



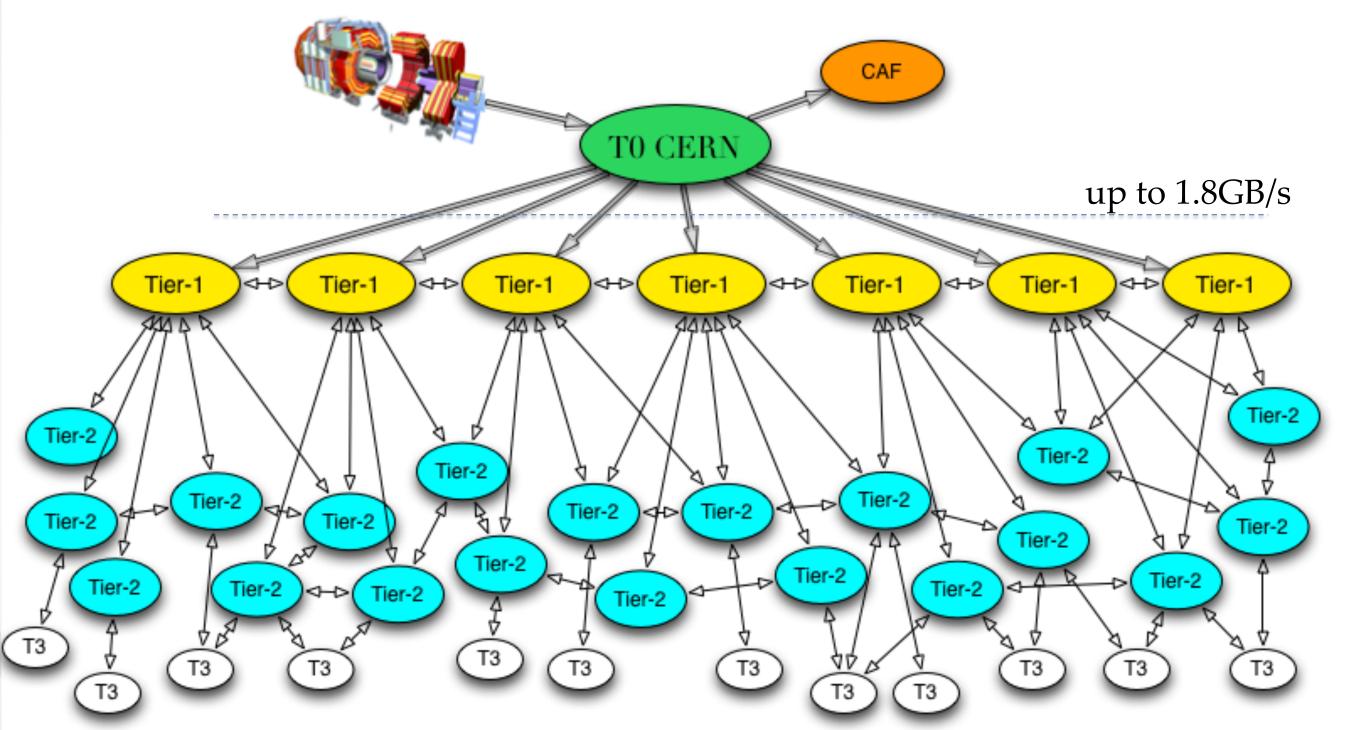
CMS Data Transfer operations after the first years of LHC collisions

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- Data Transfers Operations
 - o introduction to operations;
 - monitoring and problems
 - o troubleshooting
- Improving transfers quality
 - o LHCONE
- Data Consistency
 - o operations;
 - o challenges;

