



# PaNdata ODI 1<sup>st</sup> Open Workshop

Dublin 24-25/28<sup>th</sup> of March 2014

Co-located with the RDA 3<sup>rd</sup> plenary at Croke Park

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**Booklet of collected presentations**



## ICAT workshop at trinity college in Dublin 24/25<sup>th</sup> of March

Brian Matthews:	ICAT collaboration and its governance
ICAT site reports:	ALBA, DESY, DLS, ELETTRA, ESRF, HZB, ISIS, SNS
Rolf Krah:	python-icat - a library for writing ICAT clients in Python
Tom Griffin :	Domain specific ICAT GUI
Tom Griffin:	ISIS authz rules
Rolf Krah:	Styles of rule and is the authz system adequate?
Jay Rainey:	Mantid and ICAT
Brian Matthews:	ISIS Data Journal and SCAPE
Steve Fisher:	IJP for LSF
Jay Rainey:	Experience of the ICAT API and Documentation
Steve Fisher:	J2EE containers
Steve Fisher:	ICAT, IDS & IJP
Wayne Chung:	TopCAT

# ICAT Steering Committee

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# Growing number of Partners in ICAT

- ICAT developed with a small number of partners
  - ISIS, DLS
  - SNS
- PaNData has included more
  - ILL, ELLETRA, ESRF etc
- Others also using or are interested
  - CLF, CCFE, ...





# Managing an Open Source Collaboration

- To date
  - Developer group
  - Discussion with individual facilities
  - PanData
- But group getting larger
  - Need to make sure all have a say
- Sustainability
  - Current PanData project soon finishing
  - Need to ensure sustainability for ICAT



# ICAT Steering Group

- Made up of representatives of ICAT User facilities
  - Production or near production users
- Purpose:
  - To advise on the likely usage and requirements for ICAT;
  - To provide senior management oversight for the work of the ICAT collaboration partners;
  - To provide strategic guidance on the development and deployment of ICAT.



# Responsibilities of the ICAT Steering Committee

- to provide strategic advice to the ICAT collaboration;
- to protect the interests of the institutions;
- to advise on new initiatives and plans which may affect ICAT;
- to advise on major requirements which may affect ICAT;
- to oversee the ICAT development roadmap,
  - including the incorporation of additional components;
- to ensure that ICAT components continue to remain aligned to the users,
  - a common functionality and code base;
- to advise on ownership, licencing of components and commercialisation opportunities;
- to ensure that the institutions provide appropriate resources to the collaboration.



# Membership

- The Committee has one representative from each the stakeholders who are actively involved in developing, deploying and exploiting ICAT.
  - The Committee will regularly review membership
- The Project Manager of the ICAT Project should attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.
- A Chairperson elected from its members;
- A Secretary provided by STFC Scientific Computing.



# Current Members ?

- a representative of ISIS;
- a representative of DLS;
- a representative of CLF;
- a representative of SNS;
- a representative of Scientific Computing at STFC;
- a representative of ILL;
- a representative of ESRF;
- a representative of ELETTRA;
- a representative of the PanData consortium;



# Meetings

- 1 – 2 times a year as needed
- Telco/VC
  - Though we will probably share a room at RAL
- 1 – 1.5 hrs
- Shared area on ICAT web-site



# First Meeting

- ASAP
  - By end April ?
  - Brian Matthews will temporarily chair until a new chair is elected.
- Representatives ?
- Agenda ?
  - Chair of Committee
  - Review ToR and Membership
  - 2014-15 Development Roadmap
  - Facilities Plans and Requirements
  - Future Directions





# ICAT at ALBA

Daniel Salvat – MIS Section



# Agenda

- ▶ Project overview
- ▶ What's next?

# Project Overview

- ▶ Project Team:
- ▶ Current versions:
  - ICAT: 4.2.5
  - TopCAT: 1.9
  - Java 6
  - Glassfish 3



September  
2013

# Project Overview

## ► User Office



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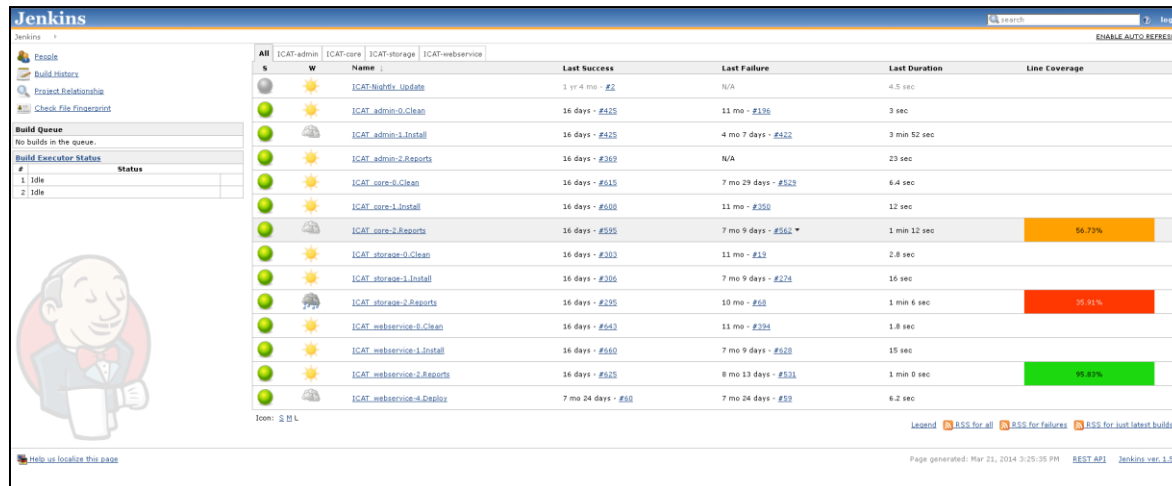
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## PROPOSALS SYNC Quartz Jobs

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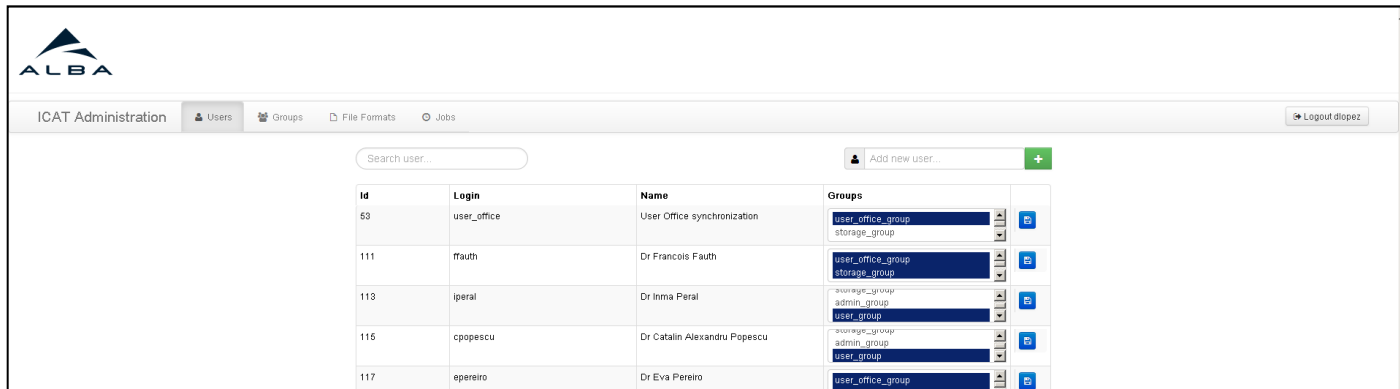
# Project Overview

- ▶ 4 modules:
  - **Core:** controller of the system interface to ICAT.ear
  - **Admin:** User/Roles/File Format web interface
  - **Storage:** Data ingestion done via file parsing processes.
  - **Webservice:** Interface to the Core.
- ▶ CI: Jenkins



# Project Overview

## ► ICAT administration:

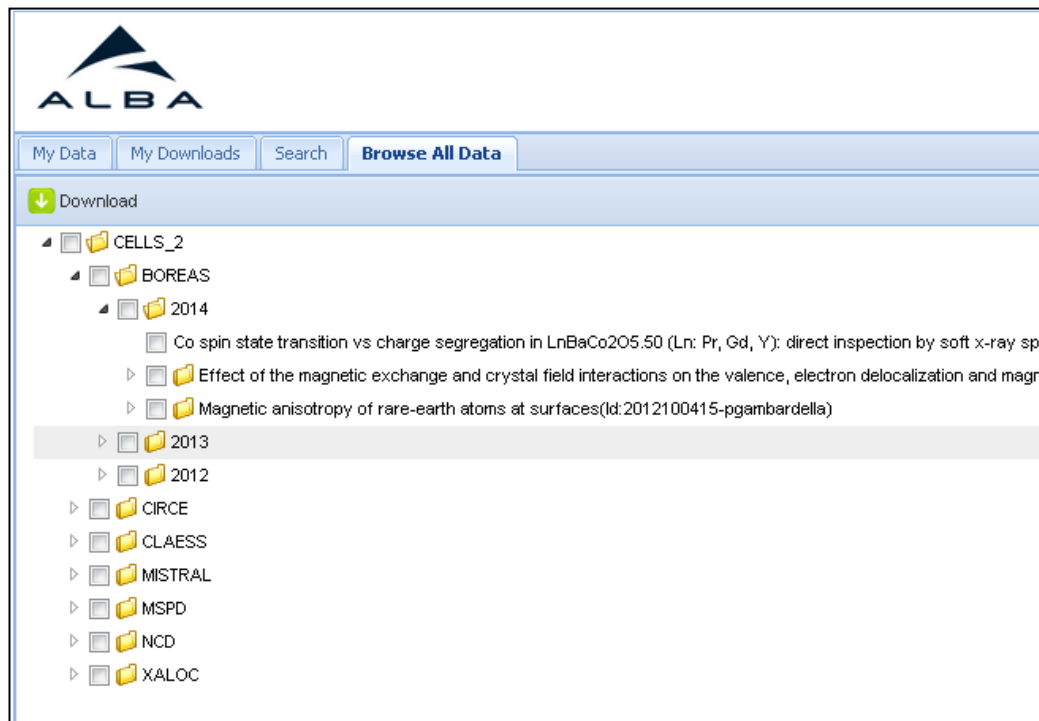


The screenshot displays the ICAT Administration web interface. At the top left is the ALBA logo. Below it is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Users', 'Groups', 'File Formats', and 'Jobs'. A 'Logout' button is located on the right. Below the navigation bar is a search bar labeled 'Search user...' and a button labeled 'Add new user...'. The main content area contains a table with the following columns: 'Id', 'Login', 'Name', and 'Groups'. The table lists five users with their respective IDs, login names, full names, and assigned groups.

Id	Login	Name	Groups
59	user_office	User Office synchronization	user_office_group storage_group
111	ffauth	Dr Francois Fauth	user_office_group storage_group
113	lperal	Dr Inma Peral	storage_group admin_group user_group
115	cpopescu	Dr Catalin Alexandru Popescu	storage_group admin_group user_group
117	epereiro	Dr Eva Pereiro	user_office_group

# Project Overview

## ► TopCAT:



# What's next?

- ▶ Test environment (not production).
  - Need to test with real data.
  - Performance?
- ▶ IDS is still to be implemented.
  - Will not go to a production environment without.
- ▶ Interested in ingestion via python interface.
- ▶ Comments:
  - Upgrades:
    - Java 6 → Java 7
    - Glassfish 3 → Glassfish 4

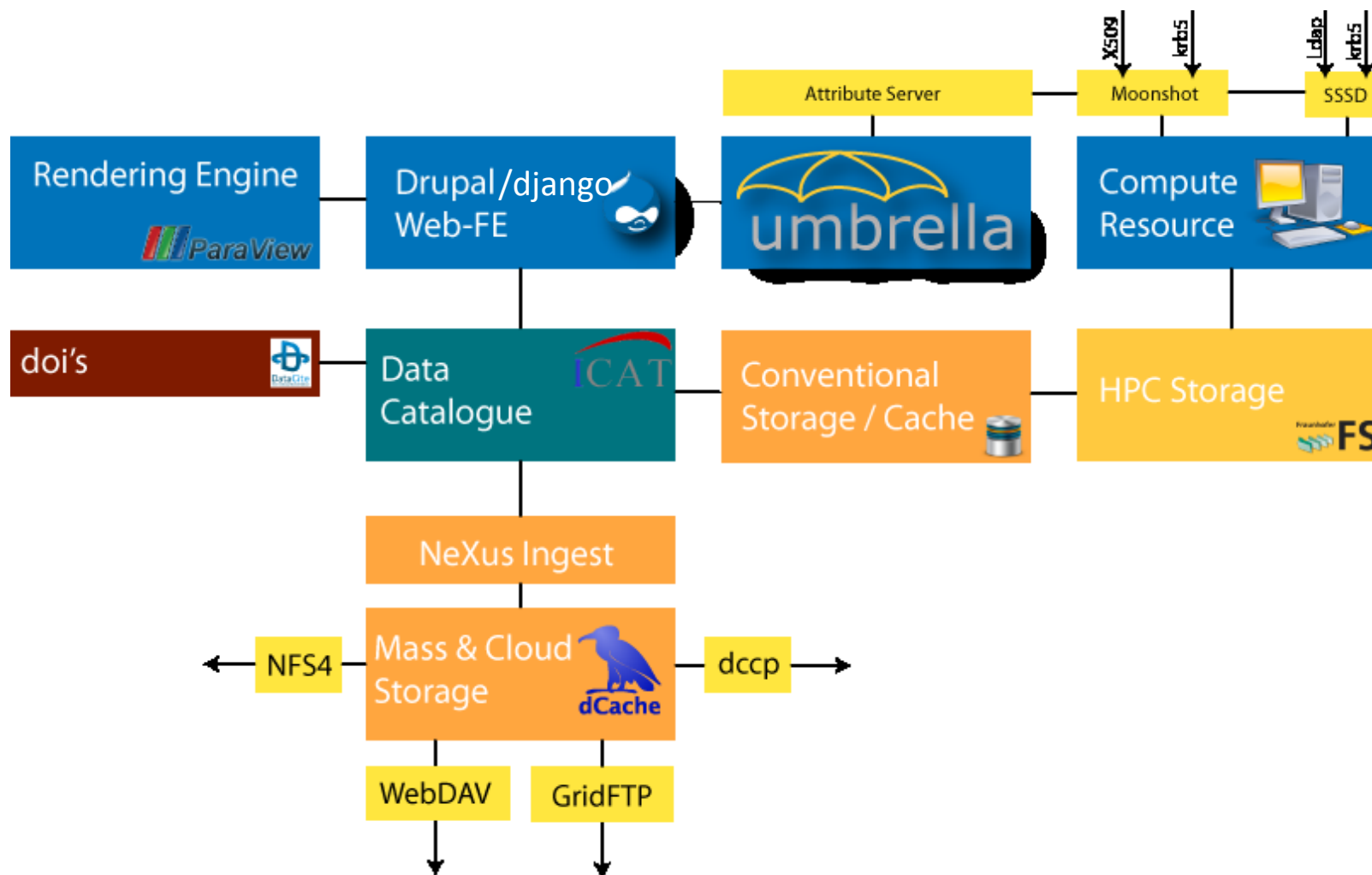
Effort ?

# ICAT at ALBA

Thank you



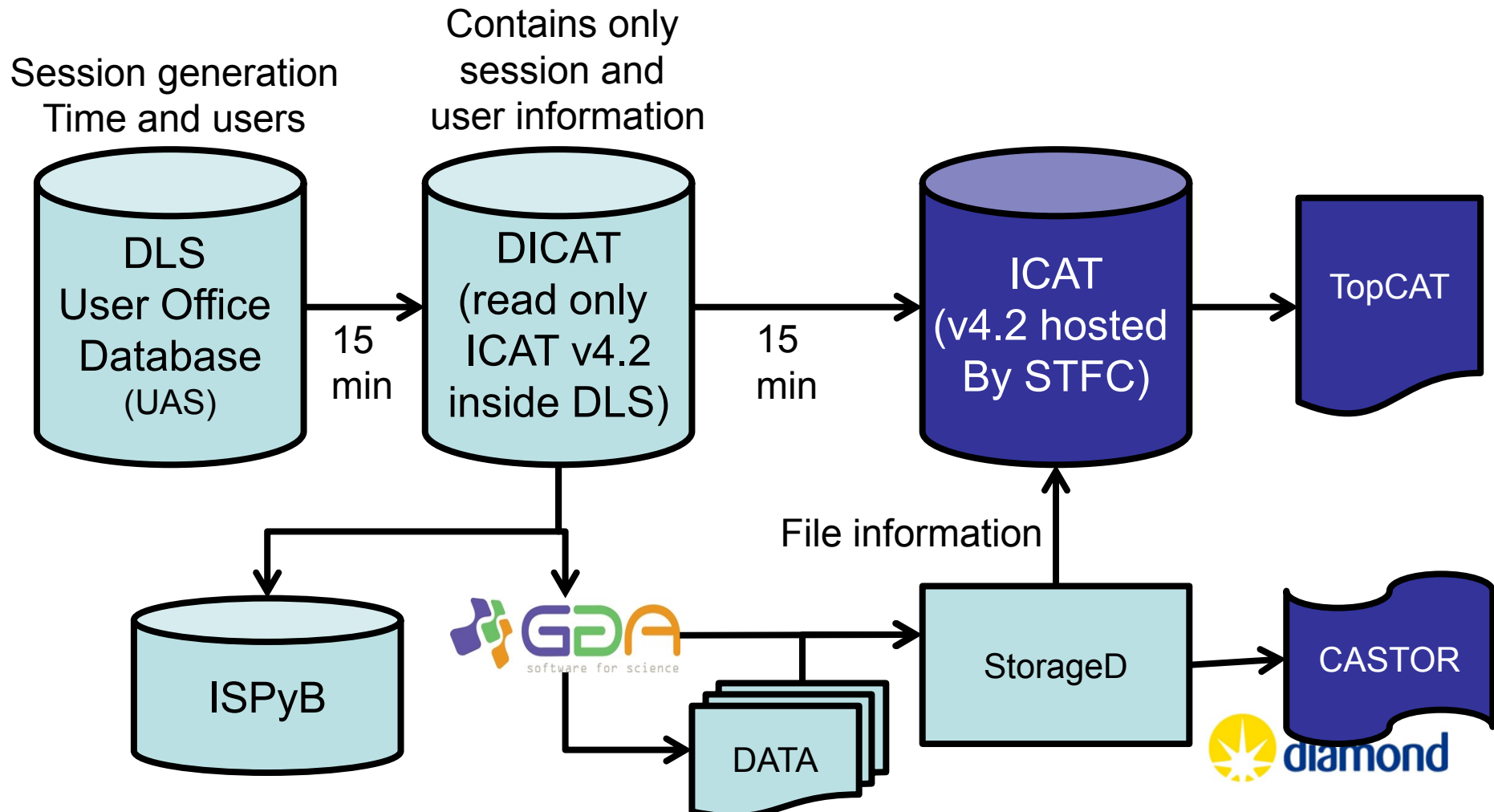
- ICAT installed and running (details: Jürgen)
  - Current plan: only for open access data
    - No concrete plan to host all petra3 data in icat
    - The oa ICAT will also serve as a platform to re-evaluate
  - Basic requirement: PI can alter acl's at any time
    - Seems a major obstacle so far
  - Essentially no data ingested yet
    - Problem: open access = published data, but few meta-data recorded
    - Chicken-Egg: don't invest effort for a scarcely filled data catalogue
  - Annotation and ingest of derived data via web-frontend
    - Access control through umbrella & basic (door)
    - WebDAV export



# Diamond ICAT Status Report

# Diamond migration from 3.3 to 4.2

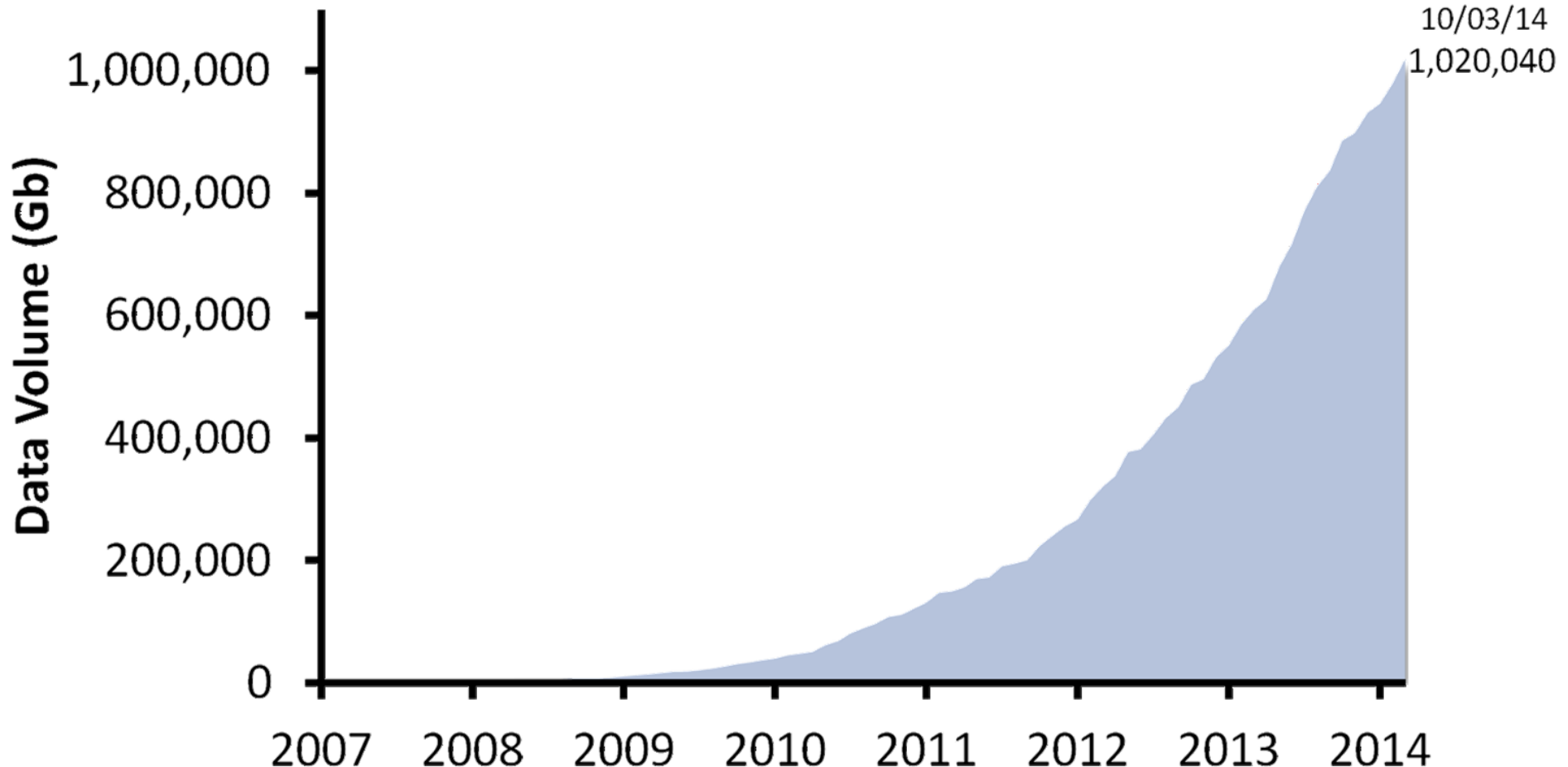
- Diamond will only be using ICAT 4.2 from March 28.



# Current status/volumes in Diamond

ICAT = 285,198,074 files

## Diamond Total Data



# ICAT 4.2

- Successfully integrated and used as source of current visit by
  - Data Acquisition framework in Diamond (GDA)
  - Automated session/visit directory structure generation
  - Projects in DAWN
  - Workflows in Passerelle/DAWN

The screenshot displays the ICAT Project interface, which is divided into several panels:

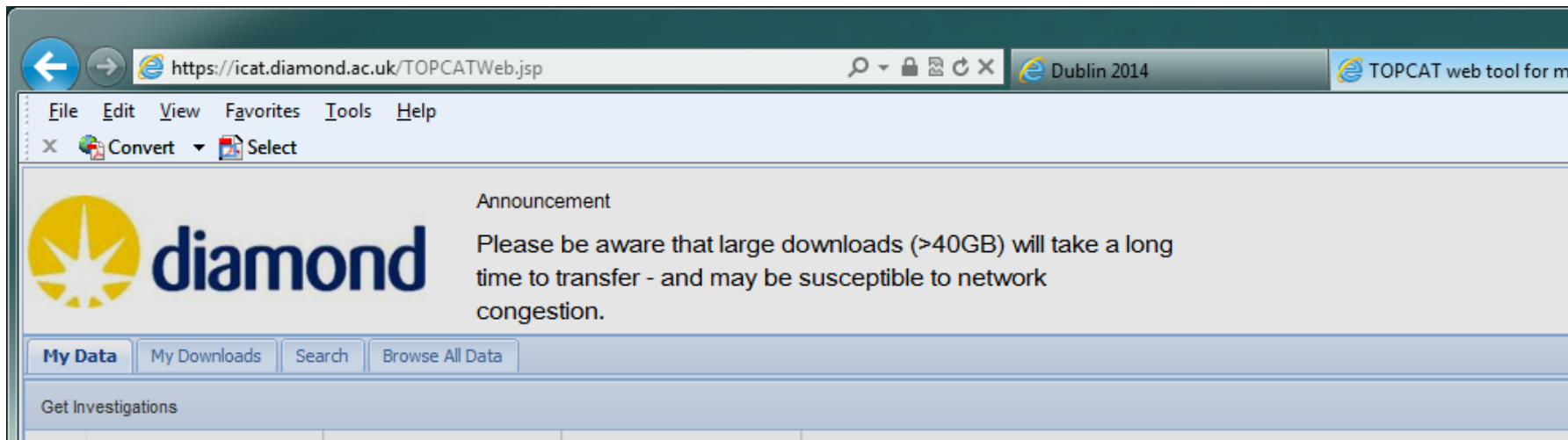
- Project Explorer:** Shows the project structure. The 'ICAT-DLS-4.2' folder is expanded, revealing a list of data files. A black arrow points from the text 'ICAT Project' to this folder.
- File Navigator:** Displays the contents of the selected file, 'T1\_9\_3\_0005.cbf'. It shows a 2D image of a star field with a color scale on the right ranging from 0 to 800. A black arrow points from the text 'Downloaded File' to this panel.
- Workflow Diagram:** Shows a workflow titled 'icat\_visits\_list.moml'. The workflow consists of three main components: 'Input', 'ICAT Connection', and 'Visits'. A black arrow points from the text 'Example of workflow' to this diagram. A message box above the workflow states: 'Please remove the example ICAT connection and replace it with a new one in order for it to compute the new truststore path'. The workflow ends with a 'Visits List' output.

