

## Improving Access to European E-Theses: the DART-Europe Programme

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## Outline

- Background
- The partnership
- Key relationships
- The DART-Europe Portal
- Other DART-Europe activities
- Partnership Agreement
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## DART-Europe: first phase

- ❑ Began in 2005 as a 18-month project
- ❑ Founding academic partners from UK (UCL, Dartington, Oxford University) and Ireland (Trinity College Dublin)
- ❑ In association with ProQuest (technology partner)
- ❑ Working where possible with national libraries and consortia
- ❑ Resourced only through partner contributions



## DART-Europe: first phase - aims

- Creation of an open access Portal for e-theses
- Creation of a hosted repository service
- Collation/creation of general advice and guidance on e-theses, including IPR, formats...
- Demonstrator digital preservation service for e-theses
- Identification of a business model for sustainability, founded on value-added services
  - e.g. sale of bound copies, copyright checking, metadata enrichment



## DART-Europe: first phase - successes and...

- Created a demonstrator Portal for e-theses
- Successfully tested a hosted repository service - still available through ProQuest
- Limited work on advice and guidance - this was taken on very effectively by other bodies, such as GUIDE
- No digital preservation testing
- Business model not identified in this period



## DART-Europe: second phase, 2007-

- A fully community-led partnership
- Administered by UCL; governed by a Board of Partners
- Resourced entirely through partner contributions
- No longer a 'project'; DART-Europe is ongoing
- Supporting the management, discovery, usability and preservation of e-theses



## Current partners

- BICfB (Bibliothèque Interuniversitaire de la Communauté française de Belgique), Belgium
- CBUC (Consorti de Biblioteques Universitàries de Catalunya), Spain
- University of Debrecen University and National Library, Hungary
- Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, Germany
- DiVA (Digitala Vetenskapliga Arkive), Sweden and Norway
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- Tartu University, Estonia
- Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- UCL (University College London), UK



## Prospective partners

- ABES (France)
- Austrian University Libraries
- EthosNet (UK)
- NORA (Norwegian Open Research Archive)
- PINDAR (Denmark)
- PLEIADI (Italy)
- Swiss University Libraries





## Key relationships

- ❑ LIBER
  - ❑ DART-Europe is endorsed by LIBER as part of the work of the LIBER Access Division
- ❑ NDLTD (Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations)
  - ❑ DART-Europe is the NDLTD's Working Group for Europe
- ❑ Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB), Netherlands
  - ❑ DART and KB are discussing joint work on digital preservation of e-theses
- ❑ DRIVER
  - ❑ A DART-DRIVER partnership? Exploratory technical work has begun.
  - ❑ DART is also contributing to DRIVER guidelines.



## The DART-Europe E-theses Portal

- Access to 90,000+ full-text e-theses.
- Thesis records from:
  - 34 data sources (a mixture of national, consortial and institutional)
  - 11 countries
  - 140 institutions
- Daily updates
- Data collection using simple OAI Dublin Core
  - MODS, MARC also supported
- Off-the-shelf harvesting technology (PKP)
- Bespoke user interface



## A pragmatic outlook

- ❑ Interoperability can be very complex
- ❑ DART-Europe aims to keep things simple
  - ❑ Minimise technical barriers for potential contributors
  - ❑ Focus on supporting discovery by users
- ❑ Realistic metadata guidelines:
  - ❑ Essential: author, title, date, identifier (hyperlink)
  - ❑ Desirable: abstract, institution, language, contributor (supervisor)
- ❑ Portal does not attempt to capture and consolidate every piece of information about every thesis
  - ❑ maintains links to source repositories for full metadata, award details, rights info, supplementary data...



## Overview (N.B. this version is due for release July 08 – what you see here is still a work in progress!)

The screenshot shows the DART-Europe E-theses Portal (DEEP) in Microsoft Internet Explorer. The browser title is "The DART-Europe E-theses Portal (DEEP) - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php". The page content includes a search form with "Saturn" entered, a navigation menu, and a welcome message.

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The DART-Europe E-theses Portal provides access to **91751** records from **11** European countries.

