



# CMS Data Distribution Model

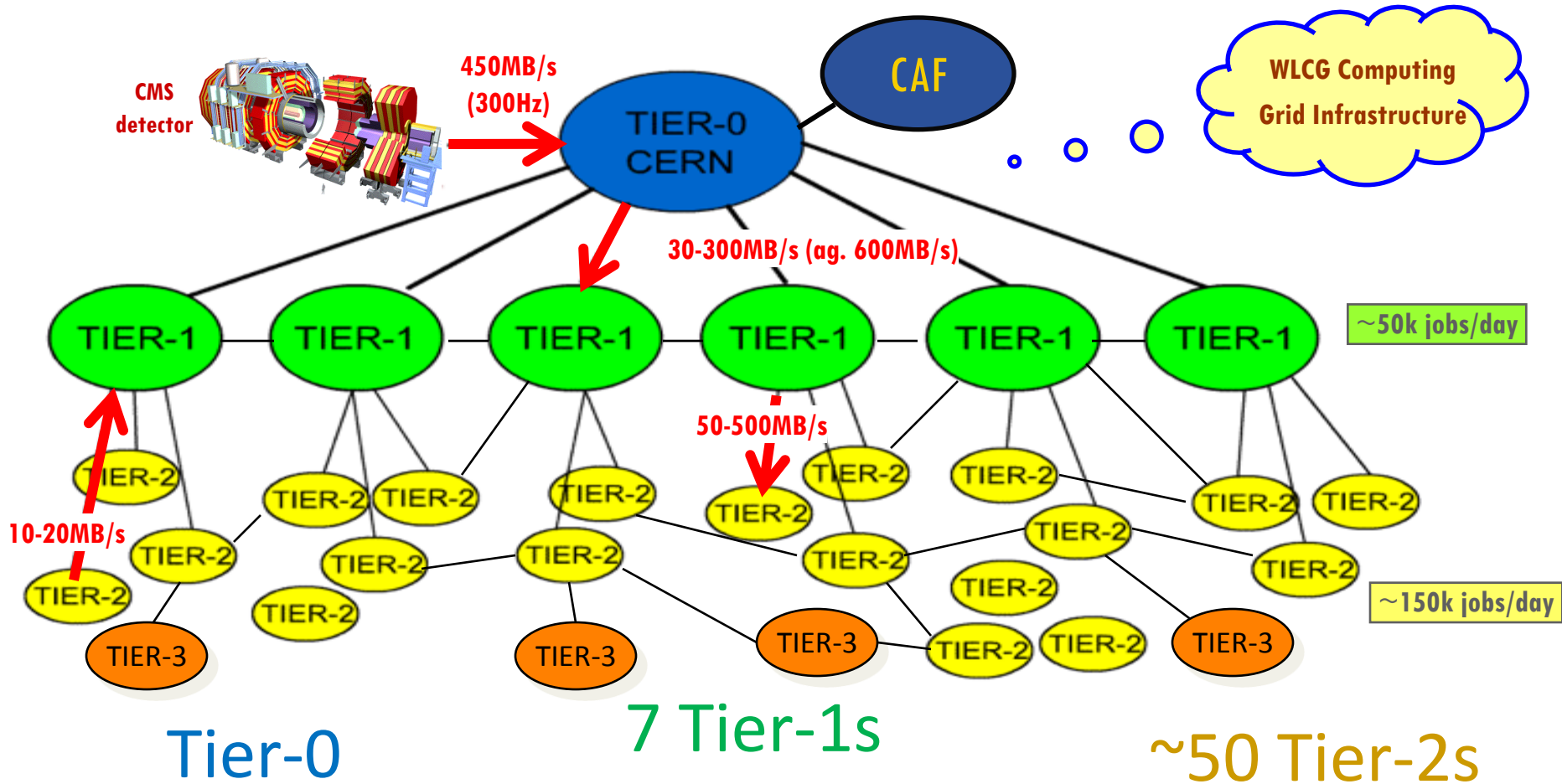
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# Outline

- CMS Tiered Computing model
- CMS Data Distribution Model and Performances
  - Specificities of Tier-0, Tier-1, Tier-2
- CMS Analysis Model
- The Role of the CAF(s)
- Distributed Computing Operations
- Challenges/Evolution of the model until physics running

# CMS tiered Computing Model



Prompt Reconstruction  
 Archival of Raw  
 and First RECO data  
 Calibration Streams (CAF)  
 Data Distribution → Tier-1

Re-Reconstruction  
 Skimming  
 Second Archival of RAW  
 Served Copy of RECO  
 Archival of Simulation  
 Data Distribution → Tier-2

Primary Resources for  
 Physics Analysis and  
 Detector Studies by  
 users  
 MC Simulation → Tier-1

# CMS Data Formats and Comp. Resources

- Data Tiers

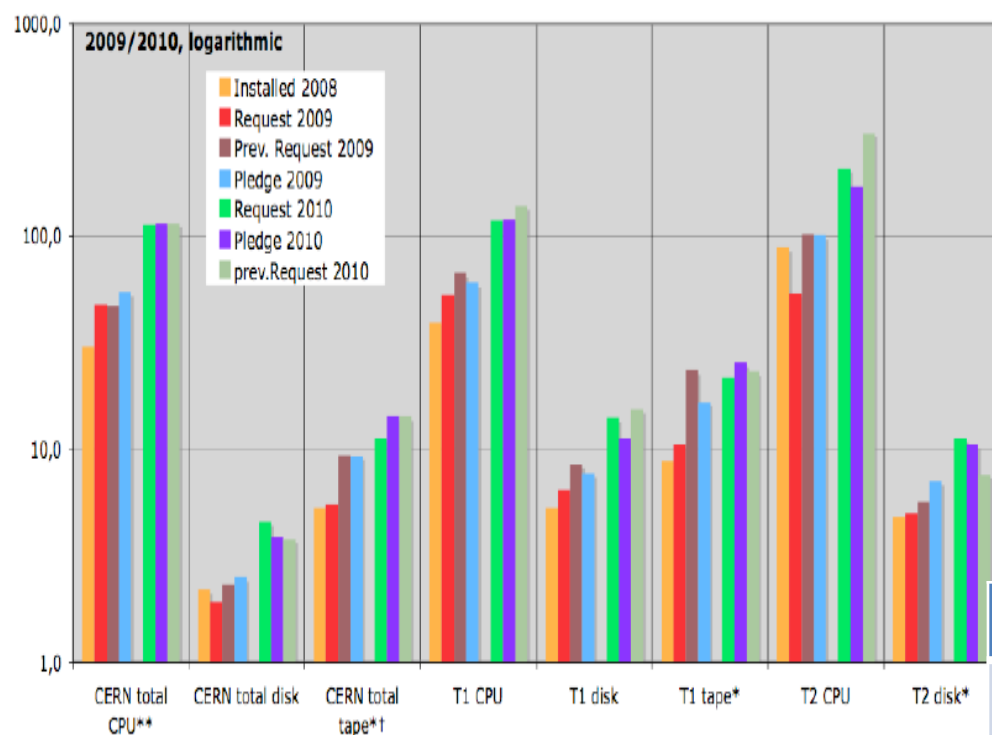
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Data Tier	RAW	RECO	AOD
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- Data Management Units

