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Fraunhofer Resource Grid



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# Fraunhofer Resource Grid (FhRG)

## Challenge

Development and implementation of a stable and robust grid infrastructure

Software layer on top of Globus to enable fast realizations of distributed applications

Integration of available resources

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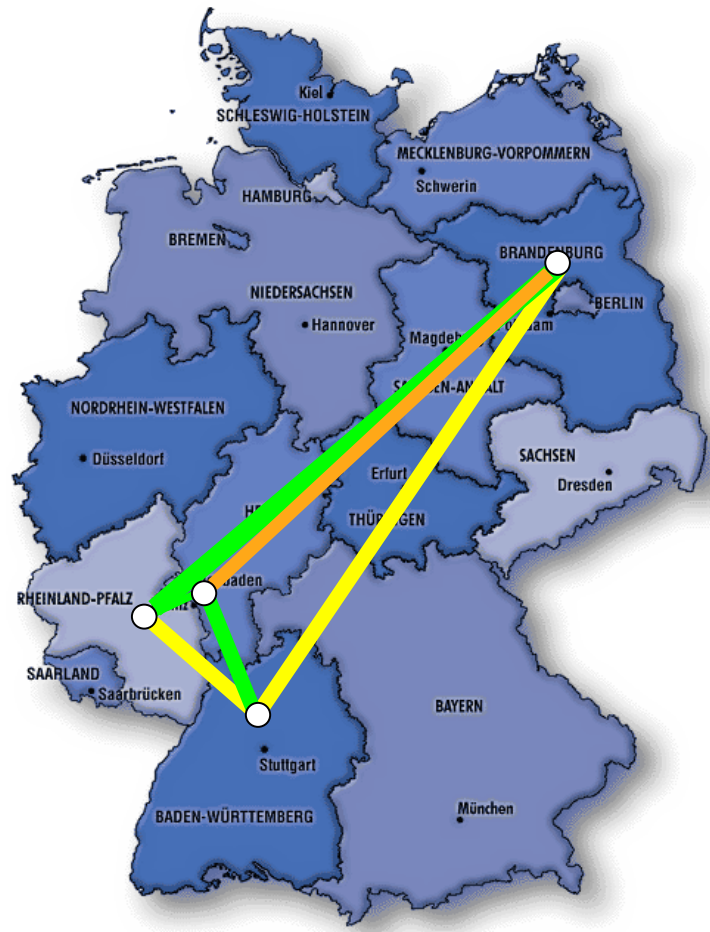
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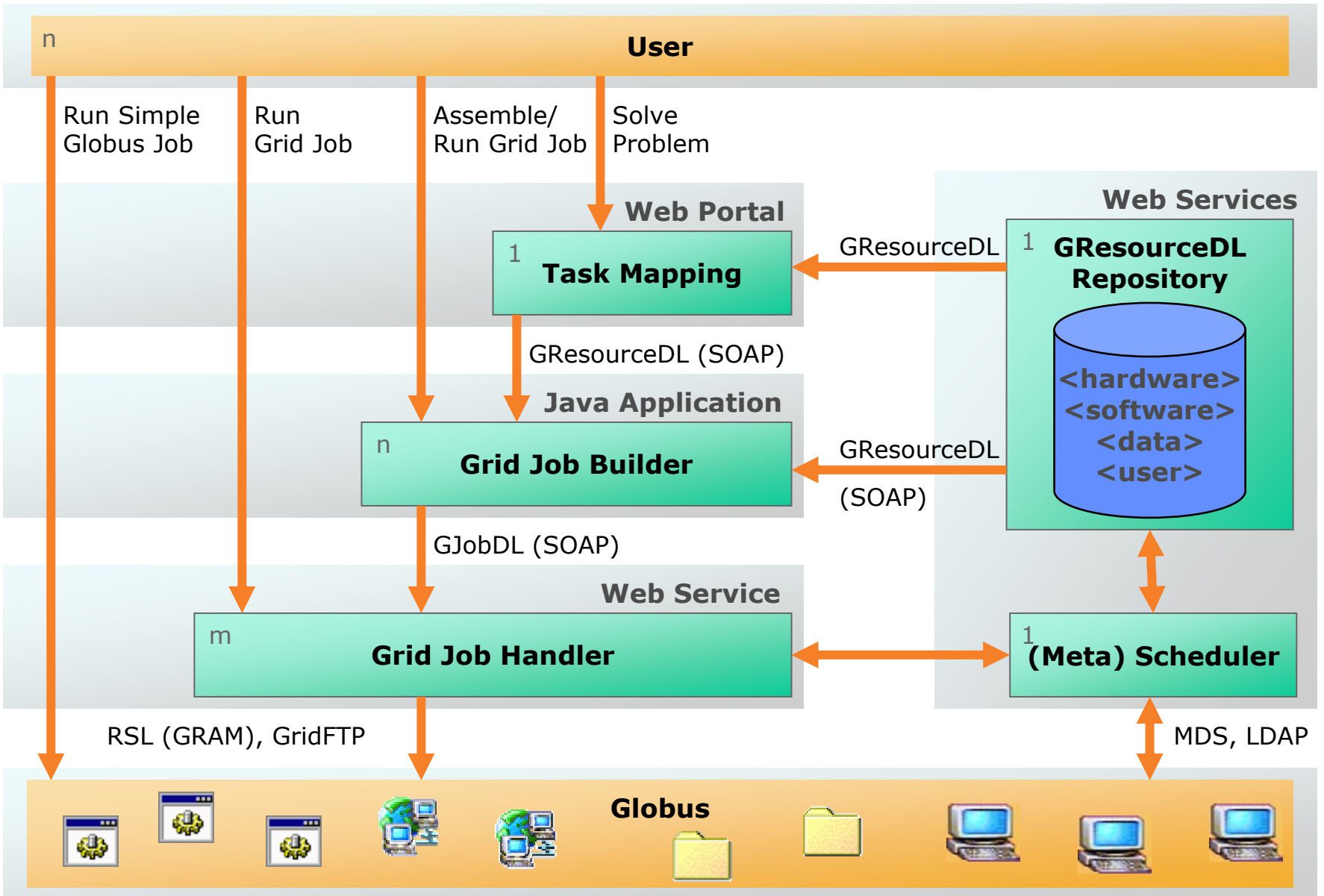


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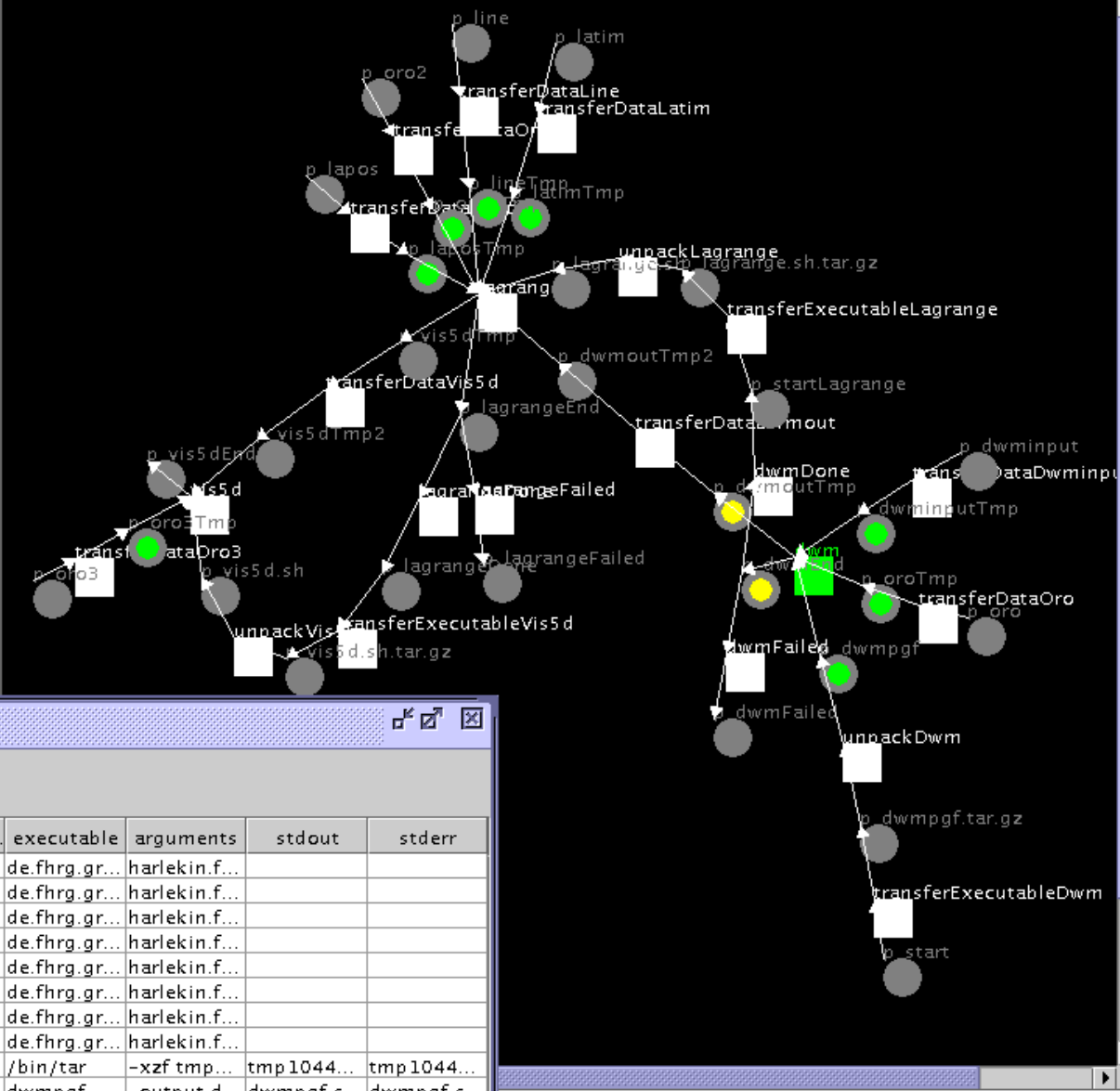
Petri Net -- Grid Job #1

