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Environment

DESY

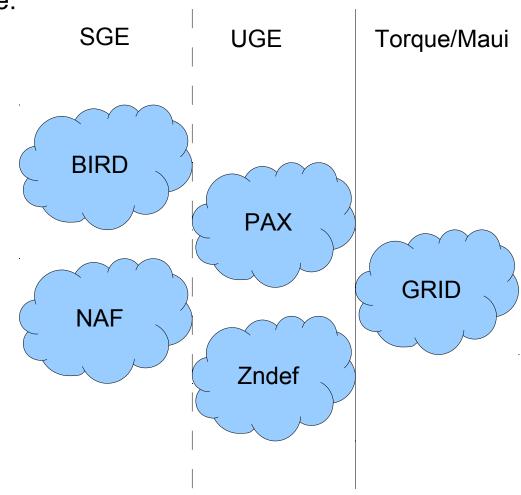
BIRD

NAF



DESY Environment

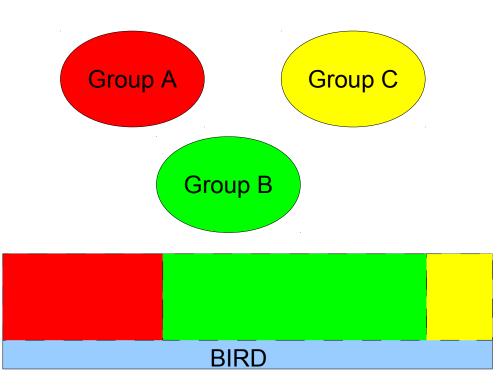
- Several Batch Systems in use:
- > Sun Grid Engine
 - BIRD
 - NAF
- Univa Grid Engine
 - PAX
 - Zeuthen default
- Torque/Maui
 - GRID
- Others
 - Independent from IT





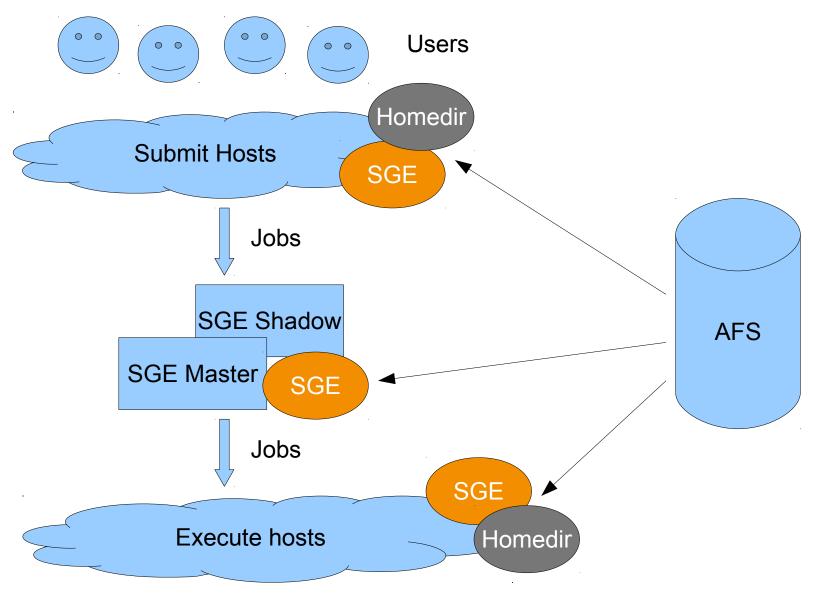
BIRD – Batch Infrastructure Resource at DESY

- Uses Sun Grid Engine
 - Submit hosts are publicly available
 - You need to be registered
- Open for registered DESY user
- > Fair share
 - Buy your own resources and get guaranteed access
 - If somebody else doesn't need theirs, you can use that as well
- > GPU Support





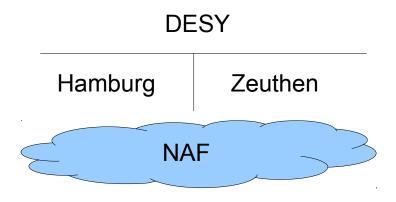
BIRD and SGE





NAF – National Analysis Facility

- DESY Hamburg and DESY Zeuthen Co-Locations
- Several external projects/VOs





Upgrade

BIRD

Comparisons

Upgrade

Tests



Reasons for Upgrade

- From SGE 6.2u5 to SoGE 8.0.0d
- Benefit from development
- Bug fixes (and security)
- > Free software
- > Keeping the chance for further improvements
 - Not loosing compatibility to newer versions



Choices

- Oracle Grid Engine
- Univa Grid Engine (Supported)
- Univa Grid Engine Core
- Open Grid Scheduler (Grid Engine 2011.11)
- > Son of Grid Engine



Proprietary Solutions

- Do cost money
- > Provides support
 - Can help with special cases and need for development
 - We just have 'default' jobs
- More tools around SGE for Enhancement and Management
 - Our environment works as it is



