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e-Human *Grid* Ecology A New Direction in

Erasmus Computing Grid



Cyberspace and Virtual Societies

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The Challenge of e-Life and a-Life



The advances in information technology are not only the basis of modern life but also lead to cyberspace and virtual societies with entirely new aspects of then called e-Life, which is in principle a subspecies of artificial life in general.

e-Life and a-Life are characterized by fundamentally different properties compared to the classical biological life and the emergence of society and culture thereof!

The Principle of b-Life:

=> b-Life is locked by the background of biological evolution and cannot exceed its inherent time scales, laws and systems!

=> shifts without violating the basic law of nature to =>

:The Principle of e-Life and a-Life

e-Life and a-Life can leave the background of their evolution and can exceed their inherent <= time scales, laws and systems !!!!!

The e-Life and a-Life challenge lies in the new of human ecology rectangle phenomena:

- **Micro-Phenomena:** the new internal properties with their new time scales, laws and systems.
- **Macro-Phenomena:** the entirely new e-Social and a-Social phenomena evolving from the micro phenomena.

The Erasmus Computing Grid

The largest desktop grid for the biomedical research and care sectors with now ~10 Tera FLOPS and a potential ~30 Tera FLOPS and ~15,000 desktops, at two city wide institutions: the Hogeschool Rotterdam and the Erasmus Medical Center.



~ 10 BioMedical
User Groups

ECG - Centralized Office

Two Donor Organizations



~15,000 PC "Owners",
i.e. Local PC Donors.

Research:

- ❖ genomic and proteomic analysis
- ❖ epidemiology
- ❖ image analysis, e.g. Applied Molecular Imaging (AMI)

Education:

- ❖ training of the coming grid generation of IT specialists
- ❖ developing new concepts for grid computing

Diagnostics:

- ❖ clinical image and data analysis
- ❖ operation planning and operation support

Industry:

- ❖ brokerage of computing resources

Dedicated and Secured!

MediGRID and Services@MediGRID

MediGRID and Services@MediGRID operate the national biomedical research and care cluster-grid within the national German D-Grid initiative and integrate various disciplines, institutions, and states throughout Germany.



~ 20 BioMedical User
Groups

Distributed - Office

~ 20 D-Grid Communities

~ 100 D-Grid Donor Organizations
(~10 MediGRID)

~10,000 Cluster Nodes

~ 2,000 Medical Secured

Module Coordination:

- ❖ coordination of the distributed office

Module Resource Integration:

- ❖ sharing of the integrated resources

Module Middleware:

- ❖ grid technical virtualization

Module Ontology Tools:

- ❖ ontology development for grid user projects

Module BioMedical Informatics:

- ❖ user projects in biomedical research

Module Clinical Imaging:

- ❖ user projects in clinical imaging

Module Clinical Research:

- ❖ user projects in general clinical research

Module e-Science:

- ❖ general research on e-grid science

Services@MediGRID:

- ❖ services towards MediGRID

Dedicated and Secured!

Large-Scale Resource Sharing in IT: The *Inverse* Tragedy of the Commons



The grid phenomenon and its implications are similar complicated to the ecology/climate/
environmental challenge!

The Tragedy of the Commons:

=> A resource belonging to all and being on limited demand is overexploited / destroyed by the users due to responsibility diffusion!

<=> transforms into =>

:The *Inverse* Tragedy of the Commons

A Resource belonging to all and being in affluent availability on limited demand is <=>
underexploited by potential users due to responsibility diffusion !!!!!

The grid challenge lies in the e-Social embedding of grid phenomenons:

- Micro-Social: the sharing attitude and socialization of the individual.
- Macro-Social: the organization culture of the embedding institution.

Similarity: Renewable Energy Resource!

Autopoietic Social Sub-Systems: The Grid Challenge of Integration



The social systems theory by Niklas Luhmann (1927-1998) based on the autopoietic concept of Humberto Maturana and Francisco Varela (1946-2001) is so far the most advanced social systems theory existing to describe the complexity of grid implementation.

The Social Sub-Systems Involved:

- ❖ Religion
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Science
- ❖ Art
- ❖ Economy
- ❖ Jurisdiction
- ❖ Policy

=> currently grid involves only considerably => SCIENCE

:The Autopoietic Tragedy of Social Sub-Systems

The subsystems have their own code of communication and are separated from each other in a way blocking in principle a consistent integration although they form a society with all their contradictions !!!!!

The e-Social challenge lies in the integration of sub-systems towards a working grid society:

- Micro-Sub-Systems: the sub-system stickiness of individuals.
- Macro-Sub-Systems: the integration of institutionalized sub-systems via soft interfaces.

Grid Psychology

From Individual to Cultural Risk Management



Grid implementation and social spread is carried first by individuals as with any meme introduced into society: in the focus of the transformation of society to e-Society stands
- as always - the balance between potential risk and opportunity.

