



Monitoring Large-Scale Scientific Computing with Grafana

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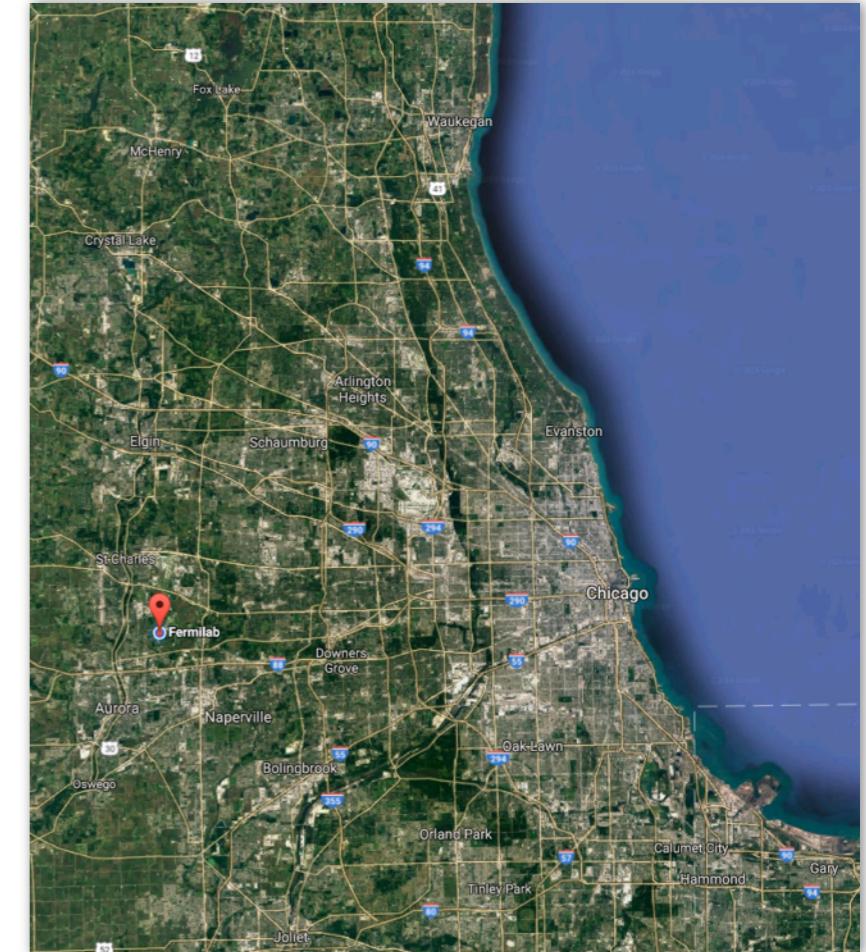
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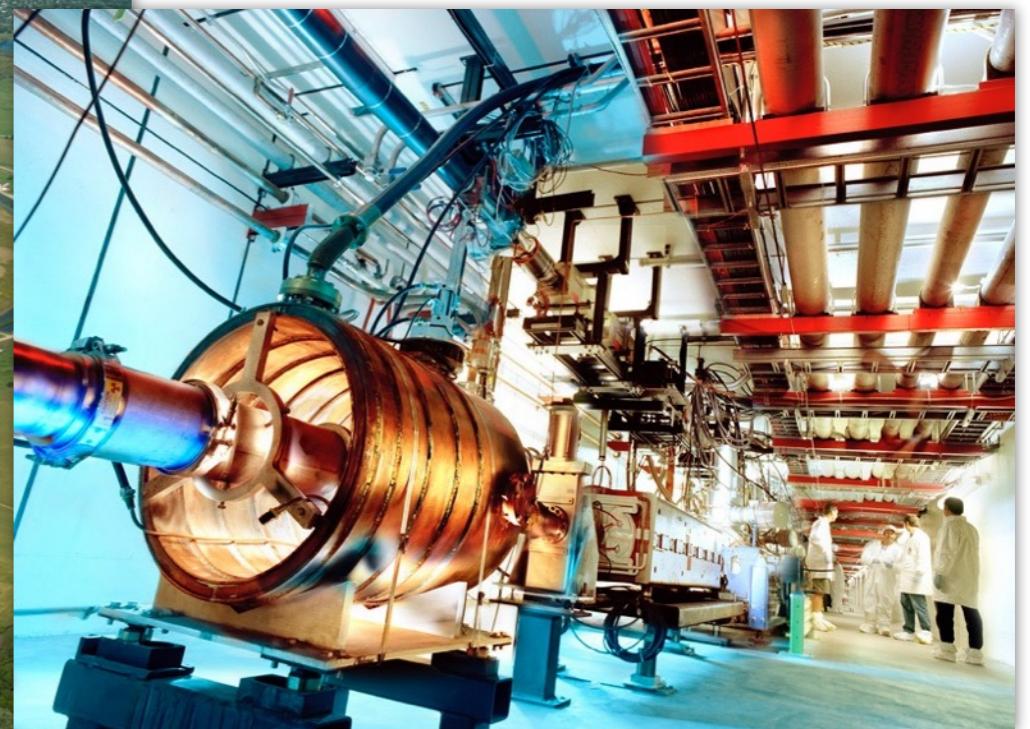
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory was founded 50 years ago (Dec 16!) on a 6,800-acre site 40 miles west of Chicago in Batavia, Illinois. Its mission is to solve the mysteries of matter, energy, space, and time for the benefit of all.

