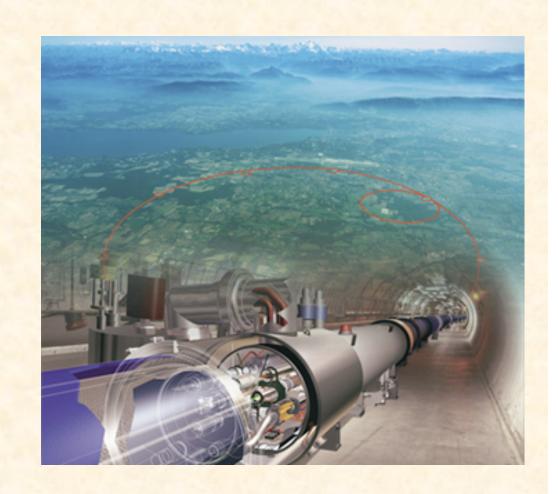
Status of the WLCG Tier-2 Centres

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Simon Fraser University and TRIUMF

LHCC mini-review, CERN, February 16th 2009







Communications for Tier-2s

- Many lines of communication do indeed exist.
- Some examples are:
 - <u>CMS has two Tier-2 coordinators:</u> Ken Bloom (Nebraska) Giuseppe Bagliesi (INFN)
 - attend all operations meetings
 - feed T2 issues back to the operations group
 - write T2-relevant minutes
 - organize T2 workshops
 - ALICE has designated 1 Core Offline person in 3 to have privileged contact with a given T2 site manager
 - weekly coordination meetings
 - Tier-2 federations provide a single contact person
 - A Tier-2 coordinates with its regional Tier-1



Communications for Tier-2s

- ATLAS uses its cloud structure for communications
 - Every Tier-2 is coupled to a Tier-1
 - 5 national clouds; others have foreign members (e.g. "Germany" includes Krakow, Prague, Switzerland; Netherlands includes Russia, Israel, Turkey)
 - Each cloud has a Tier-2 coordinator
- Regional organizations, such as:
 - + France Tier-2/3 technical group:
 - coordinates with Tier-1 and with experiments
 - monthly meetings
 - coordinates procurement and site management
 - + GRIF: Tier-2 federation of 5 labs around Paris
 - + Canada: Weekly teleconferences of technical personnel (T1 & T2) to share information and prepare for upgrades, large production, etc.
 - + Many others exist; e.g. in the US and the UK





Communications for Tier-2s

<u>Tier-2 Overview Board reps:</u>

Michel Jouvin and Atul Gurtu were appointed in October to the OB to give the Tier-2s a voice there.

Tier-2 mailing list:

Actually exists and is being reviewed for completeness & accuracy

■ *Tier-2 GDB*:

The October GDB was dedicated to Tier-2 issues

- + reports from experiments: role of the T2s; communications
- + talks on regional organizations
- + discussion of accounting
- + technical talks on storage, batch systems, middleware
- → Seems to have been a success; repeat a couple of times per year?







