

LHC data for Tier0 and Analysis

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Introduction

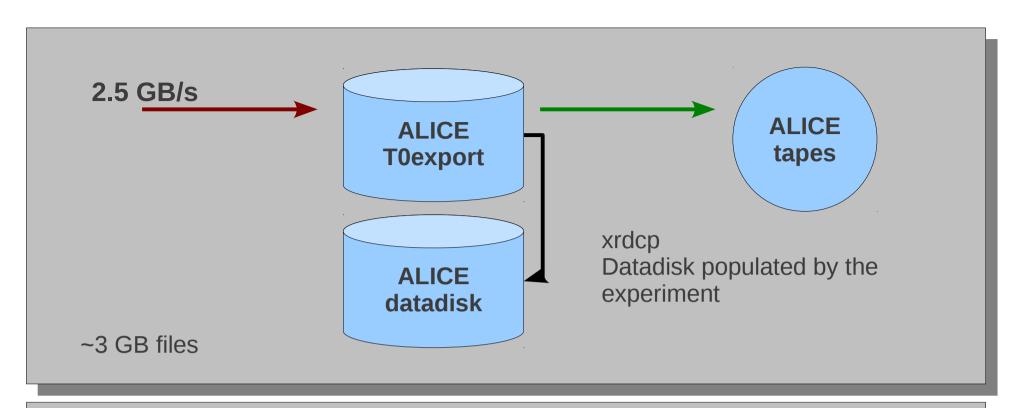
- IT DSS is responsible of the data management for physics data at CERN
 - Mainly but not exclusively the LHC experiments
 - Physics data (disk and tapes): notably AFS and CASTOR
- Production mode but not a steady-state world
 - Technology evolves
 - New ideas are being discussed within HEP
 - Running LHC data management: experience
 - Data are coming! Lots of data
 - 10+ M files per month
 - Times 3 in total size in the next few years (40 PB → 120 PB in 2015)
 - Real data are more interesting than MonteCarlo (users, users, users)
 - Master operational load!

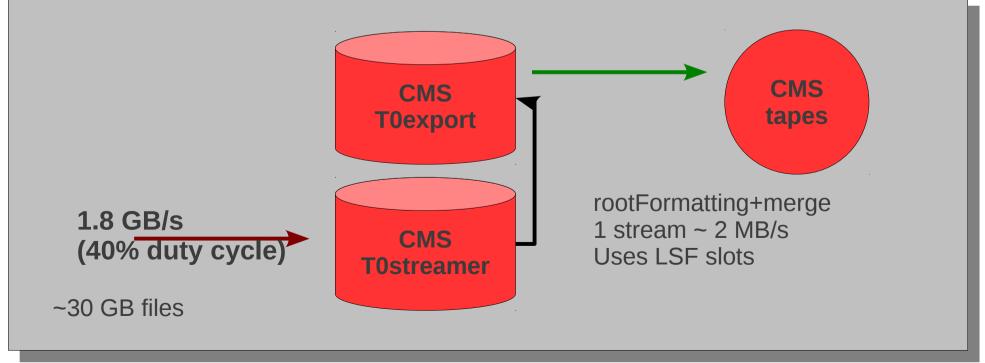
CASTOR: examples of recent activity

- Heavy-ion run (Fall 2010)
- Verify the compatibility of running ALICE and CMS concurrently
 - ALICE 2.5 GB/s continuous (with LHC duty cycle 100%)
 - CMS 1.8 GB/s assuming a ~50% LHC duty cycle)
 - With 100% duty cycle CMS would alternate data collection to data export
 - Substantially higher than expected (cfr. LCG TDR)
 - At these rates: collect data and export "after the run" (always the case for ALICE).
 - CMS: in January data compression step (factor 5-10) and then an export

Actions:

- Put on the floor 2011 resources
 - Provide a "local" copy (since there is no Tier1 export during the run)
- Prepare a CASTOR update to improve especially tape handling
- Perform a test!
- Coexist with ATLAS (~300 MB/s) during heavy ions + reprocessing, LHCb (2010 reprocessing), COMPASS, LHC user analysis (pp data)

