



# The Panda System

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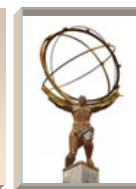
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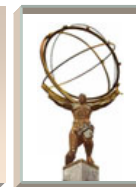
# What is Panda?



- ❑ PanDA – Production and Distributed Analysis system
- ❑ Project started Aug 17, 2005
- ❑ Baby Panda growing!
- ❑ New system developed by U.S. ATLAS team
  - ❑ Rapid development from scratch
  - ❑ Leverages DC2/Rome experience
  - ❑ Inspired by Dirac & other systems
  - ❑ Already in use for CSC production in the U.S.
  - ❑ Better scalability/usability compared to DC2 system
  - ❑ Will be available for distributed analysis users in few months
- ❑ “One-stop shopping” for all ATLAS computing users in U.S.



# Why Panda?



- ❑ ATLAS used supervisor/executor system for Data Challenge 2 (DC2) and Rome production in 2004-2005
  - ❑ Windmill supervisor common for all grids – developed by KD
  - ❑ U.S. executor (Capone) developed by UC/ANL team
  - ❑ Four other executors were available ATLAS-wide
- ❑ Large scale production was very successful on the grid
  - ❑ Dozens of different workflows (evgen, G4, digi, pile-up, reco...)
  - ❑ Hundreds of large MC samples produced for physics analysis
- ❑ DC2/Rome experience led to development of Panda
  - ❑ Operation of DC2/Rome system was too labor-intensive
  - ❑ System could not utilize all available hardware resources
  - ❑ Scaling problems – hard to scale up by required factor of 10-50
  - ❑ No distributed analysis system available, no data management

# Original Panda Goals



## ❑ Minimize dependency on unproven external components

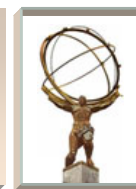
- ❑ Panda relies only on proven and scalable external components – Apache, Python, MySQL
- ❑ Backup/failover systems built into Panda for all other components
  - Local pilot submission backs up CondorG scheduler
  - GridFTP backs up FTS

## ❑ Integrated with ATLAS prodsys

## ❑ Maximize automation – reduce operations crew

- ❑ Panda operating with smaller (half) shift team and already exceeded DC2/Rome production scale
- ❑ Expect to scale production rate by factor of 10 without increasing operations support significantly
- ❑ Additionally, provide support for distributed analysis users (hundreds of users in the U.S.) – without large increase in personnel

