Components for the Grid with ProActive and Fractal

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Rationale

- Observation : complexity and heterogeneity of the Grid
  - ➡ complexity (design, deployment and reusability)
  - ➡ performance issues
- Answer : framework for programming and deploying components on the Grid
  - ➡ implementation of the Fractal model for ProActive
  - ➡ extensions for the Grid

Objective : a framework for Grid components

- Facilitating the design and implementation of complex distributed systems
- Leveraging the ProActive library
  - ProActive components benefit from underlying features
- Allowing reuse of legacy components (e.g. MPI)
- Providing tools for defining, assembling and monitoring distributed components

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- Component-based programming
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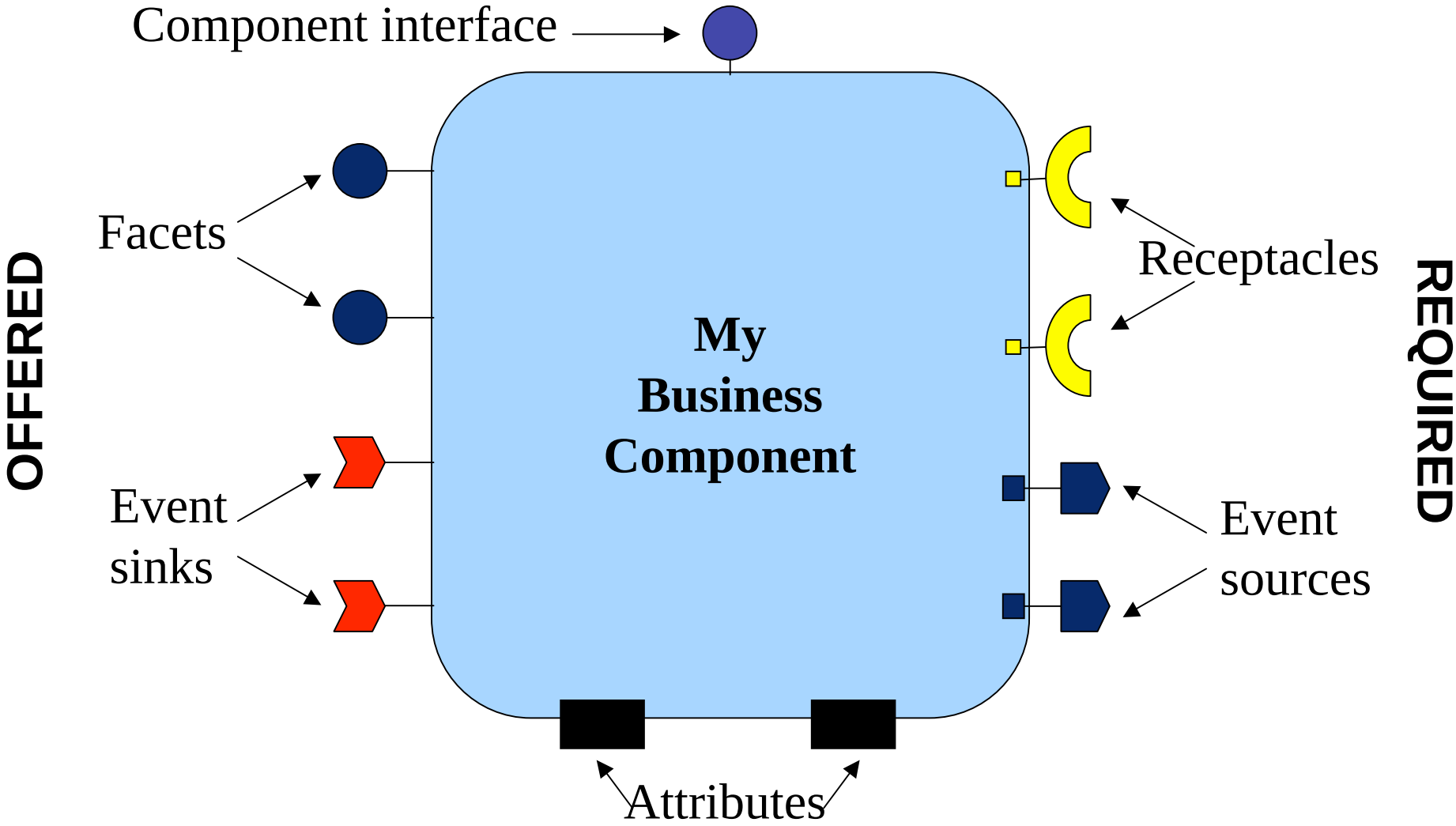
Componentizing software

- *Douglas McIlroy :*

  Mass Produced Software Components, 1968

A CORBA Component



Component based programming

- Component = software unit, deployment unit
- Industrial acceptance : EJBs, CCM, COM ...
- 3 key concepts :
  - 1. Encapsulation
    - Black boxes, offered and required services, configuration
  - 2. Composition
    - Design of complex systems
    - Hierarchical organization into sub-systems
    - Replacement
  - 3. Description
    - ADL, QoS
    - Logical and geographical composition
    - Tools