The workflow diagram shows the following steps:

- Input:** A green box representing the input data.
- ICAT Connection:** A box representing the connection to the ICAT database.
- Visits:** A box representing the visits data.
- Visits List:** The final output of the workflow.

# Look out for....

- Cache for data coming off tape ready for download to user via ICAT/IDS
  - DLS now have multi TB cache.
- Increased the filename size in DB.
- Problems with users and the 'dataset' concept
  - “I know the filename and directory....”
- Data rates from site 'improving'





# Plans to migrate to 4.3

- None yet.

# More details in...

- More details in RDA presentations....
- **PaNSIG Meeting Friday 28th 13:30-15:00**
  - Specific topics for future collaboration
    - Data analysis issues and frameworks - Alun Ashton / DLS
    - .....
- **Structural Biology IG Session *Thursday, March 27th, 13.30 -15.00***
  - ***Structural biology towards biomedicine and health***
    - 13.30 -13.50 Data management and processing pipelines at DLS Alun Ashton

# ICAT Deployment Status @ Elettra



**Dublin, 24 March 2014.**



Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste



**Milan Prica**

**IT – Scientific Computing Group**

**Elettra – Sincrotrone Trieste S.C.p.A.**

# Facility overview

- **Two light sources**
  - **ELETTRA** Synchrotron Radiation Facility
    - Operational since 1993 – users since 1994
    - 20 beamlines, 4 more in construction/upgrade
  - **FERMI@ELETTRA** Free Electron Laser
    - Operational since 2011 – users since 2012
    - 3 beamlines, 3 more planned





# Virtual User Office (VUO)

- Operational since 1997
- Possible authentication with Umbrella (Nov. 2013); Facility LDAP > 8 years
- Contains plenty of useful metadata
- Uses DOIs
- Enforces Elettra's Data Policy
- Hosts data access service
  - Download / Upload
  - Proposal submitter(s) and selected BL scientist(s) may grant data access to other participants
- <https://vuo.elettra.eu>



# Data file formats

- Fermi@Elettra:
  - **Custom HDF5** files on all beamlines
    - Integrated with TANGO
- Elettra:
  - **Custom HDF5** files on some beamlines
    - Part of endstation DAQ TANGO
    - Converters from legacy formats
  - Variety of data formats on older beamlines
    - TIFF, RAW, ASCII...
- **NeXus**: Not adopted



# ICAT metadata catalogue

- Three instances deployed (1 public)
  - Updated to the latest ICAT 4.3.2
  - Glassfish 3 and 4 containers
  - Topcat 1.11.0 and ICE
  - Authentication with local and remote db, simple
  - LDAP module not compatible with the Elettra LDAP





# Data ingestion software

- **iGEST**
  - Python module
  - Simple to configure (template based mappings)
    - Works with any HDF5 file (NeXus included)
  - Supports parallelism during ingestion
  - Compatible with the FERMI acquisition pipeline

