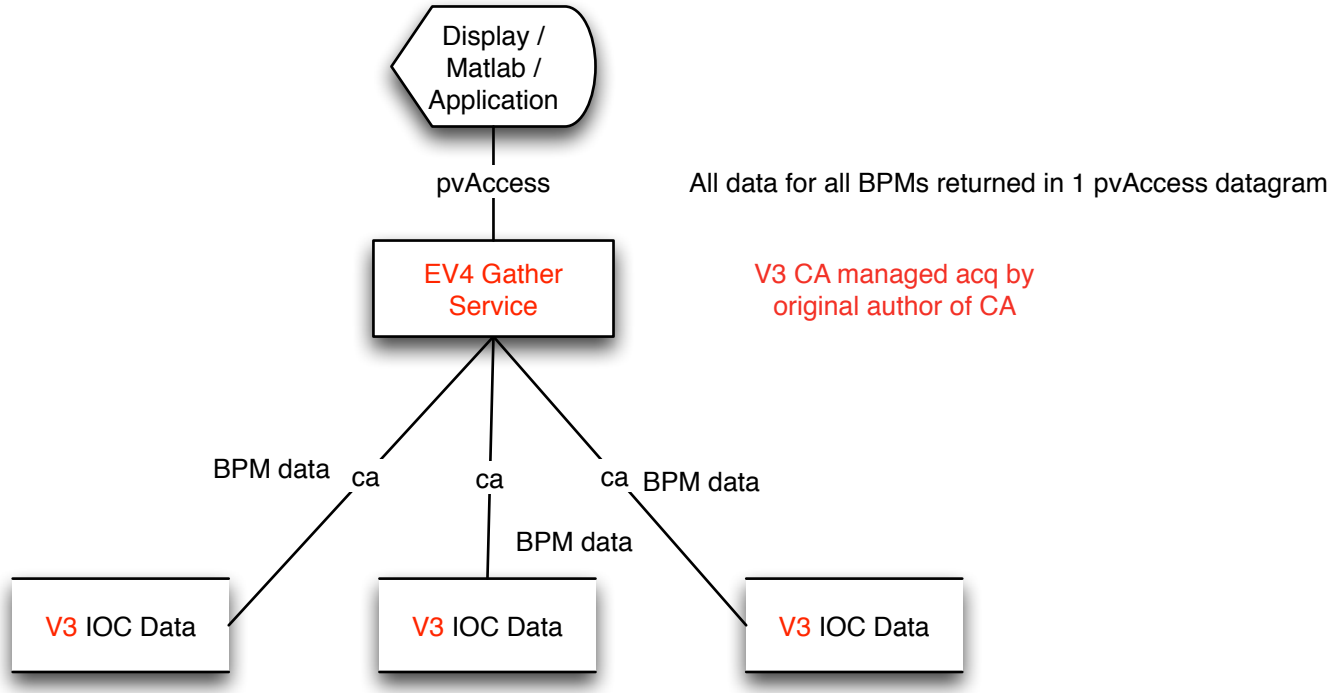
See pvIOC package org.epics.ioc.caV3 [2], Architectures Document [3], and summary in V4 FAQ [4]

EPICS V3-V4 INTEROPERATION FOR HIGH PERF. DISTRIBUTED DATA ACQ.

[Timo's Talk]

Gather Service Platform: A Very Efficient PV Data Acquisition Framework for V3 PVs

Example: Getting BPM data from many BPMs with an EPICS V4 Gather Service
NOTE: Reduces network load from M clients x N servers to M + N



