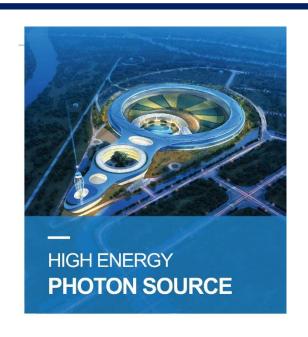


Next-Generation Scientific Software System and AI-Driven Intelligence for Synchrotron Beamlines





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Outline

■ The Mamba project

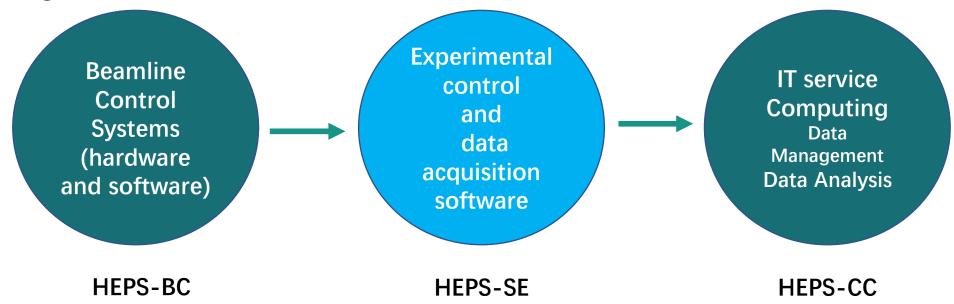
■ Addressing big data challenge using AI/ML

■ Collaborative efforts for intelligent light source



HEPS needs a systematic software solution

☐ Three dedicated HEPS teams for addressing the challenges in control, scientific software and computing



- □ Develop Control and acquisition software from scratch, no legacy issue
- □ Founded in 2020, HEPS-SE team are aiming to develop a systematic software solution in control and data acquisition for Phase I beamlines in HEPS

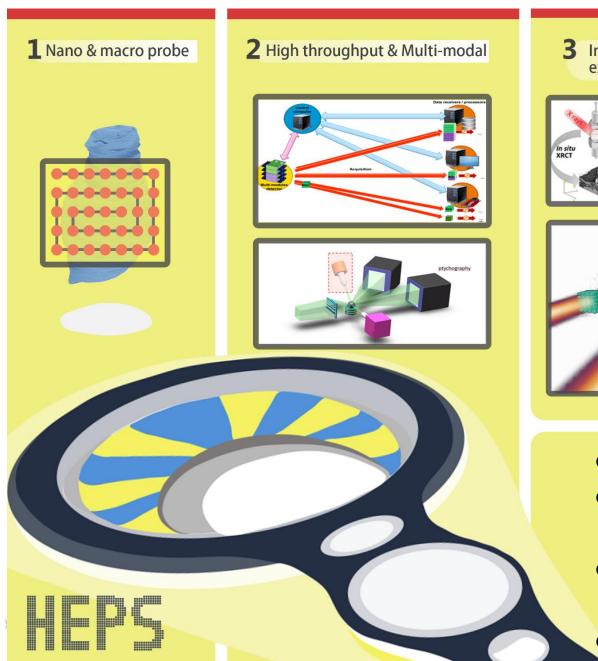




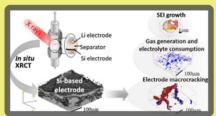
The Mamba Project

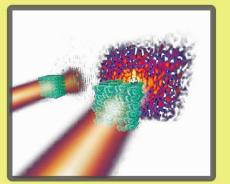


Drastic increase in data and experiment complexity



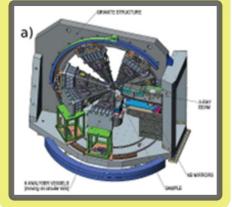
In situ & dynamic experiments





4 beamline automation & intelligent control



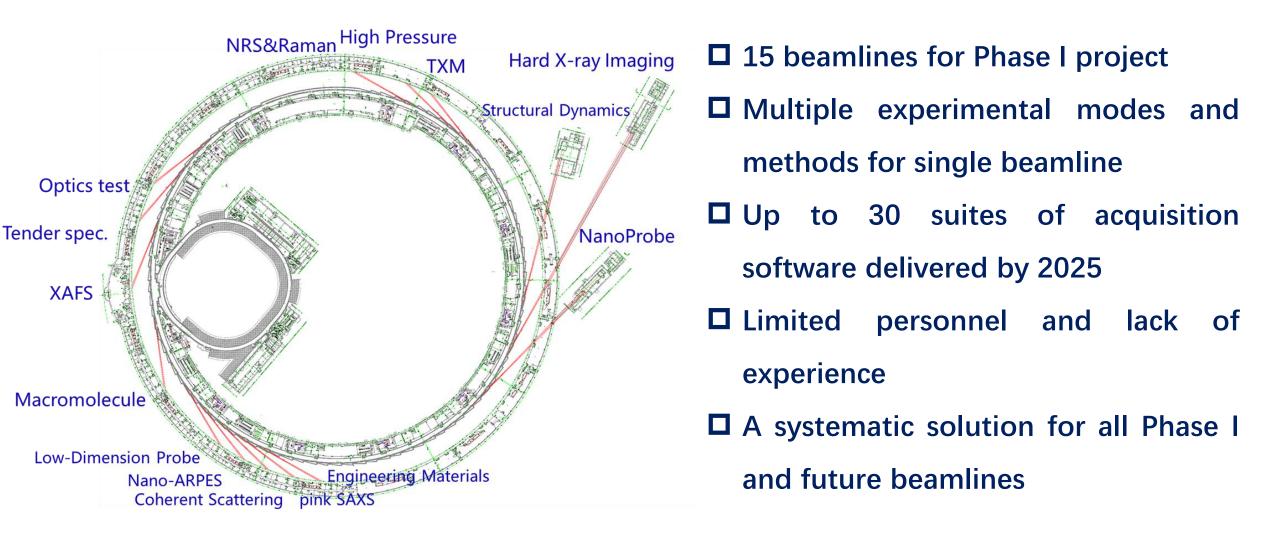


National data mangementpolicy



- X-ray flux orders of magnitude brighter,
- Detectors are orders of magnitude larger and faster, single beamline generate up to Pb/run,
- In situ and dynamic experiments require real-time feedback and autonomous control,
- Data and software infrastructure for big science project

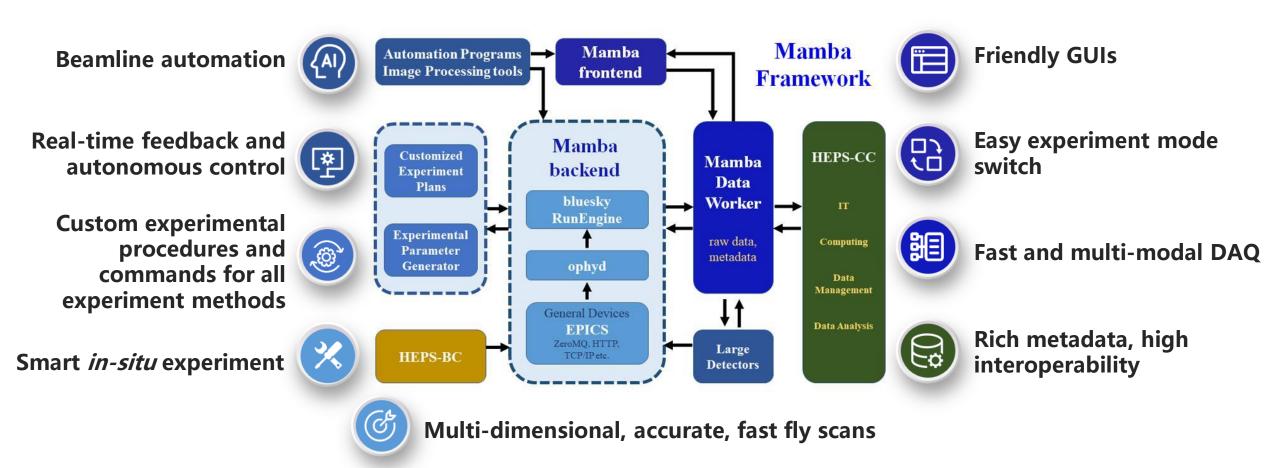
Heavy task for a young team





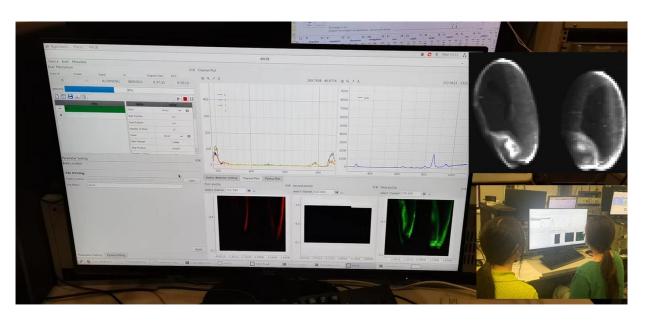
A new generation synchrotron experiment operating software system

(Mamba)



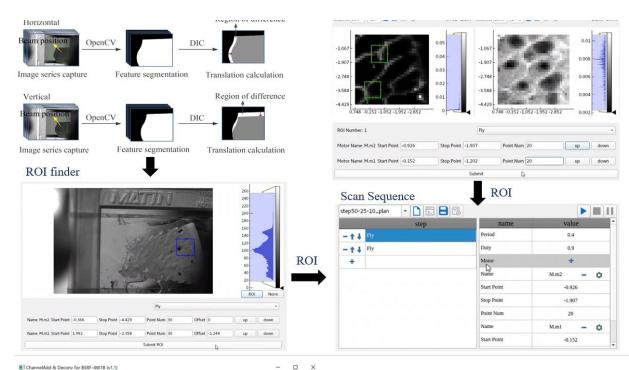


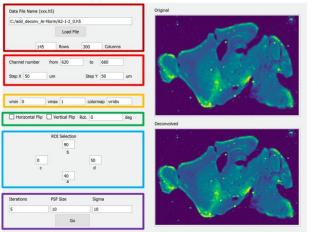
Progress of Mamba project



Software development & testing XRF mapping at BSRF

- Project start from April 2020
- Mamba was officially deployed and open to users at 4W1B beamline in July 2022





- ROI selection & scan sequence modules
- **□** On-the-fly scanning
- ☐ One-click data acquisition and real-time analysis



Test and deployment of Mamba at HEPS



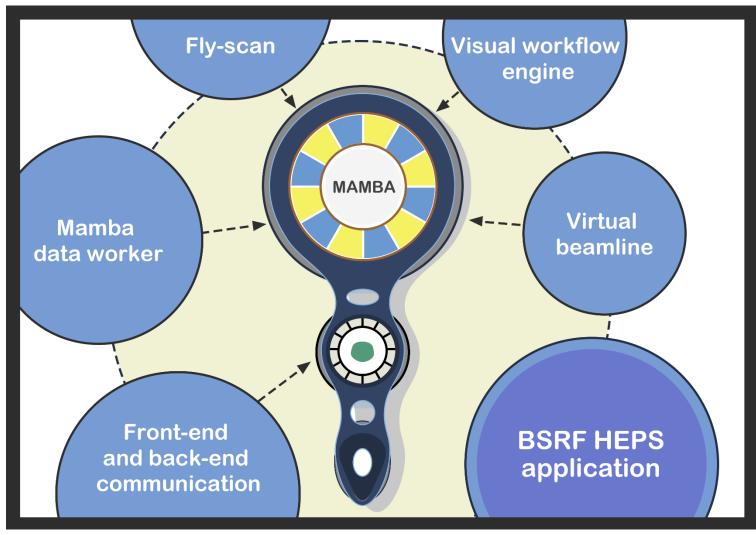






Explore key techniques of new generation control and acquisition system

Already



- On going
- □ Python IOC, Systematic detector integration and High-performance readout
- Beamline and experiment specific plan and GUI library
- □ Versatile attitude tuning framework and beamline automation
- □ Closed-loop control based on realtime data analysis
- **□** Al-Enabled experimental control



Liu et al. J. of Synchrotron Radiat. 29(3), (2022); Zhang et al. J. of Synchrotron Radiat. 30(1), (2023); Li et al. J. of Synchrotron Radiat. 30(6), (2023); Li et al. Synchrotron Radiat. News, (2023); Wang et al. J. of Synchrotron Radiat, (2024);

A systematic detector integration solution for HEPS

□ Systematic -- work mainly done by HEPS beamline control team

Centralize management of developing detector IOCs;

EPICS-based integration and an extended ADGenICam;

ihep-pkg packaging system and ~/iocBoot conventions to simplify EPICS deployment and enhance.

