



**Security Model and
Harmonization Options/Plans
in context of the European Middleware Initiative**

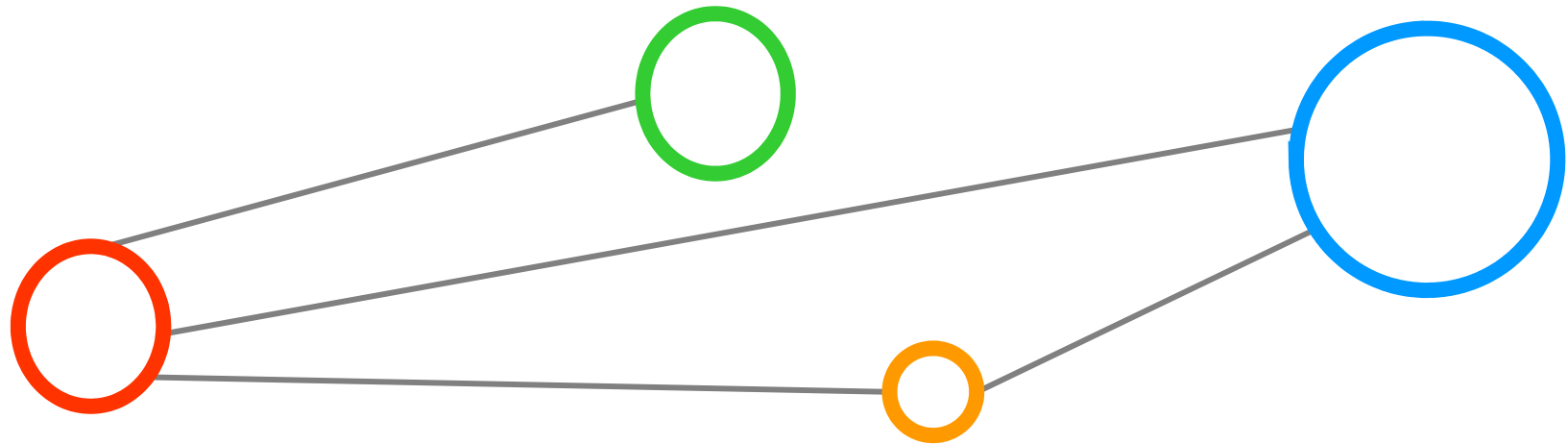
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Outline

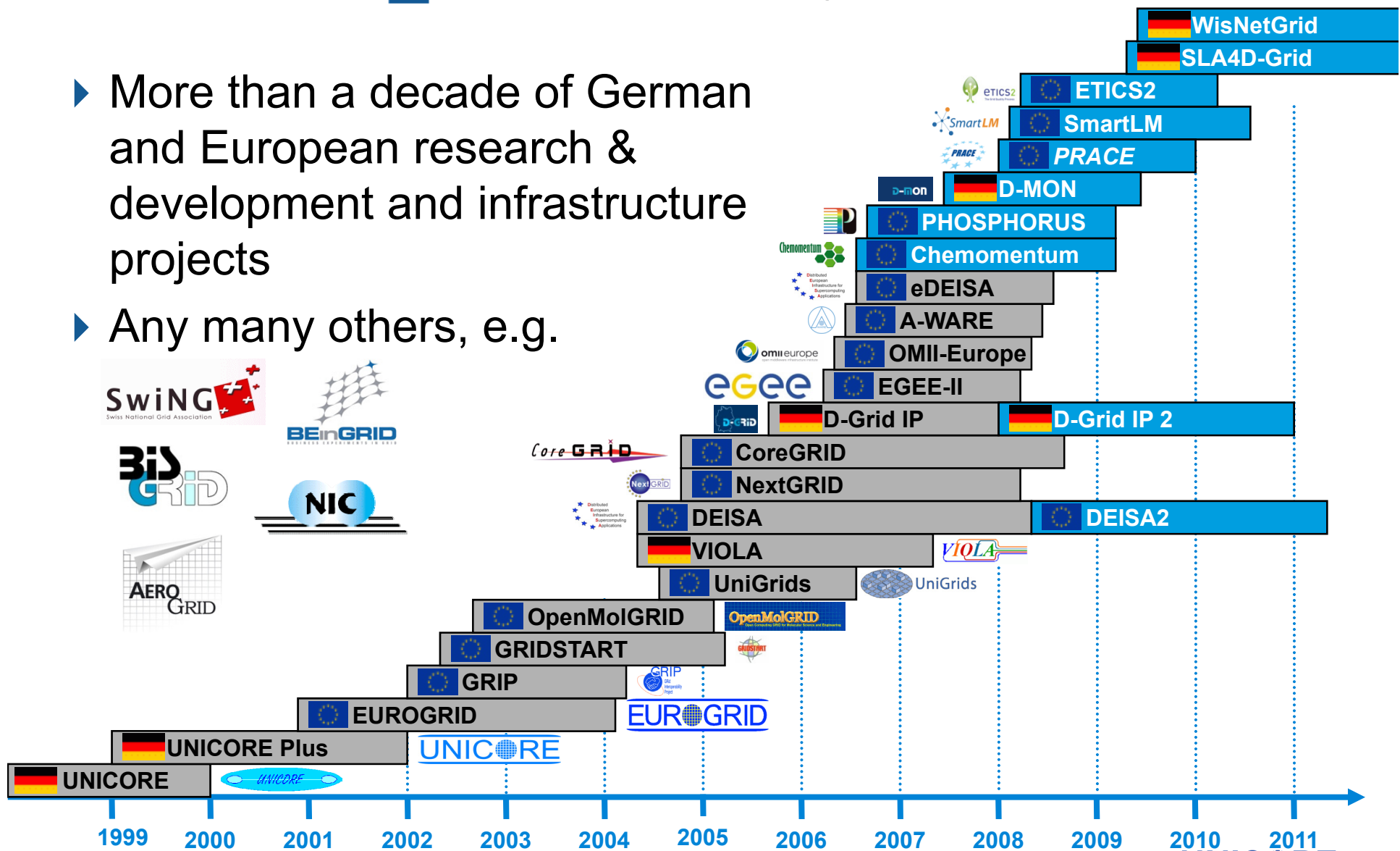
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UNICORE 101



UNICORE Projects

- ▶ More than a decade of German and European research & development and infrastructure projects
- ▶ Any many others, e.g.



UNICORE in Supercomputing



Distributed European Infrastructure for Supercomputing Applications

- ▶ Consortium of leading national HPC centers in Europe
- ▶ Deploy and operate a persistent heterogeneous HPC environment
- ▶ UNICORE as Grid Middle

- ▶ On top of DEISA's core services:

- ▶ Dedicated network
- ▶ Shared file system
- ▶ Common production environment at all sites

- ▶ Used e.g. for workflow applications

SKIF-GRID federation

• Joint Russian-Belarus project

• Federation of 8 HPC centers

- UNICORE middleware
- 3 computers in the current Jun'08 Top 500
- ~100 TFlops peak
- Research program in HPC services

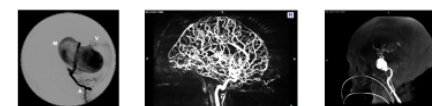


Clinical Supercomputing

Diagnosis and decision support in surgery

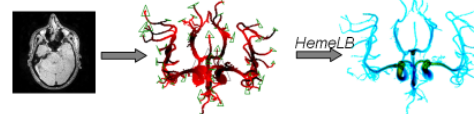
- Provide simulation support from *within the operating theatre* for neuroradiologists (turnaround times of 15-20 minutes)
- **Provide new information to surgeons for patient management and therapy:**

1. Diagnosis and risk assessment
2. Predictive simulation in therapy



- Modelling blood flow with HemeLB

- Efficient fluid solver using Lattice-Boltzman, sparse geometries, like a vascular tree
- Optimized inter-machine comm.
- Instrumented with comp. steering



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UNICORE in National Grids

UNICORE Usage in D-Grid



Core D-Grid sites committing parts

of their existing resources

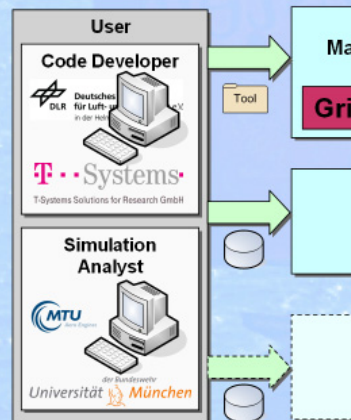
- ▶ Approx. 700 CPUs
- ▶ Approx. 1 PByte
- ▶ UNICORE is installed

Additional Sites receiving money from the BM

- compute clusters at
- ▶ Approx. 2000 CPUs
- ▶ Approx. 2 PByte
- ▶ UNICORE (as well as gLite) is installed as systems are



Collaboration within AeroGrid



•Workflow-Service and
Designed for additional

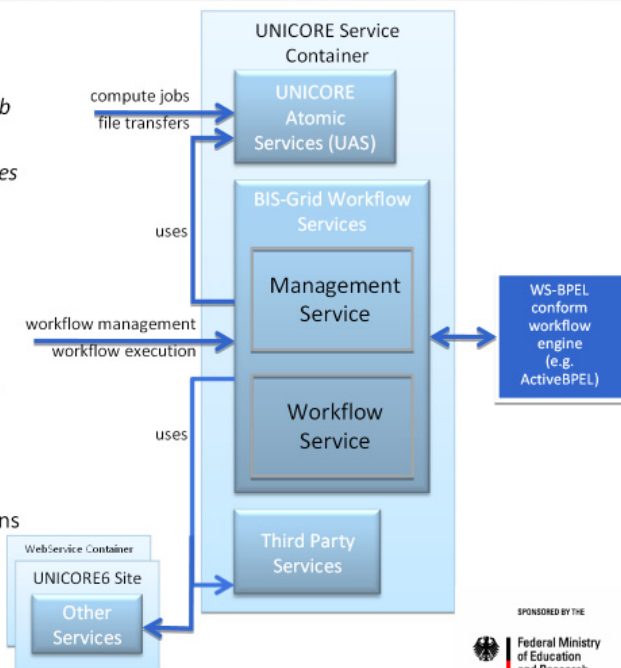


BIS-Grid: Grid-based Information Systems Integration



- **Workflow Engine for Grid Service Orchestration**
- Executes workflows that orchestrate *Web as well as WSRF Grid Services*
- Provides workflows as *WSRF Grid Services*
- Supports *Grid and IS Security* (RBAC, Certificates, Access Policies)
- Provides simple monitoring functions

