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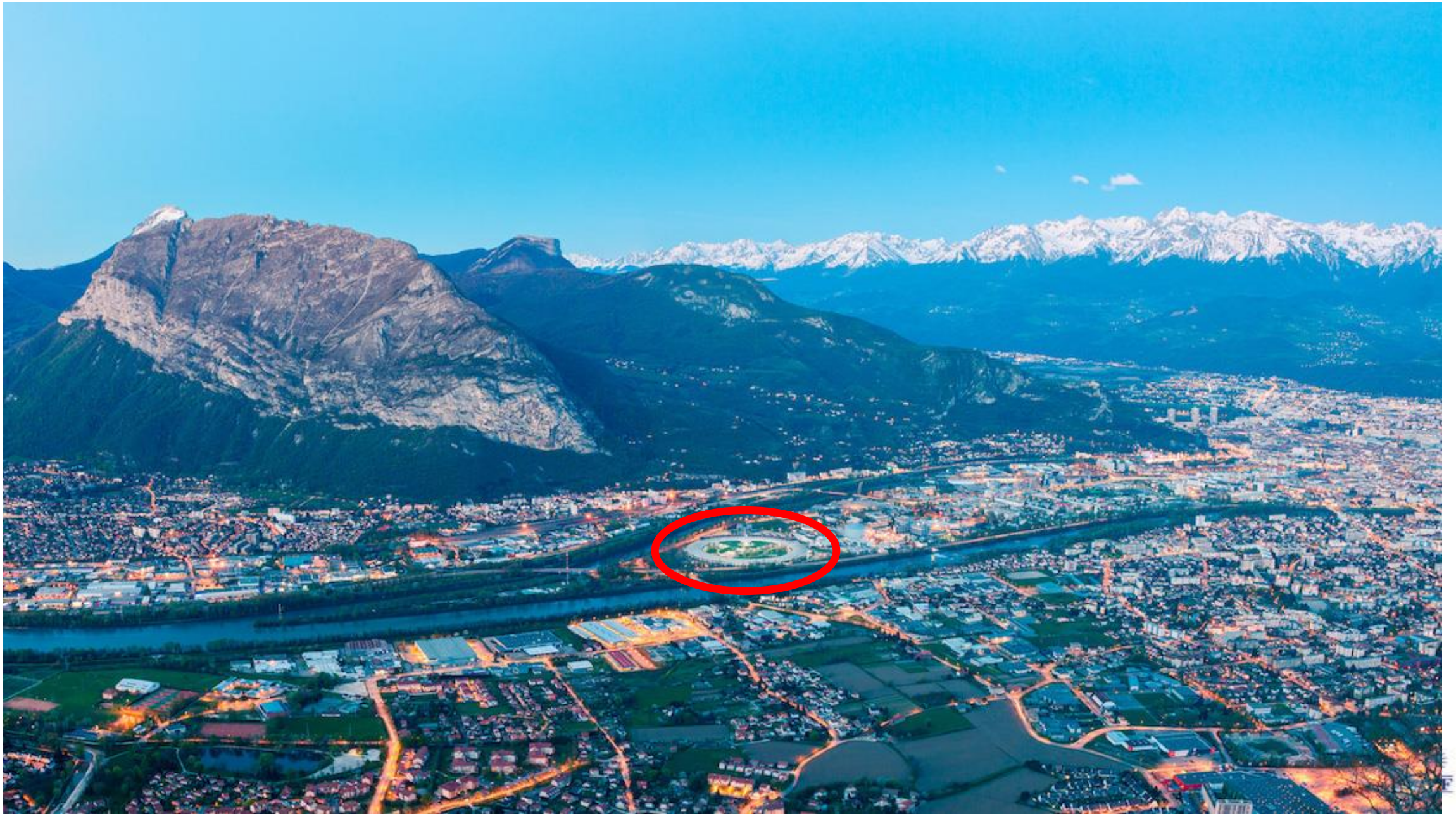
PIONEERING SYNCHROTRON SCIENCE

HDF5 - CENTRAL TO THE EBS DATA STRATEGY

ESRF – THE EUROPEAN SYNCHROTRON

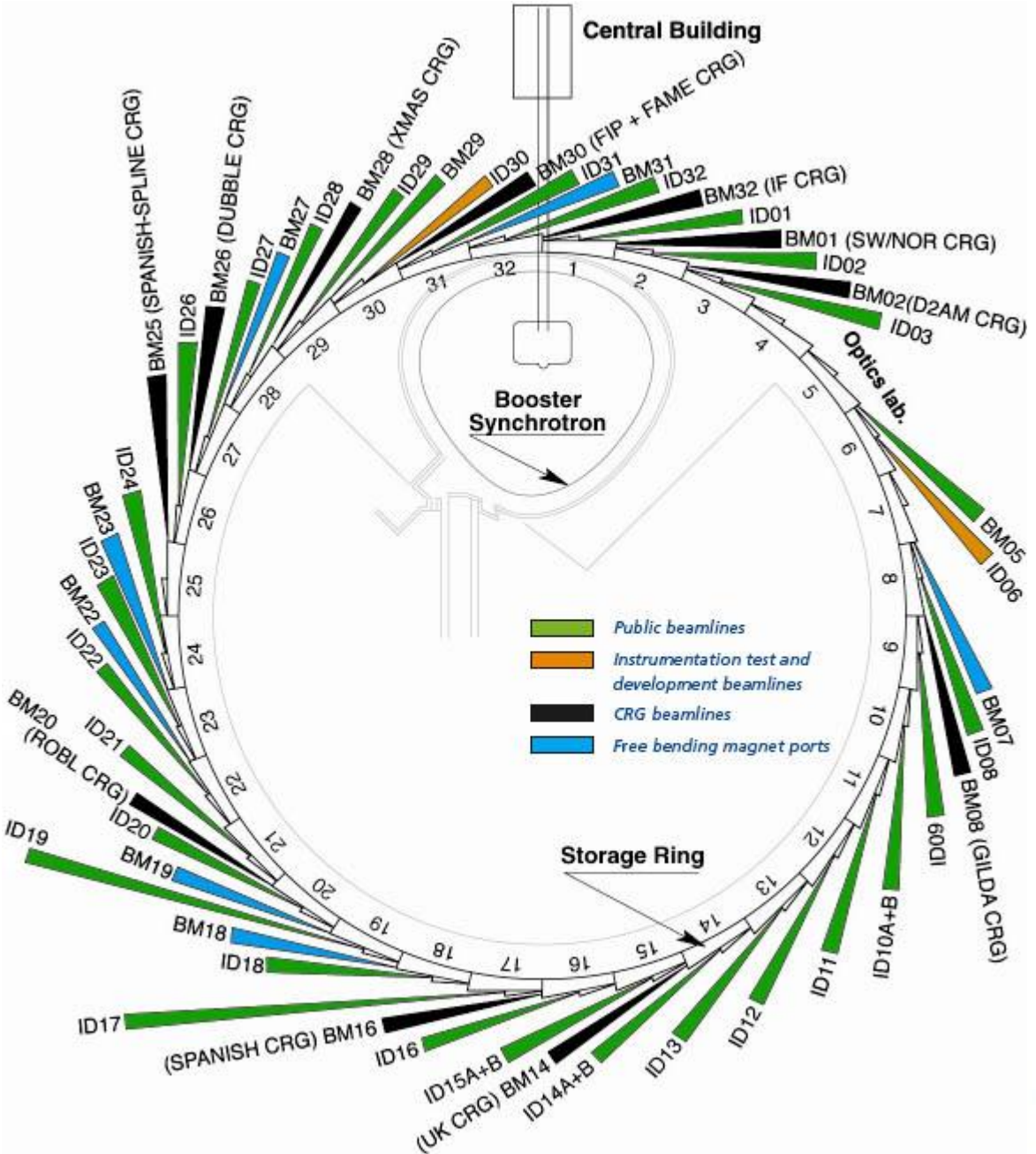


EUROPEAN PHOTON + NEUTRON CAMPUS

BACKGROUND ON ORGANISATION STRUCTURE AND MISSION

Mission

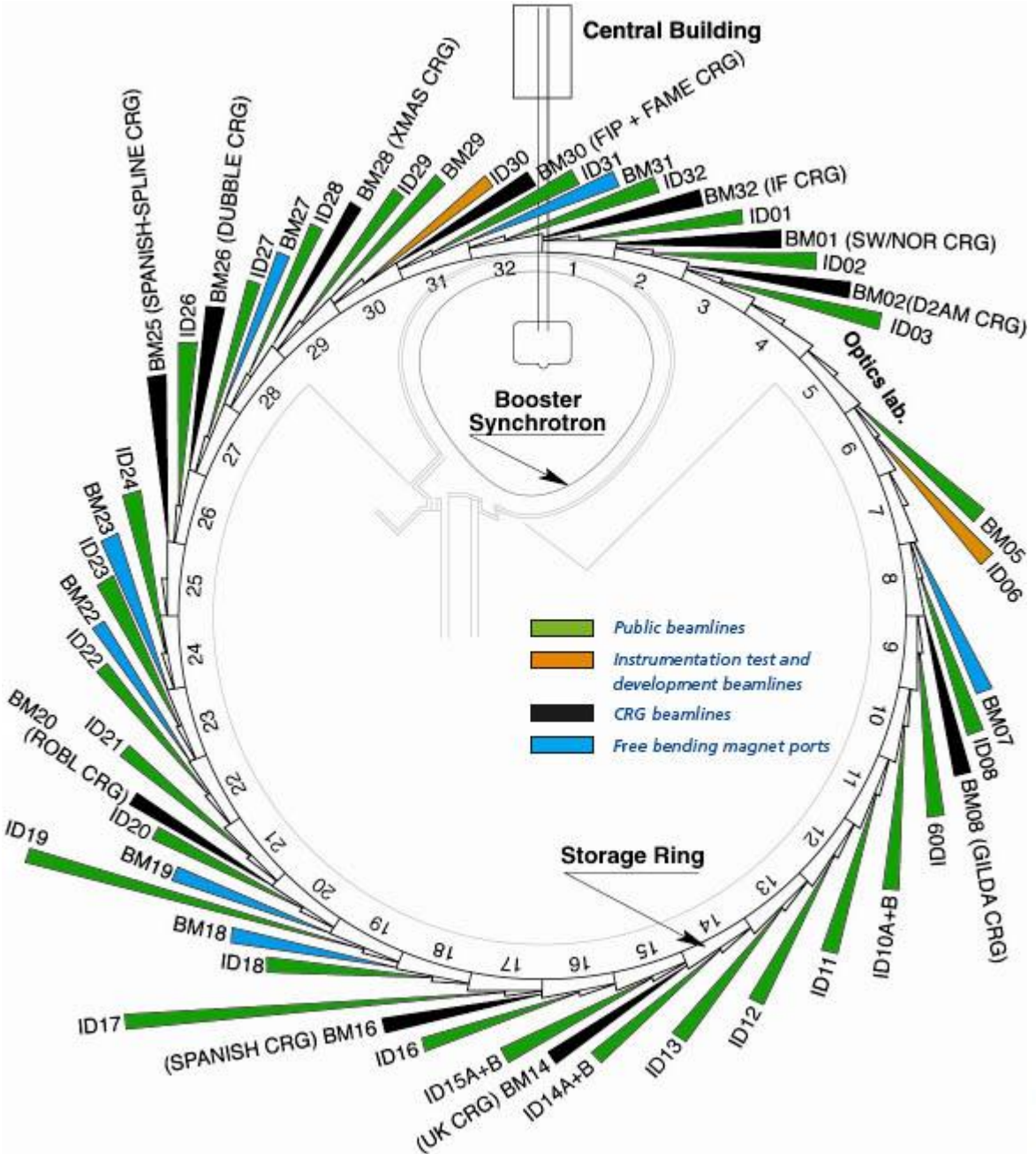
1. Produce synchrotron radiation in the hard x-ray region (10 keV – 250 keV) for doing experiments on applied science.
2. Provide visiting scientists with a hardware and software support for running experiments (free of charge for users for peer-reviewed experiments).
3. Provide users with the data from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



BACKGROUND ON ORGANISATION STRUCTURE AND MISSION

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)



