JMEA

Job Manager Enterprise Application

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Overview

- RZG and DEISA
- DEISA and its resources
- Access to Resources in DEISA (s.a. next talk)
- Material Science and Plasma Physics Portal requirements
- JMEA

History of supercomputing at the RZG

1962: IBM 7090

1969: IBM 360/91

1979: Cray-1

1998: Cray T3E/816

1999: NEC SX-5/3C

2002/2003: IBM p690

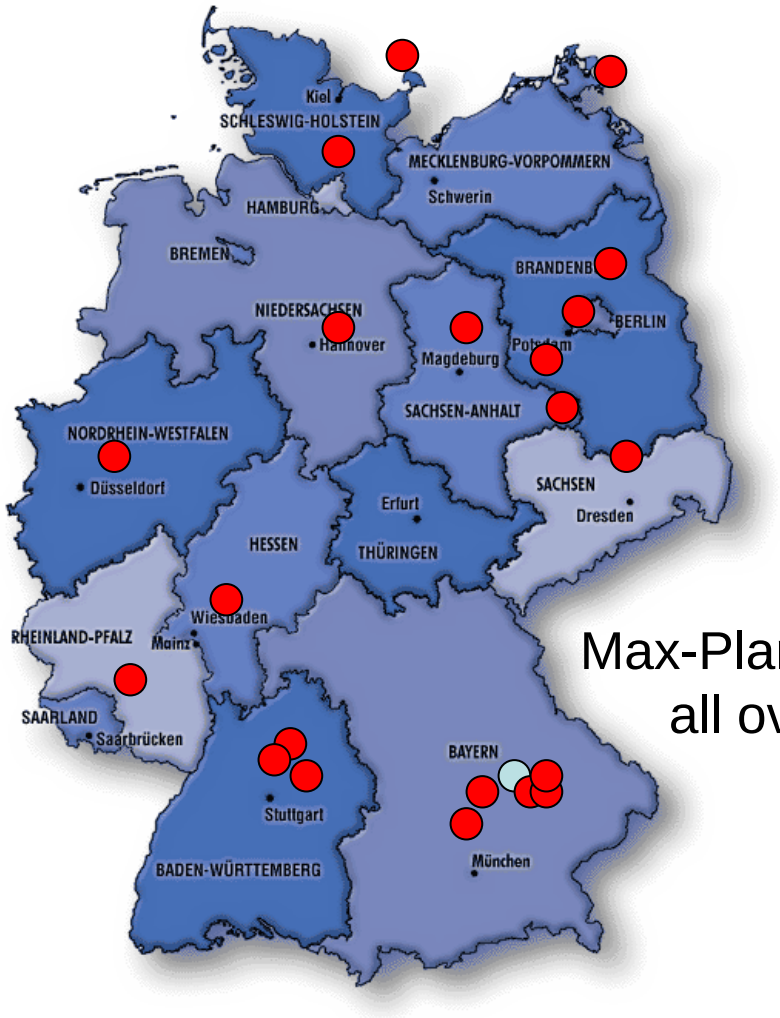
User community

- Supercomputing and Application Support

- Data management and long-term archives

- Data acquisition systems for fusion experiments

- Bioinformatics platform



Users from Max-Planck-Institutes all over Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands

DEISA – Distributed European Infrastructure for Supercomputing Applications

DEISA

- DEISA is an European Supercomputing Service built on top of existing national services.
- DEISA deploys and operates a persistent, production quality, distributed supercomputing environment with continental scope

DEISA

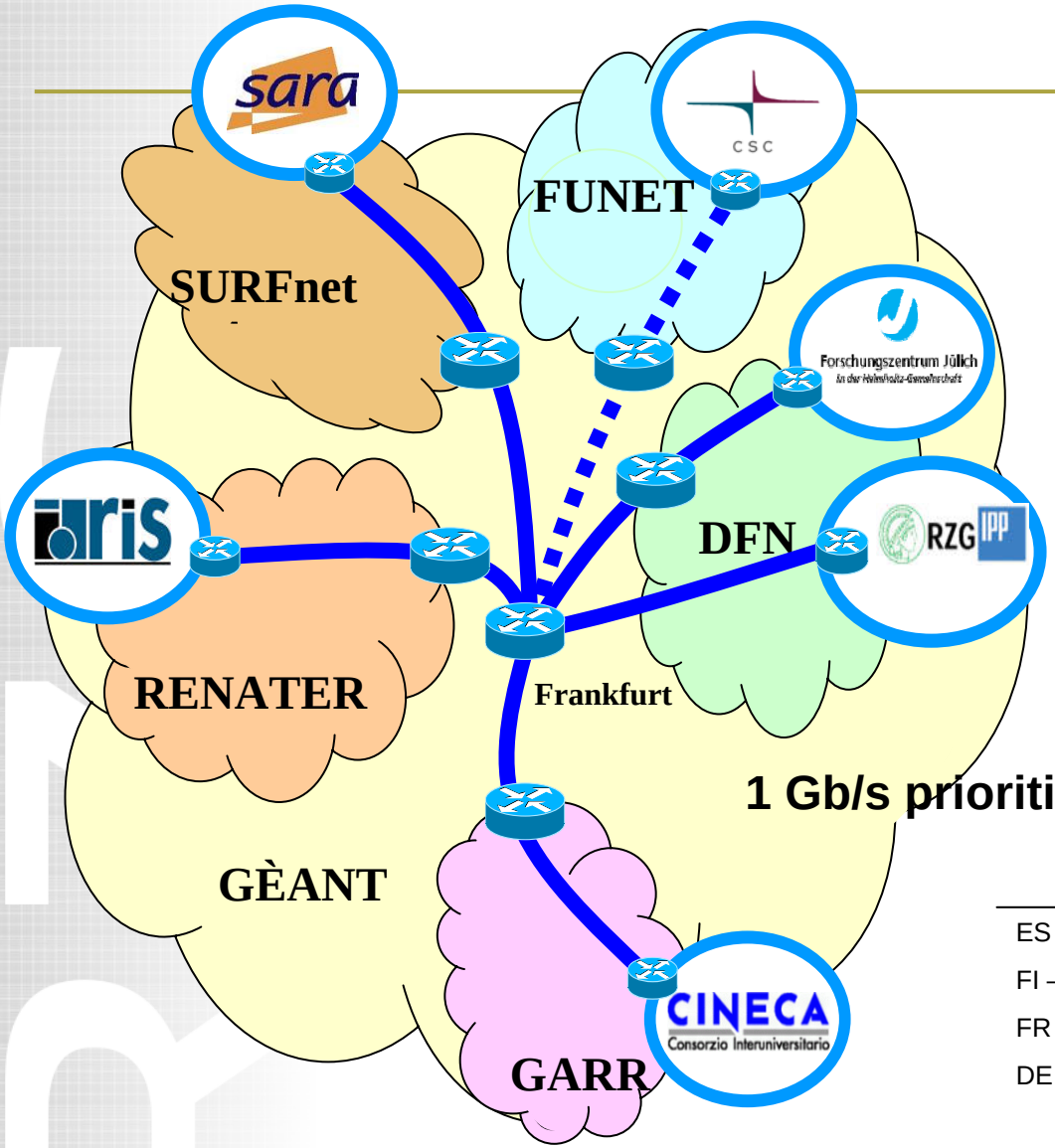
AIX distributed super-cluster

THE DEISA SUPERCOMPUTING GRID

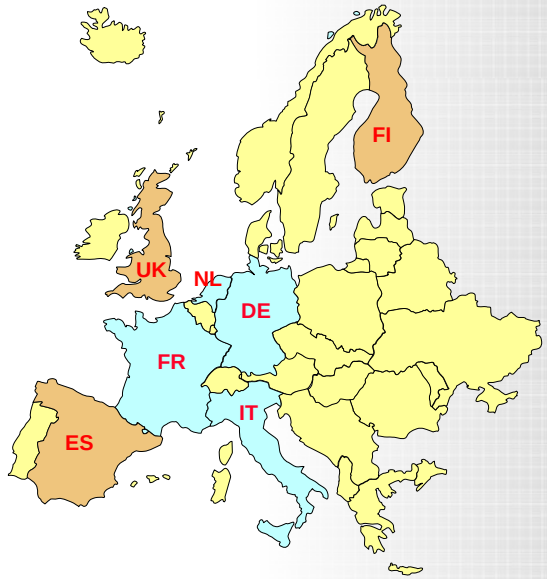
Vector systems (NEC, …)

