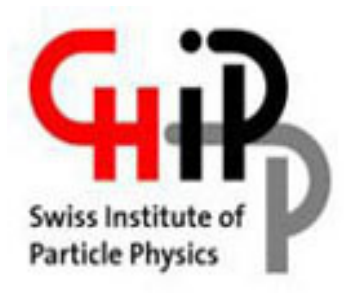


# Report from the CHIPP Computing Board on Swiss LHC Computing



Christoph Grab

CHIPP plenary, July 1, 2015

# Status of Operation of Swiss LHC Computing within WLCG

# “LHC Computing” in CH

- ◆ **Switzerland operates a Tier-2 Regional Centre at CSCS**
  - ◆ Compute-cluster integrated into “Worldwide LHC Computing Grid” WLCG.
  - ◆ Switzerland is committed as full member; signed MoU; contributes resources.
- ◆ **Serving all three experiments :** ATLAS, CMS, LHCb
  - ◆ Collaboration agreement for operation of T2 between CHIPP and CSCS/ETHZ (2007-2012; 2013-2018 renewed and ETHZ funding secured)
  - ◆ Presently: ~37 kHS06; ~2100 TByte disk; (~2–4% of whole WLCG)
  - ◆ **Tier-2 supplemented by dedicated ATLAS federation resource** at AEC-UNIBE



Swiss Tier-2 Phoenix cluster at Lugano

- ◆ **Complemented by local tier-3 clusters** at PSI, UBe+UGe, UZH+EFL

**EGI** (European Grid Infrastructure),

**WLCG** (Worldwide LHC compute Grid)

**EPFL T3 (LHCb)**

480 cores; 3.6 kHS06; 140 TB

**UZH T3 (LHCb)**

200 cores; 3.2 kHS06; 200 TB

**PSI-ETHZ-UZH T3 (CMS)**

626 cores; 7.7kHS06; 760 TB

•<https://wiki.chipp.ch/twiki/bin/view/CmsTier3/WebHome>

**DPNC-UNIGE T3 (ATLAS)**

784 cores; 4.3 kHS06; 530 TB  
Direct 10 Gb/s to CERN IT

**CSCS T2 (ATLAS, CMS, LHCb)**

- 3700 cores; 37 kHS06
- ~2100 TB disk
- 10 Gb/s to 20 Gb/s backbone

•<https://wiki.chipp.ch/twiki/bin/view/LCGTier2/WebHome>

**AEC-UNIBE T2 (ATLAS)**

- 2500 cores; 15 kHS06;
- 450 TB disk
- 10 Gb/s

**Operation**

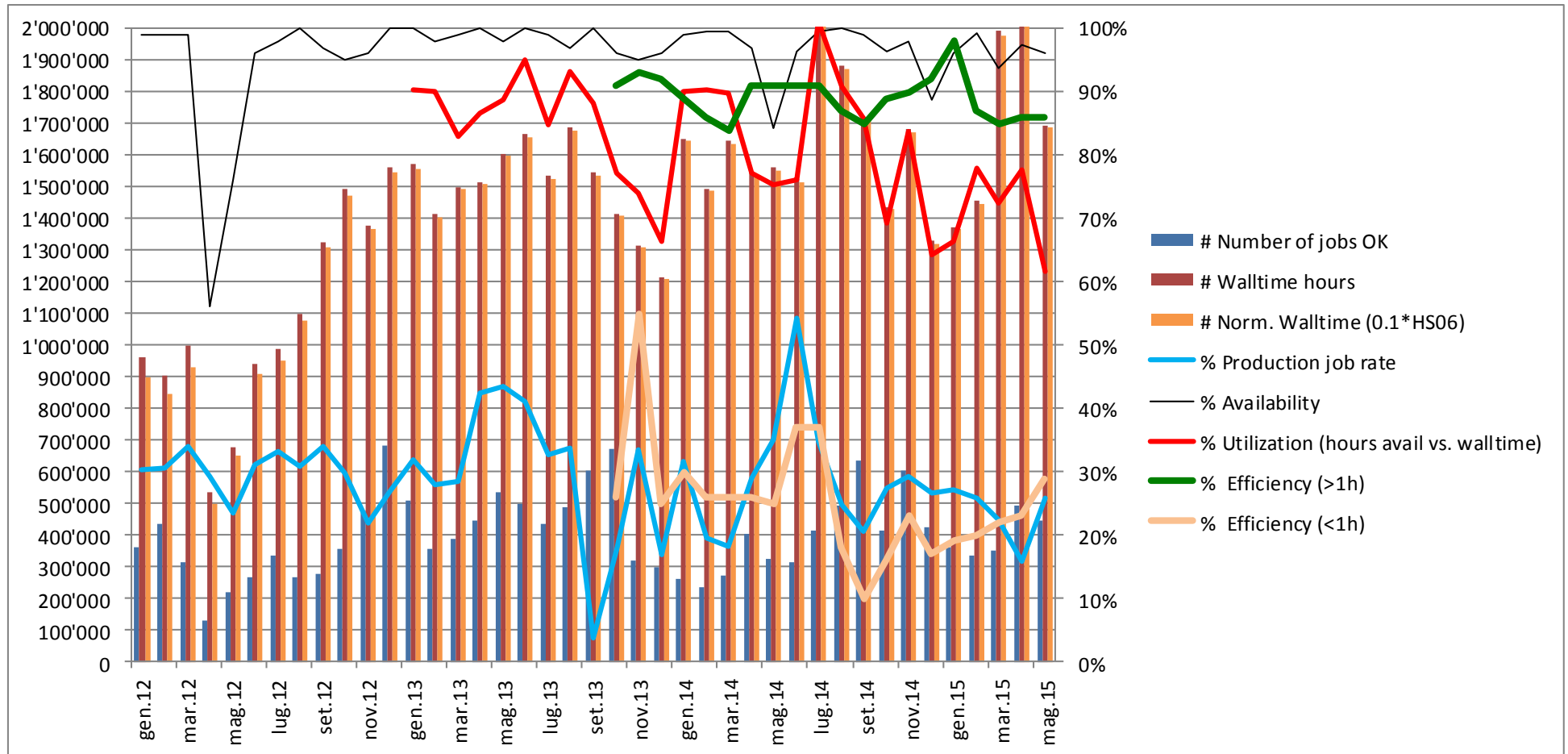
- Monthly meetings; (CH; EGI/GDB).

