Aggregating, Operating, Sharing and Utilizing Internet-based Services with the VINCA Approach

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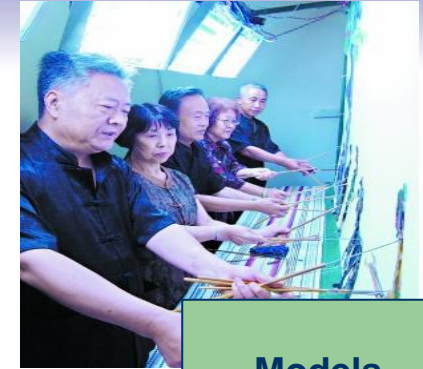**Internet-scale Distributed Computing**
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Issues Addressed

(1) Abstraction, Modeling, Virtualization of Services

Effects

Models

(2) Service Communities: Partitioning the Cyberspace with the Community Mechanism / Basis for Service Monitoring and Dependability Assurance; Third-party Operation and Optimization

(3) User Involvement and Human-Machine Synergy; User-end Control and Privacy Protection: Upgrading EAI systems with Cloud Services; Cloud BPM

(4) Rationale of the VINCA Approach; The Software Suite (incl. Demos); Application Potentials

The Internet → A Cyberspace for Problem-solving

networked computers → networked documents → networked services

- **biggest information reservoir**
- **emergence of a huge platform for cooperative computing**
- **sharp increase of programmable resources (WS, OpenAPI…)**

**social infrastructure for human interaction and collaboration**
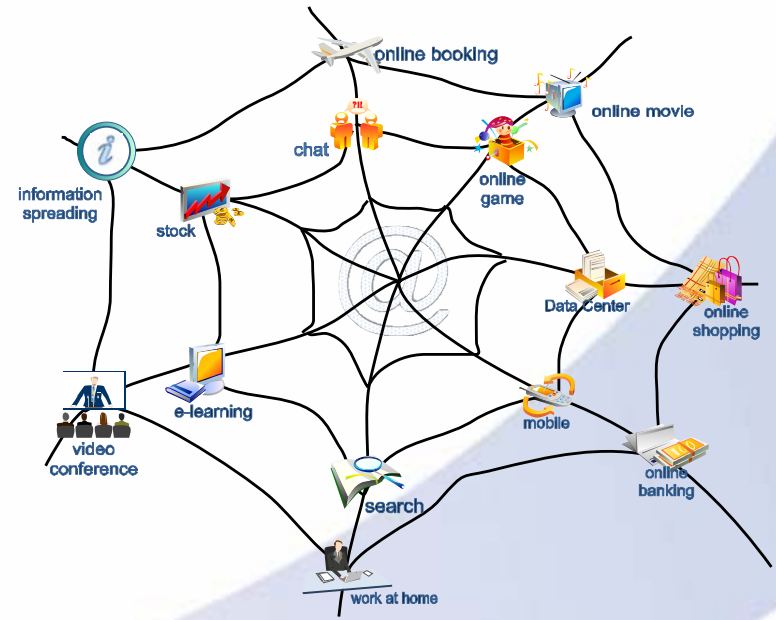
Internet of services

Software on the Internet: Some Observations

New principle of "good enough"

New challenges of dynamism, openness, uncertainty and human-machine synergy

New challenges of not-directly-interoperable/consistent programming models and programmable resources
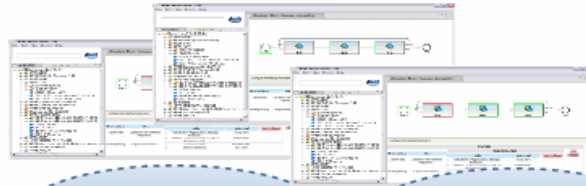
HTML, WiKi, RDF, Deep Web

SOAP WS, REST WS, RSS, Web UI, JavaScript
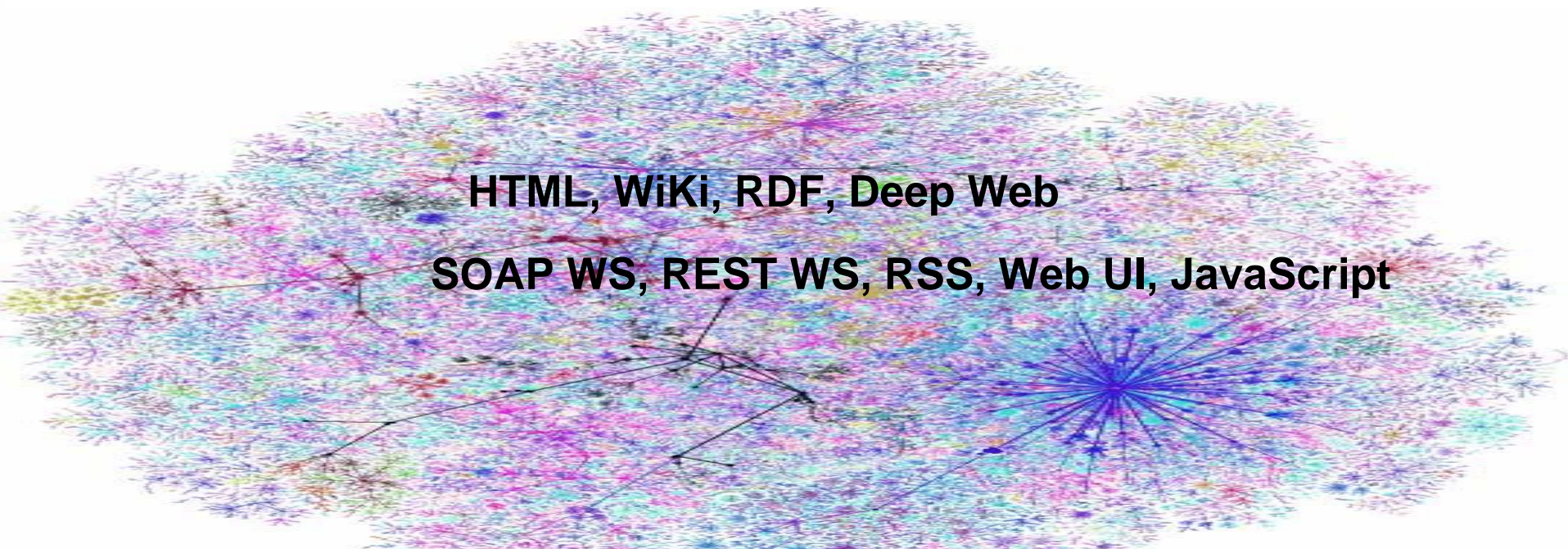
＝》 **Internet-scale Systems**

- Internet Computing on the basis of "Internet is the computer'

- Internet-based distributed systems with Internet-based resources, computing models and algorithms, as well as models of service delivery and usage

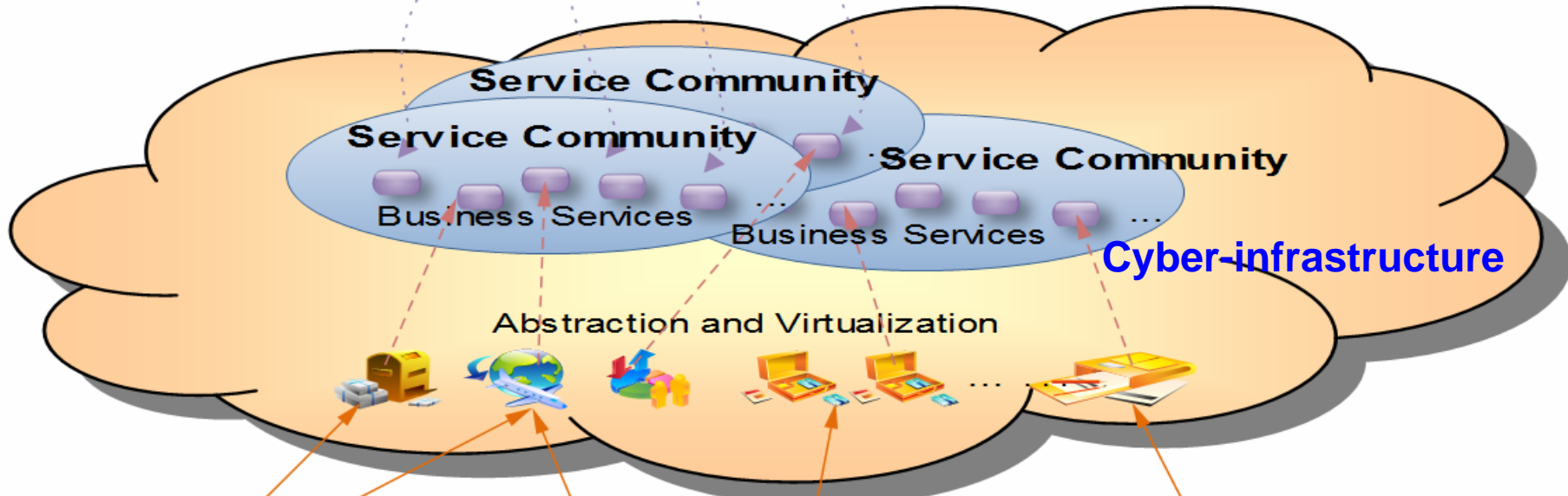# Applications as a Virtual Organization (VO)

User-end Applications

mass "programming"

Main Business Logic at User-end!!

SaaS Delivery

Service Community

Service Community

Service Community

Business Services

Business Services

Cyber-infrastructure

Abstraction and Virtualization

Service Publication and Provision

Service Provider

Service Provider

Service Provider

A fundamental problem：

Transforming
Internet-based Collections of Imperfect Resources
to
Non-trivial, Definite, Dependable and QoS-competitive Services

The Internet, the Web and Internet-based distributed systems have brought up challenges and make our (IT people) lives different (and harder if we don't change)。。。

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However, we 'professionals' deliver applications (still) on the following basis:

- Implicit assumption: we program computers with clear boundary
- We produce ad hoc, artificial structures and procedures, and turn to mimic our human society
- The most common mistake: try to solve problems with means of same complexity
- Fundamental elements：structure and relationship、models、algorithms
- Basic means：establishing abstractions; divide-and-conquer
- Major Concerns: constraints, limitation, computability, complexity

We need to:

- Support application integration in a loosely-coupled way
- Support open, dynamic formation of VO
- Support flexible annexation and association of Internet-based resources
- Optimize the value chain of software production, operation and maintenance (third-party operation in particular)
- Enable end-users involvement in information integration and business process execution

# Services become first-class entities

Contract, Content, Context

A service= usage and interaction patterns
+
a set of (intangible) actions

Component Object Procedure
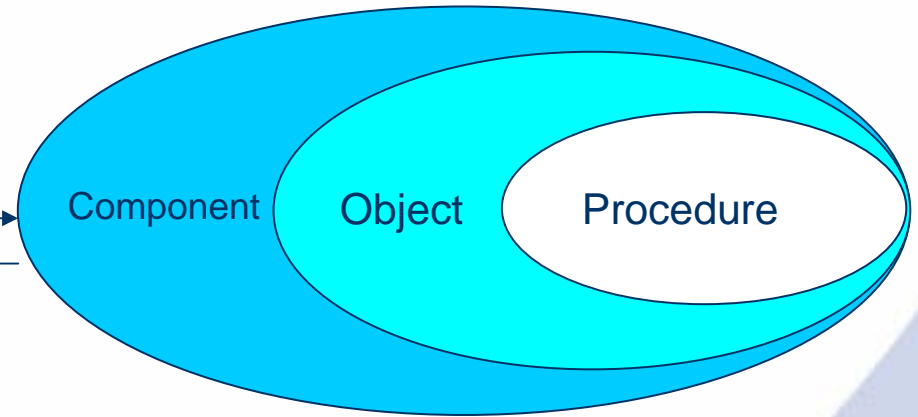
 — **Separation of usage and implementation**
 — **Separation of roles：provider, consumer and mediator**
 — **Self-contained**
 — **Discoverable**

