

consolidating ARC and gLite data libraries

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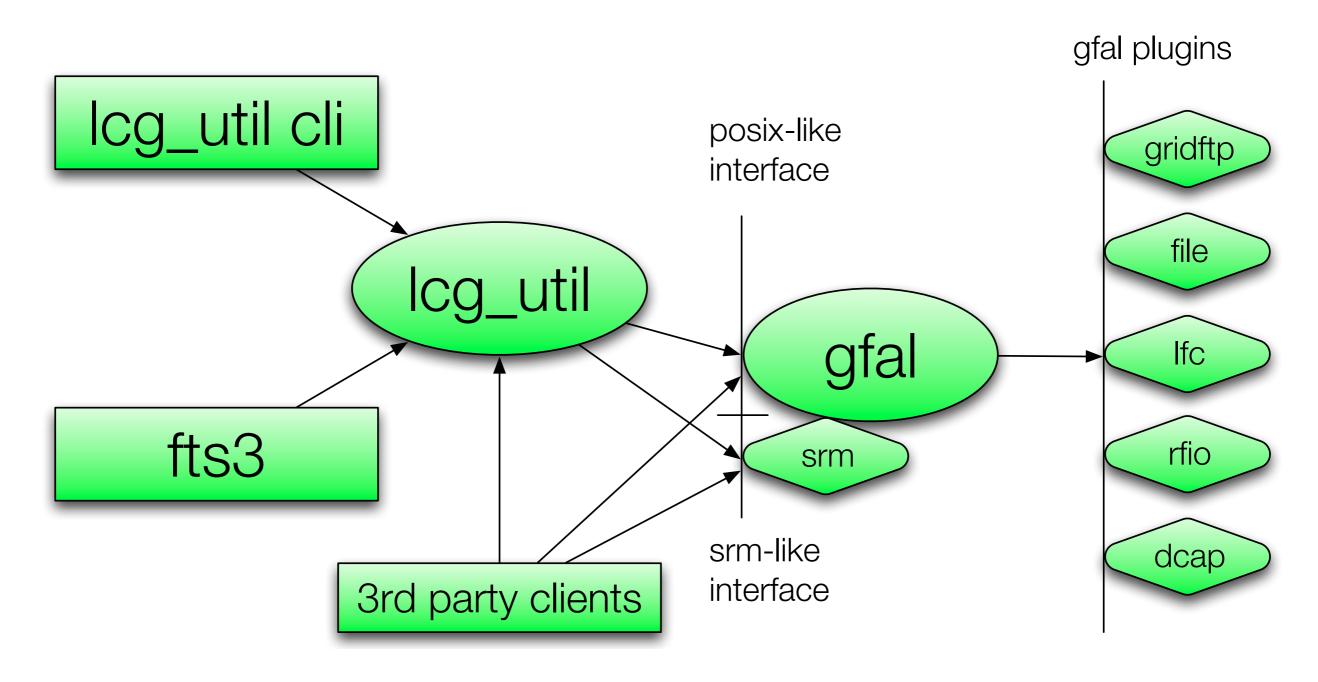
Outline



- What we have
 - •lcg_util/GFAL
 - ARC data tools/libarcdata
- What we've done
 - •meetings
 - presentations
- What we'll make
 - •EMI_datalib
 - Pros and cons
- Way forward
 - Expected obstacles
 - Expected timeline

