

NAF Status Report

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DUST issues since last NUC

- > Good news first: No reoccurrence of the Oct. issues (partial service failure due to deadlocks on DUST NFS server) symptomatic was very similar as described in a SL6 kernel bug that got fixed around the same time.
- > Issues with metadata on DUST in Jan.:
 - HW extension of metadata building blocks with additional SSD enclosure between 2018-01-03 to 2018-01-05
 - Metadata temporary on HDDs caused no user noticable performance impact
 - Very noticable performance impact after migrating metadata back to SSDs
 - 2018-01-08 and 2018-01-10: Short term mitigation, migrate metadata back to HDDs
 - Hanging NFS mounts in same week, most likely due to bad metadata performance => NFS server restart
 - Analysis of storage vendor: hidden hardware fault of internal RAID controller (used by GPFS as very fast cache for small IO)
 - RAID controller replaced on 2018-02-13 and metadata migrated back on SSD a day later
 - No performance problems since then



DUST issues since last NUC cont.

> DUST problems this weekend:

- 2018-02-19: nafhh-zeus01/02, naf-hone01 & nafhh-belle02 rebooted on short notice
- Hanging NFS mounts for both pNFS and DUST (shared space in NFS client)
- Unclear situation, as NFS errors from pNFS mount have been logged

> Currently in contact with storage vendor to debug IO errors



HTCondor status

- > Suffered from DUST issues
- > PNFS deadlock beginning of february (pending IO blocked kernel on dcache-desy40.desy.de)
- > CVMFS problems around 12. feb with stale volumes (also in GRID)
- > Implementing more tests and checks concerning fsmounts that will go into STARTD cron later and automatically block nodes with Problems
- > AFS token handling still work-in-progress
- > Issues with paniking tokenhandler fixed by better signal handling (in busy times >10.000 signals/sec)
- > Updated cluster with recent version of tokenhandler on monday
- > Fix for a race condition tuesday
- > Couple of bugs reported back to the HTC-team (nearly all fixed)



> Open bugs:

- KRB tickets hang around on workernodes too long after job finished
- STARTD waits forever if no token appears at jobstart (fixed in next release)

> Improvements

- Two running scheduler in the htc-pilot now (third one is desirable)
- Implemented testbed for testing new releases of HTCondor
- 'Directed acyclic Graphs' (DAG) jobs running
- Documentation in Confluence extended
- User mailinglist is lively
- Extension of job classadd tested (job keeps track of unsuccessful run attempts and puts those nodes in a 'blacklist' for next negotiation, will be default soon)

> First implementation of hierarchical group quotas running

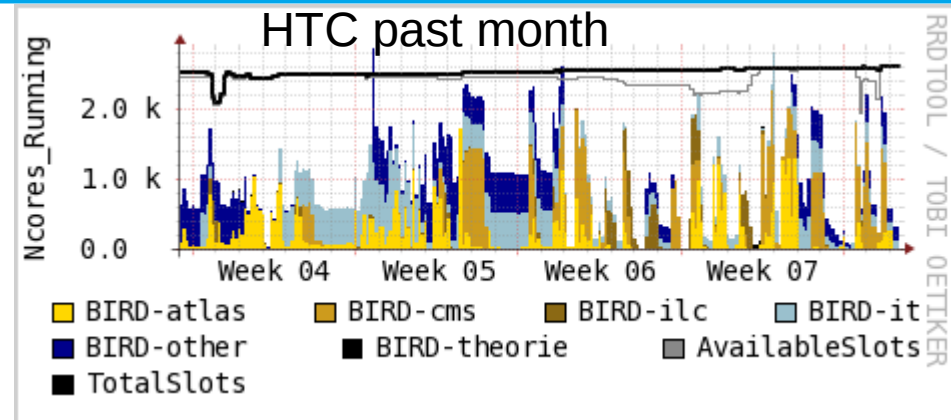
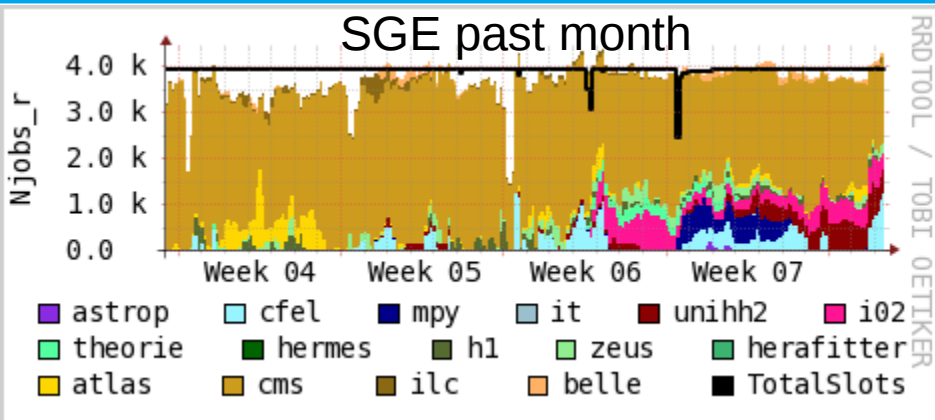
- Currently two jobclasses:
- lite: RequestJobRuntime <= 3h && RequestMemory <= 2048 kB
- Bite: everything else

> In testbed = 3 Job classes

- lite: RequestJobRuntime <= 3 h && RequestMemory <= 2048 kB
- short: RequestJobRuntime <= 24 h && RequestMemory <= 4098 kB
- long: RequestJobRuntime <= 7 d && RequestMemory > 4098 kB

> Quota surplus on 'lite' jobs only makes sure that small jobs run on the 'fast lane' and fairshare is the norm

Next steps



- > Further migrate users now? Probably yes.
- > How to trigger?
- > New nodes awaiting configuration
 - Put N% in HTC and (100-N)% in BIRD. What is N? 100?
- > Migration plan for the SGE ressources?



- > Some systems with GPU purchased by DESY CMS group and UniHH
- > Placed in the Maxwell cluster
 - Pros:
 - Enlarging GPU pool, opportunistic usage
 - SLURM scheduling established for GPU usage
 - Software available (easier with EL7)
 - Cons:
 - No DUST available (will never be)
 - AFS: yes, but not \$HOME, and K5 token not automatically in batch
 - CVMFS not (yet!) available ... but will come
 - No general access to AF-ATLAS
- > If need is:
 - We can relocate the GPUs to NAF/BIRD
 - Will stick to EL7
 - Will need to investigate whole-node-scheduling in HTC (we do not foresee another mode of operation for GPU systems)
 - Purchase more GPUs if needed?