

Cost modelling - update -

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Last WLCG workshop

« Simple » exercice on resource costs

ref: http://cern.ch/go/hDT9

- Significant deviations found across sites
- Several reasons
 - Local contexts
 - Differences in hardware and infrastructure
 - Understanding of metrics

A « simple » exercise found to be « not so simple » at all

A thought on what we could need

- Ideal scenario
 - Common metrics
 - Common measurement methods
 - Common framework to
 - aggregate site numbers
 - model technology evolutions
 - model budgets
- Plug in experiment resource requirements roadmap
 - → get the budget evolution in sites

We are not there yet. We may as well not do that.

Resource cost model

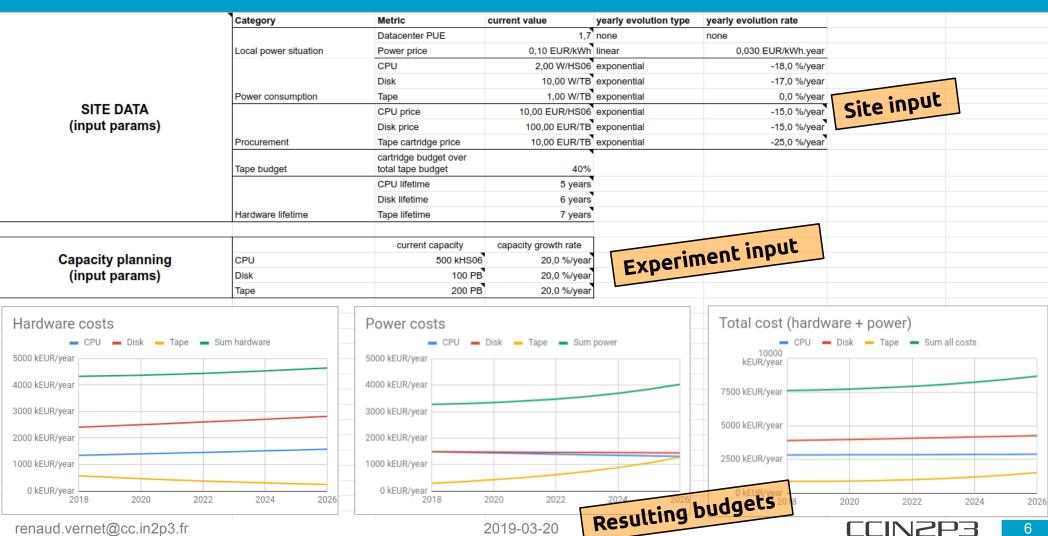
Available tool

Spreadheet on googledocs

ref: https://goo.gl/XGntJc

- Infrastructure expenses only
 - Can try to extend scope
- Site input params
 - Hardware price (and evolution)
 - Power price and efficiency

Example with dummy data



But...

- What are site inputs?
- Can we use a global tool?
- Are sites going to evolve differently?
 - Specialisation? Diversification of technologies?

→ need to address site expenses in detail

Survey to sites

Survey sent to T1s in September

ref: https://goo.gl/H5nx9W

- All T1s contacted, few T2s
 - Fewer exchanges, provide tape, substantial capacities
- T2s very welcome to participate nonetheless
- Typical questions

How much do you pay for 1 HS06? How much do you pay for 1 kWh? What evolution over the last years?

More general questions

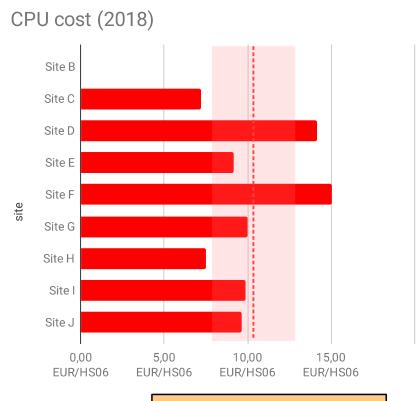
Library/tape technos Connectivity Type of cooling ...

