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# Towards Making Fusion Data Open and FAIR with IRIS Resources

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# UKAEA

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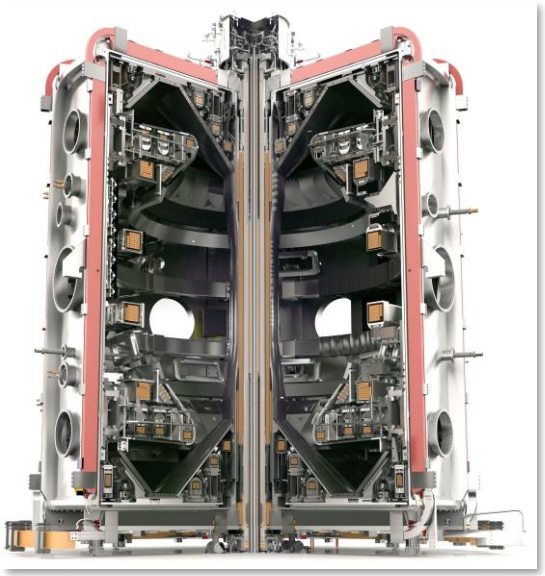
- **UKAEA: United Kingdon Atomic Energy Authority**
- Responsible for the national fusion energy research programme
- Magnetic confinement fusion though tokamak experiments
- Development of support facilities to develop UK's fusion industry and supply chain



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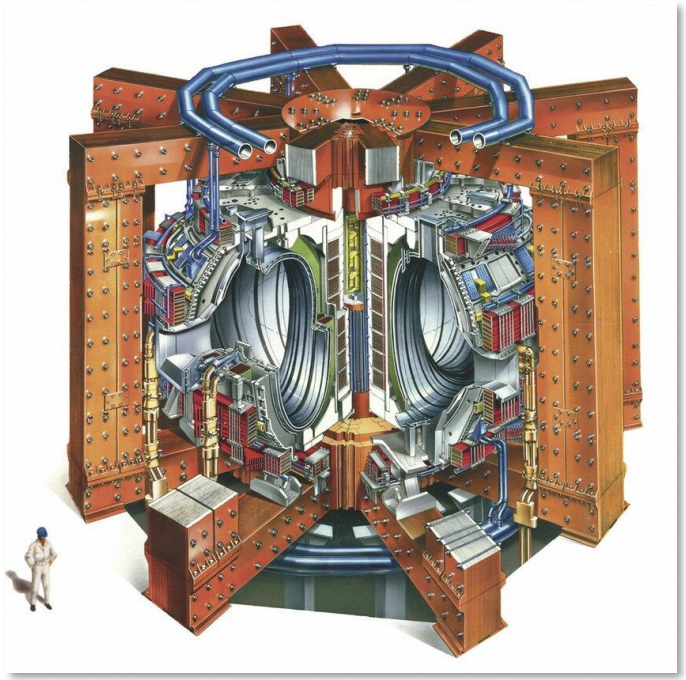

JET

JET's record-breaking shot
69.26 Megajoules!

# MAST

- **MAST (Mega Ampere Spherical Tokamak)**
- Spherical tokamak design commissioned by EURATOM/UKAEA
- Built at Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, Oxfordshire, UK
- Experiments ran from 1999 through to 2013
- Produced ~30,000 shots over its history
- Succeeded by MAST Upgrade (MAST-U) in 2020

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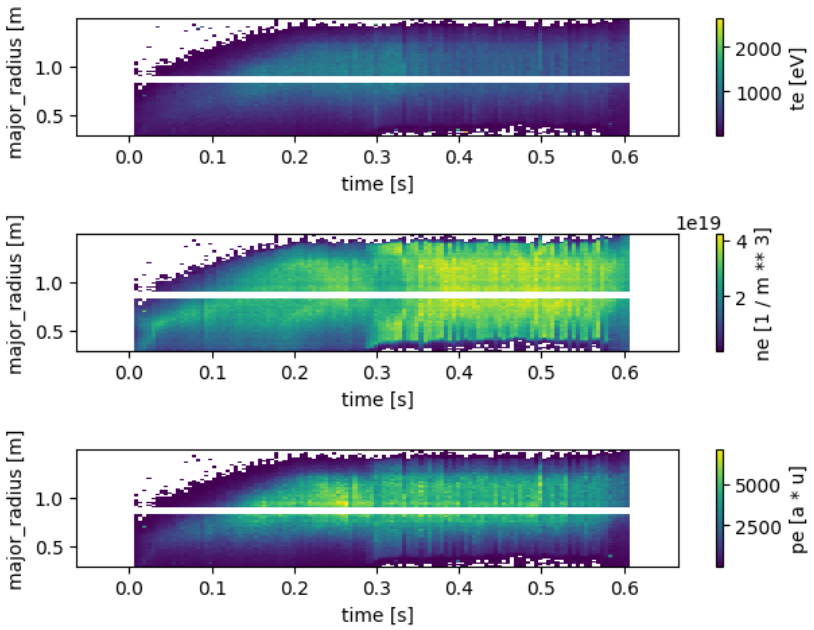
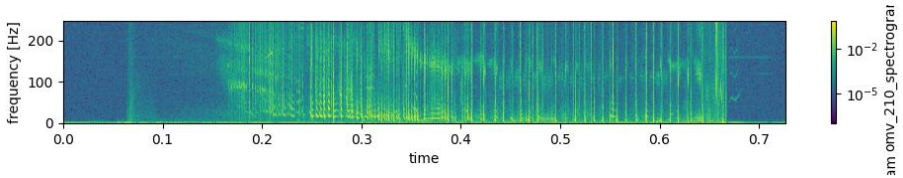
MAST-U Tokamak

