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**Introduction, Vision and  
Architecture**



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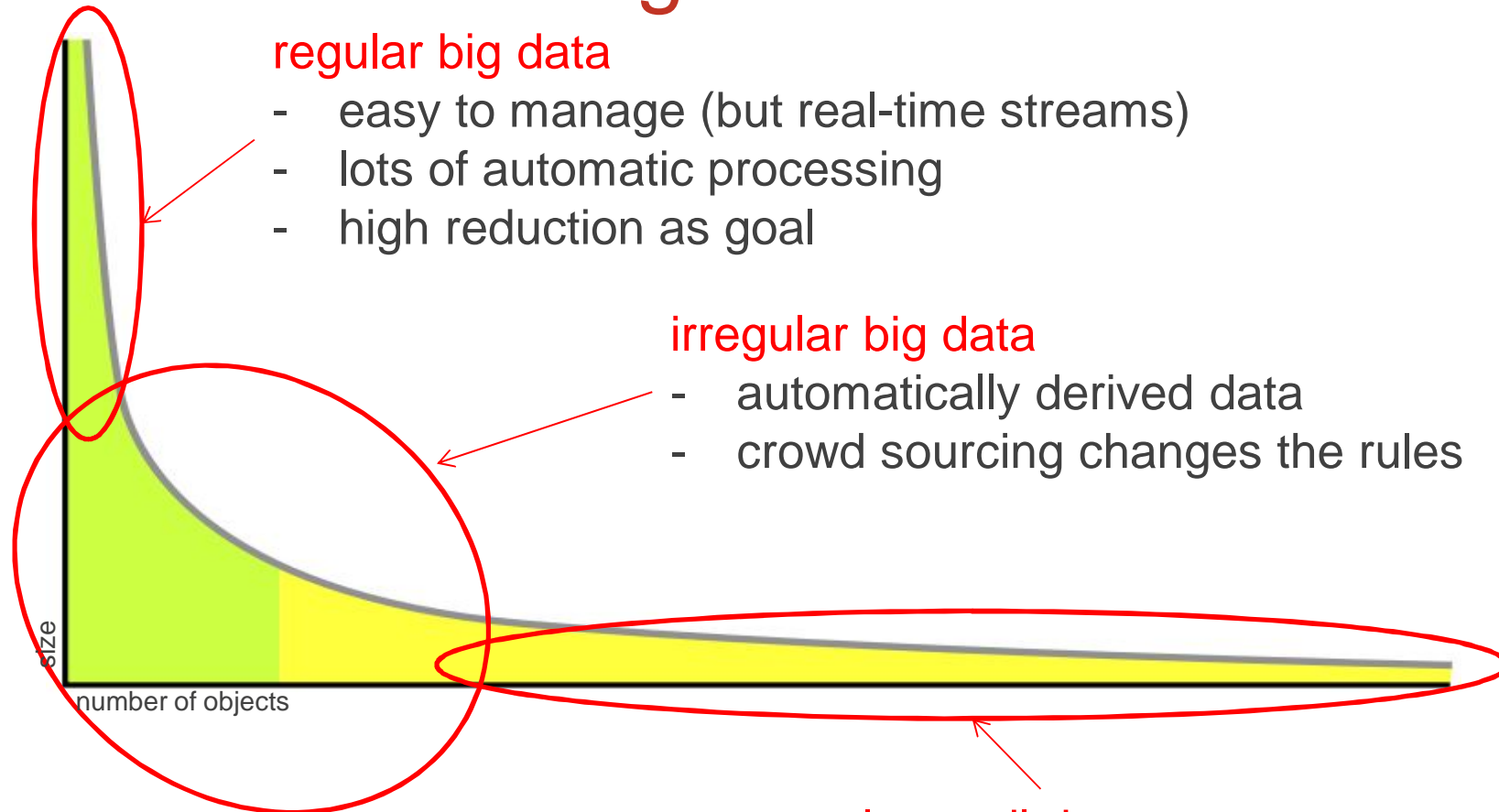


# Agenda

- Background information
- Services
- Common Data Infrastructure



# Setting the scene



## regular big data

- easy to manage (but real-time streams)
- lots of automatic processing
- high reduction as goal

