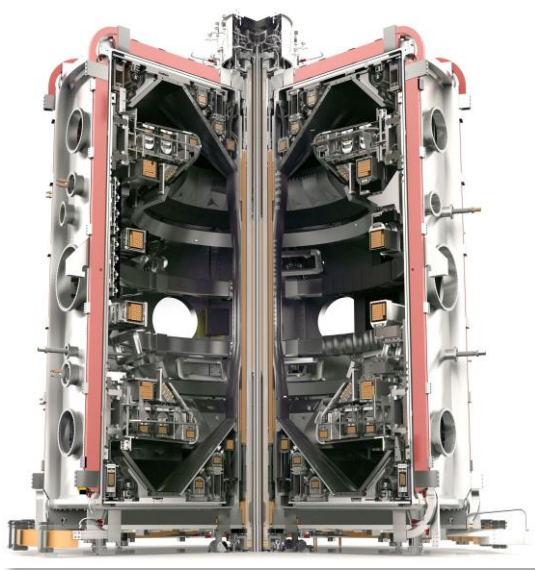




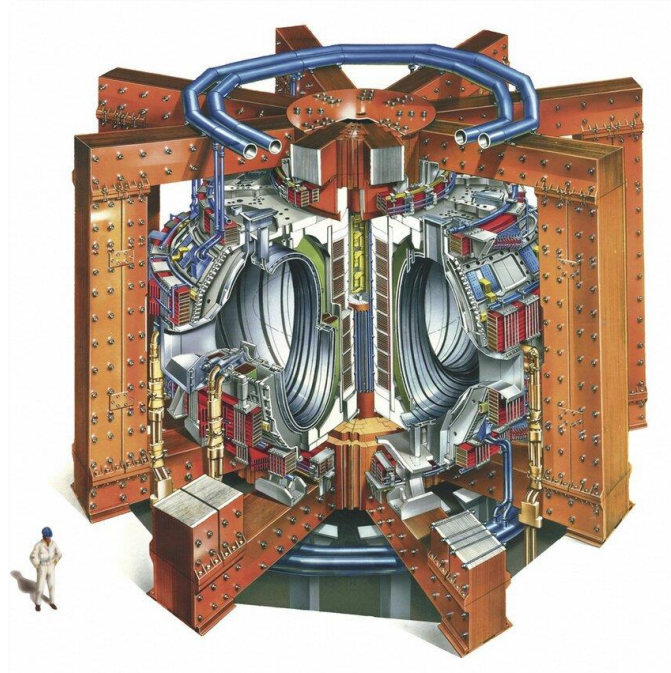
**Towards Making Fusion Data Open and  
FAIR with IRIS Resources**

Samuel Jackson

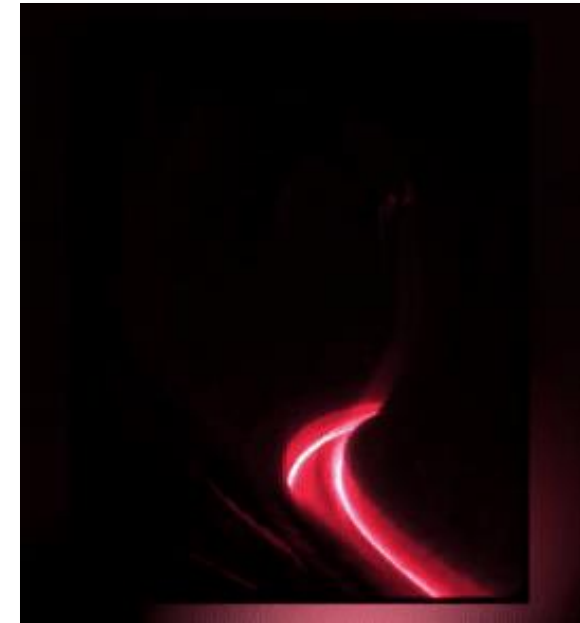
- **UKAEA: United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority**
- Responsible for the national fusion energy research programme
- Magnetic confinement fusion through tokamak experiments
- Development of support facilities to develop UK's fusion industry and supply chain



