



An Architecture for Access To A Compute Intensive Image Mosaic Service in the NVO

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National Virtual Observatory Data Grid

1. Portals and Workbenches

2. Knowledge
& Resource
Management

3. Metadata
View

Data
View

Catalog
Analysis

Bulk Data
Analysis

Concept space

Standard APIs and Protocols

4. Grid
Security
Caching
Replication
Backup
Scheduling

5. Information
Discovery

Metadata
delivery

Data
Discovery

Data
Delivery

Standard Metadata format, Data model, Wire format

6. Catalog Mediator

Data mediator

Catalog/Image Specific Access

7. Compute Resources

Derived Collections

Catalogs

Data Archives



Montage - Custom Image Mosaics

<http://montage.ipac.caltech.edu>

- User specified size, WCS projection, coordinates, spatial sampling, rotation
- Rectification of backgrounds in images
- Supports drizzle algorithm

Science Drivers:

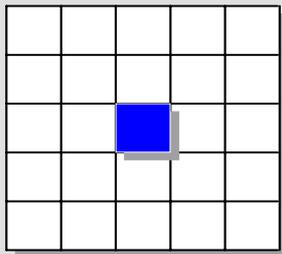
- Science Grade Images
- Analyze diverse images as if part of same “multi-wavelength image”

Delivery:

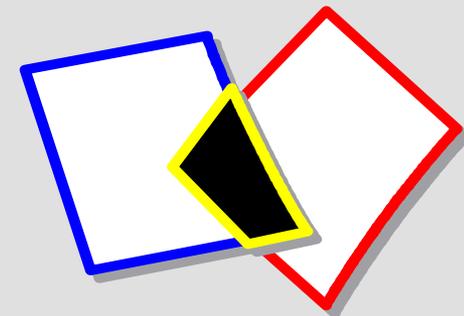
- Semi-annual deliveries from Feb 2003
- Final Delivery Jan 2005
- Available for download

Montage Reprojection Module

Arbitrary
Input
Image



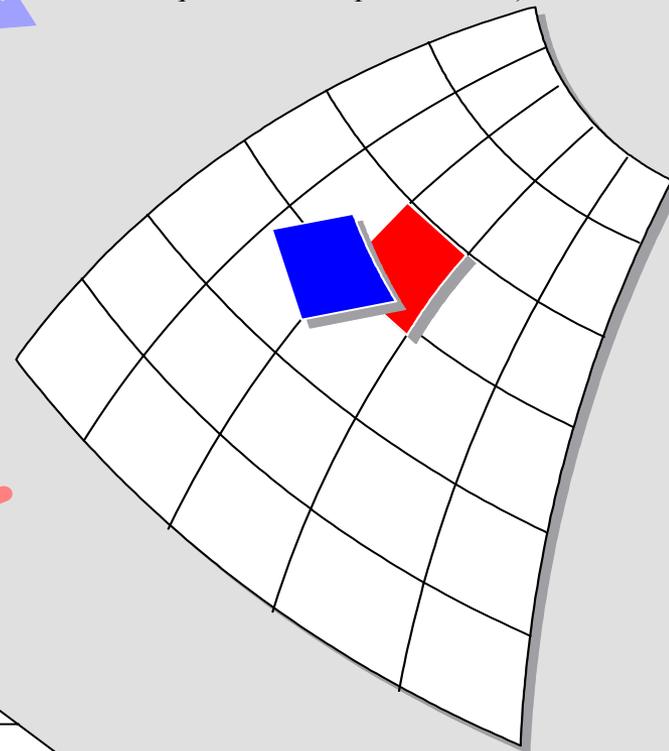
Central to the algorithm is accurate calculation of the area of spherical polygon intersection between two pixels (assumes great circle segments are adequate between pixel vertices)



