



# Grid Computing Case Studies

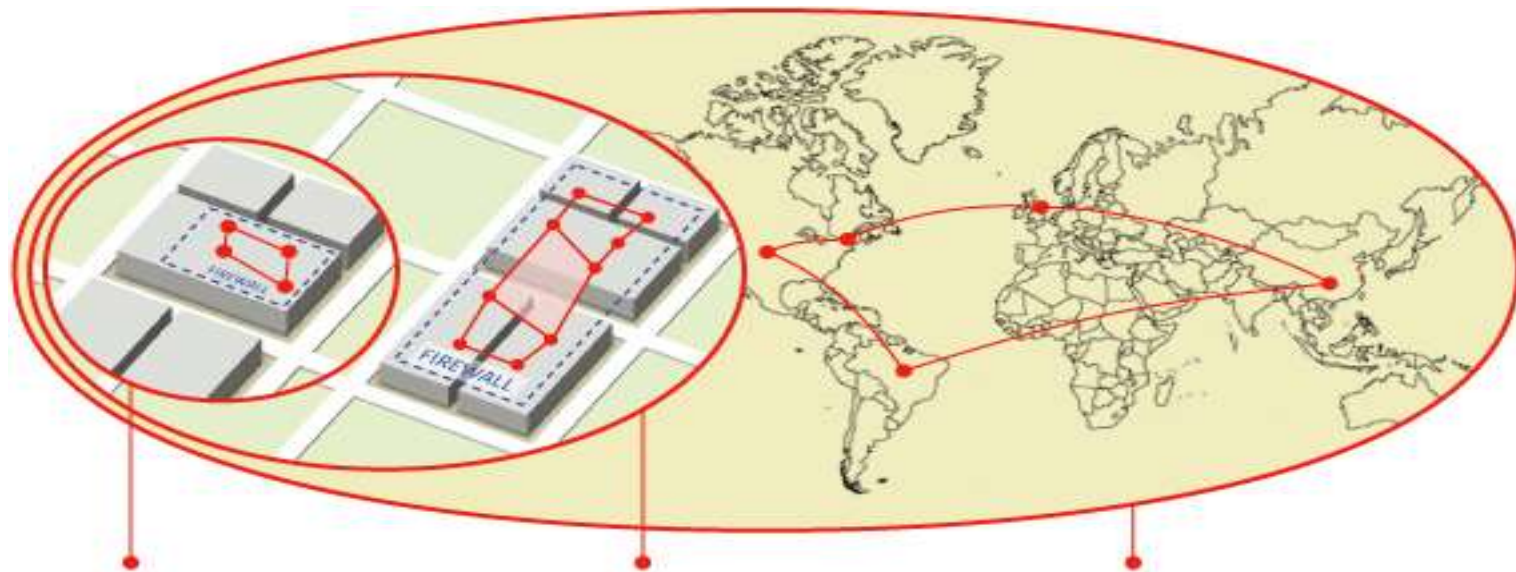
The White Rose Grid in England  
GridLab & Progress at PSNC Poznan  
Imperial College LeSC in London

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We make the net work.

# Sun's Evolutionary Grid Strategy



Department Grid  
Departmental Computing

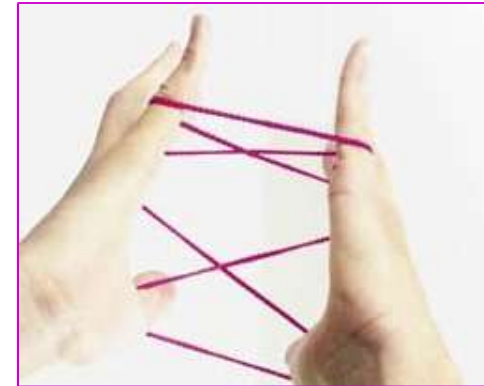
Enterprise Grid  
Enterprise Computing

Global Grid  
Internet Computing

**From Department Grids, to Enterprise Grids,  
to Global Grids, to THE GRID**

# Critical Customer Requirements

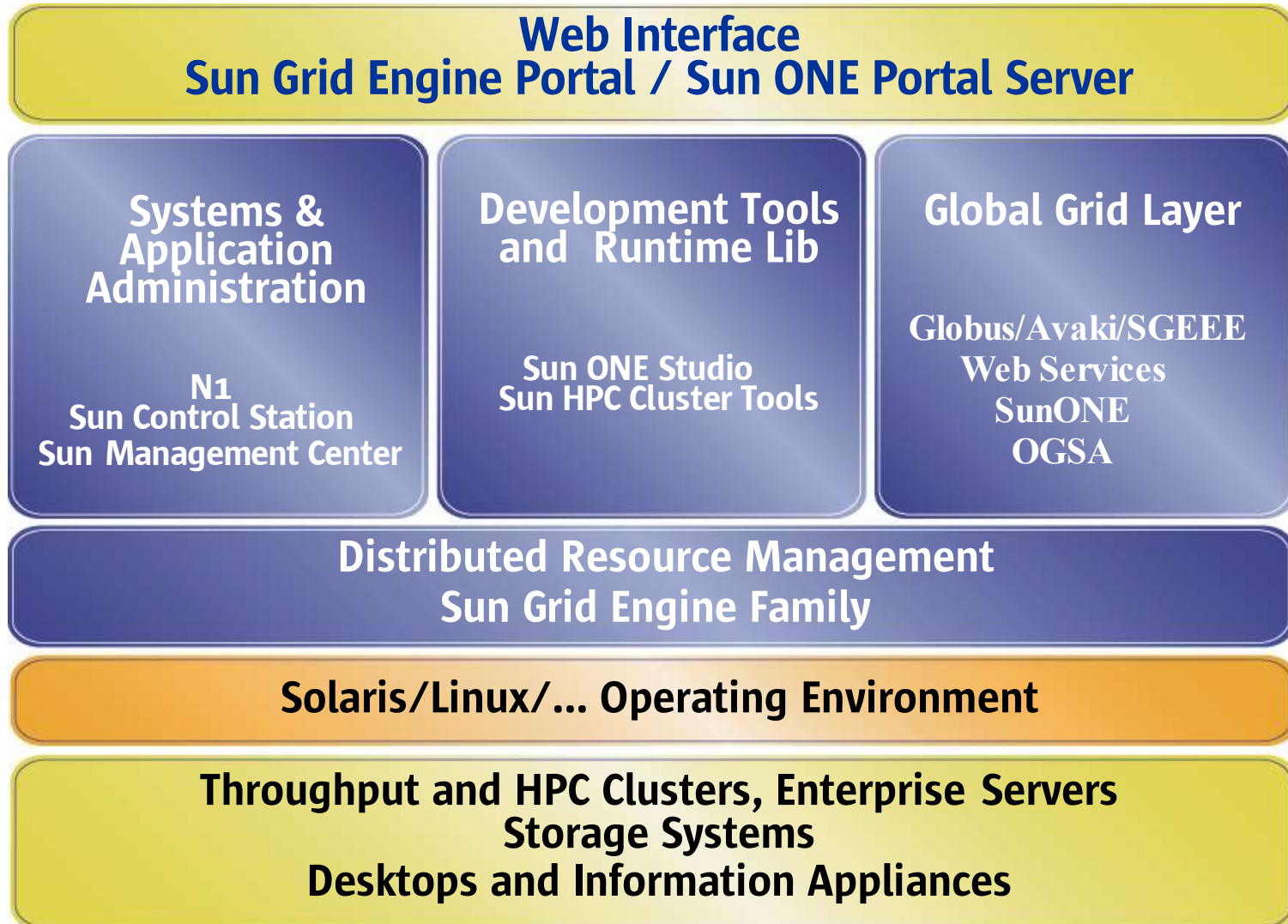
- ✓ More Compute Power
  - ✓ Improved Resource Access
  - ✓ Increased Productivity
  - ✓ Better Utilization of Existing Resources
  - ✓ Reduced Costs
  - ✓ Reduced Management Complexity
- Sun Grid Technology meets these needs *today!*



