



Enabling Grids for E-scienceE

# The Grid Observatory



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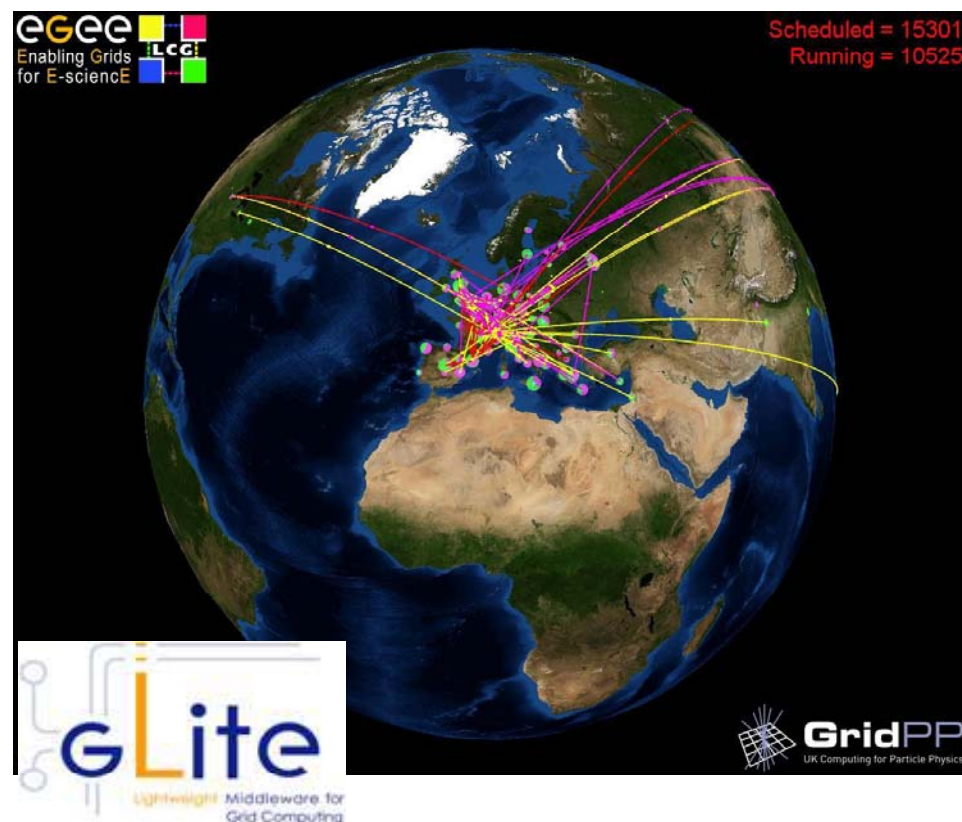
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- *Integrate the collection of data on the behaviour of the EGEE grid and users with the development of models and of an ontology for the domain knowledge*
- **Goals**
  - Data collection and publication
    - Public access to *a posteriori* traces of EGEE activity
  - Analysis
    - Propose realistic methods to answer real operational issues
  - Contribute to interactions with computer science research
- **EGEE Scientific Cluster (NA4)**
  - LRI (CNRS), Università Piemonte Orientale, London Imperial College, ASGC
  - With collaboration from Digiteo Labs, CNRS, LAL, MIS

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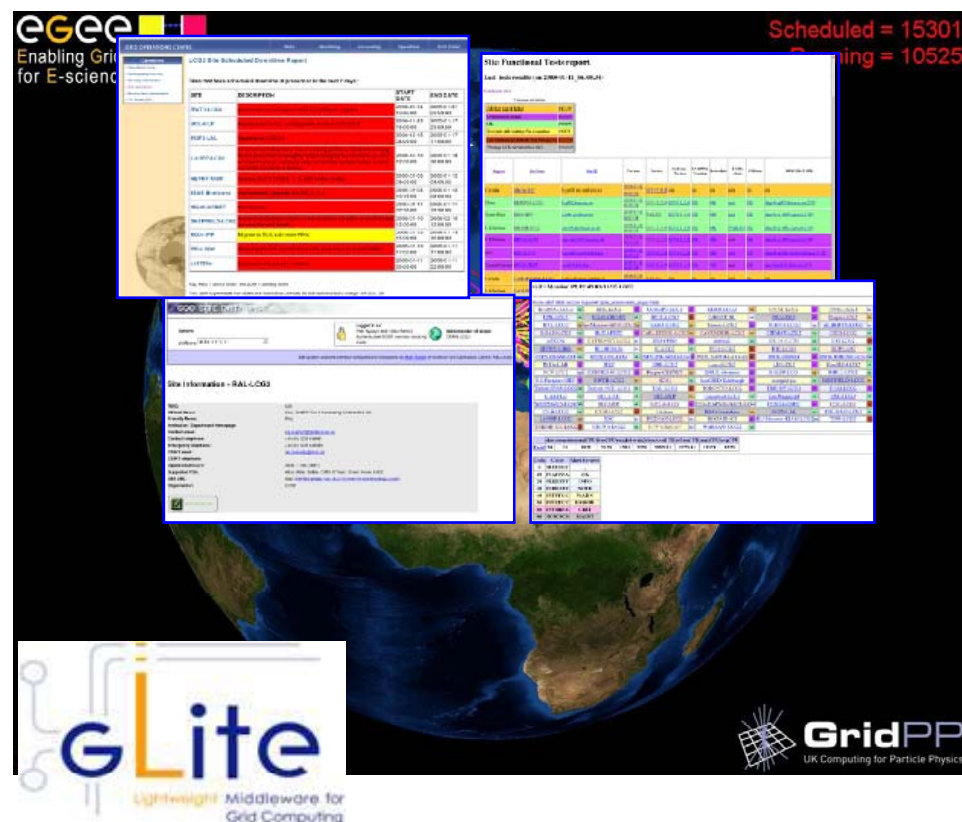
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- **CIC tools**
  - GOCDB, SAM, SFT, ...
- **Core gLite**
  - L&B, BDII, ...
- **Site Services**
  - Maui/PBS logs
- **gLite integrators**
  - R-GMA, Job Provenance
- **Experience integrators**
  - DashBoard
- **External software**
  - MonaLisa





