



# HANDS ON SESSION

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# Outline

- Hardware Repository
- MXCuBE
- Exercises



# MXCuBE

- Macromolecular Xtallography Customized Beamline Environment
  - Started in 2005 at ESRF
  - Beamline control and data acquisition platform for running MX experiments
- Supported by the following partners: ESRF, Soleil, MAX IV, HZB, EMBL, Global Phasing Ltd, DESY, ALBA (LNLS)
  - Common solution for scientist
  - Already tested software & builtin experience
  - *Quick* setup



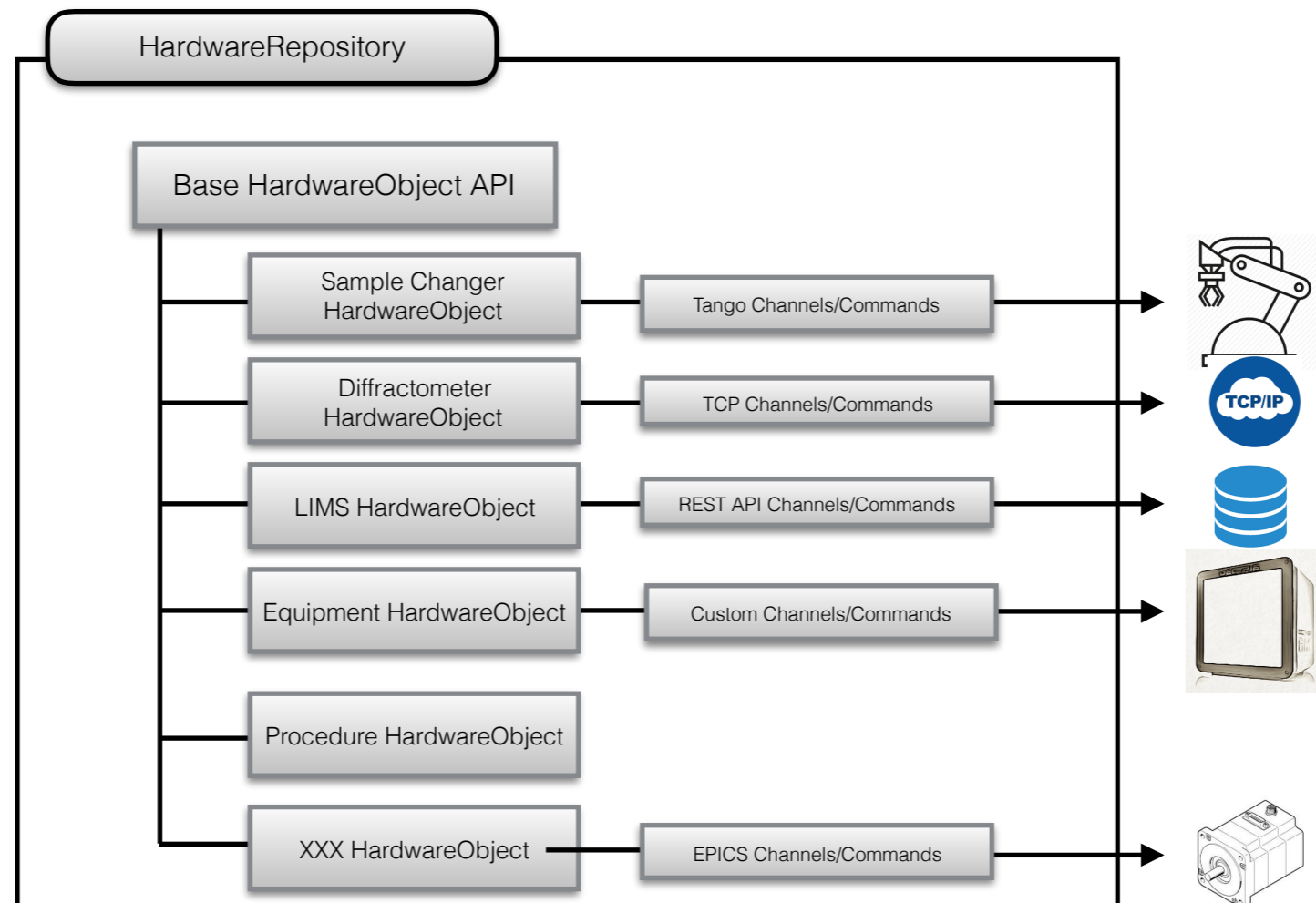
# MXCuBE - Main Features

- Customizable interface for each beamline/facility (PyQt bricks, web)
- Hide the complexity of the Hardware to the user (and to the developers...) thanks to the usage of the **HardwareObjects**
- Reuse of existing code for different beamlines
  - same or similar hardware
  - same or similar experimental procedures
- A huge builtin experience (many years + many people + many beamlines)
- Currently QT and Web versions



# MXCuBE - HardwareRepository

- Hardware Abstraction Layer
- It acts as a container/Pool of single python objects (called Hardware Objects)
  - The information necessary for a hardware object to operate a physical device. Supported protocols: Tango, Spec, Exporter, Sardana, EPICS



# MXCuBE - HardwareObjects

- A HO is not only hardware! Procedures/sequences etc
- Link between devices and the graphical interface
- Configured through xml files
- emitting signals to others HOs, graphical elements
- Hardware mockups available

```
<device class="MicrodiffMotor">  
  <username>Omega</username>  
  <exporter_address>130.235.94.124:9001</exporter_address>  
  <motor_name>Omega</motor_name>  
  <unit>1e-3</unit>  
</device>
```

udiff\_omega.xml

```
class MicrodiffMotor(Device):
```

```
    def init(self):  
        self.position_attr = self.addChannel({"type":"exporter", "name":"position" }, self.motor_name)  
  
    def getPosition(self):  
        return self.position_attr.getValue()  
  
    def move(self, absolutePosition)  
        self.position_attr.setValue(absolutePosition)
```

