

# Cloud computing for big data infrastructures

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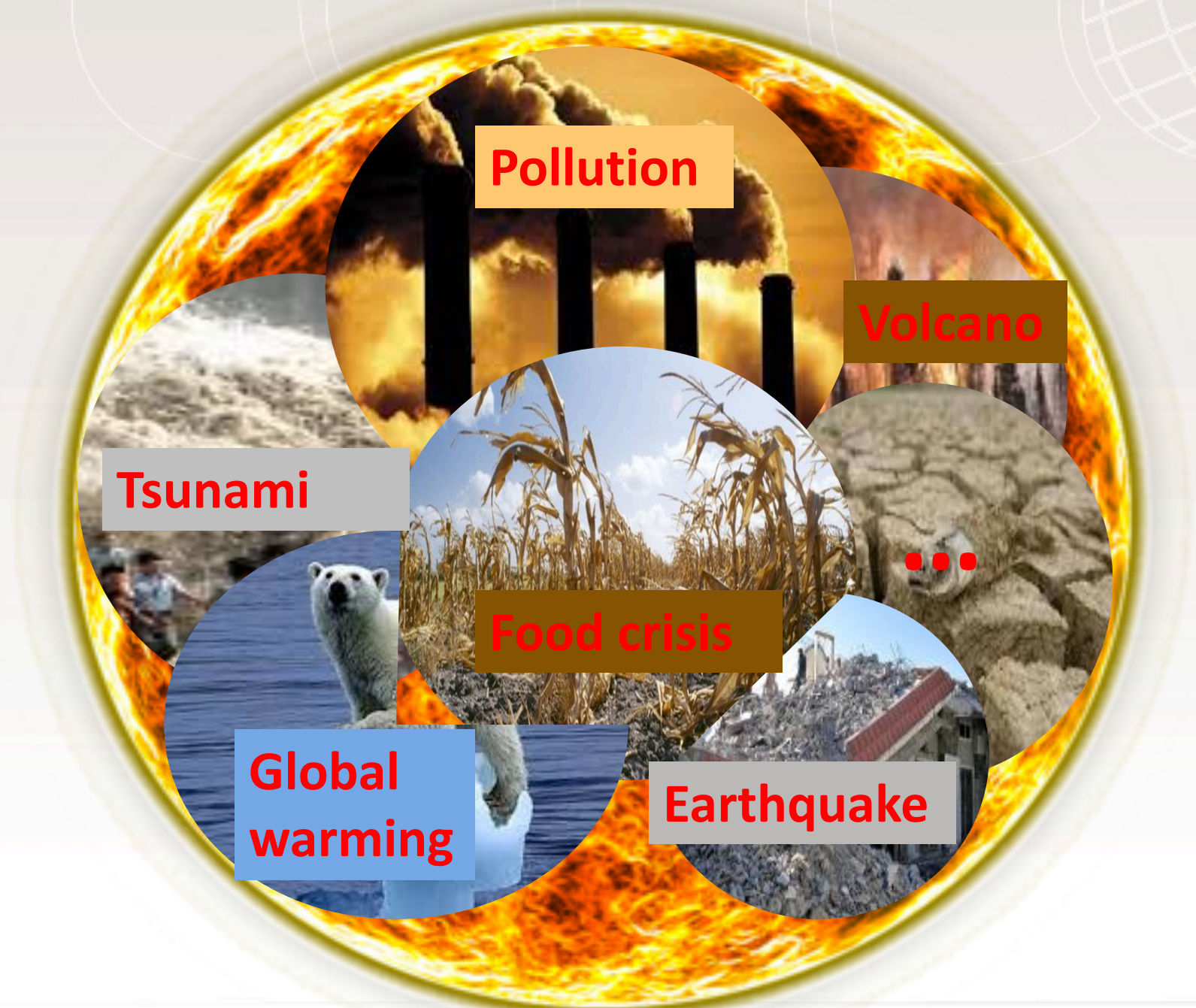
H2020 Project



Environmental Research  
Infrastructures Providing Shared  
Solutions for Science and Society



# Environmental challenges



**Pollution**

**Volcano**

**Tsunami**

**Food crisis**

**Global  
warming**

**Earthquake**

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# Outline

- Infrastructures for data centric research
- Infrastructure interoperability
- Time critical cloud applications
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## ● Infrastructures for data centric research

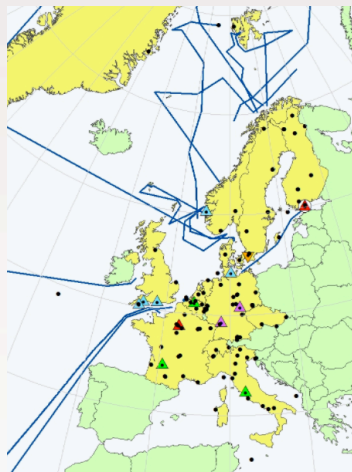
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# From observation to data management

## DATA



**Observation**



**map / image / database**

content

context

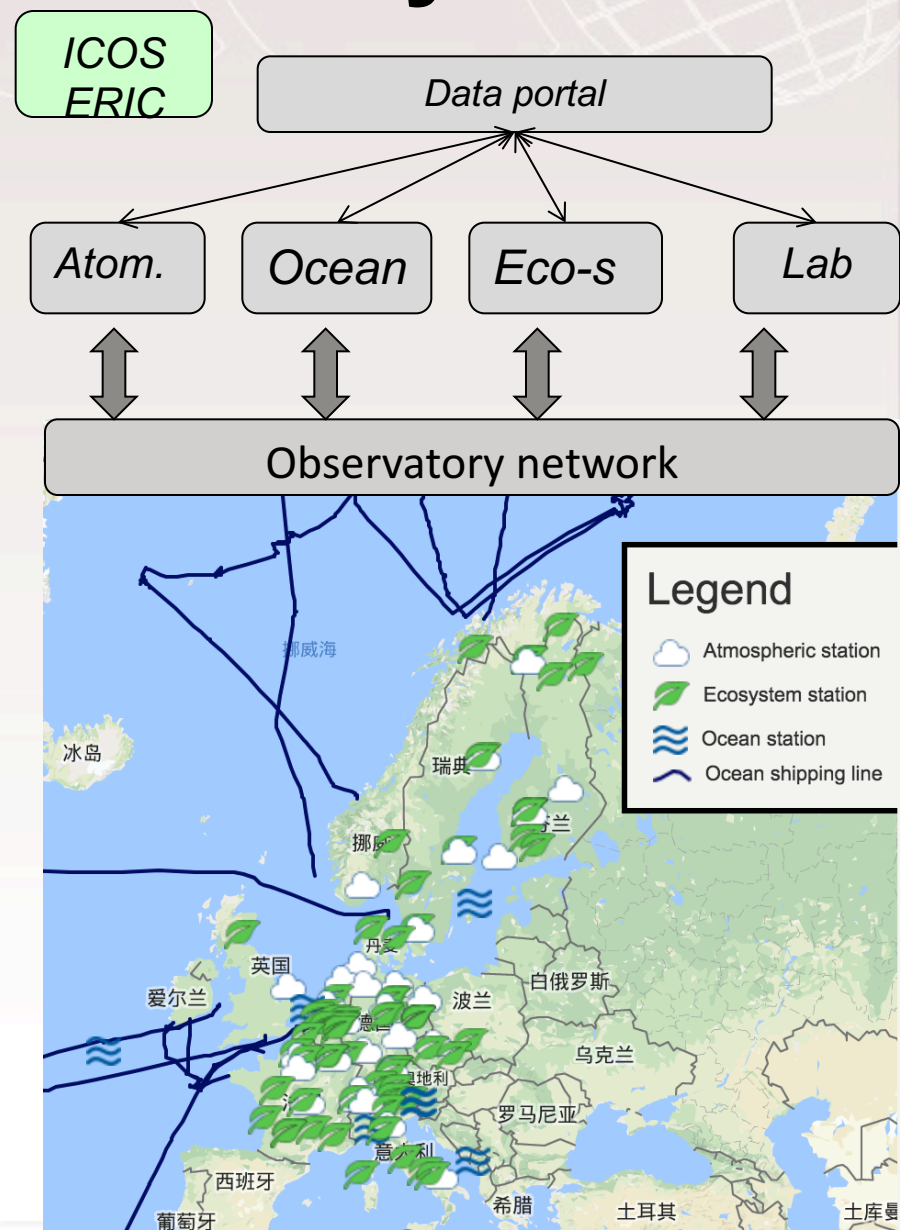
Description of  
the observation,  
and collected  
data etc.....

**description**

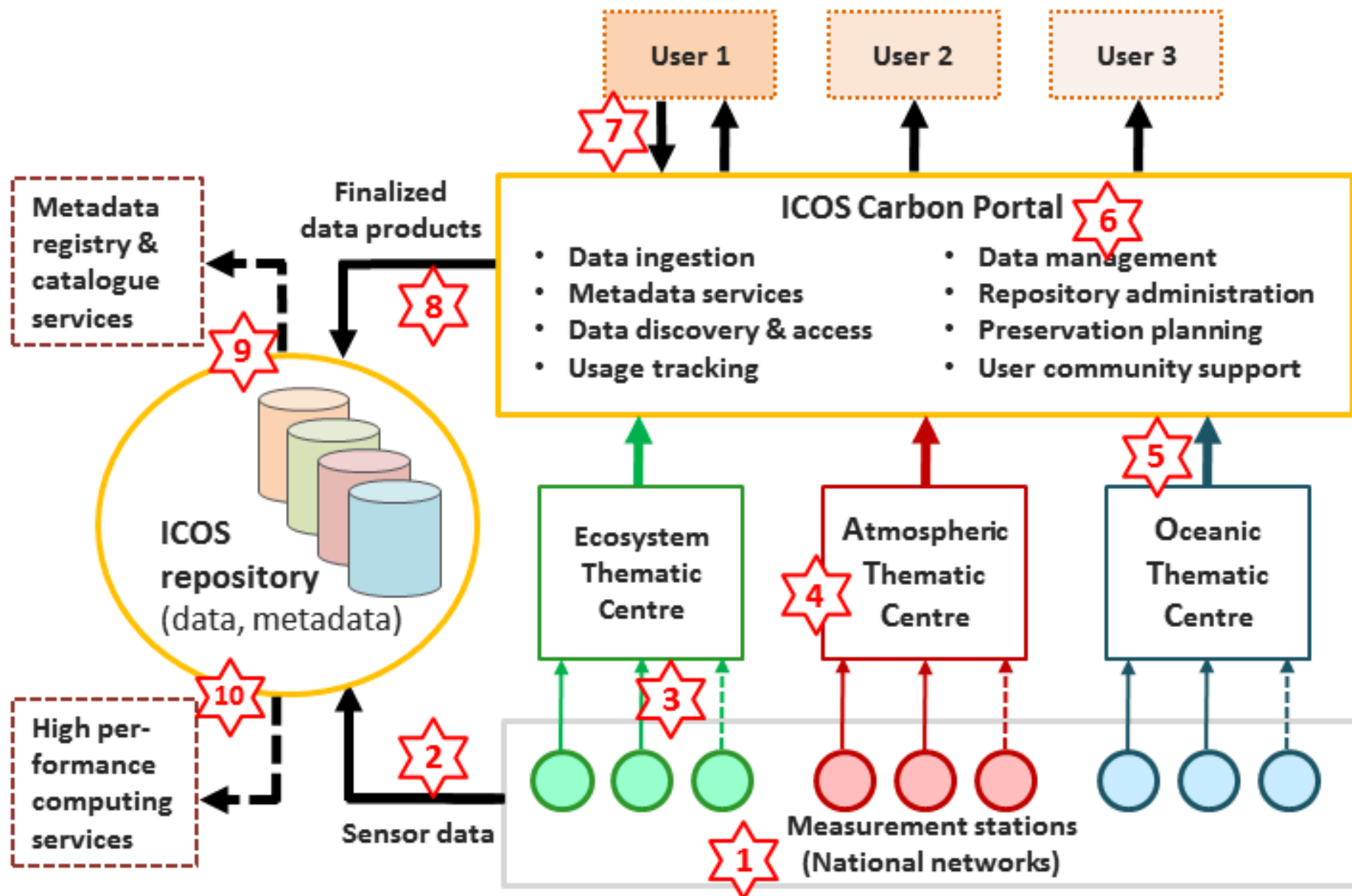


# Integrated Carbon Observation System

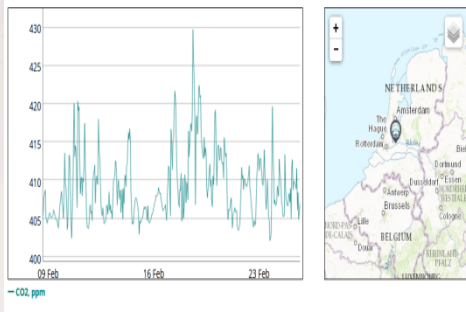
- More than 100 observation station in 12 EU countries
- Data acquisition:
  - Green gas
- Data management
  - 4 thematic centers
  - Via Data portal, users can also submit data results
- Governance
  - Legal entity: European Research Infrastructure Consortium



# How ICOS manages data



# ICOS data products



- Raw observational data (Level 0)

For specialists; available on request

- Near Real-Time data (Level 1)

For specialists; available on request

Mainly automated quality control & processing

Time delay & parameter scope varies

- QA/QC:ed & aggregated data (Level 2)

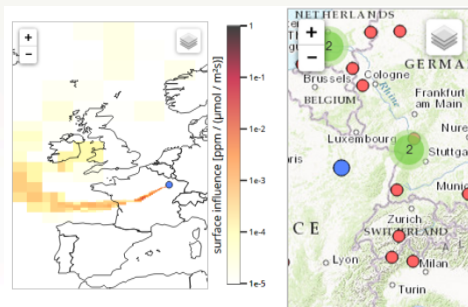
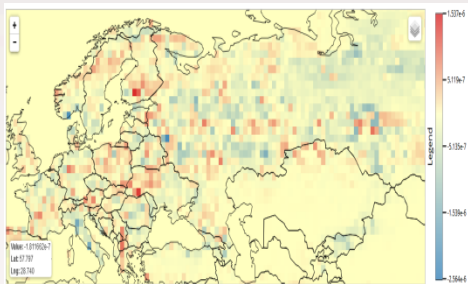
Main data product – time series of 30-60 min means

Full parameter sets available

- Elaborated data (Level 3)

Model calculation outputs (atmospheric & ecosystem)

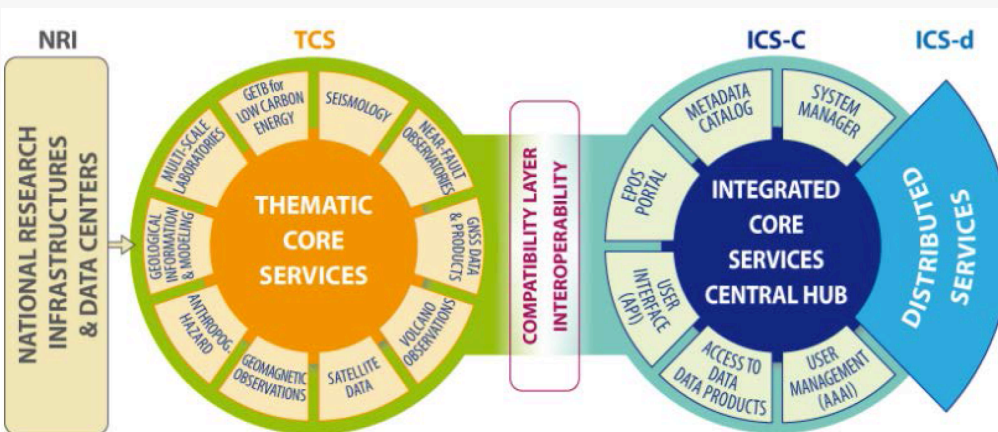
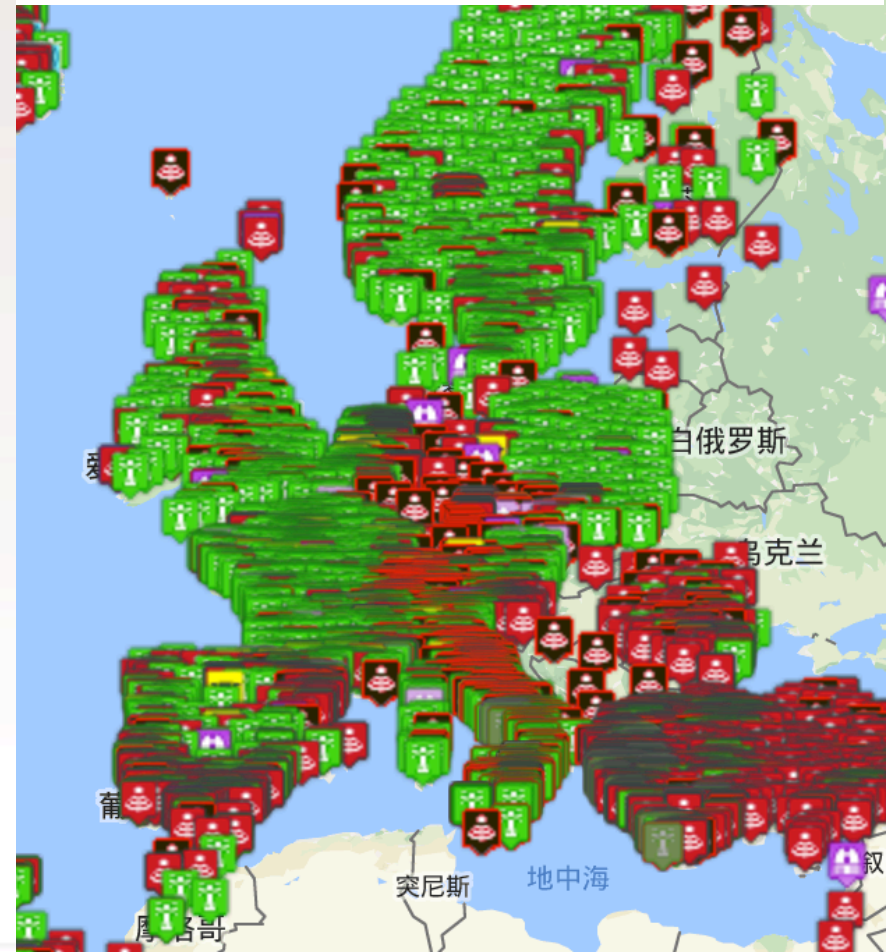
Mainly contributed by ICOS data end users





