

Interactive Web-based Analysis Clients using AJAX: examples for CMS, ROOT and GEANT4



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What is AJAX?



What AJAX is not...



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Aynchronous **J**avascript **A**nd **X**ML



AJAX

AJAX is a buzz-word used to indicate a set of **techniques** and **programming patterns**, involving **Javascript** and **XML**, which allow to create web applications that give the same feel and responsiveness of traditional desktop applications.

Traditional web pages workflow

The client does an HTTP GET Request to the server

Client



HTTP GET Request



Server

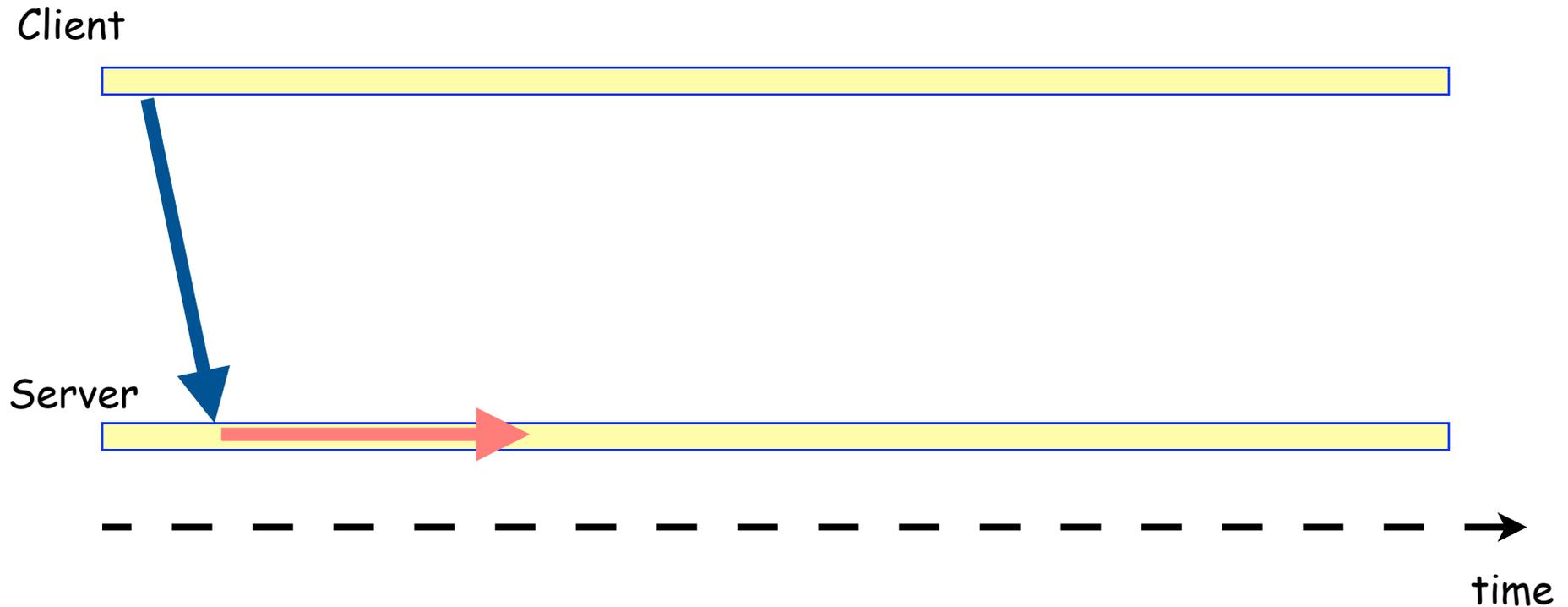


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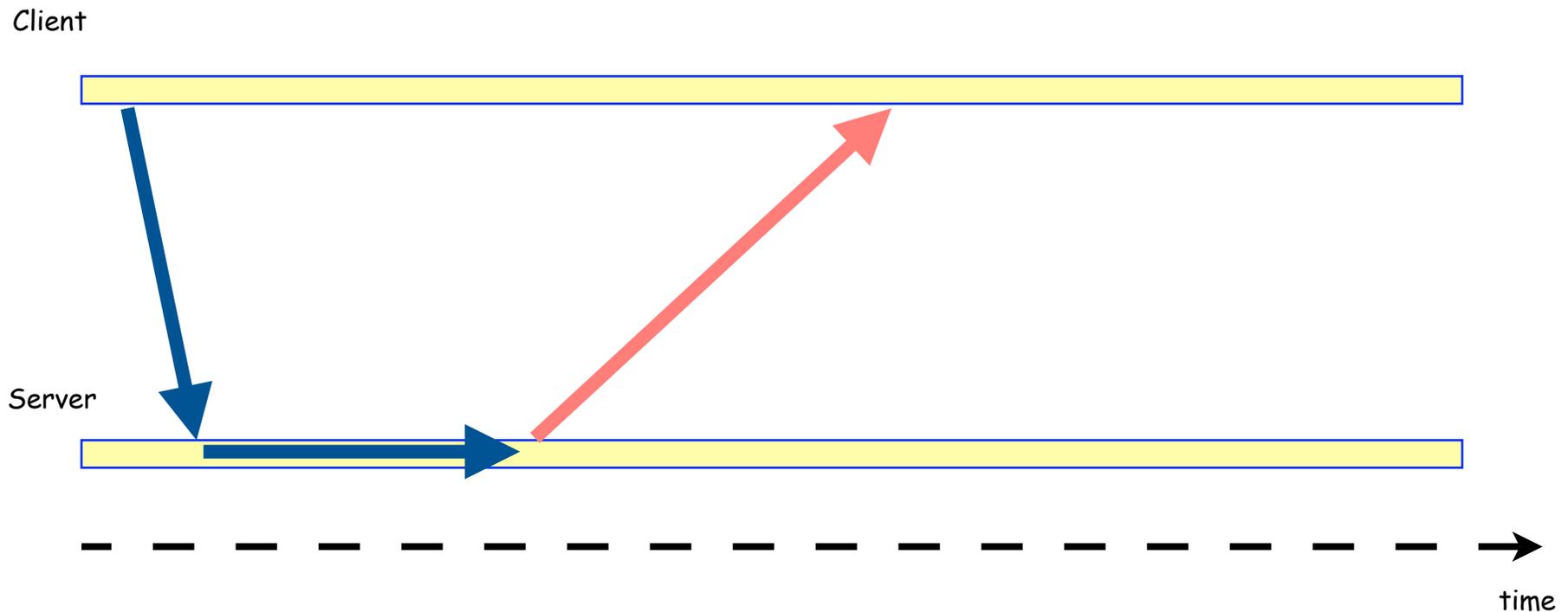
Traditional web pages workflow

The server constructs the full web page



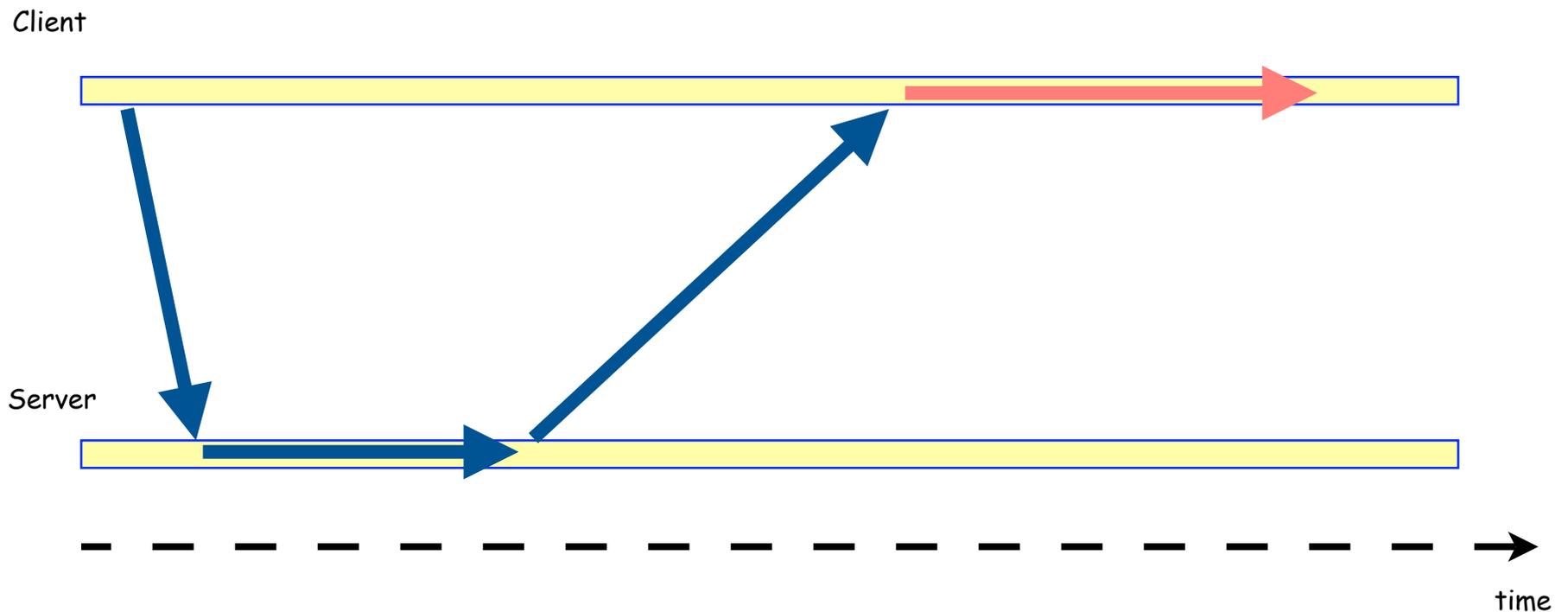
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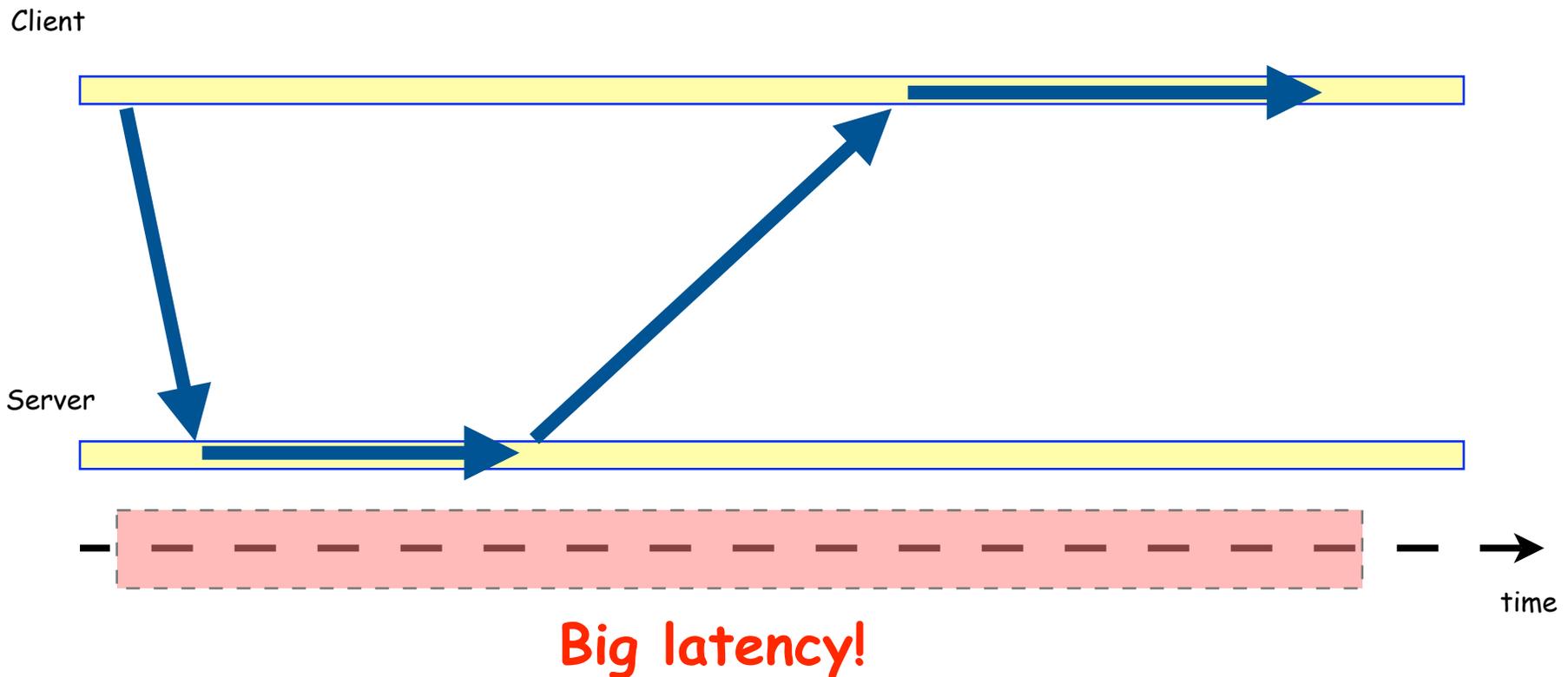
Traditional web pages workflow

...and processed by the client...



Traditional web pages workflow

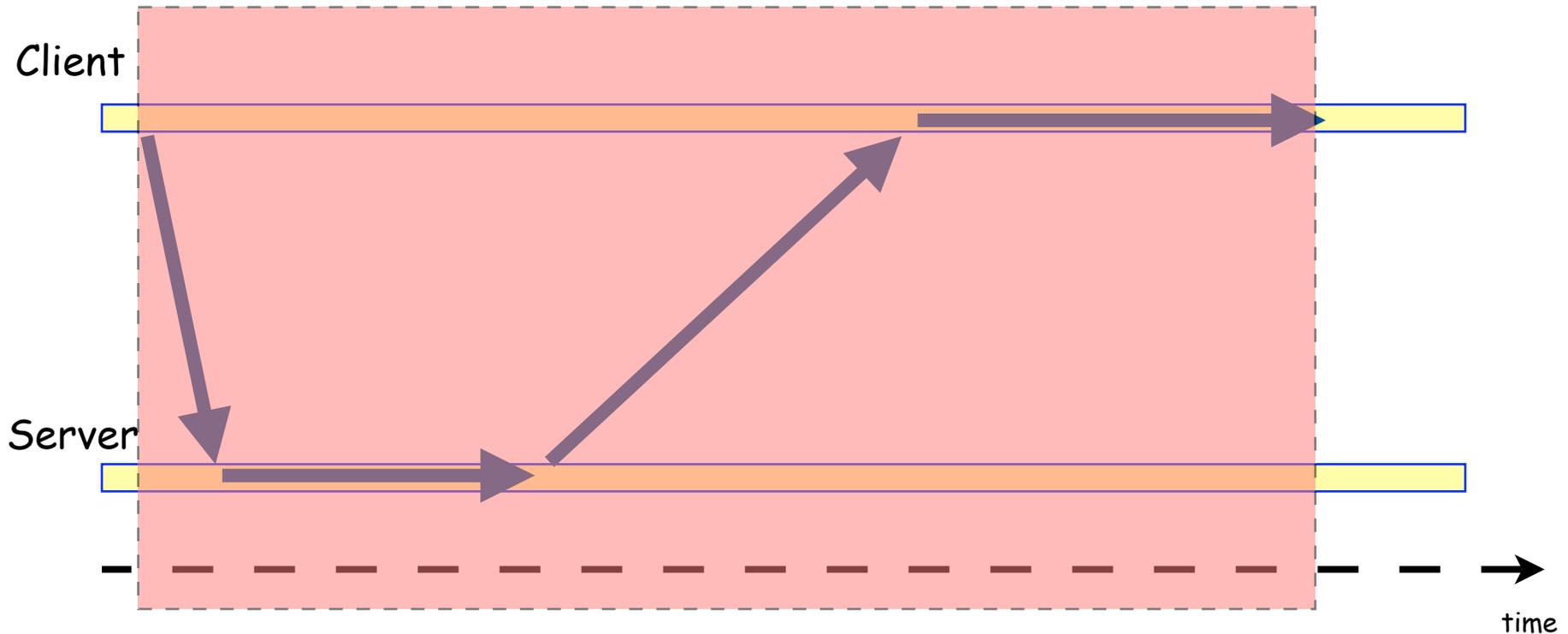
If the complete web page is complex enough, a big interval of time intercourses between request for a page and its actual availability to the user



Big latency!