Main detector-like devices that need to be integrated

- Devices with *EPICS* IOCs that satisfy current requirements:
 - GenICam (GigE/USB3 Vision) industrial cameras: Hikvision, FLIR etc
 - Andor (sCMOS, CCD), marCCD, Merlin, Minipix, PICam, Pilatus
 - Keck-PAD, PCO, Photron, PVCAM; Mythen; Falcon Xn, Xspress 3
- Devices that require self-developed *EPICS* IOCs:
 - Specialized Imaging Kirana, Ximea
 - Self-made APD detector, iRay Mercu
- Devices that require high-performance integration modules:
 - Eiger, Lambda/Sparta, Rigaku XSPA, Hamamatsu
 - Tucsen, self-made Si-pixel detector
 - PandABox, multiple sensors (needing high-speed 0D readout)

□ High-Performance

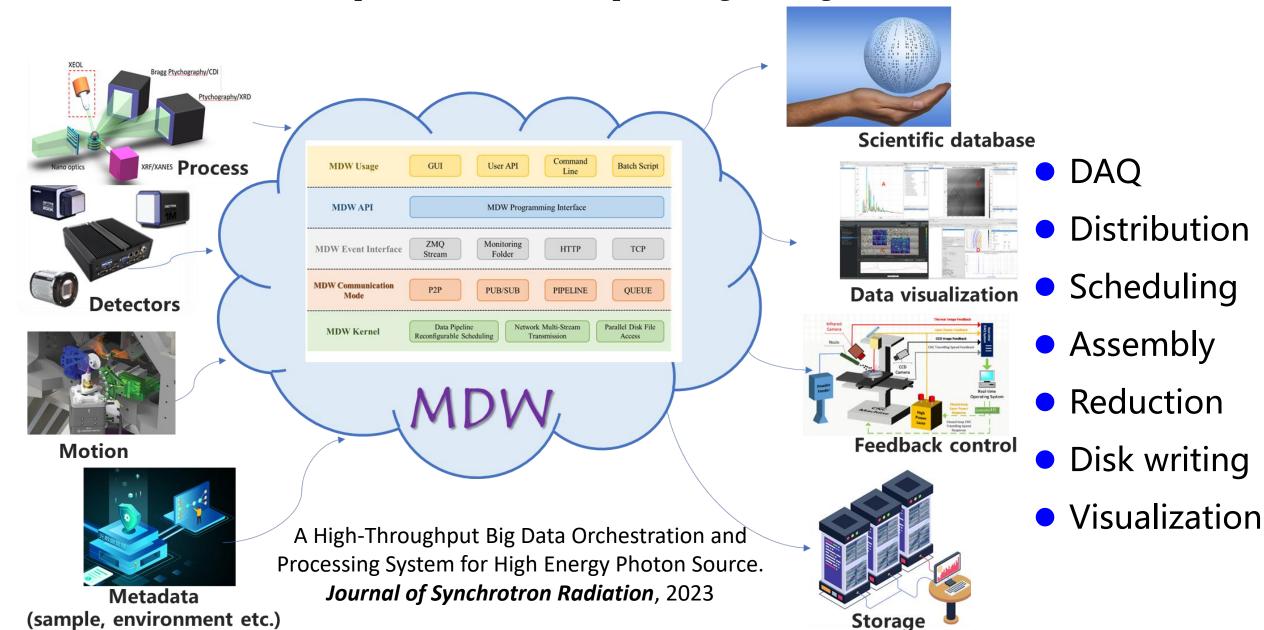
A QueueIOC framework for Python IOCs based on caproto;

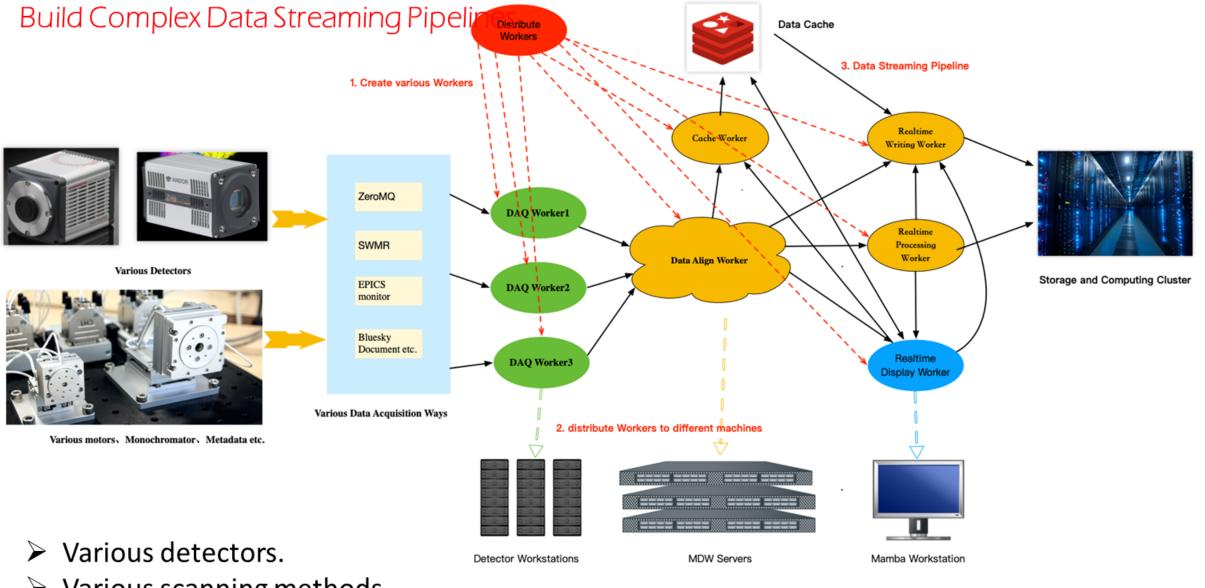
Simplify architecture and communition protocols leading to better performance than areaDetector.

All 2D detector can be run in monitor mode

Mamba Data Worker for HEPS phase I experiments

• Tackles the exascale data acquisition and real-time processing challenge

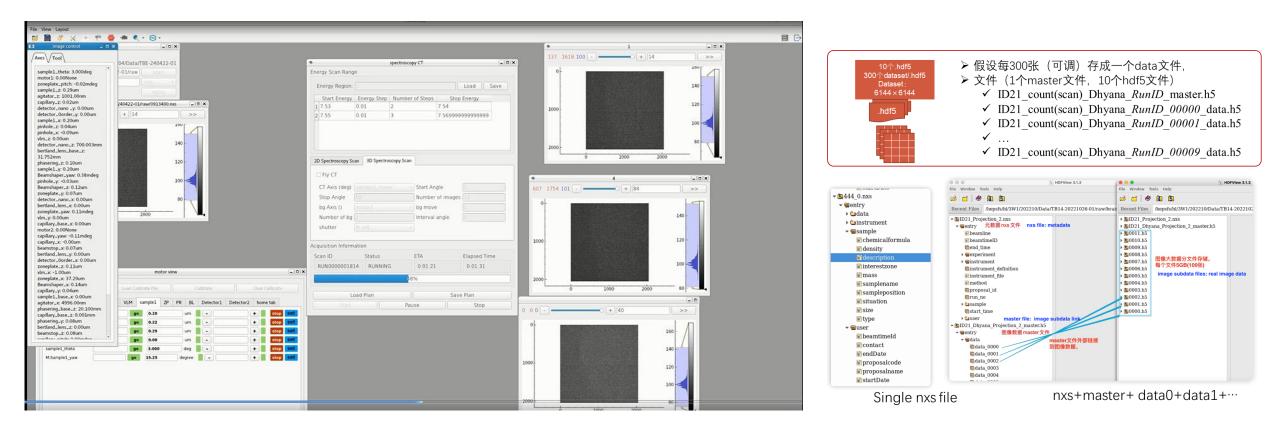




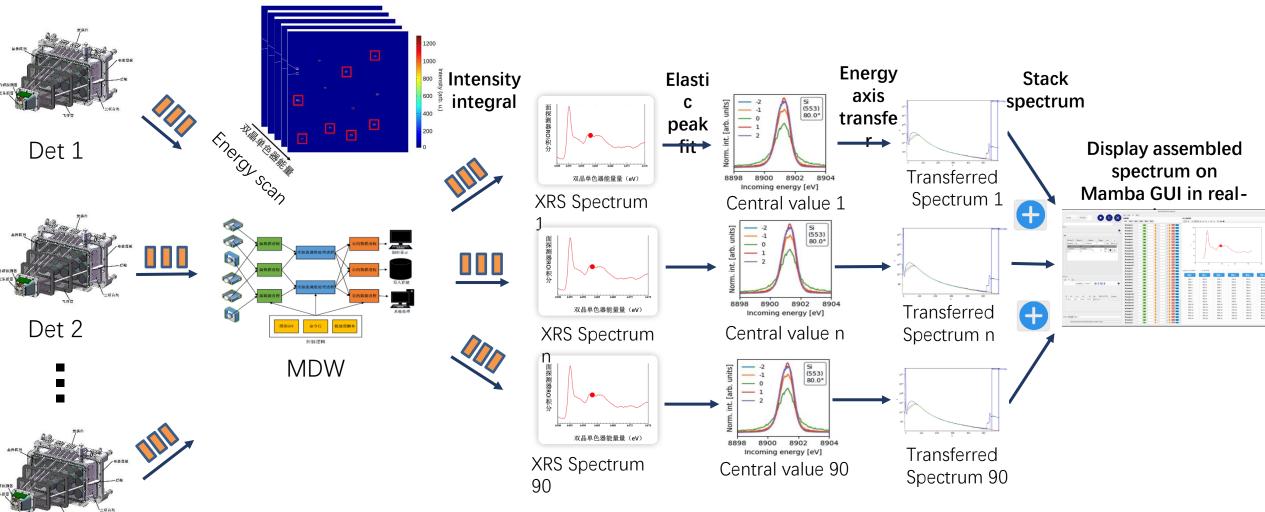
- Various scanning methods.
- Various data acquisition methods
- Various machines.
 - Various data streaming paths

- Enable collaboration across terminals
- > Ease of use

Leading the way in making scientific data FAIR at China.



