



Dynamic replication

How to stage large data sets to HPC systems

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Community Service Wishes

In Progress as Services (Task Forces set up)

- Safe Data Replication (for Bit-stream Preservation & Access Optimization)
- **Dynamic Data Replication into HPC Workspace**

In Specification/Discussion as Services

- Aggregated EUDAT Metadata Domain
- Researcher Data Store (Simple Upload, Share and Access)
- Common Authentication/Authorization Infrastructure

In Progress as Research Issues (WP7)

- more elaborate policy rules and federation scalability
- generic workflow execution framework
(automatic annotation, data mining, etc.)



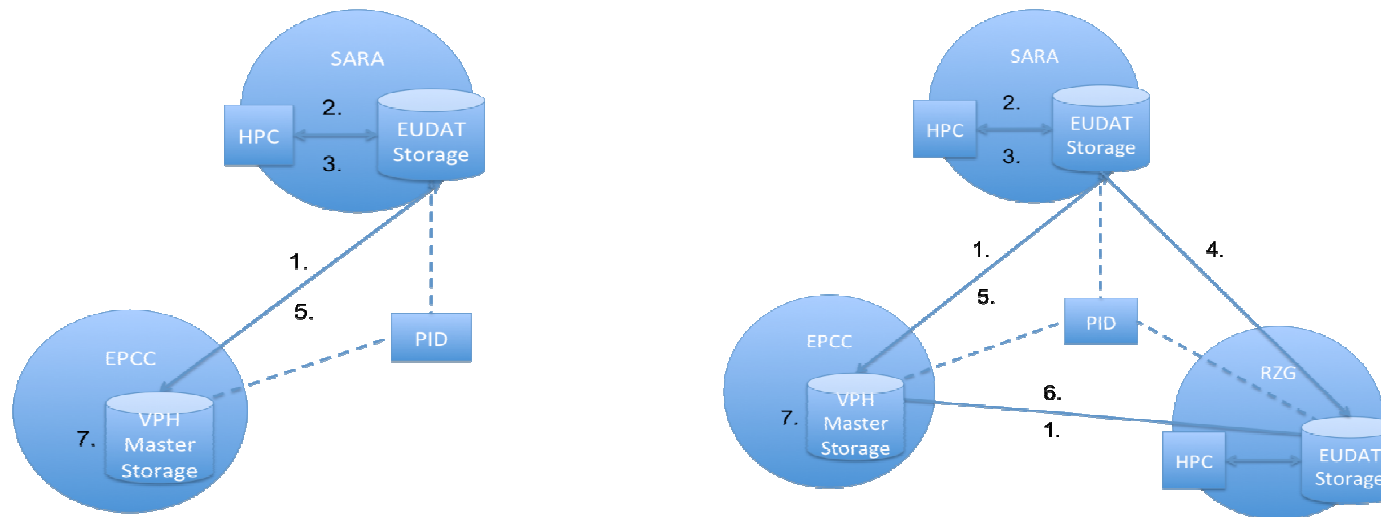
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Overview

