

# Monitoring experiences in large HPC infrastructures

From counters to clouds  
A holistic point of view

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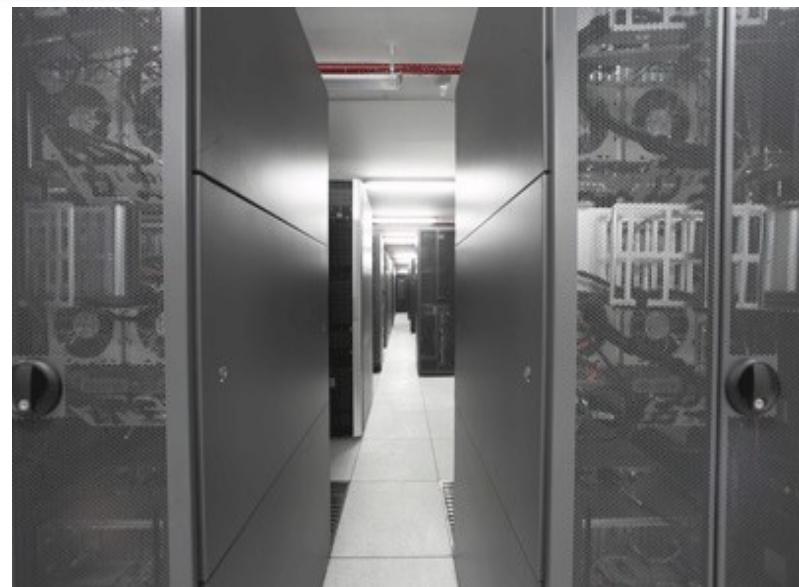


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# Agenda

- Monitoring in HPC (performance?)
  - Why monitor?
  - What monitor?
  - How to monitor? Tools (or lack of...). Holistic
- Accounting and billing
  - HPC infrastructures
  - Grid/Cloud infrastructures
- Other measurements & metrics
  - Power efficiency, productivity & others



## Spanish National Singular Scientific & Technological Infrastructure

More than: **16 TFLOPS**

**2,580 Itanium CPUs**

**19 TB Memory**

**LINUX, UNIX, WINDOWS**

# Why monitor

- Proactive problem solving
- Everything ok? Really?
- Users complain -> boss complains
- No performance (not expected level of performance)
- Maybe not because of system, but you need to know
- Efficient use of systems ->
  - Load balance among different supercomputers
  - Choose right system for the right problem
  - Detect incorrect use by users
  - Equal share among users
  - SLA fullfillment
- Batch system waiting time
- ....many more
- Mandatory to Plan and design new systems for the future

# What monitor

- Core / Socket
- Chip Caches
- Memory & Memory buses
- IO devices (disk, networks) & PCI slots
- NUMA Challenges.... increasing topic
- Other hardware
- Whole Server
- Switches (Ethernet, Infiniband & FC)
- Use and performance of Services
- Performance? and performance modelling
- (Parallel) Filesystem use and performance
- Applications, software use & licensing
- Users
- Power usage, temperature (environment)
- Whole system (cluster + filesystems +....)
- Infrastructure support (UPS + Air conditioning + ....)
- **Correlate all these sensors**

Individual components



Whole facility



– -> lot of experience -> Holistic approach -> use of AI

# How to monitor? Tools... and lack of

- Perfom
- Caliper
- Nagios
- Ganglia
- CMU
- Accounting tools
- Batch logs
- Top
- ps ...
- Who wants to join all of them?
- Correlate all these tools -> Holistic approach

Integrated view, expertise...