Input pixels
projected on
celestial sphere

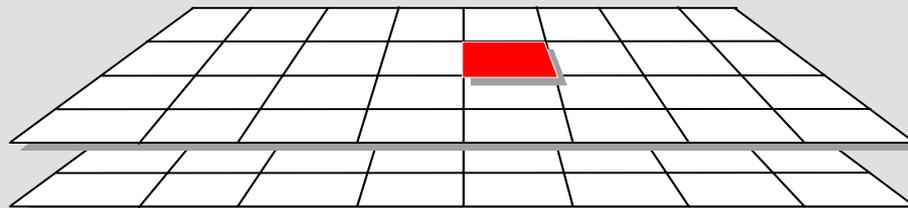
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SIMPLE = T /  
BITPIX = -64 /  
NAXIS = 2 /  
NAXIS1 = 3000 /  
NAXIS2 = 3000 /  
CDEL1 = -3.333333E-4 /  
CDEL2 = 3.333333E-4 /  
CRPIX1 = 1500.5 /  
CRPIX2 = 1500.5 /  
CTYPE1 = 'RA---TAN' /  
CTYPE2 = 'DEC--TAN' /  
CRVAL1 = 265.91334 /  
CRVAL2 = -29.35778 /  
CROTA2 = 0. /  
END
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Output pixels
projected on
celestial sphere



