



Integrated Data Analytics Needs in ESGF2-US

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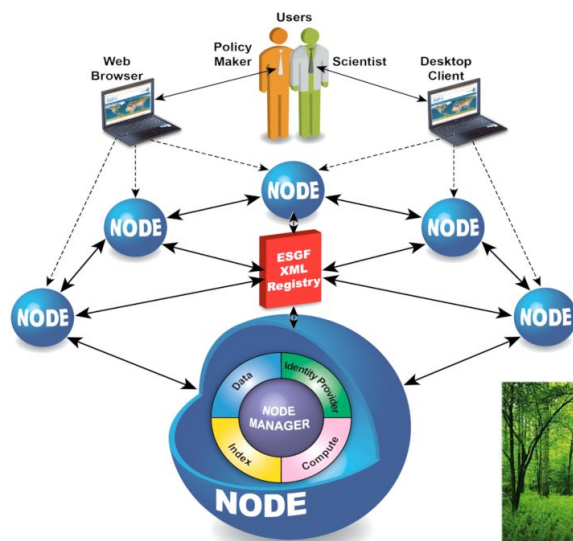
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ESGF² US What is the Earth System Grid Federation?

- **Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF)** is an *international consortium* and a *globally distributed peer-to-peer network of data servers* using a common set of protocols & interfaces to archive and distribute Earth system model output and related input, observational, and reanalysis data
- **Open Science data** are used by scientists all over the world to investigate Earth system variability and feedbacks and to inform research and assessments

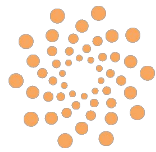
ESGF Conceptual Diagram



ESGF
Earth System Grid Federation

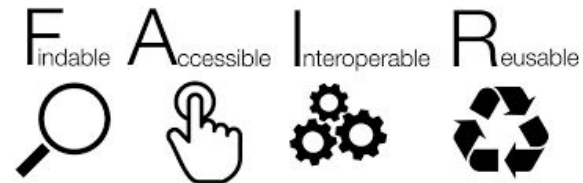
*This large collection of model data are now being used to **train Deep Learning models** to understand future Earth system interactions*

Model data from ESGF are used to understand key Earth system processes and interactions



Logos represent primary international contributors: US Department of Energy, NASA, NOAA, NSF, European IS-ENES Project, and Australian NCI
















ESGF Holdings are Open and Large



- CMIP5 totals >1.5 PB (>5 PB including replicas)
- CMIP6 totals >16.1 PB (>27 PB including replicas)
- CMIP7 is expected to have more experiments, high resolution output, and ensembles, totaling ~100 PB

- ESGF is concerned with the full stack security and the integrity of the data, but we are **not** concerned about limiting access to the data

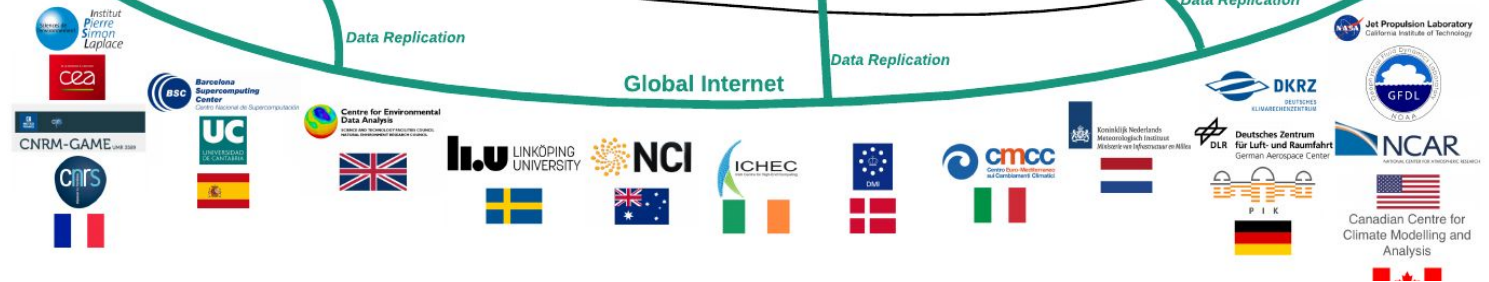
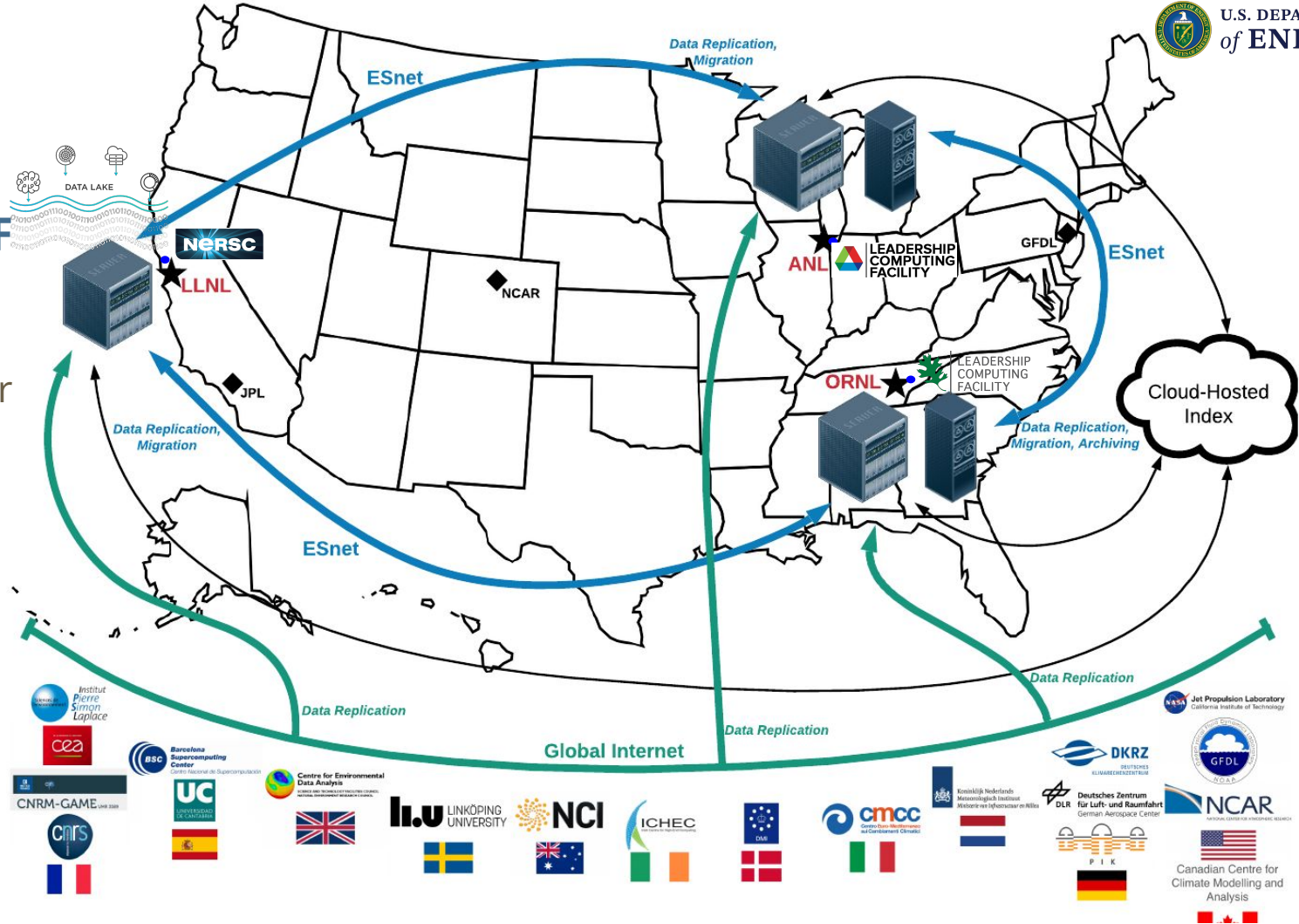
- ESGF is one of the **DOE Integrated Research Infrastructure (IRI) Pathfinder projects**

