

* 1 of the 30+ projects of ACI Grid



A nation wide Experimental Grid

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A very brief overview



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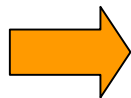
Grid raises research issues but also methodological challenges

Grid are complex systems:

Large scale, Deep stack of complicated software

Grid raises a lot of research issues:

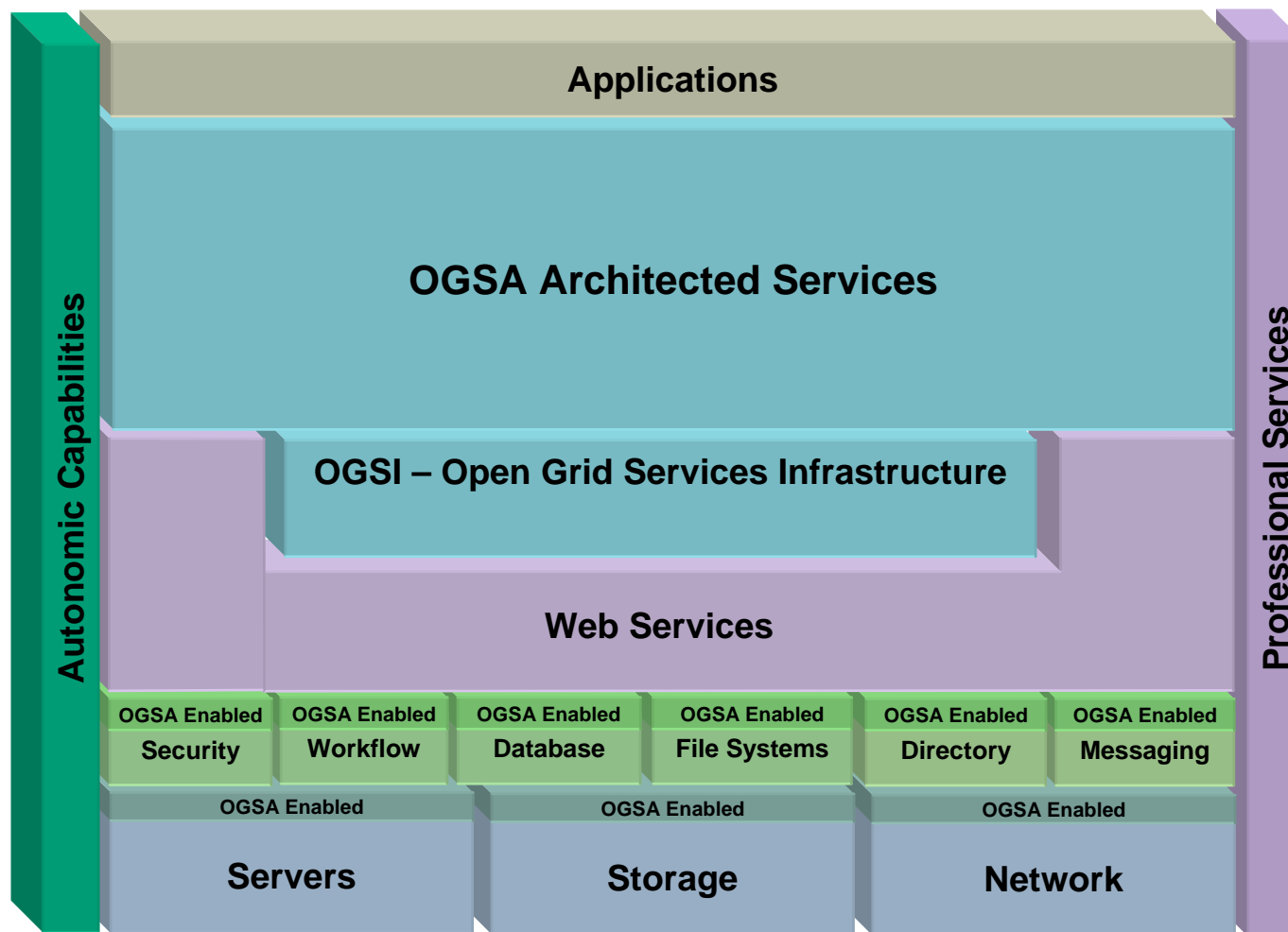
Security, Performance, Fault tolerance, Scalability, Load Balancing, Coordination, Message passing, Data storage, Programming, Algorithms, Communication protocols and architecture, Deployment, Accounting, etc.



How to test and compare?

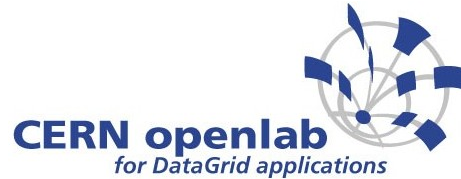
- Fault tolerance protocols
- Security mechanisms
- Networking protocols
- etc.

Service oriented approach



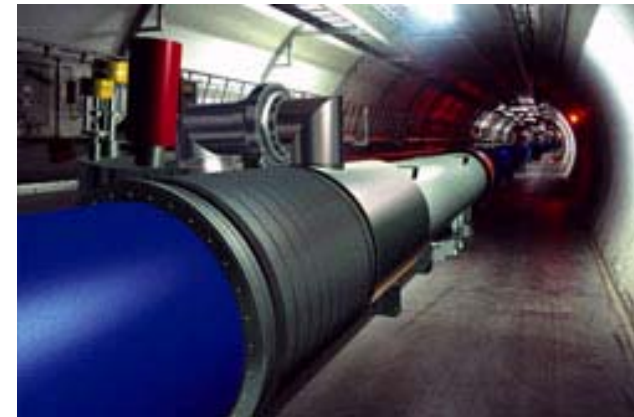


Reconfiguration oriented approach



The CERN openlab for DataGrid Applications

Openlab is a collaboration between CERN and industrial partners to develop data-intensive grid technology to be used by a worldwide community of scientists working at the next-generation Large Hadron Collider.



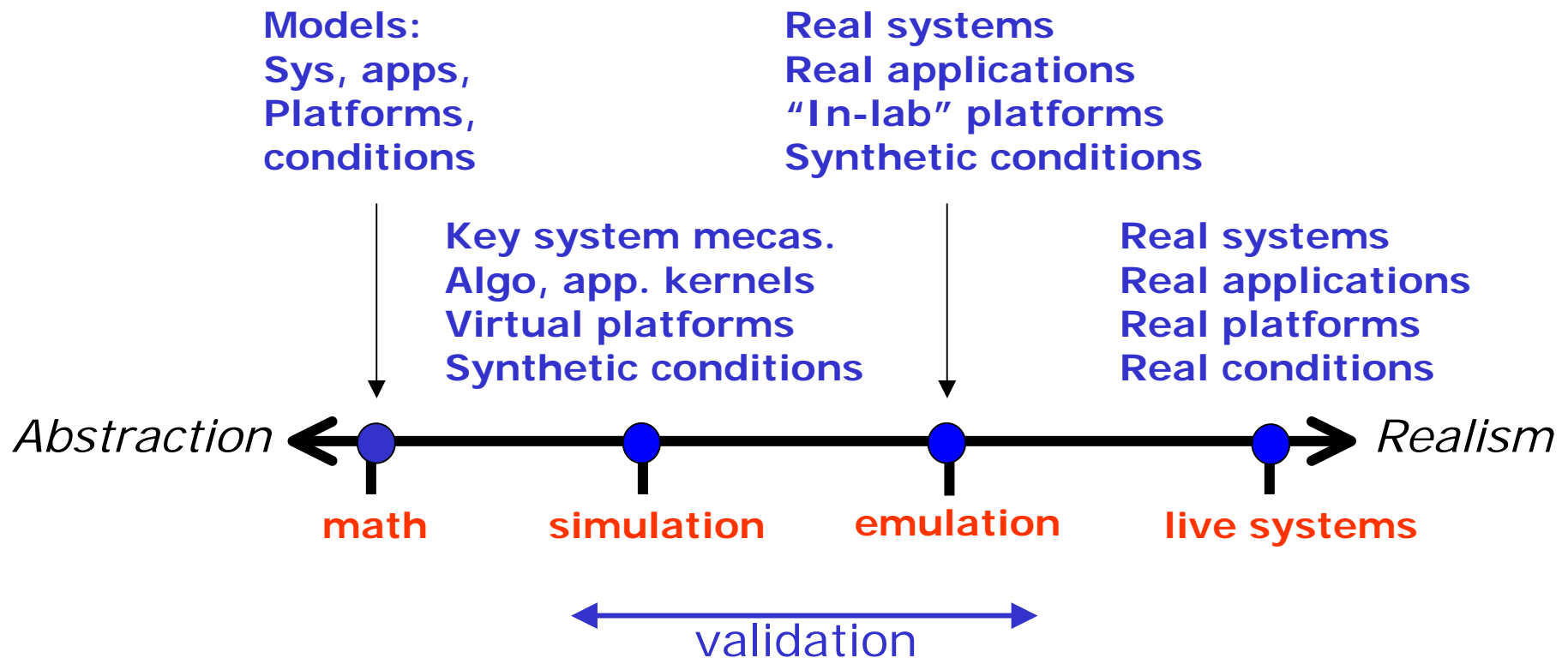
“Scientific software is usually distributed in form of optimized binaries for every platform and sometimes even tightly coupled to specific versions of the operating system.”

“A grid node executing a task should thus be able to provide exactly the environment needed by the application.”

