

# Smart EPU

Workshop on Smart Data Collection for CryoEM, 6-7 April 2022

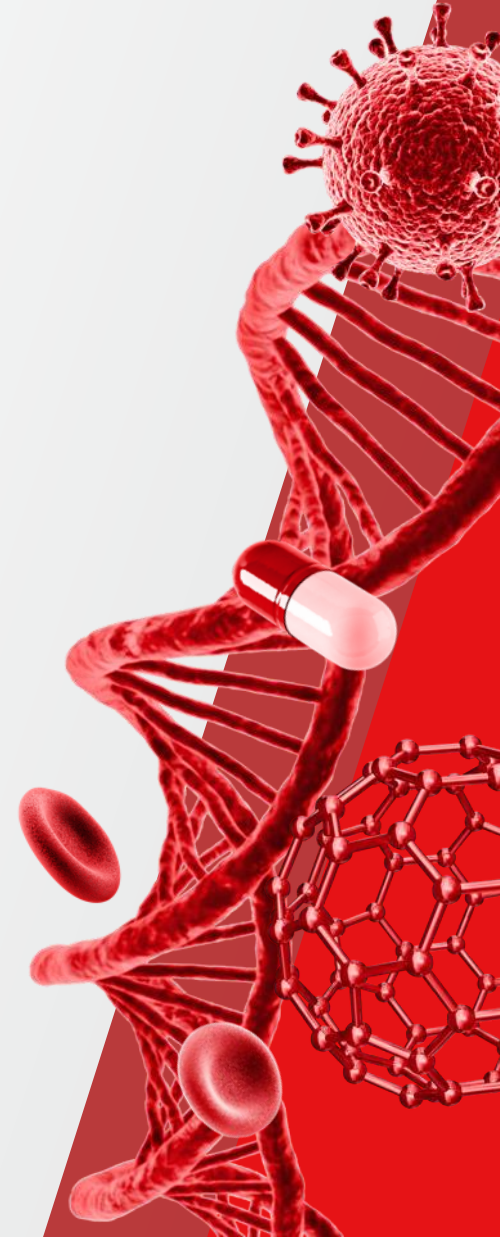
**Fanis Grollios**

Sr. Software Product Manager

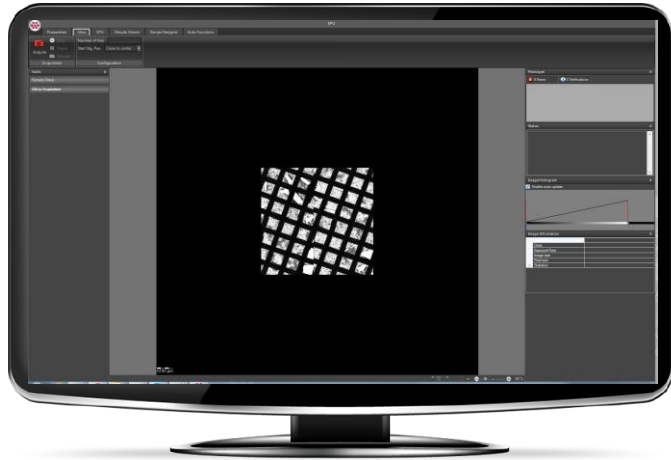
**Lingbo Yu**

Product Marketing Manager

 The world leader in serving science



# Smart EPU– How did we get here?



## EPU 1.0

(2011-2018)

Enabling SPA



## EPU 2.0

(2018-2022)

Easier and more  
efficient SPA

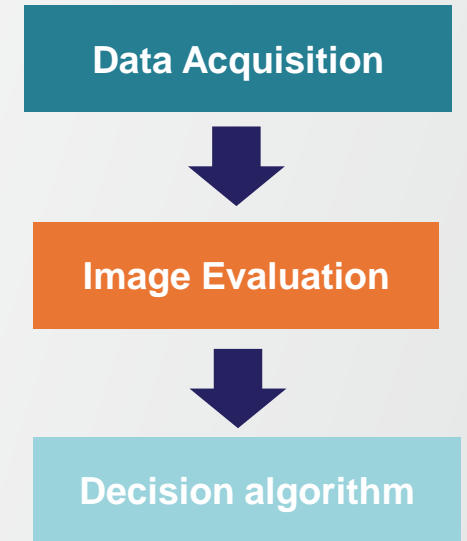
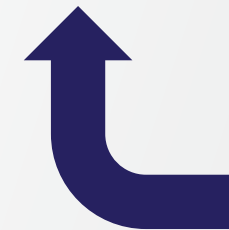
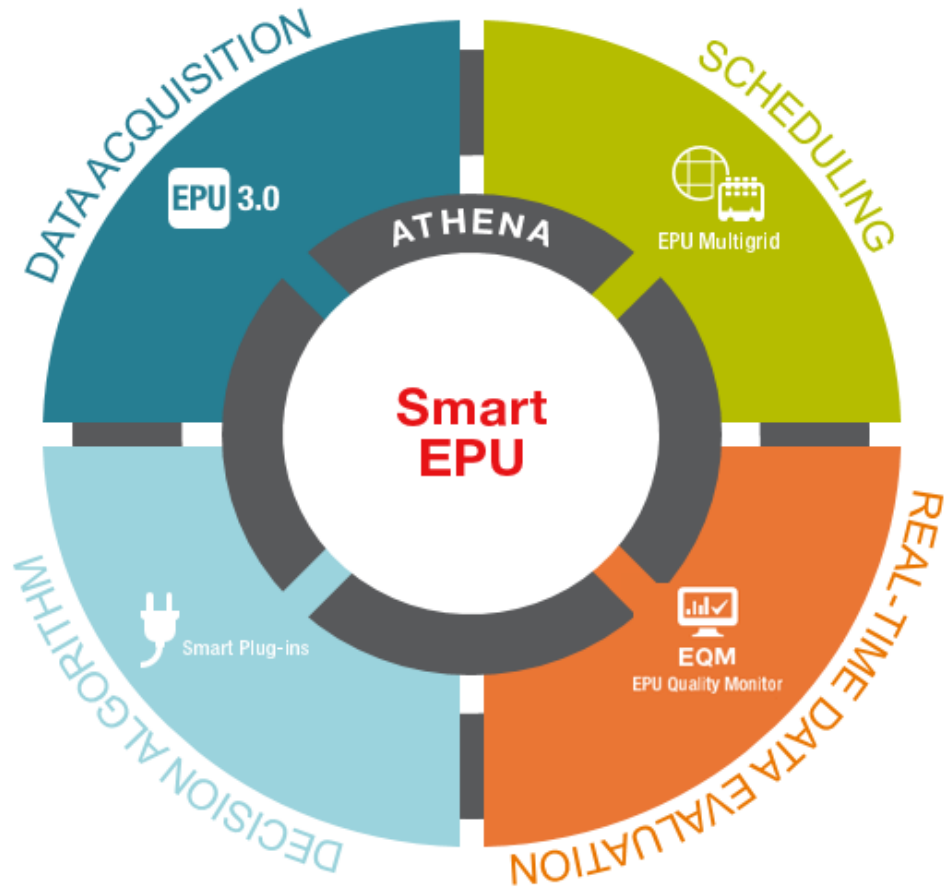


