

# Twenty years of Grid Scheduling and Beyond

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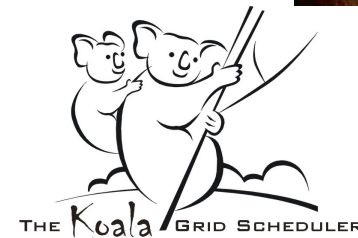
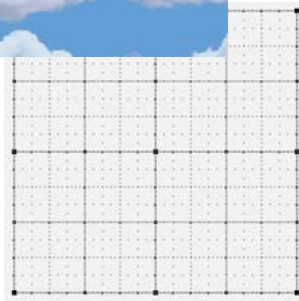
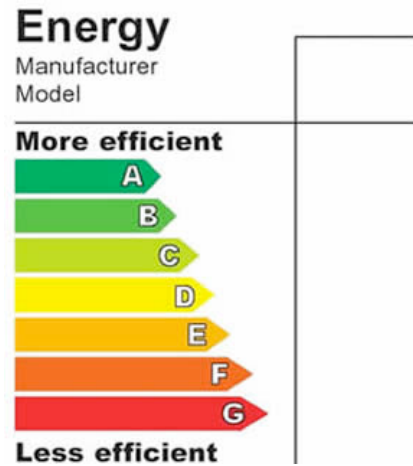
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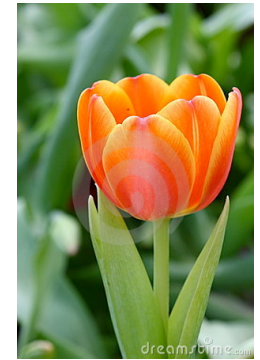


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# Overview



# Tulips in Ottawa



Every year 10,000 tulip bulbs



Dutch royal family (later queen) in Ottawa in WWII

Liberation of the Netherlands by the Canadians, May 1945



# Condor (1/7): my first grid computing

- **Condor**
  - is a **high-throughput** scheduling system
  - started around 1986 as one of many **batch queuing systems** for clusters (of desktop machines), and **has survived!**
  - supports **cycle scavenging**: use idle time on clusters of machines
  - introduced the notions of **matchmaking** and **classads**
  - provides remote system calls, a queuing mechanism, scheduling policies, priority scheme, resource monitoring
  - initiated and still being developed by Miron Livny, Madison, Wisc.

D.H.J. Epema, M. Livny, R. van Dantzig, X. Evers, and J. Pruyne, "A Worldwide Flock of Condors: Load Sharing among Workstation Clusters," *Future Generation Computer Systems*, Vol. 12, pp. 53-65, 1996.

# Condor (2/7): matchmaking

- Basic operation of Condor:**

**1a jobs** send **classads** to the **matchmaker**

**1b machines** send **classads** to the **matchmaker**

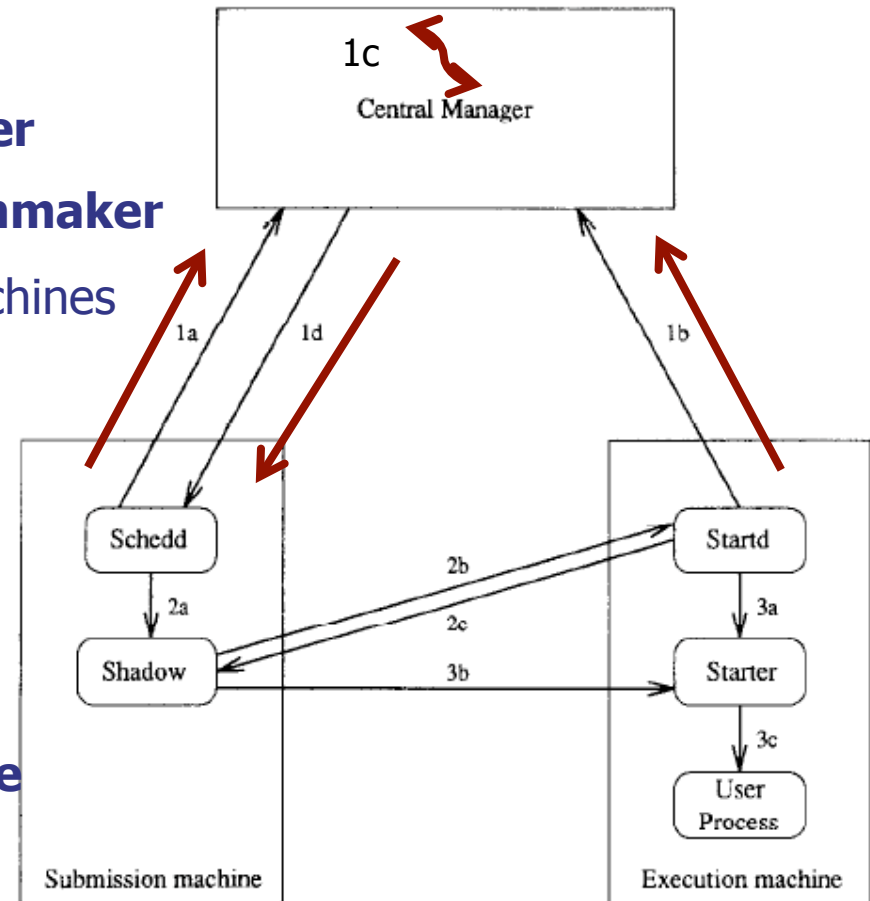
**1c** the matchmaker **matches** jobs and machines

**1d** and notifies the **submission machine**

**2a** which starts a **shadow** process is that represents the remote job on the execution machine

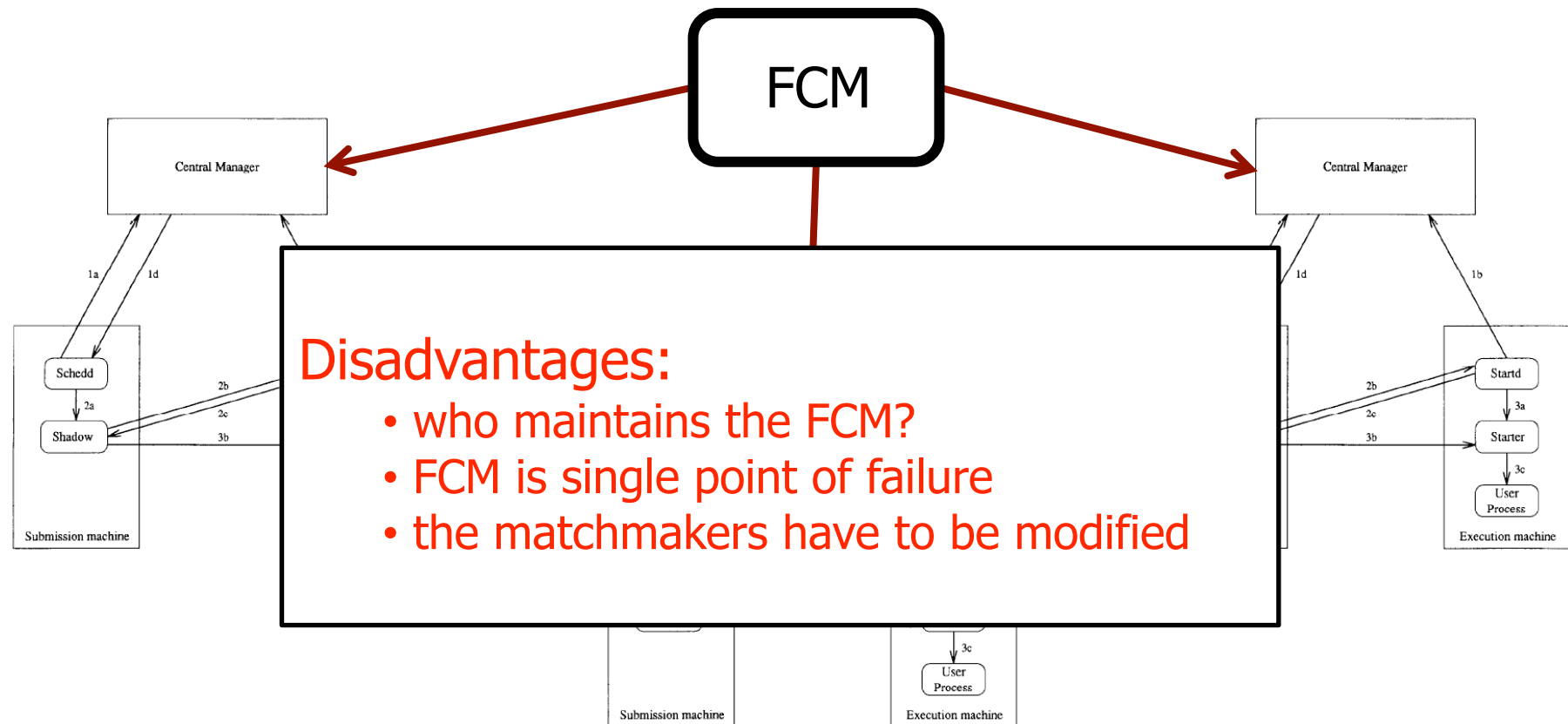
**2b/c** and contacts the **execution machine**

