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Beyond the Clouds: Trends in Cloud Computing for Science

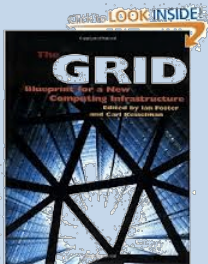
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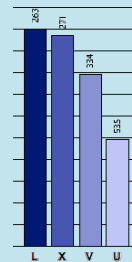
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Cloud Computing: Looking Back



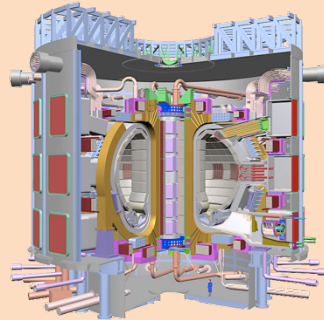
Enabler

Using remote resources



Enabler

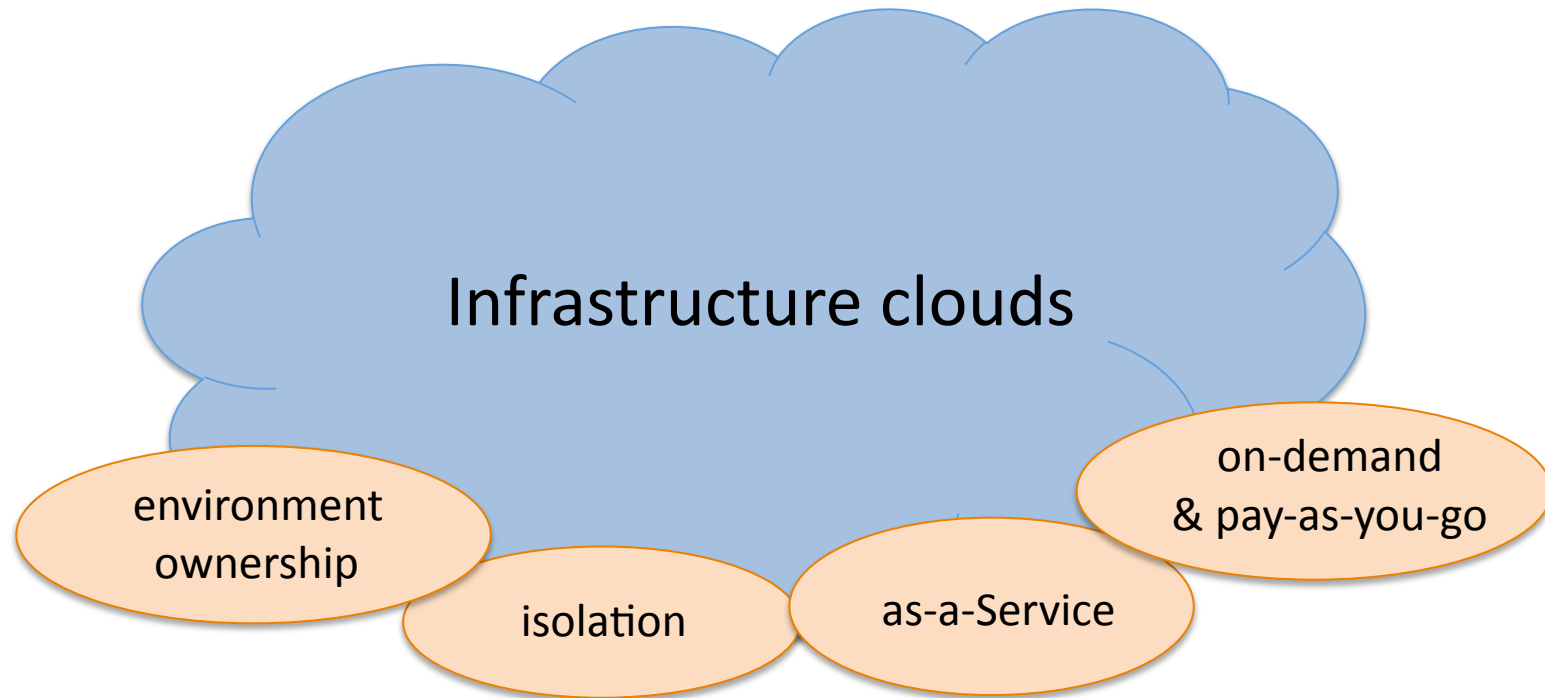
Environment ownership
Isolation



The Need

Environment ownership
On-demand processing

Infrastructure Clouds



Cloud Computing: Looking Forward

Cloud computing



On-demand, elastic outsourcing

Continuous Data Acquisition



Cheaper and reliable sensors

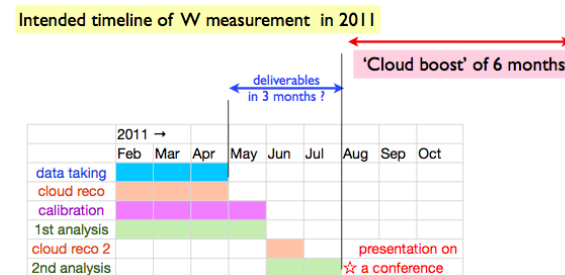
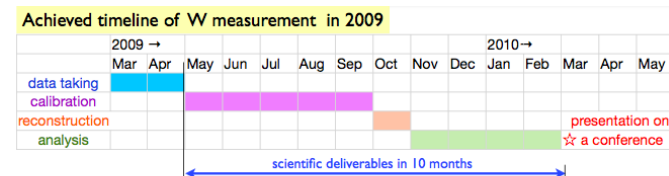
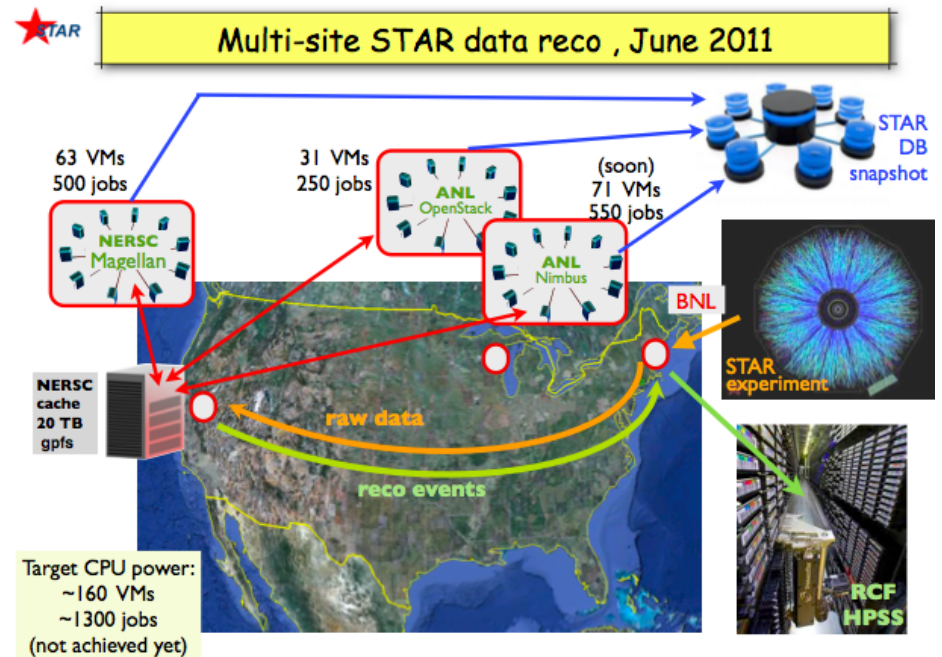
Event-based data processing