MicrodiffMotor.py

# MXCuBE - HardwareObjects

<!-- Example beamline setup file -->

```
<object class="BeamlineSetup" role="BeamlineSetup">
  <!-- Objects directly associated with hardware -->
  <object href="/transmission-mockup" role="transmission"/>
  <object href="/minidiff" role="diffractometer"/>
  <object href="/cats" role="sample_changer"/>
  <object href="/spec_mxCuBE/res" role="resolution"/>

  <!-- Software (abstract) concepts -->
  <object href="/shape-history" role="shape_history"/>
  <object href="/session" role="session"/>
  <object href="/lims" role="lims_client"/>
  <object href="/edna_config" role="data_analysis"/>
  <!--<object href="/workflow-mockup" role="workflow"/> -->

  <!-- Procedures and routines -->
  <object href="/energyscan" role="energy"/>
  <object href="/mxcollect" role="collect"/>

  <!-- Is it possible to change the beam wavelength.
  Should perhaps be associated with the diffractometer -->
  <tunable_wavelength>True</tunable_wavelength>

  <!-- Disables or enables the number of passes input box, used
  for acquisitions.-->
  <disable_num_passes>False</disable_num_passes>

  <!-- Should be moved to a detector object in the future -->
  <detector>
    <manufacturer>MAR</manufacturer>
    <type>marccd</type>
    <model>marmosaic</model>
    <px>0.07324</px>
    <py>0.07324</py>
    <cansum>no</cansum>
    <has_shutterless>False</has_shutterless>
  </detector>
```



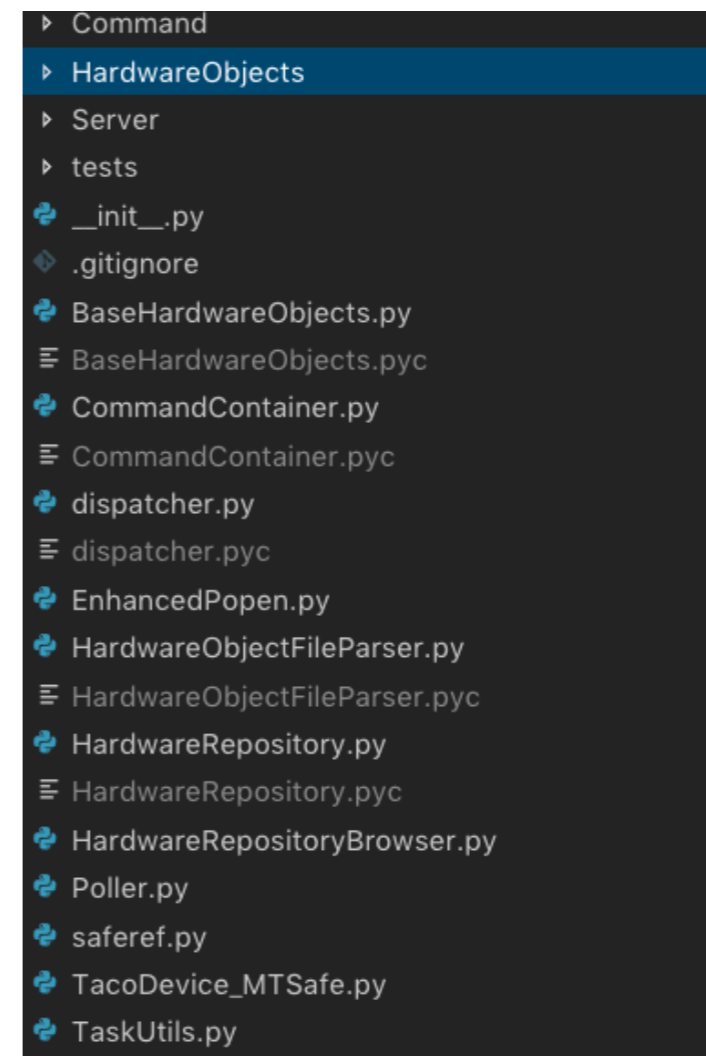
```
<!-- Default values for an acquisition -->
<default_acquisition_values>
  <exposure_time>10</exposure_time>
  <start_angle>0.0</start_angle>
  <range>1</range>
  <number_of_passes>1</number_of_passes>
  <start_image_number>1</start_image_number>
  <run_number>1</run_number>
  <overlap>0</overlap>
  <number_of_images>1</number_of_images>
  <detector_mode>1</detector_mode>
</default_acquisition
```

```
<!-- Default values for a characterization -->
<default_characterisation_values>
  <exposure_time>5</exposure_time>
  <start_angle>0.0</start_angle>
  <range>1</range>
  <number_of_passes>1</number_of_passes>
  <start_image_number>1</start_image_number>
  <run_number>1</run_number>
  <overlap>0</overlap>
  <number_of_images>1</number_of_images>
  <detector_mode>1</detector_mode>
</default_characterisation_values>
</object>
```



# MXCuBE - HardwareObjects

- Important HO
  - Collect, Diffractometer,
  - This is the main entry point: **BeamlineSetup**
- Folder structure...
- Specific folder for each facility
- Try to inherit as much as possible



