



MXCuBE 3 - General Layout and Sample Centring

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Outline



- Review of MXCuBE 3
- Proposed layout for the web interface
- Demo video and current status
- Next steps

Backend

- Python **Flask** microwebframework:
 - web server made simple
 - extensions (database, login, ...)
 - easily adaptable to your needs while scalable
 - big community
- http request **API**: rest like (but probably not fully rest)
 - an url for each function
 - Simple to add new features without changing existing ones
- Flask **socketio** for sending HO messages
 - server-client bi-directional communication, websocket based
- Reuse the existing Hardware Repository

Http requests

- API for the calls from client to server (*GET, PUT, POST...*)
- Decoupling the server and the client
- Should be easy to understand by the client
 - (<http://example.com/mybeamline/mymotors/omega/move/45>)
- Url routings for sample centring/video: already working

Sample Centring API

PUT /mxcube/api/v0.1/samplecentring/centring/start3click

Start 3 click centring procedure

Args:

None

Return:

'True' if command issued successfully, otherwise 'False'

Note:

This does not mean if the centring is successful or not

PUT /mxcube/api/v0.1/samplecentring/centring/startauto

Start automatic (lucid) centring procedure

Args:

None

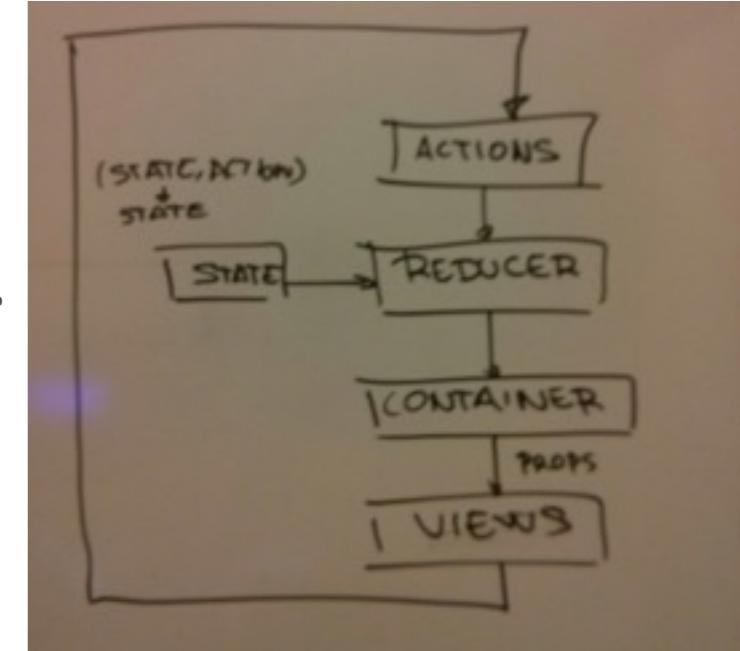
Return:

'True' if command issued successfully, otherwise 'False'

```
@mxcube.route("/mxcube/api/v0.1/samplecentring/centring/start3click", methods=['PUT'])
def centre3click():
    """
    Start 3 click centring procedure
    Args: None
    Return: 'True' if command issued successfully, otherwise 'False'. Note that this
            does not mean
            if the centring is successful or not
    """
    logging.getLogger('HWR.MX3').info('[Centring] 3click method requested')
    try:
        currentCentringProcedure = mxcube.diffractometer.start3ClickCentring()
        return "True" #this only means the call was successful
    except:
        return "False"
```

Frontend

- **Javascript/React** library (Facebook)
- Only for the user interface (the view in MVC)
- Virtual html DOM kept as internal state
 - Different components programmed independently
- Reusing existing code when the layout changes
- **Redux** application architecture/pattern
 - Predictable state container for JavaScript apps ...
 - the way to go if you use React
 - Unidirectional data flow
 - Changes on the internal state in a single place

