

Photon and Neutron (PaN) Remote Access @ EGI 2020 Conference

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Overview

- . Why Remote Access?
- COVID-19 impact for PaNs
- Remote services
- Needs for EGI and EOSC







Photon and neutron sources + community

10 photon sources

7 neutron sources

Represents ~40 000 users/yr

PaN is not CERN!





Photon and Neutron Sources in Europe





How do PaN User Facilities work?

- 1. User: has an idea / need to study a sample
- 2. Proposal: User writes a proposal for one of the PaN facilities
- 3. Review committee: Reviews proposal and rates scientific quality
- 4. Beamline scientist: Review proposal and checks feasibility
- 5. Beamtime allocated: User travels to facility / sends sample
- 6. Experiment: Sample(s) are exposed to beam + data collected
- 7. Analysis: Data is reduced, analysed + curated (DOI)
- 8. Publication: User publishes results (DOI) in peer reviewed journal







PaN Users remote access requirements post-

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Remote meeting



Remote control system + monitoring + reduction

Remote data analysis + Data transfer

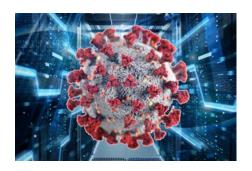
Long term archiving







Post-COVID-19 impact on PaN sources and community



ALL Pans are generalising REMOTE EXPERIMENTS (WIP)



- 1. USERS → remote
- 2. **SAFETY** → security
- 3. **SAMPLE TRACKING** → by post
- 4. **DATA ANALYSIS** → remote analysis
- 5. **DATA TRANSFER** → via internet







PaNs workshop on IT solutions for COVID



18 June 2020 Zoom

Europe/Stockholm timezone



https://indico.maxiv.lu.se/event/1375/timetable/#20200618.detailed

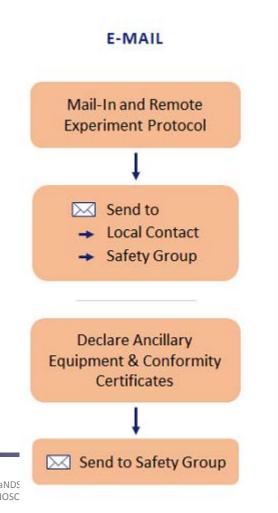


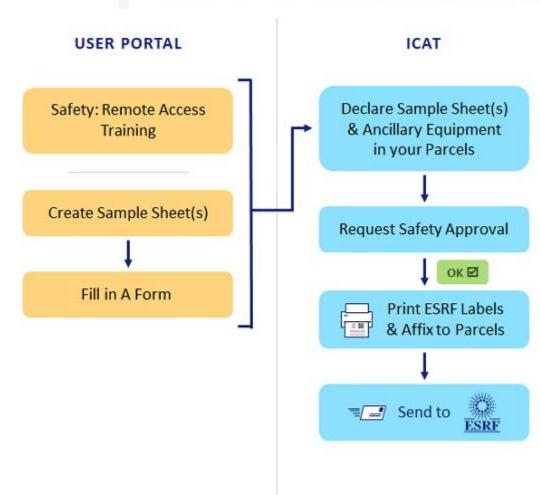




Remote Experiments @ ESRF













VISA - ILL remote access post-COVID-19

- Provide remote data analysis services with access to
- Make access as simple as possible using a web browser
 - Remote desktop as if the user was sitting in front of an ILL data treatment workstation
 - Easy and flexible machine management
- Allow scientific collaborations
 - Sharing desktops
- **Enable remote experiments**
 - Access Nomad (SCI) to perform instrument control
 - This is the current priority for the next reactor cycle (August)

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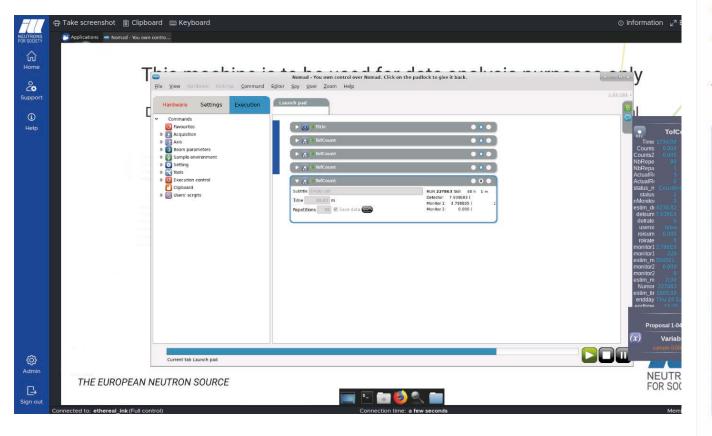