**3b/c** on the execution machine, the actual **remote user job** is started



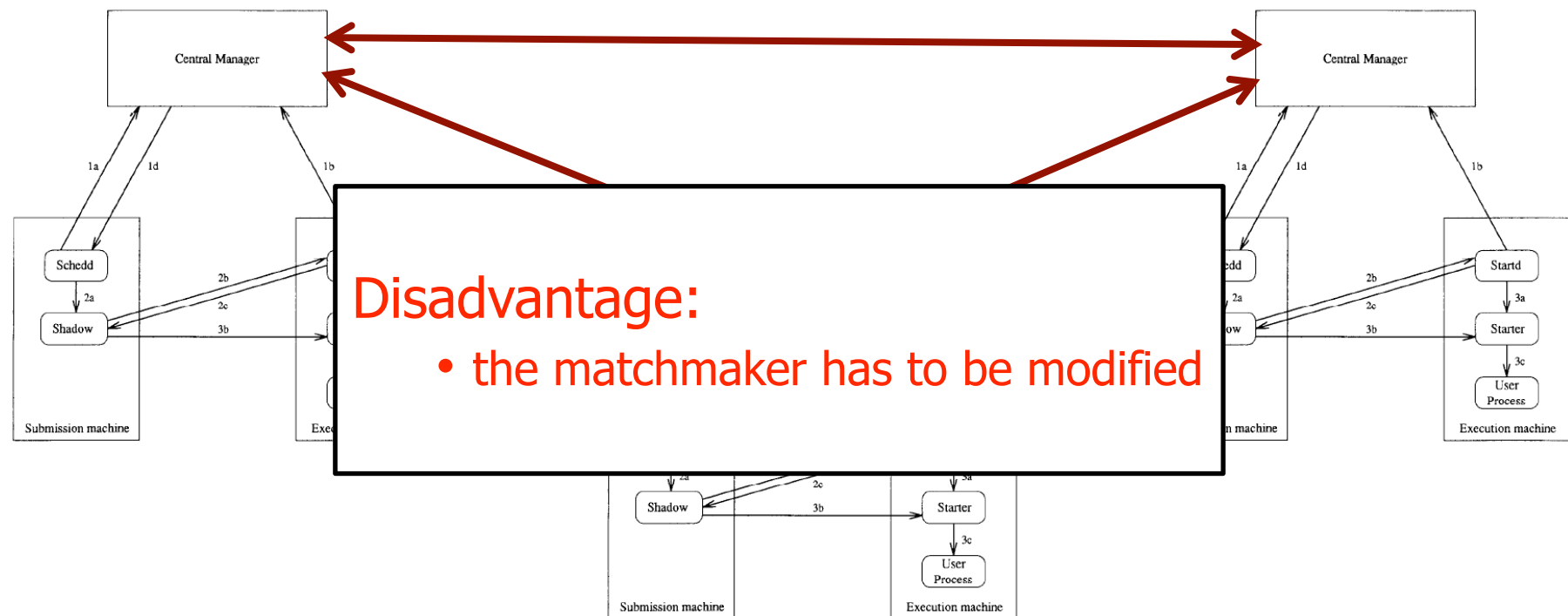
# Condor (3/7): combining pools (design 1)

- Federation with a **Flock Central Manager**:



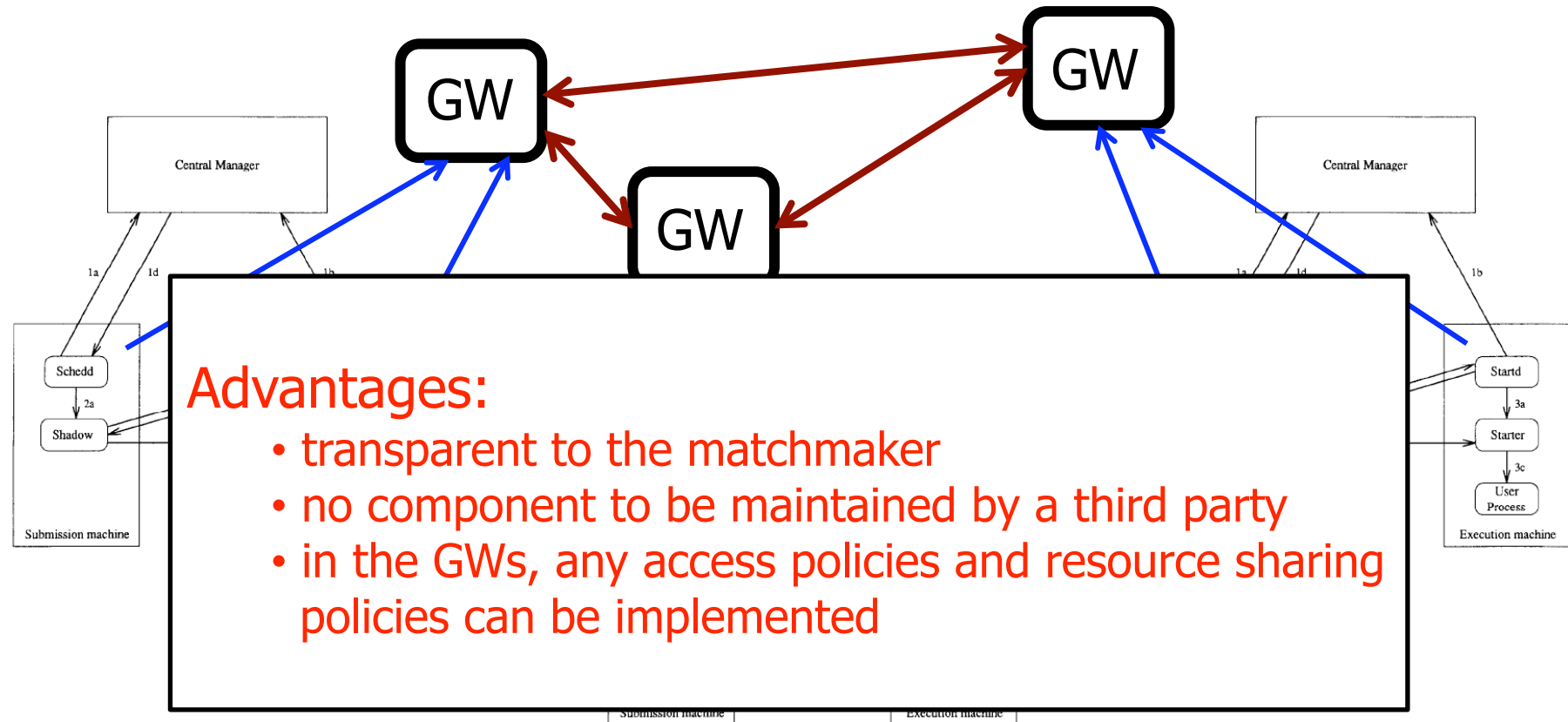
# Condor (4/7): combining pools (design 2)

- Protocol **between Central Managers**:

