

Challenges in Dynamic Deployment of Condor Across Distributed Environments

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The logo for Condor, featuring a large, stylized 'C' with a gold outline and a grey fill, followed by the word 'ondor' in a serif font with a gold outline and a grey fill.

Problem Statement

- Difficult to allocate reliable resources across multi-sites:
 - Batch Systems (Scheduling)
 - Network (Public vs Private, Firewalls)
 - Availability
 - Capabilities
 - Etiquette

Overlay Grid Network

- > Create custom global Condor pool using Glidein technologies.
- > Global fair share at user and group level.
- > Uniformity across all Grids (OSG, EGEE)
- > "Reduces grid-related errors by 50%"

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- > ATLAS Virtual Computing Cluster
- > Condor-G Glideins
- > Condor-C Job Submissions
- > GCB Network Nodes
- > Goal: +10,000 jobs



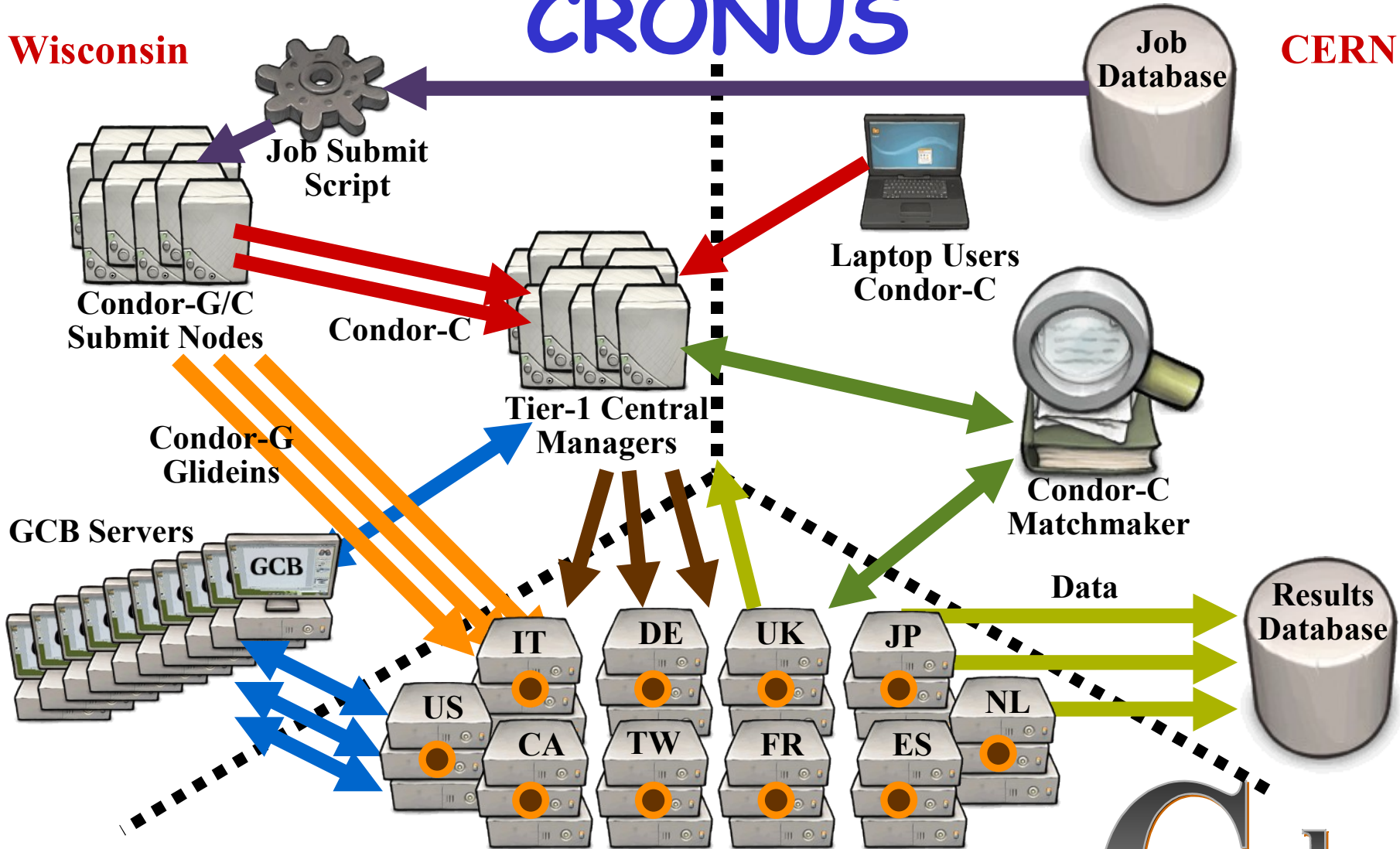
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Deployment Challenges