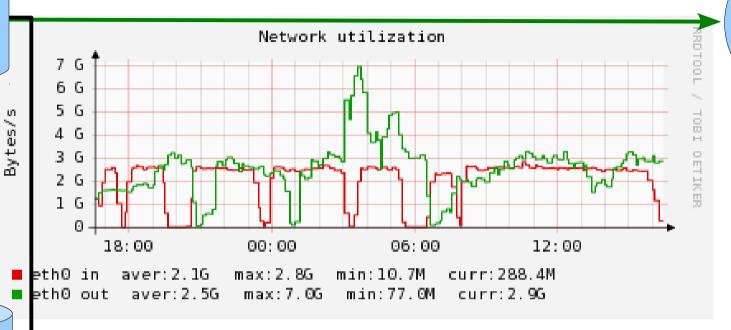




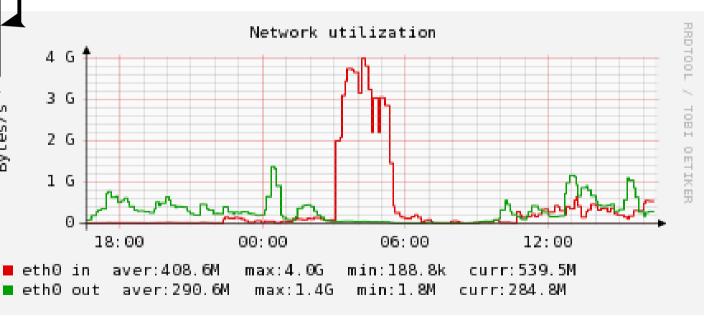
ALICE HI test

ALICE T0export

ALICE tapes



ALICE datadisk

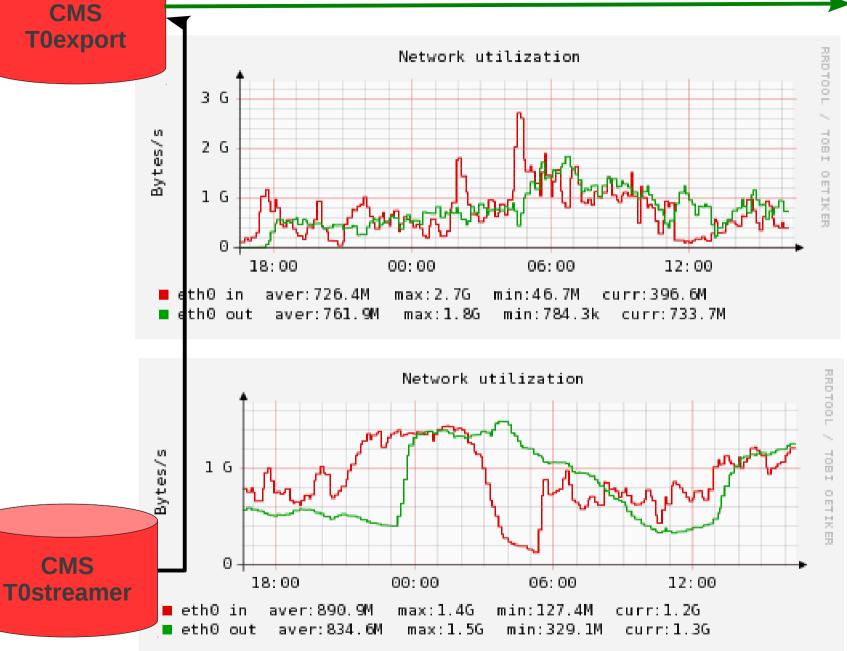


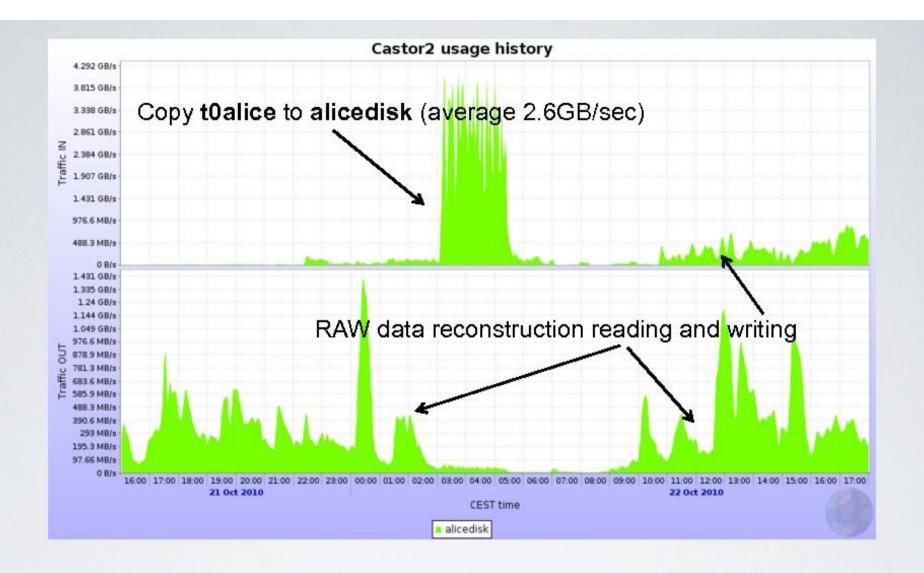
CMS HI test

CMS T0export

CMS

CMS tapes



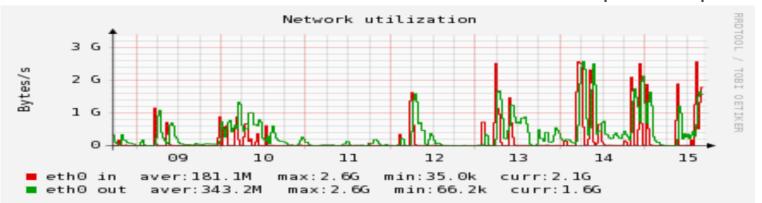


COPY t0alice → alicedisk + reco

