

RAL Tier 1 Site Report

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Tier 1 "Capacity" Hardware

- CPU: ~240k HS06 (~24k cores)
 - FY16/17: Additional ~19.6kHS06, 1920 cores (E5-2630-v4)
 - Dell CloudEdge
- Storage:
 - ~16.5 PB usable in Castor
 - − ~13.3PB raw for Ceph
 - FY 16/17: Additional 6720TB raw (~4.9TB configured) for Ceph
 - 35 x (Dell R630 + 2 x MD1400) units, SAS interconnect
- Tape: 10k slot SL8500 (one of two in system)
 - 50PB (T10KD)
 - Migrations to D-only completed
 - LHCb: 600 tapes, ~3PB: no errors at all



Networking

- Tier1 WAN
 - OPN link to increased to 30Gb/s
 - 2 x 10Gb/s over same path to CERN
 - 1 x 10Gb/s over alternative path
 - Operated as parallel routes (BGP)
- LAN
 - New! Mellanox SN2100 and SN2700 switches
 - Switches used for the SCD Private Cloud running Cumulus Linux



IPv6

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- IPv6 now available on Tier1 network
- Global addressing scheme agreed
- See my HEPiX talk:
 - https://indico.cern.ch/event/595396/contributions/ 2558578/



STFC Addressing Scheme

Each project allocated one or more IPv6 /64

16 bits available to describe subnet

0630 0058 : a b c d : 0000 0000 2001 0000 0000 **NETWORK HOST** abcd: **JANET RAL** 0000 0000 0000 0000

a = STFC Address plan version (0-15)

b = Network Type

c = Network Subtype

d = Assigned by subnet owner (Tier 1 addressing scheme version)



Tier 1 Addressing Scheme (v0)

- Assumption: All hosts will be dual-stack
- Map all existing IPv4 address (RFC2374 style)
 - Allocate addresses automatically with Quattor
- DNS entries just a sed script away...

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In hex notation:

::82F6:B43C

Or mixed notation:

::130.246.180.60



Services

- Batch farm
 - ~24000 job slots
 - Completed migration to SL7
 - HTCondor Docker universe running jobs in SL6 containers
 - Experiment: On node xrootd caches and ECHO gateways
- Container Orchestration
 - Investigating Kubernetes as a means of providing portability between on-premises resources and multiple public clouds
 - See Andrew's HEPiX talk:
 - https://indico.cern.ch/event/595396/contributions/2556631



More Services

- Load balancers
 - Pair of VMs running HAProxy and Keepalived as a highlyavailable load balancer (see previous HEPiX reports)
 - Used in front of FTS3 for over a year
 - Top BDII, Site BDII, Dynafed, Argus
- Monitoring
 - Ganglia still exists, usage is slowly fading
 - Telegraf → InfluxDB → Grafana
 - Grid services, batch system, Ceph, Windows HyperV
- Turned off old (c.2008) ElasticSearch cluster.



Even More Services

- CVMFS
 - New HW for CVMFS Stratum-0
 - See Catalin's HEPiX talk
 - https://indico.cern.ch/event/595396/contributions/2532590/
- Planning move from Hyper-V to VMware
 - Consolidation of resources across department
 - A couple of instances of hypervisors crashing in Hyper-V 2012.....
- Still dealing with retirement of (S|RHE)L5 systems
 - Oracle DBs still on RHEL5, purchased extended lifetime support
- Windows administration privileges removed from all accounts
 - Consequence of Cyber Essentials activity at BEIS
 - Separate logon accounts with admin privileges

