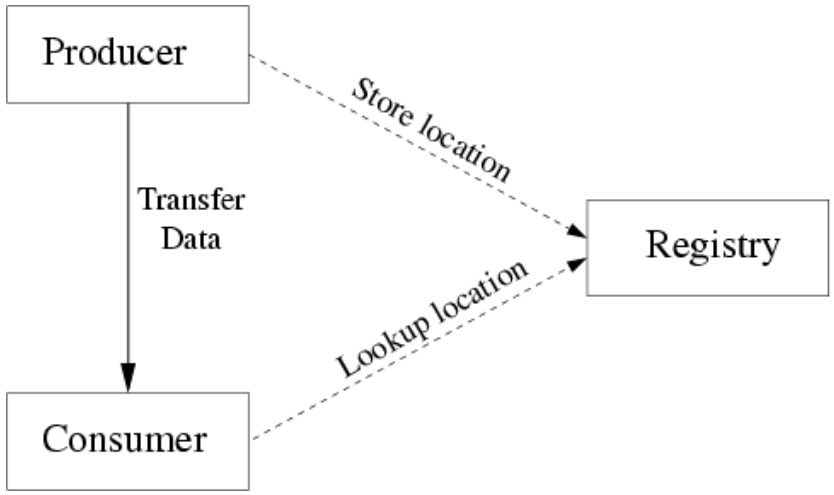
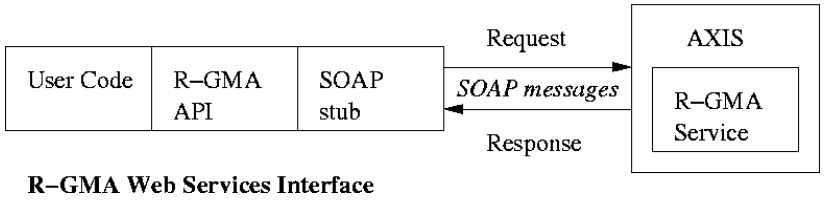
R-GMA Basics and key concepts

- Monitoring framework for computing Grids – developed by EGEE-JRA1-UK, currently used by EGEE/LCG2 and experiment apps
- Based on GGF GMA definition – Producer-Consumer architecture
- But! With relational data model – the whole system appears as one large relational database
- Data is propagated from Producers to Consumers on many different levels and locations: core centers, regional centers (ROC), resource centers (RC)
- Central Registry is used to locate the data (producers) automatically.
- Webservice interface (servlets)
- However, it is not a general distributed RDBMS!





R–GMA Web Services Interface

Types of queries and producers

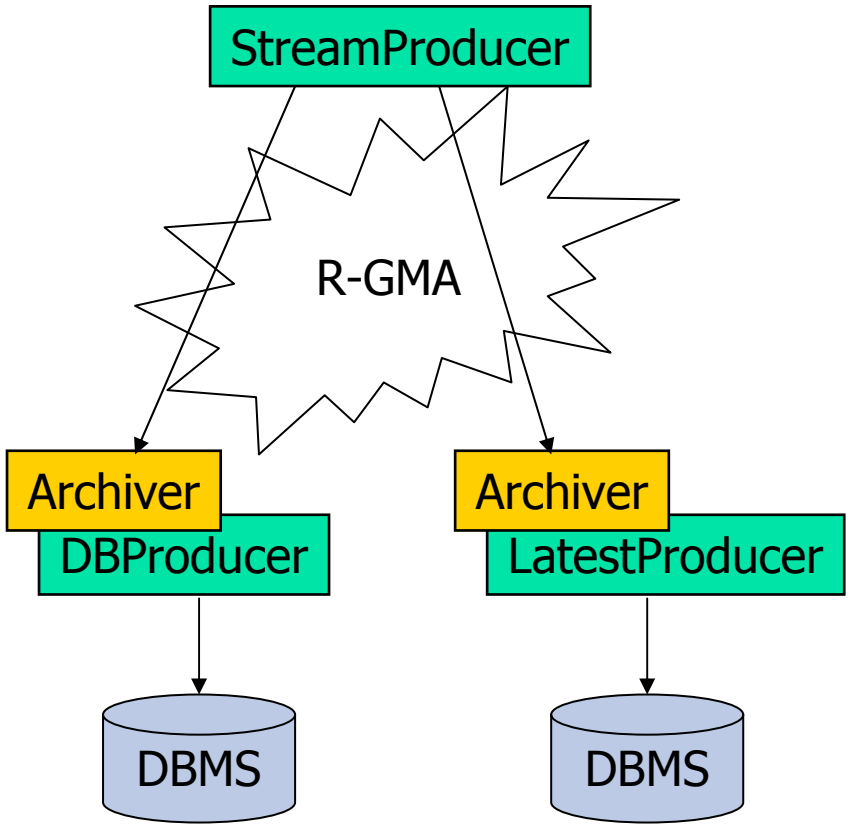
- R-GMA supports three type of queries (extension to SQL syntax):
  - CONTINUOUS SELECT – all new data as it is published
  - LATEST SELECT – last value for given key(s) according to *timestamps*
  - HISTORY SELECT – all historical data
- Corresponding Producers types:
  - *StreamProducer* – published data is "broadcasted" and lives for certain short period, answers CONTINUOUS queries.
  - *LatestProducer* – stores only last value for each key
  - *DBProducer* – stores all published tuples
- DBProducers and LatestProducers are using physical DBMS to store the data (MySQL, others?)

