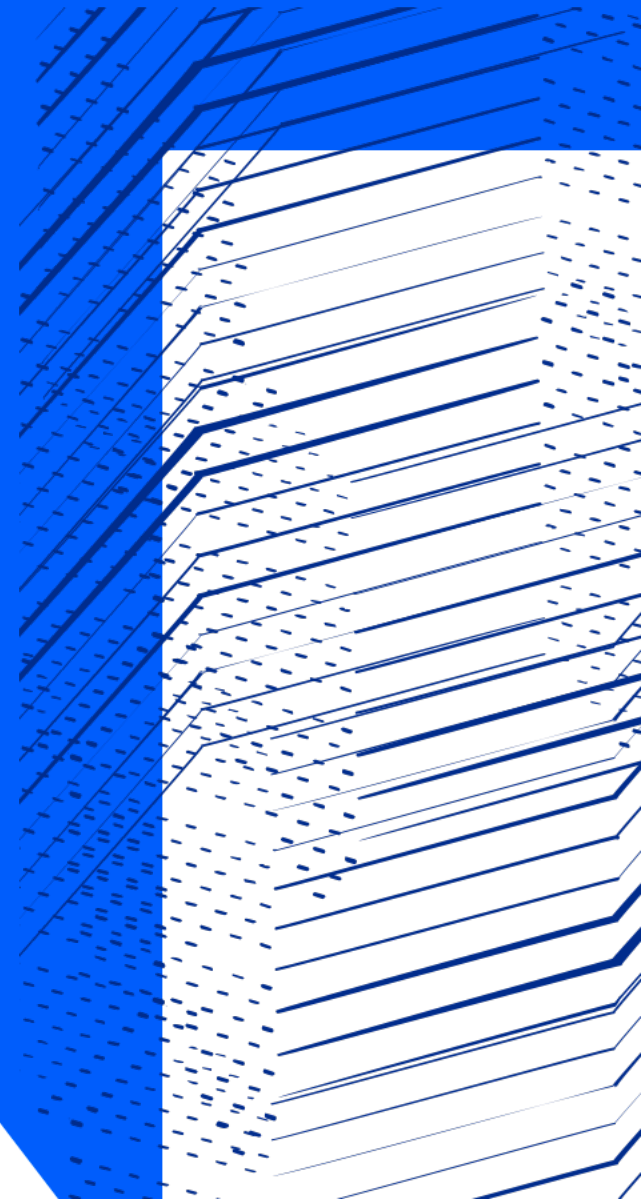




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# A Brief Overview of Token Based AAI Development at STFC

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# Moving away from User Certificates

- There is a landscape shift away from X.509 user certificates
  - *Security impact if compromised (and frequently compromised)*
  - *Not user friendly*
  - *Mobility issues*
- Shift towards OAuth2 and OpenID Connect (Tokens)
  - *Tokens widely accepted*
  - *Easy to implement – used by major industry players*
  - *Links directly to home institutions*

# Token based work underway within...

- IRIS

- *eInfrastructure for Research and Innovation for STFC*
- IRIS IAM service

- WLCG

- *Worldwide LHC Computing Grid*
- Design and development of a token-based AAI service for WLCG

