

# The CSS Scan System

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# Experiment Components

- **Equipment**
  - Motors, Temperature Regulators, Detectors, ..
- **Supervisory Control**
  - Manually control and monitor
- **Automation**
  - Schedule 'scan' of crystal positions, temperatures, ...
- **Data Acquisition**
  - Log data of interest during an experiment 'run'
- **Data Analysis**
  - Turn logged data into scientific information

# Experiment Components...

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- Data Analysis

## CSS Scan System:

Modular, robust building block  
for experiment automation.

*Interfaces to supervisory control,  
DAQ, ..., but as a separate  
component.*

# Ideally both Flexible and Robust

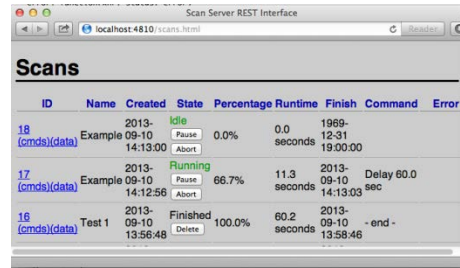
## Flexible

- Control any beam line equipment
- Standard tasks:
  - X/Y scan of surface
  - CT-scan sample rotation
  - Temperature range scan
- Ad-hoc tasks:
  - While ramping Temperature, scan X/Y for each T
  - Scan table of T, X, Y

## Robust

- Control Scan's Live-cycle
  - Start/pause/resume/stop
  - Monitor progress
  - Simulate scan
  - Queue multiple scans
- Built-in checks
  - Are devices available?
  - Did device acknowledge?
  - Does read-back match?
  - Did access time out?

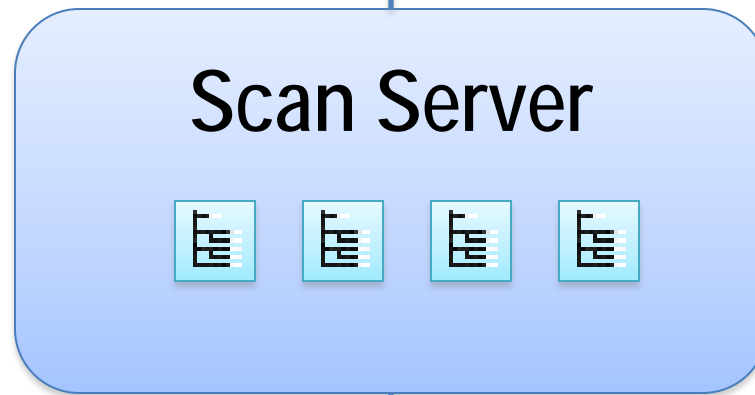
# Scan Server



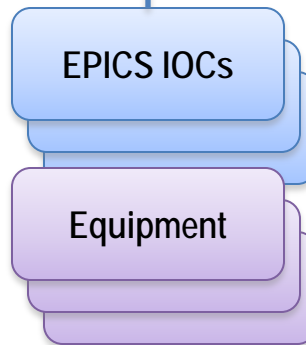
ID	Name	Created	State	Percentage	Runtime	Finish	Command	Error
18 <a href="#">(cmds)(data)</a>	Example	2013-09-10 14:13:00	Idle	0.0%	0.0 seconds	1969-12-31 19:00:00	Abort	
17 <a href="#">(cmds)(data)</a>	Example	2013-09-10 14:12:56	Running	66.7%	11.3 seconds	2013-09-10 14:13:03	Delay 60.0 sec	
16 <a href="#">(cmds)(data)</a>	Test 1	2013-09-10 13:56:48	Finished	100.0%	60.2 seconds	2013-09-10 13:58:46	- end -	

Accepts  
'Scans',  
executing  
them in  
order of  
submission

http, REST  
(also: EPICS V4 server; 'telnet' console)



Channel Access  
(also: EPICS V4, simulated channels)



# Scan Commands

- Set device = value

Optional: wait for completion, verify read-back, with timeout.

- Wait for device == value

Optional: Wait until a device is ==, >, ..., incremented-by a certain value, with timeout.

- Loop device = 1 .. 10, stepping 2

Optional: completion, read-back and timeout.

- Log device1, device2

Log data to monitor/analyze scan. No replacement for DAQ!

