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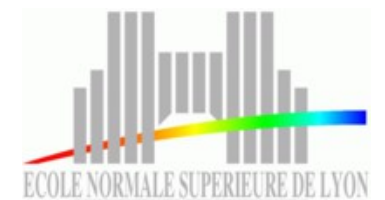


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Where do we come from?



160 M Euros
3600 persons
2800 scientists
1000 PhD
students
(january 2006)



Outline

Introduction to:

- Grid computing
- Active Networks and Active Grids
- Delay Tolerant Networking

Objectives and constraints

Proposition to build an Interplanetary grid

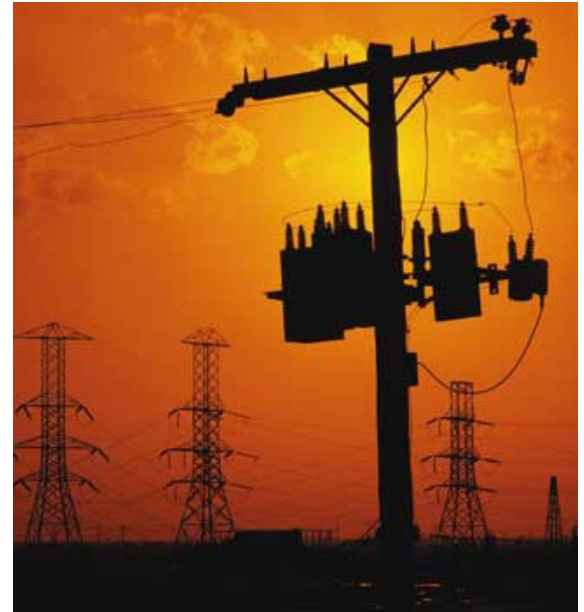
Conclusion and future works

What is a (terrestrial) grid?

Early definition : « A computational grid is a hardware and software infrastructure that provides dependable, consistent, pervasive, and inexpensive access to high-end computational capabilities. » [Foster, Kesselman, 1998]

- Grid computing facilities are generally composed of several high performance, permanently connected, clusters of computer.

- Standardisation effort : GGF Forum)



Some Grids projects

Experimental Grids



- Grid'5000
Highly reconfigurable, controllable, monitorable,
1 to 10 Gb/s dedicated network, 5000 CPUs

Operational Grids

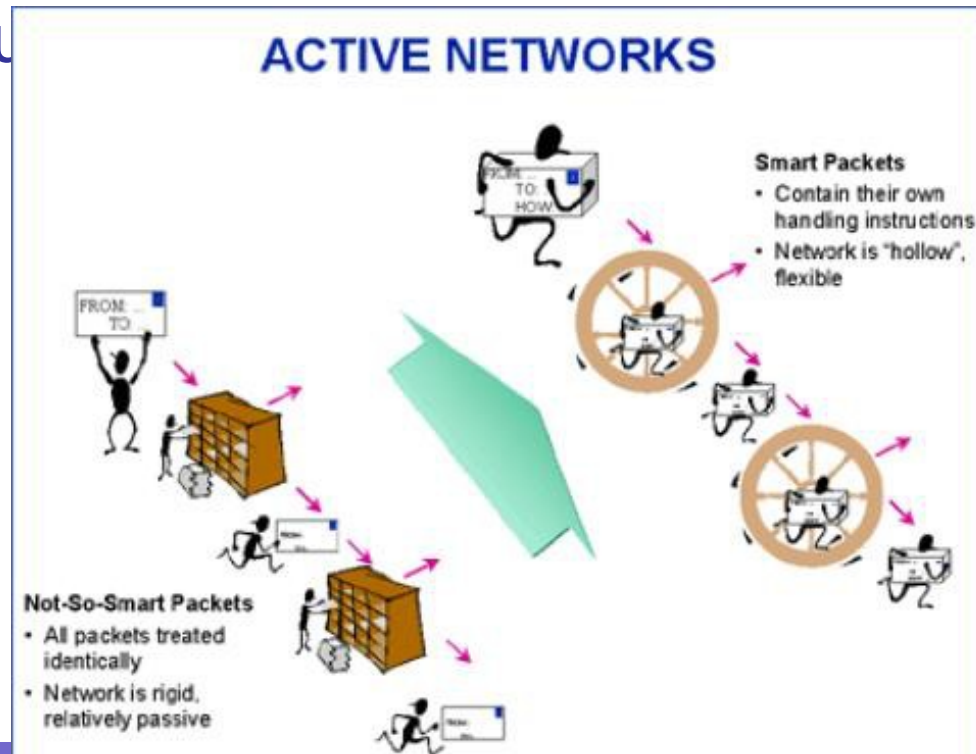
- EGEE (Enabling Grids for E-science)
- DataGrid
- DataTag
- TeraGrid



