

LTDA usage

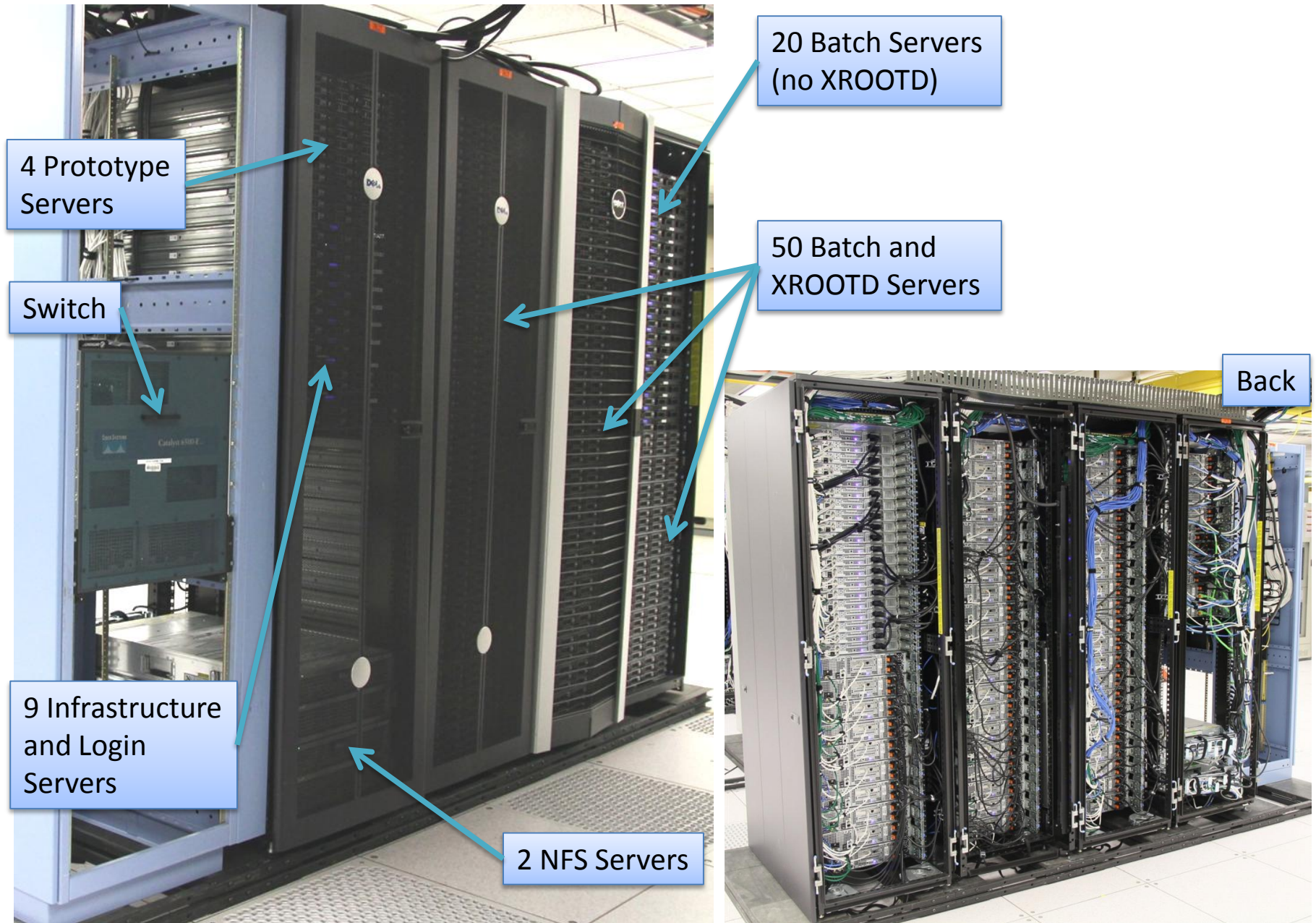
from user and administrative point of view

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BABAR

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Hardware overview



Hardware overview

- infrastructure servers
(1x cron server, 2x LDAP servers, 2x database servers)
- 3 login machines
(load balanced pool bbrltda)
- 54x R510 batch and xrootd storage server
(3GHz dual 6-core CPUs, 48GB RAM, 24TB local xrootd disk space)
- 20x R410 batch server
(3GHz dual 6-core CPUs, 48GB RAM, 2TB local disk space)
- 1 test server
(configured like batch machines without xrootd)
- 2x NFS server
(32TB NFS storage each, ZPOOL with 4 raidz-2 consist of 11 disks and 2 hot spare disks)

NFS usage

wain061

- used for job output (large root files)
- every AWG has own ZFS for easy administration (13 AWG in total)
- 1TB space for each AWG to start with, some already need more

wain062

- User home directories
 - separate ZFS for each user (620 in total)
 - 1GB space for every home directory
- *BABAR* repository
 - *BABAR* analysis releases
 - external packages and libraries, like ROOT
 - LTDA/batch system related software
 - VM base images
- temporary job output space, shared between all AWGs