**Networking by SWITCH1)**

**Coordination**

CHIPP Computing Board  
Regular F2F meetings of CCB  
(also SWiNG as NGI interface to EGI)

# Cluster Performance (2012-5.2015)

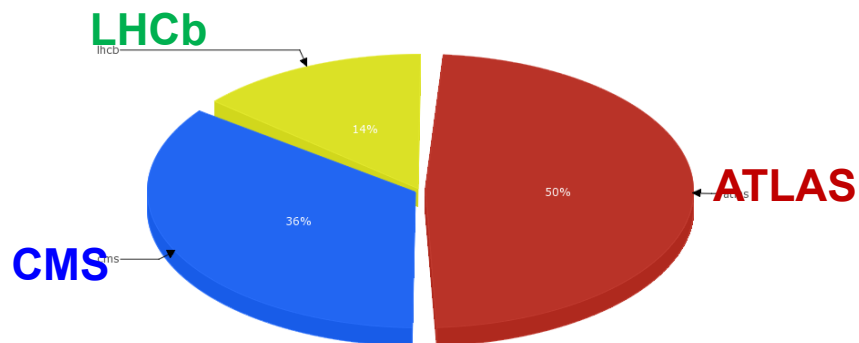


Overall high availability (>95%) and **efficiency typ. 85-95%** achieved !  
 (dip in Apr/May 2012 due to move to Lugano)

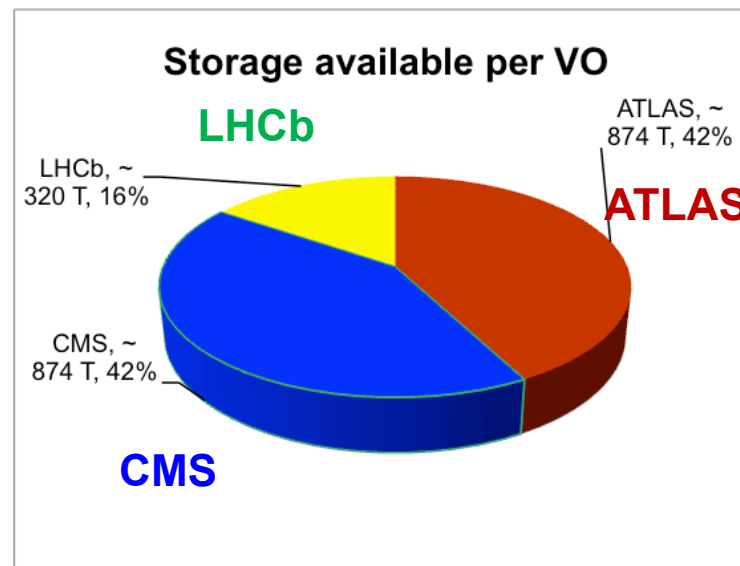
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## Swiss Tier2 CPU shares

Developed by CESGA 'EGI View' / normcpu-HEPSPEC06 / 2014-6-2015-5 / DATE-VO / lhc (x) / GRBAR-LIN / x  
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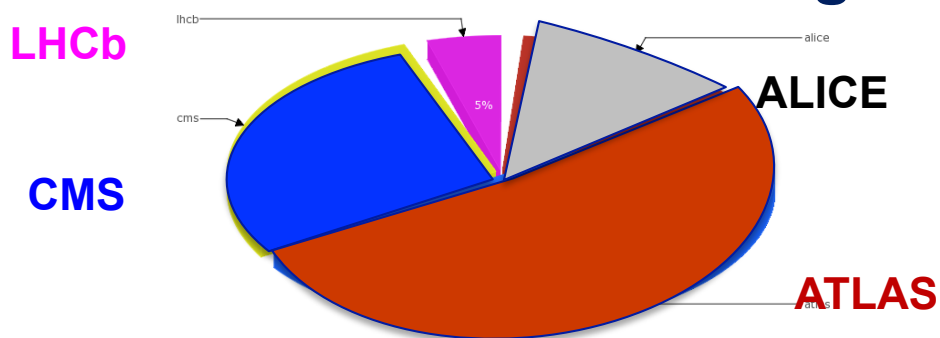


