Large Input in DHTC

Thursday PM, Lecture 1
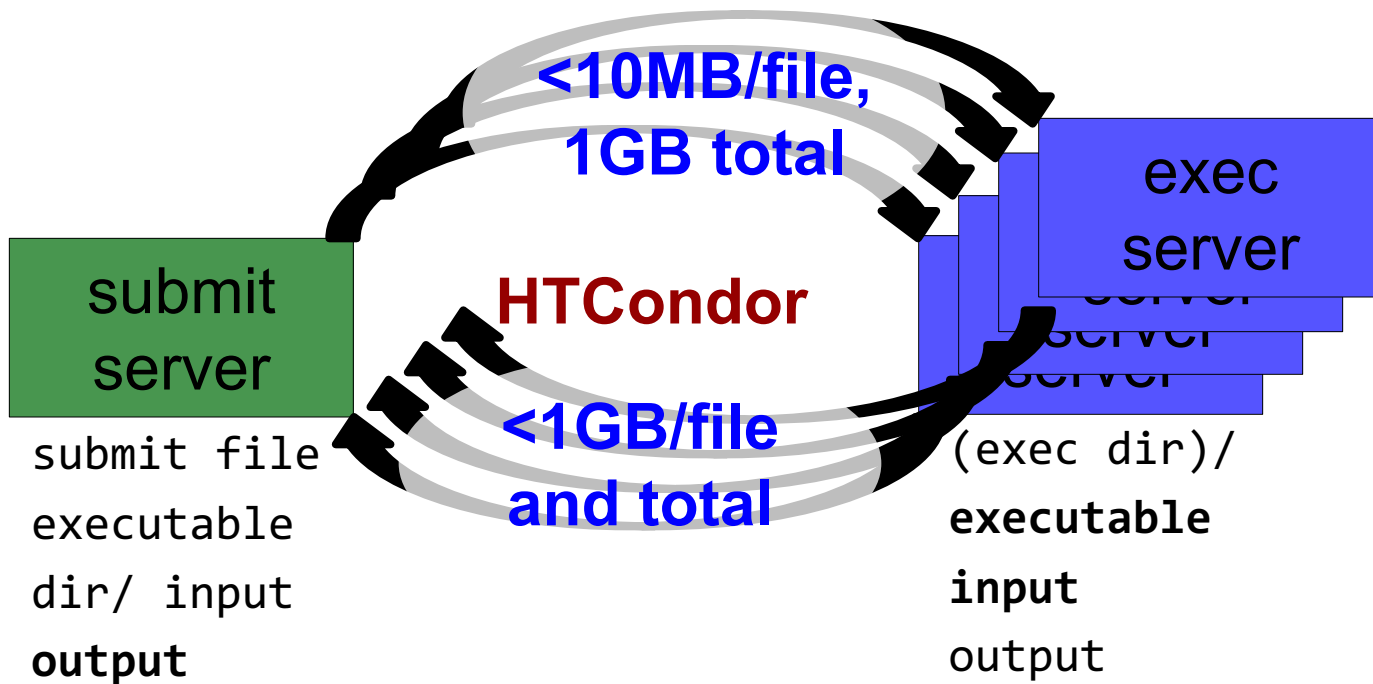
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OSG

