

# HDF5 at ESRF

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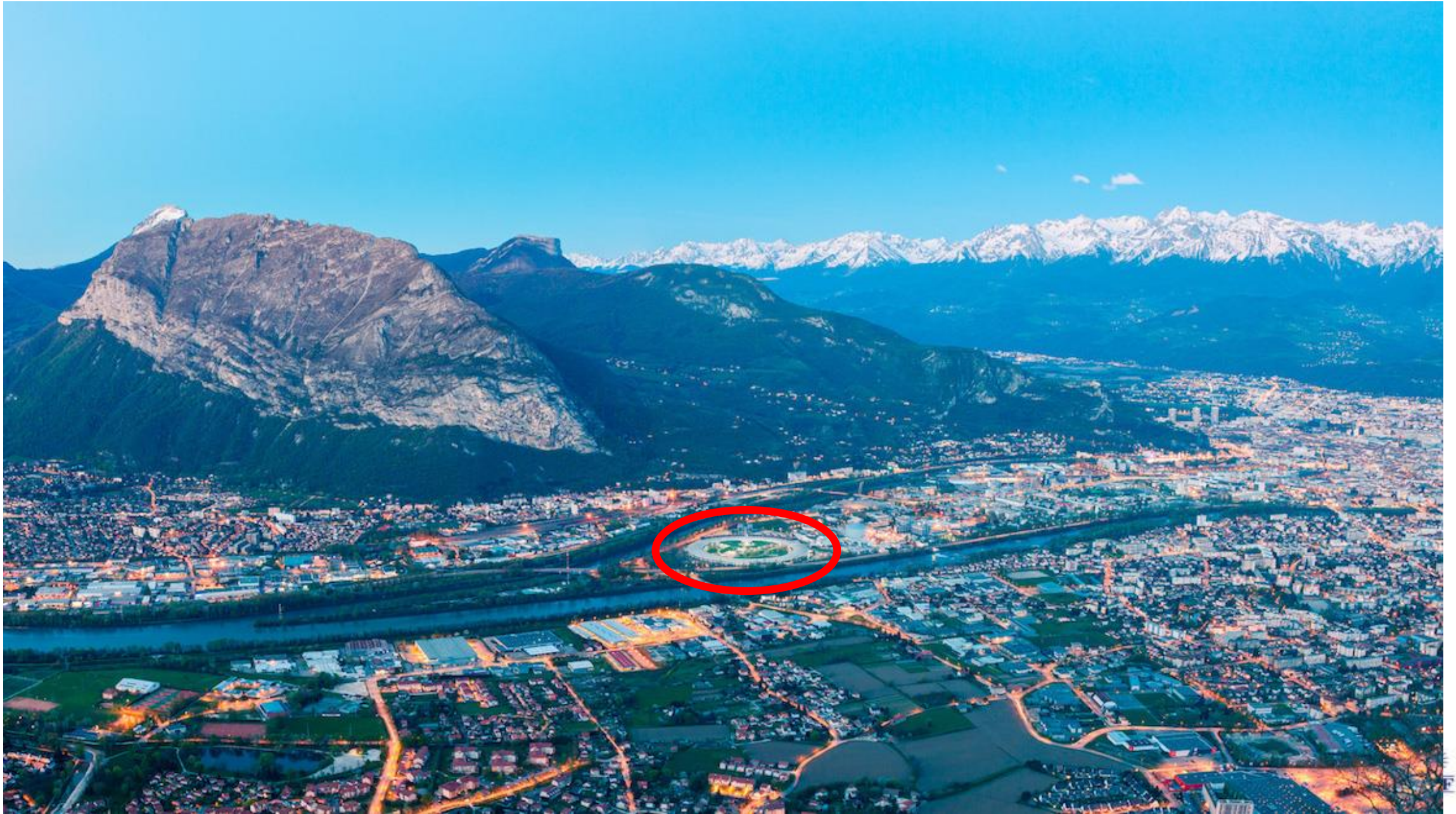
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# HDF5 - CENTRAL TO THE EBS DATA STRATEGY





# ESRF – THE EUROPEAN SYNCHROTRON





# EUROPEAN PHOTON + NEUTRON CAMPUS

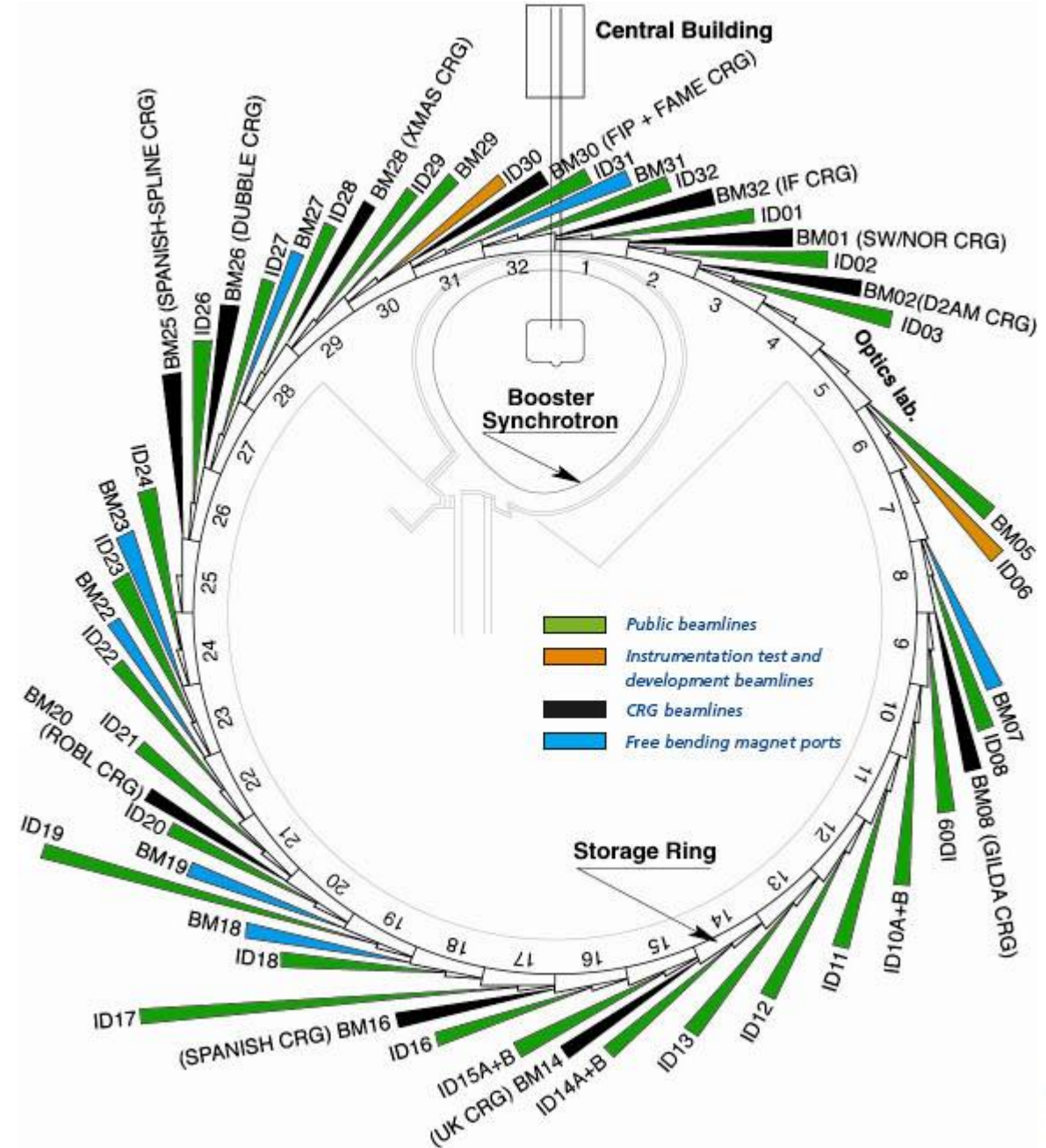




# BACKGROUND ON ORGANISATION STRUCTURE AND MISSION

## Mission

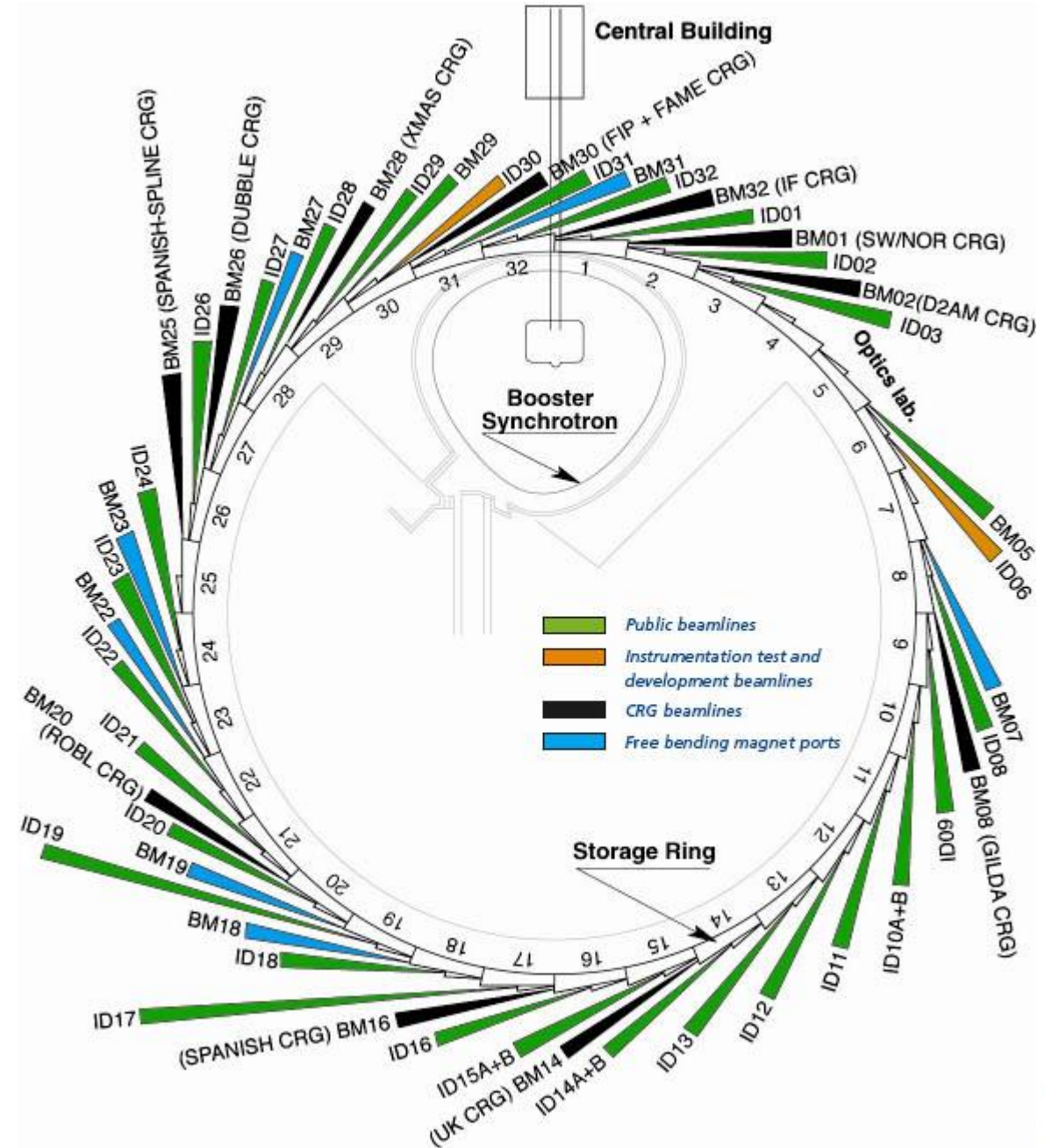
1. Produce synchrotron radiation in the hard x-ray region (10 keV – 250 keV) for doing experiments on applied science.
2. Provide visiting scientists with a hardware and software support for running experiments (free of charge for users for peer-reviewed experiments).
3. Provide users with the data from their experiments and support on how to process them.
4. **Make data open and FAIR and archive them for at least 10 years**