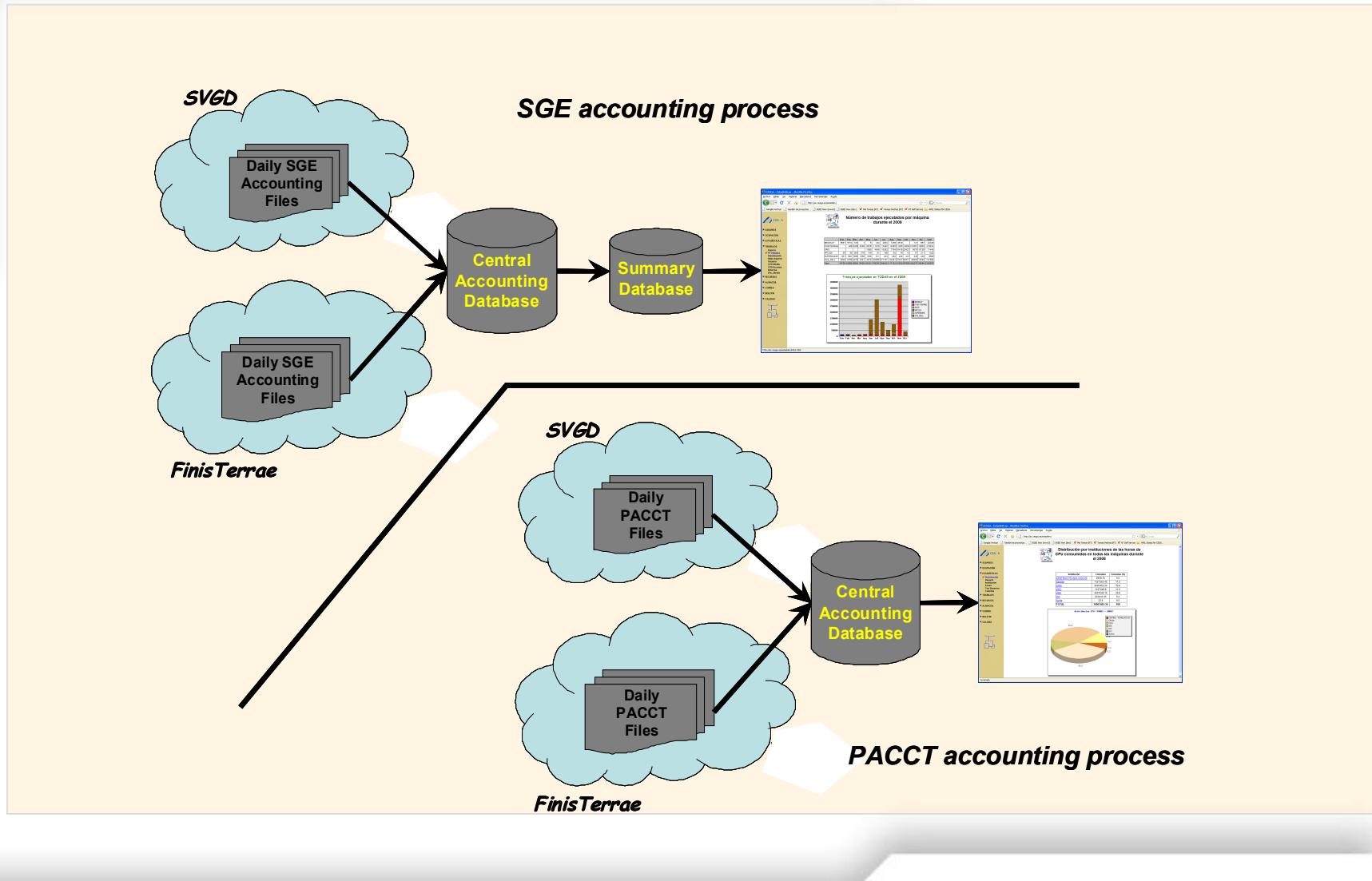
# Tools (comparison)

Metrics Tools	Ganglia	Nagios	Supermon	LLView	NWPerf	Monalisa	CMU
<b>Lightweight sensors</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Non intrusive sensors</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Based on standard software</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No (Unicore)	Yes	Yes	No (HP)
<b>Real time analysis</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Port-mortem analysis (jobs) / Data repository</b>	No/ Yes	No/Yes	No/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	No/Ye s
<b>Bottleneck detection</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>Performance analysis</b>	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
<b>System monitoring (cpu,mem,io..)</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (but need LISA)	Yes
<b>Per-Job analysis</b>	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Per-user analysis</b>	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Intra-Job analysis (processes)</b>	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
<b>Visualization of results</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Database</b>	Yes (RRDtool)	Yes (MySQL)	No	Yes (XML files)	Yes (postgresql)	Yes	Yes
<b>Interactive interface</b>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

