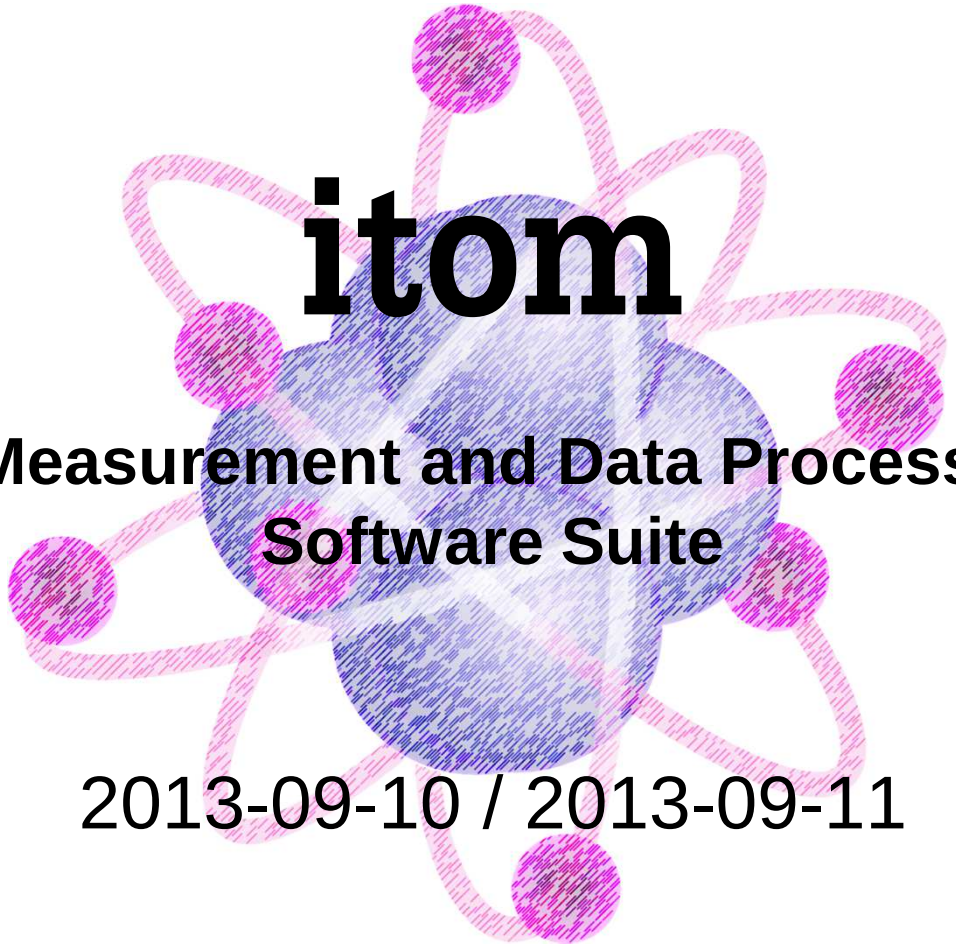

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A Measurement and Data Processing Software Suite

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What this tutorial is about

- Introduction about **itom**
  - Why did we develop **itom**?
  - Main features
  - Python and its most important modules
  - **itom**'s plugin system
- Show-Cases
  - Macroscopic fringe projection
  - Software-Plugin: GUI for GPU based ray tracer MacroSim
  - Commercial confocal microscope from TWIP Optical Solutions
- Hands-on exercises
  - We develop an example to calculate the offset between two images, acquired with your webcam and create a user-developed GUI

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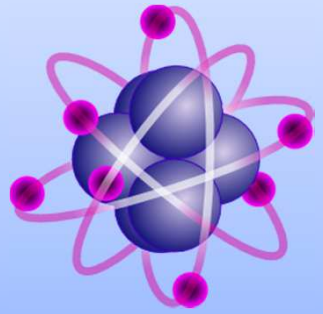
Motivation

Matlab

+ Data processing
+ Extensive math libraries
− Integration of hardware
− User defined interface

Labview

+ Easy generation of GUIs
+ Excellent hardware support
− Limited data processing and analysis
− No unified hardware interfaces



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- Fast, well-established, easy to use scripting language (Python)
- Homogeneous hardware integration
- Automation of measurement systems
- Fast data processing and analysis
- Easy to customize

Requirements and Solutions

Requirements	Solution
Fast, performant implementation	C++
Modern, user-friendly interface, independent of hardware platform	Qt-Framework (Windows, Linux, Mac OS)
Fully integrated scripting language (fast, robust, easy to learn, extensive existing libraries, well documented and supported)	Python (Version 3) incl. numerous libraries (numpy, scipy, scikit-image, matplotlib, …)
Easy, flexible, homogenous integration of hardware support (motors, cameras, AD converter, ...) and algorithms	Plugin-System
Using well-known, time-proven, free software libraries where possible	OpenCV, PointCloudLibrary, Qscintilla, Qwt, …

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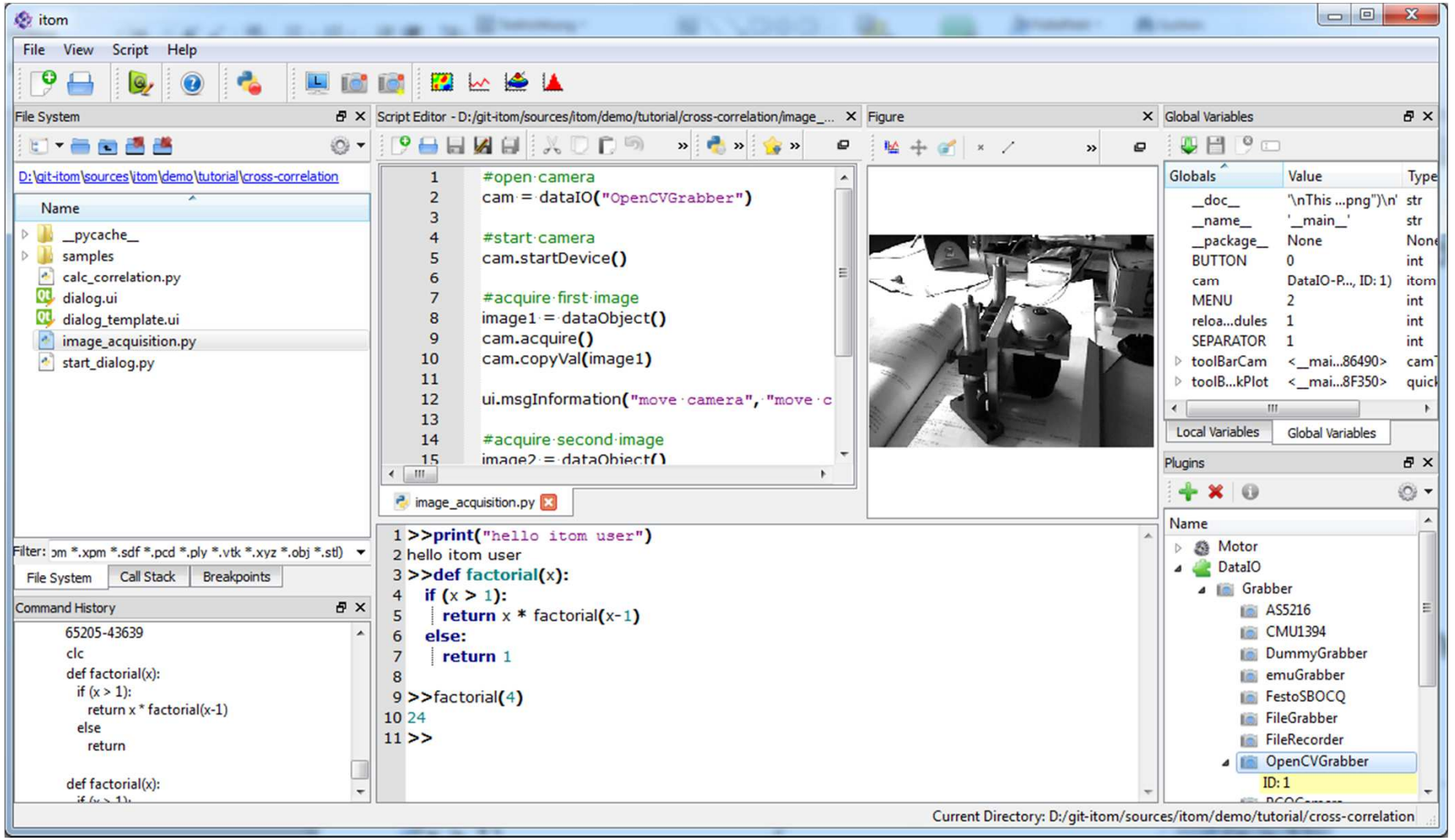

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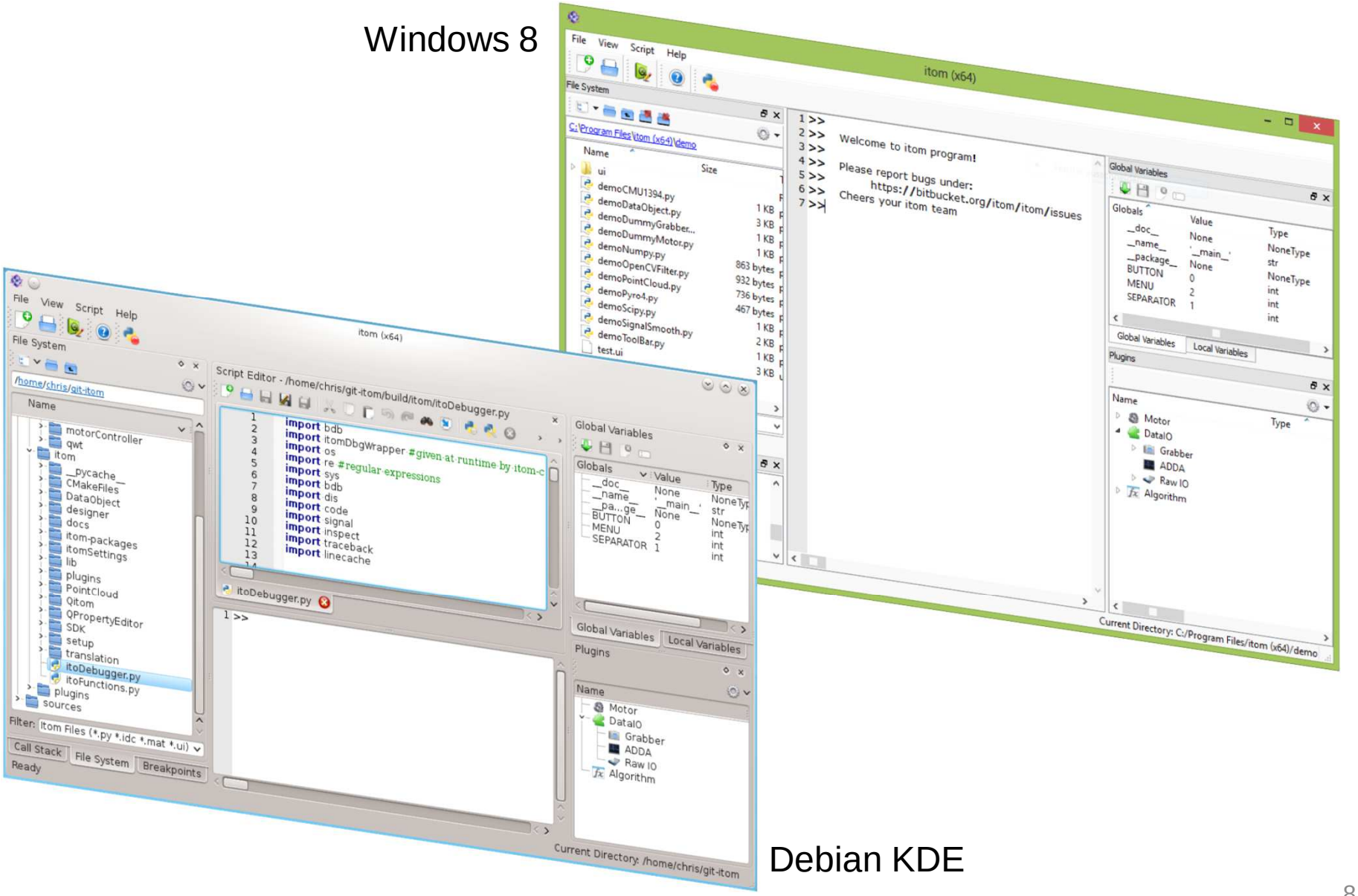

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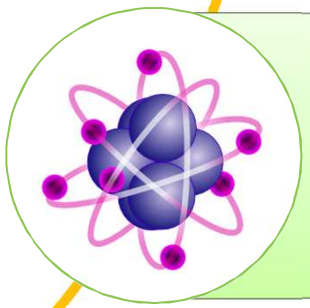
itom – main features

Scripting
- Integrated Python programming environment
- Almost full Python functionality
- Controlling **itom** by specific Python module

Plugins
- C++ libraries (e.g. dll)
- Hardware and algorithm integration
- Integration of complex dialogs and windows



GUI
- Intuitive
- Optimized for implementation of measurement systems
- Ability to integrate customized user interfaces

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Python

- Open-Source scripting language (very liberal BSD-license)
- Implemented in C
- Developed and supported since 1991
- Supports object-oriented, functional and imperative programming paradigms
- Version 3.2 or newer supported
- Fully integrated core component of itom
- Vast number of third-party modules available for free
- Scripts are precompiled and cached for faster execution
- Integrated Python-debugger

Python

- Variables have an Python internal type, mainly: int, float, complex
- Casting uses the functions *int(), float()…*
- Assignment: *a=1* *a,b=1,2*
- Comparison operators: ==, >, <, <=, >=, !=
- Bitwise-Operators: &, |, ~, ^
- Basic arithmetic: a = a+1, a += 1, a=a**2
- Operators also work on many non-basic types (arrays, lists, dictionaries…)

Example: Factorial

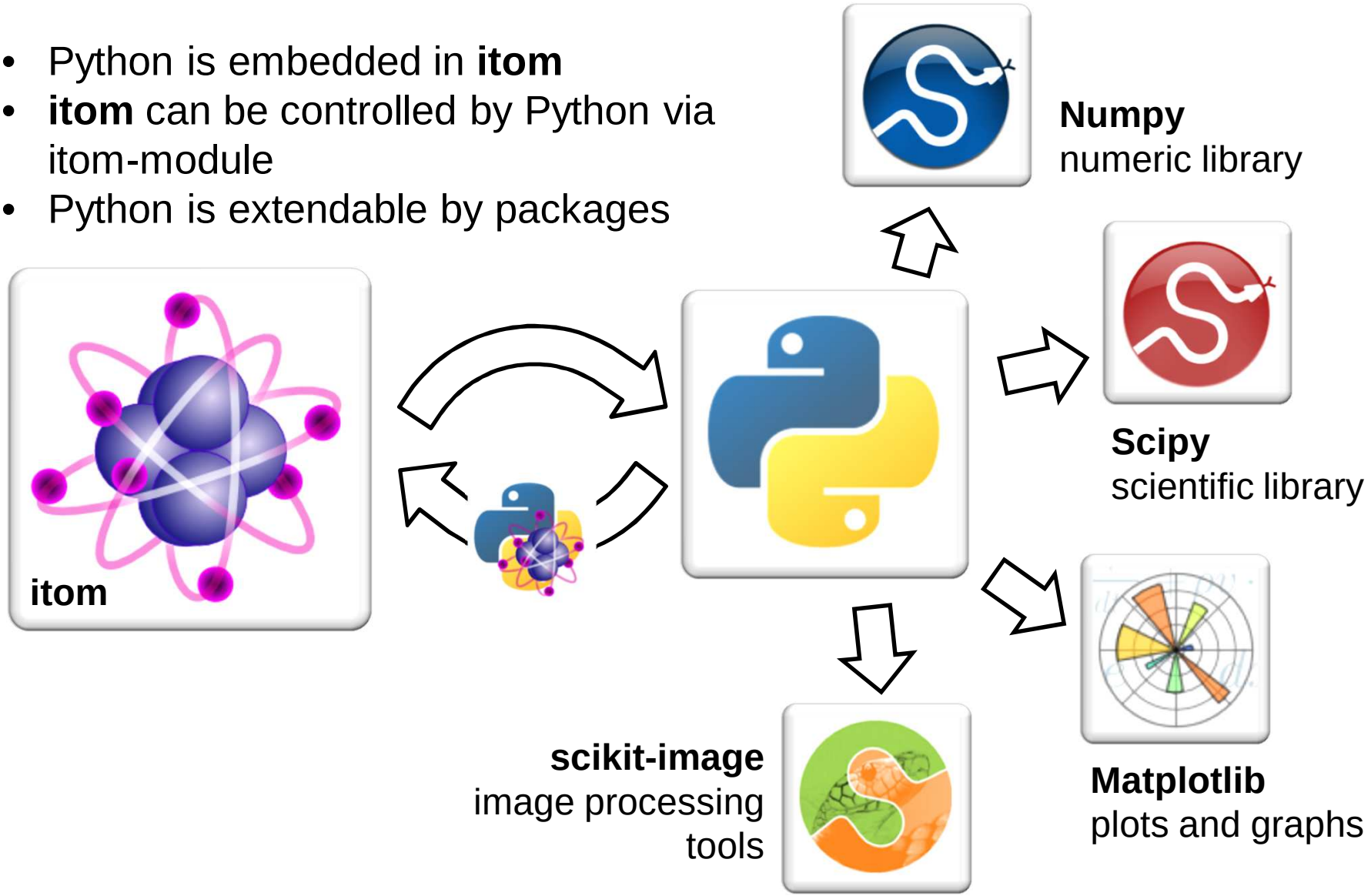
```
function ret = factorial(x)
  if(x > 1)
    ret = x * factorial(x-1);
  else
    ret = 1;
  end
end
```

```
int factorial(int x)
{
  if (x > 1) {
    return x * factorial(x-1);
  } else {
    return 1;
  }
}
```

```
def factorial(x):
  if (x > 1):
    return x * factorial(x-1)
  else:
    return 1
```

