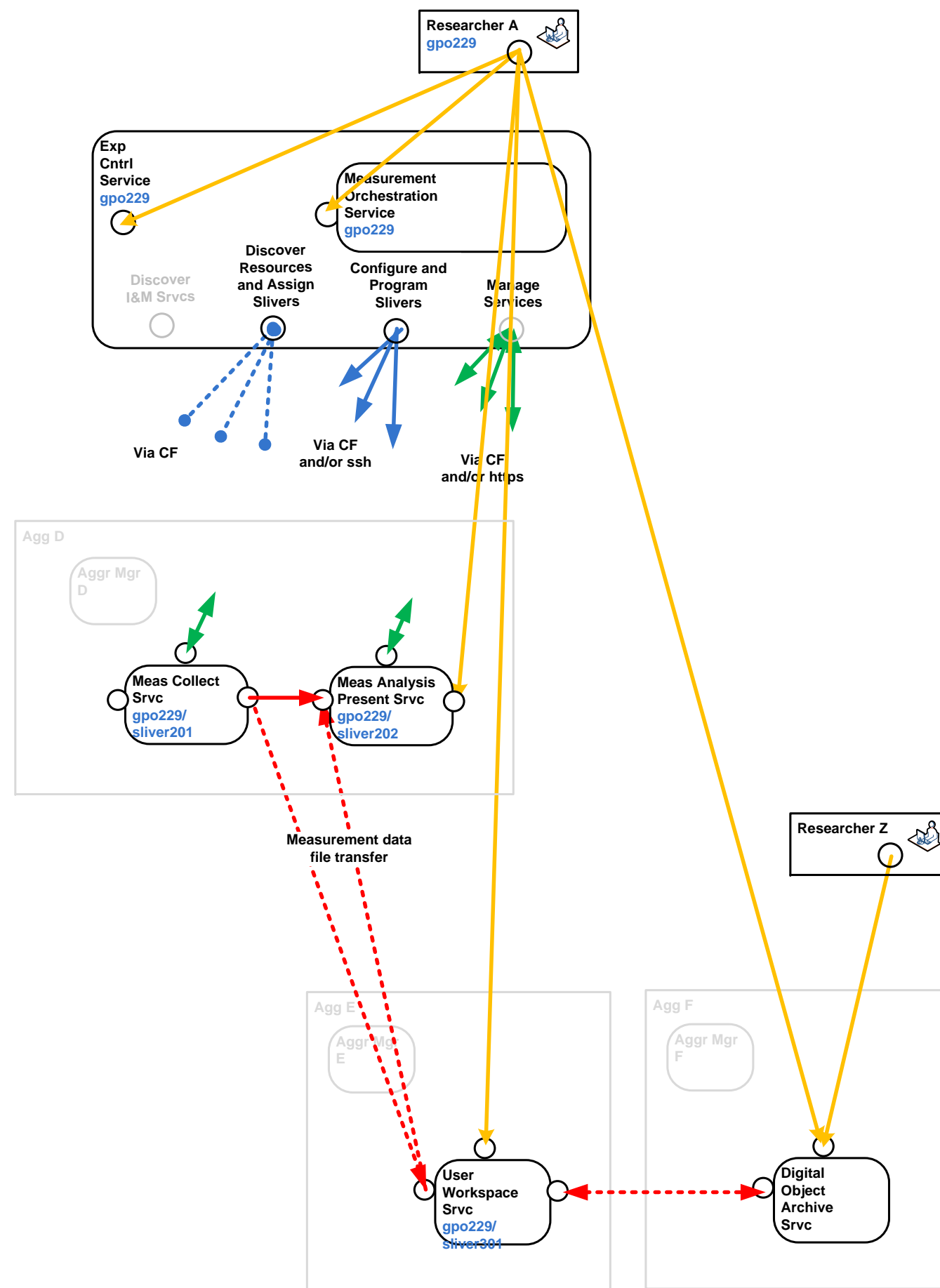


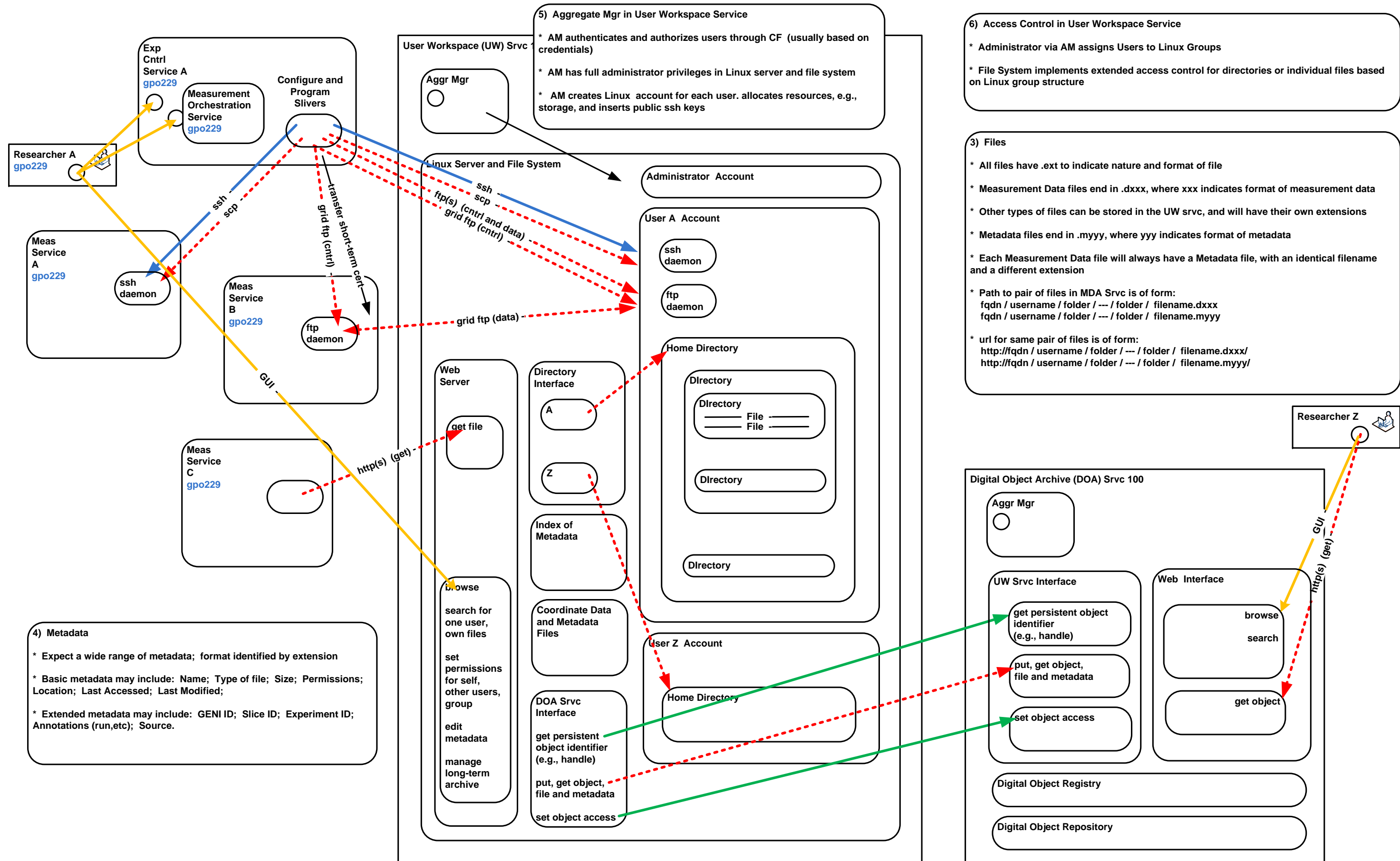
1) Meas Data Archive (MDA) Svc Overview

- * From one to many MDA services are provided for use by GENI users (e.g., researchers).
- * The MDA svc is partitioned for use by multiple GENI users.
- * The MDA svc allows users to store, retrieve, browse, search, share and archive measurement data files, including their associated metadata.
- * The MDA svc is not limited to measurement data, and can be used for other types of files needed by a researcher.
- * The MDA svc utilizes the mechanisms provided by the CF to authenticate and authorize users.
Assume: CF drops public keys of authorized users into MDA svc; presence of key indicates an "account" on the MDA svc
- * The MDA svc is implemented by a User Workspace (UW) Svc, which in turn utilizes an Digital Object Archive (DOA) Svc.
- * The UW svc utilizes a Linux server and file system structure so that the user can easily transfer files to (and from) a familiar Linux home directory structure, which has been customized by and for the user.
- * The UW svc is expected to accumulate a large number (e.g., thousands) of files for a user, which from time to time can be discarded. For example, it might accumulate directories of multiple files for each of 29 runs of a particular experiment. Eventually, run 29 is certified as the "golden run", and all others can be discarded.
- * There can be many UW srvc's. One UW svc is expected to be shared by a natural group(s), so that users in the group can easily share files. Such a group might be a campus, project or slice.