## Create Grid Job

```

<transitionRef id = "transferDataOro3"/>
</arc>
<arc id = "arc16b" type = "T2P">
  <transitionRef id = "transferDataOro3"/>
  <placeRef id = "p_oro3Tmp"/>
</arc>
<arc id = "arc16c" type = "P2T">
  <placeRef id = "p_oro3Tmp"/>
  <transitionRef id = "vis5d">
    <inputRef id = "oro" type = "file"/>
  </transitionRef>

```



Grid Job #1

Run

Show Workflow

Stop

status	start time	end time	ID	resourceM...	executable	arguments	stdout	stderr
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	1	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	2	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	3	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	4	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	5	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	6	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	7	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	8	local	de.fhrg.gr...	harlekin.f...		
DONE	Feb 05 11...	Feb 05 11...	9	p1.itwm.f...	/bin/tar	-xzf tmp...	tmp1044...	tmp1044...
ACTIVE	Feb 05 11...	N/A	10	p1.itwm.f...	dwmprgf	-output d...	dwmprgf.s...	dwmprgf.s...



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# Grid Application Definition Language (GADL)

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# Grid Application Definition Language (GADL)

**GADL** Set of XML-based description languages needed to define and to execute grid applications

The GADL consists of:

**GResourceDL** Description of resources

**GJobDL** Description of grid jobs  
→ Set of resources + workflow

**GInterfaceDL** Interface definition of software components

**GDataDL** Description of data

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# GADL: Grid Resource Definition Language (GResourceDL)

## GResourceDL

Description language for categorization and description of resources

Used to select suitable resources to solve a given problem (task mapping)

Definition of dependencies between resources

Extension of resource descriptions with inheritance allows formulation of recursive descriptions

## Everything is a resource!

Software components

Hardware resources

Measuring devices

Data

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## GResourceDL example that depends on other resources

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE fhrgResources (View Source for full doctype...)>
<fhrgResources>
  <resource id="sleep" type="software">
    ...
    <dependencies type="depends">
      <resourceRef id="linux" type="softwareClass" />
      <resourceRef id="glibc6" type="softwareClass" />
      <resourceRef id="x86" type="hardwareClass" />
    </dependencies>
    ...
  </fhrgResources>
```

depends, conflicts,  
provides, suggests

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## GResourceDL example that provides other resources

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1" ?>
<!DOCTYPE fhrgResources (View Source for full doctype...)>
<fhrgResources>
  ...
  <resource id="de-fhrg-first_harlekin" type="hardware">
    <dependencies type="provides">
      <resourceRef id="x86" type="hardwareClass" />
      <resourceRef id="network-ethernet-100" type="hardwareClass" />
      <resourceRef id="linux-kernel-2-4-18" type="softwareClass" />
      <resourceRef id="glibc6" type="softwareClass" />
    </dependencies>
    <authorization>
      <userGroup id="all" read="true" write="false" />
      <userGroup id="first" read="true" write="true" execute="true" />
    </authorization>
  </resource>
</fhrgResources>
```

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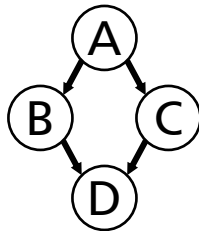
# Why Petri Nets?

# GADL: Grid Job Definition Language (GJobDL)

Problem

Description of complex workflows of grid jobs

DAG

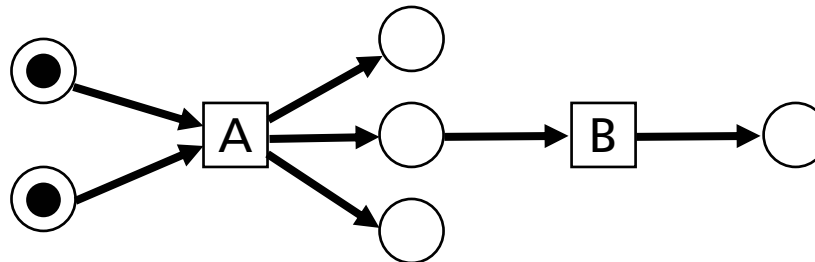


Directed Acyclic Graph (see Condor, Cactus, UNICORE)  
no bidirectional coupling (interaction)  
no loops

```
PARENT A CHILD B C  
PARENT B C CHILD D
```



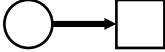
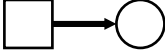

Petri Nets

Graphical flow control of discrete systems



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# Petri Nets

-  **Places**                      Files, buffers, control places
-  **Transitions**                Software components, control transitions
-  **Arcs from places to transitions** (Place is input place of transition)
-  **Arcs from transitions to places** (Place is output place of transition)
-  **Tokens**                        Data, State (active, done)

**Rules**    A transition is activated if all input places are filled with tokens and all output places have not reached their maximum capacity of tokens

**Refinement**                                      A transition can be replaced by a Petri Net

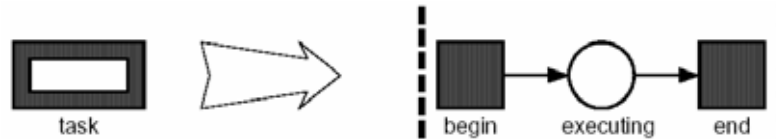
**Description of state**                            A Petri Net describes workflow and state of a system



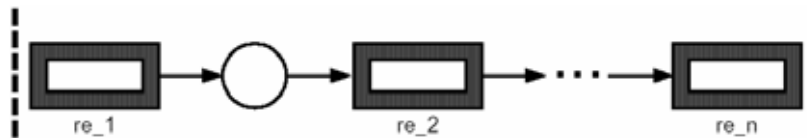
# Petri Nets

(from *van der Aalst und Kumar, 2000*)