# Grid Computing Benefits

- **Access:** transparent, remote, secure
- **Virtualization:** access services, not servers
- **On Demand:** resources at your finger tip
- **Sharing:** collaboration over the net
- **Failover:** migrate/restart applications
- **Heterogeneity:** platforms, OS's, software
- **Utilization:** increase from 20% to 80+%
- **Productivity:** more work in shorter time

# Grid Computing & Web Services Environment



# Sun Grid Products Roadmap



## Department & Enterprise

ClusterGrid SW Stack:  
Grid appliance, preload,  
software product.  
Avaki/SGE/Portal

## Sun Grid Engine 6.0

Scalability, analysis,  
monitoring, accounting,  
ease of installation,  
administration,  
scheduler, standards

## Global Grid

Grid standards (OGSA),  
Globus GT3, research  
collaborations

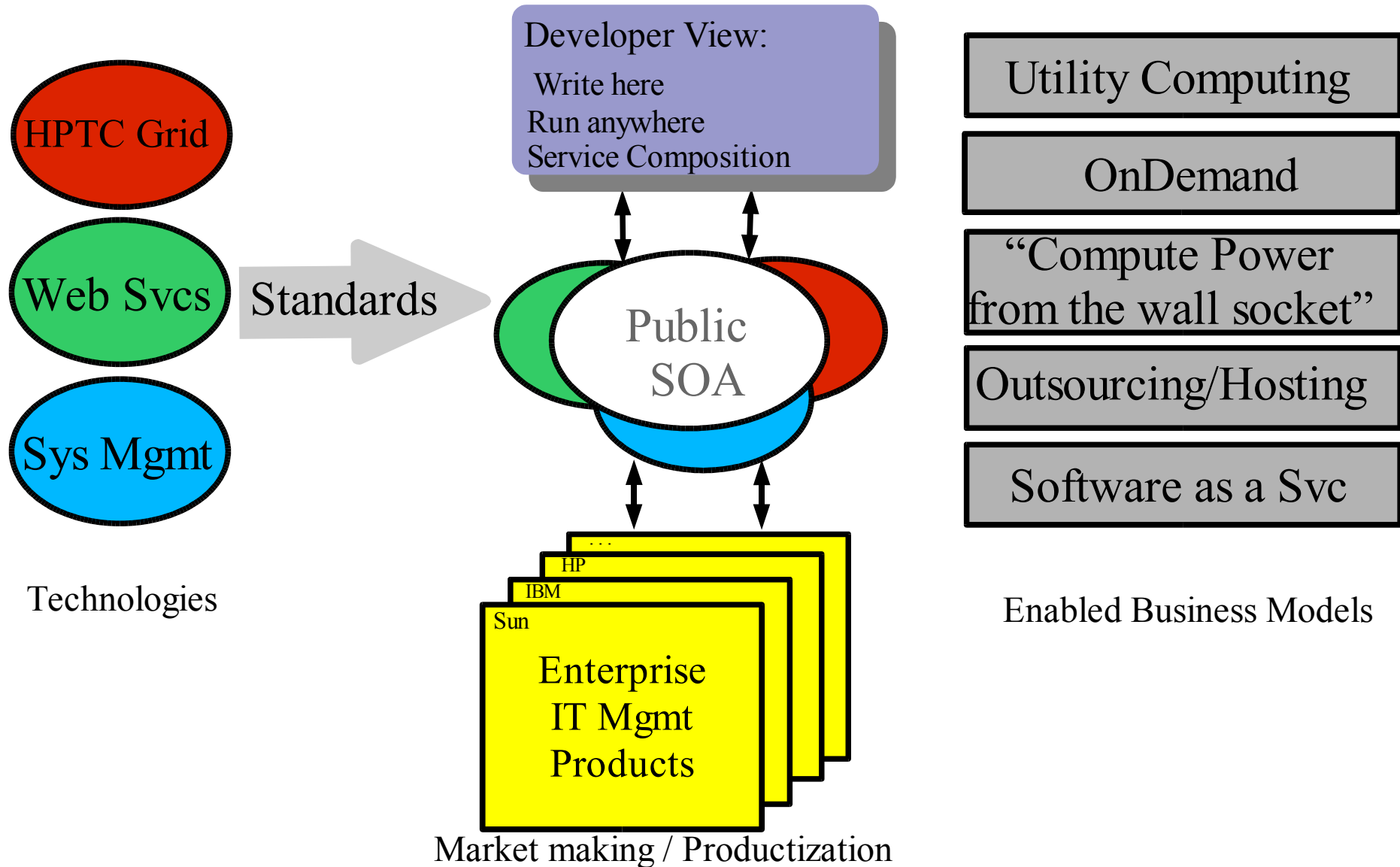
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# The Changing Grid Landscape



# Grid Components: Compute Grid Racks

## “Grid-Ready”

An engineered, tested, integrated  
and supported Compute Grid  
Solution

- 1U-form-factor servers
- Gbit-E switch(es)
- Terminal server
- KVM
- Management Node with monitoring  
and management software
- Delivered in a rack