Tools for Distributed System Studies

To investigate Distributed System issues, we need:

1) Tools (model, simulators, emulators, experi. Platforms)



2) Strong interaction between these research tools



Existing Grid Research Tools

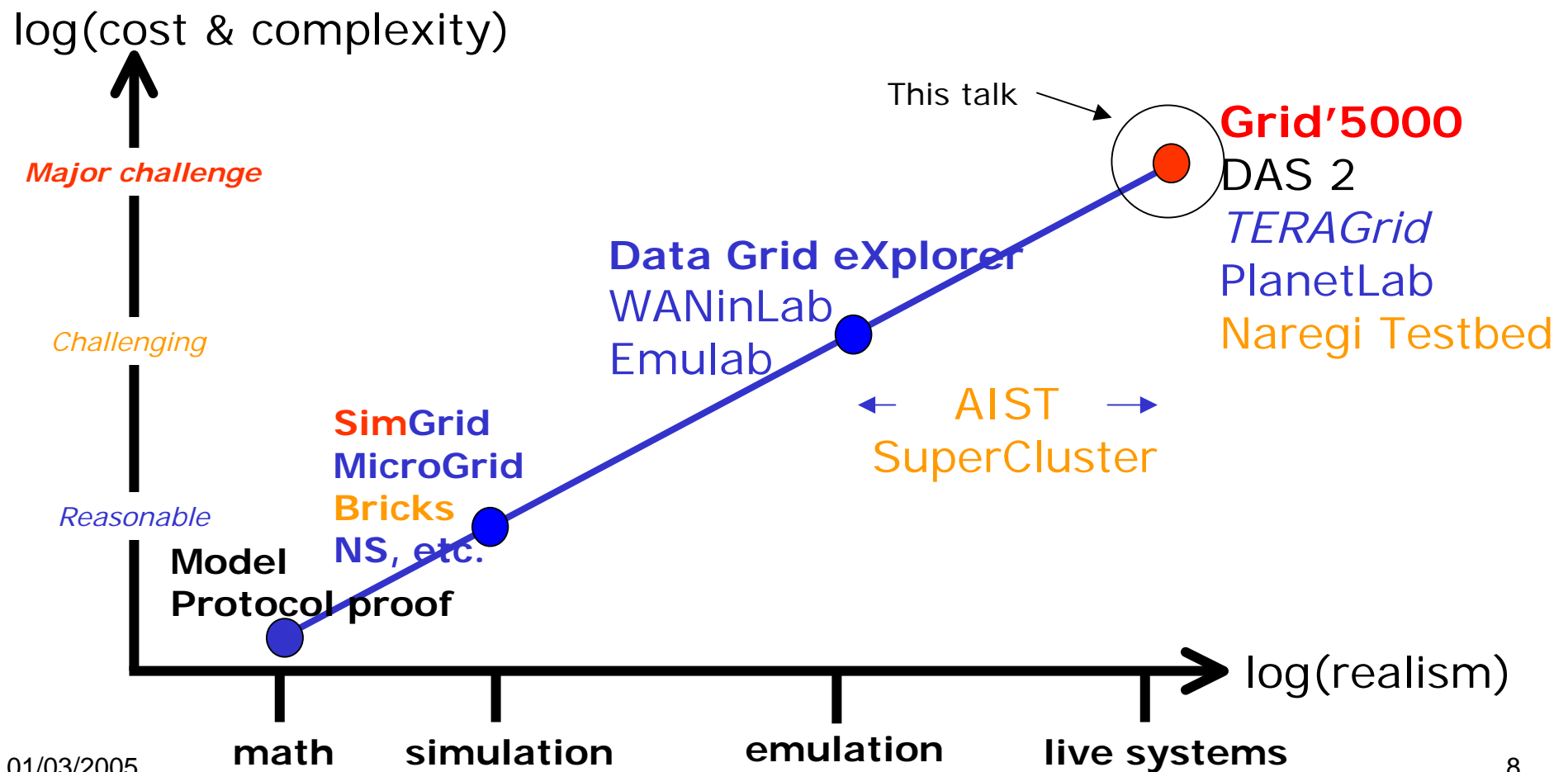
- **SimGRid and SimGrid2**
 - Discrete event simulation with trace injection
 - Originally dedicated to scheduling studies
 - **GridSim**
 - Australian competitor of SimGrid
 - Dedicated to scheduling (with deadline)
 - **Titech Bricks**
 - Discrete event simulation for scheduling and replication studies
 - **MicroGrid**
 - Emulator with MPI communications
 - Not dynamic
- No emulator or real life experimental platform
→ These tools do not scale (limited to ~100 grid nodes)
→ They do not consider the network issues (almost)



We need Grid experimental tools

In the first ½ of 2003, the design and development of two Grid experimental platforms was decided:

- Grid'5000 as a real life system
- Data Grid eXplorer as a large scale emulator

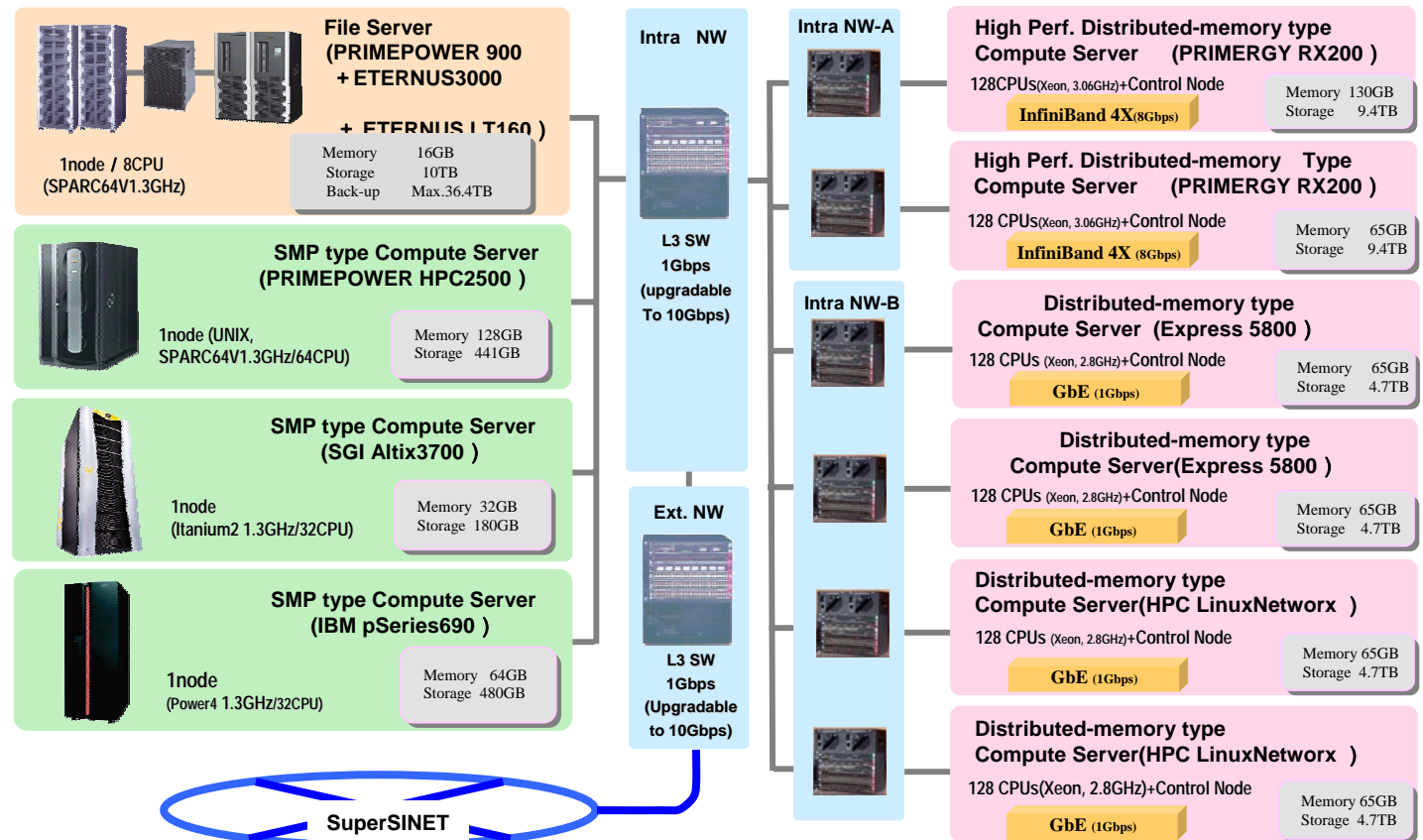


NAREGI Middleware Development Infrastructure

2003 - 2007

NOT a production system (c.f. TeraGrid) – Mainly geared towards R&D, but could be used partially for experimental production

To form a Grid
testbed
infrastructure
(~ 10 Teraflops,
March 2004)