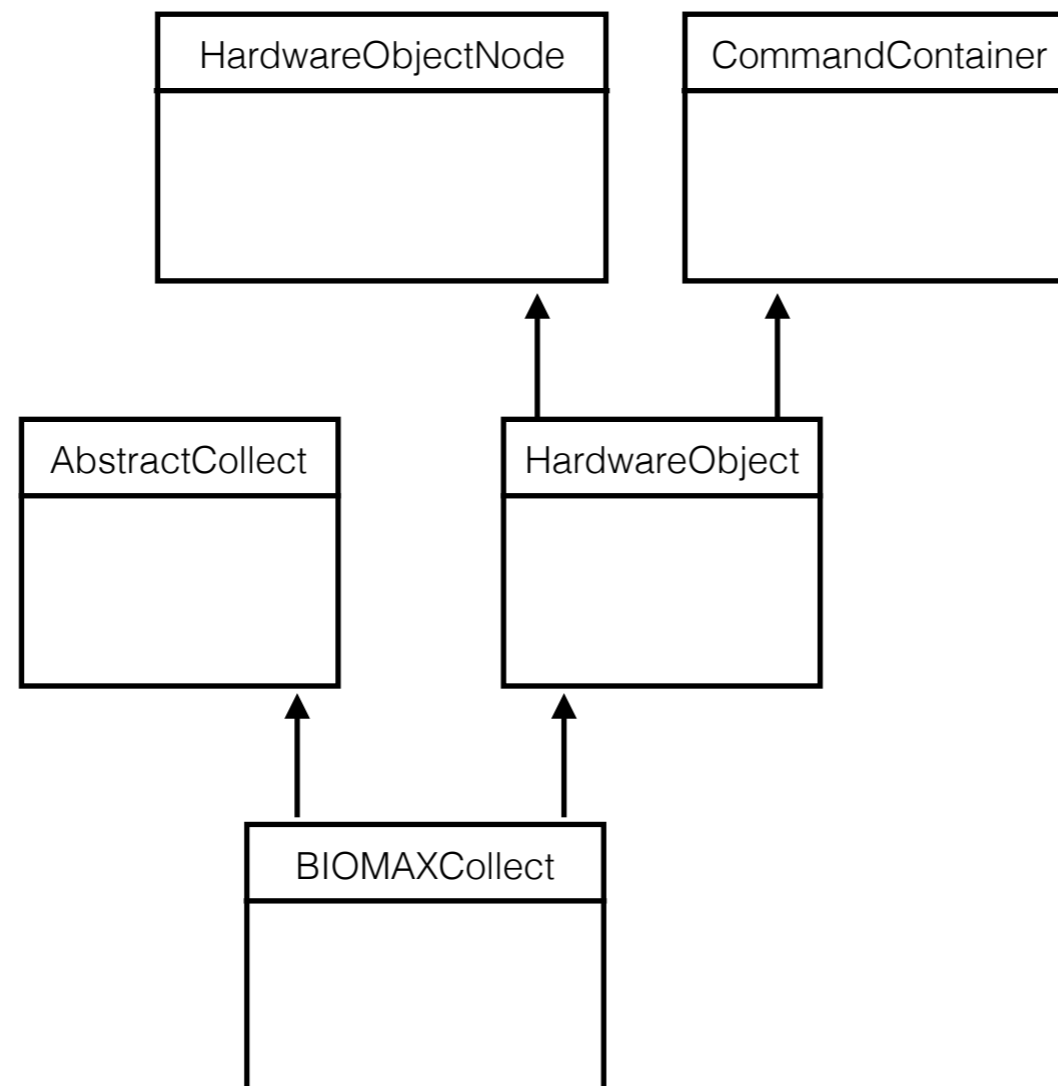
```
▶ Command
▶ HardwareObjects
▶ Server
▶ tests
+ __init__.py
+ .gitignore
+ BaseHardwareObjects.py
+ BaseHardwareObjects.pyc
+ CommandContainer.py
+ CommandContainer.pyc
+ dispatcher.py
+ dispatcher.pyc
+ EnhancedPopen.py
+ HardwareObjectFileParser.py
+ HardwareObjectFileParser.pyc
+ HardwareRepository.py
+ HardwareRepository.pyc
+ HardwareRepositoryBrowser.py
+ Poller.py
+ saferef.py
+ TacoDevice_MTSafe.py
+ TaskUtils.py
```



# MXCuBE - HardwareObjects

- Inheritance example

```
class BIOMAXCollect(AbstractCollect, HardwareObject):
```



# MXCuBE - HardwareObjects

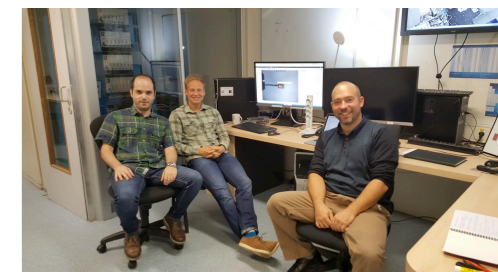
- Let's play a bit

```
from HardwareRepository import HardwareRepository as hwr
hwr_dir = '../test/HardwareObjectsMockup.xml/'
hwr = hwr.HardwareRepository(hwr_dir)
hwr.connect()
dtox = hwr.getHardwareObject('dtox')
dtox.getPosition()
dtox.move(100)
dtox.getPosition()
```

# MXCuBE 3



- Beamline control and data acquisition as web application
- Modern technologies
- Future easier integration and maintenance
- Remote access in a more *natural* way
- Reuse existing HardwareObjects
- Challenges:
  - Refactor existing code, remove dependencies
  - New design for the user interface
  - Decoupling logic and interface: any client possible



# MXCuBE 3

- Under development
  - kickoff meeting in September 2015
  - v 3.0.2
- In production in MAX IV, ESRF, Elettra (Roberto?)
- Tests in Soleil?
- Still issues few to be solved

Latest release

v3.0.2

a0e49fb

MXCuBE 3 (web)

