

Market-Oriented Cloud Computing: A Vision, Hype, and Reality of Delivering Computing as the 5th Utility

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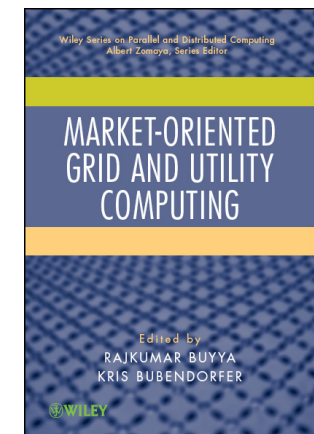
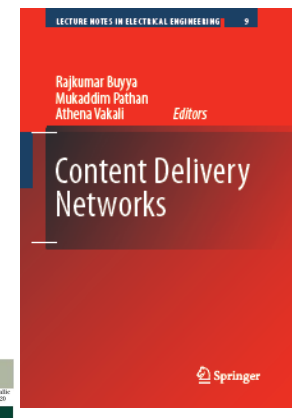
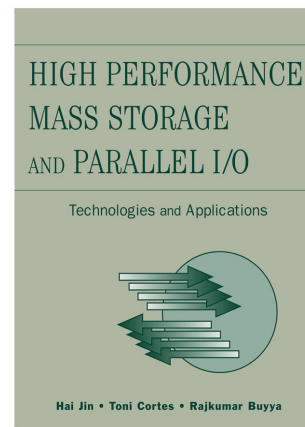
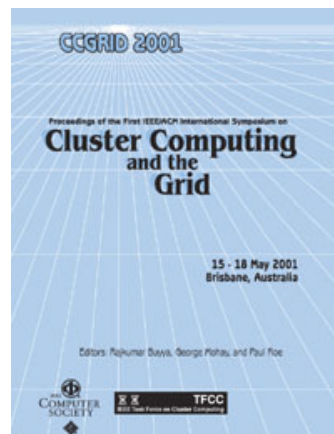
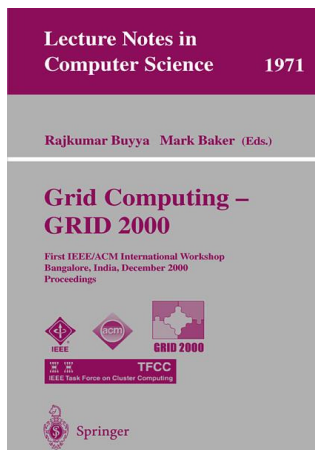
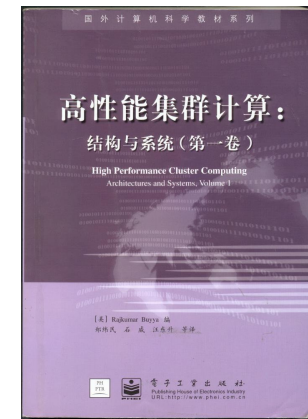
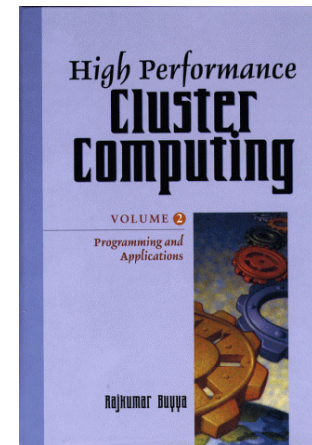
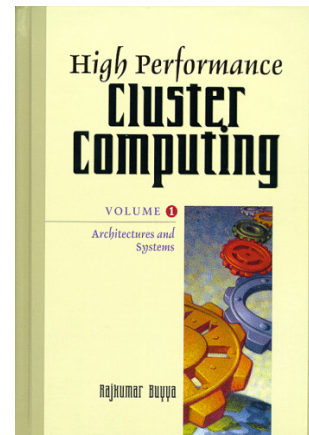
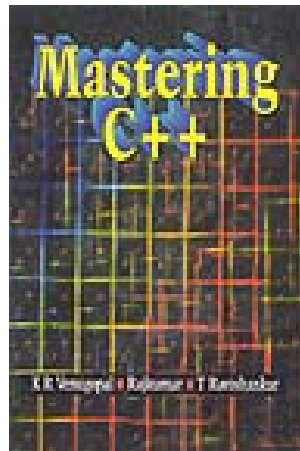
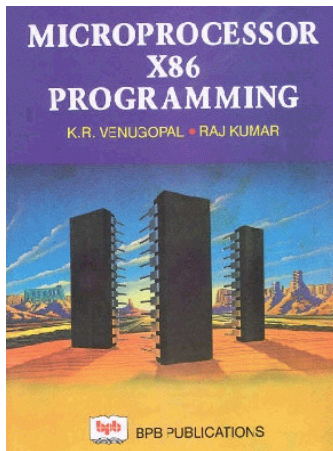


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My wife Smrithi and our new born baby (Radha)



(first daughter Soumya)



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“Computer Utilities” Vision: Implications of the Internet

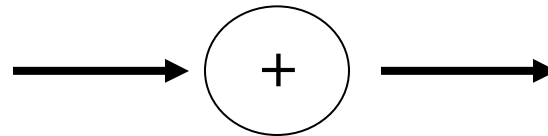
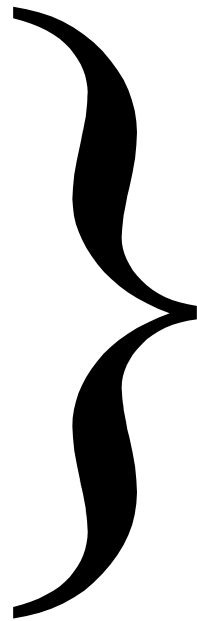
- 1969 – Leonard Kleinrock, ARPANET project
 - “As of now, computer networks are still in their infancy, but as they grow up and become sophisticated, we will probably see the spread of ‘computer utilities’, which, like present electric and telephone utilities, will service individual homes and offices across the country”
- Computers Redefined
 - 1984 – John Gage, Sun Microsystems
 - “The network is the computer”
 - 2008 – David Patterson, U. C. Berkeley
 - “The data center is the computer. There are dramatic differences between of developing software for millions to use as a service versus distributing software for millions to run their PCs”
 - 2008 – “Cloud is the computer” – Buyya!



Computing Paradigms and Attributes: Realizing the 'Computer Utilities' Vision

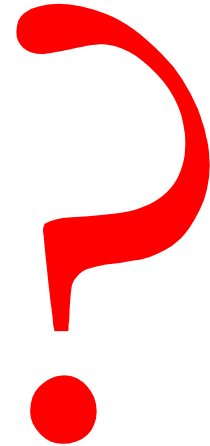
- Web
- Data Centres
- Utility Computing
- Service Computing
- Grid Computing
- P2P Computing
- Market-Oriented Computing
- Cloud Computing
- ...

Paradigms



- Ubiquitous access
- Reliability
- Scalability
- Autonomic
- Dynamic discovery
- Composability
- QoS
- SLA
- ...

Attributes/Capabilities



-Trillion \$ business
- Who will own it?

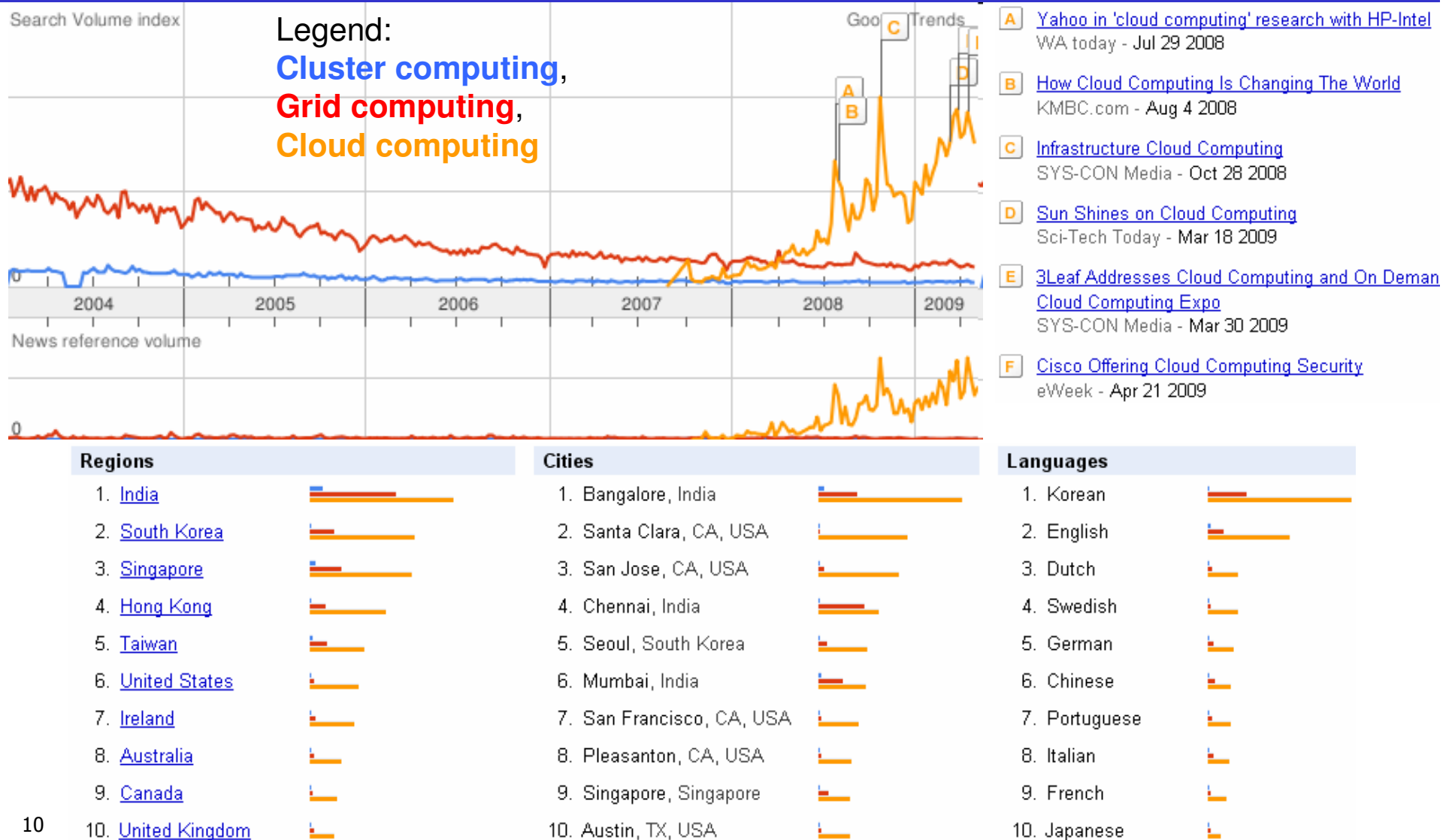


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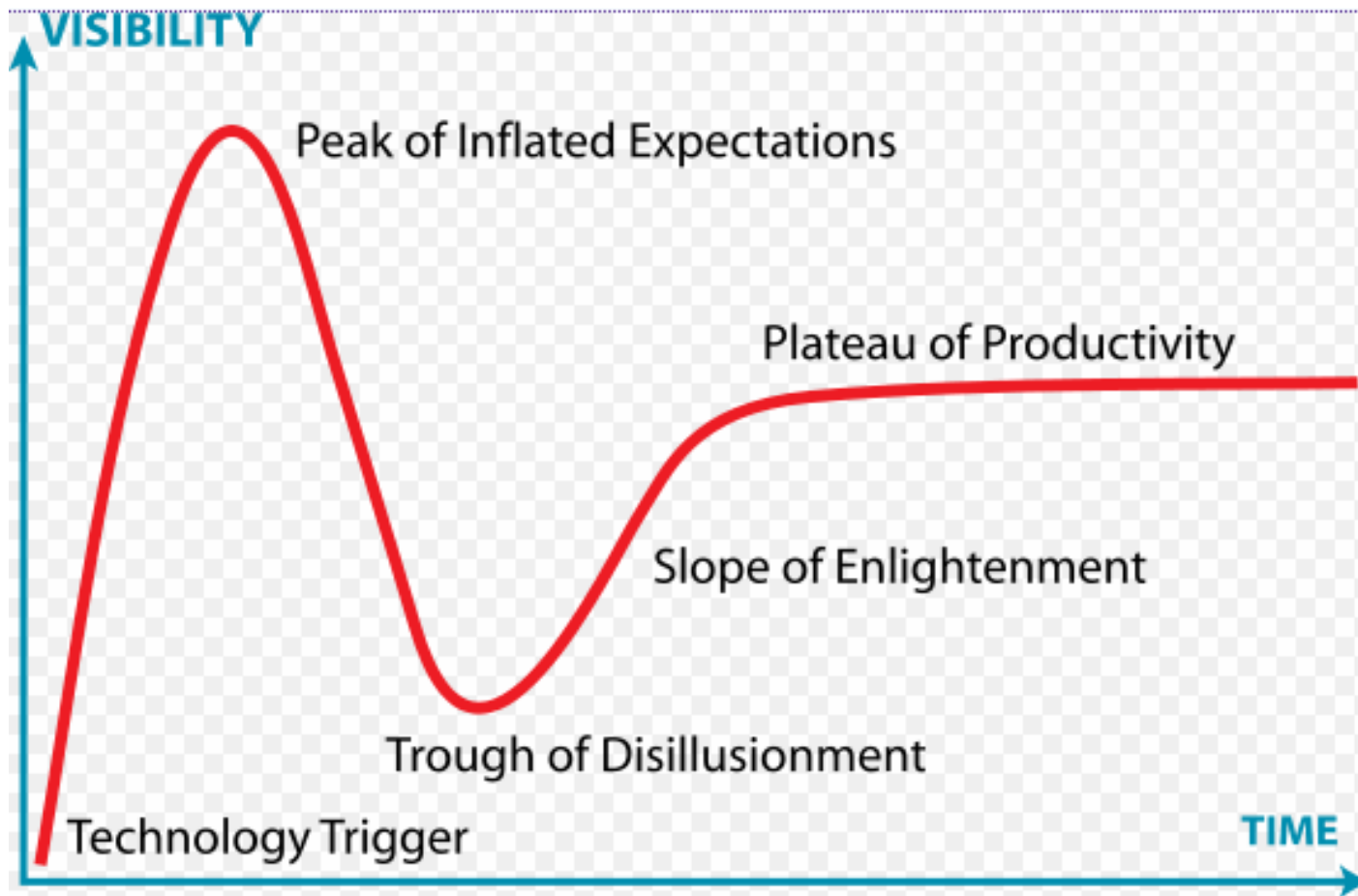


