



SILECS/SLICES

*Super Infrastructure for
Large-Scale Experimental Computer Science*

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The Discipline of Computing: An Experimental Science

The reality of computer science

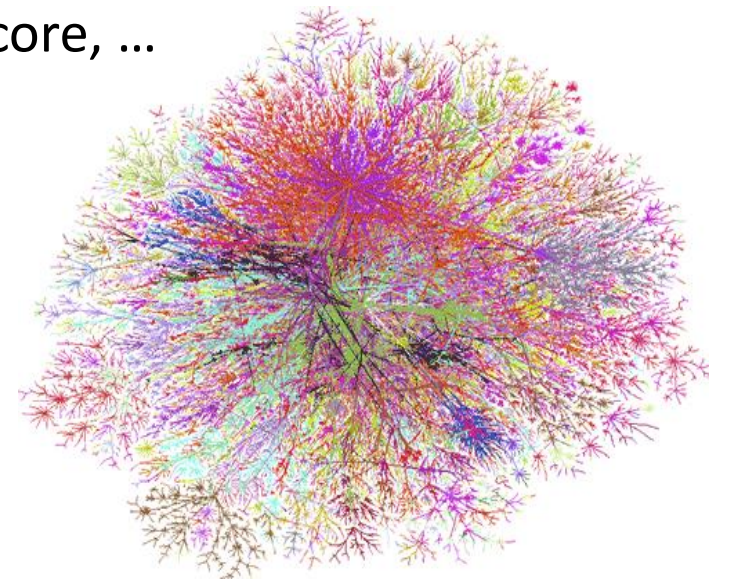
- Information
- Computers, networks, algorithms, programs, etc.

Studied objects are more and more complex

- hardware, programs, data, protocols, algorithms, networks

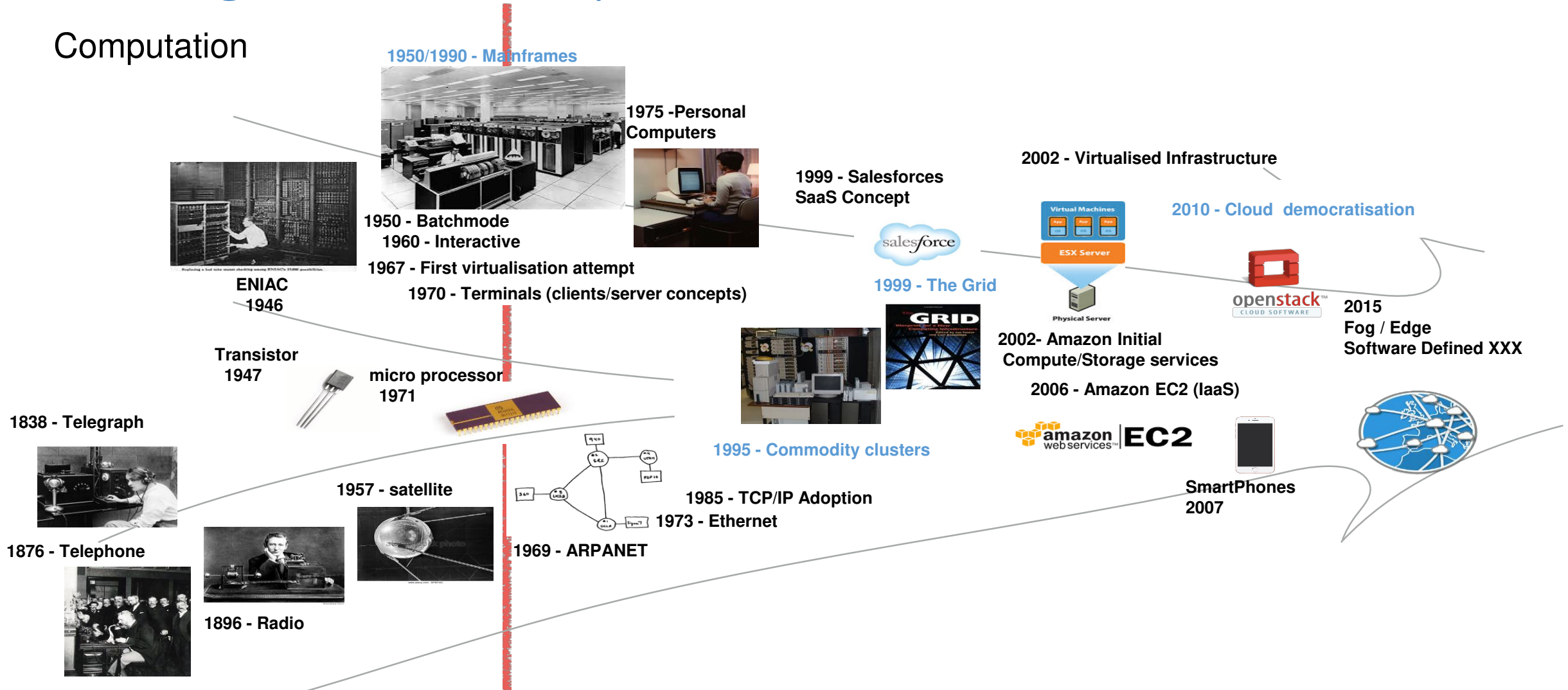
Example of multiple sources of complexity

