

PPARC e-science Summer School

Small Group Overview

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Nic's stuff....

- Confirmation that pre-course ideas are valid and there are e-research directions e.g. neural networks, Perl/Java power...
- “What do I want to achieve??”
- “What can I achieve??”
- AstroGrid...

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- Astronomy/astronomers lagging behind Particle Physics in Grid computing
- AstroGrid, UK attempt to Virtual Observatory
- Made necessary by data explosion in astronomy
- > Now in testing mode, status update, “who’s doing what”, 1st generation/primary users...

Eric's stuff....

- Useful perspective on the practical datamining problems
- It seems that abstracting some observing details would be appreciated
- Keeping work general to allow flexibility
- Generally, much better overview of current Grid state of play – feedback in to our plans

Ahmed's stuff....

- Good to see wider picture. (What people are working on).
- Course provided good networking opportunity.
- Commercial talk was enlightening

Nic's Rant...

- Learnt stuff! Really good to see that other folk are having/had the same general problems I've had (“How much science and how much e should I be doing??”)
- Loyalty Cards (“Stuart's 2am rant”)
- Tidal Waves