



Enabling the execution of various workflows (Kepler, Taverna, Triana, P-GRADE) on EGEE

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Introduction

- Several widely utilised, Grid workflow management systems, such as **Triana**, **P-GRADE**, **Taverna**, **Kepler**, **CppWfMS**, **YAWL**, or the **K-Wf Grid** emerged in the last decade.
- These systems were developed by **different** scientific **communities** for various **purposes**.
- Therefore, they differ in several aspects. They use
 - different workflow **engines**
 - different workflow description **languages**
 - different workflow **formalisms**
 - different Grid **middleware**





Different workflow engines

- Most systems are coupled with one engine:
 - Taverna uses **Freefluo**
 - Triana uses **Triana engine**
 - K-WfGrid uses **GWES** (Grid workflow execution service)
 - Older versions of P-GRADE used **Condor DAGMan**, while its recent version uses its own engine **Xen**.





Different workflow description languages

- Most workflow systems use different workflow description languages:
 - Triana interprets **BPEL** (Business Process Execution Language) and **its own language format**.
 - Taverna workflows are represented in **SCUFL**.
 - Older versions of P-GRADE used **Condor DAG**, now it uses **its own defined language**.
 - Kepler uses **MOML**.
 - YAWL system uses **YAWL language**.
 - K-WfGrid uses **GWorkflowDL**.
- Because of this diversity, **workflows** of a system **cannot be reused** in another system.





Different workflow formalisms

- Workflow description languages are based on various workflow formalisms.
 - Condor DAG uses directed acyclic graphs (**DAG**).
 - SCUFL is also **DAG based**, but it is extended **with control constraints**.
 - The new workflow language of P-GRADE is also **DAG based**, but it is extended **with recursion and nesting**.
 - YAWL and GWorkflowDL are based on **Petri Nets**
 - BPEL is **Pi-Calculus** based
- Different formalisms have **different expression capabilities**.
- Therefore, in many cases it is **not possible** to express a workflow of **one type** in the description language **of another**.



Workflow interoperability

- In order to achieve cross-organisational **collaboration** between the different scientific communities, workflows should be able to **interoperate**, **communicate** with and/or **invoke** each other during execution.
- The WfMC defines workflow interoperability in general as:
 - "The ability of two or more Workflow Engines to communicate and work together to coordinate work."

In this definition the workflow engine is a piece of software that provides the workflow run-time environment.





Approaches to workflow interoperability

- Various solutions can bring workflow interoperability into effect:
 - Workflow description **standardisation**
 - Would enable the **exchange of workflows** of different systems
 - **XPDL** was defined by the WfMC and **BPEL** was defined by Microsoft and IBM for this purpose, but they did not gain universal acceptance so far.
 - It is **unlikely** in the near future
 - Workflow **translation**
 - Would enable the translation from one language to another
 - Can be realised by **translating via an intermediate workflow language**.
 - **YAWL** and **GWorkflowDL** could also be used for this purpose. See BPEL to YAWL translator or SCUFL to GWorkflowDL converter.
 - **Cannot be applied in any case**



