

Introduction to the P-GRADE Portal

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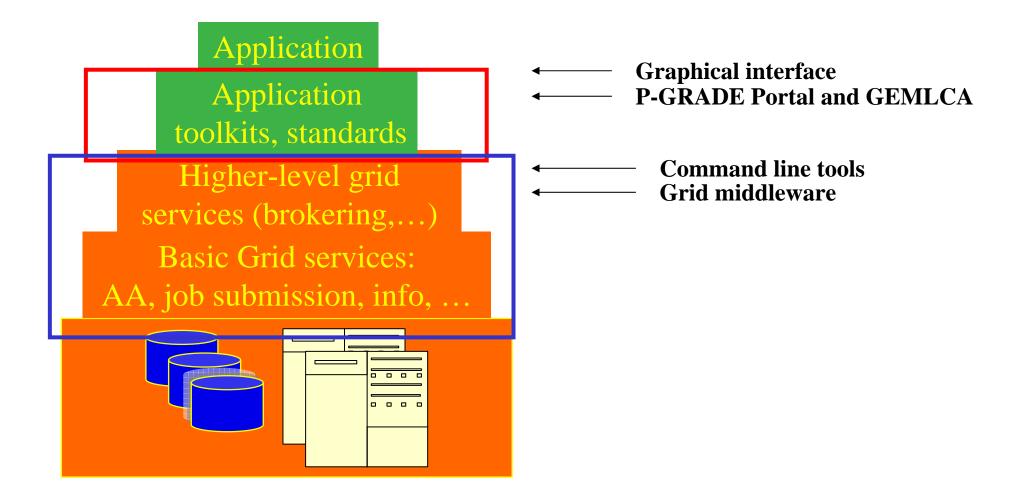


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- Motivation of creating P-GRADE portal
- P-GRADE Portal in a nutshell
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Context





Current situation and trends in Grid computing

- Fast evolution of Grid systems and middleware:
 GT2, OGSA, GT3 (OGSI), GT4 (WSRF), LCG-2, gLite, ...
- Many production Grid systems are built with them
 - EGEE (LCG-2 → gLite), UK NGS (GT2), Open Science Grid (GT2 → GT4), NorduGrid (~GT2)
- Although **the same set of core services** are available everywhere, they **are implemented in different ways**
 - Data services
 - Computation services
 - Security services (single sign-on)
 - (Brokers)



E-scientists' concerns

- How to concentrate own my own research if the tool I would like to use is in continuous change?
 How can I learn and understand the usage of the Grid?
 - How can I develop Grid applications?
 - How can I execute grid applications?
 - How to **tackle performance issues**?
 - How to use several Grids at the same time?
 - How to **migrate my application** from one grid to another?
 - How can I collaborate with fellow researchers?

The P-GRADE Grid Portal gives you the answers!



P-GRADE Portal in a nutshell

- General purpose, workflow-oriented computational Grid portal. Supports the development and execution of workflow-based Grid applications – a tool for Grid orchestration
- Based on GridSphere-2
 - Easy to expand with new portlets (e.g. application-specific portlets)
 - Easy to tailor to end-user needs
- Grid services supported by the portal:

Service	EGEE grids	Globus grids				
Job execution	Computing Element	GRAM				
File storage	Storage Element	GridFTP server				
Certificate management	MyProxy					
Information system	BDII	MDS-2, MDS-4				
Brokering	Workload Management System	GTbroker				
Job monitoring	Mercury					
Workflow & job visualization	PRO	DVE				

Solves Grid interoperability problem at the workflow level



Related projects

- The development and education of P-GRADE Portal is supported by several projects:
 - SEE-GRID www.see-grid.eu
 Development, application support
 - Coregrid www.coregrid.net
 Research, development
 - **EGEE** *www.eu-egee.org* LCG and gLite training, application development
 - **ICEAGE** *www.iceage-eu.org* Grid training and education





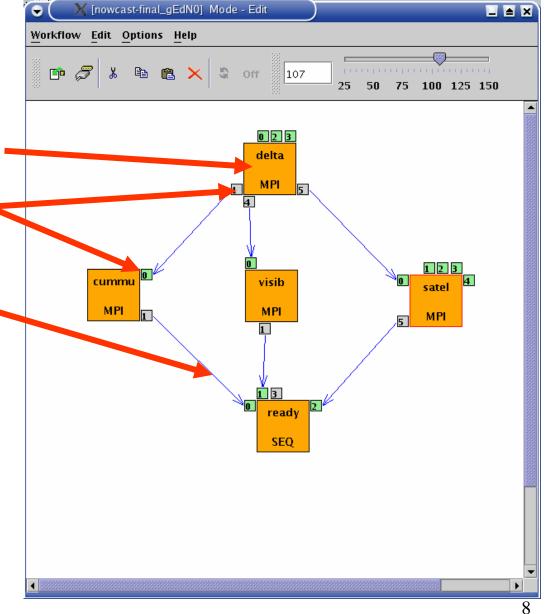


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What is a P-GRADE Portal workflow?

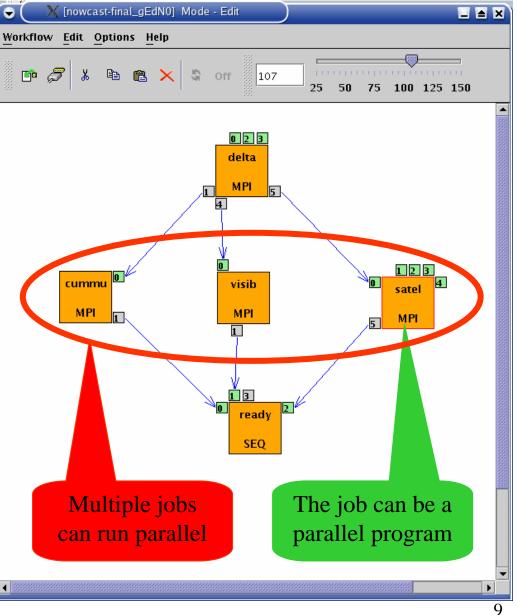
- a directed acyclic graph where
 - Nodes represent jobs (batch programs to be executed on a computing element)
 - Ports represent input/output
 files the jobs expect/produce
 - Arcs represent file transfer operations
- semantics of the workflow:
 - A job can be executed if all of its input files are available





