

# *PACTE*

*Project Management Board  
Meeting 11 Dec. 2020*

## AGENDA

- Principal sub-projects – minimum viable product
- Technical update
- Project plan and progress against milestones
- Project finances



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# PACE Goals – three sub-projects, minimum viable product

- Interface to third party simulation codes
  - SpinW (now a separate project)
  - Phonon calculations (Euphonic)
  - API for generic user (Matlab, Python and C++), and 3<sup>rd</sup> party codes
- Optimisation and resolution convolution algorithms
  - Parallel Tobyfit
  - New approaches
- Performance and usability framework for
  - parallel and distributed computing architecture :
    - DAaaS, SCARF, but will also work on high end laptop/desktop
  - Matlab and Python user interface
  - Handling large datasets out of memory
  - Generic projections : user-defined



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# ALC “SpinWCore / libMcPhase” Project

- Developer will start Dec 14. 2020
- Deliverables:
  - Parallelised compiled (C++) core computation routines for SpinW (rewrite of `spinwave.m`, 6 months)
  - Rewrite of core parts of McPhase as a C++ library with a Python interface (`libmcphase`, 18 months)
- Funding from Ada Lovelace Centre to Mar 2022 (15 months) then developer will be funded by ISIS.
- In scope:
  - Full CI for SpinW/SpinWCore and libMcPhase (both projects need new unit/system tests and servers setup)
- Not in scope: *[of the ALC project funding, not of PACE overall]*
  - Additional SpinW features (e.g. Python interface, user requests)
  - Integration with other PACE projects (Horace, Brille).



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# SpinW specifics

- Currently unmaintained (lack of dedicated developer).
- Long term goal is to convert to Python.
  - Currently a functioning Python interface using compiled Matlab exists.
  - C++ SpinWCore might be basis for new Python version, but will need dedicated developer
- Urgently needs comprehensive set of unit / system tests and CI infrastructure (will be met by ALC project).
  - Could use cloud CI (e.g. Circle, Travis) but those only provide Matlab for Linux instances.
- Integration with PACE:
  - Existing Horace interface within SpinW codebase (will stay).
  - New Brille interface within SpinW codebase (now implemented by MDL).
- Many of new features asked for by users (multi-k structures, multi-magnon continuum, fitting powder data) but lacking developer effort.