The Risk Psychology Matrix:

- ❖ Individual Security Perception & Risk Acceptance
- ❖ Knowledge-Based Security & Risk Acceptance
- ❖ Incidental Security Reaction Behaviour
- ❖ Legal and Political Security Scenarios
- ❖ Religious & Cultural Security Archetypi

:The Autopoietic Link

Genetics & Deep Psychology (C.G. Jung)

Education & Science

Economics & Realities

Jurisdiction & Politics

Religion, Art & Culture

linking grid psychology with autopoietic social sub-systems

The grid challenge lies in a unified concept addressing the psychology of grid:

- **Micro-Risk-Management:** the micro-risk in the perception the individual and its emotional well-being.
- **Macro-Risk-Management:** the macro-risks in the procedural and institutionalization in organizations.

e-Human "Grid" Ecology

Overcoming of the "Dare-To-Share" Attitude



The success of grid is based on a sustainable grid ecology within the e-Society, i.e. the e-Human Ecology of Grid reaches a equilibrated space within the integration of grid psychology with autopoietic e-Social sub-systems. Human Ecology first evolved in Chicago in the 1920's in the area of city development by Robert Park (1864-1944) and Ernest Burgess (1886-1966).

The Definition of e-Human "Grid" Ecology:

"Under e-Human "Grid" Ecology we understand the complete science of the relationships of grid to the surrounding environment to which we can count all conditions of existence in the widest sense."¹

¹ Haeckel, E., Generelle Morphology der Organismen, Berlin, Band 2, Allgemeine Entwicklungsgeschichte, p. 286, 1866.

² Haeckel, E., Natürliche Schöpfungsgeschichte, 9. Auflage, Berlin, p. 793, 1898

(e-Human "Grid" Ecology "is) ...the relationship between grid and all other e-Social systems." ²

The solutions of the grid challenge on the operational layer are addressed by:

- **Micro-Operationality:** the participative integration of fundamental IT application of major individual users complying with the psychology of grid in an e-Human Ecology manner.
- **Macro-Operationality:** the set-up of an open and sustainable management structure complying to all the autopoietic e-Social sub-systems in an e-Human Ecology manner.

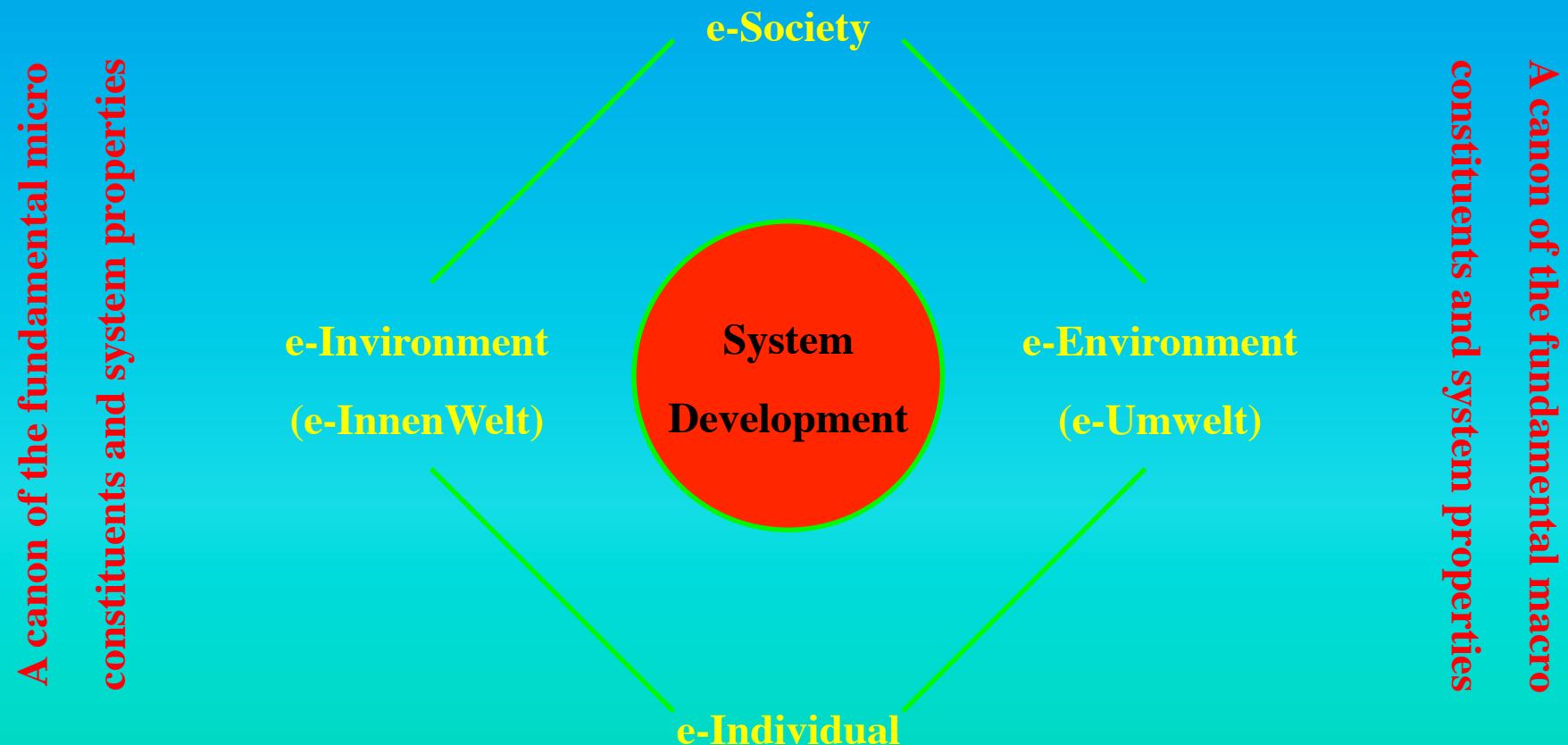
=> Solution to the Inverse Tragedy of the Commons!