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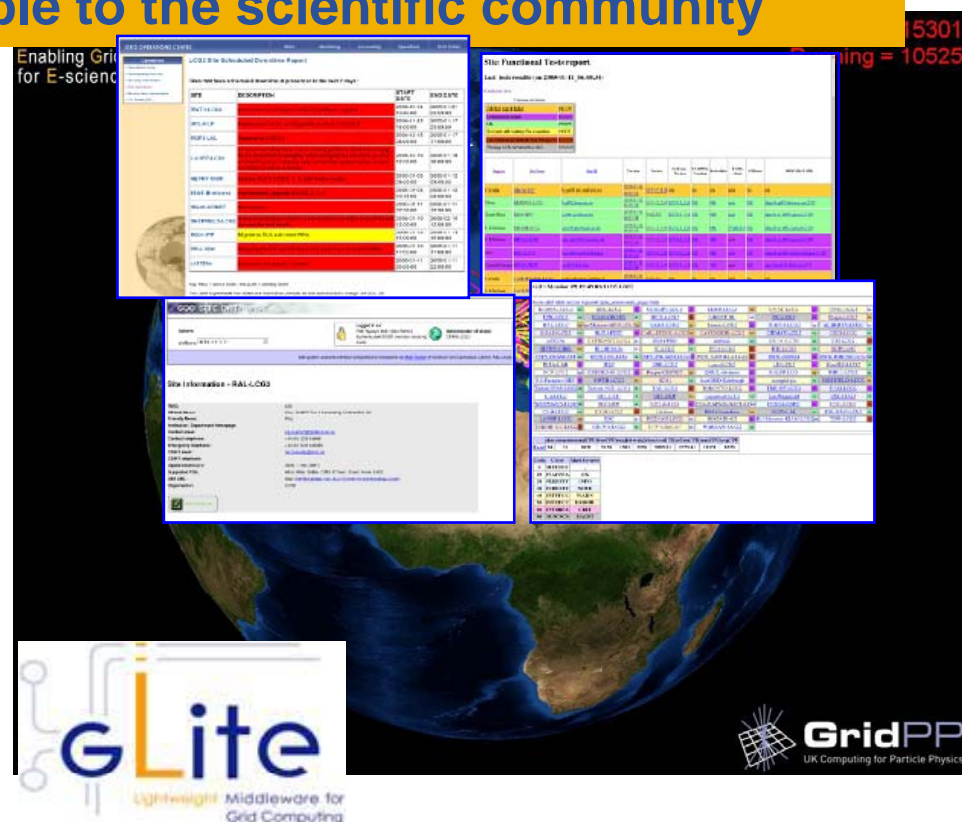
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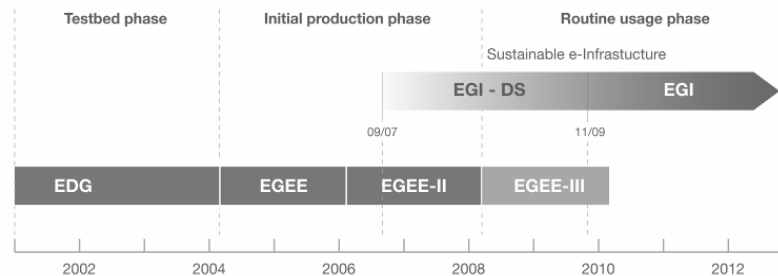
Extensive monitoring facilities

Data were discarded after operational usage,  
and in any case not available to the scientific community

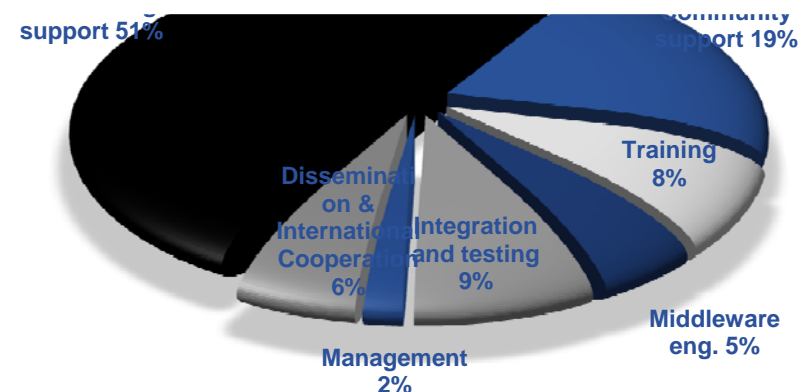


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*How can we reduce the effort required to operate this expanding infrastructure?*  
 Bob Jones' talk at EGEE'08



