



Grid Computing

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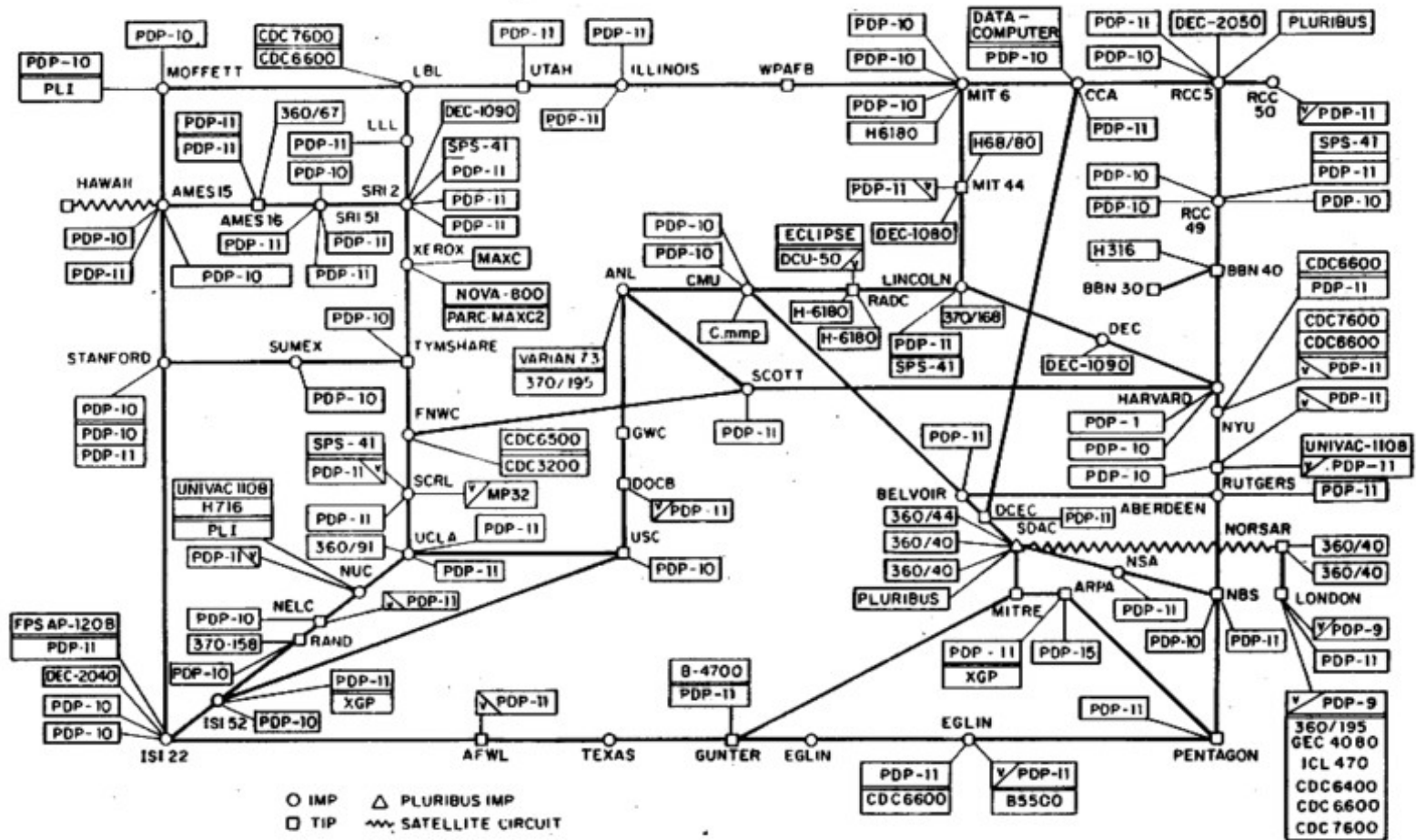


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- Web
- Web 2.0
- Distributed computing
- Grid
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Networking

ARPANET LOGICAL MAP, MARCH 1977



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Networking

- ARPAnet (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network, 1962)
 - MIT, DARPA, US Dept. of Defense,
 - first operational packet switching network
 - data system could use one communications link to communicate with more than one machine by disassembling data into datagrams, then gather these as packets.

29 OCT 69	2100	LOADED OP. PROGRAM	CSK
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		BBV	
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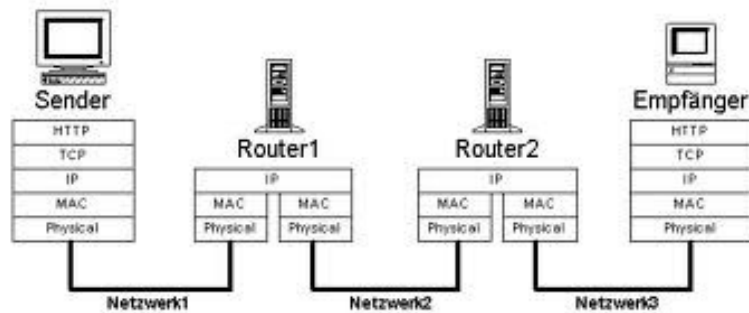
Networking

- + many others (UUCP, NPL, X.25, etc.)
- TCP/IP network stack
- IP(Internet protocol) – datagrams, packets, addressing
 - IP Address
 - 32bit (4 bytes) (e.g. 209.85.229.147)
 - 4,294,967,296 (2^{32})
 - Domain Name System (DNS)
 - www.google.com -> 209.85.229.14
- TCP (Transmission Control Protocol)
 - provides the service of exchanging data reliably directly between two network hosts

Networking

- Routing

- how to deliver packets from one host to another
 - Graph theory
 - Minimum spanning tree
 - Shortest path



- Throughput/Latency

- average rate of successful message delivery over a communication channel
 - 10Mbit/100Mbit/1Gbit
- measure of time delay experienced in a system

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Mise en route réussie du LHC: ce n'est pas la fin du monde!

Le CERN a procédé avec succès ce matin au démarrage du plus grand accélérateur de particules au monde, le Grand collisionneur de hadrons (LHC). A 09h33, le faisceau de protons était injecté dans l'anneau de 27 kilomètres et à 10h25, le tour complet était réalisé pour la première fois. Suivez l'expérience en direct sur [le matin.ch](#) | [Suite](#)

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> Le CERN et la fin du monde

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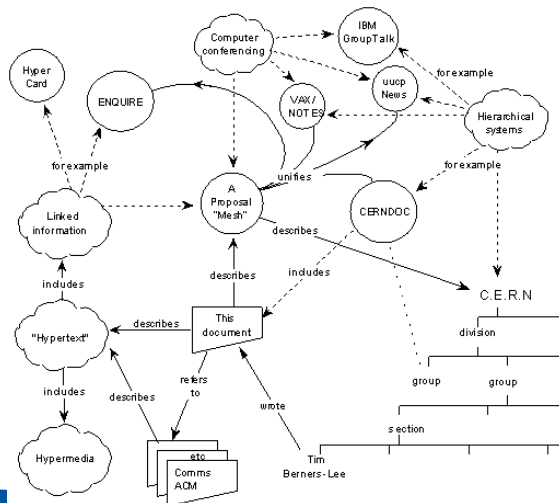
What is the Web ?



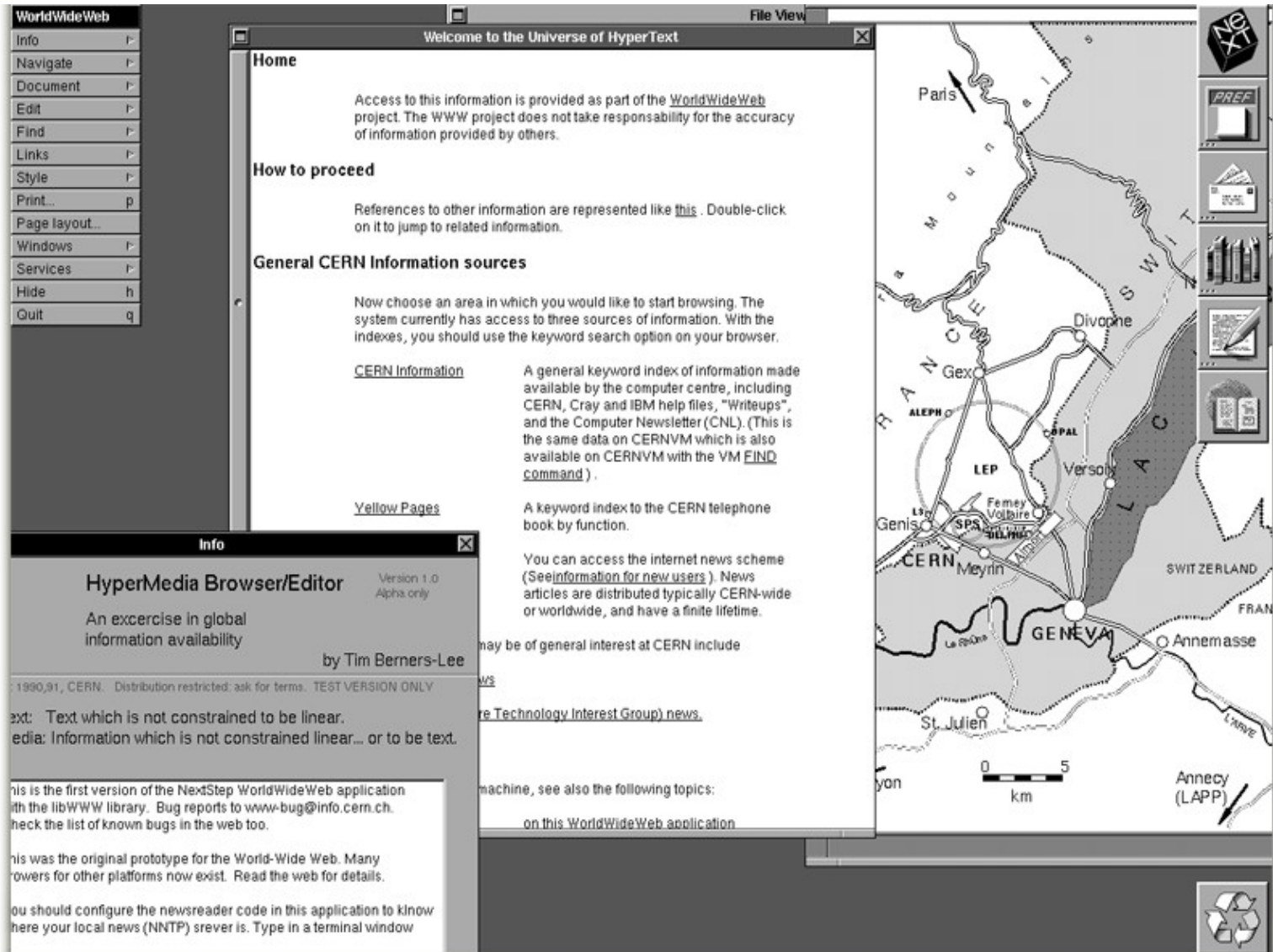
- Internet + Hypertext
- Hypertext ?
 - text displayed on a computer or other electronic device with references

1991: Early **www system released** to HEP via the CERN program library. First web servers located in European physics laboratories.

1993: First Mosaic browser; web reaches 500 servers and 1% of Internet traffic; CERN places **WWW in the public domain**.



Web browser



What happens when you visit a web page

- HTTP (HyperText Transfer Protocol) request

```
GET http://facebook.com/ HTTP/1.1
Accept: application/x-ms-application, image/jpeg, application/xaml+xml, [...]
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; [...])
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: Keep-Alive
Host: facebook.com
Cookie: datr=1265876274-[...]; locale=en_US; lsd=WW[...]; c_user=2101[...]
```

- DNS
 - facebook.com -> 66.220.156.25
- TCP/IP
 - Message -> packets -> datagrams
 - Routed to 66.220.156.25 port 80
- HTTP



What happens when you visit a web page

- HTTP response
 - DNS, TCP/IP
 - HTML (HyperText Markup Language)



```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Cache-Control: private, no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0,
pre-check=0
Expires: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 00:00:00 GMT
P3P: CP="DSP LAW"
Pragma: no-cache
Content-Encoding: gzip
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
X-Cnection: close
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Date: Fri, 12 Feb 2010 09:05:55 GMT
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en"
lang="en" id="facebook" class=" no_js">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
<meta http-equiv="Content-language" content="en" />
...
```