– DataFile : <1.8 GB> , DataBlock : <33 GB>

- CMS WLCG Computing Resources

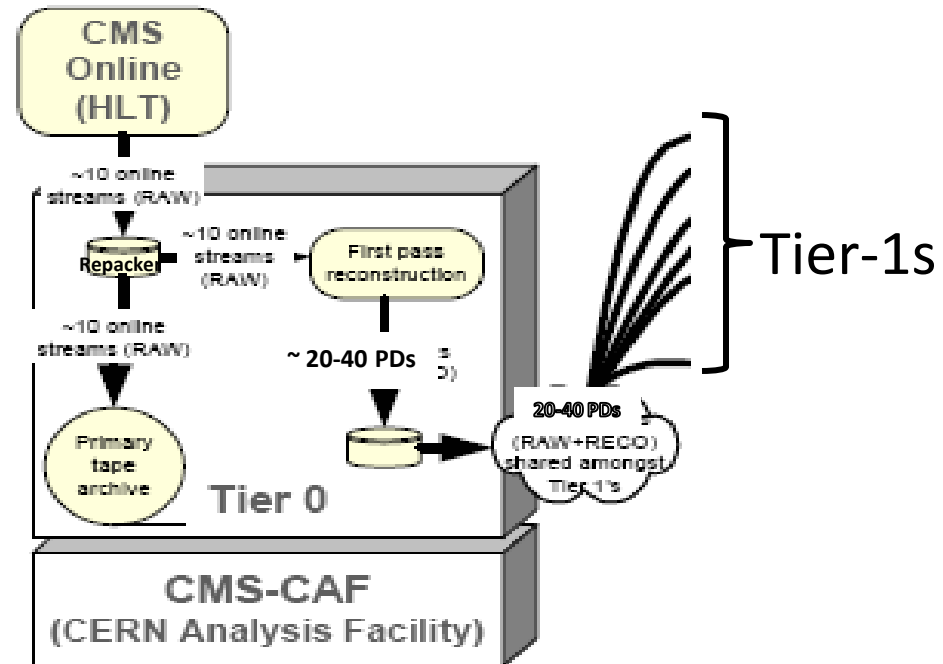


	2008 Installed	2009 Request	2009 prev. Req.	2009 Pledge	2010 Request	2010 prev. Req.	Potential Pledge††
T0 CPU		33,1	24,4	39,2	66,2	76,4	76,4
CAF CPU		11,0	23,2	15,6	42,6	38,8	38,8
<b>CERN total CPU**</b>	<b>30,4</b>	<b>48,1</b>	<b>47,6</b>	<b>54,8</b>	<b>112,9</b>	<b>115,2</b>	<b>115,2</b>
T0 disk		0,4	0,2	0,2	1,1	0,4	0,5
CAF disk		1,5	2,0	2,3	3,5	3,4	3,4
<b>CERN total disk</b>	<b>2,2</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>2,3</b>	<b>2,5</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>3,9</b>
T0 tape		2,5	6,7	7,3	8,7	11,1	11,1
CAF tape		1,2	2,7	2,0	2,6	3,2	3,2
<b>CERN total tape*†</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>5,5</b>	<b>9,4</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>14,3</b>	<b>14,3</b>
<b>T1 CPU</b>	<b>39,7</b>	<b>53,5</b>	<b>67,6</b>	<b>60,8</b>	<b>119,0</b>	<b>139,2</b>	<b>120,0</b>
<b>T1 disk</b>	<b>5,3</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>7,7</b>	<b>14,1</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>11,3</b>
<b>T1 tape*</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>23,5</b>	<b>16,7</b>	<b>21,6</b>	<b>23,2</b>	<b>25,5</b>
<b>T2 CPU</b>	<b>89,1</b>	<b>54,1</b>	<b>102,4</b>	<b>101,2</b>	<b>209,6</b>	<b>306,4</b>	<b>172,0</b>
<b>T2 disk*</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>7,1</b>	<b>11,3</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>10,5</b>

Resource	CPU <sub>2009</sub>	CPU <sub>2010</sub>	Disk <sub>2009</sub>	Disk <sub>2010</sub>
CERN/rest	30%	25%	15%	15%

# CMS Data Distribution @ Tier-0

- Online (HLT) → Offline (Tier-0)  
data flow : **Online Streams**
- Online Streams contain **Physics** data or **Express (Calibration)** streams
- Repacker assembles **Primary Datasets (PD)** based on **Trigger Path**
- RAW PDs sent to tape and to Tier-1

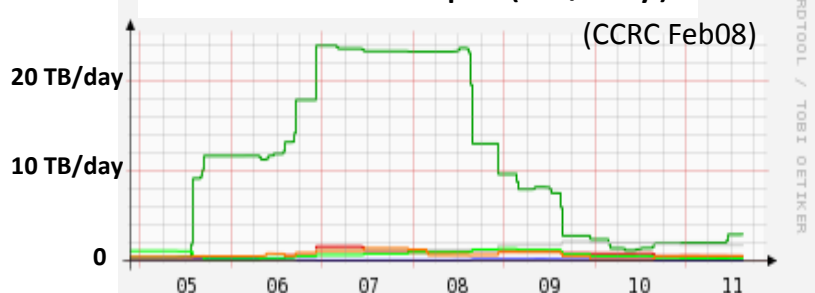


for **Archival** copies + to Tier-0 buffer for the First **Reconstruction**

- Special Calibration PDs (AlcaReco) are prepared in short (1h) latency and sent to the **CAF** for **Calibration and Alignment**, result fed back into Condition DB as input to the First Reconstruction (24h cycle)
- **PDs are the basis of the Data Distribution to Tier-1**  
(depending on the PD size and on each particular Tier-1 capacity)

# Tier-0 Workflow performances

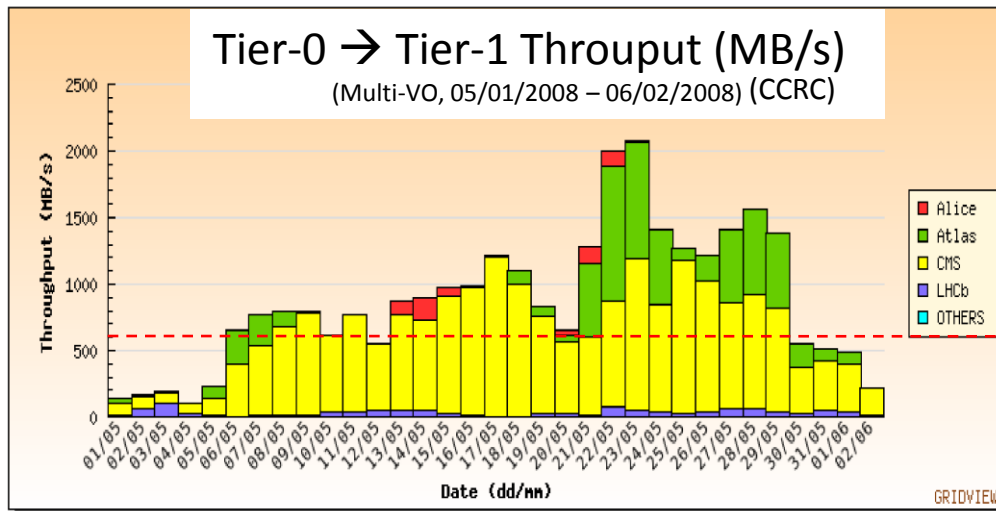
CMS Rate to tape (TB/day)



- 270 MB/s sustained rates
- 1.5 GB/s peak rates
- Aim for x 2-3 higher (STEP09)

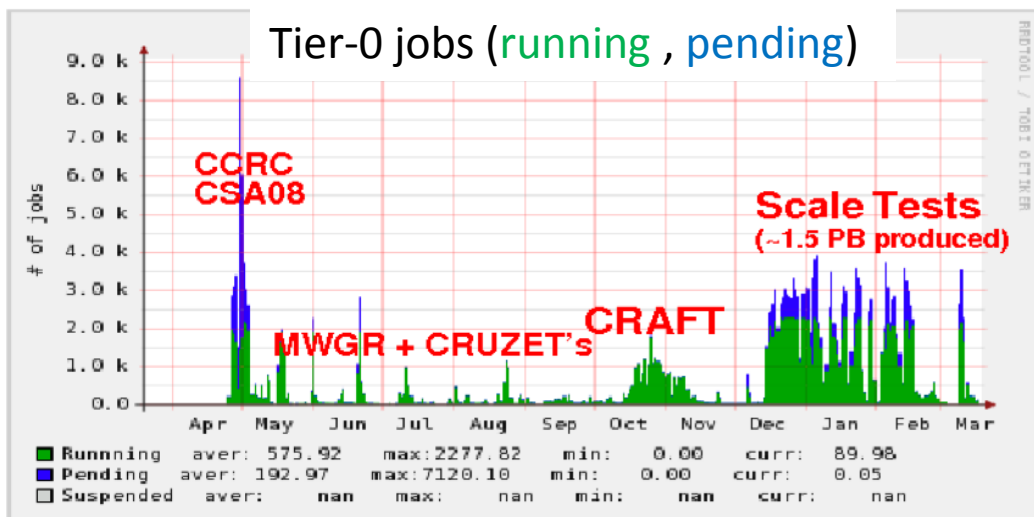
Tier-0 → Tier-1 Throuput (MB/s)

(Multi-VO, 05/01/2008 – 06/02/2008) (CCRC)



- CMS regularly above design rate

Tier-0 jobs (running, pending)