- Realized as UNICORE 6 Services
- Uses WS-BPEL and an arbitrary WS-BPEL engine for orchestration
- *WS-BPEL Engine is exchangeable*
- *No proprietary WS-BPEL*
 - language extensions or modifications
 - engine extensions or modifications
- *Open Source*
- *More Information and outcomes on www.bisgrid.de*



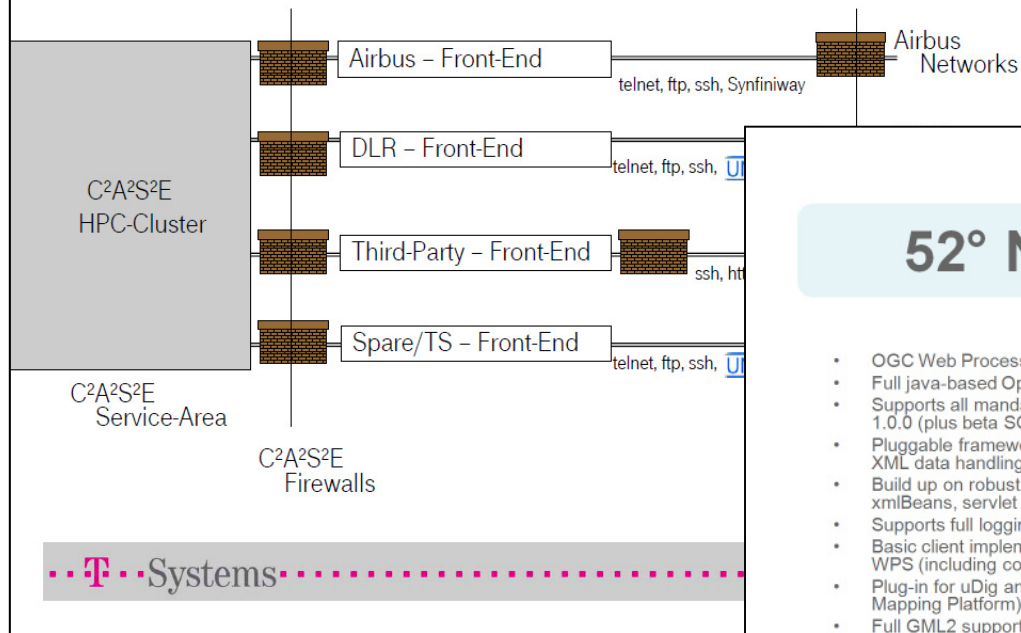
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UNICORE Commercial Environments

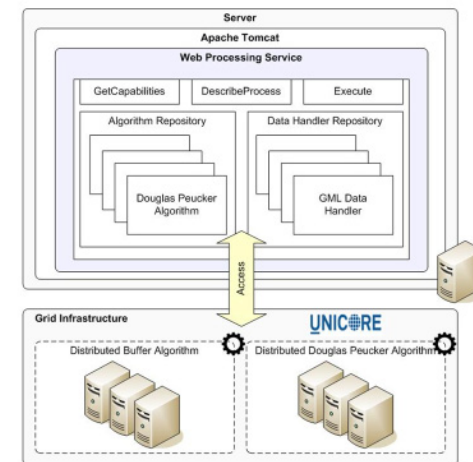
Embedding in Industrial and Research Environments: Access to C²A²S²E-HPC



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52° North WPS - Summary

- OGC Web Processing Service (WPS)
- Full java-based Open Source (GNU GPL)
- Supports all mandatory features of WPS 1.0.0 (plus beta SOAP/WSDL support)
- Pluggable framework for algorithms and XML data handling and processing
- Build up on robust libraries (JTS, geotools, xmlBeans, servlet API, derby)
- Supports full logging of service activity
- Basic client implementation for accessing WPS (including complete XML encoding)
- Plug-in for uDig and JUMP (Java Unified Mapping Platform)
- Full GML2 support for ComplexData
- Beta Raster support based on GDAL
- Asynchronous processing
- Raw data support
- Full Maven support
- Supports UNICORE for Distributed Computing



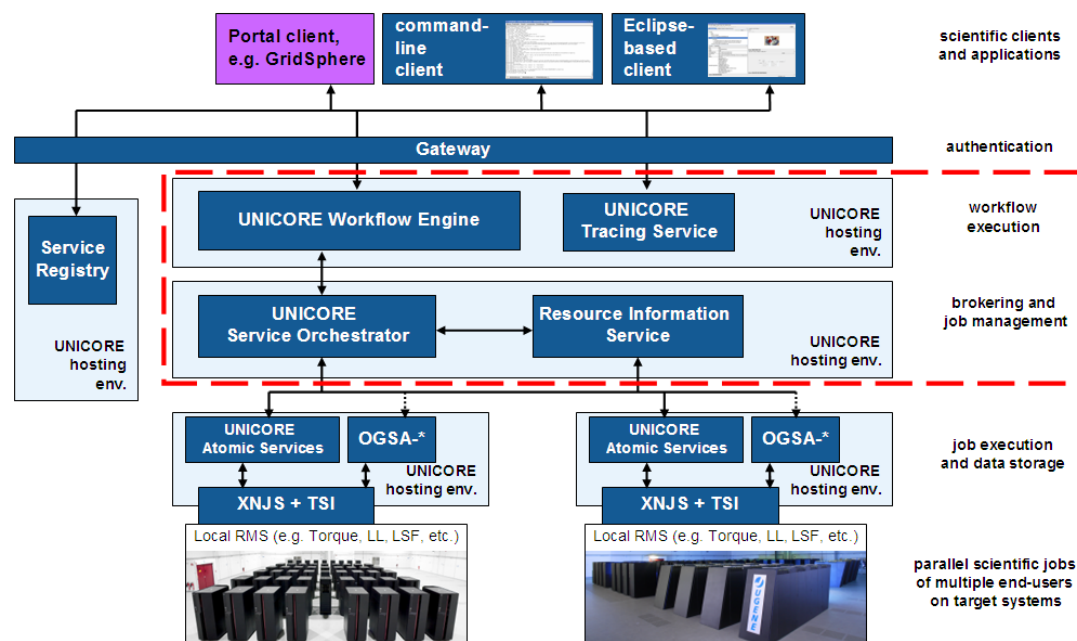
52° North Web Processing Service (WPS)

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Workflows in UNICORE 6

- ▶ Two layer architecture for scalability
- ▶ Workflow engine
 - ▶ Based on Shark open-source **XPDL** engine
 - ▶ Pluggable, domain-specific workflow languages
- ▶ Service orchestrator
 - ▶ Job execution and monitoring
 - ▶ Callback to workflow engine
 - ▶ Brokering based on pluggable strategies
- ▶ Clients
 - ▶ GUI client based on **Eclipse**
 - ▶ Commandline submission of workflows is also possible



Example: Life Science Workflow



The image displays several overlapping UNICORE Rich Client windows, illustrating a life science workflow configuration and execution environment.

Job Preparation for MOPAC:

- Job name: MOPAC
- Input file: input.slf
- Output file: output.slf
- Algorithm: DFS
- Tolerance: 5
- Time limit: 10
- ☒ Add hydrogens
- ☐ Deterministic mode

Job Preparation for MDC:

- Job name: MDC
- Application: CDK 1.0.1
- Input file: input.slf
- Output file: output.slf

Model Building Task (MDA):

- Task Name: MDA
- Descriptor File Name: desc.slf
- Property File Name: props.slf
- Output File Name: output.mlf
- Matrix Forming: ☒ Descriptor-wise
- Structure-wise: ☐ Mean substitution for each descriptor: ☐ Substitute by zero: ☐ Do not delete
- Small variance for descriptor deletion: ☒ Enable
- Variance limit: 1.0E-06
- Delete the following descriptors: [Empty list]

Workflow Configuration:

- Tools: Select, Control Flow, Applications (Gameess v1.0, Generic v1.0, MDA v1.0, MDC v0.1, Molgeo v1.0, MOPAC v7.0, PAP v0.1, POVRay v3.51, Script v2.0)
- Structures: If-Statement, While-Loop, Container
- Variables: Declaration, Modifier