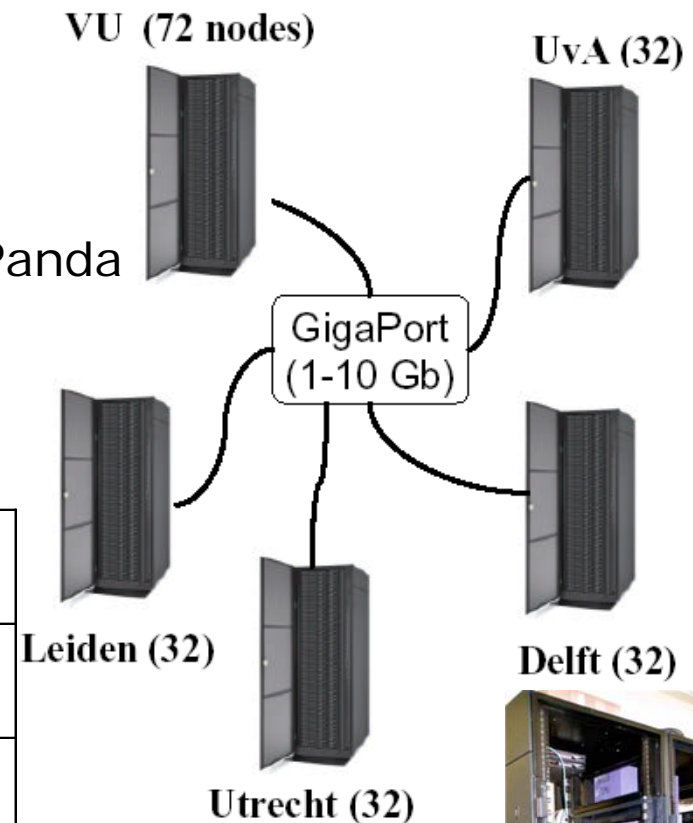


DAS2: 400 CPUs exp. Grid

- **Homogeneous nodes!**
- Grid middleware
 - Globus 3.2 toolkit
 - PBS+Maui scheduler
- Parallel programming support
 - MPI (MPICH-GM, MPICH-G2), PVM, Panda
 - Pthreads
- Programming languages
 - C, C++, Java, Fortran 77/90/95

	VU	UvA	Leiden	Delft	Utrecht
#nodes	72	32	32	32	32
Memory (GB)	1	1.5	1.5	1	1
Local disks (GB)	20	80	60	20	20
File server (GB)	6 * 36	6 * 36	6 * 36	2 * 18	2 * 18

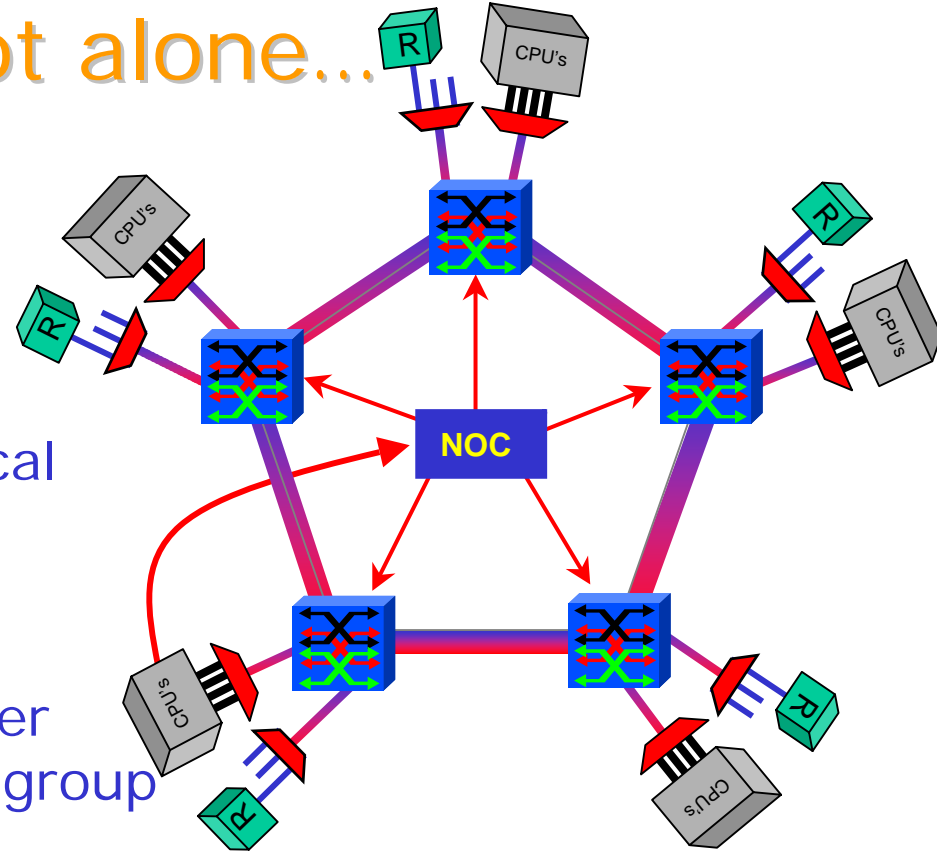
DAS2 (2002) :



We are not alone...

DAS-3

- Proposed next generation grid in the Netherlands
 - 5 clusters connected by optical network (SURFnet-6)
- Partners:
 - ASCI, VL-e, MultimediaN
- Gigaport-NG: DWDM computer backplane (dedicated optical group of 8 lambdas)
- Application can dynamically allocate light paths, of 10 Gbit/sec
- Application control topology through Network Operations Center
- Gives flexible, dynamic, high-bandwidth links
- Research questions :
 - How to provide this flexibility (across domains)?
 - How to integrate optical networks with applications?





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The Grid'5000 Project

- 1) Building a nation wide experimental platform for Grid researches (like a particle accelerator for the computer scientists)
 - 8 geographically distributed sites
 - every site hosts a cluster (from 256 CPUs to 1K CPUs)
 - All sites are connected by RENATER (French Res. and Edu. Net.)
 - RENATER hosts probes to trace network load conditions
 - Design and develop a system/middleware environment for safely test and repeat experiments

- 2) Use the platform for Grid experiments in **real life conditions**
 - Address critical issues of Grid system/middleware:
 - Programming, Scalability, Fault Tolerance, Scheduling
 - Address critical issues of Grid Networking
 - High performance transport protocols, Qos
 - Port and test applications
 - Investigate original mechanisms
 - P2P resources discovery, Desktop Grids



Funding & Participants

Funding (~7,6M€):

- 1) Ministry or Research
- 2) ACI GRID and MD (Hardware, Engineers)
- 3) INRIA (Hardware, Engineers)
- 4) CNRS (AS, Engineers, etc.)
- 5) Regional councils (Hardware)

Steering Committee (11) :

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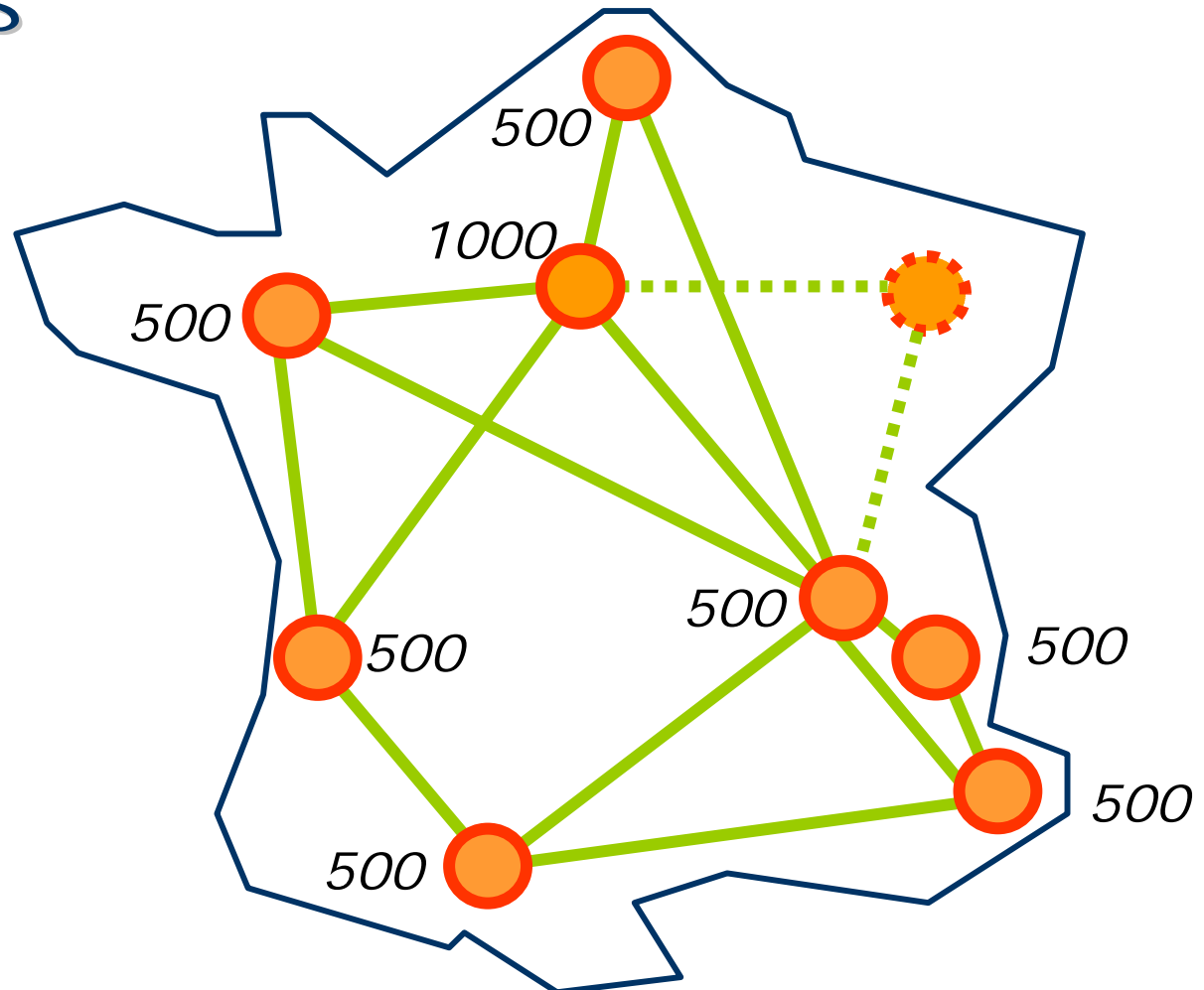
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Grid'5000 map