Linux systems (SGI, IBM, …)

Deisa Network Status



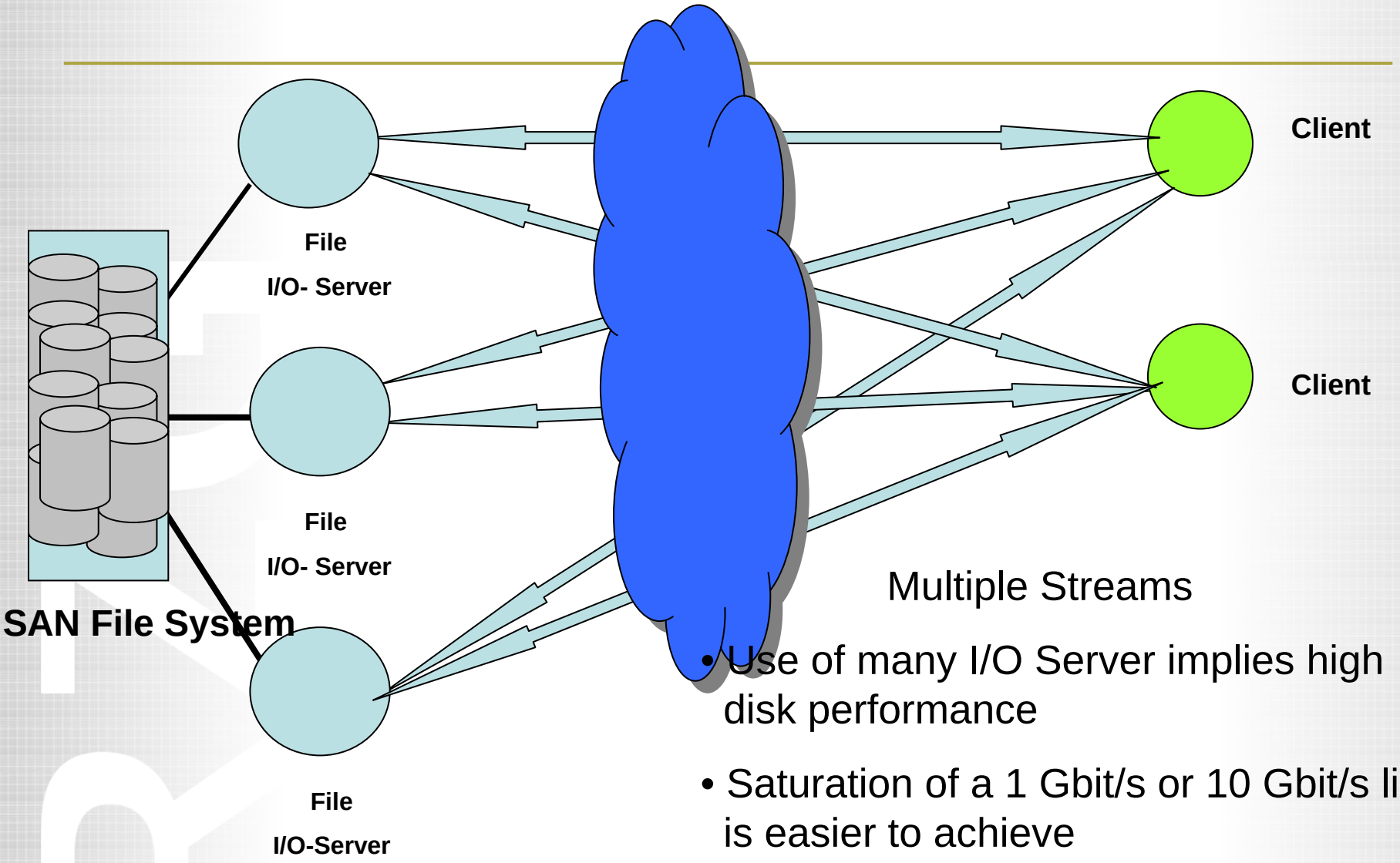
Dedicated network infrastructure using „Premium IP“



Participating NRENs

ES – RedIRIS, Spain	IT – GARR, Italy
FI – FUNET, Finland	NL – SURFNET, The Netherlands
FR – RENATER, France	UK – UKERNA/JANET, UK
DE - DFN, Germany	

MC-GPFS Multiple Network Streams



Multiple Streams

- Use of many I/O Server implies high disk performance
- Saturation of a 1 Gbit/s or 10 Gbit/s line is easier to achieve

The DEISA Super Cluster in 2005/2006

AIX IBM domain

HPC Common Global File System
similar architectures / operation systems
High bandwidth (10 Gbit/s)

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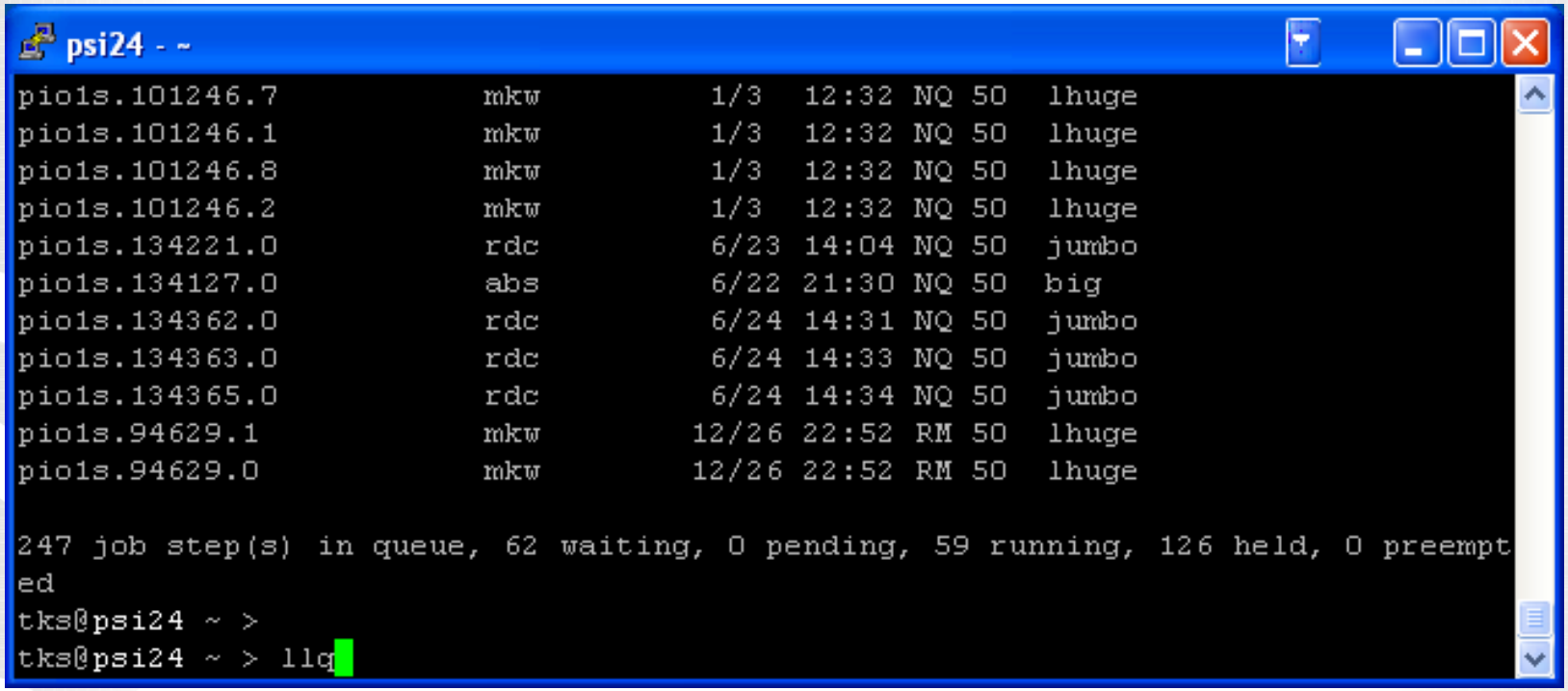
More than 100 TFlop/s, 50 TB memory