 CMIP6	14,893,892 total datasets 27,983.73 TB	 CMIP6	7,670,309 distinct datasets 16,120.41 TB	 CMIP6	7,223,583 replica datasets 11,863.32 TB
 CORDEX	187,785 total datasets 1,473.33 TB	 CORDEX	187,513 distinct datasets 1,472.77 TB	 CORDEX	272 replica datasets 0.56 TB
 CMIP5	201,130 total datasets 5,293.61 TB	 CMIP5	52,163 distinct datasets 1,525.07 TB	 CMIP5	148,967 replica datasets 3,768.55 TB
 INPUT4MIPS	5,871 total datasets 10.84 TB	 INPUT4MIPS	21 distinct datasets 0.9 TB	 INPUT4MIPS	5,850 replica datasets 9.95 TB
 OBS4MIPS	126 total datasets 0.2 TB	 OBS4MIPS	108 distinct datasets 0.2 TB	 OBS4MIPS	18 replica datasets 0.01 TB

As of April 7, 2025

DOE's Next Generation ESGF

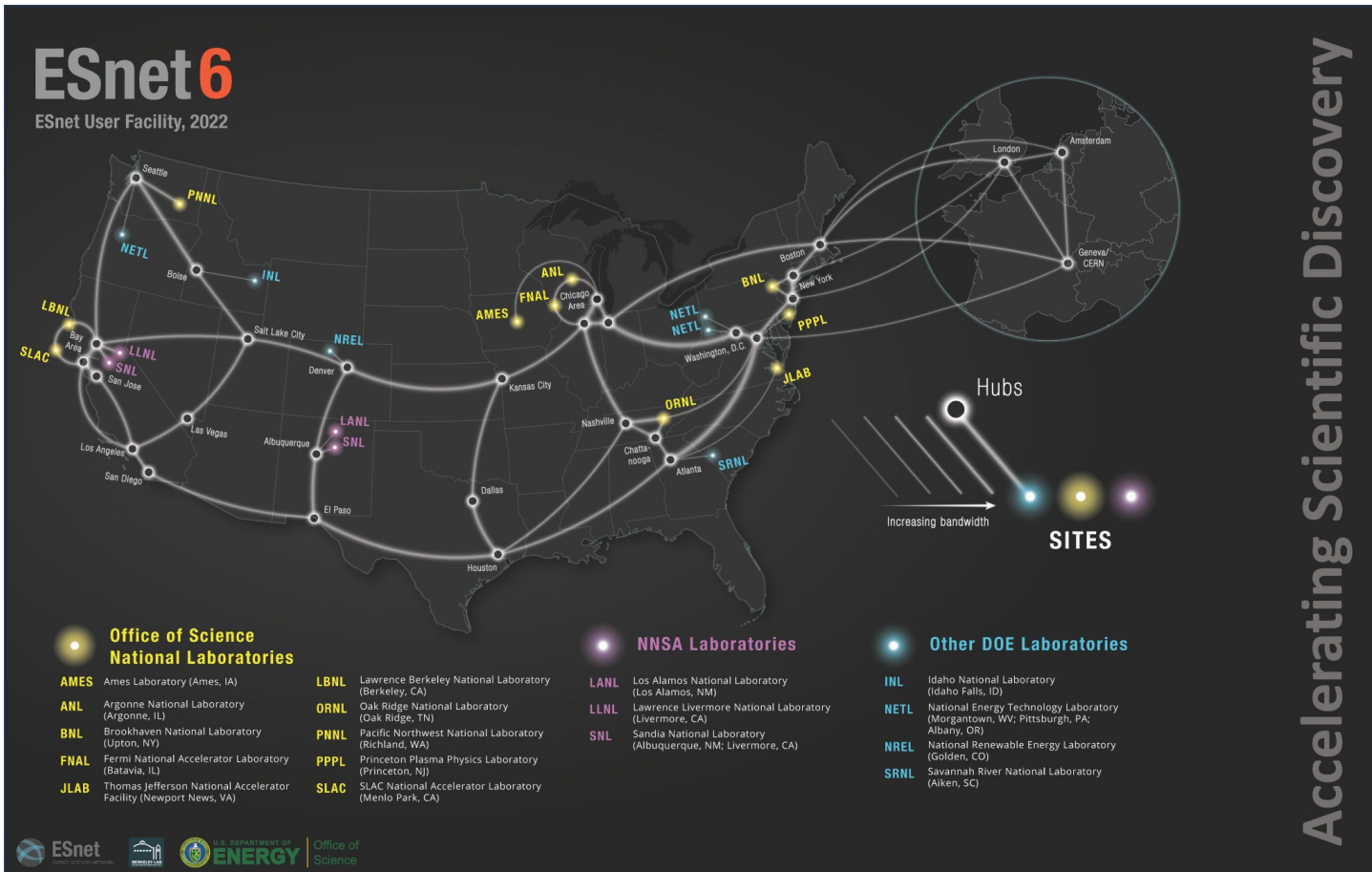
- As many as 3 nodes located at DOE's major computing facilities
- Replicating data from the worldwide Federation
- Providing scalable cloud indexing and tape archiving