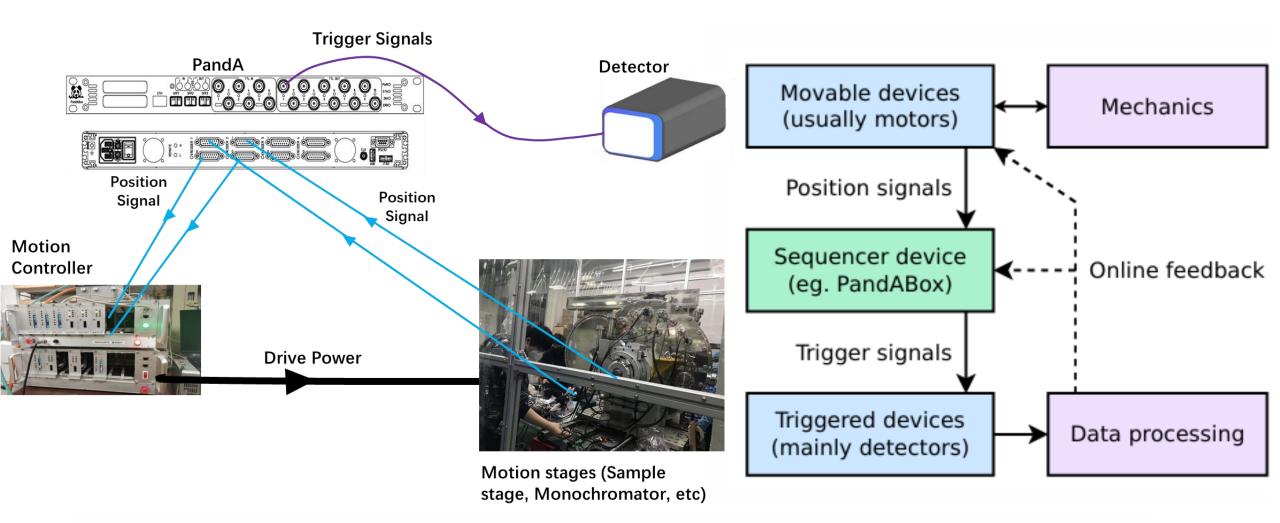
- Unified data format and standards
- Data streaming for multi-modal experiments, easy data access from large dataset
- Each image and spectrum contain comprehensive metadata information, a flexible and automatic metadata collection mechanism



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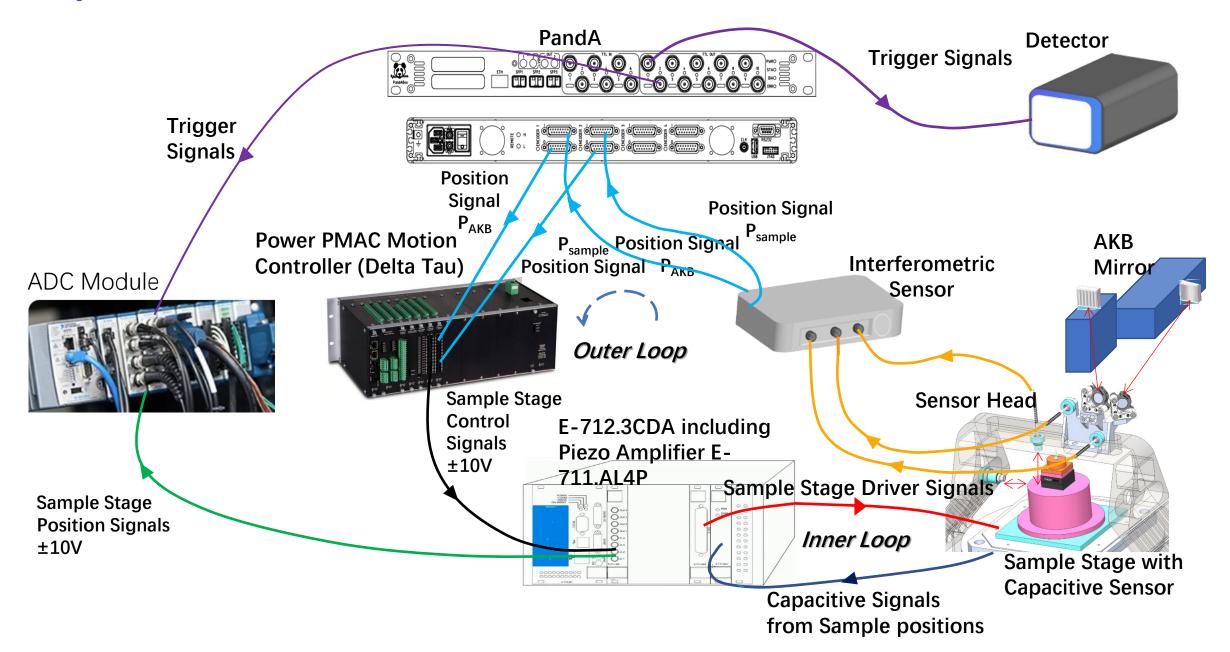
- Data assembling and manipulation pipeline for the XRS experiment at HEPS-ID33 Hard X-Ray High Resolution Spectroscopy Beamline
- ➤ We create this pipeline to transfer the images on the Raman spectrometer into 1D spectrum needed by the users, this pipeline includes several processing steps and is not necessarily straightforward to create.

Fly-scan general event structure



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Fly-scan event structure based on Power PMAC



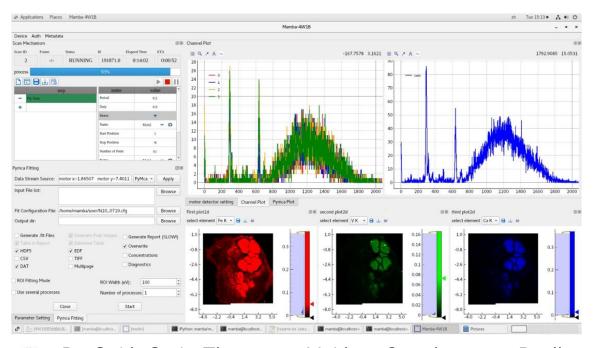
Fly-scan hardware and event orchestrating structure

Scan Mode	Beamlines	Designed Structure
Fly Scan (11/15)	Hard X-ray Nanoprobe Multimodal Imaging Beamline	Structure based on Power PMAC
	Hard X-ray Coherent Scattering Beamline	
	Engineering Materials Beamline	General Structure
	Hard X-ray High Resolution Spectroscopy Beamline	
	High Pressure Beamline	
	Hard X-Ray Imaging Beamline	
	X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy Beamline	
	Low-Dimension Structure Probe Beamline	
	Tender X-ray Beamline	
	Transmission X-ray Microscope Beamline	
Step Scan (4/15)	Hard X-ray Nanoprobe Multimodal Imaging Beamline	Structure Based on PandA Box and GPIO in Power PMAC
	Hard X-ray Coherent Scattering Beamline	
	Hard X-Ray Imaging Beamline	Structure Based on PandA Box
	Pink Beam SAXS Beamline	Structure Based on PandA Box



Fly-scan integration in Bluesky and Mamba

- **□** Position based triggering
- □ Time based triggering
- **□** Software based fly-scan
- **□** Complex trajectory
- **□** Online tuning fly-scan



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Mamba startup script fragment for PandABox-based fly scans. ImagePlanner is a specialised
MambaPlanner with friendly default settings for image data handling.
U.planner = ImagePlanner(U)
U.planner.extend(PandaPlanner(
    D. panda and D. adp are Bluesky encapsulations for the control and data interfaces of
    PandABox, respectively; the latter is based on the EPICS module ADPandABlocks. div
    requires a fragment to contain at most 12216 frames of data from Xspress3. h5_tols
    requires the HDF5 file acquired from Xspress3 to contain exactly the expected number
    of frames at the end of each line during a fly scan.
    D.panda, D.adp, divs = {D.xsp3: 12216}, h5_tols = {D.xsp3: 0},
     enc_tols requires that for every motor involved in a fly scan, the difference between its
    raw position and its encoder position does not exceed 25 pulses at the beginning of the
    scan, in order not to disrupt the sequencer program used.
    enc_tols = {m: 25 for m in M.values()},
    vbas_ratios requires that the speed of a motor to be at least 2 times its starting speed.
    because otherwise the speed setting would be disregarded by the motion controller (Kohzu
    ARIES, used at the 4W1B beamline of BSRF).
    vbas_ratios = {m: 2.0 for m in M.values()},
    configs sets Xspress3 to be triggered by external TTL signals during a fly scan.
    configs = {D.xsp3: {"cam.trigger_mode": 3}}
P = U.planner.make_plans()
An example for grid fly scans, which intentionally mimics Bluesky's grid_scan().
#P.fly_grid([D.xsp3], M.m2, -1, 1, 3, M.m1, -4, 4, 5, duty = 0.5, period = 0.5)
Mamba startup script fragment for Bubo-based software fly scans.
U.planner = ImagePlanner(U)
U.planner.extend(BuboPlanner(D.bubo, h5_tols = {D.xsp3: 0}))
An example for software-based grid fly scans, similar to the PandABox-based interface above.
#P.sfly_grid([D.xsp3], M.m2, -1, 1, 3, M.m1, -4, 4, 5, pad = 0.5)
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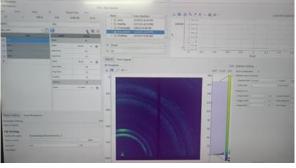


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Beamline and experiment specific plan and GUI library

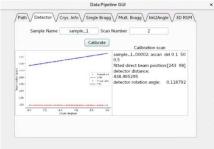
☐ At HEPS-B9: implemented 6-circle diffractometer control in bluesky





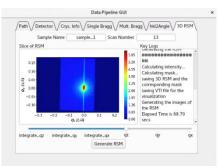
☐ UB matrix calculation GUI based on PyCXIM (collaboration with Dr. Zhe Ren)



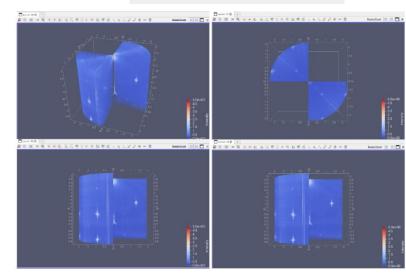




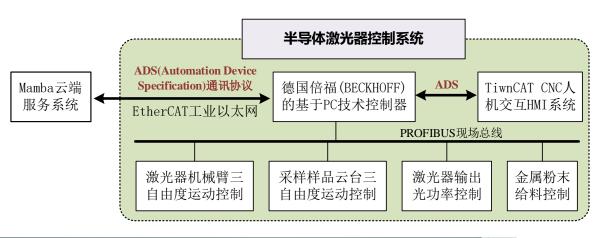


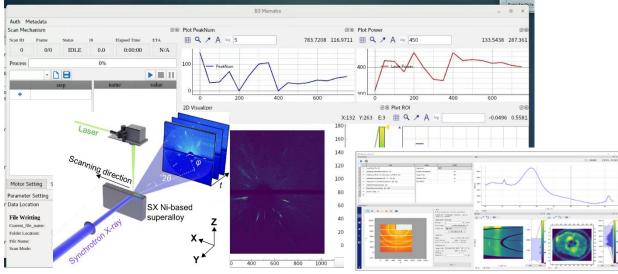


- ☐ Integrating the PyCXIM algorithms into the beamlinespecific plans of *Mamba*
- ☐ High-resolution large-scale 3D reciprocal space reconstruction for real- time visualization and analysis

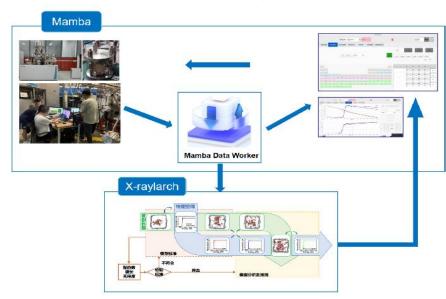


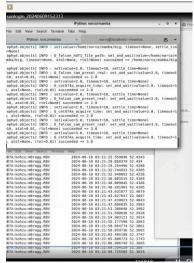
□ Closed-loop control based on real-time data analysis

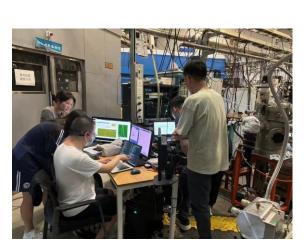




■ Proof-of-concept test on real-time feedback control technology of metallic additive manufacturing







☐ Proof-of-concept test on performing digital twin experiments (dynamic XAFS)



Experimental automation via good software design,

Beamline intelligence empowered by AI/ML.

