

EDNA Training

Agenda Monday November 15th:

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09:30 - 10:00 - Introduction to EDNA
10:00 – 10:30 – Installation of Eclipse (TopCased, UML2XSD)
10:30 - 10:45 - Pause
10:45 – 11:15 – The photov1 project, conceptual design, data model
11:15 – 12:00 – Eclipse pydev, plugin generation, tests
12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 – The photov1 project: Execution plugins
15:00 - 15:15 - Pause
15:15 – 17:00 – The photov1 project: Control plugins
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Tuesday November 16th: To be defined during Monday



Why EDNA?

- EDNA is the best answer we (developers) have come up with so far for answering these questions:
 - How can we "pipeline" existing scientific software programs/packages for (online) data analysis workflows?
 - How can we make workflows that is easily adapted to new versions of scientific software packages?
 - How can we abstract certain calculations to be "generic", e.g. indexing of a diffraction pattern?
 - How can we make "flexible" workflows, i.e. workflows that can be changed rapidly depending on the scientific needs?
 - How can we automate data analysis workflows?
 - How can we make these workflows robust?
 - How can we collaborate efficiently?
 - How can we re-use code developed by another facility without breaking existing functionality?



The first pillar – Data Model Framework

Data Model / UML → Code

Project Management



EDNA Data Model Framework

What is a data model? From wikipedia:

A data model in software engineering is an abstract model that describes how data are represented and accessed. Data models formally define data elements and relationships among data elements for a domain of interest.

Communication and precision are the two key benefits that make a data model important to applications that use and exchange data.

 Since we want to make workflows → communication between programs → data modelling is important



How are Data Models used in EDNA?

- The "common" data model:
 - This data model defines a set of simple basic types (e.g. double, string etc) and some more complex (3x3 matrix) which can be used by all other EDNA data models.
 - The common data model is a part of the EDNA kernel.
- The "specific" data models :
 - Data models which are specific for a certain task or program, e.g. data models for MOSFLM, XDS, FIT2D etc
 - The specific data models are typacilly used only by a few EDNA plugins (modules)
- The "generic" or "project" data models :
 - These data models should not be dependent on a single program but rather be developed for a certain scientific area, e.g. MX, tomography etc.



The EDNA Data Model Framework

From UML diagrams to generated code (data binding):

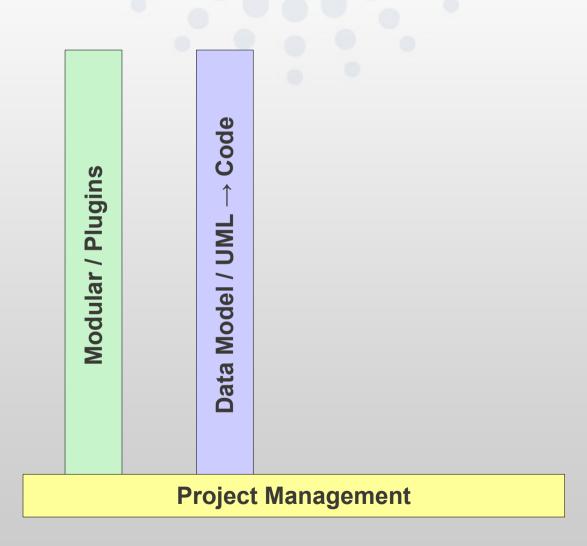
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+ susceptibility : XSDataFloat[0..1]

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+ crystal : XSDataCrystal

XSDataSampleCrystalMM
+ chemicalComposition : XSDataChemicalCompositionMM[0..1]
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The second pillar - modularity / plugins





Why do we want modules / plugins?

Again from wikipedia:

In computing, a plug-in is a set of software components that adds specific capabilities to a larger software application.

Applications support plug-ins for many reasons. Some of the main reasons include:

- to enable third-party developers to create capabilities which extend an application
- to support easily adding new features
- to reduce the size of an application
- to separate source code from an application because of incompatible software licenses.



