# NDGF Site report: Experiences with ARC/dCache

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### **NDGF** is different

- A distributed virtual infrastructure (NDGF does not own any resources).
- "The Tier-1 is only about storage".
- Storage and compute resources are placed at national scientific compute centers.
- Computational resources are shared with other research communities.
- All computations carried out at "Tier-2" sites.
- Relatively fat network pipes to most sites.



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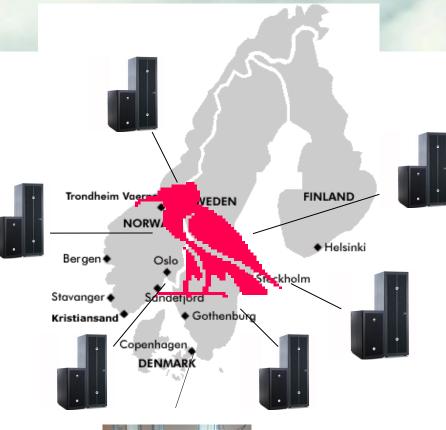






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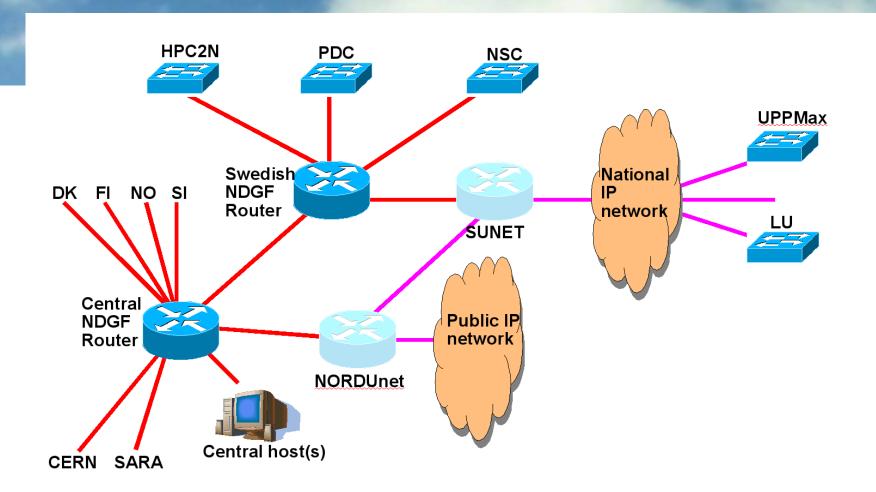
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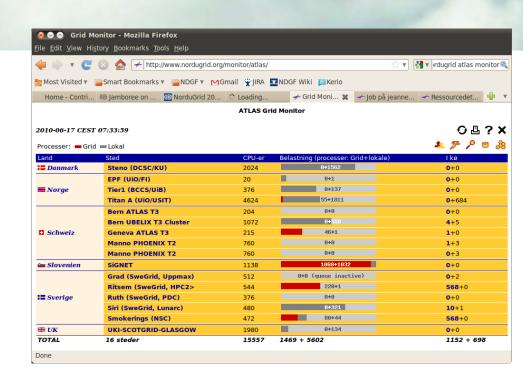
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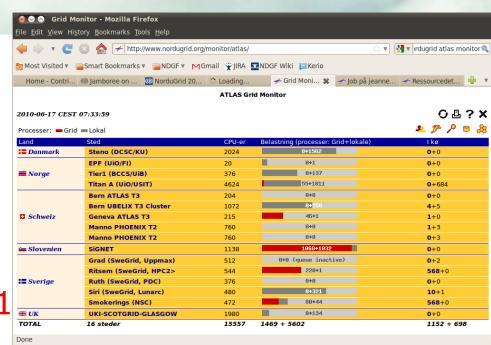
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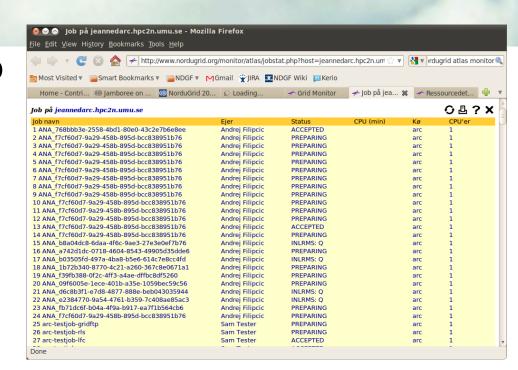
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- (Almost) all Tier-2 storage is used for cache (approx 1 PB).
- 100+ TB per site.