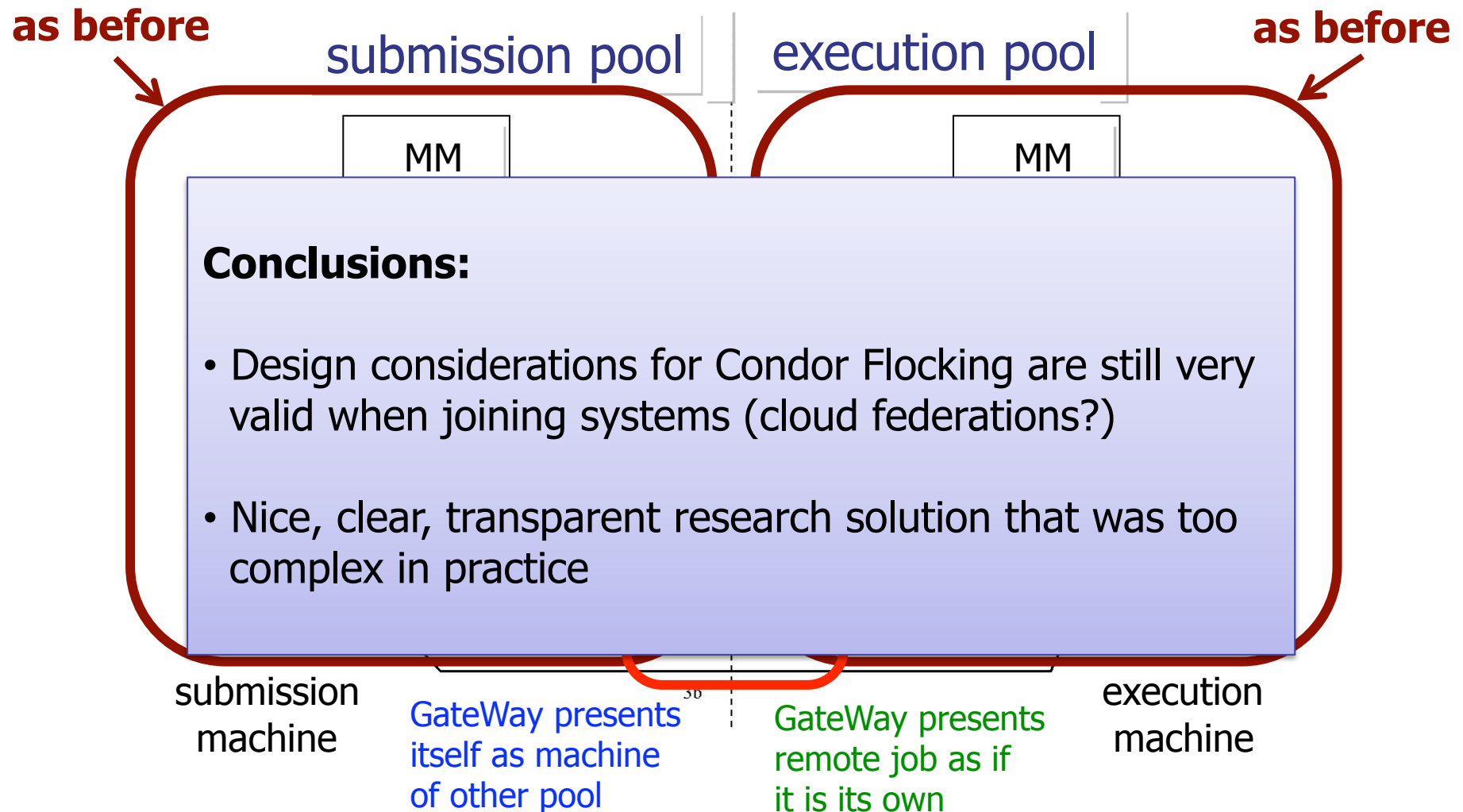


## Condor (5/7): combining pools (design 3)

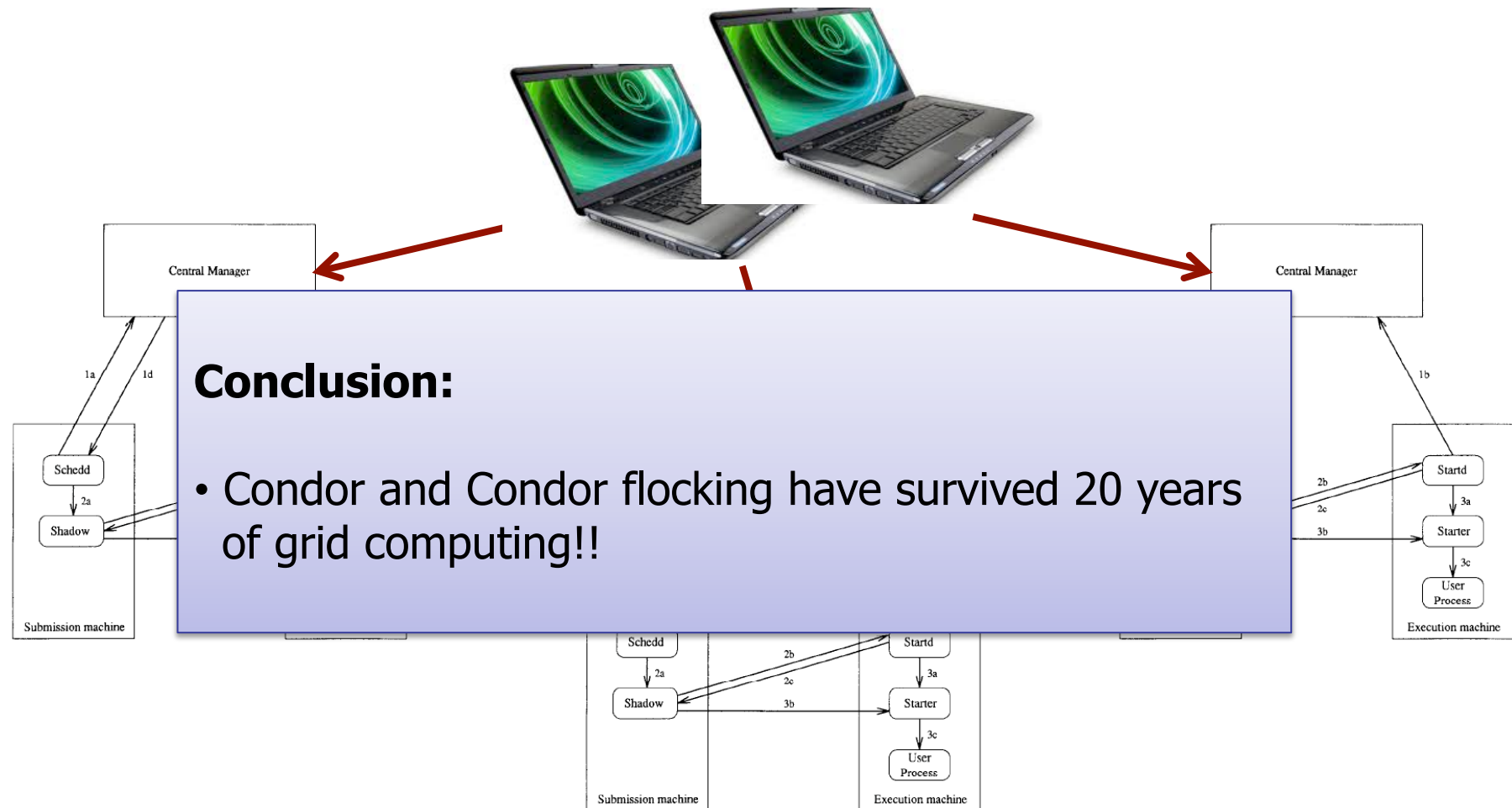
- Connecting pools **network-style** with **GateWays**: Condor flocking



# Condor (6/7): flocking

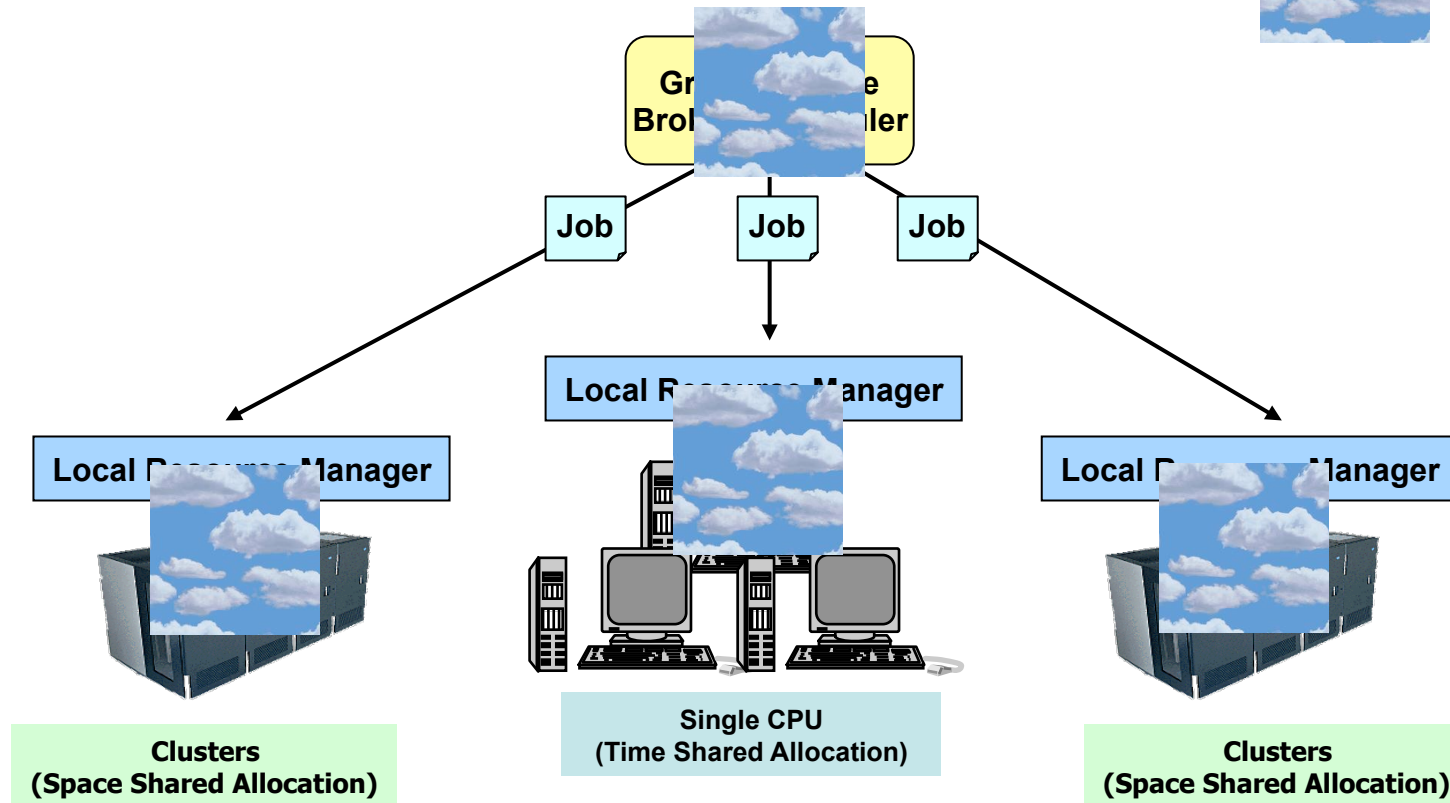


# Condor (7/7): user flocking

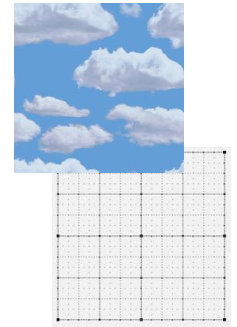


# How to select resources in the cloud

- **scheduling** is the process of assigning jobs to resources

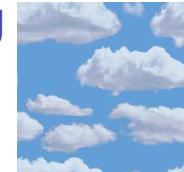


# Resource Characteristics in Grids (1)



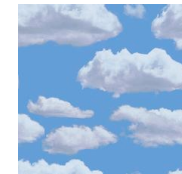
- **Autonomous**

- each resource has its own management policy or scheduling mechanism
- no central control/**multi-organizational** sets of resources

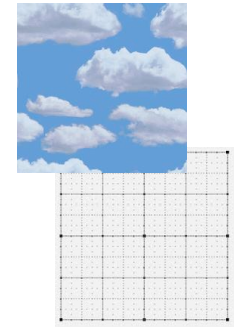


- **Heterogeneous**

- hardware (processor architectures, disks, network)
- basic software (OS, libraries)
- grid software (middleware)
- systems management (security set-up, runtime limits)

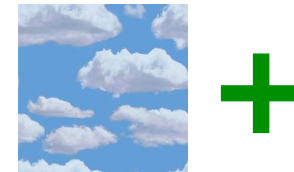


# Resource Characteristics in Grids (2)



- **Size**

- large numbers of nodes, providers, consumers
- large amounts of data



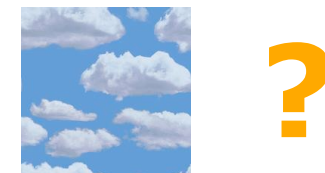
- **Varying Availability**

- resources can join or leave to the grid at any time due to maintenance, policy reasons, and failures



- **Insecure and unreliable environment**

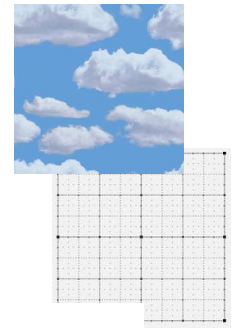
- prone to various types of attacks



# Problems in Grid Scheduling (1)

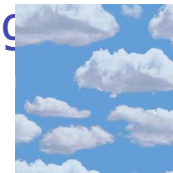
## 1. Grid schedulers do not own resources themselves

- they have to negotiate with autonomous local schedulers
- authentication/multi-organizational issues



## 2. Grid schedulers have to interface to different local schedulers

- some may have support for reservations, others are queuing
- some may support checkpointing, migration, etc



## 3. Structure of applications

- many different structures (parallel, PSAs, workflows, database, etc.)
- need for application adaptation



