



## Umbrella Meeting ESRF

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### TOC

### **Scope and goal of the meeting**

- **What are the IT requests?**
- Umbrella as answer
- Hybrid concept
- **Bridging**
- Umbrella implementation / deployment
- Operation
- Collaborative work





### Scope and goal of this meeting

- Umbrella in a nutshell
  - What is it? For what do we need that?
  - How does it work (demos)
- Affiliation database
  - Again, what is it? For what do we need that?
  - Demo
- **How do we run all that?**





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### What are the IT requests? I

#### Huge datasets

- Novel 2D detectors, quantum leap in data quality, but also data volumes
- Multi-image techniques (tomography, lens-less imaging)
- Molecular movies at FELs
- 'Petabyte' 'normal' unity; time over for 'hard-disk in the trouser pocket'
- Many talk about storing data, but must also to talk about handling, need for new strategies -> improve evaluation efficiency

### Online, On-the-fly data analysis

- Are the experimental parameters right?
  - o React on-line
- Filtering?

#### Remote, non-local data access

- Allow for data analysis from home but remotely at analysis center (facility)
- Combine datasets taken at different facilities [Umbrella + ICAT?]
- Combine different data types (raw, derived, published): data continuum
- Clouds (commercial, community-centered)
- Attract experts to centers (facilities not only service institutions!)





### What are the IT requests? II

#### **Trans-facility experiments**

- ✤ 40%+ users at more than one facility
- Increase science, reduce admin
  - o Standardize proposal procedures on EU scale
  - o Standardize metadata

#### Remote experiment access

- Basic: passive online access to measured data
- Advanced: active control [Umbrella + Moonshot?]

### PR Issues

- Improve corporate identity
- Improve public lobbying (e.g. Verband der Automobilindustrie, Wissmann)





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### What are the IT requests? III

- All that calls for non-local access
  - ✤ to facilities
  - to services
  - to data
  - to experiments
  - ✤ to analysis

#### **That requires an international identity**

- Unique
- Persistent
- User-friendly, slim management





# What are the IT requests? IV specifically: user-office view

#### **Common requirements at facilities**

- ✤ Very similar structure → very similar requirements
- Cooperate, exploit synergies

#### Facilities in competition

- Exploit synergies but
- Each facility controls what is shared

## Facilities in full operation, no green-grass situation

- Impossible to introduce a day-0 (like change from left-hand to right-hand traffic)
- Need for parallel operation





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### Umbrella as answer I

#### **Concept**

- Unique user identification on EU (trans-facility) scale
- Only one (1) identity provider
- Hybrid information storage:
  - o Authentication (minimal info): central Umbrella
  - o Authorization (complete info): WUOs (local user offices)
    - (Lufthansa <-> Swiss)
- No sub-surface cross-facility information exchange
- Waterproof but slim data protection system
- Base system on professional authentication standard
  - Shibboleth, federated Single-Sign-On System (SAML), widely used
  - Specific photon / neutron user federation
  - Supervising by local User Offices





### **Umbrella as answer II**

#### Incorporate confidentiality aspects

- High competition, especially in structural biology
- Allow for time-window structured access to experiments and data

### **Rely on existing local user office structure**

- Great experience
- DIY (Do It Yourself) operation
  - o Users: manage their personal entries
  - o User offices: supervising; manage authorizations
  - o Possibility for verification feedback





### **Umbrella as answer III**

#### Affiliation database

- Common tool for Umbrella partners
- Advantage & support for facilities
- Advantage & support for users
- Presentation Dominique Porte, Julien Savoyet, ESRF