lcg_utils/GFAL

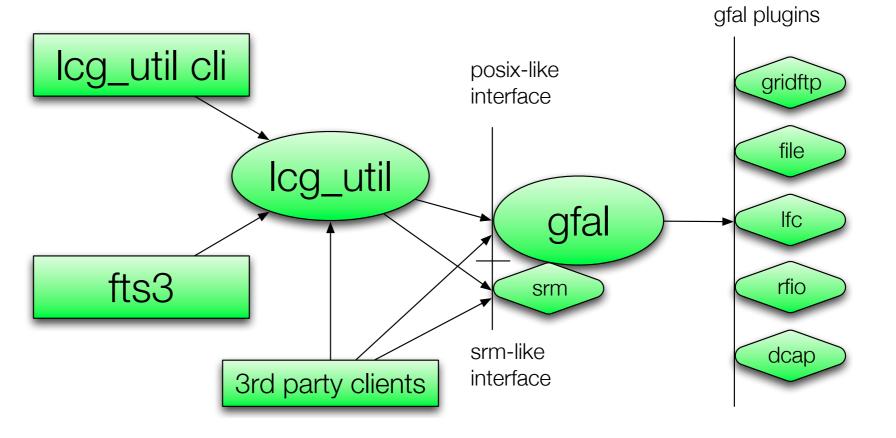




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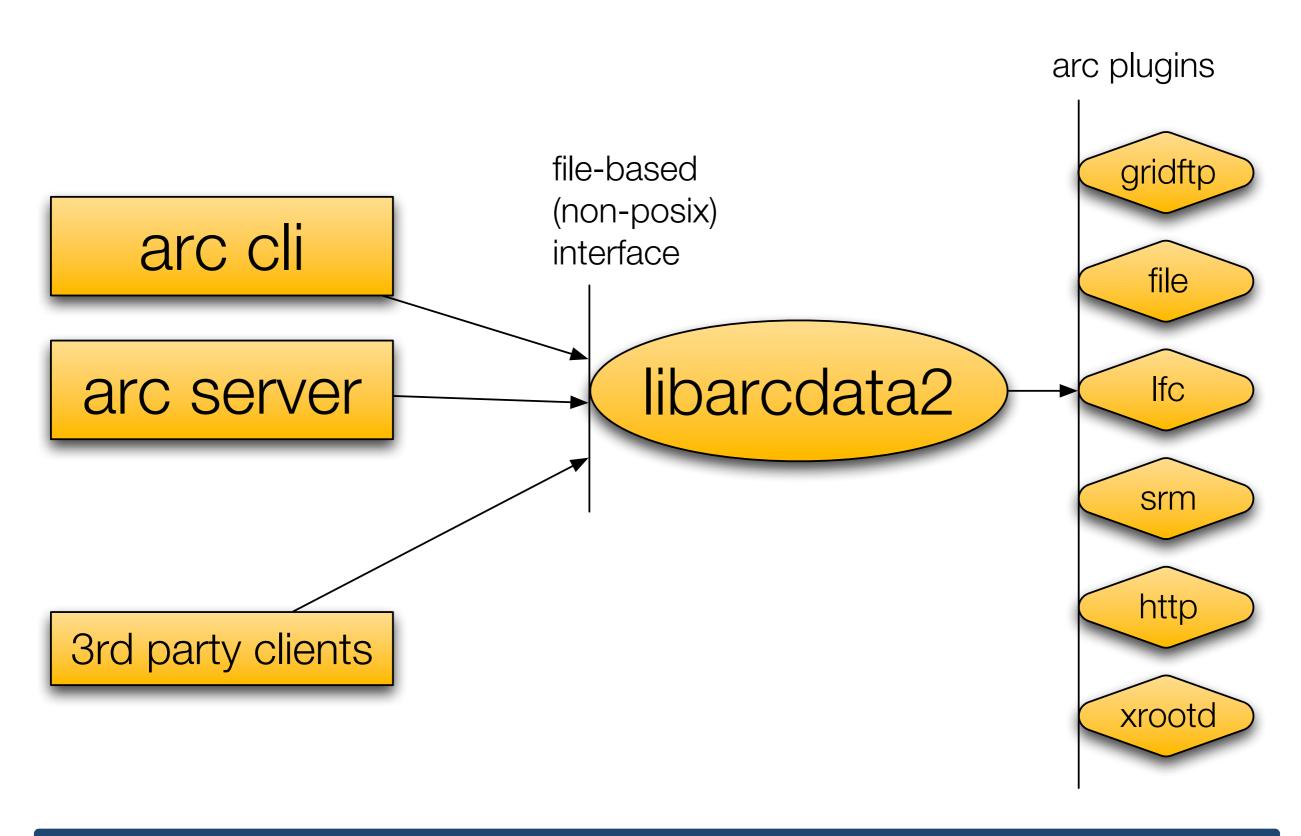