MAST-U

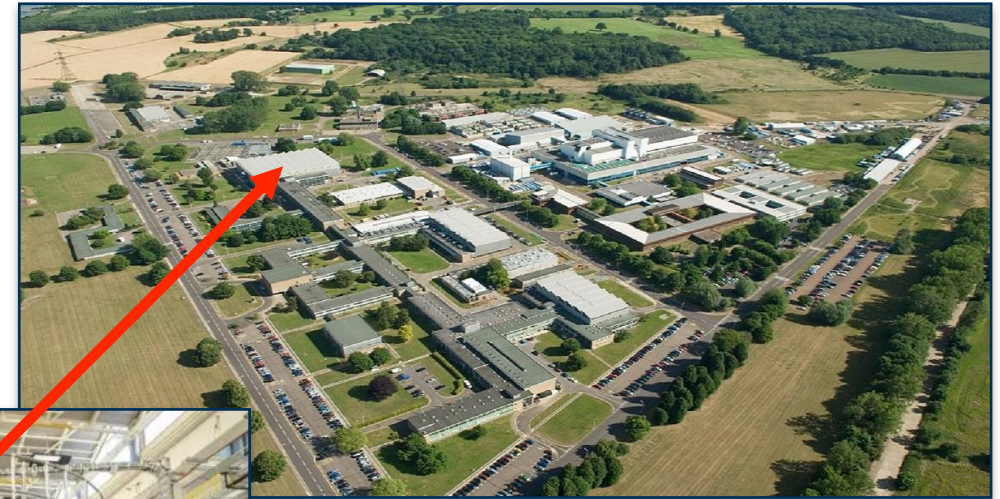


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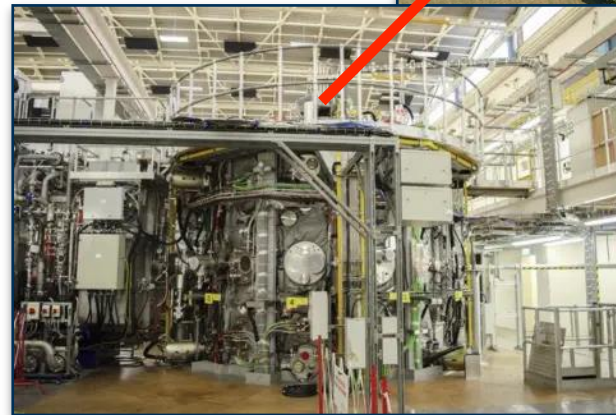


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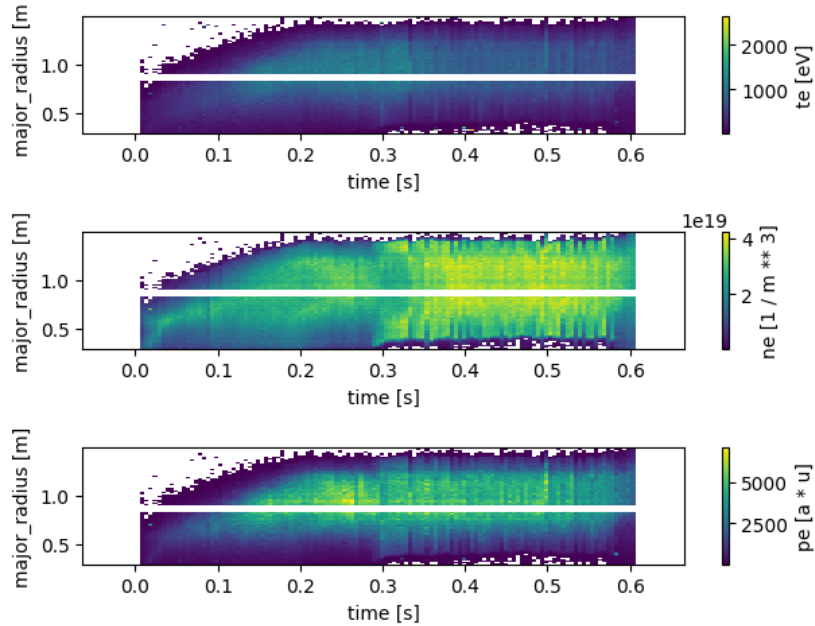
- **MAST (Mega Ampere Spherical Tokamak)**
- Spherical tokamak design commissioned by EURATOM/UKAEA
- Built at Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, Oxfordshire, UK
- Experiments ran from 1999 through to 2013
- Produced ~30,000 shots over its history
- Succeeded by MAST Upgrade (MAST-U) in 2020



