



#### Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

# **SA3** Report

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## **SA3 in Numbers**

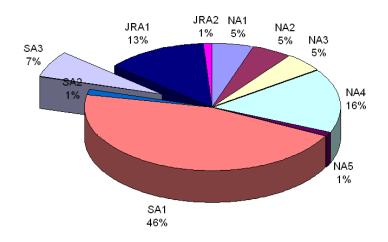
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#### **SA3 Partners**



Manpower: 12 partners, 9 countries, 30 FTE

#### **EGEE-II** Budget



Short Name	Country	Total (PMs)
CERN	Switzerland	432
PSNC	Poland	36
TCD	Ireland	19
IMPERIAL	UK	24
INFN	Italy	60
UKBH	Denmark	12
UCY	Cyprus	34
GRNET	Greece	24
CSIC	Spain	12
PIC	Spain	24
CESGA	Spain	12
FZJ	Germany	36
Total		725



# **Activity Goals**

- Manage the process of building middleware distributions
  - Integrating middleware components from a variety of sources
    - Based on TCG decisions
  - Define acceptance criteria for accepting components
    - Ensure:
      - reliability, robustness, scalability, security and usability
  - Decouple middleware distributions from middleware development

- SA3 is a new activity
  - Tasks had been covered by SA1 and JRA1 during EGEE

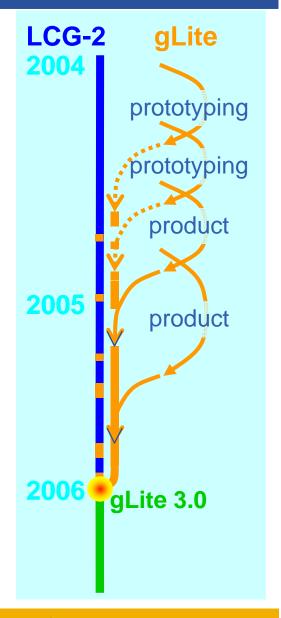
- Integration and Packaging
- Testing and Certification
  - Functional and Stress Testing
  - Security, Vulnerability Testing
  - Operate Certification and Testing Test Beds
  - Project Testing Coordination
- Debugging, Analysis, Support
- Interoperation
- Support for porting
- Participate in standardization efforts
- Capture requirements



# Achievements: gLite-3.0

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- Integrated release of LCG-2.7 and gLite-1.5
  - Different build systems
  - Different configuration management
  - Different, overlapping functionality
  - Different process......
    - LCG-2 process tailored to production
    - gLite process tailored to rapid development
- Released on May 4th
  - 4 days later than planned 5 months before





## **Achievements: Process**

- Introduced new software lifecycle process
  - Based on the gLite process and LCG-2 experience
  - Components are updated independently
  - Updates are delivered on a weekly basis to PPS
    - Move after 2 weeks to production
  - Acceptance criteria for new components
  - Clear link between component versions, Patches and Bugs
    - Semi-automatic release notes
  - Clear prioritization by stakeholders
    - TCG for medium term (3-6 months) and EMT for short term goals
  - Clear definition of roles and responsibilities
  - Documented in MSA3.2
  - In use since July 2006



# **Achievements: Testing**

#### Test strategy, process, framework and external testbeds

- SAM framework for automated testing (SA1 product)
- Central repository for tests
- Formal follow-up on test development
- Increased number of test cases
  - Development of tests mostly by partners
- Formal process for Patch certification
- Extended test beds: 8 sites
  - about 100 nodes to cover additional deployment scenarios
- Extensive use of virtualized test beds
- Introduced concept of "Experimental Services"
  - Massive scalability tests can't be conducted on test infrastructures
  - See JRA1 presentation for details