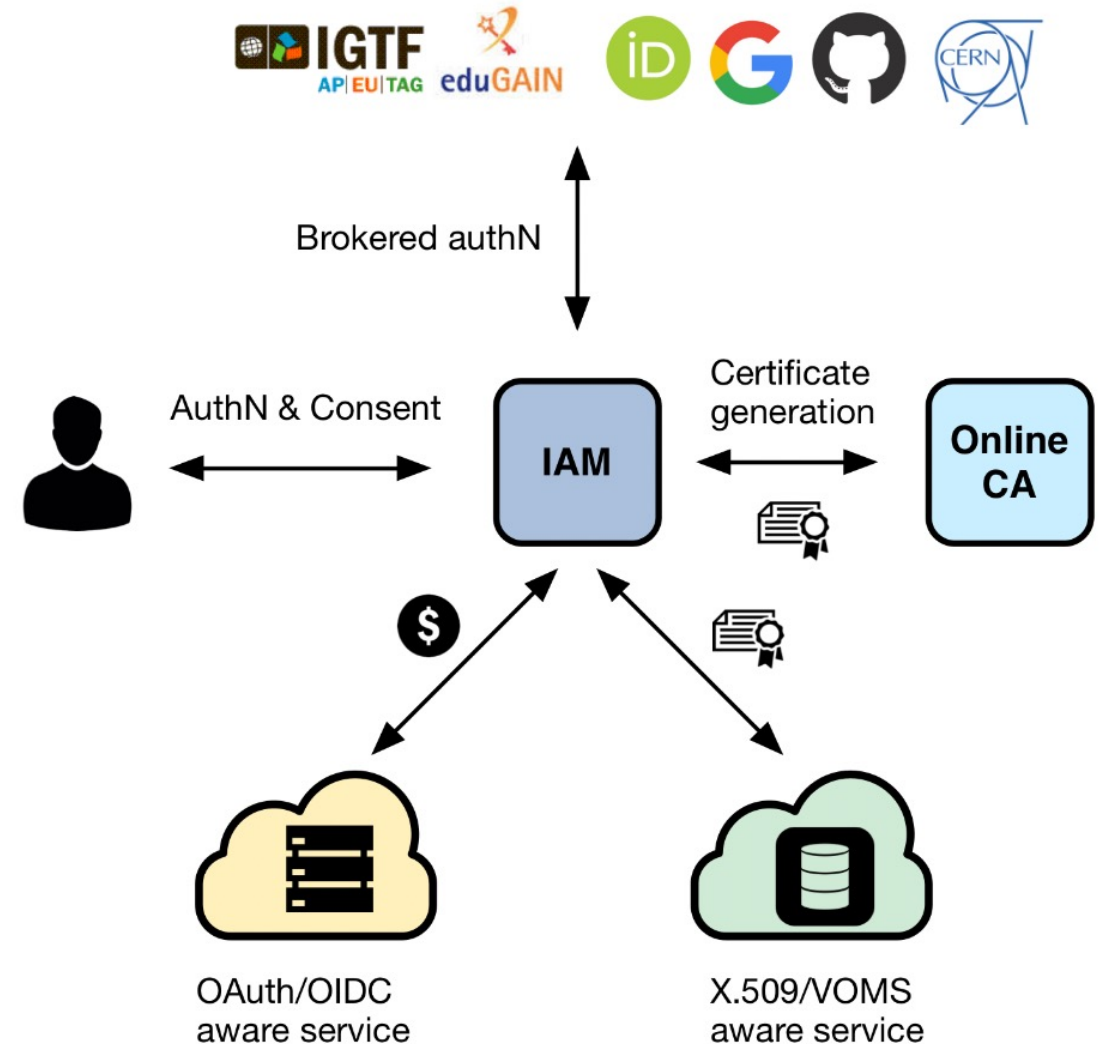
- SKA SRCNet

- *Square Kilometre Array Science Resource Centre Network*
- AAI Prototyping work within the SRCNet

# STFC uses INDIGO IAM

An authentication and authorization application that

- supports **multiple authentication mechanisms**
- provides users with a **persistent, organization scoped identifier**
- exposes **identity information, attributes and capabilities** to services via **JSON Web Tokens** and standard **OAuth & OpenID Connect** protocols
- can integrate existing **VOMS**-aware services
- supports **Web and non-Web access**, delegation and **token renewal**



# ... as will WLCG, and the SKA Prototype



Welcome to **atlas**

Sign in with

Your X.509 certificate

CERN SSO

Not a member?

