SGAS Accounting System Status and future plans

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Overview

- SGAS history and status
- Current setup
- Issues and problems
- Development activities
- Future plans

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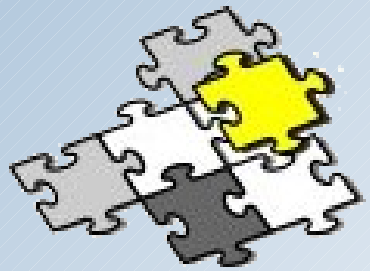
Some History (of SGAS)

- Developed by Swedish Researchers
  - Around 2005-2006
  - Have all left academia
- Bank and Usage Tracking
  - Fused together in the same product
- Based on Globus WSRF
- ”Research prototype”



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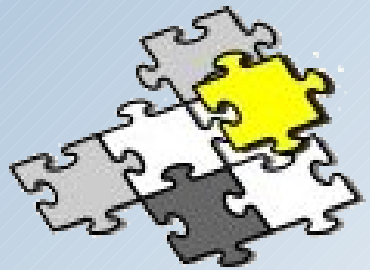
Why use SGAS?

- It works with ARC, AliEn (and previously GRAM)!
- Reasonably generic.
- Generates OGF UR (well sort of).
- SGAS is deployed and used by NDGF
  - Also used by M-Grid and SweGrid.



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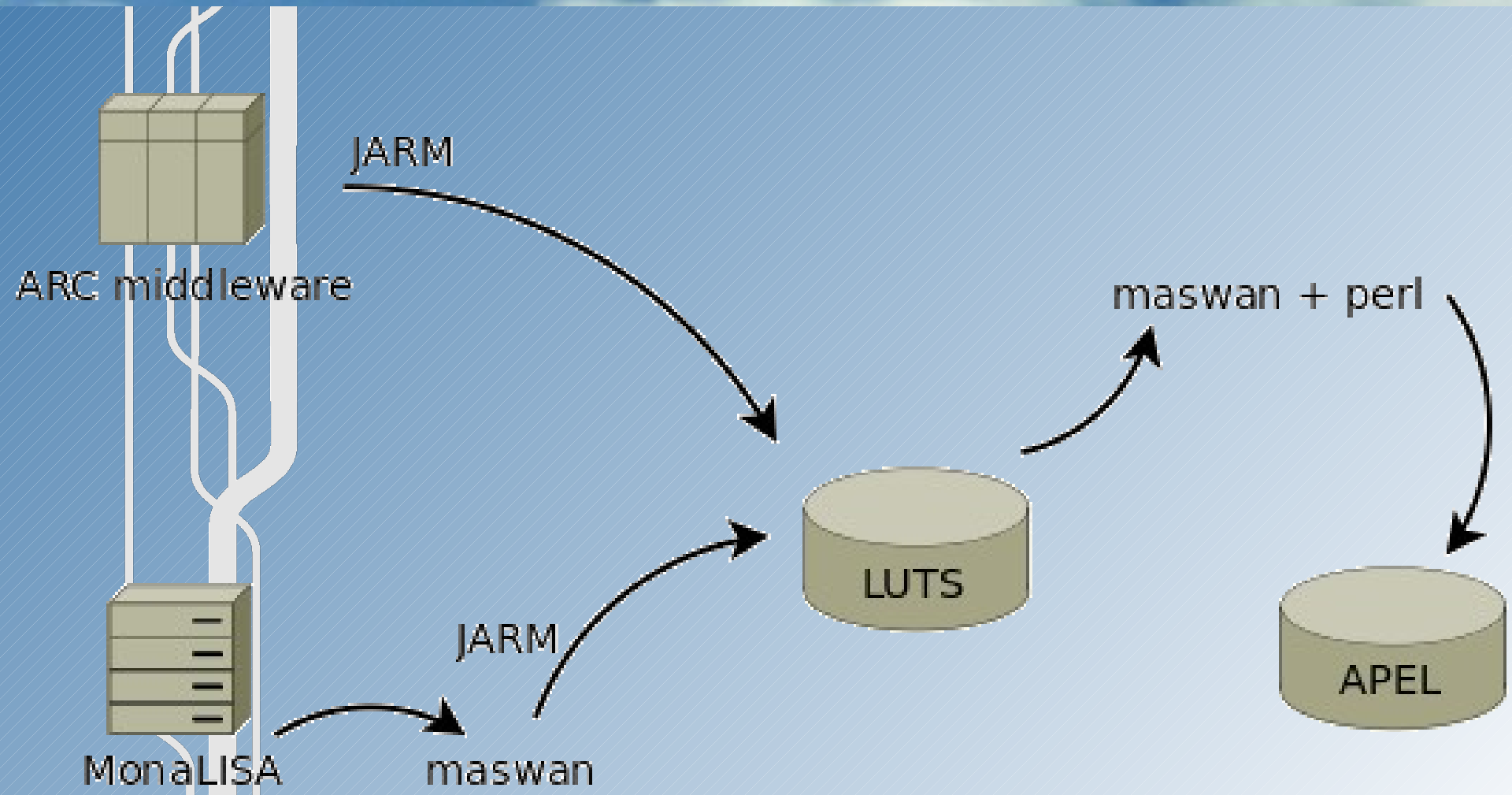
Existing setup