## Swiss Tier2 Disk shares



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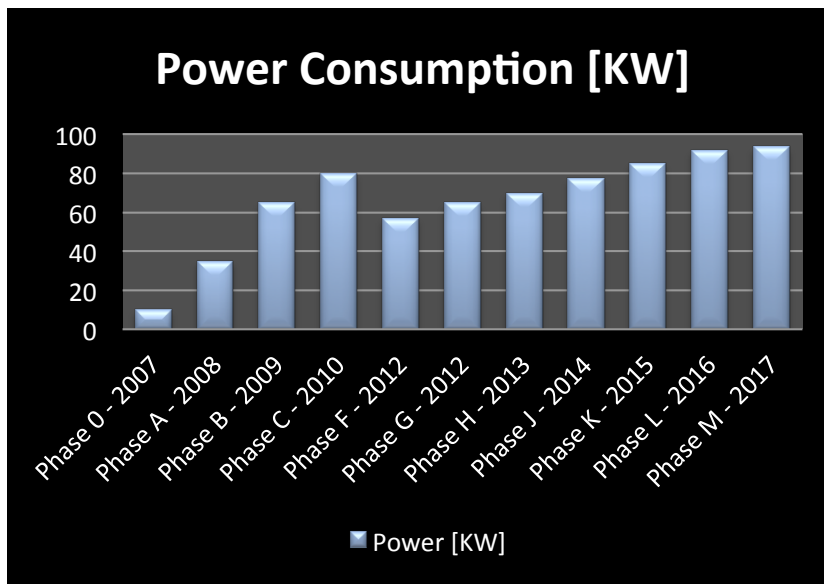
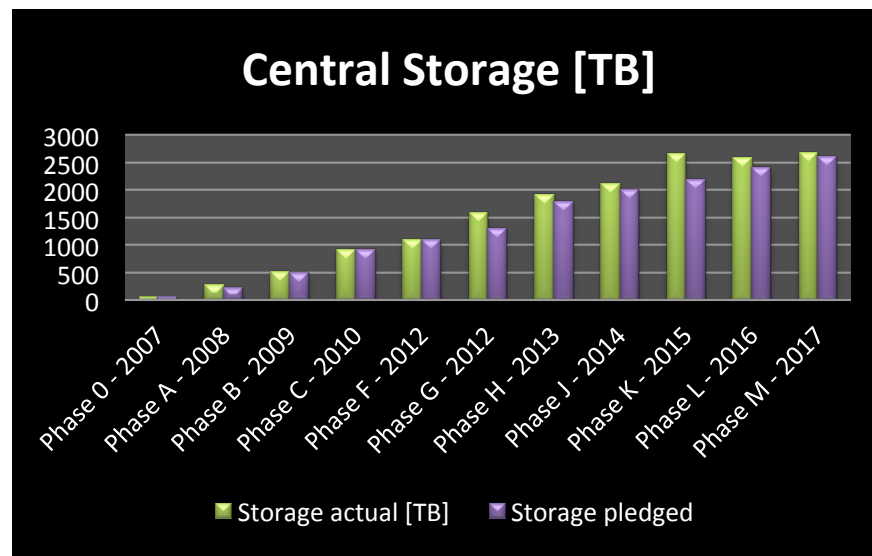
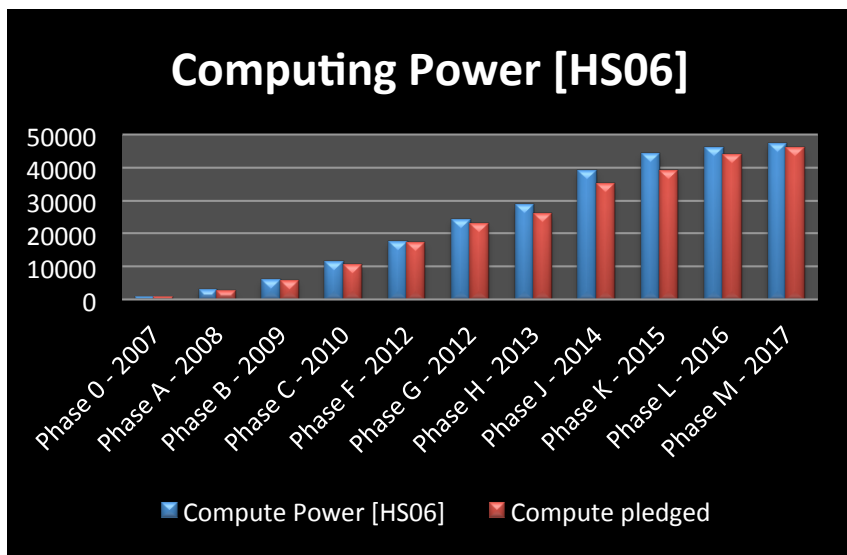
## Worldwide Tier2 CPU usage



<http://accounting.egi.eu>

- CSCS fairshare ratio 40:40:20
- effective CPU usage: 40:32:28
- CSCS disk ratio: 42:42:16

## Phoenix Evolution for 2007 – 2017 in CPU, Storage and Power



## Summary of resources provided and planned for Swiss Tier-2 at CSCS.

Resource	2012 (delivered)	2013 (delivered) Phase G	2014 (delivered) Phase H	2015 (projected) Phase J	2016 (future) Phase K	2017 (future) Phase L
CPU (kHS06)	17.4	23	26	35	40	44
Effective disk (TB)	1090	1300	1800	2300	2600	2900

Updated - June 2015

Phase K: financed; to be implemented in 2015; meet pledges in 1.4.2016.

Phase L: planned for implementation in 2016 to meet pledges of 1.4.2017.

**More details in backup.**



- **Planned investments (FLARE/SNF) of T2 per year:**
  - **HW** replacements and additions based on RRB recommendations of “flat budget”. Provides about 20% increase of resource “power” per year (due to technical improvements).
    - ➔ investment for hardware for ~650 kCHF / year
- **Personnel for operation at CSCS:**
  - 1.5 FTE to support Tier-2 operation at CSCS, covered by FLARE
    - Note: salary cap by SNF for technicians will be alleviated through supplementary grants, courtesy SNF.
  - 1 additional FTE is covered by ETH internal funds
- **Other resource items**
  - Recurring power/infrastructure costs (~100kCHF) carried by ETH
  - Tier-3 hardware costs covered by institutes
  - Tier-3 manpower covered by inst+experiments (Uni. and MoU)

- **LHCb had modified its computing models – operating some Tier-2 also as analysis centre**
- **Swiss T2/ we adapted our T2 allocations**
- **Presently LHCb was allocated ~320TB (16%) and their “normal” CPU shares ~7 kHS06 (20%)**
- **LHCb now operates within the new computing model.**

# Swiss ONLY resources at CSCS

- There are “Swiss only resources” available at CSCS for exclusive use by Swiss users (not pledged for common experiment usage)

- **Currently (Q2/2015) consisting of**

- 375TB of NetApp storage (2 controllers, 2 servers, total 120 disks)
- 8x HP WNs (~3.5 kHS06, 40 cores/node, 128 GB/node, total 320 core)



- **Present implementation** (may change based on needs and feasibility):

- **Storage** is added to Central Storage (dCache) and enabled to users.
- **Compute** nodes are running jobs,  
Swiss users have increased priority based on special VOMS mappings.
- **Storage and compute distribution** according to :
  - 40:40:20 for compute (configuration is identical to non-exclusive CH resources)
  - 44:44:12 for storage (ATLAS ~165TB, CMS ~165TB, LHCb ~45TB)

## Swiss Tier-3 resources exist in:

- ATLAS: each at UBern and at UGe
- CMS: common T3 for ETHZ, UZH, PSI at PSI
- LHCb: each at UZH and EPFL.
- They (w/out AEC) sum up to ~50% of T2@CSCS

- Crucial for efficient, fast and flexible analyses in their final stages, **Indispensable tool** to do competitive physics  
➔ they need continued support by Unis and SNF.
- Close links and communication to our Tier-2.
- Numbers included in the summary tables
- Details given in backup