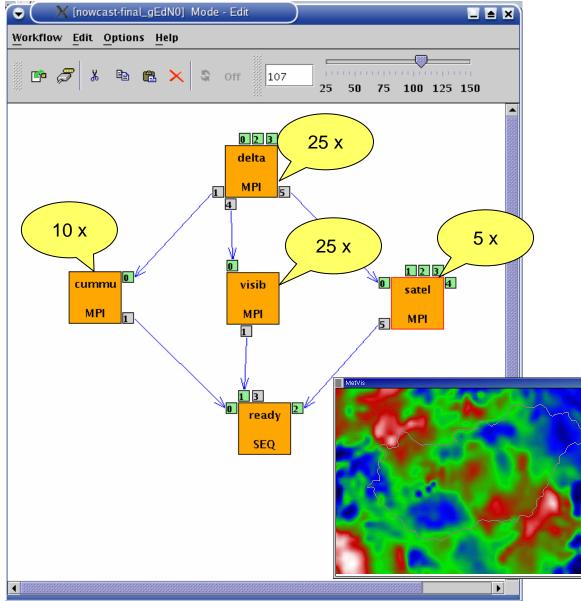
Two levels of parallelism by a workflow

- The workflow concept of the P-GRADE Portal enables the efficient parallelization of complex problems
- Semantics of the workflow enables two levels of parallelism:
 - Parallel execution
 inside a workflow
 node
 - Parallel execution among workflow nodes





Ultra-short range weather forecast (Hungarian Meteorology Service)



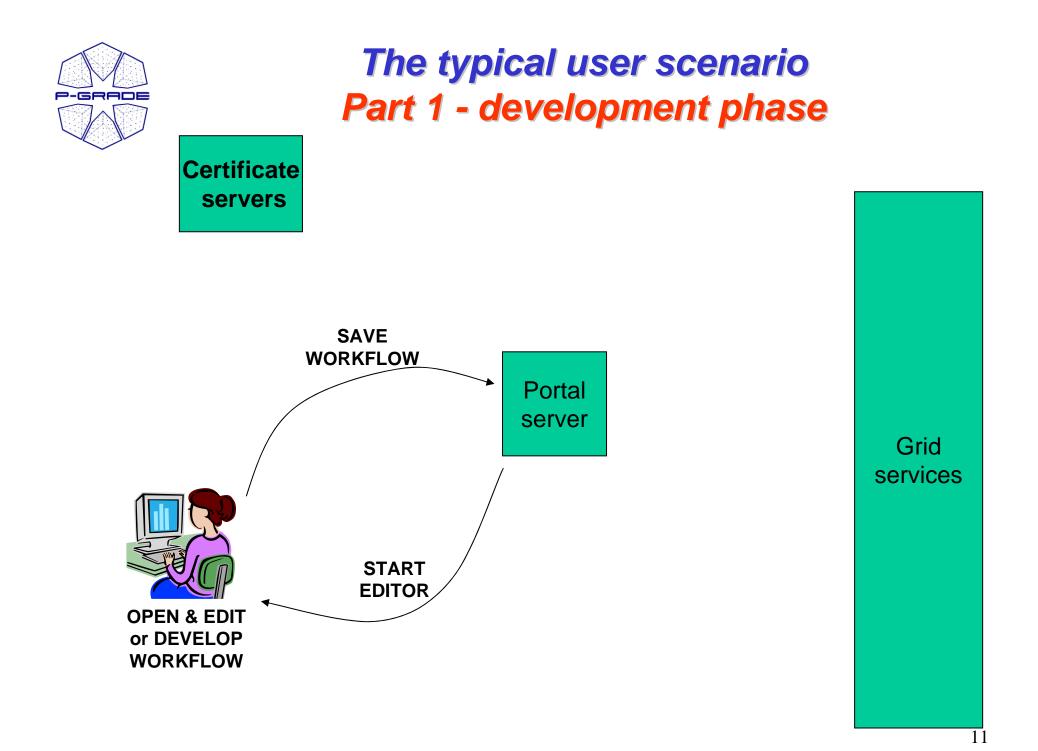
Forecasting dangerous weather situations (storms, fog, etc.), crucial task in the protection of life and property

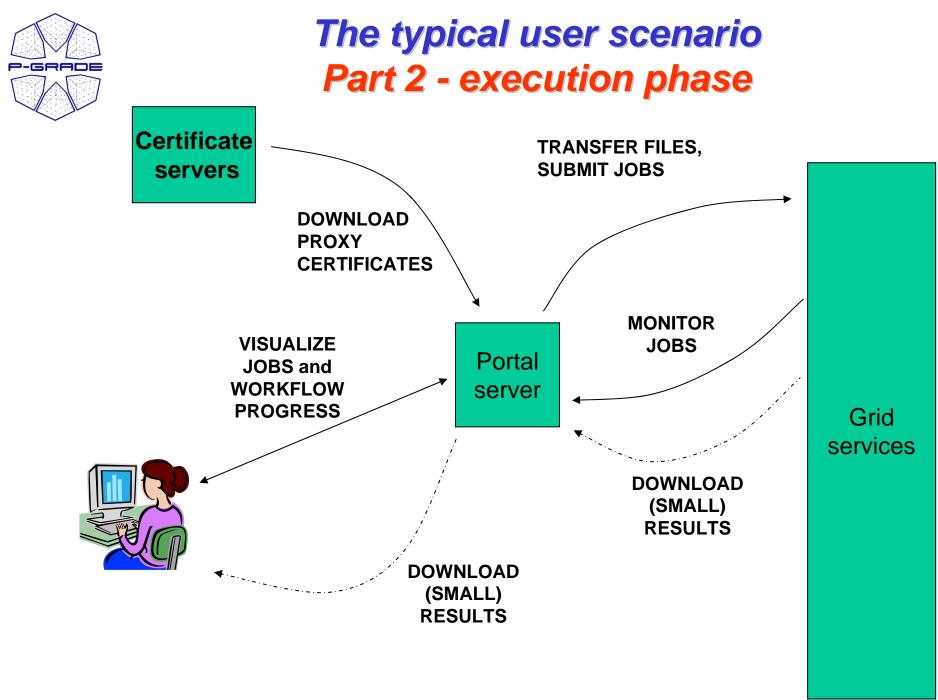
> Processed information: surface level measurements, highaltitude measurements, radar, satellite, lightning, results of previous computed models

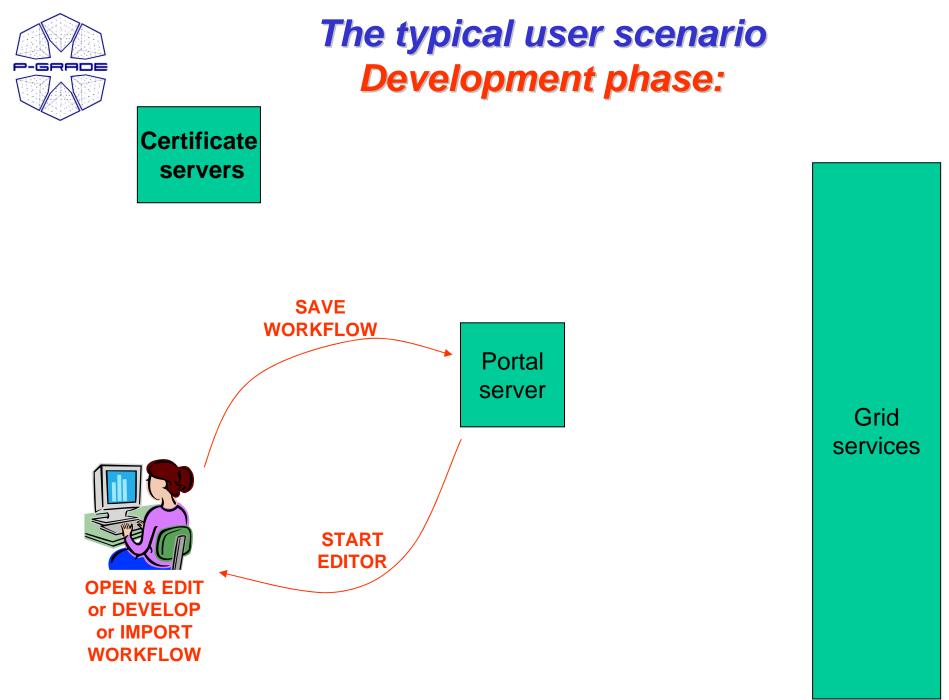
> > Requirements:

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•Execution time < 10 min •High resolution (1km)



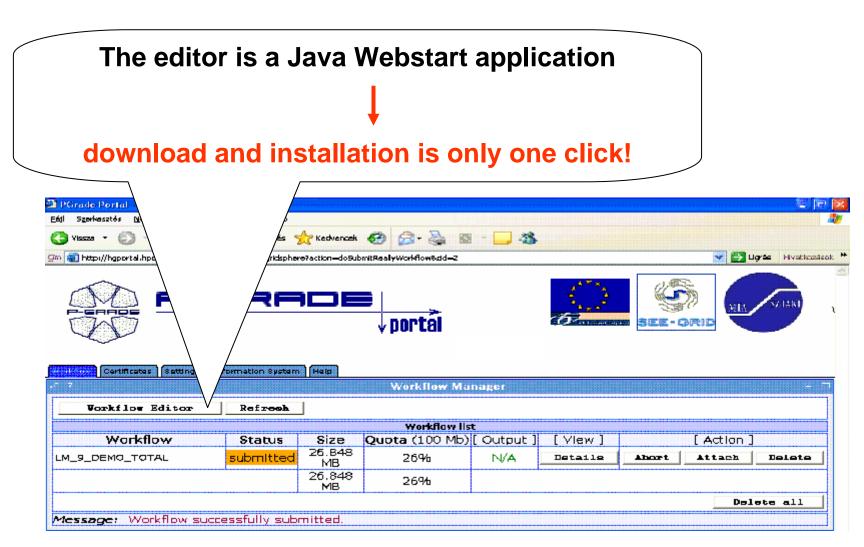






Workflow development

Opening the workflow editor

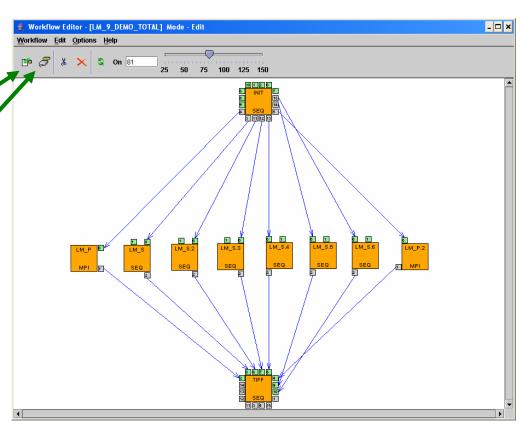




Workflow Editor Defining the graph

- The aim is to define a DAG of batch jobs:
 - 1. Drag & drop components: jobs and ports
 - 2. Define their properties
 - 3. Connect ports by channels

(no cycles, no loops, no conditions)





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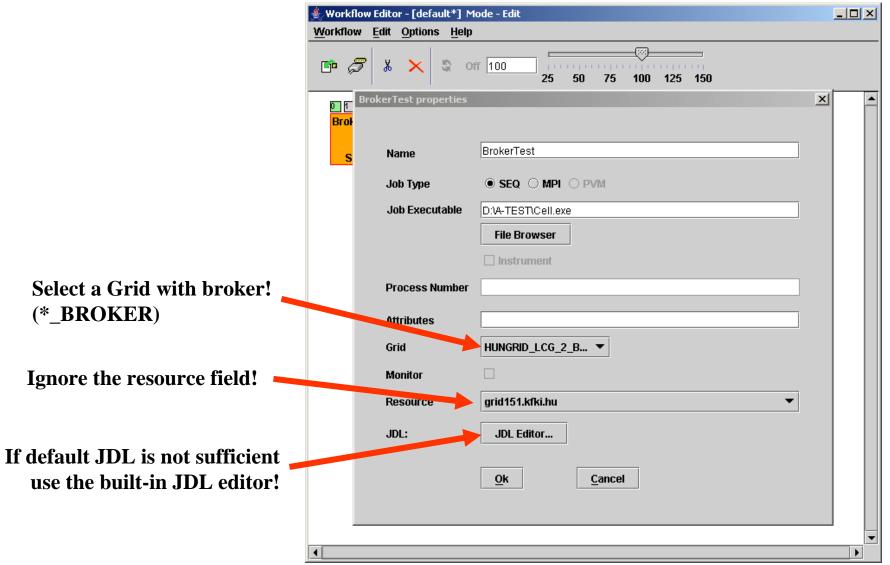
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- Select a broker Grid/VO for the job (e.g. GILDA)
- 2. (Describe the ranks & requirements of the job in JDL)
- 3. The portal will use the broker to find the best resource for the job!



Defining broker jobs





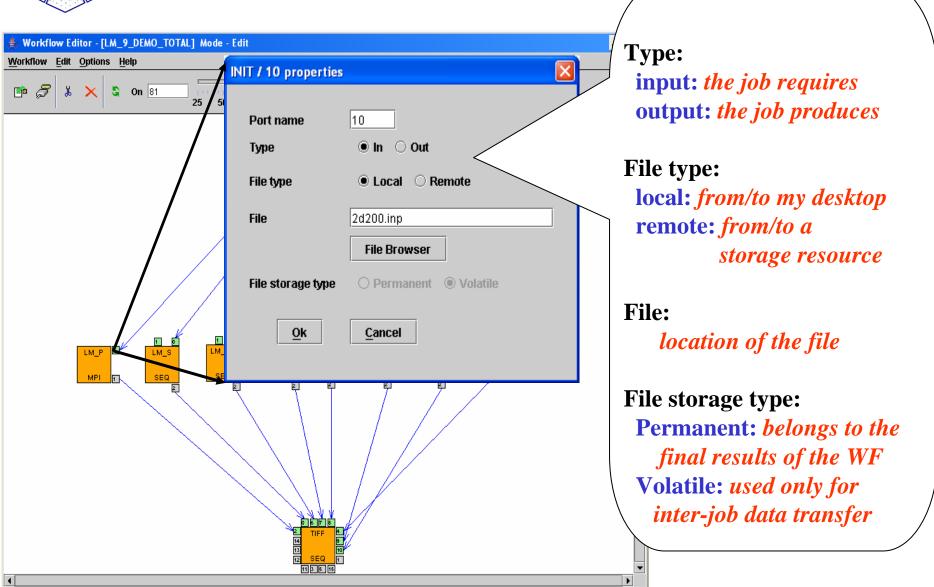
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JDL \rightarrow look at the LCG-2 Users' manual!



