Prototype of Image Acquisition and Storage System for SHINE

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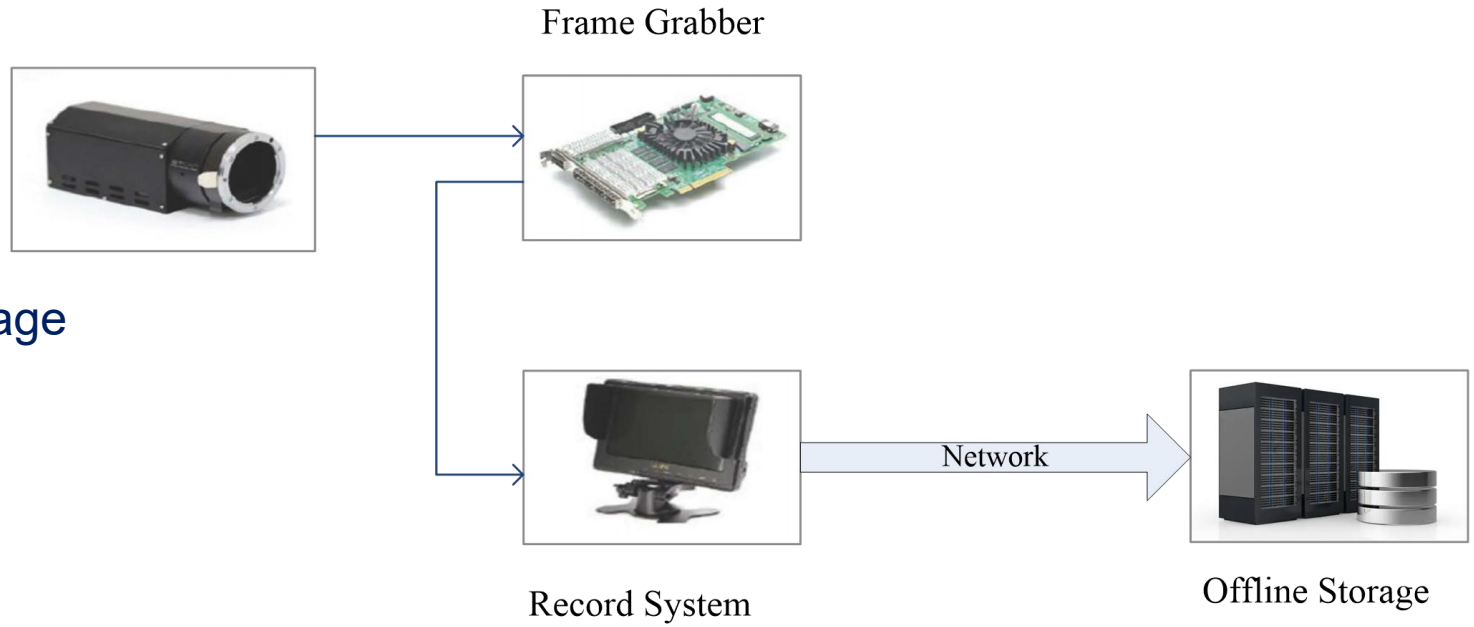
Motivation(1)

- SHINE is a quasi-continuous wave hard X-ray free electron laser facility
- A myriad of image data generated by the beam monitor system, the optical diagnostics system, the laser system, etc.
- High-speed frames of image data (1000MB/sec) to be acquired and stored for analysis

Commercial camera storage:

- <1min ,local record system
- transferring the images to offline storage
- take the next acquisition



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Motivation(2)

- Most of the high-speed image acquisition systems are built for beamlines, e.g. LCLS, European XFEL, SNS
- A dedicated system with DAQ readout, traffic, cache, online analysis, offline storage, high-speed network, etc.
- Our goal is to build a general image system which is less expensive, using regular commercial hardware.

- A prototype system with Camera Link cameras
- ZeroMQ protocol for transferring
- HDF5+MongoDB for data storage

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Image Acquisition and Storage System Architecture

- Image Acquisition
  - Camera Link interface choosed
  - CCD × 2
- Image Transmission
  - Fiber extender, single mode fiber cables, no distance limited
  - ZeroMQ protocol
  - 10 Gb/s network
- Image Storage
  - receive data frame by frame
  - unpack data package, then storing

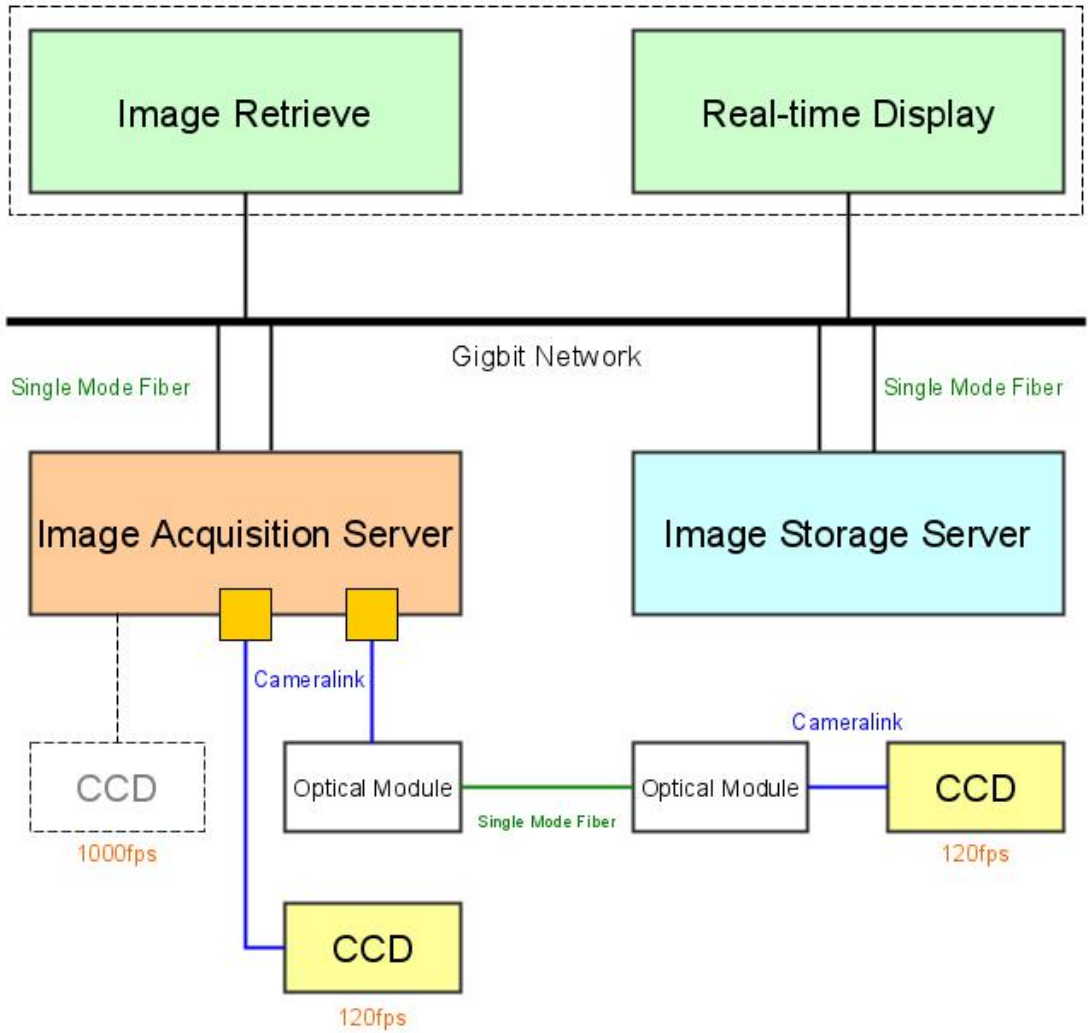

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Image Acquisition and Storage System Architecture