Fermilab - Open Science



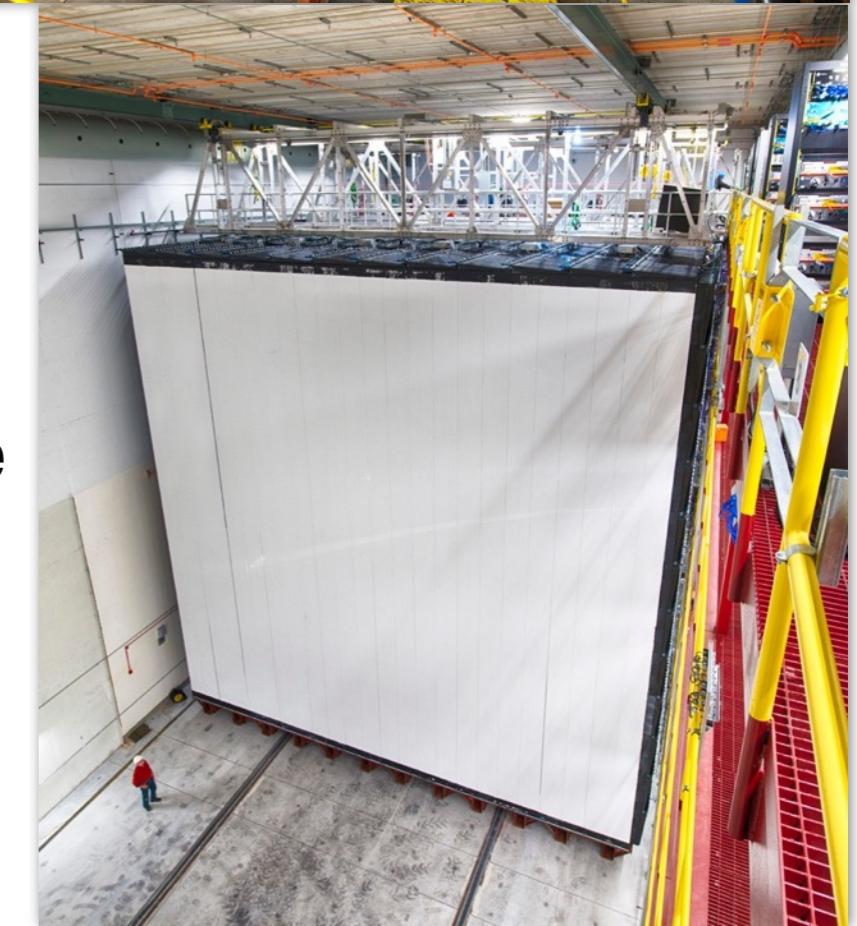
More than 3,500 scientists worldwide use Fermilab and its accelerators, detectors, and computers for their research. About 2,600 researchers from 44 countries collaborate on experiments at Fermilab.

Fermilab - Accelerators



Fermilab produces the world's most intense beam of high-energy neutrinos, particles that may hold the key to understanding why the universe is made of matter.

Fermilab - NOvA



The NOvA experiment will help answer some of the most important scientific questions about neutrino masses, neutrino oscillations, and the role neutrinos may have played in the evolution of the universe.

Fermilab - CMS



The LHC at CERN is the world's highest-energy particle collider and enabled the discovery of the Higgs particle in 2012. Fermilab houses an LHC Remote Operations Center, provides a quarter of the computing power for the CMS experiment and designs and builds components for upgrades to the LHC and CMS.

Fermilab - DES



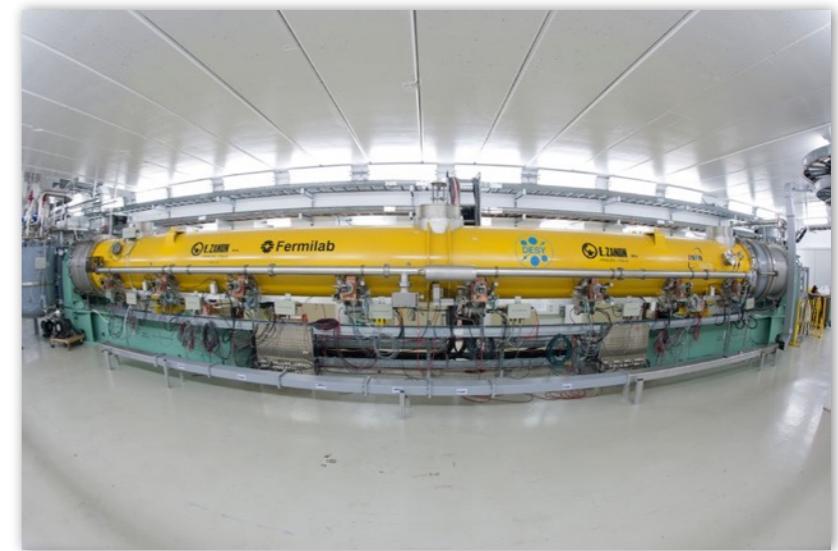
The Dark Energy Camera, designed and built at Fermilab, is one of the world's most powerful cameras (570-megapixel), and now takes images on a telescope in Chile. The heart of the Dark Energy Survey, it advances the quest to understand the nature of the dark energy that pushes the universe apart.