Observatories,
Fine-grained management

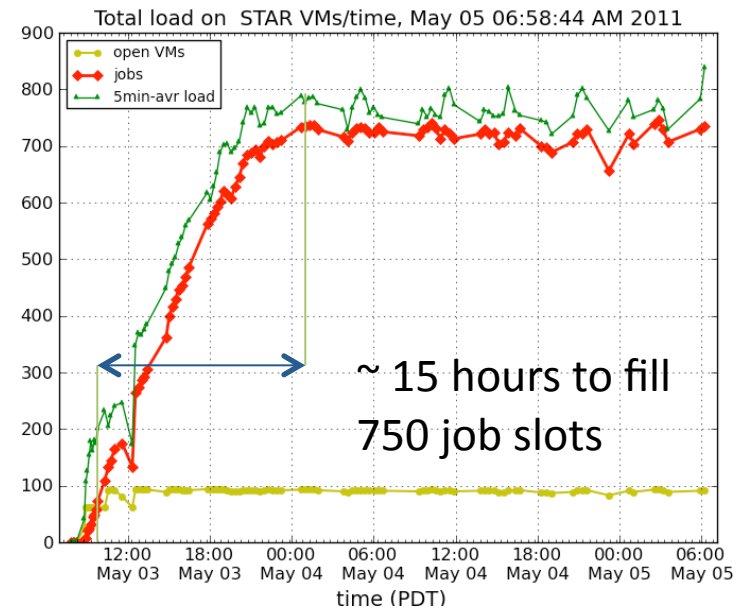
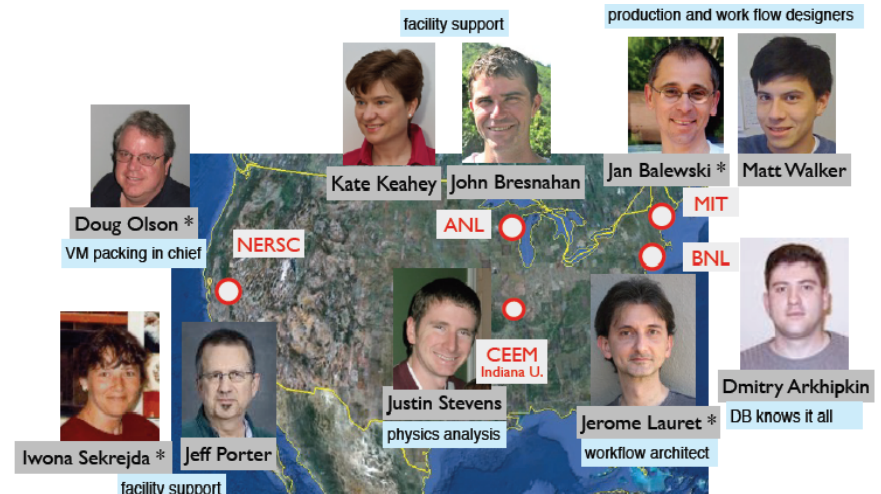
STAR ☆ The STAR Experiment

- Use case: cloud processing for W-boson reconstruction
- Overall achievement
 - “10 months became 3 months”
- Benefits:
 - Reduce “time to science”
 - Near real-time processing

