Data Considerations

Thursday AM, Lecture 2

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OSG

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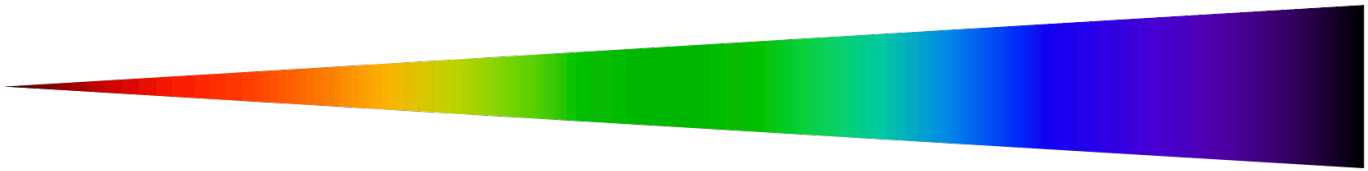
- I always think of Grid usage as a spectrum
- As you get access to more resources, it gets more difficult



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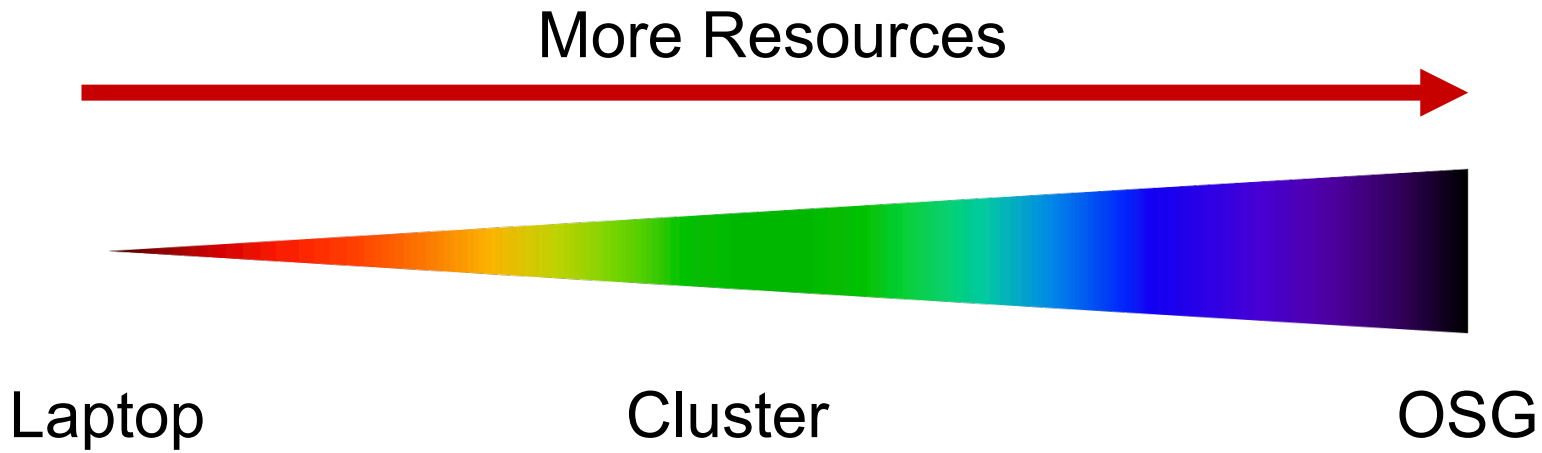