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3,328 commits

13 branches

7 releases

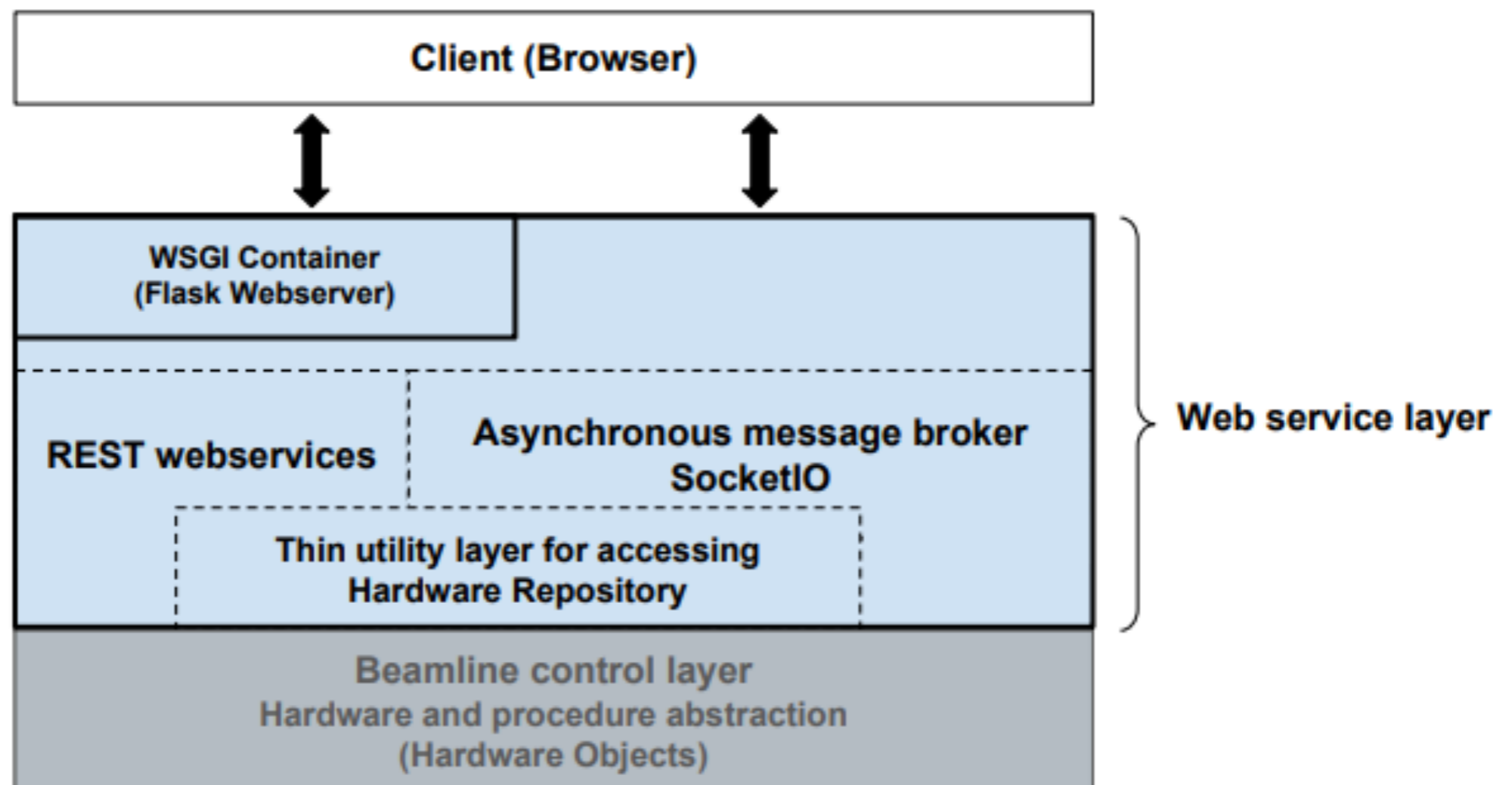
8 contributors

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# MXCuBE 3



- REST API backend
- Websockets for forwarding events (SocketIO)
- Thin layer for adapting HO and mxcube3 communication



# 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, DELETE*)
- Decoupling the server and the client
- Should be easy to understand by the client
  - ➔ (<http://example.com/queue/4/12/execute>)

## 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'

**Note:**

This does not mean if the centring is successful or not

```
@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"
```

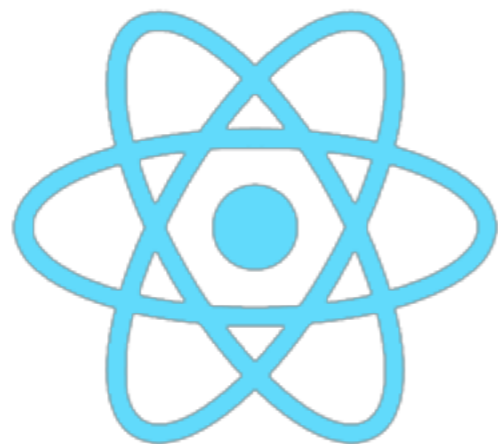
# Adding new devices

- Existing HO framework makes easy the addition of new devices
- Clear decoupling
- Steps (roughly):
  - Write your new Hardware Object
  - Configure it (xml file, specific address, range, etc.)
  - Does the current http api support the new HO?
    - if not: add new routes
  - Tell the client how to make use of the api



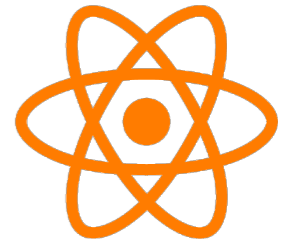
# Frontend REACT

- **Javascript/React** library (Facebook)
- Only for the user interface (the V in MVC)
- Virtual html DOM kept as internal state
  - Different components programmed independently
- Widgets like in traditional UI development
  - Called **components**
- Reusing existing code when the layout changes
- Express the UI in a markup language called JSX (~html + javascript)