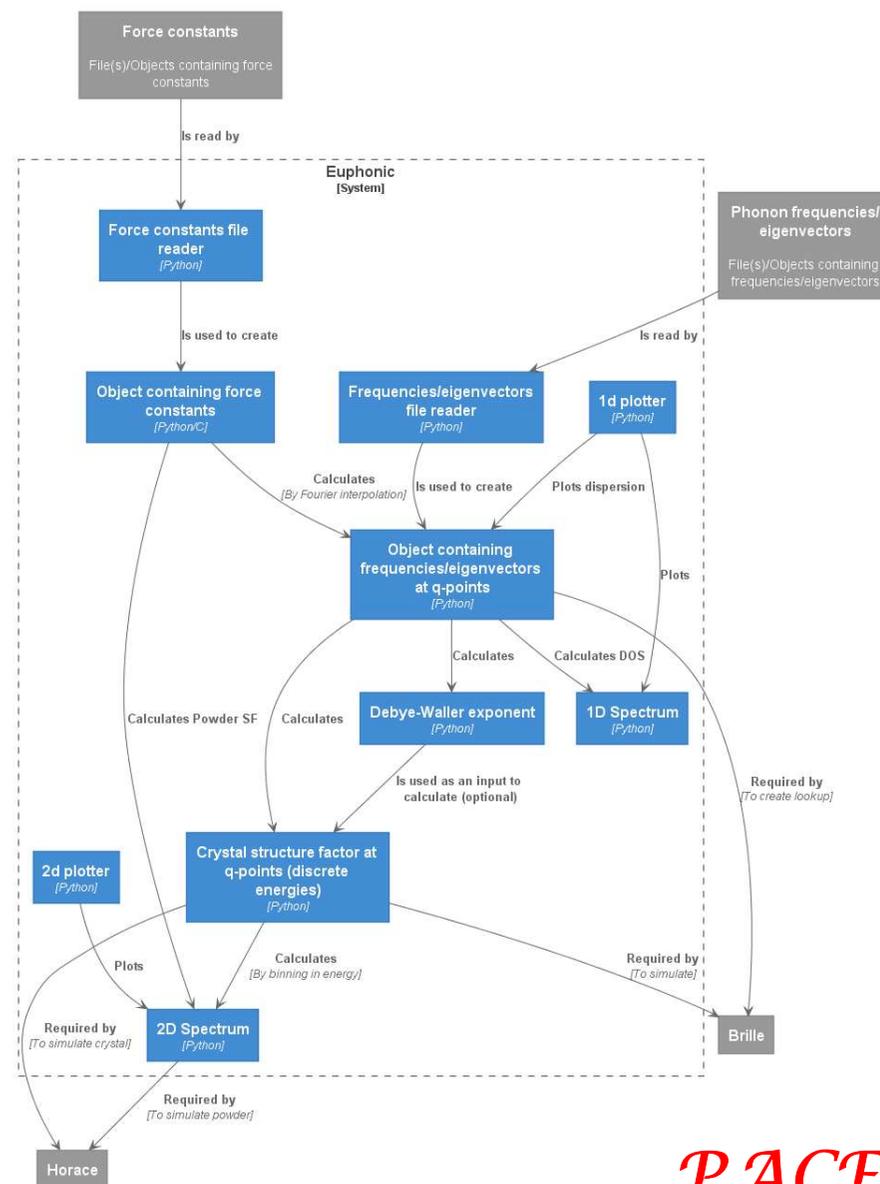
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