Remote Experiments @ ILL



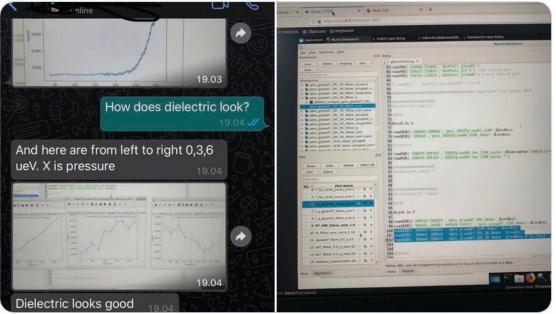


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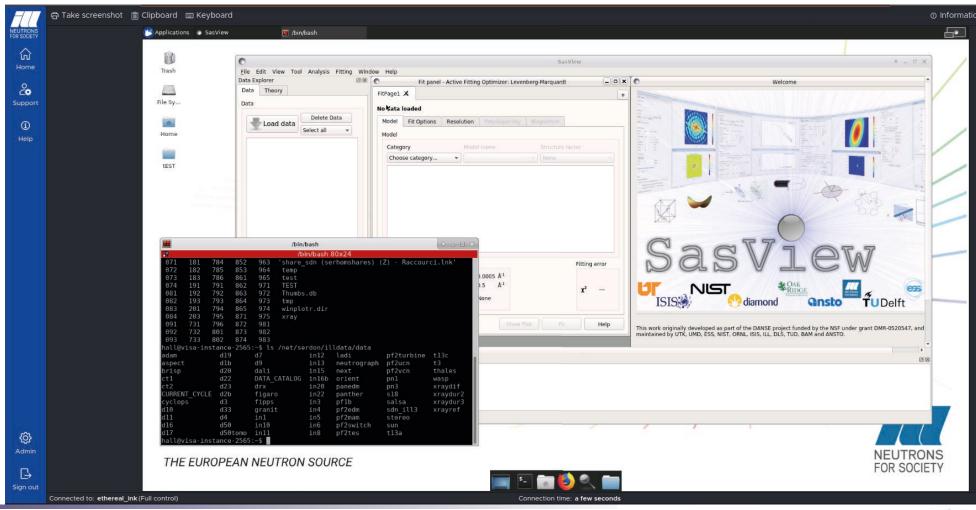
Combining the @ILLGrenoble remote solution with chat and video conferencing with my onsite PhD student and dedicated local collaborator. Makes me miss the beamtime thrill - but it so much better than nothing. Thx for making it work!



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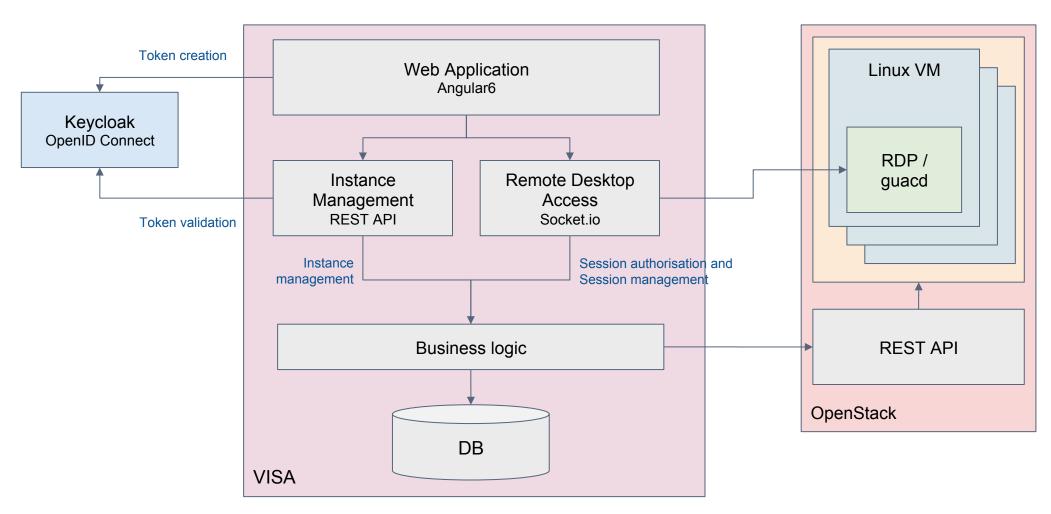








