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Shake-and-Bake **Distributed Collaborative Visualization**

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Distributed Visualization

- Modules run on different machines.
- Distributed resources used in order to visualize large and computationally intensive datasets.
- Only the computation for the visuals is performed on distributed resources.



Collaborative Visualization

- Multiple human participants
- Joint interpretations of visualized data
- However, may still refer to a single view system with multiple people looking “over each other’s shoulders”



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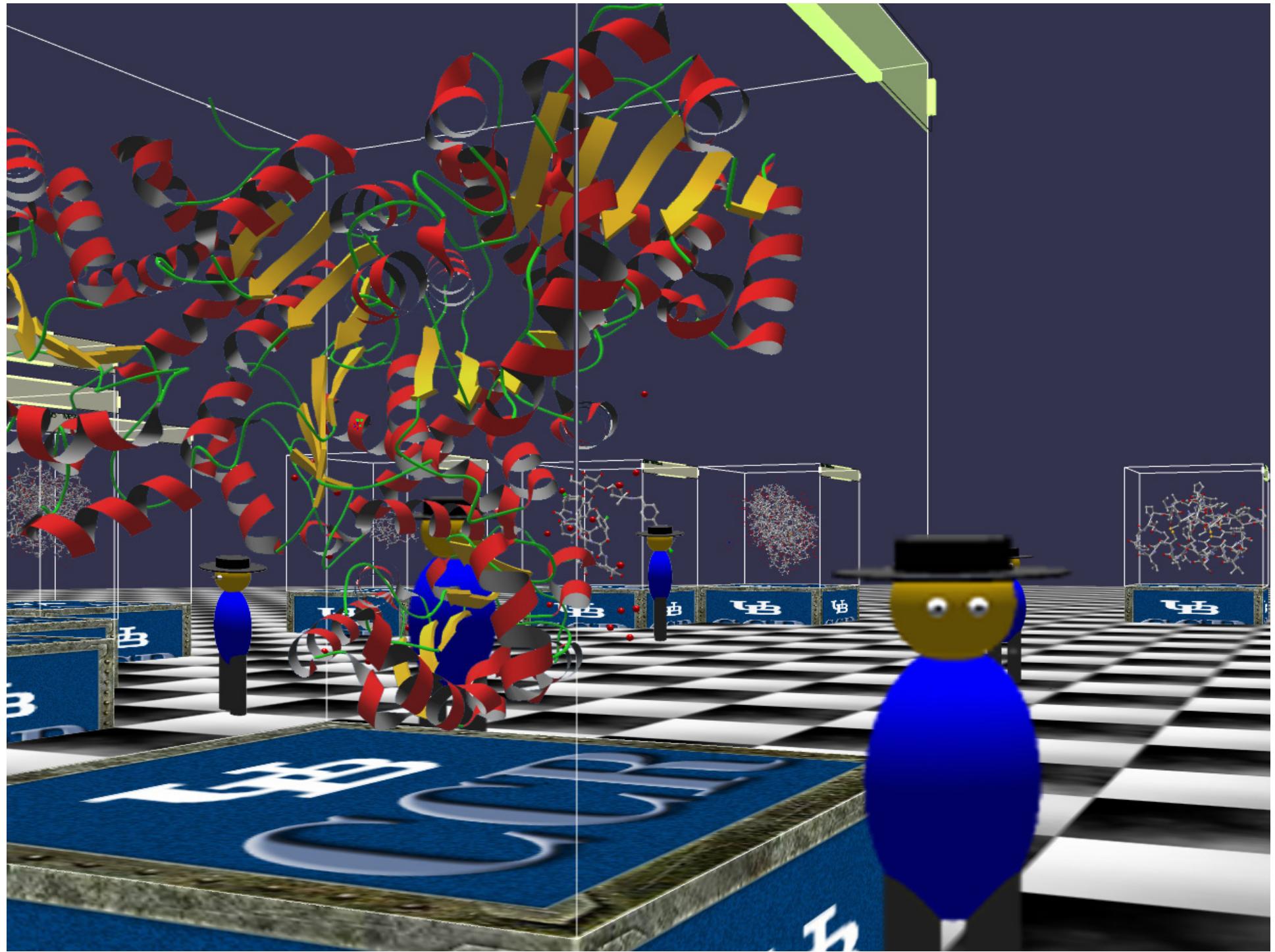
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Distributed Collaborative Visualization (DCV)

- Collaboration performed both at the system and human levels
- Sharing of resources and data from remote locations
- Common virtual environment
- Grid friendly!