Last week in CASTOR

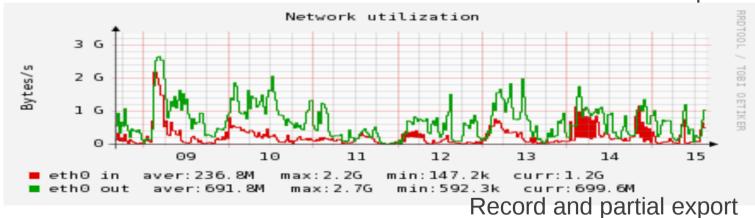
Record and partial export



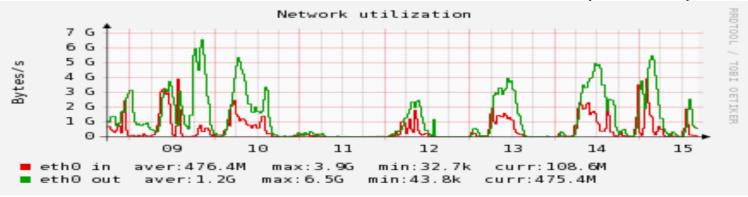


Record and export

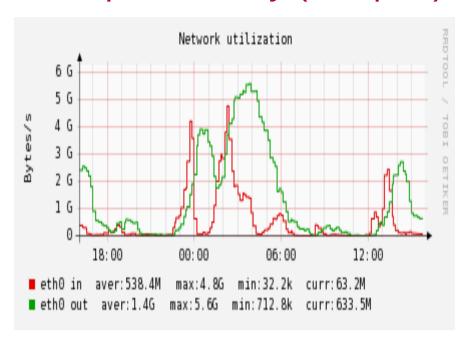
ATLAS



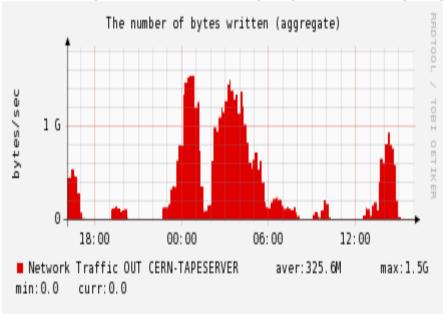
CMS



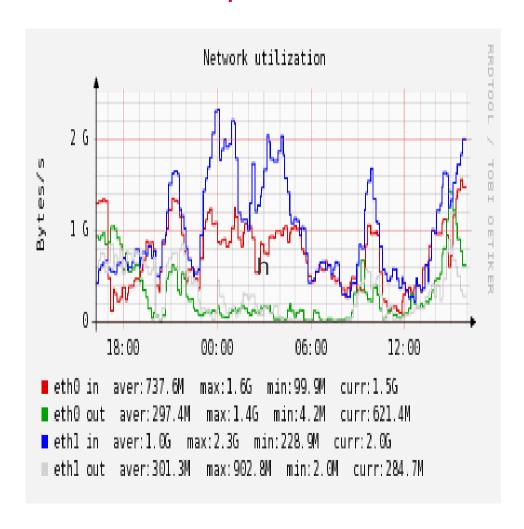
CMS pool activity (t0export)