- Processors have very nice features: caches, hyperthreading, multi-core, ...
- Operating system impacts the performance
- The runtime environment plays a role (MPICH \neq OPENMPI)
- Middleware have an impact
- Various parallel architectures that can be heterogeneous, hierarchical, distributed, dynamic



Convergence of Computation and Communication

Computation



Communication

Good Experiments

A **good experiment** should fulfill the following properties

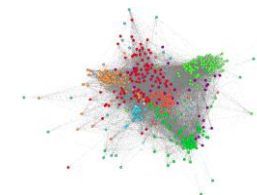
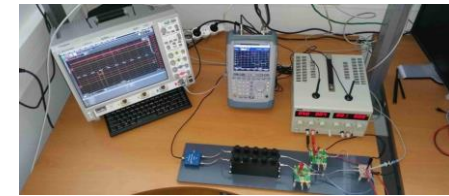
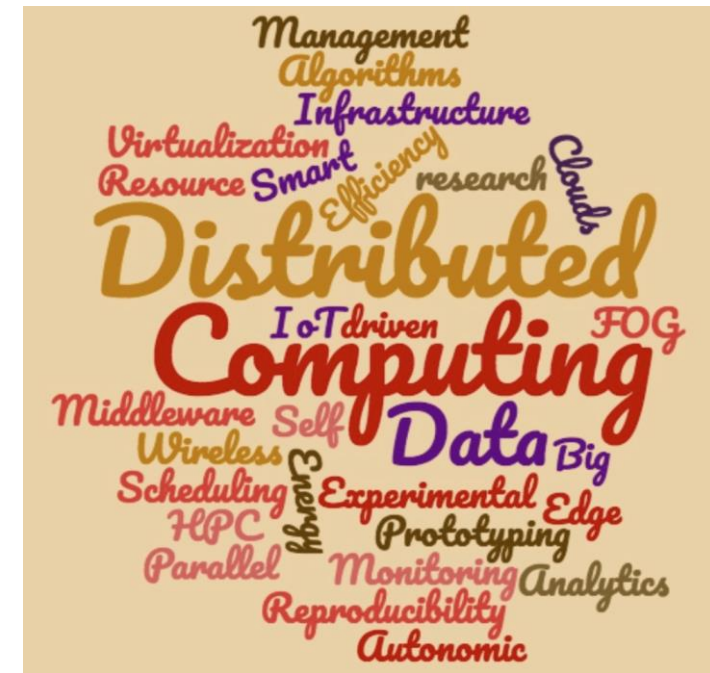
- **Reproducibility**: *must* give the same result with the same input
- **Extensibility**: *must* target possible comparisons with other works and extensions (more/other processors, larger data sets, different architectures)
- **Applicability**: *must* define realistic parameters and *must* allow for an easy calibration
- **“Revisability”**: when an implementation does not perform as expected, *must* help to identify the reasons

ACM Artifact Review and Badging



SILECS/SLICES Motivation

- Exponential improvement of
 - Electronics (energy consumption, size, cost)
 - Capacity of networks (WAN, wireless, new technologies)
- Exponential growth of applications near users
 - Smartphones, tablets, connected devices, sensors, ...
 - Large variety of applications and large community
- Large number of Cloud facilities to cope with generated data
 - Many platforms and infrastructures available around the world
 - Several offers for IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS platforms
 - Public, private, community, and hybrid clouds
 - Going toward distributed Clouds (FOG, Edge, extreme Edge)