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SOA(Service-Oriented Architecture) and Web Services Technology brought forth excitements

The programming model is publish-find-bind

Service Broker

PUBLISH

FIND

BIND

Service Provider

Service Requester
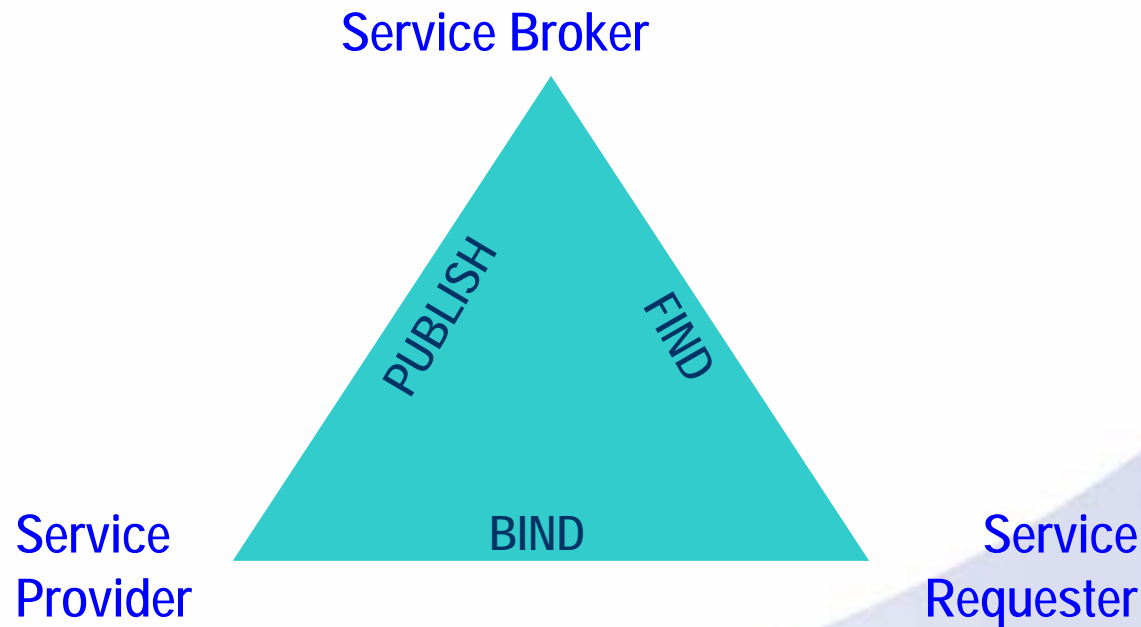
Annoying Issues behind the Nice Promises

Low-cost

High-efficiency

Value-added services

Uses of other's commodity

Network effects

Devils behind：

Service quality

Uncertainty
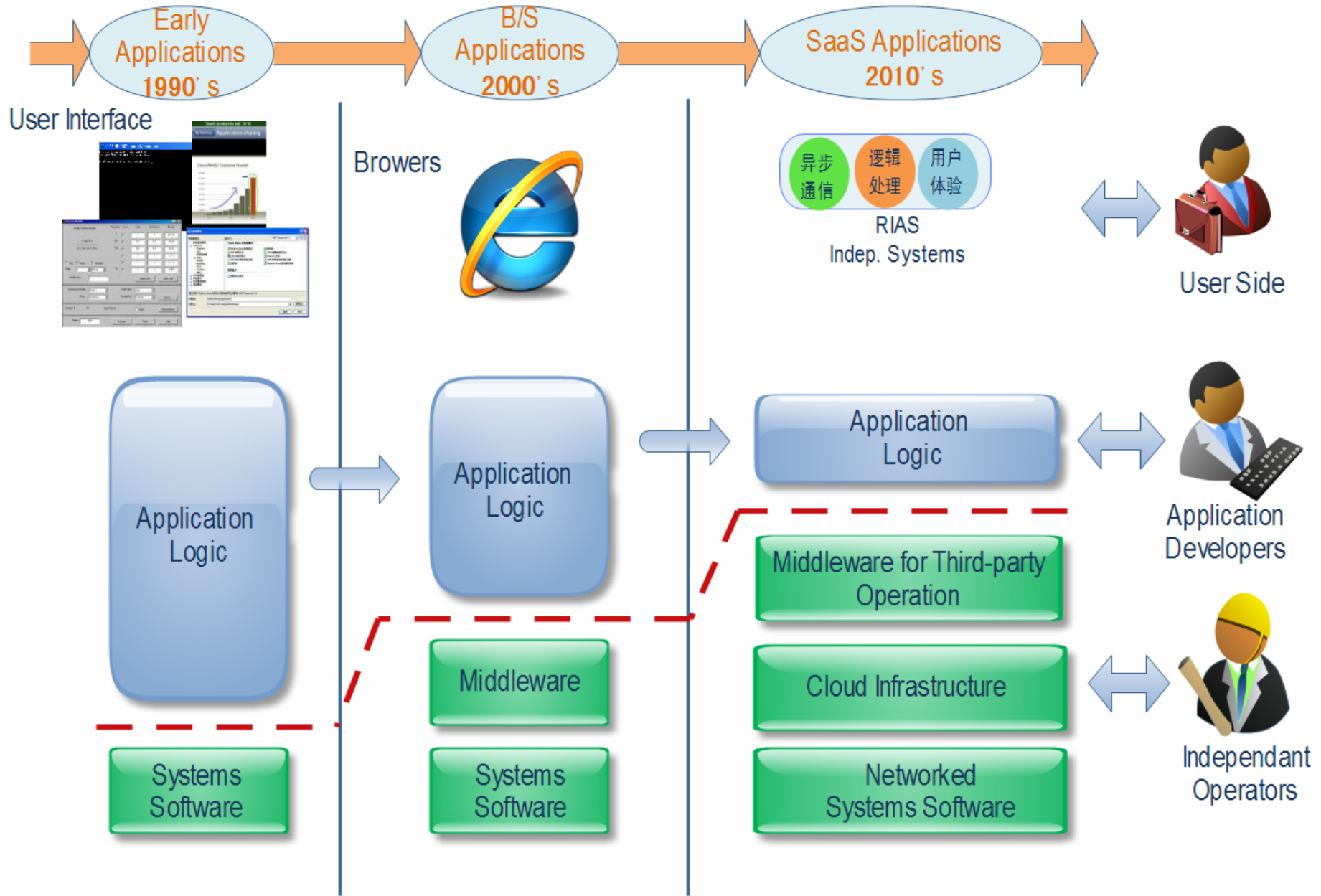
Efficiency

Security

Transaction

Privacy

Engineering Approaches

Usage Patterns

Operation and optimization

Some Lessons Learnt

1. Toy examples won't help
2. Data does matter
3. The distance between prototypes and products is much longer than expected
4. There are always legacies
5. USPs are important for sustainability
6. Too broad coverage hinders progress
7. Ad-hoc approaches increase danger of failures
8. Right approach to standardization is a must
9. Automatic match-making isn't universally applicable yet

Second Wave of Services Computing with the following Ongoing Transformation

Early Applications 1990's → B/S Applications 2000's → SaaS Applications 2010's

User Interface

Browers

异步通信 逻辑处理 用户体验
RIAS
Indep. Systems

User Side

Application Logic

Application Logic

Application Logic

Application Developers

Middleware for Third-party Operation

Cloud Infrastructure

Independant Operators

Middleware

Systems Software

Systems Software

Networked Systems Software

The VINCA Approach…

VINCA is an initiative and a brand of the Institute of Computing Technology, CAS.

The initiative was kicked-off in 2002 with the perspective of "business computing / business grid" to enable user-centric and business-oriented programming as well as collaborative EAI on the Internet

While focusing on EAI problems, we have received major funding on internet-based scientific exploration (eScience) and internet services for the mass (Users as Contributors)

Recent support relates to SaaS/Cloud, aiming at optimizing the value chain of the Chinese IT industry and at reducing energy consumption
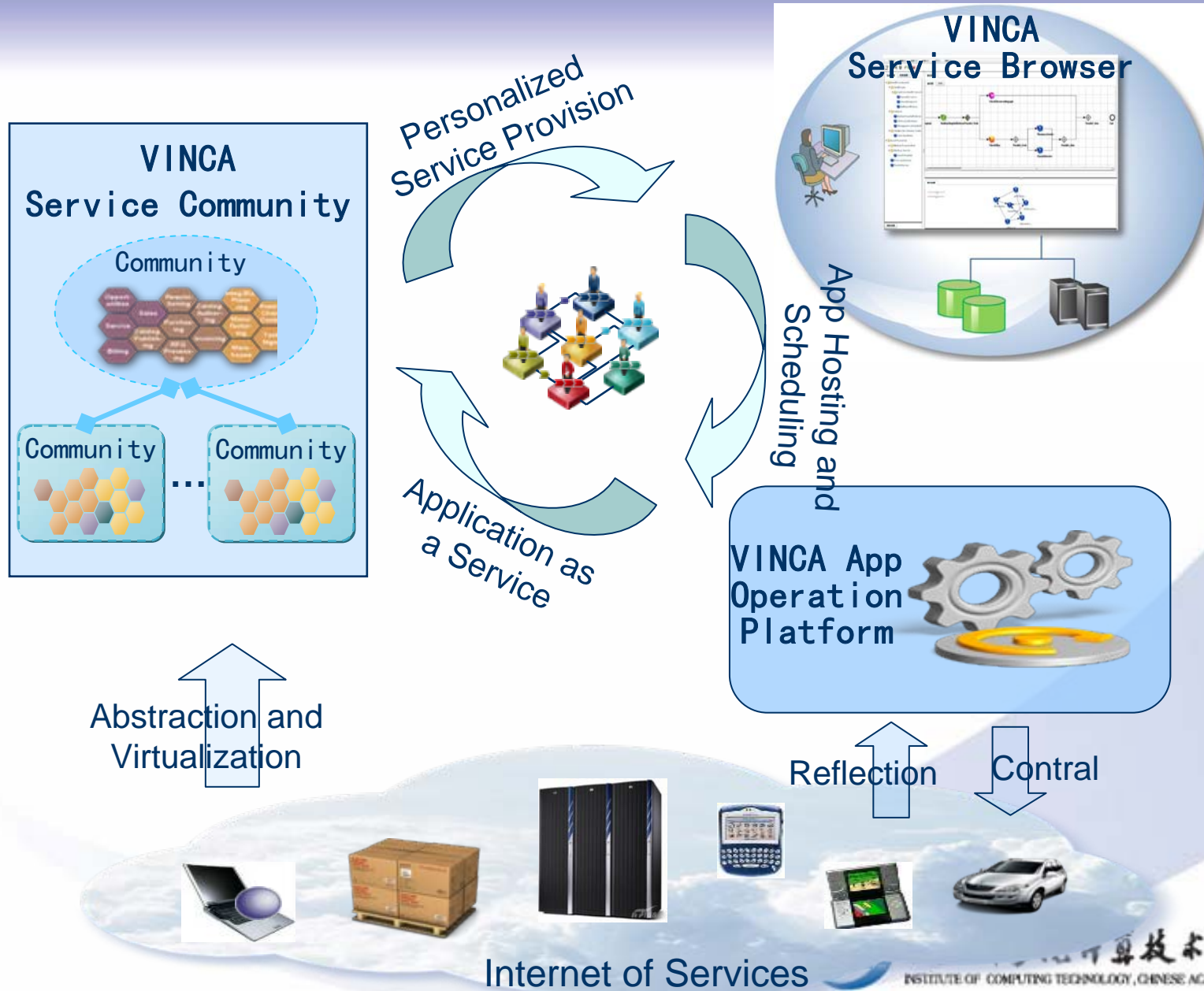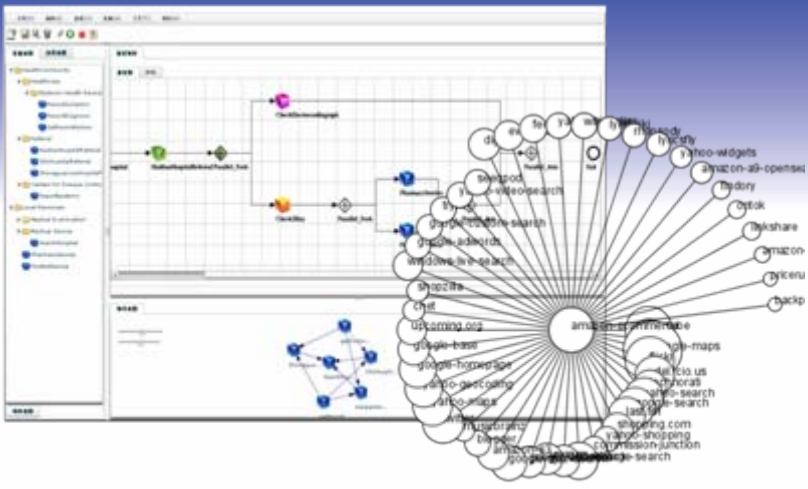
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The VINCA Suite

