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What is the Grid?

1.1 Electric Power Grid

- „The Grid“ got its name from the electric power grid.
- Why is this a good analogy?
 - Special device was needed (electric generator).
 - Considerable knowledge needed to operate devices.
 - Consequences: usage of electricity was hindered.

Quelle: Foster - „The Grid – blueprint for a new computing architecture“, 1999



What is the Grid?

1.1 Electric Power Grid

- Why has electricity-based technology spread nevertheless?
 - Development of „Electric Power Grid“
- Benefits of the Electric Power Grid
 - Reliable
 - Low-cost-access to a standardized service
 - Power universally accessible
- Other Important Factors
 - Economics
 - Politics, not only technological innovation
 - Complexity of control

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What is the Grid?

1.1 Electric Power Grid

- We need some kind of “Computational Grid” which *revolutionizes the use of computing* by making the construction and use of *large scale systems of diverse resources* as easy as using today’s desktop environment?

Quelle: <http://doesciencegrid.org> DOE Science Grid - Website



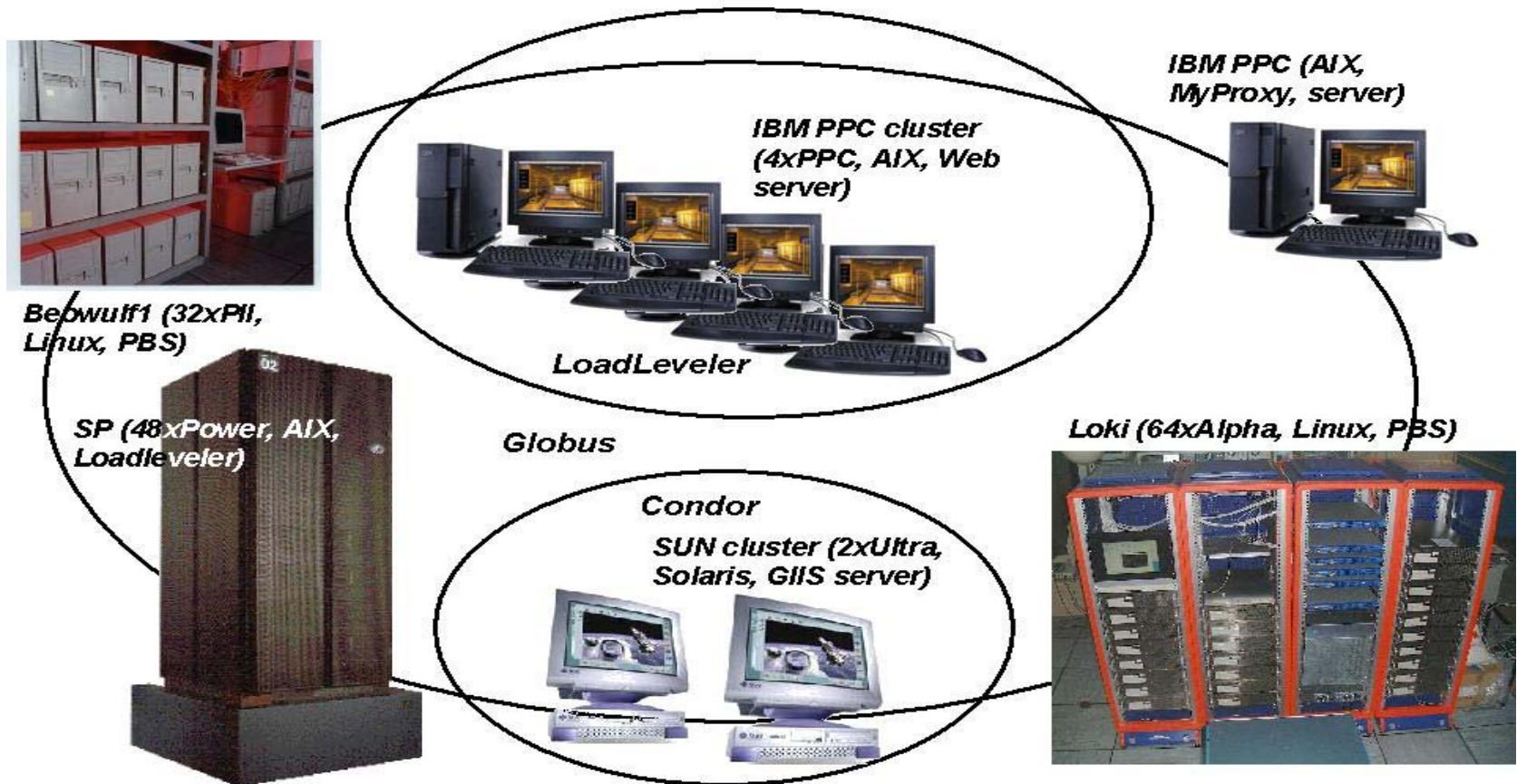
1.2 Definition of Computational Grids

1st Definition

- „*Computational Grid*“
 - „Hardware and software infrastructure that provides dependable, consistent, pervasive and inexpensive access to high-end computational capabilities.“

1.2 Definition of Computational Grids

A sample Grid



This picture shows a typical departmental "mini Grid", actually at the CLRC Daresbury Laboratory.

Quelle: <http://www.grid-support.ac.uk/>

1.2 Definition of Computational Grids

Examining the 1st Definition

- Infrastructure
 - Grid = large-scale pooling of resources e.g. compute cycles, data, sensors, people. Distributed hardware must be structured.
- Consistent
 - standardized services accessed via standardized interfaces and operating with standard parameters (--> Globus Toolkit).
- Dependable
 - without reliable infrastructure no users will be using „The Grid“.
- Pervasive
 - services must be available in whatever environment we move.
- Inexpensive
 - Must be widely used in order to use net-effects.

Quelle Foster, Kesselman „The Grid - Blueprints for a new computing infrastructure“ Foster, 1999



1.3 The Impact of Grids

- Early Grid concepts originated 10 years ago. How far is the knowledge to develop new applications which support distributed computing and high-speed networking?
- How important is the Grid today?



1.3 The Impact of Grids

selected Grid projects

Name	URL & Sponsors	Focus
Information Power Grid	http://ipg.nasa.gov NASA	Create and apply a production Grid for aerosciences and other NASA missions