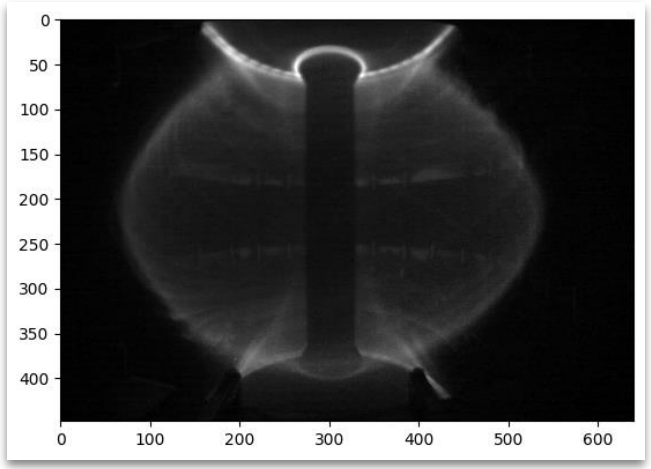
# MAST Data



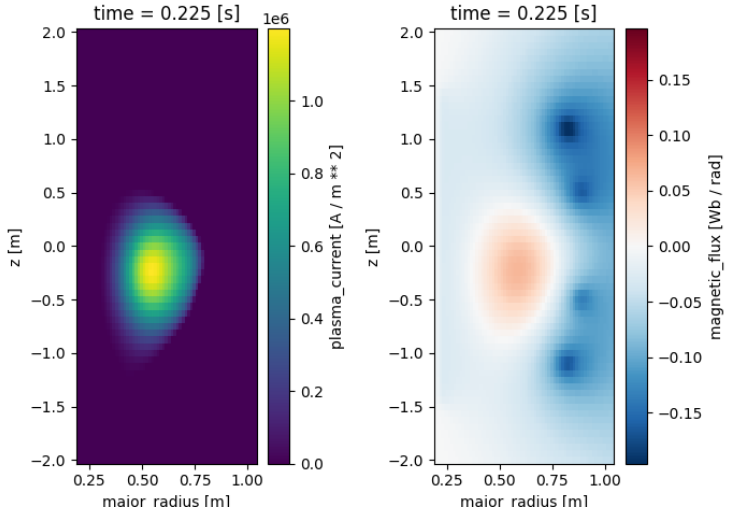

2D Profiles: Thomson Scattering Data



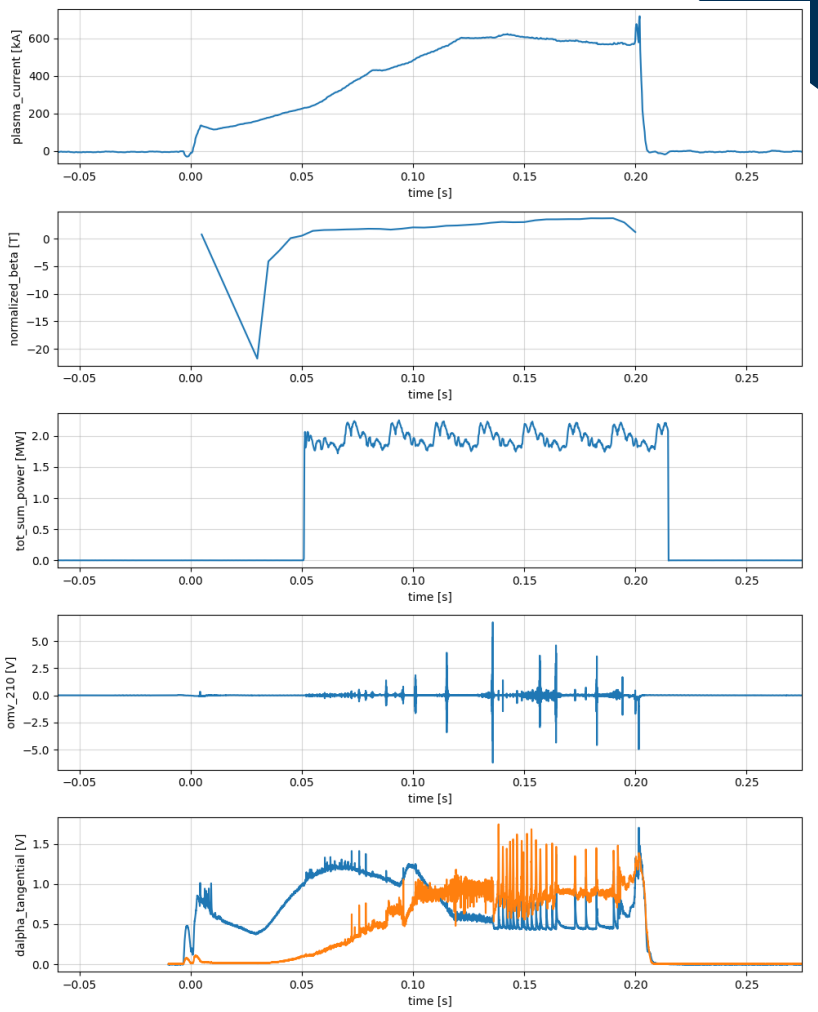

2D Spectrogram: Mirnov Coil Spectrograms



2D+t Video: Centre Column Camera data




3D profiles: Equilibrium Reconstruction Data




1D Time Traces

# FAIR MAST Project

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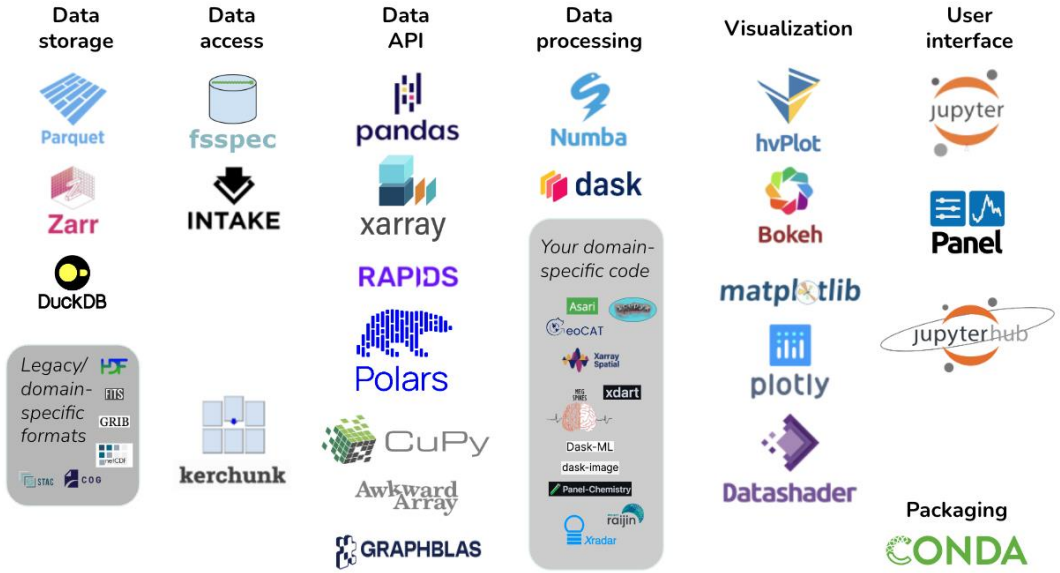
***Challenges:***

- Data were only accessible from an internal cluster
  - Must be on UKAEA network or whitelisted IP
  - Must have account access to internal cluster
- Data were only accessible though domain specific access layer (UDA)
- Data had inconsistent naming, dimensions, units
- Data had significant amount of redundancy
- Data representation not interoperable with common analysis tools

***Goal**: "To produce a framework for public access to MAST data in a FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) manner".*

- Data must be easily **findable** through the metadata
- Data must be in exposed in an **interoperable** format
- Minimise **loading** and **transferring** data (lazy loading)
- Support **data analysis** and **ML/AI** frameworks
- Support larger-than-memory & parallel computation
- Be **publicly** accessible