FITS header defines output projection

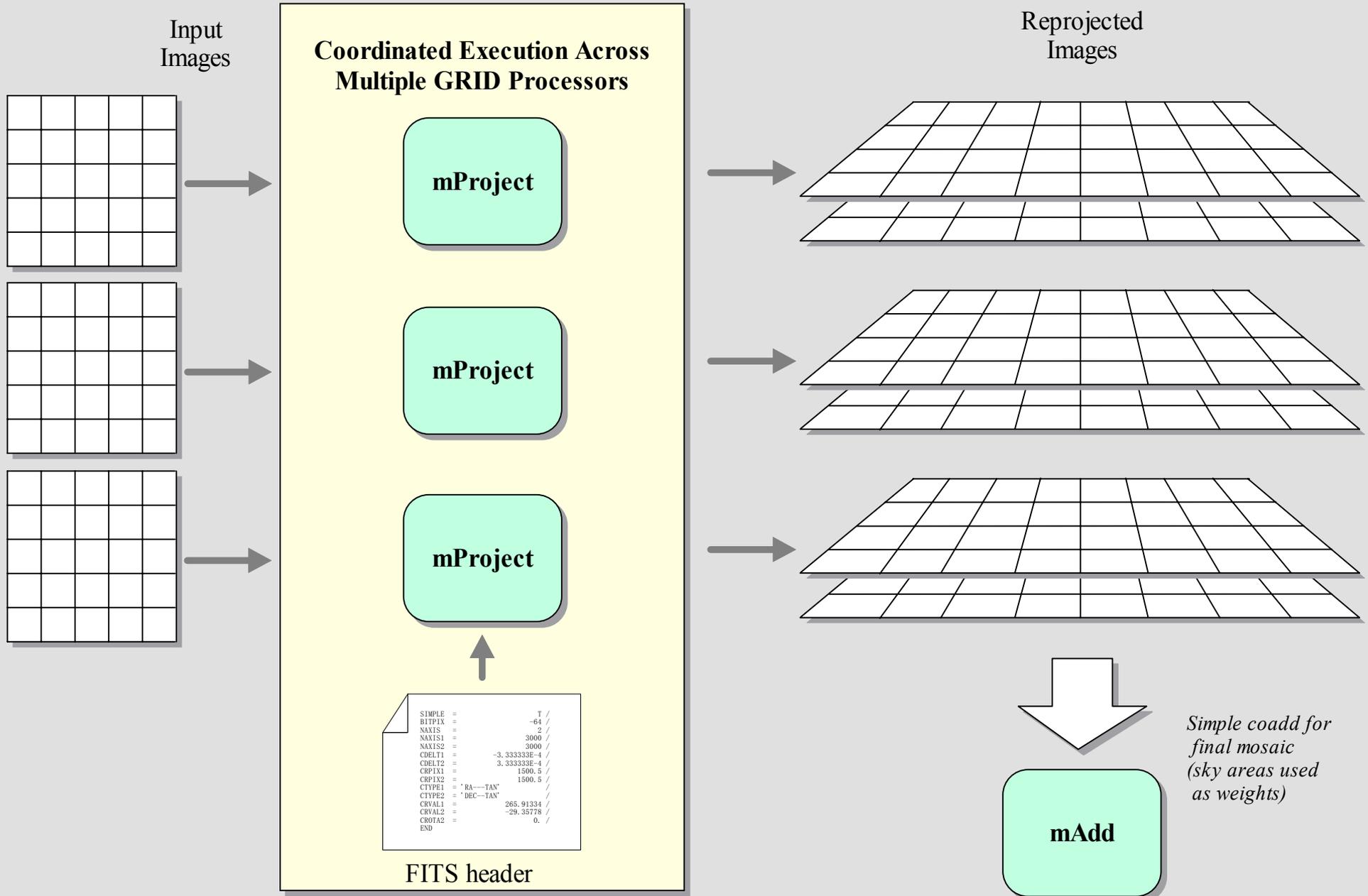
Reprojected