Earth System Grid (ESG)	earthsystemgrid.org DOE Office of Science	Delivery and analysis of large climate model datasets for the climate research community
European Union (EU) DataGrid	eu-datagrid.org European Union	Create & apply an operational grid for applications in high energy physics , environmental science, bioinformatics

1.3 The Impact of Grids

Earth System Grid

- www.earthsystemgrid.org
- Global coupled earth system models
- Models need and produce very large amounts of data (terabyte level)
- Results will be free for participating Organizations
- Organizations can use the services independently.



1.4 The Grid problem

- Is there something like a typical „Grid Problem“?
- The „Grid Problem“
 - How to use controlled and coordinated resource sharing and resource use in dynamic, scalable virtual organizations?

Quelle: Foster, Kesselman, Tuecke „Anatomy of the Grid“, 2001



1.4 The Grid problem 1

- Resource sharing
 - Computers, storage, services, sensors, ...
 - Sharing always conditional: issues of trust, policy, negotiation, payment, ...
- Coordinated problem solving
 - Beyond client-server: distributed data analysis, computation, collaboration.
- Dynamic, multi-institutional virtual orgs
 - Community overlays on classic org structures
 - Large or small, static or dynamic

1.4 The Grid Problem 2

- Enable communities (“virtual organizations”) to share geographically distributed resources as they pursue common goals -- *assuming the absence of...*
 - central location,
 - central control,
 - omniscience,
 - existing trust relationships.

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2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.1 Definition

- „Virtual Organization“
 - The collection of geographically distributed, functionally and culturally diverse organisational entities linked through information and communication technologies.
- Characteristics (each more or less)
 - Virtual in concept
 - Highly flexible
 - Dynamic
 - Temporary

Quelle: Erastos Filos (European Commission), „Virtual Organisations“, 2000

2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.2 sample scenarios

- Scenario 1
 - Industrial consortium
 - Development of an aircraft study
 - Highly accurate simulation
 - The parts of the simulation are developed on each participants resources

2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.2 sample scenarios

- Scenario 2
 - Thousands of scientists worldwide
 - Analyzing the results of a really expensive device
 - Pooling of resources
 - Creating a „Data Grid“

2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.2 sample scenarios

- Differences
 - Number and type of participants
 - Duration and scale of interaction
 - Resources shared
- Things in common
 - Sharing of resources in order to achieve a goal.
 - Can involve direct access to software, computers, data...

