# Introduction to Jupyter

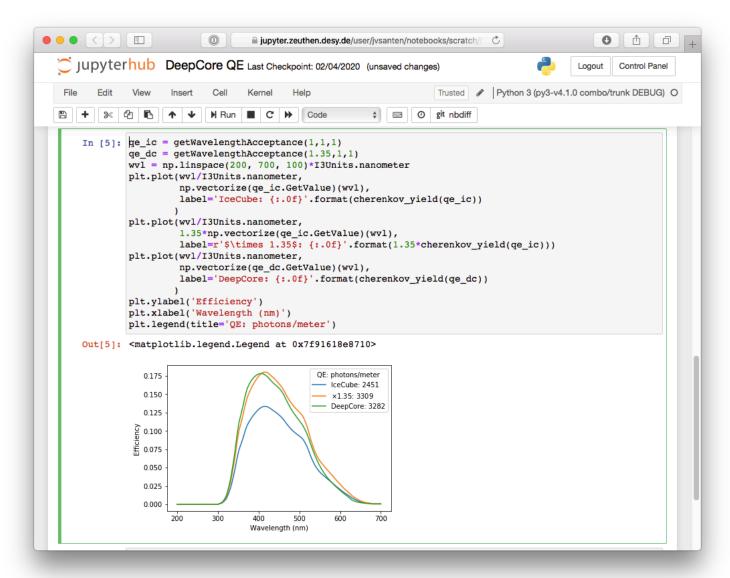
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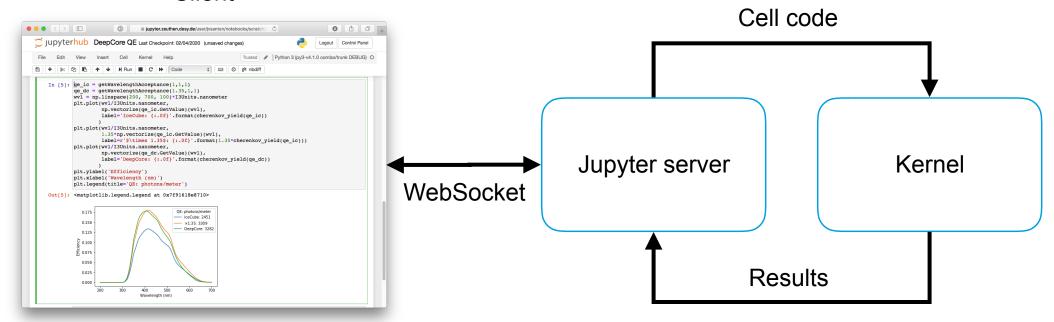
# Jupyter in a nutshell

- Jupyter Notebook is a web application that lets you write, edit, and execute code snippets (cells) and view the results in the browser
- Results can be anything a web browser can display:
  - static images
  - richly formatted tables
  - [interactive] animations
- Built-in help
  - Context-aware tab-completion for variables, functions, file names
  - Access to function docstrings
- Open source (BSD)



# **Jupyter components**

#### Client



Server can be local (on your laptop) or remote (on a WGS) Kernels exist for nearly any language

### **Notebook elements**

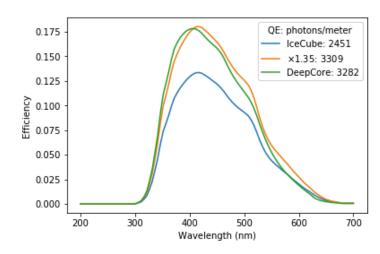
**Code and results** 

Input (can include <u>magics</u>)

Evaluation sequence

Matplotlib figure (inline backend) These can also be animated! (see demo)

Out[5]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f91618e8710>



## **Notebook elements**

#### Inline text

- Explain and document your steps in text cells
- Formatting with [GitHubflavored] Markdown (headings, bullet lists, links, etc)
- Wrap LaTeX expressions in \$\$ for inline rendering with MathJax