## Pandata Stack

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# Motivation

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**Because our funders tell us too…**

UKRI Open Research Data Taskforce:

- that published scientific results should be open access - digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions; and

- that the data acquired by individual scientists and scientific groups should be subject to a default position whereby it is made findable, accessible, interoperable and re-useable (FAIR);

EPSRC Research Data Policy:

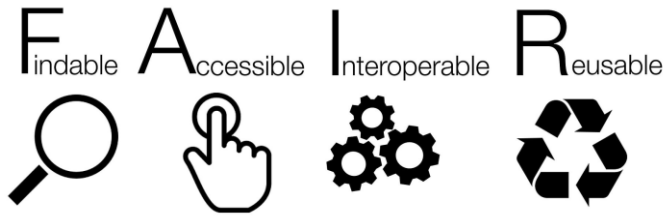
1. EPSRC-funded research data is a public good produced in the public interest, and should be made freely and openly available with as few restrictions as possible in a timely and responsible manner.



Final Report of the UKRI Open Research Task Force
EPSRC Data Policy

# FAIR Data

- **Findable -** Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers
- **Accessible** - It should be clear how to access the data once found.
- **Interoperable -** Data can be integrated with other data and interoperate with applications or workflows for analysis, storage, and processing.
- **Reusable -** Metadata and data should be well-described so that they can be replicated and/or combined in different settings.



