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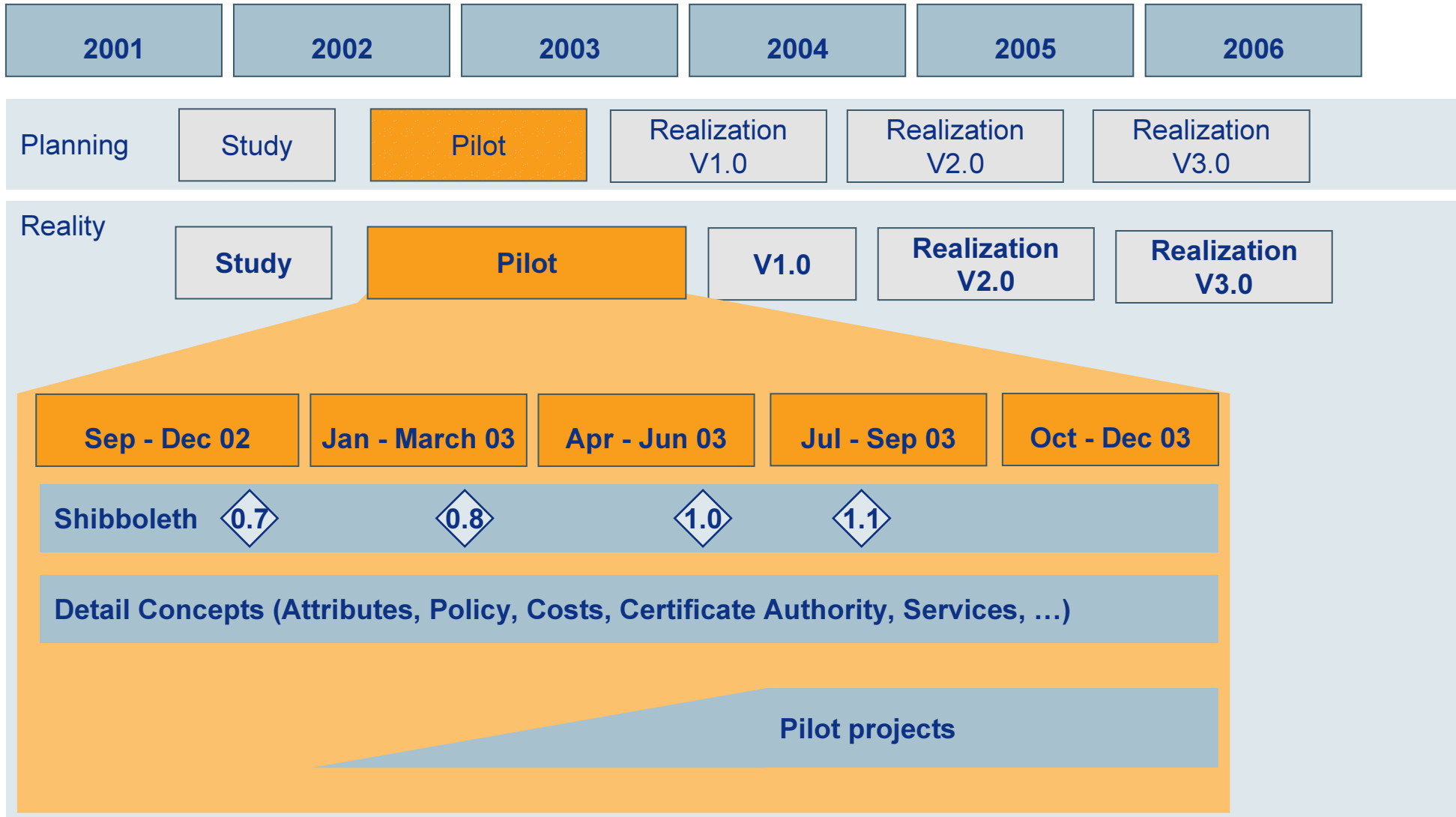
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Results of the pilot phase

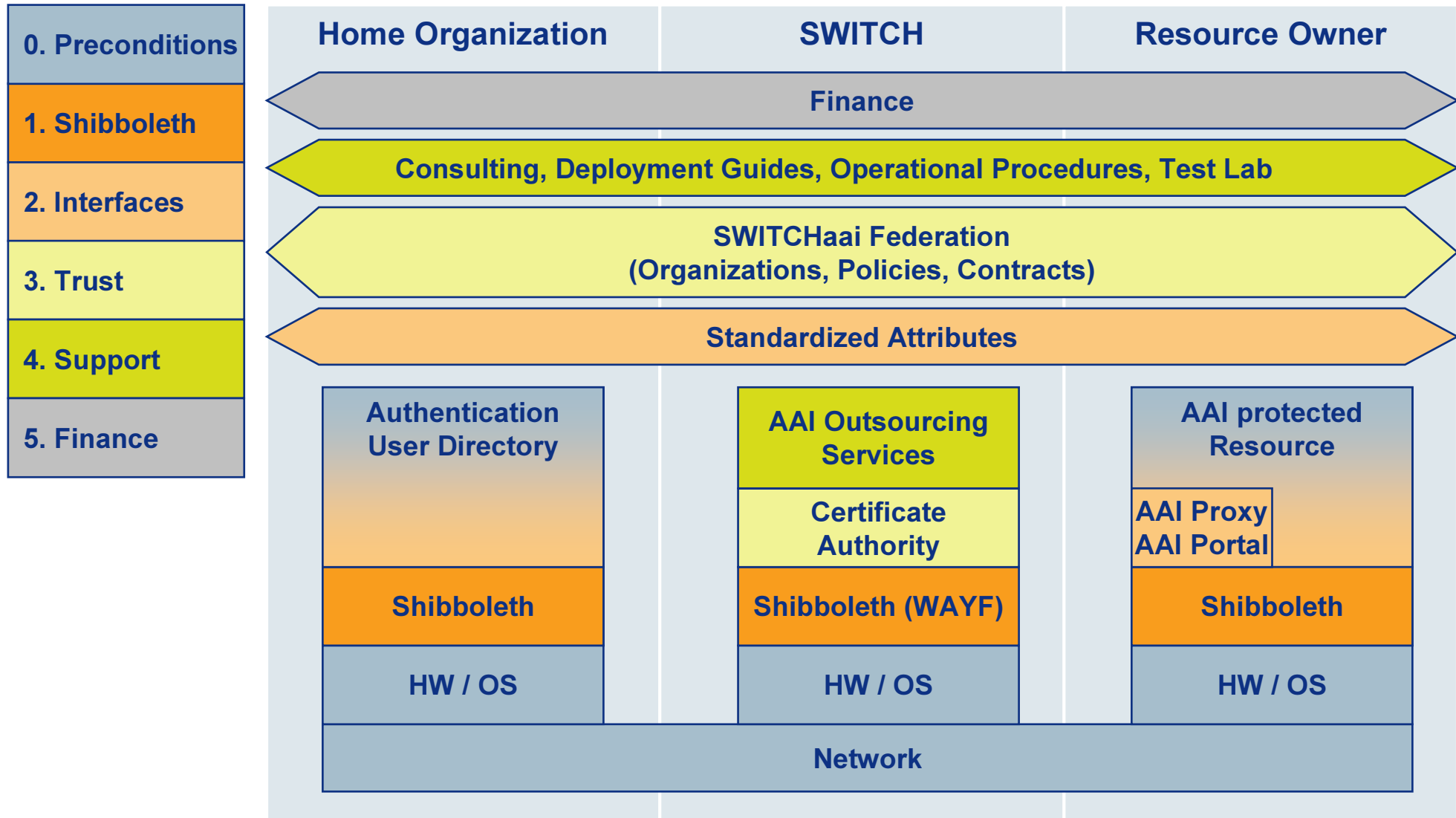
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The last 12 Months

