

TPC: Status, Plans, Contribution to the HL- LHC review document



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TPC Status

- Honestly, not much big-picture has changed in the three weeks since the [last DOMA general meeting presentation](#).
- The EOS team was able to get HTTP-TPC working in PPS.
- ATLAS began to move data in production with non-GridFTP.
 - Unsurprisingly, a number of bugs were discovered that were missed in integration testing.
 - **Example:** DPM always tries to delegate credentials when in “pull mode”; the testbed FTS instance would always allow fallback to “push mode” and the transfer would succeed – but this mode is disabled in ATLAS production FTS.
- Expect a burst of tickets around this activity. Alessandra is keeping an [excellent overview in an ADC ticket](#).

DOMA-TPC smoke test, started 2020-03-03T12:00+0100, took 67:20.

SOUND ENDPOINTS

| SCORE | ENDPOINT | SOFTWARE | WORK-AROUNDS |
|-------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 20 | AGLT2 | dCache | [in 01:03] |
| 20 | BEIJING | DPM | [in 02:34] |
| 20 | BNL | dCache | [in 02:12] |
| 20 | BRUSSELS | dCache | [in 01:13] |
| 20 | CALTECH2 | xrootd-R/HDFS | [in 02:17] |
| 20 | CALTECH | xrootd-D/HDFS | [in 01:44] |
| 20 | DESY-DOMA | dCache | [in 00:18] |
| 20 | DESY-PROM | dCache | [in 00:13] |
| 20 | FNAL | dCache | [in 00:48] |
| 20 | IN2P3 | dCache | [in 00:21] |
| 20 | IN2P3-TEST | dCache | [in 00:26] |
| 20 | INFN-T1 | StoRM | [in 00:52] |
| 20 | KIT | dCache [2] | [in 00:34] |
| 20 | LRZ-LMU | dCache | [in 00:42] |
| 20 | NDGF | dCache [2] | [in 00:39] |
| 20 | NDGF-PREPROD | dCache [2] | [in 01:15] |
| 20 | NEBRASKA2 | xrootd-R/HDFS | [in 01:10] |
| 20 | NEBRASKA | xrootd-D/HDFS | [in 00:55] |
| 20 | PIC-PROD | dCache | [in 01:42] |
| 20 | PRAGUELCG2 | DPM | [in 00:27] |
| 20 | PURDUE | xrootd-D/HDFS | [in 00:49] |
| 20 | SARA | dCache [2] | [in 02:50] |
| 20 | SARA-test | dCache | [in 00:18] |
| 20 | TOKYO-LCG2 | DPM | [in 01:22] |
| 20 | TRIUMF-DYNAFED | DynaFed/S3 | [in 01:45] |
| 20 | TRIUMF-PPS | dCache | [in 00:49] |
| 20 | TRIUMF-PROD | dCache | [in 10:02] |
| 20 | UKI-BRUNEL | DPM | [in 00:39] |
| 20 | UKI-IC | dCache | [in 00:26] |
| 20 | UKI-LANCS | DPM | [in 00:53] |
| 20 | UKI-MAN | DPM | [in 00:42] |
| 20 | UKI-MAN-PROD | DPM | [in 00:42] |
| 20 | UKI-QMUL-DEV | StoRM | [in 00:37] |
| 20 | UKI-QMUL-PROD | StoRM | [in 00:36] |
| 20 | UNI-BONN | xrootd-R/CephFS | [in 00:31] |
| 14 | PURDUE2 | xrootd-R/HDFS | [in 01:30] |
| 13 | SLAC | xrootd-D/xrootd | [in 01:02] |
| 10 | SLAC2 | xrootd-R/xrootd | [in 01:21] |
| 7 | UCSD | xrootd-R/HDFS | [in 01:39] |
| 1 | CERN | EOS | [in 00:31] |



Contributions to Review Document

The screenshot shows a Google Docs interface with the following content:

2 The Third Party Copy Working Group

Background

The primary driver for wide-area data movement for all LHC experiments is bulk data movement between storage services. This bulk data movement serves to pre-stage data to be processed by production systems or to increase data replication to make it more available for analysis (CITE: x-ref section on caching). The technique to perform these transfers is **third-party copy (TPC)**; in TPC, a central entity (the 'third party') contacts a source and destination storage endpoint to facilitate a transfer from the source to the destination. This provides for central management and coordination of transfers but allows for data to move directly between the storage systems. The high-level concept is illustrated in Figure X1 below.

