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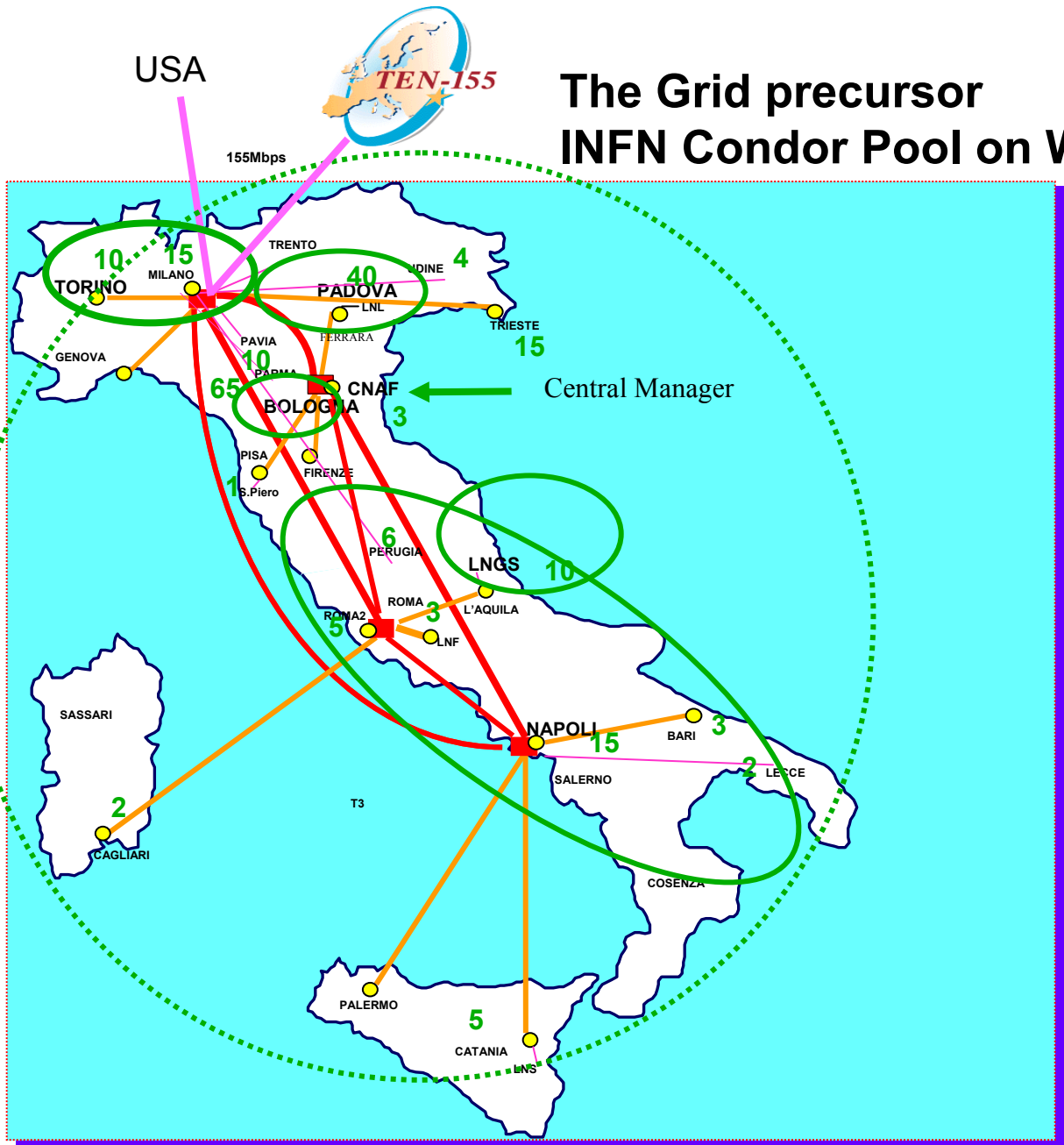
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Summary