## irregular big data

- automatically derived data
- crowd sourcing changes the rules

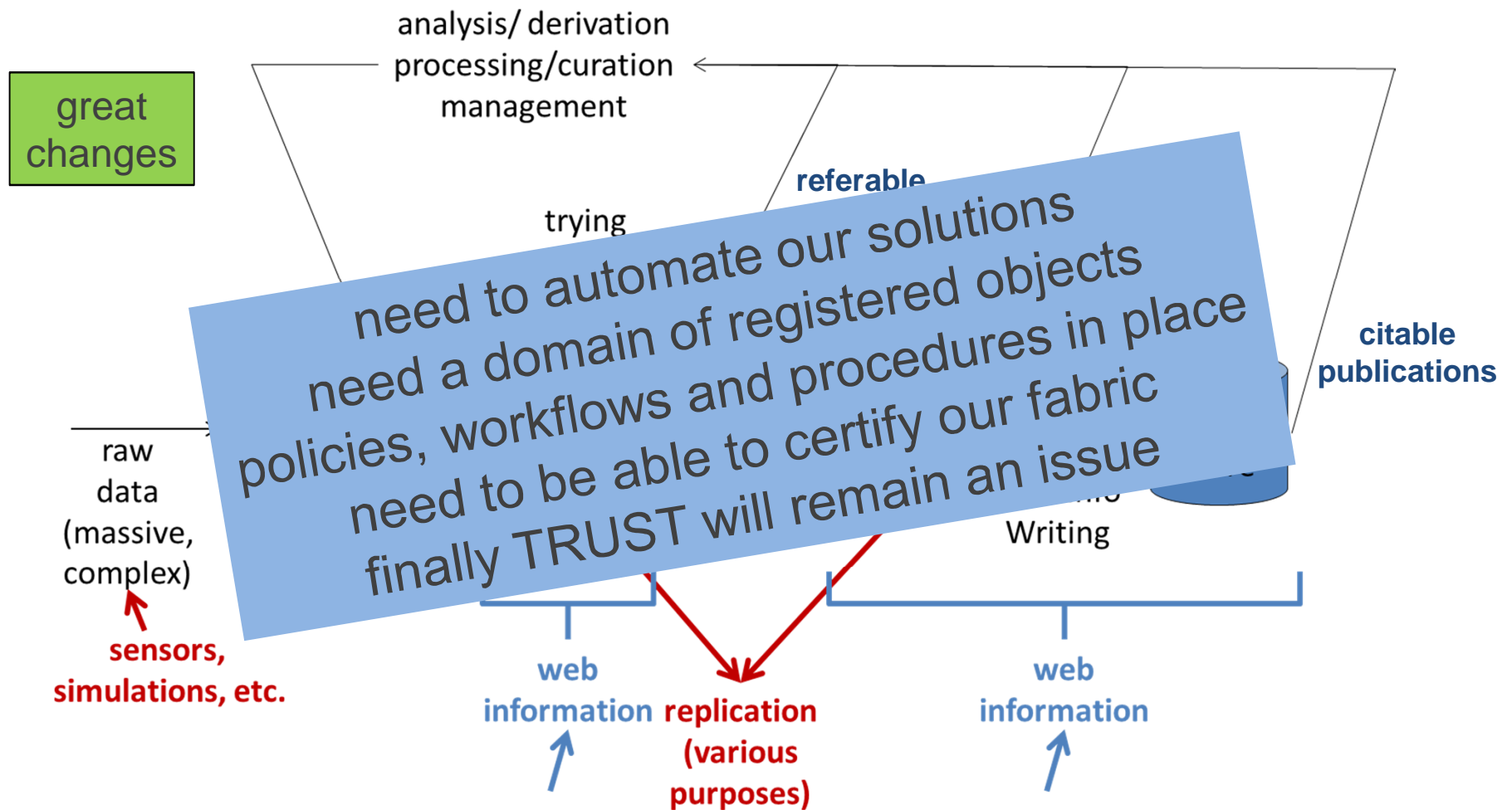
## long tail data

- difficult to manage
- lots of relations

all the same for industry,  
government, public services,  
citizens, etc.



# big scientific data → the data fabric

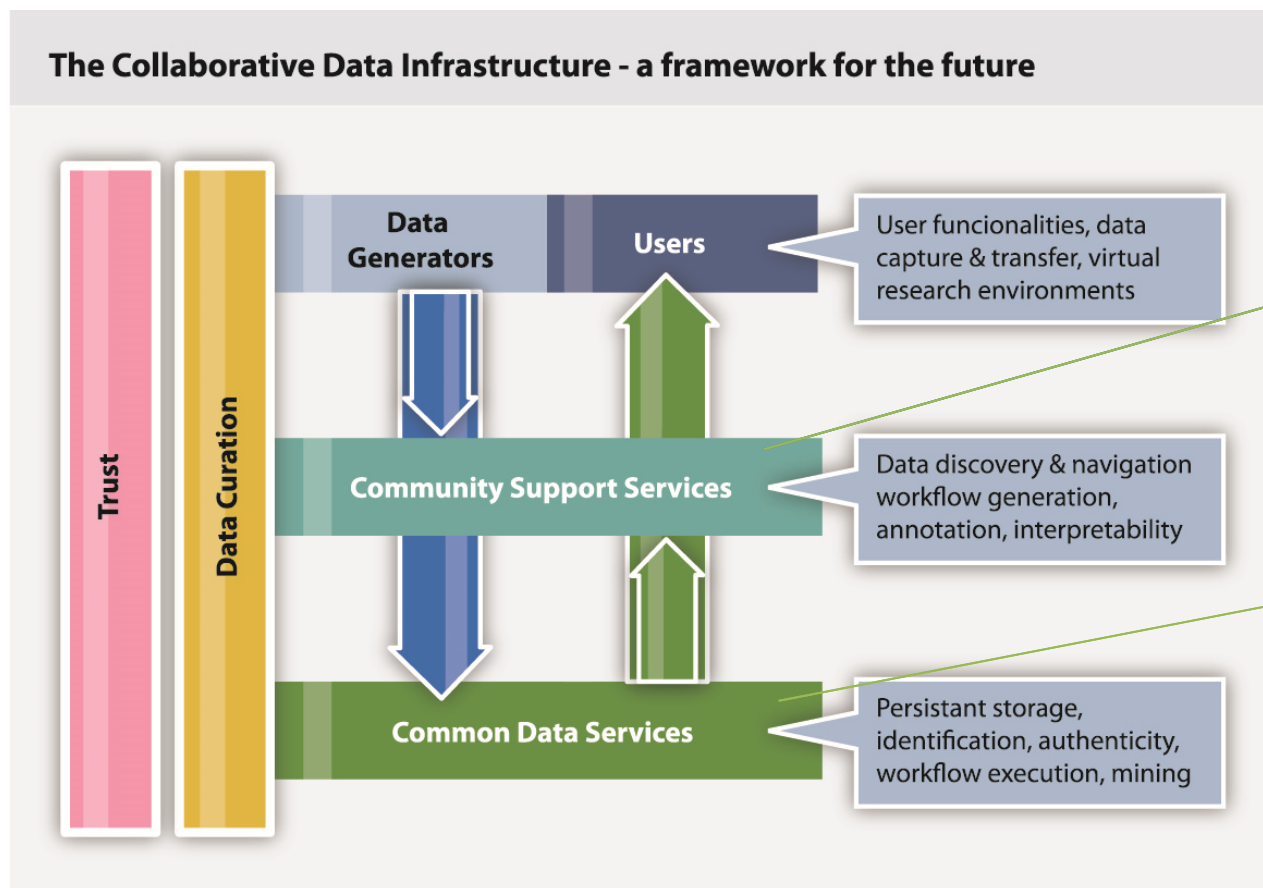




# EUDAT: Vision & Architecture

- EUDAT began with the concept of the Collaborative Data Infrastructure
  - See “Riding the Wave” (High Level Expert Group on Scientific Data, Final Report, 2010)
- This identified a handful of core Service Cases
  - See <http://www.eudat.eu/services-and-technologies>
- And the implementation of the Service Cases led to our current distributed Architecture
  - See later 😊

# EUDAT's mission: common services in CDI



CLARIN, LifeWatch, ENES, EPOS, VPH, INFC etc.  
6 Core Infrastructures  
about 20 infrastructures

⇒ 12 EUDAT data centers  
⇒ **and/or cross-disciplinary initiatives**



diagram taken from EC's HLEG report "Riding the Wave"

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# What is the EUDAT CDI?

- The EUDAT Collaborative Data Infrastructure is
  - a *pan-European, cross-disciplinary* domain of research data for both *big community* researchers and “*long tail*” scientists
  - where data are *registered, preserved, accessible* and made *re-usable*



## What does this mean?

- ***Pan-European***
  - Fundamentally, a wide-area distributed architecture
- ***Cross-disciplinary***
  - Five core stakeholder communities, many other interested; many sources of conflicting requirements!
  - Including simplified services to encourage the “long tail” to participate
  - All implies a significant systems integration challenge!