# European Plate Observation System

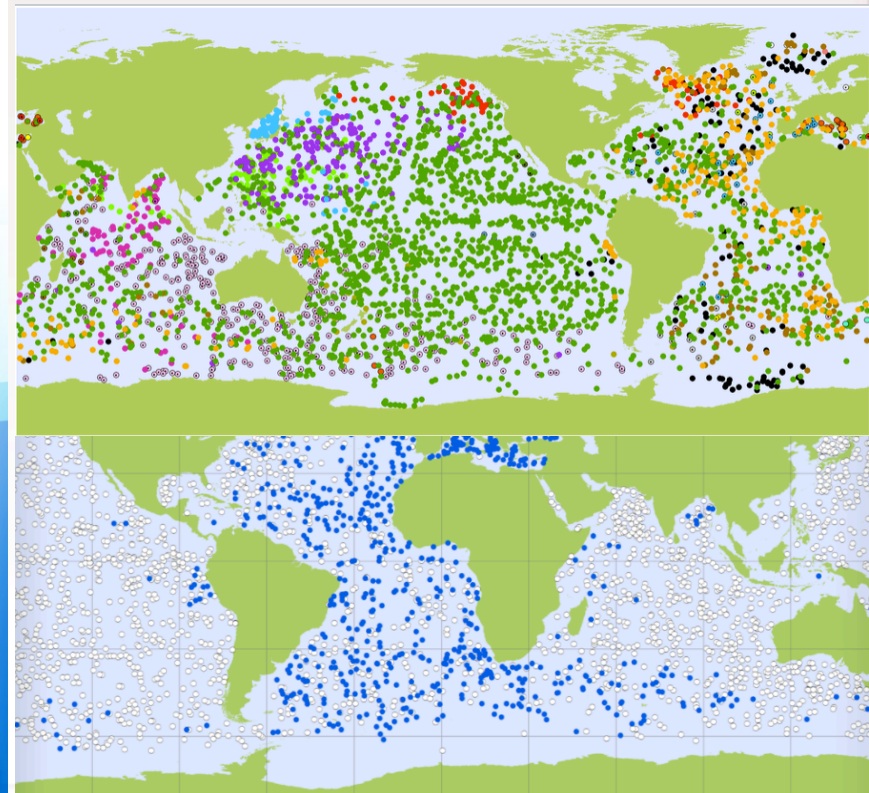
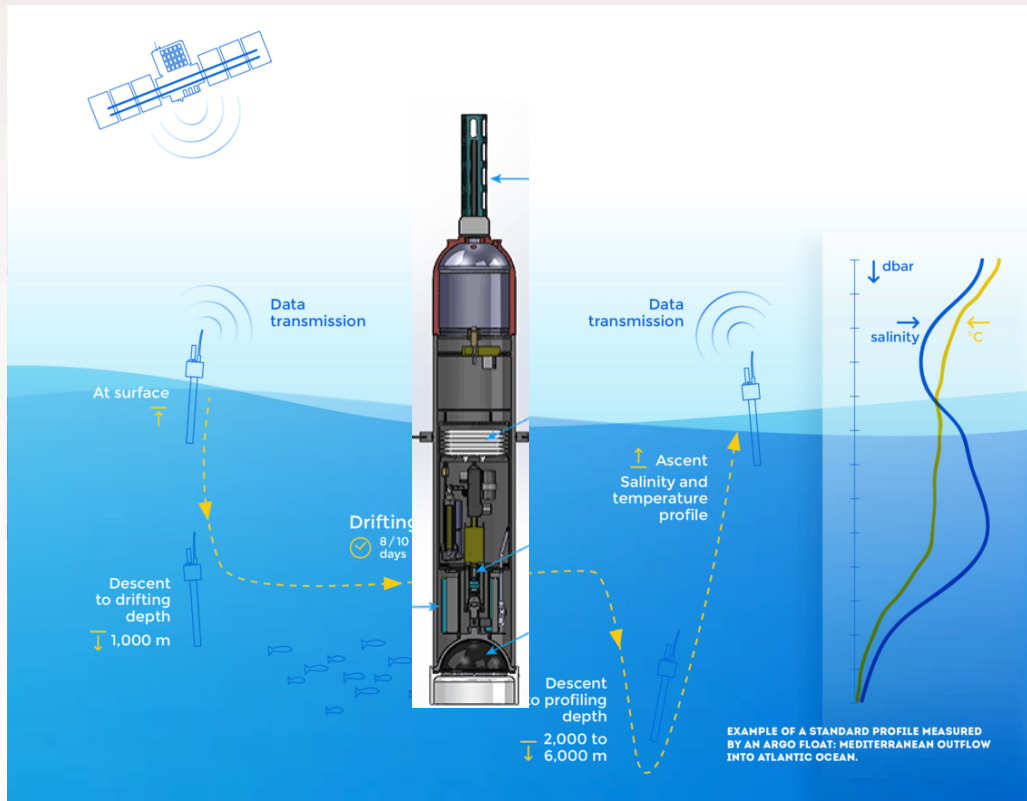
- More than 4000 monitoring station
- 10 key thematic services:
- Seismology, Near-Fault Observatories, GNSS Data and Products, Volcano Observations Satellite Data, Geomagnetic Observations, Anthropogenic Hazards, Geological Information and Modeling, Multi-Scale Laboratories, Geo-Energy Test Beds for Low Carbon Energy





# Euro-Argo, European contribution to the Argo program

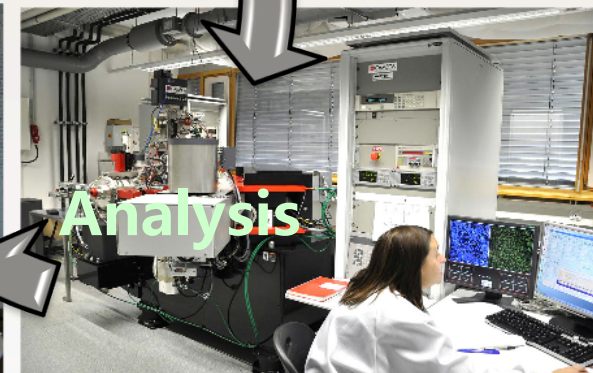
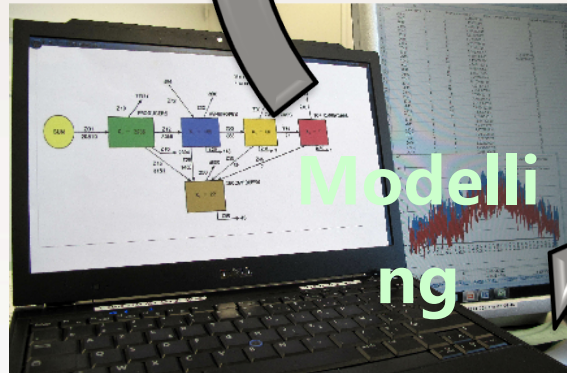
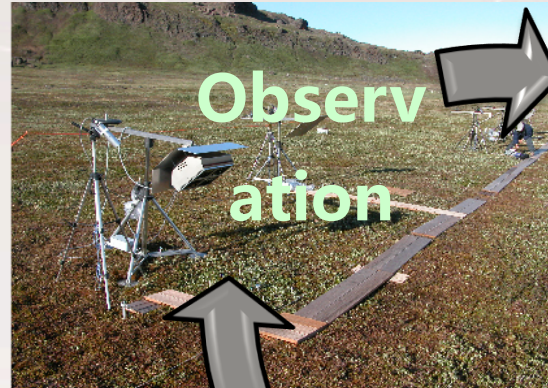
- The international Argo program was initiated in 1999
- The Argo network is a global array of more than 3500 autonomous instruments,
- 12 European countries gathered in 2008 within the Euro-Argo project
- European contribution to Argo by deploying 250 floats per year.





# Analysis and experimentation on Ecosystems

- Different platforms across 17 EU countries
- Open fields 109
- In house 45
- Data analysis 35
- Modelling platform 9
- Food safety, agriculture







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ENVRI

ENVRIplus Horizon 2002 project  
Grant agreement No 654182



RISCAPE

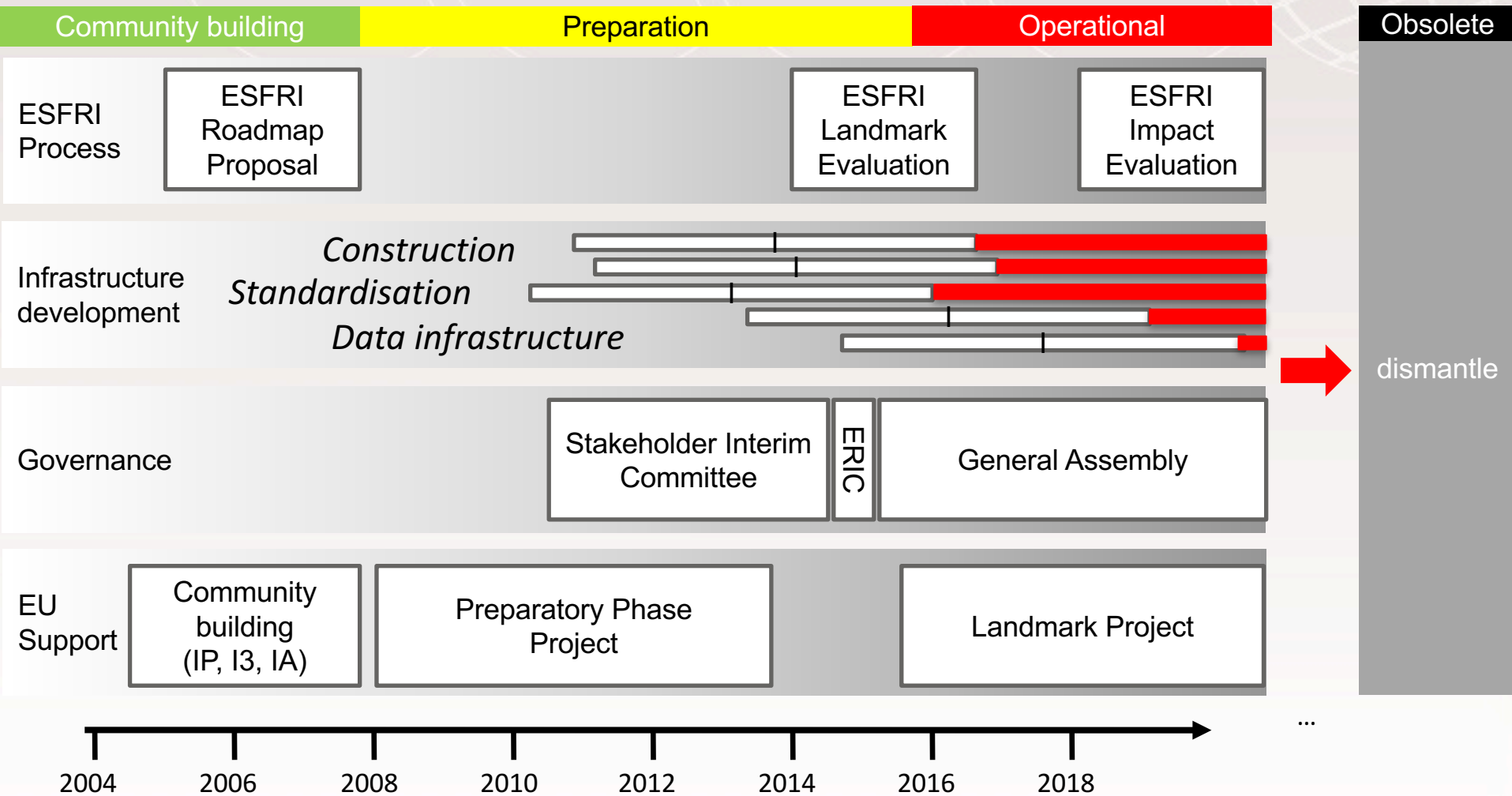
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# Research infrastructure

- **Research infrastructures (RIs)** are facilities, resources and services used by the science community to conduct research and foster innovation.
- Developed as single site, distributed or virtual (RI)

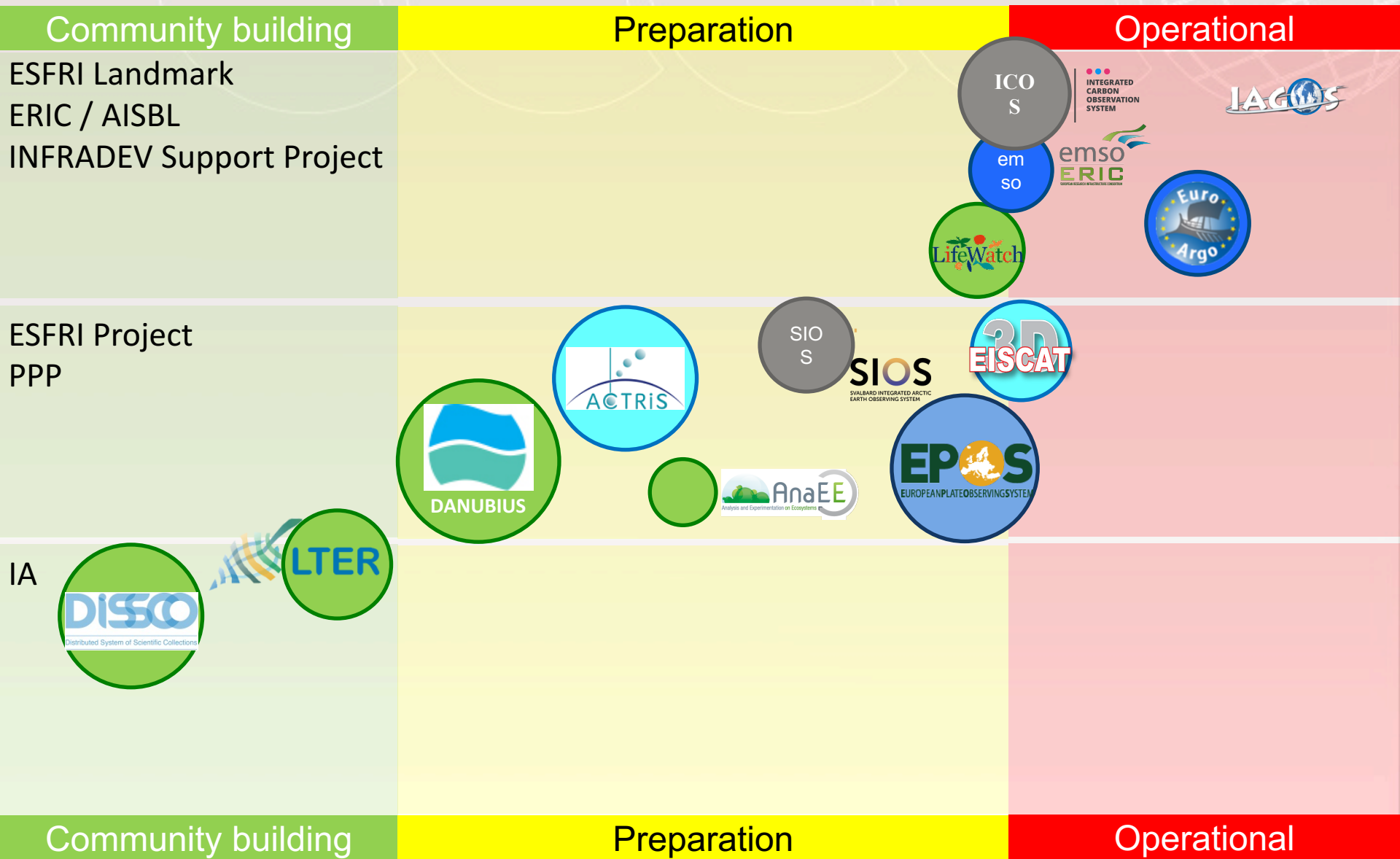
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European Social Survey	ECRIN	INFRA FRONTIER	LIFEWATCH	IAGOS	Windscanner	EMFL	SPIRAL2	CTA	
CESSDA	INSTRUCT	EATRIS	EMSO	EPOS	EU-SOLARIS	European XFEL	E-ELT	SKA	
CLARIN	EU-OPENSREEN	EMBRC	SIOS	EISCAT_3D	JHR	ESRF Upgrade	KM3NeT	FAIR	
DARIAH	Euro BioImaging	ERINHA BSL4 Lab		COPAL	IFMIF	NEUTRON ESS	SLHC-PP*	ILC-HIGRADE*	
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# The life cycle of a Research Infrastructure





# The Research Infrastructure Landscape 2017



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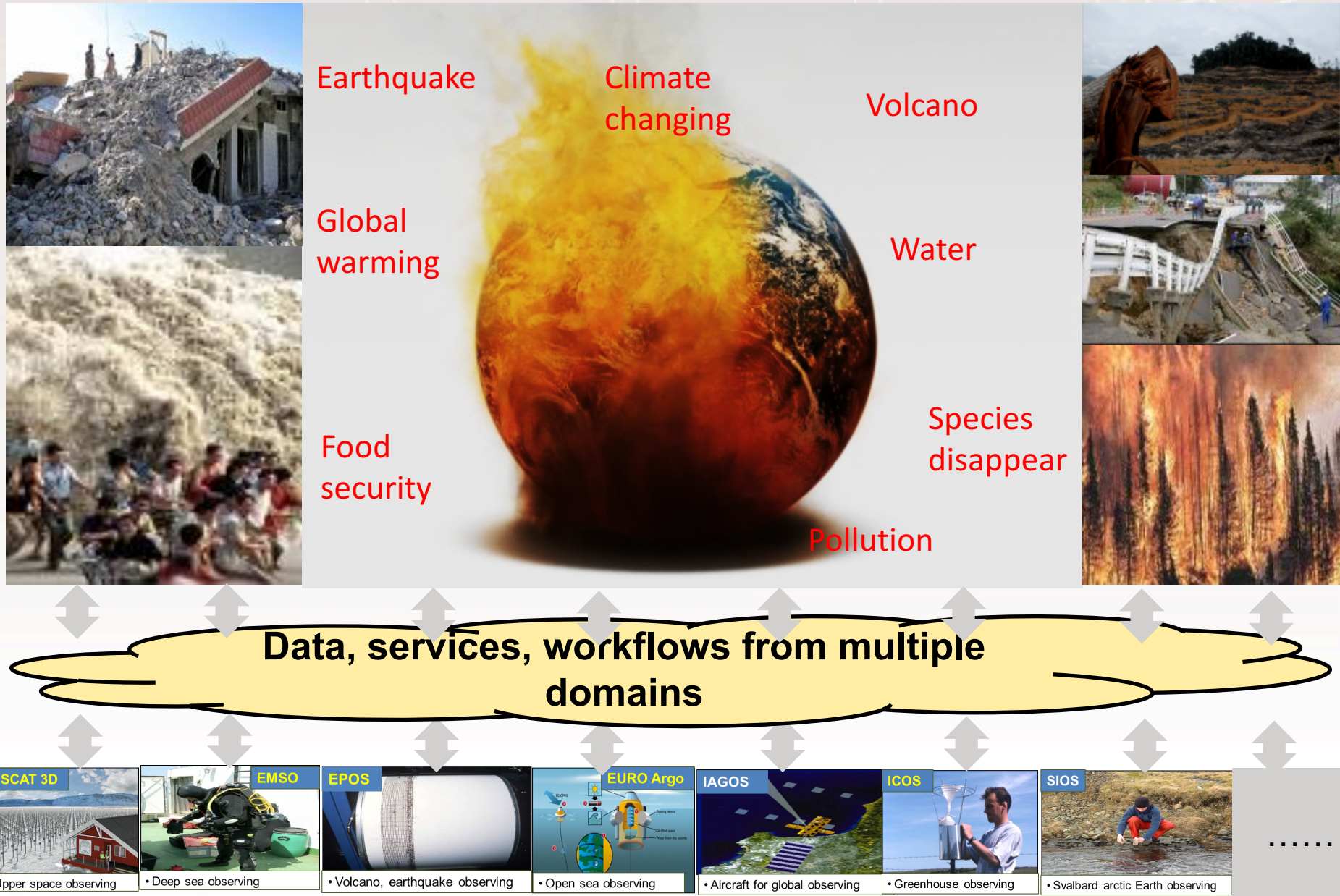
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- **Infrastructure interoperability**