Defining ports





Possible file reference values

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Output file

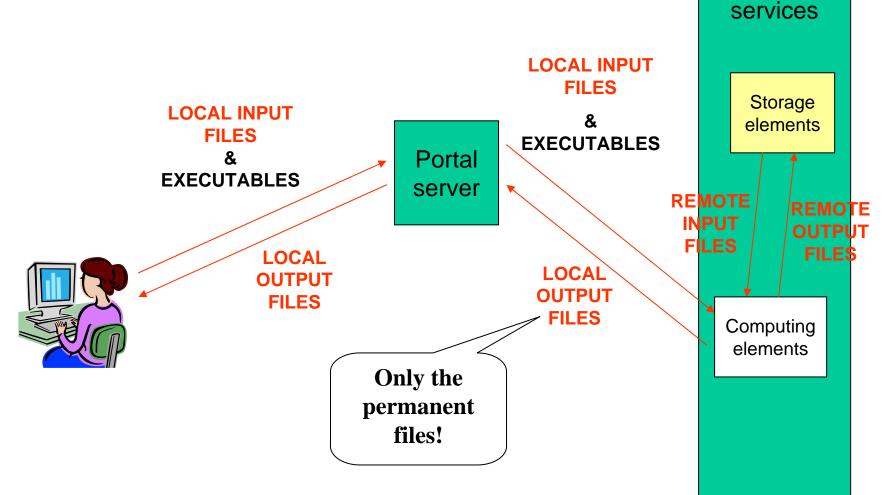
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Local vs. remote files

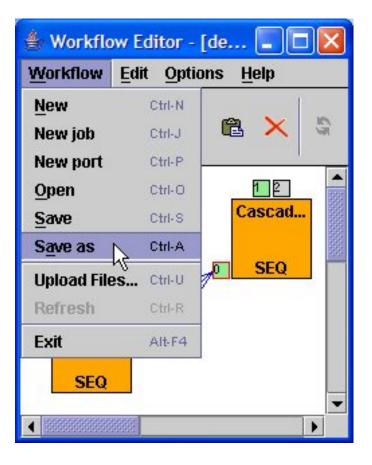
Your jobs can access storage files directly too!



Grid



Saving the workflow





Workflow is defined!

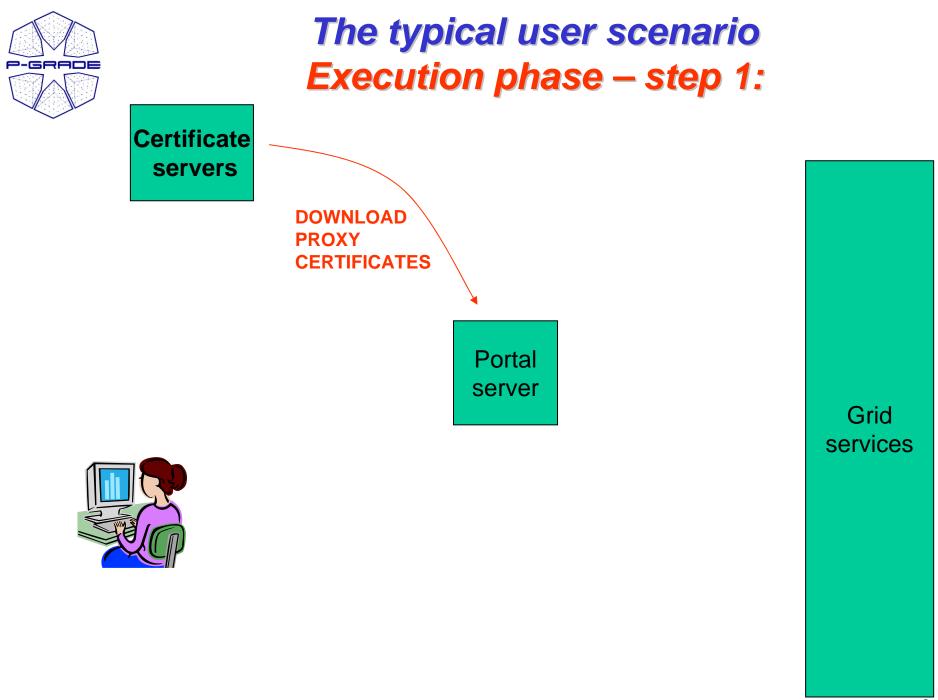
Let's execute it!



Executing workflows with the P-GRADE Portal

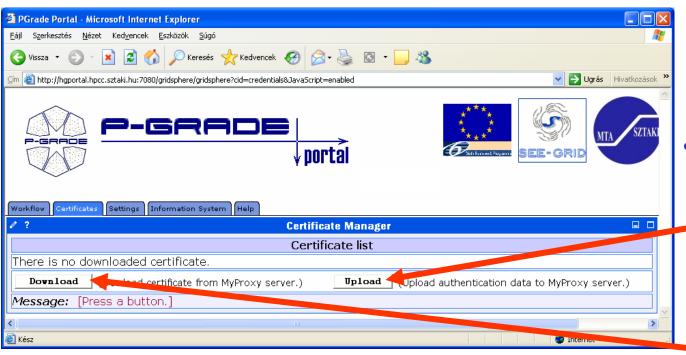
Main steps

- 1. Download proxies
- 2. Submit workflow
- **3. Observe workflow progress**
- 4. If some error occurs correct the graph
- 5. Download result





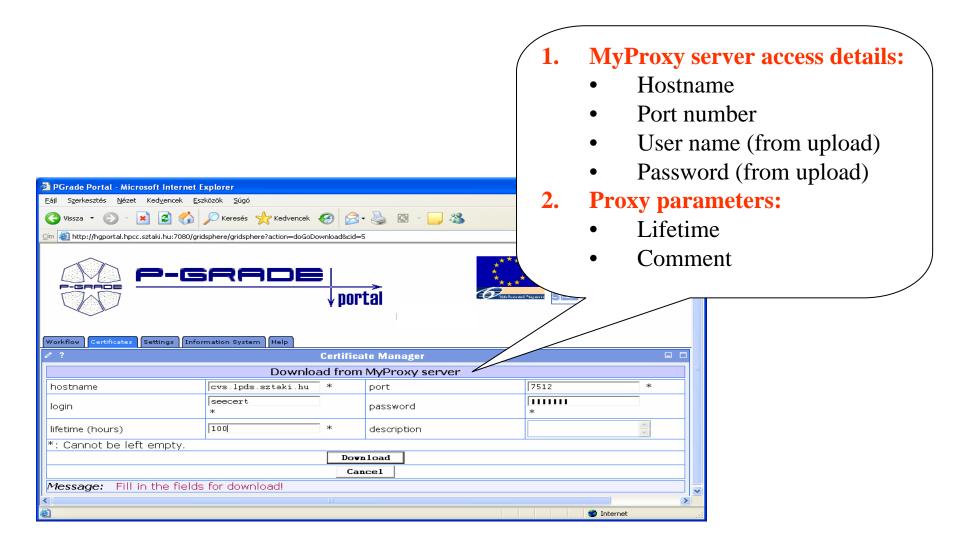
Certificates portlet



- To access GSI-based Grids the portal server application needs proxy certificates
- "Certificates" portlet:
 - to upload X.509 certificates into MyProxy servers
 - to download short-term proxy credentials into the portal server application