Batch/Queue system

- Torque (PBS)/Maui used
- server runs on lta-cron
- job submission from the login machines
- 3 user queues available
 - default queue **batch** with 5h walltime can use all job slots
 - **long** queue with 20h walltime and 100 job slots
 - **production** queue with 24h walltime and 850 job slots
 - with HT on we have **1668 jobs slots** in total

Usage of virtualization

- depending on the used physics release a SL4, SL5, or SL6 base image can be used
 - base image is on NFS
 - only 1 base image for every OS release is needed to start jobs on all batch servers
 - very easy administration
- physics analysis environment is stable in time
- base images are read-only for the batch jobs
 - adds safety against unwanted changes in the base image
 - temporary local image contains all writes (copy-on-write image)
 - temporary image is deleted when a job finishes

Job startup

- user submits job from the login machines
- Maui schedules the job for a specific server
- on the server a **prologue script** is started
 - creates the temporary local image for writes
 - creates a temporary local image to provide scratch space in the VM
 - reserves an available MAC address from a local database
 - determines job parameters like CPUs, RAM, base image
 - creates a network interface for the VM (tunctl/brctl/ifconfig)
 - starts the VM by executing qemu directly with all above determined parameters
- VM uses DHCP to get the IP based on MAC address
- once the VM is started the user job is transferred to it together with the environment using ssh and is executed

Job end

- once the user job is finished, the ssh connection is closed
- after closing the ssh connection an **epilogue script** is executed
 - VM is destroyed
 - network interface used for the VM is deleted
 - MAC address is freed in the local database
 - temporary images are deleted
 - temporary job script is deleted
- log file of the user job is copied from local server to the final destination

Performance tests

We tested **physics analysis jobs**, **xrootd performance**, **CPU intensive jobs**, and **I/O intensive jobs**.

- analysis jobs:**
- about 1500 jobs used in the same configuration for every test
 - used walltime reported by the queue system
 - used CPU time reported by the analysis job itself

xrootd performance: on the cluster locally available root files have been read using **xrdcp** by many batch jobs in parallel

CPU intensive jobs: ROOT benchmarks without graphical or disk output

I/O intensive jobs: **dd** to /scratch (local) and **cp** from scratch to NFS

General performance results

- delivering root files using xrootd is possible up to 12GB/s in the cluster
- CPU intensive jobs show no dependency on number of parallel jobs
- I/O intensive jobs as expected slow down with increasing number of parallel running jobs on the same server
- double the number of parallel jobs with HT on doesn't affect CPU intensive jobs; for I/O intensive jobs same trend as before

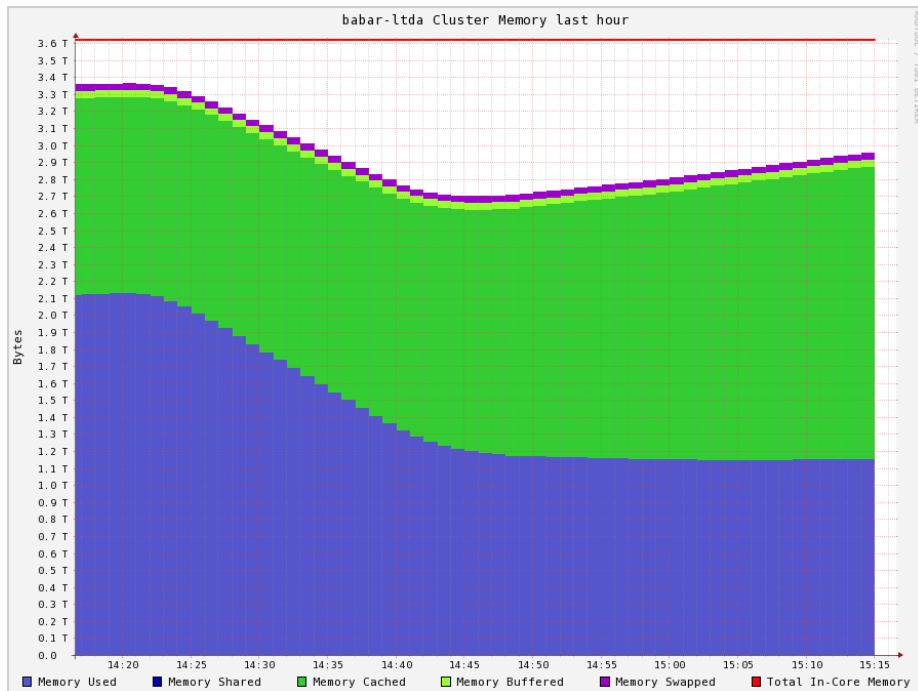
Physics analysis performance results

- gives same physics results on the LTDA as on the central SLAC system
- total CPU time used to finish physics jobs on the LTDA (11 jobs/server) and on the central SLAC system is comparable (-2.7% difference)
- HT on and up to 11 jobs in parallel show no difference for physics jobs
- CPU time to finish for physics jobs: 1 → 11: +20% 11 → 22: +30%
- time to finish all 1500 jobs, 11 → 22: -14%
- using SL5/SL6 image: about -35% CPU time used with SL6