- Image Retrieval
  - Web based,following J2EE architecture
  - Remote queries
  - Querying saved records
- Real-time display
  - display image with other related metadata in real time

Image data are transmitted through 10 GigaBit Ethernet for acquisition, storage and on-line display, using ZeroMQ protocol for communication.

Image Storage Servers

10 GigaBit Network

Image Acquistion Server

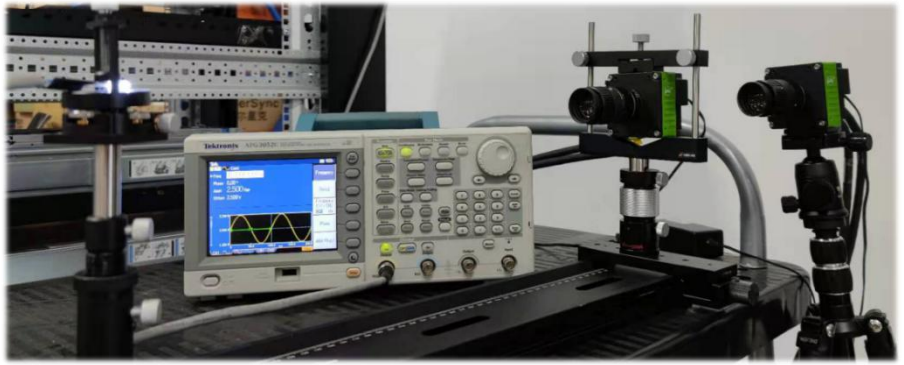

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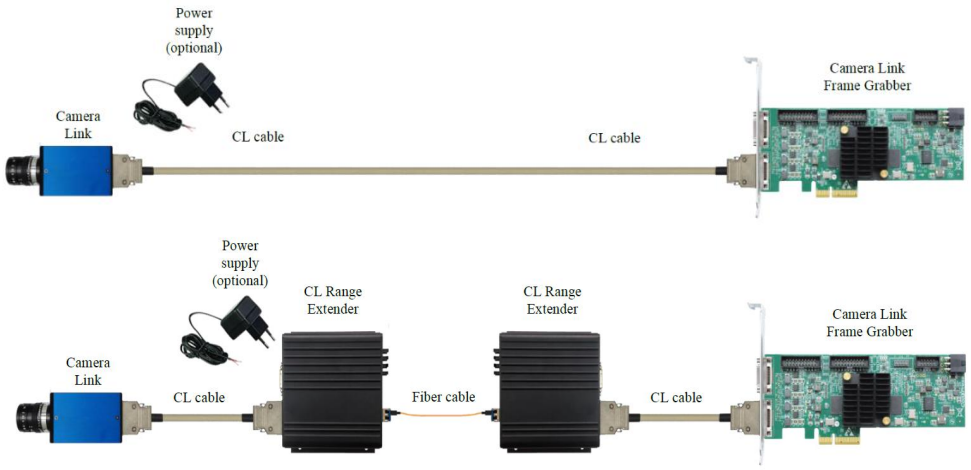
Image Acquisition

Camera Data Interface	
GigE Vision	slower speeds, 100m cable length
Camera Link	5.4Gbps, short cable length, cost effective
CoaXPress	6.25Gbps, short cable length, expensive



MATROX API <-> Ubuntu 14.04

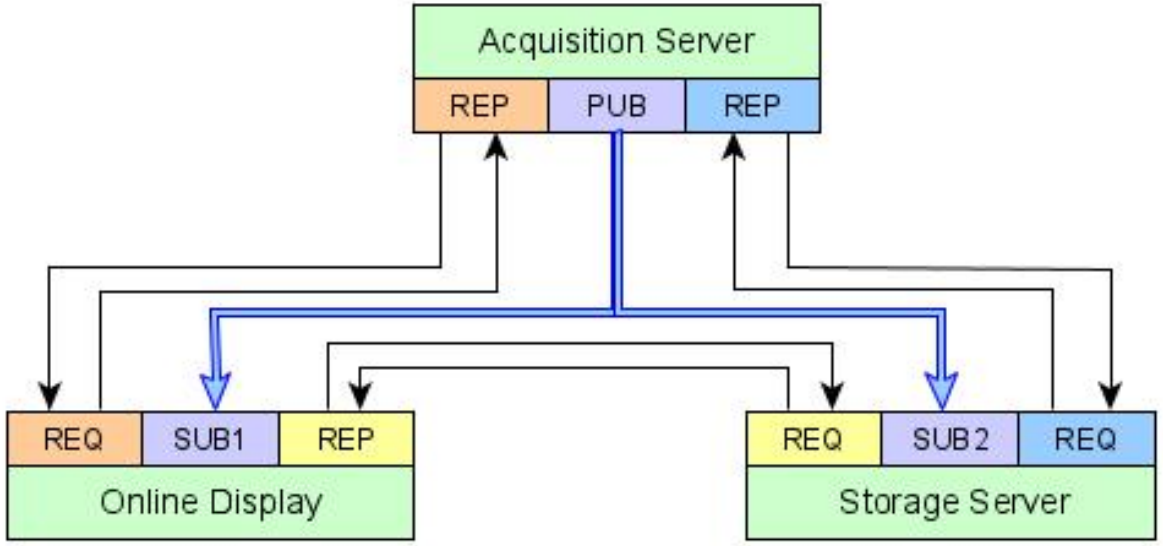
- Camera #1: connected to Camera Link Frame Grabber through CL cable (~10 meters)
- Camera #2: connected to CL Range Extender over Fiber, solves distance limitation of Camera Link

Camera Link Frame Grabber： PCI Express-based device， high bandwidth

Image Transmission——ZeroMQ

- request-reply pattern :
  - implement handshaking
  - one shakes hands with each other
- publish-subscribe pattern :
  - one-to-many
  - acquisition server publish a stream of image data
  - the other two servers consume the stream

TCP



Request-Reply + Publish-Subscribe

Note:The connection will be interrupted if the sender does not receive the answer.