- Delay for ... seconds

*Discouraged. Better: Wait for device to meet condition.*

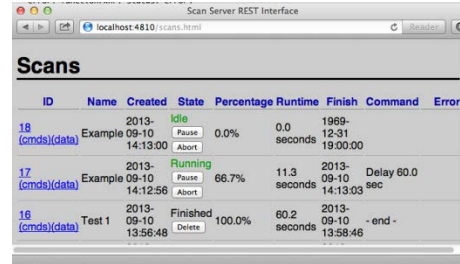
- Script

–Execute Jython code. *Use with care.*

Custom commands can be added via Eclipse extension points.

# Accessing the Scan Server

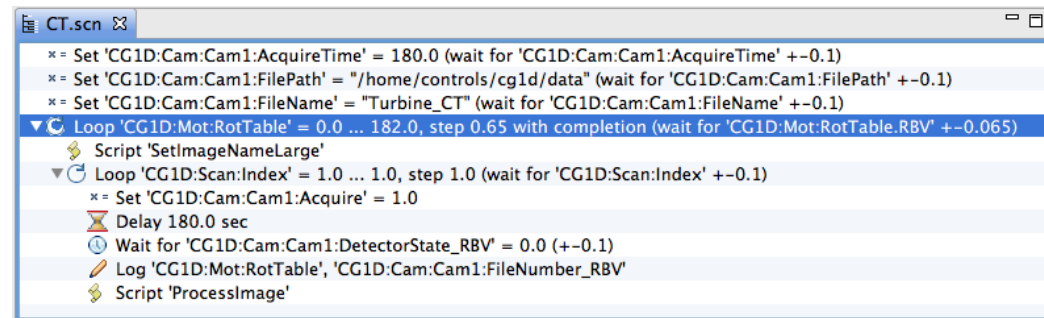
- Web Browser



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- Java

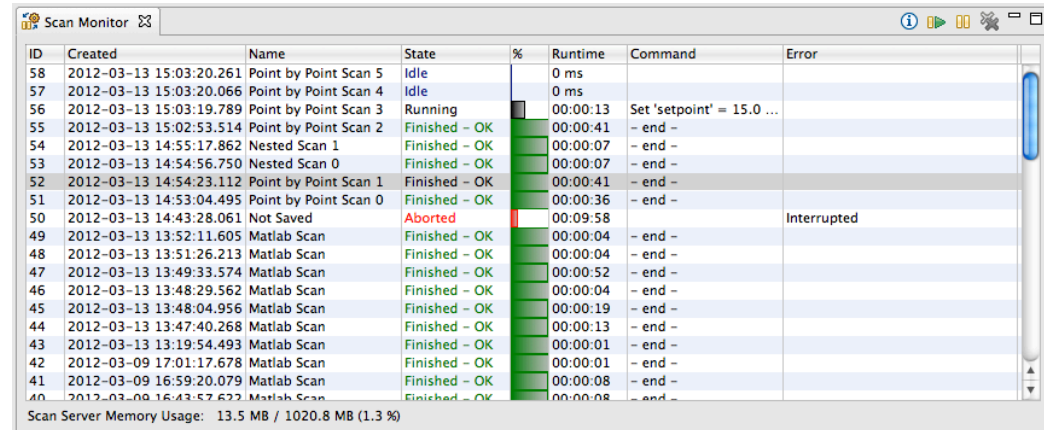
- CSS Scan Editor, Scan Monitor
- Jython (CSS \*.opi)
- Matlab



```
CT.scn
* = Set 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:AcquireTime' = 180.0 (wait for 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:AcquireTime' +-0.1)
* = Set 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:FilePath' = "/home/controls/cg1d/data" (wait for 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:FilePath' +-0.1)
* = Set 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:FileName' = "Turbine_CT" (wait for 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:FileName' +-0.1)
Loop 'CG1D:Mot:RotTable' = 0.0 ... 182.0, step 0.65 with completion (wait for 'CG1D:Mot:RotTable.RBV' +-0.065)
  Script 'SetImageNameLarge'
  Loop 'CG1D:Scan:Index' = 1.0 ... 1.0, step 1.0 (wait for 'CG1D:Scan:Index' +-0.1)
    * = Set 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:Acquire' = 1.0
    Delay 180.0 sec
    Wait for 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:DetectorState_RBV' = 0.0 (+-0.1)
    Log 'CG1D:Mot:RotTable', 'CG1D:Cam:Cam1:FileNumber_RBV'
    Script 'ProcessImage'
```