SILECS and SLICES

Need of specific platforms to experiment

- To measure how programs behave and not only of the results they produce
- To (dynamically) change the execution environment (up to generate real faults)
- Tier 0,1,2 only enable to execute « safe » programs

French level: Silecs

- Based upon two existing infrastructures: Grid'5000 (HPC/cloud) and FIT (wireless/IoT)
- On the *feuille de route nationale des Infrastructures de recherche* since 2018
 - <https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/pid25366/acces-thematique.html?theme=317&subtheme=318>

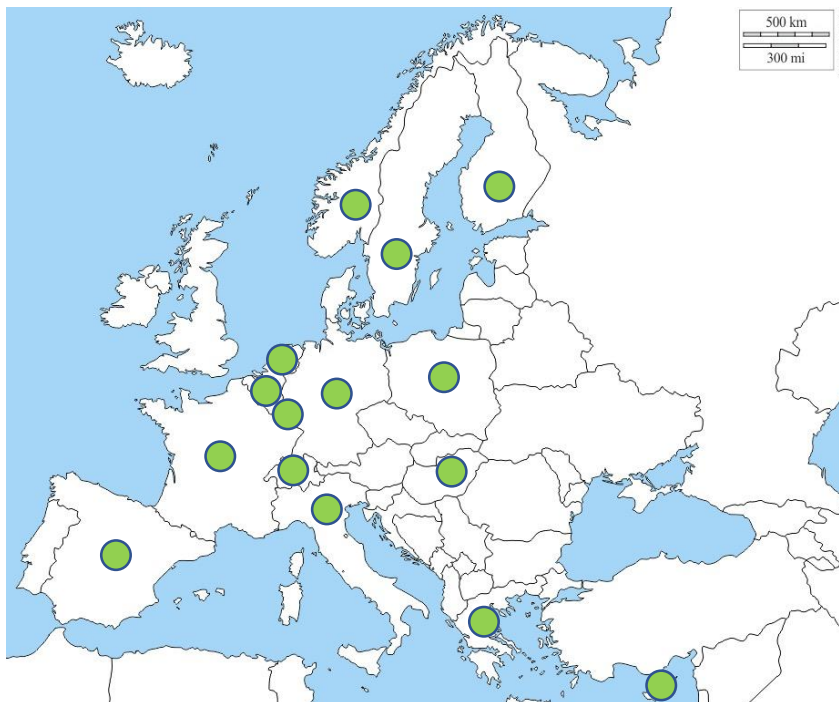
European level: Slices

- In case of success, the first European the first Research Infrastructure in computer science

SLICES – ESFRI Call (Sept. 2020)

25 Participants from 15 countries

- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Finland
- **France (leader)**
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Italy
- Luxembourg
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland



In cooperation with GIANT and national NRENs
Strong integration into the EOSC ecosystem