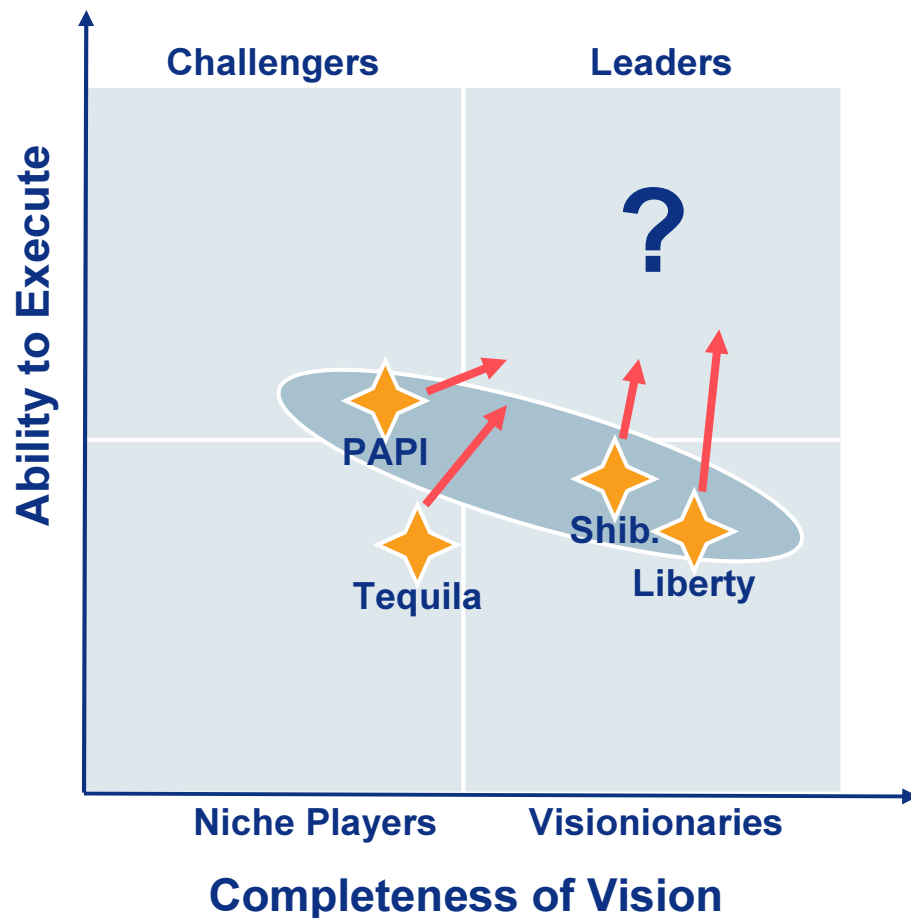


AAI Framework



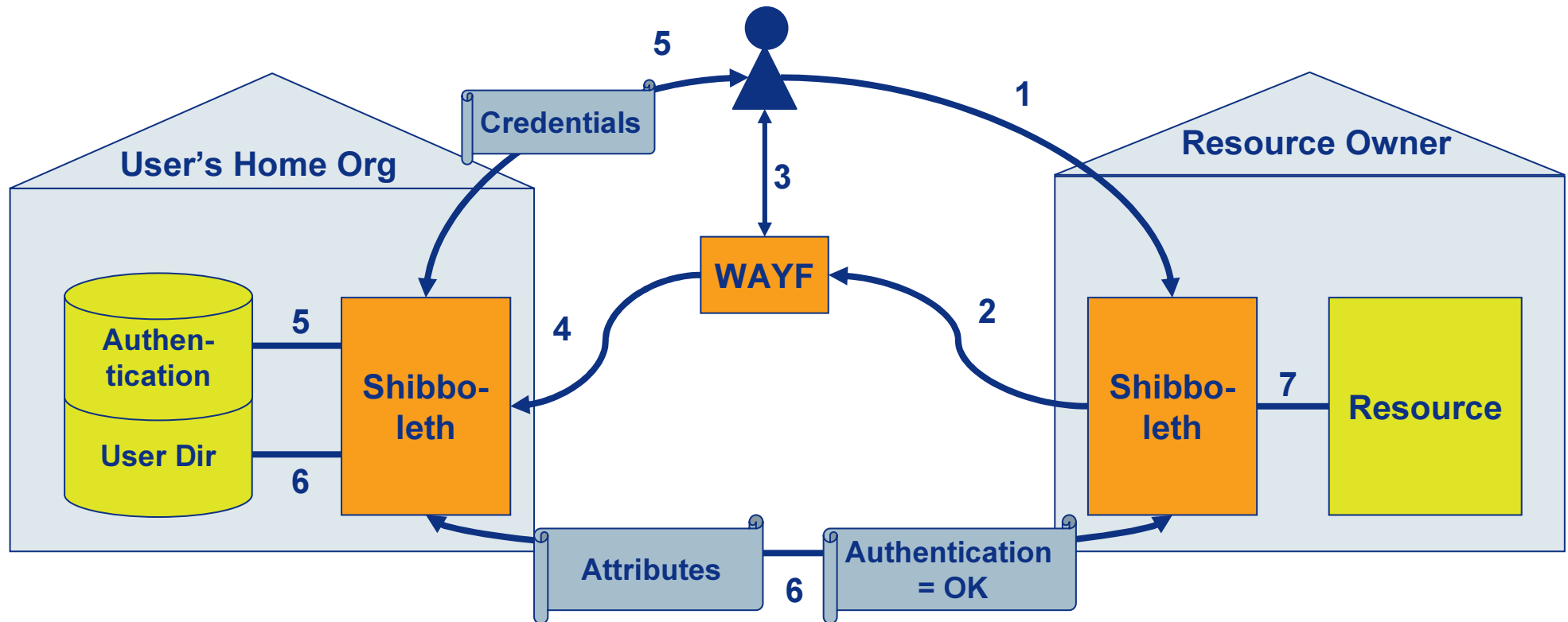
Shibboleth (1): Architecture Evaluation

Status as of January 2003



- No leader in the AAI market
- Selection of Shibboleth because of
 - international reference architecture
 - cooperating with Liberty Alliance, PAPI, Oasis (SAML), content providers, software vendors (WebCT, Blackboard, ...)