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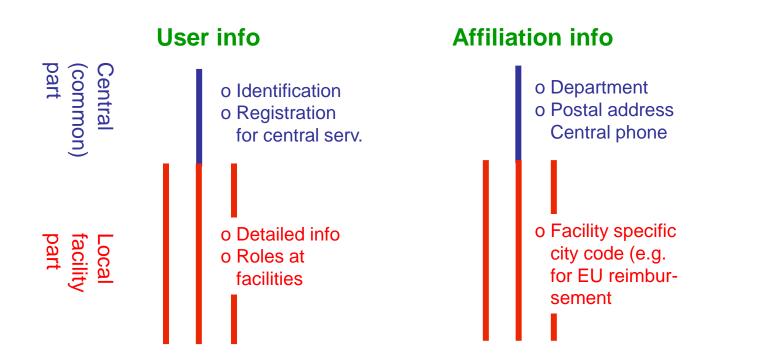




### Hybrid concept (central and federated)

#### Answer to conflicting requests:

- Efficient technology
- Confidentiality
- > Consequent distinction of authentication and authorisation:
  - Authentication: Umbrella
  - Authorization: WUOs (local user offices)







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### **Bridging**

#### Ue are not on an island

#### Many other identity systems

- Academic (eduGAIN, ORCID, ...), more will come
- o Commercial (Facebook, Amazon, eBook portals, banking, ...) more ...
- o Cloud systems

#### □ Why start always from scratch?

- Always enter same credentials
- Answer is 'bridging'
  - Presentation from Bjoern





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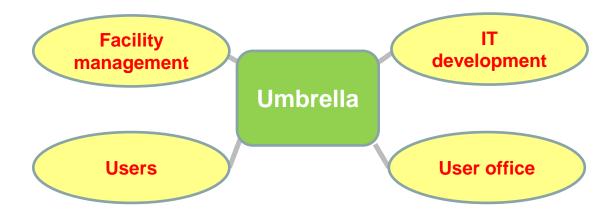




### **Umbrella implementation / deployment**

### Highly delicate

- Affecting management of 30'000+ visiting scientists
- Touching holy grails of facilities -> only one (1) chance, like opening a new restaurant



#### **Good old salami tactics:**

- small, overseeable steps
- Keep everybody in the boat

#### 4 Phases

- Open the gate gradually
- Keep option to go back

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### **Umbrella Implementation / Deployment**

#### Phase 0: implementation of Umbrella-ready versions

- o Changes to existing WUO are
  - Trans facility Umbrella user ID, Umbrella -WUO handshakes
  - Harmonized local user db format
  - Umbrella username / password conventions

#### Phase I: Local experts

- o IT people involved, local user office staff
  - Goal is to verify the new procedures.

#### Phase II: Open to selected friendly users

- Tell them that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of deployment. Tell them about what is to come (should include also estimates for harmonized proposal handling and ICAT)
- o Ask them for their feedback
- o Incorporate feedback

### Phase III: Open to all users

o Final phase





### **Implementation teams**

#### Project structure

- Management team
  - o Priorities, MoU, facility coordination
- Technical team
  - o Specific technical questions

#### Holy document Legal / administrative issues

- o Umbrella physical topology
- o Central user database
- o Local user database
- o Affiliation database
- o Security issues
- o User support
- o Procedure for handling further developments
- o Umbrella production version
- o Implementation steps
- o Operational issues
- o MoU

### **Umbrella Implementation Teams**

Facility	Project	Management	Technical
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### **Development strategy (salami)**

#### Be conservative

Step by step

#### Step 0

- Deploy basic Umbrella
- Only access to local user-office system
- Local accounts untouched

#### Next steps

- ICAT (towards remote data access)
- Moonshot (towards remote experiment access)
- Other tools
  - o E.g. common access to Indico, but fully driven by demand





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### From prototype to operation

#### IT graveyards full of brilliant prototypes

Step from prototype to operation underestimated

#### U We want an operating tool which

- ✤ works in real life
- saves (!) resources
- Increases user-friendliness

### Umbrella is a loosely-coupled system with many key-players

Only weak, indirect feedback on the performance





### **Operation**

#### Also before many international projects

- Accelerator components
- ✤ IT
- But with a well-defined environment

### **This now is something new**

- Development
- But the main issue is operation
- Loosely-coupled elements, only weak feedback





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### Thank you

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