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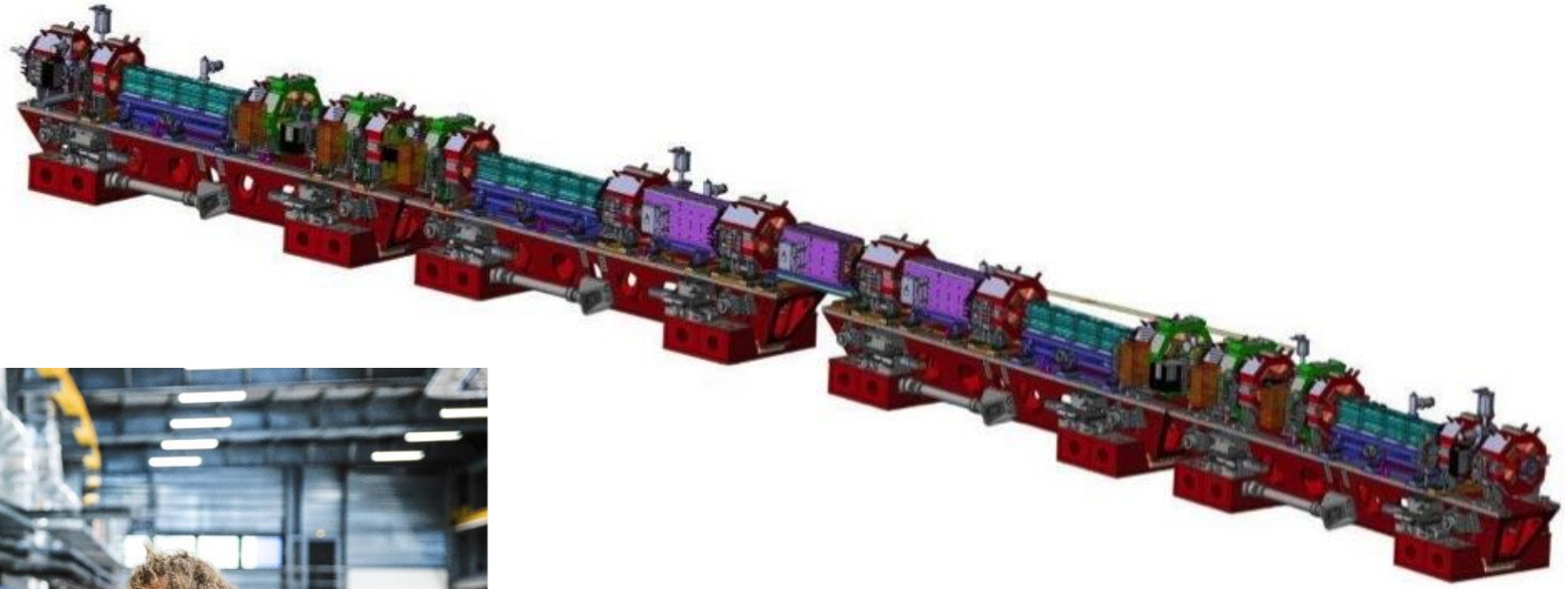

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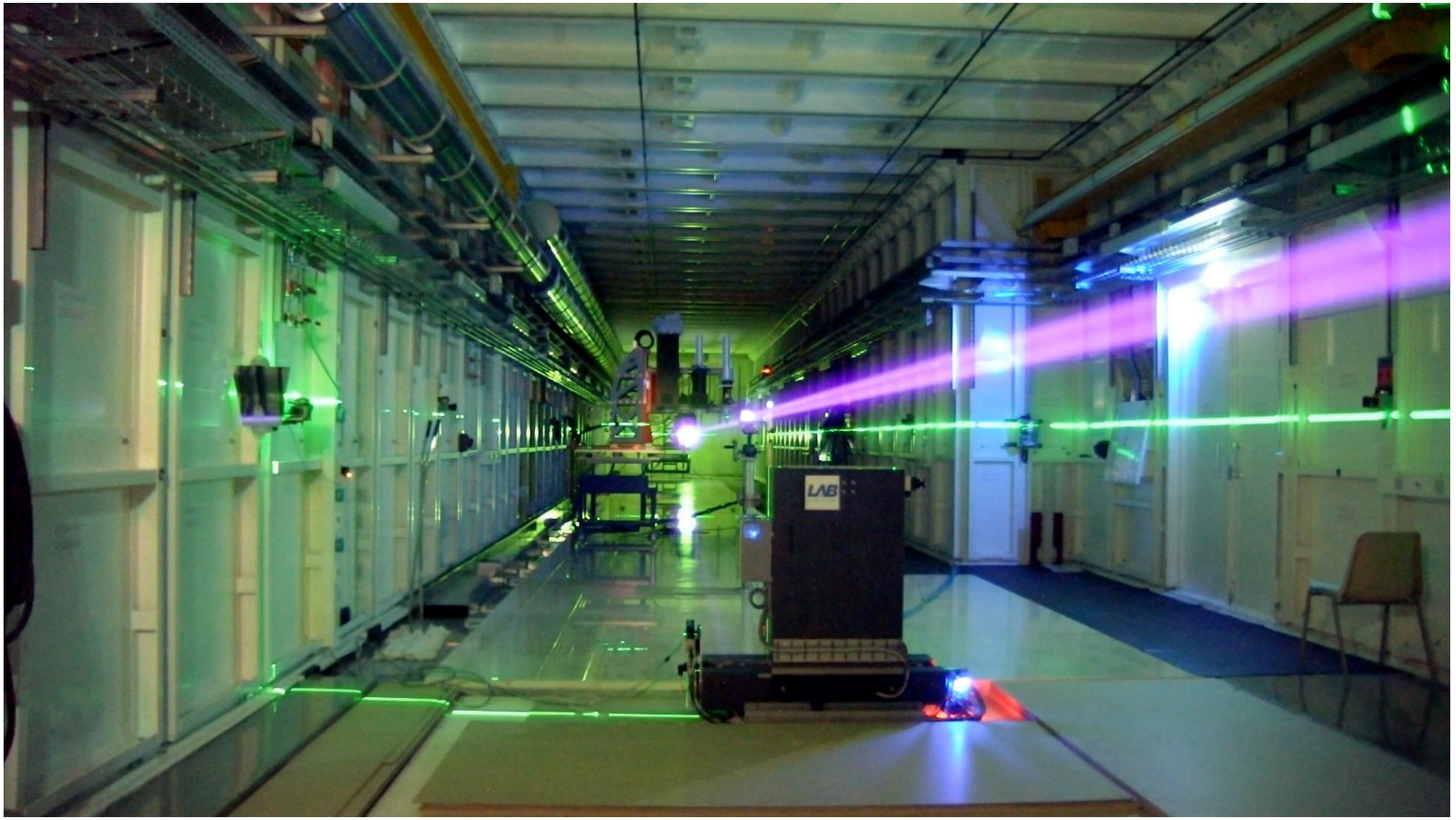


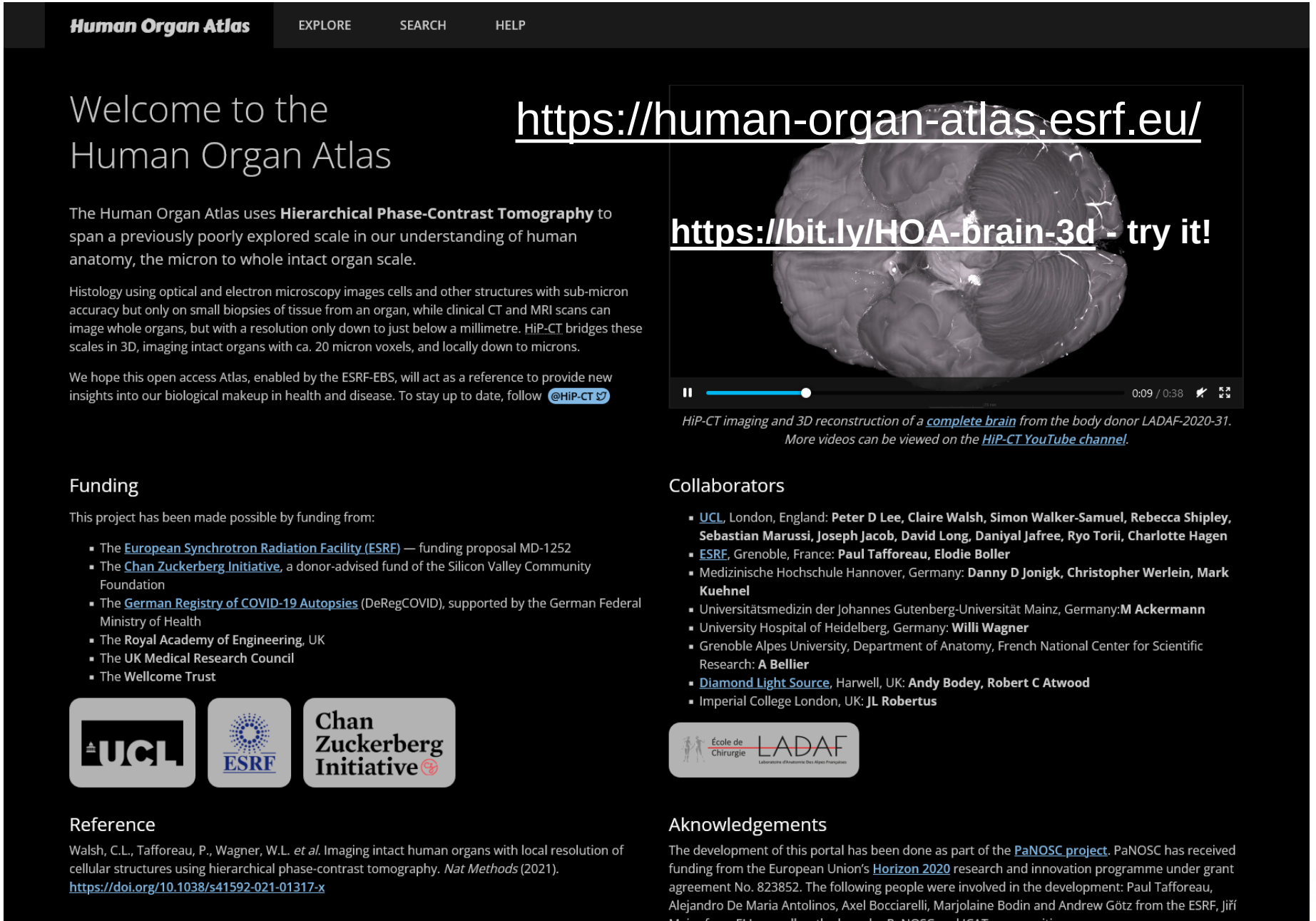
EXAMPLE OF ESRF DATA – HUMAN ORGAN ATLAS

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 **4th generation source - EBS**