ESGF2 US ESnet: Fast US Network & Global Connectivity

ESGF2-US uses high bandwidth (100 Gbps) connections to migrate and cache data among DOE Labs, HPC centers, and other institutions.

Global interconnectivity enables rapid replication of data across the Federation.



Accelerating Scientific Discovery

The logo for ESGF US, featuring a stylized globe with the text "ESGF" in large blue letters and "US" in smaller blue letters below it.

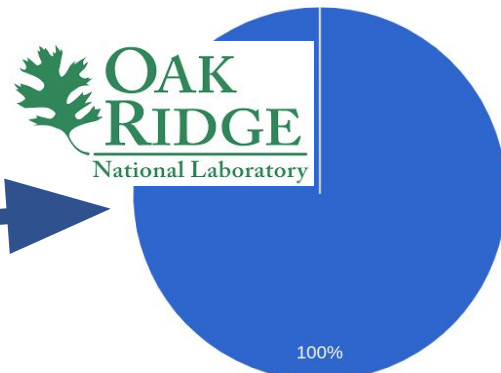
ESGF-US Failsafe Data Replication

- **In the US, LLNL operates the primary ESGF node**, which replicates much of the CMIP6 and related model output from around the globe
- Since the data at LLNL are contained only on spinning disk, we decided to replicate the **entire ~7.5 PB collection of data** to Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) and Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
- **Solution: Use Globus to transfer all the data over ESnet**
- We used custom Globus scripting (*thanks to Lukasz Lacinski*), ESnet network monitoring and diagnostics (*thanks to Eli Dart*), DTN and GPFS optimized configurations (*thanks to Cameron Harr and others*), and debugging and problem-solving (*thanks to Sasha Ames, Lee Liming, and others*)



Data transferred to ALCF

Data transferred to OLCF



1.5 GB/s

4 to 6 GB/s



Replication to ALCF

ACTIVE, PAUSED and the latest SUCCEEDED transfers

7.5 PB transferred between mid-Feb and May 4
17,347,671 directories and 28,907,532 files

No	Datasets	From	Requested	Completed	Status	Directories	Files	Bytes Transferred	Faults	Rate
1	/cmip5_css01_data/cmip5/output1/NSF-DOE-NCAR/CESM1-CAM5	LLNL	2022-05-03 08:46:03	2022-05-04 11:37:43	SUCCEEDED	7208	13540	29913341340	16	309 kB/s
2	/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/NCC/NorESM1-M	LLNL	2022-05-02 09:52:03	2022-05-02 11:31:27	SUCCEEDED	4017	7548	5367692747060	0	900 MB/s
3	/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/NCAR/CCSM4	LLNL	2022-05-02 01:53:03	2022-05-03 00:50:23	SUCCEEDED	52571	48925	33455438769668	11	405 MB/s
4	/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/NASA-GISS/GISS-E2-R-CC	LLNL	2022-05-02 01:28:03	2022-05-02 01:52:31	SUCCEEDED	2098	9576	1087745609416	0	741 MB/s
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Replication to OLCF

ACTIVE, PAUSED and the latest SUCCEEDED transfers

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5	/cmip5_css02_data/cmip5/output1/NASA-GISS/GISS-E2-R-CC	ALCF	2022-05-02 05:34:04	2022-05-02 05:44:32	SUCCEEDED	2098	9576	1087745609416	0	1.73 GB/s