# iGEST mapping example

```
[icat]
icatwsdl=https://icat-elettra.grid.elettra.trieste.it:8181/ICATService/ICAT?wsdl
user=user@gmail.com
password=12345678901112
plugin=db

[template]
h5template=temp_vlabsample.h5

[icatmeta]
facility=entry/instrument/source/name
instrument=entry/instrument/name
investigationtype=entry/experiment_type
investigation=entry/experiment_identifier
datasettype=entry/dataset/type
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facilitycycle=entry/instrument/facilitycycle
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# Issues

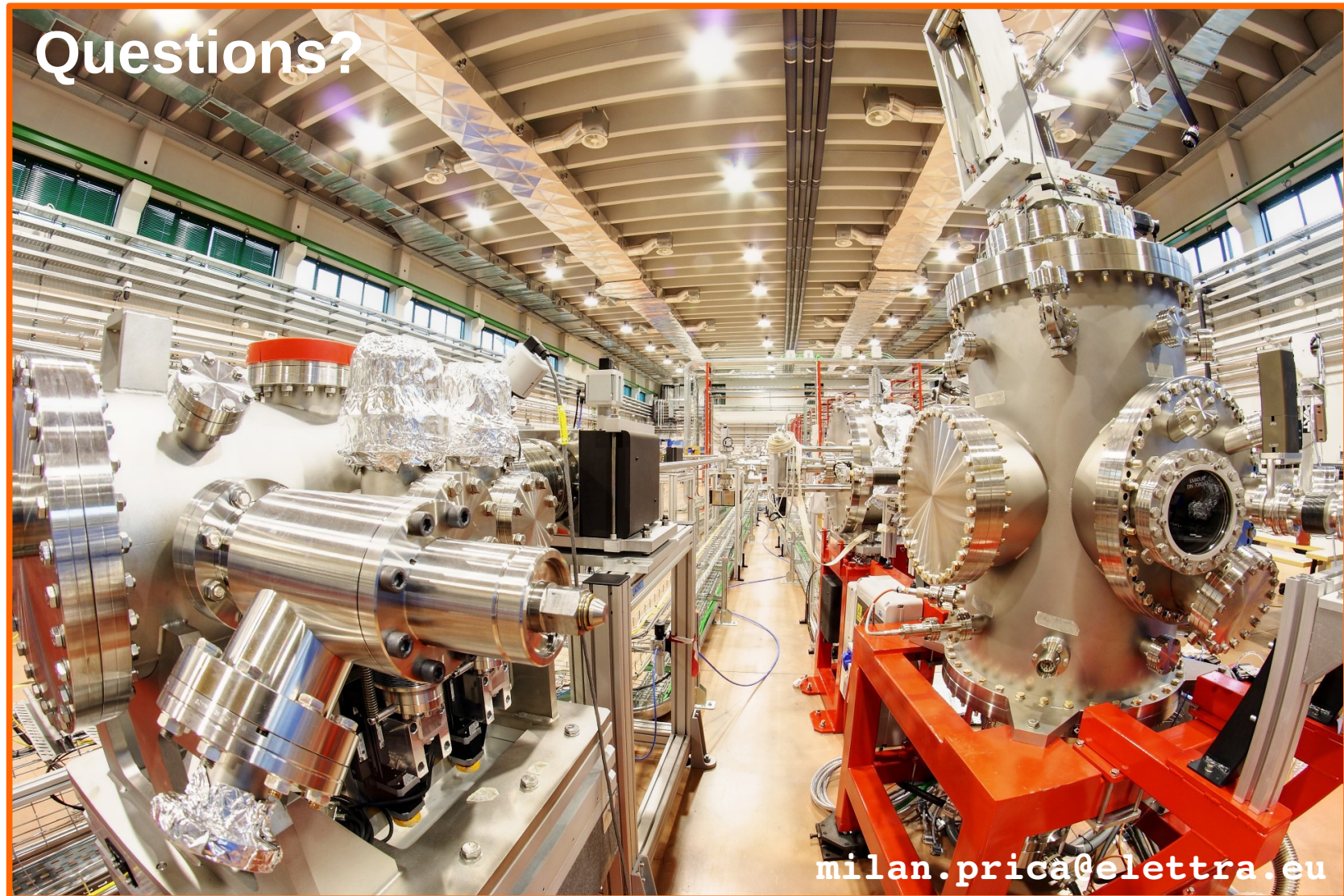
- LDAP Authentication:
  - Custom module needs to be developed for ELETTRA
  - Umbrella – ICAT authentication could be used?
- Rules and Users:
  - Rules to be defined for ELETTRA
  - Users should be inserted automatically from VUO

# Issues

- Front-end (TopCAT):
  - A custom front-end integrated with VUO would be a better solution for ELETTRA
  - Users often perceive the front-end as “the catalogue”
  - Configuration tools should be part of the front-end
- Schema:
  - Many cross dependencies
  - Quite complex to match to the facility needs



# Thank you!





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# Status of metadata at ESRF



**ICAT deployment**  
**Metadata ingestion**  
**Current status**  
**Next steps**

## Current software stack

- ✓ Glassfish 4.0
- ✓ ICAT 4.3.1 + authn\_db 1.1.1
- ✓ TopCAT 1.11 + IDS 1.0.0 (+ custom plugin)

## Databases

- ✓ Oracle (test and production)
- ✓ Derby (development)

## Machines

- ✓ Oracle VM
- ✓ Sun JDK 1.7.0

## Security

- ✓ Full SSL with signed certificates (TERENA)
- ✓ Apache reverse proxy (mod proxy http, address translation)



### IDS not fully suitable yet for ESRF setup

- We need more operations delegated to the plugin, including logic for available/not available, direct/archived, path reconstruction, ...

### Problem with TopCAT behind a reverse proxy (GWT issue)

Address translation ignored:

- All .gwt.rpc files need to be copied

or

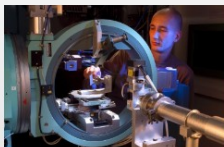
- Archive needs to be modified to change the context root

### Other issues with proxy or firewall

- Problems connecting to external ICAT on port 8181 (solved)
- Problems connecting to ILL using ill.eu URL (ill.fr works)

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The beamline



The ICAT ingester

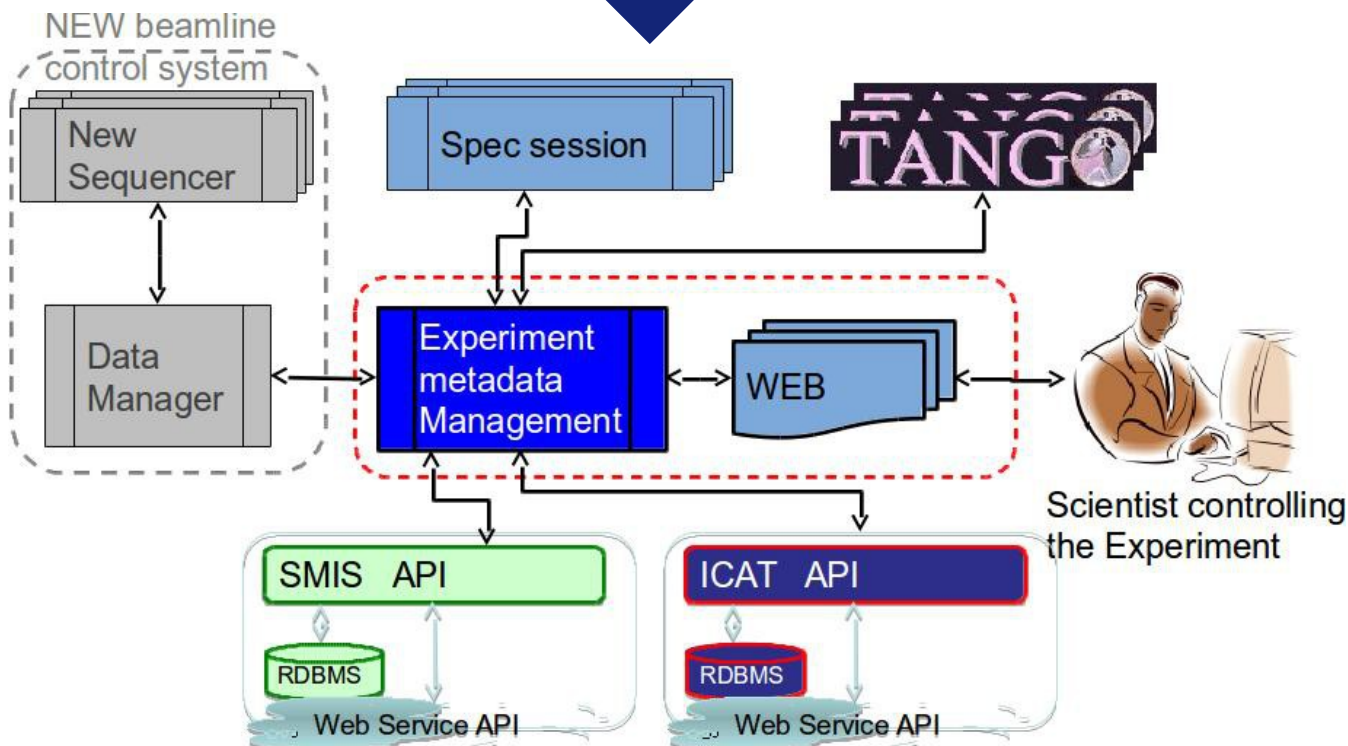
Second level

Third level

Fourth level

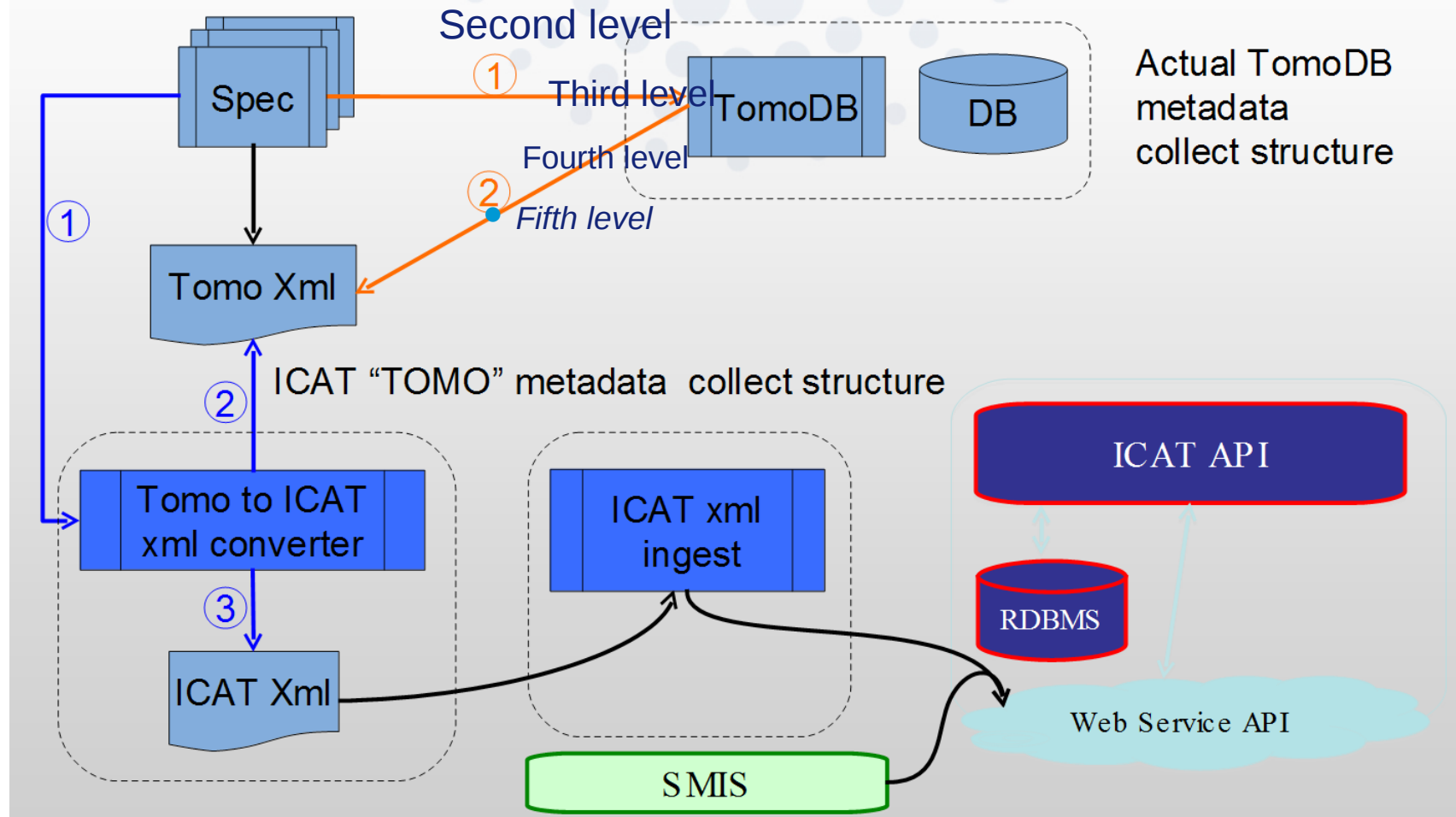
• Fifth level

The ICAT installation



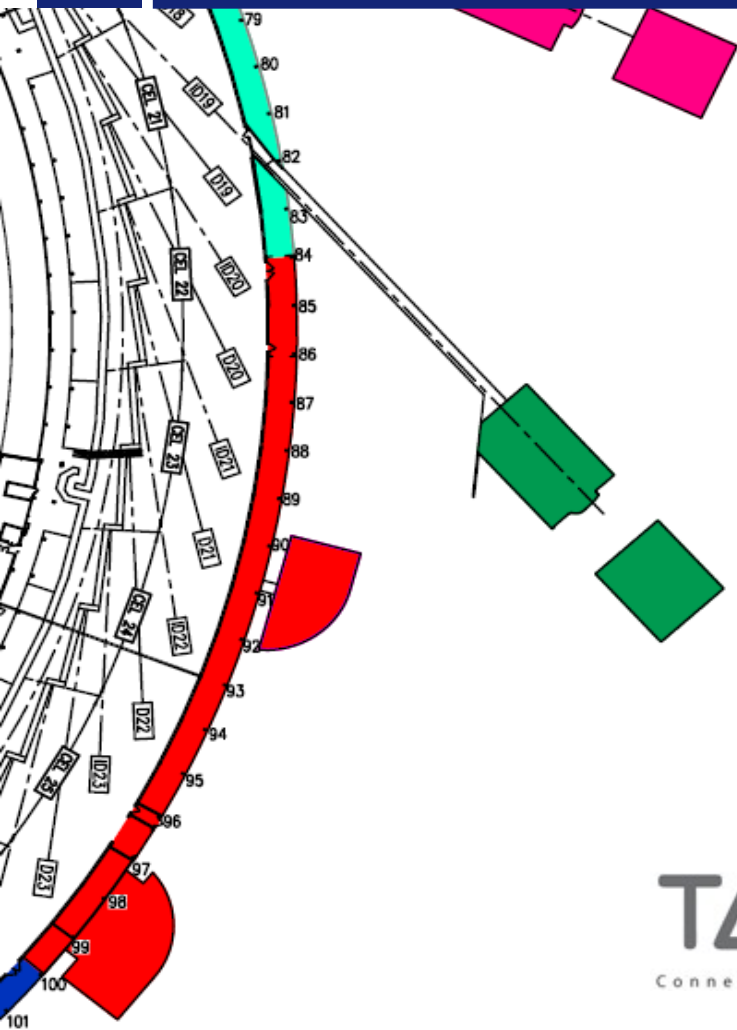
## First Pilot project for ID 19

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Data used for service verification imported using the Pilot

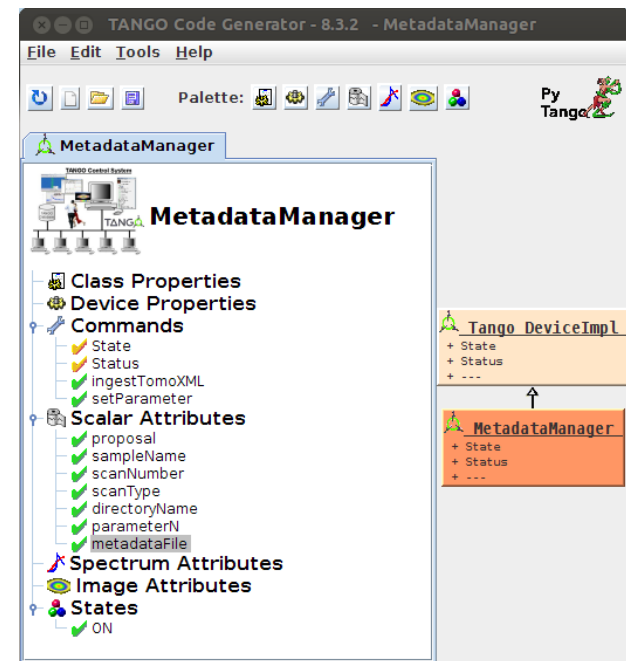
# General case



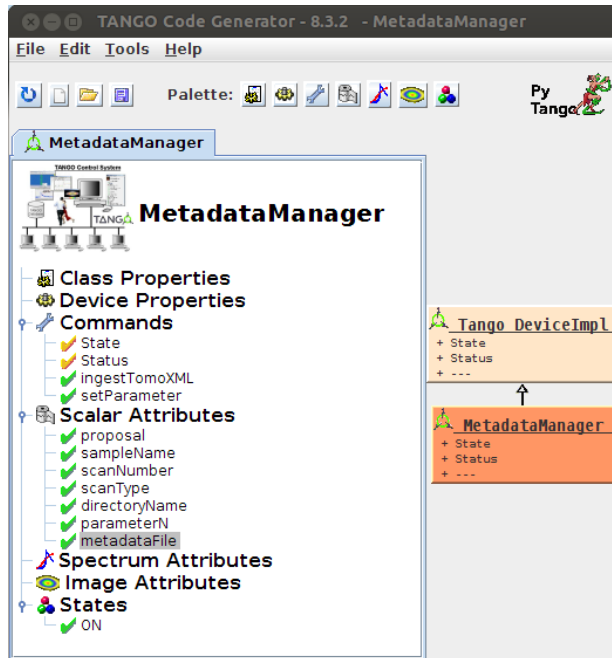
**TomoDB II**  
*Tomographic information system*



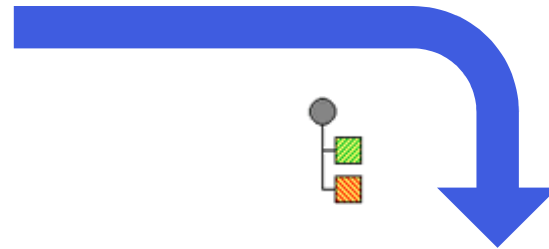
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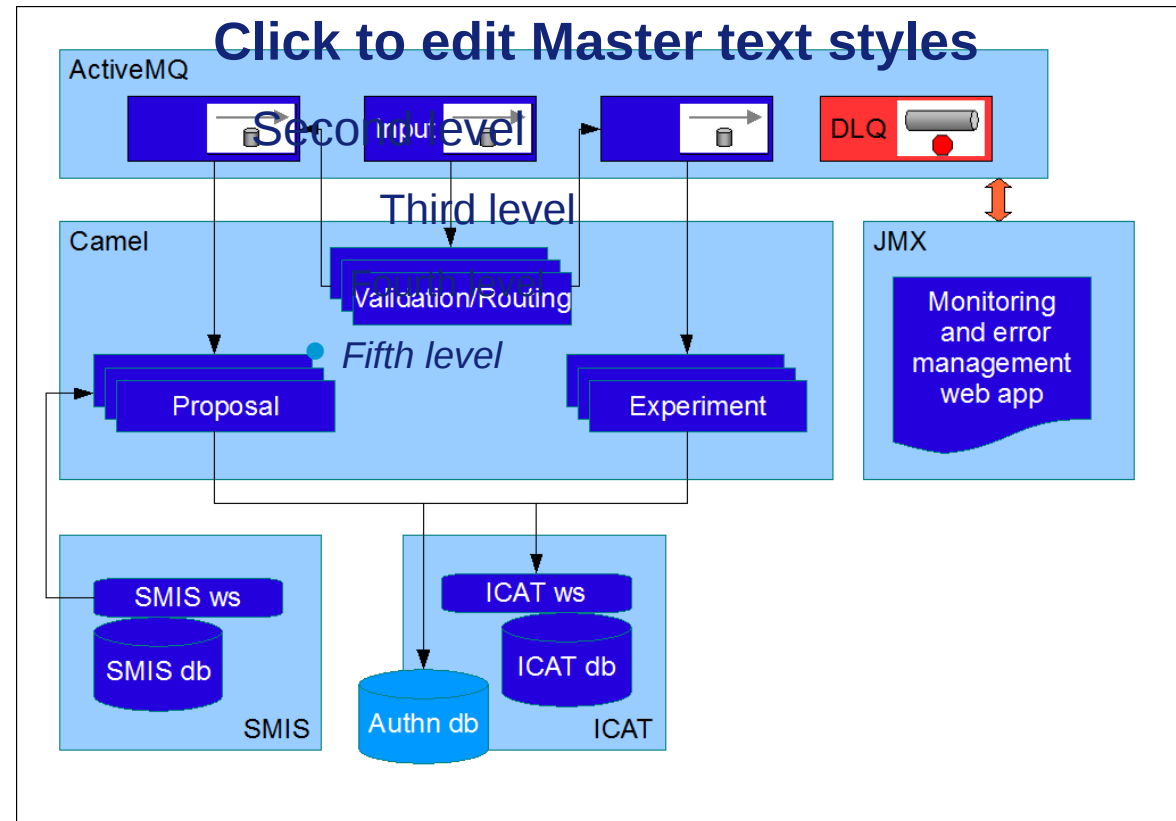
# Proposed implementation



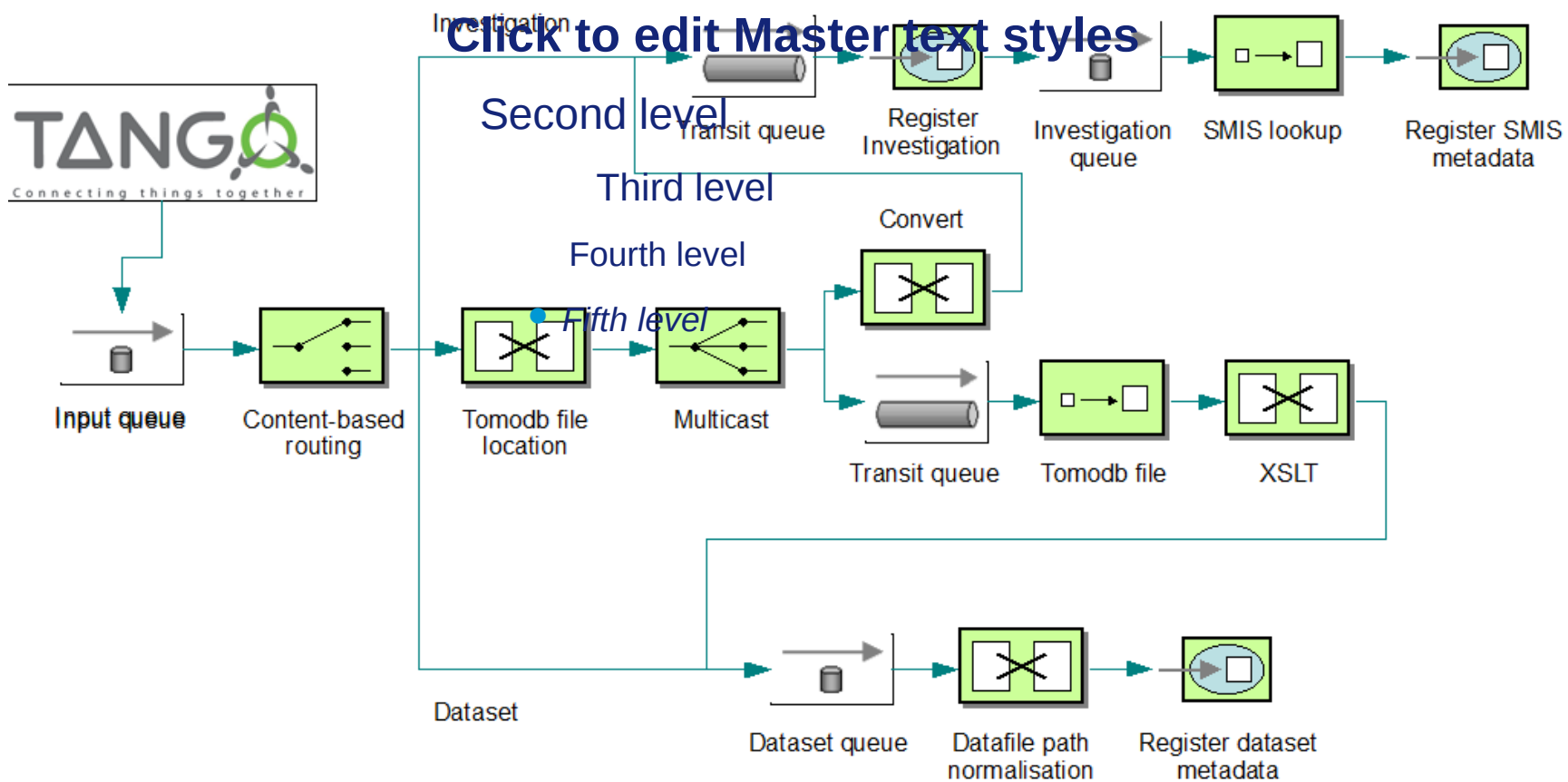
1 stateful TANGO device  
on each beamline



1 stateless queuing and  
processing system to  
bind them all



# Processing details



### Asynchronous processing

- Non-blocking TANGO devices (fire and forget)
- Queues serve as buffer in case of peak activity or slow/dead process

### Data integrity

- Message persistence
- Transacted processing
- Error management, redelivery policy

### Scalability

- Concurrent processing with configurable thread pools
- Several instances of queues and/or routes can be deployed

### Input queue is a single point of failure

- Failover configuration / cluster deployment
- Local hdf5 file for offline processing

### Most features already implemented

- ✓ Concurrent processing
- ✓ Transactions
- ✓ Automatic message translation (marshall/unmarshall, conversion)
- ✓ Logging / message tracing
- ✓ Error management

### Technology agnostic

- ✓ Implements well-defined Enterprise Integration Patterns
- ✓ Independent of queuing system, transport technology, ...

### Very well integrated

- ✓ DSL for Java, Spring, Scala, Groovy, Annotations, Blueprint, ...
- ✓ Options for deployment (standalone, EJB container, OSGi container)
- ✓ Pure Maven (archetypes, plugins), JUnit support, Spring integration



### Prototype development

- Embedded Apache ActiveMQ
- Standalone Java application (using Spring)

### Project metrics

- c.a. 1 month in the making
- c.a. 600 LoC (250 tests, 200 ICAT client, 150 data objects, beans)
- c.a. 800 lines of XML (incl. blank lines) (600 test, 100 configuration, 100 XSLT)
- Stored on ESRF gitlab

### Not done yet

- ☐ SMIS integration
- ☐ Monitoring and error management interface

### Authentication with Umbrella

Reusing SMIS mechanism already in place

### **Prototype almost ready for testing with TANGO device**

Validation of the design

### **Testing and performance analysis**

Stress testing, failure recovery

### **Dimensioning of the different components**

Data volume for queues, number of concurrent processors for each steps

1 year = 1200 experimental session, 4800 visits, 1800 publications

on 30 public beamlines (+10 CRG)

### **Live testing on one volunteer beamline**

### **We still need to define**

- ☐ ESRF data policy
- ☐ Infrastructure needed for deployment
- ☐ Maintenance and support policy



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**Thank you for your attention**

## Solved issues

- ❑ No migration script for Derby db (no python driver), no migration of rules
  - ❑ Python code (partially) ported to Java, rules recreated
- ❑ Some modification of the package required for TopCAT
  - ❑ To change the JPA log level
- ❑ Problem with TopCAT behind a reverse proxy (GWT issue)
  - ❑ All .gwt.rpc files need to be copied (address translation ignored)

## Current issues

- ❑ ICE 1.0.0 not compatible with ICAT 4.3.x
  - ❑ Need to be updated at the same time than ICAT if considered as an admin module
- ❑ IDS not fully suitable for ESRF setup
  - ❑ We need more operations delegated to the plugin, including logic for available/not available, direct/archived, path reconstruction, ...
  - ❑ The plugin currently needs a special packaging

### Issues with clients

- ☐ DAWN ICAT plugin
  - ☐ Only supports LDAP as authentication method
  - ☐ Cannot configure new ICAT repositories
- ☐ Most Python tools need at least Python 2.6
  - ☐ Version 2.4 stated in documentation
- ☐ XML ingestion tool does not work with ICAT 4.3.x
  - ☐ Would need a complete rebuild as it uses a modified 4.2 client

### Issues with other ICATs

- ☐ Problems connecting to external ICAT on port 8181 (solved)
- ☐ Problems connecting to ILL using ill.eu URL (ill.fr works)
- ☐ Failed to connect to ISIS during SV 7 (investigation ongoing)
  - ☐ **Likely linked to our proxy and firewall configuration too**

# HZB

## Report on ICAT Deployment

Rolf Krah

ICAT Meeting, Dublin, Mar 2014

ICAT deployment is in experimental stage at HZB.

- Virtual machine `icat.helmholtz-berlin.de`
- openSUSE 13.1 (x86\_64)
- OpenJDK 1.7.0
- GlassFish Server Open Source Edition 4.0
- ICAT components:
  - `authn_simple` 1.0.0 (users: root, useroffice, idsreader)
  - `authn_ldap` 1.1.0
  - ICAT 4.3.2
  - `ids.storage_file` 1.0.0
  - `ids.server` 1.0.1
  - TopCAT 1.11.0
- Use central Oracle database as backend
- Access is proxied through Apache using `mod_proxy_http`

## Users:

- ICAT users are authenticated by the HZB LDAP server.
- Users are imported from LDAP into ICAT by a Python script.

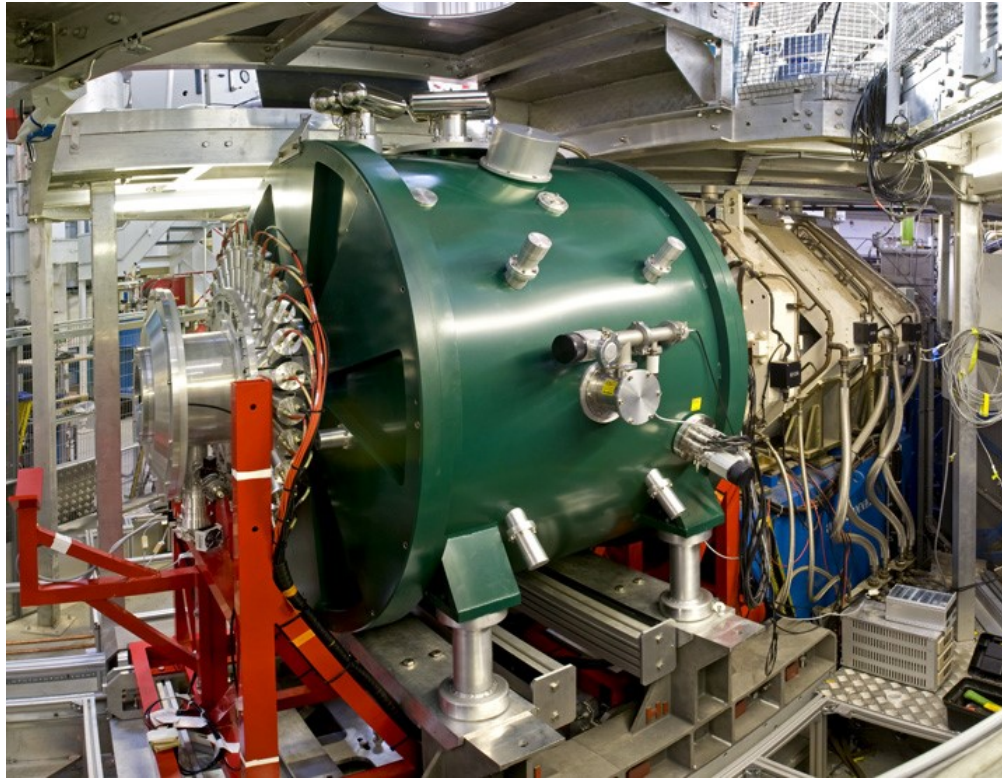
## HZB user portal GATE:

- GATE is the HZB user portal and proposal submission system.
- Import instruments and proposals (as investigations) from GATE into ICAT using Python scripts.
- Problem: GATE has its own user base. Some GATE users do have an HZB account (LDAP), but not all.
- Plan: GATE users should get an HZB account routinely if their proposal is accepted, But workflow for this is not settled yet.



- Systematic storage of experimental data is not yet operational for all instruments at HZB.
- Purchase of storage hardware is planned.
- E.g. the physical storage that IDS should be deployed on, does not exist yet.
- A customized IDS storage plugin might be needed before going into production.
- Question: How to keep data on storage and datafile objects in ICAT in sync?

# ICAT at ISIS



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# Status

- ICAT 3.3 : production for 5+ years
- ICAT 4.3 : production - parallel
- ICAT Data server: production
- Authentication : Full user office plugin
- Large Rule set - (mostly) implements our data policy



# Review – Past Issues

- Rules system now supports most of what we need
- IDS reference implementation required only minor changes
- Investigation <-> Instrument change painful, but useful
- SampleType constraint changed
- TopCAT single sign on





# Current Issues

- Network reliability at RAL
  - Due to network topology ISIS staff see this as an ICAT problem
- Periodic server hangs
  - Not always sure why (memory, load, ?)
  - Multi node setup for balancing and reliability



# 1 year plan – Lund

- Go live with 4.2 / 4.3 / 4.4



- Mantid integration with 4.x



- Switch off 3.3



- Upload of processed data

  - from Mantid










  - From TopCAT



# <1 year Requirements - Lund

- Permissions control in TopCAT 
- ICAT auth rules to support this 
- GUI tweaks to TopCAT 
- IDS reference implementation 
- Data upload from Mantid 





# 2014/15 plan

- Continue verification testing of 4.3
- Continue Mantid integration with 4.3
- Switch off 3.3
- -----
- New interfaces (see later presentation)
- ISIS 'Scientific Computing Strategy'



# Requirements

- See the roadmap (?)
- Further enhancements to rules
- GUI changes to TopCAT....maybe more
- Stability – **no *breaking*** changes
- Performance generally very good
  - Function of ingest server, database and network
  - Some rules can cause ‘slow’ queries



# Questions...

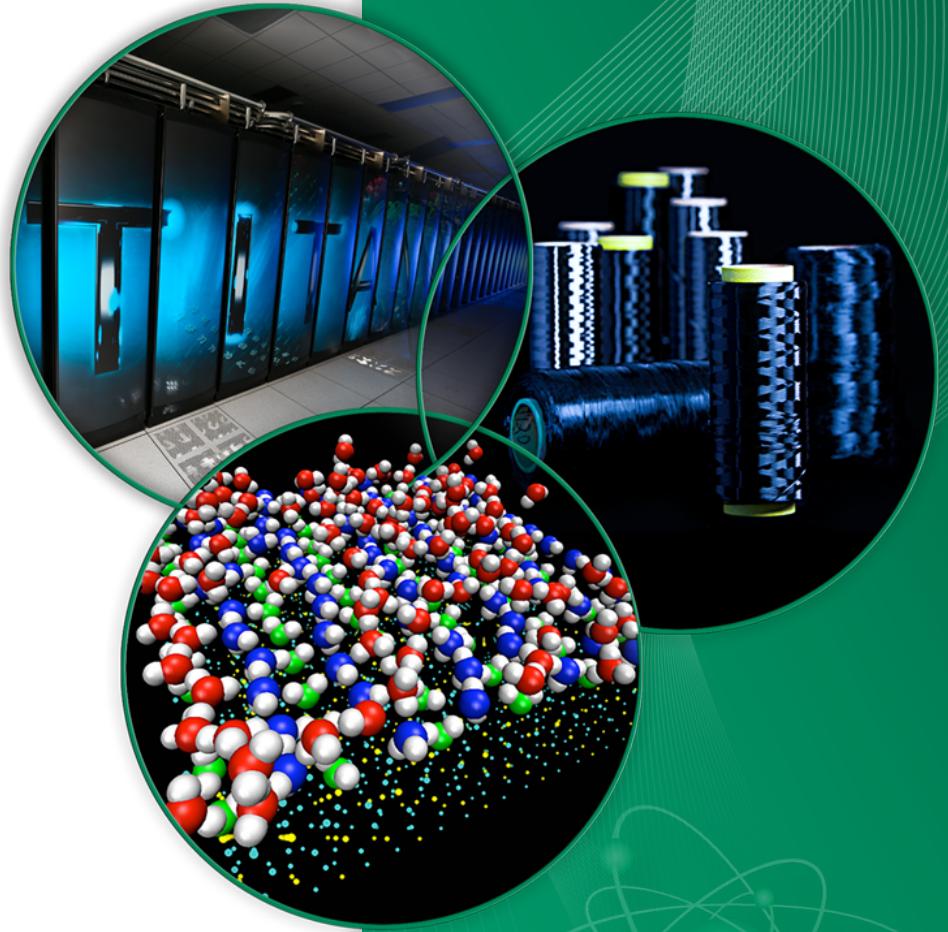


# ICAT4 Experience at ORNL/SNS

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Scientific Information Systems

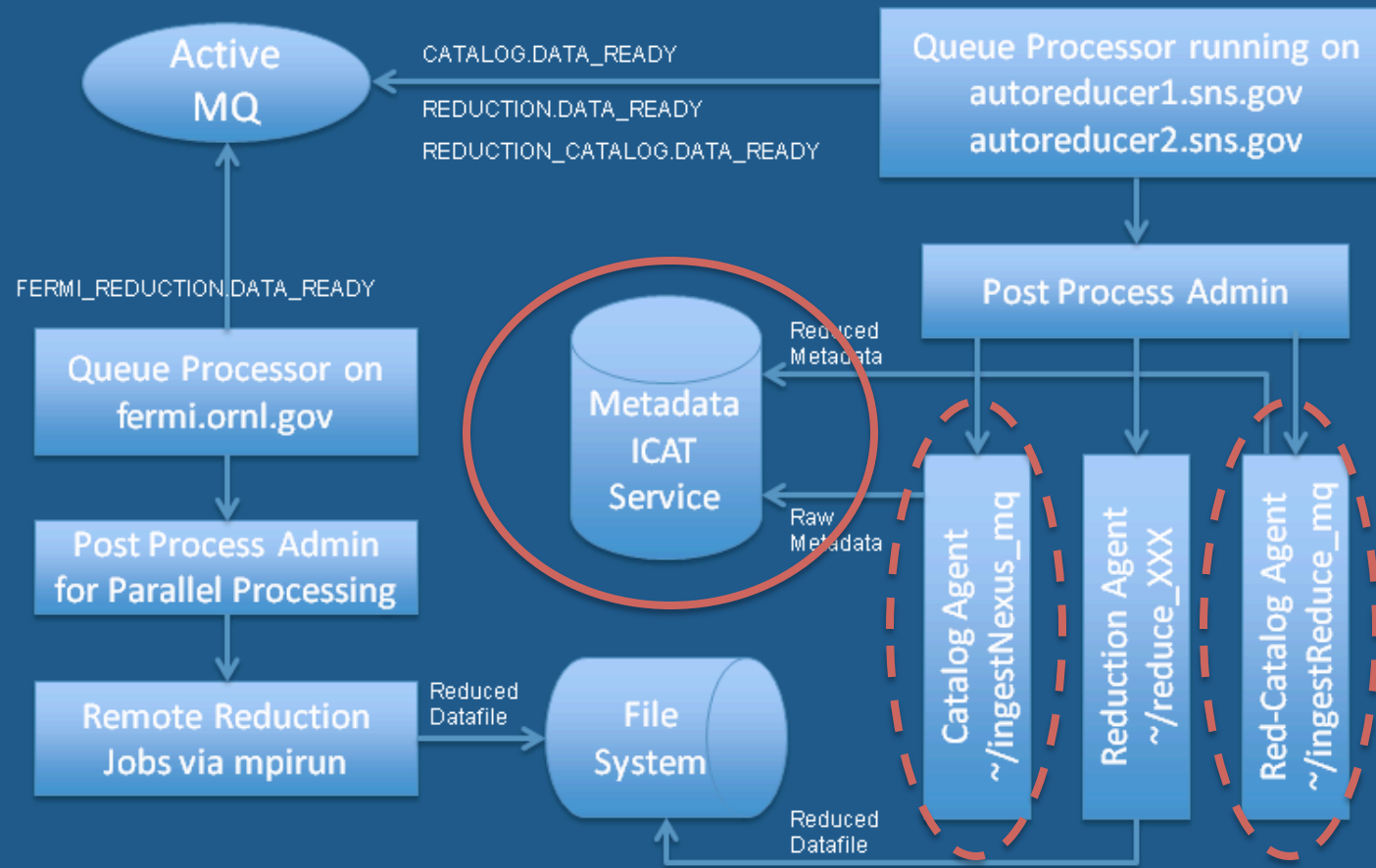
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# How is ICAT used at SNS today?

- Fully integrated with SNS post processing
  - Auto catalog of raw experiment data
  - Auto catalog of auto reduced data
- Web service to serve live experiment monitor
  - Up to date information about a proposal
  - Up to date information about runs of a proposal
- Web service to serve for search engines (findnexus, finddata, Filefinder):
  - Summary of a proposal
  - Metadata of an experiment/run
  - Location of experiment data

# Automated Data Catalog and Data Reduction



# Experiment Monitor



SEQ IPTS-10633

3qr | [admin](#) | [logout](#)

[home](#) > [seq](#) > [ipts-10633](#)

live monitoring: [status](#) | [runs](#) | [PVs](#)

List of SEQ runs for IPTS-10633:

Run	Created on	Status
<a href="#">48832</a>	March 23, 2014, 6:07 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48831</a>	March 23, 2014, 5:09 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48830</a>	March 23, 2014, 4:09 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48829</a>	March 23, 2014, 3:11 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48828</a>	March 23, 2014, 2:07 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48827</a>	March 23, 2014, 1:51 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48826</a>	March 23, 2014, 12:38 p.m.	complete
<a href="#">48825</a>	March 23, 2014, 11:35 a.m.	complete
<a href="#">48824</a>	March 23, 2014, 10:07 a.m.	complete
<a href="#">48823</a>	March 23, 2014, 9:07 a.m.	complete
<a href="#">48822</a>	March 23, 2014, 7:46 a.m.	complete
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<a href="#">48816</a>	March 23, 2014, 1:44 a.m.	complete
<a href="#">48815</a>	March 23, 2014, 12:43 a.m.	complete
<a href="#">48814</a>	March 22, 2014, 11:41 p.m.	complete
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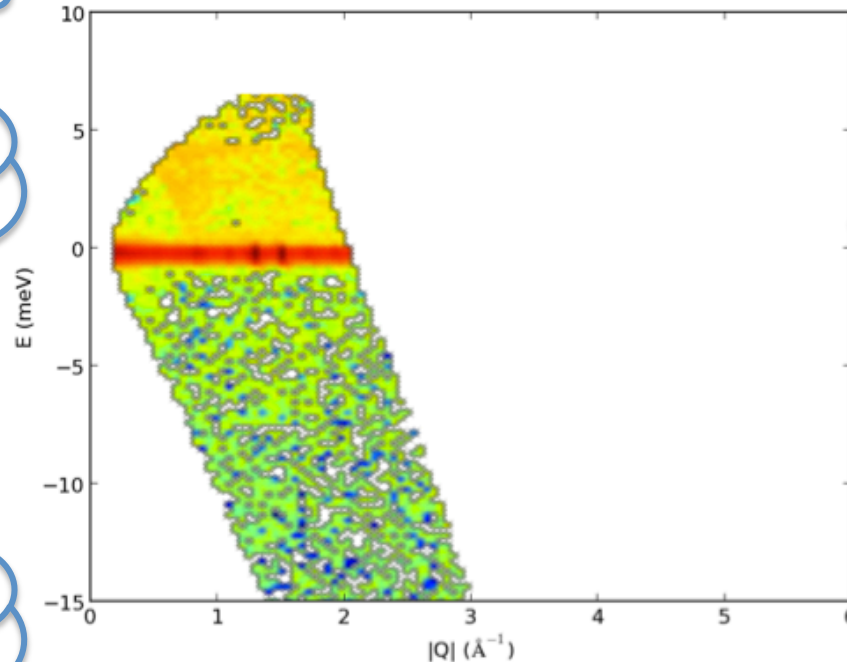
21 of 223 runs shown – [show all runs](#)

Experiment  
status

List of  
experiments

# Experiment Data Display

Run title: Run=42172,Ba3NiSb2O9, powder,T=1.51 K,7.5 meV,Fermi=180 Hz><  
Run start: March 23, 2014, 11:18 p.m.  
Run end: March 24, 2014, 6:23 a.m.



Experiment  
parameters

Experiment  
data location

Plot of auto  
reduced data

Data files:

- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/adara/HYS\_42172.adara
- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/nexus/HYS\_42172.nxs.h5

Reduced files:

- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/shared/autoreduce/4pixel/HYS\_42172\_4pixel.nxspe
- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/shared/autoreduce/msk\_tube/HYS\_42172\_msk\_tube\_spe.nxs
- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/shared/autoreduce/reduction\_log/HYS\_42172.nxs.h5.log
- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/shared/autoreduce/4pixel/HYS\_42172\_4pixel\_spe.nxs
- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/shared/autoreduce/msk\_tube/HYS\_42172\_msk\_tube.nxspe
- /SNS/HYS/IPTS-10498/shared/autoreduce/msk\_tube/HYS\_42172\_msk\_tube\_spe.nxs.png



# More about ICAT tomorrow

- Web service to encapsulate database/objects from application users
  - Integrated user or guest portal
  - Experiment hall monitors
- ICAT driven fully automate data reduction
  - Auto reduce via the latest calibration, characterization runs
  - Auto reduce via strategies defined in ICAT
- Statistical distribution of experiment parameters, aka process variables
- ICAT assisted experiment design

# ICAT Installation, Performance, Concerns

- Plan to roll ICAT 4.3 in the summer break
- Still need to work on and test out Rules
- ICAT 4.2 seems to run smoothly in production
- Potential performance concerns: load and search of large volume of dataset and datafile parameters

# python-icat

A Library for Writing ICAT Clients in Python

Rolf Krah

ICAT Meeting, Dublin, Mar 2014

- SOAP is used as the access protocol for ICAT.
- Clients exist for different programming languages, including Java and Python.
- The most popular SOAP library for Python is Suds.
- python-icat aims to make writing ICAT clients with Python simpler.

python-icat is build on top of Suds.

## Goals

- Keep the general structure and flexibility of Suds.
- Simplify things where possible.
- Try to remove annoying details.
- Make use object oriented design.

A typical python-icat program might be mistaken for a generic Suds program at first glance. It's just somewhat simpler.

# Example: Add a Datafile

## Using plain Suds

```
dataset = client.service.search(sessionId ,  
                                "Dataset[name='e201215 '"])[0]  
format = client.service.search(sessionId ,  
                                "DatafileFormat[name='NeXus '"])[0]  
datafile = client.factory.create("datafile")  
datafile.dataset = dataset  
datafile.datafileFormat = format  
datafile.name = "e201215-7.nxs"  
datafile.id = client.service.create(sessionId , datafile)
```

# Example: Add a Datafile

## Using plain Suds

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dataset = client.service.search(sessionId ,  
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datafile = client.factory.create("datafile")  
datafile.dataset = dataset  
datafile.datafileFormat = format  
datafile.name = "e201215-7.nxs"  
datafile.id = client.service.create(sessionId , datafile)
```

## Using python-icat

```
dataset = client.search("Dataset[name='e201215 '"])[0]  
format = client.search("DatafileFormat[name='NeXus '"])[0]  
datafile = client.new("datafile")  
datafile.dataset = dataset  
datafile.datafileFormat = format  
datafile.name = "e201215-7.nxs"  
datafile.create()
```

# Example: Add a Datafile

Or even:

## Using python-icat

```
dataset = client.search("Dataset[name='e201215 ']") [0]
format = client.search("DatafileFormat[name='NeXus ']") [0]
client.new("datafile",
           dataset=dataset,
           datafileFormat=format,
           name="e201215-7.nxs").create()
```



- `client.new(...)` creates a new ICAT entity objects. Use this in place of `client.factory.create(...)`.
- `client.new(...)` optionally accepts keyword/value arguments to set attributes.
- ICAT API methods are defined as methods in the `python-icat` client. Replace `client.service.<method>(...)` by `client.<method>(...)`.
- Don't care about the session id, the `python-icat` client remembers it and adds it to the ICAT method calls as needed.
- ICAT entity objects have their own methods: e.g. `datafile.create()`.