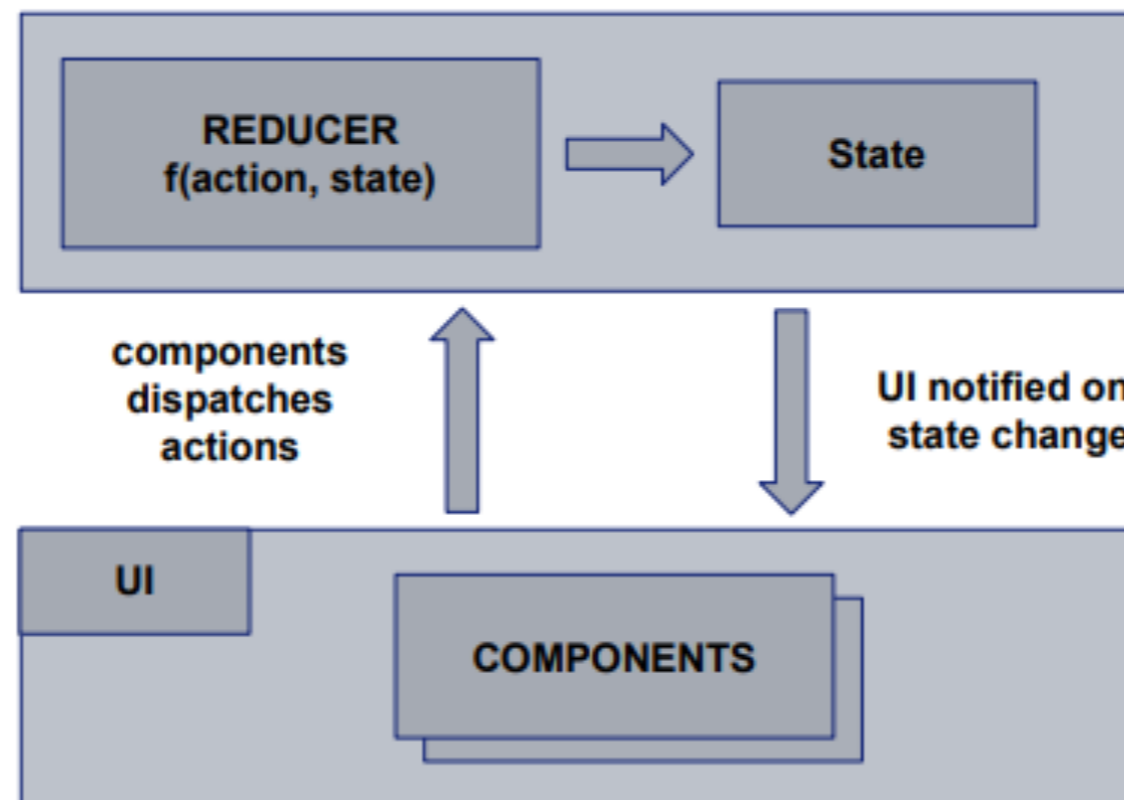


# React

# Frontend REDUX



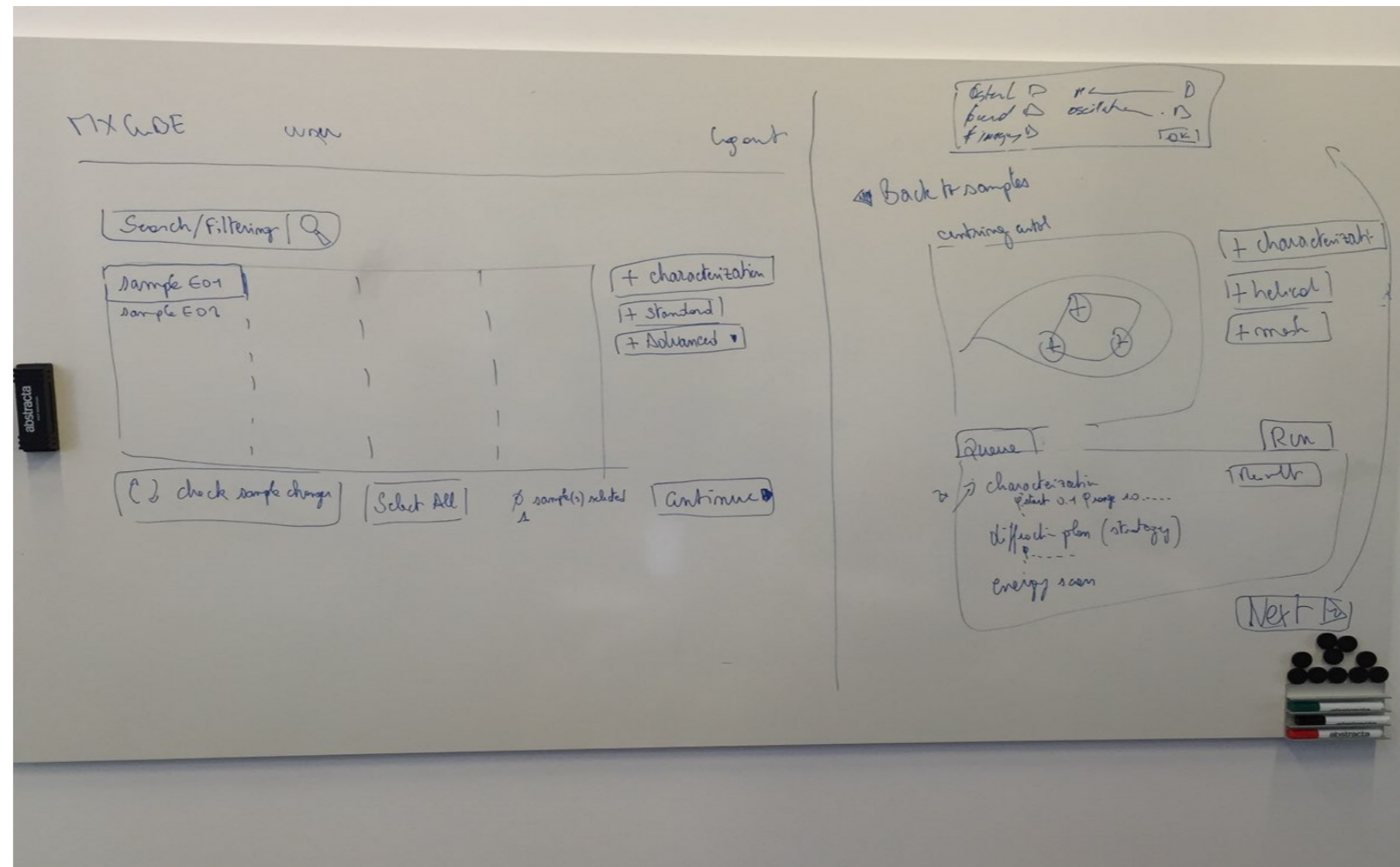
- **Redux** application architecture/pattern
  - Predictable state container for JavaScript apps ...
  - Unidirectional data flow, easy debugging
  - Changes on the internal state in a single place



# Layout

- 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

# Layout - first sketch



MAXIV-ESRF Sep. 2015

- 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 - Today

MxCuBE 3 Proposal: OPID291

Sample Overview | Data collection | Sample Changer | System log | Help | RA | Sign out

Get samples from SC | ISPyB | Clear sample list | Filter: | + Add to Queue | Settings | Collect 1/312

Sample-1:1:01 to Sample-3:3:10 (Grid of sample slots)

Sample-1:2:07 (MOUNTED)

**Characterisation (Collected)**

**Indexing summary**

Selected spacegroup	a [Å]	b [Å]	c [Å]	alpha [°]
P4	77.350	77.350	37.390	90.000

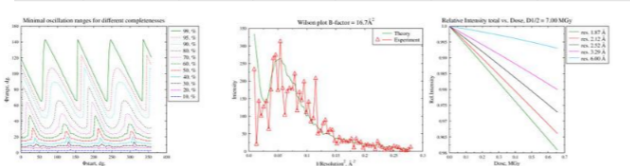
Best has detected that the sample can diffract to 1.44 Å!

Move the detector to collect 1.44 Å data and re-launch the EDNA characterisation.

**Collection plan strategy: resolution limit is set by the initial image resolution**

Wedge	Subwedge	Start (°)	Width (°)	No images	Exp time (s)	Max res (Å)
1	1	99.00	0.10	1220	0.037	1.87

Minimal oscillation ranges for different completeness



**Diffraction Plan**

Forced space group	Anomalous data	Aimed multiplicity	Aimed completeness	Aimed I/sigma at highest res.
	False	Default (optimized)	0.99	1.00

**Image quality indicators**

File	Dozor score (I)	Dozor visible res. (Å)	Tot integr signal (Z)	Spot total	In-Res Total	Good Bragg
ref-local-user_2_0001.cbf	49.6	2.0	49109	366	341	271
ref-local-user_2_0002.cbf	188.1	2.0	67214	360	315	241
ref-local-user_2_0003.cbf	74.0	2.0	34330	323	294	232
ref-local-user_2_0004.cbf	165.3	2.0	62961	320	309	256

1. Dozor score: criteria of diffraction signal strength that uses intensities over background vs resolution, Popov 2014, to be published.

