Earth Science in the Data Era

How data is changing the way we do science

Summary

Data & Science

• The Earth Science Case

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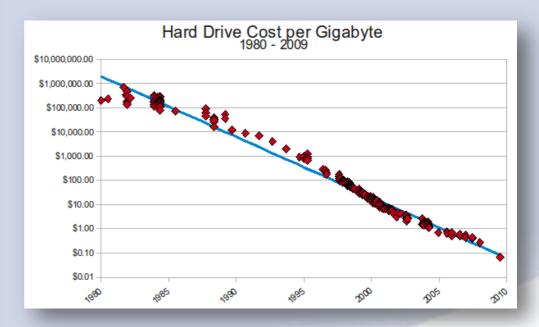
Where are we? Where to go next?



Data Grow & Storage Cost

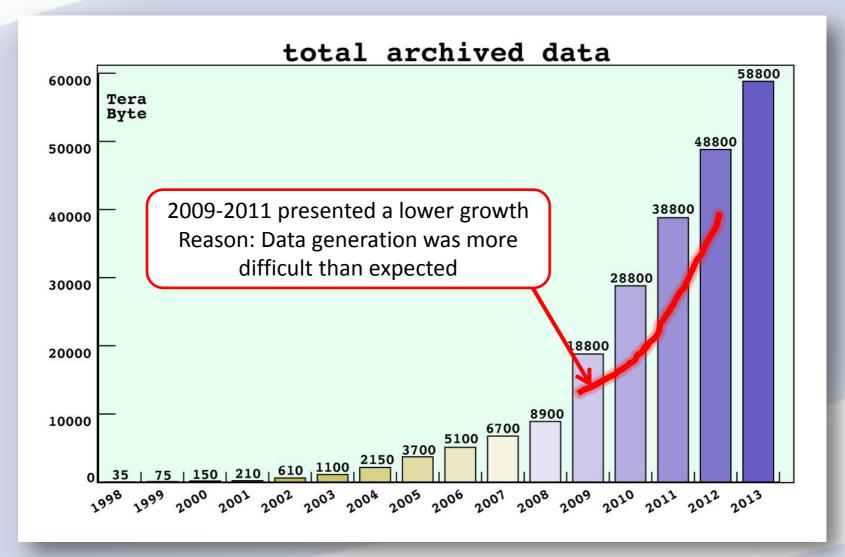


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http://www.mkomo.com/cost-per-gigabyte

Expected growth rate for data archive @ DKRZ (real case)



Data Management Challenge

 "[...] the number of files the datacenter will have to deal with will grow by a factor of 75, at least. Meanwhile, the number of IT professionals in the world will grow by less than a factor of 1.5"

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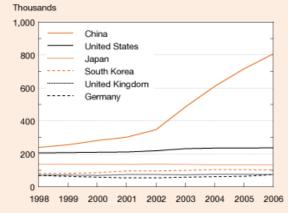
And Security, of course...

 "[...] only about half the information that should be protected is protected."

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Scientific Community Growth

Figure O-8
First university degrees in natural sciences and engineering, selected countries: 1998–2006

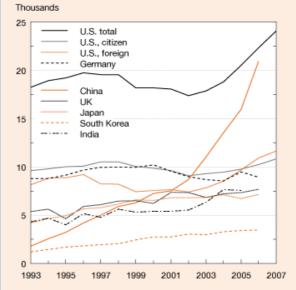


NOTE: Natural sciences include physical, biological, earth, atmospheric, ocean, agricultural, and computer sciences and mathematics.

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Science and Engineering Indicators 2010

Figure O-9
Doctoral degrees in natural sciences and engineering, selected countries: 1993–2007



UK = United Kingdom

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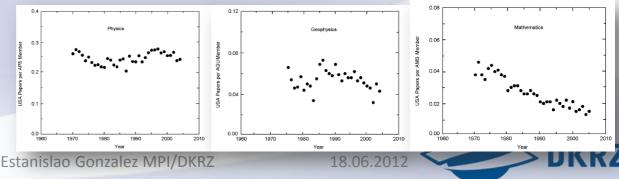
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Scientists Productivity

 "In the past 30–35 years there have been no increases in the average annual number of published papers per scientist [in America in physics, astronomy, geophysics, mathematics, and chemistry]"

H. Abt, "The publication rate of scientific papers depends only on the number of scientists," *Scientometrics*, vol. 73, no. 3, pp. 281–288, 2007.



Seen so far...

