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TierO Status

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- Resource Ramp-up
- CASTOR status and performance
- Progress with new data centre project

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- CPU: 100% available since May
- Disk: 100% available in August
 - Delayed due to late delivery and minor technical problems with replacement hardware ordered after the Elonex bankruptcy in April
- Tape: 100% available since April





Status of 2009 procurements



- CPU
 - First batch
 - Ordered out in late August
 - Delivery before November
 - Production in December or early 2009
 - Second batch
 - Received the tender answers
 - Target FC approval in December
 - Delivery before March 2009
 - Production in March April 2009
- Disk
 - First batch
 - FC approval last week
 - Delivery in December
 - Production January 2009
 - Second batch
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 - Delivery before March 2009
 - Production in March April 2009
- Tape
 - Media availability not a problem but exact procurement schedule depends on progress with new repack service between now and beginning of 2009







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 - Upstream services (SRM, FTS)
 - CASTOR service and first beam data
 - CASTOR for analysis
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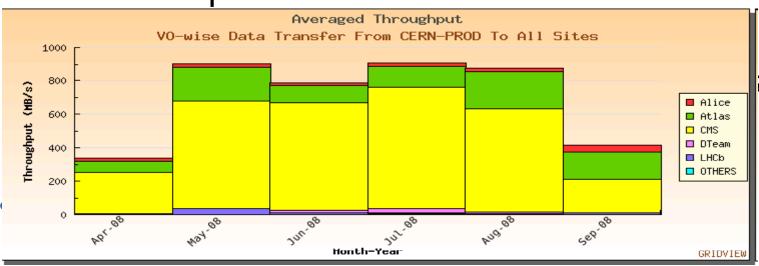
- SRM 2.7 release is delayed
 - Originally foreseen in June but has still not yet passed testing/certification
 - Continue with 1.3 until LHC shutdown
 - SLC3 hardware running out of warranty → retire/replace
 - Cannot be deployed in a fully redundant configuration
 - Built with an old castor client → constrains the stager deployment
- FTS 2.1 passed certification too close to LHC startup
 - Continue with 2.0 service (SLC3)
 - Setting up an independent 2.1 production service (SLC4) in parallel allowing VOs to move when convenient



CASTOR service



 Focused on providing a stable service for LHC startup



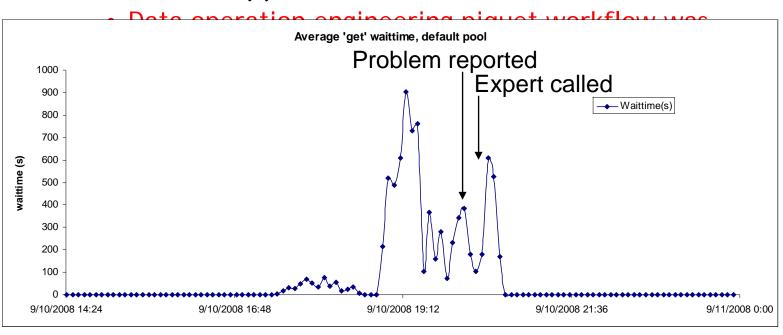
- 22-25/8: router problems
- 8/9: router problems



First LHC data



- No CASTOR issues but ...
 - ATLAS: file(s) unavailable for transfer



- LHCb: raw data file(s) 'disappeared'
 - Files were accidentally deleted from CASTOR by LHCb





Performance metrics



- Metrics have been implemented and deployed on preproduction cluster
 - Data collected in lemon
 - RRD graphs not yet implemented
- Production deployment delayed for several reasons
 - New metrics imply several changes to exception/alarms and automated actions used in production
 - An unexpected technical dependency on the late SRM 2.7 version
 - Ongoing work to back-port the implementation



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CASTOR for analysis



- MB 16/9 approved a proposal for setting up a dedicated CASTOR instance (c2cernt3) for physics analysis at CERN
 - Planned production date is 1/10
 - First deployment based on current CASTOR with an enhanced xrootd interface
 - ~100TB per VO
 - Can be sub-partitioned for physics groups
- CASTOR enhancements (e.g. quota) are being developed for better coping with the analysis scenario
 - Upgrade rollout will closely follow the certification
- A production service with slightly less strict stability requirements compared to the Tier-0 instances







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- Reminder: the selected strategy is to do a single tender for an overall solution
- Four phase process developed:
 - 1. Request (many) conceptual designs
 - 2. Commission 3-4 companies submitting conceptual designs to develop an outline design
 - 3. In-house, turn a selected outline design into plans and documents enabling
 - 4. Single tender for overall construction.





New CC: first phase completed

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- Price enquiry sent out in June
- 11 companies replied to concept design price-enquiry
 - As the cooling is the most complex aspect of the design, particular importance was given to this when evaluating the provided conceptual designs
 - It turned out that the four cheapest all have different approaches for the cooling
- Workshop with 4 companies on 26-27th of August
 - Dedicated session with each company







- Deadline for second phase (outline design) now moved to end of November
- Third phase in-house turn the selected outline design into a tender
- Tender: aim for a FC approval at the March'09 meeting
- Contract: adjudication at September or November FC meeting
- 18 months construction work starting 2010
- New centre ready in early 2012

