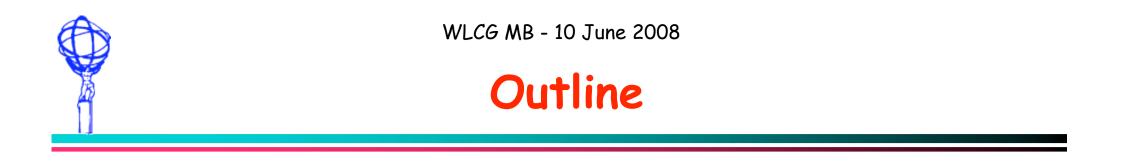


ATLAS Quarterly Report and Plans

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- Software release strategy for LHC turn-on
- Data distribution tests
- Simulation production
- SRM v2 storage classes
- CCRC'08-2 and FDR-2 reports later this week in CCRC Workshop
- Plan of activities until the end of 2008



Software Releases

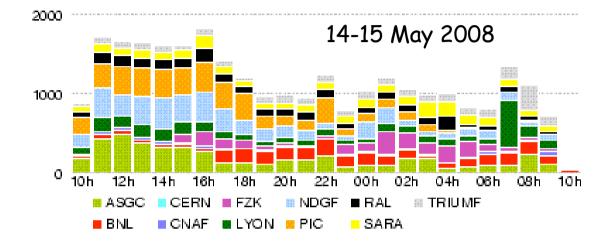
- Release 14.0.10 was deployed on 9 April
 - M7 Cosmics (May)
- Release 14.1.0 was deployed on 1 May
 - FDR-2 Tier-0 processing and monitoring
 - > Using validated 14.1.0.Y (bug-fix cache built daily for rapid turn-around)
 - Global cosmics and initial single beam running
 - Baseline turn-on simulation production
- Release 14.2.0 built last week
 - Initial colliding beam running
 - Essential to focus on robustness and technical performance (cpu/memory) within the 14.2.X branch
 - "Completion" release 14.2.10 will be built in ~2 weeks after the first round of validation
 - Full deployment mid-July
- General strategy:
 - 3 open bug-fix projects in TagCollector
 - > AtlasP1HLT for online bug-fix patches, built if/when needed
 - AtlasPoint1 for Tier-O reconstruction and monitoring bug-fixes
 - > AtlasProduction for simulation production on the Grid
 - All patches to the current release are included (if applicable) into the future release development
- Release 15.0.0 (baseline for 2009 running) foreseen for late Autumn 2008

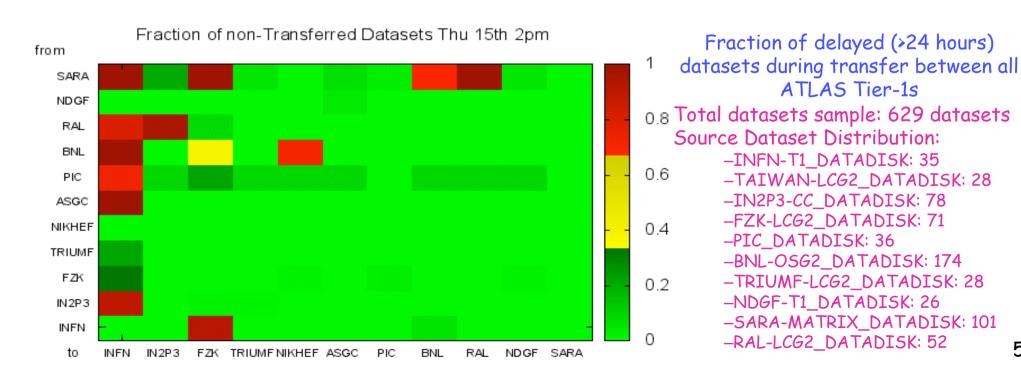


- The Throughput Tests (TT) continue (a few days/month) until all data paths are shown to perform at nominal rates
 - This includes:
 - a) Tier-0 \rightarrow Tier-1s \rightarrow Tier-2s for real data distribution
 - b) Tier-2 \rightarrow Tier-1 \rightarrow Tier-1s \rightarrow Tier-2s for simulation production
 - c) Tier-1 \Leftrightarrow Tier-1 for reprocessing output data
- Test a) is now OK almost everywhere
 - Run again several times, now with SRM v2 end-points
- Test b) is part of simulation production since a long time
- Test c) was run in all combinations last month
- The Functional Test (FT) is also run in the background approximately once/month in an automatic way
 - The FT consists in low rate tests of all data flows, including performance measurements of the completion of dataset subscriptions
 - The FT is run in the background, without requiring any special attention from site managers
 - It checks the response of the ATLAS DDM and Grid m/w components as experienced by most end users