HIGH ABSTRACTION LEVEL

COMPLEXITY HANDLING

REUSABILITY

CUSTOMIZATION

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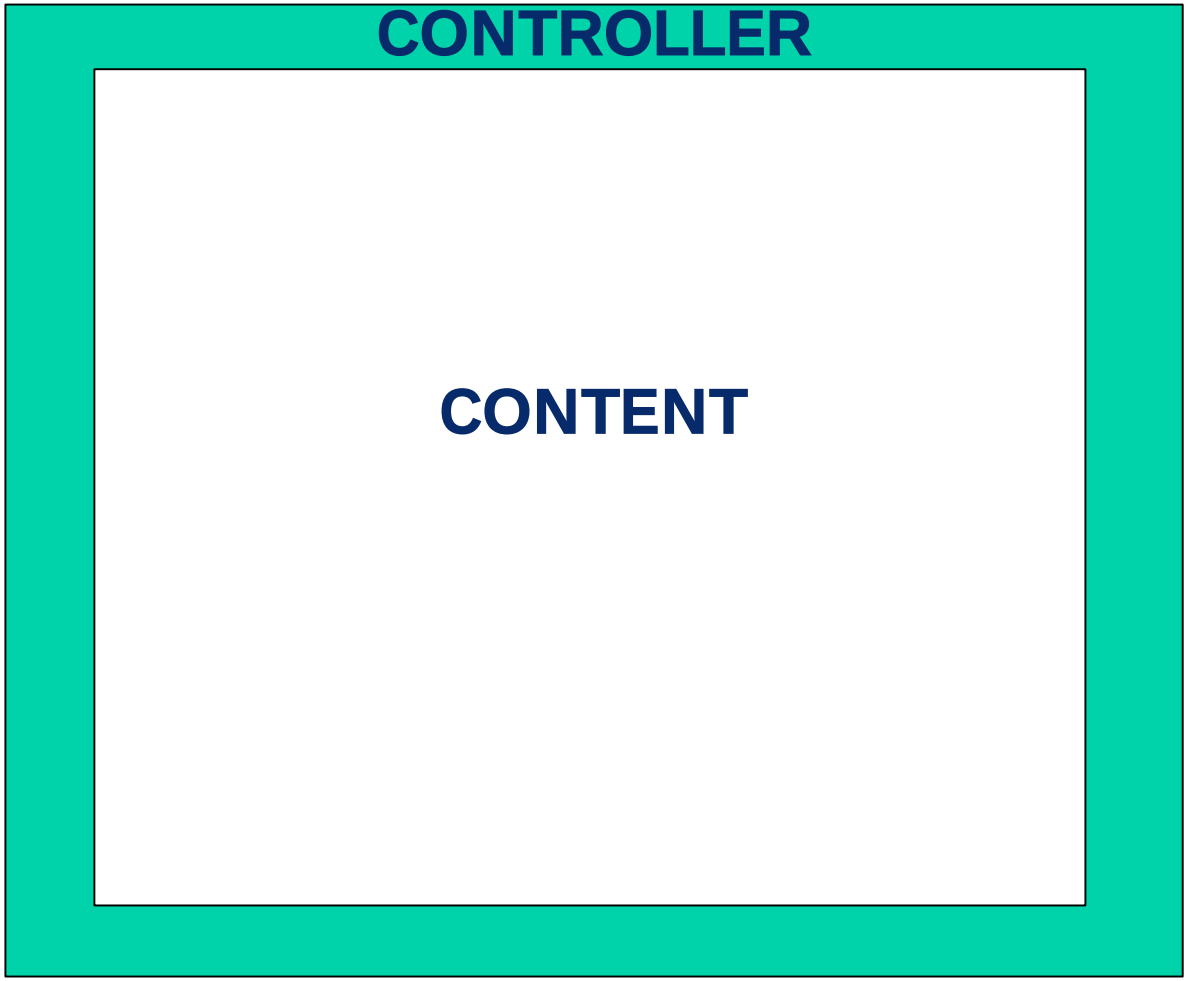
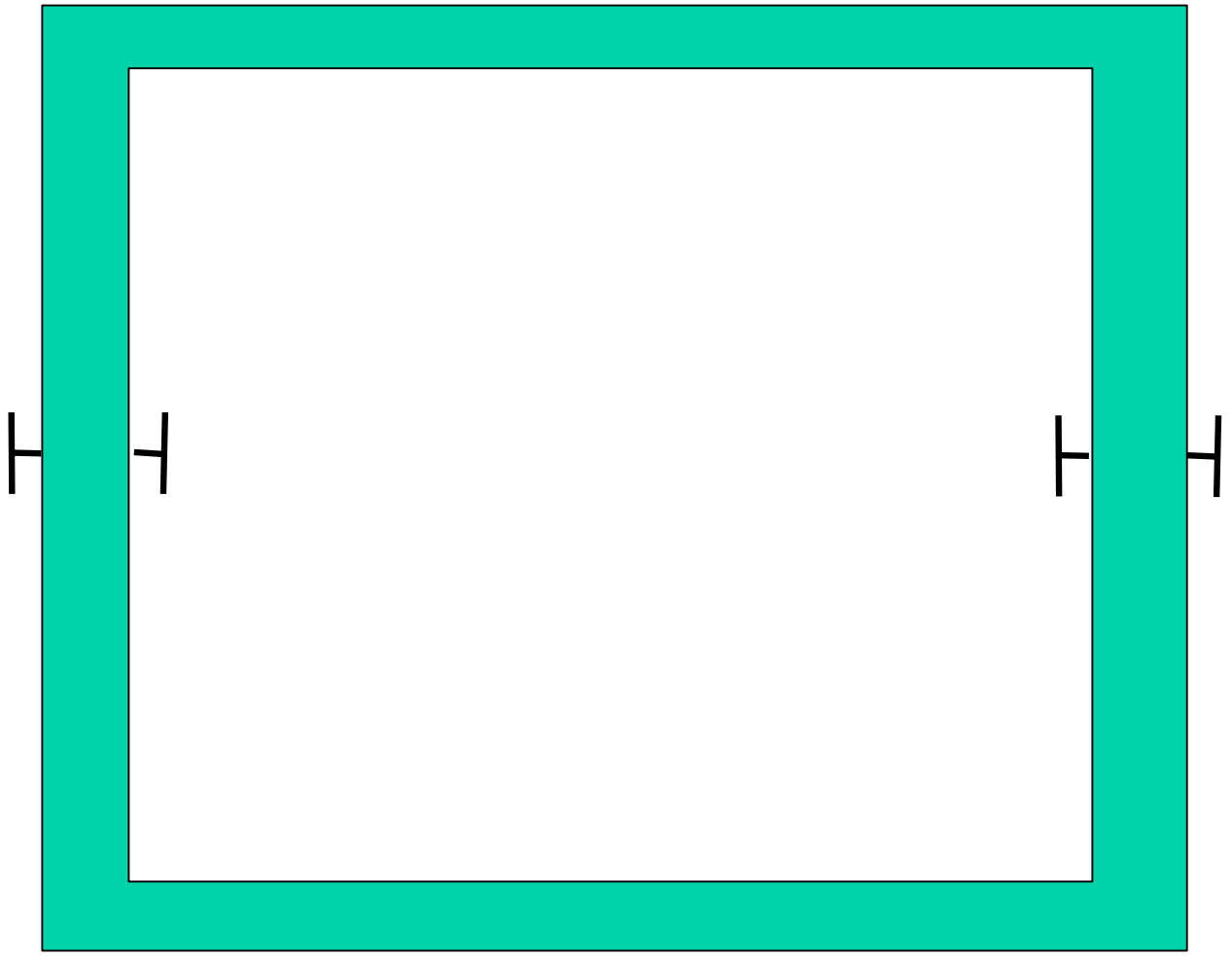
Fractal component model

- Defined by Bruneton, Coupaye, Stefani, INRIA & FT
- Key features :
  - Light
  - Extensible
  - Reflexive
  - Recursive
  - Dynamic
- Reference implementation : Julia (FT)
- New implementation based on active objects
- Standard tools in the community (ADL, GUI)