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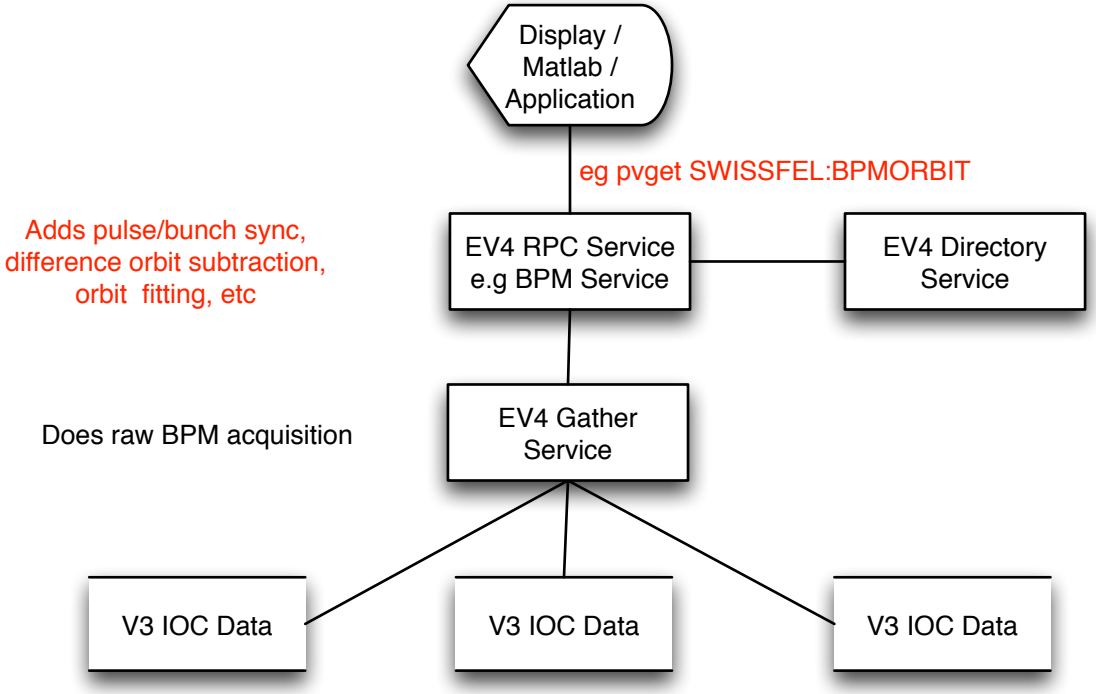

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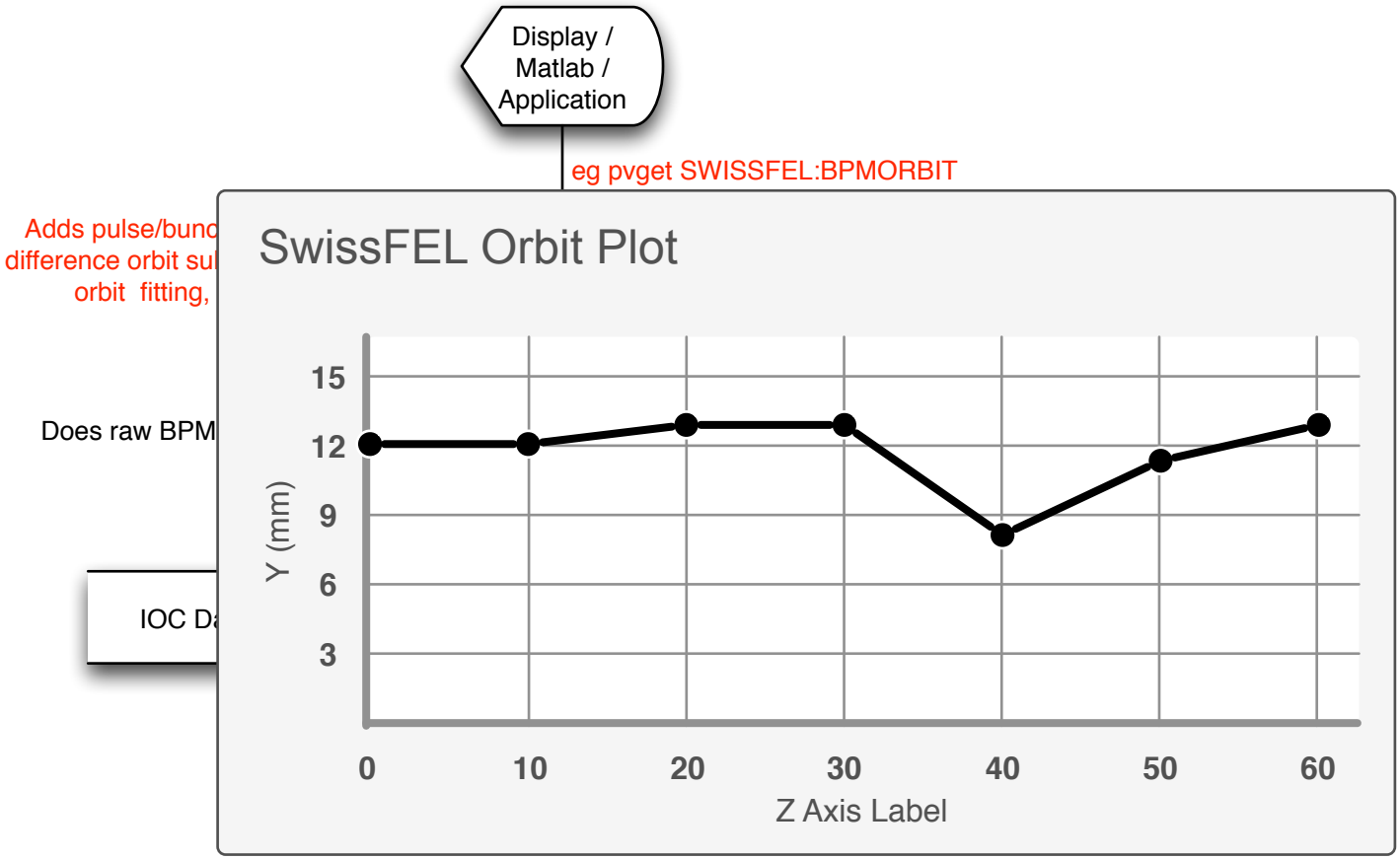
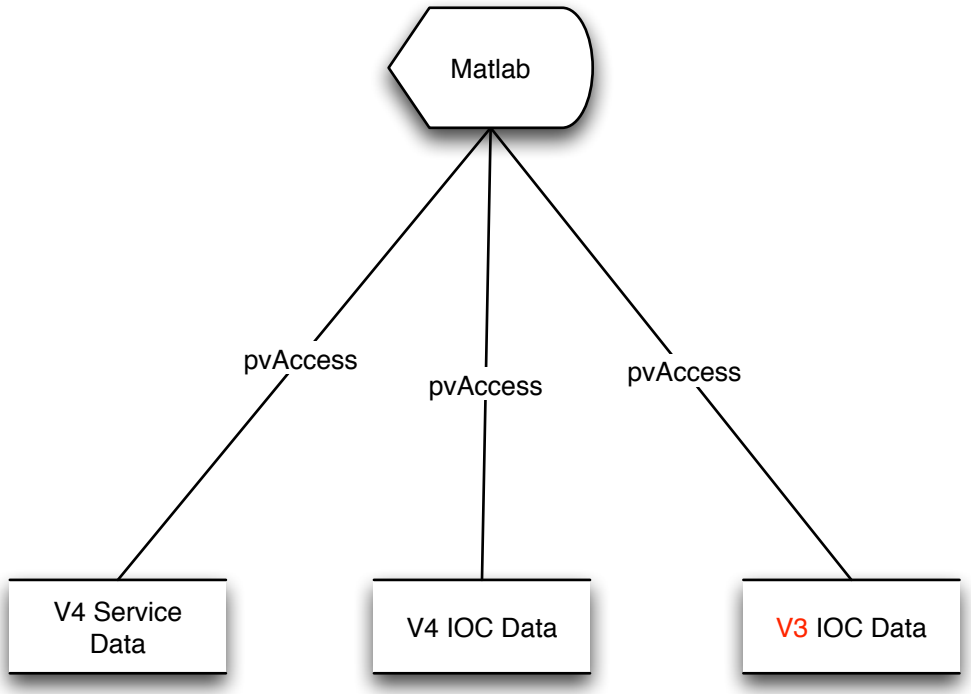


