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Dynamic PROOF clusters with PoD: status report and future plans

What is PoD?

PROOF on Demand (PoD) is a tool-set, which sets up a PROOF cluster on any resource management system.

PoD is NOT a substitution of PROOF!
It is rather a helper tool for PROOF.

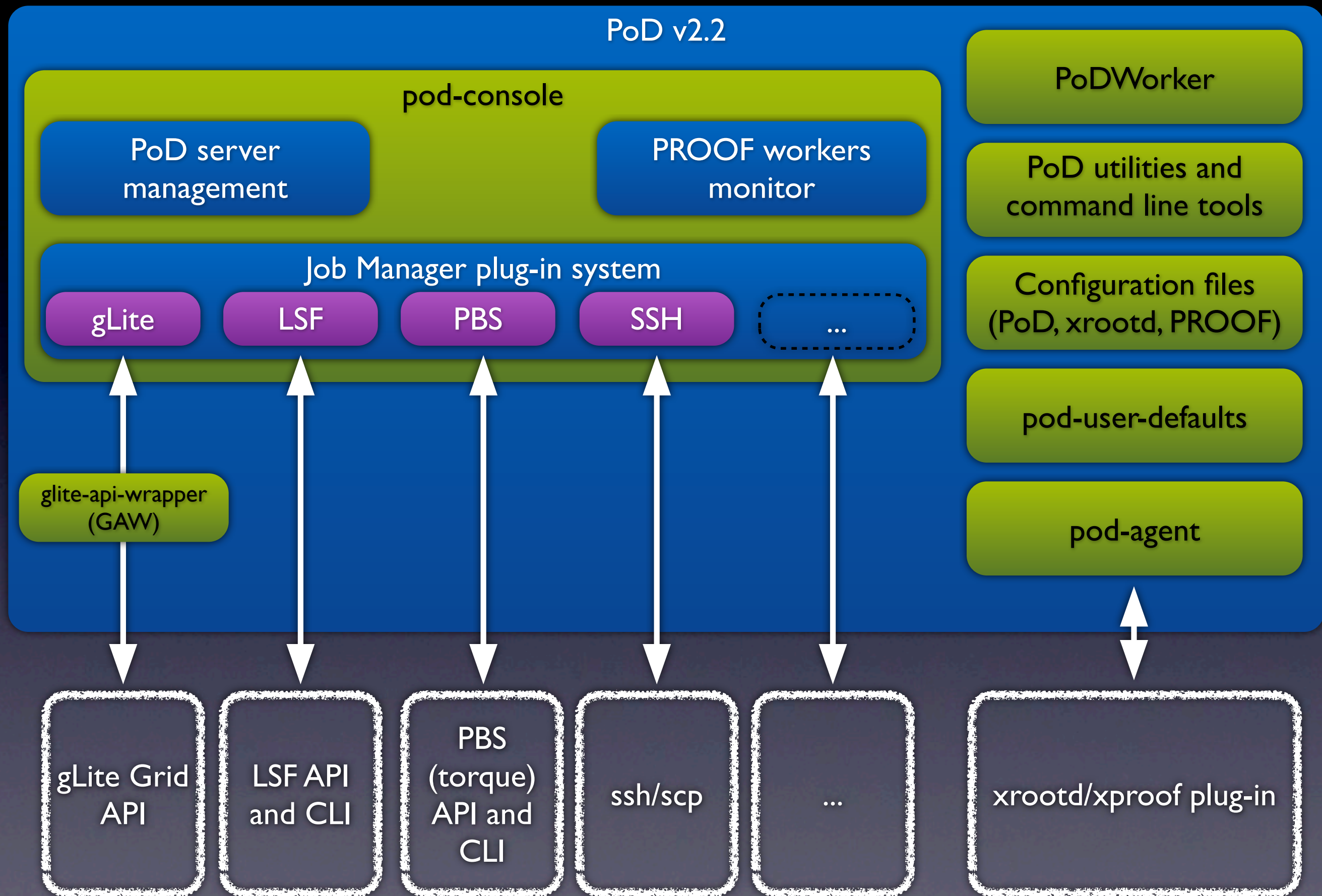
“static”/preinstalled PROOF cluster

- one user can disturb other users,
- time to time admin. interventions are needed,
- only one ROOT version for PROOF services,
- a master node limitation.