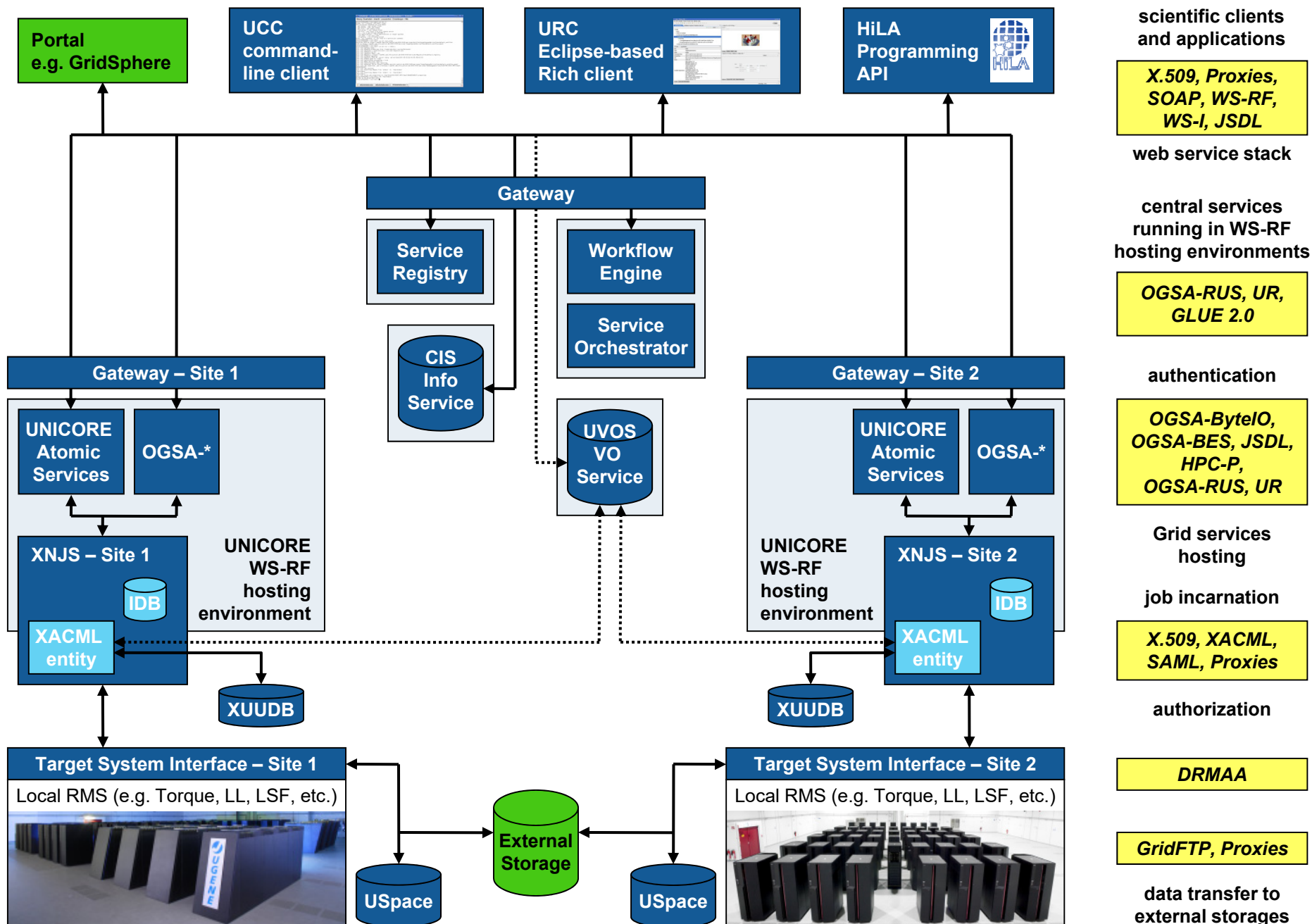
Workflow Diagram:

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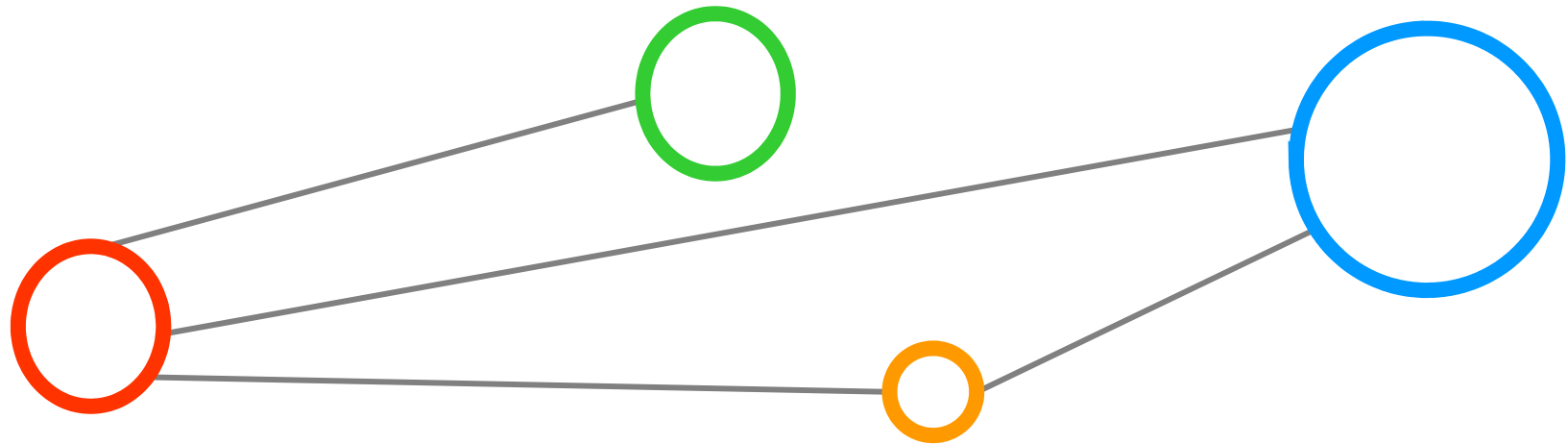
graph TD
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    Molgeo --> MOPAC[MOPAC]
    MOPAC --> MDC[MDC]
    MDC --> MDA[MDA]
    
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Users Table:

default	alias	issued for	issued by	valid to
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<input type="checkbox"/>	demo user	unicore demo user	demo ca for testing on 2012-12-31 12:00	



Security Remarks & Constraints



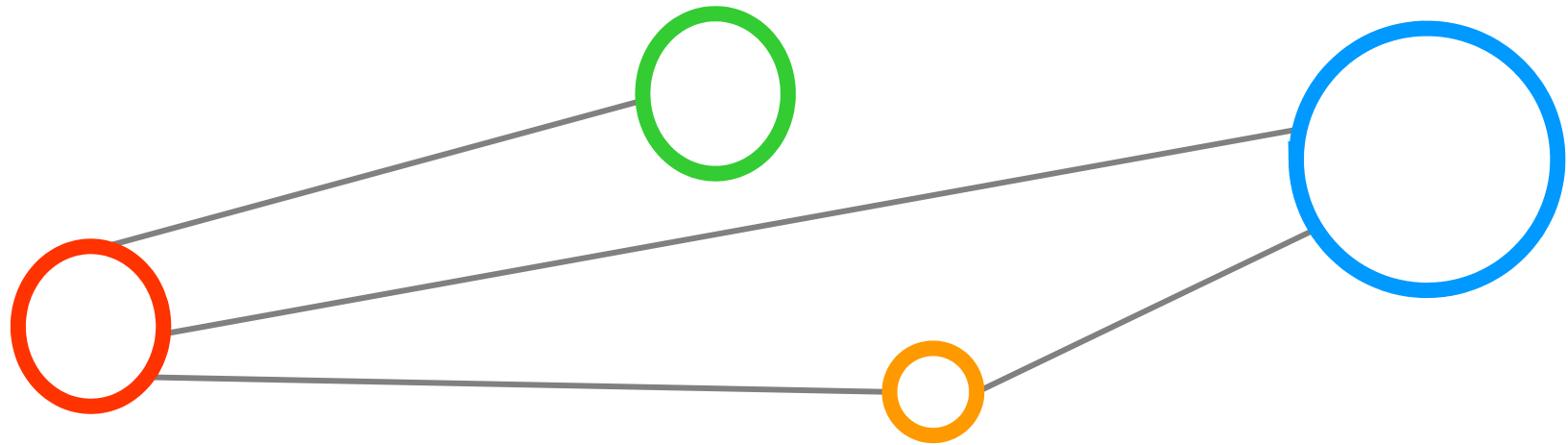
Security Remarks & Constraints (1)

- ▶ Important foundation:
 - ▶ Major difference what security the middleware supports and what security is deployed on infrastructures
 - ▶ Infrastructures should (and have to) decide on their own what security setup is necessary (not what middleware provides)
- ▶ UNICORE mostly used in environments driven by High Performance Computing (HPC), e.g. DEISA, SKIF-Grid,
 - ▶ Driver of requirements in terms of security
- ▶ Boundary condition: no pool accounts
 - ▶ Each HPC user typically has to map to one specific UNIX account

Security Remarks & Constraints (2)

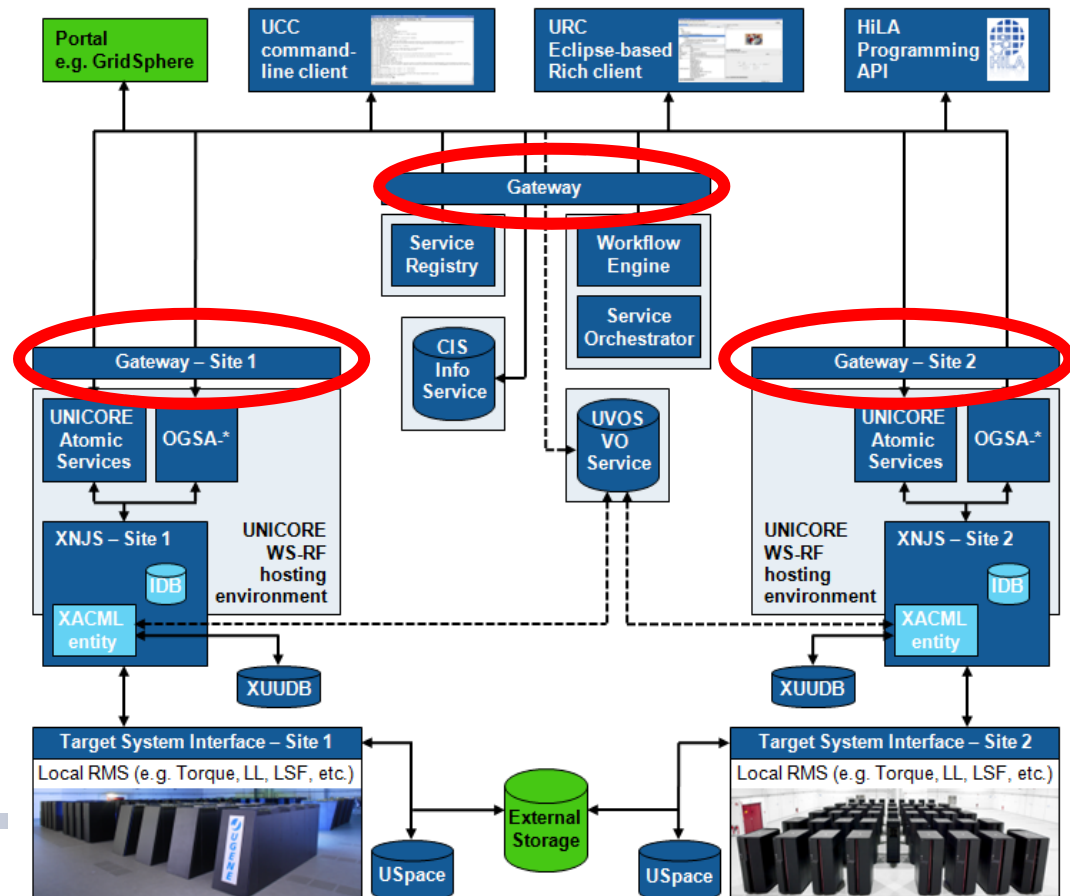
- ▶ Requirements for full X.509 end-entity certificates
 - ▶ Many HPC administrators see 'plain proxies' as unsecure (since proxies become part of OpenSSL this might change)
 - ▶ Proxies are not bad, but the way they are used in Grids is bad...
 - ▶ Issues: no constraints in what users do with them, no revocation mechanism possible even if they may have rather short lifetimes, overheads in creating proxies per hop, no commercial tooling and support available (often either forms of the certificate's DNs or path validation causes problems), etc.
- ▶ UNICORE can be also used in non HPC-driven environments
 - ▶ Different optional setups can be used to satisfy administrators and decision makers in various Grid infrastructures
- ▶ Interoperability becomes more and more a driver of new features..., e.g. using proxy-certificates, bridging to Grids,...