What happens when you visit a web page

```
josh@blackbox: ~  
File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help  
josh@blackbox:~$ telnet en.wikipedia.org 80  
Trying 208.80.152.2...  
Connected to rr.pmtpa.wikimedia.org.  
Escape character is '^]'.  
GET /wiki/Main Page http/1.1  
Host: en.wikipedia.org  
  
HTTP/1.0 200 OK  
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 11:12:06 GMT  
Server: Apache  
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.2.5  
Cache-Control: private, s-maxage=0, max-age=0, must-revalidate  
Content-Language: en  
Vary: Accept-Encoding, Cookie  
X-Vary-Options: Accept-Encoding;list-contains=gzip, Cookie;string-contains=enwikiToken;string-contains=enwikiLoggedOut;string-contains=enwiki_session;  
string-contains=centralauth Token;string-contains=centralauth_Session;string-contains=centralauth_LoggedOut  
Last-Modified: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:44:34 GMT  
Content-Length: 54218  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8  
X-Cache: HIT from sq39.wikimedia.org  
X-Cache-Lookup: HIT from sq39.wikimedia.org:3128  
Age: 3  
X-Cache: HIT from sq38.wikimedia.org  
X-Cache-Lookup: HIT from sq38.wikimedia.org:80  
Via: 1.0 sq39.wikimedia.org:3128 (squid/2.6.STABLE18), 1.0 sq38.wikimedia.org:80 (squid/2.6.STABLE18)  
Connection: close  
  
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">  
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en" dir="ltr">  
  <head>  
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</li>  
  </ul>  
</div>  
  
  <script type="text/javascript">if (window.runOnloadHook) runOnloadHook();</script>  
<!-- Served by srv93 in 0.050 secs. --></body></html>  
Connection closed by foreign host.  
josh@blackbox:~$
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Request

Response headers

Response body



Web

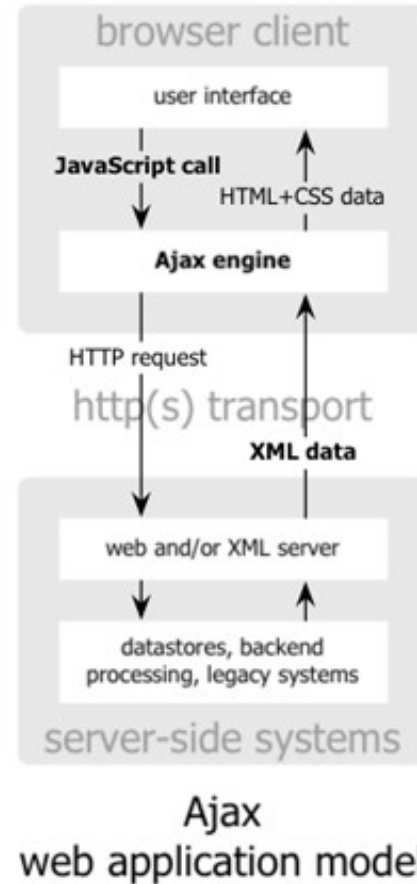
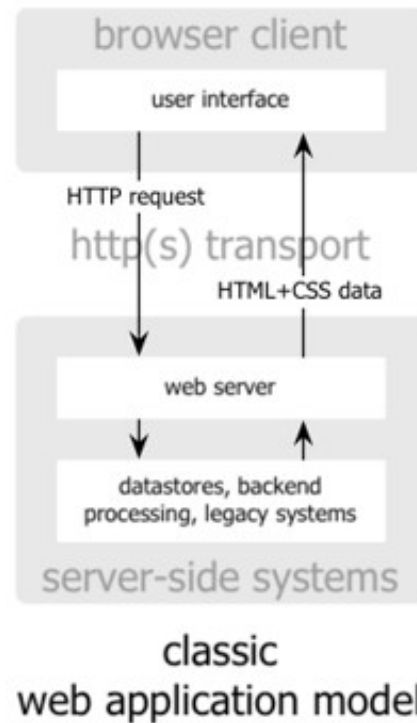
- Search
 - Pagerank – Sergey Brin, Larry Page (Google)
 - rank web pages that match a given search string
 - assumes that web pages linked from many important pages are themselves likely to be important
 - a recursive score for pages, based on the weighted sum of the PageRanks of the pages linking to them

Web 2.0



Web 2.0

- Javascript
- AJAX



Semantic Web

- group of methods and technologies to allow machines to understand the meaning - or "semantics" - of information on the Web
- Based on
 - Logic models
 - Information retrieval
 - Machine learning
- e.g. Wolfram Alpha (<http://www.wolframalpha.com/>)

Distributed systems

- Distributed system
 - Web (WIKIPEDIA)
 - Torrent