Distributed computing infrastructure



7 Tier-1s; 54 Tier-2s; over 60 Tier-3s

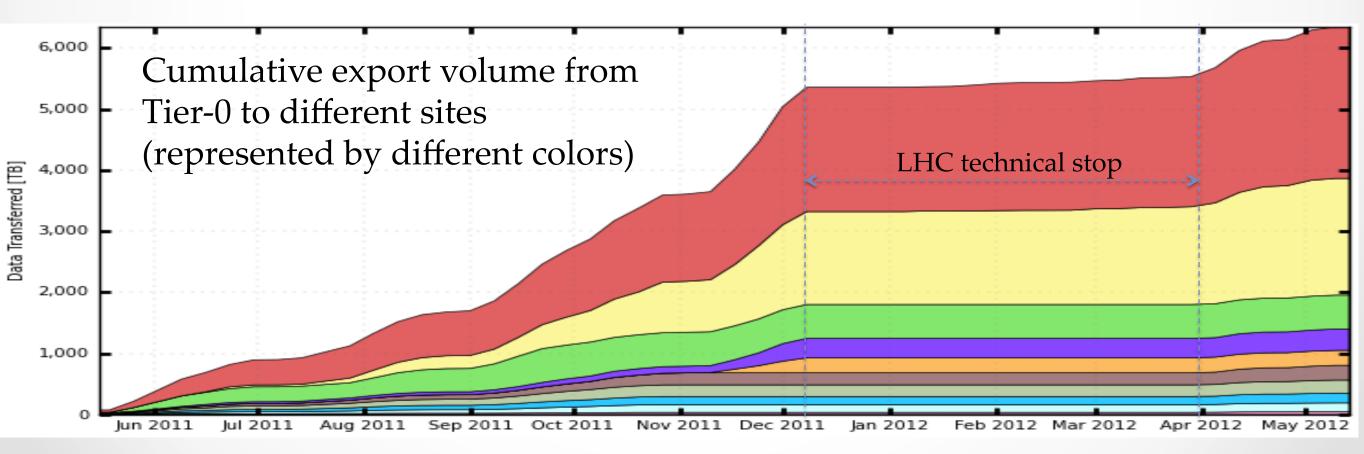
over 2550 active links

PhEDEx

- Physics Experiment Data Export is at the core of all CMS data transfers.
- Distributed database-centric architecture.
- Keeps track of data stored at sites.
- Central agents, which are calculating routes, harvest historical data, etc., are running at CERN
- Each CMS site runs a set of site software agents.
- Web based monitoring and control
 - helps to observe failing transfers, debug issues;
 - data subscriptions and approvals managed by responsible site administrators.
- Web service providing machine readable information.

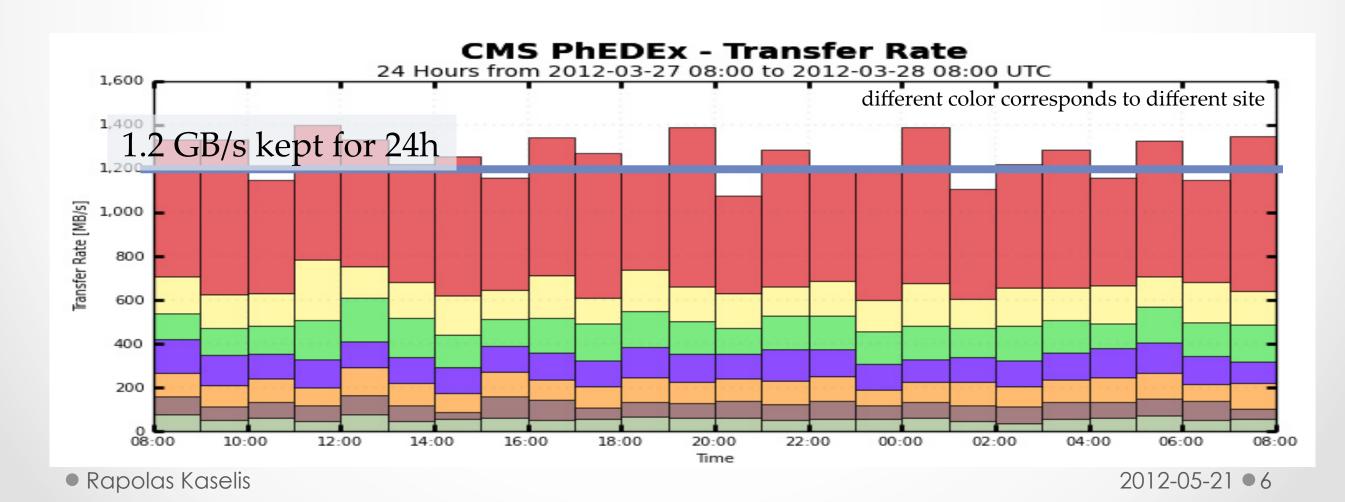
Quantities

- In data taking mode:
 - 25-30 TB are being exported from Tier-0 daily during protons' runs.
 - 60 TB on avg. exported daily during heavy-ions' runs (with record 120 TB/day, ~1.4 GB/s) from Tier-0.
 - 30-35 TB are being exported from Tier-1s to Tier-2s daily.
 - o 15 TB daily Tier-2s to Tier-2s.
 - ~1400 TB transferred in one week