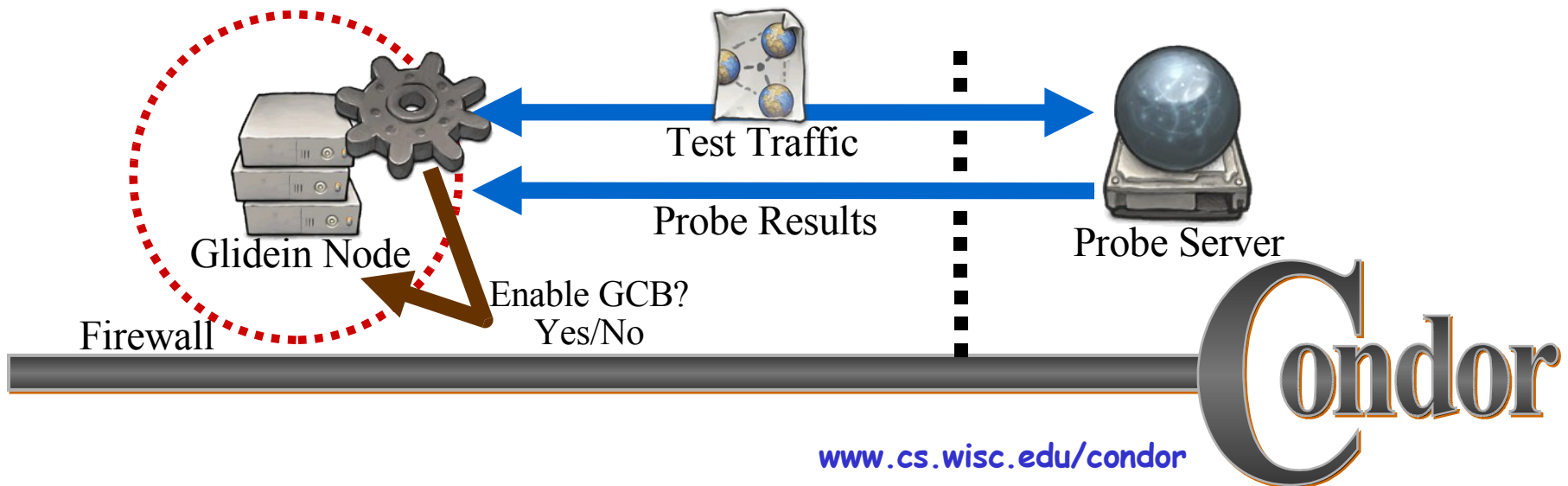
- > Unknown Network Capabilities
- > Cleaning Up on Execution Node
- > Retrieving Job Attributes
- > Scalability Issues

Unknown Network Capabilities

- > **Problem:** How can we determine the network environment of execute nodes?
- > Firewalls, Public vs. Private IPs
- > GCB mitigates problem, but is error prone.

Solution: Network Probe

- > Contact Condor servers @ Wisconsin to determine network information.
- > Only enable GCB if needed.
- > Source code is available!



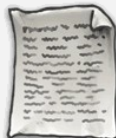
Cleaning Up on Execution Node

- > **Problem:** How do we make sure that our Glideins are actually doing work and not wasting cycles?
- > Must handle severed network connections.

Solution: Shutdown Exprs.

- New expressions allow Condor daemons to shutdown individually and not be restarted by the Master.

```
STARTD.DAEMON_SHUTDOWN = \  
  State == "Claimed" && \  
  Activity == "Idle" && \  
  (CurrentTime - EnteredCurrentActivity) > 600  
MASTER.DAEMON_SHUTDOWN = \  
  STARTD_StartTime == 0
```



Glidein Condor Configuration File

Retrieving Job Attributes

- > **Problem:** How can we get additional information about Condor-C jobs when they are executing on Glideins?
- > Use only existing, reliable Condor mechanisms.

Solution: Copy Attributes List

- Provide a list of attributes to copy back to Condor-C job's ClassAd on submit node.
- Resolves \$\$(<Parameter>) at runtime.

```
CONDORC_ATTRS_TO_COPY = \  
  MATCH_FileSystemDomain, \  
  MATCH_UidDomain, ....
```

Submit Side Condor Configuration File

```
+Remote_Env = \  
  "FileSystemDomain=$$(FileSystemDomain)"
```

Condor-C Submission File

Scalability Issues

- > **Problem:** How can we increase the number of jobs per central manager and GCB node?
- > Preliminary tests showed only 1,000 jobs could reliably be submitted for each Tier-1 central manager.

Solution: Internal Improvements

- Improved core ClassAd library: faster attribute look-ups and parsing.
- Re-factored scheduling algorithms.
- Increased scalability of GCB libraries.
- Localhost communication optimizations.
- Effort is still ongoing...

Summary

- > Network Probe
- > Daemon Shutdown Expressions
- > Condor-C Copy Attributes List
- > Scalability Improvements
- > Questions?