Traditional web pages workflow

moreover the user cannot use the web page until fully loaded.



Period the web page is unavailable to the user

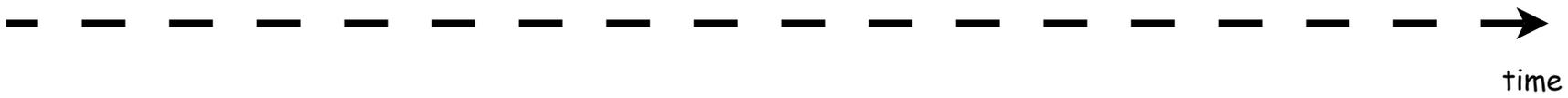
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The client does an HTTP GET Request to the server

Client



Server



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The server constructs the minimal web page for the user to start browsing

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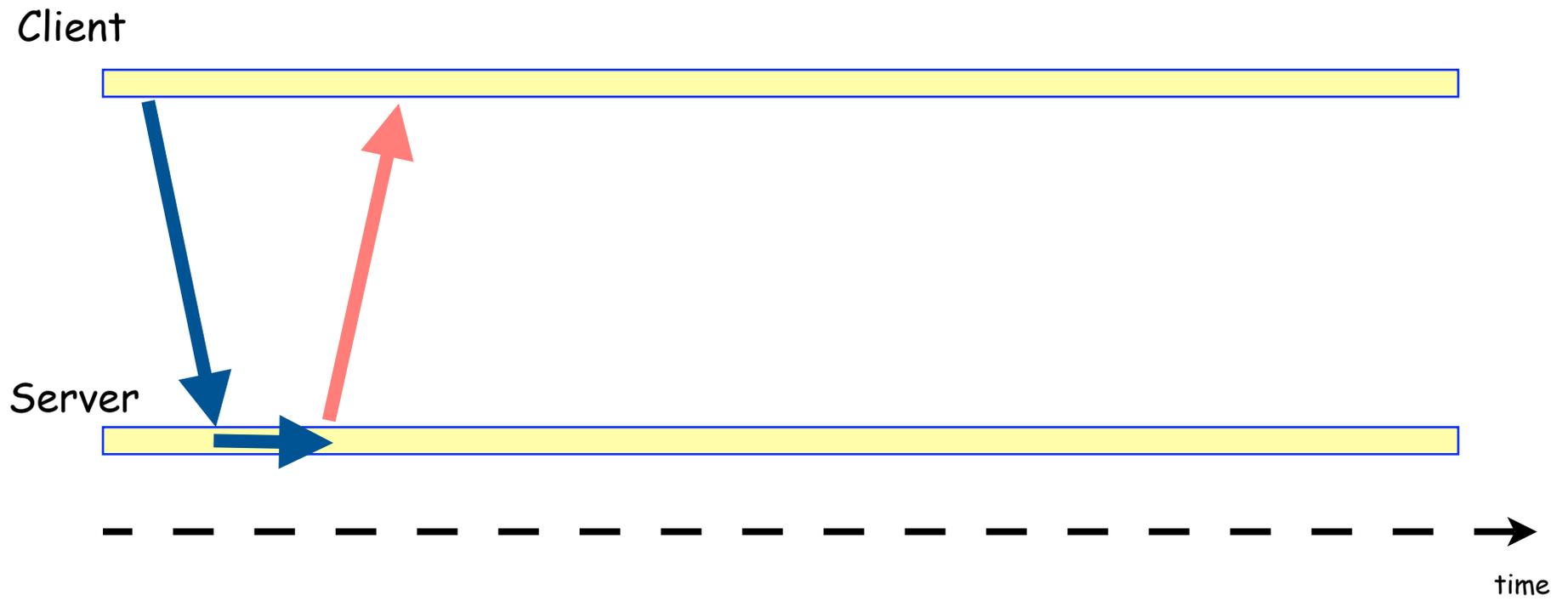


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The minimal page is sent



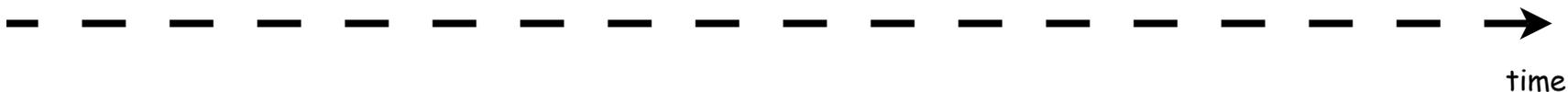
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The client processes the web page

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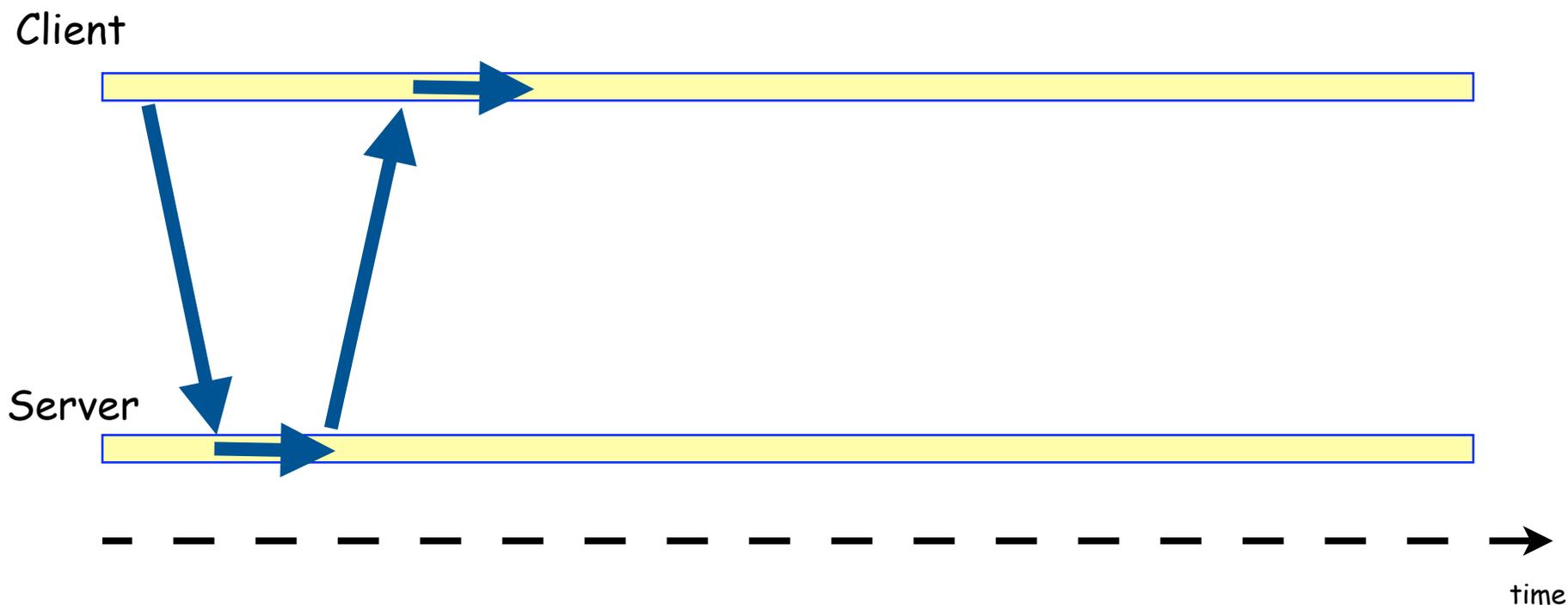


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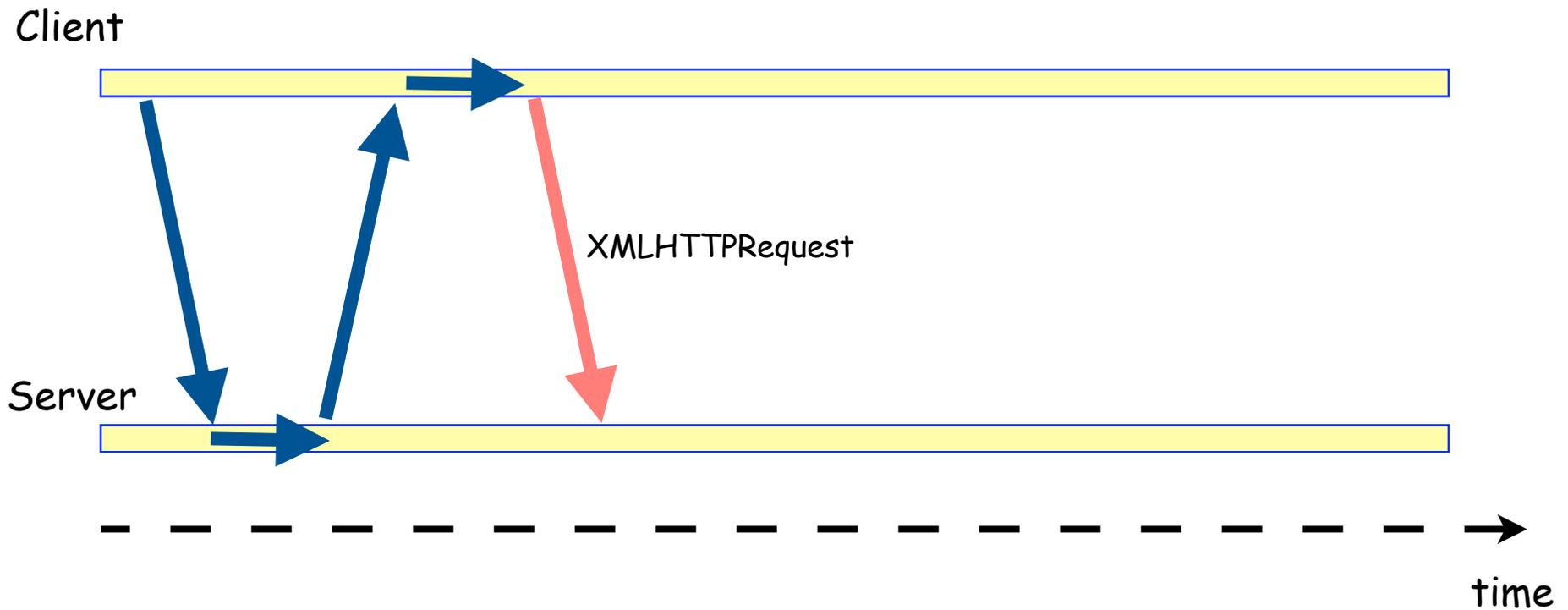
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...if (and only if) more information is requested by the user...



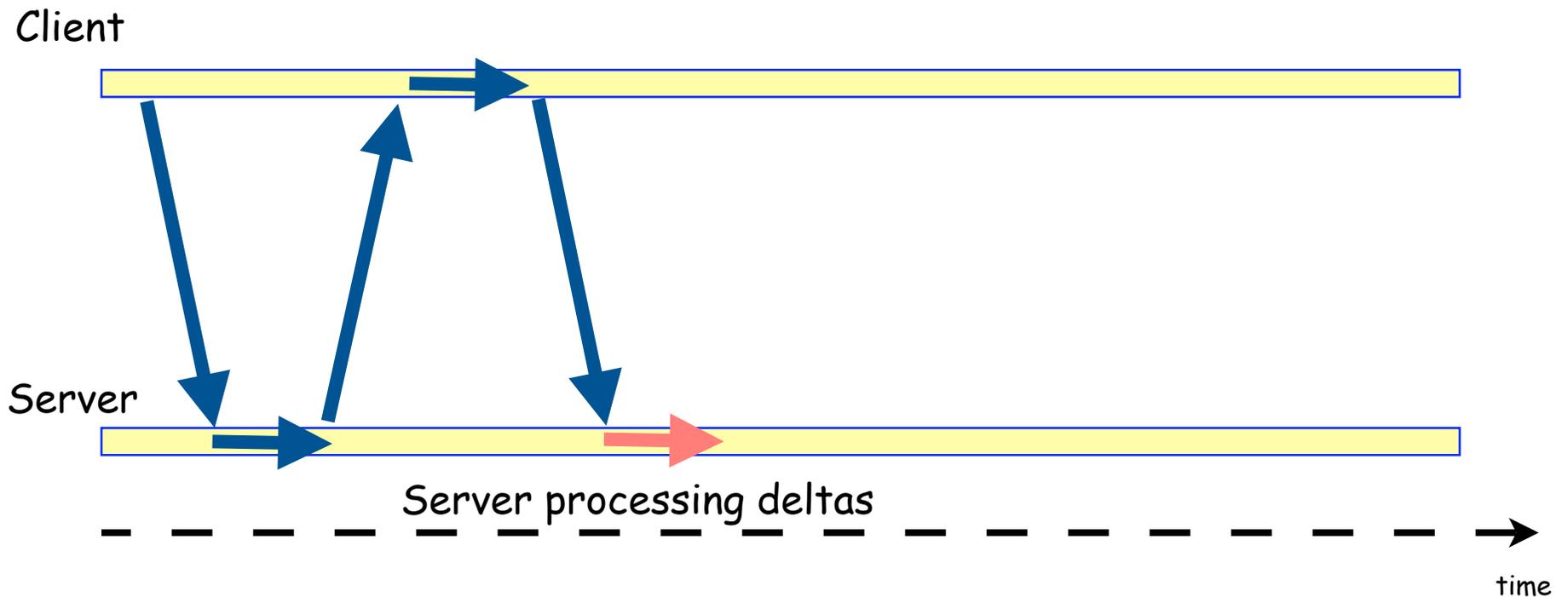
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a new request for DELTAs is done