 - Distributed computing system:
 - Data intensive (Hadoop)
 - CPU intensive (Condor)


Distributed systems

- Common properties
 - Fault tolerance
 - When one or some nodes fails, the whole system can still work fine except performance.
 - Need to check the status of each node
 - Each node play partial role
 - Each computer has only a limited, incomplete view of the system. Each computer may know only one part of the input.
 - Resource sharing
 - Each user can share the computing power and storage resource in the system with other users
 - Load Sharing
 - Dispatching several tasks to each nodes can help share loading to the whole system.
 - Easy to expand
 - We expect to use few time when adding nodes. Hope to spend no time if possible.

Wikipedia

- Web

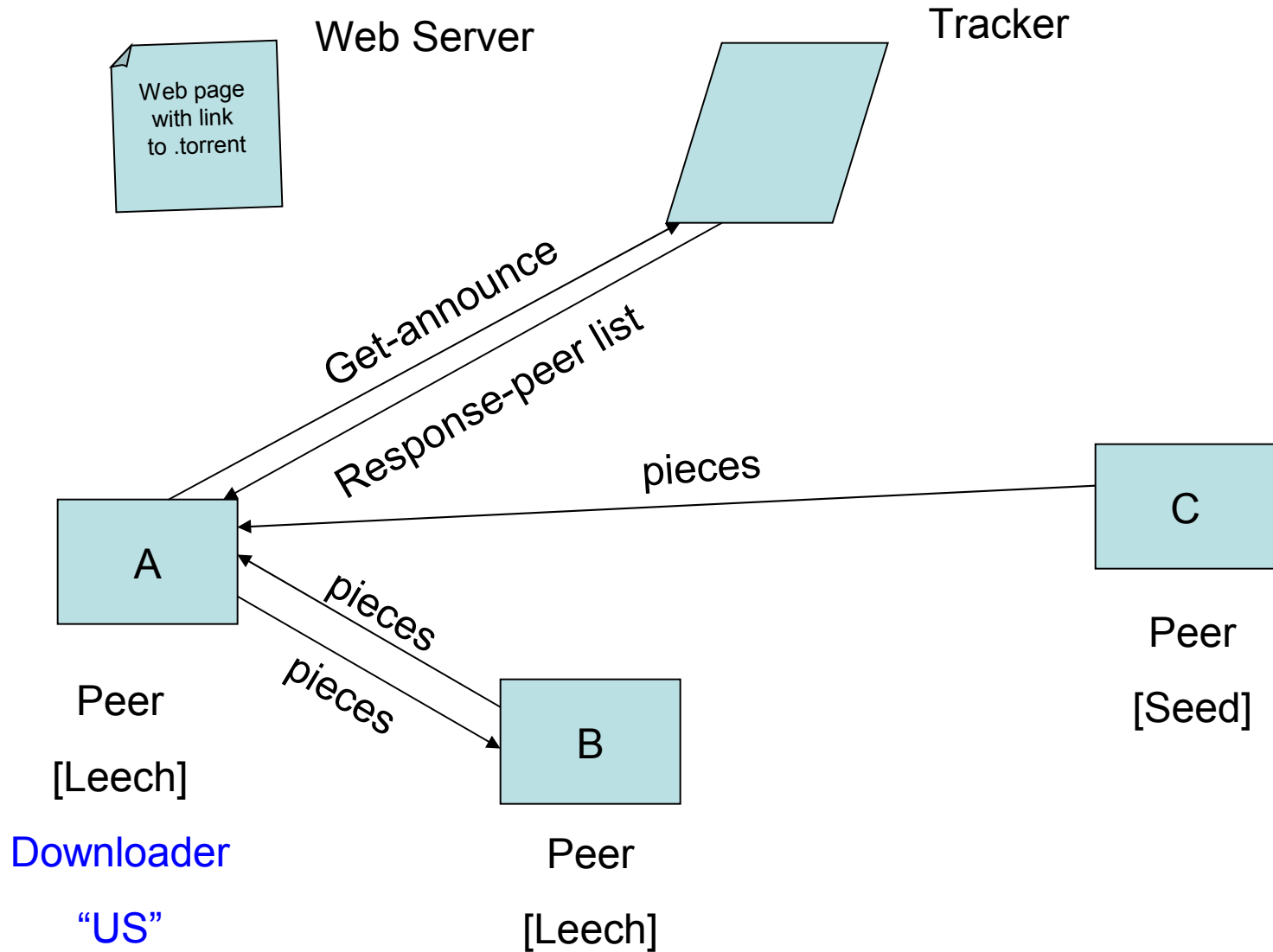
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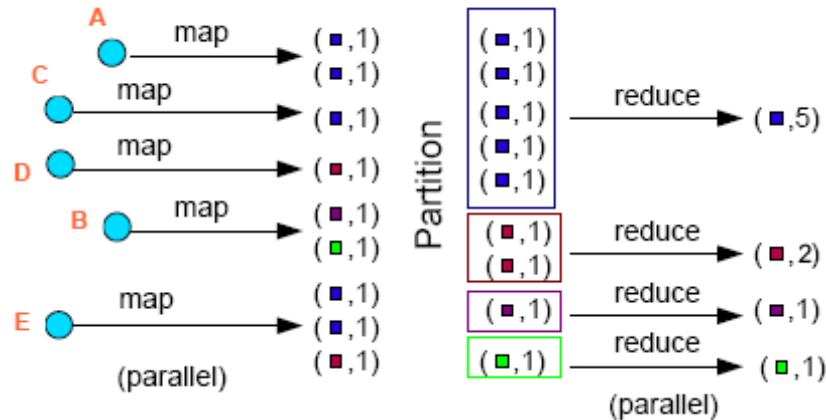


Hadoop (MapReduce)

MapReduce Algorithm Example

count the appearances of each different word in a set of documents

Map(A, ●) -> Foreach(■) Foreach(■)
 n x Map(■,1) Reduce(■, list_n(1)) -> Map(■, sum(n))



All documents are processed in parallel

Each document is split up into maps with key = word and value = word count

The reduce function processes the partitions in parallel and returns a result map

Legend:

- document content (text)
- A document name (title)
- single word (different color = different word)

□ partition

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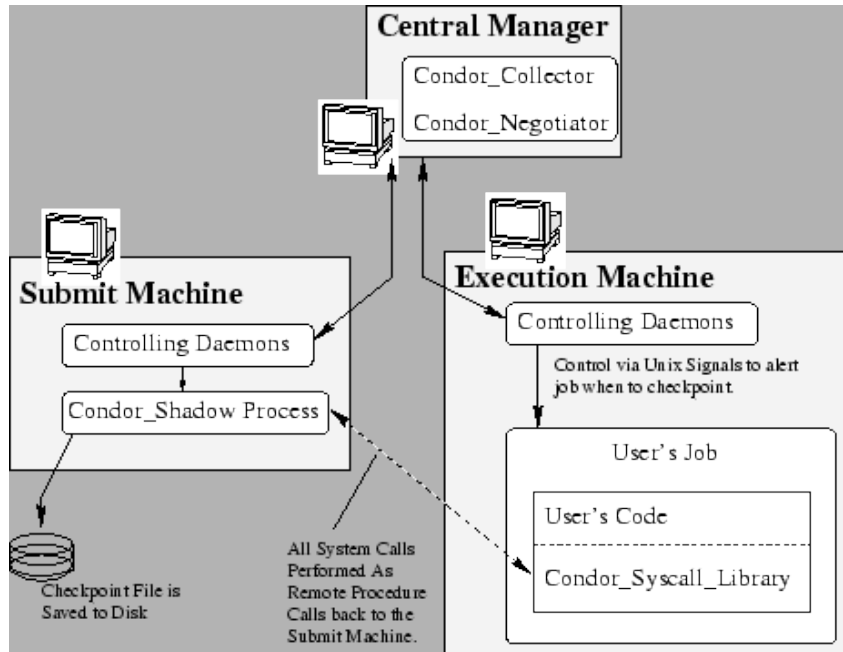
Condor

- Distributed computing (clusters, farms)



Condor

- 1992
- Queuing policy
 - Match task and computing nodes
- Resource Classification
 - Each resource can advertise its attributes and master can classify according to this
- 2010 (680k LOC)
 - Apache Web Server: ~60,000 LOC
 - Linux TCP/IP network stack: ~80,000 LOC
 - Windows XP (complete) : ~40 million LOC



What is the Grid?

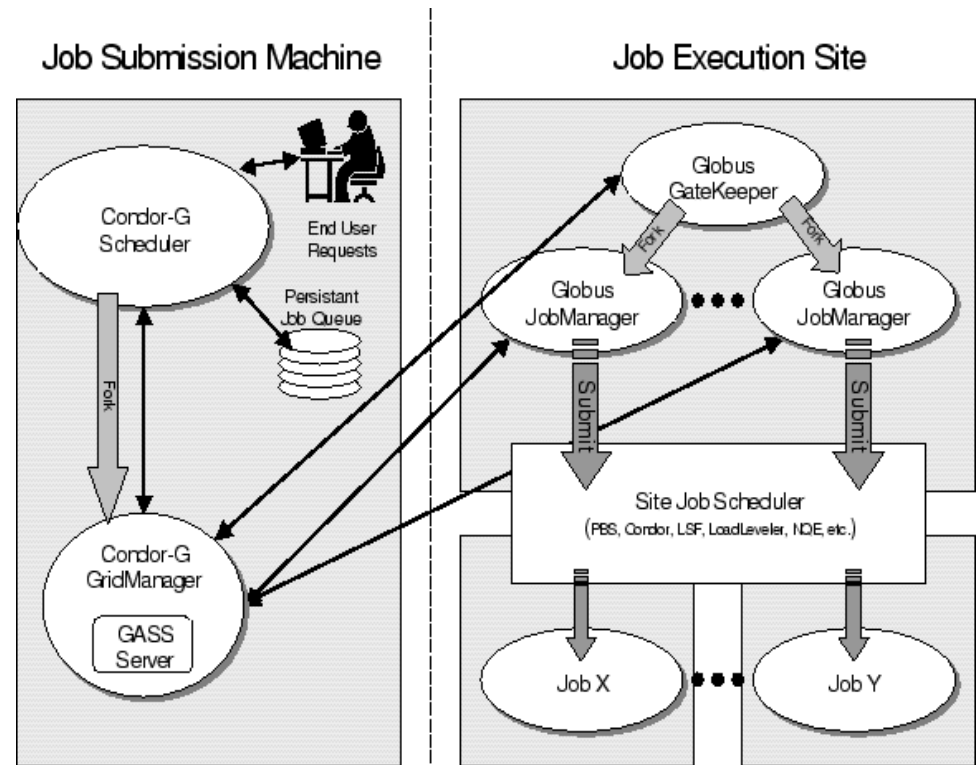
The **World Wide Web** provides seamless access to information that is stored in many millions of different geographical locations

The **Grid** is an infrastructure that provides seamless access to computing power and data storage capacity distributed over the globe



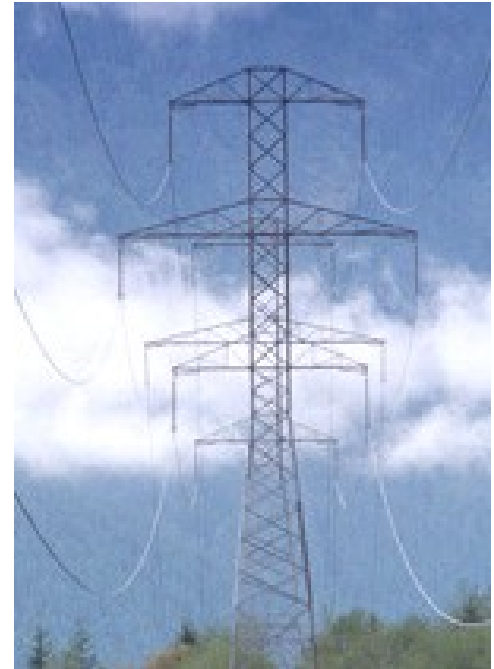
What is the Grid?

- Distributed computing + Web ;-)
- Request/response
 - Data resource (dataset)
 - Computational job



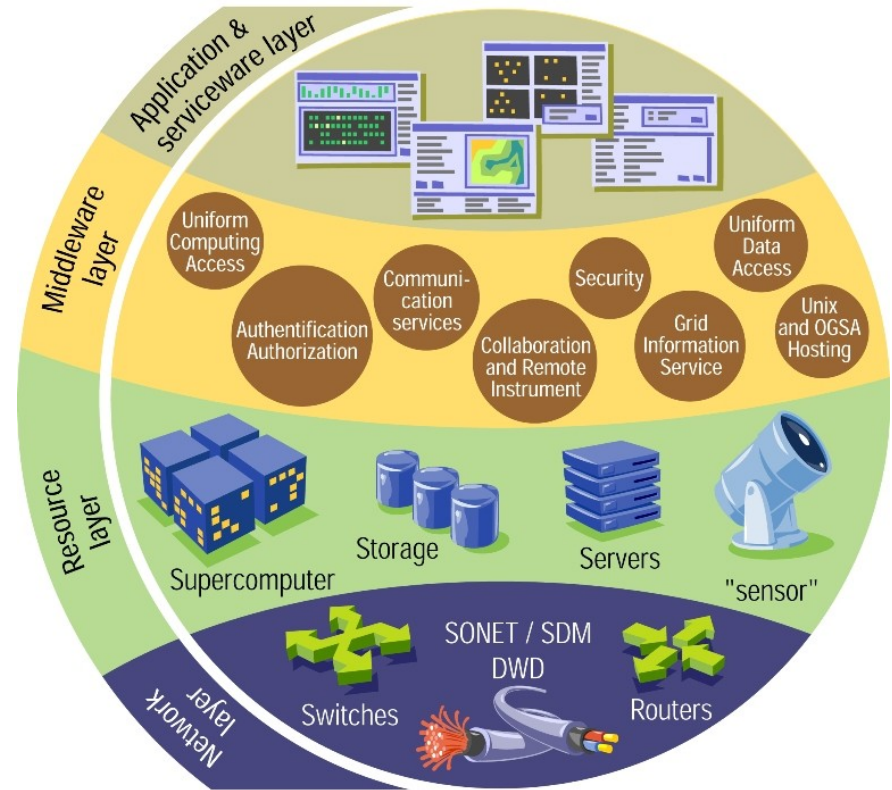
Grid history

- Name “Grid” chosen by analogy with electric power grid (Foster and Kesselman 1997)
- Vision: plug-in computer for processing power just like plugging in toaster for electricity.