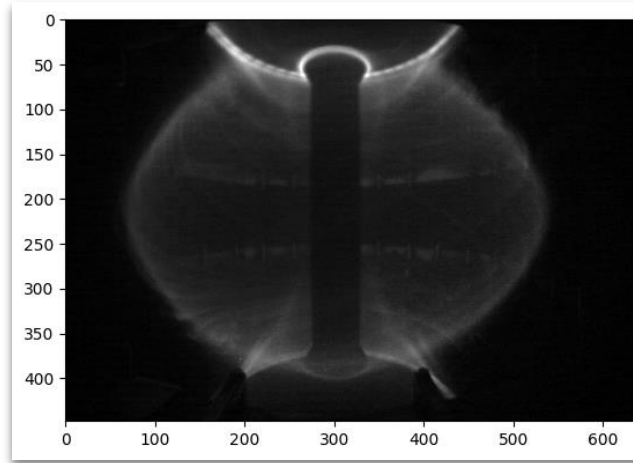
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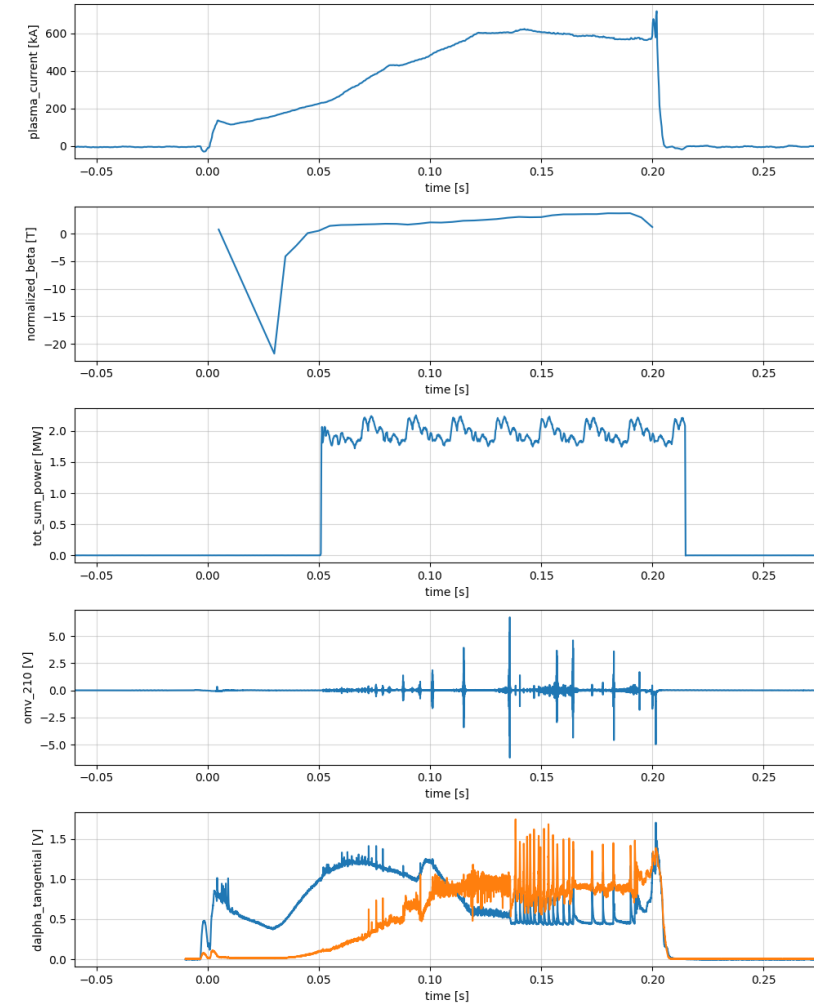
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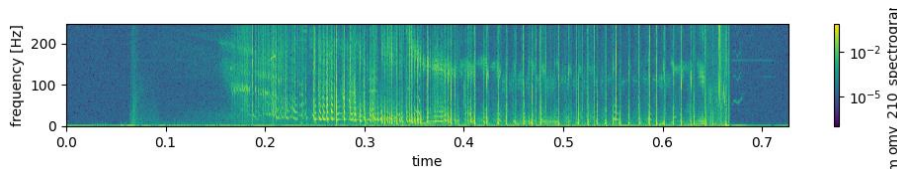
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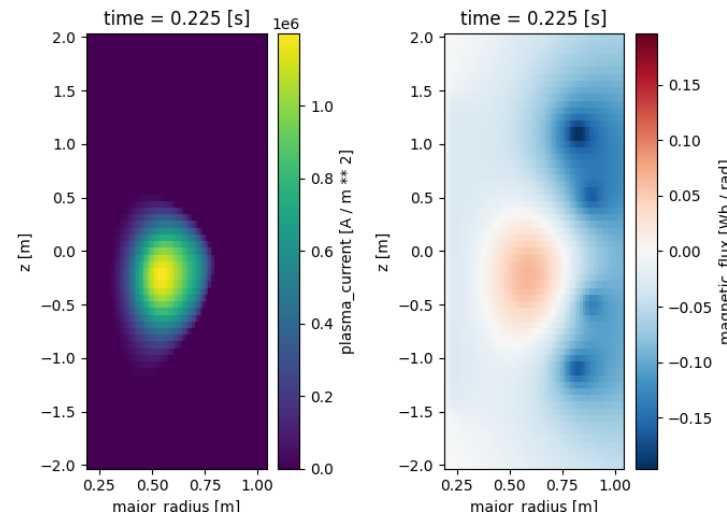
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1D Time Traces