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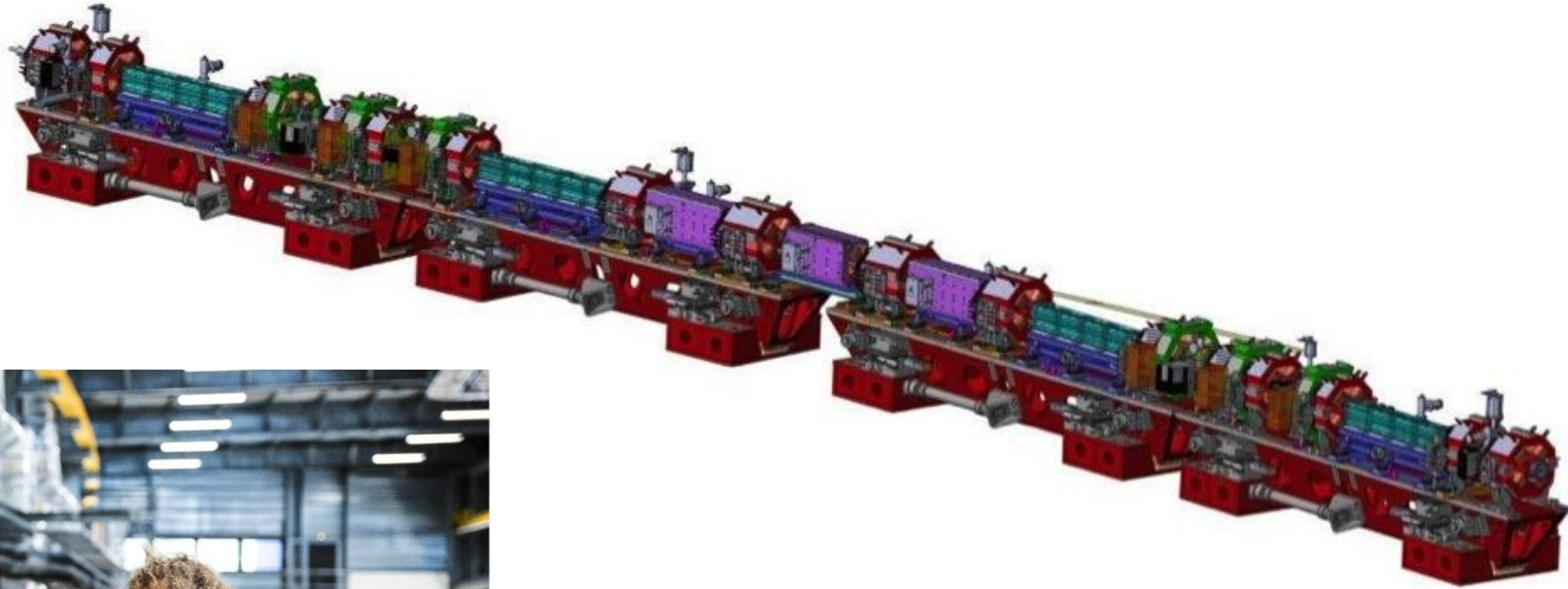
## Experiment Categories

1. CH (Chemistry)
2. ES (Earth Science)
3. EV (Environment)
4. HC (Hard Condensed Matter Science)
5. HG (Cultural Heritage)
6. LS (Life Sciences)
7. MA (Applied Material Science)
8. MD (Medicine)
9. ME (Engineering)
10. MI (Methods and Instrumentation)
11. MX (Structural Biology) –
12. SC (Soft Condensed Matter Science)



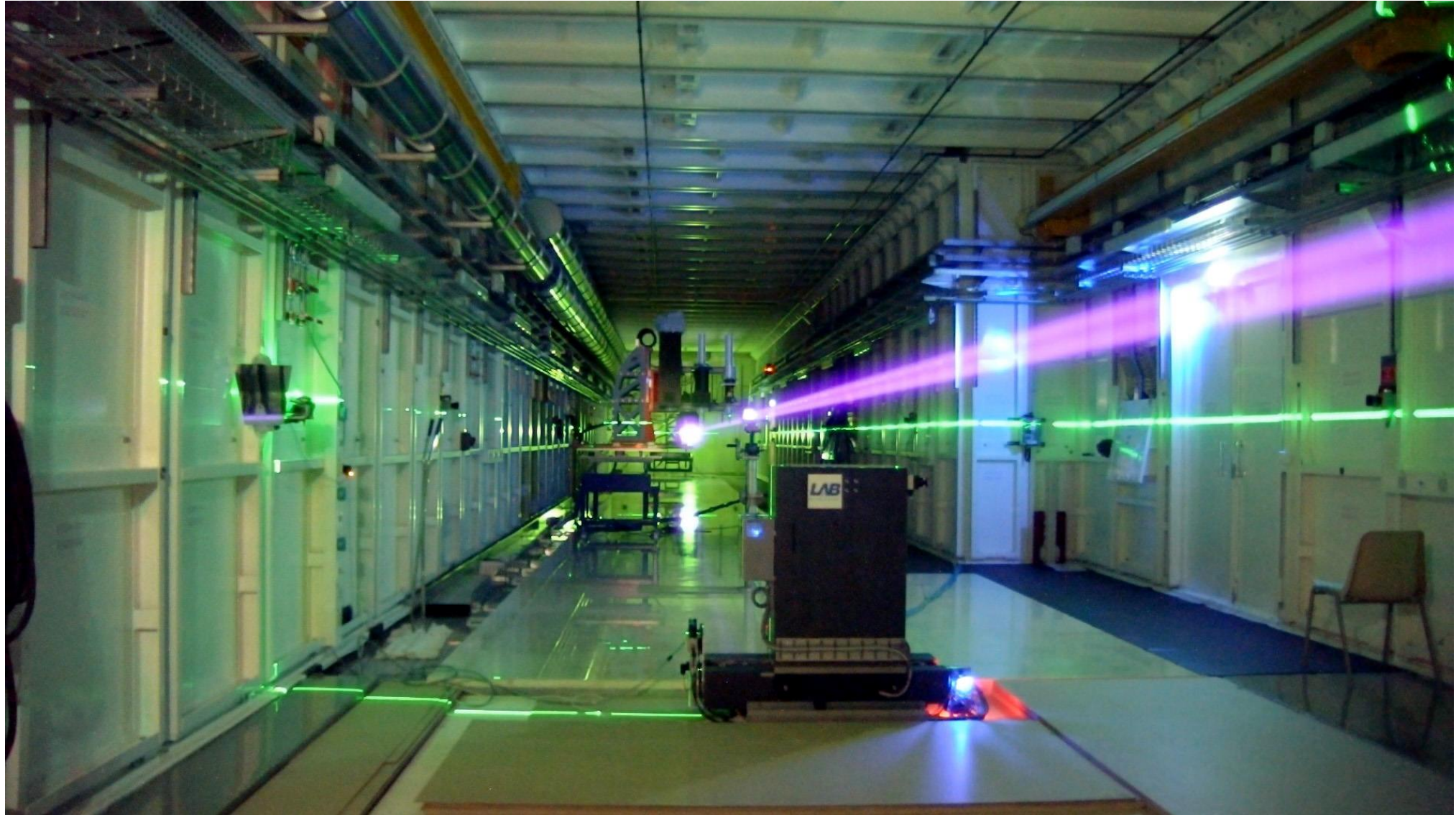


# NEW SOURCE EBS = 100 X MORE COHERENT BEAMS





# NEW SOURCE BM18 = 100 X MORE COHERENT BEAMS





# EXAMPLE OF ESRF DATA – HUMAN ORGAN ATLAS

A recent example of data from the **ESRF** is the **Human Organ Atlas** <https://human-organ-atlas.esrf.eu/>

The data represent the highest resolution scanning of individual human organs made possible by the new **4<sup>th</sup> generation source - EBS**

The data are being made **open** as soon as they are processed. **Over 30 groups world-wide** are using the data.

The goal is to make a **complete atlas of the human body**.

## Human Organ Atlas

EXPLORE   SEARCH   HELP

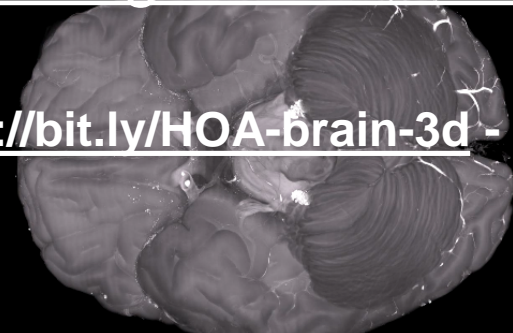
### Welcome to the Human Organ Atlas

The Human Organ Atlas uses **Hierarchical Phase-Contrast Tomography** to span a previously poorly explored scale in our understanding of human anatomy, the micron to whole intact organ scale.

Histology using optical and electron microscopy images cells and other structures with sub-micron accuracy but only on small biopsies of tissue from an organ, while clinical CT and MRI scans can image whole organs, but with a resolution only down to just below a millimetre. **HiP-CT** bridges these scales in 3D, imaging intact organs with ca. 20 micron voxels, and locally down to microns.

We hope this open access Atlas, enabled by the ESRF-EBS, will act as a reference to provide new insights into our biological makeup in health and disease. To stay up to date, follow [@HiP-CT](#)

### https://human-organ-atlas.esrf.eu/



### https://bit.ly/HOA-brain-3d - try it!




0:09 / 0:38

HiP-CT imaging and 3D reconstruction of a [complete brain](#) from the body donor LADAF-2020-31. More videos can be viewed on the [HiP-CT YouTube channel](#).

### Funding



This project has been made possible by funding from:

- The [European Synchrotron Radiation Facility \(ESRF\)](#) — funding proposal MD-1252
- The [Chan Zuckerberg Initiative](#), a donor-advised fund of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- The [German Registry of COVID-19 Autopsies](#) (DeRegCOVID), supported by the German Federal Ministry of Health
- The Royal Academy of Engineering, UK
- The UK Medical Research Council
- The Wellcome Trust



### Collaborators

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- Imperial College London, UK: **JL Robertus**



### Reference

Walsh, C.L., Tafforeau, P., Wagner, W.L. *et al.* Imaging intact human organs with local resolution of cellular structures using hierarchical phase-contrast tomography. *Nat Methods* (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-021-01317-x>