- The Italian eInfrastructure evolution
 - The national projects:
 - INFN Grid, FIRB Grid.it,
- The INFN Middleware developments
- The c-Omega consortium for open Middleware support
- Conclusions



The Grid precursor INFN Condor Pool on WAN: checkpoint domains

GARR-B Topology

155 Mbps ATM based
Network

access points (PoP)

- main transport nodes
- CKPT domain # hosts
- Default CKPT domain @ Cnaf

~500-1000 machines

6 ckpt servers ⇒ 25 ckpt servers

In production > '98
Could not guarantee
effective international
resource sharing

Early Grid R&D in Italy : The INFN-GRID Project

- National Grid project approved at beg. 2000
- Focused on the preparation of the INFN LHC comp. infrastructure
- The size of the project : 20 Italian Sites, ~100 people, ~ 50 FTE's
 - Budget devoted to the development of the LHC Regional Computing Centers and related collaborative Grid infrastructure
- ..but since the beginning the development of the middleware in INFN Grid was conceived as being of general use and has taken into account the requirements of other sciences
 - Biology (PD) and Earth Observation(Esrin-ESA-Frascati)
- It is a successful example of collaboration between physicists, sw engineers, computer professionals and computer scientists (CS Dep. of Universities of VE, PD, BO, CT, TO,...), CNR, and Italian Industries
 - DatamatSPA and Nice have been major contributors in the joint developments of the Italian DataGrid middleware components
- INFN Grid has been and is the national container for INFN to coordinate the contribution to all EU and International Grid projects and to the GGF standardization
- Early R&D in Italy include work done in ISUFI (University of Lecce)
 - ->see S-PACI

The INFN Grid project and the Italian eInfrastructure

1. INFN Condor on WAN (started 1996, operational in 1998)
 - Integrate ~ 20 sites CPU resources into a national pool with 6 Ckpt domains
2. National testbed to evaluate Globus services in 1999
3. INFN-GRID, INFN special project, (February 2000-...)
 - National Grid infrastructure driven by INFN experiments 2-3 M€/year+22 M€ T1,2
4. DATAGRID, CERN Coord. EU Project, 3 years duration 10MEuro(2001-2003)
 - European integration and new M/W services for HEP, Biology, EO
5. DataTAG, CERN Coord. EU project, 2 years duration 4 MEuro(2002-2003)
 - Optical networking 1TB/0.5 Hours and Interoperability with US Grid, GLUE
6. Grid.IT, National project 3 years (2003-2005) MIUR funds 8.1 MEuro
 - Towards a national production eInfrastructure
7. eBusiness, eIndustry, eGovernment, EScience and, Technology --> (BIGEST)
Italian Grid Initiative (2003 ->)
 - Try to provide Coordination of national eInfrastructure activities
8. The Italian grid infrastructure in the new EU project EGEE(2004 ->) 32 MEuro:
INFN, S-PACI, ENEA...link with CINECA for DEISA
 - The new production EU eInfrastructure for all Sciences and beyond
9. LCG: the world-wide Grid for LHC experiments (2002 ->)

From INFN Grid to an Italian Grid:

www.pd.infn.it/bigest

The FIRB Grid.it Project

FIRB: Fondo per gli Investimenti della Ricerca di Base (fondi MIUR da UMTS)

The Grid.it National Project (8.1M€)

CNR & University

HPC, Parallel Programming, Grid computing,
Scientific libraries, Data base and knowledge discovery,
Earth Observation, Computational chemistry,
Image processing, ...

R&D on next generation tools:
Programming languages

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Grid infrastucture(INFN-Grid, DataGrid, DataTag)
e-science applications: Astrophysics,
Bioinformatics, Geophysics, ...