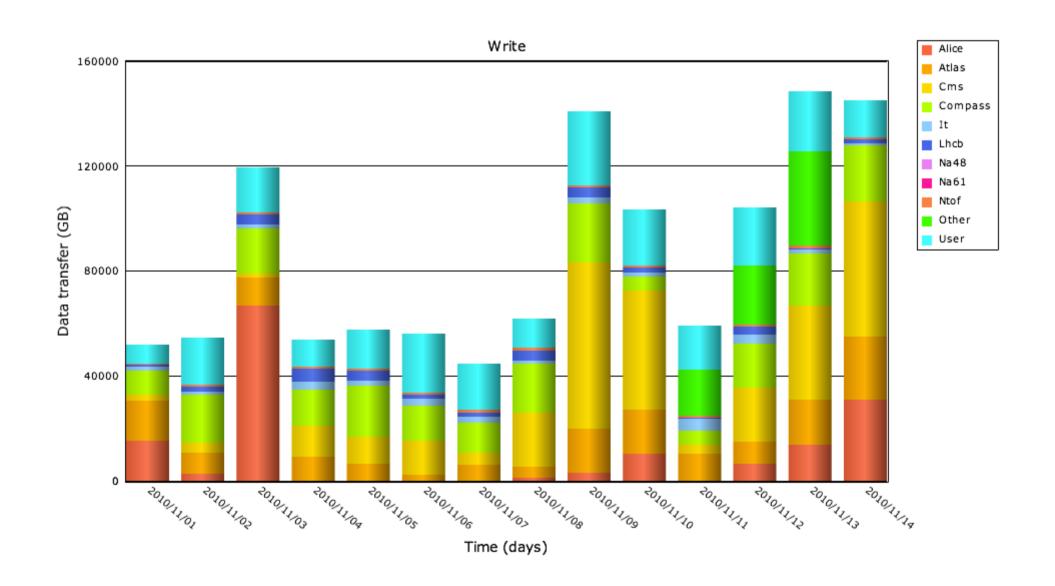
CMS pool activity (t0 to tape)



CASTOR tape infrastructure



HI Test - HI Run



From Tier0 to Analysis

- CASTOR is coping with the LHC data rate
 - Often substantially higher than expected!
 - And the machine is steadily improving!
- As expected, user analysis is increasing
 - Lot of the load on the Tier1/2/3 infrastructure
 - CERN?
- Analysis at CERN
 - Sizeable! (and growing!!!)
 - Potentially interfering with data taking (and other "organised" activities)
 - Moving from RFIO to xroot in some areas (especially analysis)

Requirements for analysis

- Multi PB facility
- RW file access (random and sequential reads, updates)
- Fast Hierarchical Namespace
 - Target capacity: 10⁹ files, 10⁶ containers (directories)
- Strong authorization
- Quotas
- Checksums
- Distributed redundancy of services and data
 - Dependability and durability
- Dynamic hardware pool scaling and replacement without downtimes
 - Operability

Starting points

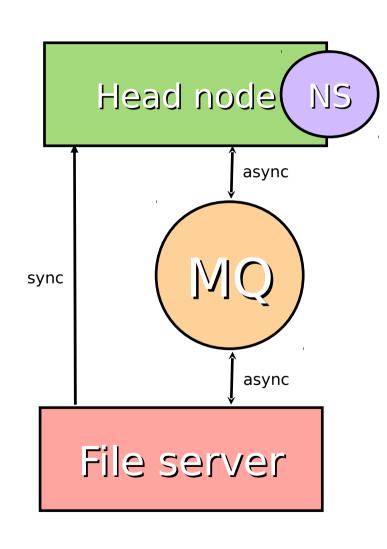
- April 2010: storage discussions within the IT-DSS group
 - Prototyping/development started in May
- Input/discussion at the Daam workshop (June 17/18)
 - Demonstrators
 - Build on xroot strengths and know-how
- Prototype is under evaluation since August
 - Pilot user: ATLAS
 - Input from the CASTOR team (notably operations)
 - ATLAS Large Scale Test (pool of ~1.5 PB)
- Now being opened to ATLAS users
 - Ran by the CERN DSS-FDO operations team
- Still much work left to do
 - Good points:
 - Early involvement of the users
 - Operations in the project from the beginning
- This activity is what we call EOS



Selected features of EOS

- Is a set of XRootd plug-ins
 - And speaks XRoot protocol with you
- Just a Bunch Of Disks...
 - JBOD no hardware RAID arrays
 - "Network RAID" within node groups
- Per-directory settings
 - Operations (and users) decide availability/performance (n. of replicas by directory – not physical placement)
 - One pool of disk different classes of service
- Dependable and durable
 - Self-healing
 - "Asynchronous" operations (e.g. replace broken disks when "convenient" while the system keeps on running)