Survey to sites: results

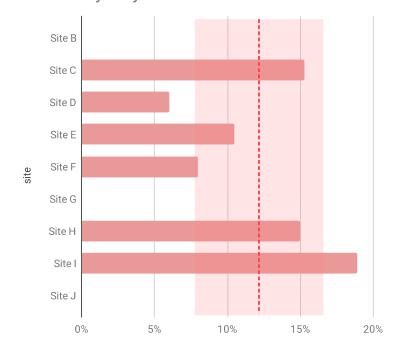
- 9 sites answered the survey (thanks!)
 - 8 T1s; 1 T2
- Most sites could not answer all the questions
 - so we do with what we have...
- Global picture
 - All sites pay for pledged resources
 - A few sites pay for network connectivity
 - A few sites have free power
 - PUE is not necessarily known

CPU

Current cost and yearly decrease

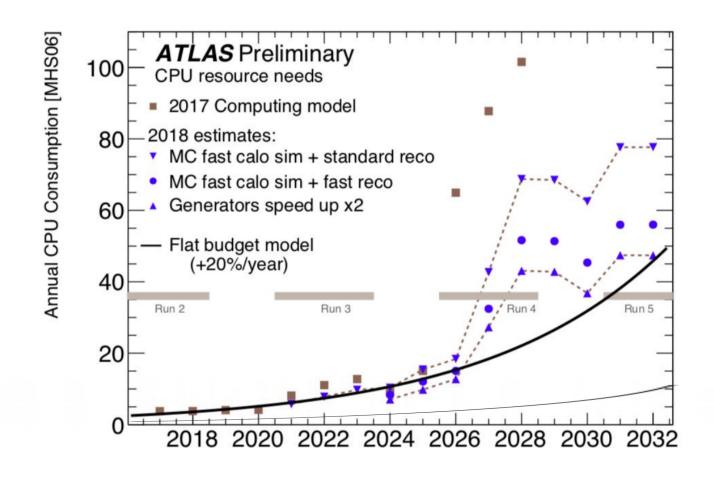


CPU cost yearly decrease rate



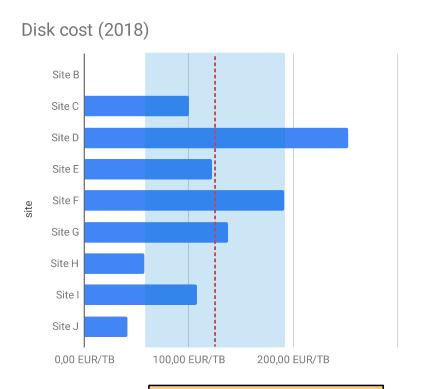
10.3 €/HS06

-12 %/year

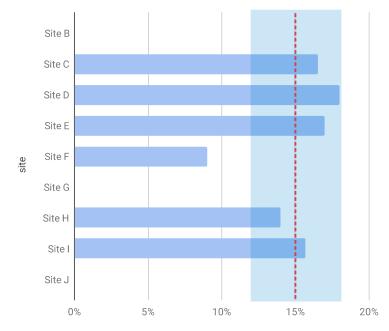


Disk

Current cost and yearly decrease







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-15 %/year

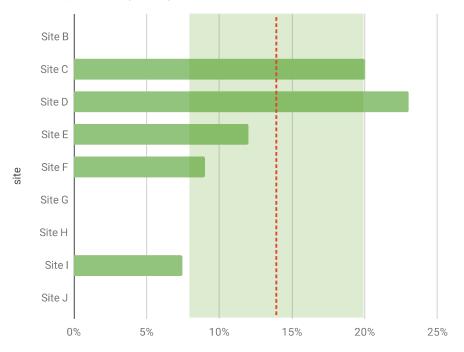
Tape

Current cost and yearly decrease

Tape cartridge cost (2018)



Cartridge cost yearly decrease rate



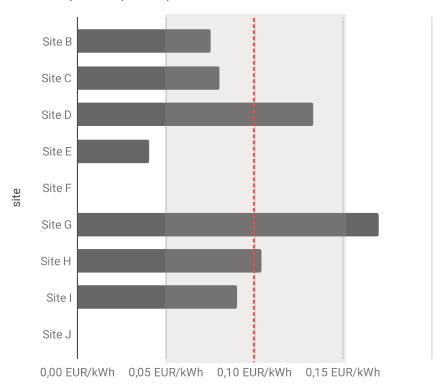
22 €/TB

-14 %/year

Power

Current power price

Power price (2018)



Results on resource costs at sites

- First bunch of results obtained
- Essentially resource costs
 - Little information on other topics
- Substantial dispersion in costs across sites
 - Local context & performance effect
 - but not « massive » : σ ~ 20-50 %

But some metrics follow exponential behaviour with time

- → even 20 % error makes a real difference!
- → more stats for (hopefully) more precision

Addressing the TCO...