Apply for an account

<https://atlas-auth.web.cern.ch>



Welcome to **cms**

Sign in with

CERN SSO

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Welcome to **alice**

Sign in with

CERN SSO

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# TBC

<https://lhcb-auth.web.cern.ch>



Welcome to **SKA IAM Prototype**

Sign in with your SKA IAM Prototype credentials

Username

Password

Sign in

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Your Organisation via eduGain

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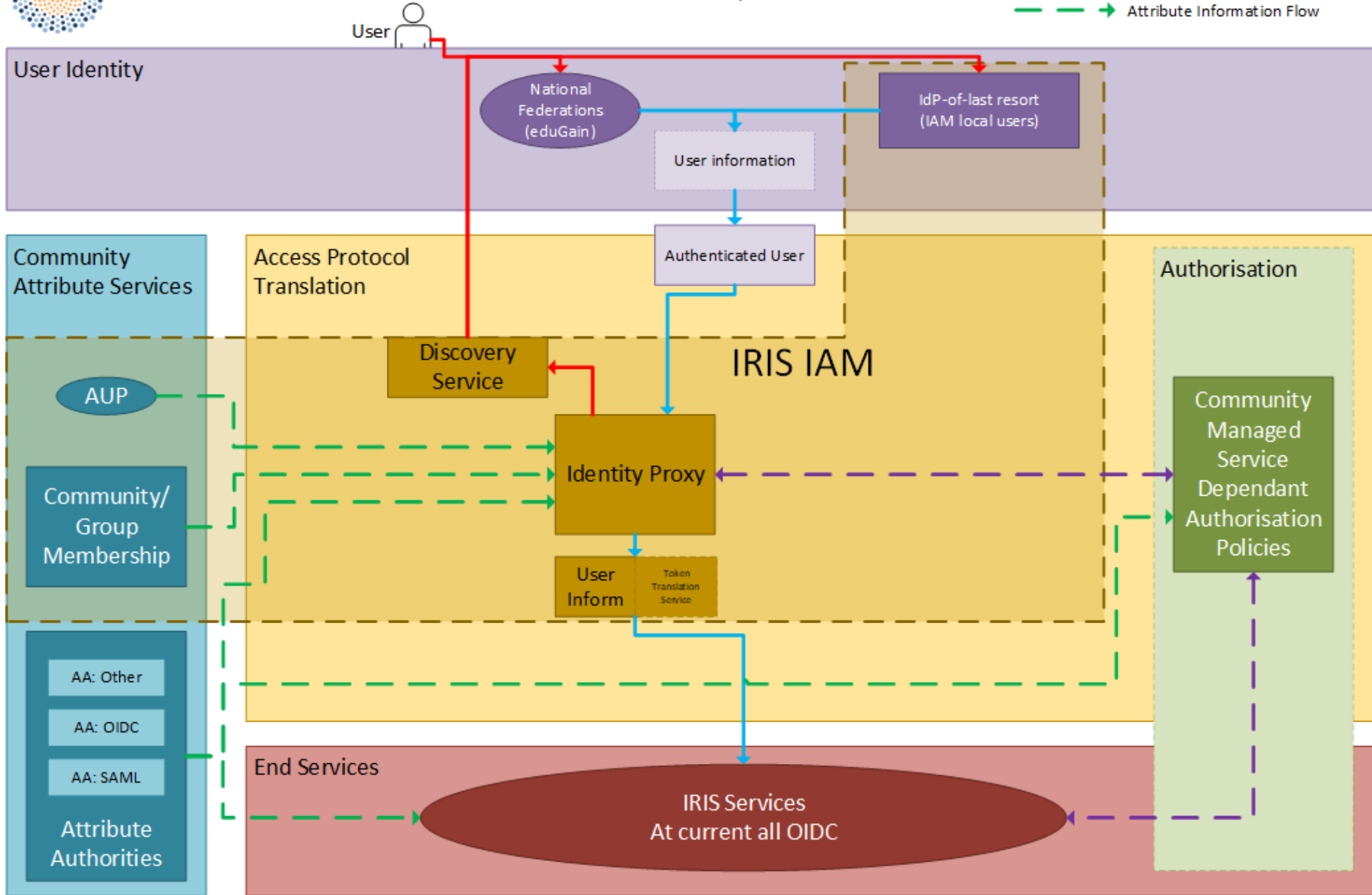
<https://ska-iam.stfc.ac.uk>