# Other items

- Service for **granting grid certificates** done so far by SWITCH will stop on 30.9.2015.
- Chosen solution: we will **get certificates via CERN or EGI**.
  - **CERN users**: continue to get the *user* certificates from CERN
  - **For all Non-CERN users**:
    - AEC at UniBern will act as Swiss Registration Authority (RA) towards the EGI Certificate Authority (CA)
    - All *server/host certificates and user* certificates can be requested via:  
<http://www.lhep.unibe.ch/sits/certificates.html>
    - Note: SwiNG is the Swiss EGI member, so in principle only SwiNG member institutions are eligible (special cases may also apply)

## Further items to note ...

- Evolution of EGI secured : EGI-Engage granted by H2020 ✓  
<https://www.egi.eu/about/egi-engage/>
- Swiss NGI link to EGI secured through “Nel-CH” project, approved for 2 years by CRUS (Swiss-universities) ✓
- Significant efforts ongoing by experiments to live within realistic computing budgets; e.g. ✓
  - Increase efficiency of software (simulation, reconstruction..)
  - Increase efficiency of existing resource usage (data placement ..)
  - Investigate exploitation of other architectures (HPC ...) etc.
- “HEP software foundation” setup to attack common problems:
  - Common themes in terms of SW knowledge, licensing, teaching, technical fora...<http://hepsoftwarefoundation.org/>
- European Open Science Cloud Pilot Project launched ...  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/319745/contribution/8/material/paper/0.pdf>

## Network in Switzerland









**No issues !!!! Switch takes good care.**



# Swiss Network (opt)

## SWITCHlan Backbone

2015

-  Darkfibers
-  SWITCHlan backbone node
-  SWITCHlan (technical) nodes
-  SWITCHlan node with external peerings
-  Project Lightpaths
-  Provider Internet transit
-  IX Internet exchange
-  Network Research and education network



**Served well by SWITCH ...**

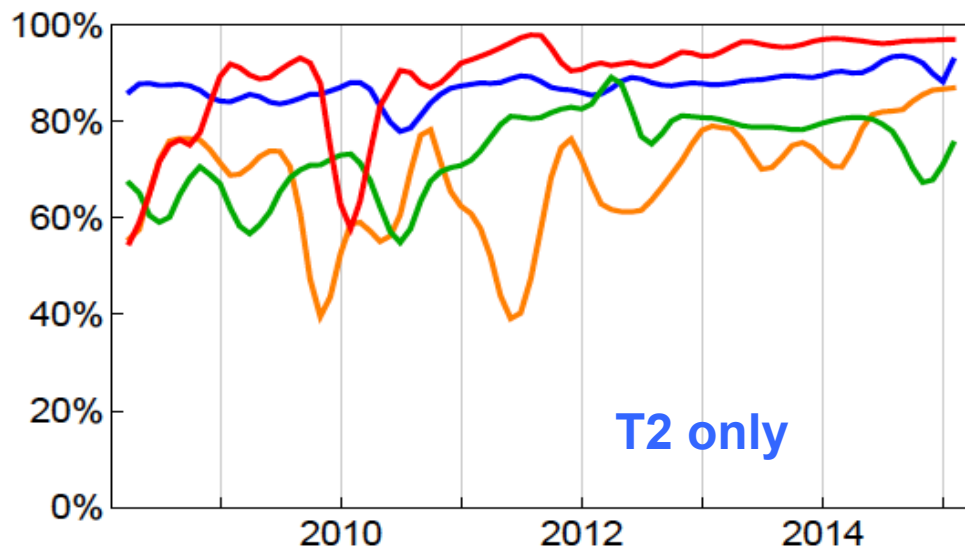
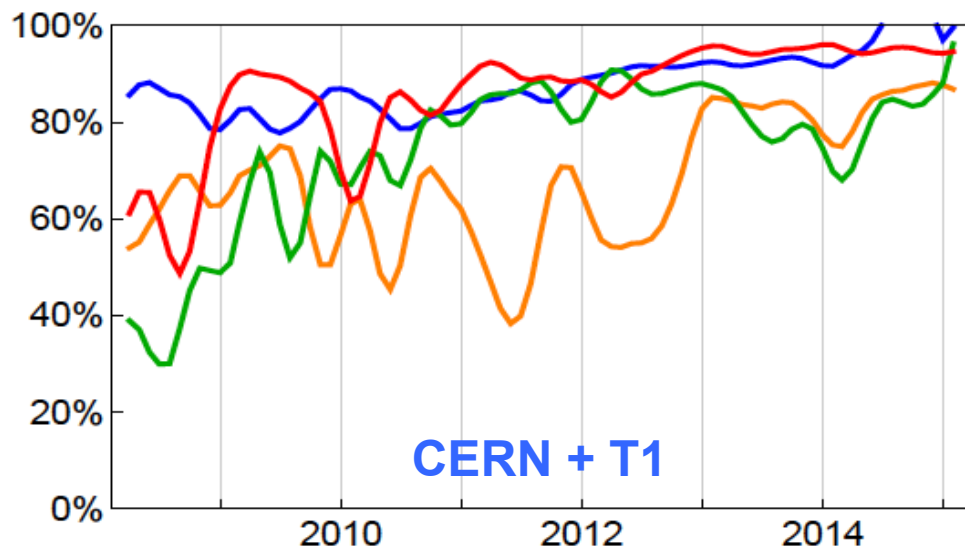
**SWITCH**

# WLCG Resource Usage Plots from CRRB 2015

See presentations at the C-RRB, April 2015  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/359409/>

## CPU history: efficiency

Experiments have become more efficient !