# CESGA internal accounting tool

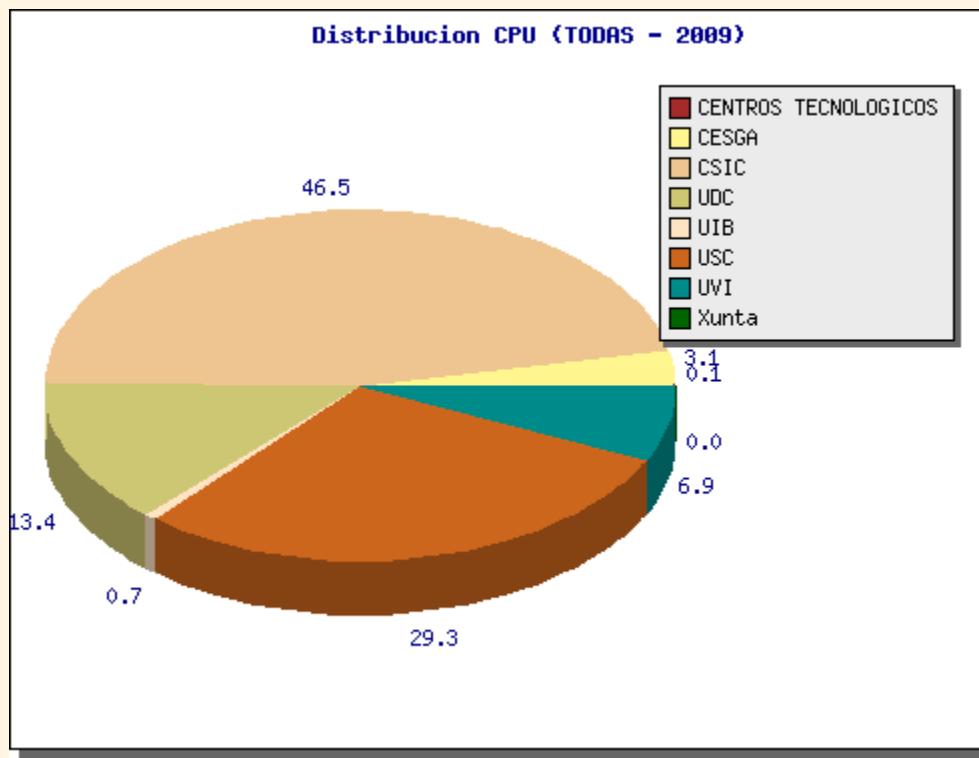
- Self developed over +10 years
- Web interface
- 3,000,000 records in DB
- Integrate User management (register, track, control)
- Accounts for the use of resources
- Principal statistics
  - CPU time, max memory, disk...
  - Resources reserved
  - Usage stats by user / institution /scientific area..

