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## Book of Abstracts



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**Storage & Filesystems / 1****Optimising Data Access Analytics: Integrating dCache BillingDB with PIC's Scalable Big Data Platform****Authors:** Jose Flix Molina<sup>1</sup>; Marc Santamaria Riba<sup>2</sup>**Co-authors:** Elena Planas<sup>2</sup>; Jorge Carretero Palacios<sup>3</sup>; Pau Tallada-Crespi<sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup> CIEMAT - Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas Medioambientales y Tec. (ES)<sup>2</sup> PIC<sup>3</sup> Port d'Informació Científica<sup>4</sup> PIC-CIEMAT**Corresponding Authors:** marc.santamariar@autonoma.cat, carretero@pic.es, eplanas@pic.es, jose.flix.molina@cern.ch, tallada@pic.es

PIC has developed CosmoHub, a scientific platform built on top of Hadoop and Apache Hive, which facilitates scalable reading, writing and managing huge astronomical datasets. This platform supports a global community of scientists, eliminating the need for users to be familiar with Structured Query Language (SQL). CosmoHub officially serves data from major international collaborations, including the Legacy Survey of Space and Time (LSST), the Euclid space mission, the Dark Energy Survey (DES), the Physics of the Accelerating Universe Survey (PAUS), the Gaia ESA Archive, and the Marenstrum Institut de Ciències de l'Espai (MICE) simulations.

This platform is highly scalable and adaptable for various data analytics applications. The recent integration of PIC's dCache billing database records has enabled the exploration of extensive data access logs at PIC, covering roughly eight years. We will share insights from the analysis of CMS data access at PIC, which involved processing approximately 350 million entries using PIC's Hadoop infrastructure. The current system operates with around 1,000 cores, 10 TiB of RAM, 50 TB of NVMe (for caching), and 2 PiB of usable storage. Data is accessed through HiveQL and Jupyter notebooks, with advanced Python scripts enabling efficient interaction.

This framework significantly accelerated data processing, reducing execution times for plot generation to under a minute - a task that previously took several hours using PIC's PostgreSQL databases. This enhanced performance opens up new possibilities for integrating additional data sources, such as job submissions from the local HTCondor batch system, enabling advanced analytics on large datasets.

**Desired slot length:**

20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

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The KEK Central Computer System (KEKCC) is the KEK's largest-scale computer system and provides several services such as Grid and Cloud computing.

Following the procurement policy for the large-scale computer system requested by the government, we have taken a multiple-year contract and replaced the entire system at the end of every contract year. The new system has been in production since September 2024 and will decommission in August 2028.

In this talk, we would like to review the four-year operation and development of the previous system installed in 2020. In addition, we will then show the difference between before and after September 2024, when the system is in production.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Networking & Security / 3**

## Computer Security Update

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This presentation aims to give an update on the global security landscape from the past year. The global political situation has introduced a novel challenge for security teams everywhere. What's more, the worrying trend of data leaks, password dumps, ransomware attacks and new security vulnerabilities does not seem to slow down.

We present some interesting cases that CERN and the wider HEP community dealt with in the last year, mitigations to prevent possible attacks in the future and preparations for when inevitably an attacker breaks in.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Networking & Security / 4**

## One year into the CERN Cyber-Security Audit

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This talk presents the findings of the 2023 cybersecurity audit undertaken at CERN, and the resulting plans/progress/accomplishment the Organization experienced in the past 9 months while implementing their recommendations.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

No

**Basic and end-user IT services / 5**

## CI4FPGA: Continuous Integration for FPGA/SoC Projects

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As the complexity of FPGA and SoC development grows, so does the need for efficient and automated processes to streamline testing, building, and collaboration, particularly in large-scale scientific environments such as CERN. This initiative focuses on providing CI infrastructure that is tailored for FPGA development and pre-configured Docker images for essential EDA tools, keeping the learning slope for the more than 100 projected users of the service minimal and using centralized and managed infrastructure that aligns well with CERN's IT services. This centralization facilitates the seamless integration of tools and workflows across diverse experiments, ensuring that development efforts are unified and scalable.