# IRIS IAM Blueprint Architecture

Based on the AARC Blueprint Architecture

- Unauthenticated User
- Authenticated User
- Authorisation Information Flow
- Attribute Information Flow



## INDIGO IAM and the AARC Blueprint Architecture for Infrastructures

*Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration (AARC)*



# Challenges with Token Transition

- How to provide access to services which operate only over command line
  - *OAuth Device Code PAM with Group Authorization*
  - [https://github.com/stfc/pam\\_oauth2\\_device](https://github.com/stfc/pam_oauth2_device)
- Assurance for users who do not have an eduGAIN IdP
  - *Using the AAI platform as an Identity-Provider-of-last-resort*
  - *"Community" IAM instances with local credentials acting as IdPs*
- Tokens and long-running jobs
  - *Token lifetime is typically short for security reasons – what happens with a job longer than the token*
  - *Refresh Tokens – Security Concerns*

# Want to know more?

- Attend the WLCG Pre-GDB (Grid Deployment Board) Meeting in October @ CERN – **WLCG AuthZ and IAM Workshop**
  - *10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October at CERN*
  - <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1185598/>
- Check out the WLCG Token Transition Timeline to get an idea of how things will shape up
  - <https://zenodo.org/record/7014668#.YxkaxCFBzVE>

Thank you for listening!  
Any Questions?





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# Thank you



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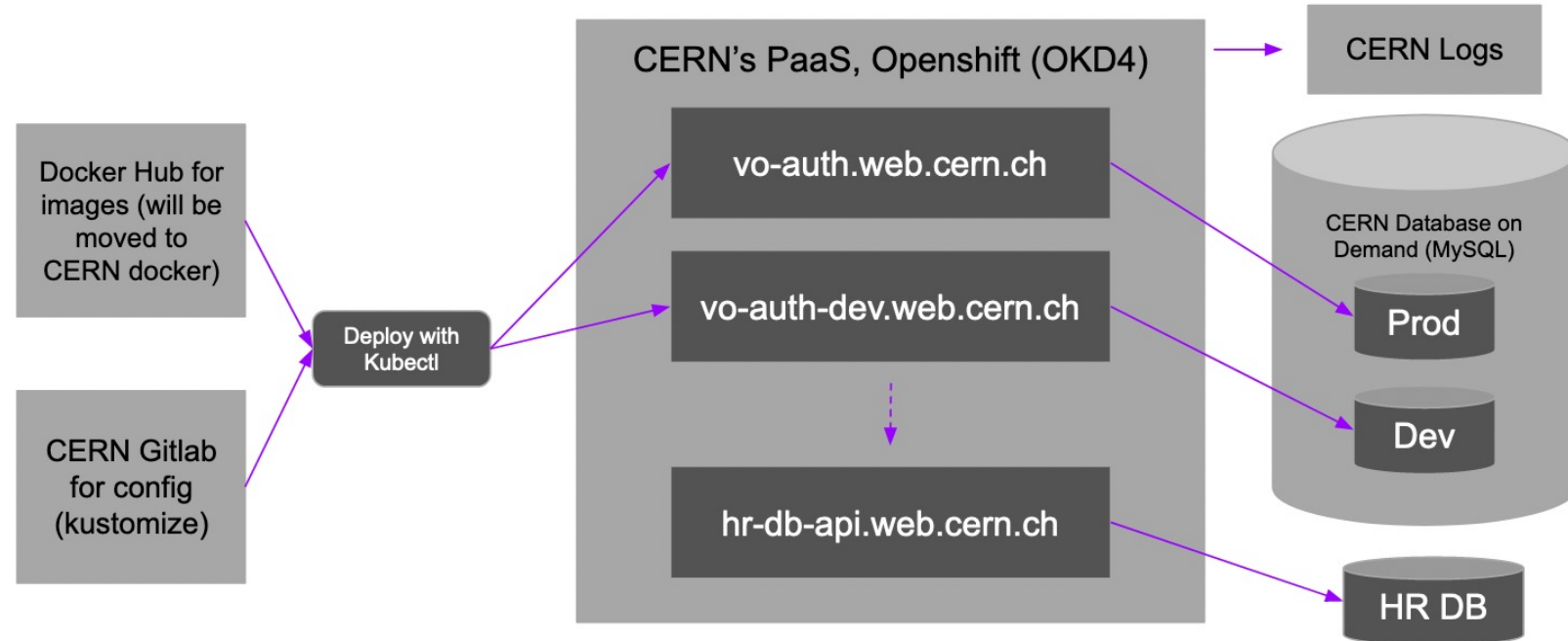