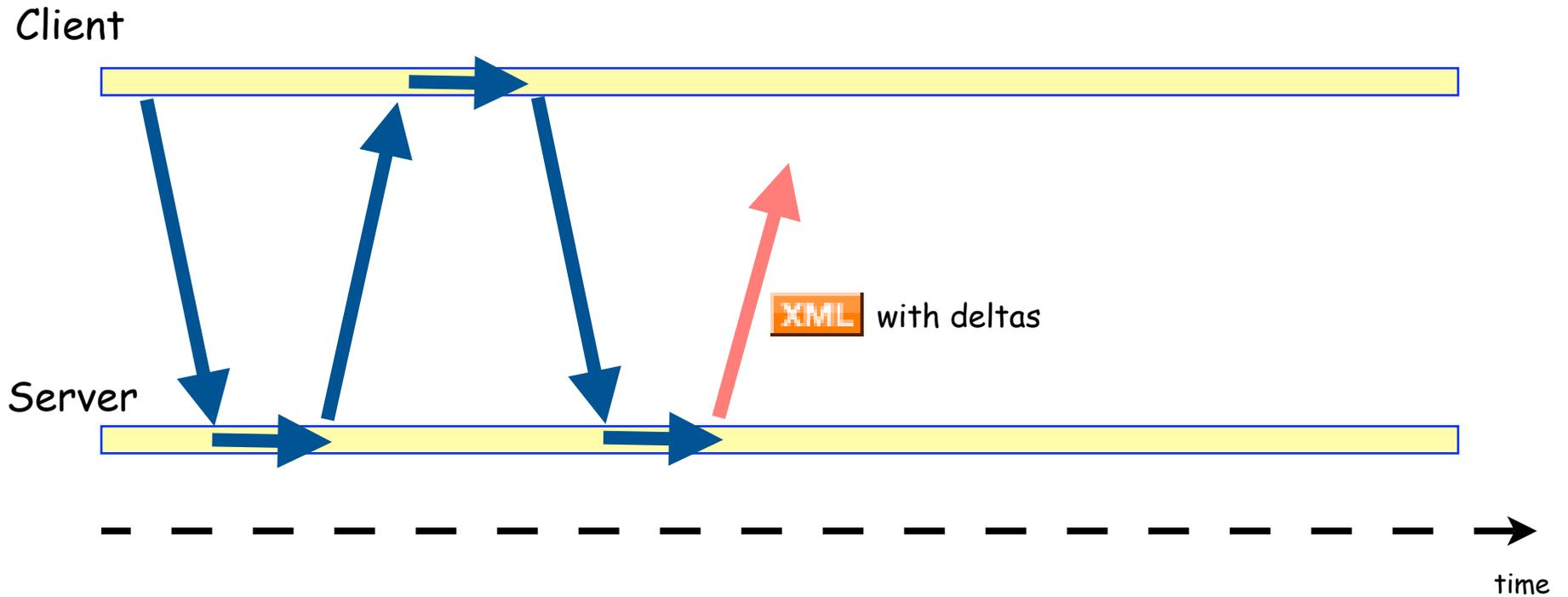
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the server processes the request and decides what has changed



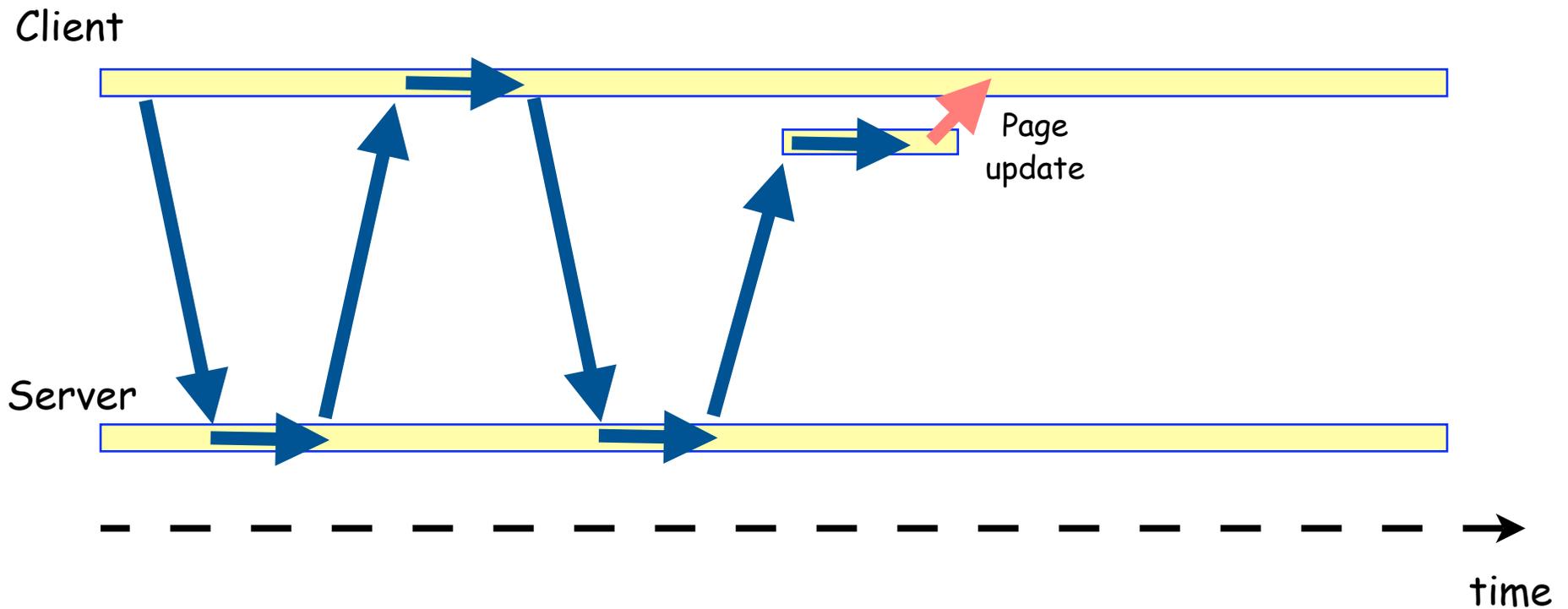
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response is given formatting delta into XML



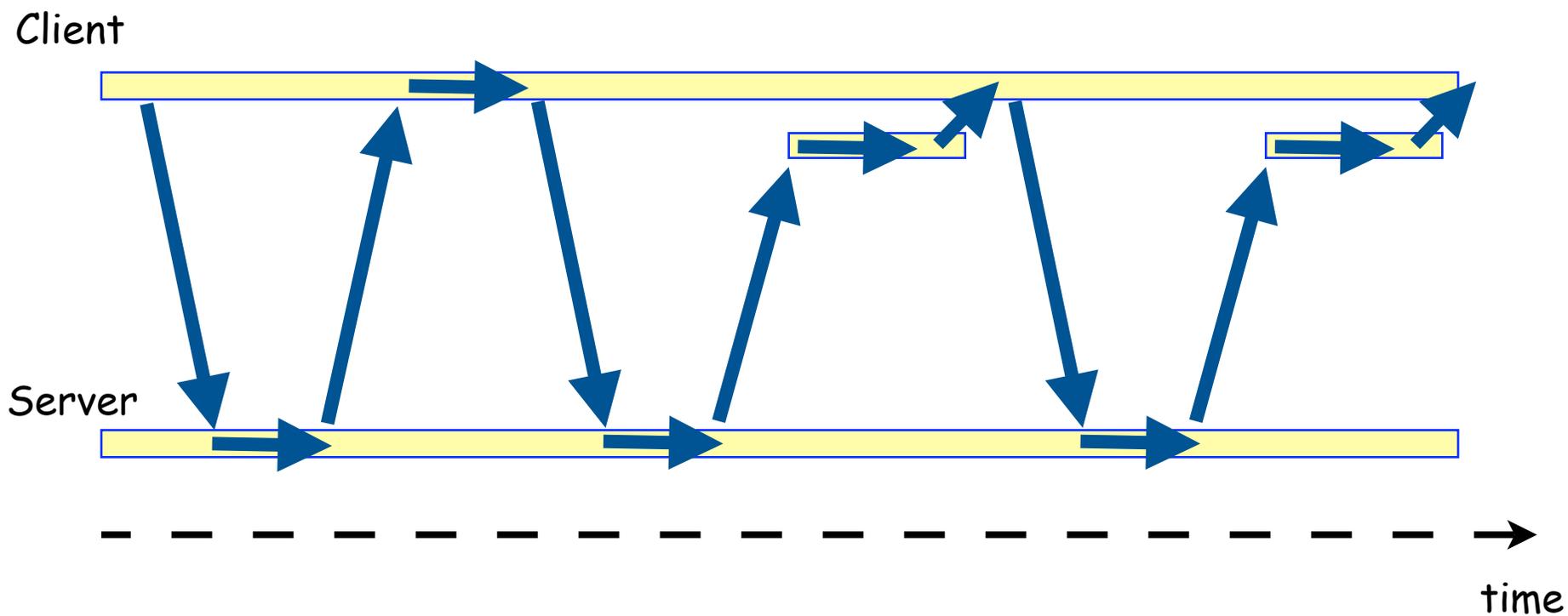
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and the page is finally updated

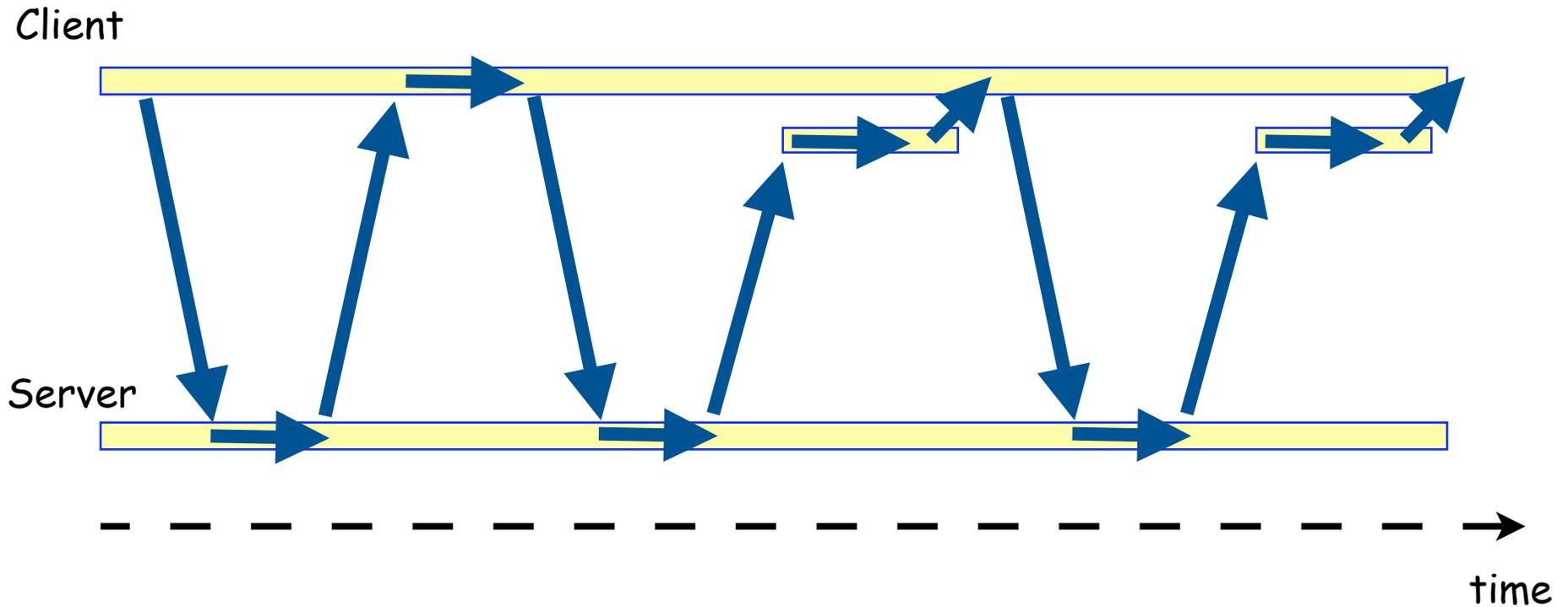


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iterate on new user's requests

