

NDGF Site Report

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Overview

- Looking back
- Status of the infrastructure
 - People
 - Resources
 - Services
 - Operation
- e-Science Projects
- Looking ahead
- Example of one site's hardware (HPC2N)



Overview

- A Co-operative Nordic Data and Computing Grid facility
 - Nordic production grid, leveraging national grid resources
 - Common policy framework for Nordic production grid
 - Joint Nordic planning and coordination
 - Operate Nordic storage facility for major projects
 - Co-ordinate & host major eScience projects (i.e., Nordic WLGC Tier-1)
 - Develop grid middleware and services
- NDGF 2006-2010
 - Funded (2 M€/year) by National Research Councils of the Nordic Countries



Looking back - I

- One year ago
 - Management group just hired
 - Initial contact to important partners
 - No operation staff
 - No development staff
- Major challenges
 - Hire people
 - Acquire resources
 - Build a WLCG Tier-1
 - Do it distributed
 - On heterogeneous resources
 - Startup new e-Science projects

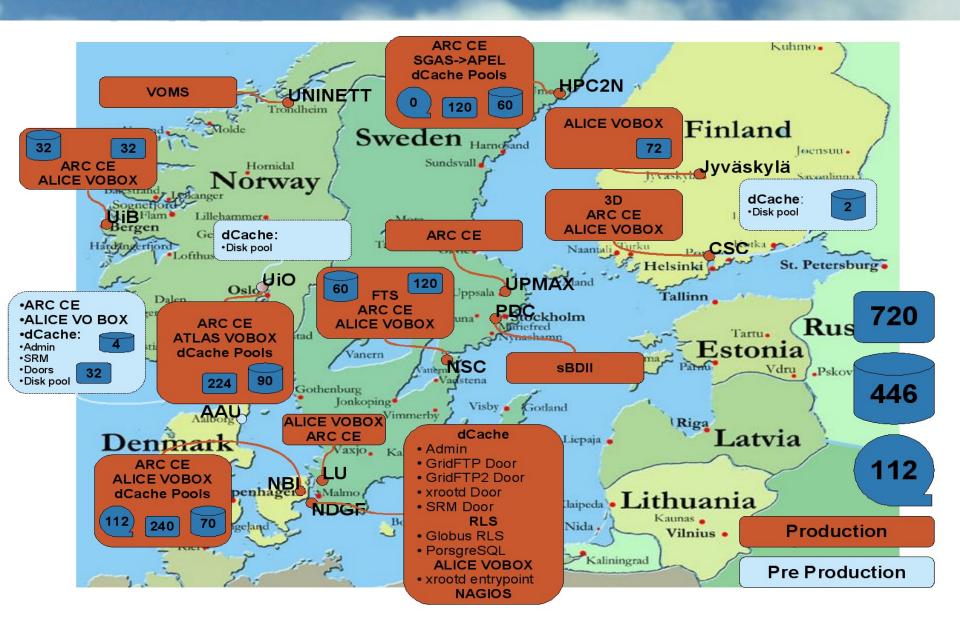


Looking back - II

- The WLCG Tier-1 Challenge
 - No Nordic contact point towards CERN
 - No coordination of resources
 - No coordination of efforts
- The Nordic Tier-1 was behind with everything
- A lot of skepticism from CERN, EGEE, Nordic community
- Also a need for starting up new projects
- And to be a european player



NDGF Facility - 2007Q4





Status - People

- Graduate head count ramp up over the last year
 - All positions full since 2007Q2
- Operation Team (Technical Coord.)
 - 1 System integrator
 - 4 Node Coordinators
- Development Team (Middleware Coord.)
 - 4 Infrastructure developers
 - 2 Project developers
 - 1 New Project developer
- CERN Coordinator