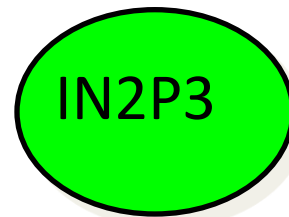
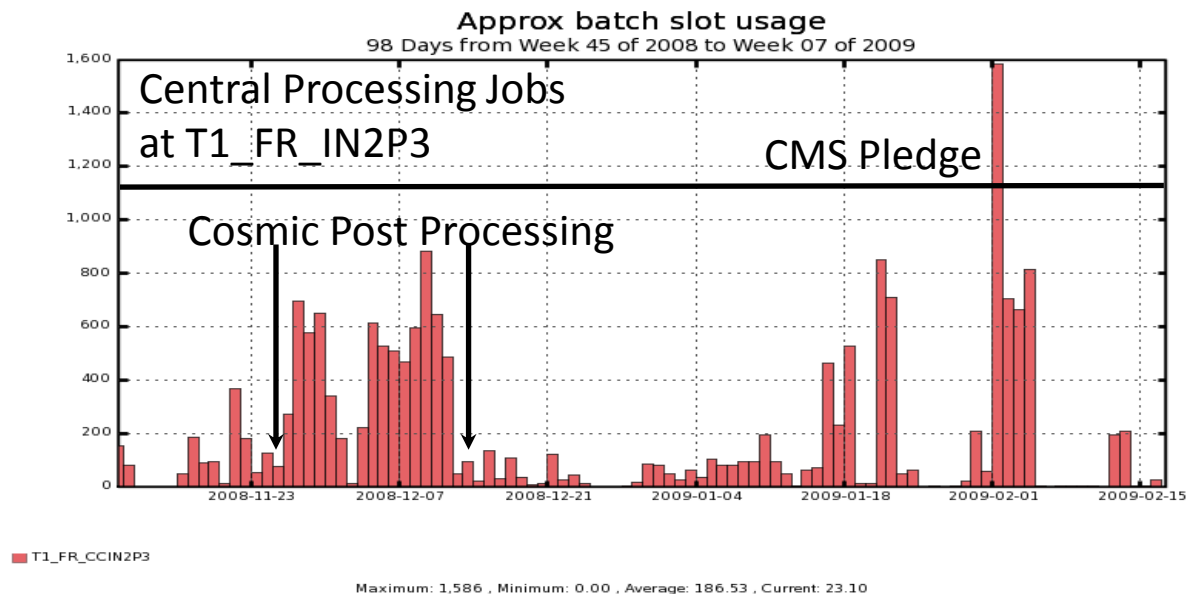
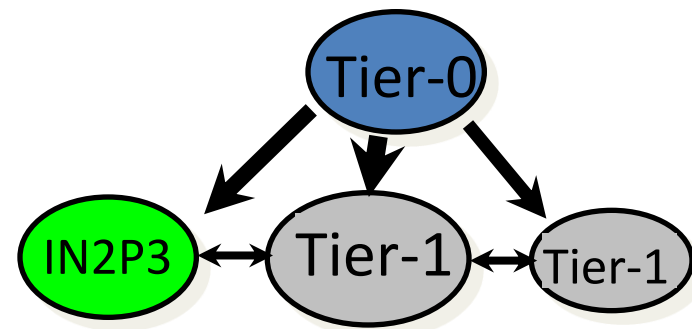
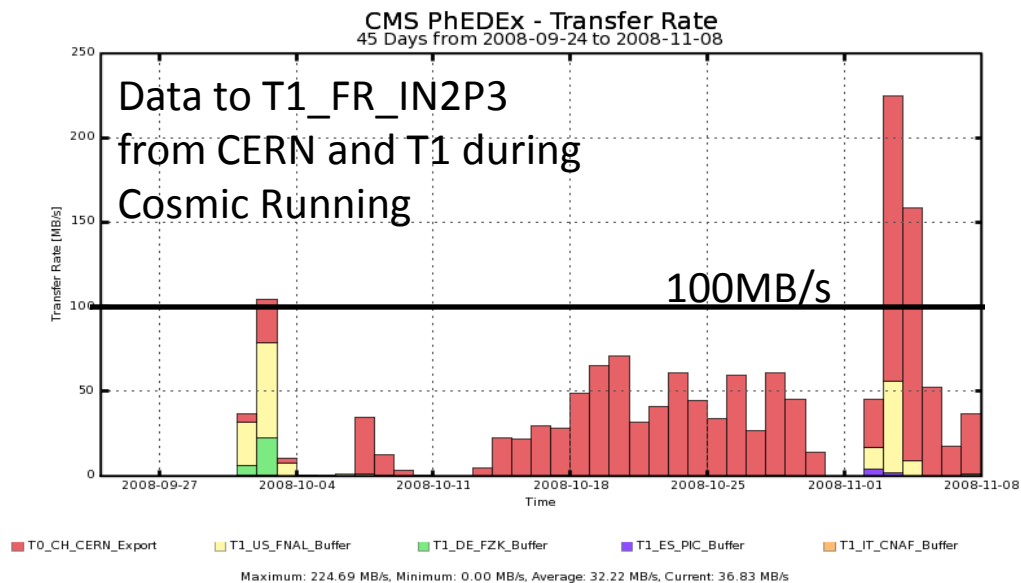
- Infrastructure used in Cosmic Data Taking, Challenge Activities, Weekly Global Runs and Scale Testing
- Integrated production of RAW PDs, reconstruction, calibration samples, express stream and transfer to Tier-1s

- Tier-0 processing challenges 2008-2009

# Data Distribution @ Tier-1s

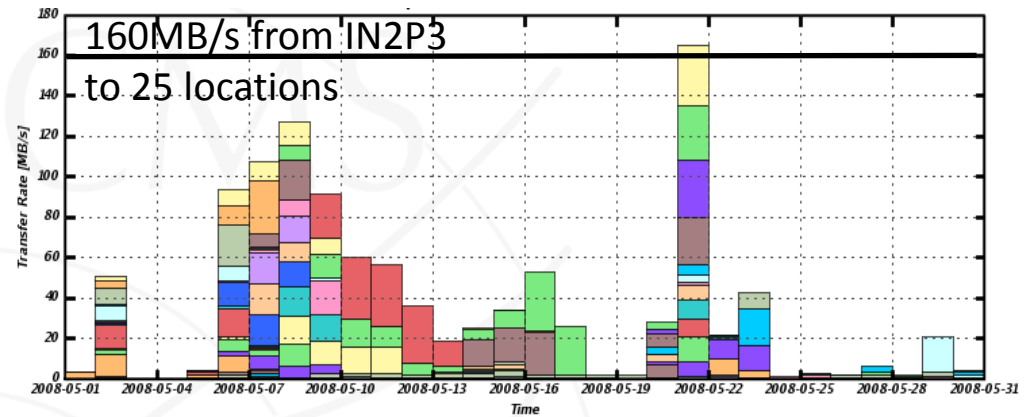
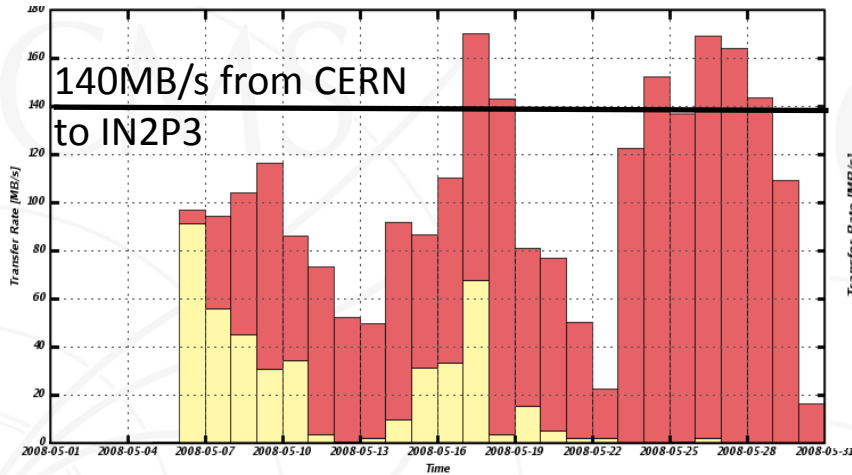
- CMS Data Distr. Model demands heavy load on Tier-1s
- Tape I/O
  - Write custodial RAW/RECO/AOD copies, Re-RECO output
  - Write/Read MCPROD
  - Read RAW for Re-Reconstruction (6 times in 1st year running)
- Network bandwidth and full mesh link commissioning
  - Tier-0→Tier-1 target rate depending on „size“ of Tier-1
  - #commissioned links to/from other Tier-1s  $\geq 4$  , to Tier-2s  $\geq 20$
  - Tier-1→Tier-1 and Tier1→Tier-2 target rates dep. on “size”
- Disk storage Capacity
  - custodial RECO/AOD and skimms for Tier-1/2 data serving
  - non-custodial RECO/AOD encouraged
- Other strong requirements
  - CPU Capacity : Re-Reconstruction, Skimming and MC Processing
  - 24/7 coverage and high (98%) availability (WLCG). For CMS: PhEDEx admins, Data Managers, contacts reachable during working hours++