Web Search Trends & Hot News Items (ref: Google)



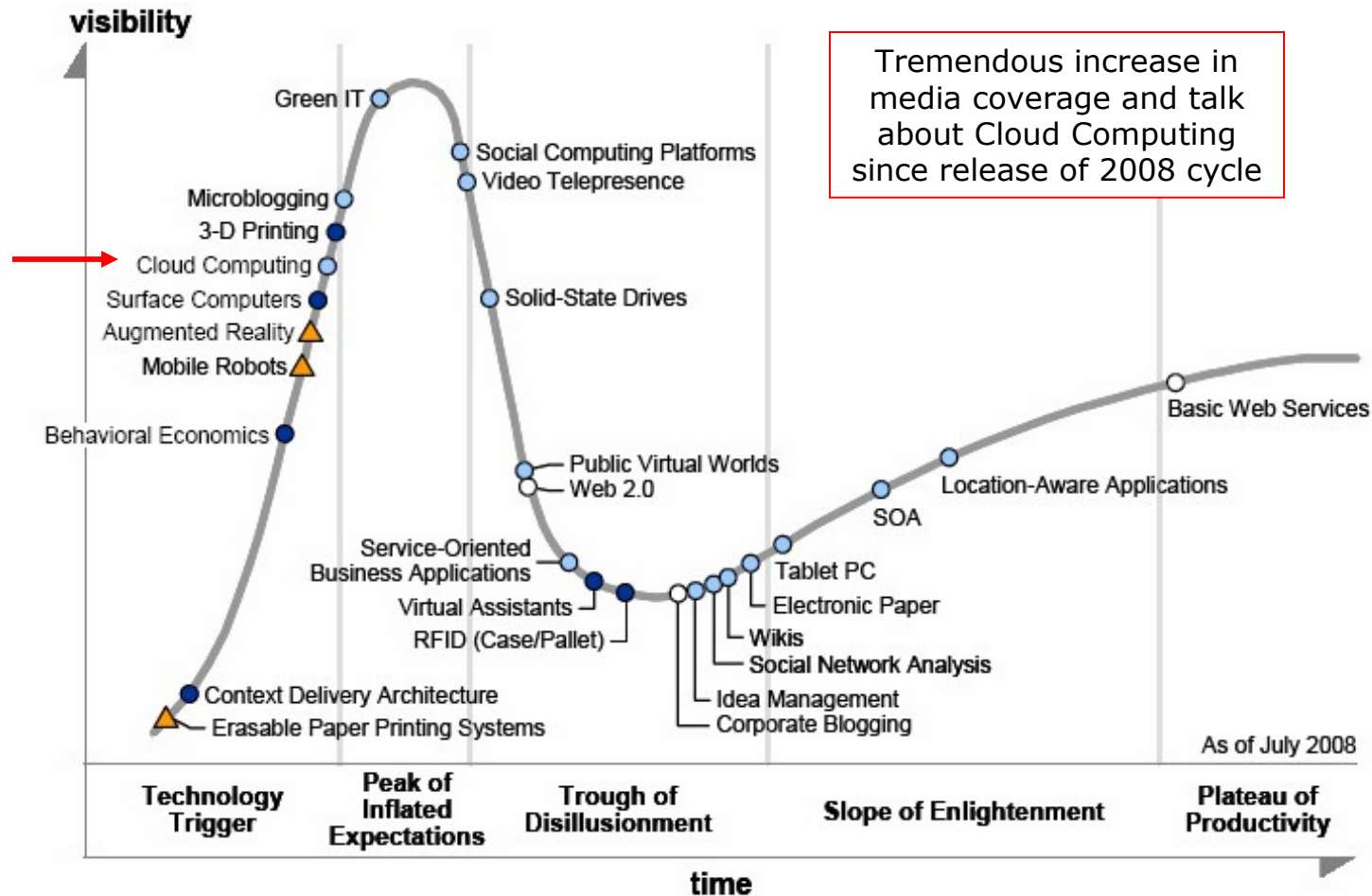


Where are we (Cloud Computing) in Gartner IT Hype Cycle ?





2008 Gartner IT Hype Cycle of Emerging Technologies



Years to mainstream adoption:

○ less than 2 years

● 2 to 5 years

● 5 to 10 years

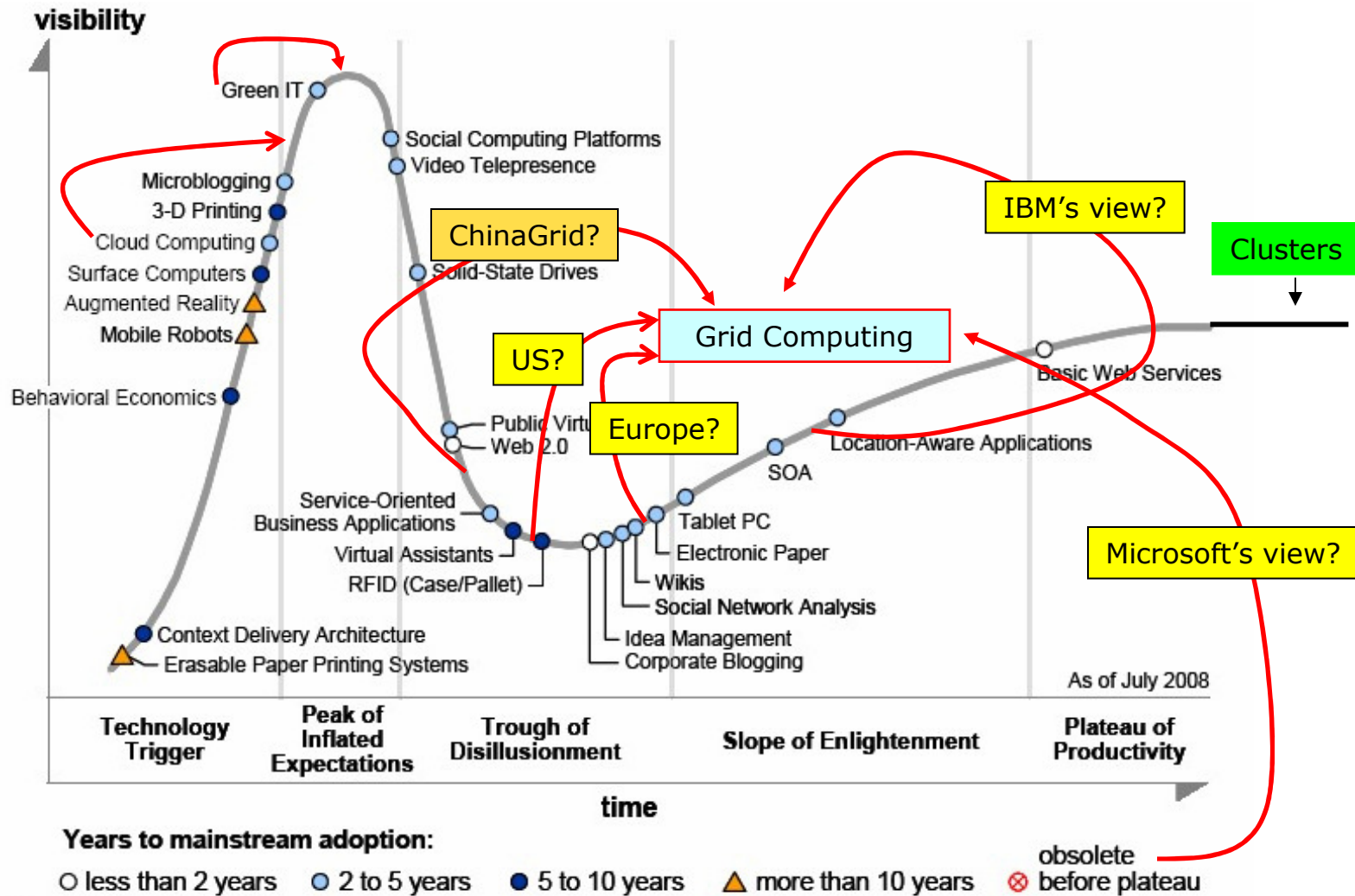
▲ more than 10 years

⊗ obsolete before plateau

Source: Gartner (July 2008)



2009 Hype Cycle and where are Clusters and Grids ? Buyya's View!





Defining Clouds: There are many views for what is cloud computing?

- Over 20 definitions:
 - http://cloudcomputing.sys-con.com/read/612375_p.htm
- Buyya's definition☺
 - "A Cloud is a type of parallel and distributed system consisting of a collection of inter-connected and **virtualised** computers that are **dynamically provisioned** and presented as one or more unified computing resources based on **service-level agreements** established through **negotiation** between the service provider and consumers."
- Keywords: Virtualisation (VMs), Dynamic Provisioning (negotiation and SLAs), and Web 2.0 access interface



Cloud Services

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
 - CPU, Storage: Amazon.com, Nirvanic, GoGrid....
- Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 - Google App Engine, Microsoft Azure, Manjrasoft Aneka..
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
 - SalesForce.Com

Software as a Service (SaaS)

Platform as a Service (PaaS)

Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)



Clouds based on Ownership and Exposure

Public/Internet Clouds

3rd party, multi-tenant Cloud infrastructure & services:

*** available on subscription basis (pay as you go)**



Private/Enterprise Clouds

Cloud computing model run within a company's own Data Center / infrastructure for internal and/or partners use.



Hybrid/Mixed Clouds

**Mixed usage of private and public Clouds:
Leasing public cloud services when private cloud capacity is insufficient**





Benefits of (Public) Clouds

- No upfront infrastructure investment
 - No procuring hardware, setup, hosting, power, etc..
- On demand access
 - Lease what you need and when you need..
- Efficient Resource Allocation
 - Globally shared infrastructure, can always be kept busy by serving users from different time zones...
- Nice Pricing
 - Based on Usage, QoS, Supply and Demand, Loyalty, ...
- Application Acceleration
 - Parallelism for large-scale data analysis, what-if scenarios studies...
- High Availability
- Supports Creation of 3rd Party Services & Seamless offering
 - Builds on infrastructure and follows similar Business model as Cloud



Challenges: Dealing with too many issues and offerings





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Realizing the 'Computer Utilities' Vision: What Consumers and Providers Want?

- **Consumers – minimize expenses, meet QoS**
 - How do I express QoS requirements to meet my goals?
 - How do I assign valuation to my applications?
 - How do I discover services and map applications to meet QoS needs?
 - How do I manage multiple providers and get my work done?
 - How do I outperform other competing consumers?
 - ...
- **Providers – maximise Return On Investment (ROI)**
 - How do I decide service pricing models?
 - How do I specify prices?
 - How do I translate prices into resource allocations?
 - How do I assign and enforce resource allocations?
 - How do I advertise and attract consumers?
 - How do I perform accounting and handle payments?
 - ...
- **Mechanisms, tools, and technologies**
 - value expression, translation, and enforcement





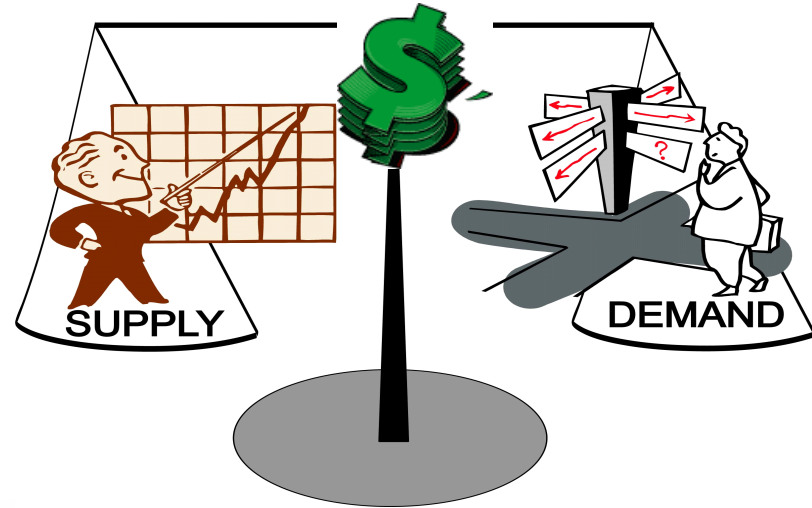
Market-based Systems = Self-managed and self-regulated systems.