Downloading a proxy





associating the proxy with a grid

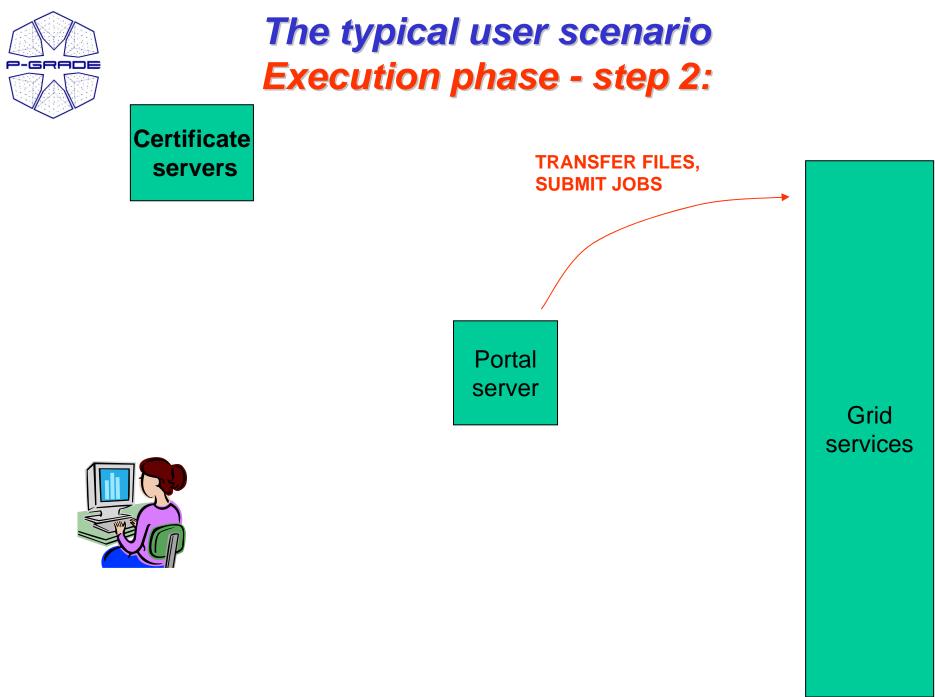
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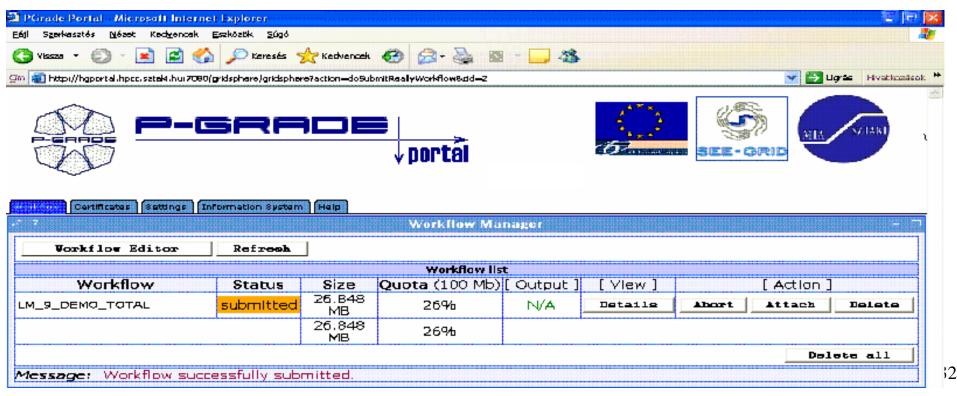




Workflow Management

(workflow portlet)

- The portlet presents the status, size and output of the available workflow in the "Workflow" list
- It has a Quota manager to control the users' storage space on the server
- The portlet also contains the "Abort", "Attach", "Details", "Delete" and "Delete all" buttons to handle execution of workflows
- The "Attach" button opens the workflow in the Workflow Editor
- The "Details" button gives an overview about the jobs of the workflow





(observation by the workflow portlet)

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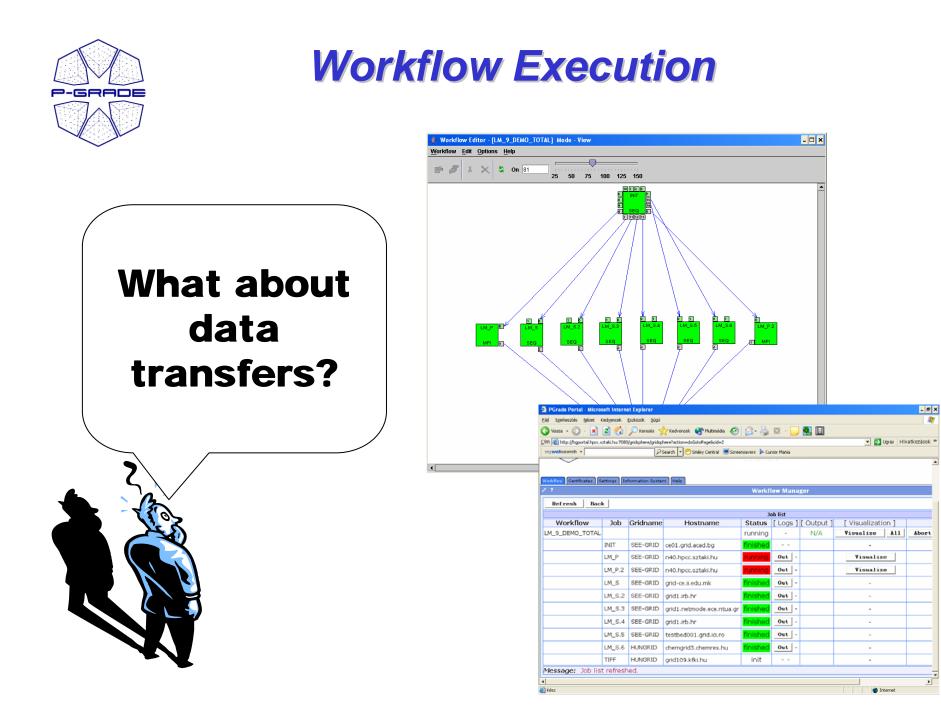