Python - Packages

- Python is embedded in **itom**
- **itom** can be controlled by Python via itom-module
- Python is extendable by packages

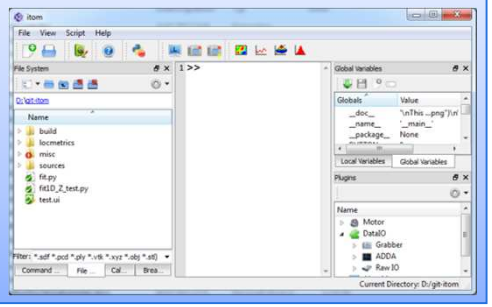


Python-Module *itom*

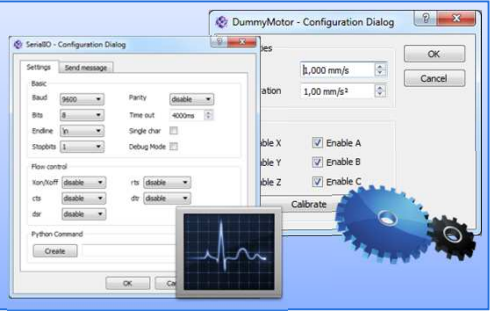
„The bridge between Python and itom“

```
>> from itom import * <<
```

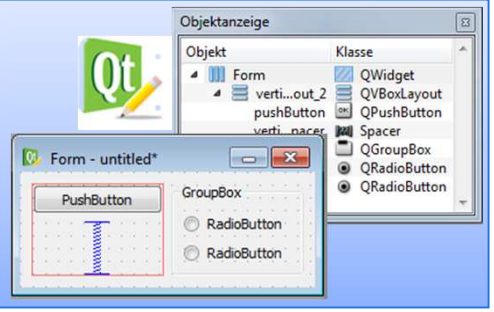
- Add menus and toolbars to *itom* GUI and connect them with Python methods
- Plots arrays/matrices and camera live images



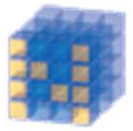
- Control hardware plugins (*dataIO*, *actuator*)
- Call algorithms from software plugins
- Online help for plugins



- Build GUIs at runtime with WYSIWYG design tool
- Connect widget’s signals to python methods
- Change properties of widgets by script commands



Numpy



Numeric package

- Support of large, multi-dimensional arrays
- Large library of mathematical functions and operators
- **itom**'s own array object is compatible to Numpy arrays.

Example: Solve Ax=b

```
from numpy import *
from numpy.linalg import solve

# The system of equations we want to solve for (x0,x1,x2):
# 3 * x0 + 1 * x1 + 5 * x2 = 6
# 1 * x0 + 8 * x2 = 7
# 2 * x0 + 1 * x1 + 4 * x2 = 8

a = array([[3,1,5],[1,0,8],[2,1,4]])
b = array([6,7,8])
x = solve(a,b)
print(x) # This is our solution
[-3.28571429 9.42857143 1.28571429]
```

- Array creating and manipulation
- Binary operations
- Linear algebra
- Masked arrays
- Polynomials
- Random Sampling
- Sorting, Searching, Counting
- Fourier Transforms
- …

Scipy

Scientific Algorithms

- Extension for *numpy*
- Provide more functions from the field of numeric, statistic and optimization
- Itself extendable by *scikits*

- Optimization
- Linear Algebra
- Integration
- Interpolation
- FFT
- Signal Processing
- ODE Solvers
- Optimization
- Basic image processing
- Sparse Matrices

Example:

Find root of $x + 2cos(x) = 0$ around $x = 0.3$

```
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import root

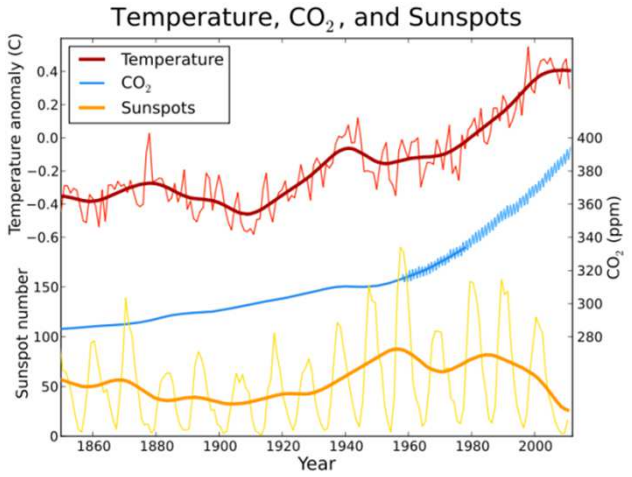
def func(x):
    return x + 2 * np.cos(x)

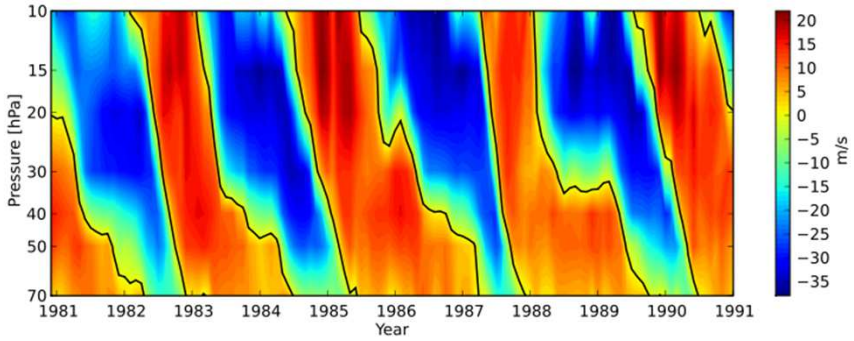
sol = np.root(func, 0.3)
sol.x
>>> array([-1.02986653])
sol.fun
>>> array([ -6.66133815e-16])
```

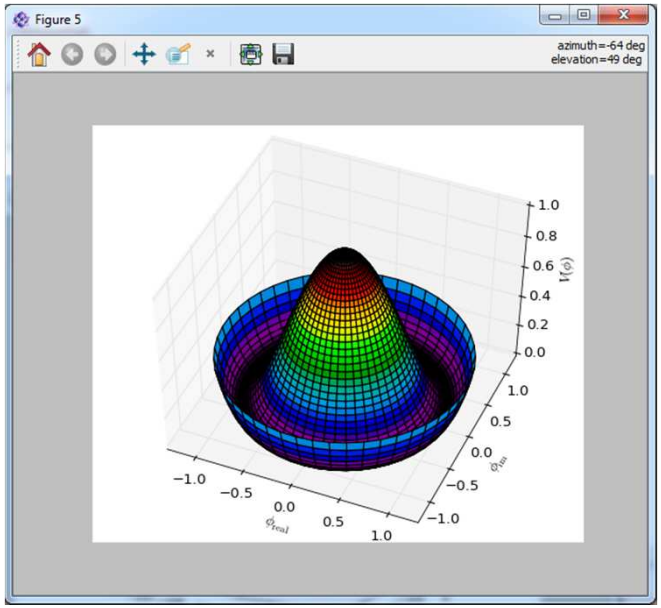
Matplotlib

Plotting package

- Python package for math plots
- Based on *numpy*
- Syntax close to Matlab
- Export in various image formats: png, pdf, eps…
- Fully integrated in *itom*
- Can be integrated in custom GUIs







scikit-image

Image processing package

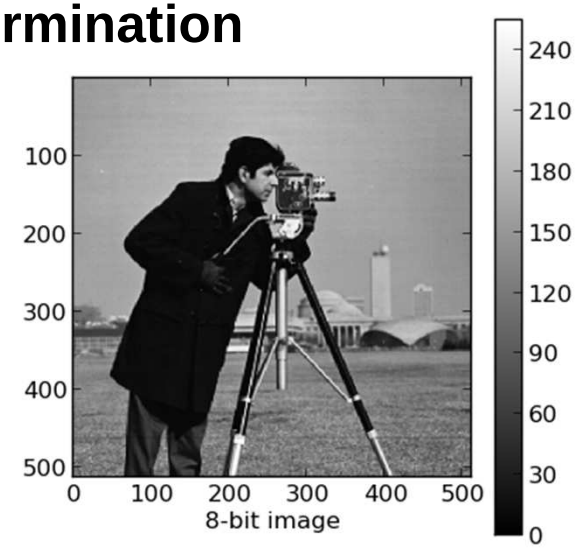
- Based on Numpy arrays
- Algorithms written in Python and C
- Uses Matplotlib for plotting results

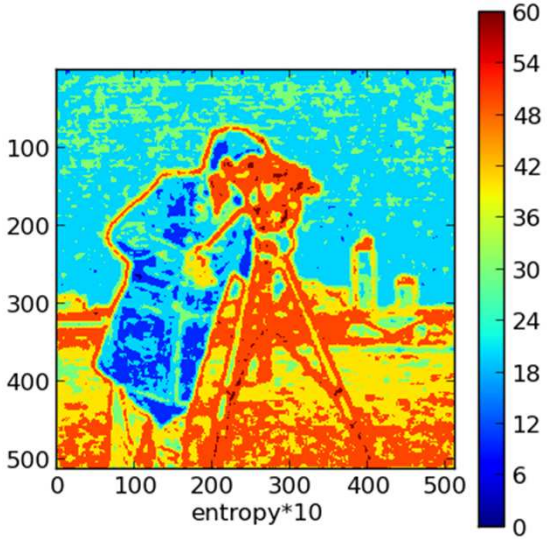
- Segmentation
- Transformation
- Morphology
- Measure
- IO
- Image filtering
- Rank filters
- Feature detection

Example: Entropy determination

```
from skimage import data
from skimage.filter.rank import entropy
from skimage.morphology import disk
from skimage.util import img_as_ubyte


# defining a 8- and a 16-bit test images
a8 = img_as_ubyte(data.camera())
a16 = a8.astype(np.uint16) * 4
```





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itom Plugin System

- Plugins extend the basic functionalities of **itom**. Each plugin is a C++ library (.dll, .so)
- Every Plugin implements one of three basic interface classes (*DataIO, Actuator, Algorithm*)
- Plugins (e.g. camera, motor stages…) can be instantiated from Python or directly through the itom GUI

DataIO	Actuator	Algorithm
• Cameras • A/D-Converters • Serial Bus	• Motors • Multi-Axes Machines	• Algorithms • Data Filters • Complex GUIs

Interface “dataIO + Grabber”

Primary functionality

- getParam(..) → read a parameter
- setParam(..) → set a parameter
- startDevice() → start camera
- stopDevice() → stop camera
- acquire() → take a picture
- getVal(..) / copyVal(..) → load image from camera into itom/Python
- …

Implementations

- Standard-USB Cameras
- CMU1394
- PCO Pixelfly
- PCO Camera Interface
- Vistek GigE
- Ximea (USB3)
- PMD Camera (Lynkeus)
- Allied Vision (Firewire)
- Dummy-Camera

Live images from the camera can be displayed in separate windows or integrated into custom GUIs

Interface “actuator”

Primary Functionality

- getParam(..) → read Parameter
- setParam(..) → set Parameter
- getStatus(..) → get status per axis
- getPos(..) → read current position
- setPosAbs/Rel() → move to position
- …

Implementations

- Leica MZ12xx Actuator
- USB Motion 3XIII
- Uhl-Actuator (x,y,z)
- Galil DMC2123
- PI Piezo Controller (various)
- PI-Hexapod
- Dummy-Motor
- Piezosysteme Jena Actuator
- CF30 Piezo Controller

Signals about position and status of the actuator can be linked to and processed by the GUI.

Interface “algo”

‚Algo‘ plugins define

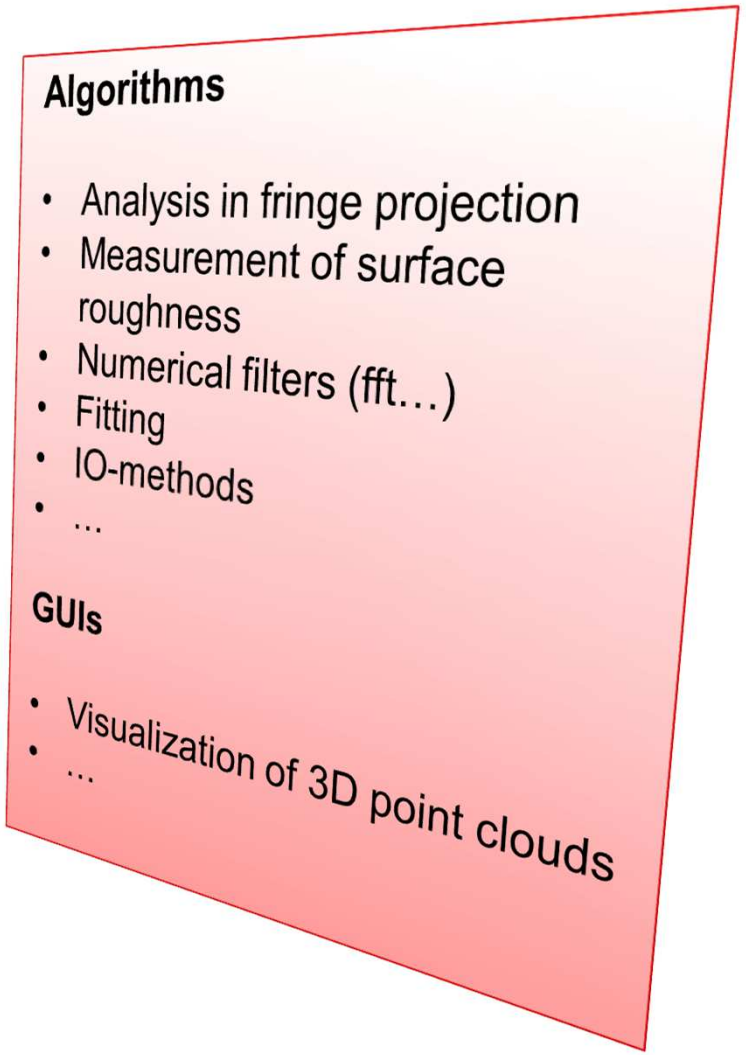
- Numerical algorithms
- GUI elements

Call:

- From a Python script
- By other plugins

Each method is defined by :

- Mandatory parameters (Type, description…)
- Optional parameters
- Return values



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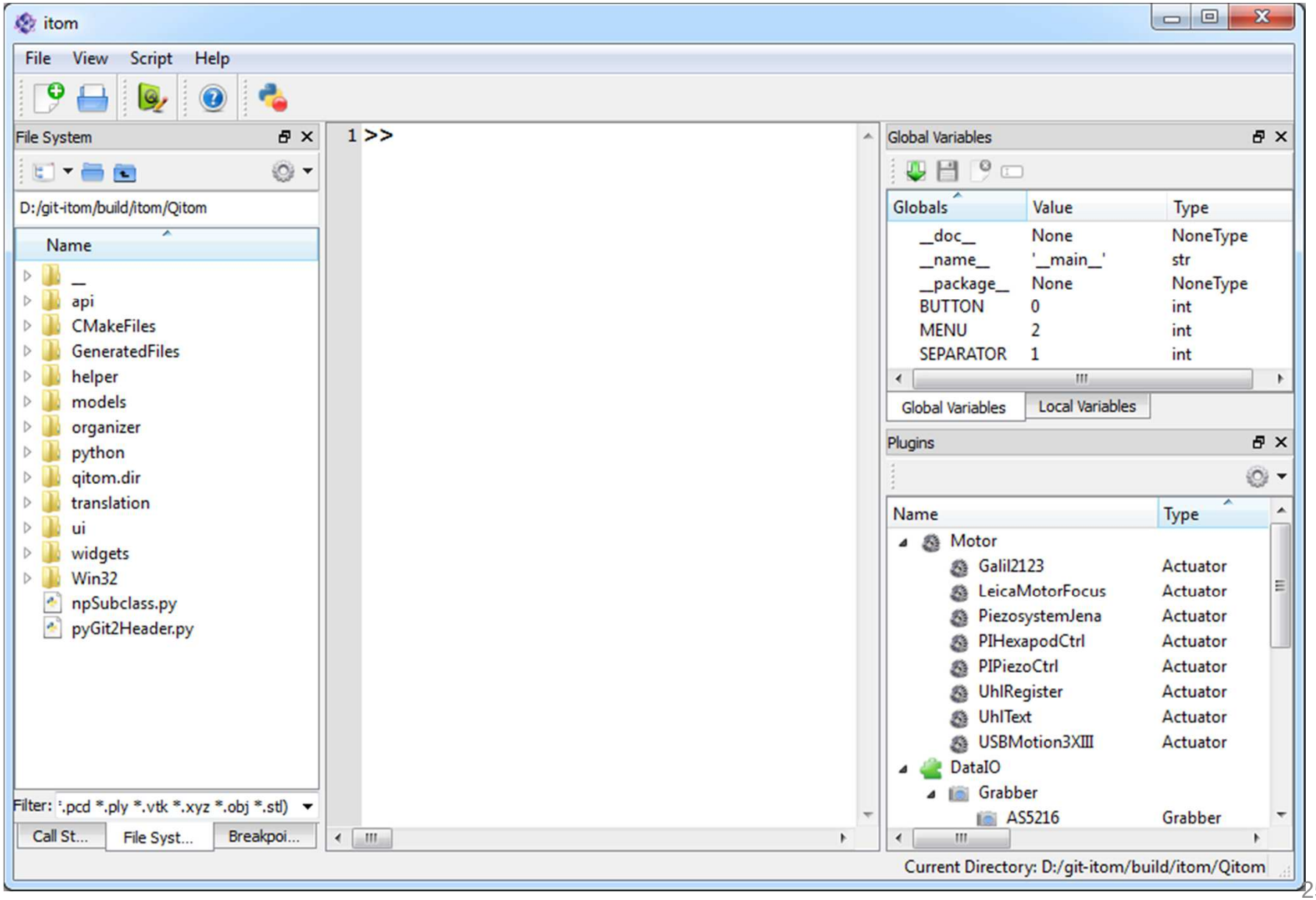
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File View Script Help
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PIHexapodCtrl Actuator
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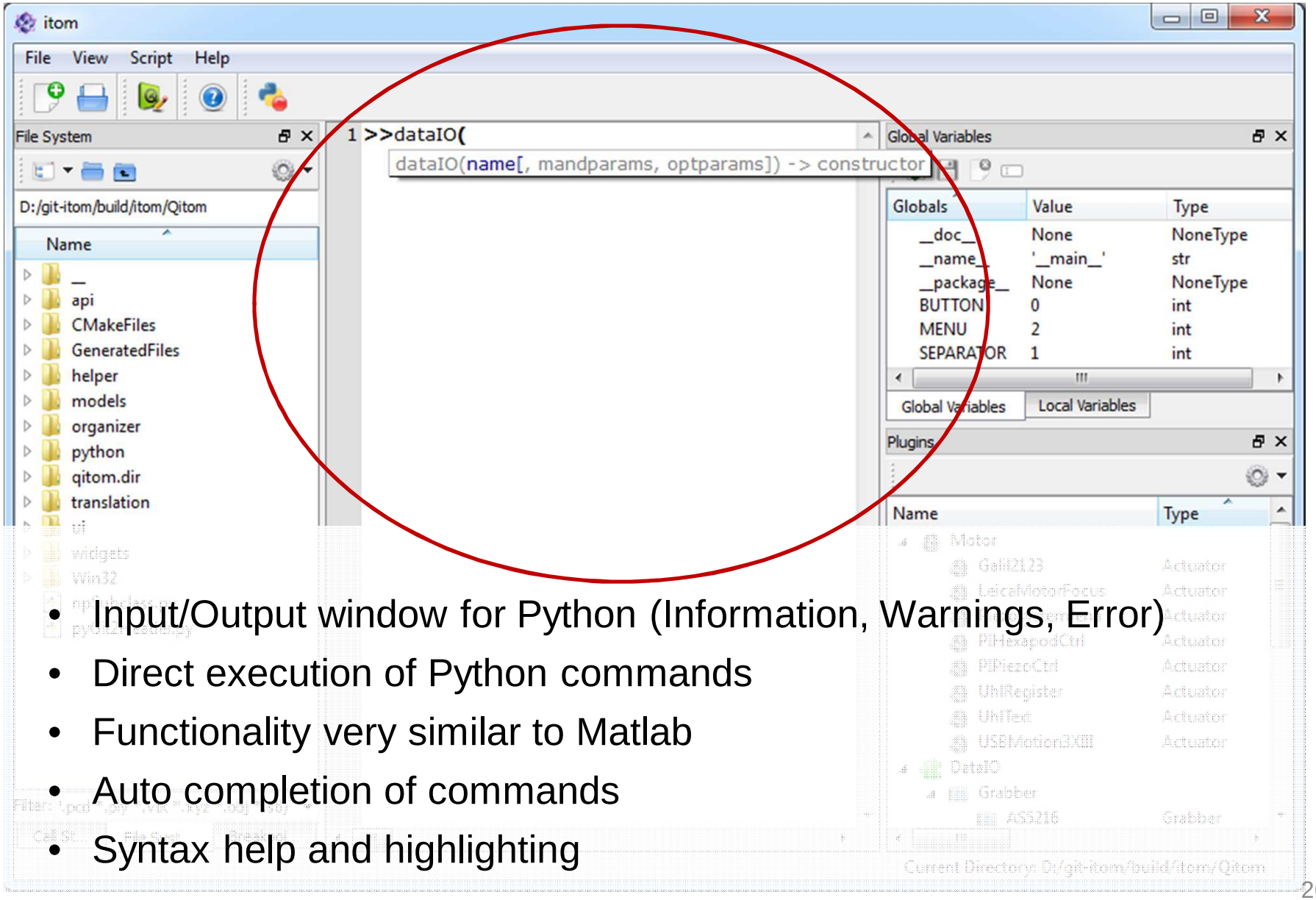
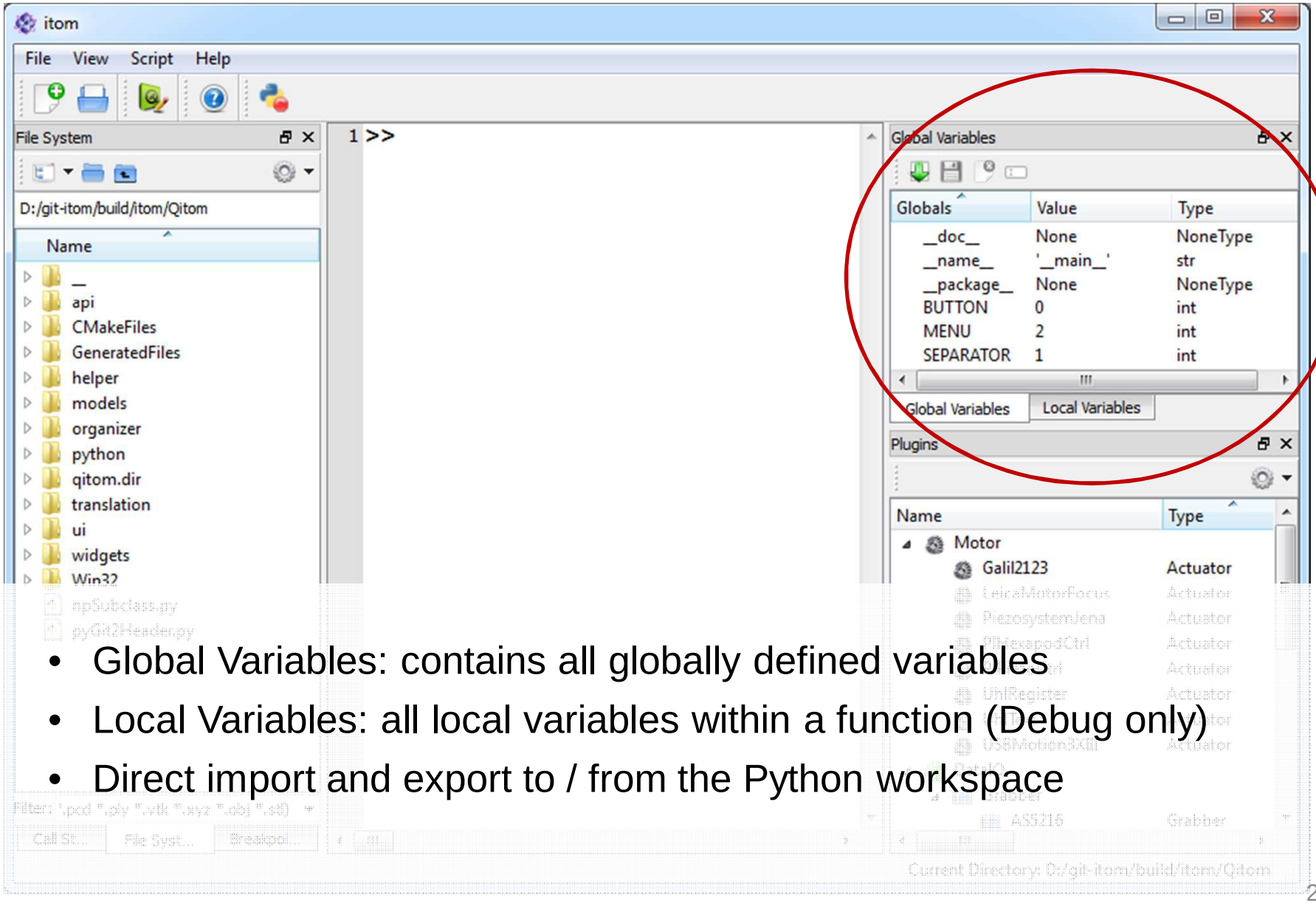
GUI – Command Line



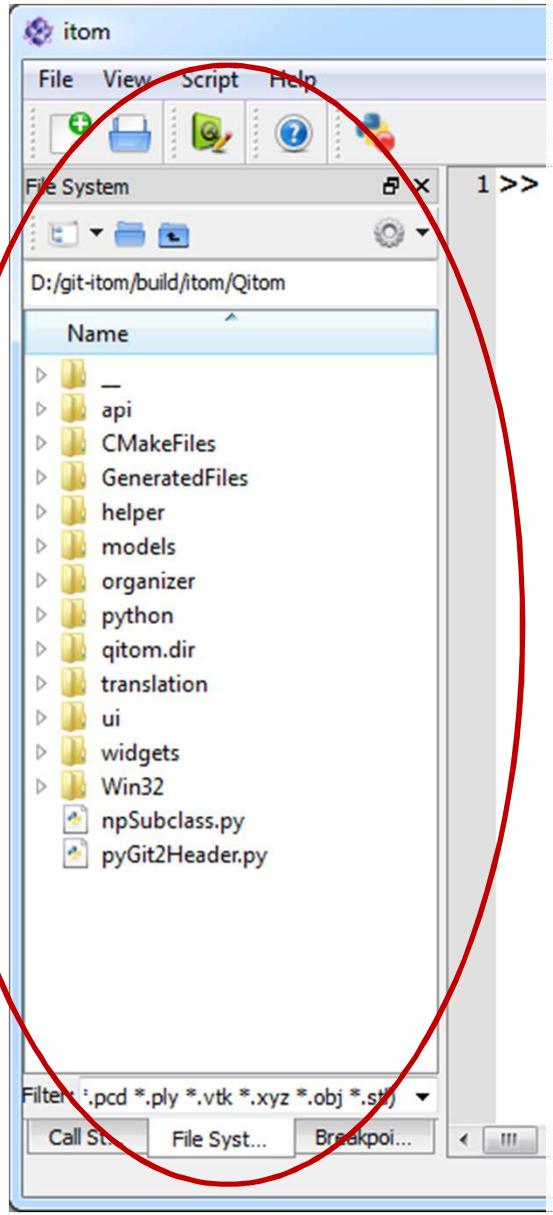
- Input/Output window for Python (Information, Warnings, Error)
- Direct execution of Python commands
- Functionality very similar to Matlab
- Auto completion of commands
- Syntax help and highlighting

GUI - Workspace



- Global Variables: contains all globally defined variables
- Local Variables: all local variables within a function (Debug only)
- Direct import and export to / from the Python workspace

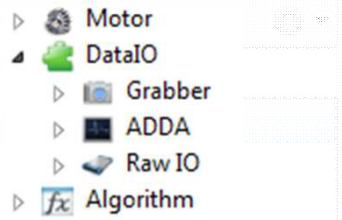
GUI – File System



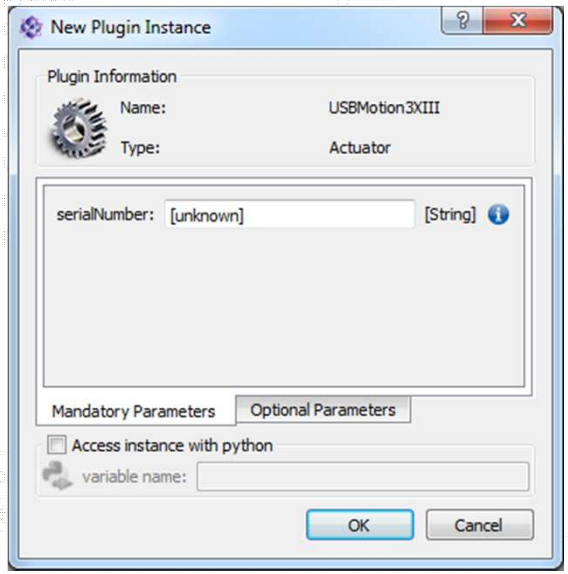
- Access and administration of all scripts and files that can be opened in *itom*
- The default main directory is the current working directory (similar to Matlab)
- Double click on a .py Python script will open it in the scripting window
- Double click on supported file types will load them into workspace