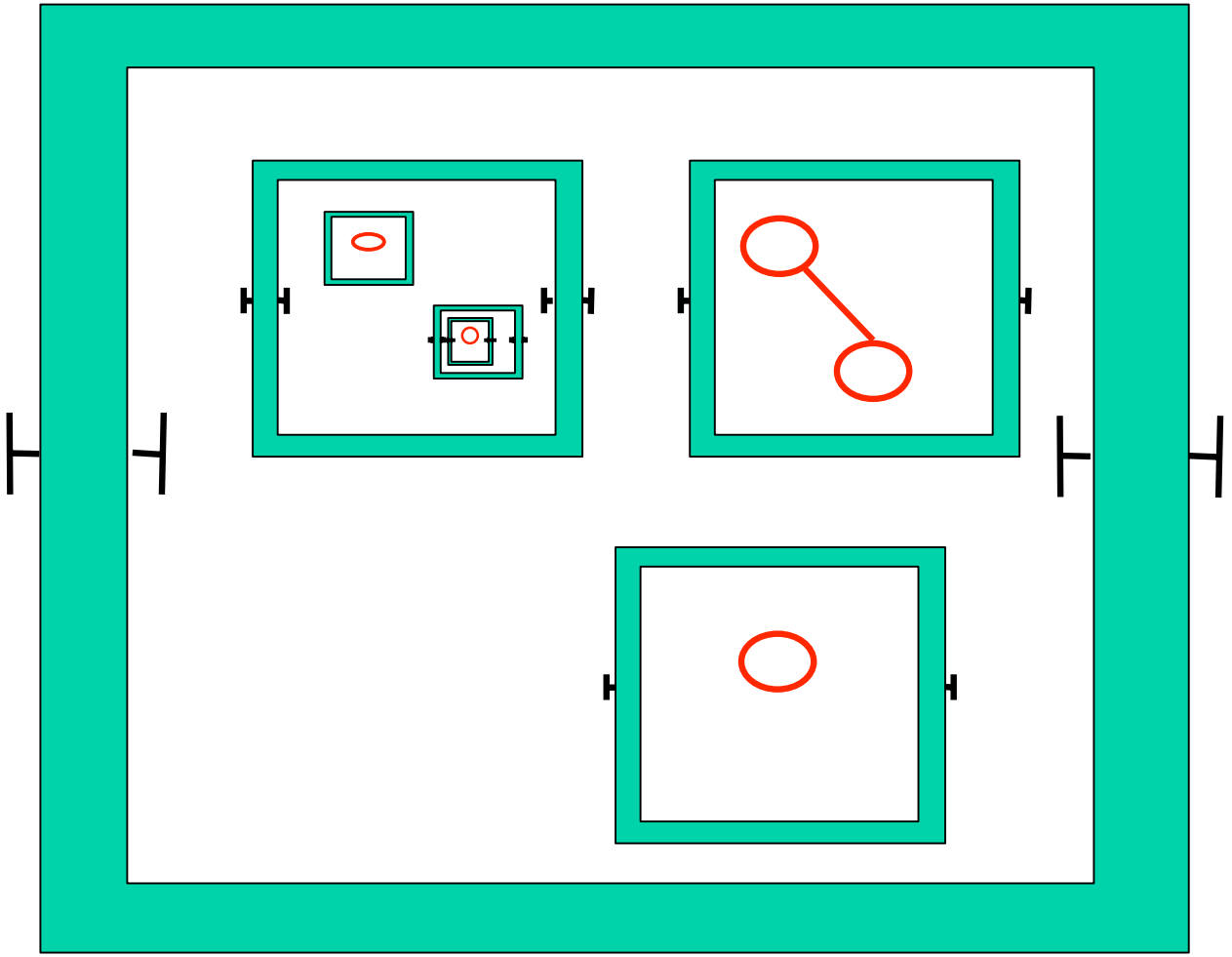
Cell analogy



Interface = access point



Hierarchical model



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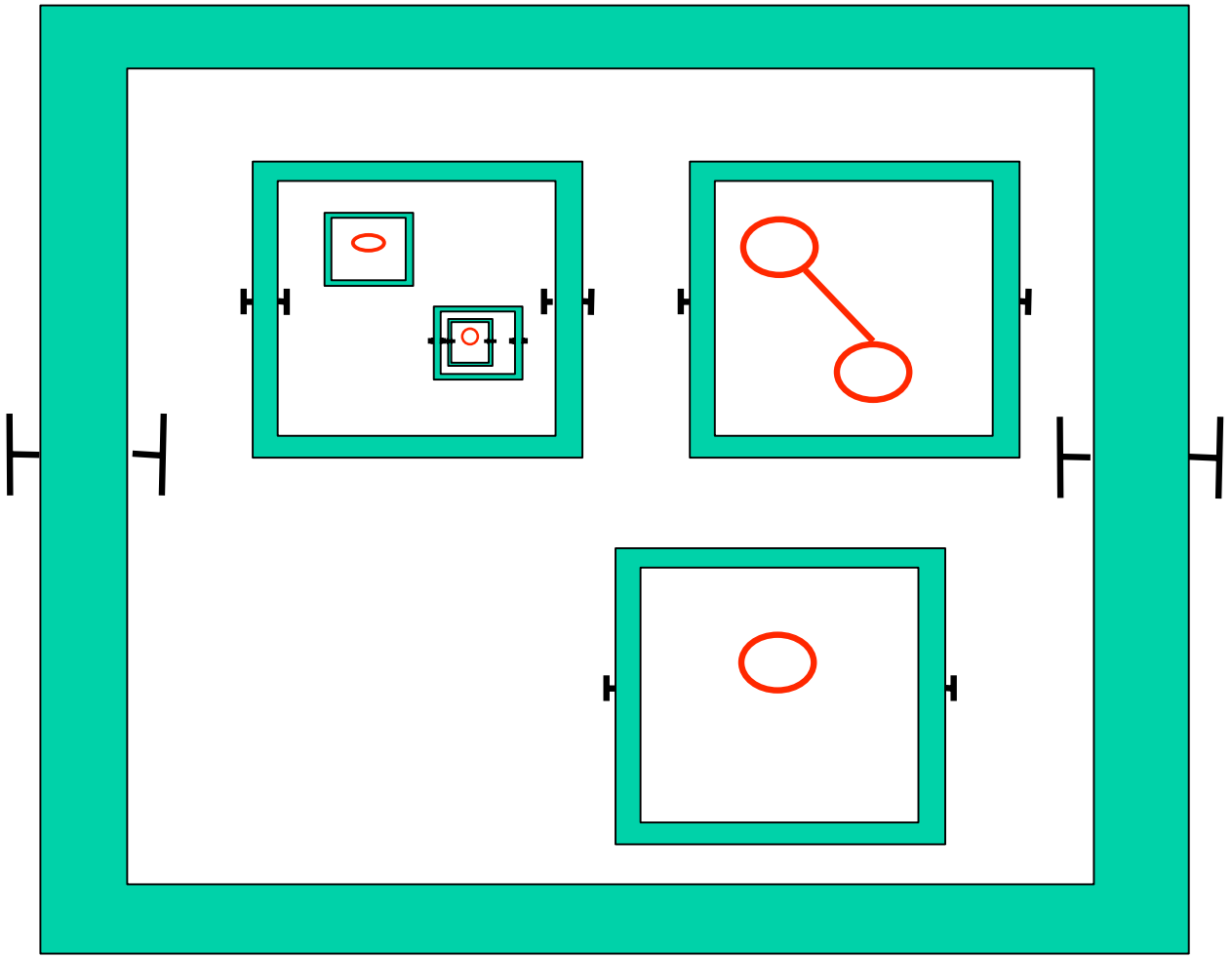