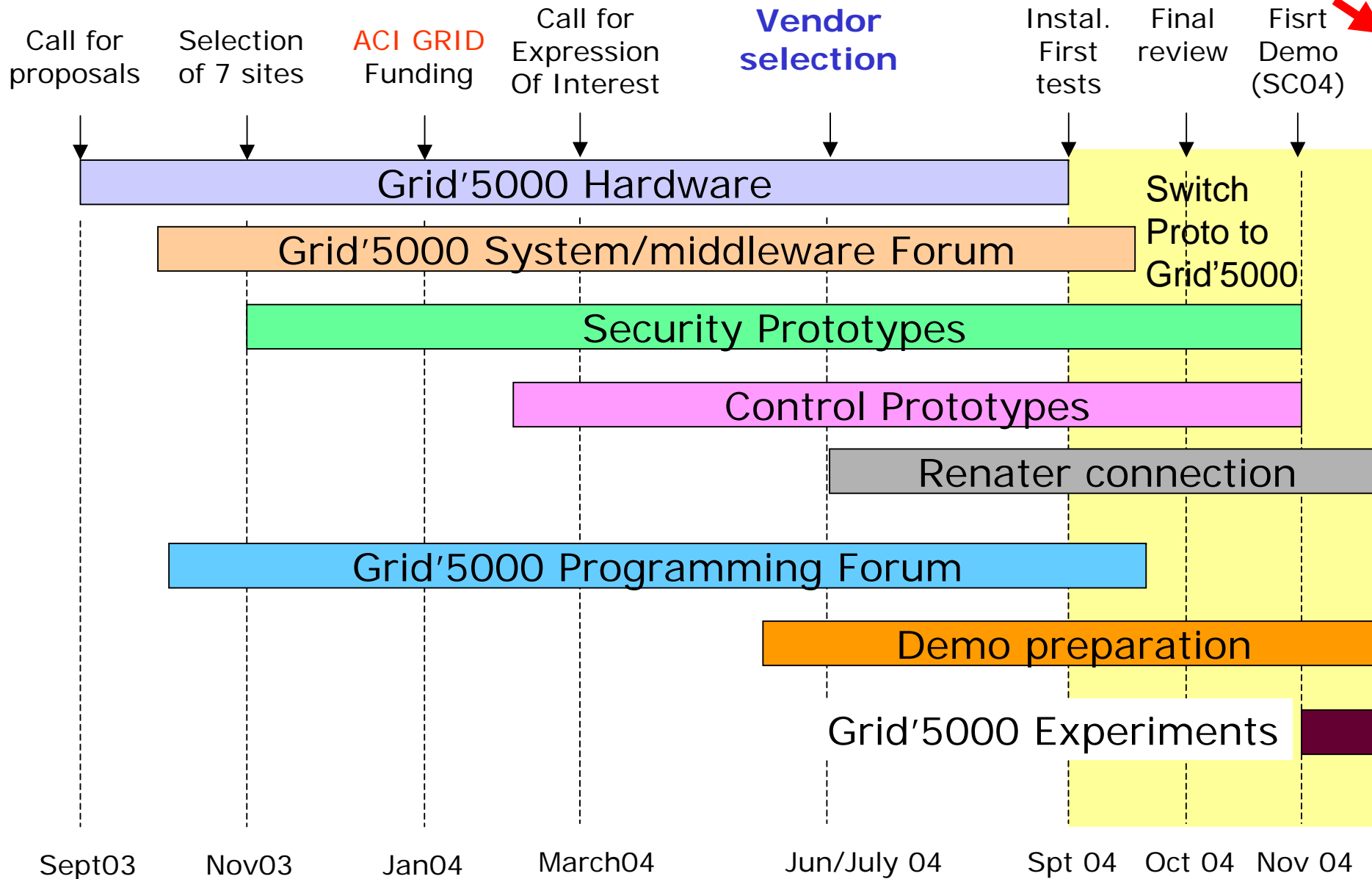
The largest Instrument to study Grid issues





Schedule

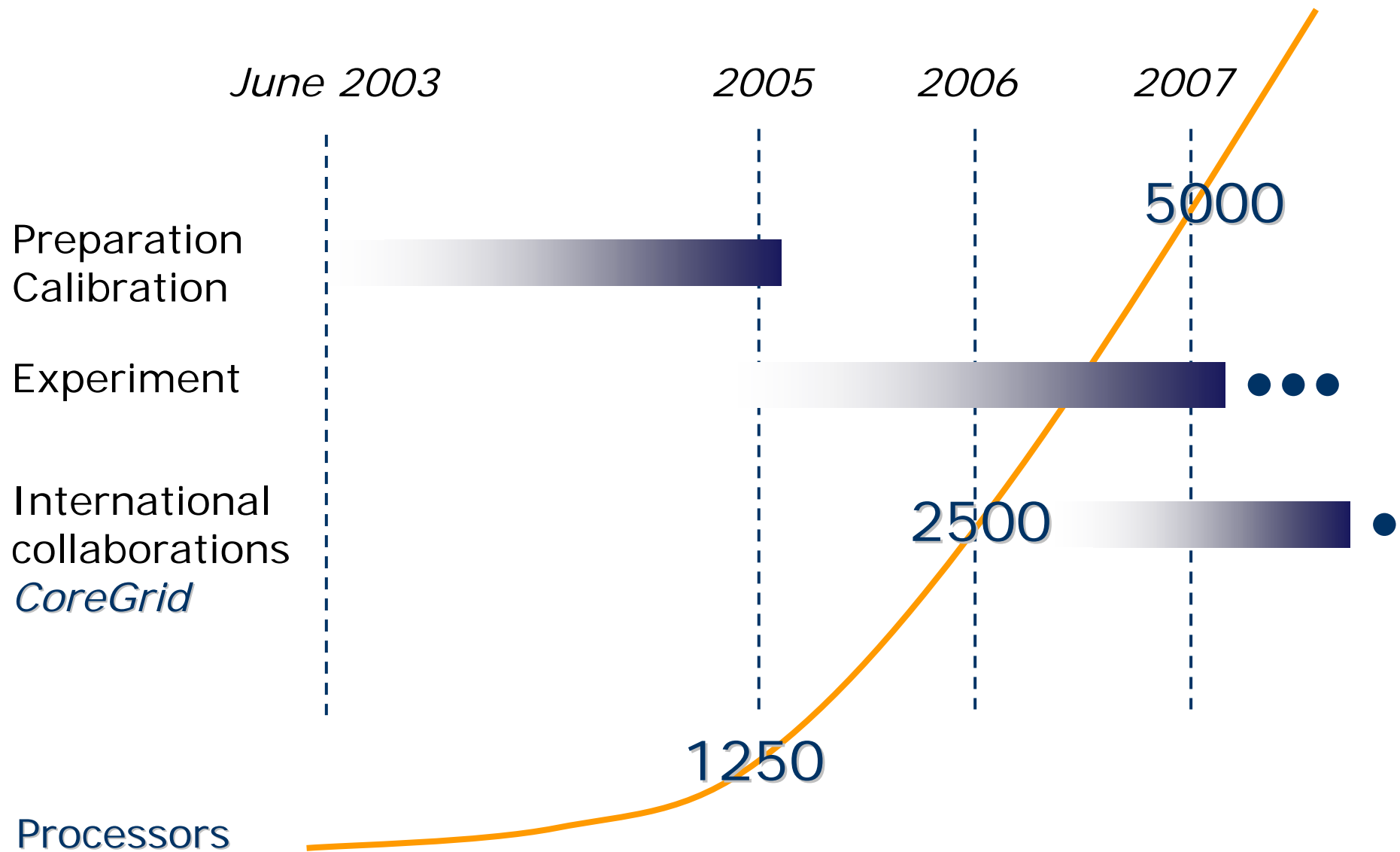
today



Today: still switching + configuring. First runs on February 9 2005



Planning





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Grid'5000 foundations:

Collection of experiments to be done

- **Networking**
 - End host communication layer (interference with local communications)
 - High performance long distance protocols (improved TCP)
 - High Speed Network Emulation
- **Middleware / OS**
 - Scheduling / data distribution in Grid
 - Fault tolerance in Grid
 - Resource management
 - Grid SSI OS and Grid I/O
 - Desktop Grid/P2P systems
- **Programming**
 - Component programming for the Grid (Java, Corba)
 - GRID-RPC
 - GRID-MPI
 - Code Coupling
- **Applications**
 - Multi-parametric applications (Climate modeling/Functional Genomic)
 - Large scale experimentation of distributed applications (Electromagnetism, multi-material fluid mechanics, parallel optimization algorithms, CFD, astrophysics)