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# Backup

# WLCG IAM - Infrastructure

- Utilises the CERN shared infrastructure, using standard services and tools
- One project for each VO on CERN Openshift
- Will also have a Dev instance for each VO
- Openshift also hosts an API for interfacing with CERN HR DB
- Logs are pushed to the CERN Logs service, giving Kibana and E-Search
- CERN Database on Demand for backend



Leveraging CERN's infrastructure as far as possible.  
Scalable deployment on Openshift.

# WLCG IAM - Authentication

- Each LHC Vos have two login options
  - CERN SSO
  - Certificate Login
- Expected that a user will register with the CERN SSO and then may add a certificate later
- The CERN SSO ID token is used to validate VO membership
- Additional admin login (username/password) hidden for normal workflows



# Token Claims

## Common Claims

- sub
- exp
- iss
- acr
- aud
- iat
- nbf
- jti
- eduperson\_assurance (REFEDS)
- **wlcg.ver (WLCG)**
- **wlcg.groups (WLCG)**

**iss+sub** used to uniquely identify a user, e.g. for blocking

**wlcg** prefix added to avoid collisions with other schemas

## ID Tokens

- auth\_time
- general OIDC Claims

## Access Tokens

- scope (RFC8693)

Access tokens should include at least scope (capabilities) or group for authorization

# WLCG Token Discovery

- Many tools will rely on tokens being stored in the local environment
- Token discoverability specification v1.0 published <https://zenodo.org/record/3937438>