■ Manage

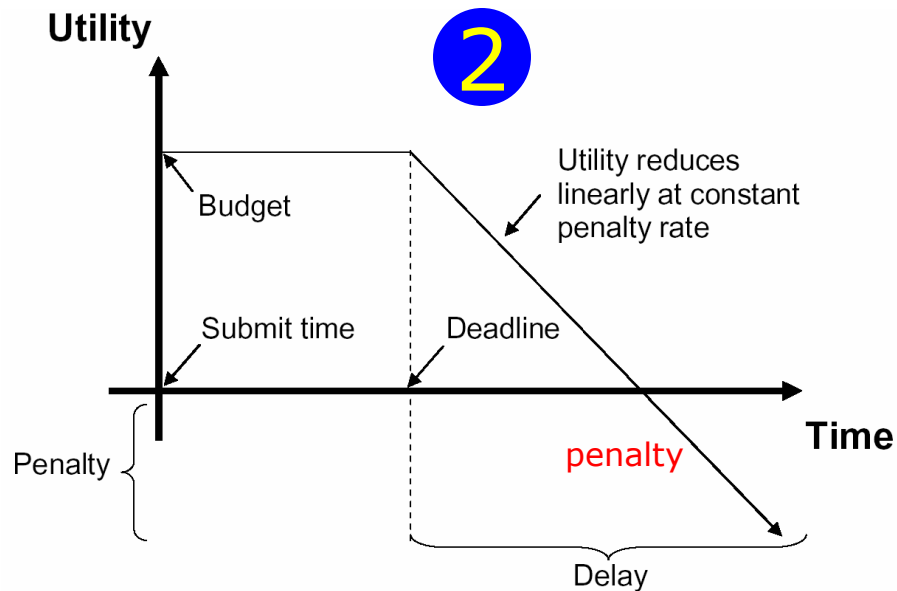
- Complexity
- Supply and Demand

■ Enhance Utility

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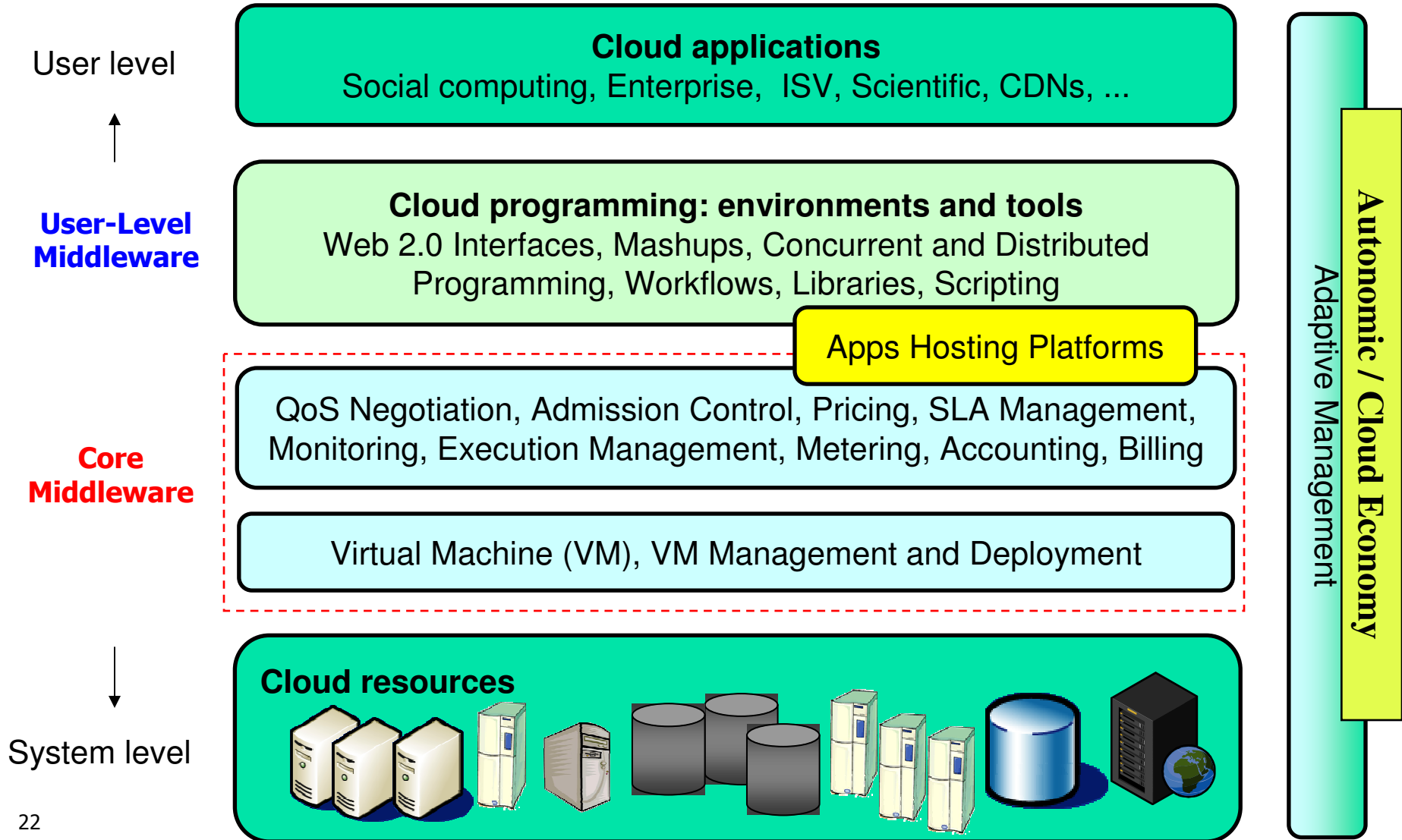


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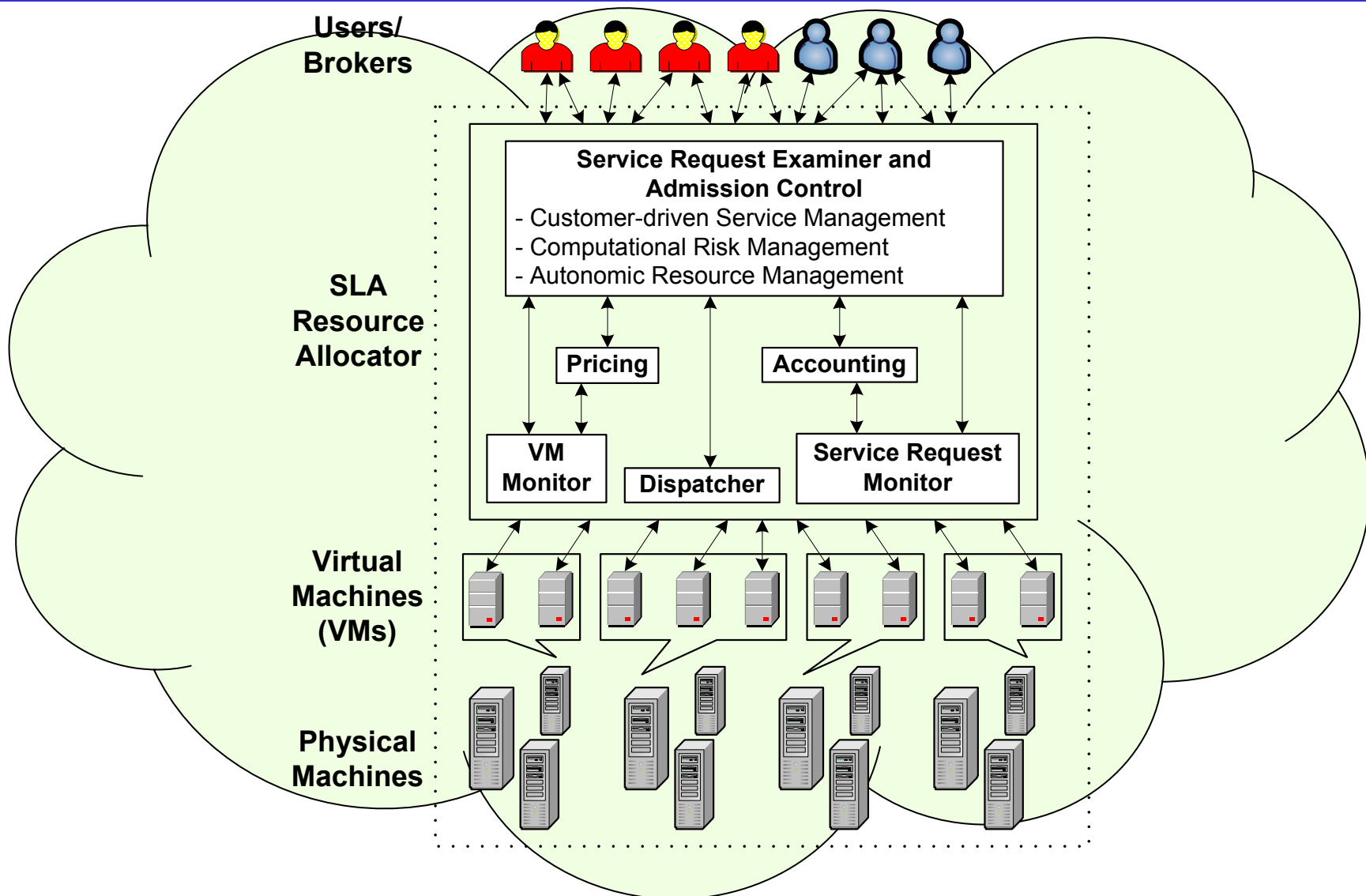


(Layered) Cloud Architecture



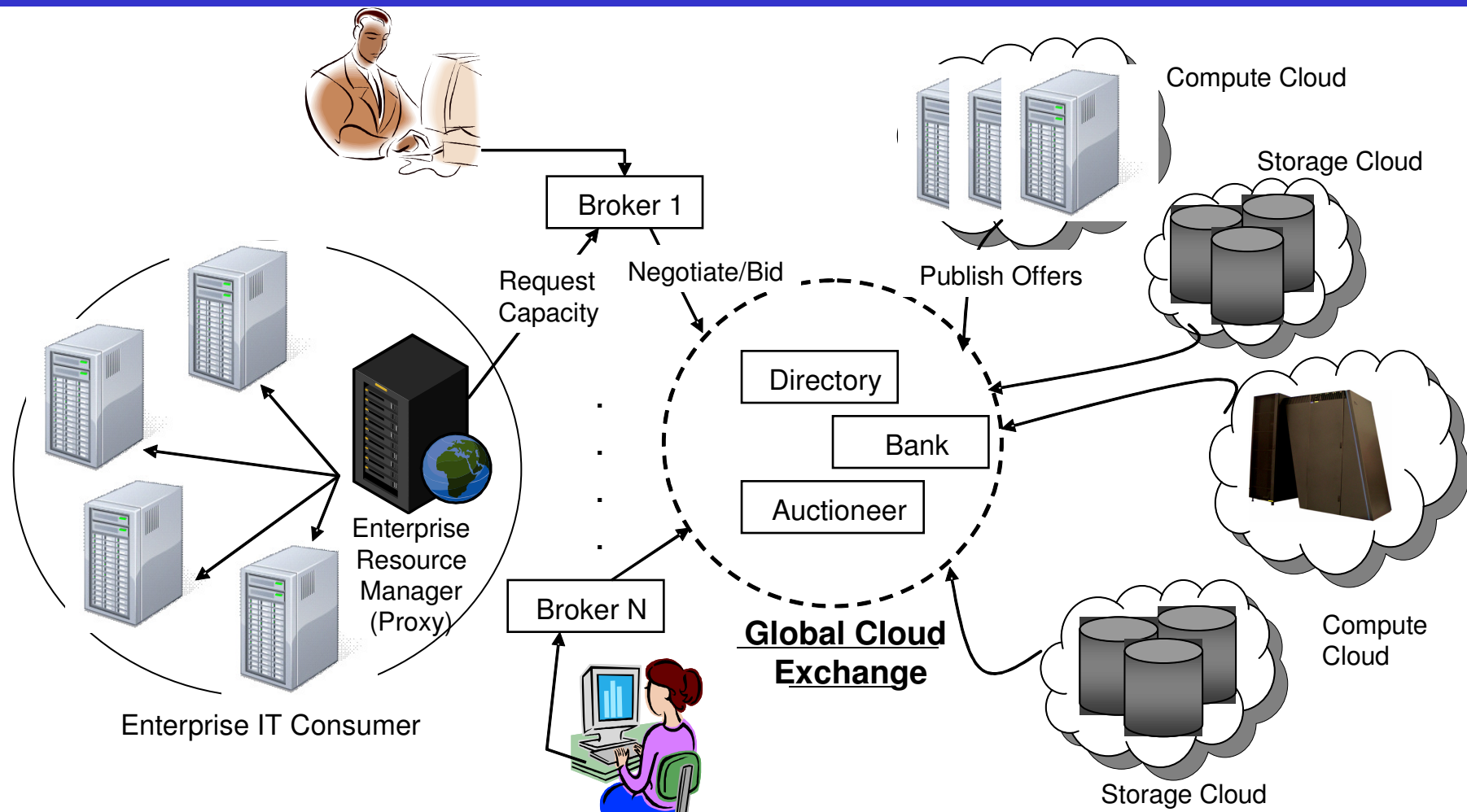


Market-oriented Cloud Architecture: QoS negotiation and SLA- based Resource Allocation





InterCloud: Global Cloud Exchange and Market Maker





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Some Commercial-Oriented Cloud platforms/technologies

System Property	<u>Amazon</u> Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)	<u>Google</u> App Engine	<u>Microsoft</u> Azure	<u>Sun</u> Network.com (Sun Grid)	<u>Manjrasoft</u> Aneka
Focus	IaaS	IaaS/PaaS	IaaS/PaaS	IaaS	PaaS
Service Type	Compute, Storage (Amazon S3)	Web application	Web and non-web application	Compute	Compute
Virtualisation	OS Level running on a Xen hypervisor	Application container	OS level through Fabric controller	Job management system (Sun Grid Engine)	Resource Manager and Scheduler
Dynamic Negotiation of QoS Parameters	None	None	None	None	SLA-based Resource Reservation
User Access Interface	Amazon EC2 Command-line Tools	Web-based Administration Console	Windows Azure portal	Job submission scripts, Sun Grid Web portal	Workbench, Web-based portal
Web APIs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Value-added Service Providers	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Programming Framework	Customizable Linux-based Amazon Machine Image (AMI)	Python	.NET framework	Solaris OS, Java, C, C++, FORTRAN	APIs supporting different programming models in C# and other .Net supported languages



