

Scientific Computing Department

Overview

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Scientific Computing Department Organization

- Recently created (October 2020), under Physical Sciences
- Common umbrella for existing activities
 - **Big data & Distributed Computing (ATLAS Tier-1)**
 - **Machine Learning & Quantum Information Systems**

- **Head & Deputy:** R. Tafirout & W. Fedorko
- **Other TRIUMF personnel (Tier-1 group):**

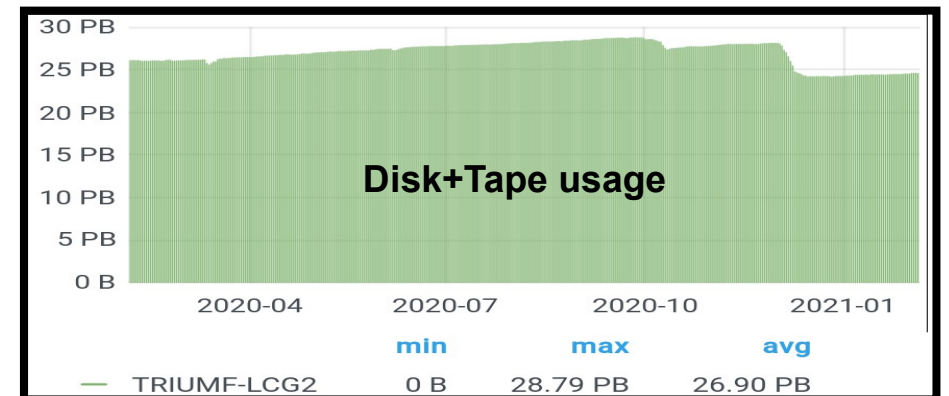
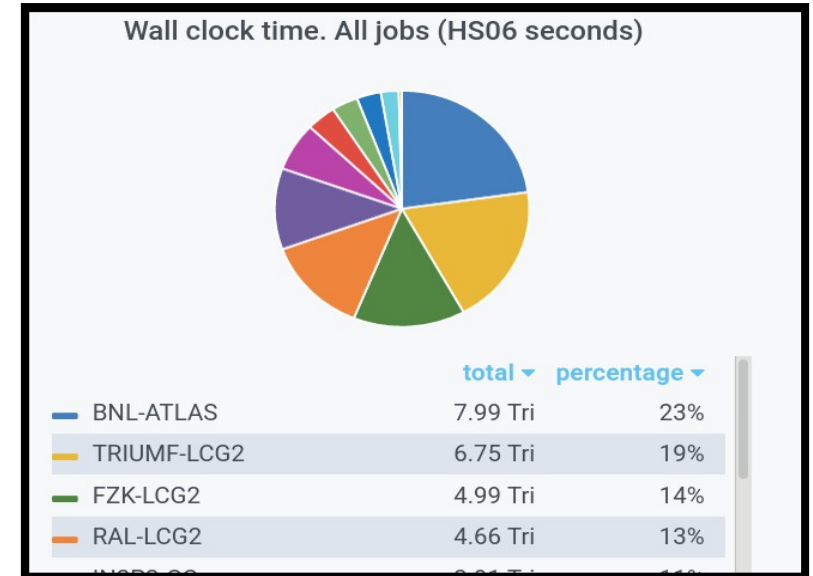
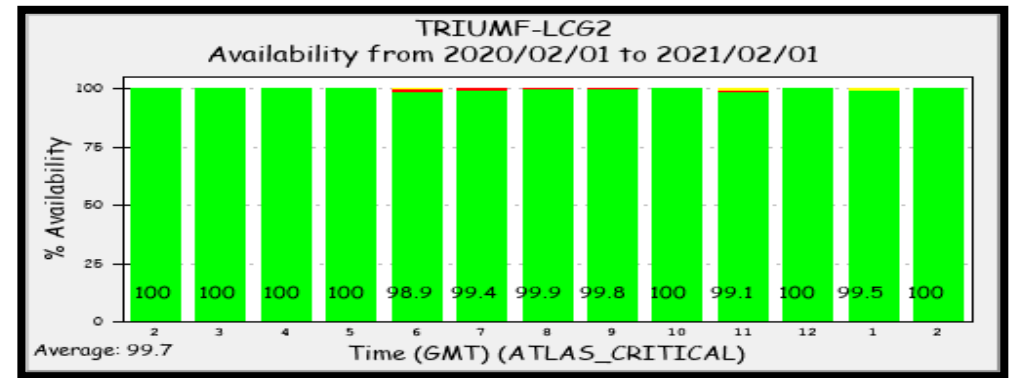
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Affiliated Scientists

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ATLAS Tier-1 activities

- Providing 10% of worldwide Tier-1 resources
- Primary Tier-1 services and resources relocated from TRIUMF to SFU in 2018
 - 7680 cores (SFU, data reconstruction, etc.)
 - 4744 cores (TRIUMF, simulation tasks only)
 - 11.3 PB disk storage (SFU)
 - 31 PB tape storage (SFU)
- Various R&D activities (data mgmt, network)
- CFI 2017 IF funds fully spent as of Q1/2021 (\$7M)
- Successful in recent CFI 2020 IF competition
 - Conditions lifted / BCKDF stage 2 submitted
- Strategic planning underway for the next CFI IF competition (to cover the challenging HL-LHC era)
 - Projections, technology evolution & costing model



Machine Learning & Quantum Information Systems activities

- **Wide range of activities across TRIUMF research programs with key contributions** : (selected highlights presented later in this session by W. Fedorko)
 - Hyper-K event reconstruction ; NA62 pion/muon identification and background rejection ; Beamline control for ISAC-I operations ; ATLAS pion identification & energy calibration ; QC (annealing) for ATLAS calorimeter simulation; Nuclear theory (ML & QC)
- **Strategic planning, and new funding initiatives:**
 - Pan-Canadian Trapped Ion QC network & planning for next CFI IF competition (SFU & Waterloo initial partners)
 - Design & planning for a Quantum control system (with Waterloo, SFU, Sussex)
 - Consultation, initial concept and scope, acquisition of development hardware
 - BC QAI application submitted last fall (pending decision due to QAI Governance)
 - NFRF with P. de Perio, Hyper-K ML, awarded
 - NFRF with M.Swiatlowski, ATLAS ML on FPGAs ; decision expected in April

Additional activities and efforts

- TRIUMF 20-year vision process / Scientific Computing Topical Group
 - Members: R. Tafirout (chair), C. Senko (Waterloo), I. Trigger, P. Navratil, W. Fedorko, P. Haljan (SFU), A. McCoy (Washington), J. Kavelaars (Victoria).
- TRIUMF Summer Institute, “Cornerstone Models of Quantum Computing” (W. Fedorko)
 - Collaborating institutes: UBC SBQMI (CREATE), QAI, UVic, Sherbrooke
 - Topics covered: Gate Model QC, Annealing Model QC, Continuous Variable QC, Measurement-based QC
- Recent discussions with the European Grid Infrastructure (EGI) / collaboration MoU in preparation (primarily to formalize existing activities & services)
- Collaboration with Helmholtz and Juelich via MITACS programs (for AI and ML).
- TRIUMF-CNL collaboration/focus groups on cyber security
 - TRIUMF team: R. Tafirout (co-chair), T. Lindner, M. Rowe, +TBD.
 - CNL team: D. Trask (co-chair), L. Ivan, R. Rogge
- Participating in NDRIIO activities (R. Tafirout, stakeholders committee / NGO rep.)

Thank you
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