

Internationalization versus national Concentration

**Perspectives of the Future Development of German
Regional Networks**

Using a Platform based Infrastructure“

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National versus International: a „Short“ Example



founded 02/2004

target audience: English speaking community



founded 11/2005

Target audience: German speaking Community

Attempt of merging failed because of refusal of VZ

coexistence

rivalry



target audience: German speaking Community

founded 3/2008

Comment of a German newspaper:
The German Studi VZ has no reason to fear the competition

What was the Result?

Entwicklung der Visits der VZ-Netzwerke (in Mio.) von Dezember 2010 bis Dezember 2012



Deutschland; IVW

statista

Quelle: IVW

Anzahl der aktiven Nutzer von Facebook in Deutschland von Januar 2010 bis März 2013 (in Millionen)



Deutschland; Facebook Ads Tool; Januar 2010 bis März 2013

statista

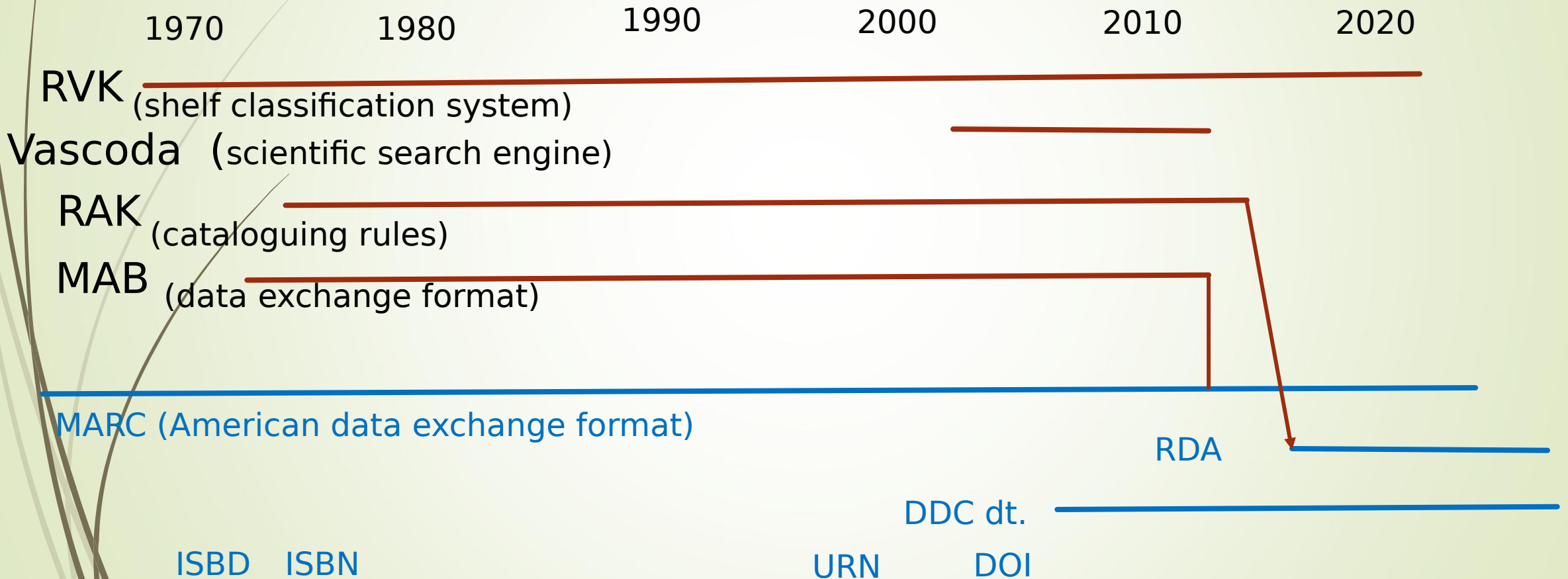
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FAZ 16.10.2011: „silently StudiVZ is dying“
 Spiegel online 11.06.2012: „Holtzbrinck is burying itsVZ networks“

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National versus International in the Libraries' World



In the age of the Internet national based structures for the processing of non physical resources are becoming increasingly obsolete

Some Preconditions

- ▮ progressive internationalization of research requires globally available resources of information.
- ▮ The German scientific landscape expects an increasing adaption and integration of existing retrieval and access functionalities into international systems .
- ▮ Cataloguing rules become international (RDA, area -wide implementation in Germany 2015; for Authority Files already in autumn 2014)
- ▮ Leading providers of library systems software act international and are offering cloud based system solutions.
(**Ex Libris - Alma; OCLC - WMS**, Proquest - Intota, Innovative - Sierra)
- ▮ More than 80% of German libraries are customers of **these providers**
- ▮ **The German Scientific Council expects a radical challenge from the Regional Networks**

From „Silos“ to „Platforms“ or from Containers into Clouds



You Tube

SkyDrive

Office 365

Dropbox

WorldCat

arXiv.org

What is Describing Cloud Based Library Systems?