Grid'5000 foundations: Collection of properties to evaluate

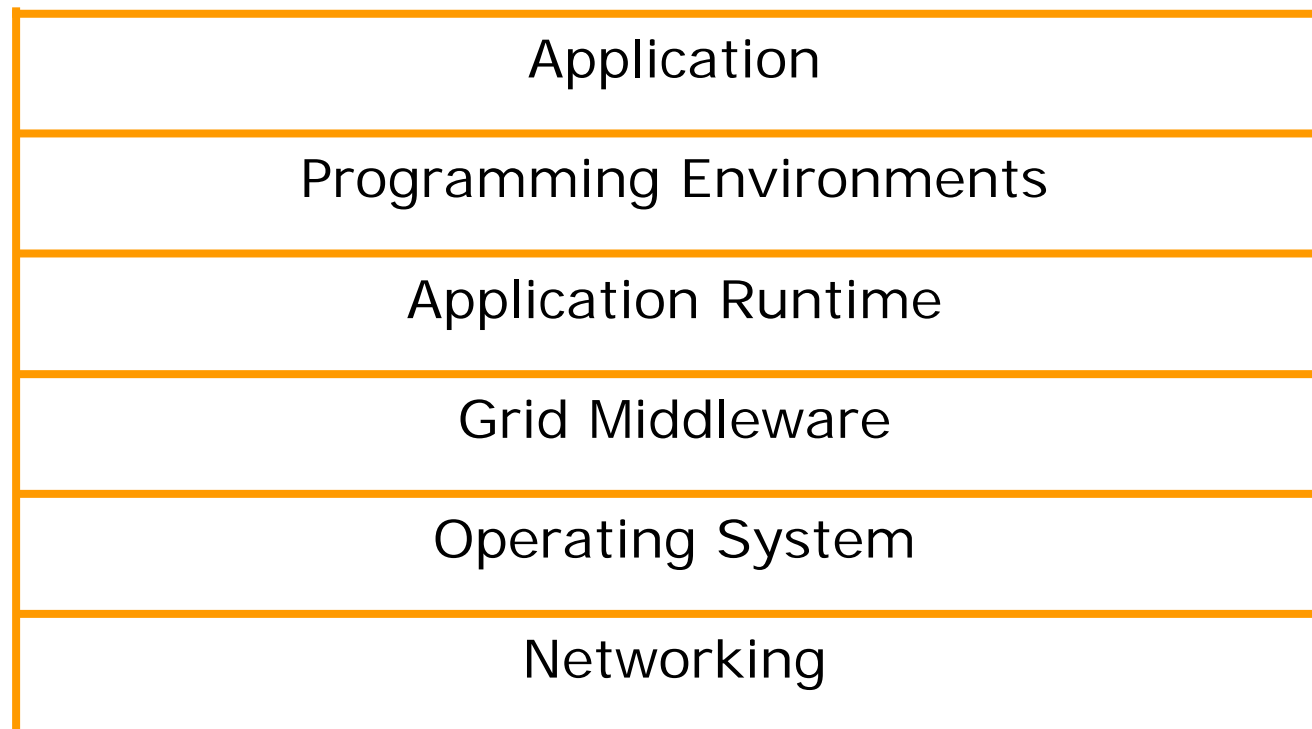
Quantitative metrics :

- Performance
 - Execution time, throughput, overhead
- Scalability
 - Resource occupation (CPU, memory, disc, network)
 - Applications algorithms
 - Number of users
- Fault-tolerance
 - Tolerance to very frequent failures (volatility), tolerance to massive failures (a large fraction of the system disconnects)
 - Fault tolerance consistency across the software stack.



Grid'5000 goal:

Experimenting all layers of the Grid software stack



➔ A highly reconfigurable experimental platform



Grid'5000 Vision

Grid'5000 is NOT a production Grid!

Grid'5000 should be:

- an instrument
to experiment all levels of the software stack involved
in Grid.

Grid'5000 will be:

- a low level testbed harnessing clusters (a nation wide
cluster of clusters),
allowing users to fully configure the cluster nodes
(including the OS) for their experiments (strong
control)



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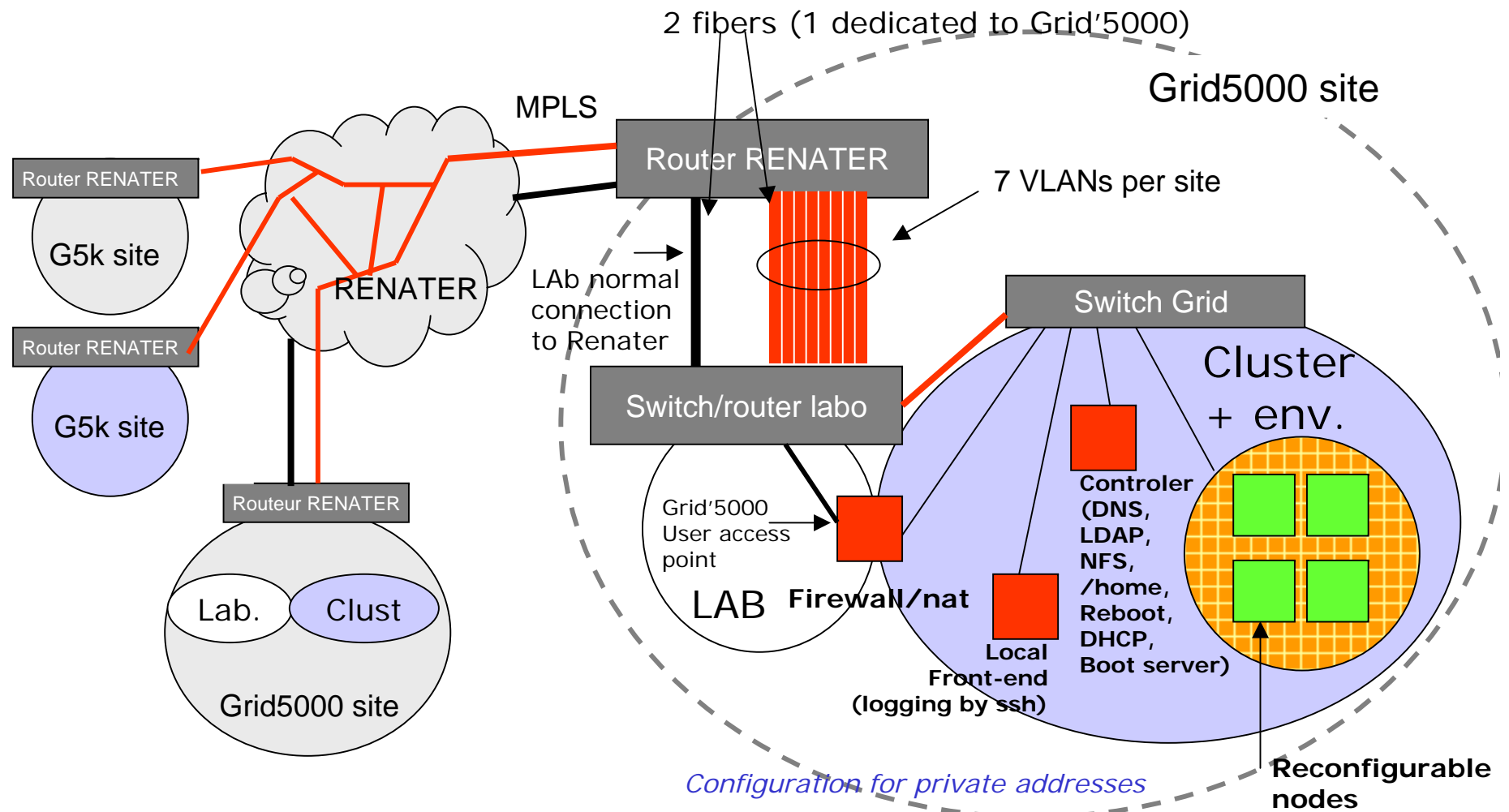
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Security design

- Grid'5000 nodes will be rebooted and configured at kernel level by users (very high privileges for every users);
→ Users may configure incorrectly the cluster nodes opening security holes
- How to secure the local site and Internet?
→ A confined system (no way to get out; access only through strong authentication and via a dedicated gateway)
- Some sites want private addresses, some others want public addresses
- Some sites want to connect satellite machines
→ Access is granted only from sites
→ Every site is responsible to following the confinement rules

Grid'5000 Security architecture: A confined system



8 x 7 VLANs in Grid'5000 (1 VLAN per tunnel)

