



Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

# A service oriented framework to create, manage and update metadata for earth system science

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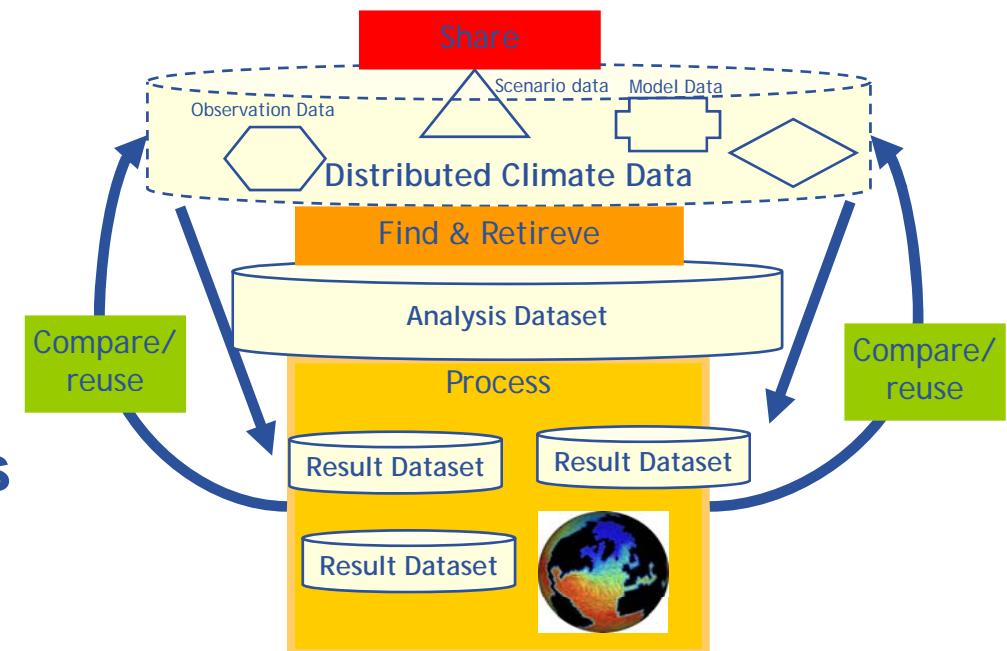
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- Background:
  - What is Earthsystem science about
  - Motivation of this framework
- Design of the metadata framework
  - Requirements
  - Concept
  - Implementation
- Potential impact and vision

- **Goal:** learn about the past, the present, and possible futures of the earth system
- **Method:** Modelling, analysing, comparing and processing data
- **Input:** data from observations and/or other modelling studies
- **Community:** internationally and interdisciplinary distributed but strongly interconnected

## Typical workflow



- A grid to

...needs Metadata to describe

- Share data
  - **Content** (unique variable description, temporal & spatial bound)
- Find data
  - **Discovery** (where to find, how to access)
- Process data in modular, independent steps
  - **Use** (format, size, etc.)
- Compare/reuse data
  - **Provenance** (origin of data, performed processing steps etc.)