 - large community

Shibboleth (2): Interactions

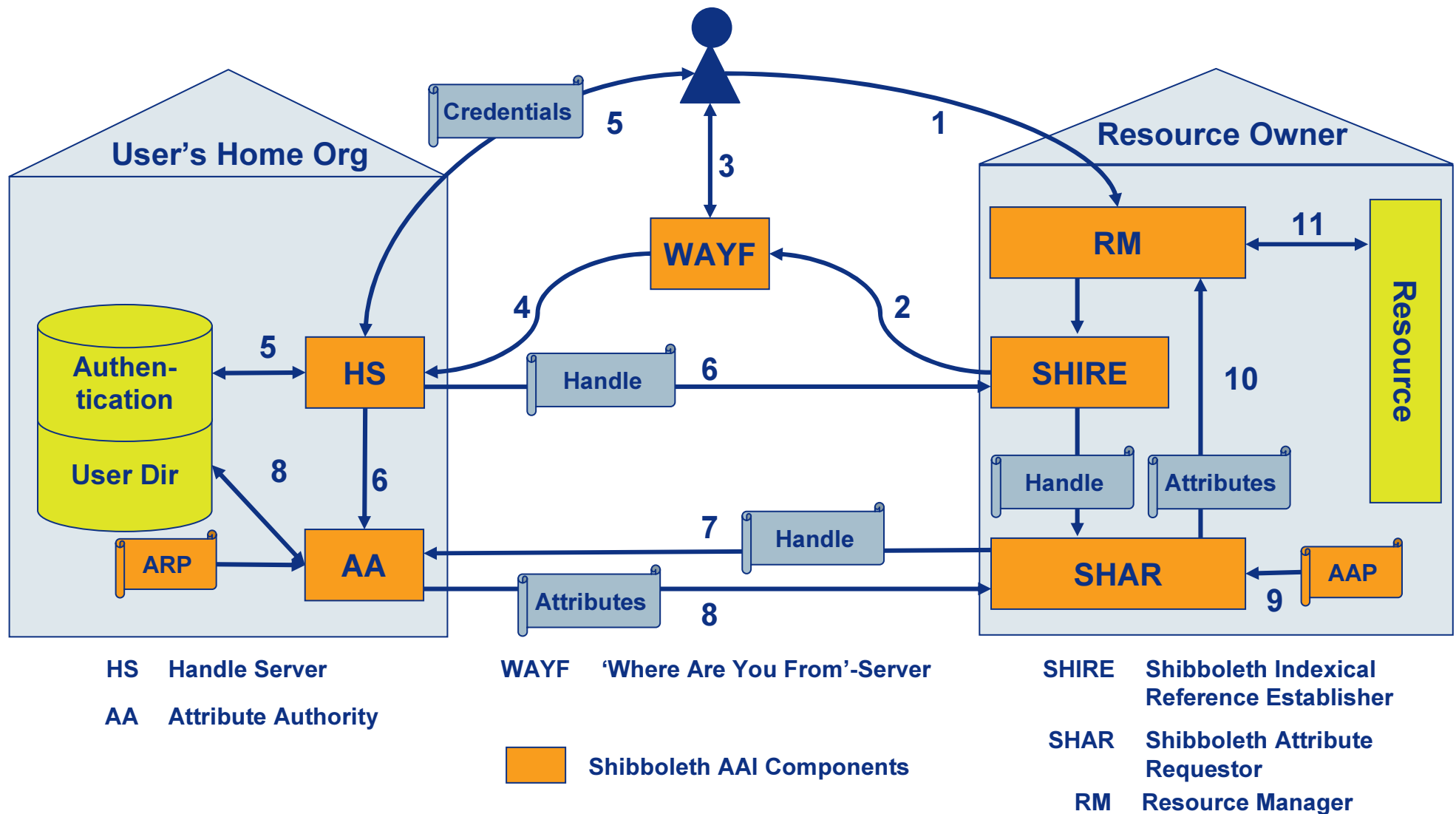


Shibboleth AAI Components

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'Where Are You From'-Server

Shibboleth (2a): The Details



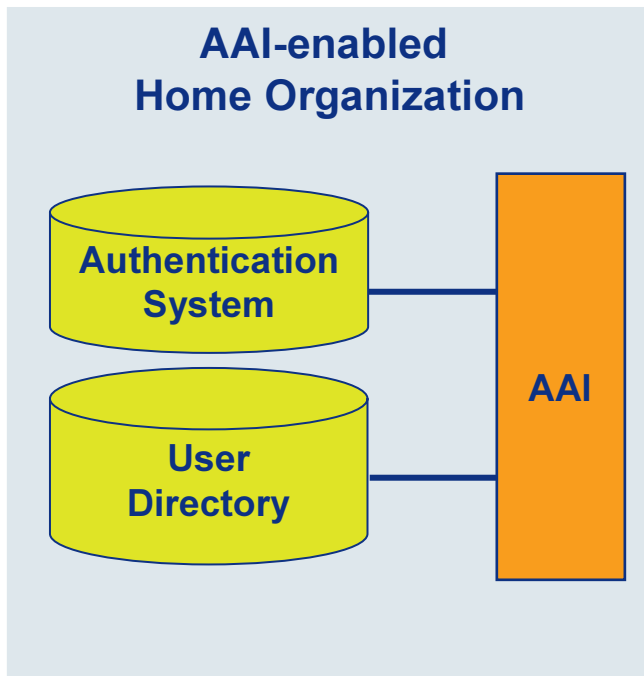
Shibboleth (3): Status and Future of Shibboleth