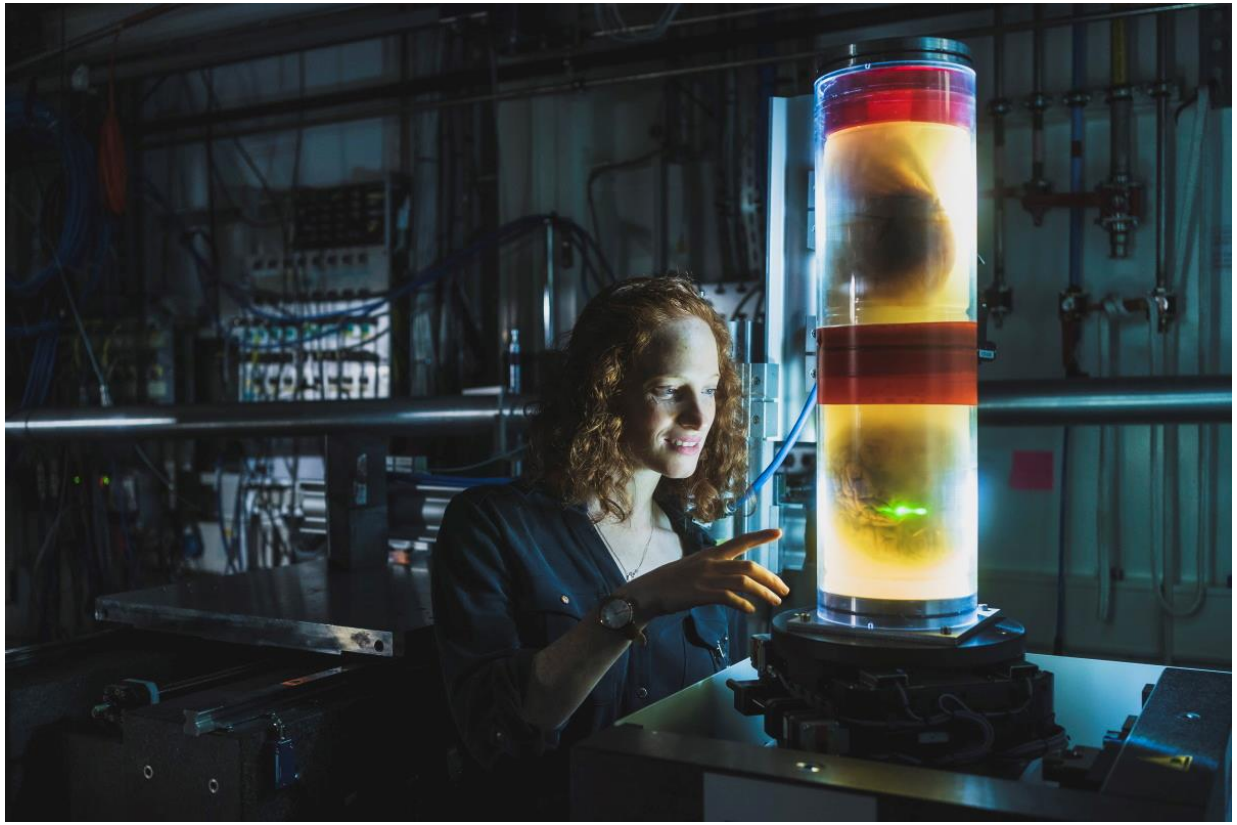
The data are being made **open** as soon as they are processed. **Over 30 groups world-wide are using the data.**

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



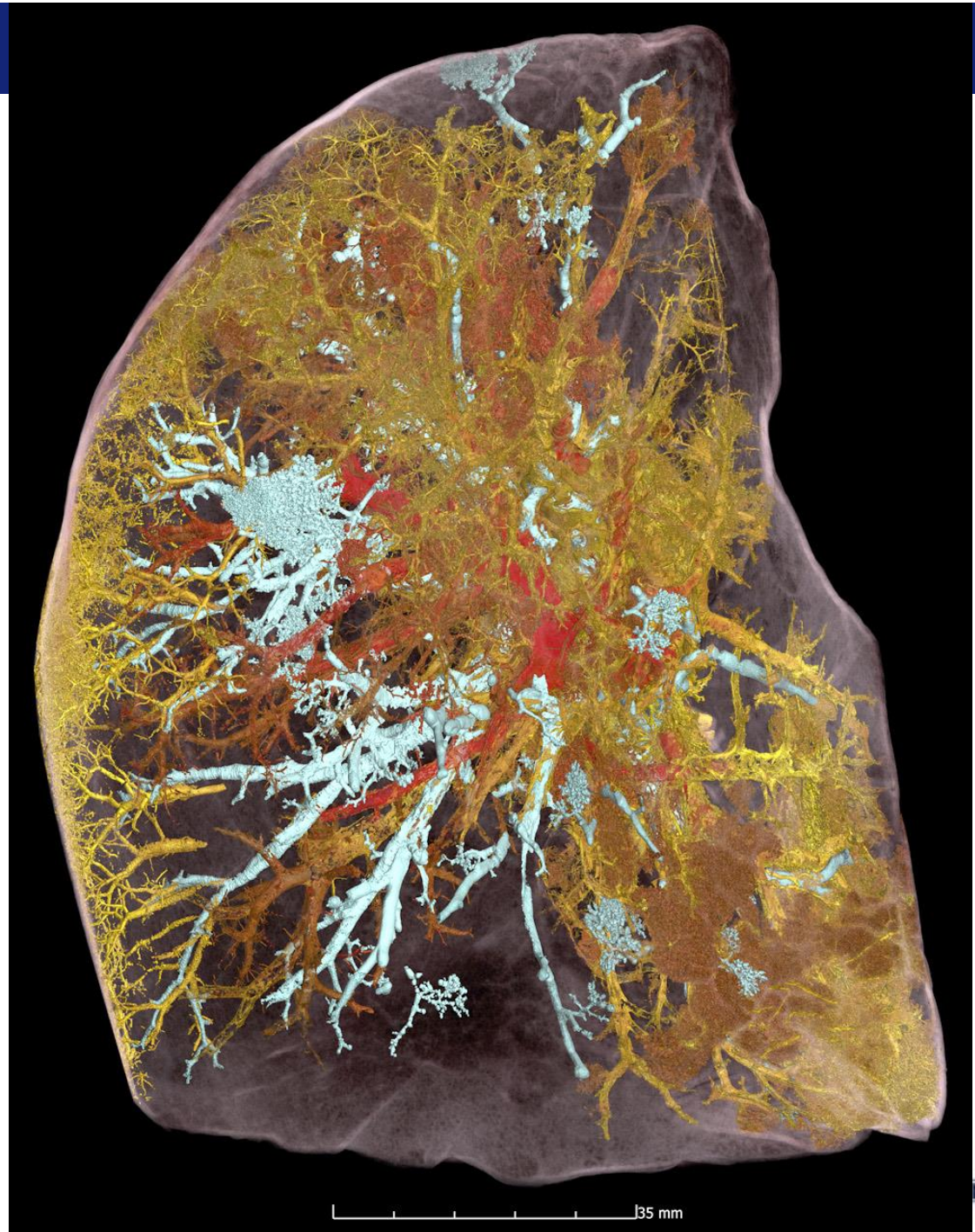
LUNG OF COVID19 PATIENT

National Geographic's favorite science photos in 2021

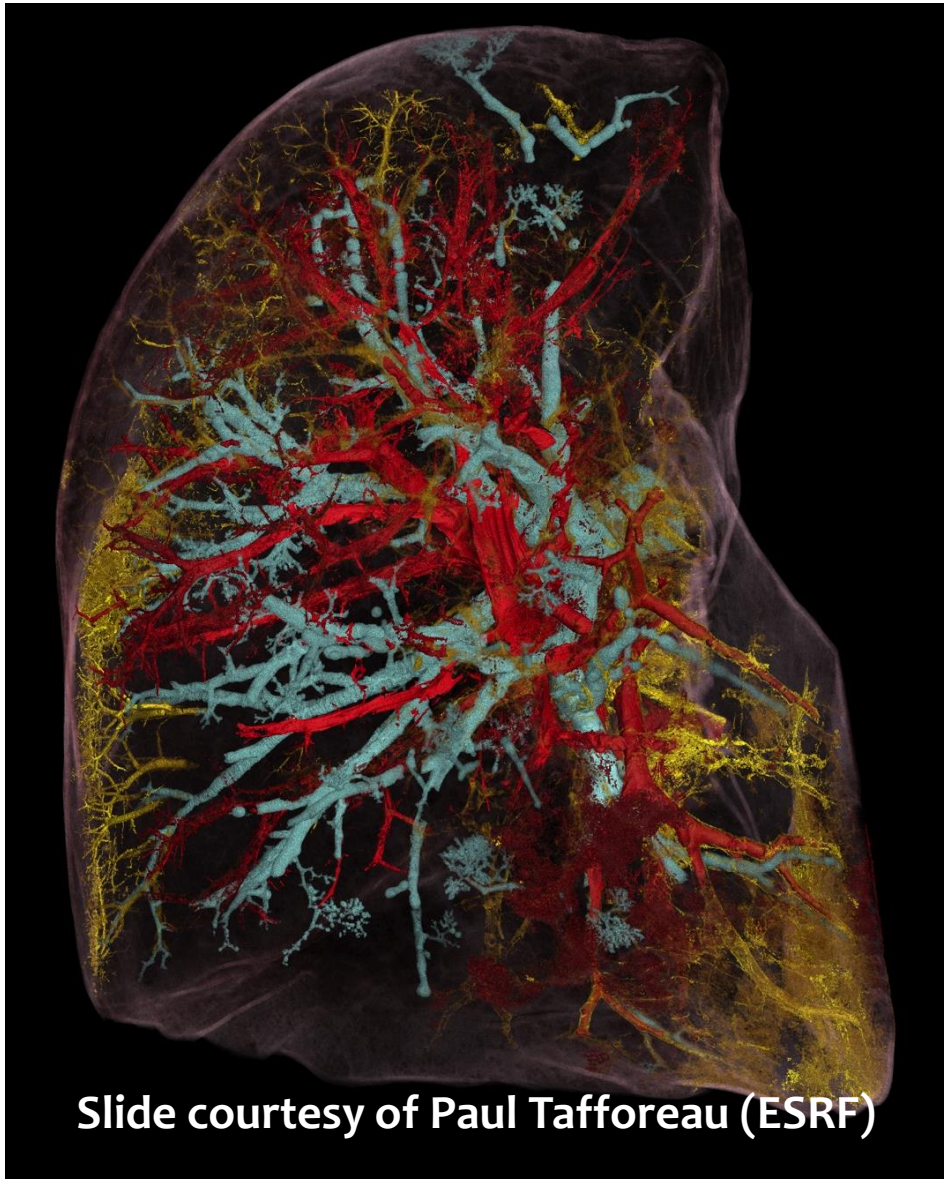


https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/worlds-brightest-x-rays-reveal-covid-19-damage-to-the-body

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



OPEN DATA – COVID EXAMPLE



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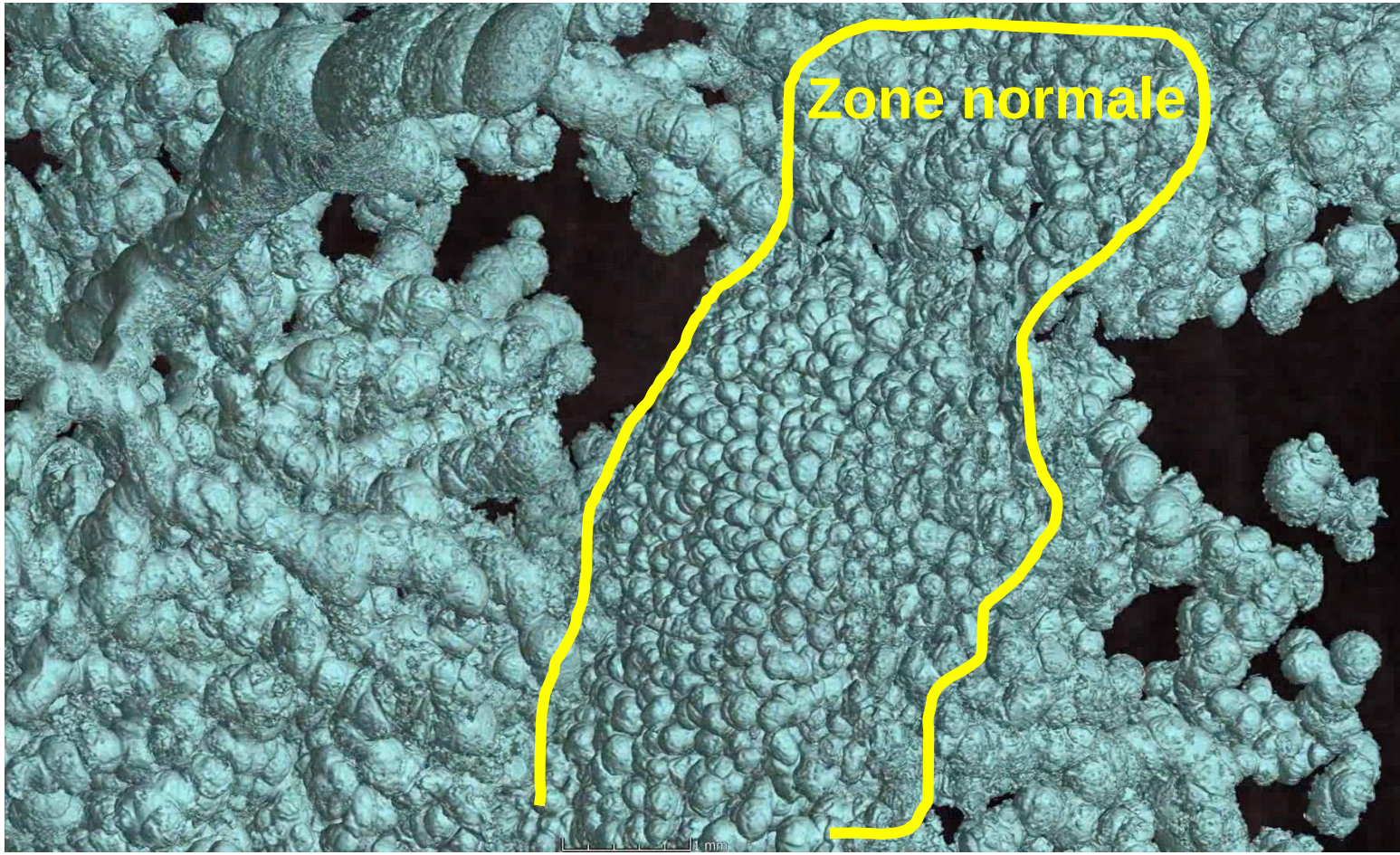