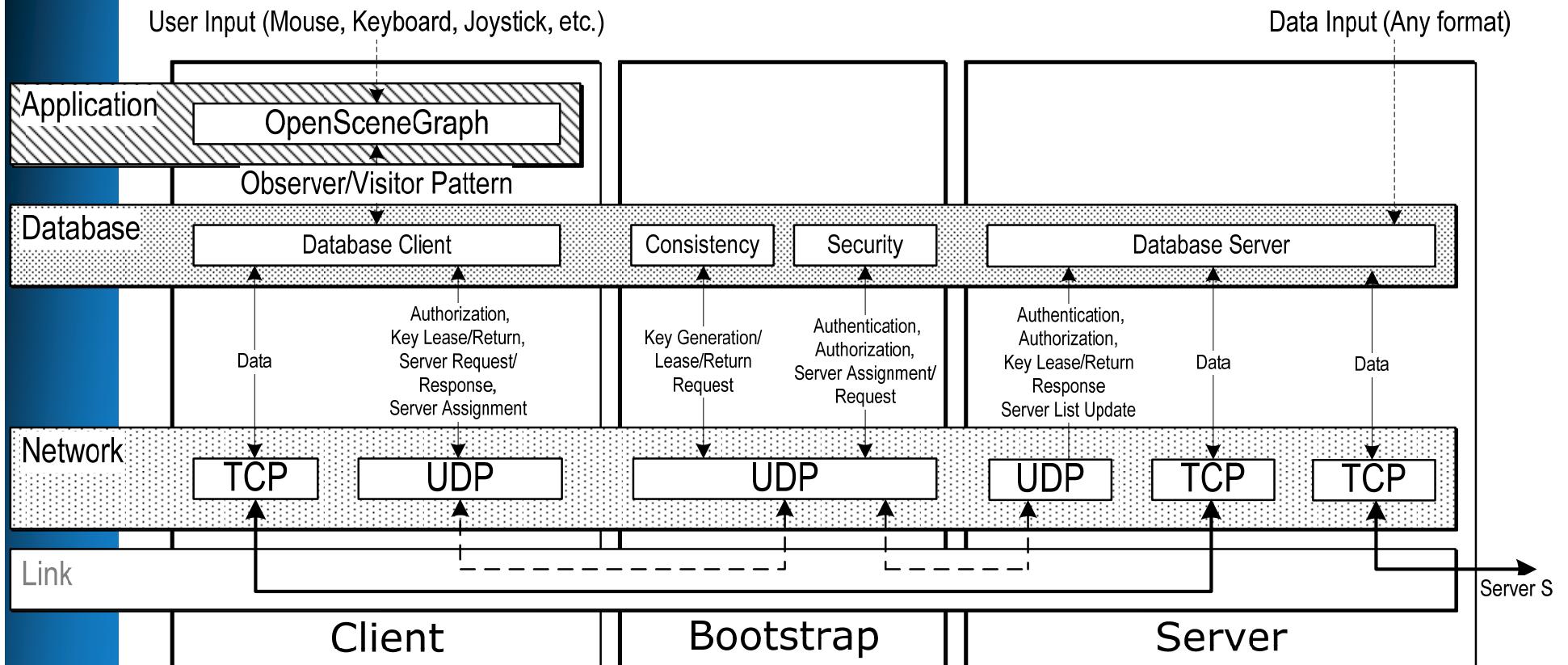


Requirements

- Networking
 - TCP and UDP
- Real-time Distributed Database
 - On top of network
- Data Consistency
 - Function of Real-time Distributed Database
- Scalability
 - Depends of Real-time Distributed Database
- Security
- Portability
- Graphics performance
 - OpenSceneGraph API
- Interaction performance
 - Tradeoff between consistency and interaction performance



Architecture



Data Consistency



- Central record locking mechanism.
- Performed by a third tier: the **bootstrap**
- Consistency guarantees
 - Performance tradeoff
 - A client needs to wait for permissions before changing the data
 - Decouple consistency from data distribution
 - The bootstrap is a central, lightweight and fast protocol based on UDP
 - Scalable design



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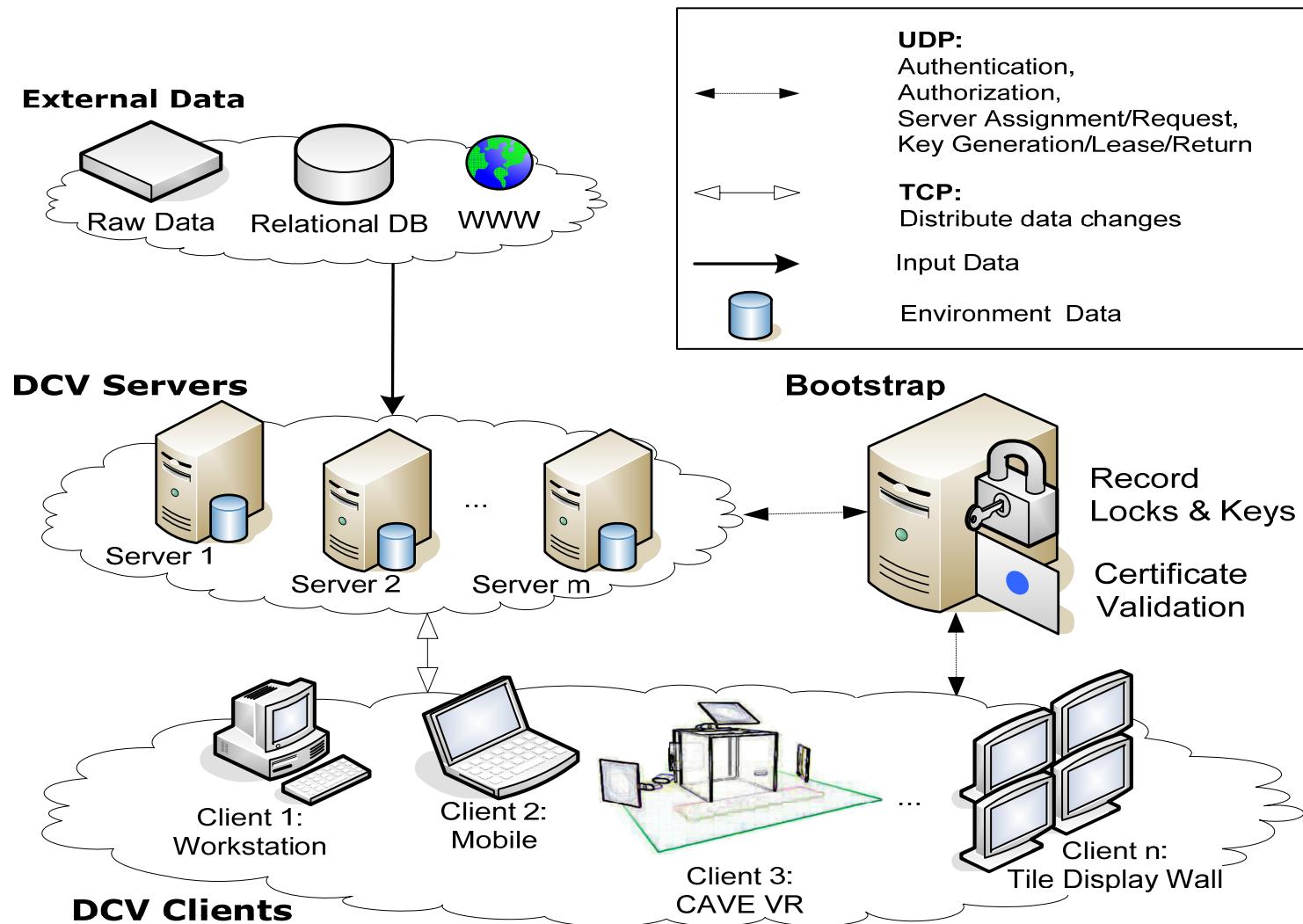
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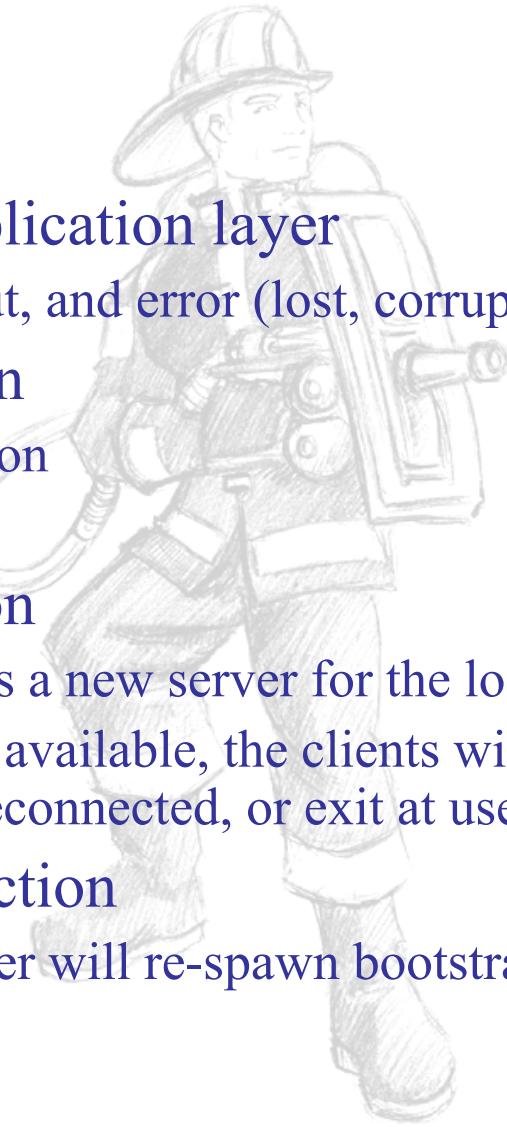
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Failure Management

- Network-aware application layer
 - Connection, dropout, and error (lost, corrupt packet) notification.
- Client disconnection
 - Wait for reconnection
 - Exit at user's will
- Server disconnection
 - Bootstrap re-assigns a new server for the lost server's clients.
 - If no others servers available, the clients will halt all operations until the server is reconnected, or exit at user's will.
- Bootstrap disconnection
 - Predetermined server will re-spawn bootstrap from backup data.