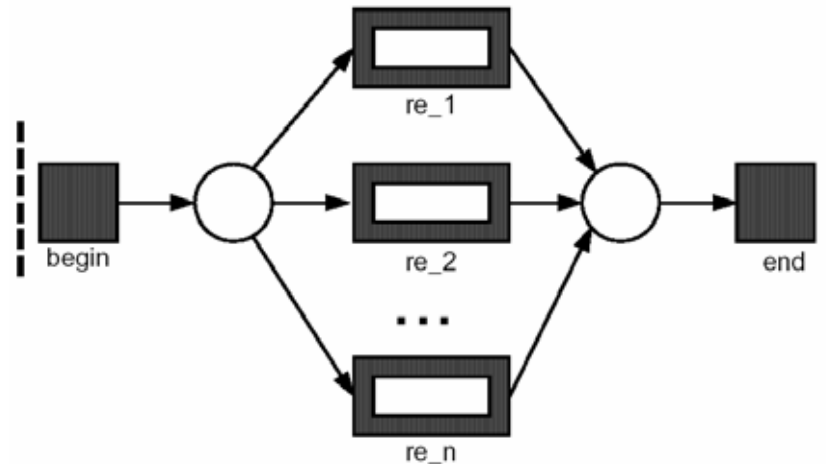
Task



Sequence

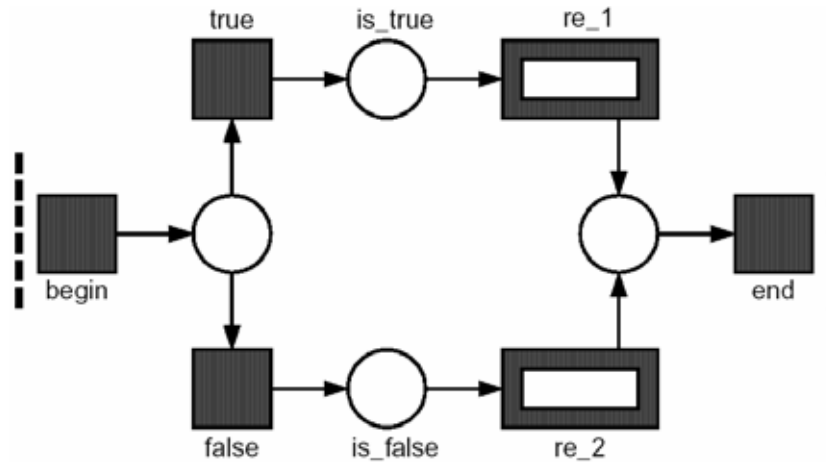


Choice



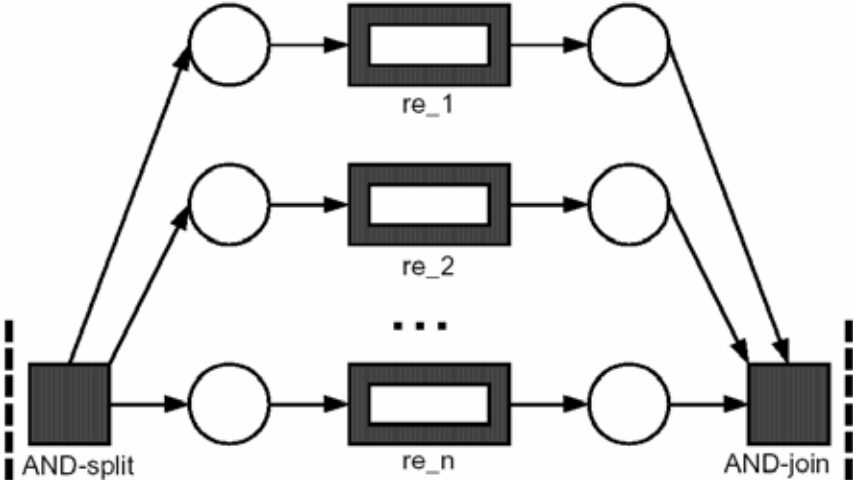
# Petri Nets

Condition



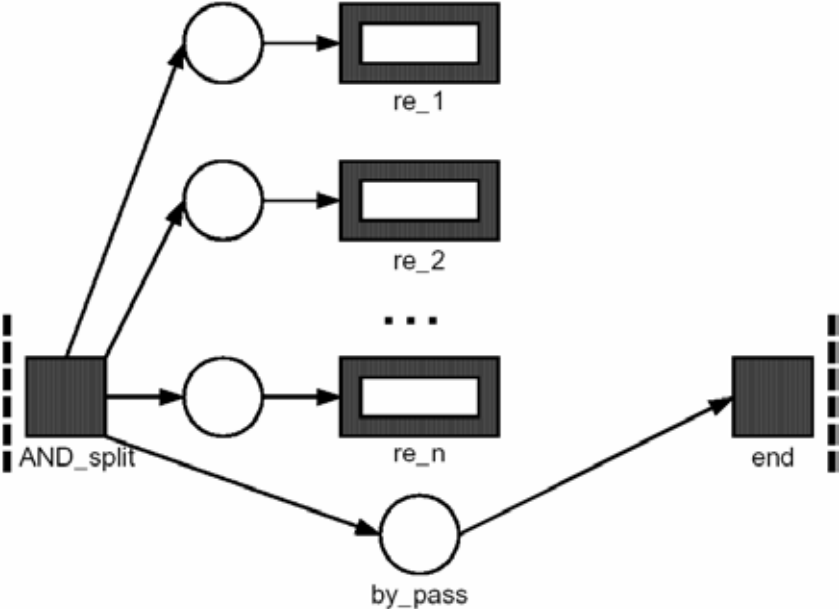
# Petri Nets

Parallel execution with synchronization



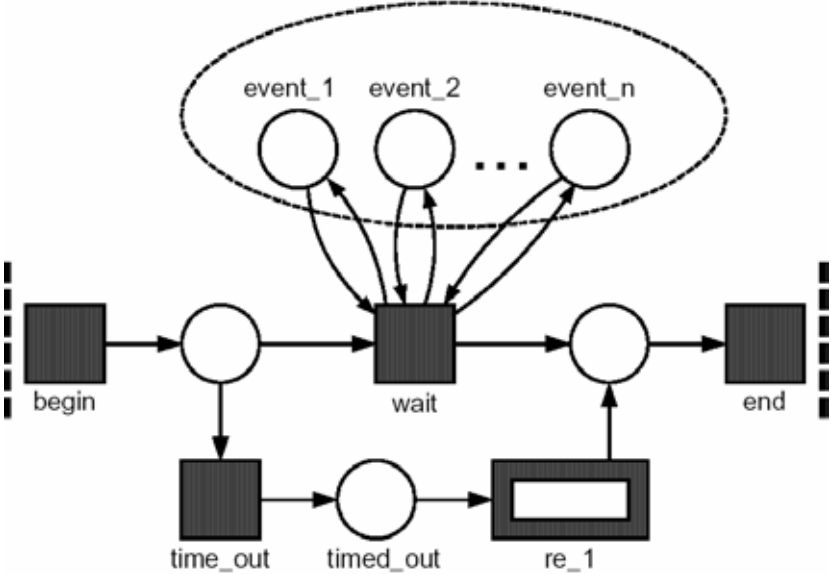
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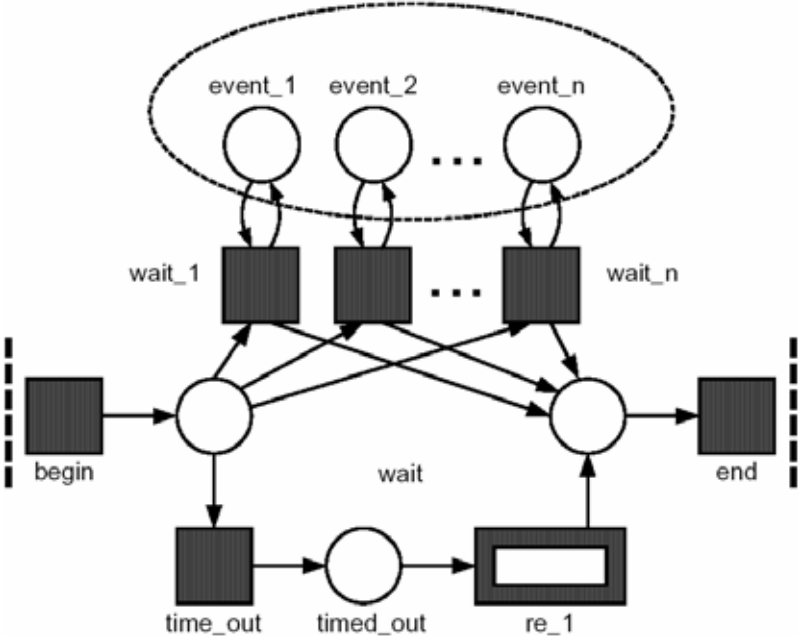
# Petri Nets

Wait all with time out



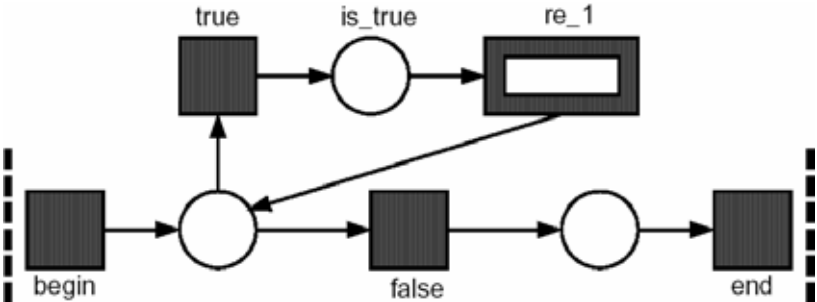
# Petri Nets

Wait any with time out



# Petri Nets

While ... do



## Transitions of type "MethodCall"

```
<transition id = "unpack_data">  
  <methodCall>unpack () </methodCall>  
</transition>
```