Part of Sun's new  
“Grid Infrastructure Solutions” Program

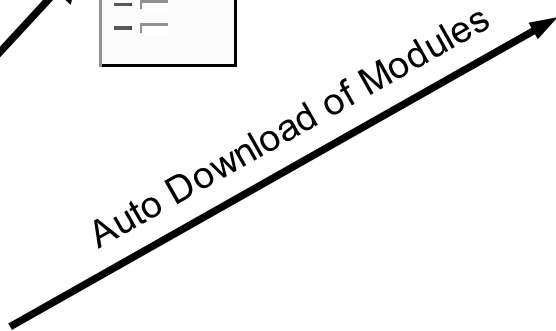
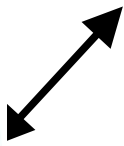
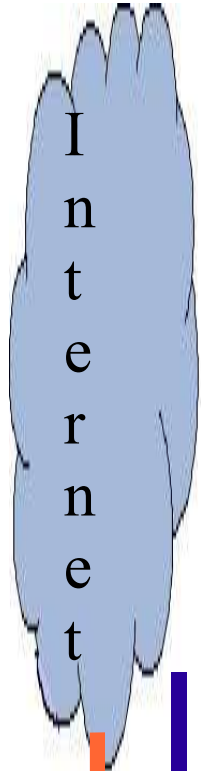


# Sun Grid Manager

- SGEEE as dynamic job load manager
- SCS as integrated automatic grid install and config
- Software, image, inventory, and lights-out management
- Health and performance monitoring
- Automatic resource discovery via SCS/Jxta
- Single control/mgmt grid interface (remote access)
- System setup/configuration in minutes (instead of days)
- Immediately utilize additional grid resources

# Department Grid

Browser to CGM  
(Remote Server Setup & Configuration)



**Compute Grid  
Manager**  
**SGEEE/SCS**



Workload & System Mgmt:

- Auto OS Deployment
- Grid Installation/Mgmt
- Central Server Mgmt
- Loadbalancing
- Resource Matching

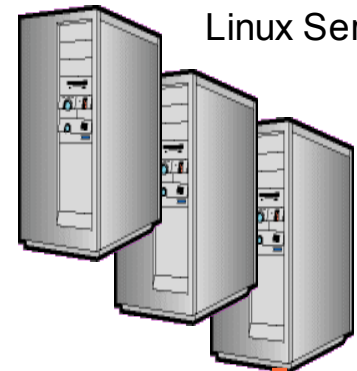
Solaris  
Servers



Workstations  
(Linux or Solaris)

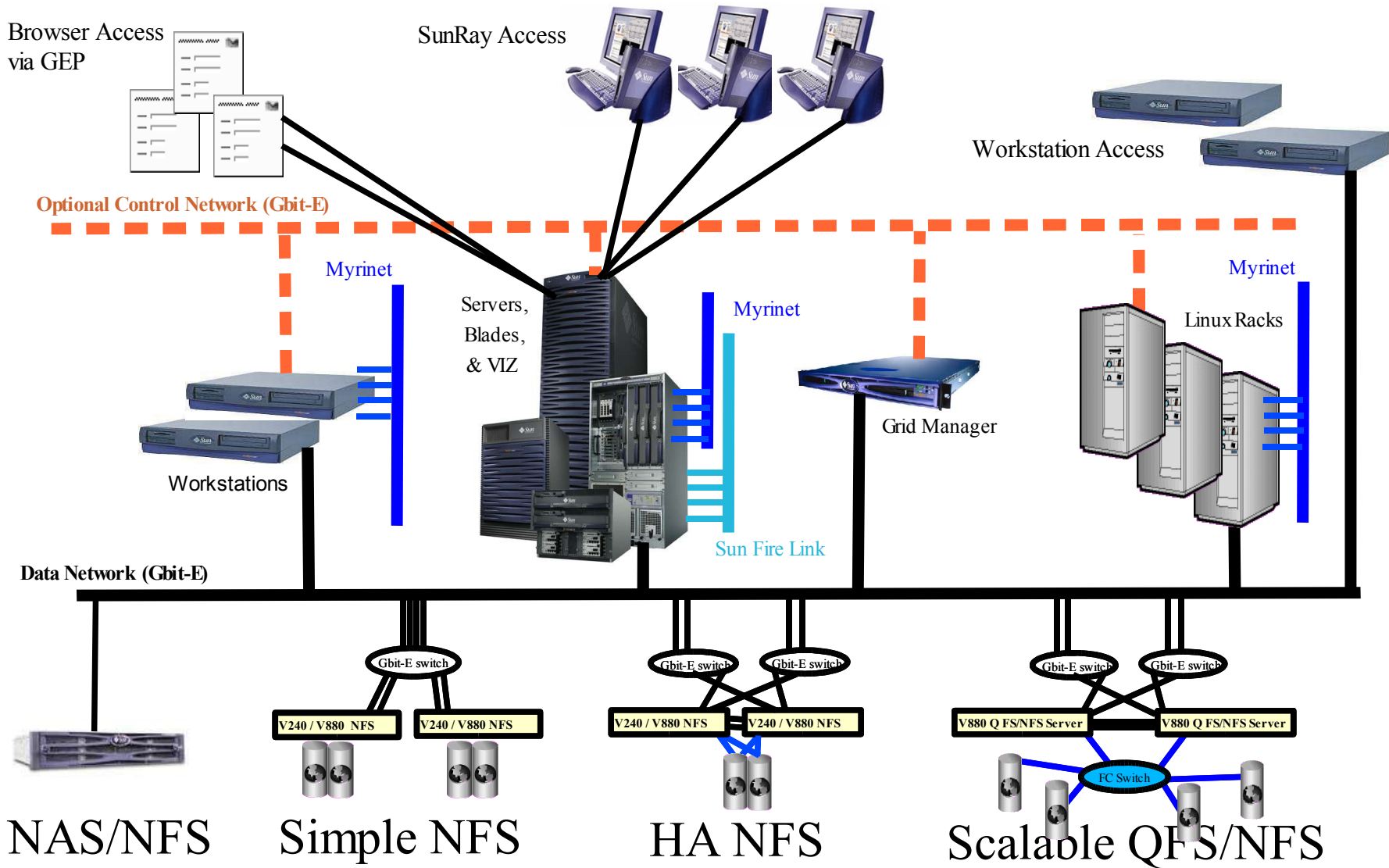


Linux Servers



**Corporate Firewall**

# Enterprise Grids



# Sun Global Grid Partner Projects

- **ICENI**, Imperial College e-Science Netw. Infrastructure, London
- **GRIDS**, Grid Computing & Distributed Systems Lab, Melbourne
- **EZ-Grid**, Sun Center of Excellence for Grid Computing, Houston
- **White Rose Grid**, Universities of Leeds, Sheffield, York, UK
- **NCSV**, Nanyang Center for Supercomp.& Visualization, Singapore
- **EPCC** Edinburgh Sun Data & Compute Grid Project
- **HPCVL** Canada, Secure innovative HPC/Grid environment
- **GridLab** European Project for Grid Application Infrastructure
- **myGrid** Infrastructure for an e-Biologist Workbench, Manchester
- **OSC Grid**, Sun Center of Excellence for BioInformatics, Ohio
- **AIST** Advanced Industrial Science & Technology Institute, Tokyo
- and more...