Problems

- No one really knew how it worked.
- Embedded XML database (gahh...)
  - Data extraction is difficult / silly.
- Heavy use of Globus WSRF stack
  - Big and unwieldy, tricky to understand.
- Only claiming to use standards.
- No active development.

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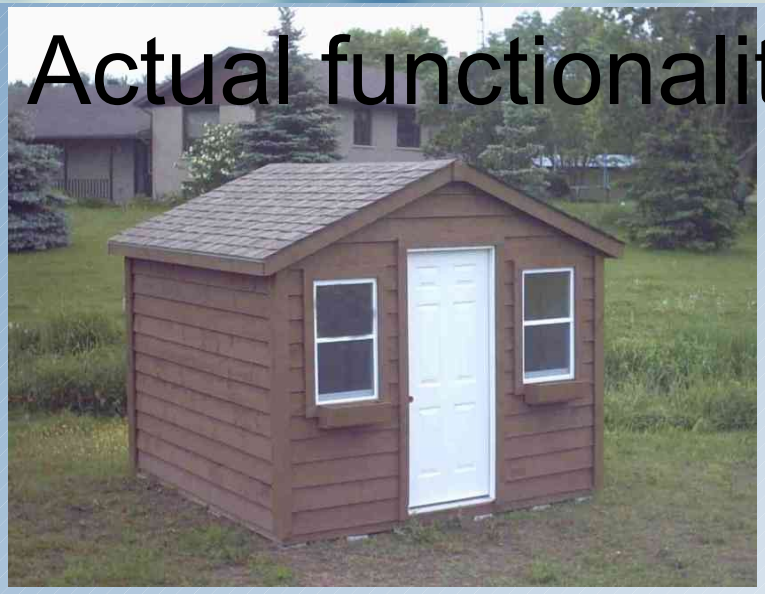
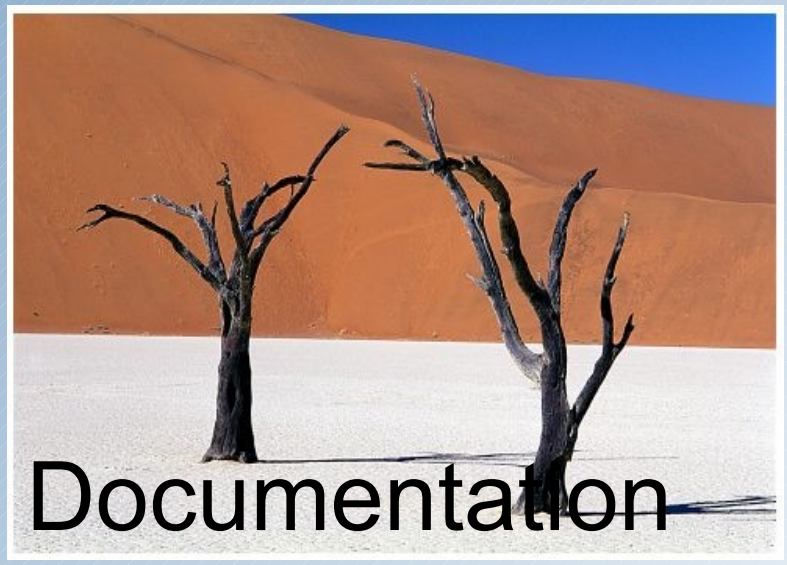
Globus WSRF Stack

Description

Actual functionality





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New Requirements

- Remove manual steps for reporting and interfacing.
- Allow federated setup:
  - Report data in several places,
  - Aggregate data from several places.
- Use real OGF UR (whatever that means).
- Simplify deployment at sites.
- Ease development:
  - Get rid of Globus.