Timeline

Currently under evaluation

- Hearing @ Spring 2021

Design: 2017-2022*

Preparation: 2022-2025

Implementation: 2024-2028

Operation: 2024-2040

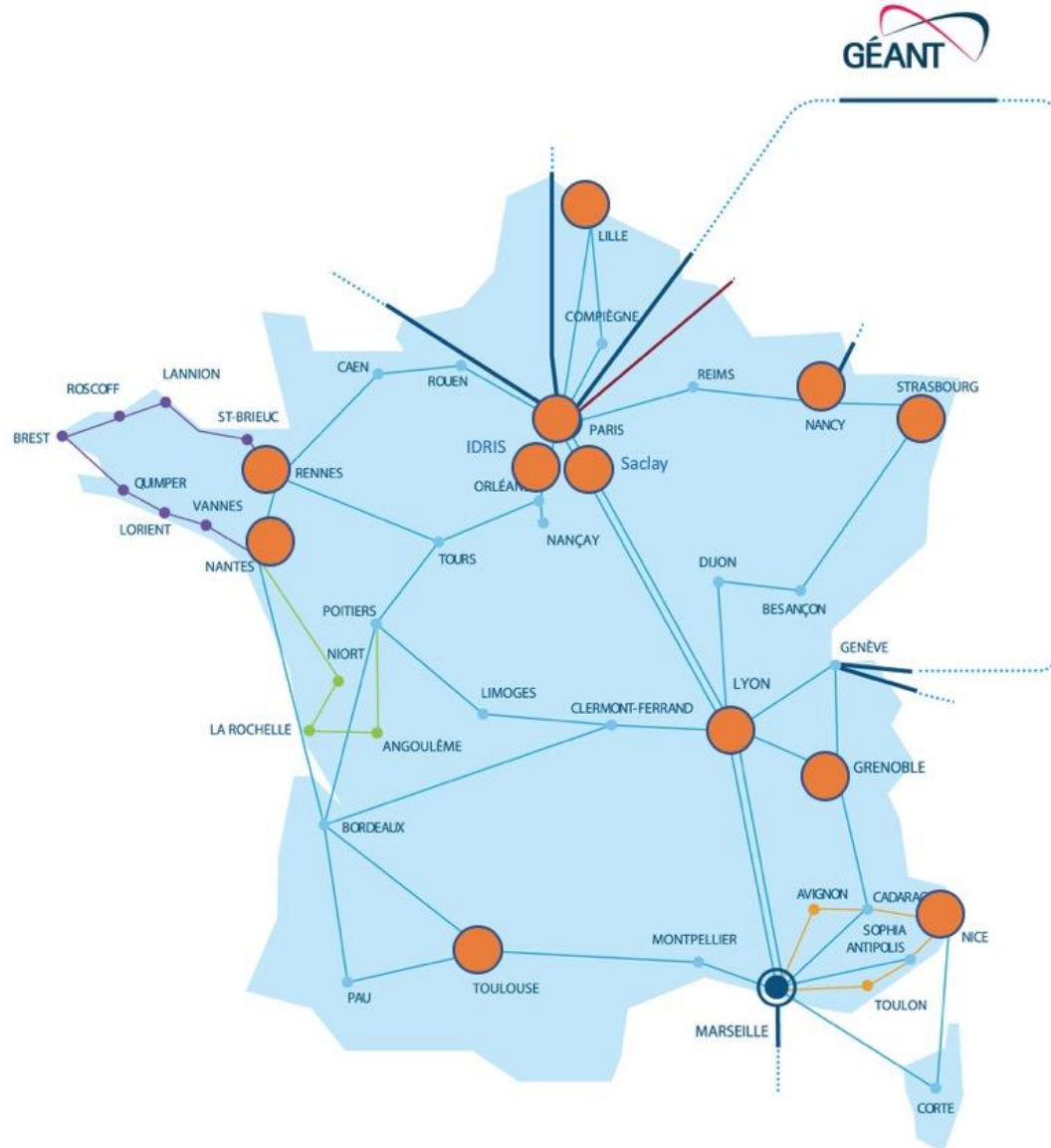
Termination: 2040-2042

Estimated total investment: 137 m€

* Supported by 2 projects started in 2020

- H2020 Slices Design Study
- H2020 Slices Starting Community

SILECS – PIA-3/EQUIPEX+ Call (June 2020)