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graph TD; TP[Third-party] --> S1[storage.site1.com]; TP --> S2[storage.site2.com]; S2 --> S1;
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- A first draft of the TPC working group section is available! 🎉 This covers:
 - The background of why TPC is important and why it needs to evolve.
 - Current status of both HTTP-TPC and XRootD-TPC.
 - Recommendations for Run 3.
 - Notable R&D for HL-LHC.

Preliminary Items

(Take these with a grain of salt / illustrative examples – we've not been able to discuss them as a full group)

Run 3 Recommendations:

1. All storage services should have a **robust plan to retire the GridFTP** protocol and support for GSI, including an end-of-life date for GridFTP. These plans should be well-communicated to the WLCG sites and community.
2. The WLCG should promote non-GSI mechanisms for transfer authorization. We recommend **deploying production IAM instances** for the WLCG VOs and the appropriate versions of storage services, FTS3, and Rucio to do non-GSI transfers in production.
3. Experiments should **migrate at least 10% of their production transfer traffic** from GridFTP.

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R&D Needed Prior to HL-LHC Era:

Perform a data challenge in LS3 demonstrating bulk data movement at the scale needed for HL-LHC startup.

1. The WLCG community should **completely transition from the GridFTP protocol**.
2. For data transfers, the WLCG community should **completely transition from GSI** to the new WLCG Common JWT profile.
3. Improve HTTP-TPC implementations to ensure they utilize multiple, pipelined HTTP requests per TCP stream and manage the queue of requests at the endpoint.
4. **Investigate the use of non-TCP-based transfer protocols** between the active and passive endpoints. Some of these protocols promise significant improvements to transfer rates for data channels (although it's not obvious whether this is a worthwhile improvement over many concurrent transfers); we note this R&D can be done while keeping either HTTP-TPC or Xrootd-TPC as the TPC protocol.