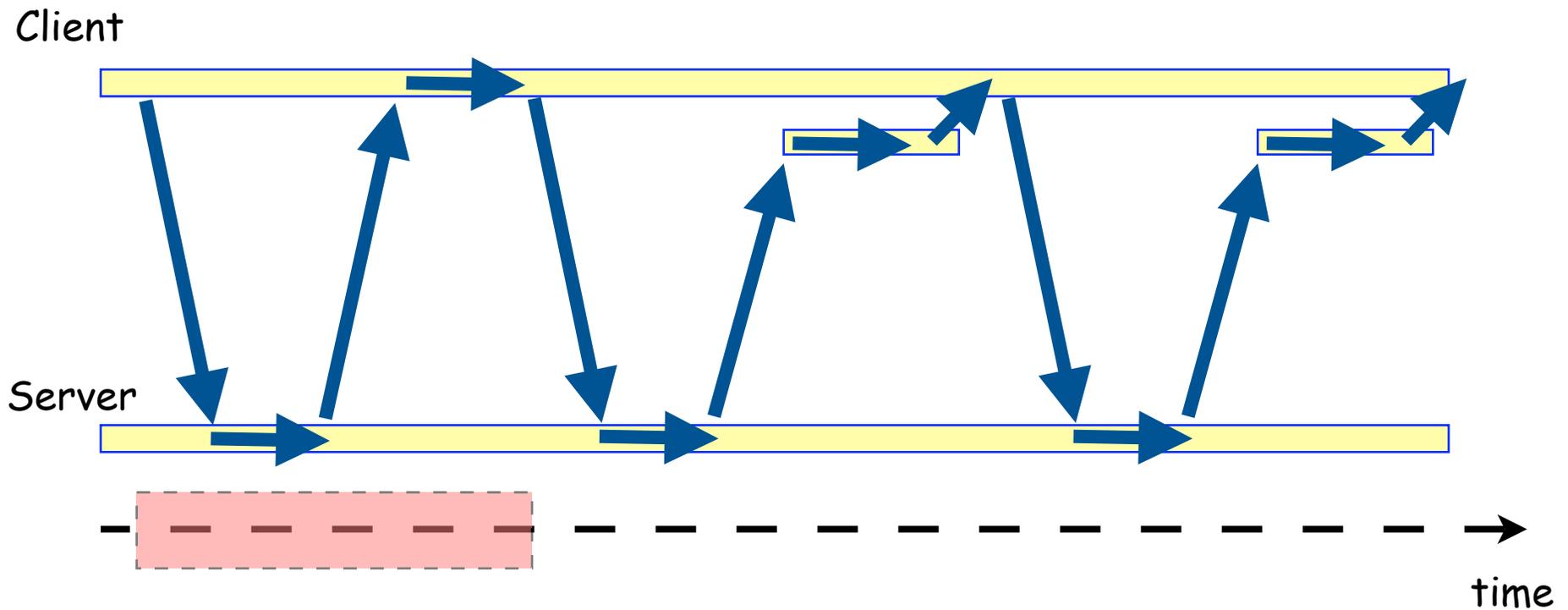


The AJAX advantage



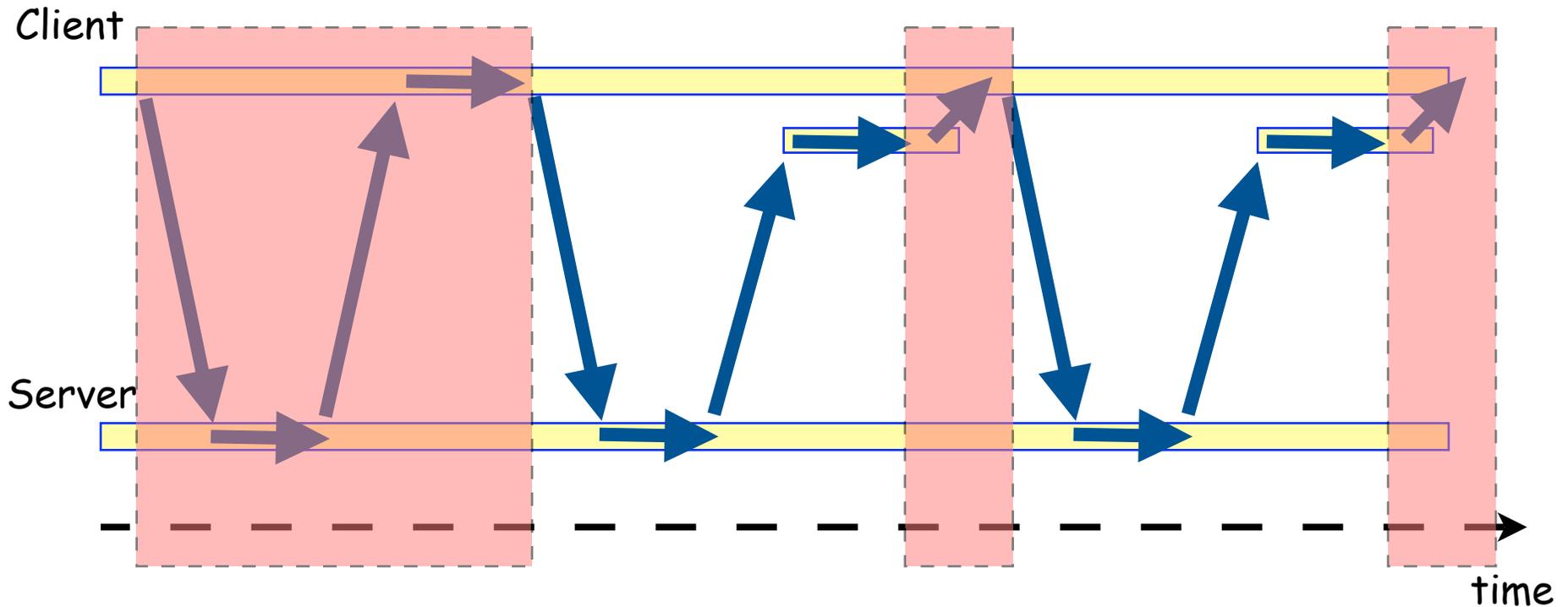
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LOW LATENCY!



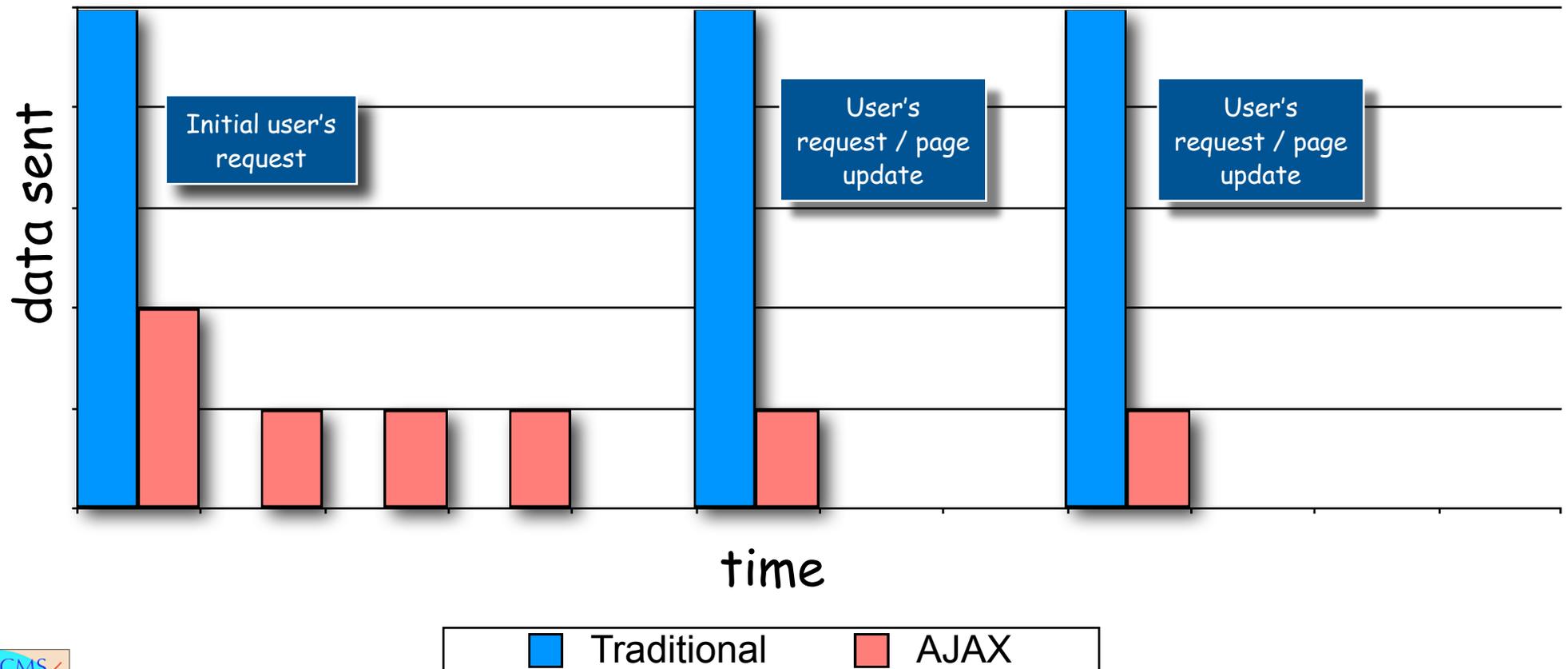
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Reduced time the web page is not available



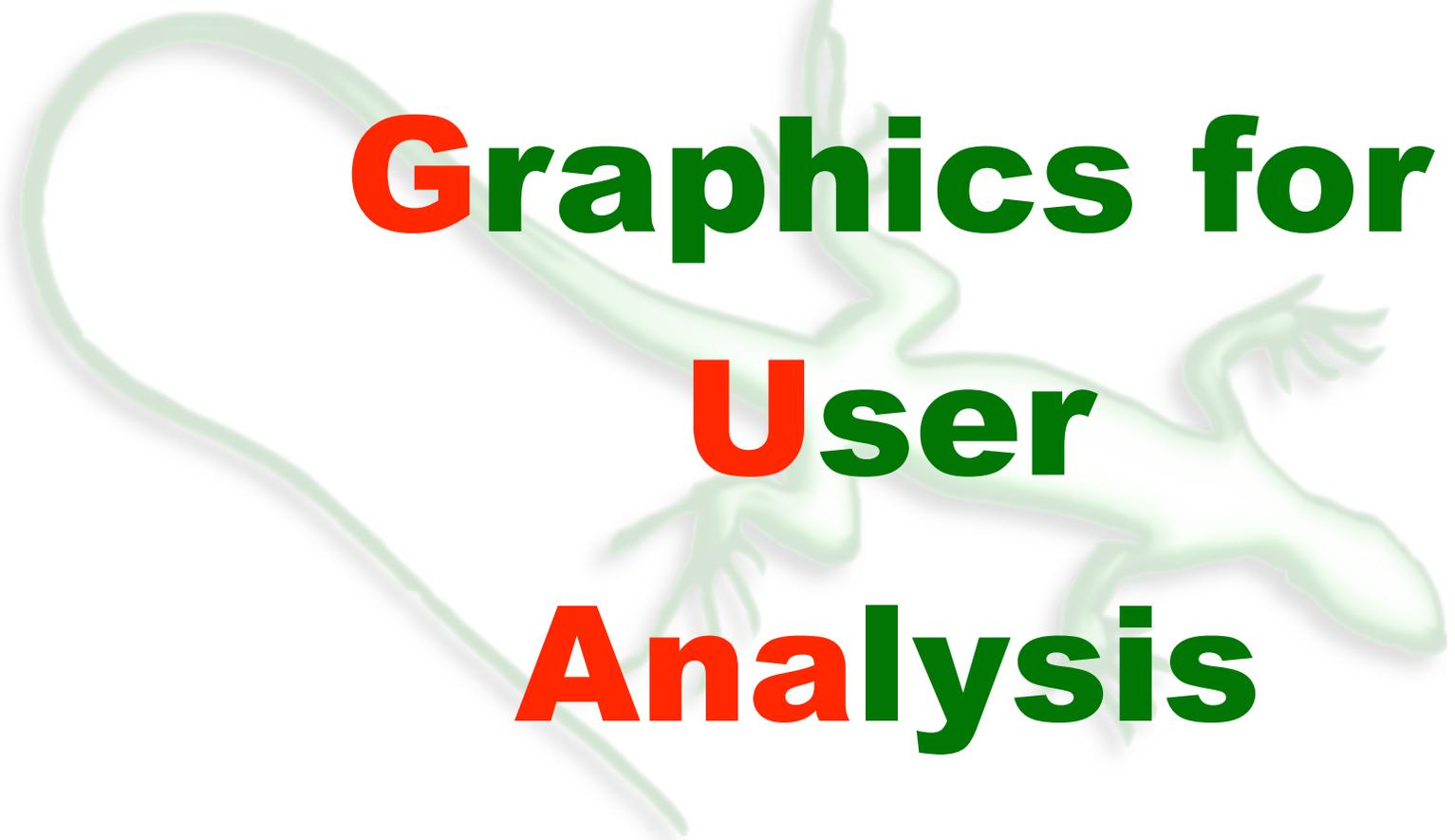
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On update only deltas are sent



