

Using the HDF5 Translator

LCLS Users Workshop

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HDF5 Files

- Datasets vs. Events
- Dataset Alignment
- Hierarchy, where the data goes
- Translation speed
- Filtering translation
 - Filtering types or sources
 - Dynamically filtering events with a Psana Module
- Adding user data to the translation
- Split scan translator

Reference:

<https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/PSDM/The+XTC-to-HDF5+Translator>

XTC Files:

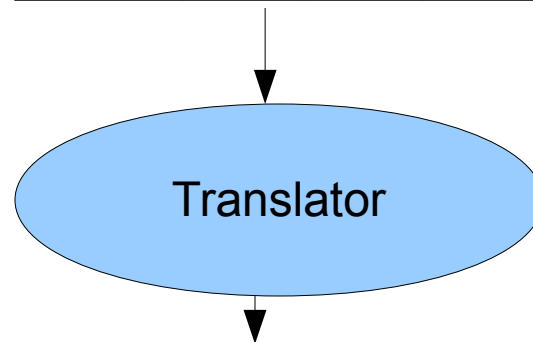
- Format developed at SLAC
- Native format for experiment files
- Requires use of LCLS software to analyze (Psana/AMI)
 - Or write your own xtc parser using the C++ API

HDF5 Files:

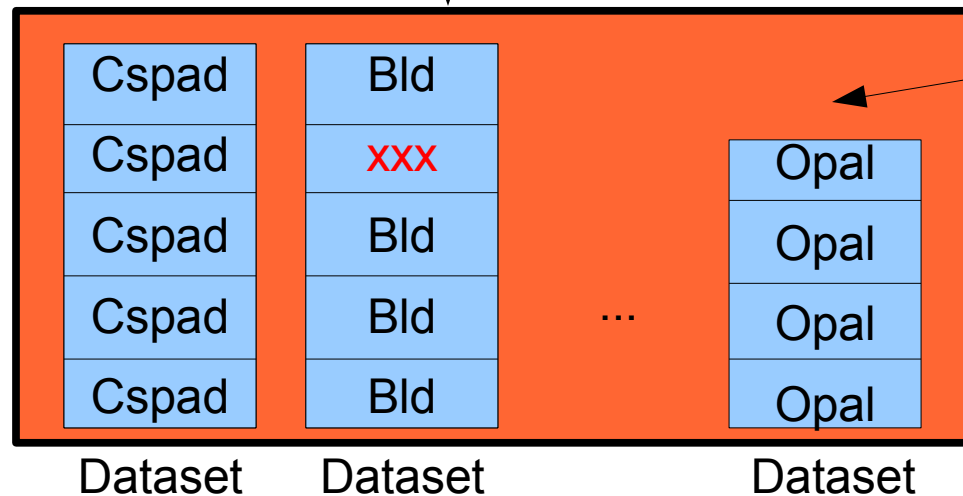
- General scientific format
- Many software choices for analysis
 - Matlab, IDL, Python libraries (h5py, tables)

