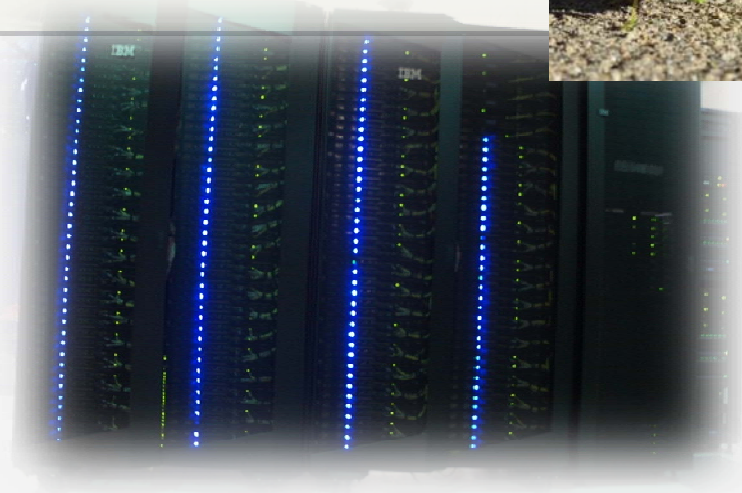


*Stakeholders consultation on computing and data for  
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## ***Next Hop: Knowledge***

***e-Science needs in terms of data  
and computing e-infrastructures***



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Input from many sources, but all errors/mistakes are mine and only mine

# *My background: basic research*

- CSIC: National Research Council in Spain, > 120 Research Centers in Social Sciences and Humanities, Biology, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Physics, Materials Science, Chemistry + National Labs
- IFCA is a Research Center in Physics in Cantabria (North Spain)  
Particle Physics (LHC), Astrophysics, Nonlinear systems, Meteorology +...
- Research line on Advanced Computing and e-Science (*since ~2000*)
  - e-Infrastructure support to large projects
    - EGI.eu / NATIONAL GRID NGI-ES & IBERGRID
    - TIER-2 CMS @ LHC
    - ALTAMIRA SUPERCOMPUTER
    - CLOUD ENABLED RESOURCES
      - FEDERATED CLOUD AT EUROPEAN LEVEL
  - MULTI/(EVEN **INTER**)/DISCIPLINARY PROJECTS
    - BIODIVERSITY (LIFEWATCH)
    - CYANOS @ WATER RESERVOIR
    - VENOME EVOLUTION
    - ECONO-SOCIO-PHYSICS
    - INTEGRAL TRACEABILITY



# *My to-do list for e-Science*

## ● THINK AND PLAN comes FIRST

- Is it possible an e-Science forum? i.e., can we connect our brains for new ideas?
- How to setup priorities? How to take reputation on board?

## ● TECHNICAL CHALLENGES SHOULD BE DRIVEN BY SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

- But, what could I do TODAY if I have access to UNLIMITED COMPUTING RESOURCES?
- Technical personnel training to bridge SCIENCE and TECHNICAL COMPONENTS

## ● WE NEED A LONG-TERM (20 YEARS?) INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK:

- DISTRIBUTED, OPEN SOURCE Community with an Exploitation strategy
- EVOLVING e-Infrastructure & Middleware, LEAD BY SCIENCE IDEAS/REQUIREMENTS
- STABLE Analysis Toolboxes, with “transparent” access to resources/apps
- PRESERVATION included since the start
- FLEXIBLE TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT PARADIGMS, AREAS AND TECHNIQUES

## ● BE PREPARED FOR AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

- FOCUS ON KNOWLEDGE
- ENGAGE SOCIETY

# 1.- THINK & PLAN

## ● ADVANTAGES OF AN e-SCIENCE FORUM (EU level, International level)

- Do we have a Map of Research and e-Science for EUROPE?
  - RESEARCHERS & TEAMS: EXPERTISE
  - INSTITUTIONS
  - RESOURCES (DATA SOURCES, NETWORK, COMPUTING)
  - AIMS, OBJECTIVES, INTERESTS
  - PROJECTS & RESULTS & NEW STRATEGIES
- Do we have Tools to support an e-Science Forum (in a sustainable way!!!!)
  - MUCH MORE OPEN DISCUSSION, TRUSTED REPOSITORIES OF PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS
  - MUCH LESS TRAVELS
  - MUCH LESS REPORTS
  - MUCH LESS ABOUT MONEY/FUNDING
  - MUCH LESS FRAGMENTATION
- **How can we integrate REPUTATION?**

I don't know!  
Learn from Social Networks?

