



Earth Observation within SpaceGRID

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Presentation Outline



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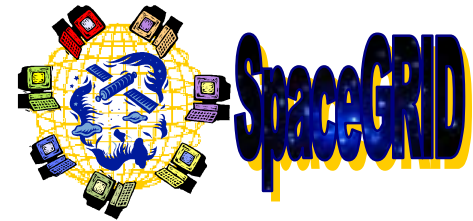


Earth Observation and GRID

- **Distributed Computing**
 - Integration of data from various instruments and missions
- **High-Throughput Computing**
 - Interferometry ...
- **On-Demand Computing**
 - Generation of EO user products...
- **Data-Intensive Computing**
 - Archive data re-processing, climate modeling
- **Collaborative Computing**
 - Scientists application interactions, Instrument cal/val ...



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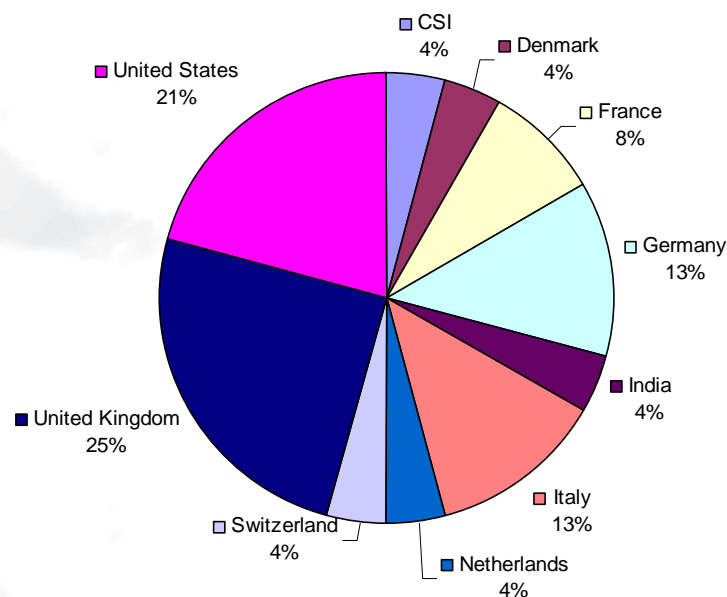
- Concerning EO, SpaceGRID study aims to:
 - identification of user requirements for EO applications -> **verify how GRID can satisfy EO req's**
 - identification of infrastructure requirements for seamless access to distributed EO data, applications and resources -> **verify GRID applicability on EO infrastructural needs**
 - definition of a possible infrastructure architecture for EO applications over GRID -> **suggest acceptable paths to use GRID for EO applications and services**
 - implementation of a demonstrator -> **typical EO problem addressed using GRID**
 - study a future GRID-based EO Ground Segment -> **suggest acceptable paths to use GRID for EO Ground Segment**



What EO Users want/need

- A questionnaire was sent to about 700 PI's that submitted ENVISAT AO and CAT-1 projects
- About 5% answered

Geographical distribution of answers





What EO Users want/need

- Distributed access to distributed Resources (data/services/network/computing/storage)
- High flexibility, to foster data fusion and assimilation (meteo, models, global changes, etc.)
- Portal enabling easy and homogeneous accessibility
- Virtual Organisation (VO) Management
- Collaborative work
- Seamless integration of Resources and processes (Web Services!)
- Reliable application infrastructure, kind-of QoS
- Avoid unauthorised access to/use of Resources
- Enough bandwidth ($> 100\text{Mb/s}$)