https://human-organ-atlas.esrf.eu/datasets/571998122

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

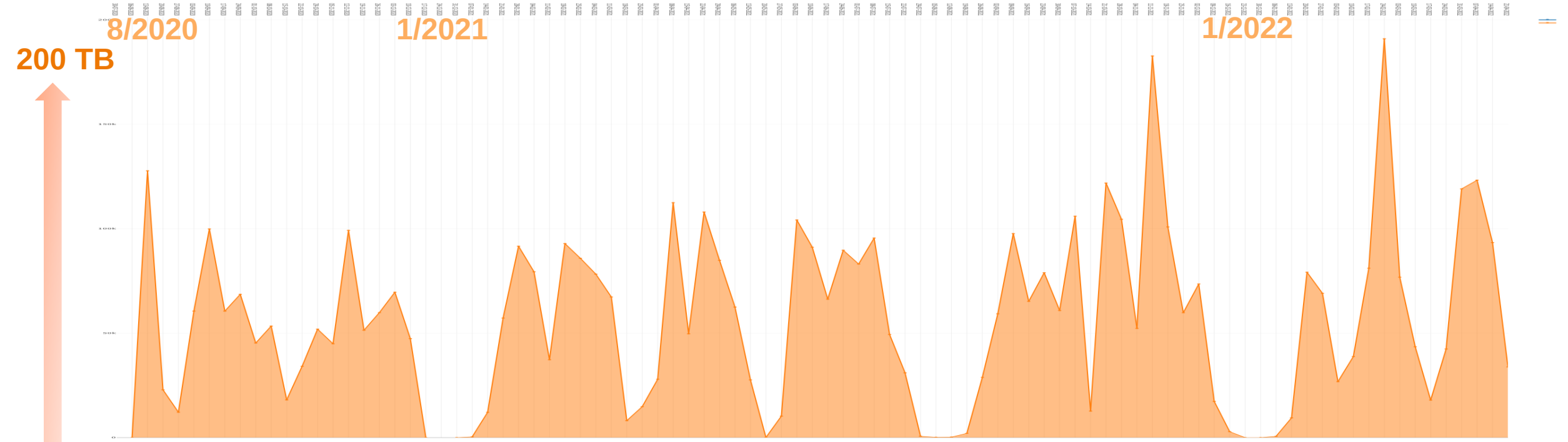
Summary

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**

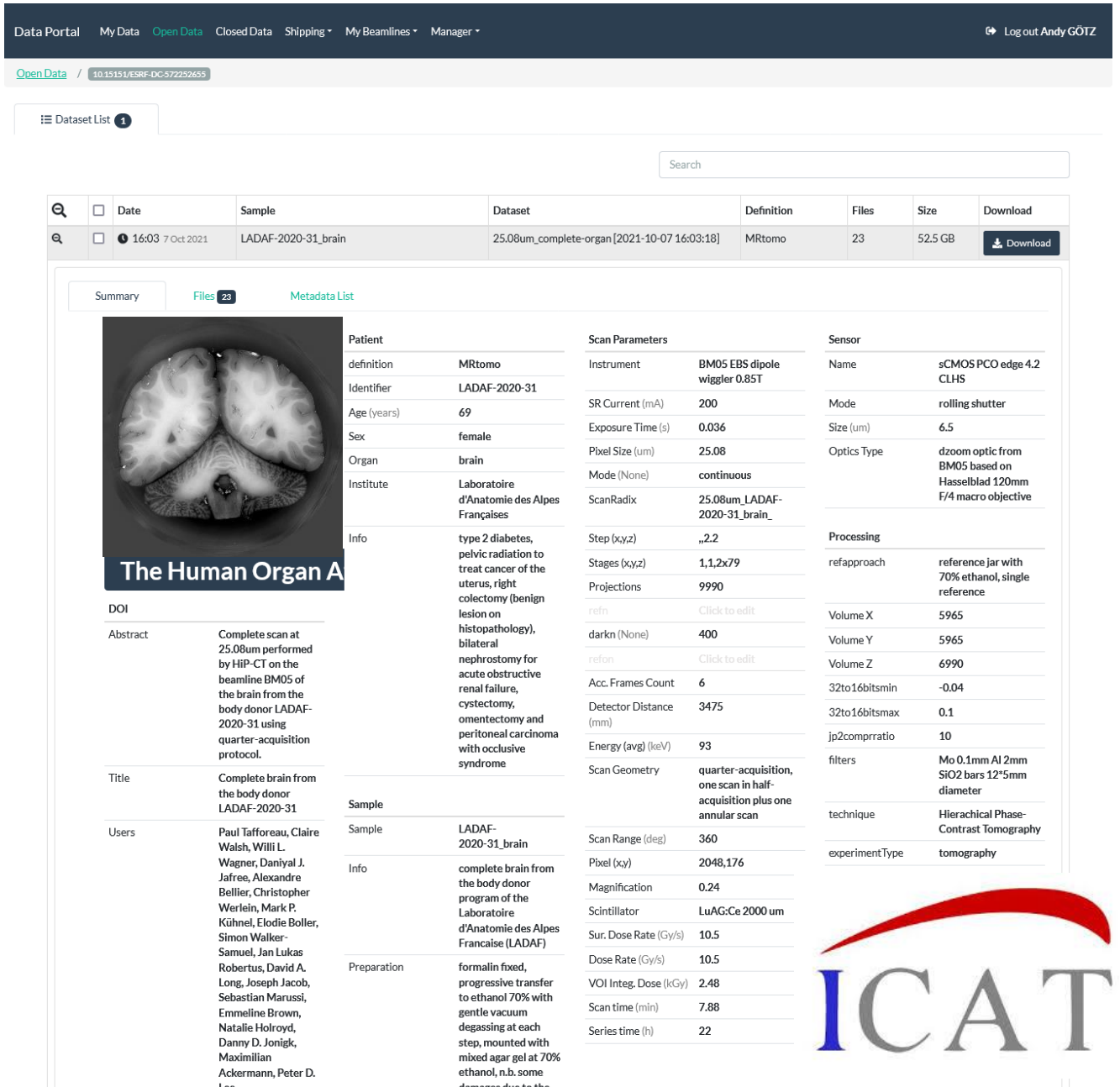
DATA CURATED WEEKLY SINCE 1/8/2020 – PEAK = 200 TB



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**



HDF5/NEXUS - CENTRAL TO THE EBS DATA STRATEGY

Data Acquisition

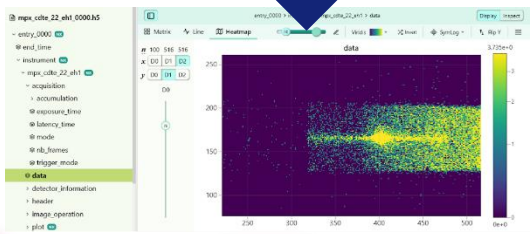
Data Archiving

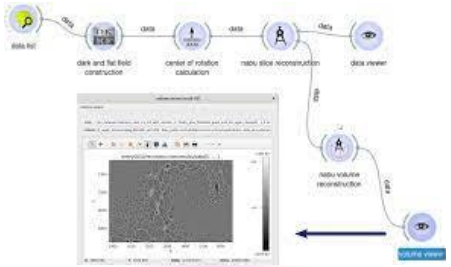
Data Reduction

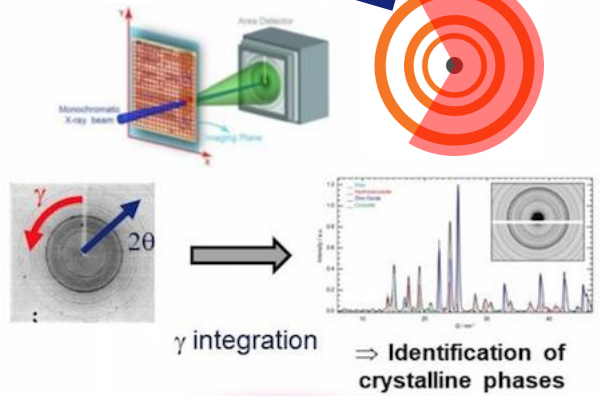
Data Processing

Bliss

Lima







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

ESRF

WHY DID ESRF CHOOSE HDF5?

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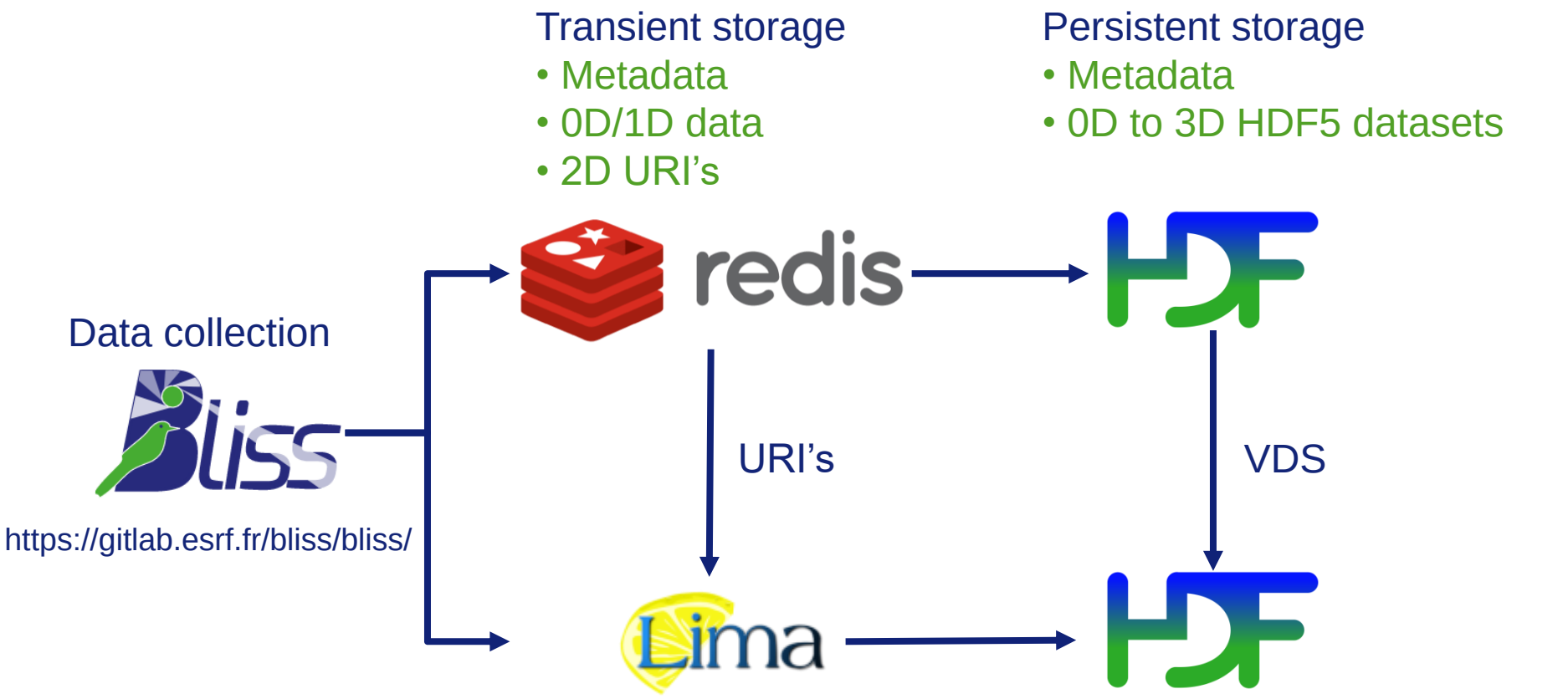
TO ADDRESS the FOLLOWING ISSUES