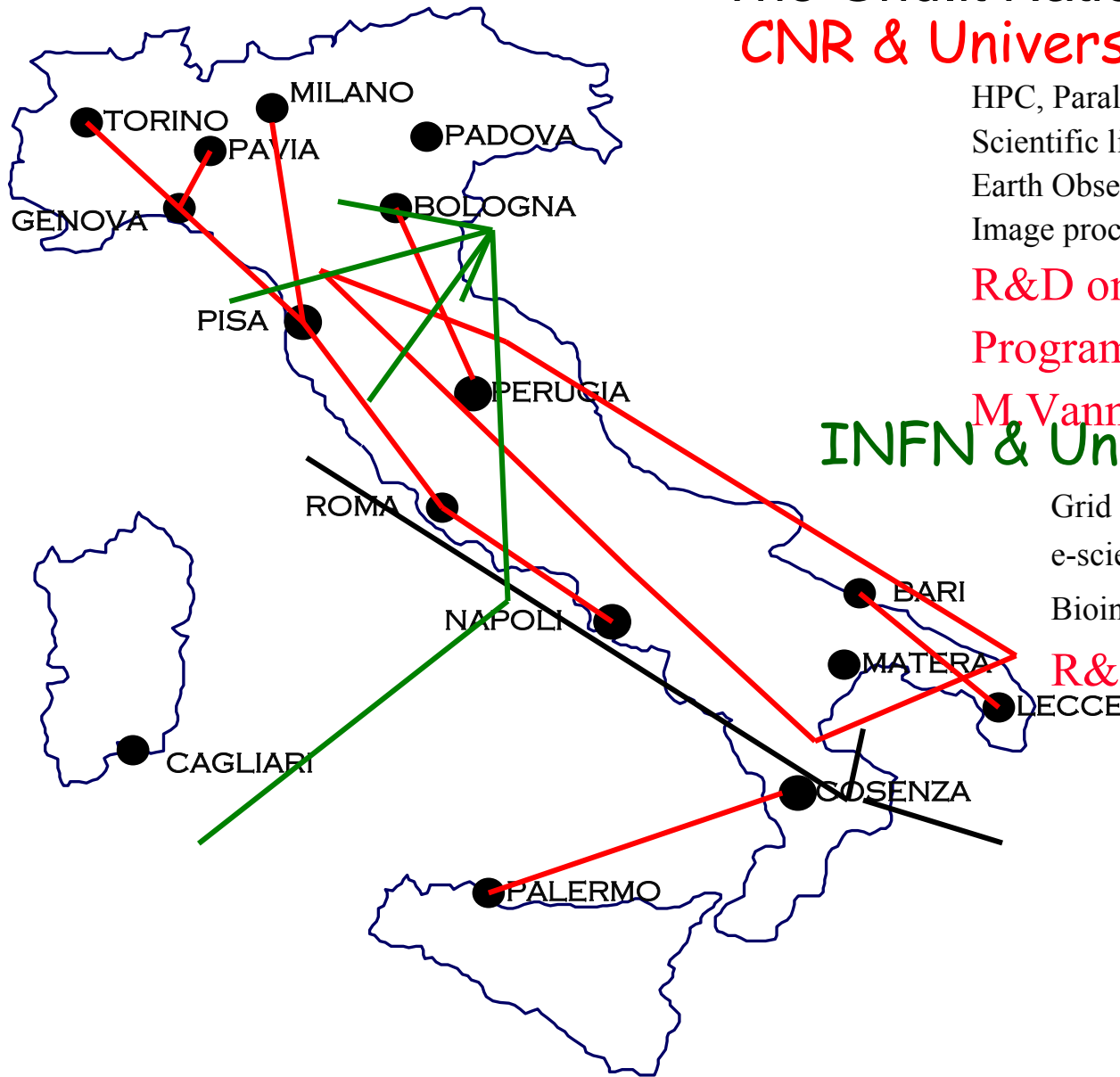
R&D on National eInfrastructure

ASI

Applications of
Earth Observation

CNIT

R&D on optical
networking

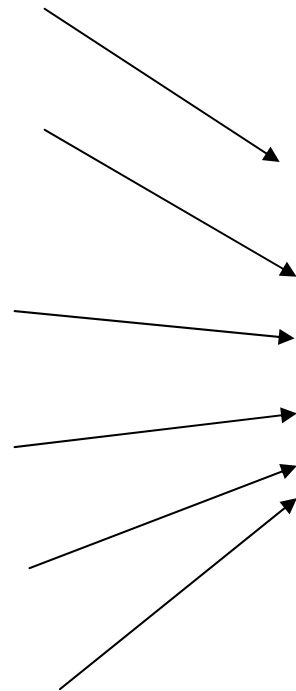


The national Grid.it eInfrastructure

- In Grid.it INFN is responsible for the R&D of a national Grid Infrastructure and for studying and prototyping a national Grid Operation Service (GOS)
 - The generalization of the infrastructure support to other Sciences from INFN is a model successfully established in the past
 - Resources are provided by INFN and major Italian Centers
 - The GOS support several Italian Sciences applications and the operation of the Italian infrastructure also in the context of the new European Infrastructure project EGEE
- The Italian eScience Grid.it infrastructure currently support:
 - Astrophysics
 - Biology
 - Computational Chemistry
 - Geophysics
 - Earth Observation
- but other sciences are joining thanks to new MIUR funds

Grid.IT Production Grid: Operations Portal

- User documentation
- site managers documentation
- Software repository
- Monitoring
- Trouble tickets system
- Knowledge base



The screenshot shows the INFN GRID Operations Portal. At the top left is the INFN GRID logo. Below it is a navigation menu with the following items: News, Organisation (Deployment plan), Access to the grid (Install your UI, Get your certificate, Register to a VO, Submit a job), Manage your site (Installation, Upgrade, Packages lists, CVS repository), Grid status (VO view, Site view), Support (Ticketing System, Knowledge base), Search, Links, and Site map. To the right of the menu is a main content area with the heading 'Welcome to the INFN Production Grid for Scientific Applications !'