

# Interoperable research infrastructures for addressing societal challenges

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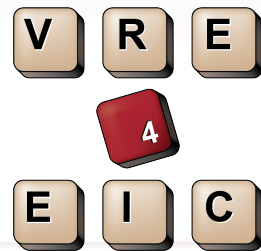
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Infrastructures Providing Shared  
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# Environmental challenges



**Pollution**

**Volcano**

**Tsunami**

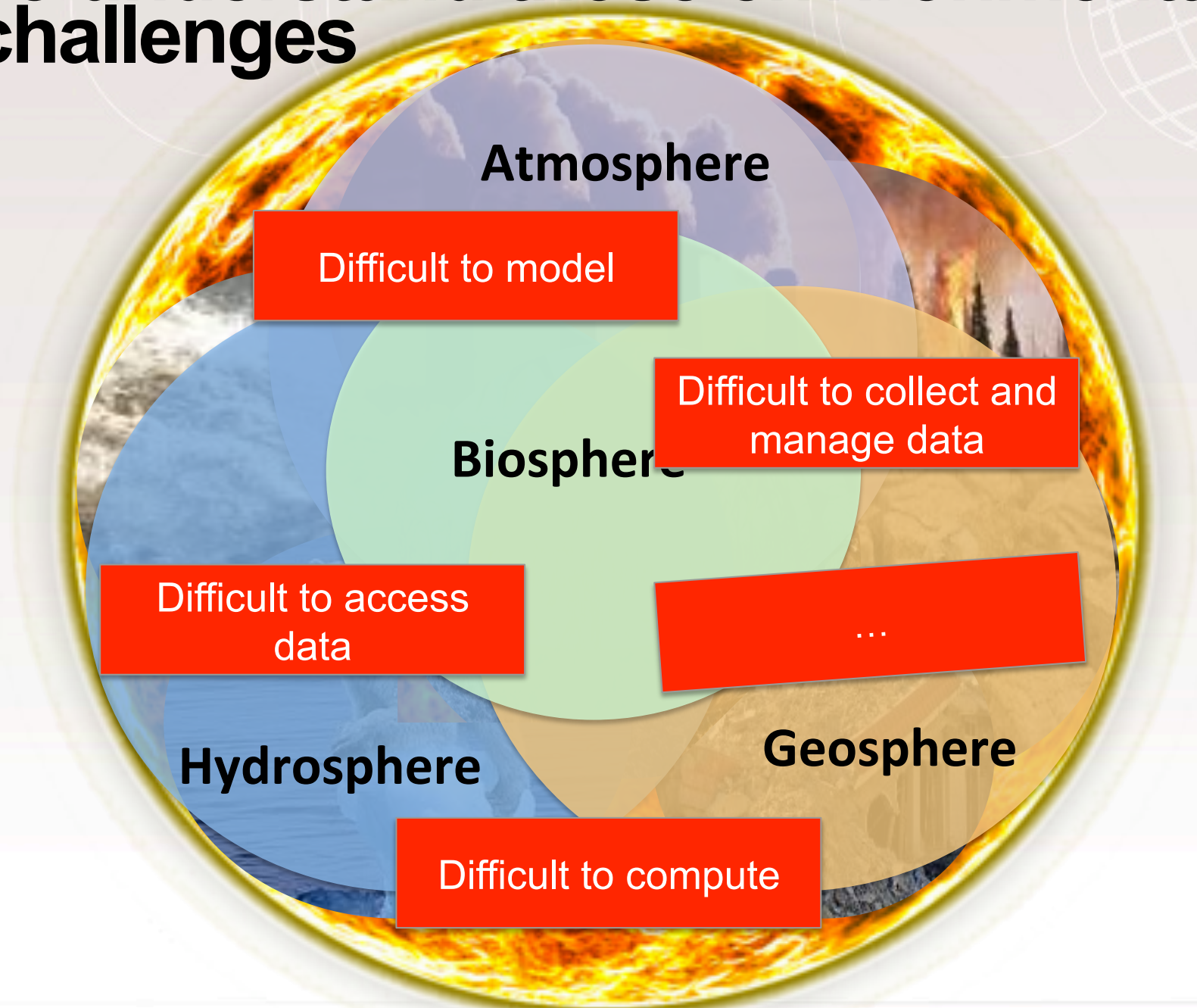
**Food crisis**

**Global  
warming**

**Earthquake**

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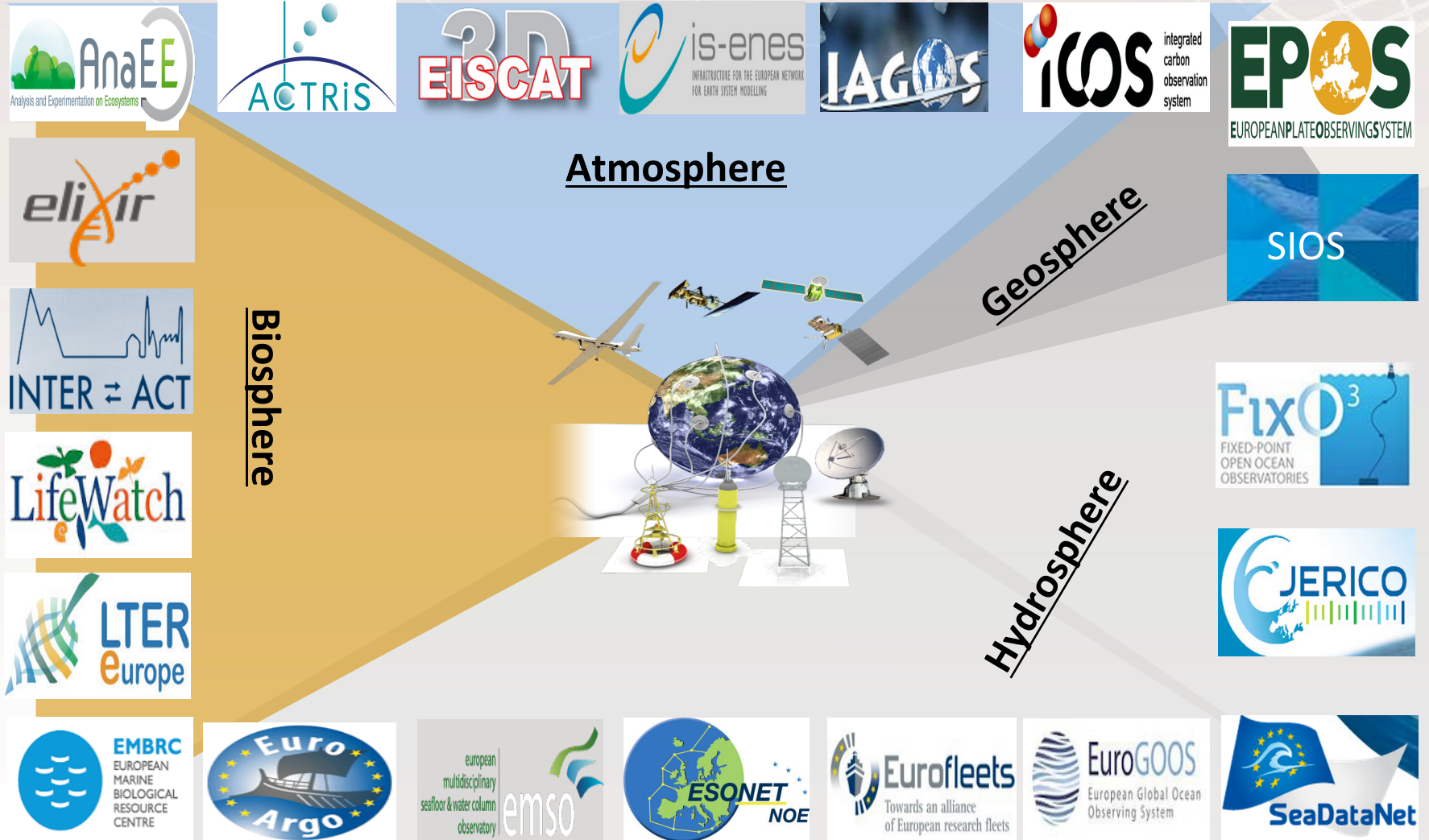
# To understand those environmental challenges



