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NCAS, CEDA and JASMIN: AN OVERVIEW

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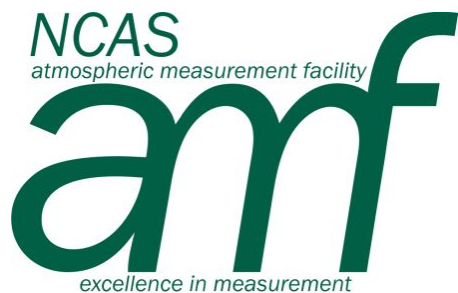


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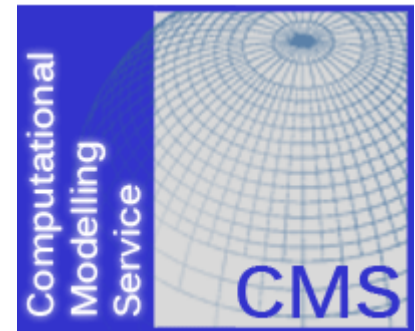


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NCAS Computational Modelling Services (CMS)



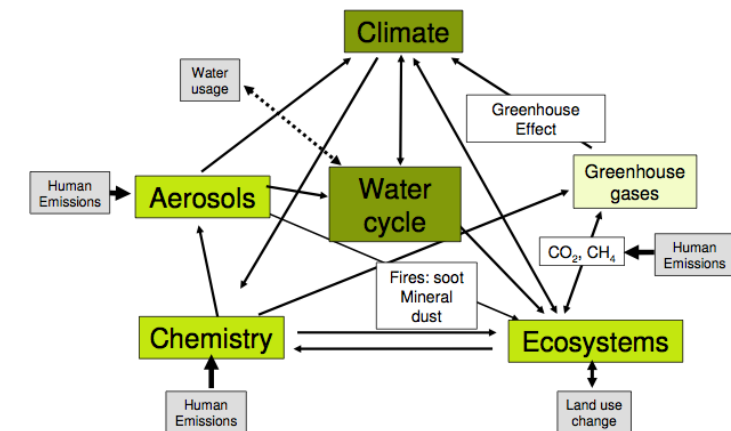
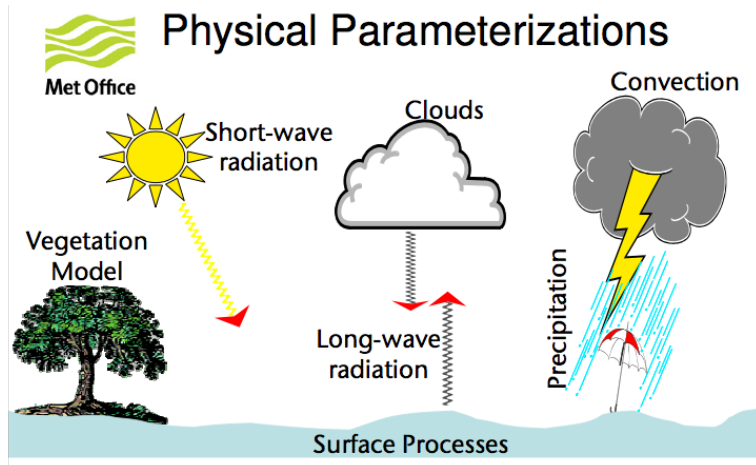
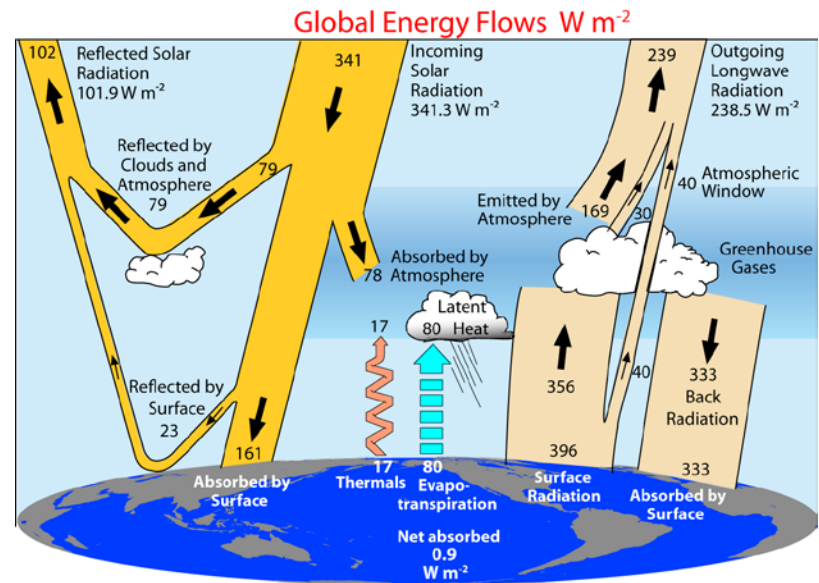
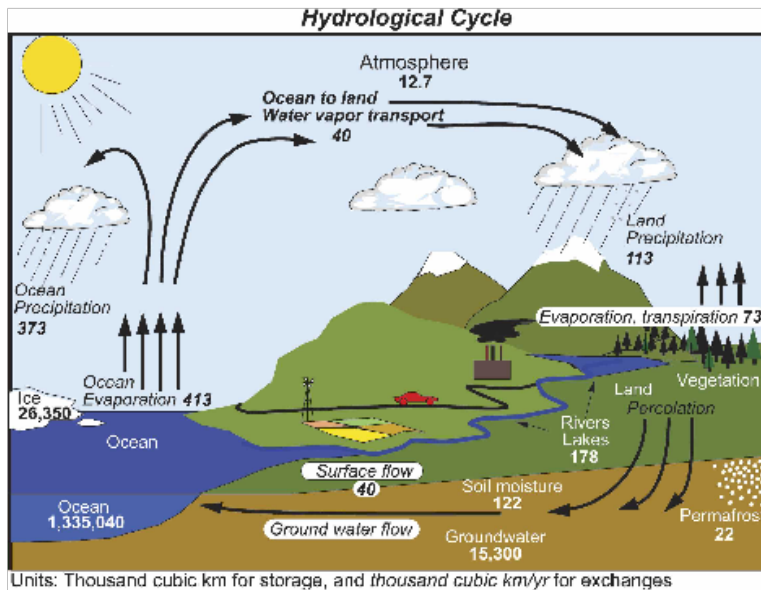
NCAS Computational Modelling Services (CMS)