EPICS V4 MATLAB INTERFACE

In Matlab use EPICS V4 EasyPVA (Direct, no wrapper nor mex)

(will be tested this week)



EPICS V4 NORMATIVE DATA TYPES

Solves the problem of high level data interoperability

E.g. New Qt based displays - how will it know it got a table, or a matrix, or an image?

All general purpose clients MUST understand the EPICS V4 Normative Types,
to be considered EPICS V4 conforming
Services SHOULD provide only EPICS V4 Normative Types.

See http://epics-pvdata.sourceforge.net/alpha/normativeTypes/normativeTypes.html

EPICS V4 Charter + Deliverables, Status.

We are 7 months in of a 12 month Charter

6.1 Deliverables

The group is expected to produce the following normative deliverables:

1. A normative document of the pvAccess protocol 90%
2. A normative document of the pvData protocol. The document must include the user API - how a programmer creates data objects for the wire, and extracts them on the other side
3. A normative document of the EPICS V4 IOC processing pipeline 90%
4. A reference implementation of pvAccess in each of C++ and Java language bindings
5. A reference implementation of pvData in each of C++ and Java language bindings
6. A reference implementation of the EPICS V4 IOC in each of C++ and Java language bindings. The Java version has high priority. 80%
7. A normative document of the EPICS V4 interoperable data types. These data types must be universally understood by every client and service which claims EPICS V4 compatibility. The requirement for this deliverable is distinct from the pvData document deliverable, since pvData can encode any type, this deliverable recommends the confined set of data objects that will be used by EPICS V4 interoperable services 90%
8. A directory service accessible through the EPICS V4 API itself, from which can be found at least PV and entity names, and associated service names 10%

EPICS V4 Charter + Deliverables, Status 2.