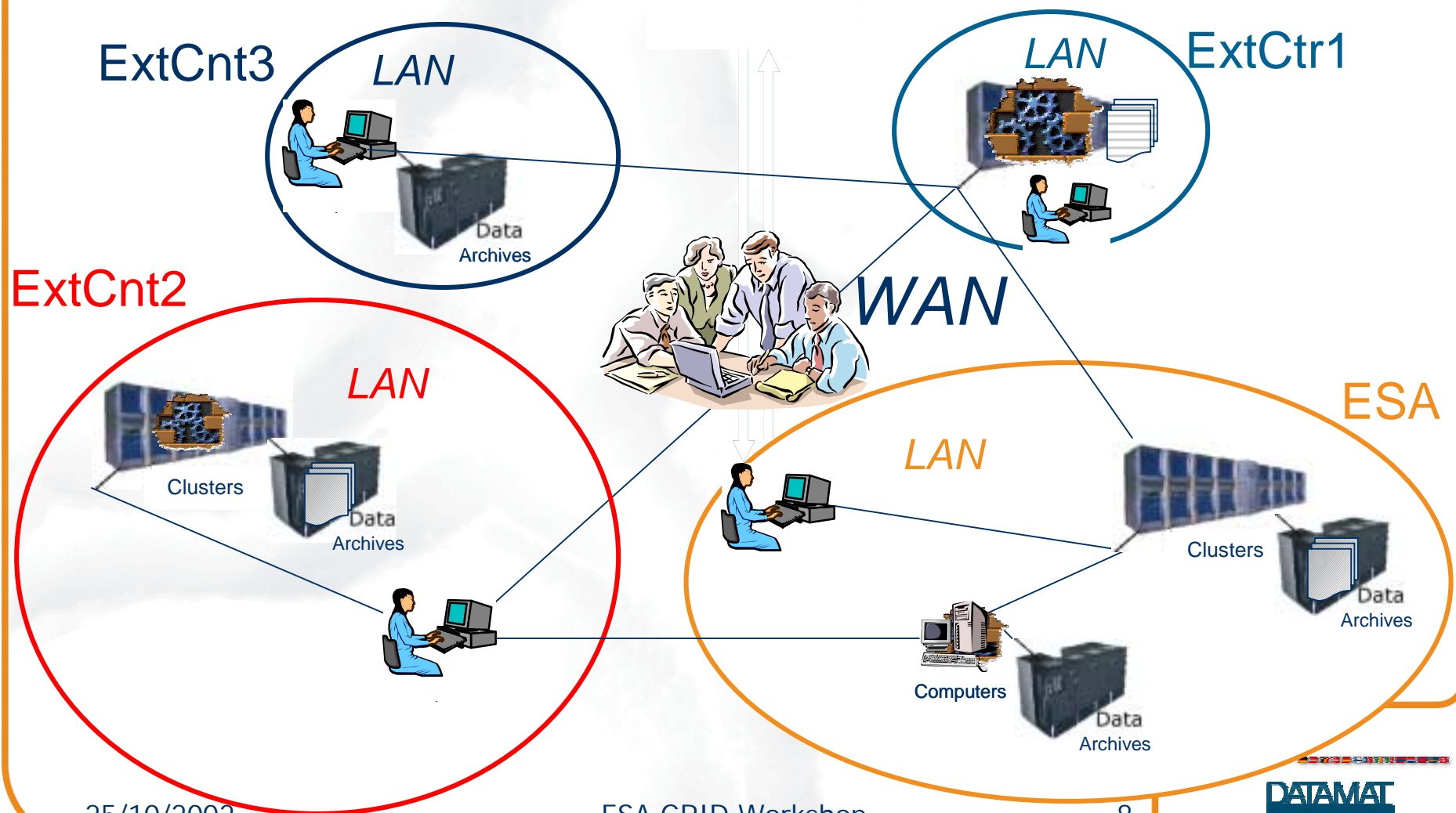


A GRID Infrastructure for EO Priorities

- Four functional areas identified as highest priority for an EO GRID infrastructure:
 - Access to Distributed Data and Algorithms
 - On-demand Processing
 - Seamless integration with Web Services
 - Collaborative Work



