The EGI Cloud Federation

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Principles

- The EGI Cloud is a open hybrid cloud federation
 - Different levels of federation are possible offering various degrees of interoperability
 - All cloud providers pooling resources and data in a multi tenant model
 - Need to adhere to a set of common policies, procedures and processes for federated service management
 - Can join in by adopting the federation model that provides the interoperability needs of the target groups
 - Can choose among federated services offered by EGI in a modular way, while still relying on local tools and exposing own service interfaces to the federation, as applicable
 - Low barriers to join the federation



Services of the EGI Cloud Federation 1/4

- SSO for authentication and authorization across the whole cloud federation supporting the IGTF identify federation as well as other IdP federations through a credential translation service (pilot phase)
- Federated accounting system to collect, aggregate and display usage information across the whole federation: number of VM instantiated and consumed CPU wall time by user, user group, VO and cloud provider



Services of the EGI Cloud Federation 2/4

- Federated information discovery allowing users and tools to have information about capabilities and services available in the federation
 - cloud compute and storage service end-points
 - the list of locally available VM images and flavors per cloud provider
- Information can be retrieved
 - by end users via the Application Database to instantiate
 VMs in the federations
 - by platforms via LDAP queries to gather information for brokering functions



Services of the EGI Cloud Federation 3/4

- Federated monitoring to perform federated service availability monitoring and reporting of the distributed cloud service end-points, and to retrieve this information programmatically
- Service registry for configuration management of the federated cloud services (GOCDB)
- VM image catalogue: open library of virtual appliances (bundle of one or more VM images) for use on a cloud or for personal download, supporting VM image management operations like: registration of new instances, reuse of existing ones and contextualization. It uses the HEPiX image lists technology.



Services of the EGI Cloud Federation 4/4

- EGI endorsed VM images: a set of base images containing only the OS and already prepared to run in a cloud environment in a secure manner
- VM image management with a central registration point for virtual appliances which can be automatically and securely distributed to any resource provider
- Federated service management system of processes, policies, activities and supporting tools customized to the federated cloud





EGI Cloud Federation

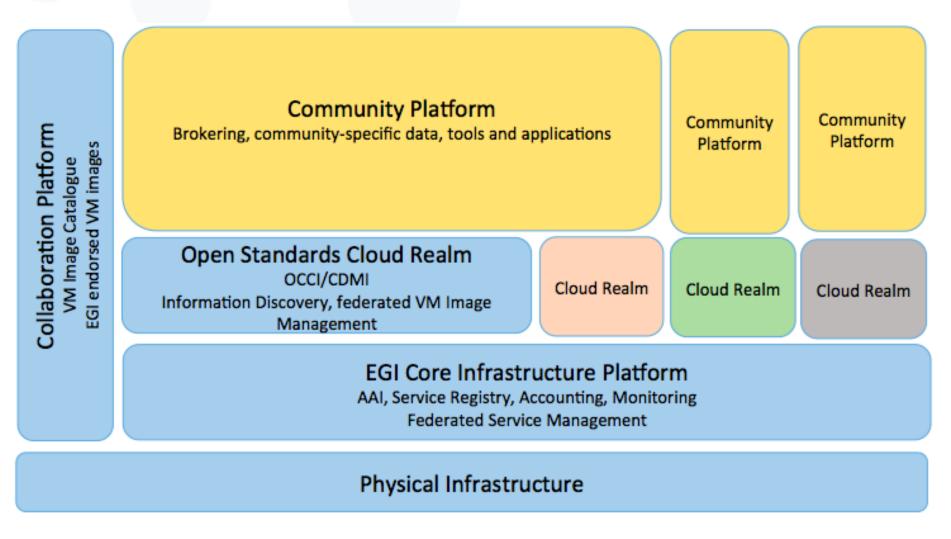
hybrid cloud (private, community, public)

EGI Cloud Realm

- subset of cloud providers exposing homogeneous cloud management interfaces and capabilities
- the Open Standards Cloud Realm supports OCCI and CDMI for full interoperability across different CMFs
- Community Platform
 - Set of community-specific data, tools, applications and brokering solutions, which can be supported by one or more realms of the federation.



