

GRID NETWORK SERVICES

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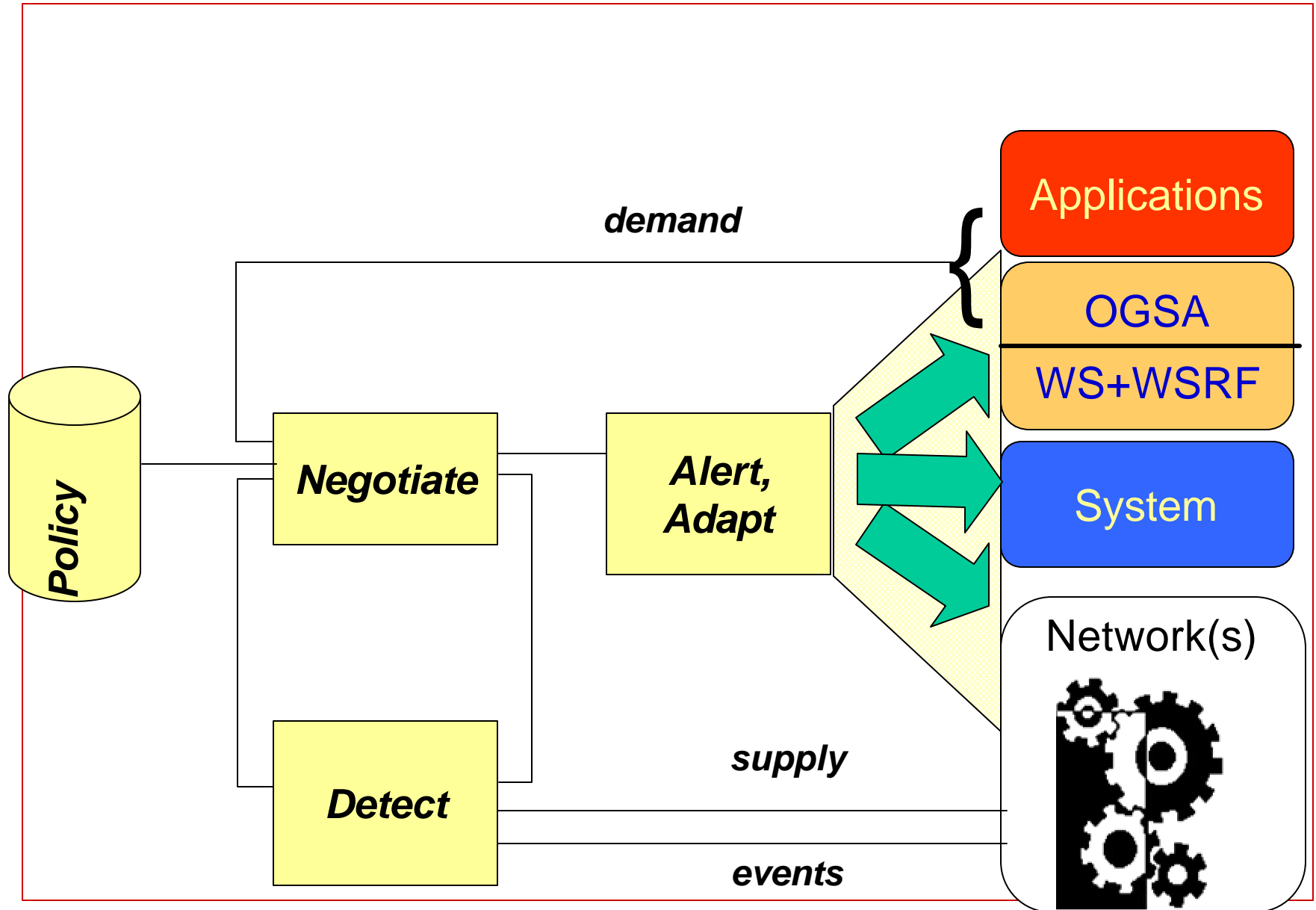
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Goals