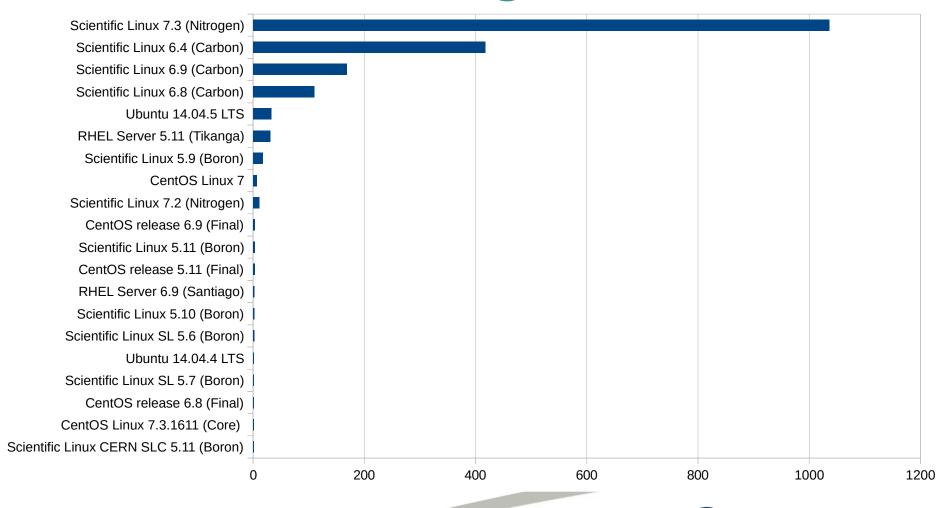


Configuration Management

- Finally got rid of Puppet!
 - "Decommissioned the same way the Titanic was" ~ RA
- Declared SCDB end-of-life
 - Everything except CASTOR moving to Aquilon quickly
 - CASTOR requested SCDB remain until end-of 2018.
- Started to introduce support for RHEL7 and Debian-based (Mint, Ubuntu, Cumulus) distros
- Very heavily invested in Quattor
 - Infrastructure more and more shared across STFC
 - Next workshop at RAL in October!



OS long tail





Storage - CASTOR

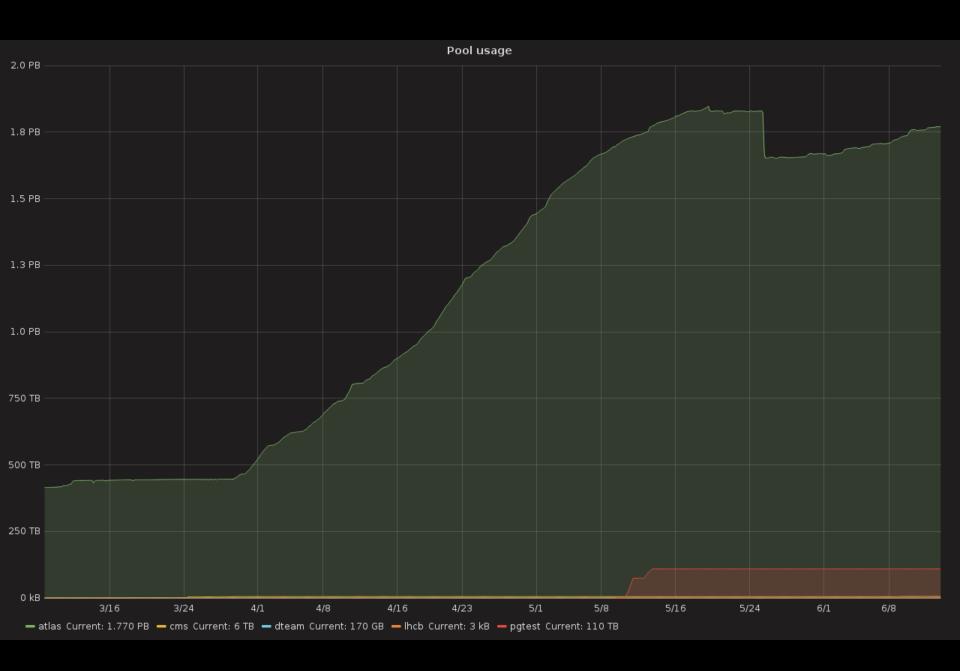
- Storing ~130TB/day of data for WLCG
- Upgraded to 2.1.15-20 in January
- SRM updated to 2.1.16-10, then rolled back for LHCb following performance problems
- Upgraded to 2.1.16-13 in May
- Fixed transfermanager memory leak
 - Being triggered by our "bananas" monitoring
- Some 2014 generation disk servers (used for ECHO testing) moved to CASTOR



Storage - ECHO

- Underlying Ceph cluster upgraded to Kraken
- Accepting production data from LHC VOs
 - GridFTP and XrootD supported as production protocols
 - VO pools can be accessed via either protocol.
- Storing ~2PB of data for ATLAS
 - Input via GridFTP
 - Batch farm talking to ECHO via XrootD
- Will provide 7.1PB of wLCG pledge this year
- See Tom's HEPiX talk:
 - https://indico.cern.ch/event/595396/contributions/2553417/





Tape Now

- Two StorageTek (Sun Oracle) SL8500 Libraries
- Standardised on T10K tape media
 - Tier 1
 - 5167 T10KD (8.5TB)
 - STFC Facilities
 - 2606 T10KD (8.5TB)
 - 3525 T10KC (5.0TB)
 - 2435 T10KB (1.0TB)





Tape Future

- Plan was to move to T10KE with T2 and eventually T3 media
- However... Long term support for both drives and Libraries is now unclear
- No official announcements
- Can operate on existing tech until 2020 if supported
- Waiting to see what Oracle does next





Infrastructure - Chillers

- Moved into building in 2009
 - 2 x 750kW chillers with free cooling
 - Later added another 2 x 750kW without free cooling
 - Original pair end-of-life
 - One lost half capacity due to component failure
- Replaced under Laboratory spend-to-save initiative
 - 2 x 1MW chillers with free cooling
 - More efficient
 - Higher capacity
 - Commissioned March-April
 - Reduced PUE from ~1.64 to ~1.35
- New sequencer
 - More intelligent control system for all four chillers
 - Reduced power consumption by ~60kW
 - Reduced PUE to ~1.31