R-GMA in EGEE/LCG Grid monitoring

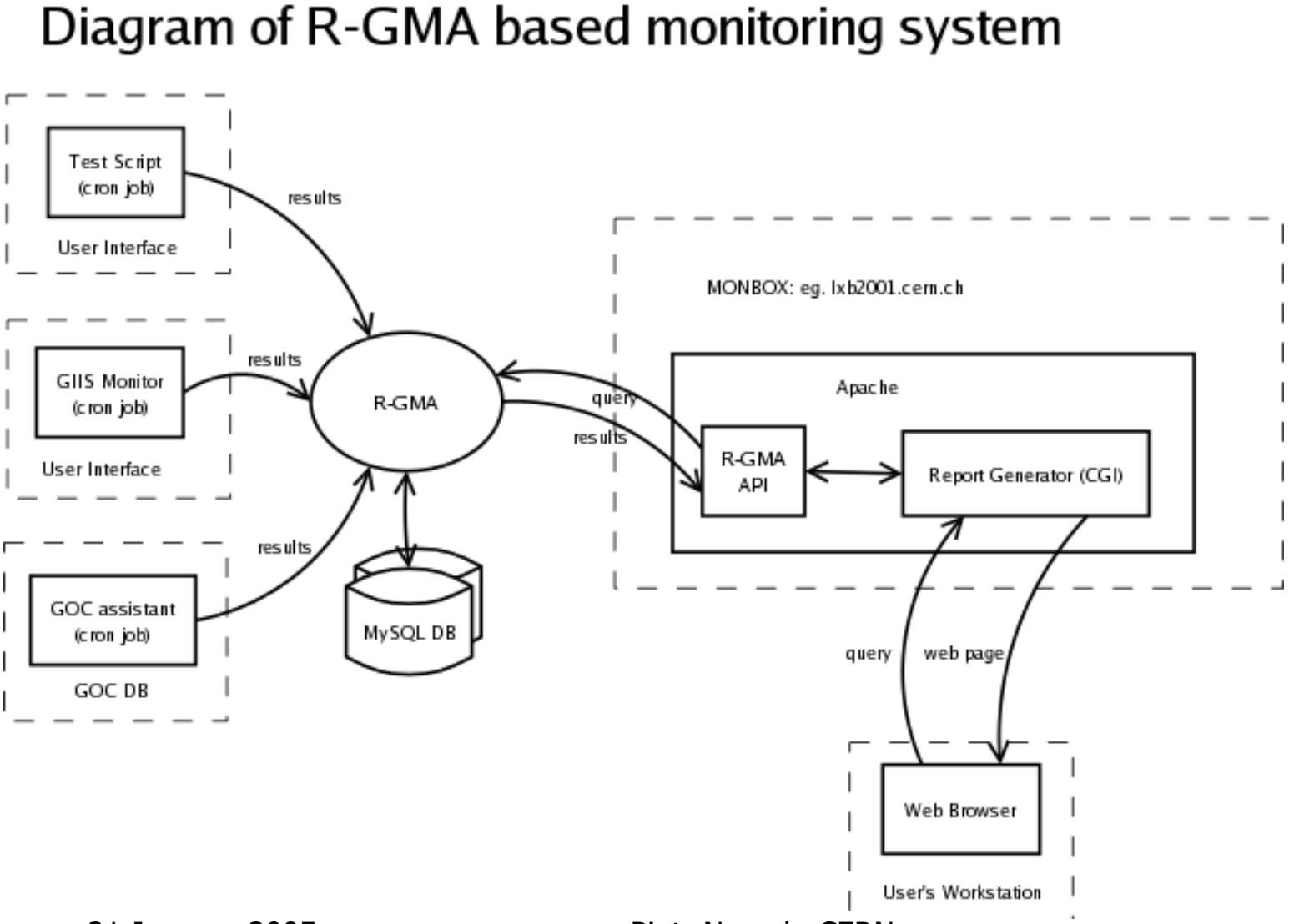
- Motivation:
  - We have a lot of monitoring tools (sensors) at different levels: tests running centrally, agents running on different sites, accounting information coming from Resource Brokers and sites …
  - Data must be easy accessible from a single point (reports)
  - Data must be archived but not in one place!
  - There are lots of monitoring frameworks, but we already have R-GMA infrastructure in EGEE/LCG2
- Decision: „we will use R-GMA as a central bus to distribute data between sensors and reporting tools”