Translation Process

Xtc Files – data grouped by event



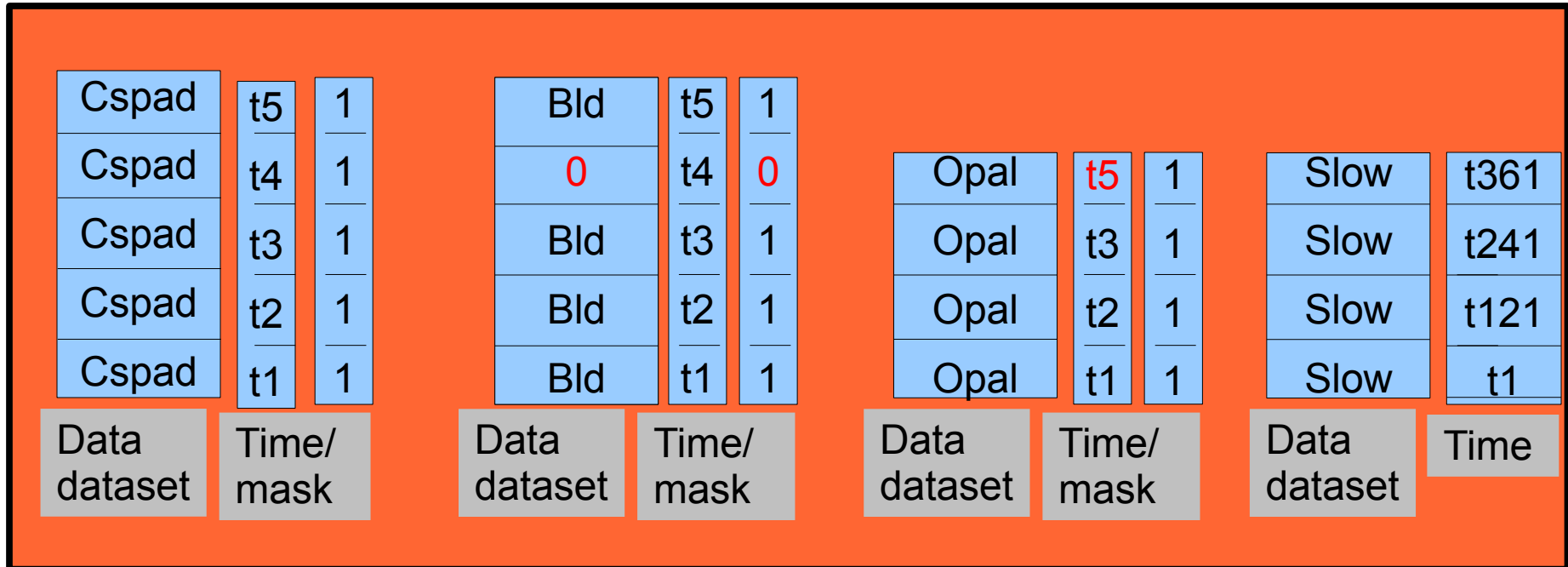
Hdf5 File
data grouped
By type into
datasets



Note
Missing
Opal

HDF5 Dataset Alignment

- Use **time** datasets to “Event build” from the HDF5 file
time contains seconds, nanoseconds
- Check **mask** datasets to identify undamaged data



Navigating the HDF5 Group Hierarchy

- /Configure:0000/Run:0000/CalibCycle:0000/{type}/{source}
- Examples of {type}/{source}
 - Ipimb::DataV2/XppSb2_Ipm
 - CsPad::ElementV2/CxiDs1.0:Cspad.0
- Epics
 - uses three groups: {type}/{source}/{pvname}
 - Epics::EpicsPv/EpicArch.0:NoDevice.0/BEAM:LCLS:ELEC:Q
- Configuration Data
 - /Configure:0000/{configType}/{source}
- Calibration constants
 - /CalibStore/{type}/{source}
 - Example CsPad::CalibV1/CxiDsd.0:Cspad.0

- HDF5 Group tools
 - hdfview
 - h5ls -r
 - h5dump
- Psana
 - Does event building
 - High level Python objects
- h5py (Python)
 - datasets are numpy arrays

- High data rates: ~ 1GB/sec
 - Cxi with 2 cspad, opal camera, acqiris
- Translation averages 50MB/sec
- Profiling translation shows:
 - Compression: up to 70% of the time
 - Calibrating cspad: significant
- Faster?
 - Turn off compression (will write more to disk)
 - Filter whole events
 - Filter data in the event
 - Parallel translation - split scan – seeing 180MB/sec

Turning off Compression and Filtering

Translator is a psana module. Reads configuration file.

