# ATLAS TDAQ System Administration: an overview and evolution

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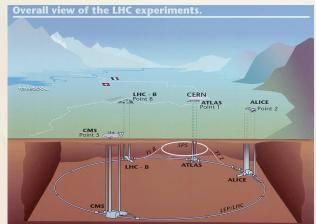
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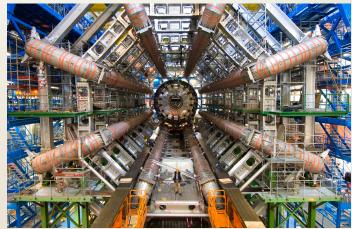
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### Introduction LHC & ATLAS



- Large Hadron Collider, an accelerator, ~100 m underground
- 27 kilometres in circumference
- Hadrons are accelerated in opposite directions at 4 TeV
- Smashing together in the center of ATLAS, one of 7 experiments
- 600 million collisions per second
- Data from these collisions are recorded by the Trigger and Data Acquisition system
- After 3 years of LHC runs, Long Shutdown 1 (LS1) has started





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- Large online computing farm, used to process the data readout from ~100 million channels
- Ancillary functions (monitoring, control, etc.)
- ATLAS Point 1 Counting Rooms
  - approximately 100 m underground, in close proximity to the detector (USA15)
  - on the surface near to the ATLAS Control Centre (P1, SDX1 & SCR)
- In General Public Network (GPN)
  - Iaboratory for software development, prior to implementation into P1, recently been commissioned (TestBed)





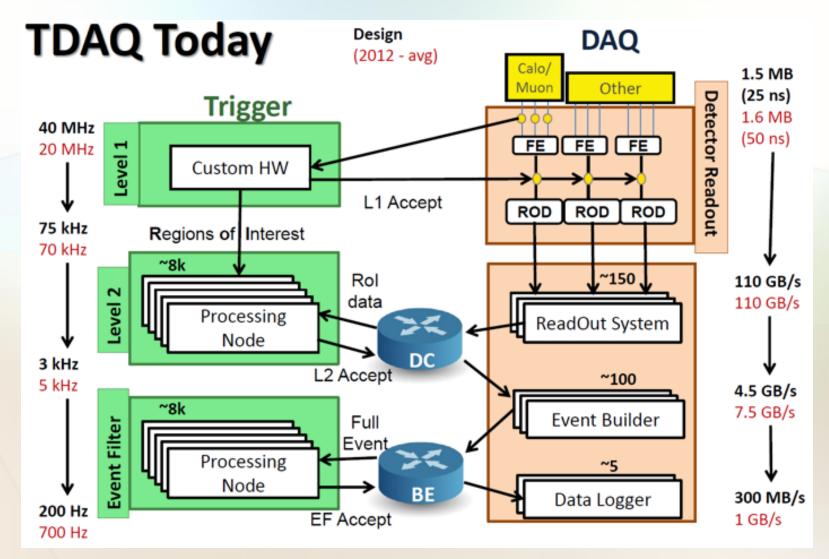
#### The Racks

- **USA15**:
  - 220 racks deployed over 2 floors
  - 2009, ~70% filled, 1MW 
    2013, > 90% filled, 1.29MW\*
- 2.5MW of cooling can be provided
   SDX1:
  - 120 racks deployed over 2 floors
  - ◆ 2009, ~50% filled, 385 kW\*
     ◆ 2013, ~91% filled, 709 kW\*
- TestBed:
  - 22 racks over 1 floor
  - 68% filled, 60kW of power. 11 Racks by TDAQ
  - 100 kW of Cooling can be provided
- Possibly an increase in hosts to deal with future requirments