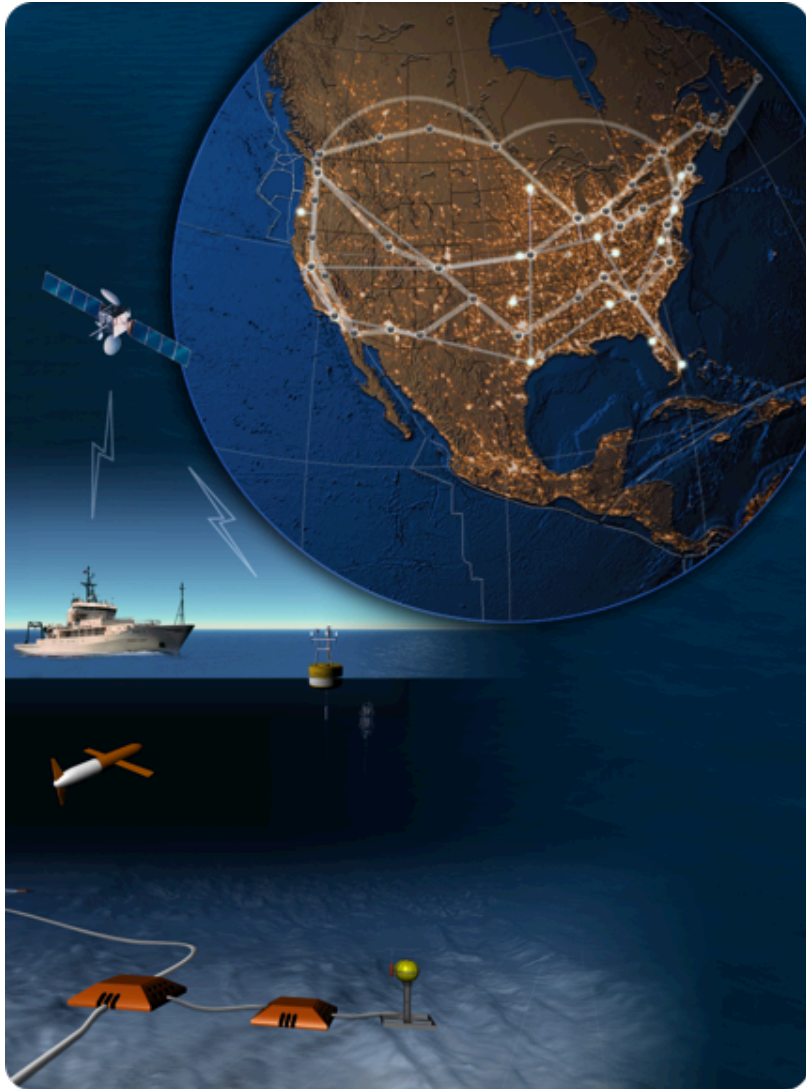


... and Its Challenges

- Cloud-related issues:
 - Not very on-demand
 - Involving 10 people
 - Hard to coordinate several clouds – manual and ad hoc
 - Lack of consistency, scalability, bad reaction time
 - No unified way to move/store data
 - No autoscaling or easy adaptation for data transfer
 - Can't just define an appliance and have it work with several clouds
 - And many others...



Ocean Observatory Initiative (OOI)



- Towards Observatory Science
- Sensor-driven processing
 - Real-time event-based data stream processing capabilities
 - Highly volatile need for data distribution and processing
 - An “always-on” service
- Nimbus team building platform services for integrated, repeatable support for on-demand science
 - High-availability
 - Auto-scaling
- From regional Nimbus clouds to commercial clouds

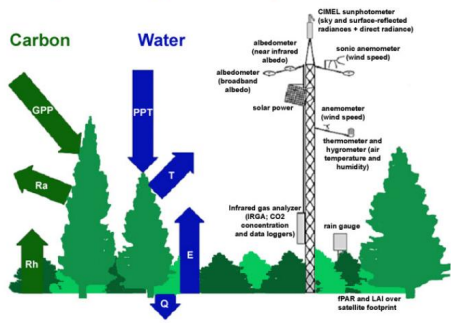
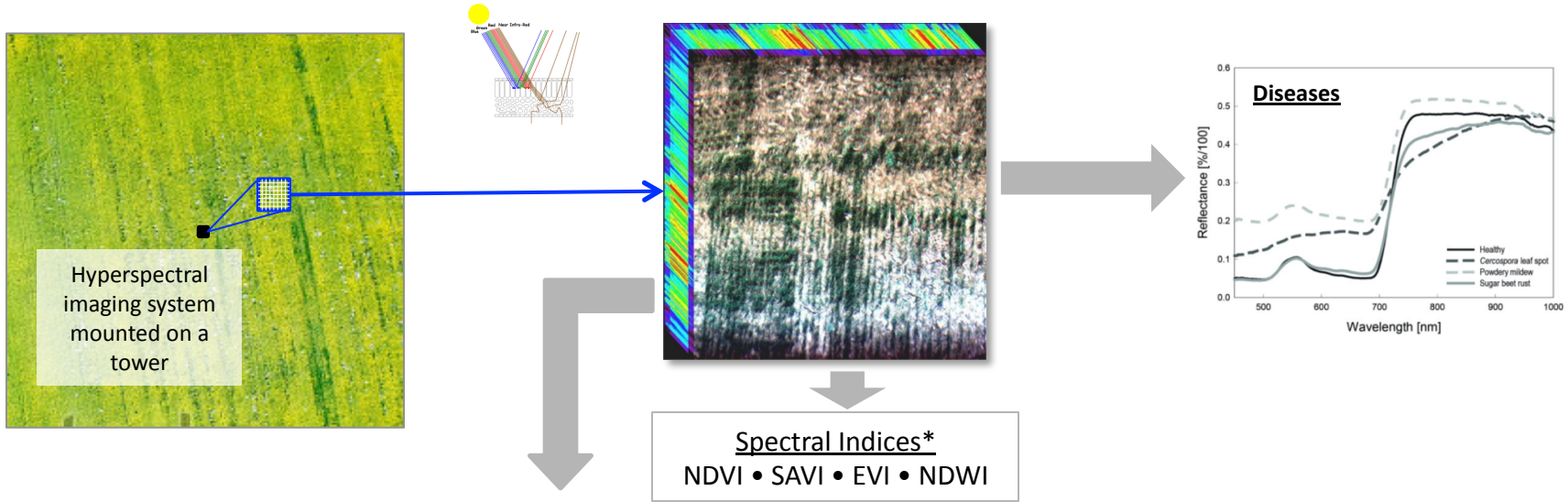