- NCAS activities in support of computational science (particularly High Performance Computing (HPC) and numerical modelling)
- Provides underpinning infrastructure for the UK academic atmospheric and polar science community to support climate, weather, and earth-system research.

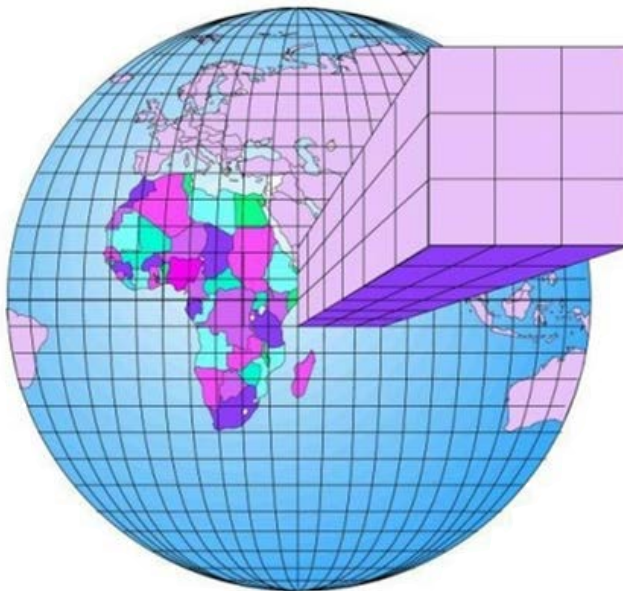
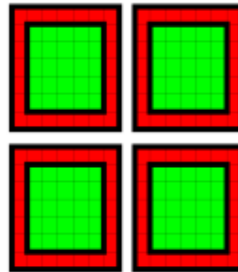
Climate Modelling

(Trenberth et al, 2007,2009)

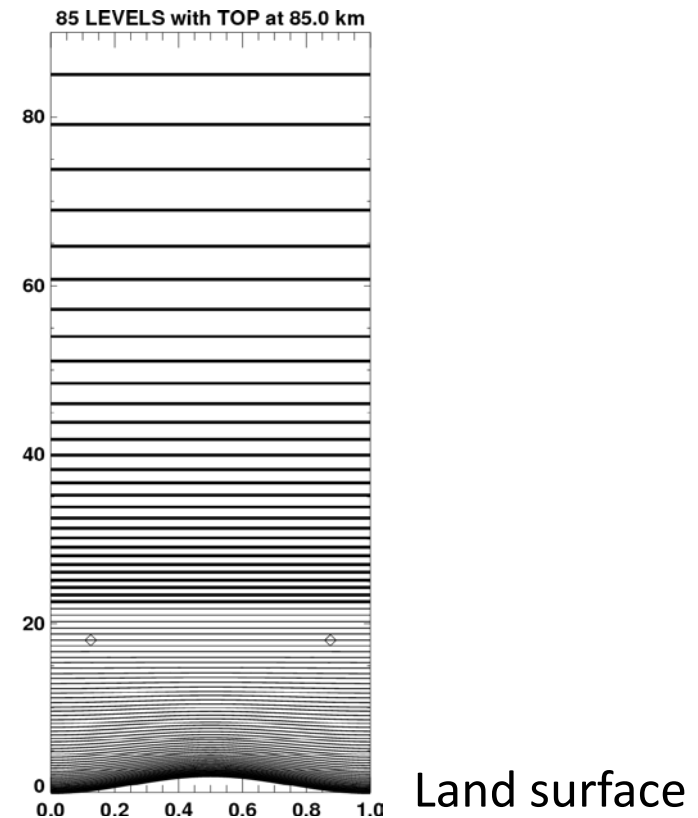


PARALLEL Implementation

- Regular, Static, Lat-Long Decomposition
- Mixed mode MPI/OpenMP
- Asynchronous I/O servers
- Communications on demand for advection
- Multiple halo sizes