. Below the heading is a paragraph of text: 'INFN-GRID is a research project which features solutions and innovations in methodologies and technologies for the implementation and widespread use of large-scale platforms and grids. We participate to several National and International research projects on Grid Computing: We're coordinating our objectives with the strategies of the European Community to build the Next Generation Grid.' Below the text is a satellite map of Italy with various cities labeled: Torino, Milano, Padova, Trieste, Legnaro (PD), Ferrara, Bologna, Pisa, Roma, Napoli, Bari, and Catania. A legend in the bottom right corner of the map shows a white circle for 'Grid.it' and a green circle for 'INFNGrid'. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a link: 'Read the latest news from October 31, 2003'.

<http://grid-it.cnaf.infn.it>



Access to the grid

Get your certificate

News

Organisation

- ▶ People & tasks
- ▶ Deployment

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- ▶ Get your certificate
- ▶ Register to a VO
- ▶ Submit a job

Manage your site

- ▶ Installation
- ▶ Upgrade
- ▶ Testing
- ▶ Releases
- ▶ CVS Repository

Grid status

- ▶ Site view
- ▶ VO view
- ▶ Grid services

Support

- ▶ Ticketing System
- ▶ Knowledge base

Search

Links

Step 2: Get your personal certificate

To access the GRID you need a Personal Certificate (released by a Certification Authority) to be installed in a User Interface where you got an account.