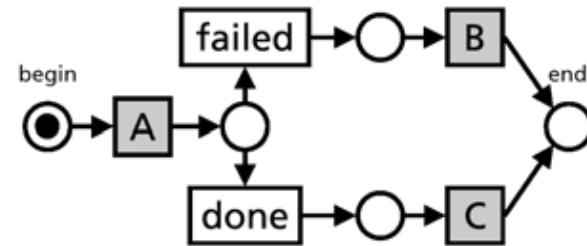
- `unpack()`
- `transferData()`
- `transferExecutable(String softwareTransitionId)`
- `transferData(String softwareTransitionId)`



## Transitions of type "Condition"

```
<transition id = "A_done">  
  <condition>isDone()</condition>  
</transition>
```

- isDone()
- isFailed()
- countLT(int maxCount)
- negate(String transitionID)



# Description of Petri Nets in XML

PNML

Petri Net Markup Language  
(modified from *Jünger, Kindler, Weber; HU-Berlin*)

```
<place id="start">
  <initialMarking>
    <value type="boolean" op="eq">true</value>
  </initialMarking>
</place>
<place id="output"/>
<transition id="program"/>
<arc type="P2T" id="arc1">
  <placeRef id="start" />
  <transitionRef id="program" />
</arc>
<arc type="T2P" id="arc2">
  <transitionRef id="program"/>
  <placeRef id="output" />
</arc>
```



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# Grid Job Handler

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## Grid Job Handler

Software for executing and controlling coupled grid applications

Workflow modeling

Mapping of Grid Jobs onto appropriate distributed resources

Execution of jobs using grid middleware (e.g. Globus → Java Commodity Grid Kit)

## Component environment

Coupling of components using file input/output

## Monitoring


Job status (pending, active, failed, done)

## Integration into the FhRG

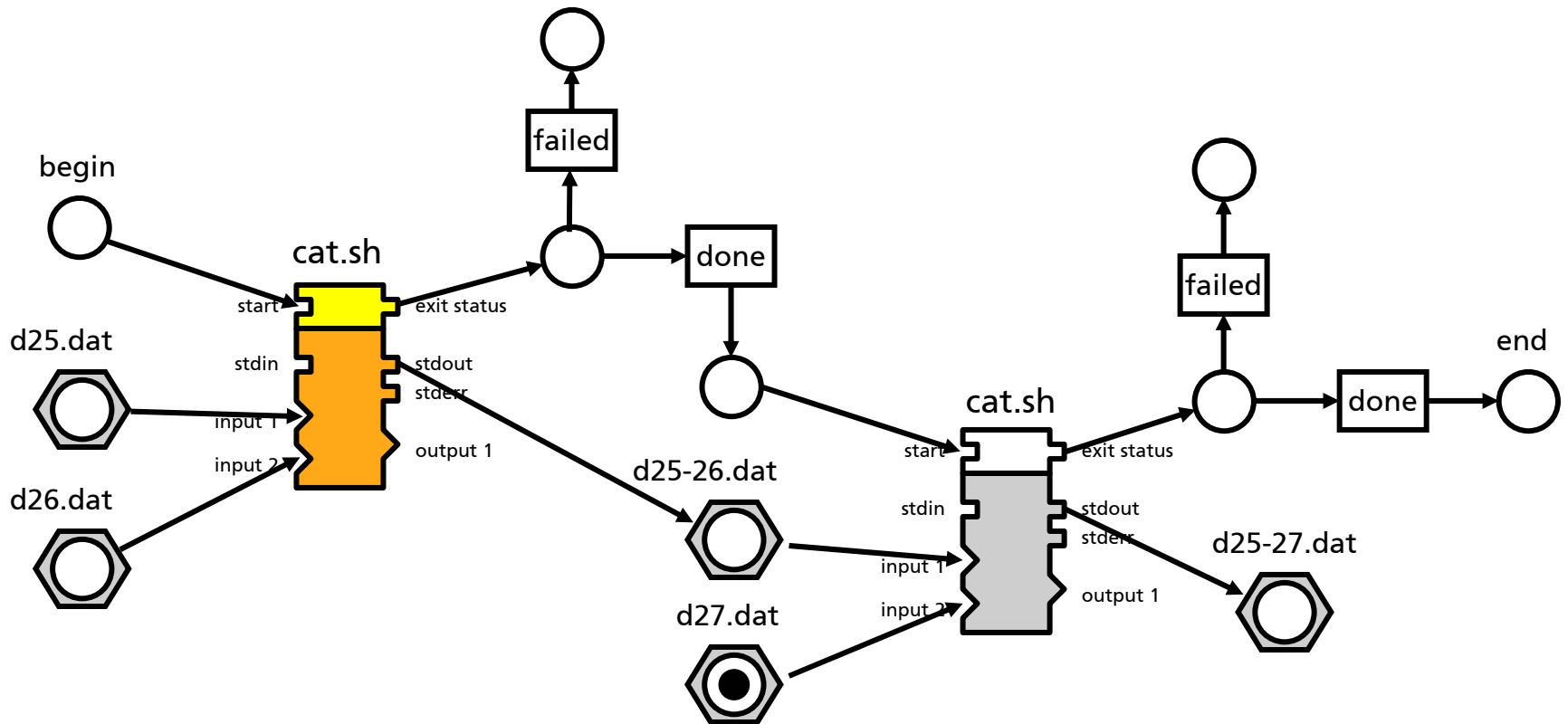
Communication with other FhRG services using SOAP (→ Webservice)

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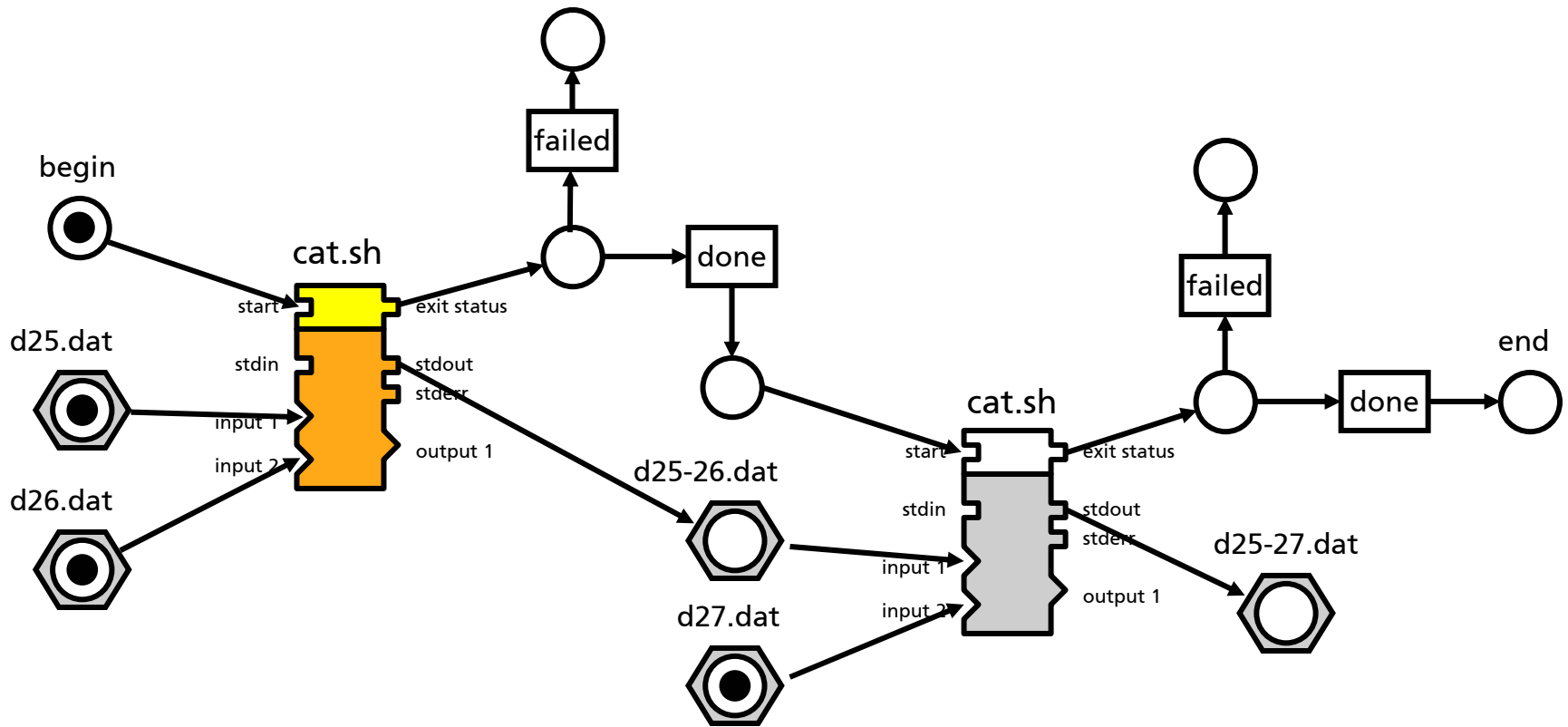
## Application flow of Grid Job Handler