Image



Total Flux

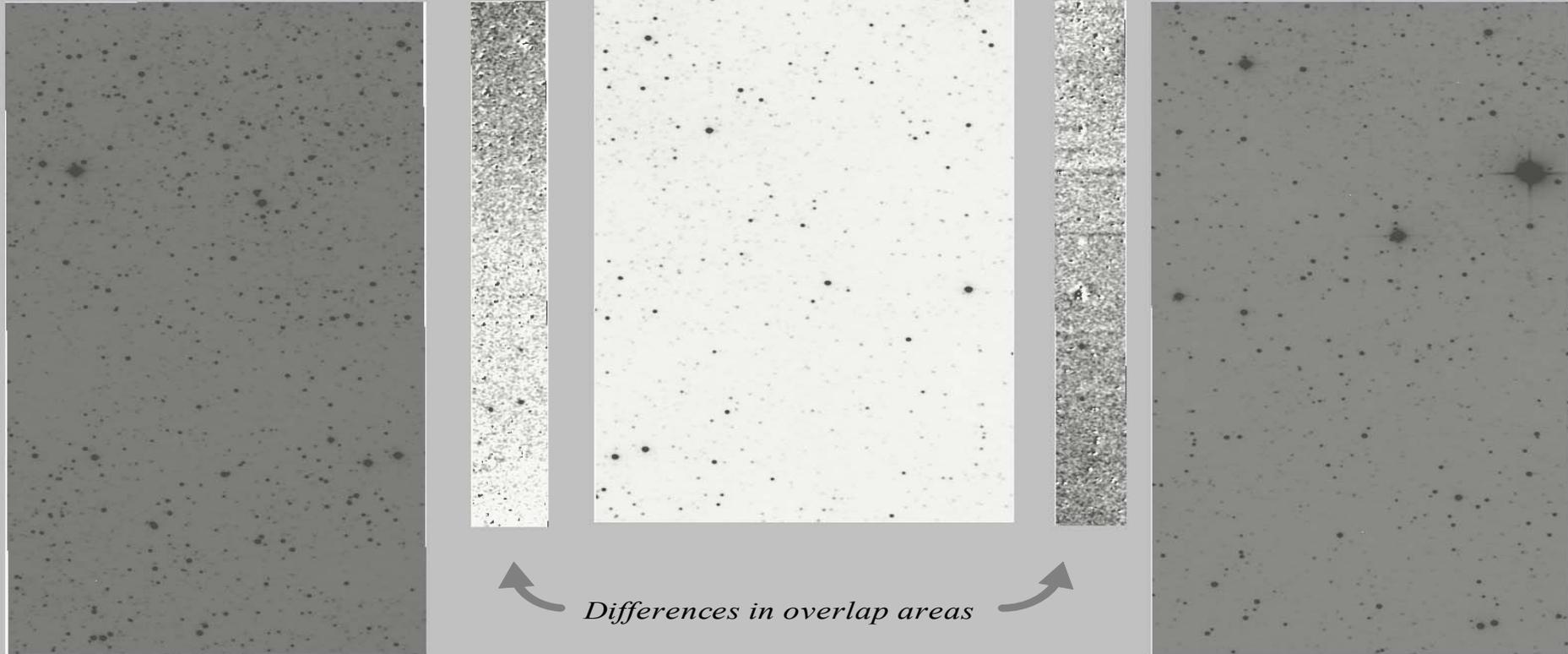
Sky Area Coverage
(steradians)