PROOF via PoD

User

- can entirely control his/her dynamic cluster,
- can setup and use it on demand,
- can dynamically change an amount of workers,
- can select a preferable master host,
- doesn't need admins to take an action,
- doesn't disturb other users,
- is free to chose a ROOT version for services.



Key features

- Easy to use
- GUI & Command-line
- Different job managers (gLite, LSF, PBS, SSH)
- Multiuser/-core environment
- Native PROOF connections
- Packet-forwarding
- User defaults - configuration

Current status

v2.1.4 has been released (2010-05-26)

v2.2 - under development

As the product matures, the support of previous versions
is extending...

Improved build-system

- The project has been consolidated and cmake is now the only build system of it.
- A much easier installation procedure has been implemented.
- Implemented fully automated builds of releases, nightly and specific binary packages.
- Since years the buildbot serves as a continues integration system.

New version numbers

Old:

a version number had to be changed manually in VCS and in special build configuration files.

Old schema: “vX.Y.Z” (X - major, Y - minor, Z - patch).

New:

it is just enough to set a tag (“v.X.Y”) in VCS (we use Git) and the rest will be done automatically, using git canonical ver. numbers.

“vX.Y” - for a release build

“vX.Y.NN.SSSS” (vX.Y - the latest tag, NN - a number of commits since the tag, and SSSS - object's hash).

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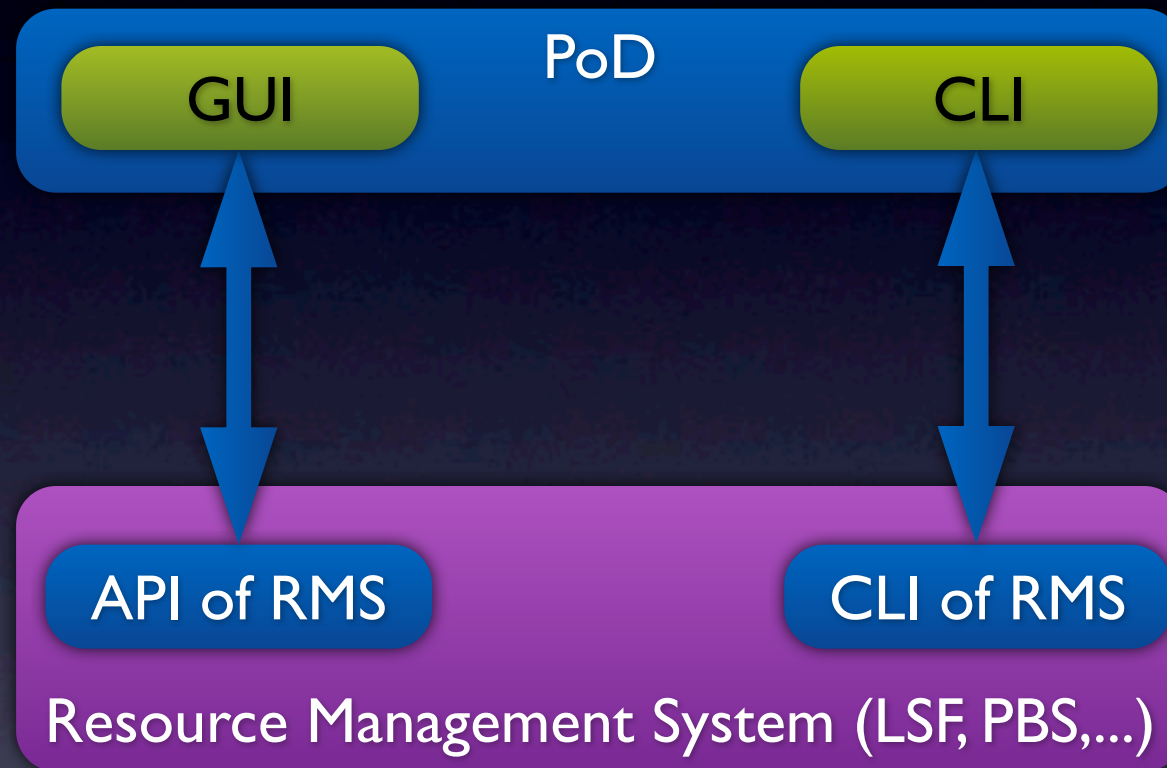
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can be used in the PROOF script

```
TProof::Open( gSystem->GetFromPipe("pod-info -c") )
```