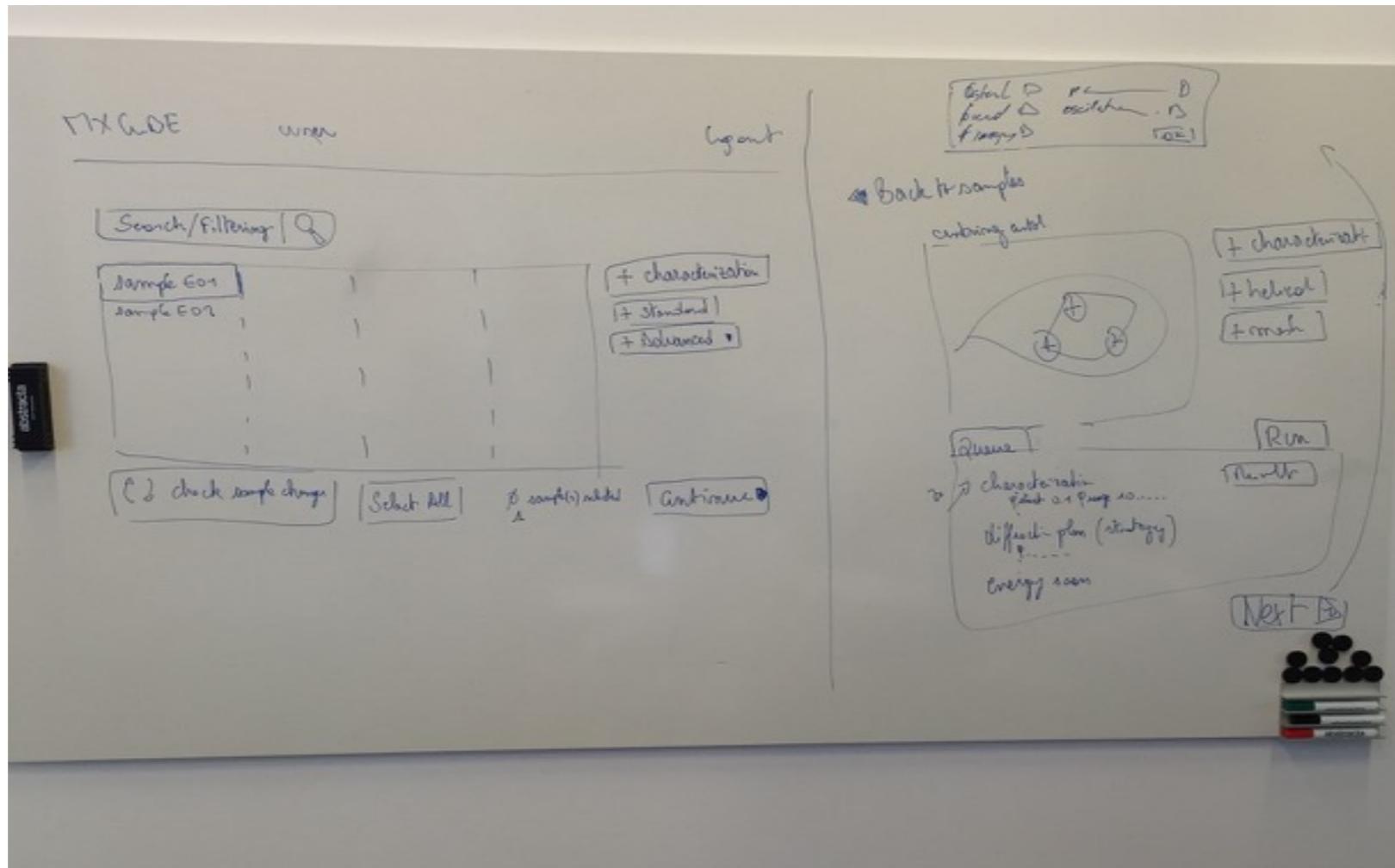


Redux architecture

Layout

- Before going to *react* a main objective was identified
 - Improve the user experience !!!
- And for that it is useful to
 - Have a clean interface
 - Use modern web technologies
 - Learn current usage and feedback
- And finally... a big question arises:
 - Is this really possible?