# Extensive Error Analysis and Monitoring in Panda Simplifies Operations



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ddmErrorcode (619)	377	03-06 14:10	<a href="#">200:</a> Could not add output files to dataset
jobDispatcherErrorcode (2118)	2118	03-07 16:15	<a href="#">100:</a> Lost heartbeat
pilotErrorcode (1008)	270	03-06 22:47	<a href="#">1097:</a> DQ2 get function can't be called for staging input file
pilotErrorcode (1008)	222	03-06 09:46	<a href="#">1099:</a> DQ2 staging input file failed
pilotErrorcode (1008)	75	03-01 02:33	<a href="#">1131:</a> DQ2 put function can't be called for staging out
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pilotErrorcode (1008)	1	02-12 05:06	<a href="#">1138:</a> DQ2 put error: could not get the file size on localSE
pilotErrorcode (1008)	15	03-01 21:29	<a href="#">1142:</a> DQ2 put error: failed to register the file on local SE
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taskBufferErrorcode (1586)	1586	03-01 12:43	<a href="#">100:</a> Job expired and killed six days after submission (or killed by user)
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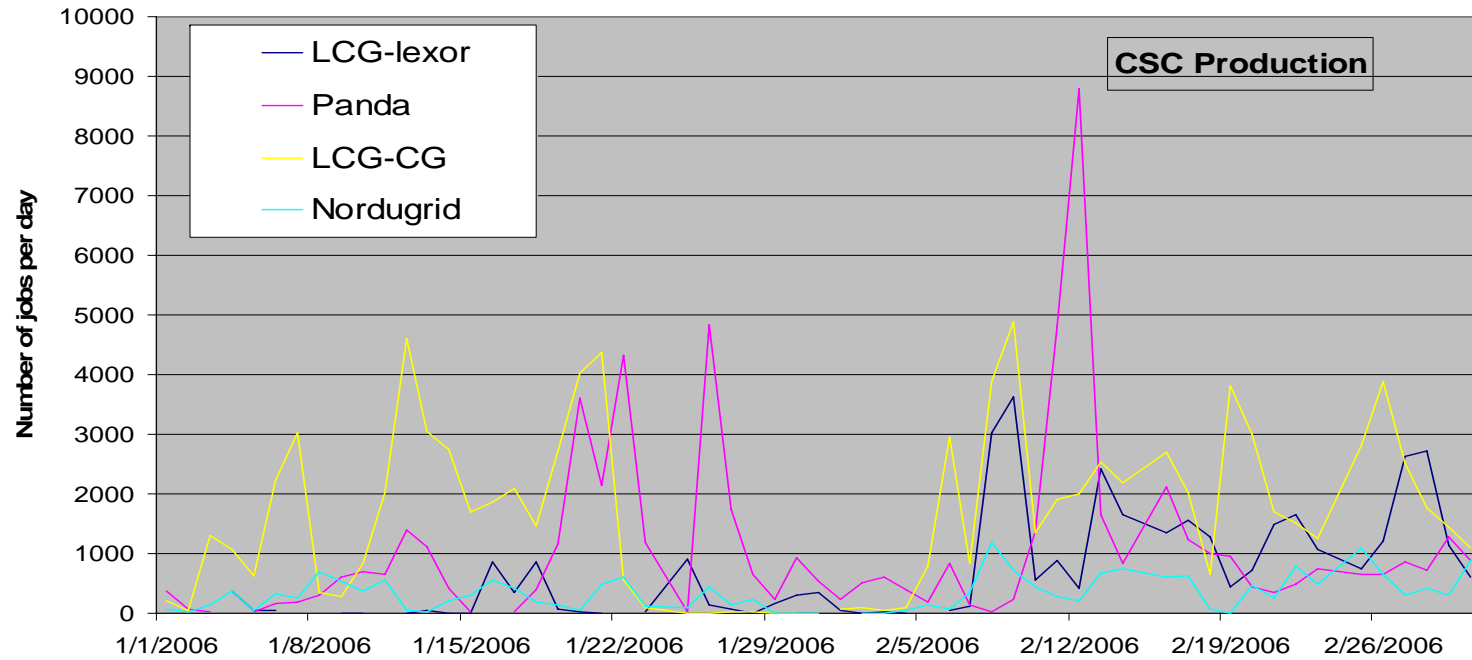
## ❑ Efficient utilization of available hardware

- ❑ So far, **saturated all available T1 and T2 resources** during sustained CSC production over February
- ❑ Available CPU's are expected to increase by factor of 2-4 soon (~one month): Panda expected to continue with **full saturation**

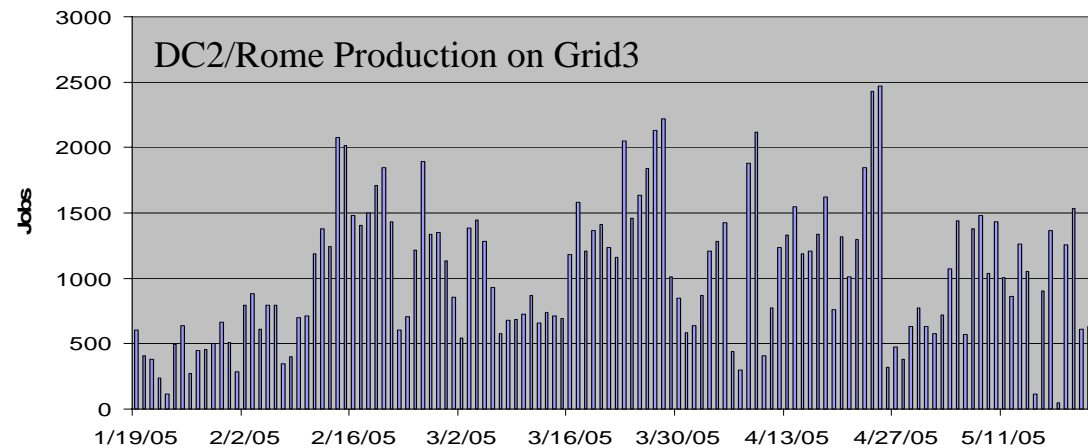
## ❑ Demonstrate scalability required for ATLAS in 2008