- ✓ Read the GJobDL document
  - ✓ Create Petri Net from this job description
  - Verify the Petri Net (well-formedness, liveness, deadlocks, pits, ...)
  - ✓ Start the Grid Job (own thread)
- ✓ Collect all enabled transitions
  - ✓ Evaluate conditions
  - ✓ Lock input and output places
  - ✓ Invoke resource mapping → repository, (meta-)scheduler
  - ✓ Refine the Petri Net → insert GridFTP's if necessary
  - ✓ Create and submit atomic jobs using grid middleware (e.g. GRAM)
  - ✓ The transition fires, if atomic job is "done" or has "failed".  
Unlock input and output places
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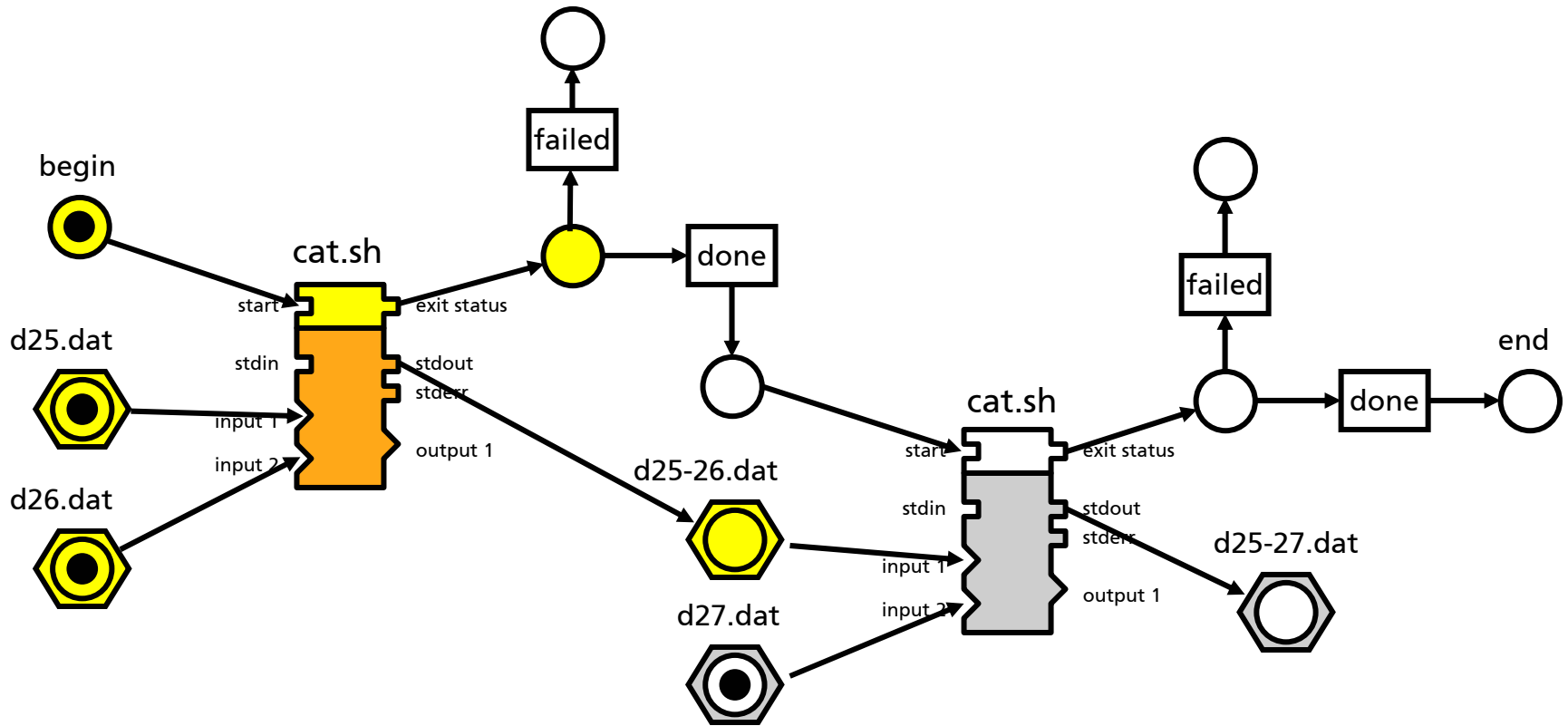
# Grid Job Handler