Introduction to Active Networks

- Programmable or active networks allow specified classes of users to deploy dynamic network services.

- « Computer Forward



Autonomic Networks

Dynamic service deployment

Self-*

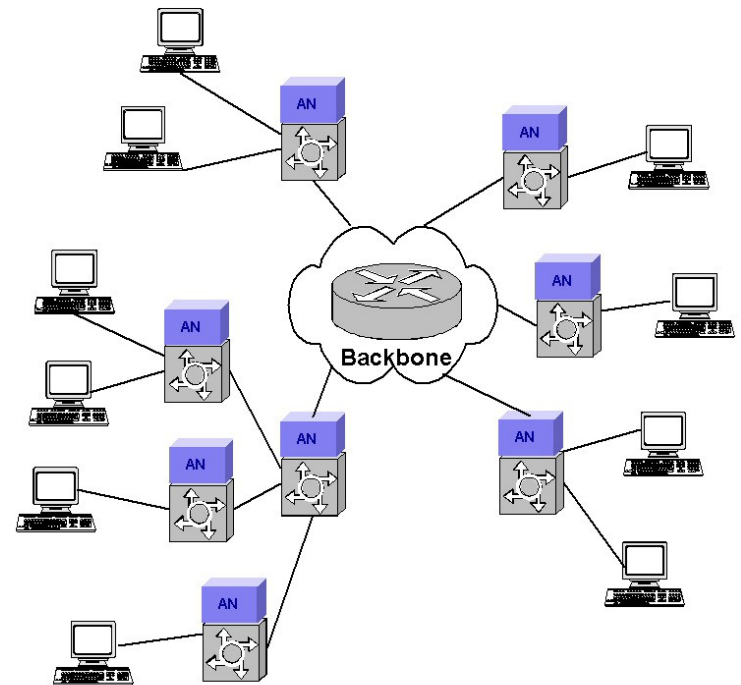
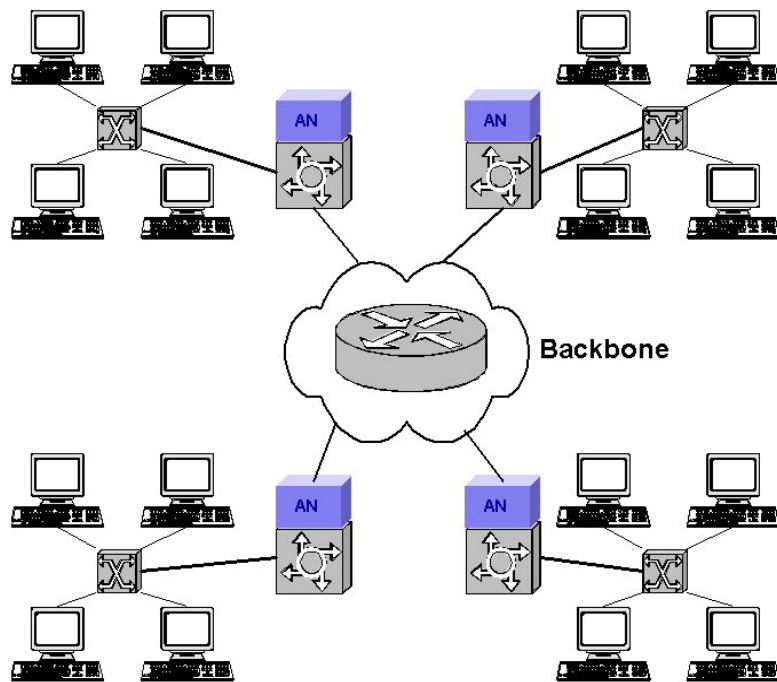
- self-management
- self-configuring
- self-optimizing
- self-repairing
- self-healing
- self-protection
- ...