# Tier-1 : Moving and Processing Data

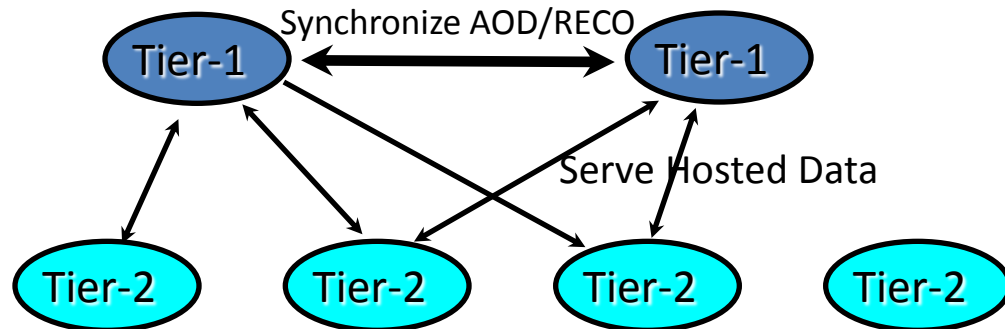




# Tier-1 : Data Serving

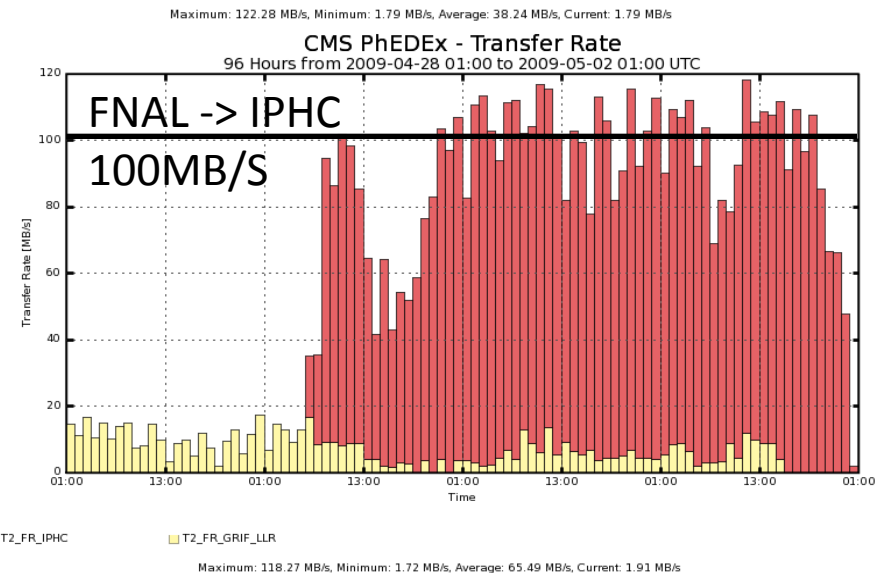
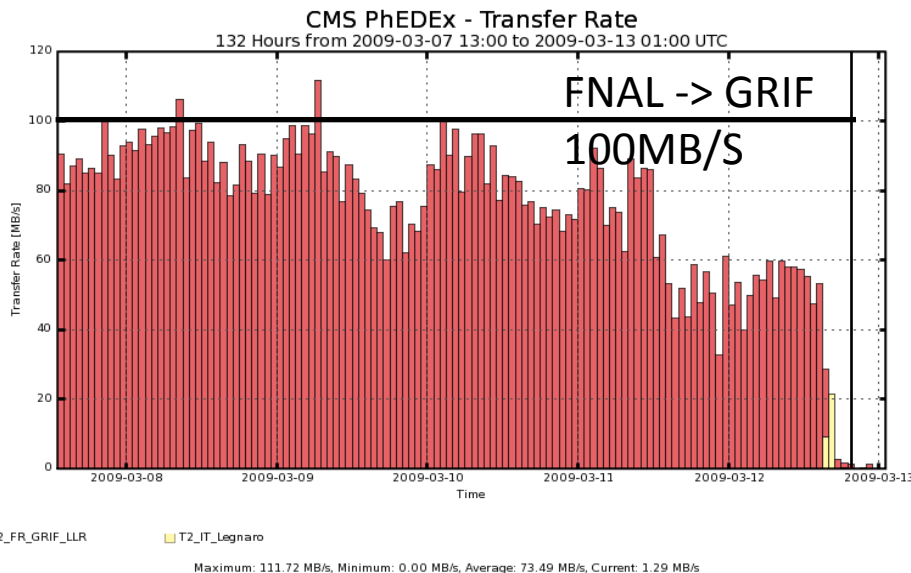
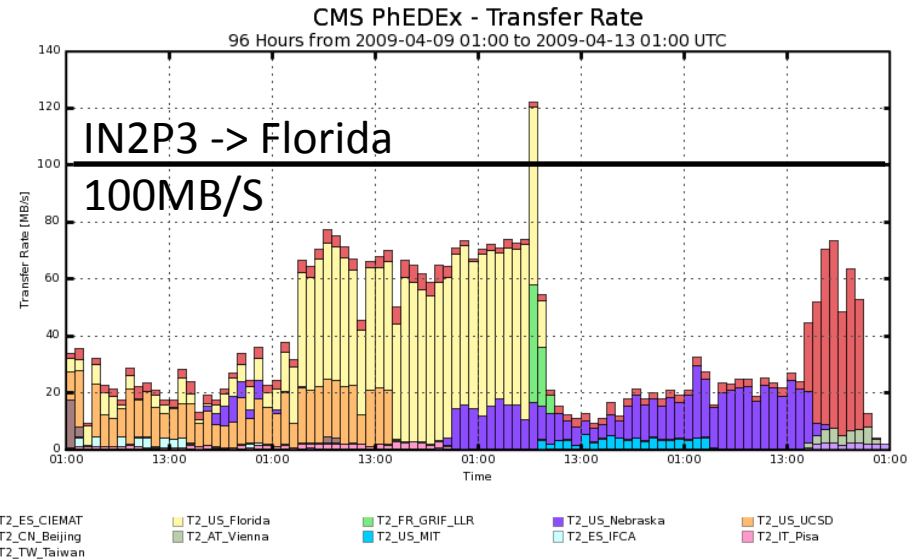


- In the CMS model the Tier-1s serve the analyzed copy of the data
  - While data is written once, it will be read many times
  - The data serving requirements of the T1s can exceed that of CERN
    - Like CERN the Tier-1s need to ingest and export data simultaneously
- Full mesh of transfers improves data access
  - Also increases commissioning work



# Tier-1 $\leftrightarrow$ Tier-2 : Full Mesh Examples

- Link Commissioning in CMS has been a long effort and intensive process
  - Good performance achieved in both directions across the Atlantic
  - Work ongoing



# Data Distribution @ Tier-2s

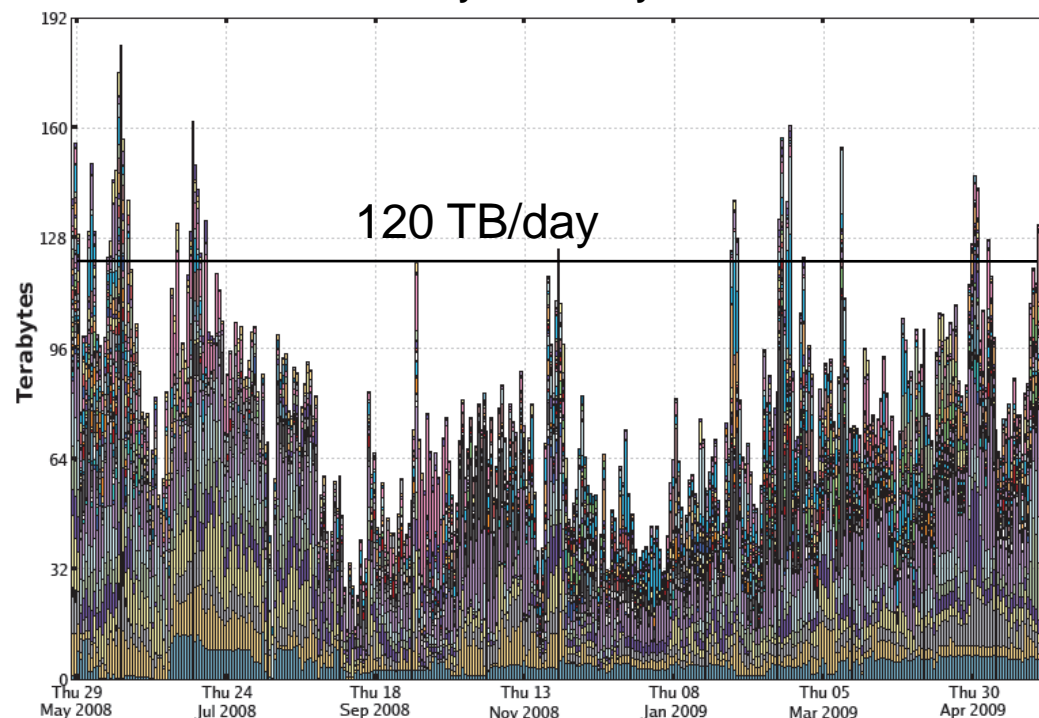
- CMS Tier-2 are the **Primary resources for user analysis** + they host **central MC Production**

- Efficient Data Distribution from/to Tier-2s relies on

## Full Mesh Data Management

- $\geq 2$  uplinks and  $\geq 4$  downlinks required to/from Tier-1s
- $602 T_i \leftrightarrow T_j$  links have been **commissioned**
- Tier-3 represent another analysis resources controlled by the local community. They can receive data from anywhere

Daily CMS PhEDEx transfer volume, Debug + Production  
May 2008 – May 2009



- The CMS Analysis Model is build on a **Tier-2 to Physics Association Model** + Data Management / Workflow Management tools

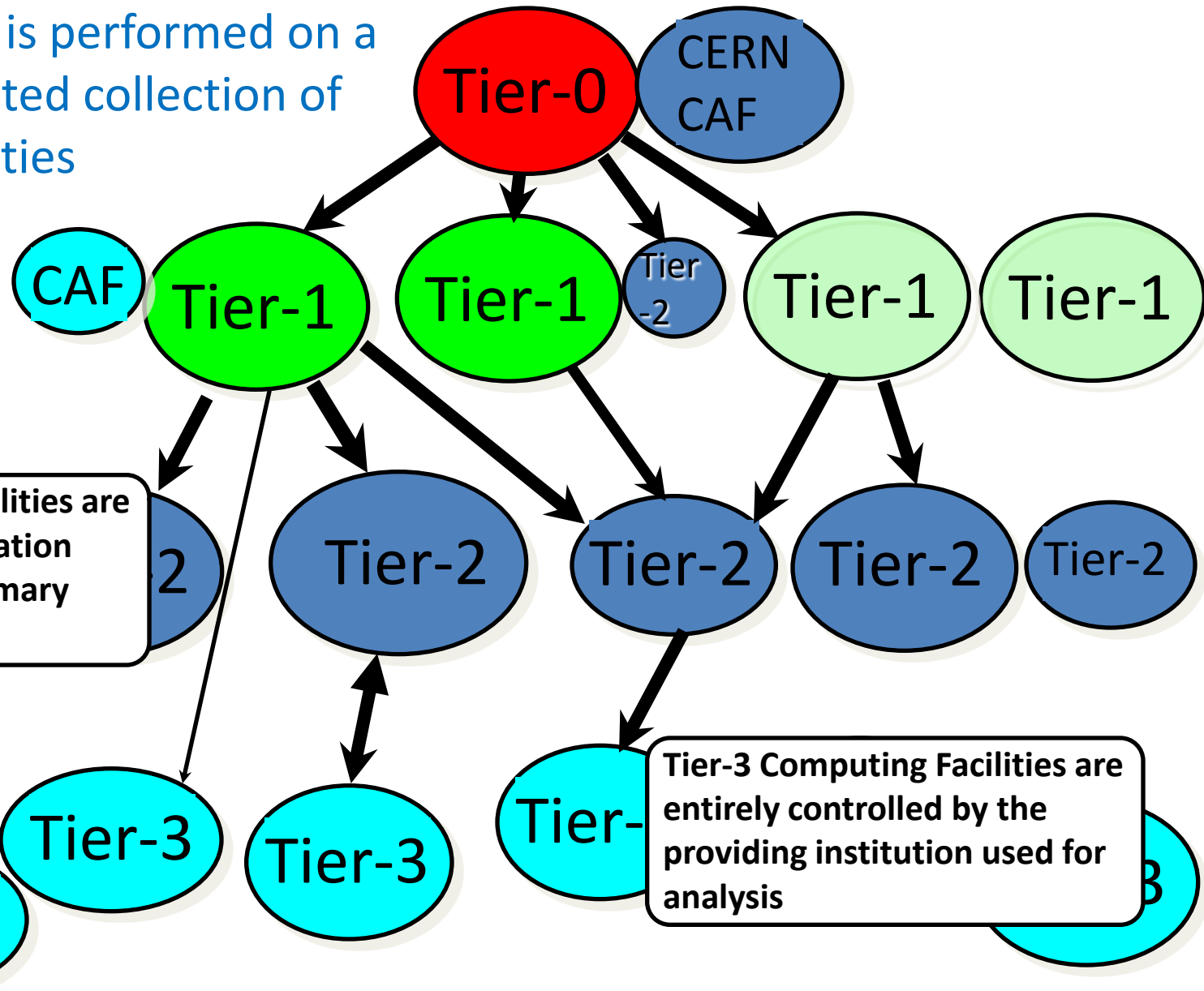
# Analysis Model in CMS (1/4)