Tier-2 Availability and Reliability Report

Federation Summary - Sorted by Reliability

May 2008

Federation	Reli- ability	Avail- ability	Federation	Reli- ability	Avail- ability
FR-IN2P3-LAPP	100 %	100 %	TR-Tier2-federation	82 %	82 %
FR-GRIF	99 %	99 %	EE-NICPB	80 %	70 %
AT-HEPHY-VIENNA-UIBK	99 %	94 %	DE-FREIBURGWUPPERTA	73 %	63 %
DE-DESY-ATLAS-T2	99 %	98 %	DE-MCAT	72 %	64 %
JP-Tokyo-ATLAS-T2	98 %	97 %	HU-HGCC-T2	70 %	63 %
FR-IN2P3-LPC	98 %	98 %	US-NET2	N/A	N/A
TW-FTT-T2	98 %	98 %	US-MWT2	N/A	N/A
FR-IN2P3-CC-T2	98 %	98 %	DE-DESY-RWTH-CMS-T2	66 %	66 %
US-SWT2	N/A	N/A	IN-INDIACMS-TIFR	62 %	54 %
SI-SIGNET	96 %	96 %	PK-CMS-T2	62 %	60 %
FR-IN2P3-SUBATECH	96 %	96 %	IN-DAE-KOLKATA-TIER2	61 %	57 %
ES-CMS-T2	95 %	93 %	KR-KISTI-T2	59 %	59 %
CH-CHIPP-CSCS	94 %	94 %	US-AGLT2	N/A	N/A
UK-London-Tier2	94 %	73 %	IL-HEPTier-2	43 %	43 %
UK-NorthGrid	93 %	93 %	AU-ATLAS	20 %	20 %
ES-ATLAS-T2	93 %	90 %	DE-GSI	N/A	N/A
UK-ScotGrid	92 %	75 %	FI-HIP-T2	N/A	N/A
PL-TIER2-WLCG	92 %	90 %	NO-NORDGRID-T2	N/A	N/A
IT-ALICE-federation	91 %	87 %	SE-SNIC-T2	N/A	N/A
IT-ATLAS-federation	91 %	87 %	T2_US_Caltech	N/A	N/A
IT-CMS-federation	91 %	87 %	T2_US_Florida	N/A	N/A
IT-LHCb-federation	91 %	87 %	T2_US_MIT	N/A	N/A
CA-EAST-T2	90 %	90 %	T2_US_Nebraska	N/A	N/A
CZ-Prague-T2	89 %	79 %	T2_US_Purdue	N/A	N/A
UK-SouthGrid	88 %	85 %	T2_US_UCSD	N/A	N/A
CN-IHEP	85 %	84 %	T2_US_Wisconsin	N/A	N/A
RO-LCG	84 %	78 %	UA-	N/A	N/A
PT-LIP-LCG-Tier2	84 %	77 %	US-WT2	N/A	N/A
CA-WEST-T2	84 %	83 %			
ES-LHCb-T2	83 %	83 %			
BE-TIER2	83 %	82 %			
RU-RDIG	82 %	81 %			

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Tier-2 Reliability



T2_US_MIT

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Critical SAM Tests - http://sam-do Availability = % of successful tests Reliability = Availability / Scheduled Av		ridocs/MANUserManual/node22.html		
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Federation	Reli- Avail- ability ability	Federation	Reli- ability	Avail- ability
US-SWT2	100 % 100 %	IT-ALICE-federation	92 %	88
T2_US_Wisconsin	100 % 100 %	IT-ATLAS-federation	92 %	88
FR-GRIF	100 % 99 %	IT-CMS-federation	92 %	88
AT-HEPHY-VIENNA-UIBK	100 % 100 %	IT-LHCb-federation	92 %	88
US-MWT2	100 % 100 %	CZ-Prague-T2	91 %	91
FI-HIP-T2	100 % 99 %	BE-TIER2	91 %	67
CN-IHEP	99 % 99 %	ES-CMS-T2	91 %	89
FR-IN2P3-SUBATECH	99 % 99 %	DE-FREIBURGWUPPERTAL	91 %	91
T2_US_UCSD	99 % 99 %	T2_US_Nebraska	91 %	93
US-NET2	99 % 99 %	CA-WEST-T2	90 %	87
UK-NorthGrid	98 % 98 %	KR-KISTI-T2	89 %	66
T2_US_Purdue	98 % 98 %	US-WT2	88 %	91
FR-IN2P3-LPC	98 % 97 %	UK-London-Tler2	88 %	74
FR-IN2P3-CC-T2	97 % 97 %	RO-LCG	87 %	83
TW-FTT-T2	97 % 97 %	FR-IN2P3-LAPP	86 %	82
JP-Tokyo-ATLAS-T2	97 % 95 %	ES-LHCb-T2	85 %	85
DE-DESY-ATLAS-T2	97 % 96 %	T2 US Callech	83 %	86
PT-LIP-LCG-Tier2	96 % 48 %	RU-RDIG	81 %	81
T2 US Florida	96 % 97 %	IL-HEPTIer-2	78 %	56
DE-MCAT	96 % 81 %	EE-NICPB	67 %	68
UK-ScotGrid	96 % 93 %	TR-Tier2-federation	66 %	65
CH-CHIPP-CSCS	96 % 93 %	PK-CMS-T2	62 %	26
US-AGLT2	96 % 96 %	AU-ATLAS	51 %	48
PL-TIER2-WLCG	95 % 94 %	IN-INDIACMS-TIFR	46 %	42
HU-HGCC-T2	95 % 95 %	IN-DAE-KOLKATA-TIER2	1.%	1
CA-EAST-T2	95 % 95 %	DE-GSI	0 %	0
SI-SIGNET	95 % 94 %	NO-NORDGRID-T2	N/A	- 0
ES-ATLAS-T2	93 % 91 %	SE-SNIC-T2	N/A	N
DE-DESY-RWTH-CMS-T2	93 % 93 %	UA-	N/A	N.
UK-SouthGrid	93 % 88 %	-0.0	.400	140