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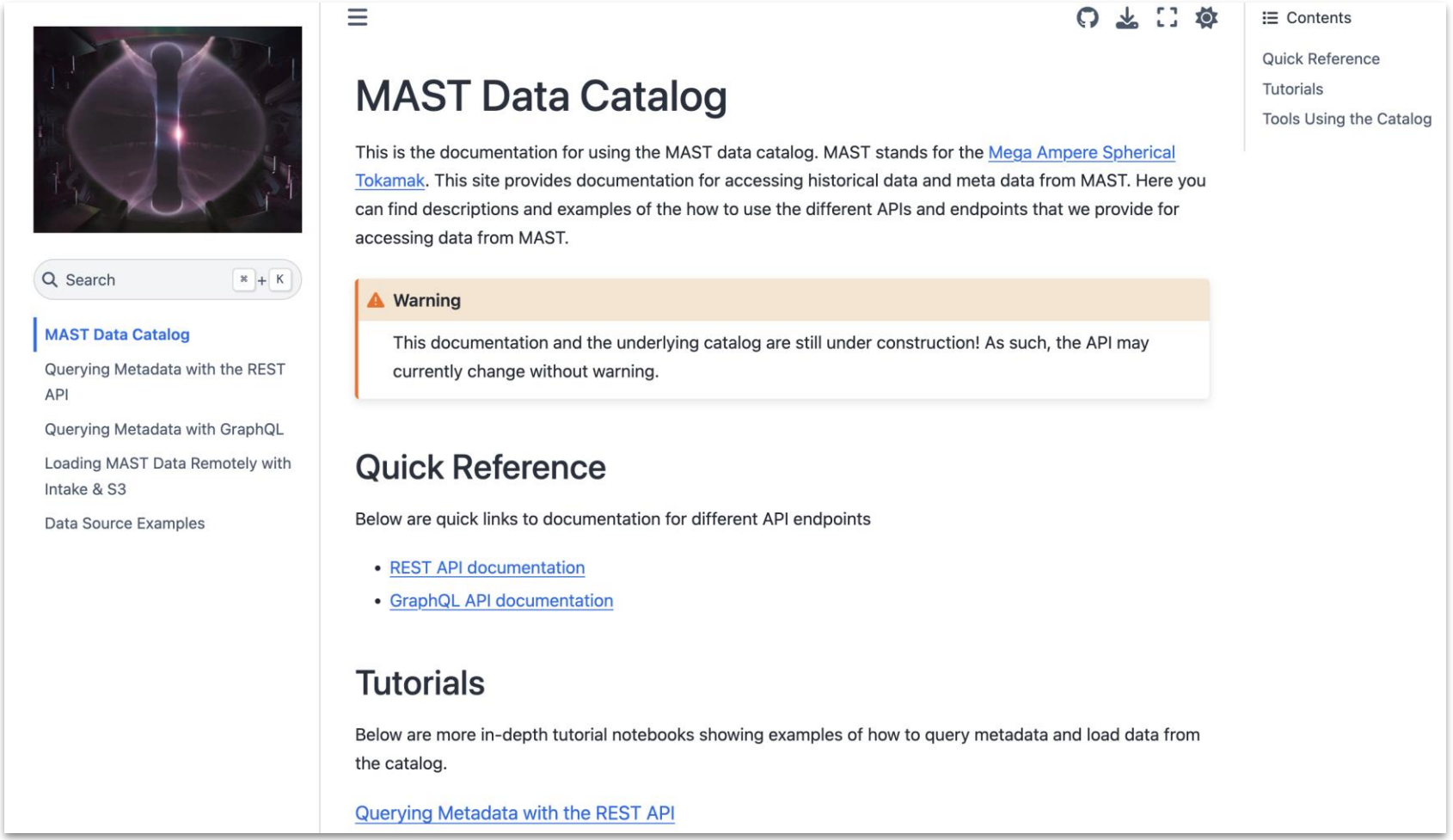
# FAIR MAST Project