- Concept has been around for decades (distributed computing, metacomputing)
- Key difference with the Grid is to realise the vision on a global scale.



How does the Grid work?

- It relies on advanced software, called **middleware**.
- Middleware automatically finds the **data** the scientist needs, and the **computing power** to analyse it.
- Middleware balances the load on different resources. It also handles **security**, **accounting**, **monitoring** and much more.



Virtual Organization

High Energy Physics, Earth Observation and Biology are examples of communities made up of several institutions and individuals sharing the same interests and the same scientific goals. They greatly benefit from putting together their computing resources, data and scientific instruments.

Such distributed communities are called *Virtual Organisations*.

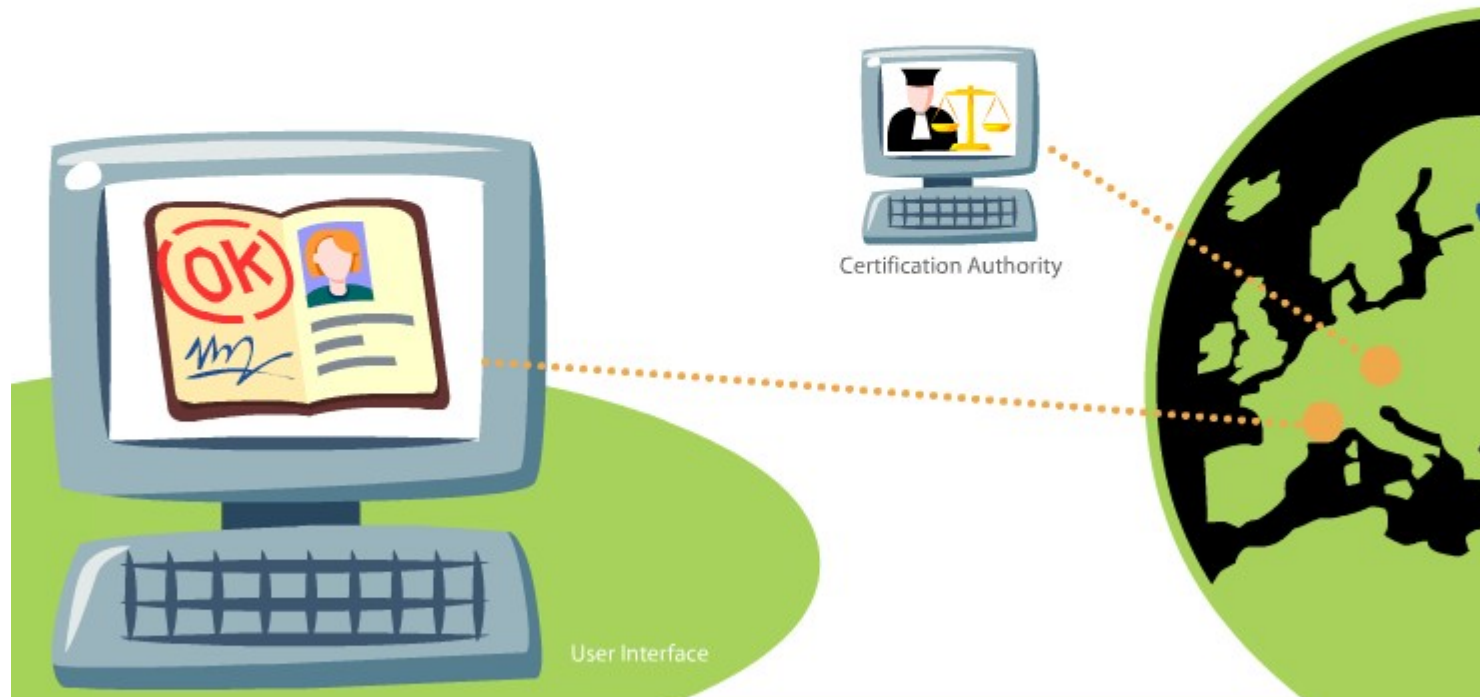


Step 1: Join Virtual Organization

To have access to the Grid facility, you need to join a *Virtual Organisation*.



Step 3: Get a permission



Step 4: Write a file describing your job

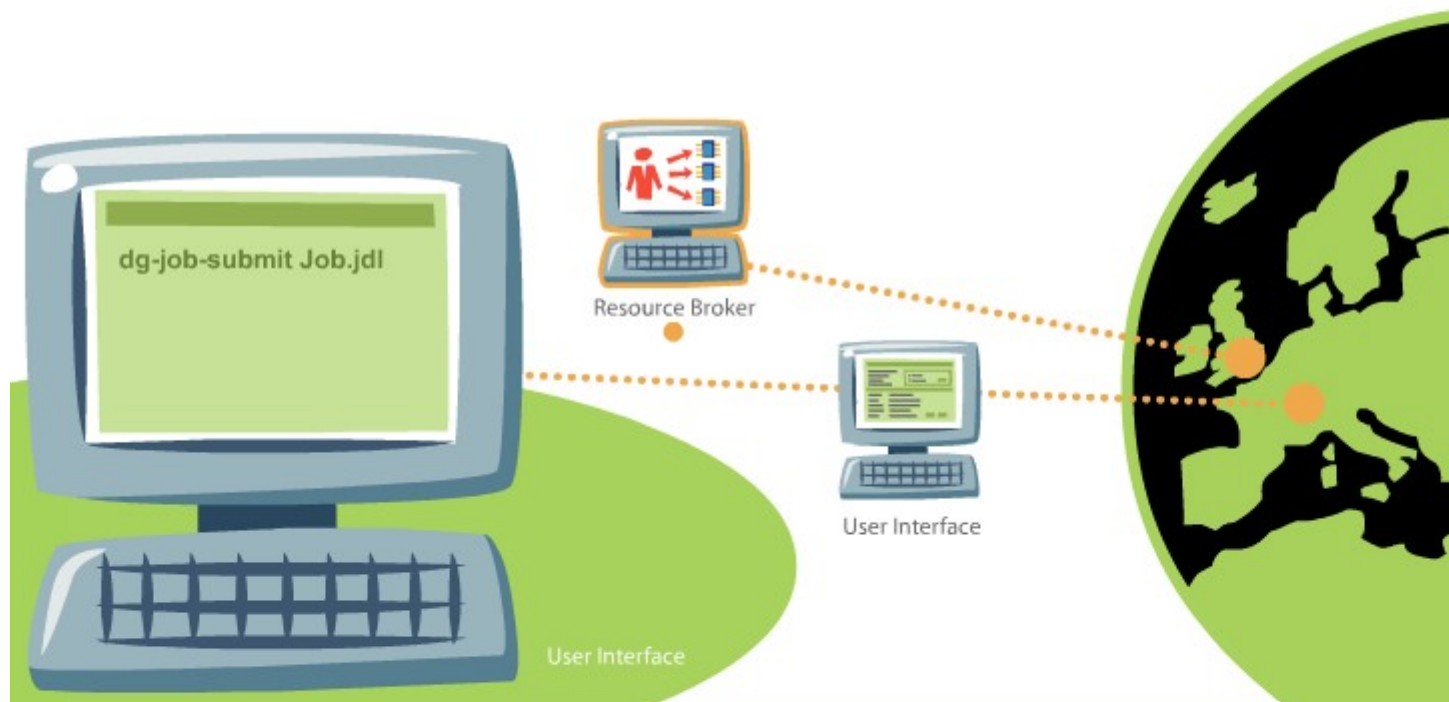
To run a job on the LCG/EGEE Grid Facility, you have to describe it in the *Job Description Language (JDL)*.

JDL specifies job characteristics such as the application to use, the input data, the required resources, etc.



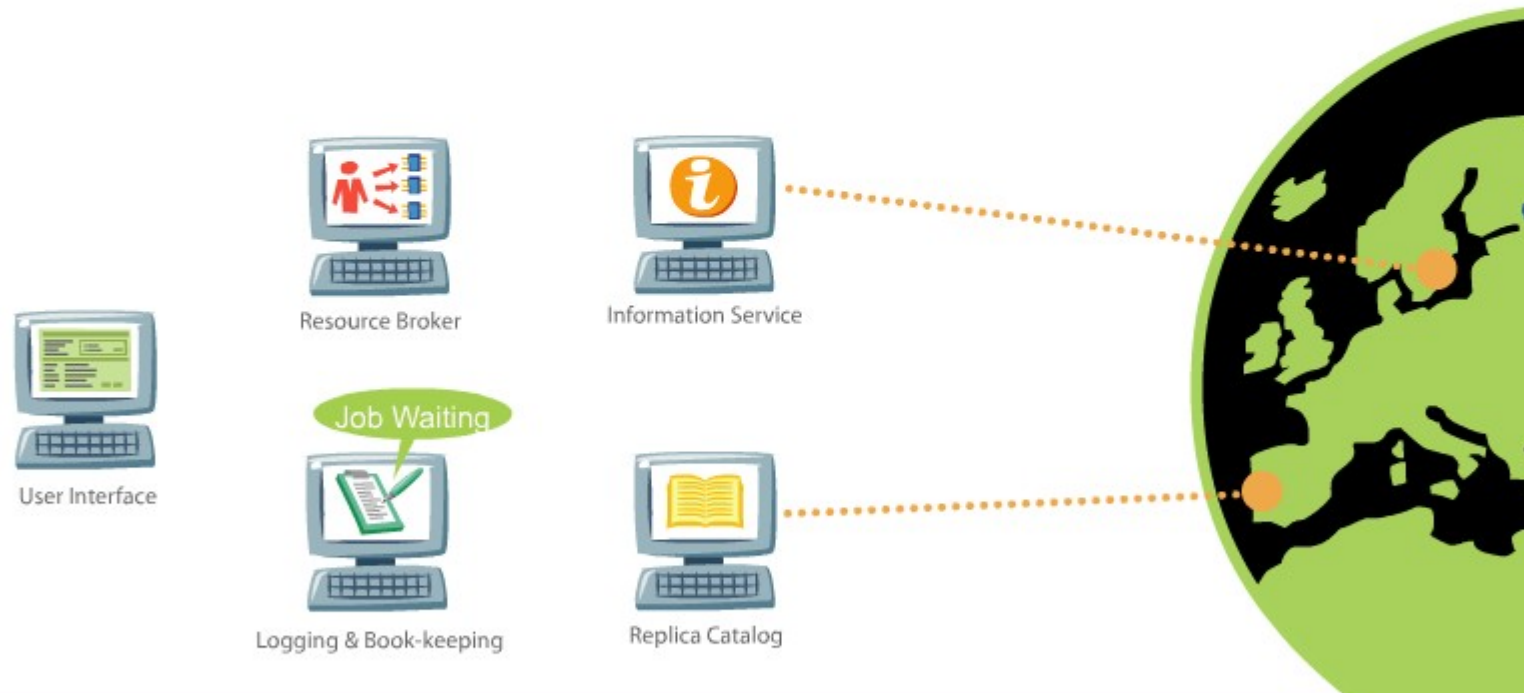
Step 5: Submit your job to the resource broker

Once you have the jdl file for your job, you can submit it to the *Resource Broker*.



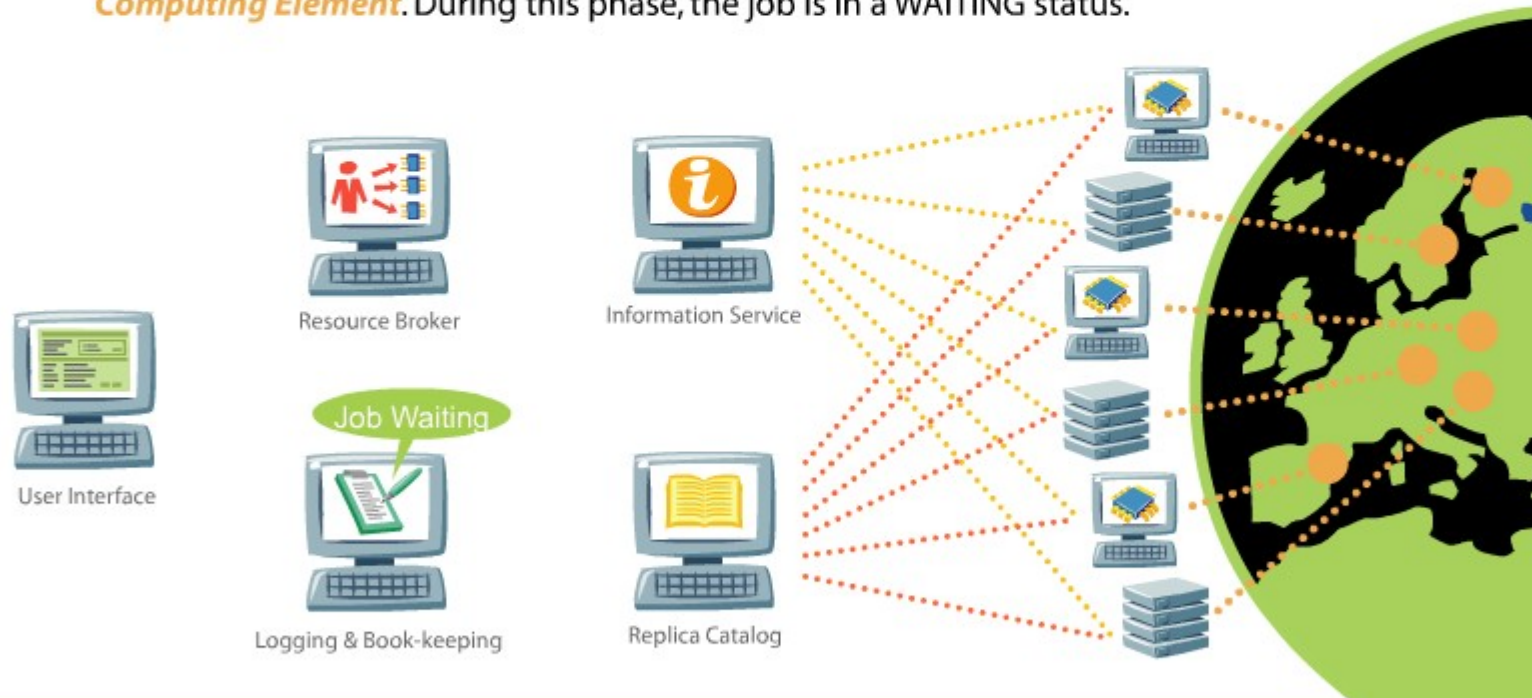
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Based on the information given in the JDL file, the *Resource Broker* queries the *Information Service* and the *Replica Catalog* to check resources.



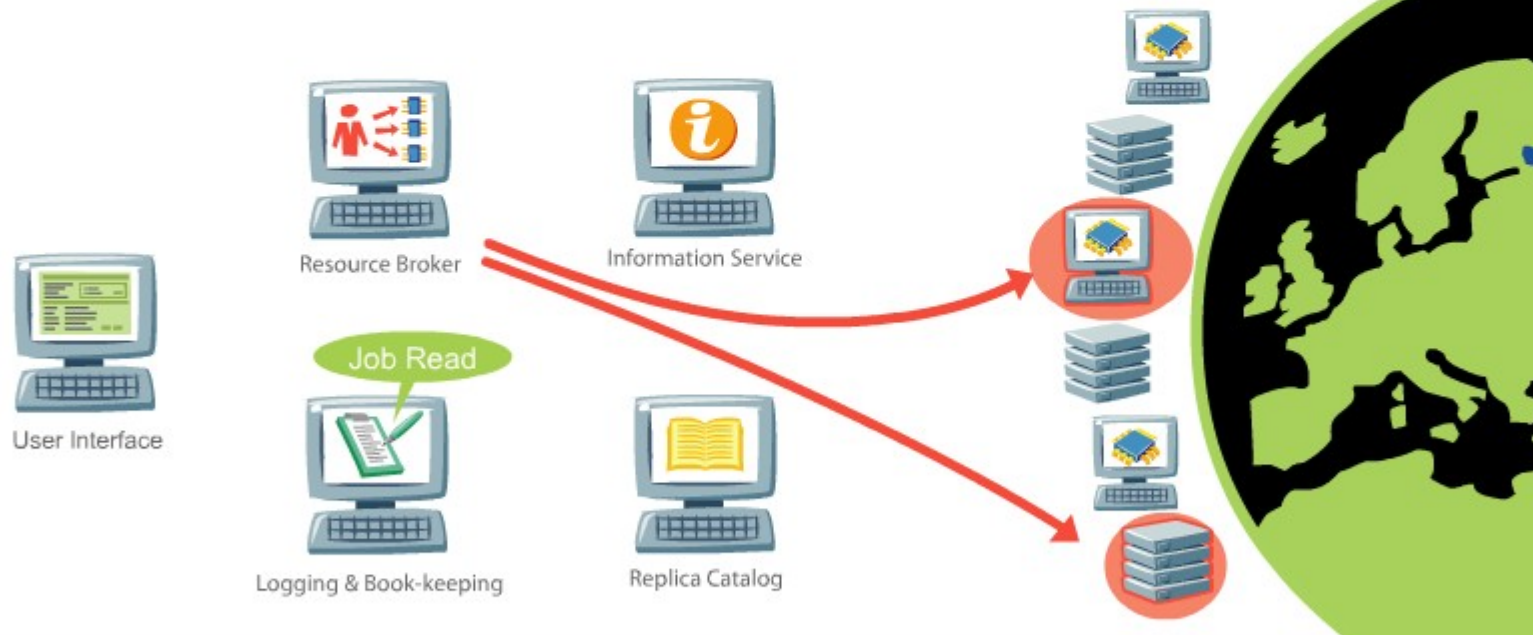
Step 5: Submit your job to the resource broker

The *Replica Catalog* and the *Information Service* hold information on the current status of all the sites. The Resource Broker uses this info to match the job to a suitable *Computing Element*. During this phase, the job is in a **WAITING** status.



Step 5: Submit your job to the resource broker

The Resource Broker *makes its choice*. It has found a suitable Computing Element and the Storage Element with the necessary data. It informs the logging & Book-keeping service of its decision.



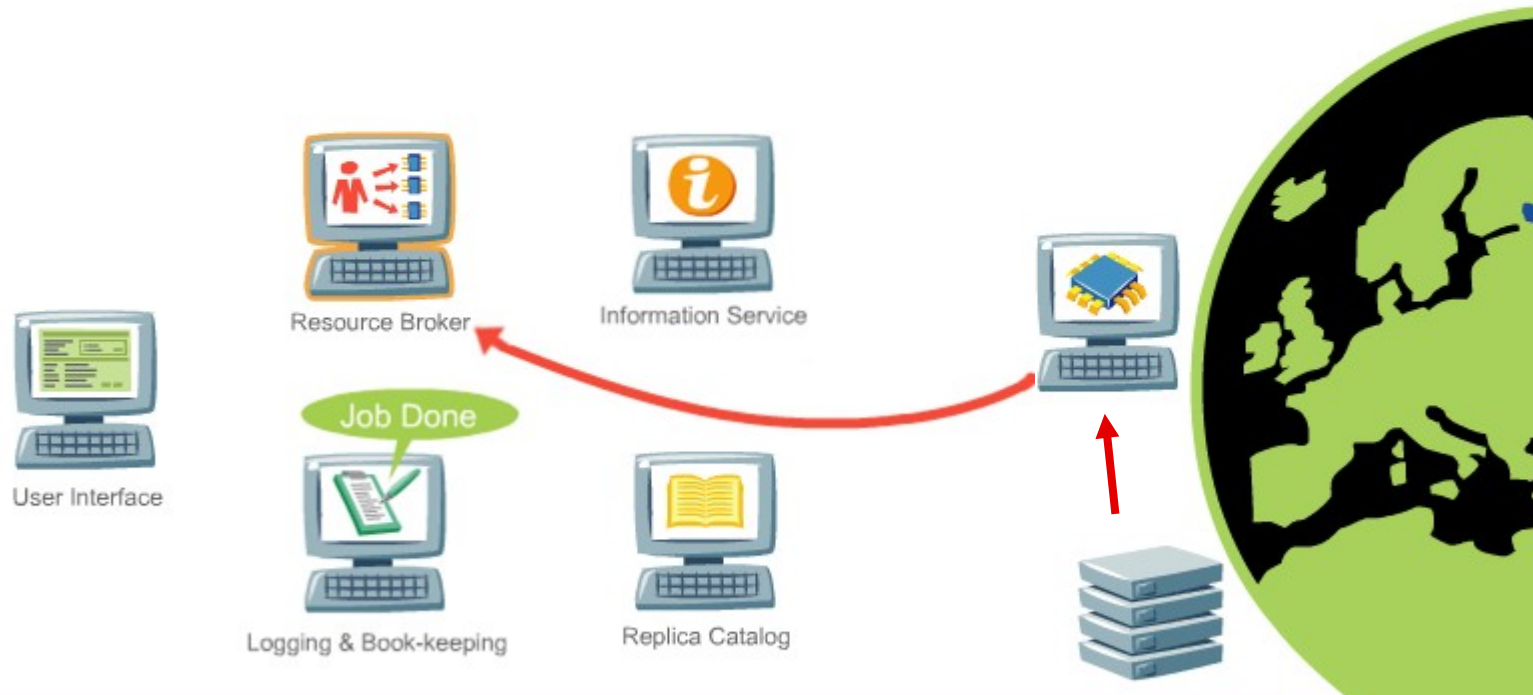
Step 6: Check the status of your job

During all this process, you can check the status of your job by contacting the *Logging & Book-keeping Service*.



Step 6: Check the status of your job

The execution of the job has completed on the Computing Element.