## EPU 3.0

Automated SPA

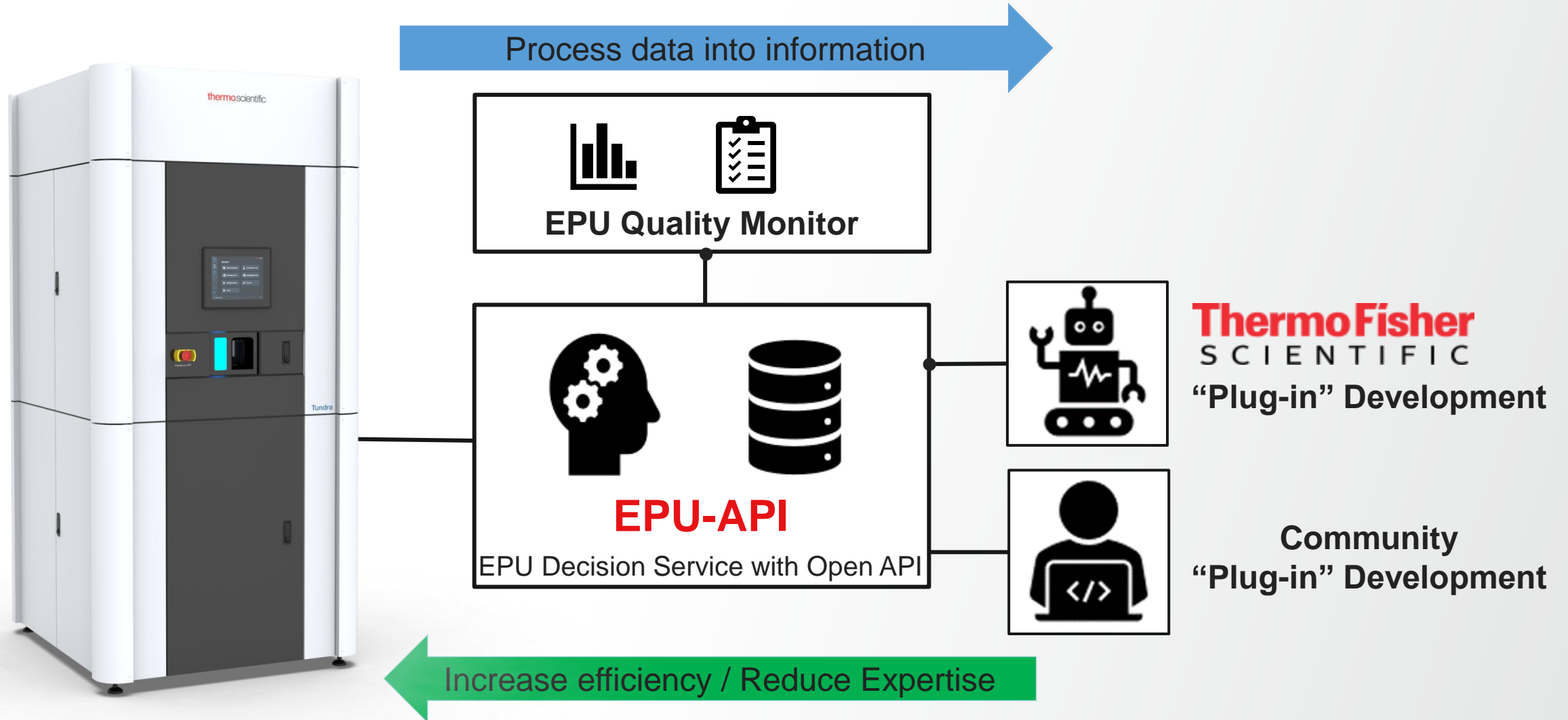
Increasing ease of use and microscope efficiency

# Introducing the Smart EPU ecosystem



# Smart EPU

A platform to enhance efficiency and ease of use for Cryo-EM



# Smart Plug-ins



Focus Stabilization



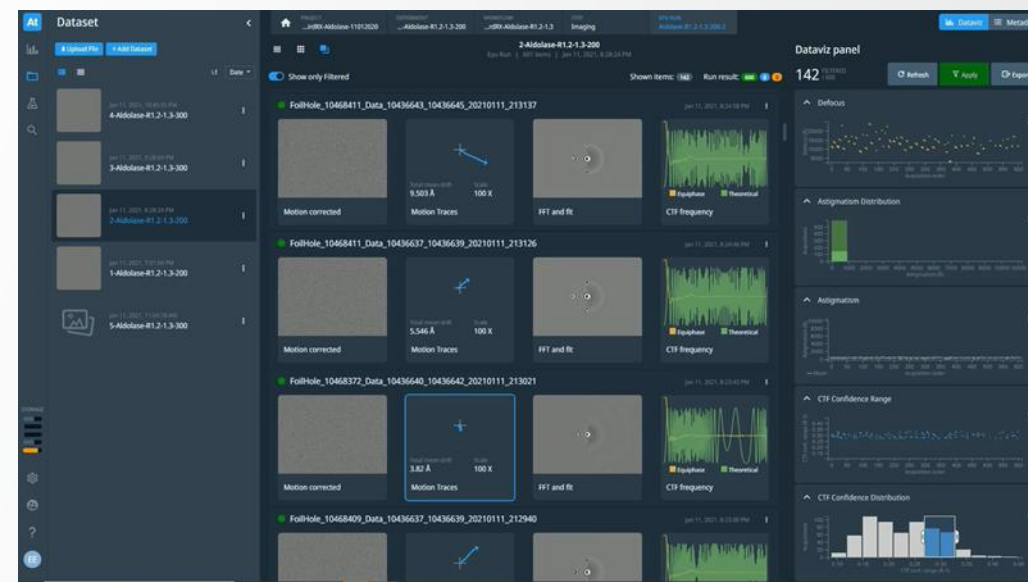
Stage Waiting Optimization



Skip Gridsquare



Automatic Foil Hole Selection



Smart Plugins use real-time data to make *automated* decisions, making the workflow more efficient and reducing the need for prior expertise.