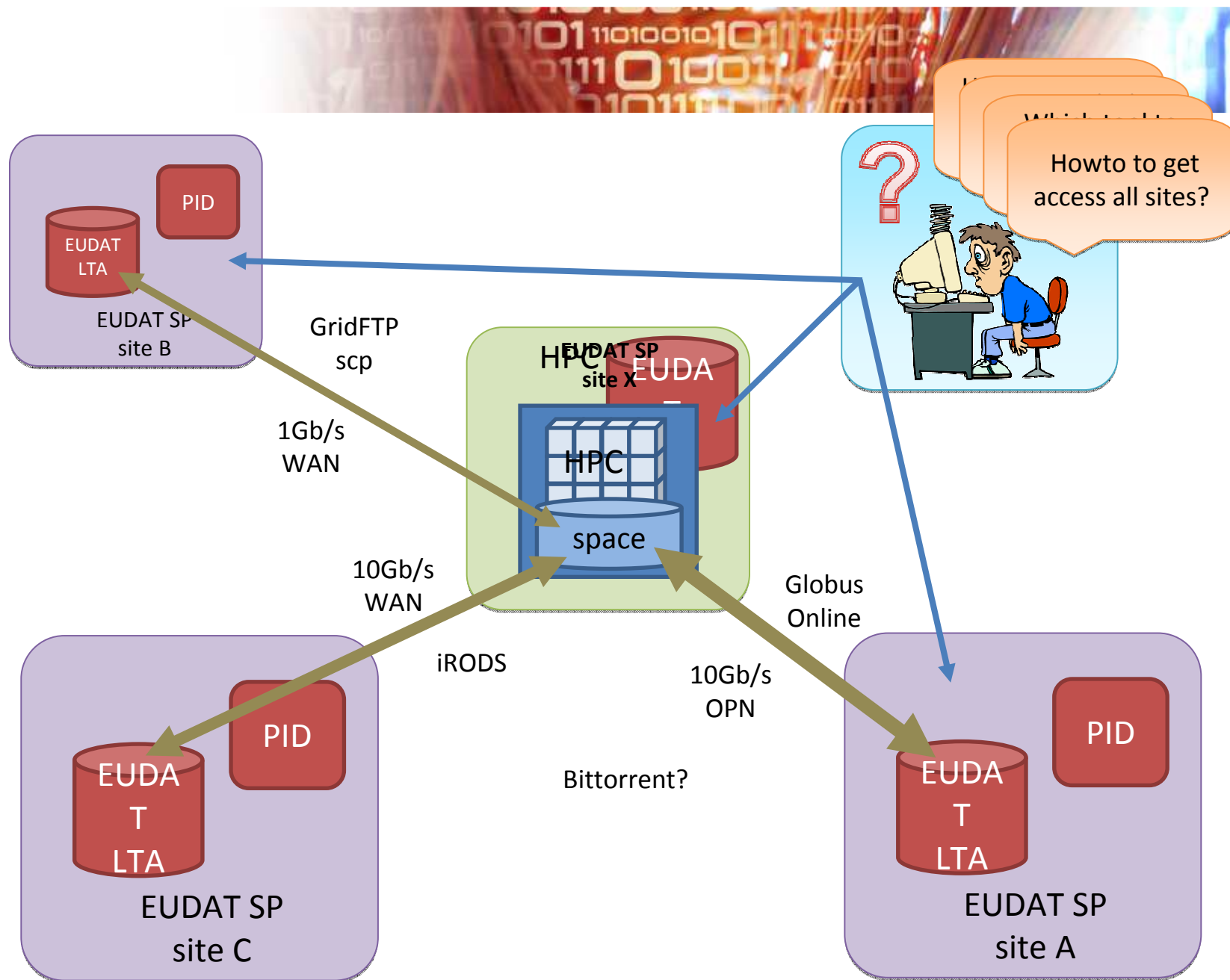
- Easily replicate data sets nearby or onto a HPC workspace for being further processed
- Various communities interested in this service case (VPH, EPOS, ENES)
- Data sets can be very large and composed of many files
- Existing research infrastructures (i.e. PRACE) already provide their own data staging services
- Use case is not new, PRACE users have the same problems between Tier 0 and Tier 1 systems
- Not only HPC system but other data mining cluster could be integrated in workflow framework