Addressing big data challenge using AI/ML





A new research paradigm at fourth-generation synchrotron

• "Large-scale scientific software framework + AI for Science"

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Exascale image processing for nextbeamlines in advanced light sources

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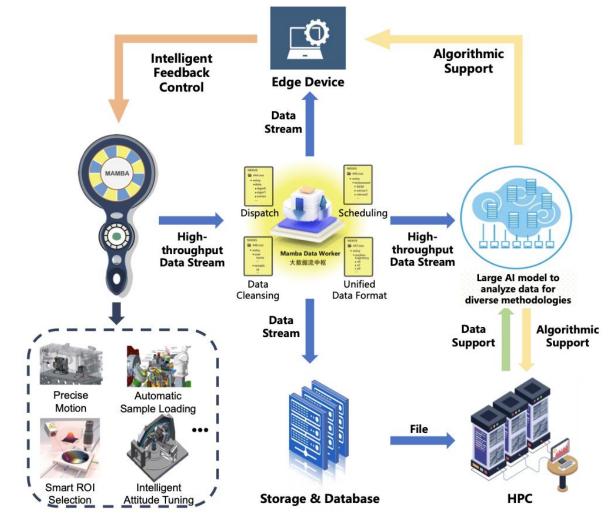
Compared to other data-intensive scientific fields, users in light source from various research backgrounds, and do not necessarily have the knowl computational resources to handle such big data. Therefore, a common ap oach is to incorporate state-of-the-art image processing algorithms into the integrated large-scale data acquisition and analysis software framework developed for the next-generation synchrotron and XFEL facilities. These ambitious software projects, such as Bluesky (NSLS-II, APS), Mamba (HEPS) and Karabo (Eu-XFEL), are designed to interface naturally with the new scientific algorithms and programs. They are being developed to provide a universal platform to collect, manage, visualize and process big data. The power of these platforms will be further

- Integrating image processing algorithms into data acquisition software framework addresses the big data challenge
- Leveraged by the unified software ecosystem, data will flow seamlessly between various application nodes, further empowering algorithms
- The software framework will provide a broad stage for the algorithm application at wide range of sciences

AI facilitated big scientific project at intelligent light source

• The light source is becoming one of the largest scientific data source

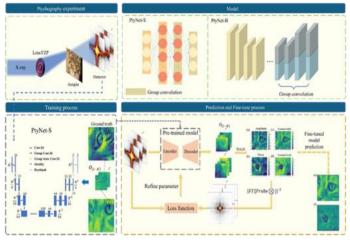
- □ DL-empowered full-stack DAQ and analysis pipeline for synchrotron experiments
- Mamba data worker for big data science
- Domain specific big AI model
- ☐ Intelligent cluster of scientific infrastructures





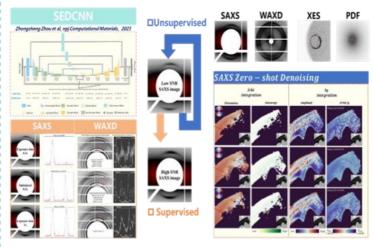
"AI for Science" applications in diverse methodologies

☐ Large AI model solves ptychographic phase retrieval problem



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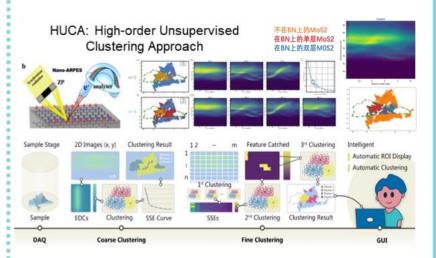
☐ Physics-informed denoising solution



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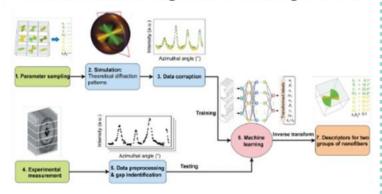
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☐ Clustering of Nano-ARPES experimental spectra



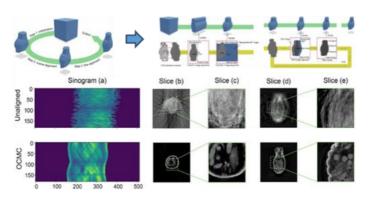
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☐ Physical information retrieval from massive diffraction data using machine learning methods



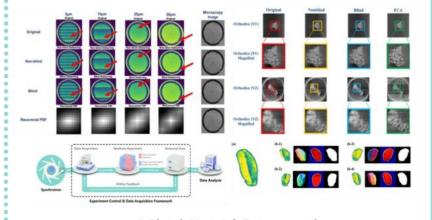
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☐ End-to-end image misalignment correction method for tomography



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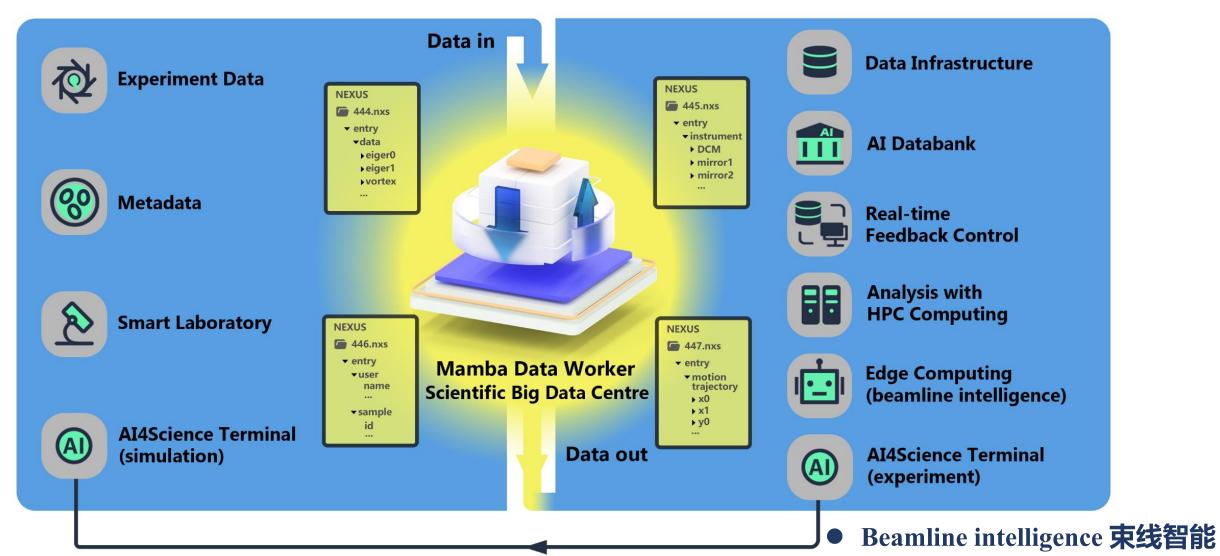
☐ Deconvolution and super-resolution pipeline



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Mamba Data Worker for intelligent light source

Enables new scientific opportunities



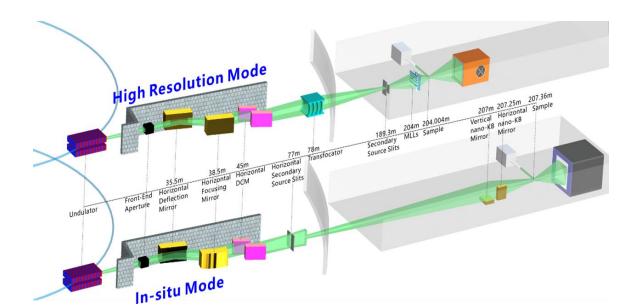


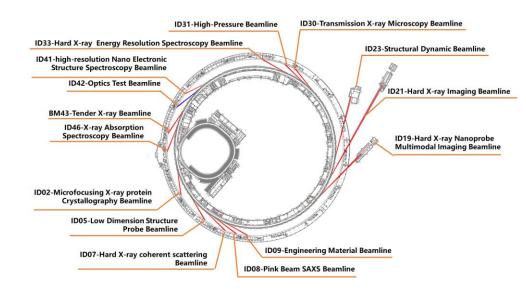
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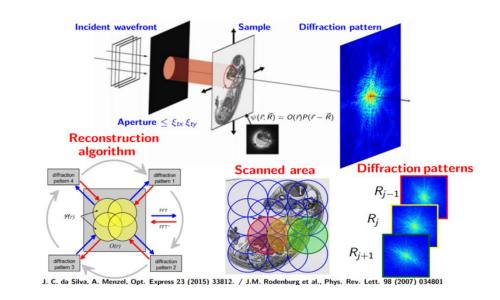
Data-driven beamline intelligence applications: beamline alignment

Requirements Analysis

- Many last-minute requests with tight deadlines.
- A large number of micro/nano beamlines.
- ☐ The critical dependence of experiments on precise beam alignment.
- The necessity for immediate feedback during operation.
- A strong push towards automating processes.

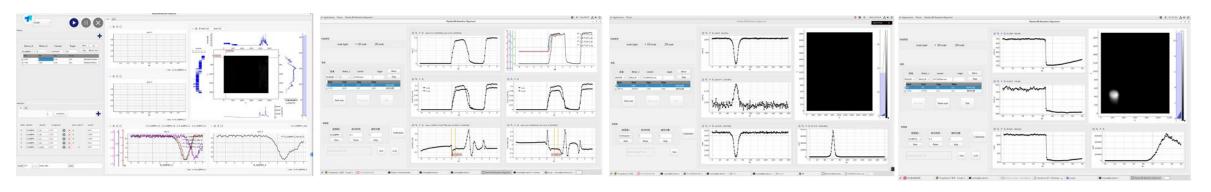






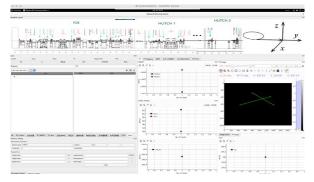


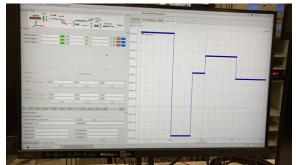
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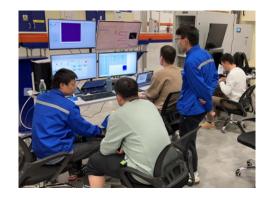


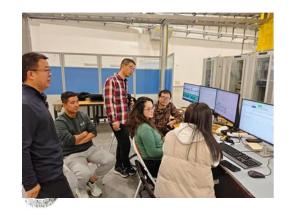
Step1:

Beamline commissioning software





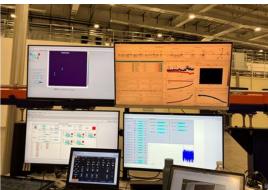






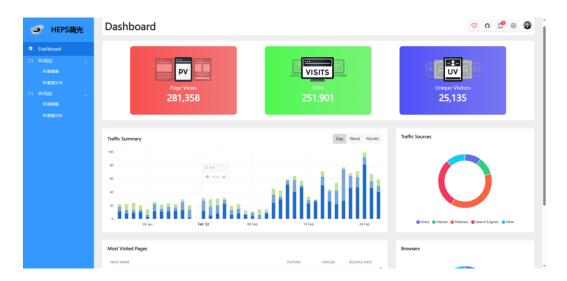


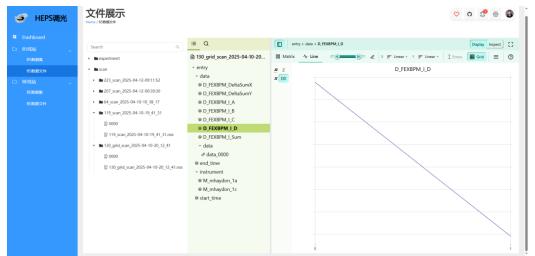


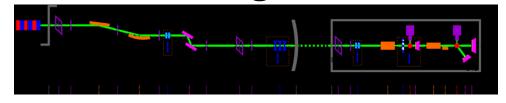


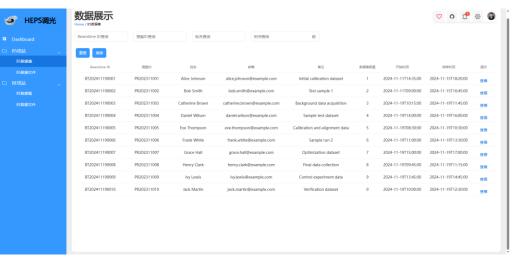
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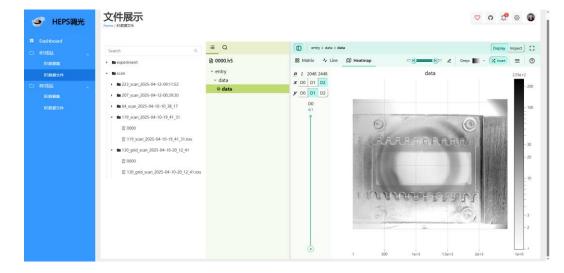
Step2: Collecting Beamline commissioning data