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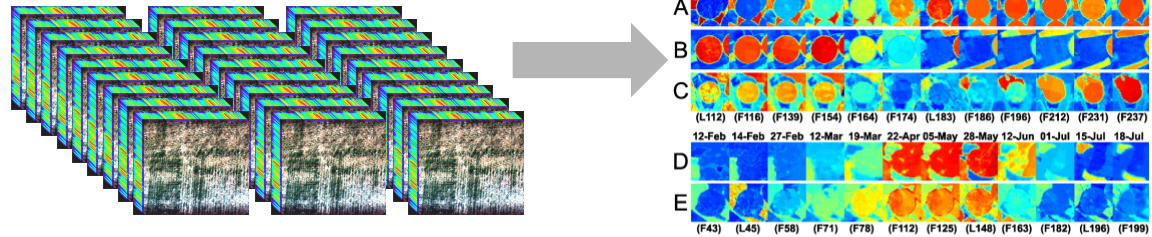
image courtesy of OOI Regional Scale Nodes program



Modeling Crops



Multi-Temporal Hyperspectral Cubes and Spectral Index Images



images courtesy of Yuki Hamada, ANL

... and Their Challenges

- Always-on
 - Managing deployment complexity
 - Automatic failure recovery
- Auto-scaling
 - Reaction times, costs, smart matchmaking
- Escalation pattern: from private to public/
commercial clouds
- Varied frequency and data streaming