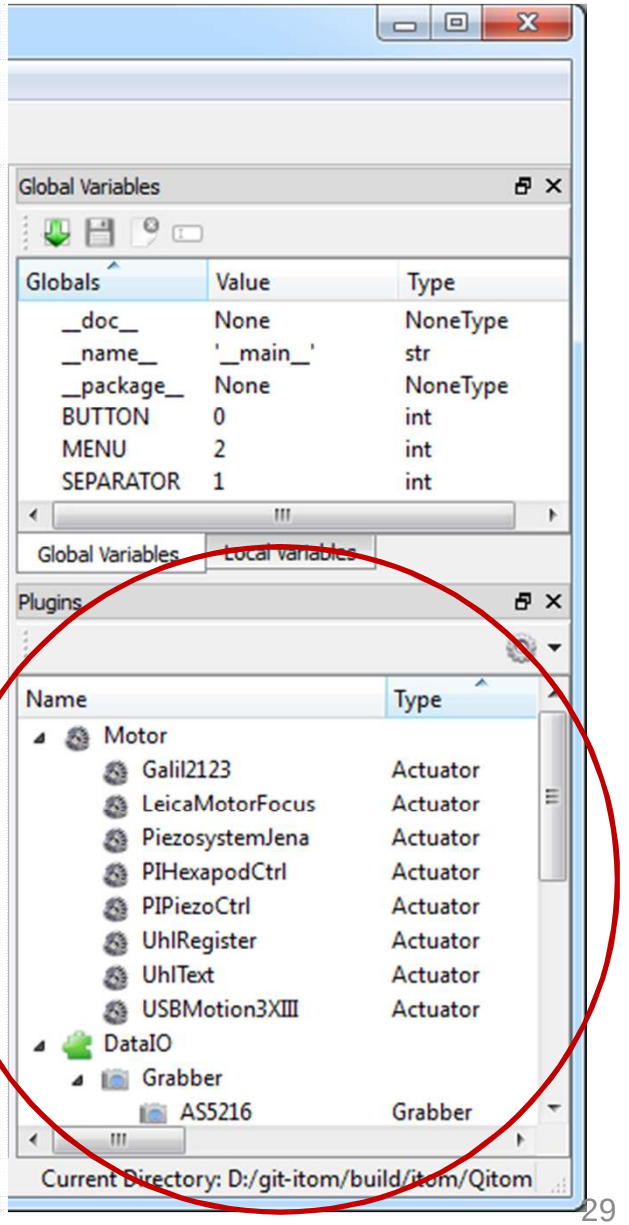
GUI – Plugins

- List of all available Plugins
- Sorted by category

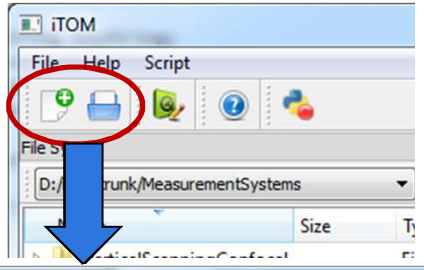


- Allows direct instantiation of hardware plugins

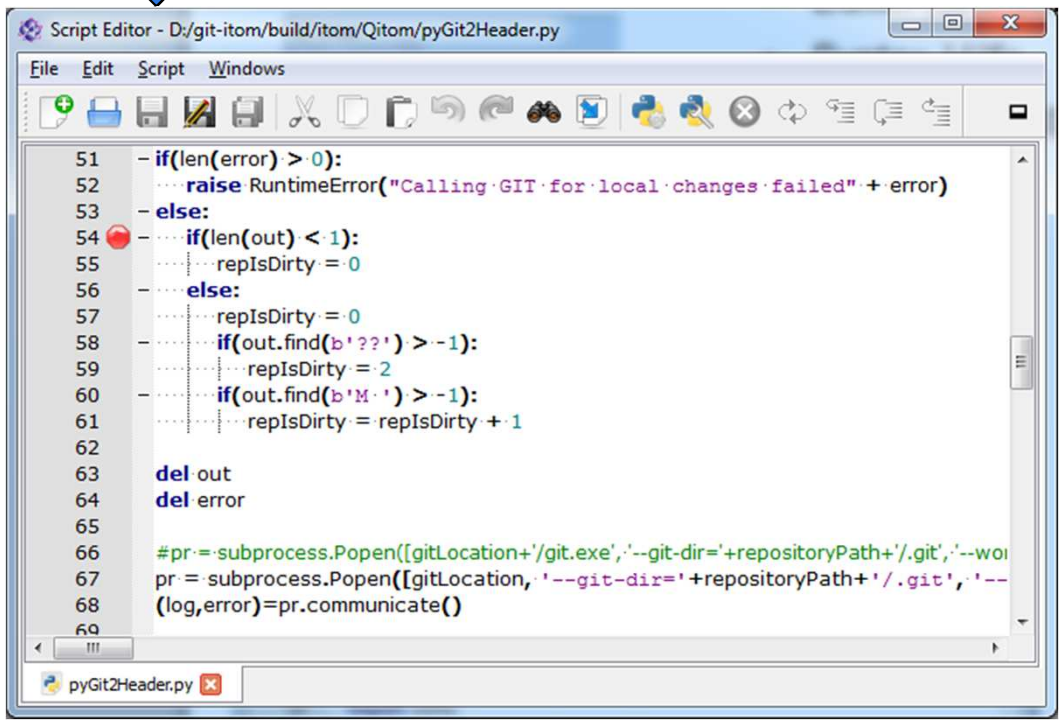




Scripting window



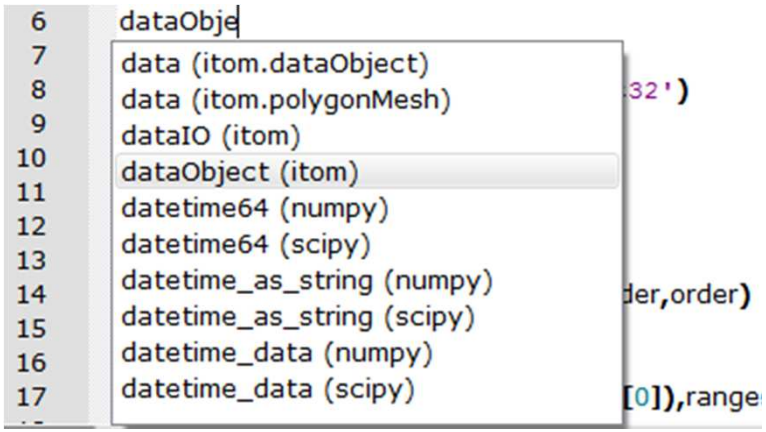
- Editor for Python scripts
- Syntax help and highlighting
- Auto completion



- Standard editor functionality
- Tabbing of multiple scripts
- Dockable into the main GUI
- Executes Scripts
- Full debugging functionality

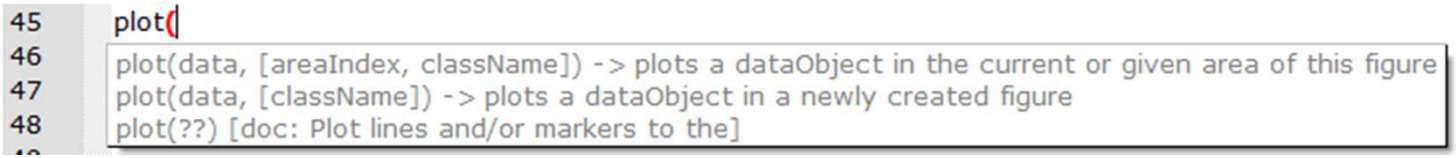
Syntax Help and Auto Completion

- Auto completion
  (selection item with tab-key)

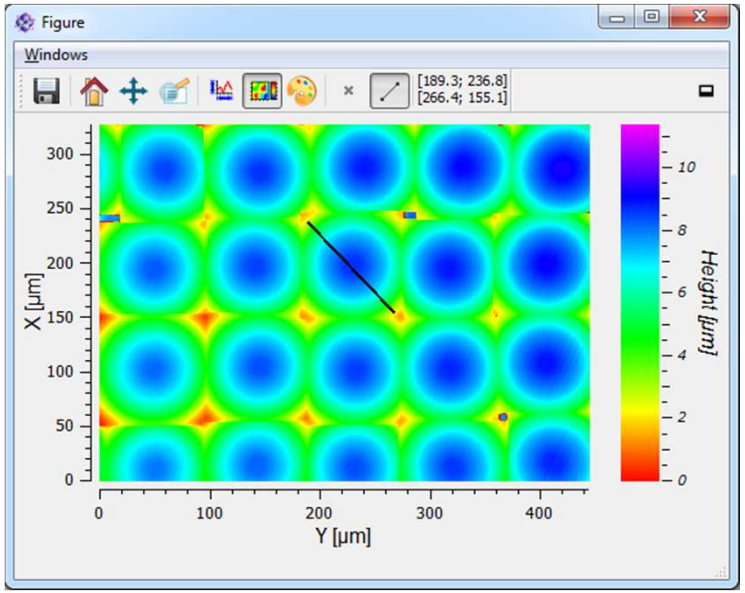


Set various syntax-files (for important Python modules) in itom's property editor in order to enable these features.

- Syntax help

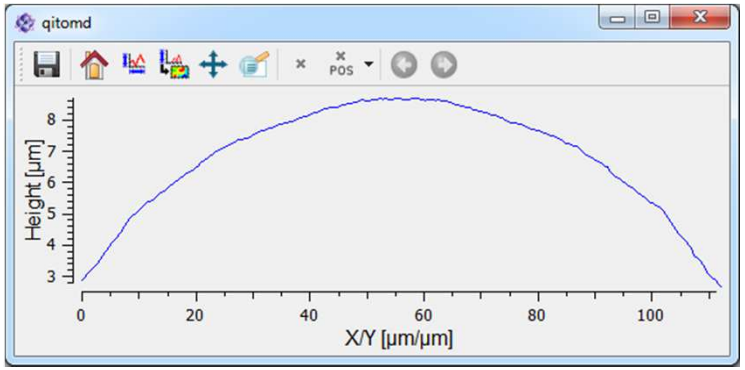


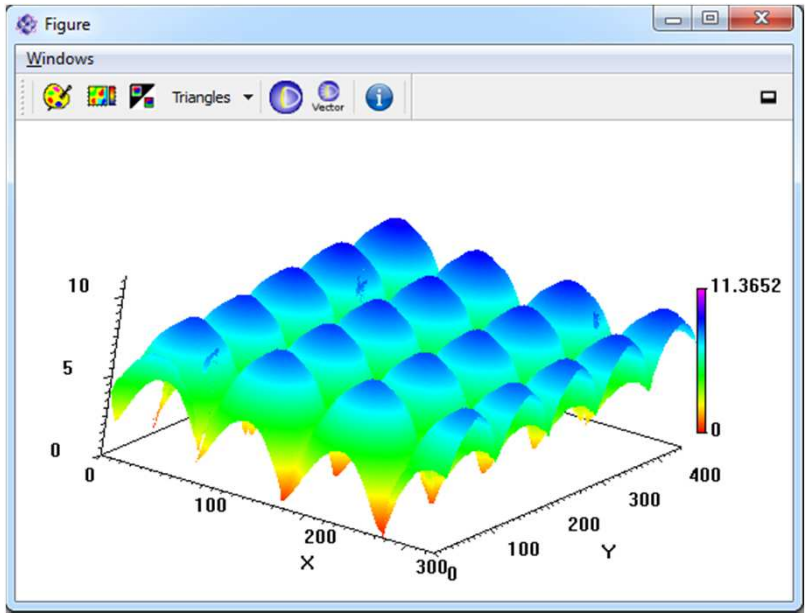
Plots



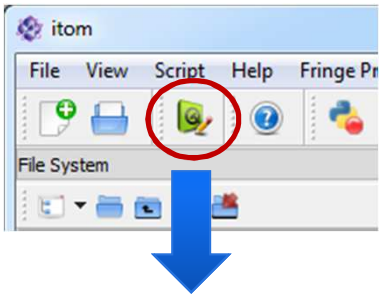
- 1D, 2D, 2.5D plots
- Custom windows can be implemented
- Displayed in
  - A separate window
  - Docked into the main GUI
  - Integrated into a custom GUI

dependent 1D-line plot

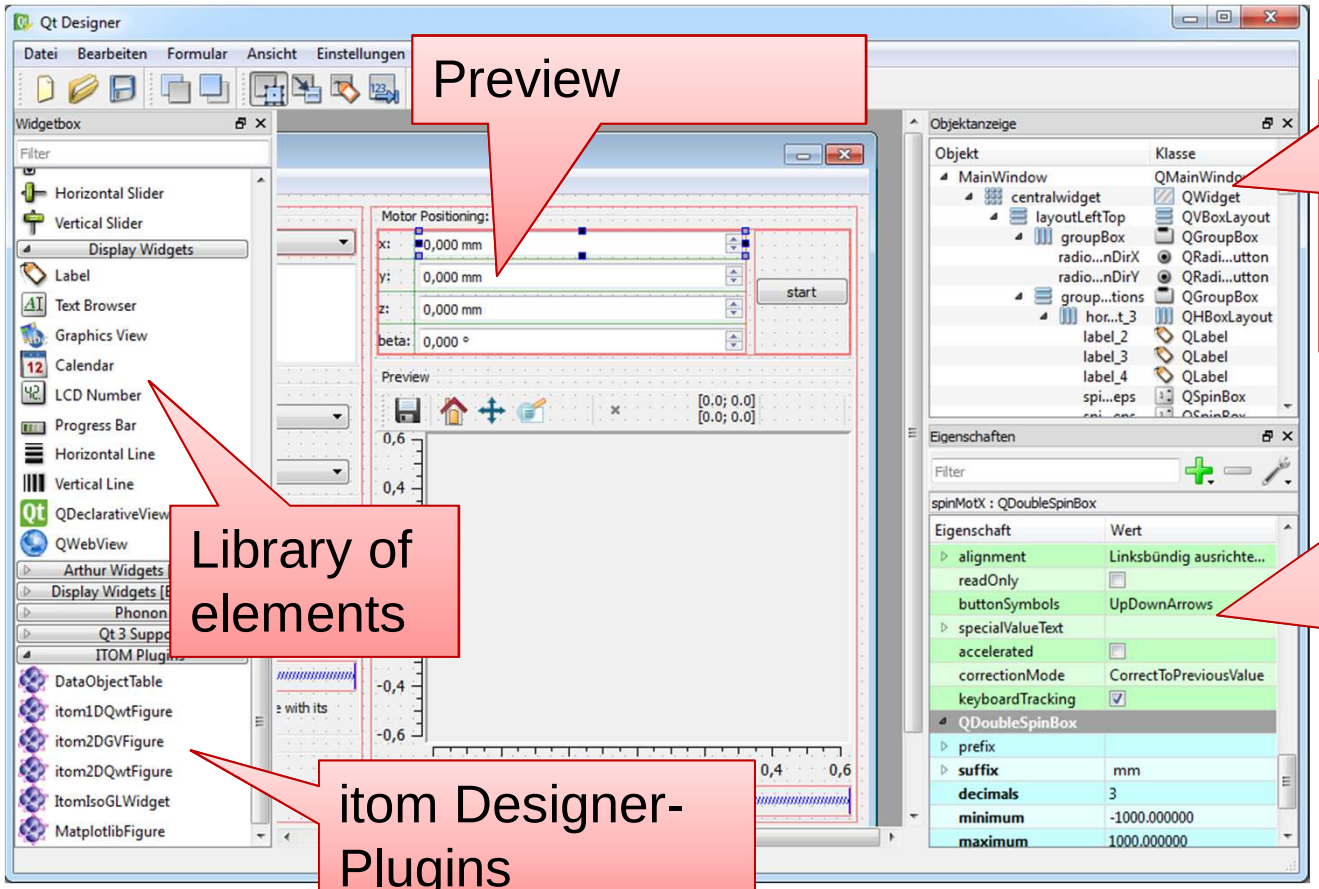




Custom GUIs (Qt Designer)



- Design of custom GUIs in the external Qt Designer WYSIWYG tool (drag&drop).
- Events created by the GUI (button click) can be linked to Python functions



Custom GUIs (Qt Designer)

Dialog design with Qt Designer:

Script logic with python:

1. Access properties

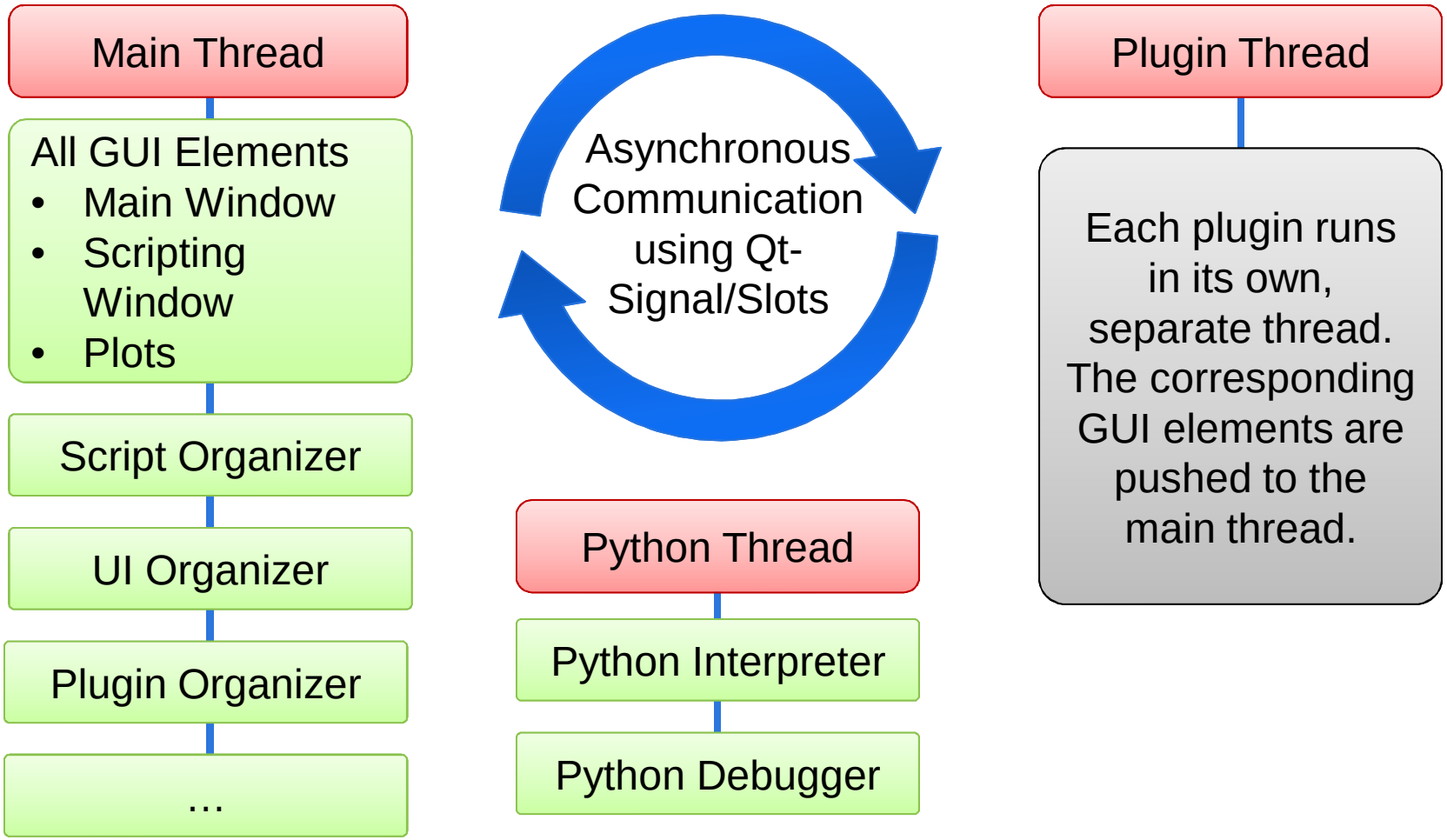
```
gui.btnOk["text"] = "OK"
gui.comboOs.call("addItems", ["Windows","Linux"])
```

2. Connect signals with Python methods

```
def clickMe():
    print("operating system", gui.comboOs["currentText"])

gui.btnOk.connect("clicked()", clickMe)
```

Multithreading



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License

- **itom** (main application) is “Open Source” (**LGPL**)
- **itom-SDK** (resources common to the main application and plugins) are distributed under the **LGPL-licence** + **itom-exception**. The itom exception allow the inclusion and linking of additional components independent of those components licensing against all data included in the SDK.
- **Plugins** can be subject to any (including proprietary) licenses. The ITO offers a number of generic plugins under the **LGPL**.
- **Designer-Plugins** (plots…), similarly, can be subject to any licenses.

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Data Object

Goal:

- Different basic types of data (including complex)
- Processing of large, multi-dimensional data sets (series of images)
- Compatible with Matlab, Numpy, OpenCV

Implementation:

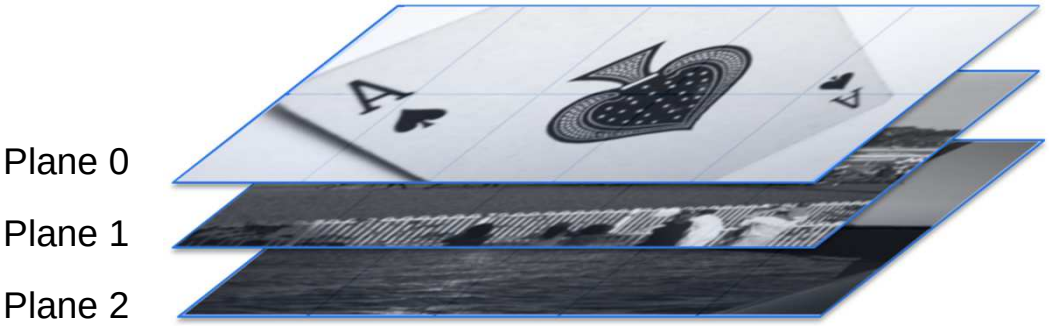
- *DataObject* very similar to OpenCV data structures
- Basic data types supported: *int8, uint8, int16, uint16, int32, uint32, float, double, complex(float), complex(double)*
- *DataObject* supports tags (axes units, descriptions, title…)

Data Storage

Series of 2D-images

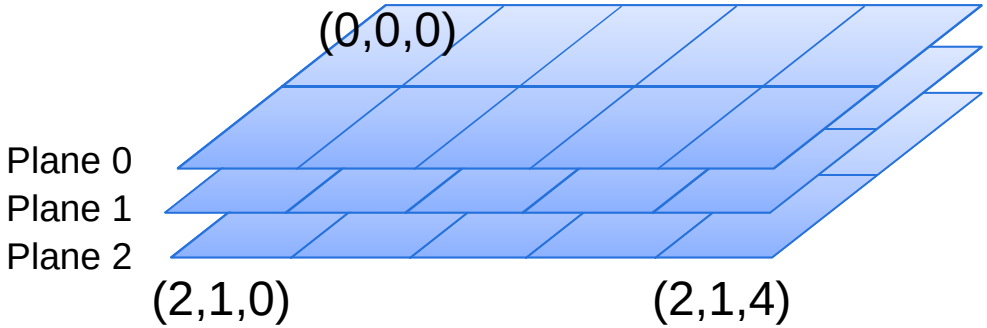


3D data stack

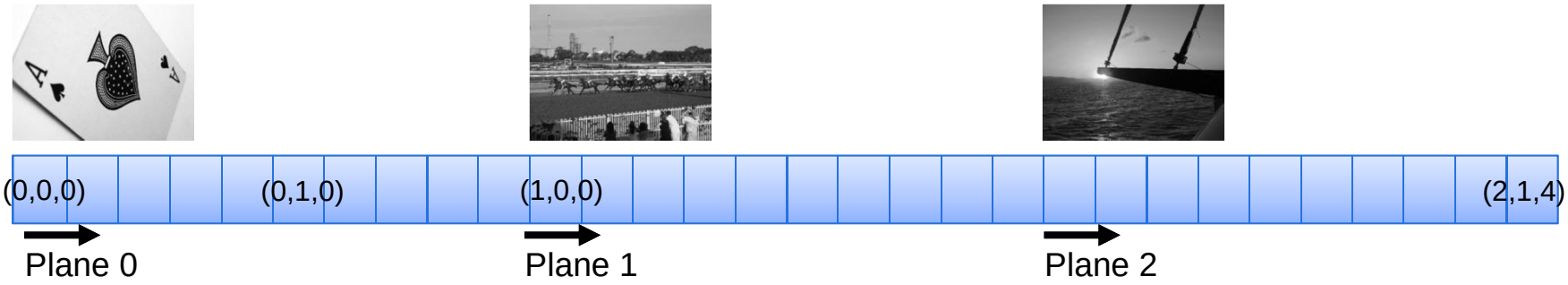


Data Storage

Assume: Series of 2D-images *(3 x 2 x 5)*



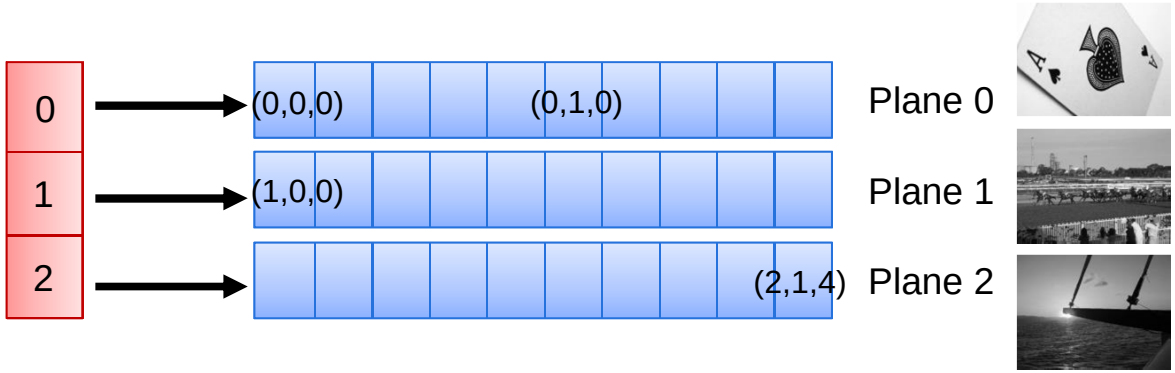
C / Matlab: continuous chunk of memory



+ Uniform, quick and easy access to multi-dimensional arrays
– Memory allocation error for „big“ arrays

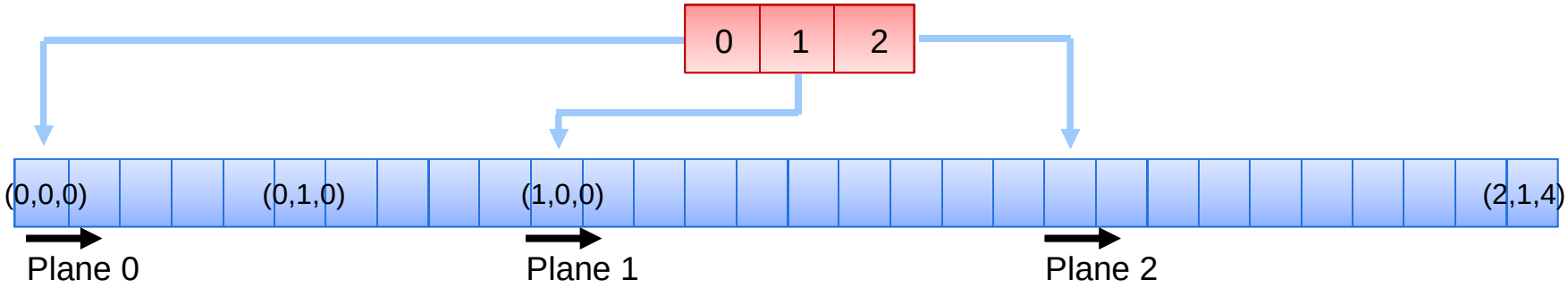
Data Storage

DataObject:



+ Less allocation errors due to distributed chunks of memory
– Slightly more complex access to memory

DataObject (continuous): Compatibility to C-style arrays



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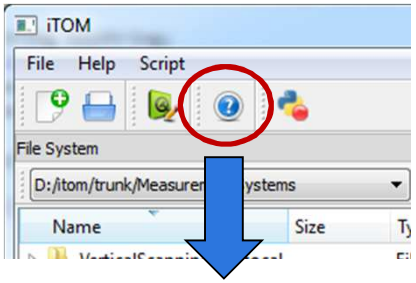
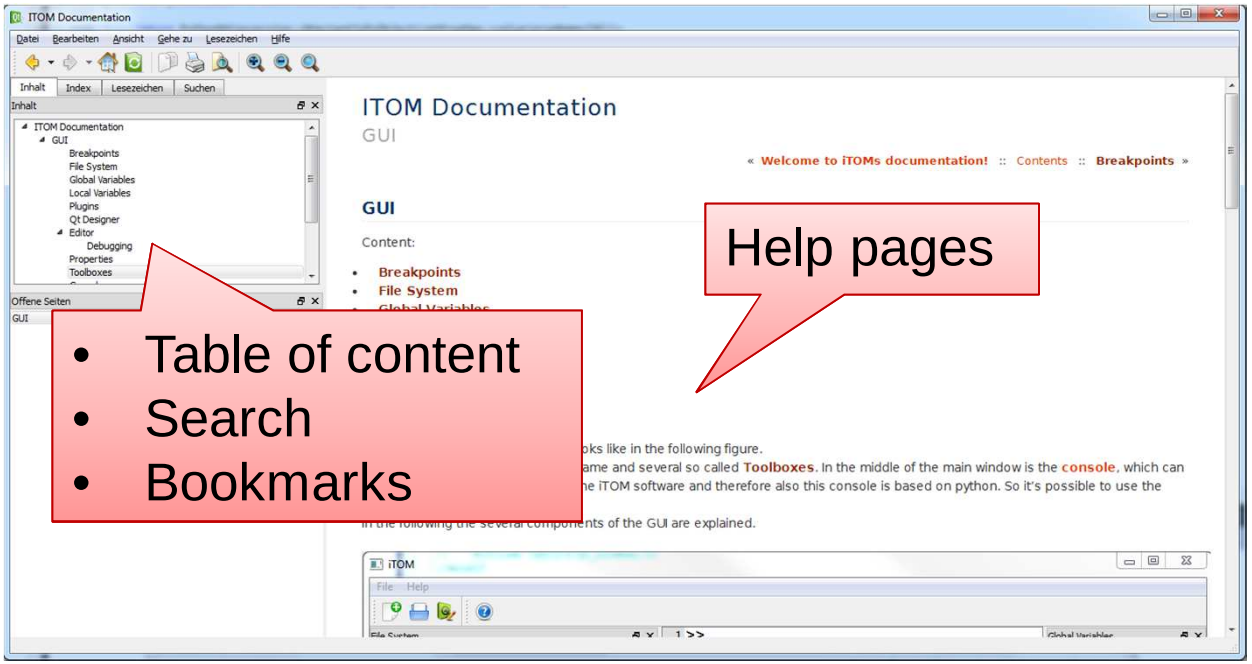
User Documentation



