LCG-LHCC Mini Review

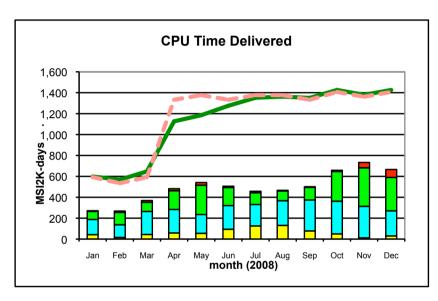
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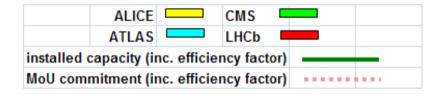
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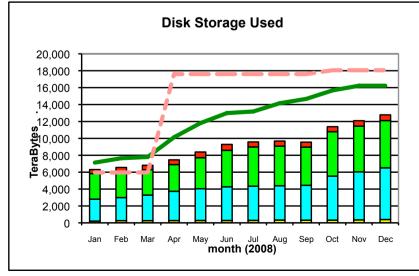


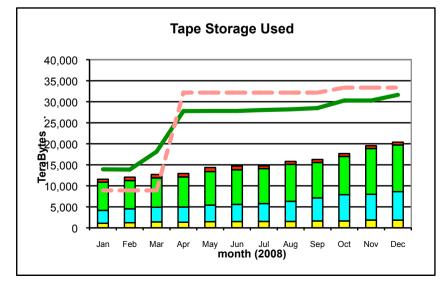
Summary 2008 resources



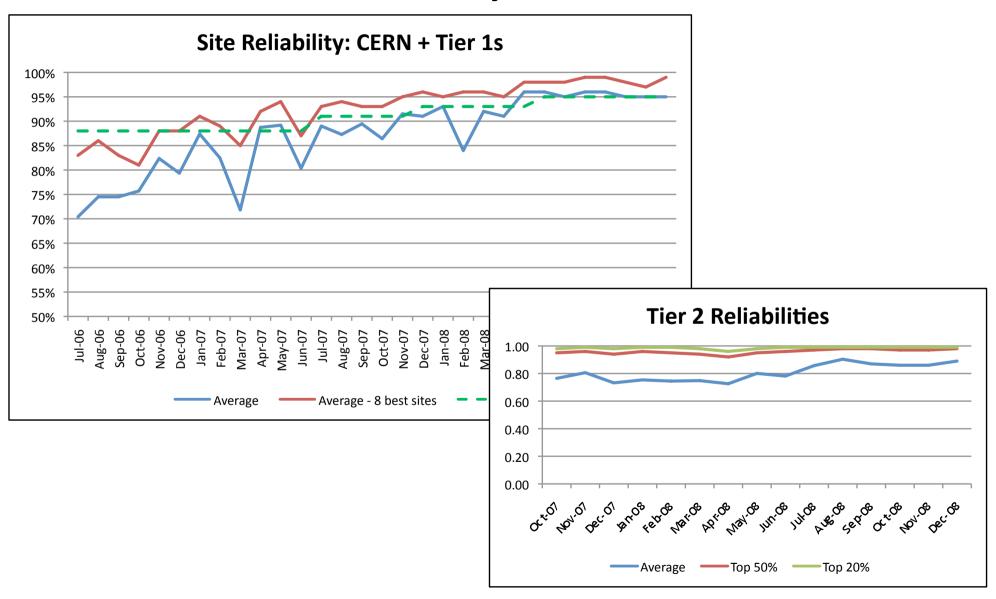
From now on kSI2K → HEP-SPEC06







Reliability in 2008



Notes on 2008 LCG Operations

- Reasonable but better stability to be reached
 - Goal in 2009: No incident in ¾ weeks (now still few incidents per week at T1s)
 - Better organization in T1s necessary with better schedules and plans for interventions
 - Many incidents related to DBs (Tier1s recommended to have at least 1FTE on DB Admin)
 - Plan to visit/review Tier1/Tier2 and focus on services and operations
- Some aspects on the model still are not totally validated/tested
 competition between experiments in data reprocessing at T1s and massive/chaotic user analysis
- Important to consider a CCRC09 exercise (ATLAS+CMS)

