ATLAS Global Shares implementation in PanDA

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Global Shares definitions and basic implementation in PanDA

• Nestable shares applied globally (i.e. across all Grid sites)
• Unoccupied shares are split between siblings
• Shares are measured in current running HEPSpec06
• A mapping table assigns tasks to their global share at creation time
• PanDA will sort the jobs queued at each site by Global Share needs and assign the highest priority job to the next available slot
  - This requires having jobs of all shares available: they need to be generated by parallel Workqueues

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Basic Implementation in PanDA

Unified queues (being rolled out)

• Previous computing models established separate job queues for single core and multi core slot jobs at each site
  • These queues would compete against each other for resources
  • Each site could establish its own policies and partitions –static or dynamic- on how to divide their batch into the different types
• Nowadays central orchestrators are very well capable of managing the Grid globally
• Global shares and local partitions don’t play along very well
• For sites without local partitions, Unified queues mix jobs of different resource types. Requests to the batch system are made by Global Shares priorities (push with ARC Control Tower, pull with Harvester), trying to dynamically influence the single to multi core ratio

Conclusions

• One of the major wishes for Physics Coordination is the ability to decide the amount of resources assigned to each activity
• Under the Global Shares project, internal components of the PanDA architecture have been re-engineered and have improved significantly the control over the resources
• We are rolling out Unified queues for influencing dynamically the single to multi core ratio at sites
• We have focused on the control of production jobs so far, analysis yet to be included
• There are corner cases where brokerage does not play along