**Welcome to the development site for the DART-Europe E-theses Portal (DEEP).**

DART-Europe is a partnership of research libraries and library consortia who are working together to improve global access to European research theses. DART-Europe is endorsed by [LIBER](#) (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) as part of the work of the [LIBER Access Division](#), and it is the European Working Group of the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations ([NDLTD](#)).

This demonstrator Portal is being developed using Simple Dublin Core. The partners are exploring the use of a more focused metadata standard for European e-theses.

Feedback on the demonstrator portal is welcome: please contact [ucylamm@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ucylamm@ucl.ac.uk).

For more information about the DART-Europe programme, visit the [DART-Europe Web site](#).

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**Author:** Danielsson, Mathias

**Title:** Spectroscopic study of titanium monohydride and storage ring experiments

**Department:** Stockholm University, Faculty of Science, Physics Department

**URI:** urn:nbn:se:su:diva-7451

**Publication type:** Doctoral thesis

**Language:** English [en] with a summary in English [en]

**Keywords:** TiH, TiD, transition metal hydride, dissociative recombination

**Defence:** 2008-04-18, sal FA32, AlbaNova universitetscentrum, Roslagstullsbacken 21, Stockholm, 14:00, Swedish

**Opponent:** Launila, Olli, Dr, KTH Tillämpad fysik, Sweden

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# Spectroscopic study of titanium monohydride and storage ring experiments

**Mathias Danielsson**

Academic dissertation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Physics at Stockholm University to be publicly defended on Friday 18 April 2008 at 14:00 in sal FA32, AlbaNova universitetscentrum, Roslagstullsbacken 21.

## **Abstract**

This thesis describes two projects, spectroscopy of the astrophysically relevant molecule TiH and its isotopologues TiD, and the dissociative recombination (DR) reaction of astrophysically and





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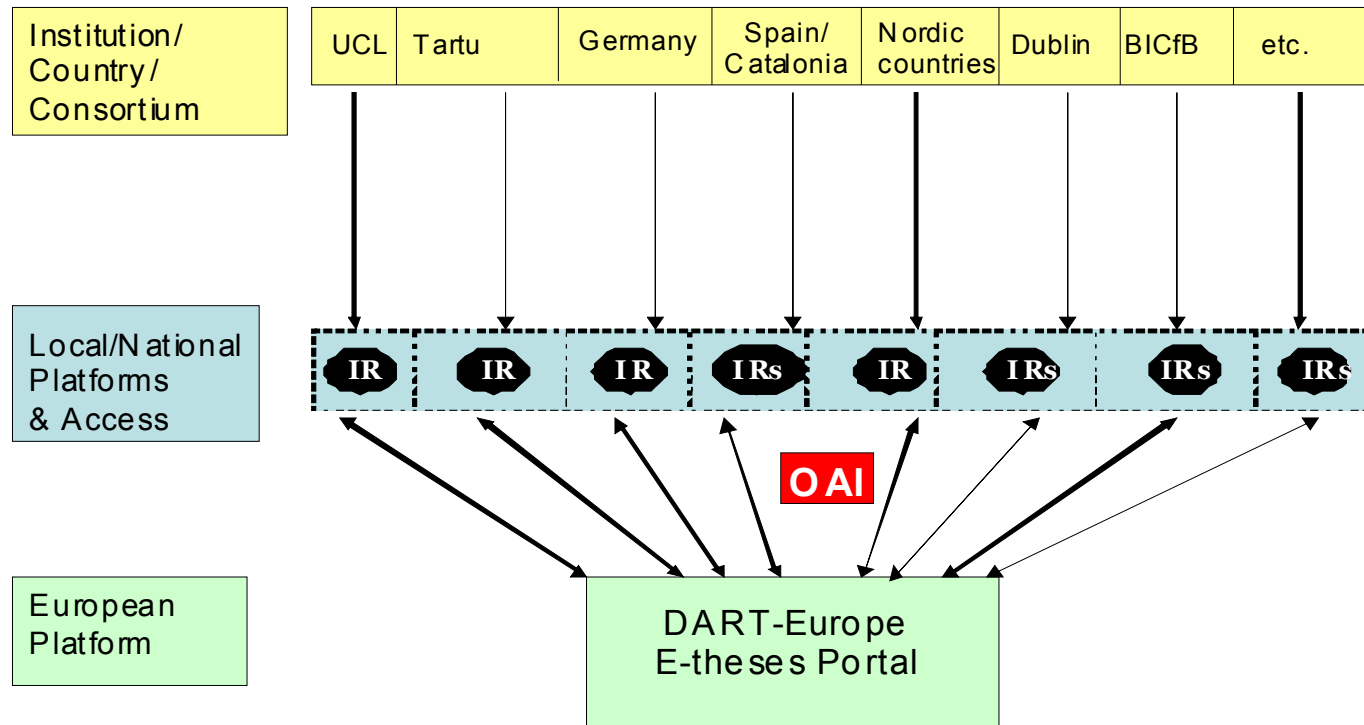
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# Portal - simple overview