# Collect all enabled transitions ...

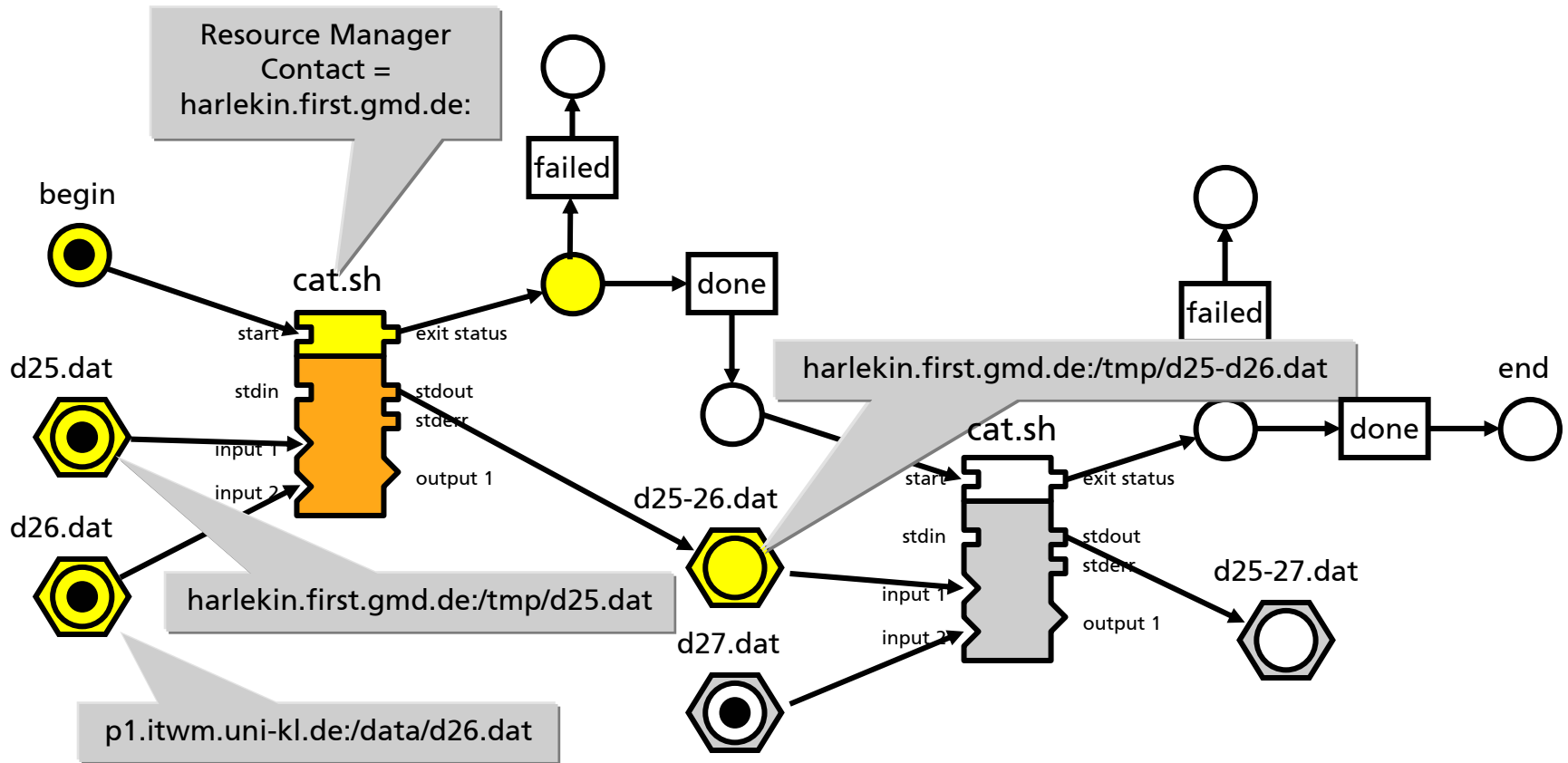


# Lock input and output places



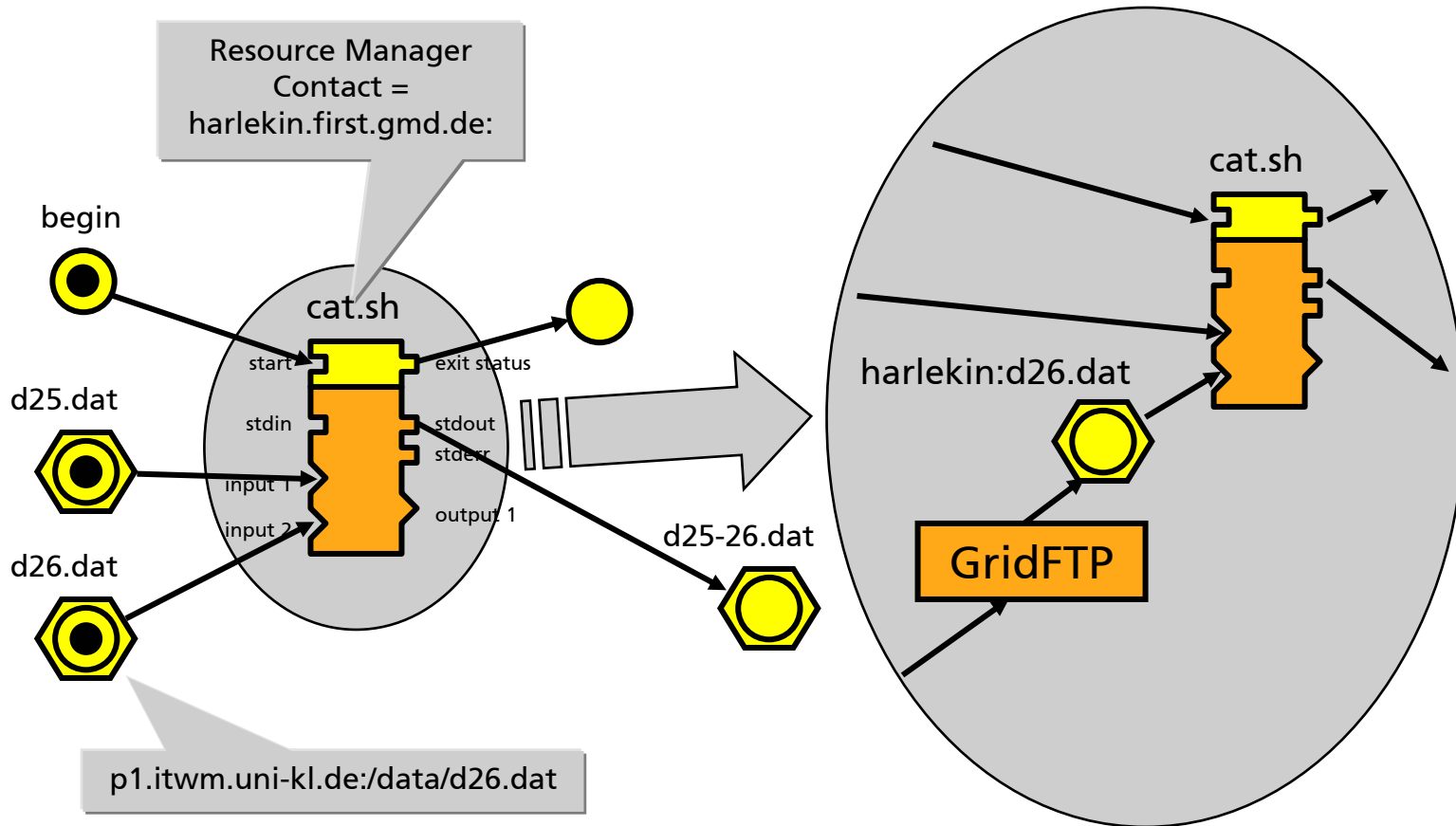


# Resource mapping



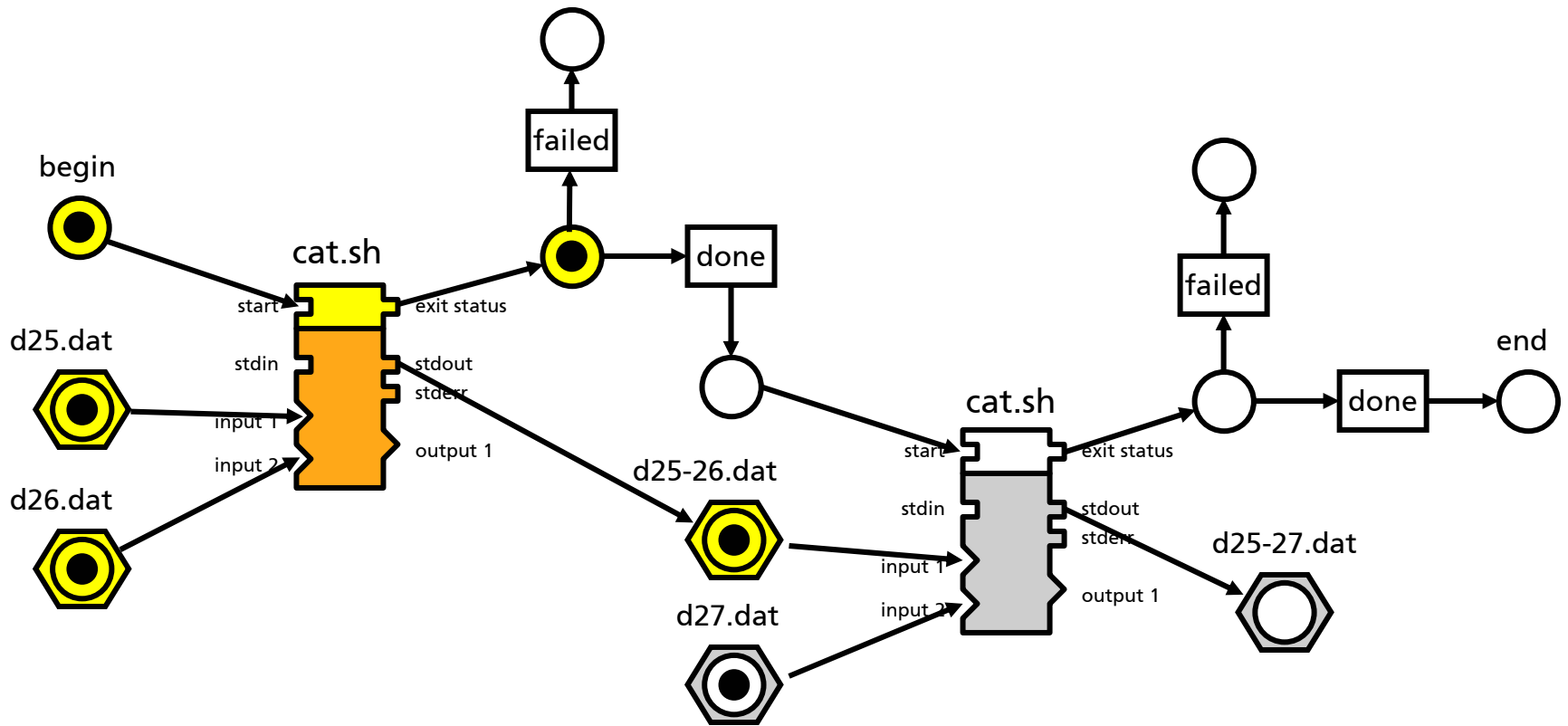
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# Refine the Petri Net → insert GridFTP