<https://dashboard.globus.org/esgf>

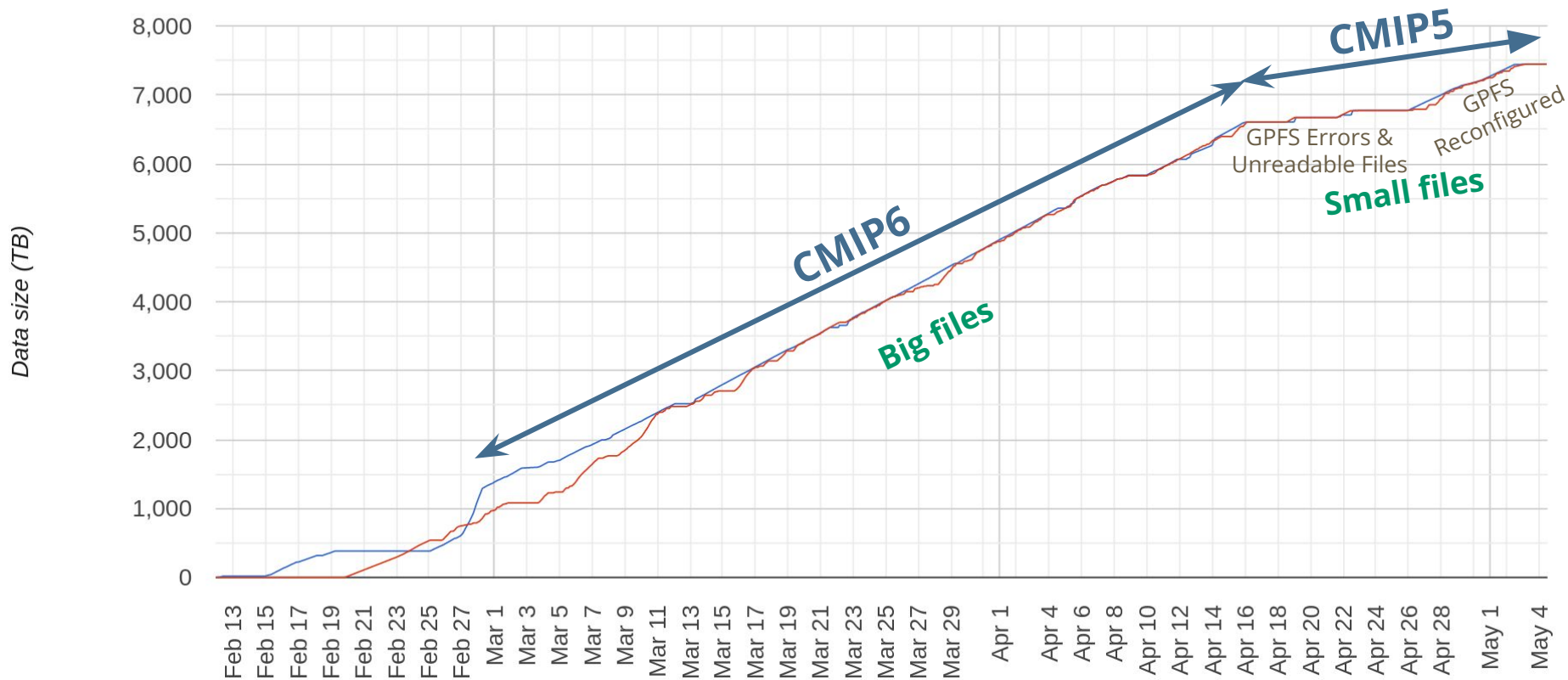
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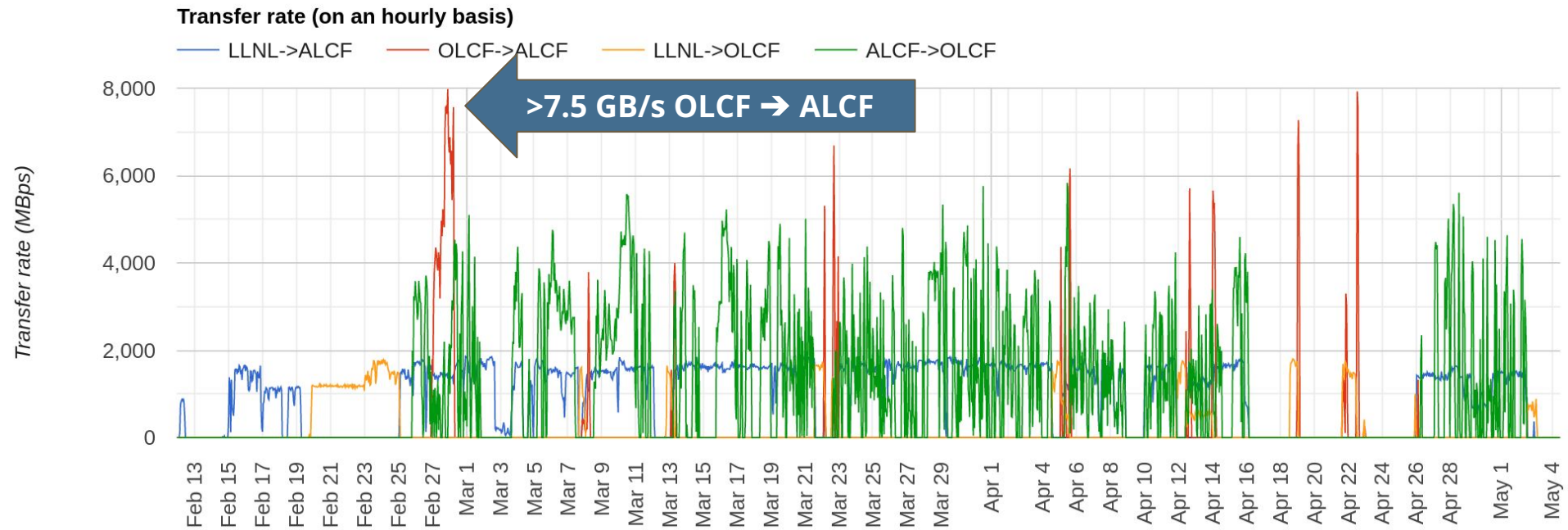
Cumulative Data Transferred Over Time

Progress of transfers

— to ALCF — to OLCF



ESGF² US Transfer Rates Over Time

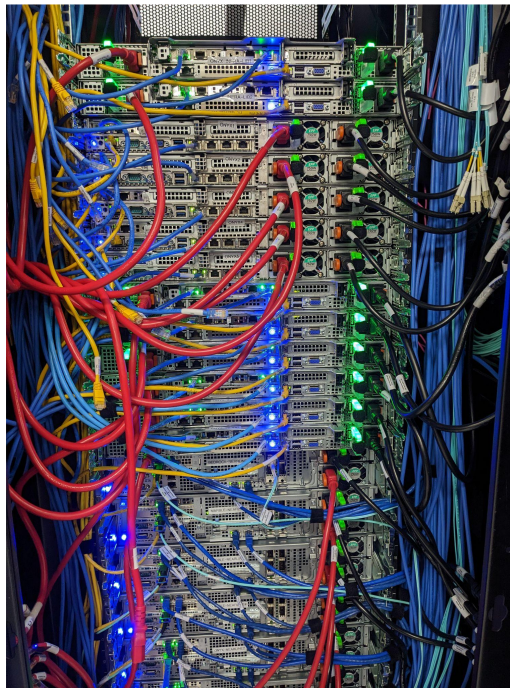




Data and Index Nodes Deployed at ORNL

- Containerized server software deployed on the shared Onyx cluster is serving 8 PB of Coupled Model Intercomparison Project (CMIP5 and CMIP6) data at ORNL
- Data are stored on the new Themis hierarchical storage platform, providing on-disk copy for fast access to frequently used data and backup copies on two tapes for all data
- Hardware investment at ORNL has been in storage capacity (fully operational)
 - 15 PB of disk
 - 30 PB of tape (for redundant backup)