Layout - first sketch



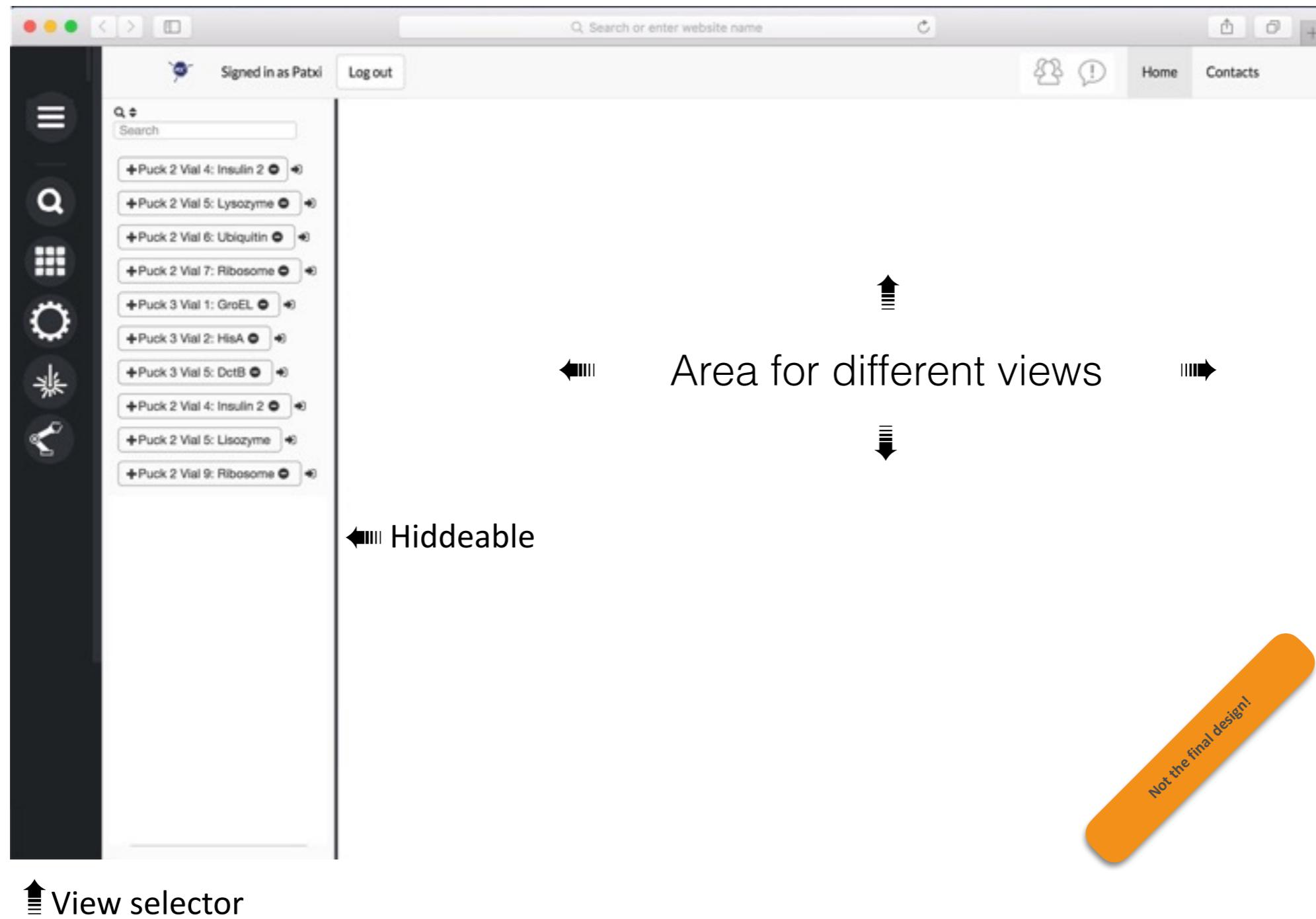
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- Experiment configuration in a batch like mode
 - All available samples
- Experiment management for each sample
 - centring mechanism
 - should also be automatic and transparent for the user