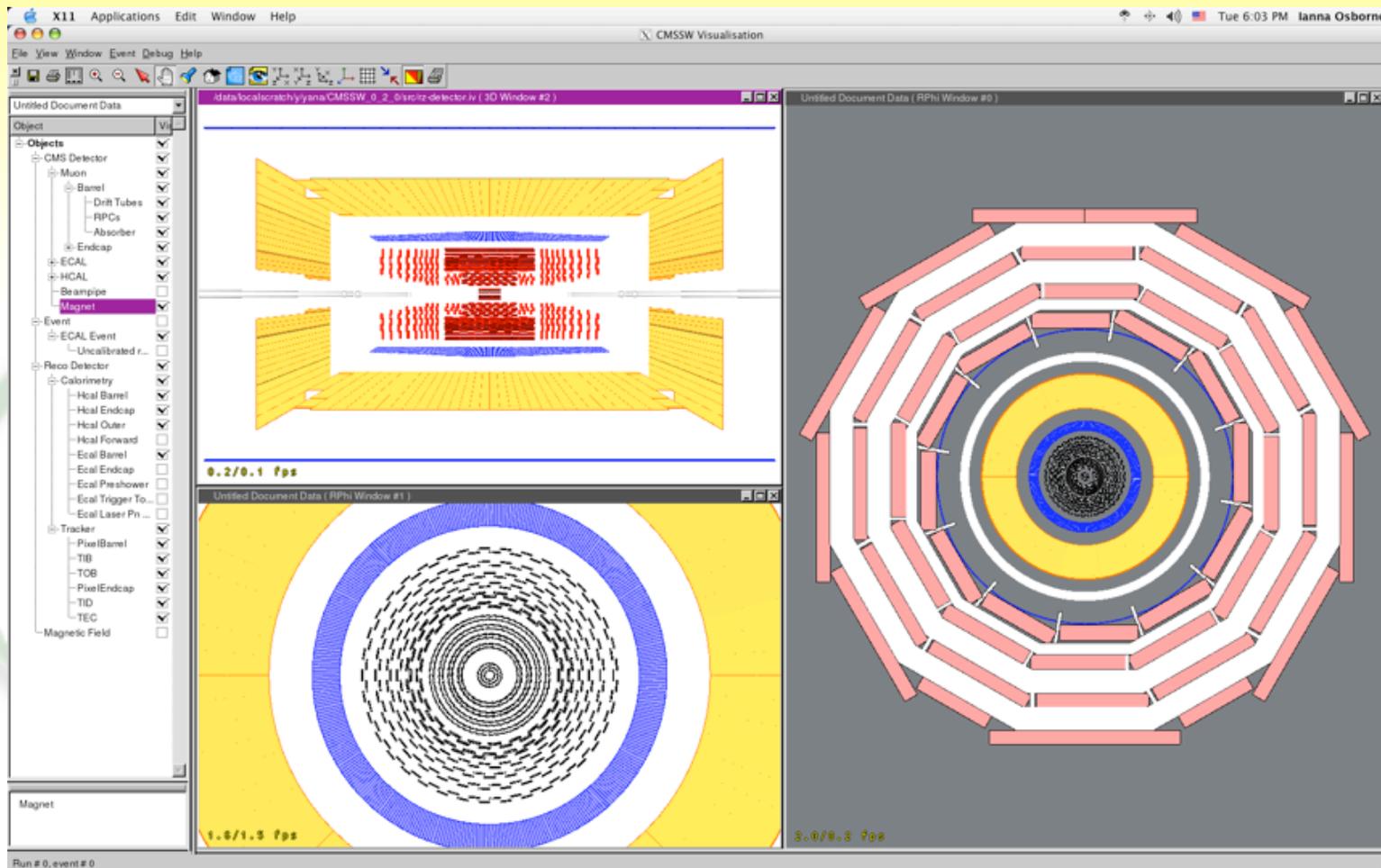


IGUANA and AJAX



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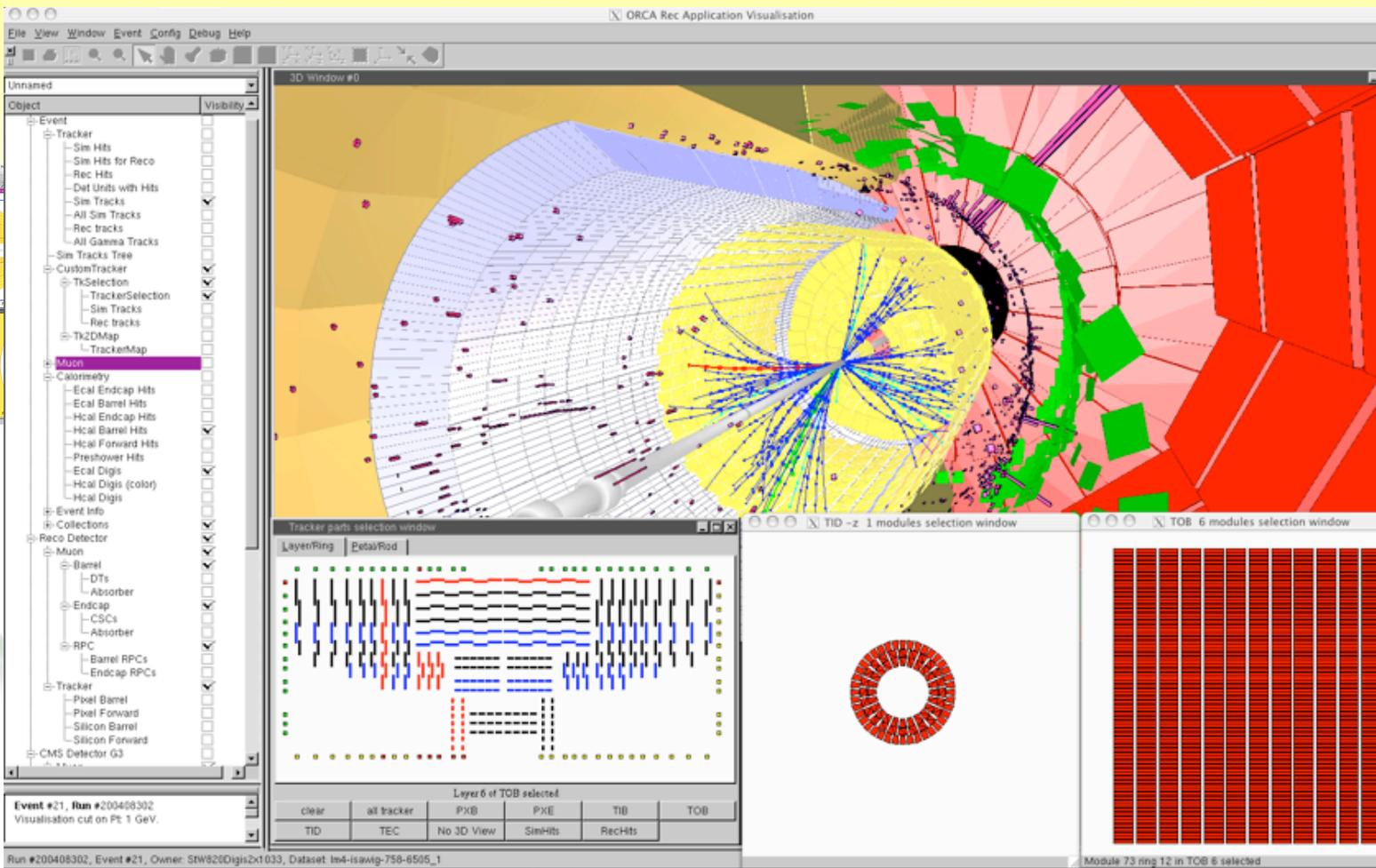
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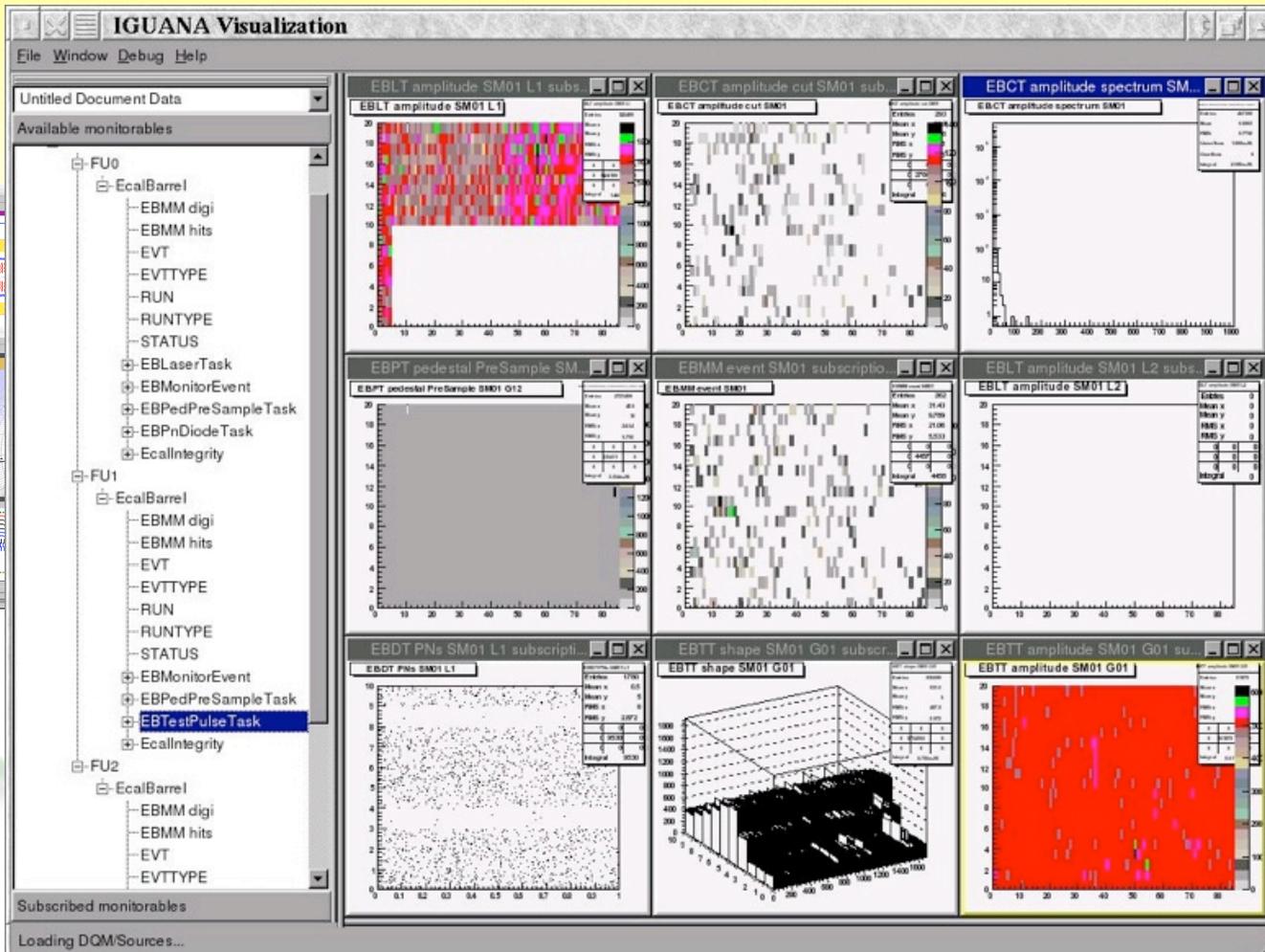
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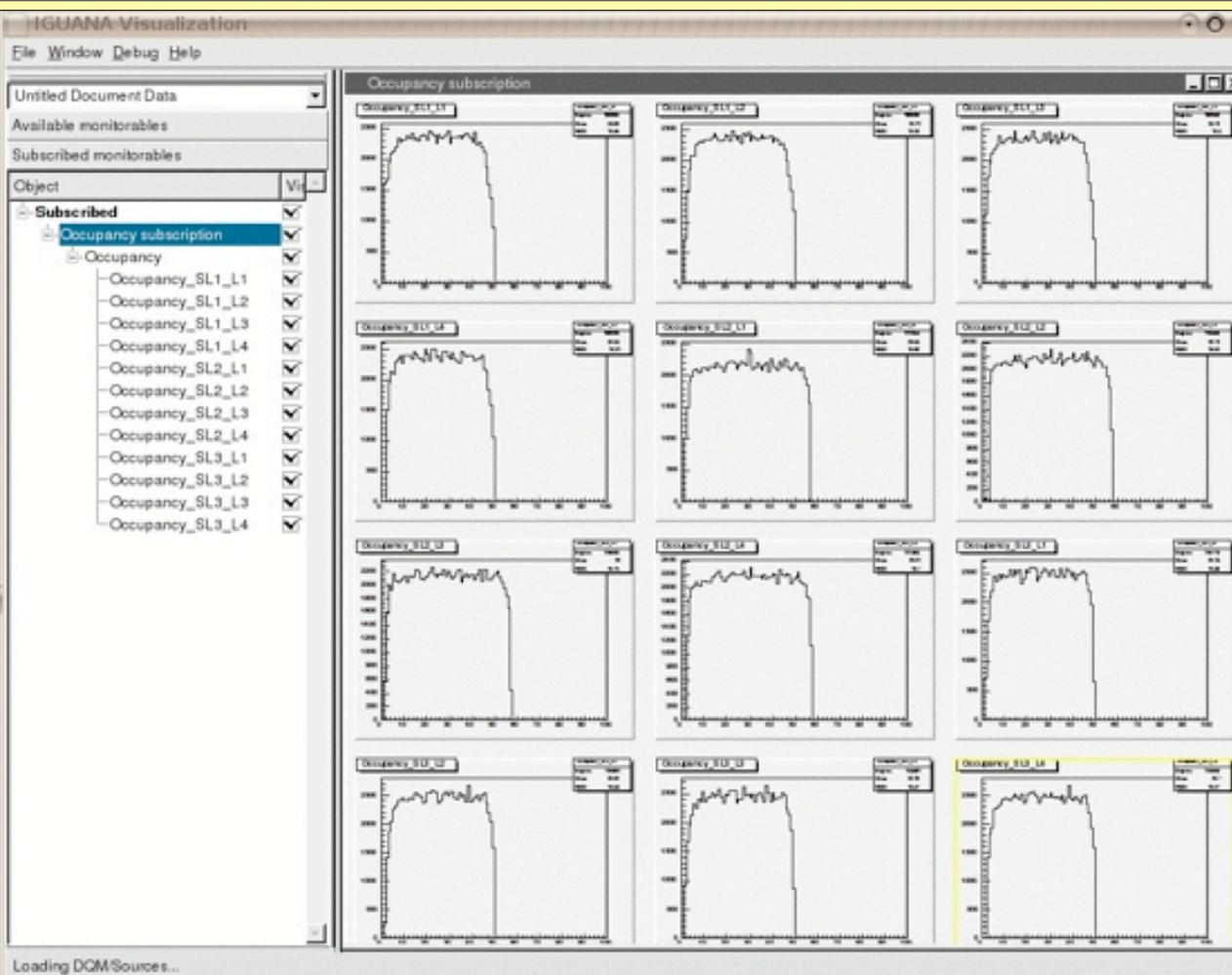
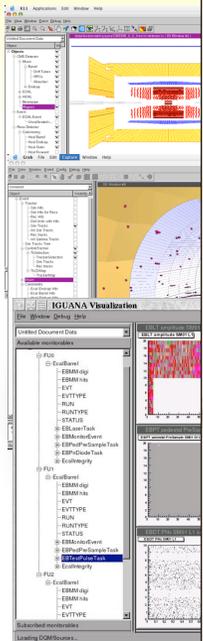
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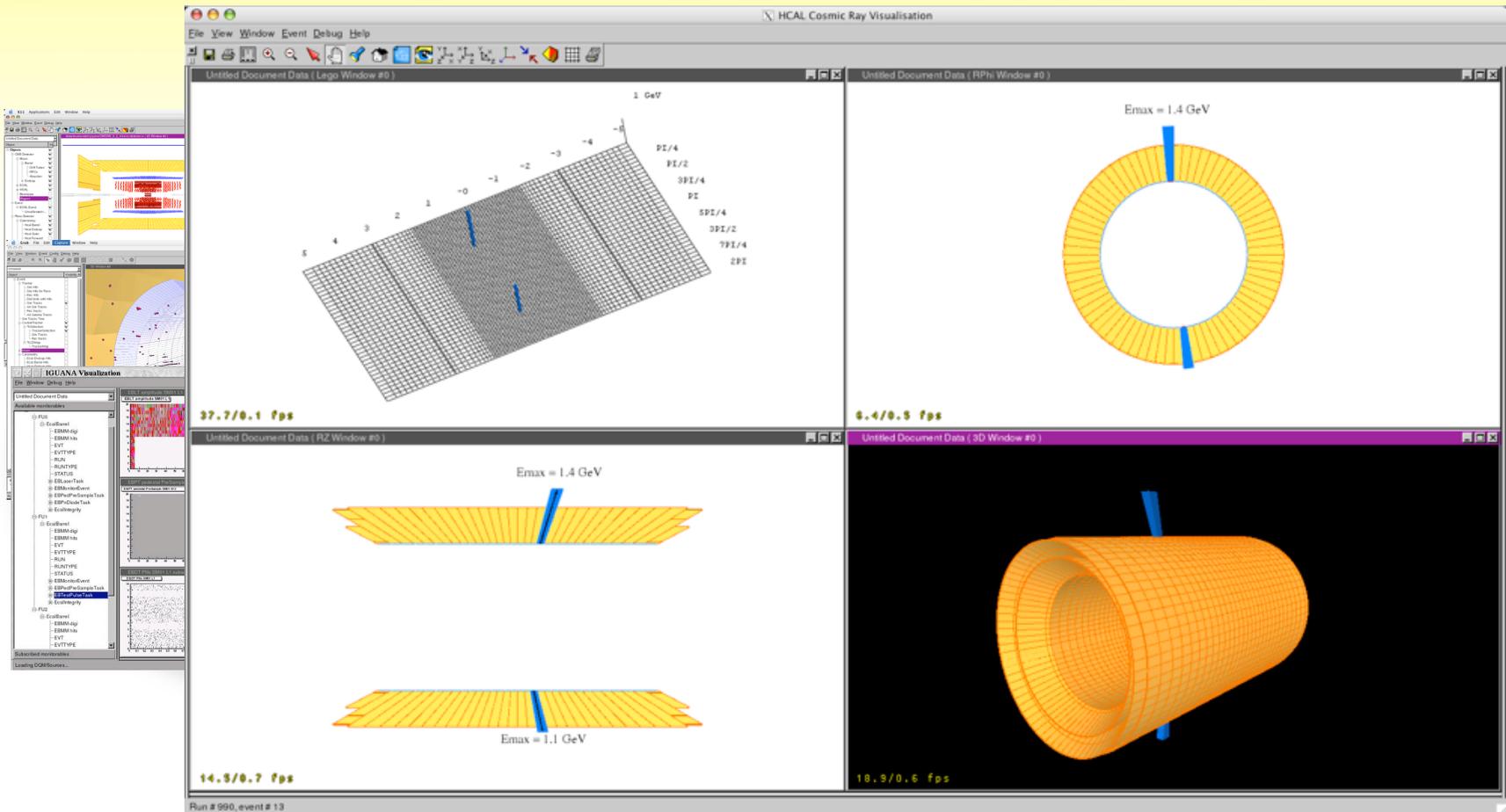
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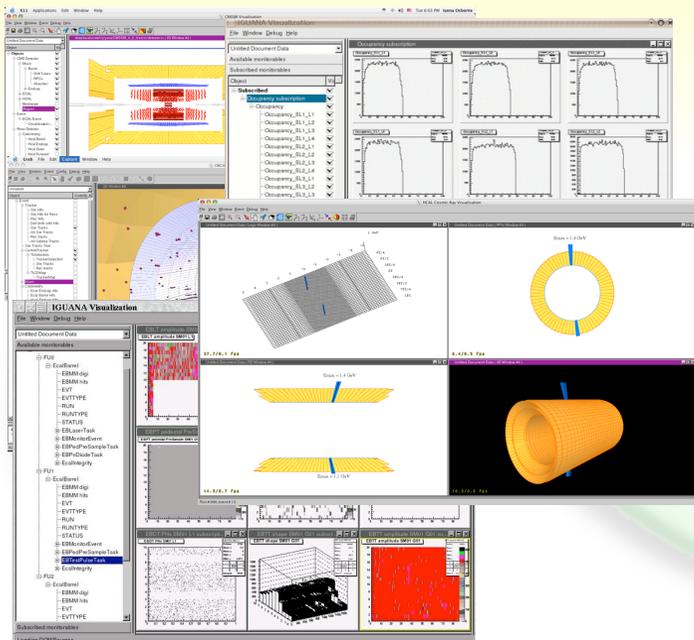
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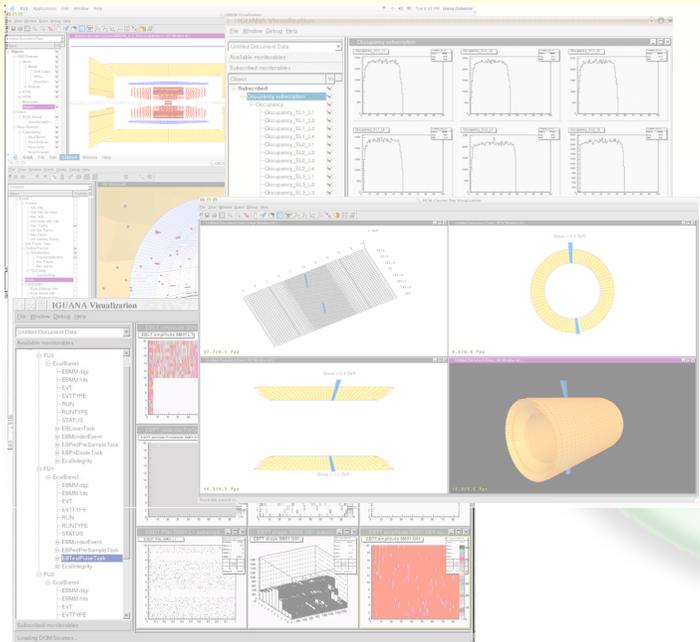
