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Summary: I am a computational scientist at NSLS-II, BNL. I help beamline staff and users run scientific experiments and perform data analysis. I write code in Python to integrate hardware (motors, cameras, detectors, *etc.*) and 3rd-party software systems with the Bluesky data acquisition framework. I am developing the Sirepo-Bluesky library that integrates Bluesky and the Sirepo browser-based interface to scientific modeling codes to enable access to "virtual" beamlines. I am a proponent of well-tested, modular, reusable, sustainable, and easily accessible code. I am fluent with modern CI systems (GitHub Actions, MS Azure Pipelines, *etc.*) I use Docker/Podman (including the creation of images), Linux (RHEL8, CentOS, Ubuntu, *etc.*), vagrant/VirtualBox on a daily basis. I am maintaining over 100 conda-forge feedstocks (Python, Python with C-extensions, C/C++, Fortran). I lead the continuous integration efforts to deploy and test the conda environments with the Bluesky software stack. I am enthusiastic about new technologies and AI/ML projects. I am a PI on an AI/ML LDRD project and a PI for two SBIR subcontracts with Radiasoft LLC (total funds of $1M+).

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Software projects

- **Bluesky** — a library for experiment control and collection of scientific data and metadata, https://blueskyproject.io/bluesky.
- **Ophyd** — a device abstraction library, https://blueskyproject.io/ophyd.
- **Databroker** — a simple, user-friendly interface for retrieving stored data and metadata from multiple sources, https://blueskyproject.io/databroker.
- **Synchrotron Radiation Workshop (SRW)** — computer code for X-ray source and optics simulations, https://github.com/mrakitin/SRW.
- **Sirepo** — a cloud-based framework for SRW, https://github.com/radiasoft/sirepo.
- **Databroker extractor** — image processing and data visualization, https://github.com/mrakitin/databroker-extractor.
- **CRL simulator** — a code for simulation of a transfocator (compound refractive lenses (CRL) for X-ray focusing), https://github.com/mrakitin/bnlcrl.
- **USPEX** — a code for evolutionary crystal structure prediction, https://uspex-team.org/en.
- **USPEX online utilities** — a set of pre- and post-processing tools for crystal structure simulations, http://han.ess.sunysb.edu.
- **USPEX manual** — http://han.ess.sunysb.edu/uspex_manual.
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