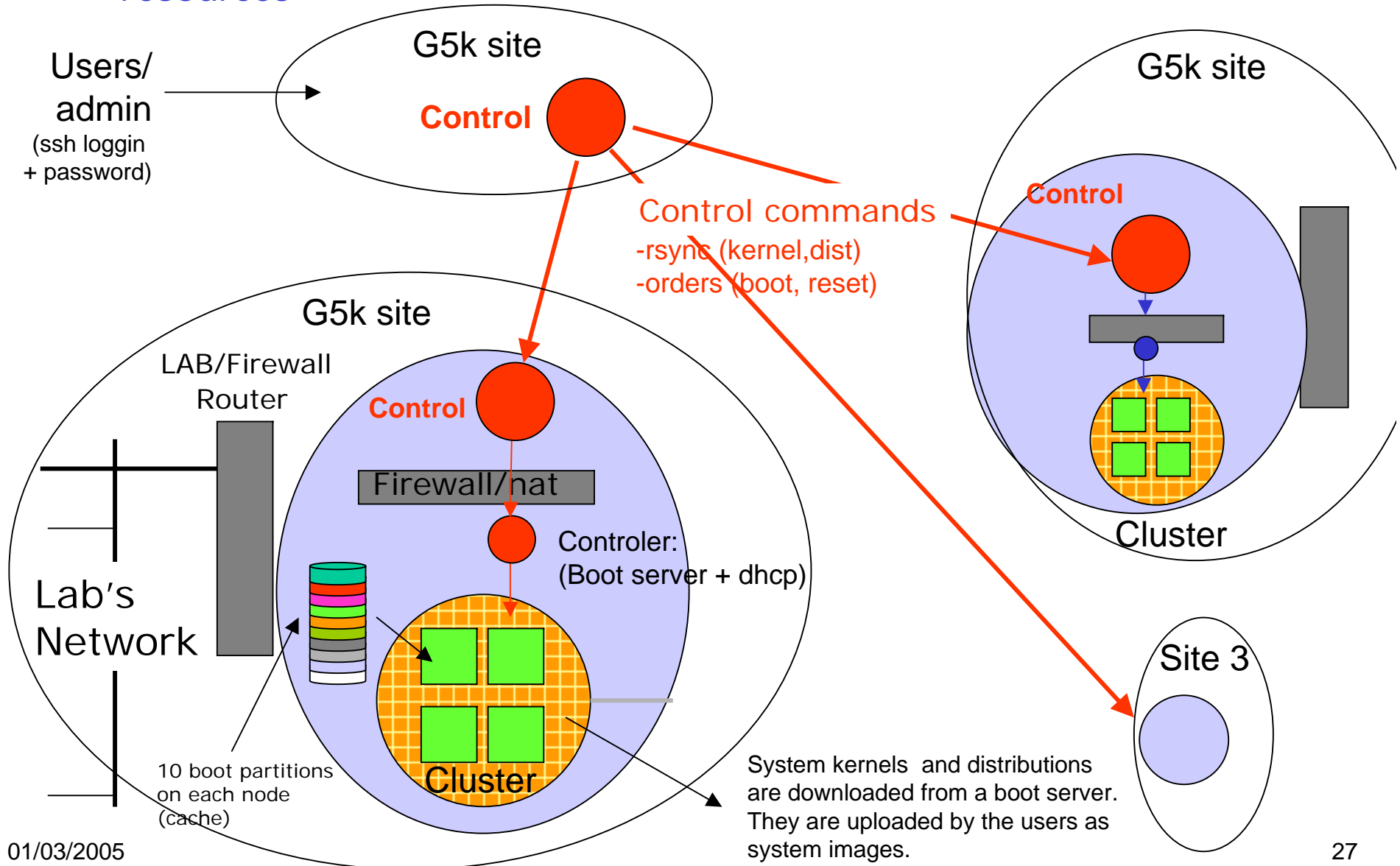


Control design

- User want to be able to install on all Grid'5000 nodes some specific software stack from network protocols to applications (possibly including kernel)
 - Administrators want to be able to reset/reboot distant nodes in case of troubles
 - Grid'5000 developers want to develop control mechanisms in order to help debugging, such as "step" by "step" execution (relying on checkpoint/restart mechanisms)
- A control architecture allowing to broadcast orders from one site to the others with local relays to convert the order into actions

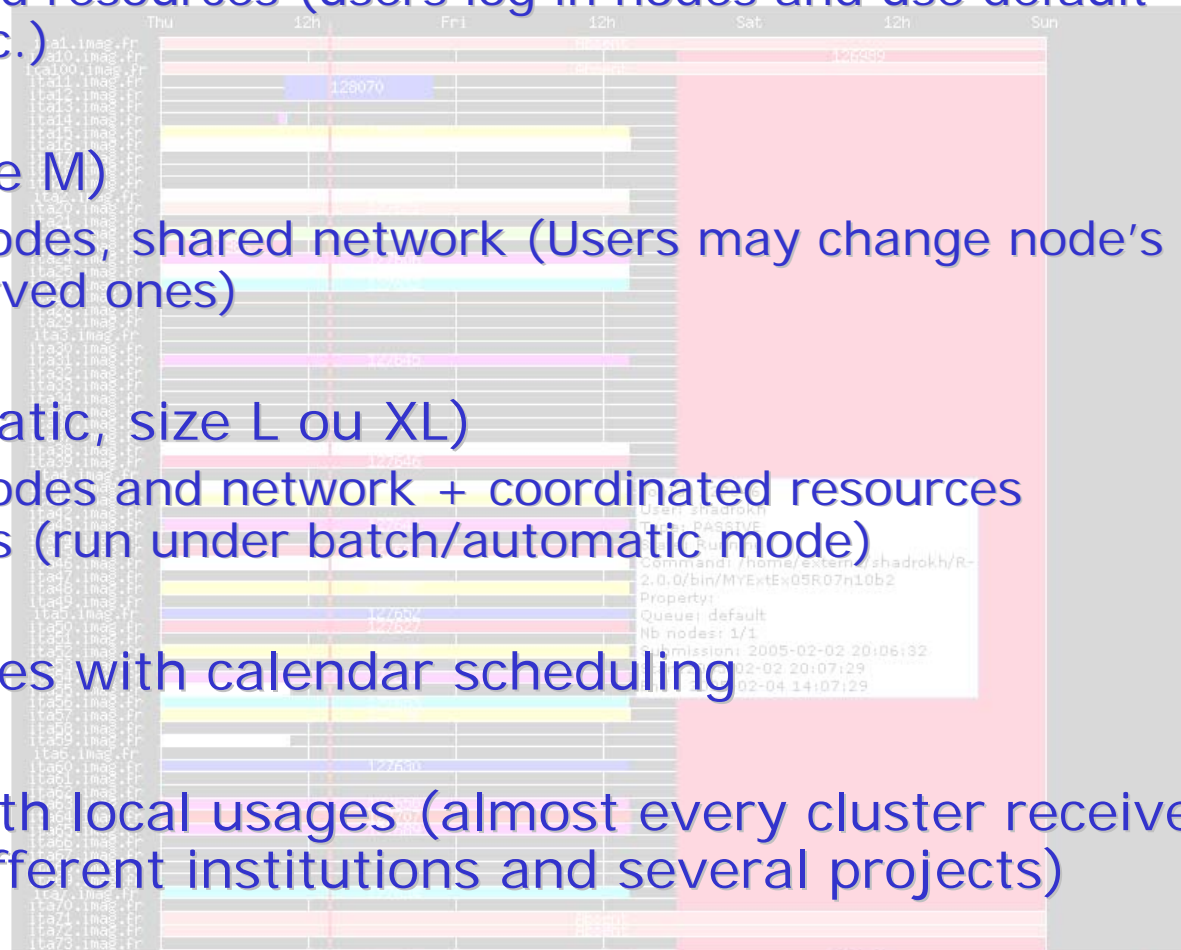
Control Architecture

In reserved and batch modes, admins and users can control their resources



Usage modes

- Shared (preparing experiments, size S)
 - No dedicated resources (users log in nodes and use default settings, etc.)
 - Reserved (size M)
 - Reserved nodes, shared network (Users may change node's OS on reserved ones)
 - Batch (automatic, size L ou XL)
 - Reserved nodes and network + coordinated resources experiments (run under batch/automatic mode)
 - All these modes with calendar scheduling
- + compliance with local usages (almost every cluster receives funds from different institutions and several projects)