The *Computing Element transfers the output to the Resource Broker*.



Step 7: Get the results

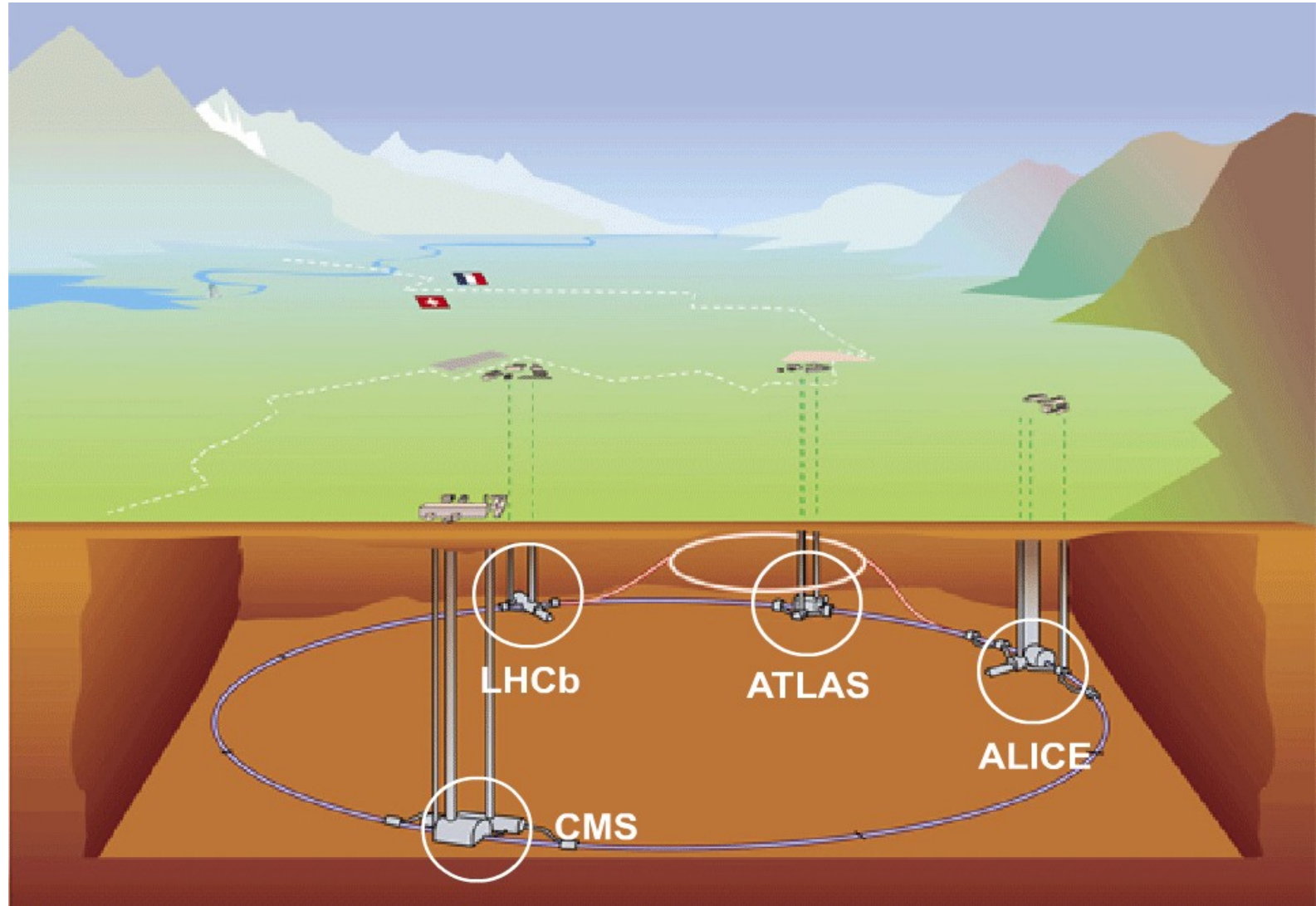
You can now retrieve your Output from the Resource Broker.
When finished, book-keeping *information is purged*.



Why the Grid at CERN?



The LHC accelerator and the 4 experiments

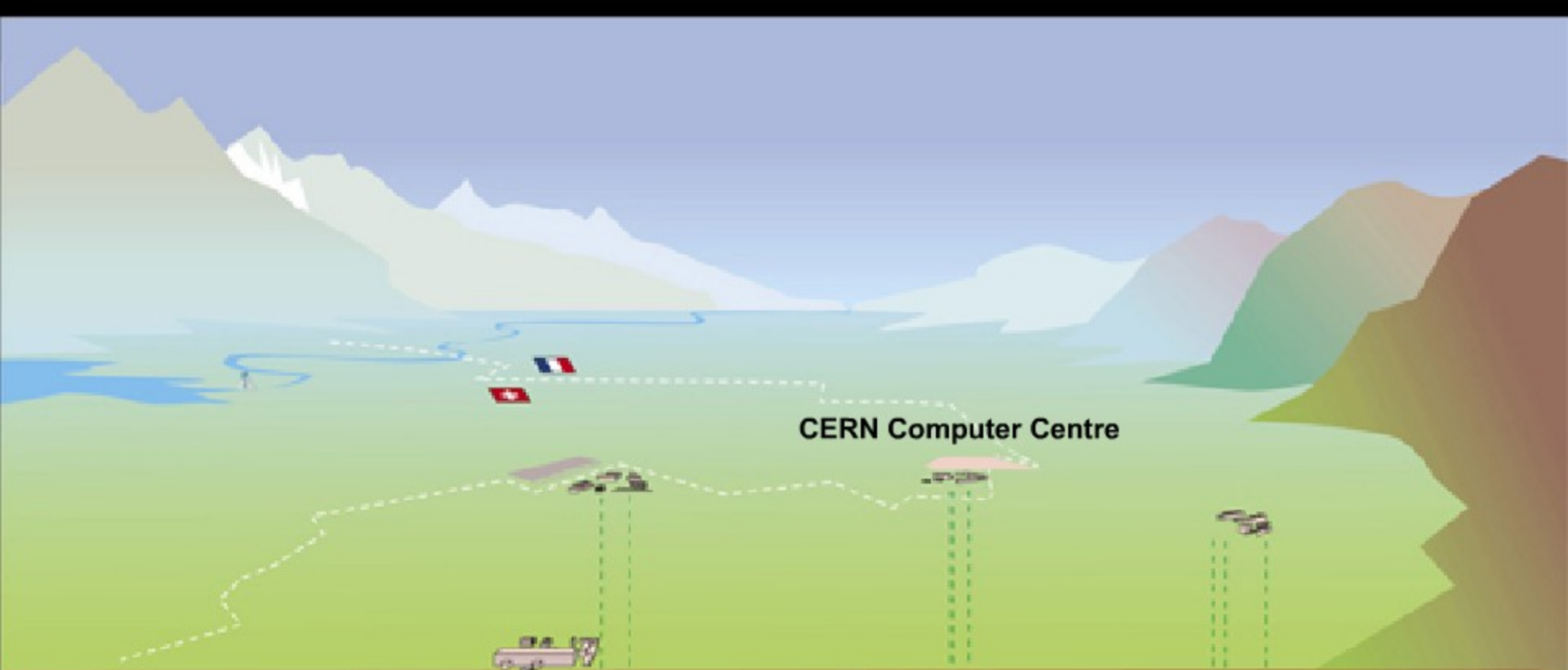


View of the ATLAS detector

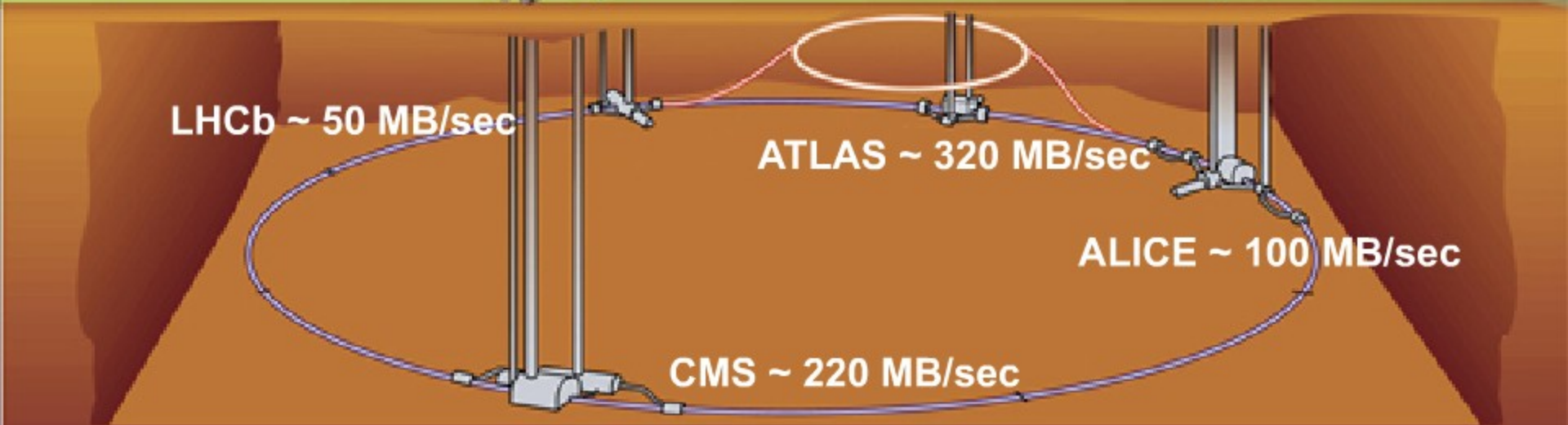


**150 million sensors deliver data ...
... 40 million times per second**

ATLAS Detector Under construction
October 2005



CERN Computer Centre



LHCb ~ 50 MB/sec

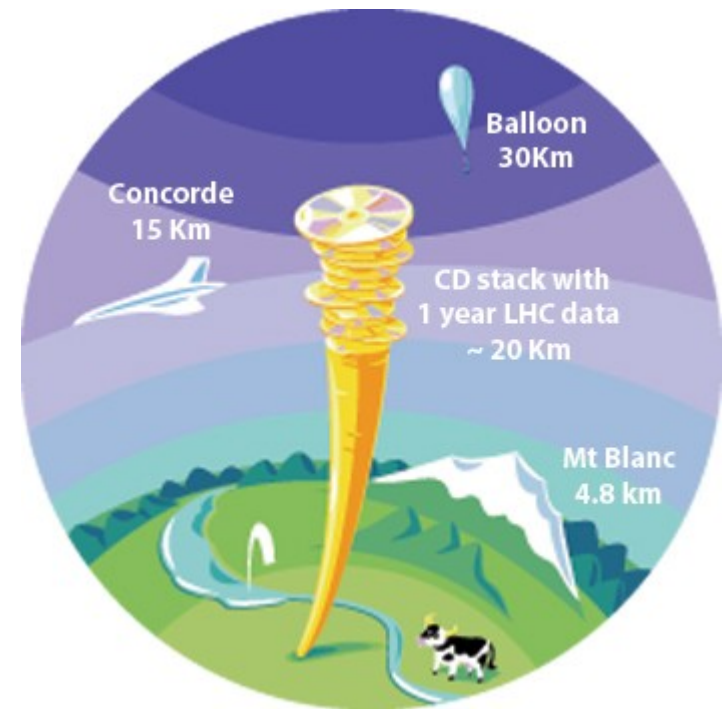
ATLAS ~ 320 MB/sec

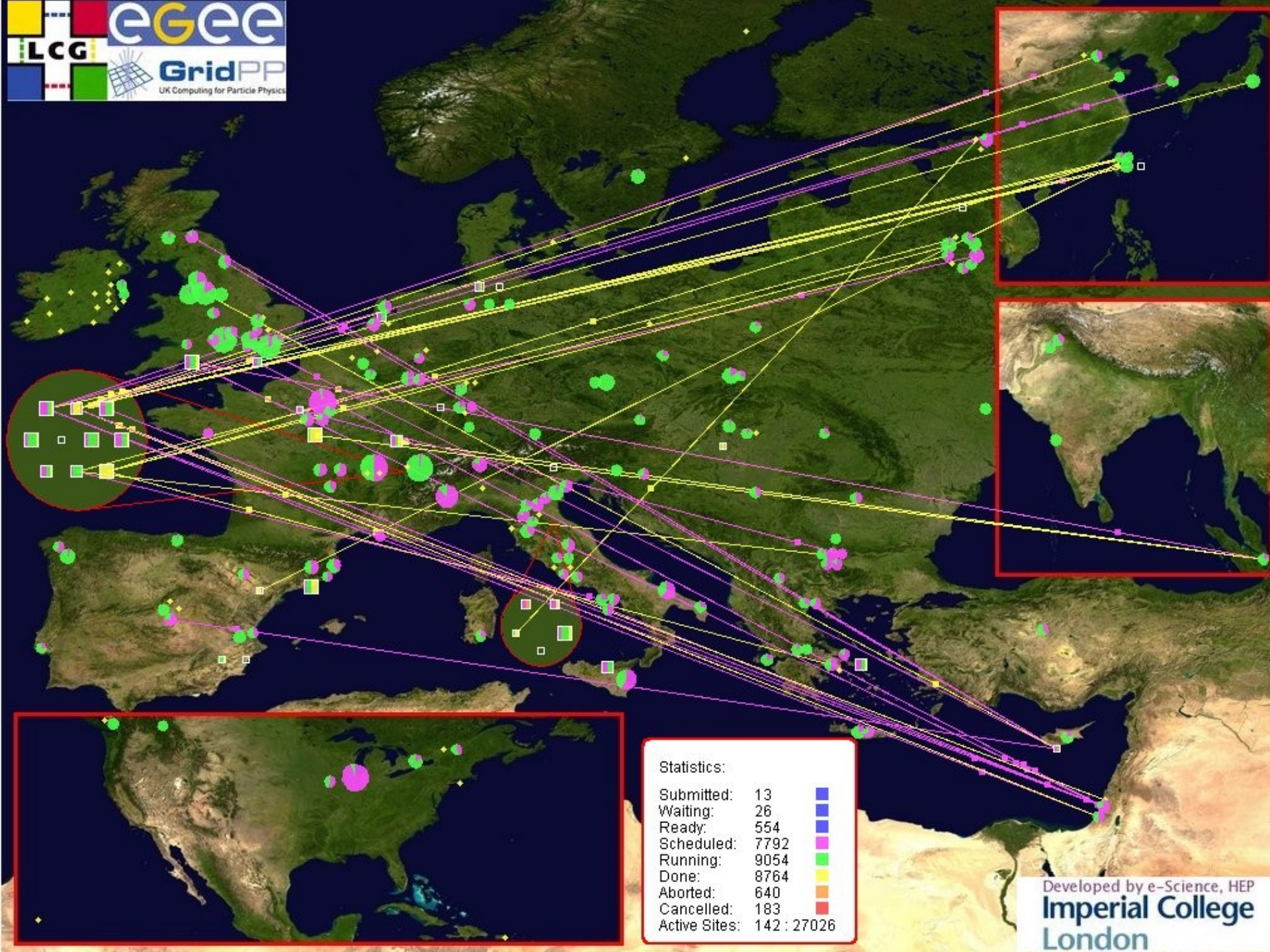
ALICE ~ 100 MB/sec

CMS ~ 220 MB/sec

The LHC Data Challenge

- The accelerator has been completed this year and will run for 10-15 years
- Experiments will produce about **15 Million Gigabytes** of data each year (about 20 million CDs!)
- LHC data analysis requires a computing power equivalent to **~100,000 of today's fastest PC processors**
- Requires many cooperating computer centres, as CERN can **only provide ~20% of the capacity**

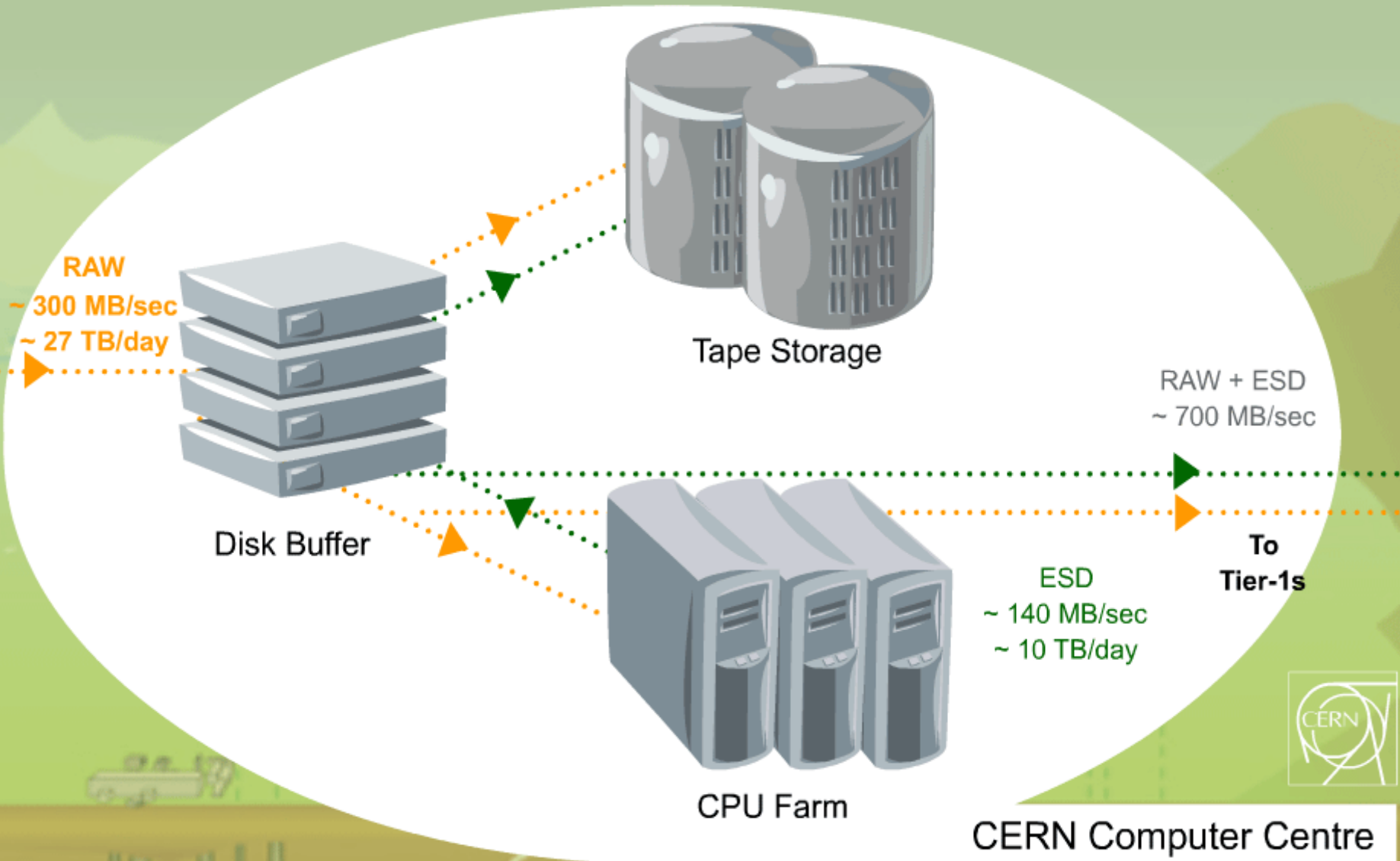




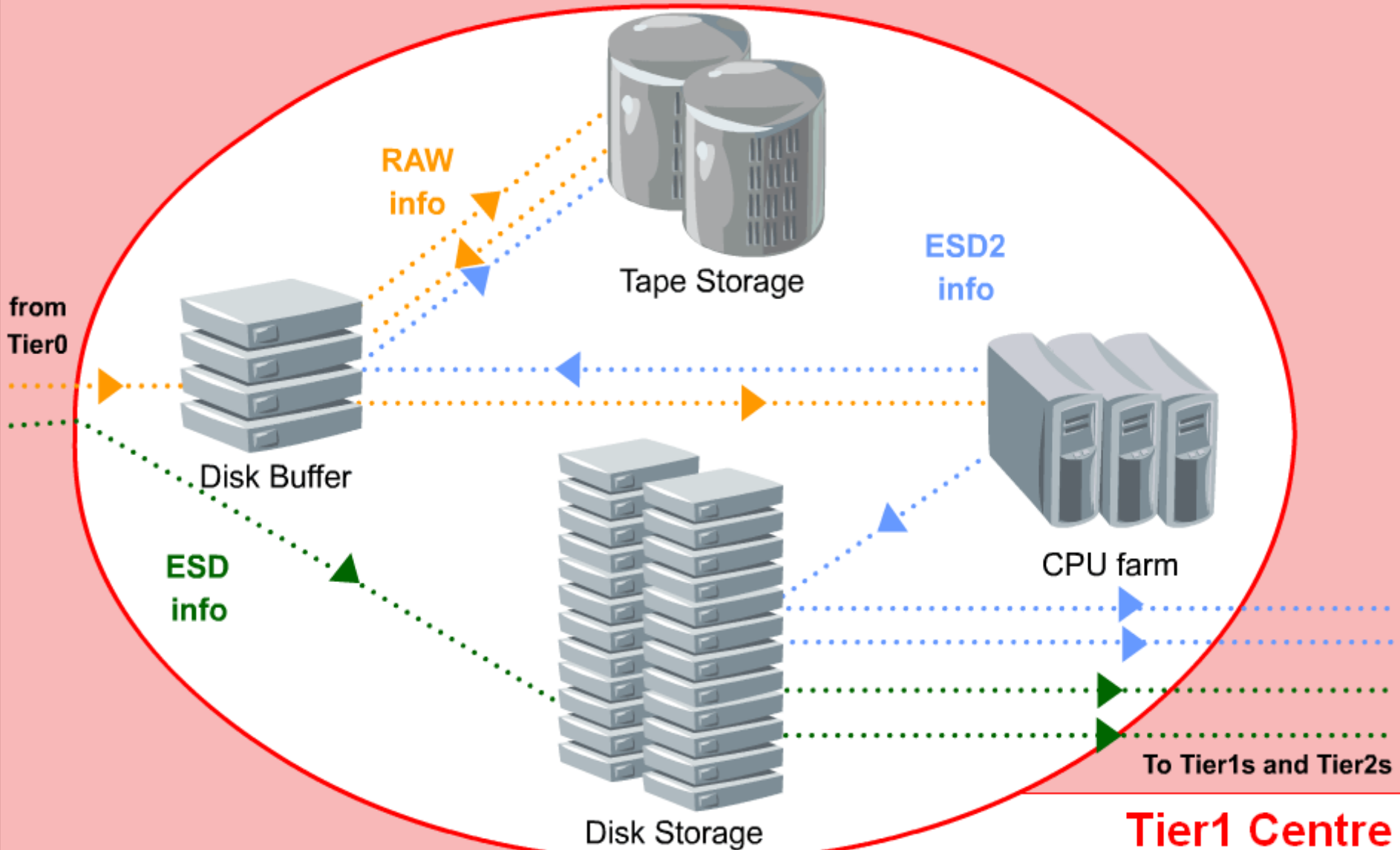
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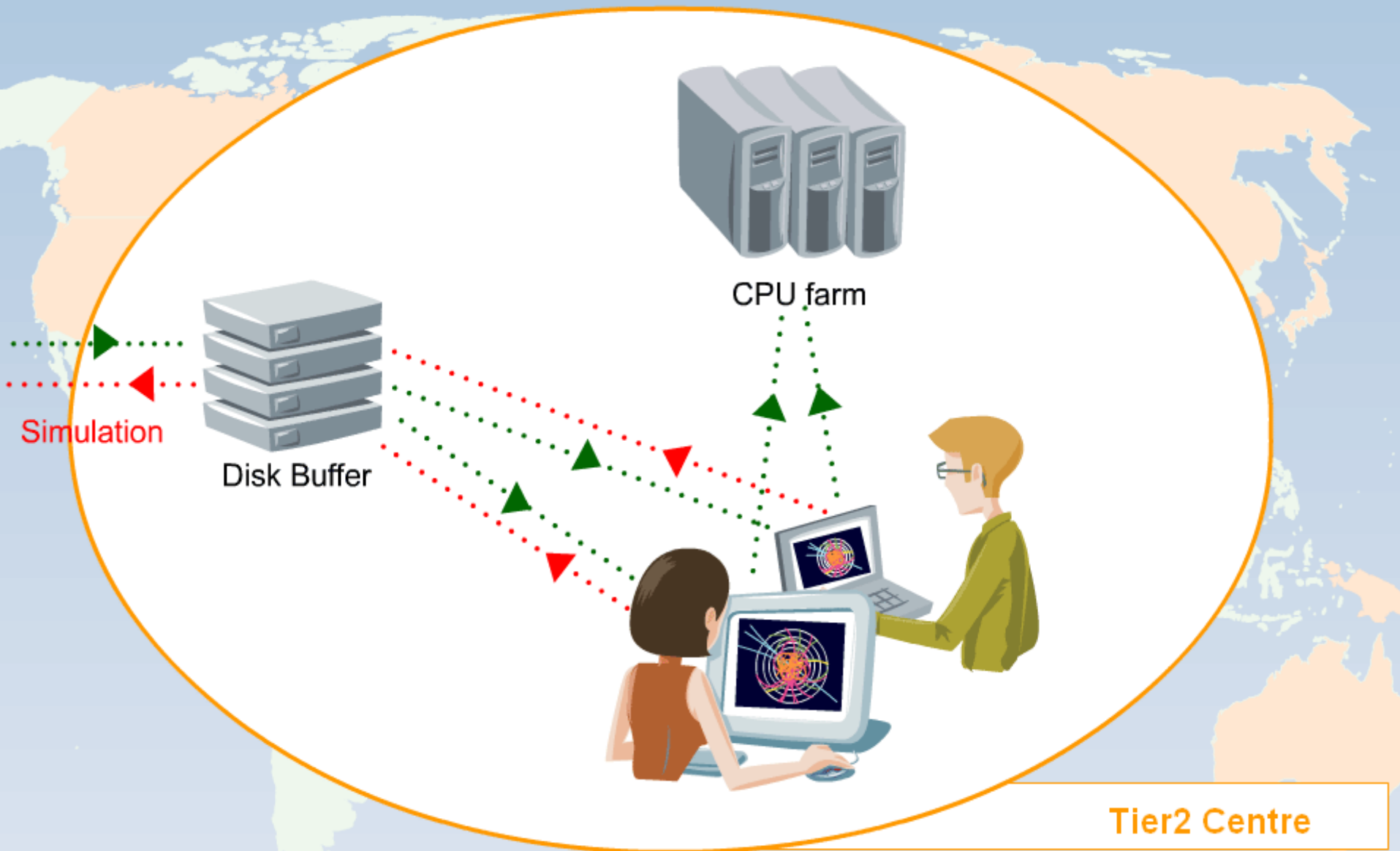
One Tier0 Centre (CERN)



Eleven Tier1 Centres

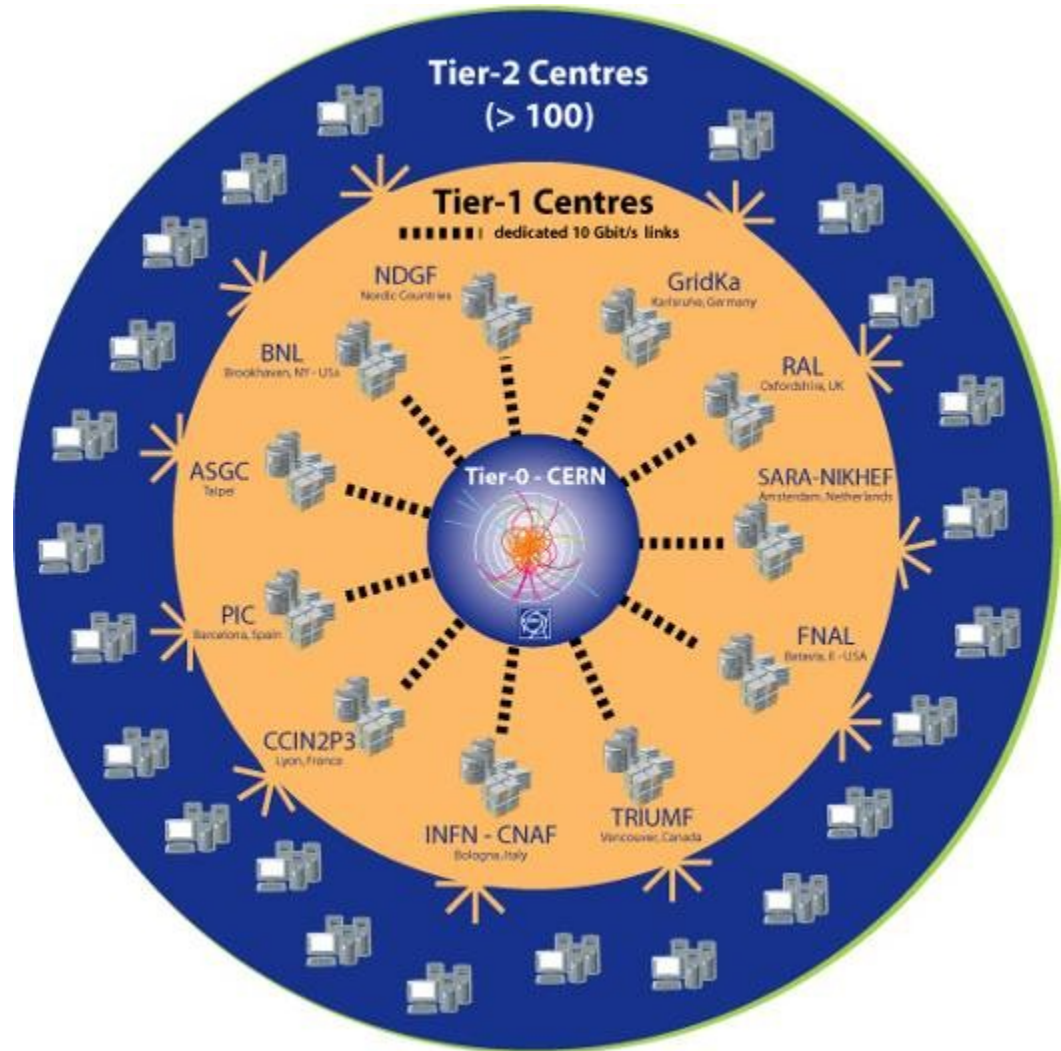


>100 Tier2 Centres



LHC Computing Grid project (LCG)

- More than 140 computing centres
- 12 large centres for primary data management: CERN (Tier-0) and eleven Tier-1s
- 38 federations of smaller Tier-2 centres
- 35 countries involved


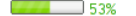


WLCG: Worldwide LHC Computing Grid

- Project to build and maintain data storage and computing infrastructure for LHC
- Uses infrastructure of several Grid organizations where 2 the biggest ones are
 - EGEE (founded by EC)
 - OSG (founded by US)



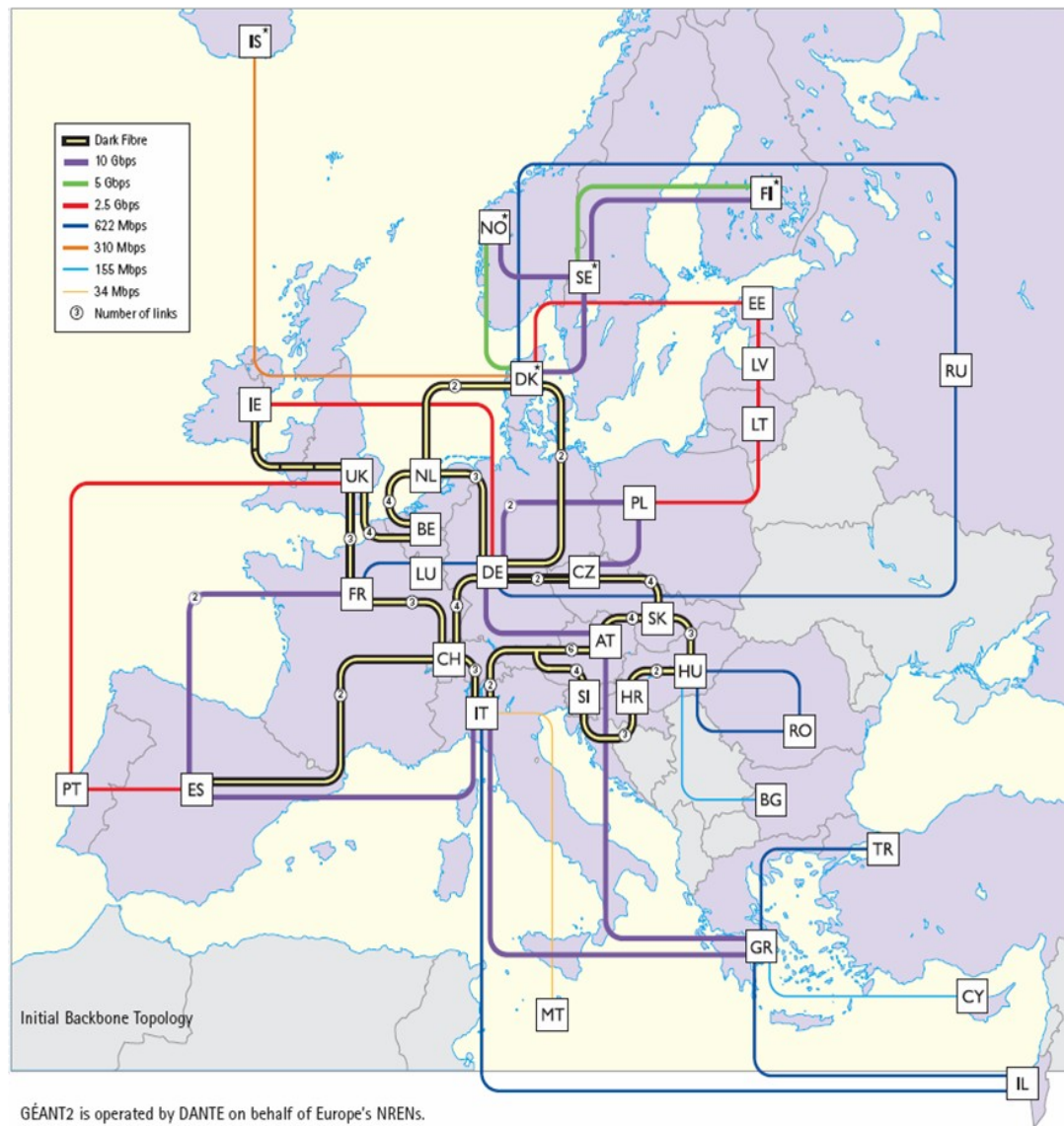
Resources needed for the LHC computing

Name	Sites	CPUs			Online Storage Space (GB)		Nearline Storage Space (GB)		Grid Jobs		
		Physical	Logical	SI2000	TotalSize	UsedSize	TotalSize	UsedSize	Total	Running	Waiting
AEGIS	6	312	1,056	2,305,920	27,761	 35%	0	 0%	576	 54%	 0%
AMRGRID	4	36	144	345,600	2,179	 13%	0	 0%	12	 2%	 75%
BALTICGRID	3	56	92	102,684	0	 0%	0	 0%	11	 10%	 9%
BIGGRID	14	4,017	17,152	41,226,064	4,204,350	 50%	1,265,011	 90%	13,973	 65%	 19%
Consorzio Cometa	6	684	1,368	2,243,288	115,679	 34%	0	 0%	763	 0%	 98%
D-Grid	11	5,518	21,802	47,901,980	10,631,901	 38%	0	 0%	68,635	 250%	 20%