- Data storage costs are decaying exponentially
- Data generation is growing exponentially
- Data is undermanaged (e.g. security)
- Scientists / IT personnel is barely growing
- Scientists "productivity" remains constant

To think about

- Are current methods for processing the increasing amount of data good enough?
- Can we work as we do now with 100x more data?
- Can we do 100x more "science"?
- (Can we remember 100x more Acronyms?)

What is holding data growth?

Expenditure

Technology

Or perhaps we are?



The Human factor

 "The generation of new information is limited by two key factors, by the incurring economic costs and by the capacity of the human brain to process and store data and information; the controlling agent needs to retain an overall understanding even when data is generated by semi-automatic processes."

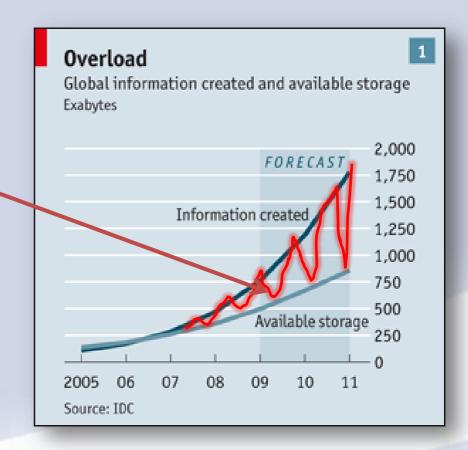
C. Gros, G. Kaczor, and D. Marković, "Neuropsychological constraints to human data production on a global scale," *The European Physical Journal B - Condensed Matter and Complex Systems*, vol. 85, no. 1, pp. 1–5, 2012.



Furthermore

We have no "time" to process data at all...

Someone has to decide what isn't important...



What now?

- Data generation will not slow down
- We can't keep the pace much longer
- ... so science will have to go through a major "change" (again)

The three paradigms of science

- Thousand years ago empirical science
- Last few hundred years analytical science
- Last few decades computational science (simulations)
- Now the next paradigm shift is due
 - cf. Thomas S. Kuhn: The Structure of Scientific Revolutions



The Fourth Paradigm: Data-Intensive science

- T. Hey, S. Tansley, and K. Tolle, Eds., *The Fourth Paradigm:*Data-Intensive Scientific Discovery. Microsoft Research, 2009

 http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/collaboration/fourthparadigm/
- "The architecture for data-intensive computing should be based on storage, computing, and presentation services at every node of an interconnected network." (p. 116)
- "We should aim to provide scientists with a cyberinfrastructure on top of which it should be easy to build a large-scale application capable of exploiting the world's computer-represented scientific knowledge." (p. 171)
- "Scientific publication will become a 24/7, worldwide, realtime, interactive experience." (p. 225)



The Fourth Paradigm: Data-Intensive science

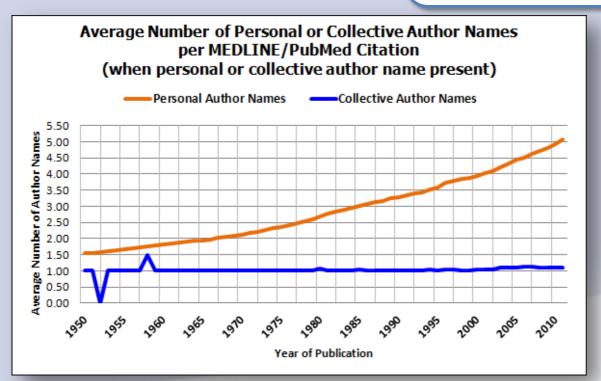
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"The ATLAS Experiment at the CERN Large Hadron Collider," Journal of Instrumentation, vol. 3, no. 08, p. S08003–S08003, Aug. 2008.