- Any custom code

.. with 'http' library



ID	Created	Name	State	%	Runtime	Command	Error
58	2012-03-13 15:03:20.261	Point by Point Scan 5	Idle		0 ms		
57	2012-03-13 15:03:20.066	Point by Point Scan 4	Idle		0 ms		
56	2012-03-13 15:03:19.789	Point by Point Scan 3	Running		00:00:13	Set 'setpoint' = 15.0 ...	
55	2012-03-13 15:02:53.514	Point by Point Scan 2	Finished - OK		00:00:41	-end -	
54	2012-03-13 14:55:17.862	Nested Scan 1	Finished - OK		00:00:07	-end -	
53	2012-03-13 14:54:56.750	Nested Scan 0	Finished - OK		00:00:07	-end -	
52	2012-03-13 14:54:23.112	Point by Point Scan 1	Finished - OK		00:00:41	-end -	
51	2012-03-13 14:53:04.495	Point by Point Scan 0	Finished - OK		00:00:36	-end -	
50	2012-03-13 14:43:28.061	Not Saved	Aborted		00:09:58		Interrupted
49	2012-03-13 13:52:11.605	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:04	-end -	
48	2012-03-13 13:51:26.213	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:04	-end -	
47	2012-03-13 13:49:33.574	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:52	-end -	
46	2012-03-13 13:48:29.562	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:04	-end -	
45	2012-03-13 13:48:04.956	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:19	-end -	
44	2012-03-13 13:47:40.268	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:13	-end -	
43	2012-03-13 13:19:54.493	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:01	-end -	
42	2012-03-09 17:01:17.678	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:01	-end -	
41	2012-03-09 16:59:20.079	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:08	-end -	
40	2012-03-09 16:43:57.622	Matlab Scan	Finished - OK		00:00:08	-end -	

Scan Server Memory Usage: 13.5 MB / 1020.8 MB (1.3 %)

# CSS User Interfaces for Scans

CT Scan **Camera Scan**

Configuration

Start  End  Step

Device

Exposure  Delay   Simulate?

Directory

File name

```
ct
""" Jython Script """
from scan_client import *
from scan_ui import *

'''Fetch parameters from display'''
x0 = getWidgetPVDouble(display, "x0")
x1 = getWidgetPVDouble(display, "x1")
# ... more

'''Create scan sequence'''
seq = CommandSequence(
[
    LoopCommand('xpos', x0, x1, dx)
    # ... more
]);

'''Submit scan'''
id = scan.submit(name, seq)
```

## Scan Server

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# Beam Line Example: CT

The screenshot displays the CSS (Control System Software) interface for a CT scanner. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Navigator:** Shows a file tree with a list of scan files, including 'Turbine\_4\_CT'.
- Camera Control:** Contains settings for exposure time (180.000), binning (1x1), ADC speed (1.00 MHz), shutter mode (Auto), and camera state (Idle). It also includes a cooling section with a cooler set to 'On' and a temperature of -60.000. An advanced section has buttons for 'Full Control (Simulated)', 'Full Control (Andor)', 'File I/O Configure', and 'General Camera'.
- Camera Display:** A central window showing a grayscale image of a turbine part with X and Y axes ranging from 0 to 2048.
- Motors:** A table listing motor parameters and their current status. Below the table is a diagram of the motor guide with arrows indicating movement directions: 'smaller - Short Axis', 'LARGER + Short Axis', '- Long Axis', and '+ Lift Table + Long Axis'.
- CT Scan Configuration:** A panel for configuring the scan, including start/end/step values, device selection (Large/Small Rot. Table), exposure (180.000), delay (0.0 sec), and directory/file name.
- Console:** A table showing the scan log with columns for ID, Created, Name, State, %, Runtime, Finish, Command, and Error.