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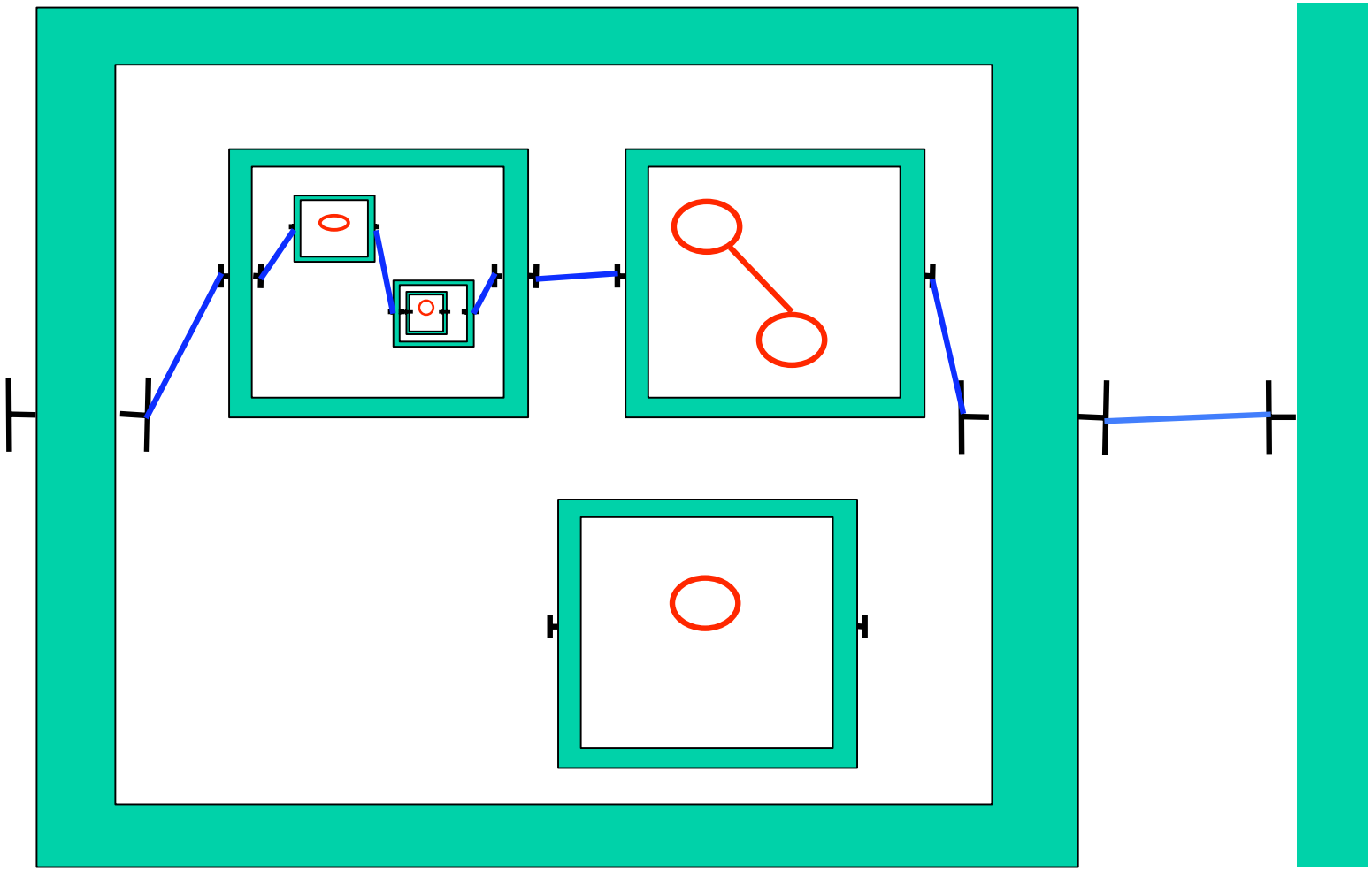
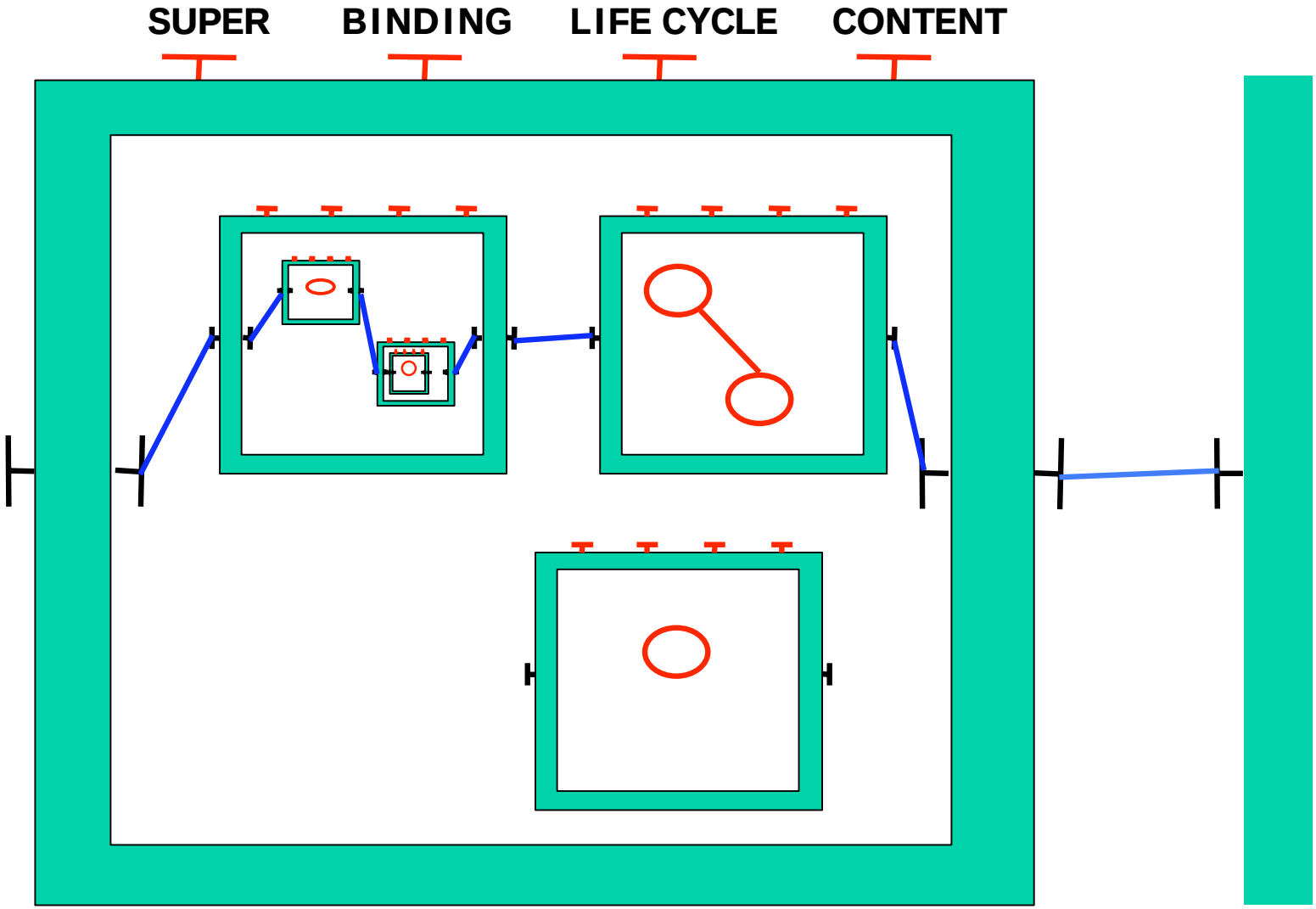


Controllers : non-functional properties



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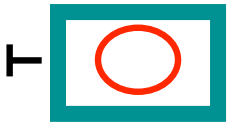
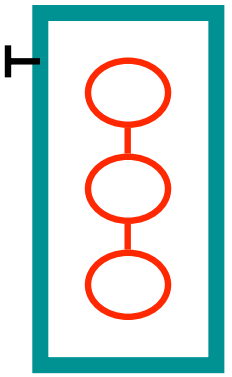
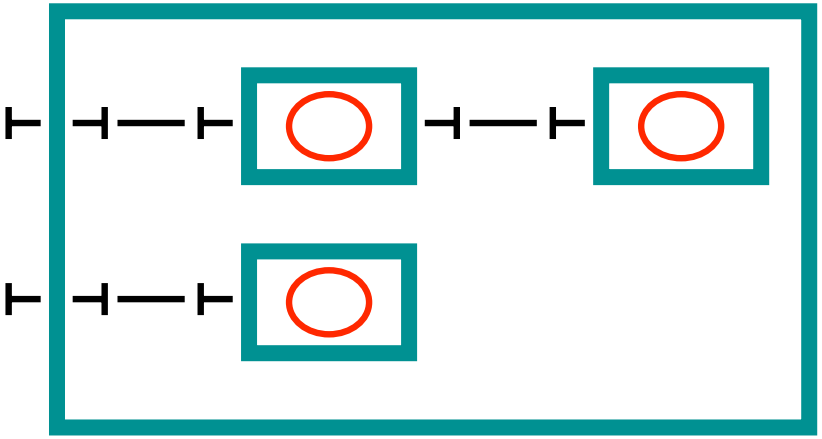
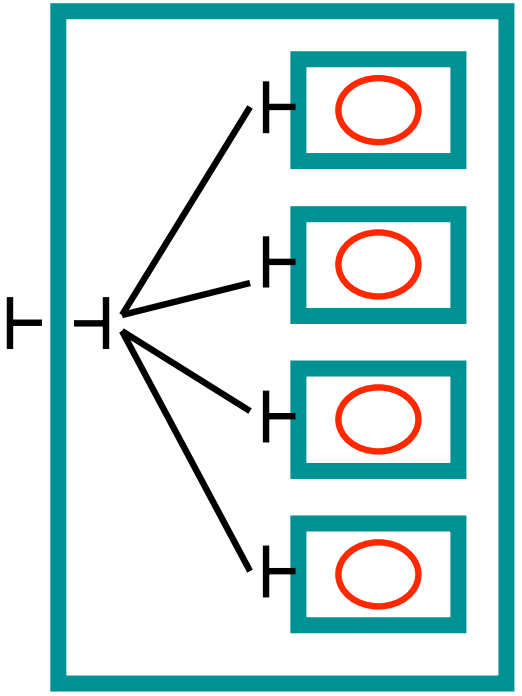
ProActive components : 4 flavors