- 2926 Authors, 169 Institutions





The Earth Science Case

Data management in the CMIP5 project

Data in Earth Science

- Simulations
- Observations
 - Satellites
 - Sensor data

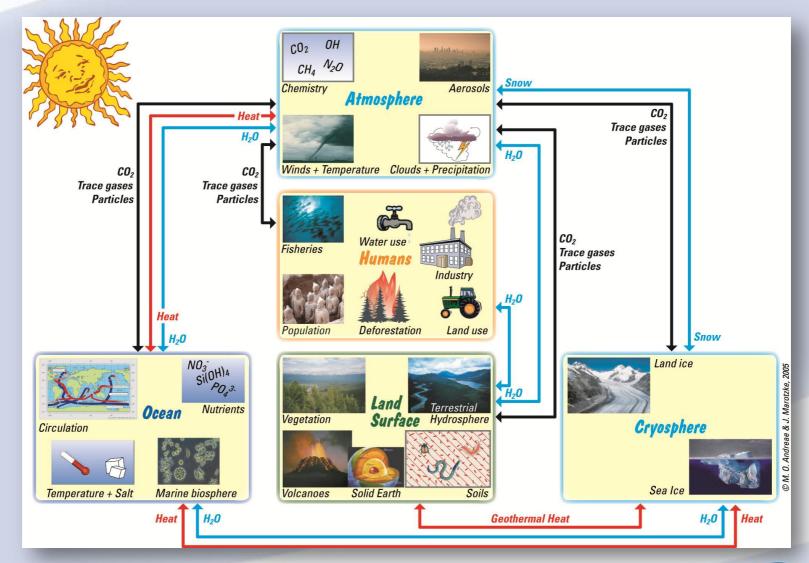
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Coupled Model Intercomparison Project 5 (CMIP5)

Project aimed at allowing the comparison of global coupled models

Climate Research What are Coupled Models



Coupled Model Intercomparison Project 5 (CMIP5)

- Project aimed at allowing the comparison of global coupled models
- The main source of data for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Assessment Report
- Defines and standardizes vocabulary, experiments and data output required for data comparison
- In this iteration the expected audience is broader than the climate community (this implies more metadata!)
- This iteration also adds quality control
- ... and DOIs for data citation



Comparison to last iteration

CMIP3 CMIP5

28~280x

- Data Volume
 - 36 TB
 - 83.000 Files
 - Downloads: ~500GB/day
- Models
 - 25 models
- Metadata
 - CF-1 + IPCC-specific
- User Community
 - Thousands of users
 - WG1, domain knowledge

- Data Volume (expected)
 - _ 1-10 PB
 - ??? Files
 - Downloads: 10s of TB/day (+1Gbps)
- Models
 - ~35 models
 - Increased resolution
 - More experiments
 - Increased complexity (ex: biogeochemistry)
- Metadata
 - CF-1 + IPCC-specific
 - Richer set of search criteria
 - Model configuration
 - Grid specification from CF (support for native grids)
- User Community
 - 10s of thousands of users
 - Wider range of user groups will require better descriptions of data, attention to ease-of-use



CMIP5 current status

Summary		
Modeling centers	32	
Models	59	
Experiments	109	
Data nodes	22	
Gateways	5	
Datasets	51907	
Size	1,304.04 TB	364
Files	3,054,622	

Data Accessible from Federated System - Not all data has been published yet - 18.6.2012

CMIP5 Data Requirements

- Integrated model metadata (data generation)
- Fast data search
- Distributed user management
- Security & Licensing
- Versioning QC/DOI
- Notification System
- Long Term Archival
- Replication



1st Solution

A two-systems solution:

- Data node: data access management (PCMDI)
- Gateway: user management, search, metadata (NCAR)

1st Solution - Problem

- Gateway is a monolithic (was closed-sourced) system
- Search (3Store) did not scale well
- NCAR had no resources to solve this in time, and though manifesting the intention to open the code, this was delayed for months
- Basically many communicational issues
- A group of institutions got together and decided to join efforts in solving these shortcomings
- The ESGF group was born and a parallel development started