EC co-funding: 32 Million €

# Some immediate questions

- **Resource allocation**
  - Performance of the gLite scheduling hierarchy
  - Responsive grids – Everybody's grid
  - Common goods – prevent abuse of the grid resources
- **Dimensioning**
  - Patterns and trends in requests and usage
  - Scalability of the information system
- **Dependability**
  - Detection: black holes
  - Diagnosis: disappearing jobs
  - Performance of a probe-free approach



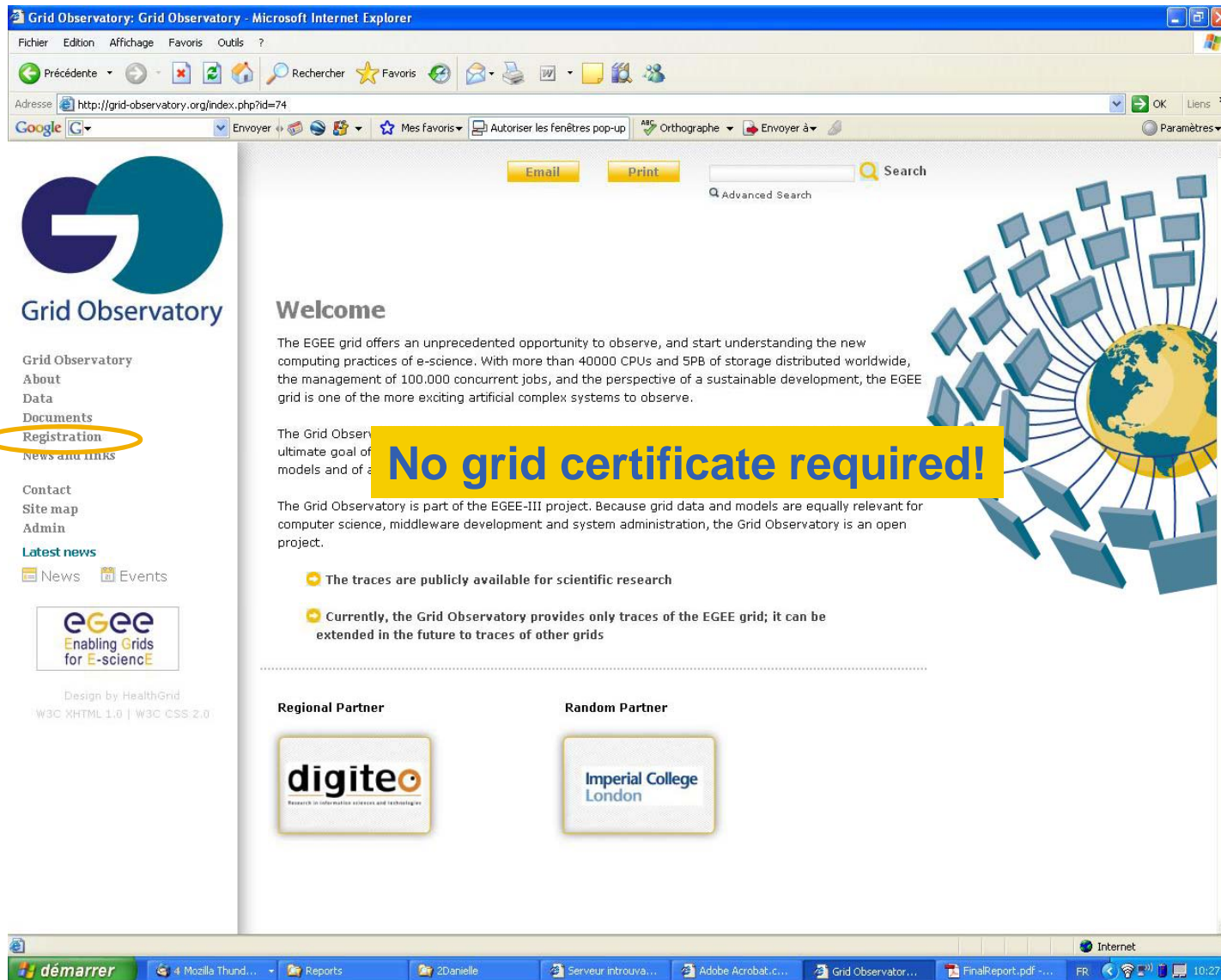
- **Autonomic Computing:** *“Computing systems that manage themselves in accordance with high-level objectives from humans”*. Kephart & Chess A vision of Autonomic Computing, IEEE Computer 2003
  - Self-\*: configuration, optimization, healing, protection
  - On open non steady state systems
- **Statistical analysis, machine learning, data mining**
- **Promote a quantitative approach**
  - Optimize for the most frequent case
  - Compare solutions on defined datasets—benchmarks