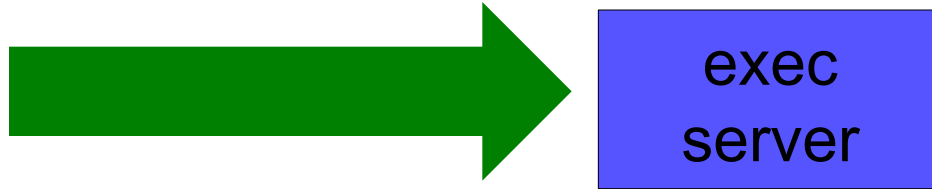# Transfers

More Data

HTCondor File Transfer

HTTP Proxies

StashCache

Owned Storage
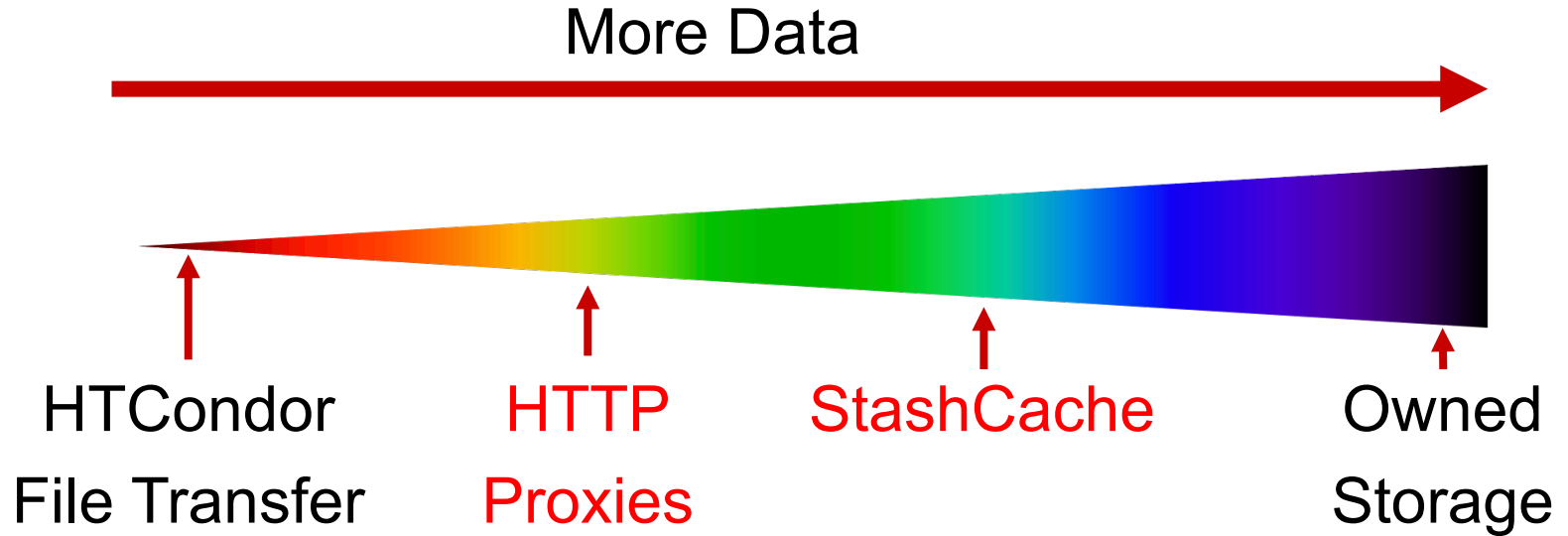
Hardware transfer limits

submit server

submit file
executable
dir/ input
output

<10MB/file, 1GB total

HTCondor

<1GB/file and total

exec server

(exec dir)/
executable
input
output

Reducing data needs

- ***An HTC best practice!***

