

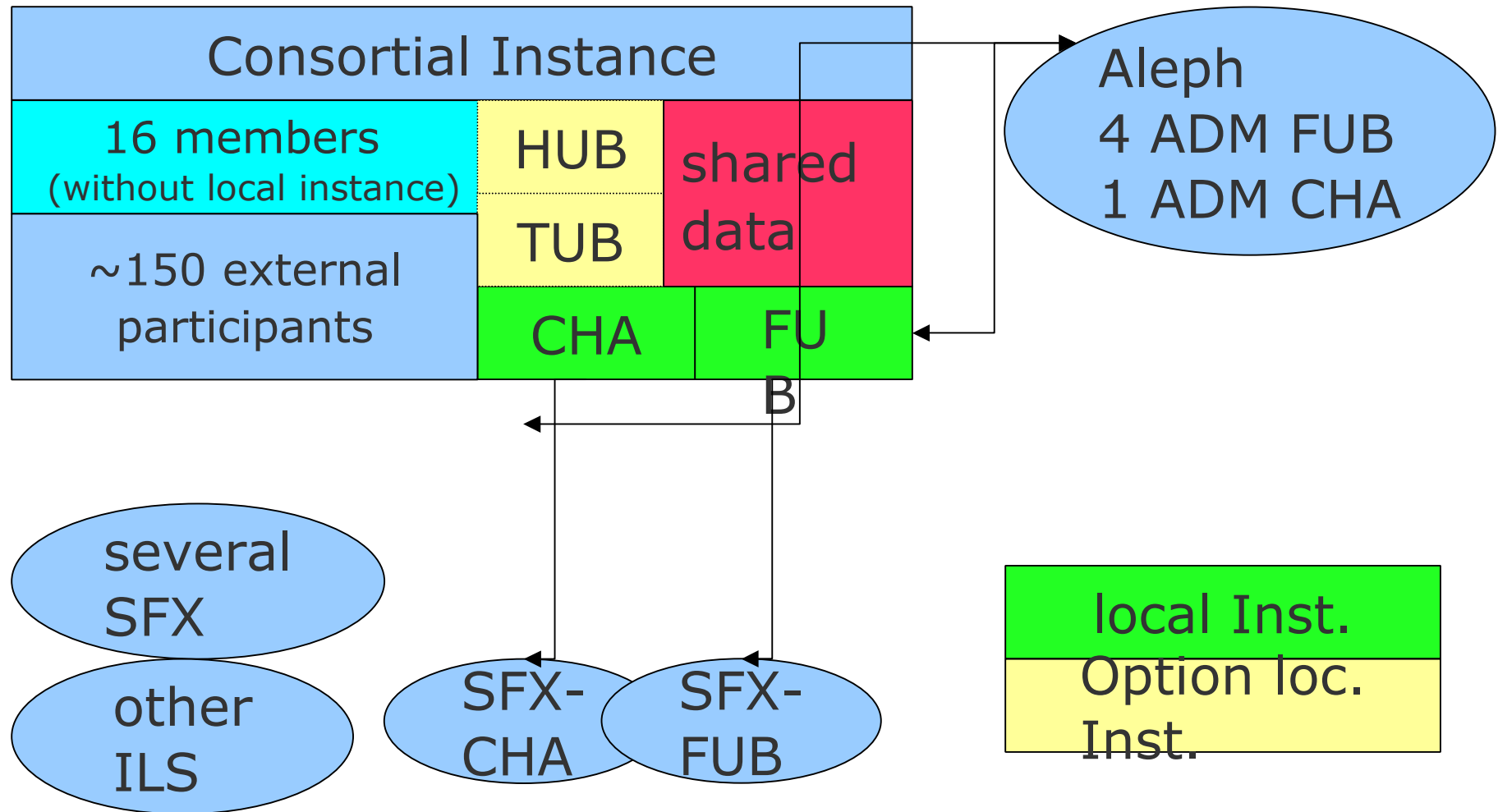


# Experience with VERDE in the FAK Consortia Berlin-Brandenburg, Germany

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## Structure of the FAK Consortia Model

Shared Asymmetric Consortia Model with SFX and Aleph Interaction



## Our experiences

Start in Aug. 2006 with Installation of V2 and training

Verde is not easy to understand => needs extensive staff training

Verde influences heavily the workflows and results in rearrangement of workflows – a big issue for local implementation

No suggested practices exist – we have done it by ourselves

100+ SI, ~ 50 are solved and done with, e.g.

- Inconsistency of data (-> Index problems)
- View access (guest-members) can open an workflow
- Test instance works different (playground) – impossible to test real problems and workflows before production
- Number of characters in some fields not sufficient
- Problems with activation of selective packages
- Problems with mailing configuration file (-> a white space character from copy and paste cause disruption of Verde e-mailing)

**We are not in production yet (SP 348, Sept. 2007)**

## Implementation Partner Program

ExLibris Verde strategy changed after discussions at the System Seminar in Potsdam May 2007

Start of the Implementation Partner Program with 4 customers - FAK consortium is one of the partners, start in August 2007

Intensive discussions with the developers

Main issues to be solved in version 2: SFX synchronisation, report capabilities, best practices, documentation ...

First solutions from ExLibris ready for tests in September 2007

**Intended STP in 2007!**

## (Main) Open Issues

### **To be solved before start of Production (STP)**

- Significant improvement of documentation
- Synchronisation of locally created e-Constituents and Packages with SFX
- Adequate reports, mainly for consortial purposes
- Shared consortial data must not overwrite local data in SFX

### **To be solved for routine work**

- A way to send data correction to CKB Team (like Mail Button in SFX)
- An indicator for currency and exchange rates
- Possibility of complex searches (V3)
- Data model change: title list as a property of contract , not of packages (so far complex contracts can only be handled with workarounds, V3)
- Consortial data must not overwrite local data in SFX in a shared environment

... and a lot of other smaller enhancements to make life with Verde easier ;-)

## What we have done and what we expect

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### What we have done:

We created our own working papers to describe our work in the asymmetric shared consortial environment

We trained our staff and re-arranged (theoretically!) the workflows on consortial data and with SFX activation

We discuss workarounds for the data model problem (creation of local data;-))

### What we expect ExLibris to do:

We are waiting for the report functions, mainly for the consortial instance

We are waiting for a data loading for library data (consortia)

We are waiting for update of the vendor loader for loading data from Aleph

We are waiting for a solution of the local data problem

::: VERDE works already :-I

Verde works already now - if you have

- a simple contract structure, i.e. one Package = one active contract
- no interaction with Aleph (exception: AskAleph/AskVerde in one ADM)
- no need for lists/reports of active title per package/contract and other helpful data output
- CKB data and no/low localisation of e-Constituents
- no interaction with SFX or accept double work for the low localisation data and do not share these data in a consortial environment
- accept all the typical bugs and missing helpful minor enhancements in the first version of a product

But the end of 2007 ...

... it will hopefully also work in our Shared Asymmetric Consortia Model!