Analysis in CMS is performed on a globally distributed collection of computing facilities

**Several Tier-1s have separately accounted analysis resources**

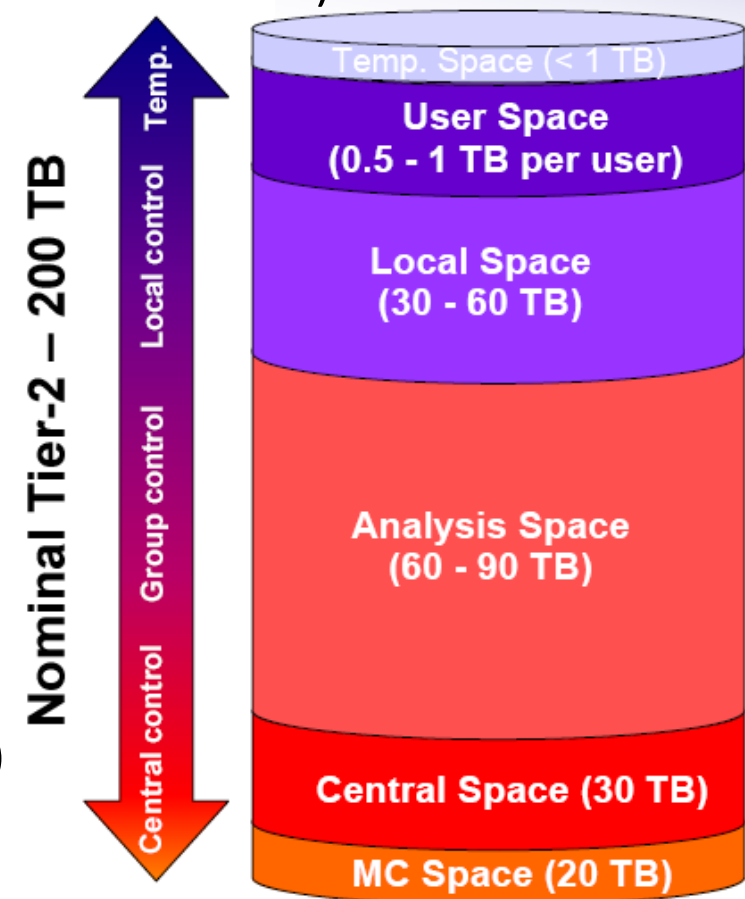
**Tier-2 Computing Facilities are half devoted to simulation half user analysis. Primary Resource for Analysis**

**Tier-3 Computing Facilities are entirely controlled by the providing institution used for analysis**



# Analysis Model in CMS (2/4)

- In CMS jobs go to the data
  - The challenging part is making sure the right data is distributed broadly
    - There are 200TB of disk space at a nominal Tier-2.
      - There are 7.7PB pledged total accross the Tier-2s in 2009 (35 sites of nominal Tier-2, currently 5.5PB installed)
    - CMS attempts to share the management of the space across groups
      - Ensures people doing the work have some control
- 20TB is identified for storing local user produced files and making them grid accessible
- 30TB is identified for use by the local group
  - Local community controlled space (PAT, ...)
- 30 TB of space at each site is identified for DataOps
  - We expect to be able to host most of the RECO data used in the first year (RECO, AOD)
- 20 TB of space for DataOps for MC staging buffer



# Analysis Model in CMS (3/4)

- Remaining space is divided into chunks and assigned to analysis groups
  - Currently 17 analysis groups in CMS. Balance of physics analysis groups and detector and performance groups

	T2_AT	T2_BE	T2_BR	T2_DE	T2_CH	T2_CN	T2_EE	T2_ES	T2_FI	T2_FR	T2_IT	T2_KR	T2_PT	T2_RU	T2_UK	T2_US
FWD phys				1												1
QCD				1						1						2
Higgs								1		1	1					1
EWK								1		1	1				1	1
SUSY	1			1							1				1	1
Top		1		1				1		1						1
Exotica										1				1	1	1
B Physics					1	1			1							1
Heavy Ions														1		0
eqamma										1	1				1	2
Jets/MissET				1					1			1		1		1
Muons								1			1			1		2
B-Tagging	1		1								1					1
Tracker				1						1	1					1
Tau / Pflow							1			1	1					1
Trigger DPG								1							1	1
Reserve																2
Unallocated		?											1			1
Current Resources	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	5	2	8	5	1	0	1	4	15
Fall Resources (*)	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	5	2	9	7	1	1	4	5	21
POGs/DPGs	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	4	4	1	0	2	2	10
POG fraction	0.5	0	1	0.5	0	0	1	0.4	0.5	0.44	0.6	1		0.5	0.4	0.48

# Analysis Model in CMS (4/4)

- In general CMS is concentrating on the groups responsible for commissioning and validation in the first year
- The process of [associating analysis groups to sites was challenging](#)
  - Intended to improve communication with sites and put people closer to the work contributing to data management
  - Data Ops uses 400TB at Tier2s for central space. (1.3PB at Accounted at Tier-1s)
  - B-Phys 4TB      Jets 22TB      Trigger 44TB
  - B-Tagging 35TB      **Muon 276TB**
  - E-gamma 108TB      QCD 15TB
  - **EWK 280TB**      SUSY 48TB
  - Exotica 20TB      Tau/pflow 11TB
  - Forward 33TB      Top 131TB
  - Higgs 44TB      Tracker 110TB

Example: T2\_FR\_IPHC Group Usage

Group	Subscribed	Resident
DataOps	1.31 TB	1.31 TB
b-tagging	2.02 TB	2.02 TB
local	70.54 GB	70.54 GB
top	30.82 TB	30.82 TB
undefined	24.67 TB	24.34 TB
	58.89 TB	58.57 TB