- Software is not bought, but services are licensed.
- New system environments are based on integrated, internationally directed data services (global databases like WorldCat or ExLibris Community Zone).
- New system environments are integrating the functionalities of regional data hubs **and** „traditional“ ILS.
- In addition of the development and the processing of platform based services, leading providers like OCLC/Ex Libris offer explicitly the possibility to add customer specific enhancements by themselves or by third parties („App Gallery“).

Components of a New Infrastructure

- Cataloguing happens internationally in cloud based systems (no regional or national catalog data base!)
- There will be several international platforms for cataloguing (exemplified by: OCLC - WMS; Ex Libris - ALMA)
- Regional Union Catalogues will vanish step by step
- Local systems functionalities (acquisition, circulation,...) will stepwise migrate into new cloud environments (as technically and legally possible). Additional functionalities will be developed via open platforms.

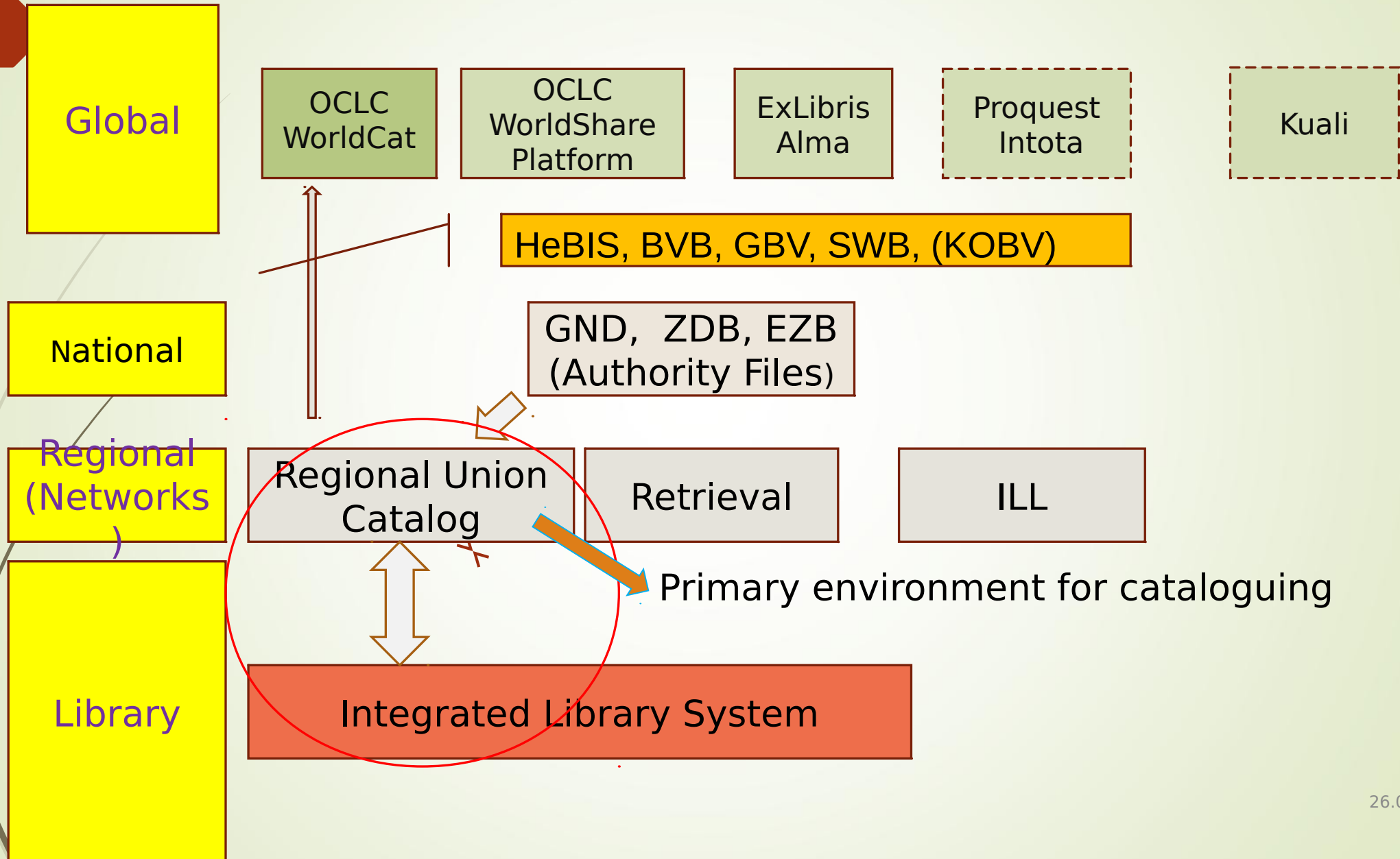
Preferences of a New Infrastructure

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- Embedded into international developments
- Less intensive self activities e.g.
 - Generation of FRBR - Structures
 - Adaption of RDA
- Important synergy benefits in the fields of system administration and maintenance
- The selected approach totally includes „the ILS world“ .
- Apps allow the integration of „third party applications“ via „state of the art“ concept.

Library Systems Today (in Germany)

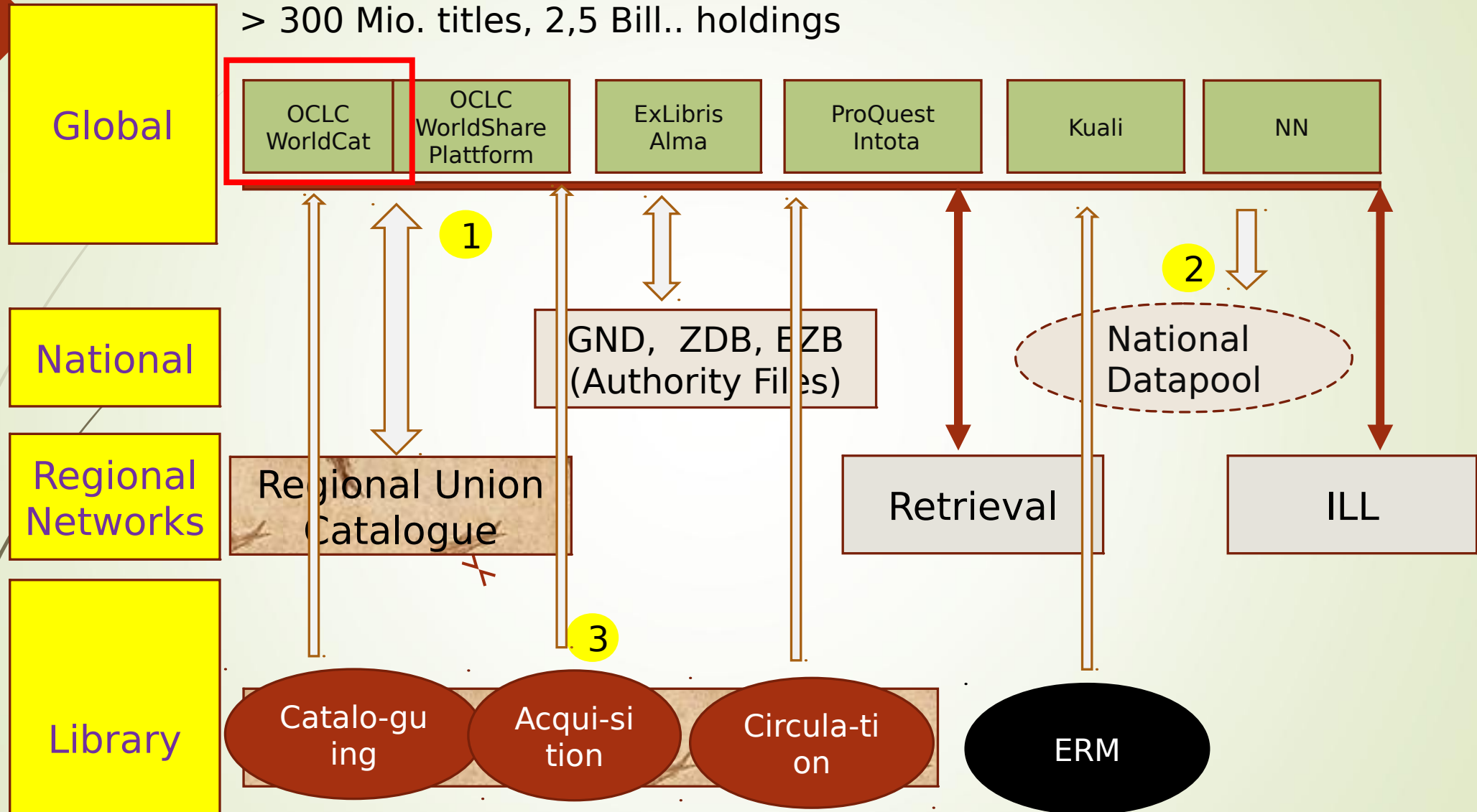
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Library Systems 2017