## What does this mean? (2)

- **Registered** means EUDAT data are
  - Globally identified and discoverable (the **PID Service**)
- **Preserved** means EUDAT data are
  - Stored at big European HPC and data centres
  - Replicated for safety (the **Safe Replication Service**)
  - Governed by policy rules (the **Policy Management Service**)



## What does this mean? (3)

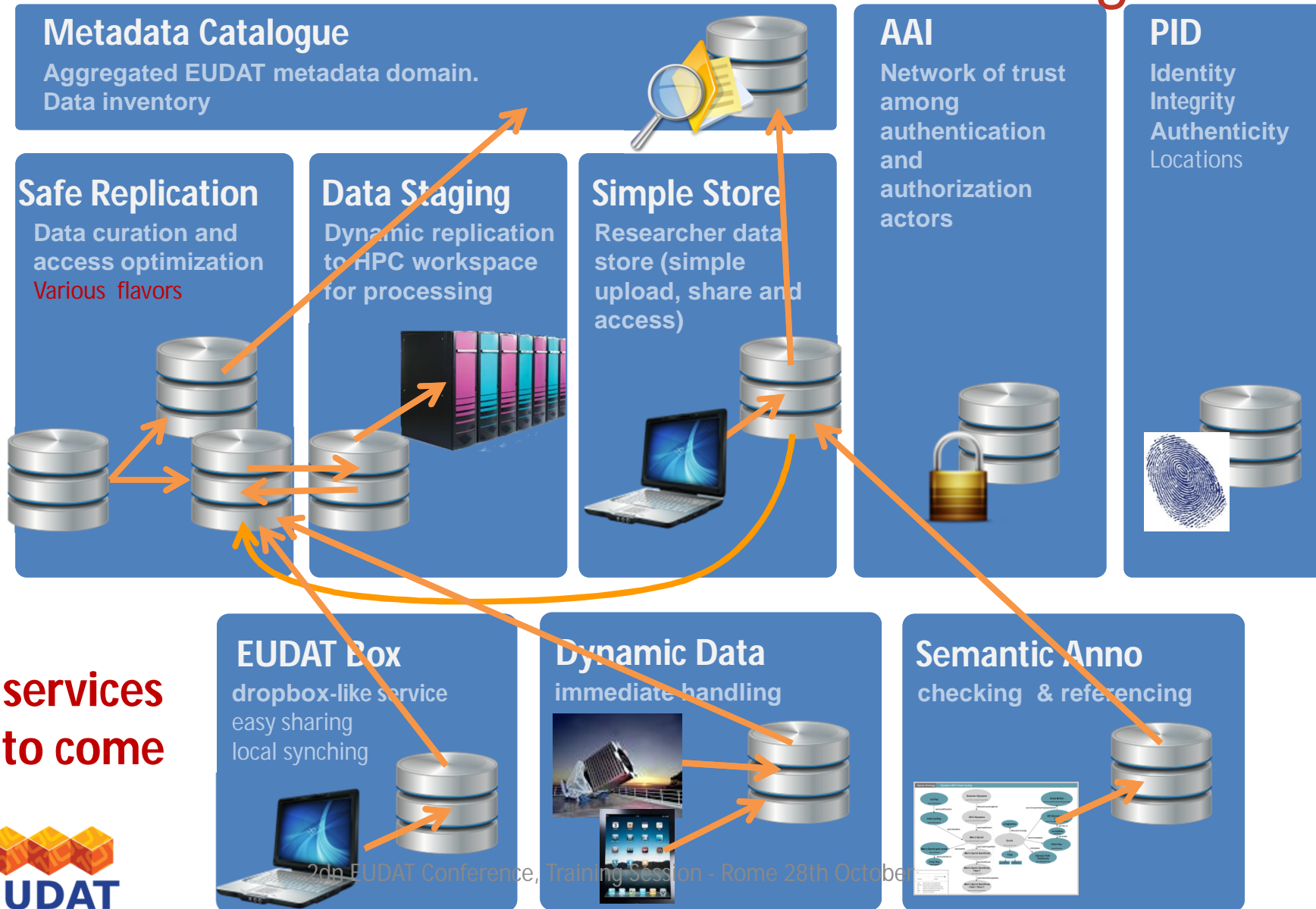
- **Accessible** means EUDAT data are
  - Identifiable and findable (the **PID Service**)
  - Retrievable efficiently (the **Data Staging Service**)
  - Governed by suitable access control (the **AAI Service**)
- **Re-usable** means EUDAT data are
  - Findable (the **PID Service**)
  - Comprehensible (the **Joint Metadata Service**)
  - Composable and combinable (future workflow and computational services)



## What does this mean? (4)

- For both ***big communities*** and ***“long tail”*** means
  - Stable, web-service APIs for existing tool-stacks to use (the **Common Service Layer Interface**)
  - Low barriers to use (the **Simple Store Service**)
- Hence the **core EUDAT service cases**
- Identifying solutions for these cases *that work with our stakeholder communities’ existing solutions* led us to the current CDI architecture

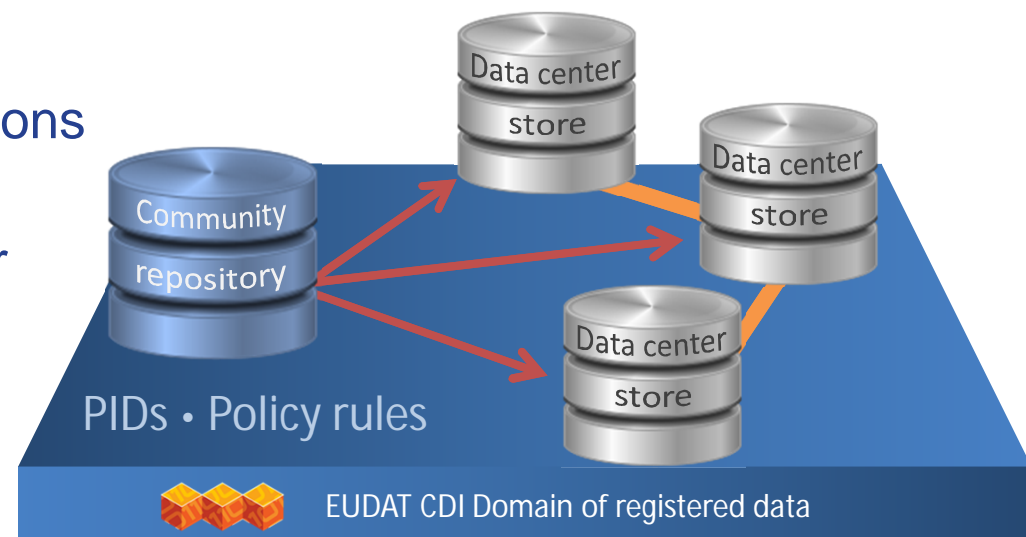
# common services EUDAT is working on



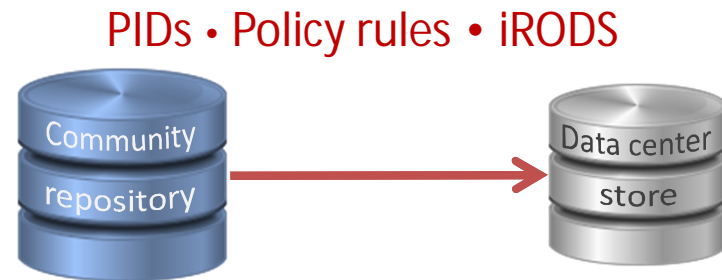


## Safe Replication Service

- Robust, safe and highly available data replication service for small- and medium- sized repositories
  - To guard against data loss in long-term archiving and preservation
  - To optimize access for user from different regions
  - To bring data closer to powerful computers for compute-intensive analysis



# Safe Replication Service (B2SAFE)



communities/departments

- do not have IT people
- can't install iRODS
- can't adapt their repository solution
- are partly using ready-made solutions (Fedora, D-SPACE, WikiMedia, etc.)
- don't know how to register PIDs
- etc.