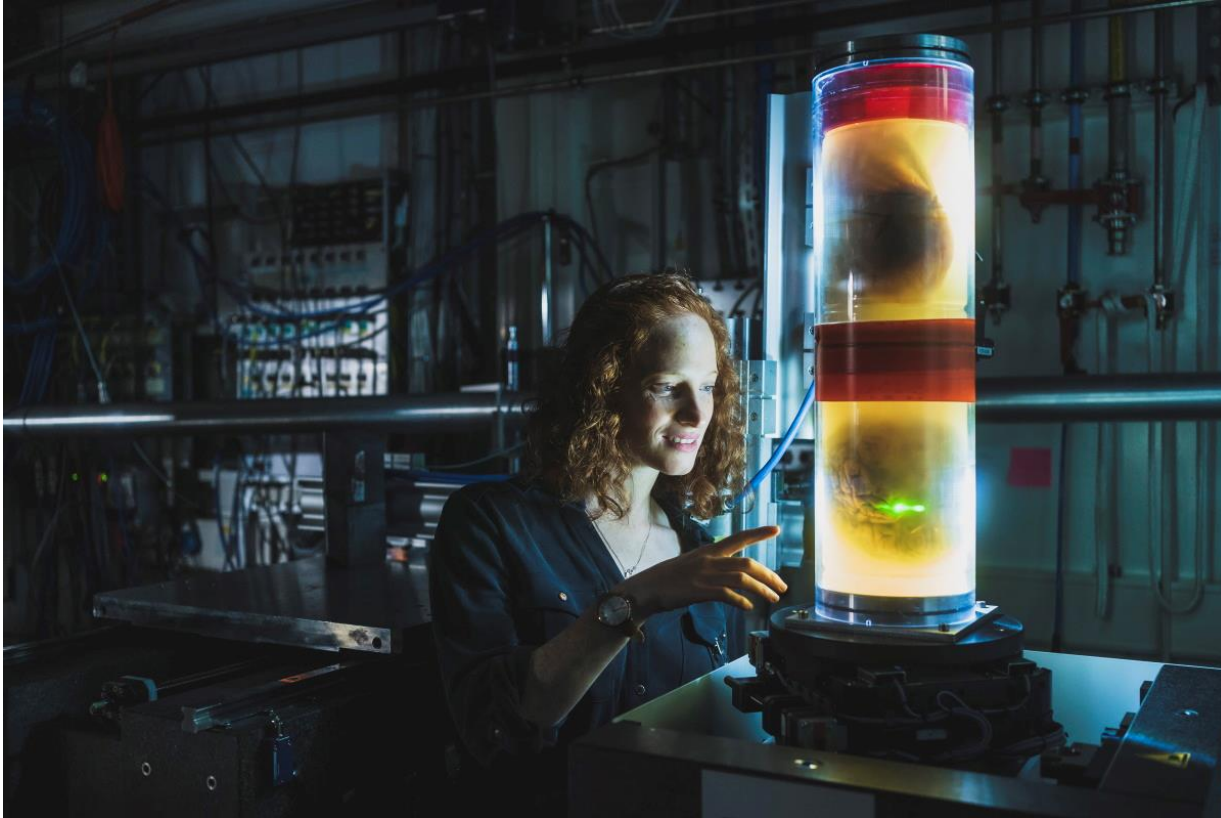
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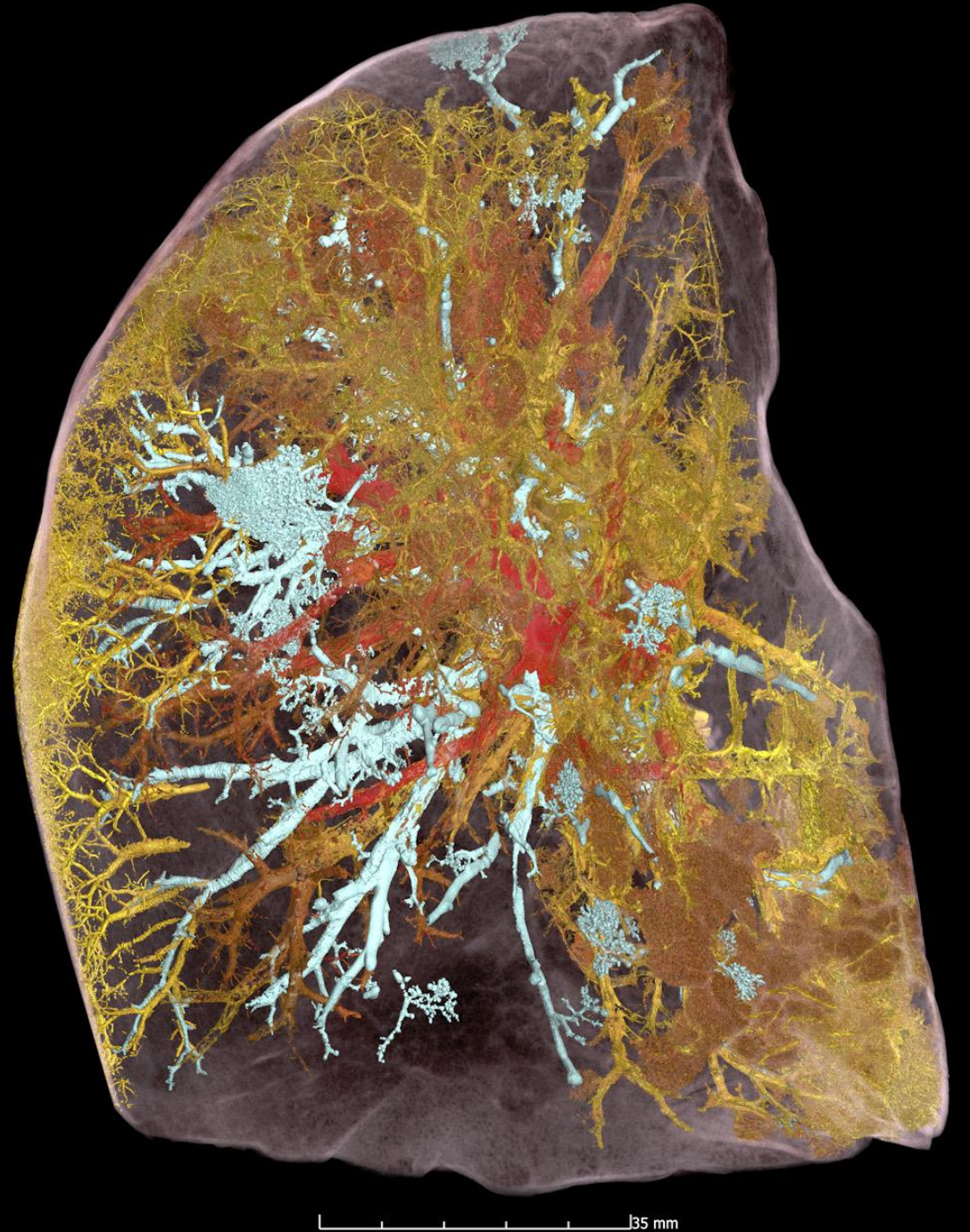
# LUNG OF COVID19 PATIENT

National Geographic's favorite science photos in 2021



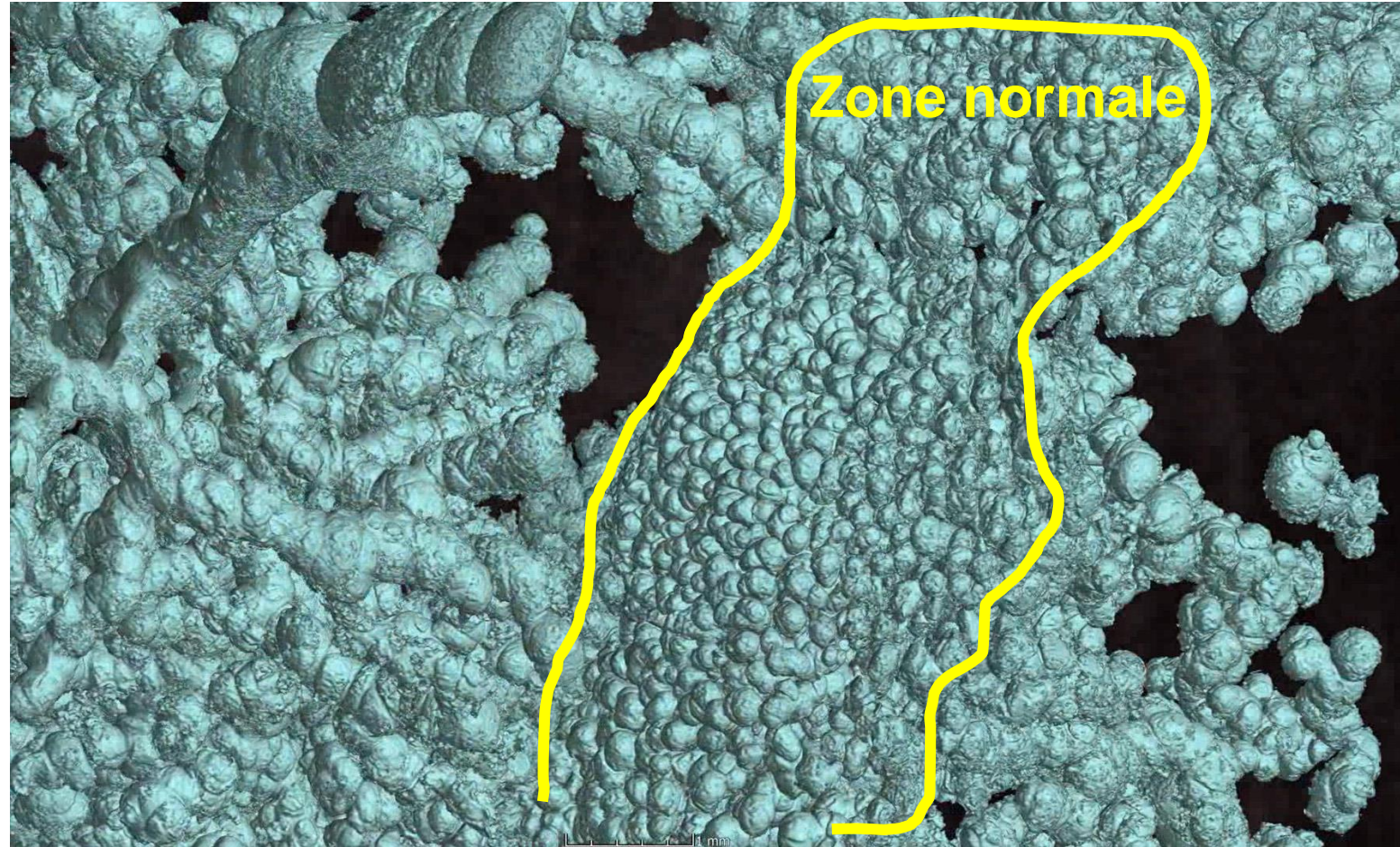
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short link: <https://on.natgeo.com/3wXg3p2>





# OPEN DATA – COVID EXAMPLE



<https://human-organ-atlas.esrf.eu/datasets/571998122>



# WHAT DO ESRF DATA LOOK LIKE ?

## Data types

- Preferred format is HDF5 a hierarchical binary format for storing all data and metadata. HDF5 is used for archiving raw and processed data. We have developed tools for browsing, viewing and accessing HDF5 files.
- Additional formats are used for analysis programs e.g. tiff, cif, CSV, ...