- User documentation displayed with Qt Assistant
- Can be exported to pdf, html…



itom.bitbucket.org/latest/docs

Additional User Help within Python

1. Syntax help and auto completion in the Python editor

2. Customizable, context sensitive syntax highlighting

3. Python-internal help system using the command *help(…)*

4. Additional information and help about available plugins or algorithms using the commands
   pluginHelp(…),
   filterHelp(…),
   widgetHelp(…)

```
>>liveImage(
    liveImage(dataIO) -> shows camera image in a live window
```

```
#comment
import sys

def method(arguments):
    '''description of method'''
    if(2==1):
        print("crazy")
    else:
        print("alright")
```

```
>>help(plot)
Help on built-in function plot in module itom:

plot(...)
    plot(dataObject) -> realizes a 2,5D realization in
        a new figure window.
    Parameters:
    - 'dataObject' is the data object whose region
        of interest should be two-dimensional
```

```
>>pluginHelp("PCOPixelFly")

NAME:       PCOPixelFly
TYPE:       DataIO
VERSION:    0
AUTHOR:     ITO
INFO:       Developed for Windows only. Tested with PixelFlyQE.

DETAILS:


INITIALISATION PARAMETERS:
  Initialisation function has no mandatory parameters

 Optional parameters:
0     Board Number          int                 value: 0    min: 0
1     restoreLast           int                 value: 0    min: 0
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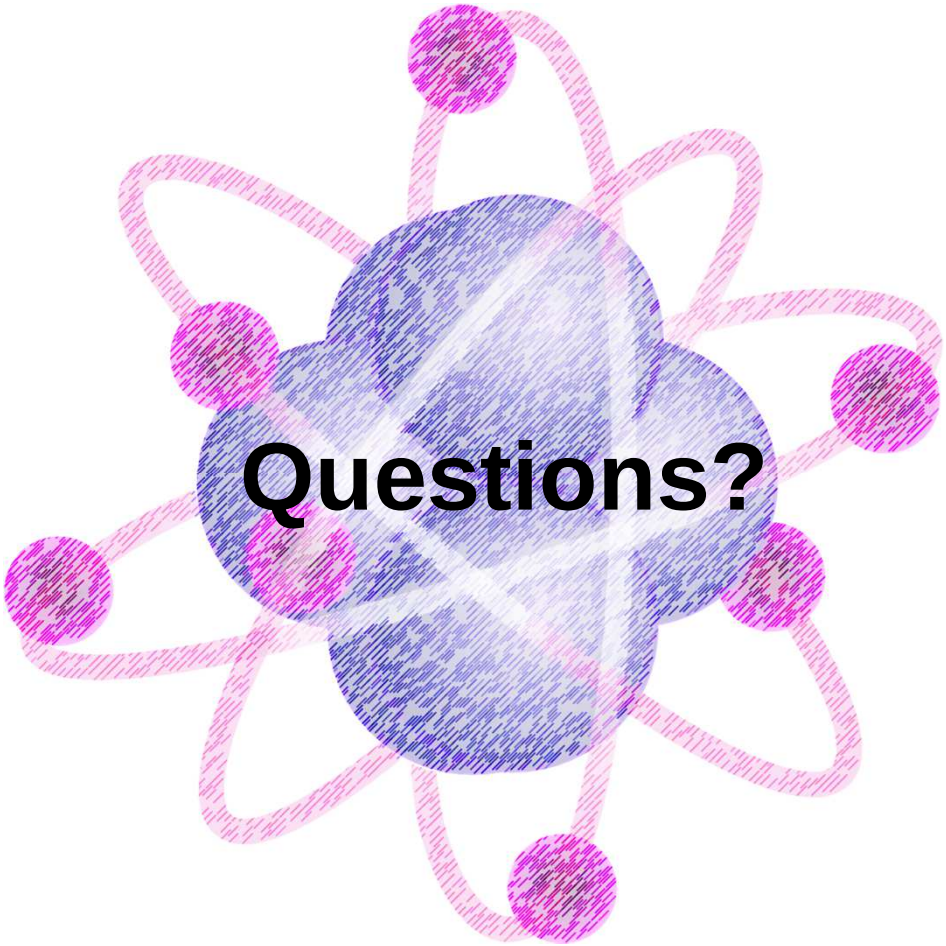
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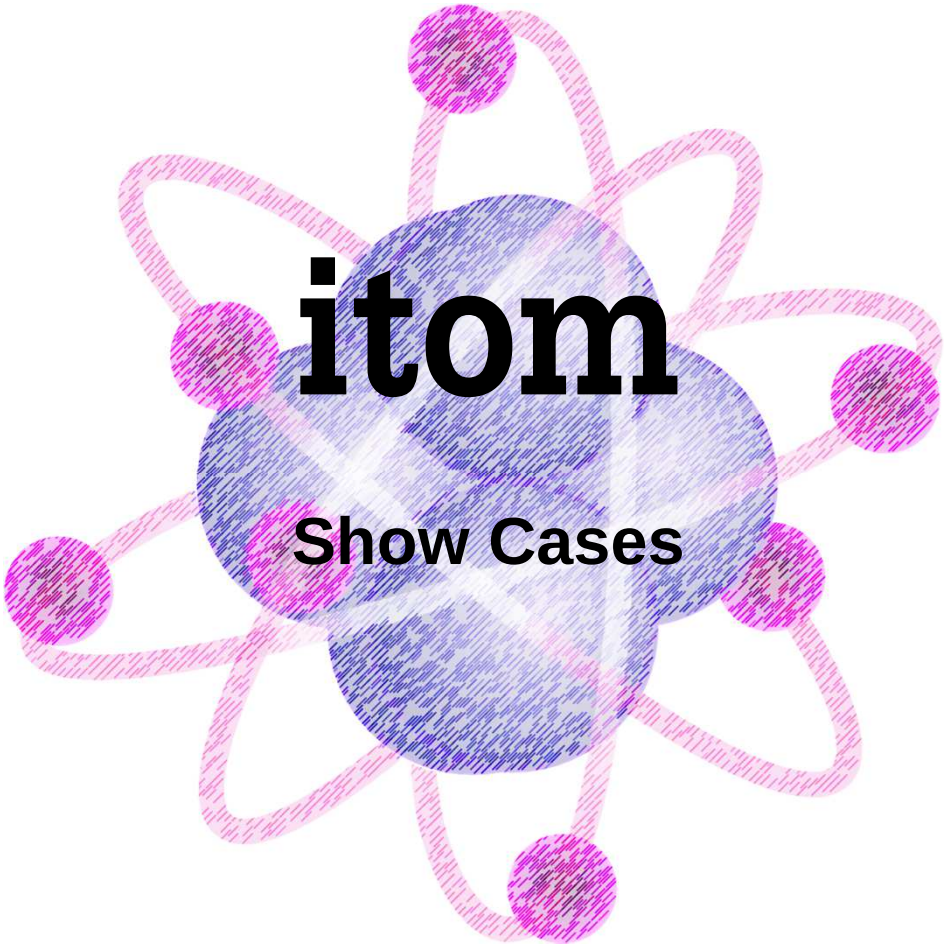

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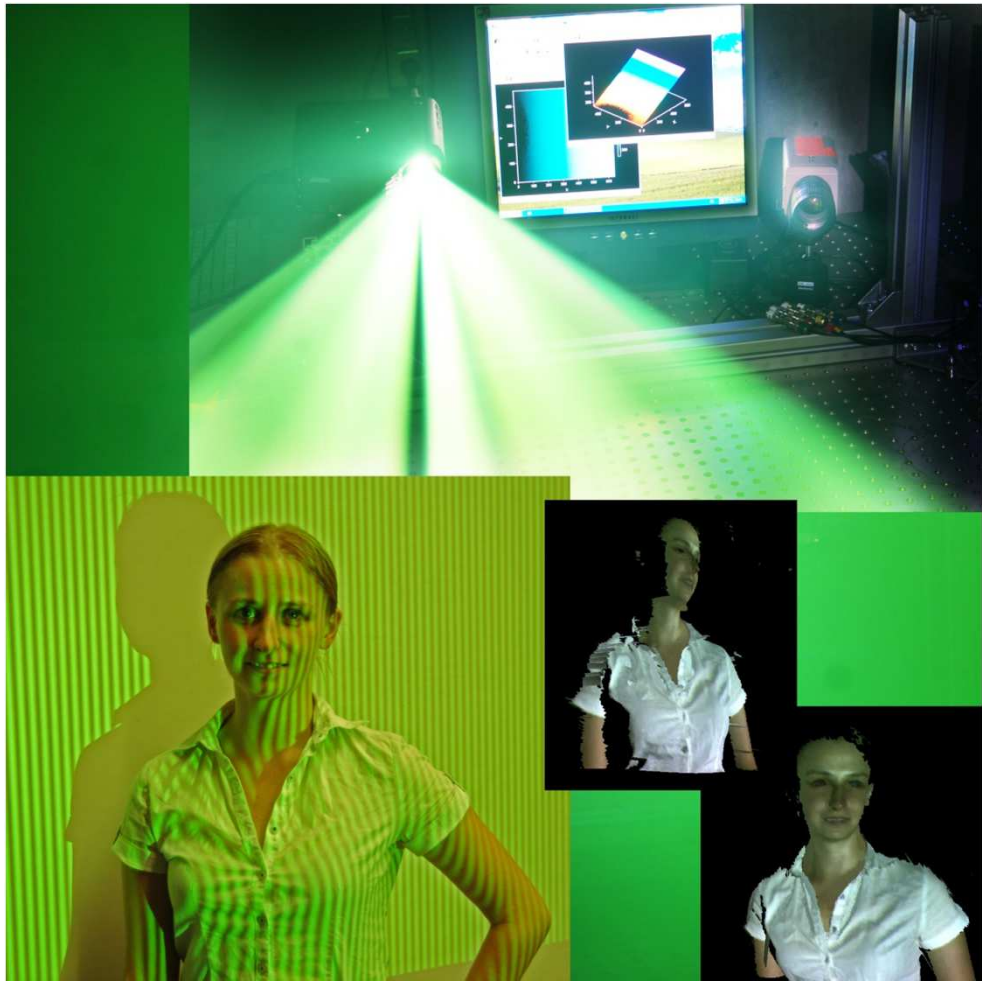
Show Cases

Show-Case I: Fringe Projection

Situation

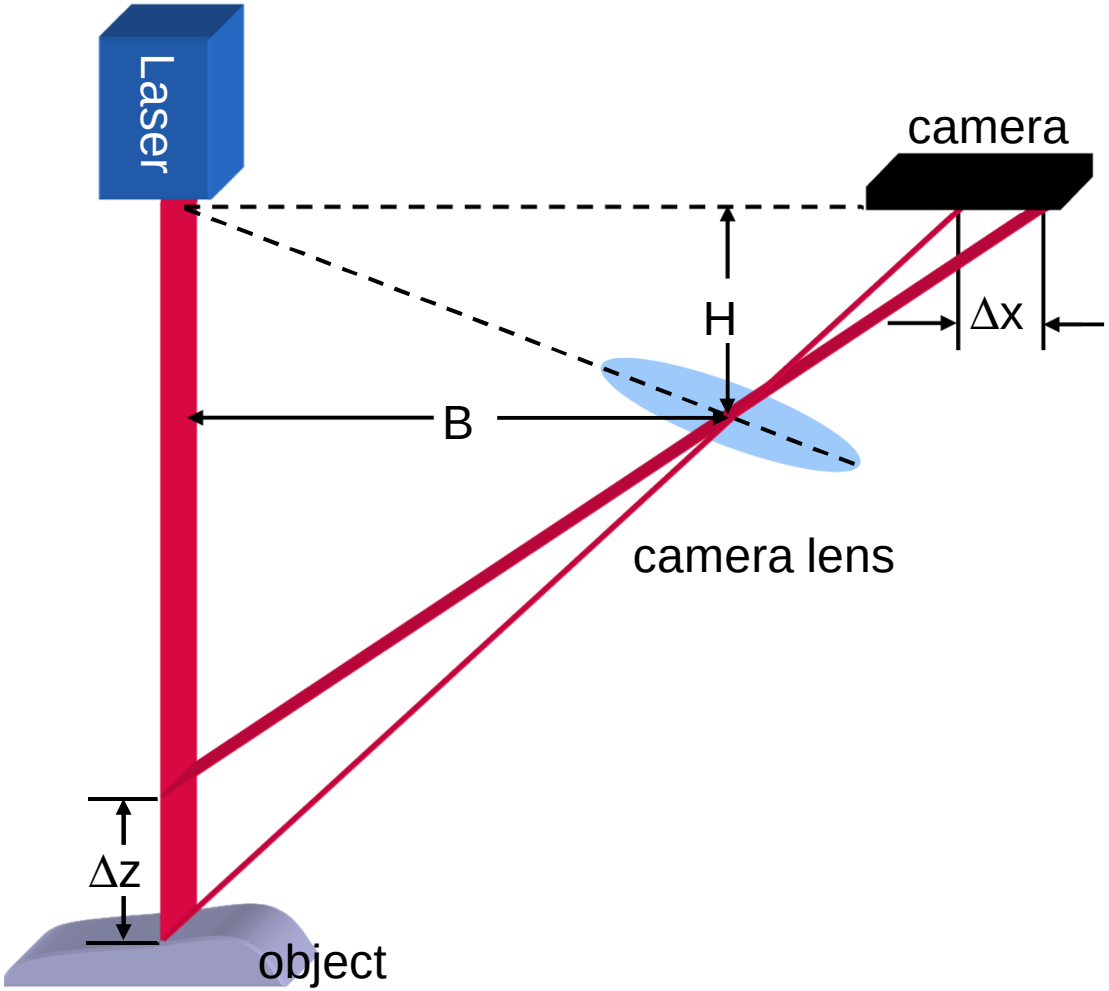
A flexible fringe projection setup (structured light) for student projects and public presentation is been developed

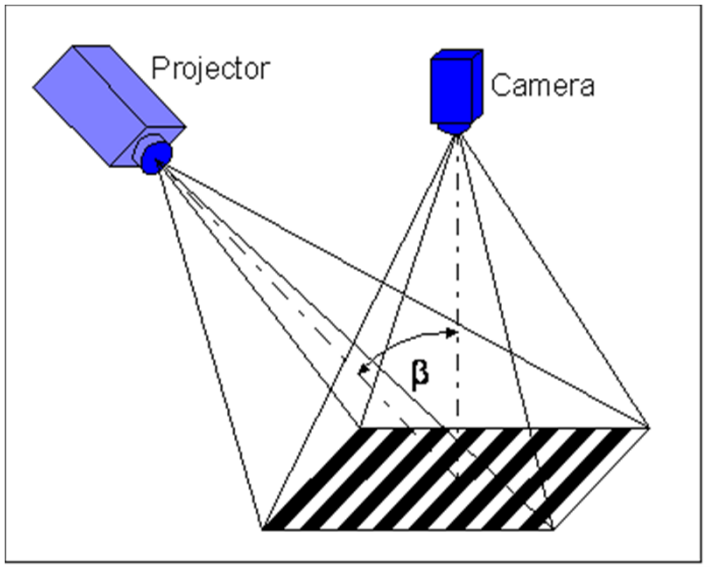


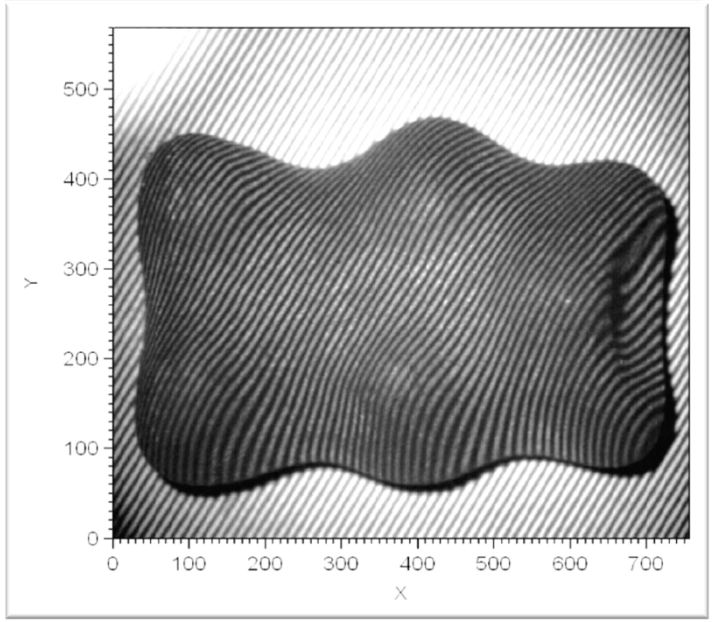
Objective

