

End User Agents: extending the "intelligence" to the edge in Distributed Service Systems

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OUTLINE



- MonALISA (Monitoring Agents using a Large, Integrated Services Architecture)
 - An Agent Based, Dynamic Service System able to Monitor, Control and Optimize Distributed Systems
- ◆ LISA (Localhost Information Service Agent) End User Agent, capable to effectively integrate user applications with Service Oriented Architectures.
- Examples:

EVO system: a distributed videoconferencing system

Data transfers: creating on demand an optical path



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MonALISA is A Dynamic, Distributed Service Architecture



- Real-time monitoring is an essential part of managing distributed systems. The monitoring information gathered is necessary for developing higher level services, and components that provide automated decisions, to help operate and optimize the workflow in complex systems.
- The MonALISA system is designed as an ensemble of autonomous multi-threaded, self-describing agent-based subsystems which are registered as dynamic services, and are able to collaborate and cooperate in performing a wide range of monitoring tasks. These agents can analyze and process the information, in a distributed way, to provide optimization decisions in large scale distributed applications.
- An agent-based architecture provides the ability to invest the system with increasing degrees of intelligence; to reduce complexity and make global systems manageable in real time



The MonALISA Architecture Provides:



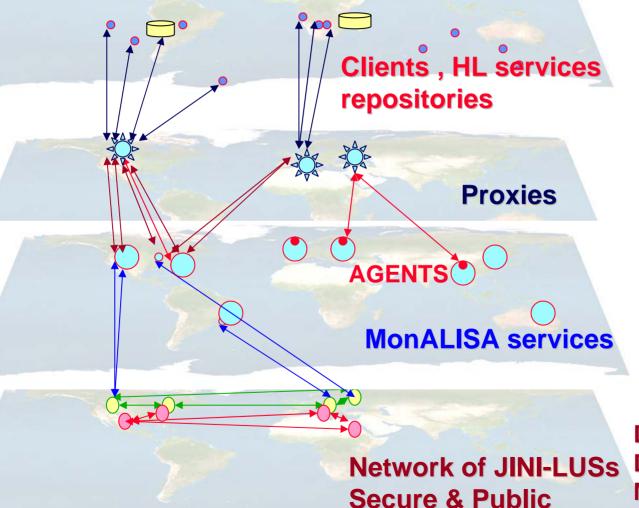
- Distributed Registration and Discovery for Services and Applications.
- Monitoring all aspects of complex systems :
 - □ System information for computer nodes and clusters
 - Network information : WAN and LAN
 - Monitoring the performance of Applications, Jobs or services
 - □ The End User Systems, its performance
- Can interact with any other services to provide in near real-time customized information based on monitoring data
- Secure, remote administration for services and applications
- Agents to supervise applications, to restart or reconfigure them, and to notify other services when certain conditions are detected.
- The MonALISA framework can be used to develop higher level decision services, implemented as a distributed network of communicating agents, to perform global optimization tasks.
- Graphical User Interfaces to visualize complex information



The MonALISA Discovery System & Services



Fully Distributed System with no Single Point of Failure



Global Services or Clients

Dynamic load balancing Scalability & Replication Security AAA for Clients

Distributed System for gathering and Analyzing Information.