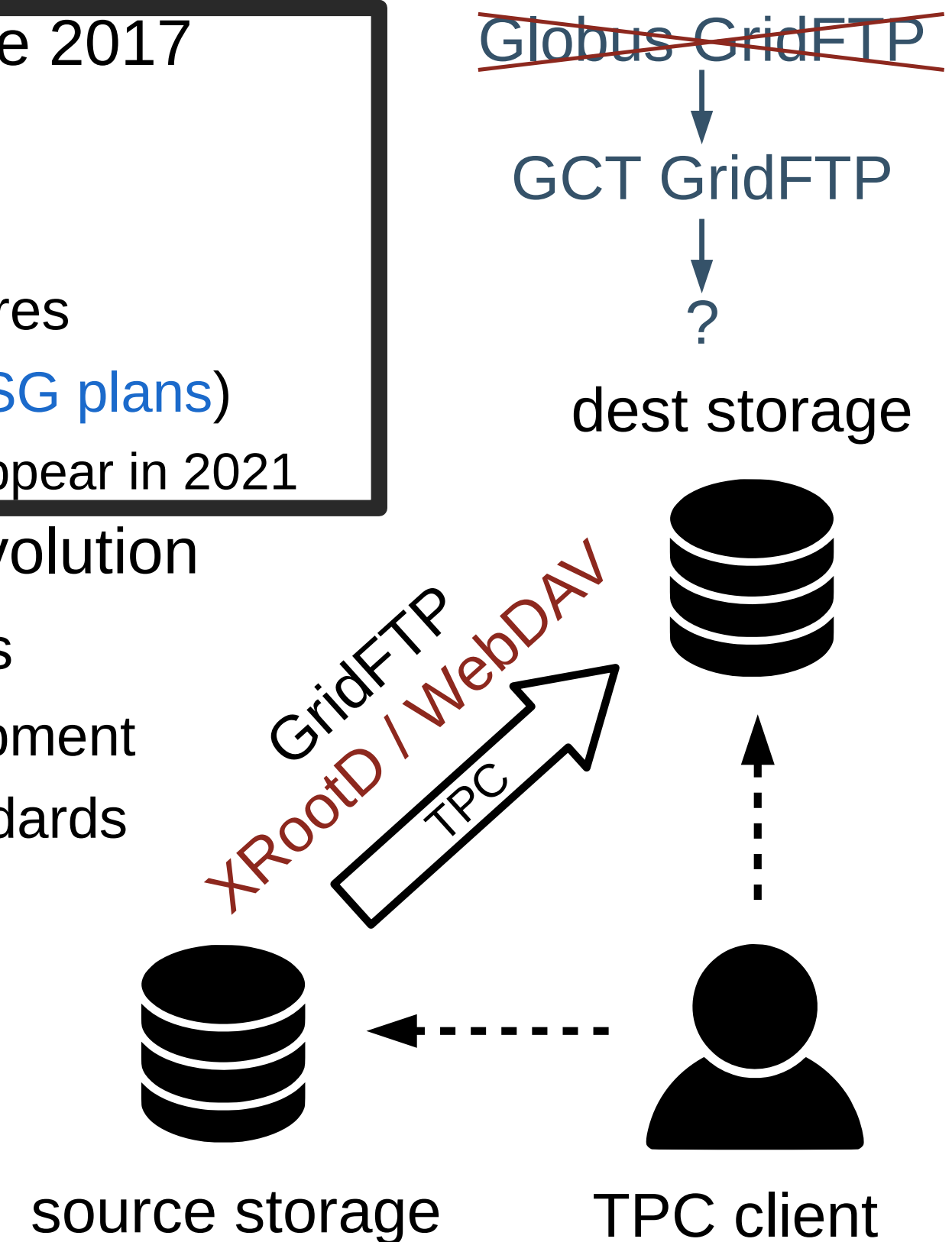


Big Picture Items worth Repeating

It's been ~3 years
since Globus
announced the
retirement of Globus
Toolkit
It's now time to start
moving folks!

GridFTP

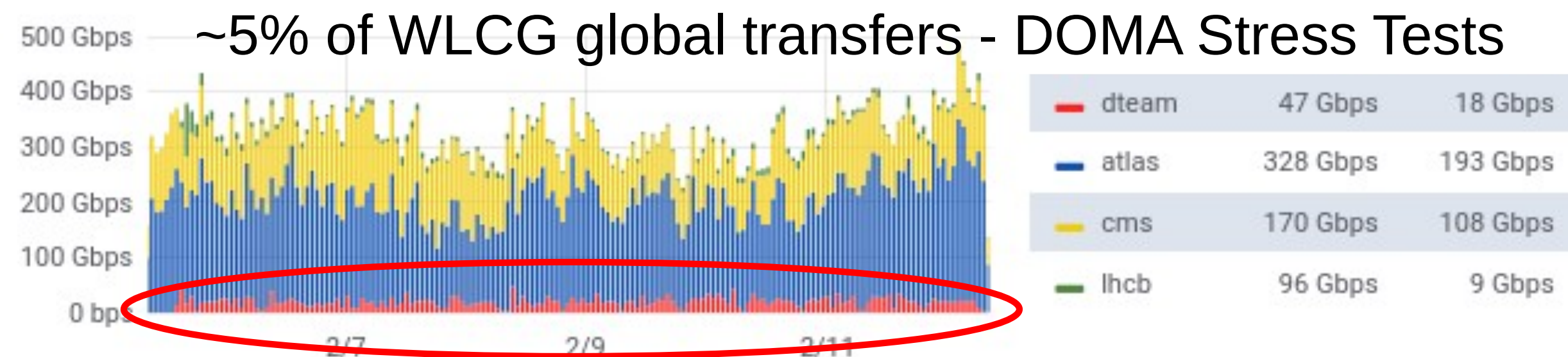
- Globus toolkit not supported since 2017
 - [Grid Community Toolkit \(EGI\)](#)
 - no plans from WLCG/OSG for major development / new features
 - support for limited time (e.g. [OSG plans](#))
 - GridFTP/GSI can start to disappear in 2021
- [WLCG DOMA](#) – data handling evolution
 - [DOMA TPC](#) – new TPC protocols
 - GridFTP old / no active development
 - better support for industry standards
 - requirements & desirables
 - security, multi-VO, multi-impl, documentation, non-X.509, ...
 - [XRootD](#), [WebDAV](#) (COPY)



Big Picture Items worth Repeating

WLCG DOMA TPC Tests

- [WLCG DOMA TPC testbed](#) - interoperability, functional and stress
 - 250 transfers 4GB files scheduled every hour between each site
 - 1.25PB transferred every week (more than 300k transfers)
 - ~ 5% of average transfer volume within single LHC experiment
 - reaching up to 50Gb/s hourly transfer rate
 - performance for XRootD [WebDAV](#) (better than GridFTP and iperf)



**We have shown these
new protocols at scale
– only way up from
here is to start moving
data in production!**



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