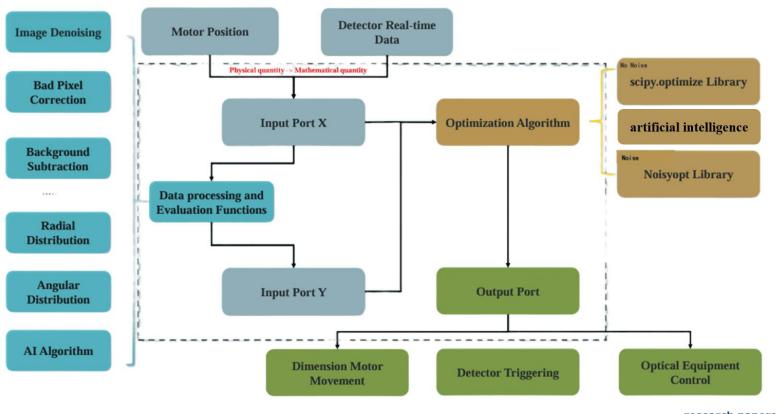








Step3: A Unified Framework for Attitude Tuning



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A versatile framework for attitude tuning of beamlines at light source facilities

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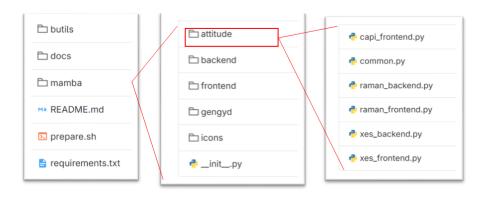
Physical quantity -> Mathematical quantity

□ Data Processing and Evaluation Functions

Optional, scalable (Image Denoising, Bad Pixel Correction, Background Subtraction, Radial Distribution, Angular Distribution and AI.)

□ Optimization Algorithms

Feature-rich, widely supported, high maturity



Step3: A Unified Framework for Attitude Tuning

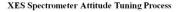
General Attitude Tuning: XES Spectrometer

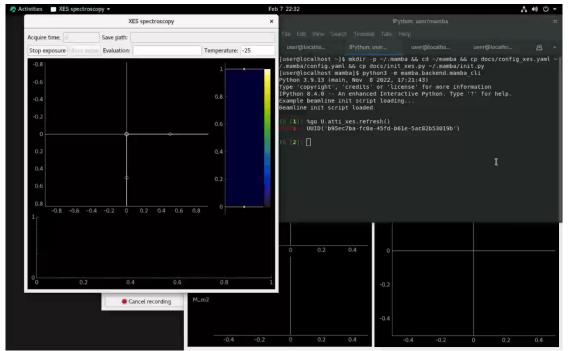
Performing Bragg reflection on the analyzer of the vonHamos spectrometer on the 4W1B of BSRF will produce a circular pattern.

(pitch/tilt & yaw/pan angles)

☐ General Attitude Tuning software is used to optimize the shape of the circle.

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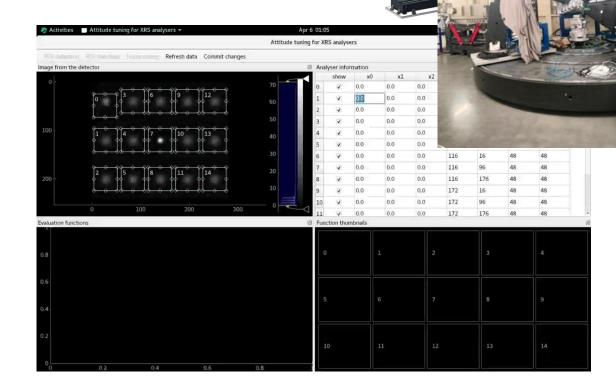


Specialised Attitude Tuning: XRS Spectrometer

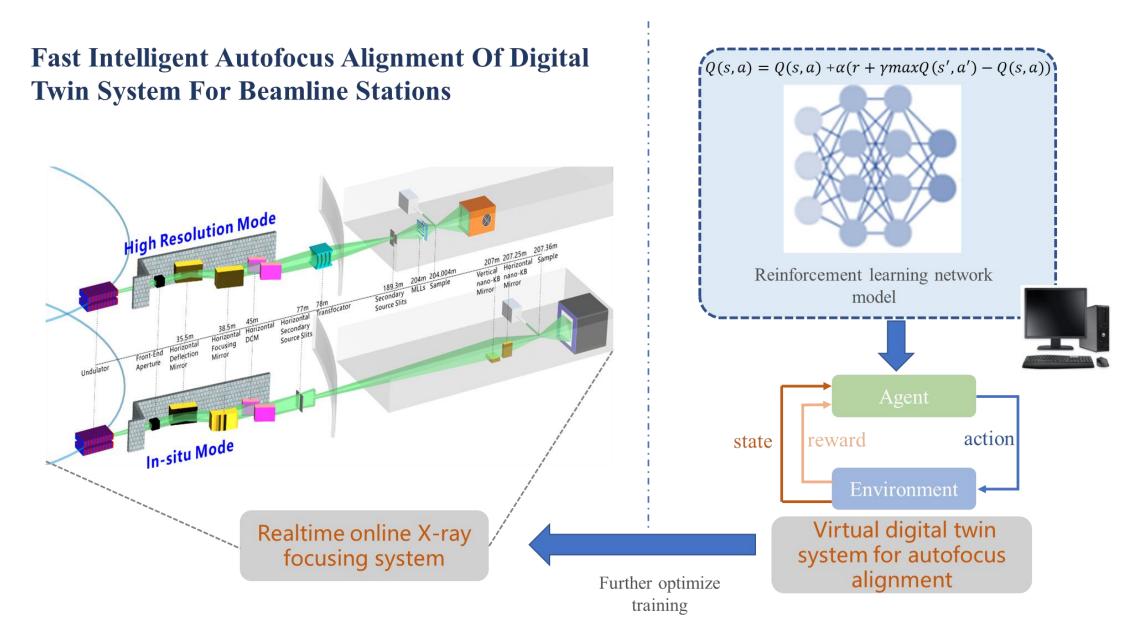
■ Proof-of-concept test on the automatic attitude tuning of analyzer crystals of HEPS Raman spectrometer.

(90 analyzer crystals, 270 motions, and 6 detectors)

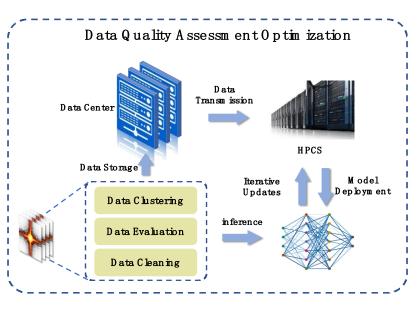
■ Specialized attitude tuning software is used for spot identification, allocation and focus adjustment.

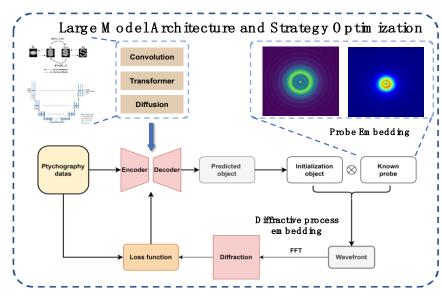


Step4: algorithm development and deployment

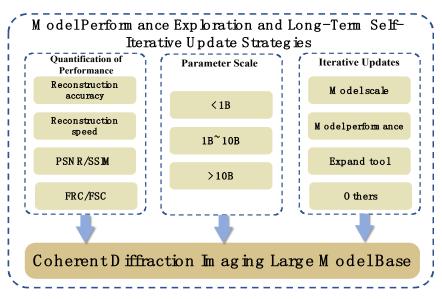


Step5: Developing Domain specific big AI model

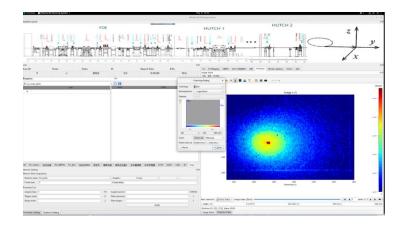




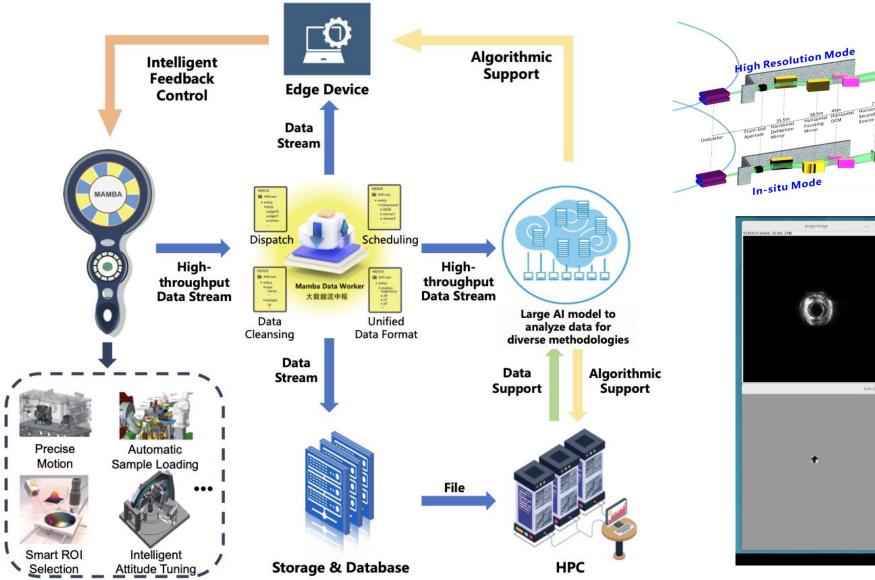
Fine-tuned Optim ization for Different Scenarios Low-Dose Radiation Bragg CDI Classification Supervise High Phase Experimental Beam Unsupervise Variation Sparse Reconstruction Fine-tune Integration of Strategy Prior Knowledge Full-scale FT Fine-tune Model Decoder Encoder PartialFT

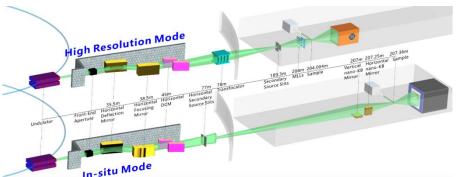


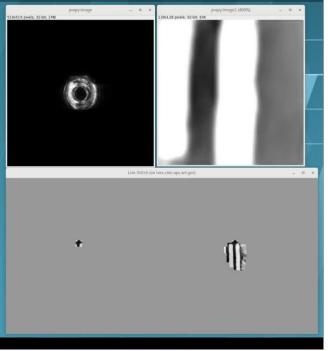
- Real-time data analysis and online feedback control capabilities
- ☐ Deployable to edge devices from various beamlines
- ☐ Ieratively updated with data accumulating at long-term