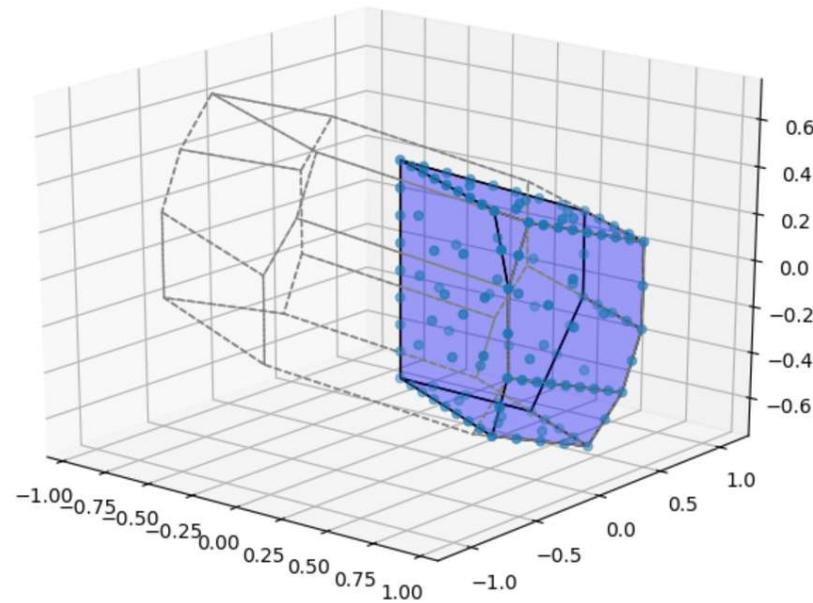
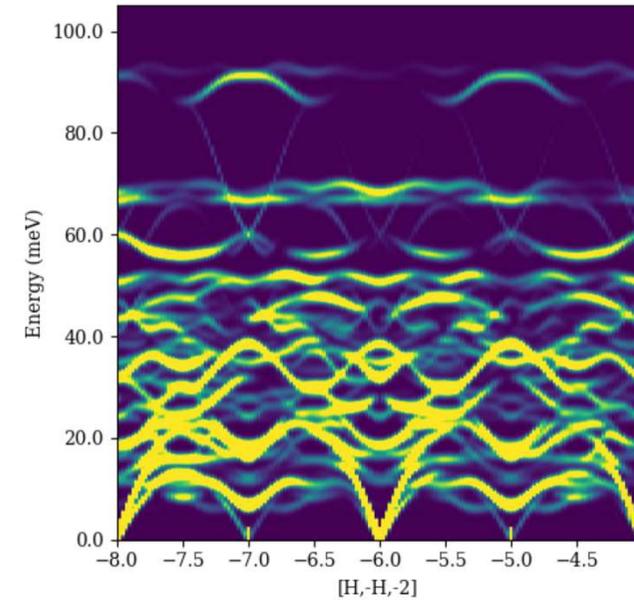
# Euphonic: Since March 20