# Accounting flow



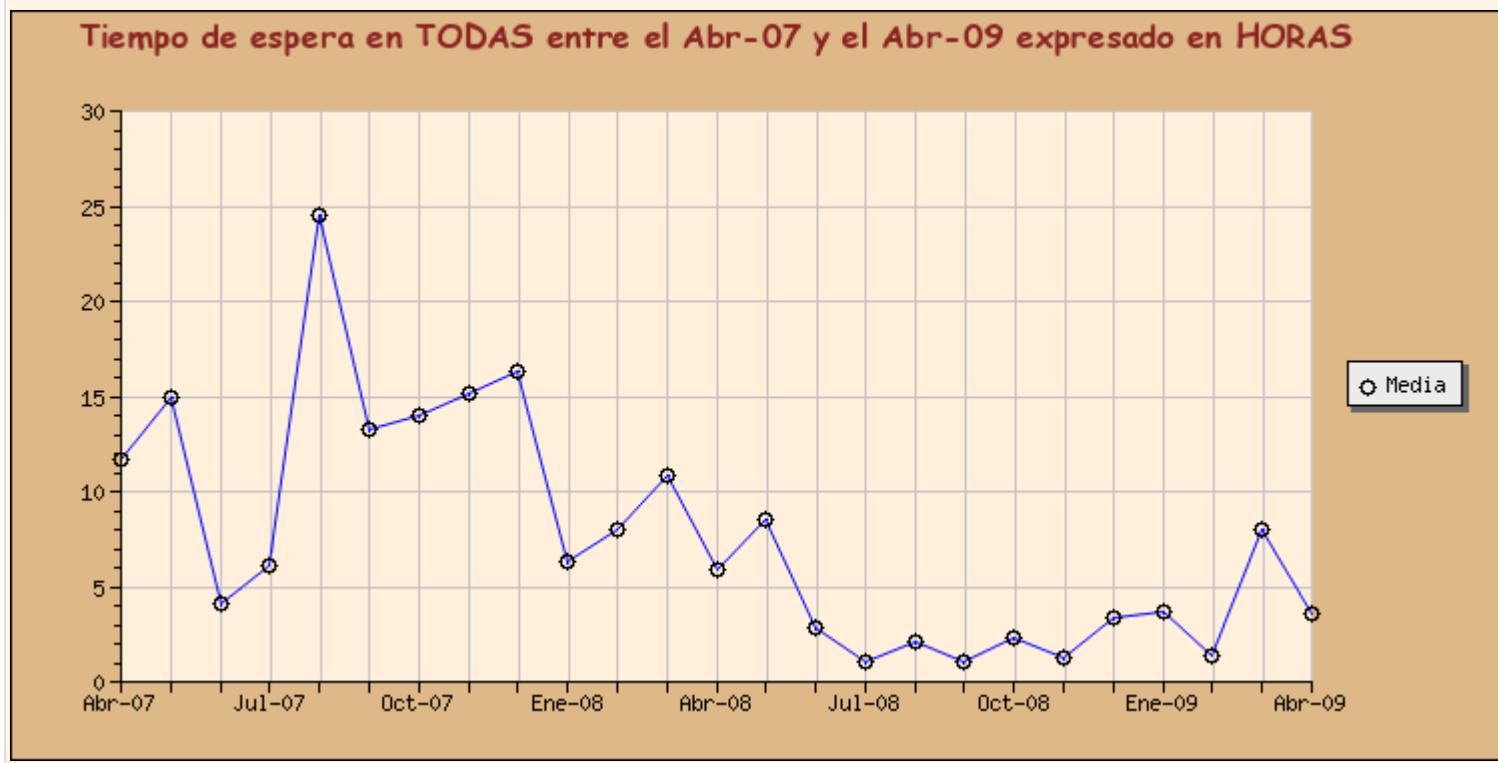
# Examples: per institution use

Percentage of CPU use (all systems) by each institution



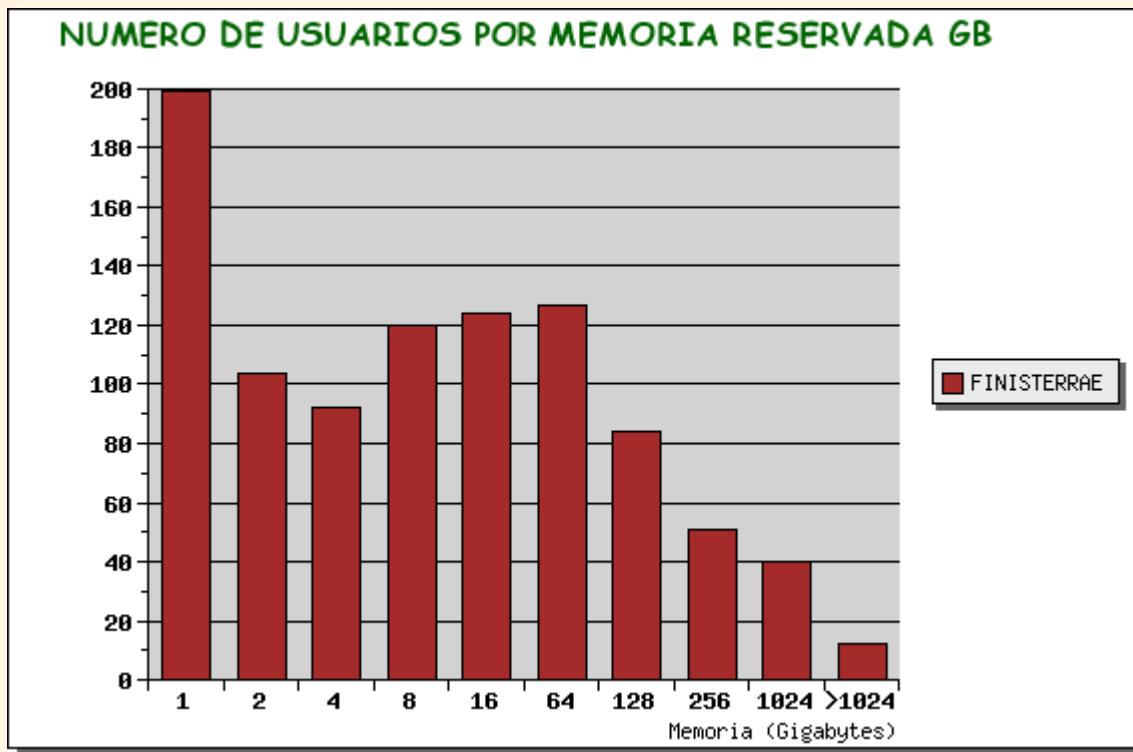
# Examples: Batch system waiting time

Average waiting time (all systems) in hours since april 2007



# Examples: resources reserved

# of users as a function of reserved memory

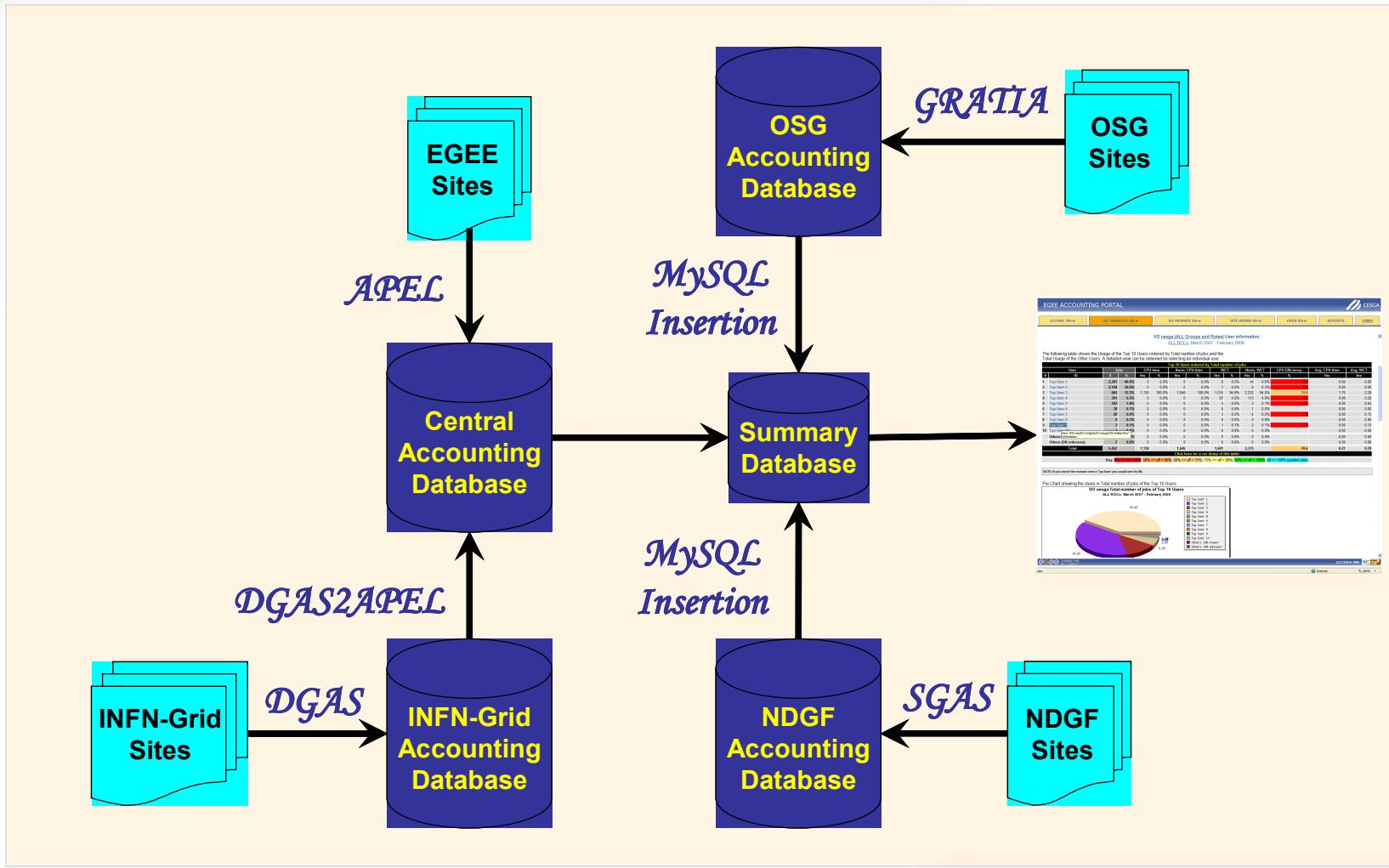


# Grid Accounting in EGEE



- Largest production grid
- Key characteristics:
  - Over 267 sites, >50 countries, 114,000cpus
  - 200 Vos, > 16,000 users, > 150k jobs daily
- Accounting portal for EGEE:
  - Based on CESGA accounting tool
  - Collects per job usage records