Ways of accessing resources: CLI

ssh, qsub/llsubmit, qstat/llq, …



Local Resource Management

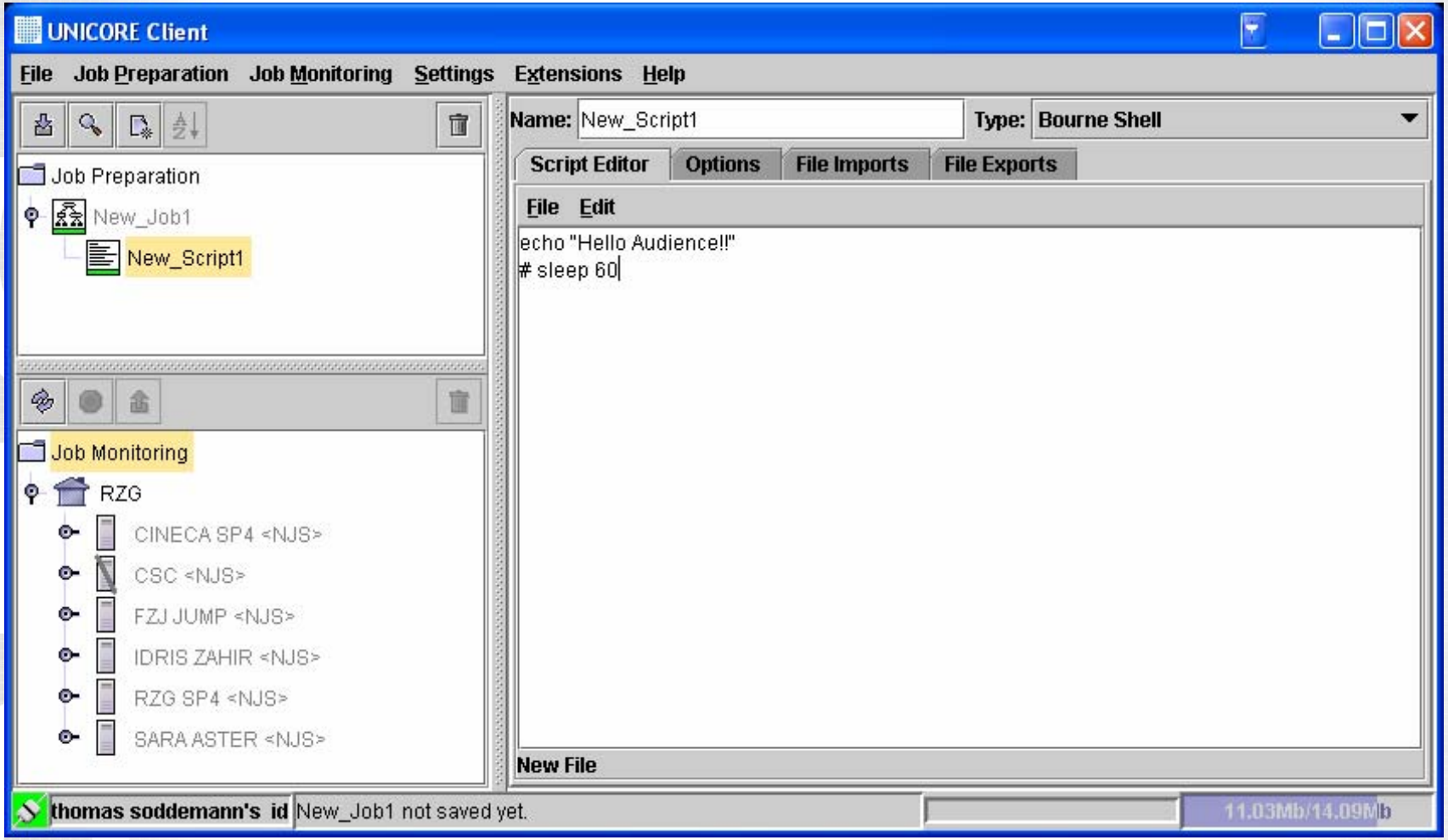
- Load Leveler
- LSF
- OpenPBS/PBSpro
- Sun Grid Engine
- Torque

Obvious disadvantages:

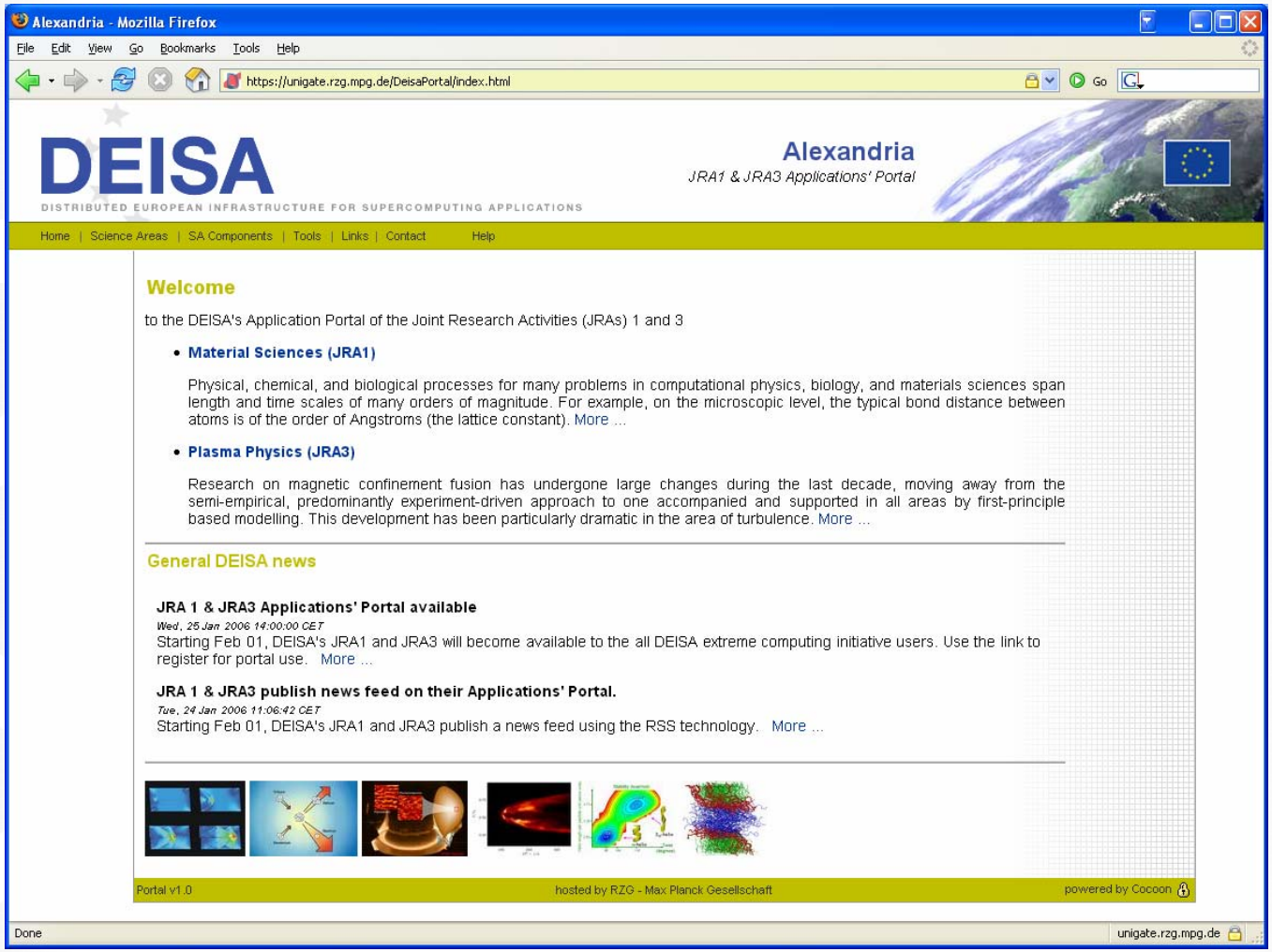
- Separate batch script for each environment
- No job rerouting