**data required**

- Acquisition, consolidation, long-term conservation of traces of EGEE activities
- GO portal available since Oct. 2008
  - [www.grid-observatory.org](http://www.grid-observatory.org)
  - Heap of data “as is”
    - Get understanding of the complexities of the data
    - Start analysis and bootstrap interactions
  - Next step (September 09): filtered data
- Long-term goal: permanent storage of reliable, exhaustive, filtered information
  - Reliable: data curation and provenance
  - Exhaustive: Added value in snapshots of the inputs and grid state e.g. workload and available services during a relevant time range
  - Filtered: remove redundancy



- **Information System (BDII)**
  - LDIF format, CE and SE information, limited information about services
  - One master file each day, plus diff each 15 minutes
- **GRIF (Grille de Recherche Ile de France)/LAL Site**
  - Logging and Bookkeeping service
    - ascii dump of the SQL tables events, short\_fields and long\_fields: all the events in the lifecycle of a job, tagged
  - Batch system(s)
    - Job controller traces allow to recover the grid identifier
  - WMS internals (condorG, wm\_proxy, etc.)
    - Possible application: disappearing jobs
- **Real Time Monitor**
  - Summary of the lifecycle of jobs from the Real Time Monitor project
- **Next: Storage traffic – open issue: how to relate them to user files**
- **Outside the scope: external traffic on shared resources**



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## Welcome

The EGEE grid offers an unprecedented opportunity to observe, and start understanding the new computing practices of e-science. With more than 40000 CPUs and 5PB of storage distributed worldwide, the management of 100.000 concurrent jobs, and the perspective of a sustainable development, the EGEE grid is one of the more exciting artificial complex systems to observe.

The Grid Observatory is part of the EGEE-III project. Because grid data and models are equally relevant for computer science, middleware development and system administration, the Grid Observatory is an open project.

- The traces are publicly available for scientific research
- Currently, the Grid Observatory provides only traces of the EGEE grid; it can be extended in the future to traces of other grids