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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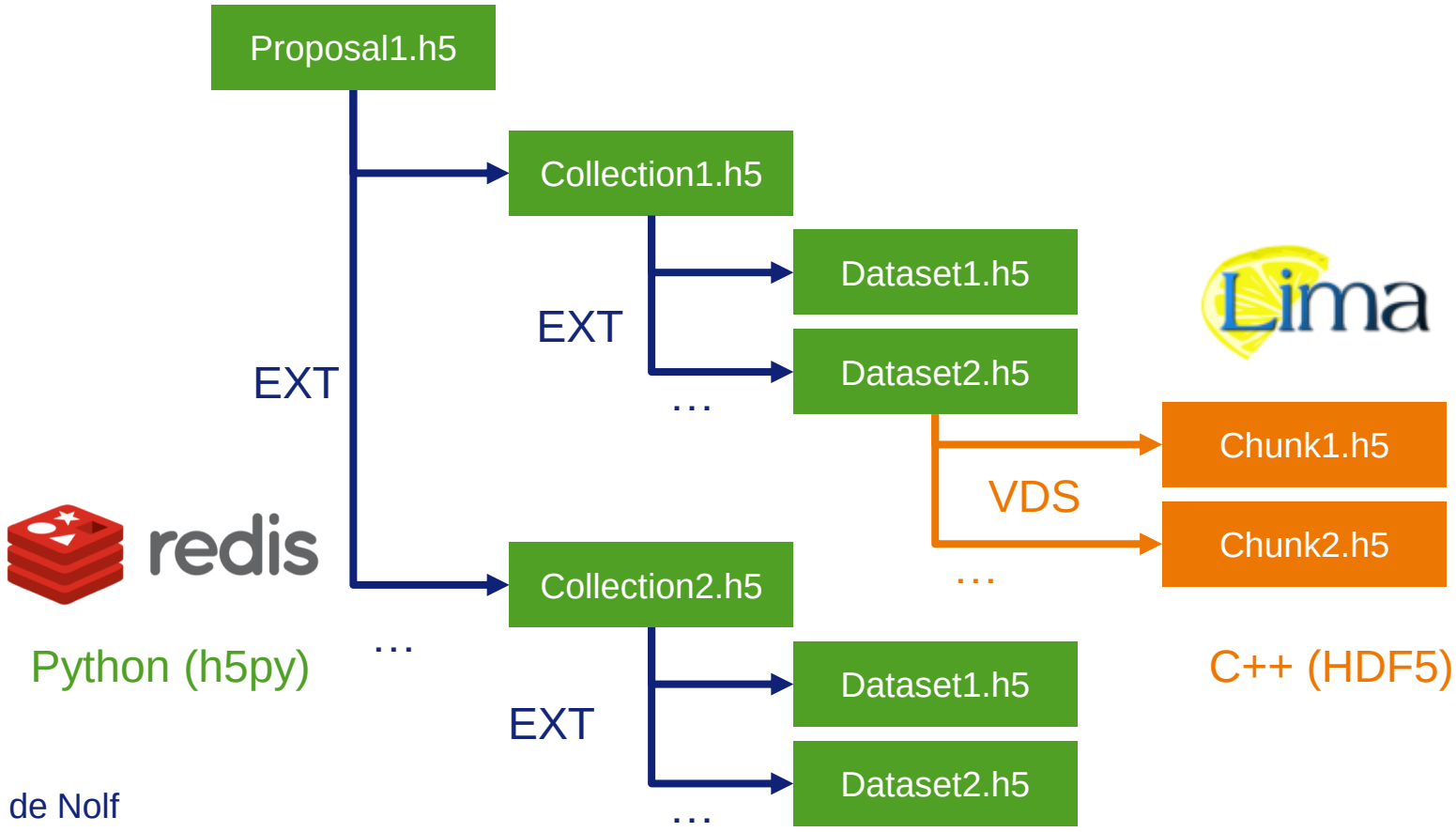
HDF5 AT THE ESRF: DATA COLLECTION

On Distributed File System



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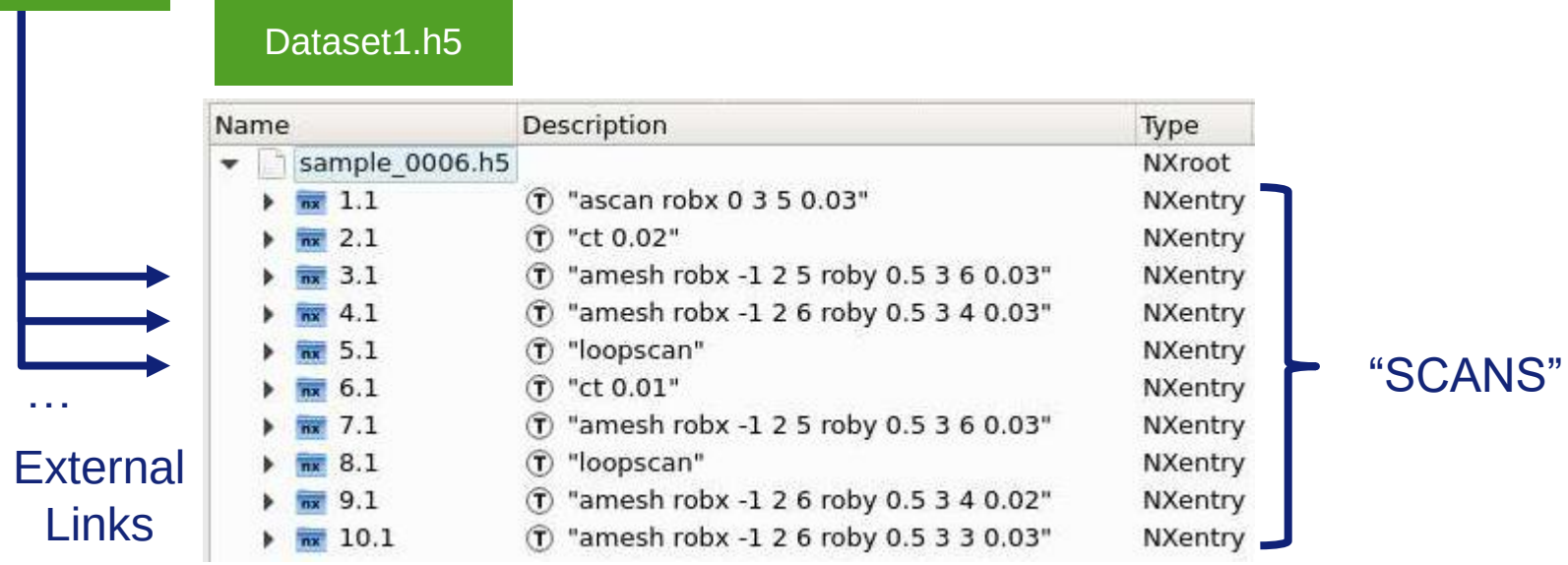
NeXus Data Format

Collection1.h5

Dataset1.h5



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External Links

"SCANS"

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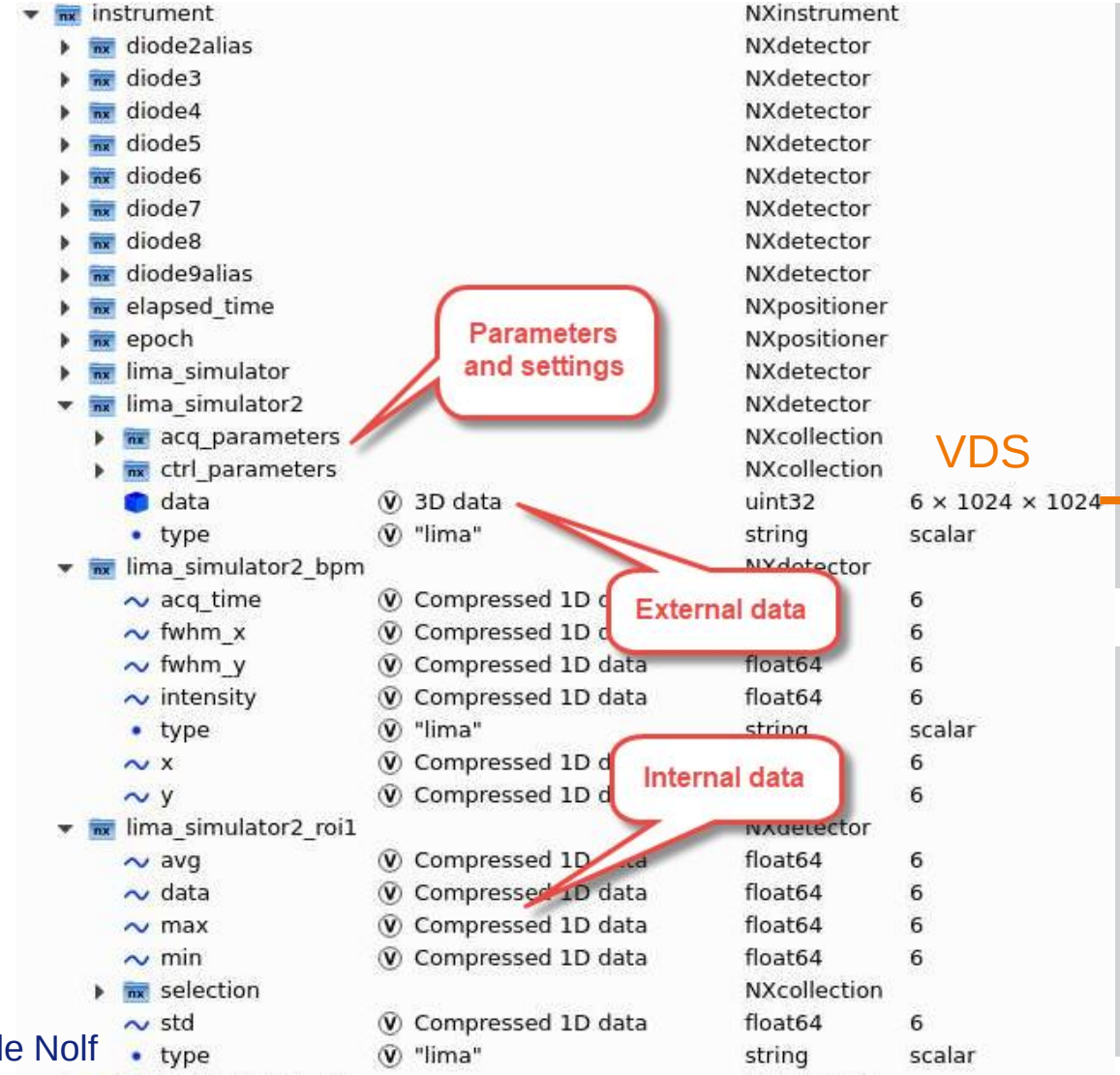

VDS

External data: 3D

Chunk1.h5

Chunk2.h5

...