End-user Programming

Web Information Integration

VINCA Suite

Service Management

Hosting and monitoring

The VINCA Platform for Third-party Operation

A high-performance and high-availability hosting environment for event-driven business process applications which can cope with the various emergency and high concurrency demand in dynamic Internet or IOT applications.

Front End of IOT Sensors

Application Builder for Business User

Public Cloud or

- **High-performance and High-availability Application Hosting Environment for Tenants**

  – Providing resources insulation and usage control mechanisms for different tenants;

  – Providing scalable engine cluster management technology with hot-swap workflow engines, and supporting dynamic business process scheduling;

  – Enabling dependable workflow enactment environment with engine-level exception handling mechanisms and cluster-level workflow rescheduling and backing out on healthy servers during others' downtime.
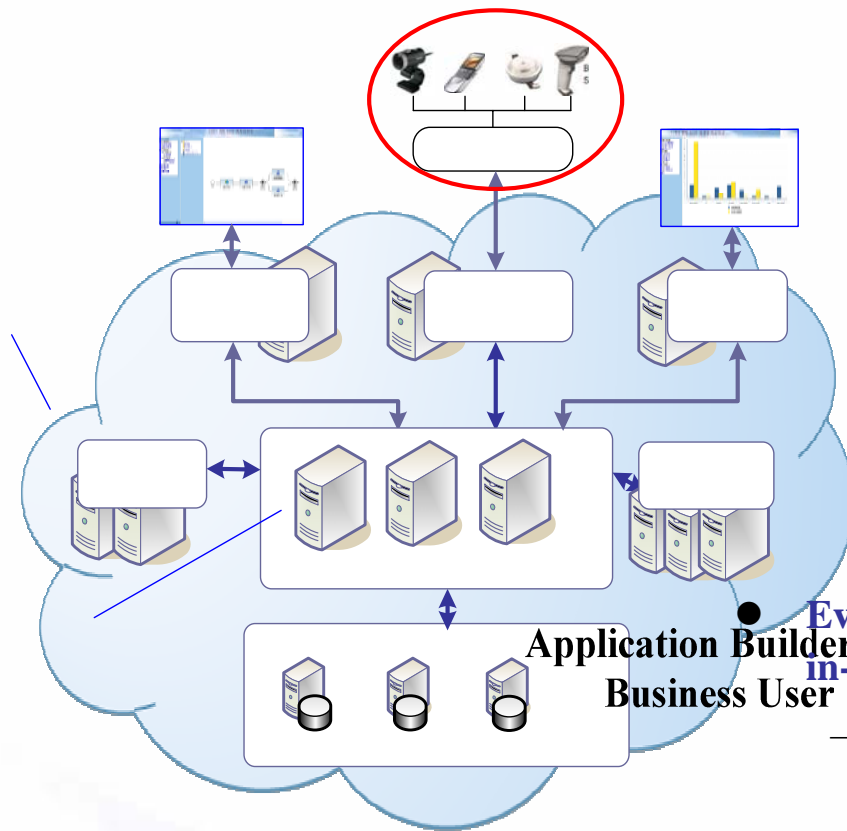
- **Event-driven Collaborative Application Building and Just-in-time Enactment**

  – Turning a general build-for business process into a proactive event-aware application in several minutes;

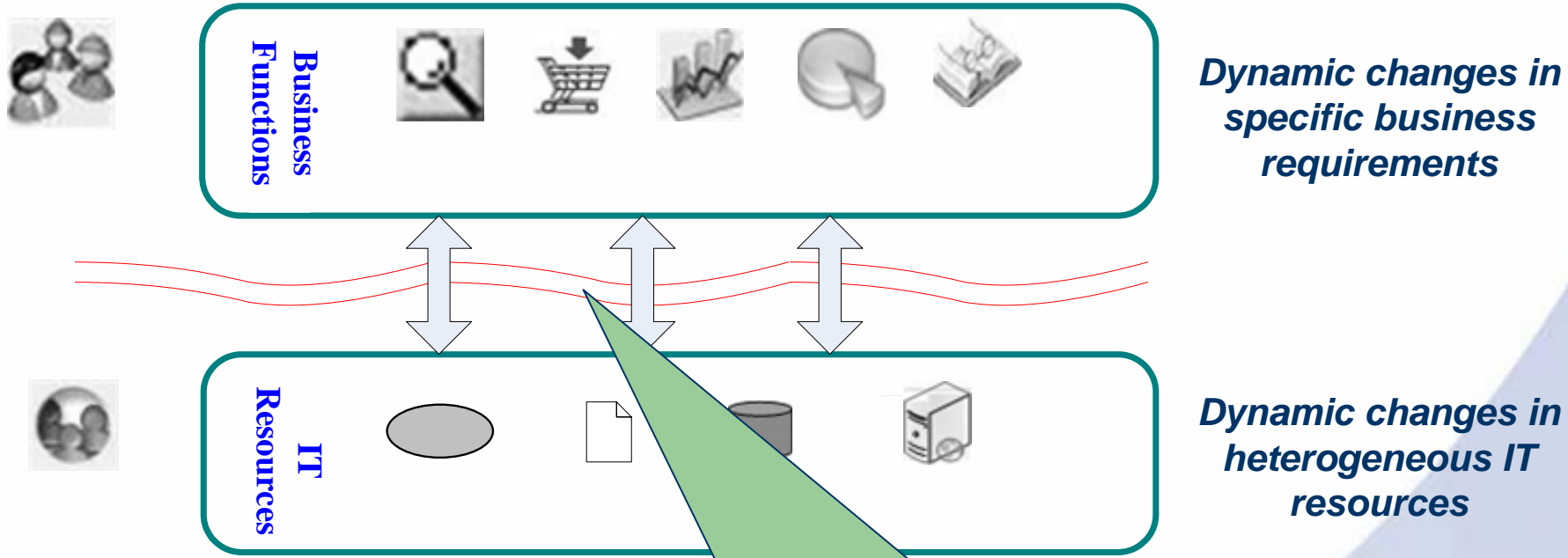 – Integrated with RFID middleware, supporting rule based event-driven application execution;

Management Cons System Administ

Middleware for Sensors

Event-driven   **VINCA**

Service Abstraction and Virtualization

With VINCA Business Service Model

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Gap between Problem Space & Solution Space

Business Functions

IT Resources

Dynamic changes in specific business requirements

Dynamic changes in heterogeneous IT resources

End User

Search **Shopping**

Business-IT Gap

How to bridge the gap of semantic, granularity incompatibility between business requirements and IT resources?

How to satisfy the dynamic business requirements on the fly?
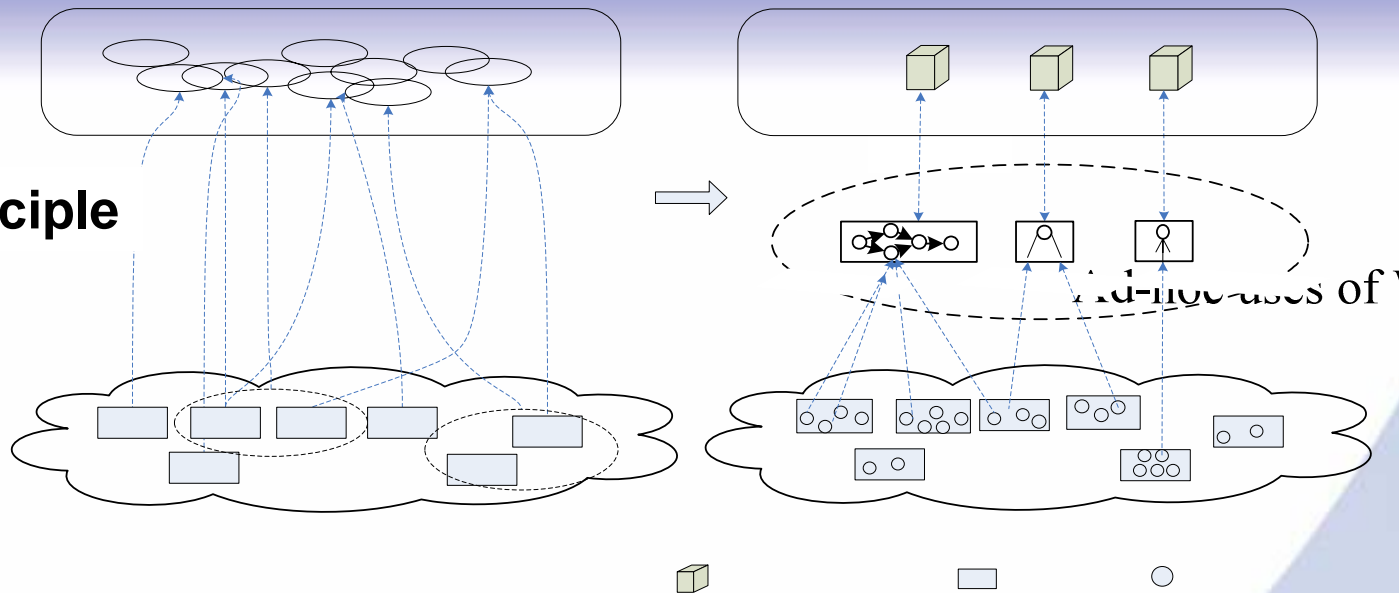
Business Service Modeling

Basic Information

VUP

Feature

VBS

Tree view (left panel):

