Opportunistic Resources

Provisioning Types
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- On-demand provisioning for job peak loads
- Constant capacity extension

Resource Scheduler: ROCED
- Broker between batch system and resource providers

Example Resources
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- For different scientific communities in Europe

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- On-demand capacity extension via fair share
- For different exclusive scientific communities

Challenges of Opportunistic Resources
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- Storage performance designated for one Grid site
- Shared network at opportunistic resource
- Varying utilization of storage and network

Outlook
Workflow Analysis
- Deploy sample jobs of one workflow to local resources
- Monitor traffic, walltime memory, etc. of job
- Assign attributes to all jobs of an analysed workflow

Resource Benchmark
- Pilots benchmark network bandwidth periodically and coordinated
- Benchmark network capacity between pilots and between pilot and grid storage

Bandwidth Scheduling
- Jobs based on pilot resource and bandwidth
- Pilots based on site resources and bandwidth

Desktop Cluster
- Local Desktop PCs
- Provisioning of HEP software environment via container and use backfilling of unused resources (cycle stealing)
- For local users

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