Transitions between views to be defined

Layout - first real design

- Common parts



Layout - first real design

- Sample Grid

Signed in as Pabxi Log out

Search

+Puck 2 Vial 4: Insulin 2
+Puck 2 Vial 5: Lysozyme
+Puck 2 Vial 6: Ubiquitin
+Puck 2 Vial 7: Ribosome
+Puck 3 Vial 1: GroEL
+Puck 3 Vial 2: HisA
+Puck 3 Vial 5: DctB
+Puck 2 Vial 4: Insulin 2
+Puck 2 Vial 5: Lysozyme
+Puck 2 Vial 9: Ribosome

Filter Q Check sample changer contents

101 (A-TIM)
HA1234567
MXPressO

hfd01 (A-TIM)
HA1234567
Default

testsd1 (A-TIM)
HA1234567
Default

testpuck6 (A-TIM)
HA1234567
Default

d01 (A315S)
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d02 (A315S)
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MX3core

xtal1 (cp)
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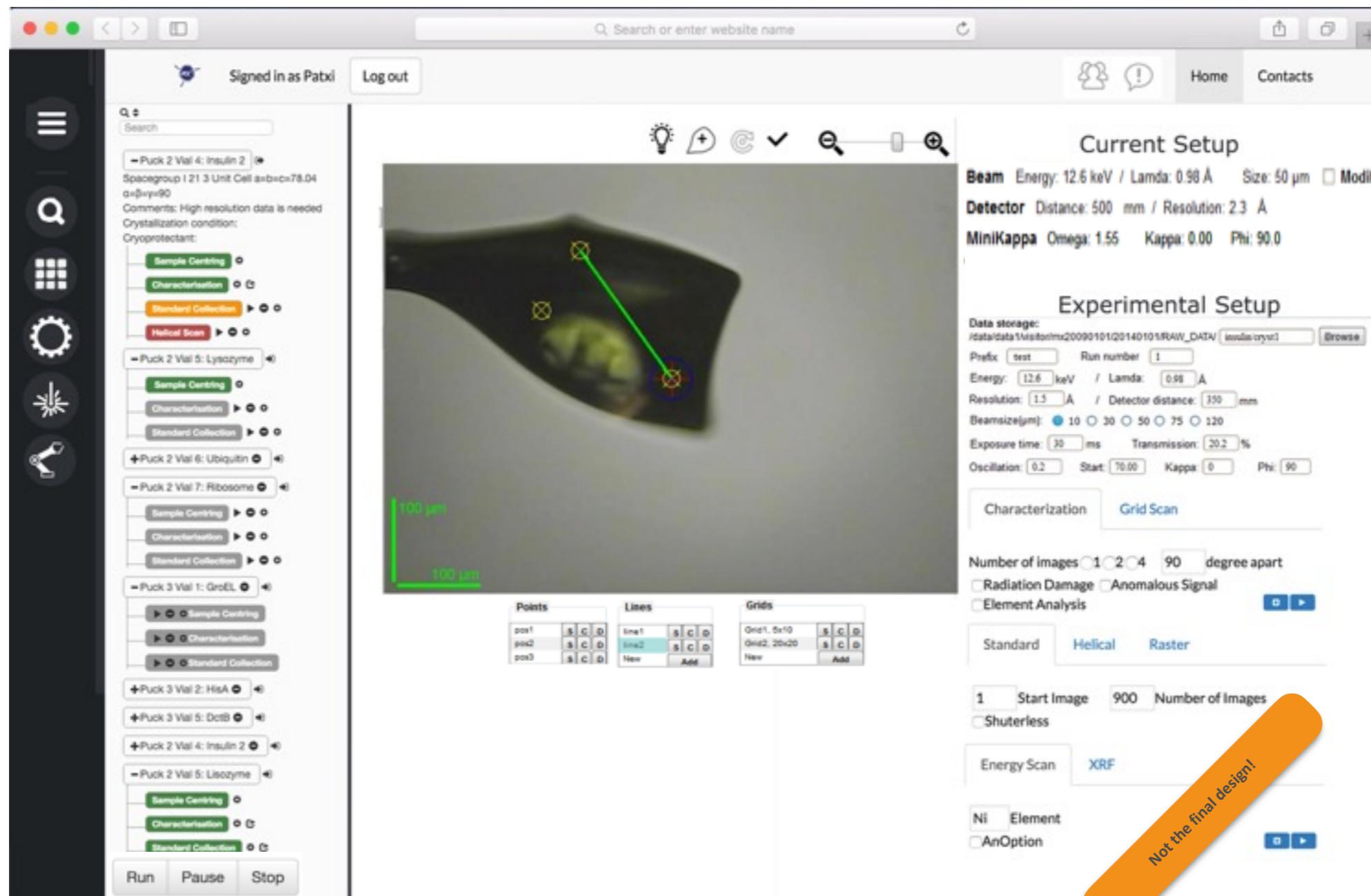
Run Pause Stop