## Raw Data

- 2D images from detectors (cameras) from 1 megapixel to 64+ megapixels
- 2D movies of particles (cryo-electron microscopy)
- 1D and 0D arrays (spectroscopy)

## Processed Data

- 3D volumes representing models of the sample
- 3D models of electron distribution of proteins
- 2D movies of samples reactions to changes
- 2D maps of elemental distributions in samples
- 1D plots of diffraction images / spectroscopy



# WHAT DATA SERVICES DOES ESRF PROVIDE?

## ESRF USERS

- Experimental team who generated the data profit most from data services:
  1. *Rich metadata collected automatically + curated*
  2. *Raw data curated for (at least) 10 years*
  3. *Exclusive access for (at least) 3 years*
  4. *Efficient download of large volumes*
  5. *DOI for raw and processed data*
  6. *Searchable electronic logbook*
  7. *Data searching + viewing*

## USERS of OPEN DATA

- *All the above services as soon as data are made open (after 3 years)*

## OPEN DATA for AI/ML

- *The above services are available but not optimized for machines*



# TOTAL CURATED DATA PRODUCTION SINCE 2015

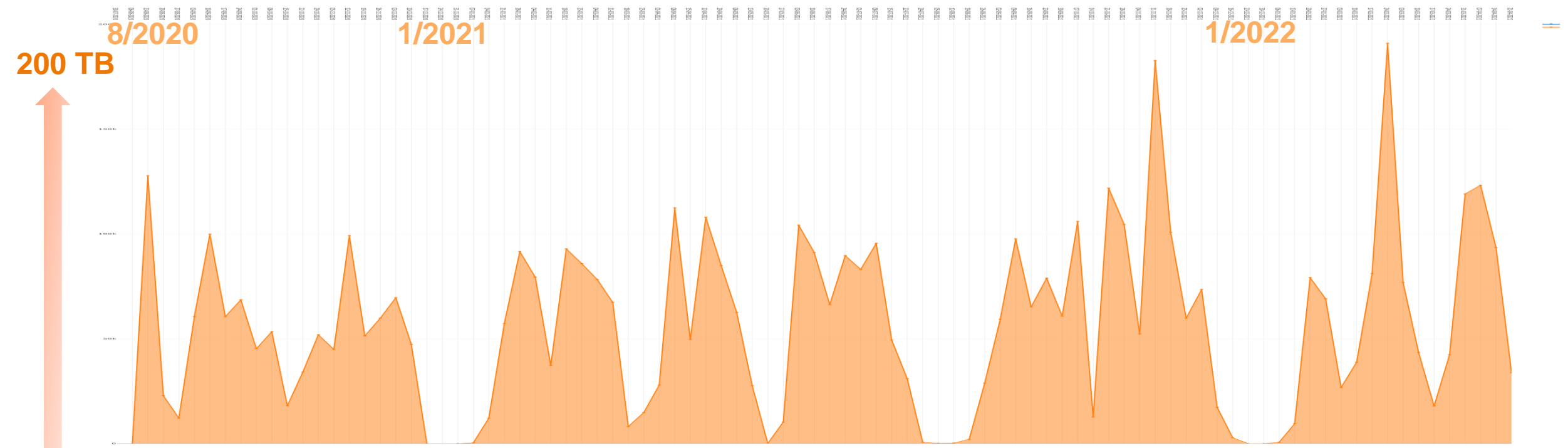
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Datasets	1250310
Beamlines	47
Total Volume	7.0 PB
Total Number of files	484124421

## Dataset

Average file count	387
Max files	200002
Average volume	5.9 GB
Max volume	8.1 TB
Average metadata	25.2

## DATA CURATED WEEKLY SINCE 1/8/2020 – PEAK = 200 TB





# ICAT METADATA CATALOGUE

# Metadata catalogue

- **ICAT Catalogue is developed by STFC**
- **ICAT provides:**
  - Generic data model
  - Robust fine-grained user authorization
- **ESRF added:**
  - New User Interface
  - SSO login via openid
  - DOI landing page support
  - Sample shipping + tracking
  - Search based on Elasticsearch
  - E-logbook for experiments+beamlines

- For more info: <https://github.com/icatproject>

Data Portal   My Data   [Open Data](#)   Closed Data   Shipping +   My Beamlines +   Manager +   [Log out Andy GÖTZ](#)

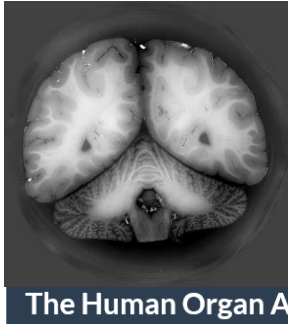
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[Open Data](#) / 10.15151/ESRF-DG-572252655

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Summary
Files 23
Metadata List



The Human Organ A

Patient	
definition	MRtomo
Identifier	LADAF-2020-31
Age (years)	69
Sex	female
Organ	brain
Institute	Laboratoire d'Anatomie des Alpes Françaises
Info	type 2 diabetes, pelvic radiation to treat cancer of the uterus, right colectomy (benign lesion on histopathology), bilateral nephrostomy for acute obstructive renal failure, cystectomy, omentectomy and peritoneal carcinoma with occlusive syndrome

Scan Parameters	
Instrument	BM05 EBS dipole wiggler 0.85T
SR Current (mA)	200
Exposure Time (s)	0.036
Pixel Size (µm)	25.08
Mode (None)	continuous
ScanRadix	25.08um_LADAF-2020-31_brain_
Step (x,y,z)	„2,2
Stages (x,y,z)	1,1,2x79
Projections	9990
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darkn (None)	400
refon	<a href="#">Click to edit</a>
Acc. Frames Count	6
Detector Distance (mm)	3475
Energy (avg) (keV)	93
Scan Geometry	quarter-acquisition, one scan in half-acquisition plus one annular scan
Scan Range (deg)	360
Pixel (xy)	2048,176
Magnification	0.24
Scintillator	LuAG:Ce 2000 µm
Sur. Dose Rate (Gy/s)	10.5
Dose Rate (Gy/s)	10.5
VOI Integ. Dose (kGy)	2.48
Scan time (min)	7.88
Series time (h)	22


  

Sensor	
Name	sCMOS PCO edge 4.2 CLHS
Mode	rolling shutter
Size (µm)	6.5
Optics Type	dzoom optic from BM05 based on Hasselblad 120mm F/4 macro objective
Processing	reference jar with 70% ethanol, single reference
Volume X	5965
Volume Y	5965
Volume Z	6990
32to16bitsmin	-0.04
32to16bitsmax	0.1
jp2comprratio	10
filters	Mo 0.1mm Al 2mm SiO2 bars 12°5mm diameter
technique	Hierarchical Phase-Contrast Tomography
experimentType	tomography

DOI
Abstract

Title	Complete brain from the body donor LADAF-2020-31
Users	Paul Tafforeau, Claire Walsh, Willi L. Wagner, Daniyal J. Jafree, Alexandre Bellier, Christopher Werlein, Mark P. Kühnel, Elodie Boller, Simon Walker-Samuel, Jan Lukas Robertus, David A. Long, Joseph Jacob, Sebastian Marussi, Emmeline Brown, Natalie Holroyd, Danny D. Jonigk, Maximilian Ackermann, Peter D. Iacopino

Sample	complete brain from the body donor program of the Laboratoire d'Anatomie des Alpes Française (LADAF)
Preparation	formalin fixed, progressive transfer to ethanol 70% with gentle vacuum degassing at each step, mounted with mixed agar gel at 70% ethanol, n.b. some damages due to the



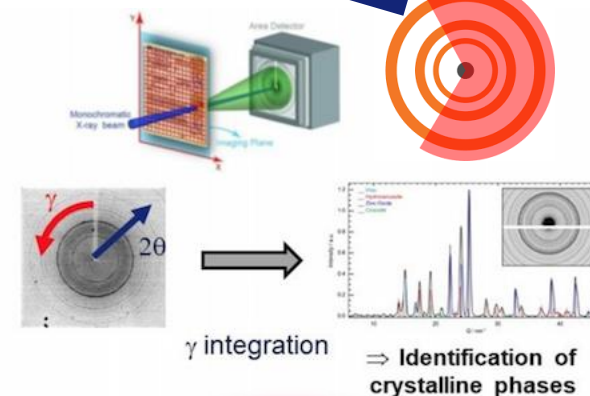
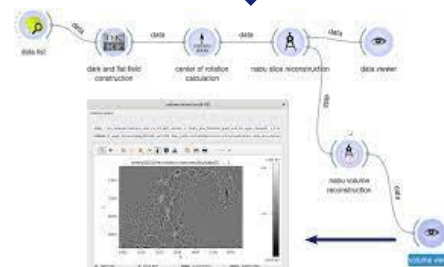
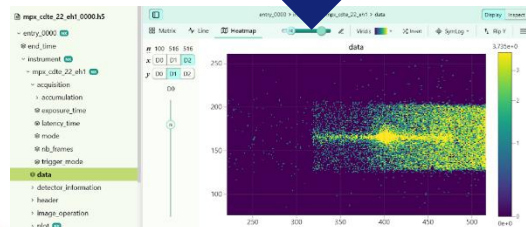
# HDF5/NEXUS - CENTRAL TO THE EBS DATA STRATEGY

Data Acquisition

Data Archiving

Data Reduction

Data Processing



Master file +  
Scan data

Raw data  
2D Images

**See talk by Sam**

Data curation  
Data Portals  
H5Web

**See talk by Loic**

Workflow output  
Compression hdfplugin  
**See talk by Thomas**

Analysis results





# WHY DID ESRF CHOOSE HDF5?



Parade

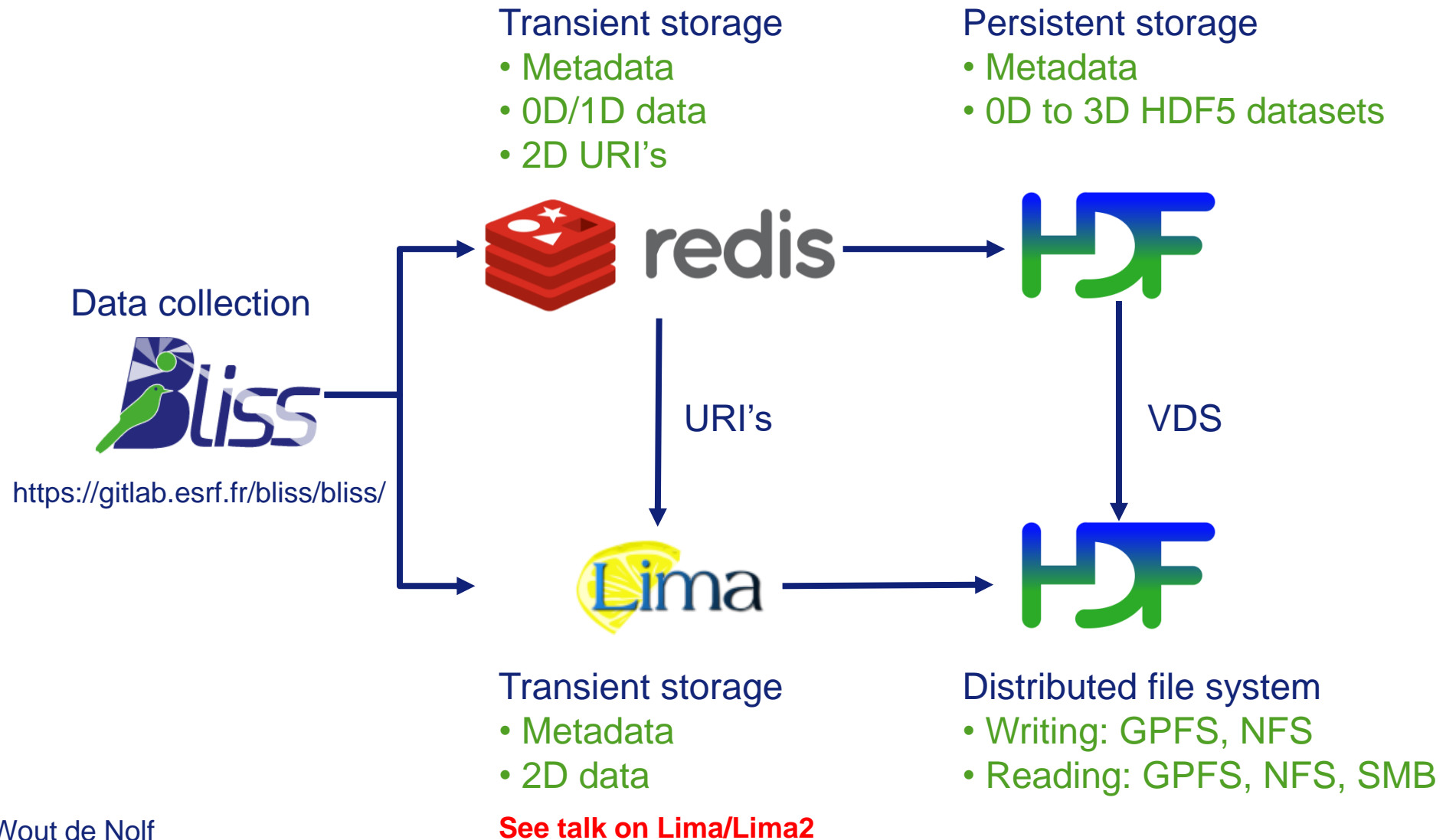
# WHY DID ESRF CHOOSE HDF5?