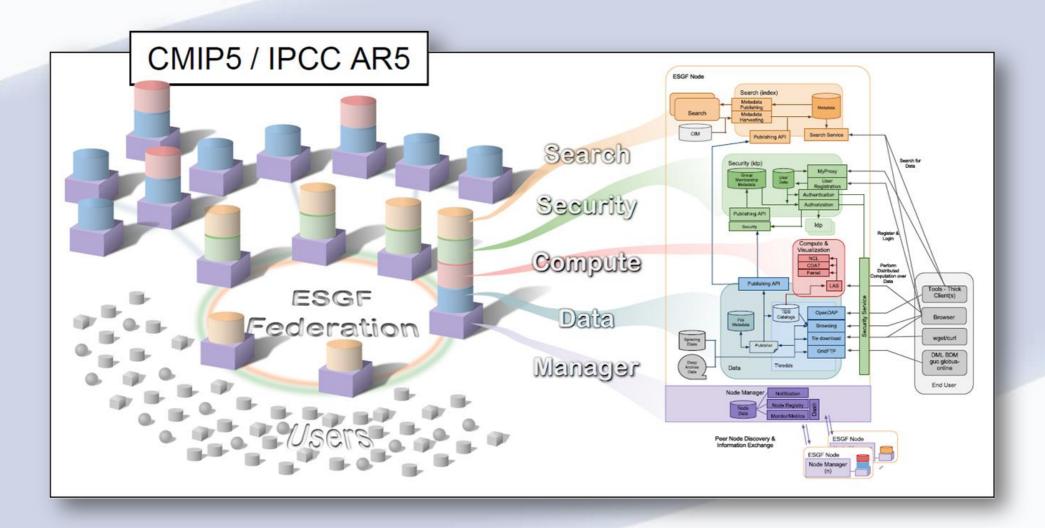
2nd Solution

A single module-based System. It has 4 modules at this time:

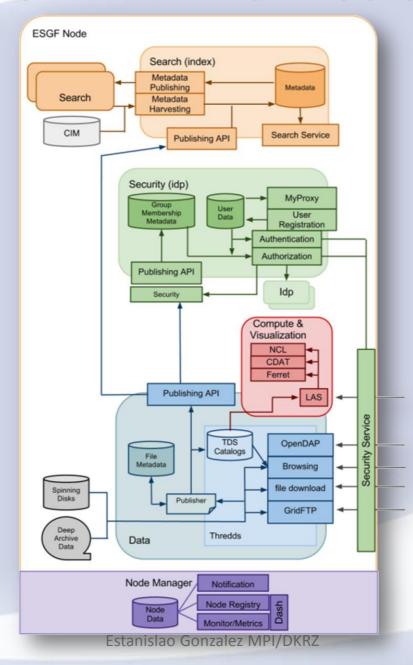
- Data: same as the older data node
- Computation: allows visualization and basic computation operators at the data node
- Index: user interface and distributed search
- Idp: Identity provider for managing authentication/authorization at a federation level



ESGF P2P Federation



ESGF P2P Architecture





ESGF P2P Components

Index
Solr
esgf-seach
esgf-web-fe

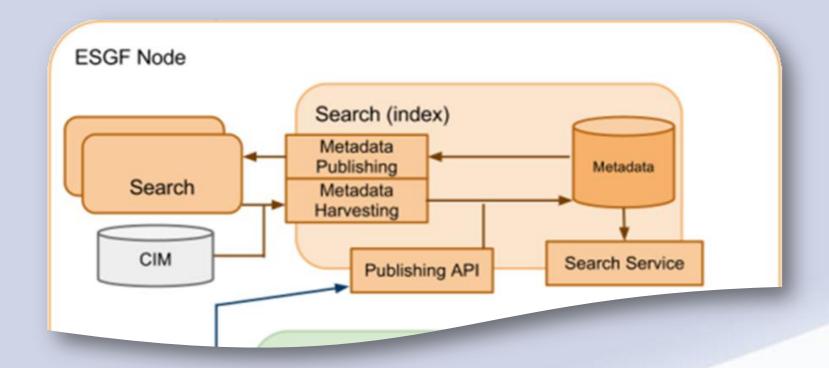
Idp MyProxy esgf-idp Data Compute
Thredds, ferret
Postgres, LAS
esgcet (publisher), cdat,
esgf-orp

ESGF Node Manager

Java, Git, Ant, Tomcat, curl, opensslesgf-node-manager, esgf-dashboard



ESGF P2P Search



ESGF P2P Search





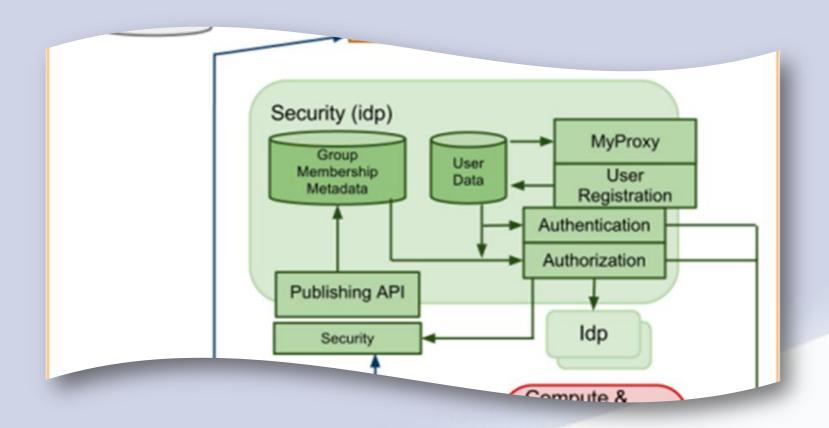


ESGF P2P Search

- Solr Backend
- esgf-search
 - provides standardized API
 - query=temperature&model!=MPI-ESM-LR&...
 - returns Solr results (XML/JSON) or a bash script for simple downloading
- esgf-web-fe (front end)
 - Implements GUI for faceted search
 - Displays CIM metadata (link to external source)
- No security is required for searching, basic concept is:
 - Metadata is free and unsecured, data isn't