Write file translate.cfg:

```
[Translator.H5Output]
deflate = -1
Cspad =False
type_filter=exclude Cspad Frame
src_filter=exclude DetInfo(CxiDs1.0:Cspad.0)
```

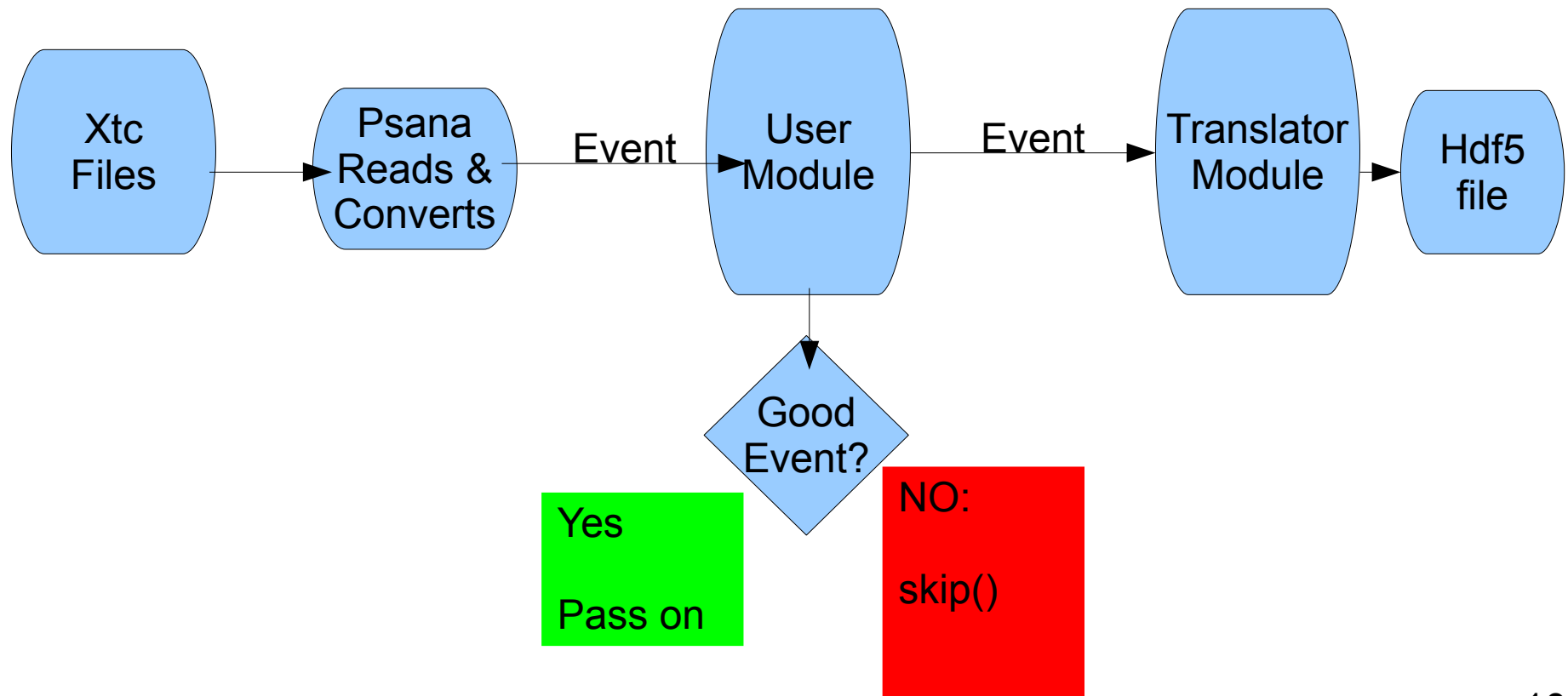
How do I know what source to use?

```
psana -m EventKeys -n 1 exp=xpptut13:run=179
shows all sources in configuration and first event
```

Now run translator

(see reference:
[XTC-to-HDF5 Translator](#))