Pledge resources 2009

	ALICE	ATLAS	CMS	LHCb	Sum 2009
T1 CPU	-49%	6%	-2%	2%	-12%
T1 Disk	-43%	-5%	-13%	-2%	-13%
T1 Tape	-50%	-7%	7%	6%	-13%
T2 CPU	-44%	0%	-8%	-40%	-12%
T2 Disk	-44%	-20%	35%	-	-2%

- \rightarrow Table as on 27/10/08 does not include few additional contributions
- → Some funding agencies pushing back 1 year procurements (2009 as 2008 was planned to be)
- → Let's make sure we are not limited by resources when data comes...
 - → Not obvious you can just move the schedule by one year in terms of resources

Resources & New schedule

- New schedule translates into same resources for 2009/2010 but with initial delay (might translate into better equipment in some cases if procurement done bit later)
 - 2009 must be ready by September
 - 2010 must be ready by April
- Request by ATLAS to double TO/CAF resources in 2009
 - Not included in the plan and available resources
 - ATLAS will need to come back with a revision in view of the new schedule for 2009
- LHCb claims a better share of TO/CAF resources is possible (aims to use resources from ATLAS/CMS when idle...use the valleys from others)
 - → We understand resources are allocated and fixed via formal MoUs...
- Need an official statement on 2009/2010 running time and LHC efficiency factor common for all experiments so they can provide a consistent/coherent estimation of resources needed in 2009/2010

New TO Center

- Existing power capacity runs out in 2010
- A combination of measurements might allow still to survive thru 2010
 - More aggressive replacement of hardware
 - Increase from 2.5 \rightarrow 2.9 MWs capacity
- CERN Management now supports new building at Prévessin (in 2-years time)
- Looking for solutions to fill the gap

Middleware

- All 3 Middleware stacks (ARC, OSG, gLite) operational and interoperate with each other (still evolving but without interrupting service)
- New schedule allows to rescue a number of software projects on hold in 2008 in view of the imminent LHC start-up
 - SRM agreed list of "short term" changes; available by end 2008
 - FTS on SL4 (+available for SL5?) deployment was postponed
 - WN on SL5 to be available for deployment
 - glexec/SCAS to support pilot jobs with identity changing
 - CREAM CE make available in parallel to existing CE which is known to have scaling issues when there are many different users;
- Still experiments suffer from SRM v2.2 performance
- Transition from EGEE → EGI and future support for gLite Middleware under study

Planning: EGEE \rightarrow Ends 2010

 Discussion on how countries (T1+T2) will contribute to maintain the WLCG services

 Few national labs will probably end up taking the load to maintain the core services

No problem anticipated for Tier0
 (not supported by funds from EGEE)

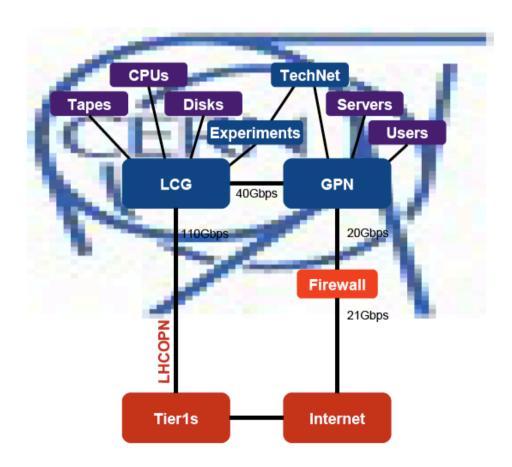
Applications Area

- Very good progress in all fronts with very mature organization well managed giving results
- Just few remarks on particular items:
 - One/two major releases per year (complete AA package build over night every day)
 - Introducing new compilers and platforms
 - Consolidation of all aspects of ROOT project
 - Very relevant activities in GEANT4 hadronic physics
 - Very promising R&D activities
 - Multi core architecture
 - Development of a Portable Analysis Environment
- Level of manpower slightly lower than anticipated
 - Mainly affecting simulation-related activities



Network

The status the different networks were presented to us



• All looks well covered \rightarrow no limitations identified over time