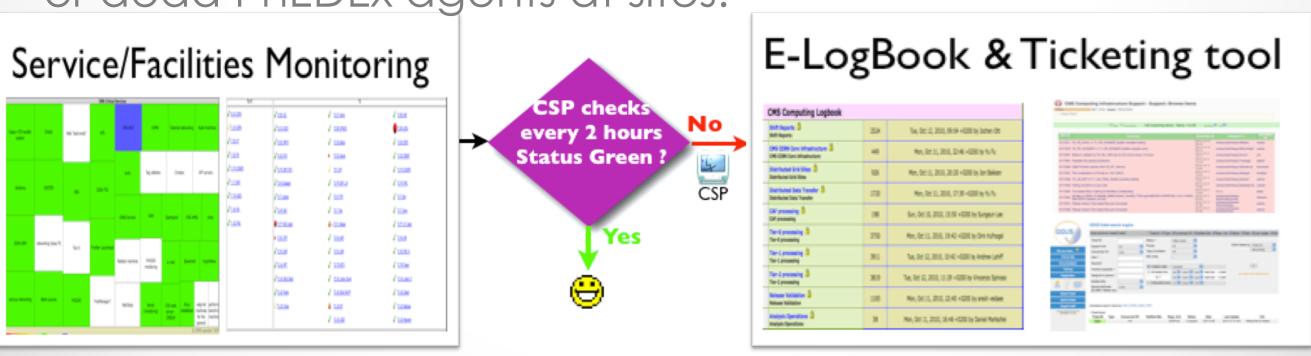
Preparation for 2012

- During the most recent test (Tier-0 → Tier-1s), 1.2GB/s export rate has been achieved (export planned for 2012)
 - o furthermore, available infrastructure can keep up to 1.8GB/s (retained for 12h)
- Regular transfer tests are going on all the time
- Commissioning links
 - o Export from Tier-1 at 20MB/s for 24h
 - Export from Tier-2 at 5MB/s for 24h



Monitoring transfers

- Mostly looking at PhEDEx web page:
 - o transfers quality plots.
 - o transfers rate table.
- More than 2550 active links.
- 4 central operators.
- Basic checks are being done by computing shifters*, who monitor 24/7 and are very helpful detecting stuck transfers or dead PhEDEx agents at sites.