1. Install the **Certification Authority Certificate** on your browser
2. Identify yourself to the **Registration Authority** in your department and ask him for an ID
3. Ask for your **Personal Certificate** using the ID given to you by the RA
4. Install your **Personal Certificate** on your browser (the same browser of step 1).
You have to wait for a couple of days to receive a mail with a web link to the page containing your certificate.
5. Export your **Personal Certificate** from your browser
6. Copy your **Personal Certificate** in your home directory of a User Interface where you got an account

All these steps are described in detail in the following document:

- [INFN-GRID personal certificates howto](#) - [\[PDF\]](#) - [\[TXT\]](#)

Go to: [Step 3: Register to a VO](#)

Clear, simple and automated procedure to allow all Italian Institutions to set up a Registration Authority and get INFN CA Certificates



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Step 3: Register to a VO

Using your personal certificate, you can be authenticated by the grid, but not authorized. If not authorized, you are not allowed, for instance, to submit jobs. To be authorized you must belong to a Virtual Organisation which is a kind of user group usually working on the same project and using the same application software on the grid. Your request will be evaluated by a VO manager.

Please note that to proceed with your registration your personal certificate **has to be installed in your browser**: it will be used to authenticate your identity.

- [Click here](#) to subscribe **infng**rid, **theophys** and **virgo** Virtual Organisation
- [Click here](#) to subscribe **grit**it, **bio**, **ingv** and **inaf** Virtual Organisation

Supported VOs


bio	Biology group
ingv	INGV Bologna
inaf	INAF
gritit	General Grid.it Project VO
alice	LHC Alice experiment
atlas	LHC Atlas experiment
cms	LHC CMS experiment

Italian Grid MW activities

- INFN Grid had between the goals to promote innovation and exploitation of Grids in Industry, Business and Services (Hospitals, Administration, School)
 - INFN is realizing the Italian Hadron Therapy Facility, Synchrotron Rad. Fac...
- MW components supported and released by INFN include
 - WMS: Workload Management Service (with EDG, LCG, EGEE) for distributed scheduling and resource management in a Grid environment
 - Data Management Services
 - Virtual Db replication and Replicas Consistency Service (with Grid.it)
 - STORM: Storage Resource Management Service for Storage allocation and File pinning with SRM interface over Unix file systems (with Grid.it)
 - Portals and Grid User Interface: UI (with Datamat) , Genius Portal (with Nice)
 - With PDA and Cellular Phone interface
 - VOMS: VO oriented Authentication/Authorization Service (with LCG, EGEE, Grid.it)
 - GridICE: General Grid Monitoring Service (with LCG)
 - DGAS: Economy based Grid Accounting Service (with EGEE)
 - G-PBOX: VO oriented Policy enforcing framework (with Grid.it)
 - VO oriented User Support systems (with Grid.it)
- All are made available with the general Open Source Licence of EGEE, supported and evolving towards Web and "Grid Services"

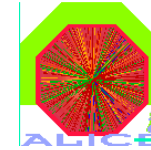
General User Interface : GENIUS PORTAL

Jointly developed by INFN and Nice

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- Based on WEB portal architecture
 - Support for generic applications
 - Basic Requirement: Grid transparent access
 - It must be accessed from everywhere and by "everything" (desktop, laptop, PDA, WAP phone).
 - It must be redundantly "secure" at all levels: 1) secure for web transactions, 2) secure for user credentials, 3) secure for user authentication, 4) secure at VO level.
 - All available grid services must be incorporated in a logic way, just "one mouse click away".
 - Its layout must be easily understandable and user friendly.



Università di Catania and INFN Catania - Italy
 NICE and INFN-Grid collaboration






GENIUS: interfaced to ~ 100 Grid services

Welcome to the GENIUS INFN GRID Portal - Mozilla [Build ID: 2002121606]

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Window Help

https://genius.ct.infn.it/

Home Bookmarks Instant Message WebMail Calendar Radio People Yellow Pages Download Customize...