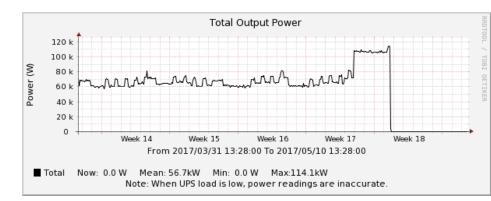


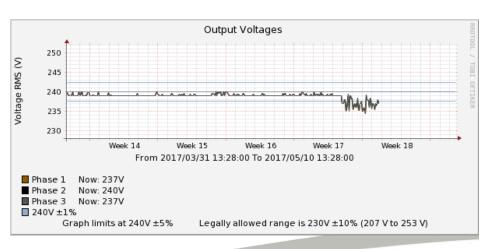




R89 UPS

- 28th April
 - UPS detects serious fault, switches to bypass
- 2nd May
 - Engineers arrive, UPS shutdown
 - Options discussed...
- 11th May
 - Replacement of UPS approved
- 12th-14th May (weekend)
 - Faulty UPS removed
 - Replacement installed and tested
- 15th May
 - Replacement UPS commissioned
- 16th May
 - All UPS feeds restored

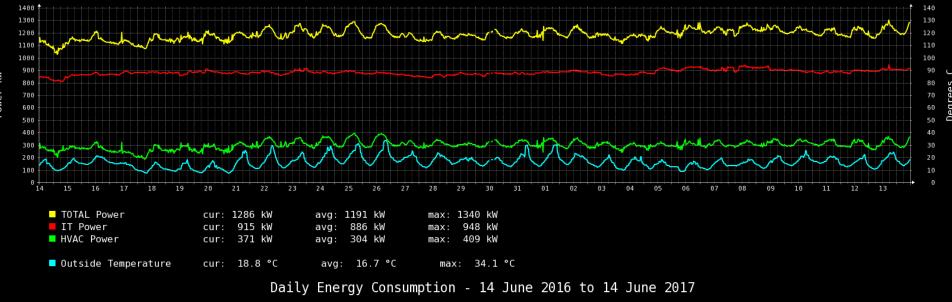


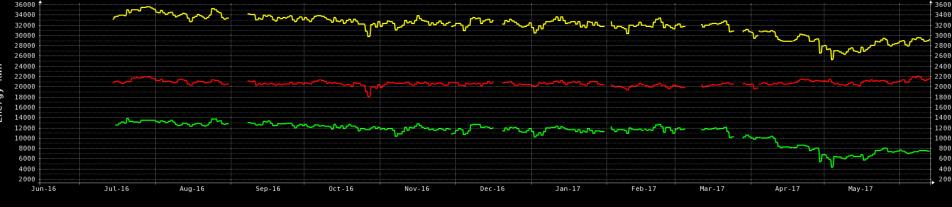




Power Consumption

14 May 2017 to 14 June 2017





max:

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35619 kWh

22178 kWh

13937 kWh

TOTAL kWh

IT kWh

HVAC kWh

cur:

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29294 kWh

21761 kWh

7533 kWh

avg:

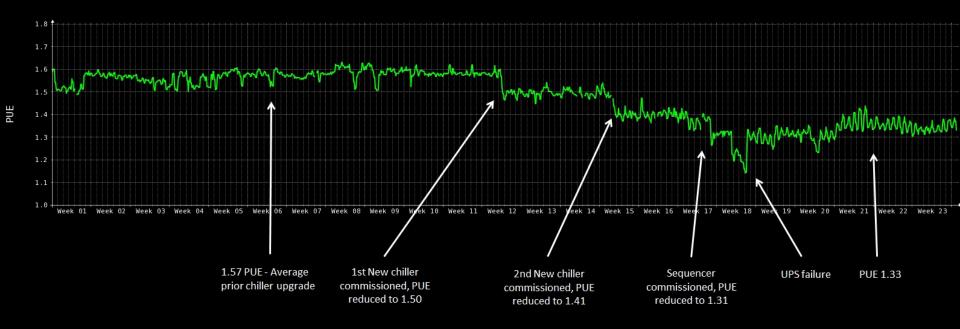
avg:

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31908 kWh

20784 kWh

11119 kWh



- New UPS saving ~20kWh
 - Doesn't change the PUE change by much
 - But still £12k+ per year saving
- Summer has only increased PUE from 1.31 to 1.33
 - Even without free cooling the new chillers are proving to be very efficient
- Winter & fine tuning should see PUE drop below 1.3

Questions?