- B Sequence Similarity Search
  - V DDBJ Blast searchParam
  - V EBI WSWUBlast
    - S WSWUBlast#poll
    - S WSWUBlast#getResults
    - S WSWUBlast#runWUBlast
    - S WSWUBlast#checkStatus
  - V DDBJ Blast searchSimple
  - V EBI WSBlastpgp
  - V EBI WSFasta
  - V EBI WSMPrsch
  - V EBI WSPSIBlast
  - V VBI blastbt blastn
  - V VBI blastbt blastp
  - V VBI blastlocal blastn
  - V VBI timelogicalblast terablastn
  - V Mygrid ncbiblastwrapper

Legend: B :VBS S : Service Operation V :Virtual Service Operation

The View of VBS (right panel):

- Input
  - □ bioinformatics_param
    - A (Alternative)
      - blast_param
        - expectation
        - filter
      - fasta_param
  - bioinformatics_program
    - A (Alternative)
      - blast_program
      - fasta_program
  - bioinformatics_sequence
  - sequence_database
- Output
  - sequence_similarity_report
    - A (Alternative)
      - blast_report
      - fasta_report
- QoS

Legend: ● : Mandatory □ : Optional A : Or A : Alternative
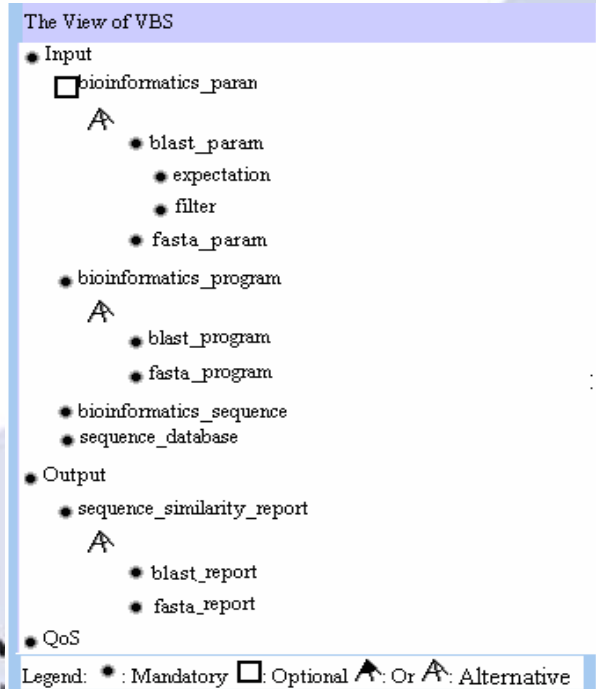
Service Virtualization

The Principle

Ad-hoc uses of W

An Example
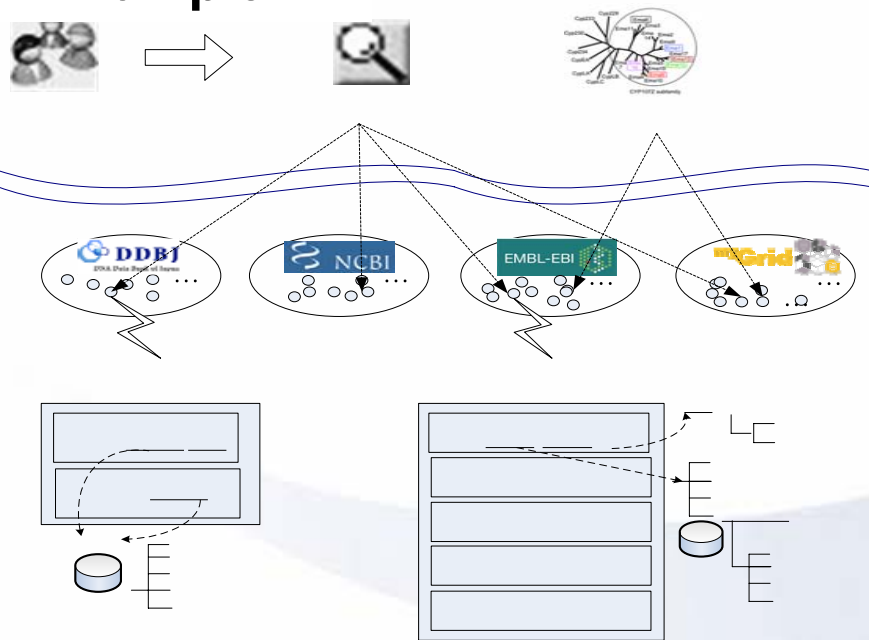
Their Use in Genome Comparison

(a) Modeling

Cyberspace Partitioning, Service Management, Resource Monitoring，Dependability Assurance and SaaS Provision
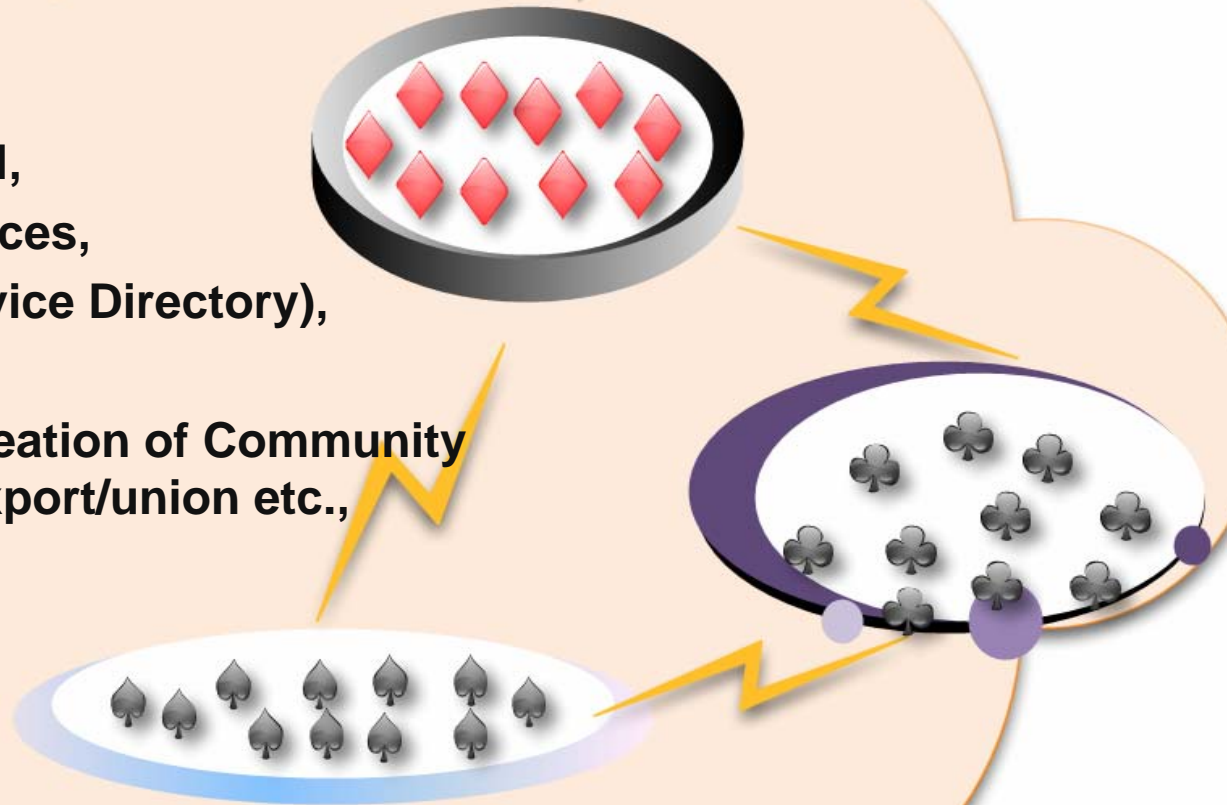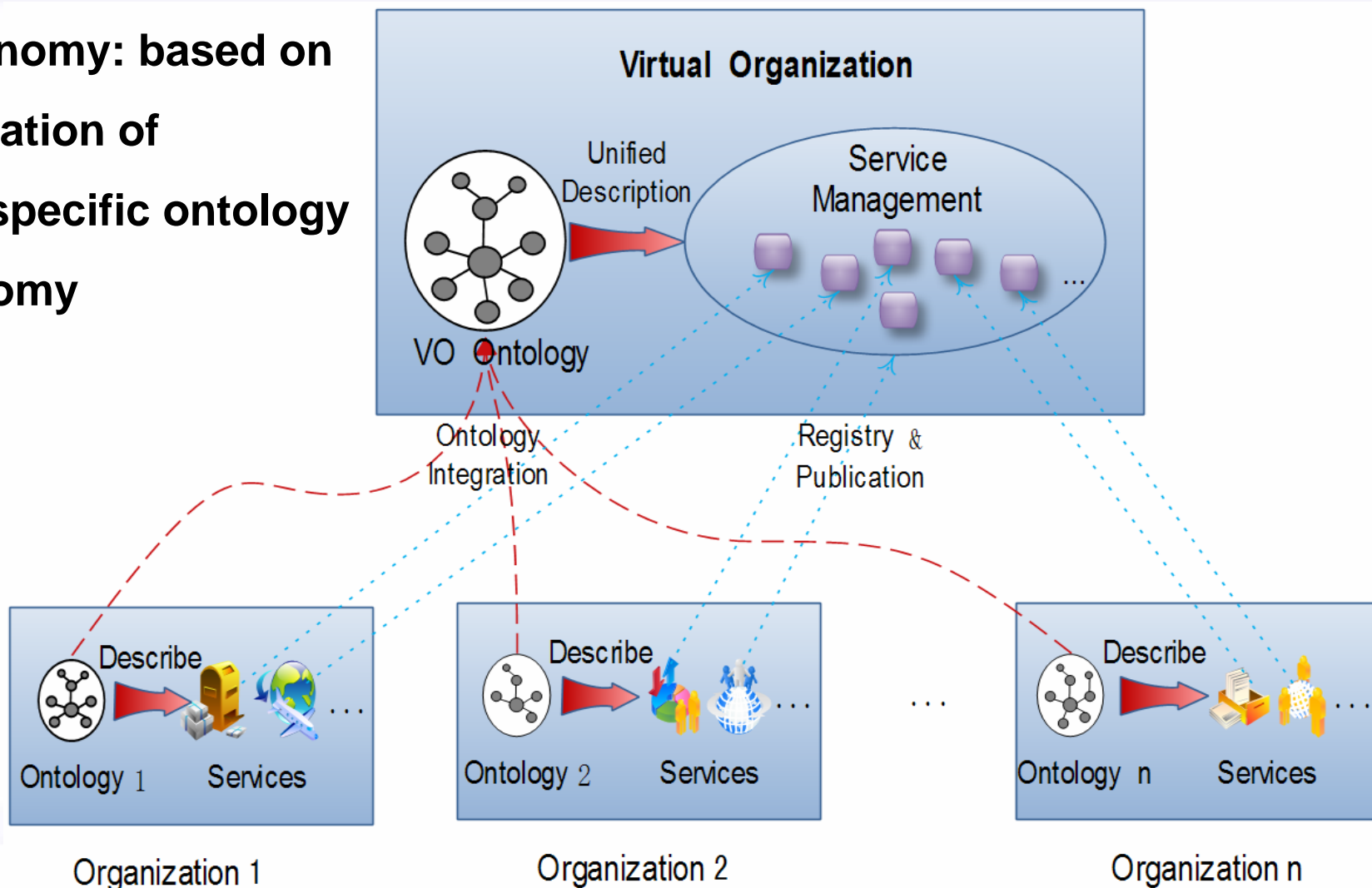
with