- To scope out all the services that are required to elevate the network to Grid-managed resource
 - Dynamic provisioning
 - Dynamic topology discovery
 - Monitoring, AAA, etc.
- A breadth-first exercise !
 - Name the necessary and sufficient abstractions
 - Establish guidelines for new abstractions
 - Use cases
 - Labeling portTypes is a way out

Other than abstracting, NetServices enact feedback loops



Network services

1. Network (advance) reservation service
 - Grid network resource service (Network resource management)
2. Connectivity service
3. Network information service
4. Network monitoring service
5. Network cost estimation service

(1) Network (advance) reservation

- Based on the notion of “Network Resource”:
 - bandwidth
 - connectivity (or equivalently, path)
 - Diffserv QoS, MPLS, lambda, L1/L2/L3 VLAN, ...
 - Network measurement session
- Should extend the agreement service (WS-Agreement) by adding network-specific agreement terms
 - Grid Network Agreement Provider
 - Grid Network (Resource) Service Provider (Network Resource Manager)
 - Grid Network Agreement Initiator: the user or application
- Abstraction of “Network Resource” still to be defined:
 - Peter’s proposal:
 - physical, per-domain, technology-dependent
 - Logical, technology-independent, inter-domain

(1) Network advance reservation (cont)

- Use cases: they depend on the network resources to be managed
 - Connectivity service
 - Deadline file transfer
 - Visualization
 - Network monitoring
 - Co-allocation

(2) Connectivity service

– types:

- Bandwidth
- path with QoS support
- Optical bypass
- Transparent optical channel
- L1/L2/L3 VLAN
- (Multicast path)
- ...

– Use cases:

- High throughput file transfer with scheduled connectivity
- High throughput file transfer with deadline
- Visualization
- Replica management

(3) Nework information

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(4) Network monitoring

- Provides a means of asking for new measurements to be made (network monitoring service)
- Provides access to historical data (as part of network information service?)
- Uses of network monitoring:
 - Set up continuous periodic measurements for status monitoring and shorter-term problem diagnosis by administrators
 - Automated problem diagnosis systems (E2E piPES)
 - Provide up-to-date and even predicted information to network cost services

(4) Network monitoring (cont)