Horizontal resolution



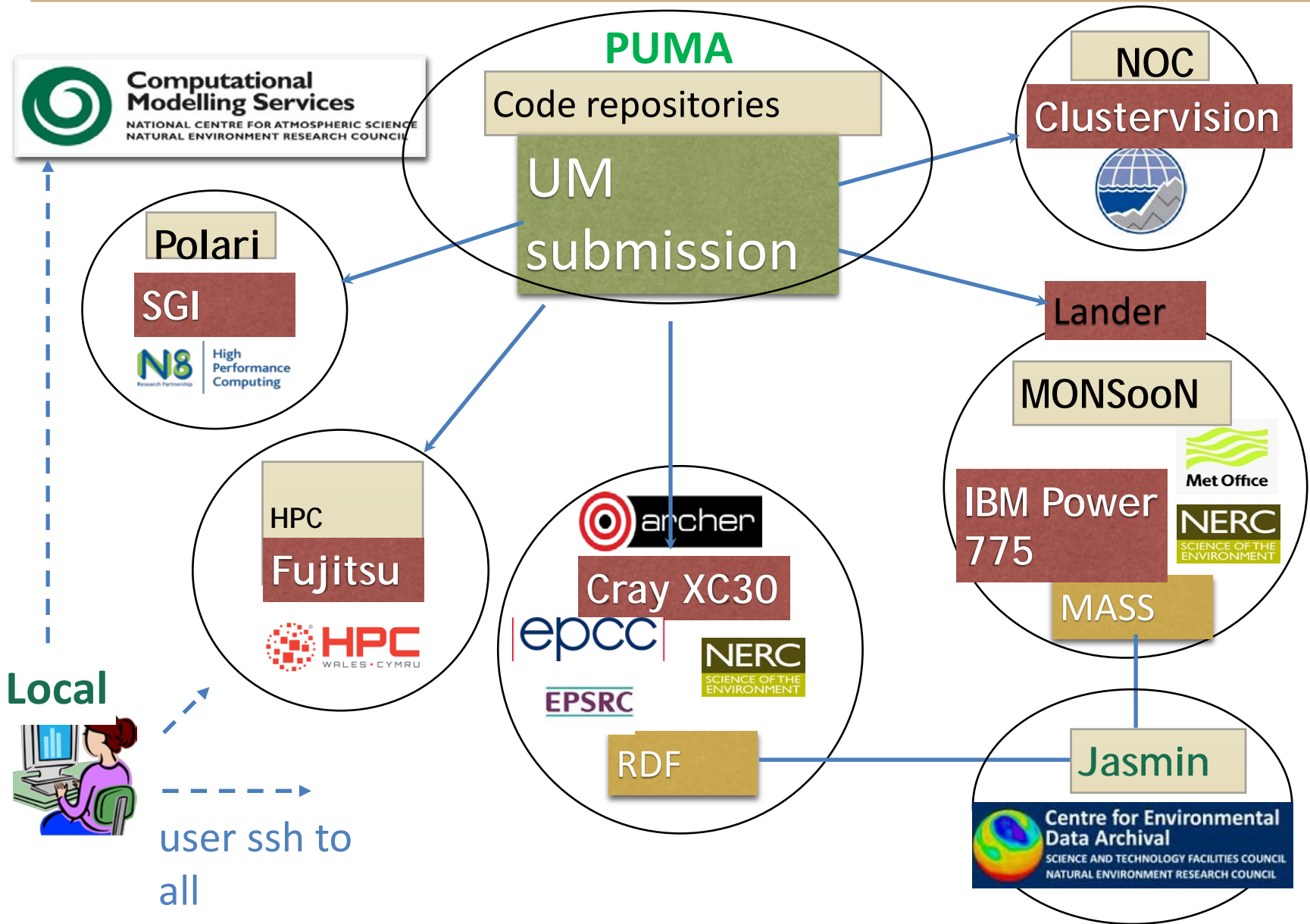
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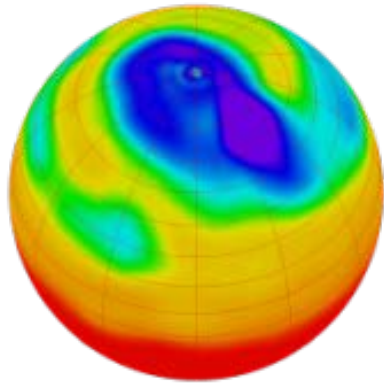
Global Models

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~135 km	~90 km	~60 km	~40 km	~25 km	~17 km	~12 km	~6 km

	NWP	Climate
Run length	<i>10 day operational forecast, 15 day ensemble forecast</i>	<i>Months (seasonal) Years, decades, centuries+</i>
Global resolution	<i>Testing: N320 (40 km) with 15 min ts Operational: N768 (17 km) with 7.5 min ts</i>	<i>Low resolution: N96 (135 km) with 20 min ts High resolution: N512 (25 km) with 15 min ts</i>
Dynamics	<i>Non-bit reproducible</i>	<i>Bit-reproducible</i>

NCAS supported MACHINES





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(CEDA)



NERC Data Centres

The UK's Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) funds seven data centres which between them have responsibility for the long-term management of NERC's environmental data holdings.




**British Oceanographic
Data Centre**



The NERC Data Catalogue Service (DCS) allows data held by all NERC data centres to be located by users.

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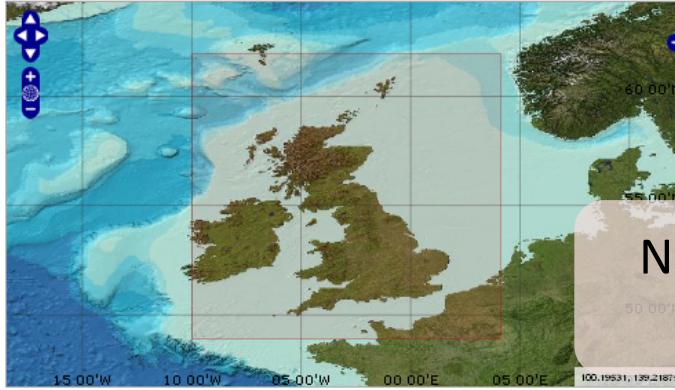
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Data
access



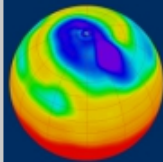
Monitoring Earth from space

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Data Centres

The Centre for Environmental Data Analysis is responsible for the running of the following data centres:

CEDA-Archive

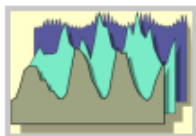
The CEDA Archive operated the atmospheric and earth observation data centre functions on behalf of NERC for the UK atmospheric science and earth observation communities. It covers climate, composition, observations and NWP data as well as various earth observation datasets, including airborne. These functions were transferred to the Atmospheric Data Centre (NEODC).