THE UNIVERSITIES OF LEEDS, SHEFFIELD AND YORK



THE WHITE ROSE GRID

Welcome

# Global Grid Example: White Rose in England

- Leeds, York + Sheffield Universities
- Deliver stable, well-managed HPC resources supporting multi-disciplinary research
- Deliver a Metropolitan Grid across the Universities

Other Examples: AIST Japan, Nanyang Singapore, Houston, HPCVL, Poznan, GlobeXplorer, Imperial, ...

- Slides courtesy of Tom Jackson, DAME project manager, York



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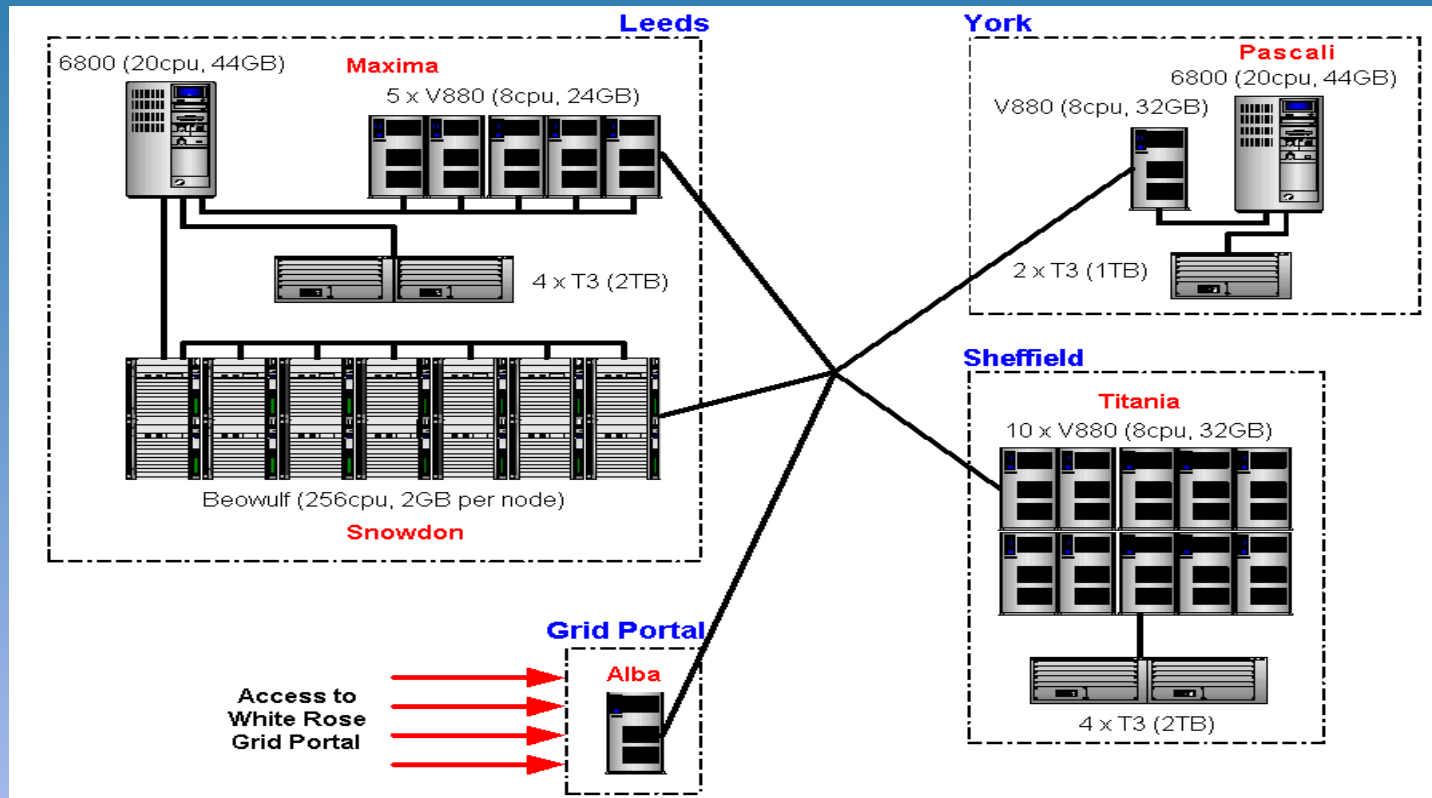


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YORK

- The White Rose Grid - Grid Infrastructure developed between the Universities of York, Sheffield and Leeds. Investment of £3.0m, linked to YHMAN (£1.3m)
- Production architecture is currently based on Globus Toolkit 2.4.3 with mix of Grid Services architecture from GT3.0. Test-grid runs in parallel with full GT3.0 implementation.
- Sun Grid Engine Enterprise Edition for Dynamic Resource Management
- Access portals are developed using jet stream/struts technology.