ILL VISA architecture



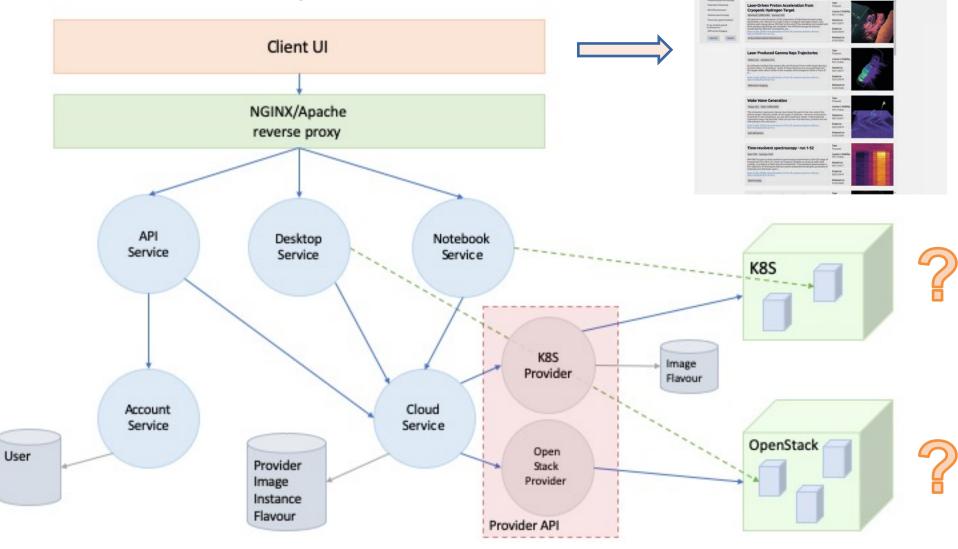
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PaNOSC + ExPaNDS portal architecture



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PaN Use Cases for Remote Services

User 1: How can I download 5 TBs of raw data?

User 2: How can I search, view and process data remotely?

User 3: How can I access a Jupyter notebook to process my data?

User 4: How can I make my data open and get a DOI to cite?

User 5: How can I get credentials to login and use these services?

Beamline scientist: How can I provide standard notebooks for processing data for my users?

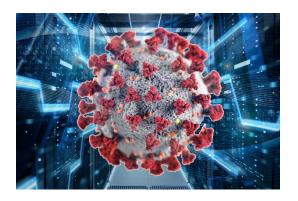






Post-COVID all PaNs will / should offer

- 1. Remote experiments
- 2. Downloadable Metadata & Raw data



- 3. Software service to browse and analyse raw data
- 4. Platform as a service to do computations + simulations
- 5. Common space to share progress and workflows







Remote access bottlenecks

- Remote experiments

 internet bandwidth, remote desktop tools
- 2. Downloading (Terabytes) Data → efficient, ease of use
- 3. Software service to browse and analyse raw data > compute cluster(s), batch scheduler, VMs, containers
- 4. Platform to do computations + simulations → HPC cluster
- 5. Common space to share workflows → workflow tools

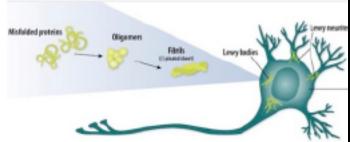


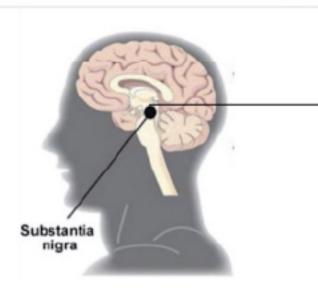




Use Case

- · Parkinson's disease
- Institute: CERIC-ERIC, ESRF
- Scientists: L.Casalis et al. +
 A.Pacureanu et al.
- Objective: mapping of neurons in 2d and 3d
- Request: make large data volumes available as Open Data







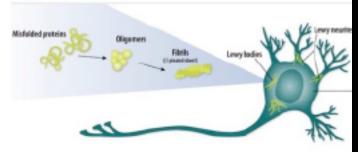


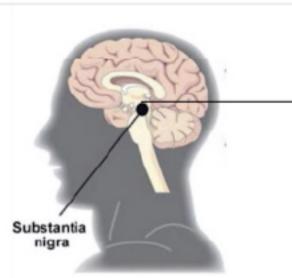


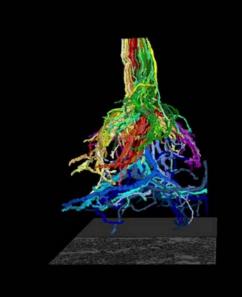


Use Case

- Demonstrates: open data, big data download, data portal, HDF5 data format, search API
- Work packages: WP2, WP3, WP4, WP6
- Linked to: any user community which needs to publish open data and make it FAIR for their community













Where can EGI help?

Jupyter notebook service



Binder service for reproducible notebooks



Compute resources for HTC with GPUs / FPGAs



High data volume download service



Common AAI solution









Conclusion

PaNs are generalizing remote access to experiments and data

Strong need to collaborate on remote access tools

EGI can help PaNs to provide remote services

EOSC could help in this area







Thank you to all colleagues @ PaNOSC, ExPaNDS + EGI!















ILL VISA remote services usage since 11 August 2020

Number of instances by type of user:

Instrument Scientists 291

External users 235

Session stats:

User type Count Average duration (m)

Instrument responsible 3614 121

External user 3578 99

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