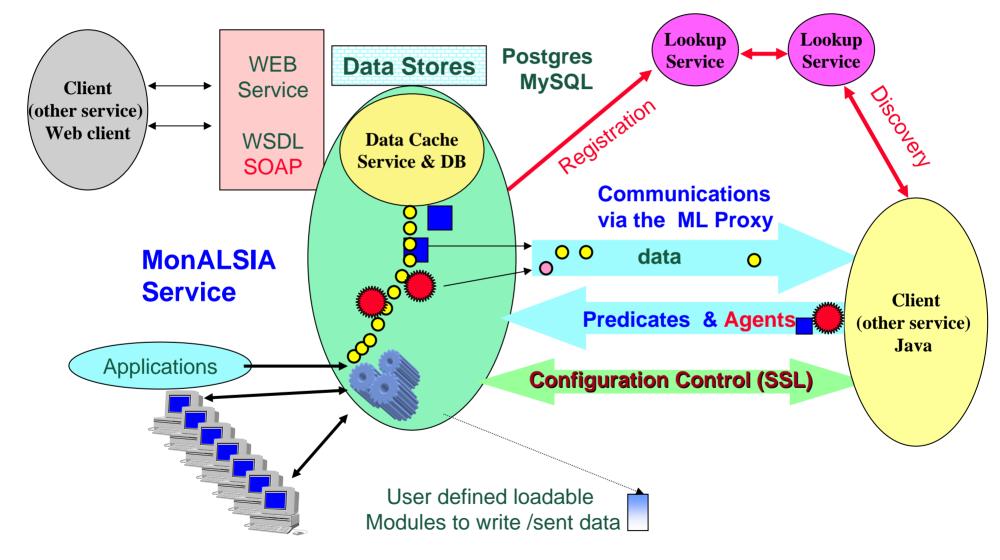
Distributed Dynamic
Discovery- based on a lease
Mechanism and REN

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MonALISA service & Data Handling

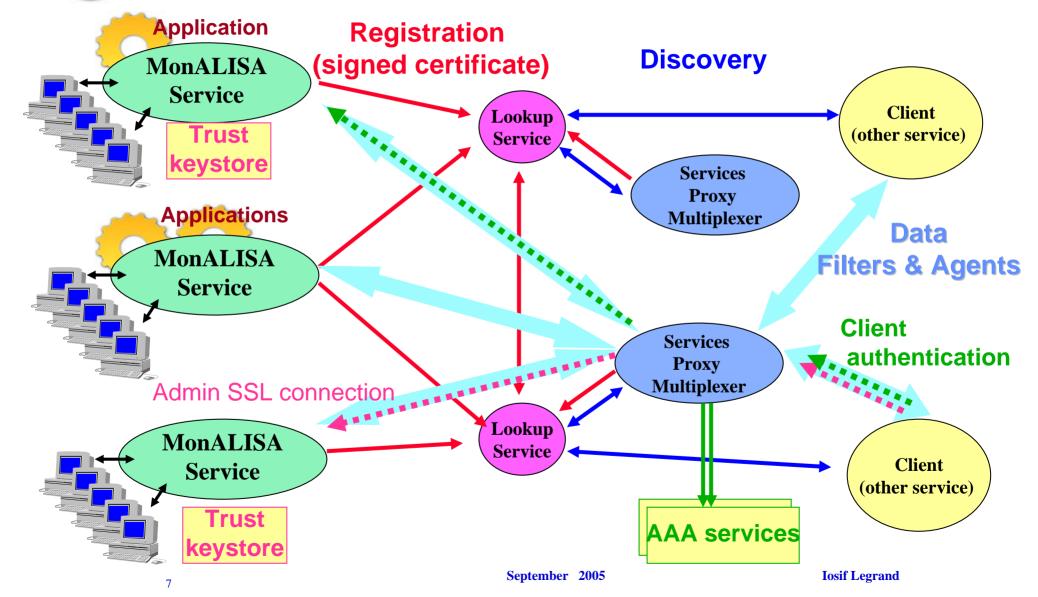






Registration / Discovery Admin Access and AAA for Clients







Communities using MonALISA



- ***OSG**
- Grid3
- **CMS**
- ***ALICE**
- VRVS System
- **STAR**
- **❖ D**0
- ***ABILENE**
- ***GLORIAD**

More than 200 Sites running
MonALISA and it monitors
more than 12 000 nodes,
more than 60 WAN links and
Collects ~ 200 000 parameters /min