EOS Architecture



Head node

Namespace, Quota Strong Authentication Capability Engine File Placement File Location

Message Queue

Service State Messages File Transaction Reports

File Server

File & File Meta Data Store
Capability Authorization
Checksumming & Verification
Disk Error Detection (Scrubbing)

EOS Namespace

Version 1 (current)

In-memory hierarchical namespace using Google hash Stored on disk as a changelog file Rebuilt in memory on startup

Two views:

- hierarchical view (directory view)
- view storage location (filesystem view)

very fast, but limited by the size of memory

 $-1GB = \sim 1M$ files

Version 2 (under development)

Only view index in memory Metadata read from disk/buffer cache Perfect use case for SSDs (need random IOPS) 10^9 files = ~20GB per view 16

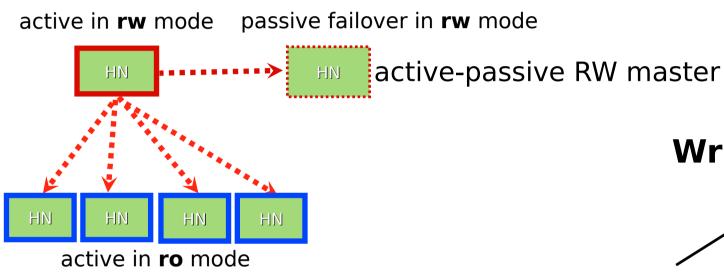
Namespace	V1	V2*
Inode Scale	100 M inodes	1000 M inodes
In-Memory Size	80-100 GB (replicas have minor space contribution)	20 GB x n(replica)
Boot Time	~520 s **	15-30 min ** (difficult to guess)
Pool size assuming avg. 10 Mb/file + 2 replicas	2 PB	20 PB
Pool Nodes assuming 40 TB/node	50	500
File Systems assuming 20 / node	1.000	10.000

High Availability - Namespace scaling

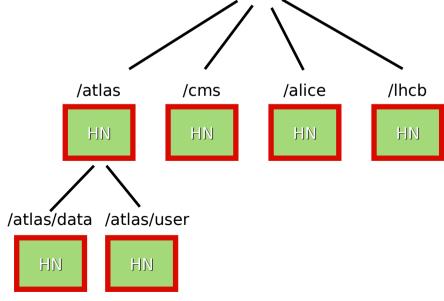
HA & Read Scale out

active-active RO

slaves



Write Scale out



File creation test

# Namespace Statistic								
 ALL	Files	5008898						
	Directories	5073						
who #	command	sum	5s	1min	5min	1 h		
# ALL	Commit	5006939	926.00	1104.64	1054.88	914.63		
ALL	Exists	5007435	926.00	1104.66	1054.88	914.63		
ALL	Find	0000005	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
ALL	Mkdir	0005022	1.25	1.10	1.05	0.92		
ALL	0pen	5007195	926.00	1104.66	1054.88	914.63		
ALL	OpenDir	0000010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
ALL	OpenFailedQuota	0000240	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
ALL	OpenProc	0000151	0.25	0.03	0.01	0.02	_	
ALL	OpenWriteCreate	5006955	926.00	1104.66	1054.88	914.63	11	KH 7
ALL	OpenWriteTruncate	0000240	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	_	
ALL	Rm	0000240	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
ALL	Stat	0000413	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11		