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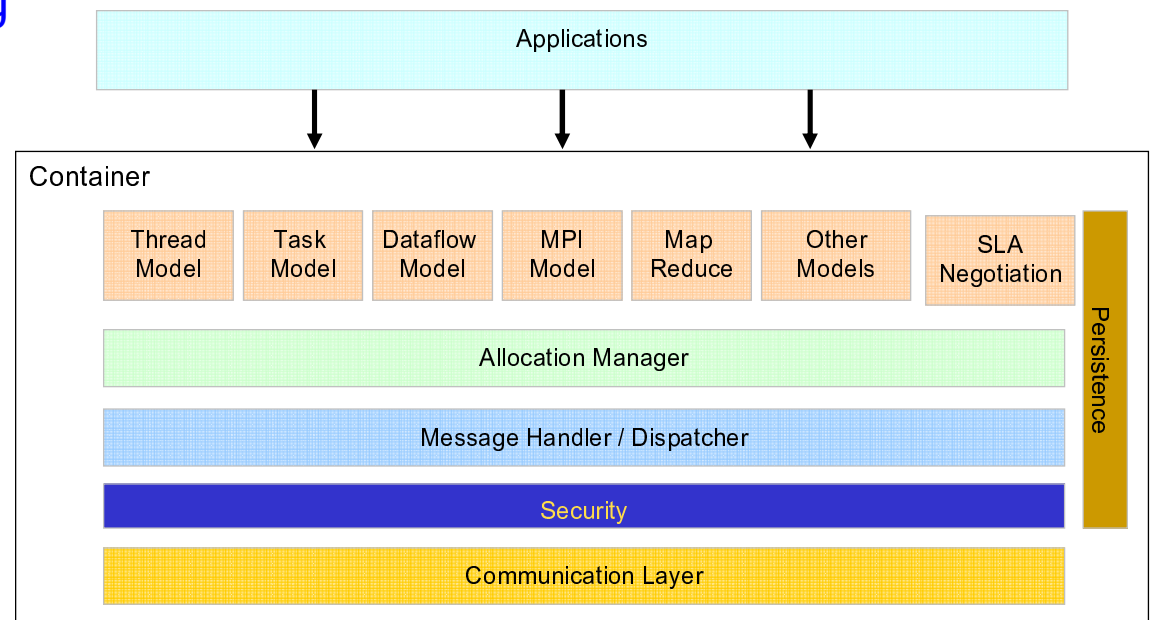
GRIDS Lab's Cloud Computing Initiatives

- Aneka – .NET-based Cloud Computing
 - PaaS for Enterprise and Public Clouds
- Market-Oriented Clouds
 - SLA-based Resource Management
 - Global Cloud Exchange Elements: Brokers
- 3rd Party Cloud Services (MetaCDN) – Harnessing Storage resources
 - Building Content Delivery Networks using different “vendors” Storage Clouds
- Scaling Across Clouds (Meta Brokering) – Harnessing Compute resources
 - Extending our existing Market Oriented Grid computing ideas...
 - Federation of clouds for application scaling across distributed resources
- CloudSim: Toolkit for Simulation of Clouds
 - Design and evaluation for resource management policies & algorithms
- Green Clouds / Data Centers
 - Energy Efficiency and QoS Oriented Resource Allocation



Aneka – Product Overview

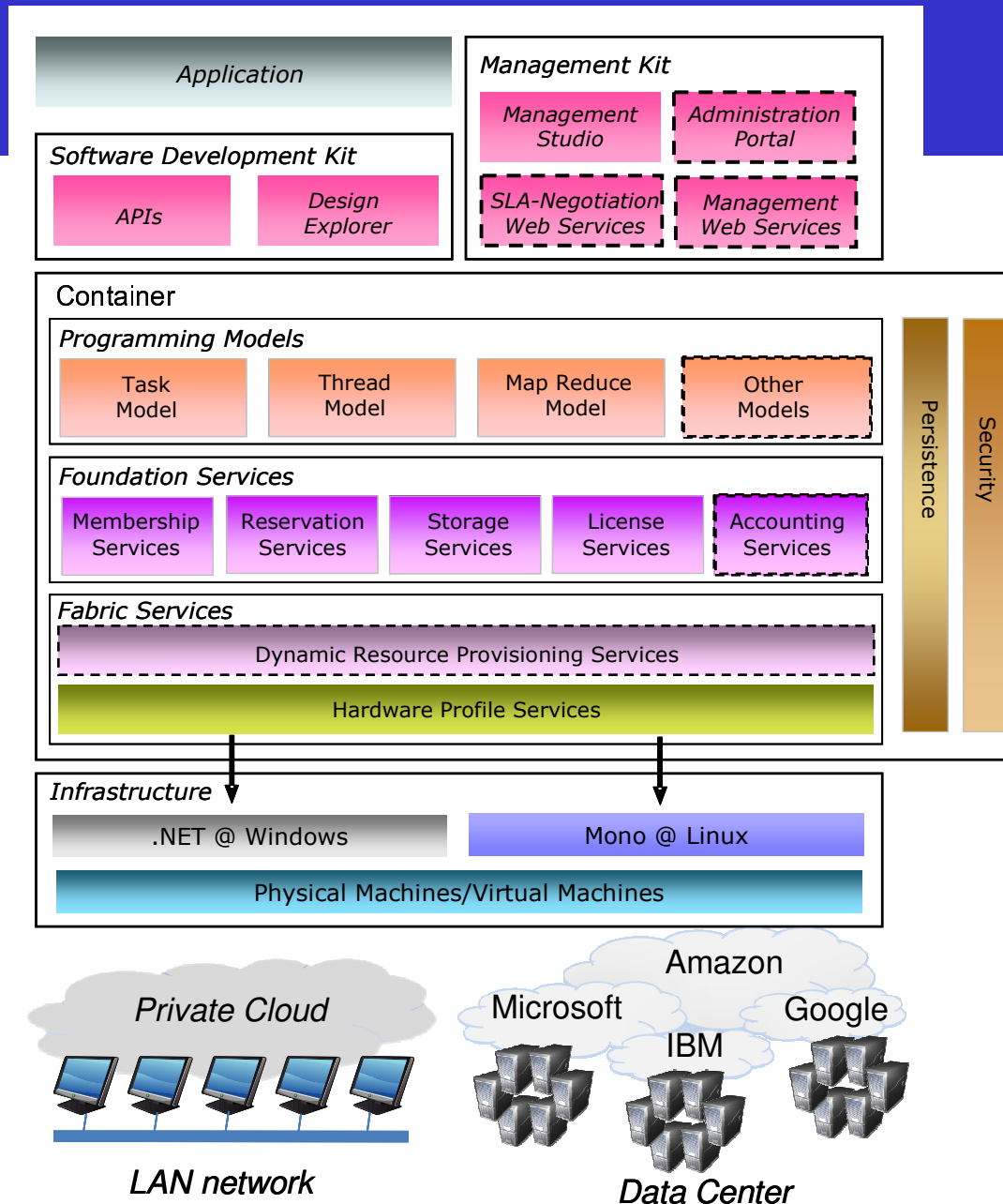
- .NET based service-oriented platform for Cloud computing
- **SDK** containing APIs for multiple programming models and tools
- **Runtime** Environment for managing application execution management
- Suitable for
 - Development of Enterprise Cloud Applications
 - Cloud enabling legacy applications
- Ideal for Corporate Developers, ISVs, Hosting Vendors and Application / System Integrators



ANEKA Product Architecture

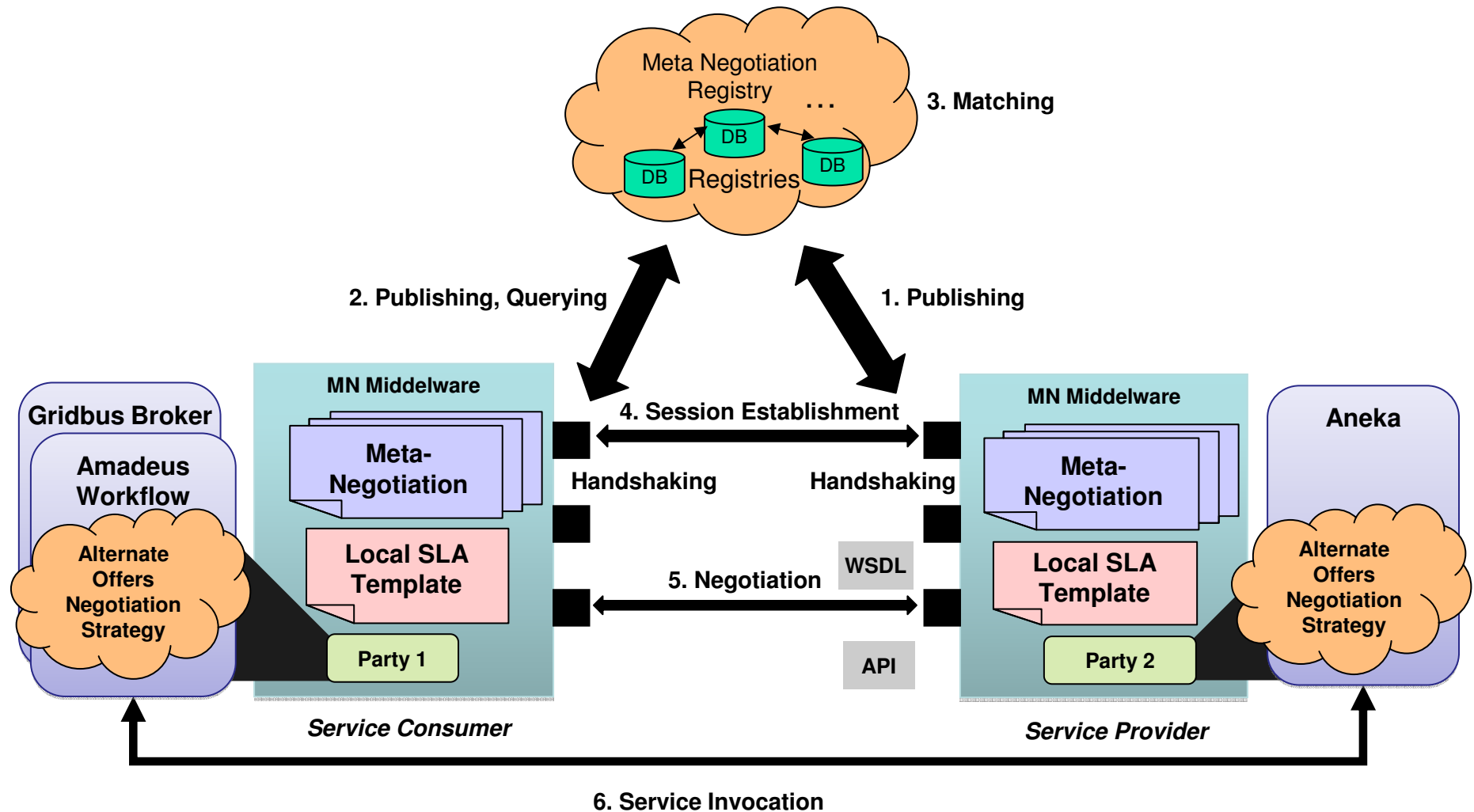


Aneka Engineering Architecture



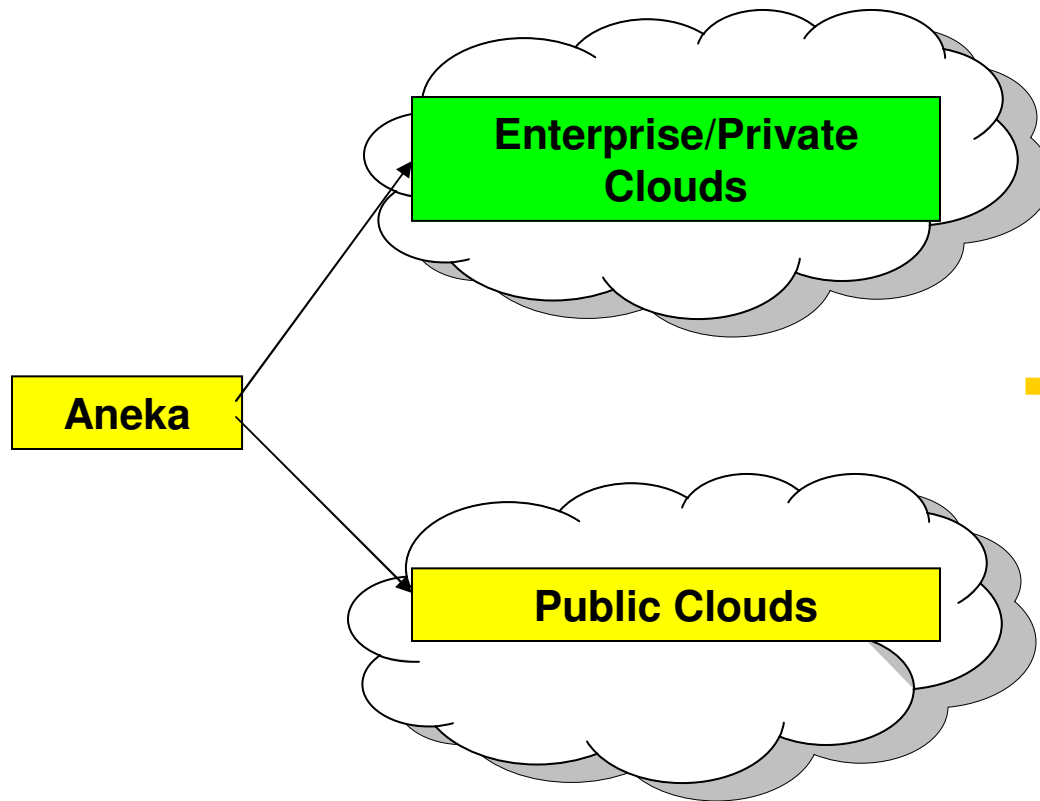


QoS Negotiation in Aneka





Aneka Deployment Models



■ Enterprise/Private

- Harness LAN connected resources
- Application Development, Testing, Execution
- Teaching and Learning
- Sensitive applications

