

Meeting Notes

28th of October 2025

- SciCatCon
 - **SciCatCon 2026**
Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Zentrum (MLZ)
at the Research Neutron Source Heinz Maier-Leibnitz (FRM II)
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Available dates:
 - Tue, 23rd June - Thu, 25th June 2026
 - Tue, 30th June - Thu, 2nd July 2026
Please express your preferences for the dates in slack poll:
<https://scicat.slack.com/archives/C07BC3UU5ME/p1761664524878729>
MLZ would like to have an answer by the next meeting on 2025/11/11
 - **SciCatCon 2027 (Tentative)**
MaxIV
Lund, Sweden
- Float numbers in FE
 - PR is ready for review
<https://github.com/SciCatProject/frontend/pull/2067>
- PR review
 - Max asked if it makes sense to have PR reviewed by two different people with at least one of them not from a different institution/stakeholder
 - A productive discussion followed
 - The following decision was reached:
 - Small PR for bug fixing and not disruptive can be reviewed by only one person
 - Big PR in term of code changes and disruptive changes should be reviewed by at least two reviewers, one of them should be from a different institution/stakeholder
 - Concerns have been raised for rate of review and acceptance.
 - The community will monitor the activities and evaluate the impact
 - This decision should be included in the governance documents
- Configurable actions
 - Max presented the current state of the configurable actions
 - First PR will include configurable actions for filelist and dataset

- As soon as the PR is ready, a meeting will be organized to discuss it.
Interested participants: Max, Spencer.
Please reach out if you are interested
- Configurable actions will be extended to datasets list and selection
- this required a change in the selection and published data to include proposals and samples
- The community supports the changes.
- More discussion and brainstorming is needed before implementation start
- Dependabot clutter
 - Emil asked if Dependabot PR can be grouped to reduce the number and also to reduce commit message size
 - It should be configurable through the repo settings
 - Jay and Emil will work on it
- Ingestor PR
 - FE PR 2040 (<https://github.com/SciCatProject/frontend/pull/2040>) has been open for a while.
 - There is a matching BE PR 2304
<https://github.com/SciCatProject/scicat-backend-next/pull/2304>
 - Spencer proposed to merge it as is and then do incremental PRs to improve and bug fixes
 - The PR introduces the new FE feature to be able to create datasets just within the FE
 - It has two modes of operation:
 - depended on an external service to transfer the data in the correct location
 - Assuming that the data are already located in the correct location
 - The feature can be disabled completely and it does not interfere with any of the other functionalities
 - The community decided to give a 2 weeks time window for reviews, if at the next collaboration meeting no reviews have been made, the PR will be merged as is.
 - Volunteers for reviewing the PR:
 - Gareth
 - Jay
 - Max
 - Emil
 - Emil and Bjorg discussed the needs to rebase and merge squash this PR, as it is a huge PR
- Jobs
 - Spencers provided an update on jobs
 - Collaboration with DESY has been productive
 - Email functionality within the job is working
 - Spencer needs some examples of email template to be able to complete the testing and improve the relative documentation

- Documentation for jobs is complete. We need a location where to save it.
- Despina is in charge of the job documentation. She is busy at the moment
- ISPyB
 - Max asked about which facility is using ISPyB and are affected by the latest changes to the project.
 - Max IV is working to integrate the ISPyB FE with SciCat BE.
 - We want to build some momentum to help facility using ISPyB and SciCat
 - DESY is using ISPyB
 - We need to build a team to brainstorm and allocate some effort to help with this project

Proposed Agenda

Next meeting: 11th of November 2025

- SciCatCon 2026 dates
 - Available dates:
 - Tue, 23rd June - Thu, 25th June 2026
 - Tue, 30th June - Thu, 2nd July 2026
- Ingestion PR
- Documentation
- Governance
- AOB (Any Other Business)

SciCat Collaborators Zoom meeting details

Topic: SciCat Collaborators Meeting

Time: Jan 7, 2025 04:00 PM Copenhagen

Every 2 weeks on Tue, until Dec 23, 2025, 26 occurrence(s)

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