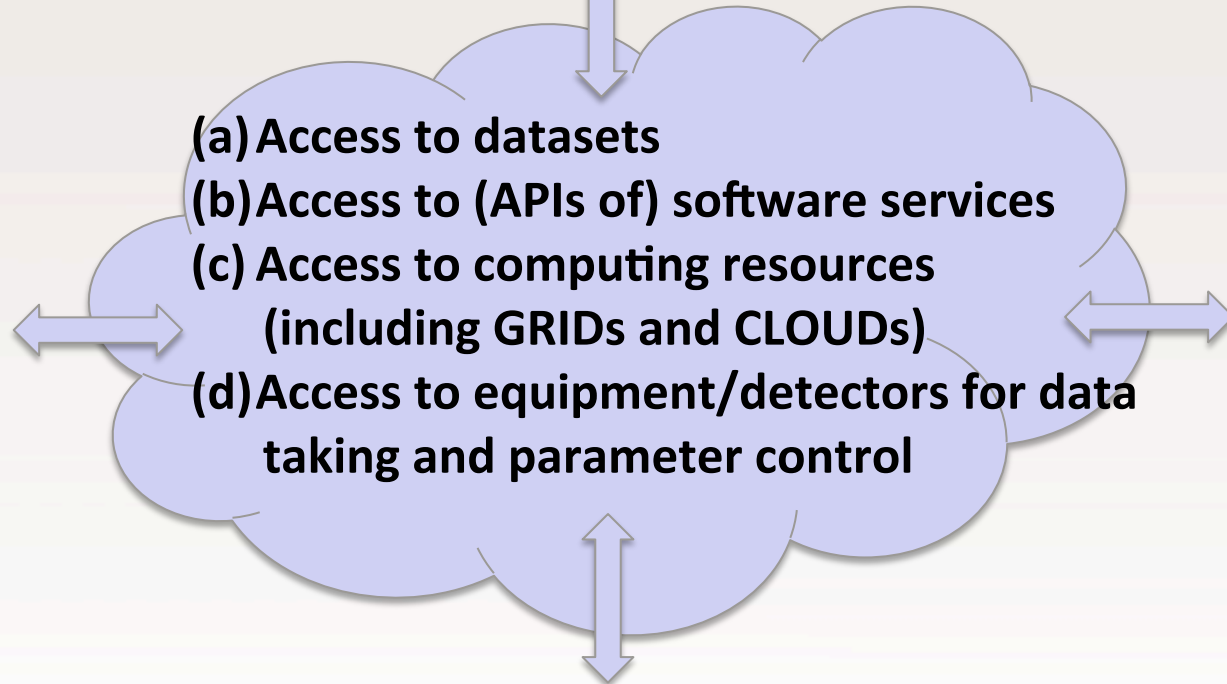
# Outline

- Interoperability requirements and reality
- Reference architecture based approach
- Current status
- Summary

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# The reality of RIs

- RIs usually provide access to datasets
  - Many: simple catalogue access with (maybe selection) download to user's home computing environment
  - Few (any?) providing homogeneous view over heterogeneous datasets (none?)
- RIs sometimes provide access to software services/components
  - For download/use in user's home computing environment
- RIs sometimes provide (manual?) workflow construction
- RIs rarely (if ever?) provide access to computing resources
  - With movement of datasets and software components/services and workflow composition
- RIs sometimes provide access to equipment/detectors for data taking and parameter control
- RIs rarely provide integrated e-communication facilities for researchers
  - Scholarly publications, grey literature, blogs, wikis, e-conferencing, social media
- RIs rarely (if ever) provide assistance with research management tasks
  - Proposal preparation, finding related work/researchers, finding specialist equipment, reporting to funders...

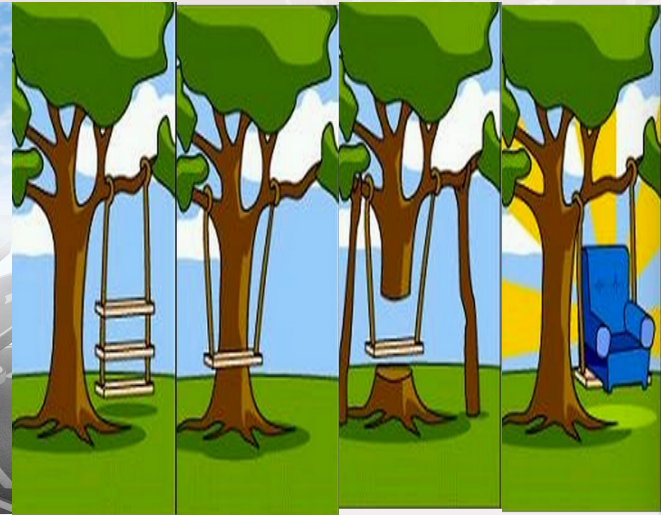
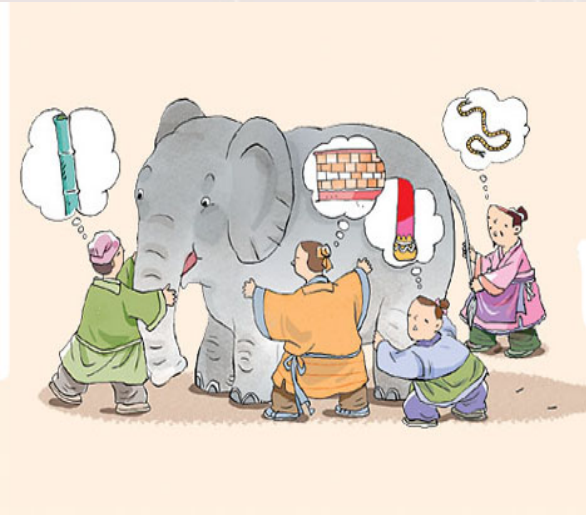
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RI catalogs have very variable richness