# Example: Add Keywords to an Investigation

## Using plain Suds

```
investigation = client.service.search(sessionId ,  
    "Investigation[name='2010-E2-0489-1']")[0]  
keywords = []  
for k in ["Foo", "Bar", "Baz"]:  
    keyword = client.factory.create("keyword")  
    keyword.name = k  
    keyword.investigation = investigation  
    keywords.append(keyword)  
client.service.createMany(sessionId , keywords)
```

# Example: Add Keywords to an Investigation

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investigation = client.service.search(sessionId ,
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    keyword = client.factory.create("keyword")
    keyword.name = k
    keyword.investigation = investigation
    keywords.append(keyword)
client.service.createMany(sessionId , keywords)
```

## Using python-icat

```
investigation = client.search(
    "Investigation[name='2010-E2-0489-1']")[0]
investigation.addKeywords(["Foo", "Bar", "Baz"])
```

# Example: Create a Group

## Using plain Suds

```
users = [ jbotu , jdoe , nbour ]
group = client.factory.create("group")
group.name = "investigation_42_reader"
group.id = client.service.create(sessionId , group)
ugs = []
for u in users:
    ug = client.factory.create("userGroup")
    ug.user = u
    ug.group = group
    ugs.append(ug)
client.service.createMany(sessionId , ugs)
```

# Example: Create a Group

## Using plain Suds

```
users = [ jbotu , jdoe , nbour ]
group = client.factory.create("group")
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group.id = client.service.create(sessionId , group)
ugs = []
for u in users:
    ug = client.factory.create("userGroup")
    ug.user = u
    ug.group = group
    ugs.append(ug)
client.service.createMany(sessionId , ugs)
```

## Using python-icat

```
users = [ jbotu , jdoe , nbour ]
group = client.createGroup("investigation_42_reader", users)
```

# Example: Login

## Using plain Suds

```
client = suds.client.Client(url)
credentials = client.factory.create("credentials")
credentials.entry.append(
    [ { 'key': 'username', 'value': username },
      { 'key': 'password', 'value': password } ])
sessionId = client.service.login(auth, credentials)

# ...

client.service.logout(sessionId)
```

# Example: Login

## Using plain Suds

```
client = suds.client.Client(url)
credentials = client.factory.create("credentials")
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sessionId = client.service.login(auth, credentials)

# ...

client.service.logout(sessionId)
```

## Using python-icat

```
client = icat.client.Client(url)
credentials = { 'username': username, 'password': password }
client.login(auth, credentials)
```

- Drawback of python-icat: it depends on the ICAT version.
- When the ICAT API changes, the library needs to get adapted to the new version.
- Currently supported: 4.2.\* and 4.3.\*, the API version is checked automatically.
- A module `icat.icatcheck` tests compatibility helps to adapt the library to new versions.
- Advantage: some incompatibilities between ICAT versions are handled by python-icat and hidden from the application.



# Example: Add Instrument to an Investigation

## Using plain Suds

```
investigation = client.service.search(sessionId ,
    "Investigation INCLUDE 1 [name='2010-E2-0489-1']")[0]
instrument = client.service.search(sessionId ,
    "Instrument[name='HIKE']")[0]
if client.service.getApiVersion() < '4.3.0':
    investigation.instrument = instrument
    client.service.update(sessionId , investigation)
else:
    ii = client.factory.create('investigationInstrument')
    ii.investigation = investigation
    ii.instrument = instrument
    client.service.create(sessionId , ii)
```

# Example: Add Instrument to an Investigation

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    client.service.update(sessionId , investigation)
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    ii = client.factory.create('investigationInstrument')
    ii.investigation = investigation
    ii.instrument = instrument
    client.service.create(sessionId , ii)
```

## Using python-icat

```
investigation = client.search(
    "Investigation [name='2010-E2-0489-1']")[0]
instrument = client.search("Instrument [name='HIKE ']")[0]
investigation.addInstrument(instrument)
```

- A typical ICAT client always needs the same set of command line arguments: URL of the ICAT service, authentication plugin name, username, and password.
- A module `icat.config` takes care of this: it defines the command line arguments.
- Configuration options may be set via command line arguments, environment variables, configuration files, and default values (in this order, first match wins). The password may also be read from interactive keyboard input.
- Of course, a program may define additional custom arguments.

# Example: Config

## Using plain Suds

```
url = "https://" + sys.argv[1] + ":" + sys.argv[2] \
      + "/ICATService/ICAT?wsdl"
auth = sys.argv[3]
username = sys.argv[5]
password = sys.argv[7]
client = suds.client.Client(url)
credentials = client.factory.create("credentials")
credentials.entry.append(
    [ { 'key': 'username', 'value': username },
      { 'key': 'password', 'value': password } ])
sessionId = client.service.login(auth, credentials)
```

# Example: Config

## Using plain Suds

```
url = "https://" + sys.argv[1] + ":" + sys.argv[2] \
      + "/ICATService/ICAT?wsdl"
auth = sys.argv[3]
username = sys.argv[5]
password = sys.argv[7]
client = suds.client.Client(url)
credentials = client.factory.create("credentials")
credentials.entry.append(
    [ { 'key': 'username', 'value': username },
      { 'key': 'password', 'value': password } ])
sessionId = client.service.login(auth, credentials)
```

## Using python-icat

```
config = icat.config.Config()
conf = config.getconfig()
client = icat.Client(conf.url, **conf.client_kwargs)
client.login(conf.auth, conf.credentials)
```

## Default Command Line Arguments

usage: login-icat-config.py [options]

optional arguments:

- h, --help show this help message and exit
- c CONFIGFILE, --configfile CONFIGFILE  
config file
- s SECTION, --configsection SECTION  
section in the config file
- w URL, --url URL URL to the web service description
- http-proxy HTTP\_PROXY  
proxy to use for http requests
- https-proxy HTTPS\_PROXY  
proxy to use for https requests
- a AUTH, --auth AUTH authentication plugin
- u USERNAME, --user USERNAME  
username
- p PASSWORD, --pass PASSWORD  
password
- P, --prompt-pass prompt for the password

# Example: Exception Handling

## Using plain Suds

```
try:
    sessionId = client.service.login(auth, credentials)
except suds.WebFault as e:
    if e.fault.detail.IcatException.type == 'SESSION':
        print "Login failed: %s" % e
    else:
        raise
```

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    else:
        raise
```

## Using python-icat

```
try:
    client.login(conf.auth, conf.credentials)
except ICATSessionError as e:
    print "Login failed: %s" % e
```



# Example: Searching

## Using plain Suds

```
searchres = client.service.search(sessionId, "Facility")
if len(searchres) != 1:
    raise RuntimeError("Expected to find one facility")
else:
    facility = searchres[0]
```

# Example: Searching

## Using plain Suds

```
searchres = client.service.search(sessionId, "Facility")
if len(searchres) != 1:
    raise RuntimeError("Expected to find one facility")
else:
    facility = searchres[0]
```

## Using python-icat

```
facility = client.assertedSearch("Facility")[0]
```

# Example: Searching

## Using plain Suds

```
searchres = client.service.search(sessionId, "Facility")
if len(searchres) != 1:
    raise RuntimeError("Expected to find one facility")
else:
    facility = searchres[0]
```

## Using python-icat

```
facility = client.assertedSearch("Facility")[0]
```

## Using python-icat (more)

```
# Assert there is at least one Investigation
investigation = client.assertedSearch("Investigation",
                                       assertmax=None)[0]
# Assert there is at most one Instrument
res = client.assertedSearch("Instrument", assertmin=0)
```

- A module `icat.cgi` helps writing CGI scripts. It does session management: the ICAT session Id is set as a cookie in the user's browser.
- Methods `Entity.getUniqueKey()` and `Client.searchUniqueKey()` to create a unique object identifier and to search for the object corresponding to an identifier respectively.
- Example scripts `icatdump.py` and `icatrestore.py` that dump the whole content of an ICAT to a file (YAML) and restore it from the dump file respectively.

- `icat.client.Client` is a `suds.client.Client`. Everything you can do with a Suds client, you can do with a python-icat client.
- The ICAT entity objects created by `client.new(...)` or returned by a search live in a hierarchy of classes based on `icat.entity.Entity`.
- The ICAT entity objects mimic very closely the behavior of corresponding Suds objects. They are converted transparently from and to Suds objects as appropriate.

# System Requirements and Download

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- Python 2.6 or newer (Python 2.6 requires a patch).
- Suds, either 0.4 or jurko fork, the latter is recommended.
- argparse (in system library in Python 2.7 or newer).
- The example scripts use PyYAML, but this is not needed to use the library itself.

## Download

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- BSD license.

# System Requirements and Download

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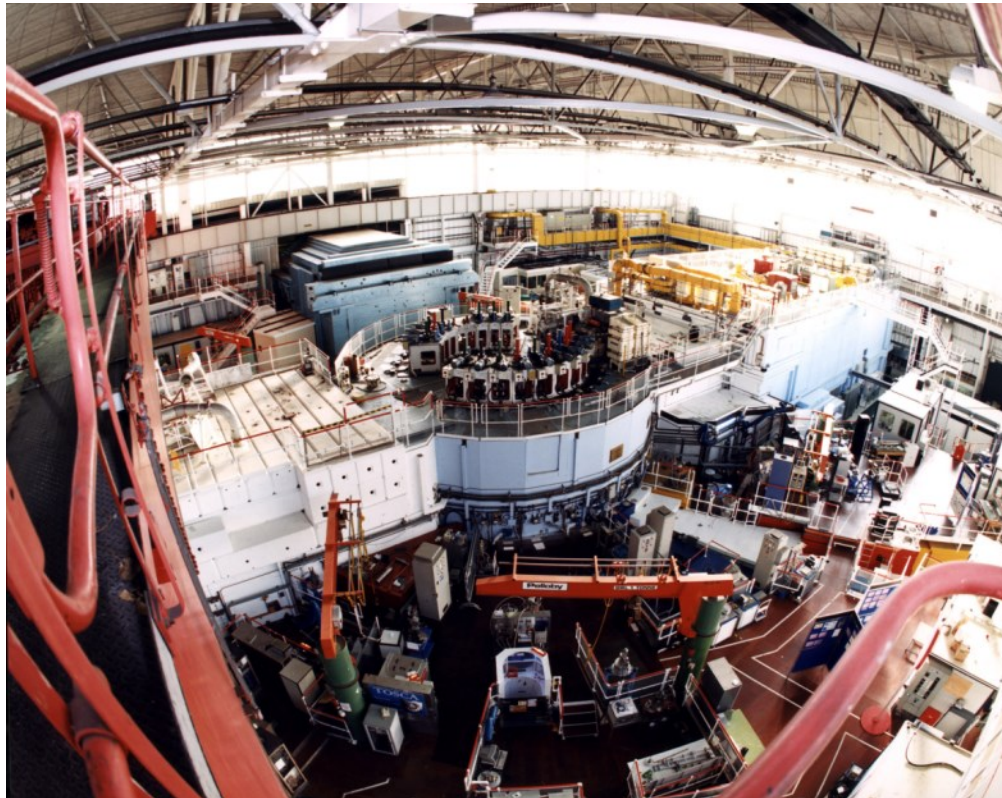
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- BSD license.

Thank you for your attention! Questions?

# A customisable domain specific ICAT interface



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# Contents

- What?
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# Why?

- TopCAT is very generic, so does not provide information to our users in a domain specific way
- This is fine for some things
- Some domains have specific workflows and standard ways of working
- Can we have 'custom' portals for them, without too much work?



# Who?

- Customers
  - ISIS Disordered Materials Group
  - Inelastic spectra database
- Creators
  - ISIS Computing group
  - Me
  - Frazer Barnsley (graduate secondment)
- Will be added to contrib



# How?

- Uses ICAT as the database and IDS to store and serve data
- Configuration file defines
  - Names
  - Numbers of samples
  - Parameters (Investigation, sample, dataset, datafile)
  - Datafiles (uploads)
  - Tooltips
  - Friendly names
- Creates ICAT entries (including ParameterTypes)
- Grails – Groovy on Rails
- Iterative development with science groups
- Not much code. Lots of nice things for free
- Tomcat, Glassfish, Jetty, etc



# Where?

- Currently on a development server (RAL only)

Live Demo.....

<http://130.246.49.212:8080/SimpleICATBrowser/>



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# When?

- Next release to customers – end of this week
- Must be finished by end of November



# Questions...



# Authorisation Rules at ISIS



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# Introduction

- Implements a defined data policy
  - PaNdata policy based.
- Public Tables
- Public Steps
- Rules
- UserGroups



# Background

- Rules – by default everything is closed.
- ISIS data policy requires >100 rules.....still not finished
- Are (now) sanity checked on creation
- Required at every level for **direct** access (see PublicSteps)
- Can be checked:

```
isAccessAllowed(String sessionId,  
EntityBaseBean bean, AccessType  
accessType)
```



# Public Tables

- For read only access to open tables
- Cached
- Instrument, Application, DatasetType, InvestigationType etc
- Can be used for link tables :  
DataCollectionDatafile, InvestigationUser



# Public Tables

```
List<String> publicTables = new ArrayList<>();
publicTables.add("Application");
publicTables.add("DatafileFormat");
publicTables.add("DatasetType");
publicTables.add("Facility");
...<cut>...

publicTables.add("DataCollectionDatafile");
publicTables.add("DataCollectionDataset");
...<cut>...

List<EntityBaseBean> publicRules = new ArrayList<>();
for (String publicTableName : publicTables) {
    Rule publicRule = new Rule();
    publicRule.what = publicTableName;
    publicRule.crudFlags = "R";
    publicRules.add(publicRule);
}
port.createMany(sessionId, publicRules);
```



# Public Steps

- Allow access to a related object (attribute)
- ONLY used in INCLUDE processing.
- Offer a significant speedup on INCLUDE
- Thing -> ThingParameter
- Investigation -> samples, publications, users, investigationInstrument etc



# Public Steps

```
String[] parameterBasedPublicSteps = new
String[]{"Investigation", "Dataset", "Datafile",
        "Sample"};
for (String table : parameterBasedPublicSteps)
{
    PublicStep paramPublicStep = new PublicStep();
    paramPublicStep.origin = table;
    paramPublicStep.field = "parameters";
    publicSteps.add(paramPublicStep);
}
```



# Public Steps

```
String[] publicStepsFromInvestigation = new
String[]{"samples", "publications", "shifts",
"investigationUsers", "keywords",
"investigationInstruments"};

for (String step : publicStepsFromInvestigation)
{
    PublicStep invToSomething = new PublicStep();
    invToSomething.origin = "Investigation";
    invToSomething.field = step;
    publicSteps.add(invToSomething);
}
```



# Rule Structure

- Administrators
- Safe Admin (read all)
- [Raw] Data Ingestor
- Instrument Scientists
- Investigators
- Disordered Materials Database
- DOI service
- Unembargoed data





# Administrators

- Easy

```
List<String> allTables = port.getEntityNames();  
for (String table : allTables)  
{  
    Rule rule = new Rule();  
    rule.grouping = facilityAdmins;  
    rule.crudFlags = "CRUD";  
    rule.what = table;  
    port.create(sessionId, rule);  
}
```



# Other super groups

- Safe admins – same rules, no ‘CUD’
- Data Ingestors: ‘CRU’, fewer tables



# Instrument Scientists

- Defines access relative to instruments

```
SELECT i FROM Investigation i
JOIN i.investigationInstruments ii
JOIN ii.instrument inst
JOIN inst.instrumentScientists instSci
JOIN instSci.user u
WHERE u.name = :user
```

Investigation, Dataset, Datafile, Sample,  
SampleType + 4x Parameters



# Instrument Scientists

```
SELECT df FROM Datafile df
JOIN df.dataset d
JOIN d.investigation i
JOIN i.investigationInstruments ii
JOIN ii.instrument inst
JOIN inst.instrumentScientists instSci
JOIN instSci.user u
WHERE d.name='Default'
AND u.name = :user";
```



# Investigators

- Defines access relative to investigation role

```
DatafileParameter <-> Datafile <-> Dataset <->  
Investigation <-> InvestigationUser <-> User <->  
User [name = :user]
```

```
Investigation, Dataset, Datafile, Sample,  
SampleType + 4x Parameters
```



# Disordered Materials Database

- Write (authenticated) and open read to domain specific 'database'

```
SELECT df FROM Datafile df
JOIN df.dataset ds
JOIN ds.investigation i
JOIN i.type it
WHERE it.name Disordered Materials
```

```
Grouping = Disordered Materials Publishers
Access = CRUD
```



# DOI Account

- Requires read access to generate landing pages

```
SELECT i FROM Investigation i WHERE i.doi IS NOT NULL
```

```
SELECT ds FROM Dataset ds WHERE ds.doi IS NOT NULL
```

- DOI creation runs as Data Ingestor



# Unembargoed Data

- Read for all authenticated users

```
SELECT i FROM Investigation i WHERE i.releaseDate <  
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
```

```
SELECT dfp FROM DatafileParameter dfp  
JOIN dfp.datafile df  
JOIN df.dataset d  
JOIN d.investigation i  
WHERE d.name = 'Default'  
AND i.releaseDate < CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
```

Investigation, Dataset, Datafile, Sample, SampleType +  
4x Parameters





# Complications

- Lock updates when DOI  $\neq$  null
- Granting permissions
  - Create a group per investigation
  - What about finer grain?
  - Adding new users
  - What is ICAT, what is User office?
- Allowing partial updates
  - Investigation.release\_date only
- Performance



# Questions...



# Authorization Rules

## Setup of Authorization Rules based on Groups of Users

Rolf Krah

ICAT Meeting, Dublin, Mar 2014

Why using groups to setup the authorization rules?

- Authorization based on groups is very flexible.
- Easy to grant or to revoke permissions: simply add the user to or remove him from the corresponding group.
- Access policies may be individually defined for each investigation.
- Users may manage permissions themselves. They only need CRUD permission on UserGroup related to the corresponding group.
- InvestigationUser is also used for other purposes (e.g. TopCAT). One might wish to setup permissions independently from this.

For each investigation, create three access groups:

`investigation_<name>_writer`: Shall get CRUD permission on objects related to the investigation, such as Datafiles, Datasets, Samples, Keywords, Parameters and so on.

`investigation_<name>_reader`: Shall get R permission on objects related to the investigation.

`investigation_<name>_owner`: Shall get permission to manage access permissions on the investigation.

Here `<name>` is replaced by the investigation name.

# Rules: Variant 1, per Investigation Rules

Simple way to setup access rules: create a set of rules for each investigation.

## Rule

**crudFlags:** CRUD

**what:** Datafile <-> Dataset <->  
Investigation[name='<name>']

**grouping:** investigation\_<name>\_writer

## Rule

**crudFlags:** CRUD

**what:** UserGroup <->  
Grouping[name='investigation\_<name>\_writer']

**grouping:** investigation\_<name>\_owner

# Rules: Variant 1, per Investigation Rules

- Simple.
- Works fine in test installation.
- Drawback: excessive number of rules, 28 rules per investigation, more then a half of all objects in the ICAT are rules.
- Will this scale reasonably in a production size deployment?

# Rules: Variant 2, Static Rules Based on “Magic Names”

Try to achieve the same result with a limited number of generic rules:

## Rule

**crudFlags:** CRUD

**what:** SELECT df FROM Datafile df  
JOIN df.dataset ds JOIN ds.investigation i  
JOIN Grouping g JOIN g.userGroups ug  
JOIN ug.user u  
WHERE g.name =  
CONCAT('investigation\_',i.name,'\_writer')  
AND u.name = :user

**grouping:** NULL



# Rules: Variant 2, Static Rules Based on “Magic Names”

## Rule

**crudFlags:** CRUD

**what:** SELECT aug FROM UserGroup aug  
JOIN aug.grouping ag  
JOIN Investigation i  
JOIN Grouping g JOIN g.userGroups ug  
JOIN ug.user u  
WHERE ag.name =  
CONCAT('investigation\_',i.name,'\_writer')  
AND g.name =  
CONCAT('investigation\_',i.name,'\_owner')  
AND u.name = :user

**grouping:** NULL

## Rules: Variant 2, Static Rules Based on “Magic Names”

- Works in principle in test installation.
- Only fixed set of static rules.
- Drawback: incredible slow! Seven minutes to answer a simple query on a test ICAT having about 700 investigations.

## Rules: Variant 2, Static Rules Based on “Magic Names”

Why is it so slow?

### Query

```
SELECT df FROM Datafile df
JOIN df.dataset ds JOIN ds.investigation i
JOIN Grouping g JOIN g.userGroups ug
JOIN ug.user u
WHERE g.name = CONCAT('investigation_',i.name,'_writer')
AND u.name = :user
```

Missing relation between Investigation and Grouping

⇒ Need to evaluate string expression on full cartesian product.

Complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  in the number of investigations.

Possible solution: Add the missing relation. Add to ICAT schema:

## InvestigationGroup

Many to many relationship between investigation and grouping

Uniqueness constraint: grouping, investigation

Relationships:

Card	Class	Field	Cascaded
1,1	Investigation	investigation	No
1,1	Grouping	grouping	No

Other fields:

Field	Type
role	String [255]

# Rules: Variant 3, InvestigationGroup

Add relations between Investigation and Groups:

## InvestigationGroup

```
investigation: Investigation <name>  
  grouping: Grouping investigation_<name>_writer  
  role: writer
```

and accordingly for reader and owner.

Add rules:

## Rule

```
crudFlags: CRUD  
  what: Datafile <-> Dataset <-> Investigation <->  
        InvestigationGroup [role='writer'] <->  
        Grouping <-> UserGroup <-> User [name=:user]  
  grouping: NULL
```

## Rule

crudFlags: CRUD

what: SELECT tug FROM UserGroup tug  
JOIN tug.grouping tg  
JOIN tg.investigationGroups tig  
JOIN tig.investigation i  
JOIN i.investigationGroups uig  
JOIN uig.grouping ug  
JOIN ug.userGroups uug JOIN uug.user u  
WHERE (tig.role = 'writer'  
OR tig.role = 'reader')  
AND uig.role = 'owner' AND u.name = :user

grouping: NULL

# Rules: Variant 3, InvestigationGroup

- Solves the issue: only one fixed set of static rules. Only three Grouping and three InvestigationGroup per Investigation.
- Provides all the flexibility.
- Should scale reasonably, at least no obvious reason why it should not.
- Requires a change in the ICAT schema.
- But: this change is limited to the addition of the new type. Already existing types are not altered  $\Rightarrow$  no compatibility issues. Sites not using it should not be affected in any way.

Thank you for your attention!

Comments? Discussion?



# Which Objects to Setup Rules for?

Writers get CRUD permission on:

- `Sample <-> Investigation,`
- `Dataset <-> Investigation,`
- `Datafile <-> Dataset <-> Investigation,`
- `InvestigationParameter <-> Investigation,`
- `SampleParameter <-> Sample <-> Investigation,`
- `DatasetParameter <-> Dataset <-> Investigation,`
- `DatafileParameter <-> Datafile <-> Dataset <-> Investigation,`
- `Shift <-> Investigation,`
- `Keyword <-> Investigation,`
- `Publication <-> Investigation,`
- `InvestigationInstrument <-> Investigation,`

they get RU permission on Investigation, and R permission on InvestigationUser <-> Investigation.

# Mantid & ICAT



# About me