- MC-LoadLeveler

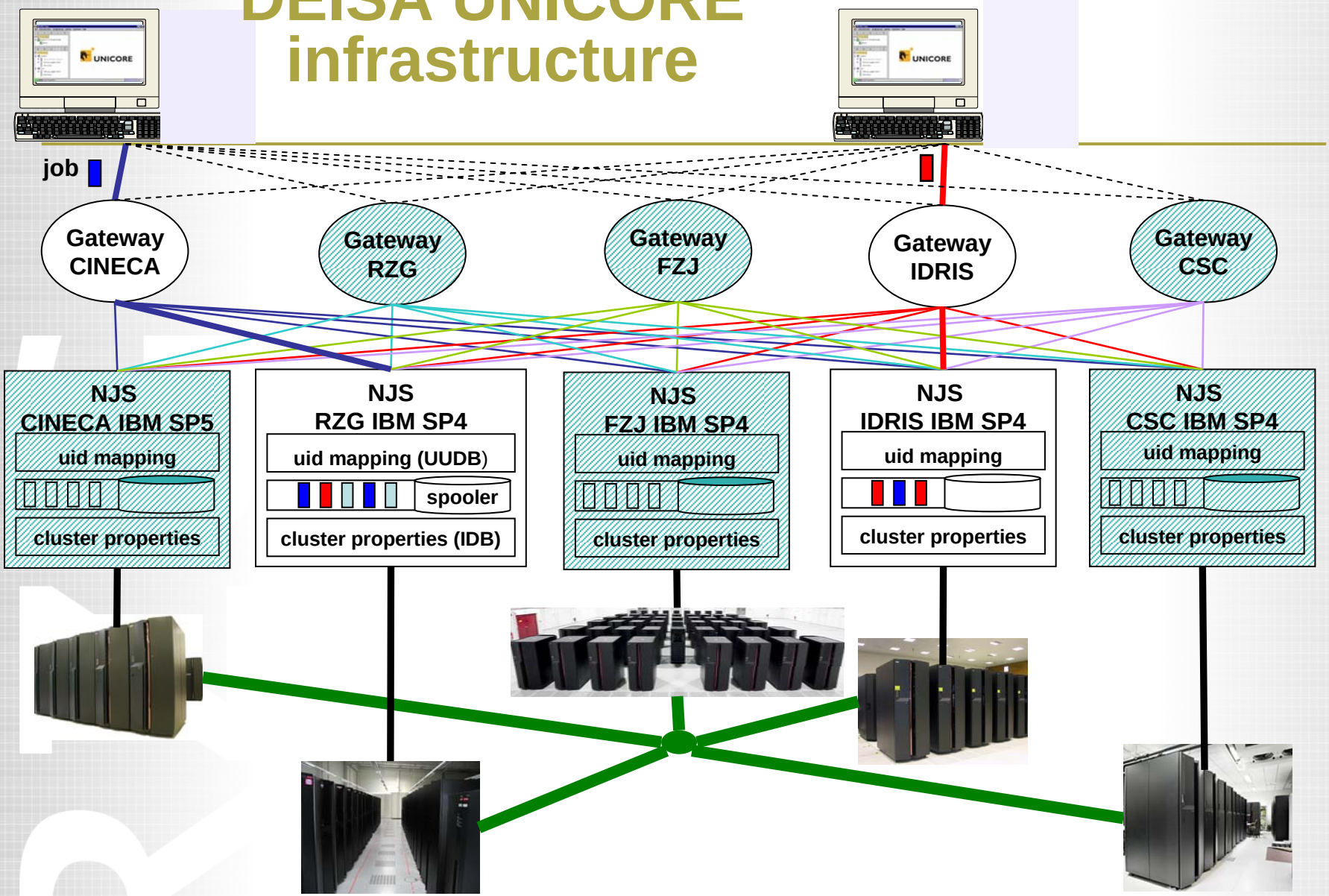
Ways of accessing resources: Rich Client Solution



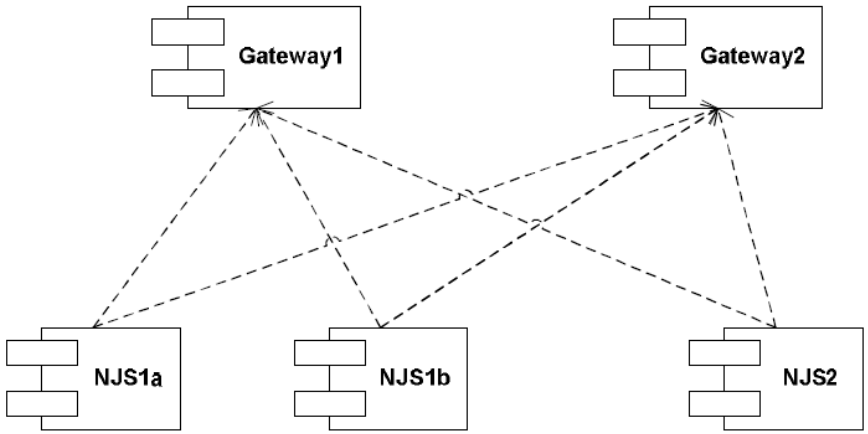
Ways of accessing resources: Web Portal Solution



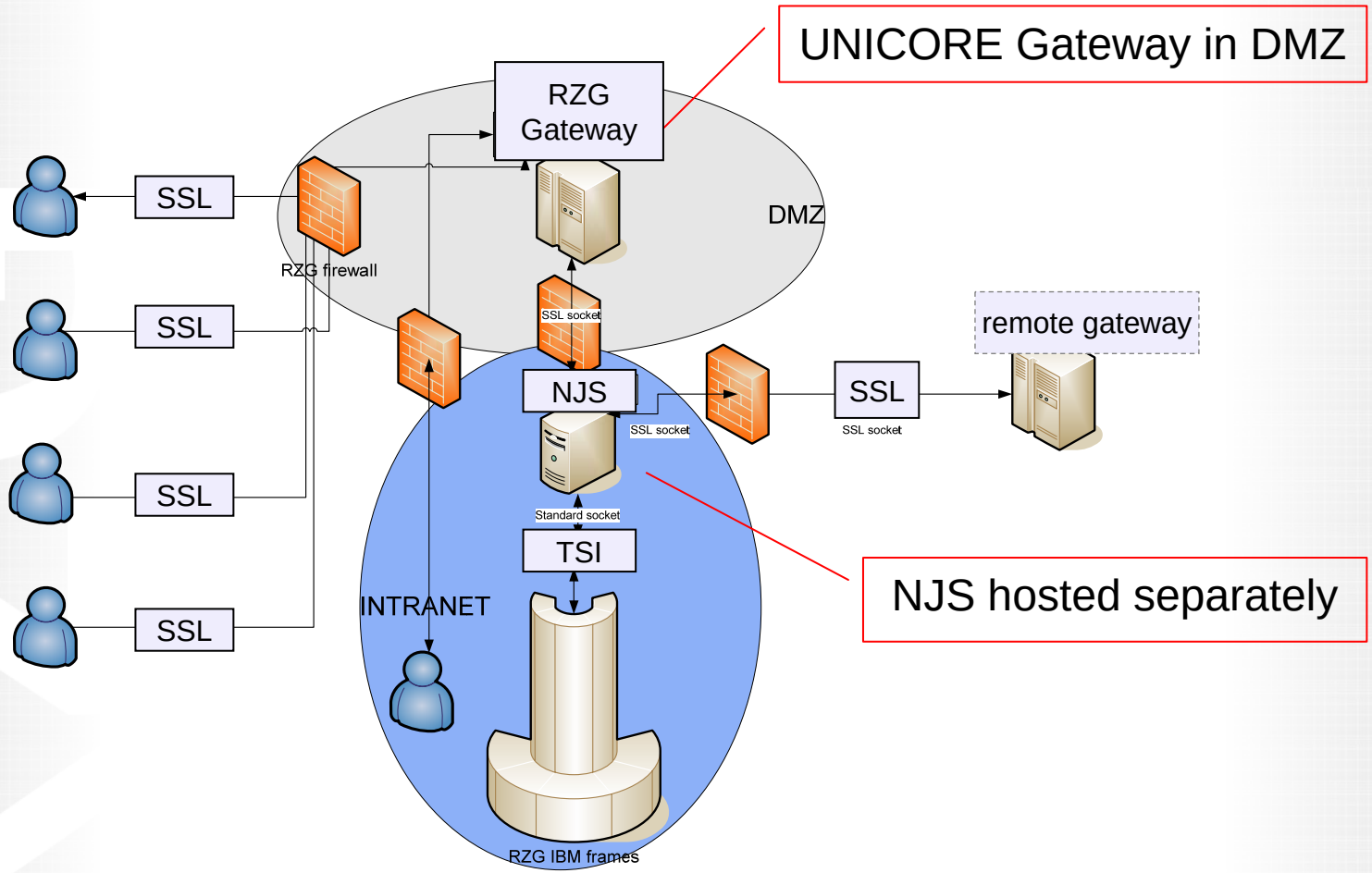
DEISA UNICORE infrastructure



UNICORE deployment in DEISA



UNICORE Configuration (RZG)