Shibboleth 1.1 (1 August 2003)

- **Productive release available for various platforms**
 - **Home Organizations (origin): Solaris, Red Hat, Debian (SWITCH)**
 - **Resources (target):**
 - **Apache on Solaris, Red Hat, Debian (SWITCH), WinNT-Win2003,**
 - **IIS 4.0+ on WinNT-Win2003**
- **Test infrastructure, deployment guides, configuration files**

Future of Shibboleth

- **Improved platform support, Java API for resource integration**
- **Improved administration tools**
 - **Home Orgs: web-based GUI for managing Attribute Release Policy**
 - **Resource Owners: tool for managing Access Policy, Support for XACML (eXtensible Access Markup Language)**
- **Support for new use cases**
 - **non-browser scenarios, web services**
 - **n-tier situations (e.g. portals)**
- **Benefits from cooperation with OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards): SAML 2.0**
- **Support for multiple federations (circles of trust)**



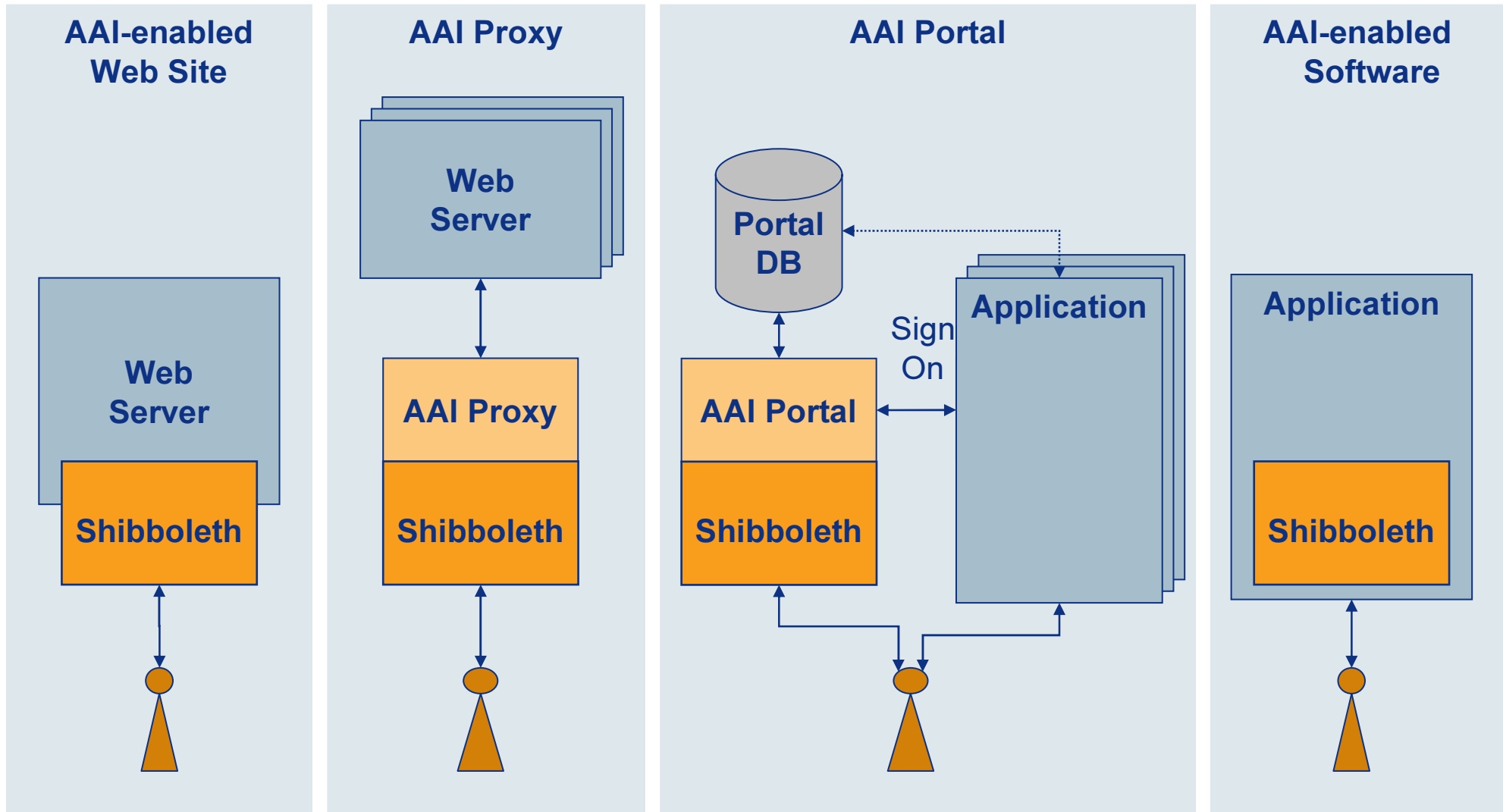
Preconditions for a Home Organization:

- can register its users
- offers secure authentication
- has a coordinated user directory
- can provide minimal set of user attributes to AAI

Interfaces

- Integration with Authentication Systems:
 - any of the authentication methods known by the Apache web server (e.g. LDAP, PAM, RADIUS, TACACS, end-user certificates)
- Integration with User Directory
 - native LDAP support
 - Java API
 - native SQL support (planned)