```
{  
  "name" : "Jay Rainey",  
  "affiliation" : "ISIS, Mantid",  
  "email" : "jay.rainey@stfc.ac.uk",  
  "github" : "@jawrainey"  
}
```

# Agenda

- 1.** Mantid
- 2.** ICAT within Mantid
- 3.** IDS within Mantid
- 4.** Future plans
- 5.** Questions

# Mantid

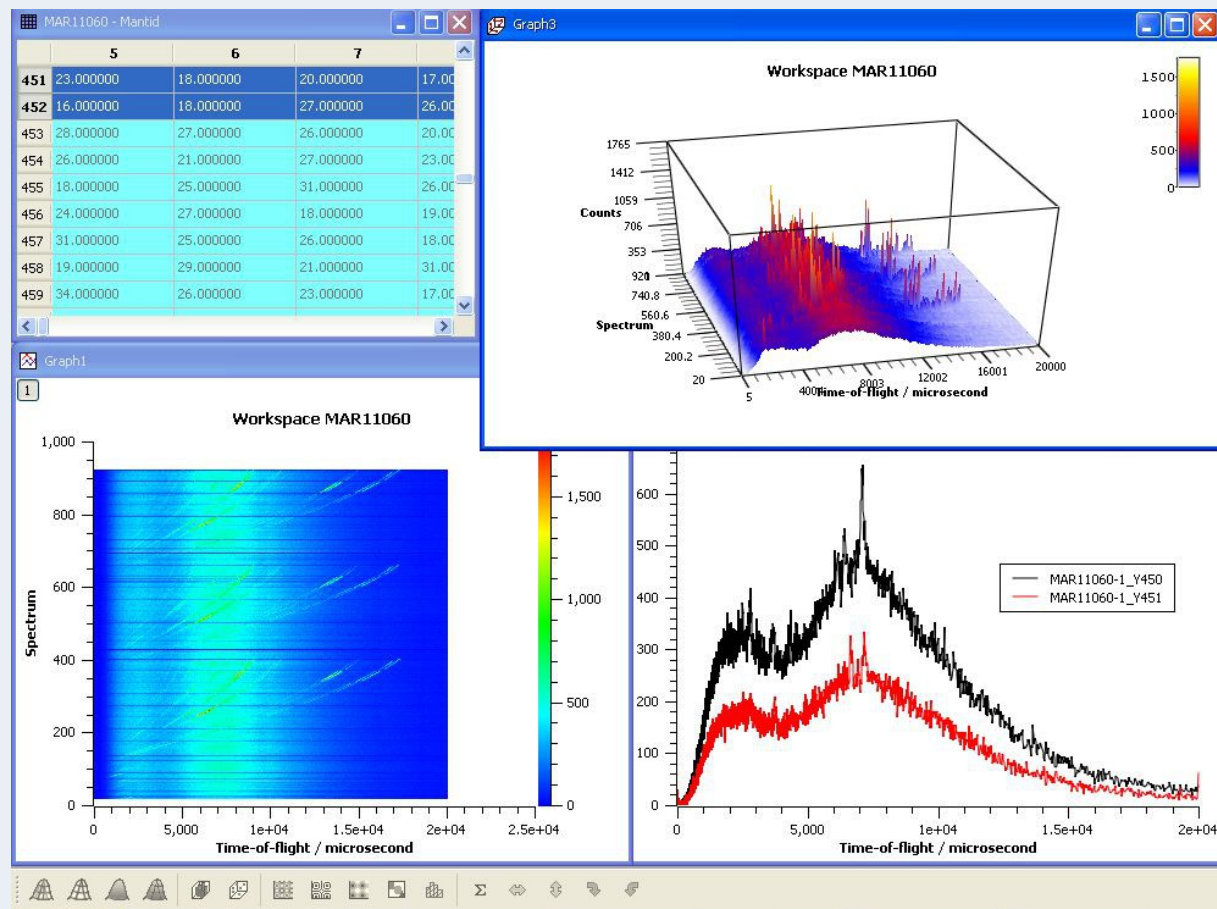
- What is Mantid?
  - Framework that facilitates HPC & visualization and analysis of *neutron* and *muon* data
  - Collaboration between ISIS and SNS
  - Supports various techniques
    - Inelastic (Direct/Indirect)
    - Diffraction
    - Muon
    - Disordered Materials

# Mantid

- Features include:
  - Flexible: Instrument/Facility/Technique independent
  - Cross platform (UNIX, Win, OS X)
  - Open source (@mantidproject)
  - Ease of use (Expert -> Visitor)

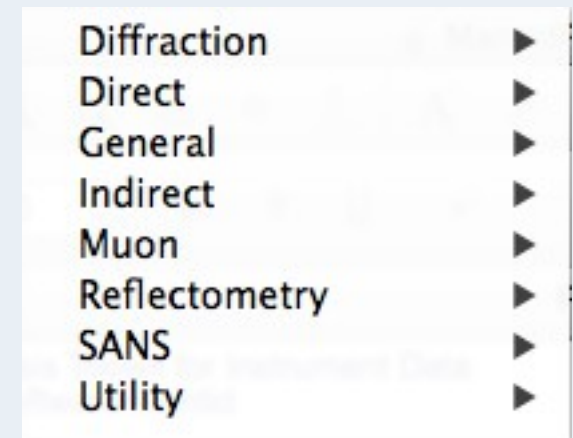
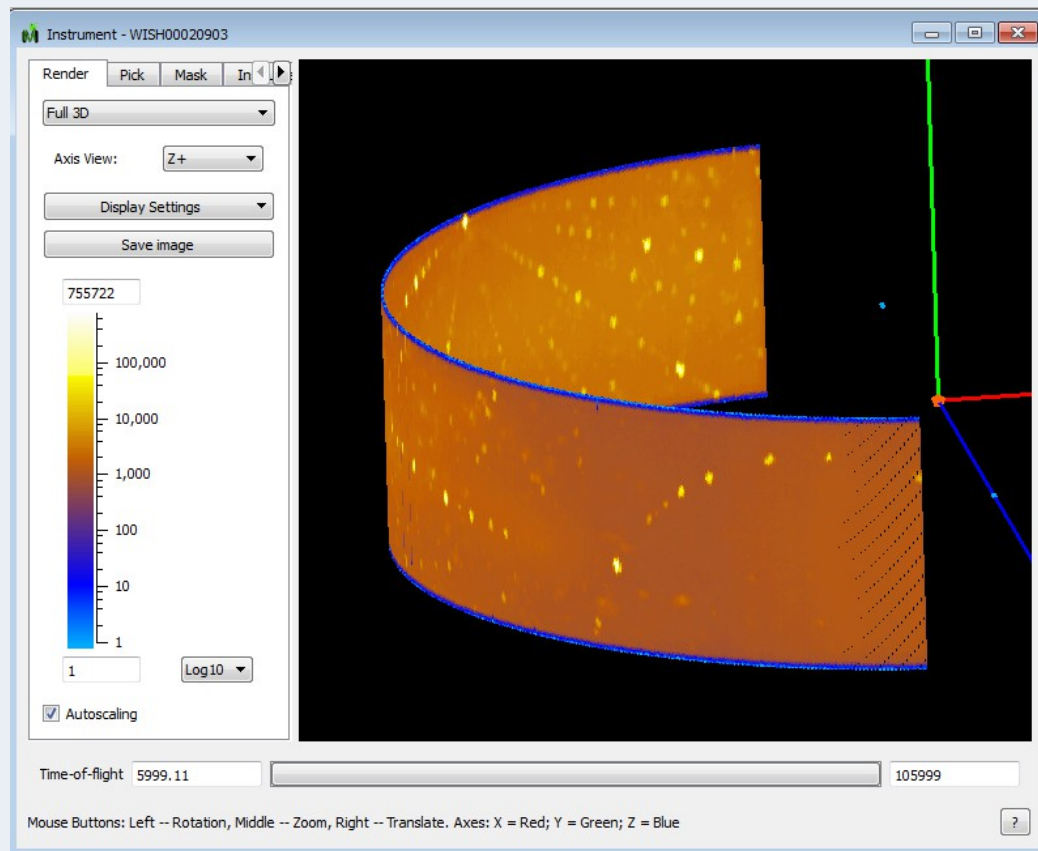
# Mantid - visualisations

- MantidPlot



# Mantid - visualisations

- Custom interfaces



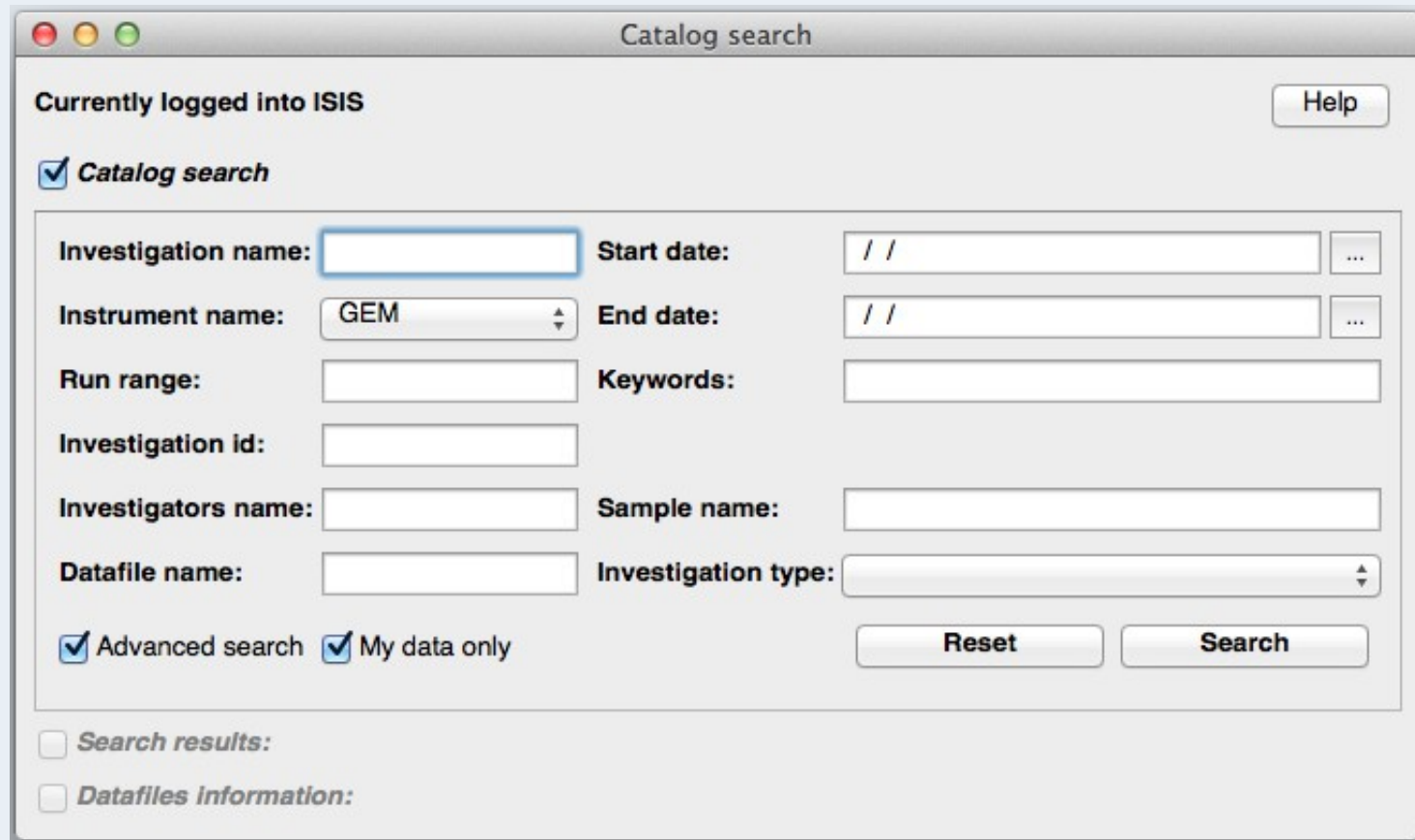


# ICAT within Mantid

- Why is it used?
  - Load data directly from archives
  - Easily access catalogued data
- How is it used?
  - **New** Catalog == **new** adaptor

# ICAT within Mantid

- Search parameters



The screenshot shows a 'Catalog search' window with the following elements:

- Currently logged into ISIS** (top left)
- Help** button (top right)
- ☒ **Catalog search** (checked checkbox)
- Investigation name:** [text input field]
- Start date:** [date input field with slashes] [dropdown arrow]
- Instrument name:** [dropdown menu showing 'GEM']
- End date:** [date input field with slashes] [dropdown arrow]
- Run range:** [text input field]
- Keywords:** [text input field]
- Investigation id:** [text input field]
- Investigators name:** [text input field]
- Sample name:** [text input field]
- Datafile name:** [text input field]
- Investigation type:** [dropdown menu]
- ☒ **Advanced search** (checked checkbox)
- ☒ **My data only** (checked checkbox)
- Reset** button
- Search** button
- ☐ **Search results:** (unchecked checkbox)
- ☐ **Datafiles information:** (unchecked checkbox)

# ICAT within Mantid

- Search results

☒ **Search results: 10 investigations found.**

Double click on an investigation to view related datafiles.

Investigation id	Title	Instrument	Run range	Start date ▼	End date
1390019	The structure of the ionic condu...	GEM	62862	2013-05-30	2013-05-30
1390020	Refinement of the ND3 deficit in...	GEM	62855	2013-05-29	2013-05-29
1390046	Undeformed, R242 5x15 mm	GEM	62831, 6303...	2013-05-27	2013-06-11
1390028	Al cylinder with 10% deformation	GEM	62838-62839	2013-05-27	2013-05-28
1390031	Al cylinder with 40% deformation	GEM	62832-62833	2013-05-27	2013-05-27
1390030	Al cylinder with 30% deformation	GEM	62834-62835	2013-05-27	2013-05-27
1390029	Al cylinder with 20% deformation	GEM	62836-62837	2013-05-27	2013-05-27
CAL_GEM_...	Y2O3 pos 5	GEM	62414	2013-05-15	2013-05-15
CAL_GEM_...	Si SRM640c 8mm pos 6	GEM	62410	2013-05-14	2013-05-14
CAL_GEM_...	Empty CCR 4K 15x40 mm	GEM	62402-62409	2013-03-29	2013-05-14

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☐ **Datafiles information:**

# ICAT within Mantid

- Investigation datafiles

☒ **Datafiles information: 7 datafiles found.**

**Investigation title:** The structure of the ionic conductor Ba<sub>3</sub>NbMoO<sub>8.5</sub> (slow cooled) **Instrument:** GEM  
**Investigation proposal:** **Run range:** 62862

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ▼	Create Time	File size	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862.raw	2013-05-30 07:03:54	35MB	Ba <sub>3</sub> NbMoO <sub>8.5</sub> (slow cooled) 817
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862.nxs	2013-05-30 07:03:54	16MB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862.log	2013-05-30 07:03:54	45KB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862_Status.txt	2013-05-30 07:03:54	140B	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862_ICPstatus.txt	2013-05-30 07:03:54	9KB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862_ICPevent.txt	2013-05-30 07:03:54	288B	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEM62862_ICPdebug.txt	2013-05-30 07:03:54	4KB	

Filter type: No filter ▼

Download to...

Load

# IDS within Mantid

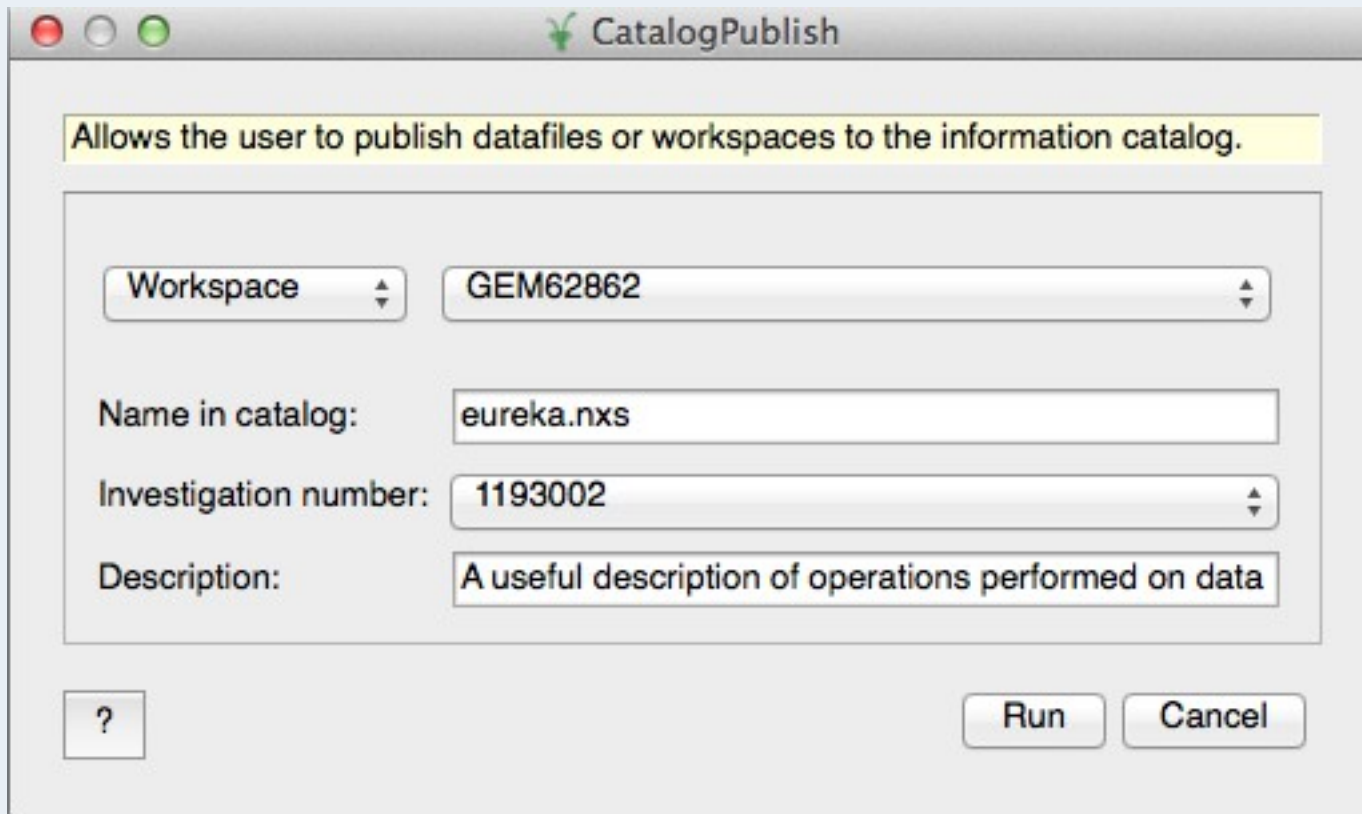
- Downloading (GET)
  - Off-site access
  - Local archive access not required
  - Access latest datafiles

# **IDS within Mantid**

- Publishing (PUT)
  - Share analysed data
  - Automatically upload workspace history

# IDS within Mantid

- Publishing GUI



The screenshot shows a macOS-style window titled "CatalogPublish" with a green icon. A yellow tooltip at the top reads: "Allows the user to publish datafiles or workspaces to the information catalog." The main area contains several input fields: a "Workspace" dropdown menu set to "GEM62862", a "Name in catalog:" text box containing "eureka.nxs", an "Investigation number:" dropdown menu set to "1193002", and a "Description:" text box containing "A useful description of operations performed on data". At the bottom left is a help button with a question mark, and at the bottom right are "Run" and "Cancel" buttons.

Workspace: GEM62862

Name in catalog: eureka.nxs

Investigation number: 1193002

Description: A useful description of operations performed on data

? Run Cancel

# Future plans

- Cross facility querying (optional)
  - One query to be sent to each logged in catalog.
  - Results collated on search GUI



# Future plans

- DOIs generated for published *public* data

# Questions?



# IRO Viewer (Data Journal)

## Preservation, Context and Linking

Brian Matthews and Antony Wilson

STFC

ICAT Meeting

Dublin, 25



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- Facility data and research objects
- Components
- Demo?
- Preservation
- Summary

# Facility Data and Research Objects

# DOI Data Access Process

PHYSICAL REVIEW B 84, 075219 (2011)

http://search.datacite.org/ui - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by STFC

http://search.datacite.org/ui#ui?&q=STFC

stereo ultimate 3d model viewer

Add-ons Gallery - Web Slice Suggested Sites Toshiba Places Web Slice Gallery

http://search.datacite.o...

**Metadata**

DataCite

Filter

- allocator
- datacentre
- prefix
- resourceType
- contributor
- creator
- publicationYear
- publisher
- language
- refQuality
- has\_metadata

**About STFC**

How we operate

**Business & Innovation**

Collaborate with STFC

**ISIS Data**

Investigation

DOI: 10.5288/

Date of Expe

Publisher: S

Data format:

Select the data for

**Data Citatic**

The recomm

[author], [da

For Example

Griffin. et al;

Data collected on the CRISP instrument at the ISIS facility

**Science & Technology Facilities Council**

Browse All Data

Download

- ISIS
  - ALF
  - ARGUS
  - CRISP
  - EMU
  - ENGIX
  - EVS
  - GEM
    - cycle\_11\_4
    - cycle\_11\_3
      - BaRuO3 8mm pos 8(id:CAL\_GEM\_2011-10-31T09:01:37)
        - GEM56174.raw
          - GEM56174.log
          - GEM56174\_ICPdebug.txt
          - GEM56174\_ICPevent.txt
          - GEM56174\_ICPstatus.txt
          - GEM56174\_Status.txt
        - GEM56175.raw
        - GEM56176.raw
        - GEM56174.nxs
        - GEM56175.nxs
        - GEM56176.nxs
      - Empty 6mm can 620(id:CAL\_GEM\_2011-10-10T17:23:28)

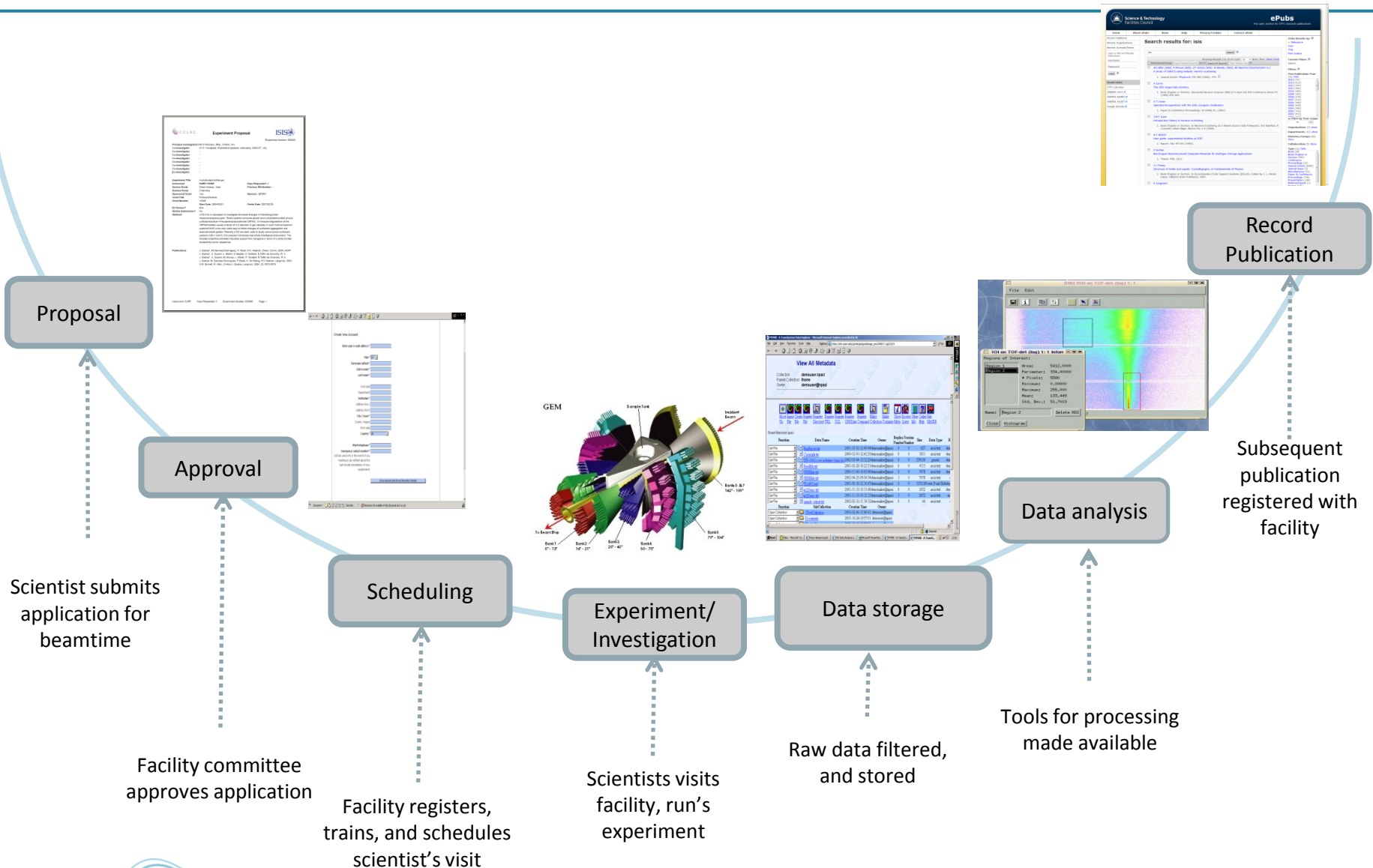
**RESEARCH COUNCILS UK**

GLOSSARY : SITE-MAP : ACC

# Is this enough?

- What we have so far is good for:
  - us to manage data
  - users to access their own data
  - citation of raw data
- But
  - Publication and exchange of Investigations
    - Traceability and Validation?
    - Reuse of the data?
  - Preservation of Investigations
- Need to make context more explicit
  - Focussing on the dataset is the wrong subject of discourse

# Facilities Data Lifecycle





- So what we want is a record of **EXPERIMENTS** not data.
- Thus want the record of the context
  - The experimental intention and actors
  - The instruments and configurations used
  - The sample
  - The environmental parameters and context
  - The Raw Data
- Thus we want to publish a record of the whole *INVESTIGATION*
  - Can get most of this from what we have
- The Investigation becomes a “first class” research object
  - Published
  - Identified and treated as a single entity
  - Cited and credited
  - Record of the output of the *facility*
- Analogous to a Journal Article
  - Investigation as the unit of discourse for scientific facilities.
- But also as an access point for validation and reuse
  - Because we have a record of what actually happened.

# Our DataCite entries are in fact Investigations

(red is for “data” notion, and green is for “investigation”)



Data collected on the  
GEM instrument  
at the ISIS facility

## ISIS Data

RB920025

Investigation title: Crystal and magnetic structures of  $\text{EuWO}_{1+x}\text{N}_{2-x}$ .

Creator: Kusmartseva, A

Creator: Rodgers, J A

Creator: Attfield, J P

DOI: 10.5286/ISIS.E.24071239

Date of Experiment: Tue Aug 04 14:38:23 BST 2009

Publisher: STFC ISIS Facility

Data format: RAW/Nexus

Select the data format above to find out more about it.

## Data Citation

The recommended format for citing this dataset in a research publication is as:  
[author], [date], [title], [publisher], [doi]

For Example:

Kusmartseva, A. et al; (2009): 920025, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24071239

## Abstract

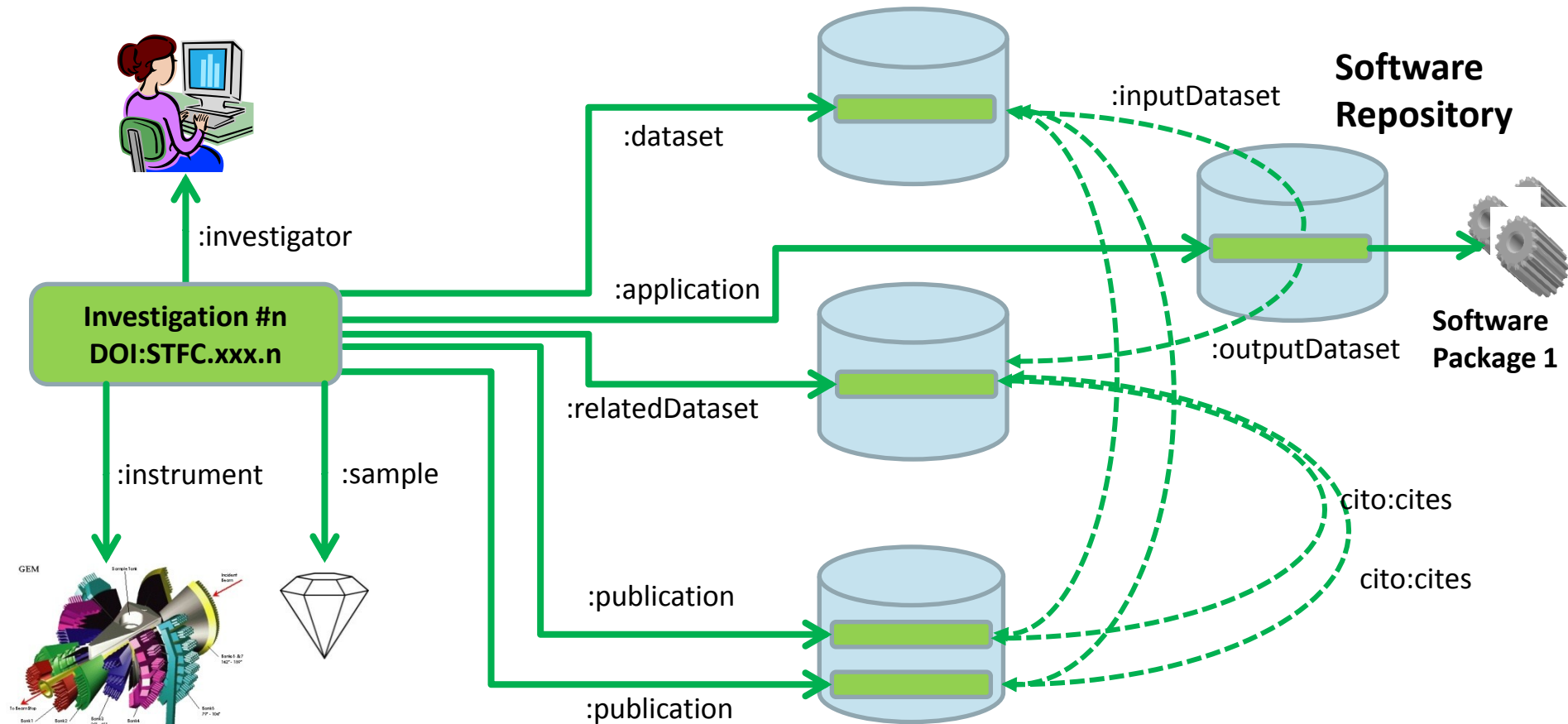
Eu<sub>2+</sub> d<sub>0</sub>- transition metal perovskites are of interest as potential multiferroics when undoped, or as CMR materials.  $\text{EuWO}_{1+x}\text{N}_{2-x}$  is a new magnetoresistive material and exists over a broad range of  $x = -0.2$  to  $0.5$ . It has a ferromagnetic ordering transition at  $T_C = 12$  K. Neutron diffraction is needed to determine the I112/m monoclinic superstructure evidenced by TEM that arises from O/N ordering and octahedral tilting, and the magnetic order. This may include a coexistence of antiferromagnetic/ ferromagnetic orders (as found in a previous GEM study of the analogue  $\text{EuNbO}_2\text{N}$ ). 2 days on GEM are needed to study 2 samples with different  $x$  values (one stoichiometric  $x=0$ , the other highly doped  $x=0.5$ ) because of high absorption by Eu.



download  
the dataset

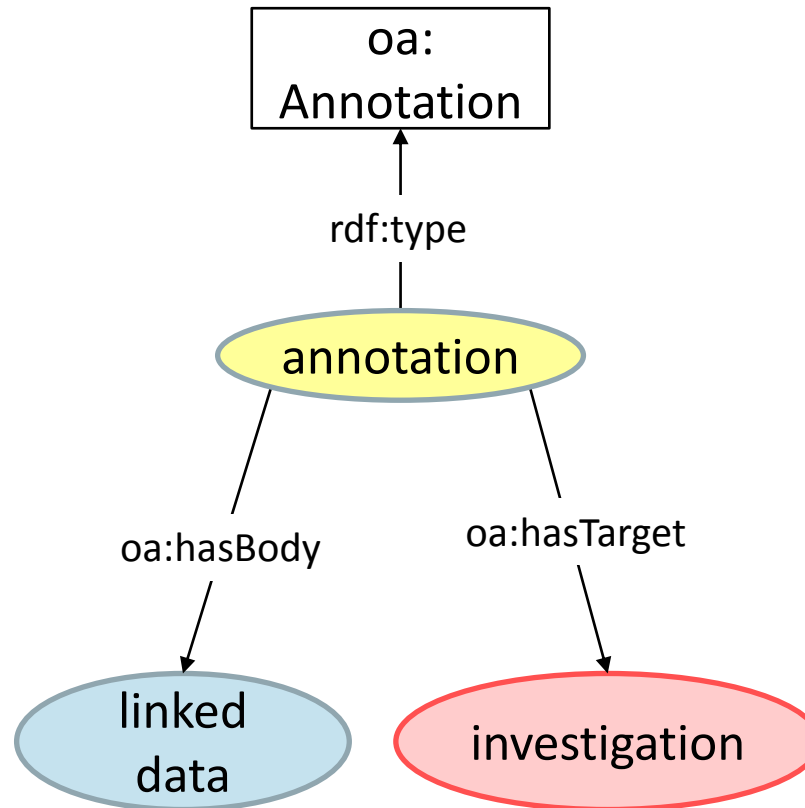
- Represent the “investigation” as a Research Object
  - Research Objects (ROs) are semantically rich aggregations of resources that bring together data, methods and people in scientific investigations. Their goal is to create a class of artefacts that can encapsulate our digital knowledge and provide a mechanism for sharing and discovering assets of reusable research and scientific knowledge
    - [www.researchobject.org](http://www.researchobject.org) and elsewhere
- Use RDF, Semantic Web and Linked Data Technologies to support this
  - And we can experiment with these tools for our data

# Building an Investigation Research Object

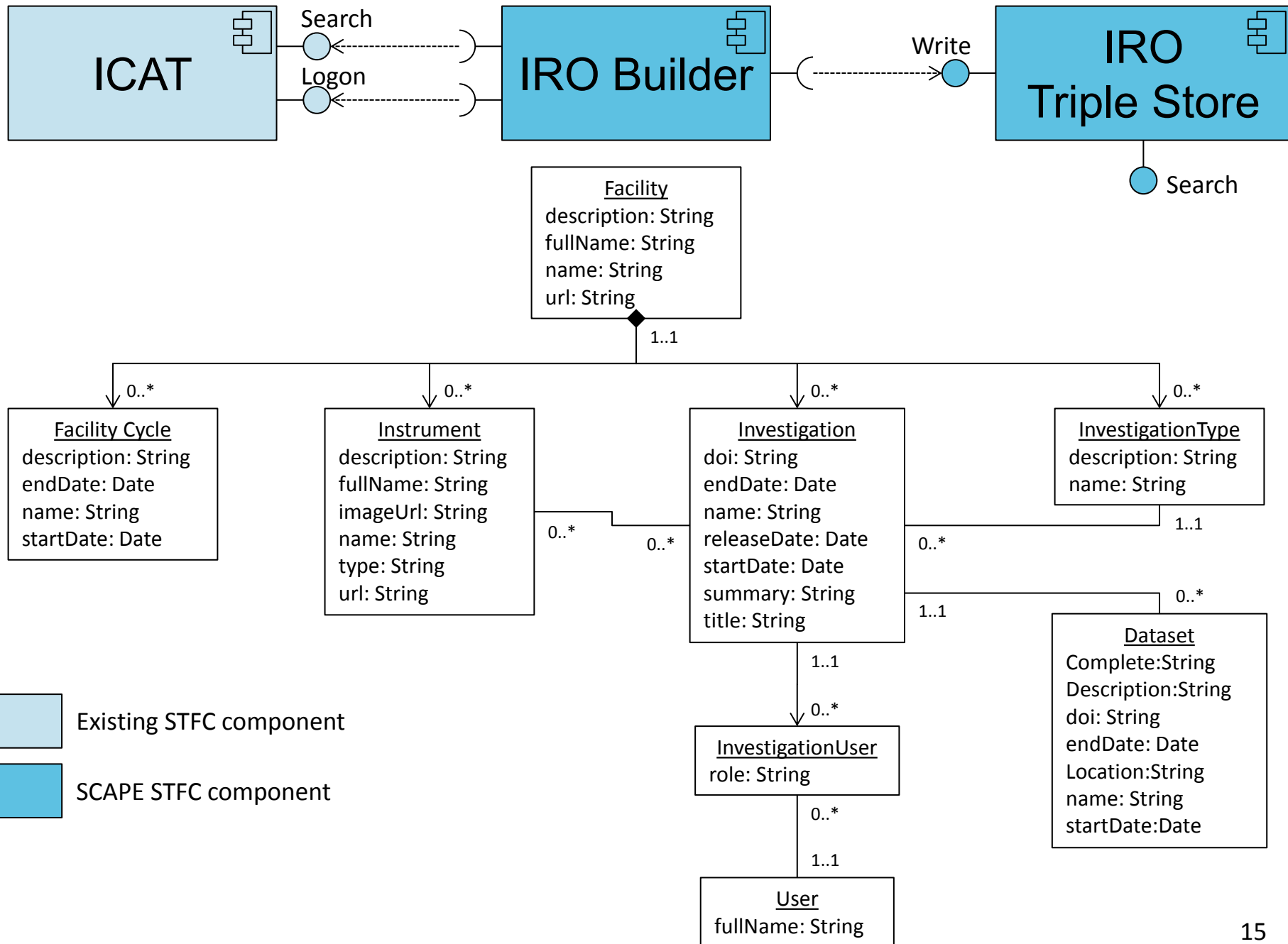


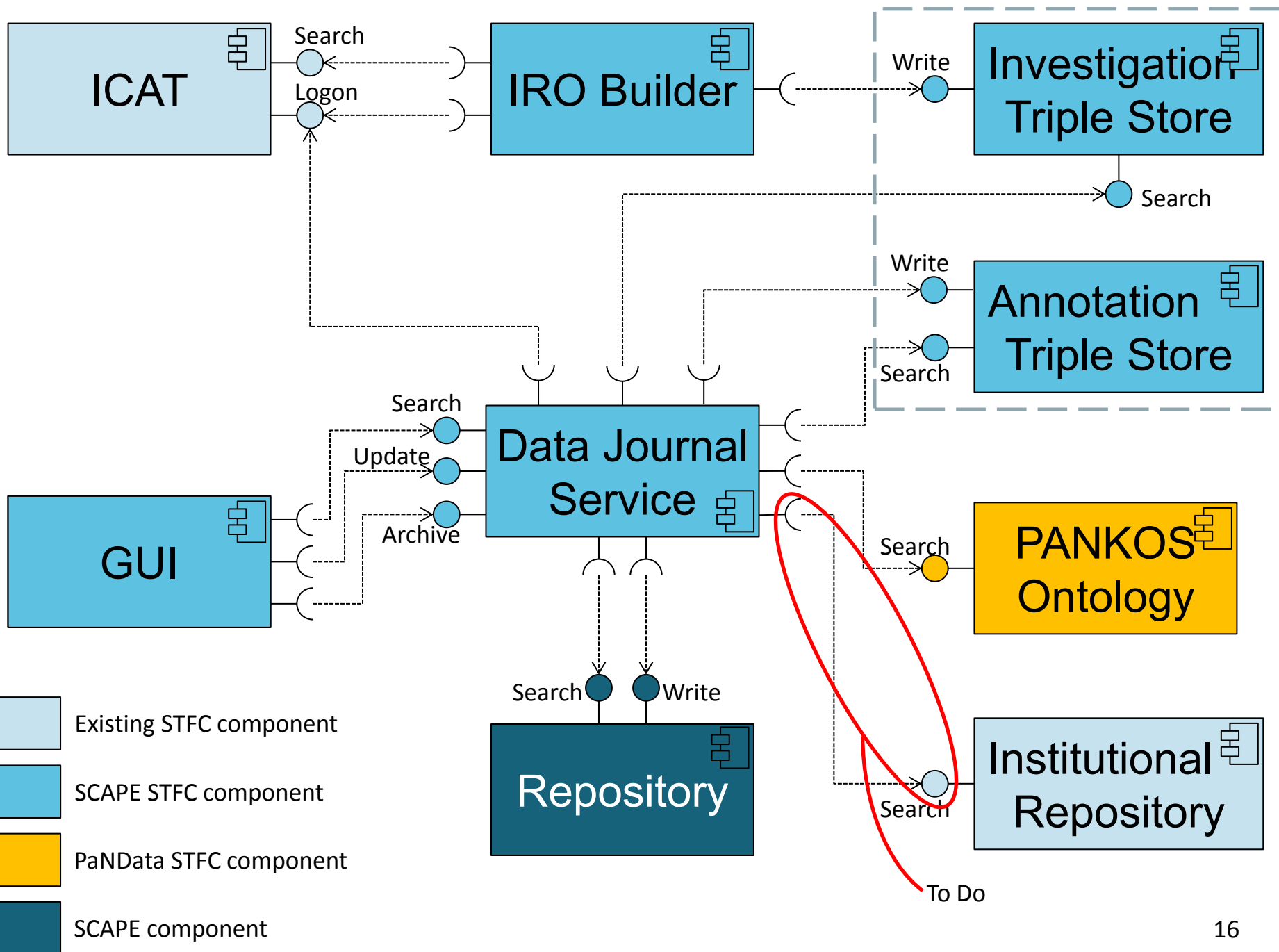
# Annotations

- Annotations used to construct a Research Object
  - <http://www.w3.org/community/openannotation/>
  - More on this later



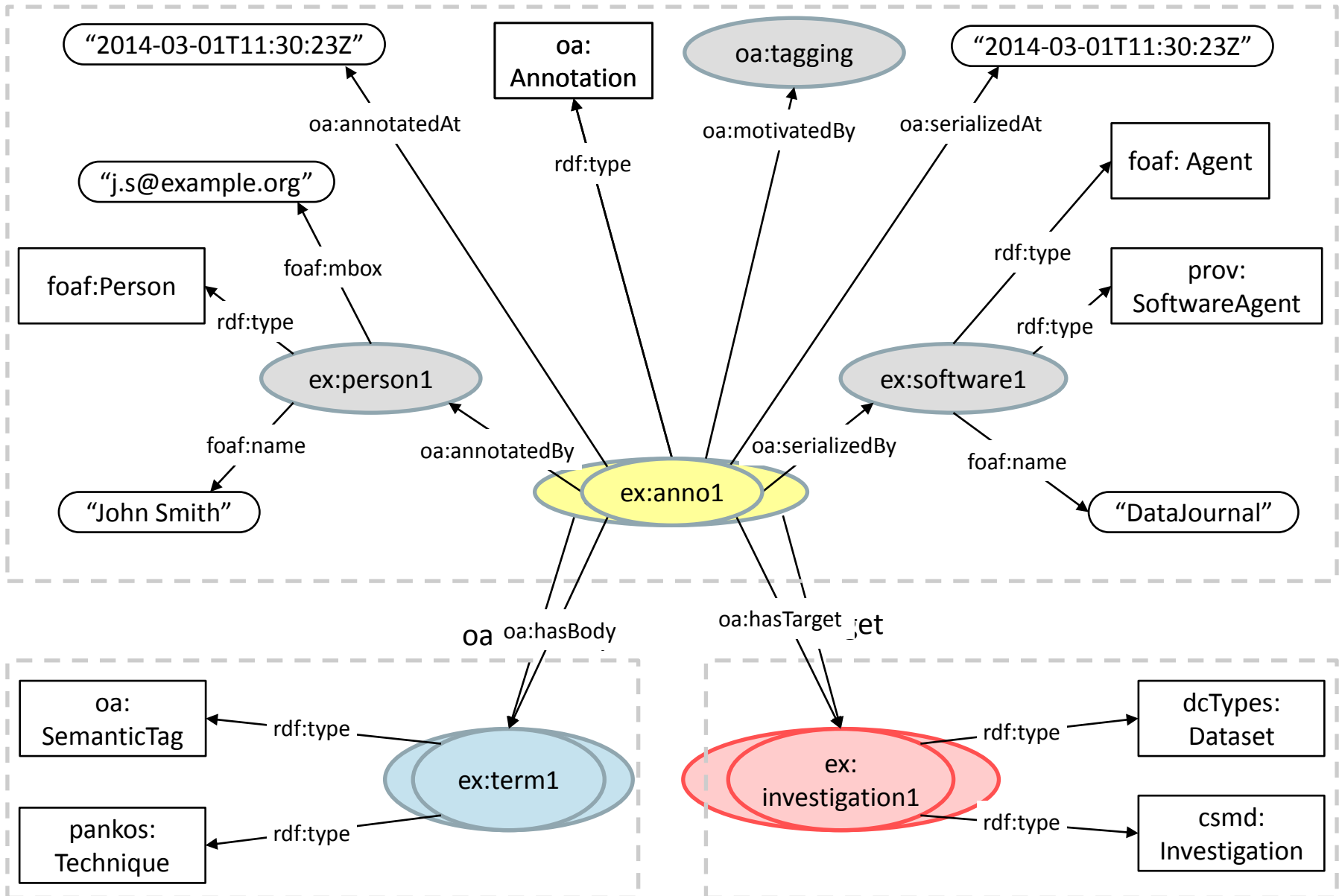
# Components



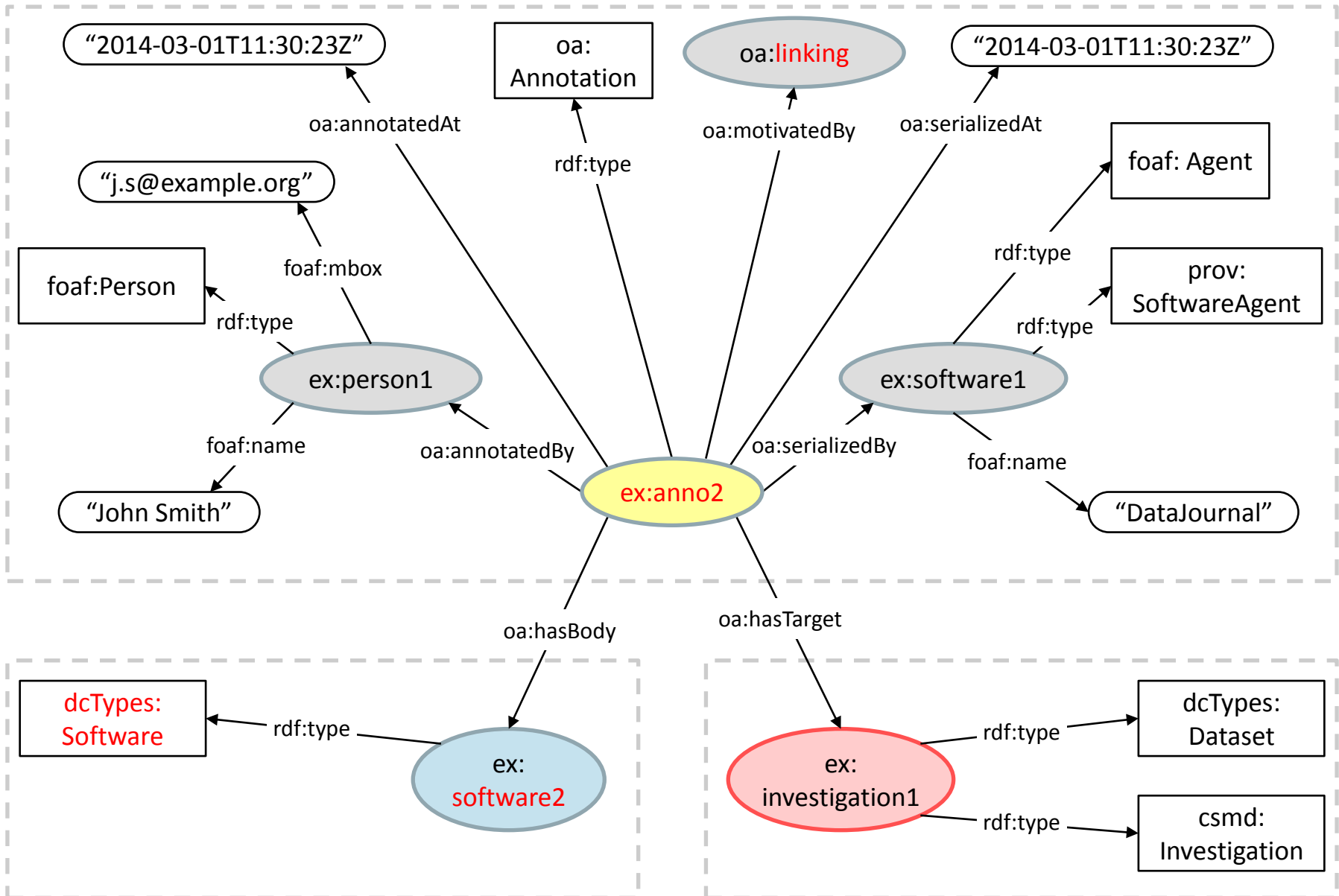




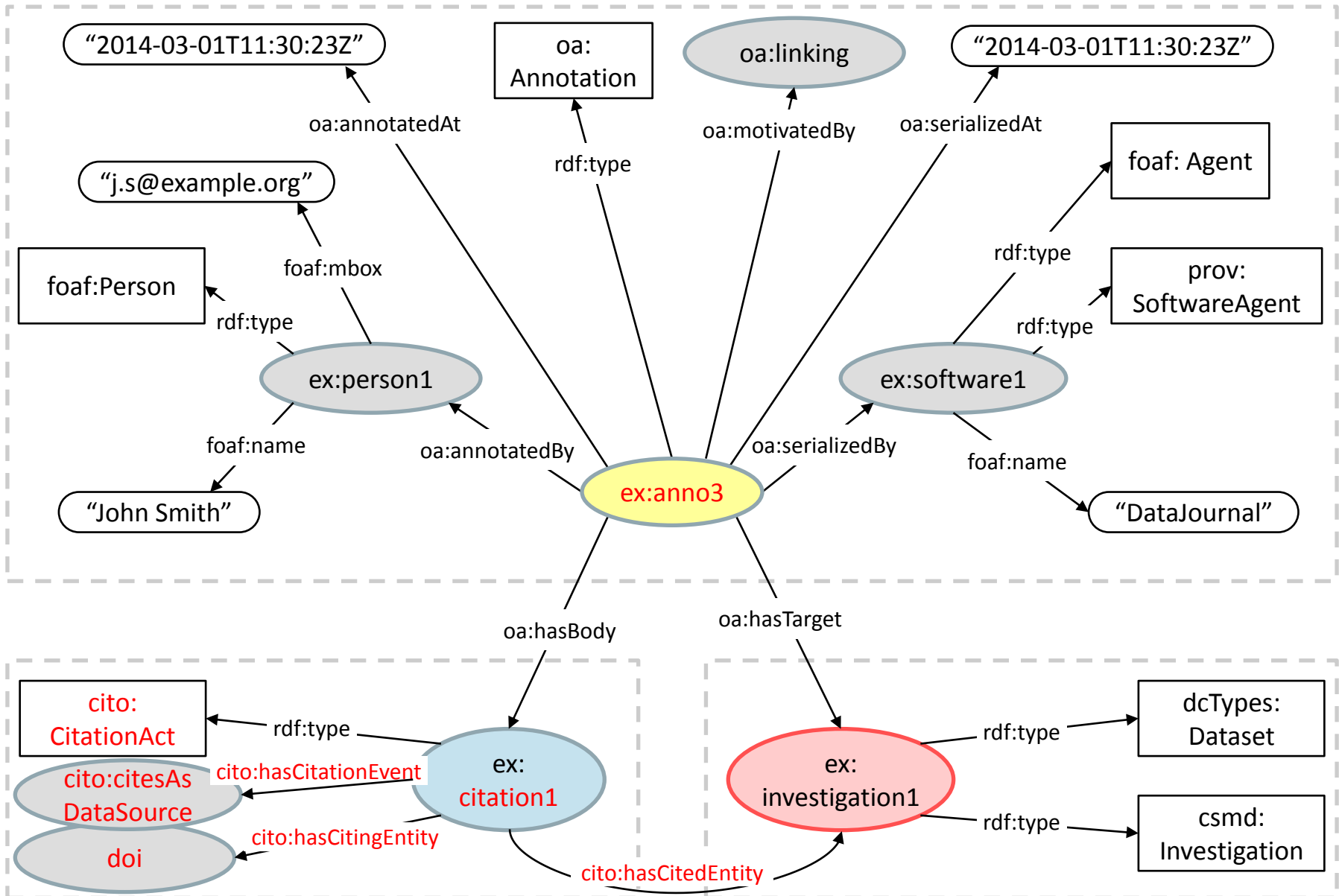
# Annotation - Semantic Tagging



# Annotation – Linking Software



## Annotation – Citations



# Demo



ISIS

Cycles

Investigation

Edit

Archived Versions

This is the main index for the ISIS Data Journal.

There is an entry in the journal for every investigation carried out at ISIS that has a DOI or is no longer in the embargo period. The investigations are grouped into cycles, where a cycle is a period of time during which ISIS was running. The references for the investigation are in the form [Author], [Date], [Title/RB Number], [Publisher], [DOI], where RB Number is a unique number allocated to the investigation. The investigations are sorted by start date. Long running investigations may appear in more than one cycle.

Filters

► Investigation Type

► Instrument

Apply

cycle\_13\_4 (11/11/2013 - 31/01/2013)

cycle\_13\_3 (01/09/2013 - 10/11/2013)

cycle\_13\_2 (01/07/2013 - 31/08/2013)

cycle\_13\_1 (02/05/2013 - 30/06/2013)

cycle\_12\_5 (02/02/2013 - 01/05/2013)

cycle\_12\_4 (11/11/2012 - 01/02/2013)

cycle\_12\_3 (01/09/2012 - 10/11/2012)

cycle\_12\_2 (01/07/2012 - 31/08/2012)

cycle\_12\_1 (16/04/2012 - 30/06/2012)

cycle\_11\_5 (16/01/2012 - 15/04/2012)

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cycle\_11\_3 (11/08/2011 - 10/11/2011)

cycle\_11\_2 (01/07/2011 - 10/08/2011)

cycle\_11\_1 (17/05/2011 - 19/06/2011)

cycle\_10\_3 (01/03/2011 - 16/05/2011)

cycle\_10\_2 (22/06/2010 - 12/08/2010)

cycle\_10\_1 (20/04/2010 - 28/05/2010)

cycle\_09\_5 (16/02/2010 - 25/03/2010)

cycle\_09\_4 (10/11/2009 - 21/12/2009)

Investigations  
are grouped  
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## Filters

### ► Investigation Type

### ► Instrument

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Dr Winfried Kockelmann et al; (2013): 1230027, STFC ISIS Facility.

ISIS; (2013): CAL\_LOQ\_2013-08-29T16:41:42, STFC ISIS Facility.

ISIS; (2013): CAL\_PEARL\_2013-08-12T18:54:55, STFC ISIS Facility.

ISIS; (2013): CAL\_SANS2D\_2013-08-28T15:26:21, STFC ISIS Facility.

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ISIS; (2013): CAL\_EMU\_2013-08-07T12:08:16, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Dirk Visser et al; (2013): 1262009, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24089719.