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Colour coding: N/A	<30% <60% <90%	>= 90%		
Federation	Rell- Avail- ability ability	Federation	Rell- ability	Avail- ability
JP-Tokyo-ATLAS-T2	100 % 100 %	UK-SouthGrid	94 %	84
CZ-Prague-T2	99 % 98 %	FR-IN2P3-LPC	94 %	941
T2_US_Nebraska	99 % 99 %	FR-IN2P3-LAPP	94 %	941
FR-IN2P3-SUBATECH	99 % 99 %	RU-RDIG	93 %	921
FR-GRIF	99 % 99 %	DE-DESY-RWTH-CMS-T2	93 %	931
PL-TIER2-WLCG	99 % 83 %	CA-WEST-T2	92 %	891
SI-SIGNET	99 % 98 %	AT-HEPHY-VIENNA-UIBK	92 %	911
T2_US_Florida	99 % 99 %	RO-LCG	91 %	861
CN-IHEP	98 % 98 %	US-AGLT2	90 %	901
TW-FTT-T2	98 % 98 %	UK-London-Tier2	90 %	891
UK-NorthGrid	98 % 98 %	KR-KNU-T2	89 %	89
T2_US_Purdue	98 % 98 %	PK-CMS-T2	88 %	821
UK-ScotGrid	98 % 97 %	T2_US_UCSD	88 %	88
IN-DAE-KOLKATA-TIER2	98 % 98 %	DE-FREIBURGWUPPERTAL	88 %	83
DE-DESY-ATLAS-T2	98 % 98 %	AU-ATLAS	87 %	87
US-MWT2	98 % 98 %	US-SWT2	86 %	86
US-WT2	97 % 64 %	ES-LHCb-T2	86 %	86
CH-CHIPP-CSCS	97 % 97 %	ES-CMS-T2	83 %	781
DE-MCAT	97 % 97 %	IN-INDIACMS-TIFR	79 %	79
CA-EAST-T2	97 % 97 %	T2_US_MIT	77 %	77
PT-LIP-LCG-Tier2	97 % 68 %	BE-TIER2	77 %	77
HU-HGCC-T2	97 % 95 %	IT-ALICE-federation	76 %	70
T2_US_Caltech	97 % 97 %	IT-ATLAS-federation	76 %	70
FR-IN2P3-CC-T2	96 % 96 %	IT-CMS-federation	76 %	701
FI-HIP-T2	96 % 96 %	IT-LHCb-federation	76 %	701
US-NET2	96 % 96 %	TR-Tier2-federation	58 %	541
T2_US_Wisconsin	96 % 89 %	IL-HEPTier-2	45 %	33
NO-NORDGRID-T2	95 % 95 %	SE-SNIC-T2	44 %	45
ES-ATLAS-T2	95 % 92 %	KR-KISTI-T2	25 %	141
FR-IN2P3-IPHC	95 % 95 %	DE-GSI	0 %	0.
EE-NICPB	95 % 95 %	UA-Tier2-Federation	N/A	N/

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Availability = % of successful tests Reliability = Availability / Scheduled Availability Reliability and Availability for Federation - Weighted average of all sites in the Federation (based on opucount)					
Colour coding :	N/A	< 30%	< 60%	< 90%	>= 90%