Active Grids

Blah...

[J.P. Gelas, L.Lefèvre et al. « Designing and evaluating an active grid architecture », FGCS, Feb. 2005]

Example of services : Reliables Multicast, QoS, service deployment, compression,...

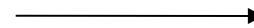
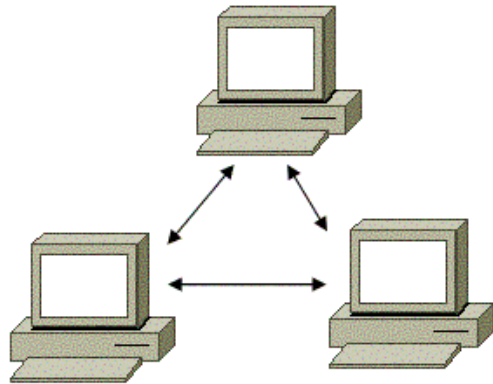


Other kind of Grid...

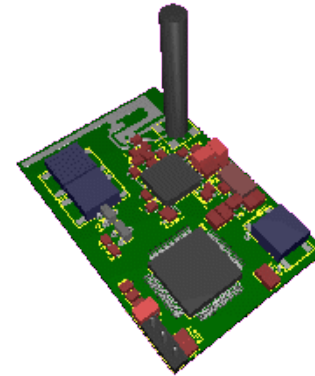
Access Grid (ex: Group-to-group communication)

Sensor Grid (ex: Air polluting monitoring)

P2P networks (ex: Boinc)



less reliable
volatility
no guaranties
lously connected



DTN: Delay Tolerant Networking

An approach to interplanetary internet

DTN community works on networks which must deal with:

- high latencies
- frequent disconnections
- no end-to-end path
- power saving constraints
- ...

Bundle layer	
TCP	Transport
IP	Network
Ethernet	Link



DTN RESEARCH GROUP
 Open architecture
 Open specifications
 Open software

Based on an additional protocol layer. The *bundle layer*, which provides:

- intermediate storage
- **adapation** to all kind of networks
- high latencies and long disconnections support

Application	Bundle layer		Application

Some DTN projects

- UMassDieselNet <http://prisms.cs.umass.edu/diese>
- ZebraNet <http://www.princeton.edu/~mrm/zebranet.html>
- DakNet <http://firstmilesolutions.com>
- SaamiNetworks
- DTN train demo
- ...



New service required

- If the network is out of reach equivalent to a very large network congestion
- Needs to introduce equipments with new services
- In a large scale context, man can not really intervene
- Autonomic services are required...