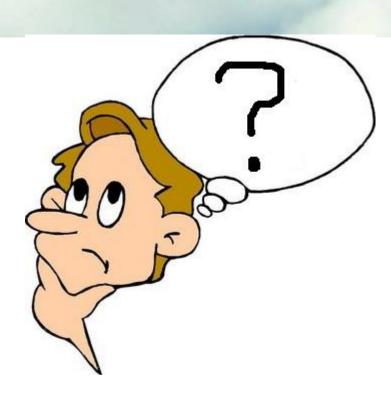
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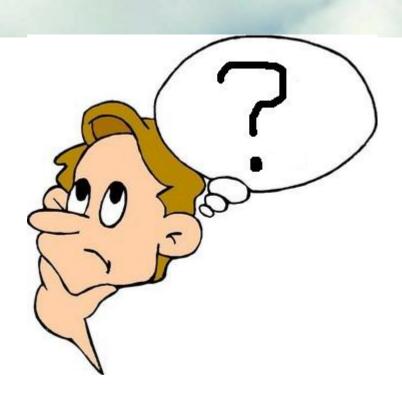


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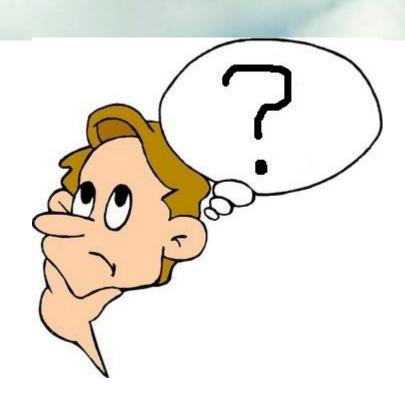


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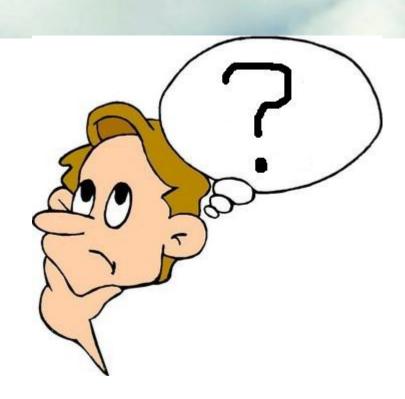


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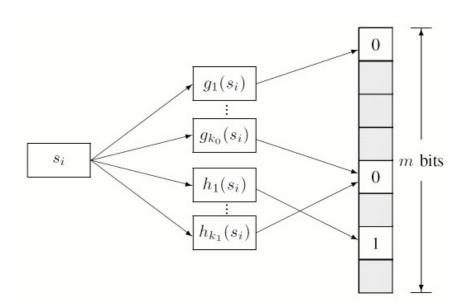
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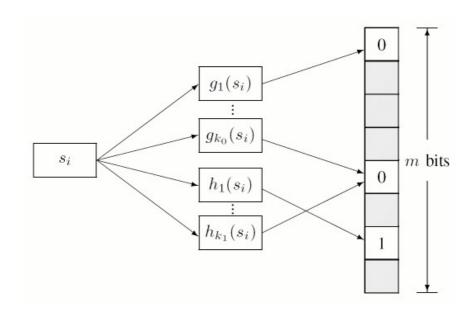
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- Bloom filters gives us this,
  - incremental update possible,
  - but with some probability of false positives.





# Data management at CE - Advantages

- Transfers can be scheduled and prioritized.
- Bandwidth usage can be throttled (e.g. user/VO limits).
- Cache management (LRA discard).
- Somewhere between d and e in Philippe's list of models.
- Preparation of cache possible.
- Cache2cache transfers can be implemented
  - authorization is the tricky bit.



# Data management at CE - Disadvantages

- Pilot jobs does not play well with CE handling data mgmt.
- ARC Ctrl Tower acts as pseudo pilot.
- In most cases only a few minutes delay between job submission before execution starts.







## Using the index

- Daemon rebuilds index at site and provides it on request to the index.
- Query is simple http request
  - > curl -k "https://cacheindex.ndgf.org:6443/data/index? url=http://www.nordugrid.org:80/data/echo.sh" {"http:\/\www.nordugrid.org:80\/data\/echo.sh": ["benedict.grid.aau.dk"]}
- Removal of entries difficult → rebuild on a regular basis.
- Basically independent of ARC CE.



# **Analysis jobs May**

■ titan 10167

pikolit 157862

grad 38508 (17k in one week)

■ ritsem 35984

**pdc** 6108

siri 24085

smokerings 3465

swiss 11361

Total 287504