Grid Enabled web eNvironment for site Independent User job Submission

Welcome to GENIUS 2.7.1

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[GENIUS User's Guide \(doc, pdf, ps, ps.gz\)](#)
[New Grid Authentication with MyProxy](#)
[GENIUS MyProxy Server Installation](#)
[GENIUS CVS Available](#)
[GENIUS FAQs](#)
[GENIUS Mailing List](#)
[GENIUS Mailing Archive \(Help on Majordomo Commands\)](#)
[GRID MOVIE](#)
[Useful Links](#)
[Credits](#)

This portal is best viewed with Mozilla 1.0.2.
 Netscape (4.79, 4.80, 6 and higher) and Internet
 Explorer (5 or higher) can also be used.
 The use of any other web browsers could induce some
 visualization mismatches and is not currently suggested.
 GENIUS is based on Apache 1.3.27 and OpenSSL 0.9.7b.
 Last update: **Mon 13 Oct 2003**



- File Services
- Security Services
- Job Services
- Data Services
- Info Services
- Monitoring Services
- Interactive Services
- VO Services
- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Logout

powered by
[EnginFrame 3.2](#)

compliant with
[EDG 2.0](#)
[LCG-1](#)
[GRID.IT](#)

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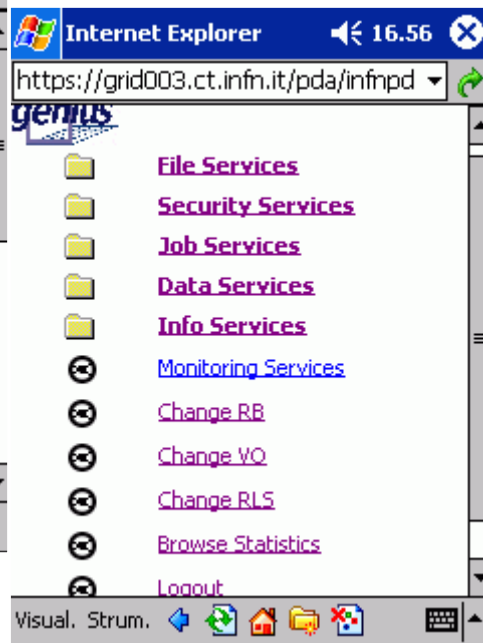
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GENIUS: PDA version (1)

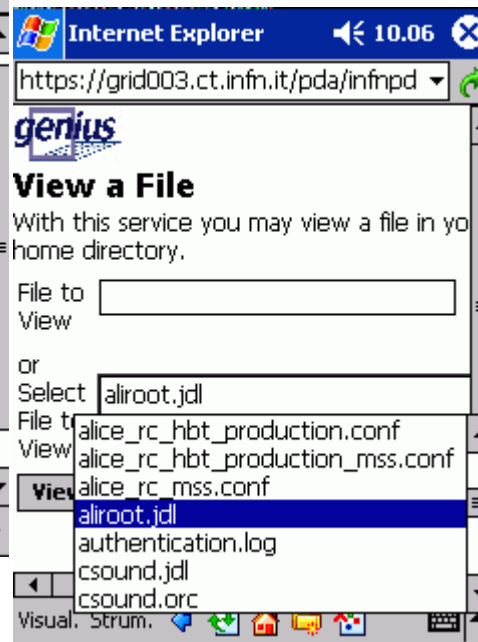
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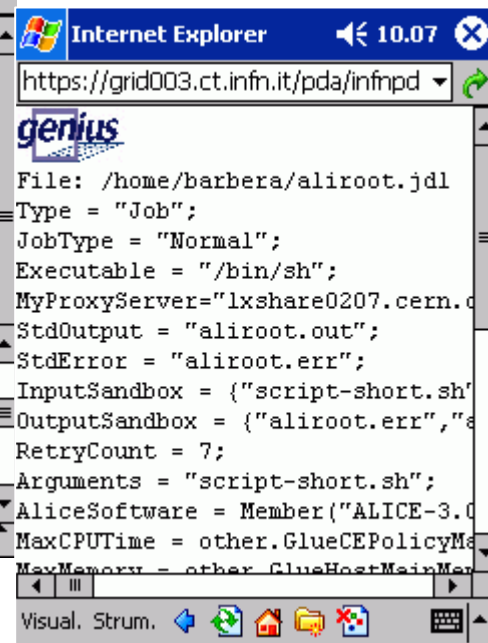
Servizi