- Time critical cloud applications

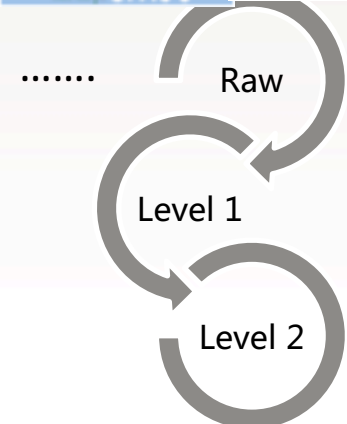
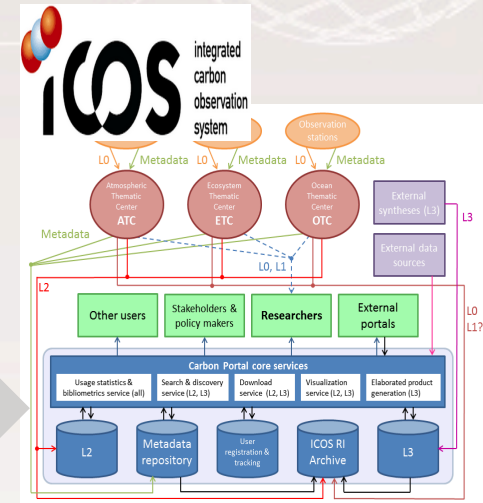
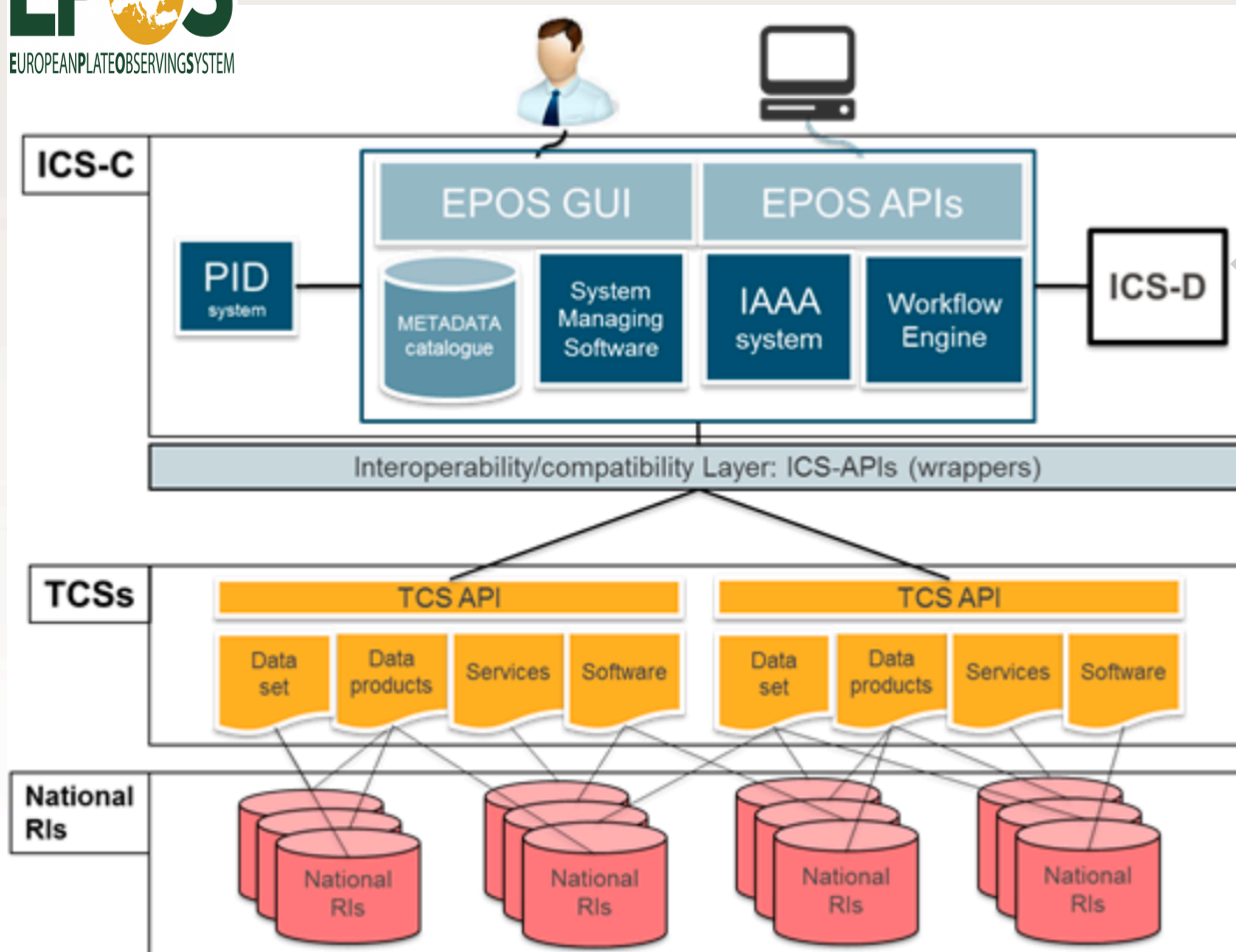
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# Data for science theme: motivation



# Curation: quality control, annotation ...

*Nearly real-time Data handling,*





# Data identification and citation

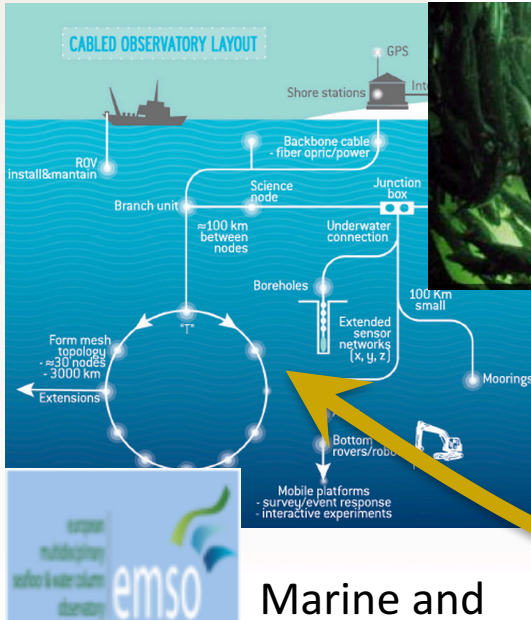
Marine biology

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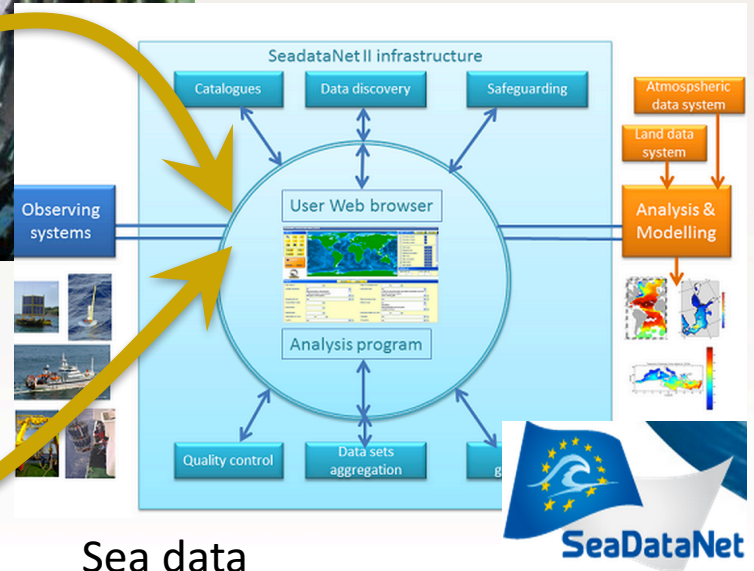
Bio-diversity

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Marine and  
Seafloor data

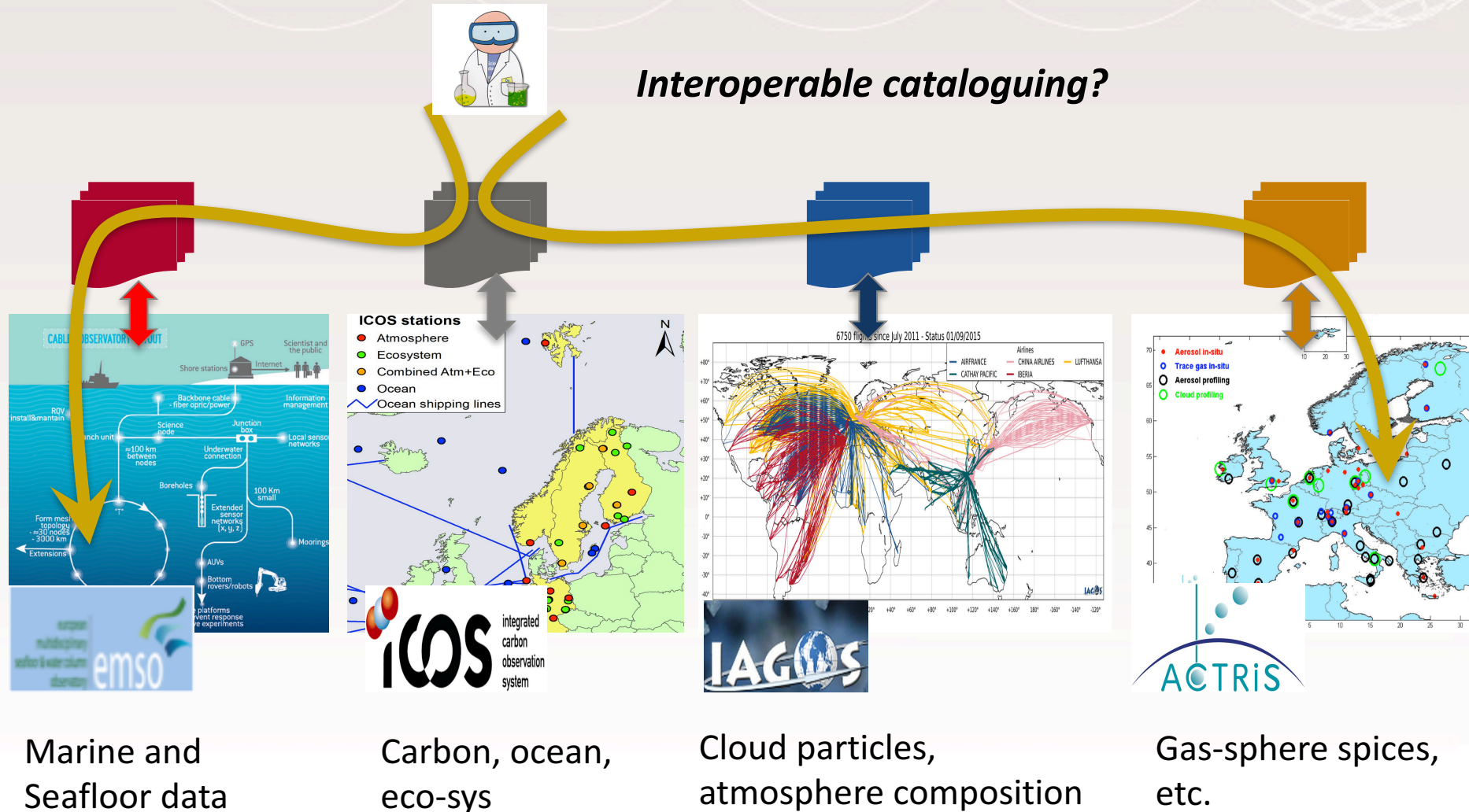
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Sea data



# Data cataloguing



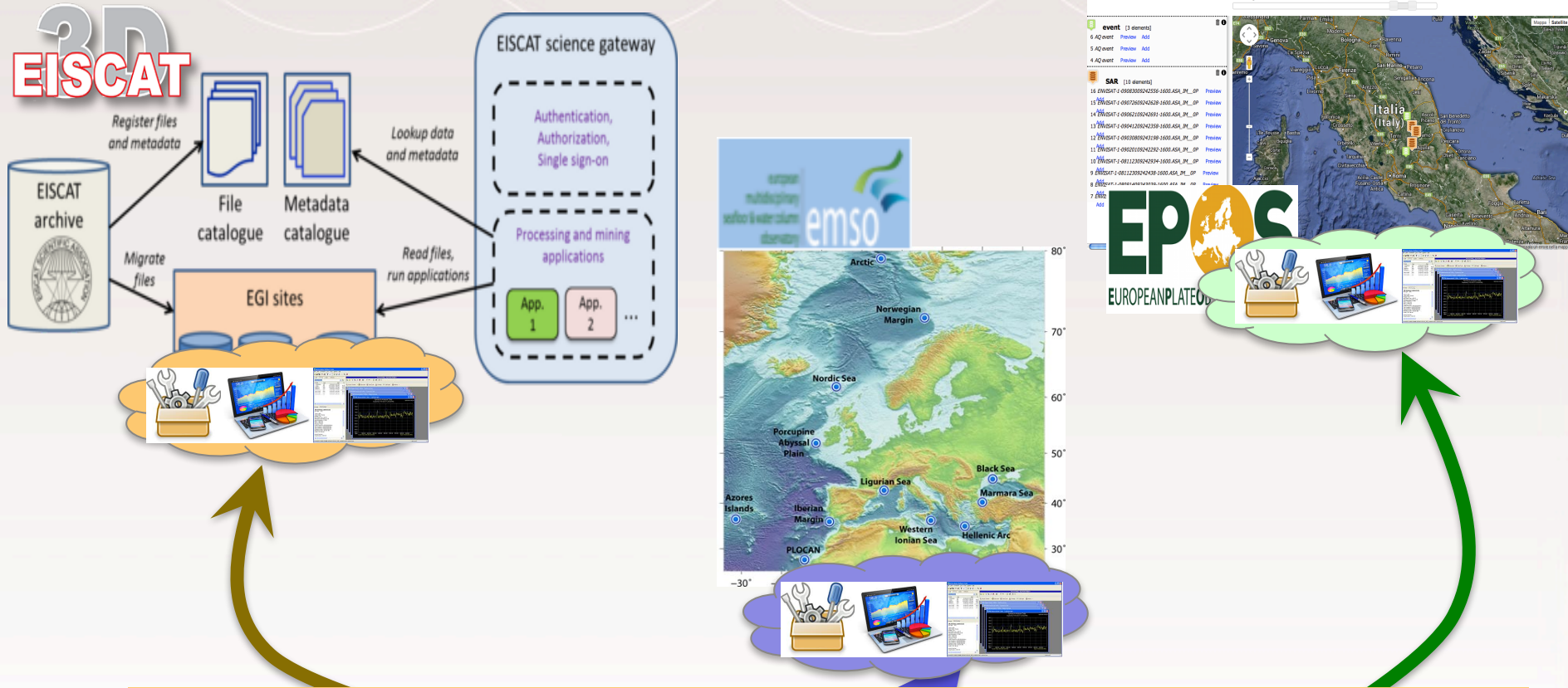
Marine and  
Seafloor data

Carbon, ocean,  
eco-sys

Cloud particles,  
atmosphere composition

Gas-sphere species,  
etc.

# Processing, monitoring, diagnosis and optimization

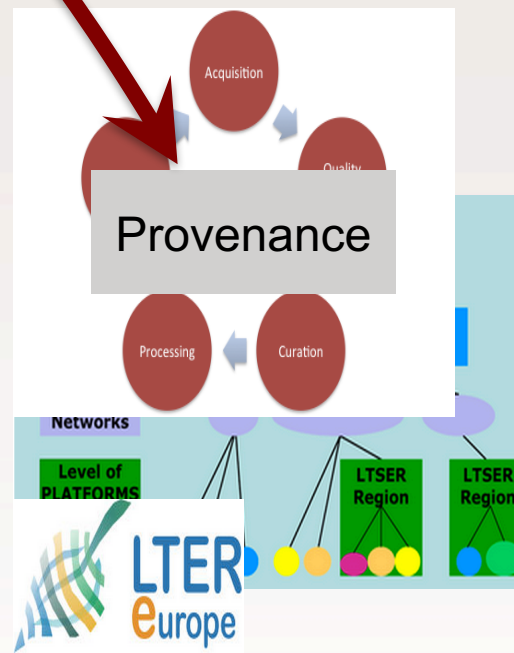
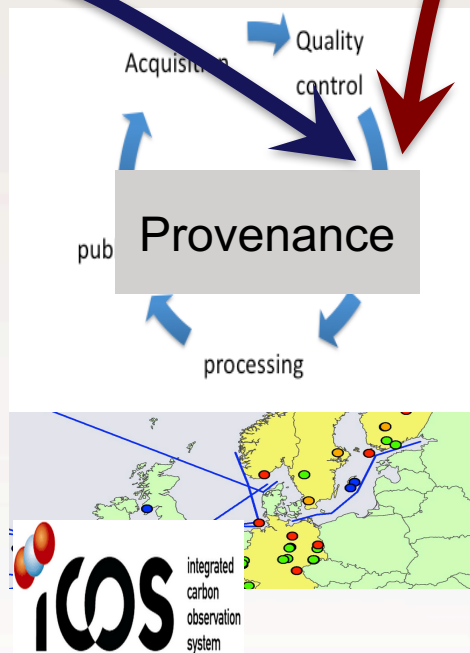
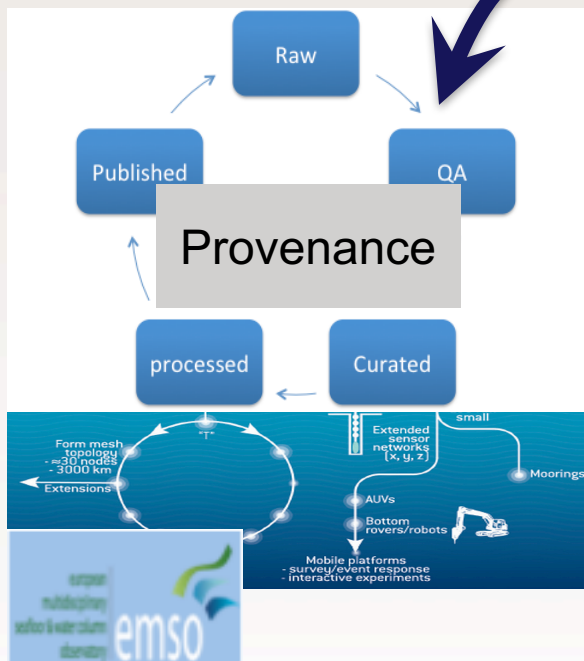