VIVO -like Tool?  
By institution? By field?

TELECONF system

SCI-TECH oriented  
SLIDES Arxiv?

## 2.- TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

### ● What could I do TODAY WITH UNLIMITED COMPUTING?

- Pattern Matching/Pattern recognition (i.e. Brain)
- Unlimited Simulation

Example (I know): can I improve the reconstruction of an LHC collision by simulating all possible final state configurations and re-matching?

Example (I talk): can I improve image recognition using a simulation of the context?

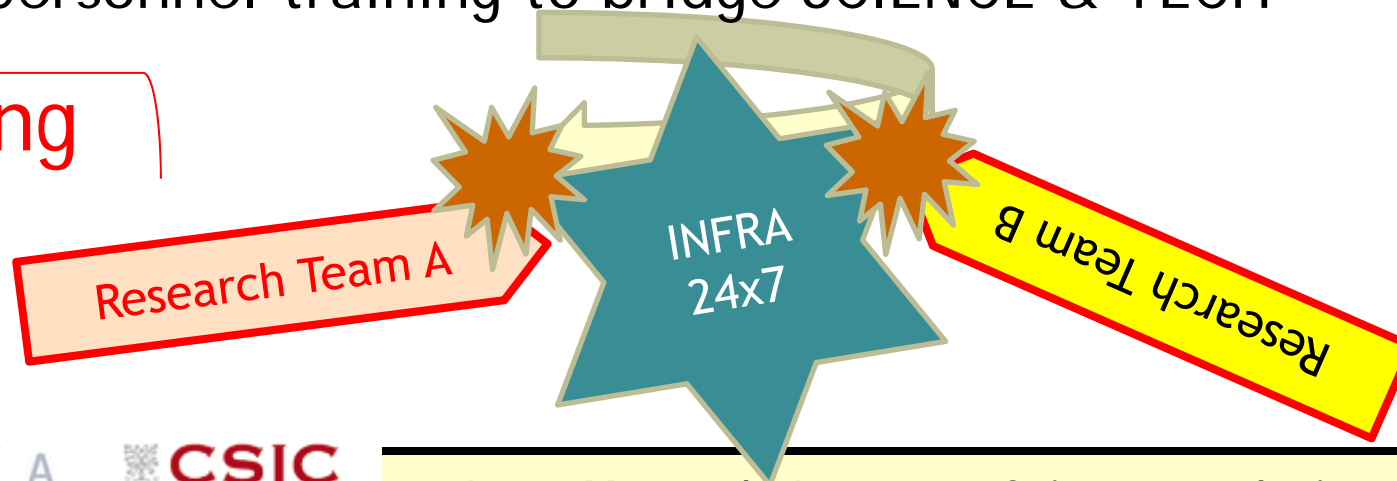


Programming (low level)  
“Many” Cores, GPU

### HOW TO USE UNLIMITED COMPUTING RESOURCES?

### ● Technical personnel training to bridge SCIENCE & TECH

young





### 3. - A LONG-TERM (20 YEARS?) FRAMEWORK

Who will analyze  
SENTINEL-1 data

- DISTRIBUTED, OPEN SOURCE Community  
with an Exploitation strategy

Supported with Funds for Innovation  
(Consider new RIS-3 and Structural Funds)

An stable PPP ecosystem with  
SME accessing Public e-INFRA???

- EVOLVING e-Infrastructure & Middleware, LEAD BY SCIENCE  
IDEAS/REQUIREMENTS

- I hope EGI, PRACE, will be there... with stronger USER INPUT
  - Discuss at e-Science Forum global cases (and not at the e-Infra level)
  - Support both Long Tail (Capillarity) and Large Initiatives
  - Keep a healthy competitiveness, but do not aim to make "business"
- I hope new "CLOUD" middleware will make easier the life of  
infrastructure and... **also of final users**

# *A Vision in Common*

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- A PaaS integration layer able to adapt to the needs of European scientific communities and to customized user environments.
- Technical focus on:
  - Flexible and expandable **user interfaces**.
  - Integration with **hybrid e-infrastructures**.
  - **Distributed service composition**.
  - Key missing services in the area of **distributed authorization, efficient (e.g. container-based) virtualization, resource allocation, standards-based storage connectors**.
- Enabling platform for VREs and for the evolution of data/computing scientific frameworks, targeting optimal usage of public or private resources.

