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Fabric for Frontier Experiments at Fermilab

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Overview

- Frontier Physics at Fermilab: Computing Challenges
- Strategy: common infrastructure on distributed resources
- Early successes with multiple communities

Diverse program of experiments



darkside

two-phase argon TPC for Dark Matter Direct Detection



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LBNE
LONG-BASELINE NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT
AT SANDHOLE UNDERGROUND LABORATORY

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Computing requirements for experiments

- higher intensity and higher precision measurements are driving request for more computing resources than previous “small” experiments
- beam simulations to optimize experiments - make every particle count
- detector design studies - cost effectiveness and sensitivity projections
- higher bandwidth DAQ and greater detector granularity
- event generation and detector response simulation
- reconstruction and analysis algorithms

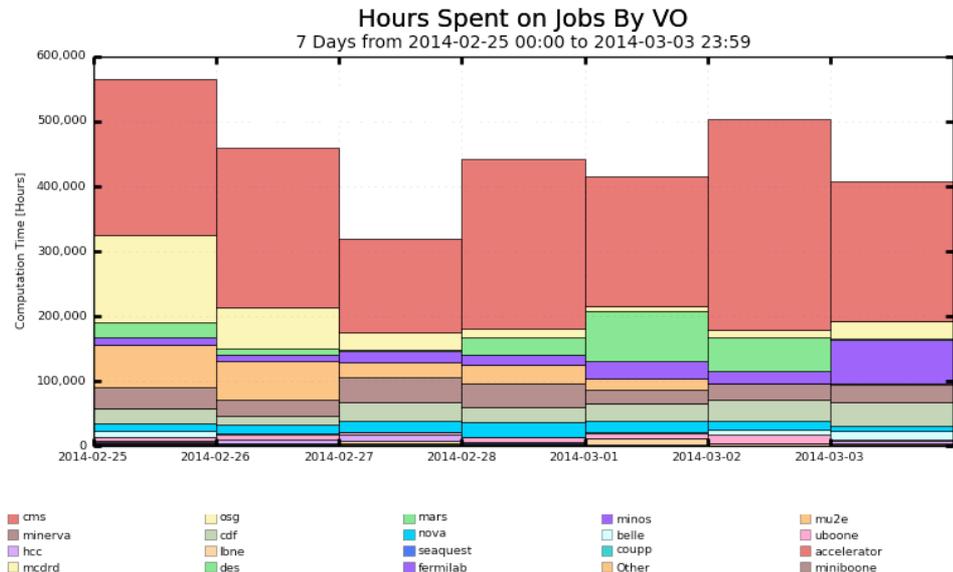
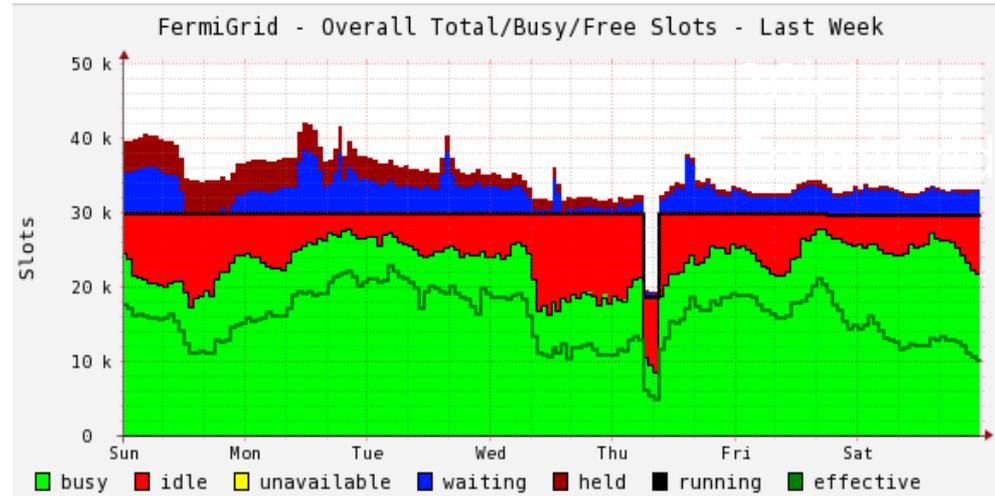
Fermilab Scientific Computing Review*