**How to optimize: data discovery, access, delivery and processing.**

**Tools: processing, monitoring, and diagnosis, virtual research environments**

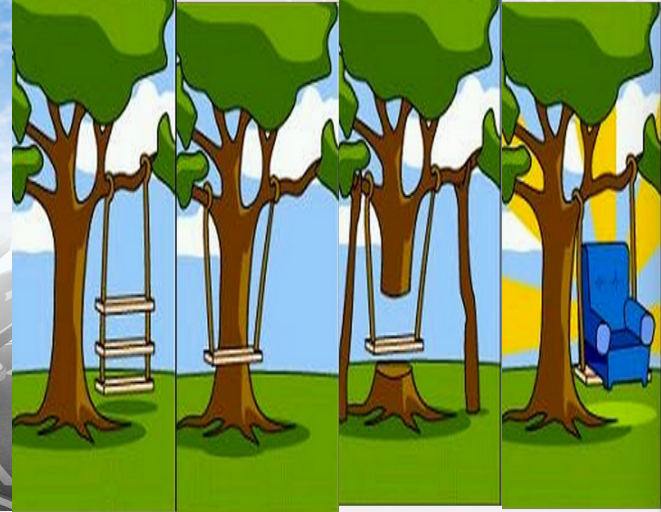
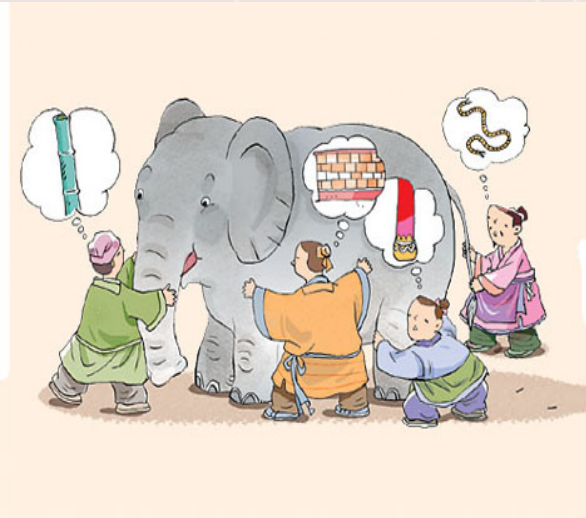
# Data provenance

*PROV-O?*





# Interoperability challenges



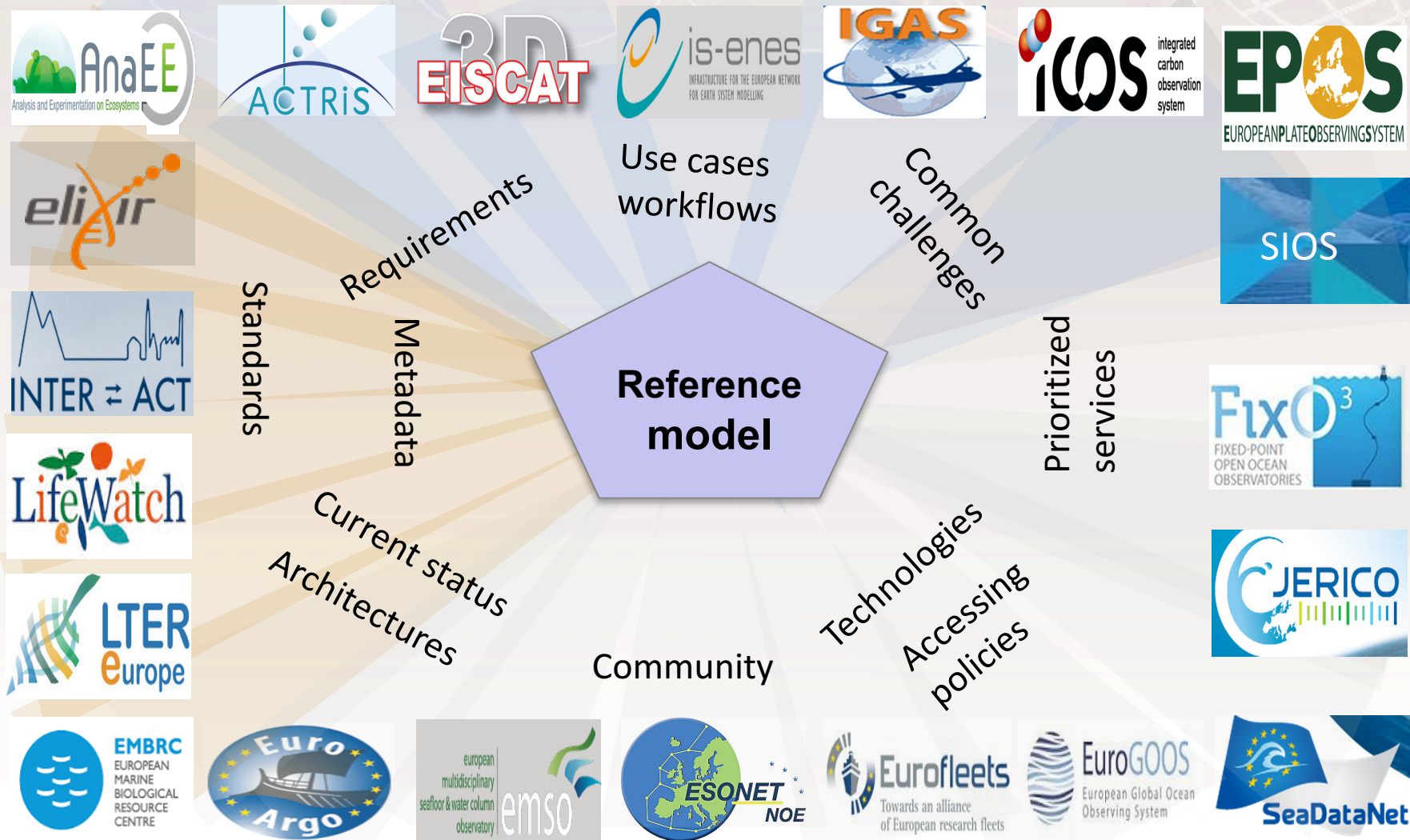
- **Diverse visions, different development agenda, and the lack of common vocabulary** make the data and functional components difficult to be interoperable.



# Reference model

- ISO: **Open System Interconnection (OSI)** Reference model
- ISO: Software engineering, **Open Distributed Processing (ODP)** reference model
- OASIS: Service computing, **Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)**
- WfMC: **Workflow Management** Coalition reference model
- Data curation: **Digital Curation** Center Reference Model

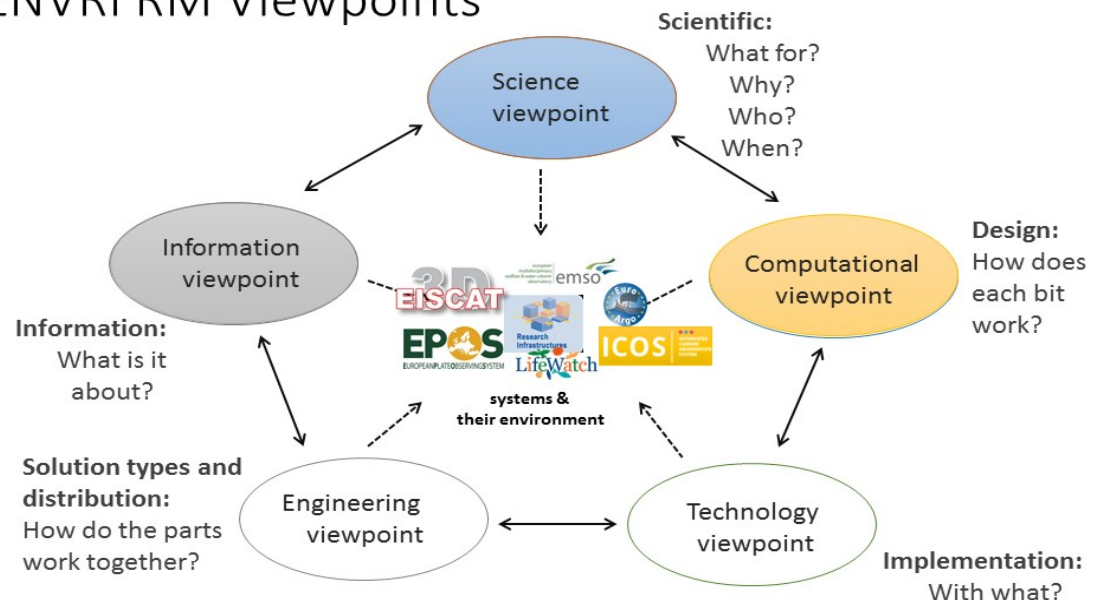
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- **The ENVRI Reference Model (RM)**, started in the former ENVRI project, is an ongoing development of ENVRIplus that can be applied to the informatics engineering design challenges faced by RIs.
- Based on the **Open Distributed Process (RM-ODP, ISO 10746)**.
- **Like the design of buildings**, the RM decomposes the modelling procedure for a complex distributed system into different viewpoints.
- **The RM promotes** a standard vocabulary for **describing** environmental research infrastructures and for **modelling** their components and architecture from the **scientific, informational, computational, engineering** and **technology** viewpoints.
- Current version: V2.1  
<http://envri.eu/rm>

ENVRI RM Viewpoints



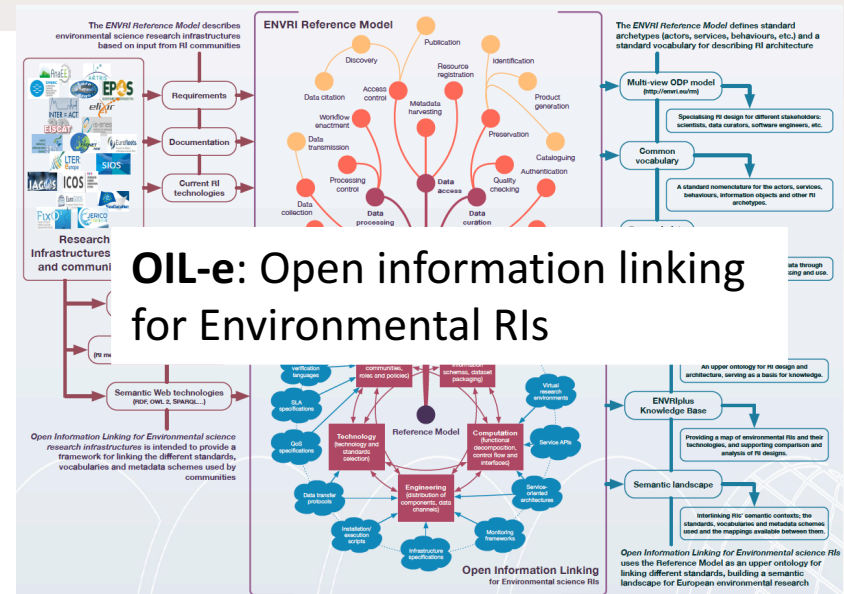
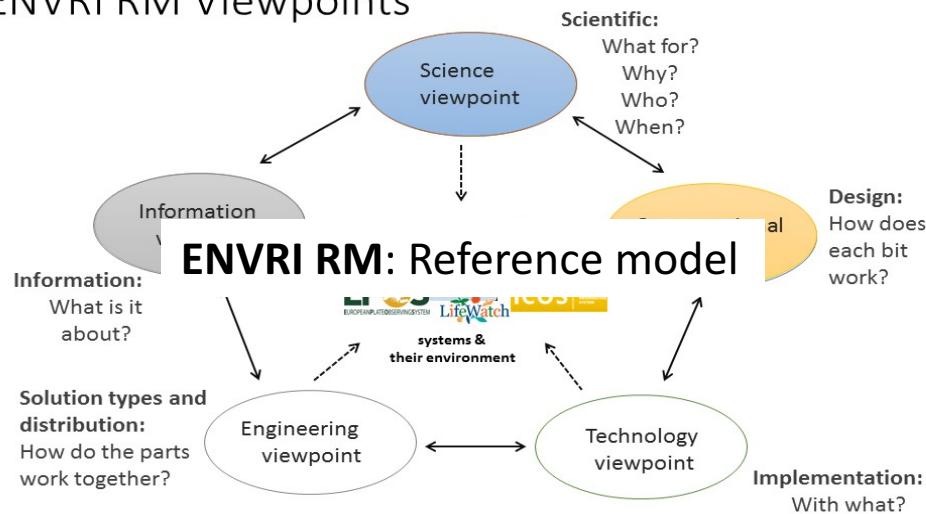


**EU FP7 ENVRI:**  
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**Approach:** multi viewpoint  
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## ENVRI RM Viewpoints



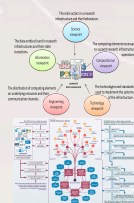
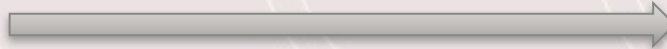
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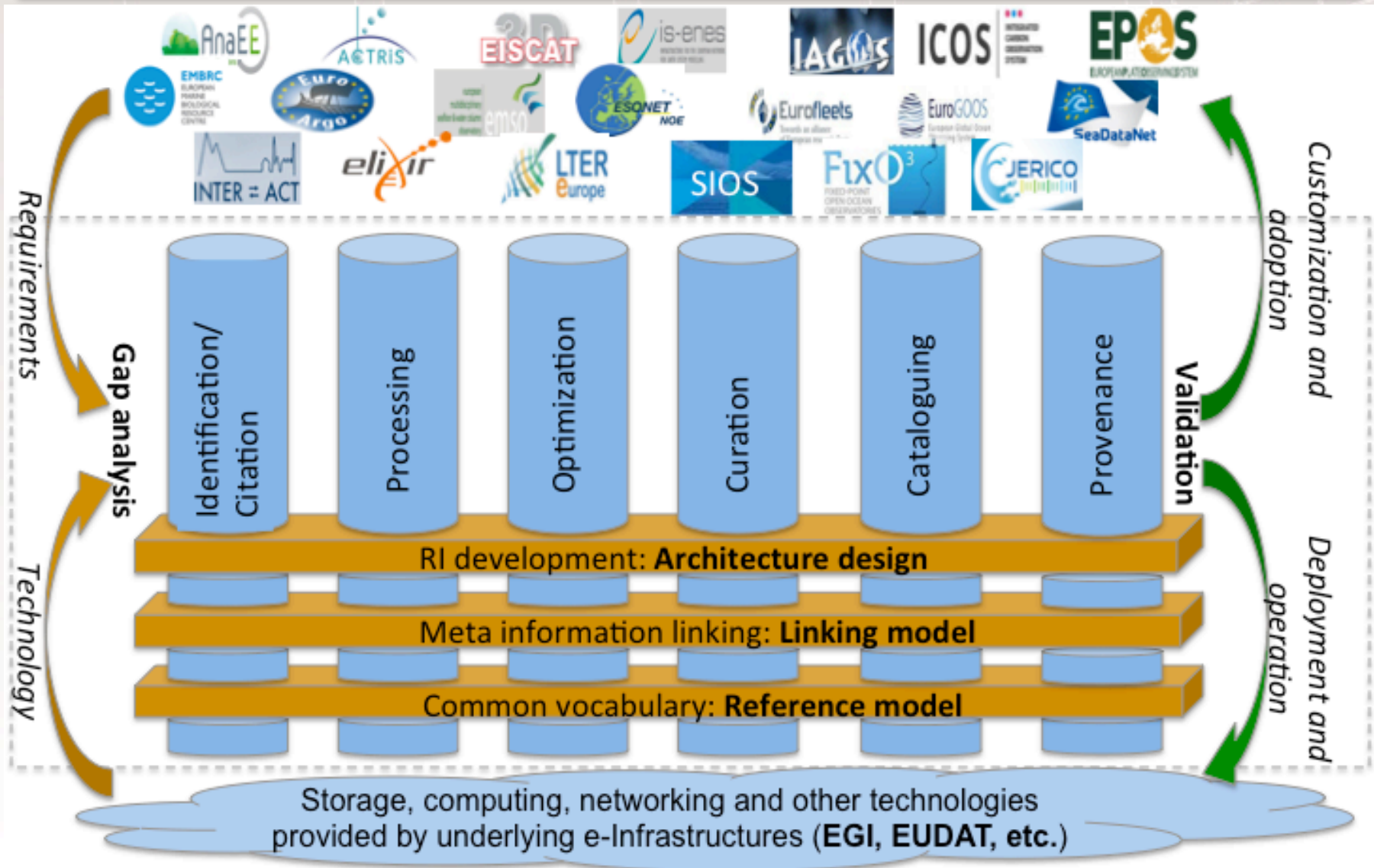


**Output:** ENVRI RM 1.0,  
OIL-e 1.0  
Data query and processing  
prototype



**EU H2020 ENVRIPLUS:**  
Data for science theme  
Build reusable solutions to  
common development  
challenges.

# Approach: RM guided system design



Zhao, Z., et al. (2015) *Reference Model Guided System Design and Implementation for Interoperable Environmental Research Infrastructures*, proceedings of IEEE eScience, 2015

[[doi:10.1109/eScience.2015.41](https://doi.org/10.1109/eScience.2015.41)]

# Data for science theme knowledge base

- Discover reusable components among research infrastructures.
- Design new research infrastructures.
- Optimise the evolutionary path.



knowledge base

Semantic description and reasoning tools

New RIs

RI: how did other RIs implement my missing functionality?

RI: how should I upgrade my services?

New RI: What are the best practices for meeting my requirements?

<http://oil-e.vlan400.uvalight.net/>

SPARQL ENDPOINT:  CONTENT TYPE (SELECT):

```
1 PREFIX doi: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
2 PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
3 PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
4 PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
5 PREFIX base: <http://www.oil-e.net/ontology/oil-base.owl#>
6 PREFIX rm: <http://www.oil-e.net/ontology/envri-rm.owl#>
7
8 SELECT DISTINCT ?instance ?label ?description
9 WHERE {
10   ?instance rdf:type rm:ResearchInfrastructure.
```

**ENVRI+ Knowledge Base**

This page acts as a 'notebook' for the different kinds of queries, directed towards the ENVRI+ Knowledge Base (ENVRI+ KB), that are needed to support different types of activity. Sample queries can be directed to the live knowledge base, and results displayed.

**Query profiles**

The following namespace declarations are prefixed to all queries:

```
PREFIX doi: <http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/>
PREFIX owl: <http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#>
PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
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PREFIX rm: <http://www.oil-e.net/ontology/envri-rm.owl#>
PREFIX data: <http://www.envri.eu/community/data.owl#>
```

**Scenario analysis**

**Problem**

We want to be able to identify the research infrastructure components required to solve certain scientific problem scenarios.

**behaviours** in the science view of ENVRI RM (which describe many or the most basic use-cases within an RM context) to identify the necessary actors, resources and computational operations associated with that behaviour.

It is possible to query these correspondences directly from ENVRI+ KB; from that starting point we can explore how best to explore the network of correspondences and also to provide instance data from actual RIs as examples.

**Plan**

We will develop this case as follows:

1. Define the queries necessary to extract the RM components associated with specific behaviours.
2. Provide a live visualisation for exploring the information provided by such queries for demonstration purposes.
3. Define a model for defining and extracting a complete architecture scheme for supporting a given behaviour.
4. Define a simple language for describing scenarios based on OIL-E concepts.
5. Integrate the work into an ENVRI+ KB explorer tool.