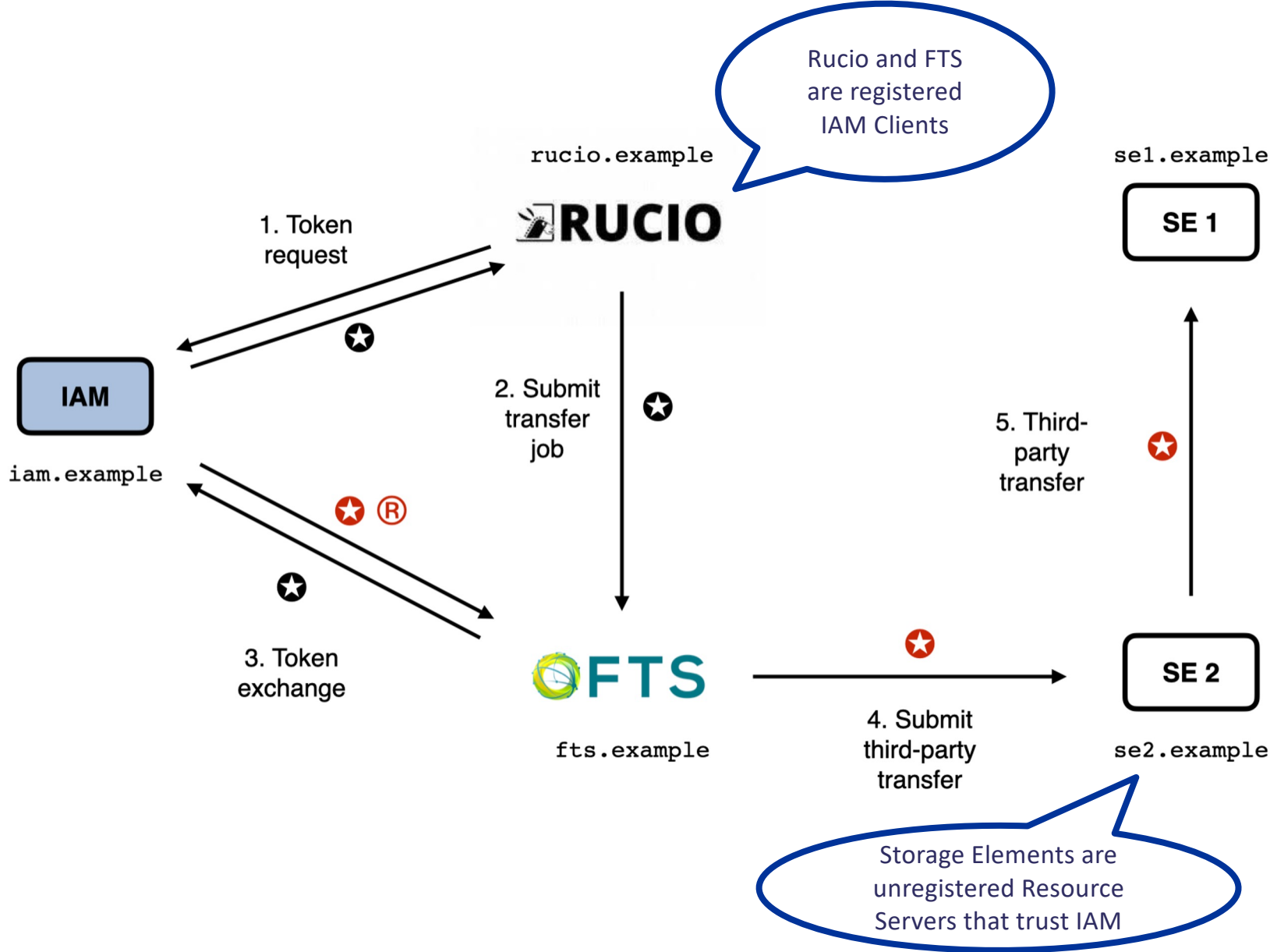
If a tool needs to authenticate with a token and does not have out-of-band WLCG Bearer Token Discovery knowledge on which token to use, the following steps to discover a token MUST be taken in sequence, where \$ID below denotes the process's effective user ID:

1. If the **BEARER\_TOKEN** environment variable is set, then its value is taken to be the token contents.
2. If the **BEARER\_TOKEN\_FILE** environment variable is set, then its value is interpreted as a filename. The contents of the specified file are taken to be the token contents.
3. If the **XDG\_RUNTIME\_DIR** environment variable is set, then take the token from the contents of `$XDG_RUNTIME_DIR/bt_u$ID2`.
4. Otherwise, take the token from `/tmp/bt_u$ID`

Logic of where to search for (or place) tokens locally

# Rucio-FTS-SEs flow

1. Rucio requests token for FTS from IAM
2. Rucio submits job to FTS and includes token
3. FTS exchanges token for one for target third-party
4. Third-party transfer submitted along with new token
5. Token can be reused among instances of third-party





# Lifetimes

Token Type	Recommended Lifetime	Minimum Lifetime	Maximum Lifetime	Justification
Access Token & ID Token	20 minutes	5 minutes	6 hours	Access token lifetime should be short as there is no revocation mechanism. The granted lifetime has implications for the maximum allowable downtime of the Access Token server.
Refresh Token	10 days	1 day	30 days	Refresh token lifetimes should be kept bounded, but can be longer-lived as they are revocable. Meant to be long-lived enough to be on a “human timescale”.
Issuer Public Key Cache	6 hours	1 hour	1 day	The public key cache lifetime defines the minimum revocation time of the public key. The actual lifetime is the maximum allowable downtime of the public key server
Issuer Public Key	6 months	2 days	12 months	JWT has built-in mechanisms for key rotation; these do not need to live as long as CAs. This may evolve following operational experience, provision should be made for flexible lifetimes.