2D Spectrogram: Mirnov Coil Spectrograms



3D profiles: Equilibrium Reconstruction Data

# FAIR MAST Project

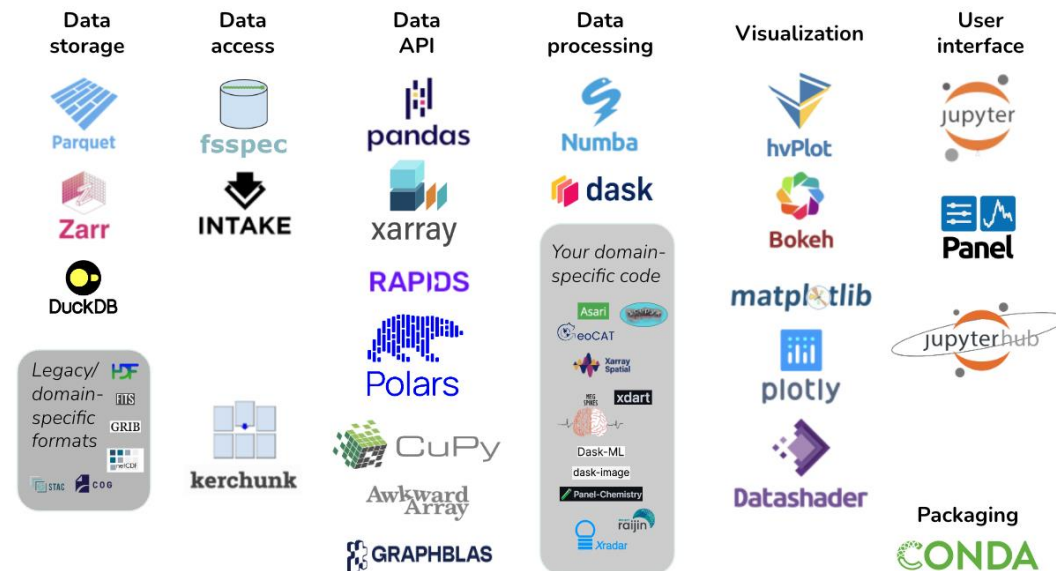
## Challenges:

- 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 through 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 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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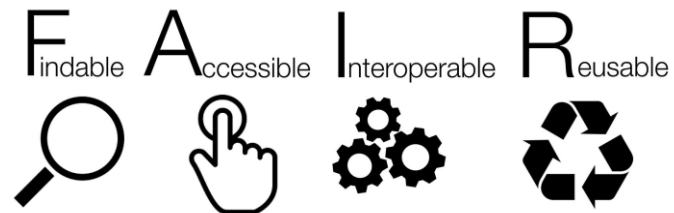
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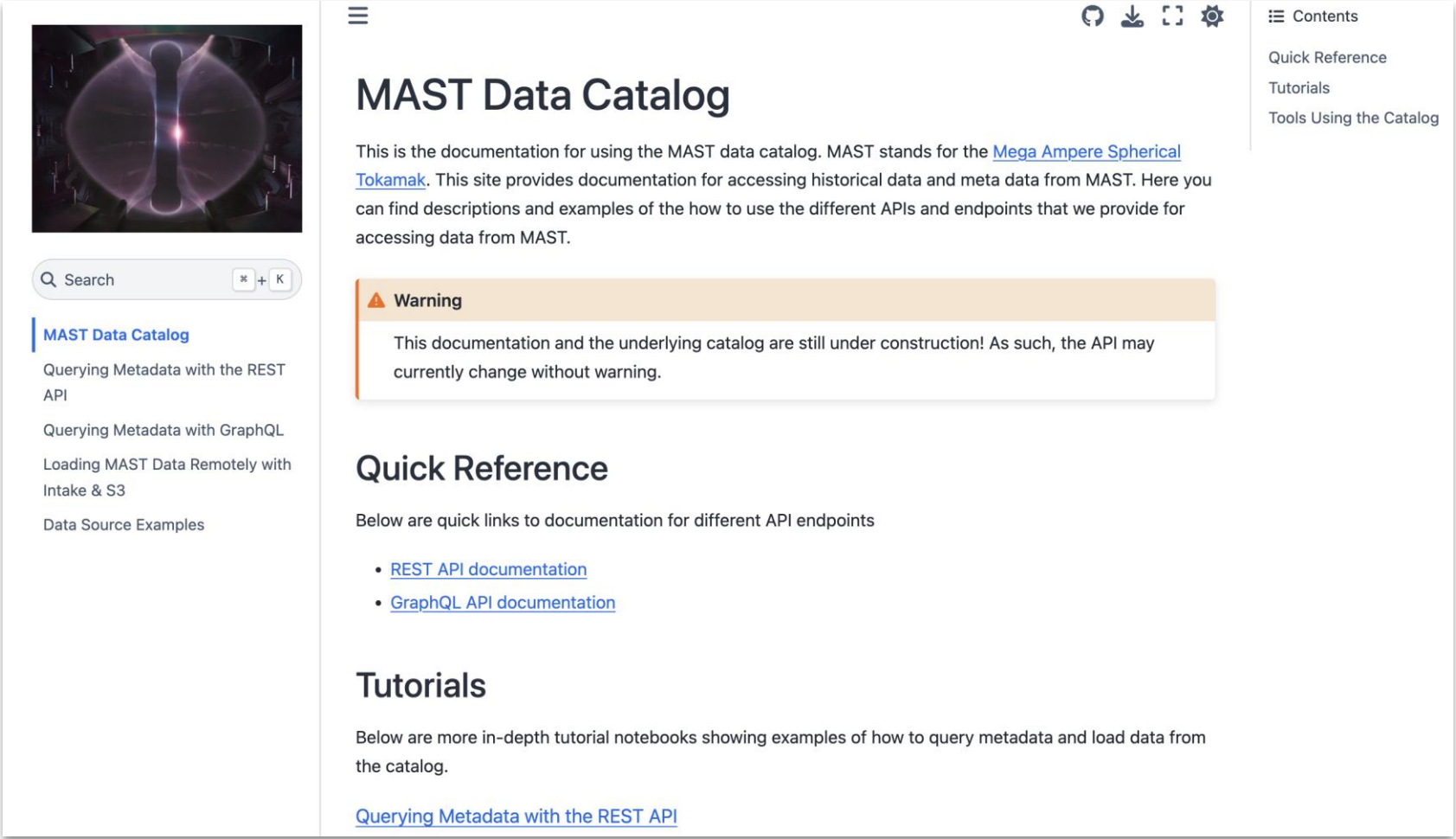
- that published scientific results should be open access - digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions; and
- that the data acquired by individual scientists and scientific groups should be subject to a default position whereby it is made findable, accessible, interoperable and re-useable (FAIR);

