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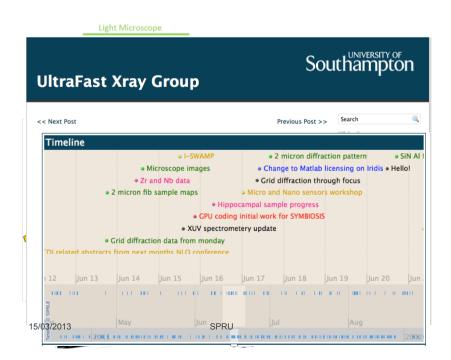
Science Ajar

How e-Science can help (more) Open Science

Jeremy G. Frey 15 March 2013



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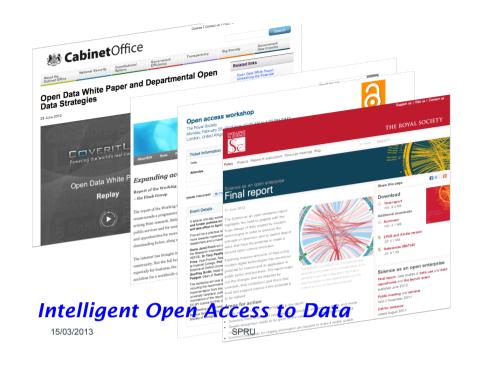




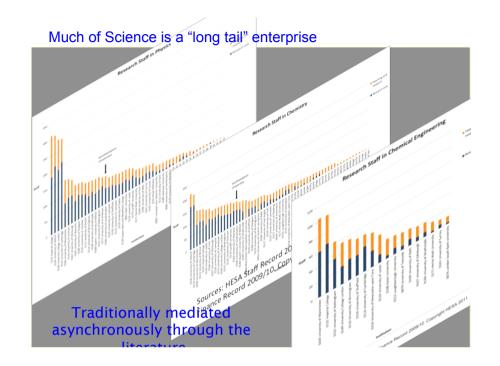
Talk Themes

- Discuss my experience in some of the research projects I have been involved with over the last 10 years
- Move to increasing openness especially with research data to facilitate collaborations
- How e-Science and related technology can help with use and re-use
- Social vs Technical Rewards!









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Scientific Narratives

A GUIDE TO RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT IN RESEARCH

T H I R D E D I T I O N



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Faraday's laboratory notebooks are also remarkable in the amount of detail that they give about the design and setting up of experiments, interspersed with comments about their outcome and thoughts of a more philosophical kind. All are couched in plain language, with many vivid phrases of delightful spontaneity....

Peter Day, "The Philosopher's Tree: A Selection of Michael Faraday's Writings' SPRU

Scientific information supply helix

- Historically
 - Researcher → Literature → Abstraction/Search → Literature
- · Currently now add for Open Notebook Science)
 - Researcher → ?Web? → Search → Researcher
 - But rarely the only dissemination route!
- Need for validation, traceability, accountability for recognition & promotion & future funding

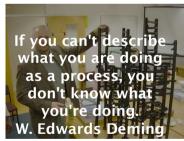
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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ File:DirkvdM_natural_spiral.jpg

How do we communicate?

- Surprisingly difficult to explain what a process involves
- Much of the detail is assumed to be understood and not explicitly discussed
- This is where the missunderstandings usually arise.





Dissemination

- Methods and emphasis varies with discipline
 - Journal vs Conference
 - Pure vs Applied
 - Research vs Application
- Authorship & Acknowledgements
 - Who goes on the paper?
 - Who is mentioned in the press release?
 - Do you acknowledge the technician?

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Chemistry and Tea: An Interesting History

A Nice cup of Tea

London (Reuters)