https:// mastapp.site/

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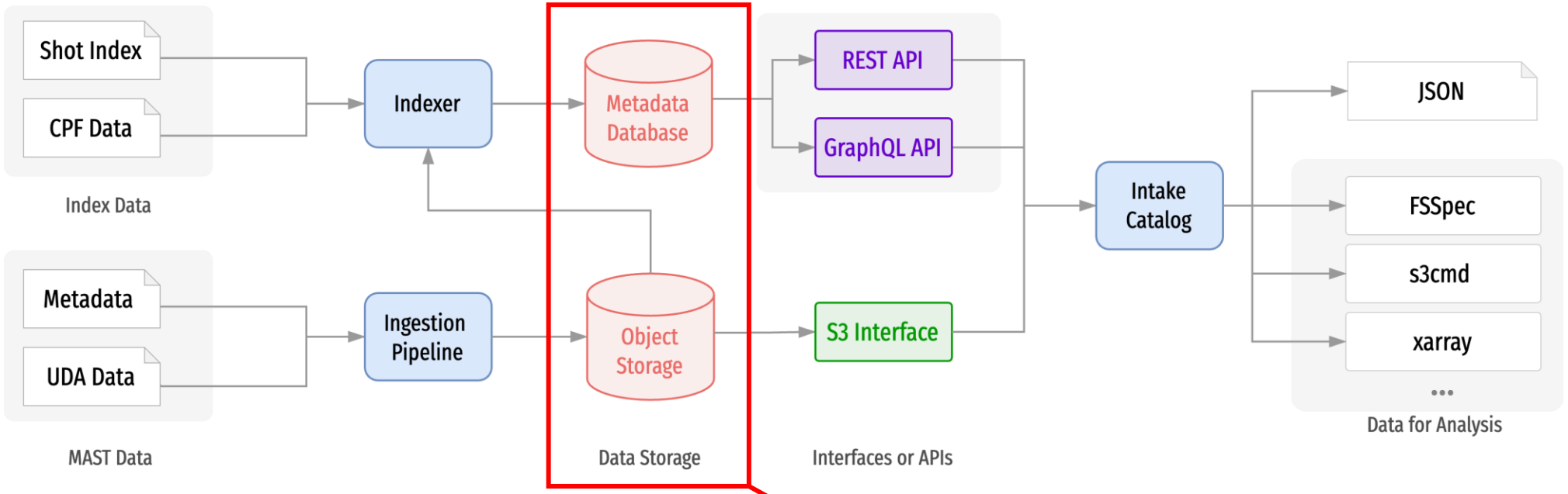
# System Architecture




- **Object storage**
  - Holding shot, source, and signal data in a self-describing, cloud optimised file format.
  - Accessible by S3 protocol.

- **Metadata database**
  - Indexing data in the object storage
  - For searching and finding data in the object storage
  - Accessible by web APIs



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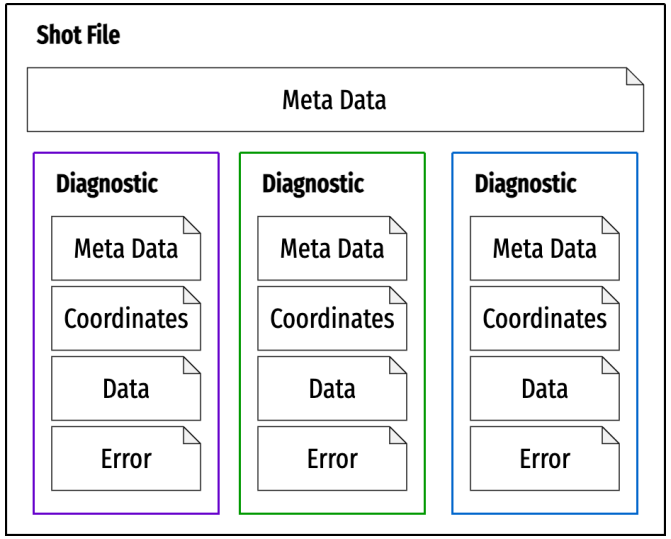
# File Format

We choose to use a hierarchical self-describing file format.

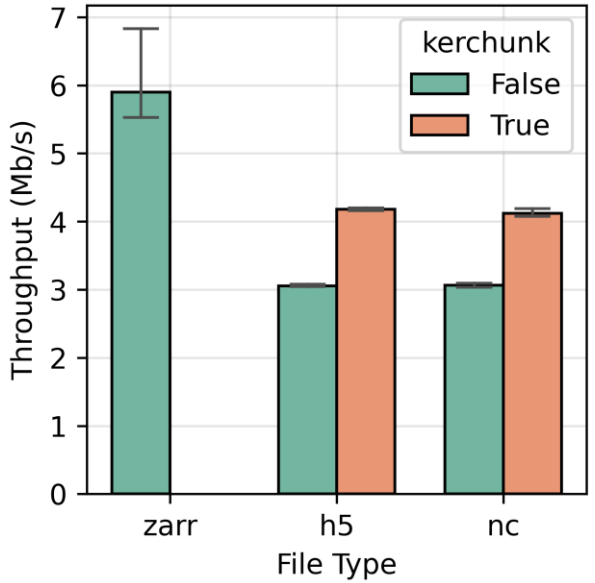
- Group data by shot
- Group signals by diagnostic
- Each group may contain metadata
- Coordinate axes are also defined

For our implementation we choose Zarr format

- Hierarchical format
- HDF-like interface
- Consolidated metadata
- Parallel read/write
- Cloud optimised
- Interoperable with different languages
- Lazy loading