Fermilab - D'awww

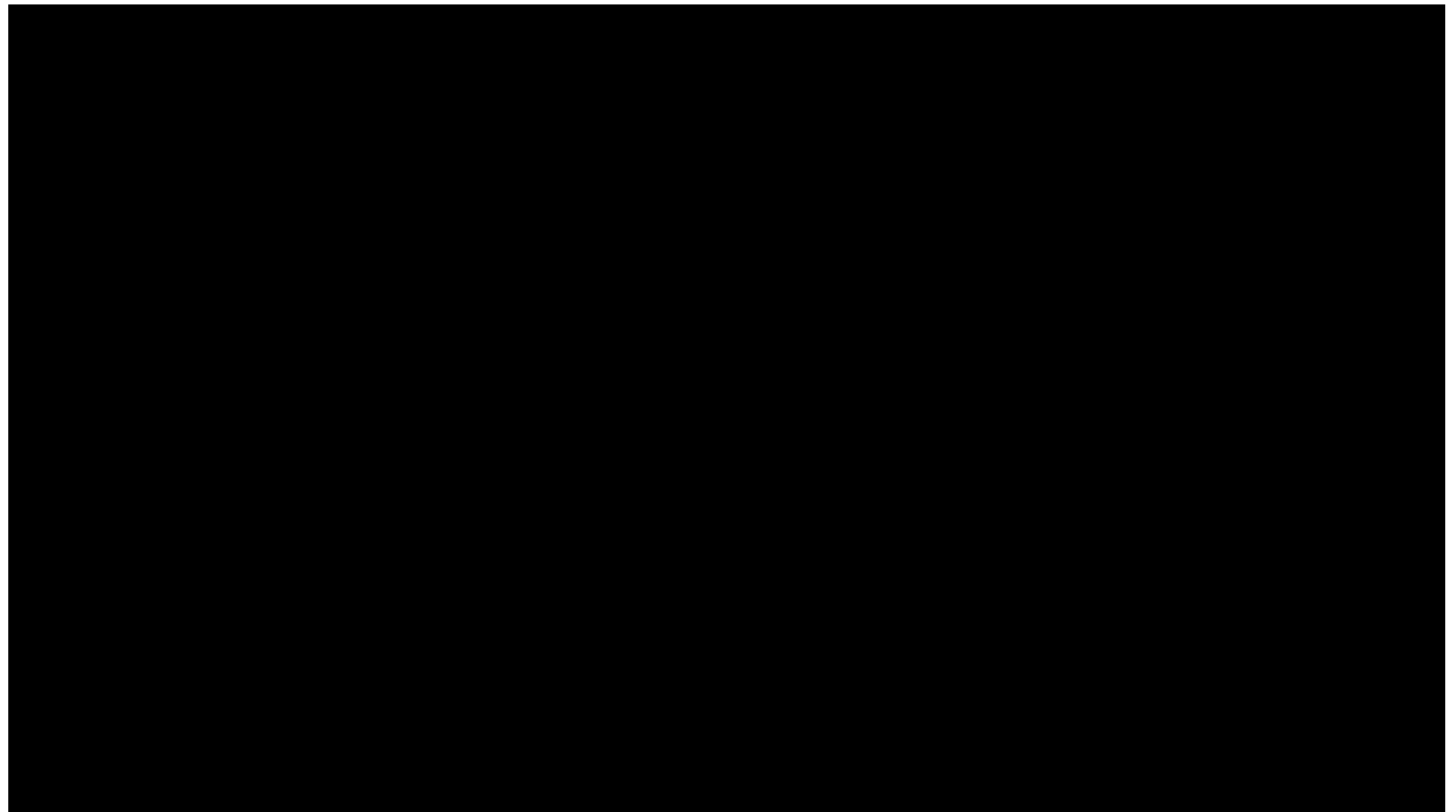


Fermilab's herd of bison is part of an effort to restore and protect the native Illinois prairie. And they're SOOO CUTE! (and tasty)

Fermilab - Science!



DUNE - The Next Mega-Science Project



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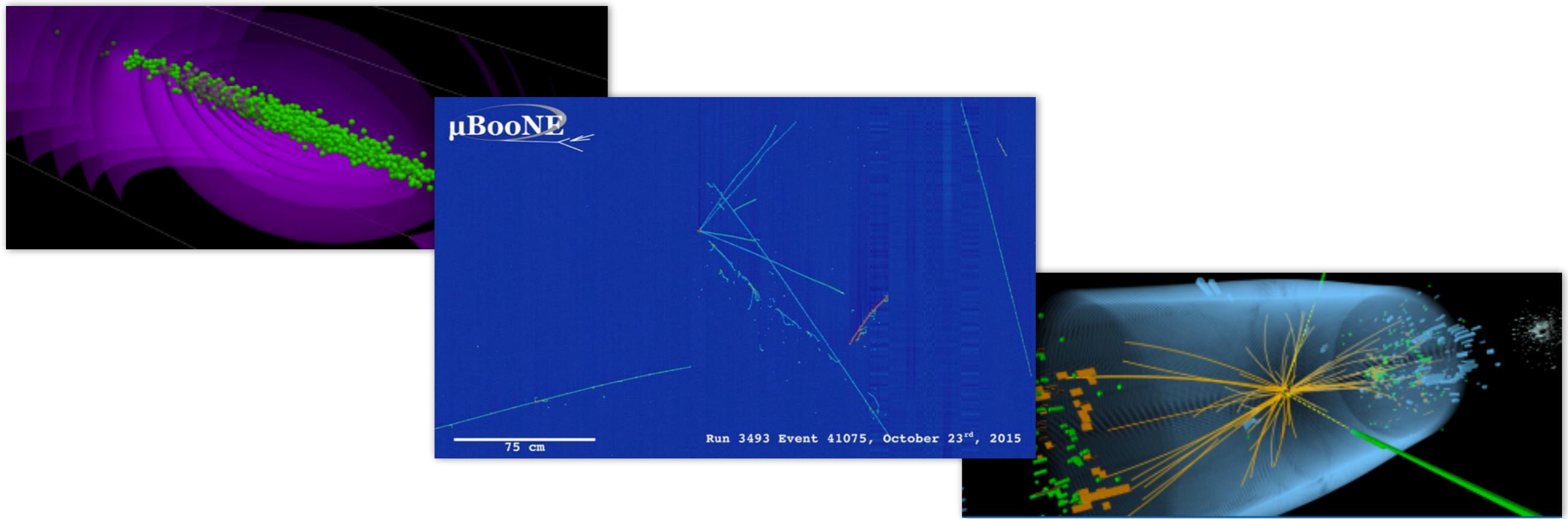
Scientific Computing