Dr Hazel Sparkes et al; (2013): 1310281, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24090420.

Dr Sylvia McLain et al; (2012): 1200001, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24089926.

Dr Tom Fennell et al; (2012): 1210213, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24089599.

Dr James Lord et al; (2012): 1220055, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24089615.

Dr Radu Coldea et al; (2012): 1210345, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24088980.

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## Filters

### Investigation Type

- ☐ Disordered Materials Published Data
- ☐ calibration
- ☐ commercial\_experiment
- ☐ engineering
- ☒ experiment
- ☐ measurement
- ☐ simulation
- ☐ test

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cycle\_11\_5 (16/01/2012 - 15/04/2012)

cycle\_11\_4 (11/11/2011 - 15/01/2012)

cycle\_11\_3 (11/08/2011 - 10/11/2011)

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filtered results

Filters are  
used to  
restrict results

## Investigations are presented in the style of references

cycle\_09\_5 (16/02/2010 - 25/03/2010)

Professor John Evans; (2009): Magnetic and Structural Studies on Oxychalcogenides, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Diane Holland et al; (2009): Disorder in substituted beta-tricalcium phosphate for waste immobilisation, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Stuart Clarke; (2009): calcite water interface, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr David Lennon et al; (2009): Evolutionary developments in the use of INS to investigate heterogeneous catalysts., STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Ondrej Muransky et al; (2009): Continuation of Proposal (RB820197): The elasto-plastic response of dual-phase Zr-2.5Nb alloy using in-situ ND diffraction & EPSC modelling, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Ali Zarbakhsh et al; (2009): Surfactants at the metal-oil interface, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Gabriel Cuello; (2009): Absolute normalisation of spectra in DINS experiments:exploring the route to obtain scattering cross-sections, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Mark Johnson et al; (2009): A search for transverse phonons in DNA, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Matthew Tucker; (2009): Pressure-temperature phase diagram of the Jahn-Teller transition in  $\text{LaMnO}_3$ , STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Devashi Adroja et al; (2009): Inelastic neutron scattering investigations of the high temperature phase transition in  $\text{YbAl}_3\text{C}_3$ , STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Abbie McLaughlin et al; (2009): The Crossover Between Giant Magnetoresistance and Superconductivity in  $\text{RuSr}_2\text{Gd}_{1.8-x}\text{Y}_{0.2}\text{Ce}_x\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{10-d}$ , STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24078932.

Dr Howard Stone et al; (2009): Inter-phase load partitioning in a directionally-solidified Cr-Cr<sub>3</sub>Si eutectic, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24078918.

Dr Winfried Kockelmann; (2009): Crystallographic determination of the minting of coins in Tudor Britain : an study of the Mary Rose collection. , STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Matthias Gutmann et al; (2009): Diffuse scattering study of single crystal  $\text{PrBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$ , STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Winfried Kockelmann; (2009): Combined imaging and diffraction studies of Renaissance bronzes , STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Devashi Adroja et al; (2009): Experimental evidence for quadrupolar order in the heavy fermion compound  $\text{Ce}_3\text{Pd}_{20}\text{Si}_6$ , STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Devashi Adroja et al; (2009): Excitations in an orbitally dimerized spin S=1 honeycomb antiferromagnet, STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24077575.

unknown; (2009): 28/9-01 D<sub>2</sub>O + Pb 10t 80K, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Christophe Candolfi; (2009): Structural investigations of type-I clathrate compounds, STFC ISIS Facility.

unknown; (2009):  $\mu\text{SR}$  STUDY OF SPIN-FLUCTUATIONS IN ITINERANT METAMAGNETIC  $\text{LaCoSi}_4$ , STFC ISIS Facility.

Professor Jon Goff et al; (2009): Divacancy superstructures and enhanced thermopower in  $\text{Na}_x\text{Ca}_y\text{CoO}_2$ , STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24076930.

Dr Maria Paula Marques et al; (2009): THE CONFORMATIONAL BEHAVIOUR OF ANTIOXIDANT CHROMONES, STFC ISIS Facility.

Dr Graeme Blake et al; (2009): Crystal and magnetic structures of the anionogenic ferromagnet  $\text{Ba}_{0.85}\text{K}_{0.15}\text{O}_2$ , STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24073785.

Dr Edward Oliver et al; (2009):  $\text{Mg\_sample5\_150deg\_a; s-5; e0.00; p34.74}$ , STFC ISIS Facility, doi:10.5286/ISIS.E.24071501.

Dr Matthias Gutmann; (2009): Neutron Diffraction Studies on  $\text{CaCrFe}_3\text{As}_3$  compound. STFC ISIS Facility.





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**Release Date:** 25-03-2013

**Creator:** Professor Jon Goff

**Creator:** Professor Alan Tennant

**Creator:** Mr Manoj Soundhira Pandiyan

**Creator:** Dr Sivaperumal Uthayakumar

**DOI:** 10.5286/ISIS.E.24076930

**Date of Experiment:** 22-09-2009 - 25-03-2010

**Facility:** ISIS Pulsed Neutron & Muon Source

**Publisher:** ISIS Data Journal

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#### Abstract

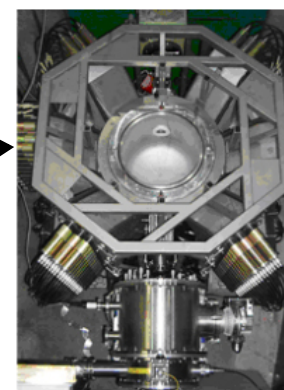
Replacing Na ions in  $\text{NaCoO}_2$  with divalent Ca ions results in the formation of ordered arrays of divacancy clusters, rather than the trivacancy clusters found for the pure compound at high x. Our previous experiment on SXD showed that  $\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{Ca}_{0.1}\text{CoO}_2$  adopts one of the superstructures with a low Coulombic ground state energy. We now wish to explore the ground states of the system doped with divalent Ca ions as a function of concentration in order to compare directly with theory. Doping with divalent ions results in a much lower hole concentration in the cobalt layers, and this is of fundamental interest since it will lead to new electronic and magnetic properties, and technological importance because it is expected to improve thermoelectric performance. We shall determine the ground states of  $\text{Na}_x\text{Ca}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2$  with  $x+y=7/9$ ,  $11/13$  and  $13/15$ , where commensurate superstructures are predicted.

#### ► Additional Parameters

#### ► Data Sets

Adding  
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Technique Name

- ☐ Neutron Diffraction
- ☒ Single Crystal Diffraction

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Software Package

- ☐ Mantid Release 3.0
- ☒ Mantid Release 3.1

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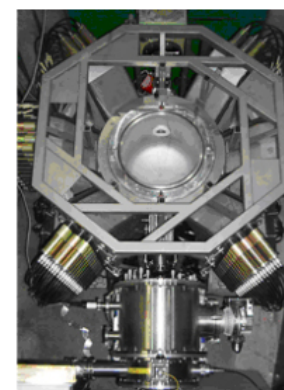
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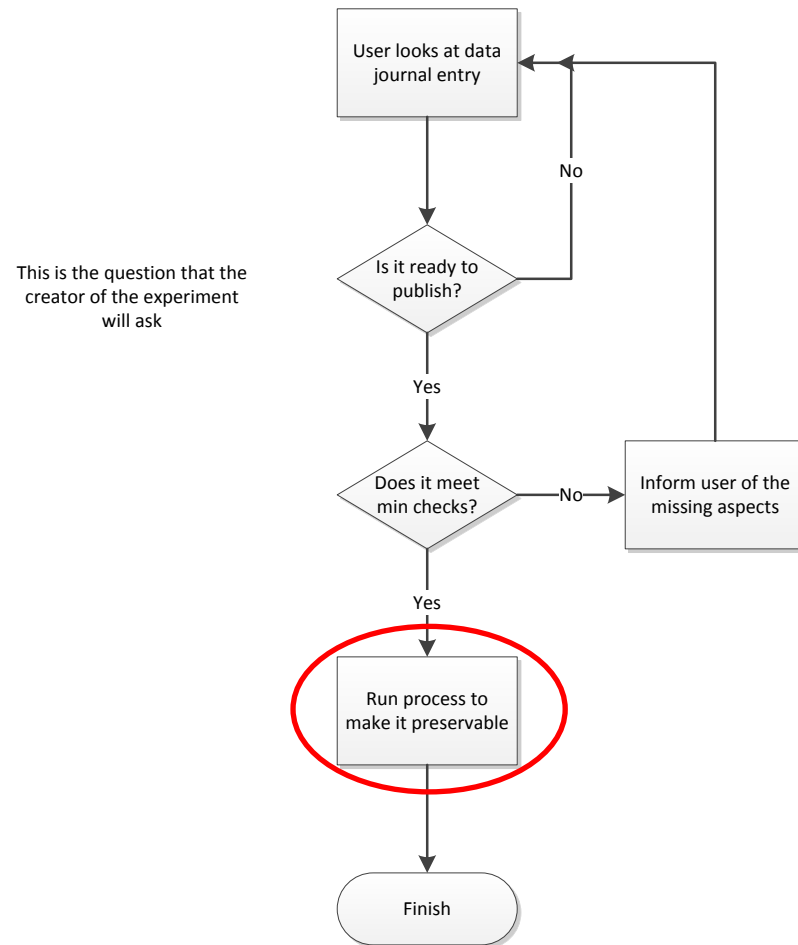
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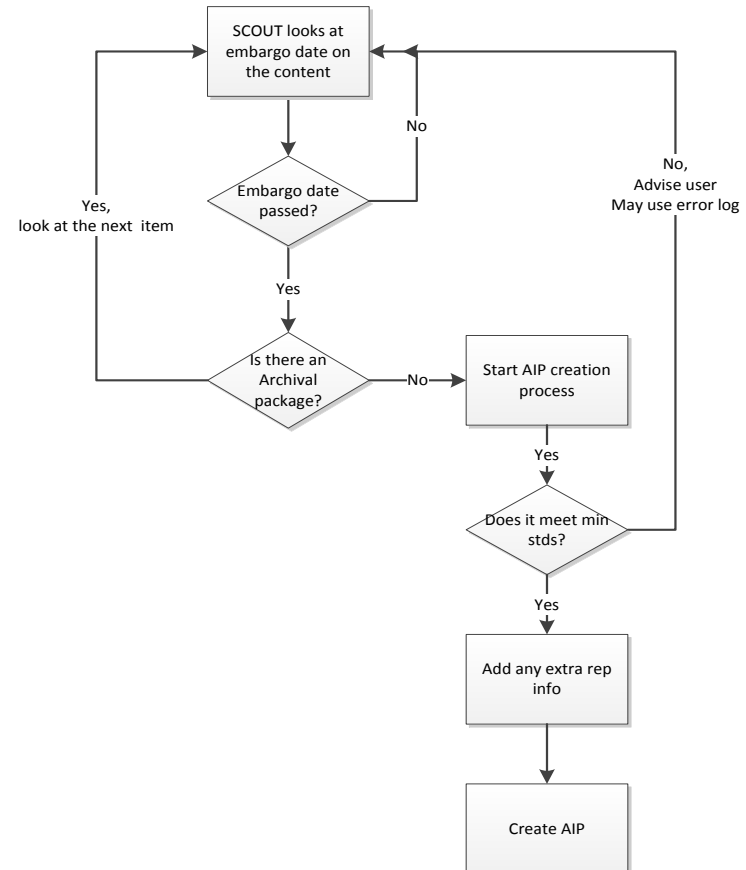
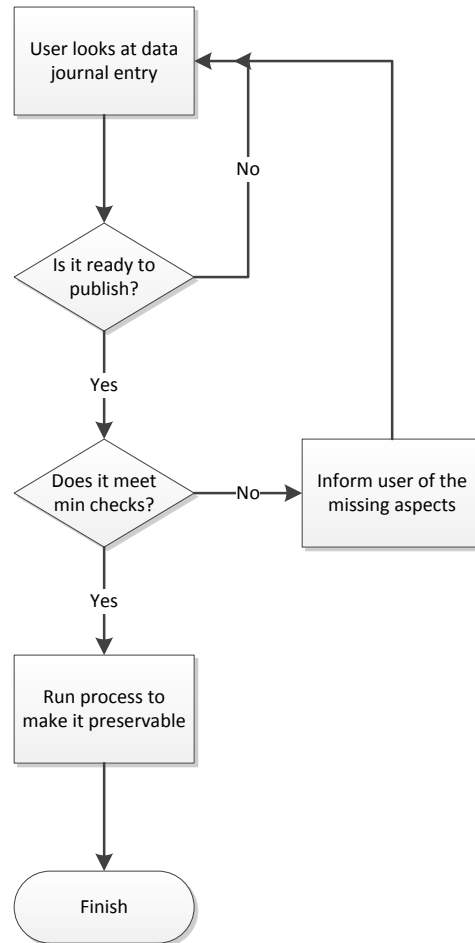
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# Automated Preservation

This is the question that the creator of the experiment will ask



- When is a Investigation Research Object Complete?
  - Does this change over time?
  - Does it changes depending on who you are?
- Preserving links – how much trust do you have in others?
  - What does this mean for the preserved object
- Is all data of the same value?
  - For ISIS data in SCAPE : should there be different processes for different investigation types, samples etc?



- DONE
  - Initial IRO built from ICAT data
  - Links to ISIS web site automatically added
  - User may add links to PaNData ontology
  - User may add links to software packages
  - User may initiate archive process
  - IRO archived via SCAPE connector to Fedora repo
- What next
  - Add more data to archived IRO
  - Use SCOUT to automate triggering of archive process
  - Link in data from institutional repository



# **ICAT Job Portal**

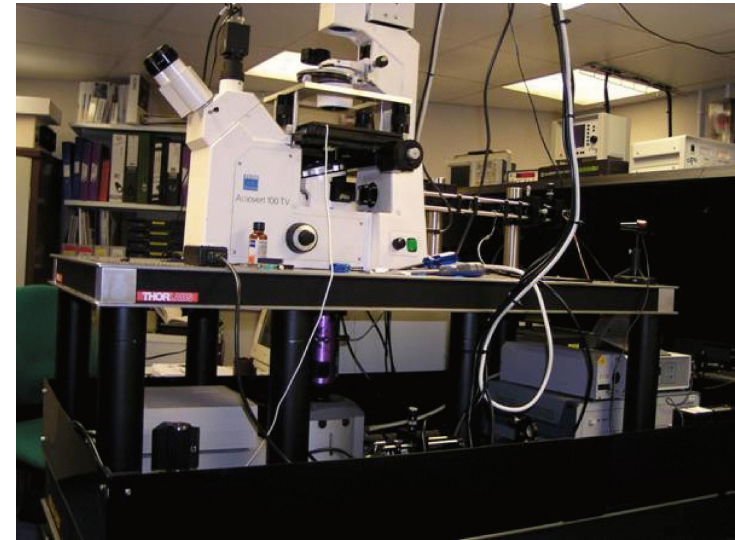
**a generic job submission system  
built on a scientific data catalog**

24-25 March 2014

Steve Fisher, Kevin Phipps and Dan Rolfe  
Rutherford Appleton Laboratory - STFC

# Use Case

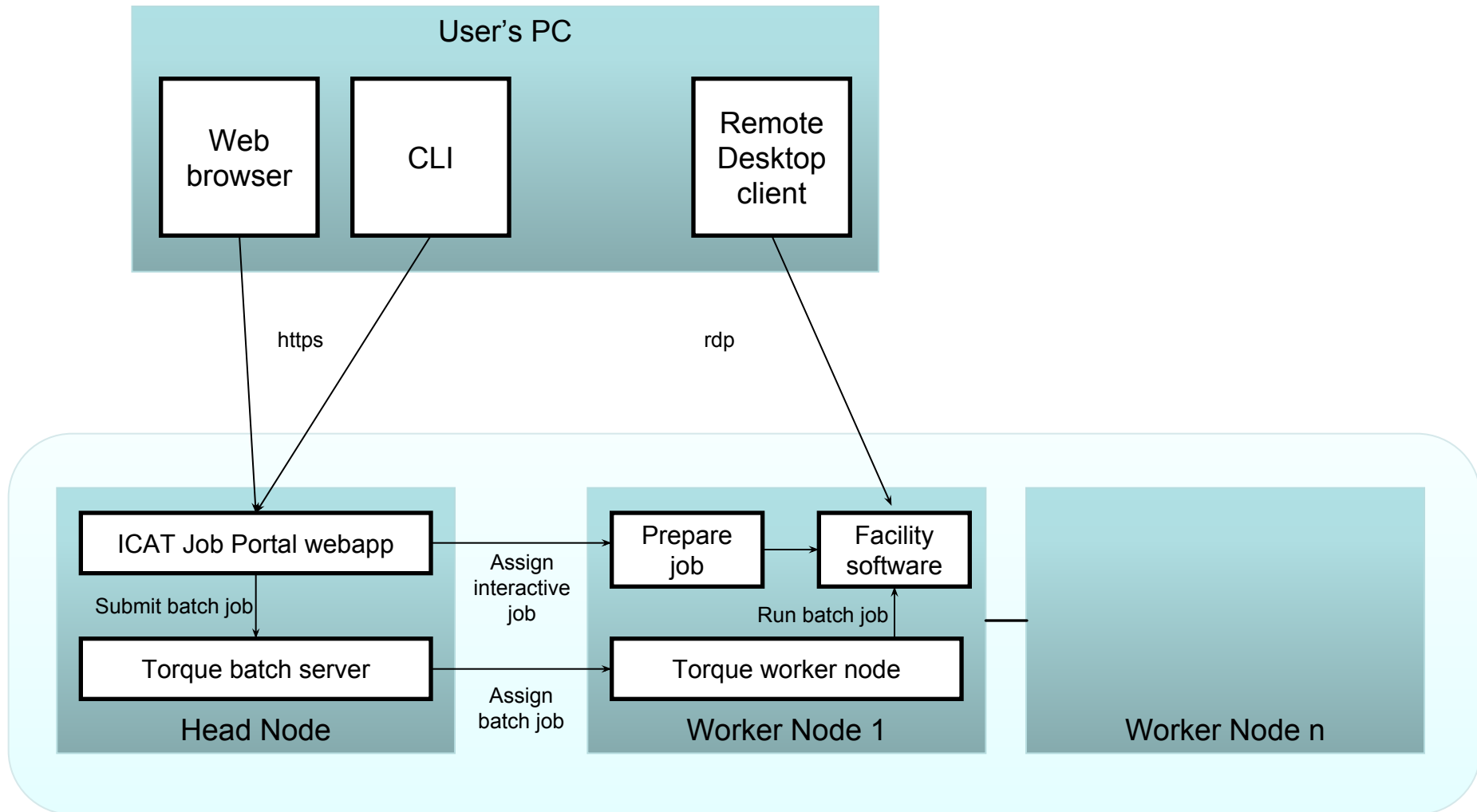
- LSF operate OCTOPUS imaging cluster: lasers coupled to interconnected microscopy stations.
  - a large number of data files
  - applications to process and visualise them
  - interactive program with an easy to use GUI to offer lists of raw and processed datasets and offer the ability to process those datasets
- Some requirements
  - GUI and command line from on and off site.+
  - Consult the metadata to locate the data.
  - Submit batch jobs to Linux nodes; listing, cancelling and retrieving output.
  - Interactive GUI based analysis/visualisation jobs able to access data.
  - Select and submit multiple datasets for processing through applications.
  - No facility dependence: configurable menus, datasets types, jobs and associated job parameters.



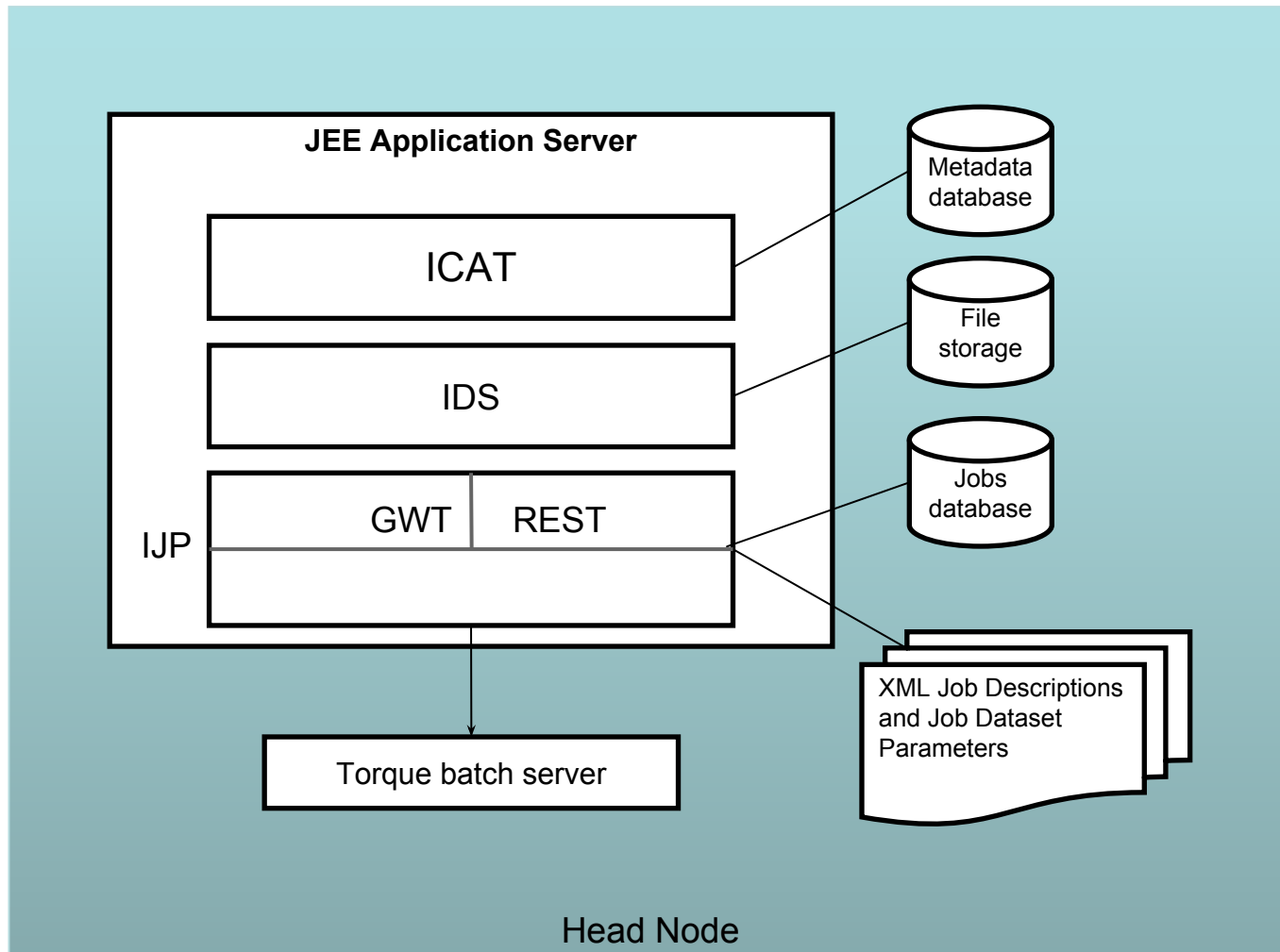
# A solution

- Build a batch and interactive job portal on top of ICAT and IDS
- Implement GUI access via Google Web Toolkit
- Provide command line access via RESTful interface
- Use other tried, tested, scalable and preferably open source components

# Architecture Overview



# Head Node Architecture



# Job Portal Main Panel (Datasets)

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ICAT Job Portal

Datasets Job Status

project

Any user  
Unknown instrument  
OctopusSM2  
OctopusSM3

Any instrument  
Unknown instrument  
OctopusSM2  
OctopusSM3

Any experiment type  
Unknown experiment type  
Colocalisation  
Undefined

Any number of channels  
1 channel  
2 channels  
3 channels

Search

startDate BETWEEN 2012 Jan 1 12:00:00 2013 Jan 1 12:00:00

nframes >= 500

7 datasets found.

Options ...  
Options ...  
Download  
Show Download URL  
MSMM Viewer Project

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# Job Options

**MSMM Viewer Project Options**

**View type** ☒ View ☐ View beads ☐ View whitelights ☐ View reg residual frames ☐ View reg model frames

**Track method**

**Show variance image instead of image** ☐

**Do not load traces** ☐

**Read features/tracks from hdf5 files (slow)** ☐

**Set min,max for colour scale**

**Regular expression for images in directory**

**Do not clean levels/stats**  (default=0) (min=0) (max=10)

**Min number of detected features per frame range of a level/state**  (default=2)

**Threshold for the Chauvenet's outlier test**  (default=2) (min=1) (max=5)

**Set the (real) EM gain by hand**

**Quantum efficiency**  (default=0.910000026) (min=-1.0) (max=1.0)

**Set the (real) electron/ADU by hand**

**A unique identifier of the EMCCD**  (default=Command:Line)

**Quit immediately after initialisation completes** ☐



**Add a string to the view window title**



# Job Status Panel

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ICAT Job Portal x

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Datasets **Job Status**

Refresh Job Status Display Job Output Display Job Error

Job ID	Worker Node	Batch Filename	Submitted	Status
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# Multiple Dataset Handling

- Jobs can accept a single or multiple datasets (specified in XML Job Description)
- Multiple datasets can be submitted to a job specified as accepting multiple datasets as input
- A separate batch job can be submitted for each dataset (with a single click)
- With multiple datasets selected, Job Options Form offers only options common to all datasets

# Interactive jobs

Recycle Bin

Firefox

ICAT Job Portal

81/jjp\_portal-2.0.0-SNAPSHOT/

project

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Any instrument

Any instrument

Unknown instrument

OctopusSM1

OctopusSM2

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20130211_0001_0001_73e2c807-1a30-4058-9036-8ce8086b110f	1 nM HE
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comments

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Images for ccd spec est

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2013-05-16T13:22:00+0

LSF\_remote\_session-23 - sig-12.escri.ac.uk - Remote Desktop Connection

20130301\_0005\_0010 - Images for ccd spec estimation

Show channels ☒ Layout: Vertical Options: Load Save Save default Reset Annotation: Verbose Font: Sans 7 Figure Movie Help

FrameViewer

Zoom in Clear Zoom out Image options Trail: 0 ☐ Compact Show: All ☐ Reg error

(R) 1: Cy3 (Undefined)

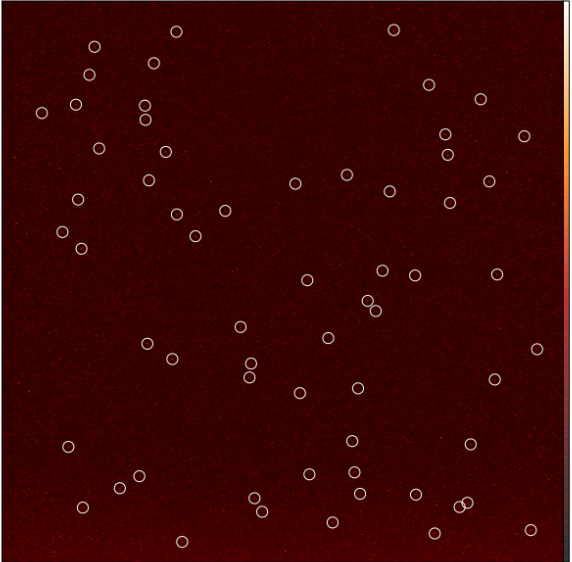


Image coords (x,y) = ( 263.15, 231.43) pix. Chid 1 value = 97

Messages

FrameId 2 (number 1 of 60) - 0.000sec - FrameRole:Sample - procframe\_0002.h5 - Unregistered - NOT Bias-subtracted

new job status panel

Show dataset info

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09:54

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# Configuration

1. Create XML files for each dataset type picking out dataset features relevant to Job Options
2. Create XML Job Descriptions
3. Write applications (or wrappers around existing applications) – loading and saving datasets from IDS and recording provenance in ICAT