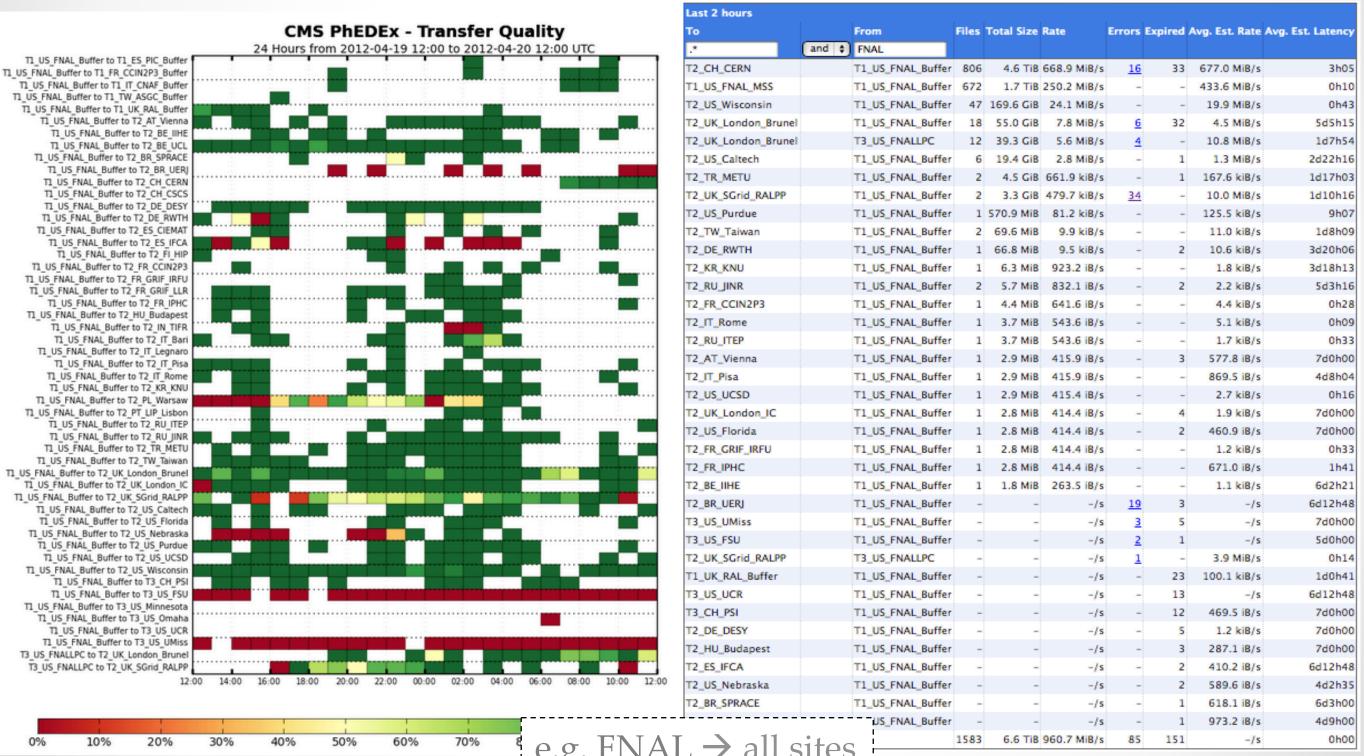
^{*} see "Towards higher reliability of CMS Computing Facilities" poster by José Flix

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Monitoring transfers 2

Quality plot

Rate table



Transfer problems

Storage issues

- corrupted tape
- crashed storage node
- o data loss

Network issues

- o cable cut
- o misbehaving router on the path
- o timeouts

Authorization issues

- expired certificate/proxy
- certificate/proxy doesn't have appropriate roles/extensions