Experiment	Allocation (Slots)	Average Utilization (last quarter)		FY14 Request (Slots)
		Average Slots	Peak Slots	
ArgoNeuT	200	75	1712	0
Muon g-2	200	9	195	0
LBNE	500	30	1202	200
MARS	1225	212	1444	100
MicroBooNE	500	39	597	100
Minerva	1600	667	3580	500
Minos	1200	294	2427	0
Mu2e	500	597	2491	500
Nova	1300	410	1799	500
Total Requested	7225	2333	15447	1900

* Number of slots have been updated periodically since

Available onsite resources

- allowed experiments to develop architectures based on local resources
- now reintegrating them into a distributed computing model
- 30,000 slots on-site available through Open Science Grid interfaces
 - ~7,000 slots for smaller experiments, but aggregate peak need is twice as much
 - off-site resources are needed to meet experiments needs
 - OSG provides a framework for universities and laboratories to contribute resources to experiments remotely

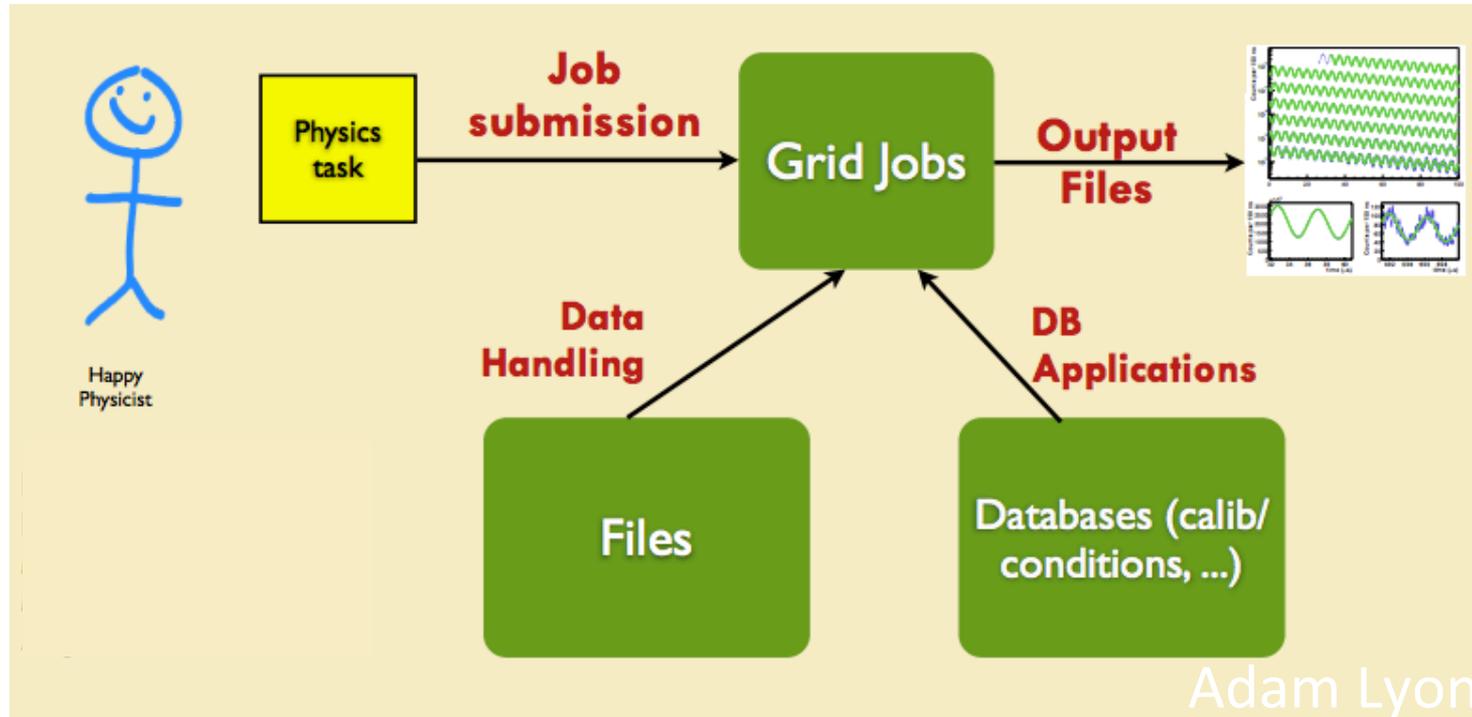


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Transition to OSG important for smaller experiments

- Most experiments are relatively small (~100 researchers)
 - Unlike Tevatron or LHC experiments, no resources to develop large scale computing infrastructure
- Implementing a unique computing infrastructure is too hard
- Fermilab SCD goal: integrate tools to meet the needs of smaller experiments, focusing on local resources, OSG, and Clouds
- Need to inform experiments and gather requirements from them
 - what resources are available?
 - how do you get a job onto the OSG? And onto Amazon?
 - what storage elements are available?
 - how does it all fit together?
- **FIFE represents an integrated solution from a new architecture**

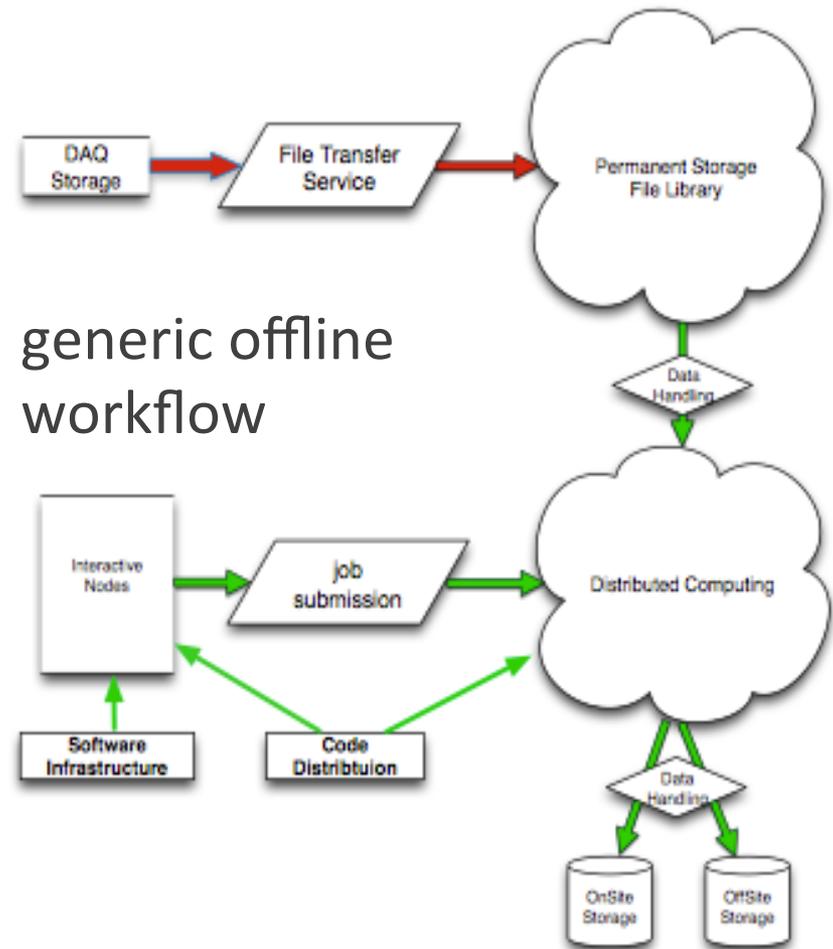
Fabric for Frontier Experiments (FIFE)