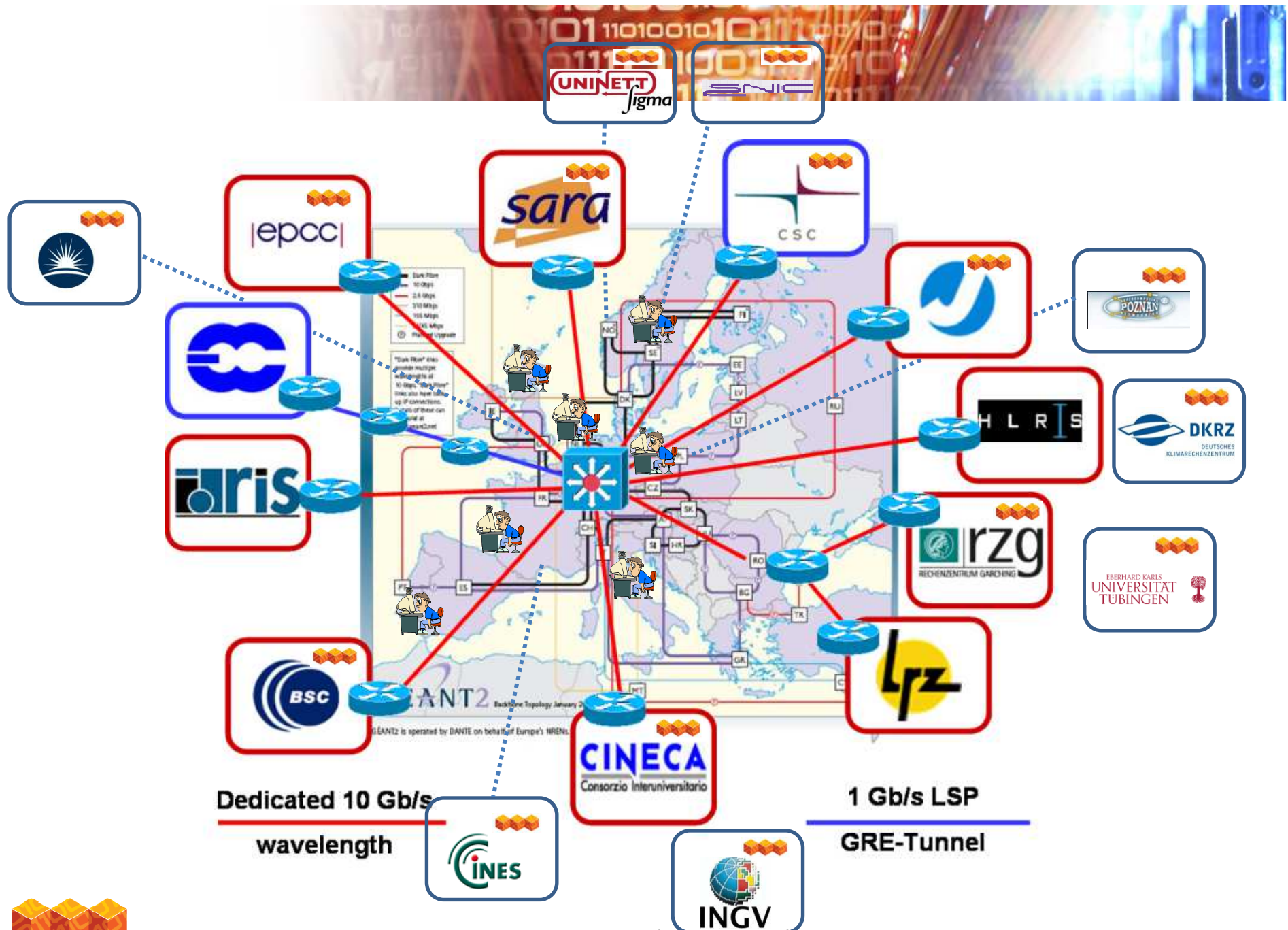
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- Intention is to make use of HPC machines for computations on stored data
- Different configurations possible:
 - computations on a single HPC node where data already are
 - computations on multiple nodes - use of PRACE fast distributed file system