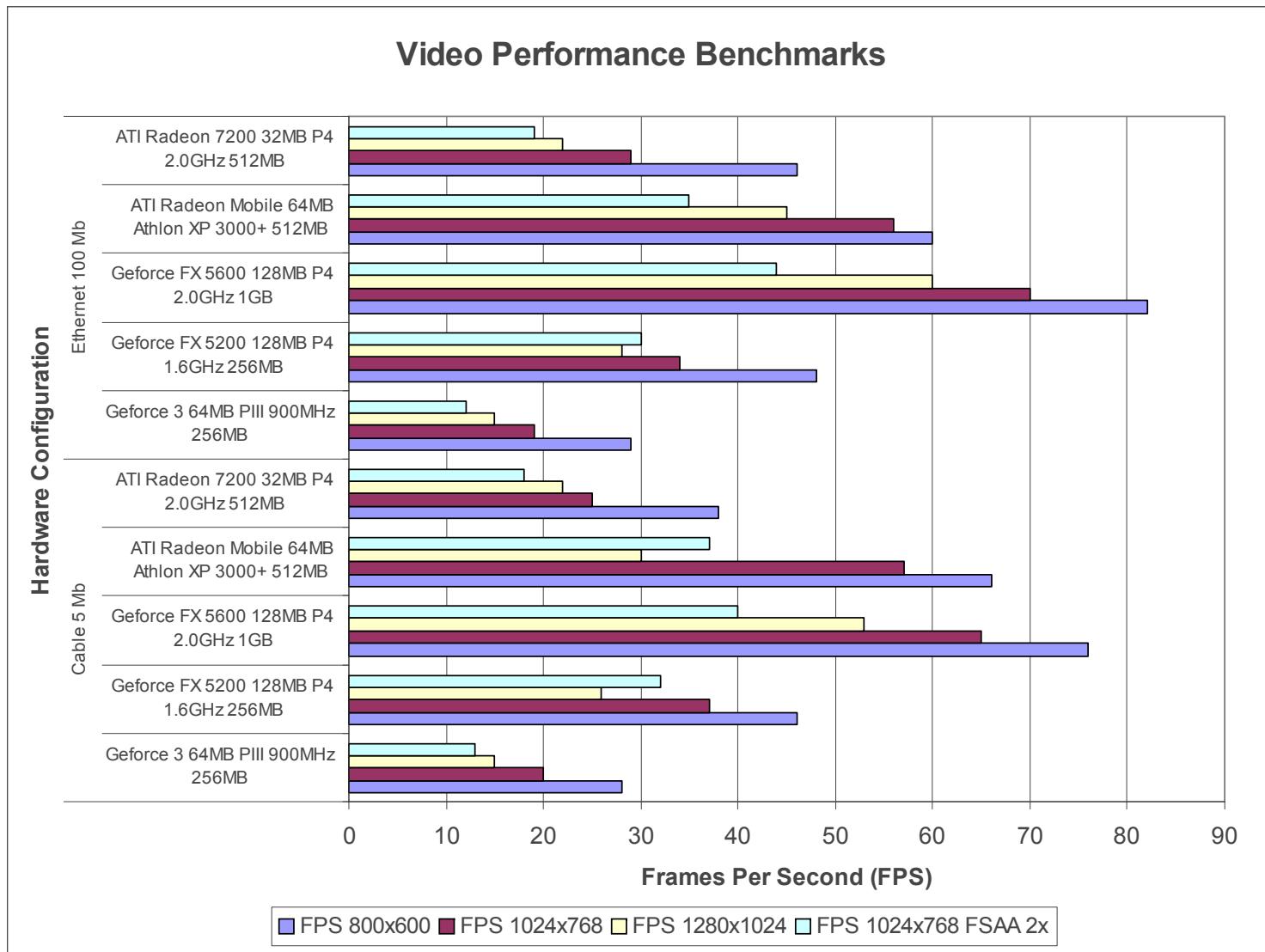
Load Balancing

- One server can only serve so many clients
- More servers needed for extra clients
- Servers form a data backbone
- Bootstrap assigns servers to the clients dynamically based on system load statistics