Service Community

Service Community

A Service Community = (

- **Community URI and Basic Info**
- **Owner**
- **Users and User Groups**
- **VO Taxonomy,**
- **Business Service Model,**
- **A Set of Business Services,**
- **Community Image (Service Directory),**
- **Service Relationship,**
- **A Set of Operations (Creation of Community Images, also incl. import/export/union etc.,**
- **A Set of Constraints)**

Semantic Basis

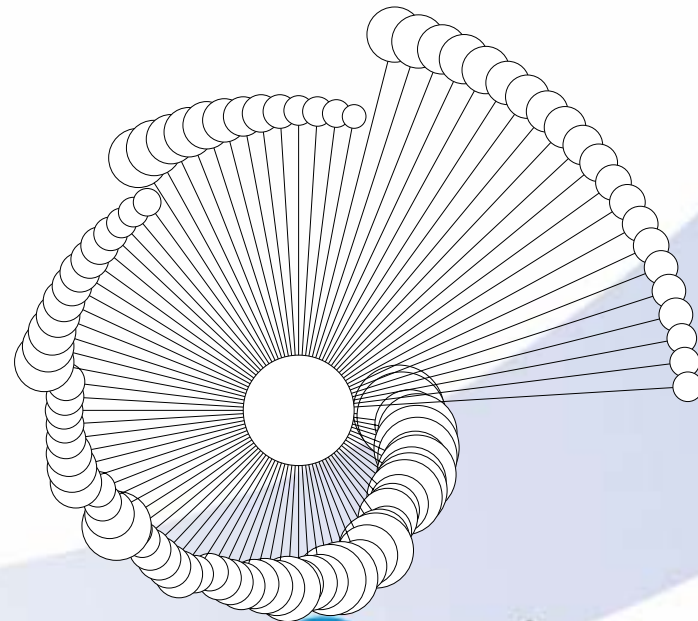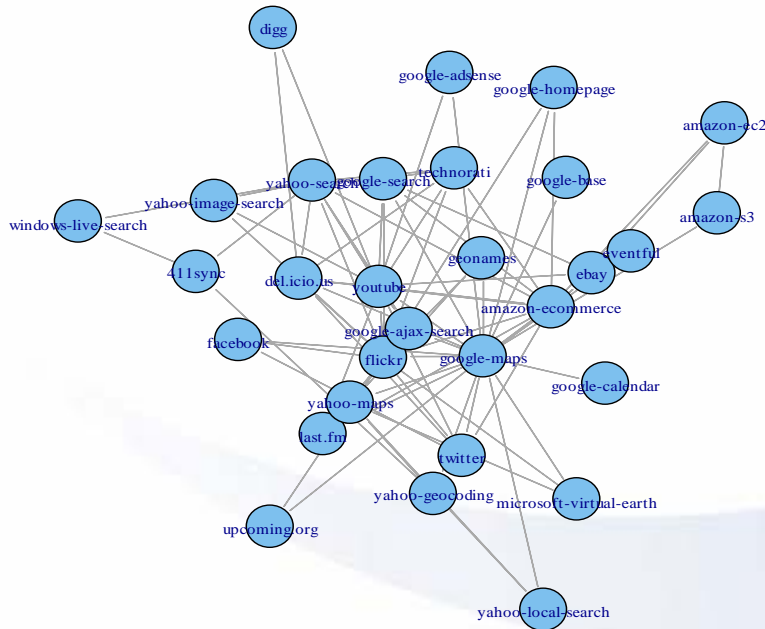VO Taxonomy: based on an integration of domain-specific ontology or taxonomy

Service Relationship Modeling (based on Service Community)

- **Service Hyperlink**
- **Centrality measurement**

$$Centrality(a) = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{b(\neq a)} \frac{1}{d_{ab}}$$

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- **Experiments with "Programmable Web", data from Sept. 2005 to June 2009**

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VINCA Service Community

A tool to easily construct, manage virtual service community for autonomy service application domain, and also support the dynamic creation of VO from decentralized service community.

(1) partition service cyberspace based on application domain

- Support easy community creation

- Enable the merge of multiple communities

- Support personalized community view

(2) unified management for multi-source web services

- Extensible service model for service description

- Business-level service abstraction

- Flexible service monitoring to satisfy personalized runtime monitor requirements
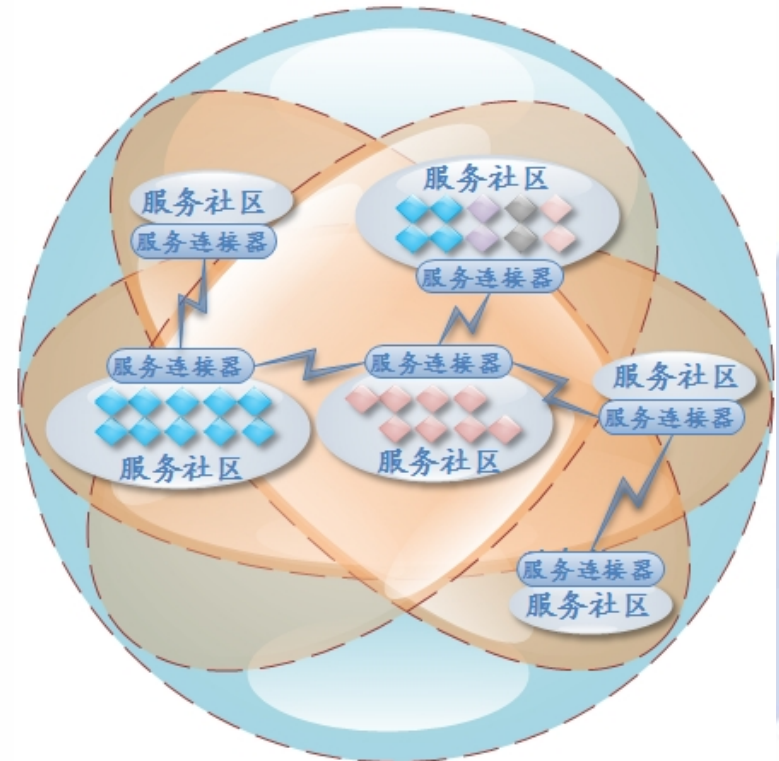
Service Utilization:

Mass "Programming" + Cloud BPM

VINCA Service Browser

——Integrated usage and development environment for internet service-based applications. It enables business users to browser and use resources registered in VINCA Service Community, visually construct and flexibly adjust service-based applications.

➢ **Personalized View**：Community Images + Local Resource Schema

➢ **Intelligent Assistance**：Service Recommendation and Verification based on Service Relationships

➢ **User-end Programming**：Pre-defined Workflow Template + Exploratory User-end Programming

➢ **Information Mashup**：Multi-source Data Aggregation Based on Nested Table

VINCA Service Browser and User-end Software

- **Scoping：**

  Community Images + Local Resources Schema

- **User-end Programming：**

  - Pre-defined Workflow + Exploratory Programming (user-end Exploration)

  - Service Recommendation and Verification based on Service Relationship
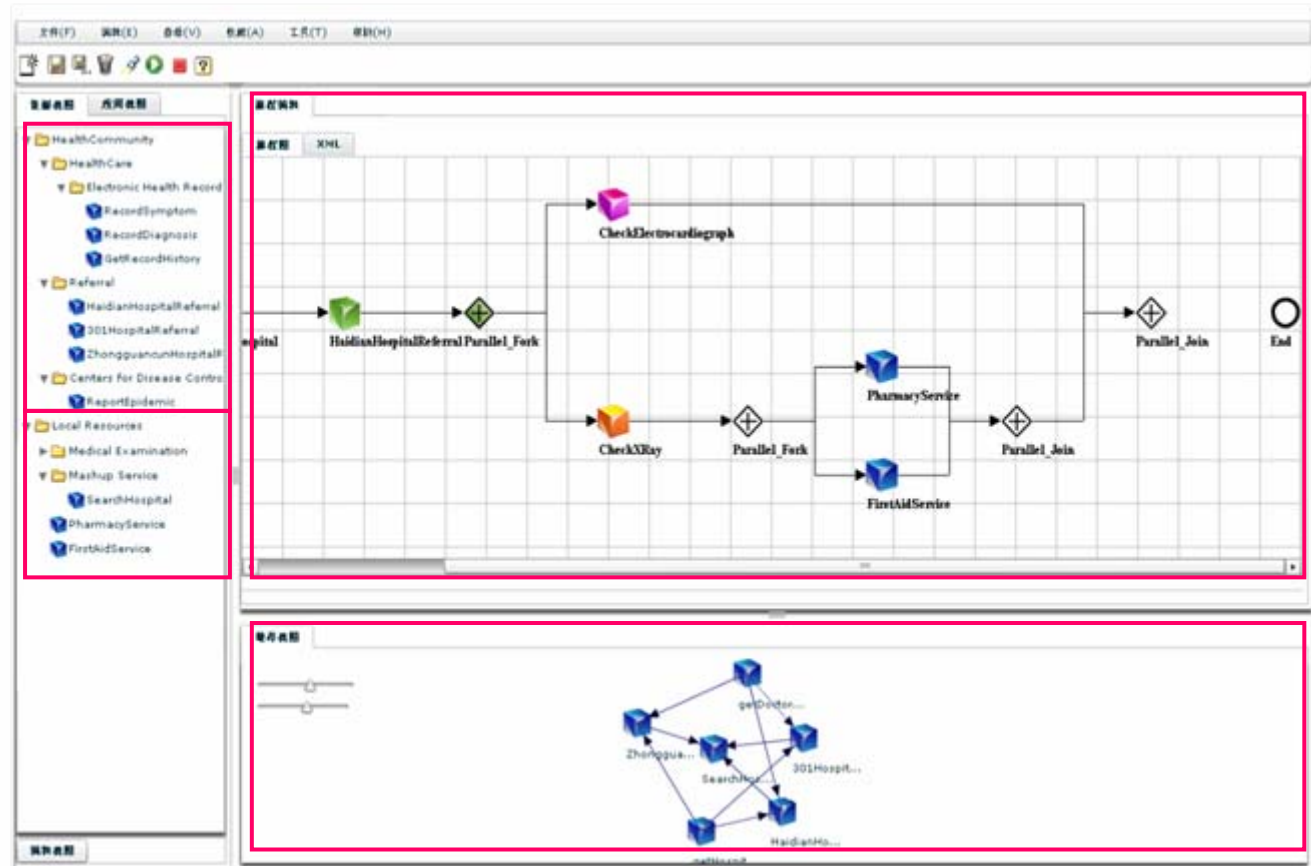
VINCA Service Browser and User-end Software (2)

- **Information Mashup：**

  - Resource Wrapping

  - A Novel Data Structure based on Nested Table*

User-steered Service Composition

VINCA Mashup

Navigation «
Navigation —
S Create Source m Create Mashup

My Source
- localmap
- Yahoo! News: Top Stories
- 医院设备查询
- maptest
- Top Stories - Google News
- 区域医院查询
- HospitalInfo
- map
- EquipmentInfo
- Top Stories - Google News
- 医院医护人员查询
- StaffInfo

My Mashup
- t
- 医院综合信息查询Mashup
- new2
- Hospital Information Query

完成

Mashup : Hospital Information Query

fx : IMPORT (sheet0, HospitalInfo)

sheet0(HospitalInfo)

Add Options ▾ | Nest Options ▾ | Filter By ▾ | Save ▾ | Remove Options ▾ | Link ▾