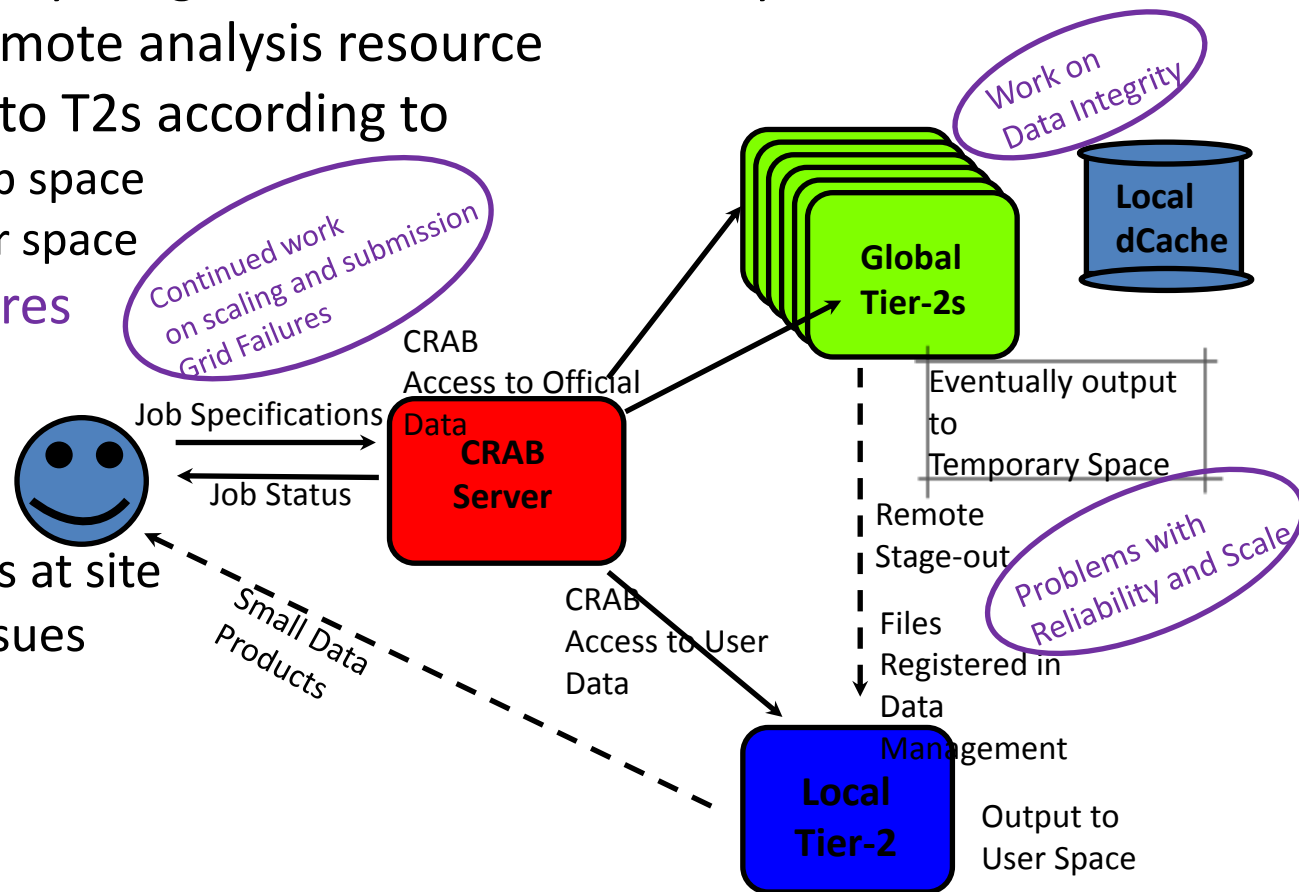
# Accessing the Data for Processing

- How the system will work with 2000 collaborators?
  - **CMS Remote Analysis Builder (CRAB)** shields the user from the underlying complexity, but a many things have to succeed for analysis to be successful
- Jobs submitted to remote analysis resource
- Output Data moved to T2s according to
  - Central Physics Group space
  - Regional or local user space

- CMS sees ~20% failures on analysis jobs

- Grid Failures
- User config. errors
- Data reading failures at site
- Remote Stageout issues

- Adding users and workflows will further stress the system





# Usage of Tier-2s for Analysis

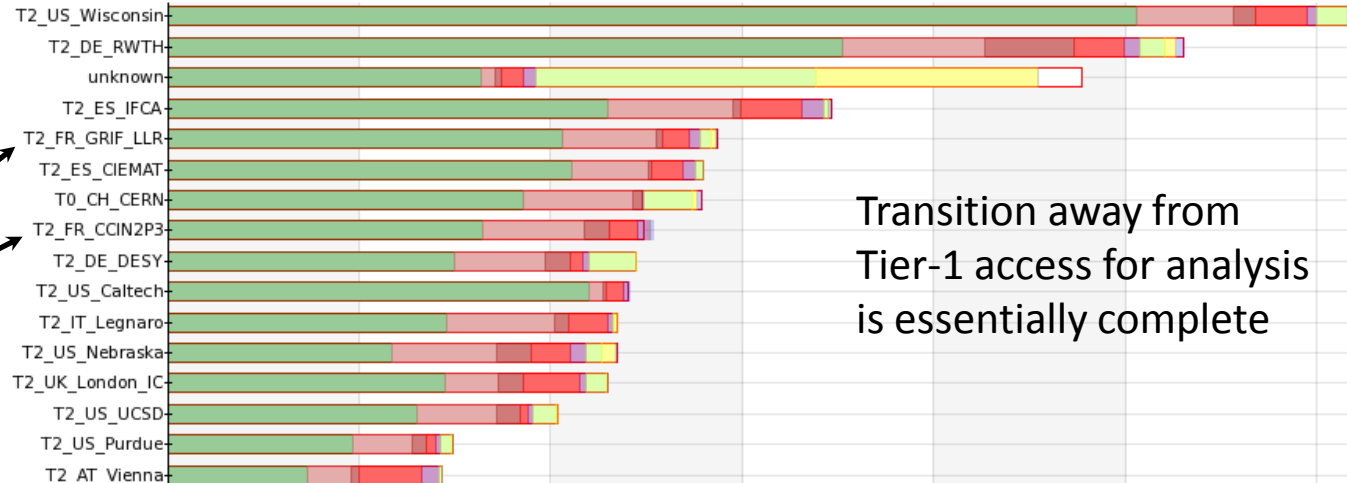
- CMS is currently seeing about 50k jobs per day

Analysis

Jobs Submitted in the  
last Month

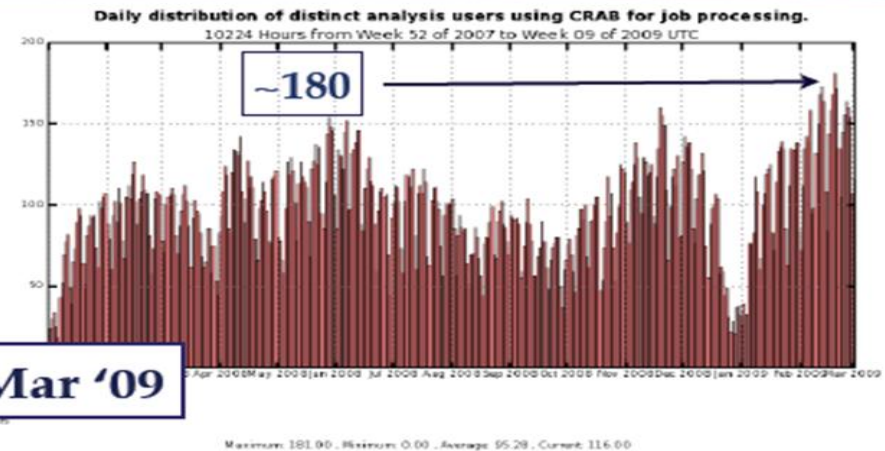
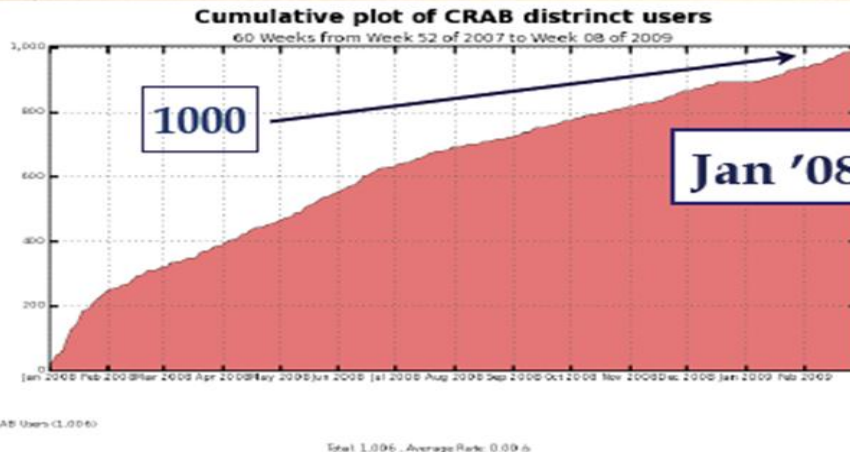
Top 25 Sites

French Tier-2 Sites



Transition away from  
Tier-1 access for analysis  
is essentially complete

More than 40% of the CMS Collaboration  
make use of the distributed infrastructure



Data from  
CMS Dashboard

# Data Management Tools

- Main CMS Components: Data Bookkeeping System (**DBS**), Local File Catalog and the Data Transfer tool (**PhEDEx**)
- Any CMS user can place a transfer subscription (Web based)
- Site Data managers or Central Operations approve transfers
- Monitoring of Group Usage for PH group conveners :

<https://cmsweb.cern.ch/phedex/prod/Reports::GroupUsage>

b-tagging

Node	Subscribed	Resident
T2_AT_Vienna	1.31 TB	1.31 TB
T2_FR_IPHC	2.02 TB	2.02 TB
T2_IT_Pisa	27.52 TB	27.52 TB
T2_US_Nebraska	11.47 TB	11.47 TB
	42.32 TB	42.32 TB

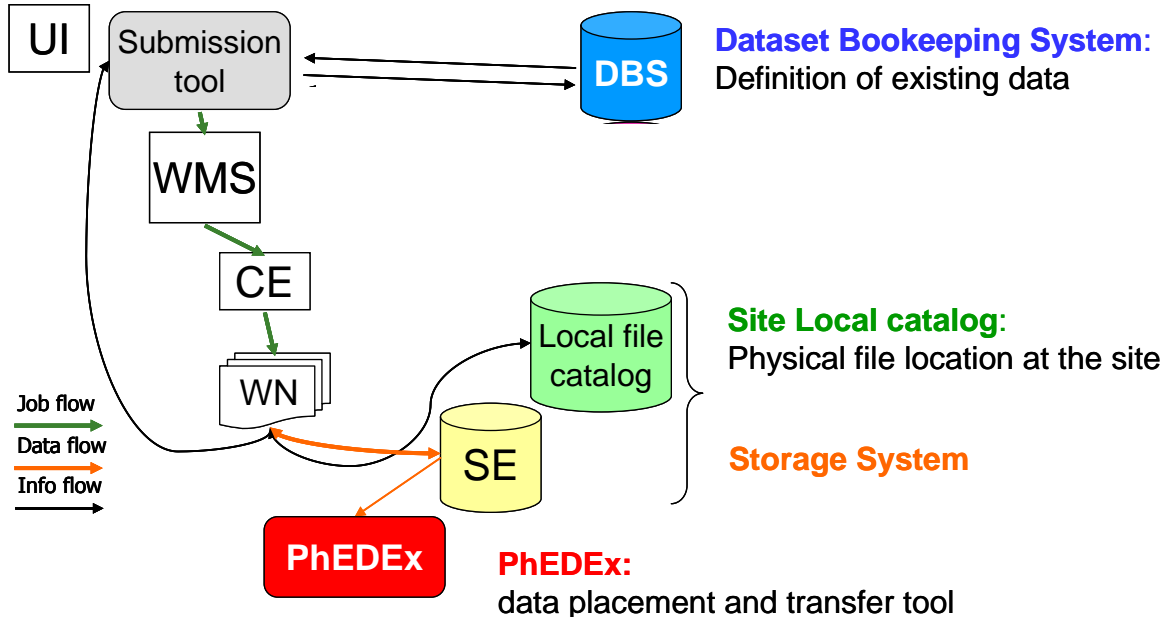
e-gamma

Node	Subscribed	Resident
T2_CH_CAF	11.17 TB	11.17 TB
T2_FR_GRIF_LLR	11.77 TB	11.77 TB
T2_IT_Bari	14.53 TB	14.53 TB
T2_IT_Rome	11.17 TB	10.57 TB
T2_UK_London_IC	31.26 TB	31.26 TB
T2_US_UCSD	50.15 GB	50.15 GB
	79.94 TB	79.34 TB