## Interoperability in practice

- ❑ Repositories usually have rich, well-organised local metadata
- ❑ However, when exporting records, everybody does things differently
  - ❑ Dublin Core can be interpreted and used in different ways
  - ❑ Meaning can be lost (example - [dates](#))
  - ❑ Fundamental information not always present, or not helpfully formatted
  - ❑ Many repository managers don't have the technical expertise/support/time to meet even simple guidelines
- ❑ To deliver even a no-frills discovery service like the DART Portal requires additional work on harvested data.

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## Example: dates

DC Field	Value	Language
dc.contributor.author	Ioffe, M	-
dc.date.accessioned	2008-06-18T06:10:33Z	-
dc.date.available	2008-06-18T06:10:33Z	-
dc.date.issued	1911	-
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Excerpt from thesis record, as seen by users at source repository

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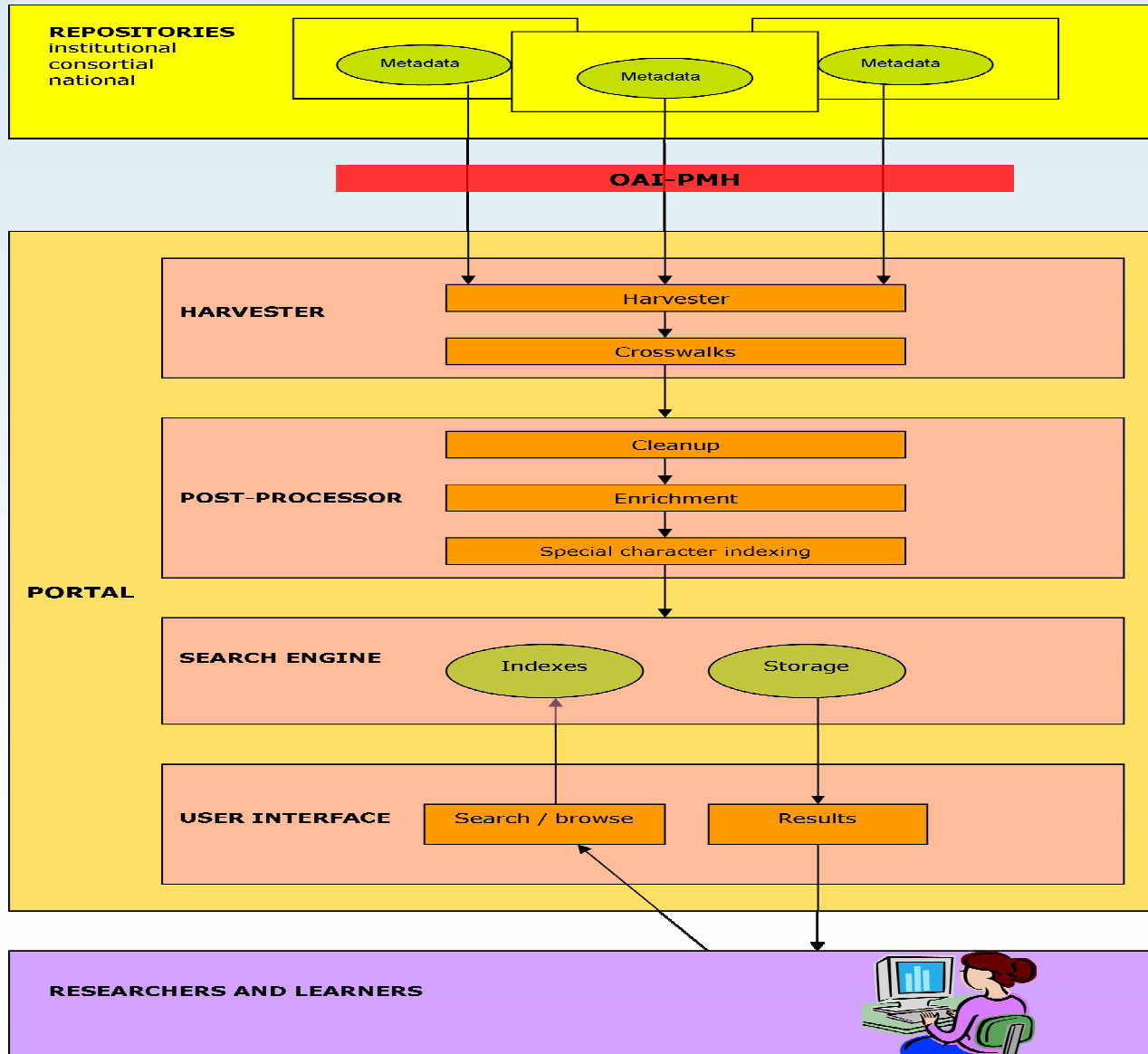
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Possible outcome for a harvesting-based service...