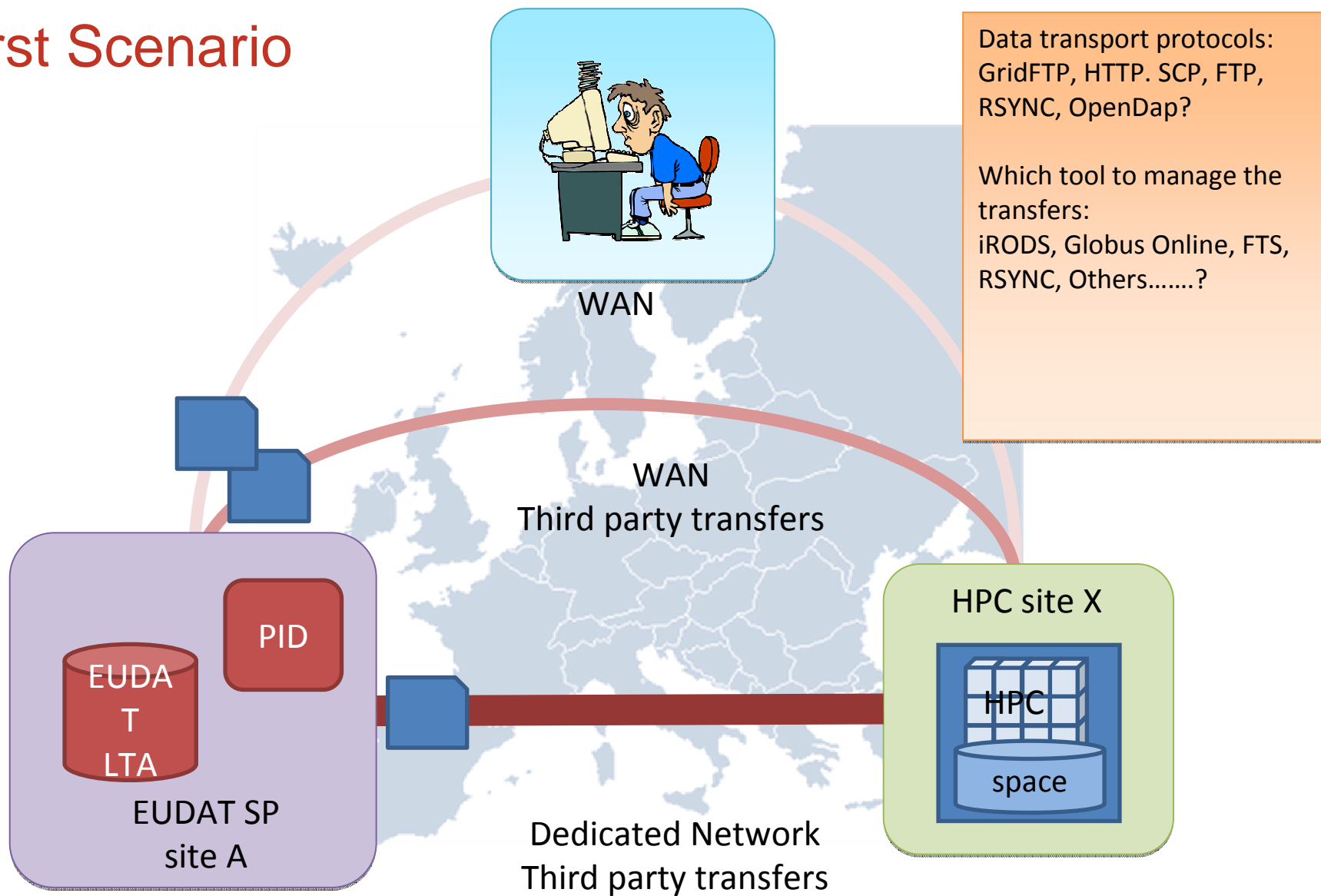


- Principles:
 - user issues a compute command
 - script pushes data into the HPC workspace, results go into workspace
 - input data is discarded after job end
 - results are stored back into the storage