Why? (1)

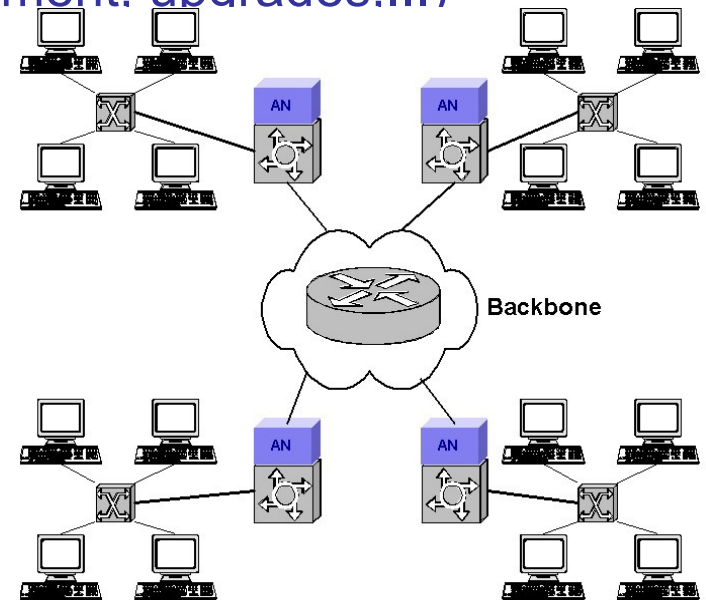
- Today, applications must be adapted to support very high latency.
- Can not use end-to-end protocols. Store-and-forward technics required.
- Can not use negotiation protocols. Protocols must take decisions locally and autonomously.

Why? (2)

- Grids' clusters connections can be through unreliable public links (like Internet), providing absolutely no guaranty.
- Clusters owner may decide to disconnect their cluster from public access (own usage, management, upgrades....)

Other clusters running the application **should not stop**

because a cluster disappear for maybe just few hours.



Constraints

- *Transport protocols, routing, name space...* must be changed to fit new requirements.
- To build our architecture we need to take into account :

Classical Grid constraints

- Processing power
- Bandwidth
- Latency

DTN constraints

- Power consumption
- Volume (size)
- Ultra high latency
- Fault tolerance (no human intervention)

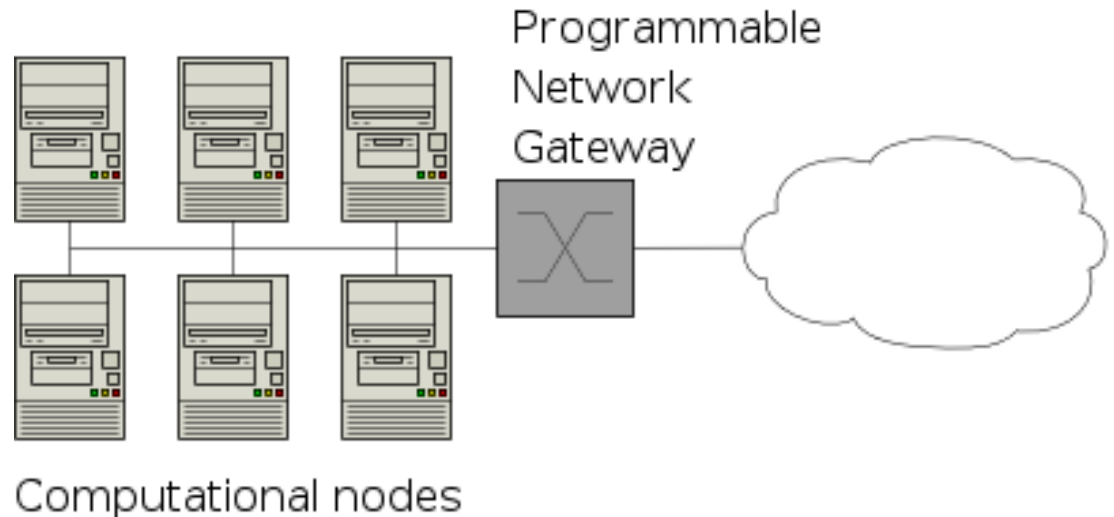
Our approach

- High latency can be generalized to disrupted infrastructure
- As transparent as possible for *users, applications* and *Grid middleware*
- Modify only the system used as a *Programmable Network Gateway (PNG)*
- PNG are located between clusters and the external networks