EPSRC Research Data Policy:

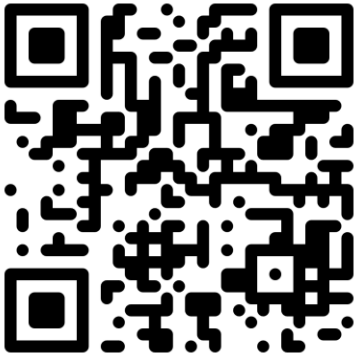
1. EPSRC-funded research data is a public good produced in the public interest, and should be made freely and openly available with as few restrictions as possible in a timely and responsible manner.

- **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.





The screenshot shows the MAST Data Catalog website. On the left is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links: "MAST Data Catalog", "Querying Metadata with the REST API", "Querying Metadata with GraphQL", "Loading MAST Data Remotely with Intake & S3", and "Data Source Examples". The main content area has a header "MAST Data Catalog" and a paragraph explaining the catalog's purpose. Below this is a yellow warning box with a triangle icon and the text: "Warning: This documentation and the underlying catalog are still under construction! As such, the API may currently change without warning." Further down are sections for "Quick Reference" (with links to REST and GraphQL API documentation) and "Tutorials" (with a link to "Querying Metadata with the REST API"). A right-hand navigation menu lists "Contents", "Quick Reference", "Tutorials", and "Tools Using the Catalog".



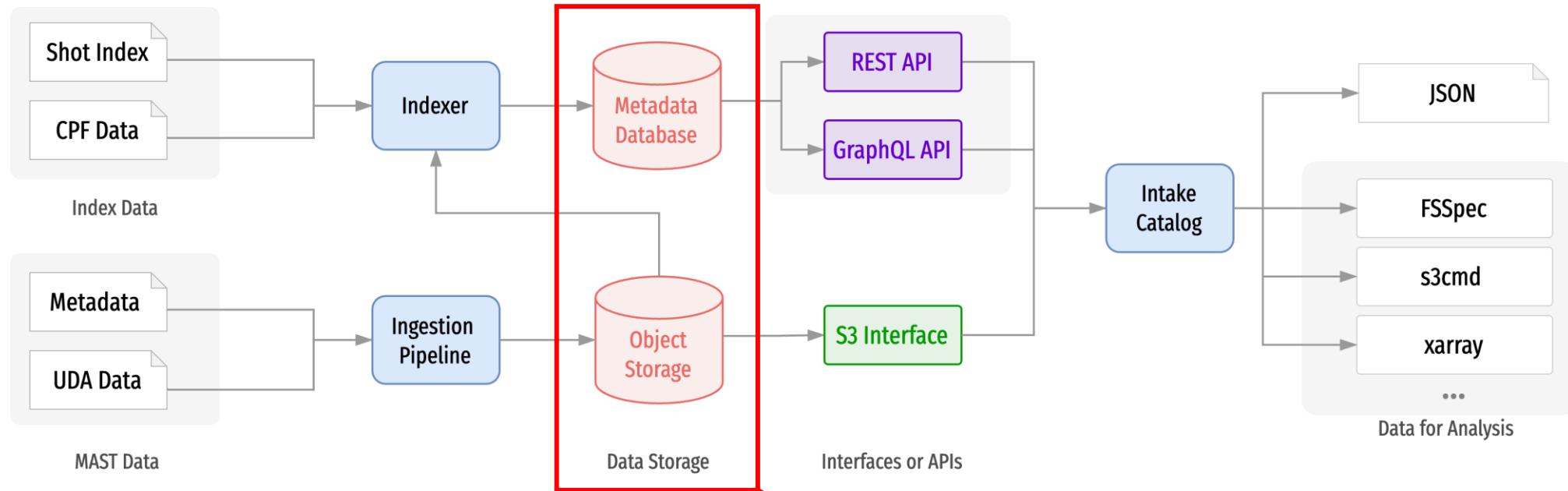
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# System Architecture