## TO ADDRESS the FOLLOWING ISSUES

1. Reduce the number of files (pre-hdf5 we had 1 image per file )
2. Adopt the community metadata ontology (Nexus)
3. Support multiple compression schemes (not only gzip)
4. Integrate data produced by detector companies e.g. Dectris
5. Mix metadata with raw data without limitations
  - > *A single master file to access all data from an experiment*
6. Use a standardized API supported for multiple languages
  - > *Especially for C and Python and Matlab*
7. Efficient reading and writing performance of binary data
  - > *New experiments produce more and more data (giga- to terabytes)*
8. Guaranteed to be supported for a long time (decades)



# HDF5 FOR DATA ACQUISITION

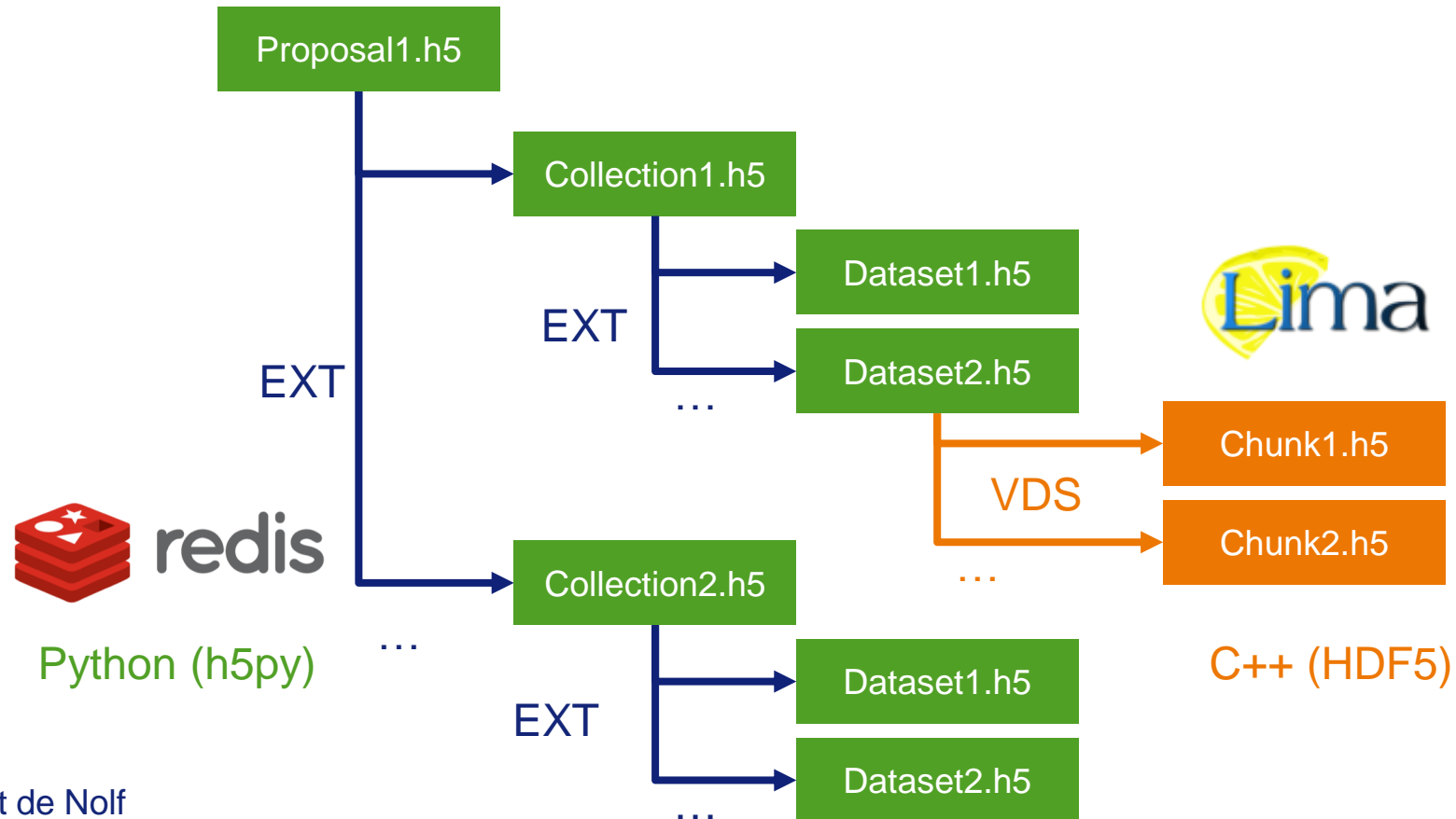


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# HDF5 AT THE ESRF: DATA COLLECTION



On Distributed File System



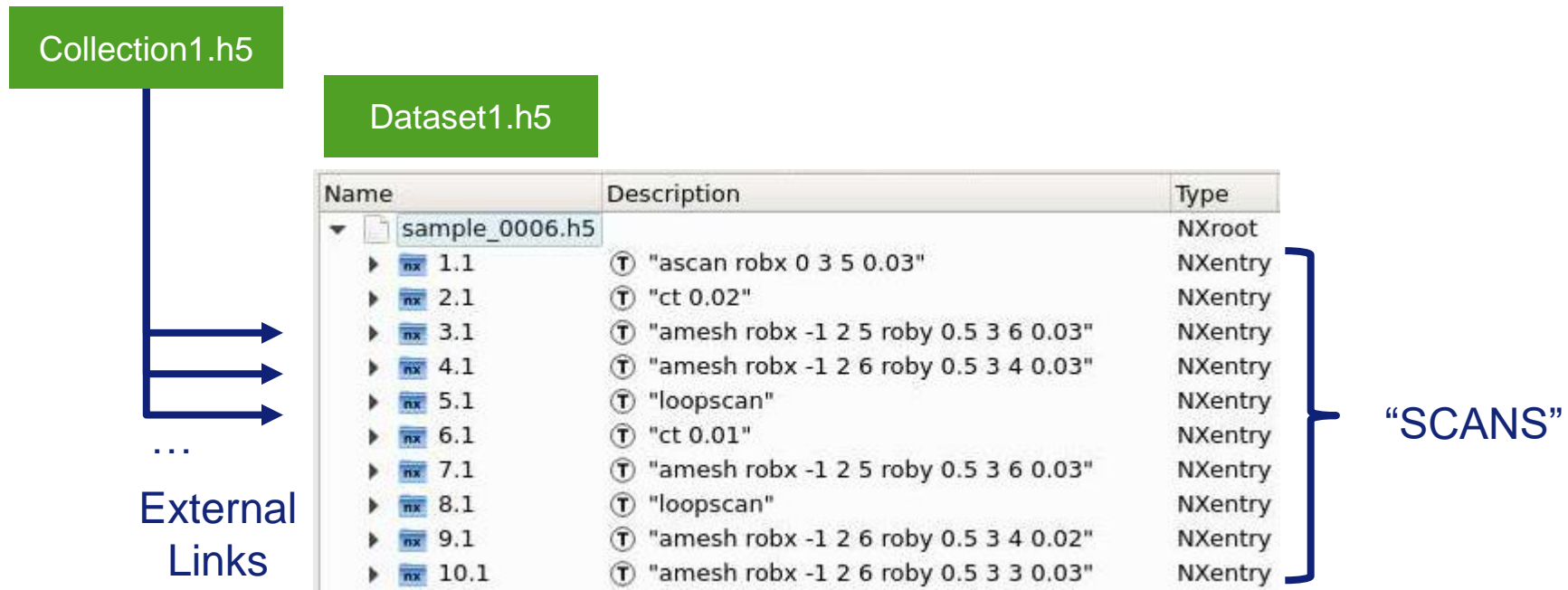
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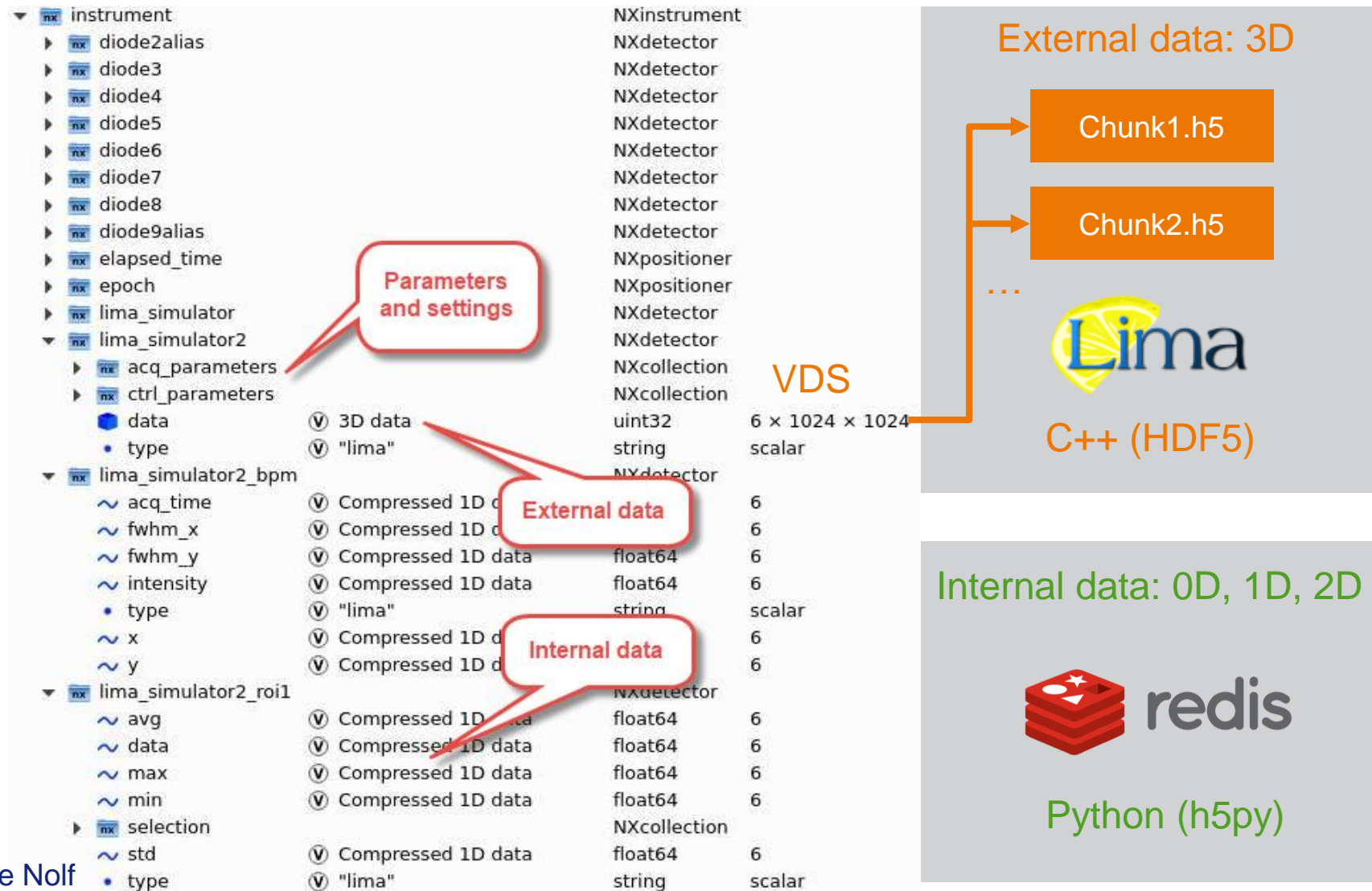


NeXus Data Format



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## HDF5 AT THE ESRF: DATA COLLECTION



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# HDF5 AT THE ESRF: DATA COLLECTION