- ✓ modify configuration parameters
- ✓ even if the sender does not receive a reply, it can continue to ask

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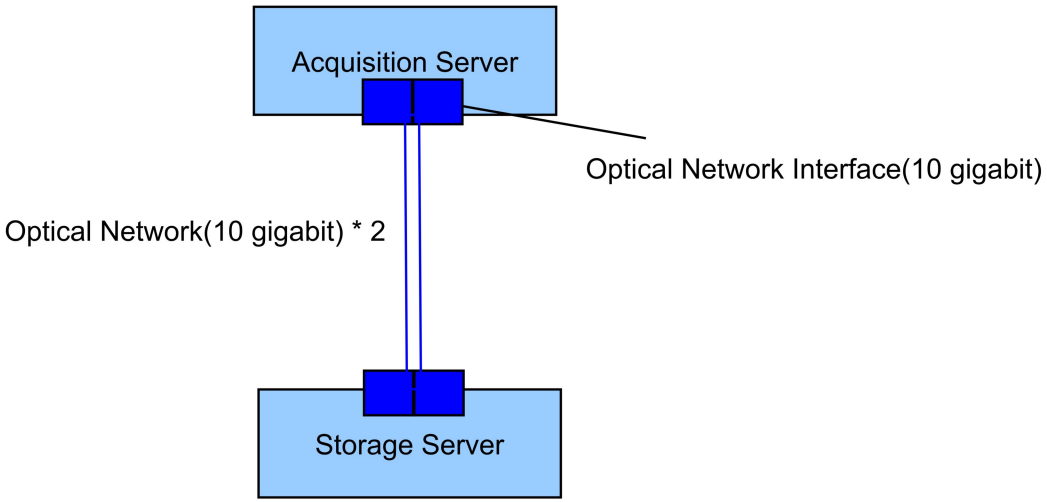
Image Transmission——ZeroMQ



- ✓ Two network interfaces --> a single logical ‘bonded’
- ✓ increases the network throughout and bandwidth

600MB/sec ——>1200MB/sec

Problem #1: Network bonding increases CPU consumption

Solution: transmit data through two networks

Problem #2: two network ports transmit simultaneously,

lost + duplicate

Solution:

- ✓ optimize the execution order of threads
- ✓ add several mutex locks

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Image Storage——Schemas

image data: represents an image

metadata : details relevant to the image, organized to facilitate searchability

Storage Schema 1: Both stored in MongoDB (image:2-D array uint8)

Storage Schema 2: HDF5+MongoDB

Storage Schema 3: HDF5+Cassandra

Storage Schema 4: HDF5 DIRECT CHUNK WRITE

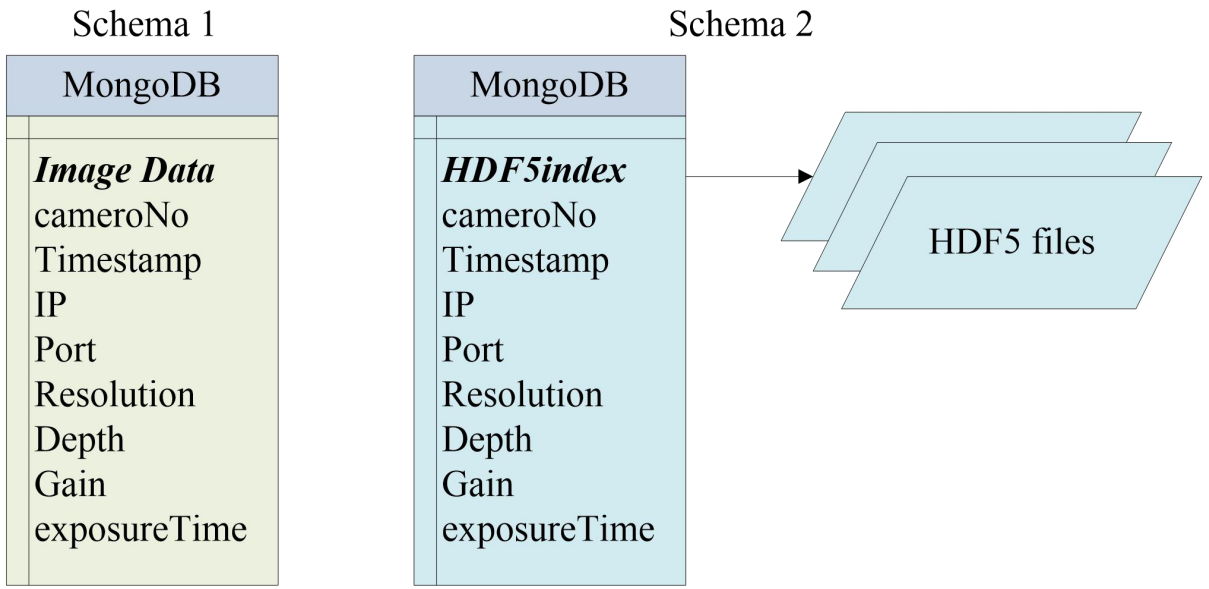
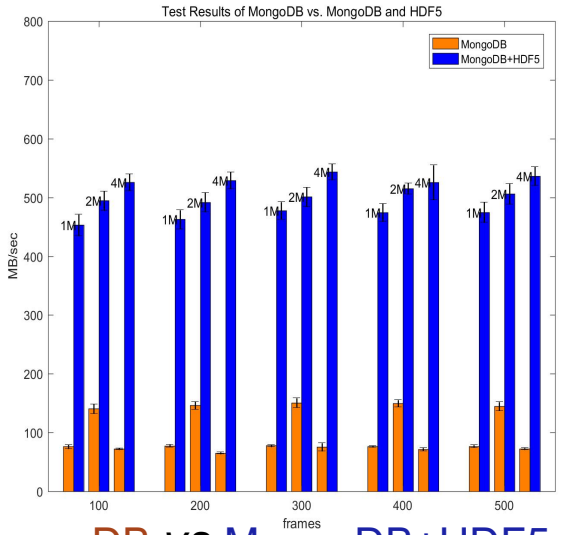


Image Storage——Performance

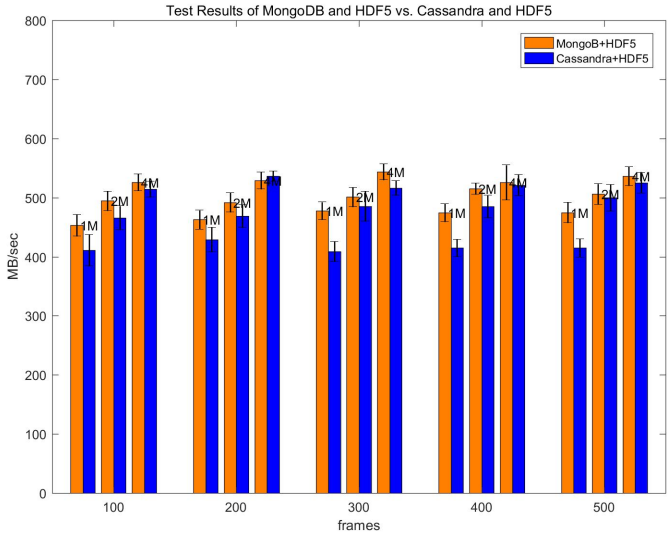
Rank-mounted Server			
Hard Disk	RAM	CPU	OS
960GB SSD	512GB	2 physical (6 cores/CPU)	Linux/CentOS 7

three different sizes of gray level image
- 1024×1024 bytes (1MB)
- 1024×2048 bytes (2MB)
- 2048×2048 bytes (4MB)

