



Grid Computing for LHC Experiments in China

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Overview of WLCG Sites in China (1)



• WLCG (The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid)

A global collaboration of around 170 computing centers in more than 40 countries

- The history of Chinese WLCG site started in 2006
 - In 2006, IHEP signed the Memorandum of Cooperation with WLCG to build tier-2 sites for ATLAS and CMS
 - In 2018, Chinese LHCb collaboration built Beijing Tier2 site and deployed in IHEP
 - In 2023, the LHCb tier-1 site started construction in IHEP





Overview of WLCG Sites in China (2)





LHCb Tier1 Site Construction (1)



- Chinese LHCb collaboration and IHEP CC decided to construct the tier-1 site in last October
 - Officially got approved from WLCG in last December
- All the hardware is ready
 - Computing: 3216 CPU cores, 40 worker nodes (Intel & AMD)
 - Disk storage: ~3.2PB, 4 sets of storage array
 - Tape storage: ~3PB, 170 tapes, 4 drivers (IBM)
 - Network equipment: 6 switches, 1 router, 2 band cards
 - Management servers: 10 servers
- Currently the tier-1 site is also reusing part of existing hardware
 - Firewall device, tape library, CA system, ...
- The network capacity for LHCOPN and LHCONE is ready
 - 20 Gbps bandwidth for LHCOPN



LHCb Tier1 Site Construction (2)



• Disk storage: EOS

- services: QuarkDB, MGM, FST
- protocol: xrootd and http
- Tape storage: EOS & EOS-CTA
 - Protocols: xrootd and http
- CE: HTCondor-CE & HTCondor
 - Support for SCIToken and GSI
- Other middle software
 - Argus, BDII, APEL



Chinese Tier-2 Site Federation (1)



• CPU: 4232 cores

- Intel Golden 6338: 1152 Cores
- Intel Golden 6238R: 672 Cores
- Intel Golden 6140: 2160 Cores
- Intel E5-2680V3: 696 Cores
- Intel X5650: 192 Cores
- CE & Batch: HTCondorCE & HTCondor
 VO: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, Bellell, JUNO, CEPC



• Storage: 1750TB

- 4TB * 24 slots with Raid 6, 5 Array boxes
- DELL MD3860 8TB * 60 slots
- DELL ME4084 10TB * 42 slots
- DELL ME4084 12TB * 84 slots





• ALL the three sites in IHEP are running stable

Site reliability is > 99%

• The contribution from ATLAS tier-2 site

- Computing contribution: 178.4k jobs and 2.68 million CPU hours
- Data contribution: 289 TB transfer in and 676 TB transfer out

• The contribution from CMS tier-2 site

- Computing contribution: 1.23 million jobs and 5.18 million CPU hours
- Data contribution: 924.53 TB transfer in and 653.9 TB transfer out
- The contribution from LHCb tier-2 site
 - Computing contribution: 1.5 million jobs and 10.2 million CPU hours
 - Data contribution: 118 TB transfer in and 3.47 PB transfer out

New Site for LHCb in Lanzhou University

- New Tier-2 site is under construction in Lanzhou University
 - ~3500 CPU cores
 - ~3PB Disk Storage
- A dedicated 2Gbps network link between IHEP and LZU
- CC-IHEP will be responsible for software deployment and maintenance







- A new network link with 100 Gbps bandwidth was established
 - Under the cooperation of CSTNET (CNIC) and IHEPCC
- CN-IHEP is also joining in the LHCOPN
 - LHCOPN is the WLCG Tier0-Tier1 Private Network



Updates on Storage



- Migrate the storage management system from DPM to EOS
- Why EOS
 - Most new HEP experiments use EOS as main storage
 - IHEP LHCb T1 are using EOS as its storage system
 - EOS is the main storage at CERN

• The migration has been done in May

- ccsrm.ihep.ac.cn -> cceos.ihep.ac.cn
- /eos/ihep/atlas
- /eos/ihep/cms

• New EOS configuration:

- EOS SE and MGM are deployed on one server
- Each experiment have an dedicated instance in EOS





• Part of the devices are quite old and suffers failures

 Repaired several worker nodes (96 cores) by replacing the problematic components from other retired devices

• The storage space is almost full

- ATLAS: 400TB 85% Used
- CMS: 680TB 92% Used
- LHCB: 250TB 60% Used

Possible solutions

- The Chinese LHC collaboration is considering to update the old devices
- IHEP-CC is trying to apply for projects to support updating the old devices





• The IHEP tier-1 site and the LZU tier-2 site will go into production

Tier-1 site should provide production service before next June

• A possible plan for ALICE tier-2 site

- The site would be based at IHEP
- In first phase: ~500 CPU cores and 1 PB storage





- In the past year, all the WLCG sites are running stably with the cooperation of Chinese LHC collaboration and IHEP Computing Center
- LHCb is building a new tier-1 site in IHEP and a new tier-2 site in Lanzhou university
- A new network link with 100 Gbps bandwidth has been established with the cooperation of CSTNet and IHEP CC
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