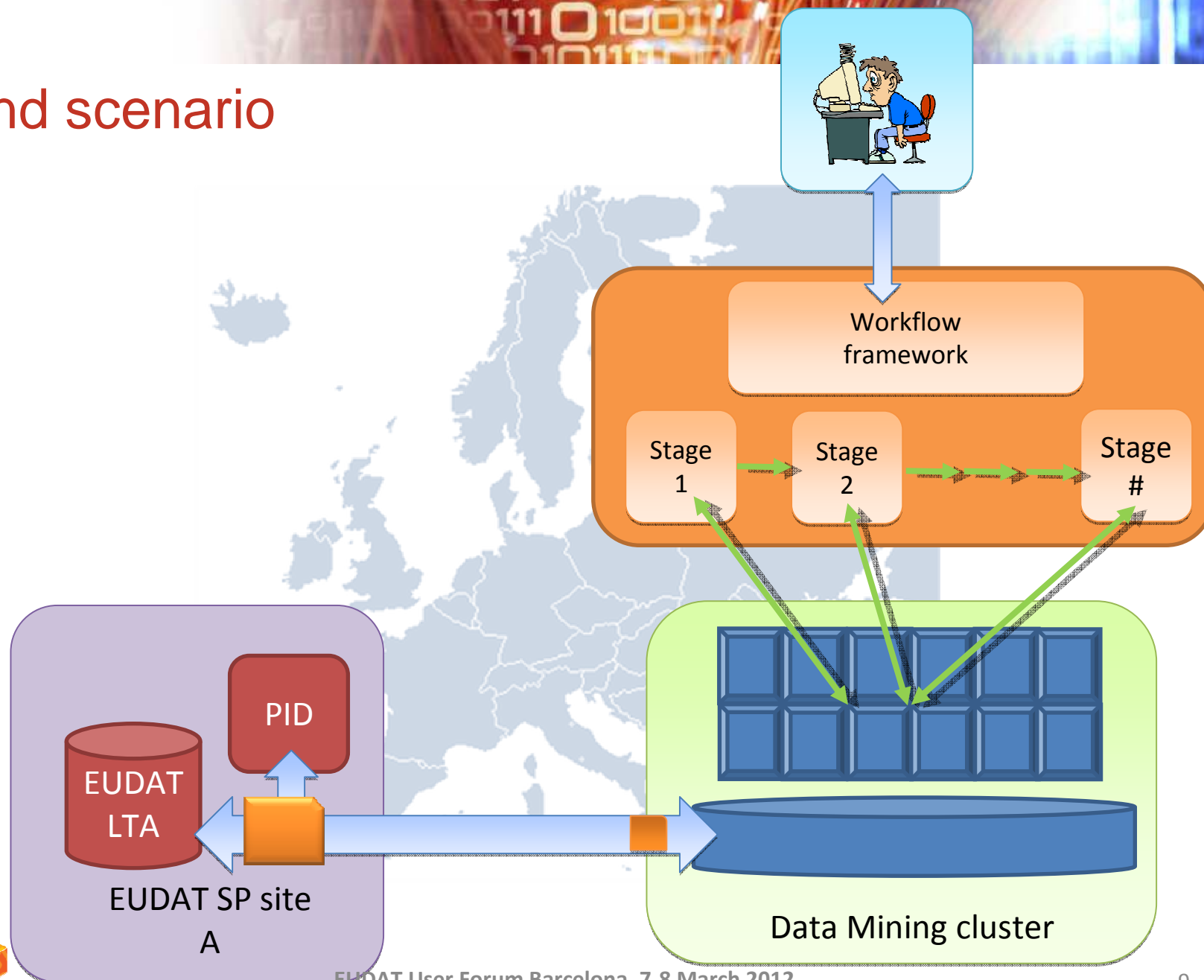




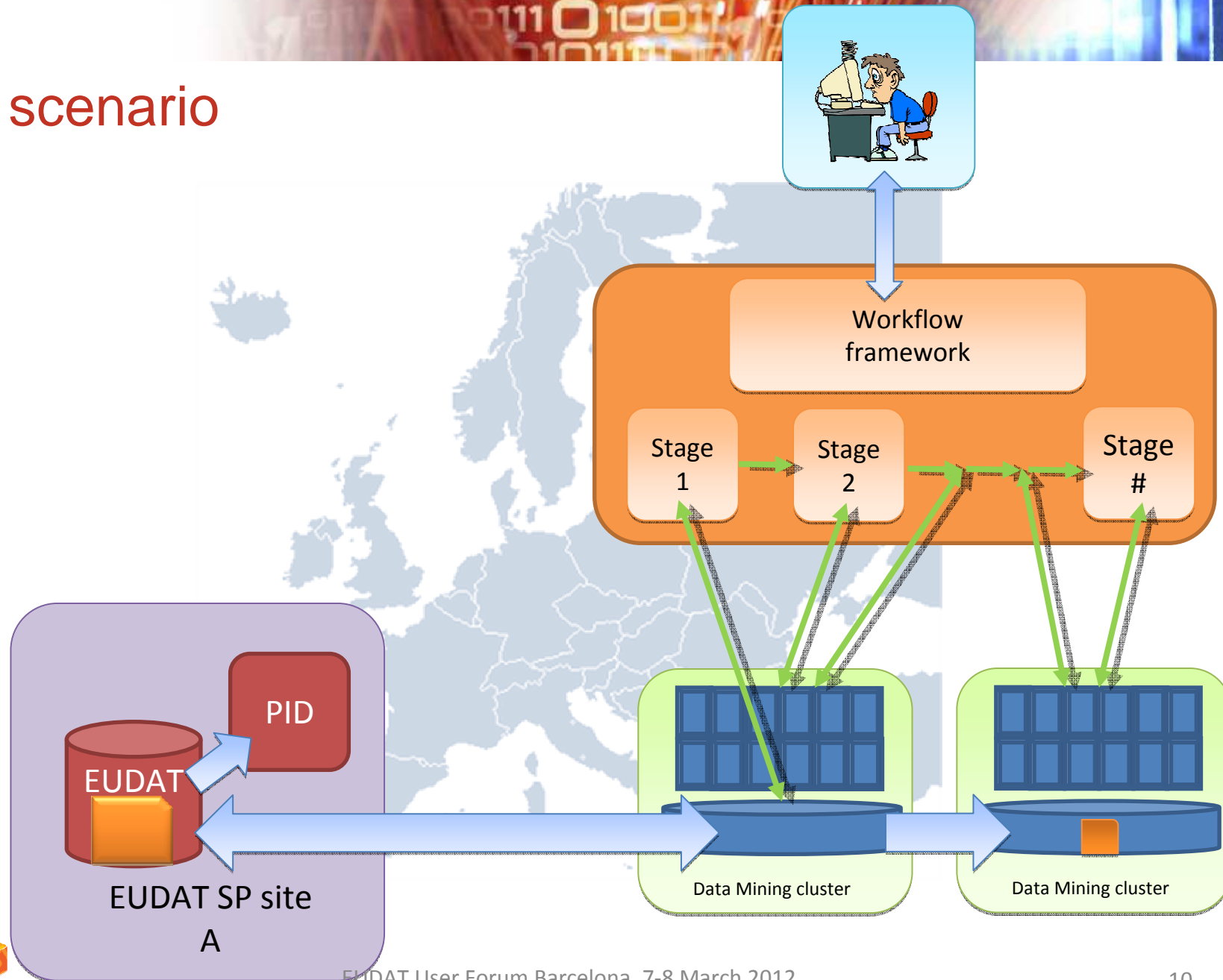
First Scenario



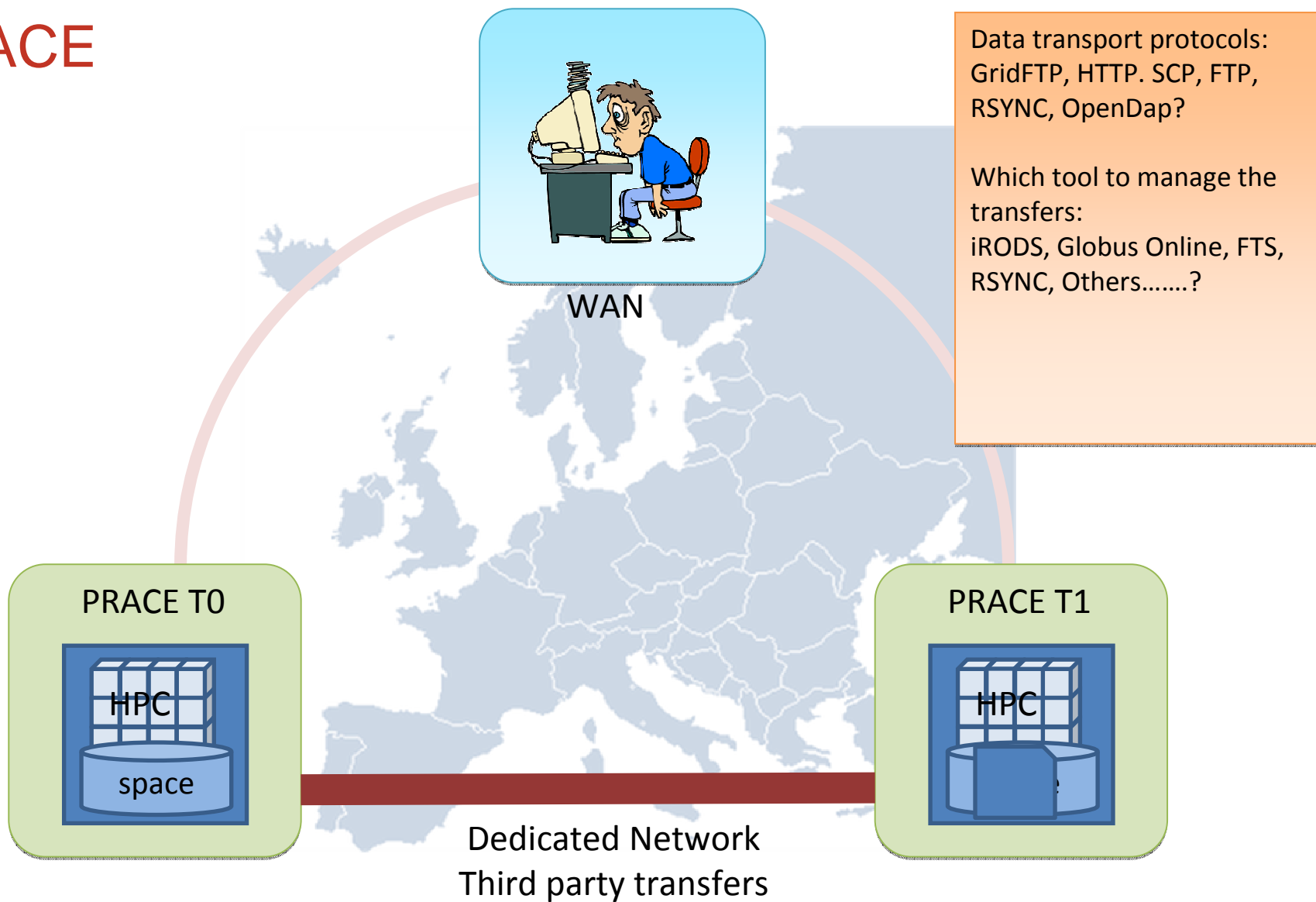
Second scenario



Third scenario



PRACE





Ongoing activity

- A task force is working to implement two different pilots
 - Pilot 1 – The target HPC centre is an EUDAT node
 - CSC and VPH involved
 - Integration of low level data transfer tool (i.e. rsync, cp) within the EUDAT node
 - Pilot 2 – The target HPC centre is part of the PRACE infrastructure
 - INGV and CINECA involved
 - Integration of PRACE tools (i.e. GridFTP) within the EUDAT node
- First outcomes to be ready in summer



Many thanks for
you attention!