# Smart EPU in action





# Smart EPU: monitoring key parameters



Smart  
Plugins

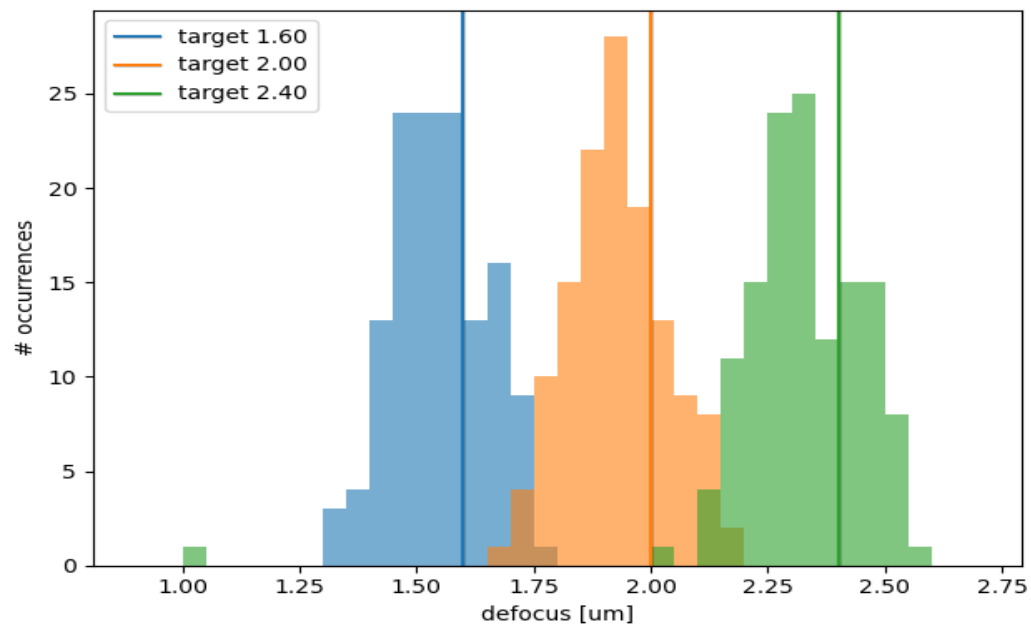
# Smart plugin #1: automatically adjust focus



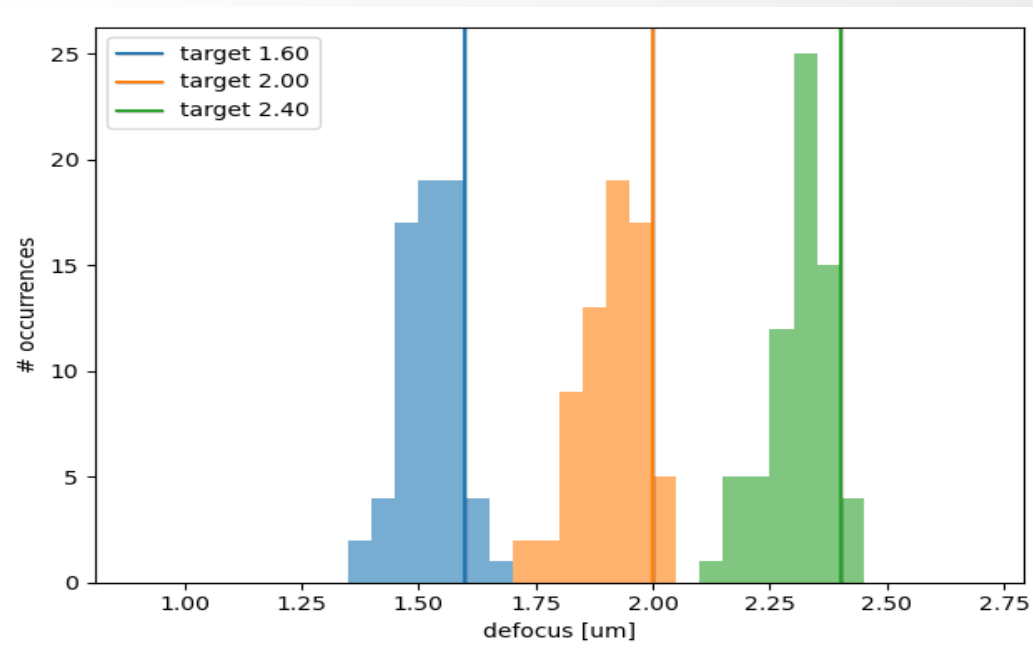


# Smart Focus results

Faster and more consistent focus values measured



• EPU Auto-focus



• Smart Focus

\*600 acquired images

Benefits



## Data Quality

Focusing becomes more accurate as it is based on CTF fits from acquired images.