Montage Parallelization



Montage Background Correction Procedure

Example: *Three overlapping reprojected 2MASS images*

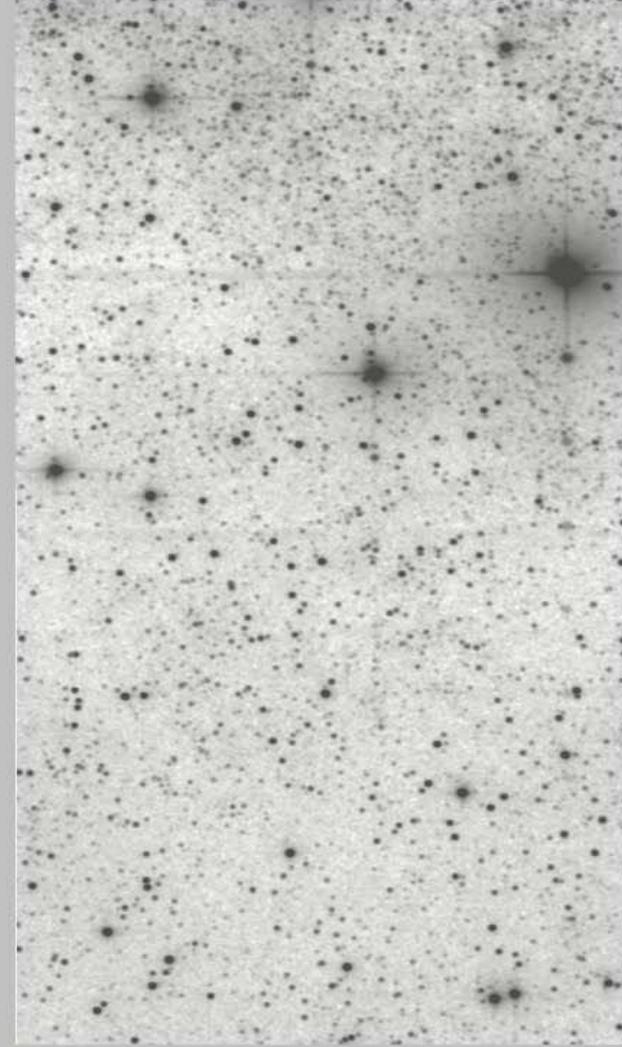
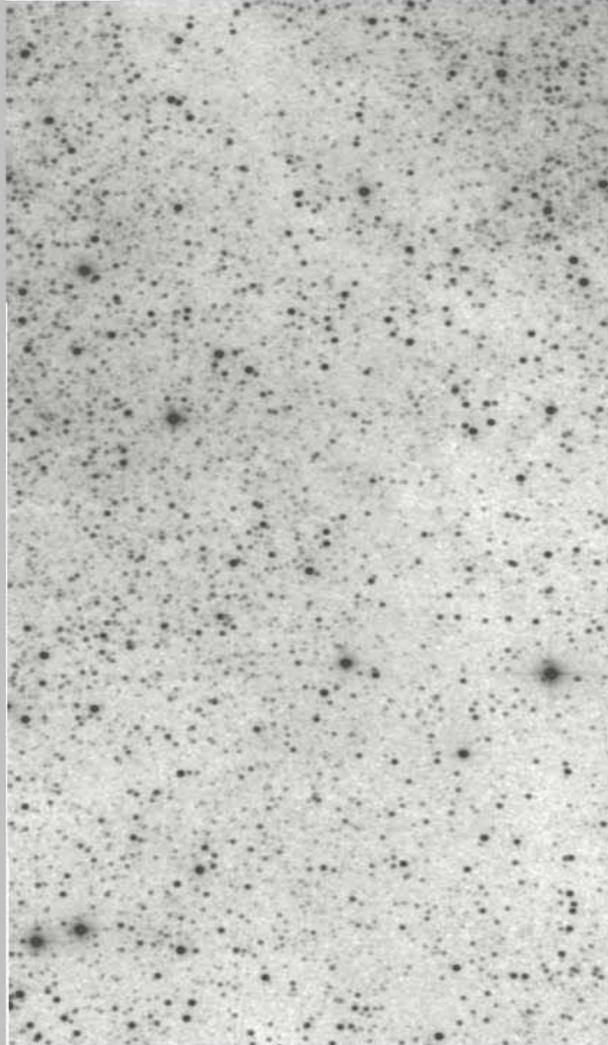
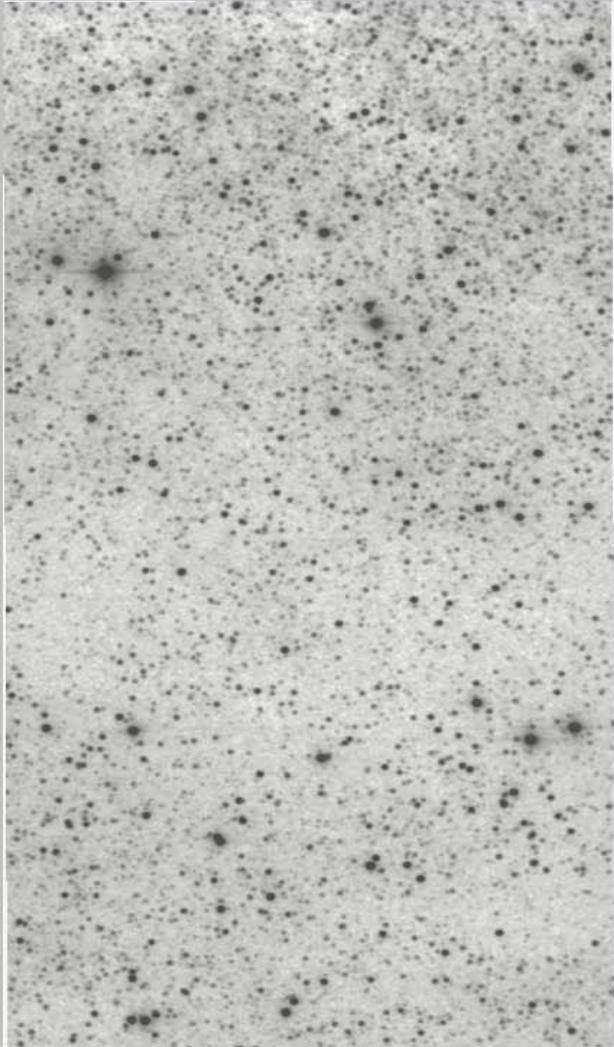