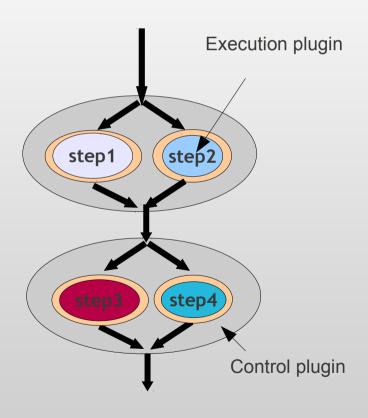
EDNA Framework : Kernel + Plugins

- The EDNA kernel contains:
 - The common data model and data binding generator code
 - Base classes for all EDNA plugins
 - Base classes for EDNA applications
 - Some utility/helper classes
 - The testing framework
 - The plugin generator
 - Plugin and test launcher scripts
 - The EDNA kernel is written in pure Python
 - No dependency on AALib any longer
- An EDNA application consists generally of:
 - One or several data model based on the common data model
 - A set of plugins derived from the kernel plugin base classes
 - One or several application classes
 - One or several scripts for launching the application



EDNA Modularity:Plugins and their hierarchy

- Plugin base class :
 - Configuration, working directory, etc.
- Execution plugins :
 - Execution of external programs, e.g. (bash) scripts
- Controller plugins:
 - Control of execution plugins
 - Parallel execution
 - Synchronisation



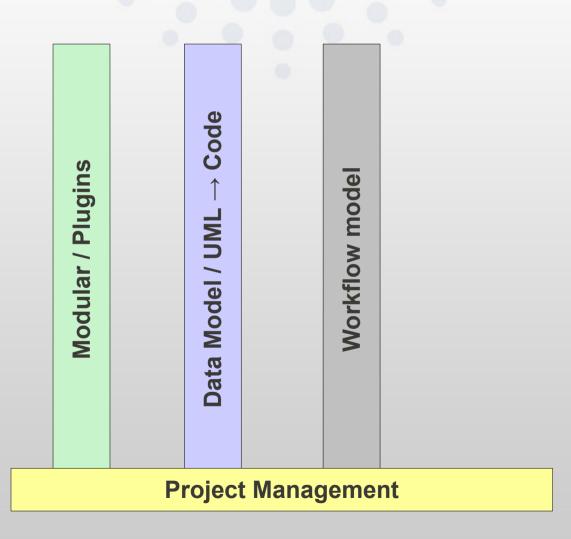


EDNA Plugins Features:

- Self-contained plugin structure:
 - Data model(s)
 - Plugin source code
 - Data binding objects
 - Unit and execution tests
 - Data for tests
 - Documentation
- Fast dynamic plugin loading (cache)
- Plugin execution and synchronisation (threadsafe)
- Plugin configuration
- Handling of input and output data



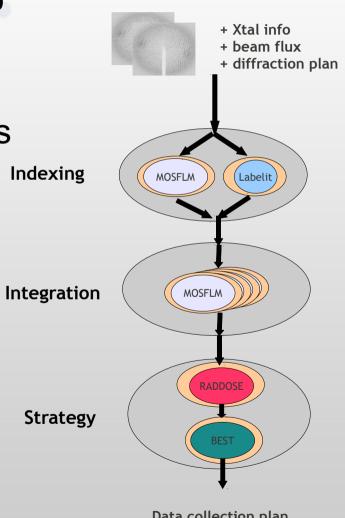
The third pillar - workflows





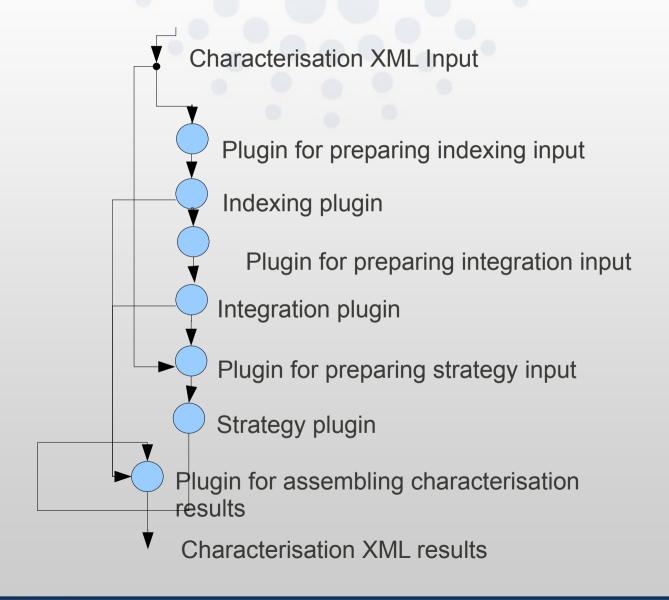
Example EDNA workflow: MXv1 Characterisation (1)

