





From EMI Accounting standards to EGI Accounting Services and how they affect WLCG

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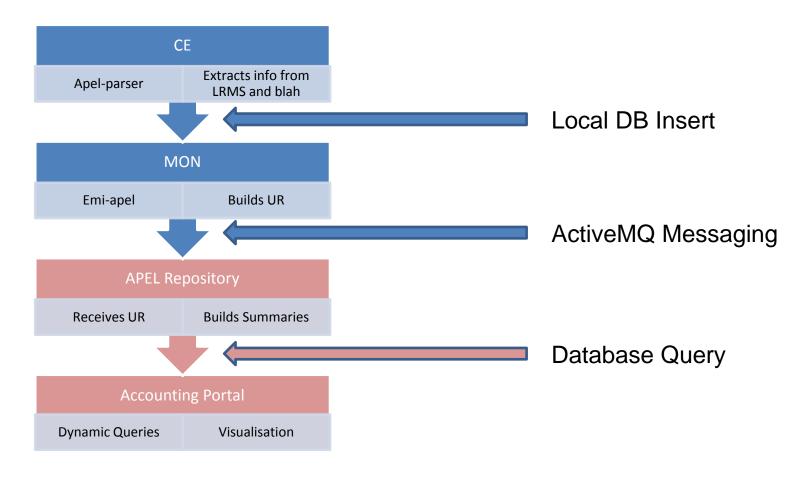


Outline

- Existing EGI Infrastructure
- New version under development
- Extension to cover more types of site
- New Types of accounting

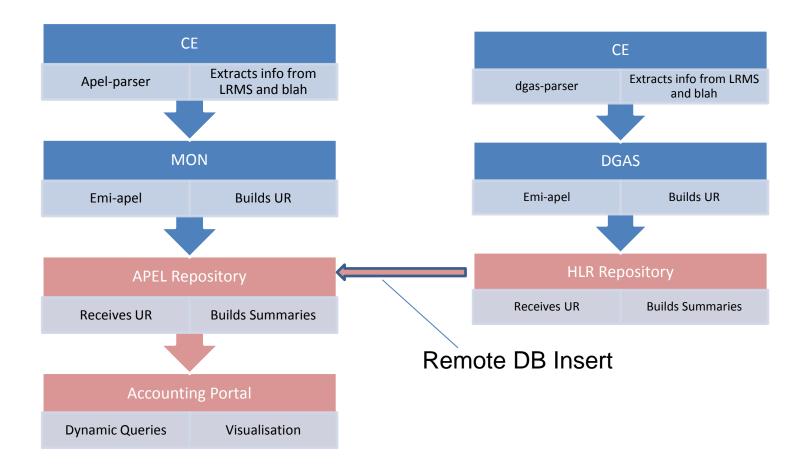


Existing EGI Infrastructure



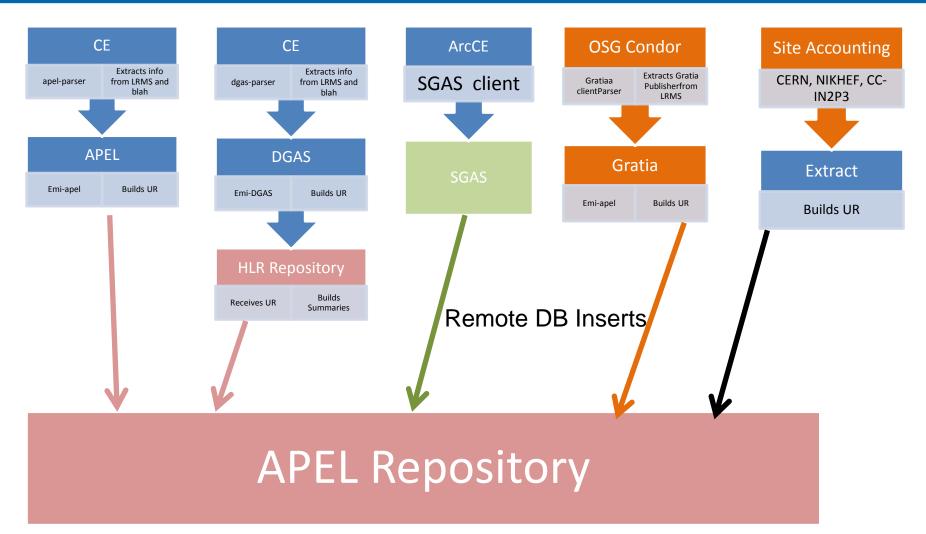


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- EGI gathers accounting data in one place for:-
- All EGI VOs
- LHC Experiment VOs
- Other partner VOs (Australia, Asia-Pacific)