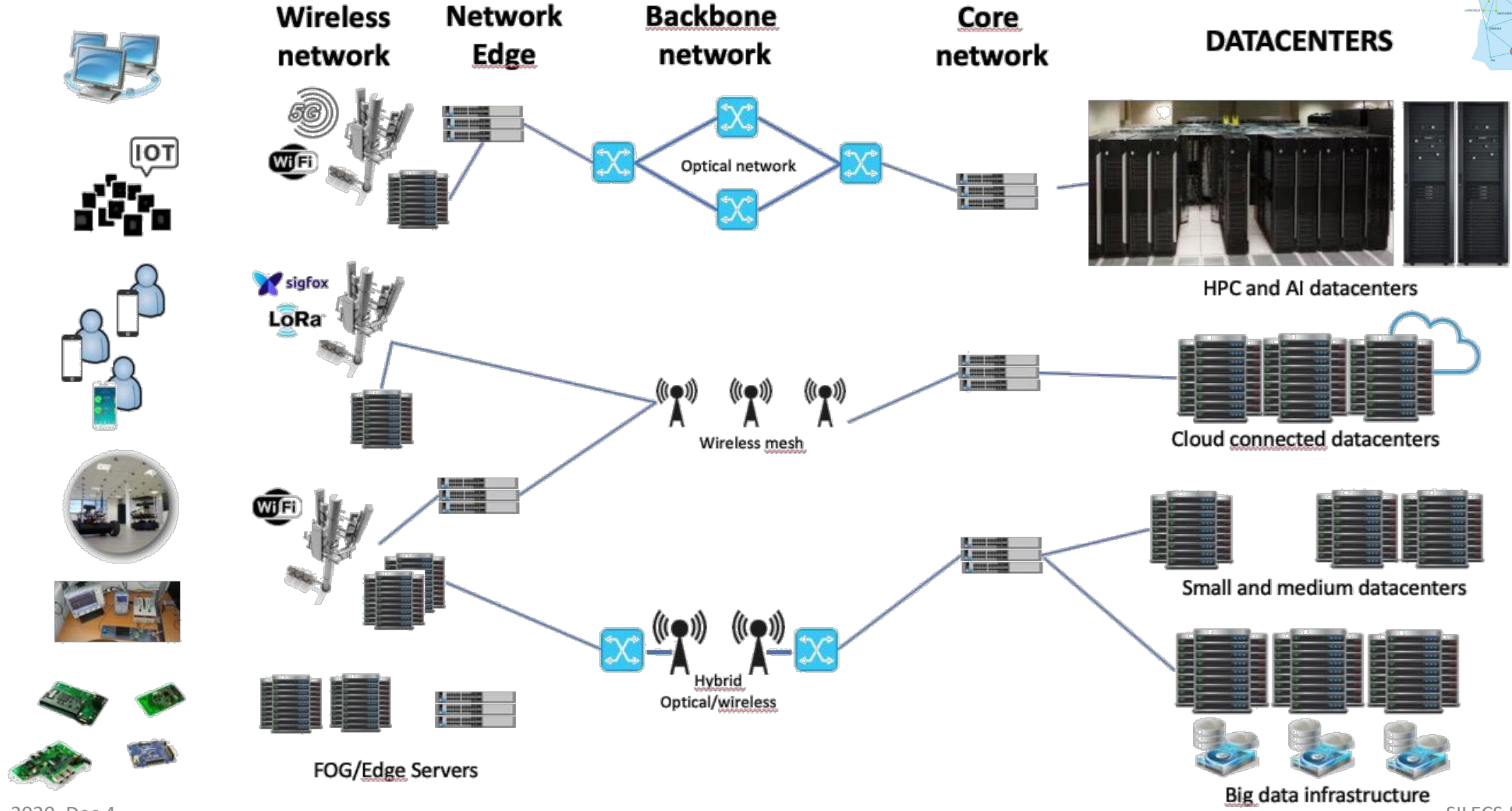
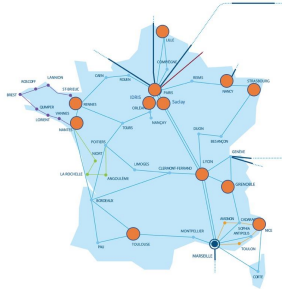
- **Core partners**

- Inria
- CNRS
- IMT
- Université fédérale de Toulouse
- Université Strasbourg
- Université Grenoble Alpes
- Université de Lorraine
- Sorbonne Université
- Renater
- *Eurecom*
- *ENS Lyon*
- *INSA de Lyon*

- **Other participants**

- Université de Lille
- Université de Rennes 1
- Université de Lyon
- Université de Nantes