- ❖ provide resources while experiments focus on science
- ❖ integrate existing solutions into a consistent model

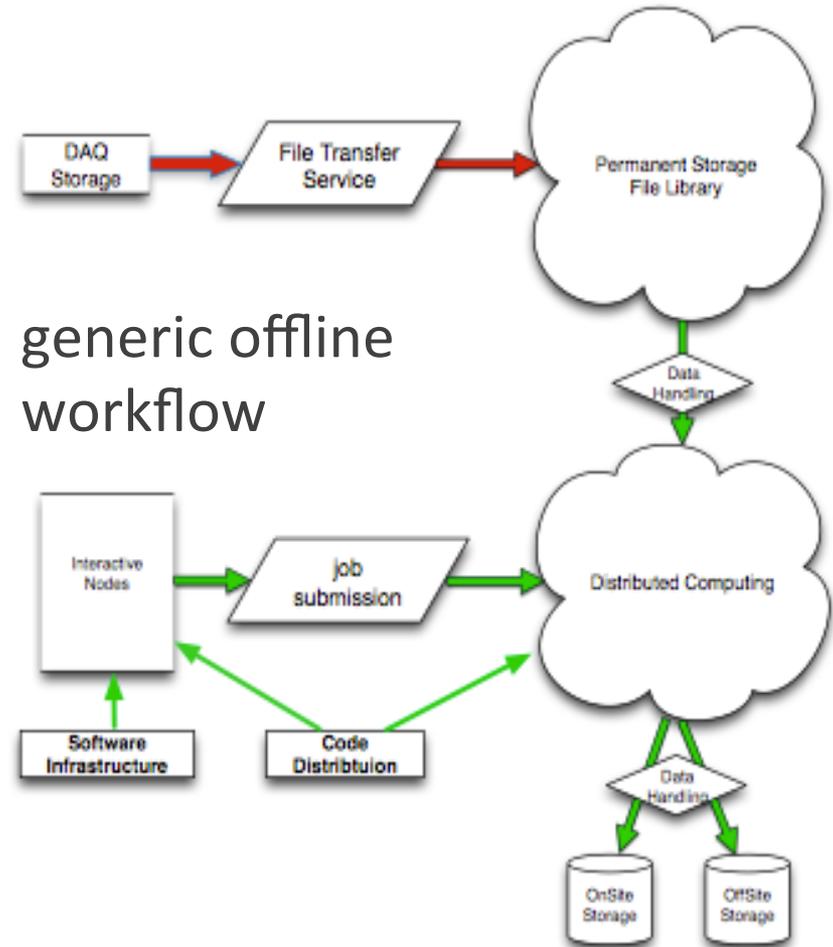
FIFE Strategy

- support the experiments in their computing needs
- modular: experiments can take only what they need
- designed so that while underlying solution may change, interface will be consistent
- provide mechanism for experiments to incorporate their tools and solutions
- help experiments utilize computing beyond the Fermilab campus
- integrate new tools and resources from outside Fermilab and other communities as they develop