- **Object storage**

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

- **Metadata database**

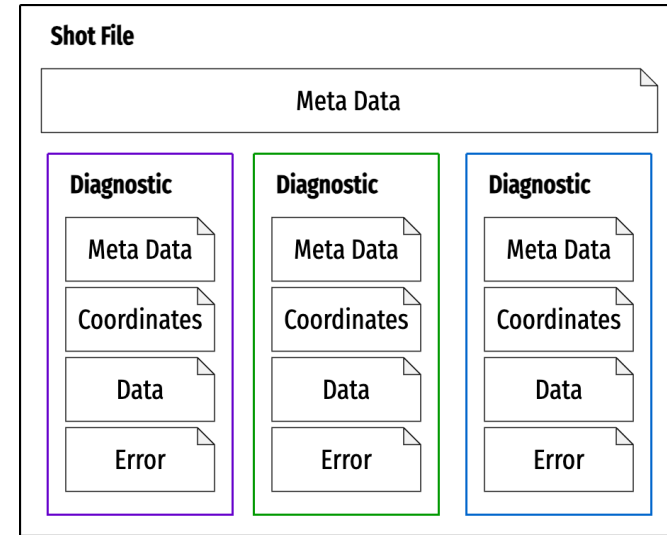
- Indexing data in the object storage
- For searching and finding data in the object storage
- Accessible by web APIs



# File Format

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

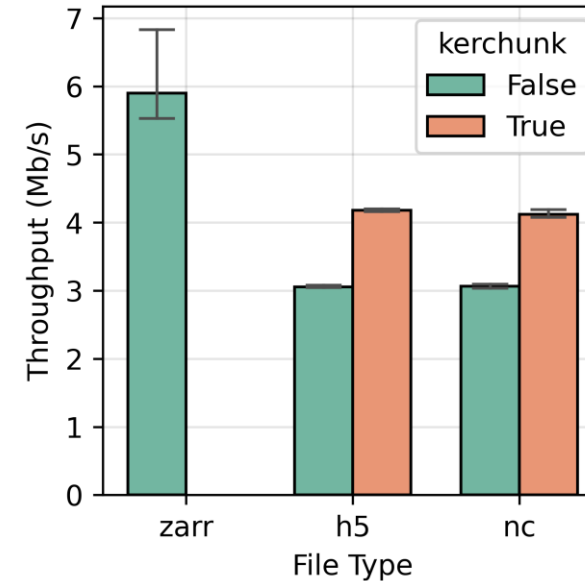
- Group data by shot
- Group signals by diagnostic
- Each group may contain metadata
- Coordinate axes are also defined



Above: File format structure

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

# Metadata APIs: REST

MAST Archive (0.1.0)

Download OpenAPI specification: [Download](#)

Get Shots

Get information about experimental shots

QUERY PARAMETERS

fields	string (Fields) Examples: fields=column_a fields=column_a,column_b Comma separated list of fields to include.
filters	string (Filters) Examples: filters=column_a\$eq:10 filters=column_a\$eq:10,column_b\$eq:hello filters=column_c\$neq:1 Comma separated list of filters to include. The filters parameter takes a comma separated list of entries of the form <column name>\$operator=<value>. Valid filter names are \$contains, \$isnull, \$isnotnull, \$eq, \$neq, \$lt, \$gt, \$leq, \$geq.
sort	string (Sort) Examples: sort=column_a sort=-column_b Column to sort data by, optionally prefixed with a negative sign to indicate descending order.
page	integer (Page) Default: 0 Page number to get.
per_page	integer (Per Page) Default: 100 Number of items to return per page.

GET /jeon/shots

Response samples

200 422

REST API query result

```
{
  "items": [
    {
      "shot_id": 15085,
      "uuid": "0bb8ea1b-954b-5cce-8b2d-df40a0703b2f",
      "url": "s3://mast/level1/shots/15085.zarr",
      "timestamp": "2006-04-25T13:48:00",
      "preshot_description": "\nReplace ccbv connector. repeat.\n",
      "postshot_description": "\nRadial control unchanged. Zip/FA jump less pronou",
      "campaign": "M6",
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      "divertor_config": "Conventional",
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      "facility": "MAST",
    }
  ]
}
```

REST API Documentation

REST API implemented with fastapi, sqlalchemy, and sqlmodel



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# Metadata Querying

## 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	c
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.\n	\nTwo times lower DD neutron rate than referen.\n	M9	



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# Data Access: Xarray, Dask, S3

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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# 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.