- split large input for better throughput *and* less per-job data

- eliminate unnecessary data

- compress and combine files

Large input in HTC and OSG

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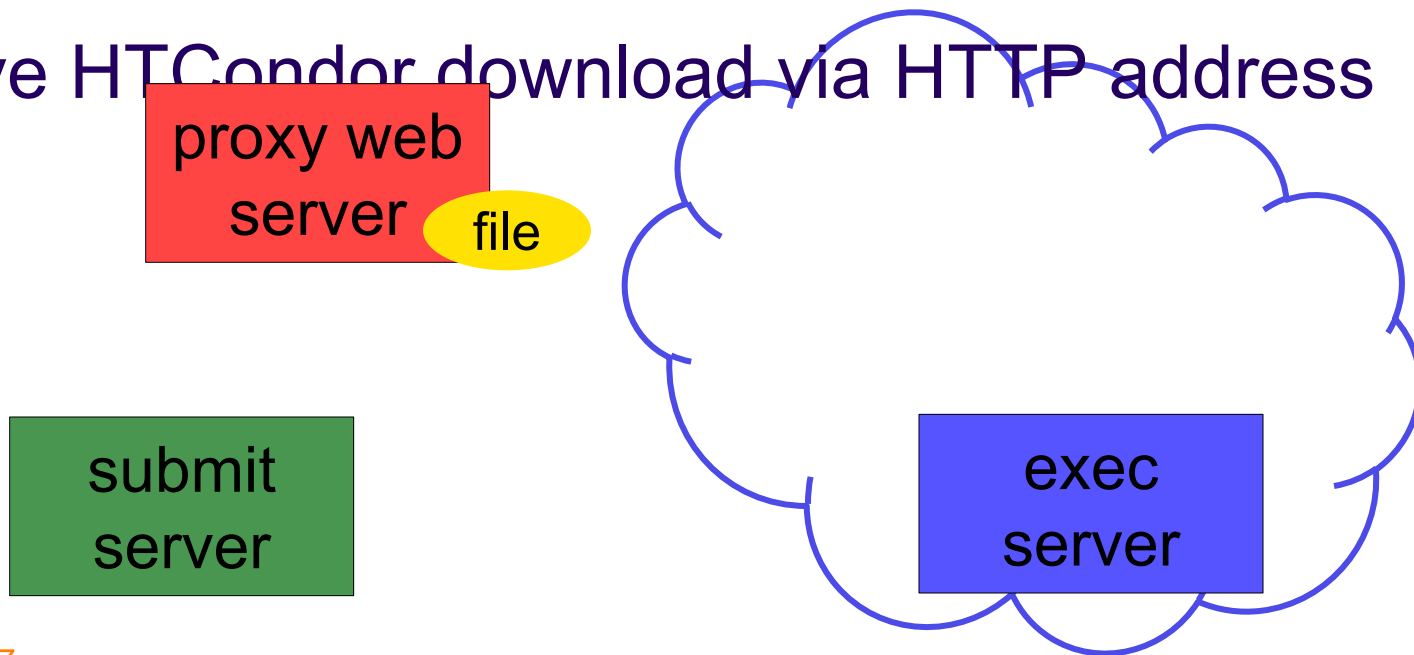| file size	method of delivery
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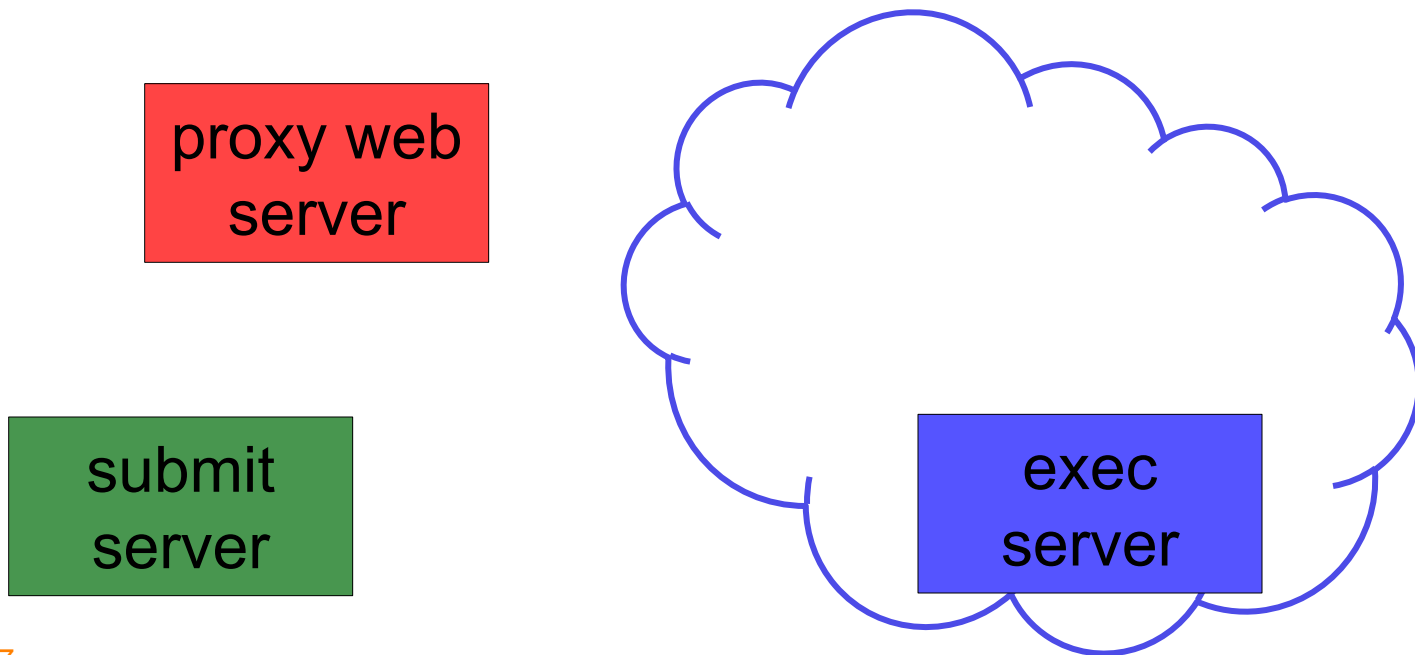
proxy web server