Scientific Computing @ Fermilab

High energy physics requires a huge amount of computing

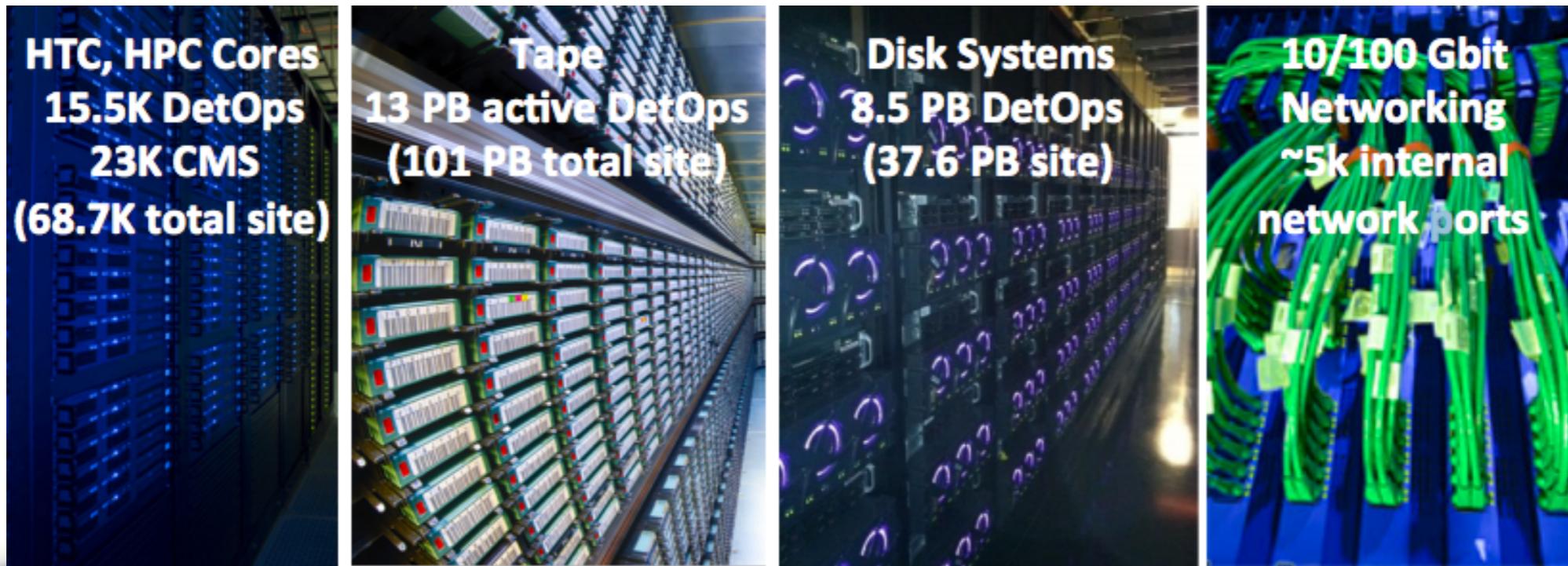
- Detector and accelerator design and simulation
- Data collection and reconstruction
- Event analysis



Scientific Computing @ Fermilab

Fermilab Computing Sector provides scientists with the computing resources and support they need

- Three on-site data centers
- Access to dozens of computing sites world-wide
 - connected by 100 Gbps dedicated network (ESNet)
 - Scientific toolkits, frameworks, and services



Batch/Grid Computing - HTC and HPC

General calculations are handled by our high-throughput (HTC) batch systems

- HTCondor cluster on bare metal (commodity x86), plus GlideinWMS-driven virtual clusters (also HTCondor)
- Running millions of batch jobs per week, processing petabytes of data

