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Common properties:

- parallel computing.
- scalability.
- commodity hardware.
- heterogeneous resources: server age, multi-core (CPU/GPU), memory, storage.
- fast network and performance file system.
- open-source softwares.
- resource managers and middlewares.

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Computing:

- Simulation, parametric study → HPC (High Performance Computing).
- Data analysis → HTC (High Throughput Computing).
- Job:
 - sequential.
 - massively distributed (embarrassingly parallel).
 - parallel.
- Data:
 - I/O.
 - volume → Big Data.



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Figure: Arago cluster @FACe, APC.

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Beowulf cluster:

- since 1994.
- distributed computing, distributed storage on separate bay, shared memory.

Hadoop cluster:

- since 2006.
- distributed computing and storage located on the same nodes, shared memory.

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Components:

- node: 1 master, several workers.
- Resource and Job Management Systems (RJMS): Torque/Maui, HTCondor, SLURM, YARN...
- file system: NFS, GlusterFS, GPFS, Lustre, HDFS...
- network: GbE/s, InfiniBand (low latency, high bandwidth).
- ressource middleware: Open MPI and MPICH (MPI, distributed memory); OpenMP and Cilk (shared memory); Spark (cached memory).
- user: batch or interactive.

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- Laboratory: Arago@FACe (local infrastructure).
- Mésocentres.
- National centers:
 - HPC: IDRIS, CCRT, TGCC, CINES.
 - HTC: CC-IN2P3 (Centre de Calcul de l'IN2P3).





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■ Particle physics (CERN) impulsion:

■ since 1999.

■ tier structure.



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Components:

- node: grid of CE (Computing Element) and SE (Storage Element).
- geographically dispersed.
- complexe ressource middleware: gLite (until 2012), EMI (until 2014), UMD.
- user:
 - certificat.
 - VO (Virtual Organisation).
 - proxy.
 - UI (User Interface).
- tool: DIRAC.

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- CERN: WLCG (World Lhc Computing Grid).
- Europe: EGI (European Grid Infrastructure), EGEE before.
- France: France Grilles.
- Locally: GRIF (Grille Îles-de-France).





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Figure:

http://fr.slideshare.net/clintedmonson/windows-azure-jumpstart.

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Components:

- solution (resource manager):
 - academic: StratusLab, OpenStack, OpenNebula...
 - commercial: AWS, Google Cloud Platform,

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- node: 1 front-end, several hypervisors → VMs (Virtual Machine) with on-demand virtual resources (OS, CPU, memory, storage, network).
- storage: iSCSI, Ceph
 - virtual disk (persistent or volatil) based on block storage.
 - long term storage based on object storage.
- network: GbE/s.
- user: command-line, dashboard, HTTP protocol.
- tool: SlipStream.

French academic cloud providers

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- Cluster: all applications (simulation, parametric study, data analysis).
 - scalability: supercomputer.
- Grid: all applications.
 - weak point: computing access (proxy), data management, sotware access.
- Cloud:
 - generic applications:
 - prototyping.
 - management of computing peak.
 - applications with specific resources.
 - weak point: very generic hardware.

Thank you for your attention.

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