- not as easy as thought
- so what to do?
- created/are creating various flavors
  - FULL SR via iRODS policies **ready**
  - Light SR via GridFTP client **ready**
  - Lighter SR via HTTP client **in p**
  - Packages for
    - Fedora **ready**
    - D-SPACE **in p**
    - WikiMedia **tbd**
    - ?

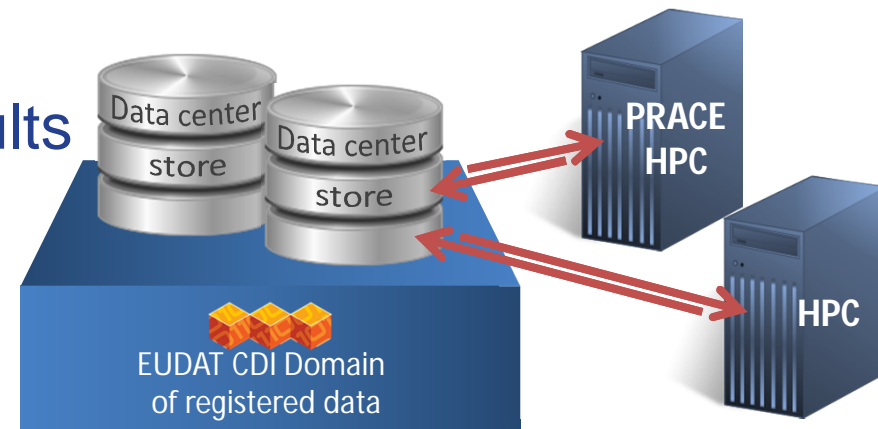


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## Data Staging Service

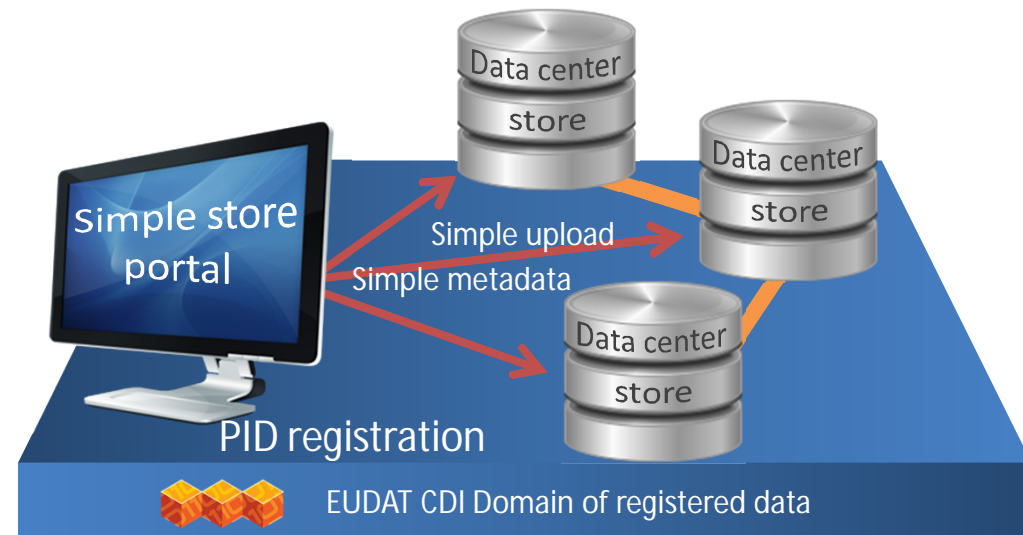
- Support researchers in transferring large data collections from EUDAT storage to HPC facilities
- Reliable, efficient, and easy-to-use tools to manage data transfers
- Provide the means to re-ingest computational results back into the EUDAT infrastructure
- **not a simple service!**
- **politics involved (access to HPC)**





# Simple Store Service

- Allow registered users to upload "long tail" data into the EUDAT store
- Enable sharing objects and collections with other researchers
- Utilise other EUDAT services to provide reliability



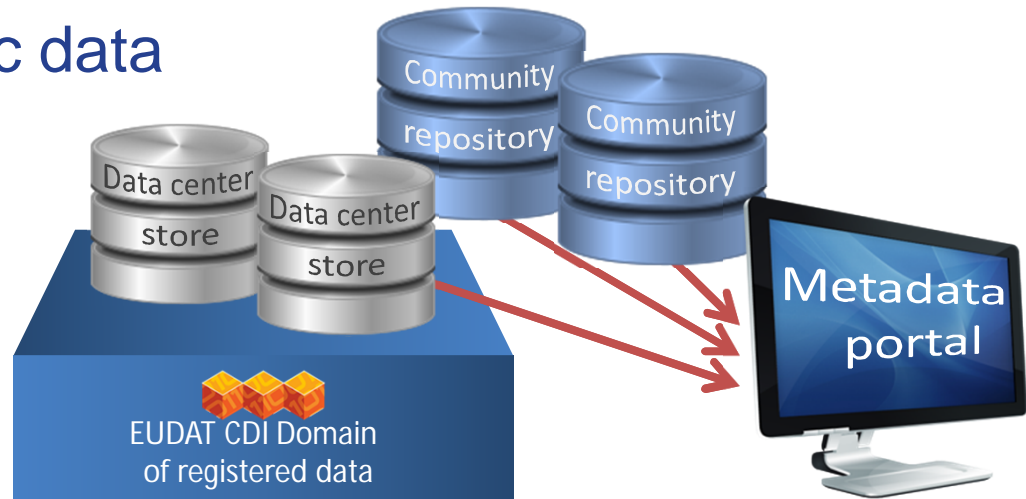
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- see it as complementary – finally it is about trust





## Metadata Service

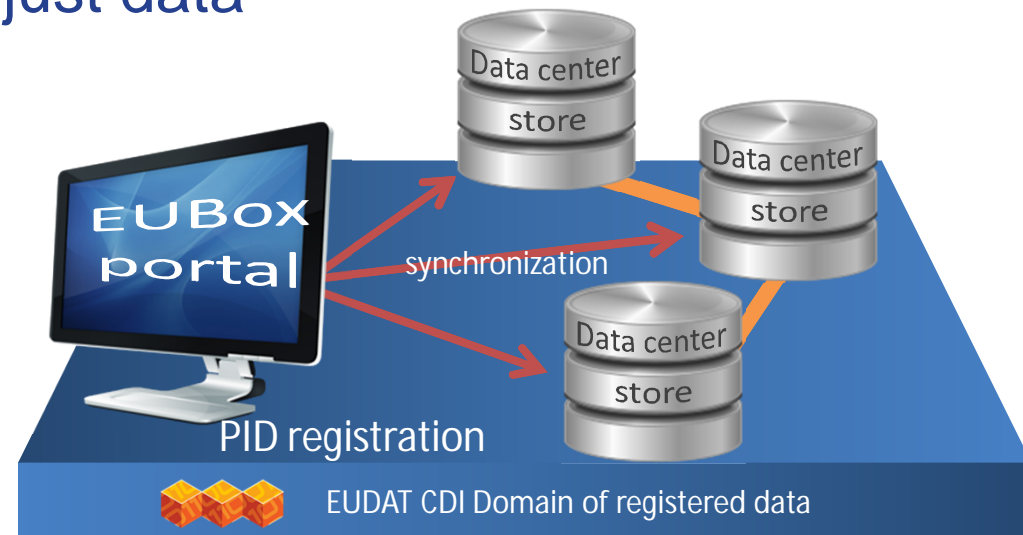
- Easily find collections of scientific data – generated either by various communities or via EUDAT services
- Access those data collections through the given references in the metadata to the relevant data stores
- Europeana of scientific data
- how to offer metadata in a cross-disciplinary space?
- scalability issue?