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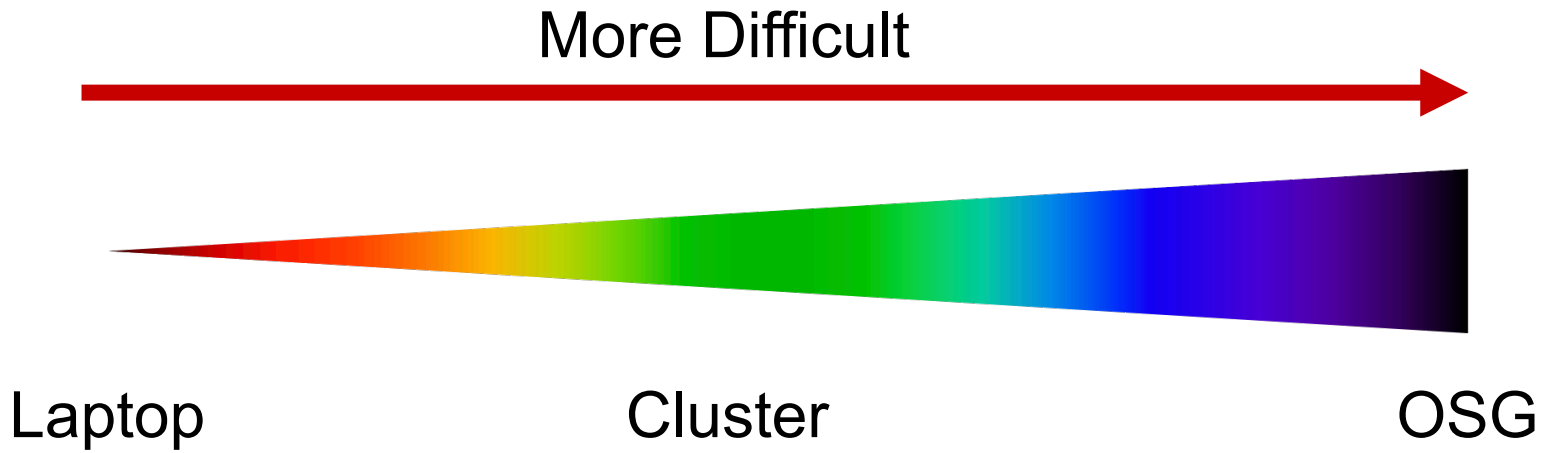


Difficult?

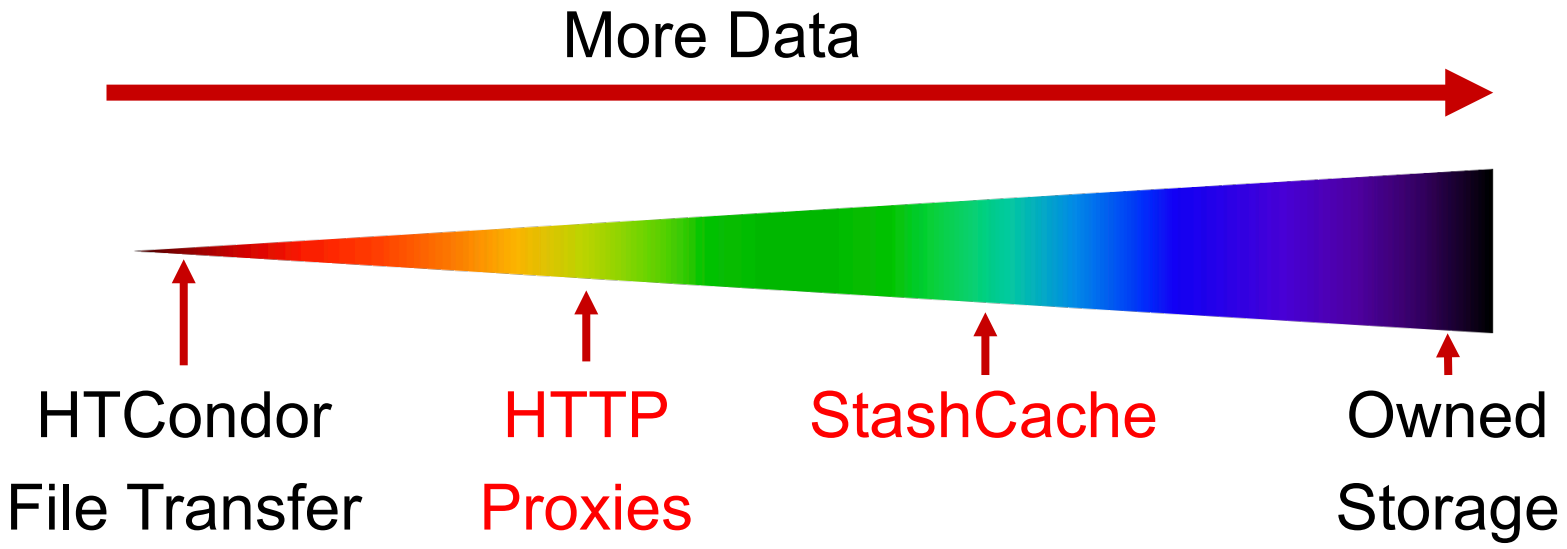
- Can’t control a cluster like your laptop, install anything
- Worry about different sites
- Can’t have interactive jobs in the OSG

Benefits!