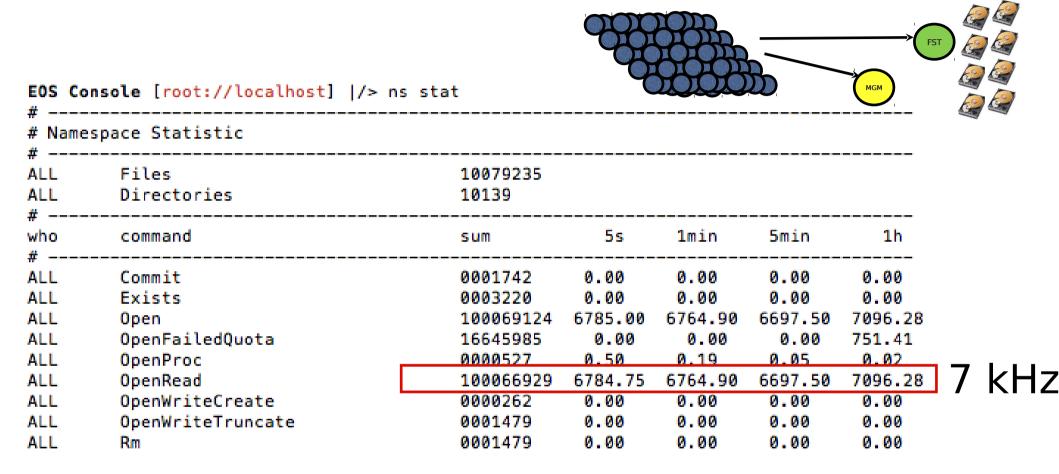
NS Size: 10 Mio Files

* 22 ROOT clients 1 kH

23681 daemon 0 8173m 7.9g 4356 S 0 6.3

^{* 1} ROOT client 220 Hz

File read test



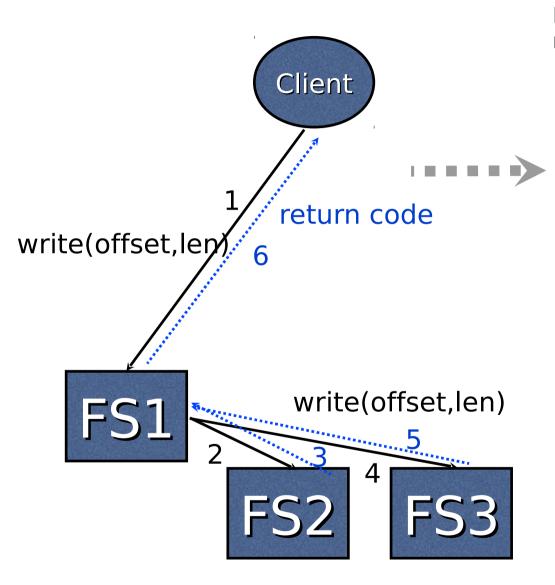
NS Size: 10 Mio Files

* 100 Million read open

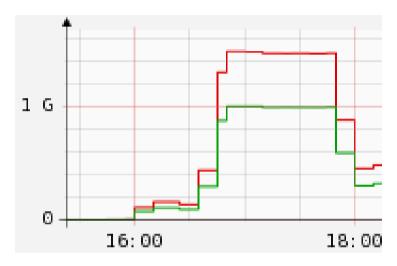
* 350 ROOT clients 7 kHz

* CPU usage 20%

Replica layout



Network IO for file creations with 3 replicas:

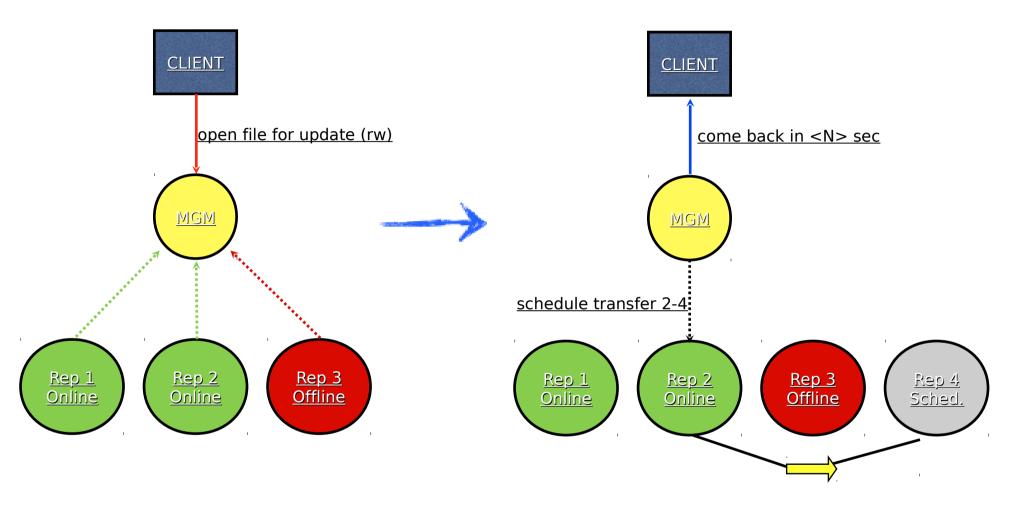


500 MB/s injection result in

- 1 GB/s output on eth0 of all disk servers
- 1.5 GB/s input on eth0 of all disk servers

Plain (no replica)
Replica (here 3 replicas)
More sophisticated redundant storage
(RAID5, LDPC)