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**ever more support**

# Problems in Grid scheduling (2)

## 4. Lack of a reservation mechanism

- but with such a mechanism we need good runtime e

## 5. Heterogeneity

- see above

## 6. Failures

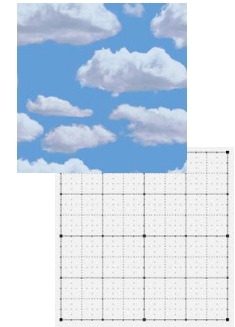
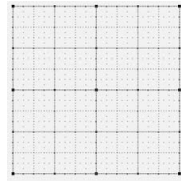
- monitor the progress of applications/sanity of systems
- only thing we know to do upon failures: (move and) res (possibly from a checkpoint)

## 7. Performance metric

- turn-around time

## 8. Reproducibility of performance experiments

# Grids versus Clouds

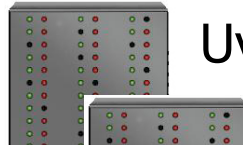


heterogeneous	homogeneous
many types of systems	datacenters
<div> <b>Conclusion?:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aren't clouds are just the next variety of distributed systems (just like grids previously)?</li> </ul> </div>	
	energy awareness
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<b>Grids</b>	<b>Clouds</b>

# Experimentation (1): DAS-4



VU (148 CPUs)



UvA/MultimediaN (72)



## Computer Science as an experimental science

Dick Epema

Testing new concepts & algorithms  
on the DAS-4 Supercomputer

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In computer science research, good experimentation facilities for testing new computer system concepts and new algorithms are very important. Dick Epema (Parallel and Distributed Systems) explains the structure and importance of the Distributed ASCI Supercomputer. He is a member of the DAS-4 project Steering Committee.



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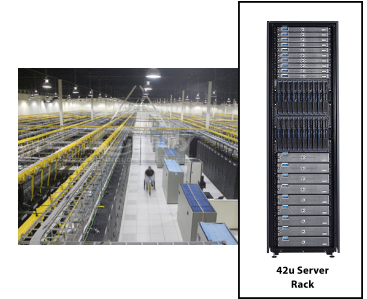
More than just theory, computer  
science is also an experimental science.

'supercomputer', this is difficult to  
maintain for the DAS-4: the fastest

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## Experimentation (2): scale

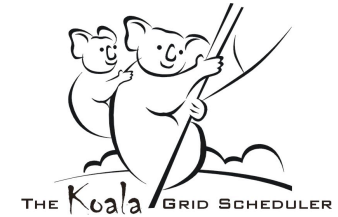


- When the DAS2 started, it entered the TOP 500
- Top500 list of November 2011:

	Number of cores
#1	705,024
#42 Amazon Web Services	17,024
#483	2,048
#500	7,236
DAS-4	1,600

- What is the value of our experiments (**scale does matter**)?

# KOALA: a co-allocating grid scheduler



- **Original goals:**
  1. **processor co-allocation:** parallel applications
  2. **data co-allocation:** job affinity based on data locations
  3. **load sharing:** in the absence of co-allocation**while being transparant for local schedulers**
- **Additional goals:**
  - **research vehicle** for grid and cloud research
  - support for (other) popular application types
- **KOALA**
  - is written in Java
  - is middleware independent (initially Globus-based)
  - **has been deployed** on the DAS2 - DAS4 since sept 2005

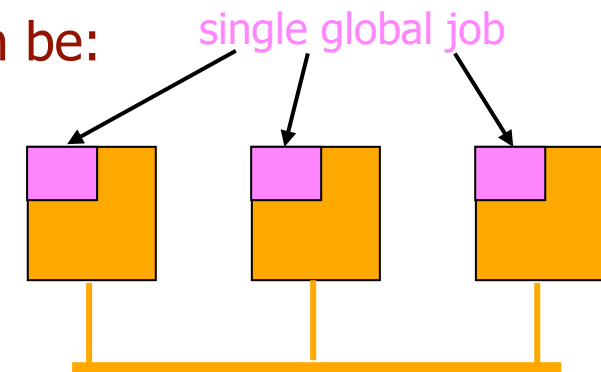


# KOALA: the runners

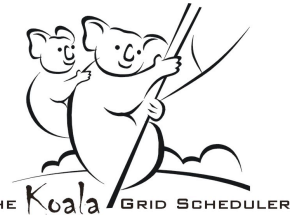
- The KOALA **runners** are **adaptation modules** for different application types:
  - set up communication / name server / environment
  - la
  - so
- **Conclusion:**
  - Very beneficial to have a deployed research vehicle (DAS4 + KOALA) for
    - driving research
    - doing experimentation
    - visibility
- **Current runners:**
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  - M
  - O
  - W
  - **MR-runner:** for **MapReduce** applications (under construction)

# Co-Allocation (1)

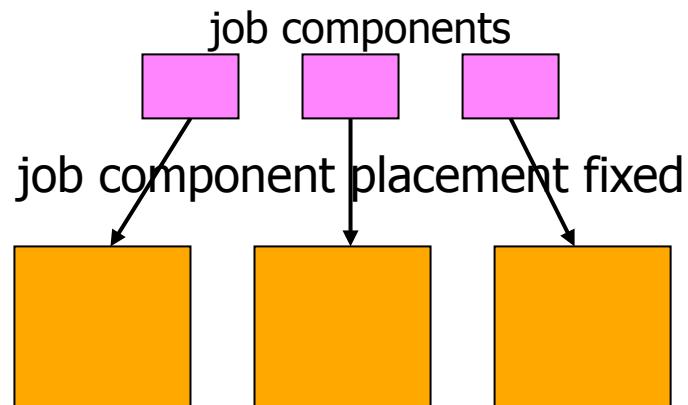
- In grids, jobs may use resources in multiple sites: **co-allocation** or **multi-site operation**
- **Reasons:**
  - to benefit from available resources (e.g., processors)
  - to access and/or process **geographically spread data**
  - application characteristics (e.g., simulation in one location, visualization in another)
- **Resource possession in different sites** can be:
  - simultaneous (e.g., parallel applications)
  - coordinated (e.g., workflows)
- **With co-allocation:**
  - more difficult **resource-discovery** process
  - need to **coordinate allocations** by autonomous resource managers



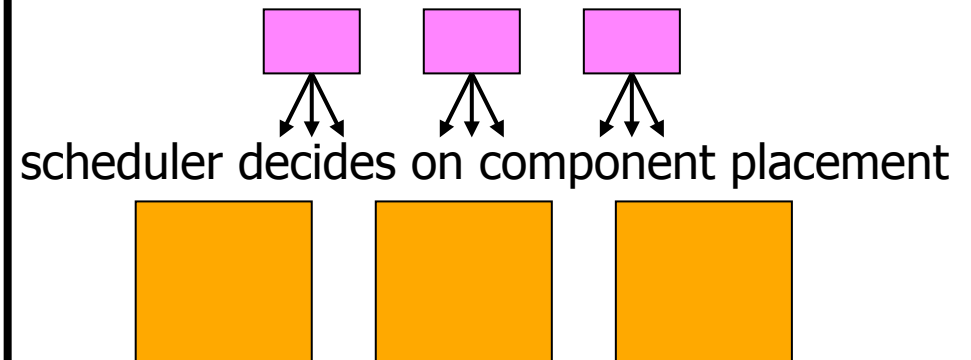
# Co-allocation (2): job types



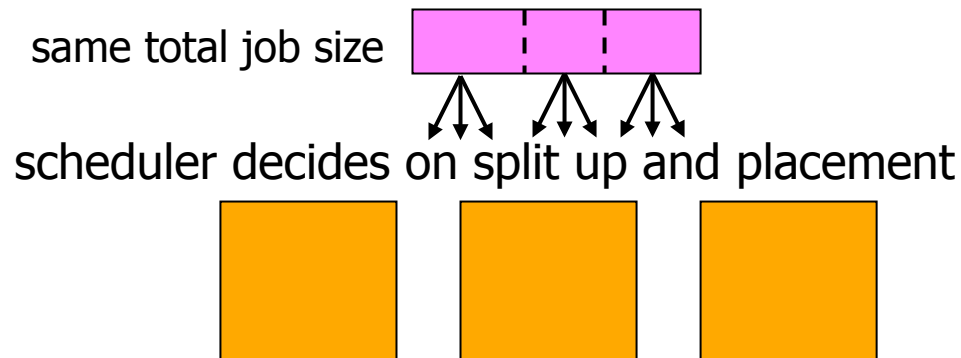
## fixed job



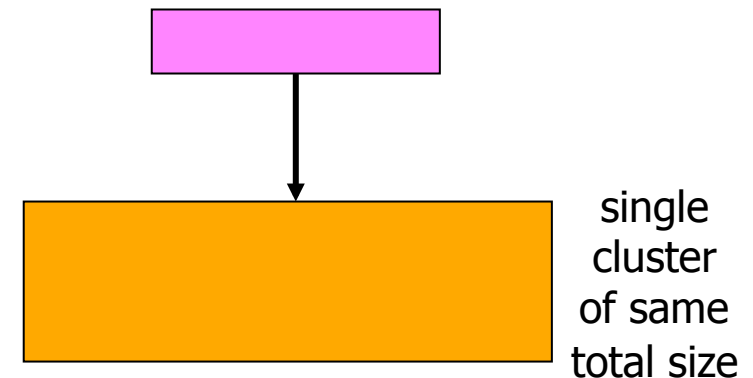
## non-fixed job



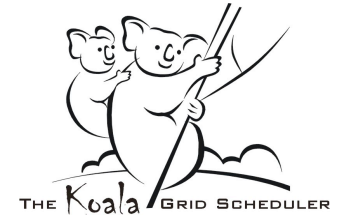
## flexible job



## total job



# Co-allocation (3): slowdown



- Co-allocated applications are **less efficient** due to the relatively **slow wide-area communications**
- **Slowdown of a job:**

$$\frac{\text{execution time on multicluster}}{\text{execution time on single cluster}} \quad (>1 \text{ usually})$$

- Processor co-allocation is a **trade-off** between
  - **faster access to more capacity**, and higher utilization
  - **shorter execution times**

# Co-allocation (4): scheduling policies



- **Placement policies** dictate where the components of a job go

- **Placement policies for non-fixed jobs:**

1. **Load-aware:**

(balance load in clusters)

