

Technical Talk 08 – HZDR and ExPaNDS

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Overview

- Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf
- Our ExPaNDS Team
- The Portal Architecture test experience
- Our Data Management Infrastructure
- COVID and the impact on the team's roadmap



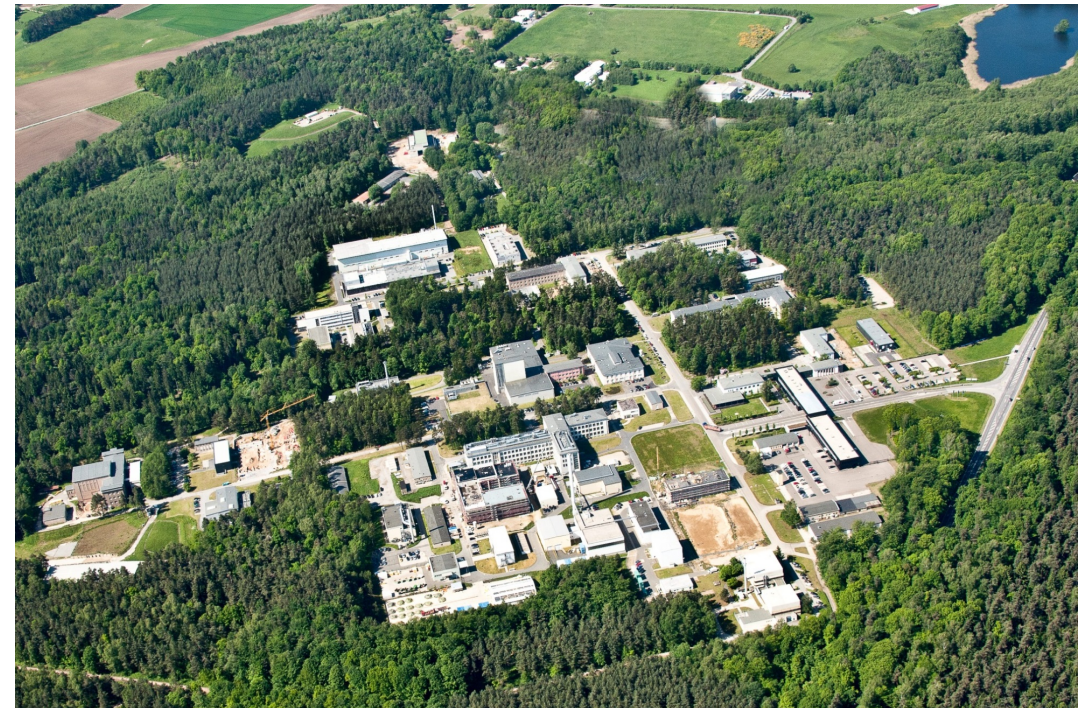
Facility



Located in Dresden, Germany

Employees **approx. 1,200**
including about 350 scientists
+ 170 doctoral students
as well as employees and guest
scientists from more than
60 countries

Research Sites **DRESDEN**
Leipzig, Freiberg, Schenefeld
near Hamburg, Grenoble (FR)



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Facility – Beamline



ELBE – Center for High-Power Radiation Sources

Electron accelerator ELBE feeds free-electron lasers FELBE & THz source TELBE;
generates positrons, protons and neutrons as well as X-ray and gamma radiation;
plus high-intensity lasers (1 Petawatt) **DRACO** and **PENELOPE** (under construction)



THz Source TELBE

Credits: Bierstedt



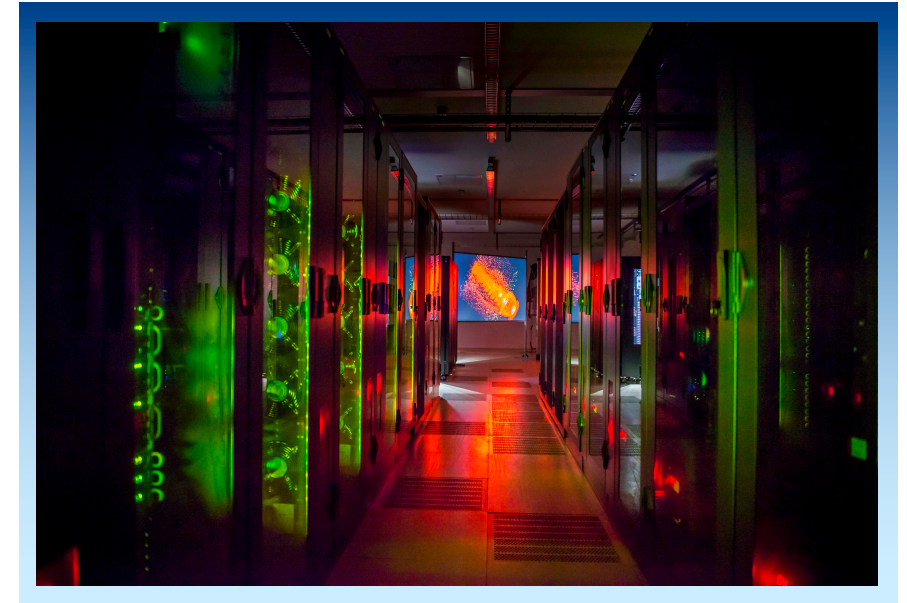
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Institute of Information Services and Computing