- MX sample characterisation taking into account radiation damage
- Indexing using MOSFLM or Labelit
- Parallel integration of reference images
- If flux + beamsize:
 - RADDOSE for estimating radiation damage
- BEST strategy calculation
 - taking into account radiation damage
 - multi-subwedge data collection strategies



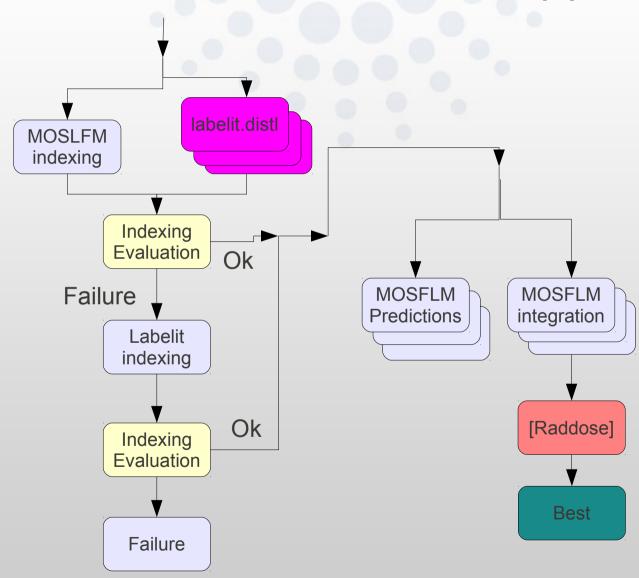


Example Characterisation Workflow (1)





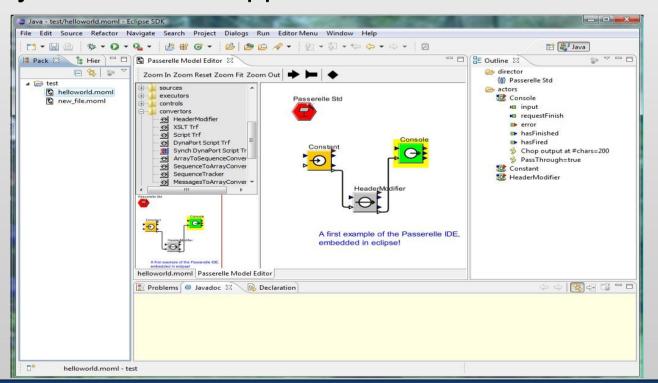
MXv1 Characterisation (2)





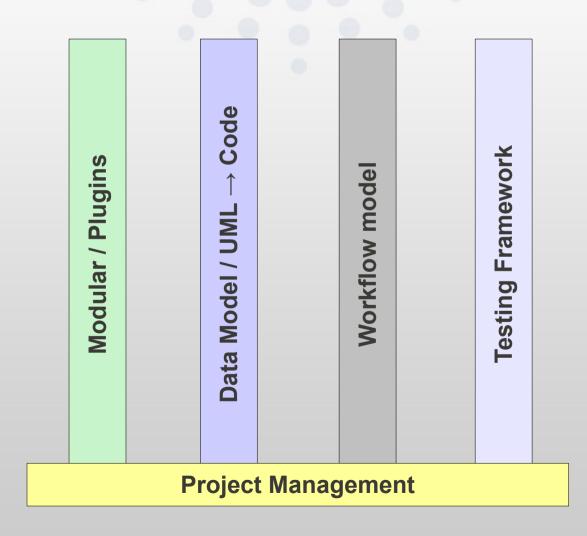
Why use a workflow tool in EDNA?

- Implicit documentation of workflow
- Implicit parallel workflows
- Possibility to "easily" modify / construct new workflows
- Possibility to debug workflows
- Possibility to restart a stopped workflow