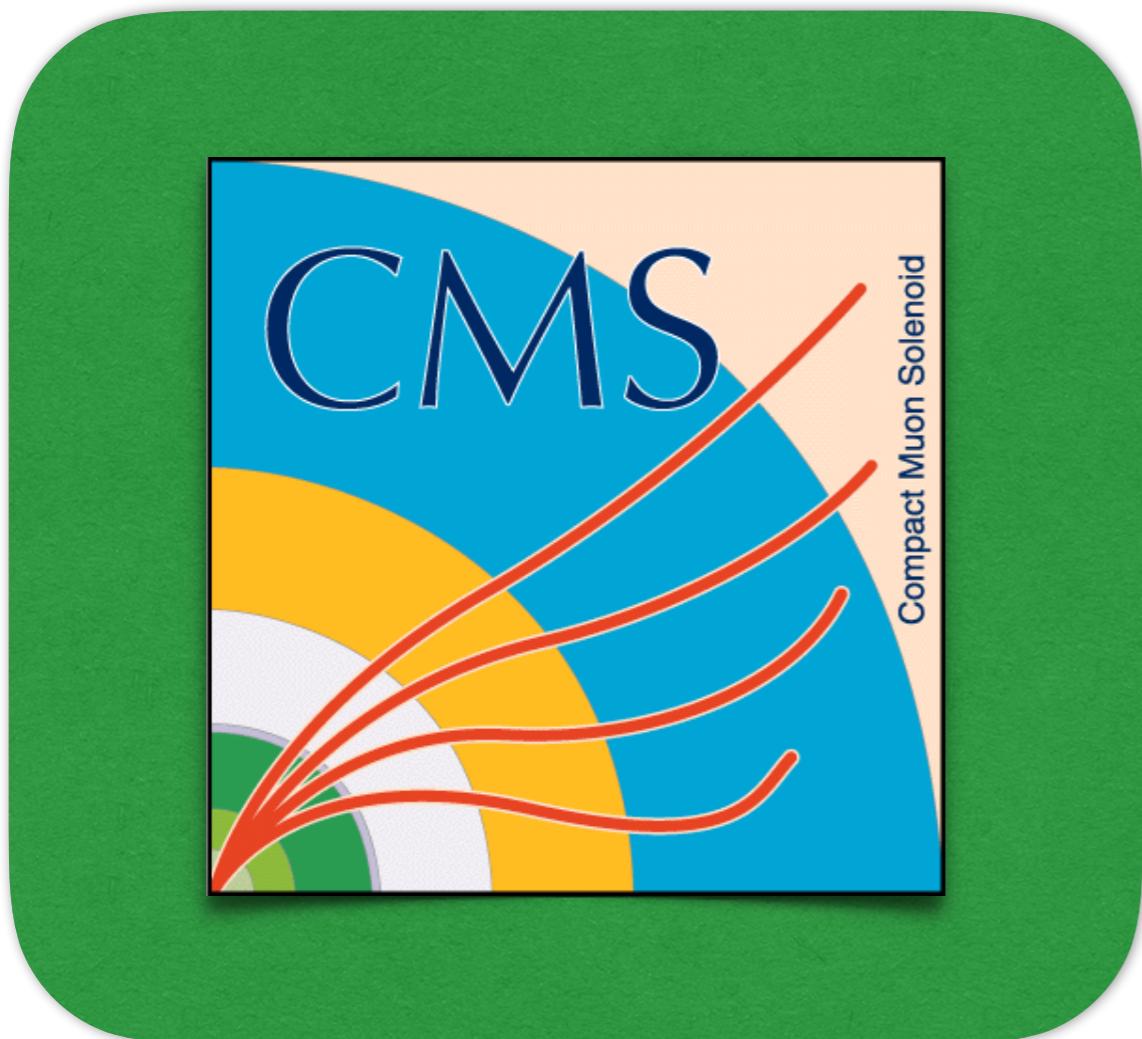
HPC/GPU systems, primarily dedicated to Lattice QCD calculations

- Little siblings to leadership-class supercomputers, e.g. Mira BlueGene/Q at Argonne (#9 Top500, Nov 2016)

