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Ewoks

ESRF Workflow System

A meta-workflow system

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What problem did we solve by developing EWOKS?

With the ESRF upgrade (**EBS**) and the introduction of the BeamLine Instrumentation Support Software (**BLISS**) more and more beamlines requested support for online data processing.

Solutions were developed independently in the past using various **workflow management systems** (WMS) like orange, passarelle, scipion, ... or **custom tooling**.

Why workflows?

A **workflow** is a **recipe** that fully describes the steps to be taken in a **data processing** pipeline or the decisions to be made by an **automated data acquisition** system.

- **Reproducibility**: results can be regenerated from the recipe
- **Reuseability**: process many datasets with the same recipe
- **Traceability**: workflows describe the history of a piece of data
- **Human and machine**: workflows can be create and executed by both
- **Collaborative data processing**: experts from different fields can create and execute the same workflow

Design requirements

We needed a way to share developer efforts across beamlines and techniques while still using the different features provided by existing workflow management systems.

- A **workflow** created in one system can also be executed in another
- A workflow **task** created in one system can also be executed in another
- **Changes** in technology should not affect users (creating workflows) and developers (implementing workflow tasks).
- Works **light-weight** (PC or laptop) and at **scale** (Beamline or Synchrotron).

1. What problem does EWOKS solve?

EWOKS is **NOT** a workflow management system.

EWOKS is a **meta**-workflow system implemented in python.

It is “meta” in the sense that it **decouples** the workflow definition and task implementation from the WMS.

- EWOKS convention for workflow definition and task implementation
- Bindings for existing workflow management systems

2. What does EWOKS provide?

Many workflow management systems exist






DAGSTER



2. What does EWOKS provide?

Current EWOKS bindings for existing workflow management systems

	WMS	Features
	Orange	Desktop GUI to create and execute workflows
	Dask	Parallelize task execution (locally or on a cluster)
	Pypushflow	Cyclic workflows with conditional links
 Celery	Celery	Schedule workflows (locally or on a cluster)

2. What does EWOKS provide?

What ewoks provides

- Common workflow definition (NetworkX + mapping for each WMS)
- Common task implementation (+ mapping for each WMS)
- Serialize workflows (NetworkX): json, yaml, ...
- Execution events for monitoring: python logging facility
- Persist/cache task results: parts of a workflow need to execute only once
- Web support: frontend (React) and backend (REST) to create, execute and monitor workflows

What ewoks does NOT provide

- Execution engine (except for a basic serial executor for DAGs)
- Data transfer between tasks (although the binding could use the persistence mechanism mentioned above)
- Worker caching
- Desktop GUI

4. Getting started with EWOKS

Install EWOKS

```
pip install ewoks
```

Create a test workflow (“acyclic1” is an test workflow that ships with ewoks)

```
ewoks convert acyclic1 --test test.json -s indent=2
```

Execute the test workflow and print output

```
ewoks execute test.json --output all
```

For more information

<https://ewoks.readthedocs.io>

4. Getting started with EWOKS

Install EWOKS with the orange binding (desktop GUI)

```
pip install ewoks[orange]
```

Open workflow in the orange GUI

```
ewoks execute test.json --binding orange
```