- On a cluster & OSG you can access 1000+ cores!

- More Memory!
- Doesn’t heat up your laptop!

Transfers


More Data
HTCondor
File Transfer
HTTP
Proxies
StashCache
Owned
Storage

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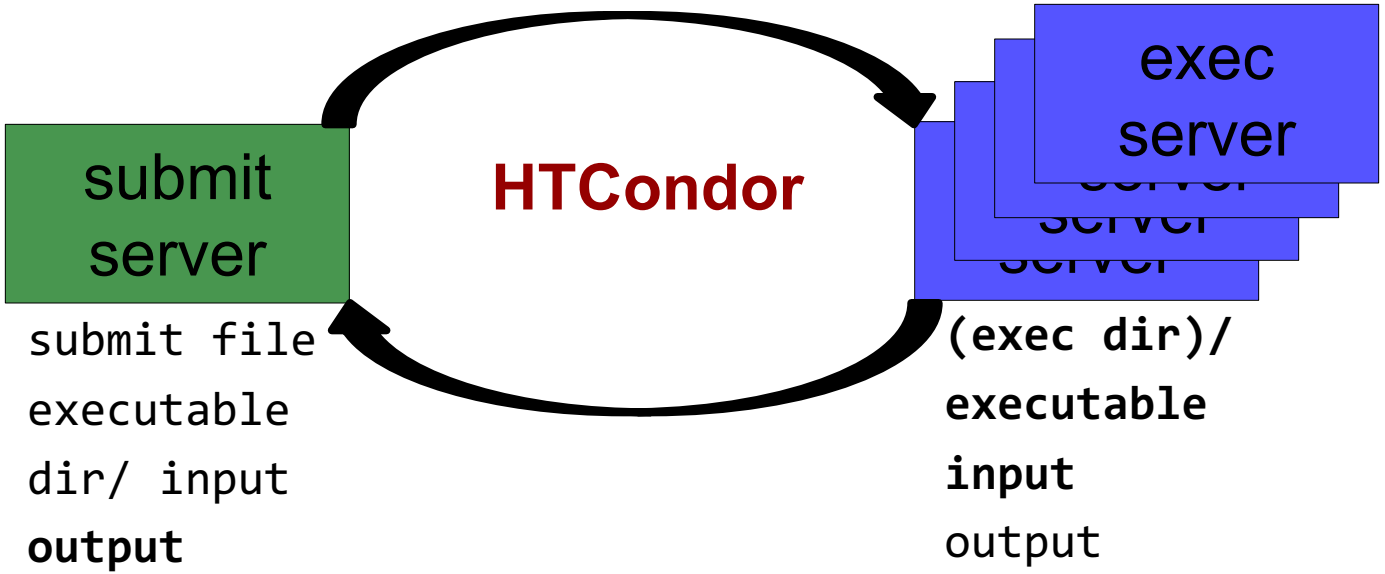