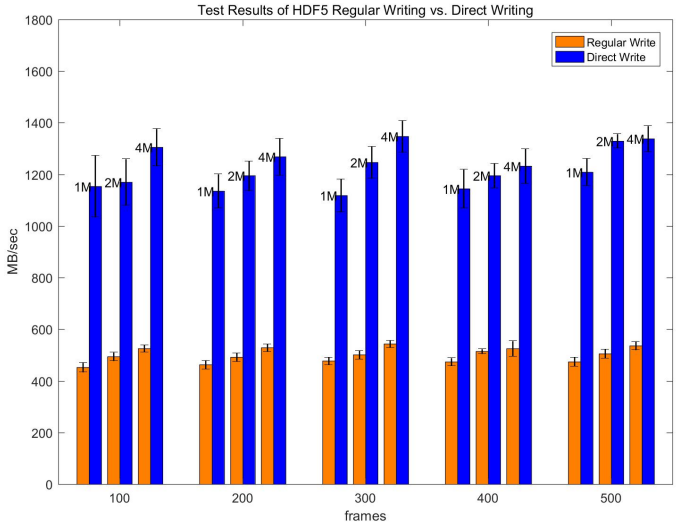
- record the time consumed to store 100, 200, 300, 400 and 500
- perform the same store operation 50 times constantly
- mean value + error bars



MongoDB *vs* MongoDB+HDF5



MongoDB+HDF5 *vs* Cassandra+HDF5



MongoDB+HDF5 *vs* MongoDB+HDF5 Direct Chunk Write

Image Storage——Performance

- monitor CPU and memory utilization
- before, during and after
- 200 frames, 2M

✓ CPU load? —— NO

✓ memory load? —— NO

The storage performance is greatly influenced by the hard disk

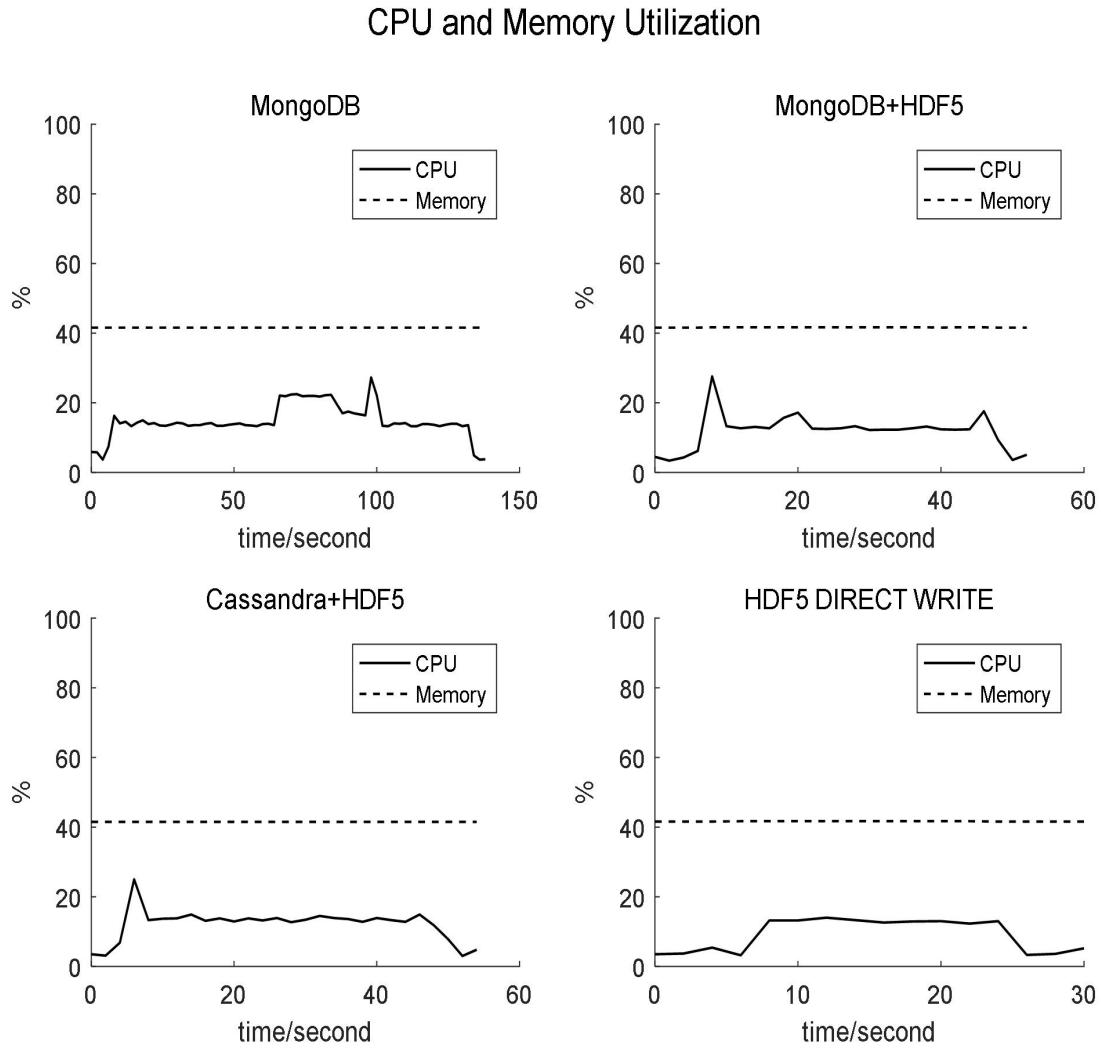
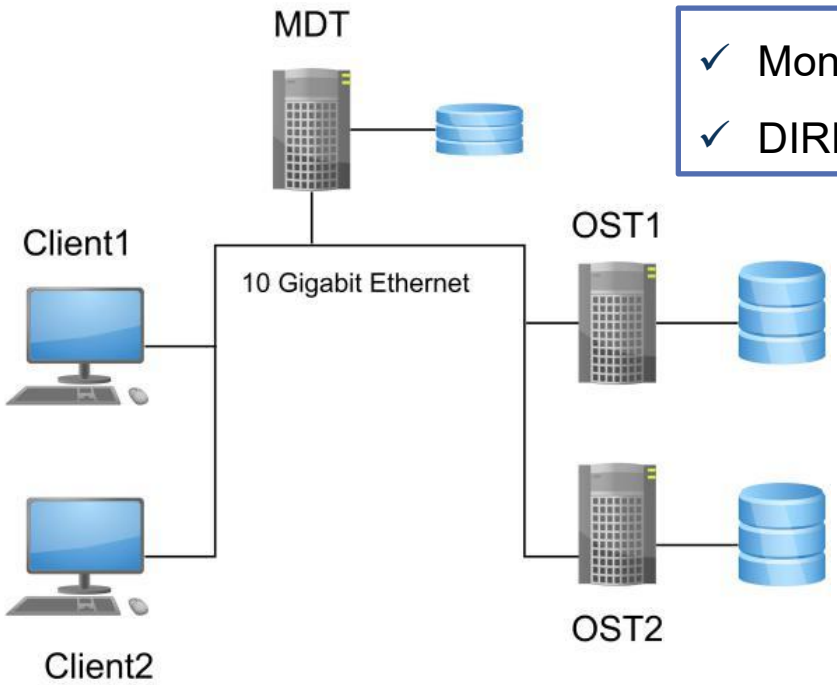
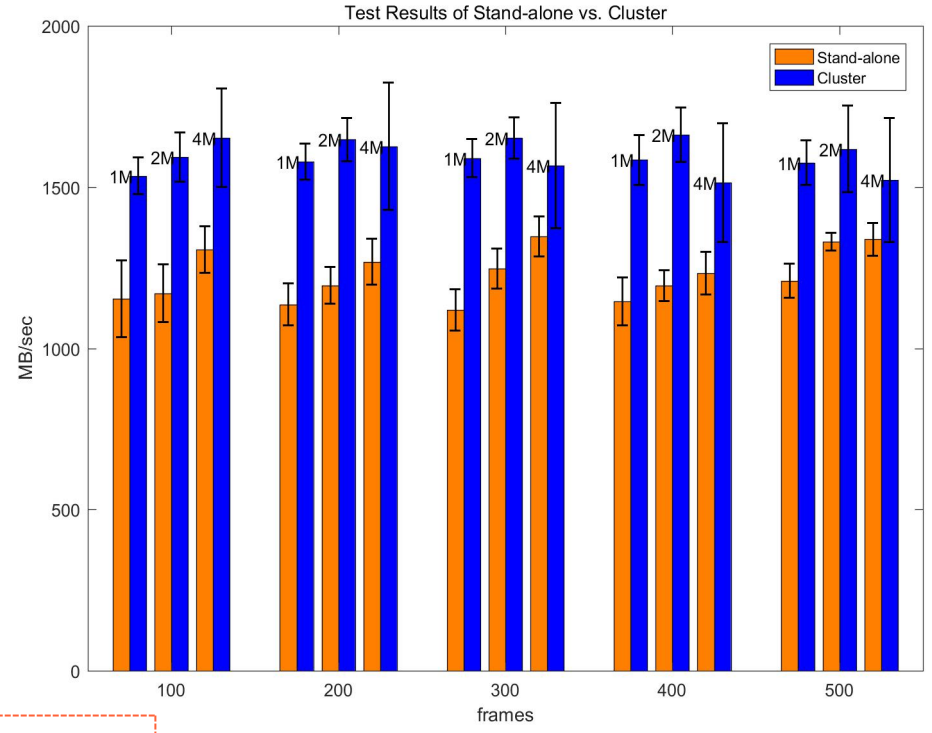