Install EWOKS for web

```
pip install ewoksserver[frontend]
```

Start the EWOKS web server

```
ewoks-server
```

For more information

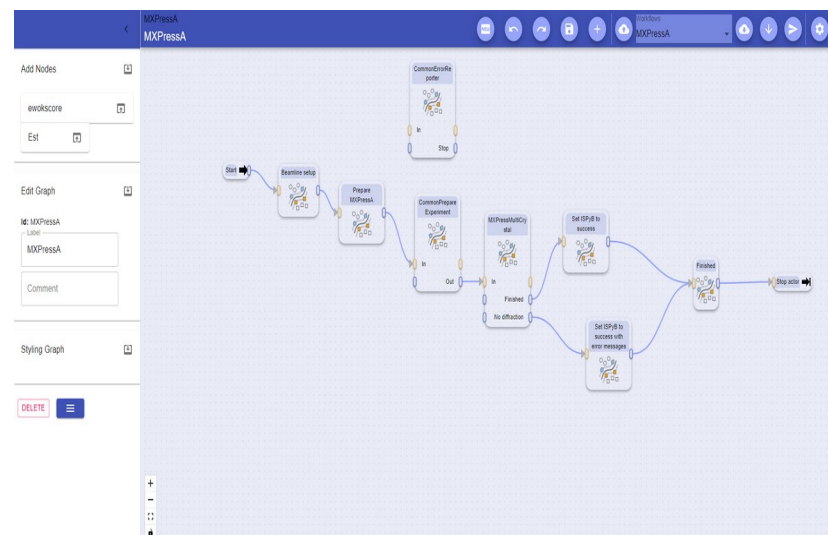
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4. Getting started with EWOKS

GUI to create, execute and monitor workflows

Desktop 

Web 
{ REST:API }



4. Getting started with EWOKS

Implement a workflow task

```
from ewokscore import Task

class SumTask(
    Task,
    input_names=["a"],
    optional_input_names=["b"],
    output_names=["result"]
):
    def run(self):
        result = self.inputs.a
        if self.inputs.b:
            result += self.inputs.b
        self.outputs.result = result
```

Execute a workflow

```
from ewoks import execute_graph

inputs = [{"id": "task1",
            "name": "a",
            "value": 10}]

# Optionally persist all task outputs
varinfo = {"root_uri": "/tmp/myresults"}

result = execute_graph(workflow,
                        varinfo=varinfo,
                        inputs=inputs)

print(result)
```



Define a workflow

```
nodes = [
    {
        "id": "task1",
        "task_type": "class",
        "task_identifier": "mypackage.SumTask",
        "default_inputs": [{"name": "a",
                             "value": 1}],
    },
    {
        "id": "task2",
        "task_type": "class",
        "task_identifier": "mypackage.SumTask",
        "default_inputs": [{"name": "b",
                             "value": 1}],
    },
]

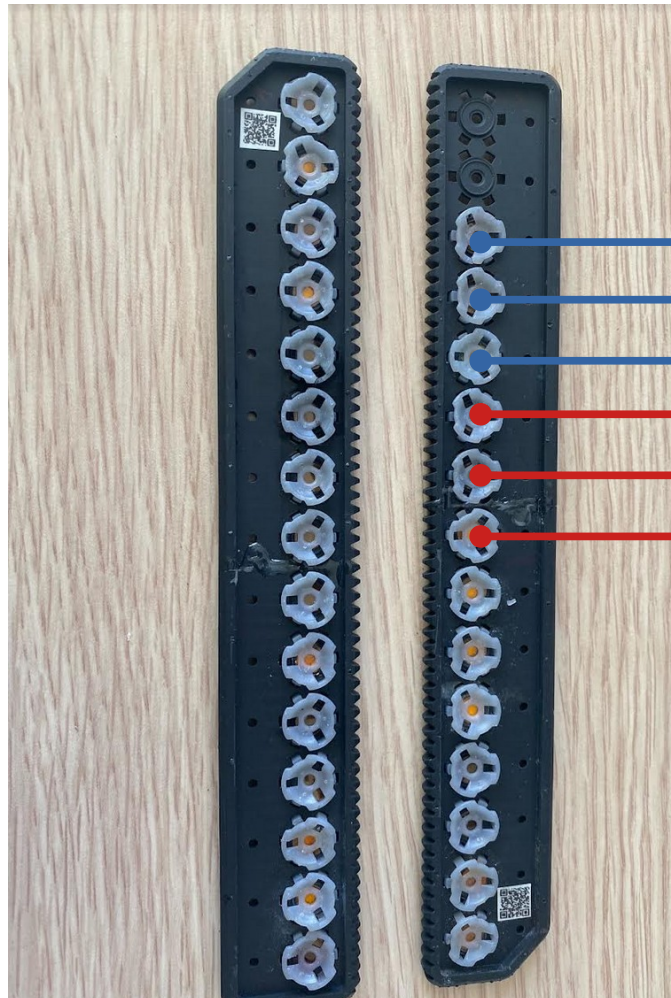
links = [
    {
        "source": "task1",
        "target": "task2",
        "data_mapping": [{"source_output": "result",
                           "target_input": "a"}],
    },
]

workflow = {"graph": {"id": "testworkflow"},
            "nodes": nodes,
            "links": links}
```