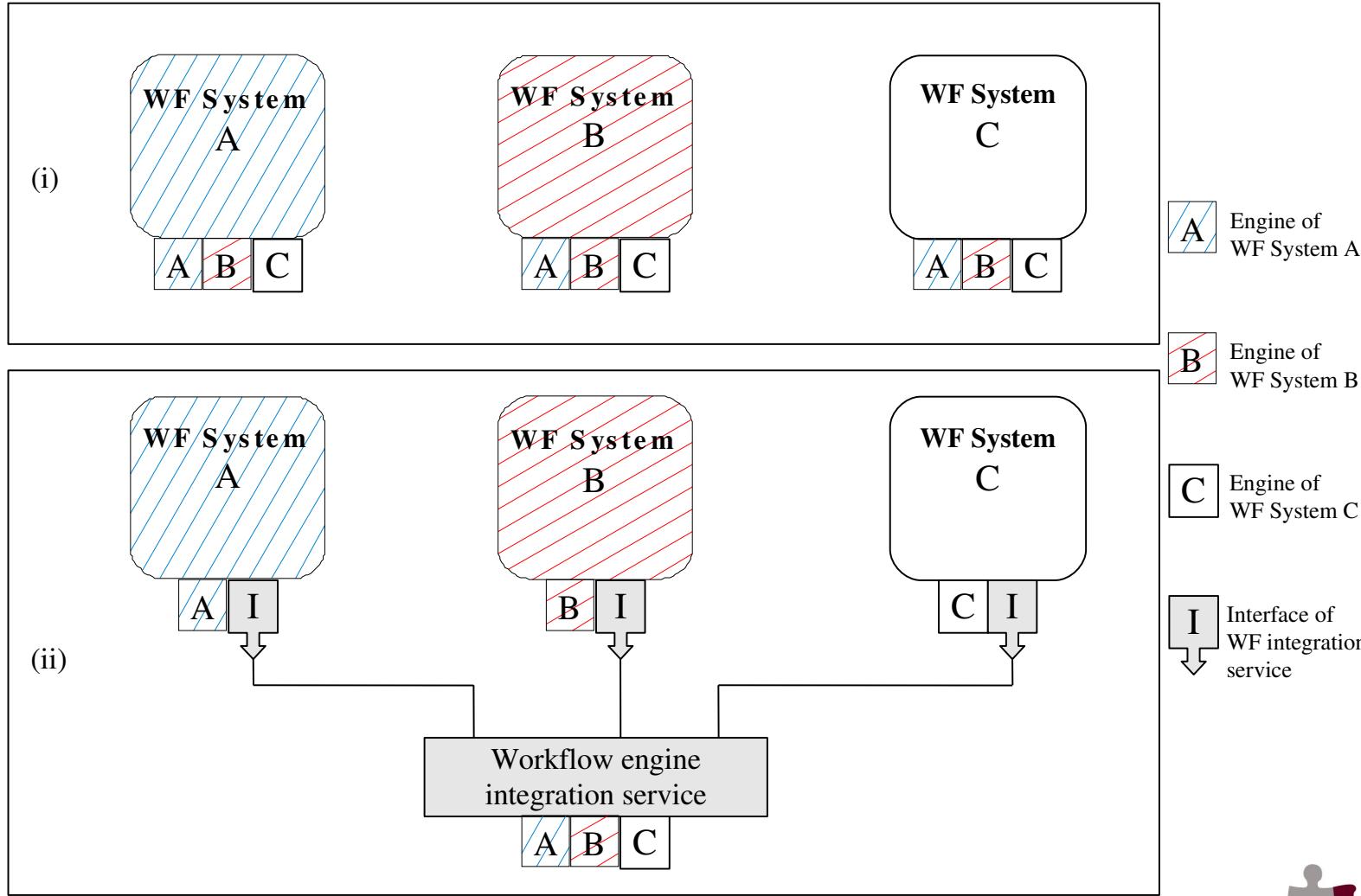
Workflow engine integration

- An alternative approach to attain workflow interoperability could be realised by workflow engine integration.
- Executes the workflow in its **native environment** in **by its own workflow engine**.
- Makes workflow management **systems** to be able to **execute non-native workflows**.
- Can be realised by **loosely** or **tightly coupled integration**.





Tightly(i) and loosely(ii) coupled engine integration





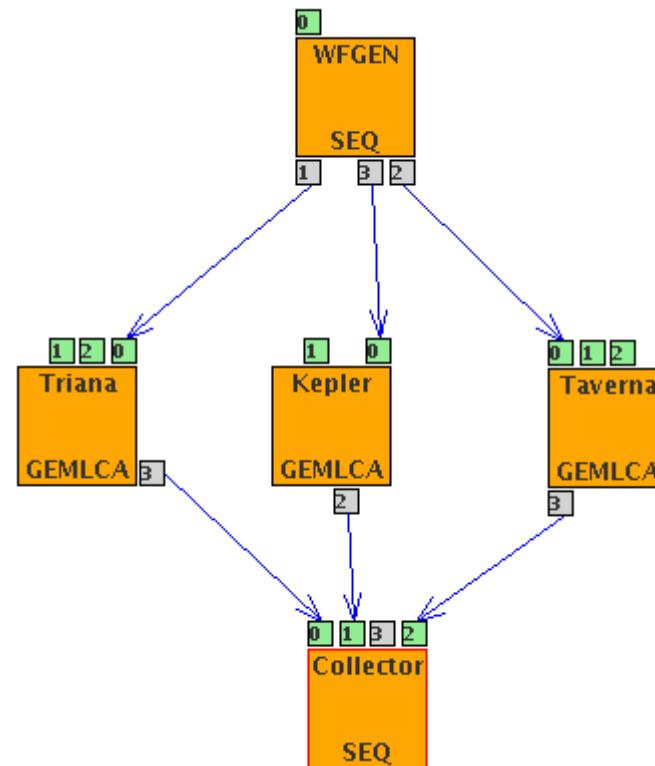
Requirements of workflow engine integration

- Our aim is to **provide a solution** for workflow **sharing and interoperability** by integrating different workflow systems in the following fashion:
 - providing a **generic solution**, which can be adopted to any workflow system
 - providing a **scalable solution** in terms of both number of workflows and amount of data
 - **integration of a new workflow engine** to the system should not require code re-engineering, **only user level understanding** of the engine in question



The concept of the target heterogeneous WF system

- In a certain type of workflow (meta workflow) other types of workflows can be executed as nodes
- The goal is that the meta workflow could be any type of WF (Taverna, Triana, Kepler, etc.)
- The embedded workflows can also be any kind of WFs



Realising workflow integration

- To provide a generic solution:
 - It is recommended to realise **loosely coupled integration**
- To provide a scalable solution:
 - It is recommended to **utilize Grid resources** for workflow engine execution
- To make the workflow engine deployment straightforward:
 - It is recommended to **handle workflow engines as legacy applications**





GEMPLCA

- GEMPLCA, that is unique in a sense that it is an **application repository extended with a job submitter**, allows the deployment of legacy code applications on the Grid.
- An **application can be exposed via a GEMPLCA service** and can be executed using a GEMPLCA client.
- The legacy application is stored either in the **repository of a GEMPLCA service** or on a **third party computational node** where GEMPLCA can access it.
- To **publish a legacy application** via GEMPLCA, only a **basic user-level understanding** of the legacy application **is needed**, code re-engineering is not required.
- As soon as the application is deployed, GEMPLCA is able to **submit** it using either **GT2, GT4** or **gLite** Grid middleware.
- If the workflow engine requires credentials to utilise further Grid resources for workflow execution, these are **automatically provided by GEMPLCA through proxy delegation**.





Exposing workflow engines via GEMLCA

- Command-line workflow engines, just like other legacy applications, can be exposed via a GEMLCA service, without code re-engineering and can be automatically submitted by GEMLCA to the Grid to a computational node.
- Three engines (engine of Taverna, Triana, and Kepler) have been en-wrapped by scripts so as to provide a general command line interface for them. This interface is the following:

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wfsubmit.sh -w wf_descriptor  
           [-p wf_input_params]  
           [-i wf_input_files]  
           [-o wf_output_files]
```

- Wrapper scripts are responsible for installing the workflow engine, decompressing the workflow input files, execute the workflow by parametrizing and invoking the workflow engine and finally compress the workflow outputs into one archive file.
- The engines were exposed using the JSR-168 based GEMLCA administrator portlet.



Exposing Taverna workflow engine on EGEE using GEMLCA Administration Portlet

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Legacy Code interface Description of the exposed Taverna engine

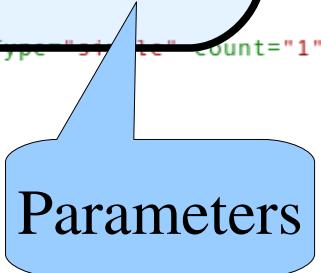
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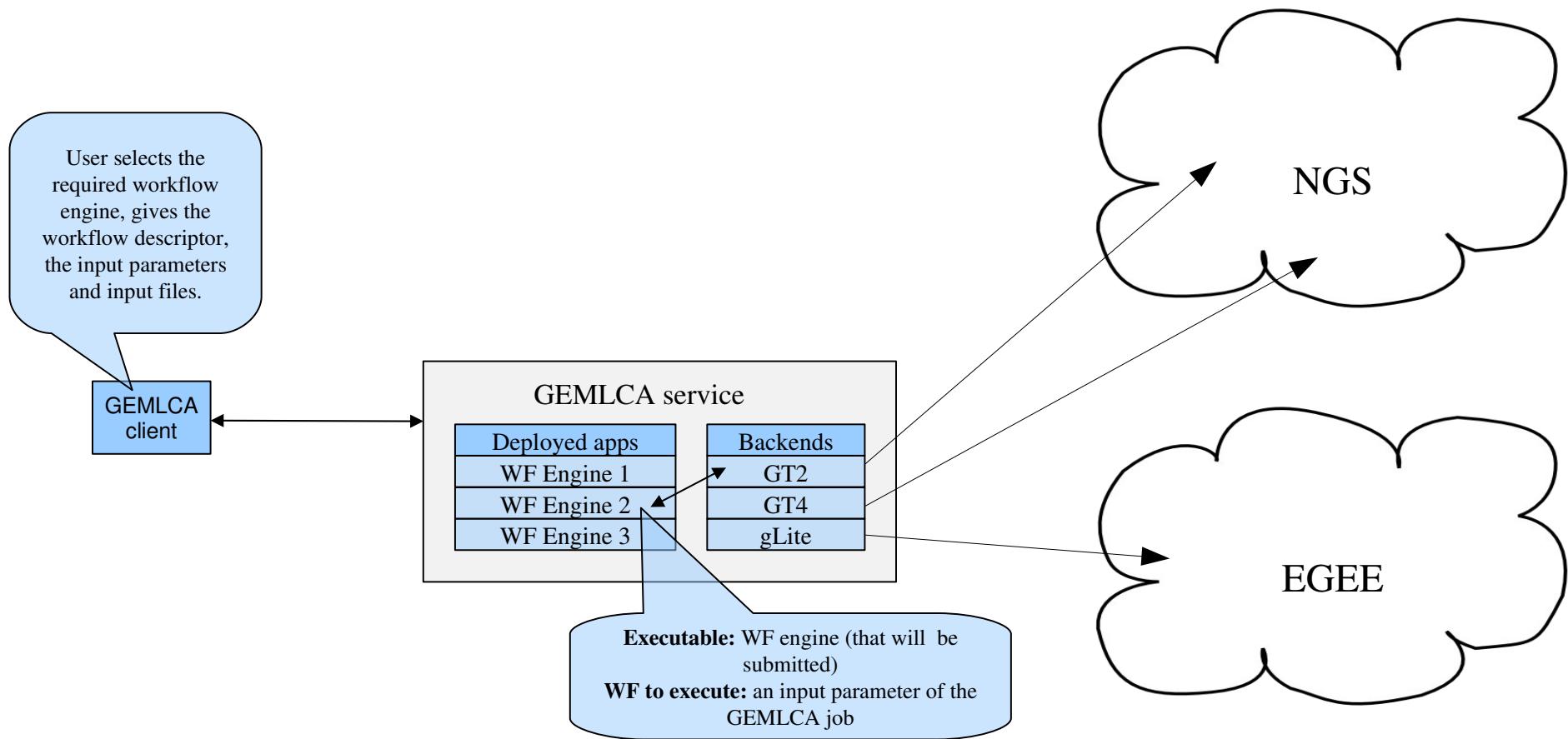