Lima

C++ (HDF5)

Internal data: 0D, 1D, 2D

redis

Python (h5py)

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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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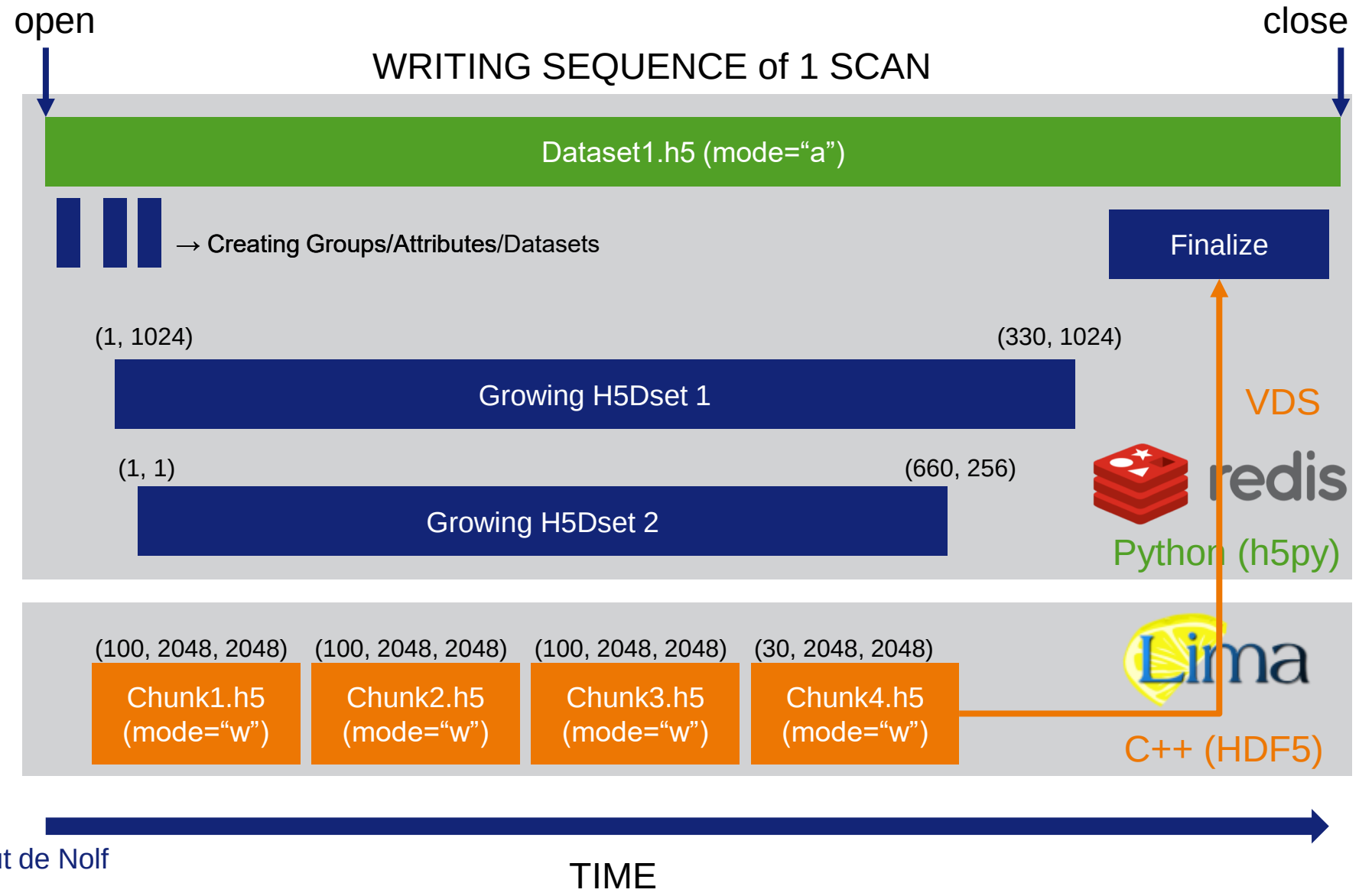

MAIN ISSUE: **close** can be hours / days after **open** BUT apps need to read data to do online processing

QUESTION: Is SWMR2 the Answer?

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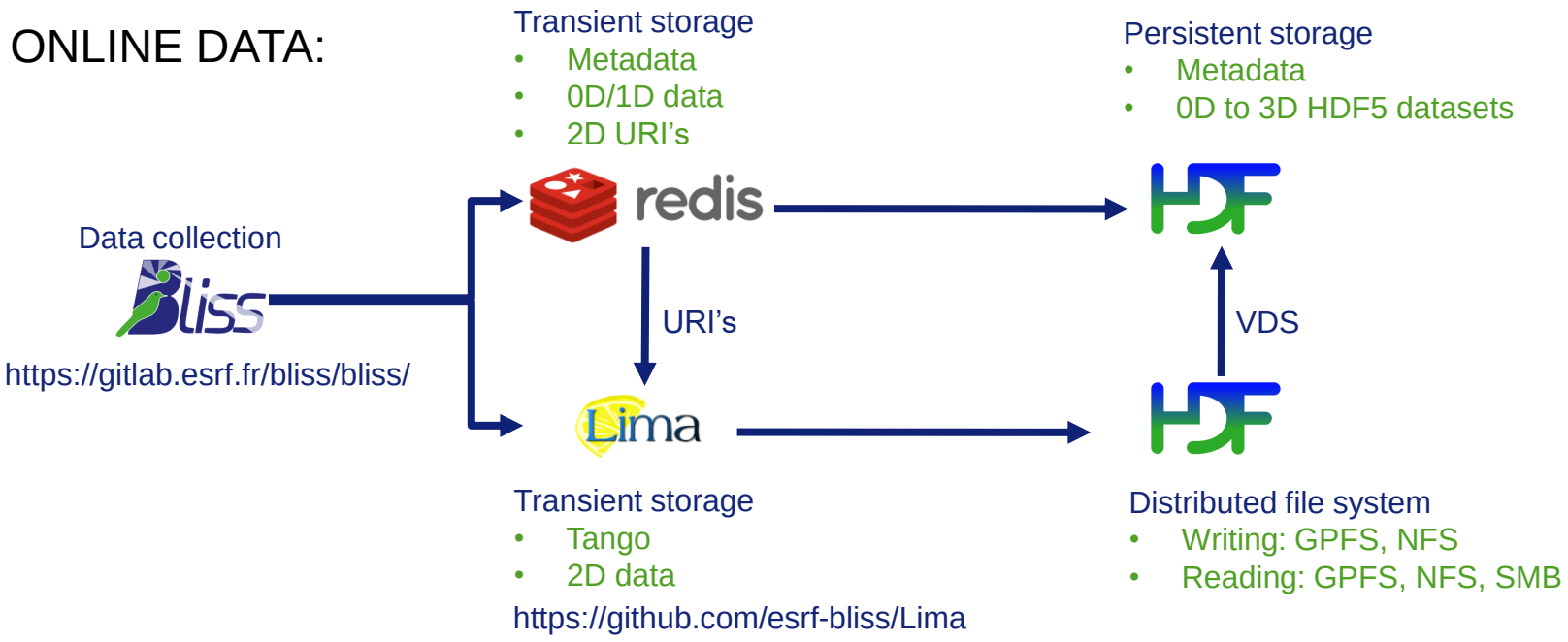
ONLINE DATA ACCESS USING H5PY API

ONLINE DATA:



DATA ACCESS:

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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.

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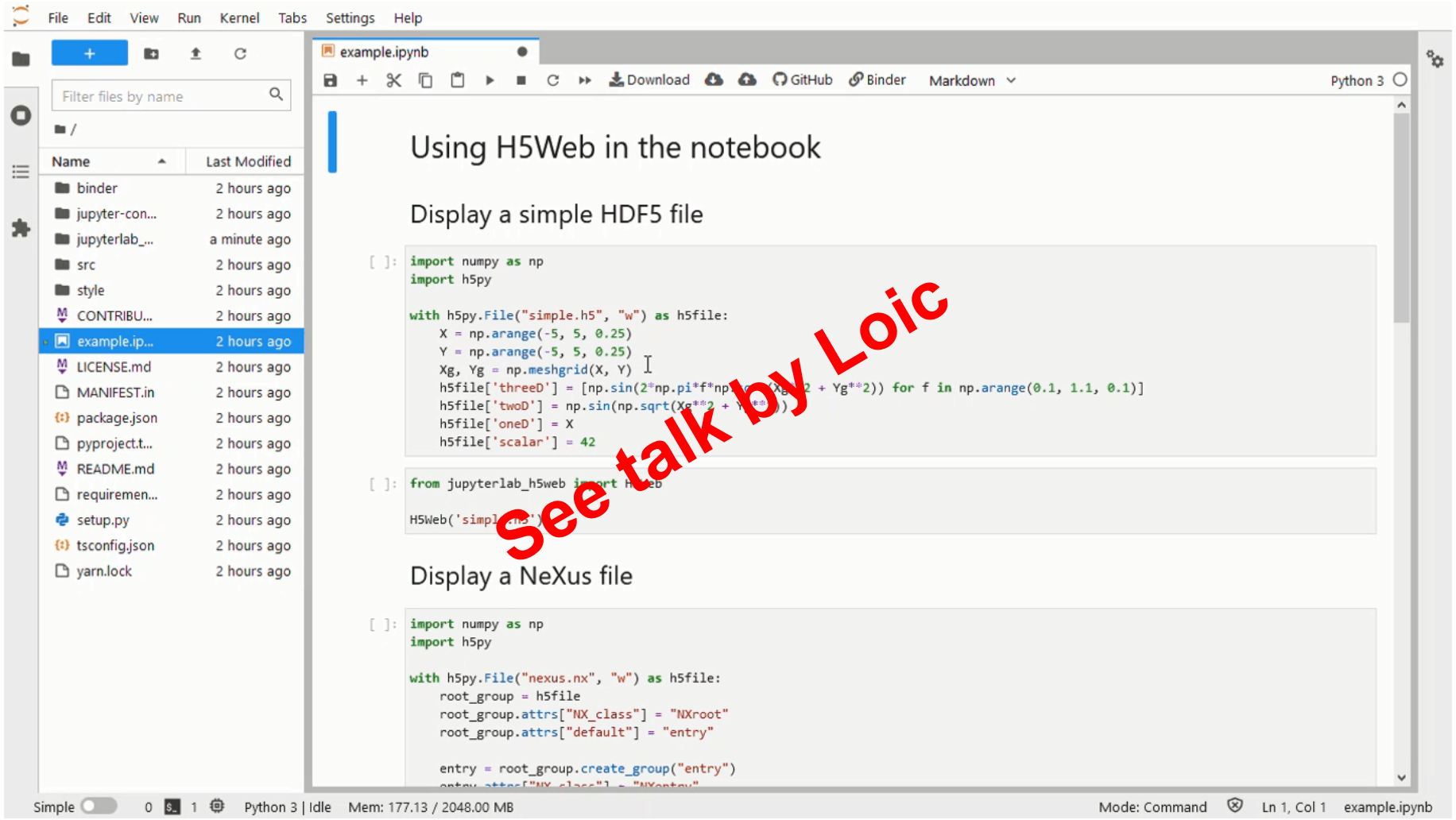
TOOLS TO VISUALIZE DATA – WEB BASED

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?



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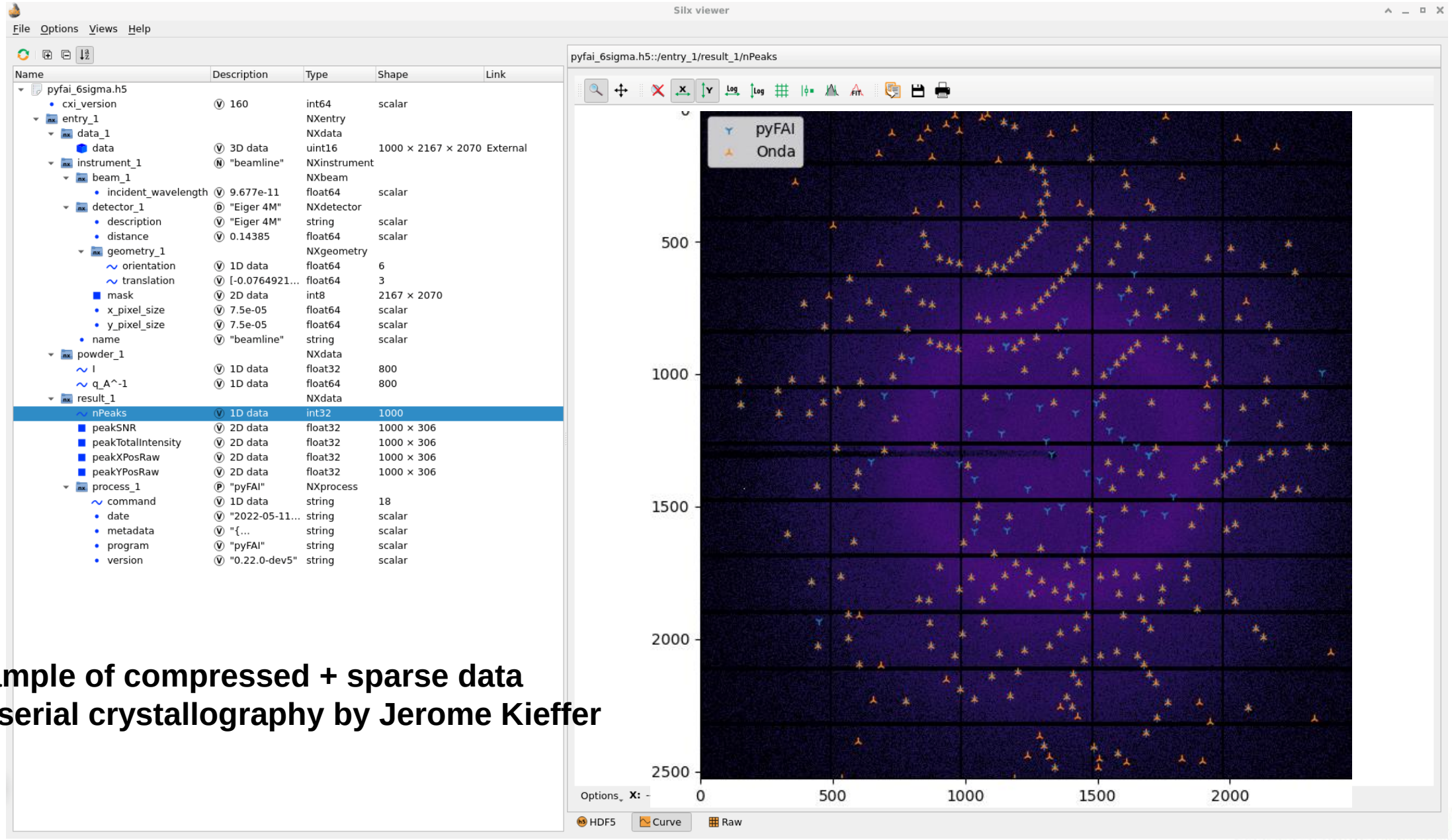