DE-KIT	1	108	216	491,712	167,405	 33%	0	 0%	16	 6%	 12%
DECH	1	112	448	879,424	86,995	 0%	0	 0%	174	 38%	 1%
EELA	7	115	317	515,295	7,144	 10%	0	 0%	81	 17%	 18107008%
EELA2	1	152	344	1,037,504	35,641	 0%	0	 0%	0	 0%	 0%
EGEE	248	56,492	167,714	373,956,582	60,176,251	 54%	60,083,689	 65%	274,805	 124%	 45315%
EGEE IBERGRID	1	128	512	1,143,296	73	 12%	0	 0%	3	 0%	 0%
EGI	59	13,711	48,770	106,364,766	13,836,881	 41%	40,000	 43%	81,129	 121%	 19200%
EUFORIA	1	152	344	1,037,504	35,641	 0%	0	 0%	0	 0%	 0%
EUMED	2	227	668	1,224,960	0	 0%	0	 0%	2	 0%	 399999650%
GILDA	3	86	120	137,616	545	 19%	0	 0%	78	 1%	 97%
GRID-CSIC	1	0	0	0	322	 100%	0	 0%	0	 0%	 0%
GRIDPP	15	3,569	11,309	23,138,493	4,037,221	 57%	0	 0%	15,078	 69%	 353763%
GRISU	8	755	1,894	2,978,876	120,491	 32%	0	 0%	1,174	 20%	 66%
http://www.euasiagrid.org	1	12	48	790,176	131	 8%	0	 0%	1	 2%	 0%
I2G	2	451	1,780	3,489,248	539,422	 48%	0	 0%	960	 53%	 0%
IBERGRID	7	987	3,438	6,864,770	556,196	 45%	0	 0%	1,028	 29%	 648508%
INGRID	2	317	1,258	2,153,914	281,304	 45%	0	 0%	844	 66%	 0%
LCG	1	1	2	762	72	 30%	0	 0%	0	 0%	 0%
LITGRID	2	44	44	16,764	0	 0%	0	 0%	1	 0%	 100%
Total	599	158,633	473,428	1,053,365,254	179,214,559	92,301,318	132,426,147	85,373,578	817,785	612,548	354,444,881



The Géant Research Network

- General purpose network connecting national research and education nets (NREN)
- For LHC in addition: Optical Private Network with 10Gb/s links over dark fibres

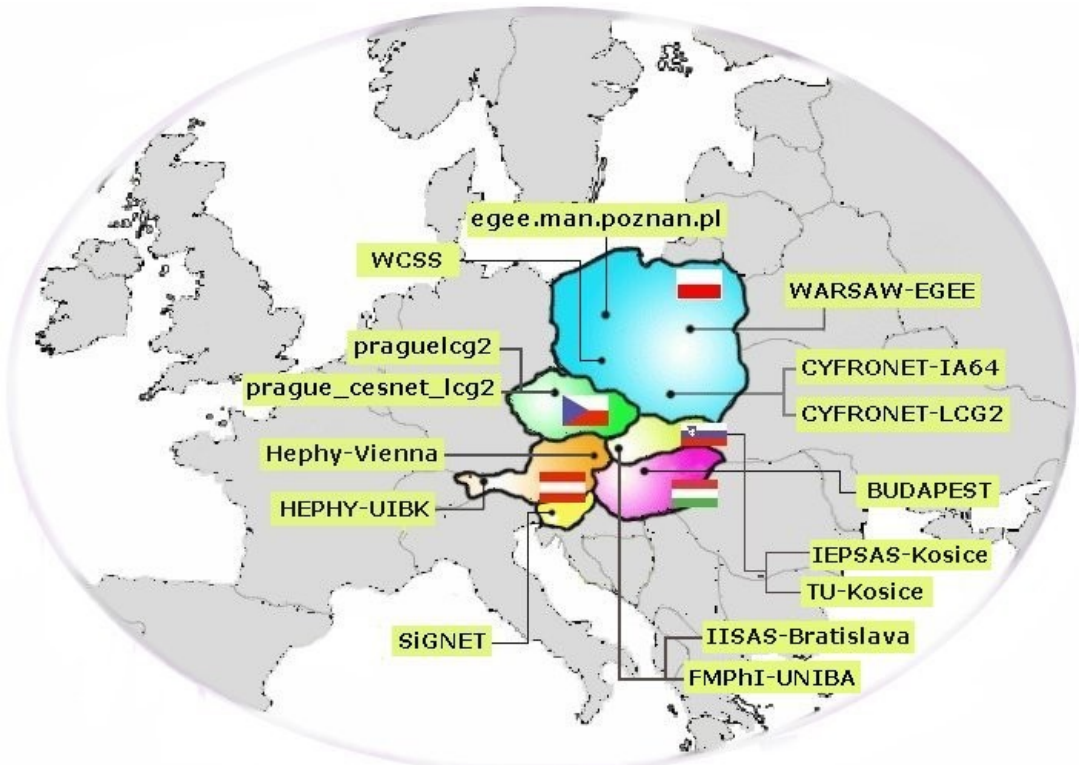


GÉANT2 is operated by DANTE on behalf of Europe's NRENs.

Central European Grid

- Central European (CE) Federation is one of 12 federations in EGEE project
- seven countries: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- 10 of 11 EGEE-approved organizations (VOs)
- Sites, around 10 000 CPU
- 850 TBs

Source: <http://goc.grid.sinica.edu.tw/gstat//C>



Slovak Grid infrastructure

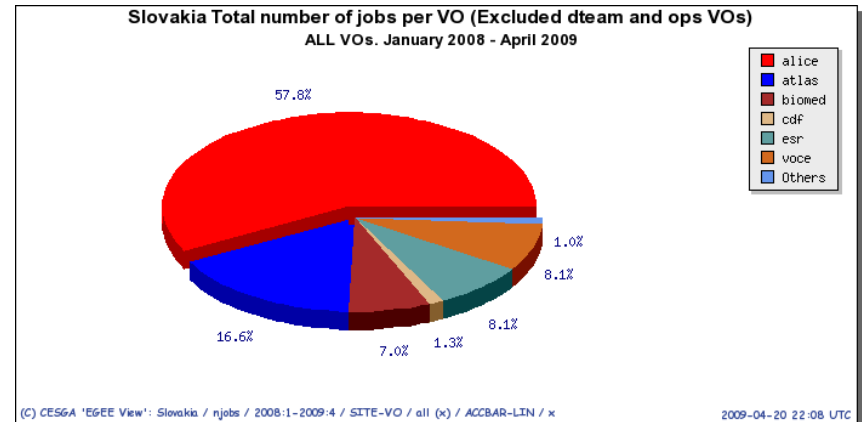
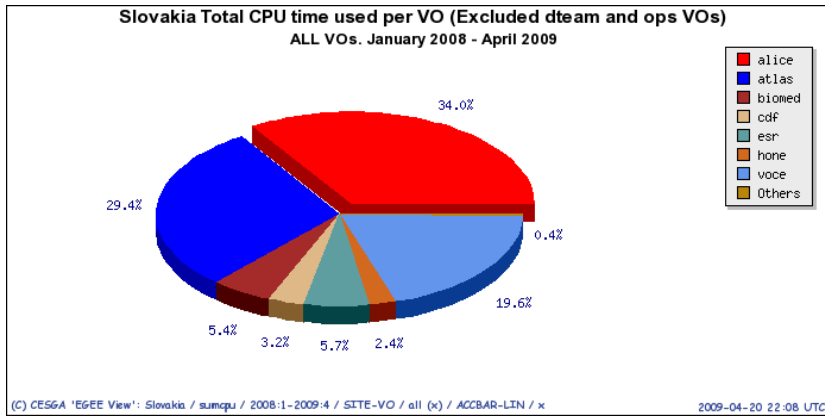
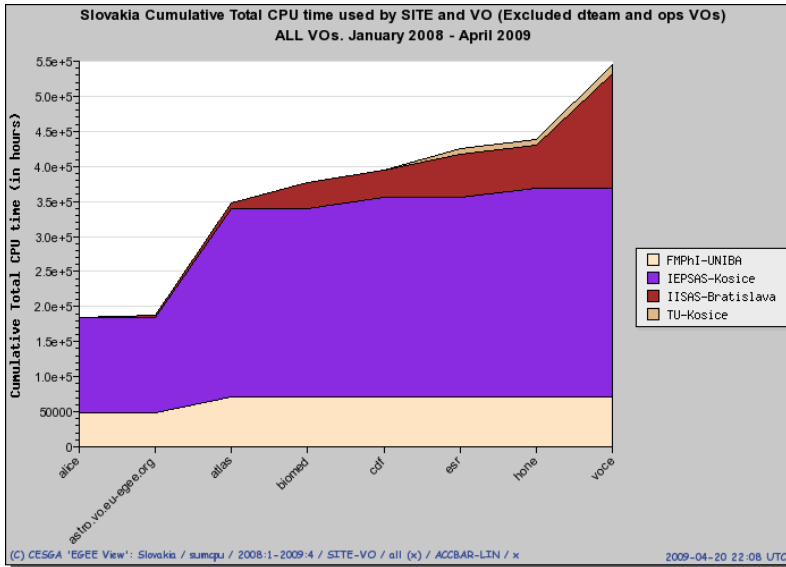
- Slovakia is a federated Tier-2/3 HEP community
- Slovak Grid Initiative / www.slovakgrid.sk
- But there are also general purpose grids with wide



Slovak Grid activity

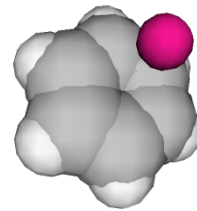
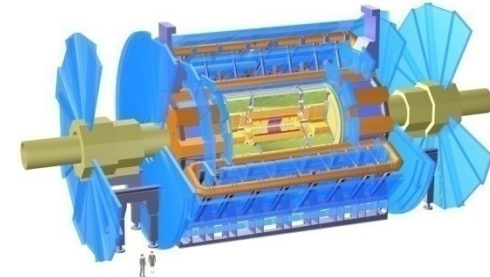
WLCG ran ~ 250k jobs in 2008 – workload has continued to increase

Distribution of work across Tier 2/Tier3 really illustrates the importance of the grid system

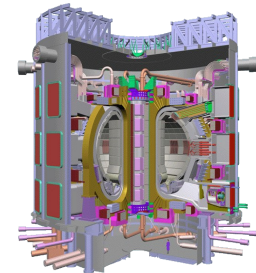
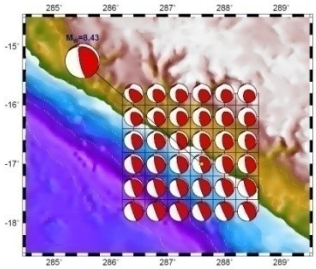


EGEE: Scientific disciplines

- Growth and diversification of applications.
- Reported apps. only \Rightarrow *underestimate!*