- POSIX-like interface (GFAL)
- Protocols handled in plugins
- Higher-level file operations through lcg_util
- Support for SL5
- Written in C
- •Will be used in FTS3



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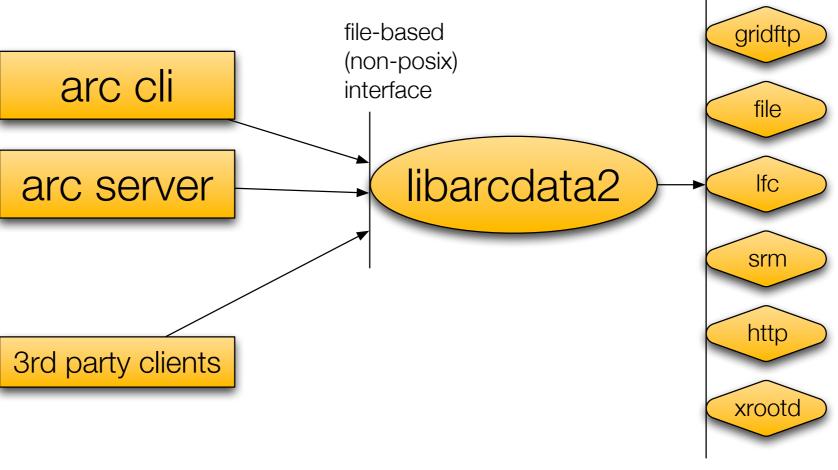


ARC data tools/libarcdata



arc plugins

- •File based interface (libarcdata2)
- Protocols handled by plugins
- Lacks third-party transfer
- Support for Linux, Mac OSX,
 Windows
- Written in C++
- Used by ARC CE





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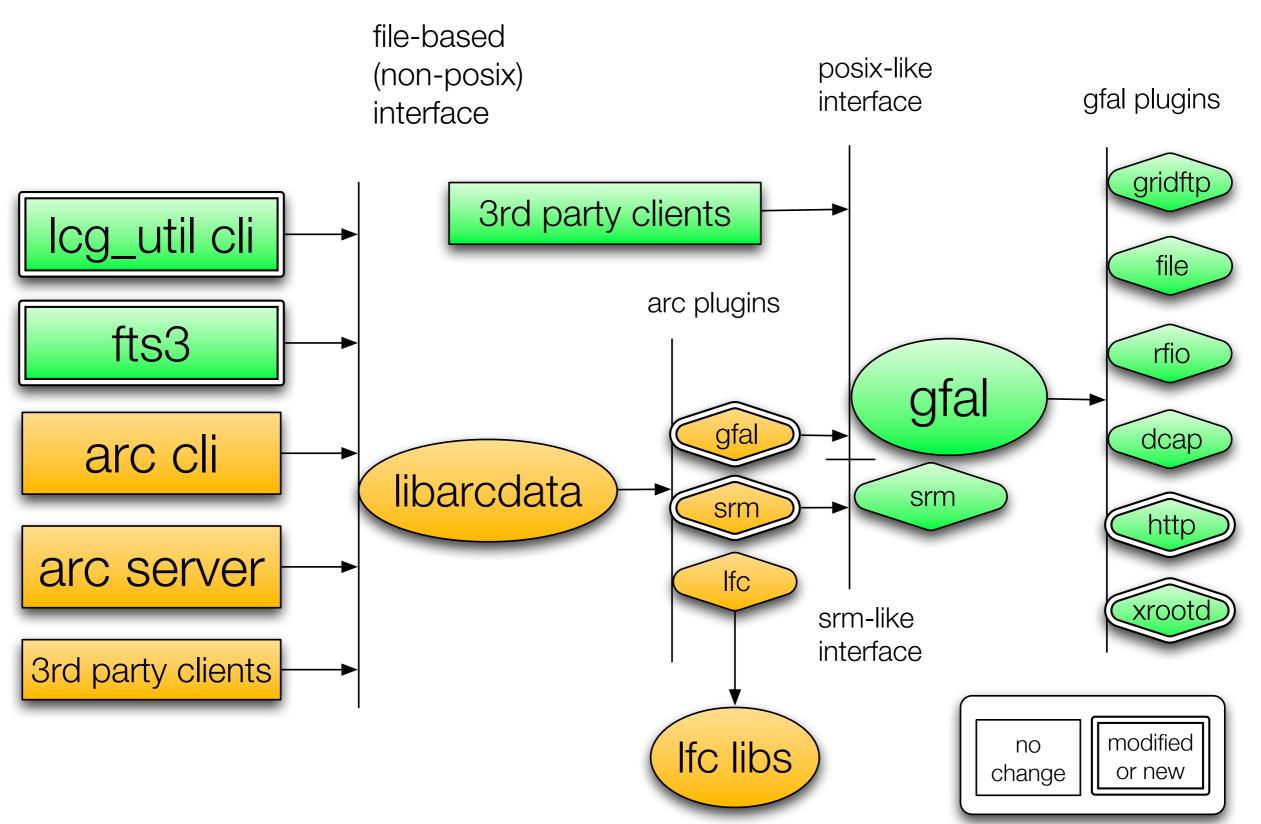