Select: Manual Automatic Something else here

Not the final design!

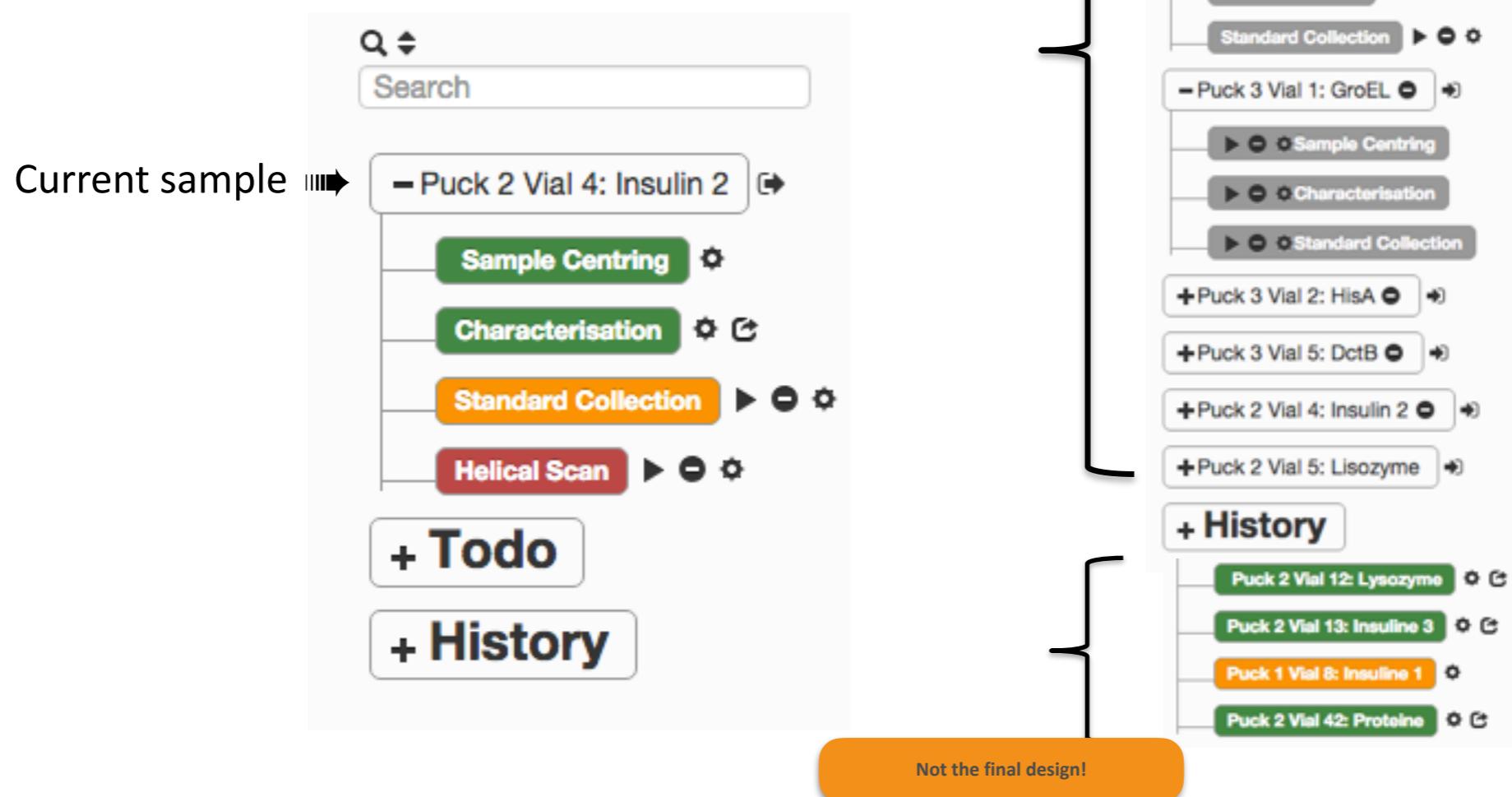
Layout - first real design

- Sample Video