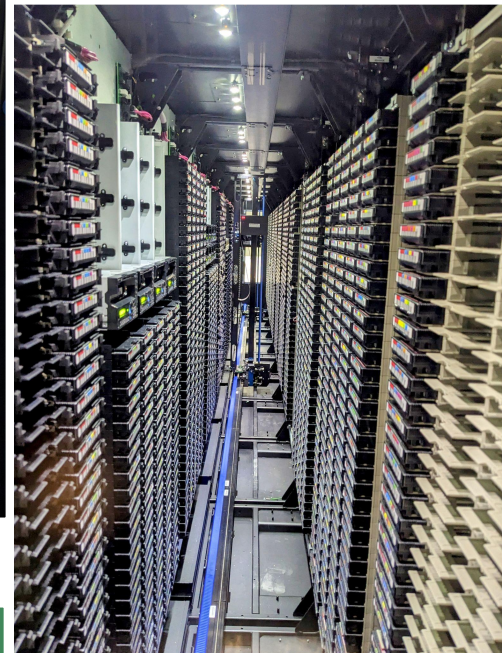
Delivered ahead of schedule and under budget!



The Onyx cluster hosts the ESGF containerized data & index nodes

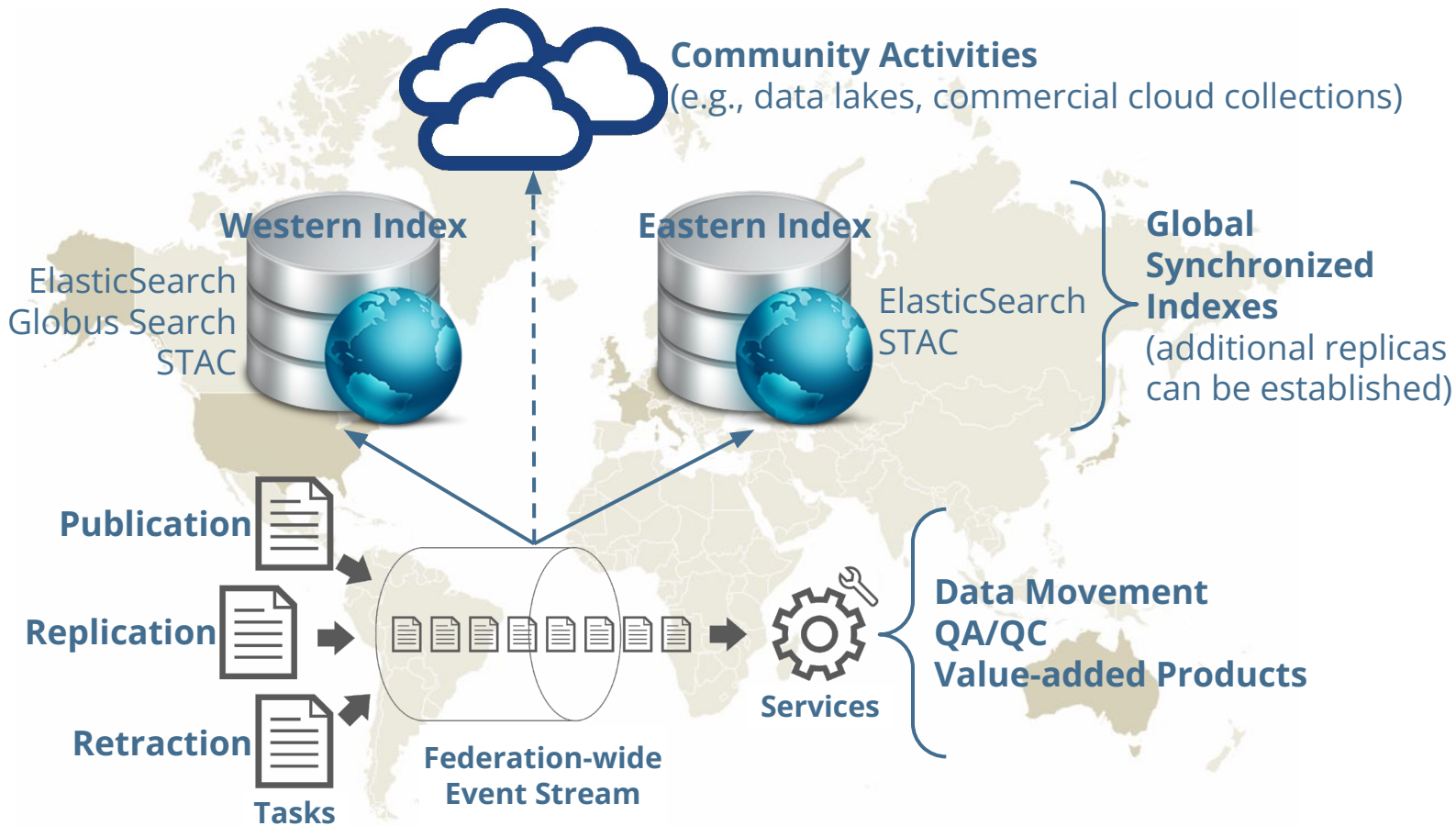
Data and services reside in the Open Network Enclave of NCCS to provide fast and open access to data

In partnership with the ORNL National Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS)