## Status

Integration and Release Management



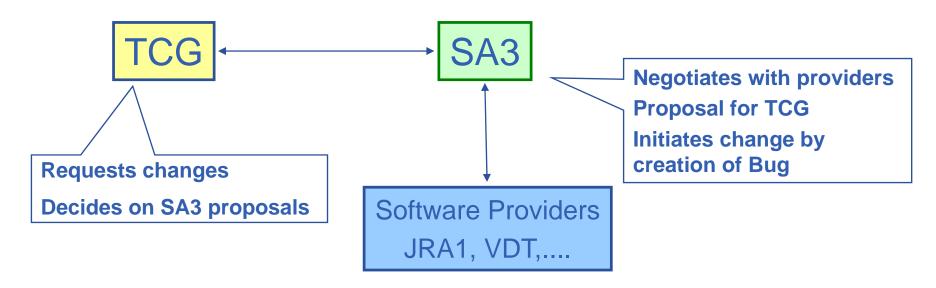
## **Introducing Major Changes**

#### •Major Changes:

**New components** 

Significant additional functionality

Changes that require new baseline releases reference OS, non backward compatible changes

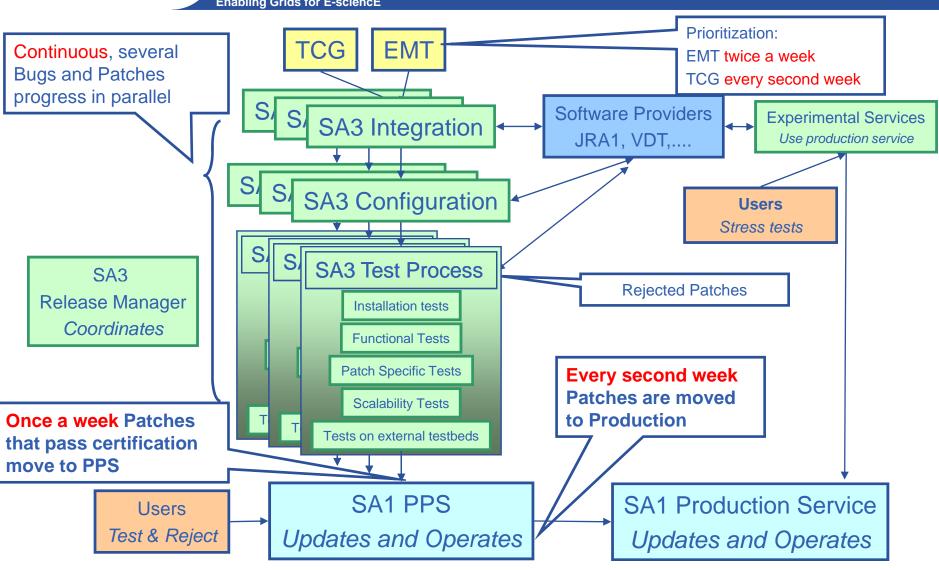


SA3 opens a Bug and Patch to start the integration of change



#### Handling Bugs and Patches (simplified)

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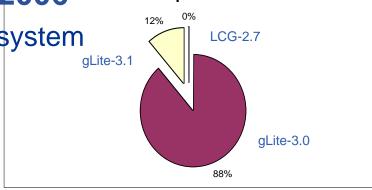


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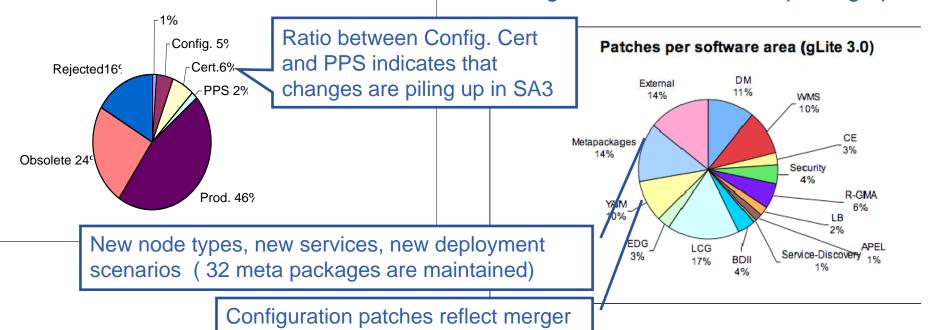
Process is in active use since July 2006 Patches per Release