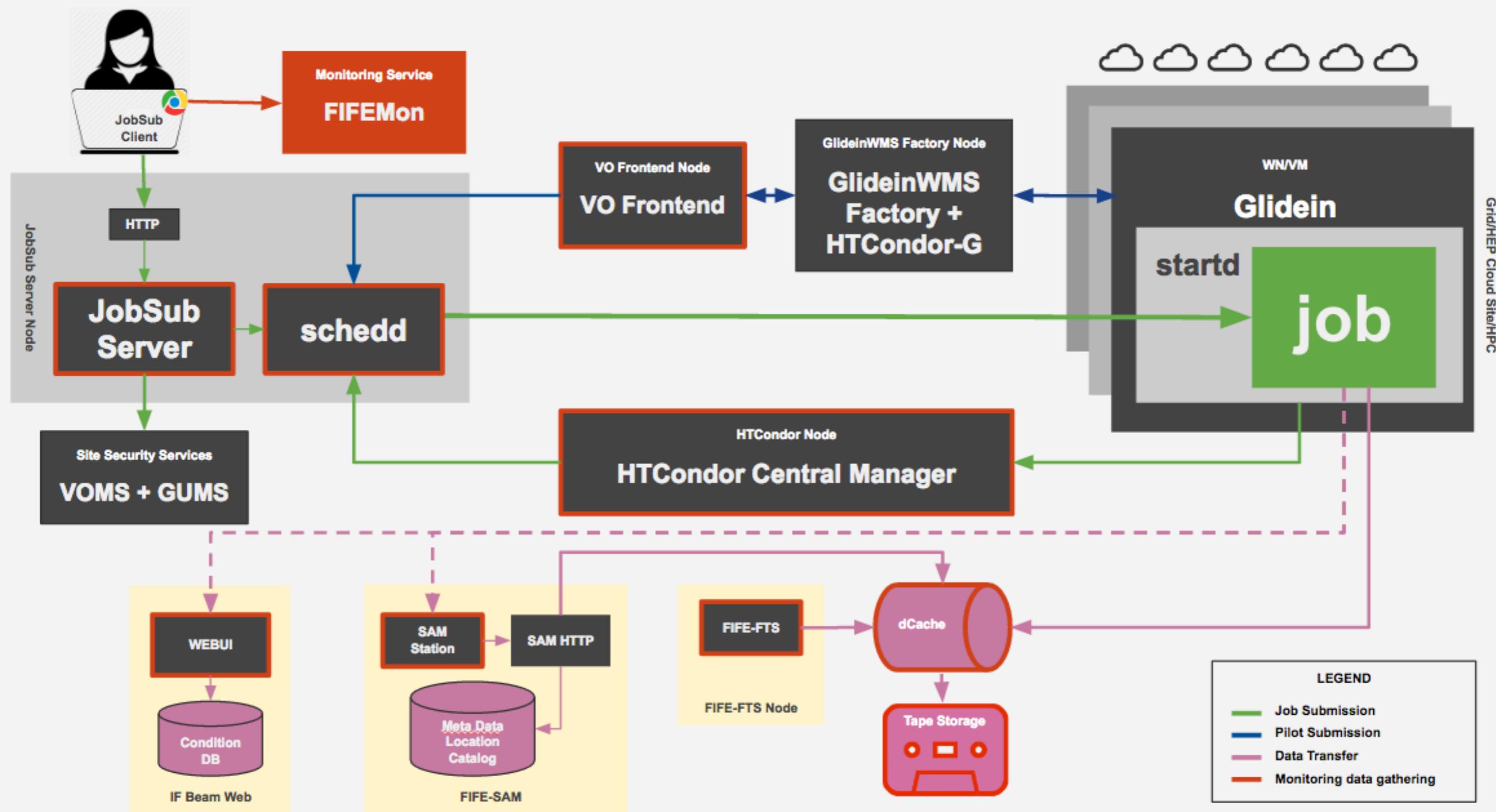
Batch/Grid Computing - FIFE and CMS

Two main HTC systems:

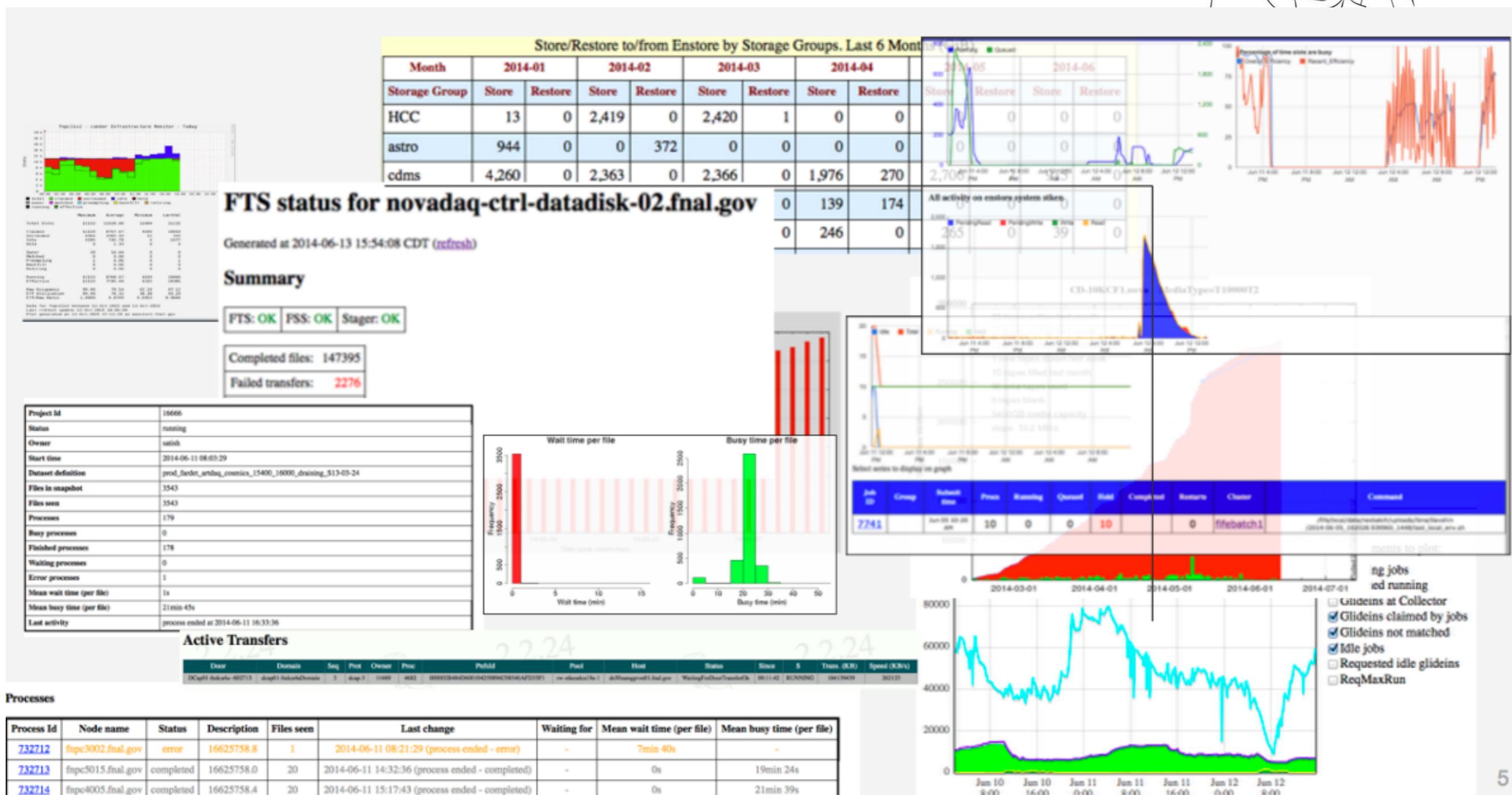
- CMS Tier 1 - dedicated computing for CMS experiment
- FIFE (Fabric for Frontier Experiments) - everyone else