- Major refactor of Euphonic's API completed (more user friendly and maintainable, easy handling of units, can output any Euphonic object as .json file)
- Addition of spherical averaging tools for powder averaging (contributed by Abins developer Adam Jackson)
- More robust and user friendly command-line tools e.g. dispersion.py is now euphonic-dispersion
- Has been successfully validated against other computational codes
- Graduate effort (James King) – 3 month project improving testing
  - Migrating to Pytest
  - Adding Windows/Mac continuous integration nodes



# Euphonic: Future Work

- Work towards publication on Euphonic
- Alongside publication aiming for:
  - 1.0.0 release of Euphonic
  - Release version of Euphonic-Horace-Interface
- Benchmark Euphonic performance against itself, CASTEP phonon tools, other codes etc: much has been done but it needs to be formalized
- Allow use of *brille* from Euphonic
- New integration repository for Horace-Euphonic interaction – Basis for testing, regressions



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# brille library and resolution

- Refactoring, handling improvements:
  - Proper handling of symmetry for interpolated vectors, matrices, and phonon eigenvectors
  - Equivalent mode caching
  - Some consequent performance impact, offset by....
  - Shared memory arrays
- Usability:
  - C++ library namespace encapsulation
  - Automated Python module build and publish pipeline
  - Automated hybrid Sphinx and Doxygen documentation
- AI with SpinW
  - Training time for neural nets reduced by order of magnitude to feasible size
  - Now 7000 cpu-hours
- Staffing:
  - Greg Tucker (PDRA) leaving for ESS Lund, will continue to work on *brille* at a reduced level
  - Process of formalising this ongoing

Keith T. Butler, Manh Duc Le,  
Jeyarajan Thiyagalingam,  
Toby G. Perring,  
"Interpretable, calibrated  
neural networks for analysis  
and understanding of  
inelastic neutron scattering  
data",  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.04584>



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# Tobyfit refactoring preparation

- Matlab instrument component and detector classes
  - rewritten and incorporated into a refactored Tobyfit.
  - Now part of new SQW object redesign (see framework, next slide)
- Parameter optimisation application
  - Design document finalised.
    - Generalises the fit functions, allows for different swappable core fitting engines.
    - Allows construction of more complex fit function
  - Can be implemented once the core SQW object rewrite is completed. The legacy Tobyfit version has been removed



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# Framework

- Support for large datasets (not fitting in memory) – implementation in progress
  - Dataset stored in temporary files, loaded into memory piece by piece for processing, with the results written back to file.
  - Requires conversion of large number of operations .
  - *Slows overall operation due to interaction with file system – price for working above memory limit. Algorithm-calling protocol ensures users know when this degradation is happening. 80% complete*
- MPI framework developed to support the parallelisation of a number of operations to significantly improve performance
  - Provides parallel inter-process communication through multiple frameworks, supporting file-based messages, the MATLAB Parallel toolbox and MPI framework
  - *Complete. Used to implement parallelization of SQW object generation (now in testing). Cut and symmetrize operations now planned*
- Compiled MATLAB *now available*
  - Compiled Matlab instances enable licence free operation e.g . from Python front-end
- Continuous Integration (CI) set up using ANVIL service - Captures cross-platform build and test functionality previously missing or executed by hand
  - Creates builds of Horace and Herbert for multiple MATLAB versions and multiple OS (initially Linux and Windows, extending to Mac, iDAaaS and SCARF). *Now allows coupling of non-master versions of Herbert and Horace (for new SQW, next slide).*
  - *Now also publishes documentation and release notes.*
  - *Version numbering more systematic, (=semantic versioning). Separately Euphonic and Brille are moving towards common semantic versioning, but Euphonic and Horace are not directly coupled – coupling is between both of them and the Horace-Euphonic interface*