- >SC2003
- ➤ Telecom 2003
- **≻WSIS 2003**
- >SC 2004
- **≻I2 2005**

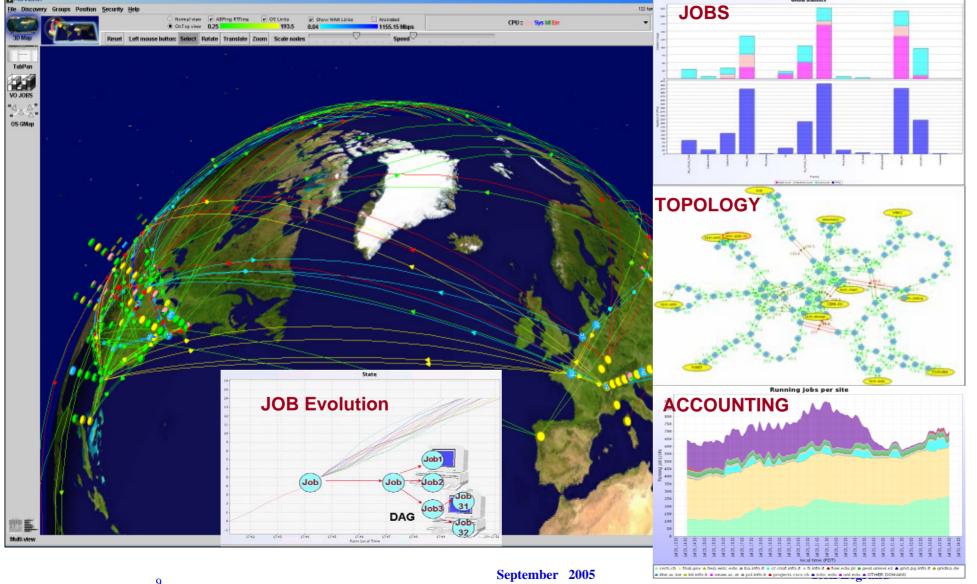


VRVS



Monitoring OSG, GRID3, Running Jobs, I2 Network Traffic, and Topology



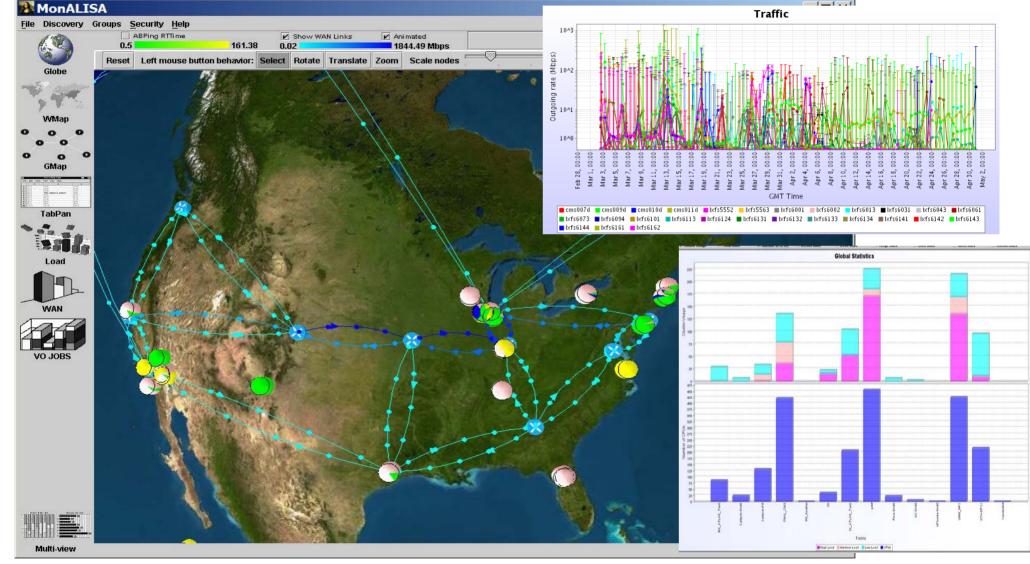




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Monitoring I2 Network Traffic, Grid03 Farms and Jobs