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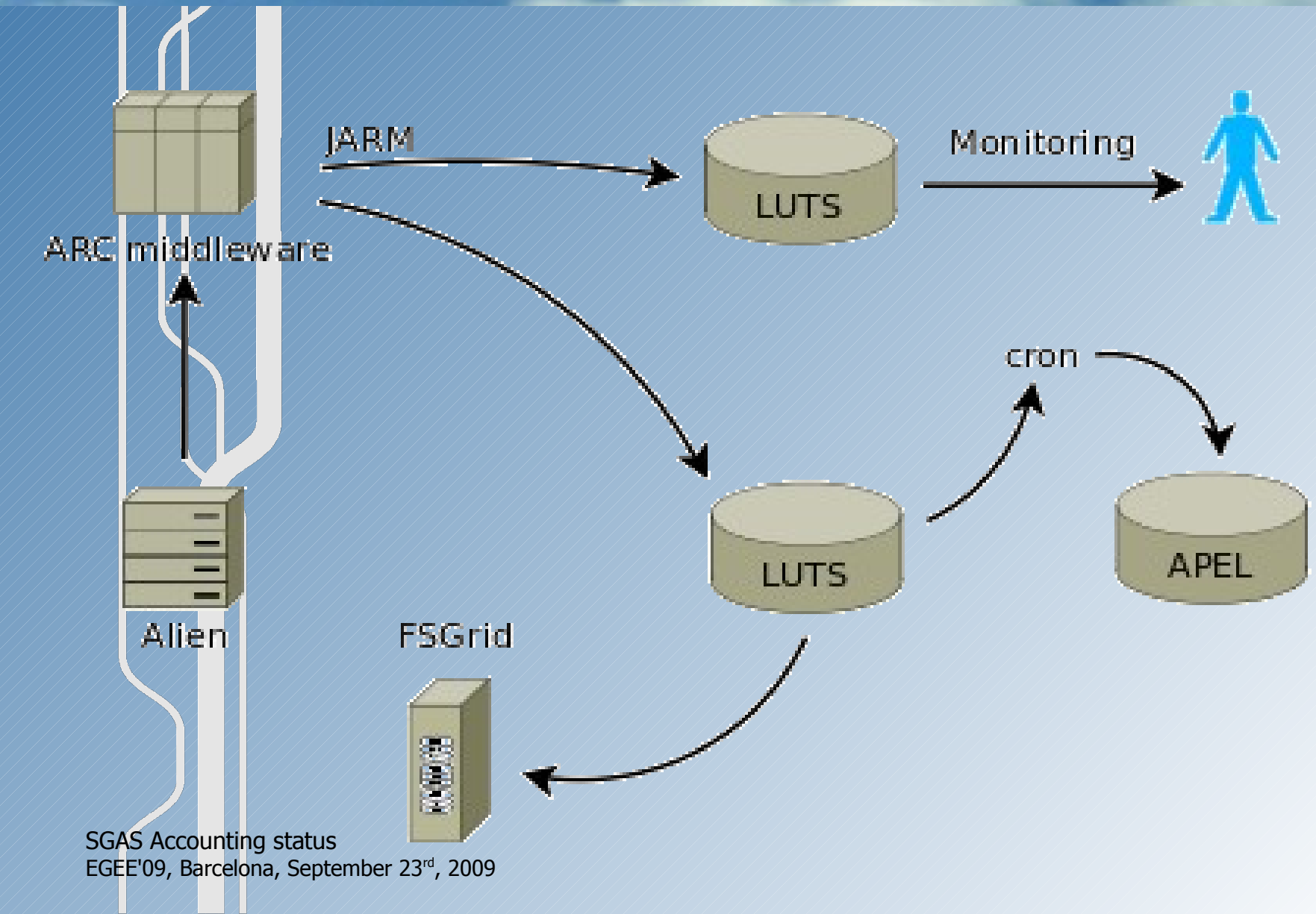
Envisioned setup



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Why more than one LUTS?

- Legislation – some information are not allowed to be exported from a country unless user has given consent
- Store data where it is relevant:
  - Sites stores data about jobs run at site
  - VO stores data about jobs run by their members
  - Country stores data about jobs run in the country, or by its residents.
- Can be kept in one database.

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SGAS Development

- Restarted in December
- One NDGF developer
  - Gird.se, grid.dk, KnowARC
- Development
  - New build system
  - Bank-LUTS split
  - Have SGAS use cron
  - New back-end database

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Rewriting SGAS

- Two security holes where found before summer:
  - 1. Bad protocol design (and Globus)
  - 2. Insane Globus default (fixable).
- Core SGAS functionality rather small.
- An almost-from-scratch implementation was started in August:
  - Two weeks to re-create original functionality.

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The Database tale

- Originally eXist was used embedded in SGAS:
  - Custom locking layer in SGAS
  - Performance was bad, working with data worse.
- Sedna:
  - External XML database, concurrent access supported,
  - Flaky stability, performance still bad.
- CouchDB:
  - External JSON database (schema less),
  - Data conversion required, performance is good.

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Current Status

- Registration pipeline is working
  - Two servers + three loggers running.
- External database – yay!
- Experimental views.
- Current activities:
  - VO information in usage records,
  - WLCG reporting details (per user reporting).