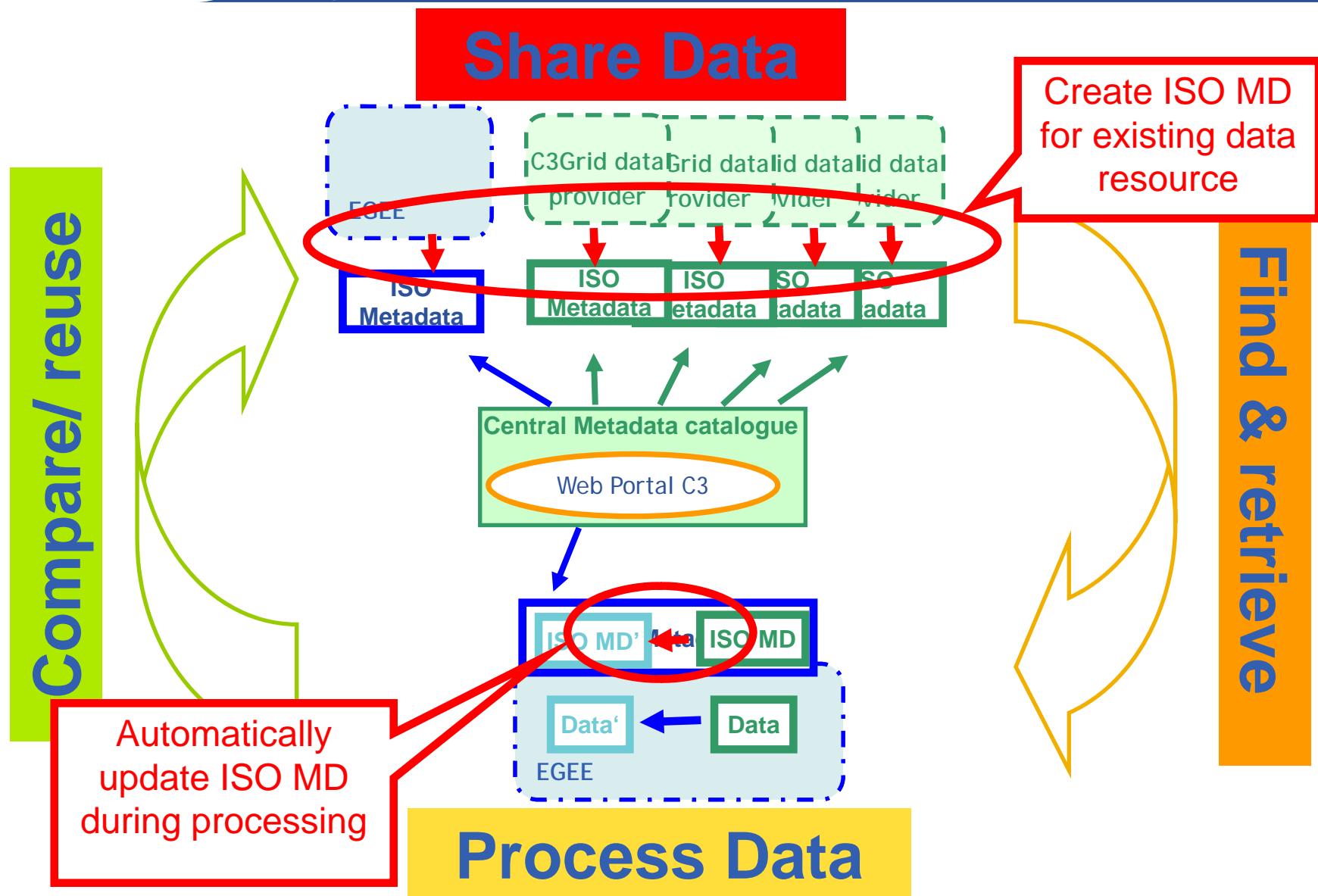
## ISO 19115

- Content
- Discovery
- Use
- Provenance

- **Complex enough to reference geographic data**
- **Offers a hierarchical description**
- **XML implementation ISO 19139 available**
- **Used for ESS data by academic and business:**
  - ANZLIC
  - ESRI
  - con terra GmbH
- **C3Grid -> adapted ISO format for grid world**