CI4FPGA facilitates testing and building processes by enabling automated pipelines, enhancing collaboration between development teams, and improving overall efficiency. The project frees FPGA designers from the resource-intensive task of maintaining clusters and container images, freeing them up to address key challenges such as automating unit and system-level testing, facilitating shared development of IP cores, among other benefits. One of the features employed is lazy pulling technology, that makes it possible to use scalable VM-based clusters with limited SSD sizes and drastically reduces container image load times from ~15 minutes to ~15 seconds.

**Desired slot length:**

15 minutes

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Basic and end-user IT services / 6**

## pkcli: A Framework for Scripts to Manage Applications

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System administrators and developers need a way to call application code and other tasks through command line interfaces (CLIs). Some examples include user management (creation, deletion, moderation, etc) or seeding the database for development. We have developed an open source Python framework, `pykern.pkcli`, that simplifies the creation of these application-specific CLIs. In this talk, I will provide an overview of our framework and share examples of how we've used it to administer our systems. I'll discuss the advantages of using `pykern.pkcli` over traditional shell scripts, including improvements in development, testing, modification, and distribution. Additionally, I'll present a case study demonstrating how we use one of these scripts to manage user access control for an application and seamlessly share code between the CLI and a web interface.

**Desired slot length:**

12

**Speaker release:**

Yes

## Networking & Security / 7

### Firewall under attack: operational security rollercoaster

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This talk will walk you through the challenges the ESnet security team faced during an attack against one of its firewalls. It covers the struggle and drama to access the data we needed and, in the end, highlights how nothing quite beats good old-fashioned, down-and-dirty system forensics.

**Desired slot length:**

20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

## Site Reports / 8

### CERN site report

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News from CERN since the last HEPiX workshop. This talk gives a general update from services in the CERN IT department.

**Desired slot length:**



**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Site Reports / 9****PIC report****Author:** Jose Flix Molina<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup> CIEMAT - Centro de Investigaciones Energéticas Medioambientales y Tec. (ES)**Corresponding Author:** jose.flix.molina@cern.ch

PIC report to HEPiX Fall 2024.

**Desired slot length:****Speaker release:**

Yes

**10****Canadian site report****Author:** Randall Sobie<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup> University of Victoria (CA)**Corresponding Author:** rsobie@uvic.ca

We will report on the status of the computing sites used for particle physics experiments in Canada. This includes the ATLAS Tier-1 facility at TRIUMF, and the Tier-2 centres. In addition, Canada has recently commissioned a Belle II Raw Data Centre that will store a fraction of the raw data from the experiment. The Tier-2 and other analysis centres are hosted by the Digital Research Alliance of Canada, and they are undergoing a refresh of their current hardware; we will report on their upgrade plans. Canada is also host to the BaBar Long Term Data Access (LTDA) system that continues to provide access to both data and software for the BaBar experiment that stopped recording collision data in 2008. In addition, we will describe a network demonstration project at the upcoming Super Computing conference where network packets will be injected with application specific information in Victoria and transferred at 400 gigabits/second to the show floor and decoded.

**Desired slot length:**

12

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Storage & Filesystems / 11**

## Cost Comparison of On-Premises Storage with S3 Interfaces

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**Abstract:** To evaluate the cost of various on-premises storage solutions with traditional and S3 interfaces, including flash, disk, and tape.

This presentation compares the costs, factors of flash, disk, and tape-based storage systems, including systems that are compatible with AWS S3. Key metrics to be considered include purchase price, power consumption, cooling requirements, product lifetime and performance characteristics. Additionally, the presentation will explore the long-term implications of each storage type and their impact on the environment.

This presentation will also review current and upcoming technologies that may be leveraged to provide long term exascale storage at a fraction of environment footprint of traditional methods.