Worst Fit (**WF**)

2. **Input-file-location-aware:**

(reduce file-transfer times)

Close-to-Files (**CF**)

3. **Communication-aware:**

(reduce number of wide-area messages)

Cluster Minimization (**CM**)

- **Placement policies for flexible jobs:**

1. **Communication-aware:**

(CM for flexible)

Flexible Cluster

Minimization (**FCM**)

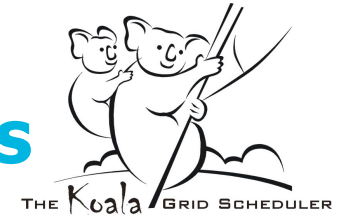
2. **Network-aware:**

(take latency into account)

Communication-Aware

(**CA**)

# Co-allocation (5): simulations/analysis



- Model has a host of parameters

- **Conclusions:**

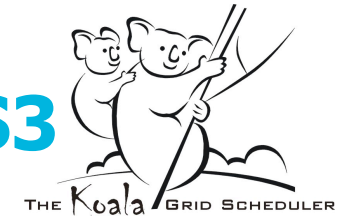
- There are fundamental problems to be derived from practical scheduling problems in grids (and clouds)
- Interplay between mathematical analysis, simulations, and experiments yields interesting results and understanding

- Mathematical analysis for maximum utilization

See, e.g.:

1. A.I.D. Bucur and D.H.J. Epema, "Trace-Based Simulations of Processor Co-Allocation Policies in Multiclusters," *IEEE/ACM High Performance Distributed Computing (HPDC) 2003*.
2. A.I.D. Bucur and D.H.J. Epema, "Scheduling Policies for Processor Co-Allocation in Multicluster Systems," *IEEE Trans. on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, Vol. 18, pp. 958-972, 2007.

# Co-Allocation (6): Experiments on the DAS3



5000  
4000  
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2000  
1000  
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## Conclusions:

- It is very difficult to match simulations and experiments
- It is very difficult to do multiple experiments under the same conditions
- It is very difficult to identify (the influence of) "polluting elements"

O.O. Sonmez, H.H. Mohamed, and D.H.J. Epema, "On the Benefit of Processor Co-Allocation in Multicenter Grid Systems," *IEEE Trans. on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, Vol.21, pp. 778-789, 2010.



# @large: Massivizing Online Games as an HPC Problem

## Premises:

- online gaming used to be regarded as a **multimedia topic**, but now **it is HPC**
- online gaming used to be **about networking**, but is now **all HPC**
- online gaming used to be **virtual worlds**, but is now **many applications**

# What's in a name? MSG, MMOG, ...



**over 250,000,000  
active players in the world**

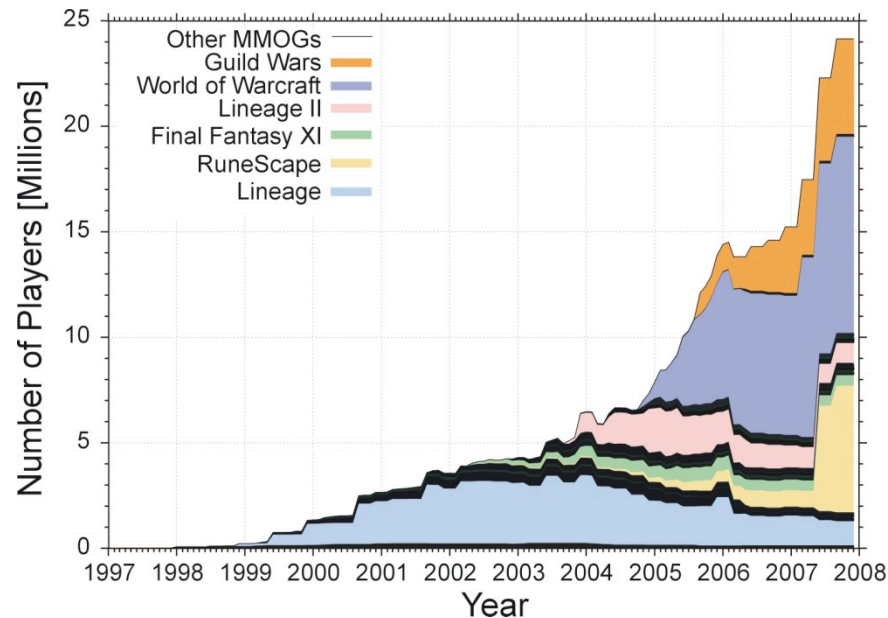
**Massively Social Gaming =**  
(online) games with massive  
numbers of players (100K+),  
for which social interaction  
helps the gaming experience

- 1. Virtual world**  
explore, do, learn,  
socialize, compete  
+
- 2. Content**  
graphics, maps,  
puzzles, quests  
+
- 3. Game data**  
player stats and relationships

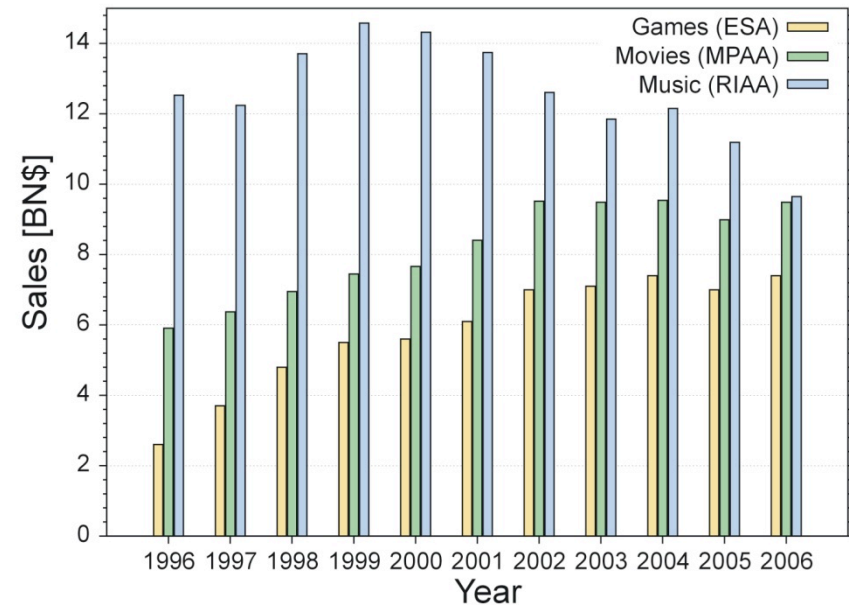
# MSGs are a popular, growing market



- 25,000,000+ subscribed players (from 250,000,000+ active)
- Over **10,000 MSGs** in operation
- Subscription market size **\$7.5B+ /year**, Zynga \$600M+/year



Sources: MMOGChart, own research.

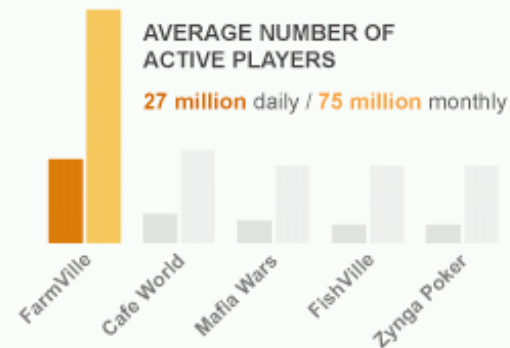


Sources: ESA, MPAA, RIAA.

# Zynga, an Amazon WS User



## ZYNGA GAME FarmVille



**PLAYER PROFILE**  
N/A average age  
60% female, 40% male

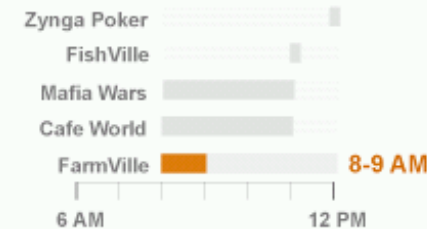


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**THAT'S A LOT**  
FarmVille boasts 118 million total installs. It has more monthly active users than the population of France.



## MOST POPULAR TIME TO PLAY (EST)



Sources: CNN, Zynga.



Source: InsideSocialGames.com

“Zynga made more than \$600M in 2010 from selling in-game virtual goods.”  
S. Greengard, *CACM*, April 2011

# World of Warcraft, a traditional HPC user

- 10 data centers
- 13,250 server blades, 75,000+ cores
- 1.3 PB storage
- 68 sysadmins (1/1,000 cores)