# EUDAT Box Service

- some similarity to SimpleStore of course
- just similar to Dropbox incl. load balancing and replication
- there is no metadata – just data

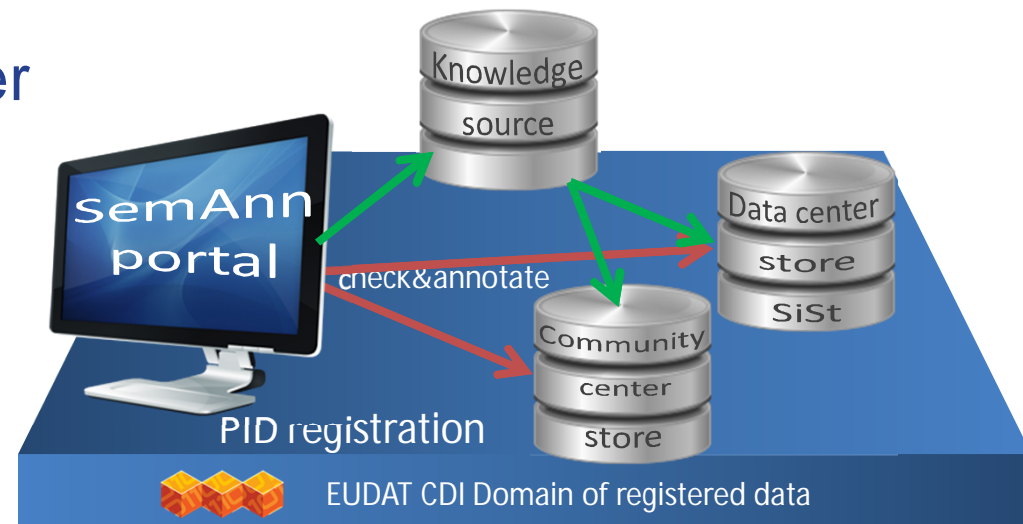
- how to integrate into registered domain of data?



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# Semantic Annotation Service

- acts as a plugin component to be executed before uploading a resource with tags (crowd sourcing etc.)
- check tags against Knowledge Source & correct/refer/etc.
- could be used as trigger in Simple Store
- plugin available to everyone



- **not center dependent**



# Service Targeting

- **Replication:** targeted at data managers/archivists/projects/departments without facilities
- **Data Staging:** same plus “easy” access to HPC
- **SimpleStore:** place for individuals/projects/groups to store & exchange data
- **EUBox:** share data via synchronization
- **Metadata:** EUDAT data & everyone interested
- **SemAnn:** individual/projects working with massive amounts of human created data

data stored in domain of registered data is not EUDAT's data!



# COMMON DATA INFRASTRUCTURE



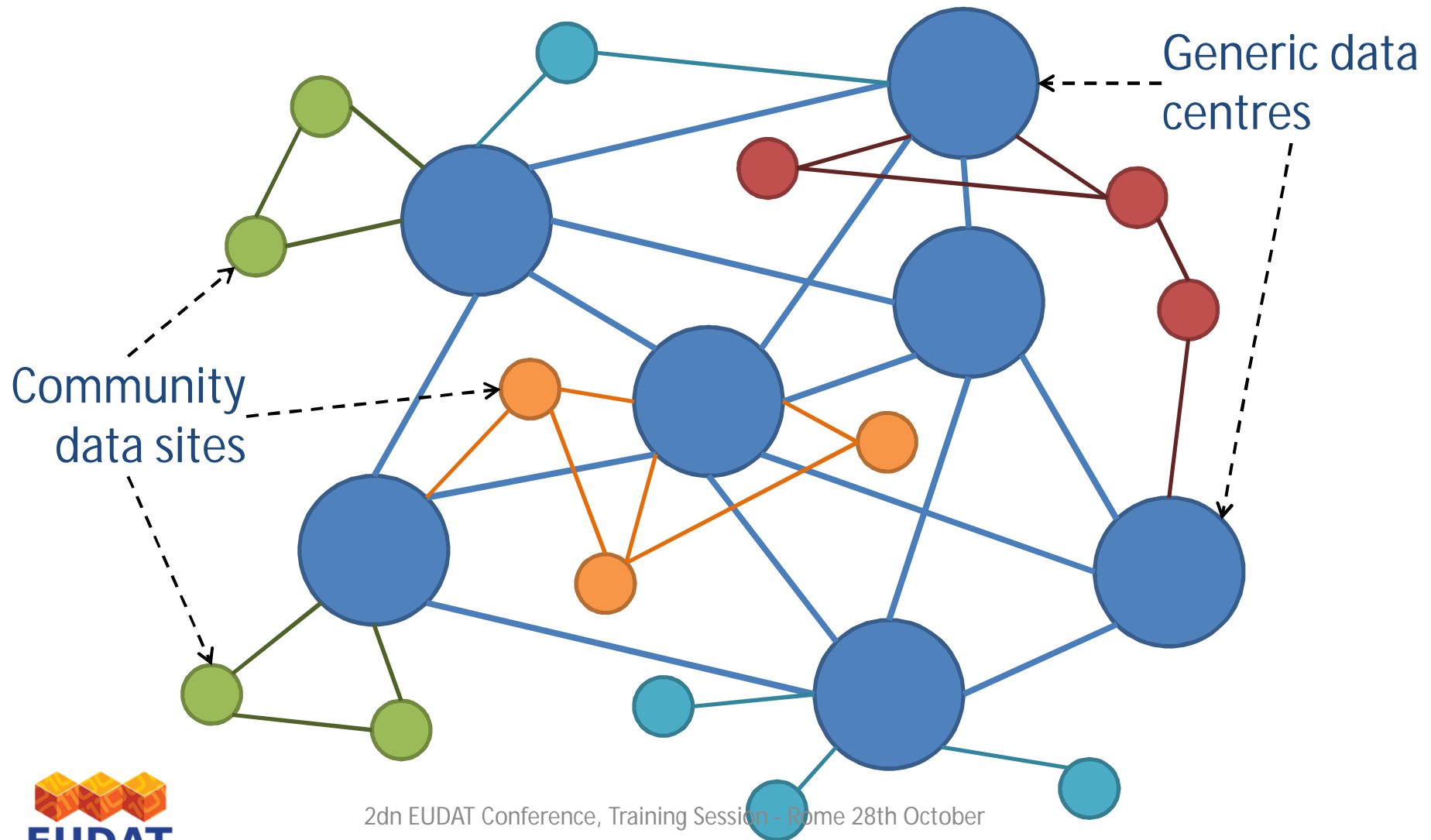
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# The CDI network architecture