**Desired slot length:**

30

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Storage & Filesystems / 12**

## Using AI/ML for Data Placement Optimization in a Multi-Tiered Storage System within a Data Center

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Scientific experiments and computations, particularly in High Energy Physics (HEP) programs, are generating and accumulating data at an unprecedented rate. Effectively managing this vast volume of data while ensuring efficient data analysis poses a significant challenge for data centers. This paper aims to introduce machine learning algorithms to enhance data storage optimization across various storage media, providing a more intelligent, efficient, and cost-effective approach to data management. We begin by outlining the data collection and preprocessing steps used to explore data access patterns. Next, we describe the design and development of a precise data popularity prediction model using AI/ML techniques. This model forecasts future data popularity based on an analysis of access patterns, enabling optimal data movement and placement. Additionally, the paper evaluates the model's performance using key metrics such as F1 score, accuracy, precision, and recall, alongside a comparison with the Least Recently Used (LRU) strategy. The model achieves an optimal prediction accuracy of up to 92% and an optimal F1 score of 0.47. Finally, we present a prototype use case, leveraging real-world file access data to assess the model's performance.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

No

**Networking & Security / 13**

## How AI networking Fabrics are different from today's Data Center fabrics

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This presentation looks at what is different about building and deploying AI fabrics. I can if needed remove the Arista logo's from the presentation. I don't see a place to attach the presentation?

**Desired slot length:**

30minutes

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Topical Session: Carbon & Sustainability in Data Centers / 14**

## Smart Procurement Utility

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The Smart Procurement Utility is a tool that allows the visualisation of HEP Score/Watt vs HEP Score/unit-cost to guide procurement choices and the compromise between cost and carbon. It uses existing benchmarking data and allows the entry of new benchmarking data. Costs can be entered as relative numbers (percentages relative to a chosen baseline) to generate the cost-related plots.

**Desired slot length:**

10

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Topical Session: Carbon & Sustainability in Data Centers / 15****Exploring the Carbon Compromises**

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Minimising carbon associated with computing will require compromise. In this presentation I will present the results from simulating a Grid site where the compute is run at reduced frequency when the predicted carbon intensity rises above some threshold. The compromise is a reduction in throughput in exchange for an increased carbon-efficiency for the work that is completed. The presentation will also summarise other, related, work from the Glasgow group.

**Desired slot length:**

20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Site Reports / 16****Site report for AGLT2**

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AGLT2 has a few updates to report since the last HEPiX meeting in Spring 2024.

- 1) We transitioned from Cobbler and Satellite plus Capsule server for RHEL provision
- 2) we transitioned from CFengine to Ansible for configuration management for the RHEL9 nodes.
- 3) In order to improve the occupancy of the HTcondor cluster, we started tuning of HTCondor and also new developments of scripts to dynamically adjust the routing rules and monitoring scripts and plots keep track of memory/cpu occupancy.

**Desired slot length:****Speaker release:**

Yes

**Networking & Security / 17**

## Network tests at CZ Tier-2

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The CZ Tier-2 in Prague (the Czech Republic) joined the WLCG Data Challenge 24 and managed to receive and sent more than 2 PB during the second week of the DC24. Since then we upgraded our network connection to LHCONE from 100 to 2x100 Gbps. The LHCONE link uses GEANT connection, which was also upgraded to 2x100 Gbps. During July 2024 we executed dedicated network stress tests between Prague and CERN and we observed maxima close to the link capacity - 200 Gbps.

**Desired slot length:**

10

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Site Reports / 18**

## RAL Site Report

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An update on activities at the RAL datacentre.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Networking & Security / 19**

## Getting closer to an IPv6-only WLCG –update from the HEPiX IPv6 Working Group

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The HEPiX IPv6 Working Group has been encouraging the deployment of IPv6 in WLCG for many years. At the last HEPiX meeting in Paris we reported that the LHC experiment Tier-2 storage services are now close to 100% IPv6-capable. We had turned our attention to WLCG compute and launched a GGUS ticket campaign for WLCG sites to deploy dual-stack computing elements and worker nodes. At that time 44% of the sites had completed their deployment of dual-stack CPU. The working group has also continued to monitor the use of IPv4 and IPv6 on the LHCOFN. As before we continue to identify uses of legacy IPv4 data transfers and strive to move these to IPv6. A dual-stack network is not a desirable end-point for all this work; we continue to plan the move from dual-stack to IPv6-only.