■ Public

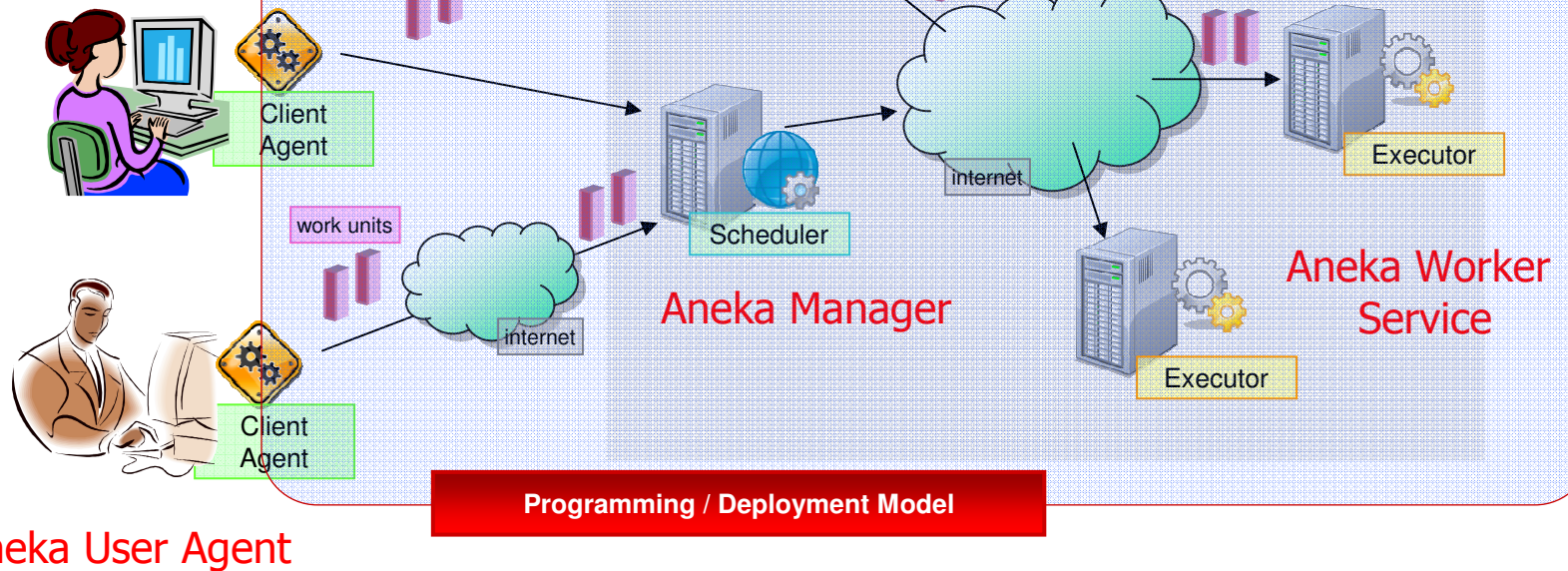
- Hosted by a 3rd party service provider owning a large Data Center (1000s of servers)
- Offers subscription-based services to their **shared** infrastructure on “pay-as go” model.to many users from **different organisations**.
- Amazon.com, Microsoft Azure
- **Aneka** SDK + Execution Manger