# *eScience Evolution: DataCloud,* *a Proposal for the EINFRA-1 Call, Topics 4-5*

- DataCloud, a proposal being prepared right now for submission to the EINFRA-1 call, addressing the overall vision shown above.
  - Large-scale virtualization of data/compute resources.
  - Development and adoption of a standards-based computing platform (with open software stack).
- Focusing on the extension of industry-standard open solutions to deliver a PaaS platform enabling integration and interoperability across European e-Infrastructures.
  - For HTC, HPC and Hybrid (public/private) Clouds.
- The proposed Consortium is tightly linked to data/compute needs of diverse scientific projects and communities.
  - E.g. ESFRI projects such as ELIXIR, LifeWatch, DARIAH, EMSO, INSTRUCT
  - Involving key European scientific communities, technology providers and developers, resource providers, industries and e-infrastructures.
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# 3.bis- My (very long term) framework

- STABLE

Analysis Toolboxes

"transparent" access to resources/apps

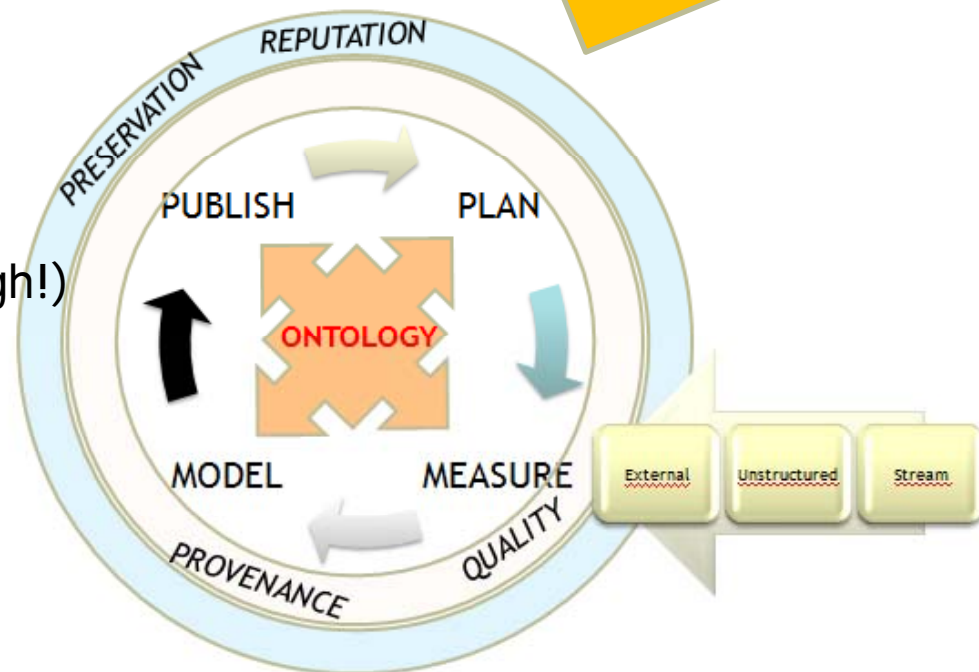
You don't use IPython?  
in your tablet?

My students learn R  
R.Guralnick, COOPEUS meeting Madrid

Engineers use ANSYS,  
MATLAB, COMSOL...