ESGF P2P Security

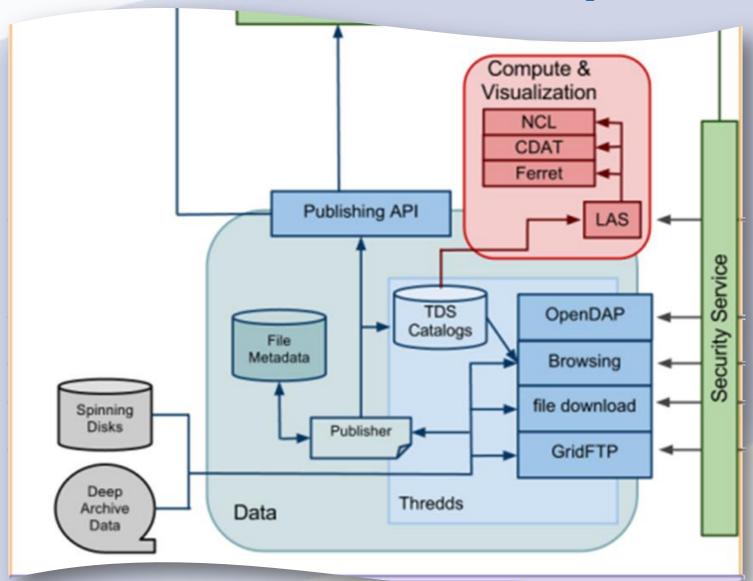


ESGF P2P Security

- esgf-idp
 - OpenId provider (authentication)
 - Attribute service (authorization)
 - Registration service (Joining a group, license, etc)
- MyProxy
 - automates generation of short lived X509 Certificates (72Hs) for non interactive system access
- esgf-orp (on the data side)
 - Set of Tomcat filters used for securing resources and handling authorization & authentication (X509, OpenID)



ESGF P2P Data + Compute

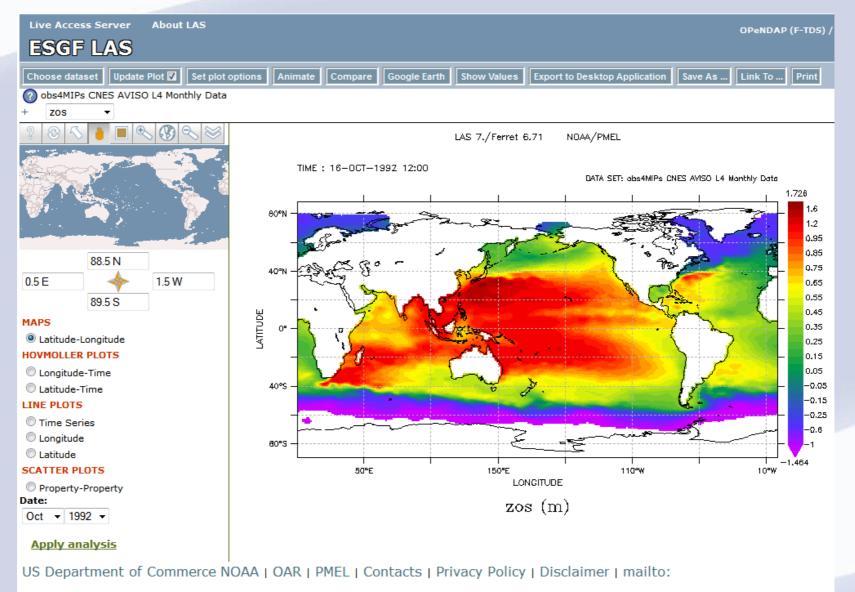


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ESGF P2P Data + Compute - LAS