IPCC Data Distribution Centre

The [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#) DDC provides climate, socio-economic and environmental data, both from the past and also in scenarios projected into the future. Technical guidelines on the

April 2016: Approx. 4 petabytes total



CEDA-Space

The CEDA-Space formerly known as the UK Solar System Data Centre (UKSSDC), co-funded by STFC and NERC, curates and provides access to archives

of data from the upper atmosphere, ionosphere and Earth's solar environment.

www.ceda.ac.uk

CEDA “MOLES” catalogue

Search CEDA data holdings for atmospheric and EO data at catalogue.ceda.ac.uk



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Separate catalogues for CEDA-Space and IPCC DDC

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Projects



Characterisation of metadata to enable high-quality climate applications and

services - CHARMe

CHARMe is a 2 year FP7 funded project aiming to link commentary metadata (e.g. annotations, supporting information about the data) and datasets. The project will deliver repositories of commentary metadata with interfaces for users to populate and interrogate the information. This will enable users to assess if the of climate data are fit for purpose.

CEDA is working with 8 other UK and European partners, and has key roles on the data model, software development, implementation in archives, and application to climate services.



InfraStructure for the European Network for Earth System Modelling - Phase 2 (IS-ENES II)

IS-ENES II is a FP7-Project, funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

Climate Information Portal for Copernicus (CLIPC)

The CLIPC platform will complement existing GMES/Copernicus pre-operational components by providing access on decadal to centennial climate variability data to a wide variety of users. The data will include satellite and in-situ observations, climate models and re-analyses, transformed data products to enable impacts assessments and climate change impact indicators. Supporting data quality and related information will also be made available.

CEDA is leading the project, coordinating a consortium of 22 partners, and leads the access to climate data work package. This work package will provide the software infrastructure to create a single point of access for climate model data from various sources: climate model data, in situ and satellite observations, and re-analyses.



ESPAS - Near-Earth Space Data Infrastructure for e-Science

The ESPAS project aims to provide e-infrastructure necessary to support the access to observations, modelling and prediction of the Near-Earth

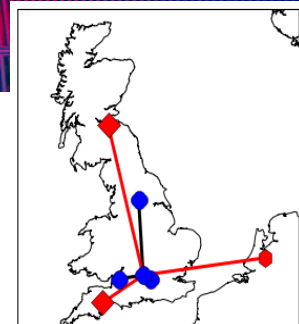
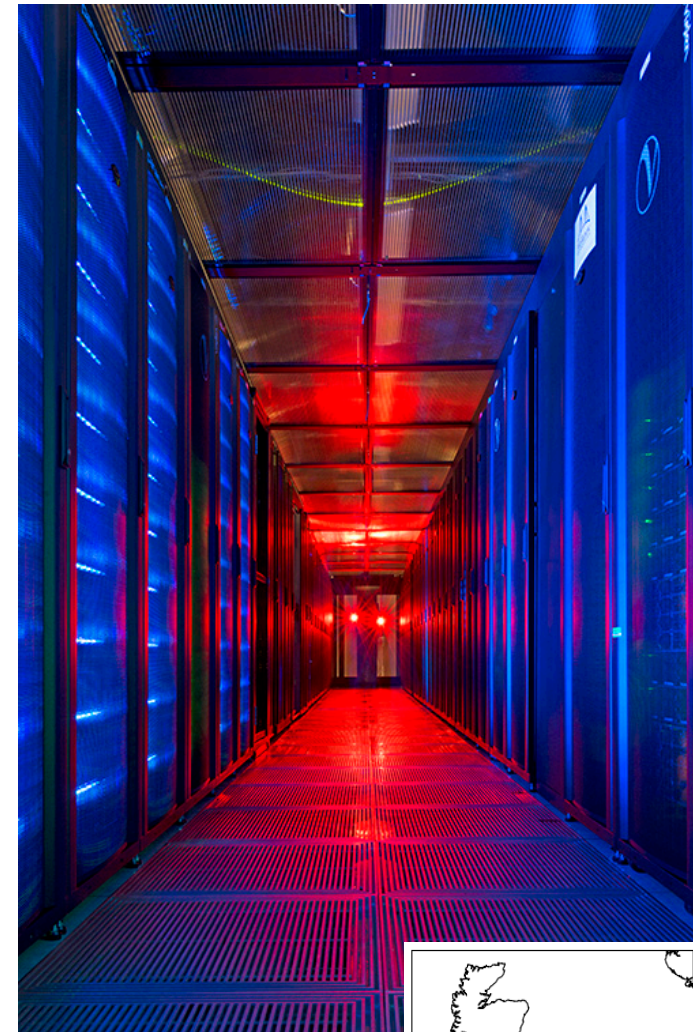
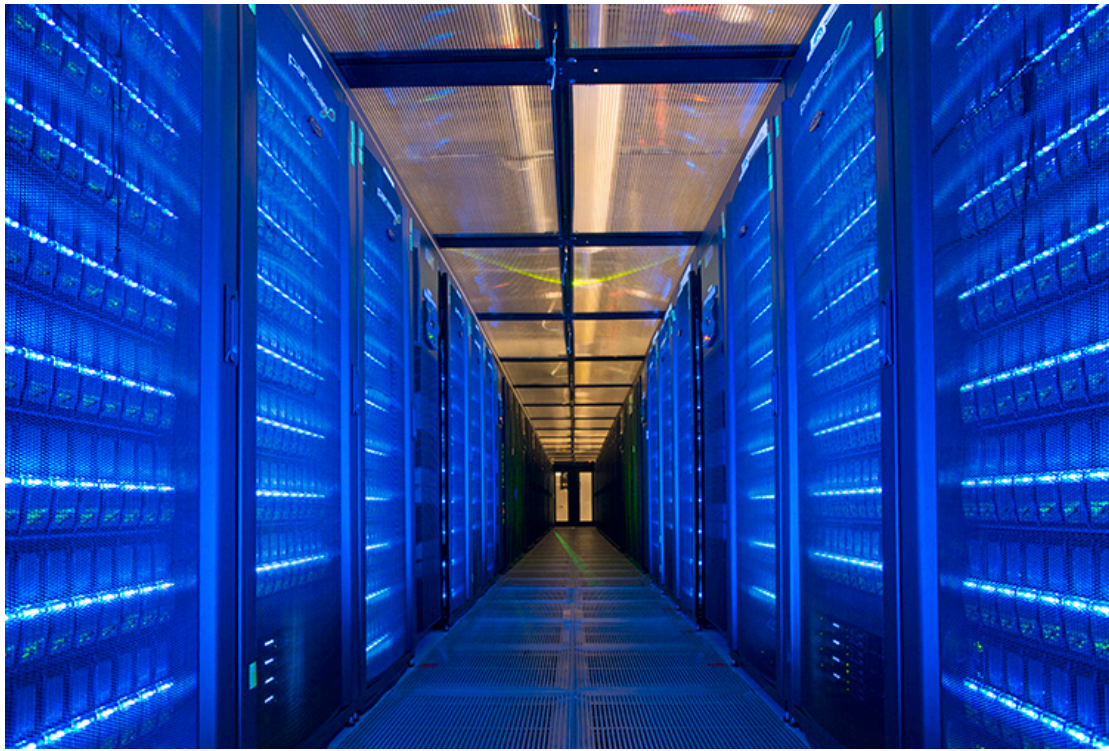
Lots
more