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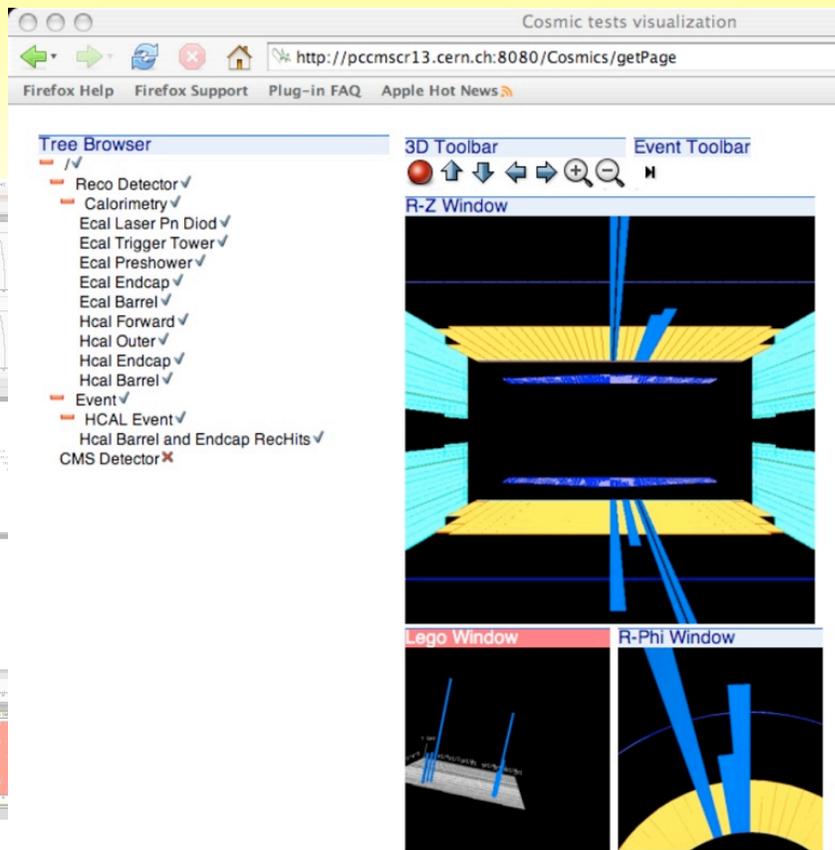
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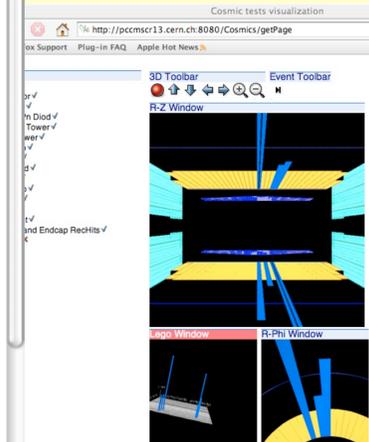
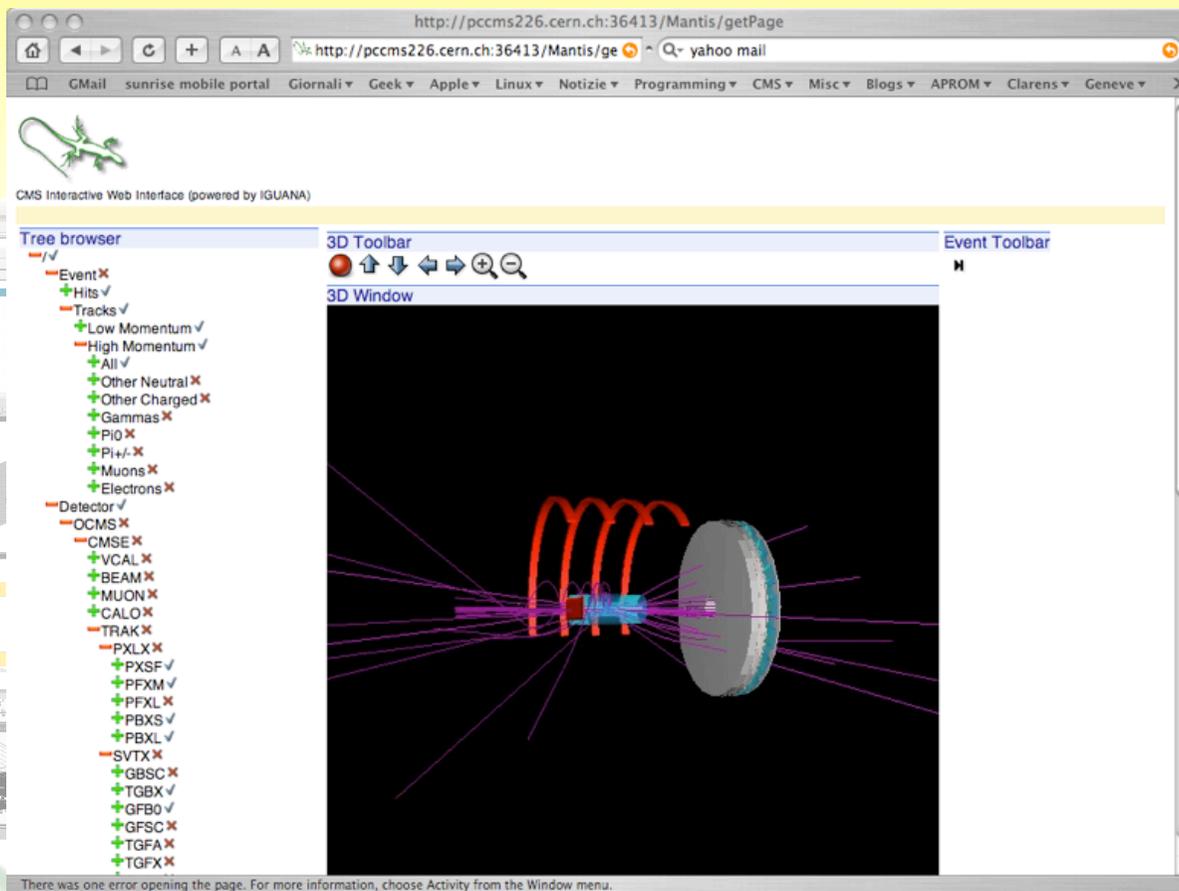
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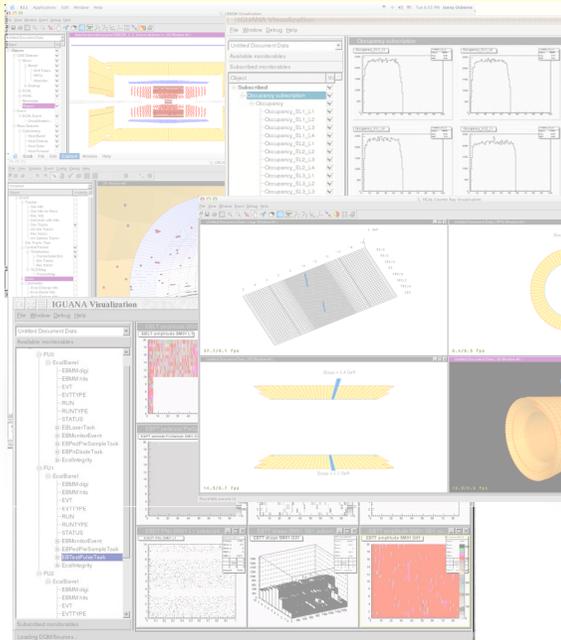
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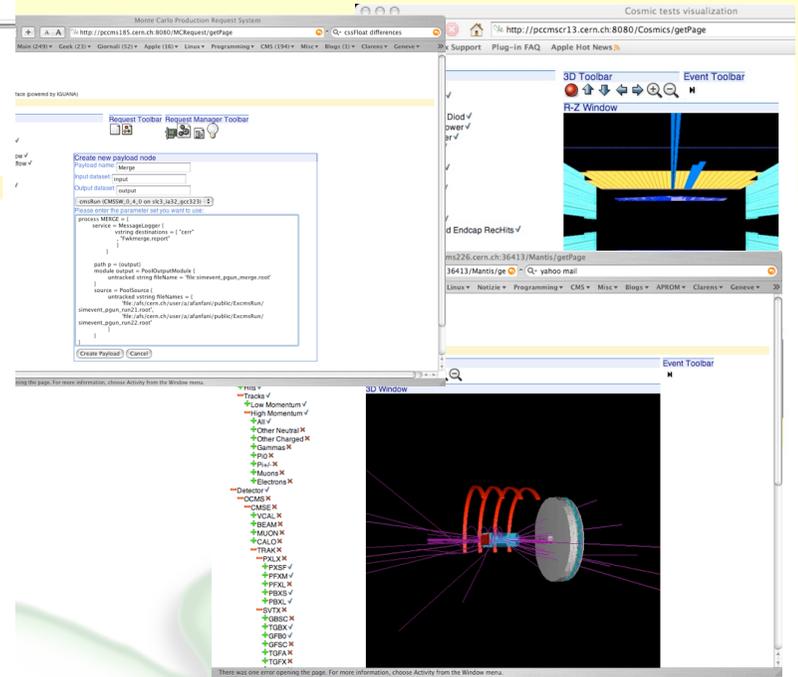
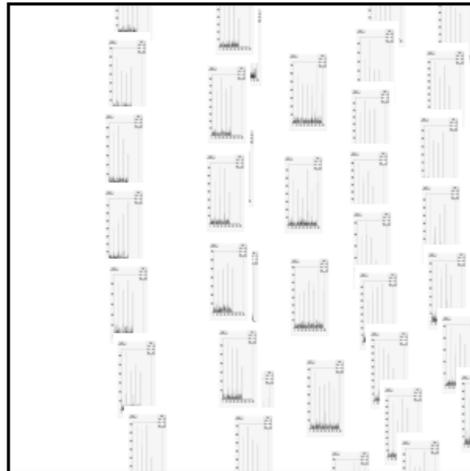
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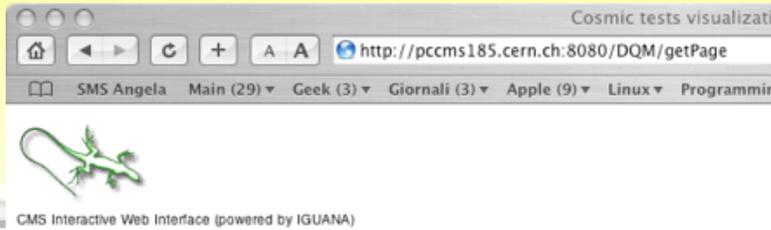
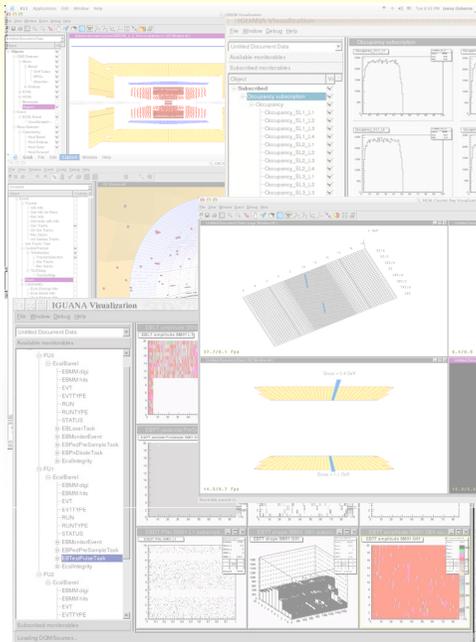
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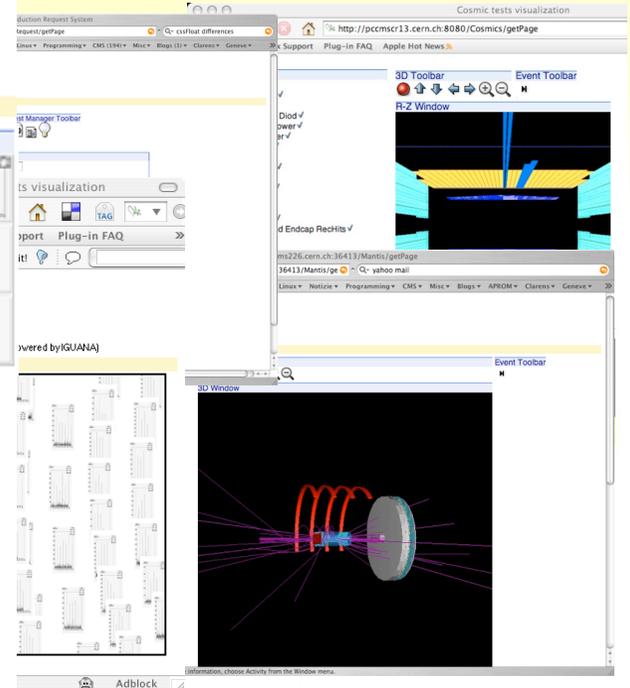
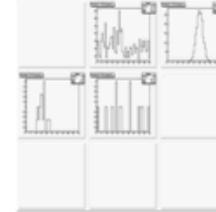


