Scientific Computing Systems

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Mission Statement

The Scientific Computing department provides storage and computational services that: fulfill current requirements and anticipate future needs of its scientific stakeholders; are sought after and valued; and achieve recognizable efficiencies through shared, common solutions.

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- Head of Scientific Computing
 - Amber Boehnlein
 - Len Moss (Deputy)
- UNIX Systems Team (Shirley Gruber)
 - Neal Adams, Yemi Adesanya, Karl Amrhein, John Bartelt, Booker Bense, Renata Dart, Randy Radmer, Wei Yang
- Storage Team (Lance Nakata)
 - Jon Bergman, Andrew May, Grace Tsai

Responsibilities

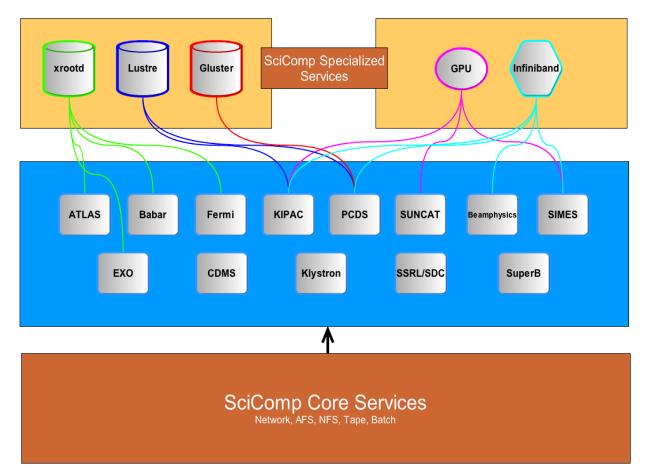
Manage systems, provide services for the Linux & Solaris computing systems at SLAC.

- Together, the UNIX and Storage teams manage
 - Approximately 2400 systems (servers, clusters, batch)
 - More than 10 PB of disk and tape storage
- These services are in multiple locations and they are heterogeneous.

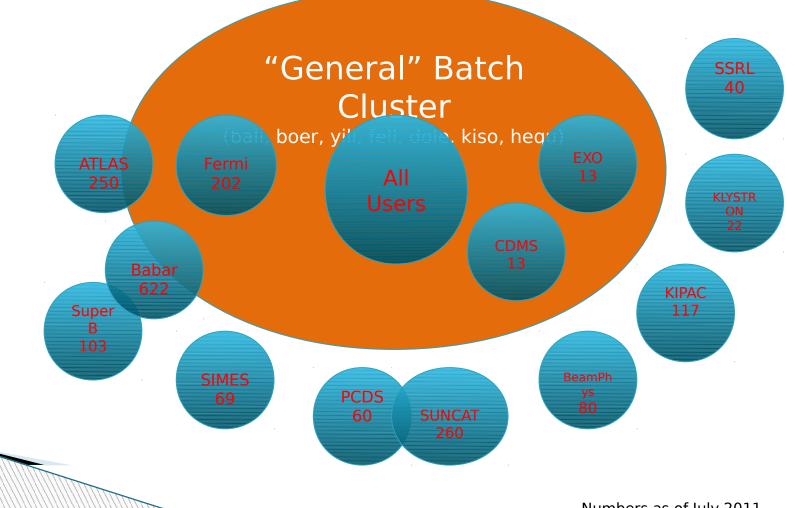
Services Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)

- Backup (AFS,TSM) Nakata, Amay, Adams
- Compilers Bartelt, Yang, Moss
- Compute farm, LSF Adams, Yang, Bartelt, Dart, Bergman
- DNS admin Bense, Skirvin
- File Systems (AFS, Lustre, NetApp, XFS, ZFS)
- Adesanya, Bense, Bergman, Dart, May, Nakata, Radmer, Skirvin
- Grid computing Yang, Bense
- HPSS, STK, astore/mstore May, Nakata, Tsai
- Kerberos Bense, Skirvin
- LDAP Bense, Skirvin
- License servers Bartelt, Yang
- Linux/RHEL Amrhein, Bergman, Dart, Nakata, Moss, Adams
- Monitoring (Ganglia, Nagios, Groundwork) Adesanya, Skirvin
- NIS Dart, Bense
- Performance Amrhein, Nakata, Bergman
- Samba Amrhein, Skirvin
- Security Amrhein, Bense
- SSHBense, Amrhein
- Solaris Dart, Bergman, Nakata, Amrhein, May

SciComp Specialized Services



SLAC/SCS Batch Farm



Numbers as of July 2011

Points of Contact (POC)

- Liaison to partners/stakeholders
- BaBar, Fermi, KIPAC, MCC, PCDS, SIMES, SSRL, SUNCAT ...
- Meetings
- Coordination (acquisitions, outages)
- Ombudsperson

Completed Projects/Tasks

- Solaris 9 phase out
- Globus Online evaluation
- Nagios (Fermi migration to central service)
- Nagios configuration refactoring (phase I)

Ongoing Projects/Tasks

- Shared Storage (Lance Nakata)
- UNIX System Management (Booker Bense)
- Nagios for service recovery (Tim Skirvin)
- Groundwork (Yemi Adesanya)
- Version control (Booker Bense, Tim Skirvin)
- LSF 8.1 Upgrade (Neal Adams)
- Batch Accounting (Neal Adams, Steffen Luitz)

Initiatives

- Automation
- Monitoring
- Help Desk preparation
- Groundwork
- Version control
- Scientific Computing portfolio vis-à-vis IT portfolio