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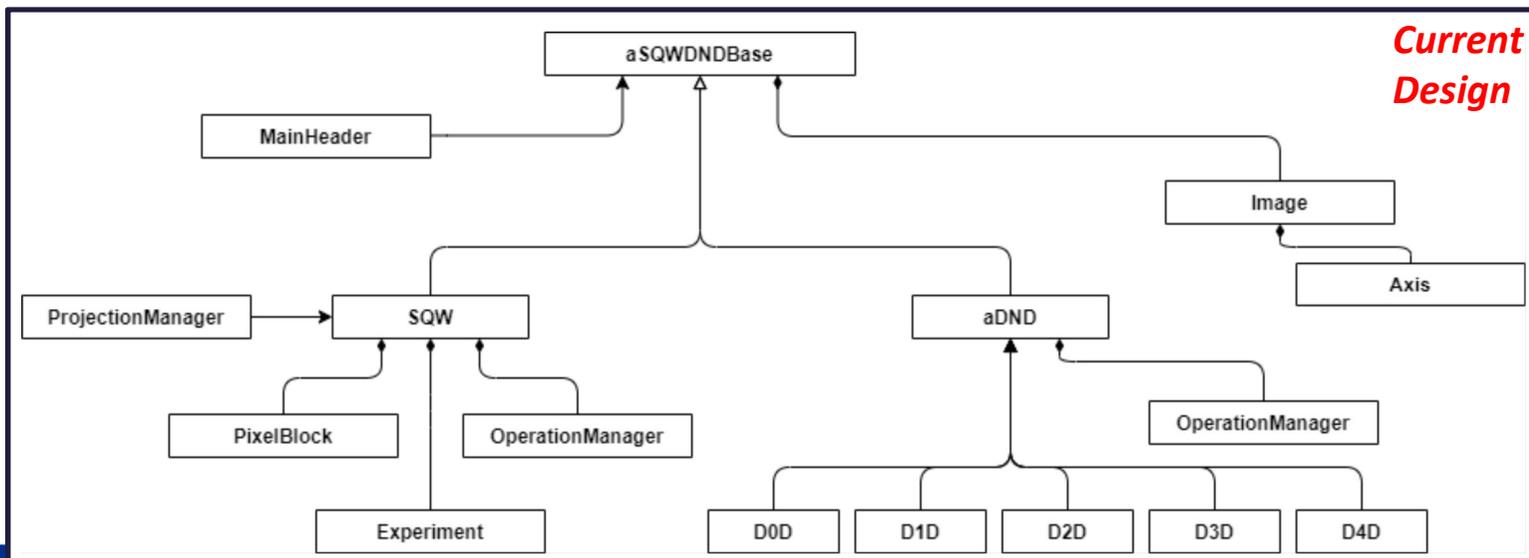
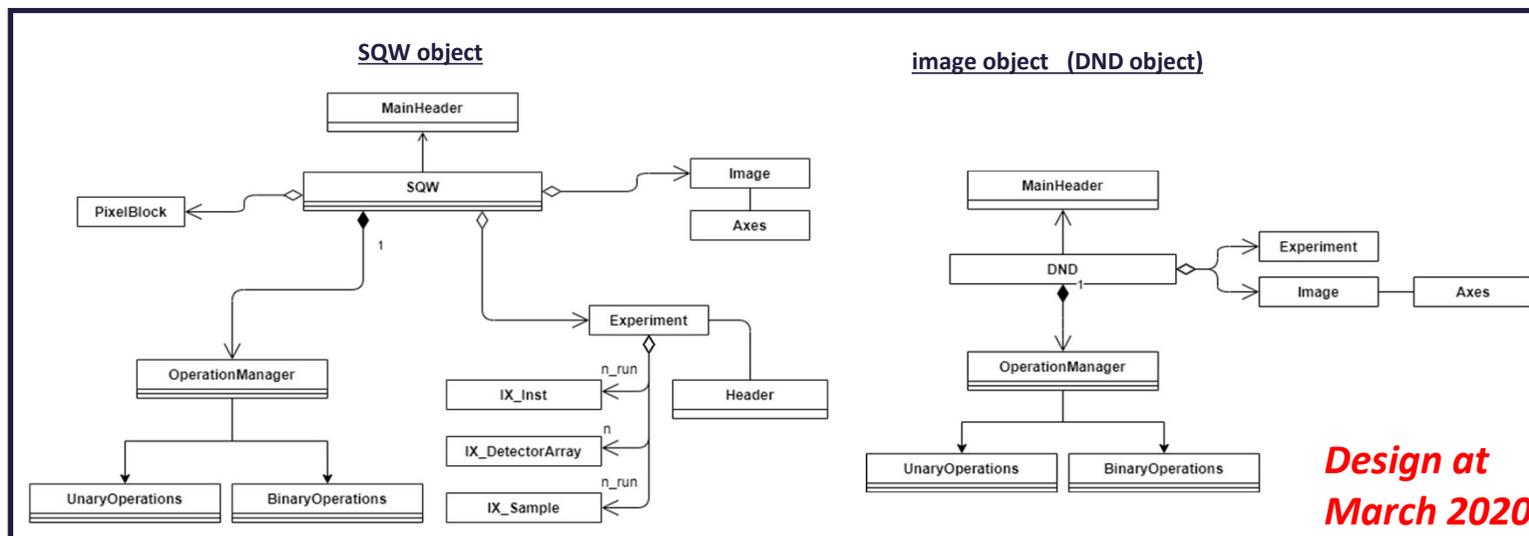
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# Framework