# WRG Key Components

## **Globus Toolkit 2.0**

Secure means for inter-campus actions

## **Grid Engine Enterprise Edition**

Manages campus grid compute resources

## **Grid Portal Development Kit**

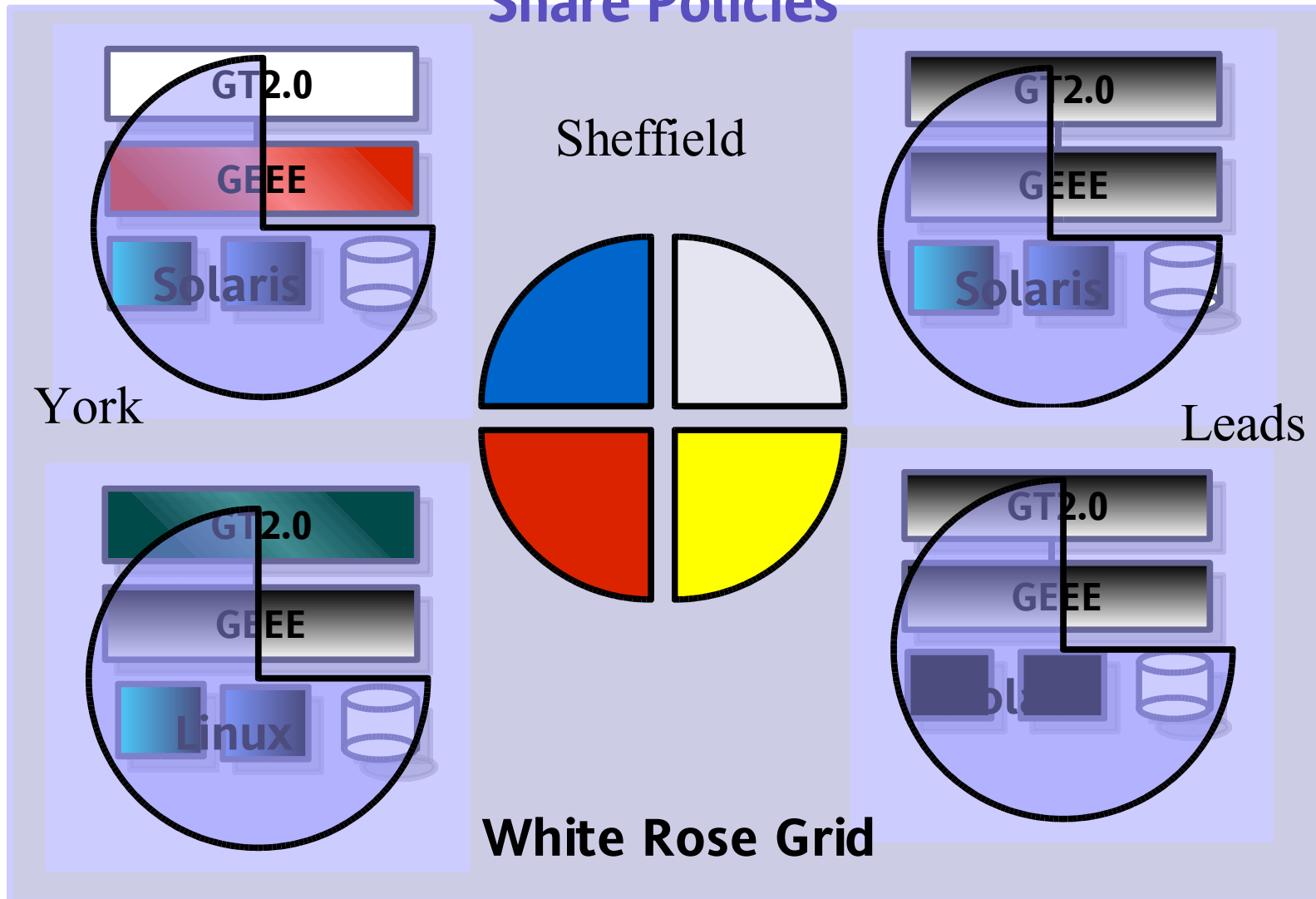
Provides a portal interface into Globus Toolkit

## **MyProxy**

Store and retrieve delegated X.509 credentials via the Grid Security Infrastructure (GSI)

# Sun Grid Engine Enterprise Edition

## Share Policies



- Universities

- Departmental use

- Biology, Chemistry, Computing; Environment; Food Science; Maths; Mechanical Engineering; Physics and Materials Engineering - most fall into category of HPC users.

- Collaborative Research and Development

- Computation fluid dynamics; bone modelling; skin disease; digital preservation; elasto-hydrodynamic lubrication; visualisation.

- Commercial users
  - Research Labs
    - Central Science Laboratory
  - Small Medium Enterprises
    - Glass manufacture; digital media enterprise; software developers; IT solutions providers for libraries; computational fluid dynamics.
  - Large Enterprises
    - Aircraft maintenance; agrichemical; automotive; tool cutters; oil industry.

- Experiences

- Implementations through several versions of Globus Toolkit have caused regular problems;
- software portability – local variations in host environment mean that portability of code is not guaranteed;
- Firewalls and security policies have been a barrier to progress;
- End users do not want to interact with GT, hence a lot of effort required to build access portals for application hosting;
- Scalability – unwieldy process for addition of new users and very limited scope to dynamically add new compute resource;
- Software licensing issues are complex.

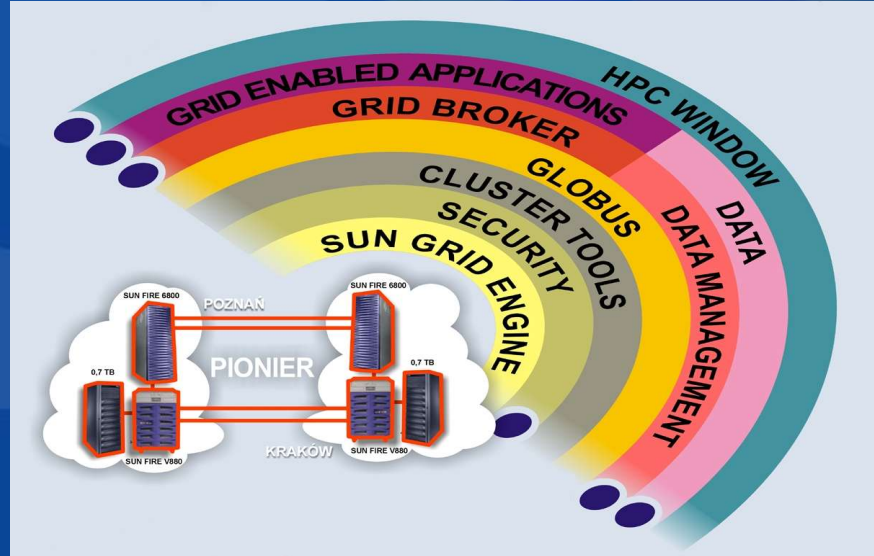
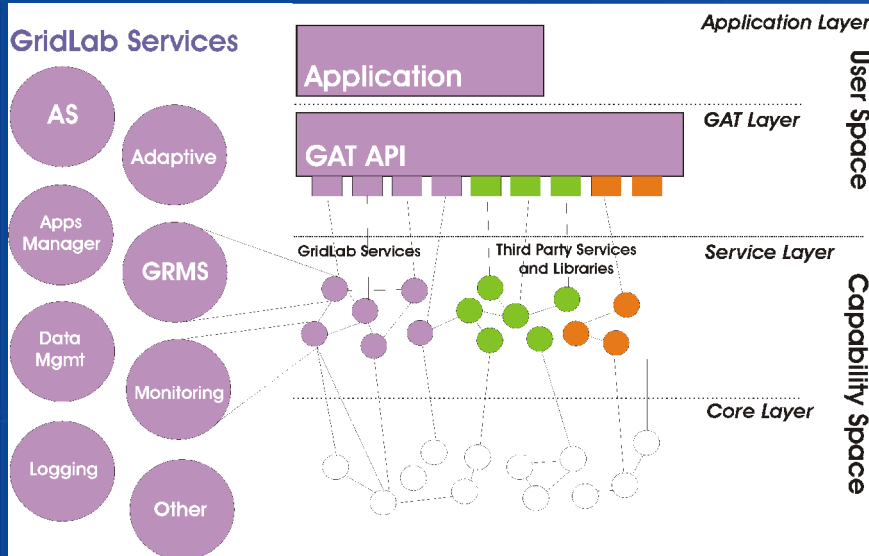
- **Grid Wish List**

- End Users need far better support. GT too low level, and require desktop support for managing Grid applications;
- Improved methods for handling heterogeneity of Grid infrastructures; to facilitate portability of code/applications;
- Rapid development of security mechanisms and policies for Grid infrastructures.