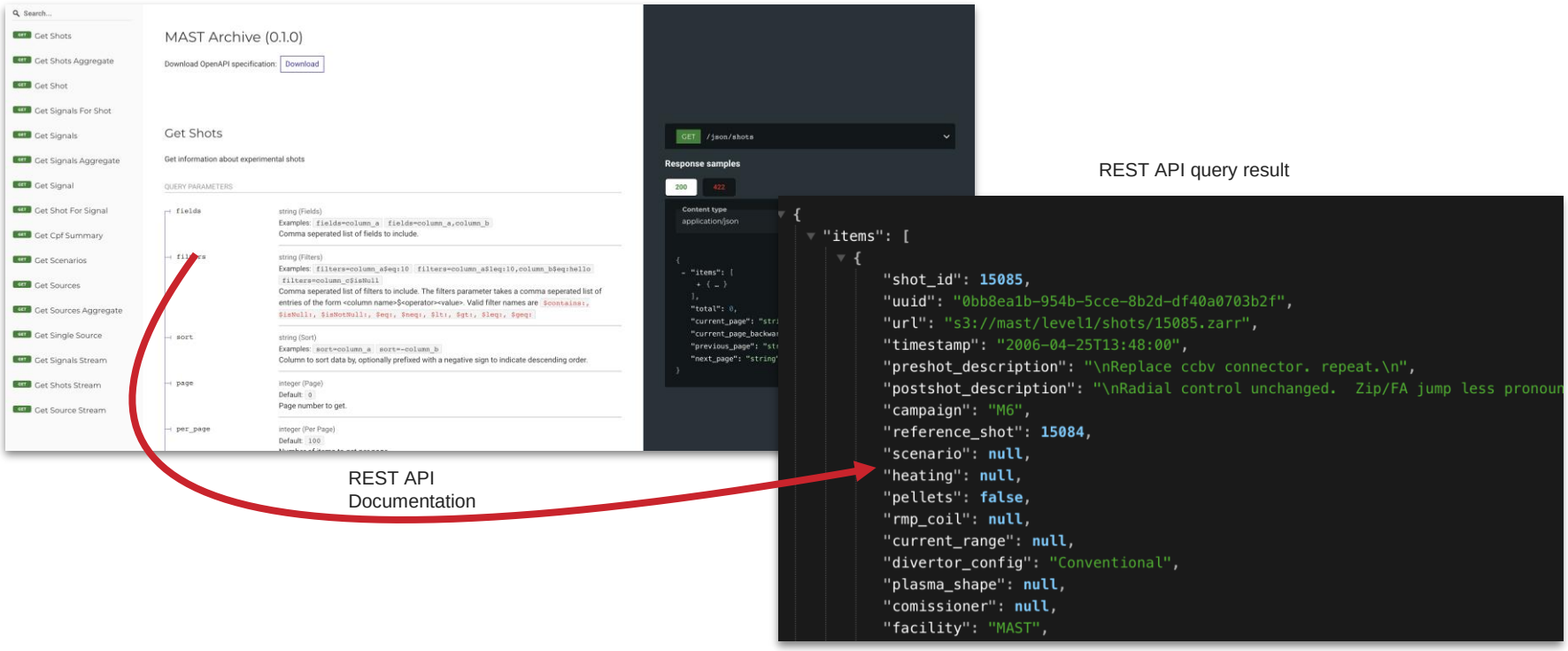

Above: File format structure




Above: Performance comparison of Zarr/NetCDF/HDF with and without Kerchunk RBB camera data.

Zarr File Format

# Metadata APIs: REST




REST API implemented with `fastapi`, `sqlmodel`, and `sqlalchemy`

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# Metadata Querying

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## Querying for shot metadata using the JSON API

```
import requests
import pandas as pd

response = requests.get('https://mastapp.site/json/shots?filters=campaign$eq:M9')
items = response.json()['items']
Summary = pd.DataFrame(items)
```

## Querying for shot metadata using Intake library to directly get a pandas DataFrame

```
import intake
import pandas as pd

catalog = intake.open_catalog(f'https://mastapp.site/intake/catalog.yml')
df = pd.DataFrame(catalog.index.level1.shots().read())
summary = df.loc[df.campaign == 'M9']
summary
```

| | url | preshot_description | postshot_description | campaign |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7478 | s3://mast/level1/shots/28405.zarr | \nTry again.\n | \nNot triggered.\n | M9 |
| 7643 | s3://mast/level1/shots/28640.zarr | \nRestore standard TF test shot 24529.\n | \nShot ok.\n | M9 |
| 8634 | s3://mast/level1/shots/28649.zarr | \nRepeat.\n | \n10kA P2 ran full length.\n | M9 |
| 12511 | s3://mast/level1/shots/28392.zarr | \nHL11, 300 ms, 2 V. He plenum 1047.\n | \nOk.\n | M9 |
| 12520 | s3://mast/level1/shots/28393.zarr | \nHL11, 300 ms, 3 V. He plenum 1047.\n | \nOk.\n | M9 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15548 | s3://mast/level1/shots/30467.zarr | \nRepeat with new neutron camera position \ncH... | \nTwo times lower DD neutron rate than referen... | M9 |

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# Data Access: Xarray, Dask, S3

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Loading MAST data in **2 lines of code**:

```
import xarray as xr
dataset = xr.open_zarr("https://s3.echo.stfc.ac.uk/mast/level1/shots/30420.zarr/amc")
```

A more explicit example with S3:

```
import s3fs
import xarray as xr
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# s3 storage location
endpoint_url = 'https://s3.echo.stfc.ac.uk'
# URL of data we want to load
url = 's3://mast/level1/shots/30420.zarr/amc'

# fsspec handle to remote file system
s3 = s3fs.S3FileSystem(anon=True, endpoint_url=endpoint_url)

# open the dataset
dataset = xr.open_zarr(s3.get_mapper(url))

# data only loaded at this point!
plt.plot(dataset['time'], dataset['plasma_current'])
```


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STFC Echo Storage!