2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.3 Legal problems in the EU

Problem	Solution
Electronic tracking of responsibility and liability	Development of new software
Evidence from e-documents having legal force	NEW EU-directive to make it legal.
Sample contract clauses for digital environment	Legal draft exists in the EU
Software to support legal issues	Development of new software + new laws

Quelle: Erastos Filos (European Commission), „Virtual Organisations“, 2000

2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.3 Problems

- What „the Grid“ offers:
 - Security solutions that support management of credentials and policies.
 - Resource management protocols and services that support **secure remote access to shared computing and data resources** and the co-allocation of multiple resources.
 - Information query protocols and services that provide **configuration and status information** about resources, organisations and services.
 - **Data management** services that locate and transport datasets between storage systems and applications.



2. Virtual organizations in the Grid-context

2.4 Summary

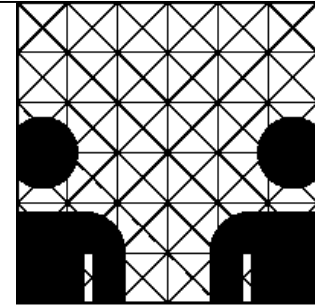
- VO are key indicators of the shift from industrial to the digital era.
- Big problem of modern information technologies:
 - Technology and innovation alone won't be sufficient.

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Basic of Grid Computing

„The Anatomy of the Grid“

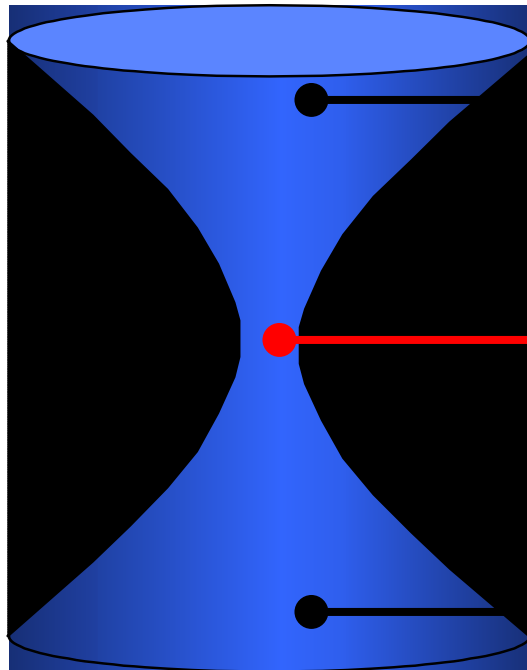
Grid Architecture

- The Nature of Grid Architecture

- Protocol, Service, API & SDK
- Interoperability is the central issues in Grid
- In a networked environment, interoperability means common protocols
- Grid architecture is a protocol architecture
- Service is defined by the protocol and behaviors
- Standart services allow us to enhance the service offered to VO participants
- API & SDK for sophisticated application in grid environments

Grid Architecture

- Grid Architecture Description



Application and Collective Layer

: construct a wide range of global services and application-specific behaviors

Resource and Connectivity Protocol

: small set of core abstractions and protocols

Fabric Layer

: defined the diverse range of resource types

Grid Architecture

- Grid Architecture Description „Fabric“

- **Fabric** : Interfaces to local control
 - Provides the resources to which shared access is mediated by Grid protocols.
 - *Globus Toolkit*
 - Designed to use existing fabric components.
 - Implement standart Grid protocols and APIs
 - Open source

Grid Architecture

- Grid Architecture Description „Connectivity“

- **Connectivity** : Communicating easily and securely
 - *Communication* : enable the exchange of data between Fabric layer resources.
 - *Security* : verifying the identity of users and resources
 - Uniform authentication & authorization mechanisms in multi-institutional setting
 - Single sign-on, delegation
 - *Globus Toolkit*
 - Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI)

Grid Architecture

- Grid Architecture Description „Resource“

- **Resource** : Sharing single resources
 - Define protocols (APIs and SDKs) for the secure negotiation, initiation, monitoring, control, of sharing operation on individual resources.
 - *Globus Toolkit*
 - Grid Resource Information Service (GRIS)
 - Access to structure & state information
 - Grid Resource Allocation Mgmt (GRAM)
 - Remote allocation, reservation, monitoring, control of compute resources
 - GridFTP protocol (FTP extensions)