HDF5 features used for data collection

- Vanilla HDF5 (Groups, Datasets, Attributes, Softlinks)
- External Links (EXT)
- Virtual DataSets (VDS)
- Variable length data types: only for strings
- Growing datasets during acquisition
- Chunking and compression

No SWMR  
No Parallel HDF5



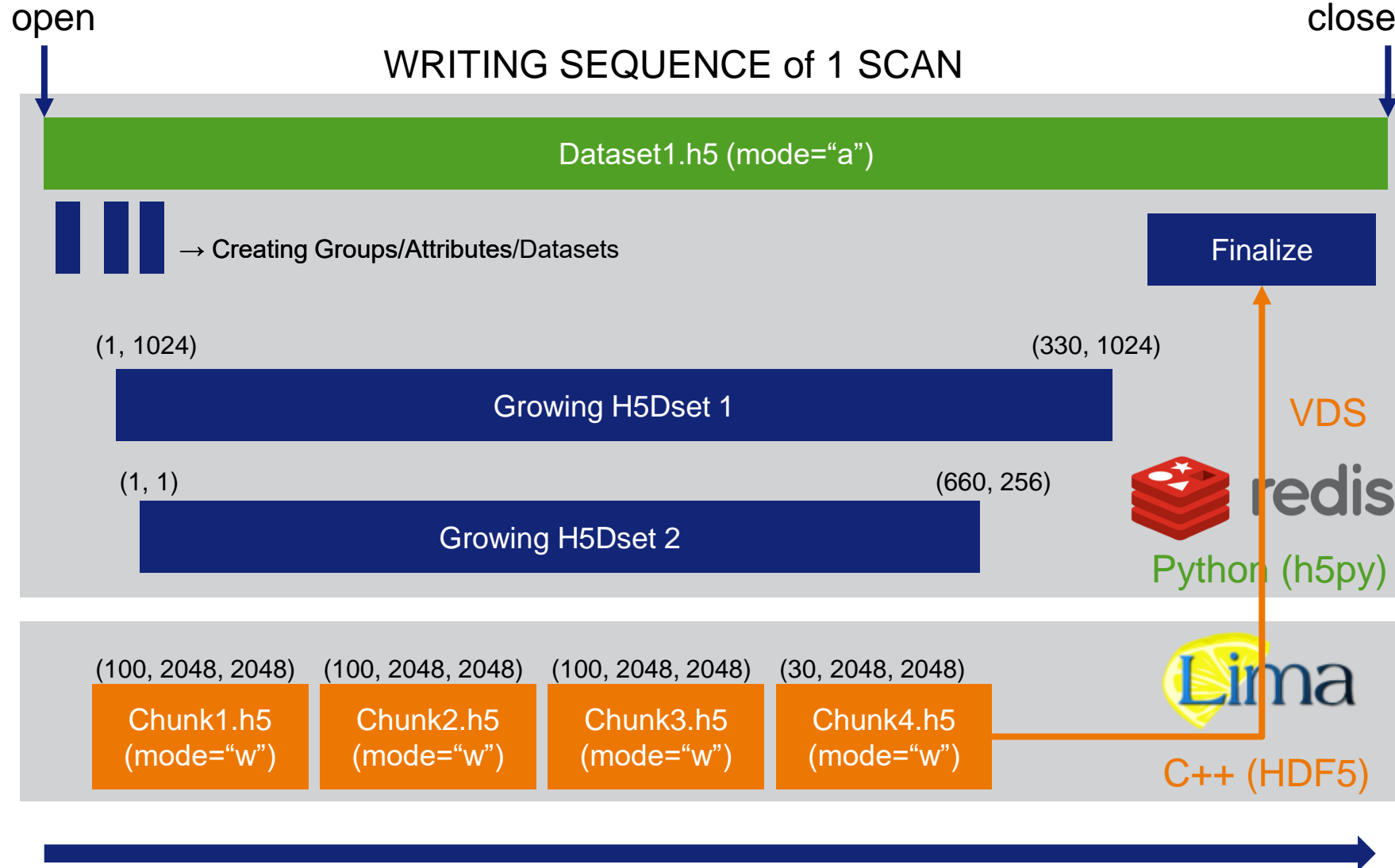
Distributed file system

- Writing: GPFS, NFS
- Reading: GPFS, NFS, SMB

No control over readers and  
their access mode

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# HDF5 AT THE ESRF: DATA COLLECTION



**MAIN ISSUE:**  
**close** can be  
hours / days  
after **open**  
BUT apps need  
to read data to  
do online  
processing

**QUESTION:**  
Is SWMR2 the  
Answer?

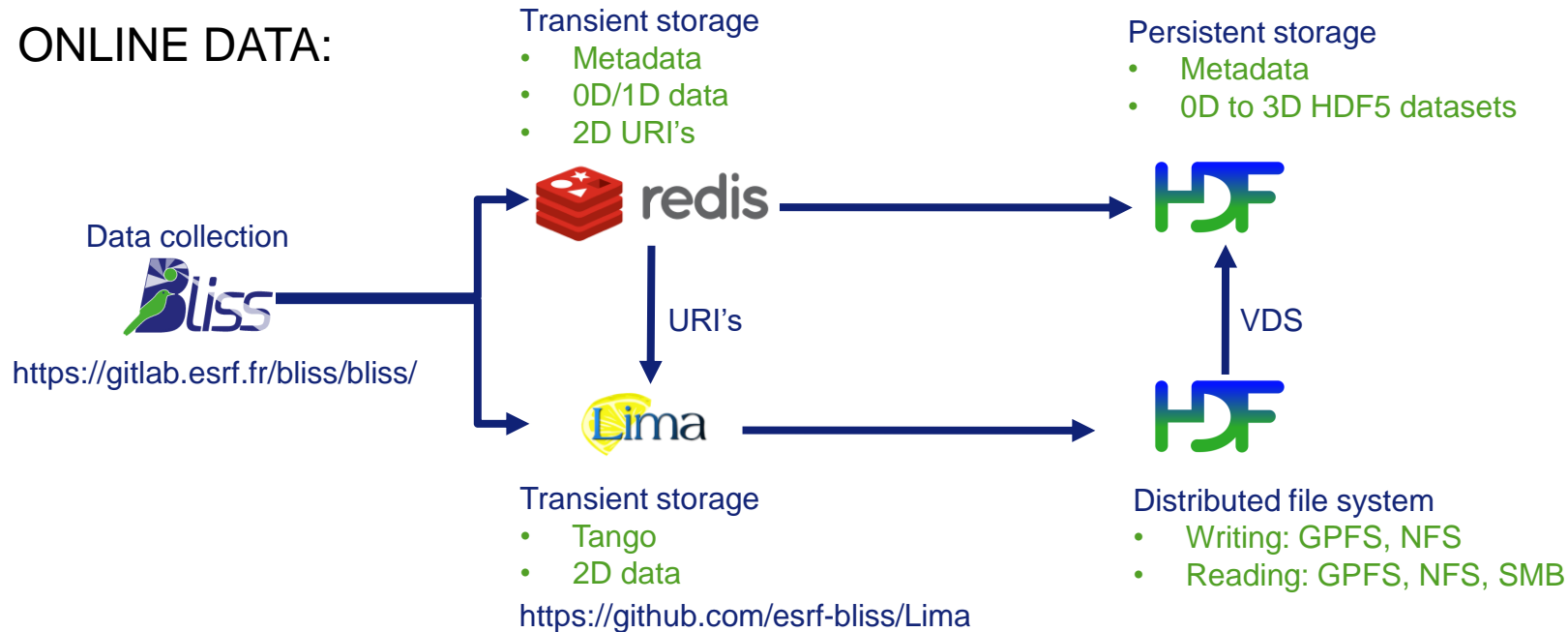
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TIME



# ONLINE DATA ACCESS USING H5PY API

## ONLINE DATA:



## DATA ACCESS:



## Single Python API



The API should be identical online (streaming/changing HDF5) and offline (static HDF5)

**H5py inspired API:** data tree with nodes

- groups have a python Mapping API
- datasets have a numpy array API
- attributes have a python Mapping API

The dynamic nature of the tree is reflected in the iterators. Specific yield/stop conditions may need to be introduced.

# TOOLS TO VISUALIZE DATA – WEB BASED

**PaNOSC** developed **H5web** web-based viewer of HDF5 files and integrated it in Jupyterlab, data portals, + web applications:

<https://github.com/silx-kit/h5web>

<https://h5web.panosc.eu/>

**Next step : 3D viewer?**

The screenshot shows a JupyterLab notebook titled 'example.ipynb'. The left sidebar displays a file browser with a search bar and a list of files and folders. The main area contains two code cells. The first cell, titled 'Using H5Web in the notebook', shows code to create a simple HDF5 file with a meshgrid and sine wave data. The second cell, titled 'Display a NeXus file', shows code to create a NeXus file structure. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Simple' mode, 'Python 3 | Idle', and memory usage 'Mem: 177.13 / 2048.00 MB'. A large red watermark 'See talk by Loic' is overlaid diagonally across the code editor.

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example.ipynb
Download GitHub Binder Markdown Python 3
Using H5Web in the notebook
Display a simple HDF5 file
[ ]: import numpy as np
import h5py

with h5py.File("simple.h5", "w") as h5file:
    X = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.25)
    Y = np.arange(-5, 5, 0.25)
    Xg, Yg = np.meshgrid(X, Y)
    h5file['threeD'] = [np.sin(2*np.pi*f*np.sqrt(Xg**2 + Yg**2)) for f in np.arange(0.1, 1.1, 0.1)]
    h5file['twoD'] = np.sin(np.sqrt(Xg**2 + Yg**2))
    h5file['oneD'] = X
    h5file['scalar'] = 42

[ ]: from jupyterlab_h5web import H5Web
H5Web('simple.h5')

Display a NeXus file
[ ]: import numpy as np
import h5py

with h5py.File("nexus.nx", "w") as h5file:
    root_group = h5file
    root_group.attrs["NX_class"] = "NXroot"
    root_group.attrs["default"] = "entry"