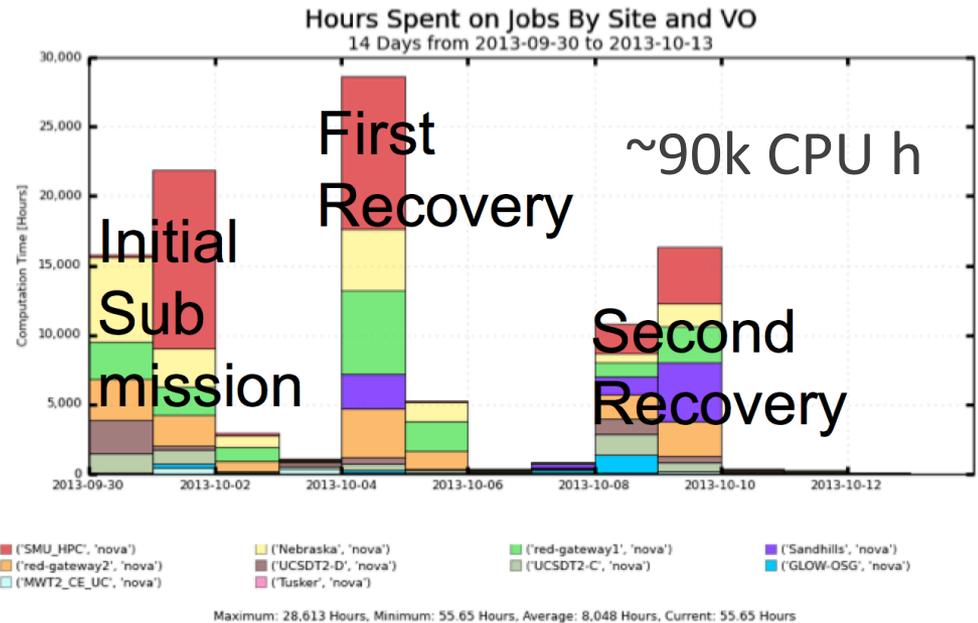
Current FIFE implementations

- Software Framework – ART supports integrated services (Data Handling, Geant4, ROOT)
- build environment and distribution
 - git, svn, gmake, cmake and distribution with CERN Virtual Machine File System (CVMFS)
 - build process and machine in development
- data handling - access to file catalog, tape storage, cache disk, and file transfer
- job submission infrastructure – based on GlideinWMS pilot system
- database infrastructure and access
- shared software (LArSoft for Liquid Argon TPC reconstruction)
- additional infrastructure - authentication, electronic control room log book, new user accounts



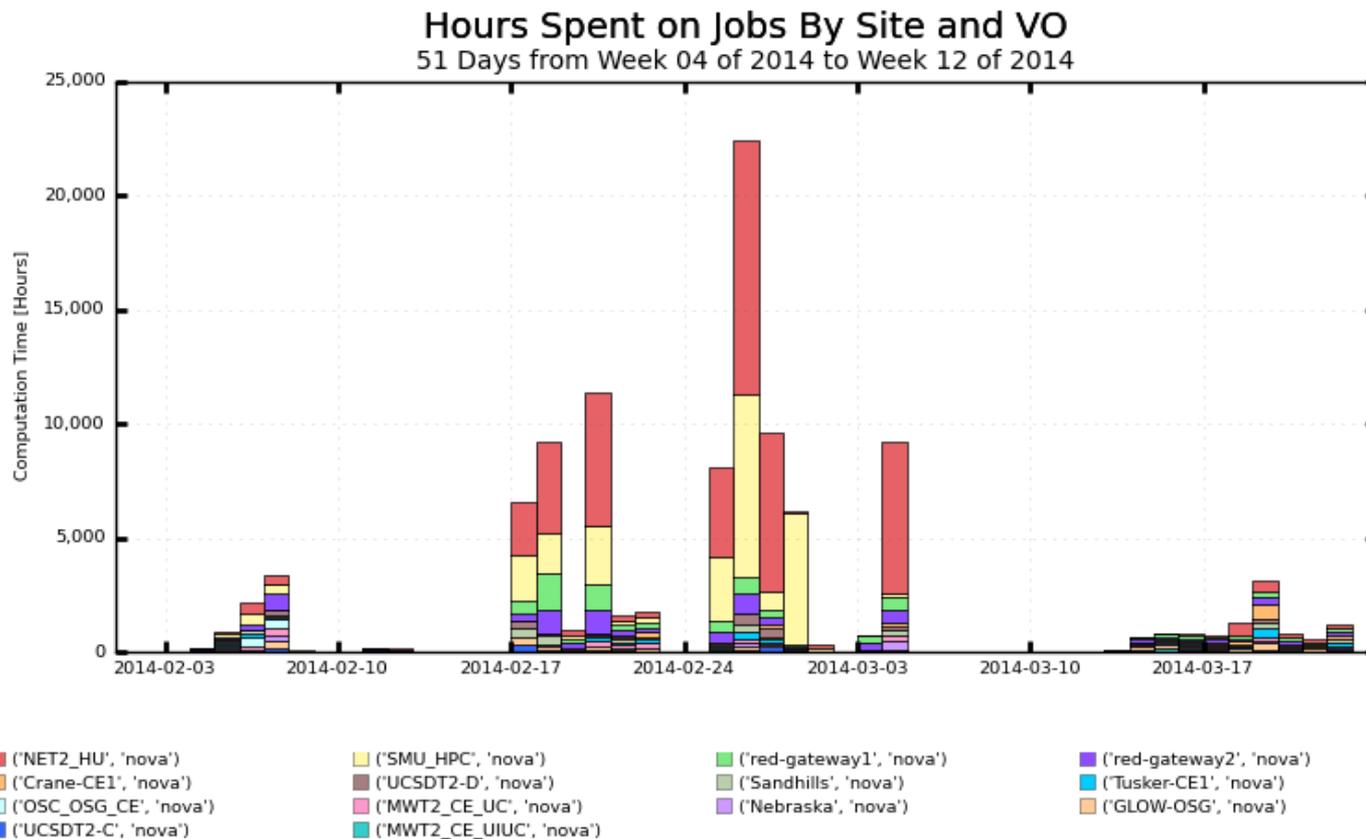
§1 – Integration success: early NOvA MonteCarlo on OSG