ID	Created	Name	State	%	Runtime	Finish	Command	Error
153	2013-01-08 17:54:24	Rotation Scan: Turbine_CT	Finished - OK	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	14:35:06	08:29:31	- end -	
152	2013-01-08 17:38:07	Rotation Scan: Turbine_CT_test	Finished - OK	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	00:15:35	17:53:42	- end -	

# Submit Scan from Table Example

Point by Point Scan **Nested Scan**

Points	xpos	ypos	setpoint
Point 1	0	0	5
Point 2	1	1	10
Point 3	2	2	15
Point 4	3	3	20
Point 6	4	4	15
Point 7	5	5	10
Point 8	6	6	0

Submit Scan

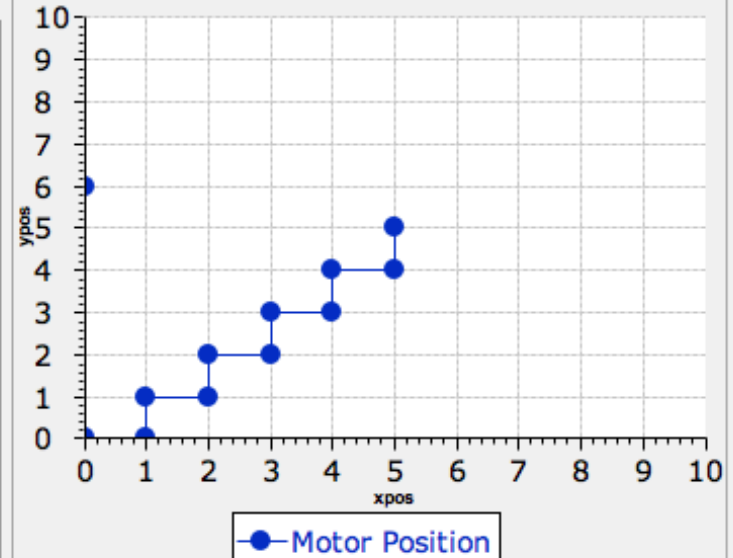
in workspace

Load from .csv ...