Archivers (Secondary Producers)

- Archiver is a Consumer-Producer pair
- Consumer part is responsible for "catching" new data that is published by StreamProducers
- Producer part stores the data into DBMS (MySQL) and later can answer queries (Latest, History)
- Multiple archivers for fault tolerance (each has his own copy of data)



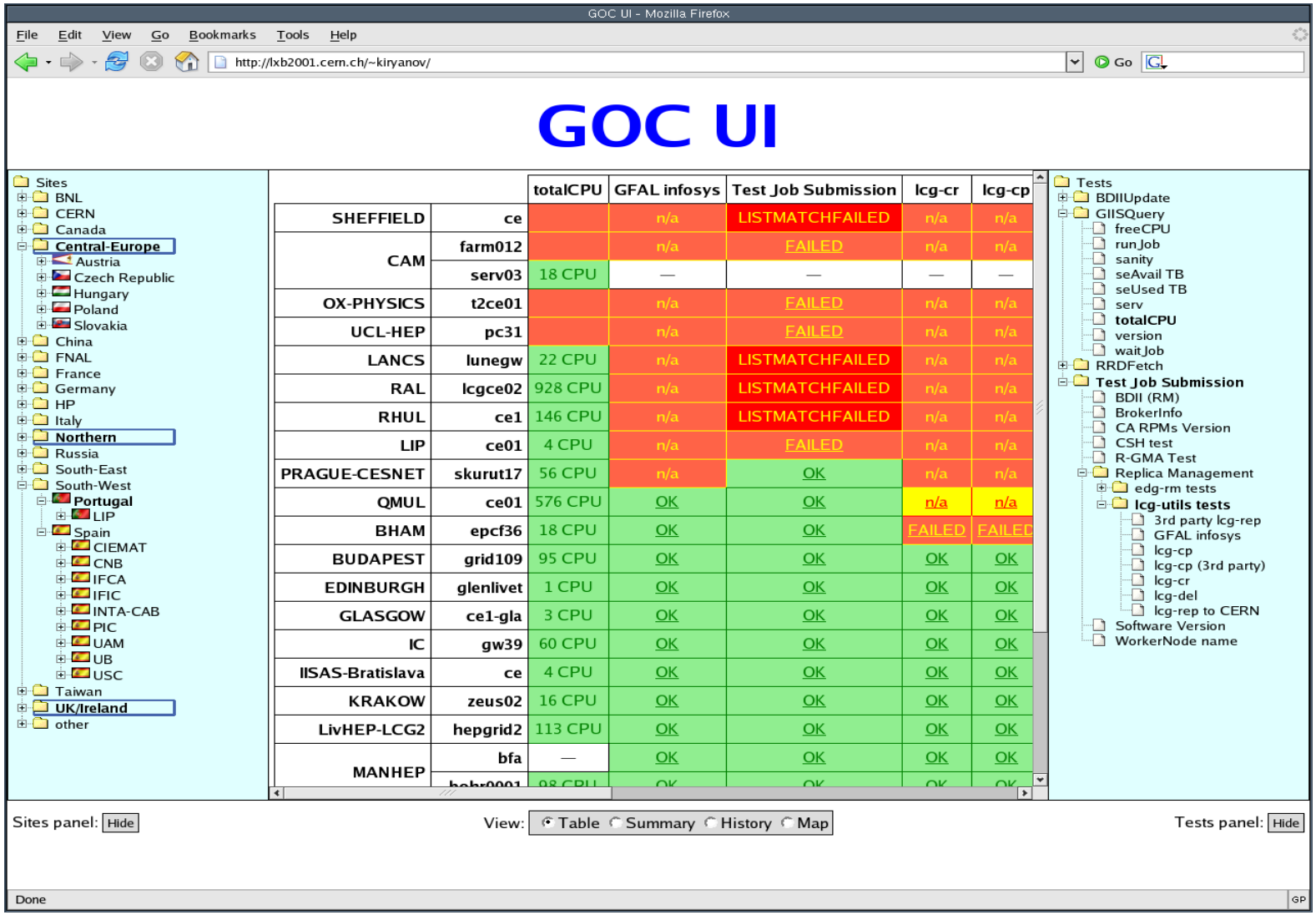
R-GMA as "Central monitoring bus"



MySQL based Archivers

- Currently we use MySQL as a backend for Archivers
- A single set of archivers contains two archivers: Archiver+LatestProducer, Archiver+DBProducer
- Two sets of Archivers for fault tolerance: CERN, Taipei
- Data survives archiver failure/restart as it is stored physically in external MySQL DBMS
- Insert rate: ~20M tuples/month, measurements each 5 seconds