- * A DOA svc is used to archive files for long-term reference, and gives each file a persistent identifier.
- * The DOA svc trusts one or more UW svc's, and accepts files from them.
- * The DOA svc holds files for a long time, with high availability, and makes them available to their owners and to other users, as authorized. For example, the owner may reference a file in a research paper. For example, the owner may make a measurement data set available to other researchers to guide their research.

2) Meas Data Archive (MDA) Svc Use Cases

- * User can transfer meas data (and other types of) files between Exp Cntrl Svc or Meas Svc (or a component) and User Workspace UW) Svc, which contains a Linux home directory structure, setup by user
- * Supported protocols include: scp; ftp(s); grid (third-party) ftp; http(s).
- * When transferring a file, authentication and authorization are done using keys "dropped" by the CF into the involved services
- * User can set directory or file permissions for self, other users and identified groups
- * User can generate metadata file where data is collected, and transfer it in parallel to the UW svc; otherwise, metadata file will be generated in the UW svc
- * User can browse files via ssh or web interfaces
- * User can search metadata via web interface.
- * User can edit metadata, e.g., add annotation, via web interface
- * User can select file(s) (including metadata) for transfer to Digital Object Archive (DOA) Svc, get necessary persistent object identifier, transfer file, and set object access rules
- * User can update file in DOA service
- * User can retrieve file from DOA service