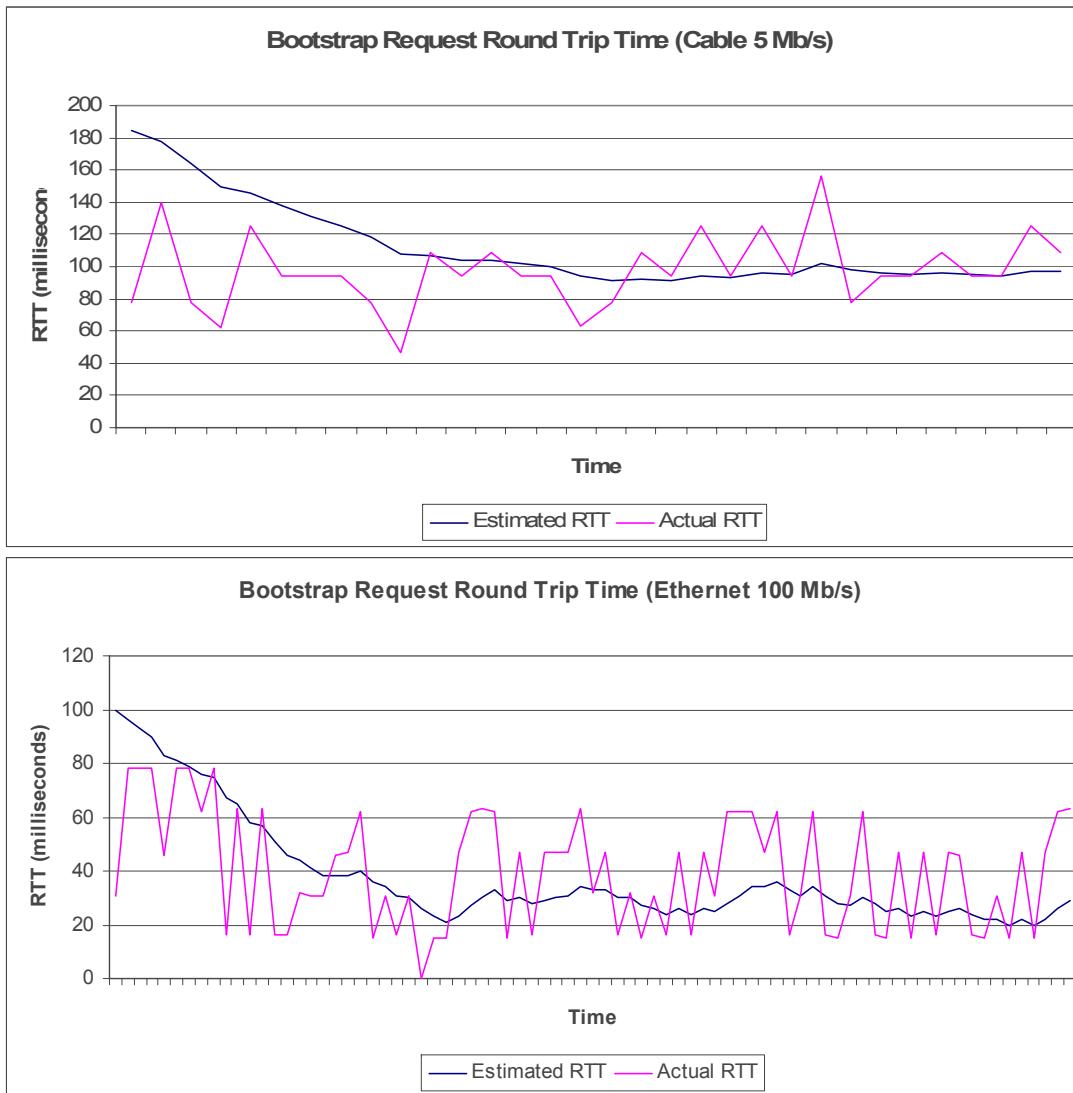
Security

- Based on a certificate or proxy from a known and trusted Certificate Authority (CA) that can be verified by the bootstrap.
- Maintain a mapping of certificates to a list of valid IP addresses to block intruders with stolen or hijacked certificates.
 - Detect spoofing via the routing trace.

Graphics Performance

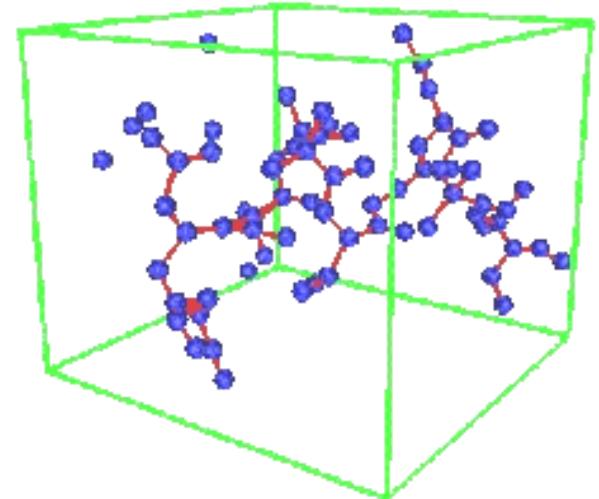
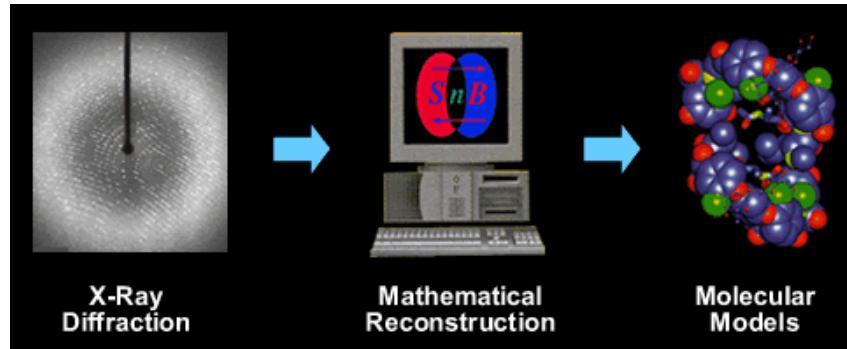


Interaction performance



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Shake-and-Bake (SnB)



- *Shake-and-Bake* [Miller et al. 1994] is a state-of-the-art program for molecular crystal structure determination from X-ray crystallographic data.
- The *SnB* package:
 - Distributed to more than 500 laboratories worldwide.
 - Released in the mid-1990s.
 - primitive visualization.
- Advances in Grid Computing:
 - the *SnB* package no longer bound to one physical location.
 - Jobs queued/executed from anywhere in the world.
 - Need to monitor intermediate distributed results.



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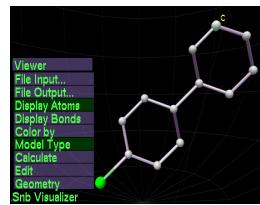
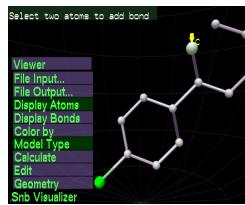
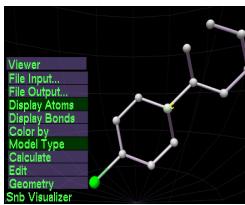
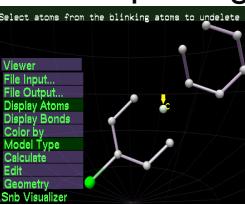
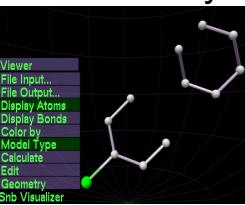
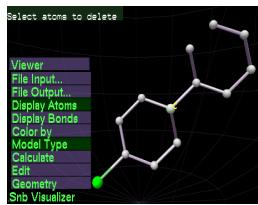
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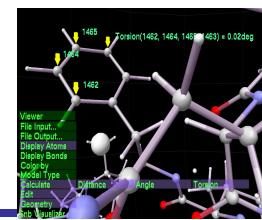
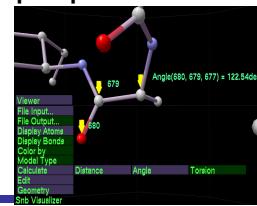
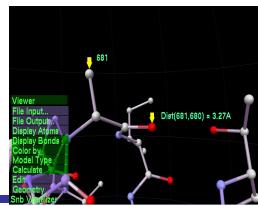
SNBVIS: *Shake-and-Bake* Visualizer

- Visualization of protein structures
- Integrate multiple data sources, such as *SnB* instances running on the Grid
- Monitor progress of structures
- Discuss, annotate, and edit structures as a team
- Used by chemists and the crystal determination community

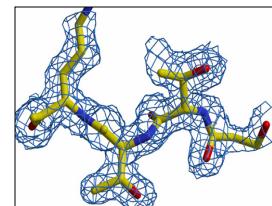
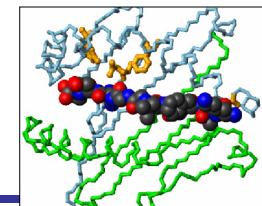
- Edit structures determined by the *SnB* package:

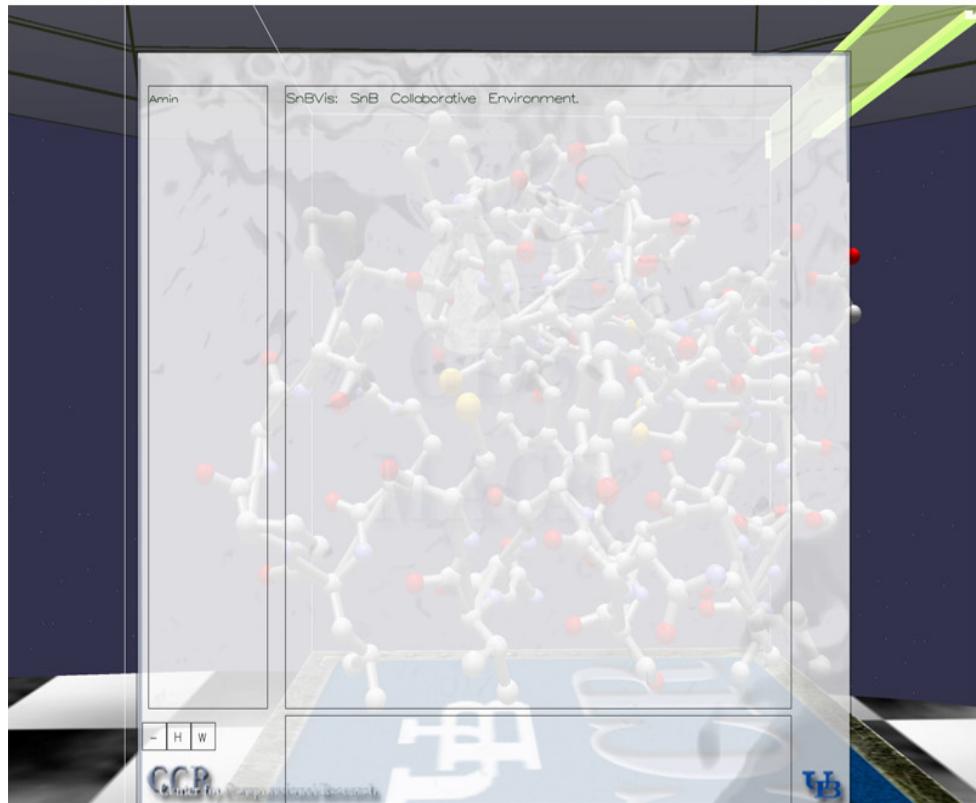
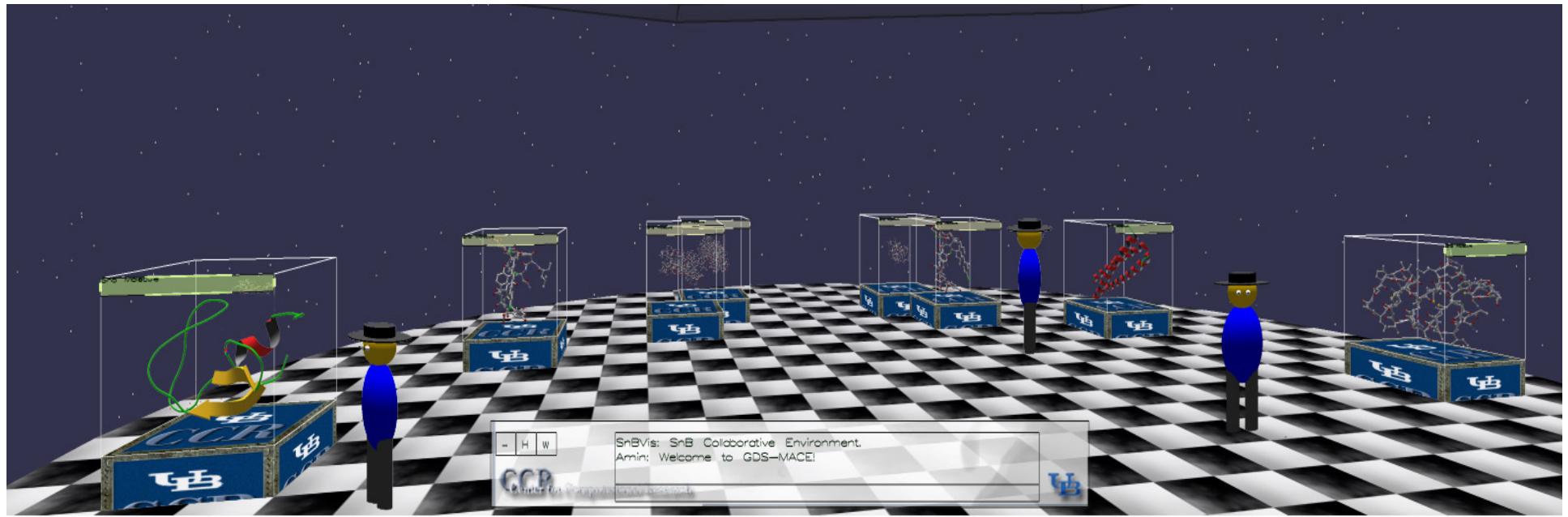


- Calculate structural properties:



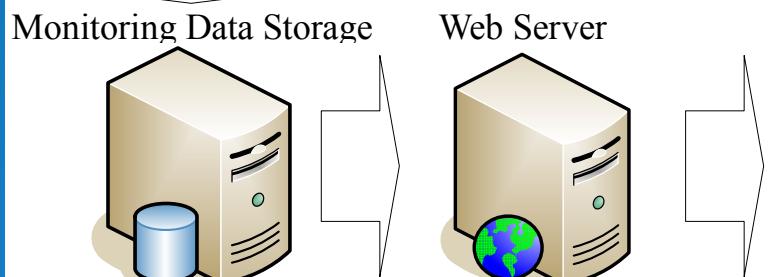
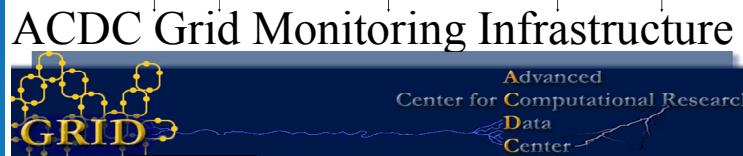
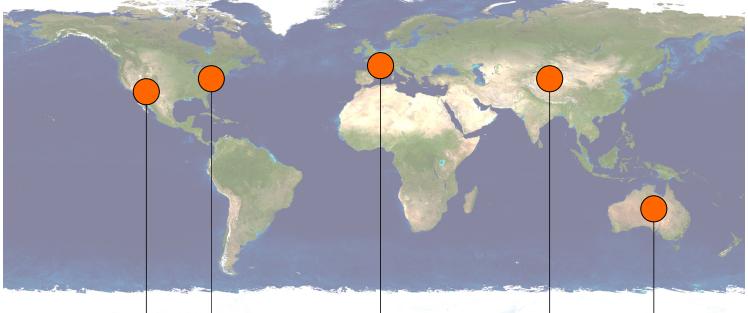
- Future:



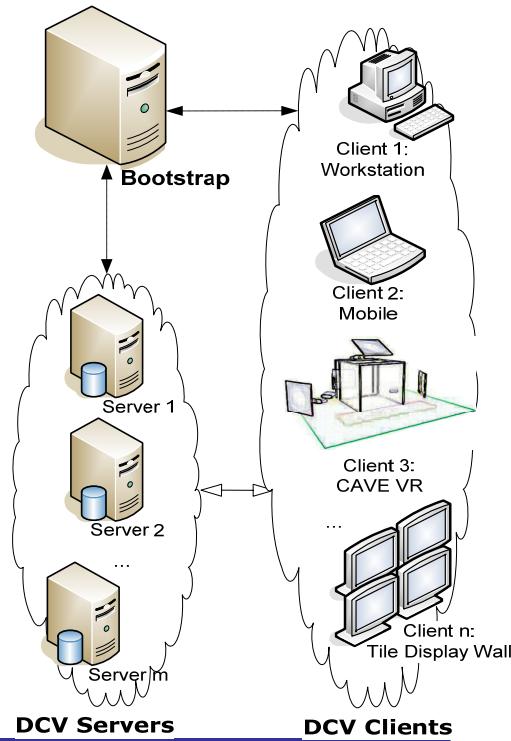


Grid MACE: Grid Monitoring and Administration Collaborative Environment

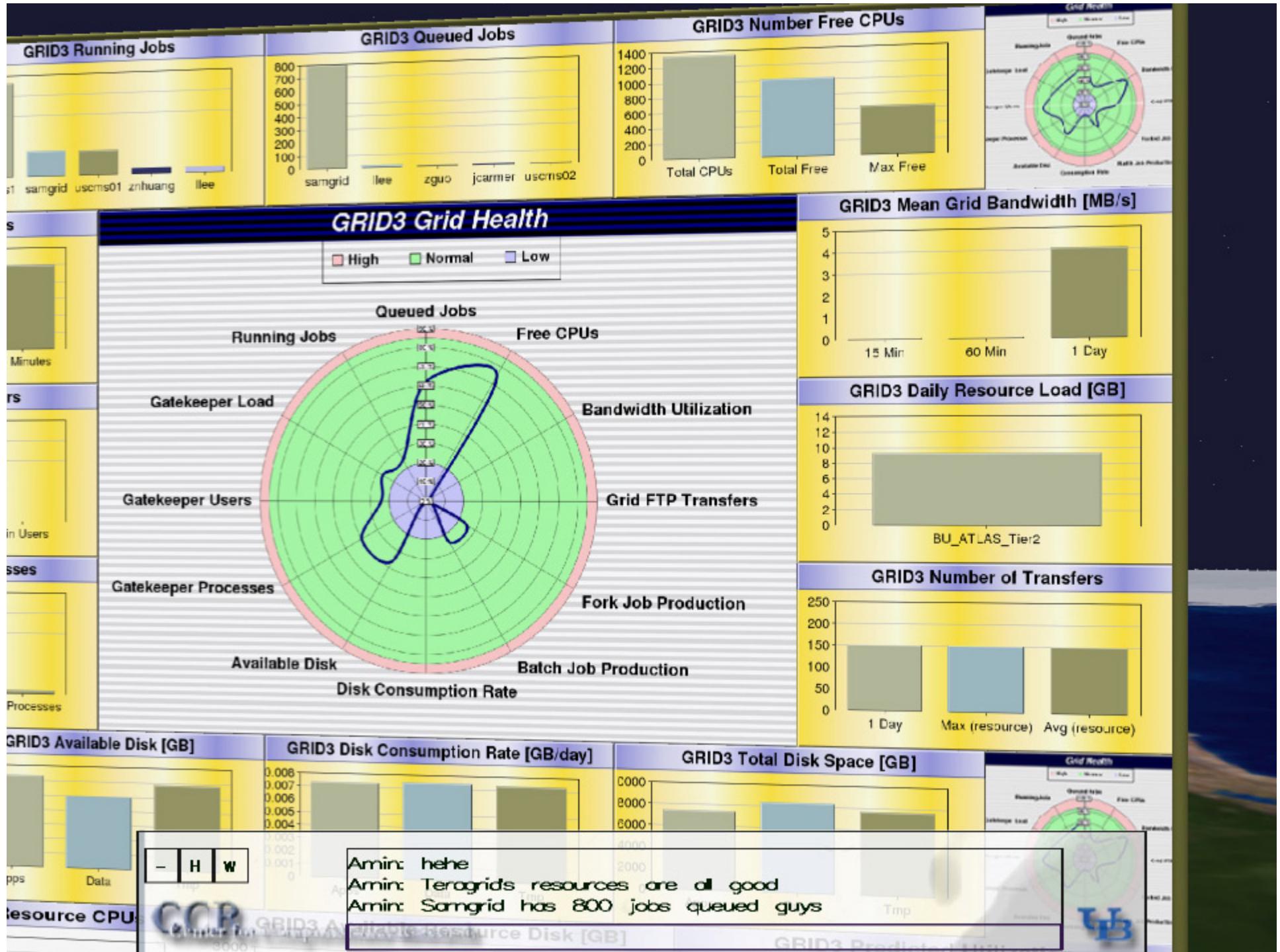
Distributed Grid Resources