cup of tea (pdf download) The Royal Society of Chemistry provide the

P2 - Plans & Provenance

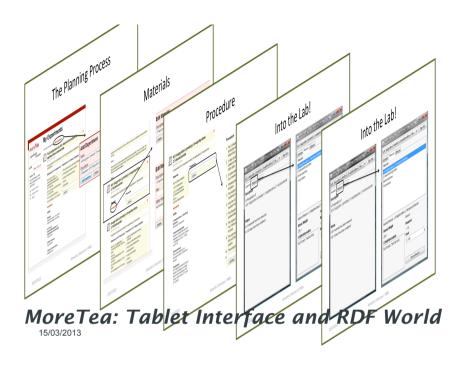


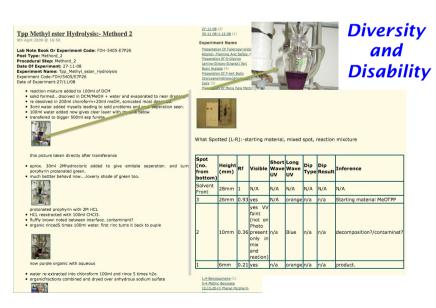
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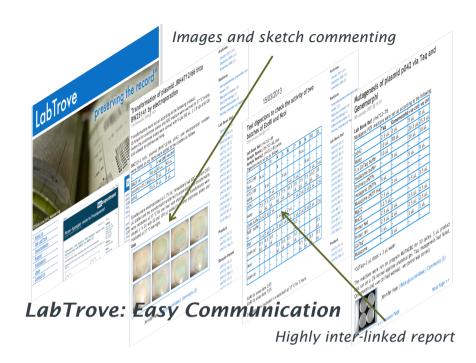
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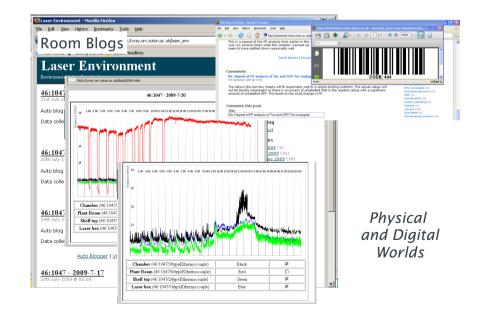
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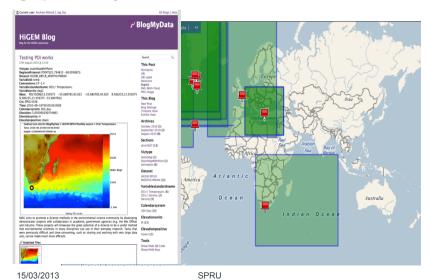




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BlogMyData Project - Godiva



TLT660/4b Hot Stage Video

Tools

Fee Substitution of the Stage Video

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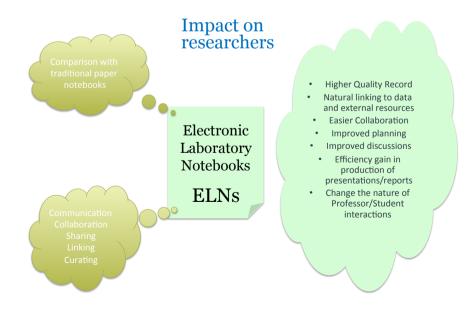
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Re Tutf60/4b Hot Stage Video

Digital and

Digital



Some projects need large amounts of data from the literature: access can be an issue



Subversive and furtive sharing & exploitation of data in virtual space

PERPETRATOR OF A DARING DAYLIGHT ILLEGAL ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF EANDS FLEEING THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

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Folksonomy

Social aspect

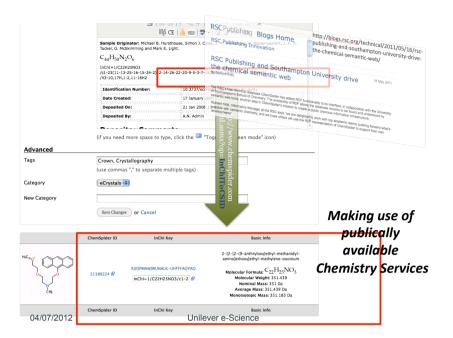
Descriptive power

Ontology

Taxonomy

Term list

Organisation



ChemSpider and Ontologies

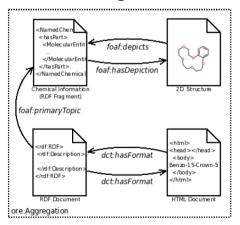


Figure 3.18: Depiction of OAI-ORE aggregation of information resources associated with an RSC ChemSpider record.

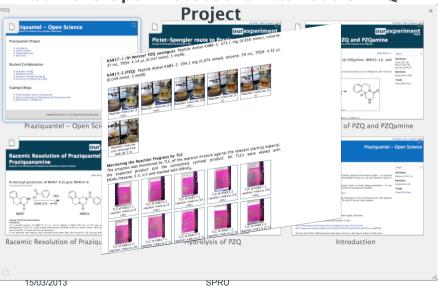
TEXT BOX 1: The DIKW Model

To give a non-chemical illustration of the DIKW model, consider a banana:

- Our data is the colour of the banana: green, yellow, or going black;
- Our *information* is that the colour of the banana skin is indicative of the state of the
- o Our knowledge is that a green banana is unripe, a yellow banana is ripe and sweet, and a black banana is probably rather soft and mushy:
- Our wisdom is to buy a yellow banana if we want to eat it now, a green banana if we want to eat it some days later, and to be uncertain about a black banana: if it was yellow when stored in the fridge, it might be fine to eat.