Envisioned Architecture



SILECS/GRID'5000



- **Testbed for research on distributed systems**

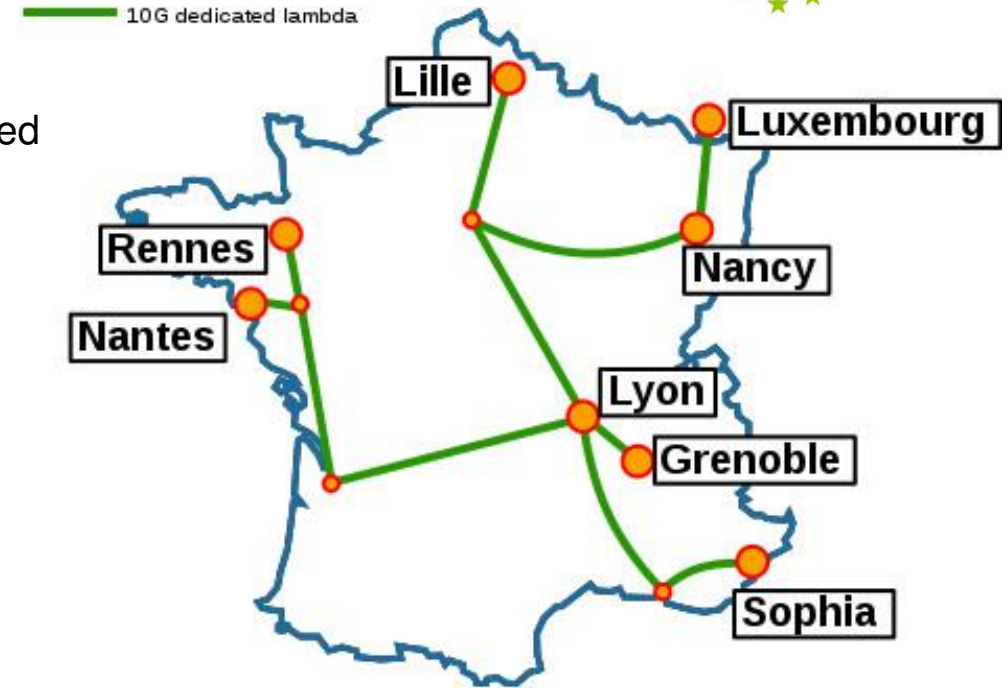
- Born in 2003 from the observation that we need a better and larger testbed
- HPC, Grids, P2P, and now Cloud computing, and BigData systems
- A complete access to the nodes' hardware in an exclusive mode (from one node to the whole infrastructure)
- Dedicated network (RENATER)
- Reconfigurable: nodes with Kadeploy and network with KaVLAN

- **Current status**

- 8 sites, 36 clusters, 838 nodes, 15116 cores
- Diverse technologies/resources (Intel, AMD, Myrinet, Infiniband, two GPU clusters, energy probes)

- **Some Experiments examples**

- In Situ analytics
- Big Data Management
- HPC Programming approaches
- Network modeling and simulation
- Energy consumption evaluation
- Batch scheduler optimization
- Large virtual machines deployments



SILECS/FIT

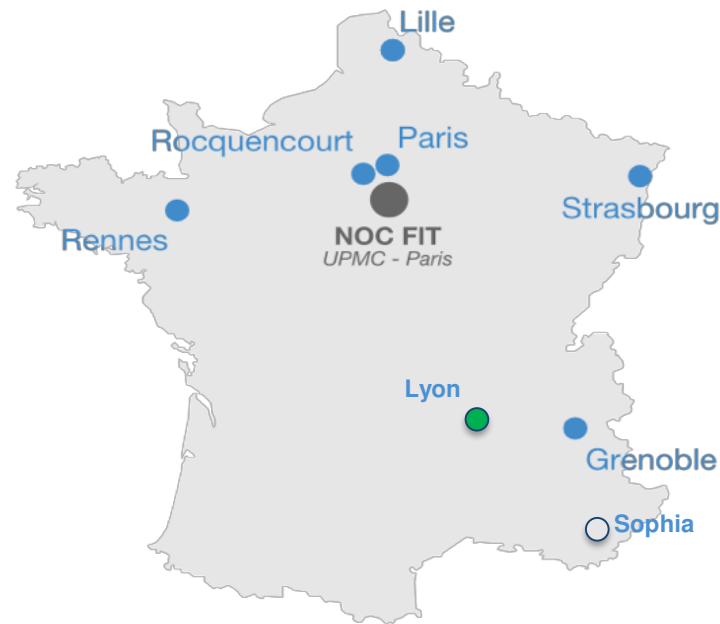
Providing Internet players access to a variety of fixed and mobile technologies and services, thus accelerating the design of advanced technologies for the Future Internet



○ **FIT-R2Lab:** WiFi mesh testbed (DIANA)



● **FIT-CorteXlab:** Cognitive Radio Testbed 40 Software Defined Radio Nodes (SOCRATE)



<https://www.iot-lab.info/hardware/>

● **FIT-IoT-LAB**

- 2700 wireless sensor nodes spread across six different sites in France
- Nodes are either fixed or mobile and can be allocated in various topologies throughout all sites



SILECS: Data Center Portfolio

Targets

- Performance, resilience, energy-efficiency, security in the context of data-center design, Big Data processing, Exascale computing, AI, etc.