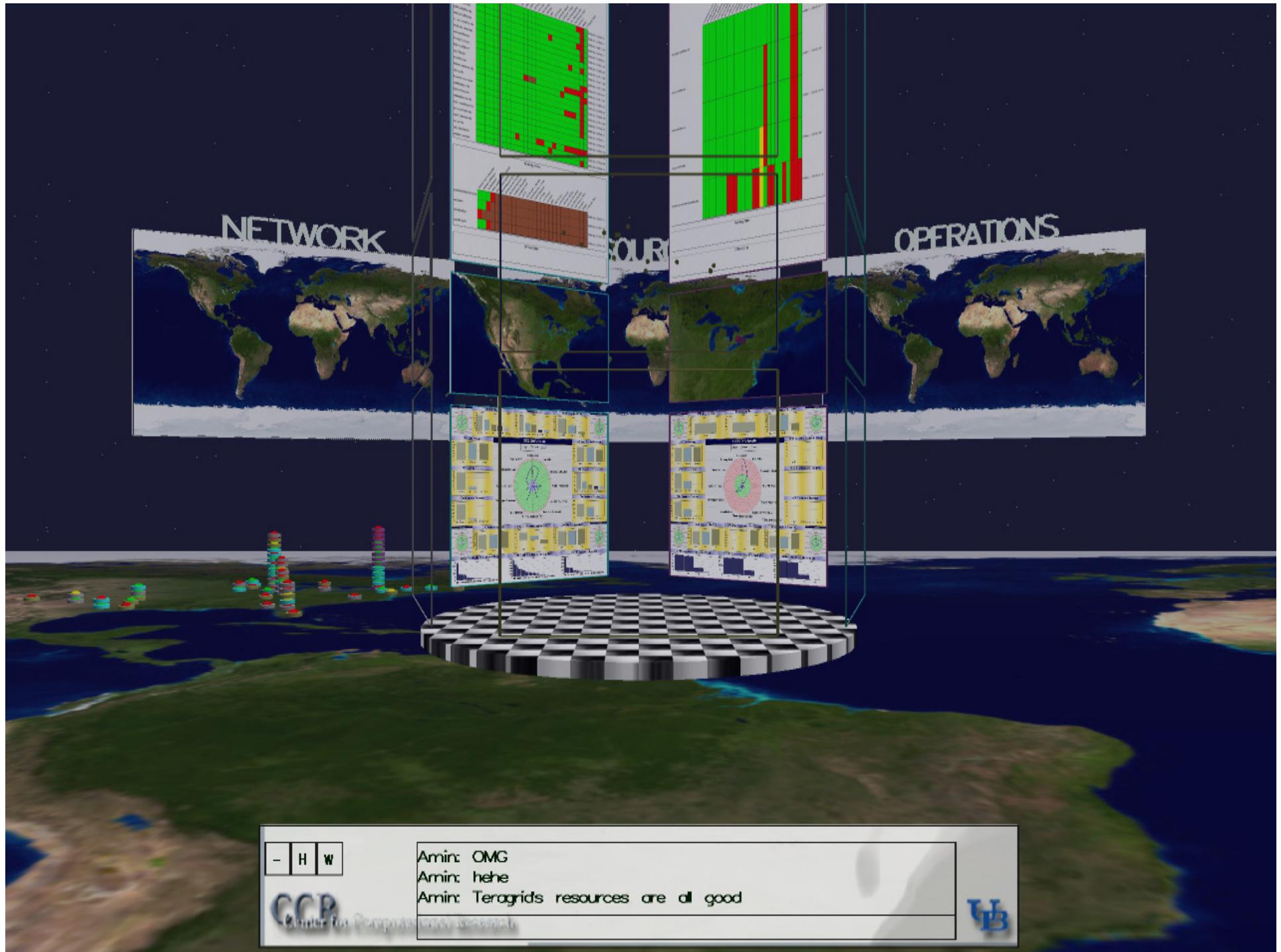


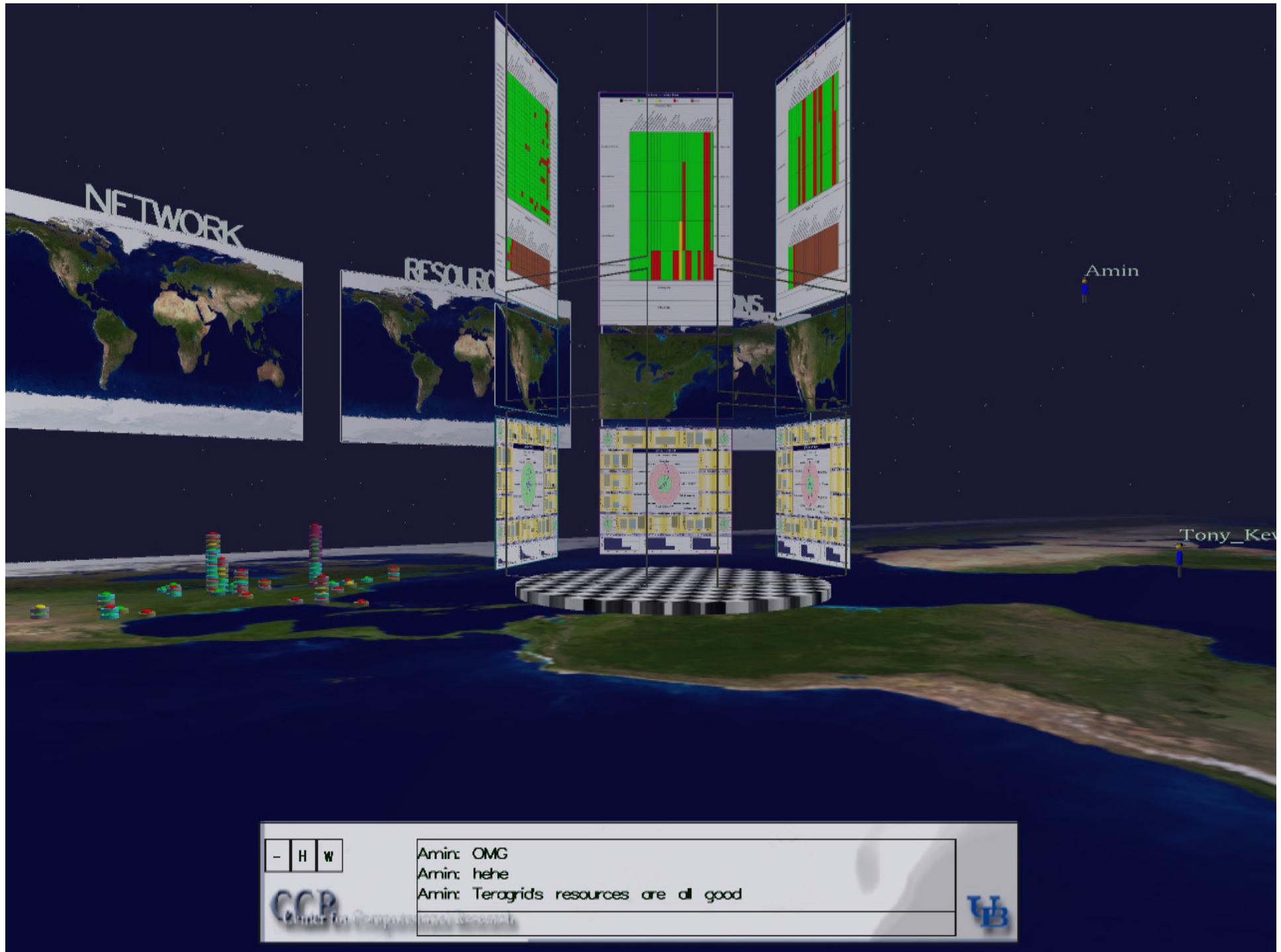
- Visualization of high volume, real-time Grid monitoring data
- Aid to administrators and users of the Grid