## Efficiency

Minimization of beam-tilt-based autofocus executions improves throughput

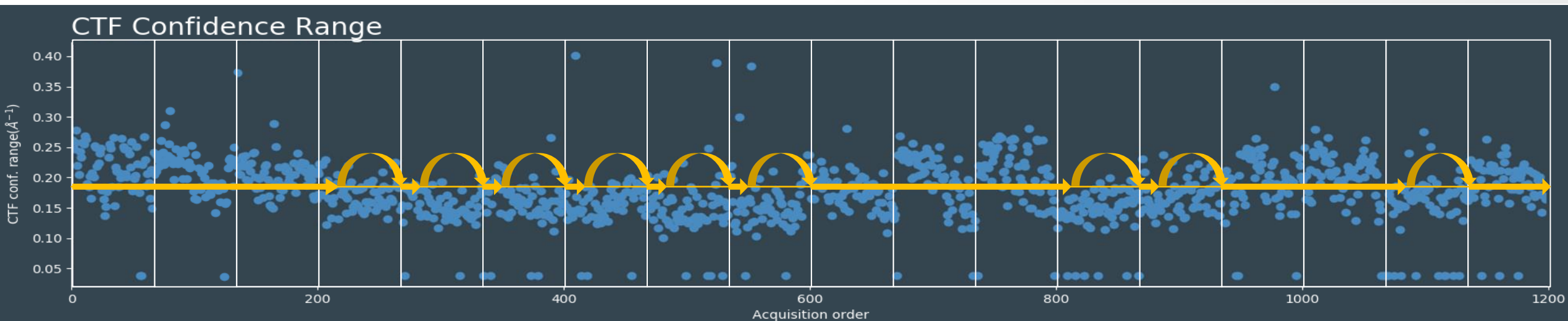


## Ease of Use

Smart Focus routine intervenes and re-adjusts user settings on its own

# Smart plugin #2: automatically skip bad areas

Skip grid squares with CTF resolution estimation above 6 Å



## Benefits



### Data Quality

Areas that lead to suboptimal data are automatically excluded



### Efficiency

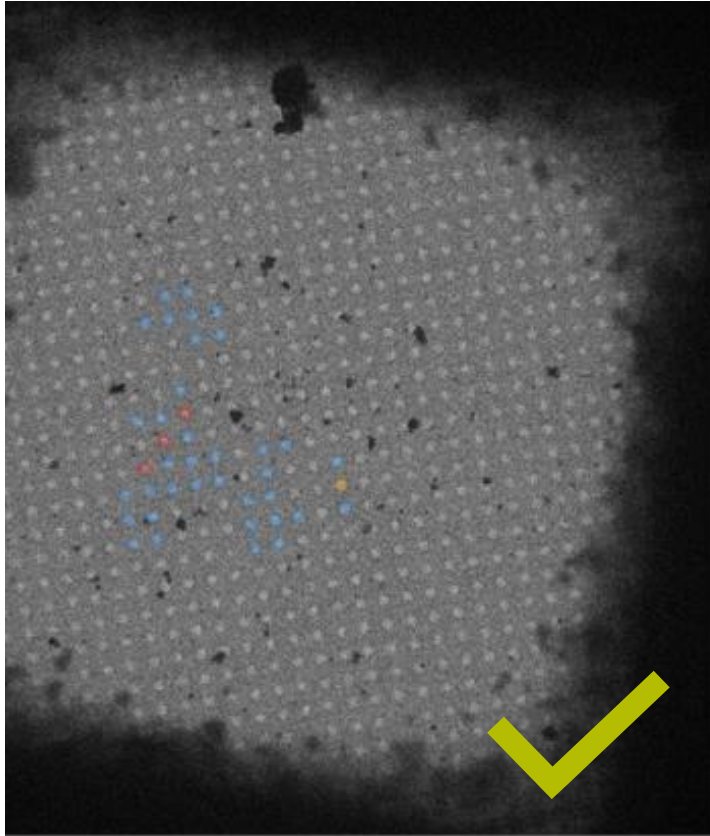
The fraction of useable data is increased, so fewer images are needed.



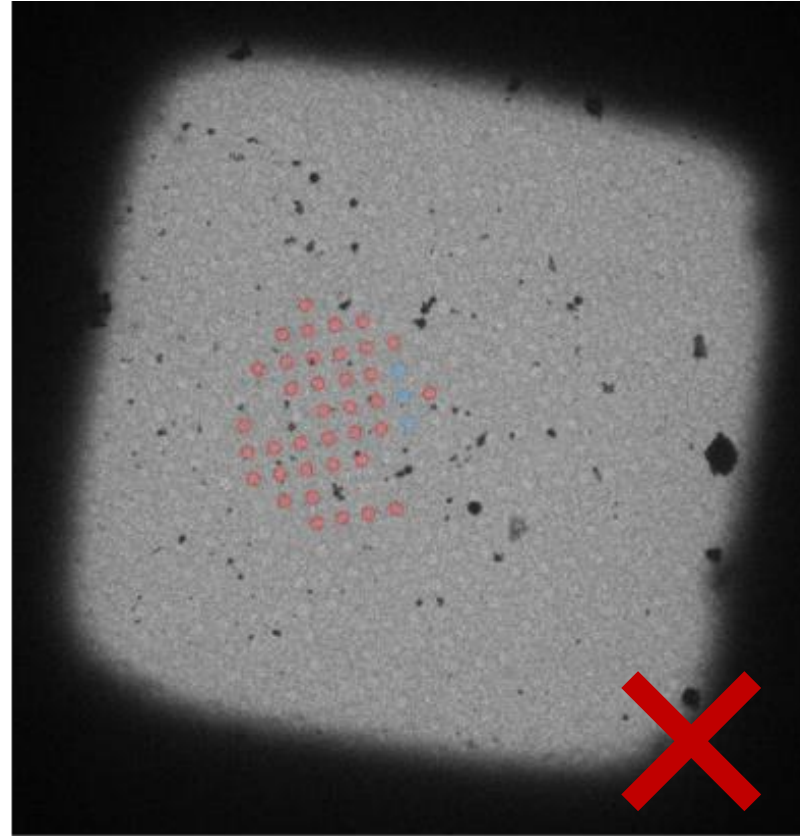
### Ease of Use

No need to pre-select grid squares carefully as the selection will be optimized on the fly.