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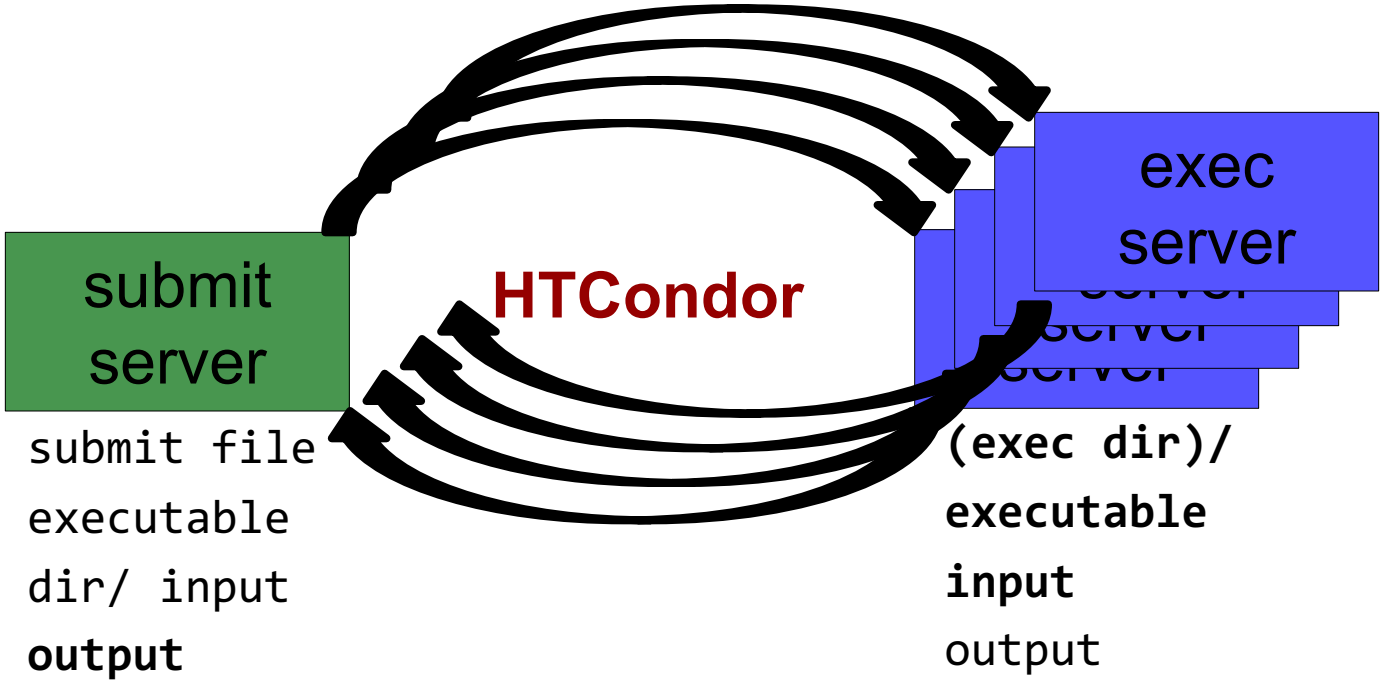

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Determining In-Job Needs

- "Input" includes any files transferred by HTCondor
  - `executable`
  - `transfer_input_files`
  - data *and* software
- "Output" includes any files copied back by HTCondor
  - `output, error`

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First! Try to reduce your data

- split large input for better throughput
- eliminate unnecessary data
- file compression and consolidation
  - job input: prior to job submission
  - job output: prior to end of job
  - moving data between your laptop and the submit server

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- Volume, velocity, variety!
  - think: a million 1-KB files, versus one 1-GB file

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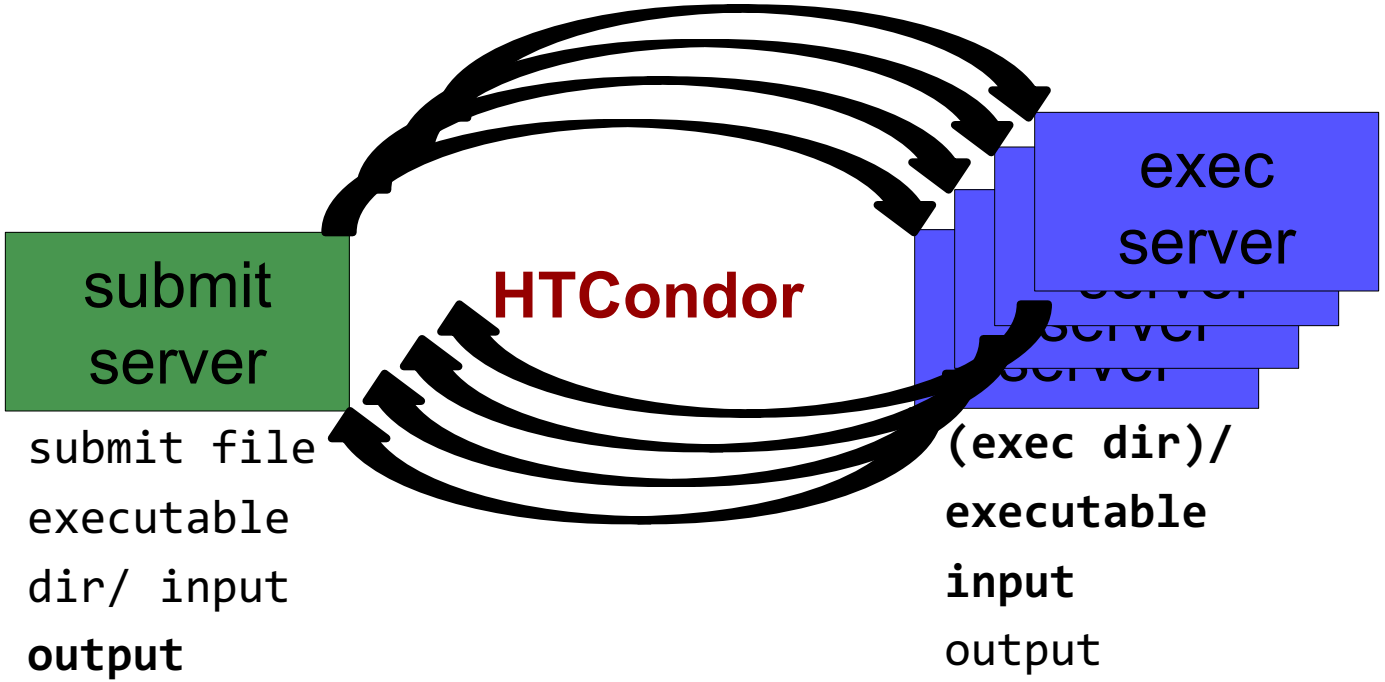