GUI vs CLI



This strategy helps to be more flexible and better integrated into different setups and environments.

gLite plug-in

Updated to support gLite UI 3.2

PBS plug-in

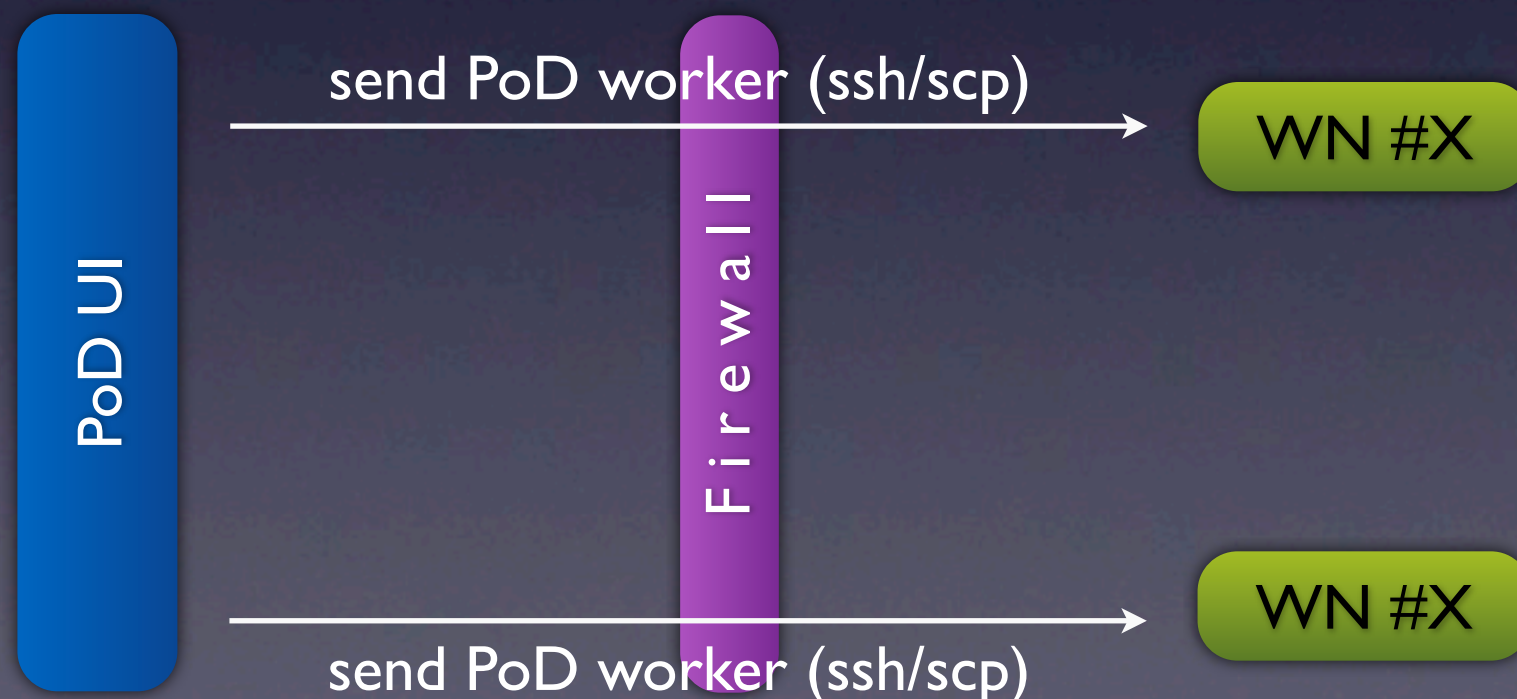
Supports

- PBS Pro and Torque,
- shared and not shared file systems.