Comparison

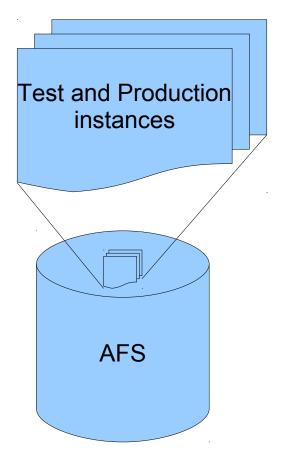
- Univa Grid Engine Core
 - Version from github (github.com/gridengine/gridengine)
 - Didn't look active for about a year in public repository
- Open Grid Scheduler aka Grid Engine 2011
 - Seems to include patches from SoGE
 - Seems to be more conservative
 - Didn't further investigate as SoGE works
 - Might consider it for future use as Grid Engine derivatives are hopefully still interchangeable

- > Son of Grid Engine
 - Recent changes in repository
 - Seems to be active
 - Based on comments from the mailing list seems to be more liberal to new features
 - (provides rpm packages)



Installation

- Installed at same location as before
- > AFS on every node
- Using export/import script for "old" configuration
- Own compilation
 - RPMs not possible due to our multiversion and central repository
 - Per SGE version a directory
 - Link to most recent version.





Tests to perform before upgrade

- Test instance parallel to life instance
- Dependencies
 - hwloc not included in SoGE
 - Different repositories have different versions
 - Included in our distribution fixed to the newest version available
- Does the old config load?
- Is configuration used?
- > Submitting
- Logging
- Kerberos Credentials
- > AFS Tokens
 - To access home directory



Future ideas

More robust SoGE

GPU Support

Graphical Access

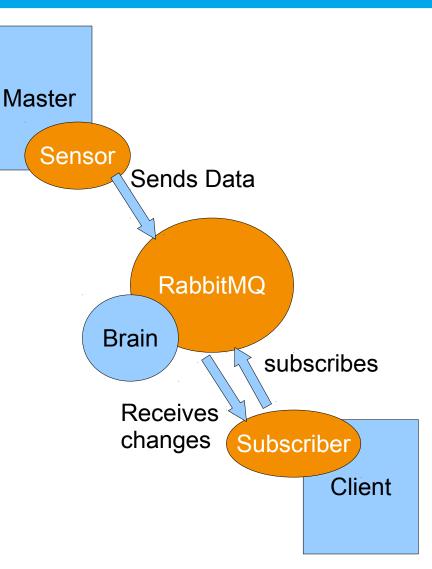
Substitution of Torque with SoGE in Grid Cluster

Cloud



More robust SoGE

- Move SGE to local disk
 - Become independent of AFS during bootup
- Some parts of SGE rely on shared filesystem
 - Some mechanism to update files in another way
 - Event based message passing system
- Work in progress





GPU Support

- Tools rely on specific versions
- Represent GPU as Consumable / Complex Resource/Configuration in SoGE
- Right now only one Job / GPU-Host
- S(o)GE has no control over GPU
 - Not like control over CPU & Mem
- Virtualization?



Graphical Access

- Interactive access to batch WN
- With GUI (for displaying graphs etc)
- Desired in NAF and BIRD
- Set display variable correctly
- S(o)GE uses own SSH client
- Performance
- > Platform support
 - Some distributions don't allow remote applications to access X
 - User education



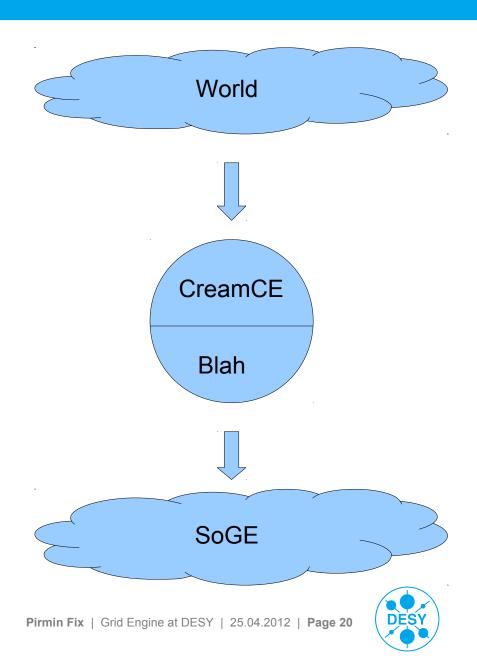
SoGE Grid Integration

- > Scaling issues
- Configuration of the Test Environment
 - User Management
 - Sandboxes (Movement of user files)
 - Accounting



SoGE GRID Integration progress

- > EMI 1 CreamCE with EMI 1 Blah
 - Does not work
- EMI 1 CreamCE with EMI 2 Blah
 - Works
 - Looks promising
- EMI 2 CreamCE with EMI 2 Blah
 - Released 7th of may
 - We will evaluate



CLOUD

- Just a bunch of ideas
- Dynamic Queues for generating VMs
- Dynamic OS-Versions
- Individual Images
 - Virtualization Group
- Seperate Hardware from Operating System
 - Eases hardware maintenance and responsibility distribution
- Elastic Infrastructure
- Integration in Scheduler



Summary

- > SoGE is regularly updated
- Does work with our settings
- > SoGE seems to work in the future with grid middleware
- > Planning a robust server setup



Outlook

- > Will run SoGE in BIRD and maybe NAF
- > Evaluating SoGE as Scheduler for GRID
- …homogenization and central management of the batch infrastructure
- > Future: Cloud integration



Thank You!

Questions?