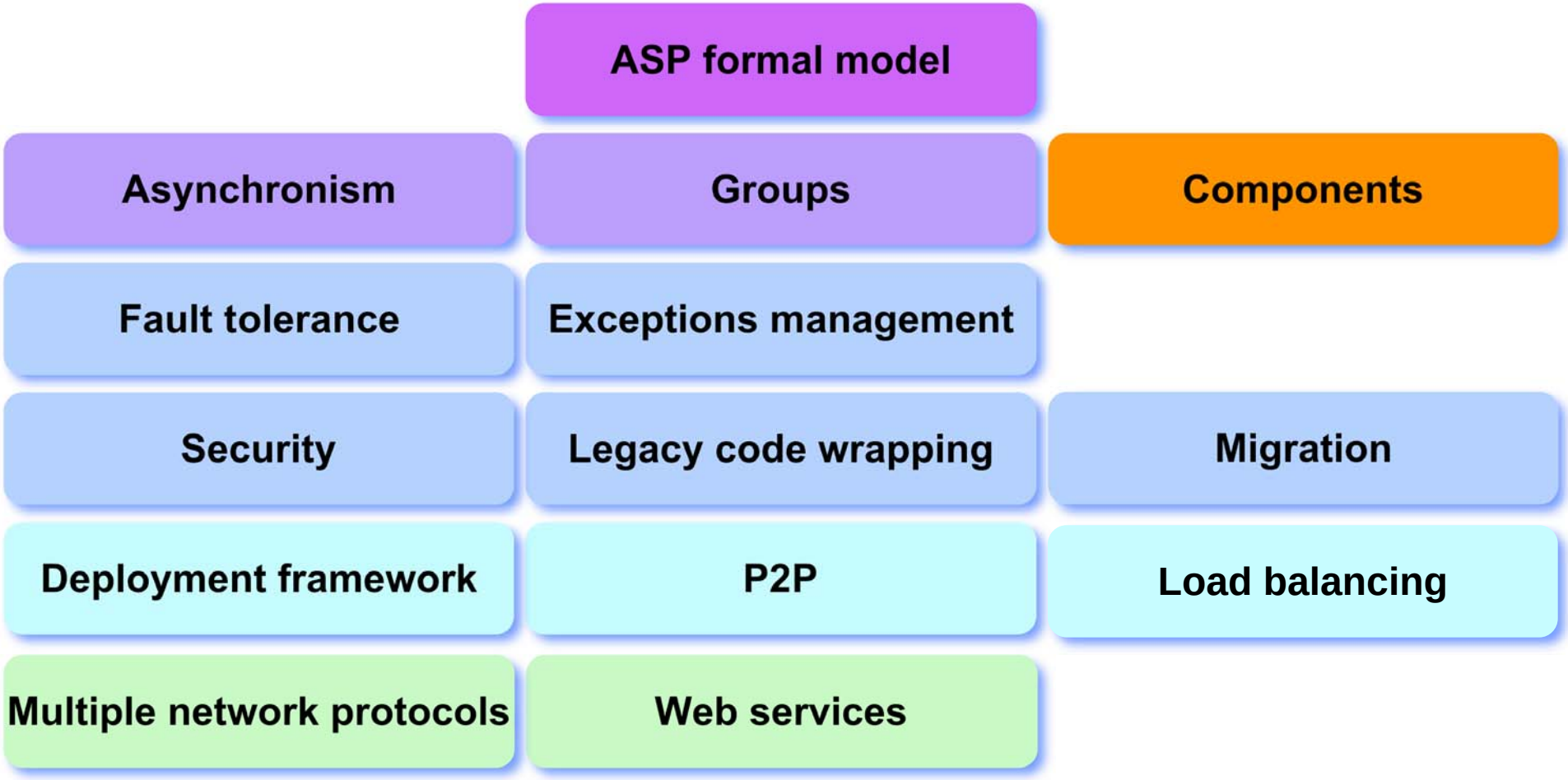






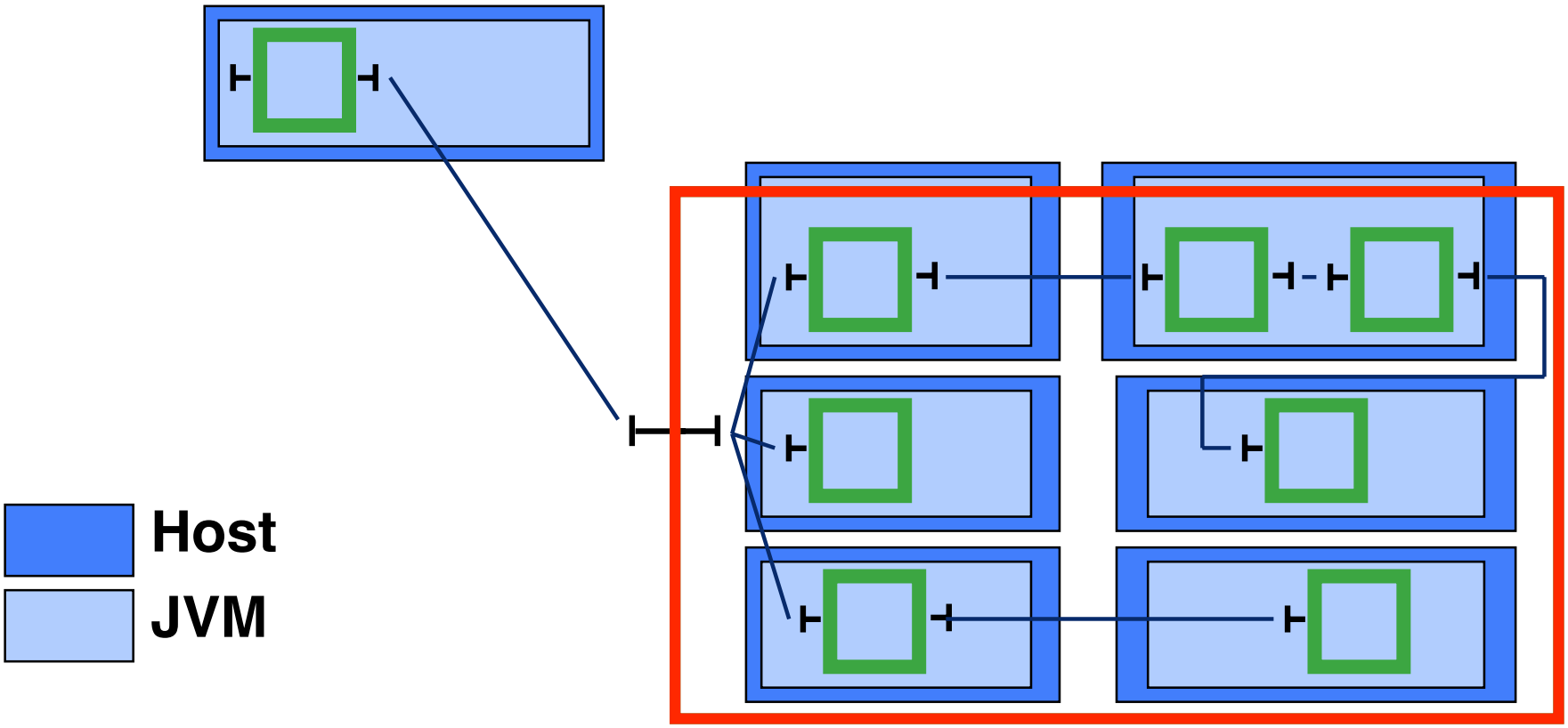


Underlying features are reusable



Distribution

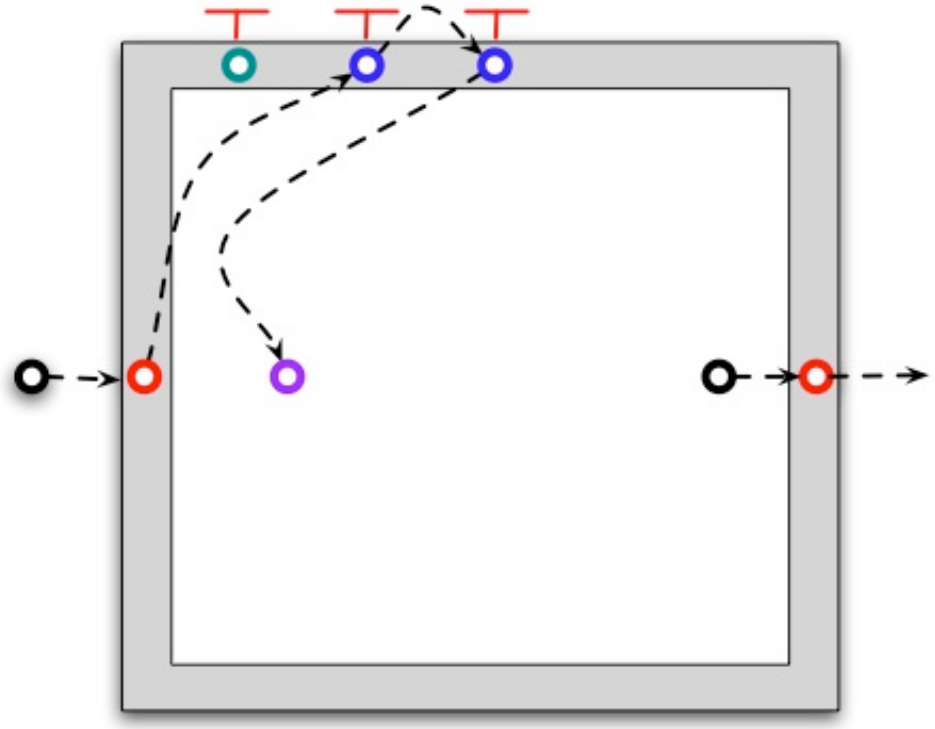
- 1 component can be distributed over several hosts
- Distribution is transparent



Interceptions

- For non-functional concerns