JASMIN / CEMS Overview



The JASMIN facility is a "super-data-cluster" which delivers infrastructure for data analysis.

In technical terms it is half super-computer and half data-centre and it provides a globally unique computational environment.



JASMIN is a world leading, unique hybrid of:

- 16PB high performance storage (~250GByte/s)
- High-performance computing (~4,000 cores)
- Non-blocking Networking (> 3Tbit/sec), and Optical Private Network WAN's
- Coupled with cloud hosting capabilities

To address “one of NERC’s most strategically important challenges: the improvement of predictive environmental science.” Prof. Duncan Wingham, NERC Chief Exec.

Hosted by STFC Scientific Computing Department

“Computing Expertise across length scales from processes within atoms to environmental modelling”

- Applications development and support,
- Compute and data facilities and services
- Research and Training
- Numerical Analysis

Data Services

- STFC: Facility Archives (ISIS, Diamond)
- LHC: UK Hub (Tier 1 archive)
- BBSRC: Institutes data archive
- MRC: Data Support Service
- NERC: CEDA backup and JASMIN elastic tape



High Performance Computing

- Emerald GPU cluster for Oxford, UCL, Southampton, Bristol.
- SCARF HPC for RAL
- Hartree: Blue Joule bluegene HPC
- Hartree: Blue Wonder idataplex HPC
- JASMIN: NERC super data cluster

Close working partnership with industry



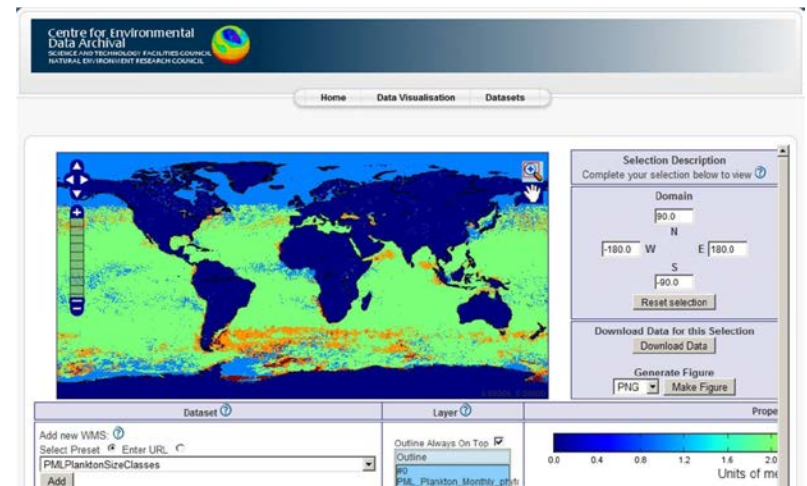
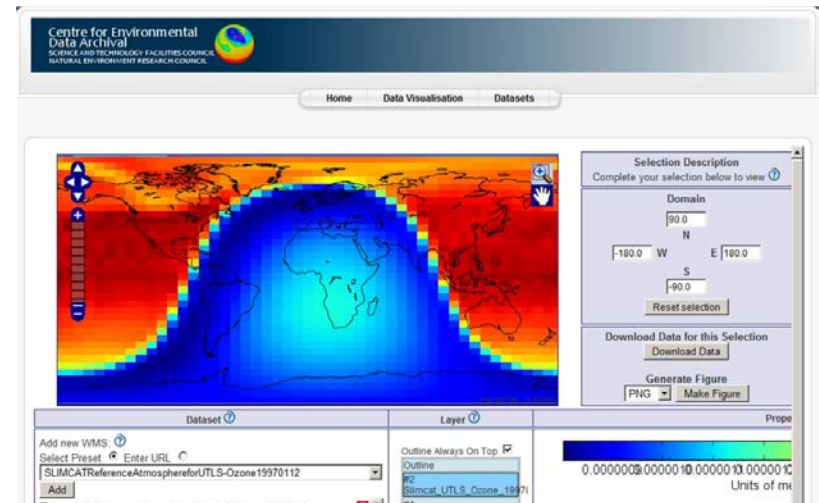