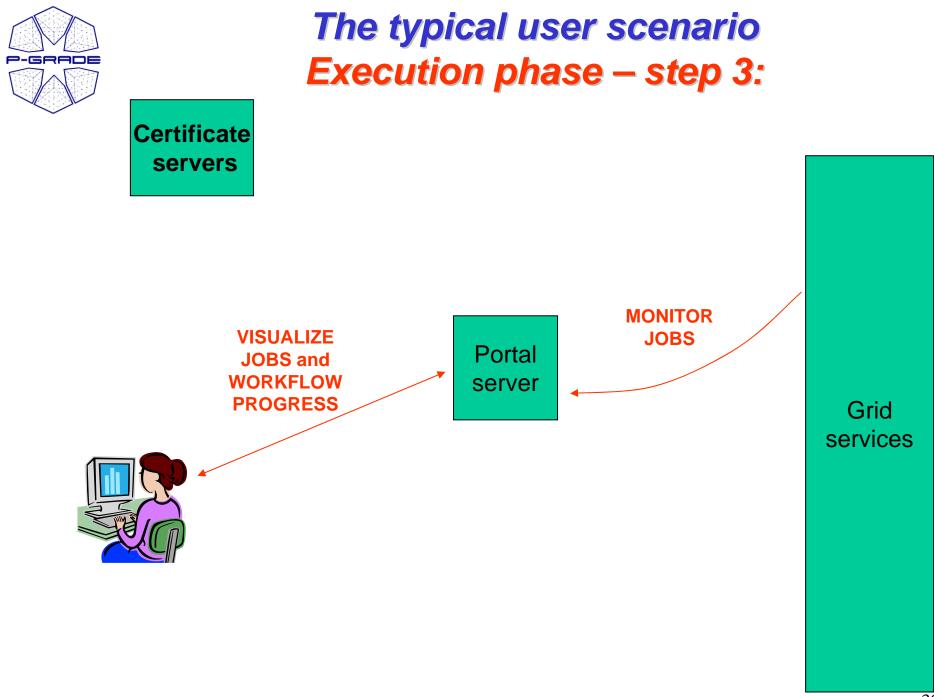
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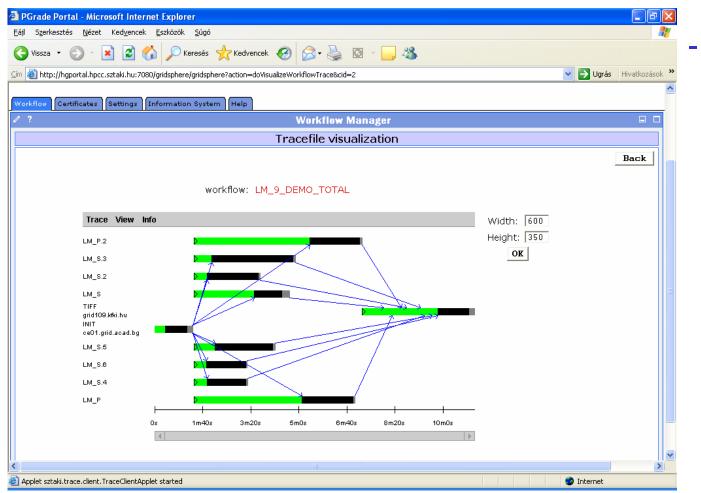
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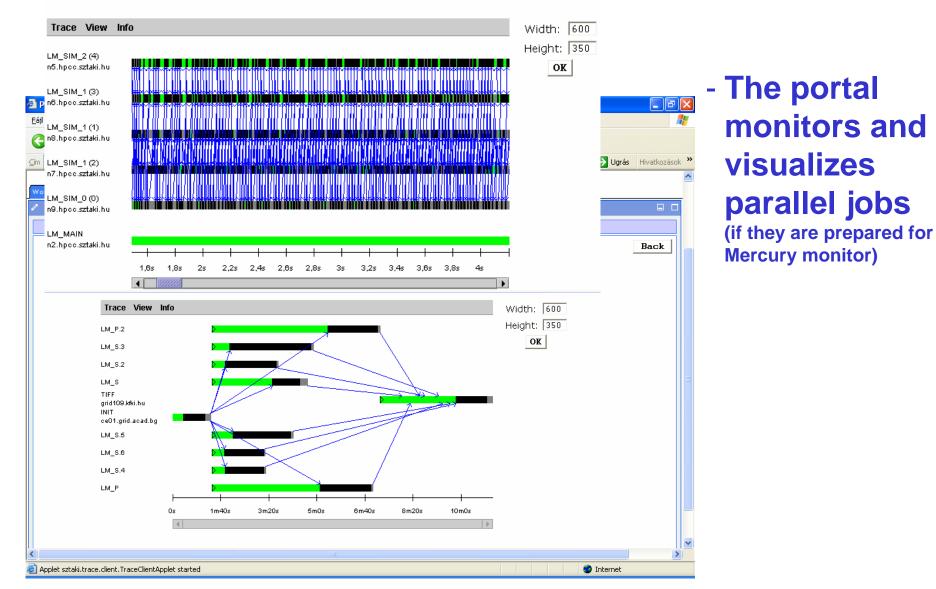