Expandable tape subsystem of the Themis storage system

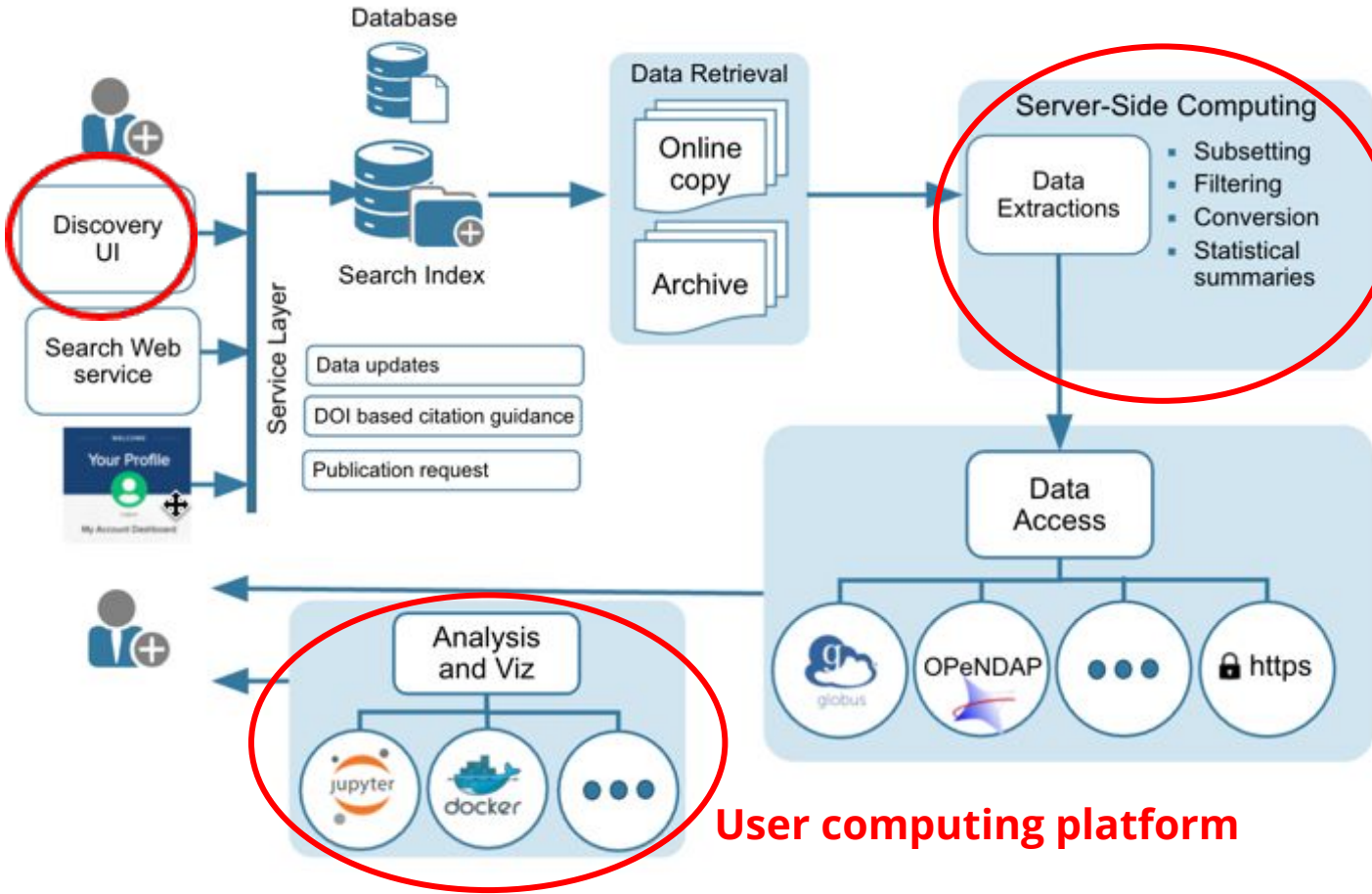
ESGF US 2 New Redundant Index Strategy





ESGF 2 Data Discovery, Access & Analysis Platform

Friendly user interface

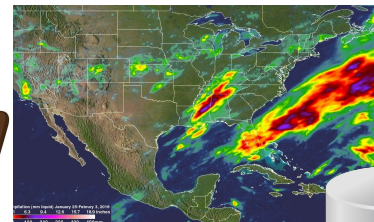


Server-side computing platform

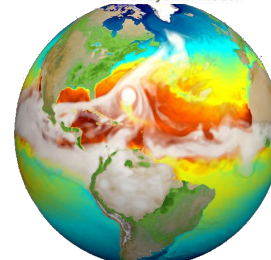
User computing platform

ESGF2 US Enabling a new level of research productivity

Logging in with her **institutional credentials**, Samantha is presented with **new data, code, and papers** relevant to her current research. Intrigued by a new report on extreme precipitation events, she examines a **Jupyter notebook** that implements the method used. Wondering how this method would work with higher-resolution E3SM data, she **quickly locates required datasets and runs the notebook on a subset**. Results are promising, so she **shares them with collaborators** via ESGF2-US federated storage, and they agree that a larger ensemble analysis is called for. ESGF2-US confirms that the full ensemble data are available at OLCF, so they submit a request to execute the analysis there. Within 24 hours, **results have been published to ESGF2-US for broader consumption**, along with the notebook used to produce and validate the results.

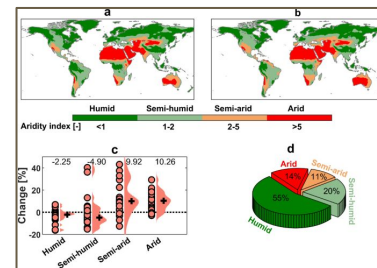


E3SM
Energy Exascale
Earth System Model



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National Laboratory

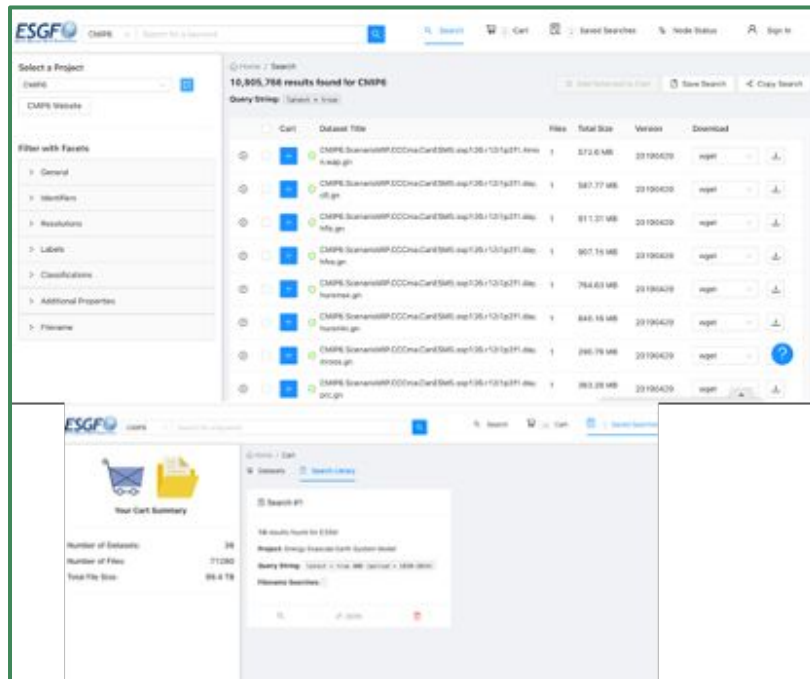
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Flood risk increases with water availability