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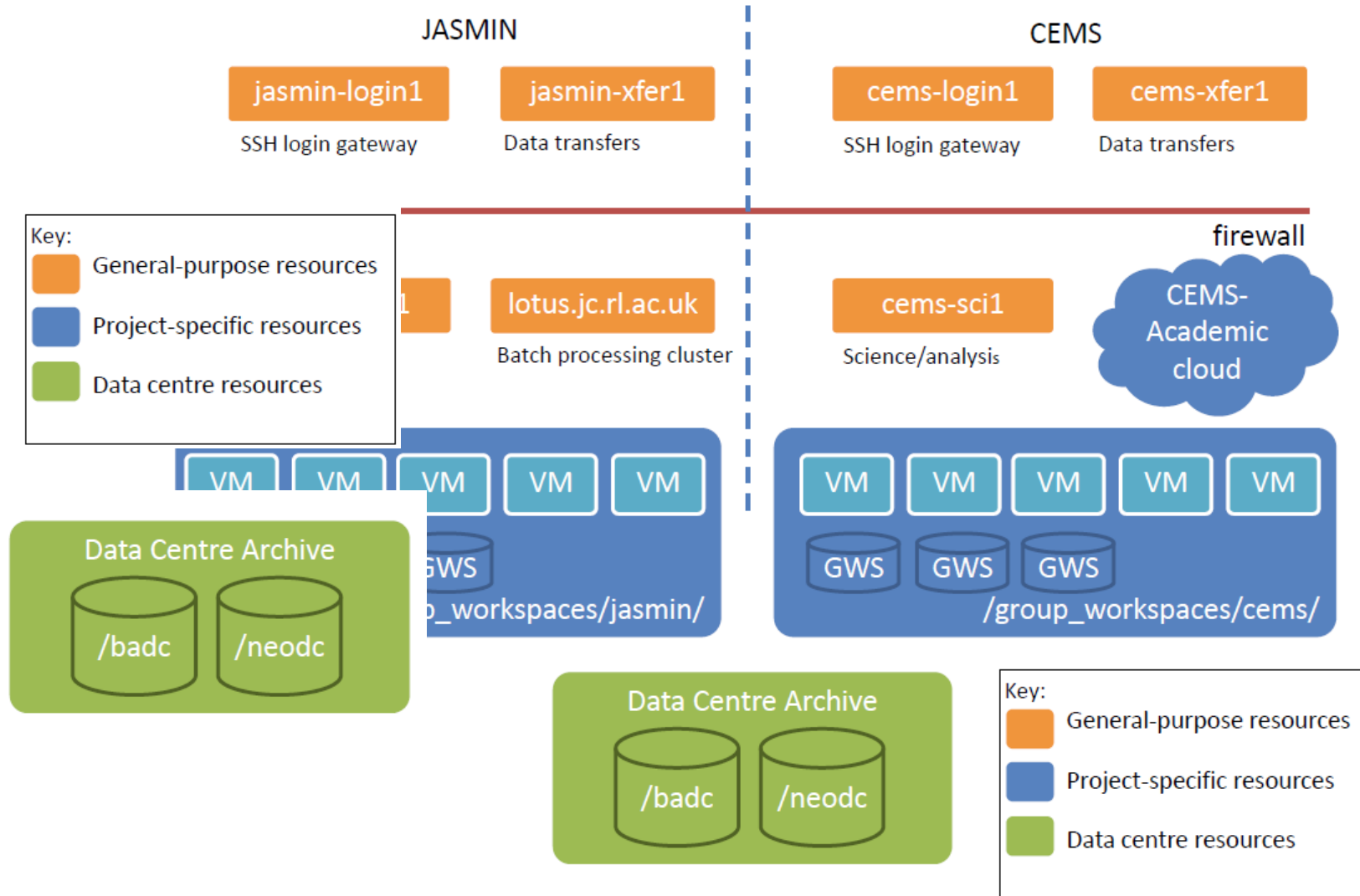
- Parallel processing in the Environmental Sciences has historically focussed on **highly-parallel models**
- Data analysis was typically run **sequentially** because:
 - It was a smaller problem
 - It didn't have parallel resources available
 - The software/scientists were not equipped to work in parallel
- Now we generate enormous datasets (e.g. UPSCALE - 300 Tb):
 - Processing big data **requires** a parallel approach
 - Platforms, tools, and programmers are becoming better equipped

JASMIN Use cases

- Processing large volume EO datasets to produce:
 - Essential Climate Variables
 - Long term global climate-quality datasets
- Data validation & intercomparisons
 - Evaluation of models relying on the required datasets (EO datasets, in situ and simulations) being in the same place