‘Large’ input data: The collaborator analogy

- What method would you use to send data to a collaborator?

amount	method of delivery
words	email body
tiny – 10MB	email attachment (managed transfer)
10MB – GBs	download from Google Drive, Drop/Box, other web-accessible server
TBs	ship an external drive (local copy needed)

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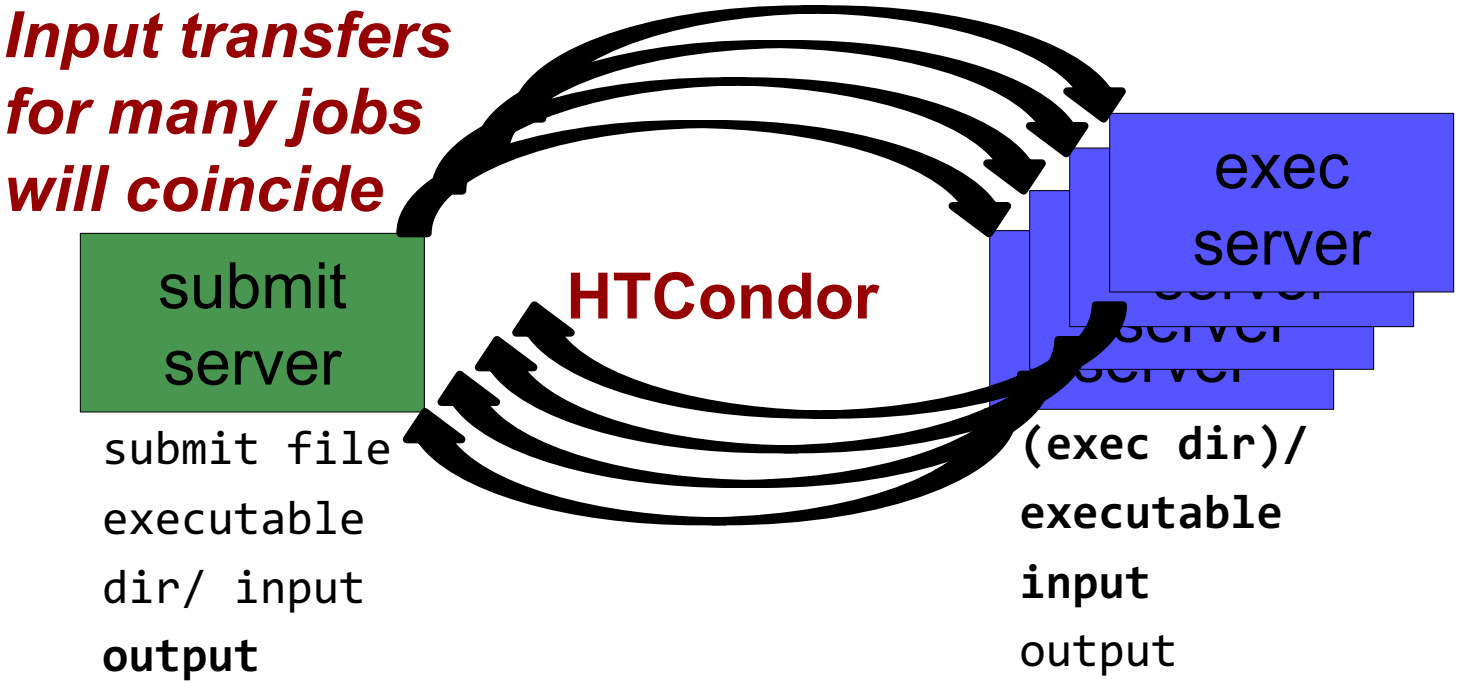