DEISA Research Activities

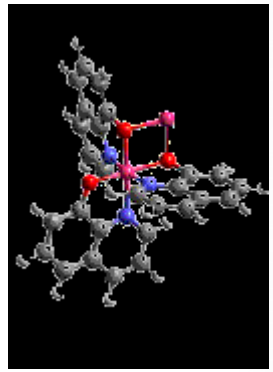
JRA1 – Material Sciences

CPMD

CP2K

JRA3 – Plasma Physics

TORB



Requirements for a Portal Solution

- Compute Job Handling
  (submit, cancel, hold, status, …)
  => components holding job information

Job Manager

- Session management

Session Manager

- File staging support
- Remote file system access
- Database access

Persistence Manager

- User Administration (auth*)

Identity Manager

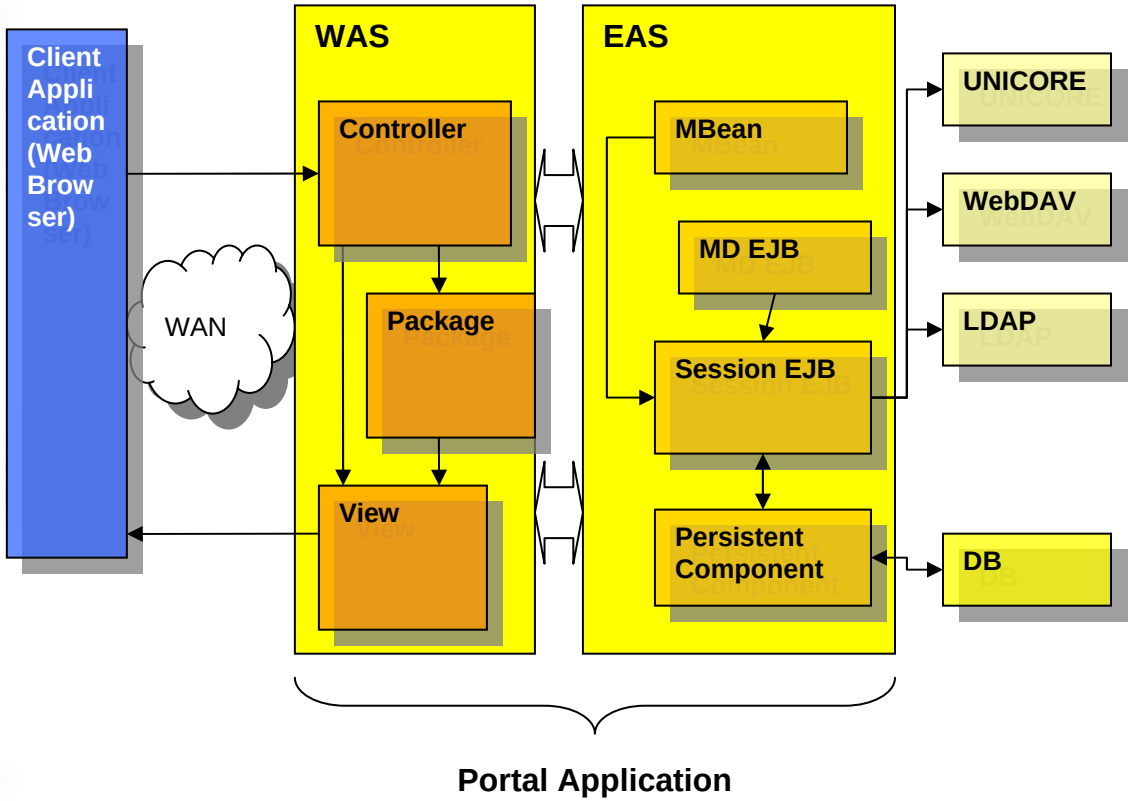
Advantages of Portal Applications

- Give the possibility to hide the complexity of Grid Infrastructures (sensible simplifications vs. mystification MS approach)
- Can give the impression of direct use of an application

Application Service Provider -> ASP

- Can be accessed from almost everywhere

Architecture of a Web Based Enterprise Solution



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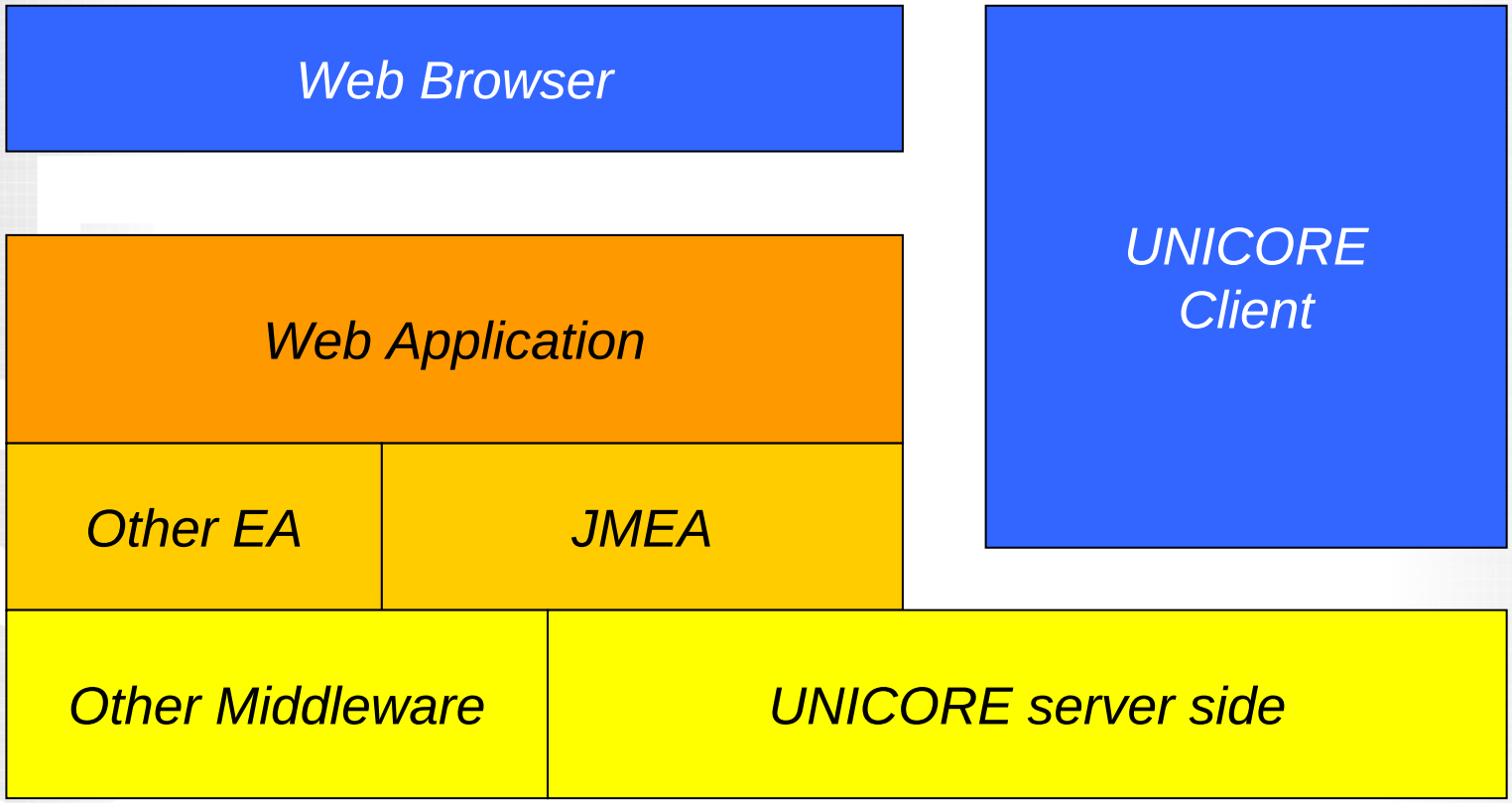