JASMIN/CEMS system architecture



Internal network: vital to JASMIN / CEMS performance

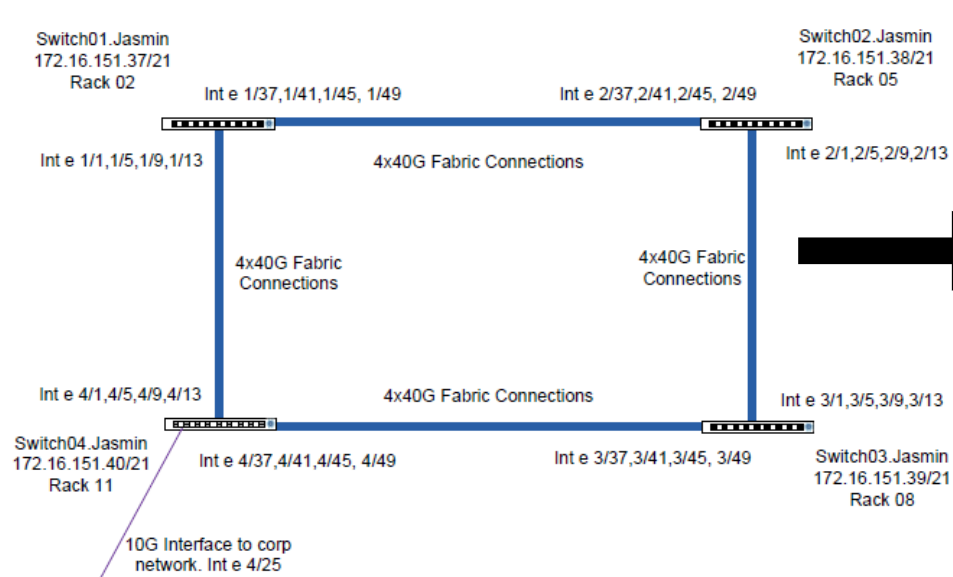
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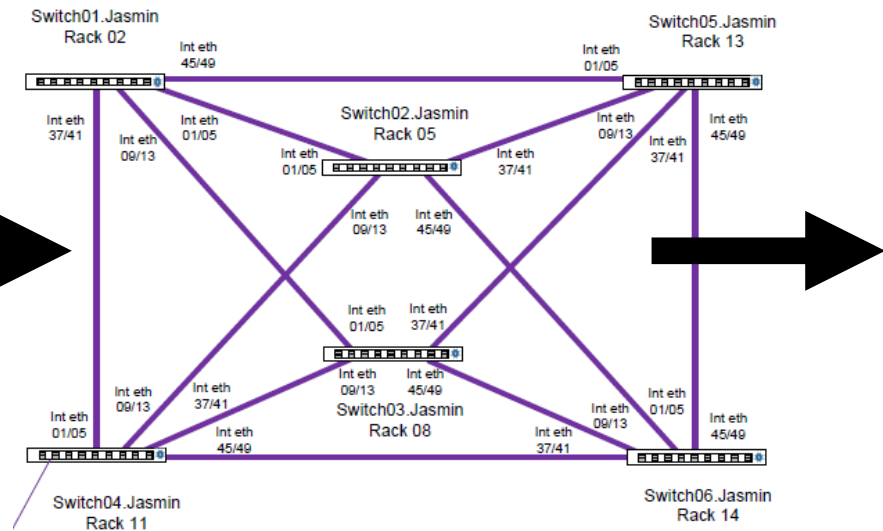
Flat Overlaid L2