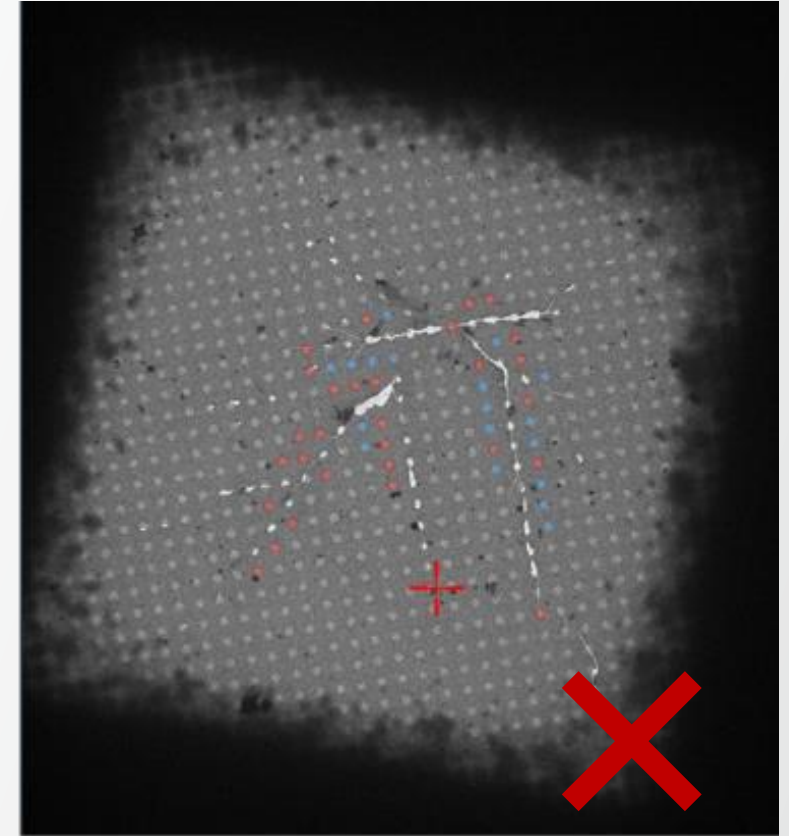
# Skip Gridsquare in Action



Square1

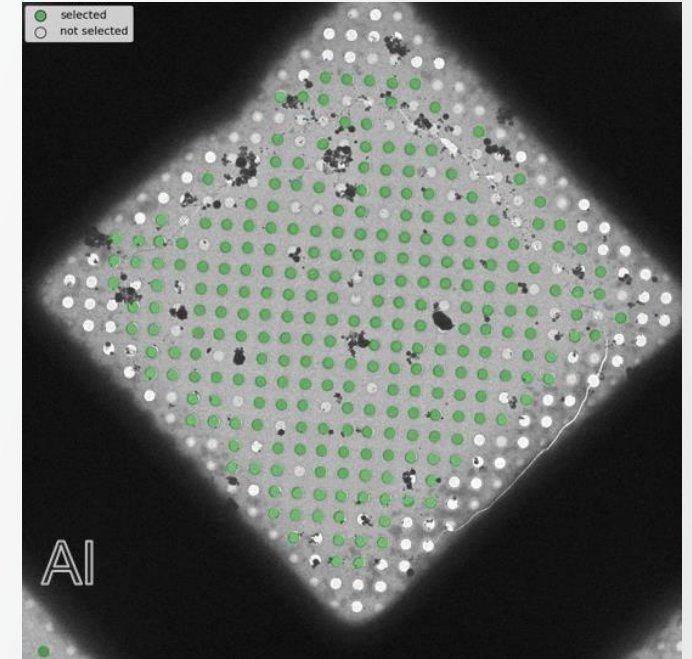
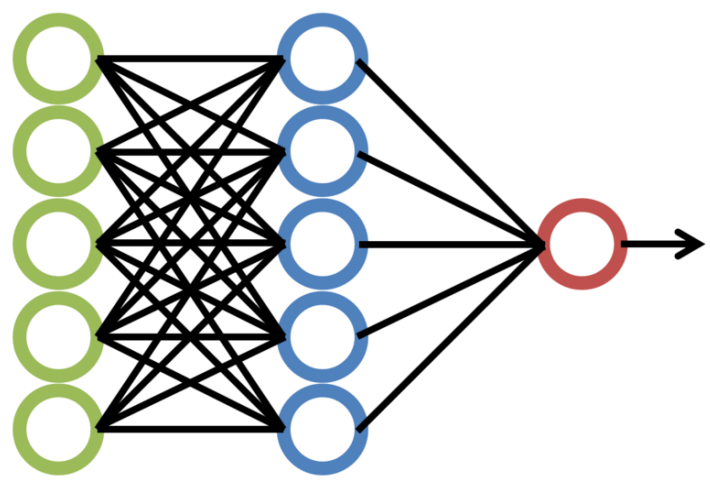
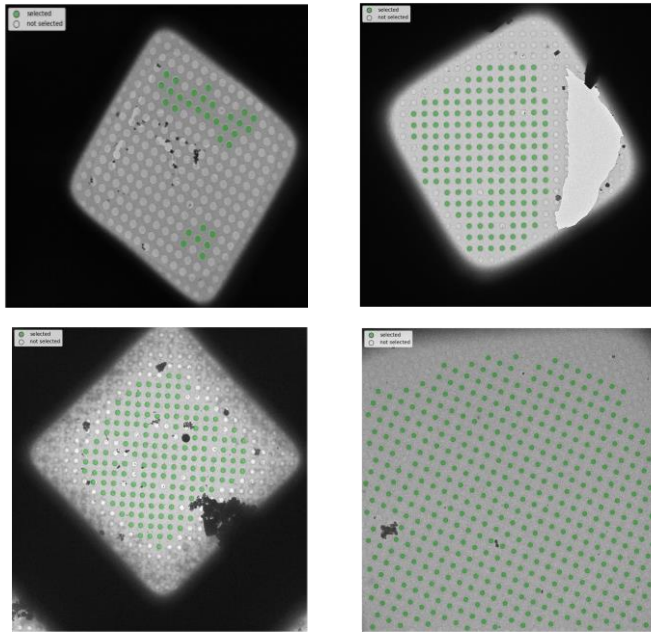


Square2



Square3

# AI Foil Hole Selection



## Training

Grid square images are used to train a Neural Network to identify good/bad foil holes



## Inference

The network can be used by EPU to determine the selection of holes to be acquired

## Benefits



### Data Quality

Areas that are predicted to give sub-optimal data are automatically excluded



### Efficiency

Less time is needed to exclude bad foil holes by hand. Smart EPU automatically creates an efficient set-up



### Ease of Use

No expertise needed to identify bad foil holes.



# Set up using Smart Algorithms Video

Algorithm automatically excludes sub-optimal areas <sup>32%</sup>

Messages: 0 Errors, 1 Notifications

Status: Smart foil hole selection completed! Selecting best foil holes... Asking decision service for smart hole selection. Using the value received from decision service.

Image Information:

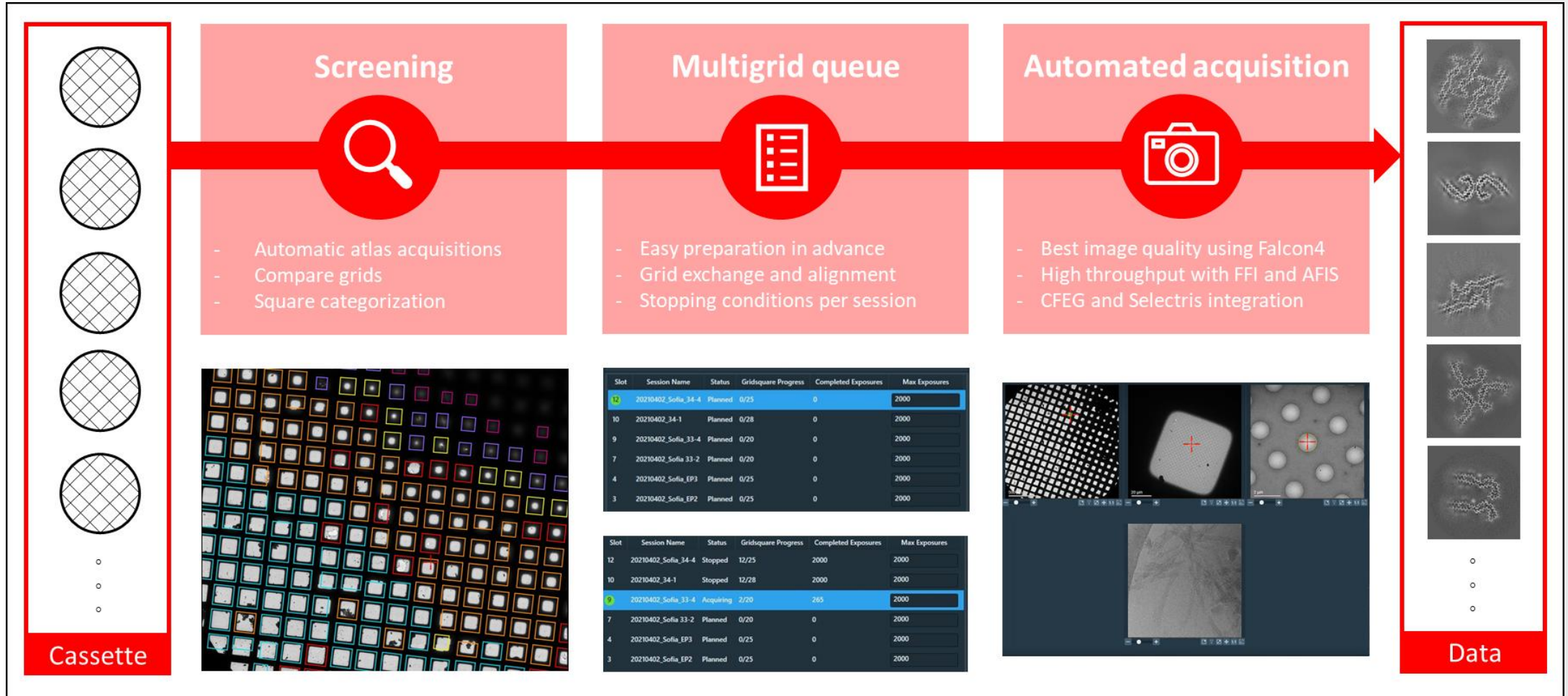
Applied Defocus	-1.00 mm
Dose	0.04 e/nm <sup>2</sup>
Exposure Time	0.99 s
Image Size	4096 x 4096
Pixel Size	26.61 nm
Field Of View	108.99 μm
Maximum	7636
Mean	1751.92
Minimum	0