Disruption tolerant protocol: Programmable Network Gateway (PNG)

A convenient way to support:

- network disruptions or
- no access to the recipient nodes

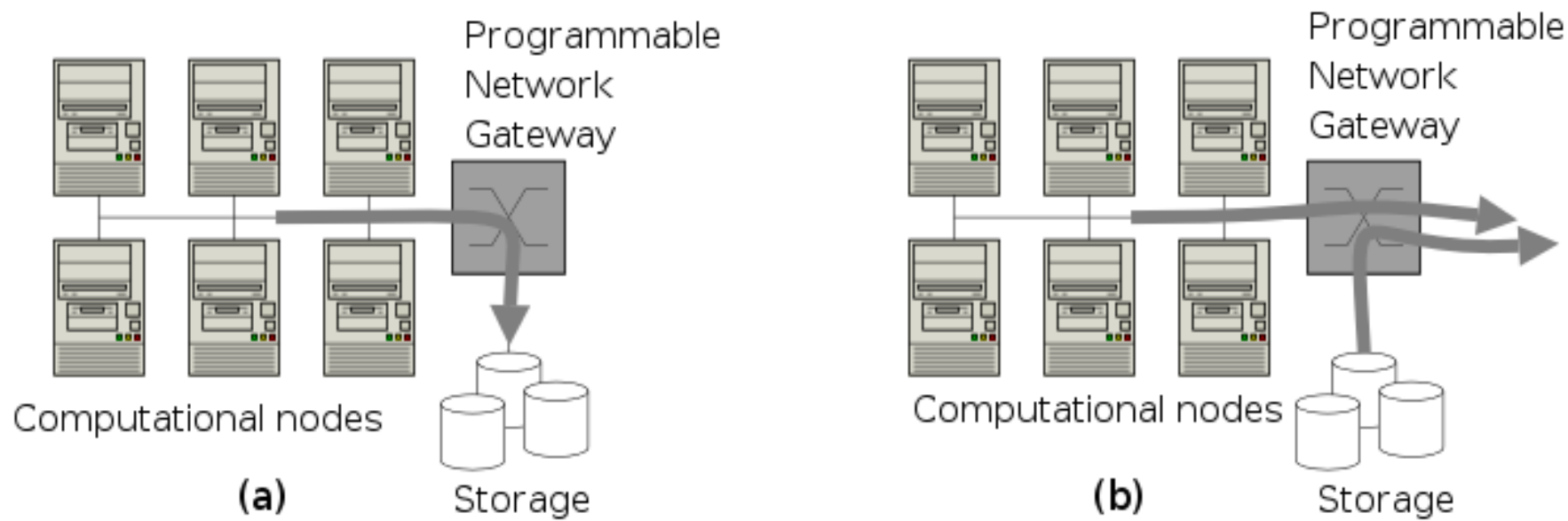


Disruption tolerant protocol

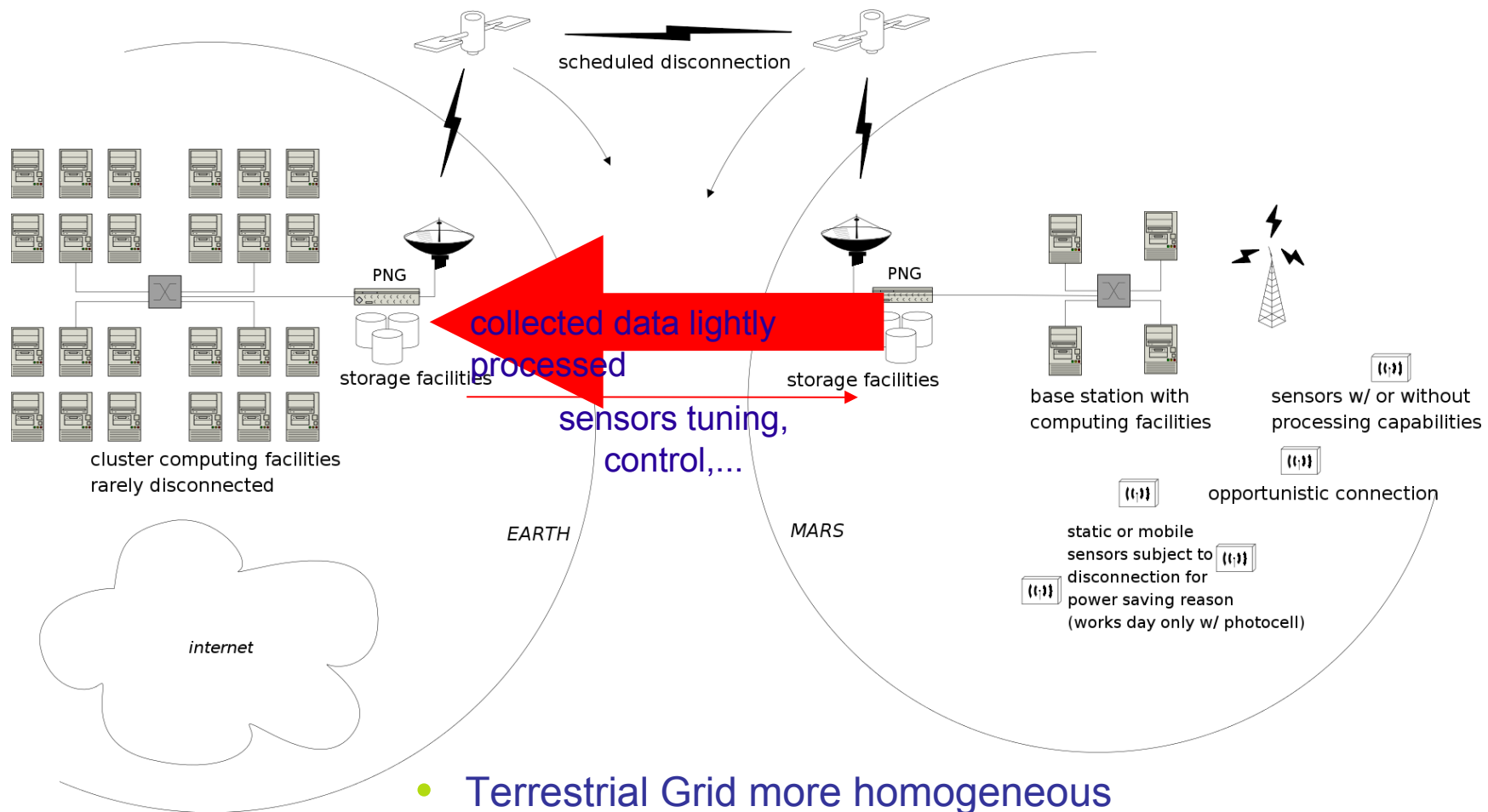
More about the Programmable Network Gateway (PNG)

When a cluster is disconnected from the network the PNG should be able to:

- store data sent by the cluster's node in a local storage
- send a special acknowledgement (TACK) to the application



Interplanetary Grid between Earth and Mars



- Terrestrial Grid more homogeneous
- Ultra heterogeneity of extra terrestrial networks

Our experience

We gain a large experience from the TEMIC project (Industrial cooperative remote maintenance)

- Deployment of Industrial Autonomic Network nodes

Conclusions

- Given the available technologies, the concept of InterPlanetary Grid (IPG!) is far from Sci Fi.
- The proposed architecture can also be applied to Grid infrastructure dealing with unreliable long distance network connections.

Future works

- First experimentation is on going work.
- Design on Network Processor card is difficult.
- Evaluation on a large scale with *Grid'5000* project.
- Open issue : Fault tolerance!

Questions?

Thank you for your attention!