# GridLab and Progress Testbeds Working Together

Slides courtesy of Jarek Nabrzyski, PSNC

# GridLab vs. Progress Architectures



- Heterogeneous
- Europe-wide
- From clusters to supercomputers
- Globus 2.2.4

- homogeneous
- Poland-wide
- Clusters
- Globus 2.2.4

# Applications

- GridLab
  1. Cactus & Triana
  2. Dynamic scenarios (migration, dynamic staging, look ahead, spawn off independent tasks)
  3. Enabling applications on the grid through Grid Application Toolkit
- Progress
  1. Bioinformatics
  2. Other domains coming
  3. Workflow jobs
  4. Enabling applications on the grid through Application Management Services

# Moving towards Web Services World

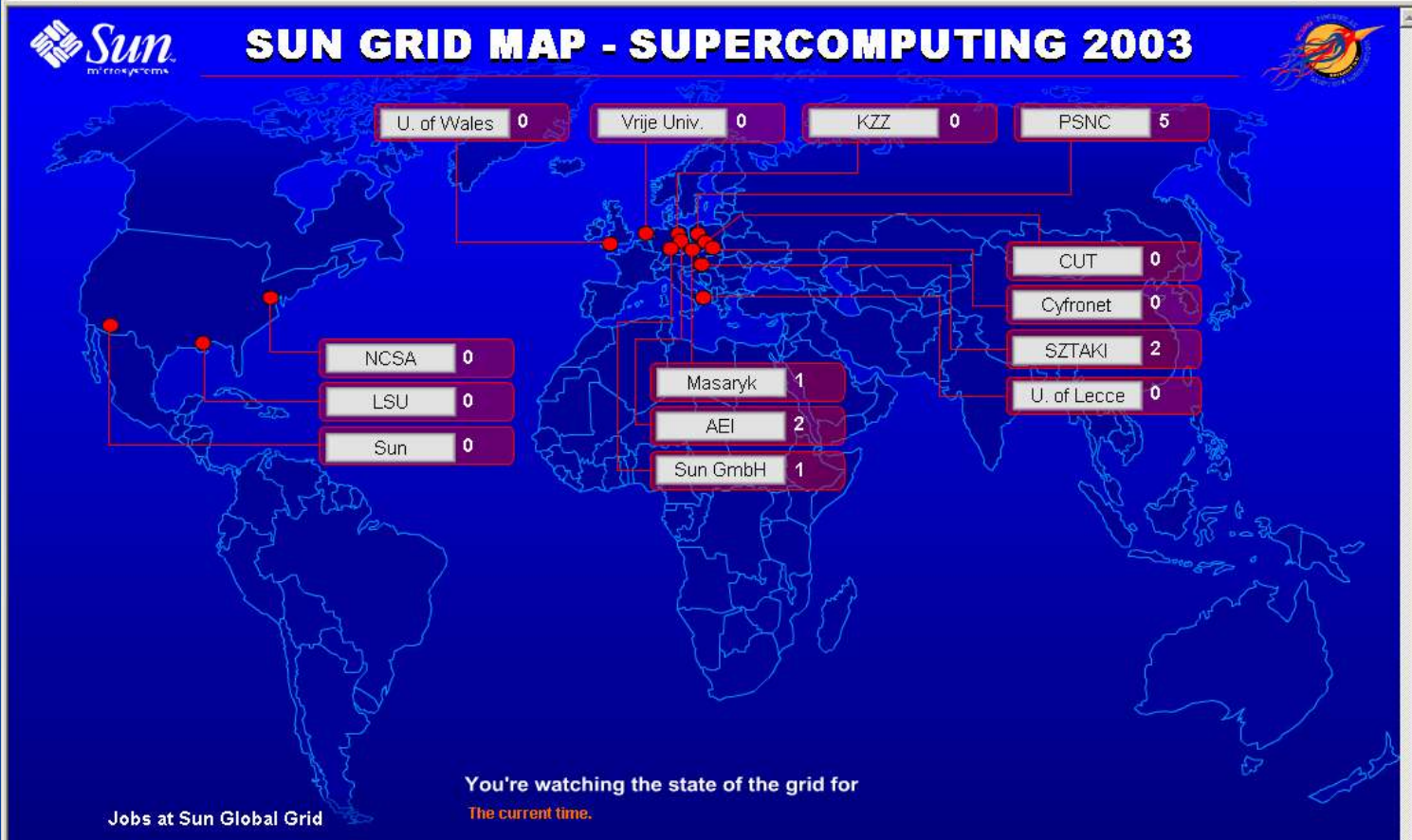
- GridLab
  1. currently all the services are Web Services based
  2. current focus is on the GAT
  3. OGSA will be addressed in the final year of GridLab
  4. GAT allows to use whatever services
- Progress
  - Currently all the services are Web Services based
  - OGSA is coming in 2004
  - Grid Service Provider allows to use Web Services, OGSA interface is to be added

SC2003: Sun Global Grid powered by PSNC - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Plik Edycja Widok Ulubione Narzędzia Pomoc

Wstecz Wyszukaj Ulubione Historia

Adres http://www.man.poznan.pl/~kat/flashowe/



Jobs at Sun Global Grid

You're watching the state of the grid for  
The current time.

GridLab	10
PROGRESS	1
Sun	0

POWERED BY POZNAŃ SUPERCOMPUTING CENTRE

January 1 0 00 Check status

January 1 0 00 Check status

January 1 0 00 Check current status

## How might OGSI/WS-agreement affect the next steps?

- It would allow to build a real global grid, with negotiations on all levels (costs, dynamic users, scheduling criteria, user preferences, resource usage policies etc.)
- Would allow to have even more decentralized architecture, with more autonomies for local centers
- Security is still an issue and is still behind.../ underestimated

## Grid wish list, what next, what needs to be done?

- Security
- Grid user accounting
- Application support technologies (Application Toolkits, grid programming environments)
- Knowledge-based grids
- Fault tolerance, performance, production environments

