

Grid site as a tool for data processing and data analysis. RO-11-NIPNE computing performance evolution

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Summary :

- ❑ What is GRID Computing.
- ❑ Needs and performance evolution.
- ❑ RO-11-NIPNE evolution.
- ❑ Upgrades and future implementations.

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□ What is GRID Computing.

- **Grid computing** is the collection of computer resources from multiple locations to reach a common goal. – according to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grid_computing
- **Grid computing** is a distributed architecture of large numbers of computers connected to solve a complex problem. – according to: <http://searchdatacenter.techtarget.com/definition/grid-computing>
- A scientist studying proteins logs into a computer and uses an entire network of computers to analyze data. A businessman accesses his company's network through a PDA in order to forecast the future of a particular stock. An Army official accesses and coordinates computer resources on three different military networks to formulate a battle strategy. All of these scenarios have one thing in common: They rely on a concept called **Grid computing**. – according to: <http://computer.howstuffworks.com/grid-computing.htm>



The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) is a global collaboration of computer centres. It was launched in 2002 to provide a resource to store, distribute and analyse the 15 petabytes (15 million gigabytes) of data generated every year by the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

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□ **The need:** Approximately 600 million times per second, particles collide within the [Large Hadron Collider \(LHC\)](#).

Each collision generates particles that often decay in complex ways into even more particles.

Electronic circuits record the passage of each particle through a detector as a series of electronic signals, and send the data to the CERN Data Centre (DC) for digital reconstruction.

The digitized summary is recorded as a "collision event". Physicists must sift through the 30 petabytes or so of data produced annually to determine if the collisions have thrown up any interesting physics

□ **The Solution** should offer :

- A very big number of CPU's, storage (not feasible all in one place, redundancy back-ups) – even more problems
- BIG IT Group – working around the clock for the Physicists

In 2002 everything turned into grid computing, every computing task is shared between multiple computing centers, structured in tiers.

How it works:

- ❖ Tier 0 (CERN, and Wigner in Hungary) is storing the data sets emerging from the Data Acquisition, those centers are doing the initial processing of the data and Tape Storage. The data is then distributed to Tier 1's.
- ❖ Tier 1 – Data centers that have Data Storage pledged to each experiment, are offering a big amount of Computing Power (10th of thousands of cores) that require access to large raw data sets for the data analysis and simulations.
- ❖ Tier 2 – Smaller data centers that will have data made available by the T-1's, mainly smaller sites that are organized and maintained by collaborating Research Institutes or Universities, supporting users tasks, reconstructions (in some cases), Monte Carlo Simulations etc.
- ❖ Tier 3 – Small local clusters , dedicated to an experiment, deployed by a group of users or an individual PC

During last years the requirements focus mainly on the storage, as the sites are evolving and add storage for the data, but also all the sites have increased the number of CPU's.

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The Romanian participation in the LHCb started in 1996, our team, LHCb-Ro, being involved in: design, construction, commissioning, cosmic ray tests and calibration of the calorimeter modules.

During 2006 EGEE certified RO-11-NIPNE (LHCb) grid site with the following resources:

Worker Nodes:

- 3 dual processor 3 GHz Xeons, 2 GB RAM, 80 GB
- 15 dual processor 3 GHz Xeons LV, 2 GB RAM, 80 GB
- 13 dual processor 2 GHz Xeons Core Duo, 2 GB RAM, 80 GB
- 6 dual processor 1.6 GHz Xeon Quad Core, 4 GB RAM, 80 GB

- ❑ In 2012 the old hardware 21 servers installed in 2007 were completely replaced by 10 servers Each server 8 cores 16GB ram.
- ❑ During 2013 we added 9 worker nodes 16 cores 32 GB ram.
- ❑ In february and march **2014** after updating the middleware and installing glexec and other collaboration requirements we added 5 new nodes with 24 cores and 48 GB ram

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Past Tense:

Offering a performance of only ~ 233 k ISi2K in 2011

Our group started with :

- Only 28 cores installed
- Only 500GB storage on the SE
- 1 Gbps ethernet switch

[RO-11-NIPNE Normalised CPU time \(kSI2K\) by SITE and VO.](#)

CUSTOM VOs. January 2011 - November 2011.