The fourth pillar – the testing framework

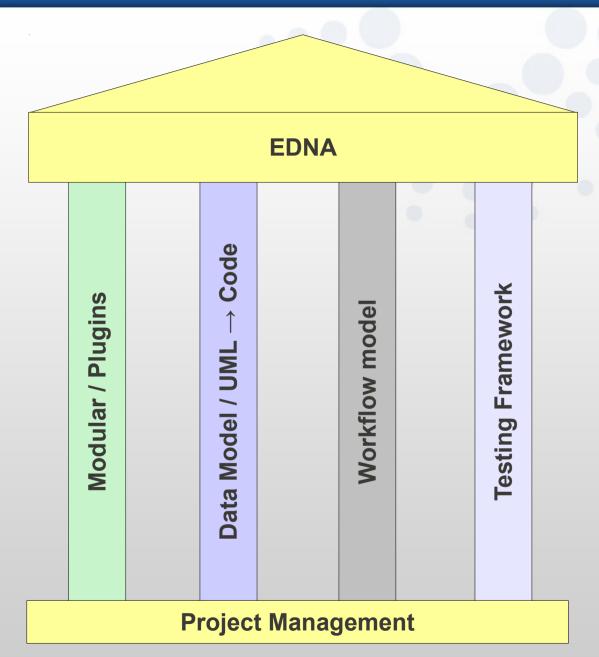


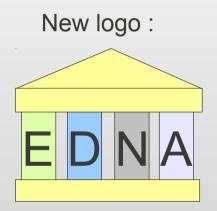


EDNA Testing Framework

- The EDNA testing framework consist of three layers :
 - Kernel Unit tests
 - Plugin Unit tests
 - Plugin Execution tests
- Example of EDNA Plugin Execution tests result:





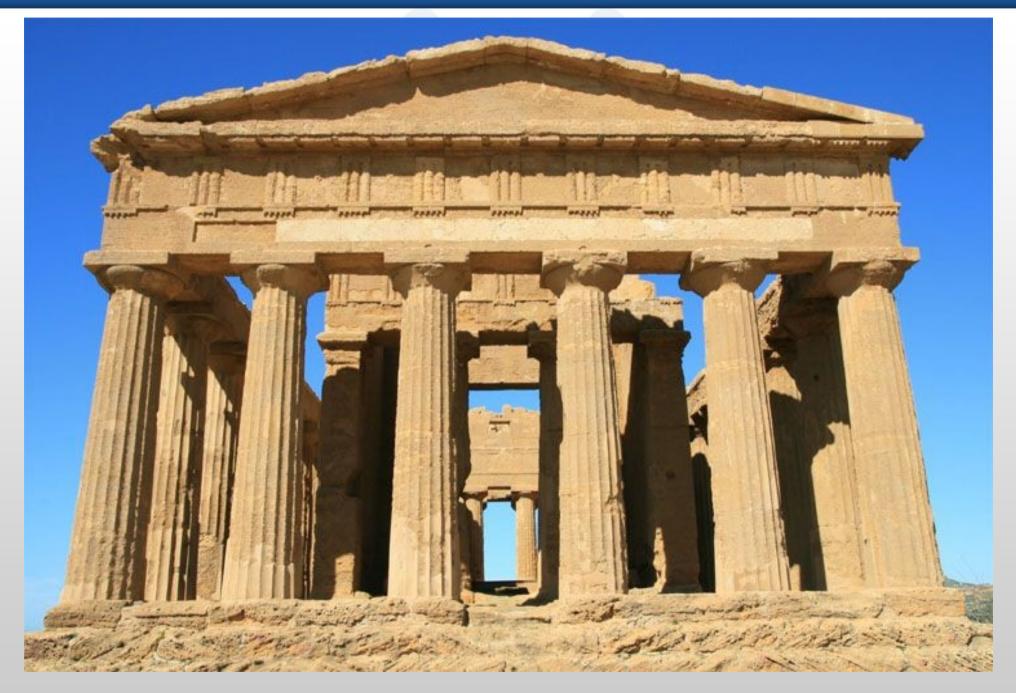




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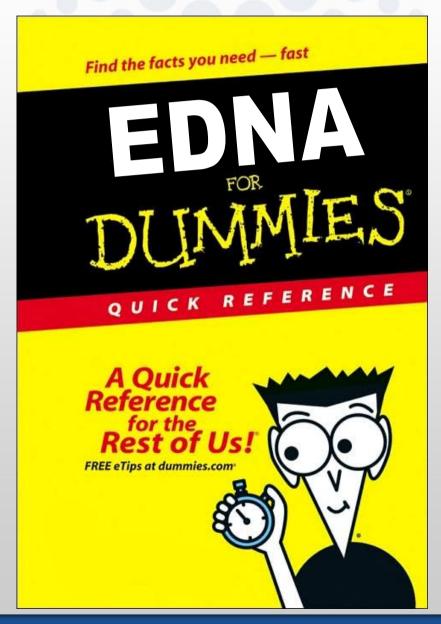








Documentation!





EDNA Documentation

- Available today :
 - Data models (png)
 - Automatic API doc generation
 - Wikipages with developers' "How-to"s
 - Minutes / presentations of previous meetings, code camps etc
- Planned :
 - Automatic plugin documentation repository (use cases etc)
 - Workflow documentation (workflow tool)