This talk will present the activities of the working group since April 2024 and our future plans.

**Desired slot length:**

20 minutes

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Operating systems, clouds, virtualisation, grids / 20**

## Purdue CMS Analysis Facility

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The Purdue Analysis Facility (Purdue AF) is an advanced computational platform designed to support high energy physics (HEP) research at the CMS experiment. Based on a multi-tenant JupyterHub server deployed on a Kubernetes cluster, Purdue AF leverages the resources of the Purdue CMS Tier-2 computing center to provide scalable, interactive environments for HEP workflows. It supports a full HEP analysis software stack, offers a variety of storage and data access solutions, and integrates modern scale-out tools like Dask Gateway. Since its first deployment in 2023, Purdue AF has been instrumental in numerous published analyses, workshops, and tutorials. We will present the Purdue AF architecture and describe its common use patterns in CMS analyses.

**Desired slot length:**

15-20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Site Reports / 21**

## S3DF: SLAC Shared Science Data Facility

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A site report on the infrastructure and services that underpin SLAC's data-intensive processing pipelines. The SLAC Shared Science Data Facility hosts the Rubin Observatory DF, LCLS-II and many other experimental and research workflows. Networking and Storage form the core of S3DF with hardware deployed in a modern Stanford datacenter.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Operating systems, clouds, virtualisation, grids / 22**

## **A Cloud-Native Control Plane for Infrastructure and Platform Management**

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Crossplane is a cloud-native control plane for declarative management of infrastructure and platform resources using Kubernetes-native APIs.

It enables the integration of infrastructure-as-code practices by reusing existing tools such as Ansible and Terraform, while providing flexible, instanceable "compositions" for defining reusable resource configurations. This approach allows organizations to automate, compose, and manage infrastructure alongside application workloads, streamlining operations in a cloud-native ecosystem.

**Desired slot length:**

20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Computing & Batch Services / 23**

## **AUDITOR: An Accounting tool for Grid Sites and Opportunistic Resources**

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More and more opportunistic resources are provided to the Grid. Often behind one Compute Element several opportunistic computing resource provider exists or are additional to the pledged resources of a Grid site. For such use cases and others, we have developed a most flexible multipurpose accounting ecosystem AUDITOR (AccoUnting Datahandling Toolbox for Opportunistic Resources).

AUDITOR is able to individually collect accounting data from multiple resource providers sharing a CE. The collected information can be used for internal accounting or sent to the European Grid Initiative (EGI) accounting portal. We will show some current use-cases and further plans for AUDITOR.

**Desired slot length:**

15

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Networking & Security / 24**

## Networking Topics for WLCG

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We will describe the current activities and plans in WLCG networking, including details about SciTags, the WLCG perfSONAR deployment and the related activities to monitor and analyze our networks. We will also describe the related efforts to plan for the upcoming WLCG Network Data Challenge through a series of mini-challenges that incorporate our tools and metrics.

**Desired slot length:**

25

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Computing & Batch Services / 25**

## HEPiX Benchmarking WG: Status Report

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HEPScore23 has been the official benchmark for WLCG sites since April 2023. Since then, we have included community feedback and demand. The Benchmarking WG has started a new development effort to expand the Benchmark Suite with modules that can measure server utilization metrics (load, frequency, I/O, power consumption) during the execution of the HEPScore benchmark.

This enables a closer look at power efficiency and performance in the Grid environment.

We present the current state of our group and an overview of our current studies.

**Desired slot length:**



15

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Site Reports / 26**

## Jefferson Lab Site Report and HPDF Introduction

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I will give an report on the Scientific Computing program at Jefferson Lab and a brief introduction to HPDF, the High Performance Data Facility.

**Desired slot length:**

12

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Networking & Security / 27**

## HELP! I have DataCenter Nightmares

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With the growing complexity of the IT hardware and software stack, with a move from bare-metal to virtual machines & containers, with the prevalent usage of shared central computing resources for Internet-facing services, provisioning of (internal) user services but also the need for serving industrial control systems (OT) in parallel, the design of data centre architectures and in particular its networks can become more and more challenging. This presentation will introduce the dilemma of creating a highly agile and flexible computer center set-up while still trying to maintain security perimeters within. It is bound to fail.