Grid Architecture

- Grid Architecture Description „Collective“

- **Collective** : Coordinating Multiple Resources
 - Global in nature and capture interactions across collections of resources.
 - Directory service
 - Monitoring
 - Replication service

Grid Architecture

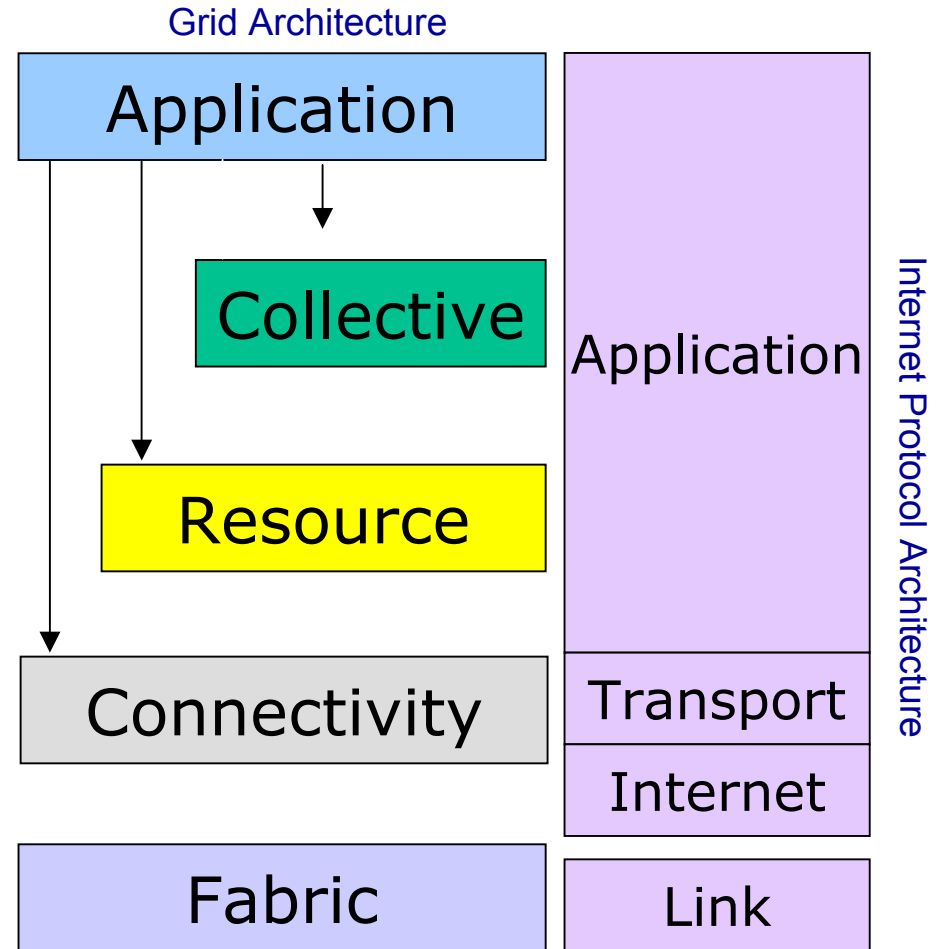
- Grid Architecture Description „Applications“

“Coordinating multiple resources”: ubiquitous infrastructure services, app-specific distributed services

