



Enabling Grids for E-science

eNOC status of network monitoring

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- **EGEE Network Operation Centre**
 - Unique contact point for network problems affecting the Grid
 - In charge of WAN networks issues
- **Receive information from networks**
 - Network Trouble tickets
 - Compulsory usage for maintenance
 - Some wheathermaps, mrtg etc. available
 - Monitoring: **DownCollector** and ASPDrawer for the LHCOPN
- **Interfaced with the Grid**
 - GGUS, GOCDB3
 - CIC (Ongoing Work), Nagios
- **Network Operational Database (NOD)**
 - Store logical network topology used by the Grid
 - Impact assessment

- **Home made tool to address sites connectivity monitoring**
 - Test each host of a site (TCP connect attempt) every 2 minutes
 - Site without host reached = site unreachable
 - Results through web interface / xml
 - <https://ccenoc.in2p3.fr/DownCollector/>
 - Experimental location assessment using network ‘headnode’
 - Per hostname results also available but not relevant for the ENOC
- **Interesting results but still some issues**
 - Scalability (270 sites, 1600 nodes)
 - Routing viewpoint issues due to central test point
 - Use of several test points raises new issues: time synchronisation, data merging and understanding...

- **For the ENOC**
 - Detect outages and manage network support for OFF-SITE outages
 - Assign ON-SITE problems to... sites
- **For sites**
 - Assess host reachability from an external viewpoint
 - Not like LAN monitoring
 - Detect filtering issues and be aware of OFF-SITE network outages
- **For central test systems (SAM for instance)**
 - Network alarms in top of hierarchy for remote probes
 - No higher level tests on unreachable nodes
 - Reduce alarms number and be sure support units are addressing only root problems

- **Pure network monitoring really needed**
 - Accurately incriminate/exonerate networks
 - Do not rely upon reports from upper layer Grid services
- **Performance monitoring still under investigation**
 - Many performance issues raised by Grid's users
 - Regular passive monitoring without disturbing sites/networks
 - Mainly SNMP based: NPM, perfsonar etc.
 - Hard to put probes along each path
 - Heavy active monitoring only on demand?
 - 'Fill the pipe' approach using tools like Iperf
- **Think globally and share results**
 - Do not monitor several times the same thing for different entities