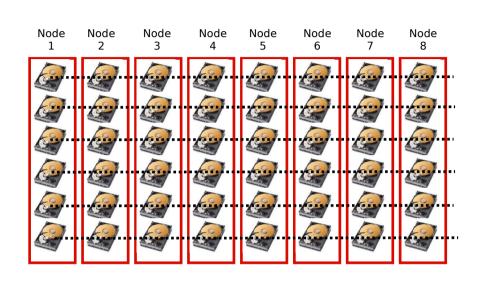
Replica healing



Client **RW** reopen of an existing file triggers

- creation of a new replica
- dropping of offline replica

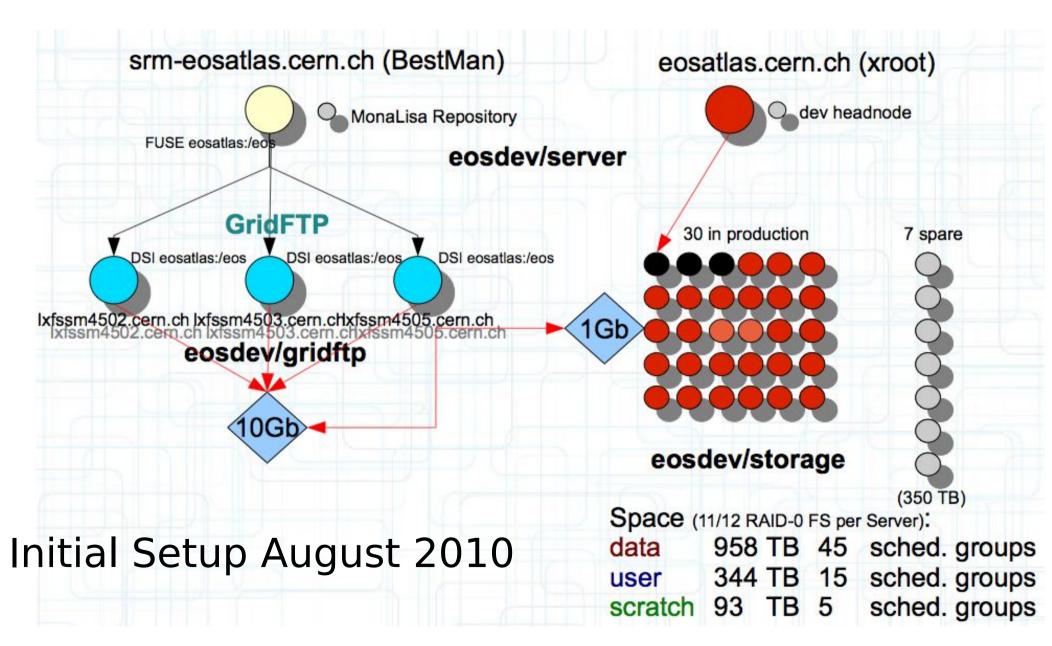
Replica placement



In order to minimize the risk of data loss we couple disks into scheduling groups (current default is 8 disks per group)

- The system selects a scheduling group to store a file in in a round-robin
- All the other replicas of this file are stored within the same group
 - Data placement optimised vs hardware layout (PC boxes, network infrastructure, etc...)

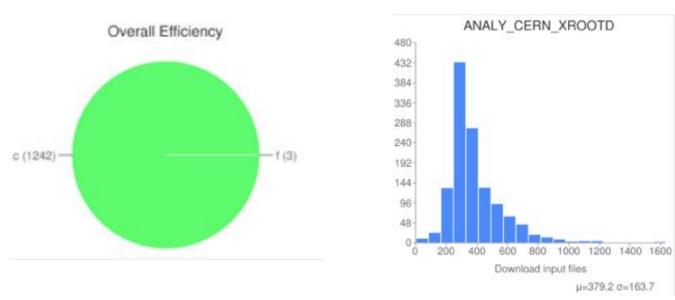
EOS ATLAS test (LST)