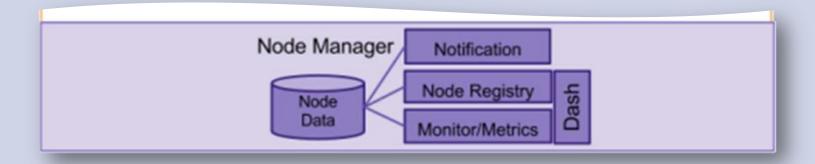
ESGF P2P Data + Compute

- Thredds Data Server (TDS)
 - Hosts metadata via xml catalogs
 - Allows HTML browsing
 - Manages file access
- GridFTP
 - Prefered method for downloading
- esgcet
 - Set of tools to handle publication (versioning, metadata extraction, catalog generation, etc)

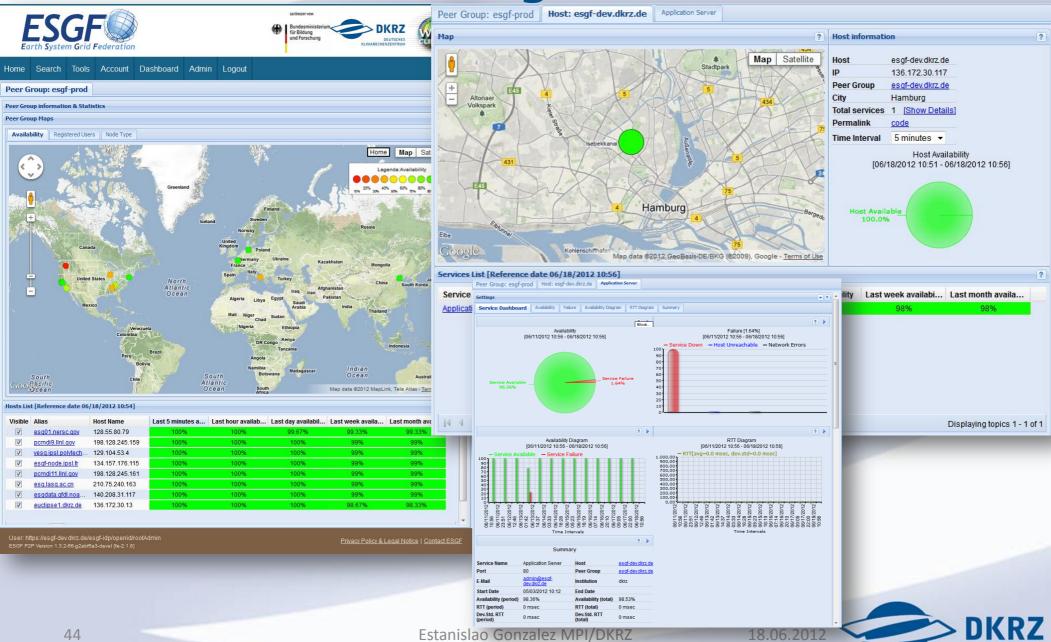
ESGF P2P Data + Compute

- LAS
 - Data visualization
 - Simple analysis tools (min, mean, max)
 - Data comparison

ESGF P2P Manager



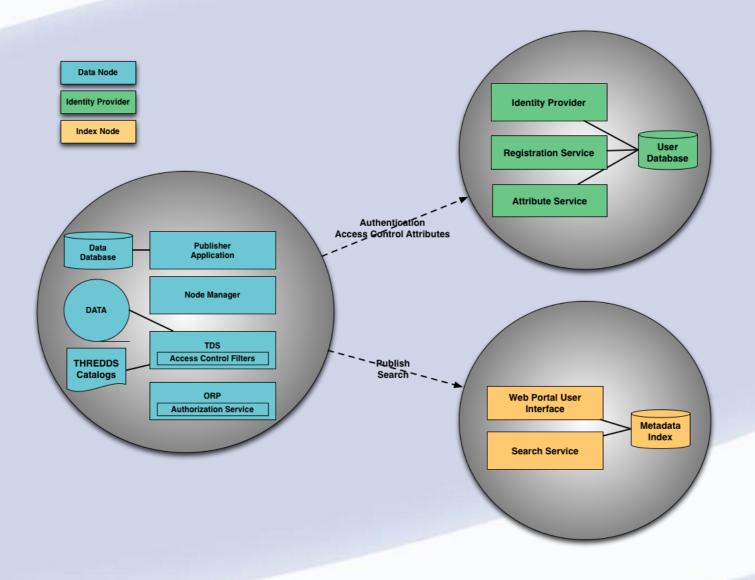
ESGF P2P Manager - Dashboard



ESGF P2P Manager

- esgf-node-manager
 - Registry (of all available services)
 - P2P protocoll (peer discovery, etc)
- esgf-dashboard
 - Visualization of node status and metrics

ESGF P2P Interactions



Thank you.