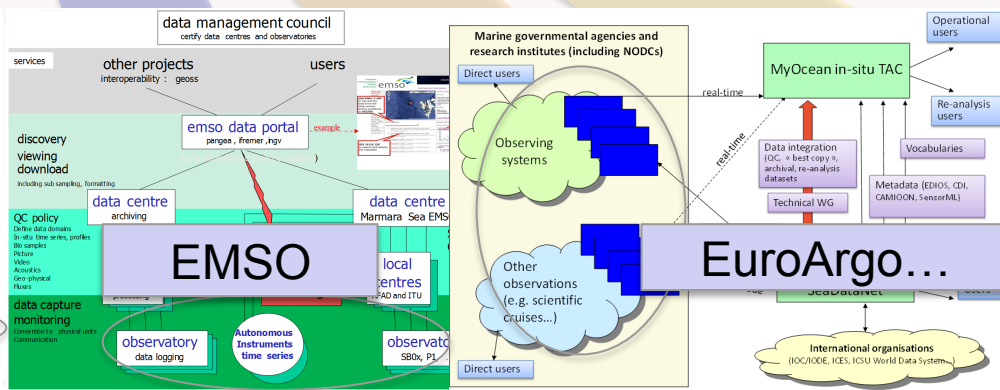
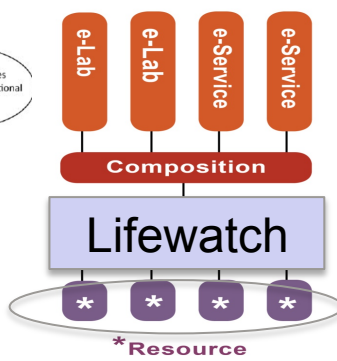
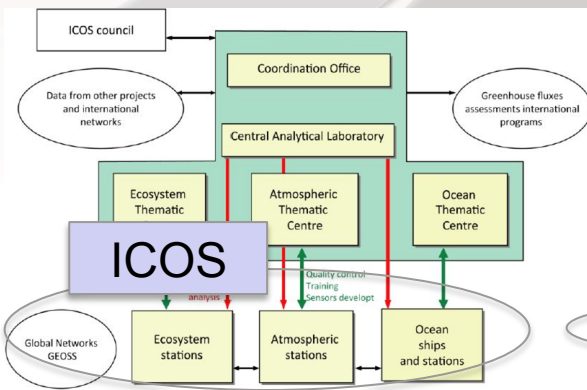
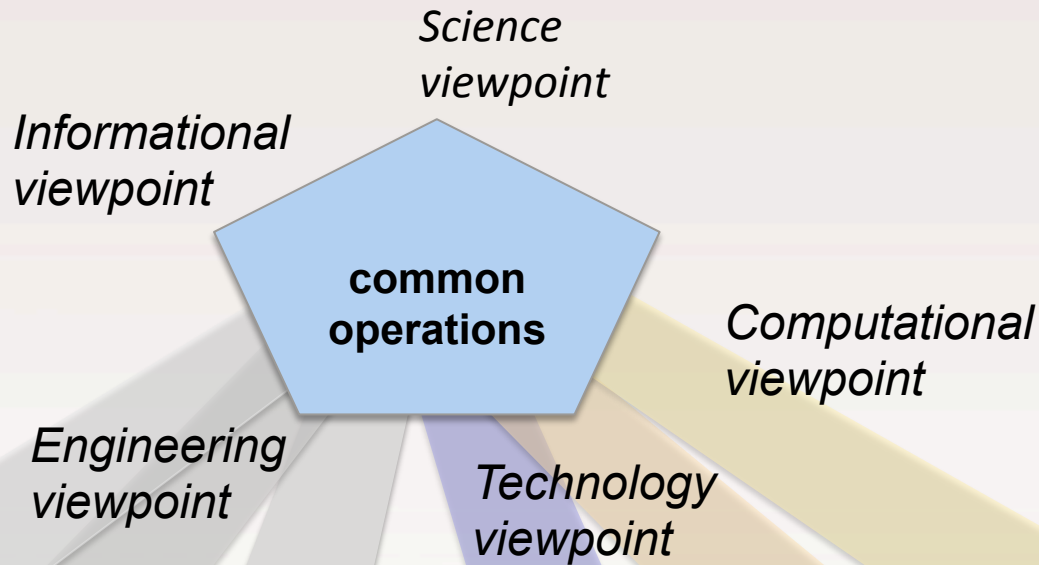