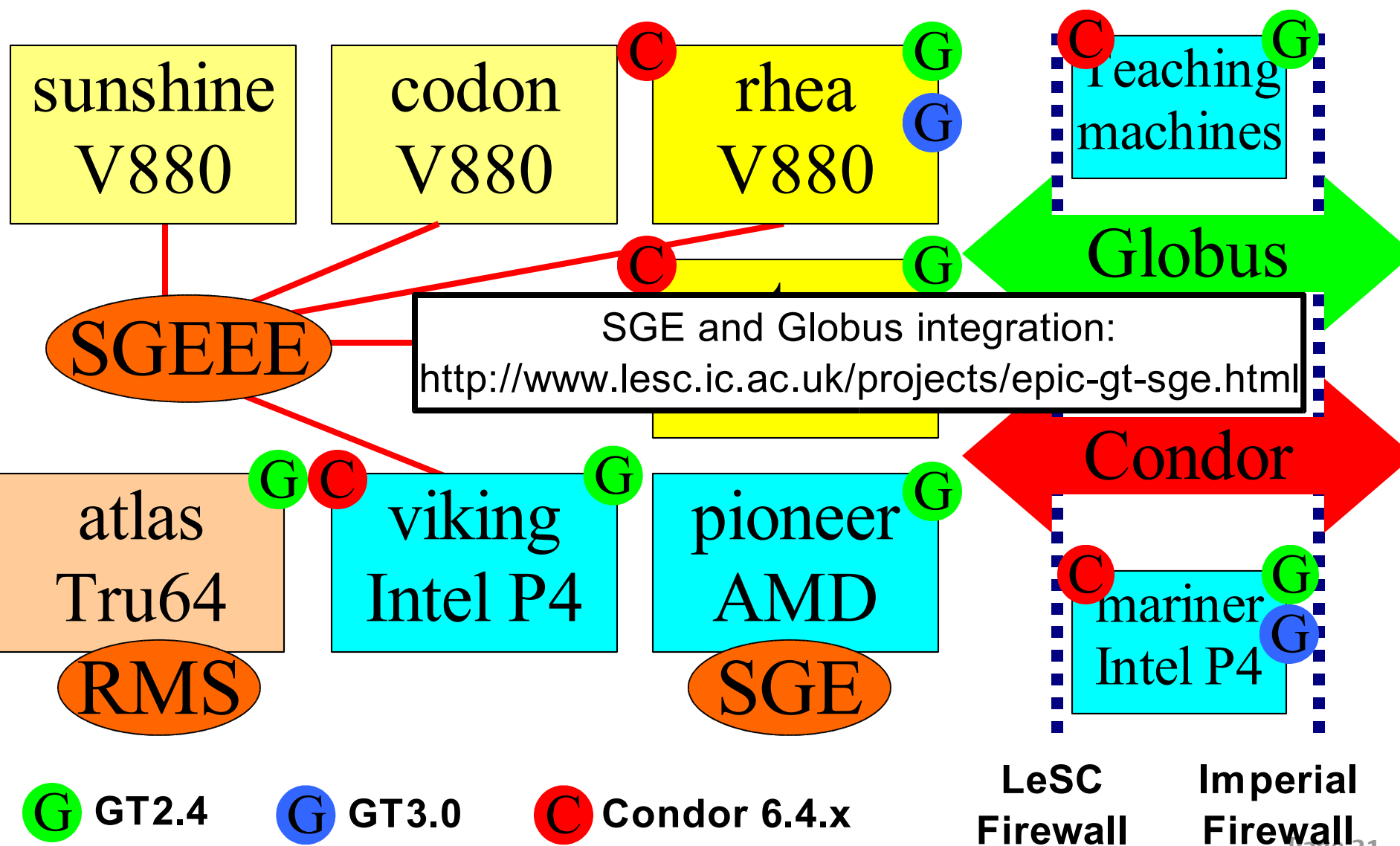
# Globus Grids in Production

Slides courtesy of Steven Newhouse, Technical Director  
London e-Science Centre

## *'Enabling the e-Scientist'*

- Established applied multi-disciplinary research
- Industrial Collaborations:
  - Sun Centre of Excellence in e-Science
  - Intel Virtual European Centre of Grid Computing
- Cross-campus collaborations:
  - Bioinformatics
  - High Energy Physics
  - Computational Engineering
- Specialisation: Next Generation Grid Middleware
- <http://www.lesc.imperial.ac.uk/>

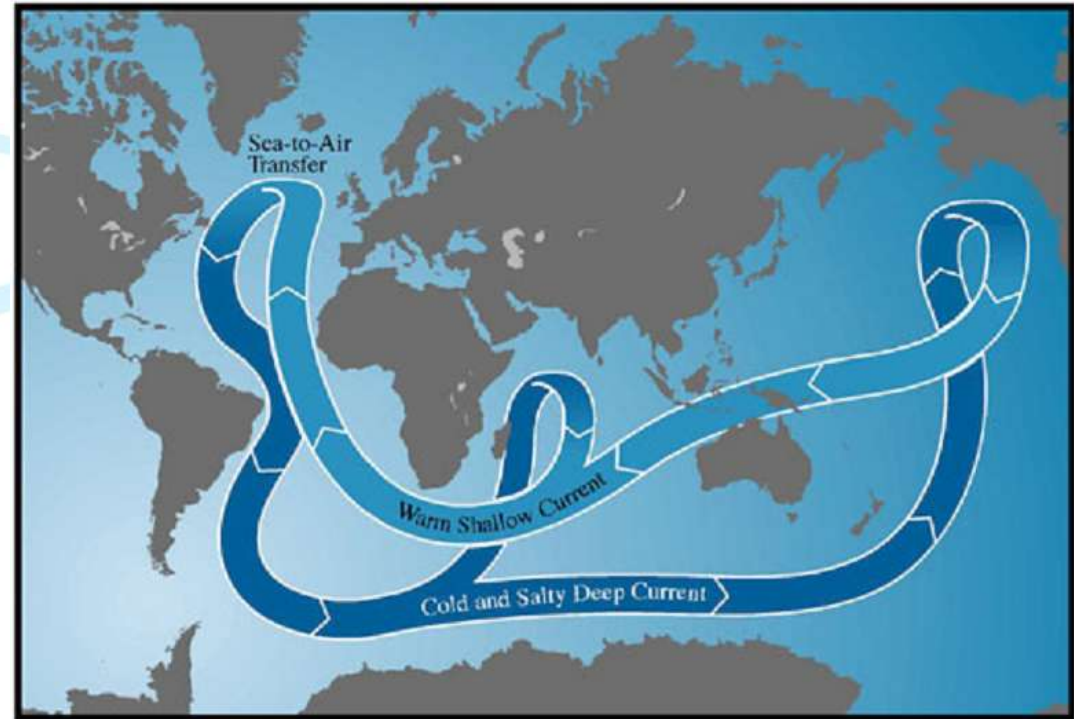
# LeSC Grid Resources



# The Problem:

## Thermohaline circulation

- Ocean transports heat through the “global conveyor belt.”
- Heat transport controls global climate.
- Wish to investigate strength of model ocean circulation as a function of two