Federation	Rell- ability	Avail- ability	Federation	Rell- ability	Avail- ability
JP-Tokyo-ATLAS-T2	100 %	100 %	UK-SouthGrid	94 %	84 %
CZ-Prague-T2	99 %	98 %	FR-IN2P3-LPC	94 %	94 %
T2_US_Nebraska	99 %	99 %	FR-IN2P3-LAPP	94 %	94 %
FR-IN2P3-SUBATECH	99 %	99 %	RU-RDIG	93 %	92 %
FR-GRIF	99 %	99 %	DE-DESY-RWTH-CMS-T2	93 %	93 %
PL-TIER2-WLCG	99 %	83 %	CA-WEST-T2	92 %	89 %
SI-SIGNET	99 %	98 %	AT-HEPHY-VIENNA-UIBK	92 %	91 %
T2_US_Florida	99 %	99 %	RO-LCG	91 %	86 %
CN-IHEP	98 %	98 %	US-AGLT2	90 %	90 %
TW-FTT-T2	98 %	98 %	UK-London-Tier2	90 %	89 %
UK-NorthGrid	98 %	98 %	KR-KNU-T2	89 %	89 %
T2_US_Purdue	98 %	98 %	PK-CMS-T2	88 %	82 %
UK-ScotGrid	98 %	97 %	T2_US_UCSD	88 %	88 %
IN-DAE-KOLKATA-TIER2	98 %	98 %	DE-FREIBURGWUPPERTAL	88 %	83 %
DE-DESY-ATLAS-T2	98 %	98 %	AU-ATLAS	87 %	87%
US-MWT2	98 %	98 %	US-SWT2	86 %	86 %
US-WT2	97 %	64 %	ES-LHCb-T2	86 %	86 %
CH-CHIPP-CSCS	97 %	97 %	ES-CMS-T2	83 %	78 %
DE-MCAT	97 %	97 %	IN-INDIACMS-TIFR	79 %	79 %
CA-EAST-T2	97 %	97 %	T2_US_MIT	77 %	77%
PT-LIP-LCG-Tier2	97 %	68 %	BE-TIER2	77 %	77%
HU-HGCC-T2	97 %	95 %	IT-ALICE-federation	76 %	70 %
T2_US_Caltech	97 %	97 %	IT-ATLAS-federation	76 %	70 %
FR-IN2P3-CC-T2	96 %	96 %	IT-CMS-federation	76 %	70 %
FI-HIP-T2	96 %	96 %	IT-LHCb-federation	76 %	70 %
US-NET2	96 %	96 %	TR-Tier2-federation	58 %	54 %
T2_US_Wisconsin	96 %	89 %	IL-HEPTier-2	45 %	33 %
NO-NORDGRID-T2	95 %	95 %	SE-SNIC-T2	44 %	45 %
ES-ATLAS-T2	95 %	92 %	KR-KISTI-T2	25 %	14 %
FR-IN2P3-IPHC	95 %	95 %	DE-GSI	0 %	0 %
EE-NICPB	95 %	95 %	UA-Tier2-Federation	N/A	N/A

Tier-2 Reliability

- 41 of 62 sites are now green;8 more are >80%
- Average is now ≈90%
- All but 1 site are reporting; in particular the situation in the US has been resolved.
- Still some "one-off" issues such as a few sites with green reliability, but yellow availability (i.e. significant declared downtime).
- Tier-2 specific tests exist:
 - CMS has Tier-2 commissioning
 - ATLAS has Tier-2 specific functional tests







WLCG - Tier-2 Accounting Summary

January 2009

Efficiency factor for Tier-2 sites - utilisation 60% of pledge as specified in TDR

CPU usage in month (KSI2K-Hrs)