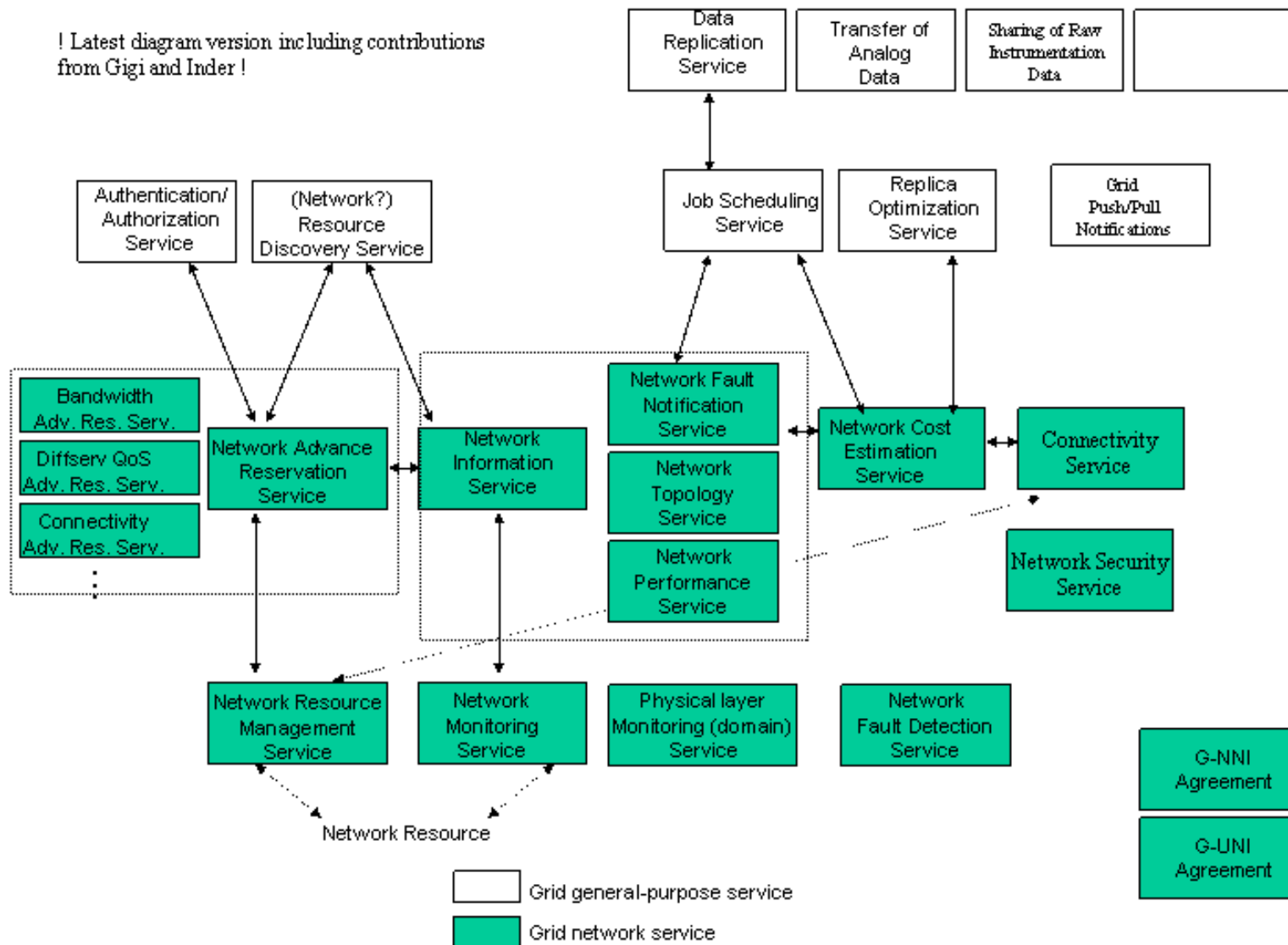
Outstanding Issues:

- Does information service provide **capability information** about underlying network?
- Where is the **line between** information service and monitoring service?
- How much network information can be transmitted in a completely generic grid information service
- Is monitoring service a [Clarke] **primitive service**?
- Can we fit network monitoring into an **aggregate** network resource service model [Clarke]?
- Do we want **reservation** service for measurement-making resources?
- How are the capabilities of network monitoring services **discovered**?

(5) Network cost estimation service

- Network cost function
 - Specific cost models can be defined for each use case
- Based on network performance information and monitoring services
- Use cases:
 - Data replication
 - Deadline file transfer
 - Job scheduling service
 - Adaptive remote file access

! Latest diagram version including contributions from Gigi and Inder !



Current (implicit) hierarchy of the services

- Network services
 - With interfaces to both the user and Network services
 - Network advance reservation
 - Network monitoring
 - Network information
 - With interfaces to other Network services
 - Network cost estimation service
 - Connectivity service
 - Network resource service
 - Network monitoring schedule
 - Network monitoring results
 - Network monitoring negotiation
 - Network monitoring prediction

(Some) Open problems

1. *Grid* network services vs network services
2. Coherent network services architecture still missing
 - Network services could be organized in layers (Clarke)?
 - Yes, could be applicable to the connectivity service
 - Or: Some network services can be directly accessed by the user/application, others are hidden and provide support to other higher-layer services, better structure needed
3. Network resource abstraction
4. Service schema
 - The draft currently mixes use cases, functional description and implementation description
 - More services to be added: “grid data transport service”, multicast, ...
 - Use cases