Example of Tier-1-Tier-1 Transfer

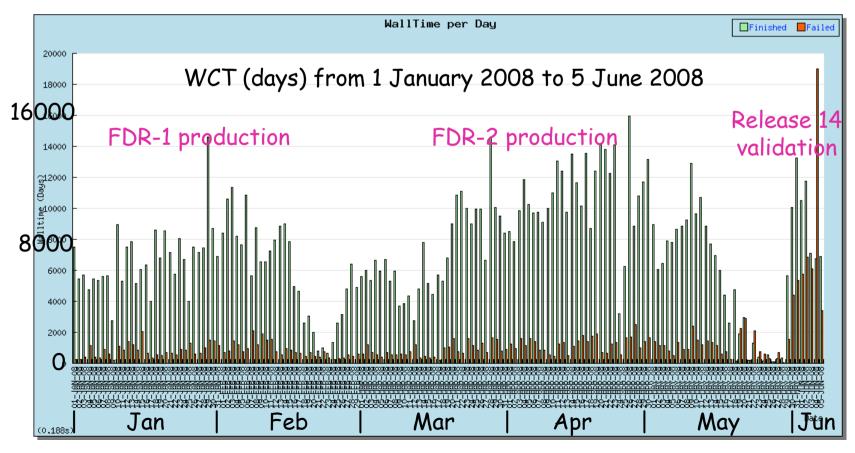






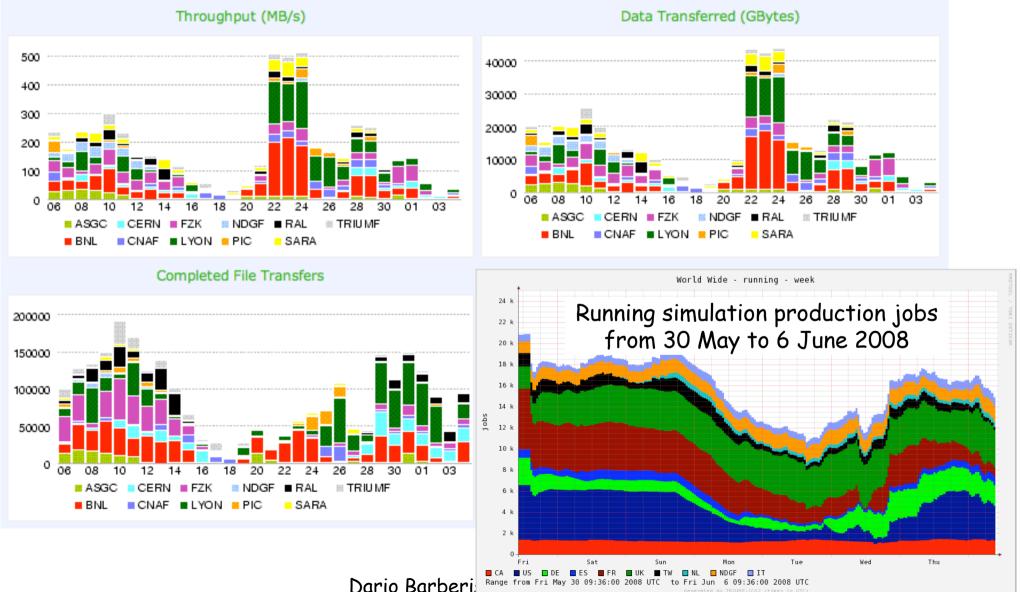
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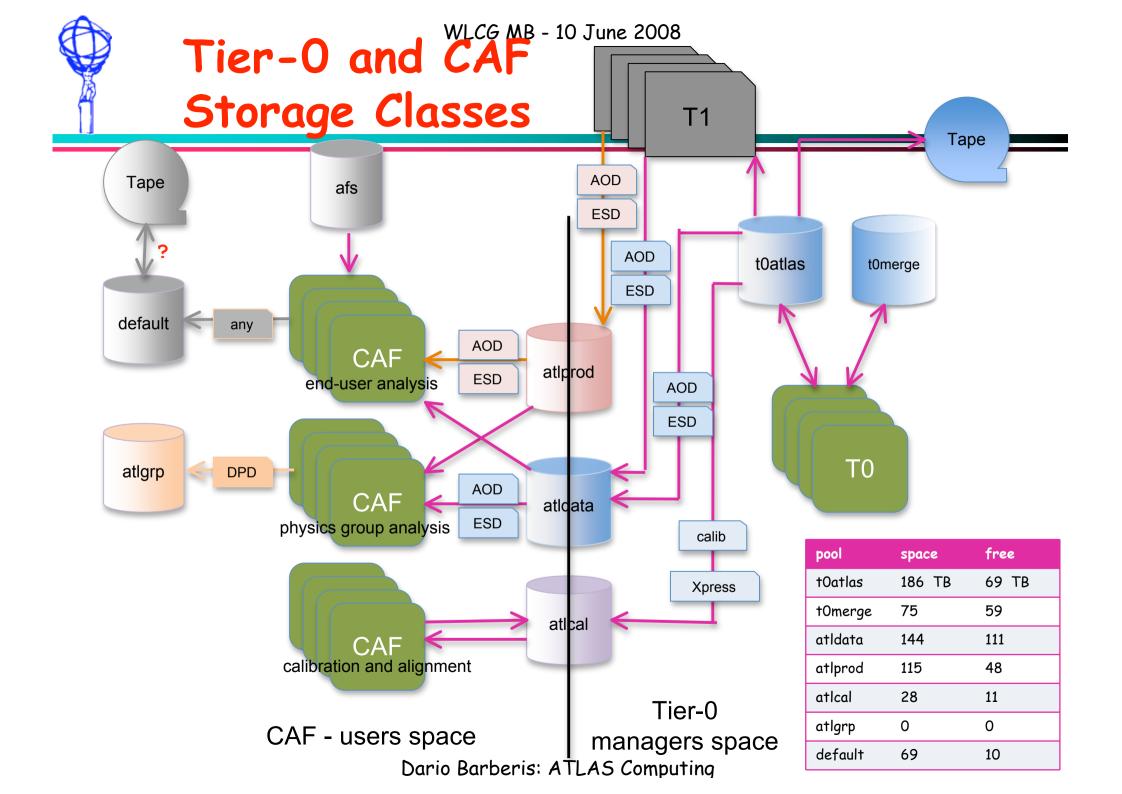
- Simulation production continues all the time on the 3 Grids (EGEE, OSG and NorduGrid)
 - The rate is limited by the needs and by the availability of data storage more than by resources
- Validation of simulation and reconstruction with release 14 is still in progress