- ❑ Already seen **factor of 4 higher peak performance** compared to DC2/Rome production
- ❑ No scaling limits expected for another factor of 10-20
- ❑ Many techniques available if scaling limits reached – based on proven Apache technology, or deployment of multiple Panda servers, or based on proven MySQL cluster technology

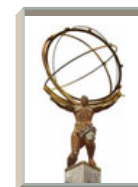
# Panda in CSC Production



← >400 CPU's







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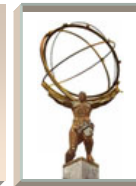
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**Errors by site ('All' = sum over all sites)**

Error type (type count)	Count	Code: Description
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jobDispatcherErrorcode (6)	6	<a href="#">100</a> : Lost heartbeat
pilotErrorcode (45)	29	<a href="#">1097</a> : DQ2 get function can't be called for staging input file
pilotErrorcode (45)	15	<a href="#">1131</a> : DQ2 put function can't be called for staging out
pilotErrorcode (45)	1	<a href="#">1138</a> : DQ2 put error: could not get the file size on localSE
transExitCode (12)	12	<a href="#">134</a> : Athena core dump or timeout, or conddb DB connect exception
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jobDispatcherErrorcode (5)	5	<a href="#">100</a> : Lost heartbeat
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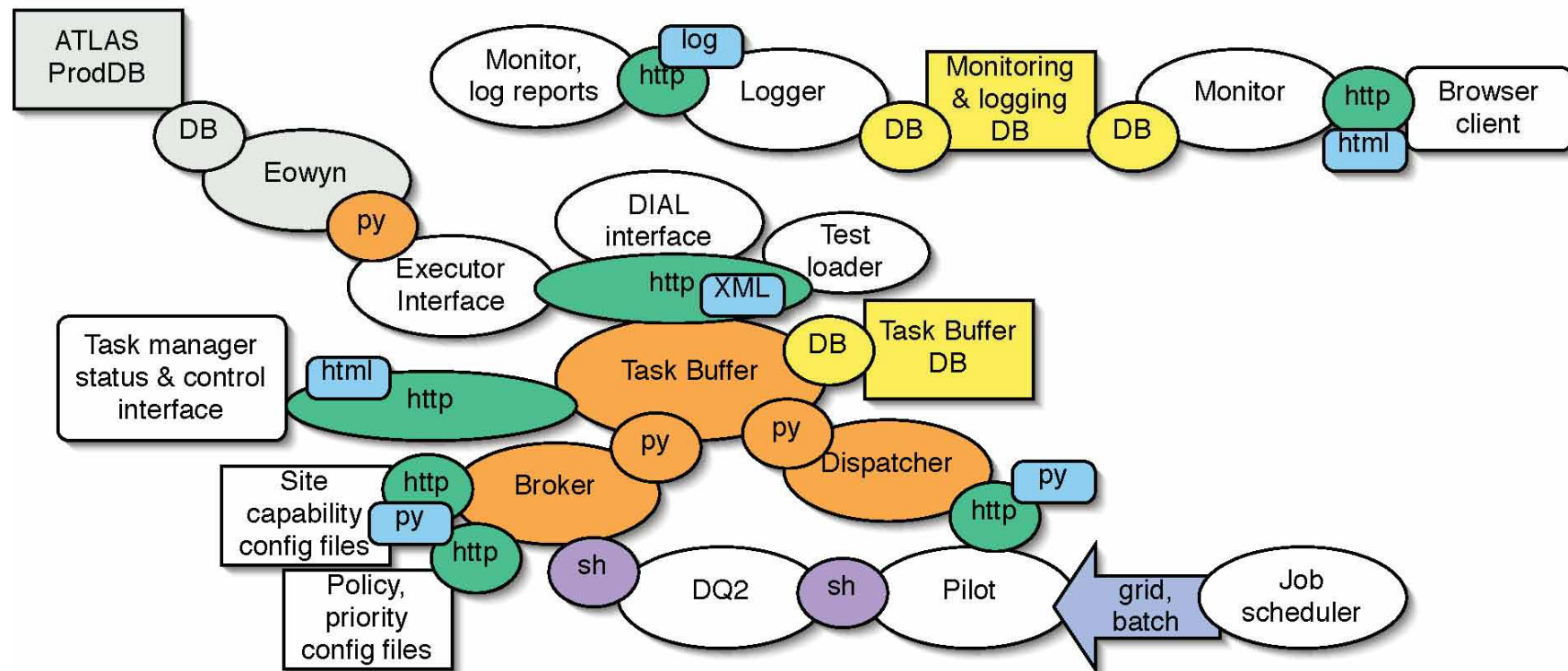
### ☐ Tight integration with DQ2 data management system