Image Storage——Lustre



- ✓ MongoDB+HDF5
- ✓ DIRECT CHUNK WRITE



	Memory	Hard Disk	CPU	Operation System
MDT	128GB	600GB(SSD)	2 CPUs (12 cores)	Linux/CentOS7
OST1	128GB	1200GB(SSD)	2 CPUs (12 cores)	Linux/CentOS7
OST2	128GB	1200GB(SSD)	2 CPUs (12 cores)	Linux/CentOS7

Lustre: 1500MB/sec

Stand-alone server:1200MB/sec

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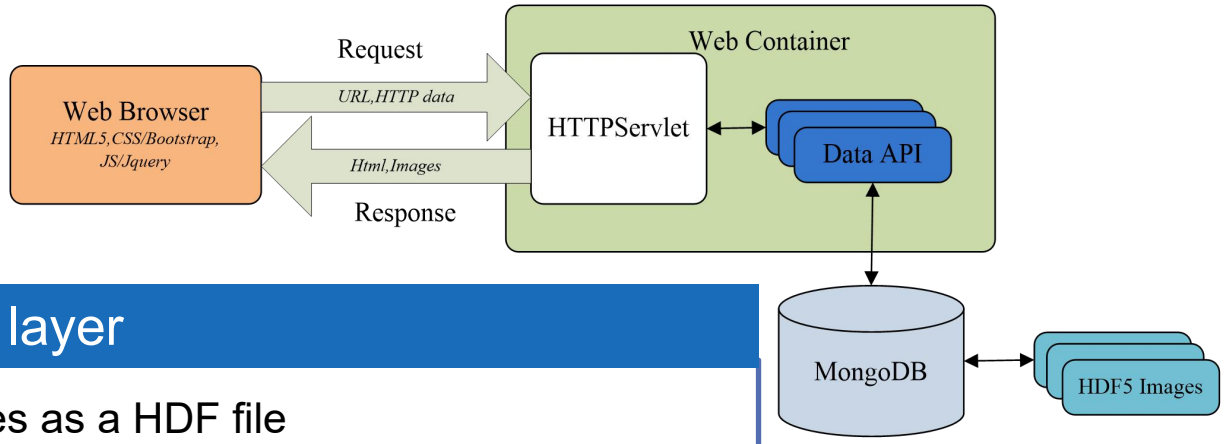
Image Retrieval

- ✓ Based on Maven J2EE Glassfish
- ✓ MongoDB +HDF5 storage



The persistence layer

- ➢ HDF5：store the image data, N(100,200,...) frames as a HDF file
- ➢ MongoDB：store metadata, timestamp, cameroNo,index,...

The business logic layer

- ➢ DataAPI：JDBC，Java HDF5 Interface（JHI5), hyperslab
- ➢ Servlet：process demand to the data carried by the web client, return data in JSON format

The client layer

- ➢ HTML5 Canvas to draw pixel-level image
- ➢ Bootstrap to style responsive websites
- ➢ JQuery：timepicker，Datatables，Bootstrap-select/selectpicker