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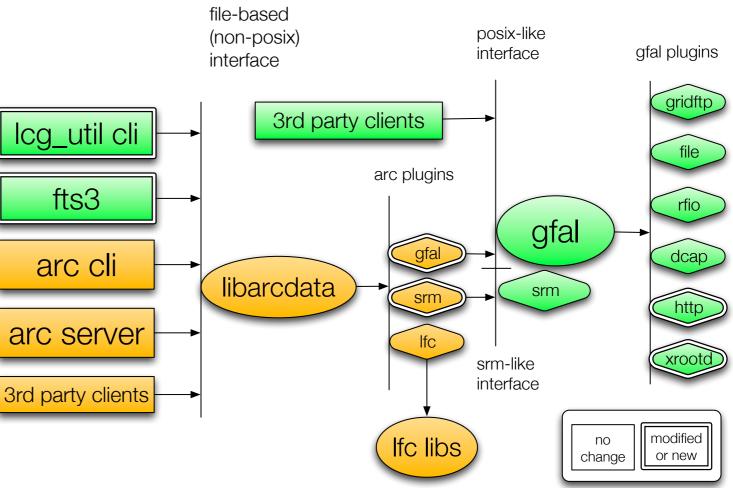
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 - Aim to finalize plan -> now is a good time for input





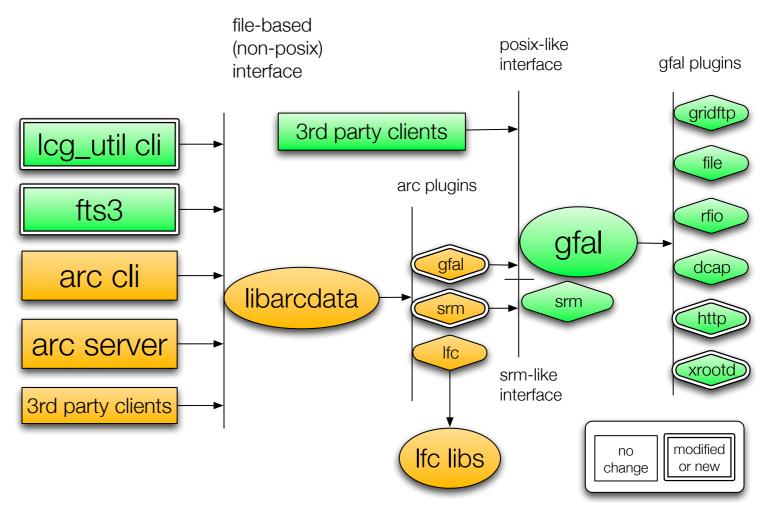


- •Why?
 - One set of file transfer plugins instead of two
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 - Both file-based and POSIX in same library
 - GFAL gets http and xrootd,
 ARC gets third-party transfer
 - Clear division of components
 - CLIs unchanged —no change for existing users