Dynamic Filtering with Psana Modules



Event Filtering Example – config file

Go over example from [XTC to HDF5 Translator](#) page on confluence
psana configuration file: trans.cfg:

```
[psana]
modules = cspad_mod.CsPadCalib \
          CSPadPixCoords.CSPadImageProducer \
          mypkg.mymod \
          Translator.H5Output
files = exp=cxikut13:run=1150

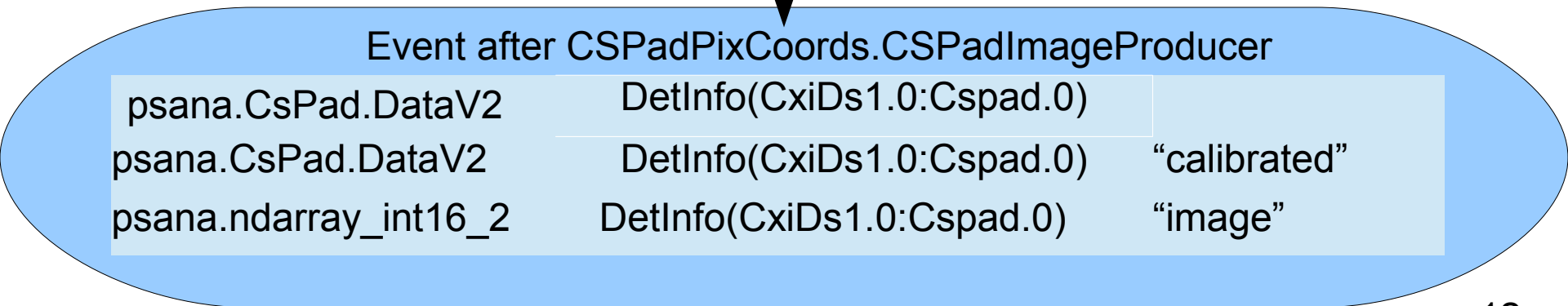
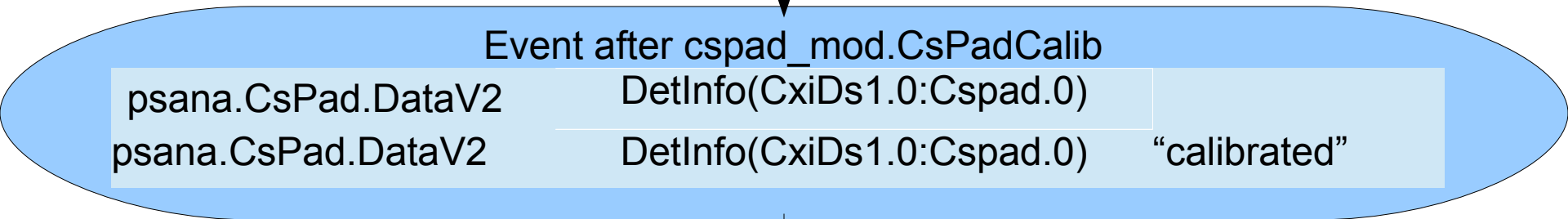
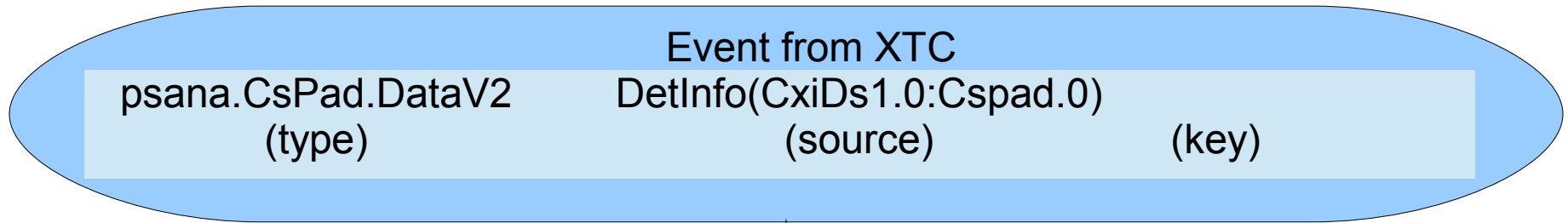
[CSPadPixCoords.CSPadImageProducer]
source      = DetInfo(CxiDs1.0:Cspad.0)
key         = calibrated
imgkey     = image

[Translator.H5Output]
Cspad=exclude
deflate=-1
output_file=cxikut13-run1150-filt.h5
```