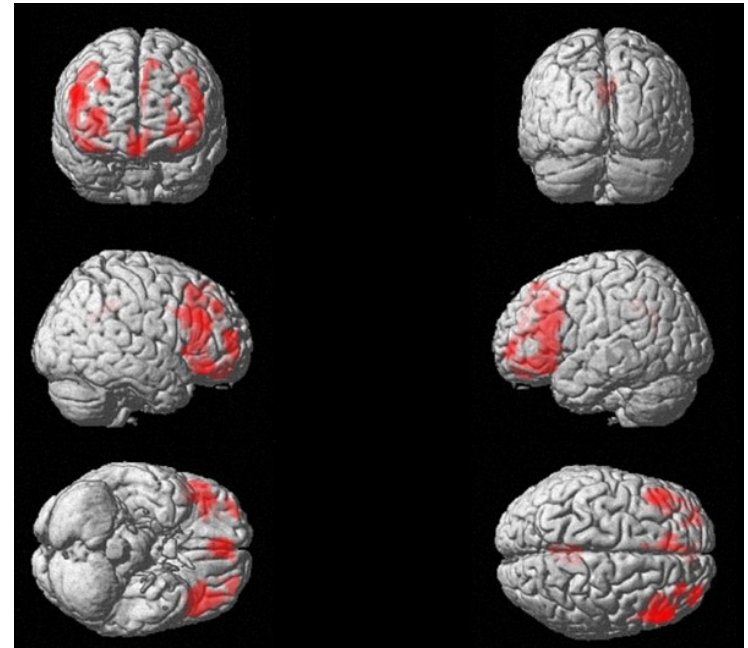
	6/2006	2/2007	1/2008
Astron. & Astrophysics	2	8	9
Computational Chemistry	6	27	21
Earth Science	16	16	18
Fusion	2	3	4
High-Energy Physics	9	11	7
Life Sciences	23	39	37
Others	4	14	21
Total	62	118	117



Condensed Matter Physics
 Comp. Fluid Dynamics
 Computer Science/Tools
 Civil Protection
 Finance

SPM: Alzheimer's disease evaluation

- Statistical Parametric Mapping (SPM) – powerful but difficult to use
 - Need of huge amount of data → sharing instead of building own repositories
 - Computational power needed to achieve results fast enough

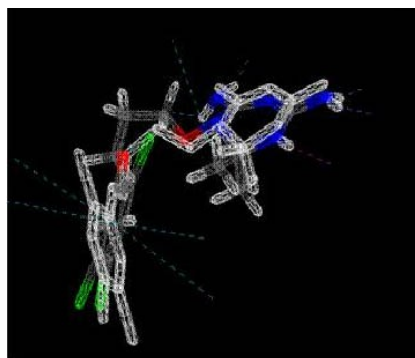
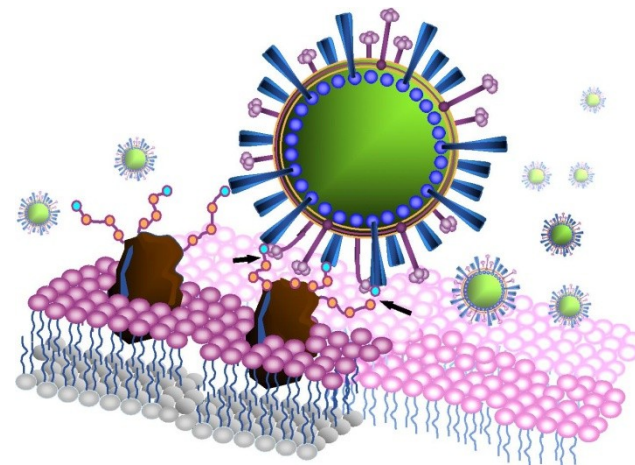


WISDOM: *In silico* drug discovery

April 2006, Asian and European labs analysed 300K possible drug components against the H5N1 virus using EGEE infrastructure

- 2000 computers for 4 weeks
- (equivalent of 100 years on a single computer)

Preparation for the second run are ongoing



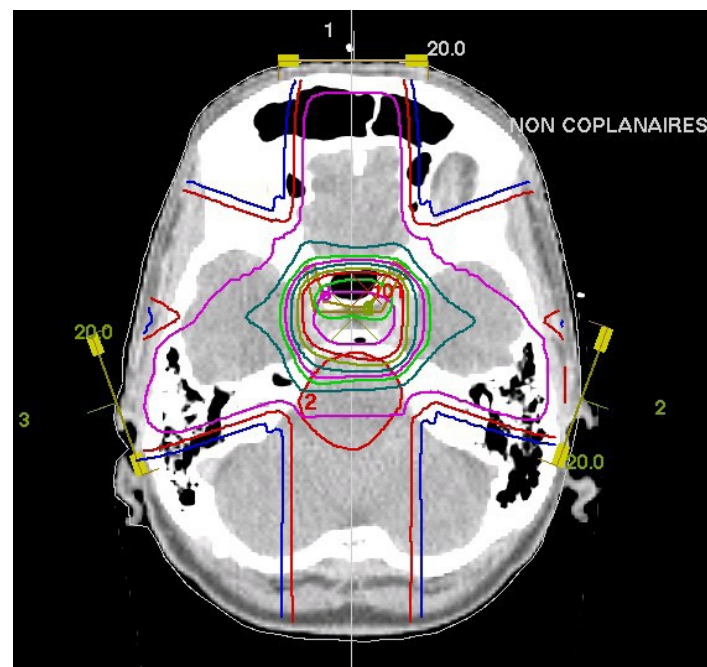
October 2006 – January 2007,
the same analysis for malaria resulted
in 140 million dockings (80 000 per
hour)

- 5000 computers for 2.5 month
(equivalent of 420 years
on a single computer)



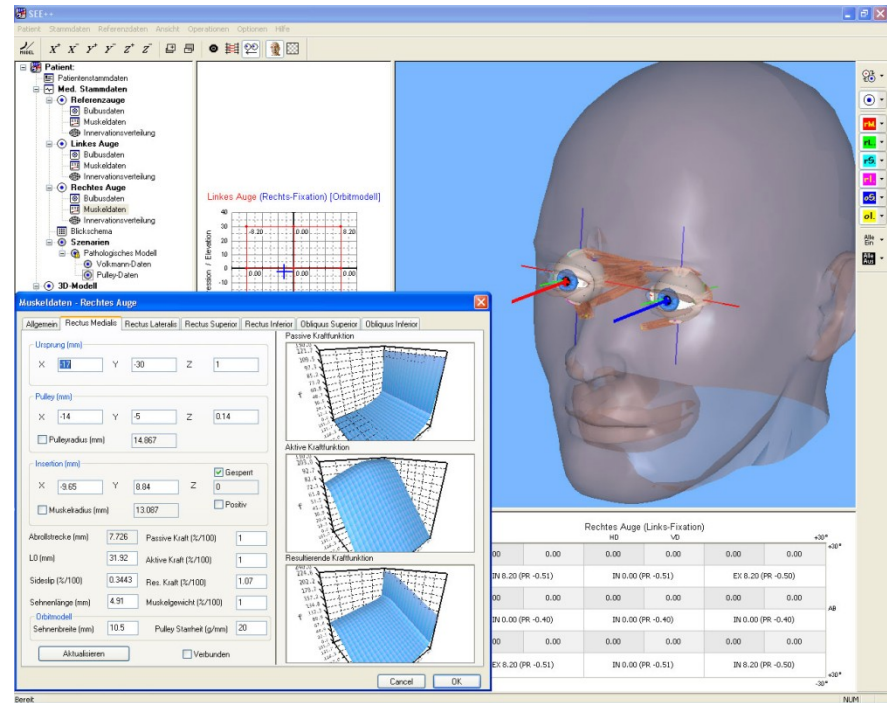
GATE: radiotherapy planning

- Goal is to improve accuracy of the treatment of cancer by ionizing radiations of the tumours
- Therapy planning is computed from the MR (Magnetic Resonance) scans
 - Tumours are accurately located in 3D
 - Radiation doses needed to be applied are computed
- Due to the Monte Carlo approach – very easy to divide in the parallel



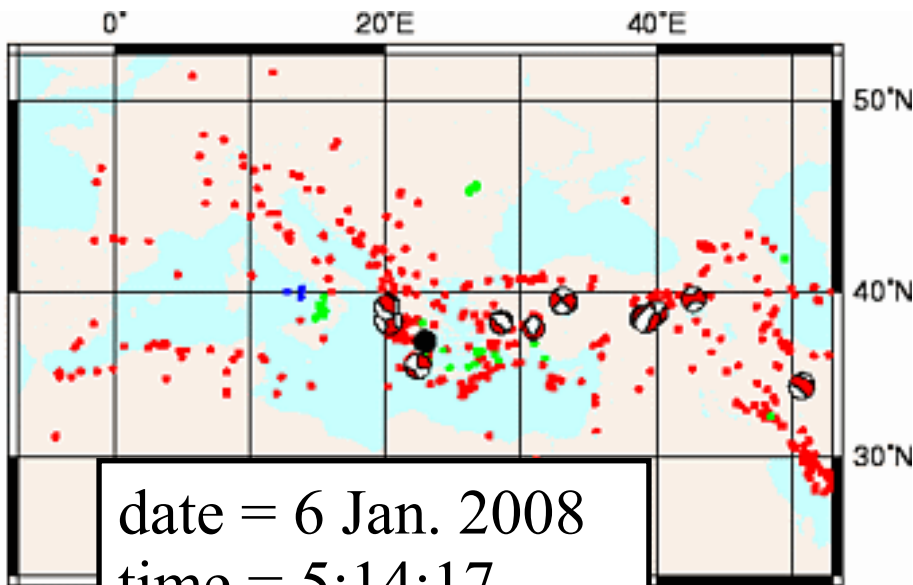
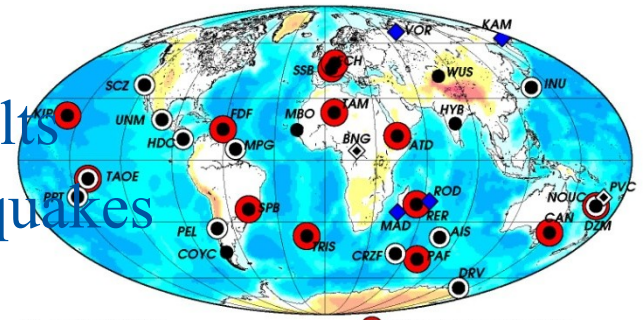
SEE++: Virtual Eye Surgery

- Simulation system that aims at the forecast of clinical operation results
- Used to simulate pathologies and evaluate possible treatments
- User presentation on the client -> computation in the Grid



GEOSCOPE: determine the earthquake source

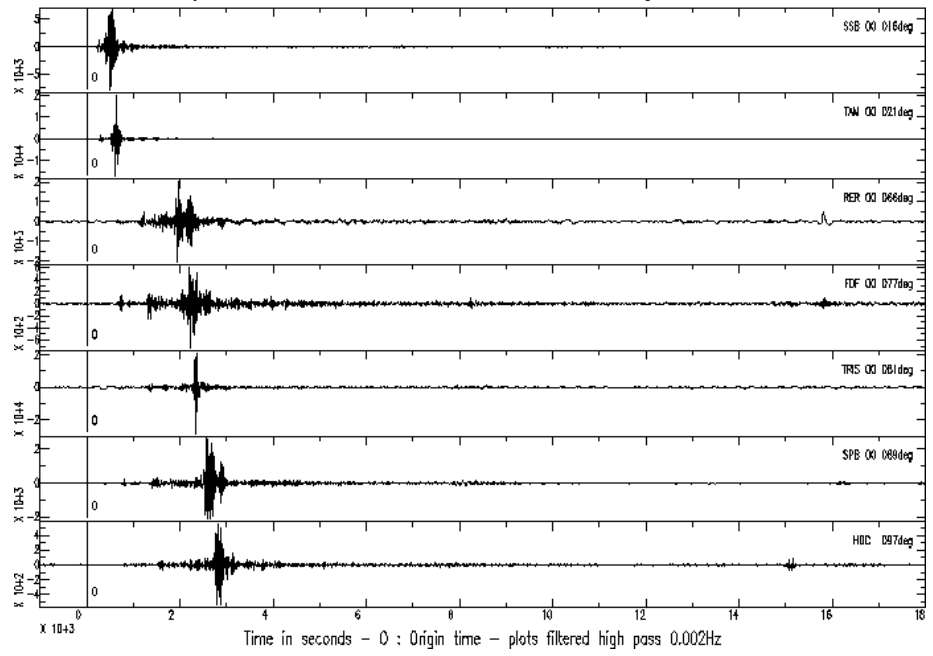
- Localization of earthquakes
- Determination of rupture modes of the faults
- Results within a few hours of major earthquakes



date = 6 Jan. 2008
time = 5:14:17
depth = 50.9 km
magnitude = 6.1
latitude = 37.150°
longitude = 22.934°



January 6th 2008 – Southern Greece, M=6.1, origin time 05h14m17s



The Grid = SETI@HOME ???

- The GRID
 - Reliable computer centres
 - Hardware and software
 - Dedicated,
 - Static,
 - Fully controlled
 - costs
- SETI@HOME
 - Home PCs
 - Hardware and software
 - Heterogeneous
 - Shared
 - Dynamic
 - “for free”



Commercial Software

- Gaussian
 - <http://www.gaussian.com/>
 - Predicts the energies, vibrational freq., ... of molecular systems.