Foundational Security Elements



Foundational Security Elements (1)

- ▶ Authentication via the UNICORE Gateway Component
 - ▶ Accepts Transport Level Security (TLS) connections established with full X.509 end-entity-certificates
 - ▶ Checks whether certificates are still valid (lifetime), not revoked, and signed by a Certificate Authority (CA) that is being trusted (i.e. TrustStore)
 - ▶ Uses Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL) for revocation



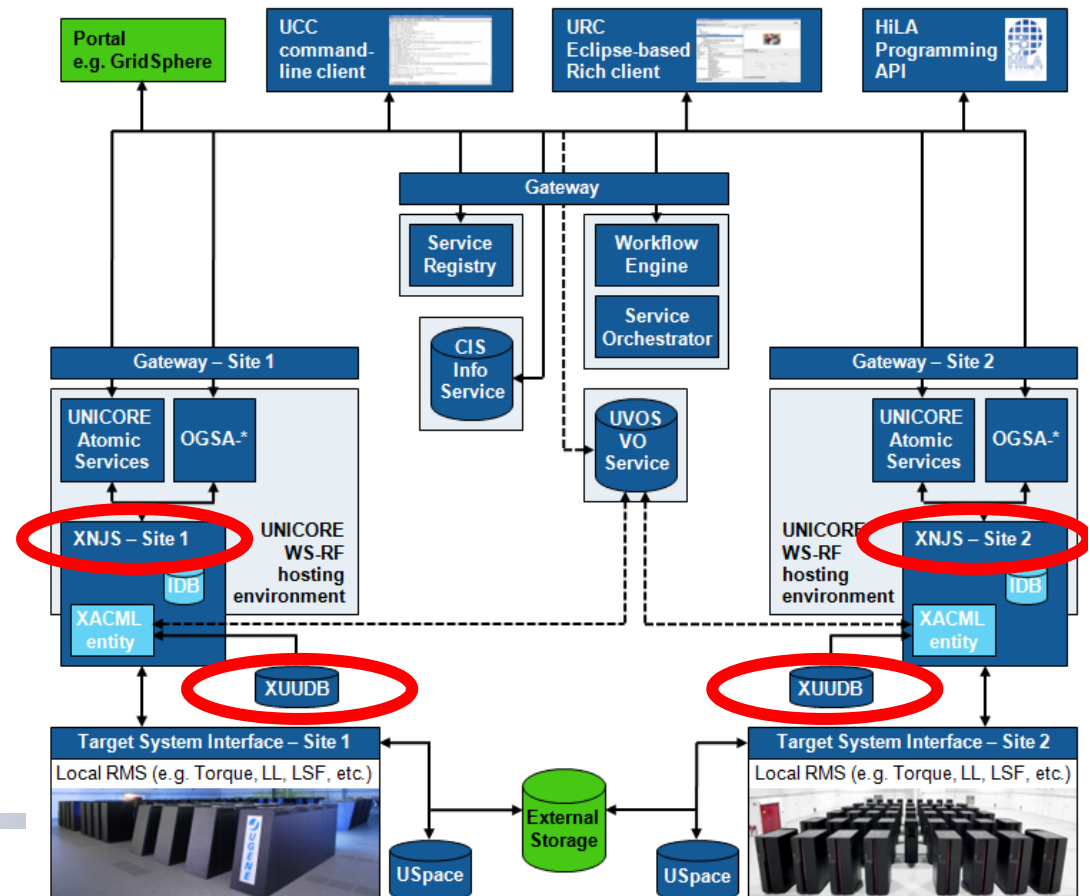
Foundational Security Elements (2)

▶ SAML Assertions

- ▶ User assertion: created and signed by the end user
- ▶ Consignor assertion: created at the gateway, contains information about the certificate used for SSL
- ▶ Trust delegation assertion
 - ▶ Initial TD is created and signed by the user. Delegates trust to a particular identity (i.e. a single DN!)
 - ▶ The trusted server can extend the TD to another identity
 - ▶ Builds a single, verifiable chain of trust (vs. proxy chains that only track DNs that are may not distinguishable, e.g. .../CN=Morris → machine-name/hop)
 - ▶ Maximum chain length and TD lifetime configurable
- ▶ Server just needs to trust the Gateway and the authorization servers (e.g. XUADB, UNICORE VO - Service,)

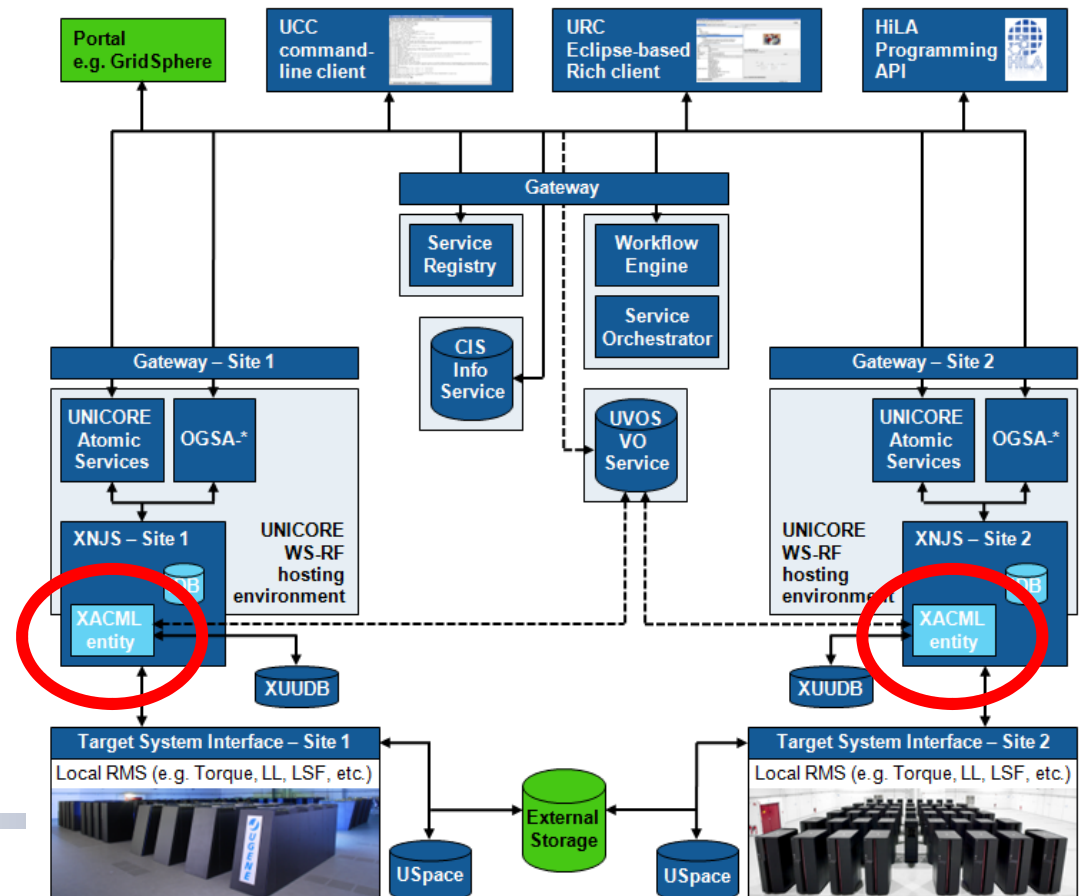
Foundational Security Elements (3)

- ▶ Numerous Authorization Capabilities through handler design
 - ▶ Gateway forwards requests to UNICORE server
 - ▶ UNICORE server processes a handler chain before each service invocation happen
 - ▶ Different authorization handlers exist
 - ▶ SAMLInHandler, SAMLVOMSInHandler, ...
 - ▶ Each Handler puts security content (i.e. attributes, roles) in 'Security context'
 - ▶ XUADB callout to map X509 to local account and role (e.g. "user")