Configuration issues

- Improper PhEDEx agents' configuration
- FTS channels configuration

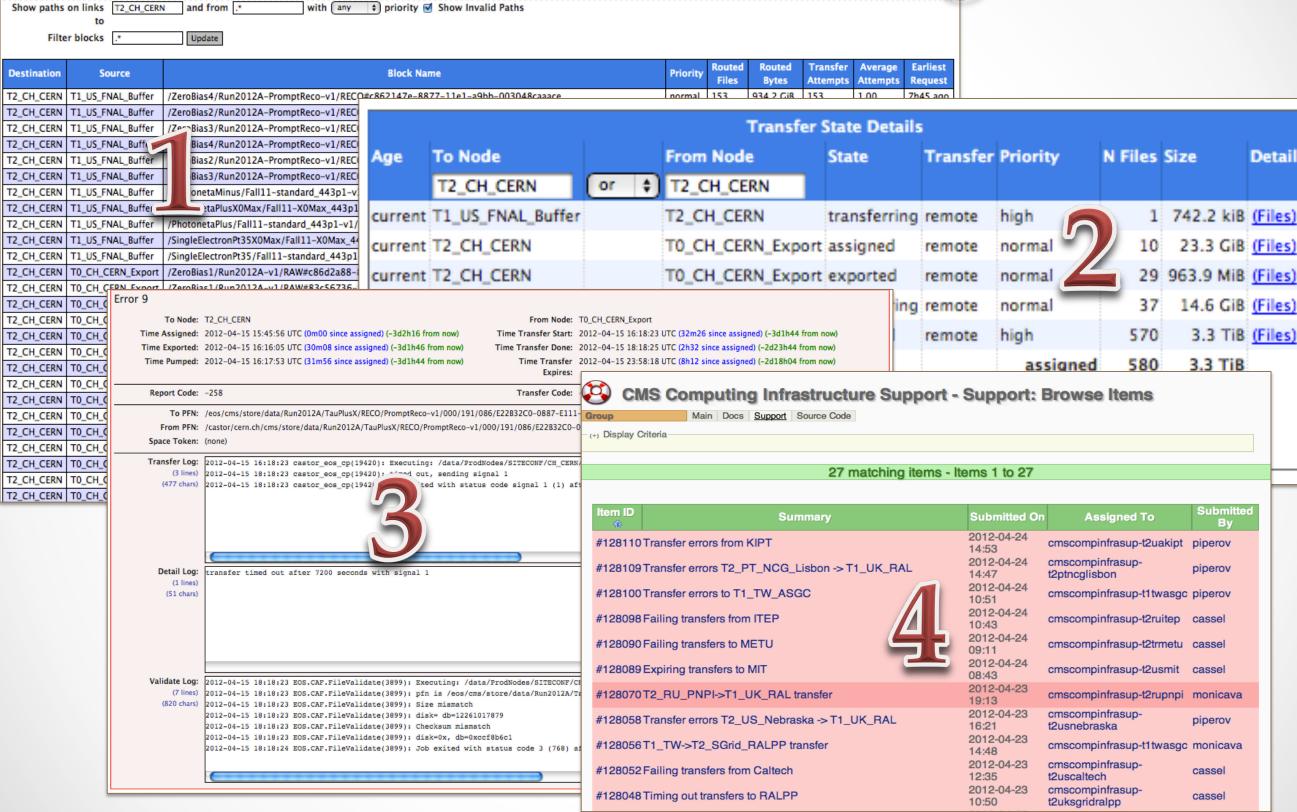


Troubleshooting

- Check if there is a link between hosting file site and receiving site?
 - o additional inspections why path can not be calculated.
- Check what status file is in?
 - o might be a problem staging from tape.
 - o might not report properly as staged on disk.
- Check if there are errors on that link?
 - errors might immediately tell what the problem is and where is it.
- Open a ticket to a site. Give some hints what might be causing problems, ask to solve the them.
 - ~1300 tickets were opened during the last year.
 - o On avg. 3.5 tickets per day (5 tickets/day excl. weekends).
 - o 15-20 tickets on average are open at any given moment.



Troubleshooting 2



LHCONE

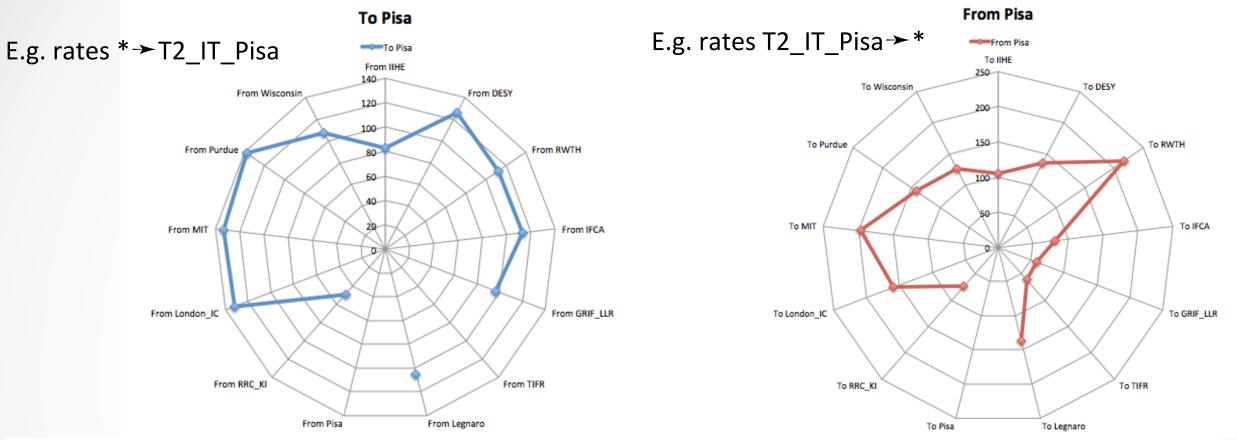


- LHC Open Network Environment.
- CMS transfers must rely on a stable and reliable network behind, but should be ready to face any changes in the underlying network infrastructure
- The objective of LHCONE is to provide a collection of access locations that are effectively entry points into a network that is private to the LHC T1/2/3 sites.
 - LHCONE is not intended to replace the LHCOPN but rather to complement it;
 - o it addresses Tier-2/3 levels, on GPN infrastructures in different nations so far;
 - LHCONE is intended to grow as a robust and scalable solution for a global system serving LHC Tiers` needs and to fit in less-hierarchical computing models

