

FAIR Data Analysis Services for Photon and Neutron Science:

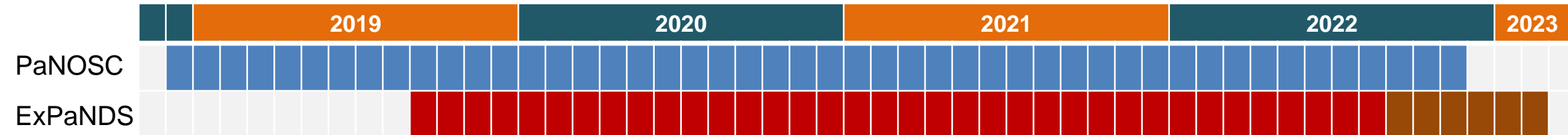
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Projects Cheat Sheet



EU Call	HORIZON 2020 INFRA-EOSC-04		HORIZON 2020 INFRA-EOSC-5B
Description	Cluster of ESFRI PaN Sources		EOSC PaN Data Services
Partners	ESRF, ILL, ESS, EU-XFEL, CERIC-ERIC, ELI-DC, EGI		DESY, ALBA, DLS, ELETTRA, EGI, HZB, HZDDR, Max IV, PSI, Soleil, UKRI
Observers	GEANT EU-DAT National RI's		
Linked 3 rd Party	DESY STFC CESNET		
Start – End (Duration)	2018-12-01 – 2022-11-30 [4 Years]		2019-09-01 – 2023-02-28 [3 ½ Years]
Coordinators	A. Götz, G. Bodera		P. Fuhrmann, S. Servan
Budget	12 M Euros		6 M Euros
Home Page	PaNOSC.EU		ExPaNDS.EU
Twitter	@PaNOSC_eu #PaNOSC		@ExPaNDS_eu #ExPaNDS
GitHub	github.com/panosc-eu		Github.com/expands-eu



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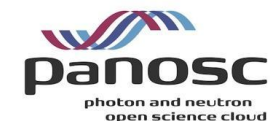


PaN facilities involved in PaNOSC or ExPaNDS



Photon (LEAPS)

Neutron (LENS)



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Some key achievements of these projects

- FAIR data policy framework
 - <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3738497>
- E-learning platform
 - <https://pan-training.eu/>
- FAIR data management practices
 - Data catalogue for all RI
 - Common APIs to access data
 - PIDs for data
 - DMPs
 - ...
- Data transfer solutions
- Community AAI ready for EOSC
- **Development and deployment of Data Analysis Services**



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High level objectives for Data Analysis Services

- Keep the high level of RI users' scientific articles production despite the growing complexity of experiments (volume of datasets, ...)
- Contain the necessary time for RI users to publish their work after experiments
- Try to get data processing as FAIR as possible (especially Findable and Reproducible)
- Keep the RI computing infrastructure a safe place for research activities
- Running cost for RIs as low as possible