Filter Ice Quality: Histogram showing a peak at 5,097. Apply



# EPU Multigrid

Combine easy set-up with EPU Multigrid



Assembly of recombinant tau filaments identical to those of Alzheimer's disease and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, Lövestam, et al., eLife 2022;11:e76494 DOI: 10.7554/eLife.76494)

# Community Plugins / Open API



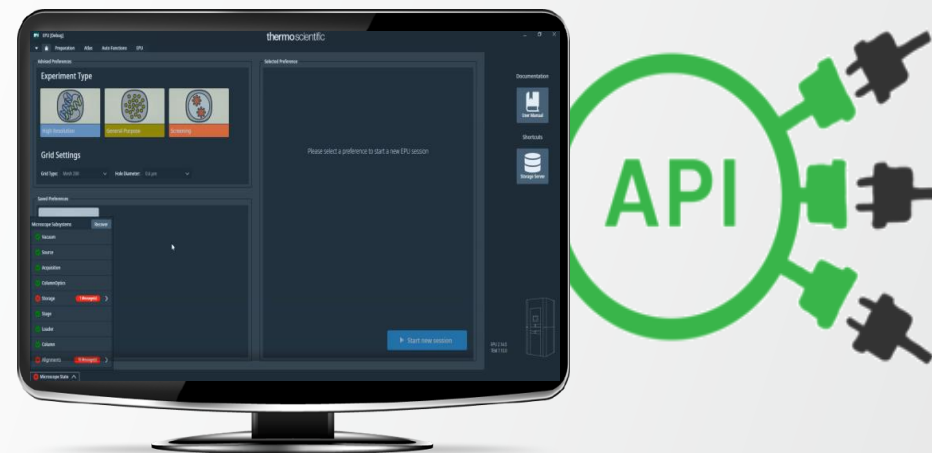
## Method development

Enables users to develop specific plugins for their needs



## Expedite plugin development

Enables faster innovation of new automation



Our robust API enables the community to be part of the ecosystem.

# Open API

## An API to retrieve data and drive EPU

```
# 1. Get area currently processed by EPU
app_state = requests.get(
    "http://decision-service:5000/CurrentApplicationState"
).json()
current_area_id = app_state["areaId"] # we assume here that it's a foil hole

# 2. Retrieve relevant motion correction results to calculate new stage waiting
time
grid_square_id = requests.get(
    f"http://decision-service:5000/Area/{current_area_id}"
).json()["parentId"]
motion_correction_results = requests.get(
    "http://decision-service:5000/AlgorithmResults",
    params={"parentAreaId": grid_square_id, "name": "motioncorrection"},
).json()

# 3. Compute new stage waiting time based on motion correction results
new_stage_waiting_time = ...

# 4. Register a new stage settling decision for future areas ("...")
requests.post(
    "http://decision-service:5000/Decision",
    json={"areaId": ..., "decisionType": "stageWaitingTime",
         "decisionValue": new_stage_waiting_time, "decidedBy": "smart
algorithm"}
)
```