  - Stores in centralized DB, >15,000,000 records
  - reports statistics about: per-VO, per-use, per-site, .... summarized by Region, tier, etc...

# Accounting flow EGEE



# Grid Accounting in EGEE

- Portal Access with user certificate (same for grid use)
- Consumed resources by VO/site/month:
  - number of jobs
  - Norm. Sum. CPU
  - Sum. CPU
  - Norm. Sum. Elapsed
  - Sum. Elapsed
  - CPU Job Efficiency
- Different views:
  - Tier1/2/Country/EGEE/OSG/VO Discipline View
  - Accounting per User
  - VO manager view
  - VO member view
  - Site admin view
  - User view

# Grid Accounting/EGEE

EGEE Accounting Portal - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www2.egee.cesga.es/gridsite/accounting/CESGA/dev/tier1\_view.html

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## EGEE ACCOUNTING PORTAL

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GLOBAL View VO MANAGER View VO MEMBER View SITE ADMIN View USER View REPORTS LINKS

Hierarchical Tree

- Tier1
  - CA-TRIUMF
  - CH-CERN
  - DE-KIT
  - ES-PIC
  - FR-CCIN2P3
  - IT-INFN-CNAF
  - NDGF
  - NL-T1
  - TW-ASGC
  - UK-T1-RAL
  - US-FNAL-CMS
  - US-T1-BNL
- Tier2
  - Countries
  - EGEE
    - Production
    - PPS
    - OSG
    - EELA
    - UNREGISTERED
    - VO\_Discipline
    - VO\_Metrics

Percentage 11.62% 47.72% 36.37% 4.28%

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The information in the previous table is also shown in the following graph.