Hardware

- Servers: x86, ARM64, POWER, accelerators (GPU, FPGA), ...
- AI dedicated servers
- Edge computing micro datacenters
- Networking: Ethernet (10G, 40G), HPC networks (InfiniBand, Omni-Path), ...
- Storage: HDD, SSD, NVMe, both in storage arrays and clusters of servers, ...

Experimental support

- Bare-metal reconfiguration
- Large clusters
- Integrated monitoring (performance, energy, temperature, network traffic)

SILECS: Wireless Portfolio

Targets

- Performance, security, safety and privacy-preservation in complex sensing environment,
- Performance understanding and enhancement in wireless networking,
- Target applications: smart cities/manufacturing, building automation, standard and interoperability, security, energy harvesting, health care

Hardware

- Software Defined Radio (SDR), NB-IoT, 5G, BLE, Thread
- Wireless Sensor Network (IEEE 802.15.4),
- LoRa/LoRaWAN, ...

Experimental support

- Bare-metal reconfiguration
- Large-scale deployment (both in terms of densities and network diameter)
- Different topologies with indoor/outdoor locations
- Mobility-enabled with customized trajectories
- Anechoic chamber
- Integrated monitoring (power consumption, radio signal, network traffic)

SILECS: Outdoor IOT testbed

- IoT is not limited to smart objects or indoor wireless sensors
 - smart building, industry 4.0,
- Smart cities need outdoor IoT solutions
 - Outdoor smart metering
 - Outdoor metering at the scale of a neighborhood (air, noise smart sensing,)
 - Citizens and local authorities are more and more interested by outdoor metering
- Controlled outdoor testbed
 - (Reproducible) polymorphic IoT: support of multiple IoT technologies (long, middle and short range IoT wireless solutions) at the same time on a large scale testbed
 - Agreement and support of local authorities
 - Deployment in Strasbourg city (500000 citizens, 384 km²)

An experiment outline

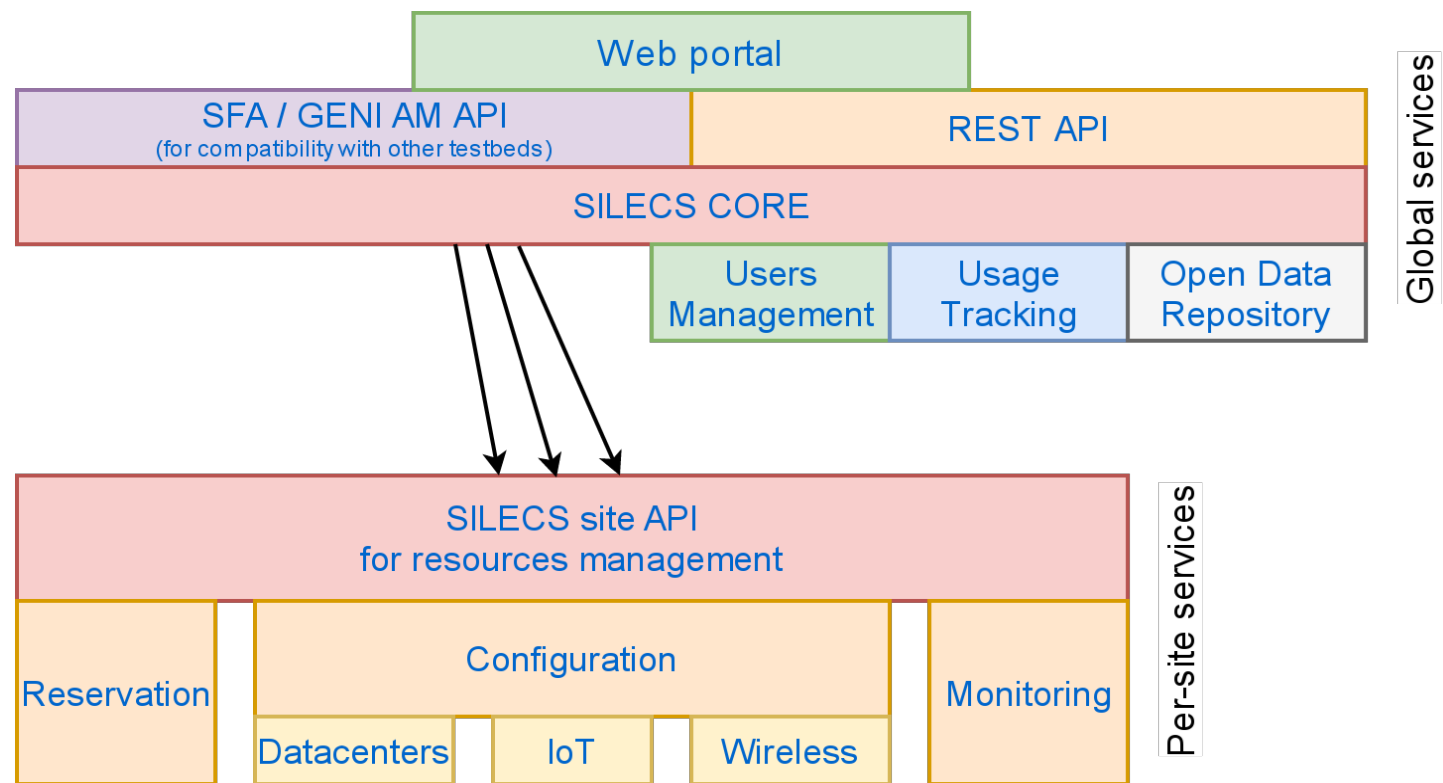
- Discovering resources from their description
- Reconfiguring the testbed to meet experimental needs
- Monitoring experiments, extracting and analyzing data
- Controlling experiments: API