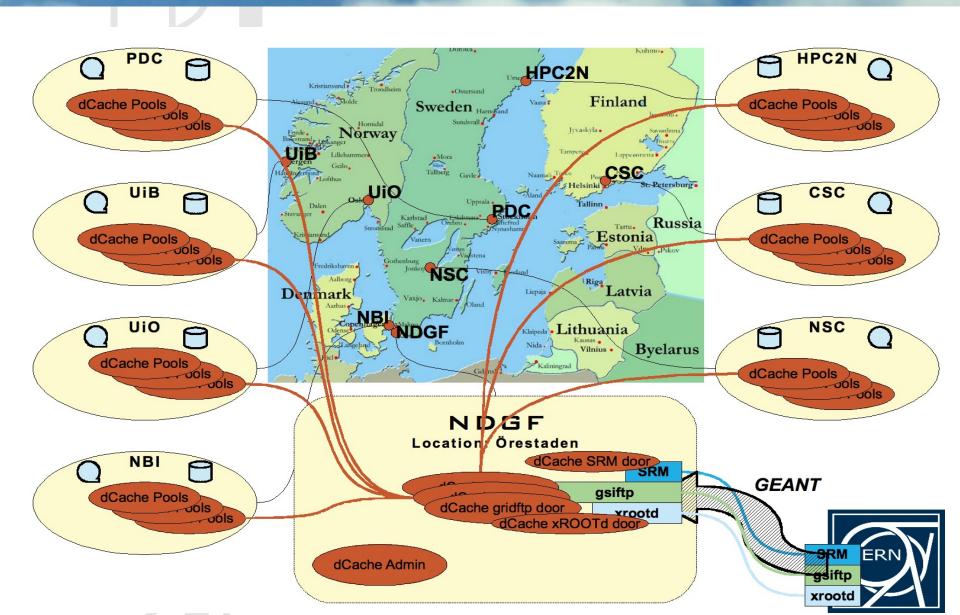


Status - Resources

- 8 Production sites
- 720 kSI2k CPU equivalents
- 304 TB of Disk storage
- 112 TB of Tape storage
- Running Ubuntu 6.06, RHEL/CentOS 3,4,5, fedora core 1...
- 3 Pre Production sites
- 64 kSI2k CPU equivalents
- 4 TB of Disk storage



NDGF Storage





Storage

- Central Installation:
 - 7 Dell 1950 2xDual Core 2GHz Xeon, 4GB RAM, 2 x
 73GB 15k SAS disks (mirrored) (one forspare)
 - 2 x Dell PowerVault MD-1000 direct attached storage enclosures with 7 x 143GB 15k SAS RAID-10 each

• Running:

- 2 Postgress for PNFS running in HA mode (master-slave) DB on MD-1000
- 1 PNFS Manager and Pool Manager
- 1 SRM, location manager, statistics, billing, etc.
- 1 GridFTP and xrootd door on one machine
- 1 Monitoring and intrusion detection on one machine

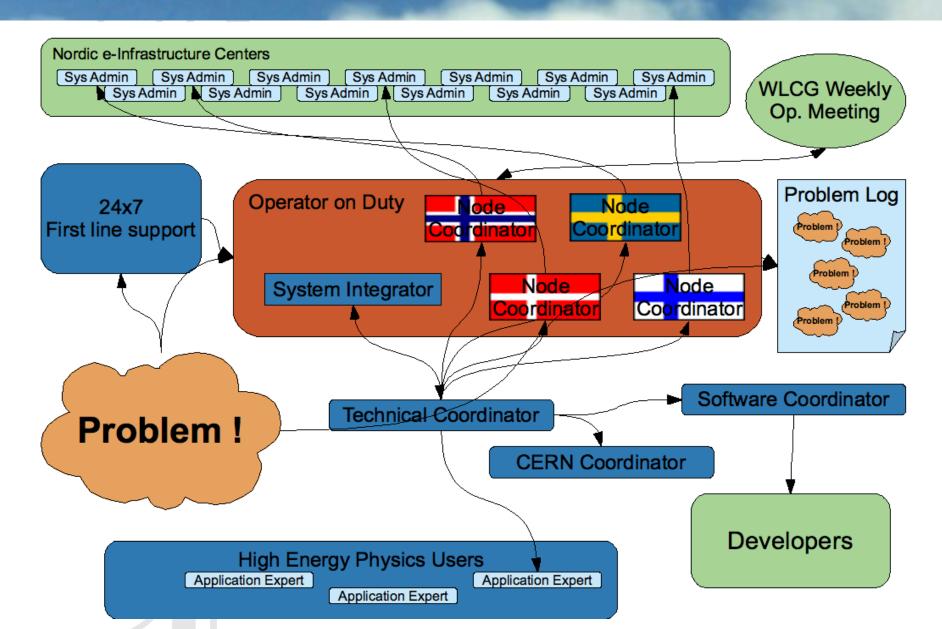


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Operation





Status - Operation

- 1st line support (ready for operation)
 - NORDUnet NOC 24x7
- 2nd line support (in operation)
 - Operator on Duty 8x365
- 3rd line support (in operation)
 - NDGF Operation Staff
 - Sys Admins at sites
- Shared tickets with NUNOC



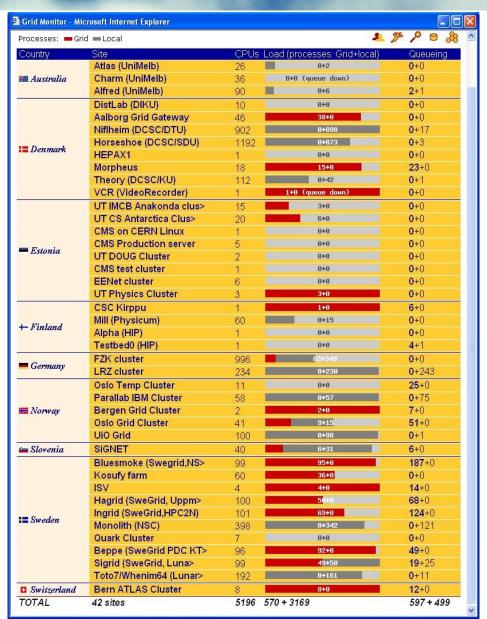
Status - Projects

- CERN
 - Build up of Tier-1: Completed
 - Running the Tier-1: Ongoing
 - Integrating Tier-2s: Ongoing
- BIO (A Nordic Biogrid)
 - Under development
- CO2 (CO2 sequestration)
 - Under development