CMS Interactive Web Interface (powered by IGUANA)

Tree Browser

- + Subscribed ✓
- Available ✓
- Collector ✗
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 - + histo6 ✗
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 - + histo4 ✗
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 - + histo ✗
 - + upchart ✗
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My subscription



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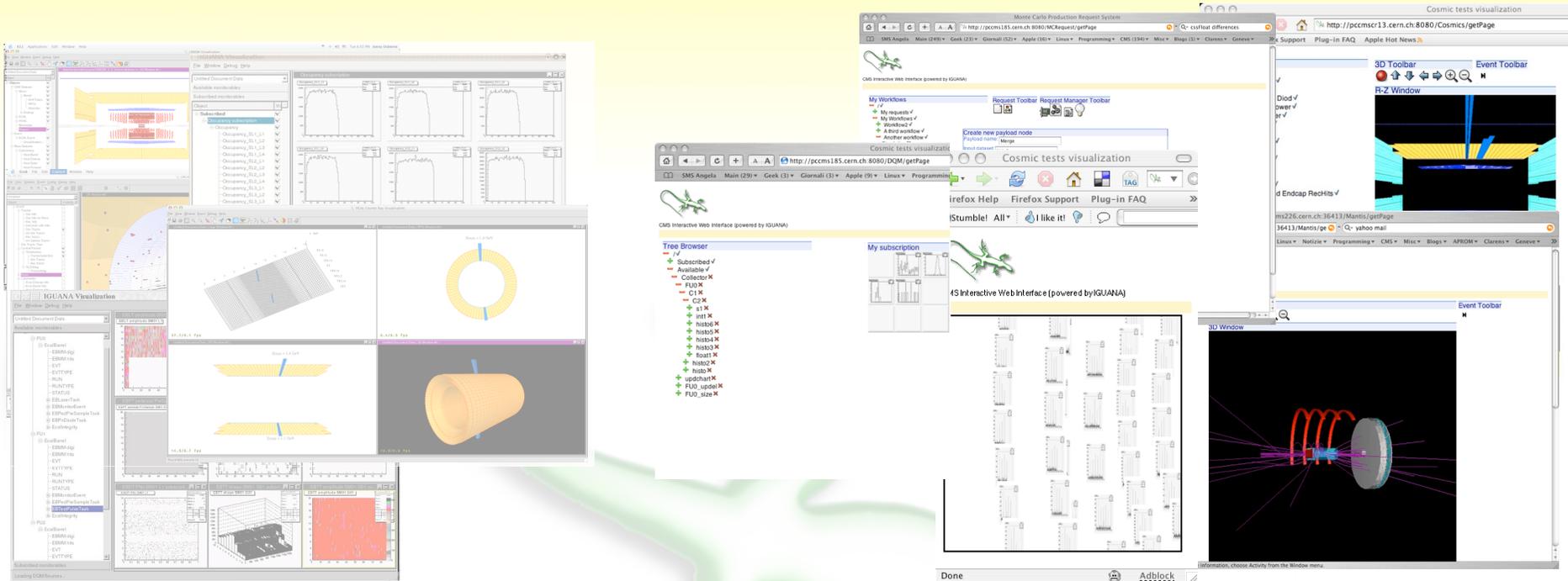
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G4 Visualization

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://pccms226.cern.ch:36413/Mantis/getPage`. The browser's address bar also contains a search for "yahoo mail". The page title is "CMS Interactive Web Interface (powered by IGUANA)".

The interface is divided into several sections:

- Tree browser:** A hierarchical tree view on the left side of the page. It contains the following items:
 - Event X
 - + Hits ✓
 - Tracks ✓
 - + Low Momentum ✓
 - High Momentum ✓
 - + All ✓
 - + Other Neutral X
 - + Other Charged X
 - + Gammas X
 - + Pi0 X
 - + Pi+/- X
 - + Muons X
 - + PFXM ✓
 - + PFXL X
 - + PBXS ✓
 - + PBXL ✓
 - SVTX X
 - + GBSC X
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- 3D Toolbar:** A toolbar above the 3D window containing icons for panning (left and right arrows), zooming (plus and minus signs), and a red sphere icon.
- 3D Window:** A central 3D visualization of the CMS detector. It shows a central interaction region with red curved lines representing magnetic field lines and purple lines representing particle tracks. A grey cylindrical detector component is visible on the right.
- Event Toolbar:** A toolbar to the right of the 3D window with a small icon.

Yellow callout boxes provide additional information:

- Tree browser with the full G4 description of CMS, as found in the old OSCAR simulation program**
- Panning and zooming controllers**
- Framework controller.**
- Live, navigable by mouse dragging 3D window. Does not require any plugin.**

At the bottom of the browser window, a message reads: "There was one error opening the page. For more information, choose Activity from the Window menu."



CMS offline software

Cosmic tests visualization

<http://pccmscr13.cern.ch:8080/Cosmics/getPage>

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Tree Browser

- Reco Detector ✓
- Calorimetry ✓
 - Ecal Laser Pn Diod ✓
 - Ecal Trigger Tower ✓
 - Ecal Preshower ✓
 - Ecal Endcap ✓
 - Ecal Barrel ✓
 - Hcal Forward ✓
 - Hcal Outer ✓
 - Hcal Endcap ✓
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 - Hcal Barrel and Endcap RecHits ✓
- CMS Detector ✗

3D Toolbar **Event Toolbar**

R-Z Window

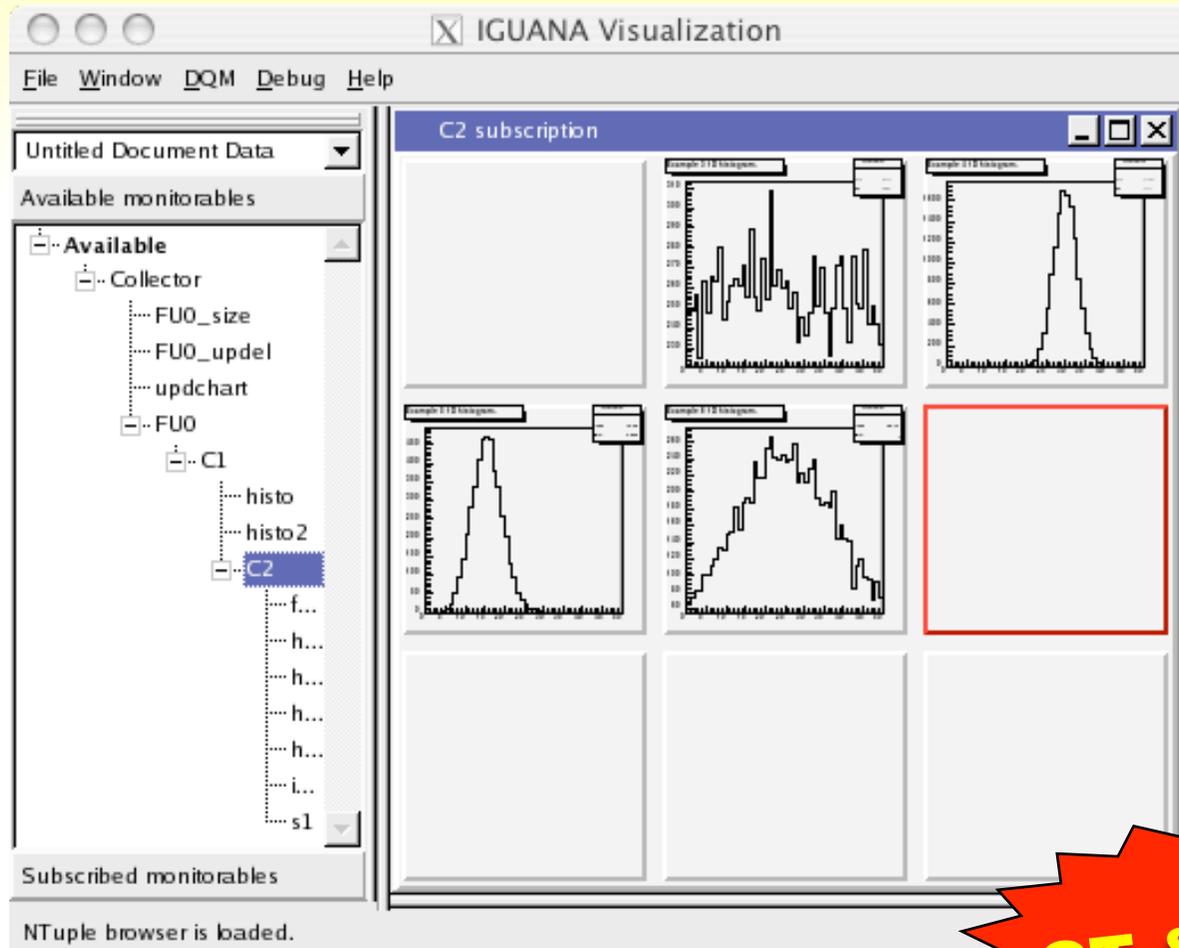
Lego Window **R-Phi Window**

The screenshot displays the CMS offline software interface. At the top, a web browser window shows the URL <http://pccmscr13.cern.ch:8080/Cosmics/getPage>. Below the browser, there is a 'Tree Browser' on the left with a list of detector components and their status (checked or unchecked). To the right of the tree browser is a '3D Toolbar' and an 'Event Toolbar'. The main area is divided into three windows: 'R-Z Window' (top), 'Lego Window' (bottom left), and 'R-Phi Window' (bottom right). The 'R-Z Window' shows a 3D visualization of the detector components in yellow and cyan, with blue lines representing particle tracks. The 'Lego Window' and 'R-Phi Window' show detailed views of the detector components and tracks.

Getting ready for CMS cosmic challenge



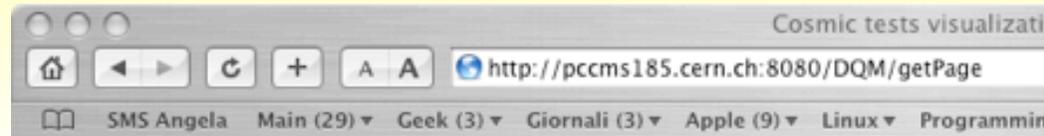
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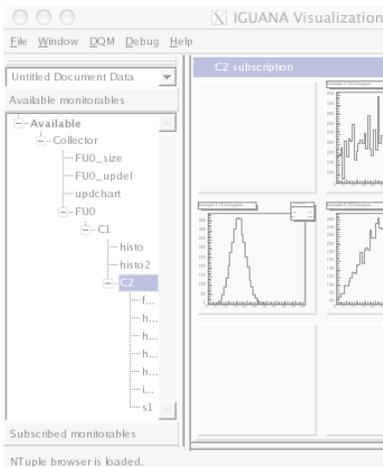
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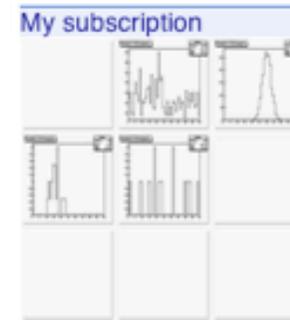


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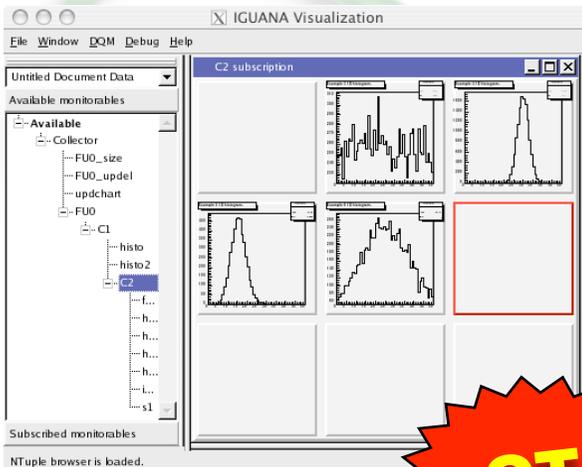
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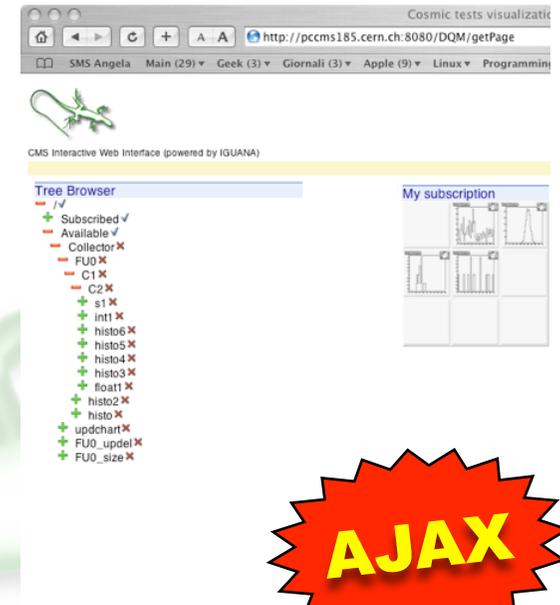


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The two implementations share most of the code!!!