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2	1 Item	北京市海淀区复兴路	解放军总医院	301医院	1 Item
3	1 Item	北京市海淀区西苑操	北京西苑医院	西苑医院	1 Item
4	1 Item	北京市海淀区白石桥	北京大学口腔医院	北大口腔医院	1 Item
5	1 Item	北京市海淀区中关村	北京市海淀医院	海淀医院	1 Item
6	1 Item	北京市海淀区阜成街	海军总医院	海军总医院	1 Item

DetailTable(HospitalInfo/EquipmentInfo)

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Parent-Lab

Hospital Information Query

LIST • **MAP**

6个Item

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description: 北京大学第三医院
label: 北医三院
北医三院设备简介 and 北医三院医护人员简介

地图 | 卫星 | 混合地图

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Search:

Filter:
Place
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- 北京市海淀区阜成路6号
- 北京市海淀区复兴路28号北京301医院
- 北京市海淀区花园北路49号
- 北京市海淀区西苑操场1号（颐和园东侧）
- 北京市海淀区中关村大街29号（海淀黄庄路口）

Label
- 301医院
- 北大口腔医院
- 北医三院
- 海淀医院
- 海军总医院
- 西苑医院

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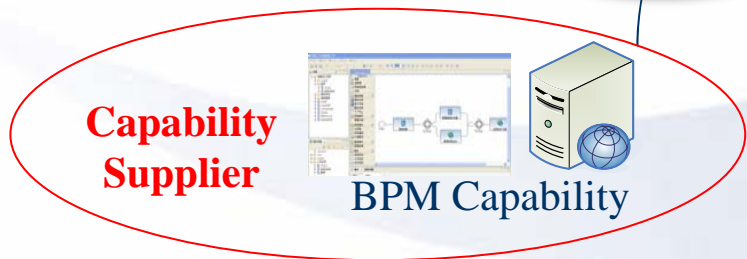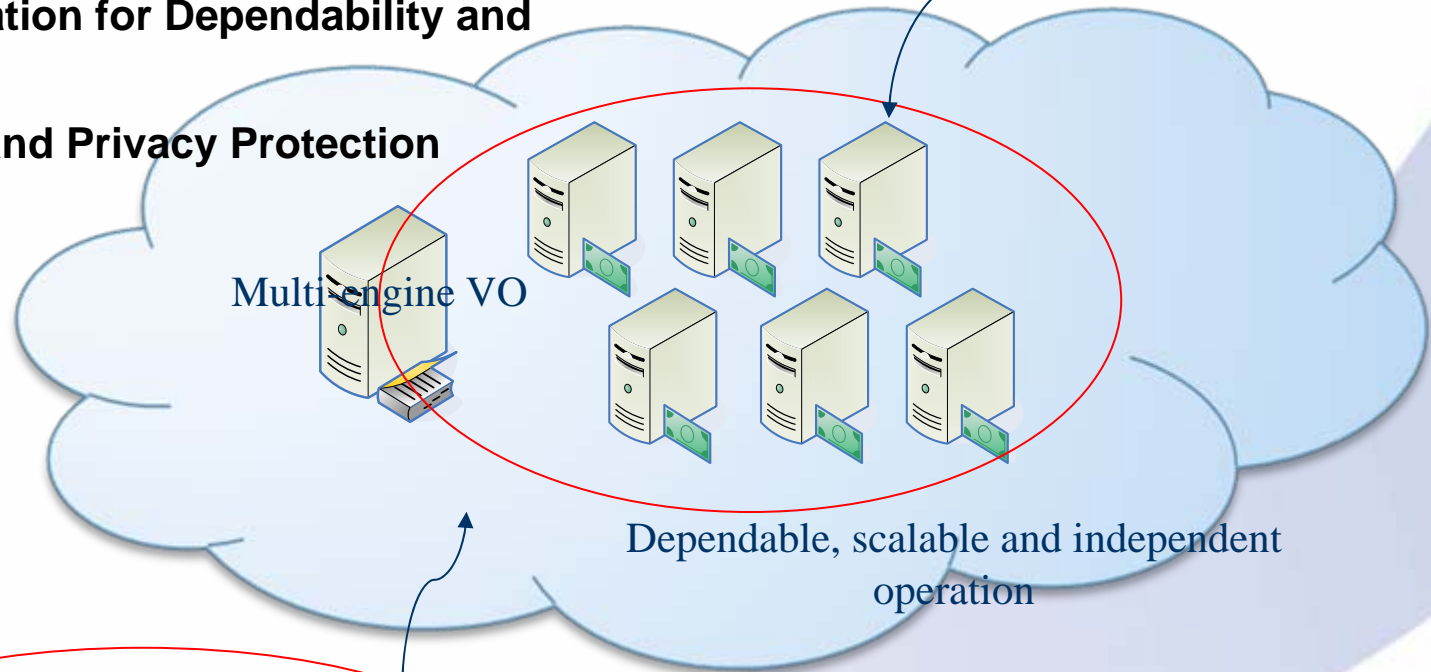
VINCA BPM: Cloud BPM

A BPMN and XPDL-based Environment (this already sold to industry)

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- **The Following New Features:**

- **Community-based**

- **Multi-engine Operation for Dependability and Scalability**

- **User-end Control and Privacy Protection**

- **PaaS Delivery**

Main (){} at user-end

Multi-engine VO

Dependable, scalable and independent operation

Capability Supplier

BPM Capability

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Community-based VINCA BPM

Community Images Direct Uses of Cyber-services

Customized Views

Views of Local Resources

Flexible Binding of Resources

Process as a service

Server-side Process Space

Client-side Process Space

Visualized Process Modeling, support BPMN&XPDL Specification

Data Mapping with Drag-and Drop

Service Directory from VINCA Community

Monitoring and Dynamic Scheduling

流程执行：启动、使用和监控

Monitoring and Multi-engine Scheduling for Performance Adjustment

Past and On-going VINCA-related Practices

For the Mass:
- User DIY with Mobile Widgets
- Personal Problem Solving Environment for Bioinformatics Research

For Enterprises:
- eSciece
- eGovernment
- eHealth
- SME Promotion
- National Platform for Sharing Scientific and Technological Information
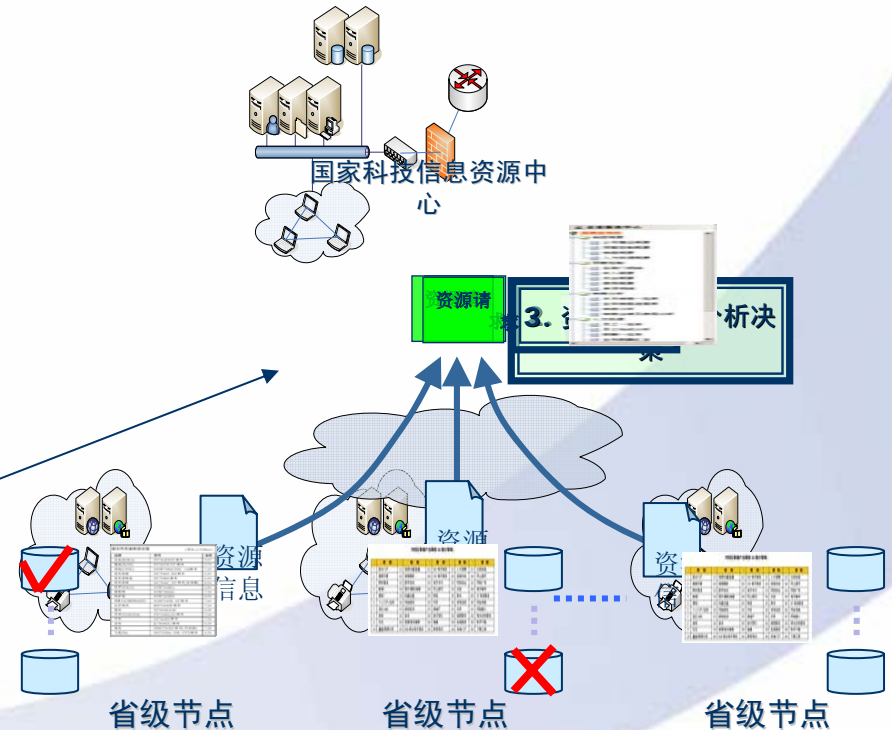
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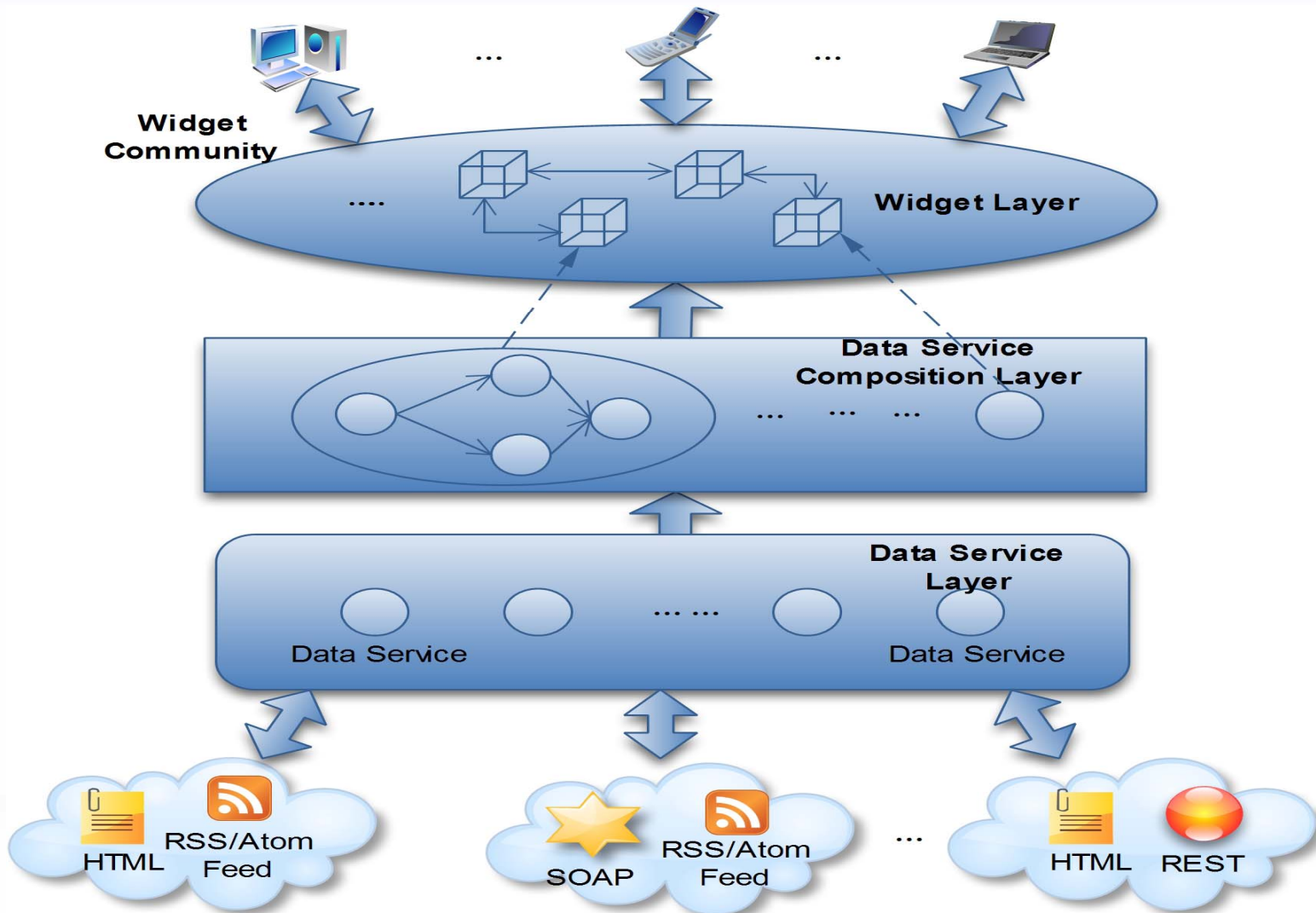
Virtual Resource Center for eGov Integration