Example of compressed + sparse data for serial crystallography by Jerome Kieffer

NEXUS METADATA STANDARD

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.

Home

GitHub Organisation

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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
- 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
    - application definitions: layout specifications for a specific purpose
    - contributed definitions: propositions from the community
  - Utilities: Software applications that browse, plot, and analyze NeXus data
  - FAQ: Commonly asked questions about NeXus
- Facilities using NeXus

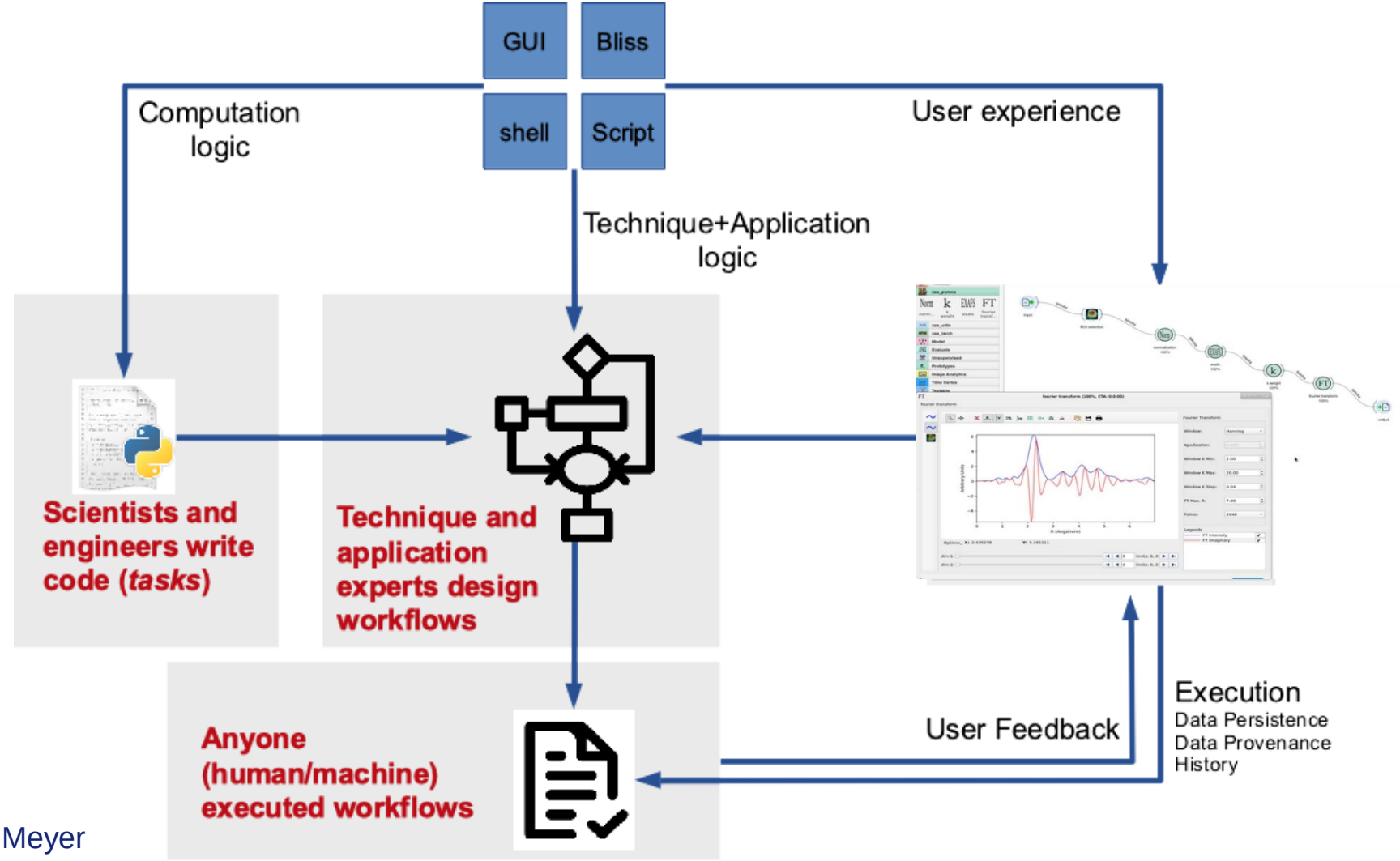
Discussion and Development:

- Next Meetings: Code Camp 2022 and Autumn NIAC2022

Community-organised metadata data standards

DATA REDUCTION AND ONLINE ANALYSIS

Data Processing Workflows



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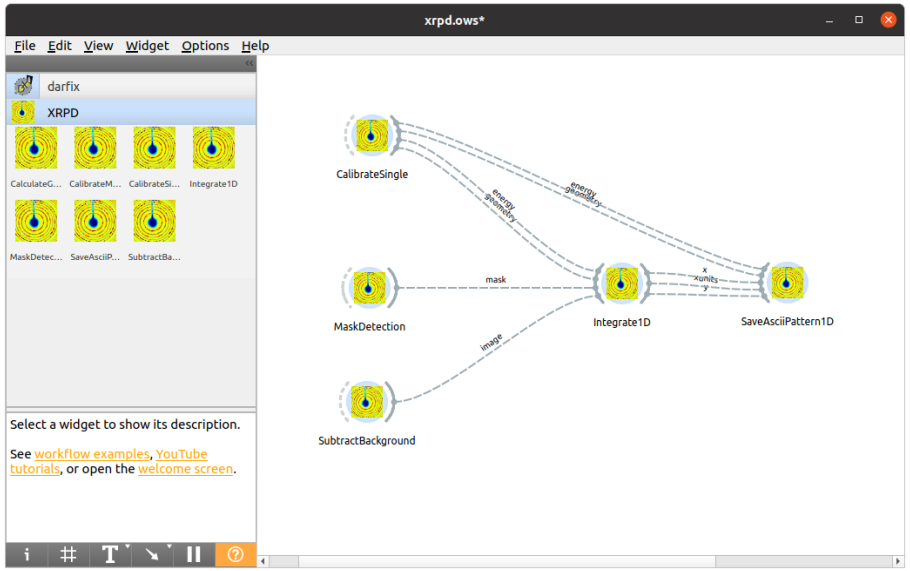