2. Total integrated signal, spot total etc: results from cctbx Spotfinder

# Layout - Today

The screenshot displays the MXCuBE 3 control interface. At the top, the title bar reads "MXCuBE-3 Proposal: OPID291". Below this, a navigation bar includes "Sample Overview", "Data collection", "Sample Changer", and "System log". On the right side of the navigation bar are "Help", "RA", and "Sign out" options.

The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Beamline Actions:** A dropdown menu on the left.
- Parameters:** Energy: 12.7001 keV, Wavelength: 0.9762 Å, Resolution: 2.5 Å, Detector: 500.000 mm, Transmission: 19.998 % ph/s, Flux: (blank), Cryo: 100.22 K.
- Status Indicators:** Sample changer (READY), Safety Shutter (---), Fast Shutter (CLOSED), Beamstop (---), Ring Current (91.9 mA).
- Control Panel:** Includes "Run Queue" and "Unmount" buttons, and a "Settings" dropdown menu.
- Sample Information:** "Sample: Sample-1:2:07" is displayed.
- Automation Settings:** A list of checkboxes for "Automount next sample", "Auto loop centring", and "Auto add diffraction plan".
- Crystal Snapshots:** A dropdown menu showing "Crystal snapshots (4)".
- Group path:** A text input field with a "Set" button.

The central area features a large microscope view of a sample, which appears to be a thin, curved structure. A blue circle with a red crosshair is centered on a specific part of the sample. A scale bar in the bottom left corner indicates 50 µm. Above the microscope view is a toolbar with icons for "Snapshot", "Draw grid", "3-click Centring", "Focus", "Zoom", "Backlight", "Frontlight", and "Video size".

# DataCollections

Standard Data Collection ✕

**Path:** /tmp/mxcube3test/inhouse/idtest0/20190306/RAW\_DATA/Sample-1-01/  
**Filename:** local-user\_[RUN#]\_[IMG#]

**Subdirectory**

**Prefix**

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**Acquisition**

<b>Oscillation range</b>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<b>First image</b>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<b>Oscillation start</b>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<b>Number of images</b>	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<b>Exposure time (s)</b>	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<b>Transmission</b>	<input type="text" value="100,00"/>
<b>Energy</b>	<input type="text" value="12,000"/>	<b>Resolution</b>	<input type="text" value="3,000"/>

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**Processing**

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# DataCollections

Characterisation ×

Path: /tmp/mxcube3test/inhouse/idtest0/20190306/RAW\_DATA/Sample-1-01/  
Filename: local-user\_[RUN#]\_[IMG#]

Subdirectory

Prefix

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Reference acquisition

Number of images	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Transmission	<input type="text" value="100,00"/>
Exposure time (s)	<input type="text" value="5"/>	Resolution (Å)	<input type="text" value="3,000"/>
Oscillation range	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Energy	<input type="text" value="12,000"/>
Oscillation start	<input type="text" value="0"/>		

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Characterisation

Account for radiation damage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Optimised SAD	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Strategy complexity

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Crystal

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Radiation damage model

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Optimization parameters

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Routine DC

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SAD

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Radiation Damage

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# DataCollections

### Helical Data Collection

**Data location**

Path: /tmp/mxcube3test/inhouse/idtest0/20190306/RAW\_DATA/Sample-1-01/

Subdirectory:

Prefix:

Filename: local-user\_[RUN#]\_[IMG#]

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**Acquisition**

Oscillation range	<input type="text" value="1"/>	First image	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Oscillation start	<input type="text" value="0"/>	Number of images	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Exposure time (s)	<input type="text" value="10"/>	Transmission	<input type="text" value="100,00"/>
Energy	<input type="text" value="12,000"/>	Resolution	<input type="text" value="3,000"/>

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# DataCollections

XRF ✕

**Path:** /tmp/mxcube3test/inhouse/idtest0/20190306/RAW\_DATA/Sample-1-01/

**Filename:**

**Subdirectory**

**Prefix**

**Count time (s)**

# DataCollections

Energy Scan ×

Path: /tmp/mxcube3test/inhouse/idtest0/20190306/RAW\_DATA/Sample-1-01/

Filename:

Subdirectory

Prefix

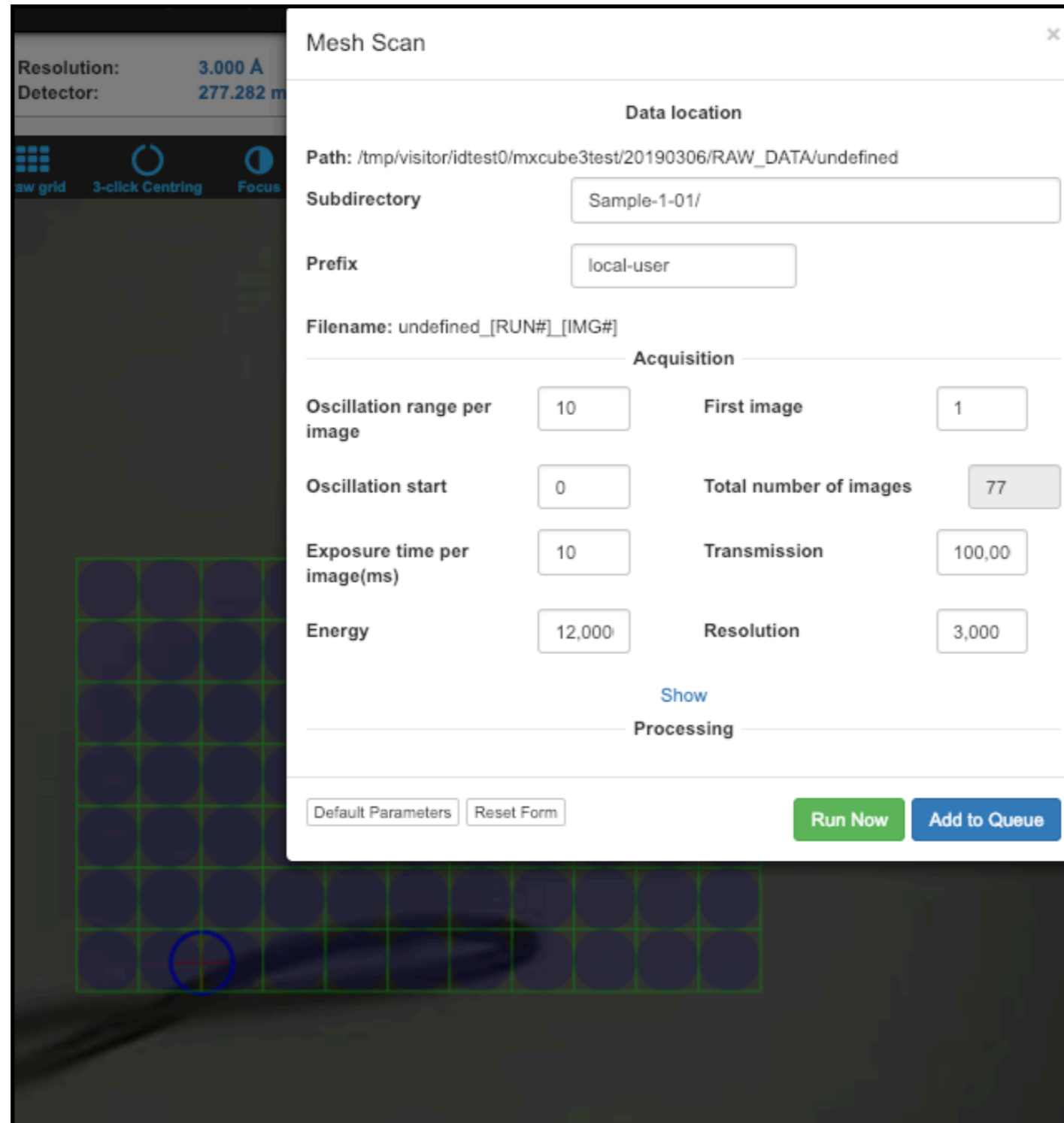
Element

H																			He
Li	Be										B	C	N	O	F				Ne
Na	Mg										Al	Si	P	S	Cl				Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br			Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I			Xe
Cs	Ba		Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At			Rn
Fr	Ra		Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	Uut	Ff	Uup	Lv	Uus			Uuo
			La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb			Lu
			Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No			Lr

Element

Edge

# DataCollections



Resolution: 3.000 Å  
Detector: 277.282 m

aw grid 3-click Centring Focus

### Mesh Scan

**Data location**

Path: /tmp/visitor/idtest0/mxcube3test/20190306/RAW\_DATA/undefined

Subdirectory: Sample-1-01/

Prefix: local-user

Filename: undefined\_[RUN#]\_[IMG#]

**Acquisition**

Oscillation range per image	10	First image	1
Oscillation start	0	Total number of images	77
Exposure time per image(ms)	10	Transmission	100,00
Energy	12,000	Resolution	3,000

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**Processing**

Default Parameters Reset Form Run Now Add to Queue

# DataCollections

WF Mesh Scan ✕

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**Path:** /tmp/visitor/idtest0/mxcube3test/20190306/RAW\_DATA/Sample-1-01/  
**Filename:** local-user\_[RUN#]\_[IMG#]

**Subdirectory**

**Prefix**

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# Sample Changer

Sample changer (READY)

Contents

Currently loaded: 1:01 ( matr1\_1 )

SC3

1

1:01 matr1\_1 ← (Mounted)

1:02 matr1\_2 ↘

1:03 matr1\_3 ↘

1:04 matr1\_4 ↘

1:05 matr1\_5 ↘

1:06 matr1\_6 ↘

1:07 matr1\_7 ↘

1:08 matr1\_8 ↘

1:09 matr1\_9 ↘

1:10 matr1\_10 ↘

2

2:01 matr2\_1 ↘

2:02 matr2\_2 ↘

2:03 matr2\_3 ↘

2:04 matr2\_4 ↘

Power

Lid

Actions

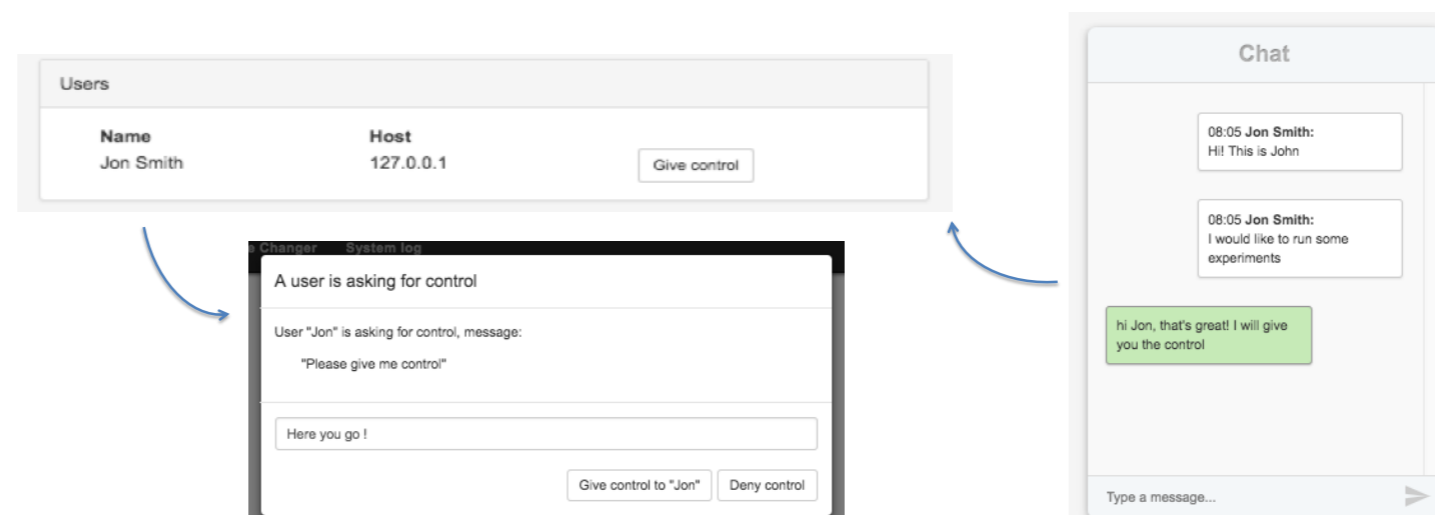
Recovery

Abort

# Remote Operation

- Master/Slave mode
- Master is a local user/beamline staff
- Give/ask for control
  - slave cannot drive the beamline
- Screen mirroring
- In user operation at ESRF

- Demo



# LIMS integration

- Our LIMS is Ispyb
- The user configures the samples in Ispyb
- Mxcube retrieves the samples info (name, location in the SC, etc.)
- Data collection results are posted to Ispyb (beamline parameters, data collection info, file paths...)
- Auto triggering of data analysis (EDNA) performed by mxcube
  - feedback of data collection proposal (crystal characterisation) (diff plan)
- Results are displayed in the interface



# Simulated beamline

- Extensive set on mockups equipment
  - Diffractometer
  - Detector
  - Motors/movables
  - Lims interface
  - ...
- (almost) all the functionality of the interface can be tested without beamline (to certain degree)
- The xml files defines which components to use
- You can mix real and simulated equipment

# MXCuBE 3 - demo

<http://localhost:8090>

# MXCuBE3 People

## Team:

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**ESRF:** M. Oscarsson, A. Beteva, D. de Sanctis

Do not forget: M. Guijarro, F. Bolmsten, A. Milan-Otero, M. Thunissen, ...