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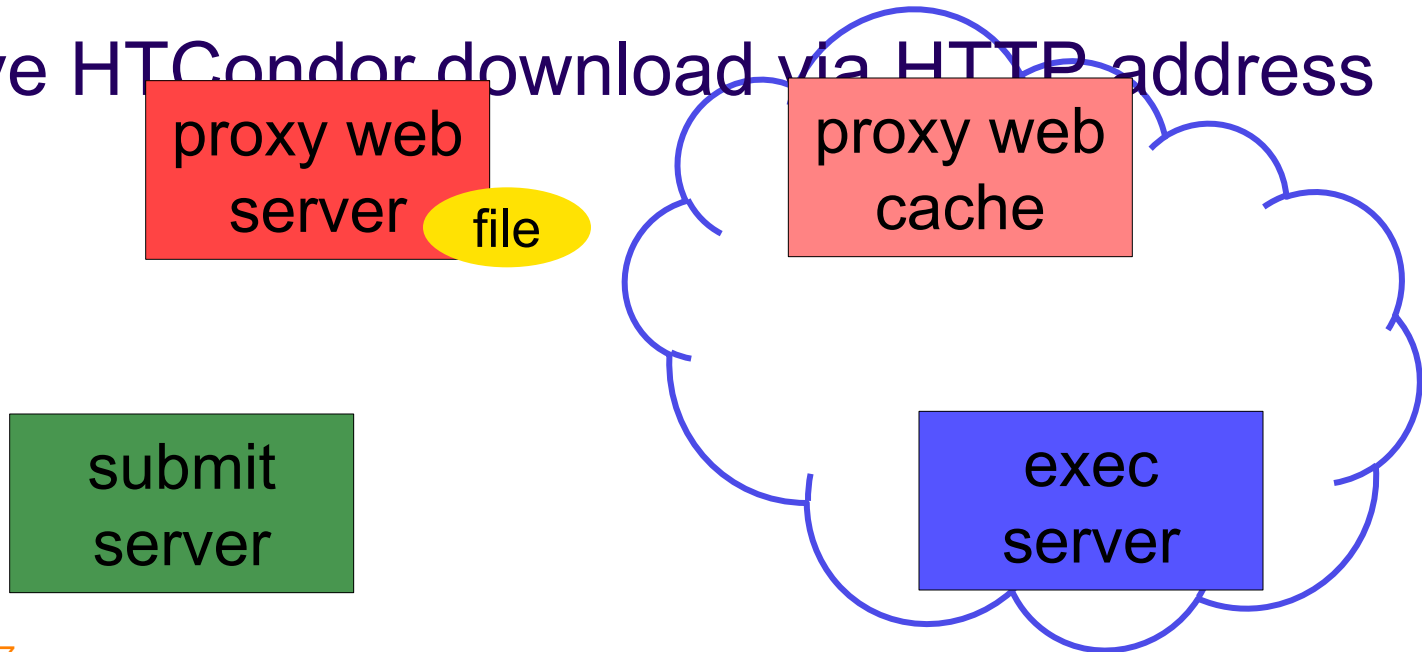
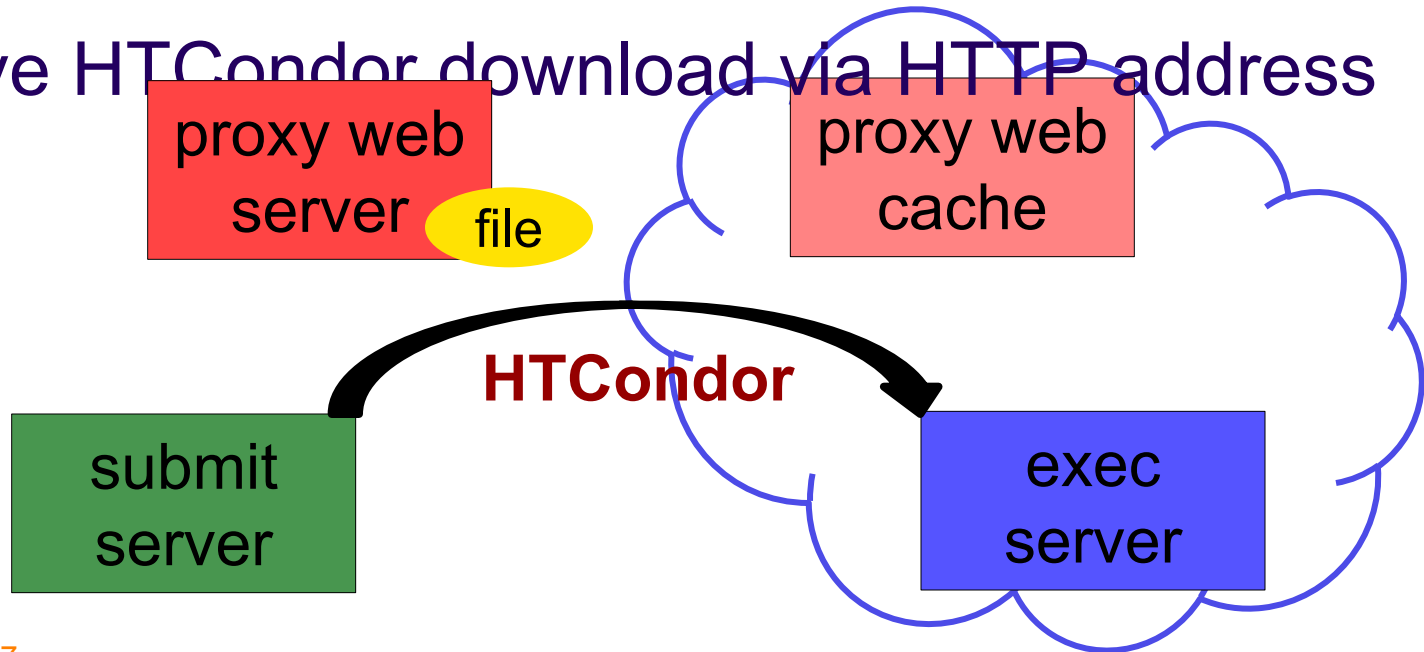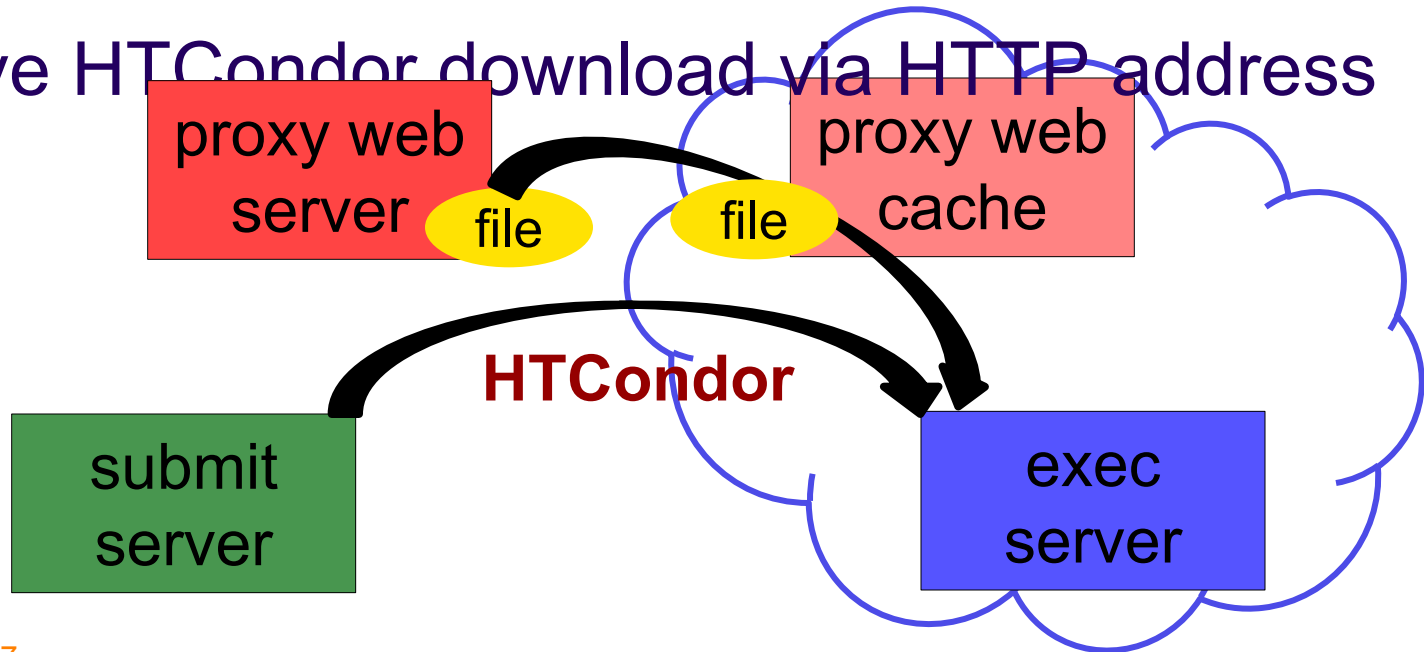proxy web cache