- Produced 23 updates to the production system
  - 26 since May 2006 (status May 6th)
- Processed 269 Patches
  - Addressing 835 Bugs

Patches per final state (Open & closed, gLit



gLite-3.1 activities are picking up





## **Configuration Management**

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- gLite-1 configuration based on XML and Python
- LCG-2 configuration based on Key-Value pairs + bash
  - YAIM
  - Easy to integrate with other fabric management tools
- Site administrators preferred YAIM (result of survey)
  - Wrappers for gLite components
  - Process started to move to single layer configuration
    - FTS, WN, UI, and WMS are already in single layer mode
- Installation tool
  - APT for (semi) automatic RPM updates
    - Standard Debian tool, widely used
  - RPM lists for other tools
  - Tarballs for UIs and WNs



## **Build Systems**

## Currently 3 systems in use

Complicates dependency management, release management

#### LCG build system for legacy components

To be phased out during the year

#### gLite build system

- Used for the gLite-3.0 branch
- To be phased out during the year

#### ETICS

- Used for the gLite-3.1 branch
- Migration process to ETICS started in early August 06
- Will be finished around August 2007

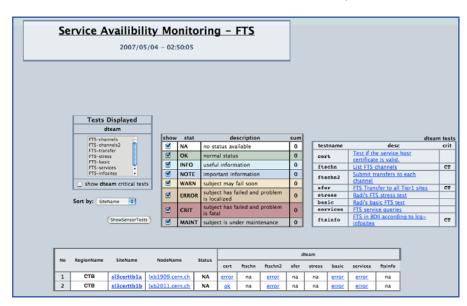


- Test plans and process documented in MSA3.5
- Test strategy
  - Multi level tests (from simple functional tests, to stress tests)
    - To abort as early as possible
  - As much steps in parallel as possible
    - Component based
      - Install, configure, functional tests, first patch certification
    - Requires many temporary testbeds
      - We use virtualization (Xen based) to save time and resources
  - Automate as much testing as possible
    - But first ensure coverage
  - First local then external testbeds
  - Moved towards testing components against a "Baseline Release"
    - Required significant reorganization of the testbed operation



# **Testing Framework**

- We have chosen SAM as our framework for testing
  - Maintained and used by SA1
  - Several tests can be used in certification and production
  - Tests need very little modification
    - Concept is compatible with testing in ETICS ---> easy port
  - Provides Web based, customizable views and history



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#### **Test Status**

#### Test development mainly by partners

- Partners signed up for tests
- Progress is monitored and documented every 2 weeks

#### New class of tests: Security testing

- Done by Posznan
  - Code reviews (VOMS and R-GMA)
  - Penetration tests
  - Independent testbed
    - Report to the grid vulnerability group

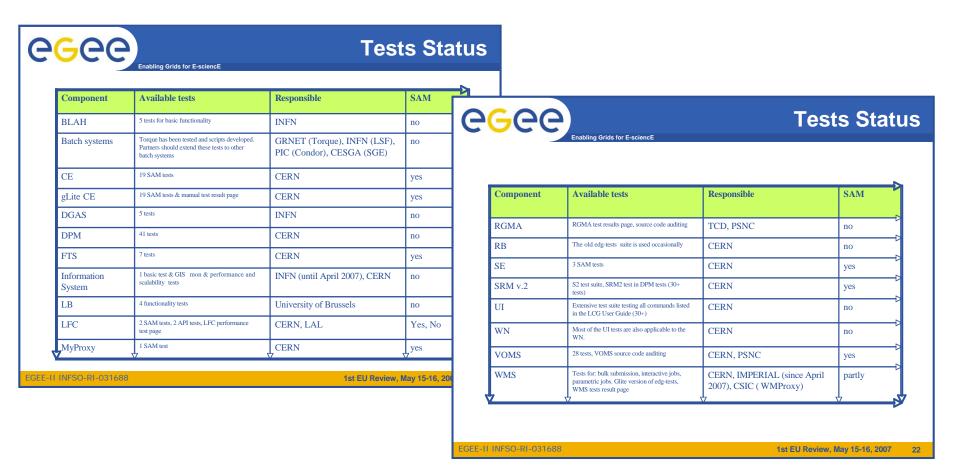
#### Interoperability tests

- Not yet integrated in the tests process
- In preparation with OSG



## **Test Status**

- Number of test cases available now >150
- Most components well covered (progressing well)
- Patch test process is the first step towards regression tests





