RHUL Site Report

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Staffing & Computing

- Tom Crane (sysadmin – 0.5 FTE) - Joined on 1st April
- Govind Songara (Grid site admin)
- Simon George (System manager)
- Barry Green (Hardware & network support)

- Maintaining usual local systems & services
  - ~ 20 Desktops (SLC5), ~40 laptops (Win/Mac/Linux), Windows TS, printers (HP/Lexmark)
  - Network and firewall, Wifi
  - Nagios/Ganglia, DHCP/PXE/kickstart, Cobbler DNS, email
  - TWiki, web, SVN(accelerator group) , elog, etc.
  - Videoconference suite

Tier2 cluster

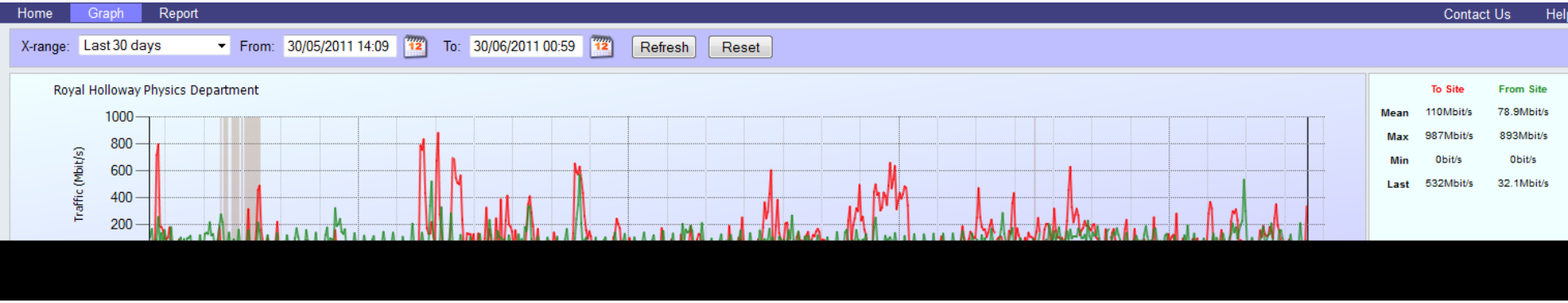
Tier2 cluster

- **Upgraded in May 11**
- Node ~ 10 Dell C6100 ~ 480 cores ~ 13.3 HEP-SPEC06 per core
- Storage ~ 21 Dell R510 ~ 24 TB
- **Alces services**
- Chose Alces software stack over CV's BCM
- cluster integrations, network switch replacement, installations etc.
- Very much satisfied with support

Total Job slot: - 400+480 = 880
HEP-SPEC06 = ~ 3160 +6384 = 9544
Total Storage: -~ 300 + ~ 400 = ~700 TB

Tier2 Network

- **Separate subnet**
- 134.219.225.0/24
- Plan to setup dedicated monitoring like cacti etc.
- **Dedicated 1Gb/s link to Janet at IC**
- Until April shared the link with college, which was capped at =~ 300 Mb/s
- **Network Hardware upgrade**
- 8x Dell PowerEdge 6248, double-stacked (2x48Gb/s + redundant loop)
- SN: 4x1Gb/s bonded & vlan, WN: 2x1Gb/s bonded (only on private network)



Tier3 Cluster

- For local use:
  - Atlas analysis, pheno
  - Accelerator simulations (MPI)
- Provisioning:- Cobbler/local post-install and plan to integrate with Puppet
- Torque/maui, MPI
- Plan to install CVMFS for atlas software, local squid
  - Upgraded 54 nodes out of 75 :
    - AMD Phenom II 955 3.2GHz, (4 core) + AMD Phenom(tm) II 1090T 3.6GHz (6 core) + 8GB RAM
    - Total slots:- 232

Transitions to CC services

- Due to funding constraint
  - Migrating services that are replicated centrally
  - So far migrated email system , offsite backup for home
  - Plan to move DNS, window terminal servers
- Future major procurement will be via CC
- Reviewed what can be done by CC
  - Wifi, twiki, RHEL5 VMs, NAS, virtual desktops etc
  - Benefit from their economies of scale
  - Reduce HEP sysman effort

Summary

- Reduced funding ~= less staff ~= **do more**
- Expecting additional link to improve network performance.
- Migrating most of services to CC wherever possible