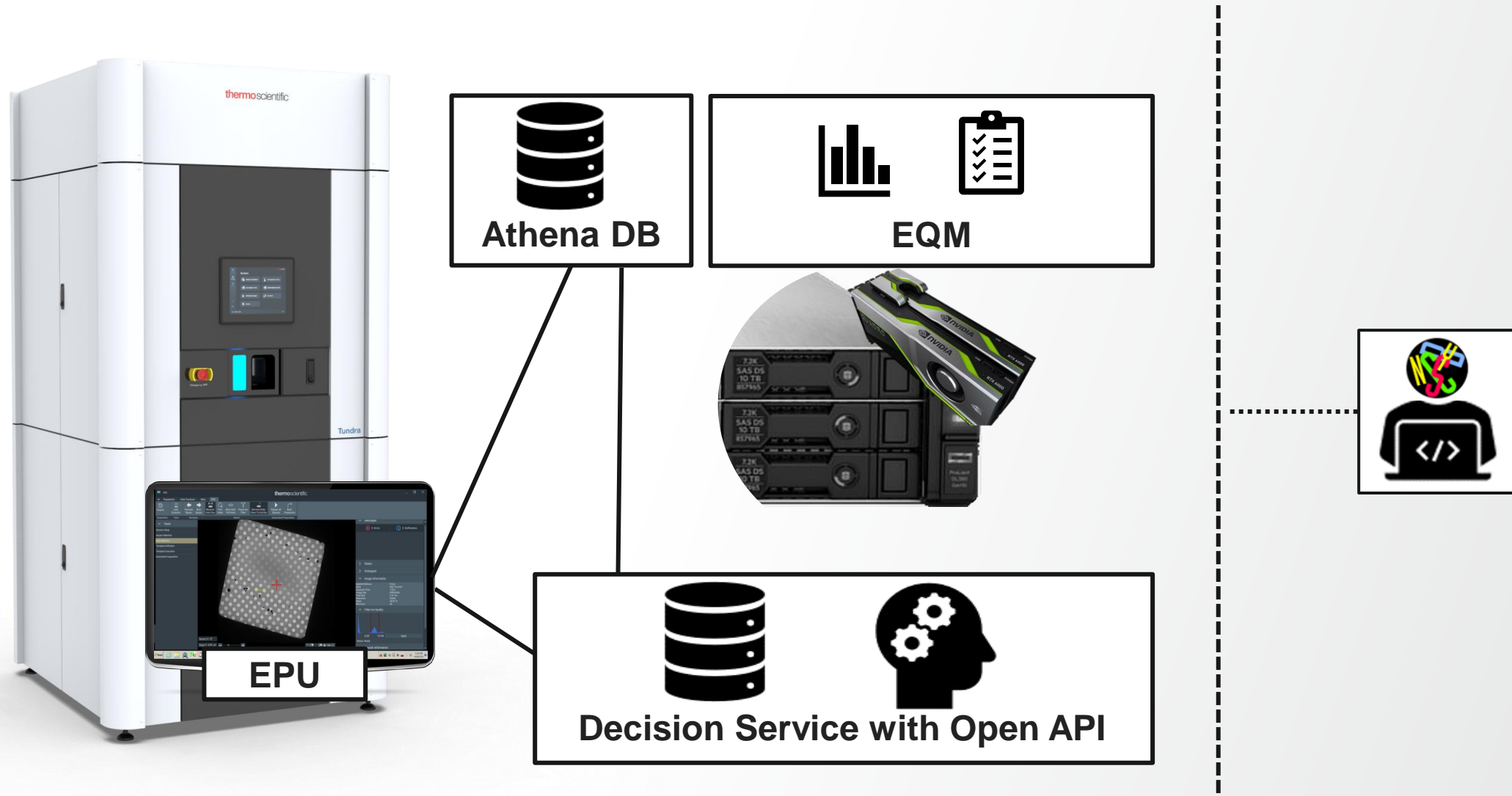
Smart EPU data  
acquisition



Custom  
Algorithm using  
Open API

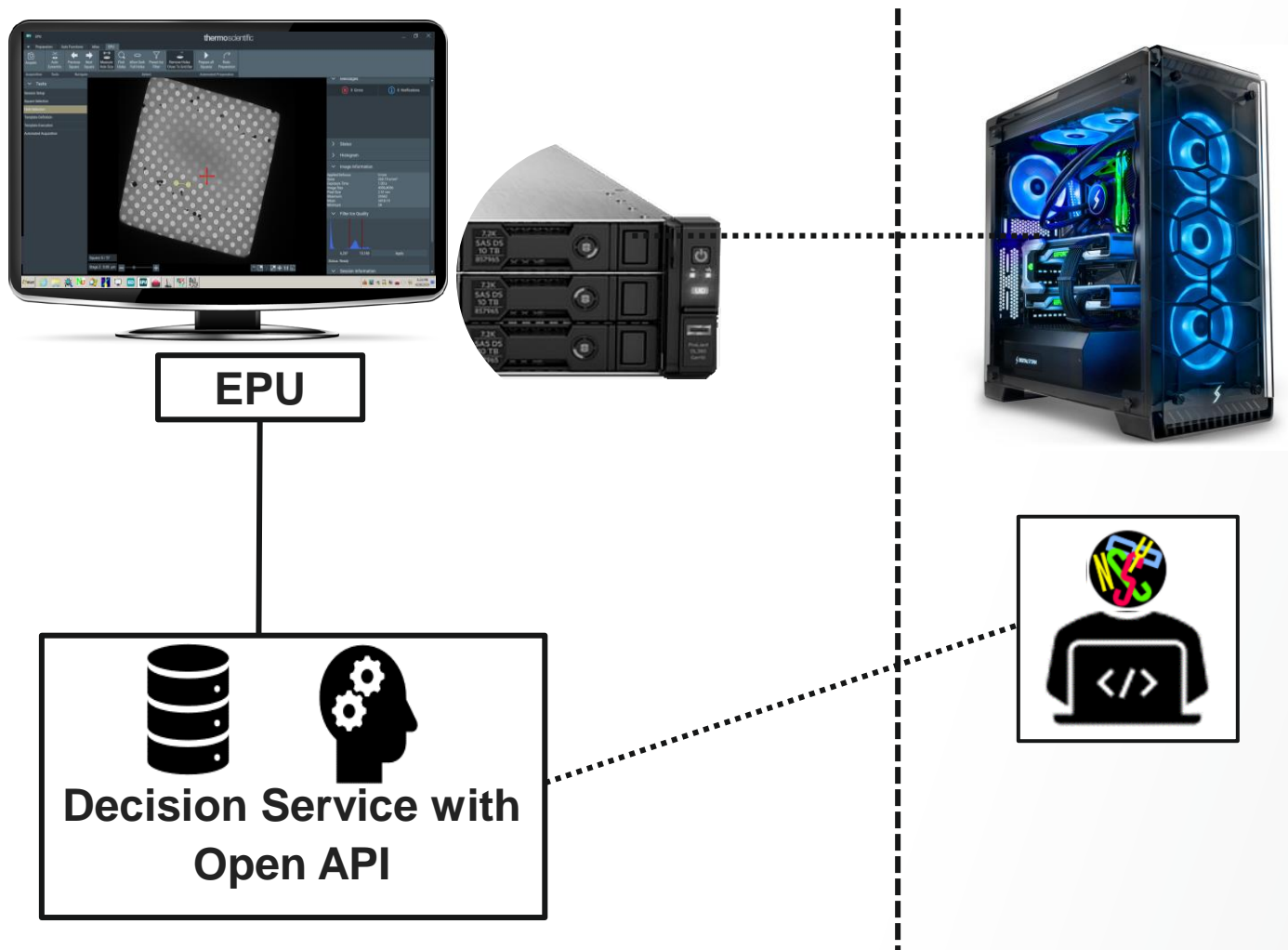



# Community Algorithms: 2 Options




# Complete DIY

Build your own Algorithms



- 

**Use own solution for processing/managing data**

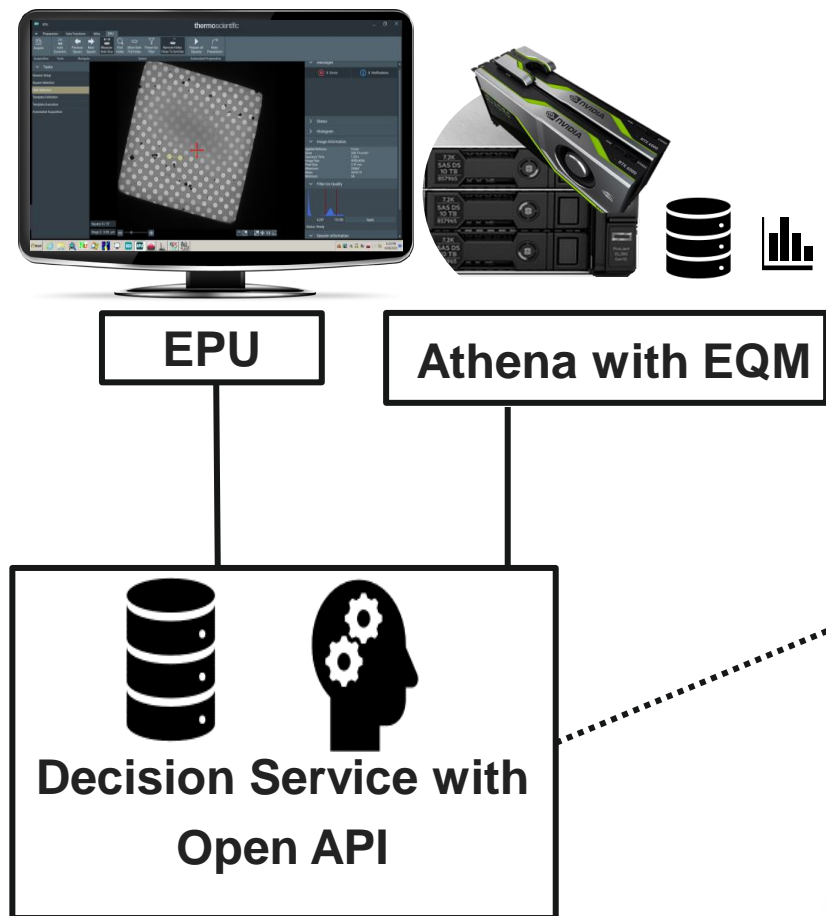
  - Copy data from our domain with own means
  - Run all processing on your own infrastructure
- 

**Communicate with decision service API to feedback optimizations to EPU**



# Plugin DIY

Leverage Athena and EQM as well