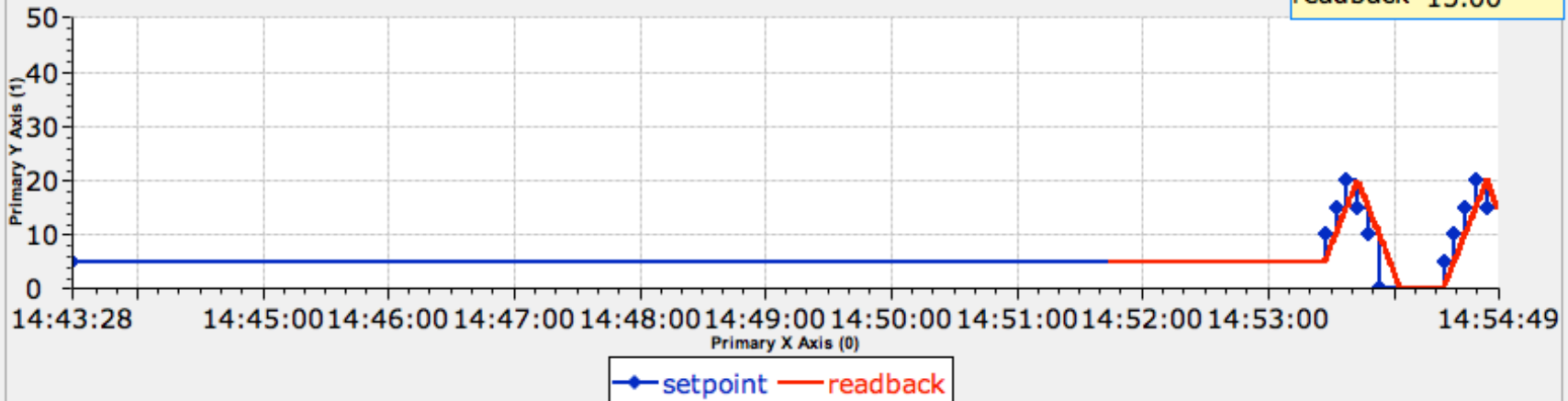
Export to .csv file

Scan Running

Motor Trace



setpoint: 10  
readback 15.00



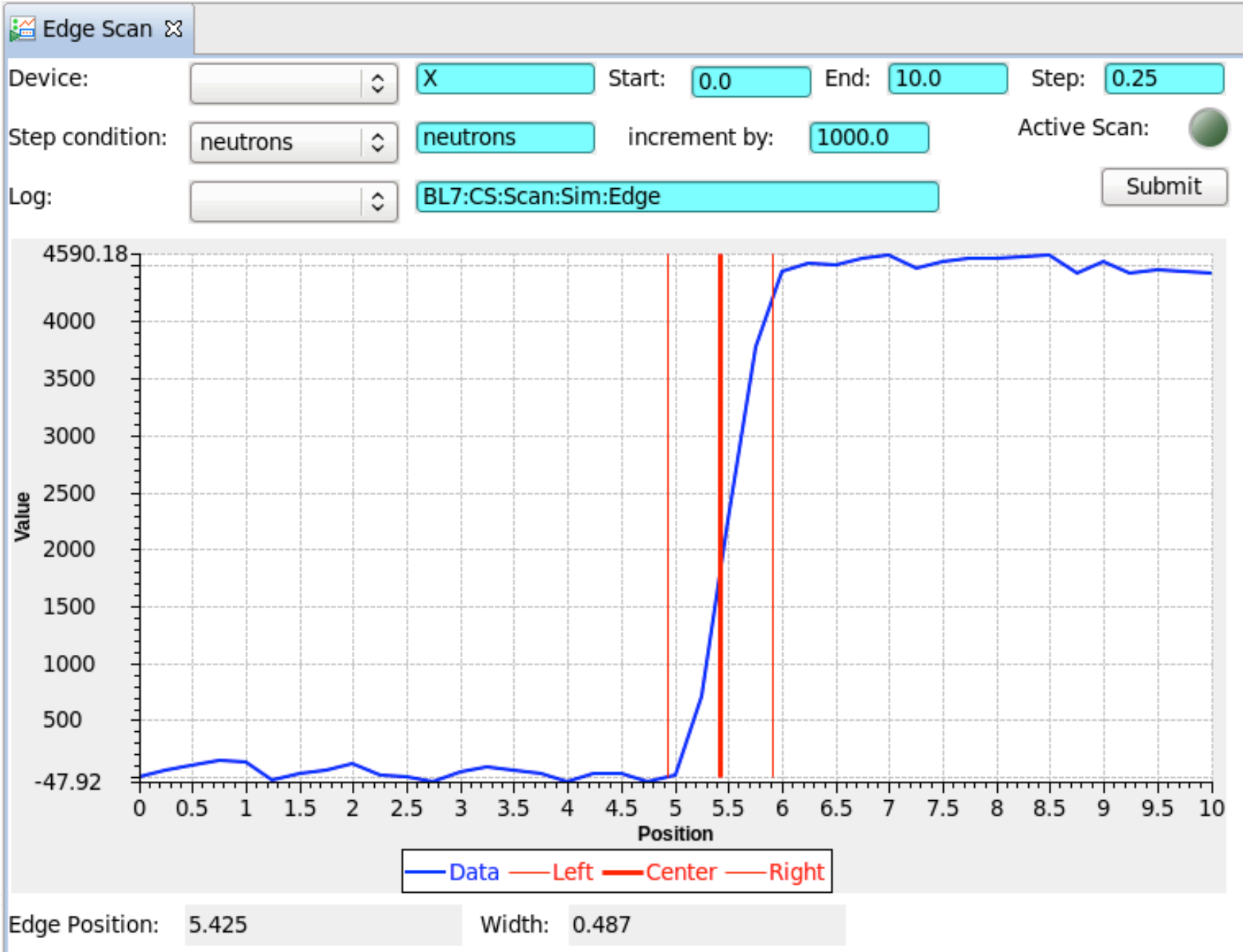
Current Running

Point by Point Scan **Current**

Set 'ypos' = 5.0 (wait for

79%

# "Range" Scan with Edge Detection



# Scan Editor

Open, save

Add commands

Simulate Scan

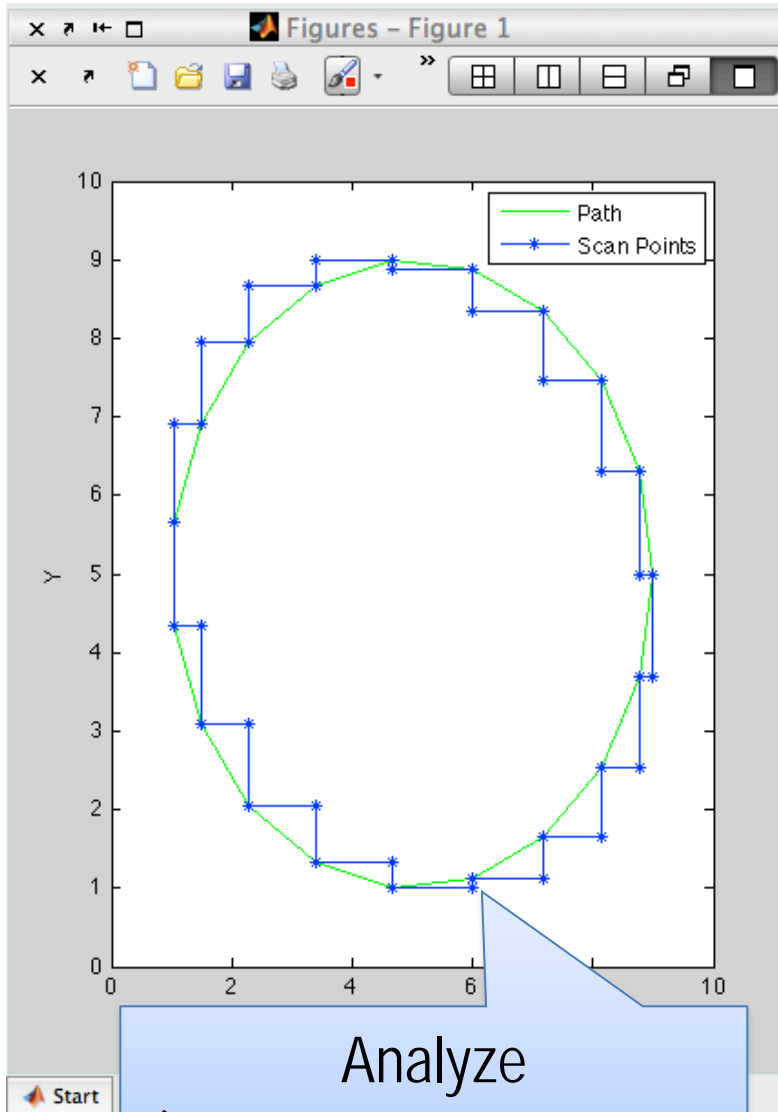
Submit Scan

Set parameters

Property	Value
▼ Wait	
1. Device Name	pcharge
2. Comparison	to increase by
3. Desired Value	1.0E12
4. Tolerance	0.1
5. Time out (secon...	0.0

- “Undo”
- Drag/drop commands or PV names (also as XML text)
- Device PVs (or alias) can be picked from beamline-specific configuration

# Matlab



Analyze  
(maybe submit follow-up scan)

```
15 %%  
16 % Number of points  
17 N = 20;  
18 % Center, diameter  
19 C = 5;  
20 D = 4;  
21 % Create circle  
22 i = 1:N;  
23 x = C + D*cos(2*pi*i/(N-1));  
24 y = C + D*sin(2*pi*i/(N-1));  
25 plot(x, y, '.');  
26 xlim([0 10]);  
27 ylim([0 10]);  
28  
29 %% Create a scan  
30 % Scan x/y, at each step waiting for readback to follow setpoint  
31  
32 seq = CommandSequence();  
33 for i = 1:N  
34     seq.set('xpos', x(i));  
35     seq.set('ypos', y(i));  
36 end  
37 seq.dump();  
38  
39 %% Submit to server  
40 id = server.submitScan('Matlab Scan', seq.getXML());  
41  
42 %% Wait for scan to finish  
43 while 1  
44     info = server.getScanInfo(id)  
45     scandata=server.getScanData(id);  
46     scandata.getDevices();  
47  
48
```

Create Scan

Monitor

Command Window

```
Scan 'Matlab Scan' [49]: Finished - OK, 104% done  
fx >>
```

script

# Ongoing Work

## Separation of Scan Execution and GUI

- ✓ Good for stability

- Added work

  - “Start”: GUI → **Script to submit scan** → Scan Server

  - “Plot”: Scan **writes to PVs** → BOY displays PVs

## Simpler interfacing via PVManager and V4 Data Types

- ✓ “Start”: Invoke pvmanager ‘service’ for 1D-scan

- ✓ “Plot”: Read scan log as V4 Table ‘pva:scanData?id=47’