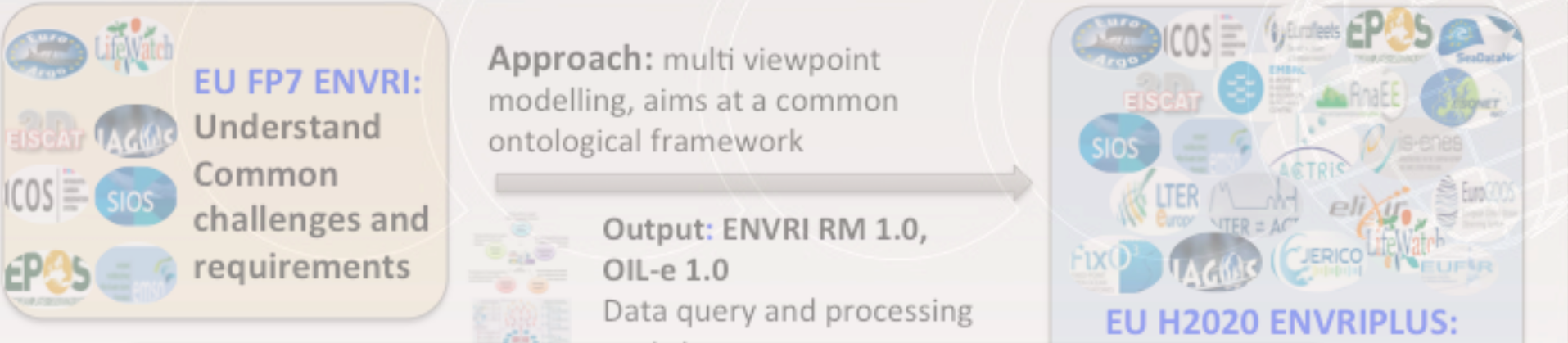
**Demo**

We can use the following query to extract properties of the 'add metadata' information action:

```
SELECT ?property ?property_label ?object ?object_label
WHERE {
  rm:IV_AddMetadata rdfs:subClassOf [owl:iriProperty ?property;
    (owl:someValuesFrom [owl:hasValue] ?object);
    OPTIONAL { ?property rdfs:label ?property_label };
    OPTIONAL { ?object rdfs:label ?object_label }.
}
```

Submit

For behaviour extraction, we want to define a new super-property in OIL-E (in the linking layer) to collect all relevant properties linked to behaviours, e.g. *requires operation* and *involves actor*, and present a similar level



## Current challenges:

- 1) *Operational* challenges: AAI, deployment, maintenance
- 2) *Science support* challenges: effective VREs, discovery, optimization
- 3) *Sustainability* challenges: software upkeep, long term contracts for service provisioning?



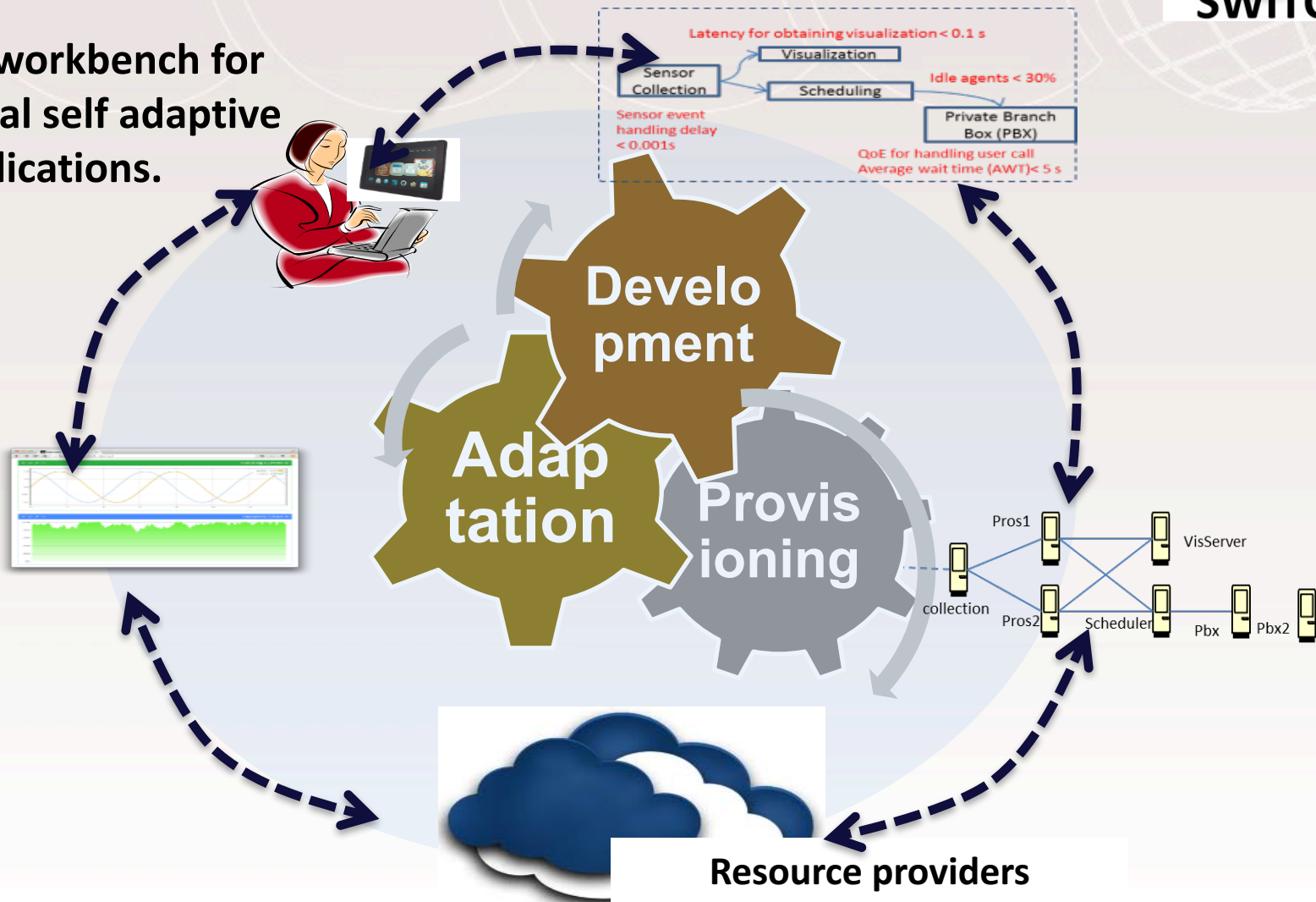
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# Quality critical data processing on virtualized infrastructures

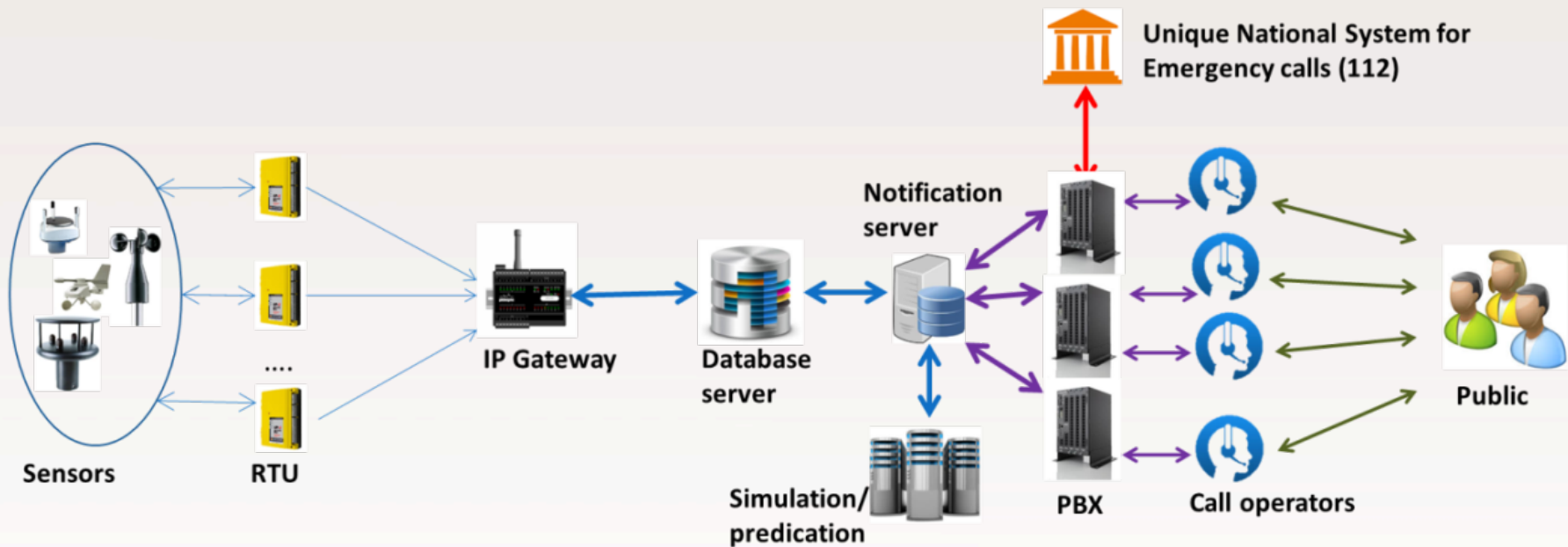


Software workbench for time critical self adaptive cloud applications.



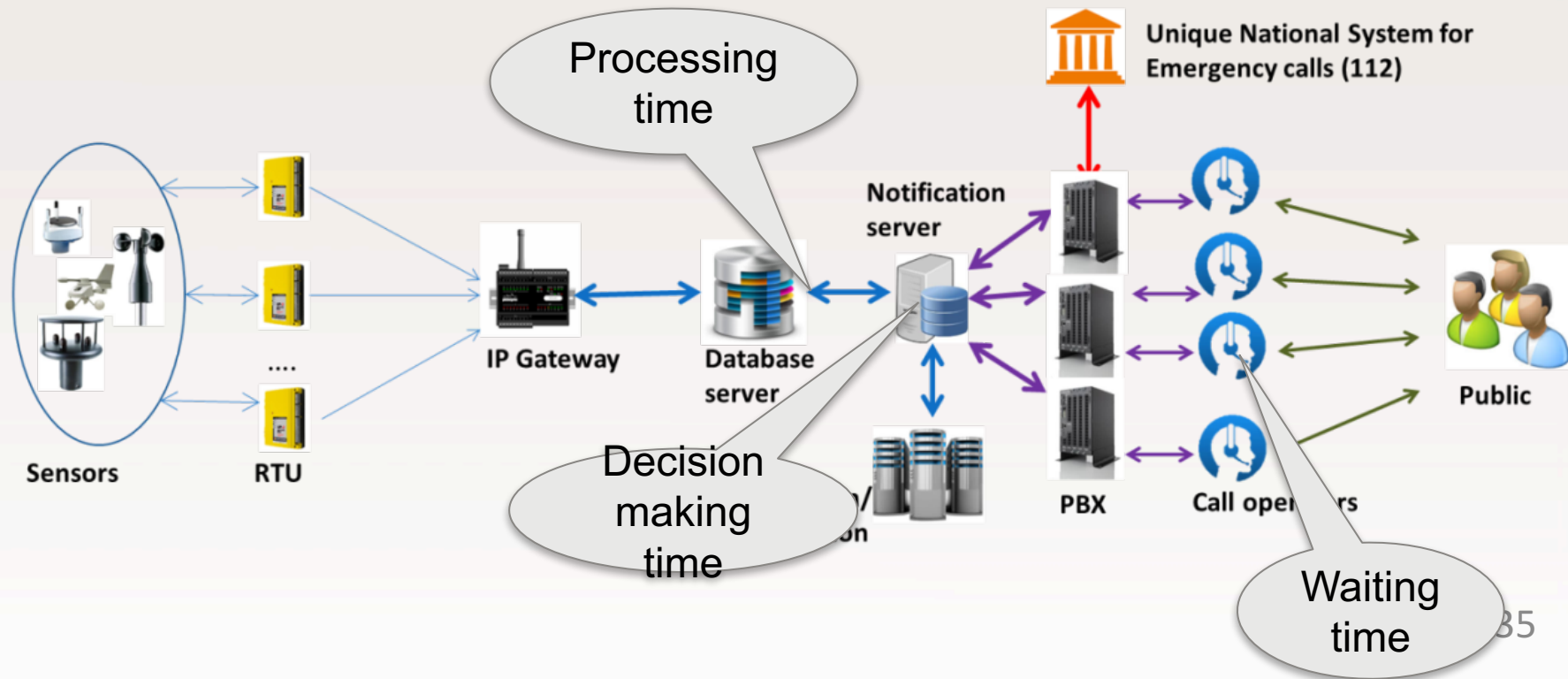
Zhao, Z., et al.,(2015), A software workbench for interactive, time critical and highly self-adaptive cloud applications (SWITCH), Cluster, Cloud and Grid Computing)

# Data applications with critical time constraints



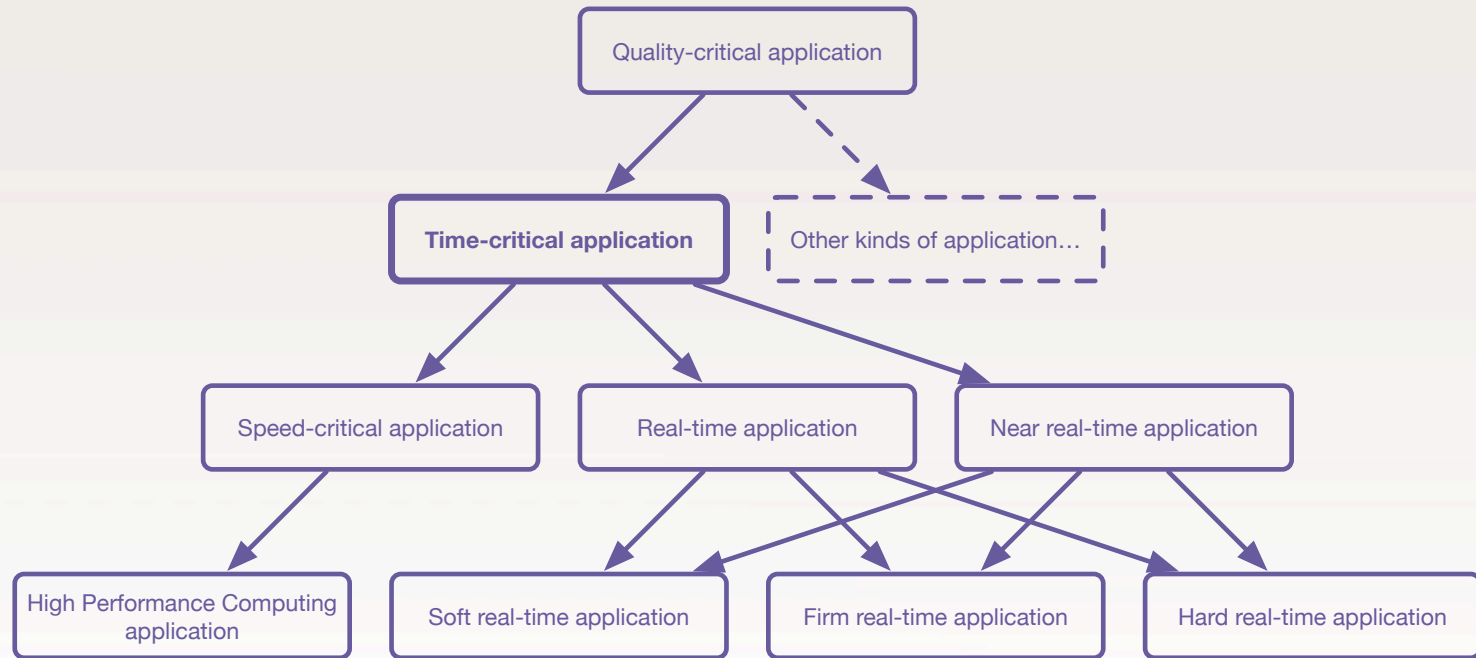
Disaster early warning system

# Key time constraints





# A simple taxonomy

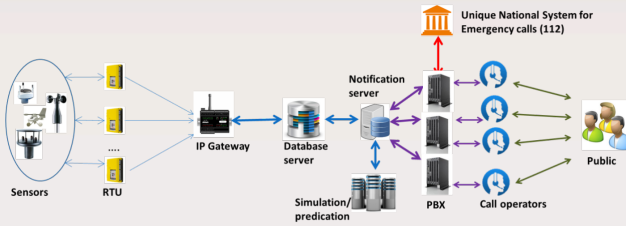


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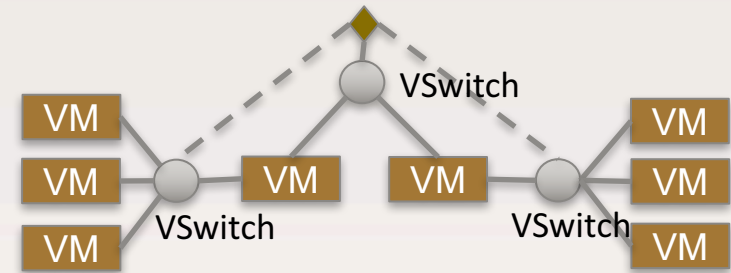
# Why network aware application optimization

- Time critical applications are often distributed and require networked environments
- Network is often a bottleneck besides computation
- System level optimization is crucial to guarantee the time constraints
- **However, it requires vertical optimization from application to network:**
  - **not only programmable interfaces of network, but also effective programming and optimization models**

# Virtual infrastructure planning



Time  
constraints,  
budget

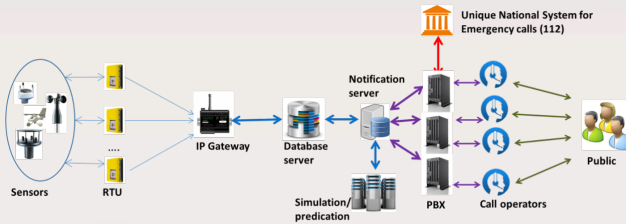


# From application to VM

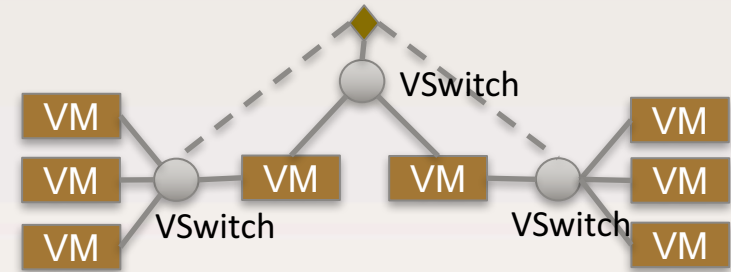
- **Problem:** how to select virtual machines based on quality of service, time constraints (deadlines), total budget and other constraints?
- **Related work:** scheduling (e.g., workflow in Grid [Yu 2008, Wang 2017])
  - Best effort scheduling
    - Immediate scheduling
    - List scheduling (batch, dependency, cluster and duplication)
  - QoS aware scheduling
    - Deadline aware
    - Budget aware
- **Approach:** extended from QoS aware (both deadline and budget) scheduling, but for multiple deadlines