5 Departments:

- IT-Infrastructure (HPC-Cluster)
 - 283 nodes with 469 TFlop/s CPU and 2.47 PFlop/s GPU
 - Slurm batch system
 - GPFS transfer rate up to 10GB/s per node and 3.9 PB in total
 - Jupyter Hub Portal
 - Virtual Machines
 - OpenStack (Test)
- Computational Science
- User Services
- Application Services
- Library



ExPaNDS Team at HZDR



Dr. Uwe Konrad
Head – Department Information Services and Computing
Expertise in Information Services
WP4 contributor, WP5 co-lead



Dr. Oliver Knodel
Research Software Engineer – Department Information Services and Computing
Expertise in HPC Architectures and Services
Will contribute to WP4 and primarily to WP5 E-learning platform and Training Courses Calendar



The Portal Architecture test experience

- What went well?
 - Documentation (confluence), installation process
- What could go better?
 - Integration/Deployment in/on our existing infrastructure (OpenStack, Slurm, Unicores)
- What is the gap between what's in your facility and what the Portal needs?
 - We don't have a Kubernetes infrastructure at the moment
 - We can provide an HPC-Cluster with Slurm, OpenStack and Jupyter Notebook Portal
 - Metadata Management still in progress at HZDR

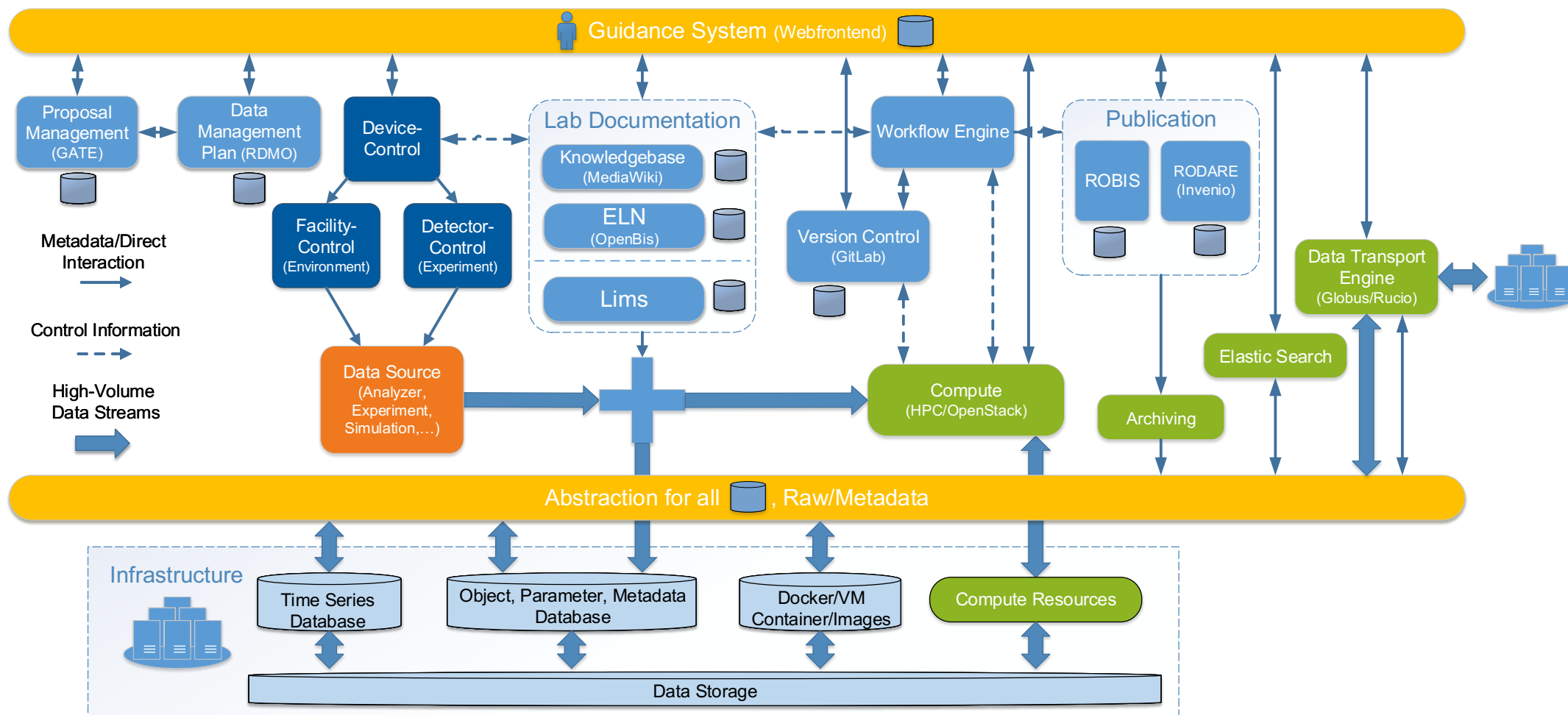


Facility needs for the Portal

- Name the features you would prioritize/what does the portal needs in order to run in your facility?
 - Deployment in OpenStack (Our OpenStack is still in an early phase)
 - Slurm module for HPC integration
 - Singularity compatibility
 - An interface to access, transfer or publish our experiment data with an uniform ID and user authentication is essential in our HZDR infrastructure



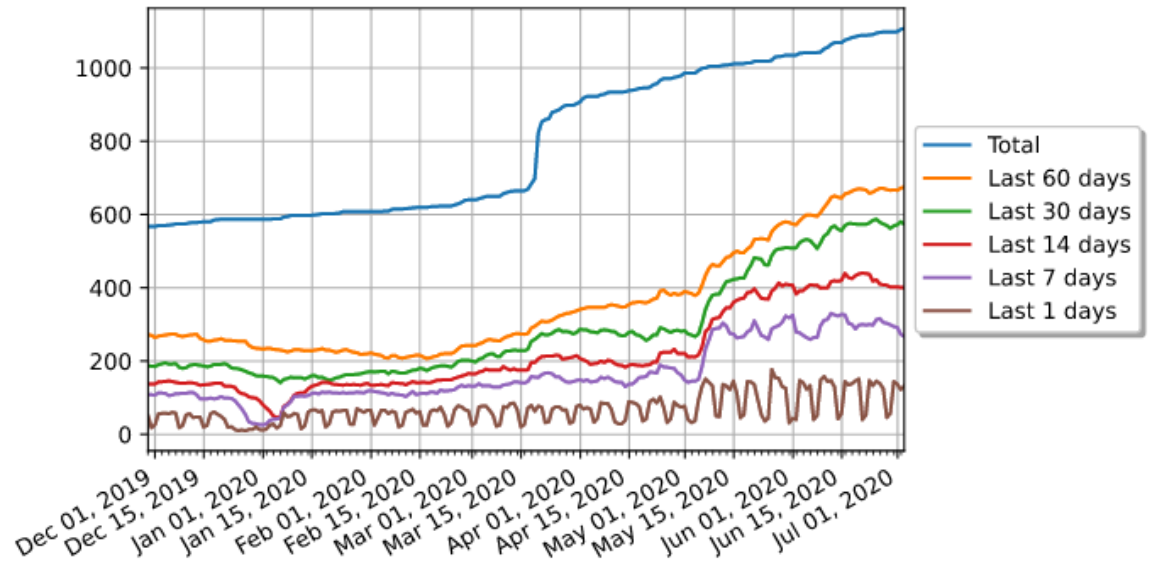
Data Management Infrastructure at the HZDR

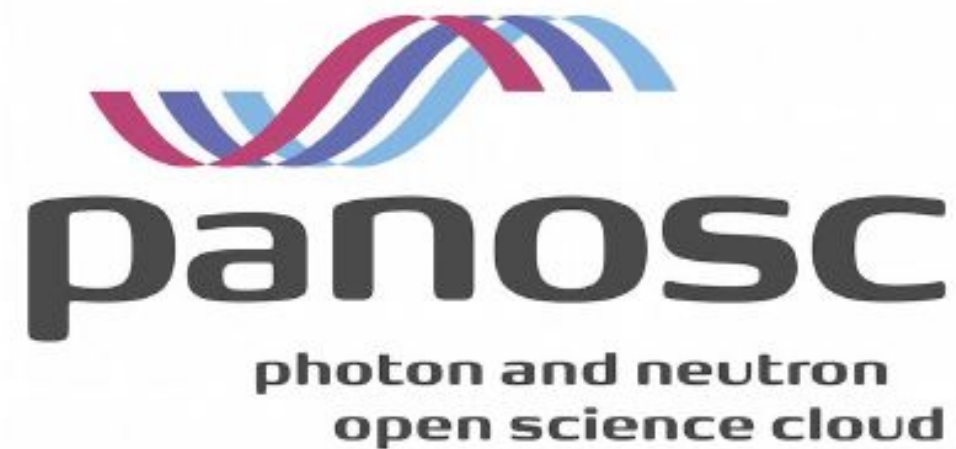


COVID-19 and the impact on your team

- For 2020, the IT department had to change its priorities and focus on:
 - Communication: Stable Video Conference solution, Mattermost
 - Collaboration: GitLab, Nextcloud
 - Teleworking: Stable VPN Infrastructure

Our active GitLab (Mattermost) users over time





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