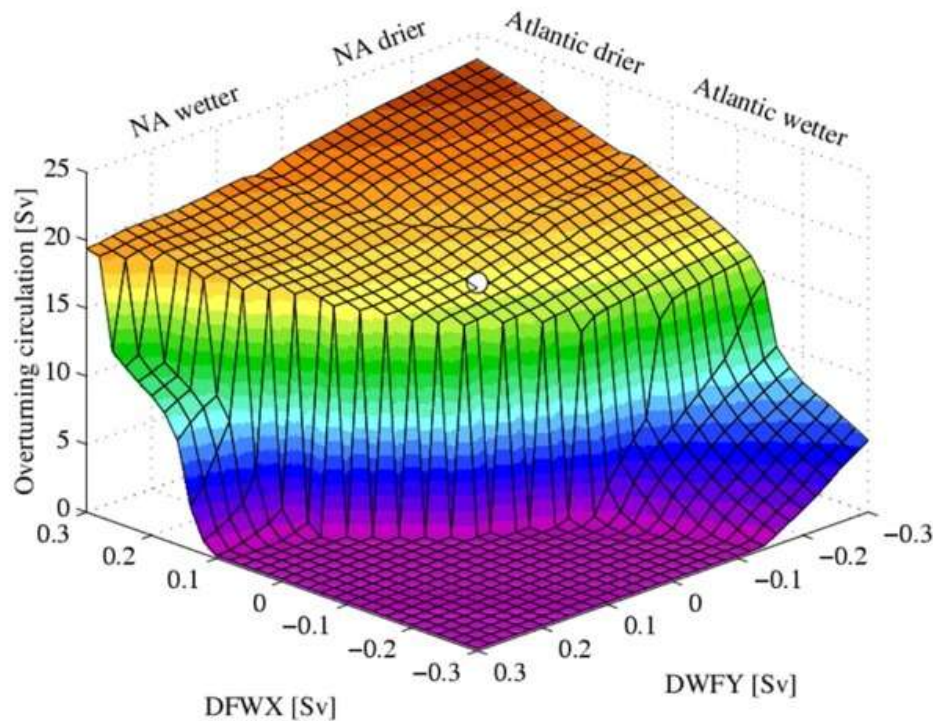
external parameters.

Wish to perform  $31 \times 31 = 961$  individual simulations.

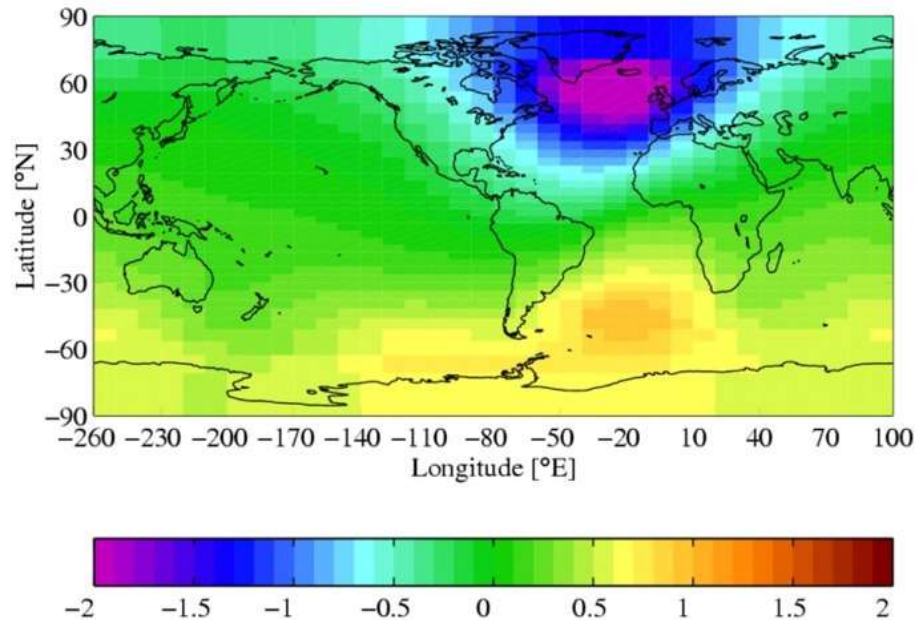
Use GENIE-Trainer.  
Each simulation takes ~4 hours to execute on typical Intel P3/1GHz, 256MB RAM, machine  $\Rightarrow$

time taken for 961 sequential runs  $\approx$  163 days!!!

# The Results: Scientific Achievements



Intensity of the thermohaline circulation as a function of freshwater flux between Atlantic and Pacific oceans (DFWX), and mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic (DFWY).



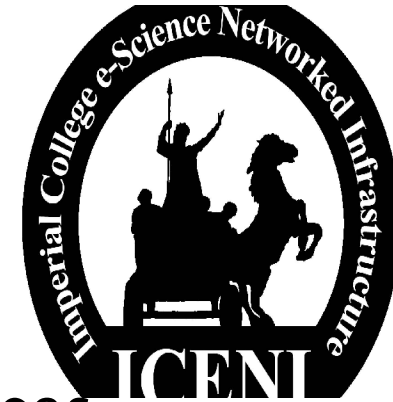
Surface air temperature difference between extreme states (off - on) of the thermohaline circulation.

North Atlantic 2°C colder when the circulation is off.

**time taken for 961 runs over ~200 machines ≈ 3 days**

# ICENI: IC e-Science Networked Infrastructure

The Iceni, under Queen Boudicca, united the tribes of South-East England in a revolt against the occupying Roman forces in AD60.



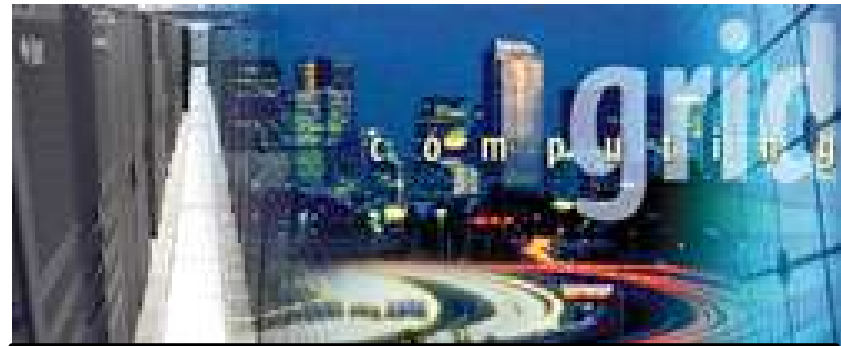
- Developed by LeSC Grid Middleware Group
- Use to define and develop higher-level services
- Collect and provide relevant Grid meta-data
- Interaction with other frameworks: OGSI, Jxta etc.
- Available under extended open source SISSL:
  - <http://www.lesc.ic.ac.uk/iceni>

# The Future

- Highly stable production quality fabric
  - Intel+SPARC/Linux+Solaris/Sun Grid Engine
  - SGE and GT2 & GT3 integration  
<http://www.lesc.ic.ac.uk/projects/epic-gt-sge.html>
- Highly unstable grid layer
  - Is GT3 just a reference implementation?
  - What focus should be placed on production quality?
- Link WSA to elements of the Grid fabric
  - SGE 6.0

# Thank You !

## The New Time Machine



**The Grid Engine**



**The Combustion Engine**



**The Steam Engine**

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