# From application logic to virtual infrastructure

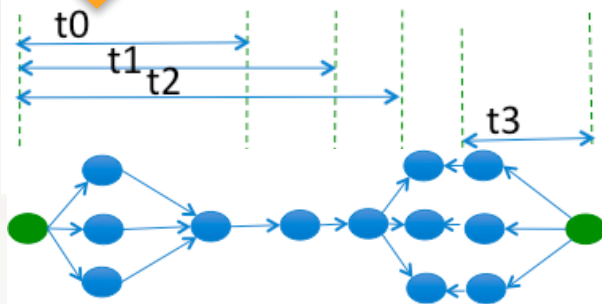


Time constraints, budget

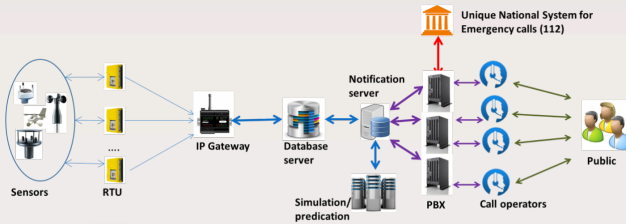


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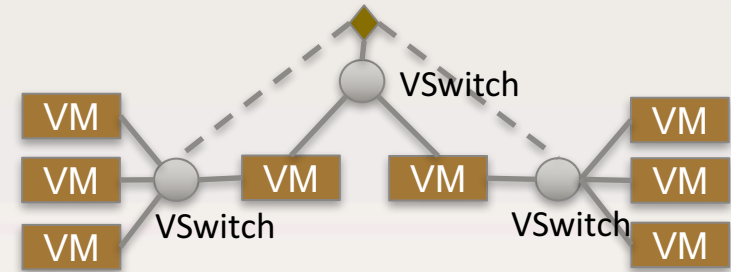
Application scenario to workflow with time constraints



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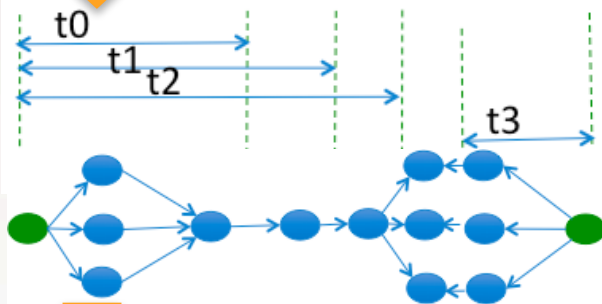


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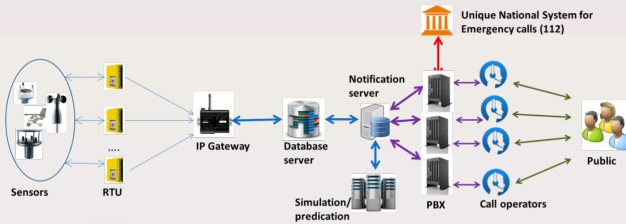


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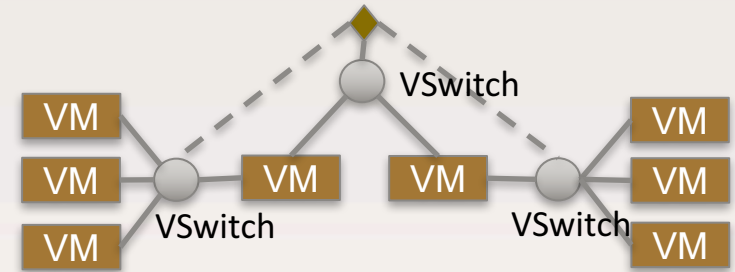
Time constraints to VMs/mapping



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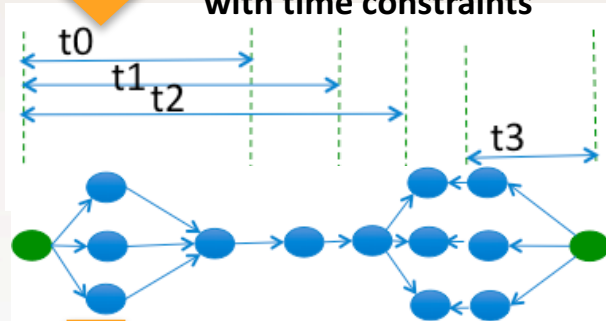


Time constraints, budget



4 SDN controller placement

1 Application scenario to workflow with time constraints

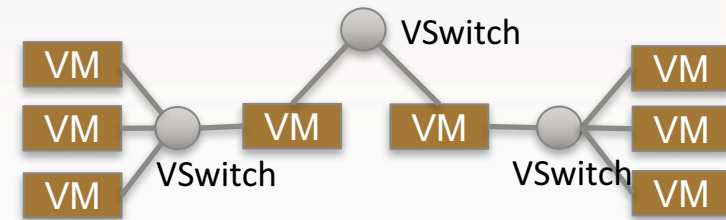


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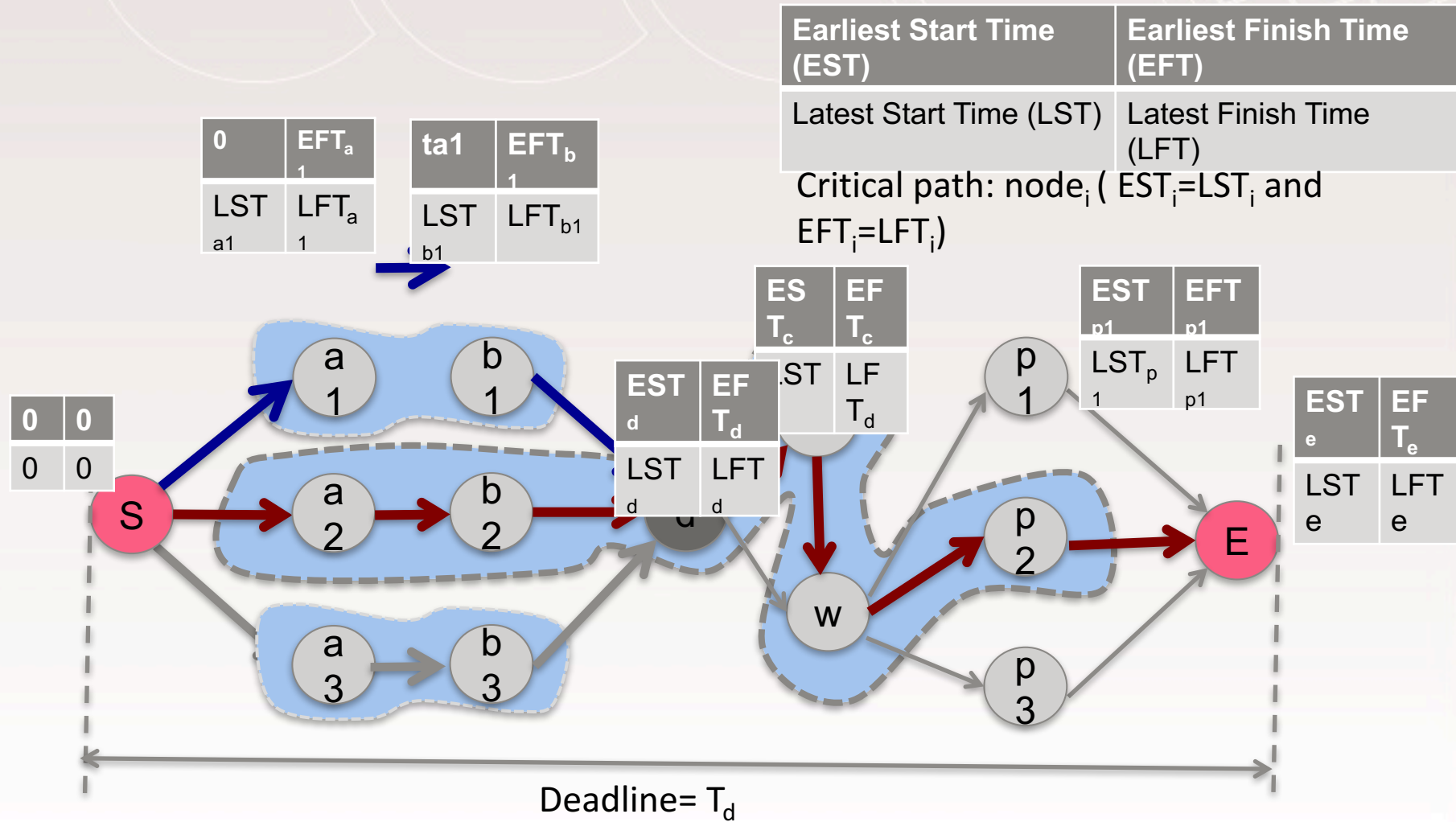


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VM to Network topology



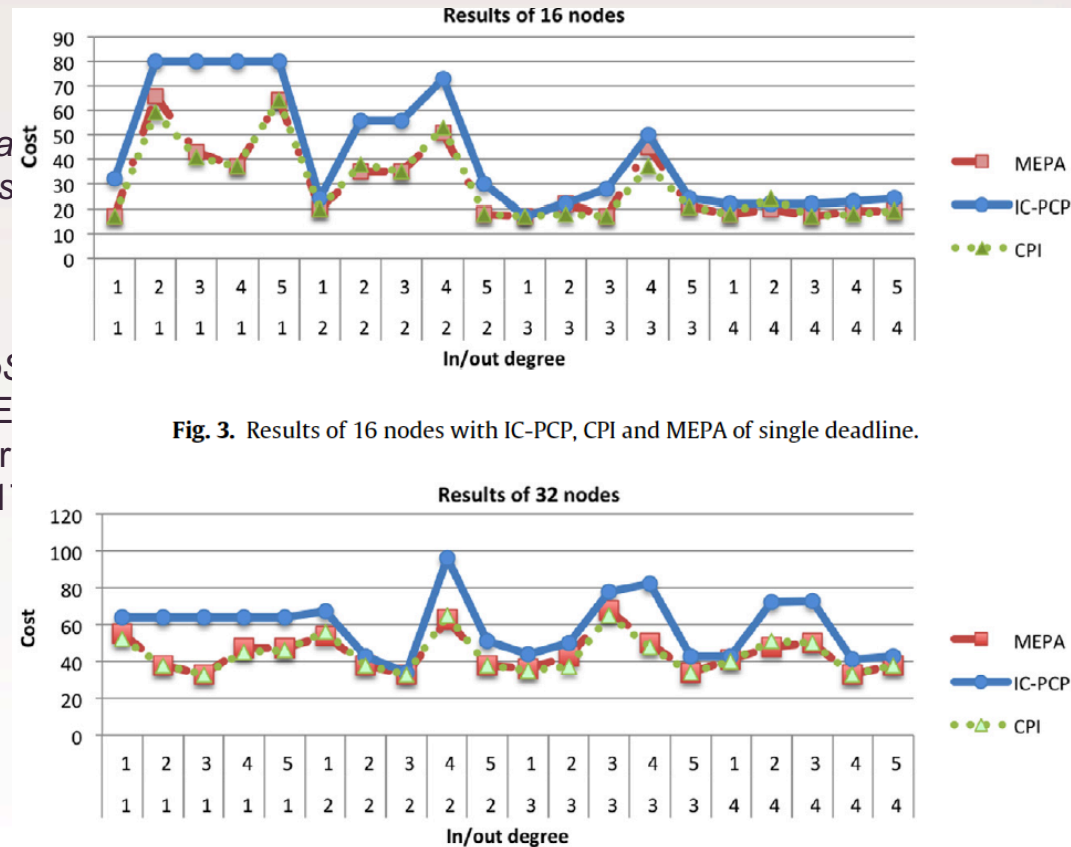
# Critical path



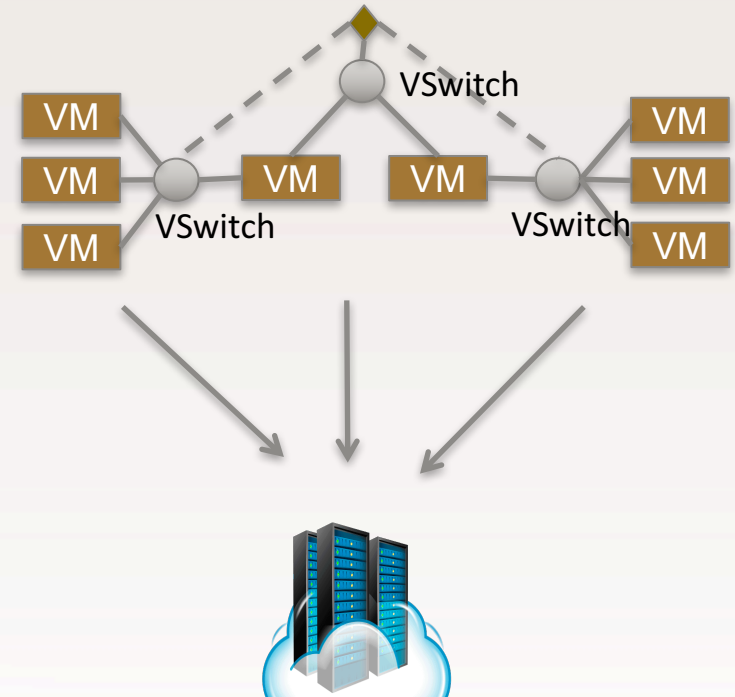
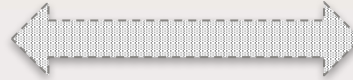
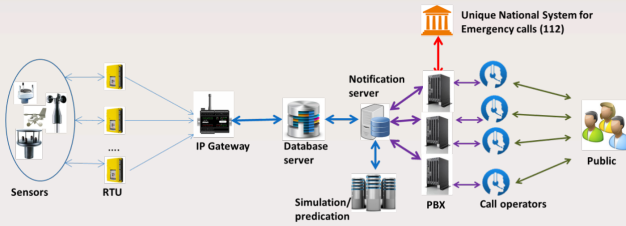


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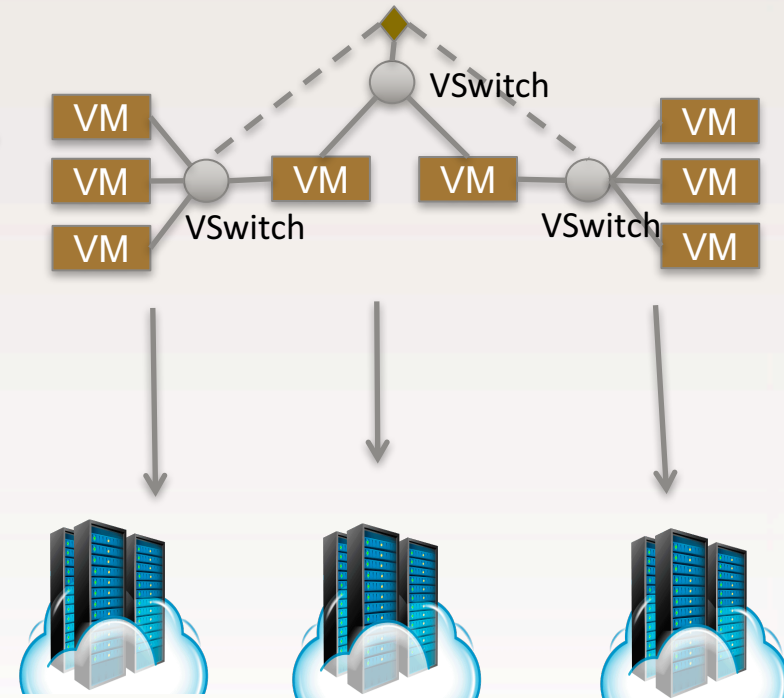
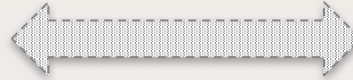
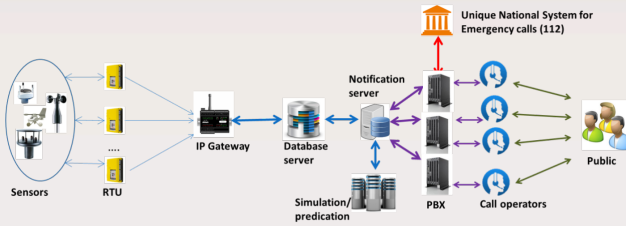
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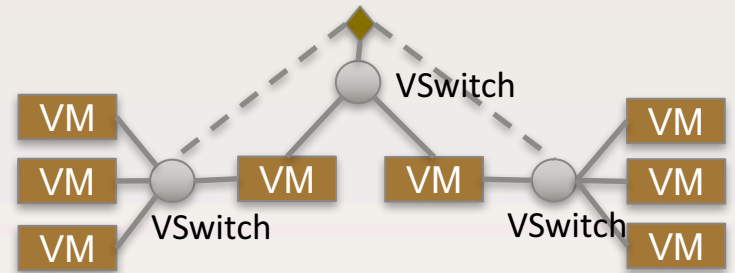
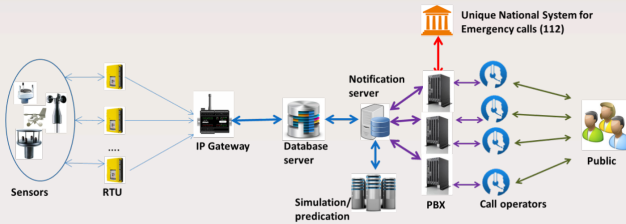
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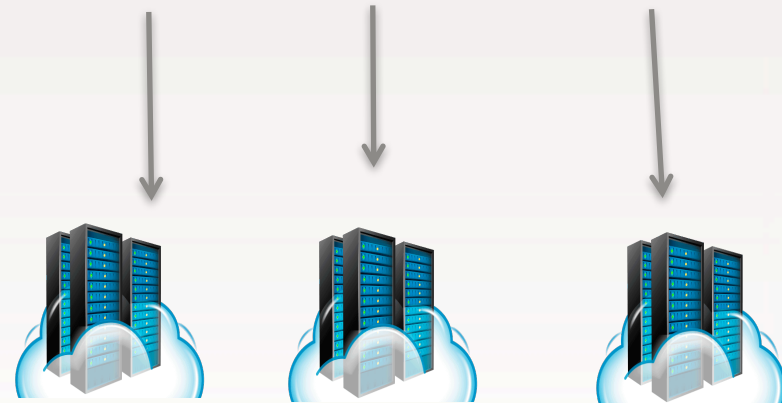
# Why need multiple data centers?



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- 1) Geo-locations of sensors
- 2) Insufficient resources of a single data centre
- 3) Resilient purpose: some components may fail
- 4) SLA for the application
- 5) Etc.