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SGAS View

View - Shiretoko

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Accumulated wall duration (hours) / Day / Machine Name

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alien-ce.smokerings.nsc.liu.se	43.9	240.7	361.7	452.9	232.3	400.8	211.1	207.5	43.6
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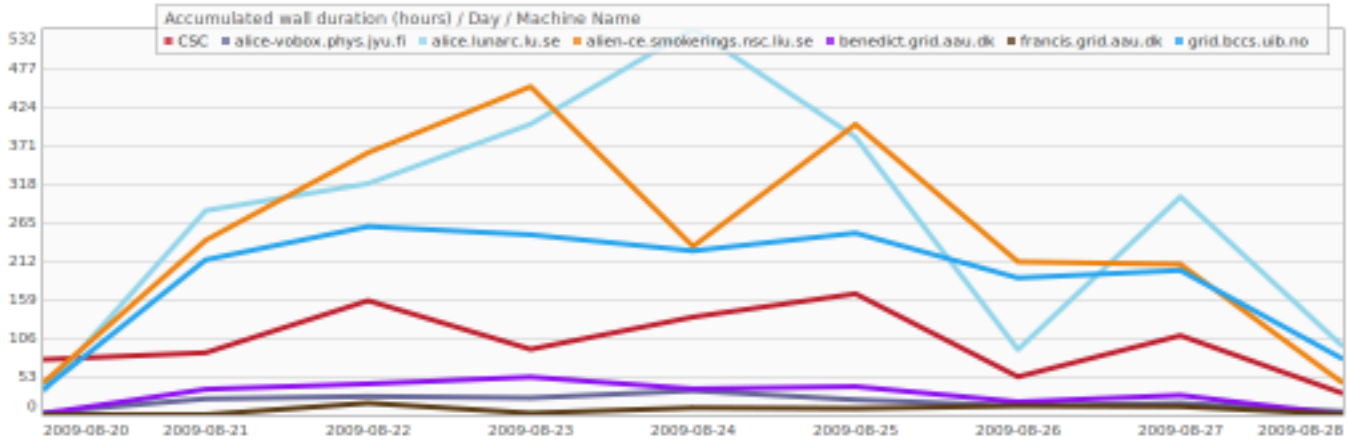

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Middleware Issues

- ARC:
  - Getting the right number of cores,
  - Getting start/end time from the LRMS,
  - LRMS scripts needs to be changed,
  - Getting VO information is tricky.
- Alien:
  - Everything is run under the same user (the pilot job problem),
  - Wish to register per-user.

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Future

- Short-term
  - Deployment of loggers and server
  - Reporting to APEL
  - LHC starts in November
- Long-term
  - Monitoring graphs / tools
  - Eliminate silly work flow
  - Grid-wide fairshare

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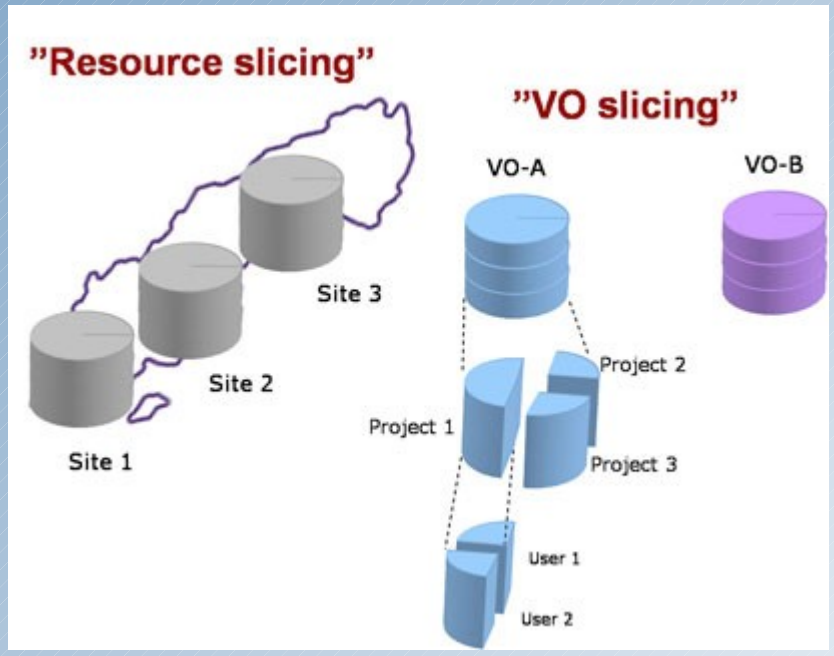
And more long term

- Same accounting system for all computational resource use at sites.
  - Local use through SSH
  - Grid use
  - Web access to services
- Tied up to federated identity providers.

FSGrid (bonus slide)

- Bring fairshare to the grid
  - Clusters have had fairshare for some time
  - Knowing resource-consumption is a prerequisite
- Model developed by Swedish Researchers :-)
  - Model is sound and fairly simple
- Status: Worked on a laptop 3 years ago
  - Likely to require a lot of work



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