Remote file browsing



Remote file inspection



Italian – Grid now (Site/resource map)



INFN

- CMS T2 ● T2/3
- Atlas T2 ● T2/3
- Alice T2 ● T2/3
- LHCb T2 ● T2/3
- Babar
- VIRGO

T2 (~150 nodes 50 TB)

T3 (10-15 nodes)

T1 Cnaf (~800 nodes, 220TB disk
1600 TB Tape MSS)

grid.it resources

- ▲ INFN (15-25 nodes)
- ▲ INAF (5-10 nodes)
- ▲ INGV (NEC computers),
- BIO (tbd)
- general purpose resources (8-15 nodes)

Tot. ~ 2000 nodes, 4000 processors
+ S-Paci + ENEA+...

- INFN is a major EGEE/LCG resource provider
- The other components of the Italian eInfrastructure are the general Computing facilities as CINECA, Cilea, and



The SPACI Consortium:

a flexible, robust, secure and scalable IT infrastructure

Southern Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure

3 MEuro startup funds by MIUR

SPACI

1.4 Tflops

SPACI infrastructure part of the EGEE production Grid

• DMA/ICAR

Dept. of Mathematics and Applications
University of Naples "Federico II" & ICAR
(Section of Naples)
Director: Prof. Almerico Murli

• ISUFI/CACT

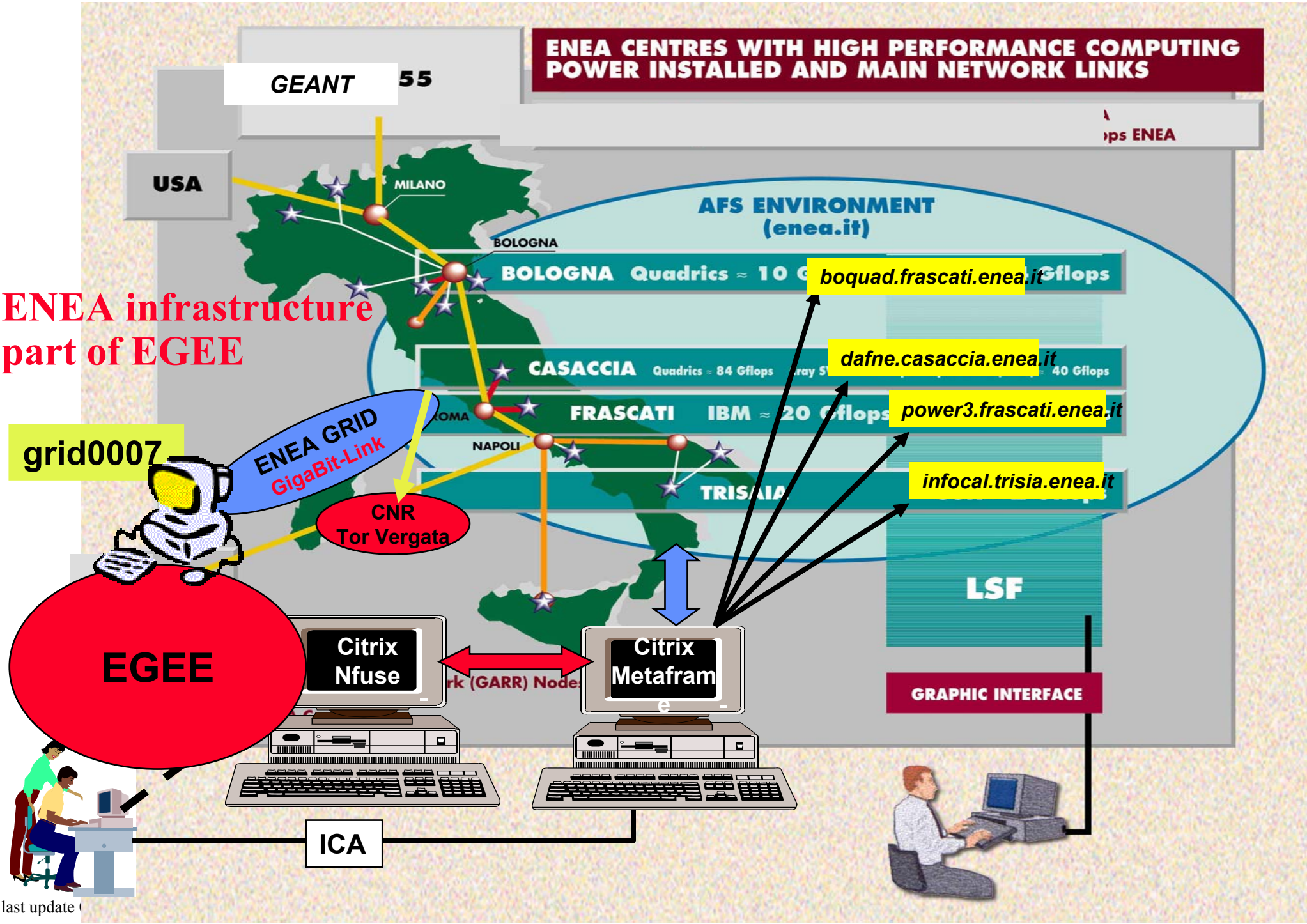
Center for Advanced Computing Technologies
University of Lecce
Director: Prof. Giovanni Aloisio