The Curriculum of e-Human Ecology

Curricula of the canon and grammar of e-Human Ecology need to contain the further developed classic contents of the human ecology rectangle as well as the knowledge and understanding of the special aspects of e-Life and a-Life.

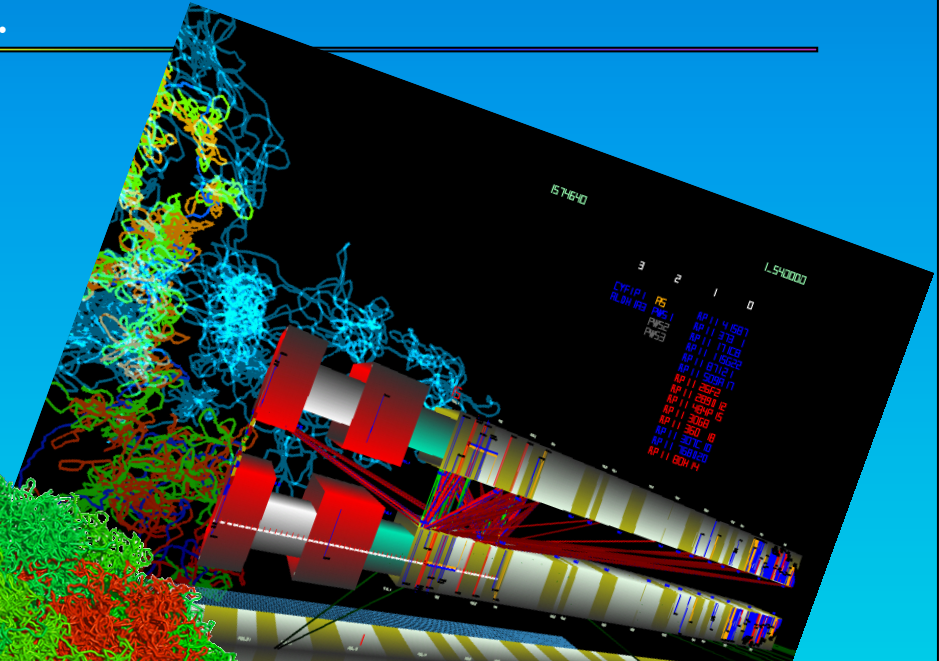
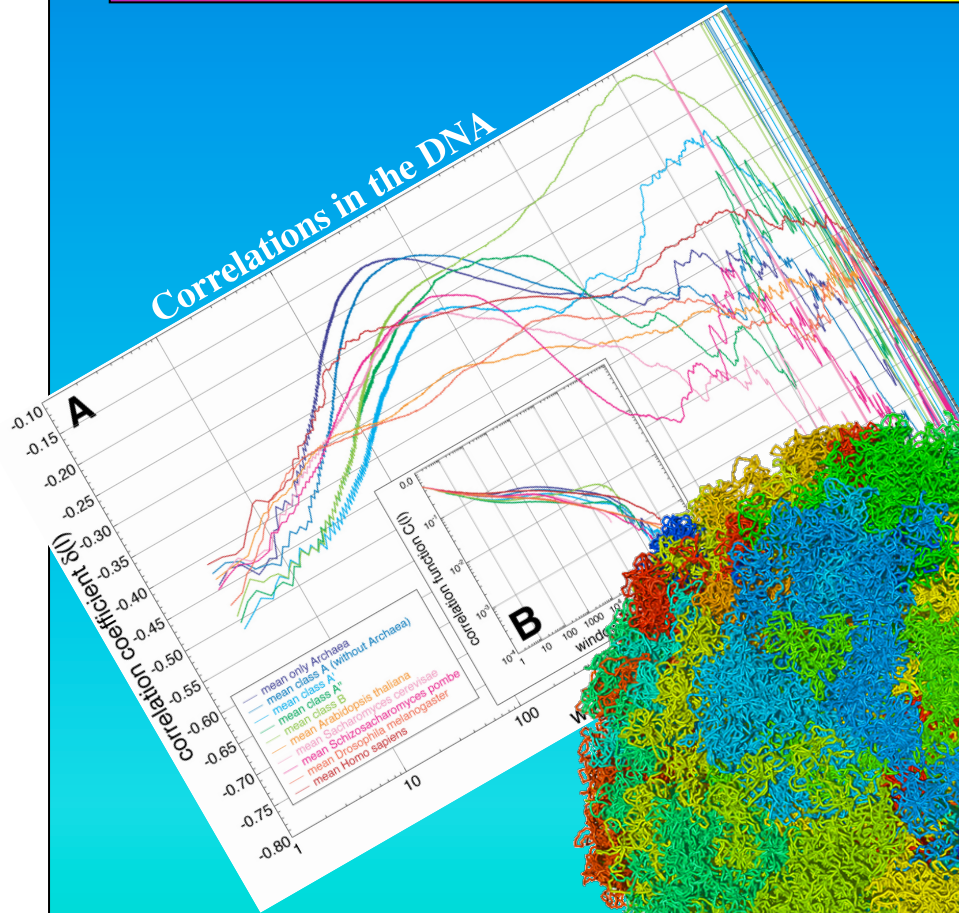