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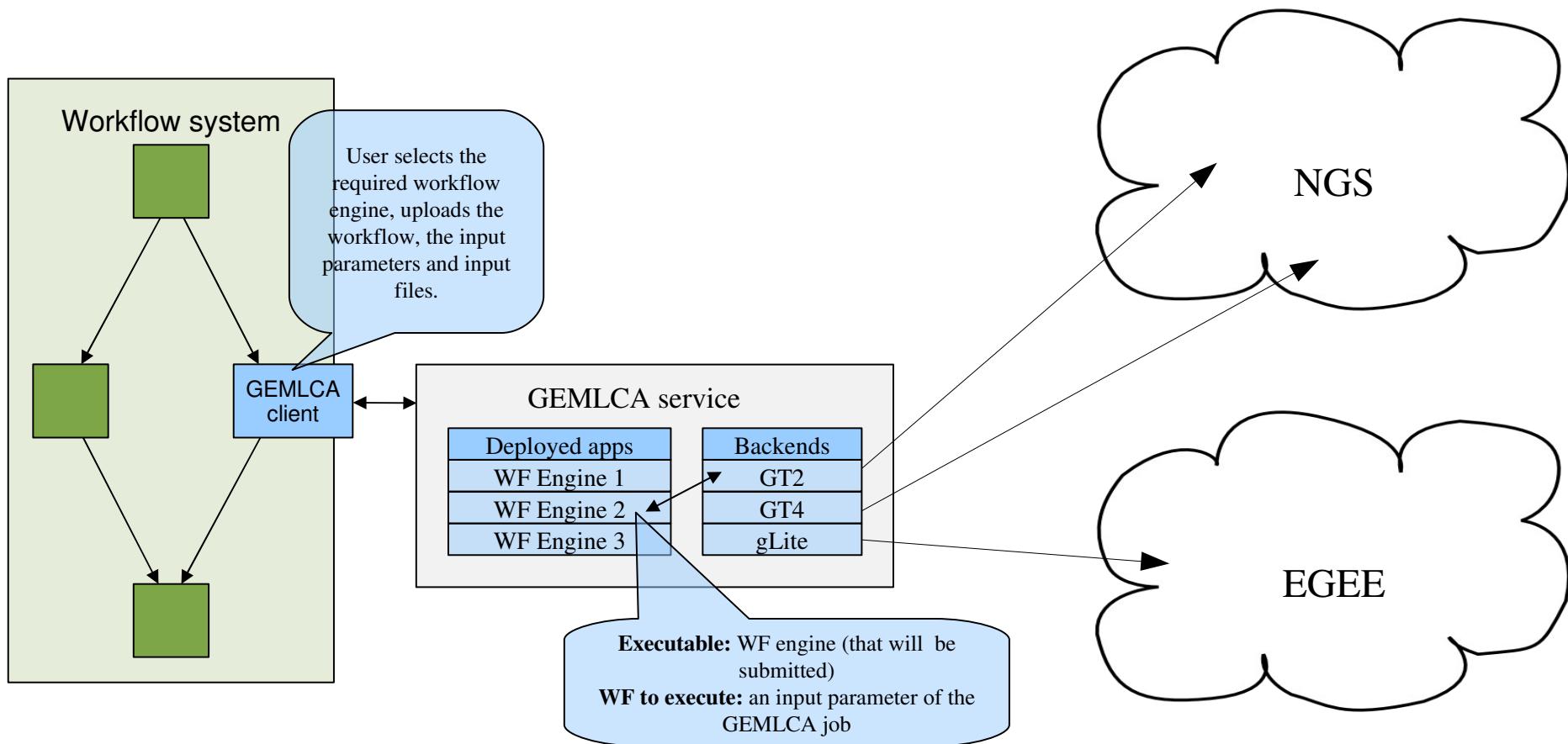
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Realisation of a Workflow engine repository and submitter via GEMLCA

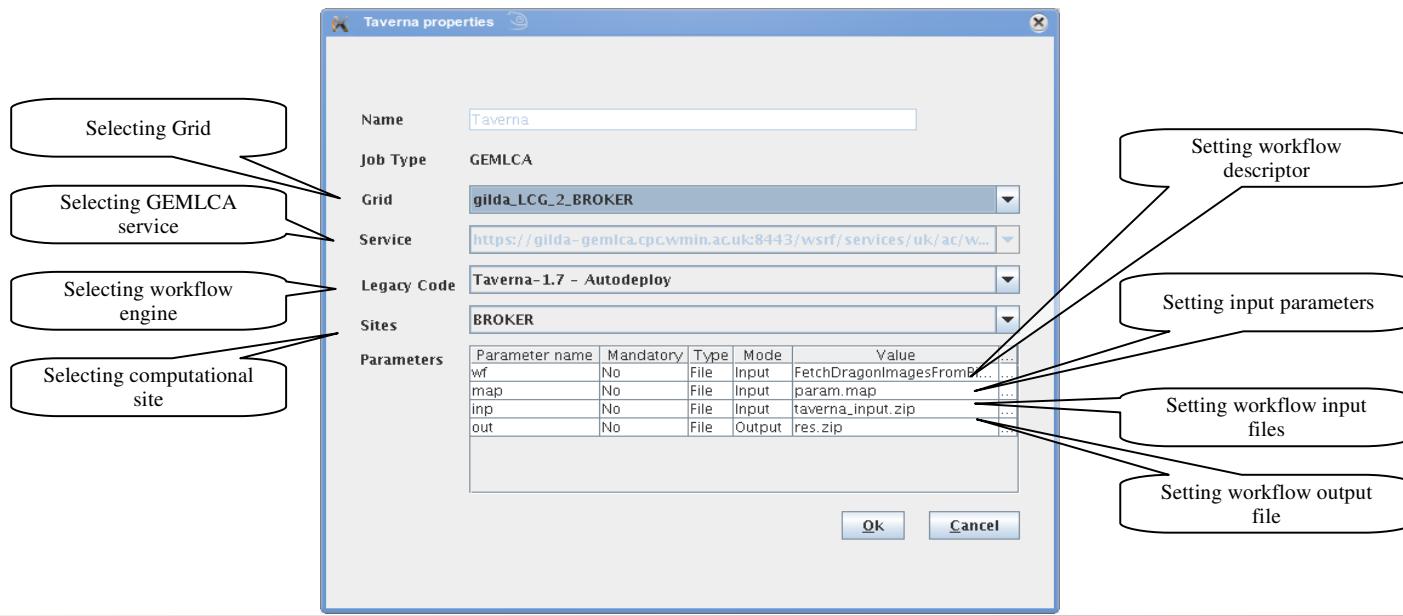


Heterogeneous workflow nesting via GEMLCA



Parametrization of non-native workflow execution within the P-GRADE portal

- GEMLCA was **integrated** to the P-GRADE portal.
- GEMLCA jobs can be **parametrized** using a JAVA based GUI **within the P-GRADE workflow editor**.
- **Any** other workflow **system** can **adopt** this solution and integrate a GEMLCA client.





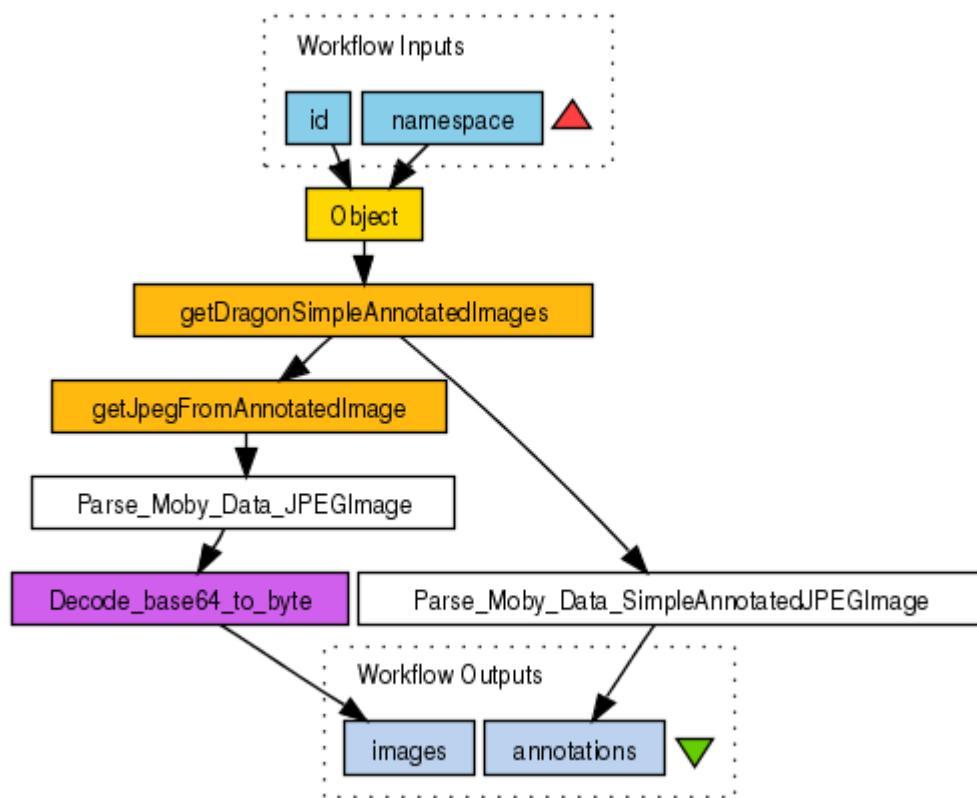
Case Study

- A case study workflow, that presents how workflows of different systems interoperate, will be presented.
- It serves only demonstration purposes, it is **not a real life example**.