Step6: Beamline auto-piloting

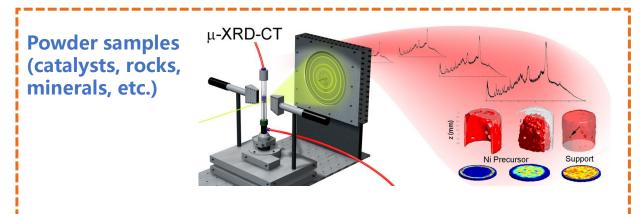


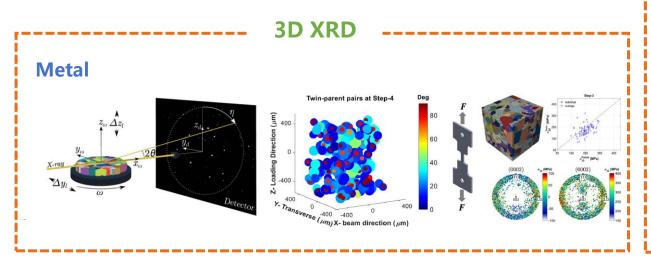


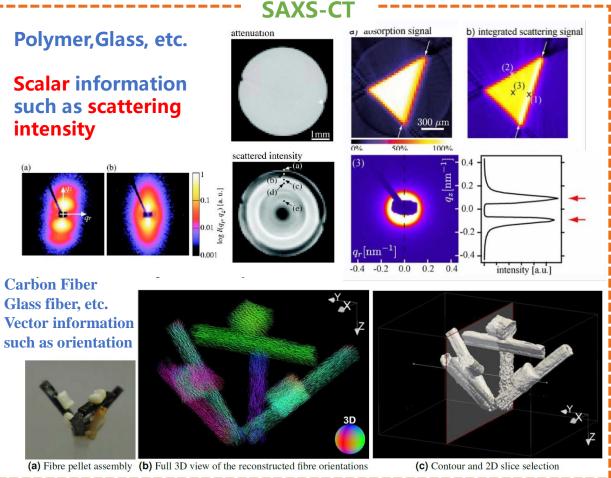


Algorithms-driven SAXS/WAXD technique development

Multidimensional SAXS/WAXD is becoming a routine method





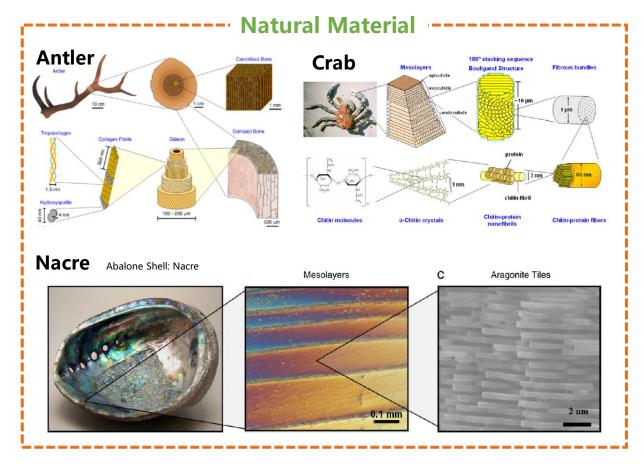


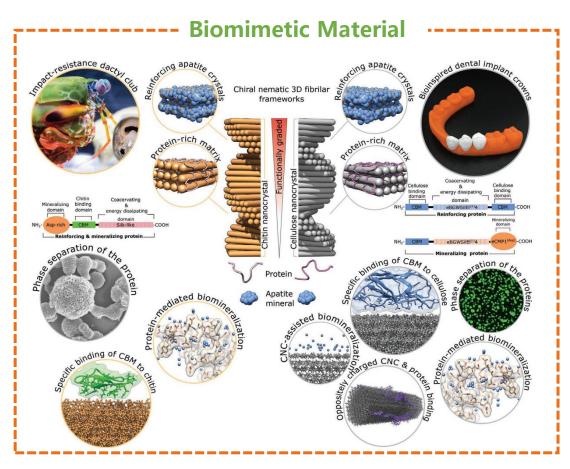


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3D characterization of anisotropic fiber orientation

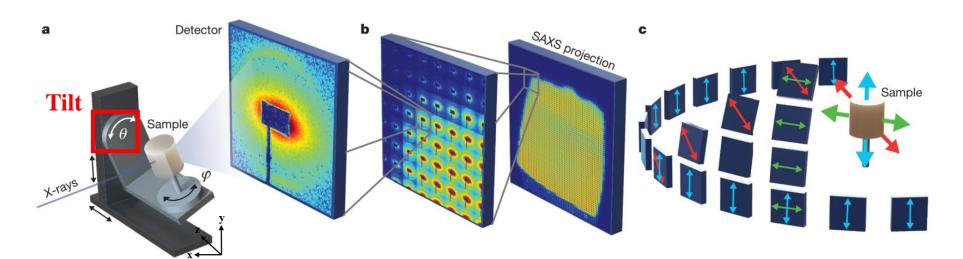




Anisotropic fiber orientation is directly related to the anisotropic mechanical properties of materials, but there is a lack of suitable characterization methods.



Bottleneck of 6D SAXS/WAXD: Timeliness of sample scanning



How to avoid time-consuming Tilt angle scanning and directly use 3D scanning data to replace 4D scanning, to achieve 6D SAXS/WAXD tomography:

- ☐ Improve the efficiency of 6D SAXS/WAXD experiments and reduce the experimental time by an order of magnitude.
- Reduce the amount of experimental data.
- ☐ Implement *in-situ* experiments setup.

For anisotropic materials, SAXS/WAXD tomography does not meet the rotational invariance required for CT reconstruction

Sample Size: 3*4 mm²

Beam Size: 50*50 um²

Exposure time: 50 ms

Patterns Number:

1,376,352

Time consumption:

40 h

Rotation range: 0-360°

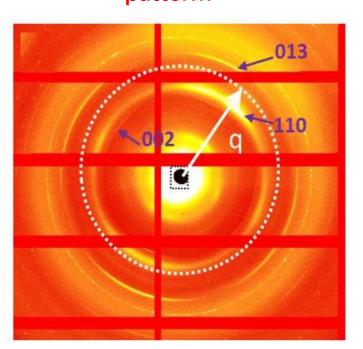
Tilt range: 0--68° (10 tilt angles)

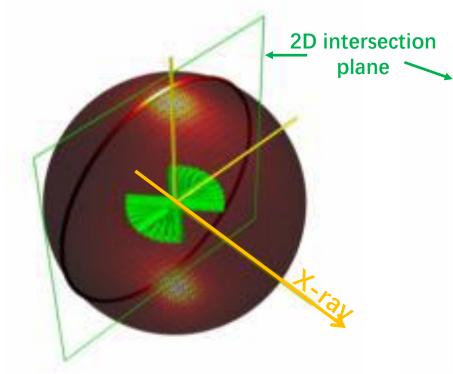


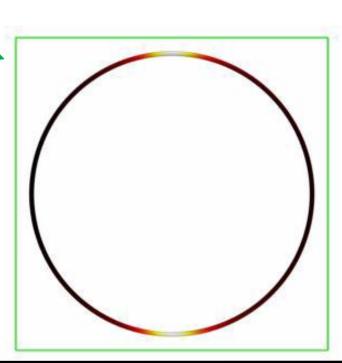
Can the scanning process of reciprocal space be simplified?

Are there 3D information The QS(110) change with fibre orientation parameters (γ , $\Delta \gamma$ (2D), α , β (3D)) variation

hidden behind 2D WAXD pattern?





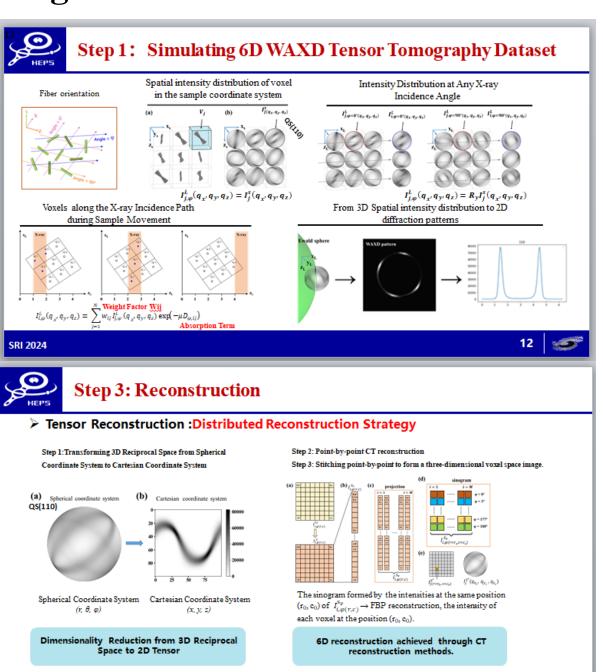


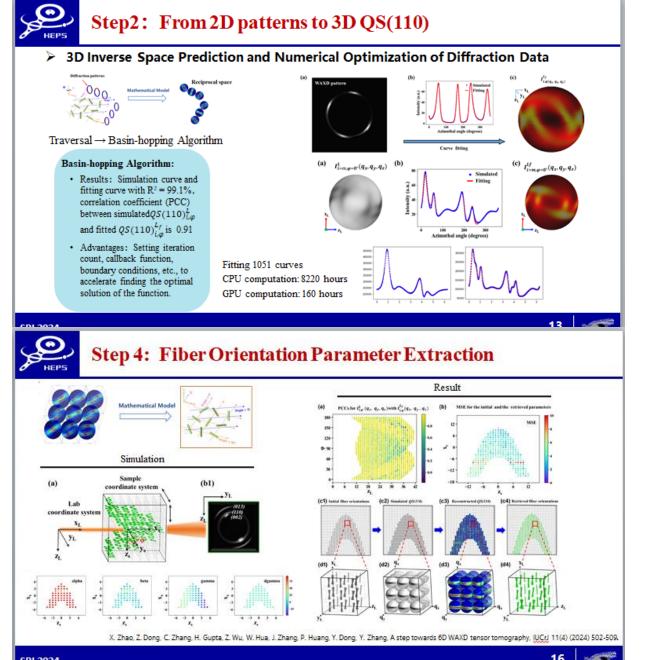
2D WAXD pattern

Intensity distribution changes on QS(110) sphere

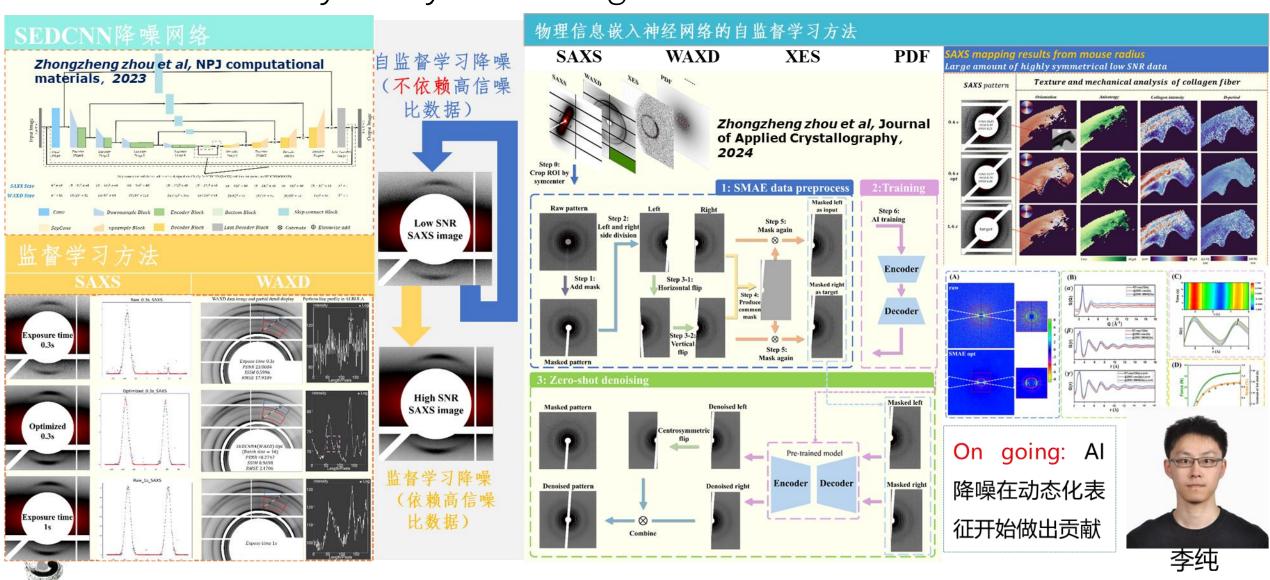
2D diffraction ring

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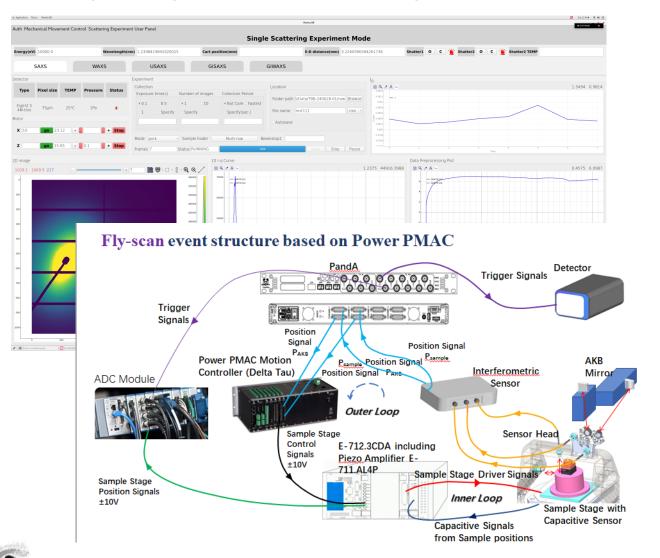