# Interoperability challenges



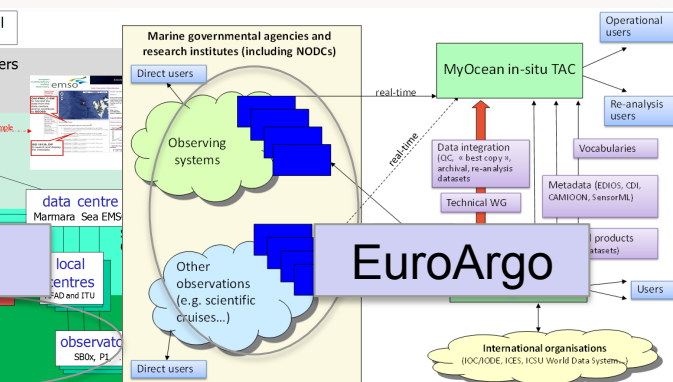
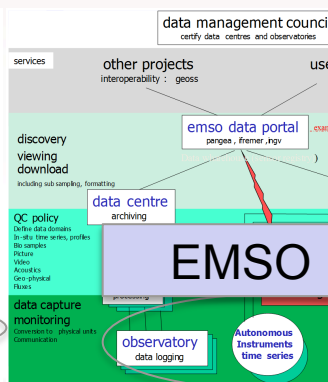
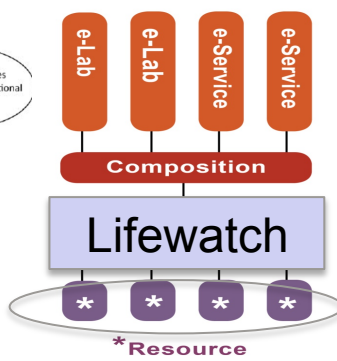
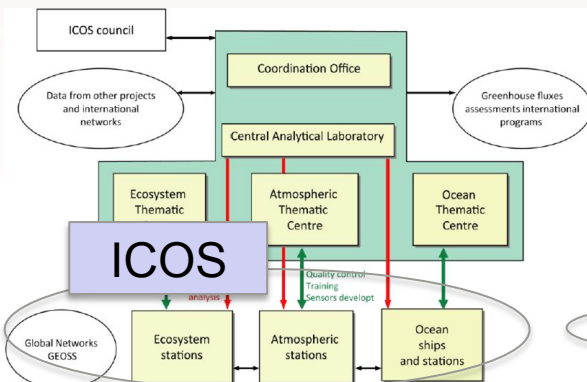
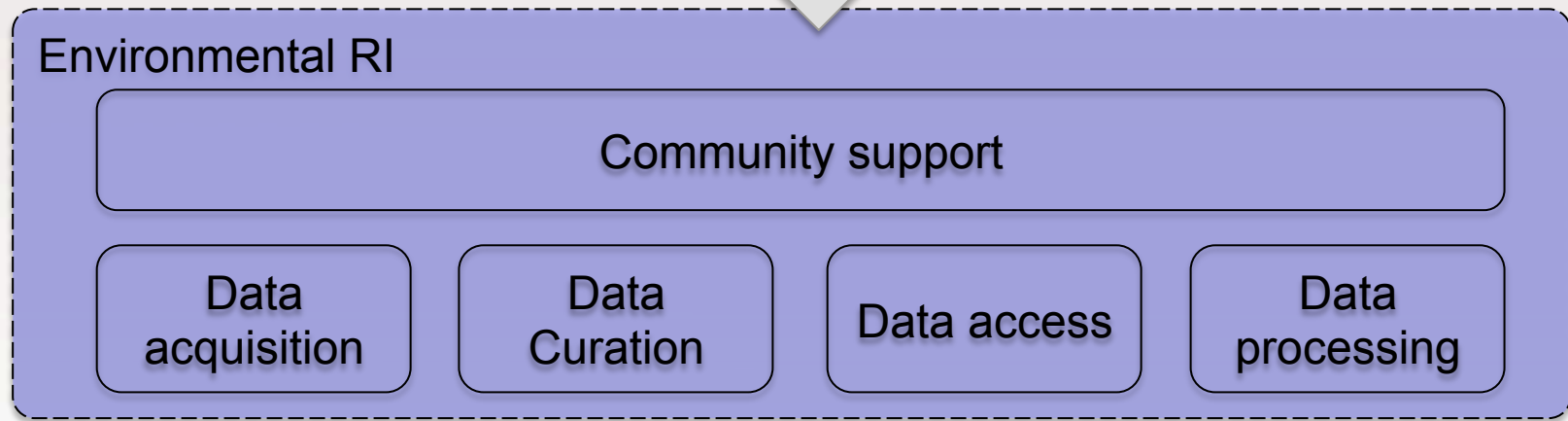
- **Diverse visions, different development agenda, and the lack of common vocabulary** make the data and functional components difficult to be interoperable.
- Approaches in EU FP 7 **ENVRI**, H2020 **ENVRI<sup>PLUS</sup>**, **VRE4EIC** and **SWITCH**
  1. **Reference model**
  2. **Reference model guided common solution engineering**
  3. **Virtual Research Environment**
  4. **Virtualized infrastructure**

# 1. Reference model: abstract common characteristics from RIs



# Establish a common set of vocabulary

User community

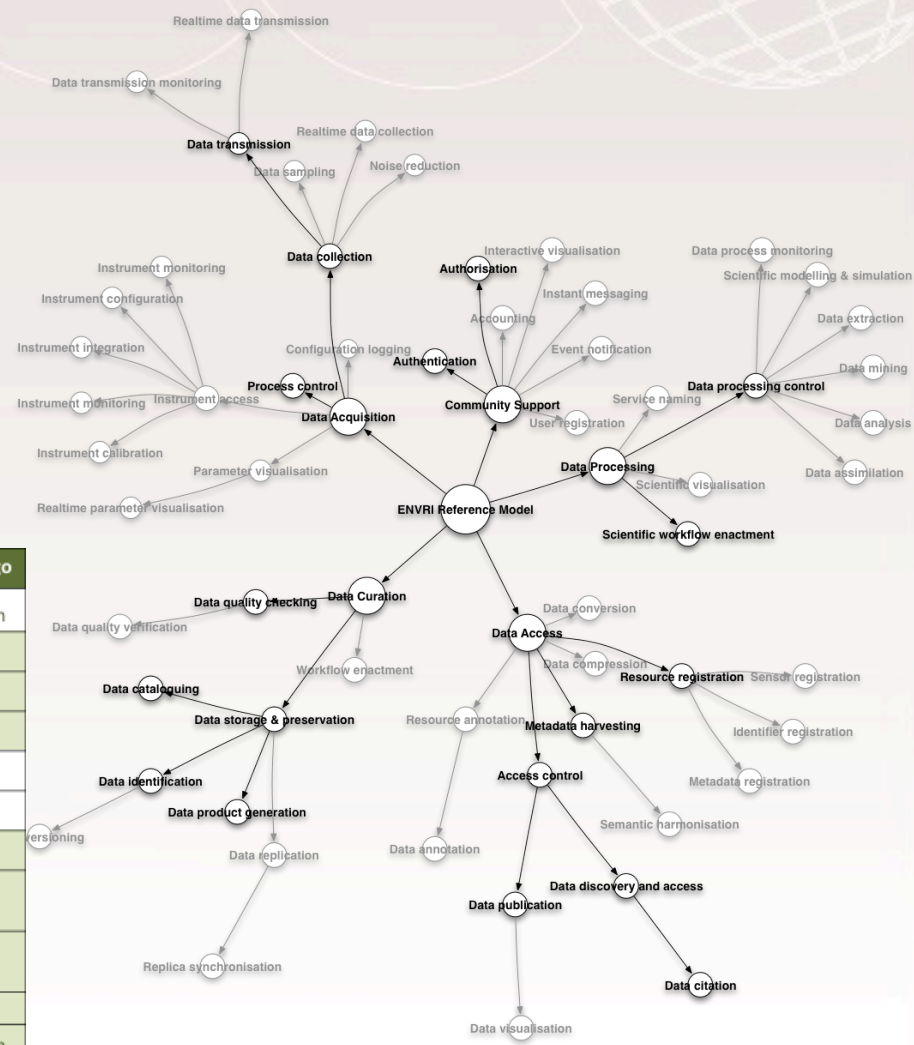


# Reference model

Functions/Embedded Services	ICOS	EPOS	EMSO	EISCAT-3D	LifeWatch	Euro-Argo
Access Control	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Unknown
Data Conversion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Data Publication	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes
Data Citation	No	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown	No