**Desired slot length:****Speaker release:**

Yes

**Miscellaneous / 28**

## Shifting Hardware Landscape

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Advances in computing hardware are essential for future HEP and NP experiments. These advances are seen as incremental improvements in performance metric over time, i.e. everything works the same, just better, faster, and cheaper. In reality, hardware advances and changes in requirements can result in the crossing of thresholds that require a re-evaluation of existing practices. The HEPiX Techwatch working group was created to monitor trends in technology that will impact HEP and NP experiments in the future.

**Desired slot length:**

10 minutes

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Operating systems, clouds, virtualisation, grids / 32**

## Science Cloud based on WLCG Core Technology

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This presentation will focus on two topics: 1) status of ATLAS T2 site in Taiwan, and 2) experiences of supporting broader scientific computing over the cloud based on WLCG technology.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Miscellaneous / 33**

## Atmospheric Visibility Estimation From Single Camera Images: A Deep Learning Approach

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Atmospheric Visibility Estimation From Single Camera Images: A Deep Learning Approach

**Desired slot length:**

45

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Operating systems, clouds, virtualisation, grids / 34****dCache on Kubernetes****Author:** Elia Luca Oggian<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup> *ETH Zurich (CH)***Corresponding Author:** elia.oggian@cscs.ch

dCache is composed by a set of components running in Java Virtual Machines (JVM) and a storage backend, Ceph in this case. CSCS moved these JVMs into containers and developed an Helm Chart to deploy them on a Kubernetes cluster. This cloud native approach makes the deployments and management of new dCache instances easier and faster.

Encountered challenges and future developments will be exposed in this presentation.

**Desired slot length:**

15 minutes

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Computing & Batch Services / 35****Operating the 200 Gbps IRIS-HEP Demonstrator for ATLAS**

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The ATLAS experiment is currently developing multiple analysis frameworks which leverage the Python data science ecosystem. We describe the setup and operation of the infrastructure necessary to support demonstrations of these frameworks. One such demonstrator aims to process the compact ATLAS data format PHYSLITE at rates exceeding 200 Gbps. Integral to this study was the analysis of network traffic and bottlenecks, worker node scheduling, disk configurations, and the performance

of an S3 object store. The demonstration's performance was measured as the number of processing cores used by the demonstration tests scaled to over 2,000 and as the volume of data accessed in an interactive session approached 200 TB. The presentation will go over the findings and future updates related to the physical infrastructure that supports these demonstrators and what improvements to infrastructure will be made to be better prepared for the future.

**Desired slot length:**

15 minutes

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Topical Session: Carbon & Sustainability in Data Centers / 36****Case Study: AI Training Power Demand on a GPU-Accelerated Node****Author:** Imran Latif<sup>1</sup>**Co-author:** Shigeki Misawa<sup>2</sup><sup>1</sup> *Brookhaven National Laboratory*<sup>2</sup> *Brookhaven National Laboratory (US)***Corresponding Authors:** [misawa@bnl.gov](mailto:misawa@bnl.gov), [ilatif@bnl.gov](mailto:ilatif@bnl.gov)

Data center sustainability, a phenomenon that has grown in focus due to the continuing evolution of Artificial intelligence (AI)/High Performance Computing (HPC) systems; furthermore, the rampant increase in carbon emissions resulted in an unprecedented rise in Thermal Design Power (TDP) of the computer chips at the Scientific Data and Computing Center (SDCC) at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). With the exponential increase of demand towards the usage of such systems, major challenges have surfaced in terms of productivity, Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE), and thermal/scheduling management.

Deploying AI/HPC infrastructure in data centers will require substantial capital investment. This study quantified the energy footprint of this infrastructure by developing models based on the power demands of AI hardware during training. We measured the instantaneous power draw of an 8-GPU NVIDIA H100 HGX node while training open-source models, including the image classifier and the large language model. The peak power draw observed nearly 18% below the manufacturer's rated TDP, even with GPUs near full utilization. For the image classifier, increasing the batch size from 512 to 4096 images reduced total training energy consumption by a factor of four when model architecture remained constant. These insights can aid data center operators in capacity planning and provide researchers with energy use estimates. Future studies will explore the effects of cooling technologies and carbon-aware scheduling on AI workload energy consumption.