Transfer tests in LHCONE

- The T2-T2 commissioning work in CMS was done in 2010.
 - o connections need to be tested BEFORE and AFTER any change to the network
- CMS decided to adopt a strategy consisting of two complementary approaches
 - o one based on PhEDEx LoadTest infrastructure;
 - o one based on FTS/FTM;
 - the first approach is CMS specific, the second is general;
 - the first approach allows to map the performances of the T2-T2 connections and monitor them over time
 - in terms of transfer rates, transfer quality, transfer latency to transfer a few TBs sample
- The first round of such test activities is done. We are now in the process of testing connections from/to sites which enter the LHCONE prototype, one by one

A snapshot of test results



		BE	DE	DE	ES	FR	IN	IT	IT	RU	UK	US	US	US
	Max rate in 1 hr [MiB/s] to	IIHE	DESY	RWTH	IFCA	GRIF LLR	TIFR	Legnaro	Pisa	RRC KI	London IC	MIT	Purdue	Wisconsir
BE	from		05	105	40	50		00	00	00	70	75	00	70
	IIHE		85	105	49	50	60	96	83	38	79	75	80	76
DE	DESY	105		518	85	62	61	148	126	65	182	260	109	256
DE	RWTH	97	144		86	108	88	164	112	74	229	255	103	183
ES	IFCA	77	85	97		61	76	87	113	66	102	122	72	136
FR	GRIF_LLR	107	132	449	76		77	145	96	57	320	279	133	368
IN	TIFR													
IT	Legnaro	87	109	196	64	57	47		105	62	79	171	114	180
IT	Pisa	105	135	217	81	59	61	137		74	160	197	141	126
RU	RRC_KI	42	68	119	28	n/a	42	51	49		117	99	77	97
UK	London_IC	64	110	414	93	88	87	139	132	63		305	116	287
US	MIT	108	89	422	84	68	65	133	133	59	39		72	428
US	Purdue	101	55	314	55	48	75	75	138	48	427	320		408
US	Wisconsin	102	105	365	81	43	86	139	108	62	100	330	85	

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Data consistency

- Meta-data about all CMS production data is being stored separately (in databases) from the real data (on disks, tapes) and should stay consistent.
- Inconsistency can appear due to hardware failure.
- Several different points to check:
 - o all files stored in the database should actually exist on the storage elements
 - o files, stored on the storage elements, are complete
 - o should be no dark data files, that we don't know about
- Monthly consistency check are being done at all Tier-1s.
- Being extended to Tier-2s.



How checks are being done?

- Storage consistency check (SCC):
 - List of all files older than one month are being gathered from the site.
 - List is checked against internal databases.
 - o Present files not found in databases are called orphans.
 - Orphans have to be double checked:
 - If they are 'real' orphans, they get deleted.
 - If they are 'fake' they get registered in databases properly.
- Block download verify (BDV):
 - o Done centrally, if PhEDEx BDV agent is running at site.
 - Agent checks file and its size with information stored on transfers database.
 - Failures either get deleted completely, or scheduled for a retransfer to site, if it is available somewhere else.