- The CDI is a connected network of European research institutions and data centres (collectively *Nodes*) each offering one or more common EUDAT data services to both participating research communities and independent researchers
- Data centre Nodes have lots of connections
- Research community Nodes need only one
- Connections have both technical & policy agreement aspects

# The CDI network architecture





## CDI Node architecture

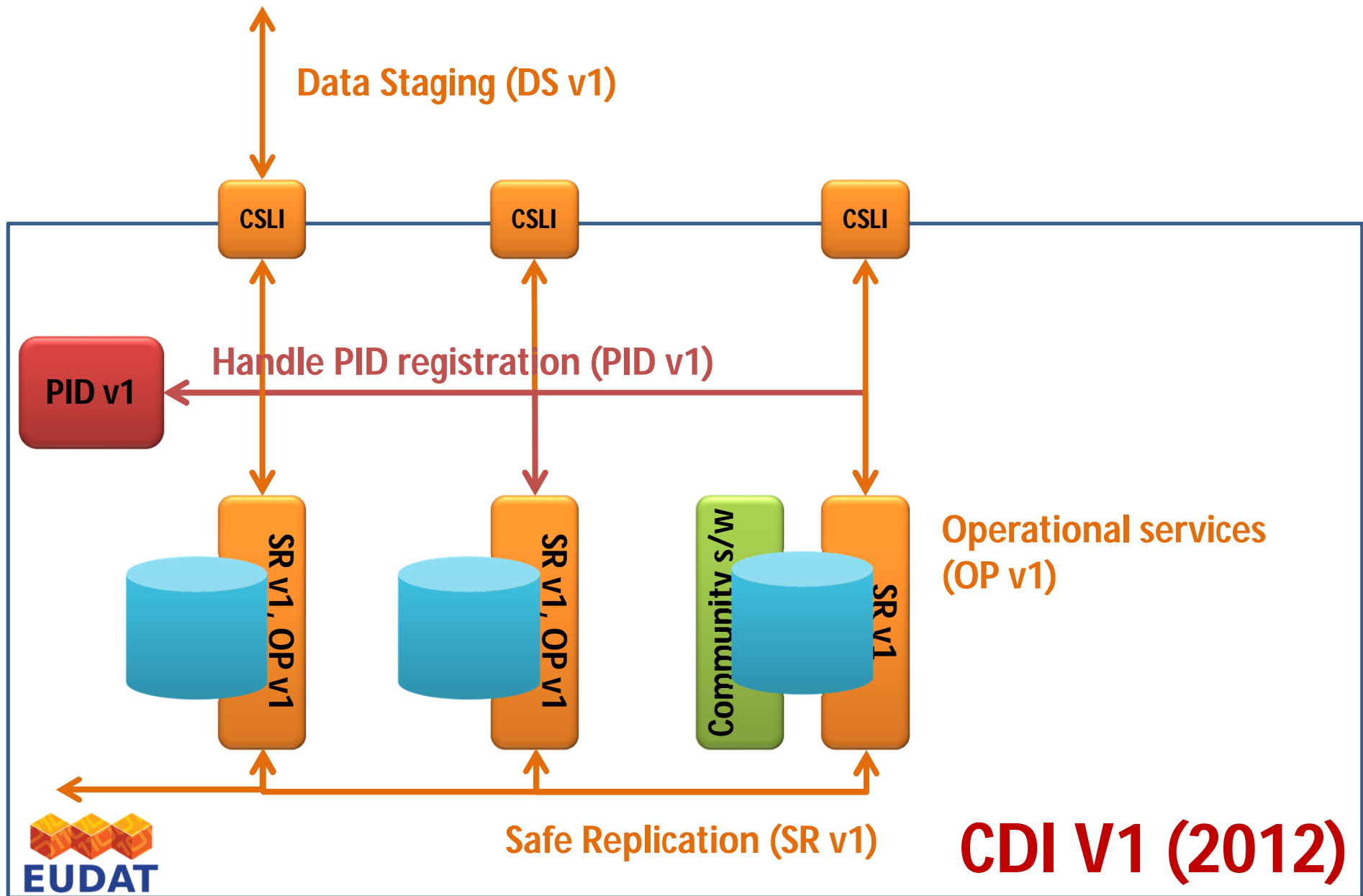
- Nodes run parts of the CDI Node software suite, depending on which services they want to offer
- All Nodes should offer Safe Replication and PID
  - This is really what being in the CDI is all about
- Others are optional
  - Depends on what a Node's expected user base requires
- (Some data centre Nodes also need to run the Operational Services suite)

