

WLCG Issues



Outstanding Issues & Concerns

Issue	Concern
Network	T0 – T1 well able to handle traffic that can be expected from normal data taking with plenty of headroom for recovery. Redundancy?? T1 – T1 traffic – less predictable (driven by re-processing) – actually dominates. Concerns about use of largely star network for this purpose. Tn – T2 traffic – likely to become a problem, as well internal T2 bandwidth
Storage	We still do not have our storage systems under control. Significant updates to both CASTOR and dCache have been recommended by providers post-STEP'09. Upgrade paths unclear, untested or both.
Data	Data access – particularly "chaotic" access patterns typical of analysis can be expected to cause problems – many sites configured for capacity, not optimized for many concurrent streams, random access etc.
Users	Are we really ready to handle a significant increase in the number of (blissfully) grid-unaware users?

Summary

- We are probably ready for data taking and analysis and have a proven track record of resolving even major problems and / or handling major site downtimes in a way that lets production continue
- Analysis will surely bring some new challenges to the table
 not only the ones that we expect!
- If funded, the HEP SSC and Service Deployment projects described this morning will help us get through the first years of LHC data taking
- Expect some larger changes particularly in the areas of storage and data handing – after that