\*estimated at ~6.5 kW/rack

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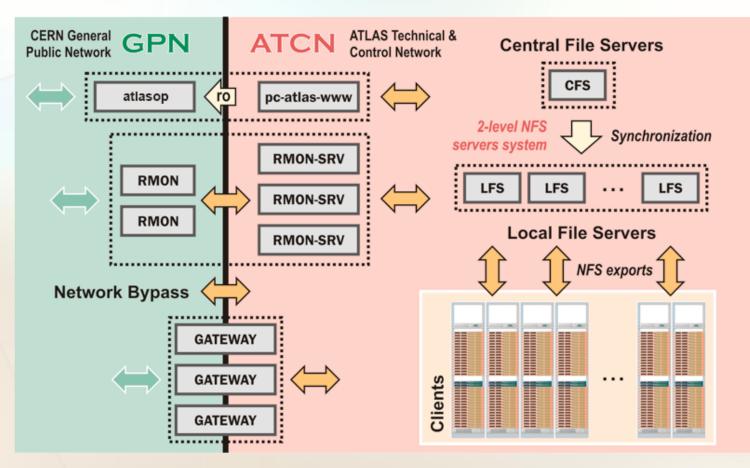
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#### **ATLAS Point1 Functional Layout**





#### Redundancy



- Can't afford downtime & miss out on events provided by the LHC
- Two centralised UPS lines with diesel backup generators
- Independent UPS lines available to SDX1 for mission critical equipment
- Redundant configuration for critical services
  - DNS/DHCP/NTP

Domain Controller

LDAP

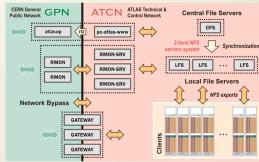
- LFS'
- Network Attached Storage, serves the most critical NFS and CIFS areas
  - NetApp 3140, it has 12 TB over 84 HDD's in RAID DP, dual head system and redundant fibre channels
  - can survive the loss of one head, any one FC link, one FC interface on a shelf - just not of a whole disk shelf
  - CERN's Tivoli for critical data
- Subversion for code and configurations

## Centralised & Local Storage Systems

- CFS Linux node no direct exports:
  - Trigger/DAQ and Offline Software installation
  - Coordination of synchronisations to LFS'
- NetApp Central Filer NFS and selected CIFS exports :
  - user home directories, DAQ software distribution
  - Nagios RRD\* files
  - node configuration area
  - DAQ configuration area
  - static and dynamic Web content
  - dedicated file exchange area for gateways
  - LFS
    - provides boot services and NFS exports for clients
    - synced from NetApp

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## Clients Local Boot



- Provisioning by PXE + Kickstart
  - DHCP + PXE provided by an LFS from ConfDB\* information
  - template-based kickstart files
- Quattor
  - CERN standard Configuration Management Tool
  - production system, managing 237 hosts in the Online Farm
  - tight control on installed packages
  - lack of flexibility for complex configuration/services dependencies
  - multiple languages for implementing modules

\*See slide 14



## Clients The Puppet Master



Nagios

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ConfDB

Puppet SRV

LFS

LFS

PXE image+KS

Puppet profile

DHCP / PXE

Nagios / Icinga

Host / Net

info

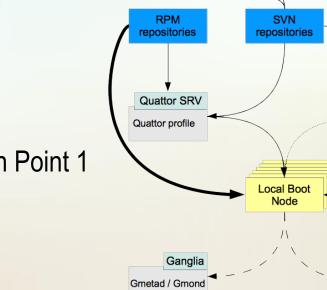
OS & Service

configurations

#### Puppet

- widespread industry adoption, active development
- full featured, highly flexible
- focus on consistency and idempotency\*
- gentler learning curve
- In production:
  - 25 complex servers in Point 1
  - entire Testbed
- Complements Quattor
- Migrate to Puppet and SLC6
  - our manifest code base has grown to ~15000 LOC
- Puppet is being adopted by CERN IT and the other experiments

\*unchanged in value following multiplication by itself;



Package

lists

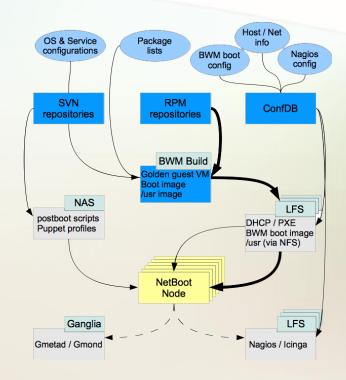
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## Clients Look Mom ... No disk



