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## **BiG** Grid the dutch e-science grid

## Grid: data delen op wereldschaal

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Graphics: Real Time Monitor, don Moont, Imperial College London, see http://gridportal.hep.ph.ic.ac.uk/rtm/



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Slide courtesy: GridCafe.org and Bob Jones, EGEE (www.eu-egee.org)

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• Vision: plug-in computer for processing power just like plugging in toaster for electricity.

The idea has been around for decades *`distributed computing'*, *`metacomputing'* 

• and will be around: 'Web 2.0', 'Virtualisation', 'Cloud Computing'

## the Grid vision is to realise this on a global scale

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## **Grids in Science**

The Grid is 'more of everything' as science struggles to deal with ever increasing complexity

#### more than one place on earth



more than one science!





#### more than one computer

more than ...





## Why would we need it?

### Enhanced Science needs more and more computations and Collected data in science and industry grows exponentially

The Bible	5	MByte
X-ray image	5	MByte/image
Functional MRI	1	GByte/day
Bio-informatics databases	500	GByte each
Refereed journal papers	1	TByte/yr
Satellite world imagery	5	TByte/yr
US LoC contents	20	TByte
Internet Archive 1996-2002	100	TByte
Particle Physics 2005	1	PByte/yr
Particle Physics Today: LHC	20	PByte/yr

#### **1 Petabyte = 1 000 000 000 Megabyte**















## **LHC Computing**

- Large Hadron Collider • 'the worlds largest microscope • 'looking at the fundamental forces of nature' • 27 km circumference
- Located at CERN, Geneva, CH



~ 20 PByte of data per year, ~ 60 000 modern PC style computers















- Signal/Background 10<sup>-9</sup>
- Data volume
  - (high rate) X
     (large number of channels) X
     (4 experiments)
  - → 20 PetaBytes of new data each year
- Compute power
  - (event complexity) X
     (number of events) X
     (thousands of users)
  - → 60'000 of (today's) fastest CPUs



Balloon (30 Km)

> CD stack with 1 year LHC data! (~ 20 Km)

| Concorde (15 Km)

Mt. Blanc (4.8 Km)



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## **CERN, Where the web was born ...**



 Previous generation of HEP experiments (LEP) involved hundreds of scientists, thousands of engineers, and people working remotely

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- Users at CERN, founded 1954 as Europe's first international organisation, needed worldwide information sharing
- This need to share information inspired Tim Berners-Lee to create the 'World Wide Web' in 1990





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LCG

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Today -

20 years est. life span 24/7 global operations ~ 4000 person-years of science software investment

~ 5 000 physicists

~ 150 institutes

53 countries, economic regions









## **Beyond the Web: Grid for LHC and Science**





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## Making the Grid ...



## 09:26:06 UTC





## How does the Grid work?

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• It relies on advanced software, called middleware.

 Middleware automatically locates 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.









## **Different Grids for different needs**

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- There is as yet no unified Grid (like there is a single web)  $\bullet$ rather there are many Grids for many applications.
- 'Grid' is used for different types of distributed computing
  - Enterprise Grids (within one company)
  - public resource Grids (volunteer your own PC).
  - scientific Grids that link together major computing centres in research labs and universities, who then federate to achieve a global Grid infrastructure













## **Corporate and commercial 'Grids'**

Large enterprises: finance, pharma, aerospace, cinema ... but ...

some technologies based on grid concepts now offered as 'hosted services', also to SMEs

- 'Backup as a Service'
  - commercially available in NL
- 'Software as a Service'
  - *getting there bit by bit, e.g. Google Apps, administrative software*

But 'last mile' network limitations in homes and SMEs limit more wide-spread use of grid technologies today





## **Contributed 'Volunteer' Computing**



NIKHEF DOD

Many applications fit a 'client-server' model

- `it does not matter where the computer or data is' -

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and if you have mainly compute tasks and little data, even idle home PCs can contribute compute power although network bandwidth is limited ...



Pioneered  $\sim$  1996 by SETI@home and 'distributed.net'

**BOINC:** generic middleware for 'volunteer' grids: 2005





go to boinc.berkeley.edu for information and links to projects









## **Conveniently Parallel Cluster Computing**



Does it fit?

scientific and research cluster grid computing -





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#### The communities that make up the grid:

- not under single hierarchical control,
- temporarily **joining forces** to solve a particular problem at hand,
- bringing to the collaboration a subset of their resources,
- sharing those at their discretion and each under their own conditions.