EGI New Infrastructure

- Version 2 Messaging = SSM
 - Secure Stomp Manager



What is the SSM?

- Transfers files between computers using Python, ActiveMQ and STOMP
- One SSM is needed at each end
 - Producer and Consumer



 If your SSMs are working, the files get sent reliably



Why is it good?

- Messaging 100% separated from storage
 - Re-usable
 - Easy to diagnose problems
- If the database is down consumer still up
 - Incoming messages still written to disk
- Using EGI network of brokers provided
- STOMP protocol used by other tools support available
- Using host certificates to sign and encrypt messages
- Messages are encrypted whenever they're between SSMs
 - EGI policy requirement for User data on the WAN

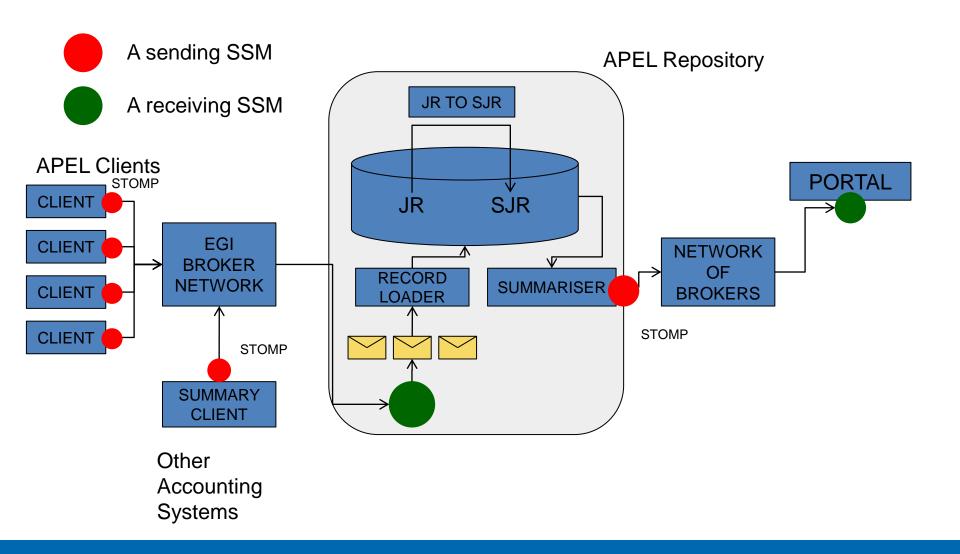


Why is it good? (cont.)

- Producer and/or consumer mode (same program)
- Message transmission handling: retries, acknowledgements and ack-tracking
 - You know if a message has got through
 - A lost message is never a problem
- Access Control List of valid message producers for authentication
- Independent of message content
- Available To Others