- A **high level heterogeneous P-GRADE workflow**, nesting a Taverna, Kepler and Triana workflows.
- The **data** that are **transferred** between the workflows are **stored files**, there is **no data transformation**.
- If data transformation is **needed**, user has to create a **data transformer job**.

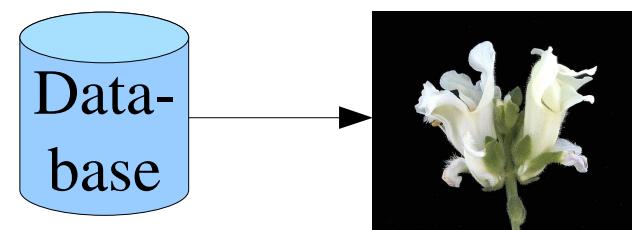




Taverna workflow

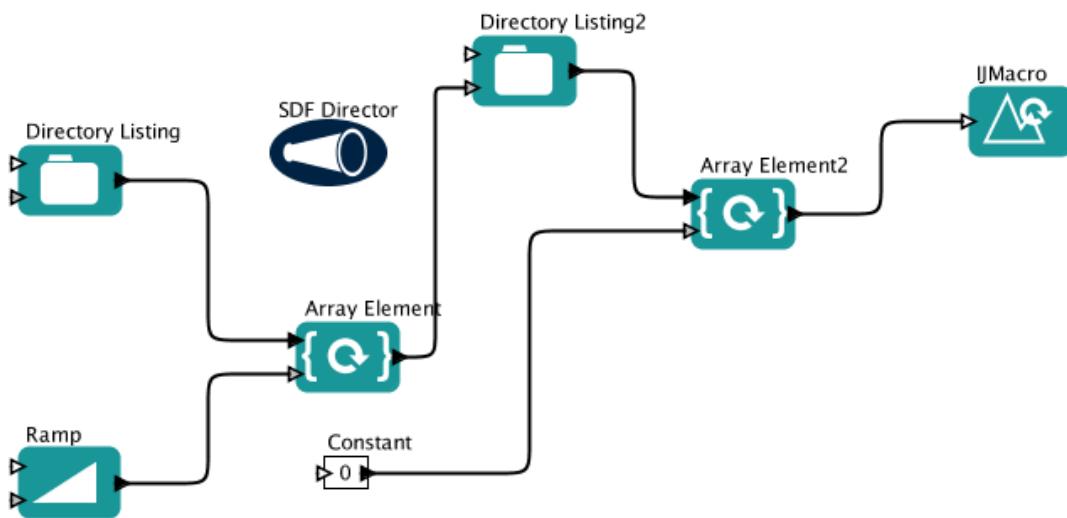


- This workflow fetches several **images from a database**, creates a few directories and places the images into those directories as image files.





Kepler workflow

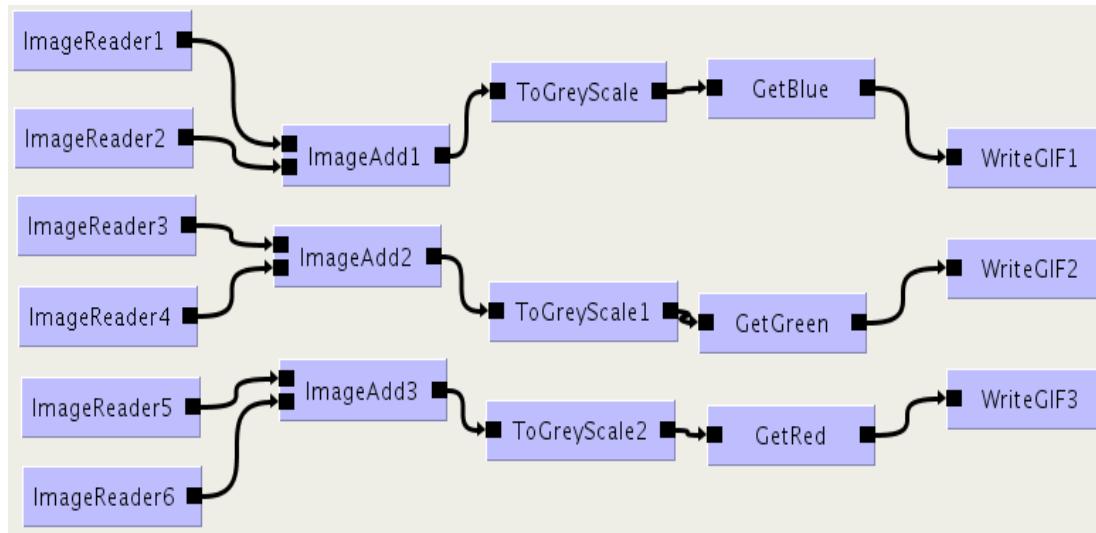


- This workflow goes through the directory structure of the archive input file and **manipulates each image** that it finds.
- The manipulation includes **edge highlighting**, picture resizing and image type conversion.

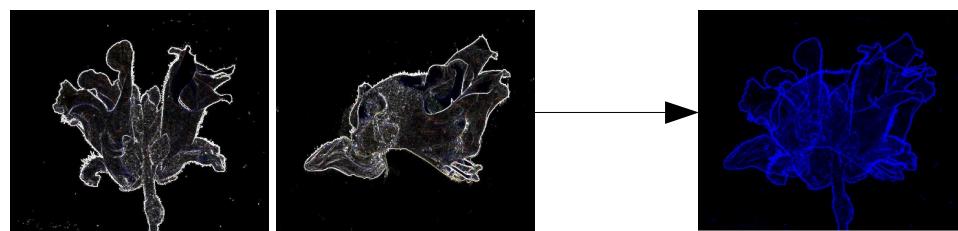