- ALICE
- ATLAS
- CMS
- LHCb

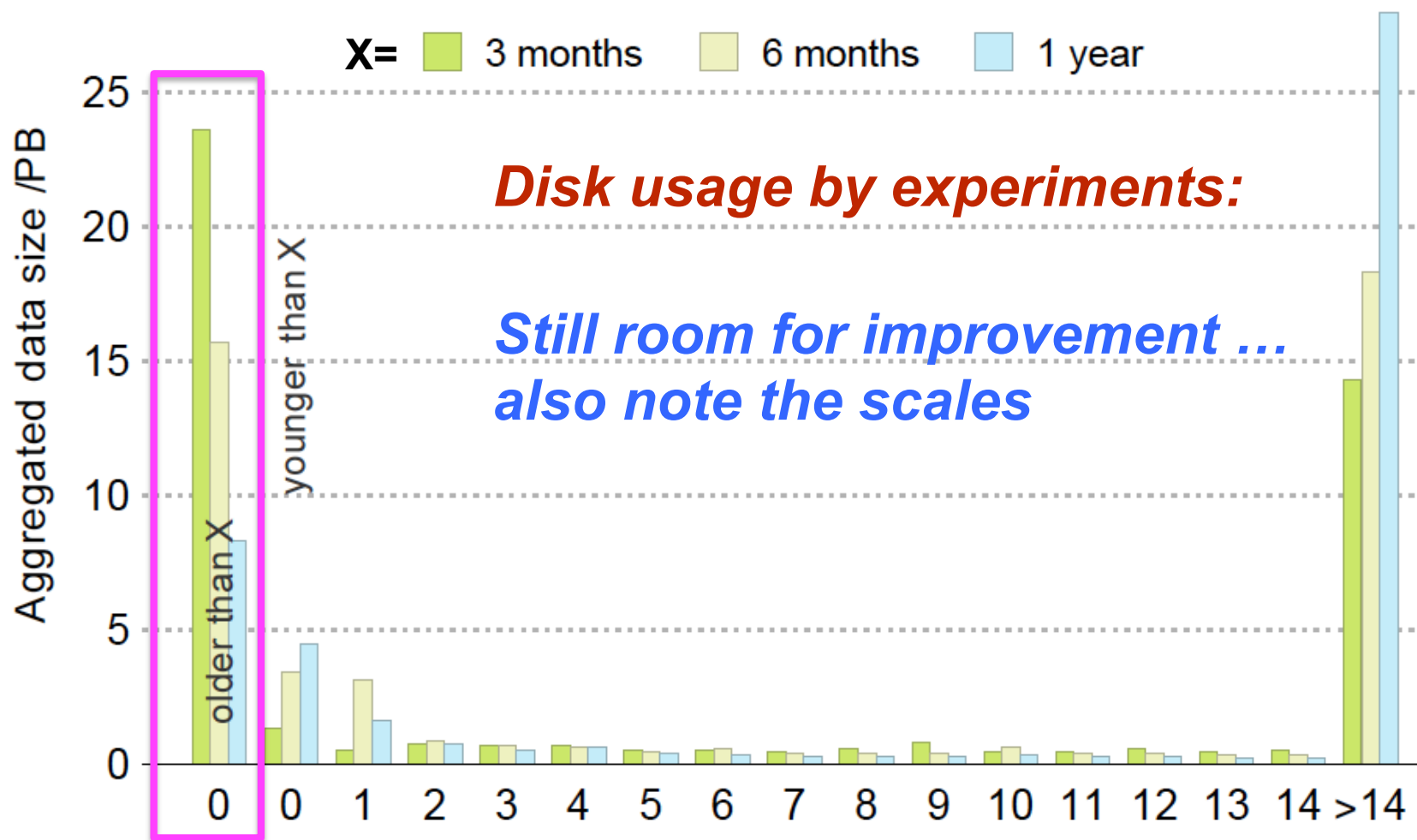
Top: CERN plus T1  
Bottom: T2

Normalised CPU time (HS06·hrs) over normalised elapsed time.