  - Transactions, security
- Pre / post invocations
- Input and output interceptions
- Simple composition

  ⇨ Basic AOP



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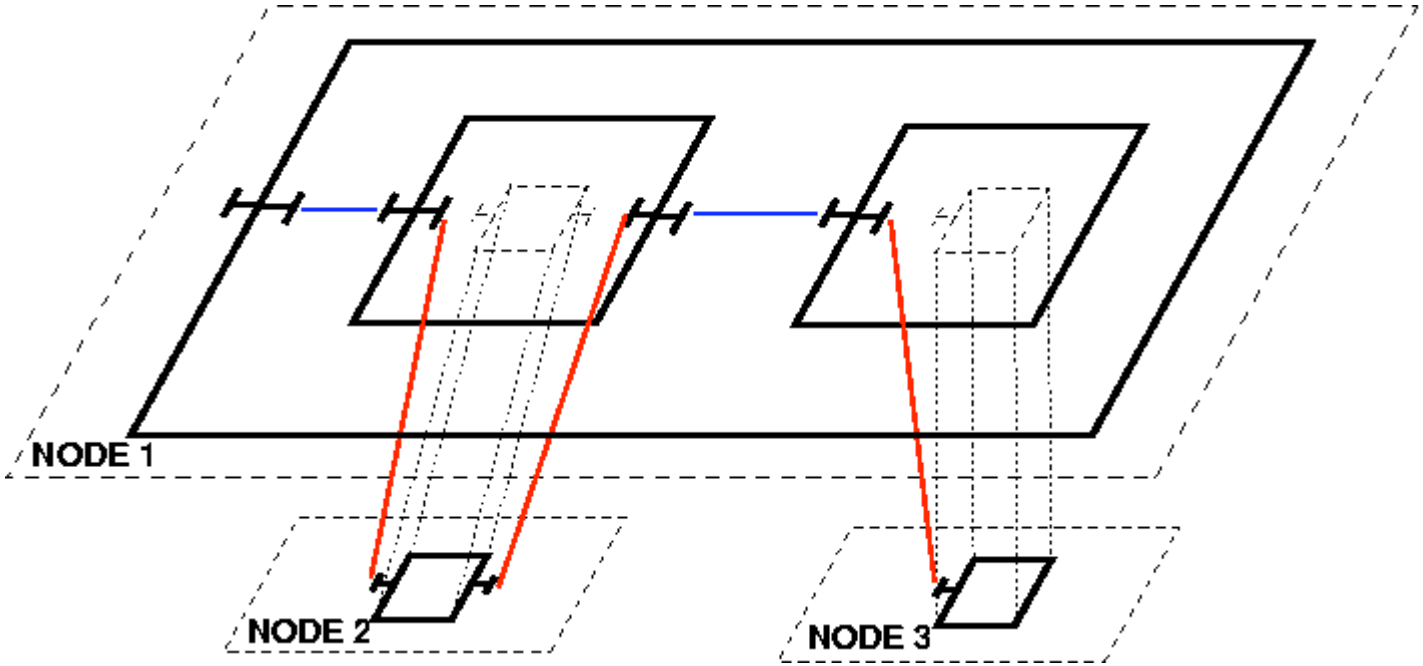

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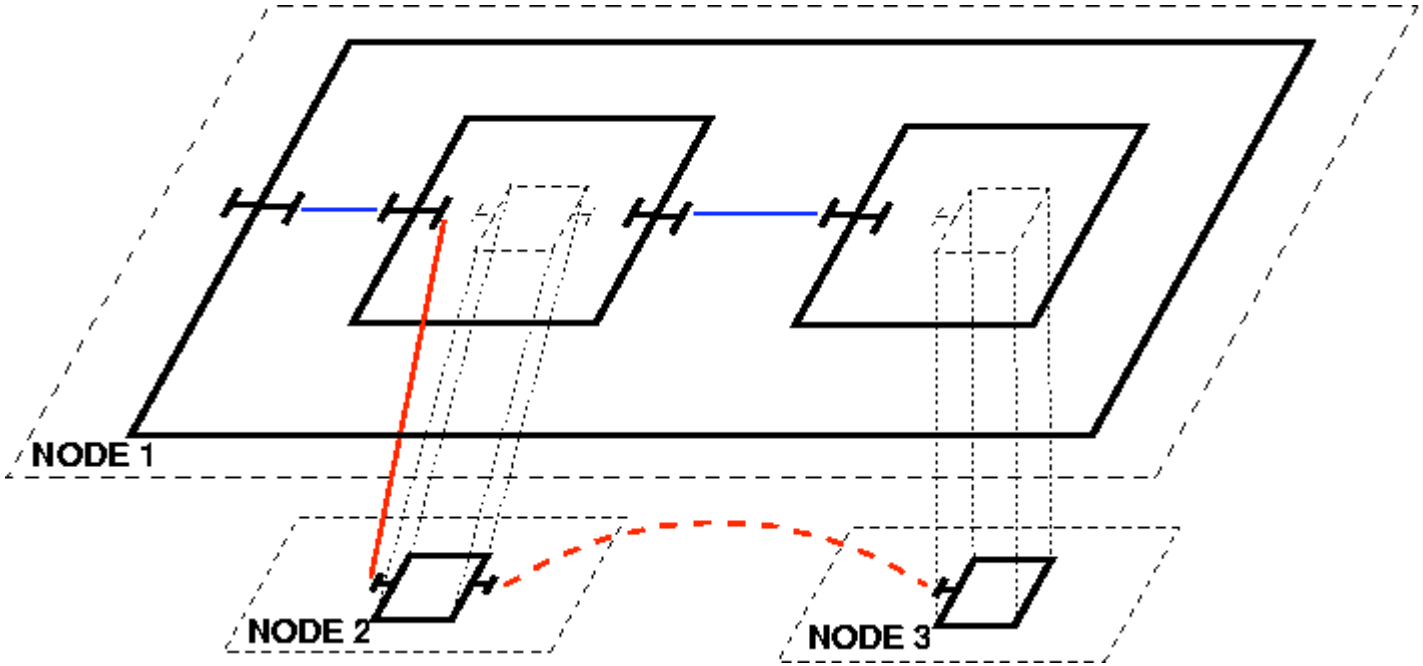