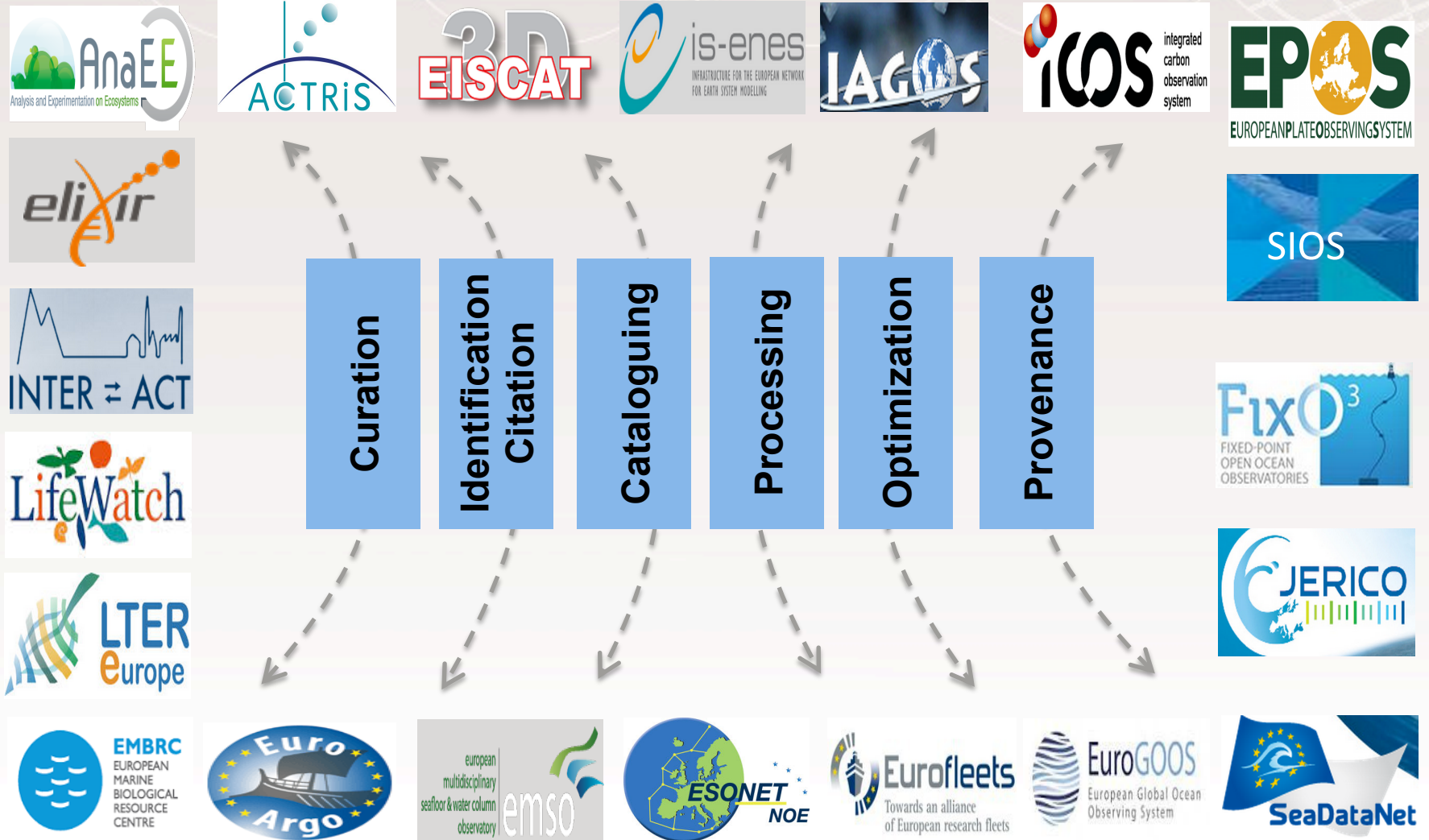
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Data Quality Checking	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Not Applicable	Yes
Data Quality Verification	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Not Applicable	Yes
Data Identification	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unknown
Data Cataloguing	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unknown
Data Product Generation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not Applicable	Yes
Data Versioning	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Not Applicable	Unknown

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(Resources/Data) Annotation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Metadata Harvesting	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	No	Unknown	No
Resource Registration	Unknown	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Semantic Harmonisation	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Data Discovery and Access	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown



• A full function list is on ENVRI wiki: <http://envri.eu/rm>

# 2. Common data challenges



# Data identification and citation

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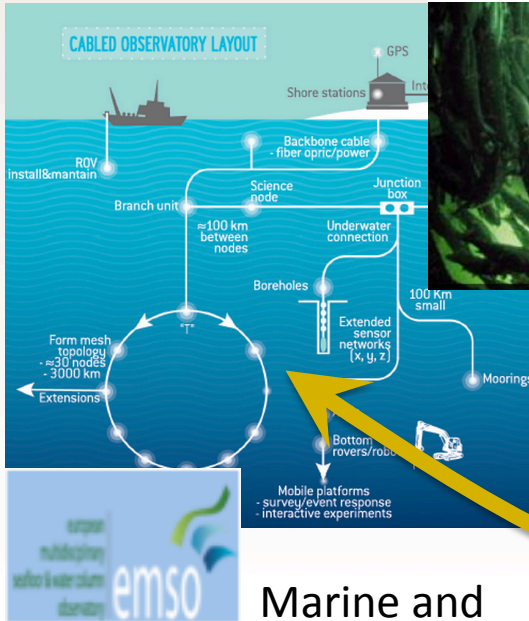
Marine biology