- The more components one has in a system, the greater the risk of failure. So... reduce any components that are not "needed"
- In ATLAS, extensive use of PCs with no operating system on disk
- "NetBooted" via PXE
- Advantages:
  - ease of maintenance
  - reproducibility on a large scale
  - reduced "installation" times
- Disadvantages:
  - requires ad-hoc development and support
  - not suitable for running servers





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### Clients Netbooted Nodes



- ~ 2350 Nodes booted Scientific Linux CERN5 OS via PXE
- 75 Local File Servers (LFS), provide DHCP, PXE and TFTP for booting, /usr read-only directory via NFS
- Configuration of DHCP, PXE and boot parameters are provided by our in house built ConfDB\*
- Boot With Me Tool (BWM)
  - generates PXE boot images (kernel + RAMdisk root) and /usr
  - uses reference SLC5 VM image as source
- BWM post-boot script system
  - hierarchy of shell scripts, configures servers, disk, and NFS mounts
  - store on a central Network-Attached Storage, executed by the client



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Subversion is used to keep track of image configurations and post-boot scripts



## Clients Puppet again...

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- Problems with BWM post-boot
  - no permanent changes to a working system
  - needs to be rebooted to apply configuration changes
  - bash scripts not easily maintainable
- Move net-booted to Puppet as well
  - manifests hosted on central NFS
  - no server
  - no daemon, run via cron job
  - no need to reboot node for changes to take affect
- Minor problems on low resource machines and TDAQ /ROS drivers





#### Tools Configuration Database



- Management of large number of NetBooted nodes is far from trivial
- ConfDB was developed
  - python backend, using a MySQL database
  - web based GUI
- Keeps record of the base system configurations
- Greatly help to speed up routine tasks:
  - registering clients, with data extracted from CERN's network DataBase (LanDB)
  - configuring kernel boot options
  - client to LFS assignment and migration
  - deploying DHPC and NAGIOS configurations
  - issuing IPMI and system commands on multiple nodes in parallel





#### Tools ConfDB UI



>> Edit Devices	Hostname: xpu-66	Host type: Clients D Search + Advanced search	ommit chan
<ul> <li>Move Clients</li> <li>Add Devices</li> </ul>	Search results:	Hostname: pc-tdq-xpu-66015 💂 LanDB 🕅 Nagios 💂 Hardware DB	
	pc-tdq-xpu-66001 pc-tdq-xpu-66002	MACs: 00-26-6C-FA-C6-F0, 00-26-6C-FA-C6-F1, 00-26-6C-FA-C6-F3 Manufacturer: DELL Model: POWEREDGE C6100	
Deployment >> DHCP	pc-tdq-xpu-66003	Rack: Y.08-04.D1 [66] Position in Rack: U18 Building: 3178 Floor: 1W Room: 0804 Host Group:	Point 1
» NAGIOS	pc-tdq-xpu-66004 pc-tdq-xpu-66005	Service Tag: OS Version: Net_SLC5_64 Description:	
	pc-tdq-xpu-66006 pc-tdq-xpu-66007	Ipmi Type: ipmi20 C Nagios Server: pc-tdq-lfs-066 C	
Operations » IPMI commands	pc-tdq-xpu-66008 pc-tdq-xpu-66009	Config server: Choose \$	
>> SSH commands	pc-tdq-xpu-66010 pc-tdq-xpu-66011	BMC Specification: 37_1_1.26_2.0_20569_55 🗘 Include in DHCP relay list Don't include in DHCP Sync Nagios home directory 🗹 Net l	Booted
	pc-tdq-xpu-66012 pc-tdq-xpu-66013	PC Type: pc C Netboot Server: pc-tdq-lfs-066	
Boot Images / OS Boot Images List	pc-tdq-xpu-66014	Boot parameters:	Op
<ul> <li>» Add Boot Image</li> <li>» Boot Options List</li> </ul>	pc-tdq-xpu-66015 pc-tdq-xpu-66016	» root=/dev/ram0 ramdisk=131072 ip=dhcp selinux=0	
<ul> <li>Boot Options List</li> <li>Boot Option Add</li> </ul>	pc-tdq-xpu-66017 pc-tdq-xpu-66018	NIĈs	
	pc-tdq-xpu-66019 pc-tdq-xpu-66020	» Type: control, Name: pc-tdq-xpu-66015, IP: 10.146.95.45, MAC: 00-26-6C-FA-C6-F0, Netmask: 255.255.25, 0, Gateway: 10.146.95.1, Network domain: ATLAS » Type: dc2, Name: pc-tdq-xpu-66015-dc2, Alias: pc-tdq-xpu-66015-ef2-vlan12, IP: 10.150.60.29, Netmask: 255.255.0.0, Gateway: 10.150.1.1, Network domain: ATLAS	Vian ID: 12
>> Nagios >> Services List	pc-tdq-xpu-66021 pc-tdq-xpu-66022	» Type: ef2, Name: pc-tdq-xpu-66015-ef2, IP: 10.151.43.49, MAC: 00-26-6C-FA-C6-F1, Netmask: 255.255.255.0, Gateway: 10.151.43.1, Network domain: ATLAS	vidit iD. 12
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<ul> <li>Templates List</li> <li>Template Add</li> </ul>	pc-tdq-xpu-66025	Templates:	Op
» Users List	pc-tdq-xpu-66026 pc-tdq-xpu-66027	» BASIC-XPU » INTERFACE_UPI"lo,ctri0.ef2,vlan12"	
<ul> <li>&gt;&gt; User Add</li> <li>&gt;&gt; Groups List</li> </ul>	pc-tdq-xpu-66028 pc-tdq-xpu-66029		
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- Simple custom-made system for managing "time-frozen" snapshots of CERN package repositories
- Sufficient functionality through 2012, controlled upgrades, (theoretical) rollback capability
- We want more flexible functionality and easier management
  - partial upgrades, client status reporting etc.
  - may adopt a third-party open source tool, e.g. Pulp
- Rollback/versionlock are possible in principle but not easy: Puppet +yum does not offer the same detailed control as Quattor+SPMA