Aneka: components

```
public DumbTask: ITask  
{  
    ...  
    public void Execute()  
    {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

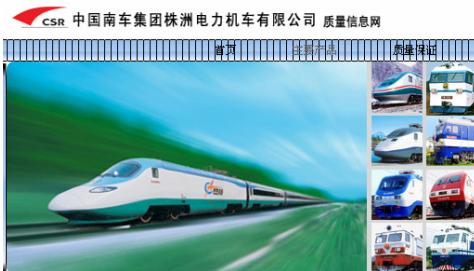
```
for(int i=0; i<n; i++)  
{  
    ...  
    DumbTask task = new DumbTask();  
    app.SubmitExecution(task);  
}
```



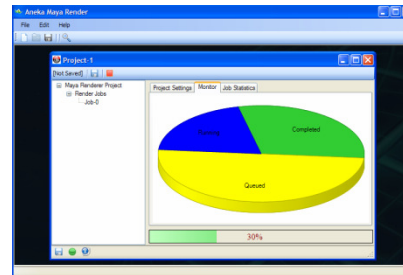


User scenario: GoFront (unit of China Southern Railway Group)

Application: Locomotive design CAD rendering

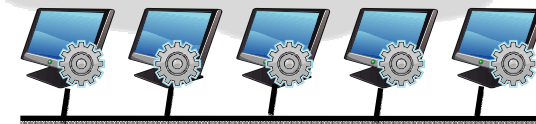


Aneka Maya Renderer



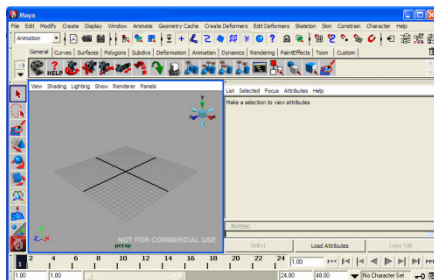
Use private
Aneka Cloud

GoFront Private Aneka
Cloud



LAN network

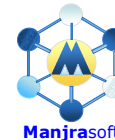
(Running Maya Batch Mode on demand)



Raw Locomotive Design Files
(Using Autodesk Maya)



Case 2: Aneka
Enterprise Cloud



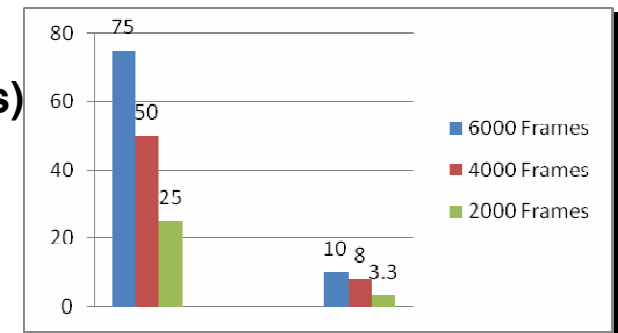
Case 1: Single Server

Using Maya
Graphical Mode
Directly



4 cores
server

Time
(in hrs)



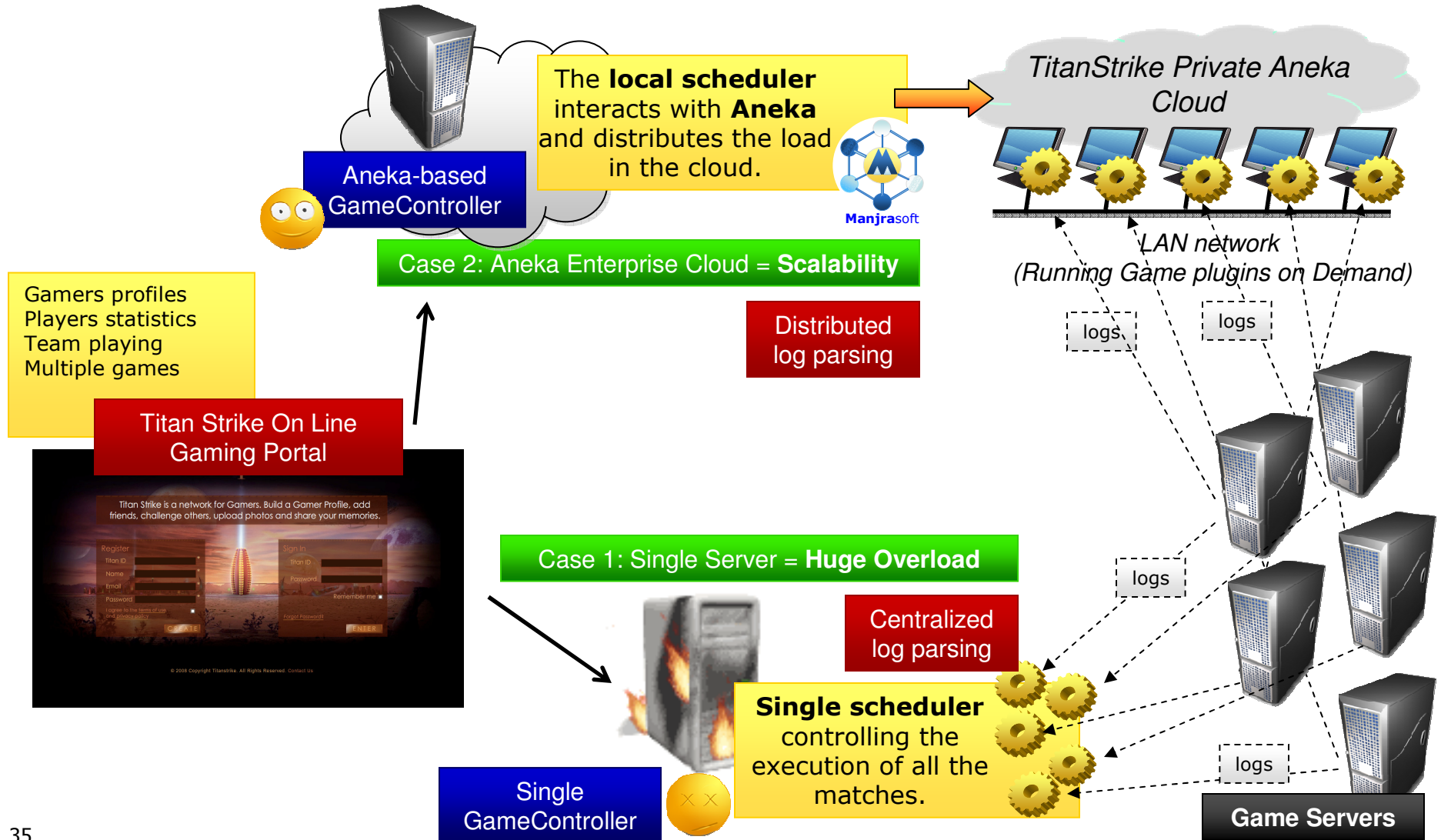
Single
Server

Aneka
Cloud

Aneka utilizes idle desktops
(30) to decrease task time
from days to **hours**



Providing a scalable architecture for TitanStrike on-line Gaming Portal





Aneka on Public Cloud (Amazon)

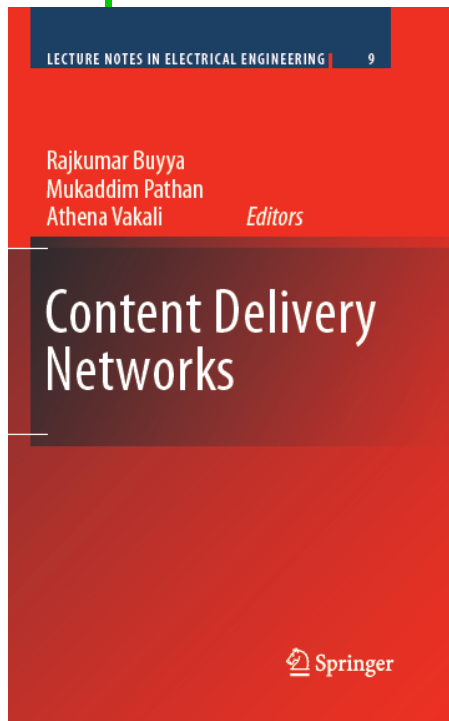
■ **Application Demonstration:**

- **Microarray Gene Expression Data Analysis for Cancer Diagnosis**
- **SCALE 2009 (Scalable Computing Challenge) Demos:**
 - **Wednesday: 20 May 2009**
 - **14.00-16.00 (Room 1)**

■ **Play with Aneka:**

- **Build your own Private Cloud:**
 - Download Aneka: <http://www.manjraosoft.com>
- **Use it as a Platform for running apps on Amazon**

Building 3rd Party Cloud Services – Harnessing Storage Clouds



Building Next-Gen “Content Delivery Networks”



Motivations

- Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) such as Akamai place web server clusters in numerous geographical locations – “huge upfront investment”
 - to improve the responsiveness and locality of the content it hosts for end-users.
- However, their services are priced out of reach for all but the largest enterprise customers.
- Hence, we have developed an alternative approach to content delivery by leveraging infrastructure ‘Storage Cloud’ providers at a fraction of the cost of traditional CDN providers – “pay as you go”



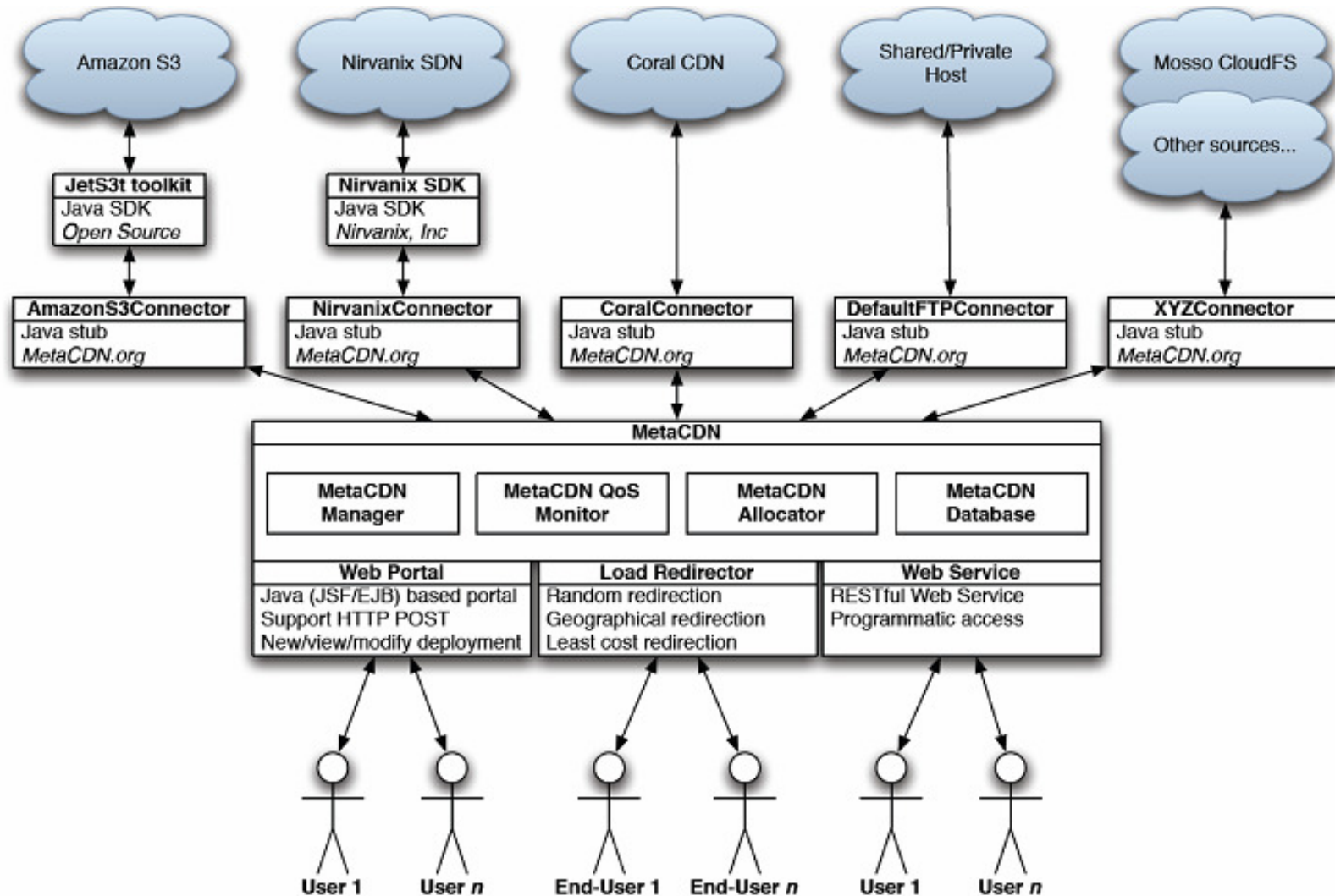
Commercial Storage Clouds & Pricing

Provider Feature	<u>Nirvanix</u> US/EU	<u>Nirvanix</u> SDN	Amazon S3 US	Amazon S3 EU	<u>Mosso</u> <u>CloudFS</u>
Incoming Data (\$/GB/month)	0.18	0.18	0.10	0.10	Unknown
Outgoing data (\$/GB/month)	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.17	Unknown
Storage (\$/GB/month)	0.18	0.25	0.15	0.18	0.15
Requests (\$/1,000 PUT)	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	Unknown
Requests (\$/1,000 GET)	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	Unknown
SLA	99.9	99.9	99-99.9	99-99.9	Unknown
Max. File Size	256GB	256GB	5GB	5GB	5GB
<u>US PoP</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
<u>EU PoP</u>	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	No
<u>Asia PoP</u>	No	Yes	No	No	No
<u>Australasia PoP</u>	No	No	No	No	No
Automatic Replication	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Developer API	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



MetaCDN: Harnessing Storage Clouds for Content Delivery

(Broberg, Buyya, Tari, JNCA 2009)



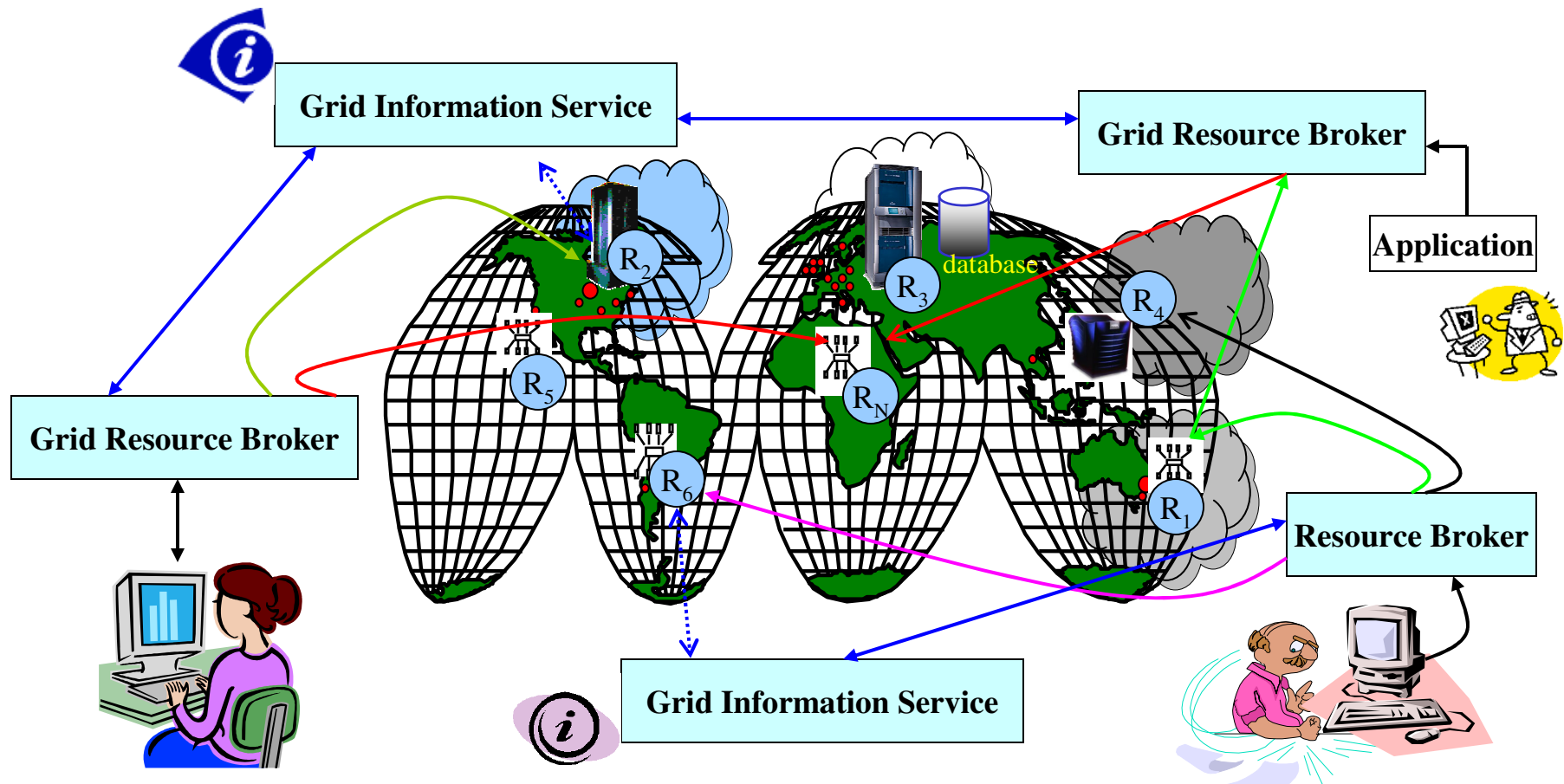
Meta Brokering – Harnessing Compute Clouds for Application Scaling



Extending market-oriented Grid Ideas with