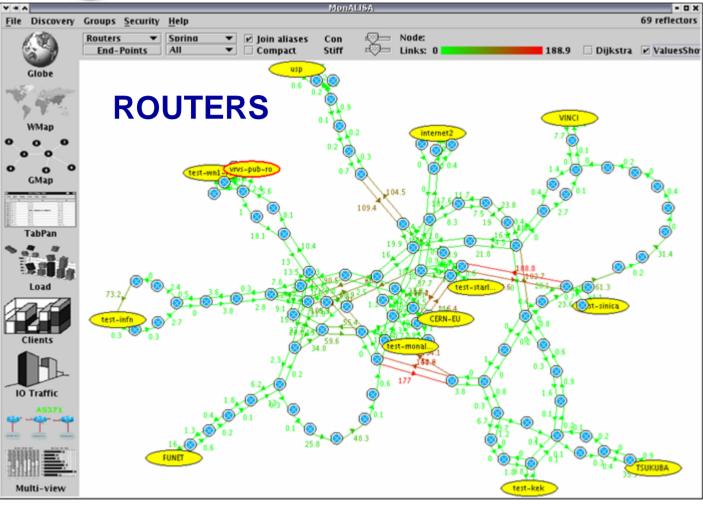




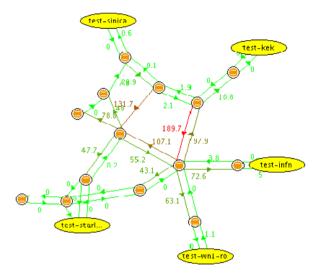


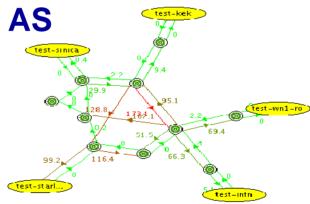
Monitoring Network Topology Latency, Routers





NETWORKS







ApMon – Application Monitoring

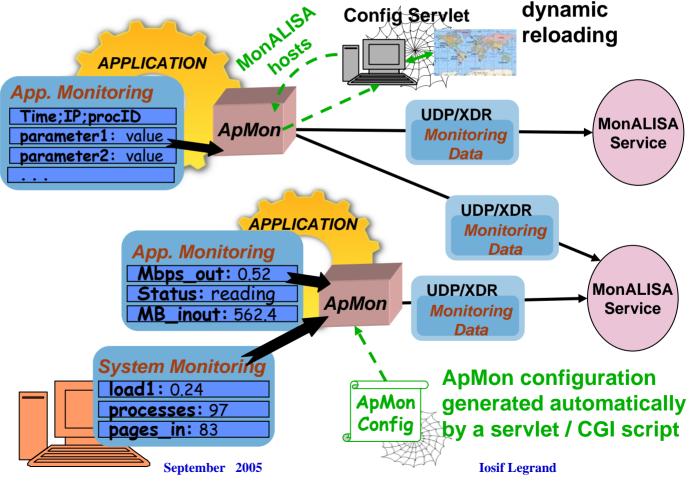


Library of APIs (C, C++, Java, Perl. Python) that can be used to send any information to MonALISA services