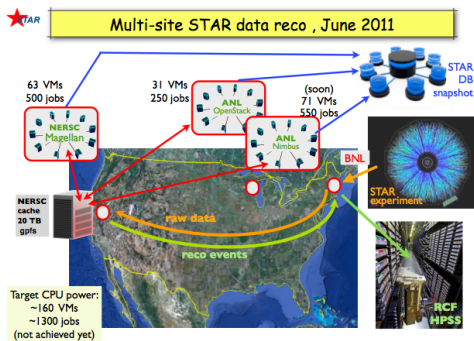
Event-Driven Science



Sensor-based processing



Mobile devices



Support for experiments



Brainstorming sessions

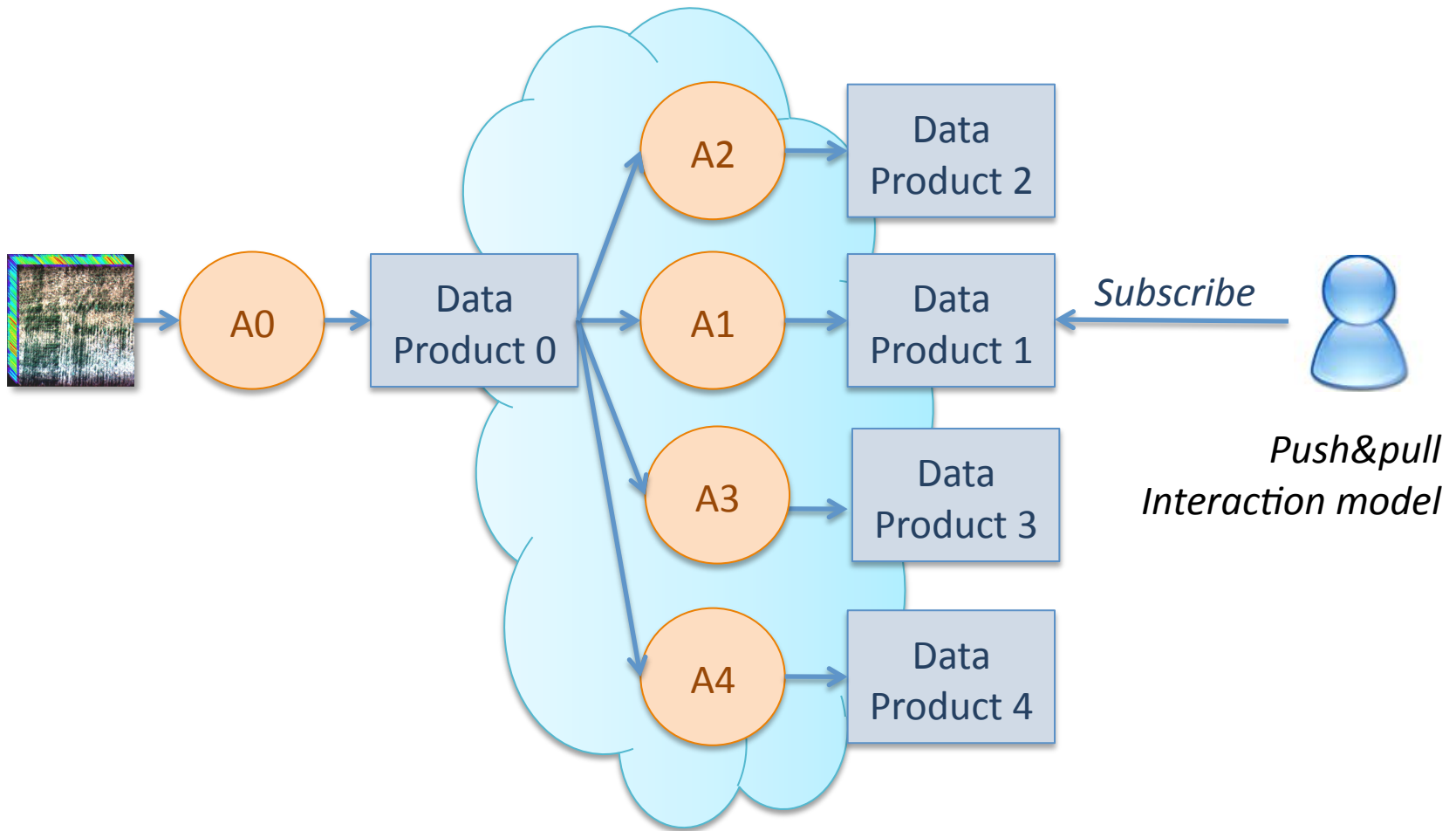


Electronic textbooks

Requirement Patterns

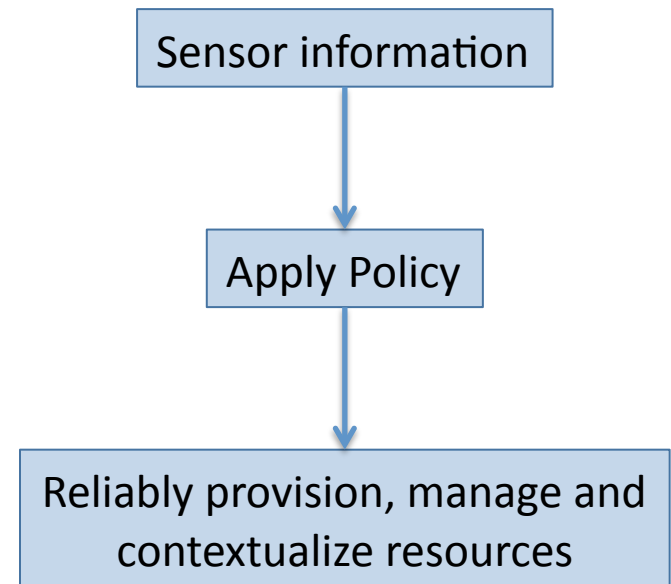
- On-demand, **elastic** processing...
 - Observatories, experiments, conference deadlines, fluctuating workload, growth management, mobile apps...
- ... over **multiple providers**....
 - Risk-mitigation: not enough cycles, failure, market factors
 - From desktop to cloud
- ... with emphasis on **ease of use**...
 - Automated provisioning of infrastructure resources
- ...facilitates going from one-offs to **production** runs...
 - Steadily increasing in buy-in, complexity, and size
- ...given the right **model**
 - Failure-prone environment
 - Achieving “uninterrupted power supply” or “computing power on tap”