ewk

Node	Subscribed	Resident
T1_FR_CCIN2P3_MSS	37.87 TB	37.58 TB
T2_CH_CSCS	7.21 TB	7.21 TB
T2_ES_CIEMAT	52.83 TB	52.79 TB
T2_FR_GRIF_LLR	5.79 TB	5.79 TB
T2_IT_Legnaro	35.21 TB	35.21 TB
T2_IT_Pisa	17.30 TB	17.08 TB
T2_UK_London_Brunel	31.72 TB	31.72 TB
T2_US_Purdue	289.28 GB	289.28 GB
T2_US_UCSD	74.95 TB	74.94 TB
T2_US_Wisconsin	31.54 TB	30.43 TB
T3_CH_PSI	7.20 TB	7.20 TB
T3_US_Minnesota	495.81 GB	495.81 GB
	302.39 TB	300.71 TB

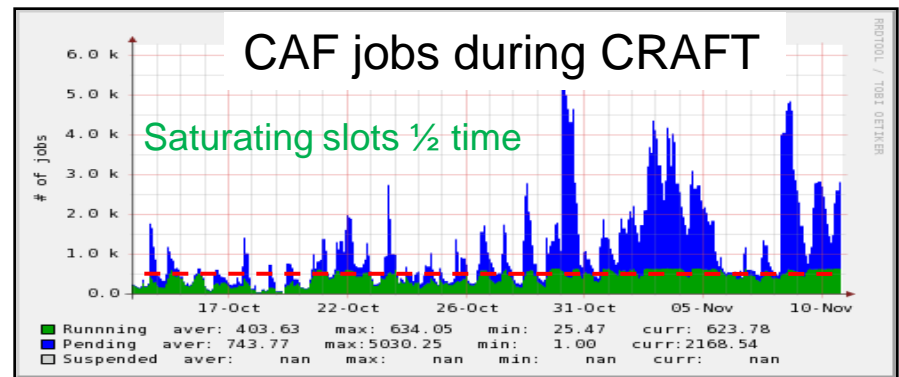
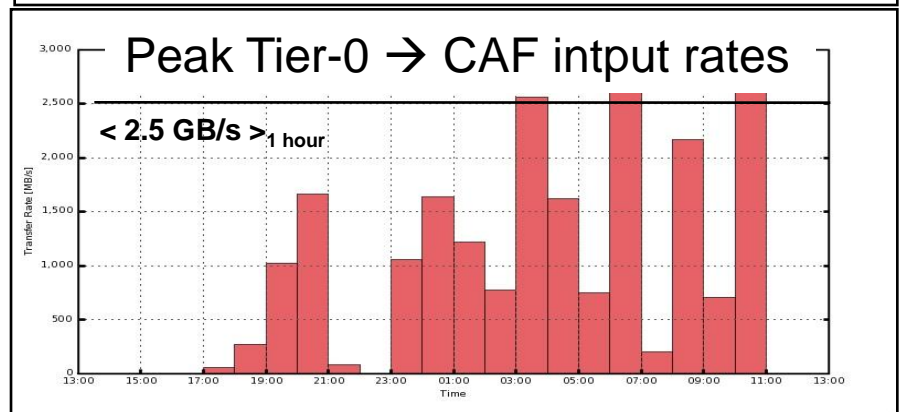
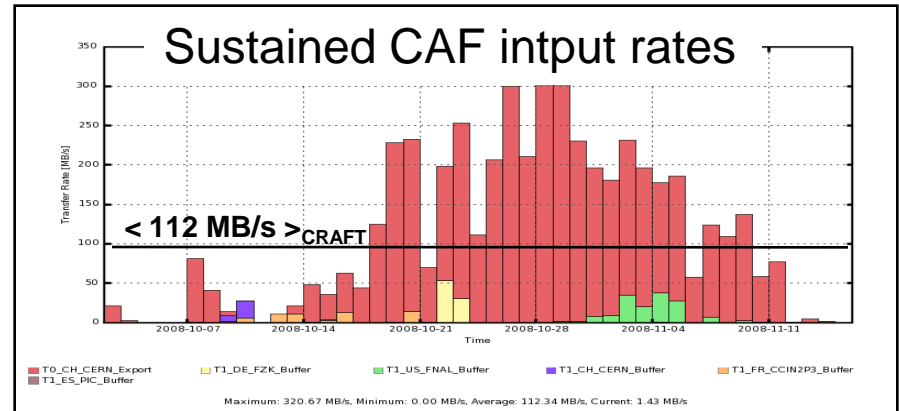
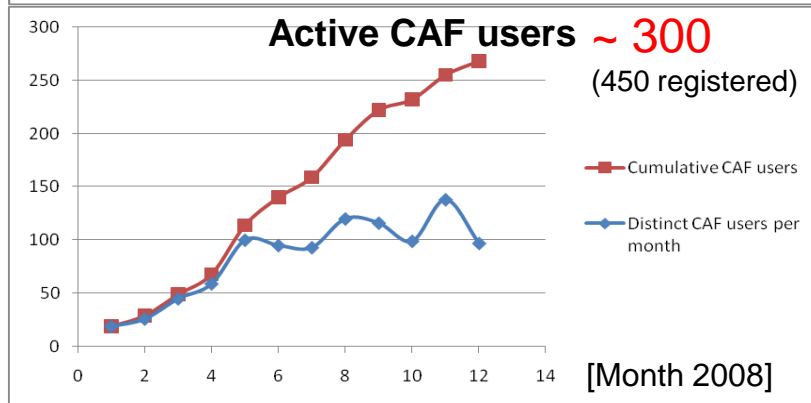
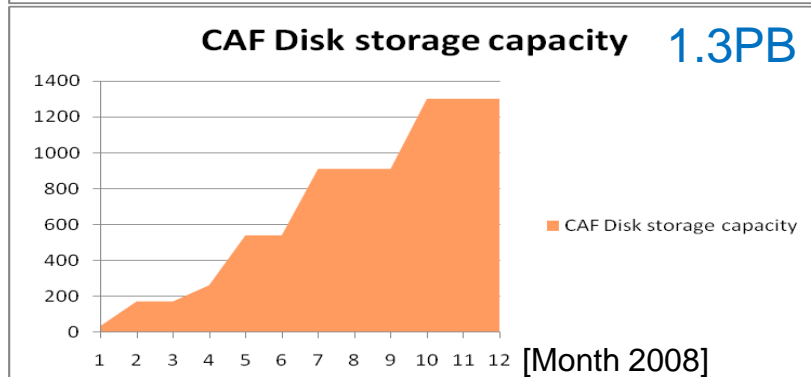
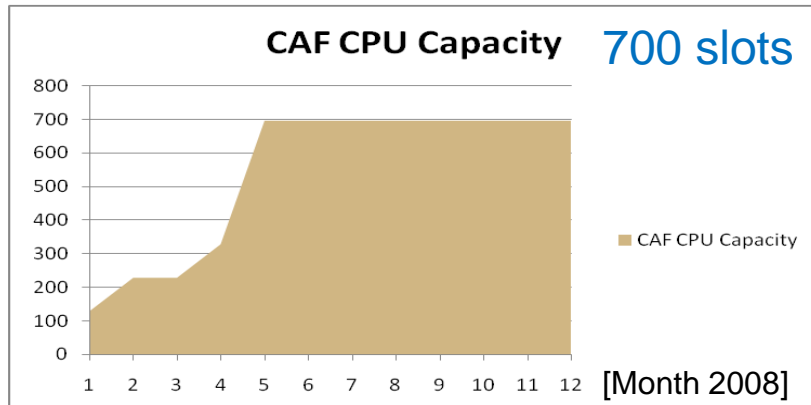
usage (for data managers), transfer qualities...