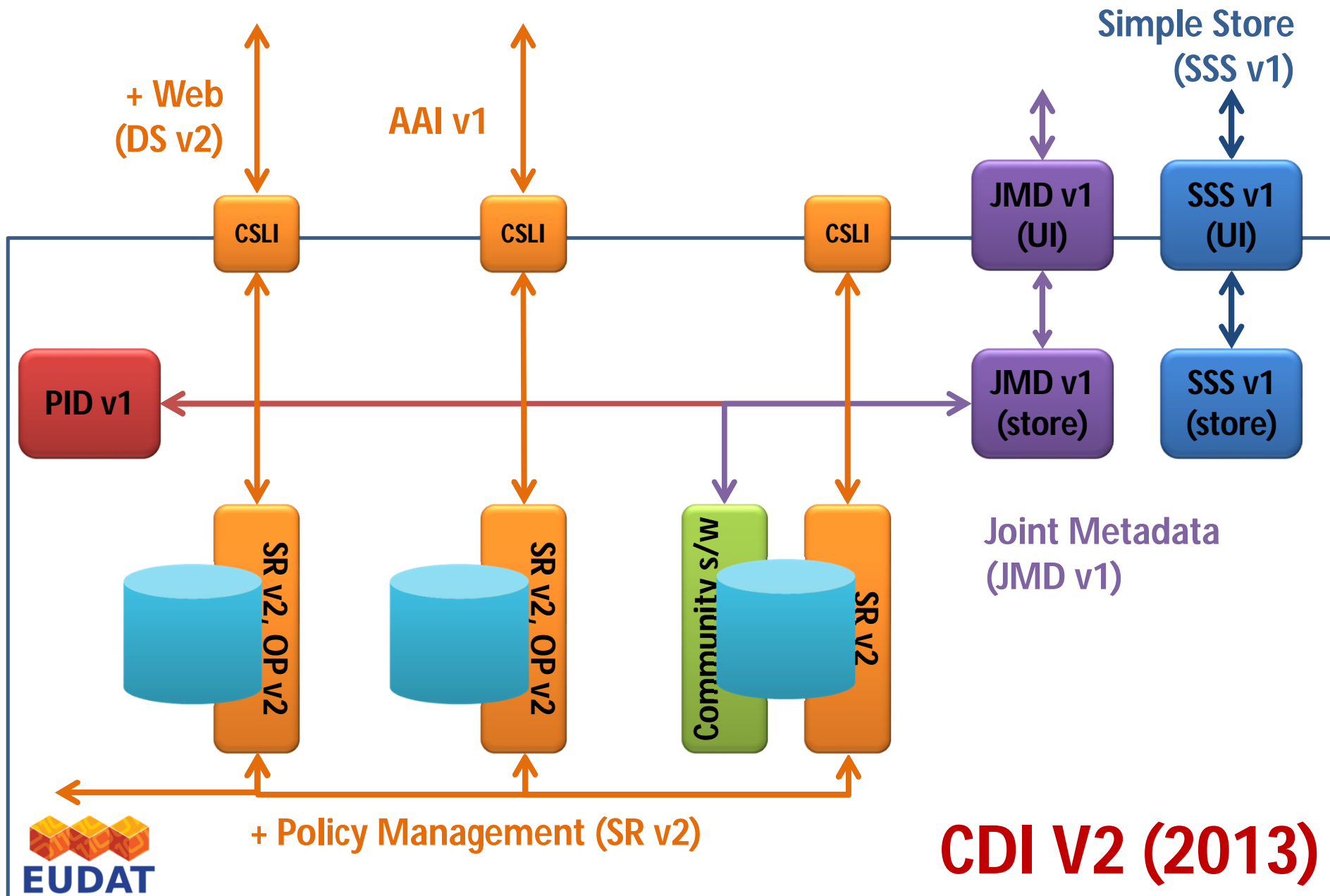


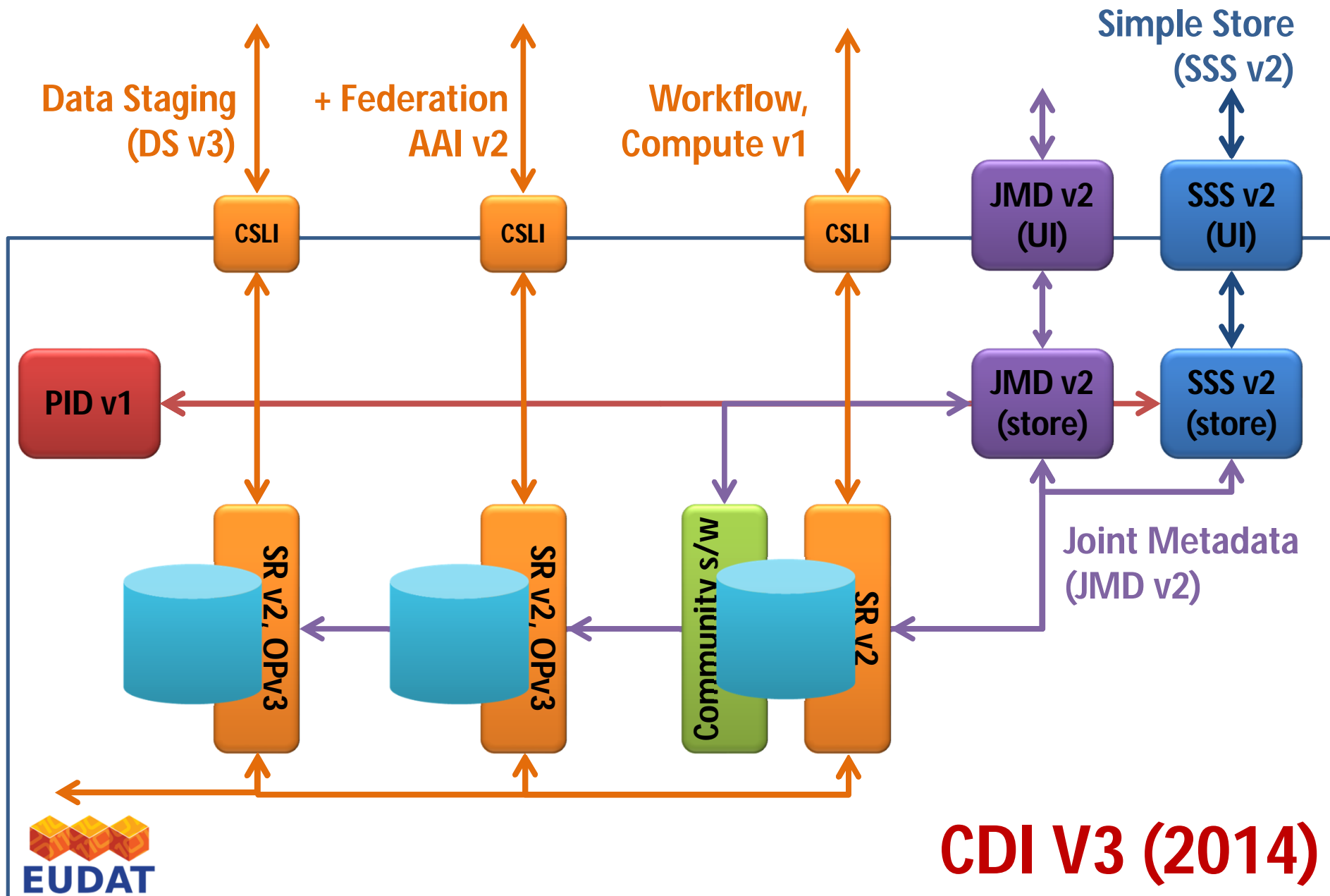


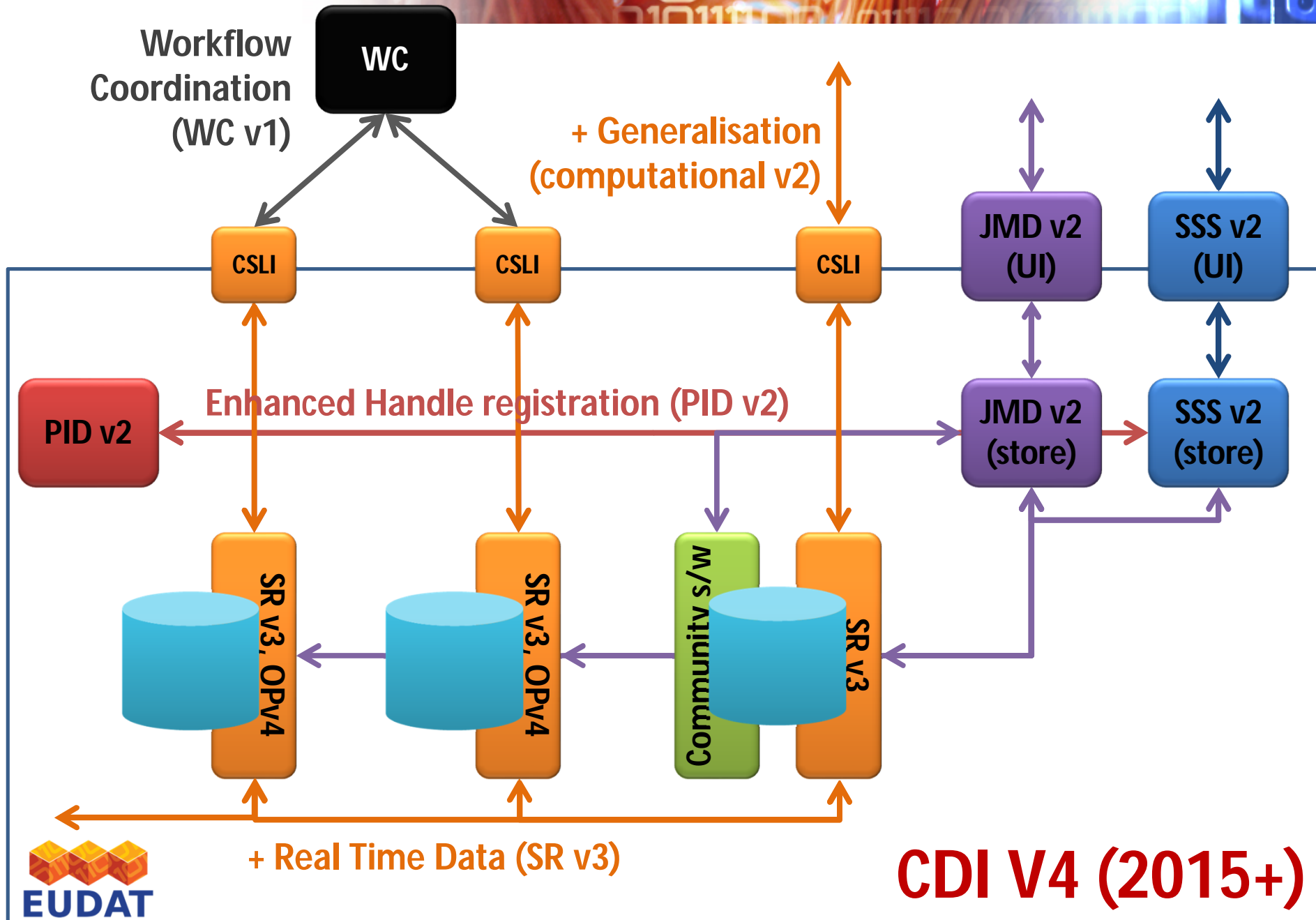
# CDI service development timeline

Year	EUDAT Services	CDI
2012	Safe Replication v1, Data Staging v1, PID v1, Operational Services v1; AAI (design)	V 1
2013	AAI v1, Joint Metadata v1, Simple Store Service v1, Safe Replication v2, Data Staging v2, Operational Services v2; Common Service Layer Interface (design), workflow and computation services (design)	V 2
2014	AAI v2, Joint Metadata v2, Simple Store Service v2, Data Staging v3, Operational Services v3, CSLI v1, computational and workflow services v1	V 3