Data Distribution Network



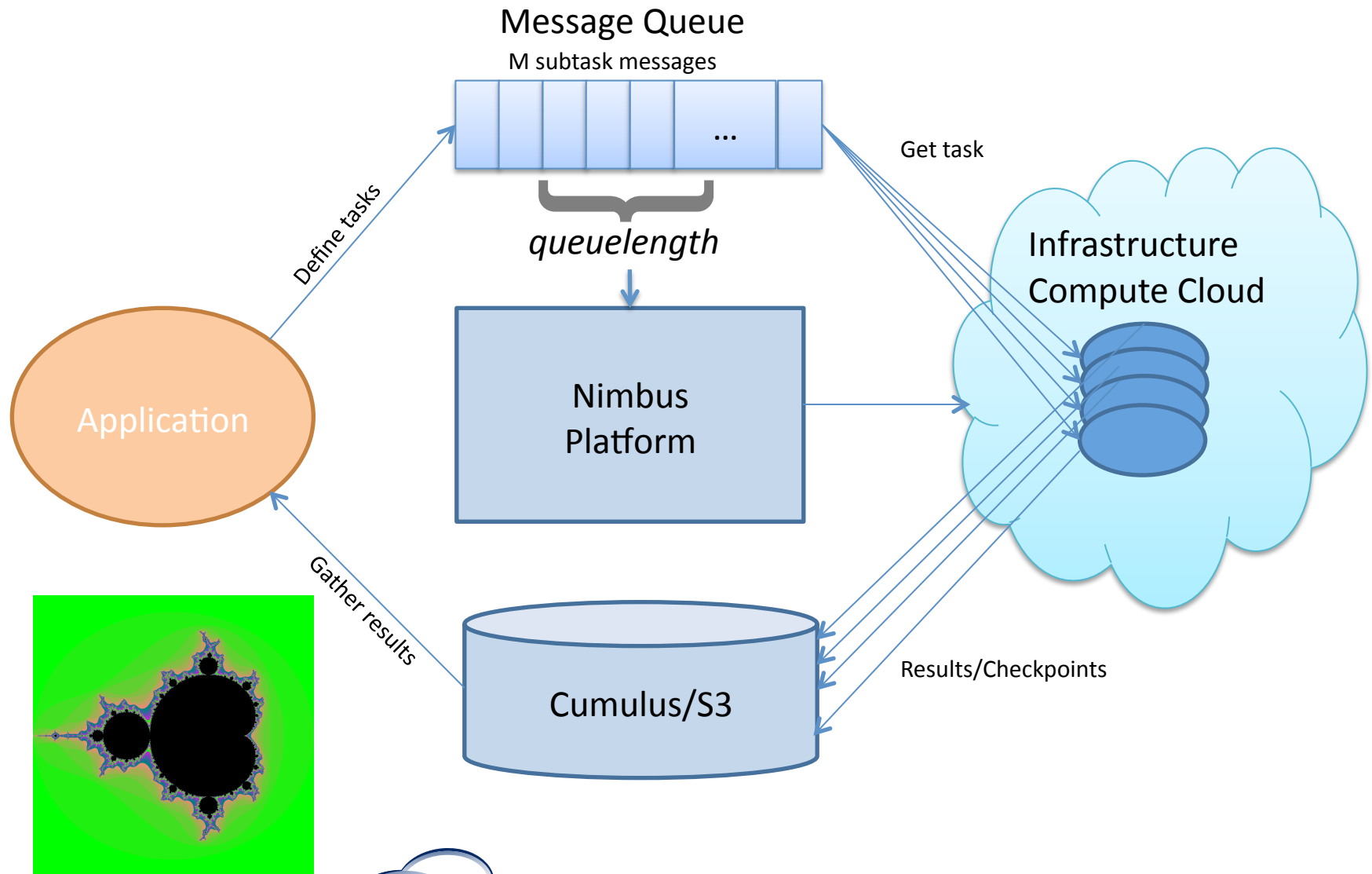
Scaling Resources with Nimbus

- Monitor scaling factors and failures
 - Generic/system qualities: deployment status, load, bank account, etc.
 - Application-specific qualities, e.g., a workload queue for ALiEn, PBS, AMQP, and others
- Evaluate against policies
- Scale and/or recover
 - For user components
 - For system components
 - Across different clouds
- Release resources
 - Available resources