**Desired slot length:**

12

**Speaker release:**

Yes

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## Stories from the TSM to HPSS Migration at KIT

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In 2020 we started the migration from our TSM-based tape system to HPSS which was finally finished in the summer of 2024. I'll present lessons learned, pitfalls and also the necessary in-house software developments.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

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## Transitioning from RHEV to Openshift

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A description of our experience deploying Openshift both for container orchestration as well as a replacement for Redhat Enterprise Virtualization.

**Desired slot length:**

20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Welcome and Workshop Logistics / 39**

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## Summary of the Joint Xrootd and FTS Workshop

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The 2nd Joint Xrootd and FTS Workshop at STFC in September 2024 covered many interesting topics. This presentation will summarize the discussion on state of affairs of FTS and Xrootd, plan on FTS4, WLCG token support in FTS, future plan on CERN Data Management Client, The Pelican project and Xrootd/Xcache, Xrootd monitoring, etc. It will cover some of the feedback by experiments, especially with regards to the DC24, and future plan by various experiments.

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**Speaker release:**

Yes

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## IHEP Site Report

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The progress and status of IHEP site since last Hepix.

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**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Site Reports / 44****SWT2 site report****Author:** Zachary Booth<sup>1</sup>**Co-authors:** Armen Vartapetian <sup>1</sup>; Horst Severini <sup>2</sup>; Mark Sosebee <sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup> *University of Texas at Arlington*<sup>2</sup> *University of Oklahoma***Corresponding Authors:** zachary.booth@uta.edu, vartap@uta.edu, sosebee@uta.edu, hs@nhn.ou.edu

The Southwest Tier-2 (SWT2) consortium is comprised of two data centers operated at the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and at the University of Oklahoma (OU). SWT2 provides distributed computing services in support of the ATLAS experiment at CERN. In this presentation we will describe the resources at each site (CPU cycles and data storage), along with other associated infrastructure required to provide these resources. We will conclude with a discussion of plans for the future evolution of SWT2.

**Desired slot length:****Speaker release:**

Yes

**Operating systems, clouds, virtualisation, grids / 45****Nebraska Coffea-Casa Analysis Facility Update****Author:** Garhan Attebury<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup> *University of Nebraska Lincoln (US)***Corresponding Author:** garhan.attebury@cern.ch

The CMS Coffea-Casa analysis facility at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln provides researchers with Kubernetes based Jupyter environments and access to CMS data along with both CPU and GPU resources for a more interactive analysis experience than traditional clusters provide. This talk will cover updates to this facility within the past year and recent experiences with the 200 Gbps challenge.

**Desired slot length:**

15-20

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Basic and end-user IT services / 46****CRISP: Collaborative Tools for the ePIC Experiment**

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This talk describes a project to develop a set of collaborative tools for the upcoming ePIC experiment at the BNL Electron-Ion Collider (EIC). The “Collaborative Research Information Sharing Platform” (CRISP) is built upon an extensible, full-featured membership directory, with CoManage integration and a customized InvenioRDM document repository. The CRISP architecture will be presented, along with plans for future integrations and workflow development.

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**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Topical Session: Carbon & Sustainability in Data Centers / 47****Carbon costs of storage: a UK perspective**

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In order to achieve the higher performance year on year required by the 2030s for future LHC upgrades at a sustainable carbon cost to the environment, it is essential to start with accurate measurements of the state of play. Whilst there have been a number of studies of the carbon cost of compute for WLCG workloads published, rather less has been said on the topic of storage, both nearline and archival. We present a study of the embedded and ongoing carbon costs of storage in multiple configurations, from Tape farms through to SSDs, within the UK Tier-1 and Tier-2s and discuss how this directs future policy.

**Desired slot length:**

**Speaker release:**

Yes

**Topical Session: Carbon & Sustainability in Data Centers / 48****Discussion**