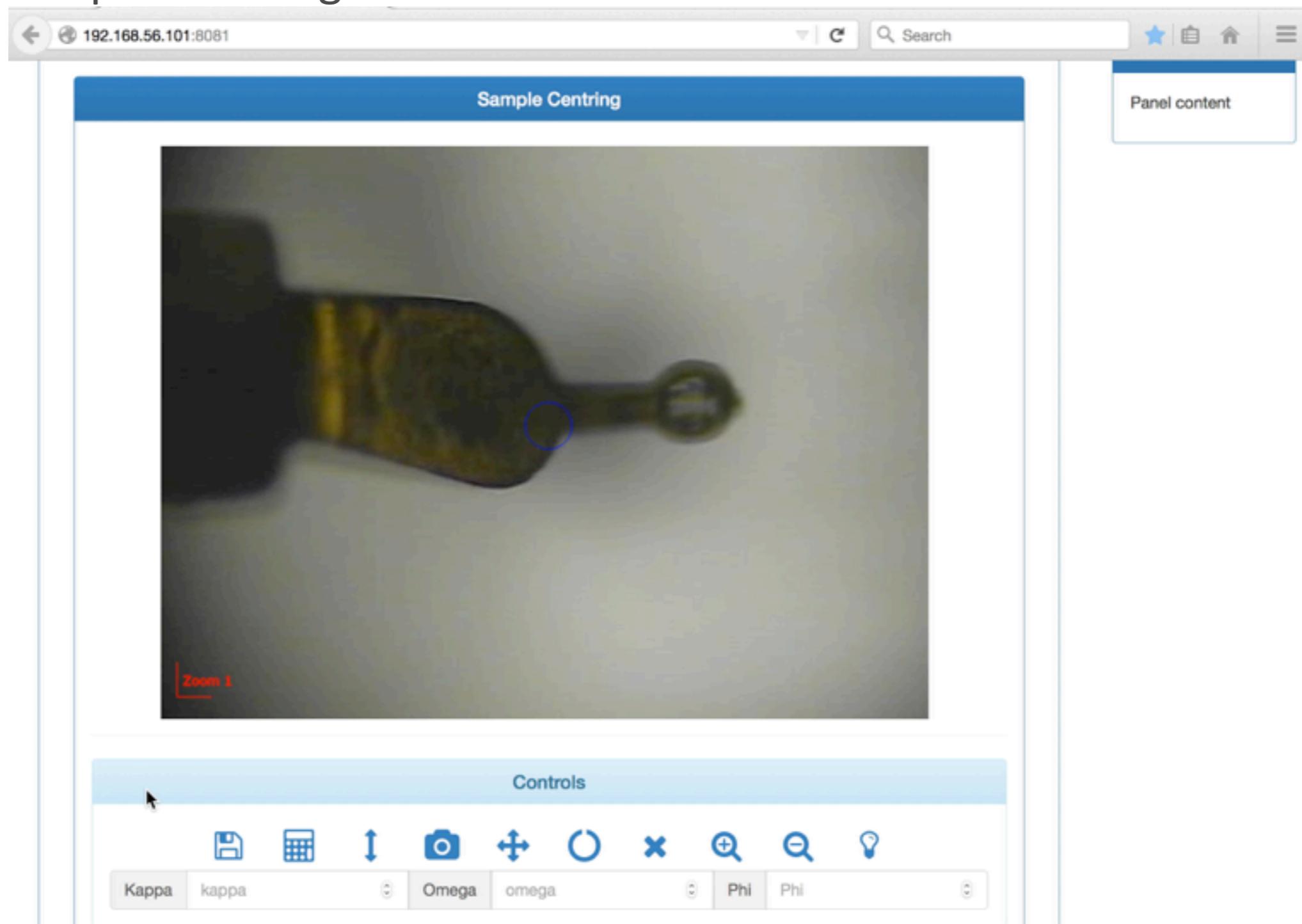
Layout - Queue

- Queue:
 - Current sample always on top
 - Todo and History (collapsible)
 - Drag&Drop, search, reorder, skip ...