 - VO-based licensing model, actually in use in gaussian VO.
- MathWorks
 - <http://www.mathworks.com/>
 - Integrate MATLAB & Distributed Computing Engine with EGEE.
 - Both client and server are licensed in this model.
- Interactive Supercomputing
 - <http://www.interactivesupercomputing.com/>
 - Similar to DCE; used from multiple clients (MATLAB, Python, R)
 - Server licensed, some clients licensed

Cloud



Cloud

- Web-based computing, whereby shared resources, software and/or information are provided to computers and other devices on-demand.
- Request/response
 - Computer
 - Database
 - Cluster
 - Web
 - Datasets
 - Jobs

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 - [EGEE \(www.eu-egee.org\)](http://www.eu-egee.org)/ EGI
 - [SlovakGrid \(www.slovakgrid.sk\)](http://www.slovakgrid.sk)
 - [WLCG\(lcg.web.cern.ch\)](http://lcg.web.cern.ch)
- **Cloud**
 - Amazon EC2 service, Google Web Apps

More information about the Grid:

- **GridCafe** (www.gridcafe.org)
- **EGEE** (www.ce-egee.org)
- **Slovak Grid** (www.slovakgrid.sk)
- **Cloud computing**
 - **Amazon EC2, Google Web Apps, etc.**

More information about the Web:

- **Wolfram alpha project**
- **Semantic Web**
 - **Linked Data**

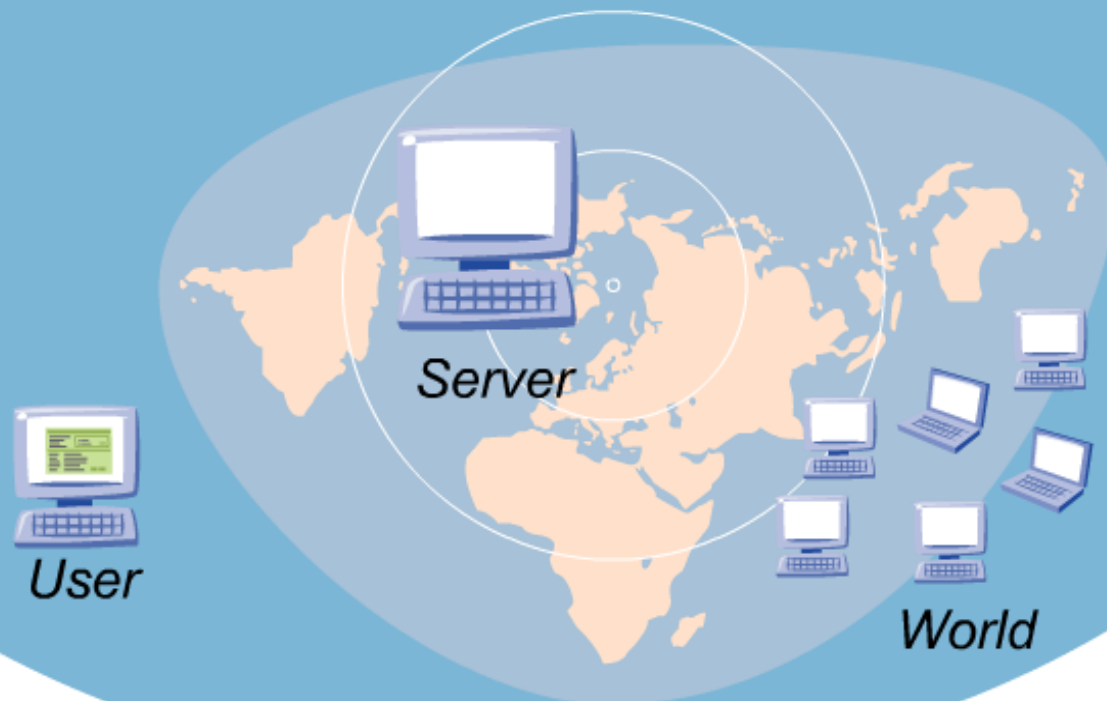


Summary

- World Wide Web – born at CERN - elaborate set of interlinked documents accessible over the Internet
- Grid computing
 - infrastructure that provides seamless access to computing power and data storage
 - Suitable for problems that need huge/shared data, can run in parallel or need to be run frequently
- EGEE – largest existing Grid infrastructure (academic)
- Slovak Grid Initiative
- Many existing applications besides high energy physics



What is the Web?



Why was the Web invented at CERN?

- Science depends on free **access to information** and exchange of ideas. CERN is the hub of a worldwide community of **6500 scientists in 80 countries**.
- CERN has a long history of being at the forefront of **scientific computing** and **networking** (first lab on Internet outside the US).
- During the preparation of the previous large project LEP, the need to share documents in a global way became vital.



How did it start?

- 1989: **Tim Berners-Lee** circulates “Information Management: A proposal” to help with future Large Hadron Collider project.
- 1991: Early **www system released** to high energy physics via the CERN program library. First web servers located in European physics laboratories.
- 1993: First Mosaic browser; web reaches 500 servers and 1% of Internet traffic; CERN places **WWW in the public domain**.