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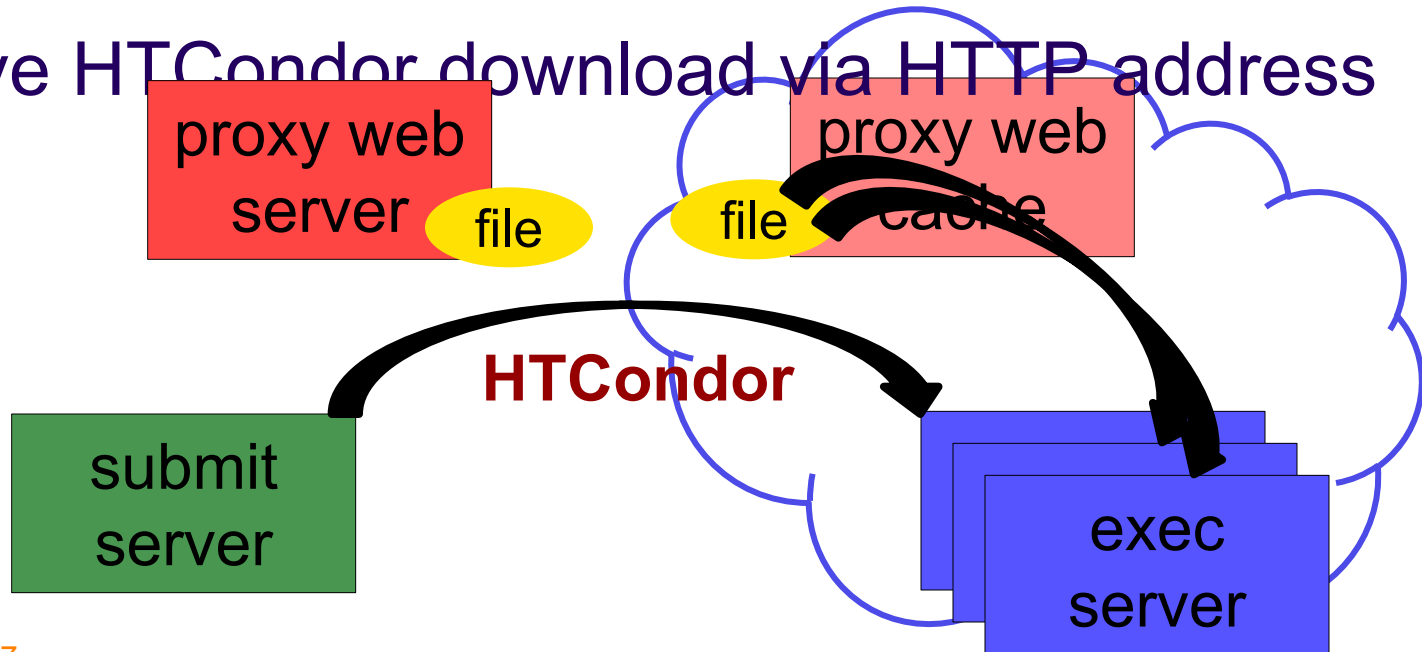
Downloading Proxy Files