## **Test Beds**

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- Virtual testbeds for individual testers ( about 5 )
- Dynamical allocated test nodes ( > 50 nodes)
- Central certification testbed

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## **Test Beds**

#### External testbeds linked to the certification testbed

- CESGA (SGE)
- PIC (Condor)
- GRNET (Torque)
- UCY (Torque)
- INFN (LSF)
- LAL (DPM,LFC)
- DESY (dcache)

Setup and coordination took a long time, last site joined end of 2006.

Delayed due to start up of the activity Hiring, training, procurement, etc.

#### Standalone testbeds

- Posznan (Security)
- IMPERIAL (WMS)
- TCD (Porting)



# Interoperability

#### OSG

- In production since almost 10 months (extensive use by CMS)
- Interoperability testbed in preparation
- ARC (used by NDGF)
  - Problem has been analysed in depth
  - Plan documented in MSA3.4
  - First proof of principle for some components
    - ARC's focus is on the CREAM CE
    - Progress slower than expected
- UNICORE (used for super computers)
  - Problem has been analysed in depth
    - Very complex, minimal overlap between concepts
  - Plan documented in MSA3.3
  - Proof of principle tests have bee successful
    - Progress slower than expected



# Interoperability

#### NAREGI

- Close contact during 2006
- NAREGI demonstrated first set of interoperability tools

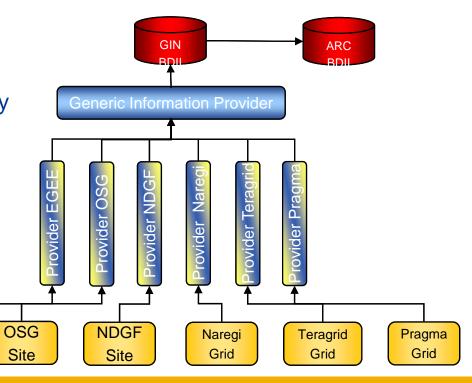
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Site

- Job submission gateway
- Info system translator
- Data management link

#### GIN info

- Part of the OGF GIN activity
  - Links information systems of many grid infrastructures
- Google-maps showing GIN grids use the GIN-BDII
- SA3 developed the concept and helped with translators





## Standardization

- SA3 is participating actively in the GLUE standardization process
- Process has been moved to OGF
  - SA3 member is co-chairing the working group

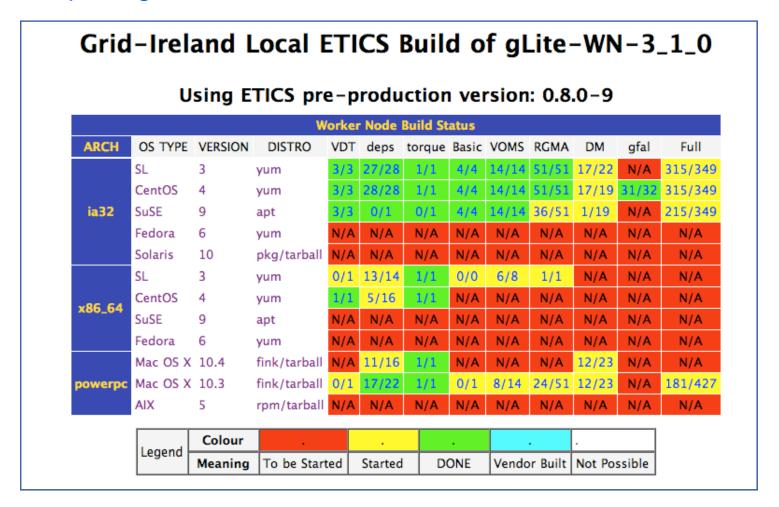


#### Main partners are TCD and Posznan

- Problems with porting
  - Software dependencies and interdependencies
    - See "Plan for glite restructuring"
  - Up to now only "post release" porting
    - Difficult to follow change rate
    - Other platforms have to be supported at release time
- TCD is moving to ETICS to close the gap
  - Supports better concurrent multi platform build and tests
  - https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/EGEE/PortingWithEtics