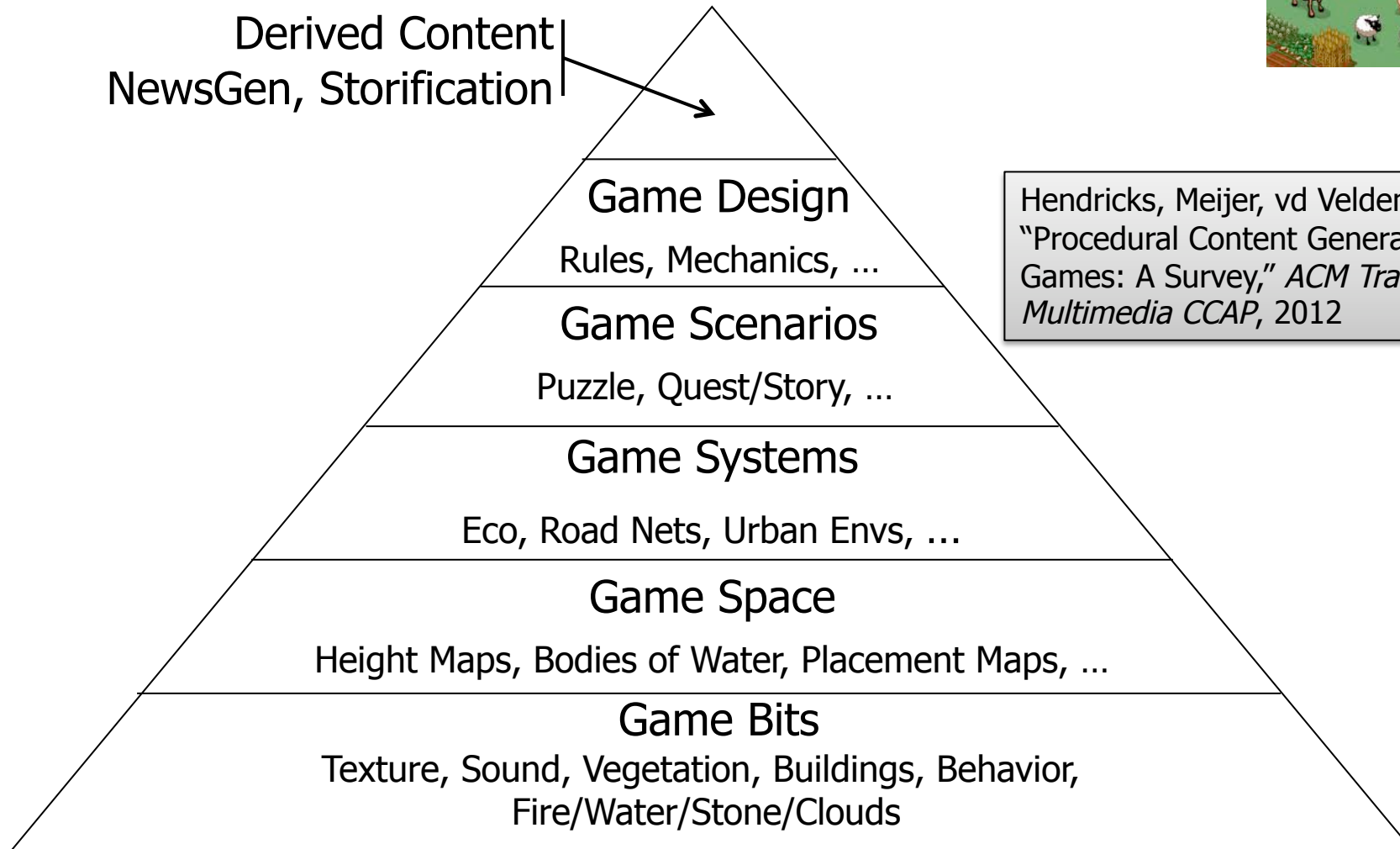


<http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2009/11/25/wows-back-end-10-data-centers-75000-cores/>

# (Procedural) Game Content (Generation)



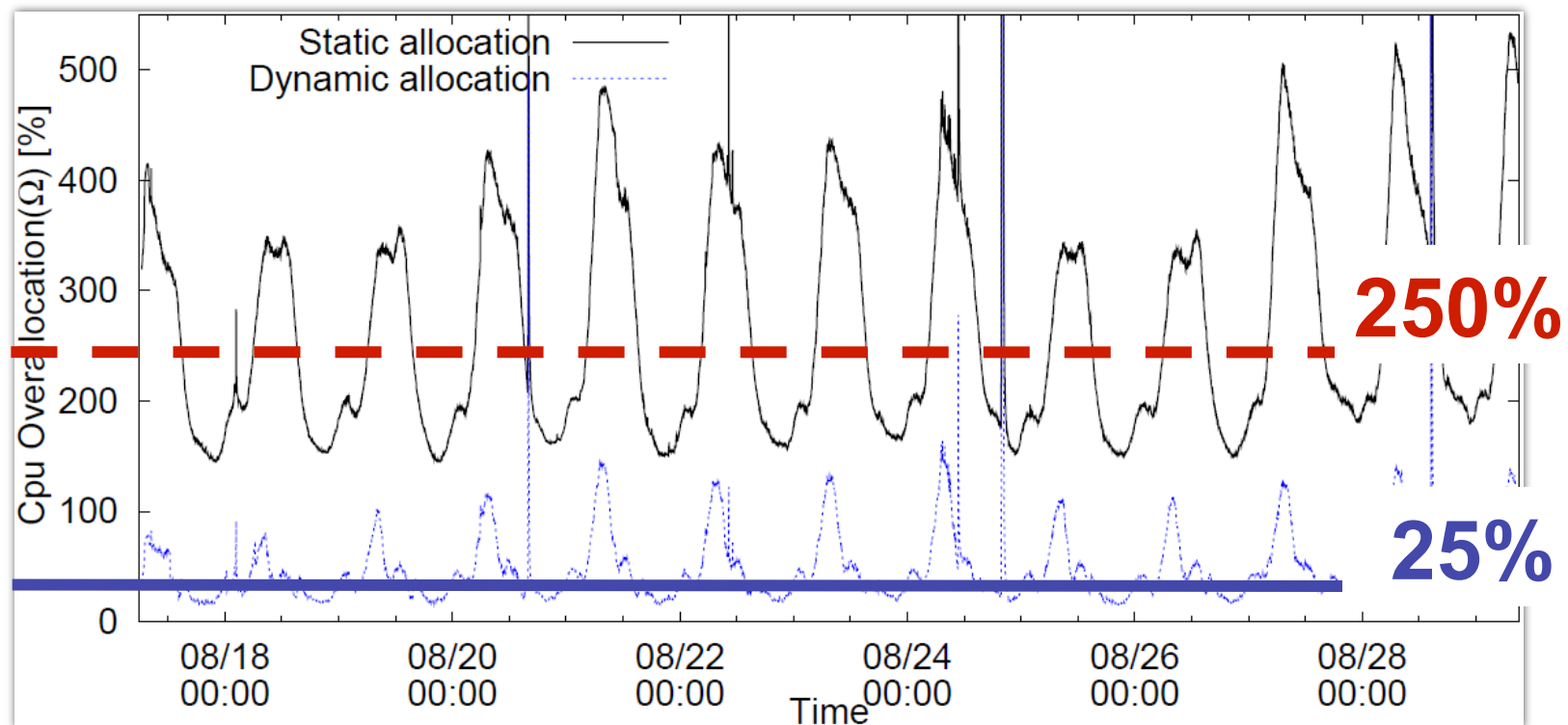
Derived Content  
NewsGen, Storification



Hendricks, Meijer, vd Velden, Iosup,  
"Procedural Content Generation for  
Games: A Survey," *ACM Trans. on  
Multimedia CCAP*, 2012

# Resource Provisioning and Allocation

## Static vs. Dynamic Provisioning

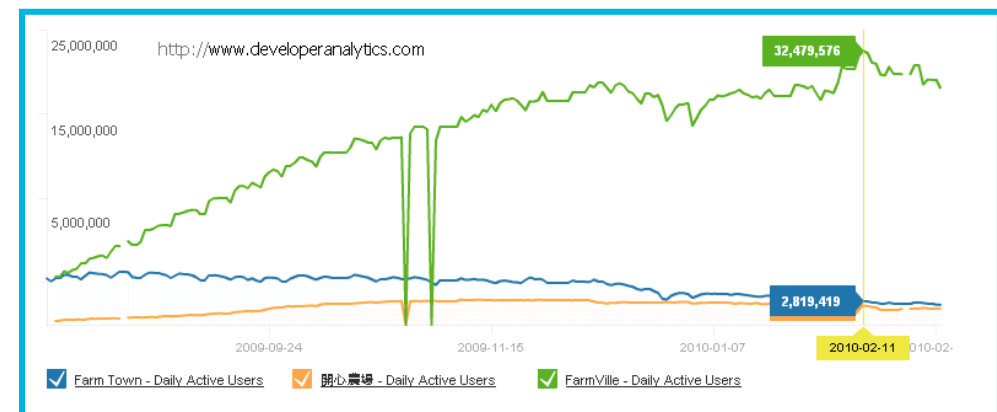


V. Nae, A. Iosup, S. Podlipnig, R. Prodan, D.H.J. Epema, and T. Fahringer, "Efficient Management of Data Center Resources for Massively Multiplayer Online Games," *SuperComputing*, 2008.

# @large Research Challenge: V-World Platform for MMOGs



- **Generating content** on time for millions of players
  - player-customized: balanced, diverse, fresh
- **Operational platform scaling** to millions of players
  - 1M in 4 days, 10M in 2 months
- Considerations for both:
  - up-front and operational costs
  - performance, scalability



A. Iosup, "POGGI: Puzzle-Based Online Games on Grid Infrastructures,"  
*Euro-Par 2009* (distinguished paper award)

# @large: Social Everything!

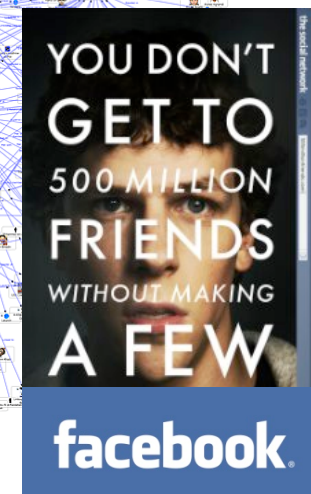
- **Social Network**=undirected graph, **relationship**=edge
- **Community**=sub-graph, density of edges between its nodes higher than density of edges outside sub-graph



## Analytics challenge:

### Improve the gaming experience

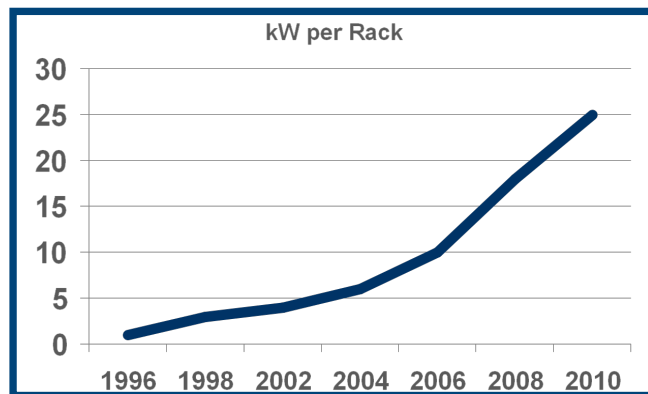
- ranking / rating
- matchmaking / recommendations
- play style / tutoring