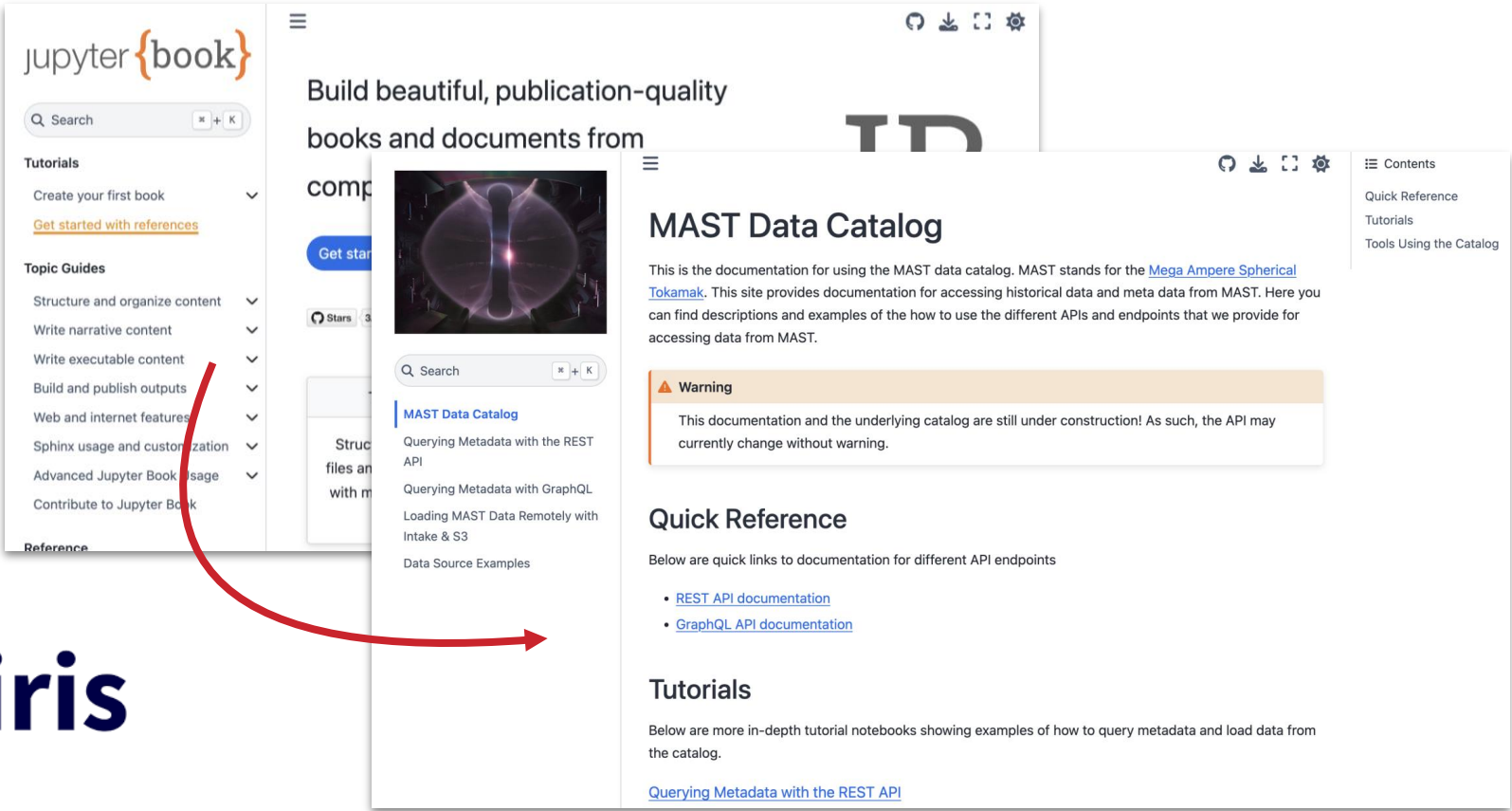
## Download one whole shot

```
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
```

Using Jupyter book to build documentation that is also executable



The screenshot displays a Jupyter Book interface for the 'MAST Data Catalog'. The left sidebar contains a search bar and a navigation menu with sections like 'Tutorials', 'Topic Guides', and 'Reference'. The main content area features a header with the text 'Build beautiful, publication-quality books and documents from' and a 'Get started' button. Below this is a search bar and a list of items, with 'MAST Data Catalog' selected. The main content of the 'MAST Data Catalog' page includes a description, a warning box stating 'This documentation and the underlying catalog are still under construction!', and sections for 'Quick Reference' and 'Tutorials'. A red arrow points from the 'iris' logo to the 'MAST Data Catalog' page.



