NET2.1 Site Update

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Milestones

- Milestones are driven by amount of computing transferred from BU
- Milestones assume only the currently available machines

Milestone	Date	Description
Ramp-up 1	Jan/31/2023	1500+ slots with 25 kHS06
Ramp-up 2	Mar/31/2023	5500+ slots with 110 kHS06 + 10.3 PB of storage
Ramp-up 3	May/31/2023	9500+ slots with 160 kHS06
Ramp-up 4	Jul/31/2023	11500+ slots with 190 kHS06

Total CPU available from BU: 127 kHS06

Total (raw) disk available from BU: 6.6 (9.1) PB

Risks

The milestones have significant **external dependencies**.

- Receiving equipment from BU. So far, no equipment has been made available despite repeated requests.
- Integration of equipment at UMass pod and connection to UMass network.
- Integration of NESE with the UMass/NET2.1 network.

Both these **external dependencies** will continue to exist until all the BU equipment is transferred.

Additional equipment, received directly by the UMass team will not have similar risks.

Procurement

Resource	Available from BU	Pledge 2022	To be deployed	Pledge 2023	To be deployed
Computing [kHS06]	127	81	162	89	178
Storage [PB]	6.6	7.2	8.7	8.5	10.3

- Right now, our procurement plans are focused on the equipment strictly needed to connect the BU machines to the UMass network (switches and optics)
- However, we will need to procure computing and storage nodes to get close to the resources to be deployed.
- Probably not enough funds to meet pledge in 2023.

Opportunities

The machines are being transferred from BU but a new system is being deployed.

 Thanks all the other Tier 2 teams for the visits and constant exchange of expertise with our team.

It is an opportunity to try new solutions

- Review system choices
- Experiment with virtualization: possible test-bed for kubernetes-based system
- More discussion at the dedicated session tomorrow

Open Points (1/2 more details in the talk tomorrow)

Little control over external dependencies.

Space availability at MGHPCC

- We have racks for the initial transfers from BU, but not for the full system.
- Additional racks may be made available as other UMass systems retire.
- Another possibility is to have dedicated Tier 2 racks, which would expose us to less risk.

LHCone and **ESnet connection**

- We are establishing a low bandwidth (10 Gbps) connection using NoX.
- Cost for high bandwidth connection via NoX is prohibitive for the University.
- Other possibilities are being investigated, including shared connection with other Tier 2 systems at MGHPCC (CMS/LHCb) or new regional networks (NEREN).

Open Points (2/2 more details in the talk tomorrow)

NESE disk and tape

- After addition of modern ceph DTN, NESE is stable.
- DTN for tape also working via xrootd (usage paused for ATLAS ADC, but CMS continues to use it)
- Cost model is still prohibitive.
- We are proposing a new model to the NESE team that will reduce the cost to values compatible with other Tier 2 systems.