> Flexibility, dynamic configuration, high communication performance

- Automated system monitoring
- Accounting information

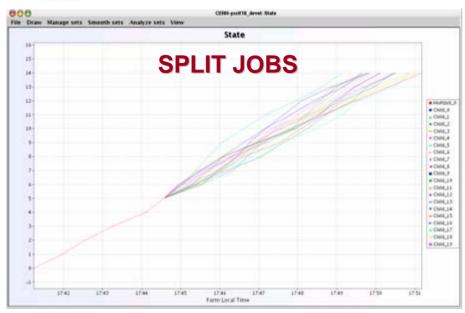


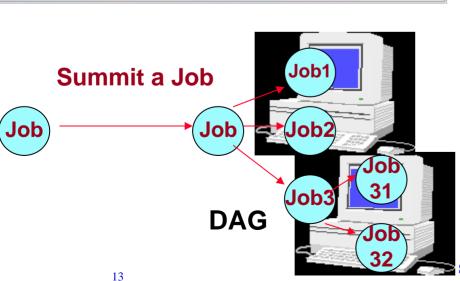




Monitoring the Execution of Jobs and the Time Evolution







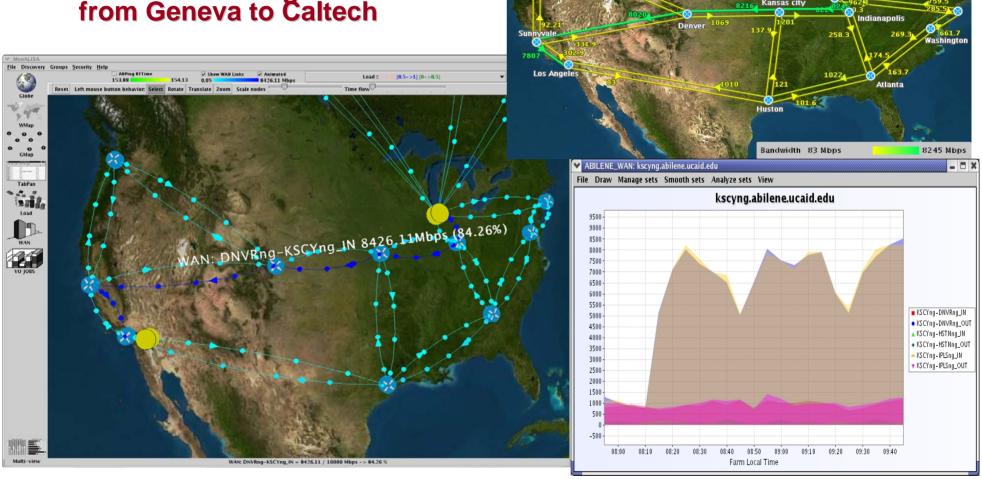




Monitoring ABILENE backbone Network



- ◆ Test for a Land Speed Record
- ~ 7 Gb/s in a single TCP stream from Geneva to Caltech

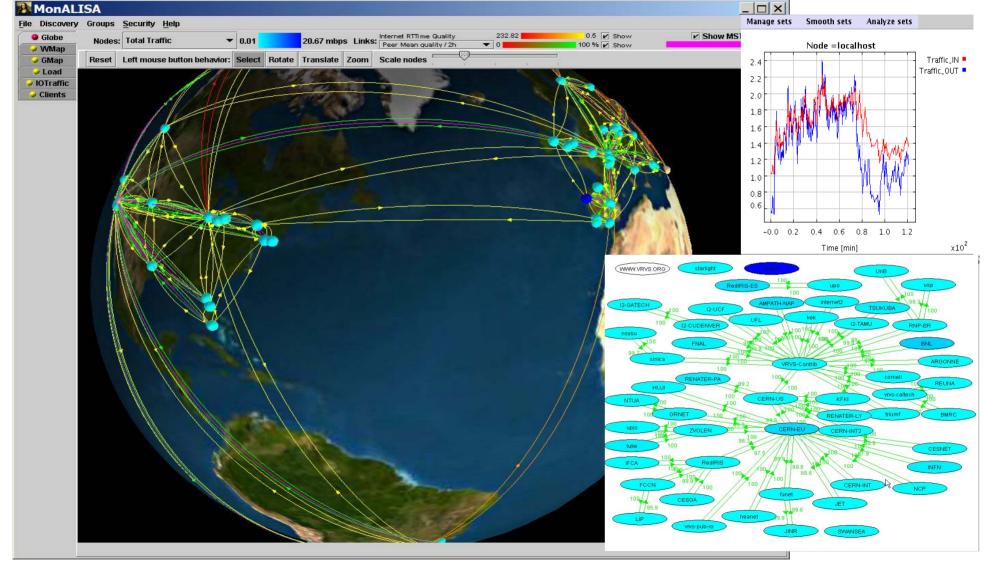




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Monitoring VRVS Reflectors and Communication Topology