(comparison with central SLAC batch system was done with the prototype only;
other tests done before extension of LTDA; all with RHEL5.x host OS)

KSM

- Kernel Samepage Merging (KSM) for RAM similar to deduplication for disk space
 - same memory pages are merged together into a single one - among different processes
 - most effective for many identical processes
 - that's what we have: all jobs use same VM image
- switching KSM on has no impact on used time of a job or the job output
- with KSM on used RAM reduced by nearly 50%



final system:

- use HT on
- use KSM on
- use 22 job slots on machines with xrootd storage
- use 24 job slots on machines without xrootd storage

Administration of running system

- Maui and Torque bring all needed tools for interacting with the batch system/scheduler
- we wrote our own scripts for monitoring
- on-disk and tape backups in place for wain061/wain062
- backup against failure of wain062 in place
- we created a validation system for Red Hat updates

Monitoring

System and usage monitoring are in place.

system monitoring

- client process on the machines which need to be monitored collects information
- same script for all machines
- client data is written to NFS
- server process on lta-cron analyzes this data and creates a web page together with batch system information and informs about problems

usage monitoring

- daily plots for running jobs, queued jobs, number of users, and production activity
- monthly plots available for queue usage by running jobs
- monthly plots with daily averages available

System monitoring

Server	last updated	uptime	ssh to VM	2. ssh to VM	running kvms	wain061	wain062	/var usage	/tmp usage	/scratch usage	sda	sdb	sdc	sdd	sde	sdf	sdg	sdh	sdi	sdj	sdk	sdl	sdm
bbrltda01	03/18/2013-10:39	6days	0	0	0	OK	OK	13%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
bbrltda02	03/18/2013-10:39	6days	0	0	0	OK	OK	15%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
bbrltda03	03/18/2013-10:39	6days	0	0	0	OK	OK	14%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
ltda-cron	03/18/2013-10:39	146days	0	0	0	OK	OK	60%	2%	4%	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
ltda-srv001	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	22	22	22	OK	OK	15%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv002	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	22	22	22	OK	OK	11%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv003	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	22	22	22	OK	OK	15%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv004	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	22	22	22	OK	OK	14%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv005	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	14%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv006	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	10%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv007	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	11%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv008	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	15%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
ltda-srv009	03/18/2013-10:39	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	11%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	n
ltda-	03/18/2013-	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	11%	2%	1%	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

System monitoring

ltda-srv073	03/18/2013-10:49	3days	0	0	0	OK	OK	11%	2%	1%	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
ltda-srv074	03/18/2013-10:49	189days	15	15	15	OK	OK	11%	3%	1%	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
ltda-srv075	03/18/2013-10:49	5:45	0	0	0	OK	OK	10%	2%	1%	OK	OK	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n	n

Queue	Max	Tot	Ena	Str	Que	Run	Hld	Wat	Trn	Ext	T	
testing	0	0	yes	yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	E	
long	100	0	yes	yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	E	
opr	0	12	yes	yes	0	12	0	0	0	0	E	
production	850	202	yes	yes	0	202	0	0	0	0	E	
mpiq	0	0	yes	yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	E	
interactive	0	3	yes	yes	0	3	0	0	0	0	E	
batch	1644	421	yes	yes	0	421	0	0	0	0	E	

interactive jobs on:

jobs exceeded walltime today
 number of jobs in batch queue: 0
 number of jobs in production queue: 0

successful finished jobs today: 1161

System monitoring

FairShare Information

Depth: 8 intervals Interval Length: 12:00:00 Decay Rate: 1.00

FS Policy: [NONE]

System FS Settings: Target Usage: 0.00 Flags: 0

FSInterval	%	Target	0
FSWeight	-----	-----	1.0000
TotalUsage	100.00	-----	13401.6

USER

USER	%	Target	0
afilippi	6.06	-----	6.06
arossi	12.62	-----	12.62
tqn	23.28	-----	23.28
fwilson	7.46	-----	7.46
biplabd	13.85	-----	13.85
babaropr	7.72	-----	7.72
oberhof	4.51	-----	4.51
ebert	8.23	-----	8.23
susmita	0.00	-----	0.00
buenger	1.40	-----	1.40
mchrzasz	14.88	-----	14.88