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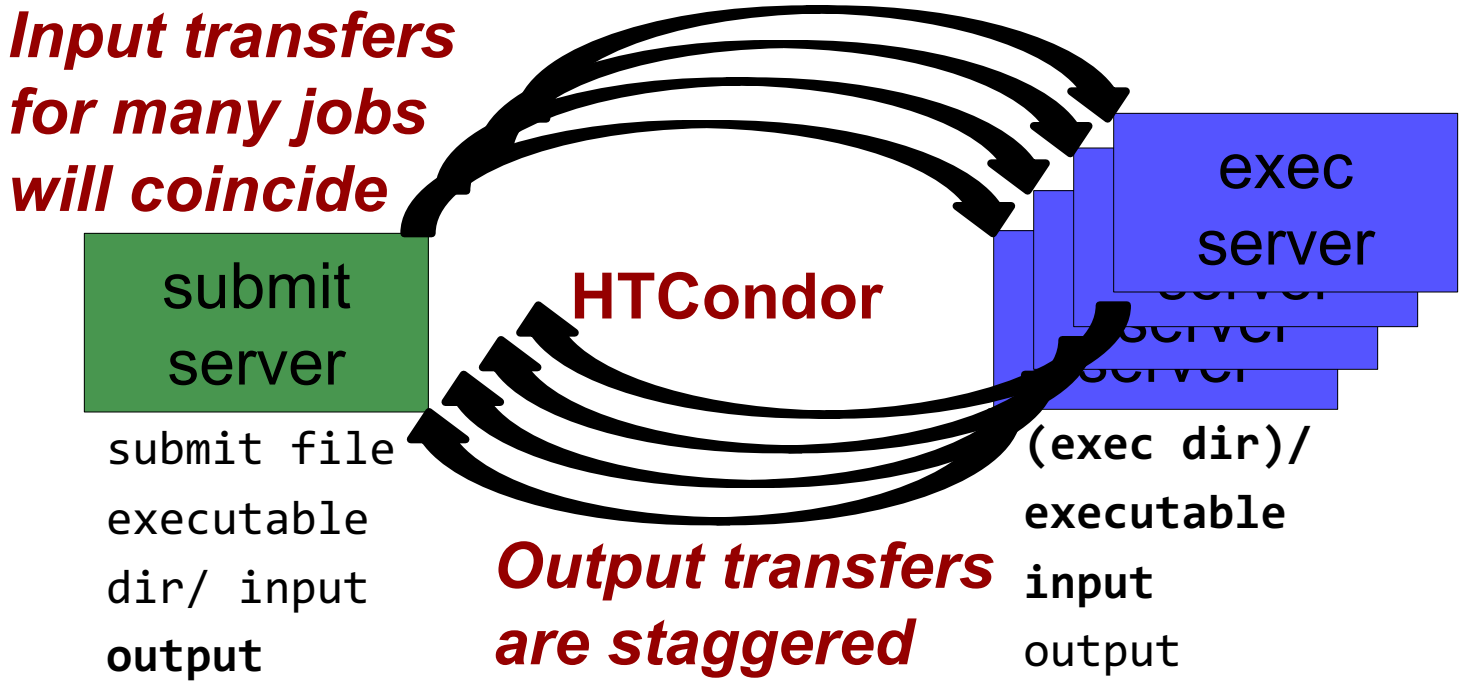

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- Why are there fewer options?

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Exercises

- 2.1 Understanding a job's data needs
- 2.2 Using data compression with HTCondor file transfer
- 2.3 Splitting input (prep for large run in 3.1)

Questions?

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- Next: Exercises 2.1-2.3
- Later: Handling large input data