FIFE Batch System Architecture



Monitoring as it was...



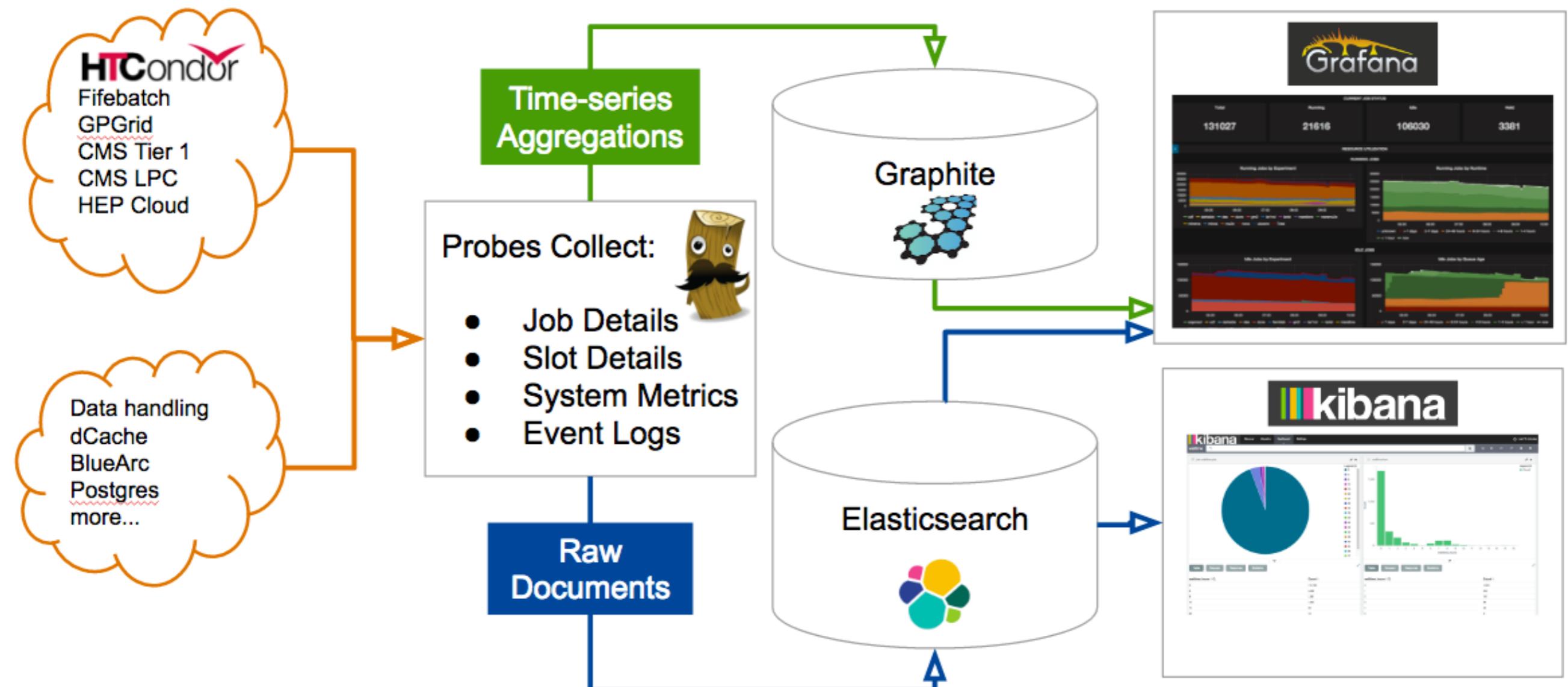
Fifemon & Landscape



Fifemon is a comprehensive monitoring platform for all FIFE experiments, services, and stakeholders.