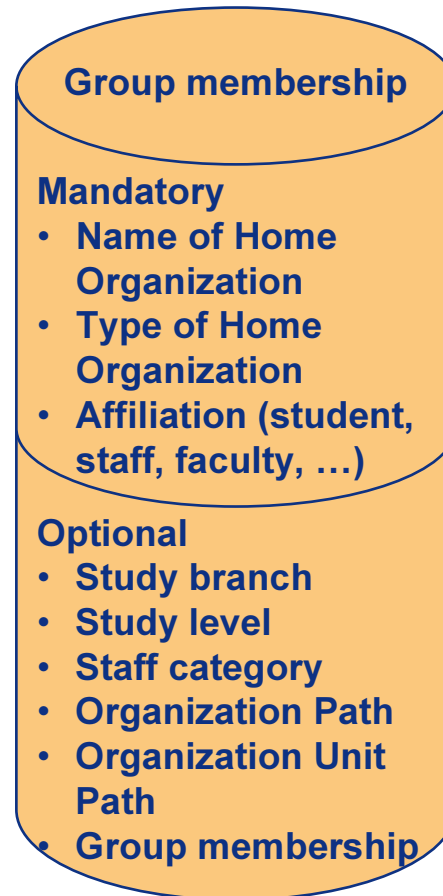
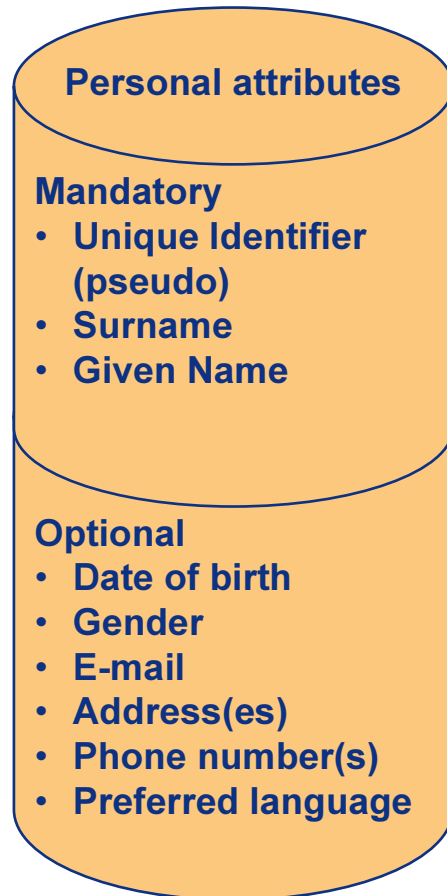
Interfaces (2): Resource Integration



Interfaces (3): Resource Integration

	AAI-enabled Web Site	AAI Proxy	AAI Portal	AAI-enabled Software
Description	Standard web servers	Web Proxy, transparent for user	Portal with user mgmt and resource mgmt	Shibboleth-integrated software
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft or Apache web server • access rights per group of users • static web pages or dynamic web pages (CGI, PHP, Perl, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not-personalized websites which cannot be integrated with AAI (black-boxes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personalized websites which cannot be integrated within AAI (black-boxes) • personalized web sites which require community management functionality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard applications • Content providers
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intranet server with non-public content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERL (ETH Library) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-learning applications (Vitels, nanoWorld, ...) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-learning: WebCT Vista, BlackBoard, WebAssign, ... • Content Provider: JSTOR, EBSCO, SFX, ...

Interfaces (4): Authorization Attributes

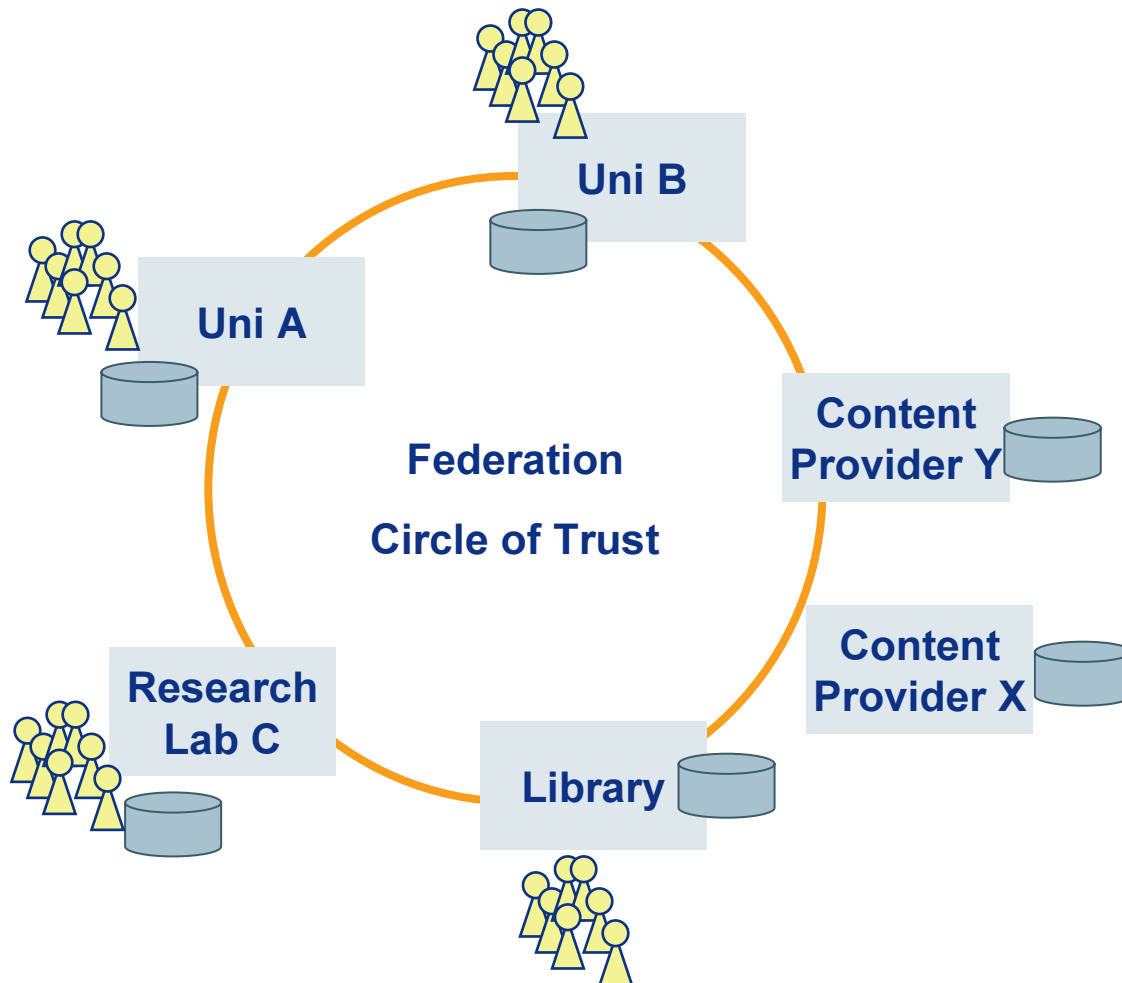


User attributes for AAI

- are based on standards (LDAP: eduPerson, SHIS/SIUS)
- have to be available in real-time
- have to be handled as required by federal and cantonal data protection laws:
 - attributes have to be accurate
 - attributes have to be stored securely
 - attributes should only be transferred to resources with a valid case to use it.
- will be revised in the future in a standardized change process, depending on the requirements of Resource Owners and Home Organizations