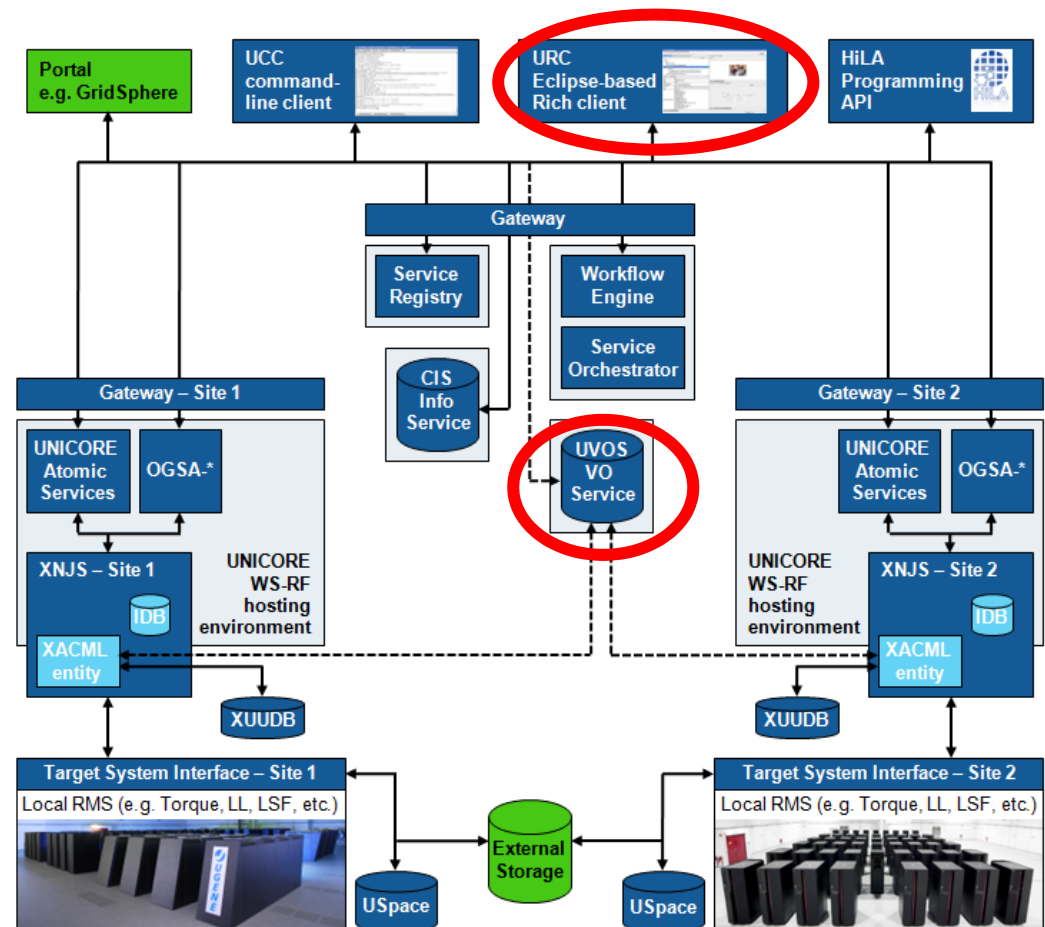
Foundational Security Elements (4)

- ▶ High flexibility in policy definition and enforcement
 - ▶ Each UNICORE server provides an XACML-based policy (XACML = eXtensible Access Control Markup Language)
 - ▶ Before each invocation, the security context (filled with information from handlers) is checked against the XACML policy
 - ▶ Simple yes/no decision if end-users get access to systems



Foundational Security Elements (5)

- ▶ Support for attributes of Virtual Organizations (VOs)
 - ▶ SAML-based UNICORE VO Service (UVOS) developed (in parallel to OMII-Europe SAML-based VOMS service)
 - ▶ SAML Requests to service according to SAML standard
 - ▶ Membership can be conveniently configured from VO administrators via a UNICORE Rich Client plug-in
 - ▶ Xlogin local accounts retrieval according to user identity



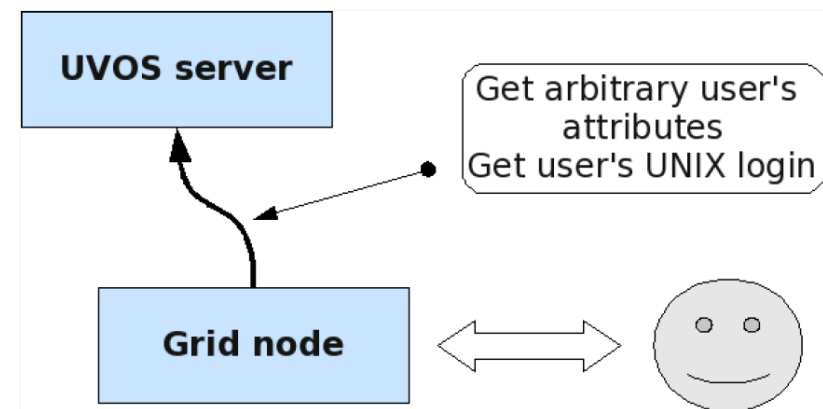
Foundational Security Elements (6)

▶ UVOS & “Pull Model”

- ▶ A service contacts the VO server to obtain the attributes of a user who tries to use it.
- ▶ The attributes received from the VO server can be used for an authorization later inside UNICORE

▶ Evaluation from usage

- ▶ Pull mode is transparent for the grid users
- ▶ More difficult for grid administrators to set it up since grid site must be correctly configured to use the corresponding UVOS



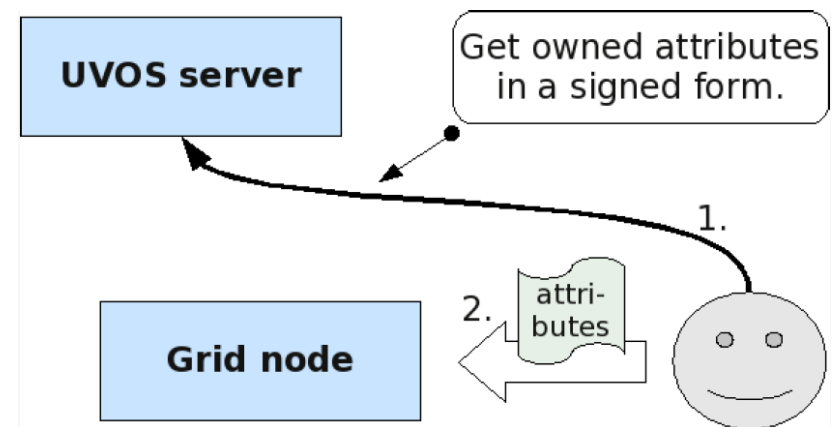
Foundational Security Elements (7)

▶ UVOS & “Push Model”

- ▶ A user has to contact a VO server (via client) and get the list of possessed attributes in a signed assertion
- ▶ This assertion can be attached to the requests which are sent to the grid services (i.e. Grid node)

▶ Evaluation from usage

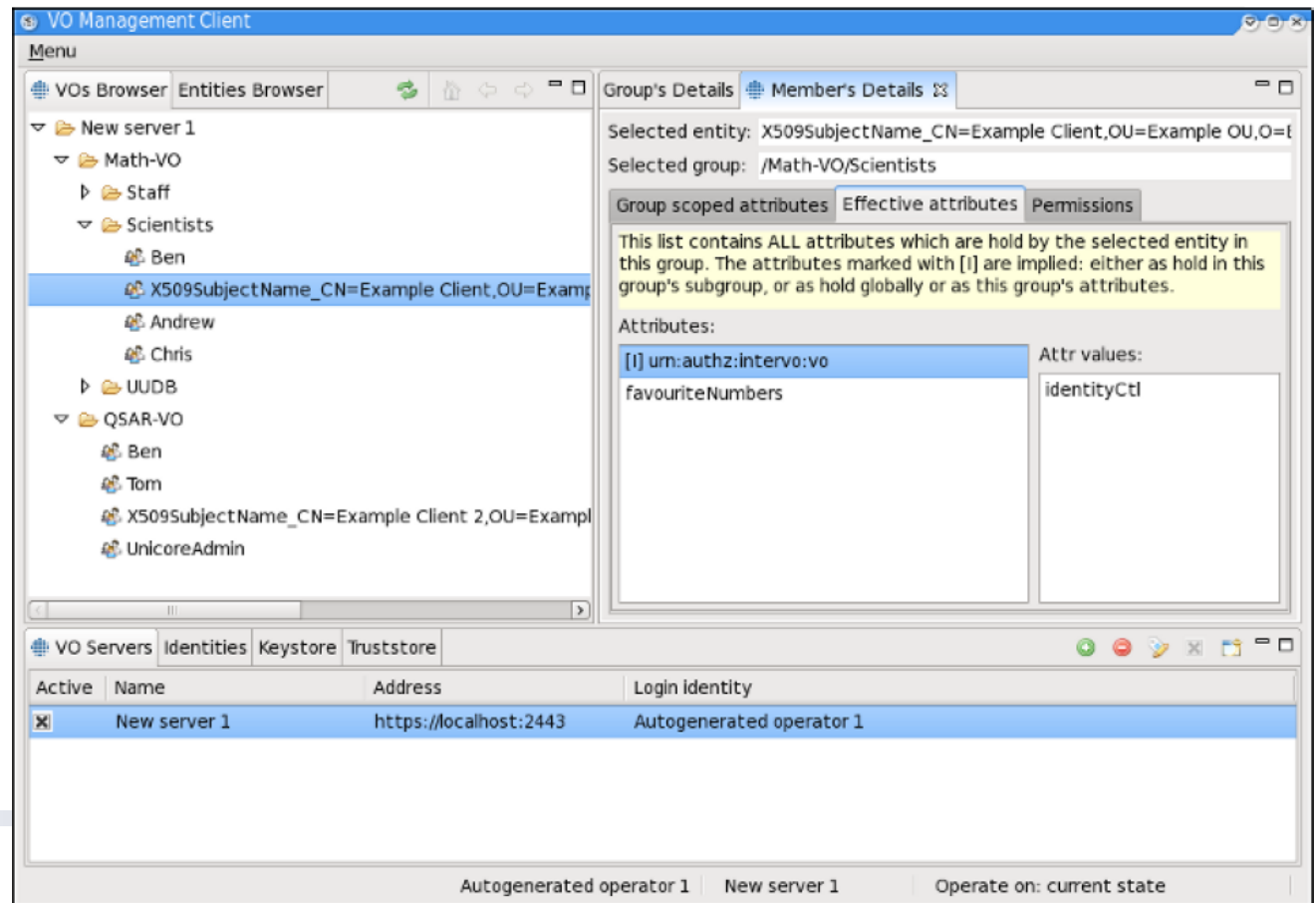
- ▶ More scalable in terms of server administration and easier to set up
- ▶ It requires user interaction and a problem with expired assertions arises (cp. With proxy renewal problem)