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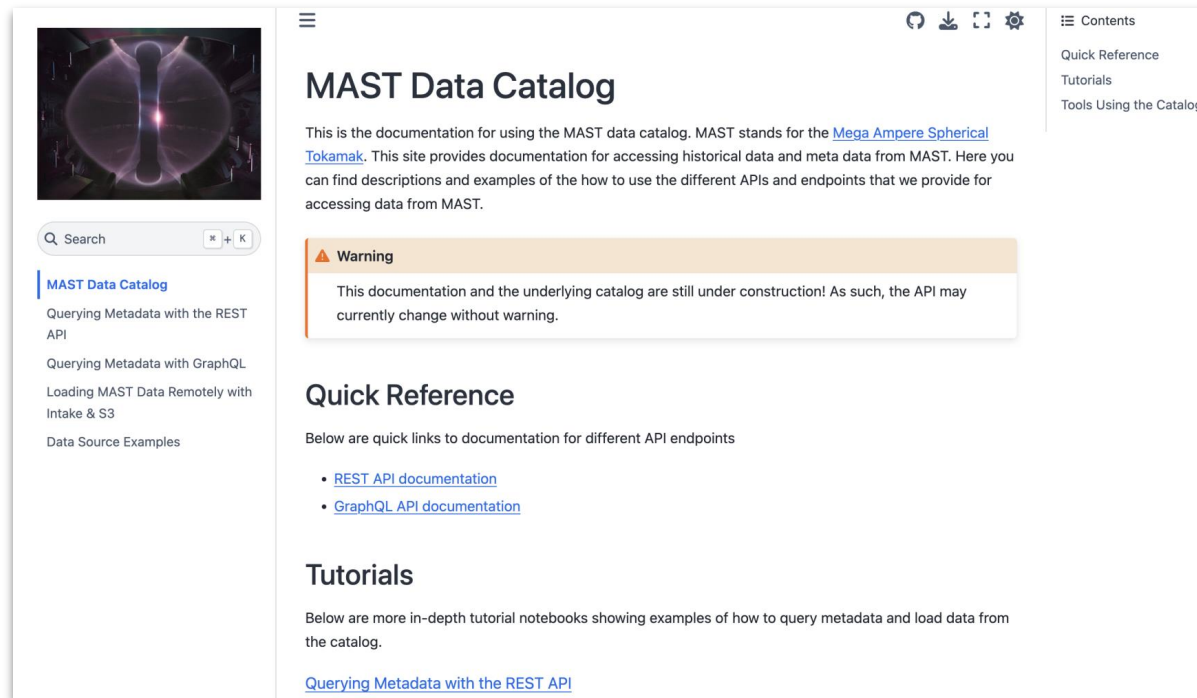
# Summary

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!**



**MAST Data Catalog**

This is the documentation for using the MAST data catalog. MAST stands for the [Mega Ampere Spherical Tokamak](#). This site provides documentation for accessing historical data and meta data from MAST. Here you can find descriptions and examples of the how to use the different APIs and endpoints that we provide for accessing data from MAST.

**Warning**

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**Quick Reference**

Below are quick links to documentation for different API endpoints

- [REST API documentation](#)
- [GraphQL API documentation](#)

**Tutorials**

Below are more in-depth tutorial notebooks showing examples of how to query metadata and load data from the catalog.

[Querying Metadata with the REST API](#)



Demo site:

<https://mastapp.site/>



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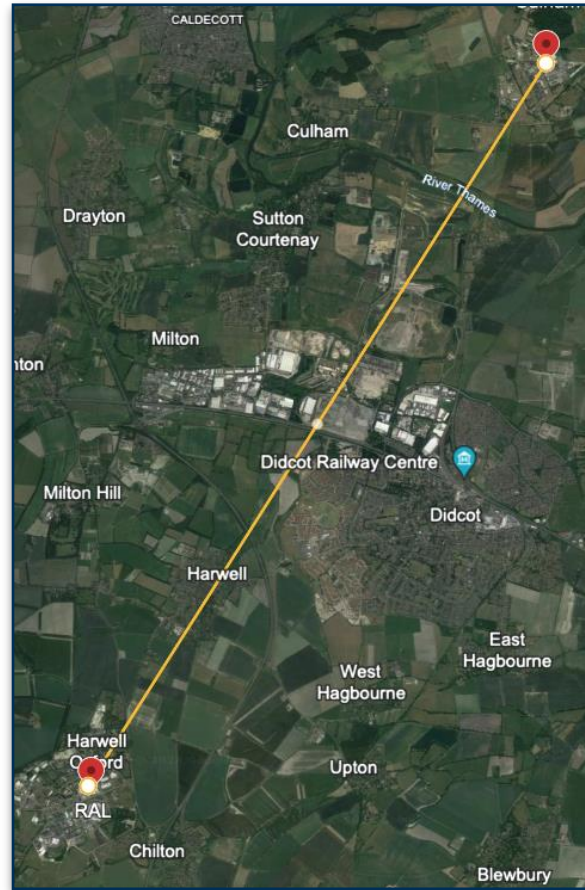
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