## Monitoring Nagios



- Nagios has been used since 2007
- Primarily monitors:
  - the health status of the OS
  - the hardware, selected services and network components
  - provides alerting for critical events
- Separate Nagios server instance on each of the LFS nodes
- Feeding data to a central RRD\* storage and to a single MySQL Cluster
- A web-based interface was developed in-house
- Significant development effort into hardware status', via IPMI
- Configurations integrated in ConfDB
- Over 5 years, machines monitored by NAGIOS increased from ~1500 to ~3000 in Point 1



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	Mon	itori	ng			
GROUPS	TOTAL	ONLINE	OFFLINE	BROKEN	RESERVED	
Gateways	6	6	0	0	0	
	2	2	0	0	0	
	2	2	0	0	0	
∃ DNS	2	2	0	0	0	
	1	1	0	0	0	
🗄 LDAP	4	4	0	0	0	
	5	5	0	0	0	
∃ VH	2	2	0	0	0	
H ACR	128	119	0	0	9	
∃ SCR	49	33	16	0	0	
∃ TDQ	2186	2168	2	9	7	
∃ LFS	74	73	0	0	1	
H ONL	33	33	0	0	0	
H AMS	7	7	0	0	0	
MON	32	32	0	0	0	
GMON	6	5	0	1	0	
	157	156	1	0	0	
🗄 SFI	48	48	0	0	0	
∃ SFO	9	9	0	0	0	
	12	12	0	0	0	
L2SV	8	8	0	0	0	
∃ XPU	1208	1196	0	8	4	
	448	<b>448</b>	0	0	0	
PRESERIES	131	129	1	0	1	
Image: RMON SRVs	3	3	0	0	0	
NET-MON	7	7	0	0	0	
SYS	3	2	0	0	1	
∃ SBC	161	153	5	2	1	
■ PUB	14	12	2	0	0	
∃ DCS	102	98	4	0	0	
	2	2	0	0	0	
<b>SWITCH</b>	100	100	0	0	0	
OTHERS	156	132	21	0	3	
TOTAL	2926	2841	50	11	20	