- HTCondor submit file:
  ```
  transfer_input_files =
  http://host.univ.edu/path/to/shared.tar.gz
  ```

- Anywhere (in-executable, or test download)
  ```
  wget http://host.univ.edu/path/to/shared.tar.gz
  ```
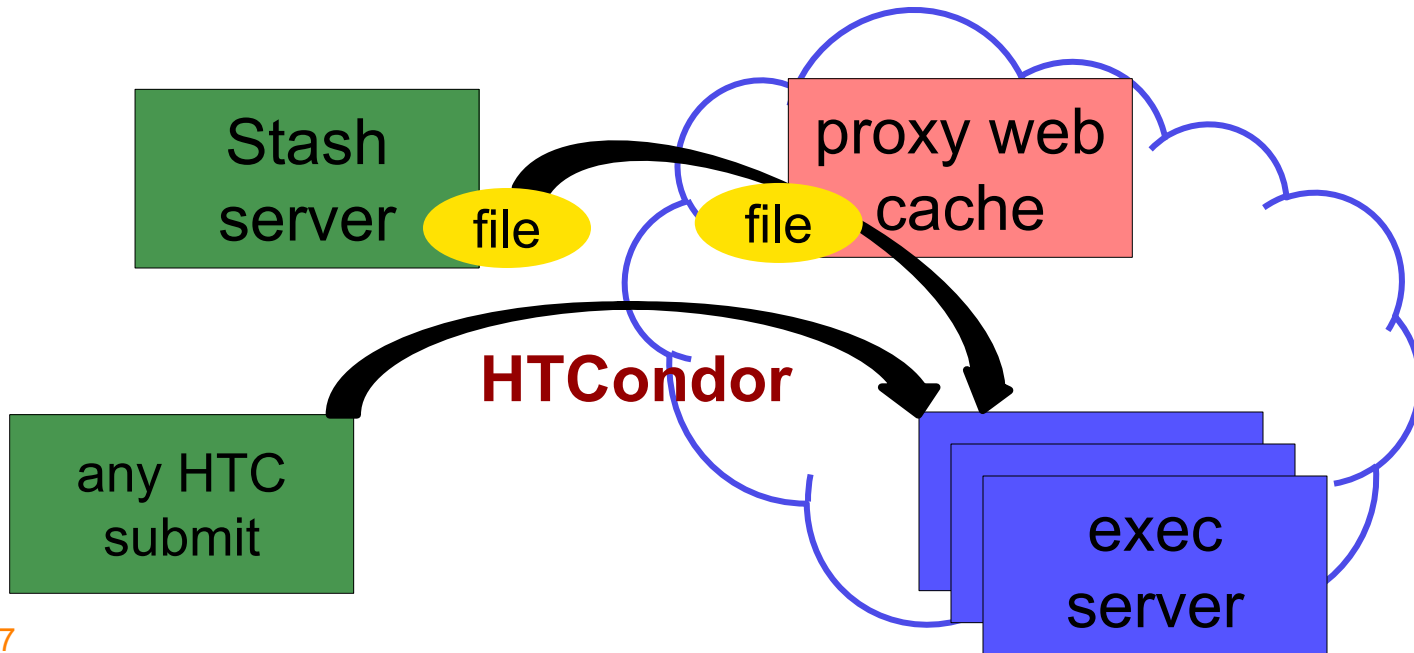 - in-executable: make sure to delete after un-tar or at the end of the job!!! (HTCondor thinks it's 'new')

Web Proxy Considerations

- Managed per-VO

- Memory limited, **max file size: 1 GB**

- Local caching at OSG sites
  - good for _shared_ input files, only
  - perfect for software and common input
  - need to rename changed files!!!

- Files are downloadable by **ANYONE** who has the specific HTTP address
  - Will work on 100% of OSG sites, though not all sites will have a local cache

At OSG Connect (Ex. 3.1)