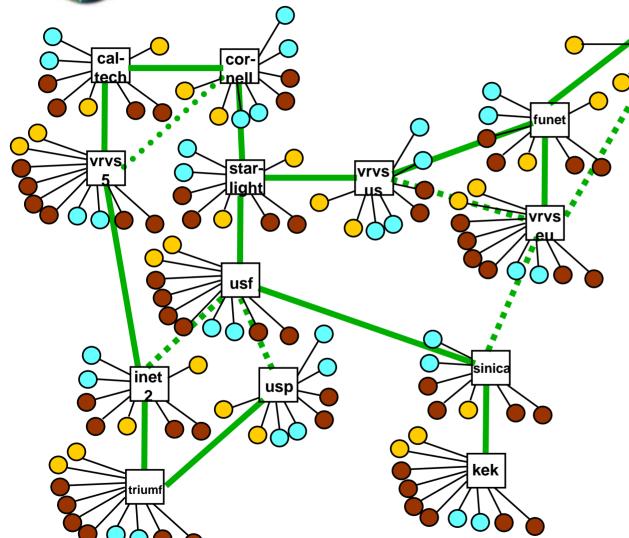






Communication in the Distributed Collaborative System





Reflectors are hosts that interconnect users by permanent IP tunnels.

The active IP tunnels must be selected so that there is no cycle formed.



Tree

The selection is made according to the real-time measurements of the network performance.

$$w(T) = \sum_{(v,u)\in T} w((v,u))$$

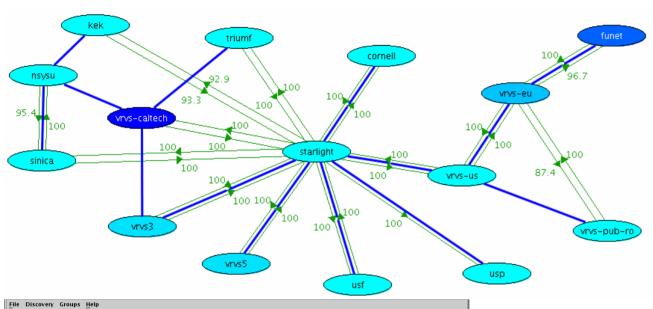
minimum-spanning tree (MST)

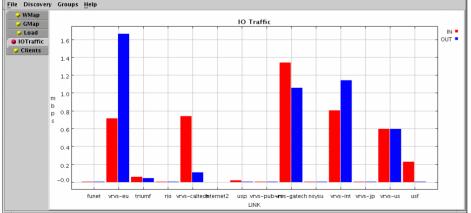
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Creating a Dynamic, Global, Minimum Spanning Tree to optimize the connectivity







A weighted connected graph G = (V, E) with nvertices and m edges. The quality of connectivity between any two reflectors is measured every 2s. Building in near real time a minimumspanning tree T

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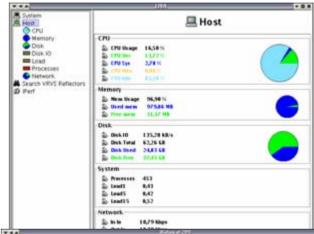


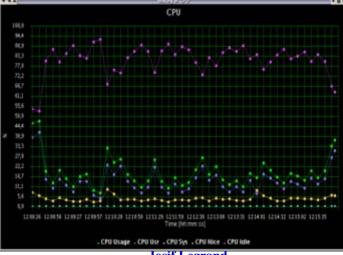
LISA- Localhost Information Service Agent End To End Monitoring Tool



A lightweight Java Web Start application that provides complete monitoring of the end user systems, the network connectivity and can use the MonALISA framework to optimize client applications

- It is very easy to deploy and install by simply using any browser.
- ♦ It detects the system architecture, the operating system and selects dynamically the binary parts necessary on each system.
- ♦ It can be easily deployed on any system. It is now used on all versions of Windows, Linux, Mac.
- It provides complete system monitoring of the host computer:
- ◆ CPU, memory, IO, disk, ...
- Hardware detection
- Main components, Audio, Video equipment,
- Drivers installed in the system
- Provides embedded clients for IPERF (or other network monitoring tools, like Web 100)
- A user friendly GUI to present all the monitoring information.