- The portal monitors and visualizes workflow progress

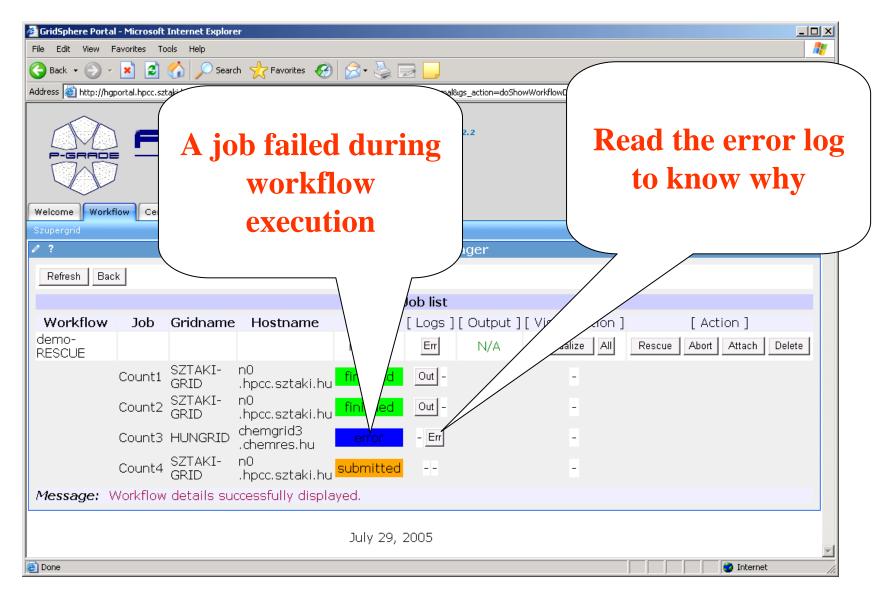


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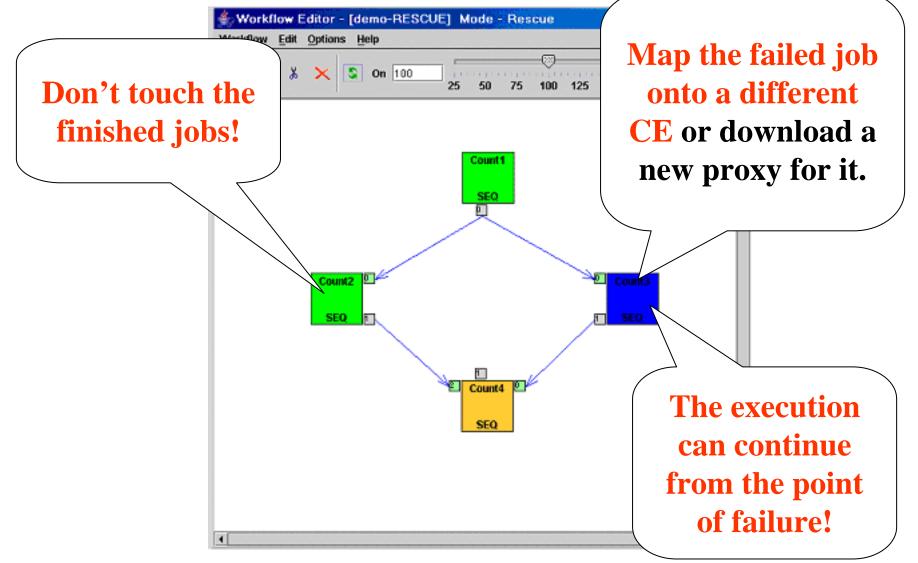
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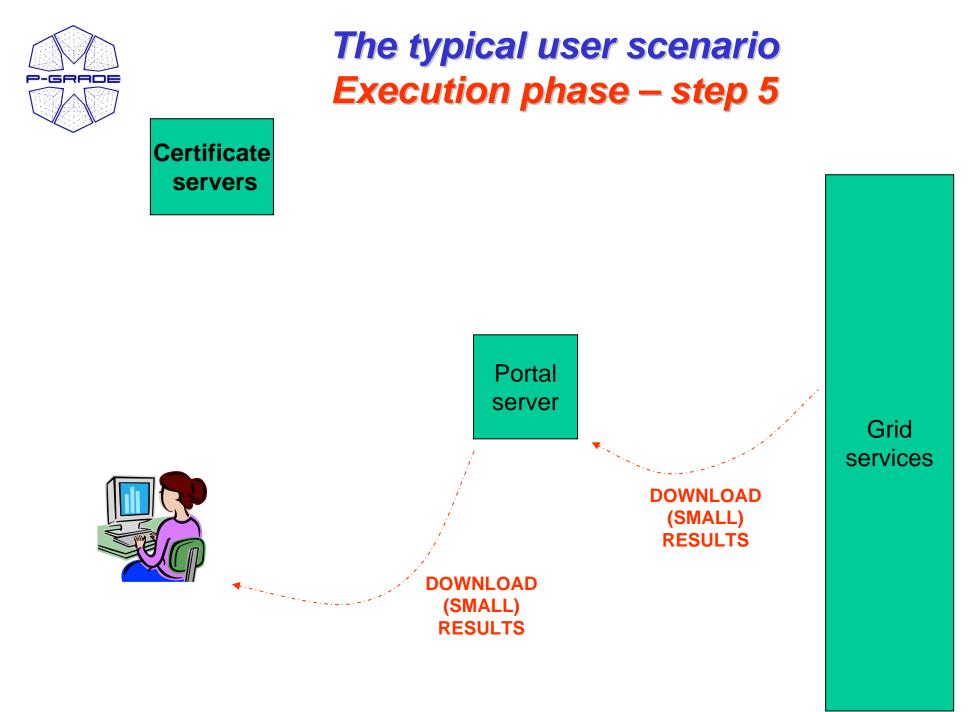














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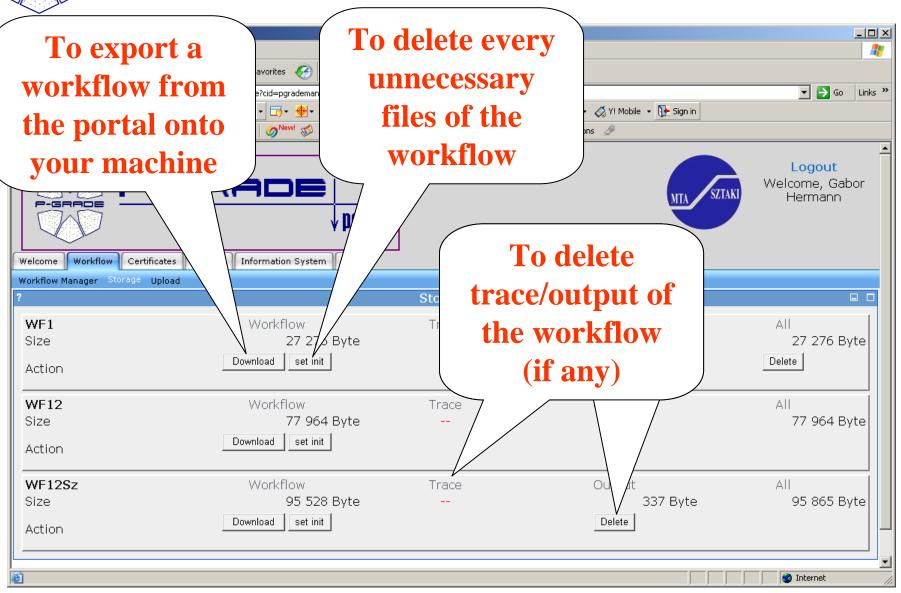
### **Additional features**

- Workflows and traces can be exported from the portal server onto your client machine
- Workflows and traces can be imported into the Portal

- Share your workflows or results with other researchers!
- Migrate your application from one portal into another!



### Workflow/trace export/import



#### P-GRADE Portal service is available for

- SEE-GRID infrastructure
- Central European VO of EGEE
- GILDA: Training VO of EGEE
- Many national Grids (UK National Grid Service, HunGrid, etc.)