A correction is calculated for each image based on all the differences between it and its neighbors (an approximation to a least squares fit to the difference data with brightness outlier pixels excluded). The correction is currently a plane but could be a higher order surface.

This is done for all images, then half the correction determined is applied (to a parameter database; equivalent numerically to applying it to the images).

The process is iterated until step differences for all images becomes small.

Montage Background Correction Results



*Reprojected
Background Corrected
Images*

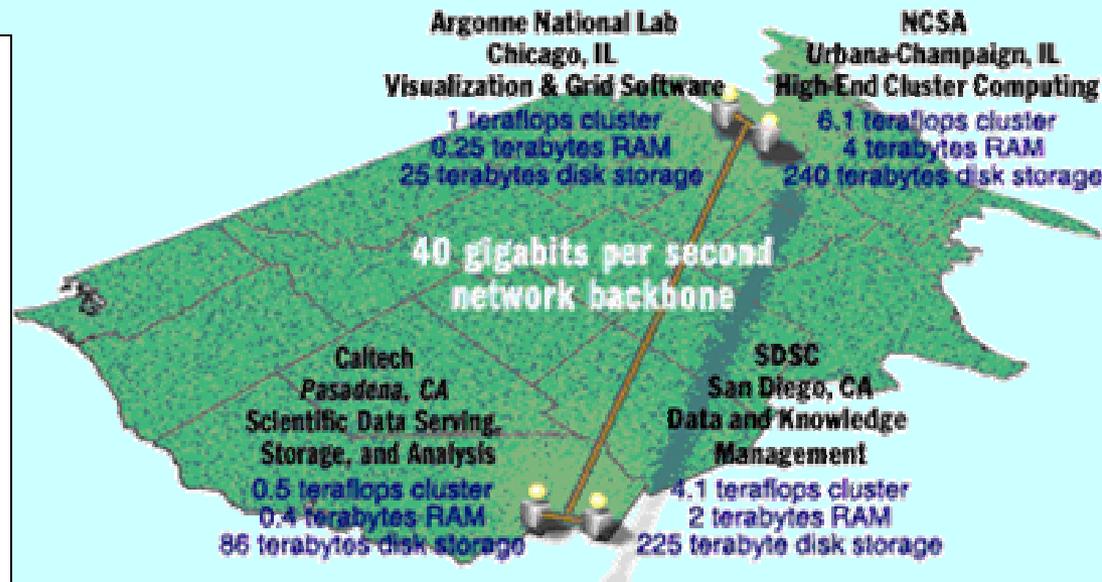
Deployment of Montage

Performance Goal:

Sustain a throughput of at least 30 square degrees per min on 1024 x 400 Mhz R12K O3000 or equivalent

Deploy operationally on the *Teragrid* by January 2005

Teragrid will be used by NVO for compute intensive services



Managing Requests For Compute Intensive Services

- Access compute intensive service or bulk data delivery service from existing clients
- Apache has no memory of requests, and so little control of multiple time intensive requests:
 - restart automatically after failed request
 - stop large requests as needed
 - monitoring of requests
 - load balancing

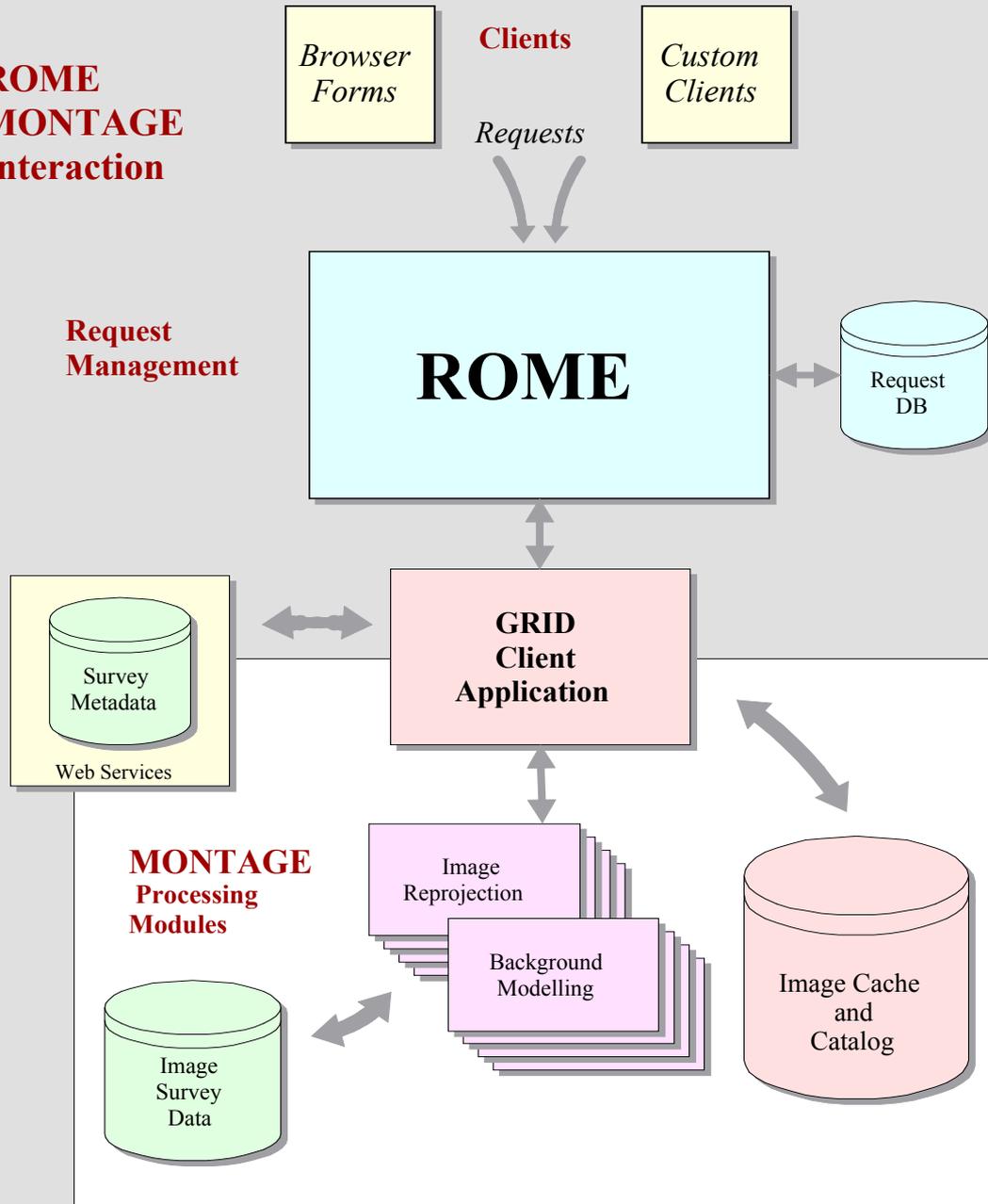
Solution:

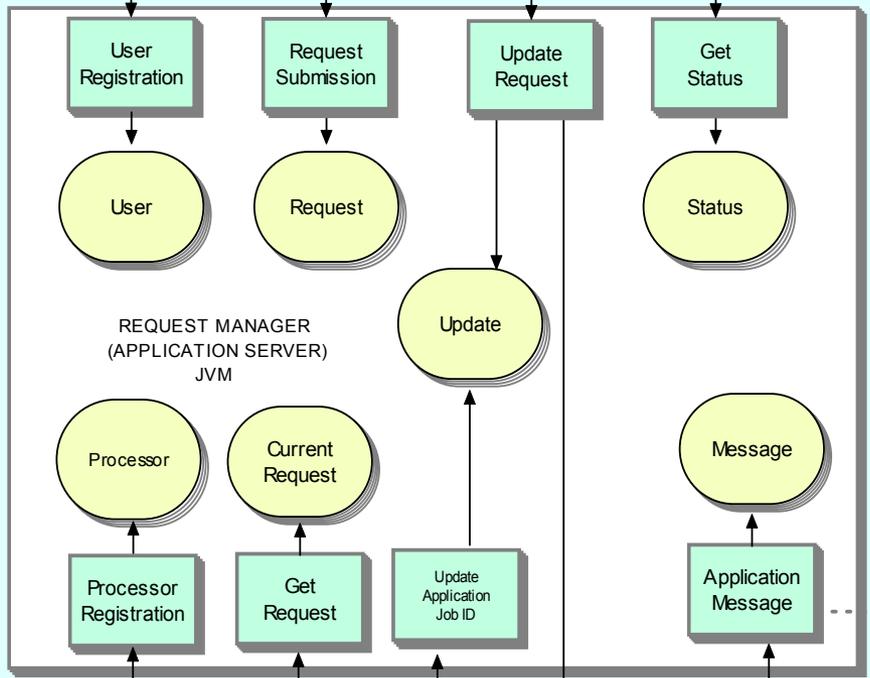
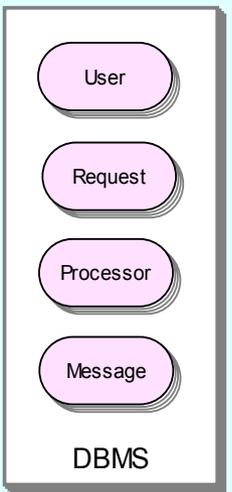
Request Object Management Environment

What Is ROME?

- Application of *Enterprise Java Bean* e-business technology
 - Used everyday by e.g. banks to manage secure financial transactions
 - Mature technology based on specialized Java Virtual Machine, the EJB server
 - EJB's manage and persist transactions, perform load balancing, handle security
- Middleware that sits between client and processor whose role is straightforward
 - Accepts requests from clients through standard interfaces
 - Registers them in database
 - Sends them for processing
 - Capable of managing very large numbers of requests

**ROME
MONTAGE
Interaction**





Key:

- Database Table
- EJB
- Servlet
- Other JAVA Objects