Rennes

Lyon

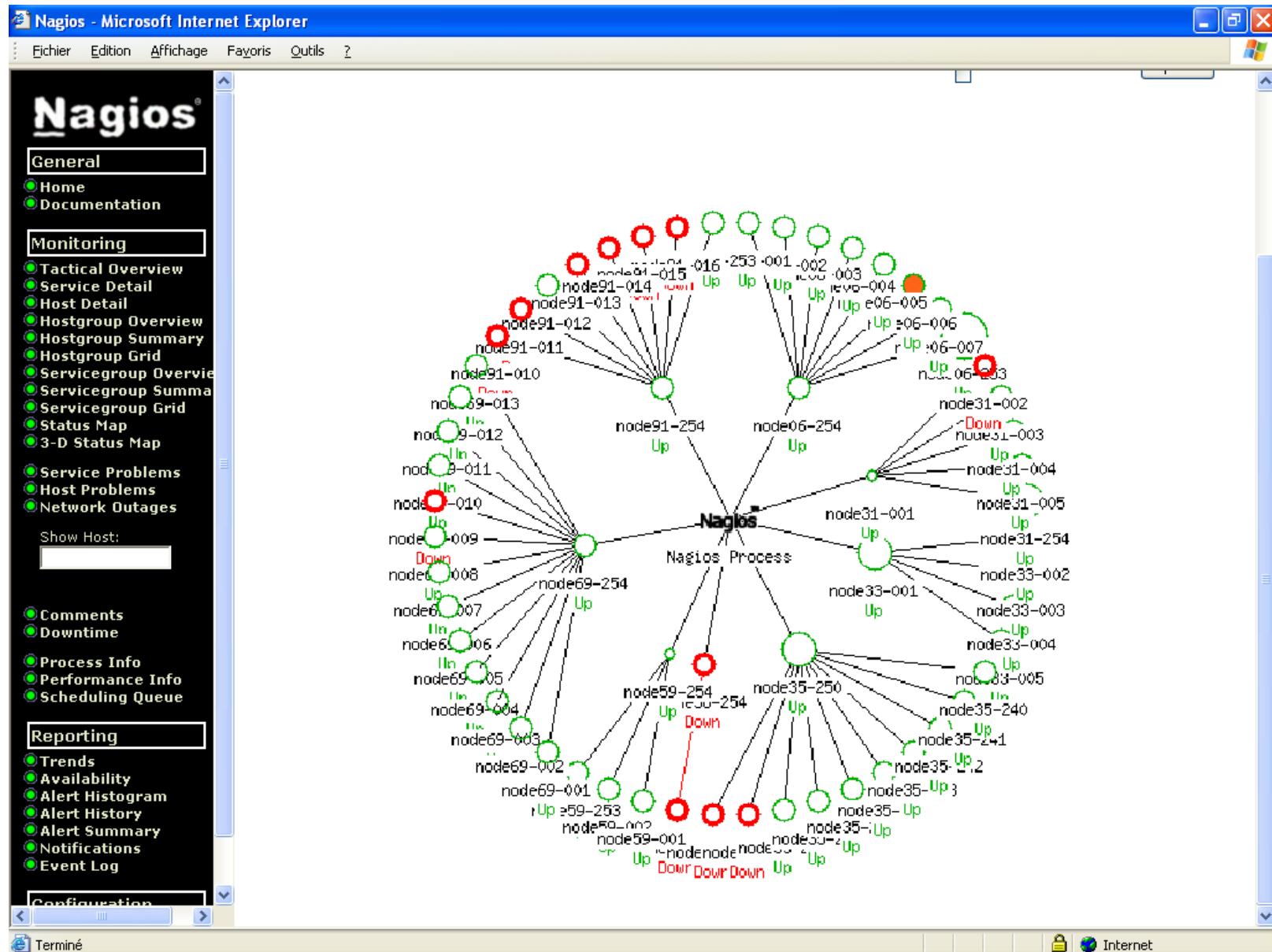
Sophia

Grenoble

Orsay

Toulouse

Grid'5000

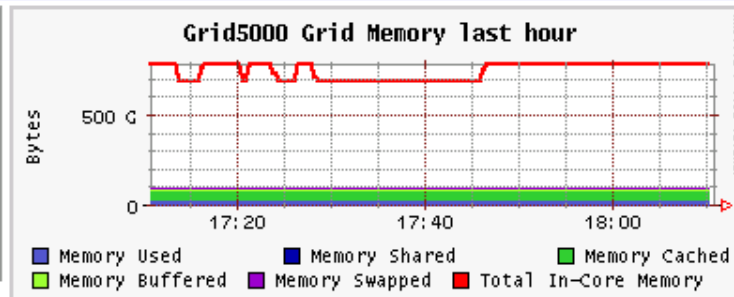
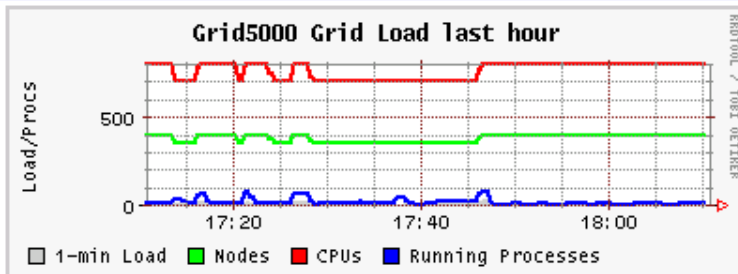


Grid5000 Grid (4 sources) (tree view)

CPU's Total: 798
 Hosts up: 399
 Hosts down: 9

Avg Load (15, 5, 1m):
 1%, 0%, 0%

Localtime:
 2005-02-24 18:10

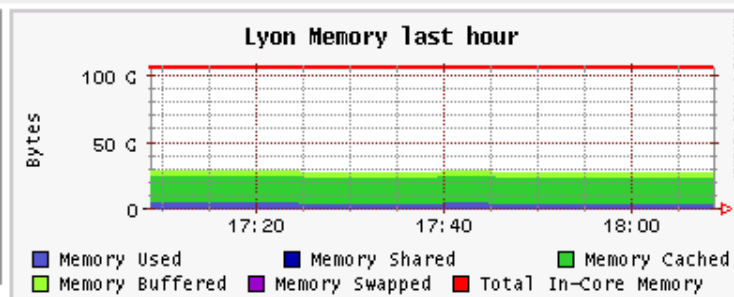
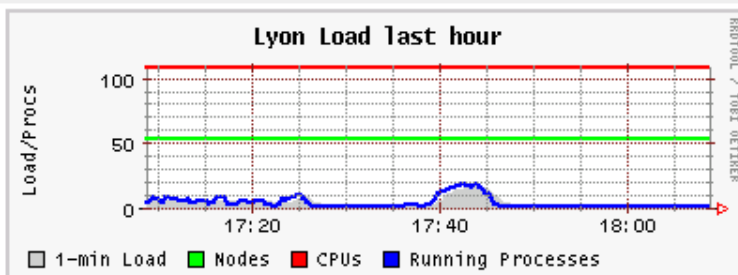


Lyon (physical view)

CPU's Total: 108
 Hosts up: 54
 Hosts down: 2

Avg Load (15, 5, 1m):
 3%, 2%, 2%

Localtime:
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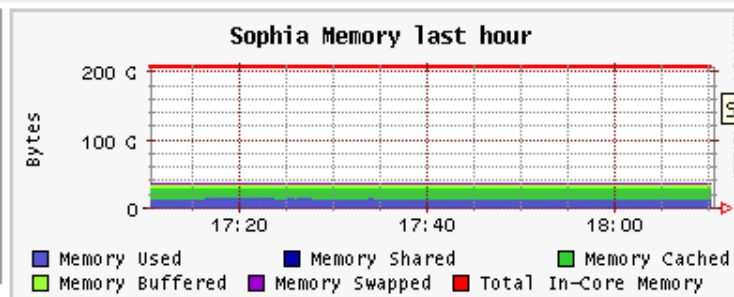
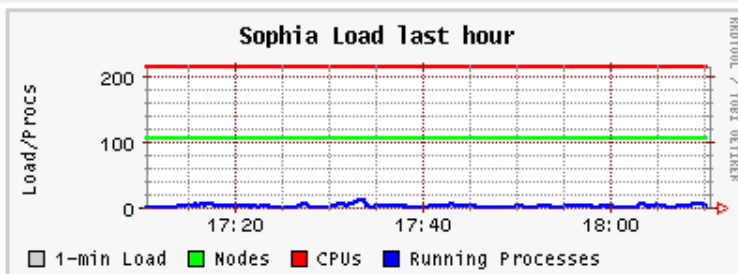


Sophia (physical view)

CPU's Total: 214
 Hosts up: 107
 Hosts down: 0

Avg Load (15, 5, 1m):
 0%, 0%, 0%

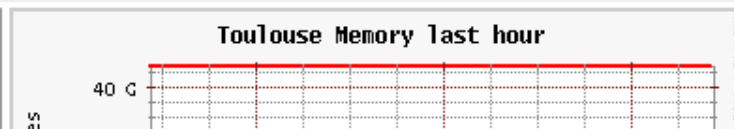
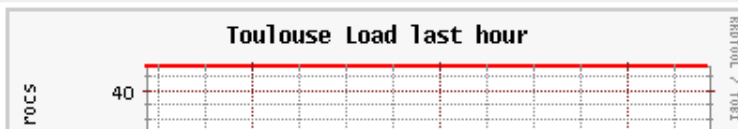
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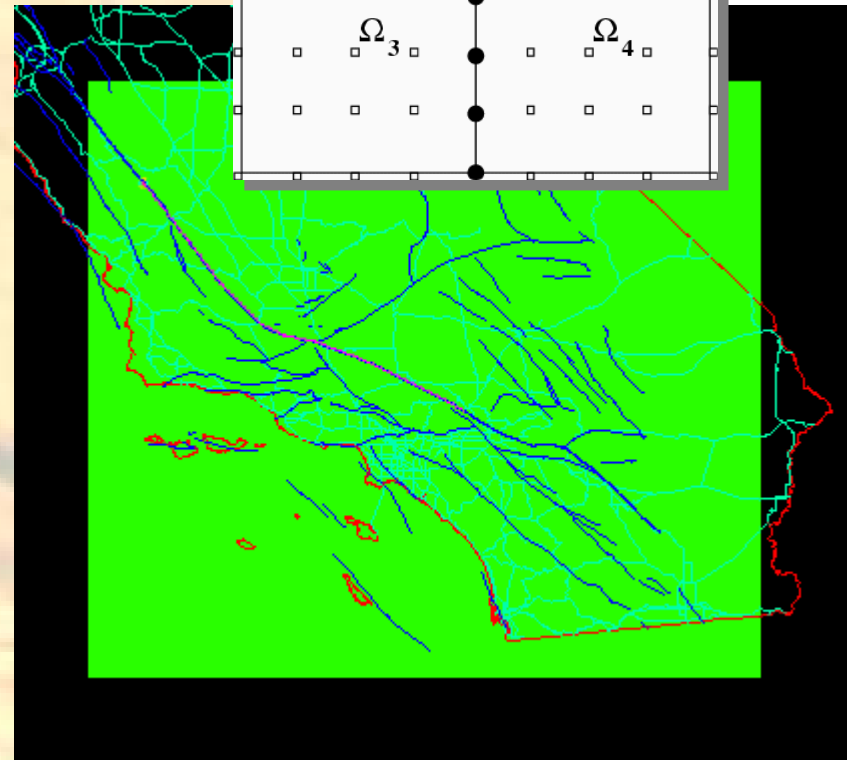
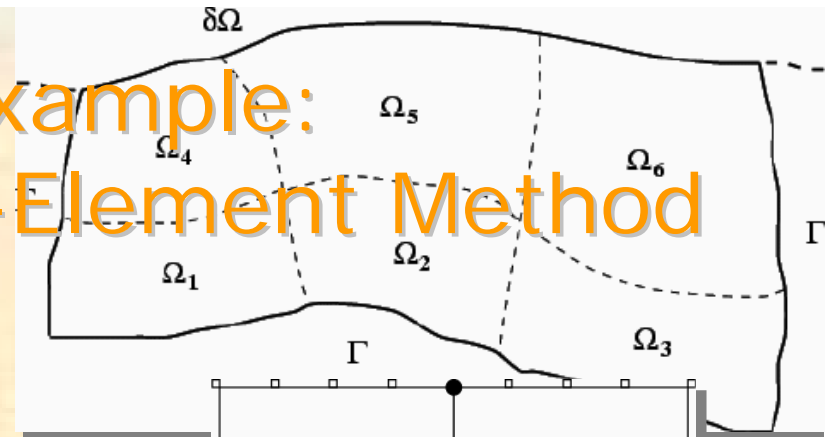
Toulouse (physical view)