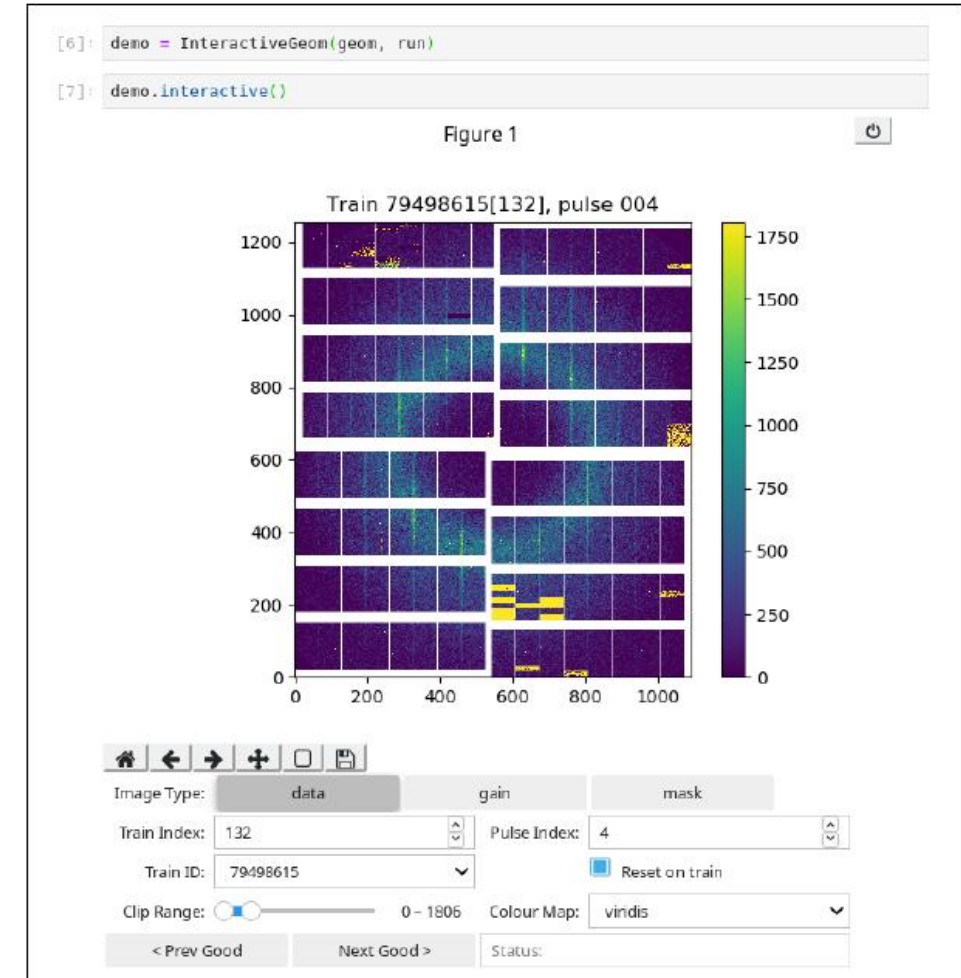
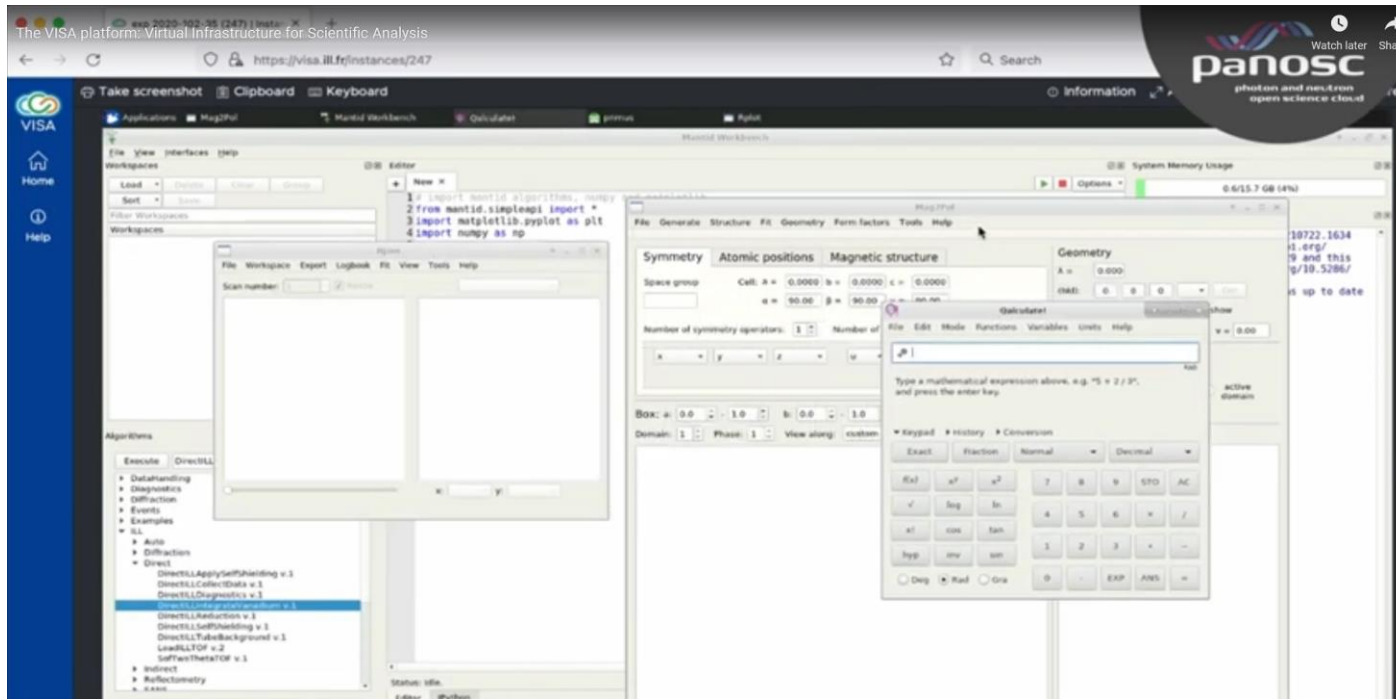


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Data Analysis Services

- Jupyter Notebooks
- Desktop interface in a web browser



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Specifications ...

