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# STFC e-Science Centre

Exploit e-Science technologies throughout STFC's programmes, the research communities they support and the national science and engineering base.

- Especially ISIS (Neutron Spallation Source), DLS (Synchrotron X-Rays), CLF (Lasers), CERN
- Grid, HPC, Data storage, Libraries, Data Management, Visualisation
- R&D programme
- c.80 staff

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# Grid@STFC

STFC (in particular eScience) takes part in many of the Grid initiatives we heard about yesterday

- LHC Tier 1 centre
- EGEE ROC for UK and Ireland
- National Grid Service
- EGI
- Many Research Projects
  - Grid Portals
  - XtreemOS Grid OS
  - VOs and Security
  - ShibGrid





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Enabling Grids

for E-sciencE

#### Complexity of large-scale research



#### Integration via Metadata



## Integrated e-Infrastructure





#### The ICAT software suite

- Catalogues all experiment related information
- Metadata gathered via integration with existing IT systems
  - proposal systems
  - data acquisition
- Provides a well defined API for easy embedding into any applications.





# What is **ICAT**

#### What is ICAT?

ICAT is a database (with a well defined API) that provides a uniform interface to experimental data and a mechanism to link all aspects of research from proposal through to publication.

Access data anywhere via the web

Search for data in a meaningful way

e.g. taxonomy, Sample, temperature,

Access data via your own programs

Identify potential collaborations

Utilise integrated e-Science High-

Link to data from your publications

Share data with colleagues

Performance Computing and

Visualisation resources

Annotate your data

pressure etc

Etc.





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### **Underlying Data Infrastructure**



ICAT Software Suite, providing the crucial integration of key functions.



### **Core Scientific Metadata Model**





#### **ICAT** Architecture Overview







## ICAT API

Service Oriented Architecture

- Services exposed as Web Services
- User required to authenticate in order to obtain Session Token
- Token is used in all subsequent API calls to for authorisation
- The API is modular in order to fit the needs of the facilities
  - Plugin own user database
  - Plugin data delivery system

Chracteristics

- Platform independent [Java]
- Application Server independent [EJB3]
- Database Independent (Almost!) [JPL]
- Language independent [Web Services]

Internals

- Core functionality implemented as POJOs using JPA
- For deployment EJB3 Session Beans bind the core API, user db and data delivery aspects together
- Services are unit tested using JUNIT
- Services are logged at every interaction point u

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### **ICAT API Continued**

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getDatasetIncludes: Dataset

@throws uk.icat3.exceptions.ValidationException if the investigation object is invalid.

@throws uk.icat3.exceptions.NoSuchObjectFoundException if entity does not exist in database

@throws uk.icat3.exceptions.InsufficientPrivilegesException if user has insufficient privileges to the object

getDatasets: Collection

@throws uk.icat3.exceptions.SessionException if the session id is invalid

@param sessionId sessionid of the user.

@return sample

@param sample {@link Sample} object to be updated

@param investigationId id of the investigation

ingestMetadata: Long[]
downloadDatafile: String





# ICAT and Storage Management

DLS uses the Storage Resource Broker for its Storage Management, this has been integrated with ICAT for data access and delivery.

Main advantage :

- Decoupling physical file location from the logical one.
- Strict Security
- Expandable to many storage systems

ISIS uses their own in house developed data storage access system called Data.ISIS.

Similar to SRB it abstracts from the physical location of the files and delivers the same advantageous in terms of decoupling of logical and physical location of files and security.





# **ISIS** Data Portal

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# **DLS Data Portal**



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# ICAT Usage

- ISIS has 22 neutron and muon instruments which are
  - populating ICAT in real time at an average of 330 datafiles per hour.
  - 3,133,639 files (as of 9 Oct 08) that are indexed by the ISIS ICAT
  - ~4 Tb in terms of data volume..
  - 6.7GB metadata, 33M rows
  - 550+ unit & stress tests
- The new Target Station 2 at ISIS be entered into ICAT in exactly the same way as TS1.
- There are in the region of 800 experiments/investigations performed at ISIS each year.
- Rolling out ICAT 3.3 to DLS
  - DLS likely to be much larger



# **Data Policy**

- Data Policy (ISIS)
  - 3 year embargo on data (+1 if requested)
  - Commercial data is never made public
  - Instrument Scientists can access all data from their beamline
  - Calibration data is public
  - Any data that involves IPR (e.g. analysed) is private for perpetuity unless explicitly shared by user
- Automatic Enforcement of policy
  - A research area





# **ICAT for Developers**



# Federation



# e-Infrastructure – Access to Multiple Facilities





# Summary

- Data Infrastructure at ISIS and DLS
- We believe it has some good software characteristics
  - Scalability, Maintainability, Reliability, Availability, Extensibility, Performance, Manageability, Security
- We want to take this forward
- We would like to do it in collaboration with other facilities
- Integrate with other Grid resources



# **Questions?**

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