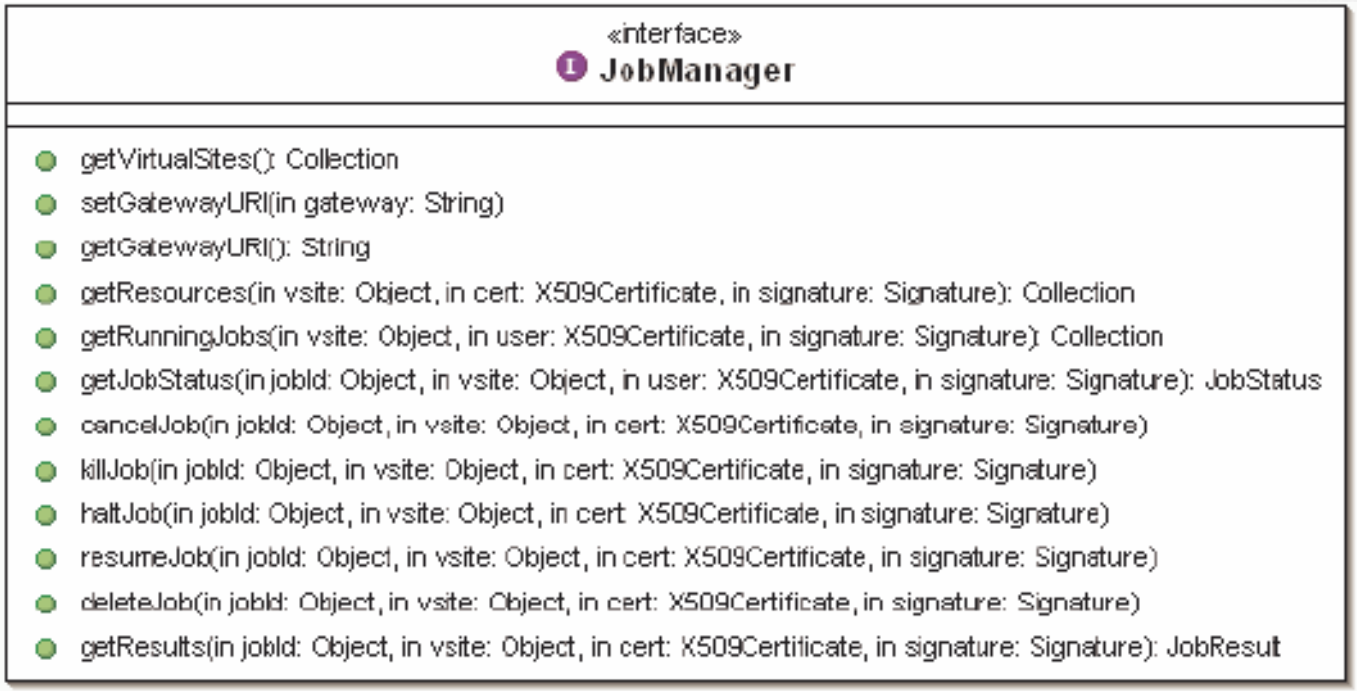
JobManager Methods

- submit (submitting the job request),
- cancel (canceling a job request which is not being executed)
- delete (delete a finished job request),
- kill (kill a running job request)
- halt (halt a job which is being executed)
- resume (resume a previously halted job).

- Publish information about
  - resources
  - status of jobs
  - fetch console output.

- In addition
  - Support of Proxy Certificates
  - Support of Explicit Trust delegation

The JobManager Interface



Allows different implementations:

- UNICORE (primary target)
- Globus
- …

Arcon Library disadvantages (Multi User Application)

In order to avoid race conditions in multi threaded applications, one should

- omit static variables
  unless they are used for communication between the threads and their access is synchronized.
- synchronized access must not lead to a performance bottlenecks
- Keep in mind that the application might be clustered

Arcon Library disadvantages (Multi User Application)

Arcon Library defines:

- `outcome_dir` which specifies the directory, where streamed files will be stored
- `buffer_size` which reflects the buffer size for connections
- `always_poll` which tells if request are always asynchronous or not.

The abstract class Connection implements three static variables:

- `keep_open` which defines if the next connection is kept open after use.
- `compression` which tells if the transmission should be compressed or not.
- `encrypt` which defines whether the next retrieved connection should be encrypted communication or not.

Arcon Library disadvantages (Multi User Application)

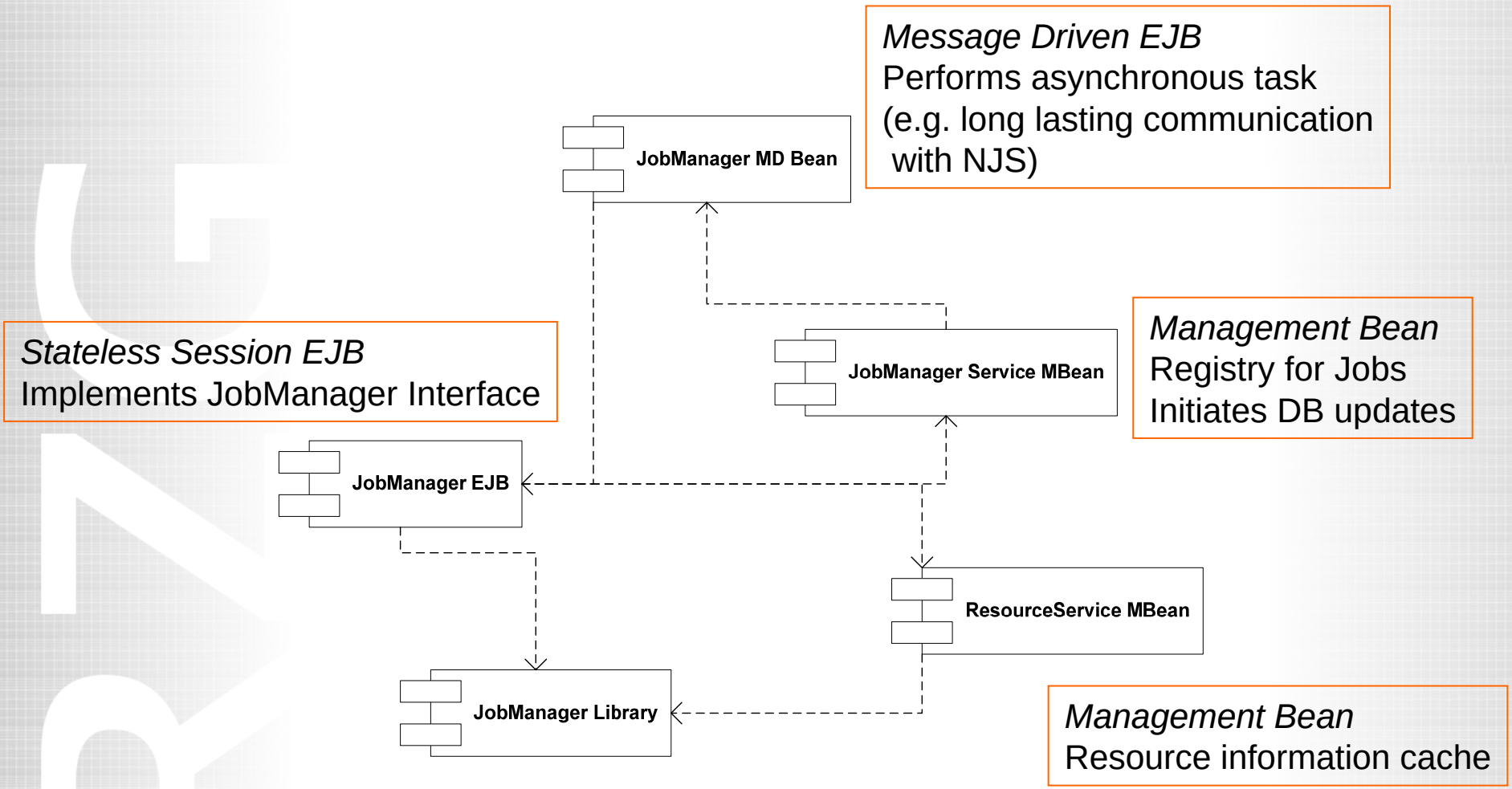
Further disadvantages

- Proprietary Logging
- Exceptions used for control flow rather than for error handling
- Missing support for ETD (at least in the official release)