**Regional Partner**

**Random Partner**

**digiteo**  
Research in information sciences and technologies

**Imperial College London**

**No grid certificate required!**

# How to get an account?


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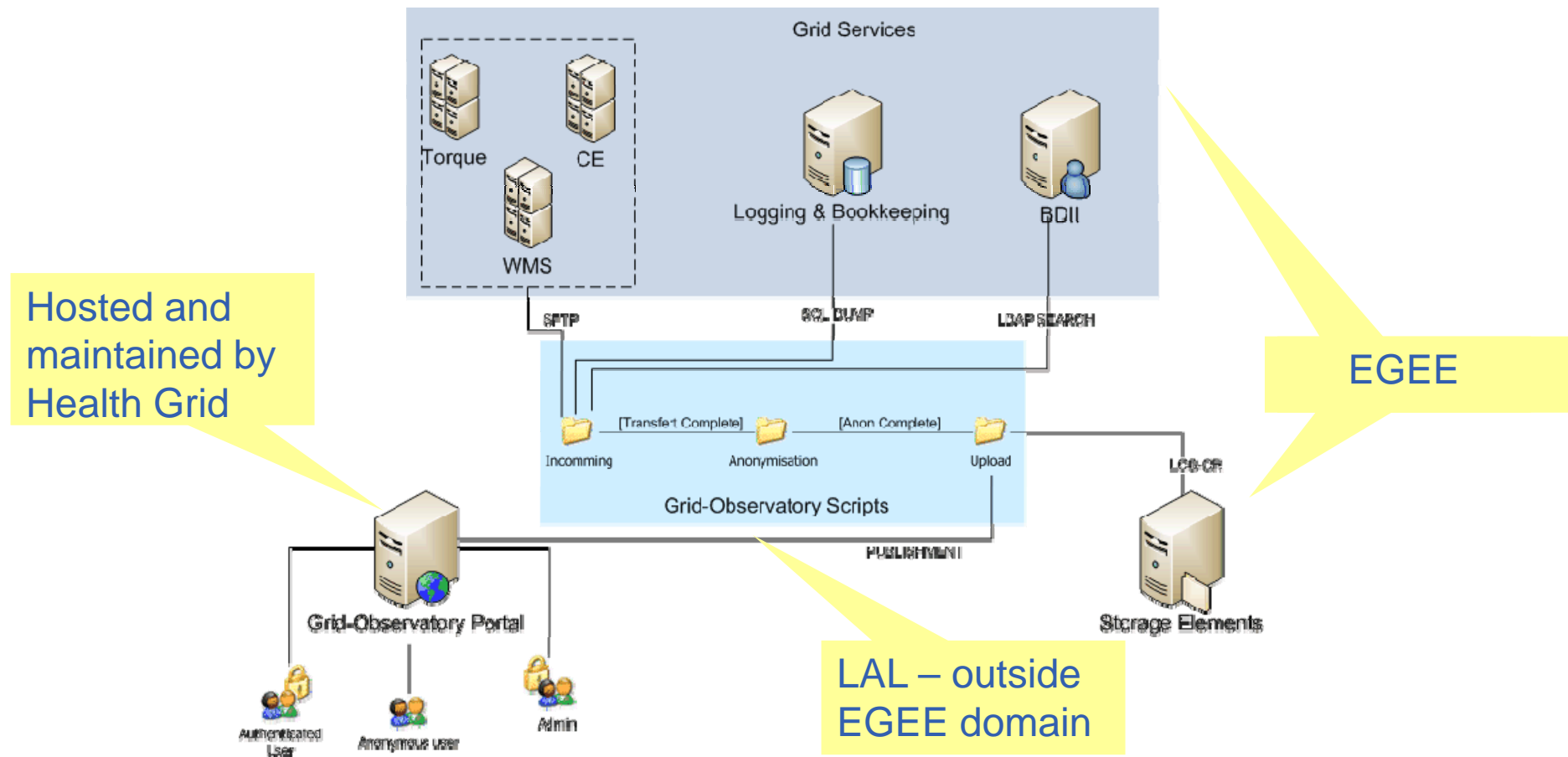
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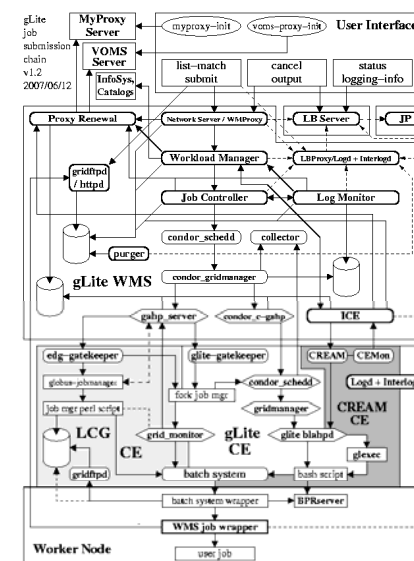
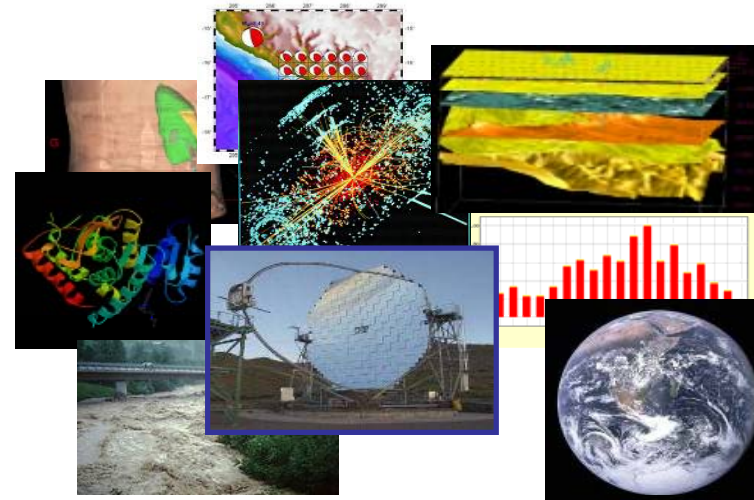
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- **Execution trace formats (à la Grid Workload Format)**
- **Event trace models (à la IBM Common Event Base)**
  - Automatic ontology construction tools may help for dealing with undocumented logs e.g. automatic conversion to IBM CBE of the cryptic logs of the WMS
- **Ontology**
  - The Glue Information Model is an ontology of the resources
  - More concepts
    - Concepts for the grid dynamics e.g. job lifecycle or users relations
    - Expert concepts as prior knowledge of non-trivial correlations: workflows, failure modes,...
    - Concepts for elementary analysis
  - Validated models will become concepts
  - More semantics: relations between concepts and typing to allow logical inferences. Generic application: Data curation and consolidation, e.g. RTM + BDII

# A complex system

- **Coupled usage: Virtual Organization**
  - Community software, community activity
  - Access rights
- **Feedback loops in the middleware**
  - Job dispatch
- **Emerging policies**
  - As the result of sites and stakeholders decisions
- **Inference** of models for middleware components and applications, users and usage profiles, users interactions



# Time-series analysis - CE level

- Evidence of self-similarity and heavy-tailedness in the arrival process
- Simple methods for realistic workload prediction
  - Linear from the load history
  - As the mean of the past executions x number of jobs in the queue

are defeated by very long jobs

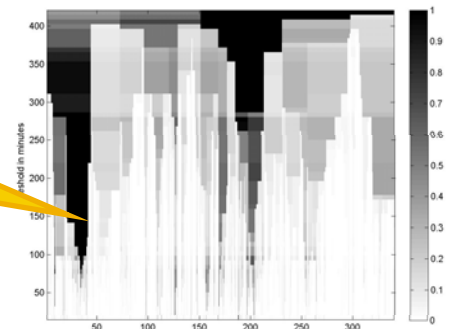
- Correlated by good fits of GARCH distributions

More: <http://indico.lal.in2p3.fr/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=443>