# Portal - technical overview



## DART-Europe Portal - future plans

- Switch to new version of interface (July 2008)
- Launch the Portal as a service (Q4 2008)
- Service improvements:
  - User-oriented: RSS, alerts, refine searches, export results.
  - Extend multilingual search/retrieval; interface translations.
  - Usage statistics.
- Determine running costs.
  - What do users really want? Is it feasible?
  - Sustainable cost-recovery plan can then be pursued
  - Exploratory work with DRIVER under way.



## DART-Europe: other activities

- ❑ DART-Europe has other technical interests...
  - ❑ Digital preservation; retrodigitisation of theses; metadata
- ❑ ...and non-technical interests. Early in 2008, GUIDE (Guiding Universities In Doctoral Theses) merged into DART-Europe
  - ❑ DART-GUIDE will support advocacy and training
  - ❑ Earlier work by GUIDE is available through the DART Web site
    - ❑ A survey of e-theses developments across Europe, by country
    - ❑ Collation of good practice and toolkits covering advocacy, metadata, legal issues, and lessons learned from major European e-theses projects



## Partnership Agreement

- 'Light-touch'
  - Places very few obligations on partners
  - But helps to build a sense of community
- Partners agree to 7 principles, for example:
  - Partners are invited to contribute metadata, on their own terms, to the Portal
  - Partners are invited to contribute resources to support DART-Europe's work
  - Partners help DART-Europe to be an effective network for e-thesis information, expertise and resources



## Conclusion

- ❑ No dedicated funding means that progress has been incremental, but the Partners have remained enthusiastic, and results are finally becoming tangible.
- ❑ The Portal is potentially a useful scholarly resource, and there is already evidence that it is being used. It is time to start marketing it to the academic community.
- ❑ The Partners benefit from DART-Europe as an effective networking organisation - not just for thesis issues.
- ❑ Much to look forward to in the coming months
  - ❑ Collaboration with the KB; co-working with DRIVER; expansion of Partnership; further Portal developments; renewal of GUIDE's work...
  - ❑ Hopefully the LIBER community will benefit!





## Further information

- DART-Europe Web site:

<http://www.dart-europe.eu/About>

- Portal:

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- Email: [m.moyle@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.moyle@ucl.ac.uk)

- Thank you