- Provide a GUI for such a system to demonstrate the function
- Allow students to run batch processes for system characterization
- Provide flexibility to change between several evaluation or calibration methods and hardware components.

Show-Case I: Triangulation



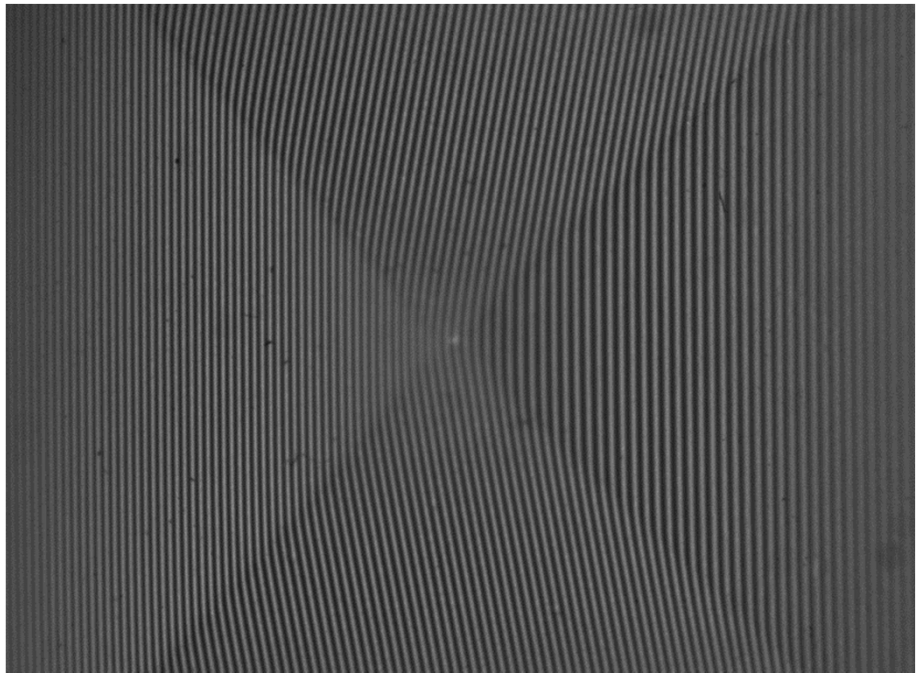




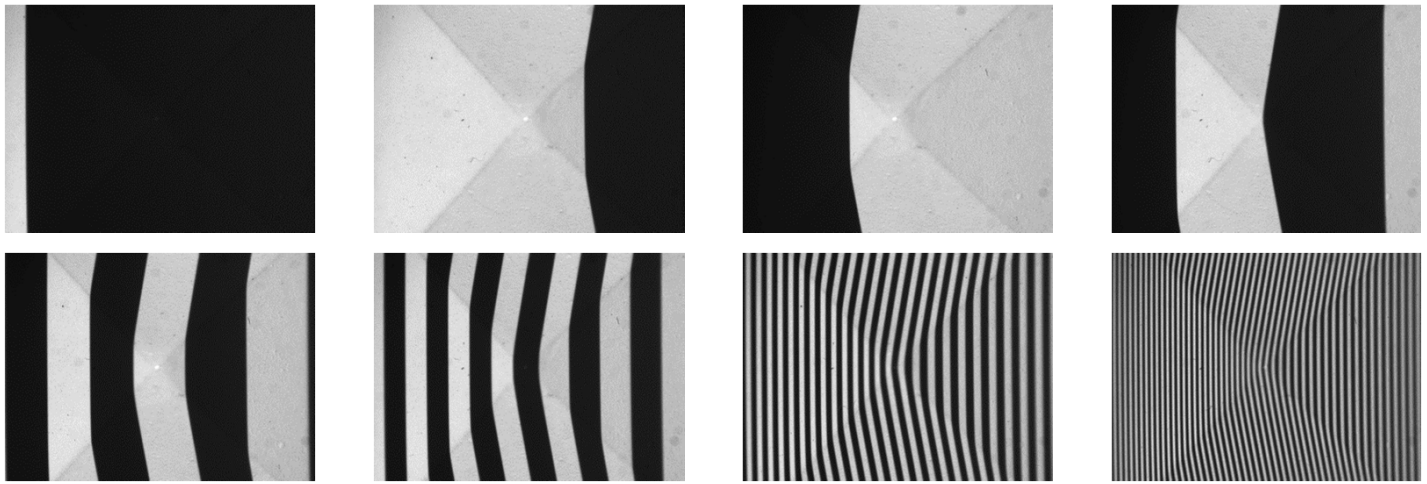
Show-Case I: Structured Illumination

LCOS-Display or
DMD-Projector

Cosine-fringes (mod 2PI)



Grey-Code → absolute coding



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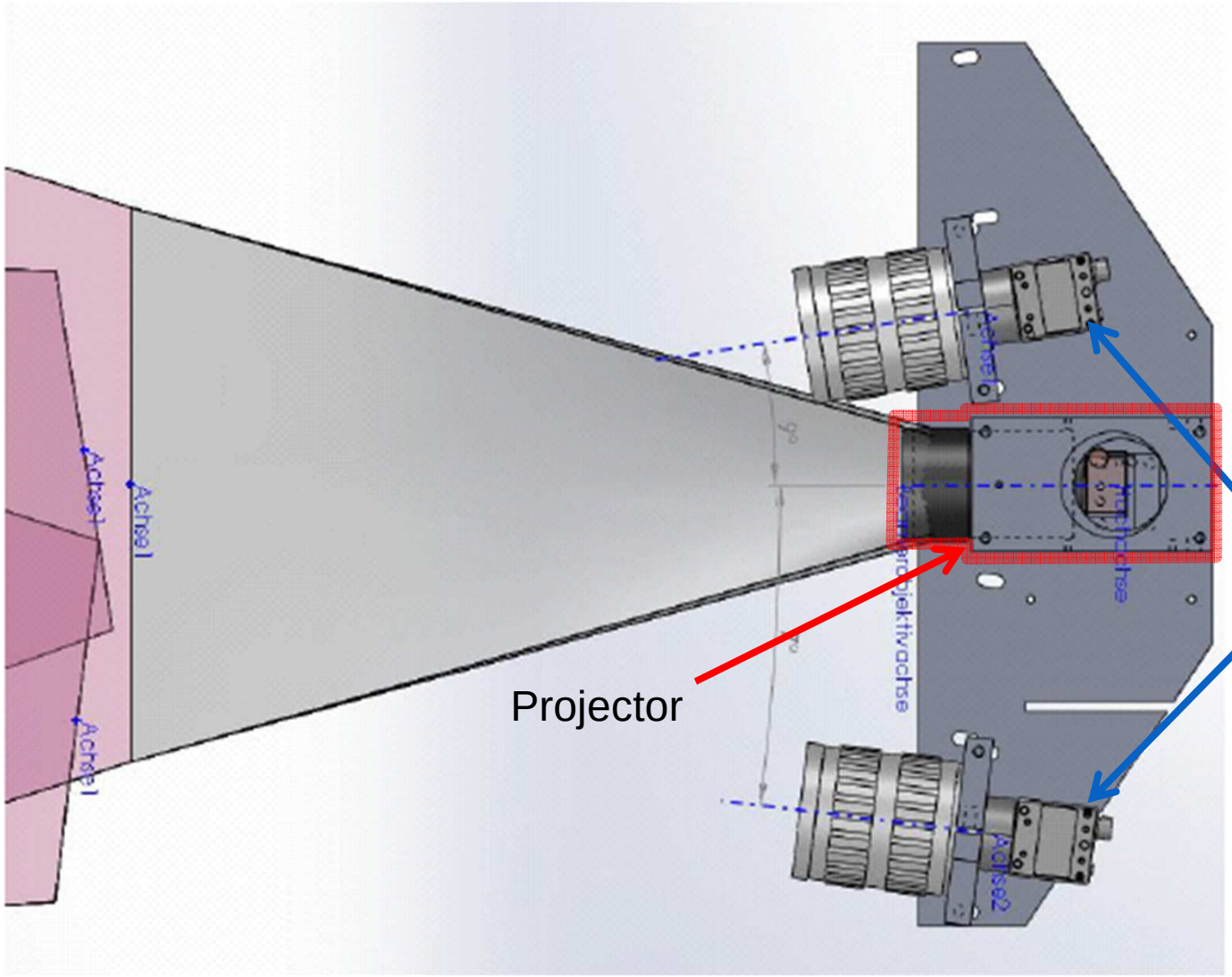


Show-Case II: MacroSim

Situation

- An open source GPU based ray-tracing tool has been developed at ITO
- The native tool is command-line based

Objective

- Provide a GUI for MacroSim in order to simplify the creation of new scenes and execute simulations
- For the future it should be possible to run both the real setup and its corresponding simulation with the same tool.

Show-Case II: MacroSim

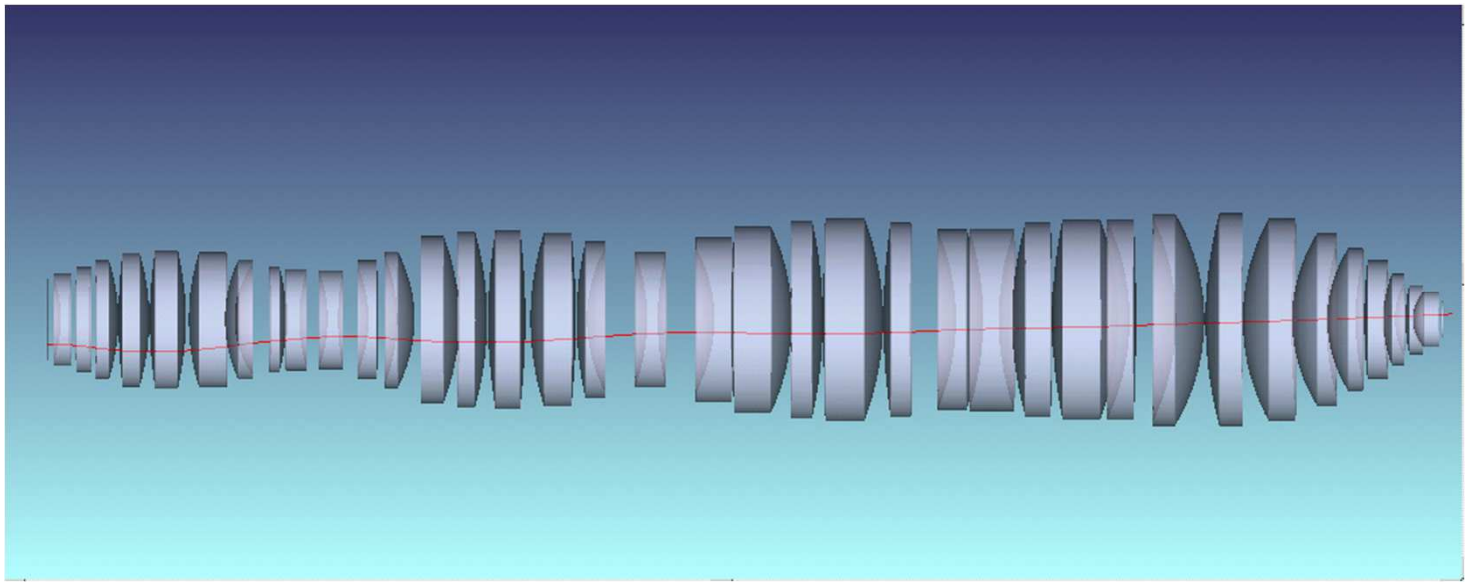
Solution

- Create an **itom** software plugin that provides its own GUI and communicates with the tool **MacroSim**

- ✓ MacroSim can use functionalities contained in itom
- ✓ Tracer can also be started by Python
- ✓ Batch execution possible using appropriate Python script
- ✓ Results of tracer are available in itom

Raytracing: A versatile tool

Raytracing is perfectly linear

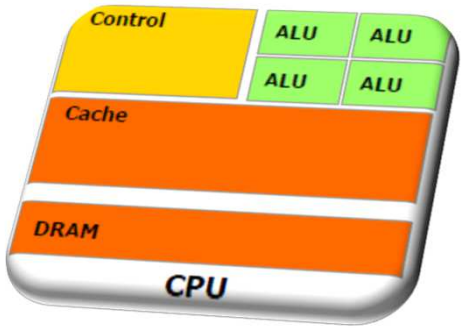


→ Raytracing is perfectly parallelizable

Modell adaptiert von US Patent Publication US 6522484 B1, K-H Schuster, Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung, (1999)

Parallelization of Raytracing

- **CPU-Parallelization**
- very flexible
- straightforward implementation
- More than 4 cores quickly become expensive



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- Restriction to Thread Coherence
- Specific Implementation
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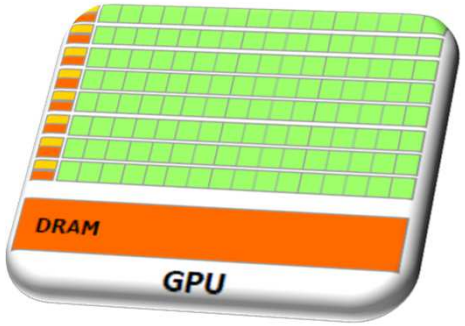

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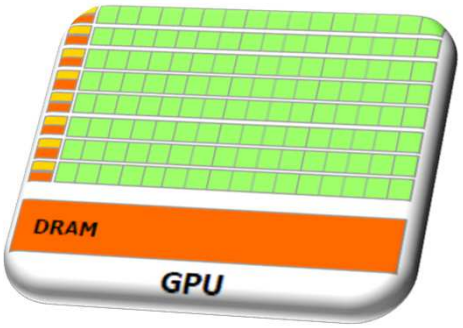