# Approaches

## ● Standardized Multi-level Infrastructure Description

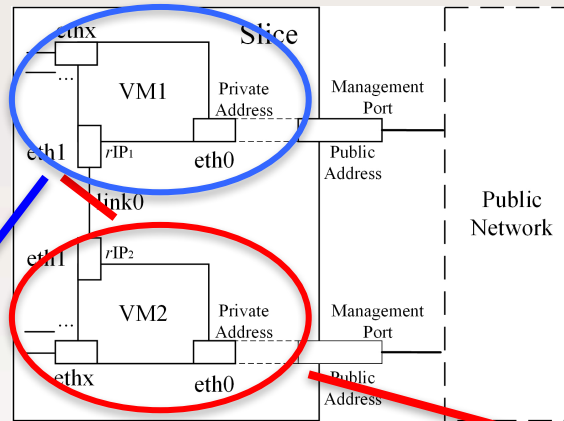
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userName: zh9314
topologies:
  - topology: zh_a
    cloudProvider: EC2
  - topology: zh_b
    cloudProvider: EC2
connections:
  - name: linkX
    source:
      component_name: zh_a.nodeB
      port: p3
      netmask: 255.255.255.0
      address: 192.168.10.10
    target:
      component_name: zh_b.nodeA
      port: p1
      netmask: 255.255.255.0
      address: 192.168.10.12
    bandwidth: 10000000
    latency: 200
zh_all.yml
```



```
components:
  - name: nodeA
    type: switch/compute
    nodetype: t2.medium
    OStype: "Ubuntu 14.04"
    domain: "ec2.us-east-1.amazonaws.com"
    script: /Users/zh9314/SWITCH_Provision/topology/t1/script/install.sh
    installation: /Users/zh9314/SWITCH_Provision/topology/t1/installation/Server
    public_address: TBD
    ethernet_port:
      - name: p2
        connection_name: c1.source
  - name: nodeB
    type: switch/compute
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    installation: /Users/zh9314/SWITCH_Provision/topology/t1/installation/Client
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      - port_name: p3
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        address: 192.168.10.10
subnets:
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# How it works

Original  
Topology

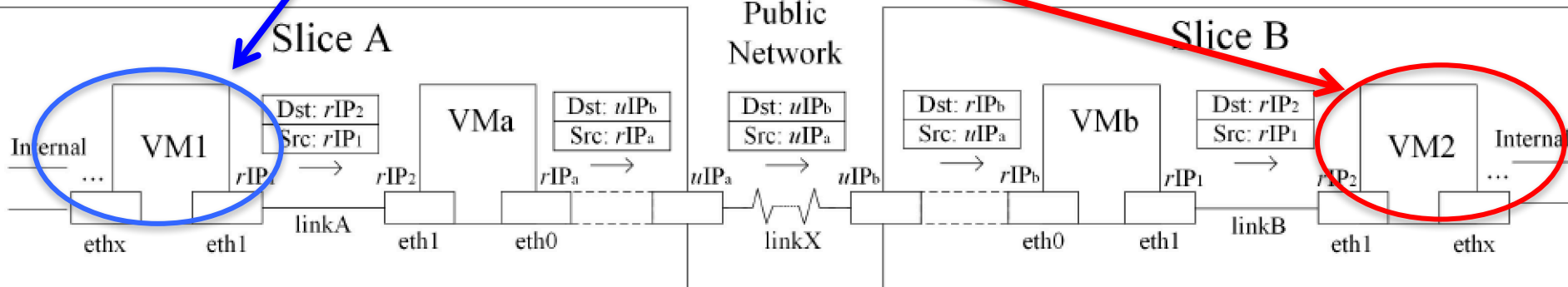


Partition

Slice A

Public  
Network

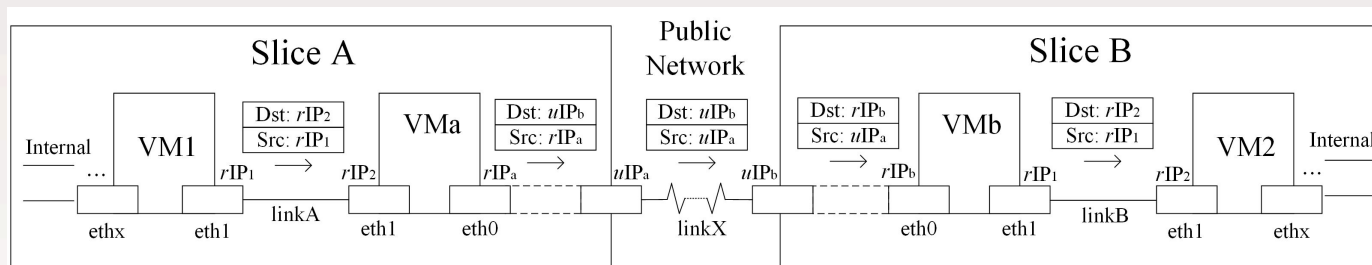
Slice B



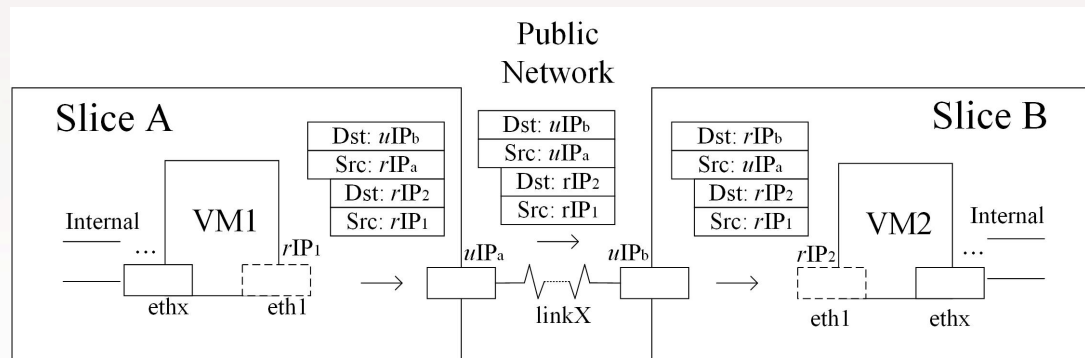
# Approaches

## Connection methods

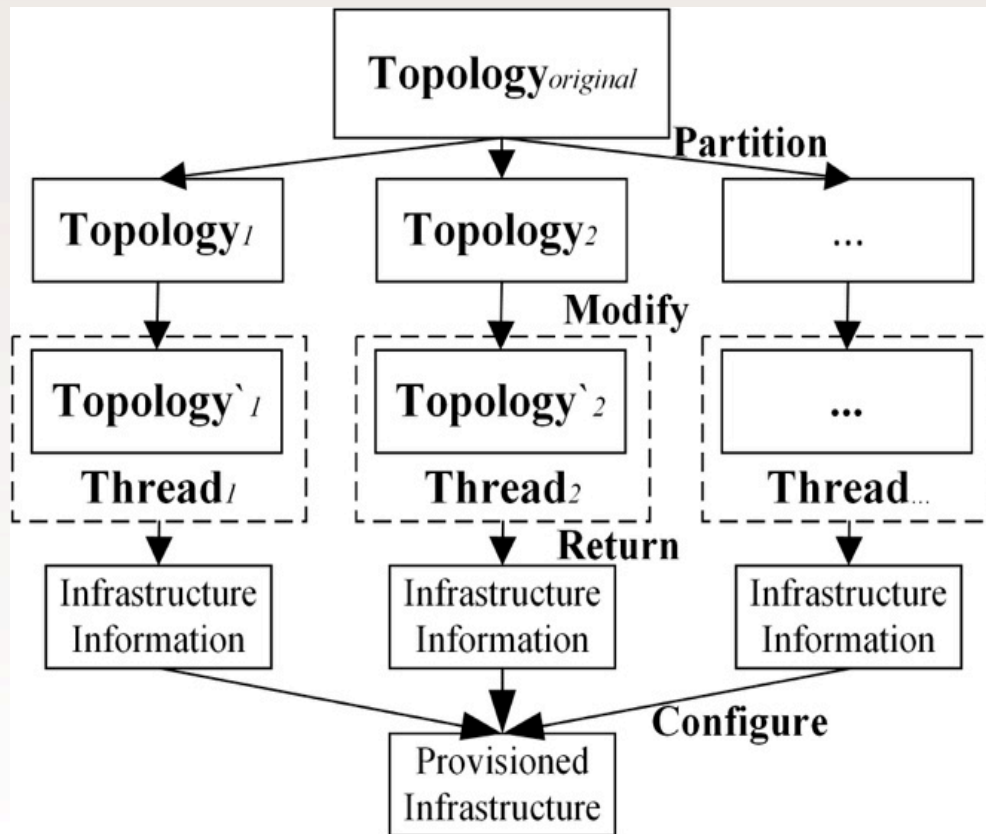
### NAT based



### Tunnel based



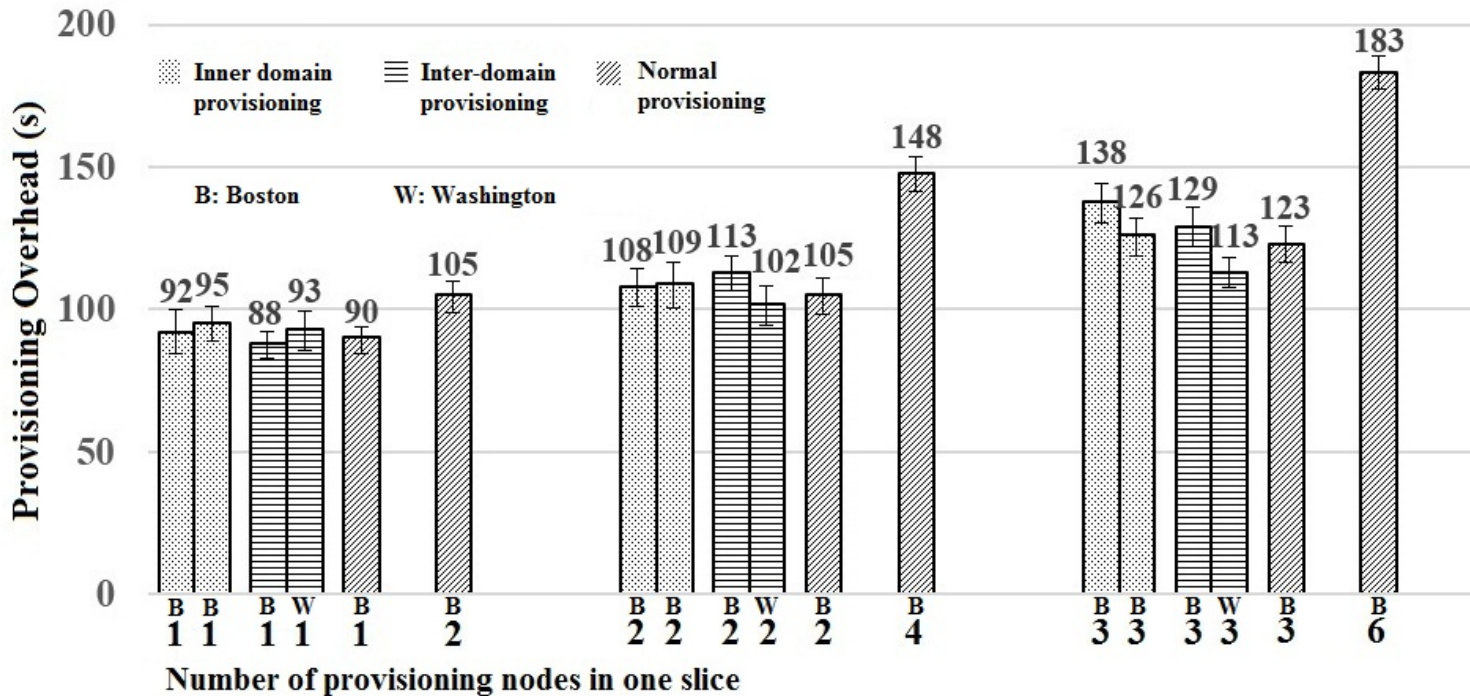
# Basic idea



- Partition the original topology into sub-topologies.
- Provision them from different datacenters or Clouds.
- Make the network connection transparent to provision networked infrastructure.

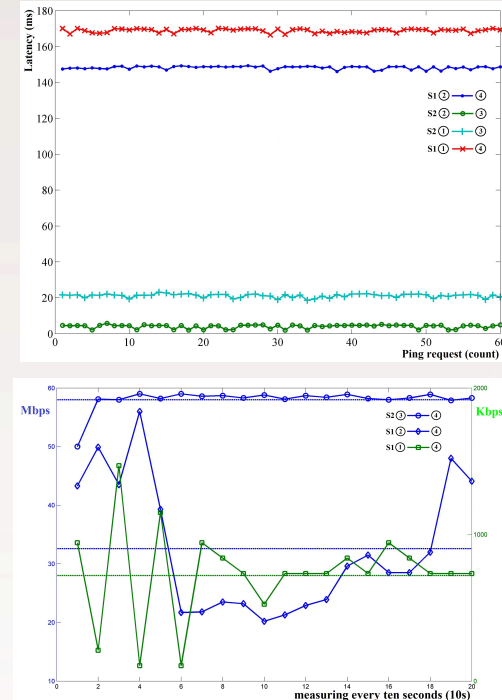
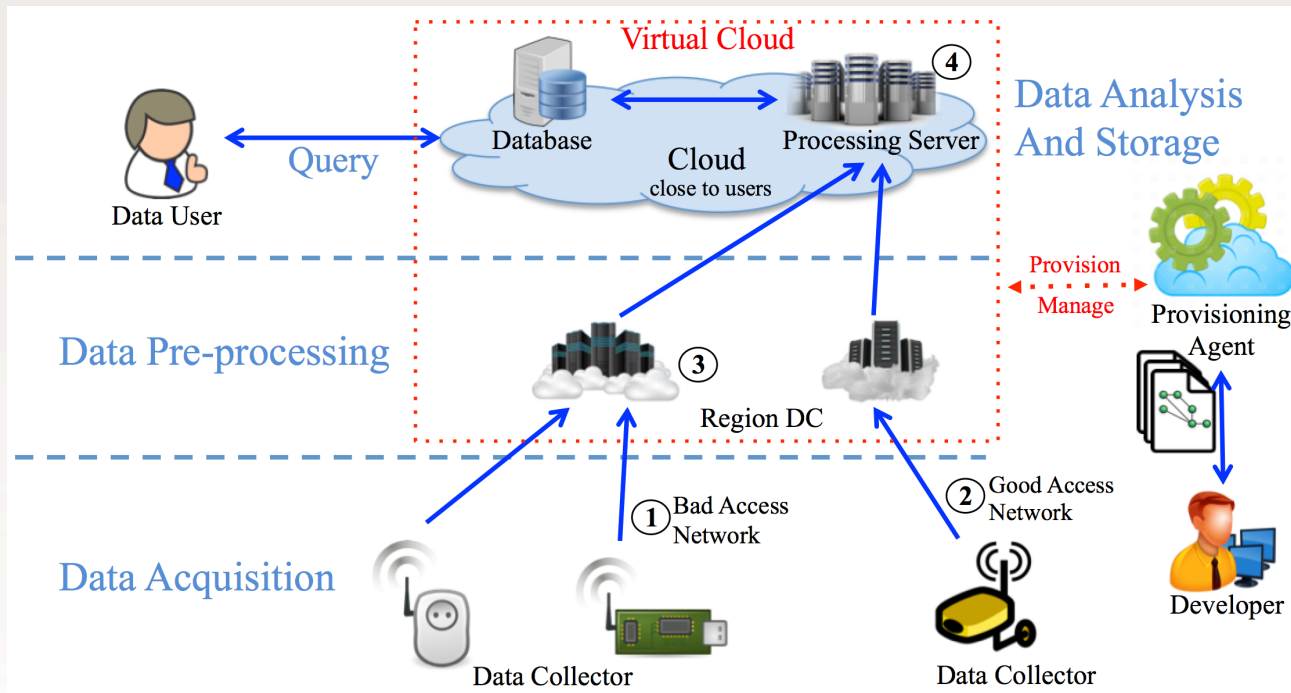


# Evaluation Results



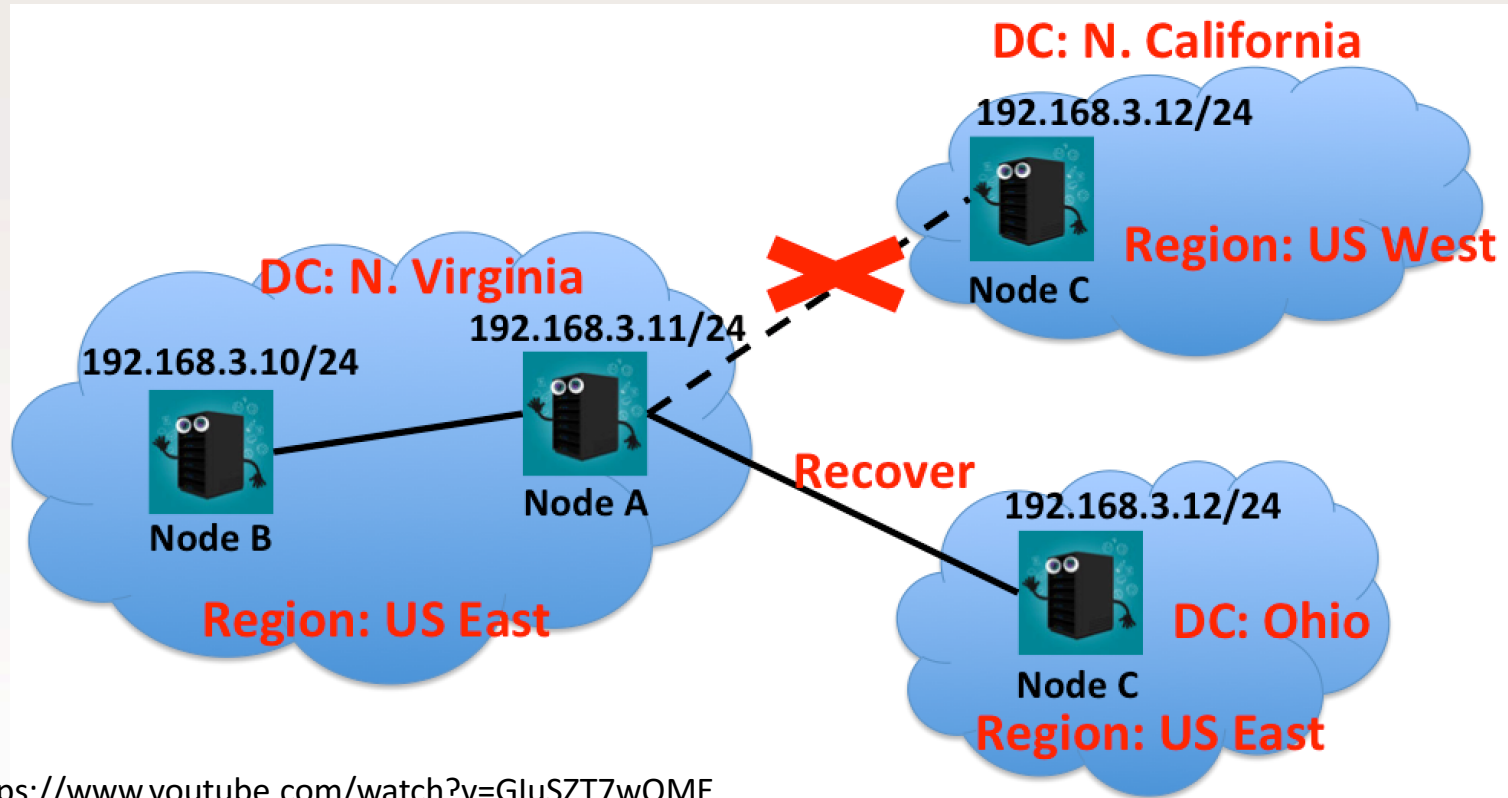
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# QoS and geo-location aware provision



