





Federated Identity and the Photon / Neutron Community







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Umbrella

- □ Demands at large photon / neutron facilities very clear to IT responsibles
 - Unique user ID, persistent
 - Remote data and experiment access
 - Need for user and facility friendliness
 - Very large number of visiting scientists: Need slim and efficient system
- □ Reduced excitement on management (and user?) side
 - Limited resources
 - Confidentiality
 - Scientific competition
- □ Overlapping IT communities, strong need for bridging
 - Large facilities and universities (educational sector)
 - Large facilities and university labs
- Umbrella
 - Common central, web portal, hybrid information structure
 - Slim solution, no top down organization, self service elements
 - ❖ Build on existing infrastructure (user offices), clear topology, no double worlds







Friendly user phase

- ☐ Goal and duration
 - Test of the system by future users
 - ❖ February 1 March 31
- ☐ Central Applications
 - Prototype of central web site
 - ❖ EAA: registration, mutation
 - ❖ Alfresco, Indico, Issue tracker, Wiki
- ☐ Federated applications
 - Umbrella + WUO clone versions
- □ Participants
 - Facilities
 - o DESY
 - o Diamond (iCAT service, Moonshot?)
 - o ESRF
 - o PSI
 - 'Friendly' users
 - o ~30, all over EU
 - o External expert users (ESUO, ETH, BioStruct, ??)
 - o Local facility experts (DESY)







Roadmap towards implementation

- ☐ Harmonization meeting (CRISP & PaNata)
 ZRH airport (20 participants) June 13
 - Unanimous agreement: go towards implementation
- ☐ Project structure
 - Management team
 - Priorities, MoU, facility coordination
 - Technical team
 - ❖ To be done (e.g. affiliation db)







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Response from the P/N community

☐ Feedback

- Limited, why?
- Have created decently working environment
- Scientists are conservative, other priorities; but need to keep them
- ❖ Talk about far future, is change really needed?
- Expect experts to have solution in case

□ Issues

- No reactions on general issues, specific topics
- Changes of local infrastructure not acceptable
- Need common entry point for remote data access o Recent SwissFEL DAQ workshop: LCLS(SLAC), EU XFEL (DESY) will have onsite analysis centers, SwissFEL probably too
- User friendliness, secure self service, no chance for grid-certificate-type mechanisms, must be quick and slim
- Simplify admin burden, no additional resources, transparency for access
- Identity uniqueness and persistence
- Different levels of assurance, validation







Need two approaches in parallel (1)

☐ Top down

- General concept
- Try to find synergies
- Common approach towards science policy







Need two approaches in parallel

☐ Bottom up

- See things from user side
 - o Look at real use cases
 - Postdoc moving from A to B
 - Geologist studying a piece of rock (P/N facility = 1d/y)

See things from facility side

- o Have only few FTE's to handle site access, housing, proposals, visa, computer accounts, ...
- o Quantitative issue
 - ESRF as example: 10'000 users/y, 20'000 visits/y, 1'500 affiliations, 15 countries.
 - Currently do authentication with few 10% of FTE
 - all EU: x2-3

Grouping of users

- o NRENs (national, geographical)
- o Facility clusters (user offices, international)
- o How can they be related?







FIM and New vistas

- ☐ Bridging, different federations
 - CRISP
 - o Partly topic of WP16 (PSI and GSI)
 - Different options
 - o No answer, islands
 - Too dangerous, do not trust
 - o Fully transparent
 - Risky
 - o Bridging
 - User can e.g. bring her/his attributes from Facebook
- ☐ New media, how do we deal with them
 - Support or 'You are entering the wilderness'
 - Fora, Facebook
 - o Facility operated, 'info trees' (EuroFEL, CALIPSO), Wikis
 - There is a need, but labor intensive
 - o Commercial, User driven (Facebook, Google+)
 - Researchers: info exchange
 - Clouds
 - o Community driven
 - Helix Nebula, High interest in further development
 - o Commercial
 - Users: analysis, publ. preparation (repl. for email)
 - Let them do or give support?







Thank you