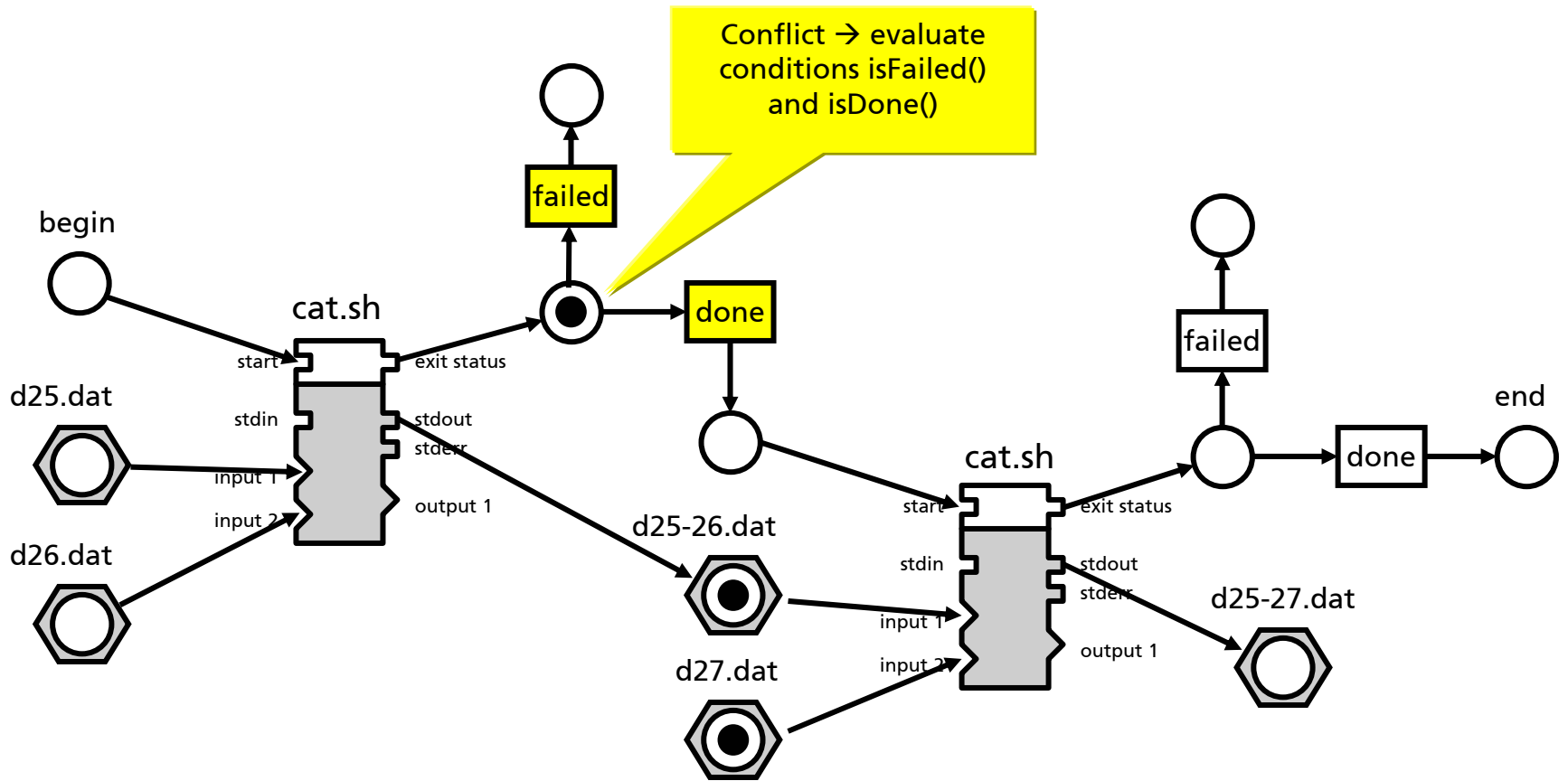


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## ... The transition fires

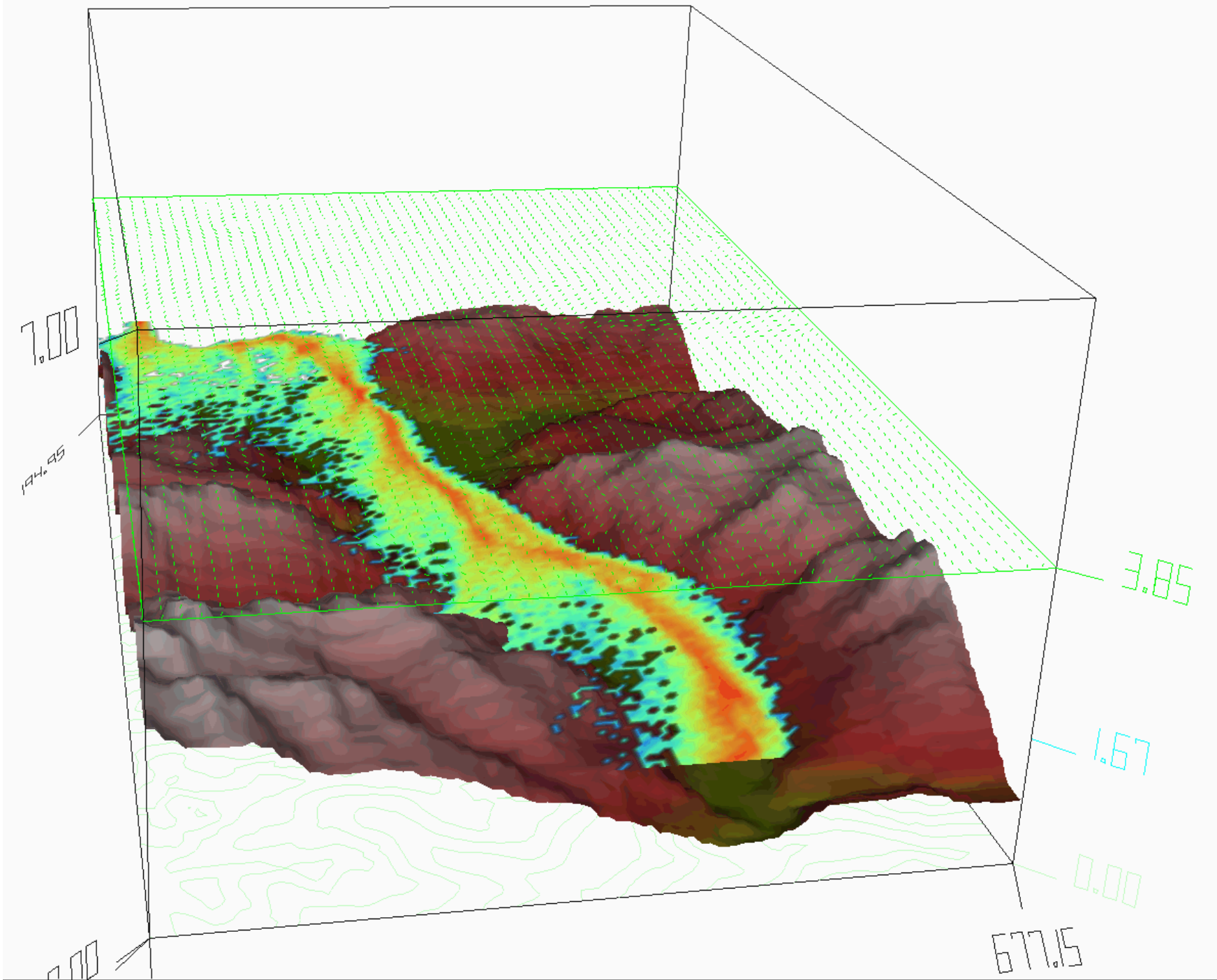


# Collect all enabled transitions ...

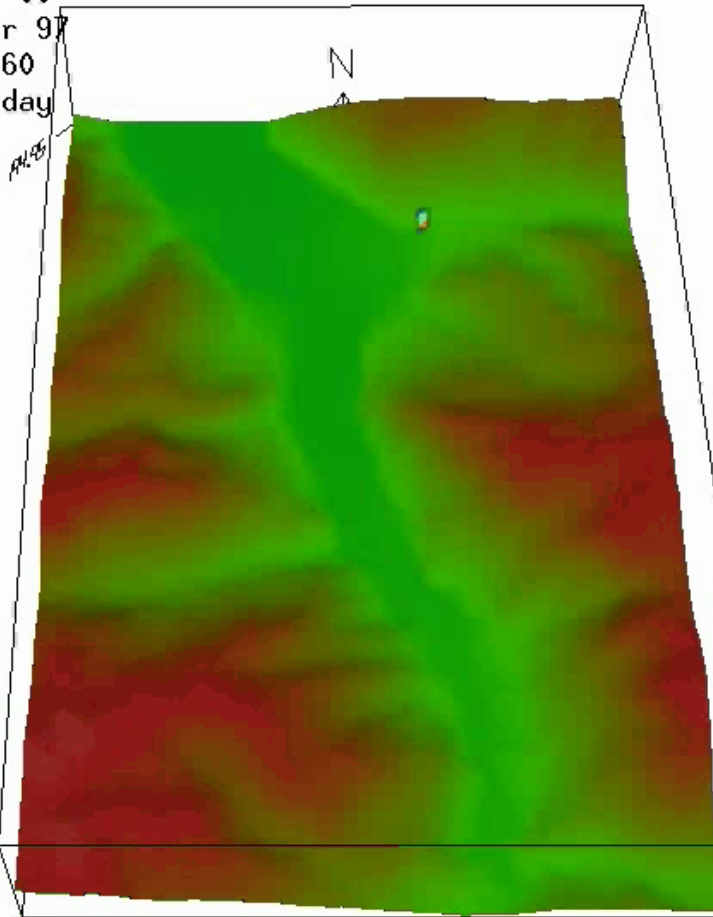


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# Application: Environmental Risk Analysis and Management System (ERAMAS)



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# ERAMAS

ERAMAS

Environmental Risk Analysis and Management System

Simulation-based analysis and management system for environmental risks caused by dangerous substances