## SQW object redesign

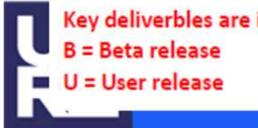
- Design for major update of the SQW object complete – implementation in progress

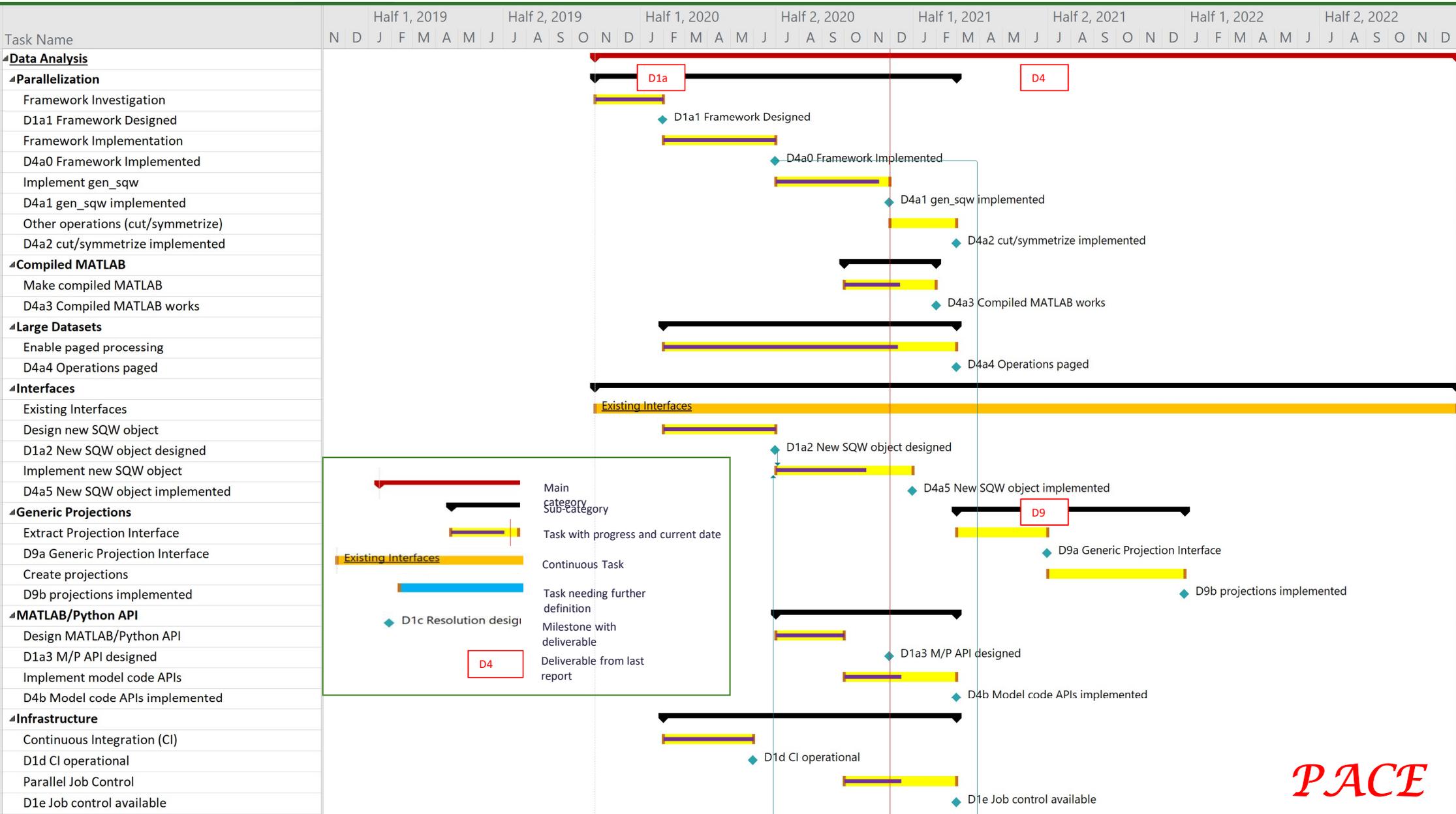
- Supports interaction with the other PACE projects; eases future maintenance and development
- Supports current functionality and known new requirements e.g. richer Instrument and Detector information required for resolution convolution and compiled MATLAB
- Implementation found to be more complex due to interdependency between classes, and restarted as a complete rewrite to reduce inter-class coupling.*



