

MRFN Website

1. How do we get information?
 1. Fuzzy was the most knowledgeable with regards to the feeds. But my impression was that only UCSB had an actual feed
 2. Freshness of Data – what have you found?
 1. Ram Seshadri (UCSB) said his experience was that data was fresh.
 3. Right now it looks like some centers don't really pay too much attention to how data gets into MRFN. To be more specific, they don't know whether there are feeds or whether they are supposed to manually update the data.
2. Analytics Traffic
 1. Looks like there are about 80-100 visitors a day
3. What are use cases?
 1. Industry users search and request (search works currently)
 2. Other labs ask
 3. The public searches for instruments
4. Information direction: Sending information out? Newsletter? APIs?
 1. There was interest within the group for a periodic email of all the updates made to the MRFN site, rather than having to check it every now and then.
5. Catalog – does the catalog as it is, make sense?
 1. Yes, Ram Seshadri (UCSB) said that the catalog was sufficient in the data that it contained.

A gentleman from UW expressed that the session was good for him because he didn't know much about MRFN, or really even about its existence.

Tim Lodge: Second part of the creation of MRFN was helping smaller orgs coming over to use the instruments – what has happened with that effort?

UT Austin wants to link to the network

MRFN IS the system of record for the instrumentation data. So all data should go in and out of this site.

From Ashish: Should we have a periodic MRFN email that goes out to all MRSEC PIs?

Action Items:

- Work with Fuzzy to fix the feed
- Look into exposing the instrument data as a feed as well