Data from EGI accounting

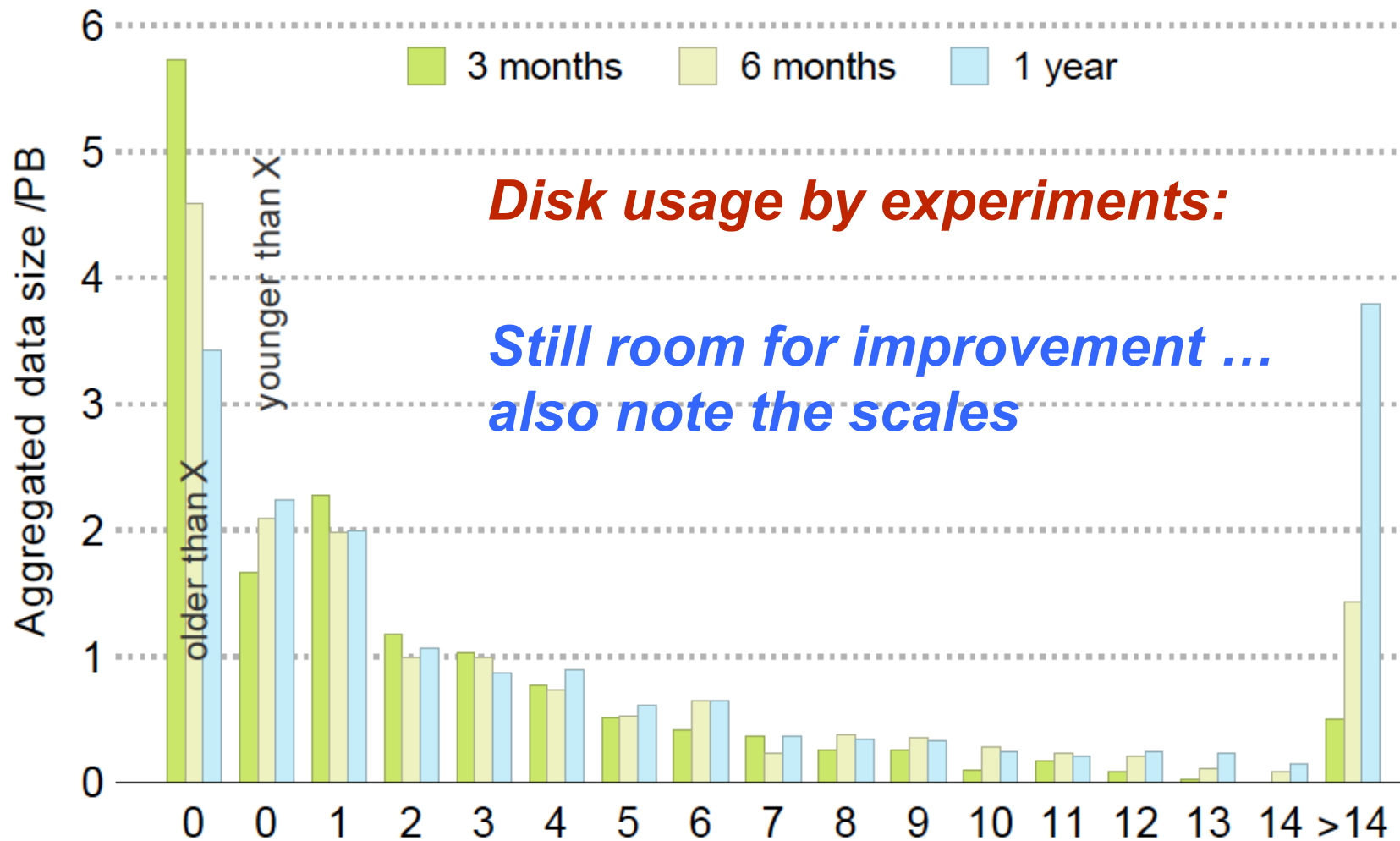
Gaussian-smoothed monthly values

# Data popularity: **ATLAS** accesses in time X



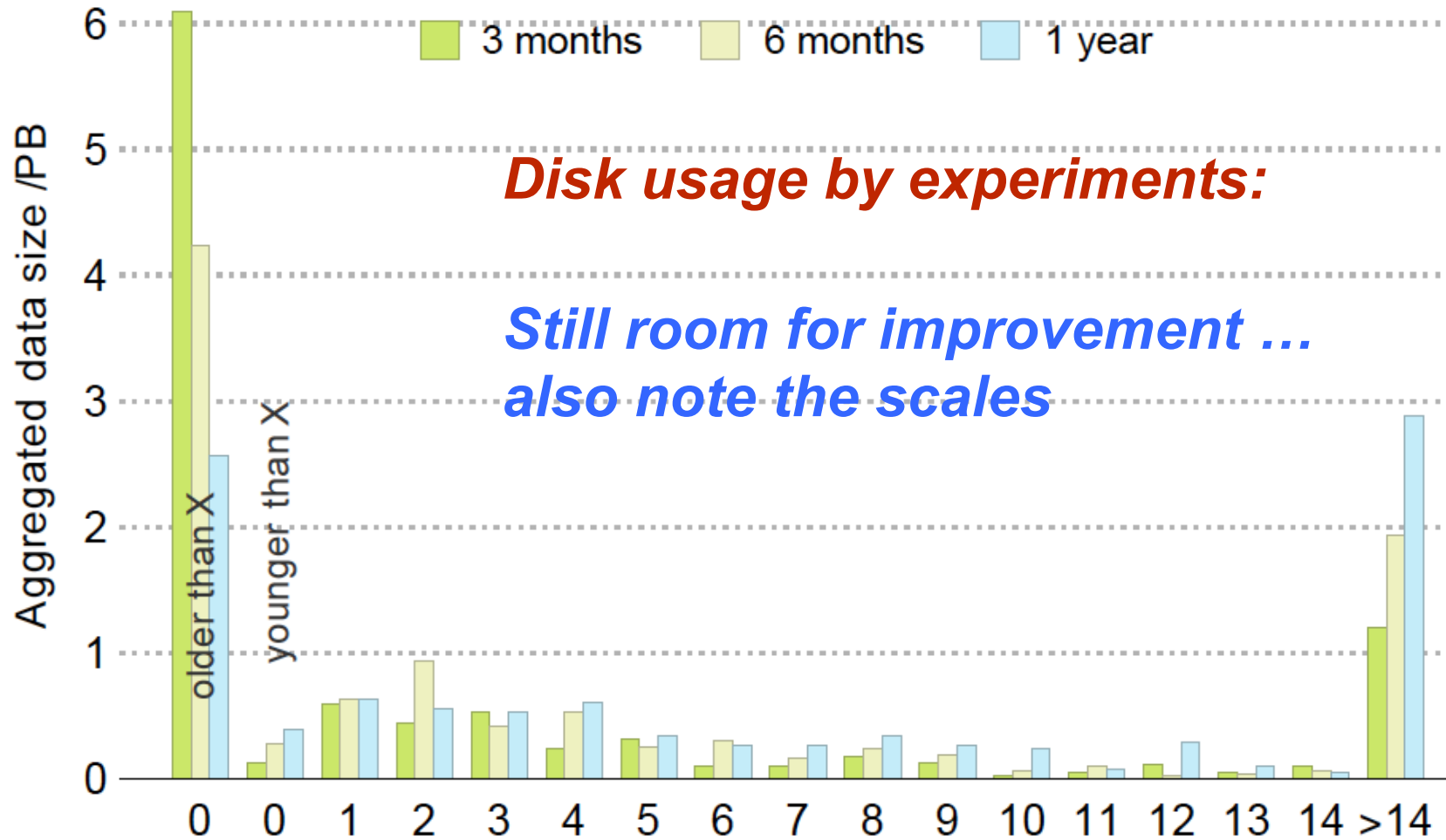
Volume of data versus number of accesses in ATLAS DATADISK at T1s and T2s for 3, 6 and 12 months to end of 2014

# Data popularity CMS accesses in time X



Volume of data versus number of accesses for CMS centrally-managed Tier 2 disk, for 3, 6 and 12 months