4 long
Psana module
chain

Next slide,
see how modules
change event

Psana Modules and the Event



Event Filtering Example – user module

Psana Python module, mypkg/src/mymod.py:

```
import psana

class mymod(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.threshold = self.configInt('threshold',int(1e9))
        self.source = self.configSrc('source','DetInfo(CxiDs1.0:Cspad.0)')

    def event(self, evt, env):
        image = evt.get(psana.ndarray_int16_2,
                        self.source,
                        'image')
        if image is None: return
        count = image[:].sum()
        if count < self.threshold:
            self.skip()
```

note, filename and class name are same

Adding Data to the Translation

- You can translate arrays.
- From Python, add numpy array
- From C++ add ndarray
- Dimensions 1 to 4
- 8,16,32,64 bit signed/unsigned ints, float and double

Python example:

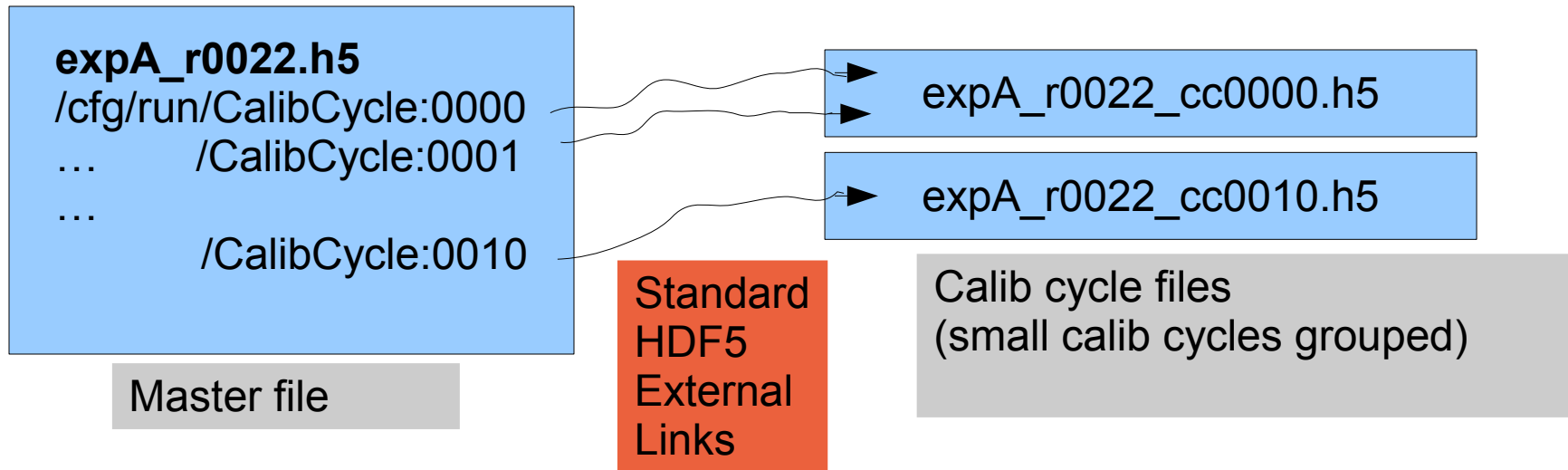
```
A = numpy.zeros((5,4))  
evt.put(A,"mykey")
```

In h5file, under
/Configure:0000/Run:0000/CalibCycle:0000

one finds:

```
/ndarray_float32_2/noSrc__mykey  
/data  
/time
```

Split Scan Translation



Reasons for Split Scan

- Faster due to parallel translation of calib cycles
- Manage several smaller files vs. one large HDF5 File
- Limited support to read hdf5 during Translation

Note: only applicable to experiments with multiple calib cycles