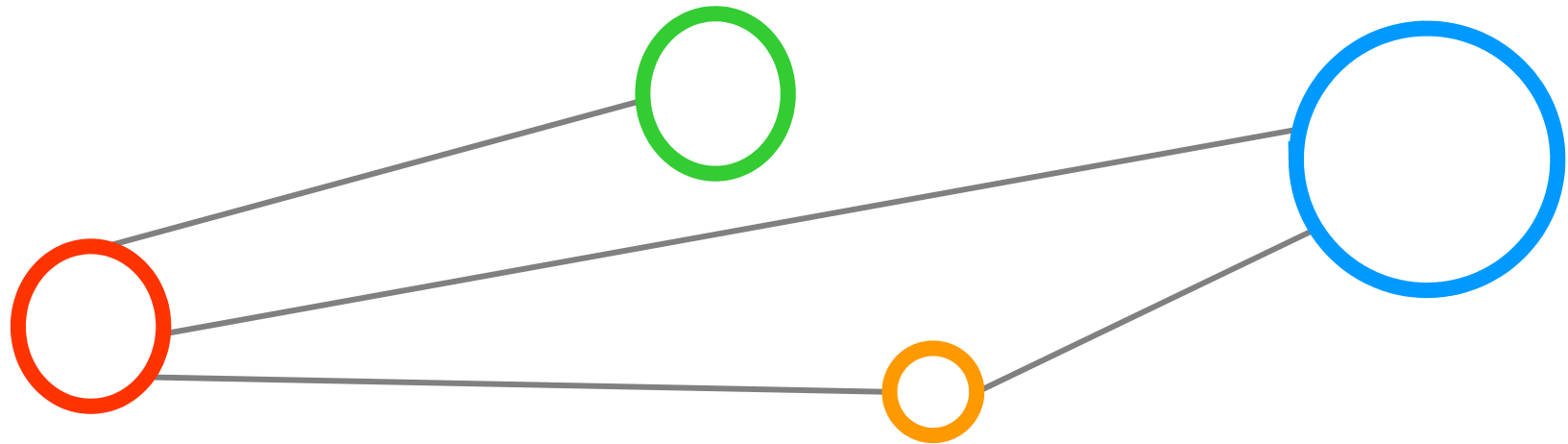
Foundational Security Elements (8)

- ▶ UVOS Interaction Protocols & standards
 - ▶ The management clients use a custom WS interface
 - ▶ The consumers use the open standard SAML 2.0 as a protocol

- ▶ Administrative GUI within the Eclipse-based UNICORE Rich Client



Security Setups



Security Setups: Default Deployments

- ▶ Authentication
 - ▶ Gateway: authentication of end-users based on certificates obtained from TLS connection
- ▶ Authorization
 - ▶ Services typically use the XUADB
 - ▶ XUADB maps the user certificate to UNIX accounts
 - ▶ Limited set of attributes: e.g. role = user
 - ▶ In “DN mode” only the DN of certificates is relevant
- ▶ Delegation
 - ▶ SAML-based Trust Delegation using SAML Assertions and full end-entity certificates only

Security Setup: Grid Interoperability

- ▶ Authentication
 - ▶ Gateway: authentication of end-users based on certificates obtained from TLS connection
 - ▶ Optional proxy-validation chain algorithm (often used by portals) (allows for OpenSSL-based TLS with proxies but no GSI connections)
- ▶ Attribute-based Authorization
 - ▶ DN-XUADB maps DN of certificates to UNIX accounts
 - ▶ Attributes obtained from SAML assertions provided by SAML-based UVOS (or SAML-based VOMS)
- ▶ Delegation
 - ▶ Also SAML-based TD so far
 - ▶ (Maybe adopting proxy-based delegation as optional setup)

Security Setup: Shibboleth Federations (1)

- ▶ Demonstrated at last DEISA review: UNICORE and Shibboleth
- ▶ Shibboleth View:
 - ▶ GridShib-CA is used as a ServiceProvider from the Shibboleth perspective whereas Online CA from user's point of view.
 - ▶ This allows client to fetch his/her credentials in X.509 from Shibboleth
 - ▶ Move towards new Shibboleth (avoiding GridShib) in progress
- ▶ User authenticates with his institutions IDP (Shibboleth based Identity Provider)
 - ▶ Get access to the GridShib-CA (the SP and Online CA)
 - ▶ Enable users to download "manually" the SLC (Short Lived Credentials) with embedded SAML assertions via Web browser

Security Setup: Shibboleth Federations (2)

▶ UNICORE View - Client Side:

- ▶ User imports the downloaded SLC into his/her keystore.
- ▶ By executing "slc" command using ucc to extend the existing keystore otherwise creating the new one
- ▶ User connects to the target system while authenticating himself at the SSL/TLS level
 - ▶ Along with that the SAML assertions are being extracted and appended into the (service) requesting SOAP header

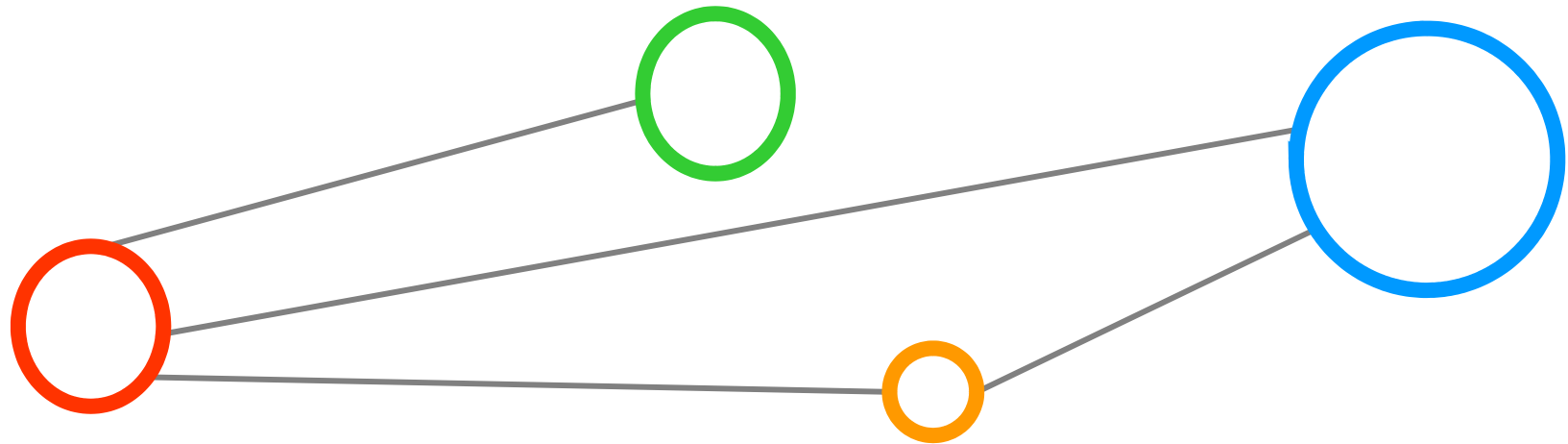
▶ UNICORE View - Server side:

- ▶ The incoming SAML assertion is being parsed at the server side
- ▶ SAML assertion containing user attributes are being matched against XUADB and XACML policy store to make final decision is being made, contemplates whether the client is allowed to execute that request on particular service or not

Security Setup: Shibboleth Federations (3)

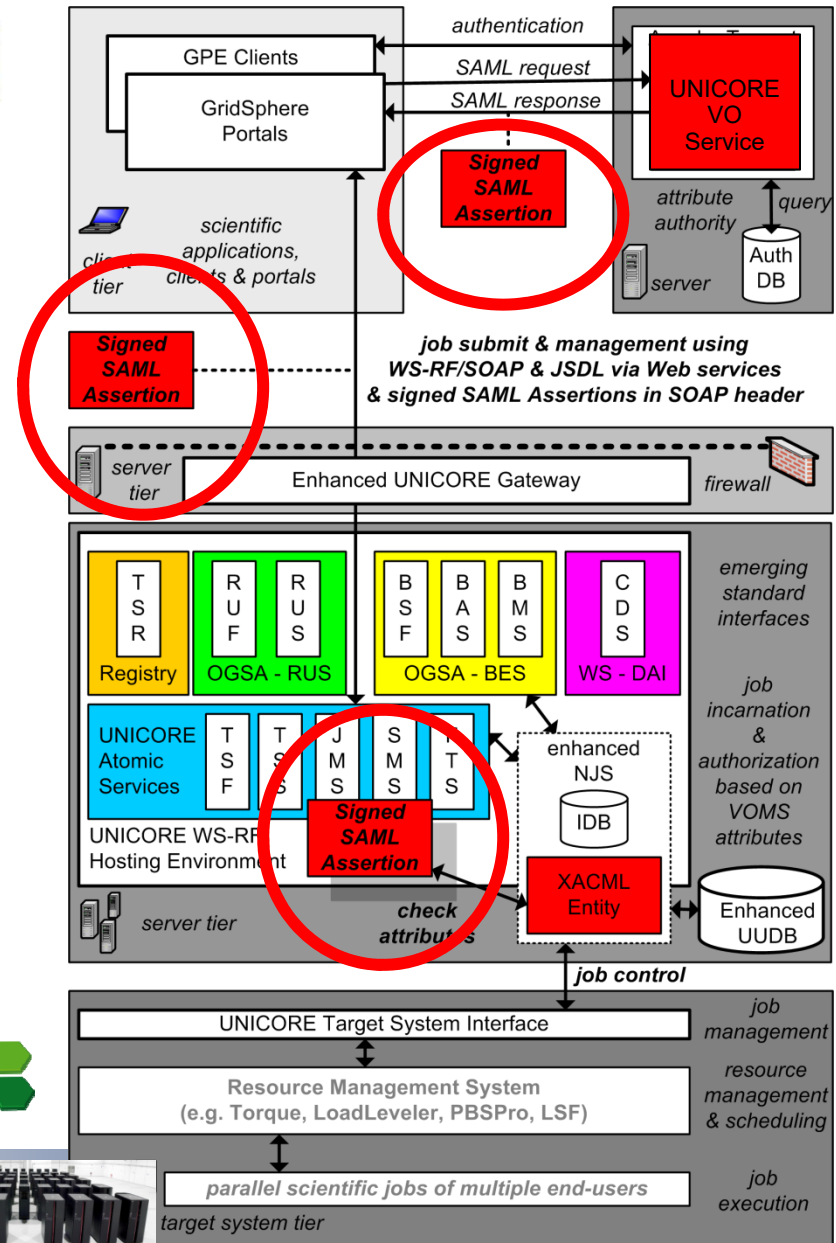
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One Example