- **Simplify the processing activities for RI's users**
 - Has to be a remote service (Web)
 - Should avoid transfer of data, data should be available for processing
 - All necessary processing software should be ready to be used
 - Computing resources should be available
 - Support from RI experts (Scientific and/or technical) should be simplify
- **Traceability and reproducibility of data processing (FAIR)**
 - Notebooks when possible (preservation of the processing workflow)
 - At least preservation of data and software
- **Cybersecurity**
 - Isolate these services as much as possible from the production RI networks.
 - Keep this service up to date in regards to security patches.
 - ...



VISA: Virtual Infrastructure for Scientific Analysis



- Provides remote data analysis services in a web browser with access to
 - Experimental data
 - Analysis software
 - Compute infrastructure
 - Support (IT and Scientific)
- Makes access as simple as possible using a web browser
 - Remote desktop as if the user was sitting in front of an RI data treatment workstation
 - Jupyter Notebook environment
 - Easy and flexible machine management
- Allow scientific collaborations and support
 - Sharing remote desktops in real time
- Remote experiments (ILL Specific for now)
 - Access the Instrument Control Software to perform remote experiments



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Users view – typical workflow

1. Login
2. Selects an experiment to associate to the machine
3. Customises the machine (CPUs, Memory, GPU, Screen resolution, ...)
4. The machine is being created (10s to 20s)
5. Starts processing either using the desktop interface either using the Jupyter notebook one
6. Can share the interfaces with colleagues, or RI staff for support
7. Processing data (results) and notebooks are saved alongside the RAW data
8. The machine is deleted after N days or few days of inactivity, users are informed and can request extension.


Compute instances

[CREATE A NEW INSTANCE](#)

Filter instances by experiment...

My instances (2)


Instances shared with me (2)



data_analysis
Standard Analysis (1.0.20)
8 GB · 2 vCPUs
Instance 4034 created on Feb 23, 2021 and due to expire on Apr 24, 2021

activeConnectSettingsDelete

No experiments are associated to this instance.



dust_pyjama
Standard Analysis (1.0.20)
8 GB · 2 vCPUs
Instance 3916 created on Feb 16, 2021 and due to expire on Mar 3, 2021

activeConnectSettingsDelete

Experiments: CRG-1975 (IN12, Cycle 20131)

WARNING! This instance is scheduled to be deleted in about 46 minutes.
Connect to the instance to extend its lifetime.

New compute instance

Please fill in the details below to create a new compute instance. For information about VISA please checkout the [documentation](#).

Experiments

Select the experiments you wish to associate with your compute resource.

☐ Instance not associated to any specific experiments

Proposal	Cycle	Instrument	
> CRG-1975	2013-1	IN12	UNSELECT

Find experiments

Proposal	Title	Instrument	Cycle	
CRG-1975	Possible incommensurate magnetic order of the eu moments in superconducting EuFe ₂ (As _{1-x} Px) ₂ (x=0.10, 0.15, 0.26) single crystals	IN12	2013-1	SELECT
7-04-125	Neutron spectroscopy on Sodium-intercalated Fullerenes	IN1	2013-3	SELECT

1 - 2 of 2 experiments

Instance settings

Environment: Standard data analysis environment


Processor: 2 vCPUs


Memory: 8 GB RAM

☐ Customise the instance settings

Display Settings

Choose layout


Single screen
Default screen layout


Dual screen
Recommended for remote experiments

Choose resolution

Your screen resolution is 1920 x 1080. You can modify this by selecting one of the following resolutions:

FHD (1920 x 1080) 16:9

Finalise and create

Terms and conditions

☐ I accept that I will only use this instance for data analysis purposes and will not engage in any illegal activities. Any user that I share my instance with will have complete access and permissions to my files. I agree to supervise any shared access and remove users once sharing is no longer required.