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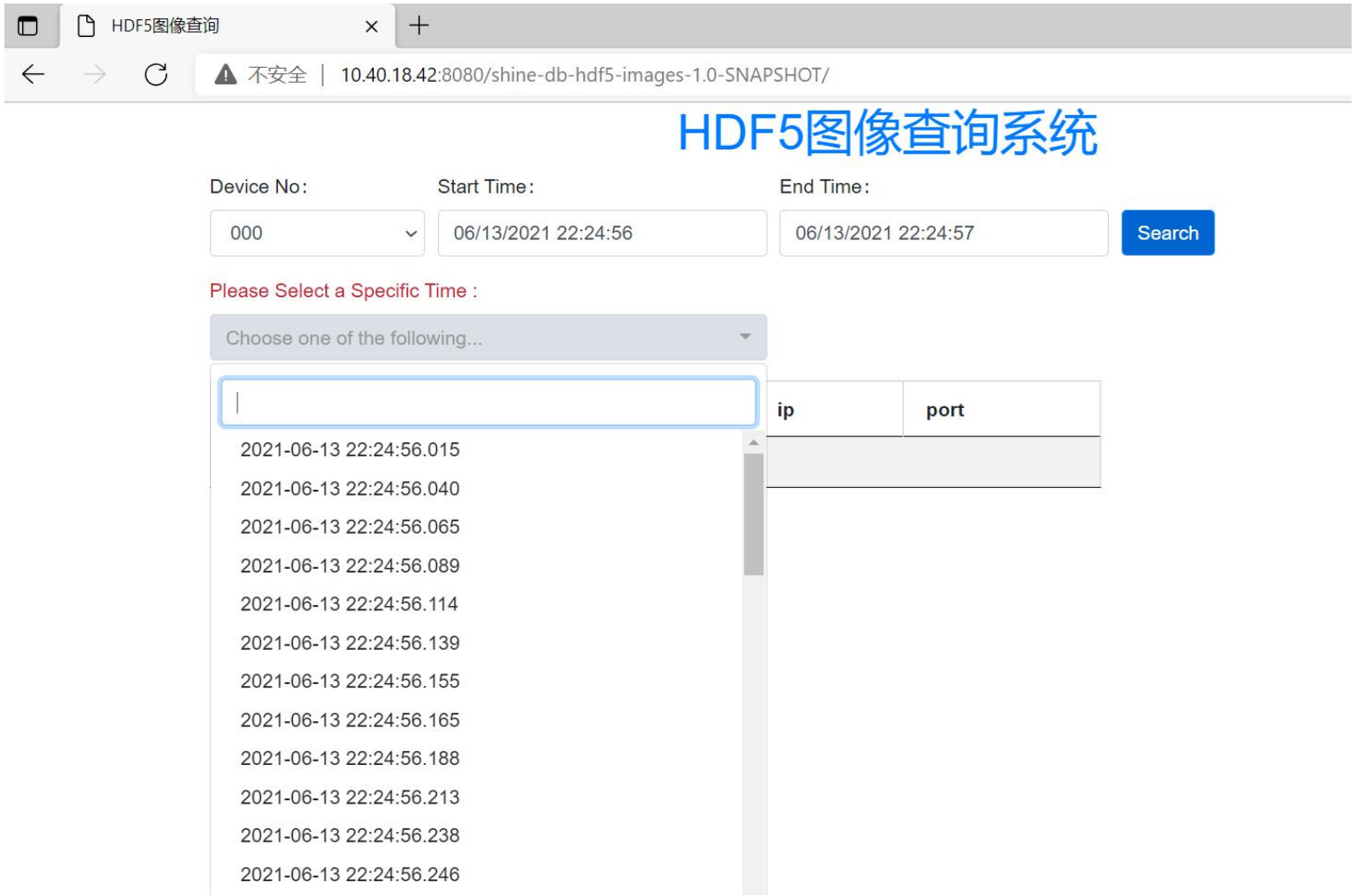

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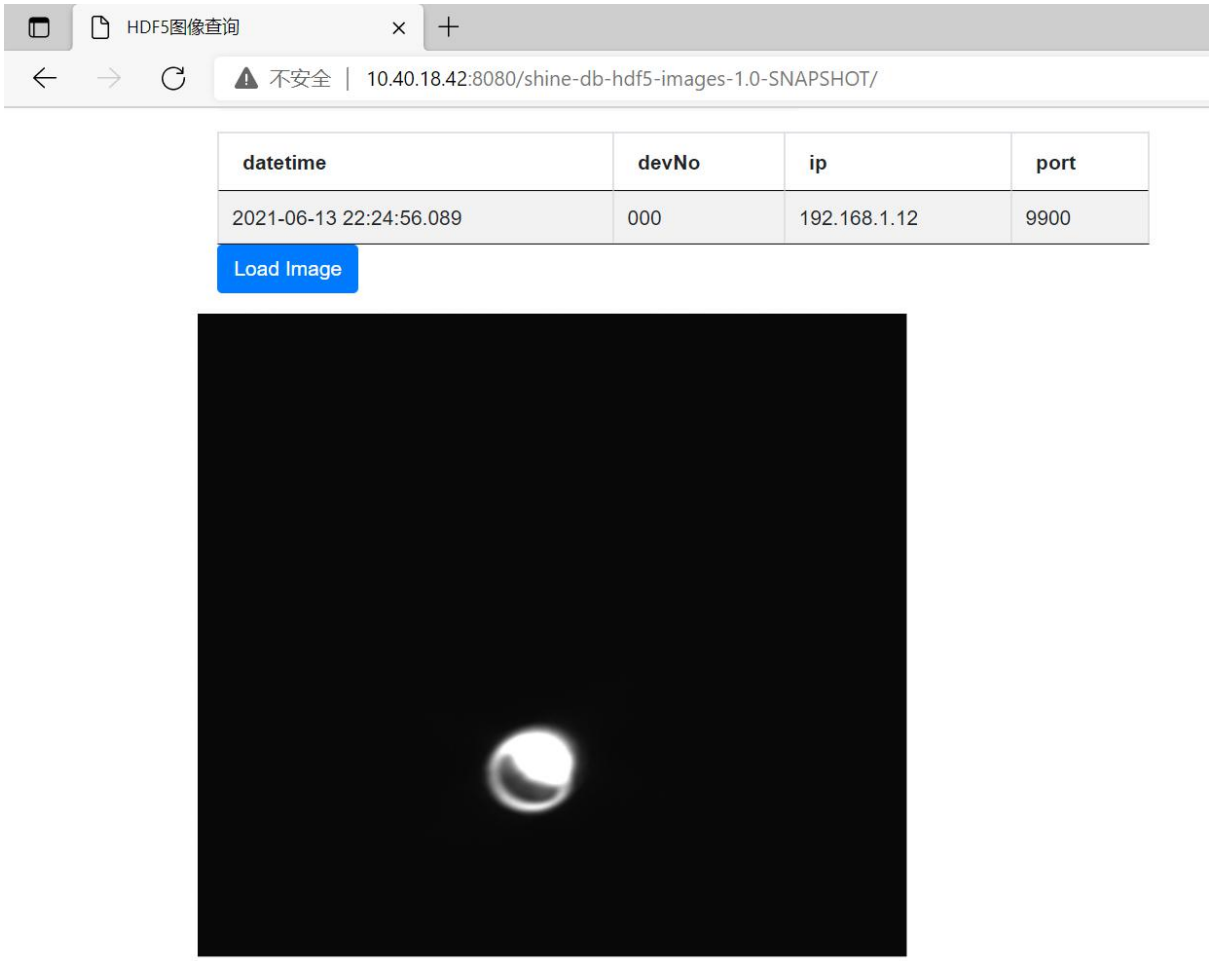