	2008 CPU	pledge inc. efficiency (KSI2K-							used as % of	
Federation - Accounting Name	Pledge (KSI2K)	Hrs)	Site(s)	AUCE	ATLAS	CMS	инсь	Total	pledge	_
Australia, University of Melbourne			Australia-ATLAS		133,126			133,126		_
			Australia-UNIMELB-LCG2							_
AU-ATLAS	150	66,960			133,126			133,126	199%	_<
Austria, Austrian Tier-2 Federation			HEPHY-UIBK		14,828			14,828		_
			Hephy-Vienna			27,851		27,851		_
AT-HEPHY-VIENNA-UIBK	540	241,056	i		14,828	27,851		42,679	18%	_<
Belgium, Belgian Tier-2 Federation			BEgrid-ULB-VUB			77,039		77,039		_
			BelGrid-UCL			50,798		50,798		_
BE-TIER2	1,050	468,720)			127,837		127,837	27%	_•
Canada-East Federation			TORONTO-LCG2		87,524			87,524		_
CA-EAST-T2	200	89,280)		87,524			87,524	98%	_•
Canada-West Federation			ALBERTA-LCG2		47,745			47,745		_
			SFU-LCG2		42,575			42,575		_
			VICTORIA-LCG2		83,672			83,672		
CA-WEST-T2	300	133,920)		173,992			173,992	130%	_•
China, IHEP, Beijing			BEUING-LCG2		41,741	85,628		127,369		_
CN-IHEP	400	178,560)		41,741	85,628		127,369	71%	_
Czech Rep., FZU AS, Prague			praguelog2	34,460	54,886			89,346		_
•			prague_cesnet_lcg2	4	4			8		_
CZ-Prague-T2	164	73,210	1	34,464	54,890			89,354	122%	
Estonia, NICPB, Tallinn			T2_Estonia			232,532		232,532		_
EE-NICPB	150	66,960)			232,532		232,532	347%	-
Finland, NDGF/HIP Tier2			CSC			7,488		7,488		_
FI-HIP-T2	564	251,770)			7,488		7,488	3%	_
France, CC-IN2P3 AF			IN2P3-CC-T2	283	390,576	198,868	530,336	1,120,063		_
FR-IN2P3-CC-T2	1,500	669,600)	283	390,576	198,868	530,336	1,120,063	167%	_
France, IPHC, Strasbourg			IN2P3-IRES	9		176,957		176,966		_
FR-IN2P3-IPHC	320	142,848	1	9		176,957		176,966	124%	
France, GRIF, Paris			GRIF	47,385	595,131	224,445	447,222	1,314,183		_
FR-GRIF	1,642	732,989)	47,385	595,131	224,445	447,222	1,314,183	179%	
France, LAPP, Annecy			IN2P3-LAPP		30,390		147,084	177,474		-
FR-IN2P3-LAPP	600	267,840)		30,390		147,084	177,474	66%	_
France, LPC, Clermont-Ferrand			IN2P3-LPC	54,965	59,952		33,660	148,577		_
FR-IN2P3-LPC	800	357,120)	54,965	59,952		33,660	148,577	42%	_
France, SUBATECH, Nantes			IN2P3-SUBATECH	73,262				73,262		-
FR-IN2P3-SUBATECH	312	139,277		73,262				73,262	53%	_
Germany, GSI, Darmstadt			GSI-LCG2	64				64		-
DE-GSI	660	294,624		64				64	0%	-
Germany, ATLAS Federation FR/W			UNI-FREIBURG		117,018			117,018		-
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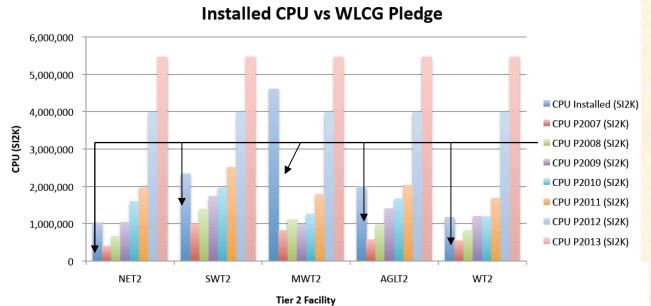
Tier-2 Installed Resources

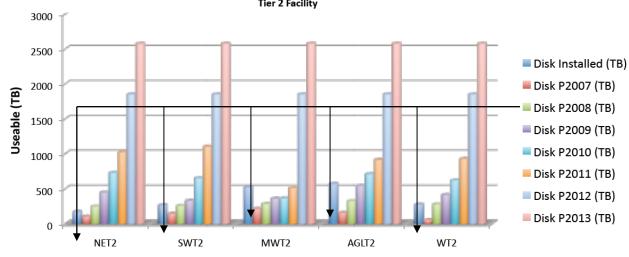
- But how much of this is a problem of under-use rather than under-contribution?
 - → a task force was set up to extract installed capacities from the Glue schema
- Monthly APEL reports still undergo significant modifications from first draft.
 - → Good because communication with T2s better
 - → Bad because APEL accounting still has problems
- However, the task force's work is nearing completion; the MB has approved the document outlining the solution (actually it is solutions: EGEE vs OSG, CPU vs storage)





Installed vs Pledged Capacities at U.S. Tier-2s





Tier 2 Facility

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NET2 North East Tier-2

Center at Boston

University and Harvard

University

SWT2 Southwest Tier-2
Center at University at
Texas – Arlington and
Oklahoma University

MWT2 Midwest Tier-2
Center at University of
Chicago and Indiana
University

AGLT2 ATLAS Great

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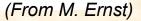
University of Michigan