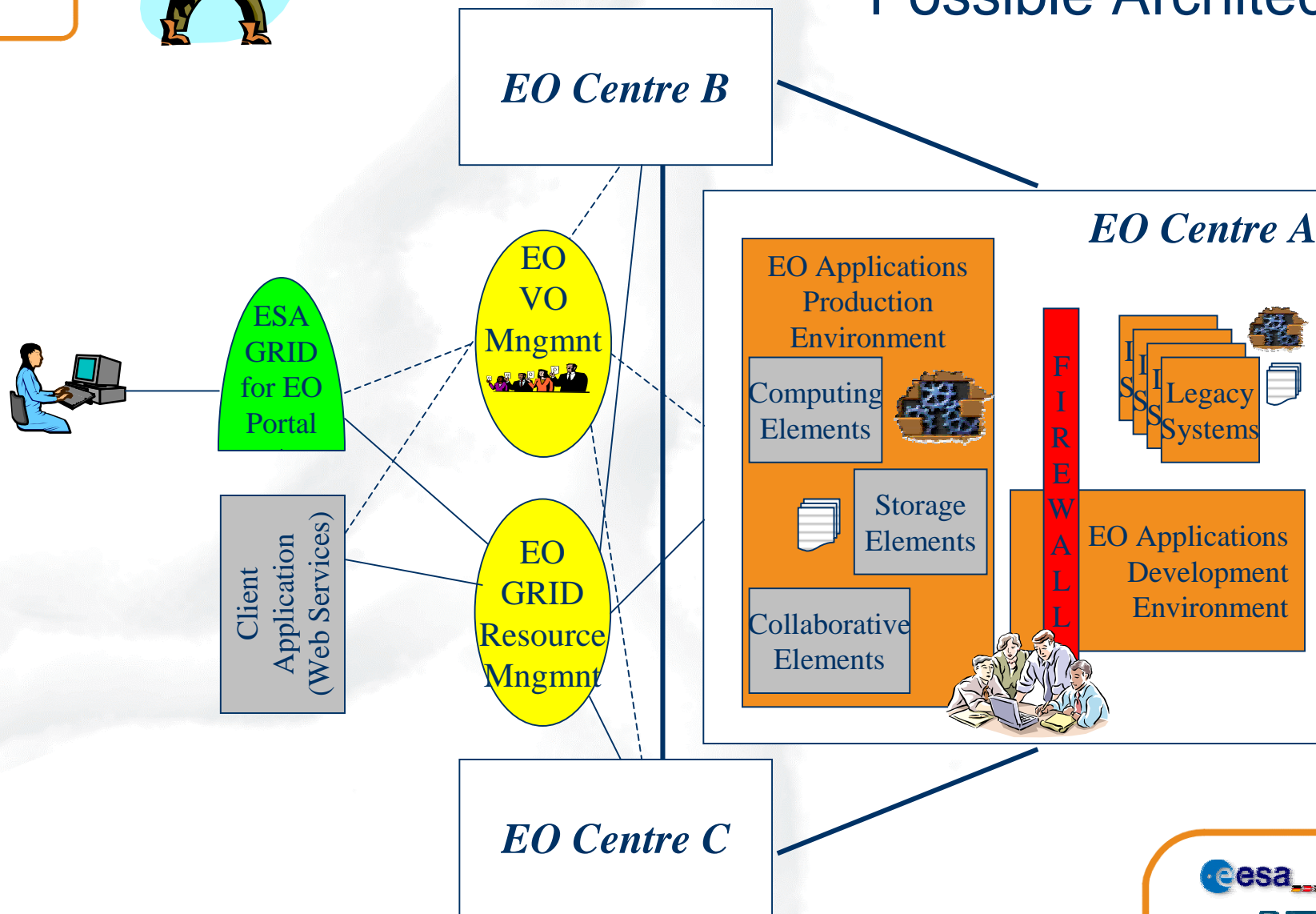
A GRID Infrastructure for EO Use Cases





