

Report from Executive Committee Meeting

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Publications

- Varied degrees of readiness for publication ...
- But all received some (substantive) comments that need to be addressed
- Revised drafts by (roughly) 1st week of April
 - » Stagger them this time [avoid publication OD.]
 - » To the LSC for comments and the reviewers
 - » [April 14, draft of burst paper to reviewers.]
- Need for coherence between the drafts.
 - » Being handled by grassroots effort started by Peter Fritschel
- (roughly) April 24 drafts ready for publication
- [Complaints about the schedule: UL Chairs Telecon.]

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APS Meeting Talks: 5-6 April

- Try to update our presentation from the AAAS
 - » Considerable progress has been made in a few weeks.
- Similar "approval" process to AAAS slides.
 - » All Slides (with "results" on them) should be approved by reviewers.
- Erik Katsavounidis will need updated slides
- Other presenters also should update their slides, and pass them by the reviewers.
- Compressed Schedule, so please move quickly

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S2 Plans

- All groups presented a list of options
- ... move to concise plans by early May.
- All LSC Telecon (tentative) 2nd week of May.
 - » UL Groups state their plans and timetable
- When scheduling ...
 ... Keep in Mind: Amaldi Meeting (July)
 - » Major meeting in our field
 - » A strong LSC (UL Group) Showing is encouraged.
 - » Hopefully, S1 papers will be out the door, but we would like to do better
 - » Possible preliminary S2 results. [Similar review process for slides.]



S3 Plans

- Current system of (UL) groups seems to work reasonably well.
 - » Let's not upset the apple cart. [No plans to change ... Yet.]
 - » New leadership may want/need/decide how to (re)organize.
- But...
 - » A more varied approach should come from within the groups
 - Many cases, part of the original proposal ... just hasn't been executed
 - Chairs should be receptive to new (bottom up) ideas within the groups
 - Only rule: Data analysis efforts need to be transparent and open to the collaboration.





Grid Computing

- Pulsar group used some "grid" methods to run their analysis
- TFClusters also
- Other search codes and simulations will likely do so in the future.
- Tasking the LSUG (Patrick Brady, Chair) to lead the way on how these searches should be implemented.
 - » Quoting Keith: should be "user friendly"