# User Access: Bulk Download

Bulk download of data can be done using your favorite S3 command line tool.
For example, `s5cmd` is a fast parallel transfer tool.

**Download one whole shot**

```
s5cmd --no-sign-request --endpoint-url https://s3.echo.stfc.ac.uk \
  cp "s3://mast/level1/shots/30420.zarr/*" ./data/30420.zarr
```

**Download a single source for all shots**

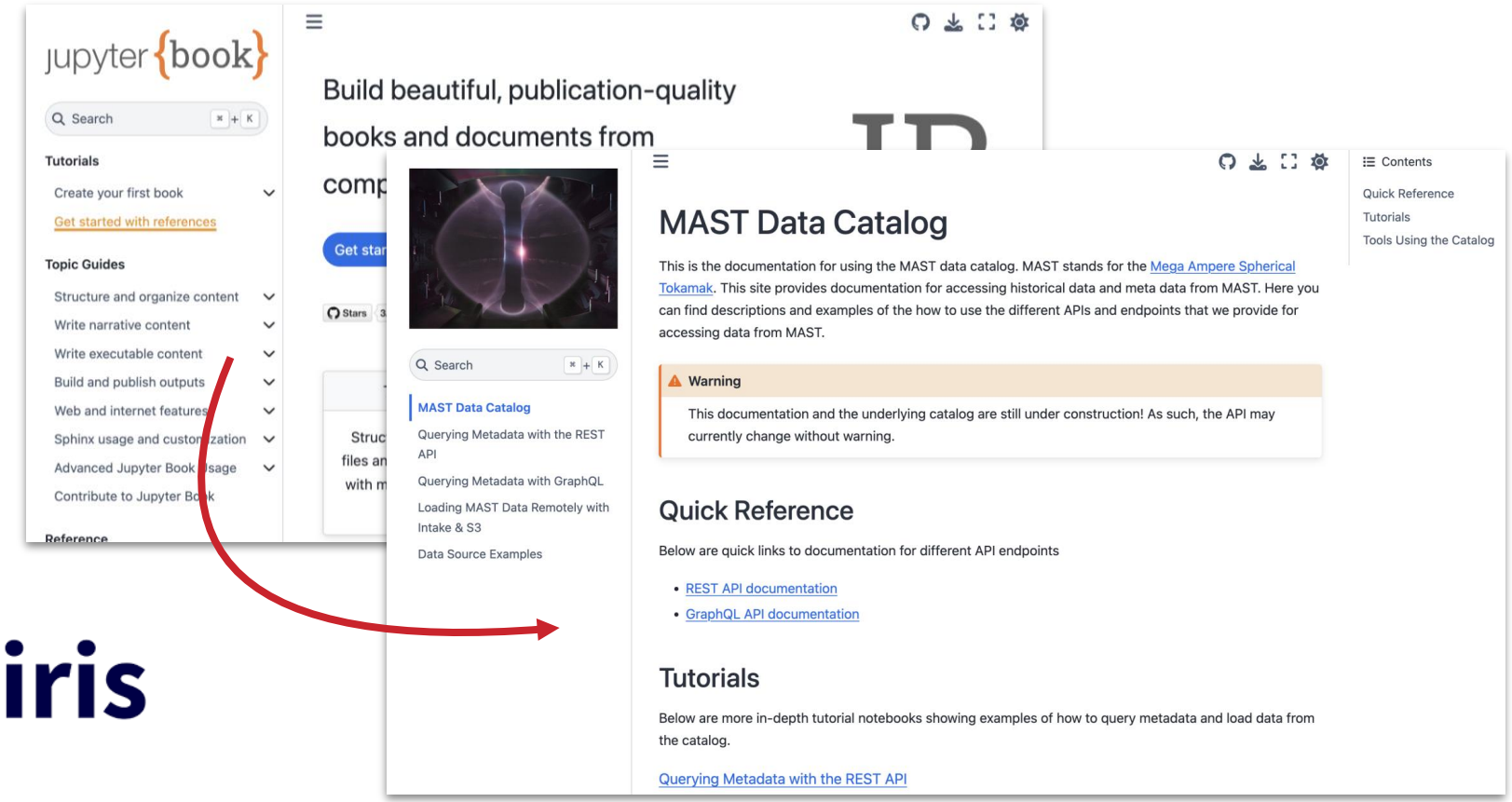
```
s5cmd -no-sign-request --endpoint-url https://s3.echo.stfc.ac.uk \
  cp "s3://mast/level1/shots/*.zarr/rbb/*" ./data
```