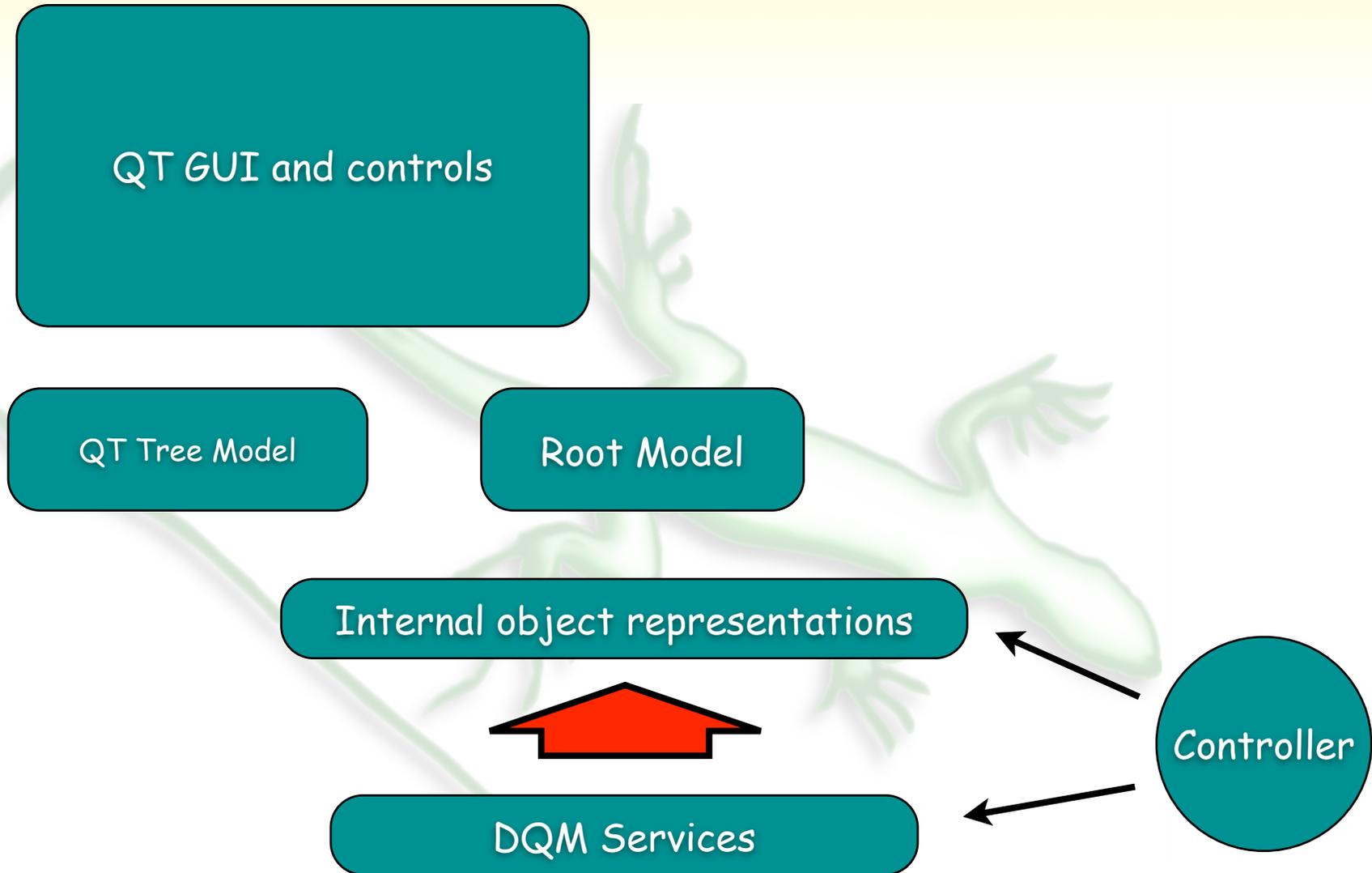
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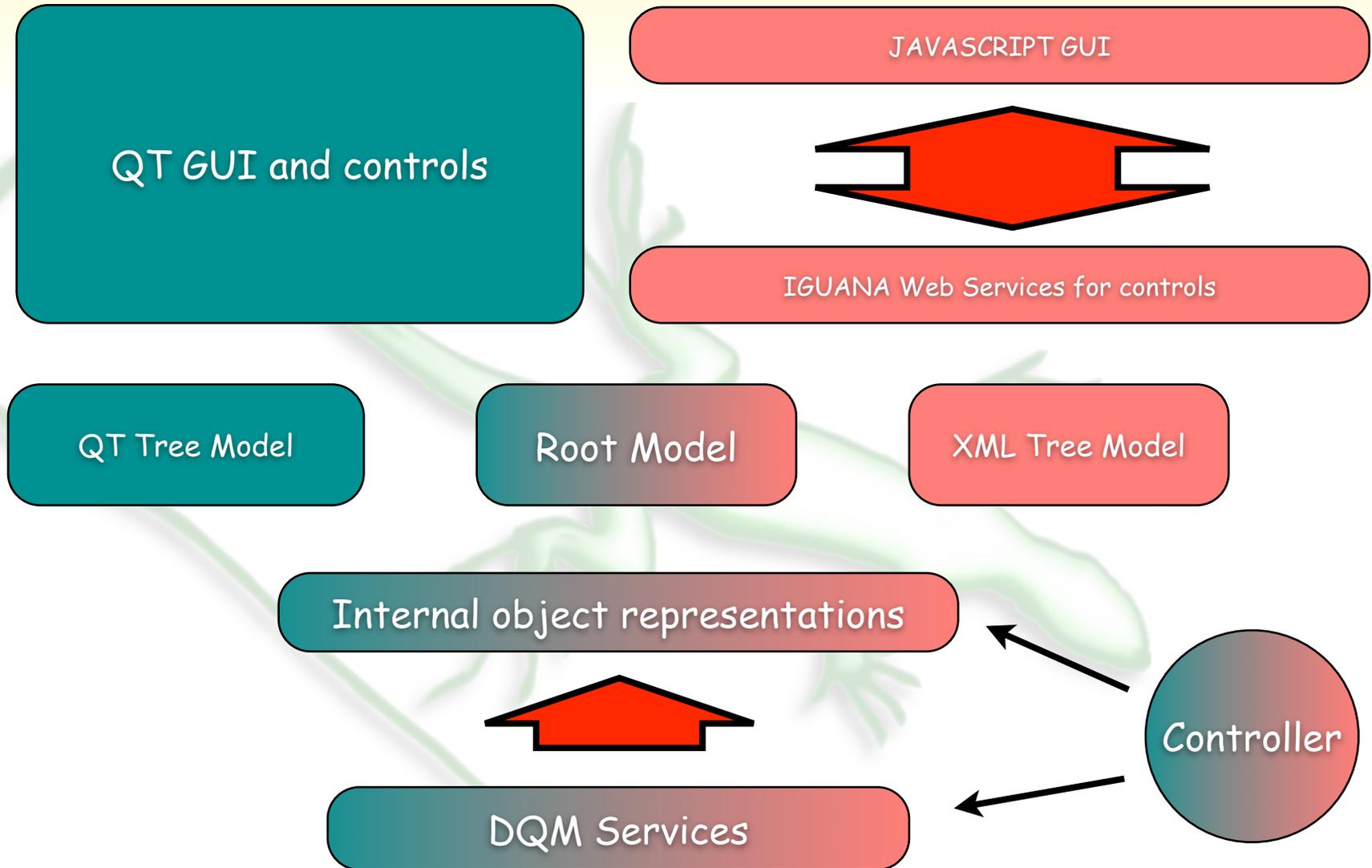
AJAX

AJAX allows to have the same behaviour of desktop and web applications.

Generic DQM GUI



Generic DQM GUI



MC Request system



CMS Interactive Web Interface (powered by IGUANA)

My Workflows

- + My requests ✓
- My Workflows ✓
- + Workflow2 ✓
- + A third workflow ✓
- Another workflow ✓
- Simulation ✗
- Generation ✗
- + MyWorkflow ✓

Request Toolbar



Request Manager Toolbar



Javascript generated GUI with connection to backend DBs via CORAL

Create new payload node

Payload name:

Input dataset:

Output dataset:

cmsRun (CMSSW_0_4_0 on slc3_ia32_gcc323) ⌵

Please enter the parameter set you want to use:

```
process MERGE = {
  service = MessageLogger {
    vstring destinations = { "cerr"
      , "Fwkmerge.report"
    }
  }

  path p = {output}
  module output = PoolOutputModule {
    untracked string fileName = 'file:simevent_pgun_merge.root'
  }
  source = PoolSource {
    untracked vstring fileNames = {
      'file:/afs/cern.ch/user/a/afanfani/public/ExcmsRun/
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    }
  }
}
```

Create Payload

Cancel



MC Request system



CMS Int

Tree widget populated on the fly with requests from the request DB.

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- / ✓
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|-------------|
| Workflow... |
| Submit |
| Add payload |

Request Toolbar



Request Manager Toolbar



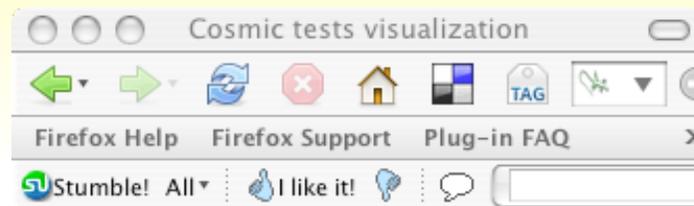
Actions performed by the toolbars and menus are lazily loaded only when clicking.

Google Map

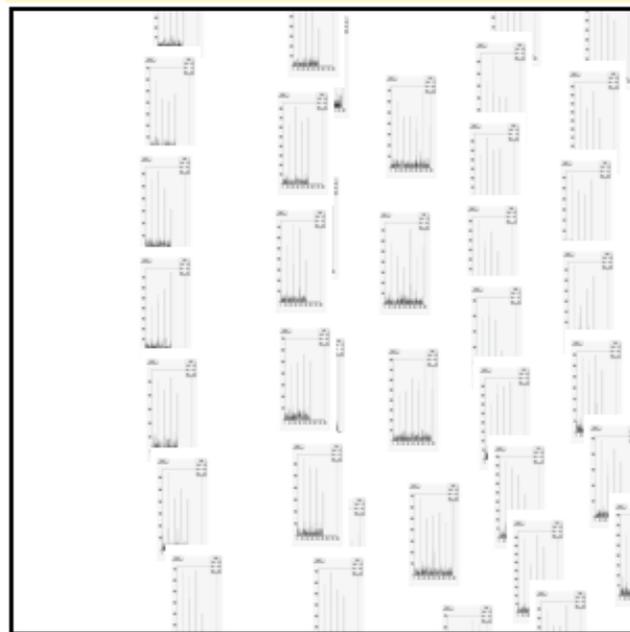
The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Google Local - Milan". The address bar contains "http://maps.google.com/". Below the browser window, the Google Local interface is visible. It includes the Google logo, navigation links for "Web", "Images", "Groups", "News", "Froogle", "Local", and "more >". A search bar contains the text "Milan" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar, there are links for "Search the map", "Find businesses", and "Get Directions". Below the search bar, the word "Local" is displayed. On the right side, there are icons for "Print", "Email", and "Link to this page". The main content is a satellite map of Milan, showing a dense urban area with many buildings and streets. The map is oriented with North at the top. On the left side of the map, there are navigation controls including a compass, a zoom-in (+) and zoom-out (-) button, and a vertical scale bar. In the bottom left corner of the map, there is a scale bar showing "200 ft" and "100 m". In the bottom right corner of the map, there is a copyright notice: "©2005 Google - Imagery ©2005 DigitalGlobe - Terms of Use".



Tracker Map



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Final words



AJAX recap

- ✓ AJAX breaks the GET/DISPLAY/RELOAD paradigm used by standard web pages.
- ✓ In AJAX web applications data is transferred a little bit at the time in small chunks, when the user requests for it.
- ✓ The updates of web pages is asynchronous and happens without touching what the user sees until the end.
- ✓ It allows complex, interactive, low latency web applications, without the need for external plugins or JAVA virtual-machine (JAVASCRIPT is not related to JAVA !!!)

IGUANA and AJAX

Iguana provides a framework for creating AJAX applications and has examples for a variety of tasks CMS, ranging from event display to data quality monitoring to MC request system.



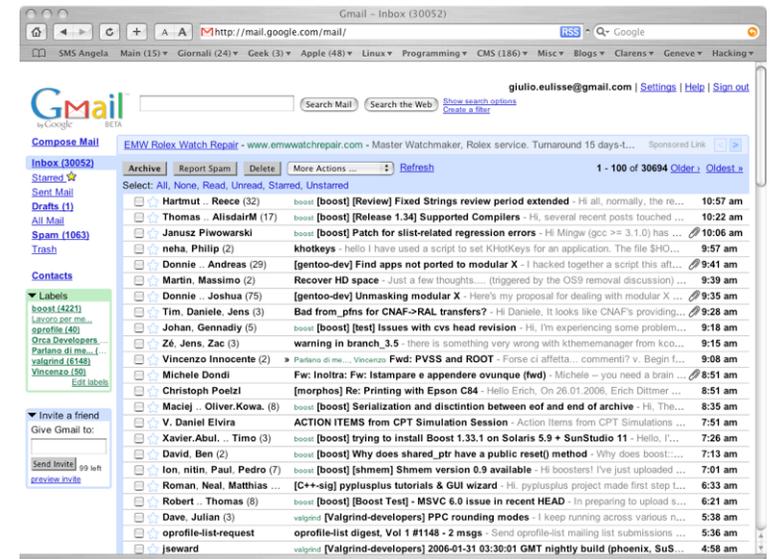
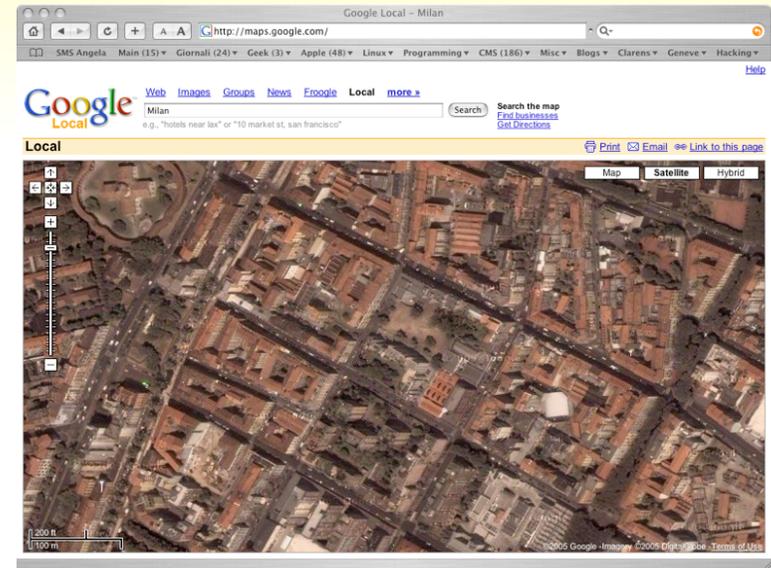
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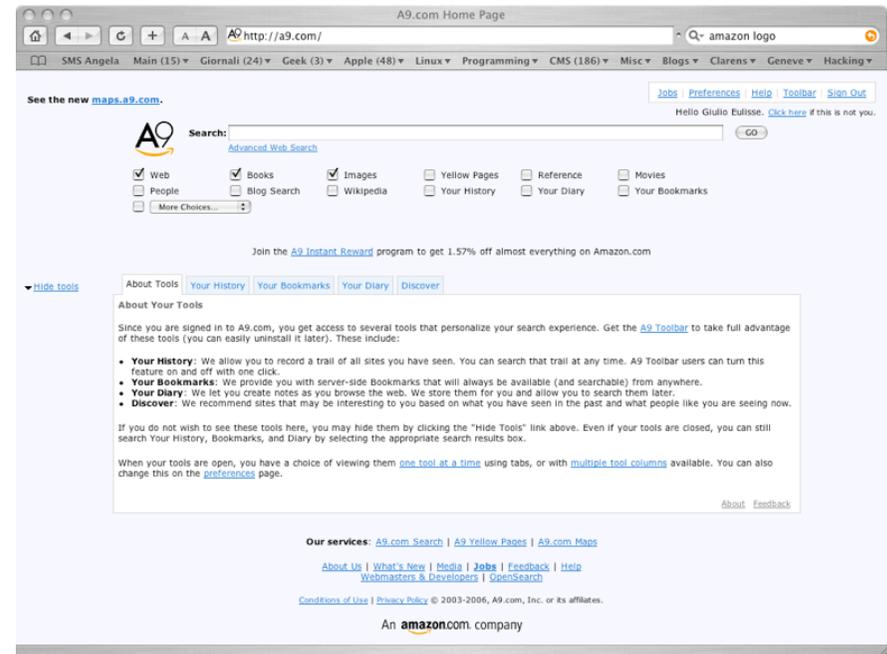
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