- place files in $HOME/stash/public

- address: **http://stash.osgconnect.net/~user/shared.tar.gz**

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Using StashCache for Input

- regionally-cached repository managed by OSG Connect

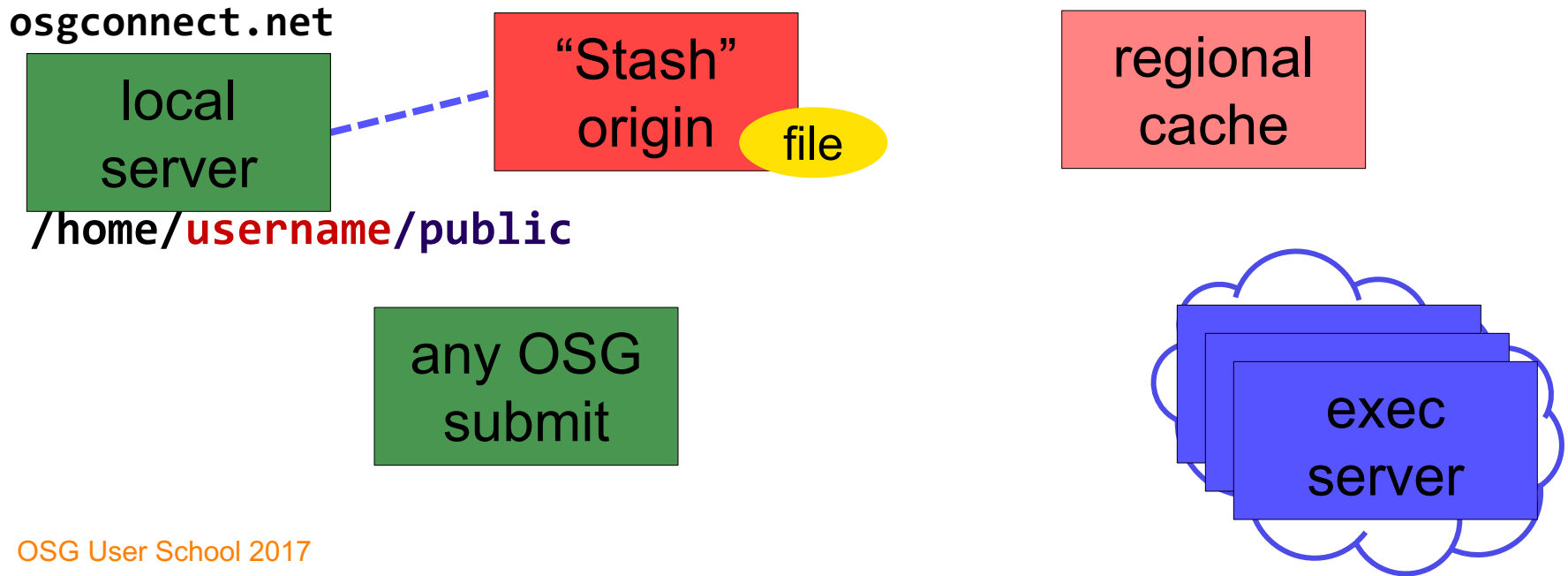Stash origin: ⭐

OSG Caches: 🟠

Placing Files in StashCache

- place files in /home/**user**/public on osgconnect.net

osgconnect.net

local
server

/home/**username**/public

"Stash"
origin

file

regional
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Obtaining Files in StashCache

- Use HTCondor transfer for other files

`osgconnect.net`

local server

`/home/`**`username`**`/public`

"Stash" origin

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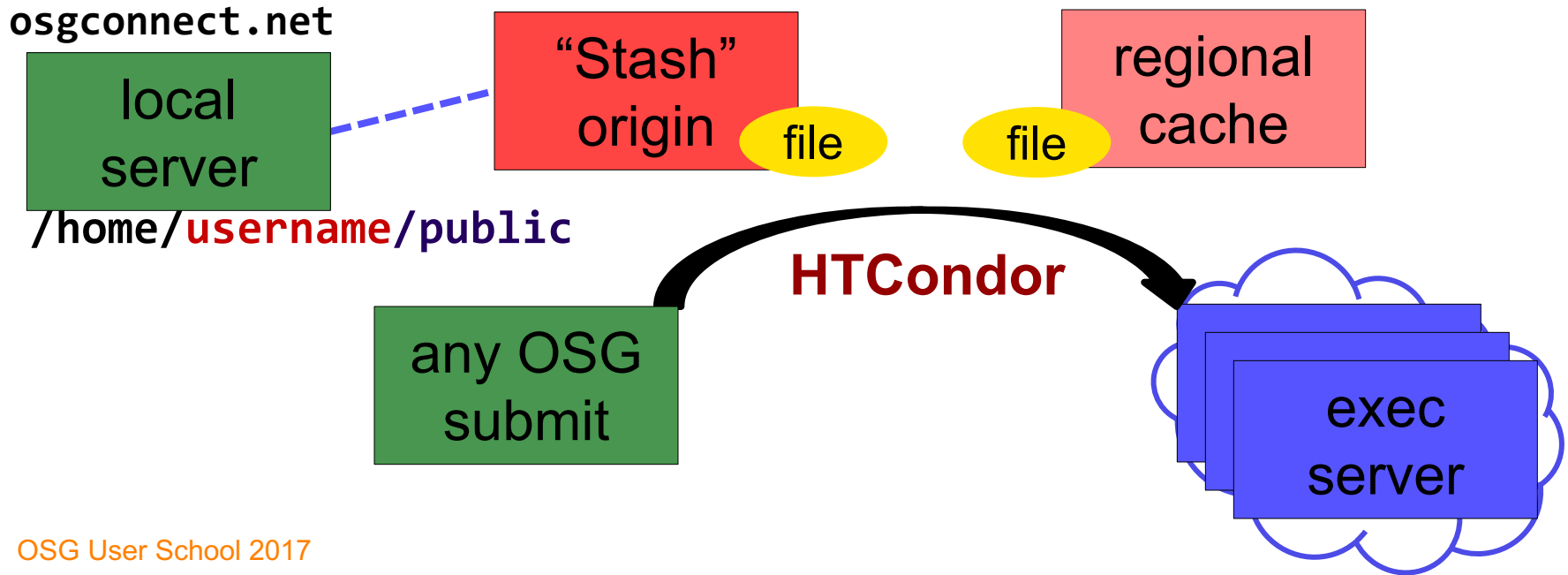
Obtaining Files in StashCache