The following table shows the distribution of Normalised CPU time (kSI2K) grouped by SITE and VO (only information about the **selected VOs** is returned).

Normalised CPU time [units 1K.SI2K.Hours] by SITE and VO			
SITE	Incb	Total	%
RO-11-NIPNE	233,562	233,562	100.00%
Total	233,562	233,562	
Percentage	100.00%		

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The information in the previous table is also shown in the following graph.

RO-11-NIPNE Normalised CPU time (kSI2K) by SITE and VO

At that time the resources were moving to a new Data Center (**DFCTI/IFIN**-HH Department of Computational Physics and Information Technologies) solving all the problems that we previously had:

- Cooling issues
- UPS
- Stable Network Connectivity (using a direct link to the core router)

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Present:

Offering a performance of only ~ 233 k SI2K in 2011

We have at this time available:

- 23 Worker nodes, 8 cores , 16 cores

- 2GB ram/core , 16 GB , 32 GB

- Disk space 500 GB /node (even less on the 16 core nodes)

- Storage Element

- Middleware – EMI3.x

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Normalised CPU time [units 1K.SI2K.Hours] by SITE and VO			
SITE	lhcb	Total	%
RO-11-NIPNE	2,159,373	2,159,373	100.00%
Total	2,159,373	2,159,373	
Percentage	100.00%		

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First time over 2 000 000 K SI2K

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SiteName	VO	2016												
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			
RO-11-NIPNE	lhcb													

NGI_RO - Total number of jobs by Site and Date (LHC VOs)

Site	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Total	Percent
NIHAM	3,576	5,332	4,535	2,881	2,441	2,935	2,972	2,976	2,824	1,529	32,001	0.33%
RO-02-NIPNE	166,350	164,288	200,218	155,475	147,999	144,033	172,449	118,248	147,203	65,547	1,481,810	15.44%
RO-07-NIPNE	898,792	821,963	862,033	482,826	470,675	429,444	466,506	443,322	280,003	188,948	5,344,512	55.69%
RO-11-NIPNE	7,258	10,972	13,781	10,433	7,234	6,267	7,352	10,685	8,832	8,025	90,839	0.95%
RO-13-ISS	21,226	21,679	22,474	17,389	20,409	47,516	16,148	9,260	11,984	0	188,085	1.96%
RO-14-ITIM	16,430	25,825	89,509	25,277	316,078	237,883	176,520	219,089	348,269	300,757	1,755,637	18.29%
RO-15-NIPNE	3,389	4,940	4,288	5,467	5,572	2,519	3,898	3,720	0	0	33,793	0.35%
RO-16-UAIC	33,093	27,443	83,182	60,838	58,927	95,914	43,990	123,969	119,883	22,351	669,590	6.98%
Total	1,150,114	1,082,442	1,280,020	760,586	1,029,335	966,511	889,835	931,269	918,998	587,157	9,596,267	
Percent	11.99%	11.20%	13.34%	7.93%	10.73%	10.07%	9.27%	9.70%	9.58%	6.12%		

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NGI_RO - Total number of jobs by Site and Date (Custom VOs)

Site	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Total	Percent
RO-07-NIPNE	4,589	9,361	13,110	21,680	8,642	7,198	6,848	9,679	5,650	1,708	88,465	41.51%
RO-11-NIPNE	7,258	10,972	13,781	10,433	7,234	6,267	7,352	10,685	8,832	8,025	90,839	42.63%
RO-15-NIPNE	3,389	4,940	4,288	5,467	5,572	2,519	3,898	3,720	0	0	33,793	15.86%
Total	15,236	25,273	31,179	37,580	21,448	15,984	18,098	24,084	14,482	9,733	213,097	
Percent	7.15%	11.86%	14.63%	17.64%	10.06%	7.50%	8.49%	11.30%	6.80%	4.57%		