GROUP

GROUP	%	Target	0
br	84.81	-----	84.81
bf	0.00	-----	0.00
ec	15.19	-----	15.19

CLASS

CLASS	%	Target	0
batch	71.43	-----	71.43
production	12.62	-----	12.62
testing	0.51	-----	0.51
opr	7.72	-----	7.72
interactive	7.72	-----	7.72

maui active for 3:14:15:38 stats initialized on Wed Dec 31 16:00:00

Eligible/Idle Jobs:	0/0	(0.000%)
Active Jobs:	638	
Successful/Completed Jobs:	2173668/2173668	(100.000%)
Avg/Max QTime (Hours):	0.01/52.60	
Avg/Max XFactor:	0.00/9.83	

Dedicated/Total ProcHours: 626129.22/13268461.83 (4.719%)

Current Active/Total Procs: 647/1684 (38.420%)

Avg WallClock Accuracy:	15.245%
Avg Job Proc Efficiency:	87.596%
Est/Avg Backlog (Hours):	0.00/0.00

System monitoring

user	running jobs	running procs	currently using procs hours	completed jobs	%	proc-hours requested	%	dedicated proc hours	%	fairshare	AvgXF	MaxXF	AvgQT	Efficiency	WCAcc
aperez	0	0	0.00	33	0.00	165.0	0.00	57.8	0.00	-----	0.35	0.00	0.00	39.34	35.01
vsantoro	0	0	0.00	28	0.00	145.0	0.00	44.9	0.00	-----	0.32	0.00	0.03	43.70	31.88
cartaro	0	0	0.00	37	0.00	33725.0	0.03	13.6	0.00	-----	0.02	0.00	0.00	32.26	1.56
martelsl	0	0	0.00	8	0.00	40.0	0.00	0.3	0.00	-----	0.01	0.00	0.00	72.87	0.65
zoso	0	0	0.00	3	0.00	72.0	0.00	0.1	0.00	-----	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.42	0.20
demori	0	0	0.00	1	0.00	5.0	0.00	0.1	0.00	-----	0.02	0.00	0.00	77.45	1.70
griess	0	0	0.00	1	0.00	5.0	0.00	0.1	0.00	-----	0.02	0.00	0.00	74.39	1.70
stracka	0	0	0.00	2	0.00	10.0	0.00	0.1	0.00	-----	0.01	0.00	0.00	68.00	0.75
tomo	0	0	0.00	1702	0.08	34040.0	0.03	9983.1	0.51	-----	0.30	0.00	0.17	99.20	29.33
afilippi	0	0	0.00	3466	0.16	17330.0	0.02	1568.3	0.08	-----	0.10	0.00	0.06	87.07	9.10
beaulieu	0	0	0.00	62263	2.86	351188.0	0.33	44880.6	2.30	-----	0.14	0.00	0.02	88.40	14.23
lueckt	0	0	0.00	153964	7.08	775590.0	0.72	284569.2	14.58	-----	0.37	0.00	0.02	90.22	36.86
dana	0	0	0.00	58110	2.67	342272.0	0.32	42155.7	2.16	-----	0.10	0.00	0.01	91.87	9.47
anulli	0	0	0.00	11	0.00	55.0	0.00	0.2	0.00	-----	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.35	0.42
rsobie	0	0	0.00	1	0.00	5.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	-----	0.02	0.00	0.06	80.54	0.40
namaud	0	0	0.00	1	0.00	5.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	-----	0.01	0.00	0.02	71.96	0.30
arossi	202	202	3192.61	4089	0.19	97927.0	0.09	34739.5	1.78	-----	0.34	0.00	0.01	98.32	33.79
chcheng	0	0	0.00	28939	1.33	154387.0	0.14	69806.6	3.58	-----	0.49	0.00	0.02	94.47	48.81
rid	0	0	0.00	121	0.01	605.0	0.00	267.2	0.01	-----	0.44	0.00	0.00	97.94	44.17
fransham	0	0	0.00	5	0.00	65.0	0.00	6.8	0.00	-----	0.09	0.00	0.00	21.16	9.26
manoni	0	0	0.00	26	0.00	325.0	0.00	6.3	0.00	-----	0.04	0.00	0.21	83.32	1.99

System monitoring

patrign	0	0	0.00	1	0.00	5.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.13	0.30
ebert	19	28	12553.49	102595	4.72	95517494.0	88.73	134820.6	6.91	0.16	0.00	0.03	61.14	15.47	
buenger	0	0	0.00	29953	1.38	159710.0	0.15	50034.8	2.56	0.34	0.00	0.03	91.05	33.31	
benhaim	0	0	0.00	1	0.00	5.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.30	
mchrzasz	0	0	0.00	42430	1.95	236180.0	0.22	107911.4	5.53	0.49	0.00	0.04	95.74	48.01	
homer	0	0	0.00	99024	4.56	1144610.0	1.06	136021.2	6.97	0.11	0.00	0.01	93.89	10.96	
gapon	0	0	0.00	3	0.00	15.0	0.00	5.3	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	36.51	35.00	
gcasa	0	0	0.00	49	0.00	9825.0	0.01	2.4	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	72.18	0.91	

diagnosing node table (5120 slots)