SSH plug-in

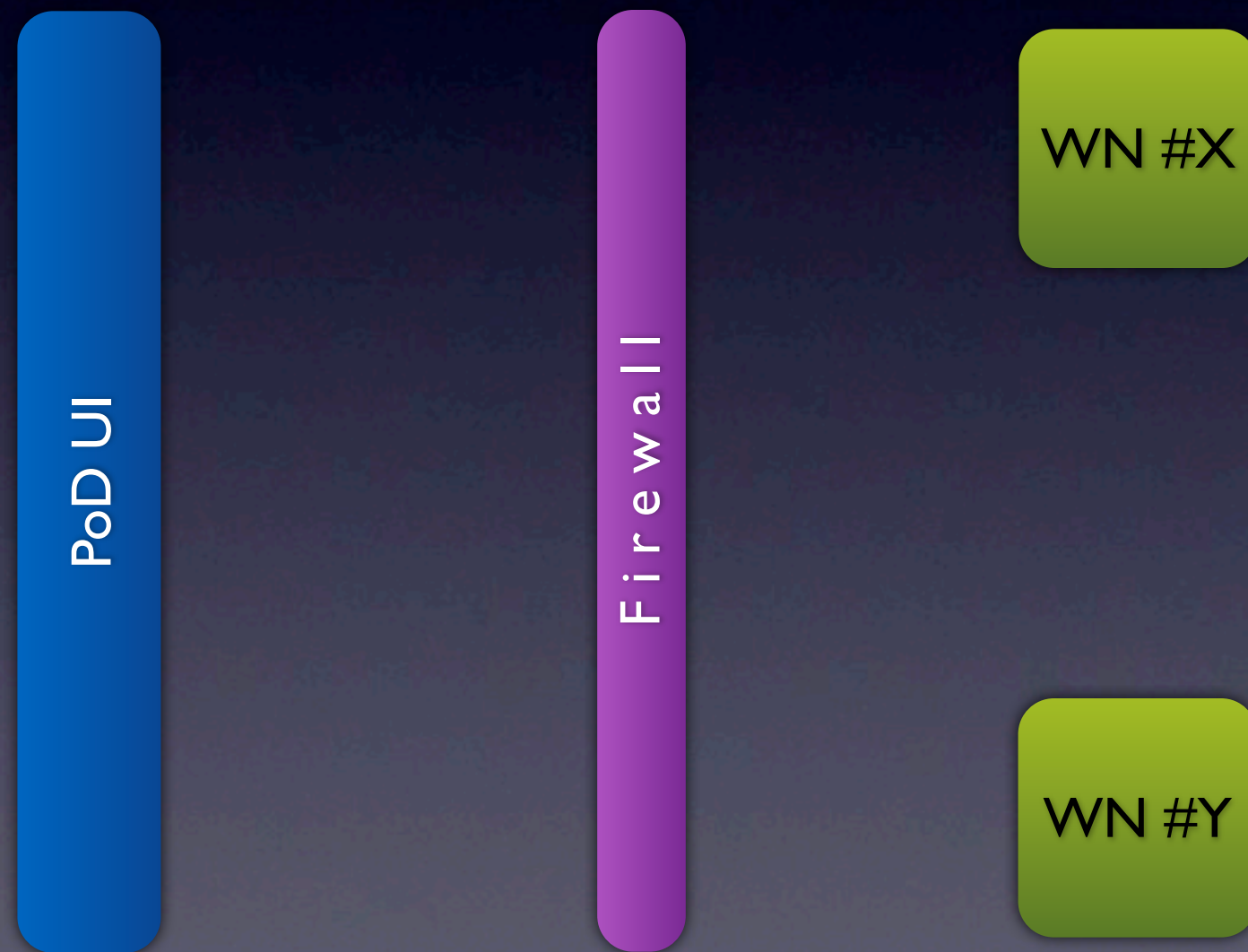
a simple CSV file as an input to the plug-in:

<i>id</i>	<i>, login@host</i>	<i>, ssh_params</i>	<i>, wn_dir</i>	<i>, num_of_workers</i>
r1	, anar@lxcg27.gsi.de	, -p24	, /tmp/test	, 10
a2	, user@lxi001	,	, ~/pod_wn	, 8
125	, doom@host.my	, -p22	, /opt/pod	, 16