# Data popularity LHCb accesses in time X

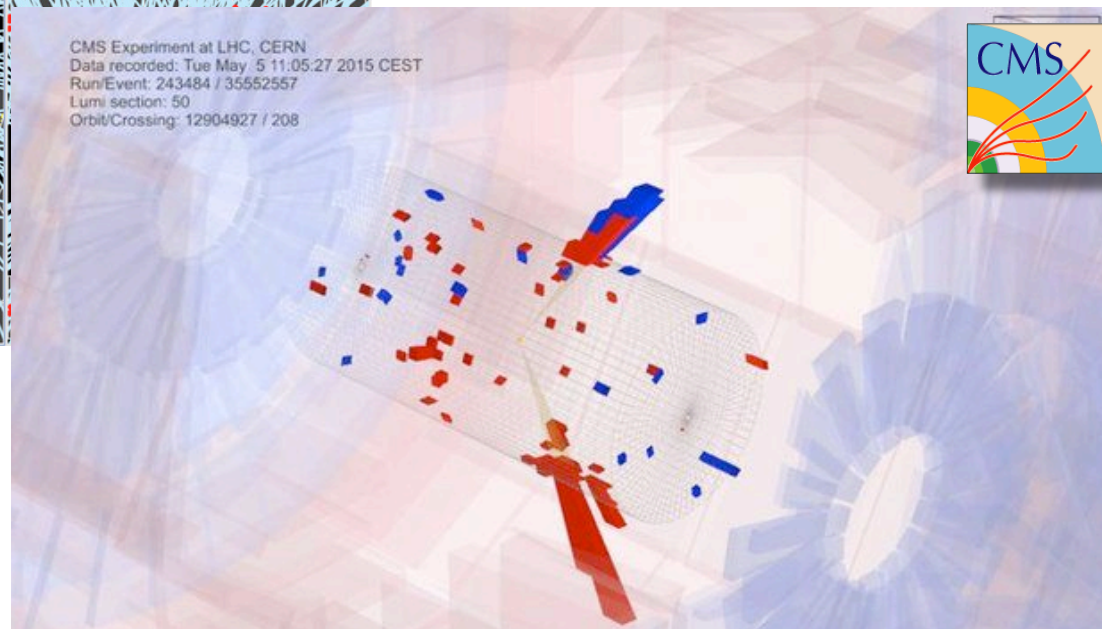
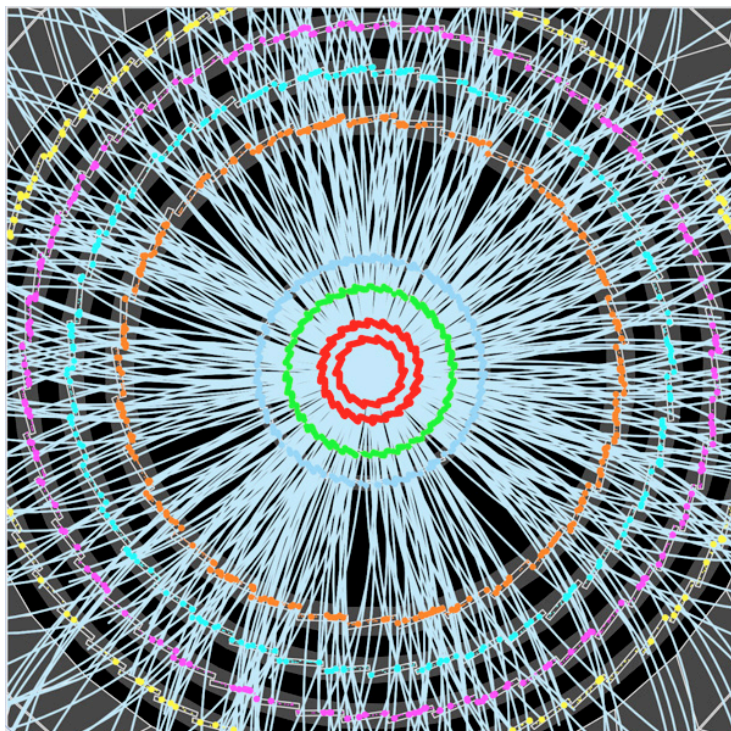


Volume of data versus number of accesses for LHCb for previous 3, 6 and 12 months



# ... We are ready for run 2

## and are eagerly waiting for more data ...



## Coordinates the Tier-2 activities

representatives of all institutions and experiments, CSCS, and included also the tier-3 expert



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**Thank you ...**



# Backup slides

# Resource comparisons – (opt)

## WLCG Tier 2 Resources

Situation on 20 April 2015

CERN-RRB-2015-012

Annex 2

Switzerland, CHIPP, Manno	2014	2015	2016	Split 2015	ALICE	ATLAS	CMS	LHCb	SUM 2015
CPU (HEP-SPEC06)	37000	50000	50000	Offered	0	29000	14000	7000	50000
				% of Total		6%	3%	11%	5%
Disk (Tbytes)	2150	2350	2350	Offered	0	1225	875	250	2350
				% of Total		2%	3%	13%	3%

Estonia, NICPB, Tallinn	2014	2015	2016	Split 2015	ALICE	ATLAS	CMS	LHCb	SUM 2015
CPU (HEP-SPEC06)	45000	45000	45000	Offered	0	0	45000	0	45000
				% of Total			9%		9%
Disk (Tbytes)	1000	1000	1000	Offered	0	0	1000	0	1000
				% of Total			3%		3%

Romania, Romanian Tier-2 Federation	2014	2015	2016	Split 2015	ALICE	ATLAS	CMS	LHCb	SUM 2015
CPU (HEP-SPEC06)	38000	41600	41600	Offered	17000	19700	0	4900	41600
				% of Total	9%	4%		7%	5%
Disk (Tbytes)	2330	2690	2690	Offered	1280	1087	0	323	2690
				% of Total	6%	2%	0%	17%	3%

CERN Tier0 / CAF	2014	2015	2016	Split 2015	ALICE	ATLAS	CMS	LHCb	SUM 2015
CPU (HEP-SPEC06)	356'000	687'000	840'000	Offered	175000	205000	271000	36000	687000
				Required	175000	205000	271000	36000	687000
				% of Req.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Disk (Tbytes)	29'100	49'000	57'500	Offered	14500	14000	15000	5500	49000
				Required	14500	14000	15000	5500	49000
				% of Req.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Tape (Tbytes)	82'000	95'400	128'200	Offered	16200	33000	35000	11200	95400
				Required	16200	33000	35000	11200	95400
				% of Req.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Split CPU (kHS06) per VO of resources pledged to WLCG.**

Experiment	2012 (delivered)	2013 (delivered) Phase G	2014 (delivered) Phase H	2015 (projected) Phase J	2016 (future) Phase K	2017 (future) Phase L
ATLAS CSCS AEC-UNIBE	7.0	9.2 5	10.4 11	14 11	14 11 ?	15 ?
CMS	7.0	9.2	10.4	14	14	15
LHCb	3.5	4.6	5.2	7	10	14
<b>TOTAL (kHS06)</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>