and Michigan State

University

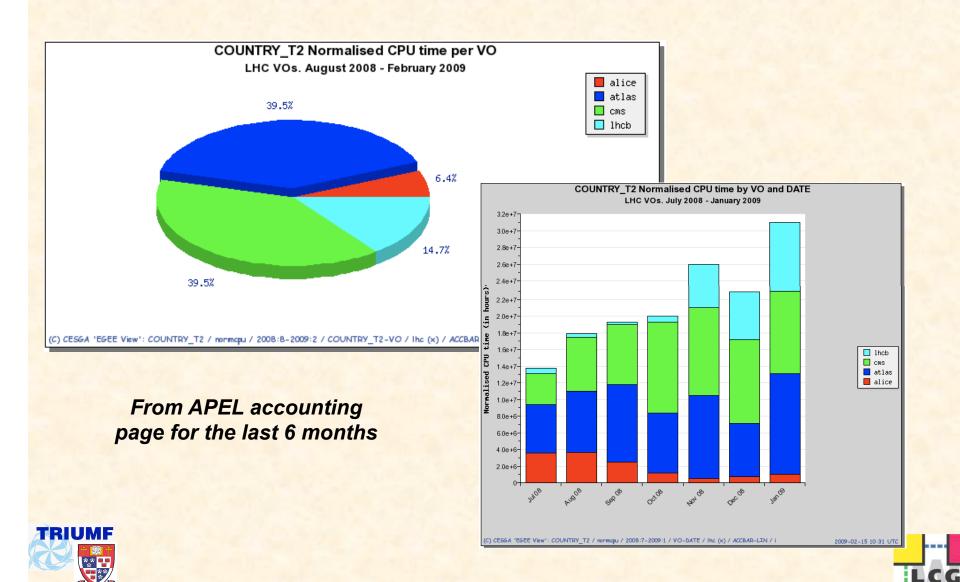
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Western Tier-2
Center at **SLAC**





How are the Tier-2s being used?

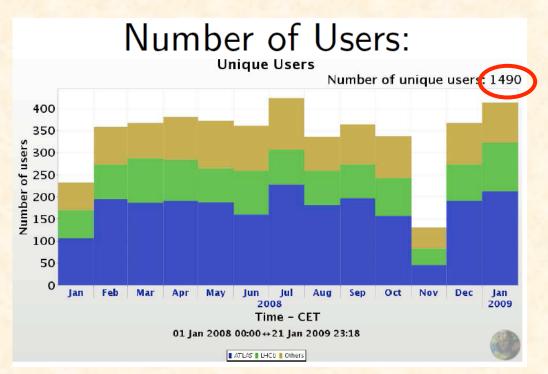


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Tier-2s in Production

From APEL accounting portal for Aug.'08 to Jan.'09; #s in MSI2k

	Alice	ATLAS	CMS	LHCb	Total	
Tier-1s	6.24	32.03	30.73	2.50	71.50	34.3%
Tier-2s	9.61	52.23	55.04	20.14	137.02	65.7%
Total	15.85	84.26	85.77	22.64	208.52	



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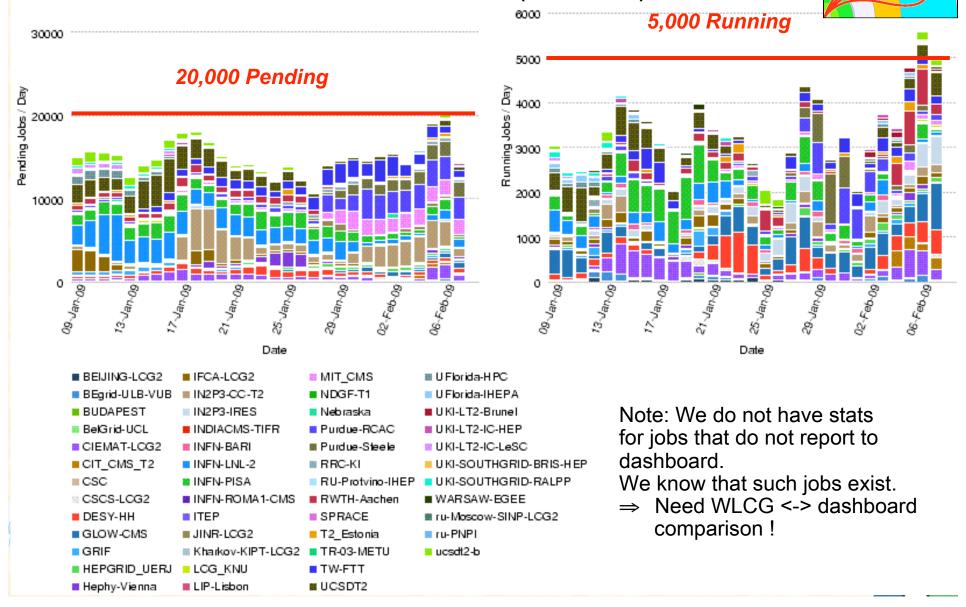
Warning: These numbers vary depending on what you put in your query