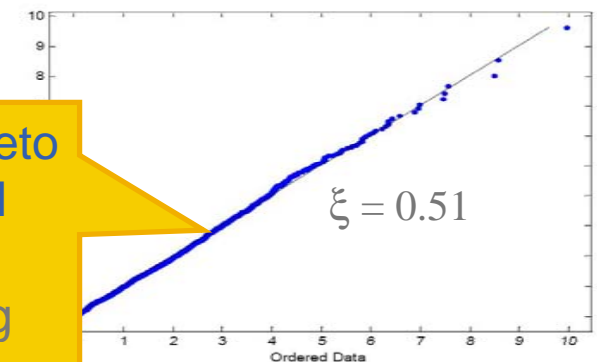
- Ongoing work

- Systematic AR segmentation by Minimal Description Length
- Evaluation of the gLite Expected Response Time computation

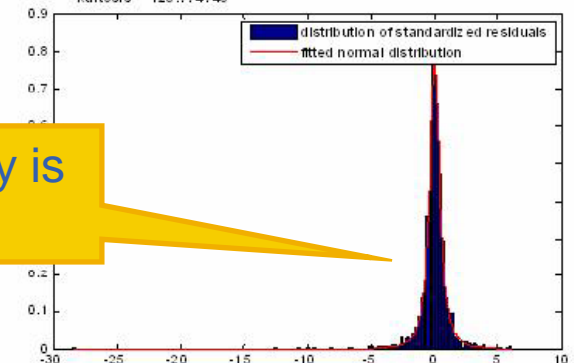
Burst of arrivals,  
at all scales



Generalized Pareto  
for inter-arrival  
times,  $\xi > 0$   
indicates strong  
heavy-tailedness



Plot of the standardized residuals and fitted normal distribution for GARCH(1,3)  
kurtosis = 123.774746



Only the volatility is  
predictable



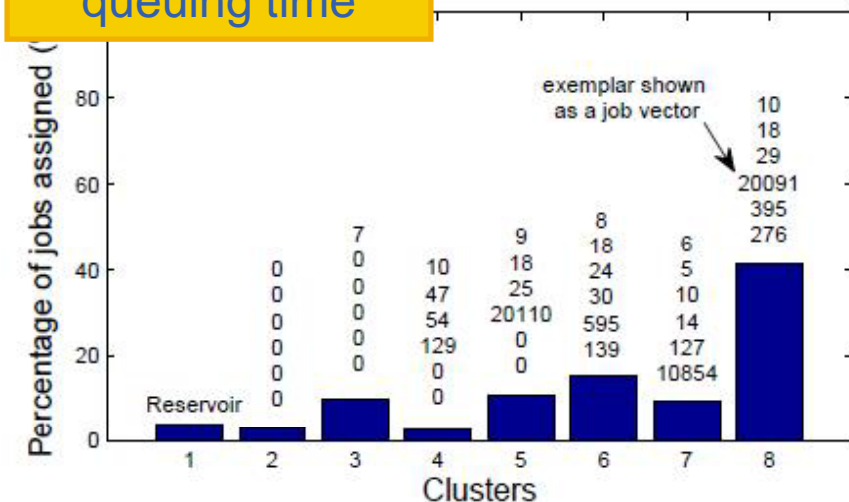
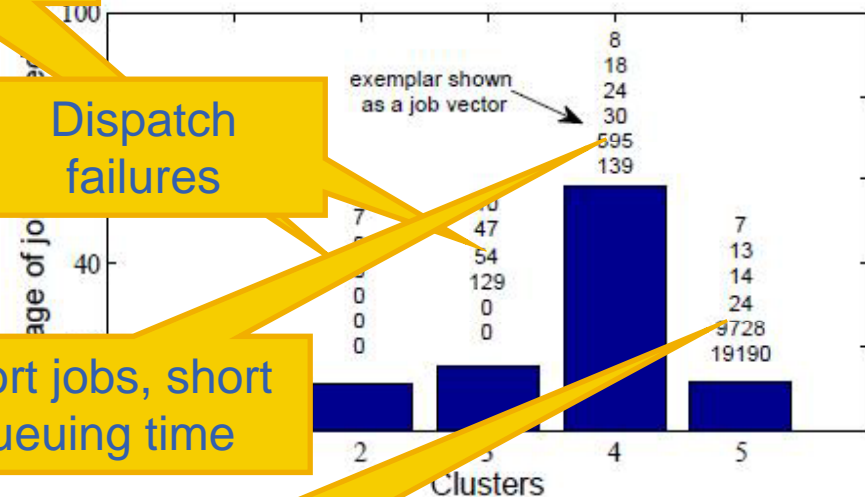
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Submission failures