MXCuBE 3 - demo

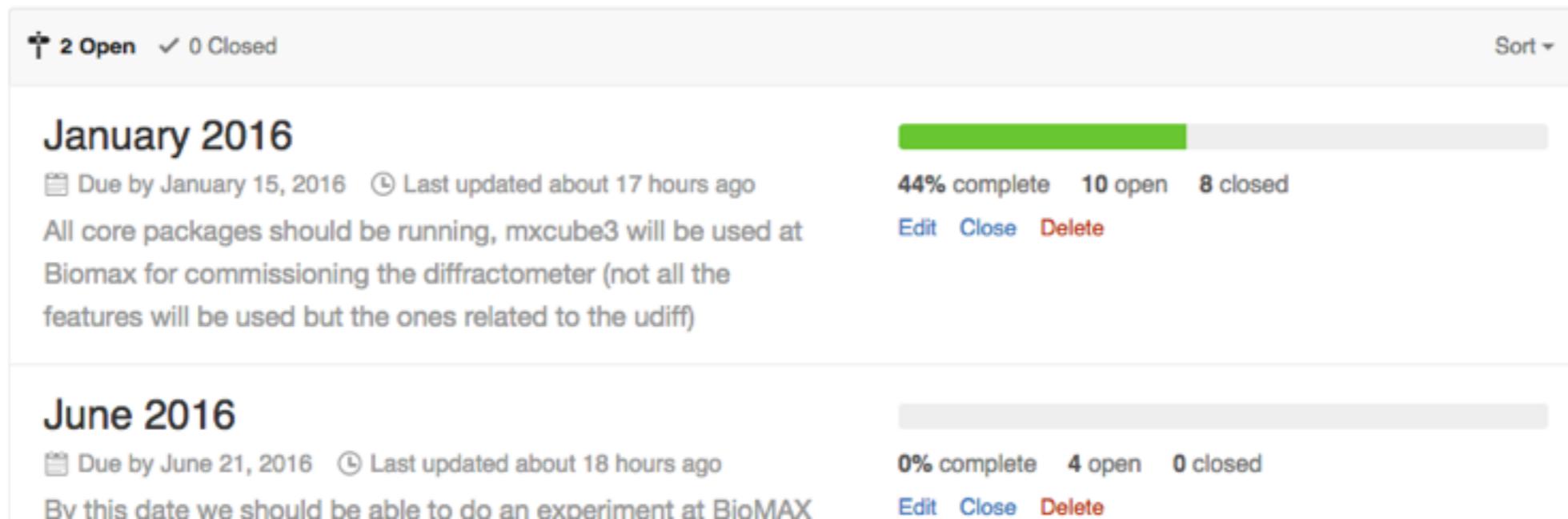
- Sample Centring and video



Current Status

- Working on core packages - Jan16 milestone ([Antonio's talk](#))
 - Diffractometer controlled: code reused in *any* layout
 - Setting up development environment/workflow ([Matias' talk](#))
 - Web interface layout designed (at least until further discussion)
 - Mockups + real environment
 - Github => 138 commits | 25 pull requests | 38 issues

<https://github.com/mxcube/mxcube3>



Next steps

- Real testing
 - Maxlab 911 mx beamline to be closed...
 - MaxIV laboratory setup: MD2? + virtual beamline
 - ESRF beamlines (Matias)
- Work towards Jan16 milestone
 - HO integration in the server (http requests)
 - Frozen design: gimp => web
 - Implementation of the queue
 - Sample Grid

MXCuBE3 People

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ESRF BCU team

Thanks for your attention!