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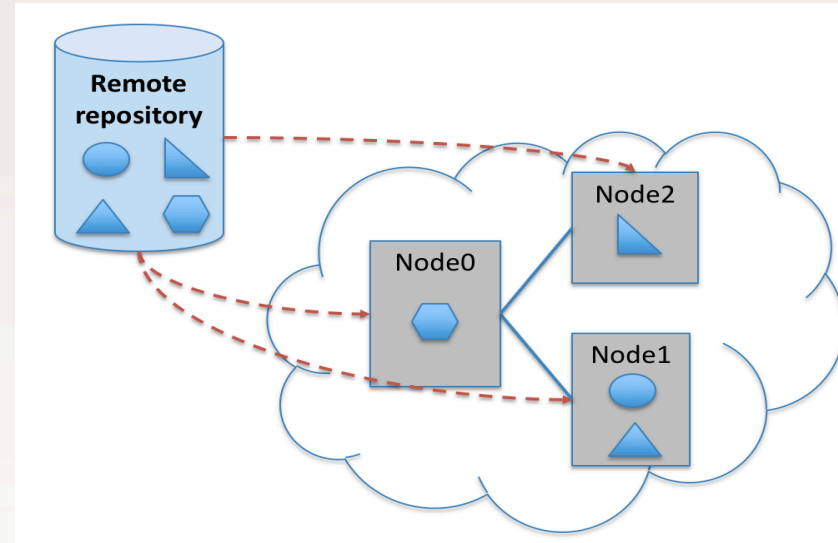
# Failure recovery



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GluSZT7wQME>

# Deploy components on virtual infrastructure

- Fetch components from remote repository
- Deploy the component





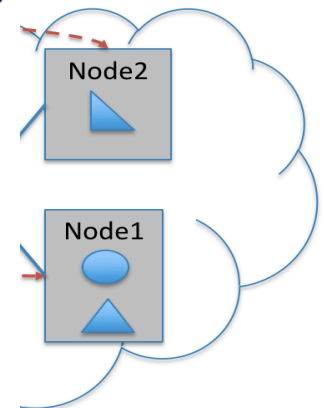
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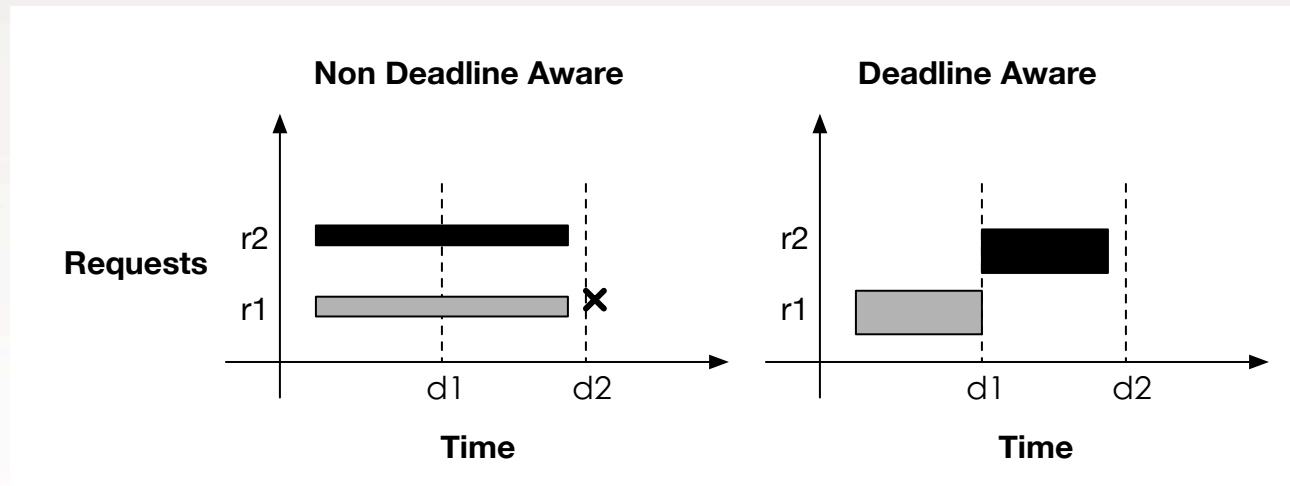
**Table 1.** Comparison of transmission time and installation time in different locations

Docker Image	Image Size	Boston Rack	Washington Rack	Houston Rack
ubuntu	400Mb	$T_f : 40.8s(\pm 2.2s)$ $T_i : 6.3s(\pm 0.5s)$	$T_f : 27.0s(\pm 1.5s)$ $T_i : 6.4s(\pm 0.4s)$	$T_f : 20.3s(\pm 1.5s)$ $T_i : 6.3s(\pm 0.6s)$
nginx	576Mb	$T_f : 58.7s(\pm 2.5s)$ $T_i : 9.3s(\pm 0.7s)$	$T_f : 38.9s(\pm 2.6s)$ $T_i : 9.1s(\pm 0.5s)$	$T_f : 29.2s(\pm 1.8s)$ $T_i : 9.3s(\pm 0.6s)$
mongodb	1200Mb	$T_f : 122.4s(\pm 3.0s)$ $T_i : 15.4s(\pm 0.5s)$	$T_f : 81.0s(\pm 3.4s)$ $T_i : 15.7s(\pm 0.8s)$	$T_f : 60.9s(\pm 1.9s)$ $T_i : 15.5s(\pm 0.8s)$
cassandra	1296Mb	$T_f : 132.2s(\pm 3.1s)$ $T_i : 17.1s(\pm 0.9s)$	$T_f : 87.5s(\pm 3.4s)$ $T_i : 17.3s(\pm 0.7s)$	$T_f : 65.7s(\pm 2.3s)$ $T_i : 17.4s(\pm 0.6s)$



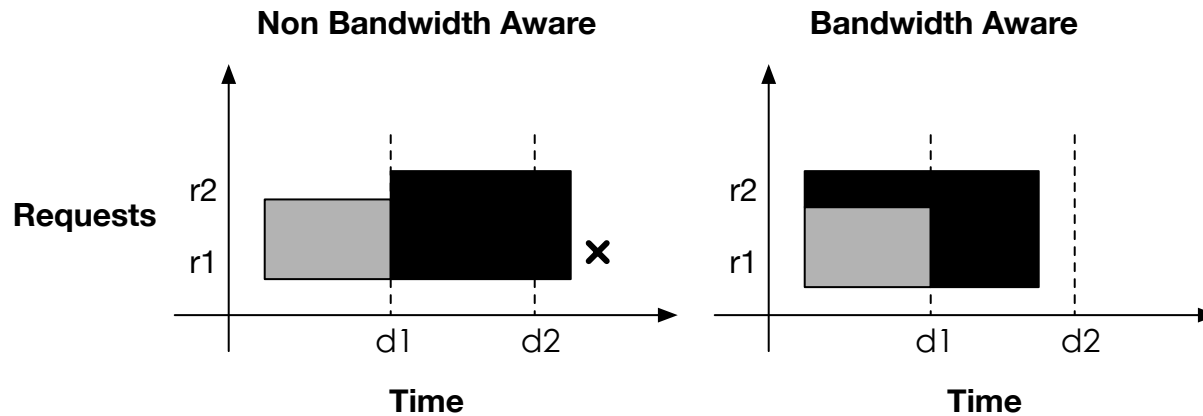
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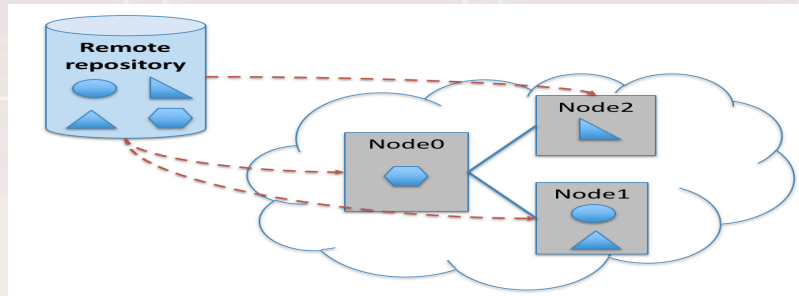
● How to meet the deployment deadlines?



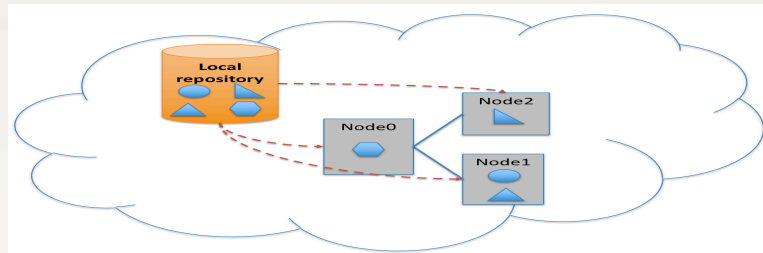
# Bandwidth is the bottleneck

- Schedule network
- Optimize the utilization

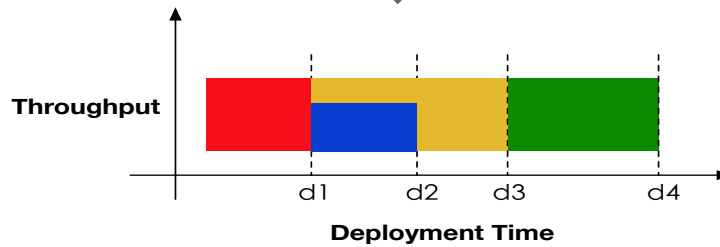




**Create Local repository**



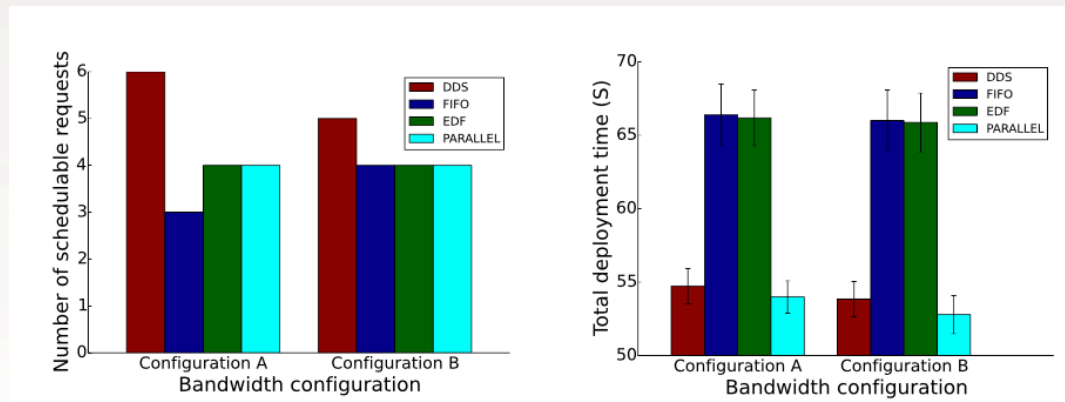
**Bandwidth-aware EDF scheduling**



# EDF + network scheduling for deployment

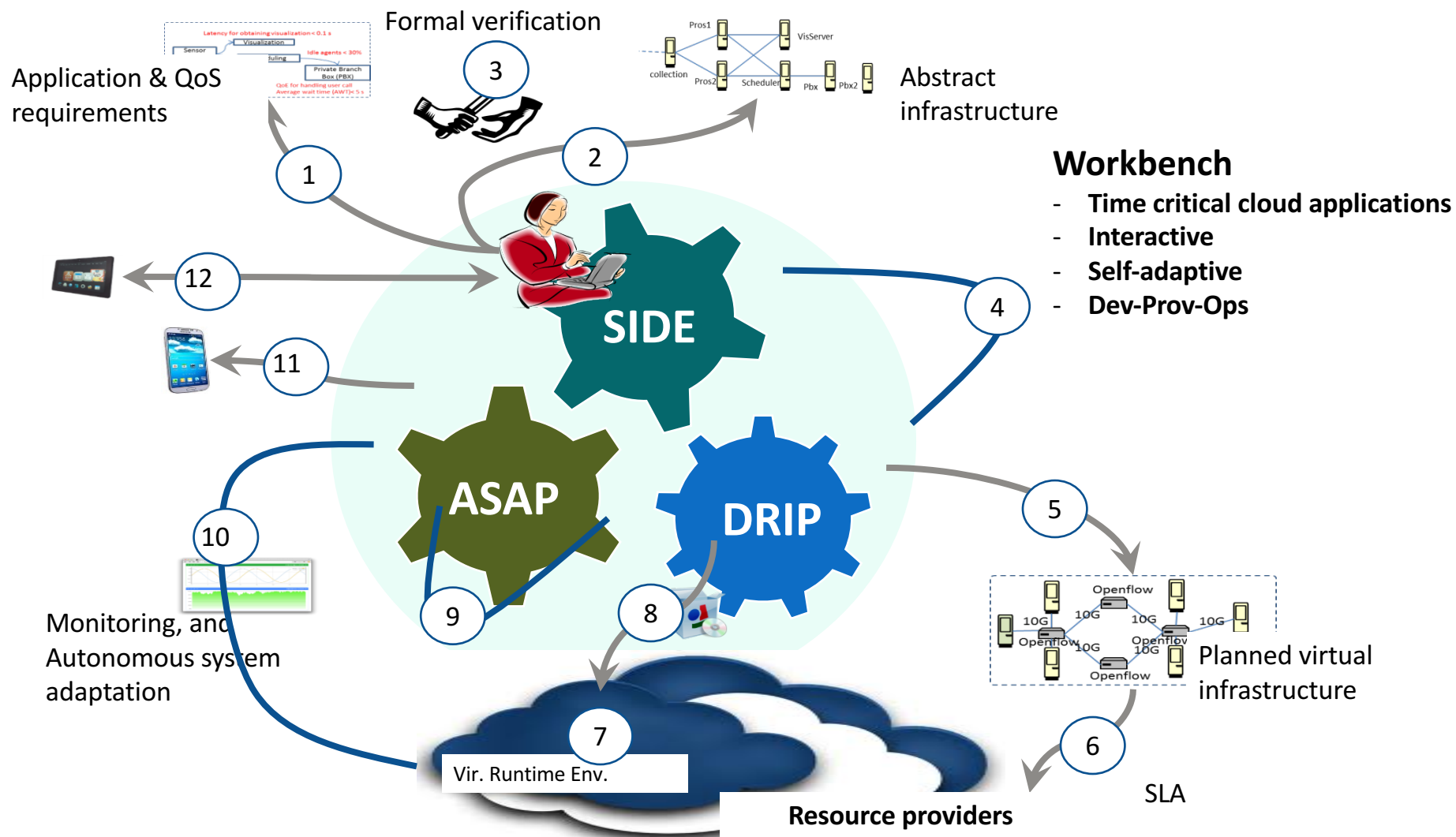
## Scheduling options?

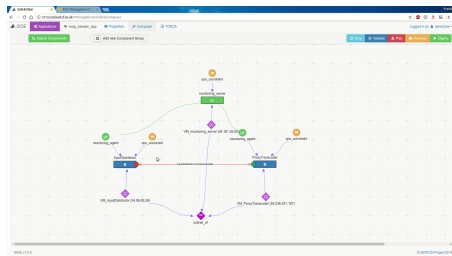
- **FIFO**: All the deployment requests are scheduled by the arrive time of the request in a sequential way.
- **PARALLEL**: All the deployment requests are scheduled immediately after arrival in a parallel way.
- **EDF**: All the deployment requests are scheduled by the EDF algorithm in a sequential way.
- **Bandwidth aware EDF**: including network bandwidth in the EDF scheduling



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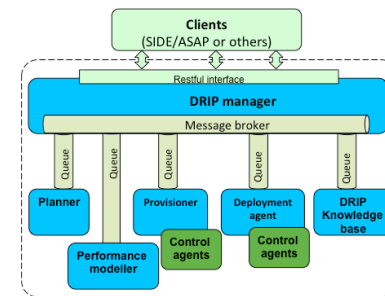
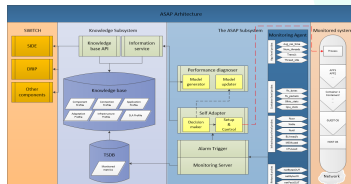
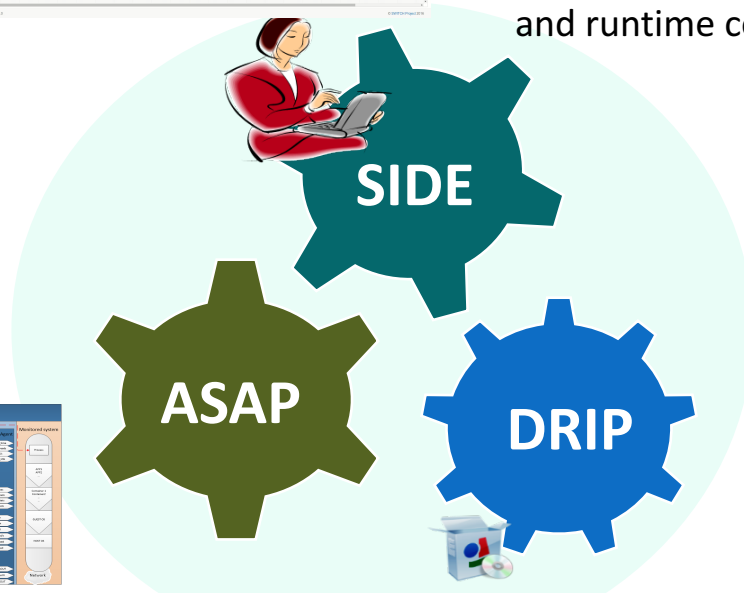






## Multi view GUI

- Program application logic + virtual infrastructure
- Integration with DRIP/ASAP for provisioning and runtime control



Resource providers

# Outline

- Infrastructures for data centric research
- Infrastructure interoperability
- Time critical cloud applications
- **Summary**

# Summary

- The interoperability among big data infrastructures is crucial for system level of sciences
- It is very challenging to guarantee the deadlines of the time critical cloud applications
- There are increasing number of time critical applications identified from industrial and scientific computing domains
- Meta-heuristic approaches are playing important role in optimizing resource allocation and task scheduling for time critical applications; Dynamic Real-time Infrastructure Planner (DRIP) can automate the planning, provision and deployment of time critical cloud applications
- From software engineering point of view, time critical application oriented application-infrastructure programming and control models are needed

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### Background

Time-critical applications are industrial and scientific applications with strict, often real-time performance requirements, typically expressed as constraints on the Quality of Service (QoS) (e.g. response time upon detection of a tsunami event) or Quality of Experience (QoE) (e.g. stable delivery of ultra-high definition video to content distributors) presented to their users. Such applications often involve distributed components between which large volumes of data must reliably be transferred—for example applications which provide early disaster warning often include remotely deployed sensors, while many live event broadcast scenarios require direction of multiple video sources; these components exist on the periphery of a larger system with data storage, processing and access services. The development of such applications is usually difficult and costly, because of the strict requirements imposed on the runtime environment, which often require careful engineering of system components and complex internal validation procedures when integrating these components into a single functioning system.