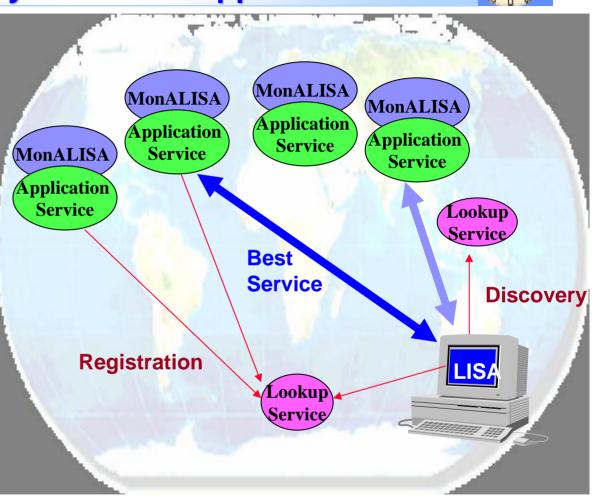




LISA- Provides an Efficient Integration for Distributed Systems and Applications



- It is using external services to identify the real IP of the end system, its network ID and AS
- Discovers MonALISA services and can select, based on service attributes, different applications and their parameters (location, AS, functionality, load ...)
 - → Based on information such as AS number or location, it determines a list with the best possible services.
 - → Registers as a listener for other service attributes (eg. number of connected clients).
 - → Continuously monitors the network connection with several selected services and provides the best one to be used from the client's perspective.
 - Measures network quality, detects faults and informs upper layer services to take appropriate decisions

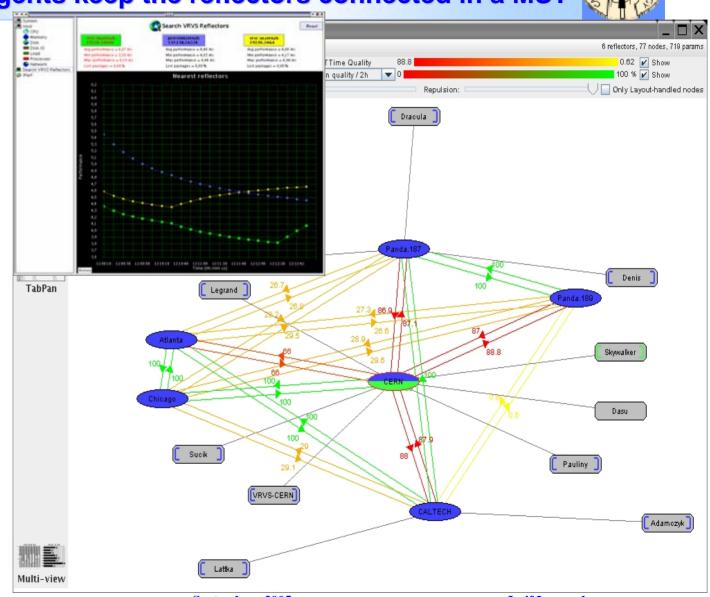




EVO: LISA Detects the Best Reflector for each Client and MonALISA Agents keep the reflectors connected in a MST



- Dynamic Discovery of Reflectors
- Creates and maintains, in real-time, the optimal connectivity between reflectors (MST) based on periodic network measurements.
- Detects and monitor the User configuration, its hardware, the connectivity and its performance.
- Dynamically connects the client to the best reflector
- Provides secure administration.
- It is using alarm triggers to notify unexpected events
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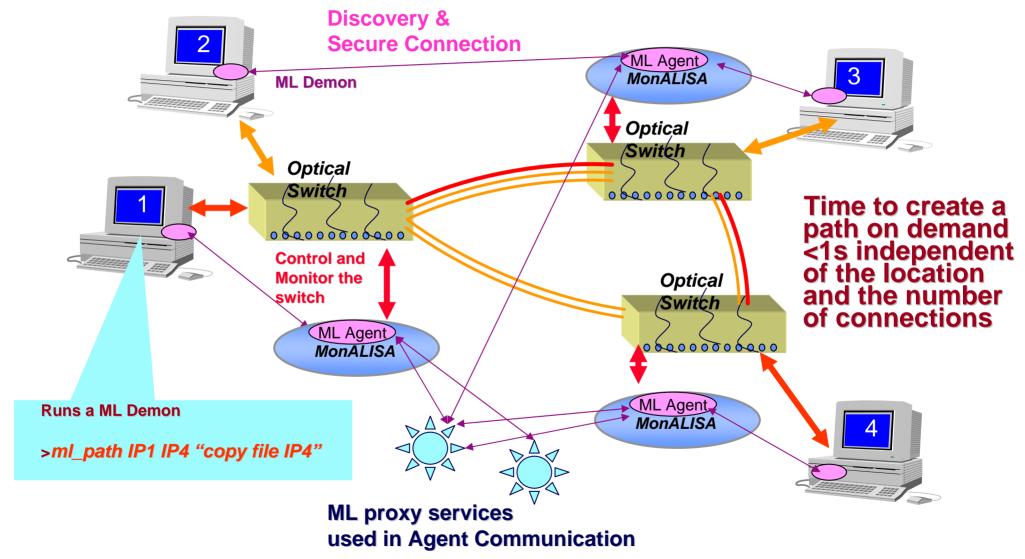
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MonALISA agents to create on demand on an optical path or tree