Version 1.0 of the attribute specification has been available since 12 December 2002 and has been implemented by ETH Zurich, Universities of Berne, Lausanne and Zurich

Trust (1): How to Establish Trust?



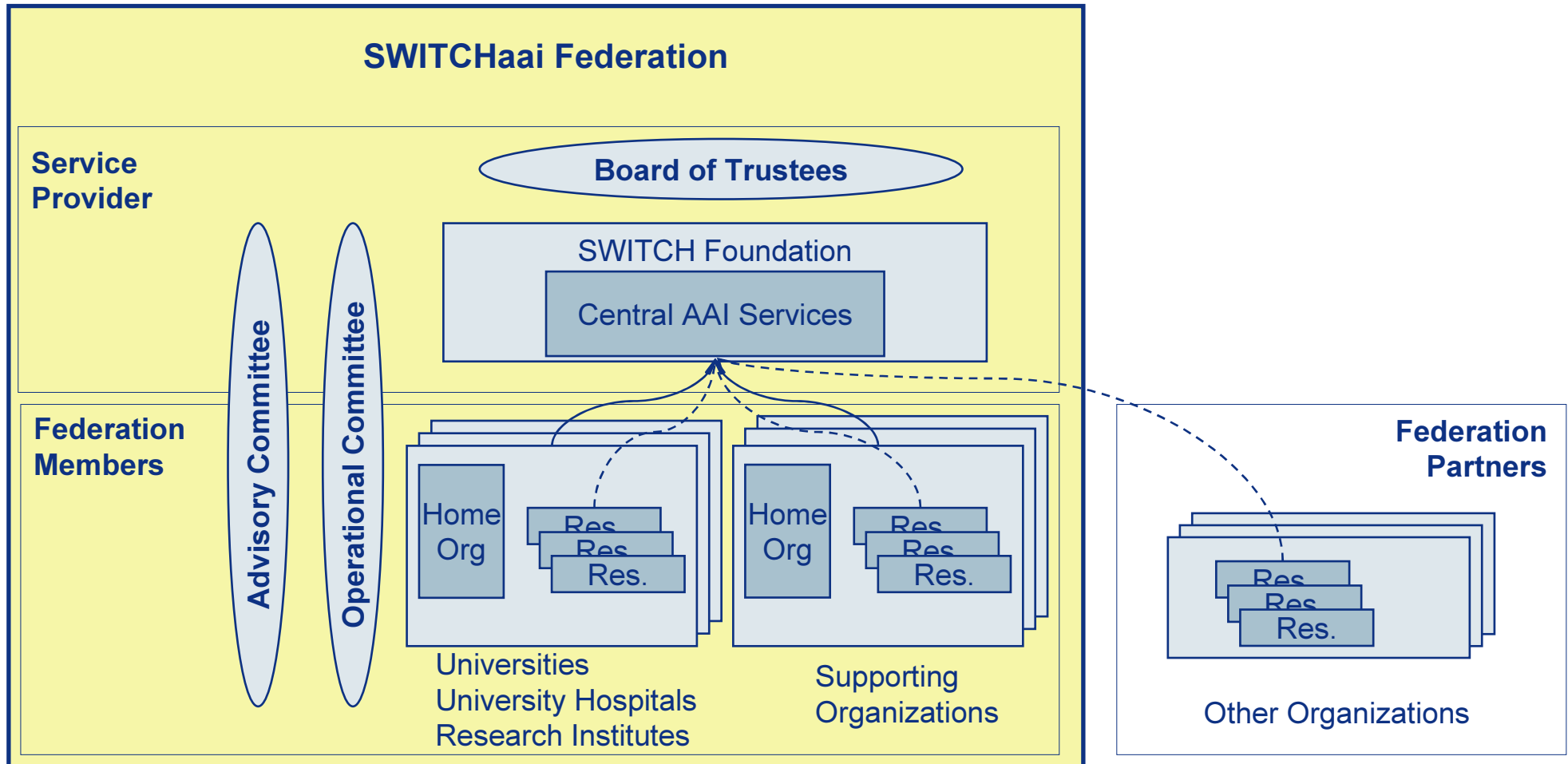
Who?

- Between end-users and organizations
- Between organizations

How?

- Known group of participants
- Common set of Policies and Procedures
- Contracts
- Technology
- Transparency
- Traceability