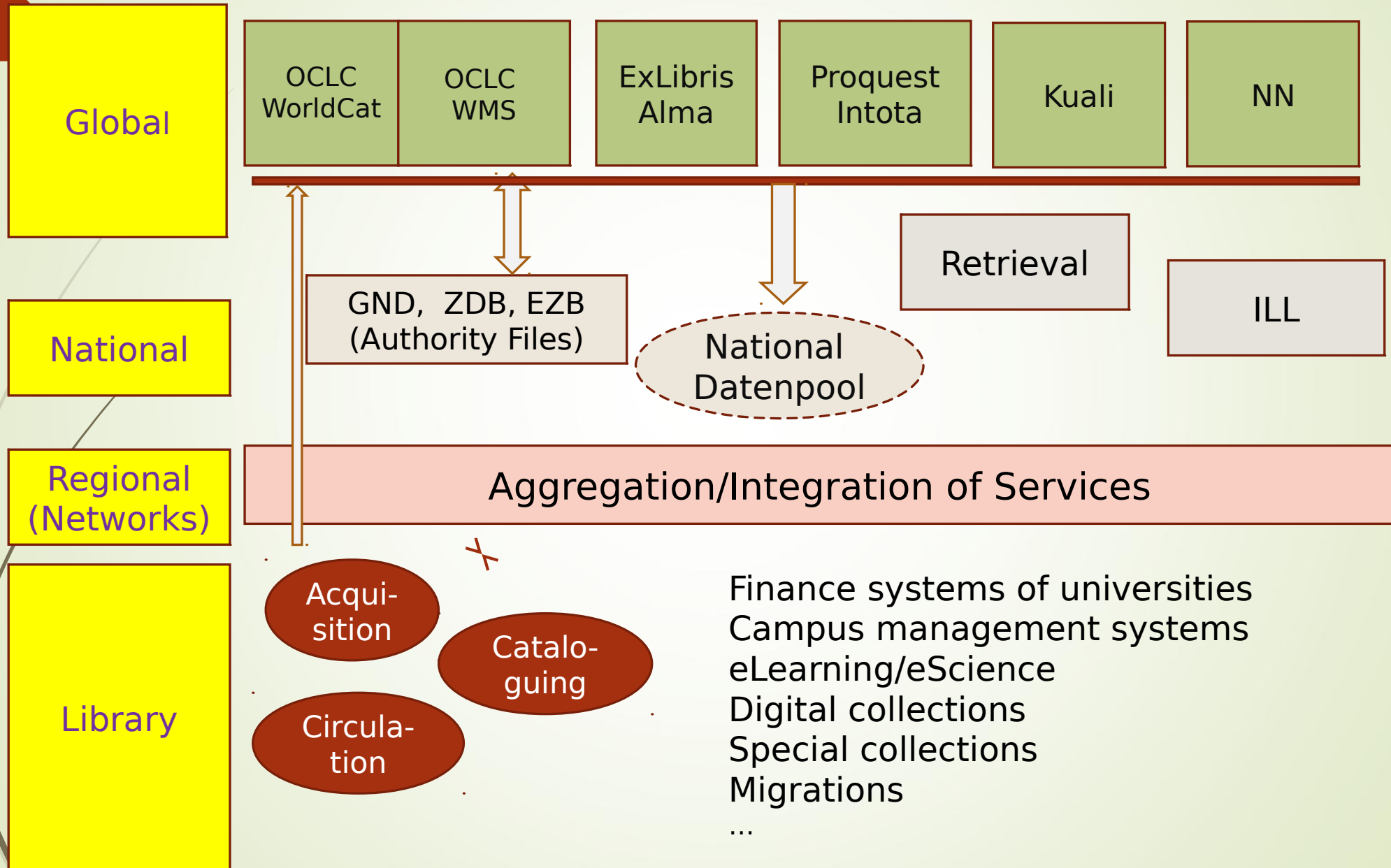
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> 300 Mio. titles, 2,5 Bill.. holdings