Name	State	Procs	Memory	Disk	Swap	Speed	Opsys	Arch	Par	Load	Res	Classes	Network	Features
ltda-srv074	Running	0:24	47771:48251	1766496:1782025	67645:97403	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.05	015	[batch_24:24][production_24:24	[DEFAULT]	[opr][interactive]
ltda-srv001	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875301:1877272	118246:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.49	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv002	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875527:1877274	122992:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.34	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv003	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875639:1877274	125198:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.24	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv004	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875650:1877274	125386:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	20.73	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv005	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	137990:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	1.18	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
WARNING: node 'ltda-srv005' has been			idle for 5:33:51 but load is HIGH. load: 1.180 (check for runaway processes?)											
ltda-srv006	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	137975:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.32	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv007	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	138000:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.28	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv008	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	137971:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.22	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv009	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	138125:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.62	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[testing]
WARNING: node 'ltda-srv009' has been			idle for 7:58:59 but load is HIGH. load: 0.620 (check for runaway processes?)											
ltda-srv010	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	137837:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.63	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
WARNING: node 'ltda-srv010' has been			idle for 8:41:18 but load is HIGH. load: 0.630 (check for runaway processes?)											
ltda-srv011	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	138110:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.75	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
WARNING: node 'ltda-srv011' has been			idle for 8:23:51 but load is HIGH. load: 0.750 (check for runaway processes?)											
ltda-srv012	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	137968:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.34	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv013	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	137924:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.54	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
WARNING: node 'ltda-srv013' has been			idle for 8:49:22 but load is HIGH. load: 0.540 (check for runaway processes?)											
ltda-srv014	Idle	22:22	48251:48251	1877079:1877274	138024:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	0.57	001	[batch_22:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
WARNING: node 'ltda-srv014' has been			idle for 8:31:35 but load is HIGH. load: 0.570 (check for runaway processes?)											
ltda-srv015	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875650:1877274	125069:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	20.85	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv016	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875649:1877274	125070:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.83	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv017	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875676:1877274	125129:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	22.32	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv018	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875667:1877274	125247:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.50	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv019	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875644:1877274	125121:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.70	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv020	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1873277:1877274	125205:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.60	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv021	Running	1:22	47579:48251	1875729:1877274	125864:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	19.99	021	[batch_1:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv022	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875672:1877274	125014:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.43	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]
ltda-srv023	Busy	0:22	47547:48251	1875640:1877274	125000:139483	1.00	linux	[NONE]	DEF	21.71	022	[batch_0:22][production_22:22	[DEFAULT]	[batch]

System monitoring

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ltlda-srv040      running 20:22 48251:48251 1877079:1877274 137927:139483 1.00 linux [NONE] DEF 0.28 000 [batch_22:22][production_22:22 [DEFAULT]] [batch][production]
ltlda-srv041      Idle 22:22 48251:48251 1877079:1877274 137927:139483 1.00 linux [NONE] DEF 0.28 000 [batch_22:22][production_22:22 [DEFAULT]] [batch][production]
ltlda-srv042      Idle 22:22 48251:48251 1877079:1877274 137958:139483 1.00 linux [NONE] DEF 0.94 000 [batch_22:22][production_22:22 [DEFAULT]] [batch][production]
WARNING: node 'ltlda-srv042' has been idle for 8:48:45 but load is HIGH. load: 0.940 (check for runaway processes?)
ltlda-srv043      Idle 22:22 48251:48251 1877079:1877274 137925:139483 1.00 linux [NONE] DEF 0.66 000 [batch_22:22][production_22:22 [DEFAULT]] [batch][production]
WARNING: node 'ltlda-srv043' has been idle for 8:32:00 but load is HIGH. load: 0.660 (check for runaway processes?)
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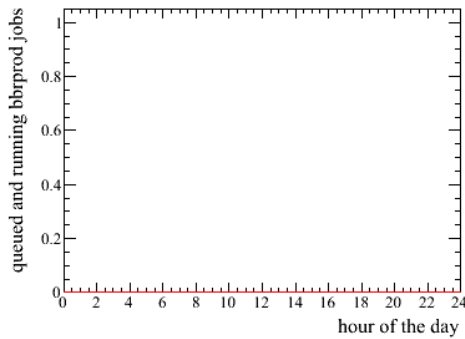
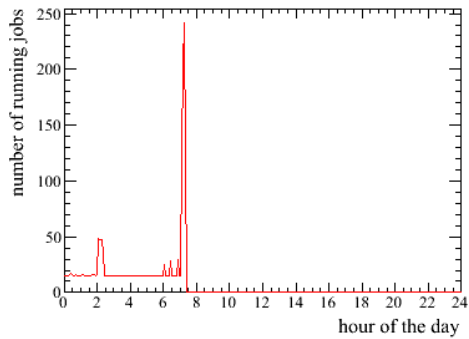
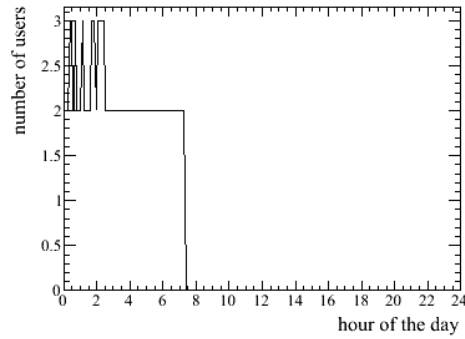
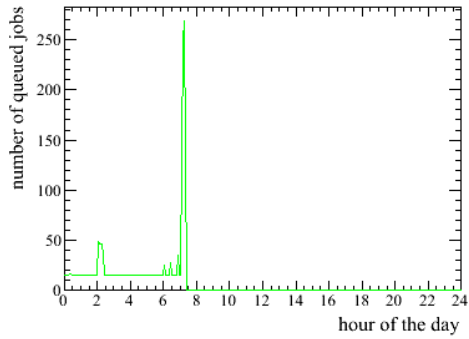
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Diagnosing blocked jobs (policylevel SOFT partition ALL)