Trust (2): SWITCHhai Federation

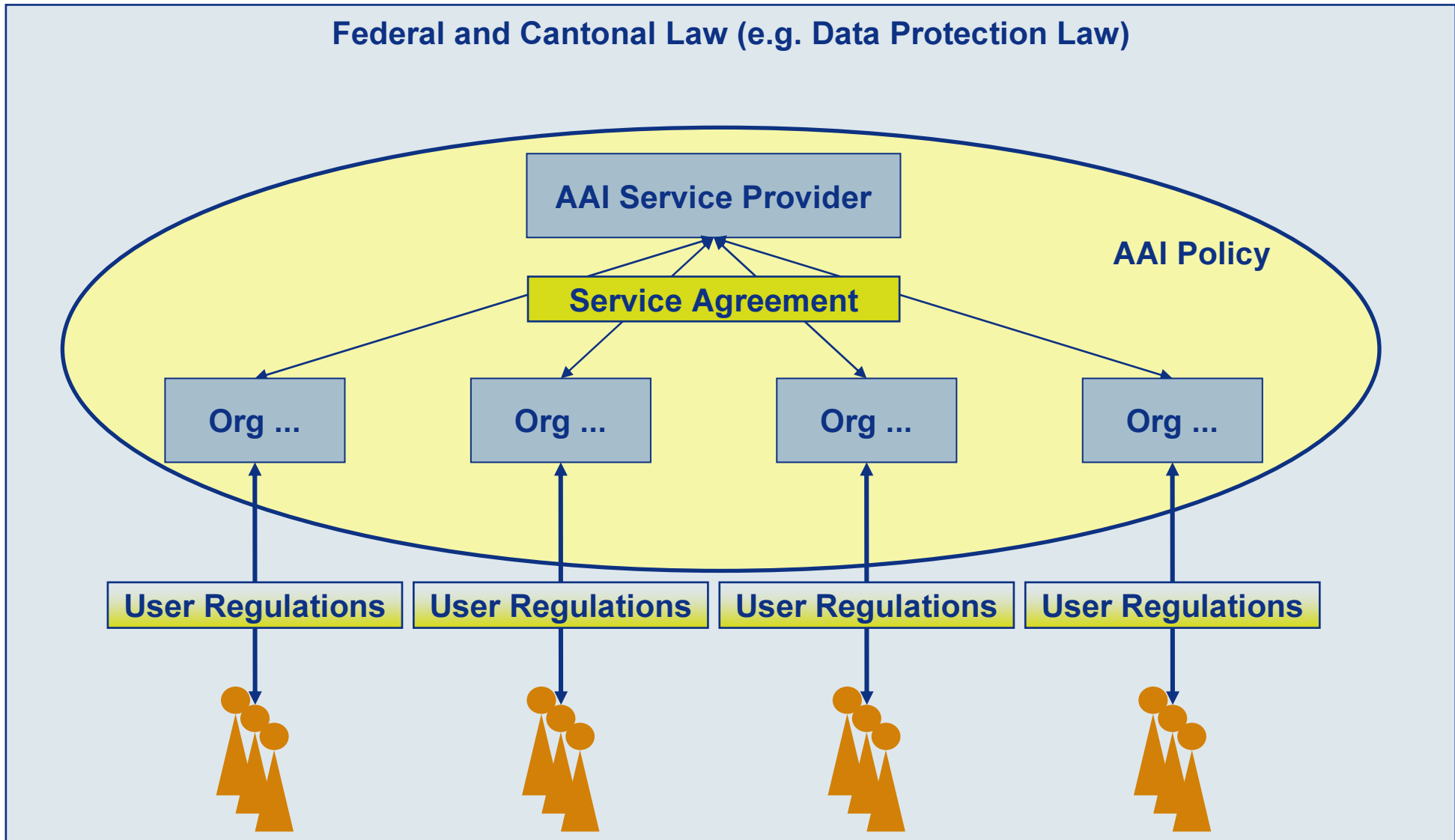


- > **Service subscription**
- - - - -> **Resource registration**

Trust (3): SWITCHaai Federation

SWITCHaai Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group of organizations that agree to cooperate in the area of inter-organizational authentication and authorization• Operate a Shibboleth-based AAI• Agree to abide by a common set of policies and practices
Federation Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universities, universities of applied sciences, public research institutes, teaching hospitals and "Supporting Organizations" (e.g. libraries)• Act as Home Organization and/or Resource Owner
Federation Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizations offering AAI-enabled Resources to federation members• Cannot act as Home Organization (i.e. do not represent user community)
Service Provider SWITCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides the central AAI Services
Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee representing the Federation members and SWITCH• Acting in an advisory capacity as regards the management of inter-institutional AAI projects and the long-term AAI strategy (architecture, functionality, federation membership, policies and business rules)
Operational Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee representing the Federation members and SWITCH• Responsible for short-term decisions and operational or technical issues (attributes, release planning, security audits, best practices)

Trust (4): The Legal Basis of the AAI



Service Agreement between SWITCH and Organisation including:

- **Service Description (existing document)**
- **Authorizations Attribute Specs (existing document)**
- **Policy Document (relevant for the relationship between the Organisations) (existing document)**
- **Software Licenses (Curl etc.) (existing document)**
- **Sample Data Protection Clause (existing wording)**

Status: Draft version 0.1 (not yet reviewed by SWITCH)