Uncertainty

LabTrove Open Notebooks Mat Todd's PZQ



Open Notebook Science • Certainly not always the way to work! Lo

- IPR, Commercial, long term projects, recognition issues, etc

W. Edwards Deming

• But

- Makes connection much easier if the data and processes are "Open"

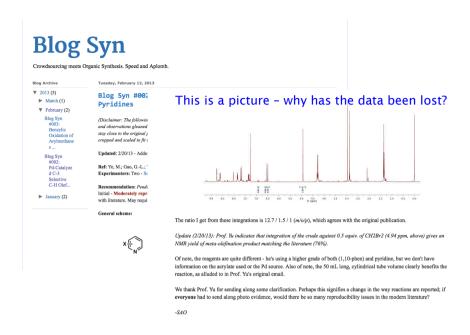
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Validation

- · Increasing the value of data
- · How to bring all the necessary information together to enable appropriate validation
- Increasingly difficult & expensive to achieve
- · Need provenance and context
- Essential step otherwise just a collection of items

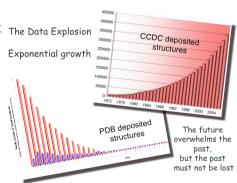


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Unavailable Information

- Not just lots of data but why are many of the structures unpublished so certainly unavailable?
- The E-Crystals and E-Bank The Data Explosion Project looked at how to address this issue
- Is making data available the same as depositing a copy with someone else?



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"We have lots of information technology. We just don't have any information."

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Peony



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http://en.wikipedia.org/wikiFile:PaeoniaSuffruticosa7.jpg

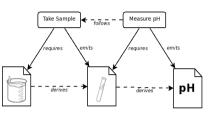
"An ontology for Planning and Enactment"

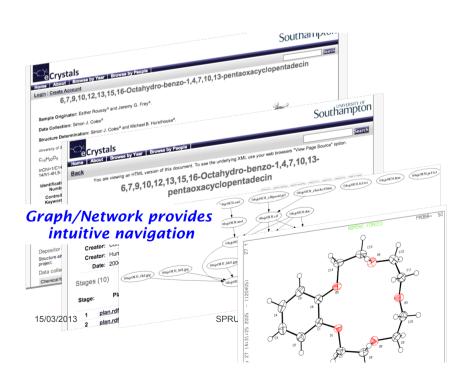
"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But, in practice, there is."

Unknown (possibly Yogi Berra)

P&E Ontology: Planning

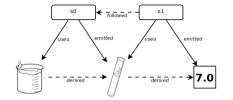
- <u>Prospective</u> provenance
- Describes a scientific experiment that *will be enacted* (in the future)
- Three entity types:
 - Plan
 - Plan Stage
 - Plan Object





P&E Core Ontology: Enactment

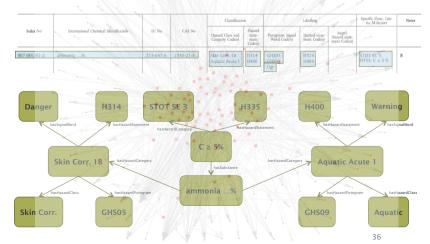
- Retrospective provenance
- Describes a scientific experiment that *was enacted*



- Three entity types:
 - Run
 - Stage
 - Object

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Example: "ammonia ...%"



Change in the whole way we design and build



3D Printers: A radical change to the experimental section of a paper!





IT as a Utility

funded under Research Council UK's Digital Economy theme





First two successful pilot projects recently confirmed:

• Trusted Tiny Things - led from University of

Aberdeen

 Using Wireless Networks to Support First Responders and Resilience in United Areas

- led from QMUL & Cambridge

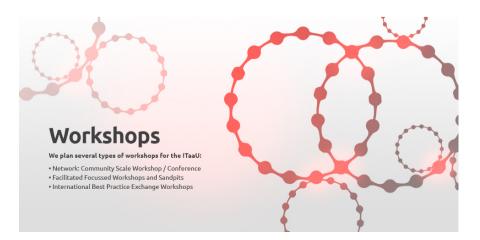
Pilot projects

Over the next 3 years we will periodically issue calls for Pilot Projects in the ITaaU area. These will be projects of up to £50k.

The first two successful pilot projects have just been launched.



- Smart Spaces and Diversity
 Emerging Economies: International Perspectives
 Libraries of the Future
 - Broadcast Media and Social Media
 - Data as a Utility, Hardware as a Utility Plus:
 - Sandpits and Workshop+ events
 - · International Best Practice Exchanges



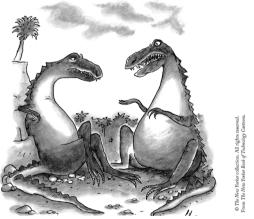
Call 1 now open



"a temporary transfer to a new research environment"



We must speed up the knowledge discovery process



All I am saying is that now is the time to develop the technology to deflect an asteroid

TECHNOLOGY

UK must bridge 'valley of death' stopping research being commercialised

By Olivia Solon 14 March 13



Thank you for listening



Trust me Mort - no electronic communications superhighway, no matter how vast and sophisticated, will ever replace the art of the schmooze

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