Dispatch failures

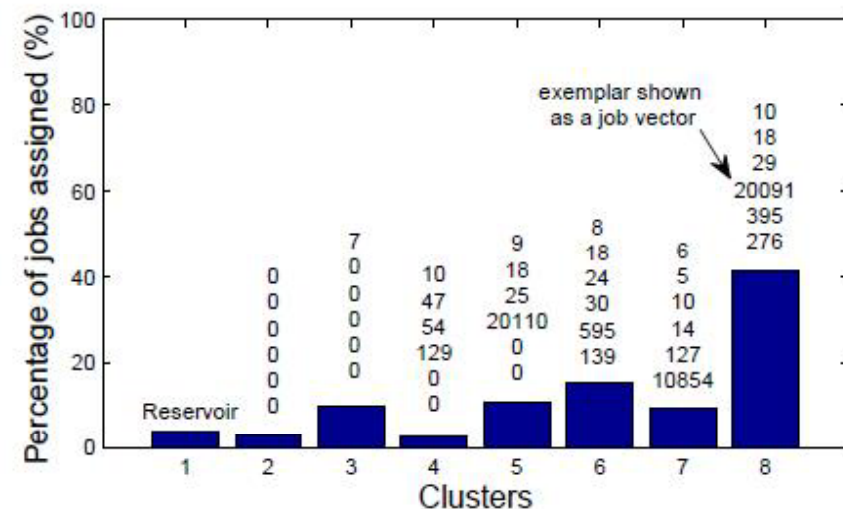
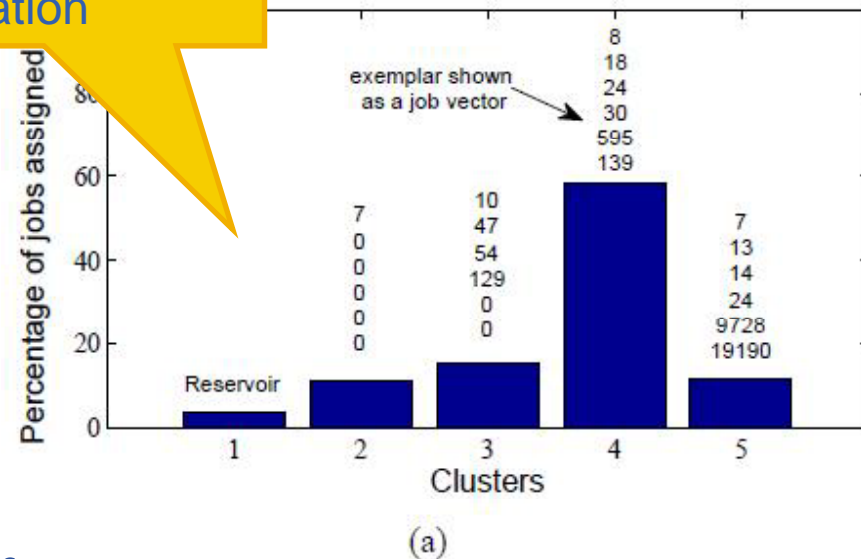
Short jobs, short queuing time

Long jobs, long queuing time

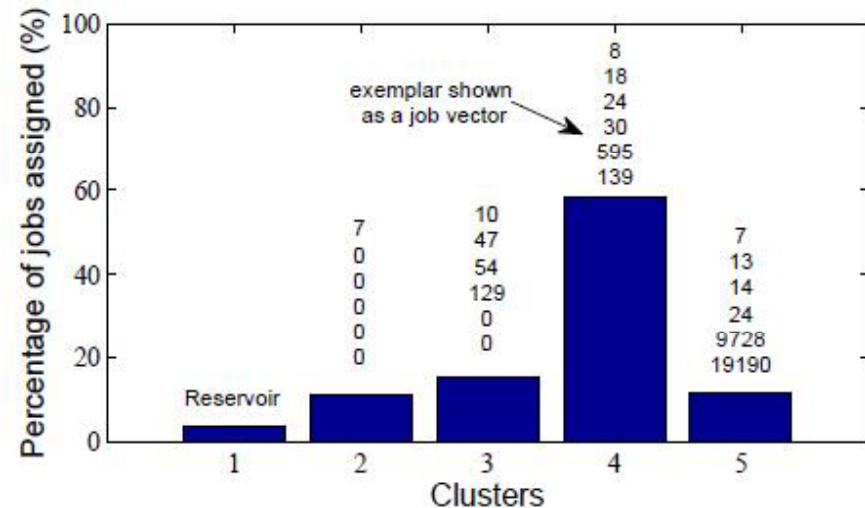


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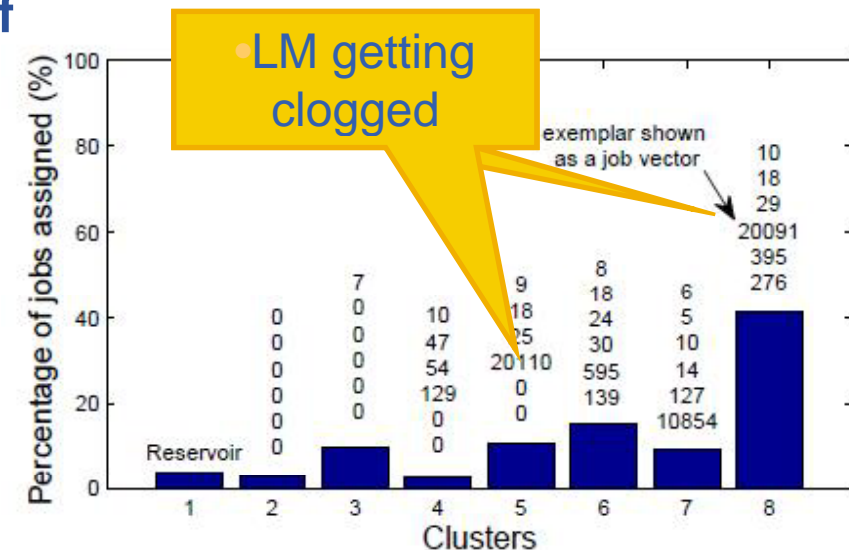
Overall, a normal situation