Problem

Release of carcinogenic and chemically toxic substances

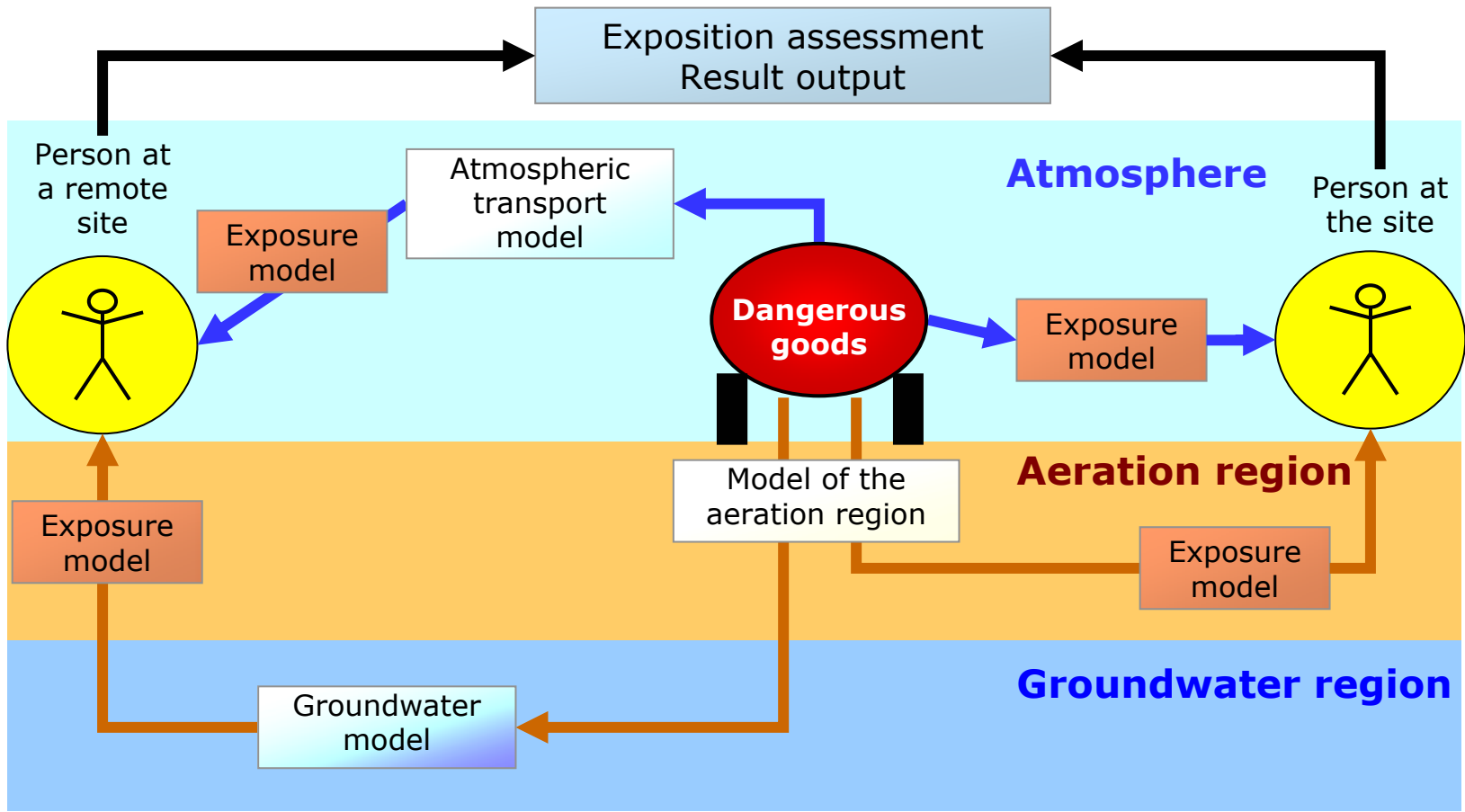
Scenario

Accidents in industrial installations

Transport of dangerous goods

Terrorist attacks

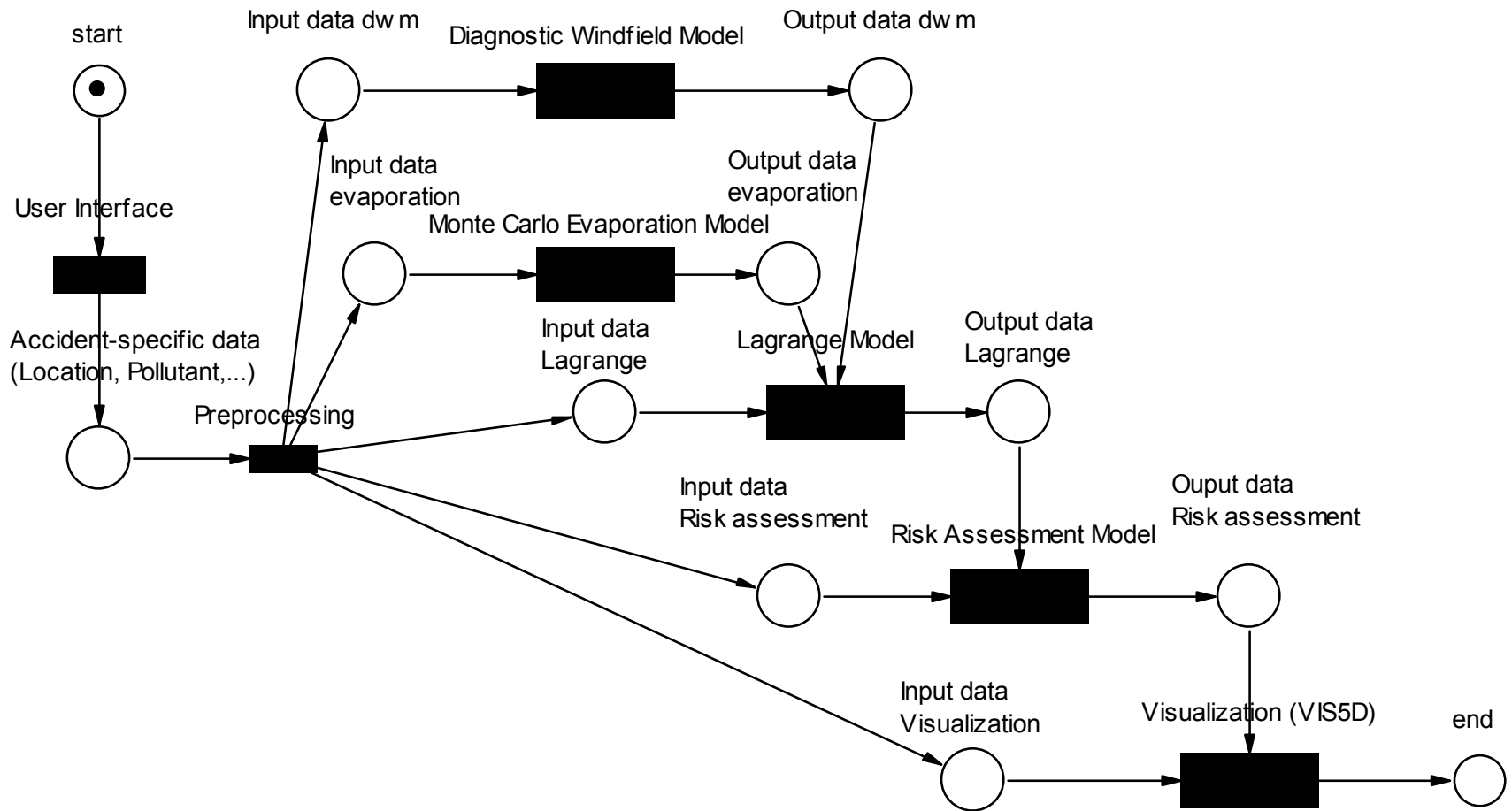




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# Pollutant Transport in the Atmosphere:

Accident → Source → Atmospheric Transport → Exposure



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# Conclusions and Future Work

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# Conclusions

<b>Fraunhofer Resource Grid</b>	Integrates existing resources into a single platform and makes them available for common usage
<b>GResourceDL</b>	Everything is a resource! Design principles: instances vs. classes, extension, inheritance
<b>GJobDL</b>	Petri Nets instead of directed acyclic graphs
<b>Petri Nets</b>	Easy aggregation of complex workflows, including conditions and loops

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## Future Work

### Petri Nets and OGSA?

How does workflow management with Petri Nets adapt to OGSA?

### Tight coupling scheme?

Now: one transition → one software component

Future: one transition → one method call

→ Component architecture like CORBA, WebService

### Simulation of Petri Nets

Prediction for advanced reservation of resources (→ scheduler) based on software und hardware benchmarks

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