Bio-diversity

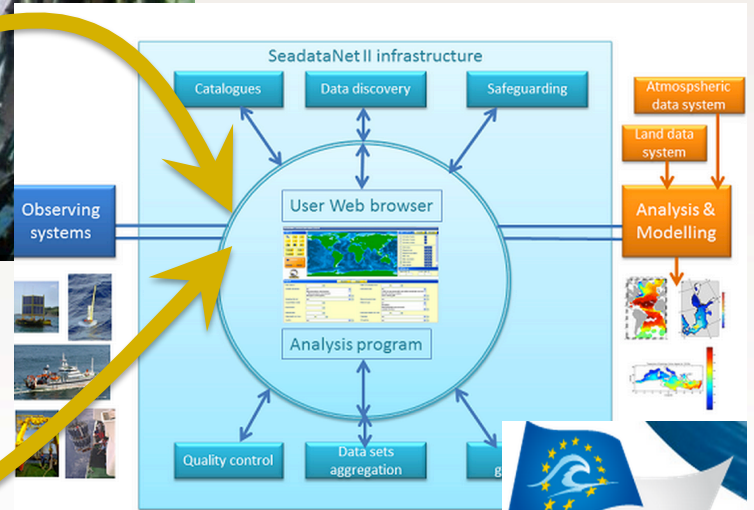


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Marine and  
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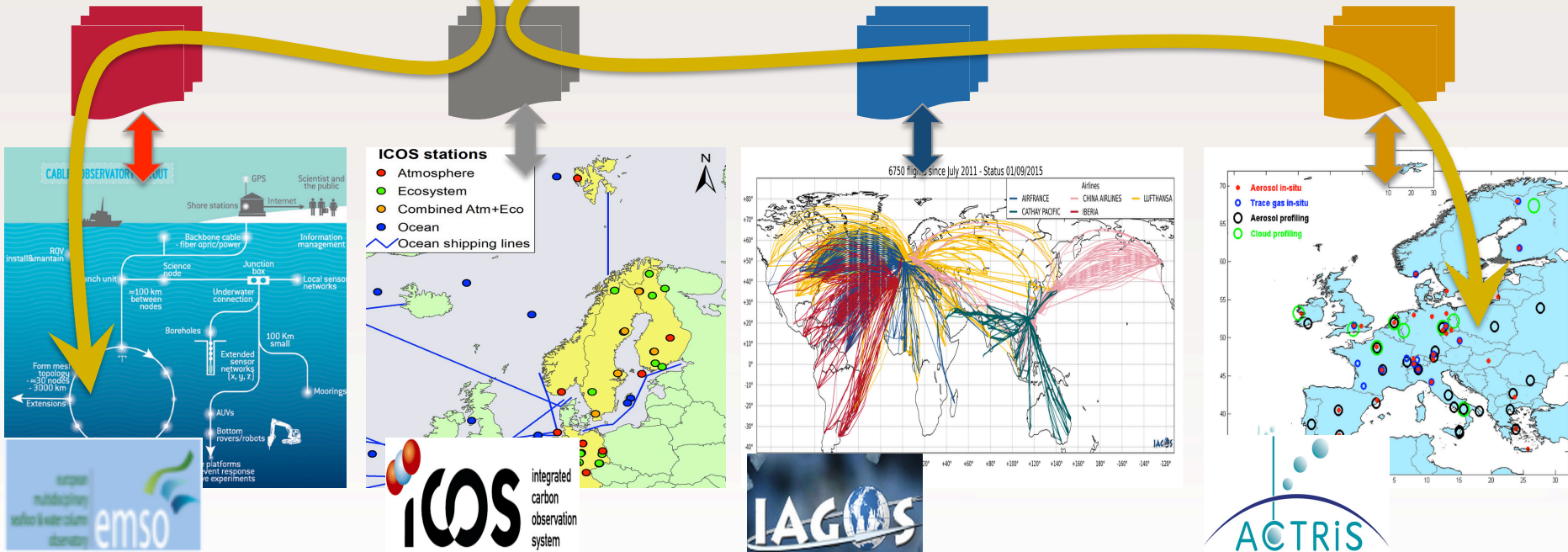


Sea data

# Data cataloguing



*Interoperable cataloguing?*



Marine and Seafloor data

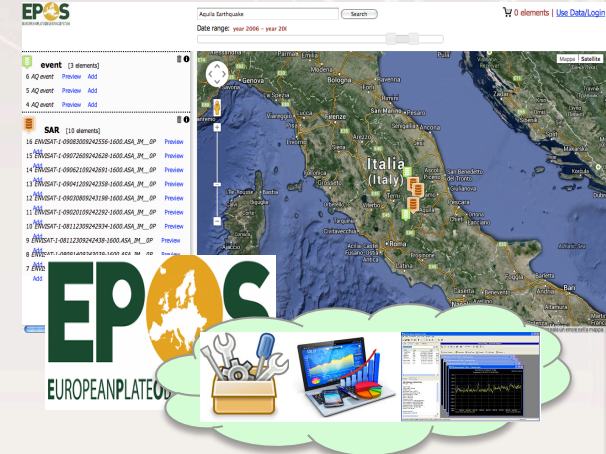
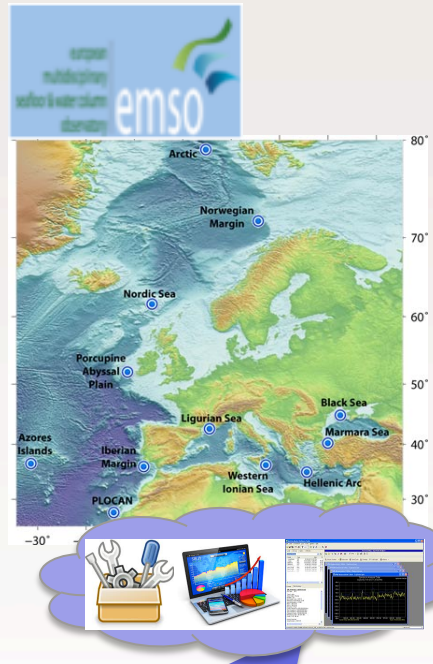
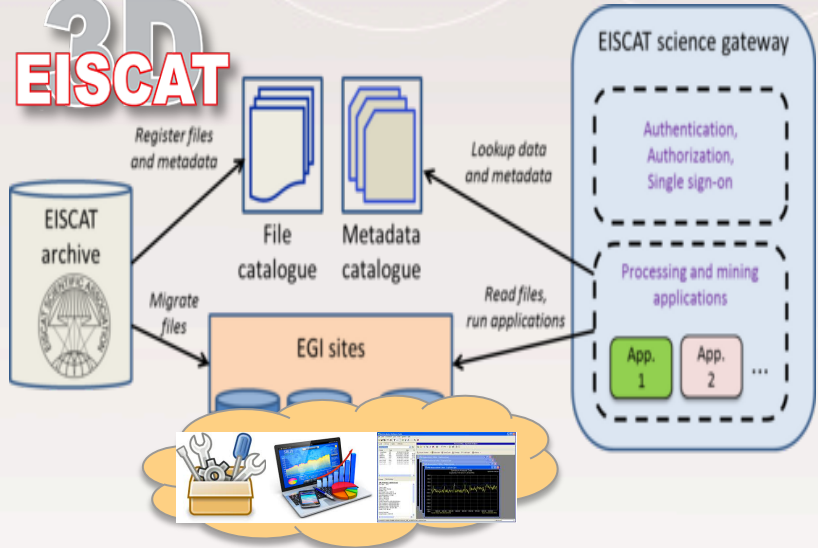
Carbon, ocean, eco-sys

Cloud particles, atmosphere composition

Gas-sphere species, etc.