The classic human ecology triangle is transformed into the *human ecology rectangle*, to complete the circle for creation and dependencies for a curriculum canon and grammar!

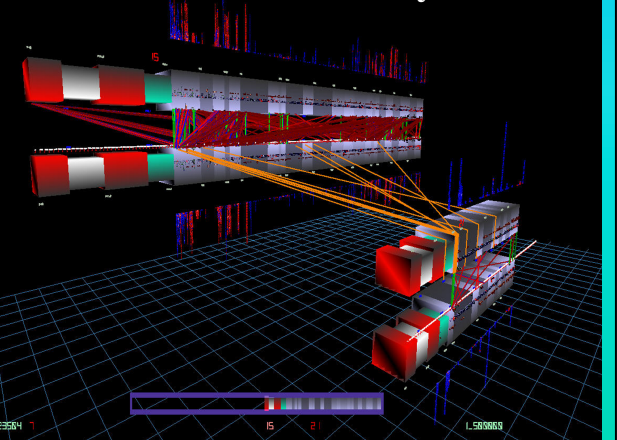


The Happy End - Profits Sharing the Commons

Both the Erasmus Computing Grid and the MediGRID/Services@MediGRID examples show that the IT challenges mankind faces in the biomedical research and care sectors can be successfully approached by exploitation of the commons by e-Human “grid” Ecology means.



GLOBE 3D System-Biological Genome Information System



Simulation of the Organization of an entire Human Cell Nucleus

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Approaching the Internalization Challenge of Grid Technologies

Into

e-Society

by

e-Human “Grid” Ecology.

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Abstract

The amount of information is growing exponentially with ever-new technologies emerging and is believed to be always at the limit. In contrast, huge resources are obviously available, which are underused in the IT sector, similar as e.g. in the renewable energy sector. This is especially for grid with its fast turnover rates very astonishing considering the barriers for further development put forward by the inability to satisfy the need for such resources. The phenomenon is a typical example of the *Inverse Tragedy of the Commons*, i.e. resources are underexploited in contrast to the unsustainable and destructing overexploitation in the *Classic Tragedy of the Commons*. An analysis of IT and the grid sector which attempts to share resources for better usage efficiency, reveals two challenges, which lead to the heart of the paradox: i) From a macro perspective all grid infrastructures involve not only mere technical solutions but also dominantly all of the autopoietic social sub-systems ranging from religion to policy. ii) On the micro level the individual players and their psychology and risk behaviour are of major importance for acting within the macro autopoietic framework. Consequently, the challenges of grid implementation are similar to those of other pressing global issues as e.g. climate protection. This is well described by extending the *Human Ecology* triangle to a rectangle: environment-individual-society-environment. By applying this extension of this classical field of interdisciplinary basic and applied research to the grid sector, i.e. by further extension to an *e-Human Grid Ecology* rational, the *Grid Inverse Tragedy of the Commons* can be understood and approached regarding the internalization challenge into e-Society and e-Life, from which then guidelines for the day-to-day management can be derived. This is of general importance for many complex fields and thus with similar paradoxes and challenges.

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