[CREATE](#)

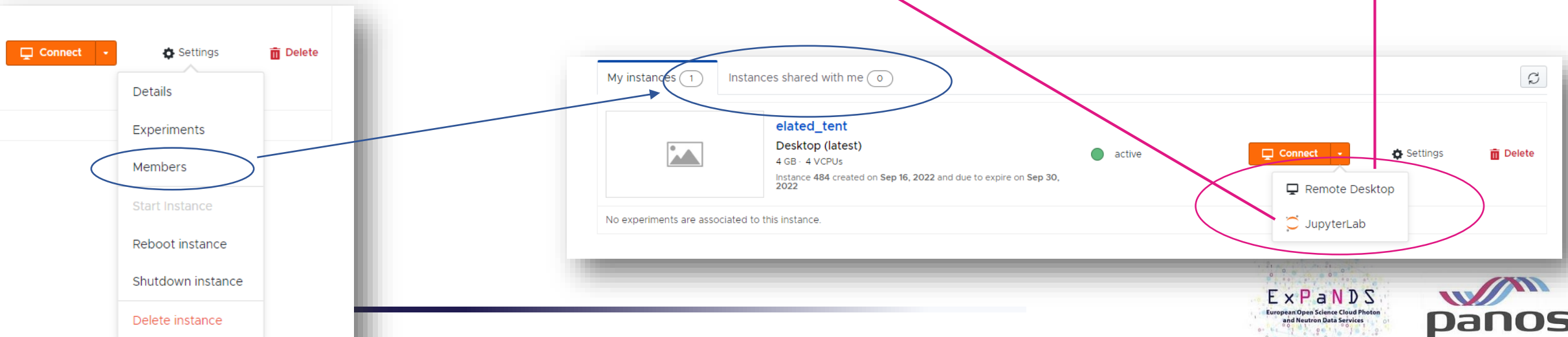
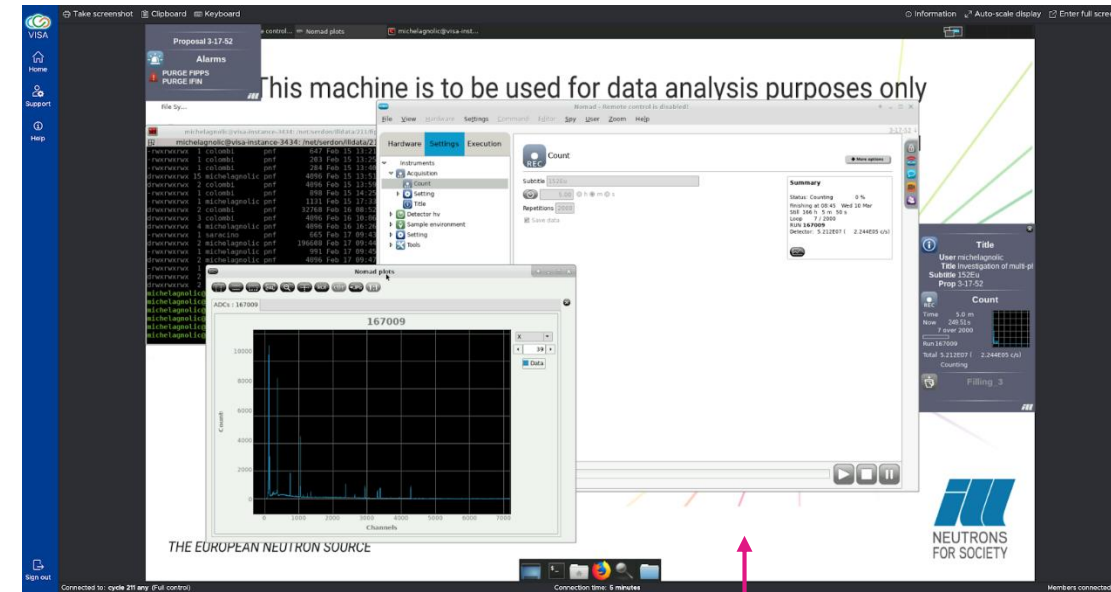
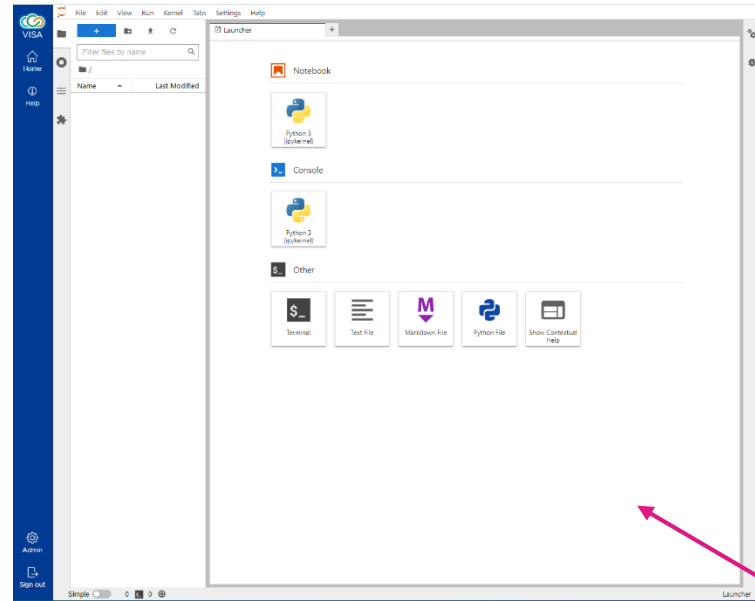