CPU's Total: 48
 Hosts up: 24
 Hosts down: 5



Experiment example: SPECFEM3D: Spectral-Element Method

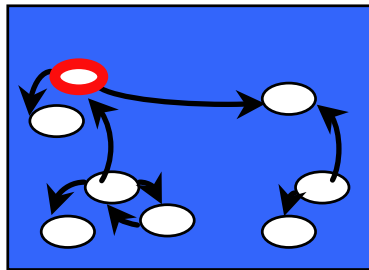
- Developed in Computational Fluid Dynamics (Patera 1984)
- Introduced by Chaljub (2000) at IPG Paris
- Extended by Komatitsch and Tromp, Capdeville et al.
- 5120 CPUs (640 x 8), 10 terabytes of mem. (Earthsim.)
- SPECFEM3D won Gordon Bell price at SuperComputing'2003
- How to adapt it for the Grid?



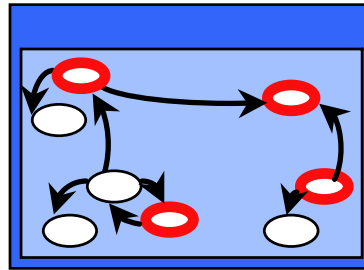
Experiment example: testing Grid programming models

A Java API + Tools for Parallel, Distributed Computing

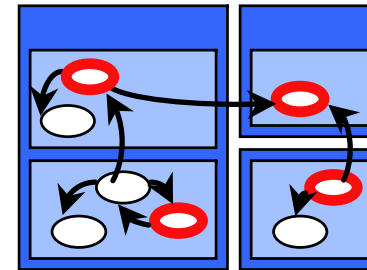
Sequential



Multithreaded



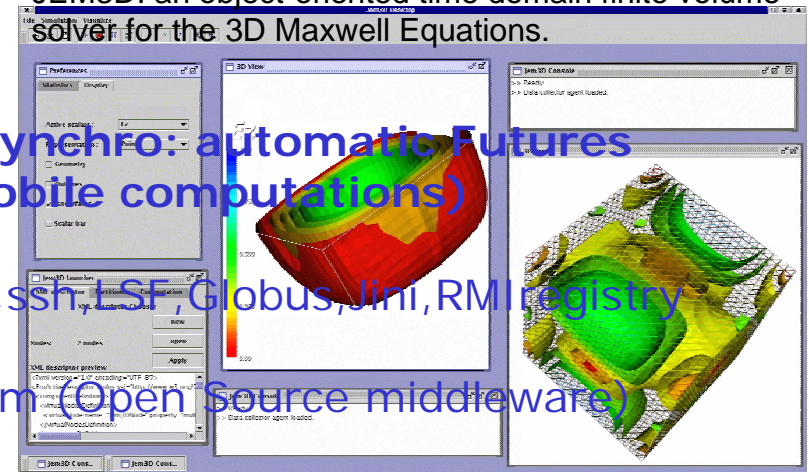
Distributed



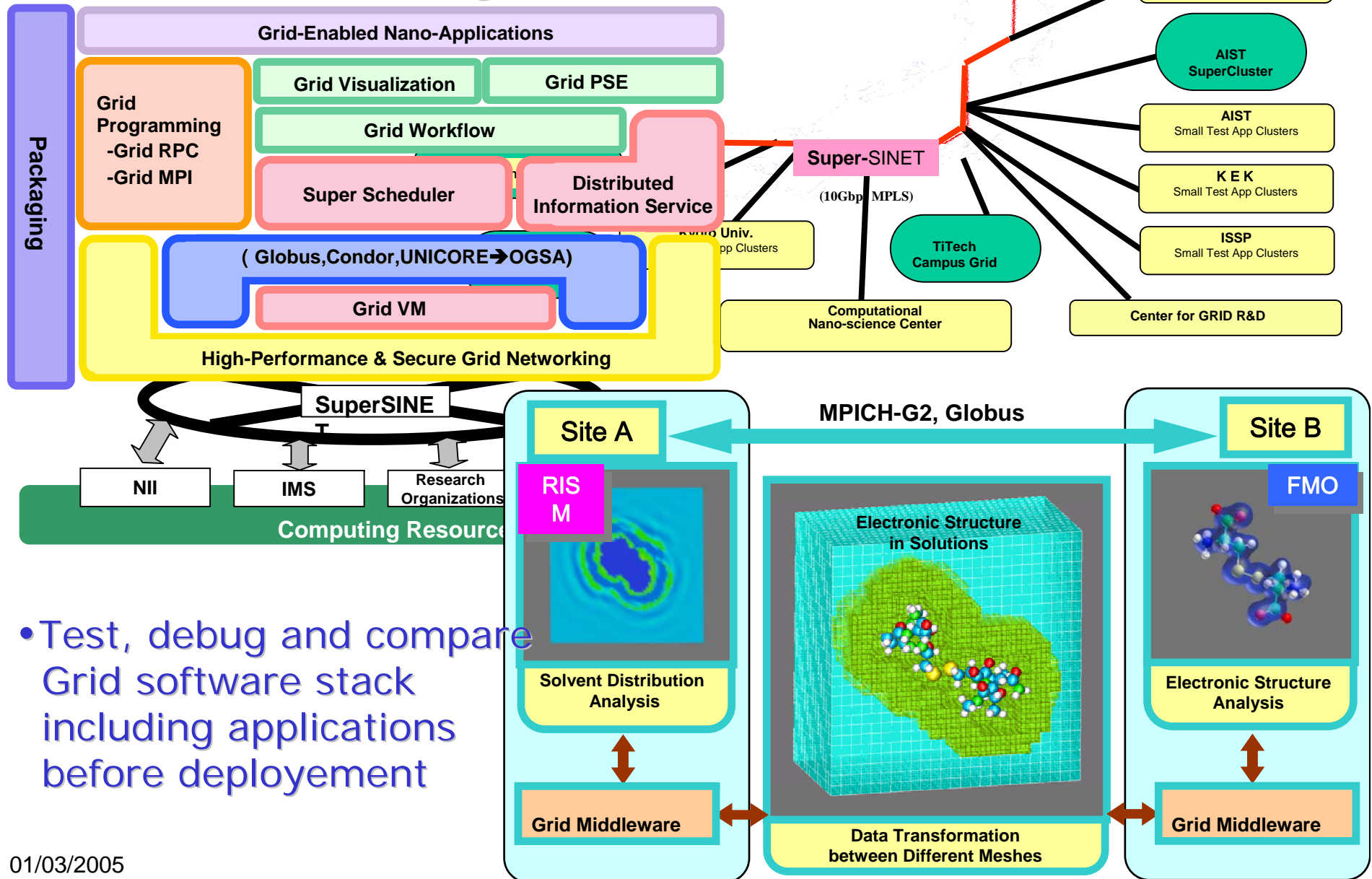
- A uniform framework: **An Active Object pattern**
- A formal model behind: **Prop. Determinism**

- Main features:
- Remotely accessible Objects
- Asynchronous Communications with **synchro: automatic Futures**
- Group Communications, Migration (mobile computations)
- XML Deployment Descriptors
- Interfaced with various protocols: rsh, ssh, SFTP, Globus, Jini, RMI registry
- Visualization and monitoring: **IC2D**
- In the [www. ObjectWeb .org](http://www.ObjectWeb.org) Consortium (Open Source middleware)
- since April 2002 (**LGPL license**)

JEM3D: an object-oriented time domain finite volume solver for the 3D Maxwell Equations.



Experiment example: Testing a Grid software stack



- Test, debug and compare Grid software stack including applications before deployment



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Summary

- The largest Instrument for research in Grid Computing
- Grid'5000 will offer in 2005:
 - 8 clusters distributed over 8 sites in France,
 - about 2500 CPUs,
 - about 2,5 TB memory,
 - about 100 TB Disc,
 - about 8 Gigabit/s (directional) of bandwidth
 - about 5 à 10 Tera operations / sec
 - the capability for all users to reconfigure the platform [protocols/OS/Middleware/Runtime/Application]
- Grid'5000 will be opened to Grid researchers in early 2005
- International extension currently under discussion (Netherlands, Japan)