- Status table at TCD:
  - http://cagraidsvr06.cs.tcd.ie/autobuild





- Merging 2 middleware stacks, tool sets and processes
  - While keeping changes flowing to production
  - Was very difficult, done under high pressure by the applications
- Introducing change while supporting a production service
  - More than 200 individual updates
  - How to handle major changes
    - new baseline release, tools etc.
  - Too many entities create change
    - JRA1 developers, sites, VDT, security, etc.
  - Current resource level is adequate to support steady state

## Testing

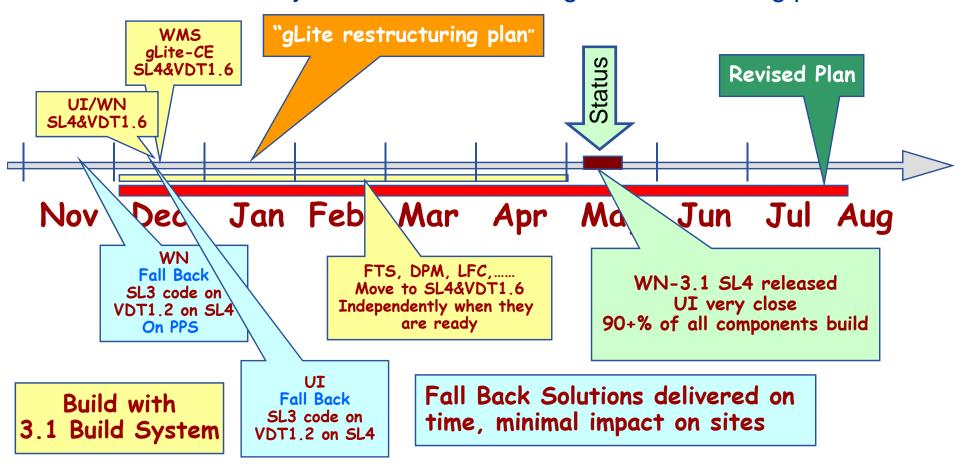
- Not as complete as planned
- Depends still too much on central team
- Introduced more frequent communication
  - Phone conferences
  - Formal follow-up on status

#### Interoperability

- Underestimated UNICORE interoperation complexity
  - Review of plan at the next meeting (3rd week of May)
- ARC struggled with some technical issues
  - But mainly a partner issue
  - Review of plan at the next meeting(3rd week of May)



- Complete the move to gLite-3.1 (including ETICS)
  - Delayed due to a multitude of reasons
  - Addressed by the PMB endorsed "gLite restructuring plan"





- Testing: (beside adding tests)
  - Automate more test cases with SAM
  - Regression testing for all bugs
  - Decentralize Patch certification
  - Move install and configuration tests to ETICS
    - Later all tests
- Single layer, component centric configuration tool
  - component YAIM, in certification
- Support at least 2 additional platforms for all releases
  - To be defined by TCG
  - Can be restricted to some components (UIs, WN)
- Implementation of the "gLite Restructuring Plan"



## Summary

- SA3 now a working activity
- Integrated LCG-2.7 and gLite-1.5 on time
- Defined and implemented Software Life Cycle process
  - Component based updates work! (269 patches since June)
- Test process defined and implemented
  - Many additional tests
  - Common framework with SA1 (SAM)
  - External testbeds to cover deployment scenarios
- Move to gLite-3.1 is well underway
- Interoperation made visible progress
  - OSG interoperation used on daily basis
  - NAREGI well advanced