New Architecture



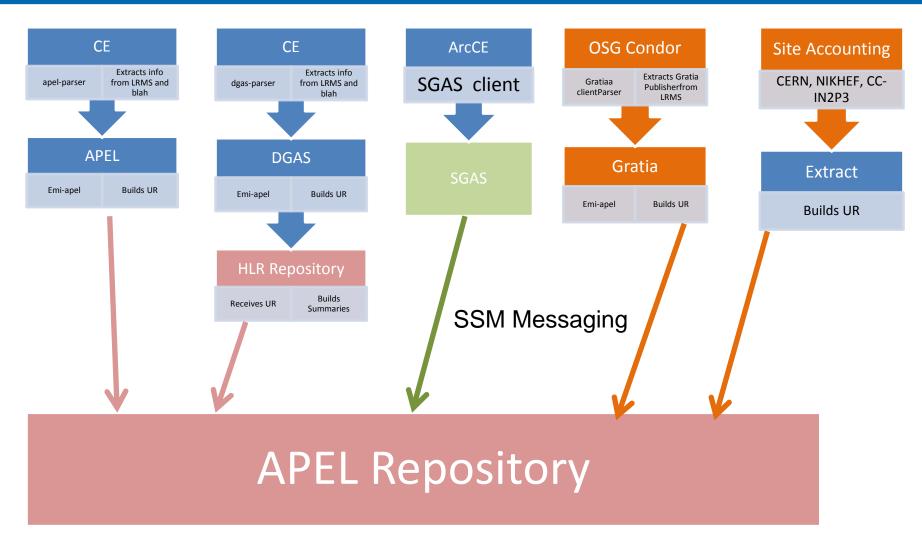


New Infrastructure Extensible

- Existing systems (DGAS, SGAS, OSG, etc) will move to using SSM
 - Or the same format
 - Under test
- Distribute as a national accounting service
- Extend to Other Clients
 - Some under test already
 - CERN talk next

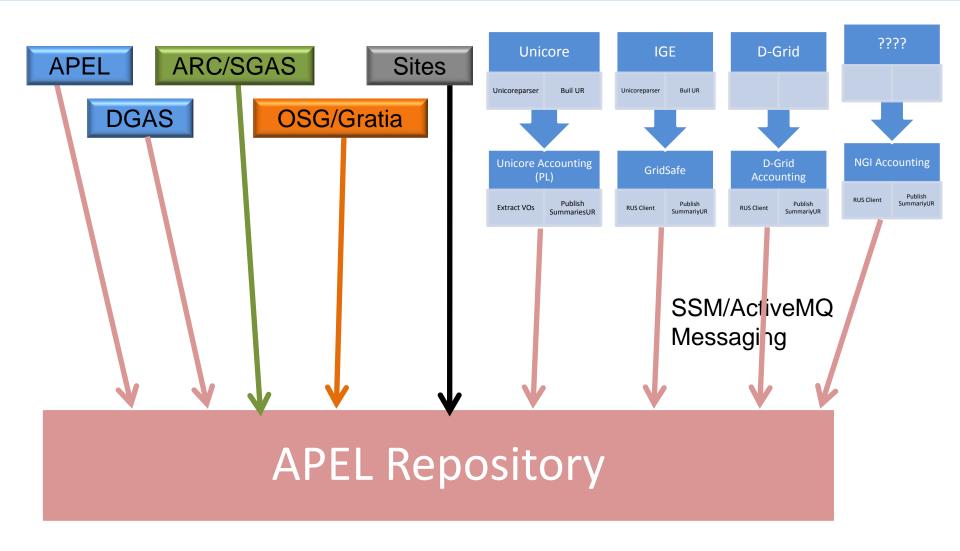


New EGI Infrastructure





Extend EGI Infrastructure





New Types of Accounting

- The new EGI Infrastructure will leave us in a good position to extend it to accept other types of accounting record.
 - Configure consumer to vary workflow according to record type
 - Designed in to allow schema evolution
 - Different instances of consumer configured to handle different record types
 - Different queues/topics in messaging
- Propose SSM for new record types too.



Storage

- StAR Storage Accounting Record
 - From EMI Data Group to OGF
 - Not yet compatible with the WLCG Installed Capacity use case.
- EMI Storage Services will gather data to populate StAR (dCache, dpm, StoRM)
- What then?
 - Wotk with them to publish UR into the infrastructure
- Evangelise to other storage products (Castor, EOS, BestMan)
- EMI aiming for 2013 release but should be widespread testing before then.



Parallel Jobs

- MPI users pushing for consistent accounting of parallel jobs
- This is relevant to whole-node use and how one treats cpu/wallclock.
- Record nodecount and ncpus(cores) for batch jobs



Others

EGI has ambitions to address accounting of:

- Clouds/Virtualisation
- Applications
- Data Centre Use
- MPI
- Services

Does WLCG Require anything else?