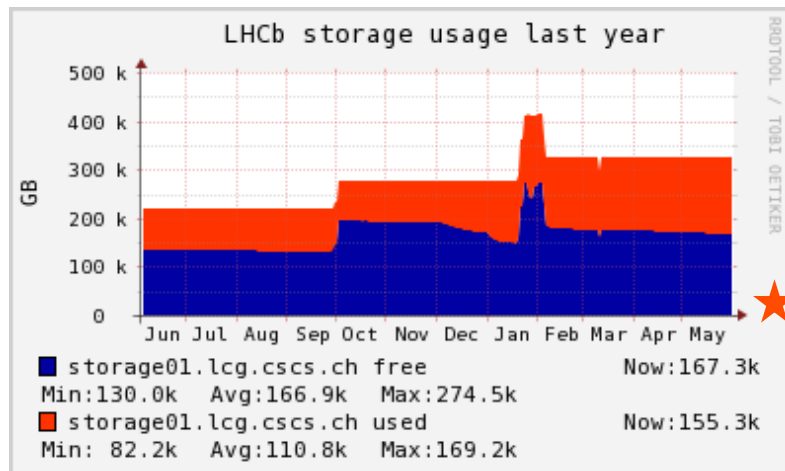
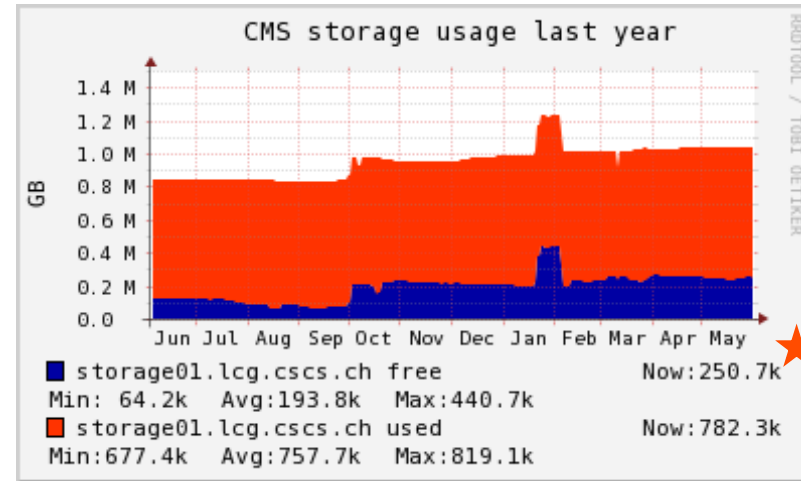
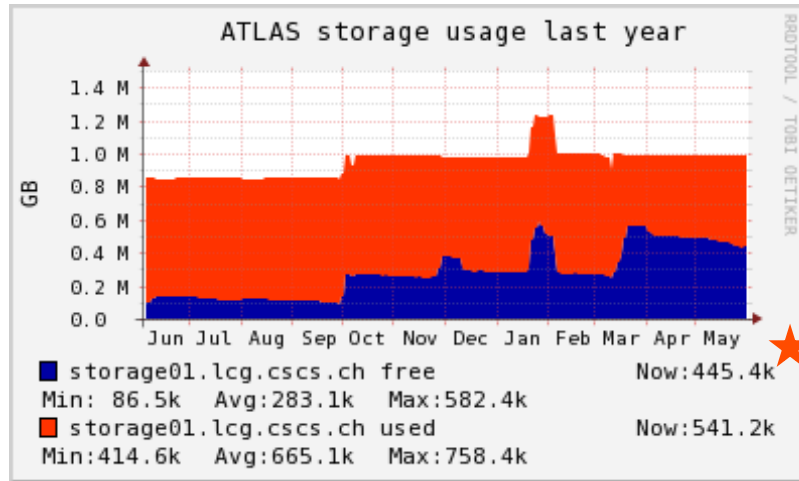
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AEC-UNIBE contributes to ATLAS only.

## Split storage per VO of resources pledged to WLCG

Experiment	2012 (delivered)	2013 (delivered) Phase G	2014 (delivered) Phase H	2015 (projected) Phase J	2016 (future) Phase K	2017 (future) Phase L
ATLAS CSCS AEC-UNIBE	544	649	792 350	875 350	955 350 ?	1040 ?
CMS	544	649	792	875	955	1040
LHCb	2	2	216	550	690	820
<b>TOTAL (TB)</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>2900</b>

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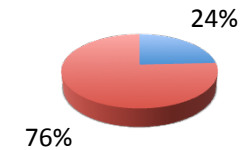
# Storage usage at CH-Tier2



## ATLAS



## CMS



## LHCb



● free  
 ● used

★ Values expressed in Gigabyte as shown by the filesystem

- Overall good exploitation
- LHCb started to exploit obtained storage ...

<http://ganglia.lcg.cscs.ch/ganglia3/?r=year&cs=&ce=&tab=v&vn=DCACHE+storage+distribution>

## SWITCH

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## Certificate renewal/replacement

### Notice – April 2015

SWITCH will stop issuing and renewing Grid certificates on 30 September 2015, as announced in a message to all holders of valid certificates on 9 March 2015, and all Grid certificates issued since end of March 2015 will only be valid through 31 March 2016. Users are encouraged to get in touch with [SwiNG](#), the Swiss National Grid Association, to get more information about their future Grid certificate offering.

# European Open Science Cloud Pilot Project

- Bring together the stakeholders
  - Research Infrastructures (*ESFRI, etc.*)
  - Research Organisations (WLCG tier-1 etc.)
  - European e-Infrastructures (*GEANT, EGI, PRACE, EUDAT, OpenAIRE*)
  - Commercial cloud service providers (*Helix Nebula, etc.*)
  - End-users including the *long-tail of science*
- Deliver the pilot
  - Technical architecture for the hybrid cloud
  - Security model compatible with EU data protection legislation
  - Assemble and deploy a 5% scale prototype
  - Verify the business model to ensure it can be sustained beyond the pilot
  - Governance structure avoiding monopoly of any research group or service provider
  - Roadmap for full-scale implementation