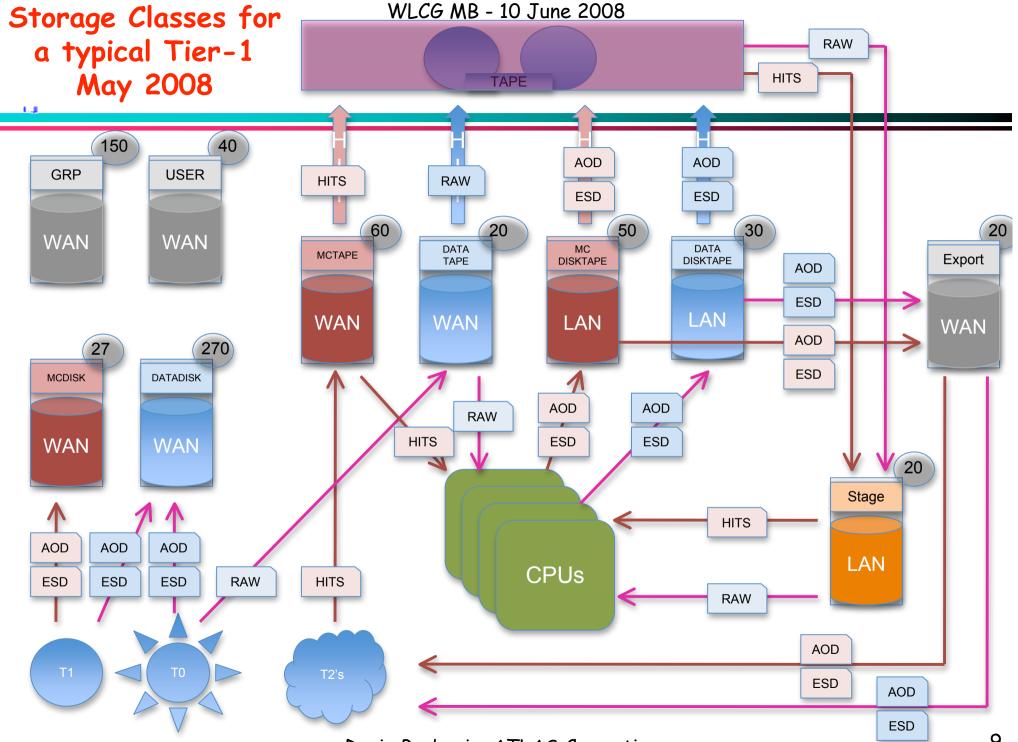


Distributed Simulation Production (2)