Use Athena/EQM for processing/managing data

- Retrieve pre-processed data and results through API



Deploy **plugins on your own infrastructure**

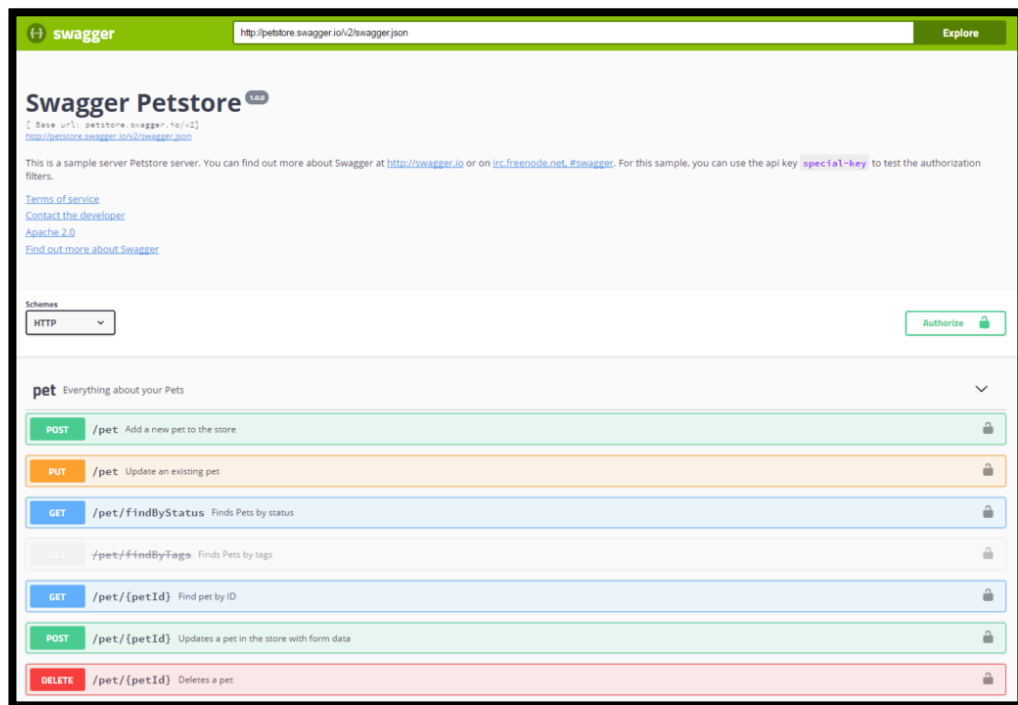


Communicate with decision service **API to feedback optimizations to EPU**

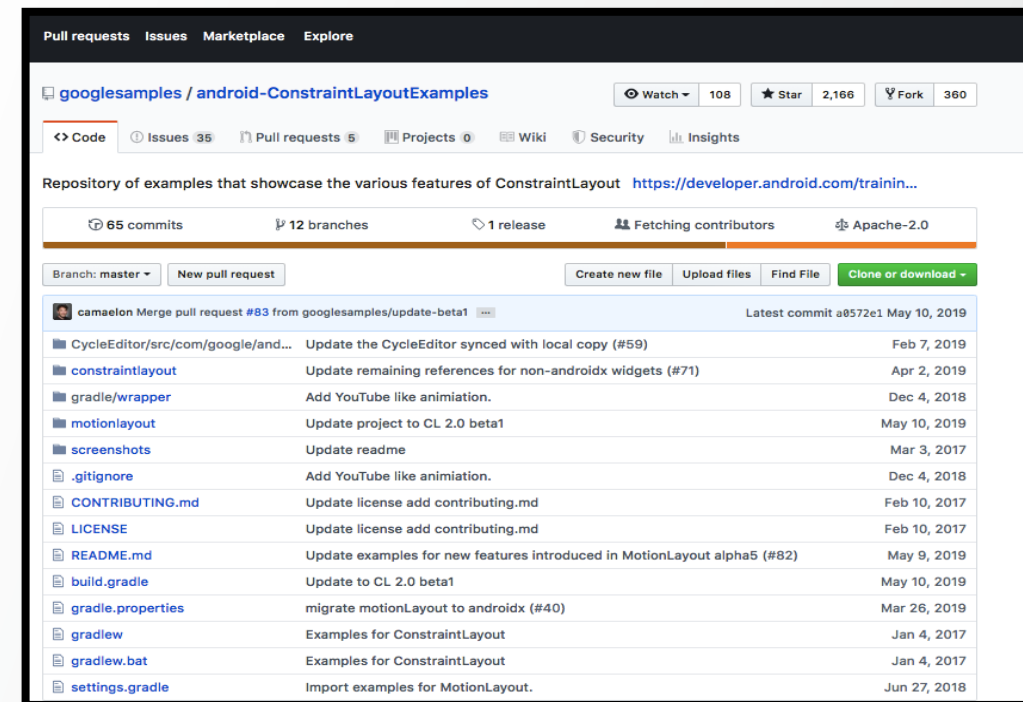
# Community Algorithms: What shall we Provide?

Enable the Community to build their own Algorithms

## Documentation and Support on API



## Example algorithms



What else would you need ?

Do we need a standard API?

# Questions

[EPU@Thermofisher.com](mailto:EPU@Thermofisher.com)