• MIUR/HPCC

Center of Excellence for High Performance Computing
University of Calabria
Director: Prof. Lucio Grandinetti

ENEA CENTRES WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING POWER INSTALLED AND MAIN NETWORK LINKS

ENEA infrastructure part of EGEE



The strategy towards innovation and general Grid exploitation: C-OMEGA

- Leverage the large integration and standardization effort of international and national research projects like EDG, LCG, EGEE, AVO, Grid.it... to make available to Italian end user communities a coherent platform of interoperable "Grid Services" customized for Italian user applications
 - eScience Intitutions: HEP, Biology, Astrophysics, Geophysics and Climate....
 - Early commercial adopters: Stock Exchange Db, Financial risk analysis
- Guarantee evolution and adherence to international standards
- The next step: The Consortium for the Open Mw Enabling Grid Applications (C-OMEGA)
 - Advanced negotiation with Government
 - Initial participation include all major Italian Research Institutions
 - 5-6 large Italian Companies
 - ~15 SMEs
 - The Italian Computing Consortia
 - Several Service Institutions: Health, Government
- Main goal of c-OMEGA is to support the innovation and exploitation process
 - Delivering and certifying a platform of Grid Services
 - Supporting pilot exploitation by Industry, Business and Services

Conclusions

- First generation of Grid services are ready for production Grids and already currently in use in Grid.IT in Italy
- They are still evolving for more functionalities, robustness and security
 - Application as LHC experiments Data Challenges indicate clear directions for the evolution to satisfy those communities
- Some major services are still new or missing very important functionalities required by user communities
 - Metadata Catalogs, User defined collections, Reliable Data and Metadata replication services, Policy Framework.....
- Next major step now for INFN and Italy is towards: **Bringing Grid & Web Services Together and developing still missing services**
- LHC experiments (~10K people) need to have a fully operational infrastructure in place for 2007. LCG/EGEE are concentrating on providing basic services especially those missing and a general Grid infrastructure
- Grid.it and INFN, ISUFI, ENEA, S-PACI Universities etc are the Italian reference
- The Consortium c-OMEGA should favor the transfer of HENP Grid achievements to the general society