Application System

Application System

Application System

Resources Directory

e-Government Virtual Resources Center，Beijing

Business Service
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Business Service

Business Model

Service Model

Framework | Component
Supervision System

Service
Water Information Service

Service
People Information Service

Solution
Government Portal System

Framework | Component
Supervision System

Service
Water Information Service

Haidian District

BJ Supervision Bureau

BJ Water Authority

BJ Public Security Bureau

BJ Information Resource Center

BJ Haidian Supervision Bureau

BJ Haidian Water Authority

VINCA-based Healthcare IS: supporting the new model of "Centralized Management and Operation, Ubiquitous Uses over the Internet"
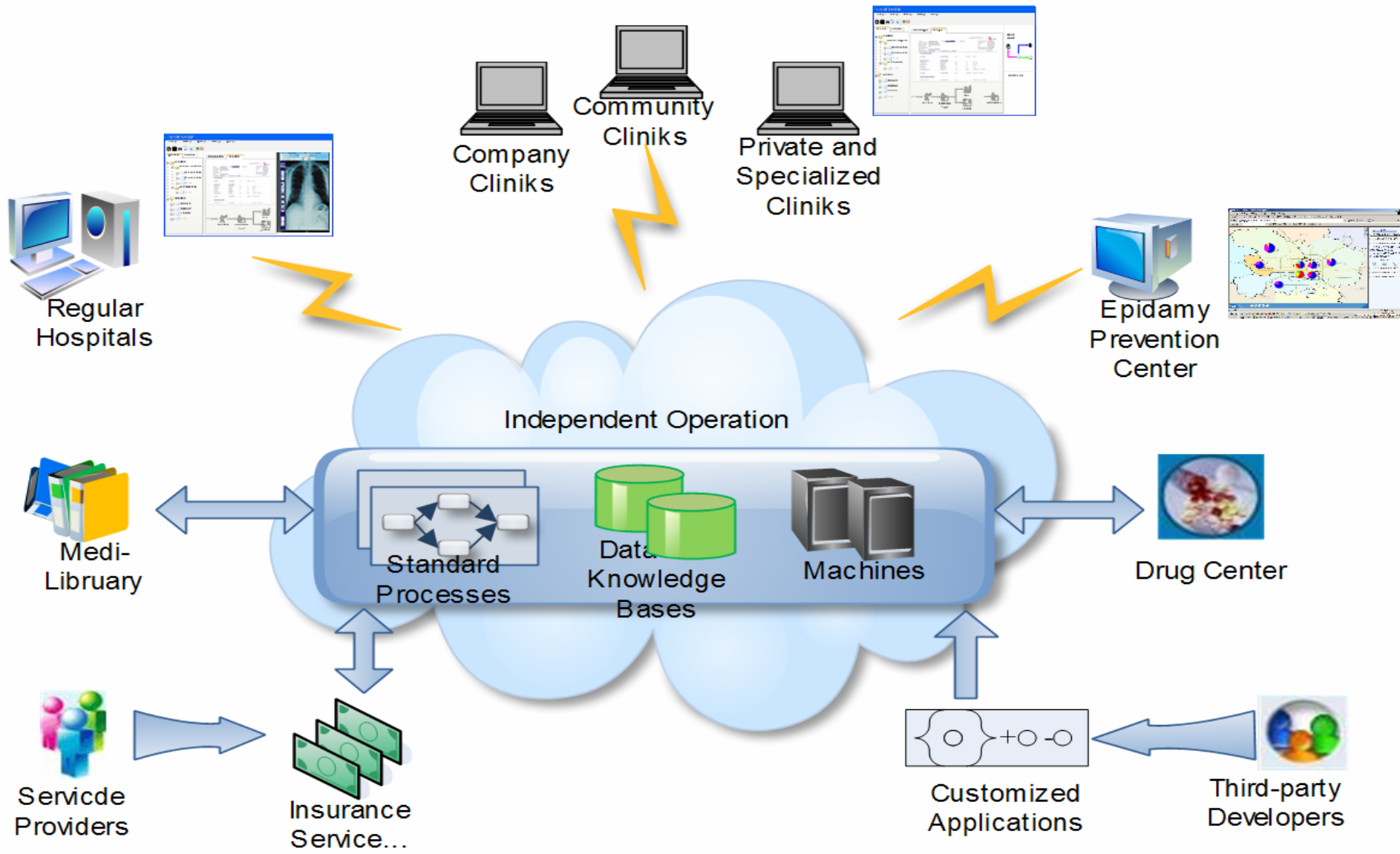
"Virtual Products" of the Changfeng Alliance

New Roles

500-thousand beneficiaries

Application Asembly

Busniess Consulting

Value-added Composition

Independent Operation

长风开放标准平台软件联盟
changfeng open standards platfrom software alliance

500+ Products

| 中企开源 | 东方通科技 | 神州数码 | ...... | | | |

70+ ISV

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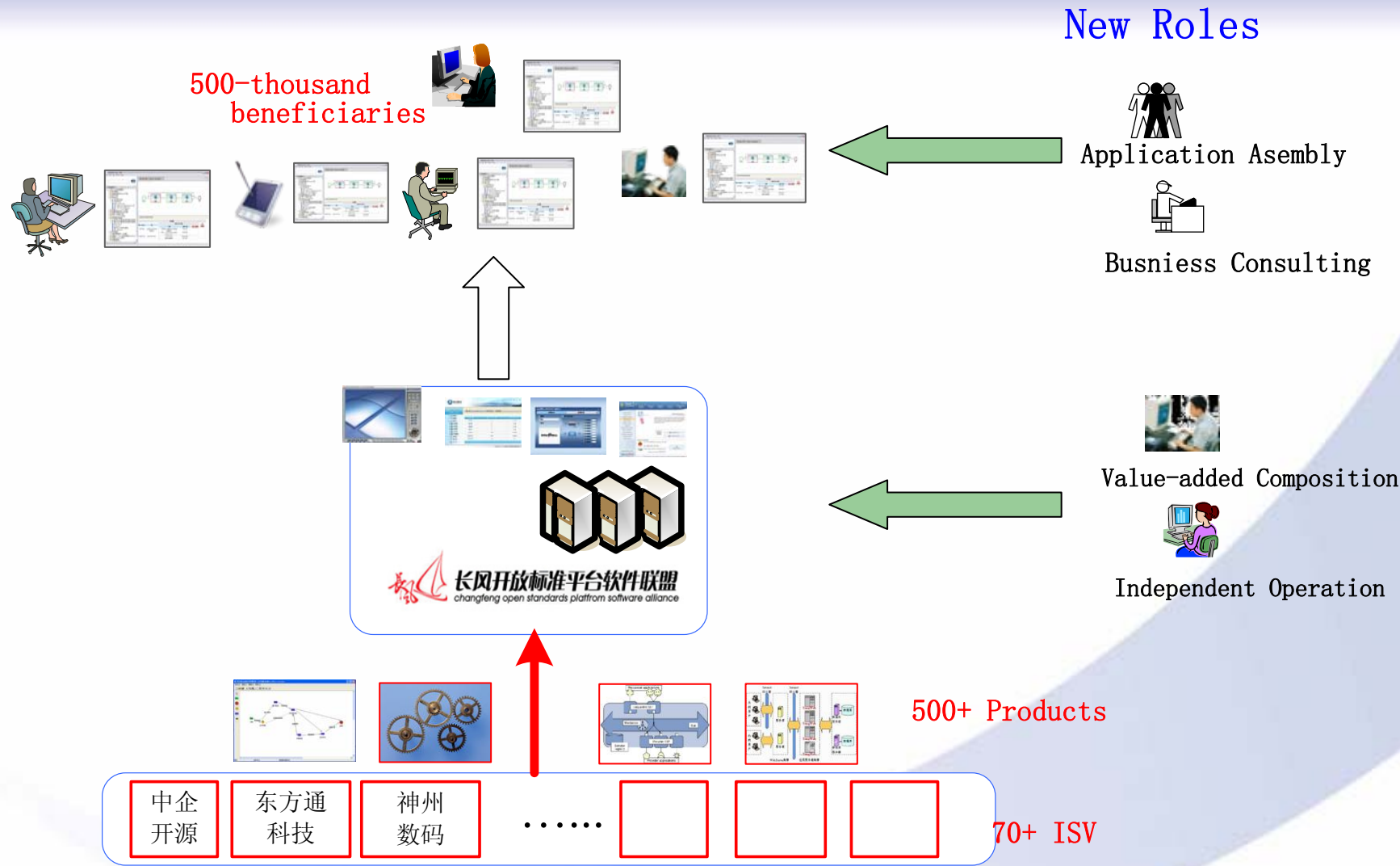
An Application Scenario

Healthcare in China: a Motivating Scenario

Several-thousand all-around hospitals, but handle 1782 million cases per year, more than half-a-day per visit in average

243-thousand clinics and hospitals in rural areas handle 424 million cases per year, with apparently higher rate of false diagnosis and medicament misuses

Clinic Processes

Medi-Information-Centers

Electric Archives

Full-fledged HIS

Customized Solutions

Expert Suggestions

SaaS HIS
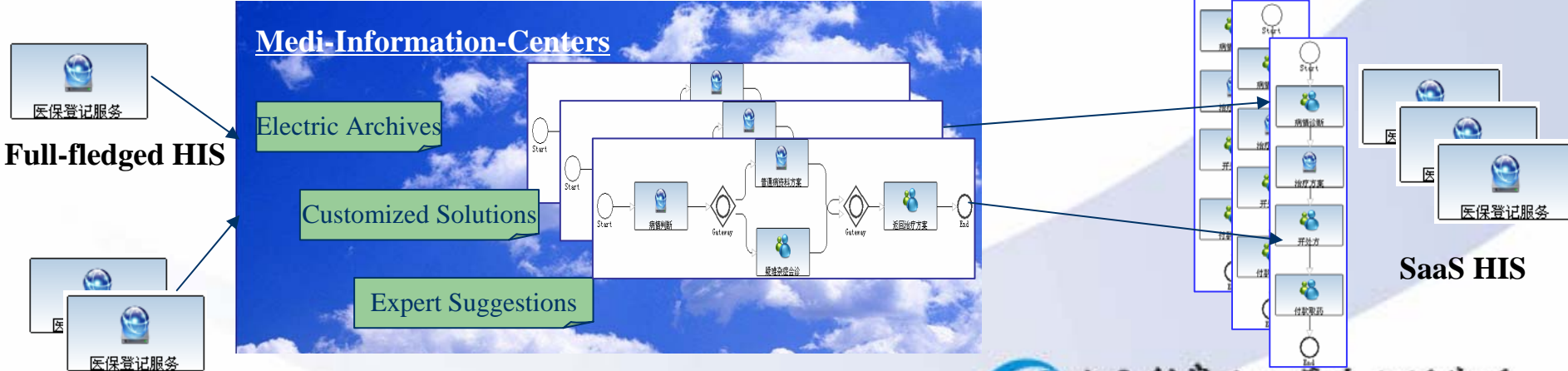
Other Systems, such as Insurance