# Submit Scan via PVManager "Service"

The image shows a screenshot of the PVManager software interface. On the left is a 'Navigator' pane with a tree view of services. The 'scanserver' service is expanded, showing sub-services like 'data', 'scan2d', 'delay', 'detector', 'end', 'positioner', 'server', 'start', 'step', and 'result'. The main window displays a graphical editor for the 'scan2d.opi' service. It features a grid background with several input fields: 'Service:', 'Arguments:', and 'Results:'. To the right of these fields are four more input fields labeled 'start', 'end', 'step size', and 'delay'. Below the grid, there are two input fields for 'positioner' and 'detector', followed by a '#####' placeholder. An 'Execute' button is visible on the grid. In the foreground, a dialog box is open, titled 'Method Name: scanserver/scan2d'. It contains a search field, a description 'Queues a 2D scan to the scan server', and an 'Arguments:' section with an 'Argument Prefix' field containing 'loc://\${DID}\_scanserver\_scan2d\_'. Below this is a table of argument names and their corresponding PV/formula values. The 'Results:' section has a 'Result Prefix' field containing 'loc://\${DID}\_scanserver\_scan2d\_'. At the bottom of the dialog are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

argument name	pv/formula
start	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_start
positioner	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_positioner
server	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_server
delay	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_delay
detector	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_detector
end	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_end
step	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_step

result	pv/formula
result	loc://\${DID}_scanserver_scan2d_result

# PVAccess & PVManager for Status & Log

scan2D.opi

Service:

Arguments:

Results:

start

end

step size

delay

positioner  detector  195

loc://positioner(0)	sim://gaussianNoise
1.0	-0.1135606566322573
1.5	0.32923199696118044
2.0	1.1819324071022115
2.5	-0.45457887512181566
3.0	-2.024538646135603
3.5	0.9574697461129144
4.0	0.3022969770522984
4.5	-0.7587353266735646
5.0	0.6804698580726065
5.5	-0.11686575928111557
6.0	-0.09565113835453838
6.5	1.5471301873495231
7.0	0.8685995862149756
7.5	-0.6097207882630289
8.0	-1.0114964972931697
8.5	1.4465725509601615
9.0	-0.26159850325913114
9.5	0.12191538650019236
10.0	0.6113225551047526

loc://positioner(0)	sim://gaussianNoise
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PV Formula:

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3.0	-2.024538646135603
3.5	0.9574697461129144
4.0	0.3022969770522984
4.5	-0.7587353266735646
5.0	0.6804698580726065
5.5	-0.11686575928111557
6.0	-0.09565113835453838
6.5	1.5471301873495231
7.0	0.8685995862149756
7.5	-0.6097207882630289
8.0	-1.0114964972931697
8.5	1.4465725509601615
9.0	-0.26159850325913114
9.5	0.12191538650019236
10.0	0.6113225551047526

Value:

New Value:

Type:

Expression type:

Expression name:

Channel handler name:

Usage count:

Connected (R-W):

Channel properties:

Channel name = scanData?id=195  
Channel type = uri:ev4:nt/2012/pwd:NTTable  
Connection state = CONNECTED  
Provider name = pvAccess  
Remote address = /127.0.0.1:5075



# Summary: CSS Scan System

Modular, robust building block for experiment automation.

The screenshot displays the CSS Scan System software interface. The main window shows a sequence of commands for a scan:

- Set 'setpoint' = 1.0
- Wait for 'readback' to reach 1.0 (+-0.1)
- Delay 5.0 sec
- Loop 'xpos' = 1.0 ... 5.0, step 1.0
  - Log 'readback'
- Loop 'xpos' = 1.0 ... 5.0, step 1.0
  - Loop 'ypos' = 2.0 ... 4.0, step 0.5
    - Wait for 'setpoint' to reach 1.0 (+-0.1)
    - Log 'readback'

A context menu is open over the command list, offering the following actions:

- Add Command
- Remove Command
- Submit to Scan Server
- Open Property Editor
- Open Command Palette
- Open/Reset Scan Editor Perspective

The Scan Monitor window at the bottom shows a table of scan results:

ID	Created	Name	State	%	Command	Error
3	2011-12-28 16:03:33.701	demo	Finished - OK	100	- end -	
2	2011-12-28 15:57:03.297	demo	Failed	0	Log 'device'	Unknown ..
1	2011-12-28 10:40:49.804	XY Scan	Finished - OK	100	- end -	

Other panels include the Scan Command Palette (containing Delay 1.0 sec, Log 'device', Loop 'device' = 1.0 ... 10.0, step 1.0, Set 'device' = 1.0, and Wait for 'device' to reach 1.0 (+-0.1)) and the Properties panel (showing Set 1. Device: setpoint, 2. Value: 1.0).