2003

2004

2005

2006++

Step 1

Server Certificate Service

Service
Implementation

Operational Service

Migration

Step 2

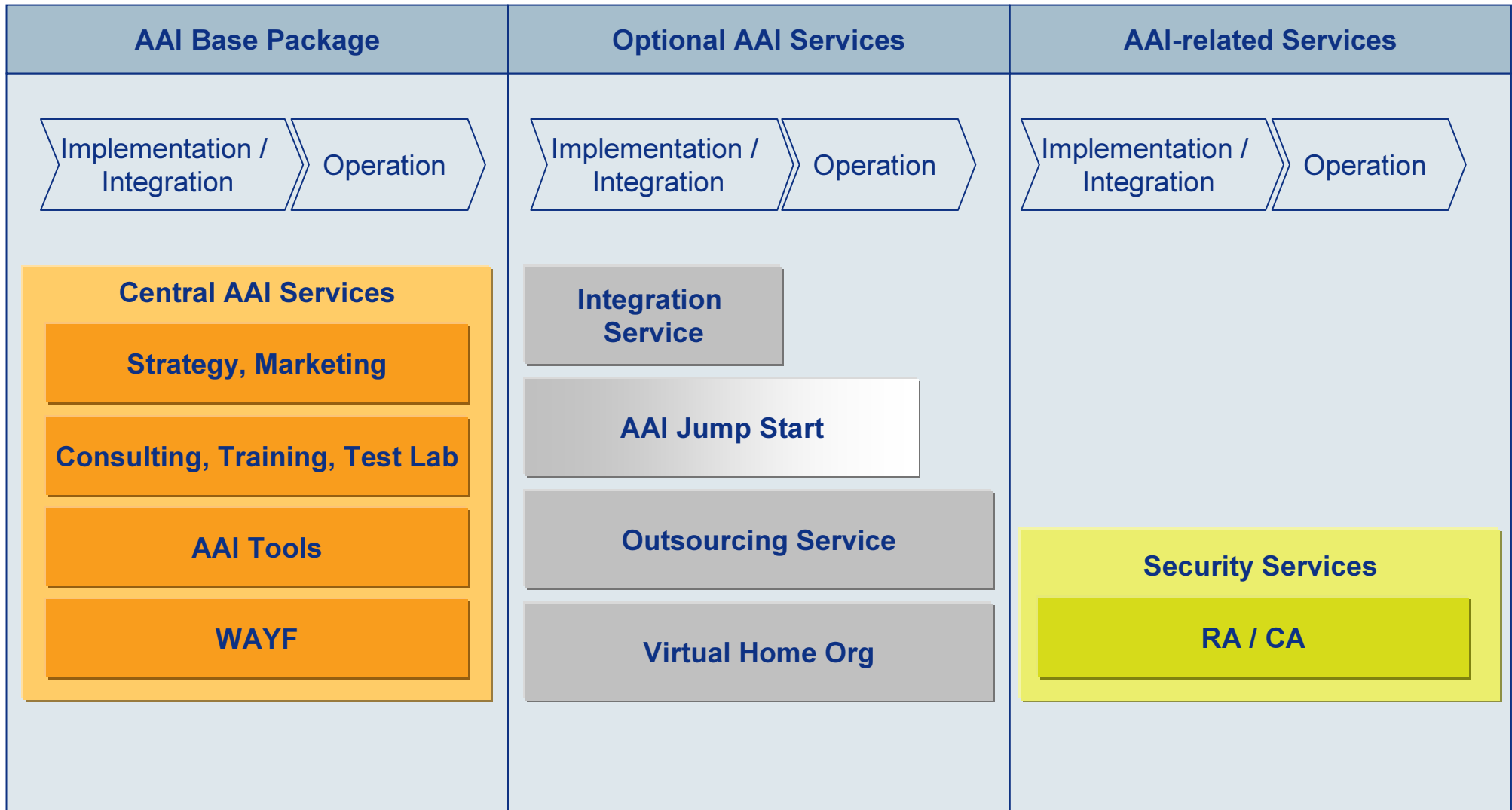
Client and Server Certificate Service

Policy Taskforce

Service Design +
Implementation

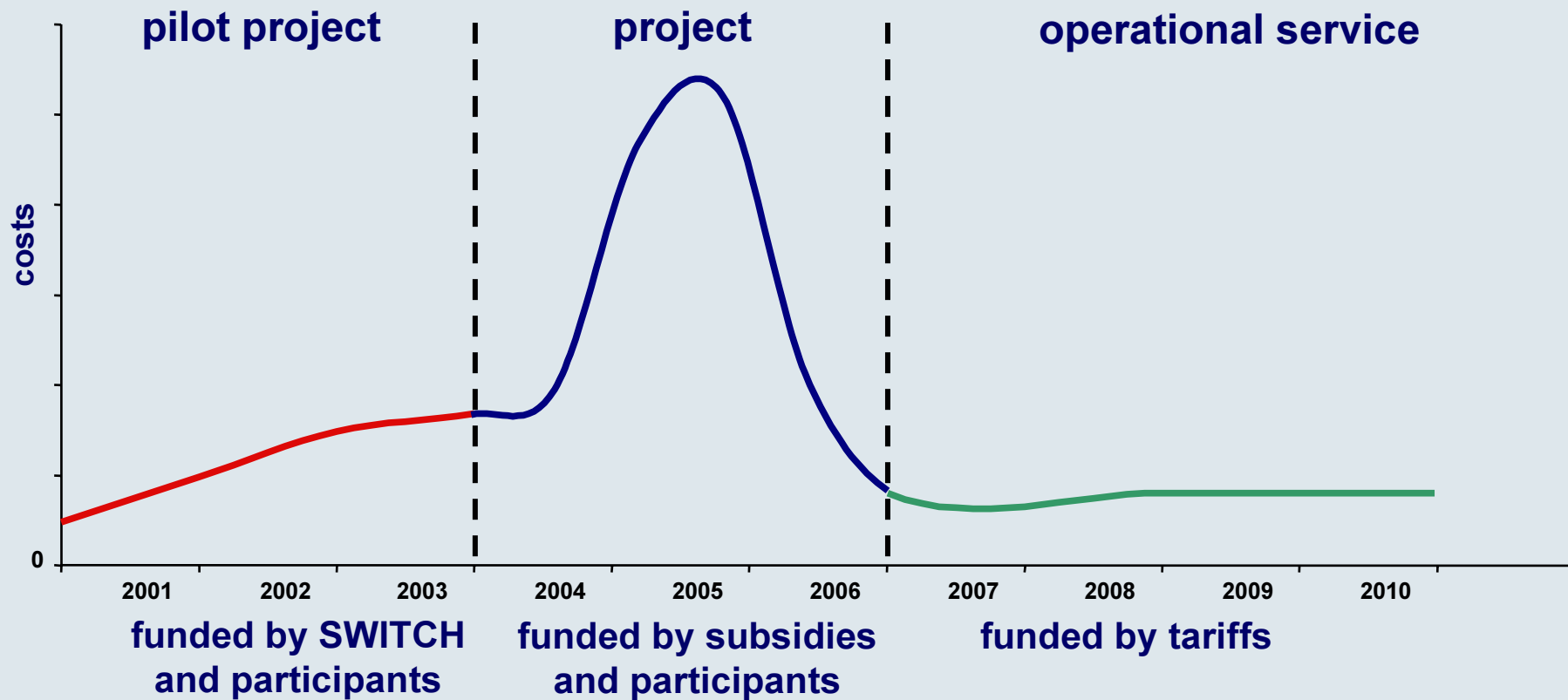
Operational
Service

Support (1) SWITCH's AAI Services



Finance (1): Life Cycle of Services

Service innovation: from a project to a service



Finance (2): Cost Estimation

Task Force “Finance”

- Cost estimation model for Home Organizations and Resource Owners
- Cost estimation for typical tasks

SWITCH

- Has applied for subsidies for the implementation phase 2004-2006

		Initial Cost				Recurring Cost			
		Purchase kFr.	Work kFr.	Total kFr.	Per User Fr.	Purchase kFr.	Work kFr.	Total kFr,	Per User Fr.
HomeOrg	from	15	50	65	3	5	10	15	1
	to	25	100	125	8	10	40	50	3
Resource	simple	--	25	25		--	5	5	
	complex	15	50	65		5	20	25	