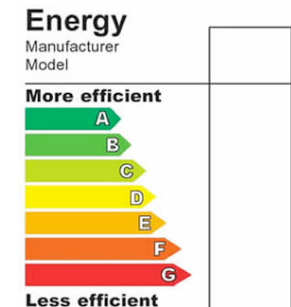
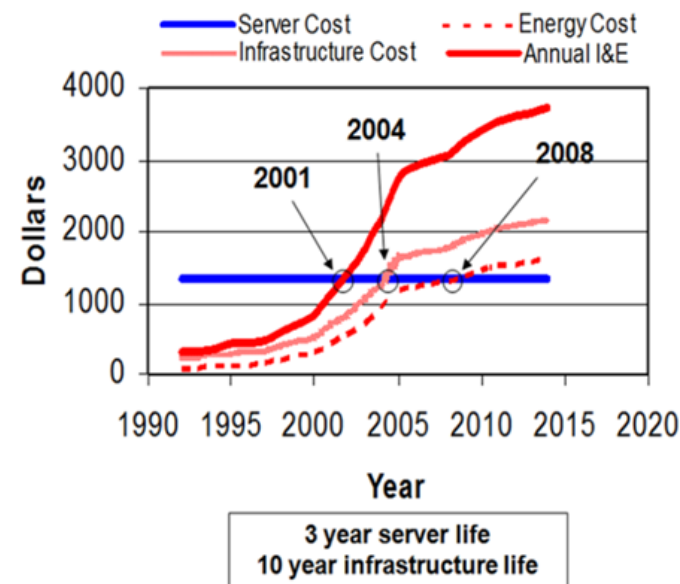
A. Iosup, A. Lascateu, N. Tapus, "CAMEO: Enabling Social Networks for Massively Multiplayer Online Games through Continuous Analytics and Cloud Computing," *ACM NetGames*, 2010

# Energy efficiency (1)

## data center energy density



## power costs vs server costs



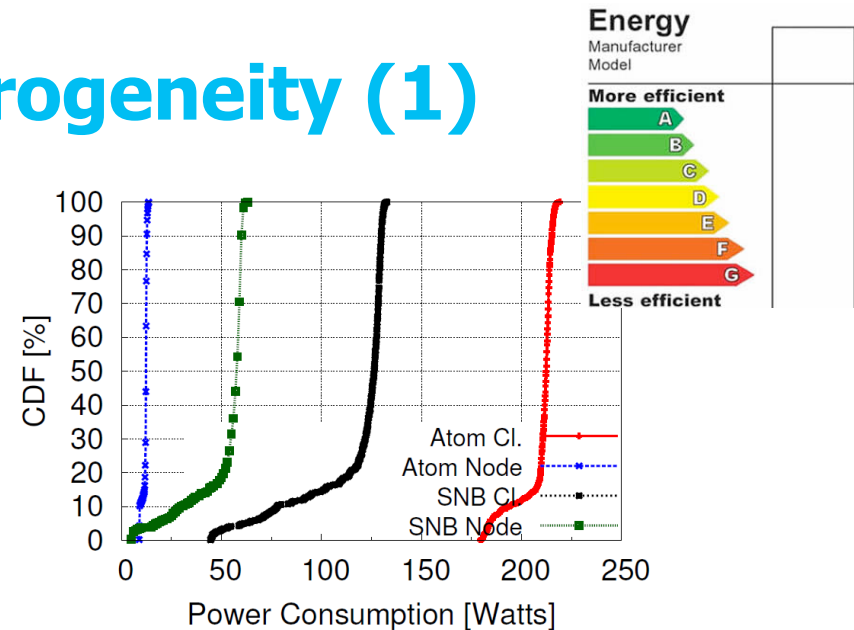
Can we exploit **heterogeneity** and **real-time power measurements** for energy-efficient scheduling of MapReduce workloads?

Nezih Yigitbasi, Kushal Datta, Nilesh Jain, and Ted Willke, "Energy Efficient Scheduling of MapReduce Workloads on Heterogeneous Clusters," *2nd International Workshop on Green Computing Middleware (GCM'2011)*

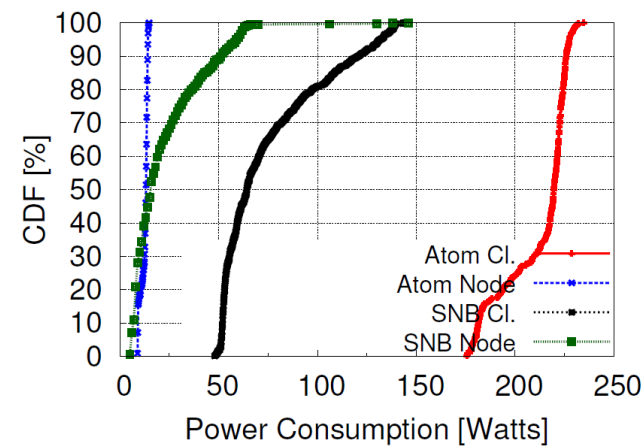


# Energy (2): a case for heterogeneity (1)

- **Atom node (wimpy)**
  - 2 cores @ 1.66GHz with 4GB memory + SSD
  - narrow dynamic range [9-13W]
  - exploit for I/O bound
- **Sandy Bridge (SNB) node (brawny)**
  - 4 cores @ 3.40GHz with 8GB memory + SSD
  - wide dynamic range [5-150W]
  - Atom:SNB TDP ratio is 1:7
- **Atom cluster consumes more power than the SNB cluster**
  - ~1.7x for word count, 2.5x for sort and 2.05x for nutch



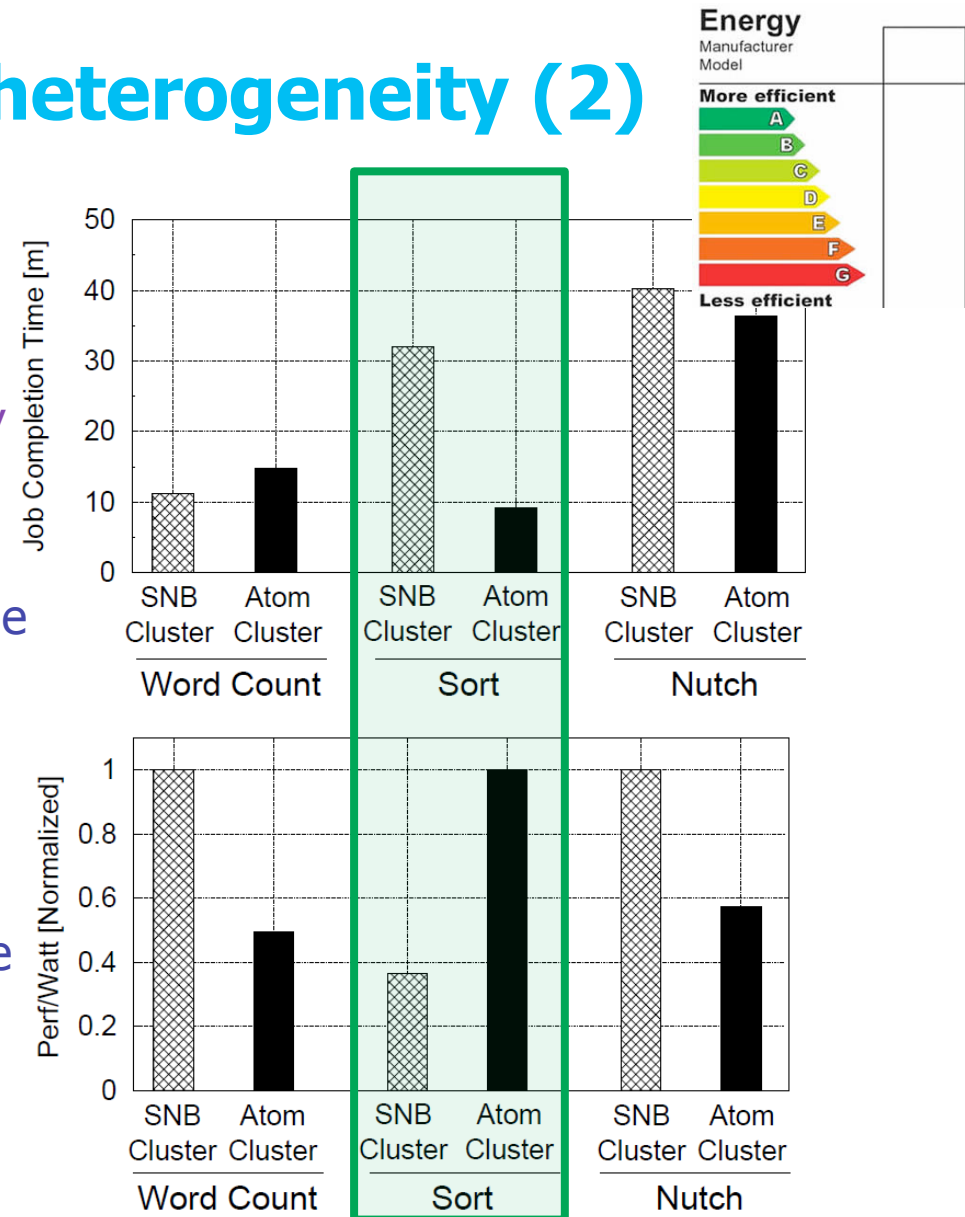
(a) Word count



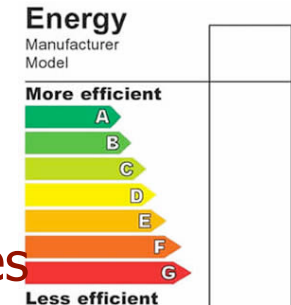
(b) Sort

## Energy (3): a case for heterogeneity (2)

- **CPU bound** word count workload
  - Atom has  $\sim 1.3\times$  higher completion time
  - SNB has  $\sim 2\times$  better energy efficiency
- **I/O bound** sort workload
  - Atom has  $3.5\times$  better completion time
  - Atom has  $2.5\times$  better energy efficiency
- **Balanced** Nutch workload
  - Atom has slightly better performance but consumes more power
  - SNB has  $\sim 1.7\times$  better energy efficiency