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## Monitoring Ganglia



- 2011: we introduced Ganglia for performance monitoring and trending
- We are currently evaluating on a smaller scale system
- Used primarily for special purpose nodes
  - local boot nodes
  - monitoring, Online and Output (SFO) sub-farms
- Single central server
- RRD\* caching daemon used for I/O performance
- Ganglia is used by many Grid facilities and will be by LHCb as well
- Integration with Icinga

\* round-robin database

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# ICINGA and &Gearman



- Icinga+Gearman provide active checks with distributed scheduling
- Alerting
- Icinga+Gearman adopted by CMS and LHCb
- Icinga can reuse Nagios plugins, and much of Nagios configuration

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## Security



#### **Remote Access Subsystems**

- Security at Point 1 is of utmost importance
- Access to the ATLAS Technical and Control Network (ATCN) is highly restricted
- Only allowed via one of the following gateway systems:
  - ATLAS Point 1, allowing expert users access to their restricted machines via SSH or SCP protocols
  - ATLAS Remote Monitoring System provides the graphical terminal services required for organising the remote participation in the ATLAS sub-detector monitoring shifts
  - ATLAS DCS Windows Terminal Servers, allowing experts access to the Detector Control System
  - Host and network based accounting, security monitoring and intrusion prevention systems are configured on all the gateways





## Security Role Based Access Control



- Own user database in the form of an LDAP server based on OpenLDAP software
- Standalone but for consistency it is synchronised with CERN IT
- Slave Windows Domain Controller using the CERN NICE credentials.
- Local service accounts, authentication (passwords) in LDAP
- User based authentication, NOT group based authentication
- Role Based Access Control (RBAC) authorisation system
- ~360 unique roles in a hierarchical structure and ~4250 Users
- However..
  - shifter and expert roles automatically enabled/disabled for the person on shift / on call
  - time-limited remote access ONLY on case-by-case authorisation by Shift Leader





## Virtualisation



- Adopted for specific services, not planning to use for the full scale farm
- Machines currently running as VM's
  - Gateways
  - Few Windows services
  - Core Nagios servers
  - Public Nodes

- Domain Controllers
- Development Web servers
- Puppet & Quattor
- Xen on Gateways (Bastion Hosts) KVM with SLC6 for everything else
- Currently :
  - 35 Virtual machines in Point 1
  - 11 in GPN
  - Expected:
    - Additional ~100 DCS
    - ~1500 transient VM instances for Sim@P1, on netbooted nodes



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## Sim @ P1



- HLT Farm would be mostly idle during Long shutdown 1 (LS1)
- Use it for ATLAS simulations jobs considerable fraction (>10%) of ATLAS Grid
- Support from BNL during the setup phases
- Support from NetAdmin for dedicated network
- Preserve security of ATCN by isolating VMs and VLANs
- Tests are ongoing in TDAQ Lab4 Test Bed

#	Туре	CPU Cores: non-HT / HT	Memory	Local disk
341	Dell PE 1950	8 / 8 <mark>(*)</mark>	16 GB	80 GB
320	Dell PE 6100	8 / 16	24 GB	250 GB
832	Dell PE 6100	12 / 24	24 GB	250 GB
1493	Total	15272 / 27816	33 TB	315 TB



## Sim @ P1 The Plan



- OpenStack, as an overlay infrastructure
  - provides necessary management of VM resources
  - support & control of physical hosts remain with TDAQ
  - delegate VM Farm support to Offline Operations
- ► Easy to quickly switch from HLT ↔ GRID
  - i.e.: during LS1: monthly full-scale test of TDAQ sw upgrade
- BNL, CERN IT, CMS
  - sharing experiences
  - support if needed
  - ATLAS is already, successfully using BNL cloud resources





#### Conclusion



- 3 years of LHC run, points to a good, linear scalability of the LFS-based architecture, OK overall, but to be kept under control
- Netboot limited functionality, great flexibility in OS migration
- Localboot management is improving with puppet
- The monitoring system will see significant improvements
- Overall, the current architecture is sound and performing well, and the possible changes would increase complexity and not give drastic improvements
- We have decided to focus on trying to simplify and streamline the system where possible, making it more robust and maintainable
- The experience in cloud and virtualisation from the Simulations in Point1 project can be useful for future evolutions



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