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Analysis jobs last month

From F. Wuerthwein (UCSD-CMS)

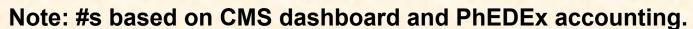


CMS Summary

From F. Wuerthwein (UCSD-CMS)

CMS

- 80% of analysis activity at T2 & T3.
- 1/4 of collaboration submitted jobs in 2008.
 - ~1 Million hours consumed per week.
- 30 T2 & 3 T3 with CMS-SAM availability > 80% for the last month.
- 1.0 PB placed, and accounted for by "groups" at T2.
- Additional 8 PB placed outside group accounting:
 - 5.5PB at T1 and T0
 - 136TB at T3







Placement Accounting Examples

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Node	Subscribed	Resident
T1_FR_CCIN2P3_MSS	3.68 TB	3.34 TB
T2_CH_CSCS	403.89 GB	403.89 GB
T2_ES_CIEMAT	54.04 TB	51.13 TB
T2_FR_GRIF_LLR	4.52 TB	4.52 TB
T2_IT_Legnaro	20.84 TB	18.25 TB
T2_IT_Pisa	26.15 TB	25.84 TB
T2_UK_London_Brunel	5.53 TB	5.13 TB
T2_US_UCSD	13.57 TB	13.57 TB
T2_US_Wisconsin	16.39 TB	16.39 TB
T3_CH_PSI	403.89 GB	403.89 GB
T3_US_Minnesota	488.37 GB	362.52 GB
	145.98 TB	139.31 TB

Placement includes T0,T1,T2,T3 The same dataset may be "owned" by different groups at different sites.

T2_IT_Pisa Group Usage

Group	Subscribed	Resident
DataOps	3.93 TB	3.93 TB
FacOps	492.51 GB	492.51 GB
b-tagging	21.32 TB	19.07 TB
ewk	26.15 TB	25.84 TB
tau/pflow	11.35 TB	11.35 TB
tracker	42.32 TB	41.03 TB
undefined	3.46 TB	3.42 TB
	109.00 TB	105.12 TB

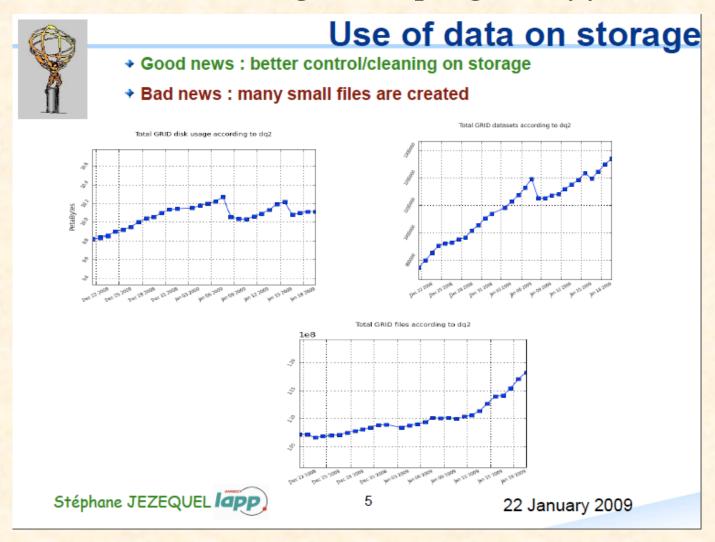
T2_US_UCSD Group Usage

Group	Subscribed	Resident
DataOps	3.60 TB	3.60 TB
e-gamma	50.15 GB	50.15 GB
ewk	13.57 TB	13.57 TB
higgs	7.08 TB	7.01 TB
susy	1.66 TB	1.66 TB
top	55.24 TB	53.43 TB
tracker	708.82 GB	708.82 GB
undefined	60.23 TB	60.23 TB
	142.12 TB	140.24 TB



Data Issues at ATLAS

ATLAS has started an organized program of file deletion.