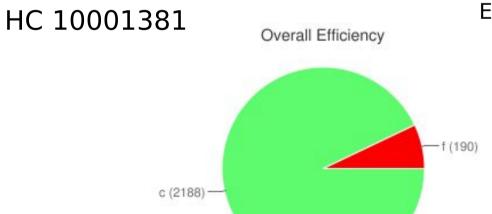


Hammer Cloud Test

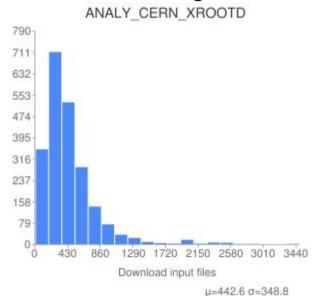
HC 10001181

EOSATLAS POOL 27 Disk Server RAID0





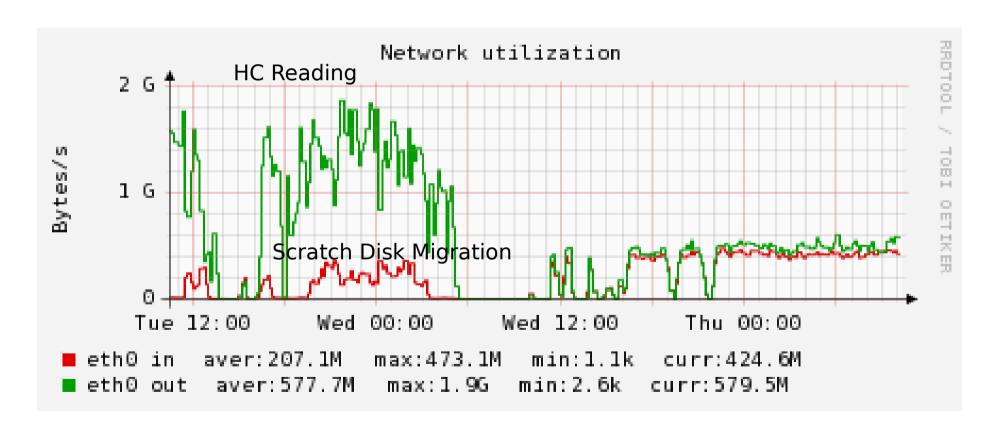
EOSATLAS POOL reconfigured to 8 Disk Server JBOD



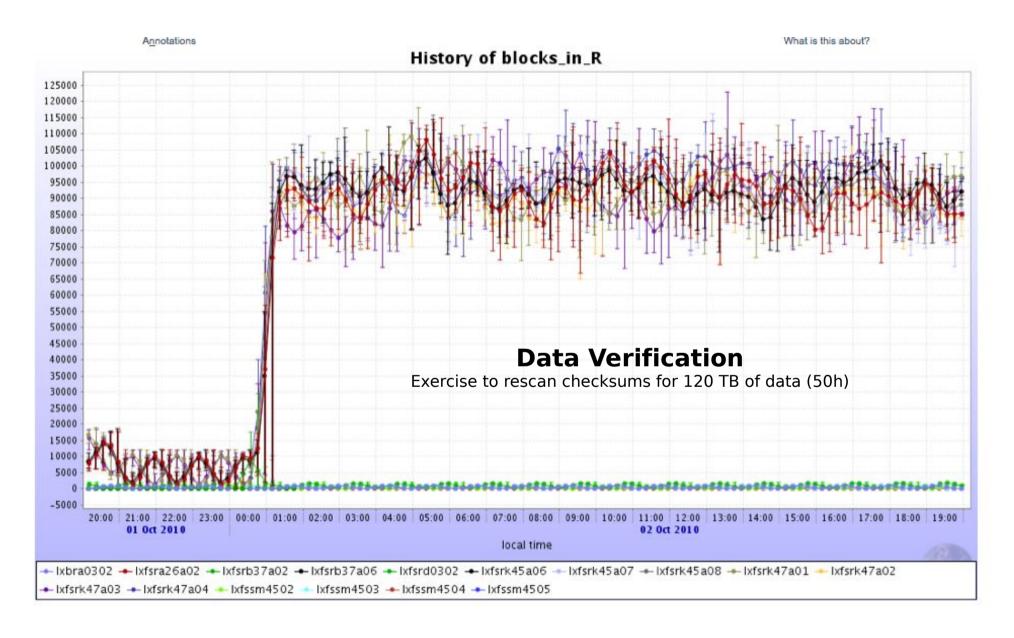
Hardware replacement test

Life Cycle Management

Exercise to migrate 27 disk server with 10 Raid-0 FS to 8 new with 20 JBOD FS [partially overlapped with HC Tests]



Data verification test



Plans

- Operation
 - Opening EOS to ATLAS users on Nov 15
 - Run by IT DSS operations team
- Development
 - Implement Version 2 of the namespace
- Field testing
 - EOS is one end point in ATLAS
 - Managed by IT operations
 - Used by ATLAS users and looked after by ATLAS shifts (as any Tier1/2/(3))
- Larger Testbed (if available)
 - Scale the instance from todays 600 disks to 2,000-8,000 disks (4 16 PB)

Remark: could also support NFS4.1 protocol - implementation is running inside xrootd servers but files can be accessed with any protocol supporting client stalling & redirection