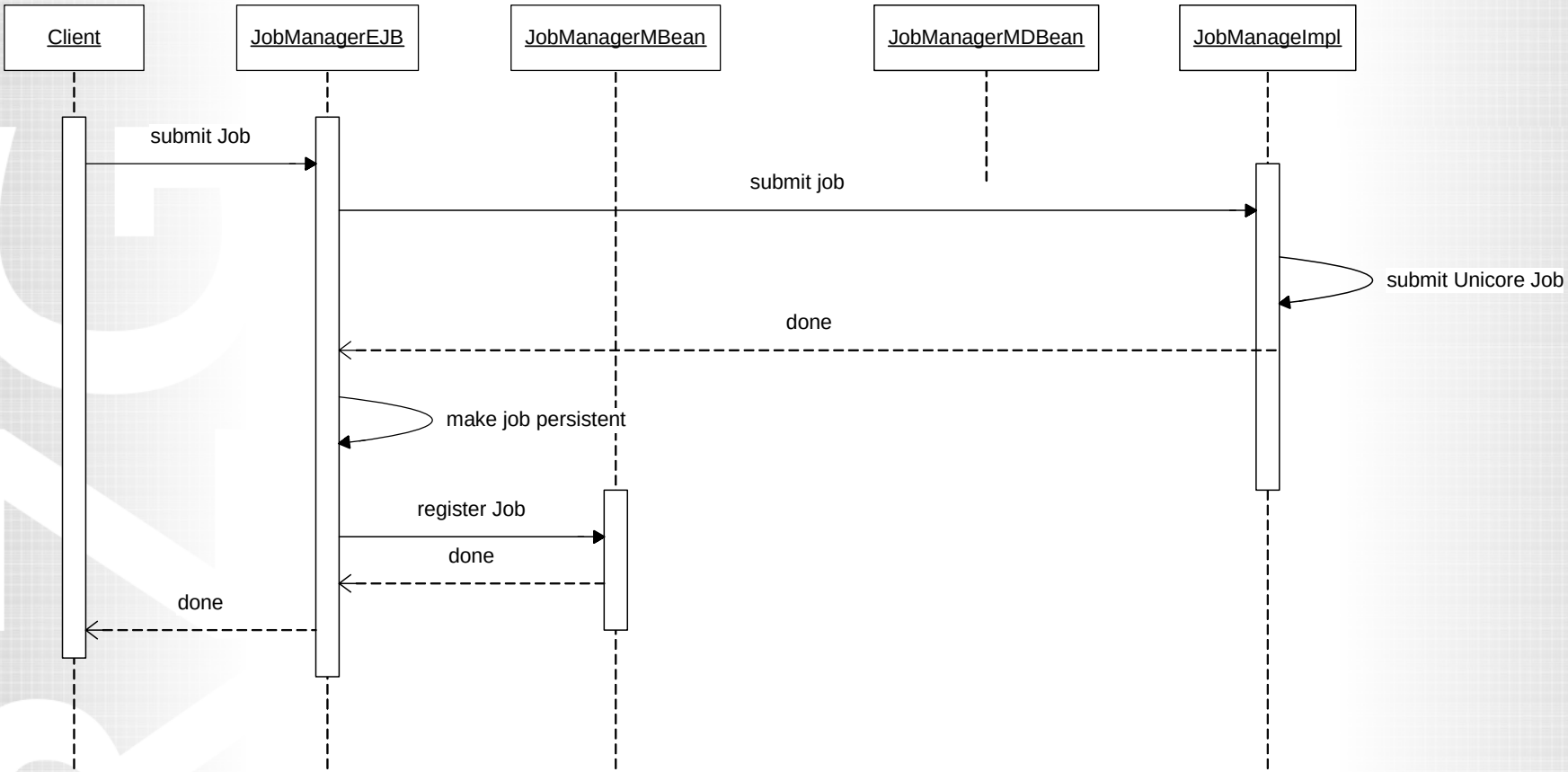
New UNICORE JobManager library

- Need for a new job management library implementation for UNICORE
- Arcon partly code reused/refactored
- Reimplementation of problematic parts
- ETD support
- Proxy Certificate Support
- Thread safe

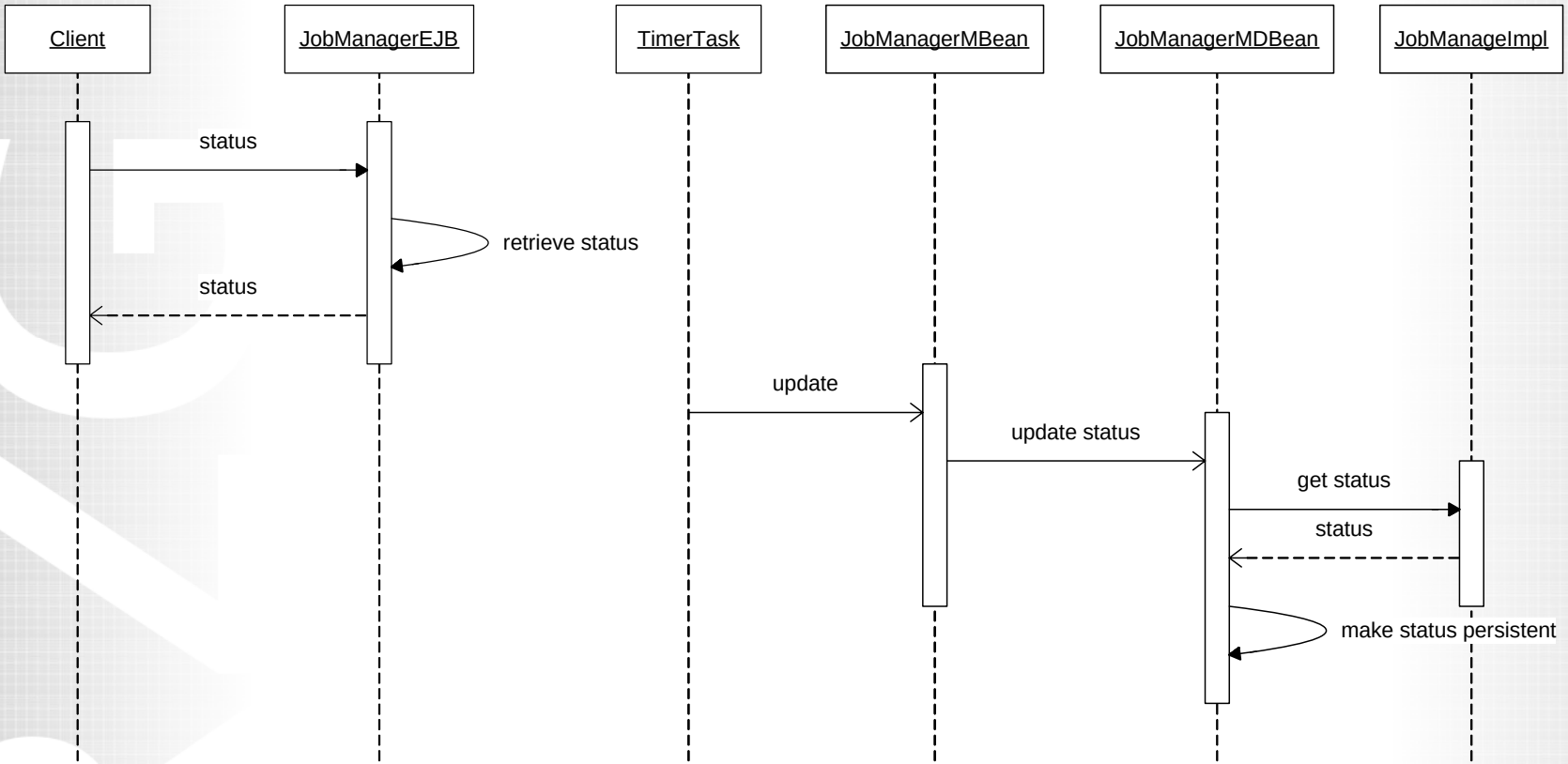
Job Management Enterprise Application - JMEA