    entry = root_group.create_group("entry")
    entry.attrs["NX_class"] = "NXentry"
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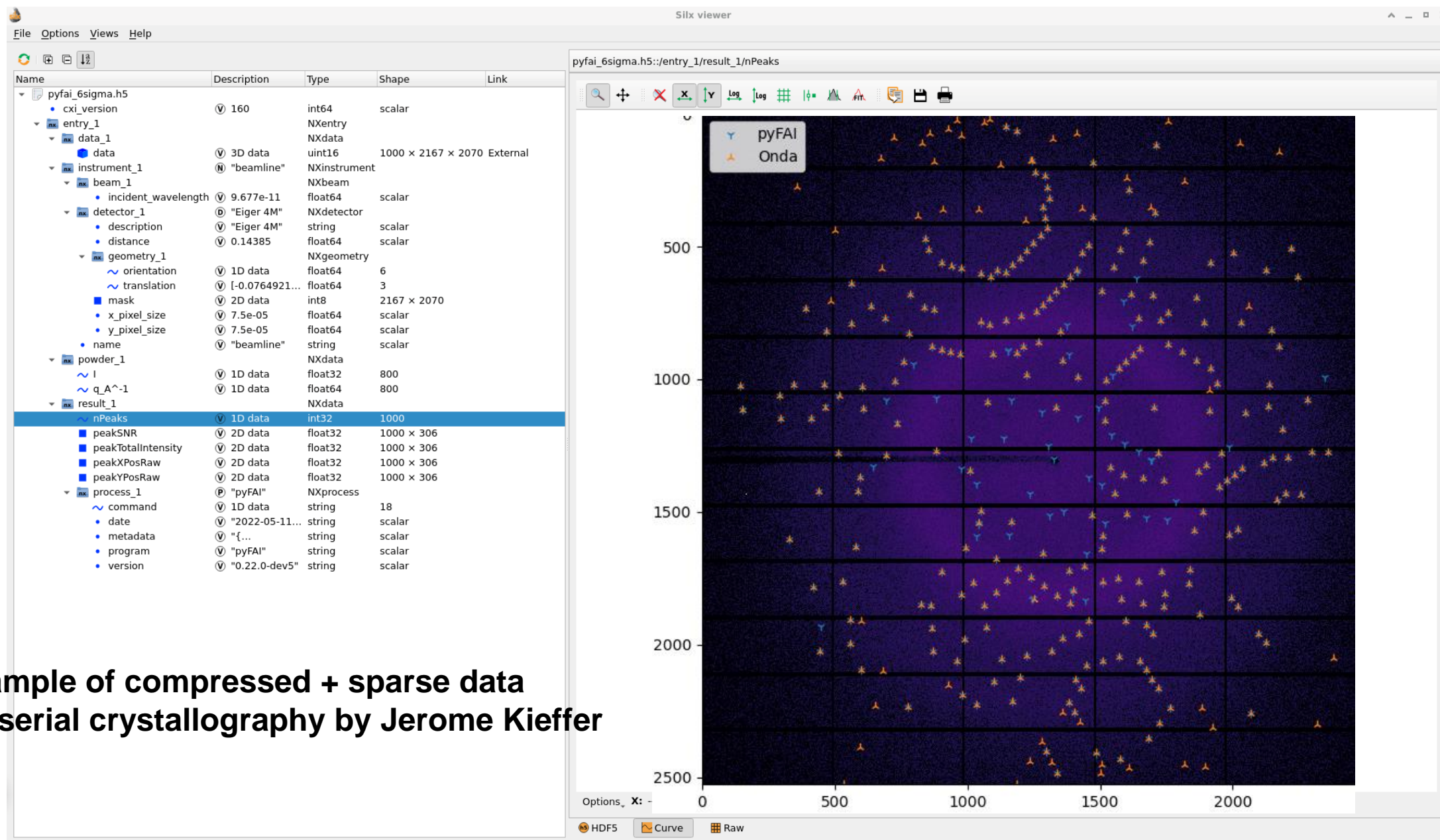
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<https://h5web.panosc.eu/>



# TOOLS TO VISUALIZE DATA – SILX VIEW

Example of compressed + sparse data  
for serial crystallography by Jerome Kieffer



## NeXus

NeXus is developed as an international standard by scientists and programmers representing major scientific facilities in Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America in order to facilitate greater cooperation in the analysis and visualization of neutron, x-ray, and muon data.

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### Documentation:

<https://www.nexusformat.org/>

- Most recent publication to cite:  
*J. Appl. Cryst.* (2015). **48**, 301-305 [doi:10.1107/S1600576714027575](https://doi.org/10.1107/S1600576714027575)
- [User Manual](#):
  - [Introduction](#) to the concepts behind the NeXus data format
  - [Design](#): The hierarchical design of NeXus files
  - [NeXus Class Definitions](#): description of each NXDL specification
    - [base classes](#): components that might be used in any NeXus data file
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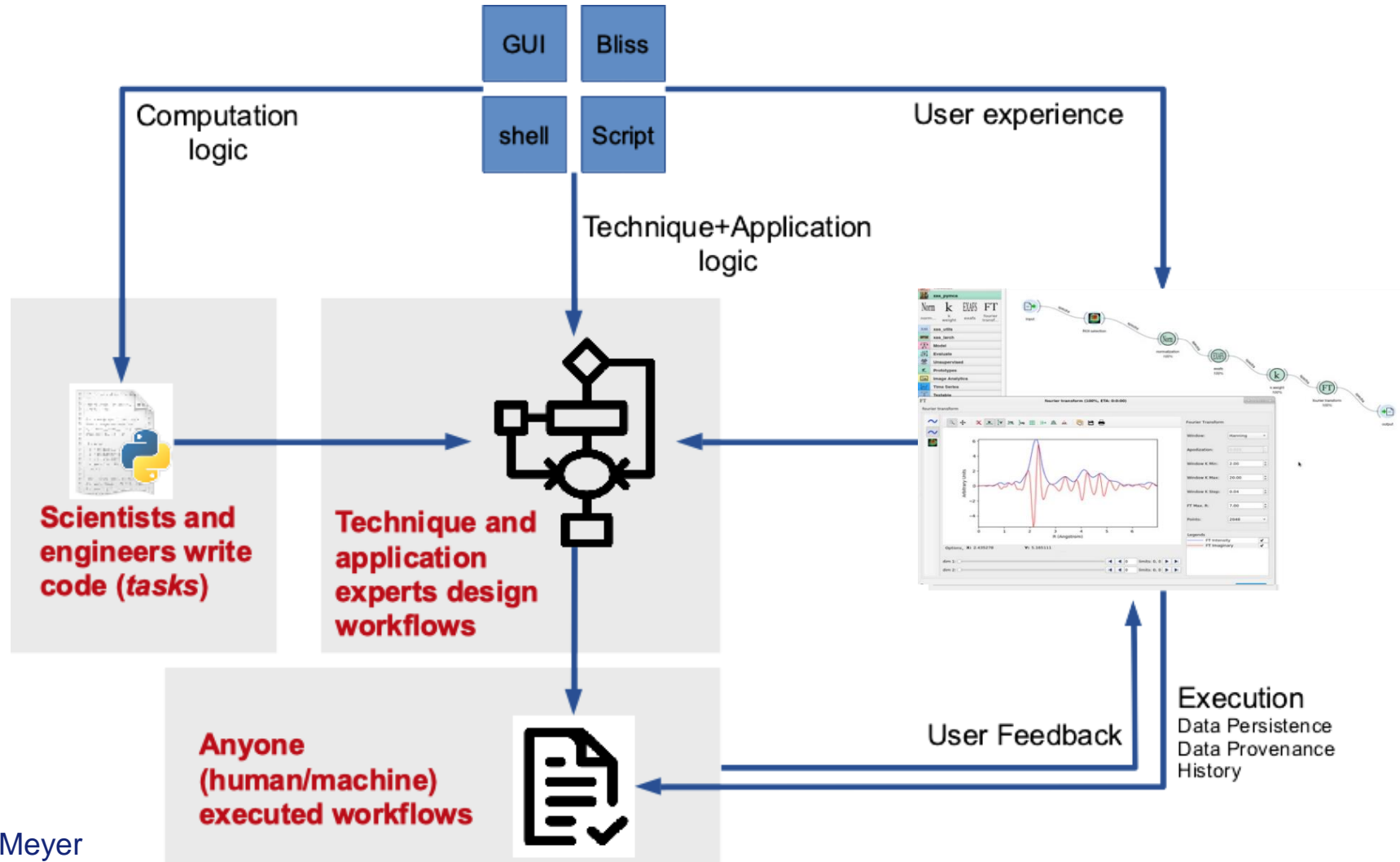
### Discussion and Development:

- Next Meetings: [Code Camp 2022](#) and [Autumn NIAC2022](#)



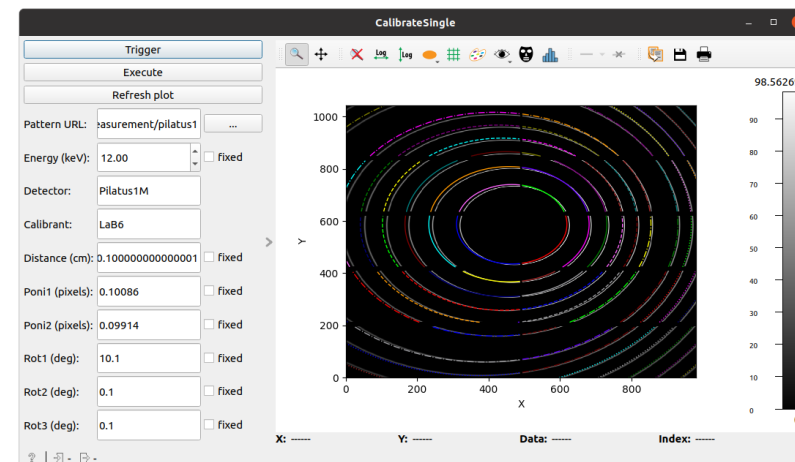
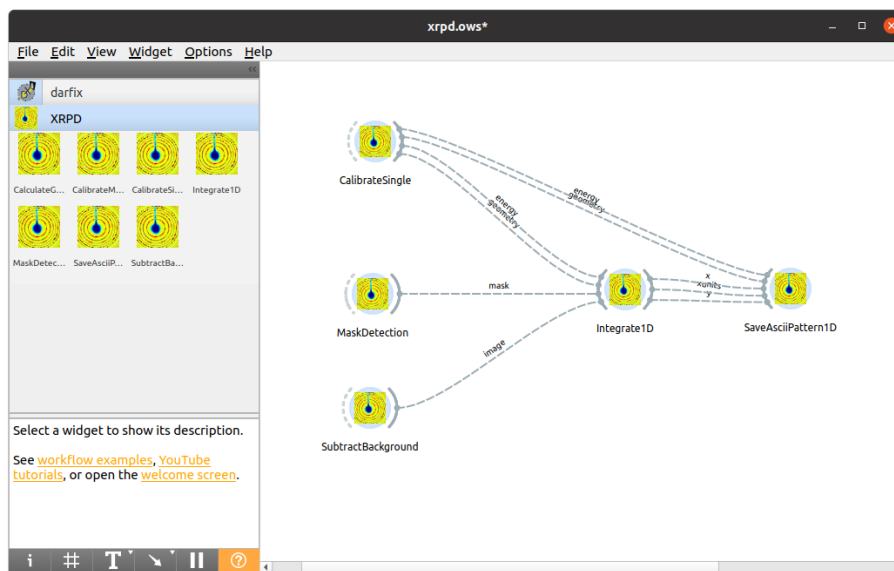
# DATA REDUCTION AND ONLINE ANALYSIS