- Download using `stashcp` command (available as an OASIS software module)
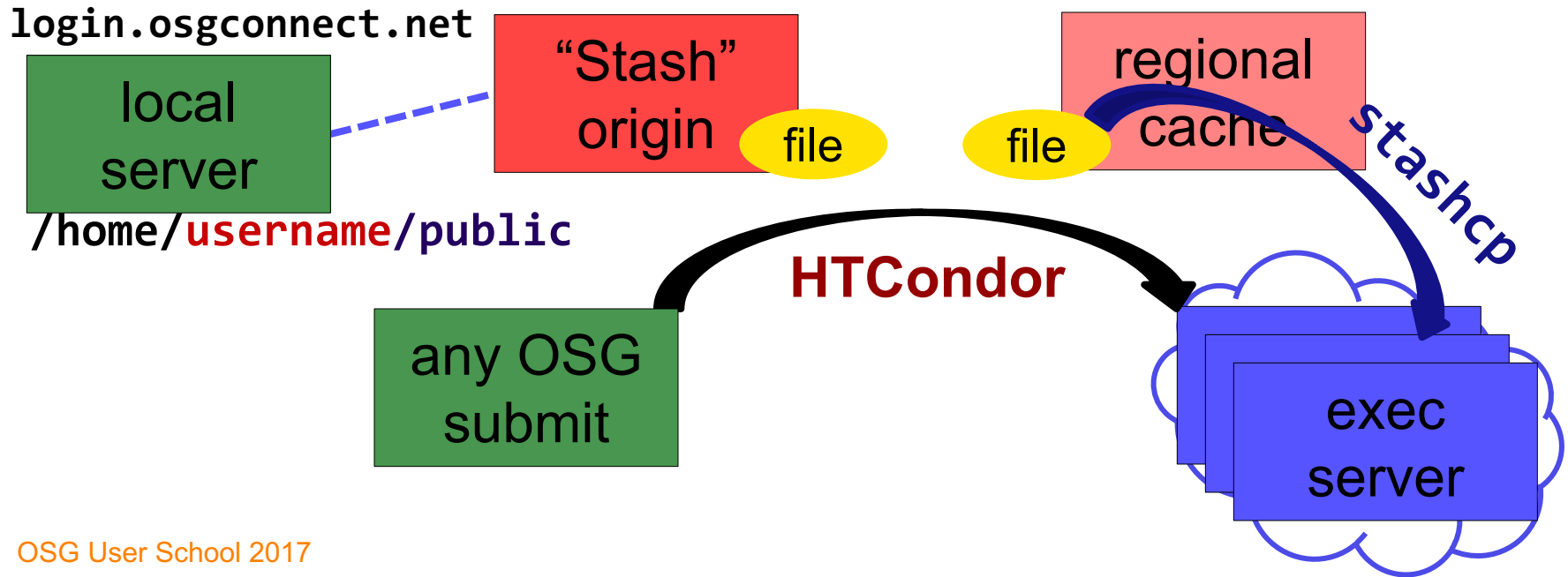
In the Submit File

- Require StashCashe sites in the submit file

`+WantsStashCache`

- Require sites with OASIS modules (for `stashcp`)

`Requirements = <other &&> (HAS_MODULES =?= true)`

In the Job Executable

```bash
#!/bin/bash
# setup:
module load stashcp
stashcp /user/username/public/file.tar.gz ./

<untar, then remove the file>
<job commands>

<remove all files from StashCache>
# END
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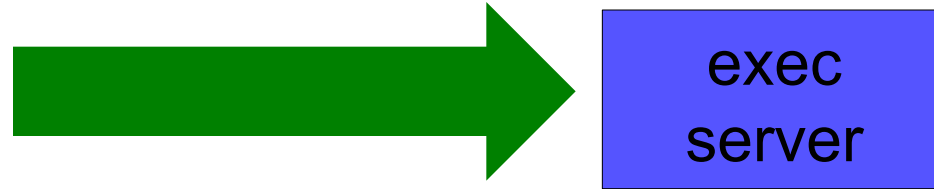
StashCache Considerations

- Available at ~90% of OSG sites
- Regional caches on *very fast* networks
  – **Max file size: 10 GB**
  – *shared* OR *unique* data
- Can copy multiple files totaling >10GB
- Just like HTTP proxy, change name when update files

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Other Options?

- Some distributed projects with LARGE, shared datasets may have project-specific repositories that exist only on certain sites
  - (e.g. CMS, Atlas, LIGO?, FIFE?, others?)
  - Jobs will require specific sites with local copies and use project-specific access methods

- OASIS?
  - Best for lots of small files per job (e.g. software)
  - StashCache and Proxies better for fewer larger files per job

Cleaning Up Old Data

- For StashCache *AND* web proxies:

  make sure to delete data when you no longer need it in the origin!!!

- StashCache and VO-managed web proxy servers do NOT have unlimited space!
  - Some may regularly clean old data for you. Check with local support.

Other Considerations

- Only use these options if you MUST!!
  - Each comes with limitations on site accessibility and/or job performance, and extra data management concerns

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Exercises

- 3.1 Using a web proxy for shared input
  - place the blast database on the web proxy
- 3.2 StashCache for shared input
  - place the blast database in StashCache
- 3.3 StashCache for unique input
  - convert movie files

Questions?

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- Next: Exercises 3.1-3.3
- Later: Large *output* and shared filesystems