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## Schedule

- 14.30 – Introduction, aims and objectives
- 14.40 – What is the Access Grid?
- 15.30 – Evaluation
- 15.45 – Break
- 16.00 – Discussions and voting
- 16.40 – Evaluation
- 17.00 – End

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## Aims and Objectives

- Aim
  - To experience and evaluate the use of state-of-the-art video conferencing facilities for the purpose of
    - Remote learning
    - Remote meeting support
- Objectives
  - To discover and appreciate the opportunities and limitations offered by Access Grid technology
  - To place this technology in the context of the study and design of CSCW technology

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## What should groupware do?

- Provide communication between group members
- Collaboration
  - Coordinate and control shared objects
  - Provide organisation and common understanding of the work processes and other people
  - Support decision making and problem solving

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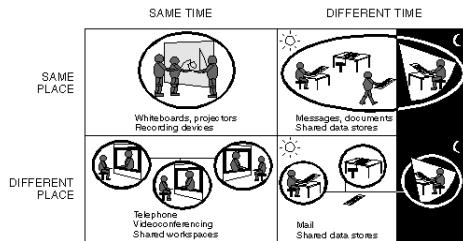
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## Space-Time Matrix



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## What is Access Grid?

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## Evaluation

- Based on what you have experienced of the Access Grid so far, please fill in the evaluation form
  - Access Grid for learning
  - Audio-video communication experience
  - General evaluation
  - Opinion on two scenarios

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## Discussion Exercise

- Procedure**
  - Each class is divided into two groups
  - Each group participates in a different discussion
    - Group 1 → Discussion 1
    - Group 2 → Discussion 2
  - When you are not taking part in the discussion, then you have to act as a juror to vote for the most persuasive point of view

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## Discussion 1

- Scenario**
  - The University is considering moving completely towards a Distance Education mode by 2008 in which all the lectures are provided by video-conferencing. Students can choose any Access Grid node to attend the lectures. You are part of an expert panel to provide recommendation on it to the School Board (the Jury). Group A has the goal to convince the jury NOT to approve it; group B has the task to convince the Jury to approve it.
- Procedure**
  - You have 5 minutes to agree on a strategy within your group.
  - 10 minutes discussion – unsupervised
  - The jury will vote for the group whose arguments were presented most persuasively

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## Discussion 2

- Scenario**
  - You are part of a successful software company, with two offices one in Manchester and one in Rome. The 2 teams meet twice a month for 3 days. The company is considering a substantial investment in an AccessGrid node. This will use all the travel budget available for the next 3 years. Group A has the goal to convince the jury NOT to approve the expense; group B has the task to convince the Jury to approve it.
- Procedure**
  - You have 5 minutes to agree on a strategy within your group.
  - 10 minutes discussion – unsupervised
  - The jury will vote for the group whose arguments were presented most persuasively

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## Final considerations

- Support for switching between synchronous and asynchronous collaboration
- Awareness
- What does the future hold?

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