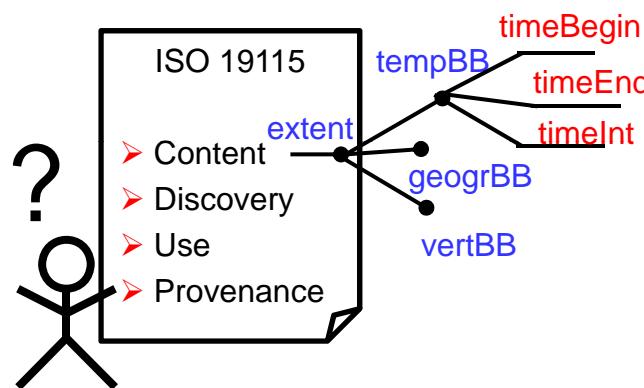


Tools are needed to create, manage and update metadata



# Metadata workflows

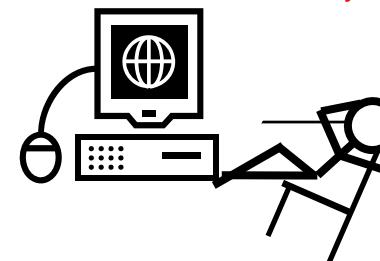
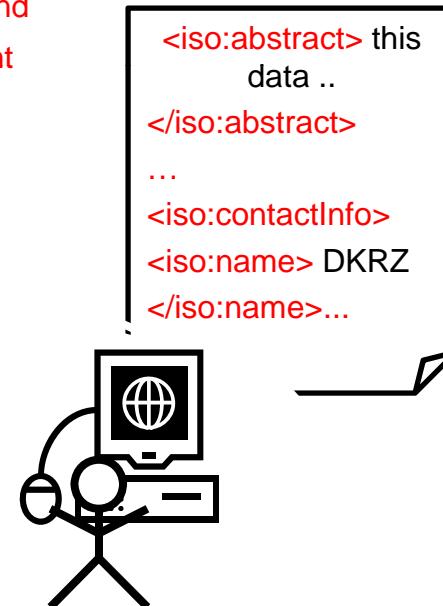
Create ISO MD  
for existing data  
resource



