

AstroGrid SSO prototypes

Progress since Victoria Interop
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Objectives

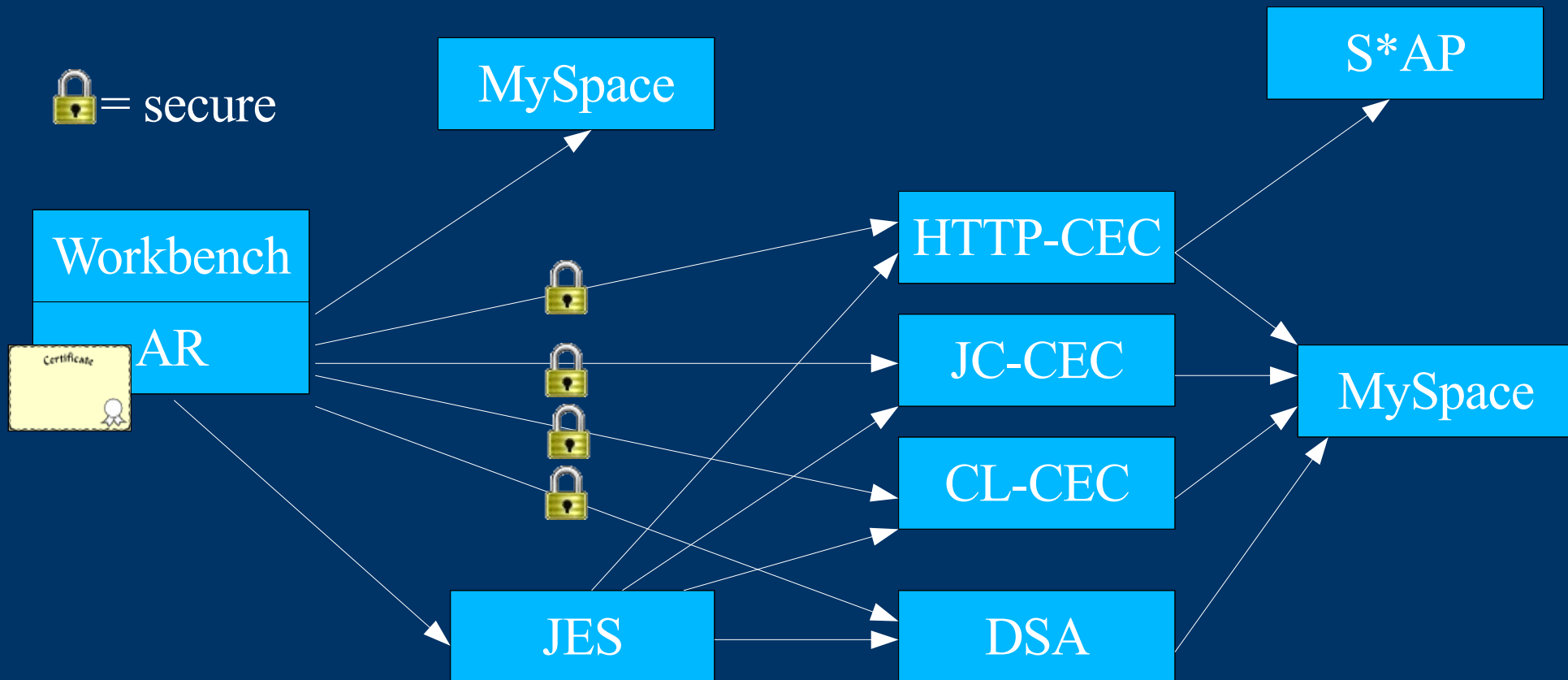
- Implement IVOA SSO standards
 - As a reference implementation for IVOA
 - In EuroVO/AG components, for production use
 - AR + Workbench
 - Application servers
 - ADQL services
 - Community services
 - As a library for developers of new services
 - AR
 - AstroGrid “Facade” library
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Coding progress: digital signature

- Digital signatures on SOAP now *working*
 - Worked round Axis bugs
 - Made it work with DSA
 - Tested in UKIDSS prototype at ROE
- Available* in A/G “security facade”
 - Client and server code
 - => easy to add to new services
 - (* = available after next merge; maybe next week)

And that means...?