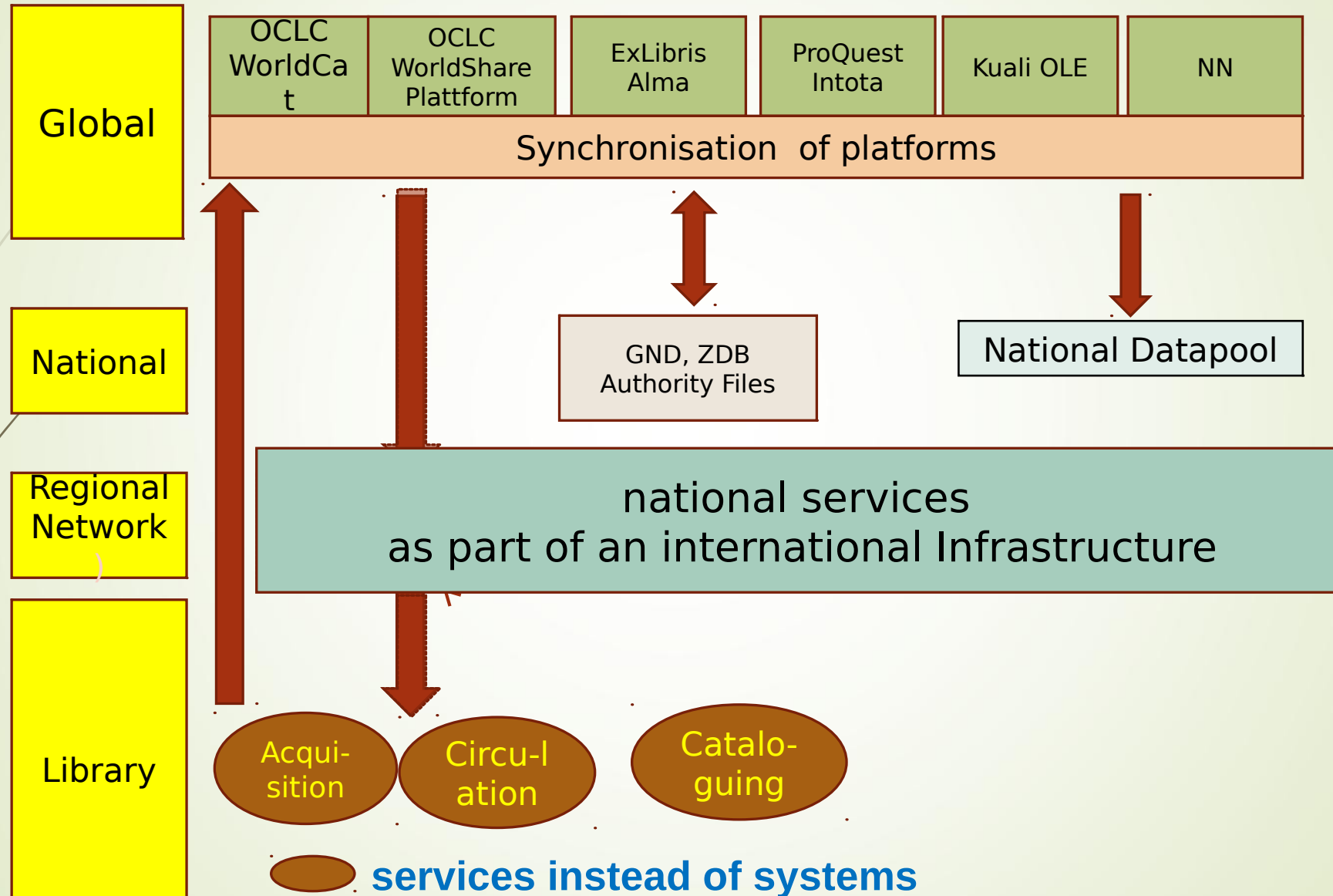
Library System 2017: Regional Networks as Aggregators

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Library Systems in Transition

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What Are Important Topics ?

- Data security, data privacy, models of participation
- Maintenance of existing authority files
- Arrangement of open developer platforms
- Efficiency- and synergy benefits to free up resources for innovations
- Active participation in the transformation process. Orientation at the strategic interest of libraries, to position themselves as a partner for education, teaching, and research.
- Objective is a cloud based infrastructure which covers the needs of the libraries.

Many thanks for your patient listening!

До скорого свидания в облаках