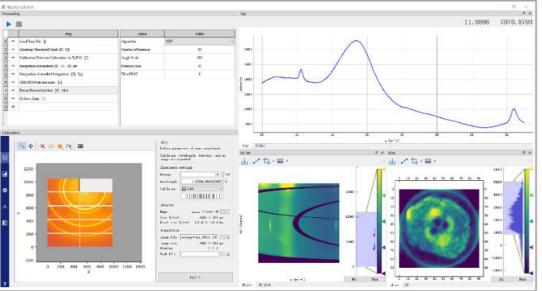


Measure faster by x-ray denoising method

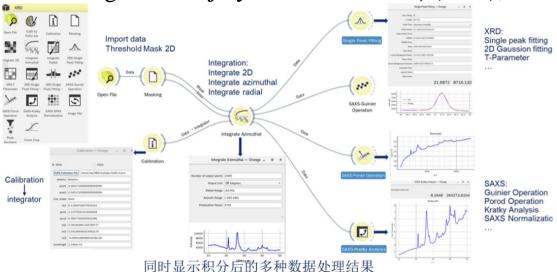


Data quality assurance by Mamba soft





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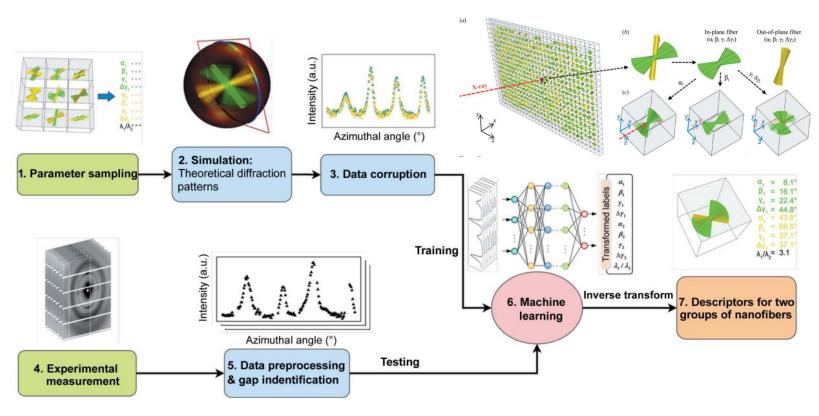


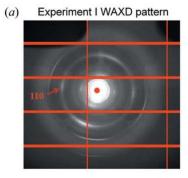


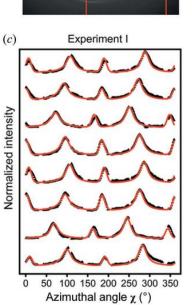
□ Real-time data analysis

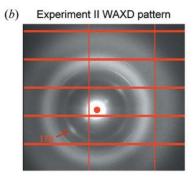
Faster data analysis using Al

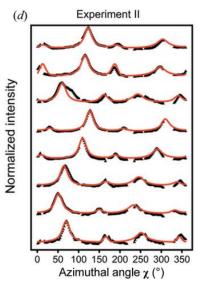
Learning for Extracting Physical Information from Massive Diffraction Data









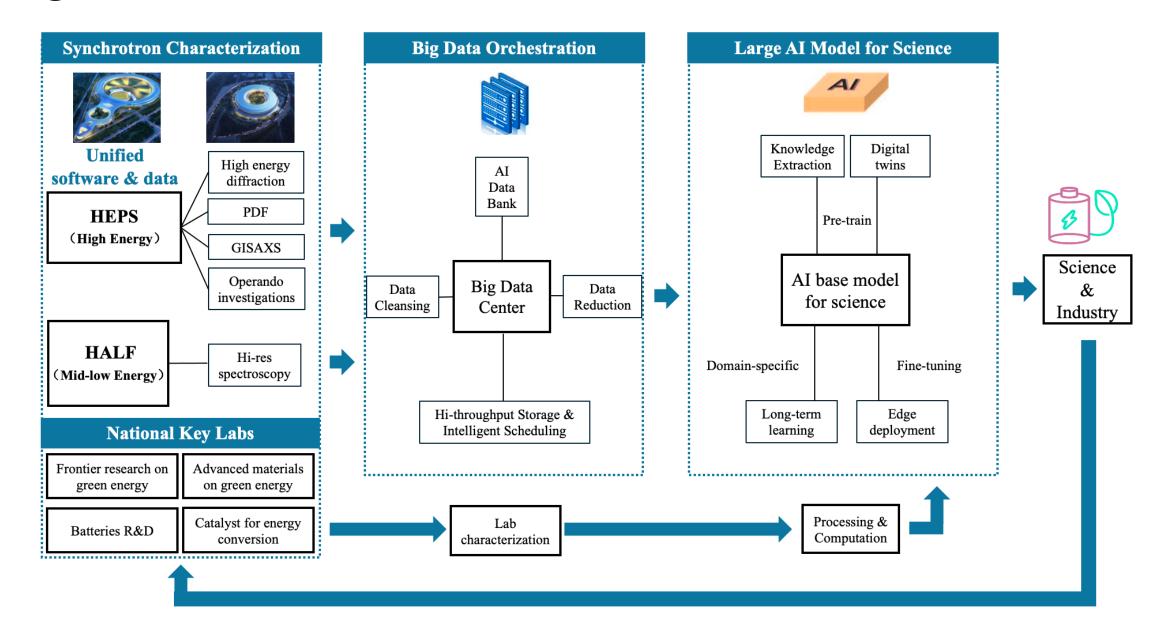


Efficient Data Acquisition Rate of One Million Frames per Hour, with Data Processing Time Less than 10 s.



Sun, M.#, **Zheng Dong**# et al. IUCrJ (2023)

Intelligent cluster of scientific infrastructures







Collaborative efforts for intelligent light source



Our Team

Building an all-round scientific software and algorithm development group











Experiment



process control







Area-specific algorithms



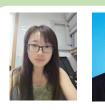


User client development



Big data acquisition and processing









Artificial Intelligence





Welcome to join our team

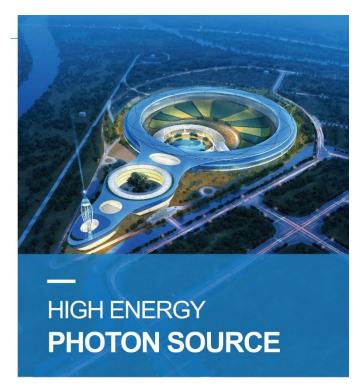
Domestic and international collaboration



We are planning to form and develop a nation-wide united scientific software solution in China. Internationally, we are looking for collaboration from other synchrotron sources.



Mamba and HEPS Grow together





The full potential of the HEPS will be realized by coupling the intrinsic capabilities of the facilities with advanced Mamba system



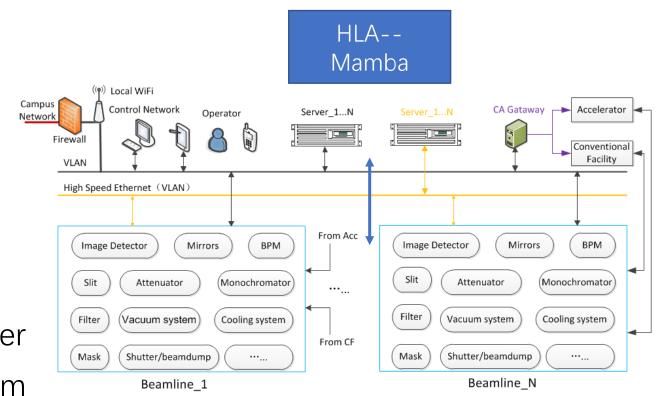


Device and motion control



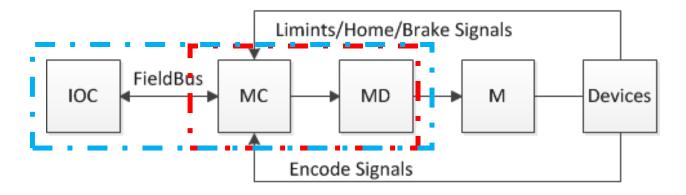
- Control tasks
 - "14+1"beamlines
 - ➤ Achieve the desired X-ray
 - Ease the scientist at experimental endstations
 - ➤ Control and monitor all the equipments of beamlines
 - ➤ Detect the position of X-ray beam
 - > Protect the people/equipment from hazard, and send alarm and issue information.
 - ➤ Provide friendly OPIs, robust and efficient communications tools and rich application tools
 - Archive and retrieve the data of beamline

- The controlled equipment
 - Mirror and crystal bender
 - Monochromator
 - Beam Position Monitor
 - Image Detector
 - Low current measurement device
 - Slit, Shutter, Mask, Attenuator, Filter
 - Cryo-cooling/water-cooling system
 - Vacuum devices, etc.

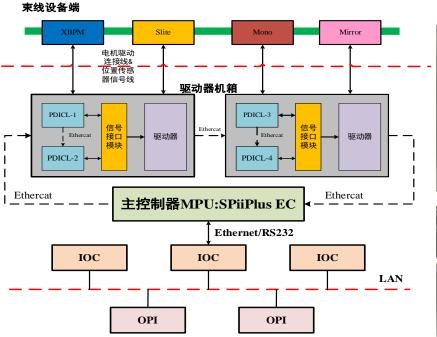


- Design Principles of the Control System
 - **≻**Stability
 - **≻**Availability
 - **≻**Reliability
 - **≻**Flexibility
 - **≻**Extendibility
 - ➤ Real Time

- Motion control system
 - ➤ Drive the optical elements (such as mirror, slit, attenuator, monochromator, filter, etc.) to get satisfied X-ray beam.
 - > Critical subsystem of the beamline control system
 - > Supporting various motor types
 - step motor, servo motor, piezo motor and so on



- Motion control system
 - Self-developed a set of motion control system
 - Drive two-phase and five-phase step motors