The Infrastructure: Computing

- NorduGrid / ARC middleware for Computing
- Used routinely since 2002 for e.g. ATLAS data challenges
- Deployed at all the dTier-1 sites



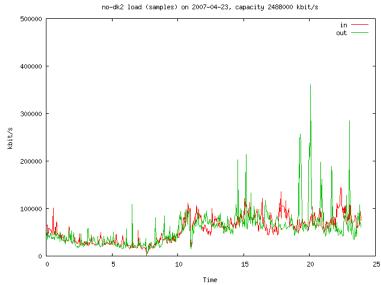


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A Dedicated 10Gbit LAN covering all dTier-1

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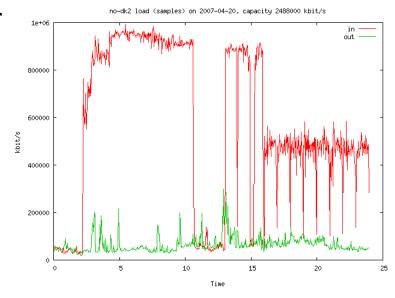


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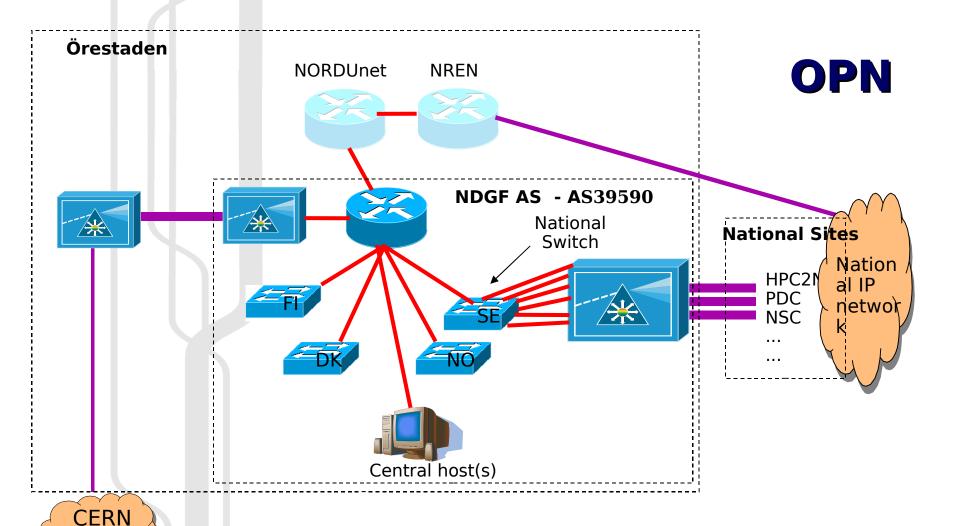
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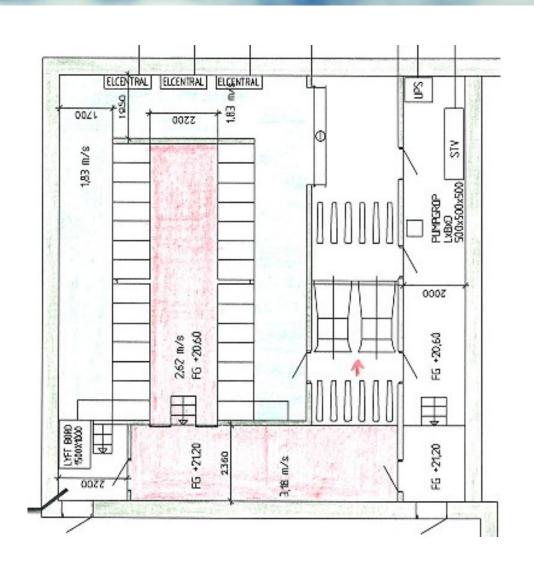
- National academic HPC site
 - Typically 2-4 100+ node clusters with shared usage (heavy MPI usage)
 - Time on clusters granted nationally or locally
 - Also participates in grid initiatives, like NDGF
 - Expanding infrastructure (power&cooling)



- Current NDGF resources
 - 8 hp dl320s storage services 60TB disk
 - 100 old computing nodes (single p4)
- Planned NDGF resources this year
 - ~40 new computing nodes (dual quadcore)
 - A few tens TB more disk
 - A few tens TB tape



- New machine room
 - strict hot/cold aisle
 - 28 racks
 - 25 kW front to back aircooling per rack
 - total ~400kW
 - no redundant power
 - Only for computing, storage&servers in old machine room
 - no raised floor
 - 3.5m high





- Current status
- Moving in march
- 400kW should last about 2-4 years
- Machine room expansion at many other NDGF sites