2015 +	PID v2, Safe Replication v3, computational and workflow services v2	V 4









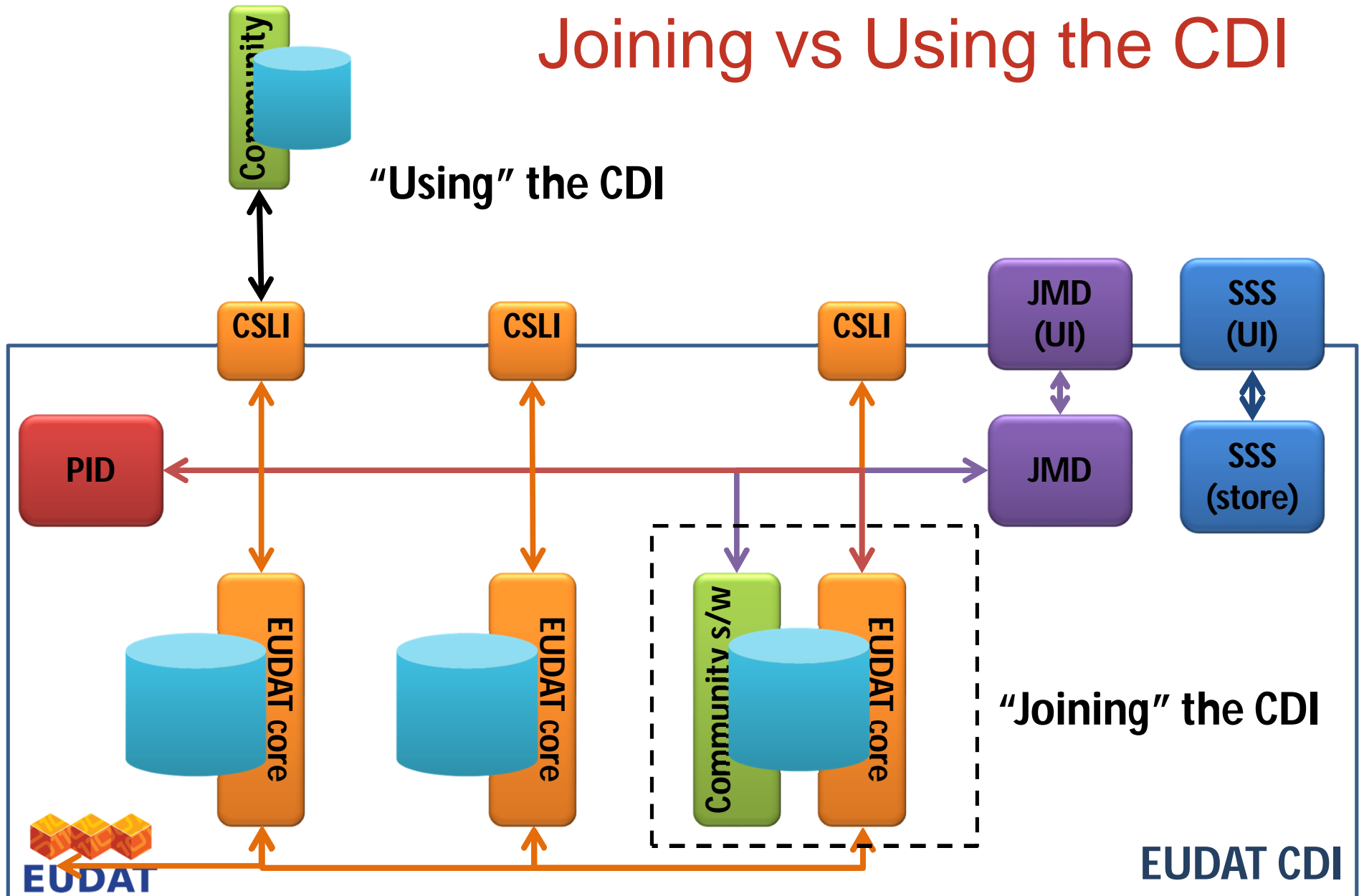


# Current Node software suite

- **Safe Replication**
  - iRODS v3.x + EUDAT replication microservices + GSI (X.509) security
- **PID**
  - EPIC/Handle system (external service) + EUDAT EPIC client microservices for iRODS
- **Data Staging**
  - GridFTP iRODS DSI + EUDAT Data Staging script
- **Joint Metadata**
  - CKAN + Apache Solr + OAI-PMH
- **Simple Store**
  - Invenio + EUDAT faceted user interface layer



# Joining vs Using the CDI





Many thanks for your attention!

**QUESTIONS?**