## Supported by:

**MXCuBE collaboration**

**MAX IV MX and KITS teams**

**ESRF BCU team**

## Publications:

MXCuBE 3 web application, on the way to next generation experiment control: NOBUGS16

Bringing MX experiments to the web MXCuBE 3: ICALEPCS17

MXCuBE 3 web application for MX experiment control; release update and user experience: NOBUGS18

**Thanks for your attention!**

# Exercises

# Environment (docker)

1. **Getting mxcube:** (put it somewhere you like, do not use you existing mxcube3 folder)

- git clone <https://github.com/meguiraun/mxcube3.git>
- cd mxcube3
- [git checkout -b v3.0.1 origin/v3.0.1](#)
- cd mxcube3
- git clone <https://github.com/meguiraun/HardwareRepository.git>
- cd HardwareRepository
- git checkout -b 2.2 origin/2.2

2. **Running:** change the first part of the -v to where you downloaded mxcube3 in the step above

3. docker pull mikeleguiraun/mxcube:mxcube3\_workshop

- Terminal1: `docker run -v <YOUR_PATH_TO_MXCUBE>:/mxcube/mxcube3 -p 8081:8081 -p 8090:8090 --name mxcube3_workshop mikeleguiraun/mxcube:mxcube3_workshop`
- Terminal2: `docker exec -it mxcube3_workshop python mxcube3-server -w True -r test/HardwareObjectsMockup.xml`
- Terminal3: `docker exec -it mxcube3_workshop npm install` -> this is only needed once, it takes a while
- Terminal3: `docker exec -it mxcube3_workshop npm start` (leave this running all the time)

8081: backend server  
8090: web pack dev server (UI)

3. go to **localhost:8090**, username: idtest0, whatever password

# Environment (native)

## 1. Getting mxcube: (put it somewhere you like, do not use you existing mxcube3 folder)

- git clone <https://github.com/mxcube/mxcube3.git>
- git checkout -b v3.0.1 origin/v3.0.1
- cd mxcube3
- git clone <https://github.com/mxcube/HardwareRepository.git>
- cd HardwareRepository
- git checkout -b 2.2 origin/2.2

## 2. Running:

1. Install conda: <https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/miniconda.html>
2. conda create -n mxcube3 python=2.7
3. conda activate mxcube3
4. Install and run redis (check for your platform)
5. pip install -r requirements.txt (from the requirements.txt file in mxcube3 main folder)
6. python mxcube3-server -w True -r test/HardwareObjectsMockup.xml

## 8. Install NODE from <https://nodejs.org/en/>

9. In mxcube3 folder
  1. npm install
  2. npm start

```

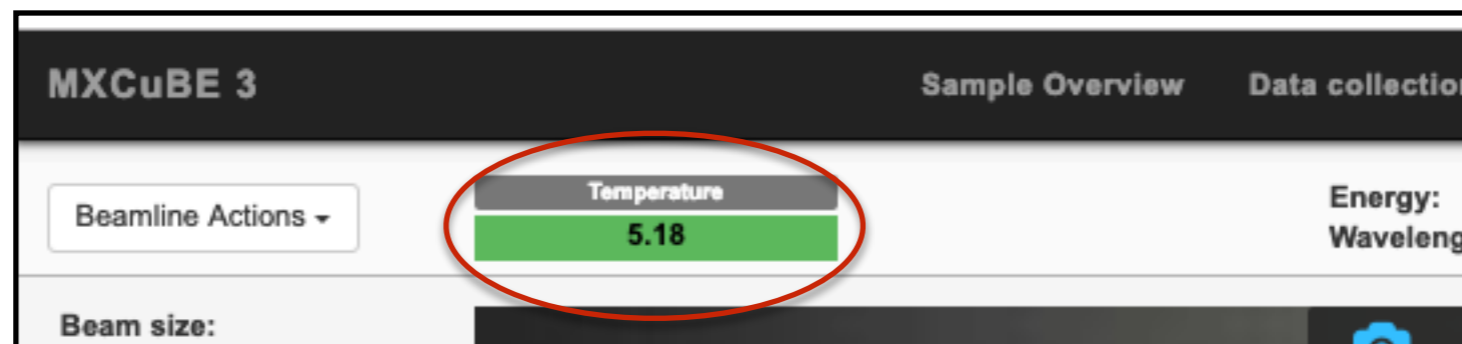
from HardwareRepository import HardwareRepository as hwr
hwr_dir = '../test/HardwareObjectsMockup.xml/'
hwr = hwr.HardwareRepository(hwr_dir)
hwr.connect()
ctrl = hwr.getHardwareObject('temp_controller')

```

# Exercise 1

## A new hardware object in the interface

- On the hardware repository folder (repo):
  - git checkout -b temp\_controller origin/temp\_controller\_template
  - New TemperatureController.py file
    - Finish it with random temperature value
    - New xml configuration file for it
- Mxcube 3 folder:
  - git checkout -b temp\_controller origin/temp\_controller\_template
  - Several new files, check and finish them:
    - Load the previous hwobj (beamline-setup.xml)
    - First: API endpoint (new url for GET)
      - Test calling the url in a browser
    - React component: *mxcube3/ui/components/TemperatureController/TemperatureController.jsx*
    - Temperature actions and reducers
    - Forward temperature change events to the UI:
      - *mxcube3/routes/signals.py*
      - *mxcube3/ui/serverIO.js*





# Exercise 2

## Modify UI component

The current sample changer indicator in the data collection view only displays the state, change it so that you can power on and off the sample changer.

- On the mxcube3 folder
  - `git checkout -b sample_changer_switch_template origin/sample_changer_switch_template`
  - InOutSwitch2 does something very similar... just saying...
  - The sample changer maintenance hwobj already knows how to power it