Web Services Integration

- Aim:
  - Expose active objects and components interfaces as Web Services

    ➔ language and technology interoperability

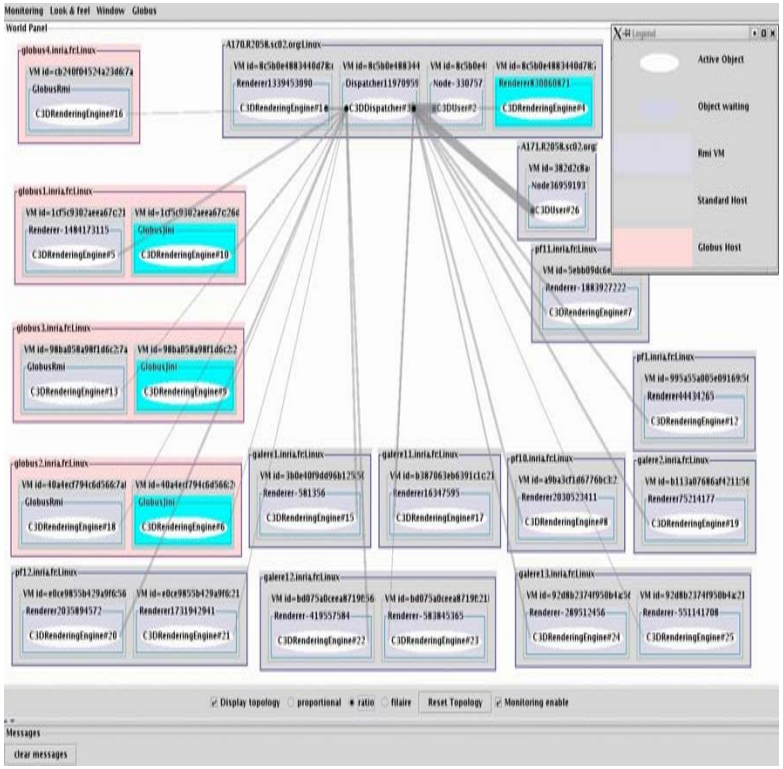
- API
  - Expose an active object as a Web Service on a web server, the user can choose the methods he wants to expose.
    - `exposeAsWebService (Object o, String url, String urn, String [] methods );`
  - Expose the interfaces of a component as Web Services
    - `exposeComponentAsWebService(Component component, String url, String componentName );`

Design and monitoring tools

- Deployment framework
  - virtual nodes
  - connection to hosts
  - creation of remote JVMs
  - instantiation / assembly / binding of components
- common ADL = common tools
  - composition of virtual nodes
  - FractalGUI
    - run-time capabilities

Design and monitoring tools

IC2D



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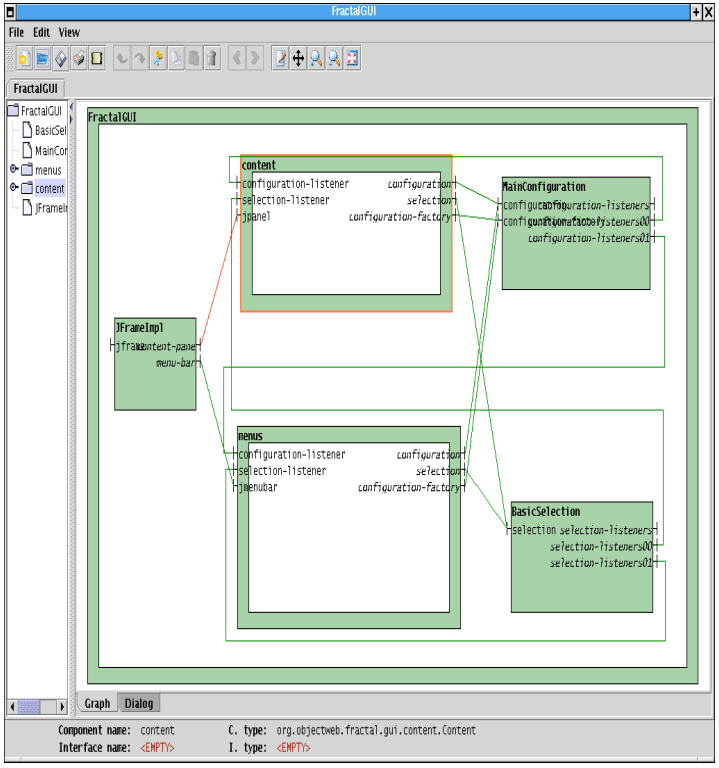
FractalGUI



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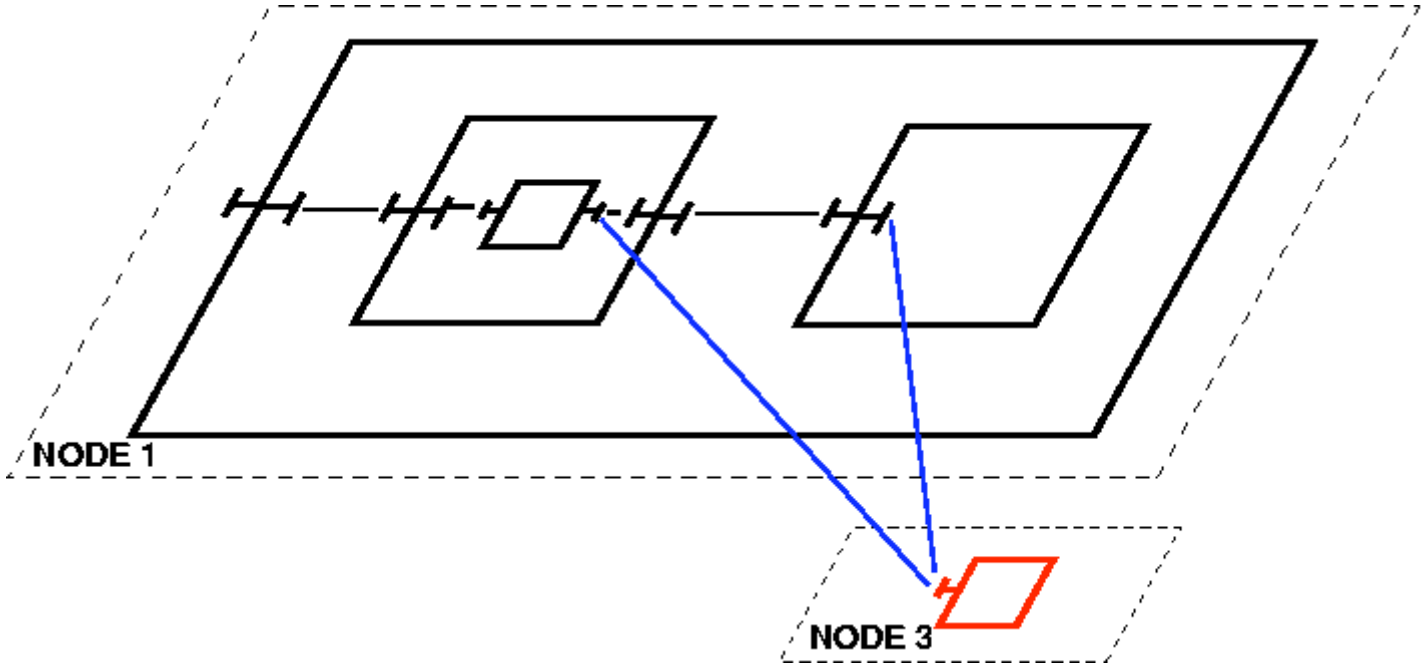
From objects to components