9. 50% A normative document of the EPICS V4 services API. This defines the form for encoding parameters and status descriptions between clients and services and back
10. 20% A report of interoperability of the EPICS V4 IOC with EPICS v3 record processing
11. 60% A performance report, comparing EPICS v3 to EPICS V4 for some common EPICS v3 control and read tasks, plus report of the expected performance of EPICS V4 service support. For instance, round trip time for network encoding/deserialization of results of 4 or 5 common service queries such as archive data, orbit data, whole beamline model etc. Comparisons to at least 2 other common high performance data interconnects should be made, eg ICE, ASN.1, EXI Web Service.
12. 100% A "Getting Started" document for EPICS V4 Service developers
13. 100% A User Guide for EPICS V4 IOC control application developers
14. 50% A command line tool similar to caget (call it say pvget), which understands all the interoperable data types above, and conforms to the EPICS V4 services API above.
15. 0% A normative document of the EPICS V4 Directory Service function, API, and unix command line tool.
16. 0% A reference implementation of the EPICS V4 Directory Service.

"OPPORTUNITIES"
Not in scope of the Working Group's Charter, but useful

1. Independent Performance Measurement

2. HD5 data save

3. Porting
    - Embedded systems
        - VxWorks 6 seems done (thanks Dirk Zimock at PSI)
        - VxWorks 5 in progress (Dirk)
        - RTEMS
    - Windows (Helge Brands at PSI)
    - Others

4. pvAccess Access Security

5. Gateway

6. IOC Record and module support. May be a significant effort to move EPICS into large data and parallel processing

7. High Performance Web Server on the IOC (e.g. IBM XML screamer + W3C EXI)

8 Reference Services
    - Snapshot save and Restore (Done by BNL)
    - BPM Orbit (Being done by PSI)
    - Model (Being done by PSI)
    - Linac Energy estimation (for correcting Quad focusing w.r.t. Energy)

9. pvAccess python deserializer

CONCLUSIONS

V4 orients EPICS to science in addition to control

V4 includes V3. V4 is a significant version upgrade to V3, not an alternative to V3.

EPICS V4 is technically ready for host based service development - beta.

EPICS V4 IOC is not ready for control, but that's ok, do control with V3 IOC.

Full Interoperation: You can supply data to V4 clients, and V3 clients can get V4 simple data

V4 gives complex data, efficiently network managed by shared memory system

V4 gives PV values according to arguments

Direct matlab through Java API, and possibly python, no wrappers

The EPICS V4 working group has been very successful at creating a new platform for scientific data

Standards driven. Allows Independent implementation.

It seems real. It's good. Works, fast, well documented,

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The EPICS v4 Working group presently has the following members:

Name	Member Organisation	Status	Interests	Charter Deliverables	Scribe date
Gabriele Carcassi	BNL	Participant	General purpose services, client tools and their interoperability, such as PvManager, BOY, ChannelFinder, and data types	Directory Service specification, Directory Service implementation and pvlist tool, Interoperable Data Types specification, pvManager	7/Sep/2011
Benjamin Franksen	HZB	Observer			
Bob Dalesio	BNL	Participant, co-chair	Core architecture for control, administration	Money	14/Sep/2011, 22/Sep/2011, 7/Dec/2011
Michael Davidsaver	BNL	Observer			
David Hickin	Diamond	Participant			15/Feb/2012
Andrew Johnson	APS	Observer			
Timo Korhonen	PSI	Participant	Services for physics.		26/Oct/2011, 09/Nov/2011, 29/Feb/2012
Marty Kraimer	BNL	Participant	Core architecture, protocol standards and Java implementations of standards.	pvData Specification, IOC Pipeline Specification, pvAccess Implementations, pvData Implementations, pvIOC Implementations, EPICS v3 to EPICS v4 Interoperability report, Controls Application Developers Guide, Protocol Developers Guide	
Ralph Lange	HZB	Observer			30/Nov/2011, 4/Jan/2012, 8/Feb/2012
Nikolay Malitsky	BNL	Participant	Archiver, IOC, physics	pvIOC Implementations, Archive service	21/Dec/2011, 14/Mar/2012
James Rowland	Diamond	Participant	CSS/BOY client side for EPICS v4.	Lead editor of Nominal Architectures.	19/Oct/2011, 22/Nov/2011
Matej Sekornaja	Cosylab	Participant	Core architecture, protocol standards and C/C++ implementations of standards.	pvAccess Specification, pvAccess implementations, pvData implementations, pvIOC implementations	
Guobao Shen	BNL	Participant	Services for physics.	Performance Report	14/Dec/2011, 11/Jan/2012
Kunal Shroff	BNL	Observer	General purpose services, client tools and their interoperability, such as PvManager, ChannelFinder, data types.	Directory Service specification, Directory Service implementation and pvlist tool	
Greg White	PSI, SLAC	Participant, co-chair	Core architecture for services, Services architecture, model service	Interoperable Data Types specification, Services API Specification, Getting Started documentation	02/Nov/2011, 21/Mar/2012, 28-Mar-2012