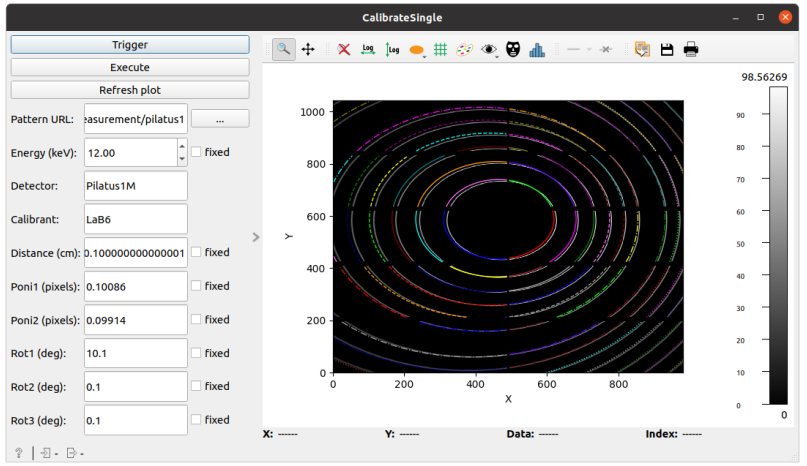

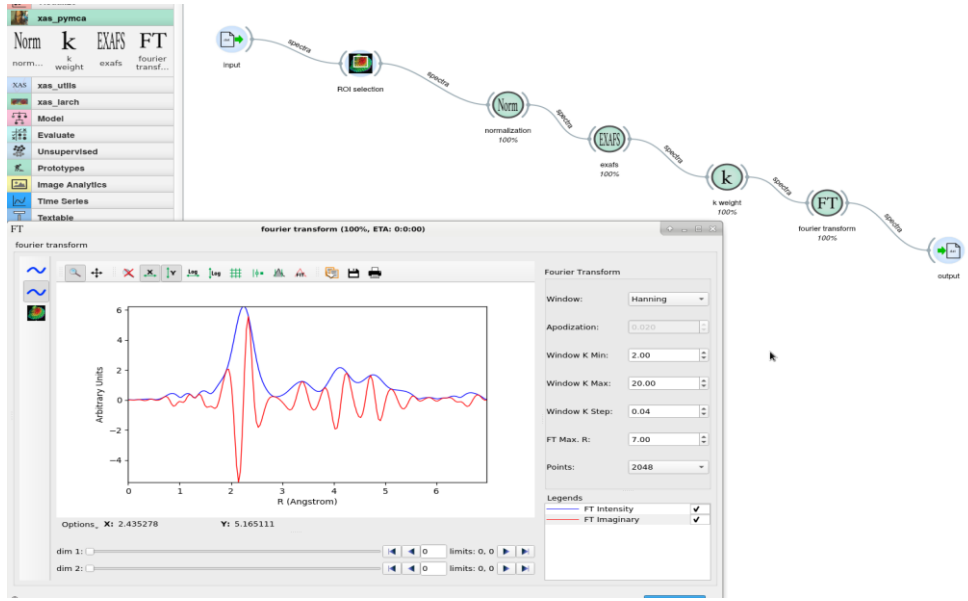

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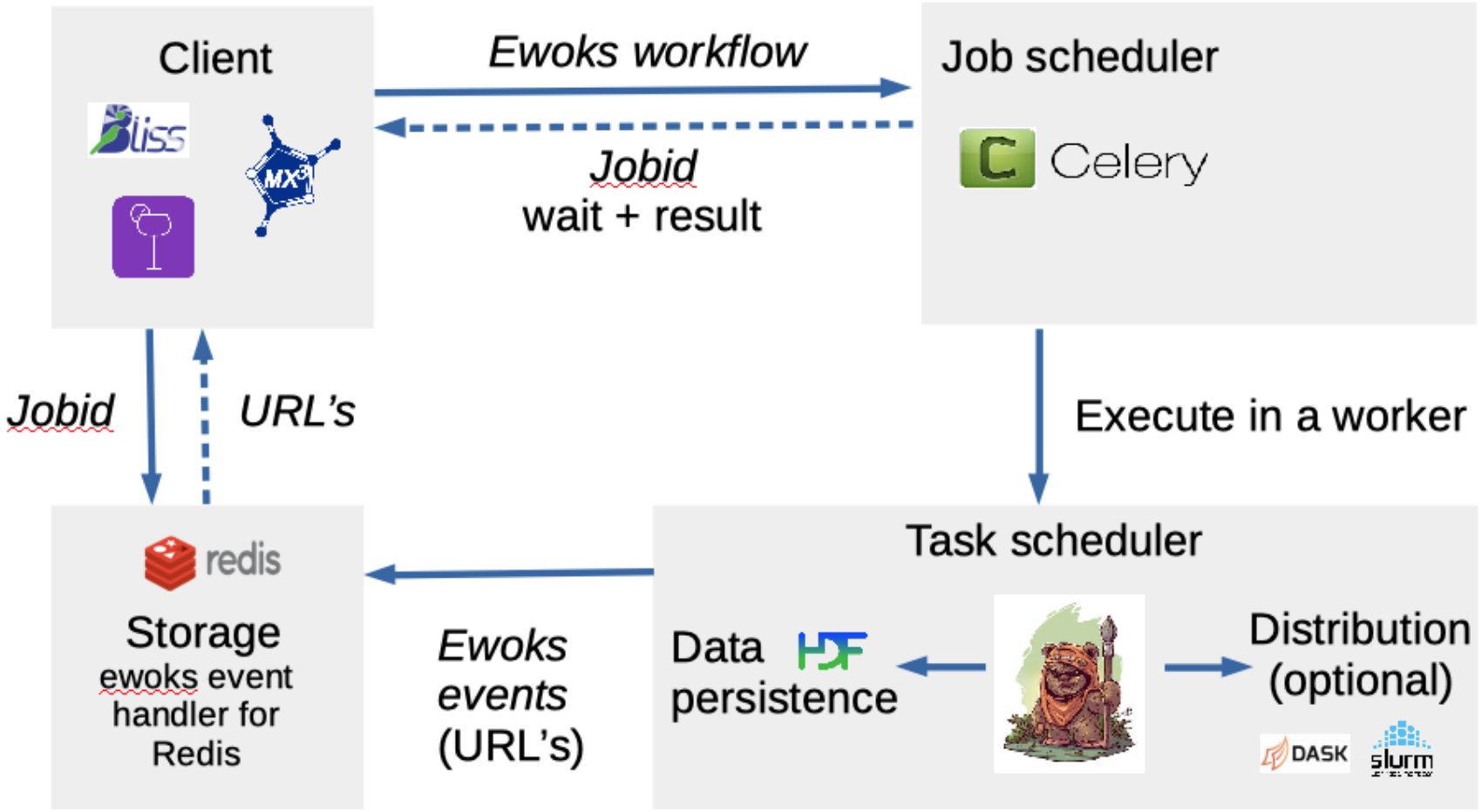

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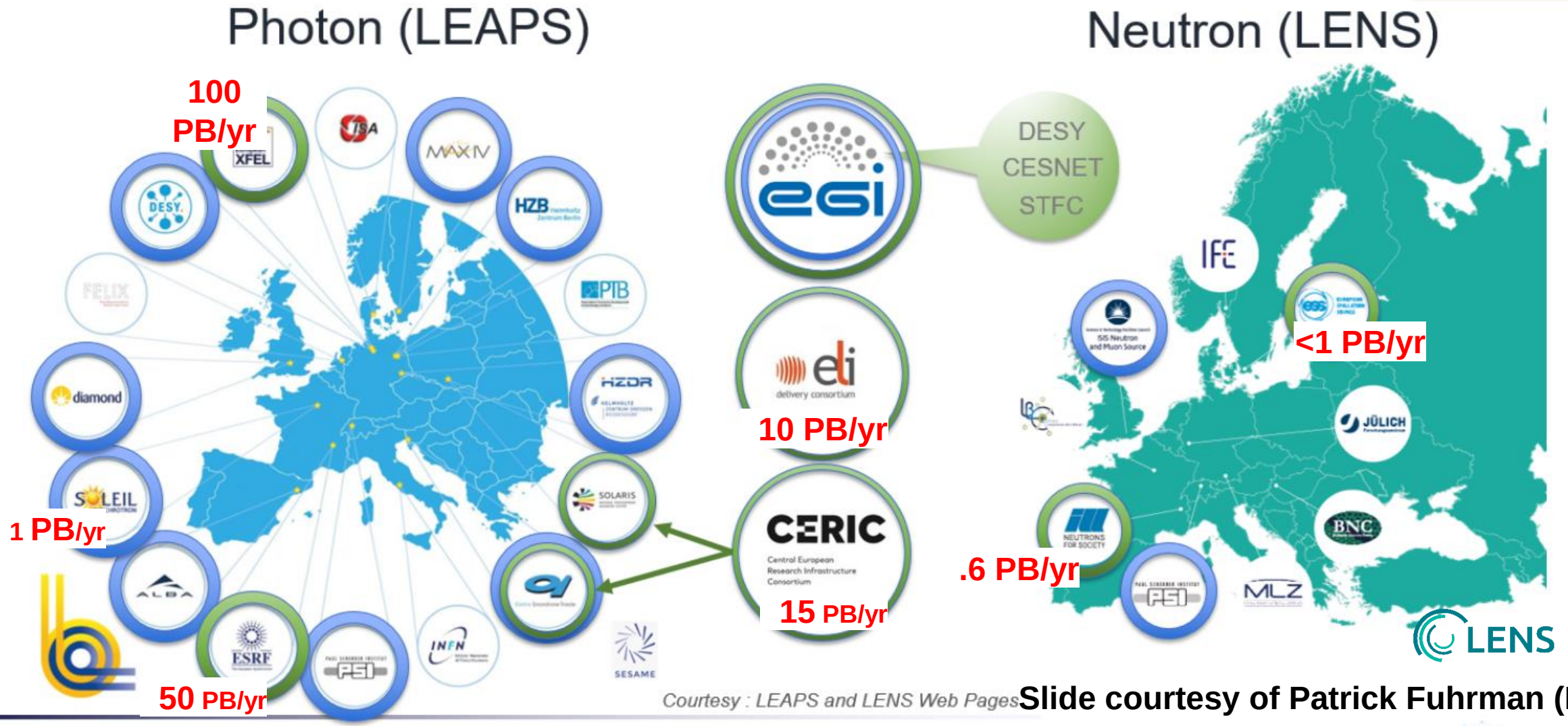
https://gitlab.esrf.fr/workflow/ewoks/ewoks

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

PaNOSC
ExPaNDS



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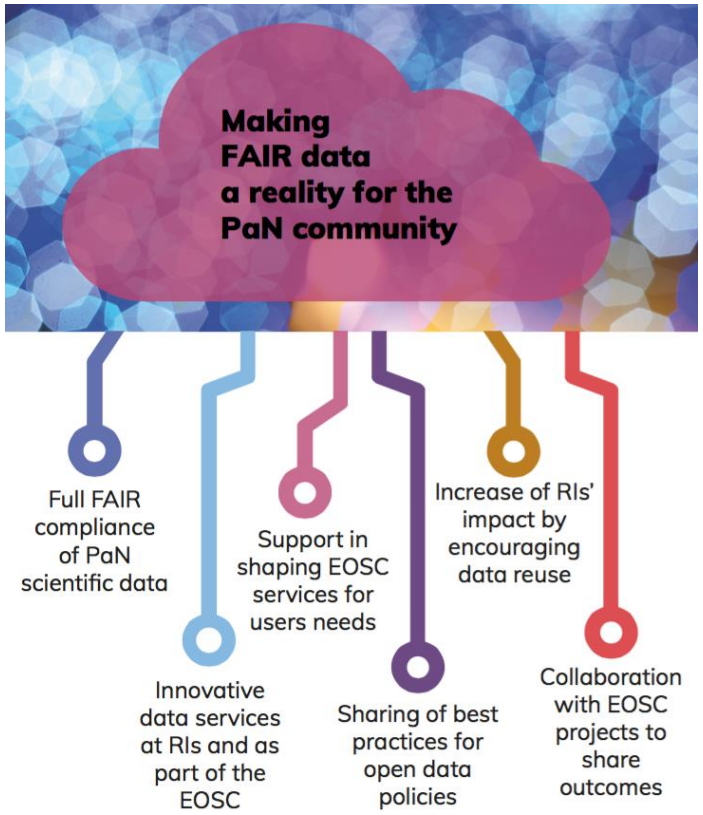
panosc photon and neutron open science cloud

ExPaNDS European Open Science Cloud Photon and Neutron Data Services

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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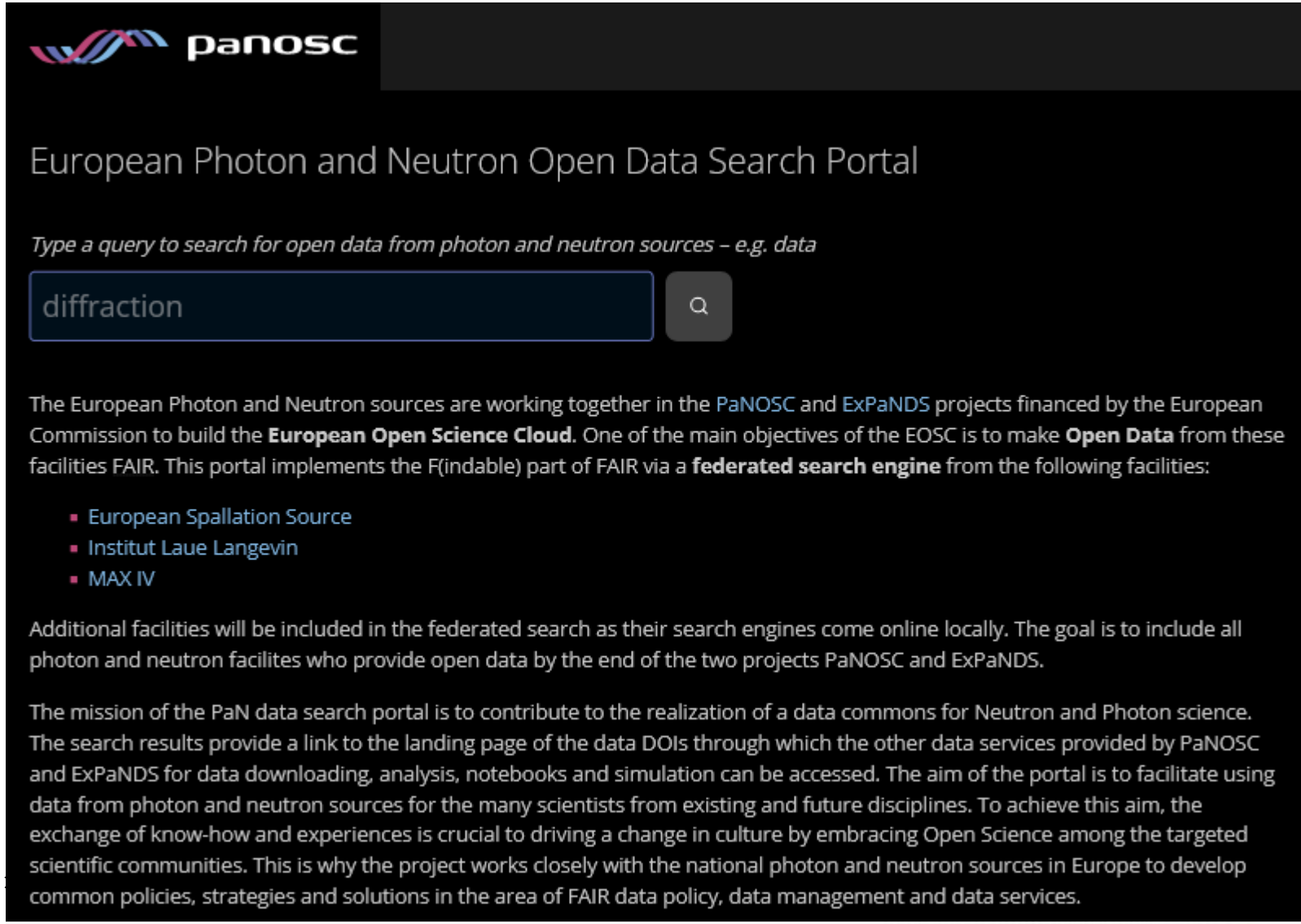
OPEN DATA PORTALS FOR OPEN SCIENCE

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.



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SUPPORTING HDF5 @ ESRF

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

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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