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5. Examples: data reduction for X-ray powder diffraction

https://twitter.com/ESRF_Streamline



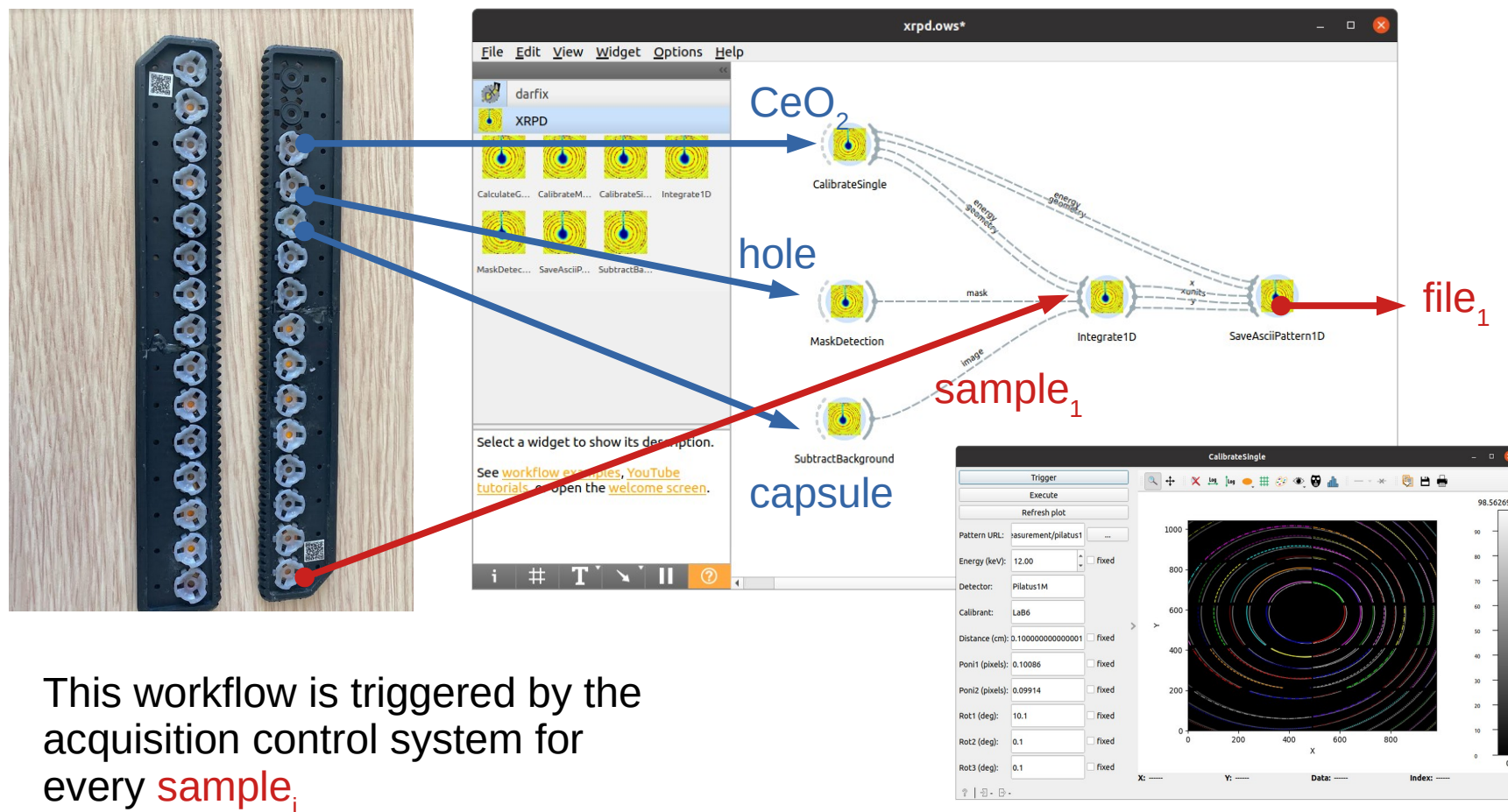
EWOKS workflow:

For calibration

For XRPD Data
reduction for each
sample

5. Examples: data reduction for X-ray powder diffraction

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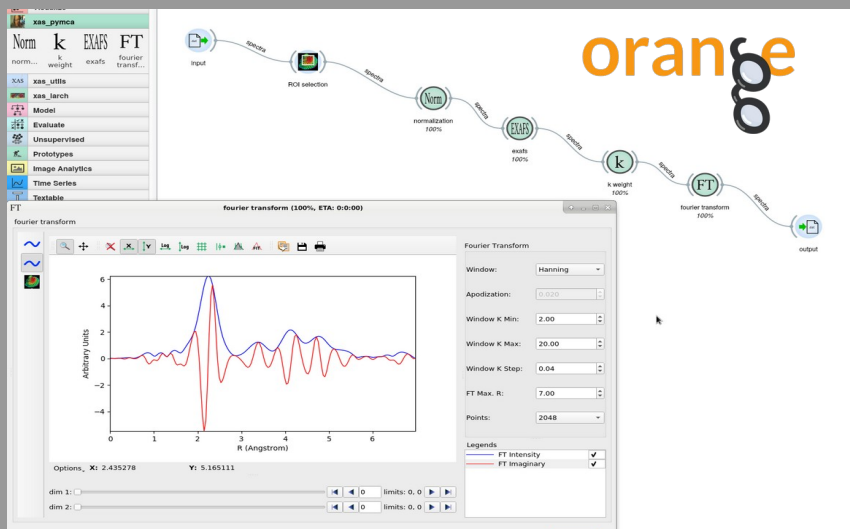


This workflow is triggered by the acquisition control system for every **sample_i**

5. Examples: online EXAFS plotting

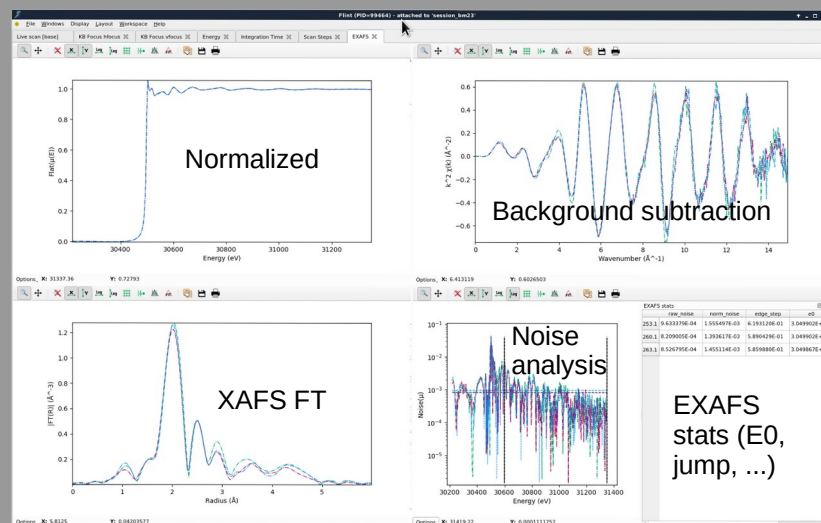
EWOKS (GUI)

Create workflow + choose parameters



FLINT

Plot results



Save workflow
in a file



Every x seconds during scan:
send workflow to worker and
send result to Flint



EWOKS (worker)
Execute workflow





Ewoks

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Documentation

<https://ewoks.readthedocs.io>

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