Cloud computing

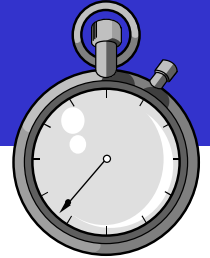


Building a Grid of Clouds → Global Utility Computing





Gridbus Service Broker (GSB)

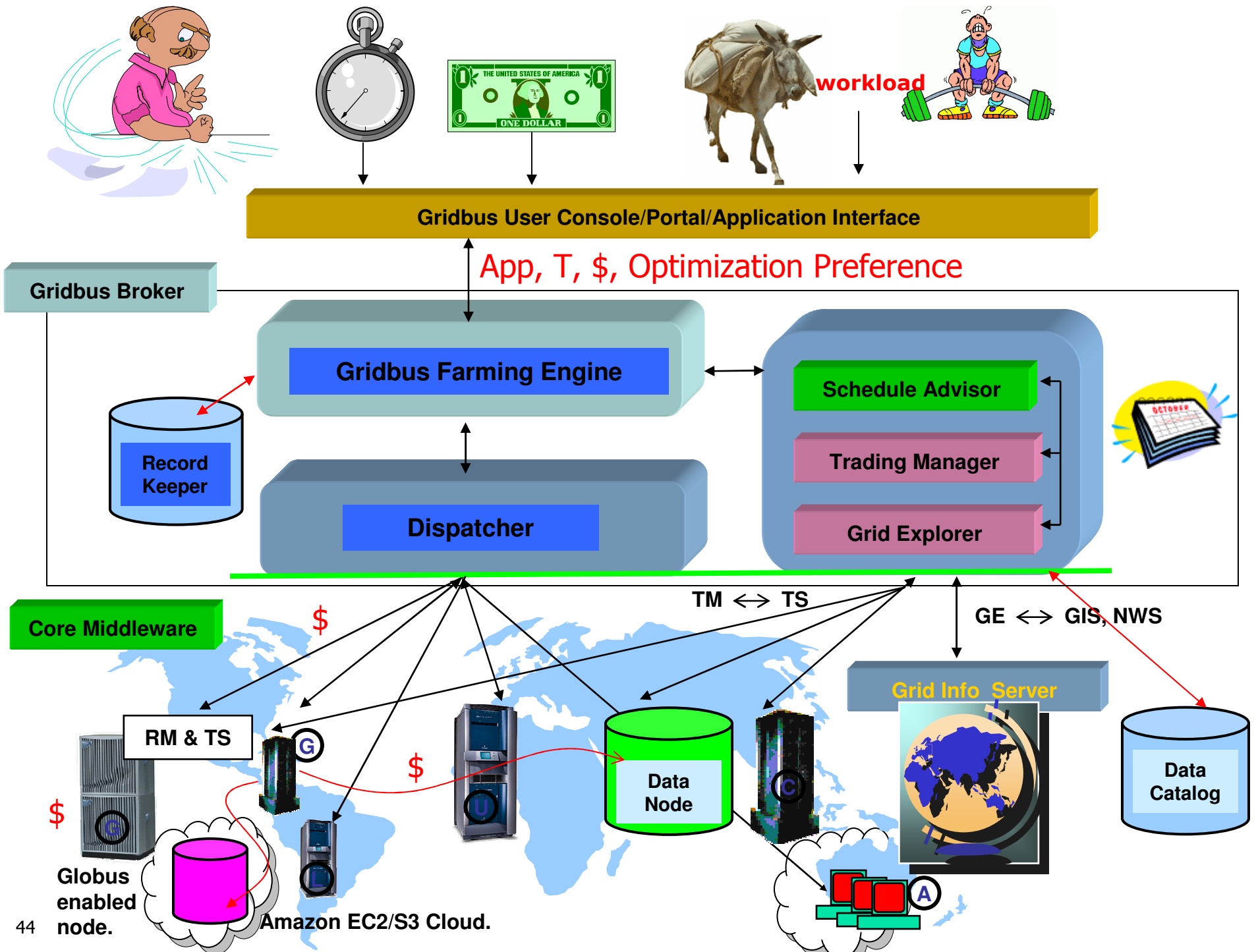


- A resource broker for scheduling task farming data-intensive applications with static or dynamic parameter sweeps on global Grids and Clouds.
- It uses computational economy paradigm for optimal selection of computational and data services depending on their quality, cost, and availability, and users' QoS requirements (deadline, budget, & T/C optimisation)

- **Key Features**

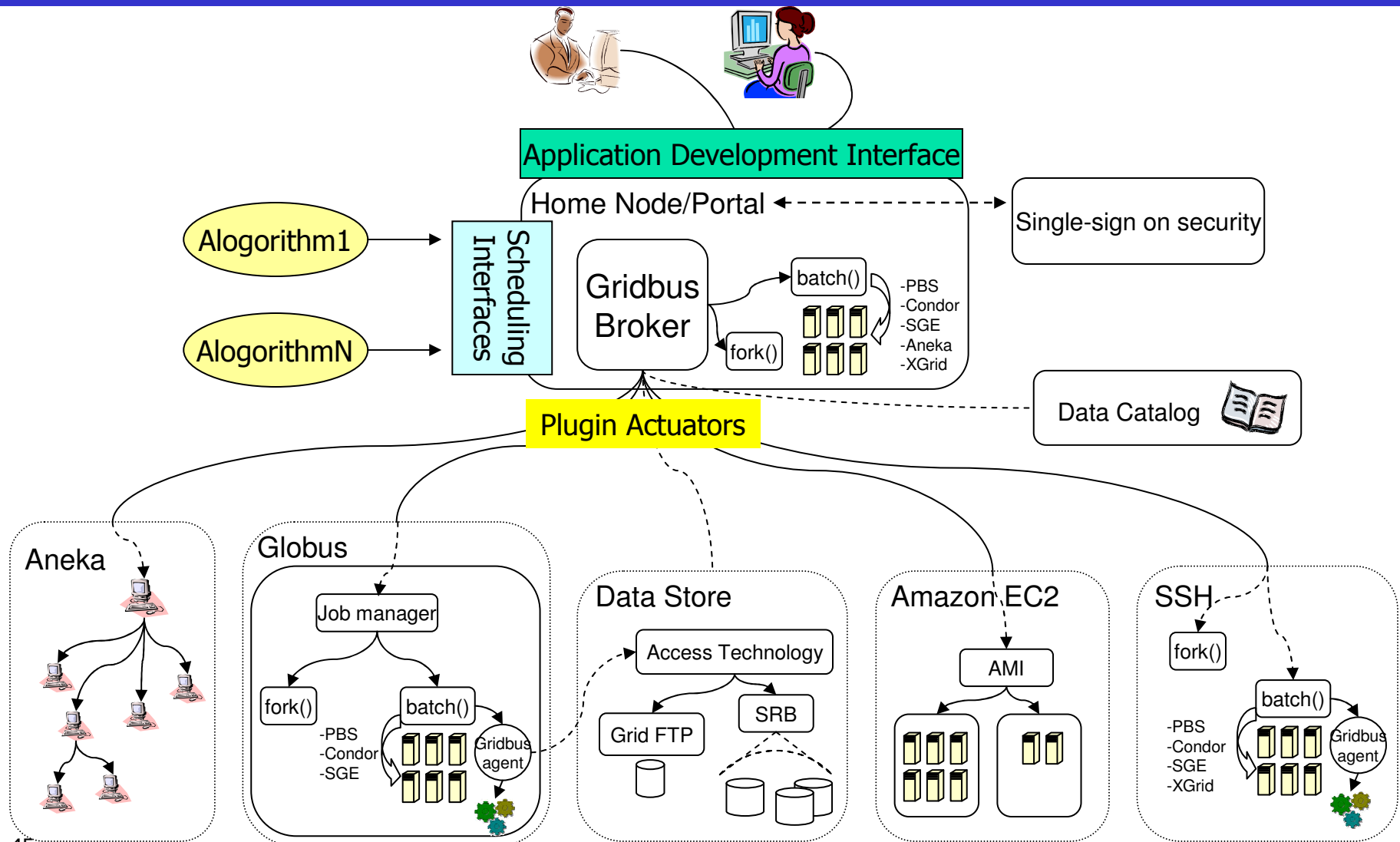
- A single window to manage & control experiment
- Programmable Task Farming Engine
- Resource Discovery and Resource Trading
- Optimal Data Source Discovery
- Scheduling & Predications
- Generic Dispatcher & Grid Agents
- Transportation of data & sharing of results
- Accounting





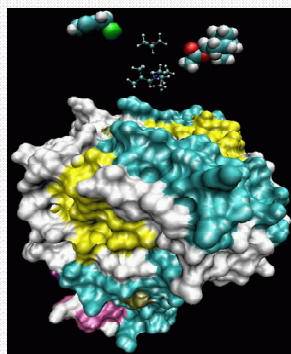


Gridbus Broker: Separating “applications” from “different” remote service access enablers and schedulers



A Sample List of Gridbus Broker Users

Molecular docking for drug design on Australian National Grid

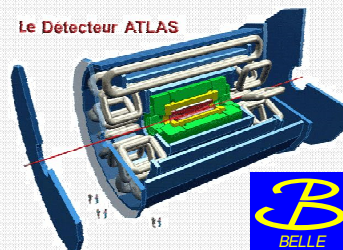


High Energy Physics: Particle Discovery



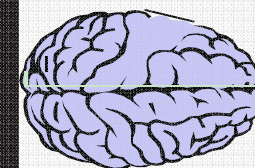
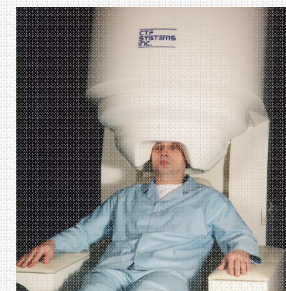
ATLAS

Le Détecteur ATLAS



School of
Physics
Melbourne University

NeuroScience: Brain Activity Analysis



EU Data Mining Grid



DaimlerChrysler,
Technion, U. Ljubljana,
U. Ulster

Kidney/Human Physiome Modelling



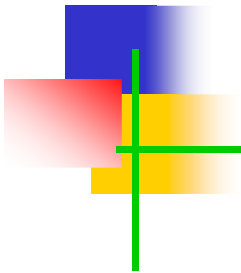
Melbourne Medical Faculty,
Université d'Evry, France

Finance /Investment Risk Studies: Spanish Stock Market



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Madrid, Spain

Market-Oriented Scheduling Experiments





Experiment Setup: DBC Scheduling with Optimize for (1) Time & (2) Cost

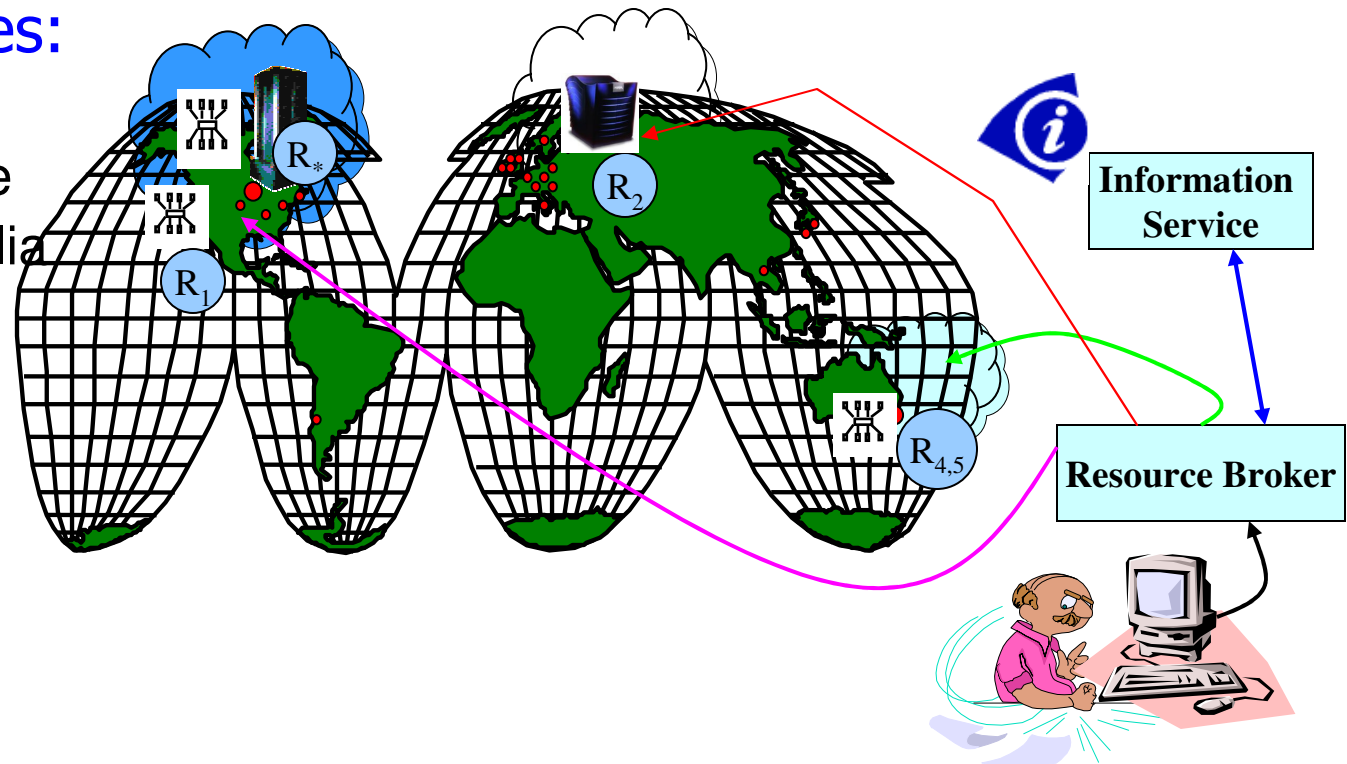
■ Workload:

- A parameter sweep “synthetic” application (100 jobs), each job is modeled to execute ~5 minute with variation of (+/-20 sec.).

■ QoS Constraints: **Deadline:** 40 min. and **Budget:** \$6

■ Resources:

- US
- Europe
- Australia





Resources & Price (*multiplier for clarity*)

Organization	Resource Details	Rate (Cents per second*1000)	
Georgia State University, US	<i>snowball.cs.gsu.edu</i> 8 Intel 1.90GHz CPU, 3.2 GB RAM, 152 GB HD, Linux	90 (0.09)	
H. Furtwangen University, Germany	<i>unimelb.informatik.hs-furtwangen.de</i> 1 Athlon XP 1700+ CPU, 767 MB RAM, 147 GB HD	3	
University of California-Irvine, US	<i>harbinger.calit2.uci.edu</i> 2 Intel P III 930 MHz CPU, 503 MB RAM, 32 GB HD	2	
University of Melbourne, Australia	<i>billabong.csse.unimelb.edu.au</i> 2 Intel(R) 2.40GHz CPU, 1 GB RAM, 35 GB HD	6	
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Total Price / Budget Consumed			
Time to Complete Execution			

* Amazon charges for 1 hour even if you use VM for 1 sec. We should force Amazon to change Charging Policy from 1hr block to actual usage! Or invent a 3rd party service that manages this by leasing smaller slots.



Execution Console: Setting QoS

Gridbus Execution Monitor Console

Basic Information

Start Time
Optimisation Strategy
Time Spent
Time Remaining
Budget Assigned
Budget Spent
Jobs Completed

Fri May 15 16:32:26 EST 2009
time
00:41:11.31
00:02:58.750
G\$10.0
G\$ 1.7611706

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
j0	j1	j2	j3	j4	j5	j6	j7	j8	j9
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j50	j51	j52	j53	j54	j55	j56	j57	j58	j59