# The Role of the „CAF/T1“ at CERN

- Unique role for latency-critical functions at the source of the analysis chain, with the main goals of :
  - alignment and calibration
  - trigger and detector diagnostics, monitoring and performance analysis
  - physics monitoring, analysis of express stream, fast-turnaround high-priority analysis
- At LHC startup , extended role: [Detector Commissioning](#), [Offline DQM](#), [early analysis](#), requiring large fraction of the RECO (RAW) data on CAF
- The technical requirements on the CAF/T1 are based on the capability to support high-priority and low-latency workflows
  - Large disk-only storage pool
  - Dedicated batch system
  - Interactive facilities
- While enforcing controlled and prioritized access policies to hundreds of users
  - Single entry point for Disk / WN / Interactive access : [LSFWEB](#), controlled by CAF Group leaders

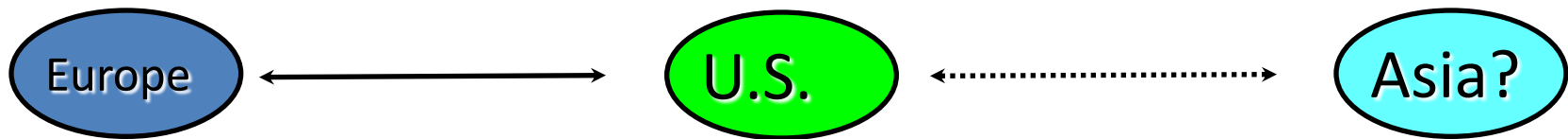
# CAF@CERN Status Performance



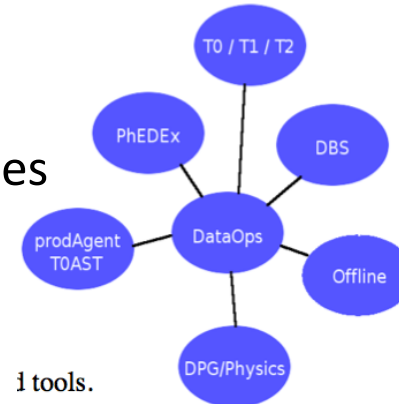
# The role of CAFs in general

- The „CAF/T1“ at CERN has unique role : low latency data access for Calibration&Alignment and Express analysis. To be opposed to general CAFs
- CMS will extend the role of the CAF to serve all CMS users at CERN
  - User Storage : 1-2 TB/user CASTOR, for 200-400 users
  - Requires User Access policies + Space Management (no quotas in CASTOR)
  - Interactive facility : lxplus
  - CAF/T1 will stay „protected“ (but same CASTOR name space)
- „CAF/T2“ also planed at CERN (Grid access, Group space) but not yet well defined
- Other CMS „CAFs“ at Tier-1s :
  - FNAL : inter. access, dedicated batch farm, no GRID connection to CAF resources
  - CCIN2P3-T2 : using physically same SRM endpoint as T1, CPU sperate between T1 and T2 (or at least prioritized with production roles)
- CAFs are capitalizing on the fact that local physics communities have easy access to production data + interactive access. However, the Distributed Analysis Model stays the only viable solution for CMS-wide analysis, given the large amount of data and physicists spread around the world.

# Central/Remote Computing Operations



- Data Production begins with **Data Operations**
  - CMS has utilized a two team model for almost 2 years
  - Hand off at the end of the **CERN** day to **FNAL** team. Potentially **a team for the Asia time zone** in the future
- Data Operations Tasks
  - Validate all CMSSW (software) releases
  - Operate T0 for data taking
  - Reprocess Data/MC at T1s
  - Produce MC at the T2s
  - Coordinate central data transfers
- **Facilities Operations** is more distributed, e.g. Site Monitoring or SW Deployment teams
- Plan to create **Analysis Operations** team to support users
- The CERN CMS Centre and FNAL Remote Operations Center are “home bases” for Central Operations and for the **Offline Computing Shifts**, but plan to extend to more Remote Operation Centers





# Computing Operation Centres

CMS Remote Operations Centre at Fermilab

CMS Experiment Control Room



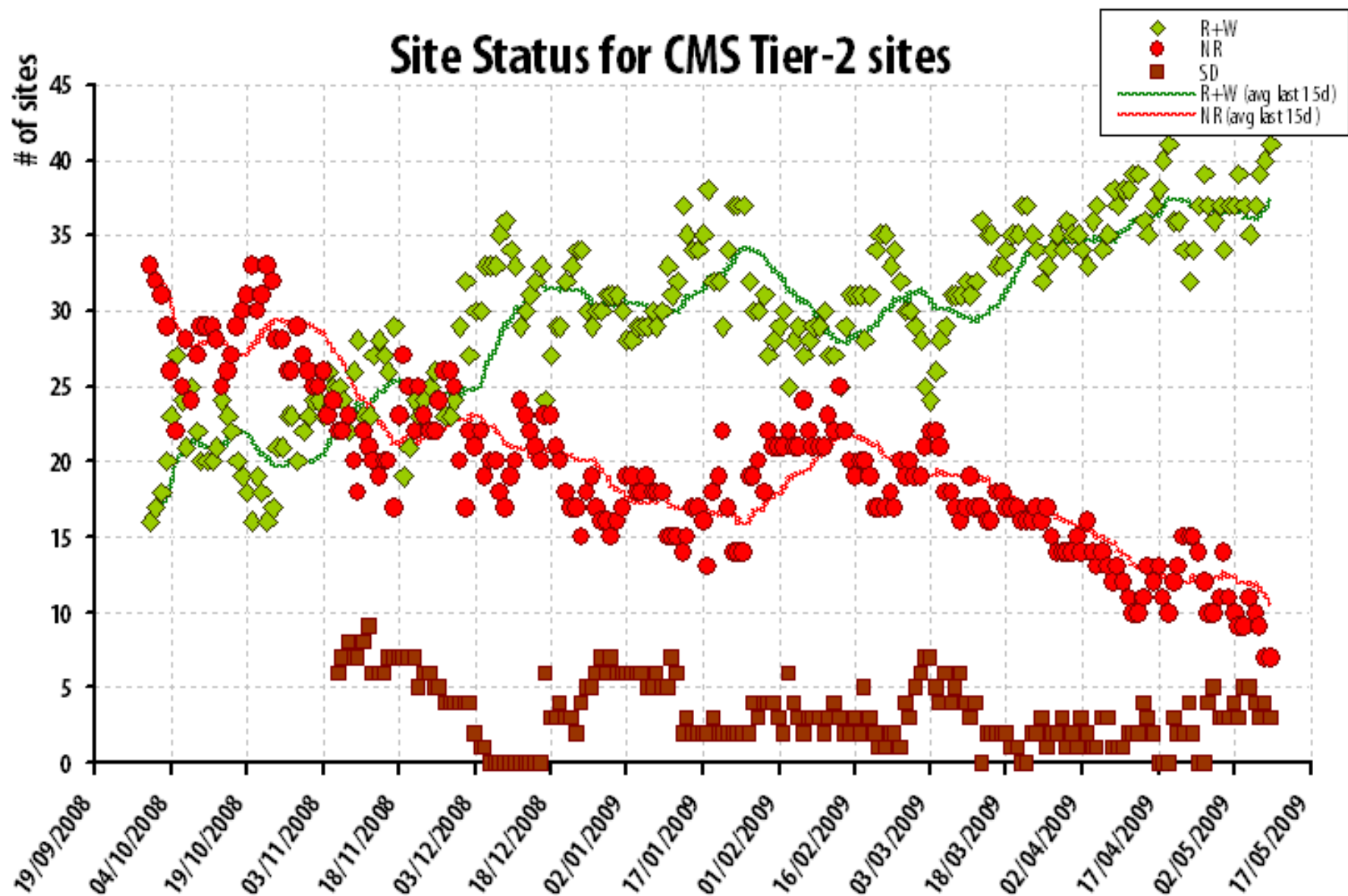
Permanently-running video links between operations centres

CMS Centre at CERN: monitoring, computing operations, analysis

October 22, 2008

CMS Distributed  
Computing & Analysis

# Site Availability and Readiness





# Challenges/Evolution of the Model until the Physics run

- Step09: Scaling test to be started June 1st
  - Tier-0 : multi-VO tape writing
  - Tier-1 : Processing and Storage I/O
  - Tier-2 : Large Scale Analysis activity
- CRAFT, MWGR, ...



- Evolution of the Data Distribution between today / LHC Startup / High Luminosity running (non-exhaustive list) :

## (i) Today

- All RECO data at Tier-2s (keep 2 copies) + all RECO at CAF
- All RECO from Tier-1 reprocessing back to CAF
- ➔ insurance to make data quickly accessible. Not affordable (and hopefully not needed !) on the long run
- Occasionally Skimming done at Tier-0
- Un-equal processing contributions of Tier-1s (CERN and FNAL dominate)
- ➔ Need to make more efficient use all CMS resources

# Challenges/Evolution of the Model until the Physics run (ctnd)

## (ii) 2010 and beyond : Large increase of Data Volume

- Optimize **Primary Datasets** (10-20) : **reasonable and equal size** in order to optimize Tier-0 processing and Tier-1 Data Distribution. Also reduce PD overlap (current estimate 40%)
- **CAF** : migrate RECO analysis **to Tier-2s**
- **Tier-1** : make better use of resources
- **Tier-2** : treat storage more dynamically. Tier-1 → Tier-2 transfer only when needed, then flush Tier-2 space.  
→ **Good networking should allow to do that !**
- **Analysis Model** : deploy tool to **promote user-produced data to all-CMS** : migrate data from /store/user to /store/results, merge small datafiles, inject them into PhEDEx and Global DBS.
- Strengthen central Computing Operations: Asian zone, Analysis Operations support, Computing shifts
- ...

# Conclusions

- The CMS Data Distribution Model is based on **Primary Datasets**
- As opposed to the ATLAS „clouds“ concept, CMS **pulls data from Tier-1s** and has **broader data-access**
- ➔ The price to pay is the **commissioning of the full mesh connectivity between sites**
- The CMS Analysis Model tries to empower more users to **manage their data** (PH group space mgmt at Tier-2s)
- CMS computing workflows and CMS sites have already reached a high level of Readiness in recent years
- To meet our final goals, efforts need to be concentrated on **scaling tape I/O, scaling distributed analysis**, make better **use of resources**, go to routine operation mode