Job Submission Sequence



Job Status Request Sequence



Facts on JMEA

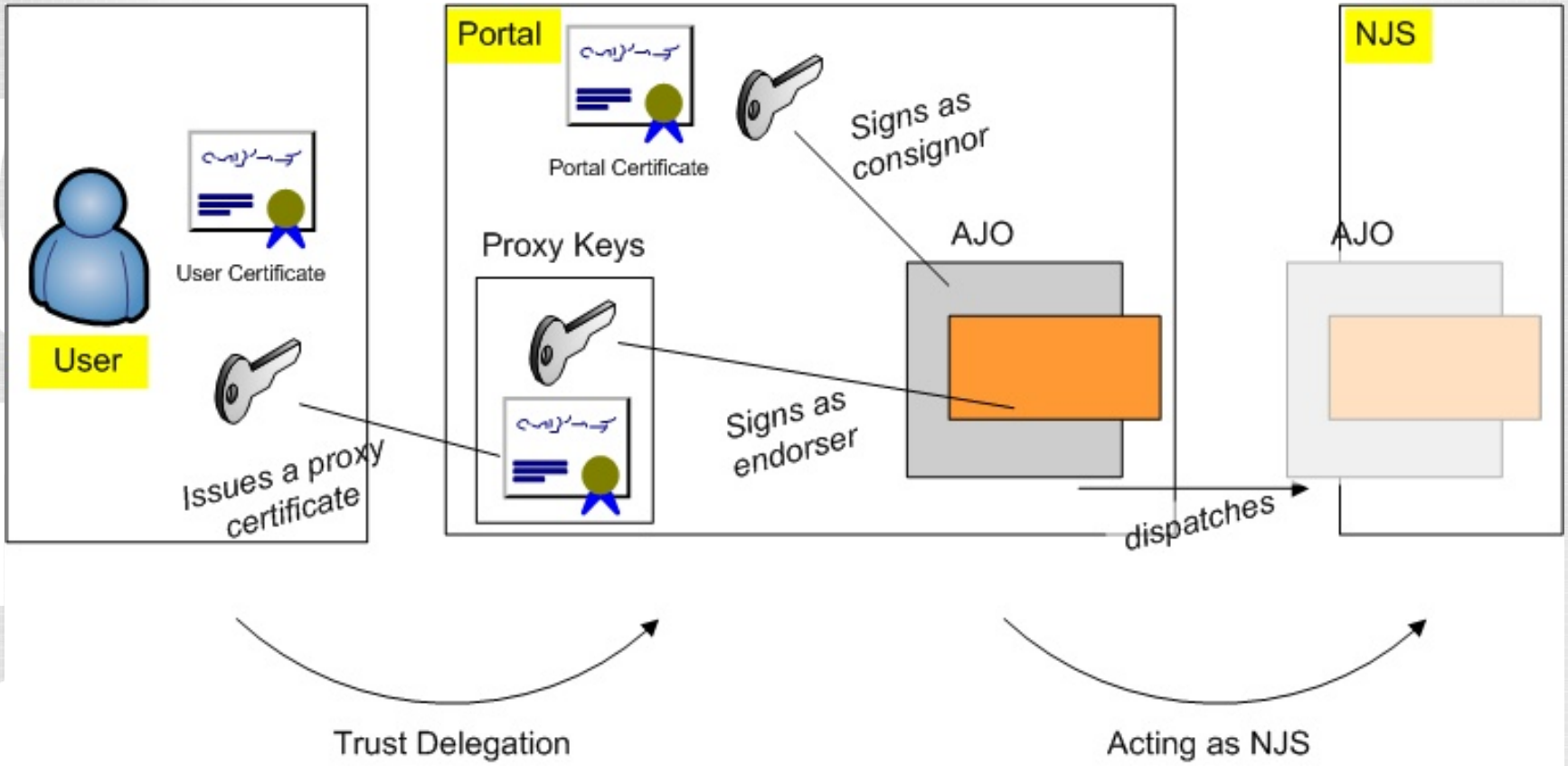
Advantages

- Responding fast to client requests
- Scalable (number of client requests)
  - Implies scalable database and container infrastructure
- fault tolerant (to some extend)

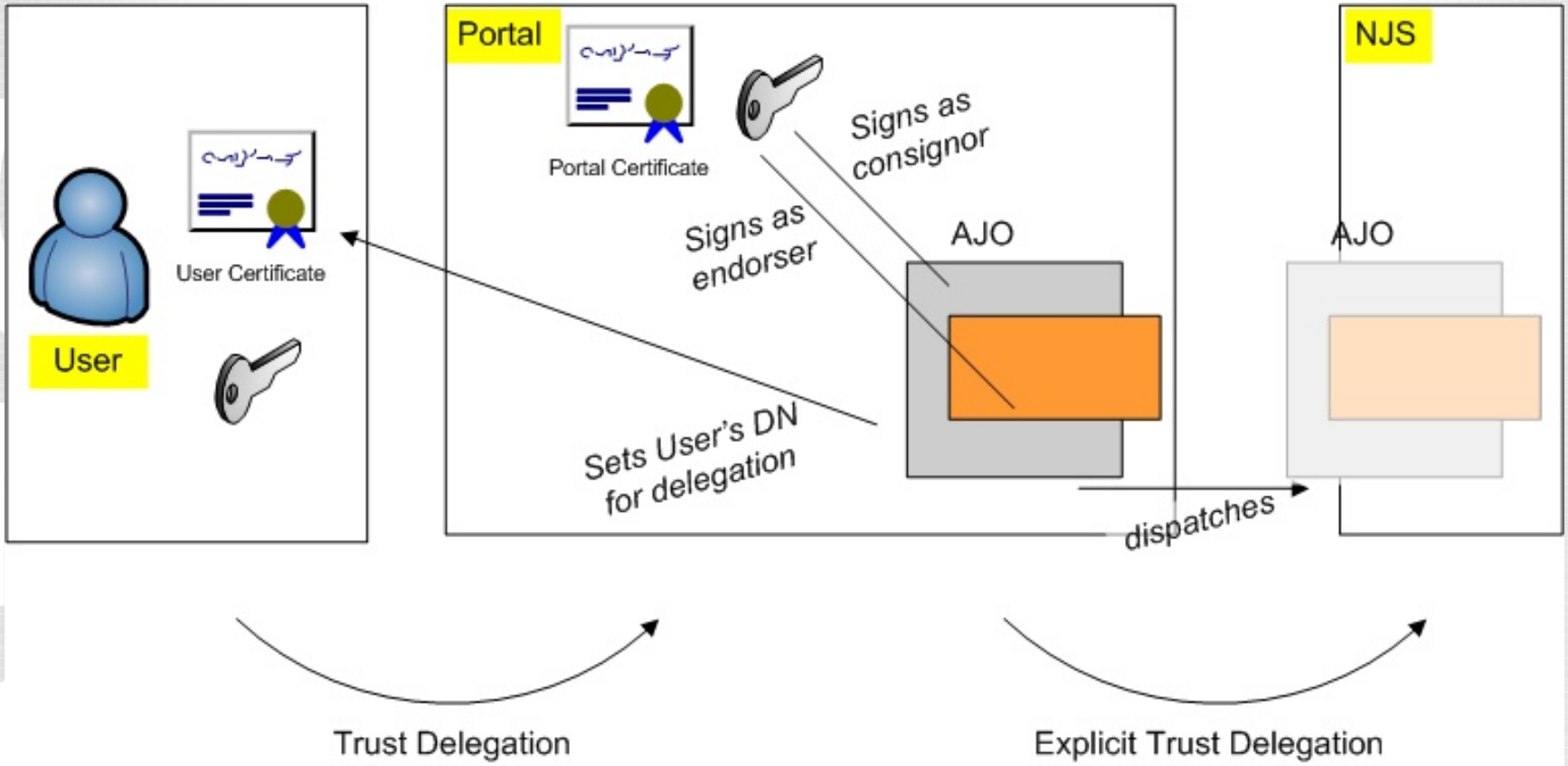
Disadvantages

- Risk of delivering outdated data
- No support UNICORE alternate file transfer
  The web application has files transferred independently (GPFS, CIFS)

Security Solutions: Proxy Certificate Approach



Security Solutions: Explicit Trust Delegation



Possible UNICORE5 improvements

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- Default constructors for all classes (unless it does not make sense)
  - Background: Persistence

ETD

- Use of X500Principals instead of whole X509 certificates as user attribute

- Allowing more “direct“ requests for an ETD agent
  - E.g. for Resource information

Conclusion

- JMEA is an EA which proves to work with UNICORE5 in DEISA
- It has all basic features implemented which are needed for successful job management
- It is designed to work with the JRA1/JRA3 Web application
- It can be used in a different context (OMII/GridSAM)
- But, it does not provide a standards based interface

- WS-GRAM (4.0 and 4.1) support is being developed
- UNICORE6 support is hopefully given with WS-GRAM 4.2 support

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