TCO?

- TCO = Total Cost of Ownership
- Why do we need TCO?
- How to calculate a data center resource TCO ?

- What should I include in the TCO?
- 2 approaches
 - "atomic TCO": all hardware & equipment + include all other relevant sources of expense
 - "holistic TCO": include all expenses of data center

Atomic TCO

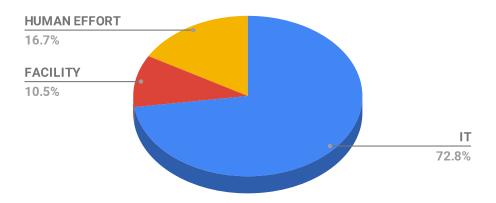
- Inspired from CERN procurement model
 - IT
 - Server, rack, PDU, disk arrays and IT power consumption
 - Network equipment (NIC, switch, router, uplink)
 - Includes losses and redundancies
 - Building (PUE)
- Manpower salary + taxes
 - Admin, operator, network expert
 - Holidays, overhead
 - Trainings etc.

Sources:

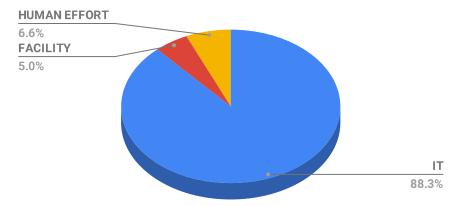
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Atomic TCO

CPU server expenses



Storage server expenses



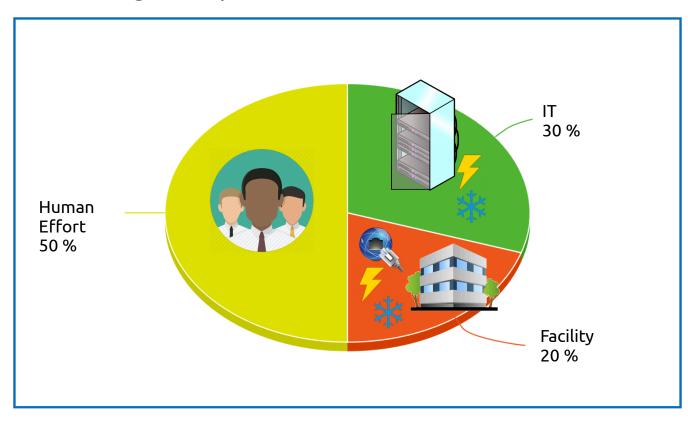
→ "IT" is the main source of expense

Holistic TCO

- CCIN2P3 full budget (except tertiary)
- Full yearly budget sorted in categories
 - IT
 - Facility
 - Human effort
- Exercice done for 6 consecutive years [2012 2017]
 - Then averaged per year

Holistic TCO

Average over period 2012 → 2017



→ "IT" is NOT the main source of expense

Reality: differences in TCOs

Holistic TCO

Atomic TCO

Facility

- Building & equipment
- PUE

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- Filled racks
- Network
- Power consumption

Human effort

- System admin
- Service operator
- Network expert

Facility

- Upgrades
- Maintenance

Other human effort

- Facility people
- Dev ops
- Administration
- Project managers
- User Support

Comments

- Need to converge on what to include in TCO
- ECAR TCO framework can help https://library.educause.edu/resources/2015/4/tco-for-cloud-services-a-framework
- IT resource price per unit of capacity/performance evolves quite fast (exponential)
- Human resources do not
 - constant budget dedicated to the « manpower and infrastructure » enveloppe
- Capacity & performance evolution over time
 - Driven by resource cost evolution, not manpower cost
 - Ratio « IT budget » / « TCO » does not influence much

Summary

- Survey on site costs → clearer global picture of main sites
- Interactive capacity evolution forecast tool available
- Resource TCO method still in discussion
- Atomic TCO tool can be played with
- Network expenses not modelized (yet)
 - Still a bit blurry, how to do that?
- Interact more with computing model people?