160->240 Ports @ 10Gb

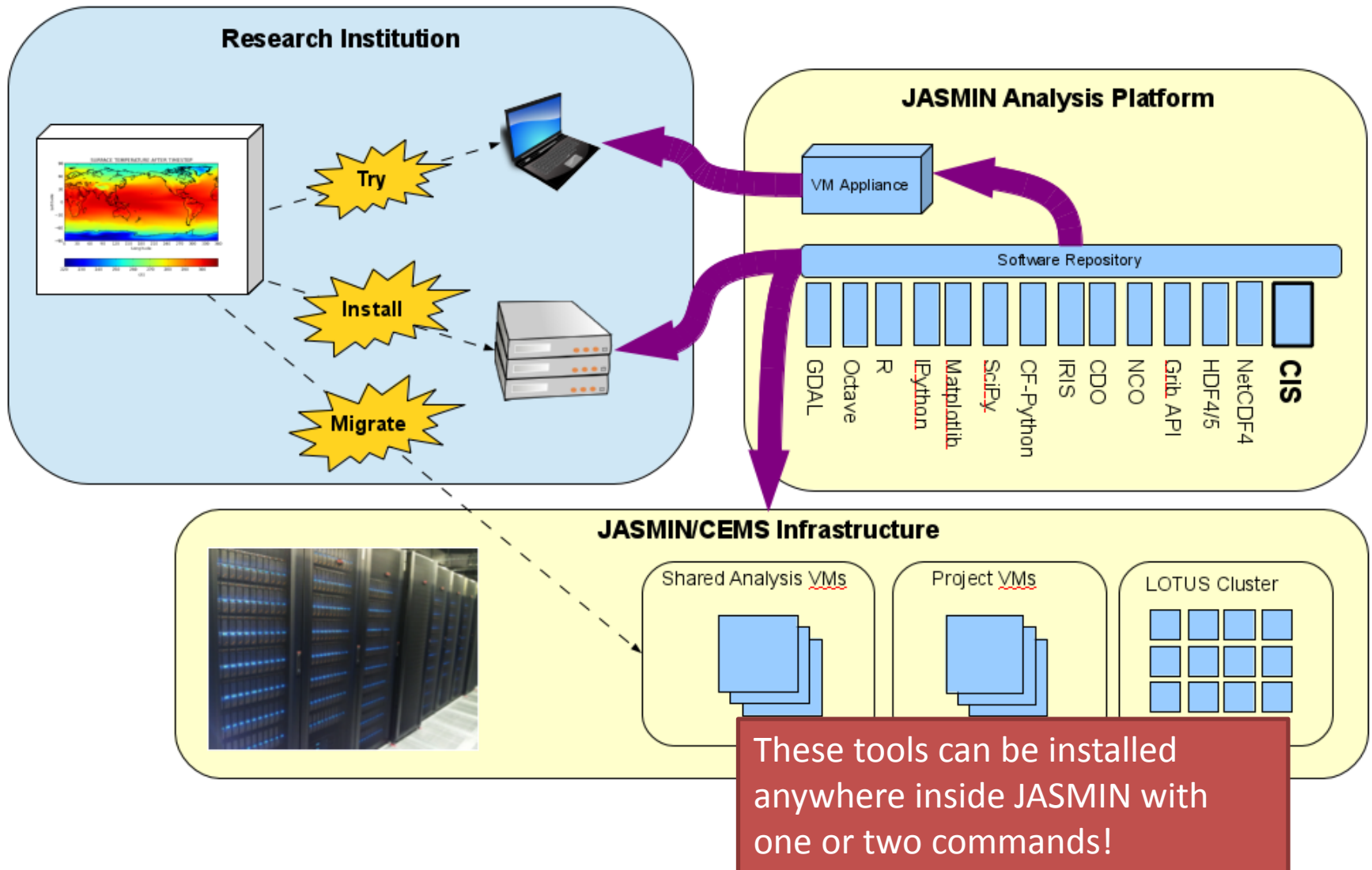
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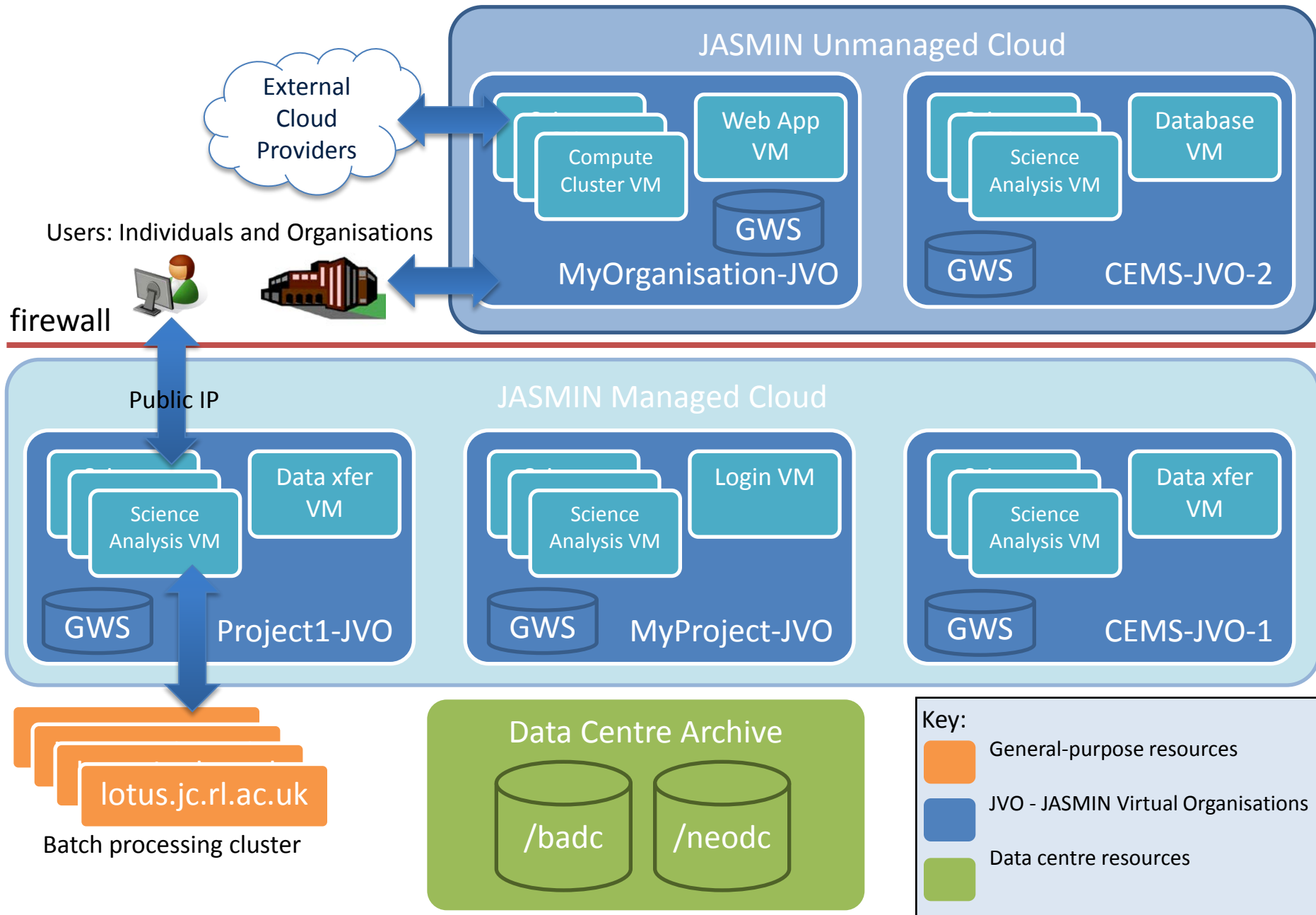
RAL Jasmin/CEMS Gnodal Physical Topology Installed July 2012



The “JASMIN Analysis Platform” – a re-usable, re-deployable bundle of common tools



JASMIN Cloud Infrastructure



Further Information

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- CMS website: cms.ncas.ac.uk
- CEDA website: ceda.ac.uk
- JASMIN website: jasmin.ac.uk