```
<jobType>
  <name>MSMM Viewer Project</name>
  <executable>/usr/local/mamm/bin/run_mamm_viewer</executable>
  <multiple>false</multiple>
  <type>interactive</type>
  <datasetTypes>project</datasetTypes>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>View</name>
    <groupName>View type</groupName>
    <type>boolean</type>
    <programParameter></programParameter>
    <condition></condition>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>View reg beads</name>
    <groupName>View type</groupName>
    <type>boolean</type>
    <programParameter>--reg-beads</programParameter>
    <condition>numBeadFiles>0 && numChannels>1</condition>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>Track method</name>
    <type>enumeration</type>
    <programParameter>--trackmethod</programParameter>
    <values></values>
    <values>Simple</values>
    <values>SLH</values>
    <values>Biggles</values>
    <values>Simulation</values>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>Regular expression for images in directory</name>
    <type>string</type>
    <programParameter>--image-pattern</programParameter>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>Do not clean levels/stats</name>
    <type>integer</type>
    <programParameter>--Levels.no-clean</programParameter>
    <defaultValue>0</defaultValue>
  </jobOptions>
</jobType>
```

# Job Options from XML

XML Job Description on Head Node

```
<jobType>
  <name>MSMM Viewer Project</name>
  <executable>/usr/local/msmm/bin/run_msmm_viewer</executable>
  <multiple>false</multiple>
  <type>interactive</type>
  <datasetTypes>project</datasetTypes>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>View</name>
    <groupName>View type</groupName>
    <type>boolean</type>
    <programParameter></programParameter>
    <condition></condition>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>View reg beads</name>
    <groupName>View type</groupName>
    <type>boolean</type>
    <programParameter>--reg-beads</programParameter>
    <condition>numBeadFiles>0 && numChannels>1</condition>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>Track method</name>
    <type>enumeration</type>
    <programParameter>--trackmethod</programParameter>
    <values></values>
    <values>Simple</values>
    <values>SLH</values>
    <values>Biggles</values>
    <values>Simulation</values>
  </jobOptions>
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    <name>Regular expression for images in directory</name>
    <type>string</type>
    <programParameter>--image-pattern</programParameter>
  </jobOptions>
  <jobOptions>
    <name>Do not clean levels/stats</name>
    <type>integer</type>
    <programParameter>--Levels.no-clean</programParameter>
    <defaultValue>0</defaultValue>
  </jobOptions>
</jobType>
```

Job Options Form in Web Browser

**MSMM Viewer Project Options**

View type ☒ View ☐ View beads ☐ View whitelights ☐ View reg residual frames ☐ View reg model frames

Track method

Show variance image instead of image ☐

Do not load traces ☐

Read features/tracks from hdf5 files (slow) ☐

Set min,max for colour scale

Regular expression for images in directory

Do not clean levels/stats  (default=0) (min=0) (max=10)

Min number of detected features per frame range of a level/state  (default=2)

Threshold for the Chauvenet's outlier test  (default=2) (min=1) (max=5)

Set the (real) EM gain by hand

Quantum efficiency  (default=0.910000026) (min=-1.0) (max=1.0)

Set the (real) electron/ADU by hand

A unique identifier of the EMCCD  (default=Command:Line)

Quit immediately after initialisation completes ☐

Add a string to the view window title

# Command Line Interface

- RESTful web service and Python client for job handling
- Alternative to using web browser
- May become preferred interface for some users
- Enables scripted interaction with IJP