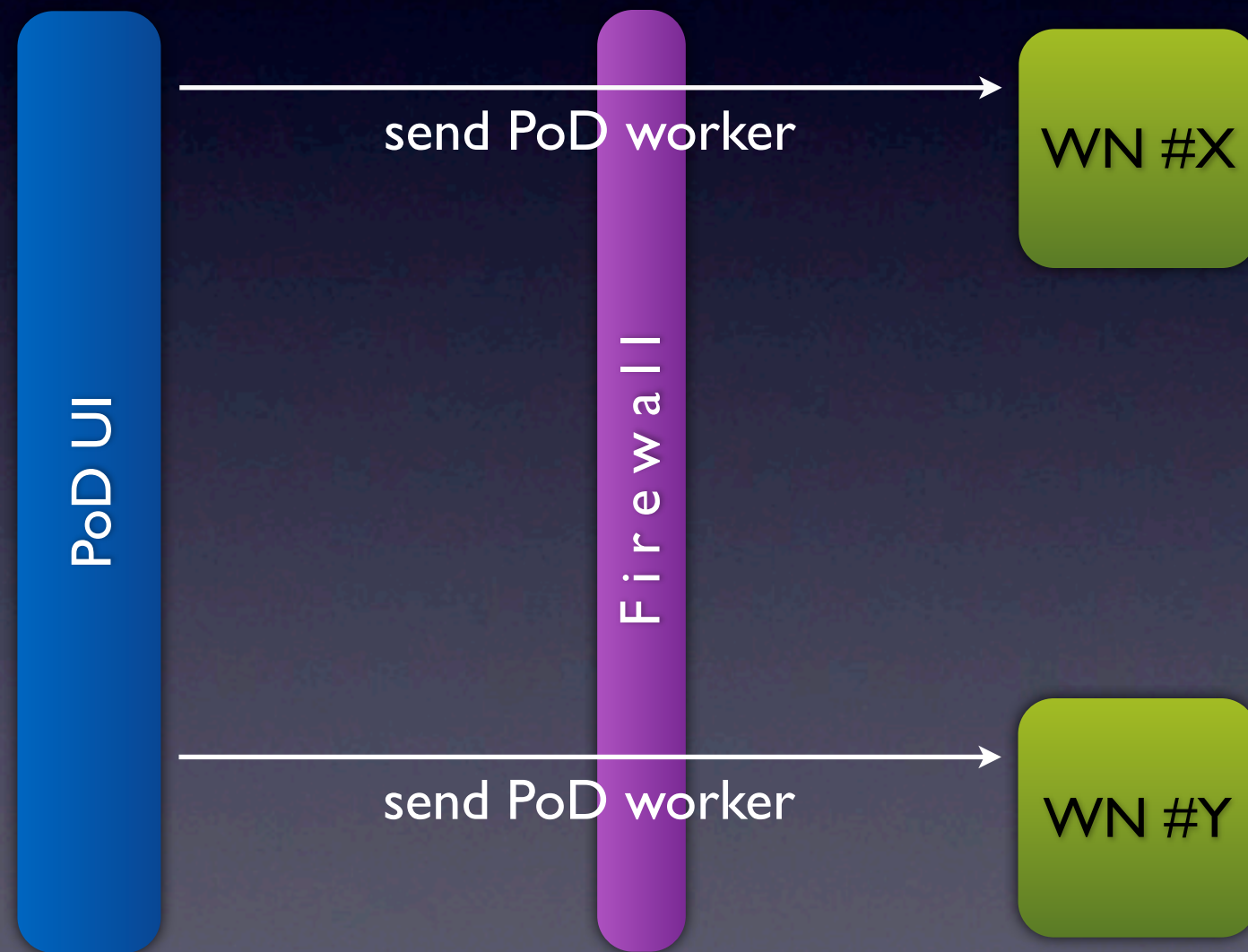
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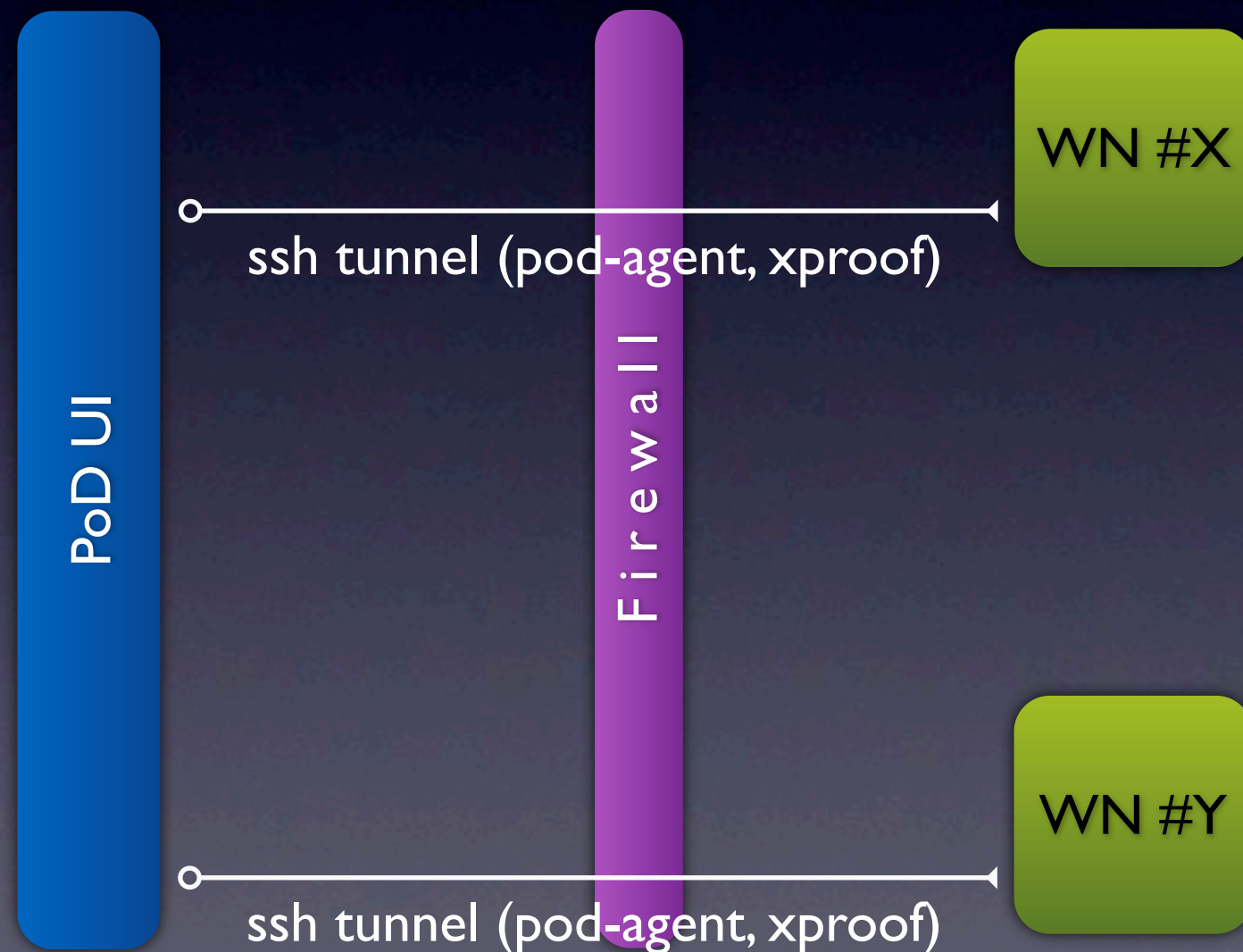
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SSH plug-in & cloud

- Distribute data files,
- prepare an OS image, which includes PoD's worker package (made by pod-prep-worker),
- send the image to a cloud provider, requesting an ssh access to nodes,
- pass the list of workers to PoD ssh plug-in,
- enjoy your cloud based PROOF cluster (can be used privately or by a group)...

ToDo

- “out of server” UI,
- a native Mac OS X implementation of UI,
- an AliEn plug-in,
- a Condor plug-in.

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