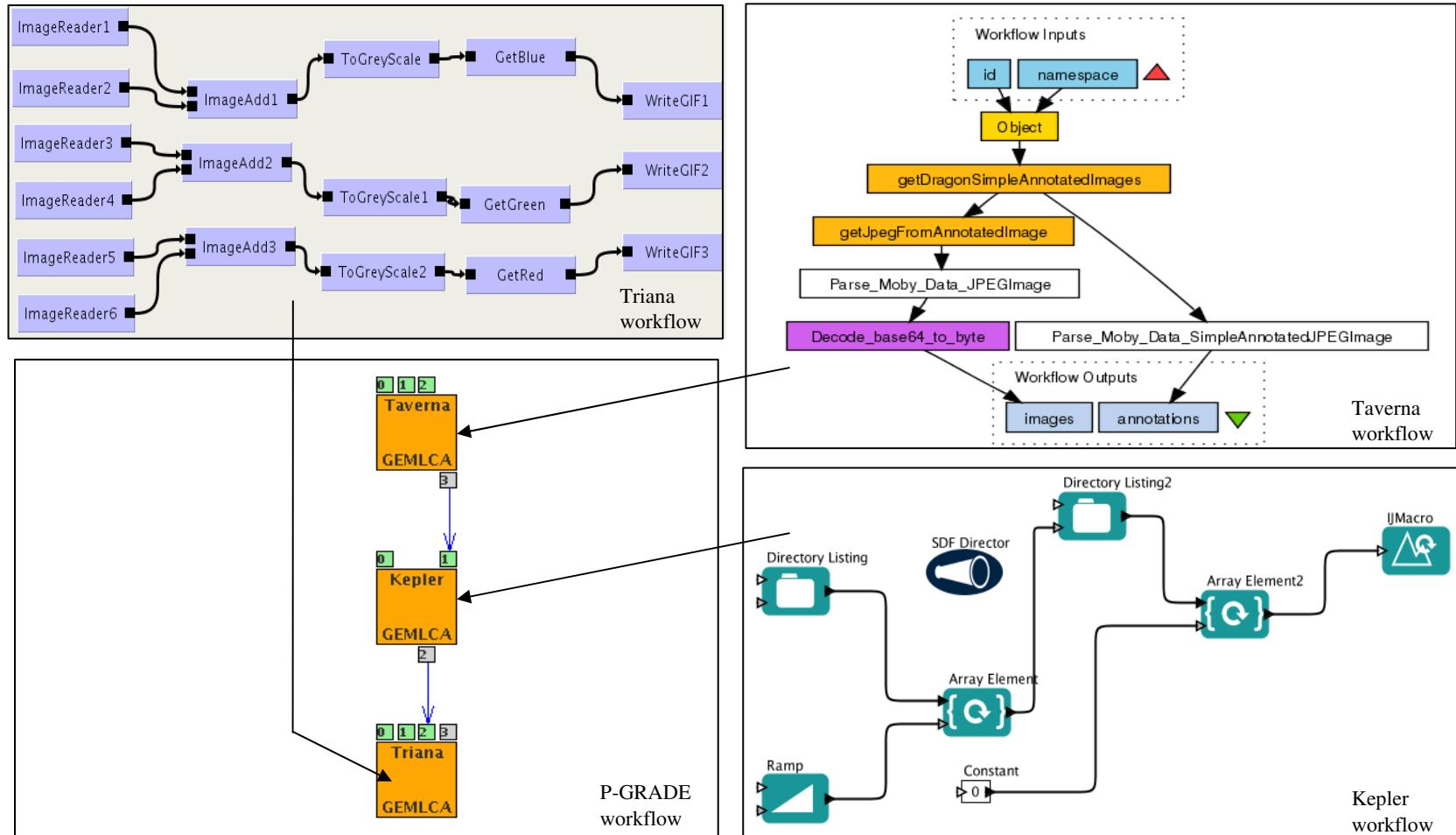
Triana workflow



- This workflow couples the pictures, merges each couple and converts the merged pictures to greyscale images.
- Then, one colour component, that can be either the blue, green or red, is taken of the greyscale pictures and saved as new image file.

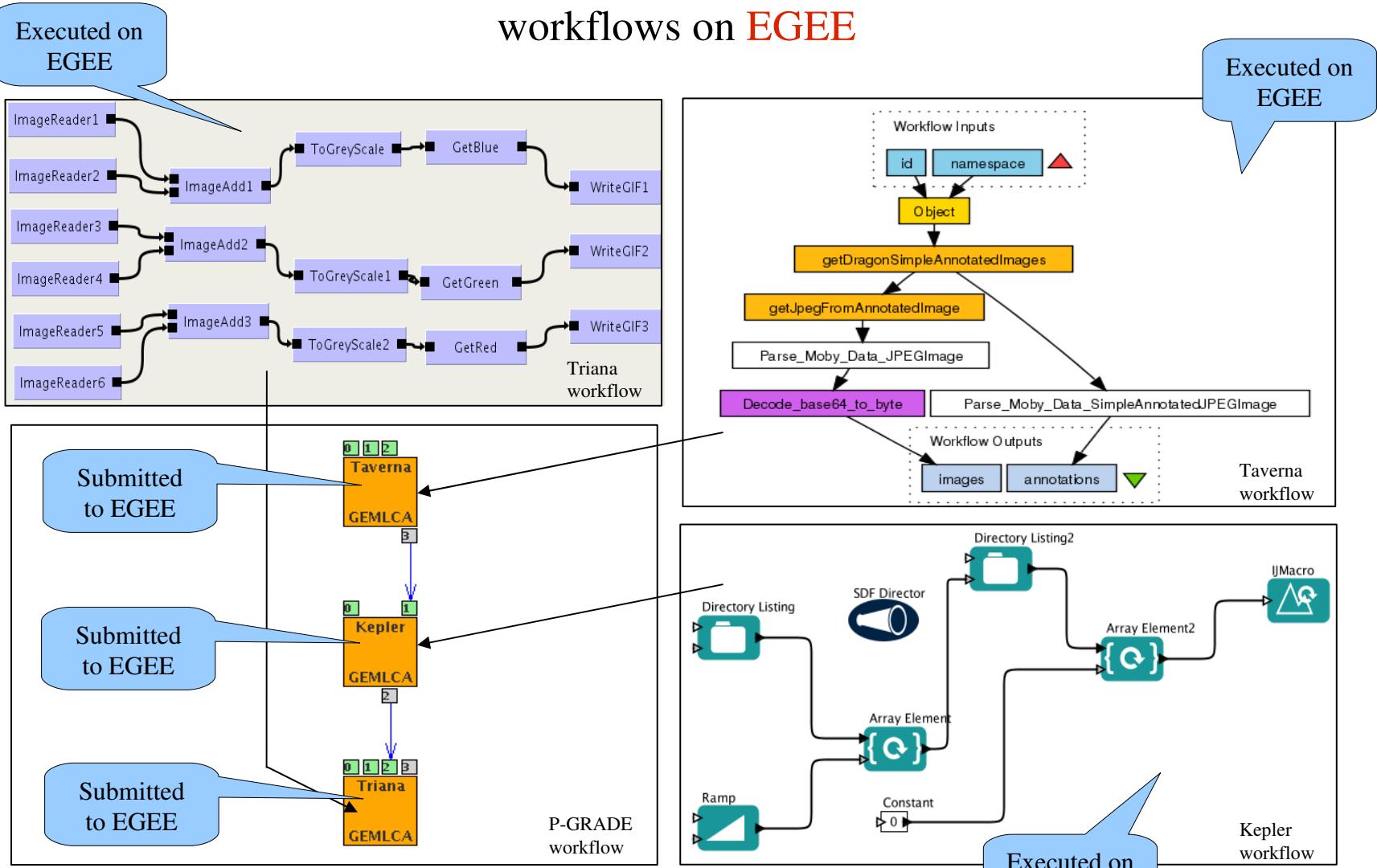


Heterogeneous P-GRADE workflow embedding Triana, Taverna, and Kepler workflows

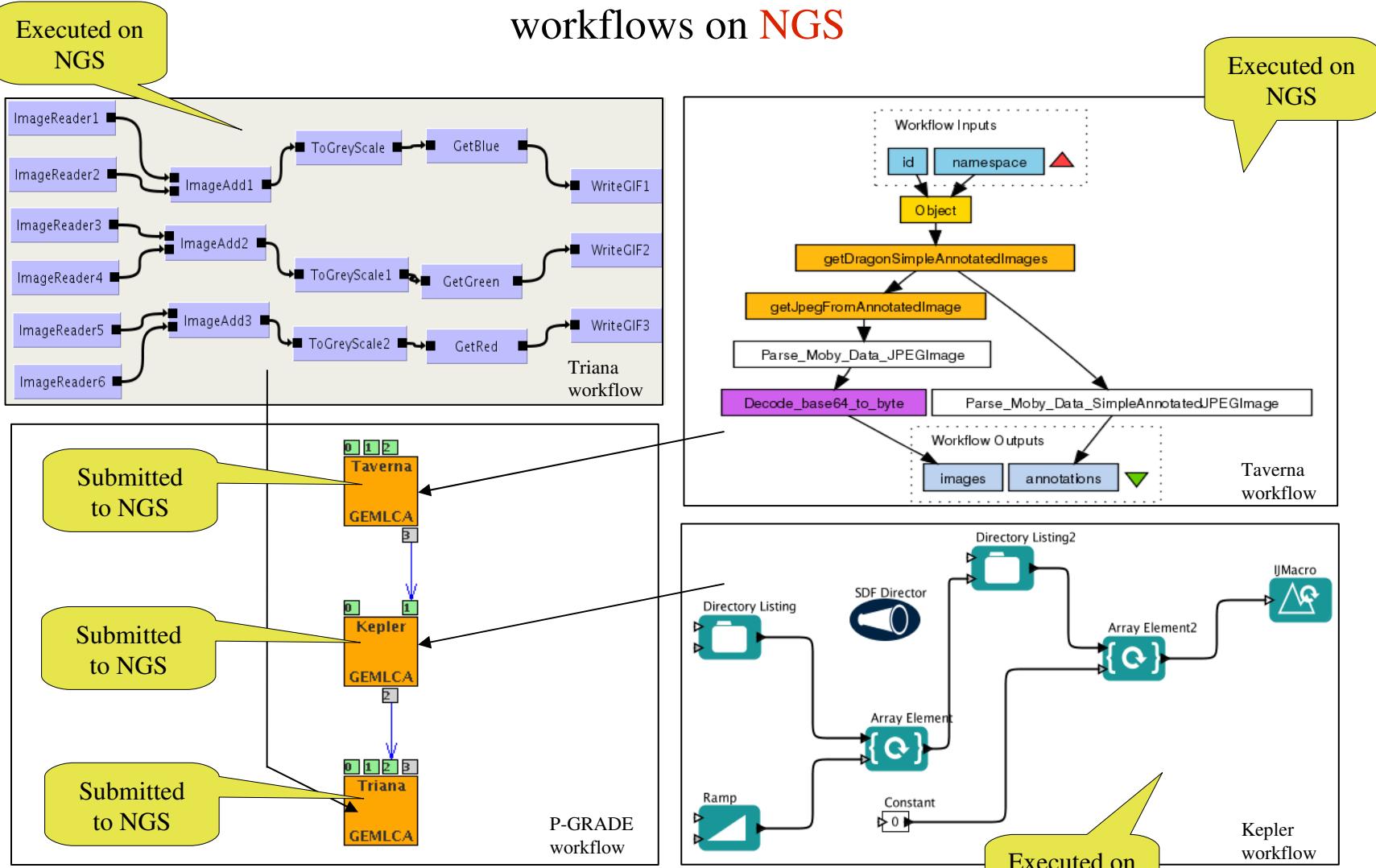




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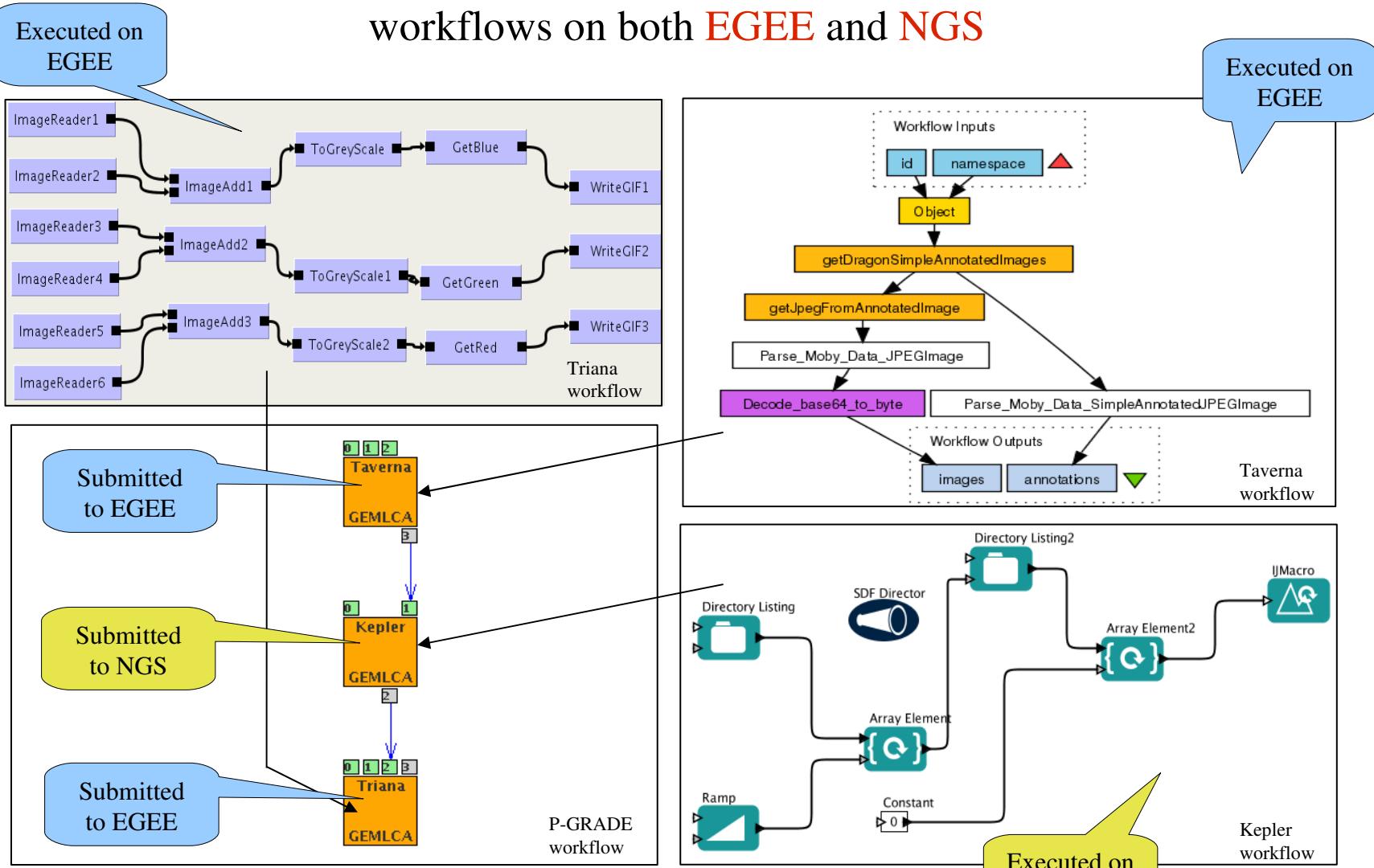


Heterogeneous P-GRADE workflow embedding Triana, Taverna, and Kepler workflows on NGS





Heterogeneous P-GRADE workflow embedding Triana, Taverna, and Kepler workflows on both EGEE and NGS



Executing heterogeneous meta-workflows in the P-GRADE portal using EGEE and NGS resources

Using only EGEE resources