- Networking
- Memory
- Pilot Jobs?



New Types of Accounting

- Decide what you want to account
- Define a draft Usage Record
- Get agreement
- Gather data to populate UR
 - For each service of relevant type
- Publish UR into an Accounting Infrastructure
 - ditto
- Decide and implement workflows for data
 - In receiving infrastructure
- Decide and implement reporting and visualisation



Site Issues

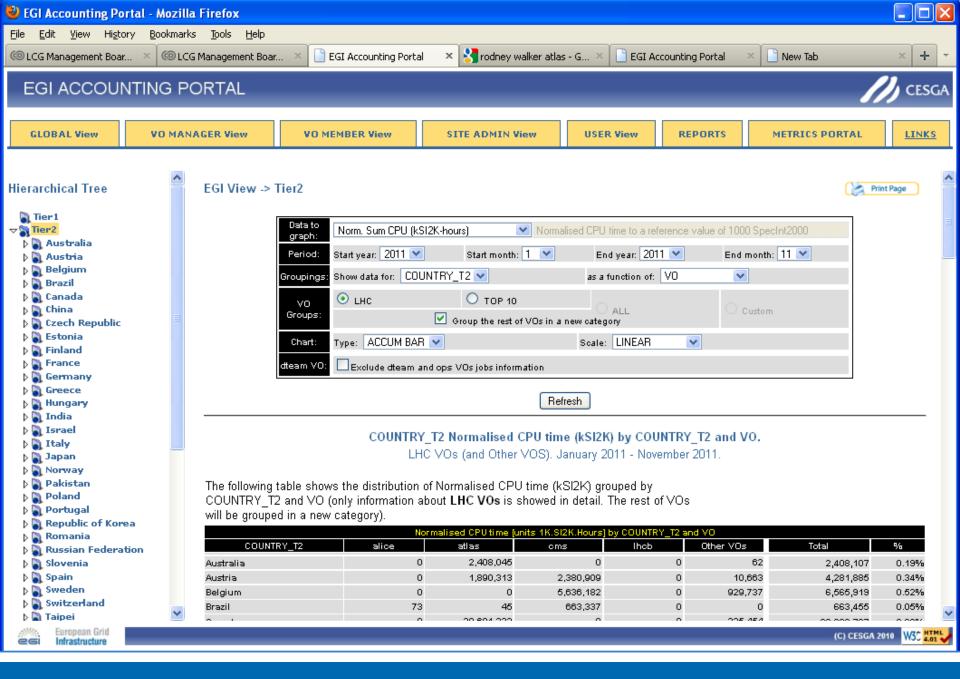
- New emi-APEL Client next year in EMI-2
 - Publish into new APEL infrastructure
 - No big change if you have already moved to emi-apel from glite-apel.
- LRMS (batch) Support
 - Any demand for Condor?
 - Historically weak for (S)GE
 - APEL Team support parsers for relevant batch systems but they need help from LRMS experts in parsing and interpreting batch logs