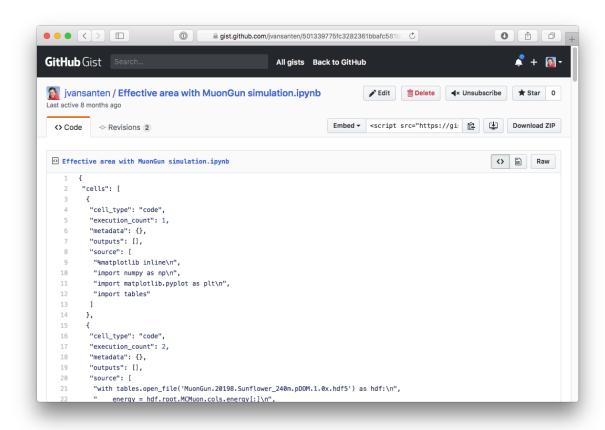
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In [2]: with tables.open_file('MuonGun.20198.Sunflower_240m.pDOM.1.0x.hdf5') as hdf:
energy = hdf.root.MCMuon.cols.energy[:]
cos_zen = np.cos(hdf.root.MCMuon.cols.zenith[:])
area_weight = hdf.root.MuonEffectiveArea.cols.value[:]
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Events in these datasets were grouped by muon energy for purposes of resource efficiency. You do not necessarily need to care about this if all files are present. However, when some files are missing, you see very obvious holes in the energy distribution. If you didn't account for them, it would appear that the effective area is smaller in bins that partially overlap with a missing energy range.

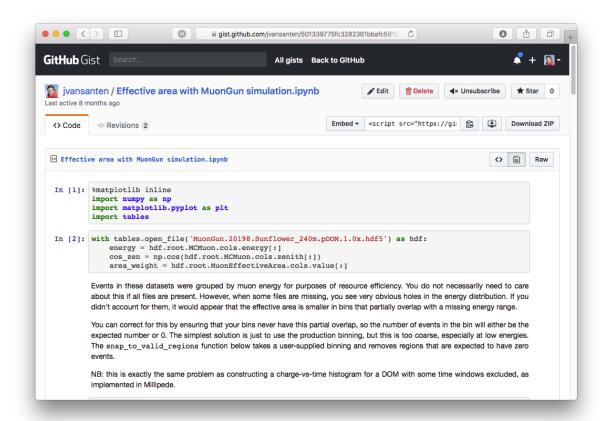
You can correct for this by ensuring that your bins never have this partial overlap, so the number of events in the bin will either be the expected number or 0. The simplest solution is just to use the production binning, but this is too coarse, especially at low energies. The snap\_to\_valid\_regions function below takes a user-supplied binning and removes regions that are expected to have zero events.

NB: this is exactly the same problem as constructing a charge-vs-time histogram for a DOM with some time windows excluded, as implemented in Millipede.

# **Notebooks are just JSON**



Keep them in version control!



Display them on GitHub/GitLab (or from any URL with <a href="https://nbviewer.jupyter.org">https://nbviewer.jupyter.org</a>)

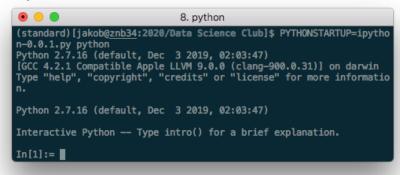
## **Use cases**

- Rapid prototyping: explore the API of an unfamiliar library, test code snippets
- Exploratory data analysis: load data, make plots of all imaginable combinations
- Plot tweaking: load data once, refine figures iteratively
- Education: distribute tutorials as notebooks with inline documentation and expected results
- Interactive dashboards: run code and display results based on user input (examples)
- likely many more...

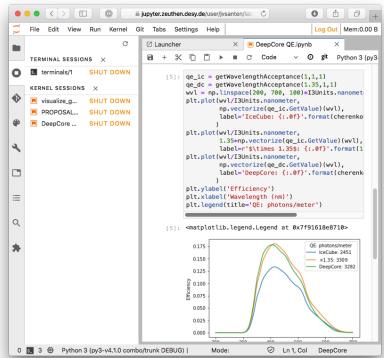
### Where did this come from?

- 2001: <u>iPython 0.0.1</u>, a Python shell startup script
  - some predefined physical constants and units
  - line return values stored in special variables (\_, \_1, \_2, etc)
- 2011: iPython 0.12 introduces iPython Notebook
  - single process -> client/server model
  - Inline graphics in iPython Notebook and Qt console
- 2014: Notebook front-end, file format, and kernel protocol factored out into Project Jupyter
  - <u>Multi-language support</u>: R, Julia, C++, etc (even Mathematica!)
- 2018: JupyterLab
  - Multi-window user interface
  - Plug-in system (git integration, HDF5 browser, etc)

#### iPython 0.0.1



#### JupyterLab 1.2.6



# **Best practices**

- Distinguish between "scratch pad" and "notebook"
  - A scratch pad is temporary: experiment, evaluate cells out of order, throw away
  - Notebooks are software: should be documented, readable, and reproducible
  - A notebook is not always the best tool for the job
- For notebooks you want to keep and share:
  - Reevaluate cells in order before saving
  - Check in to version control!

# Where to get it

- Self-hosted: install miniconda, then jupyterlab
- Hosted at DESY: jupyter.zeuthen.desy.de (see demo by Philipp)

# Questions & demo