## Data Processing Workflows



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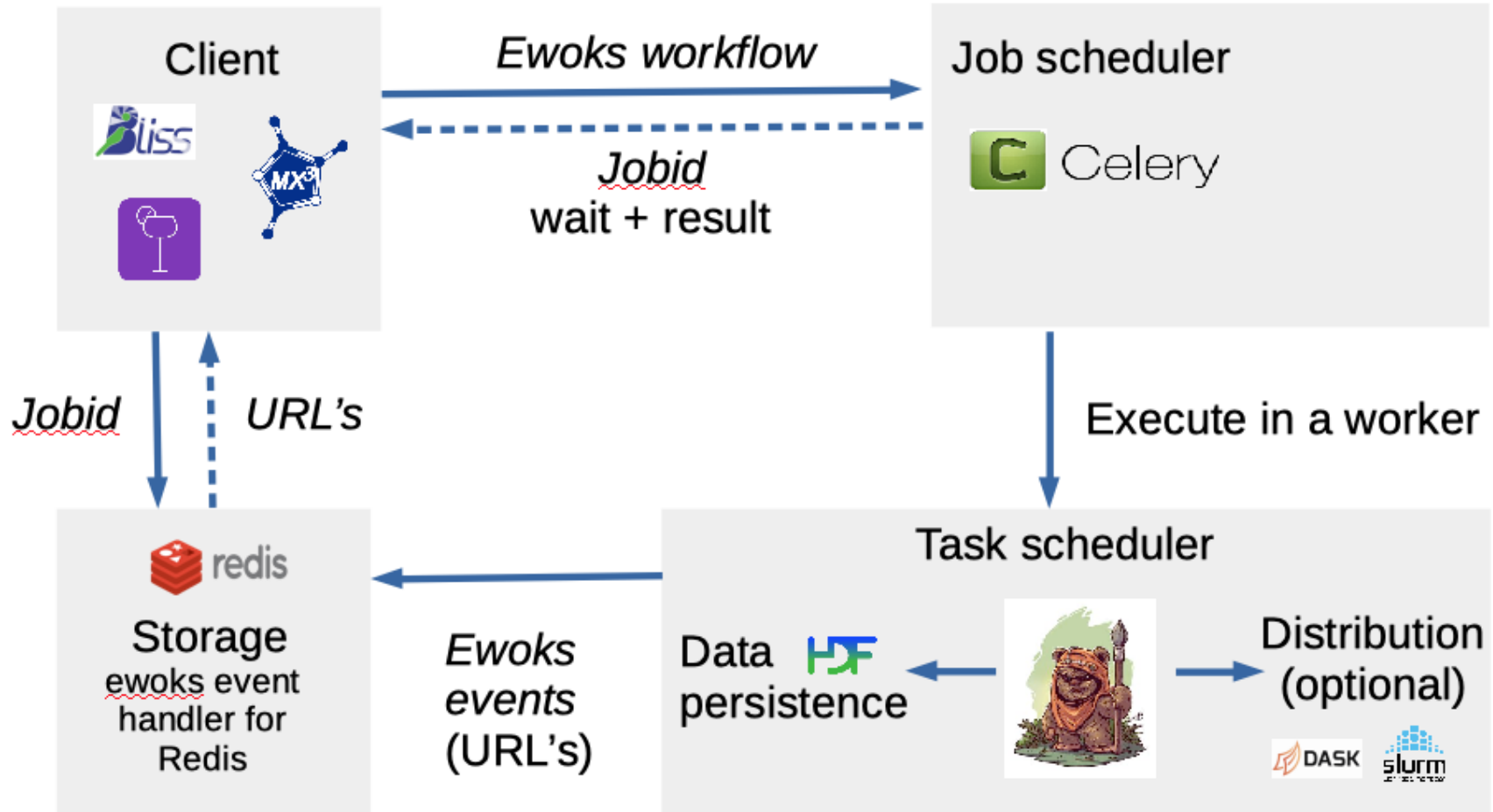


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# DATA REDUCTION AND ONLINE ANALYSIS

## EWoks for Online Data Processing



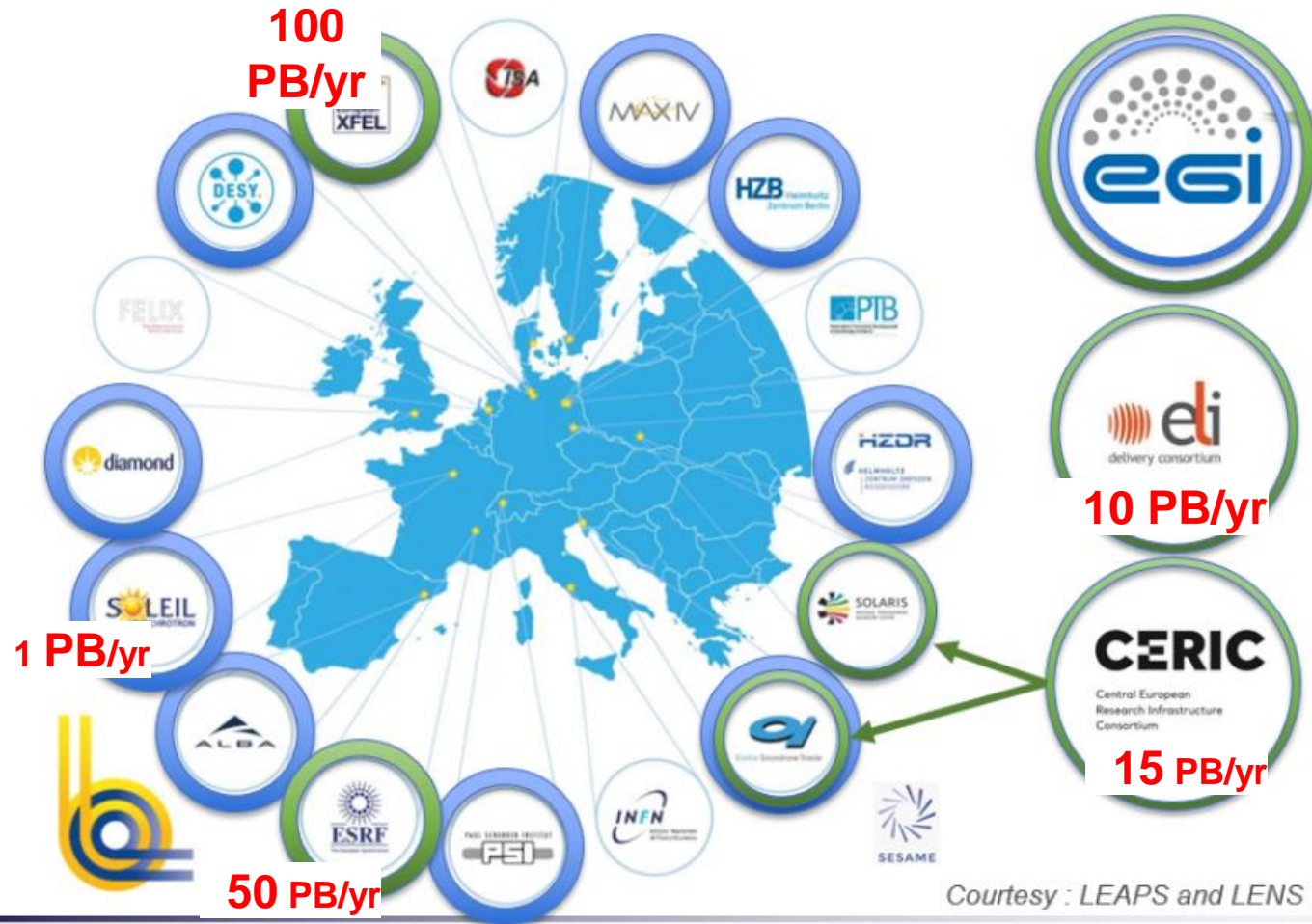
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<https://gitlab.esrf.fr/workflow/ewoks/ewoks>

# League of Photon Sources (LEAPS) and Neutrons (LENS) partners in PaNOSC and ExPaNDS



## Photon (LEAPS)



## Neutron (LENS)



Courtesy : LEAPS and LENS Web Pages

Slide courtesy of Patrick Fuhrman (DESY)



PaNOSC and ExPaNDS projects have received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreements 823852 and 857641, respectively.



# EU PROJECTS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HDF5

## PaNOSC – Photon and Neutron Open Science Cloud

- *Promoting adoption of Nexus/HDF5*
- *H5py maintenance (T.Kluywer, XFEL)*
- *H5web web viewer (A.Bocciarelli + L.Huder, ESRF)*
- *H5web in Jupyterlab (L.Huder, ESRF)*
- *HDF5 backend for OpenPMD (C.Fortmann-Grote)*

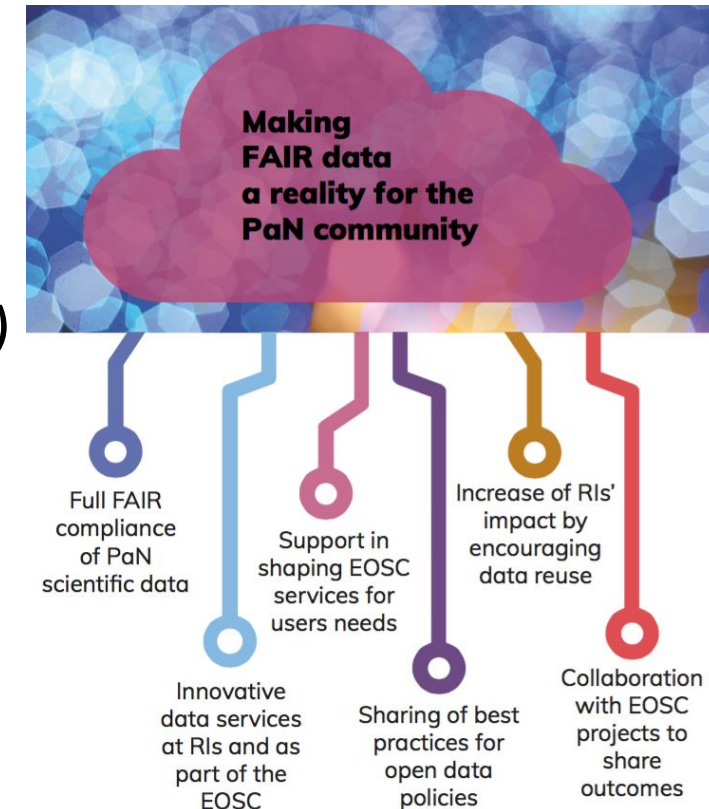
## ExPaNDS is PaNOSC for national sources

- *ExPaNDS is adopting the outputs of PaNOSC*

## LEAPS-INNOV WP7

- *Dedicated to data compression e.g. blosc, hdfplugin*

## European Open Science Cloud should support HDF5



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# OPEN DATA PORTALS FOR OPEN SCIENCE

## Next step is Open Data portals for FAIR Data from Photon and Neutron sources:

- Searchable
- Accessible
- Downloadable
- Re-usable

The PaN Open Data Commons will enable new user communities to access and exploit the unique data being produced at the LEAPS facilities to do new science e.g. the Human Organ Atlas is revolutionizing digital histology and medical research with high resolution 3D volumes of complete human organs.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon



### European Photon and Neutron Open Data Search Portal

Type a query to search for open data from photon and neutron sources – e.g. data



The European Photon and Neutron sources are working together in the PaNOSC and ExPaNDS projects financed by the European Commission to build the **European Open Science Cloud**. One of the main objectives of the EOSC is to make **Open Data** from these facilities FAIR. This portal implements the F(indable) part of FAIR via a **federated search engine** from the following facilities:

- European Spallation Source
- Institut Laue Langevin
- MAX IV

Additional facilities will be included in the federated search as their search engines come online locally. The goal is to include all photon and neutron facilities who provide open data by the end of the two projects PaNOSC and ExPaNDS.

The mission of the PaN data search portal is to contribute to the realization of a data commons for Neutron and Photon science. The search results provide a link to the landing page of the data DOIs through which the other data services provided by PaNOSC and ExPaNDS for data downloading, analysis, notebooks and simulation can be accessed. The aim of the portal is to facilitate using data from photon and neutron sources for the many scientists from existing and future disciplines. To achieve this aim, the exchange of know-how and experiences is crucial to driving a change in culture by embracing Open Science among the targeted scientific communities. This is why the project works closely with the national photon and neutron sources in Europe to develop common policies, strategies and solutions in the area of FAIR data policy, data management and data services.

## Not supported by common applications

- *There are hundreds of formats\* out there, starting with CSV ...*
- *Makes life difficult for scientists to change formats*
- *Long process which requires discussing with and helping scientists*

## HDF5 to other formats

- *Developed tools like **nxtoascii** to produce CSV files (for spectroscopy)*
- *Run file conversion automatically using workflows*

## Multiple Readers in any order

- *Supporting multiple readers is the main issue we face today*

*Q: Would it be possible to have a file mirrored with one copy for reading only (updated regularly) and the other for writing*

\*[http://fileformats.archiveteam.org/wiki/Scientific\\_Data\\_formats](http://fileformats.archiveteam.org/wiki/Scientific_Data_formats)



# QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS DURING WORKSHOP

- 1. Will SWMR2 solve our issue?**
- 2. How to address the general case of SWMR?**
- 3. How to share file conversion tools from and to HDF5?**
- 4. Could H5web be extended to replace HDFView?**
- 5. How to include HDF5 in future EOSC projects?**

# CONCLUSION

1. **HDF5 has become a first class citizen @ ESRF**
2. **EU projects help build data services and tools for HDF5**
3. **Our main issue is still concurrent access to files being written**
4. **Open data portals will help promote HDF5 further –  
maybe reach the goal of *one format for all*?**



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