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Issues

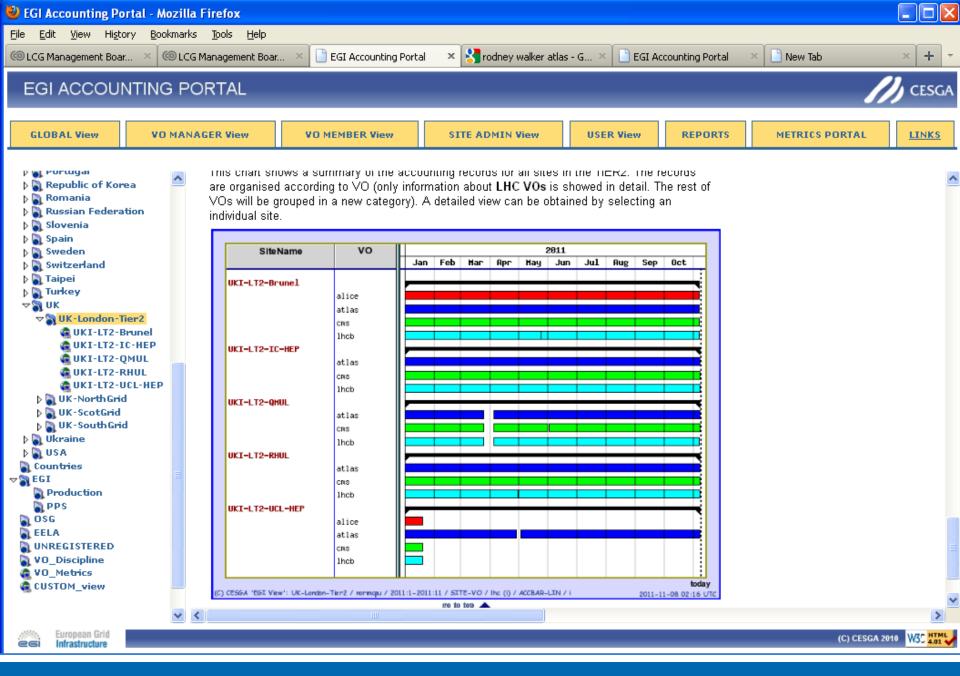
- Like all the other middleware which interfaces with batch systems, the APEL Parsers are difficult to configure automatically and sensitive to change.
- Requires manual configuration by site and maintenance of this
- Log locations. structure and lifetime
- Benchmarking
 - glite-cluster may help
- Other suggestions welcome