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Users view

- Users get access to a desktop (like if they were sitting on the RI's site) or jupyter interface.
- They can exchange with other scientists and receive support through screen sharing

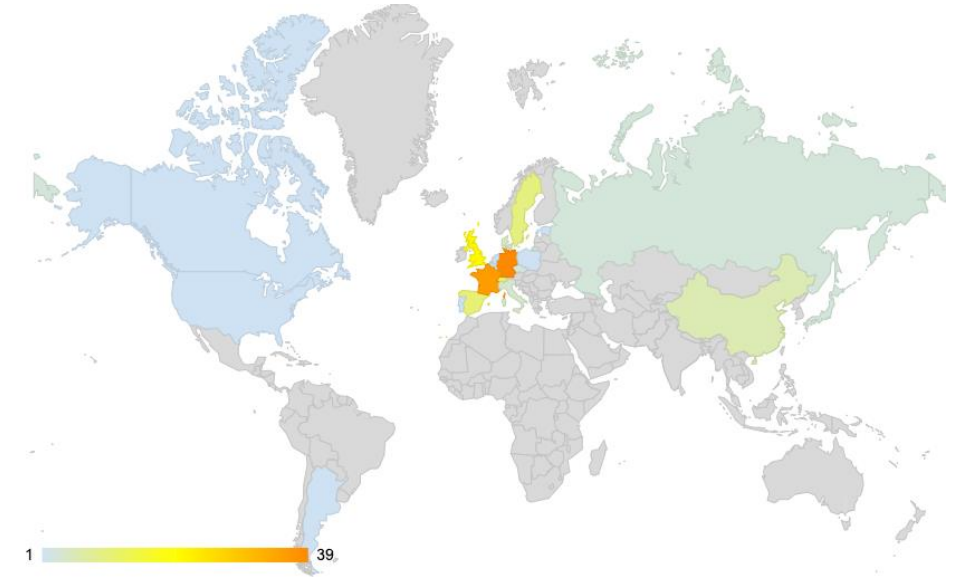


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Deployment

- Initially developed by the ILL (Institut Laue – Langevin)
 - ILL rolled out VISA early 2020
 - 1,164** distinct users from **38** countries
 - 8,290** VM/instances created
 - 70,000** connections
 - <https://visa.ill.fr/>
- Further developed inside PaNOSC and ExPaNDS to fit the needs of the different partners
 - Access to HPC resources, GPU availability, ...
 - Software provisioning and software preservation solutions (containers)
 - How to handle the need for windows software
 - What about using VISA for mass training?
- Currently, in deployment by all partners
 - Pilots with some BLs
 - Some are starting to open: <https://visa.xfel.eu/> <https://visa.esrf.fr/> ...



VISA is open source (GPL-3.0 License)
<https://github.com/ILLGrenoble>

VISA is fully documented
<https://visa.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>

Thank you for your attention

Time for demonstrations

Special thanks to Jamie Hall & Stuart Caunt (ILL) who are the main developers and have largely contributed to this presentation.



<https://www.panosc.eu/news/new-video-released-on-visa-virtual-infrastructure-for-scientific-analysis/>



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