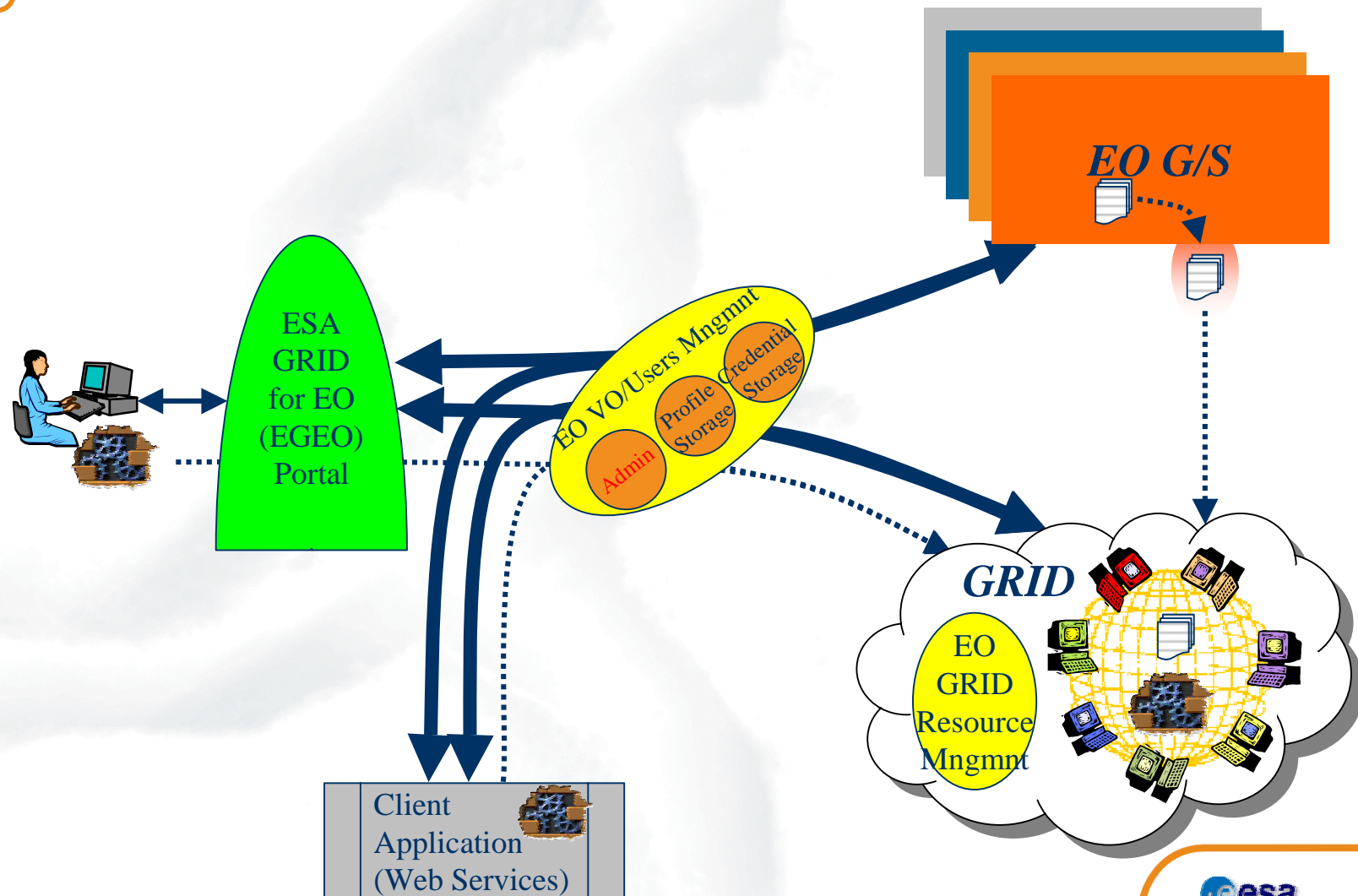
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Possible Architecture