- ☐ Panda is the only prodsys executor fully integrated with DQ2
- ☐ Panda has played a valuable role in testing and hardening DQ2 in real distributed production environment
- ☐ Excellent synergy between Panda and DQ2 teams

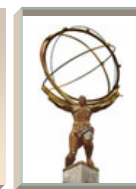
### ☐ Provide distributed analysis service for U.S. users

- ☐ Integrated/uniform service for all U.S. grid sites
- ☐ Variety of tools supported
- ☐ Scalable system to support hundreds of users

# Panda Design



# Key Panda Features



- ❑ **Service model** – Panda runs as an **integrated service** for all ATLAS sites (currently U.S.) handling all grid jobs (**production and analysis**)
- ❑ **Task Queue** – provides batch-like queue for distributed grid resources (**unified monitoring interface** for production managers and all grid users)
- ❑ **Strong data management** (lesson from DC2) – pre-stage, track and manage **every file on grid asynchronously**, consistent with DQ2 design
- ❑ **Block data movement** – pre-staging of output files is done by optimized DQ2 service based on **datasets**, reducing latency for distributed analysis (**jobs follow the data**)
- ❑ **Pilot jobs** – are prescheduled to batch systems and grid sites; actual ATLAS job (payload) is scheduled **when CPU becomes available**, leading to low latency for analysis tasks
- ❑ **Support all job sources** – managed or regional production (ATLAS ProdSys), user production (tasks, DIAL, Root, pAthena, scripts or transformations, GANGA...)
- ❑ **Support any site** – **minimal site requirement**: pilot jobs (locally or through grid), outbound http, and integration with DQ2 services

# Panda Components



- ❑ **Job Interface** – allows injection of jobs into the system
- ❑ **Executor Interface** – translation layer for ATLAS prodsys/prodDB
- ❑ **Task Buffer** – keeps track of all active jobs (job state is kept in MySQL)
- ❑ **Brokerage** – initiates subscriptions for a block of input files required by jobs (preferentially choose sites where data is already available)
- ❑ **Dispatcher** – sends actual job payload to a site, on demand, if all conditions (input data, space and other requirements) are met
- ❑ **Data Service** – interface to DQ2 Data Management system
- ❑ **Job Scheduler** – send pilot jobs to remote sites
- ❑ **Pilot Jobs** – lightweight execution environment to prepare CE, request actual payload, execute payload, and clean up
- ❑ **Logging and Monitoring systems** – http and web-based
- ❑ **All communications through REST style HTTPS services** (via mod\_python and Apache servers)

# Job States in the System



defined → assigned → activated → running → finished/failed

(If input files are not available: defined → waiting. Once files are available, chain picks up again at “assigned” stage)

defined : inserted in panda DB

assigned : dispatchDBlock is subscribed to site

waiting : input files are not ready

activated: waiting pilot requests

running : running on a worker node

finished : finished successfully

failed : failed

## Job States in the System (cont.)



What triggers a change in job status?

defined → assigned / waiting: automatic

assigned → activated: received a callback which DQ2 site service sends when dispatchDBlock is verified. If a job doesn't have input files, it is activated without a callback.

activated → running: picked up by a pilot

waiting → assigned: received a callback which DQ2 site service sends when destinationDBlock is verified



# Panda Contributors



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# Panda Performance Relative to the Other Grids



- ❑ How to compare this system to the resources needed to staff equivalent non-PanDA-based production elsewhere in ATLAS? Here is one possibility:
  - ❑ Panda has a single shift crew, 30k CSC jobs completed
  - ❑ NG has a single shift crew, 12k CSC jobs completed, approximately same number of available CPU's as Panda
  - ❑ LCG (Lexor) has two shift crews now, third one in training, 32k CSC jobs completed
  - ❑ LCG-CG has two shift crews now, third one in training, 51k CSC jobs completed
  - ❑ LCG + LCG-CG has 4-5 times the number of available CPU's as Panda (shared between two executors)