Try it out on FutureGrid!
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Using Nimbus Platform



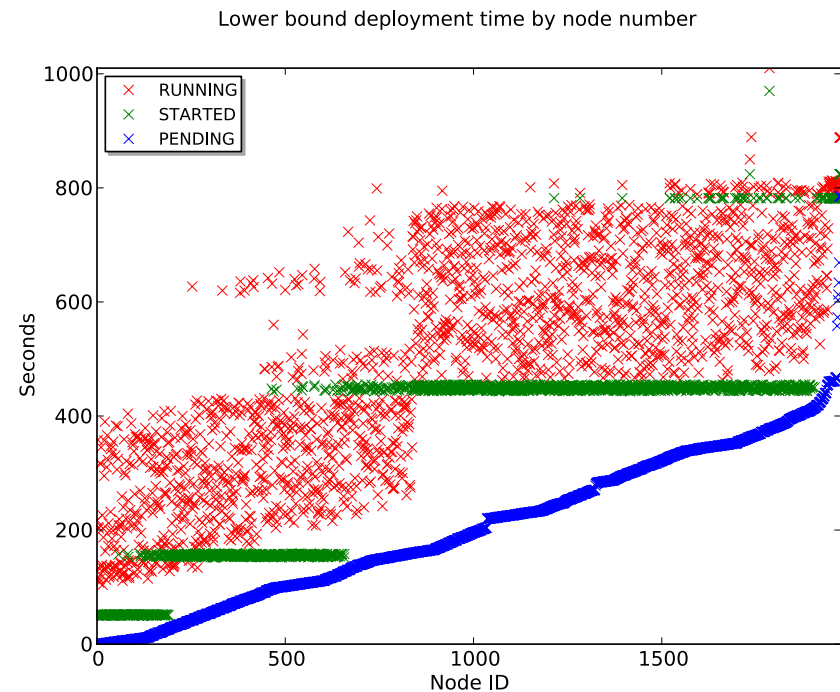
Adventures in Availability

Mean time between failures

$$A = \frac{\text{MTBF}}{\text{MTBF} + \text{MTTR}}$$

Mean time to repair

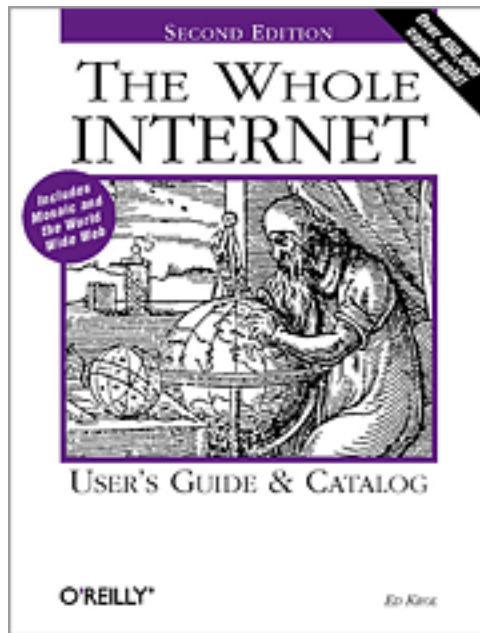
- Time to repair (TTR)
 - Diagnosis
 - Time to scale (TTS)
 - PENDING (request)
 - STARTED (deployment)
 - RUNNING (contextualization)



TTS: preliminary results for 2,000 VMs provisioned on AWS EC2

Parting Thoughts

Mature Innovation:
the Internet



Maturing Innovation:
the cloud



“Easy” is at least as important as “possible”

Nimbus Team



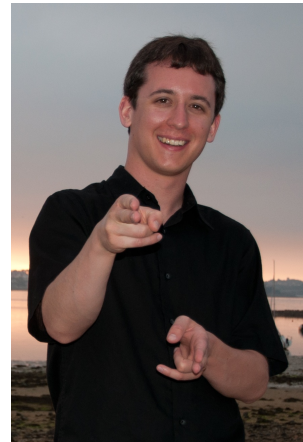
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