Server Information

snowball.cs.gsu.edu (176/177)
unimelb.informatik.hs-furtwangen.de (14/15)
harbinger.calit2.uci.edu (42/44)
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Ready Scheduled Stage In
Stage Out Submitted Running
Done Failed Unknown

Status Indicator



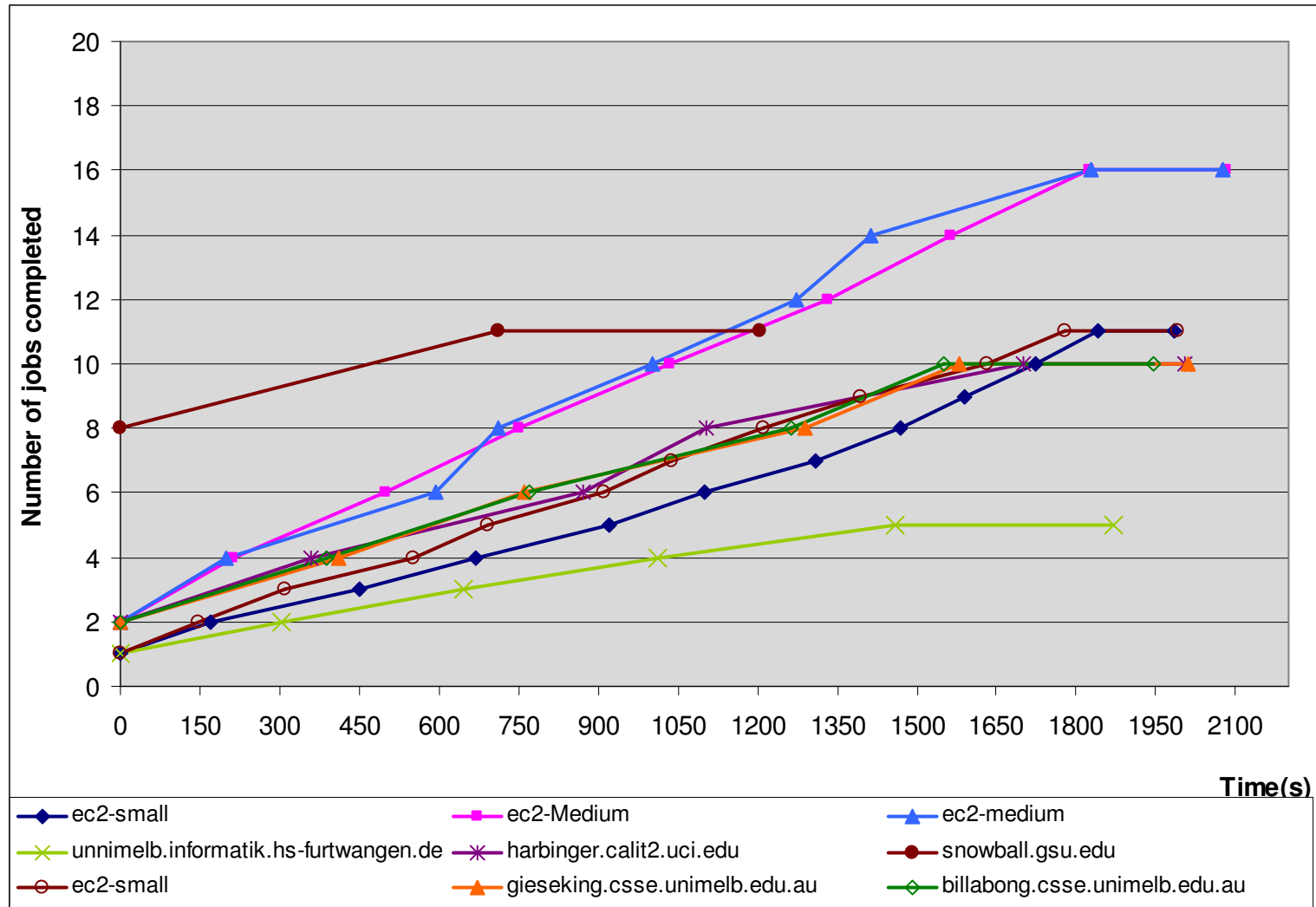
Results of Execution on Cloud and other Distributed Resources

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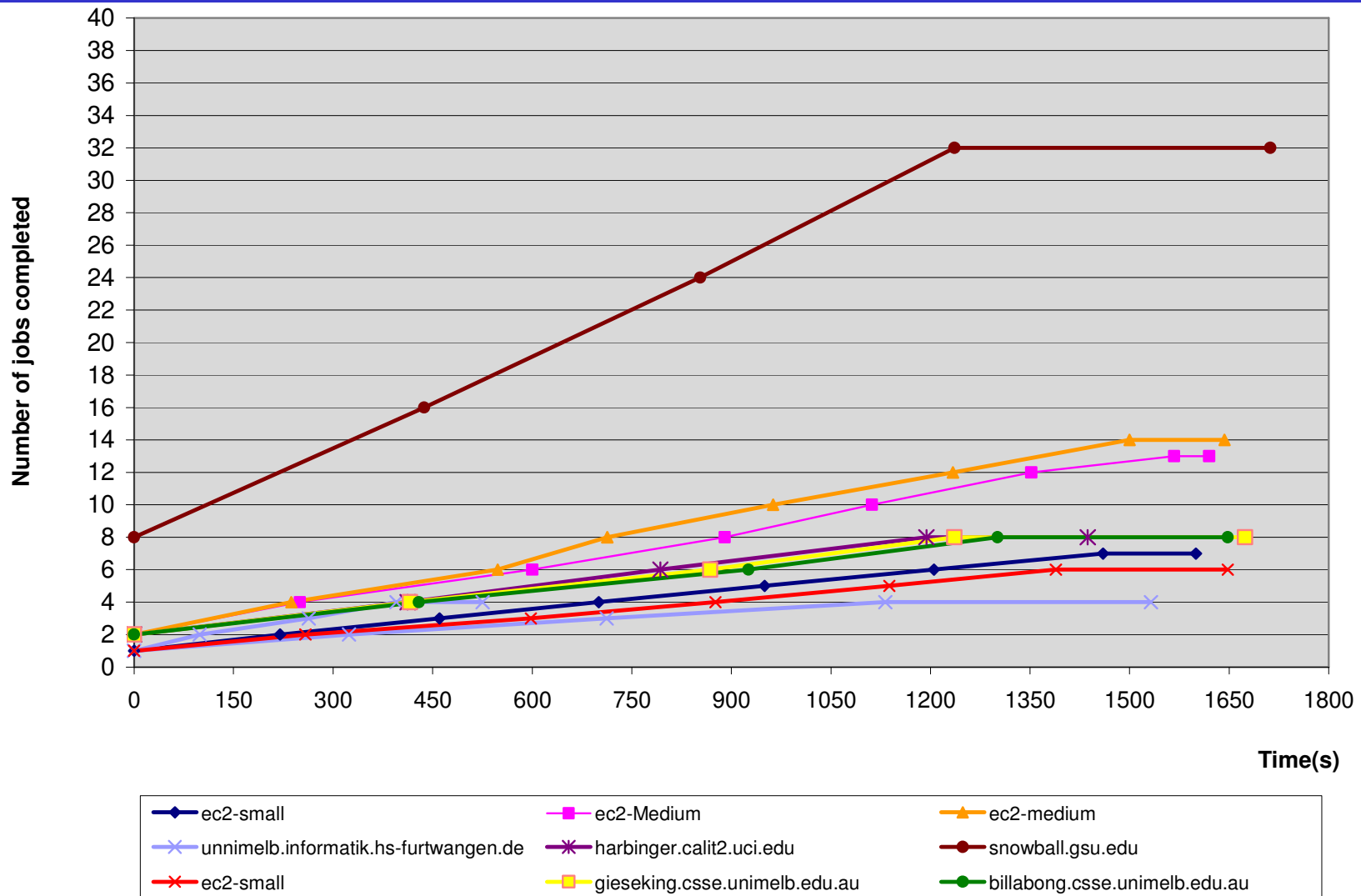


Scheduling for DBC Cost Optimization





Resource Scheduling for DBC Time Optimization

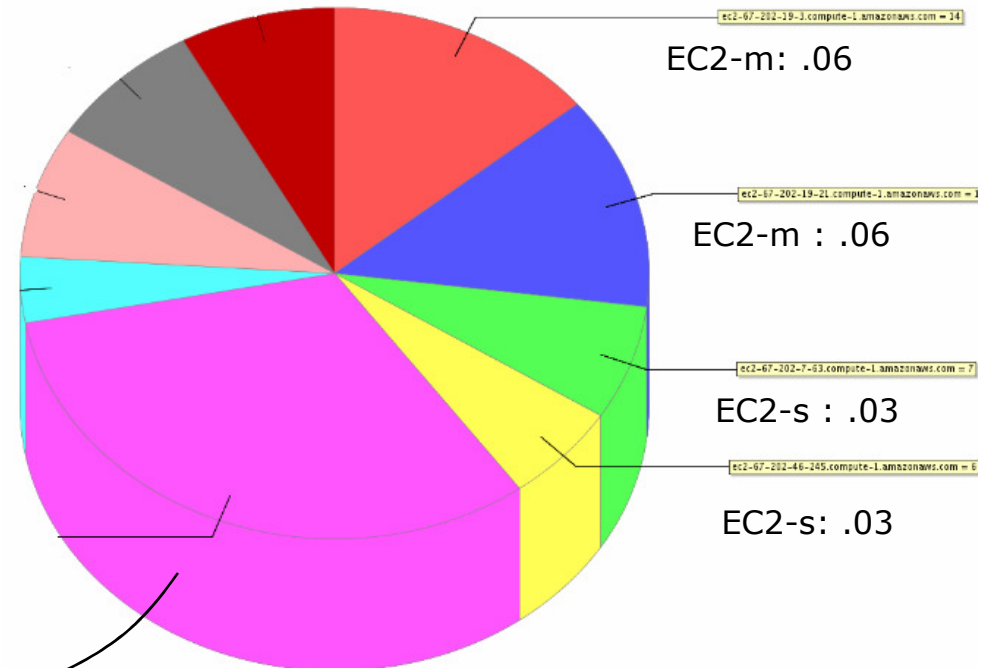
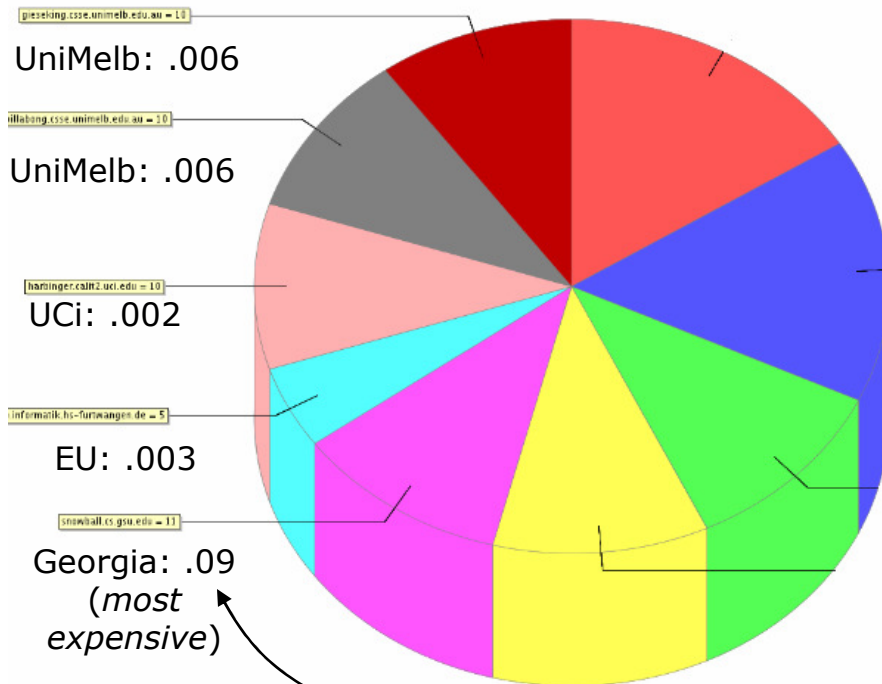




Resources Consumed by Cost and Time Opt. Strategies

Cost-Opt

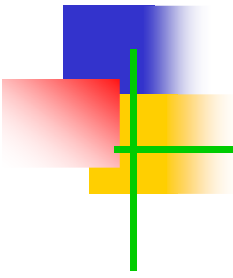
Time-Opt



QoS Constraints: Deadline: 40 min. and Budget: \$6

	Time	Cost
Budget Consumed	5.04\$	3.71\$
Time to Complete	28 min	35 min

Experimental Evaluation is too much of
work and “expensive” for computing
researchers?



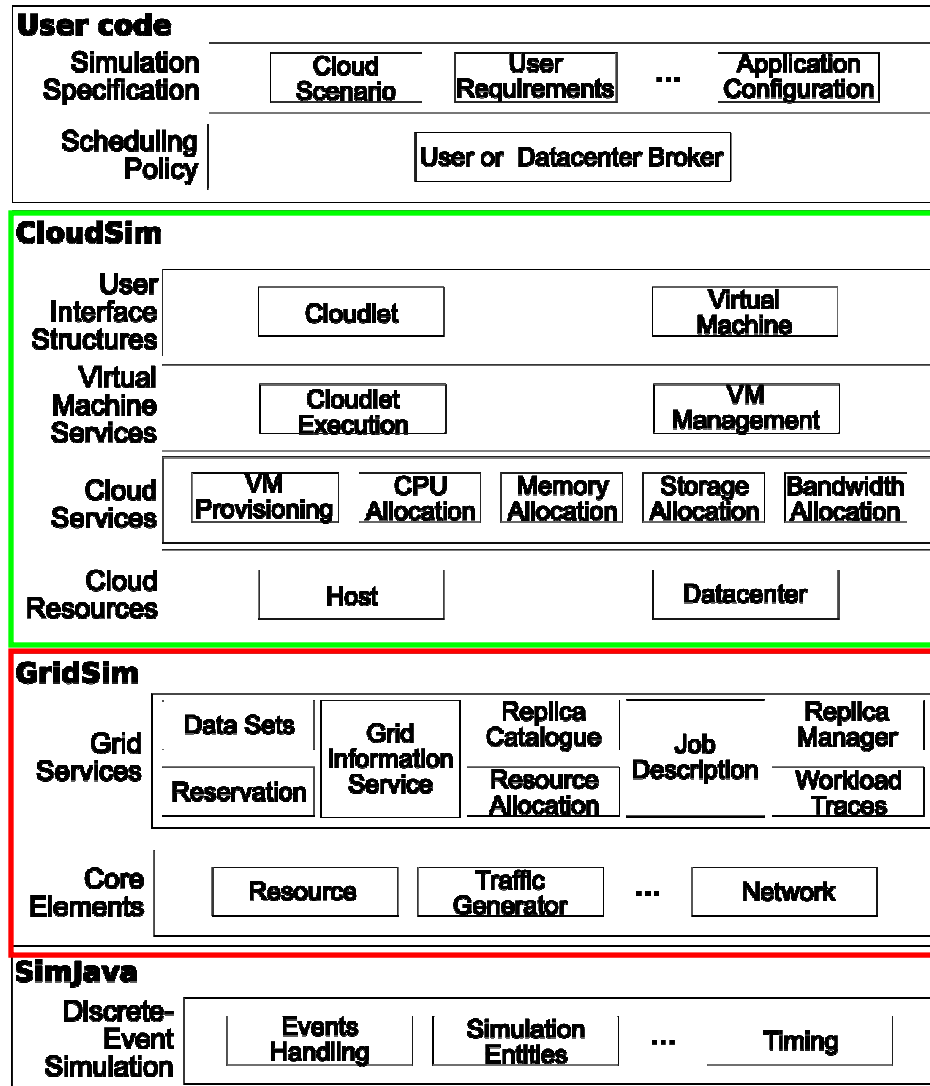
CloudSim: Performance Evaluation Made Easy

- *Repeatable, scalable, controllable environment
for modelling and simulation of Clouds
- * No need to worry about paying IaaS provides +
CloudSim is FREE!



The CloudSim Toolkit

<http://www.gridbus.org/cloudsim/>





Outline

- “Computer Utilities”
 - Vision and Promising IT Paradigms/Platforms
- Cloud Computing and Related Paradigms
 - Trends, Definition, Cloud Benefits and Challenges
- Market-Oriented Cloud Architecture
 - SLA-oriented Resource Allocation
 - Global Cloud Exchange
- Emerging Cloud Platforms
- Megha: Melbourne Cloud Computing Initiative
- Summary and Thoughts for Future



Summary

- Several Computing Platforms/Paradigms are promising to deliver “Computing Utilities” vision
 - Cloud Computing is the most recent kid in the block promising to turn vision into reality
 - Clouds built on: SOA, VMs, Web 2.0 technologies
 - Many exciting business and consumer applications enabled.
- Market Oriented Clouds are getting real
 - Need to move from static pricing to dynamic pricing
 - Need strong support for SLA-based resource management
 - 3rd party Composed Cloud services starting to emerge
- Building Grids using Clouds is much more realistic.
 - Extension of idea can lead to → “Global Cloud Exchange”



Dozens of Open Research Issues

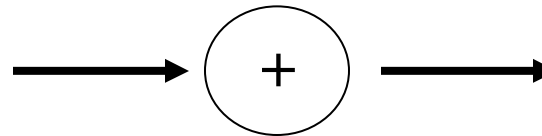
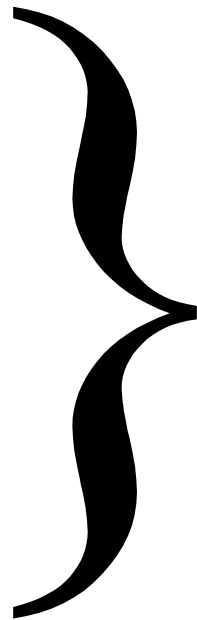
- (Application) Software Licensing
- Seamless integration of private and Cloud resources
- Security, Privacy and Trust
- Cloud “Lock-In” worries and Interoperability
- Application Scalability Across Multiple Clouds
- Clouds Federation and Cooperative Sharing
- Global Cloud Exchange and Market Maker
- Dynamic Pricing
- Dynamic Negotiation and SLA Management
- Energy Efficient Resource Allocation and User QoS
- Power-Cost and CO₂ emission issues
 - Use renewable energy: follow Sun and wind?
- Regulatory and Legal Issues



Convergence of Competing Paradigms/Communities Needed

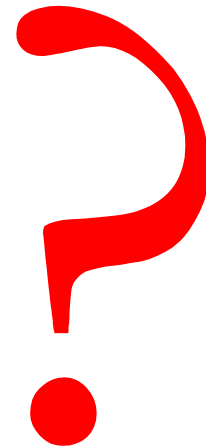
- Web
- Data Centres
- Utility Computing
- Service Computing
- Grid Computing
- P2P Computing
- Cloud Computing
- Market-Oriented Computing
- ...

Paradigms



- Ubiquitous access
- Reliability
- Scalability
- Autonomic
- Dynamic discovery
- Composability
- QoS
- SLA
- ...

Attributes/Capabilities



*- Trillion \$ business
- Who will own it?*





Thanks for your attention!

- Are there any
 - Questions?
 - Comments/ Suggestions



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