ESGF 2 Metagrid Enhances ESGF Search

- New **Metagrid faceted search user interface**, developed at LLNL on popular React Javascript framework, deployed at ORNL, LLNL and ANL
- Offers new features, including a **shopping cart**, ability to **save and share searches**, integration with **Globus authentication & transfer** and a search page **tour & support dialog**
- User experience enhancements make it **faster and easier** to discover published data
- **Globus integration** offers faster and more reliable data access
- Will be deployed internationally across the Federation by mid-2024



The Metagrid Web Interface for ESGF search is a completely redesigned interface from CoG. It features a familiar faceted search and a new capability to save searches.





ESGF² What's Our Goal?

Objective: Remove the barriers and accelerate science with ESGF-hosted data

Data access: Develop improved APIs and services to access and analyze data;

Server-side functions: make it easy to run core operators (averaging, selecting, regridding) next to the data;

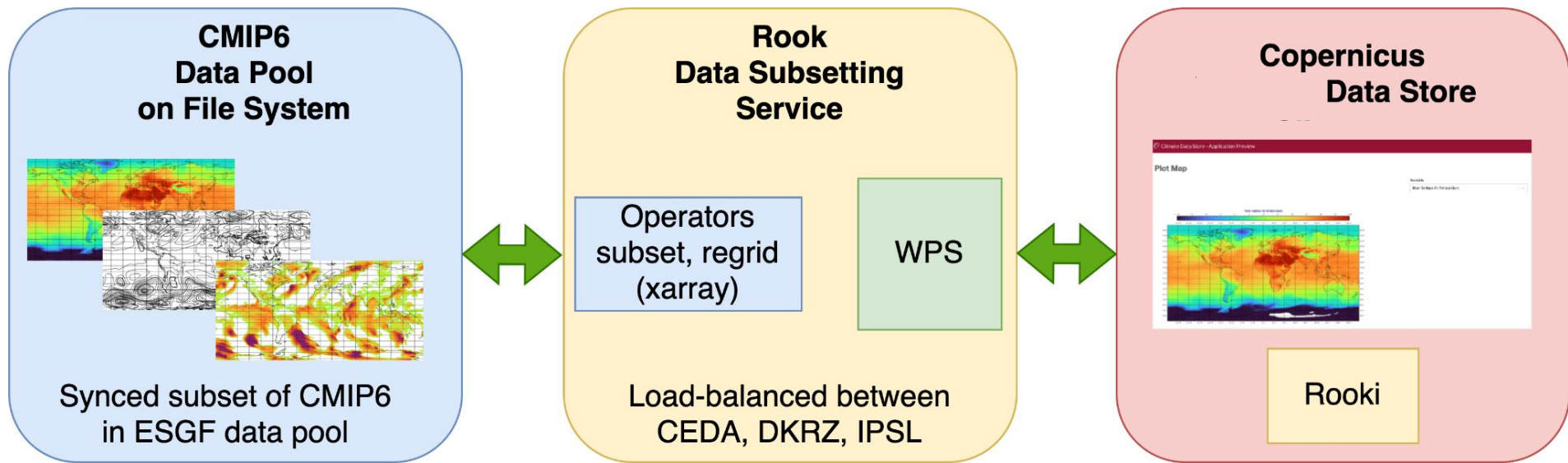
User computing services: Data proximate computing resources; reproducible/relocatable workflows;

Community development: Don't reinvent the wheel - use and improve existing solutions, entrain the community;



The Motivation: Remote Subset + Compute

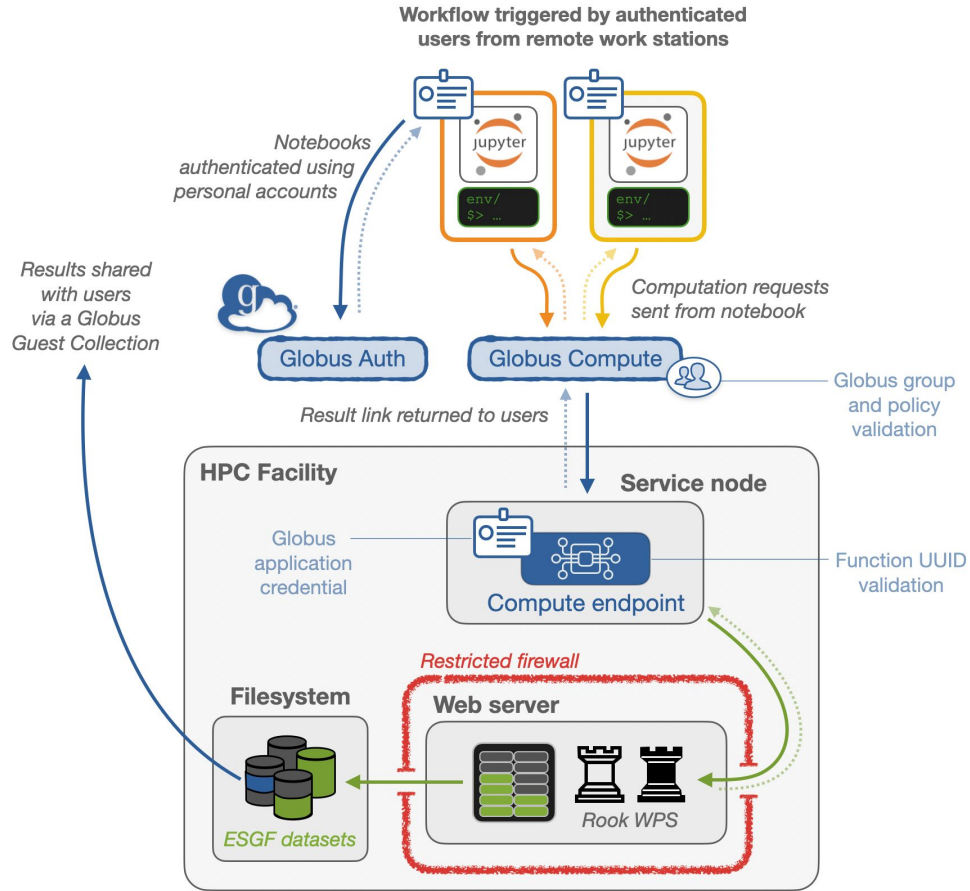
ROOK: Remote Operations On Klimadaten



This endpoint is available to anyone at any time (with throttling)