- Experiments on the refactoring of several applications
  - C3D
  - JEM3D
- Methodology
  - From objects to components
- Comparisons with object-oriented versions
  - Ease of design, modularity, extensibility

Sharing ?

- A feature of the Fractal model
- Currently not in our implementation
- Used for representing resources (database, sensors etc...)



Dynamic reconfiguration?

- Featured in the Fractal model but :
- Asynchronous communications?
- Shortcuts ?
- Sharing ?

➔ complex operations !

➔ requires proofs through formalization

Deployment patterns

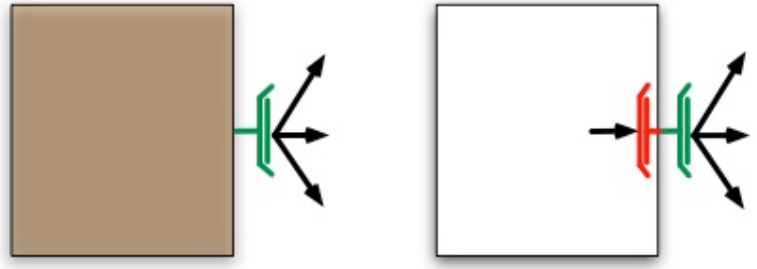
- Common topologies or assemblies automatically mapped and assembled to existing infrastructures
  - 2D grids
  - Pipelines
  - Master-slaves
  - ...
- JEM3D application as a prototype

Legacy code wrapping

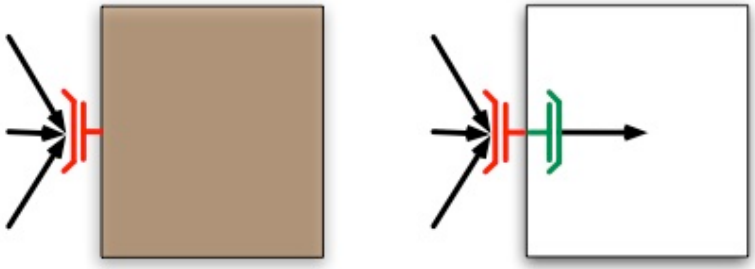
- Towards a generic mechanism
- Concepts :
  - Communication Java <--> parallel native codes --> JNI
  - Normalized interactions
    - MPI/C
    - MPI/Fortran
    - …
- First experiments for multiphysics code coupling with MPI/C (EADS)
  - Presentation by Stéphane Mariani this afternoon

Collective communications

- Multicast
  - Redistribution

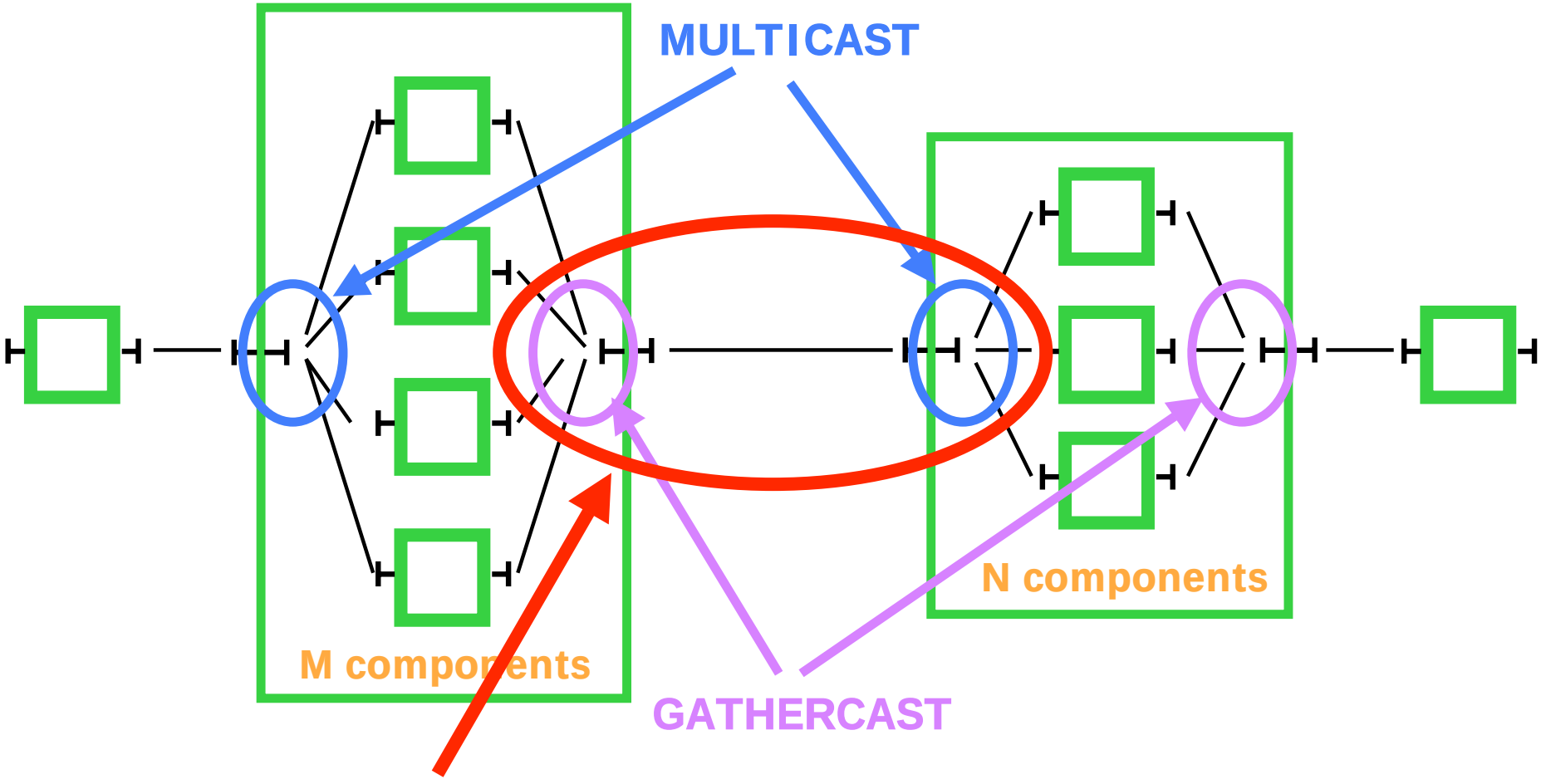


- Gathercast
  - Gathering
  - Synchronization



- Gather-multicast

MxN communications



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- From a component model ...
  - Encapsulation
  - Composition
  - Description
- ... to an implementation ...
  - Based on a Grid middleware
- ... to the specification of a component model for Grid computing
  - Simple
  - Extensible (collective interfaces...)
  - Bottom-up approach

⇨ easier design and management of Grid applications