Challenges

- Providing integrated view and management of information and application resources for district health bureau

- Supporting timely creation of cooperative healthcare applications for emergency by local medical institutions

- Building common infrastructure for operation of applications in a cost-effective way

VINCA Solution for District Health

- Services are treated as the basic elements for sharing information and integrating systems – *VINCA Service Community Tool*
  - Services are identified and abstracted from business point of view
  - The whole lifecycle of services is managed in a centralized way
- End user oriented service composition are supported – *VINCA Service Browser*
- Platform services are provided to enable third-party operation of the composed services – *VINCA Operation Platform*
  - Run time environment are designed for multi-tenants
  - Service interaction is monitored in a global view

Service Management in District Health Community

Step 1: Community initialization
- Import domain concept, such as data standard, health taxonomy
- Define healthcare services model
- Configure community, including roles and permissions configuration
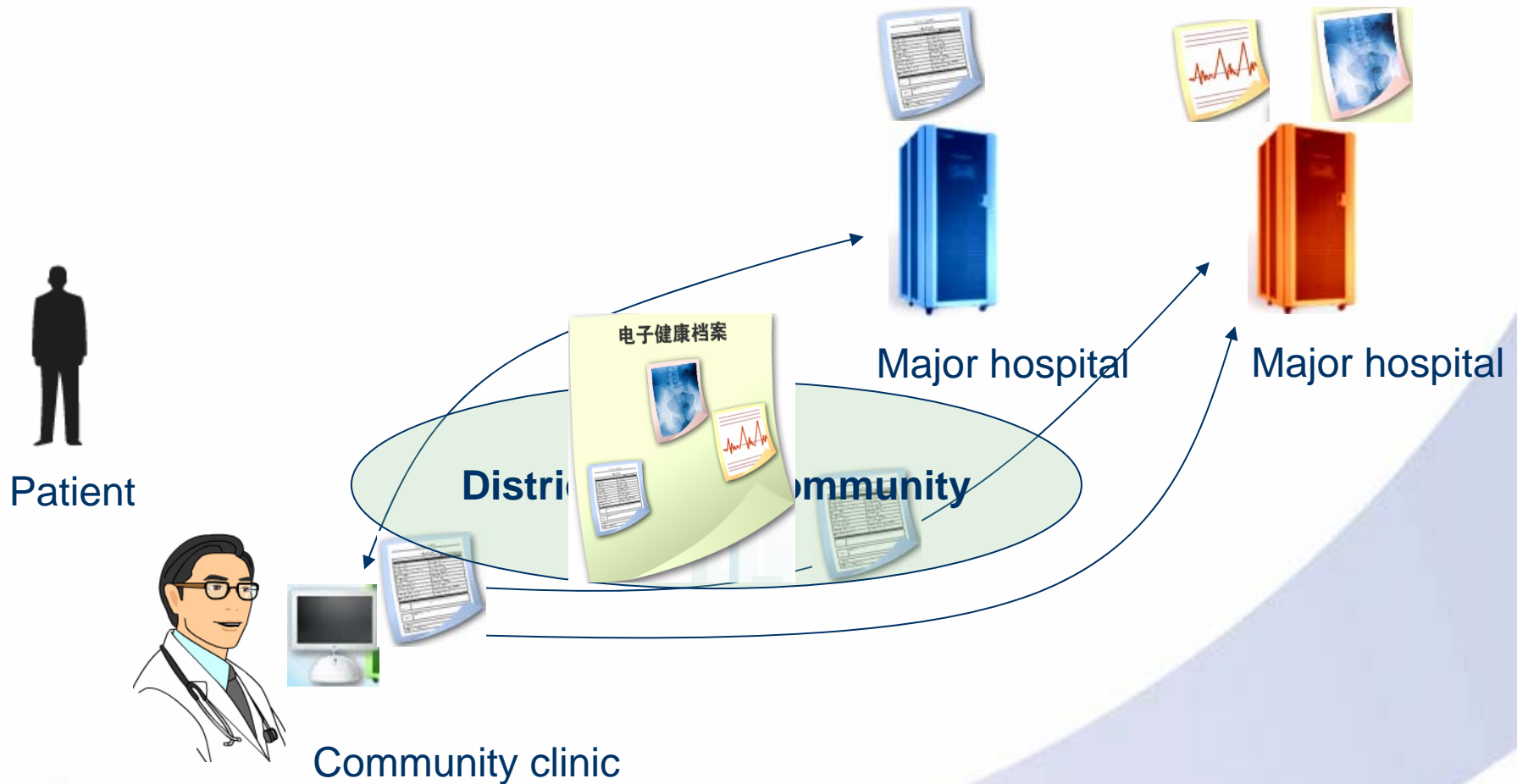
Step 2: Service registration
- Define business service
- Create personalized service directory
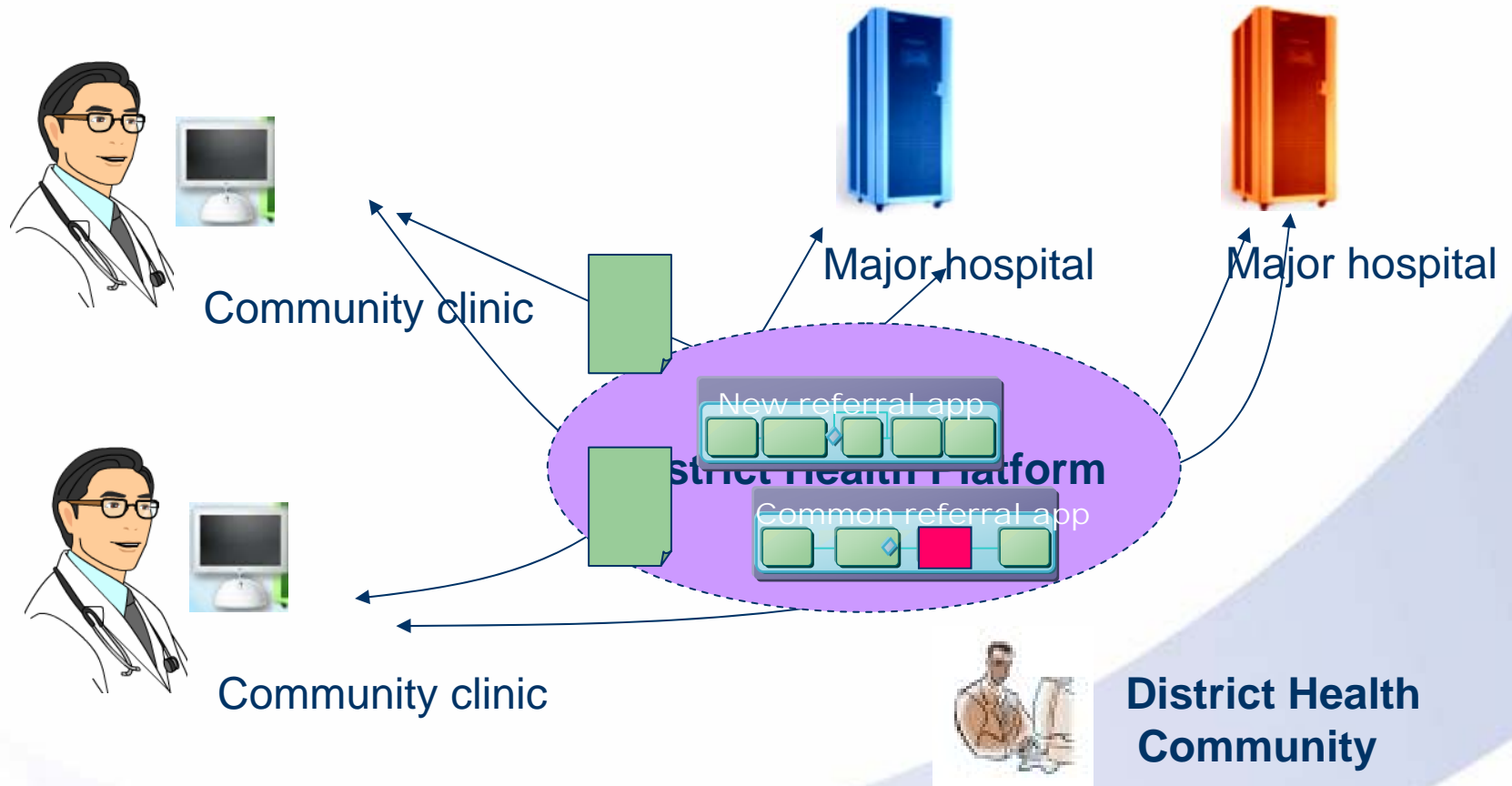
Step 3: Service monitoring
- Monitoring usage information of service, including QoS information, run-time information, and so on.

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Service name	Provider	Service name	Provider
Referral appointment service of clinic	Erlizhuang clinic	Diagnostic imaging query service	301 hospital
Referral appointment service of clinic	Zhongguancun clinic	HIS query service	301 hospital
Referral appointment service of clinic	Beixiaguan clinic	……	……
Referral appointment service of clinic	Qinghuayuan clinic	Diagnostic imaging query service	Beiyisanyuan hospital
Referral appointment service of hospital	301 hospital	HIS query service	Beiyisanyuan hospital
Referral appointment service of hospital	Beiyisanyuan hospital	……	……
Referral appointment service of hospital	Haidian hospital	Payment service	Medical insurance bureau
……	……	999 service	Emergency center
EHR reading service	Health community bureau	Map service	Public provider
Patient ID service	Health community bureau	……	……

Scenario 1: referral appointments

Patient

Community clinic

电子健康档案

District Community

Major hospital

Major hospital

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Scenario 2: healthcare contingency planning

Community clinic

Major hospital

Major hospital

New referral app

District Health Platform

Common referral app

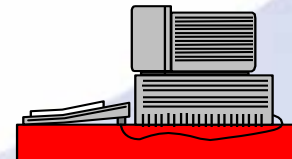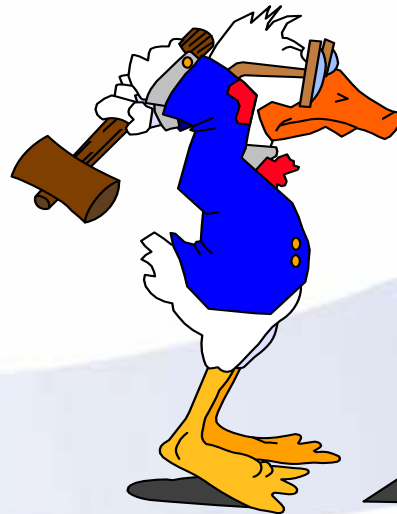Community clinic

District Health Community

Benefits of VINCA Approach

- Provide an integration view of all medical information and application resources among local medical organization

- Faster new healthcare application (service) programming and delivery

- Support early detection, identification and control of problems of health applications

- Provide an extensible environment for health application hosting and optimized execution

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Summary

• **Cyberspace is getting closer. The above-stated approach and perspectives are proved to be in the right direction. The ways ahead are still horny.**

• **Our experiences indicates it is important to have close links to real value with model applications and close collaboration with the industry**

• **Innovation in business models would better not be understood as scientific advances. Many researches so far are rather ad-hoc. Heavier scientific explorations are need to deal with cyberspace challenges**

Thanks !

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