Globus-Compute Enables Advanced Analysis



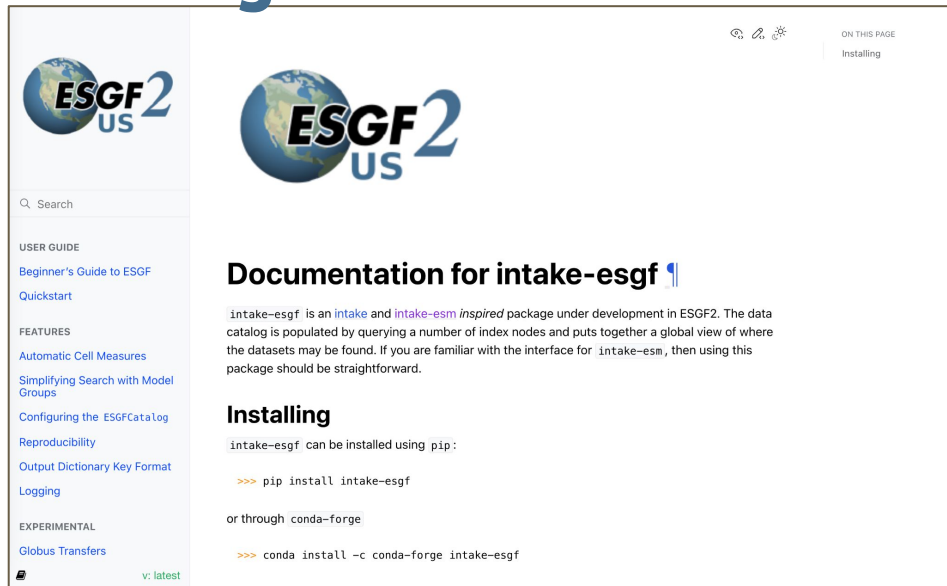


Full Flows: Automating with Globus Flows

- Use Case:
 - User would like all yearly averages climate simulations from 2050 to 2070, over the United States
 - They would call a request to globus-compute
 - The output would be saved on that remote machine
 - A **guest collection** would be returned to the user, which they could either
 - Automatically transfer to their local machine (if a local endpoint is specified)
 - Extract the guest collection URL, which they can share with collaborators!
- This allows
 - A more secure method for running the WPS and gathering metrics of users
 - A more streamlined method of saving output, without filling up temporary space
 - Users can share this with collaborators easily, develop workflows around it, etc.

ESGF2 US Integrating with intake-esgf

- Improve the APIs to access data; simplify searching for data programmatically across the federation
- Provide STAC-based index query in addition to the existing Solr and Globus indices
- Extend the interface to provide capability for data streaming (OPeN-DAP, Kerchunk, Virtual Zarr) as available
- Integrate the errata service provided by es-doc into intake-esgf catalogs



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Documentation for intake-esgf

intake-esgf is an [intake](#) and [intake-esm](#) inspired package under development in ESGF2. The data catalog is populated by querying a number of index nodes and puts together a global view of where the datasets may be found. If you are familiar with the interface for `intake-esm`, then using this package should be straightforward.

Installing

intake-esgf can be installed using `pip`:

```
>>> pip install intake-esgf
```

or through `conda-forge`

```
>>> conda install -c conda-forge intake-esgf
```

v: latest

- Intelligently determines the quickest way to access data (download, Globus Transfer, stream, load locally)
- **Provides method to package compute + flows**

Repository: <https://github.com/esgf2-us/intake-esgf>

Documentation: <https://intake-esgf.readthedocs.io/>

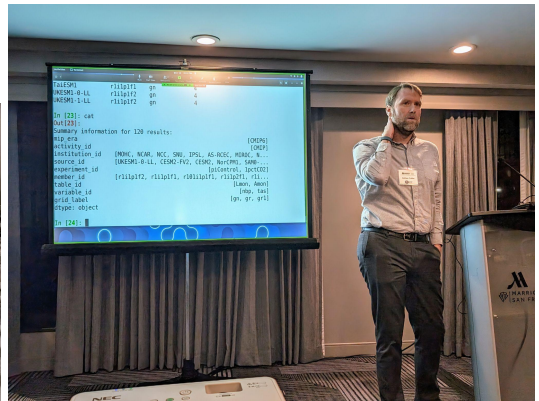
Installation: PyPI and Conda-forge

Outreach Activities



Ninth ESGF Developer and User Conference held jointly between Oak Ridge National Laboratory (USA) and Toulouse (France), January 18–20, 2023

ESGF Workshop & Tutorial at the 2023 AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco & 2024 AGU Fall Meeting in Washington, DC



Tenth Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) Conference
Rockville, Maryland, United States of America
23–26 April 2024



ESGF US 2 Summary of Integration Activities

- All **ESGF development is being performed collaboratively** with Federation partners
- **User computing** approaches deployed through on-premise infrastructure will enable data-proximate computing
- Specific **integration activities**:
 - **Sharing data indexes** across DOE-BER platforms (ARM Data Center, ESS-DIVE, etc.)
 - Unifying on **Federated authentication** (*Globus Auth*) to simplify data access and enable cross-platform/cross-facility data access and analysis
 - **Integrating software stacks** for data access, analysis, and visualization for Jupyter
 - New global **scalable data indexes** and search instances (*Globus Search*)
 - **Managed automation** of data publishing workflows (*Globus Flows*)
 - **Server-side computing** spawned by web or Jupyter/Python (*Web Processing Service* and *Globus Compute*) for generating value-added products and subsetting & summarizing data across platforms and facilities
- New technologies might enable (1) *streaming data into HPC for AI training*, (2) *dynamic job scheduling and migration*, and (3) *generation of value-added products “on the fly”*