## **Grid Infrastructure**

To bring this about and sustain it requires a *persistent infrastructure* based on standards

#### Hardware infrastructure

clusters, supercomputers, databases, mass storage, visualisation, networks

#### **Trust and AAA infrastructure**

authentication, authorization, accounting, billing and settlement

#### Software infrastructure

execution services, workflow, resource information systems, database access, storage management, meta-data

#### **Application infrastructure**

user support, and ICT experts ... with domain knowledge



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#### Nikhef (NDPF)

1200 processor cores390 000 GByte disk10 000 Mbps networks

#### SARA (GINA+LISA)

~3600 950 000 2 000 000 4x 10 000

processor cores GByte disk GByte tape Mbps networks

#### **RUG-CIT (Grid)**

~ 120 processor cores8 800 GByte disk10 000 Mbps networks



#### Philips Research Ehv (planned 2008 Q2)

2000processor cores100 000GByte disk1 000Mbps networks



SURFnet pioneered 'lambda' and hybrid networks in the world

 and likely contributed to the creation of a market for 'dark fibre' in the Netherlands

Number of Years

There's always fibre within 2 miles from you – where ever you are! (it's just that last mile to your home that's missing – and the business model of your telecom provider...)

NET







Academia Sinica (TW)

## Interconnecting the Grid – the Network

TRIUMPH (CA) USLHCNET

**LHC Optical Private Network** 

10 000 Mbps dedicated global networks

NL-T1 and Netherlight

RAL

CCIN2P3

PIC

USLHCNET (FNAL, BNL KIT (FZK)

CERN

INFN-CNAF

NDGF





## **Trust Infrastructure and Security**

## Why would I trust you? How do I know who you are?

'digital signatures and certificates be used as digital identities'

- even in Europe 1999/93/EC got only limited adoption
- In the Netherlands, 'Wet Digitale Handtekening 2003' for the general public was effectively superseded by DigiD

   based on federation technology by SURFnet ...
- For the Grid a truly global identity is needed -- so we built the International Grid Trust Federation
  - supported by the EU and e-IRG delegates
  - over 80 member Authorities



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## Software – connecting heterogeneous sources



- Use standards (like Web Services) to interoperate and prevent lock-in
  - Use the experience of colleagues and best-of-breed solutions

• Connect to the infrastructure based on these open protocols the web is a success because everyone agreed on 'http' and 'HTML'!

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Fing Grids

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Scheduled = 9740 Running = 11034

## Applications beyond Big Science

or: can the Grid help me??

Imperial College



**WISDOM:** drug discovery

Wide-area In-Silico Docking On Malaria

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over 46 million ligands virtually docked on malaria and H5N1 avian flu viruses in less than a month

100 years of work on a single computer sped-up about ~ 100 times!

• 47 sites

- 15 countries
- 3000 CPUs
- 12 TByte disk













Docking challenge on EGEE and AuverGrid infrastructures

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## **Science and Corporate Grids**

#### big science is not alone

Finance rapid turn-around for what-if scenarios

Aerospace modelling air flow and stress

Medical imaging

Climate modelling







But although the parallelism is convenient, managing complexity in a large-scale environment is not ... and cooling and power constraints limit the data centre ... the grid proposes the solution for advanced science



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#### Image sources: VL-e Consortium Partners

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#### Data integration for genomics, proteomics, etc. analysis

Timo Breit et al. Swammerdam Institute of Life Sciences



# Medical Imaging and fMRI

Silvia Olabarriaga et al. AMC and UvA IvI

Willem Bouten et al. UvA Institute for Biodiversity Ecosystem Dynamics, IBED

**Avian Alert and FlySafe** 

Bram Koster et al. IUMC Microscopic Imaging group

#### Molecular Cell Biology and 3D Electron Microscopy





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## **Grid Infrastructures Work!**



data: EGEE monitoring, RAL and CESGA, http://goc.grid-support.ac.uk/gridsite/accounting/



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http://www.vl-e.nl/ http://www.biggrid.nl/ http://www.nikhef.nl/grid/