TIER1 Normalised CPU time by TIER1 and VO  
LHC VOs. June 2008 - May 2009

Normalised CPU time (in hours)

alice atlas cms lhcb

Legend:

- US-T1-BNL
- US-FNAL-CMS
- UK-T1-RAL
- TW-ASGC
- NL-T1
- NDGF
- IT-INFN-CNAF
- FR-CCIN2P3
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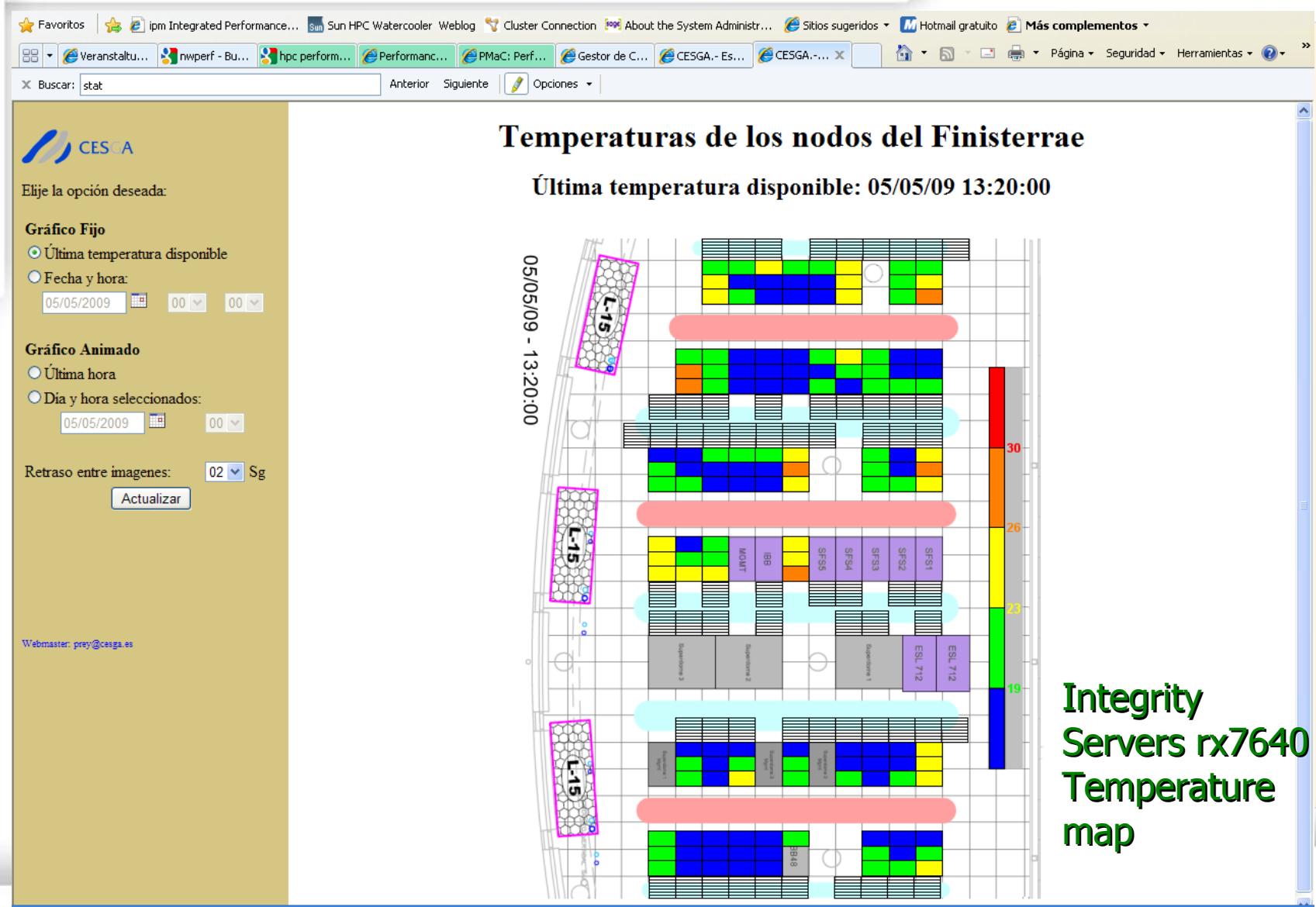
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# Virtual servers

## Accounting for cloud computing

- No warranty of CPU-use (accounting tools)
- 2 virtual CPUs over 1 CPU -> twice as much CPU time available!
- No real information about cpu use
- No isolation of systems -> Performance isolation?
- Xenmon (<http://www.hpl.hp.com/techreports/2005/HPL-2005-187.pdf>)
- Profiling -> Xenoprof
- Dom0 (hypervisor) cpu use corresponding to domx should be taken in account (domx+dom0)
- More monitoring issues (specially on performance)
- What happens with other virtualization systems:
  - KVM, vmware...