s5cmd github

# User Documentation

Using Jupyter book to build documentation that is also executable

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Jupyter Book Project

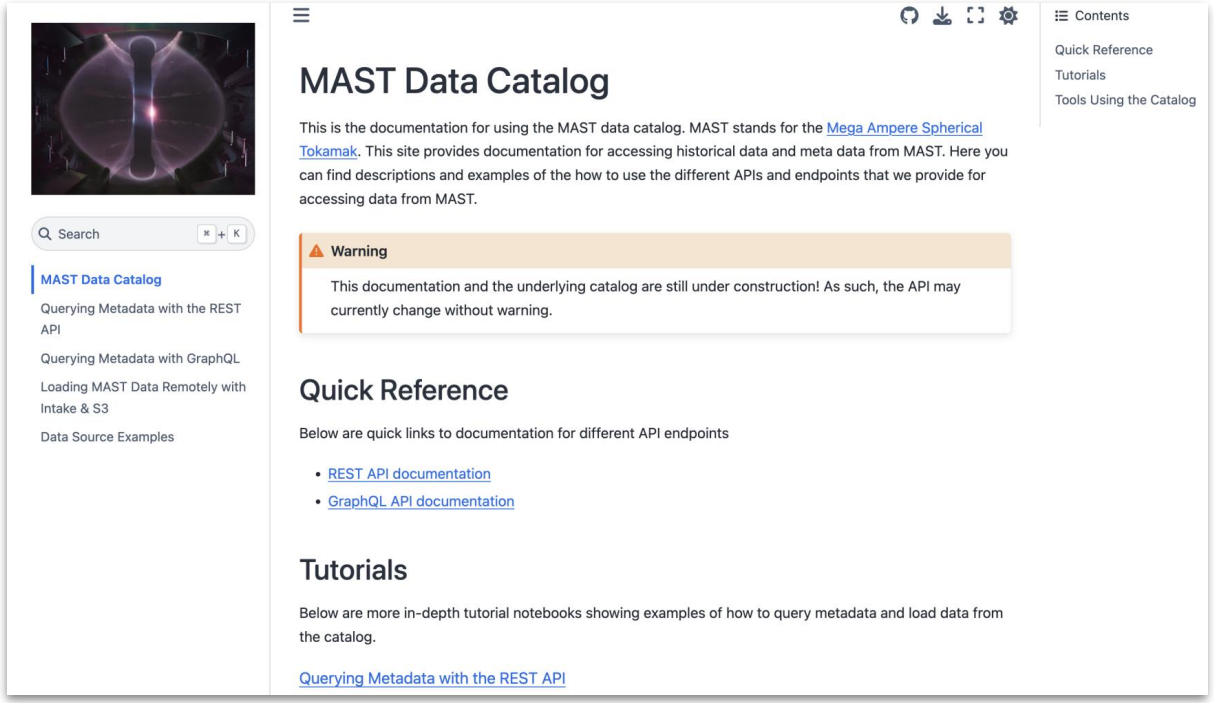
# Summary

We developed a data infrastructure solution for the history of the MAST experiment

We provide a public REST API for the metadata

We provide a public the history of the MAST data in cloud object storage

**All developed and hosted on IRIS resources!**




Demo site:
https://mastapp.site/

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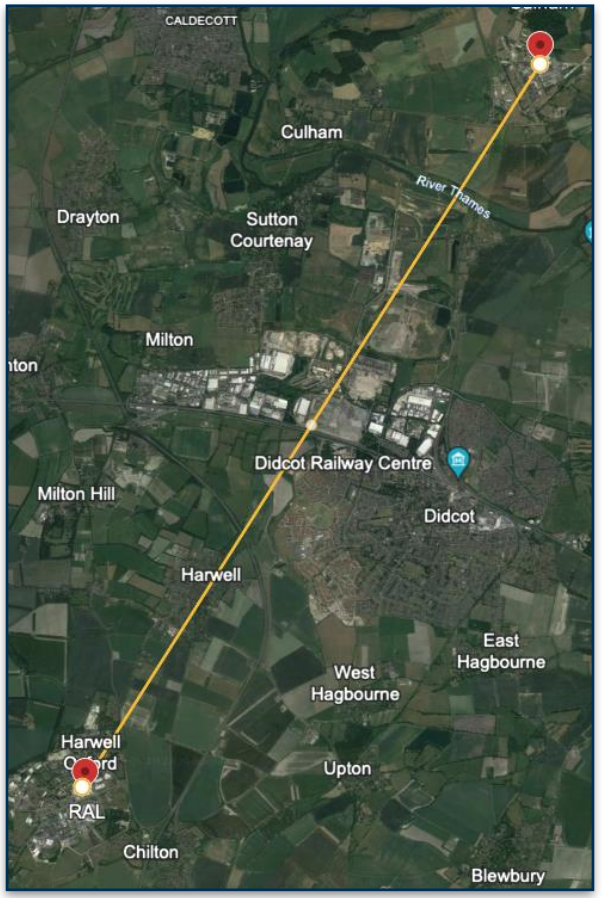


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