- Workbench/AR apps authenticate to CEA services
 - Includes app servers, DSA
 - Excludes JES, S*AP, MySpace
 - Excludes delegation to other SOAP services

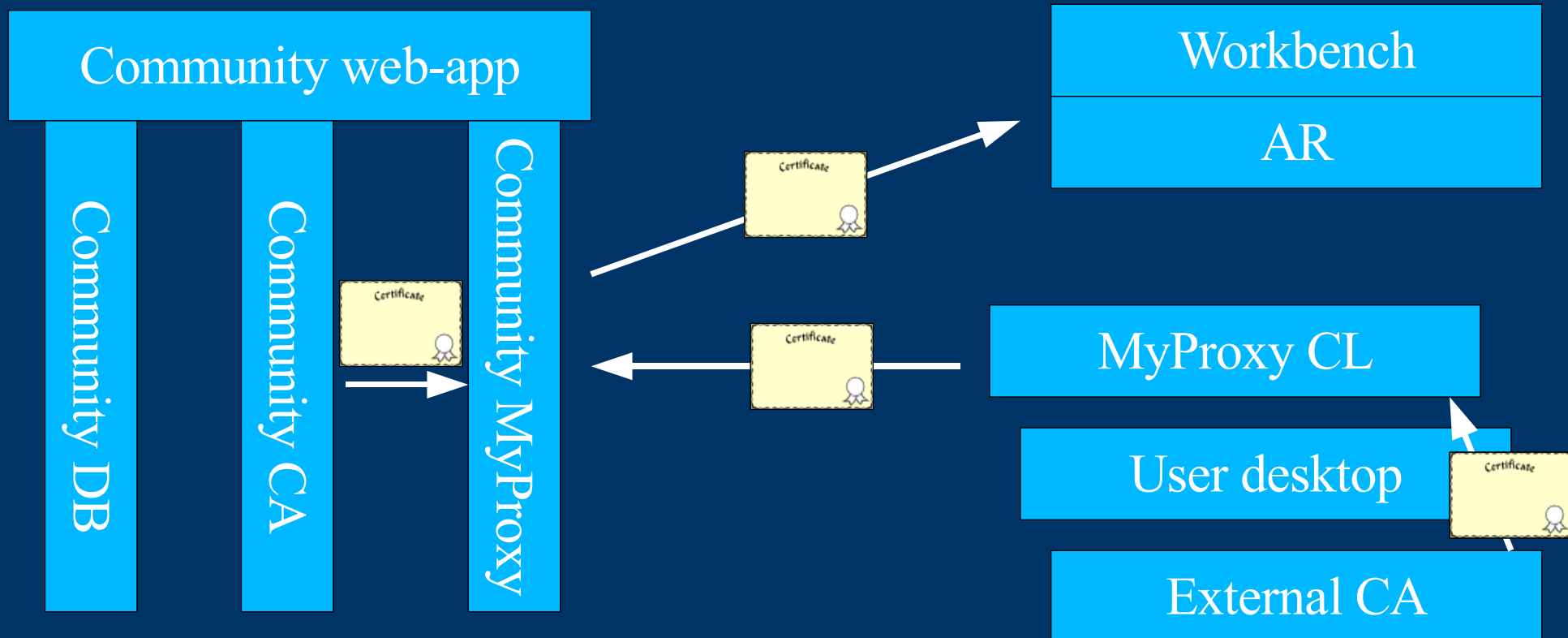


Coding progress: community

- Prototype of certificate-aware community
 - Has internal certificate authority (CA)
 - Can use external CA
 - Works with MyProxy
 - Drop-in replacement for existing community web-app
 - Comparable to PURSE
 - Not derived from PURSE code

And that means...?

- Upgrade existing communities with certificates
- Issue own certificates
- Work with UK e-Science certificates



MyProxy: brings in Globus?

- Yes, but not the bits that bite.
 - Needed:
 - Java libraries from “Java CoG kit” 1.2 (inside AR)
 - MyProxy server ex GT4
 - Not needed:
 - Globus “SimpleCA”
 - Globus security configuration
 - Globus CL tools (except the MyProxy ones)
 - Globus gatekeepers, GridFTP, etc, etc, etc.
 - Quite easy to install (honest, Guv!)
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Reflections

- Digital signatures on SOAP are fragile
 - Be very careful with XML details
 - Bad SOAP toolkits (Axis) break signatures
 - Java CoG seems to be only RFC3820 implementation
 - MyProxy works very well BUT...
 - doesn't work easily through firewalls
 - Need e.g. WS-Trust as well as MyProxy?
 - It's simpler without web portals
 - Top-level client gets to hold proxy certificate
 - Web browser doesn't do MyProxy
 - Need the other standards to make all this useful:
 - Delegation
 - Groups
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Next steps

- Complete, release community-with-CA-and-MyProxy
 - Finish, release pluggable authorization for CEA/DSA
 - TLS-secured server for S*AP with RFC3820
 - Community linked to external DB
 - Community-defined groups
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