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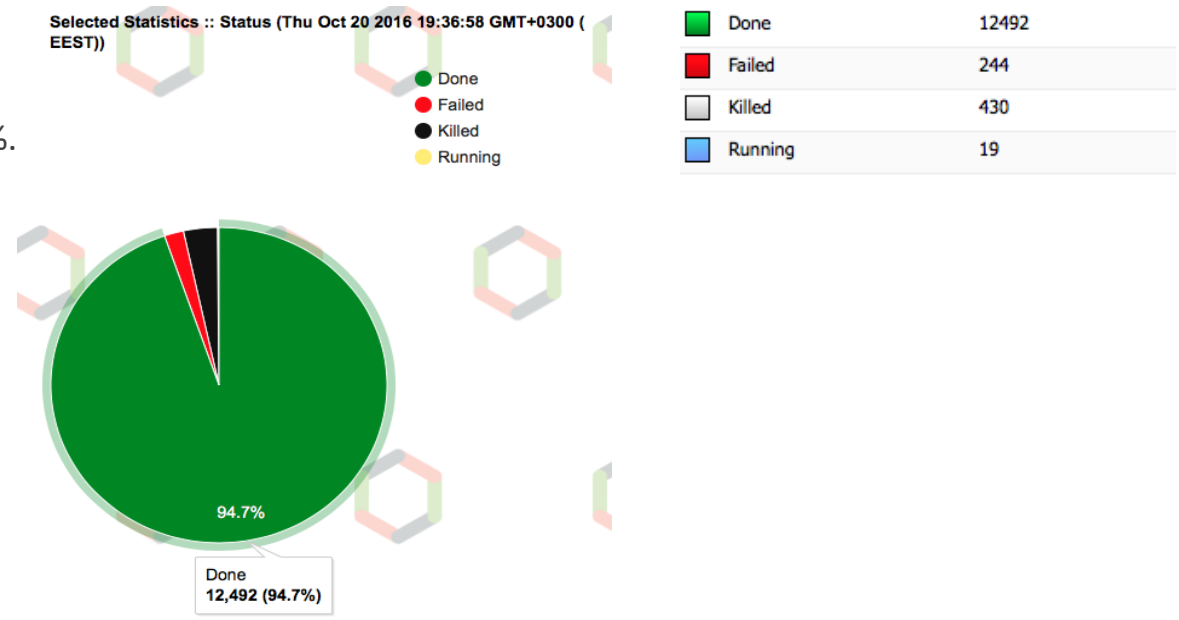
The site is offering very good performances:

- 42,63% of the entire LHCb jobs that run in Romania are running on RO-11-NIPNE
- RO-07-NIPNE will have a bigger percentage as we managed to discuss and provide T2D (Tier 2 with Disk) for the Collaboration.
- During the year, according to monitoring portal we had ->
- Good availability and reliability of the resources, over 97%.
- At this time we run:

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server: lhcb-ce.nipne.ro
Queue Memory CPU Time Walltime Node Run Que Ln State
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Lhcb --- 48:00:00 72:00:00 -- 304 0 -- E R
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304 Active Jobs 304 of 336 Processors Active (90.48%)
22 of 23 Nodes Active (95.65%)
42.63% of the entire LHCb jobs th
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Selected Statistics :: Status (Thu Oct 20 2016 19:36:58 GMT+0300 (EEST))



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Future Plans:

- Major upgrade is going to be needed as the resources have already reached 4 years old
- Pledges could be changed as the computing changed for some of the experiments (probably storage will be needed)
- Disk capacity not yet required
- Migration of the middleware as EMI is running out of support
- Adapt to new Computational Physics requirements!

Thank you for your attention!