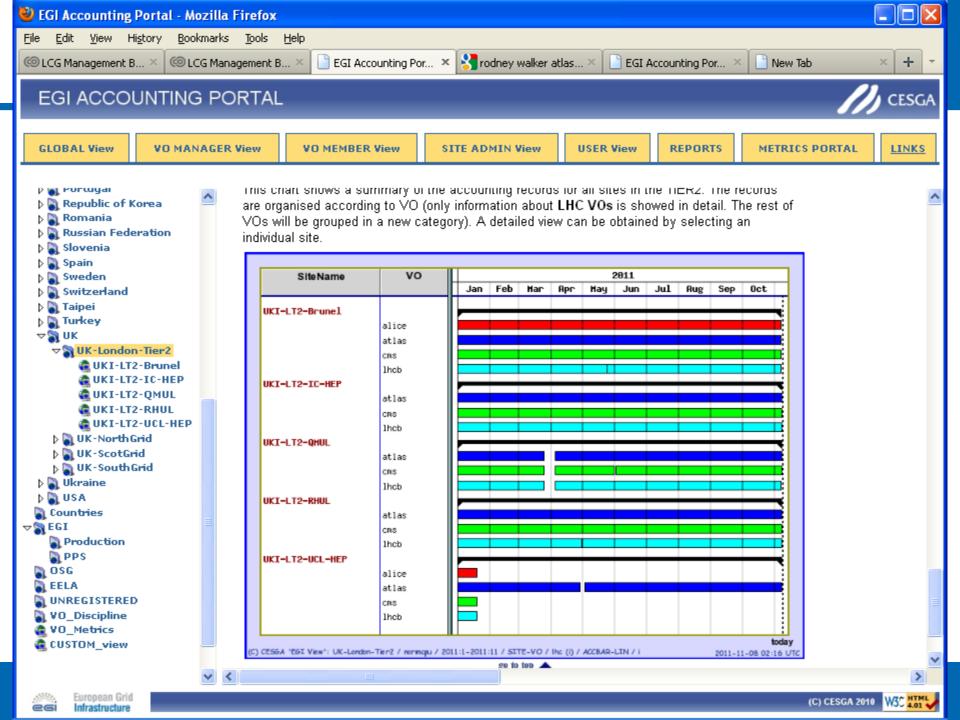




Changes to the Accounting Portal

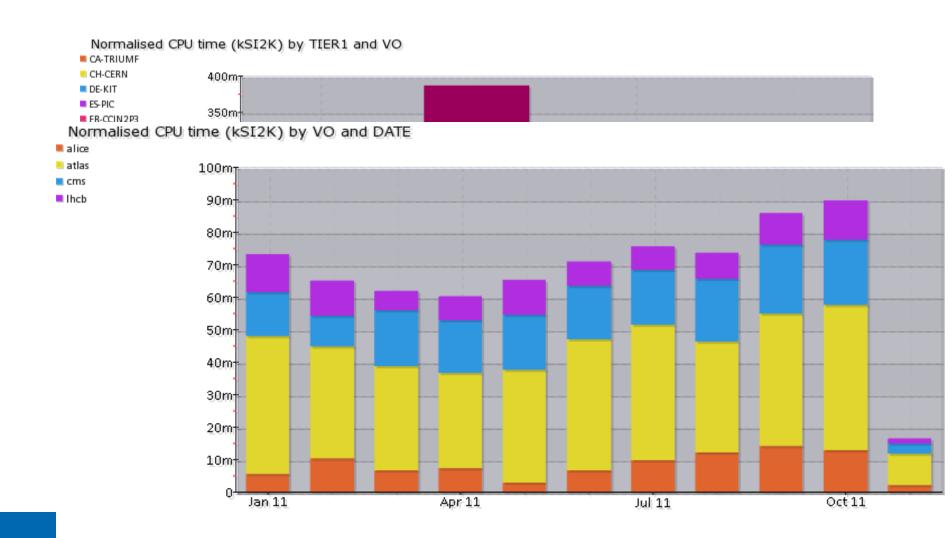
- The layout of graphs and the colour schemes have changed
- This was a complete internal rewrite so watch out for changes in behaviour and report them,
- More flexible graphics
 - Bugs have been raised about the labelling on the graphs.
- Query interface returns XML
 - Allows saving query and programmatic interface
 - See the Custom_view you can save the link
 - Needs documenting

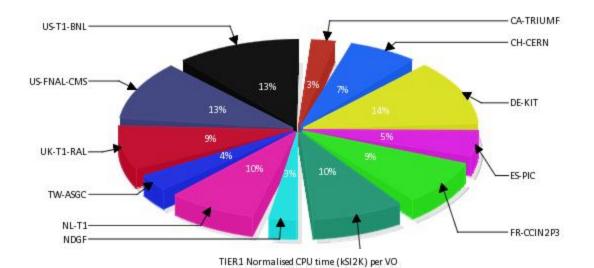




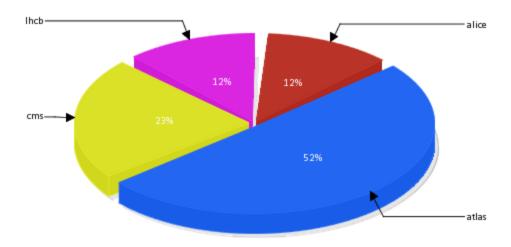


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Brief Summary Of Features

- Accounting records for cpu used by batch jobs are published in several ways to the central APEL Repository.
- This is the worldwide repository for the LHC VOs.
- It publishes summaries of the data to the Accounting Portal @ CESGA where it can be dynamically queried and a number of standard reports produced.



Can View:

- Njobs, cpu, wallclock, normalisedcpu, normalisedwallclock, (all in HS06 or kSI2K) cpuefficiency,
- As a table, graphs, and download
- Tables and graphs of one of above, download of all.
- Any timespan of months.
- Any VO, all, or a selection
- Trees for Countries, NGIs, T1, T2
- Display any point in the tree and below from top to site level.
- Date, VO, (Site/Region/Country) as a function of one of the others.



Reports:

- -T1
- T2 including pledges
- Views
 - User see your own jobs
 - VO Member see FQAN in VO (top 10)
 - VO Manager see UserDN in VO (top 10)
 - Site Admin see UserDN at site, FQAN just added.



New Requirements

- The portal will be developed to view the new types of accounting
- What else would you like to see in the portal?



EGI Accounting Task Force

- Tiziana Ferrari and Peter Solagno of EGI are leading a task force to consider all aspects of accounting, bringing together all stakeholders.
- WLCG should be represented



Summary

- New APEL Infrastructure
 - next six months
- New Accounting Portal
- New Types of Accounting
- New Requirements?