- Initial contained computing campaign with a single well-understood application
- 1,000,000 ev generated with ~10k jobs for 88,535 CPU h in 2 weeks of ops and 2 TB of data
- Run on OSG at SMU (dedicated), UNL, Uwisc, UC, UCSD and O(100) jobs at FermiCloud
- Operations consisted of 1 submission + 2 recoveries
- Spent about 10% more resources than expected due to preemption



- using same submission command from user perspective, launched jobs “on-demand” at FermiCloud to provide proof-of-principle for Cloud bursting grid jobs

§2 – Integration success: Ongoing NOvA computation on OSG ...



Maximum: 22,459 Hours, Minimum: 0.00 Hours, Average: 2,106 Hours, Current: 1,212 Hours

...and Amazon Web Services

“On-demand Services for the Scientific Program at Fermilab”

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§3 – Integration success: early experience of MicroBoone on OSG

- LArSoft: package common to multiple Intensity Frontier experiments – Liquid Argon Simulation of Time-Projection Chambers
- Code with dependencies were made fully portable and deployed through CVMFS.
- Demonstrated the ability to run interactively at OSG sites (Fermilab and SLAC)
- Preparing for batch job submission to OSG sites – Nebraska, UCSD, SLAC

Plans for improvements

- FIFE architecture has recently undergone a re-evaluation and re-architecture process
- job submission infrastructure modify to client-server model
- local storage element making transition to shared dCache pools
- data handling project continues to integrate new resources without any change in user interface
- starting new integration push for several experiments in both the Intensity Frontier and Cosmic Frontier

Conclusions

- Fermilab physics program is extremely active at all three frontiers
- large scale computing needs for new “small” experiments encourages shared services designed to ease integration to distributed resource – OSG, Commercial, and Community Clouds
- FIFE project has developed a strategy and architecture to achieve this
- currently integrated OSG processing into NOvA and MicroBoone. Next, targeting DarkSide50, mu2e, and Muon g-2
- looking forward to bringing more resources and techniques to enable increased scientific output from frontier experiments