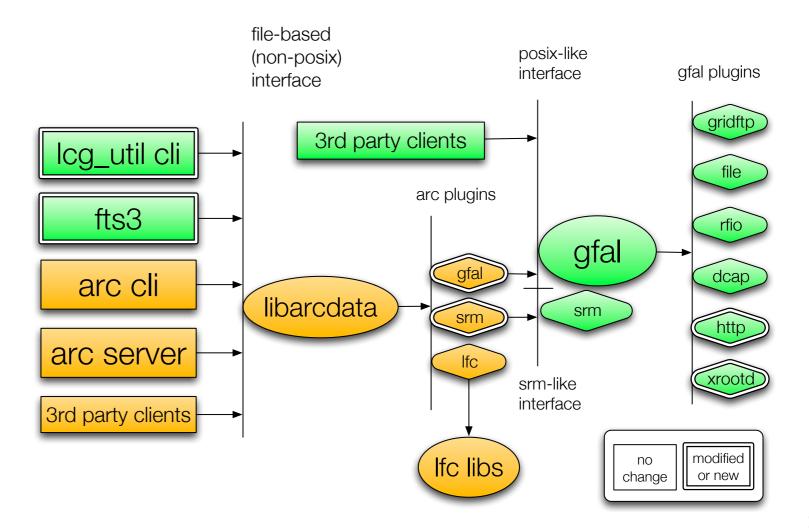


- •Why not?
 - All development moved to consolidation – no new features in old version
 - Users will need to do more radical changes to get new features
 - Not a radical reduction of code base compared to the effort needed for consolidation



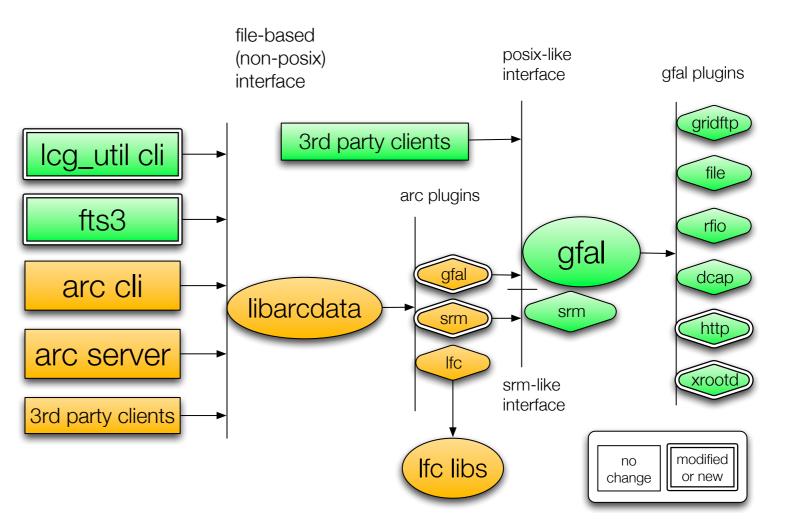


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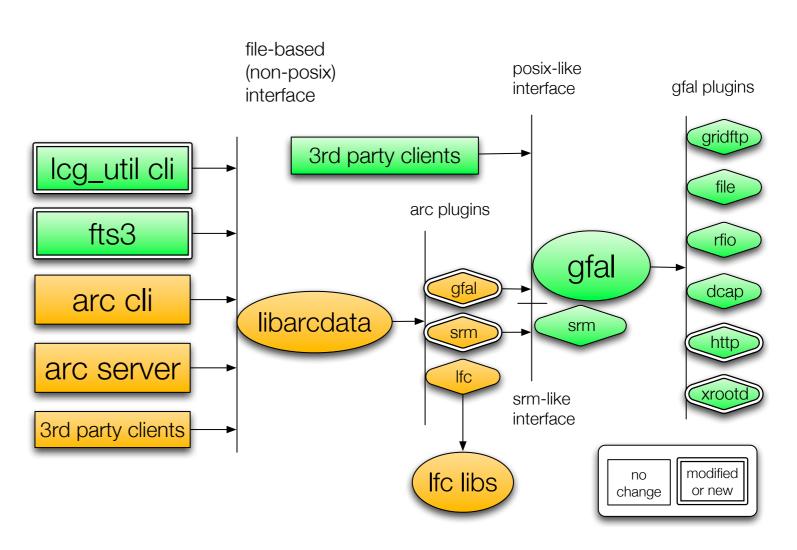