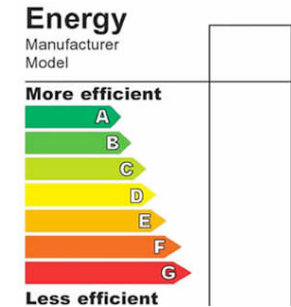


# Energy (4): experimental setup

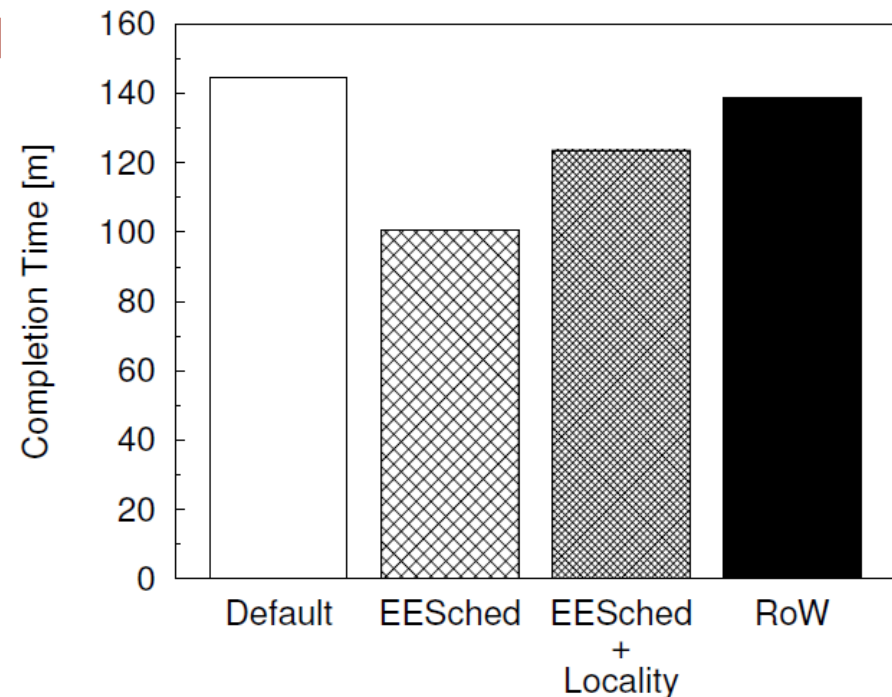


- **Heterogeneous cluster** with 20 Atom nodes and 3 SNB nodes
- **Workload mix** consisting of 25 jobs
  - each job has 15 GB input to process
  - in total, 4,900 map tasks + 800 reduce tasks
- A job can be word count, sort, or nutch
- Job interarrival time follows exp. distribution with a mean of 14 s
  - derived from Facebook Hadoop traces [Zaharia' 10]
- **Scheduling policies:**
  - **EESched**: schedule tasks on most efficient CPU type for the task
  - **EESched+locality**: schedule tasks on a CPU with req. data, then most eff.
  - **RoW**: all reduce tasks on Wimpy (reduce phase is mostly I/O bound)

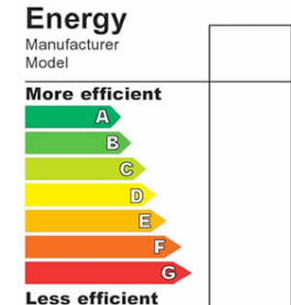
# Energy (5): completion time



- All heuristics **reduce the completion time**
- EESched+Locality worse than EESched
  - HDFS replicates in a random way
  - so a CPU-intensive task may run on a wimpy node
- RoW improvements due to the performance improvements in the reduce tasks



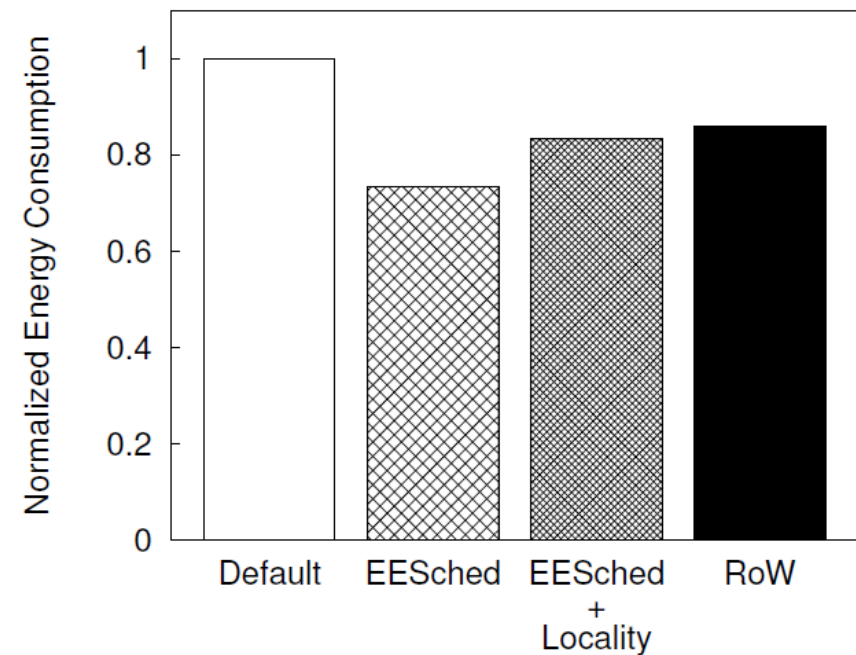
# Energy (6): efficiency



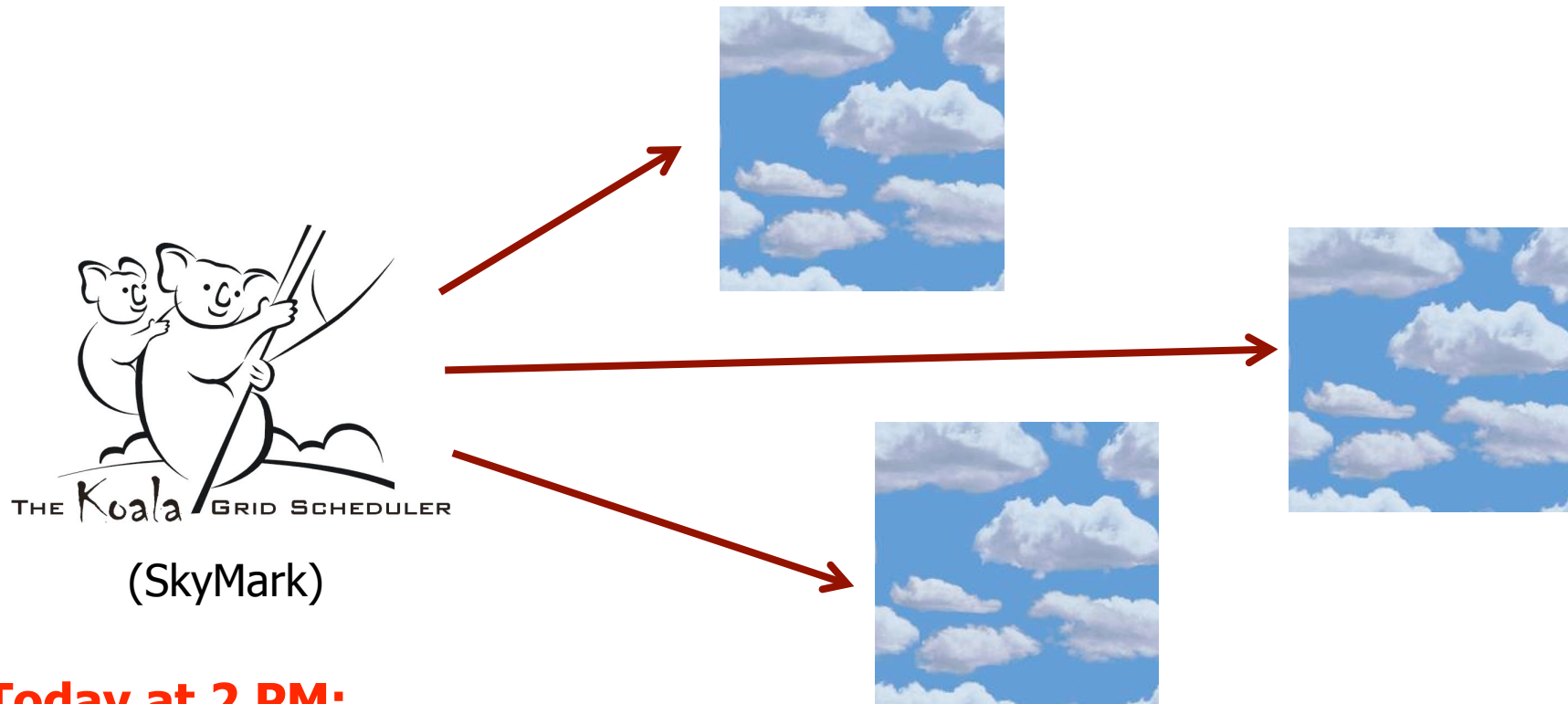
- All heuristics **increase the efficiency**
- EESched+Locality worse than EESched
  - nodes with the input of a task are not necessarily the most energy efficient
- RoW has **17%** better energy efficiency
  - very simple change to the scheduler !
  - worse than the other heuristics since RoW doesn't consider energy efficiency for the map phase

- **Conclusion:**

Up to 27% better energy efficiency by only modifying the Hadoop scheduler



# Cloud resource provisioning and allocation



**Today at 2 PM:**

David Villegas, Athanasios Antoniou, Seyed Masoud Sadjadi and Alexandru Iosup,  
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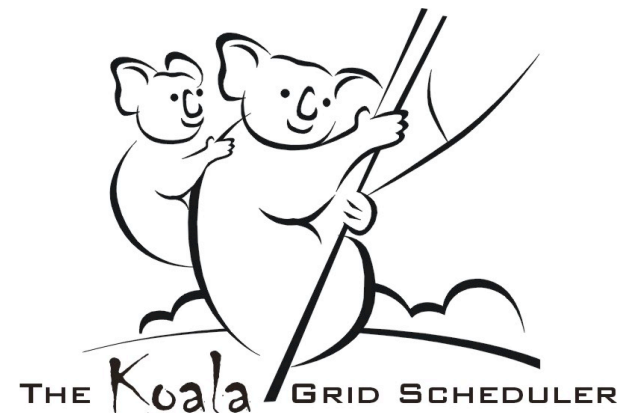
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