Need to automatize/simplify the workflow and/or integrate it into higher level tool to enhance reproducibility

Plans for SILECS/SLICES: Testbed Services

- **Provide a unified framework that (really) meets all needs**
 - Make it easier for experimenters to move from one testbed to another
 - Make it easy to create simultaneous reservations on several testbeds
 - for cross-testbeds experiments
 - Make it easy to extend SILECS/SLICES with additional kinds of resources
- **Factor testbed services**
 - Services that can exist at a higher level, e.g. open data service, for storage and preservation of experiments data
 - In collaboration with Open Data repositories such as OpenAIRE/Zenodo and EOSC
 - Services that are required to operate such infrastructures
 - Users management, usage tracking, etc.

Services & Software Stack



Built from already functional solutions



Exchanges with the community

- **JCAD 2018, 2019, and 2020**
- **TILECS Workshop**
 - 2019, July 3-4, Grenoble, LIG/IMAG
 - 101 attendees (academics and some from the industry)
 - <https://www.silecs.net/tilecs-2019/>
- **Silecs – Request for input (closed)**
 - 1/2 page(s) document describing which kind of experiment you would like to perform in the next 4 years and what will be you dream infrastructure (hardware/software/services)
 - Analysis to be provided soon
- **Slices – Request for input (open)**
 - Online survey on Research Infrastructure Needs and Requirements (15 questions)
 - <https://survey.iotlab.eu/index.php/326467?lang=en>



Conclusions

- **SLICES**: new infrastructure for experimental computer science and future services in Europe
- **SILECS**: new infrastructure in France based on two existing instruments (FIT and Grid'5000)
- **Big challenges !**
 - Design a software stack that will allow experiments mixing both kinds of resources while keeping reproducibility level high
 - Keep the existing infrastructures up while designing and deploying the new one
- **Keep the aim of previous platforms** (their core scientific issues addressed)
 - Scalability issues, energy management, ...
 - IoT, wireless networks, future Internet
 - HPC, big data, clouds, virtualization, deep learning, ...
- **Address new challenges**
 - IoT and Clouds
 - New generation Cloud platforms and software stacks (Edge, FOG)
 - Data streaming applications
 - Big data management and analysis from sensors to the (distributed) cloud
 - Mobility
 - Next generation wireless
 - ...
- **Next steps**
 - Waiting for results for PIA-3EQUIPEX+ and ESFRI Slices (hearing in Spring 2021)

Thanks, any questions?

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