Example: Using SAML-based VOMS

- ▶ SAML is an open standard from OASIS
- ▶ Used in conjunction with AuthZ Attribute Exchange Profile (OGF AuthZ group) to obtain a SAML assertion from a Policy Information Point (PIP)
- ▶ SAML assertions are transported in the SOAP header during WS calls
 - ▶ E.g. WS-Security Extensions
- ▶ Developed by

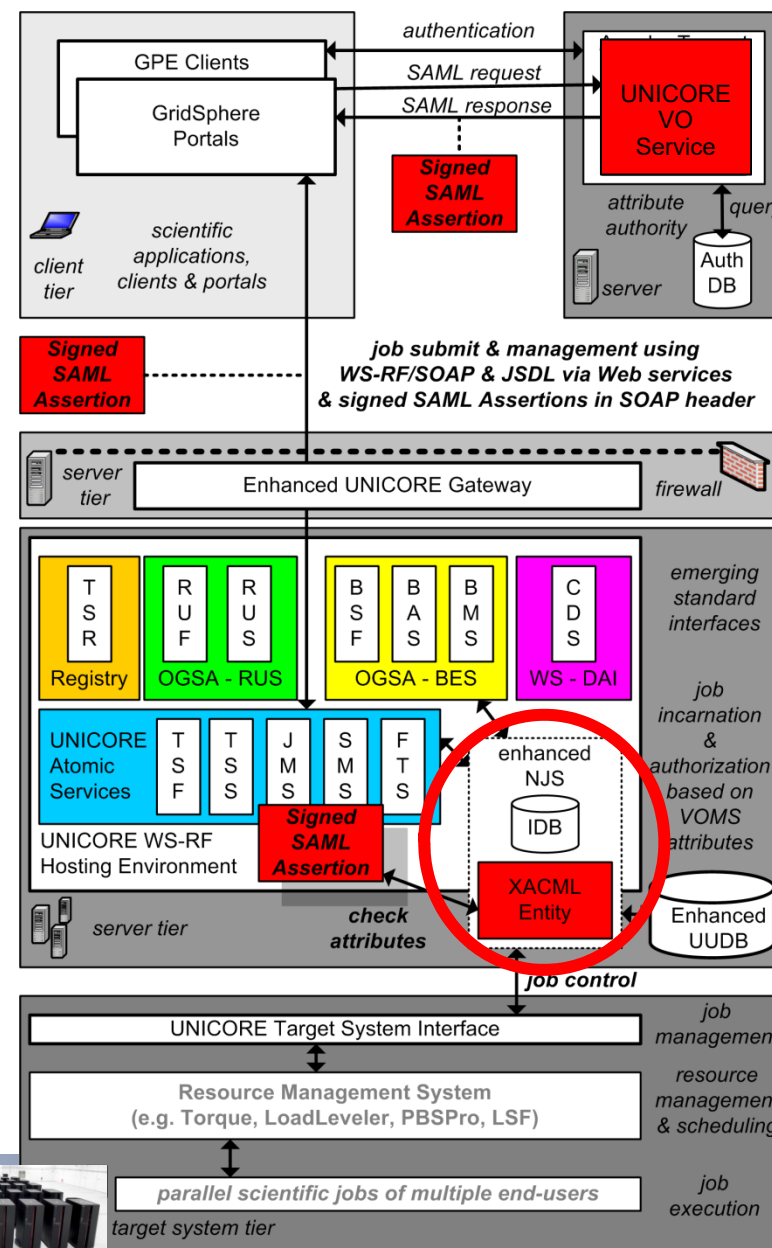


Example: Policy enforcements and decisions

- ▶ XACML is an open standard from OASIS
- ▶ Allows to define policies that grant/deny access to UNICORE
- ▶ Before the XNJS really executes something an XACML callout is performed
- ▶ Basically does yes/no decisions
- ▶ Heavily used in UNICORE in conjunction with SAML assertions defining roles
- ▶ Developed by

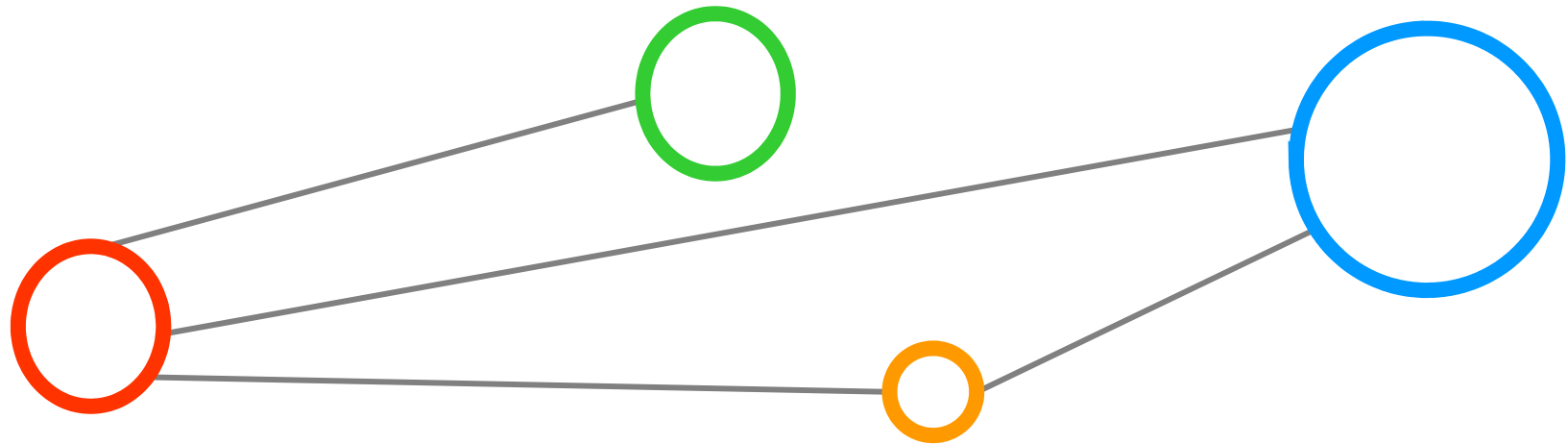


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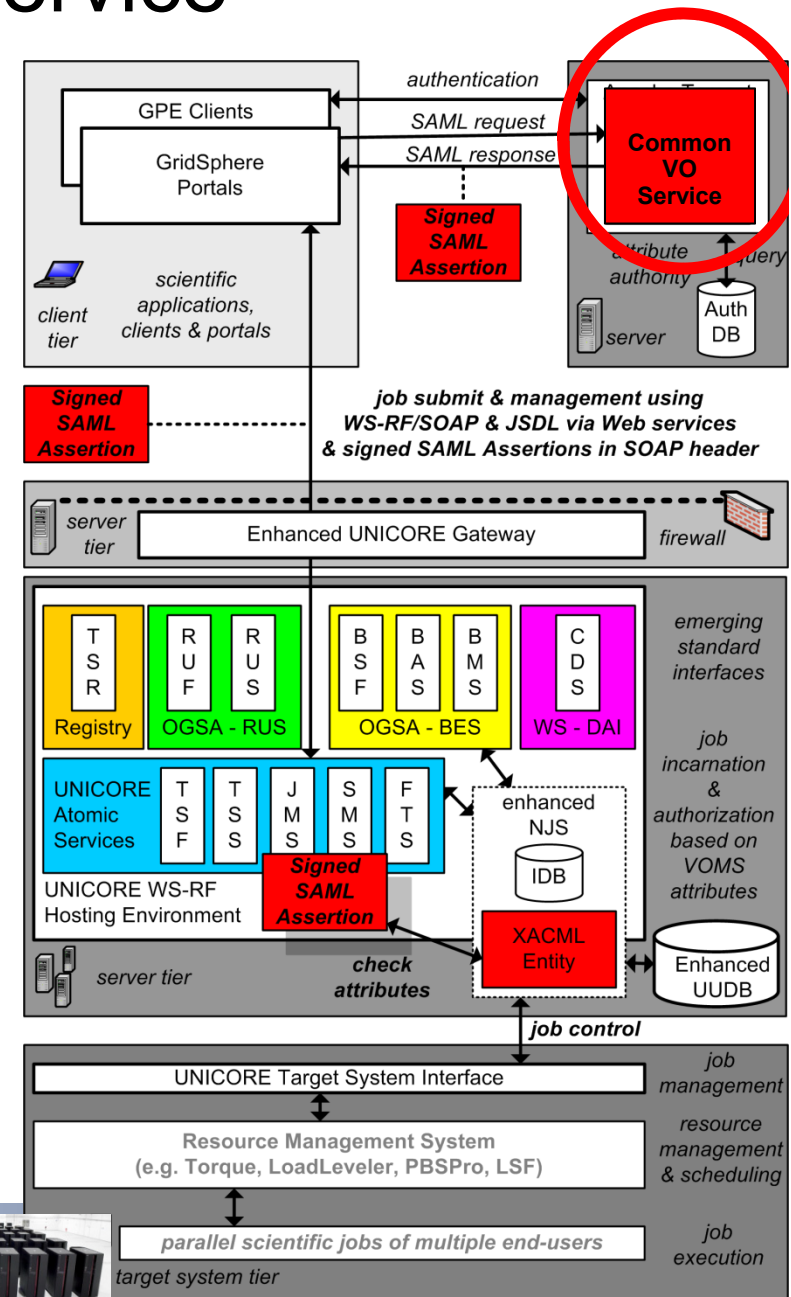
Harmonization Options

In context of European Middleware Initiative (EMI)