```
$> ijp login db username fred password -  
password:  
d3f58cf7-23fb-4e0a-89bc-292dcc142e20
```

```
$> ijp session  
User ingest connected to ICAT 4.2.5 at https:  
//rclsfserv010.rc-harwell.ac.uk:8181 with 1439  
minutes left.
```

```
$> ijp jobtype  
Available job types are:  
view_ingested is interactive  
ingest is batch  
view_project is interactive  
quincy is batch
```

```
$> ijp submit ingest gggg  
2.rclsfserv010.rc-harwell.ac.uk
```

```
$> ijp status  
2.rclsfserv010.rc-harwell.ac.uk, R
```

# Status

- System has been implemented deployed and given to LSF for feedback
  - The system has the desired functionality and is responsive
  - Short informal weekly meetings between the developers and LSF have ensured the delivery of the desired product
- Other STFC facilities and groups are interested

# Future Developments

- Improvements following user feedback
- Visualisation of Provenance
- Workflow Support
- Administration console
- Alternative remote desktop mechanism
- Alternative batch systems
- Portability



# Experience of the ICAT API and Documentation

# **Agenda**

- 1.** ICAT API Experience
- 2.** Documentation
- 3.** Questions

# ICAT API Experience

- C++ & gSOAP
- Very simple API
- Each call is (roughly) the same
  - One concrete example needed
- ICAT4 speed!
- Great return errors (IDS & ICAT)

# Documentation

- Excellent IDS documentation
  - States what is required, and what is optional

# Documentation

- Query Examples
  - No *complex* example of JQPL

```
SELECT DISTINCT inves
FROM Investigation inves
      JOIN inves.investigationInstruments invInst
      JOIN invInst.instrument inst
      JOIN inves.keywords keywords
WHERE inst.fullName = 'GEM'
AND keywords.name IN ('solid')
ORDER BY inves.id DESC
```

# Documentation

- ICAT Scheme documentation
  - Investigation name
  - Is the investigation ID (this is not documented)
- ICAT Client API documentation
  - Date format: Must be Y/M/D TIME (2011-12-15 00:00:00)

# Questions?



# Containers

24-25 March 2014

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# Why not just Glassfish?

- Some sites are already running other containers and don't want to know about another one
- Application bugs might be revealed by testing in different containers
- Glassfish support from Oracle changed in November last year - pointed out to me by Andy Goetz.

Oracle said that it would:  
"no longer release future major releases of Oracle GlassFish Server with commercial support — specifically Oracle GlassFish Server 4.x with commercial Java EE 7 support will not be released."

"Oracle recommends that existing commercial Oracle GlassFish Server customers begin planning to move to Oracle WebLogic Server."

# What else?

## ABANDON FISH!

MIGRATING FROM GLASSFISH TO JBOSS OR TOME

↖  
So long, and thanks for  
all the fish!



# Findings

Report indicates that there is not much to choose.

Differences:

- Clustering
- JPA

## WildFly 8

Commercial support via RedHat (JBoss)

Use Hibernate as JPA implementation

Java EE7 Certified

## TomEE+

Derived from OpenEJB

Collection of Apache Components - including OpenJPA

Commercial support via Tomitribe

# Choices

- Do nothing
- Try another container
- If successful could routinely test ICAT components on both or could switch
- Try a third container?
  - Having done two then three should be easy ???

# Proposal

- Try WildFly 8 and update the install scripts to be able to use either GlassFish or WildFly
- Add TOMEE+
- Decide on preferred container and do future testing only on that though bug reports on the other “ICAT supported” containers will be accepted and dealt with.
- Low on my priority list at the moment - but it doesn't have to be done by me.



# **ICAT core, IDS and IJP Status and Roadmap**

24-25 March 2014

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# ICAT core - Status

Version 4.3 in October with subsequent bug fix releases  
Emphasis now on stability and backwards compatibility

Main features of 4.3:

- The notification mechanism has been completely changed.
- Call logging has been added either to file or to a log table or both.
- Lucene free text search via the new searchText call.
- Various “small” schema changes
- Added new alternate query syntax (JQPL based)
  - If you are new to ICAT prefer the JPQL style
- Python setup script which works both on Linux and Windows.

# Possible changes to the setup installation script

- Objections to
  - separate config step
  - reports of differences from example
- Proposal
  - avoid separate config step
  - `-vv` required to report differences from example
  - updated scripts will be packaged with new releases

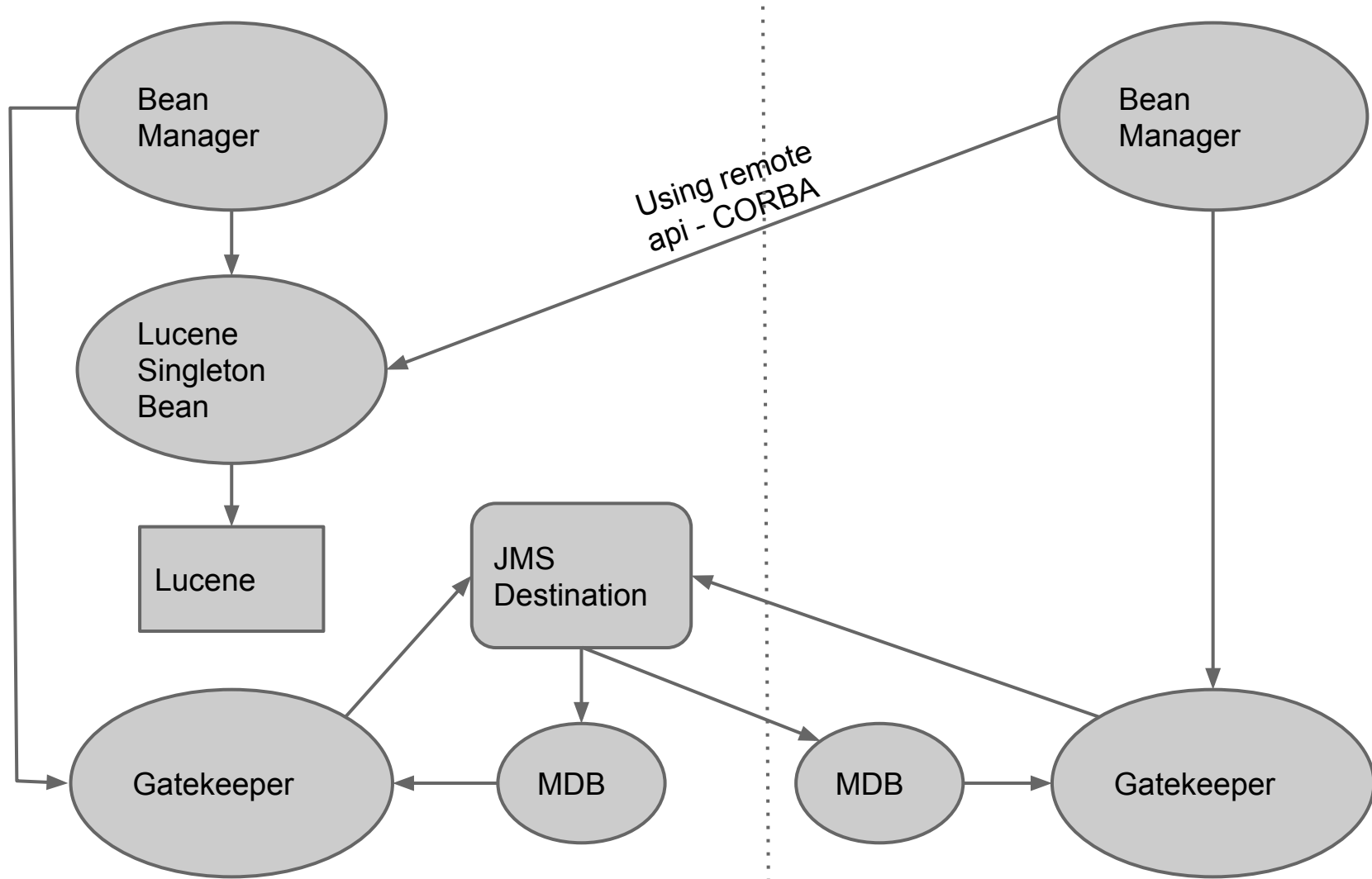


# ICAT Core - Next Release (May 2014)

Clustered deployment for better performance

- Chose to avoid container based clustering:
  - Tied to chosen container
  - Glassfish solution not suitable
- Issues
  - Lucene access must be synchronized
  - Gatekeeper has state - cached:
    - Set of public tables (derived from rules)
    - Set of public steps
  - Must disable JPA caching

# Clustered Deployment



# ICAT Core - Next Release (May 2014)

- Improved API documentation – in particular queries and authorization
  - Necessary drudgery

# ICAT Core - Next Release (May 2014)

## - but not in the road map

- A get function which takes an object with uniqueness constraint fields set
  - `inv = get(sid, inv, "INCLUDE 1")`
- Java client was generated for each server release - now being done separately.
- From WSDL which has no comments. If do it from server code can include:
  - Full Javadoc from the entity documentation held by the server
  - Useful constructor for each object taking the uniqueness constraint fields
    - `inv = new Investigation(facility, name, visitId)`
- `getApiVersion()` returns a number held by the server
  - could add new call `getVersion` and deprecate the old call
- authz addition suggested by Rolf

# ICAT core - RoadMap (Sep 2014)

- The provision of a JSON based RESTful web service
  - this should be a rather easy add-on
- Ability to migrate metadata/data between ICAT/IDS instances.
  - allow a file to be prepared of data to be fed into ICAT
  - old XMLIngest functionality will be included
  - will be able to deal with any ICAT data
    - not just a hierarchical projection of that data
  - It will also allow a new ICAT to be configured very rapidly.

# ICAT core - RoadMap (Jan 2015)

- ICAT - study the use of a non-relational database to give better performance at large scale.
- Some kind of hybrid between relational and non-relational might be optimal.

# Questions

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Suggested changes to the roadmap

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# IDS - Status

First version recently released

Good feedback so far - but a few problems have shown up.

Structure of zip file:

```
"ids"/facility.name/investigation.name/investigation.visitId/dataset.name/datafile.name
```

- if any of the names have characters not suitable for chosen OS it does not work - the "/" is a special case
- in addition ESRF want to be able to control the zip file structure to give facility dependency which I had hoped to avoid.
- mapping the names can lead to duplicates



# IDS - Proposed change

- Change the plugin interface to provide more information to the plugin
  - e.g. the Dataset.location field has been requested
- Add an extra call which the plugin must implement to compute the full file name of a zip file entry.
  - Could provide the existing algorithm as a default
  - Facility may choose to base the zip file entry on its own storage structure
    - trivially guarantees unique names

# IDS - roadmap

Apr 2014

- The IDS computes checksums when data files are uploaded - use this information to provide background checking that all data can be correctly read to provide the expected checksum.

Aug 2014

- Add the ability to work well when deployed on a shared file system
  - upload and download without file movement
- Extend to provide FUSE file system authorized by ICAT

# Questions

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Suggested changes to the roadmap

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# IJP - Portability

Currently only works on a single platform

Our users want it to run on at least three very different platforms (different OS, different batch system etc.) - but to present a single GUI

This requires (at least)

1. abstracting the batch system
2. providing a very simple “meta-scheduler”

# IJP - Other things

- Expect to make a series of small enhancements to meet user needs.
- Also want to make IJP available to others so we will provide a very simple demo configuration with jobs such as concatenating copying and deleting datafiles.

# Questions

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Suggested changes to the roadmap

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# TopCAT

March 2014

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# TopCAT

The screenshot displays the TopCAT web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'My Data', 'My Downloads', 'Search', and 'Browse All Data'. Below this, a search bar is visible with the text 'Keywords' and a 'Search' button. The main content area shows search results for 'neutron'. A 'Datafile Window' is open, displaying a table of datafiles. The table has columns for 'File Name', 'File Loca...', 'File Size', 'Format', 'Format V...', 'Format T...', and 'Create T...'. The datafile window shows a single item: 'OSI0000... Vain/inst...' with a size of 134.5 KB and a date of 12/12/19... The main search results table at the bottom lists various datasets, including 'First 5 A neutrons @ OSIRIS', 'First neutrons - monitors', and 'First Neutrons on MAR'.

Dataset Name	Status	Type	Description
Default	complete	experiment_r...	These files were pr...

File Name	File Loca...	File Size	Format	Format V...	Format T...	Create T...
Dataset Name: Default (1 Item)						
OSI0000...	Vain/inst...	134.5 KB				12/12/19...

Dataset Name	Status	Type	Description
First 5 A neutrons @ OSIRIS	0	11 - IRIS	50msec scan. Neutron source. Tes
First neutrons - monitors	0	1477 - IRIS	neutron source mica006 setting
First June Moderated Neutrons	0	1478 - IRIS	neutron source test for mica bank
Testing DAE electronics with neut	0	16 - IRIS	First June Moderated Neutrons
MAPS-First neutrons (well almost)	0	2 - IRIS	Testing DAE electronics with neut
First Neutrons on MAR	0	2 - MAPS	MAPS-First neutrons (well almost)
5 A neutrons &	0	2 - MARI	First Neutrons on MAR
neutron source 715 no vac	0	2 - OSIRIS	5 A neutrons &
neutron source in sample bin RT	0	2243 - OSIRIS	neutron source 715 no vac
	0	2376 - OSIRIS	neutron source in sample bin RT

- Current release TopCAT 1.11.0
- Added support for the ICAT 4.3
- Added support for IDS 1.1.0
- Updated GWT 2.5.1
- updated GXT 2.31
- Added timed announcement message via TOPCATAdmin
- Added Free Text search (ICAT 4.3 only)

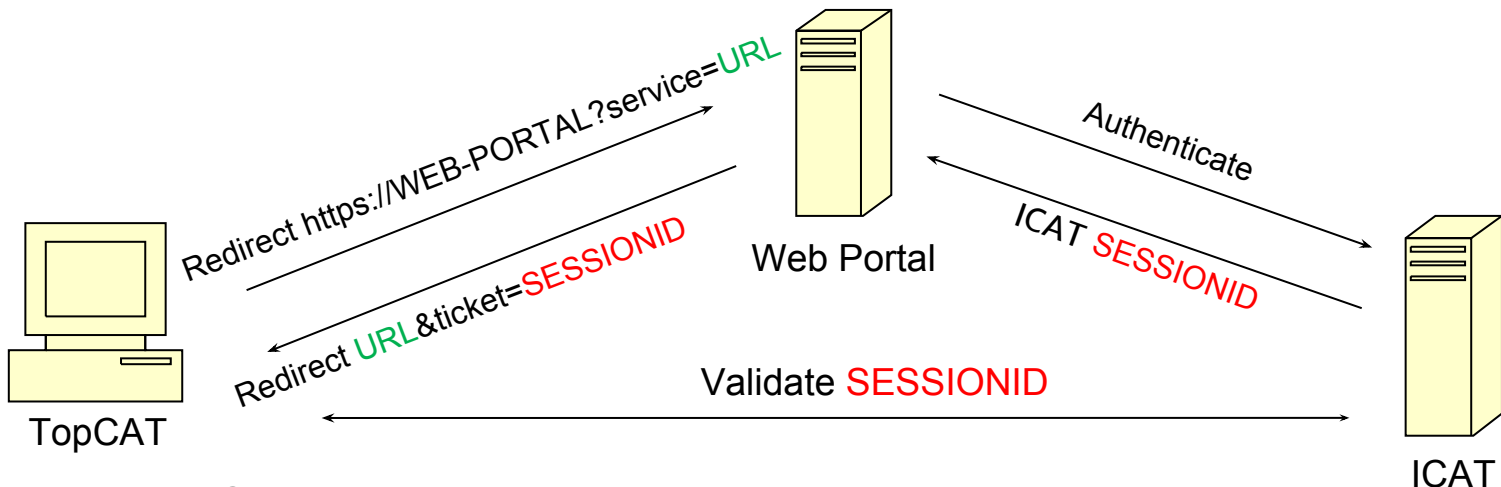




# Next Release

April 2014

- Added External Redirect authentication type plugin



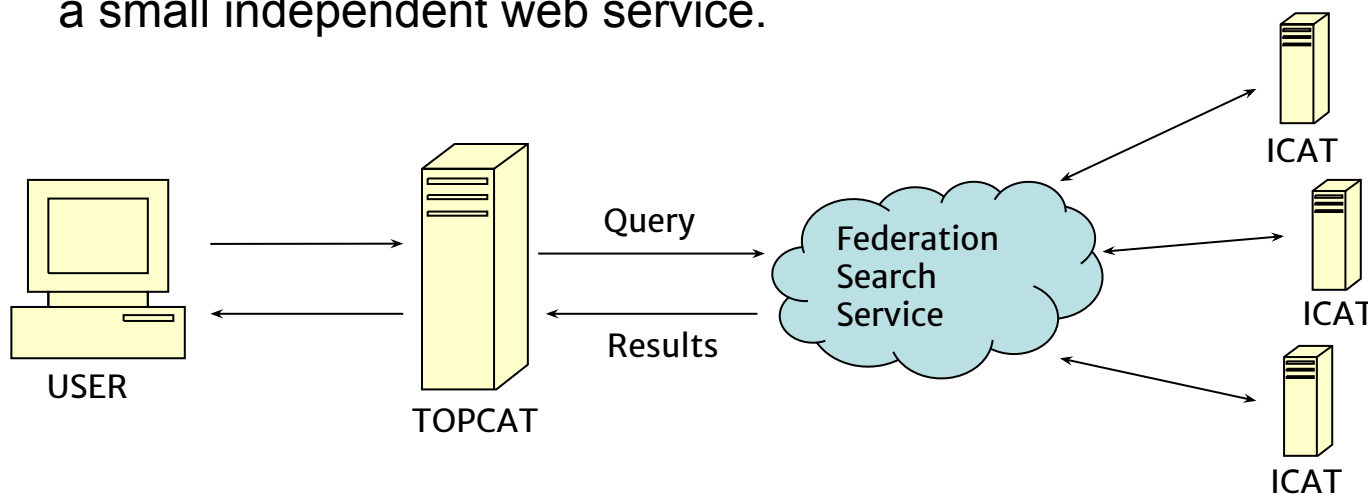
- Last used ICAT server and authentication type saved to cookie
- Provide data upload facilities via the IDS
- Remove support for ICAT below 4.2
- Bug fixes (<https://code.google.com/p/topcat/issues/list>)



# Road Map

July 2014

- Add support for multiple facilities
- Rationalise and simplify the code to reduce dependencies
  - Result in more maintainable software
  - If plugin are desired, should not be compiled into distribution
- Desirable to separate off code for doing federation search, possibly into a small independent web service.

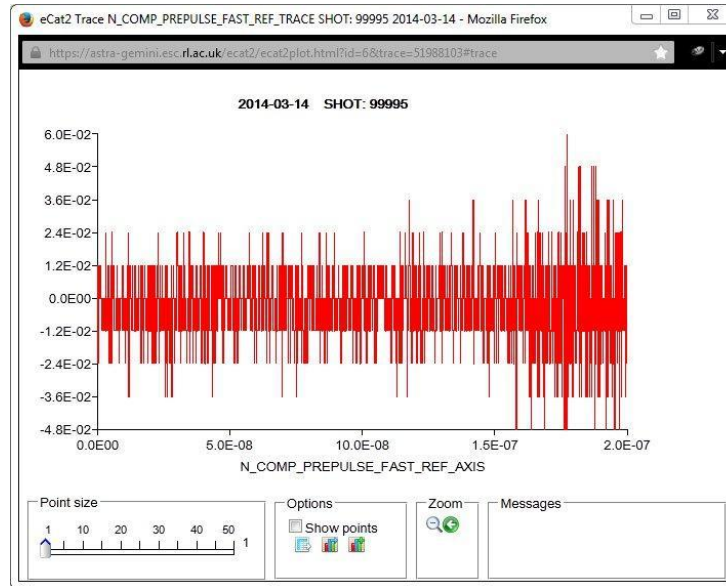
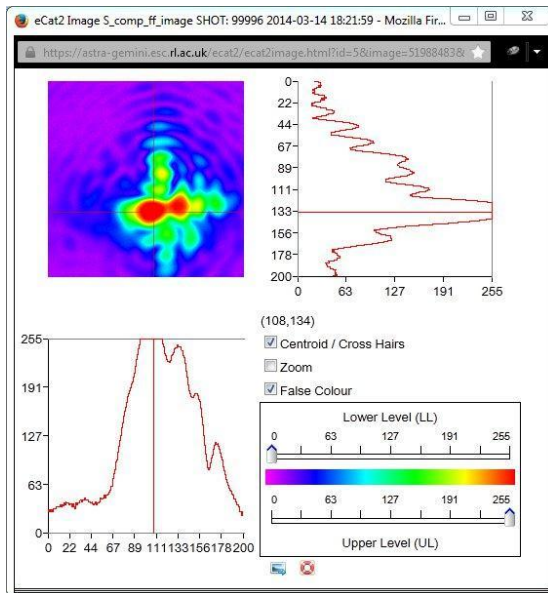




# Road Map

## October 2014

- Add visualisation features (simple analysis of one and 2 dimensional data) by packaging such functionality already developed by the ICAT team at STFC for one of their facilities.



- Find replacement for GWT
- ICE (ICAT Editor) might be included in TopCAT

### ICE - ICAT Editor

Create Facility Logged in as root Logout

uri

description

name

fullName

daysUntilRelease

Submit



# What Direction?

- What requirements do the community want for TopCAT?
- Is there really a use case for federation?
- Would it be better to provide a simple GUI for a single ICAT server?