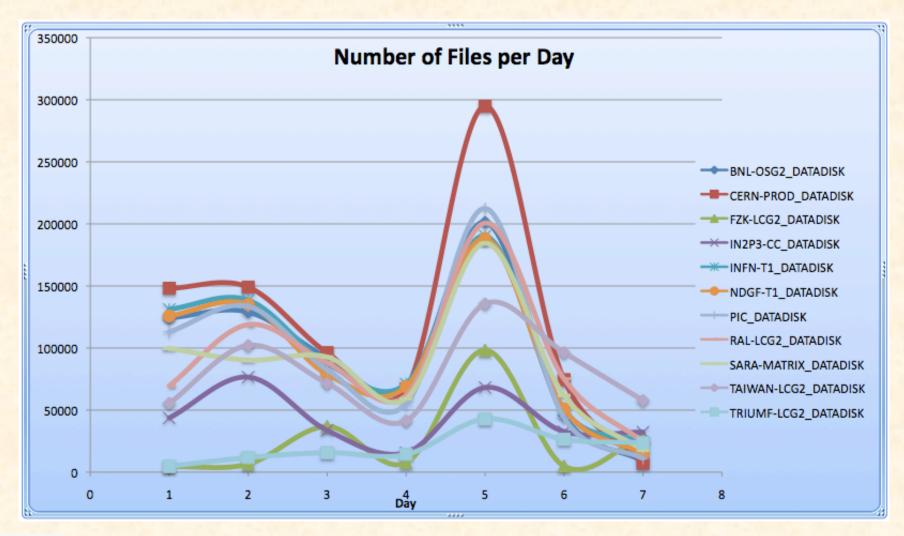
Data Issues at ATLAS

- "10M files" exercise:
 - stress the data distribution system by transferring a huge number of files in a short time (10k datasets transferred in 10 days; 1M files to each T1)
 - Brought to light some issues with RTT for file registration; these should apply to large-scale T2 transfers too
 - → need bulk registration capabilities on the LFC





10M files Test @ ATLAS





(From S. Campana)



Tier-2 Hardware Questions

- How does the LHC delay affect the requirements and pledges for 2009?
 - + We have heard about this earlier
- We need to use something other than SpecInt2000!
 - + this benchmark is totally out-of-date & useless for new CPUs
 - + SpecHEP06 will be used from now on; welcomed development





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Data processed per second

- Data read per second, as measured by root.
- All files cached on disk.

Data format, program	Reading speed [MB/s]
AOD (7 container), Athena	2.19 - 2.32
AOD (7 containers), ARA	3.75 – 5.0
AOD (trk.particles), Athena	2.75
Vector <vector<>>, ROOT</vector<>	4.93
Simple ntuple, ROOT	6.99
ALICE esd file	18
ROOT example	47



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 - + Do we need to go to Infiniband?
 - + We certainly need increased capability for the uplinks; we should have a minimum of fully non-blocking GigE the worker nodes.
 - → We need more guidance from the experiments
 The next round of purchases is soon/now!





User Issues: Load & Support

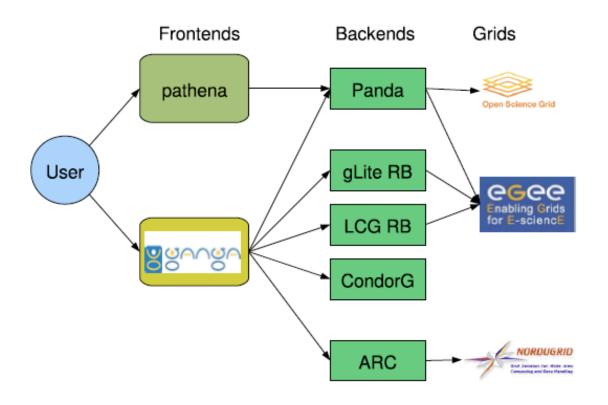
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User Issues: It's all still a little complicated

DISTRIBUTED ANALYSIS - CURRENT SITUATION





Seeing an increased number of user in the last few months - but we expect many more!



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- User stress tests are being done regularly:
 - → Hammercloud tests
- Work continues to make the "backend" invisible
- Much progress has been made on user support
 - + A distributed-analysis user support group has been formed
 - + Four people in the EU, four in the US; uses hypernews & gmail
 - + Quite successful but we need better documentation
 - + User2user support is starting to happen; encourage this.





<u>Summary</u>

- The role of the Tier-2 centres continues to increase
- Communication issues have been addressed but need more work
- Reliability continues to be generally good, but needs to be better
- Automatic resource & usage monitoring tools are almost ready
- Stress testing of data distribution and user analysis has ramped up
- The number of users continues to increase but we still need to make the Grid easier to use for beginners
- Organized user support is becoming a reality
- The Tier-2 layer of WLCG continues to improve!