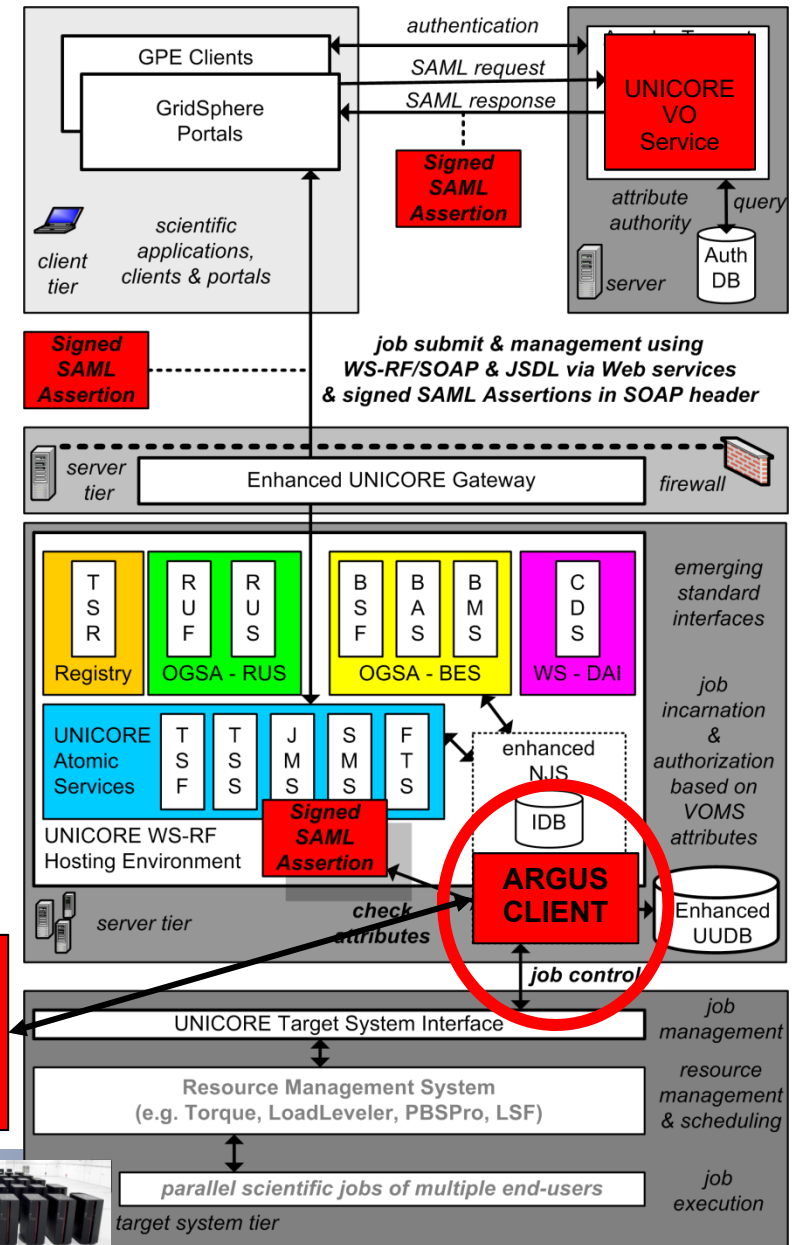
Common VO Service

- ▶ Two VO services exist with similar scope and functionality
 - ▶ SAML-based VOMS as extension of classic VOMS
 - ▶ UNICORE VO Service
- ▶ Common VO Service
 - ▶ Joint development!
- ▶ Common VO Attributes
 - ▶ E.g. Map VO attributes with DEISA Extreme Computing Initiative (DECI) projects & DEISA Virtual communities



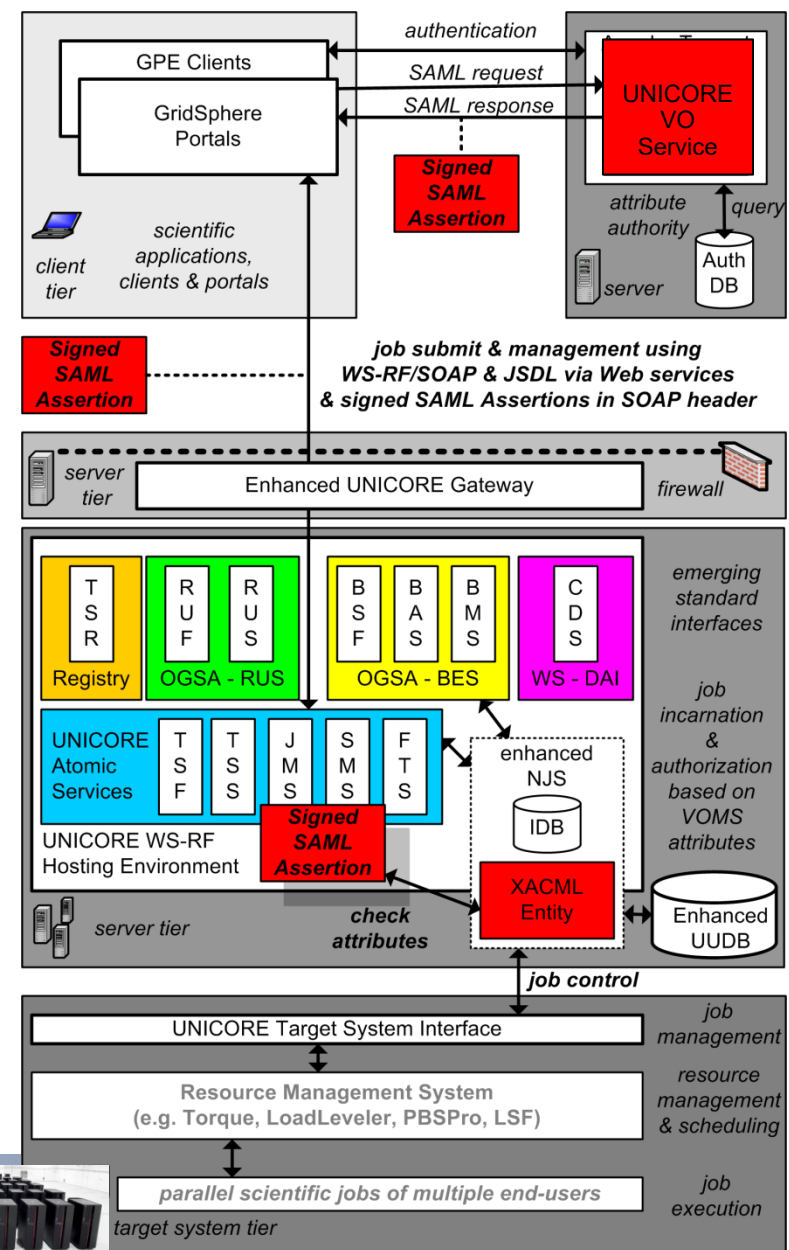
Unified EMI Authorization Service

- ▶ Allows to define policies that grant/deny access to UNICORE
- ▶ Before the XNJS really executes something an ARGUS callout is performed
 - ▶ Maybe additionally to the local XACML policy user verification
- ▶ Centralized AuthZ service avoids copy&paste of local XACML policy files
 - ▶ XACML language is strong enough to express the policies

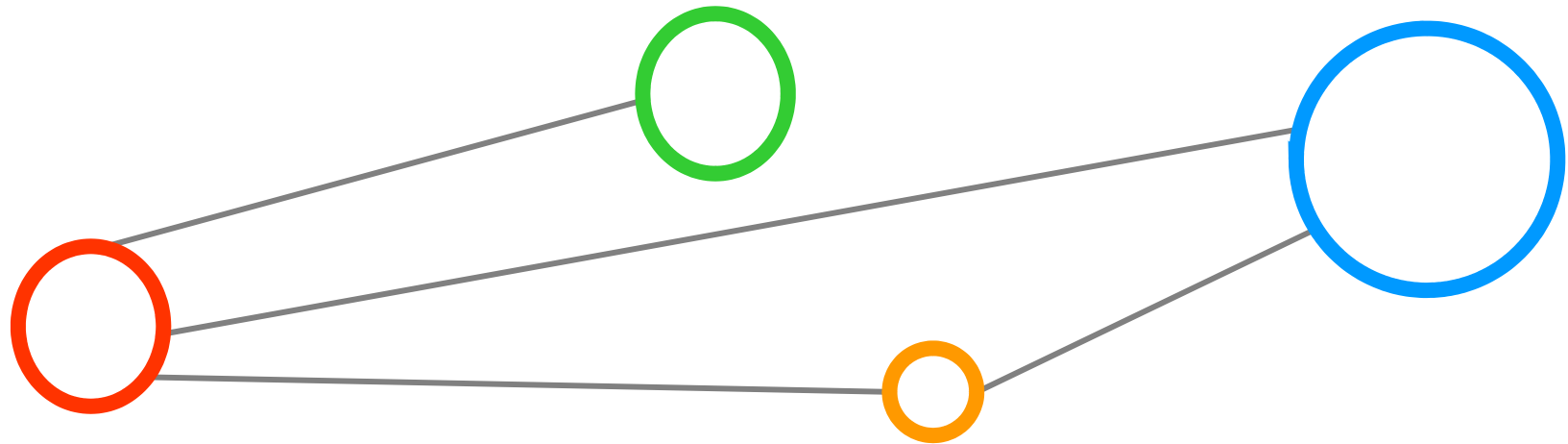


Other Harmonization Options

- ▶ Check full interoperability with OpenSSL-based proxies
 - ▶ Explore usage of proxies for workflow hops that go beyond UNICORE (i.e. gLite, ARC)
- ▶ Joint work on solutions to support Short Lived Credentials (SLCs)
- ▶ Move away from the Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI) dependency in some components
E.g. GridFTP support
- ▶ Work towards multi-Grid policies for a production deployment



Future Topics



Future Topics

- ▶ Kerberos Support
 - ▶ Members of UNICORE Community (mostly CEA, France) develop support for Kerberos environments → Work in Progress
- ▶ Adopting open standards for interoperability
 - ▶ Efforts of Grid Interoperation Now (GIN) and Production Grid Infrastructure (PGI) OGF groups (and others...)
- ▶ Using attributes for different xlogins
 - ▶ Different xlogins for different Grids (using attributes, e.g. roles)
- ▶ Access to Storage systems
 - ▶ iRODS and Storage Resource Manager (SRM) adoptions (maybe requires GSI connections on short-term scale)
- ▶ UNICORE Rich Client and GLUE capability checks of systems using the UNICORE Common Information Service (CIS)