(1) Understand ISO-  
MD implementation

Automatically  
update ISO MD  
during processing

(2) Interactively create  
default file



Default A

Ref\_xml B,C

update timeEnd with t1

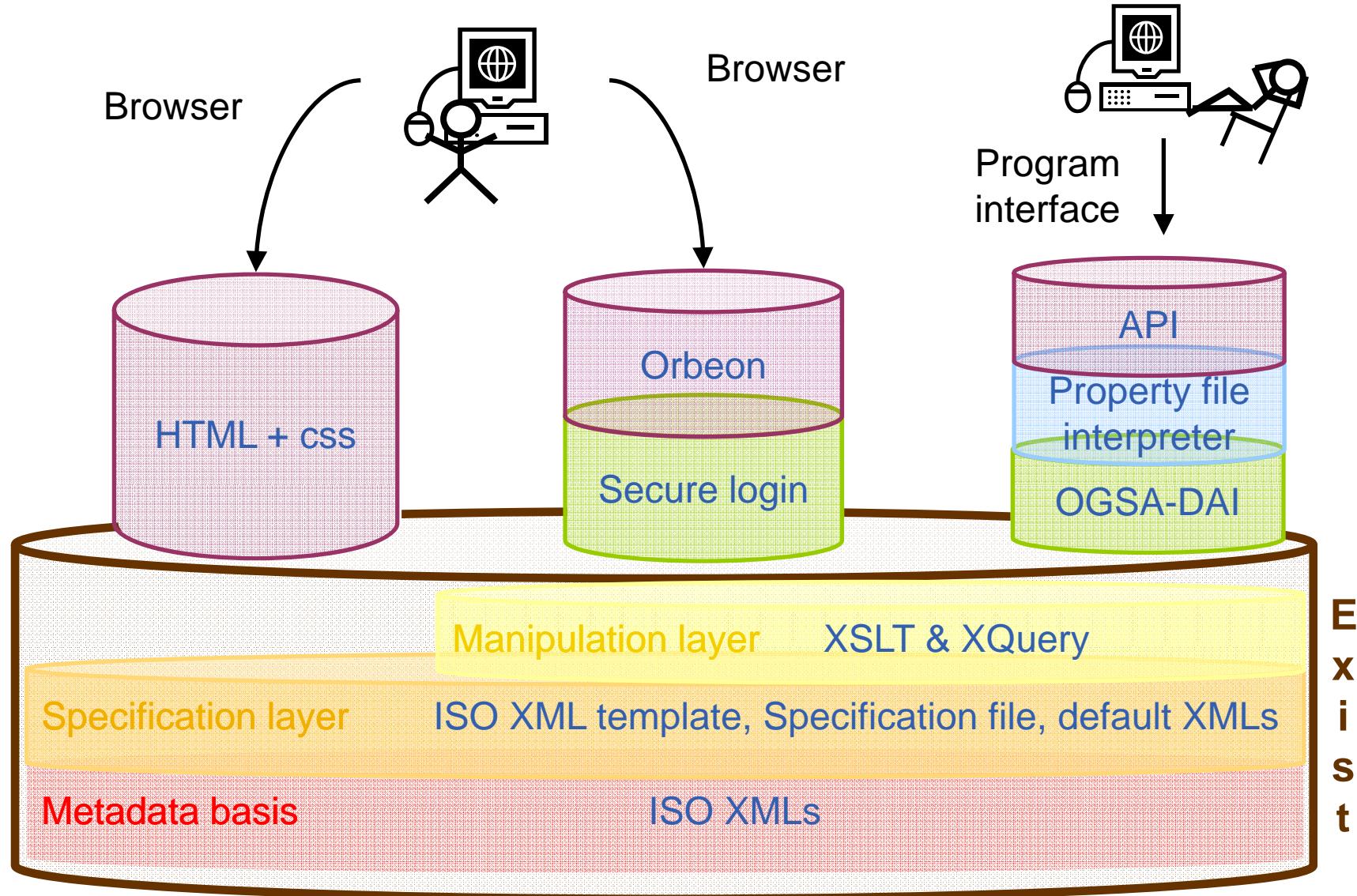
add vertBB from A

update cfvar = a with b

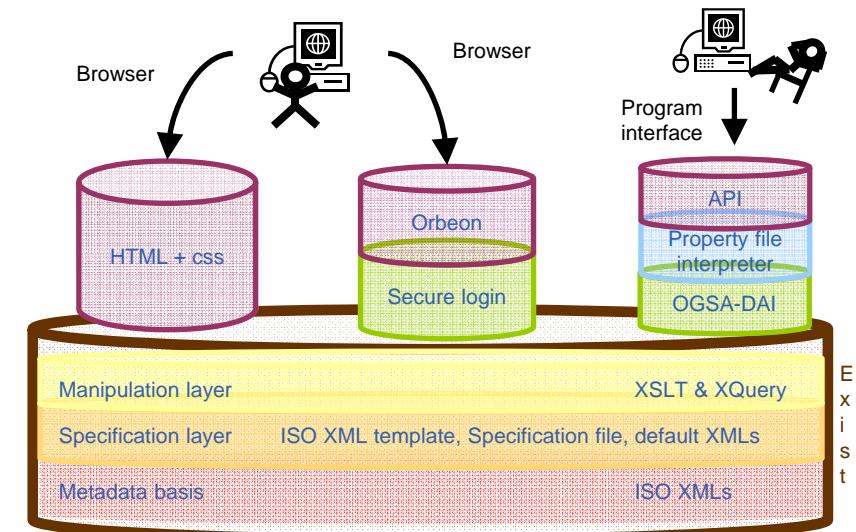
delete keyword = c

(3) Produce property  
file

Step	(1)	(2)	(3)
<b>Function</b>	<i>view structure, content and organization of the metadata</i>	<i>Parsed creation/change of metadata via GUI</i>	<i>Automatic, property file driven update of MD</i>
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• graphical depiction</li> <li>• Schema template &amp; specification file</li> <li>• Example MD files</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GUI</li> <li>• Secure login</li> <li>• Parsing functionality</li> <li>• Schema template &amp; specification file</li> <li>• Example MD files</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• API</li> <li>• property file language</li> <li>• A&amp;A</li> <li>• Update &amp; parsing functionality</li> <li>• Schema template, specification &amp; default file</li> <li>• Original MD files</li> </ul>
<b>System layout</b>			



- **Modular**
  - Differentiated access
- **Common basis**
  - Easy maintainable
- **Layered system**
  - Easy extendable/reusable
- **Standardized technology**
  - Easy adaptable



- **Tools are used in C3-EGEE framework**
  - Ease integration of further data providers/processors
- **ISO is increasingly used as metadata format for ES data**
  - Foster the collaboration on ES data
- **The schema related XMLs are limited and easy to exchange**
  - Adapt tools for further schemas/communities