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Using both NGS and EGEE resources

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Executing heterogeneous meta-workflows in the P-GRADE portal using EGEE and NGS resources

Workflow Manager

Job list

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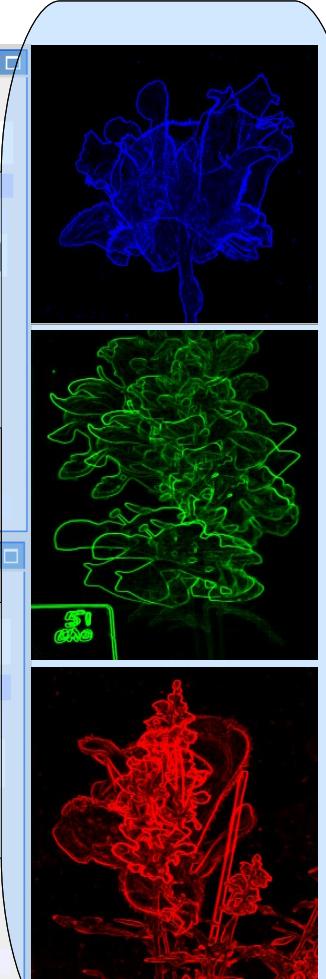
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Conclusions

- This presentation introduced a **general solution** for integrating and accessing heterogeneous workflow engines.
- The solution can be used to achieve workflow interoperability and sharing **at the level of workflow engine integration**.
- The solution **exposes** various workflow **engines via a GEMLCA service**, that is capable of **submitting the engines to the Grid** using GT2, GT4 or gLite based Grid infrastructures, such as **NGS** or **EGEE**.
- It can be extended to support any further grid middleware, by implementing an additional GEMLCA submitter backend.
- The solution **keeps the data at computational sites**, it is **scalable** in terms of **number of workflows** and **amount of data**.





Conclusions

- Workflow engine **deployment** to this system does not require any code re-engineering, **user level understanding** is sufficient.
- The solution **can be adopted by any** workflow management **system** by integrating GEMLCA with the selected WF system
- Our main concern is to **investigate and realise** further workflow interoperability **models** and to **extend** the solution with a **workflow repository**.
- The integration technique **can be applied** not only for workflow engine integration, but for **data middle-ware integration** as well.





Questions?





Thank You!