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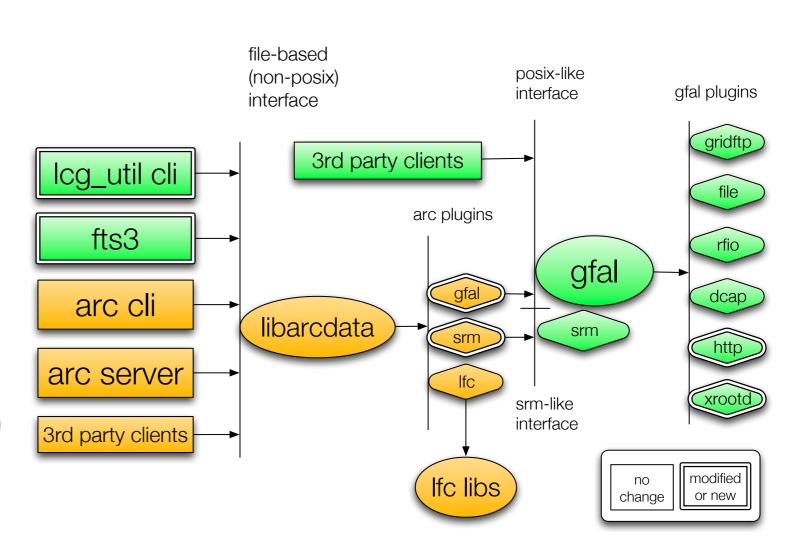


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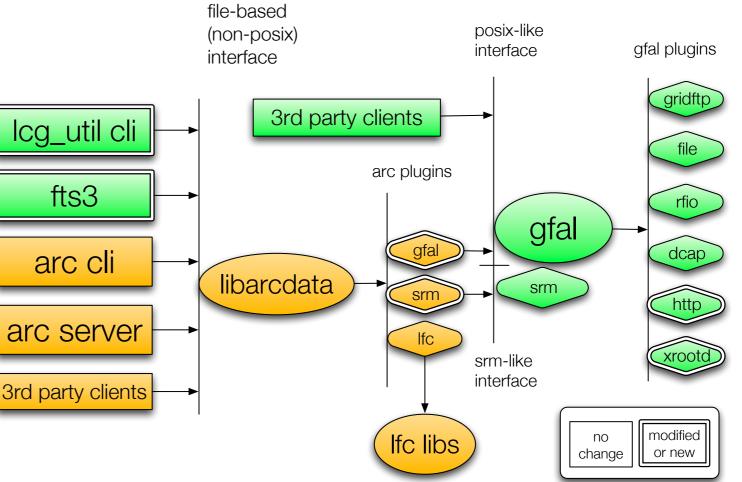
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•Who will maintain the new stuff?



- More pro's than con's
- Seems to be more to gain than to lose
- Packaging, dependencies and environment variables may need some ironing
- OS support may need some thinking
- •gLite and ARC will have to pull together an achievement on its own :)



Timeline



- October 2011: Deliver consolidation plan in EMI
 - Draft exists main ideas ready
- December 2011: Finish prototype implementation
 - Prototype should be ready for EMI-2
 - Merging two data access libraries in 2 months delays may occur
 - Initial work already started
- •2012: Testing
 - Lots of testing needed to arrive to production ready code
 - Affected components: FTS and ARC CE
 - •Any testing help appreciated!
- December 2012: Finish migration to EMI_datalib



Thank you!

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