Usage monitoring

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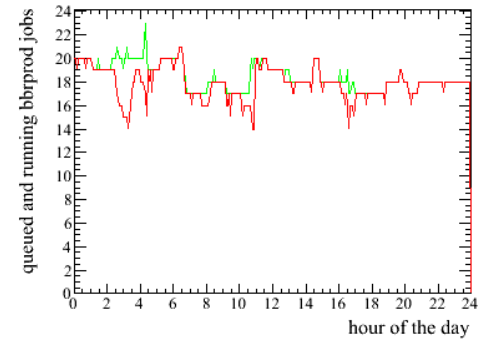
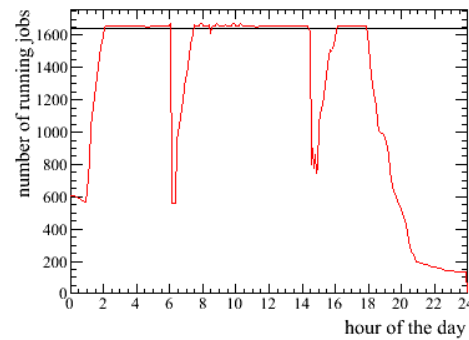
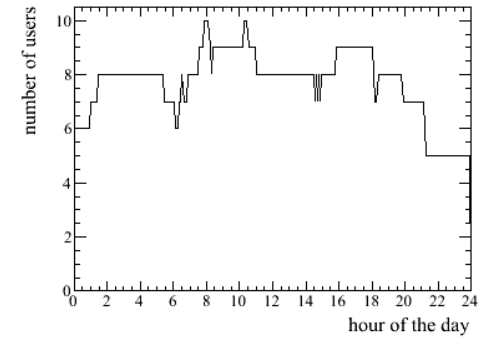
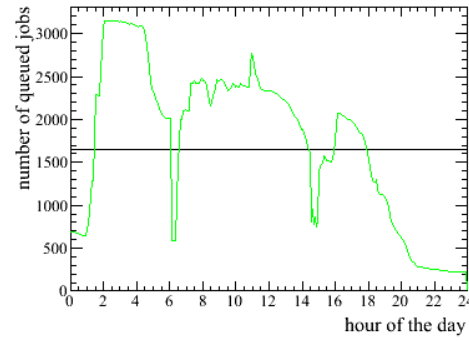