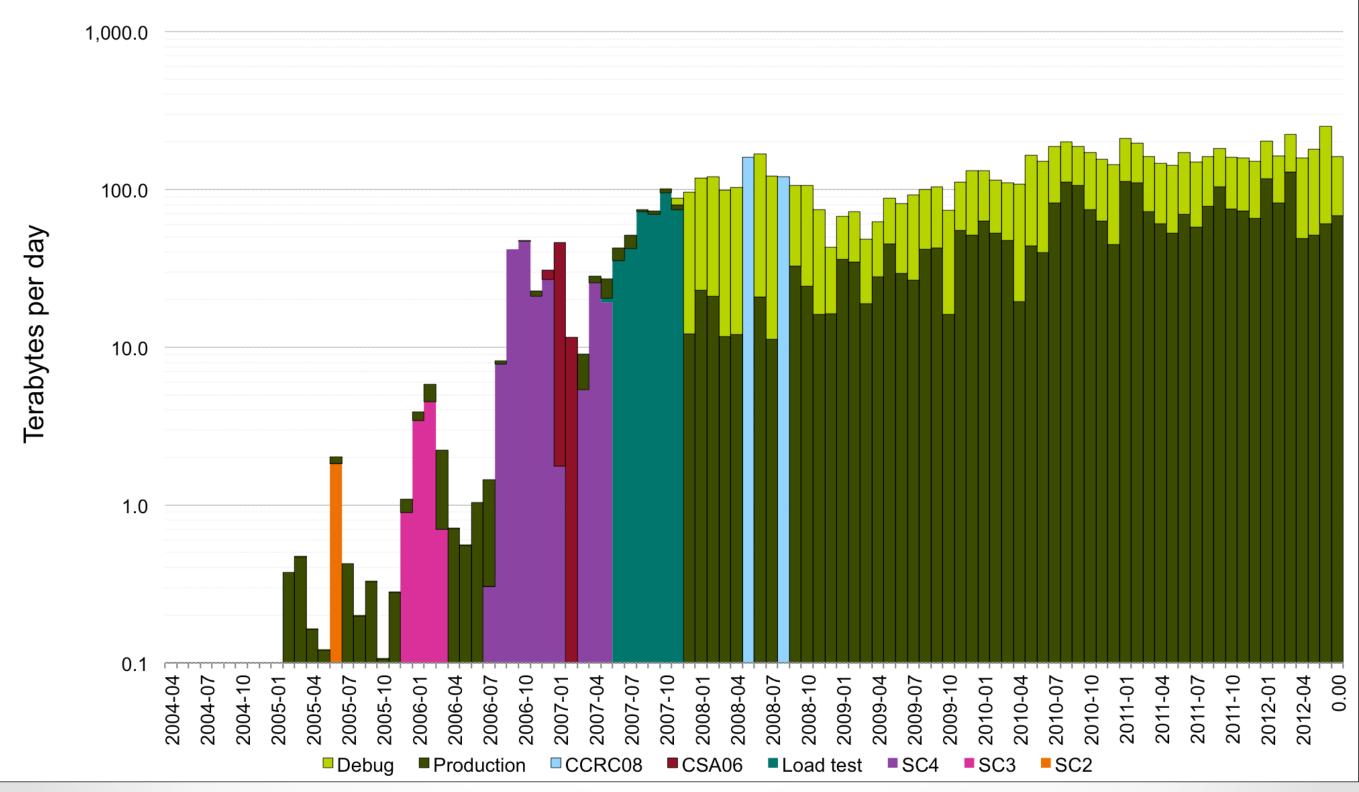
Consistency challenges

- Big number of sites (there are >50 Tier-2s).
- ~20 millions (~50PB) of files stored across T0, T1s and T2s.
- Big variation of storage technologies (CASTOR, dCache, DPM, Lustre, Hadoop...).
- Aiming for a full consistency is operationally challenging:
 - Not all sites are running PhEDEx BDV agent or running some old version not compatible with central DB or BDV agent is not properly configured, therefore either reporting many failures or not reporting at all.
 - Can not be fully automated (failures in some steps might cause data loss), but some things can be done to ease the process.

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Average data transfer volume

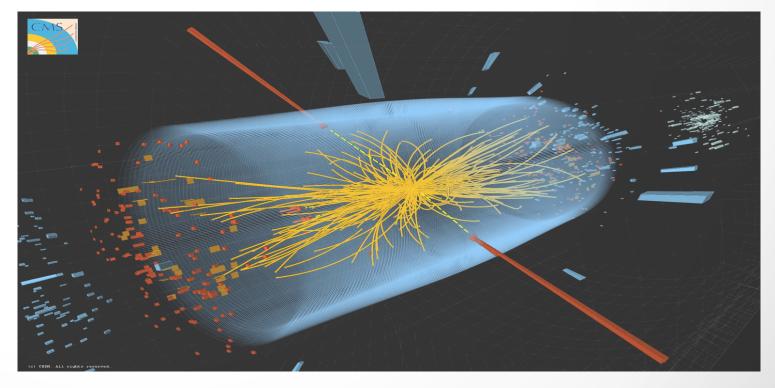


Summary

- Transfers are running, and stand up for CMS needs.
- Monitoring takes a lot of effort in both time and manpower to ensure smooth data transfer.
- Transfer operations can and will be partially automated
 - main issue to fully automatize error messages from various components of the system are not unified on the same problem
 - e.g. different storage systems report different error messages

Operators are fully prepared to meet this year transfers'

challenges.



Questions?

Thank you ©