# Processing, monitoring, diagnosis and optimization

**EISCAT**

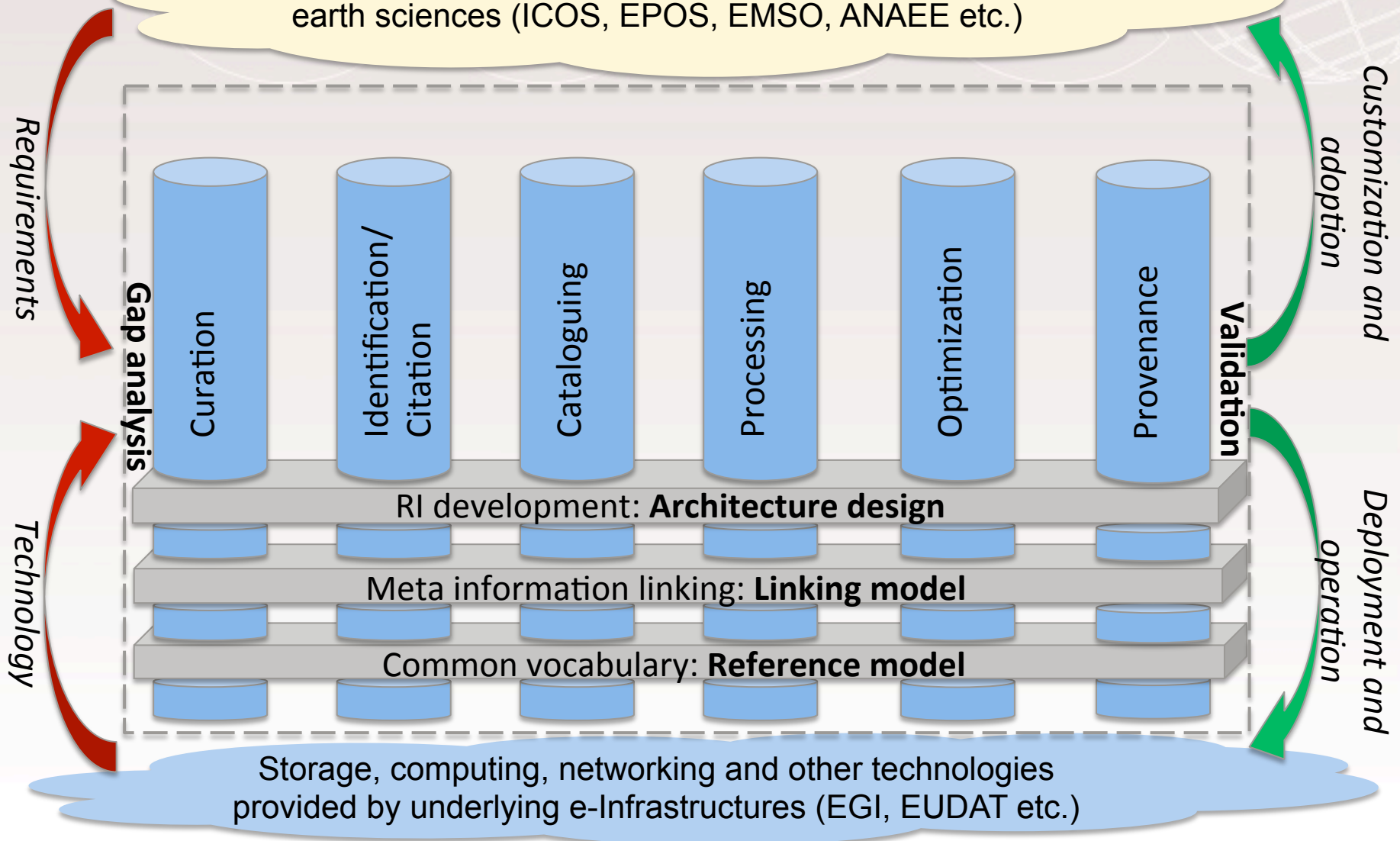


**How to optimize: data discovery, access, delivery and processing.**

**Tools: processing, monitoring, and diagnosis, virtual research environments**



Research Infrastructures in environmental and  
earth sciences (ICOS, EPOS, EMSO, ANAEE etc.)



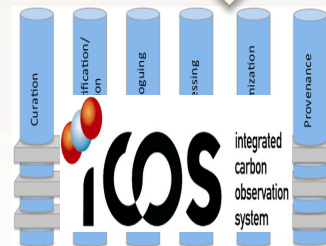
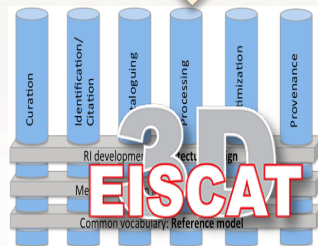
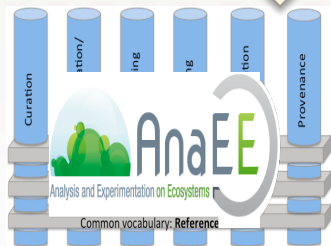
# 3. From research infrastructures to Virtual Research Environment



## Virtual Research Environment

- AAAI for managing access
- Cataloguing, metadata for inter-RI resource integration
- Workflow management for managing experiments

Interface



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Storage, computing, networking and other technologies provided by underlying e-Infrastructures (EGI, EUDAT etc.)

# From research infrastructure to Virtual Research Environment



- (a) AAAI systems
- (b) Catalog of users, datasets, software services, resources (computing, equipment/detectors), services with associated information on rights, costs

And from individual RI.....

- (a) Access to datasets
- (b) Access to (APIs of) software services
- (c) Access to computing resources (including GRIDs and CLOUDs)
- (d) Access to equipment/detectors for data taking and parameter control