- * User can allow others to browse, search and get files from DOA service





4) Metadata

- * Expect a wide range of metadata; format identified by extension
- * Basic metadata may include: Name; Type of file; Size; Permissions; Location; Last Accessed; Last Modified;
- * Extended metadata may include: GENI ID; Slice ID; Experiment ID; Annotations (run,etc); Source.

5) Aggregate Mgr in User Workspace Service

- * AM authenticates and authorizes users through CF (usually based on credentials)
- * AM has full administrator privileges in Linux server and file system
- * AM creates Linux account for each user. allocates resources, e.g., storage, and inserts public ssh keys

6) Access Control in User Workspace Service

- * Administrator via AM assigns Users to Linux Groups
- * File System implements extended access control for directories or individual files based on Linux group structure

3) Files

- * All files have .ext to indicate nature and format of file
- * Measurement Data files end in .dxxx, where xxx indicates format of measurement data
- * Other types of files can be stored in the UW srvc, and will have their own extensions
- * Metadata files end in .myyy, where yyy indicates format of metadata
- * Each Measurement Data file will always have a Metadata file, with an identical filename and a different extension
- * Path to pair of files in MDA Srvc is of form:
fqdn / username / folder / --- / folder / filename.dxxx
fqdn / username / folder / --- / folder / filename.myyy
- * url for same pair of files is of form:
http://fqdn / username / folder / --- / folder / filename.dxxx/
http://fqdn / username / folder / --- / folder / filename.myyy/