References

- US Open Science Grid, TeraGrid
- Economy-Grid, Swiss BioGrid, Bio and Biomed EGEE VOs, BioInfoGrid, BalticGrid
- GIN VO







SEE-GRID



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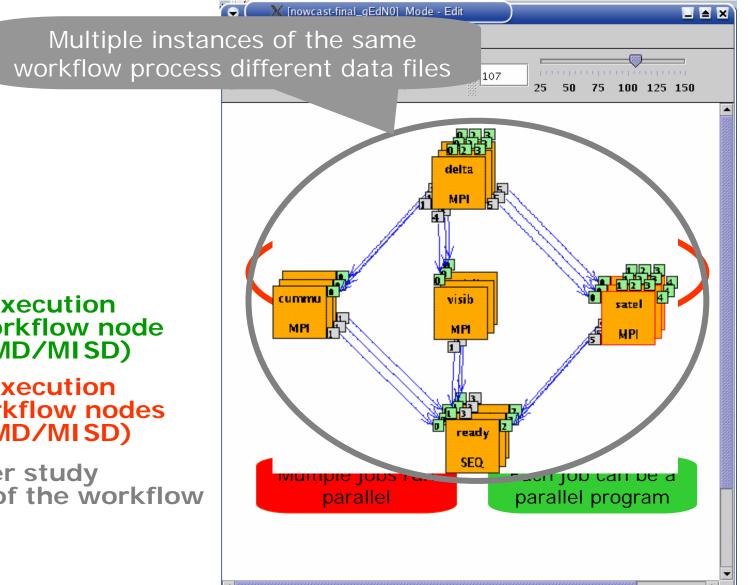


# Parameter study extension of the portal

- Users want parameter study (PS) support at workflow level
- It means:
  - If the user has an existing workflow in a repository, he would like to run
    - the same workflow (without any change)
    - with many different parameters



### Introducing three levels of parallelism



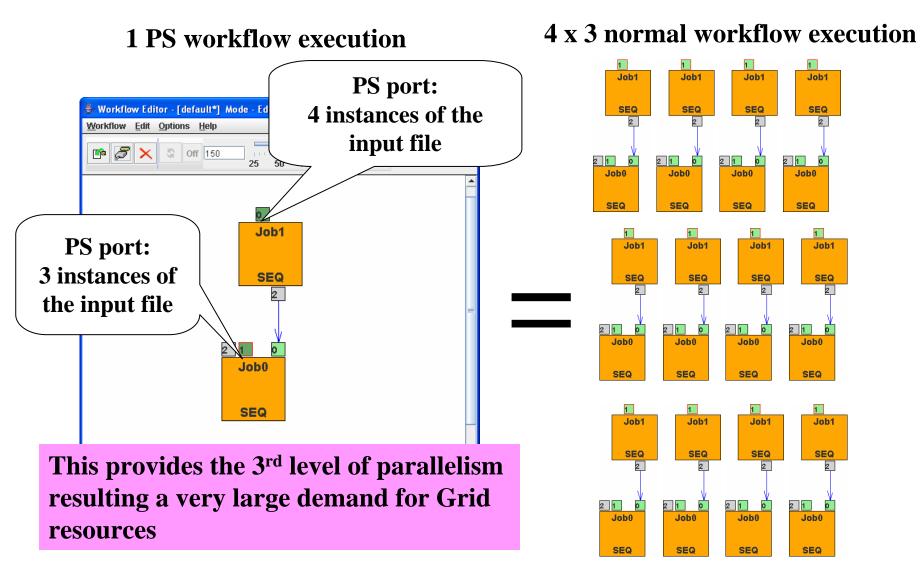
- Parallel execution inside a workflow node (SIMD/MIMD/MISD)

- Parallel execution among workflow nodes (SIMD/MIMD/MISD)

 Parameter study execution of the workflow (SIMD)

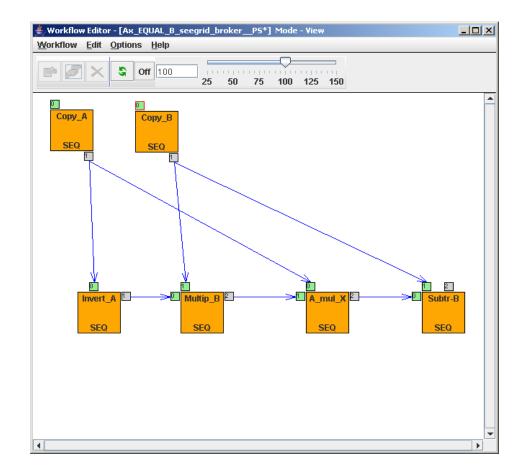


## Parameter sweep (PS) workflow execution in P-GRADE portal



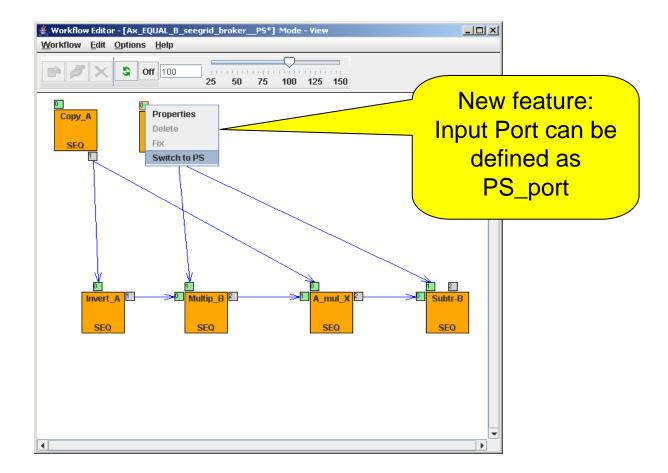


## **Steps of creating a PS-workflow 1. Start from a tested Workflow**





## 2. Define the PS Port(s)





## **3.Define Subdirectory of Inputs**

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- The P-GRADE Portal hides the complexity and differences of Grids
  - Globus X LCG2 gLite Grid interoperability at the workflow level
  - Switching between Grid technologies will be transparent to the end-user
  - Various components can be integrated into large Grid applications
    - Sequential codes
    - MPI codes
    - Legacy codes (with the GEMLCA-specific P-GRADE Portal)
- You code does not have to include grid specific commands
- Graphical tools for application development, execution and monitoring
- Support for collaborative team work
  - Sharing workflows
  - Sharing jobs (components)
- Built by standard portlet API → customizable to specific application areas, user groups



### How to learn the P-GRADE portal?

- Take a look at **www.lpds.sztaki.hu/pgportal** (manuals, slide shows, installation procedure, etc.)
- Visit or request a training event! (event list also on homepage)
  - Lectures, demos, hands-on tutorials, application development support
- Get an account for one of its production installations:
  - VOCE portal SZTAKI
  - SEEGRID portal SZTAKI
  - GILDA portal SZTAKI
  - NGS portal University of Westminster
- If you are the administrator of a Grid/VO then contact SZTAKI to get your own P-GRADE Portal!
- If you know the administrator of a P-GRADE Portal you can ask him/her to give access to your Grid through his/her portal installation! (Multi-Grid portal)



#### Learn once, use everywhere Develop once, execute anywhere

## Thank you!

#### www.lpds.sztaki.hu/pgportal pgportal@lpds.sztaki.hu