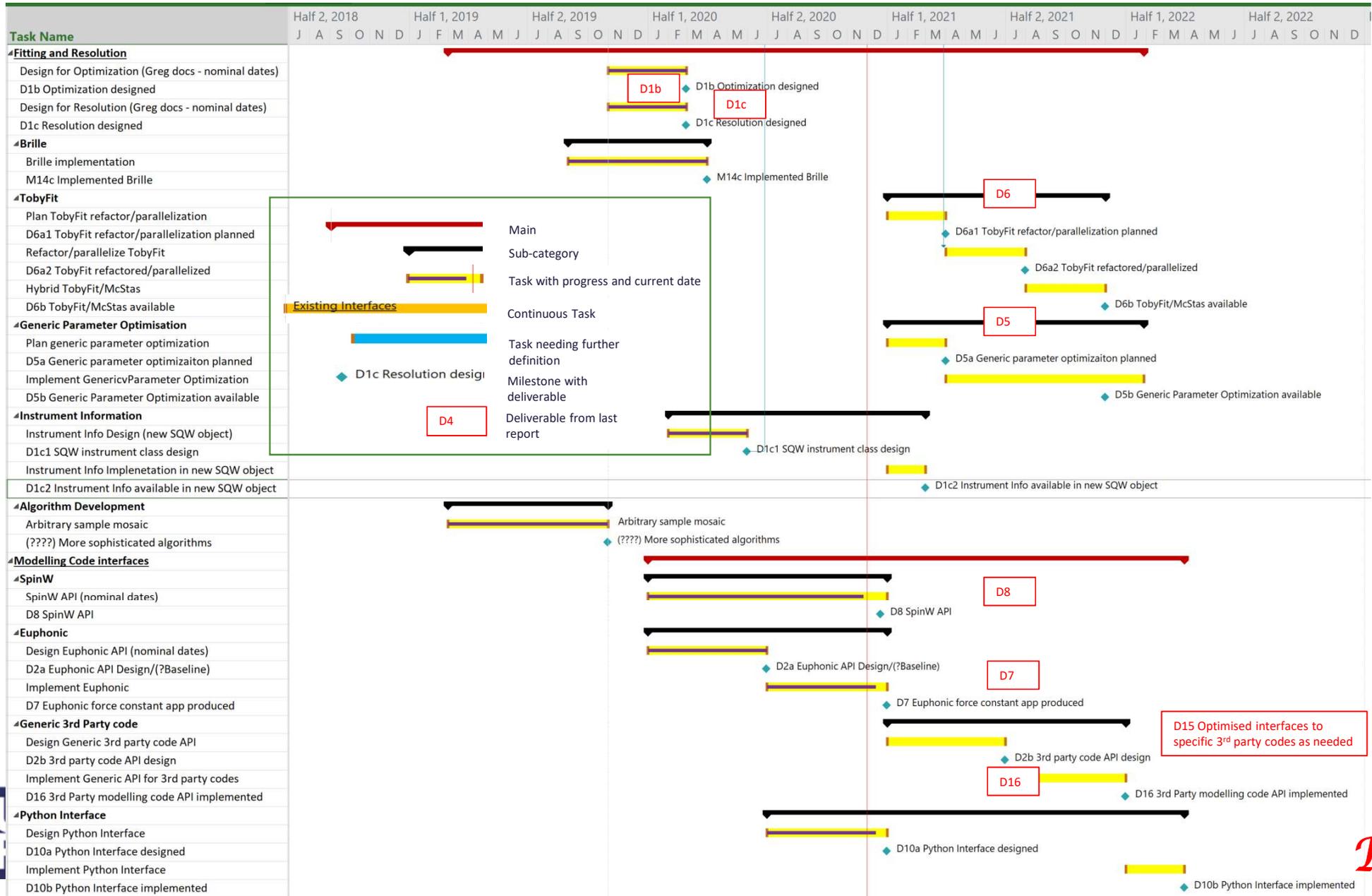
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**Key deliverbles are indicated by D1, D2 etc. Please refer to Project Management Plan**  
**B = Beta release**  
**U = User release**

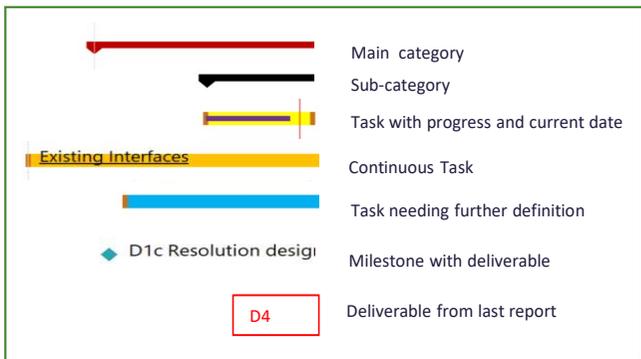


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# Brille library and resolution

**brille:**

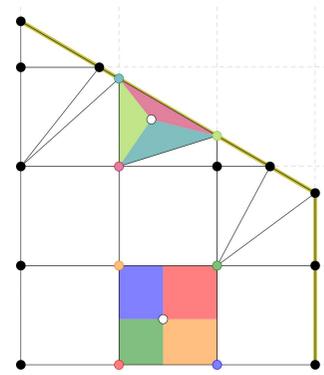
Goals:

- irreducible Brillouin zone polyhedral for any space group
- Interpolation for any scalar, vector or matrix quantity for speed

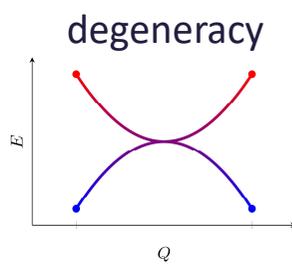
Features:

- C++/OpenMP with Python interface
- Interface:
  - Can drive modelling codes (as by Euphonic)
  - Can be driven by modelling codes (as by SpinW development version)
- Reduces up-front calculation by Fourier interpolation of force constant matrices (x 1/48 for simple cubic)
- Circumvents the interpolation problem across high symmetry directions/planes