# Environmental monitoring



# Energy & Efficiency



- Monitoring data center productivity
- Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE)=

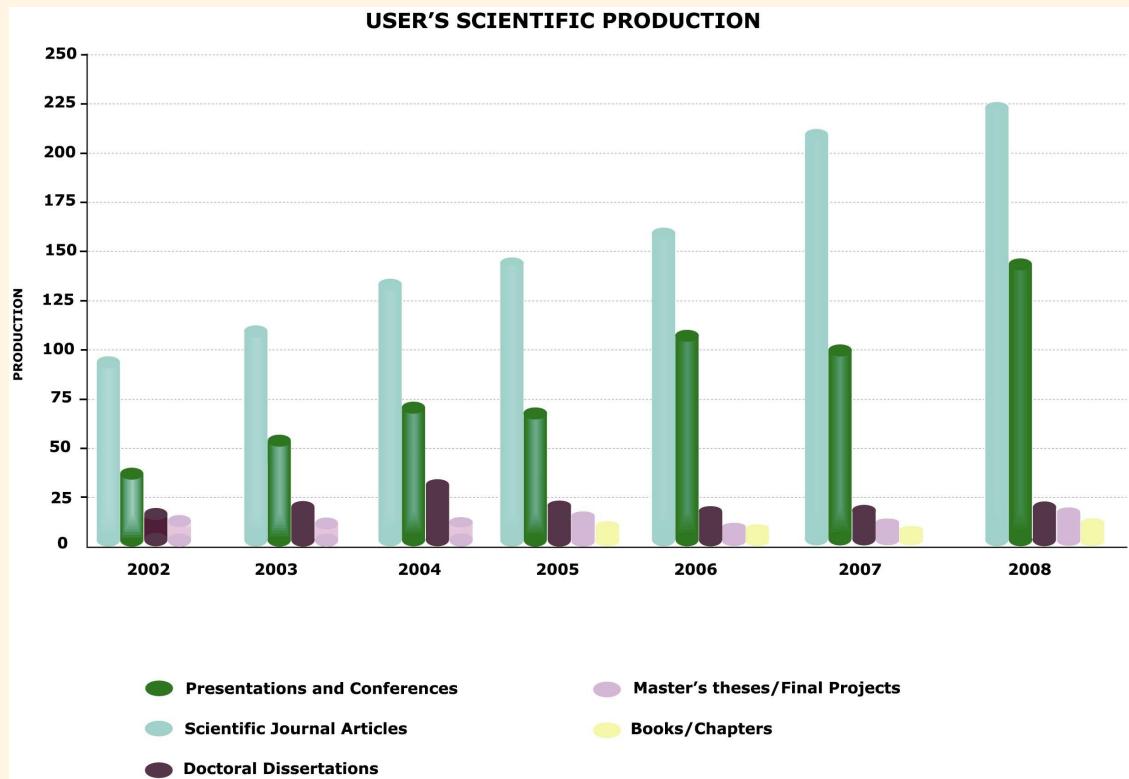
$$\frac{\text{Total Facility Power}}{\text{IT Equipment Power}}$$

- Data Center Infrastructure Efficiency (DCiE)  
– Reciprocal of PUE
- Data Center Energy Productivity (DCeP)=

$$\frac{\text{Useful Work Produced}}{\text{Total Data Center Energy Consumed Producing this Work}}$$

# Scientific Productivity

- This should be “the metric”?



# Thanks for your attention!!!

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