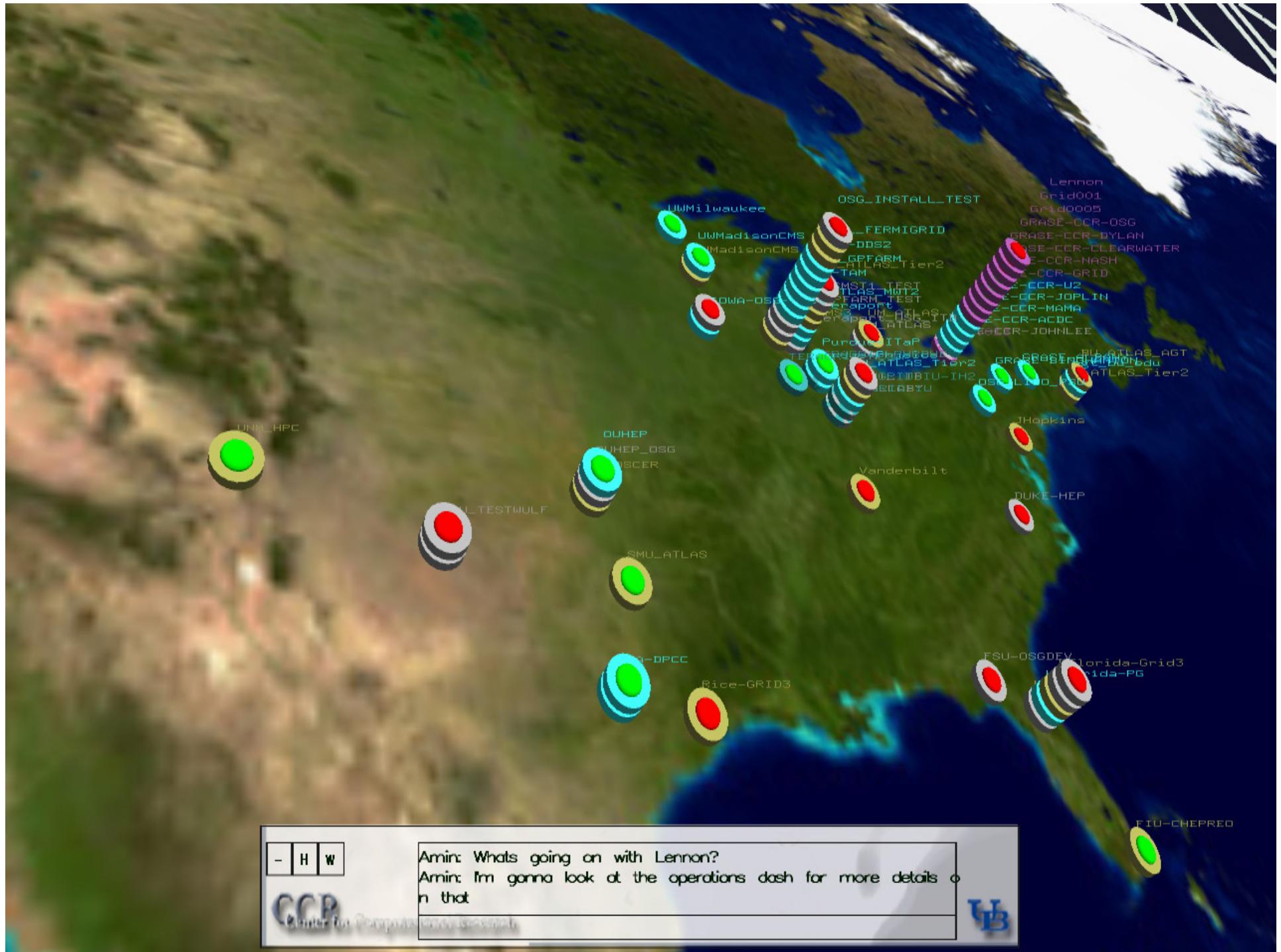


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Summary:

- Enable distributed collaboration at both the system and user level via a three tier software architecture developed at CCR (Center for Computational Research <http://www.ccr.buffalo.edu>)
- Enable visualization and interaction with data across a geographically disparate network topology
- Integrate multiple data sources:
 - Scientific
 - Multimedia
 - Real-time
- Research and Development:
 - Real-time distributed databases
 - OpenGL 3D programming
 - 3D Modeling
 - Character animation
 - User interaction
 - Virtual Reality (CAVE VR)

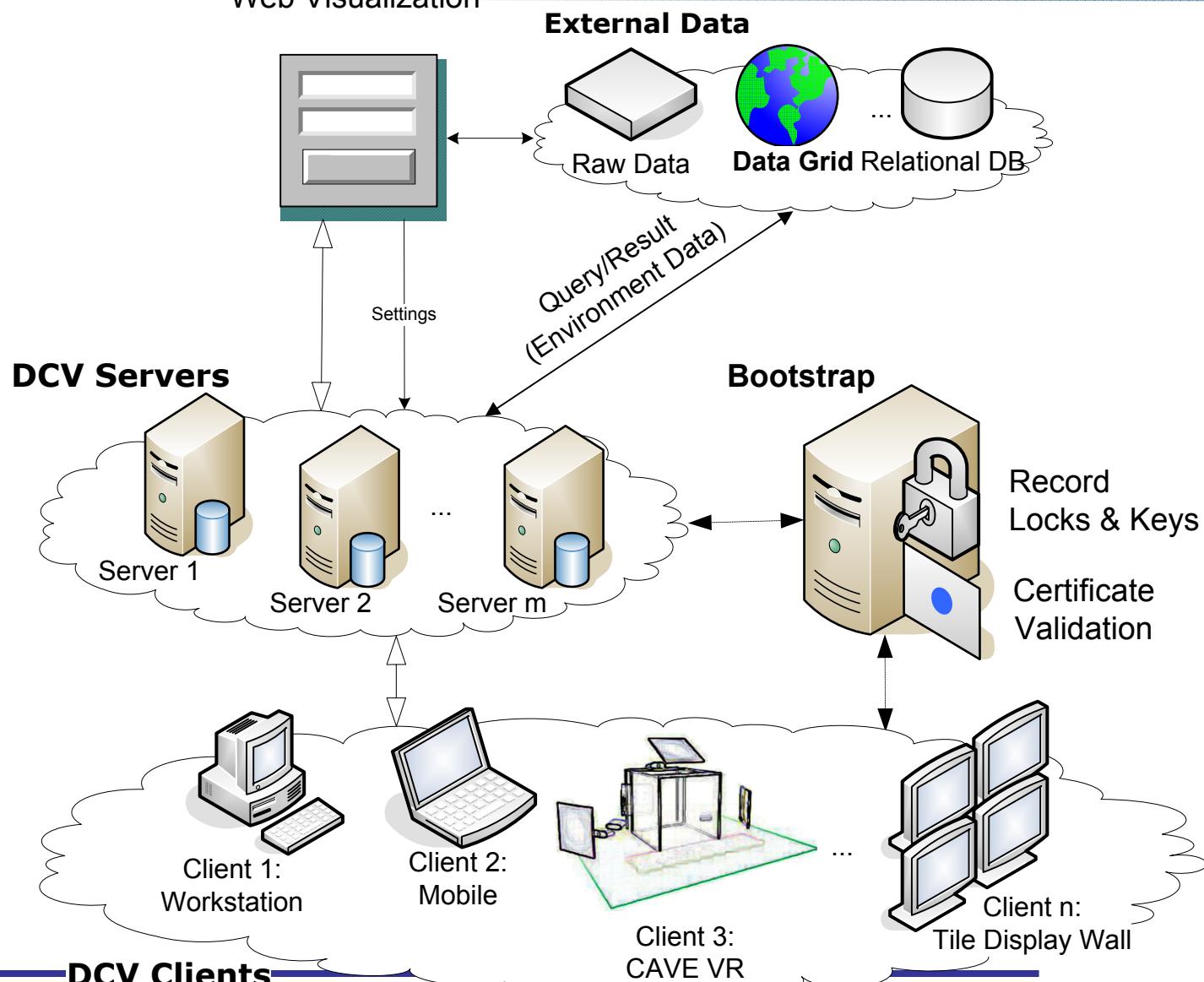


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