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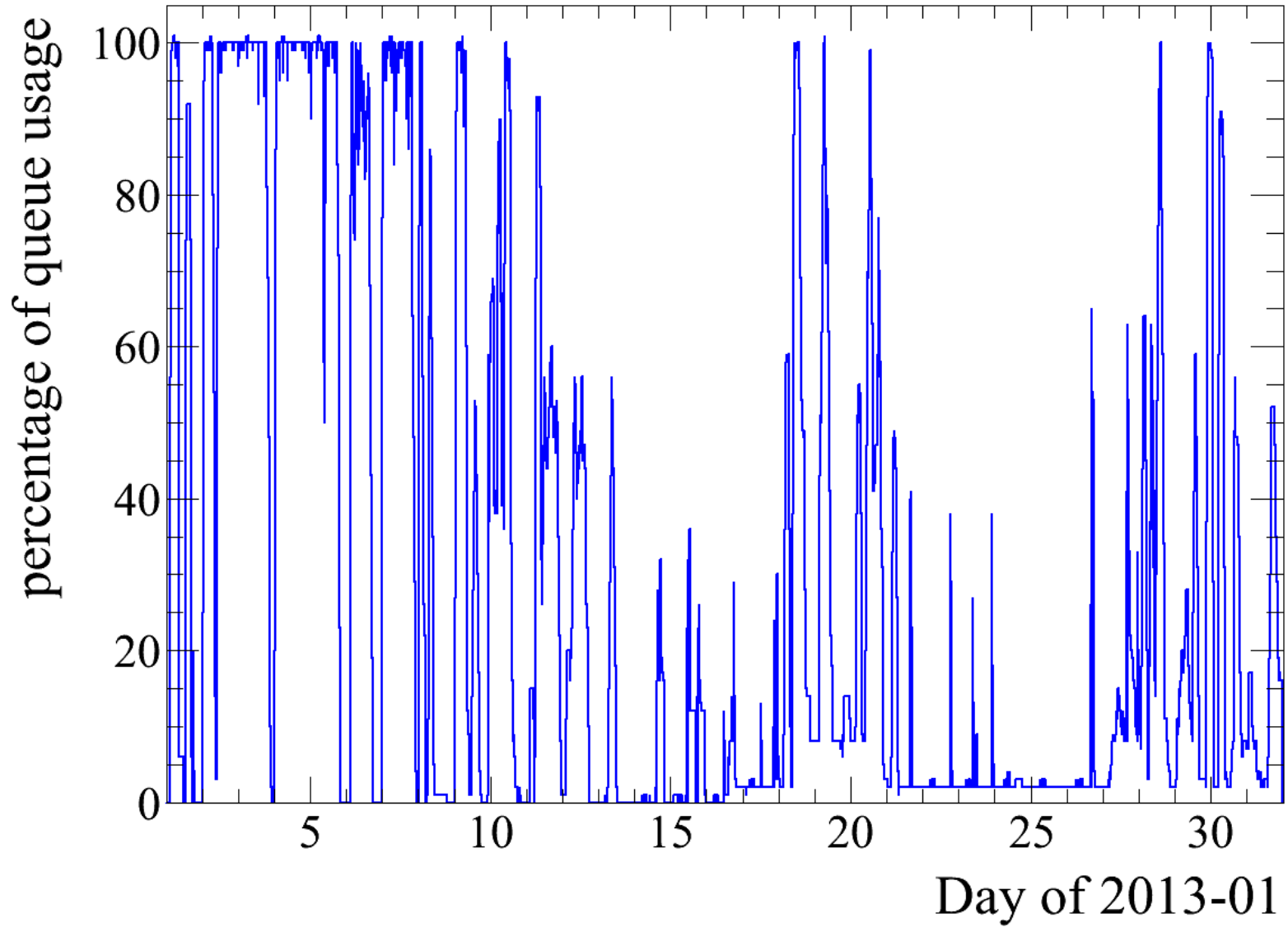
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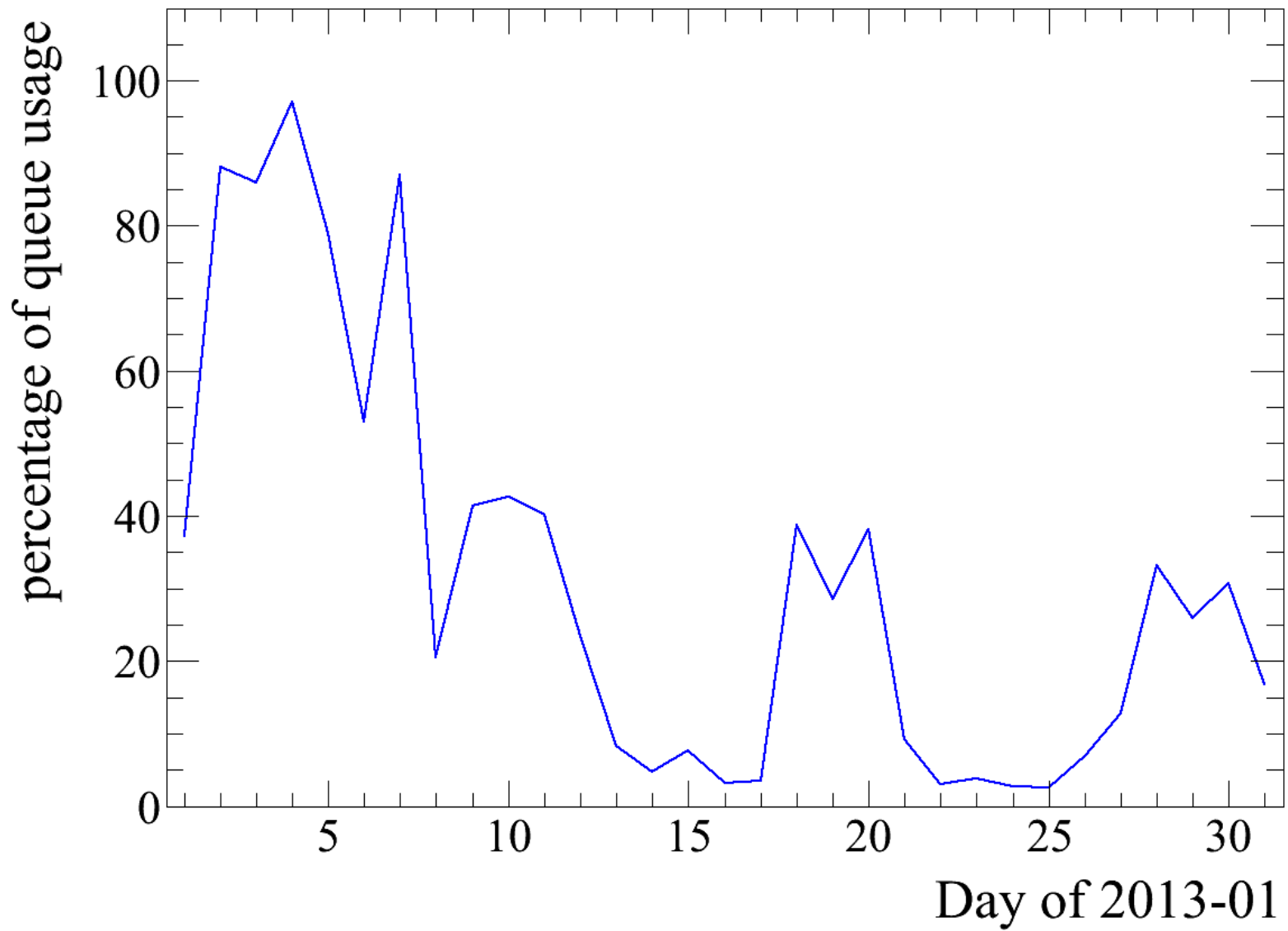
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Usage monitoring