- **GPU accelerated Tool: MacroSim**

- Based on nVidia® OptiX™ acceleration engine
- Plugin to ITOs itom software
- imports glass catalog from Zemax®
- Published under GPL at https://bitbucket.org/itom/macrosim
- „An open source GPU-accelerated ray tracer for optical simulation“, submitted for publication to Optical Engineering.

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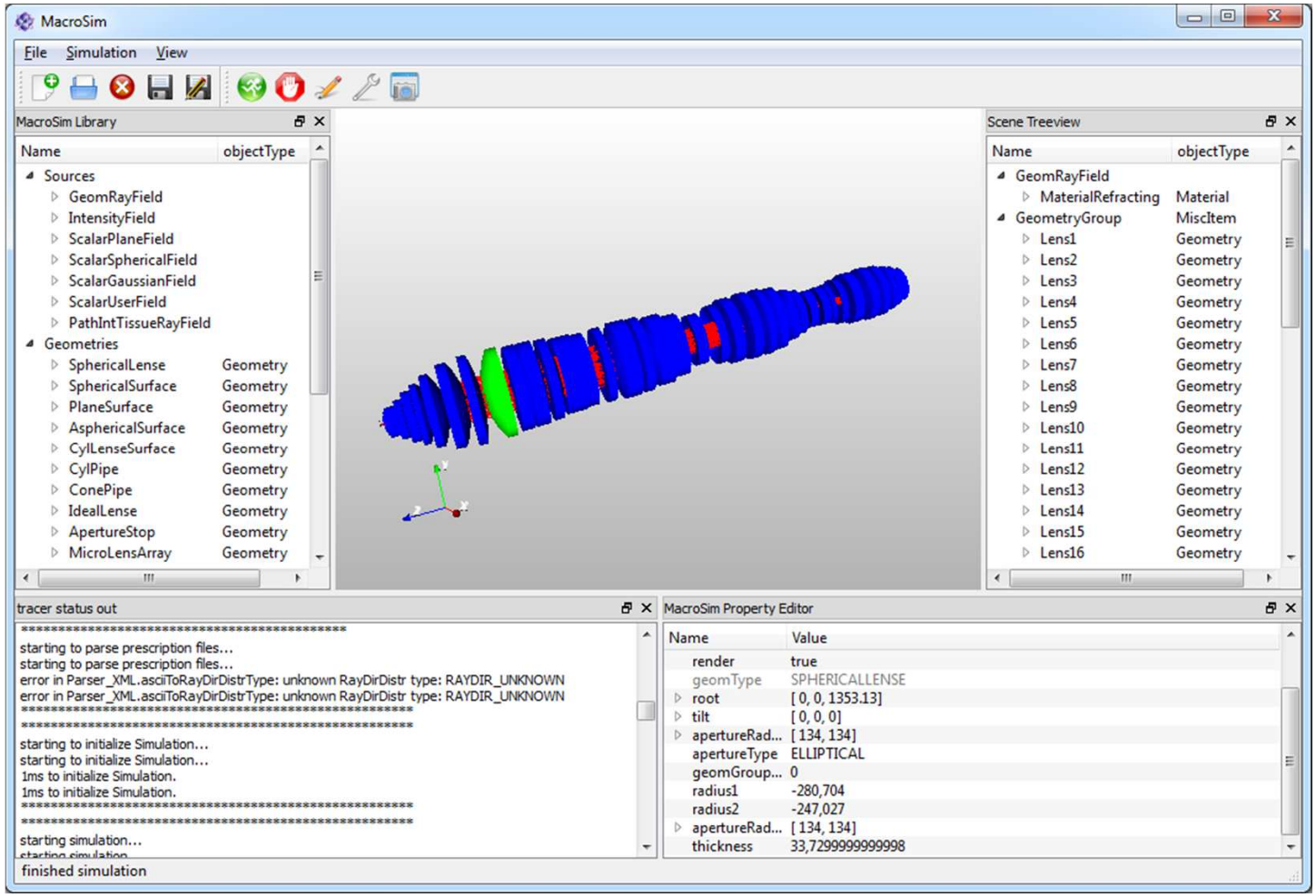
Parallelization of Raytracing

- MacroSim
  - simConfPointSensor
  - runSimulation
  - MacroSim_MainWin

MacroSim Plugins contains one GUI and some callable functions



Interaction with itom

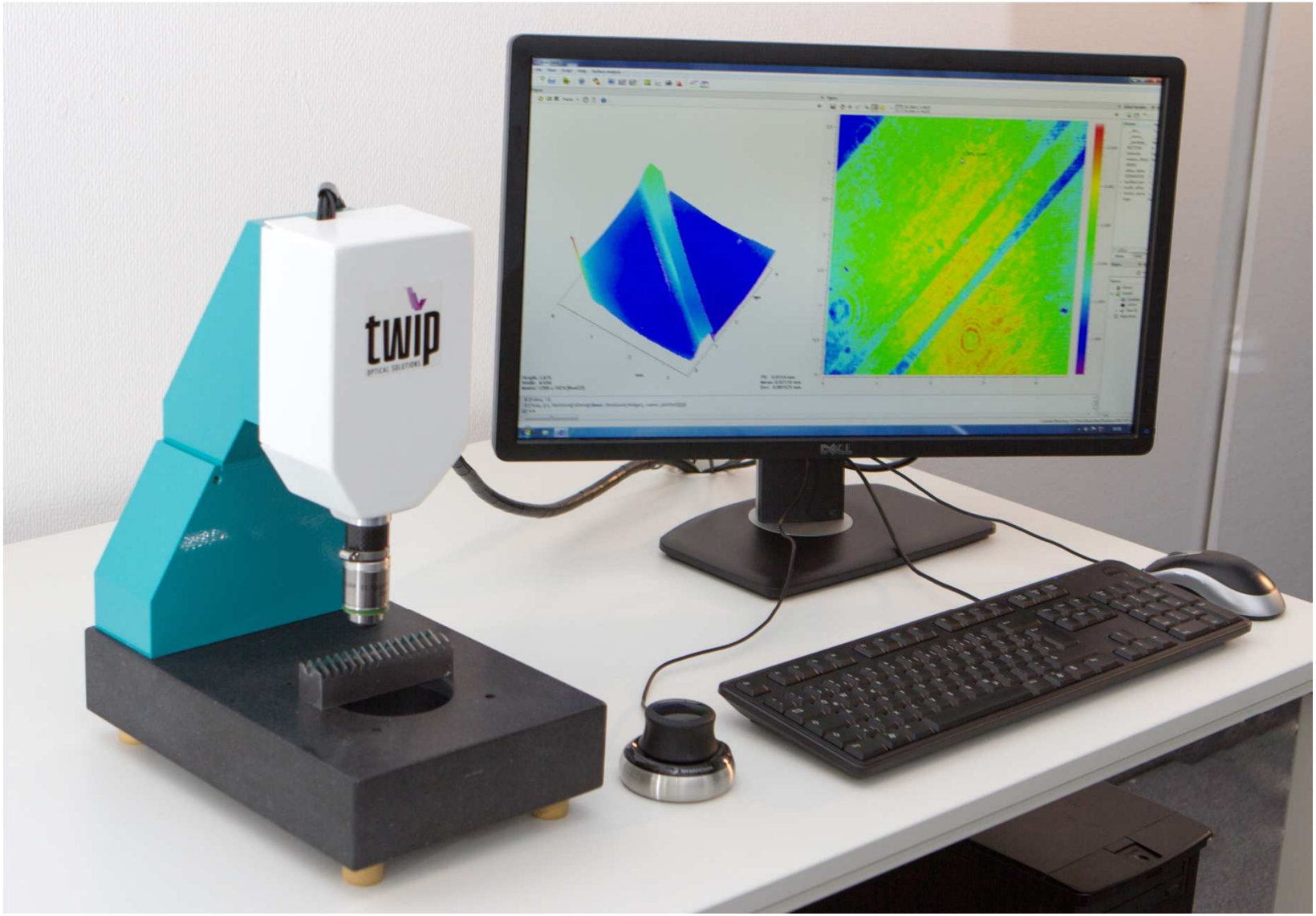
GUI based

- Start MacroSim GUI by Python command (*createNewPluginWidget*)
- Start simulation manually
- GUI emits a signal with the final detector matrix (dataObject)
- Connect a Python function to this signal (called when simulation done)

Script based

- Optional: Start MacroSim GUI and create scene (XML-file)
- Call function *runSimulation* of MacroSim plugin and pass XML-file (simulation is executed)
- The function finally returns the detector matrix as dataObject

Show-Case III: Confocal Microscopy



Show-Case III: Confocal Microscopy

Situation

- A confocal microscope is being developed by Twip Os (spin-off of ITO)

Objective

- **itom** should be used to…
  - control the measurement process
  - provide a user-friendly control panel
  - visualize the results
  - provide functionality for data evaluation (roughness, alignment, geometrical fitting…)

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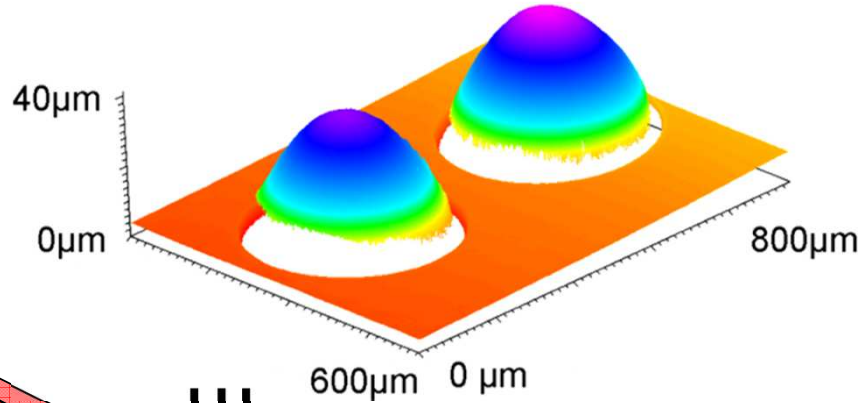

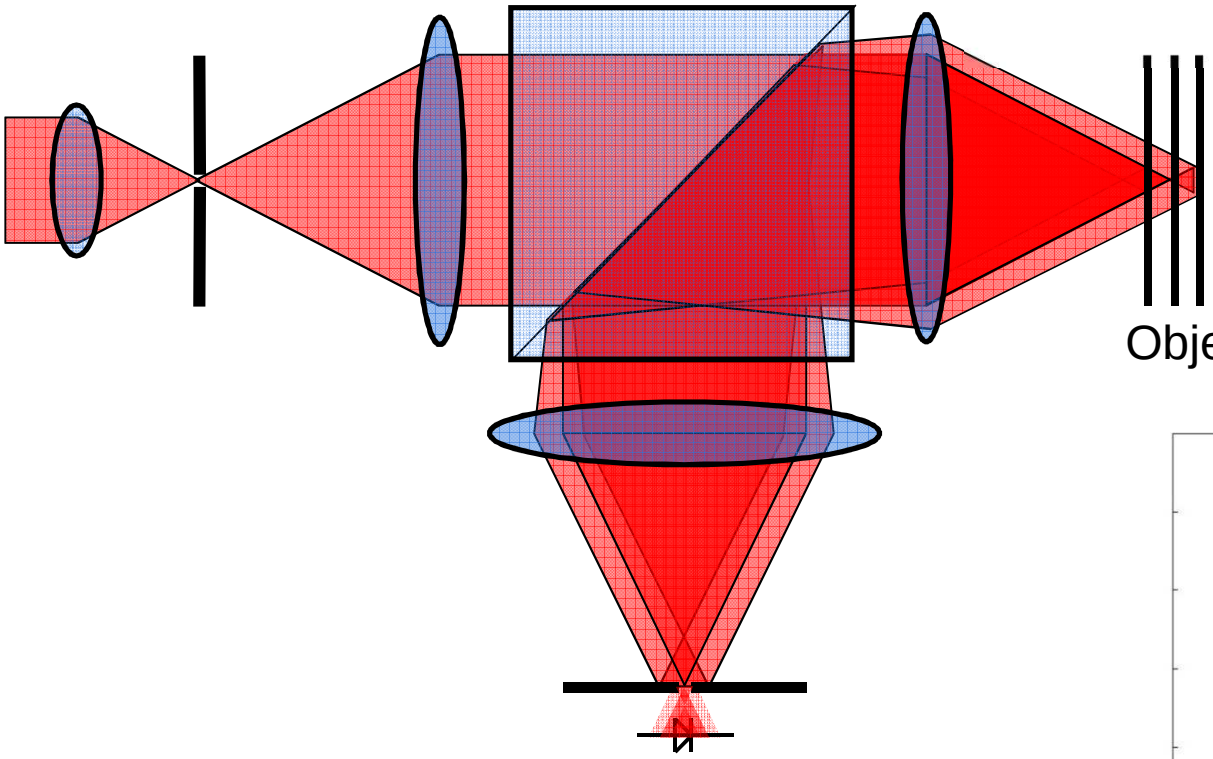

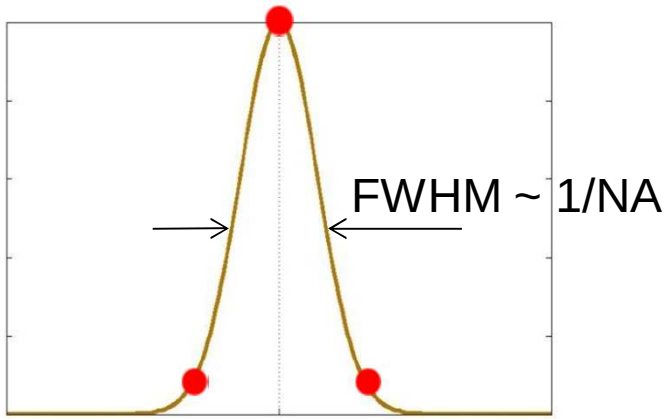

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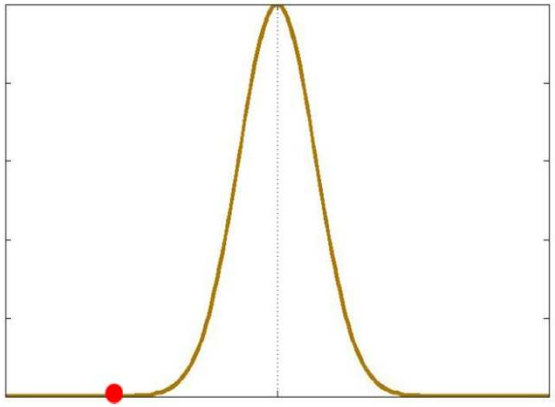

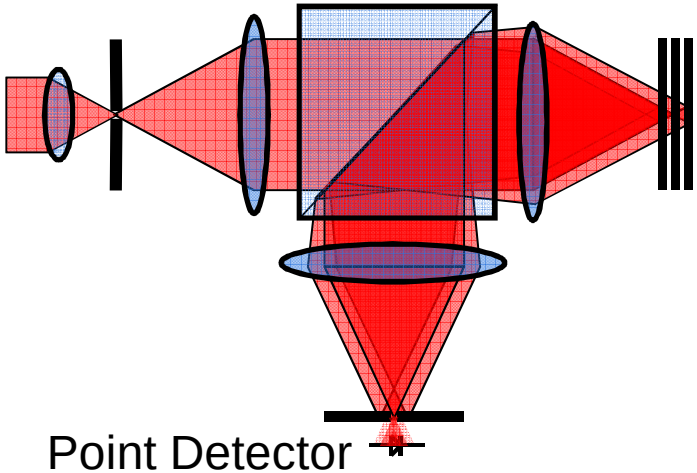

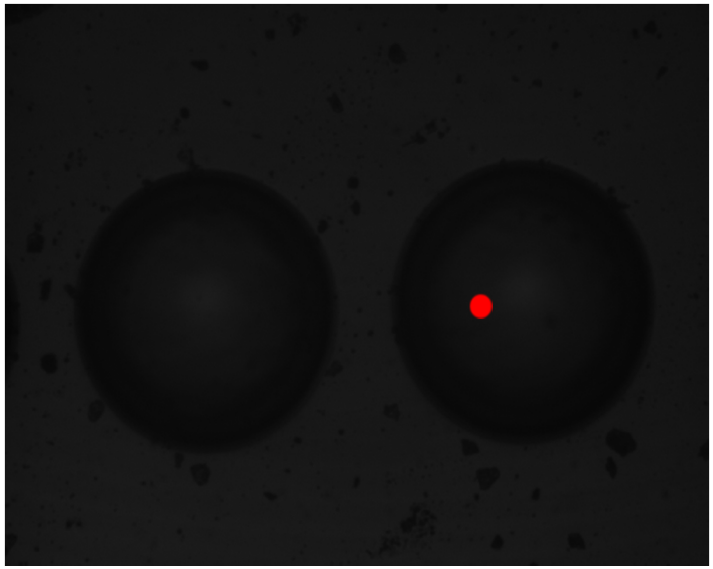

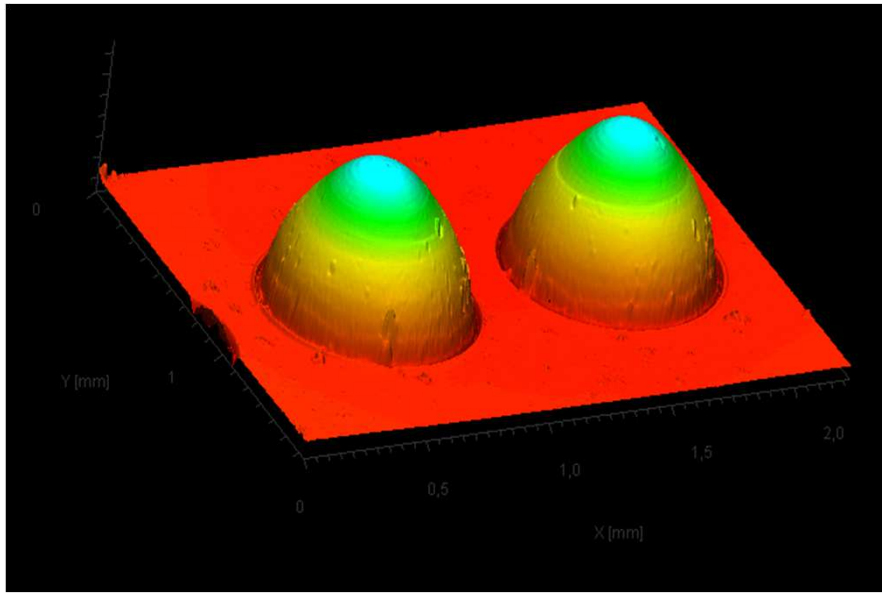

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GUI