Federation model





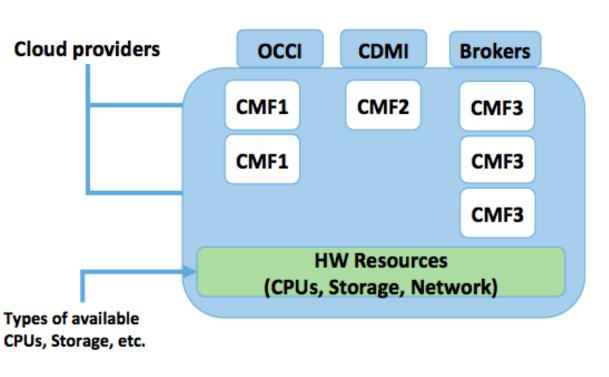
EGI Cloud Federation

	Cloud Realm Cap	abilities	Peer Realms
	Open Standards Realm	Other Realms	
EGI AAI compliance	x	x	x
EGI federated service management (processes, activities and policies) adoption	x	x	x
Service registry	x	x	optional
Accounting	x	x	optional
Monitoring	x	x	optional
Information discovery	x	optional	optional
laaS open standards compliance - OCCI, CDMI ¹	x	optional	optional
VM image catalogue	optional	optional	optional
federated VM image management	optional	optional	optional
CMW native interfaces	optional	optional	optional
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Open Standards Cloud Realm

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CMF: Cloud Management Framework

Services
SSO
Cloud service registry
Accounting and Monitoring
Information Discovery
OCCI and CDMI end-points
VM image catalogue
Federated image management
EGI endorsed VM images
Federated service management
Local cloud services - optional

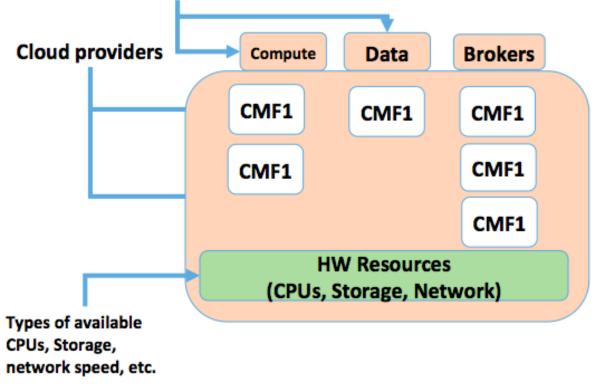
Resources	
Compute	
Block Storage	
Object Storage	
Brokers and orchestrators	



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Value proposition - users

- SSO support for accessing the cloud federation
- Integrated accounting across the whole federation
- Contribute own tools to an open library of virtual appliances: registration of new instances, reuse of existing ones and contextualization
- Access the list of EGI endorsed VM images: a set of base images containing only the OS, and already prepared to run in a cloud environment in a secure manner
- Distribution of the VM images to the federation cloud providers
- Choose among different community platforms and softwares ported to the EGI federated cloud
- User support



Community platforms - example

- VOSpace (Int. Virtual Observatory Alliance)
 - Access to federated distributed astronomical data repositories from survey projects
- Integration of the EGI Cloud Federation and CANFAR (Canadian Advanced Network for Astronomical Research)
 - Joint effort of EGI and INAF, and the Canadian Astronomy Data Centre
 - Objective: implemented a distributed international cloud for astronomers, with agreed policies for data replication of data collections from telescopes, most of the data is open (estimated data: 1 PB)
 - Capabilities: store and share of data, configurable VM management, interactive VMs, persistent VMs and batch processing with VMs

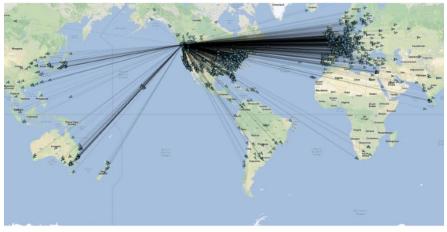


VOSpace – current status

Geography of VOSpace PUTs



Geography of VOSpace GETs

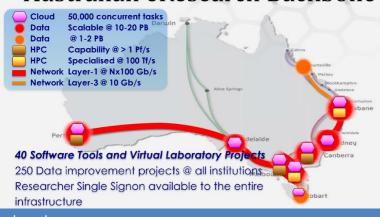


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Federating worldwide - NeCTAR

- Project supported by the Australian Government, 8 institutions and research organizations
- Part of the National Research Infrastructure of Australia (NCRIS)
- Offer: shared data, data storage, HPC, Virtual laboratories
- International collaborations of common interest
 - Data integration for neuroinformatics (HBP, Monash University), EMBL datasets, Astronomy
- Discussion in progress on the federation model and AAI integration
- Objective: share community tools and virtual laboratories, federate data
 Australian eResearch Backbone





Other cloud integration efforts

- ELIXIR Compute Platform EGI-Engage ELIXIR CC
 - GOCDB features in place allowing the EBI IdP to be accepted
 - ELIXIR Compute Platform integration starting from sites in the Cloud WP of the EXCELERATE project
 - EBI, then by CESNET, Surfsara, CSC
- BBMRI private cloud, DARIAH...
- D4SCIENCE for operating Virtual Research Environments for freshwater and marine resources conservation research (iMARINE)

Thank you for your attention.





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