Usage monitoring



Backup system

- **daily tape backups** of wain061 and wain062 without any root files
- **on-disk home backup using ZFS snapshots**
 - frequent snapshot every 15min, overwritten every hour
 - frequent snapshot taken at the full hour becomes hourly snapshot, overwritten every day
 - hourly snapshot taken at midnight becomes daily snapshot, overwritten every month
- **on-disk backup of /BFROOT** where our releases, packages, and VM images are hosted
 - same as for home backups, but without 15-min snapshots
(same backup script can be used for /home and /BFROOT backups)
- **on-disk backup of the AWG space**
 - due to content of large and often changing files, only one daily ZFS snapshot
- users can **easy access** these snapshots
 - their own home-snapshots are located at: `$HOME/.zfs/snapshot/`
 - AWG backups for example under `/awg/breco/.zfs/snapshot/`

Backup against failure of wain062

Problem: wain062 hosts home directories, VM images, code repository,...

If wain062 has a hardware failure resulting in an outage (motherboard, CPU, network interface,...) nobody can work on the LTDA.

Solution:

- daily snapshot of everything under /home and /BFROOT is send to wain061
- wain061 keeps only one copy of /home and /BFROOT, renewed once a day
- in case of failure, wain061 can serve /home and /BFROOT
- all machines use autofs which eliminates any static NFS mounts

Validation system

Problem: There have been outages due to the system not working after updates from Red Hat have been applied.

Solution: Develop a validation system to make sure everything is working with newest updates.

Validation system:

- test server is setup like batch machines and gets automated updates
- reboot after updates have been installed and then run many test jobs (VM, NFS access)
- if everything is fine after many cycles of processing, new updates are written to an approved list
- all batch machines get only updates which are in this list
- all batch machines get also rebooted after updates have been applied
- if validation fails: notification by email

User point of view

- `ssh bbrltda` to enter the LTDA, just like `ssh yakut`
 - home directory is not the AFS one, but on the login machines there is access to AFS
 - user can checkout an analysis release and needed packages from CVS, and edit their code
 - ROOT can be used interactively to analyze ntuples
 - to compile users have to submit a job and request the needed OS
 - users can submit their analysis jobs to the queue using the PBS commands or using LSF like commands
 - scripts have been written to translate LSF commands and options into PBS commands
 - old job submission scripts have not to be rewritten
- ⇒ Working on the LTDA is not much different than to work on any other TierA site.

User point of view

Limitations:

- interactive compile of code on the login machines not possible
- VMs have read-only access to home directories
- VMs have no AFS access and can not access something outside LTDA

How to deal with that:

- users can run interactive VMs to get a shell and compile their code
- for each supported OS a "persistent" VM is available
 - 4CPUs, 8GB RAM for each of currently 3 VMs
 - **usage:** `ssh sl4`, `ssh sl5`, or `ssh sl6` from the login machines
- analysis code and job output should go to AWG space, but not to \$HOME
- AFS access on the login machines available
- job output can be copied outside of the LTDA on the login machines too

Summary

- Torque/Maui have been proved to be a good choice
- using single ZFSs for home directories and AWG together with autofs for easy administration
- using qemu virtualization is stable, easy and fast
- benefits for HT on compensate possible speed issues of single jobs
- improvement of memory usage with KSM
- system and usage monitoring are in place
- very good backup system in place
- emergency plan for complete failure of wain062 in place
- validation system to test system updates in place