- Clustering the jobs timestamps by StrAP, an on-line version of the Affinity Propagation algorithm
- Clusters described by real jobs, the exemplars
- Complexity compatible with on-line analysis
- Provides a concise description of the system, and exhibits dangerous evolutions
- More:
  - Poster # 36
  - X.Zhang, M. Sebag, C. Germain-Renaud, "Multi-scale Realtime Grid Monitoring with Job Stream Mining". To appear ([CCGrid'09](#)),

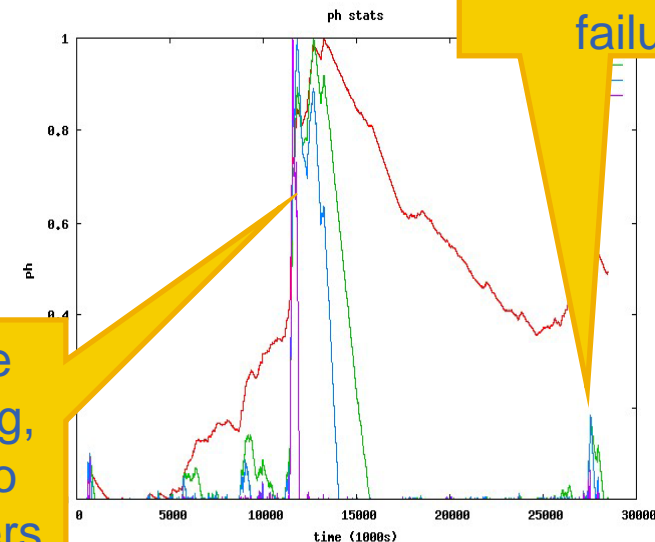
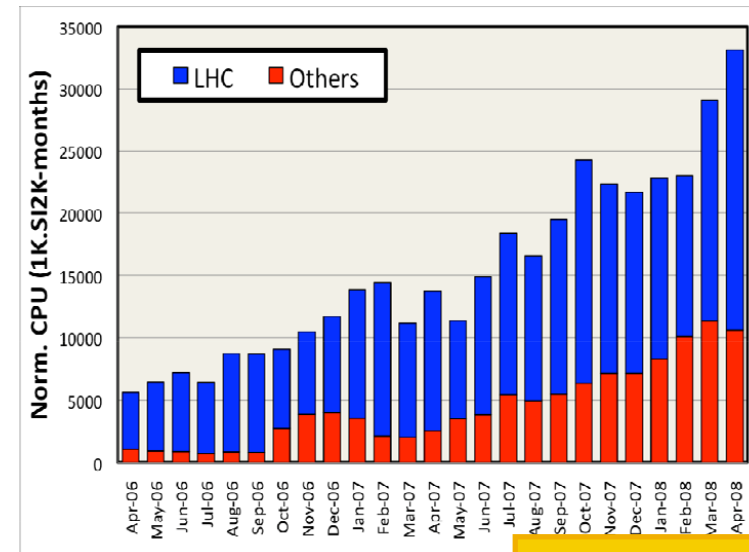


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- **Correlation of Estimated Response Time, from VOViews objects in the BDII, with actual response time, from job traces**
  - <https://savannah.cern.ch/task/?8589>
  - Already: detection of anomalous behaviour - incredibly high ERTs
- **Elastic responsive computing through Reinforcement Learning [CCGRID'08, ICAC'08, GMAC'09?]**
  - Principled dynamic prioritization of urgent jobs
  - Integrates fair-share (VOs) and utilization
  - Possible applications: local scheduler, systems of pilot jobs
- **On-line black hole detection**
  - Page-Hinkley Statistics

- **Curse of dimensionality: representation and computational complexity**
  - e.g. we needed to devise a new version of the Affinity Propagation method
- **Sparse data: largely unexplored state/action space**
  - Each problem requires to build a specific simulator
- **No steady-state: still in expanding phase**
  - Quantitative and qualitative (e.g. extension of pilot jobs) trends
- **Data acquisition at full grid scale**
  - Deployment of the acquisition suite will be a long process
- **Validation: lack of expert interpretation**
  - What is a blackhole?



Experience software bug, irrelevant to site managers



- **GMAC'09: Grids Meets Autonomic Computing**
  - Barcelona, Spain, 15 June 2009
  - Associated with the 6th International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC'09)
  - <http://www.frombarcelona.org/GRIDmeetsAC/>
- **Workshop Focus**
  - Identify key scientific challenges related to the management and evolution of grids as a specific category of complex large-scale systems. The goal of the workshop is to promote community wide discussion of, and collaboration on potentially high-impact ideas that will influence and foster continued research in improving the manageability and reliability of grids.