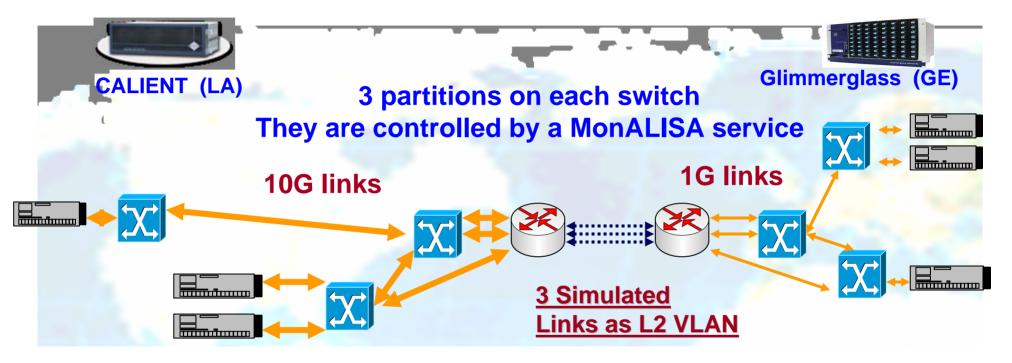






Test Setup for Controlling Optical Switches



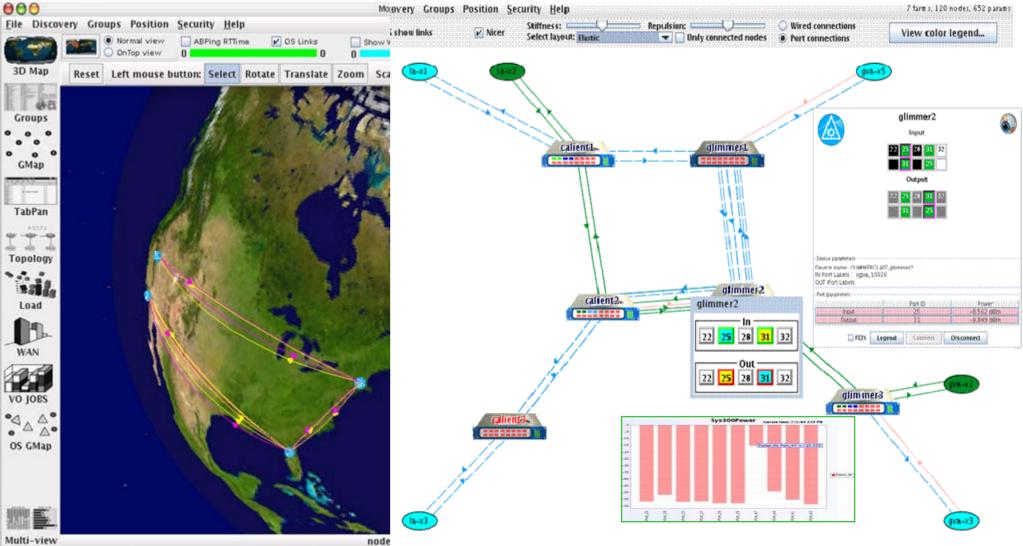


- Monitor and control switches using TL1
- Interoperability between the two systems
- End User access to service



Monitoring Optical Switches Agents to Create on Demand an Optical Path







MonALISA is a framework capable to correlate information from different layers