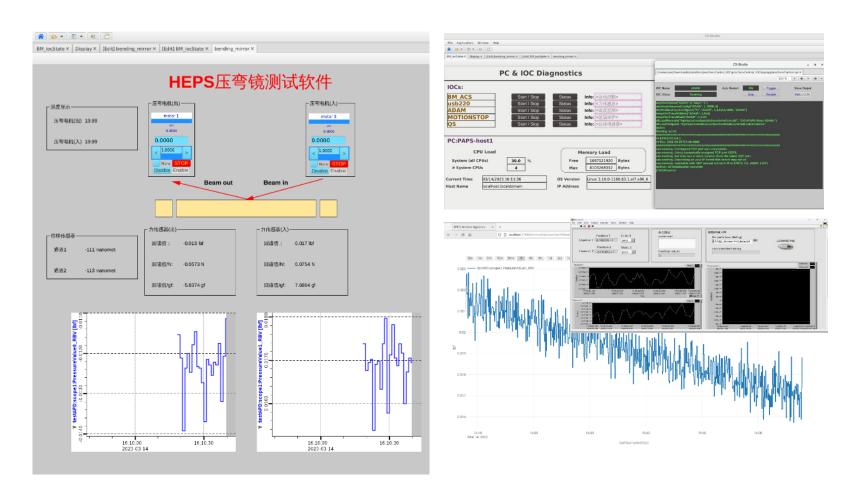


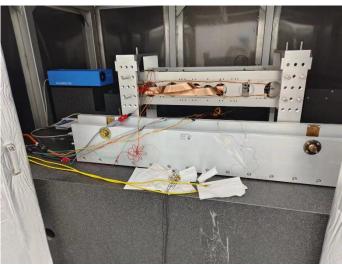






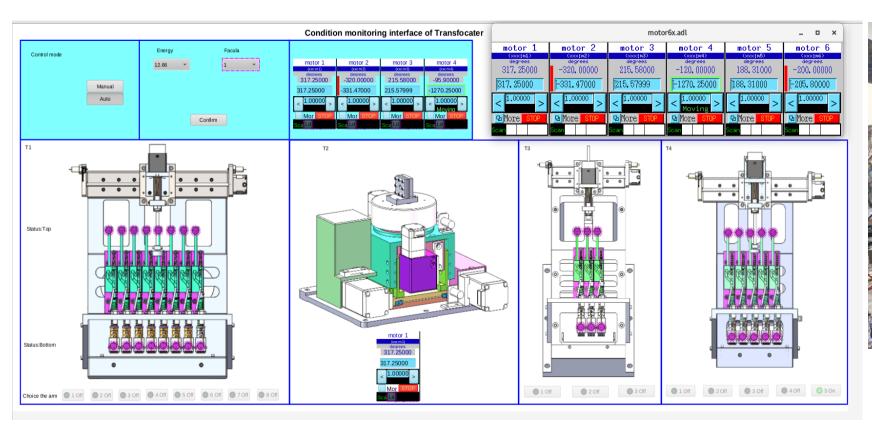
Motion control system used at PAPS

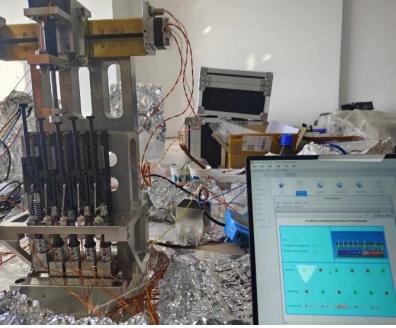




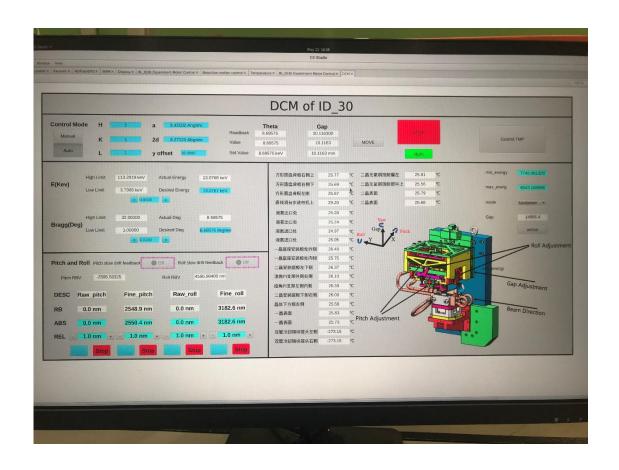


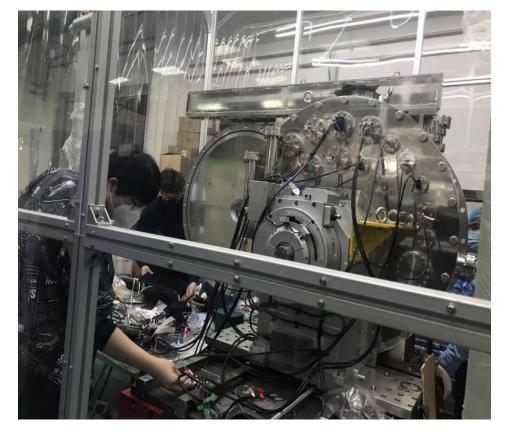
Transfocator motion control



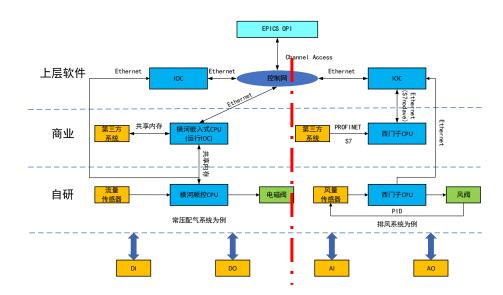


DCM motion control system

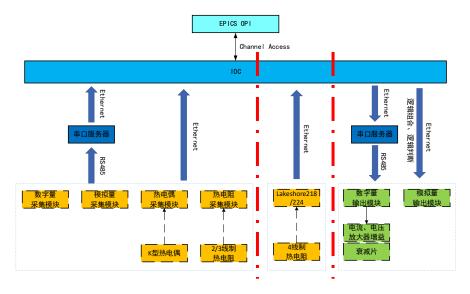




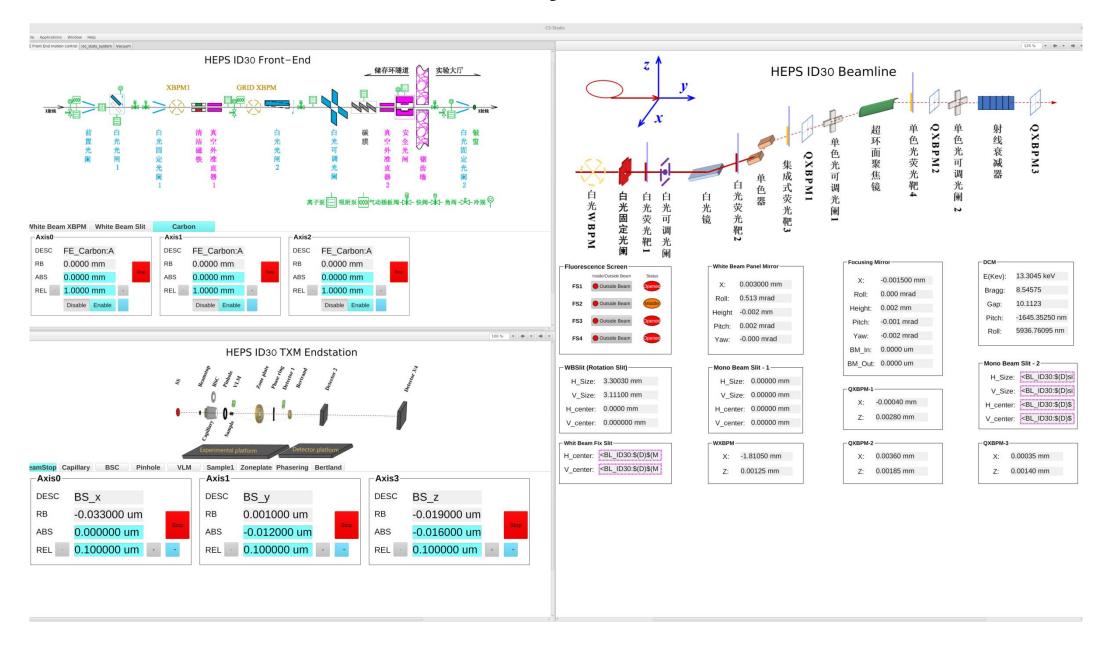
- Control system based on PLC and intelligent IO module
 - PLC: gas distribution system, hutch exhaust system, etc.
 - Intelligent IO module: temperature, shutter, discrete IO control

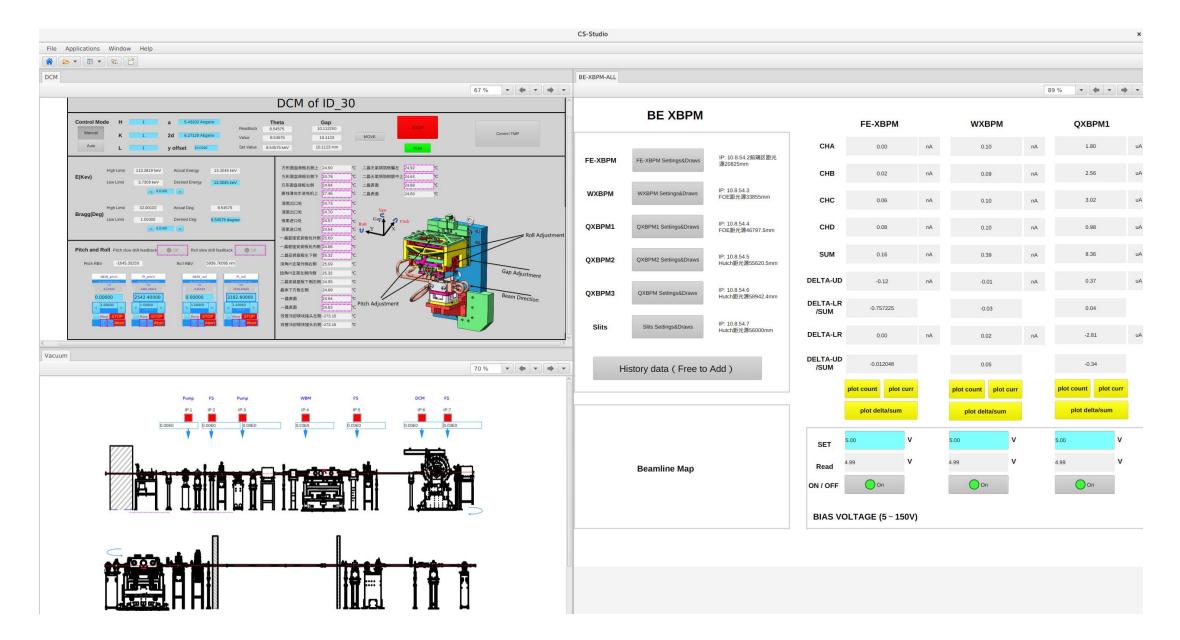


The structure of PLC control system



The structure of discrete IO control



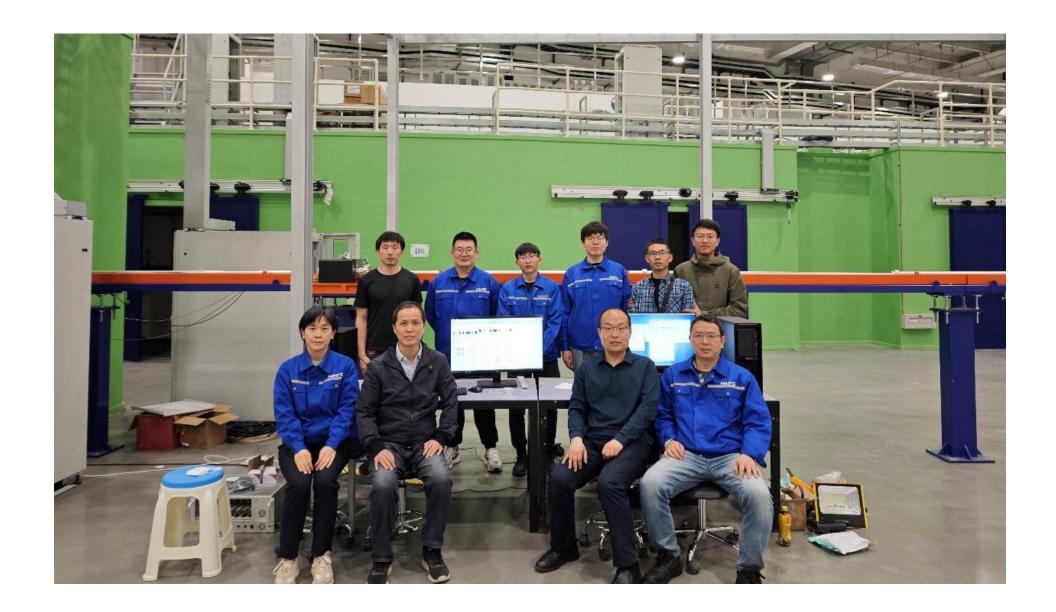


- 7 beamline control systems have already been delivered
 - BE, BD, B7, B8, BF, BB and B4

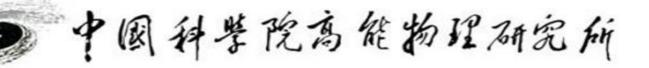
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