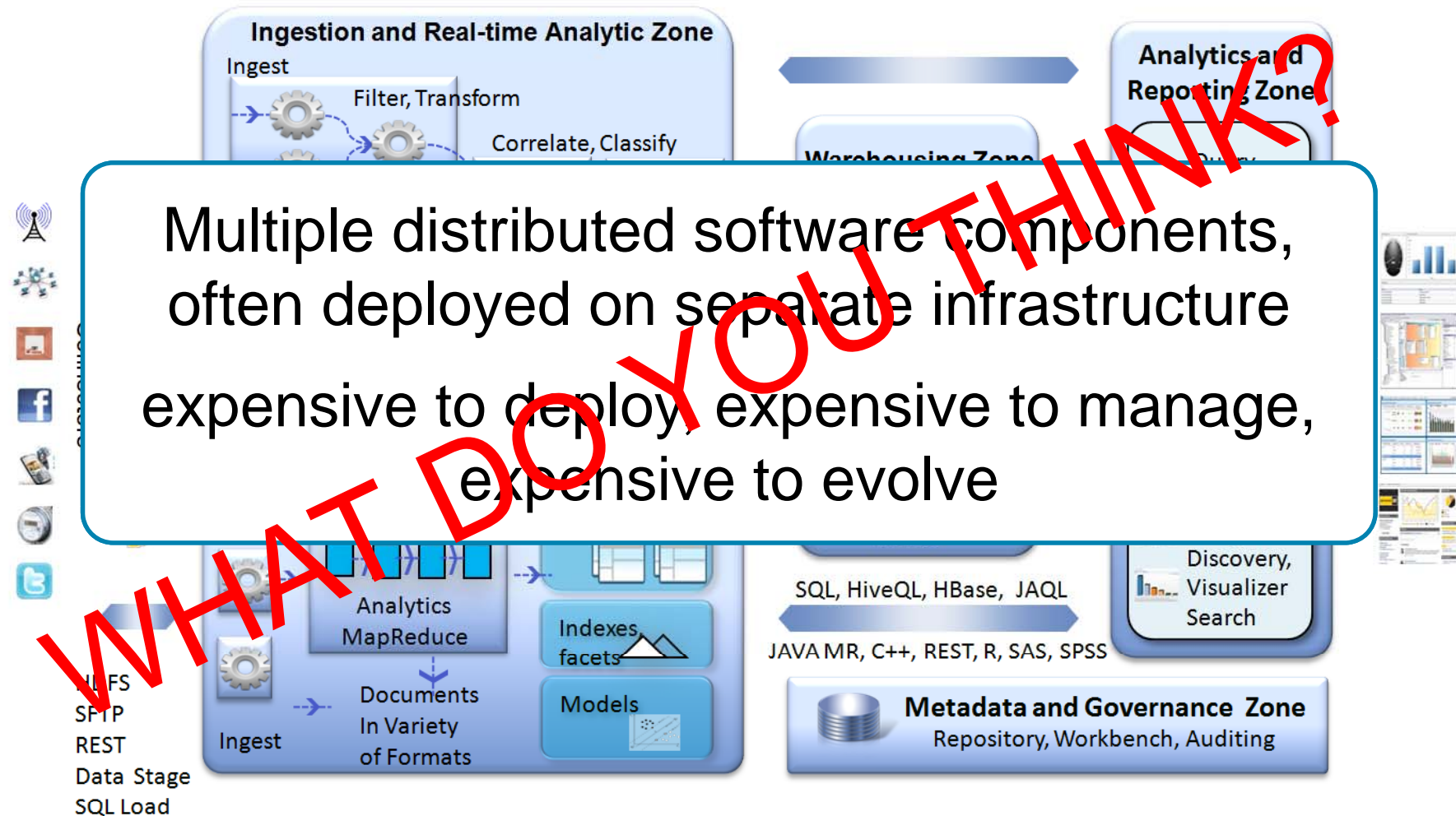
- PRESERVATION included  
since project start

(Data Management Plan is not enough!)



- FLEXIBLE TO SUPPORT DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES

## Complexity - A Key Customer Challenge



# *OK, now let's do econo-socio-physics*

- Idea: Model Anthropogenic effects using Agents (in the Cloud)

- A new ABM suite

- existing ones like REST, are not (yet) cloud oriented

- Ad-hoc cloud/HPC/Grid messaging for agents (?)

- mqueue? MPI in the cloud?

- Model any activity

- Example: all components of urban life, all rural impact sources

- Interface to models and to sensors (validation?)

- Technical Idea:

- **ABM** + integrate sensors + GIS (for “environment”)

- + non-SQL DB (tracking activities) + analytics

- What for?

- Analyze and Optimize “smart” ideas

- Example: design of sensors in cities (Friendly cities)
    - Example: design of exploitation activities in rural environment

## 4.- AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

### ● FOCUS ON KNOWLEDGE (btw, aren't we simply Knowledge?)

- By 2025 computers will be able to handle most human tasks

Will we be able to “ask” to computers about anything? Cf. WATSON

- So, computers will “preserve” knowledge, but...  
will computers generate “new” knowledge? will we know that?
- What about us? Will we be preserved?

I have no idea at all!

### ● ENGAGING SOCIETY

- Yes, YouTube, movies and TV series are very ok but... PASSIVE!
- We need **URGENTLY** to engage **ACTIVELY** young (15-20 y) students
- Why not combine Citizen Science, Open Data Access, Edu Resources

DATA ORIENTED COURSES where students start by hand on a REAL problem, learn, contribute, using EDUCATION resources into e-INFRA. Ex: Image Recognition

# *Am I alone?*