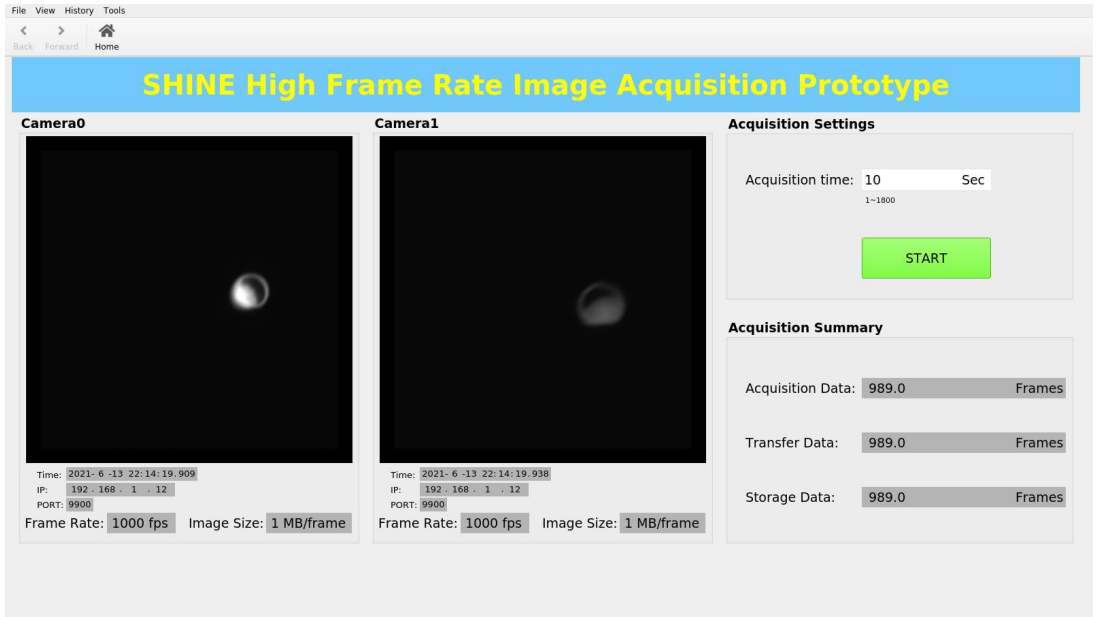
Online Display

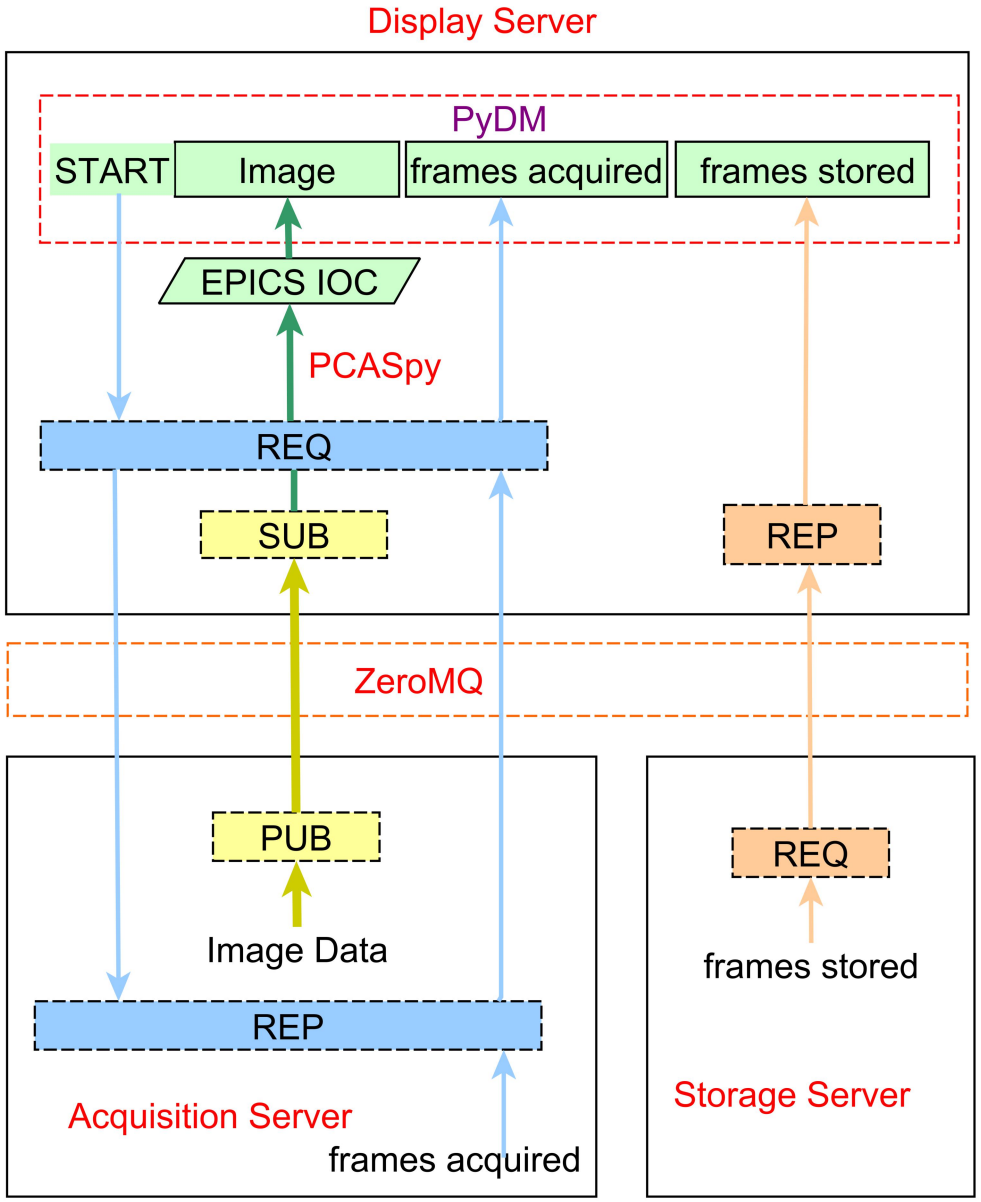
ZMQ + PCASpy + PyDM

ZMQ: transmit images and messanges

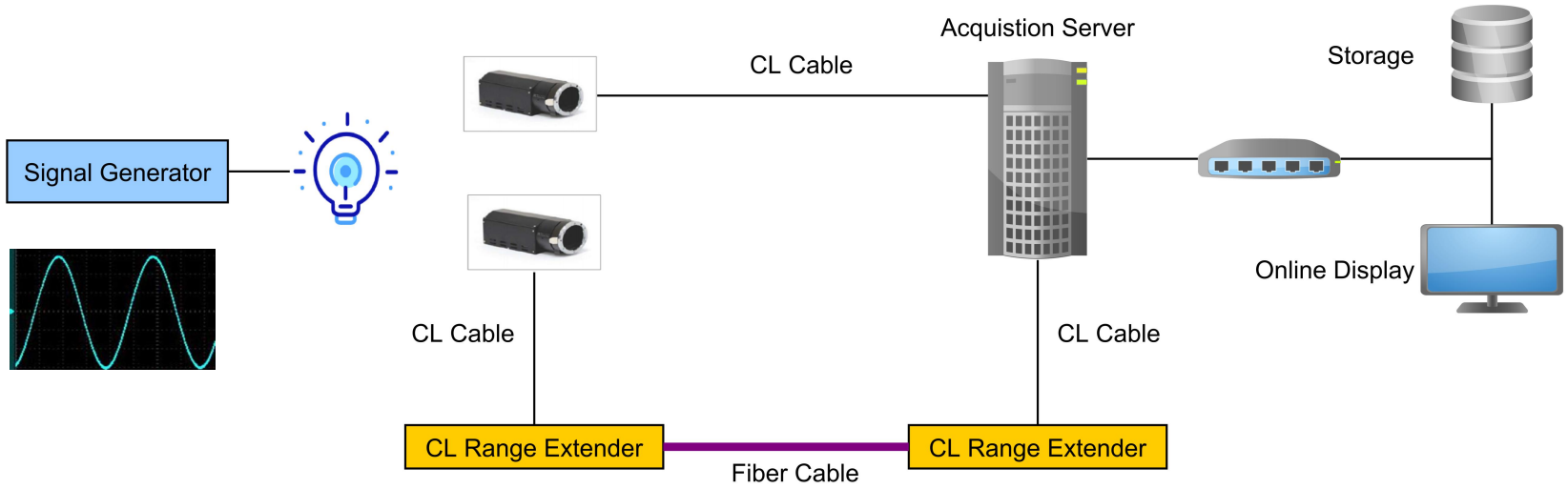
PCASpy: EPICS API

PyDM: graphic user interface





Testing


Acquistion Server
CL Cable
Storage
Signal Generator
Online Display
CL Cable
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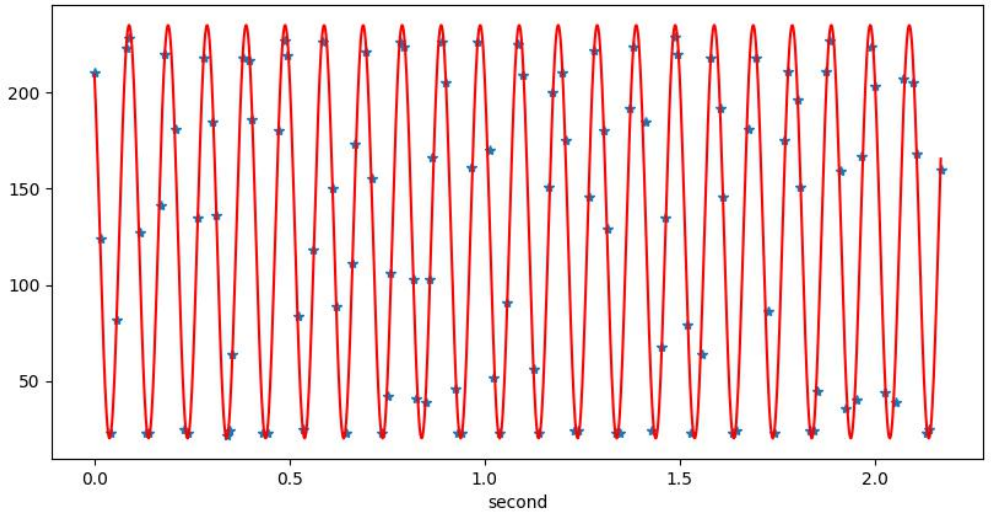
CL Range Extender
Fiber Cable
CL Range Extender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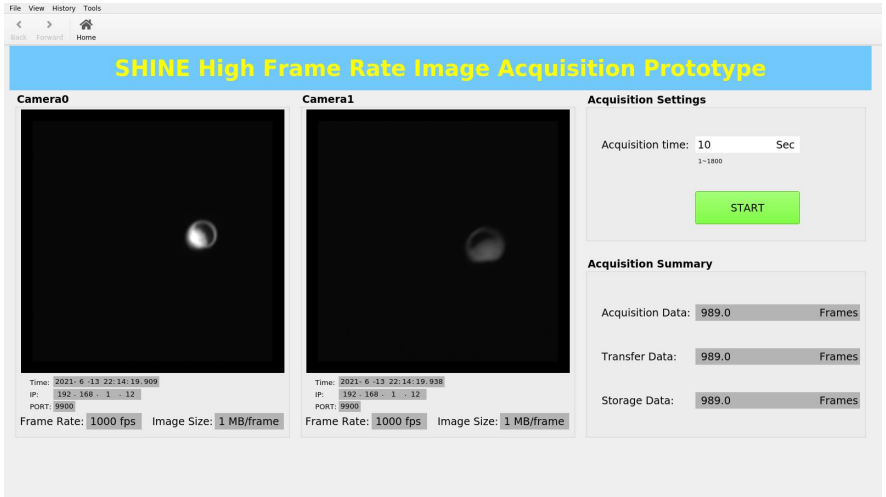
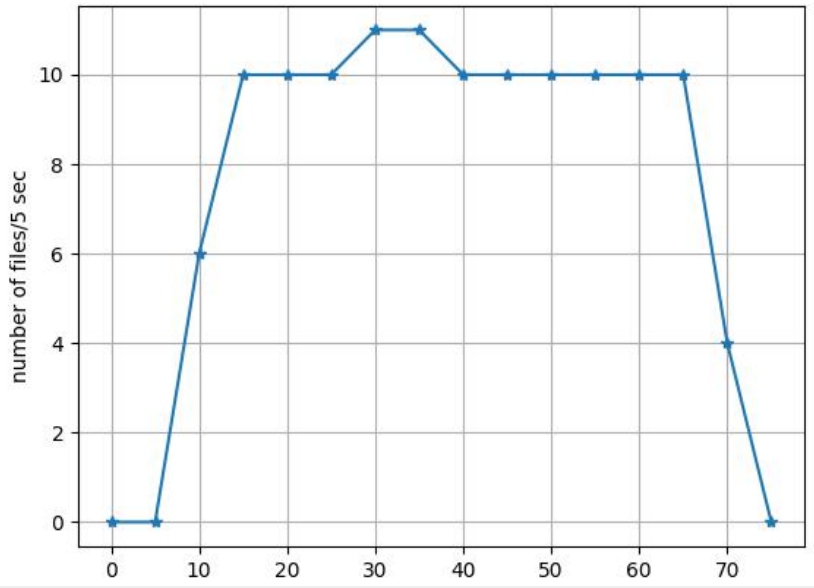

SHINE High Frame Rate Image Acquisition Prototype
Camera0
Camera1
Acquisition Settings
Acquisition time: 10 Sec
START
Acquisition Summary
Acquisition Data: 989.0 Frames
Transfer Data: 989.0 Frames
Storage Data: 989.0 Frames
Frame Rate: 1000 fps
Image Size: 1 MB/frame

Testing

1000frames/sec

- image size: 1MB, from beamlines
- transmission speed: 1000 frames/sec
- number of HDF5 files generated
- watch -n 5 "ls |wc -l |tee -a num.log"
- storage speed:

500MB * 10 / 5sec = 1000 MB/sec



Summary

- The system is able to acquire, transmit and store the image data at speed of 1000MB/sec stably without loss.
  - Camera Link interface
  - ZeroMQ
  - HDF5 and MongoDB storage
  - multi-thread programming
  - multi-network ports
  - one-to-many transmission
- The hardware architecture and software design is not limited to image data. It could also manipulate the waveform data for SHINE.

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Thank You for Your Attention !

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