Reporting Tool Prototype



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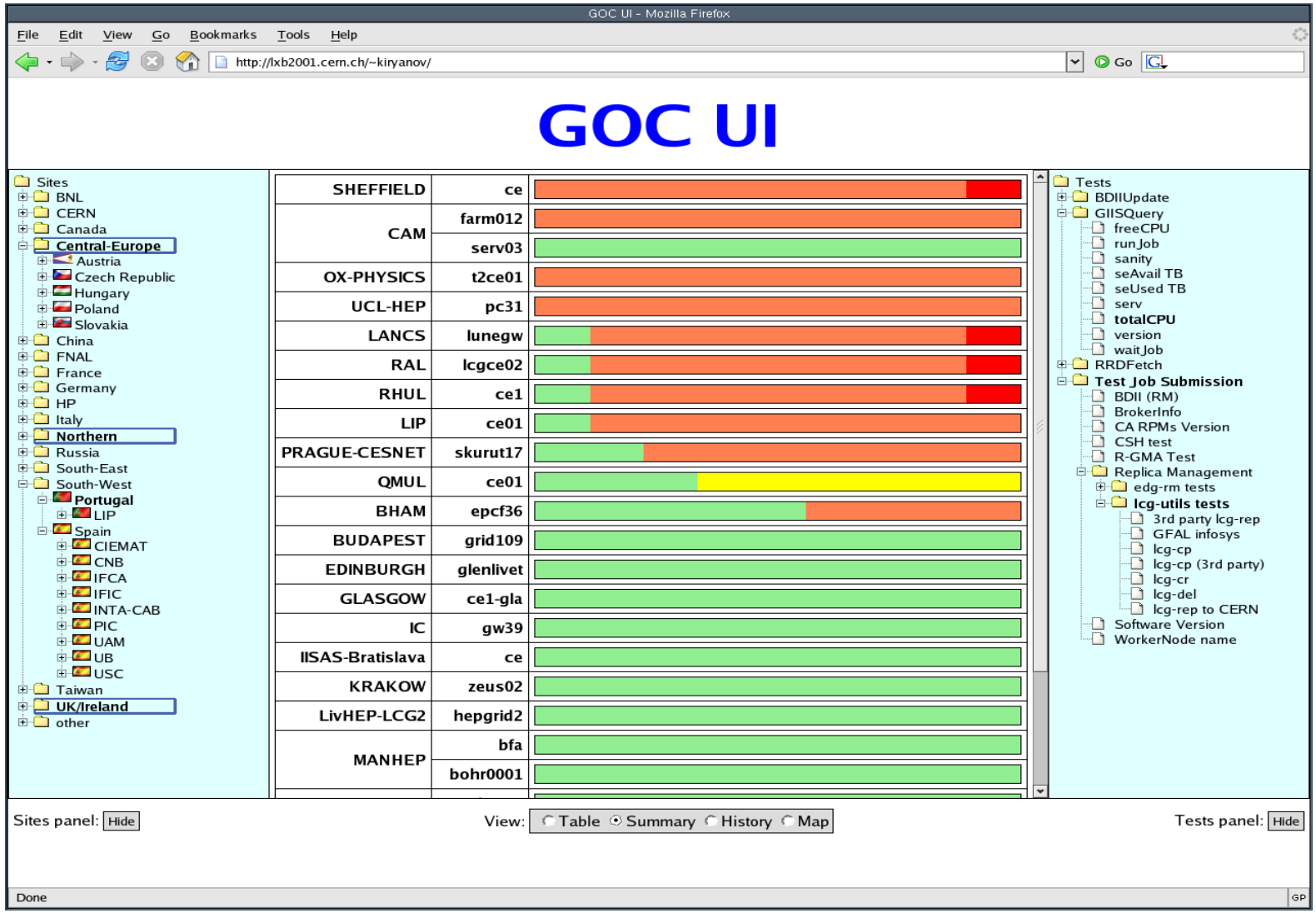

Advantages

- No need for configuration of access points both for sensors and for reporting tools – data is located automatically by the registry
- No risk of data loss in case of failure of monitoring software – R-GMA is just for data transport, not for storage
- Flexibility – by using predicates, one can setup a number of archivers with different policies in different physical places, fault tolerance
- Usage of SQL and relational database model makes it all elegant

Known issues

- R-GMA Registry (and Schema) is a single point of failure – will be fixed in next release
- Supported subset of SQL sometimes not sufficient (aggregate functions, GROUP BY, etc.)
- Lack of schema modifications – once table is defined it can't be changed or removed
- Performance issues: eg. lack of DB indices – however this can be done manually using direct access to DBMS
- Support for other DBMS: Oracle?

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