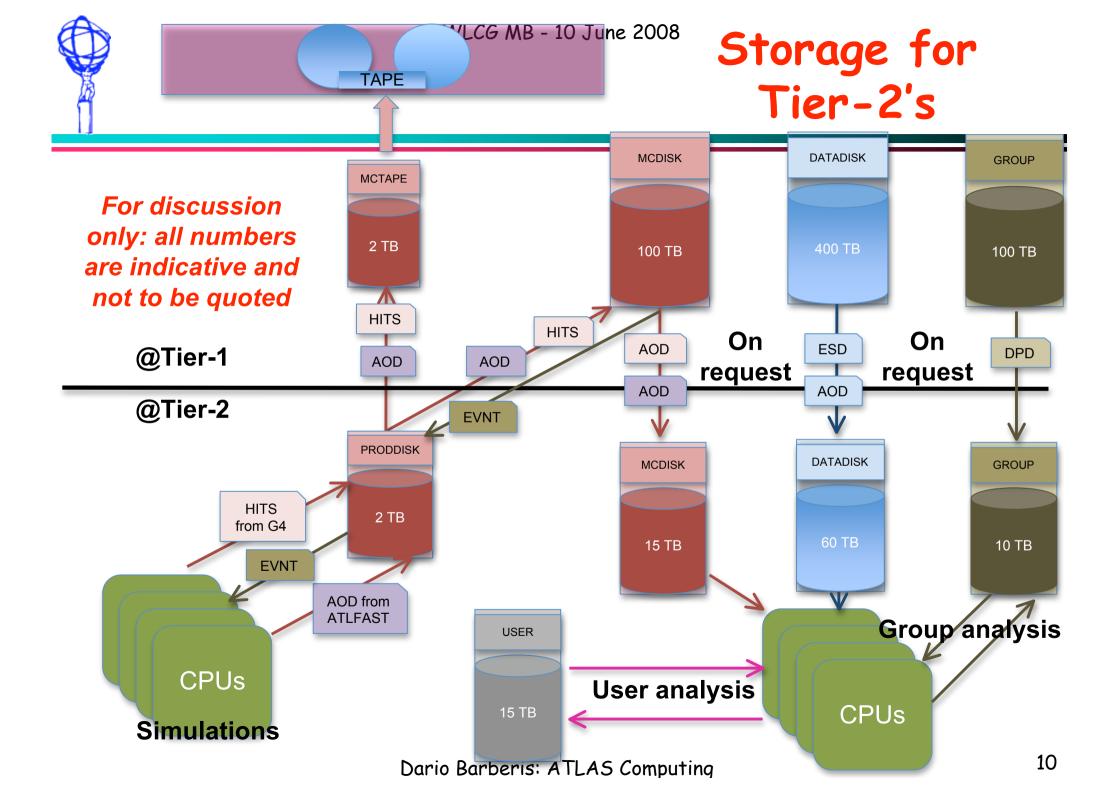
Inter-cloud transfers of simulation production from 6 May to 4 June 2008







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Evolution of the storage model

- We tried to implement a reasonable set of storage classes (and storage tokens) for CCRC'08-2 and FDR-2, using only SRM v2.2 end points
 - Not all our original model can be implemented, as the T1D1 class is not working as in the SRM 2.2 specs, neither in dCache nor in Castor
- We are therefore moving towards a more conservative approach:
 - Treat T1D0 and T0D1 as completely separate storage instances
 - Copy data twice in case they have to go to disk and tape at destination, or trigger an internal copy from disk to tape
 - > This is the case of samples of RAW and ESD produced at Tier-O, and all simulation output from Tier-2s
- In this way we lose the T1D1 functionality but retain control of which datasets are on disk
 - More control comes with more active data management on our side
- Conclusion: the definition of ATLAS storage classes for 2008 is still in progress



- Software releases:
 - 14.X.Y releases
 - > Bug fixes only for HLT/Tier-O and Grid operations
 - Release 15.0.0
 - Late autumn 2008. Include feedback from 2008 running. Base release for 2009 operations.
- Cosmic runs:
 - M7-M8
 - Continuing in June-July 2008
 - Continuous mode
 - > In parallel with initial LHC operations
- Collision data:
 - Ready to go from mid-July for what concerns ATLAS S&C