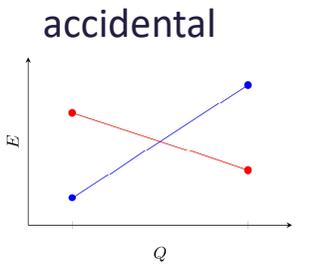
brille implements a **hybrid grid/mesh:**



- Uses regular grid where possible
- Boundary cells use n-simplex mesh



eigenvector mixing prevents identification



distinct eigenvectors help identification



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# Brille library and resolution

## Resolution convolution:

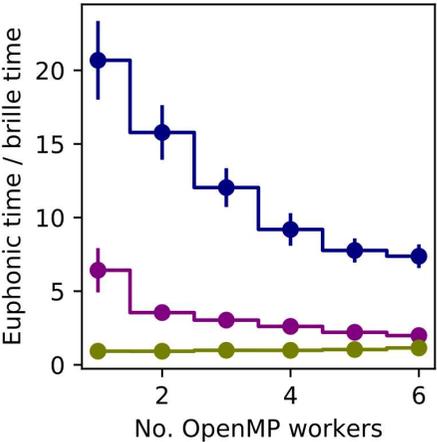
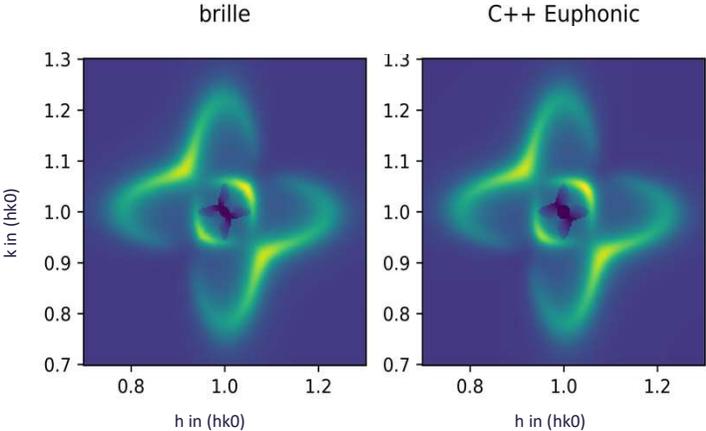
- Refactored existing Matlab instrument and detector classes
- Fast lookup for random sampling from instrument components

## Parameter optimisation:

- ExtendsDesign calls for new classes to
  - wrap user-defined model functions with metadata
  - provide interface between models and parameter optimisers
- Planned support for models which take  $Q$ ,  $(Q,E)$ ,  $s_{q\omega}$ , or plotting axes as input
- Desire to support multiple parameter optimisation engines
  - local minimisers, e.g., Levenberg-Marquardt
  - global minimisers, e.g., NLOpt
  - derivative-free optimisers, e.g., DFO-LS
- Full details at [https://github.com/pace-neutrons/pace-developers/blob/master/optimisation/design/Model Optimisation Design.md](https://github.com/pace-neutrons/pace-developers/blob/master/optimisation/design/Model%20Optimisation%20Design.md)

niobium phonons

$$Q=(hk0) \quad E = 4.1 \text{ meV}$$



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# PACE Goals

- Optimisation of HORACE through
  - Parallelization for multiple core computers and distributed computing, Data Analysis as a Service (DAaaS) and SCARF at STFC.
  - Handling of large datasets out of memory
- Parallelisation of TOBYFIT for the framework
- Computation of  $S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$  from phonons from force constant matrix (*CASTEP, GULP, Phonopy*)
- Parallelisation of SpinW (spin wave modelling) – *now a separate project*
- Generic Application Programming Interface (API) to user function (Matlab, Python, compiled C++) and third party modelling codes
- Construction of a GUI based ‘workbench’ for managing analysis of data with refinement of parameters
- Mantid based manipulation and GUI based visualisation of powder data
- Handover as a product for operations at the project end



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