“Sharing single resources”: negotiating access, controlling use

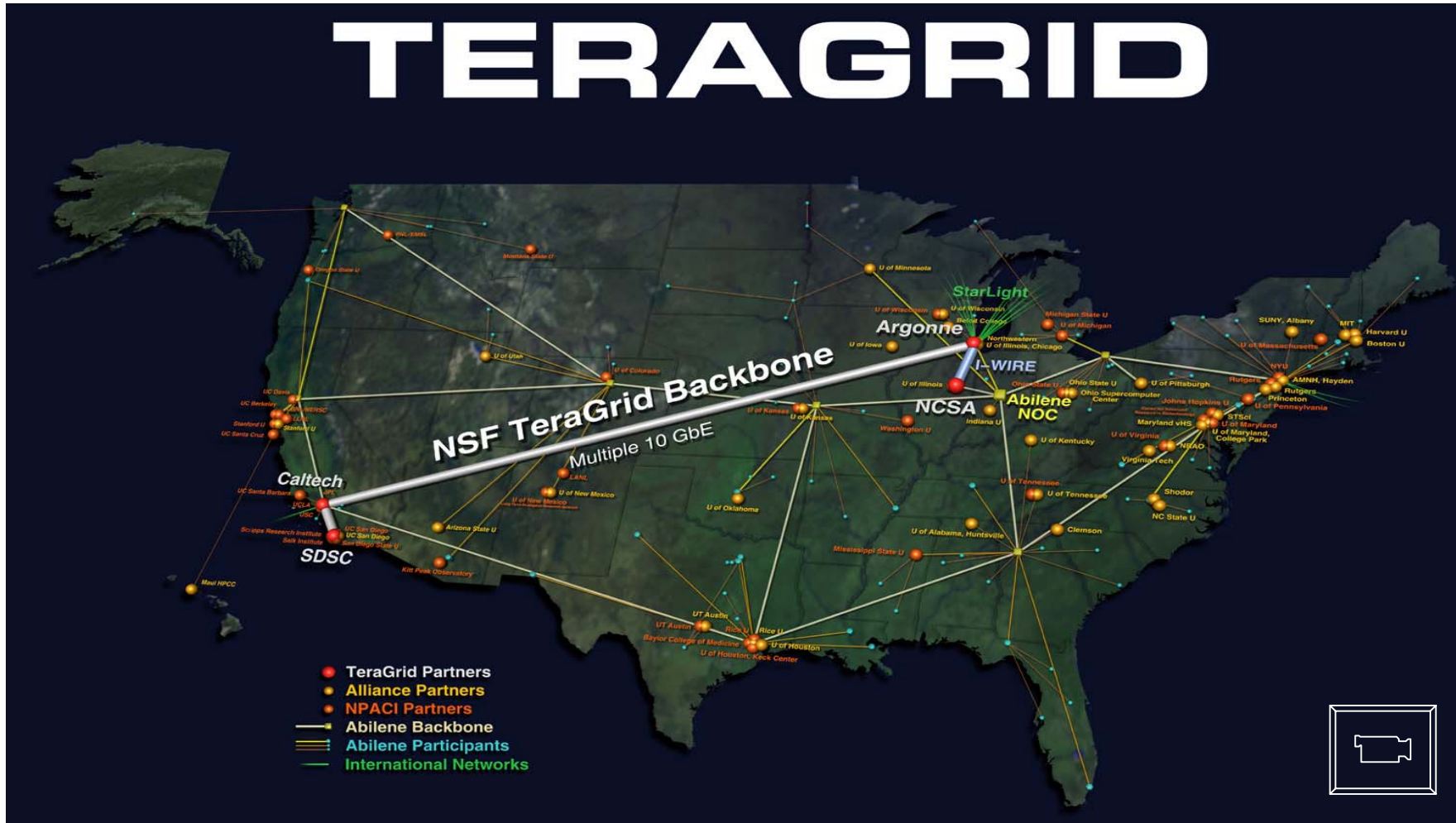
“Talking to things”: communication (Internet protocols) & security

“Controlling things locally”: Access to, & control of, resources



Grid Architecture

- Grid Architecture in Practice



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Relationships with Other Technologies

- **World Wide Web**

- Excellent job of supporting the browser-client-to-webserver interactions
- Integrate Grid and Web Technologies
 - Single sign-on : single sign-on to multiple Web servers
 - Delegation

- **Peer-to-peer** computing

- Focus on data sharing techniques rather than common protocols that allow for shared infrastructure and interoperability.



Other Perspectives on Grids

-Perspectives

1. "The grid is a source of free cycles"
2. "The grid makes high-performance computers superfluous"
3. "The grid requires a distributed operating system"
4. "The grid is a next-generation Internet"



Summary

- Origin and intentions of the “Computational Grid” idea.
- The role of Virtual Organizations
- Overview on Grid and suggests Grid architecture
- Interoperability and intergrid protocol is central issue on the work
- Grid is growing and changing rapidly
- What the Grid cannot do
- Grid Security is hard

- **Grid is not implemented completely but will be come true**

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