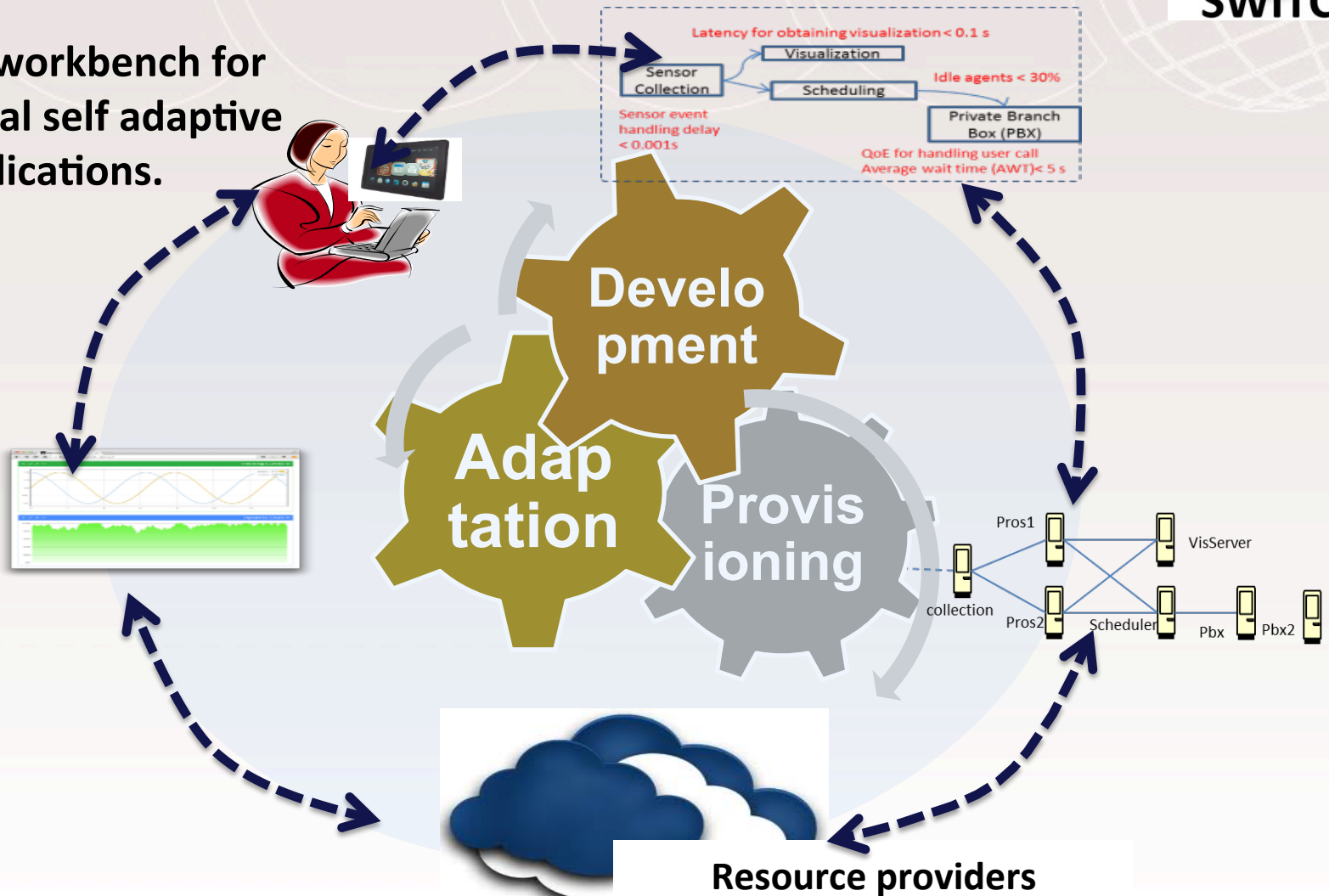
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# 4. Quality critical data processing on virtualized infrastructures



Software workbench for time critical self adaptive cloud applications.



Zhao, Z., et al.,(2015), A software workbench for interactive, time critical and highly self-adaptive cloud applications (SWITCH), Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing)

# Use cases: implementation/test/business cases

## Implementation cases

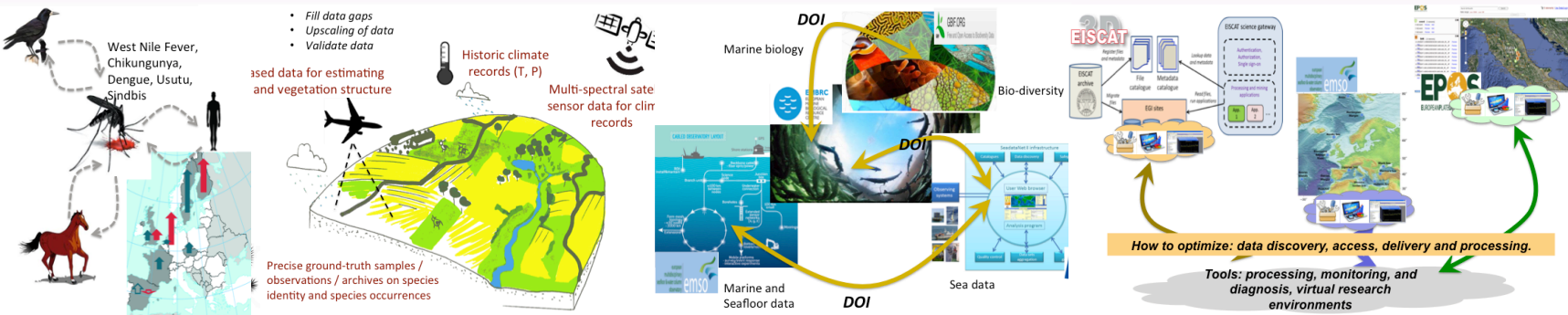
- Small but concrete
- Clear objectives on functional components from specific sub-system
- Fixed time line

## Test cases

- Extend implementation cases with cross sub-system functionality
- Demonstrate SWITCH functionality of all sub systems based on SME cases

## Business cases

- Business stories based on the extensions of test cases
- Stories of challenges, market potential and business models of time critical cloud applications



# Use case and topics

	RM	Semantic Linking	Ident./ Citation	Curatio n	Catalog .	Pocess ing	Optim.	Proven ance	Others
SC-3		Y	Y			Y	Y		Y/ trainnin g
TC-2					Y	Y	Y		
TC-4				Y	Y				
TC-16	Y	Y							
IC-2		Y						Y	
IC-3						Y	Y		
IC-9		Y						Y	
IC-10		Y							
IC-11		Y							
IC-12	Y	Y							

# Current status

- ENVRI Reference model
  - Available online [www.envri.eu/rm](http://www.envri.eu/rm)
  - Ontology: OIL-e
- Common operation development
  - [www.envriplus.eu](http://www.envriplus.eu)
  - 2015-2019
- VRE4EIC
  - [www.vre4eic.eu](http://www.vre4eic.eu)
  - Initial prototype in 2018
- SWITCH workbench
  - [www.switchproject.eu](http://www.switchproject.eu)
  - 2015-2018
  - Version 1, 2016

# Summary

- Discussed challenges and approaches in interoperable infrastructures
  - Reference architecture
  - Shared solutions to common problems
  - Virtual Research Environment
  - Virtualized infrastructure
- Share solutions to common problems increase the reusability of the software components and increase the system interoperability
- A proper interface between Research Infrastructures and **Virtual Research Environments** promotes the resource access and workflow execution across different RI boundaries
- Virtualized infrastructures provide elastic resources for quality critical applications



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