EO Prototyping Activities

Wide Use Case

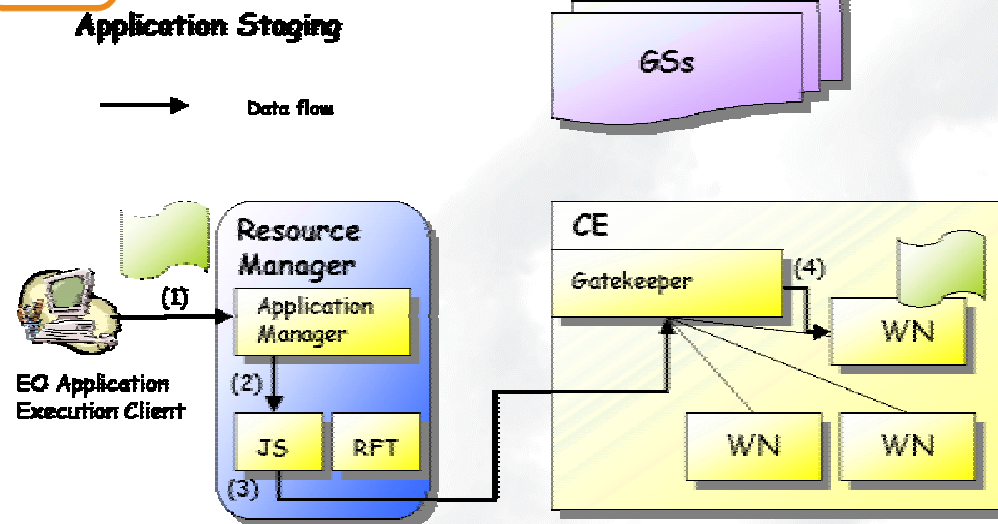


EO Prototyping Activities

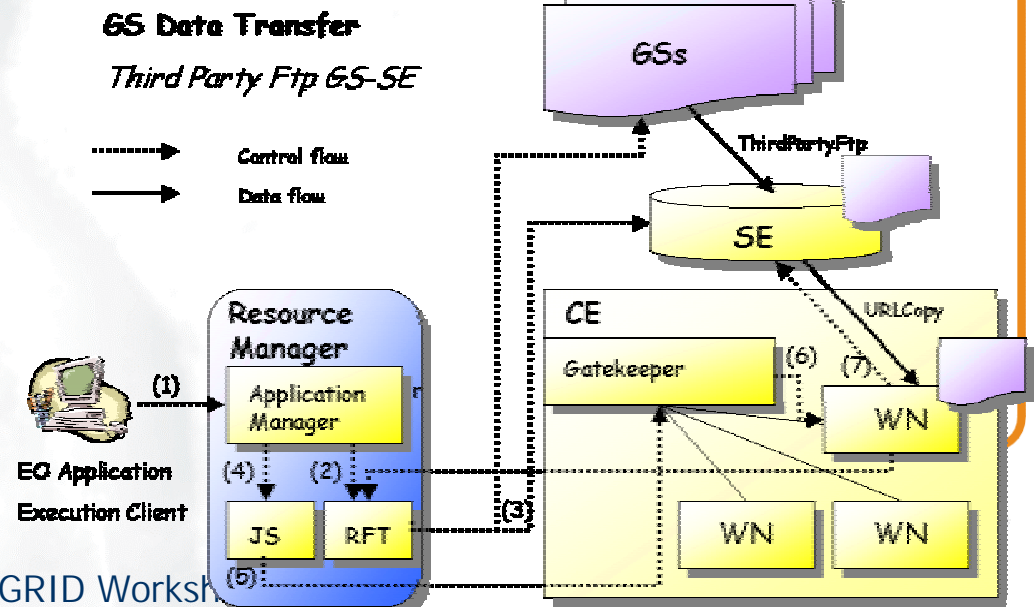
Actual Prototype

Two main goals:

1. Demonstrate Application and Data staging from outside into the GRID



2. Demonstrate it using the latest technology available: Open Grid Services Infrastructure (from Globus) and Web Services



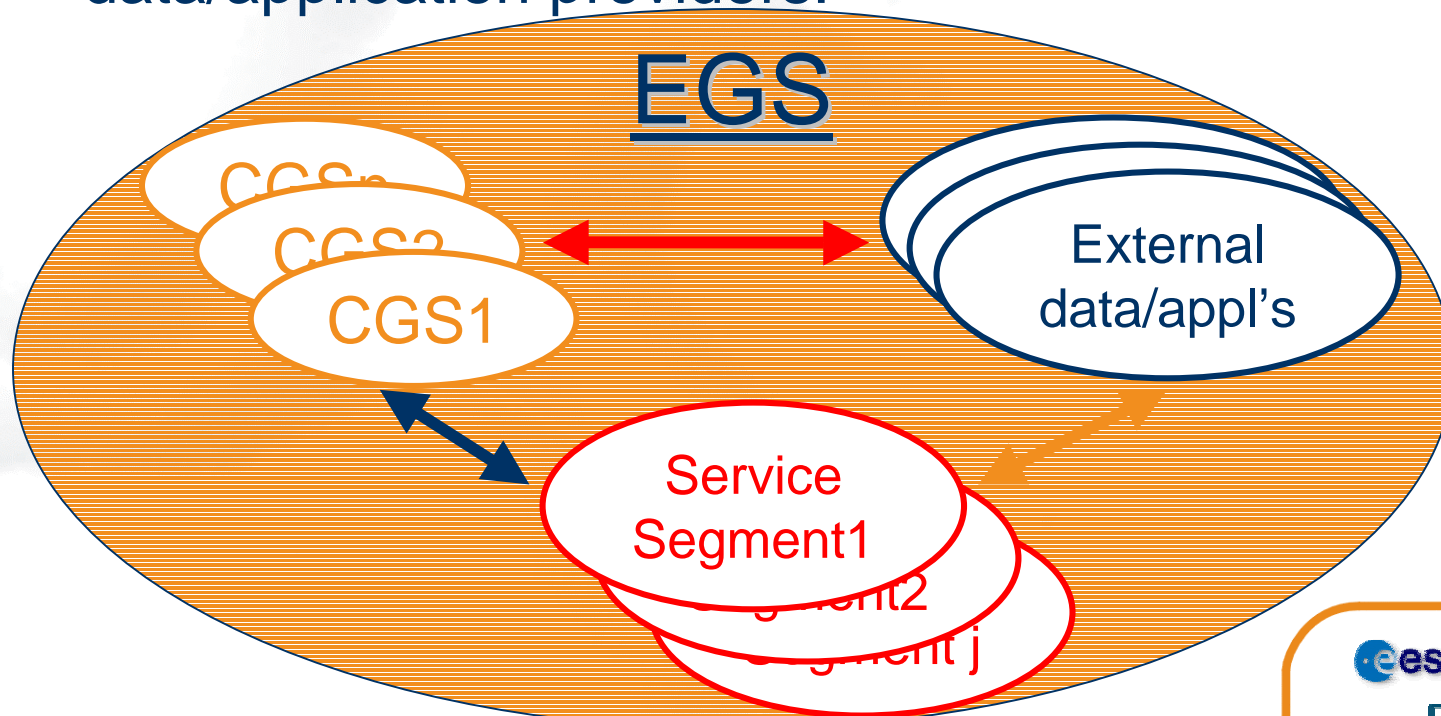


GRID and Future EO G/S

A new Ground Segment concept

■ *Enlarged Ground Segments*

- A “dynamic” composition of Core Ground Segments (CGS), Service Segments and external data/application providers:





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Advantages for EGS

- **GRID** as enabling technology to transparently share data/products also in “proprietary” formats (e.g. from some CGS's or non-space data)
- **Web/Grid Services**-based to share/”sell” third-party services, taking heterogeneous CGS's data/products plus non-space data as input
- **Web/Grid Services**-based Workflow Management to offer on-demand end-to-end services, no matter how they are composed, where they are and who run them, including user own services to be staged on the grid