Fifemon Architecture & Stats



Graphite

1 node + replica
~500K total metrics
~1.5M points per hour

Elasticsearch

6 VM nodes
650 indices, 1.3Bil docs
20 TB Ceph storage

Grafana

400 users
50 dashboards
~1 dashboard load/min

Fifemon - FIFE Summary



Fermilab Scientific Computing Summary
FIFE



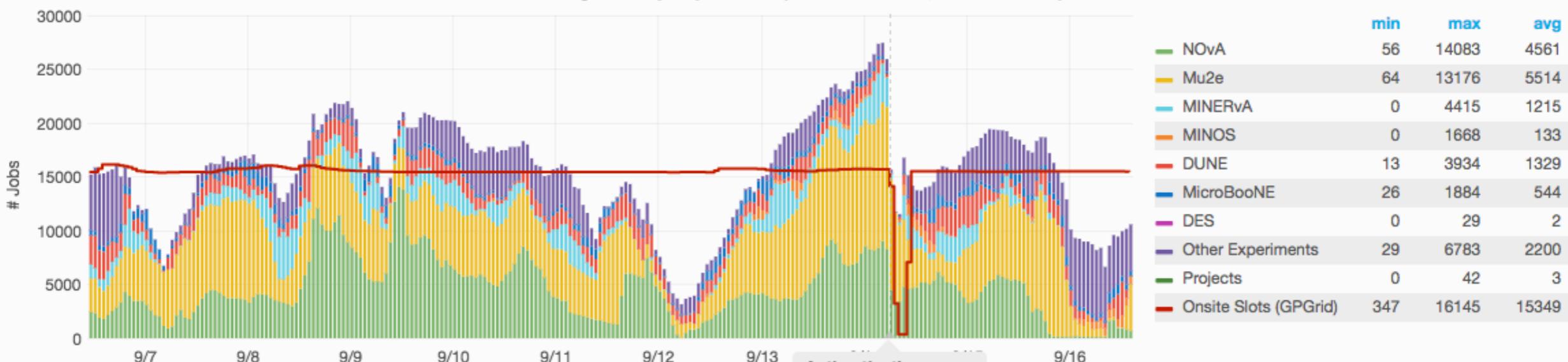
Average Number of Jobs Running Concurrently

15511

Total Jobs Run

1199091

Running Jobs by Experiment (includes Onsite, OSG & Cloud)



Percent Jobs Run Onsite

57.5%

Percent Jobs Run fife fifemon

N/A

Percent Jobs Run on OSG

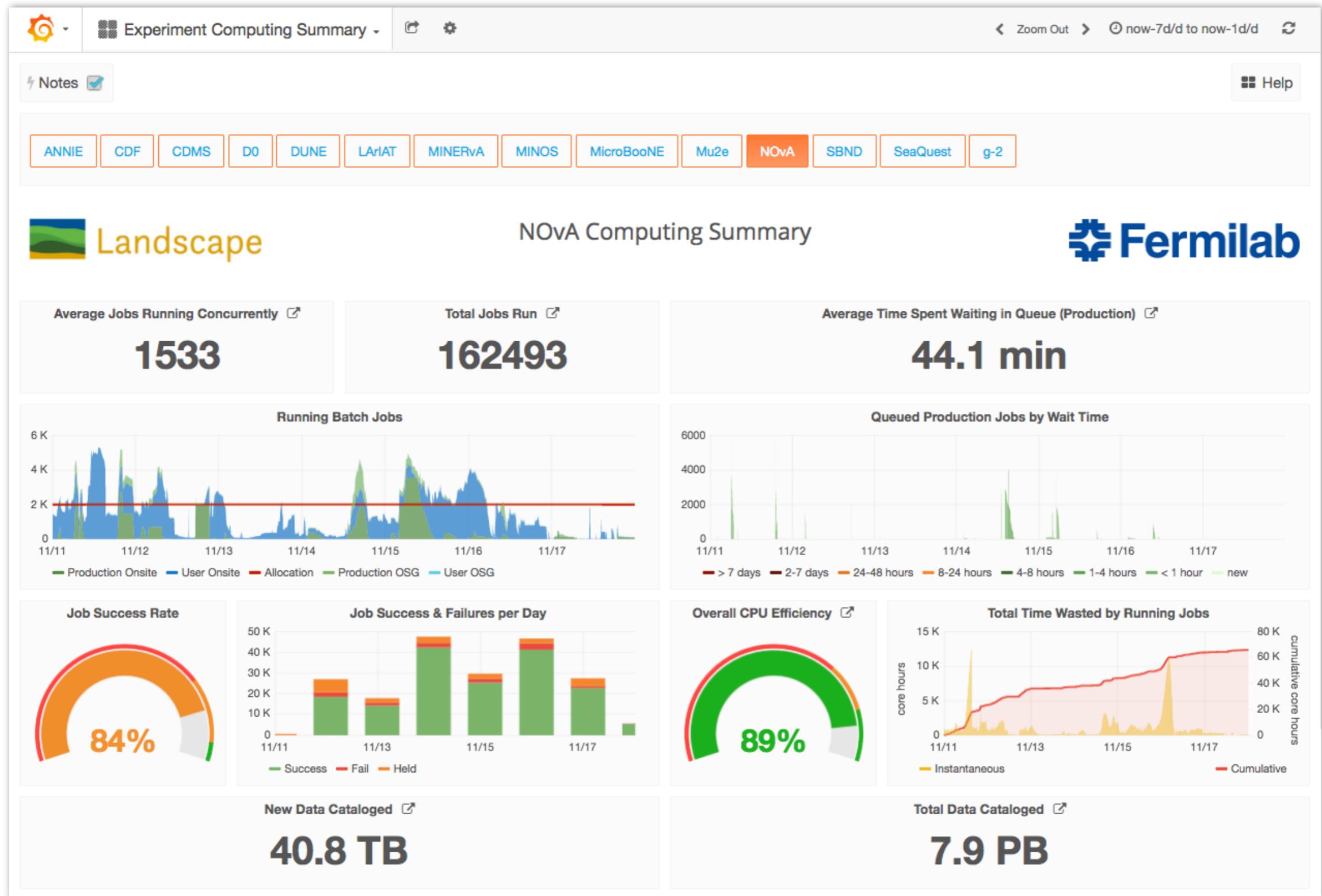
42.8%

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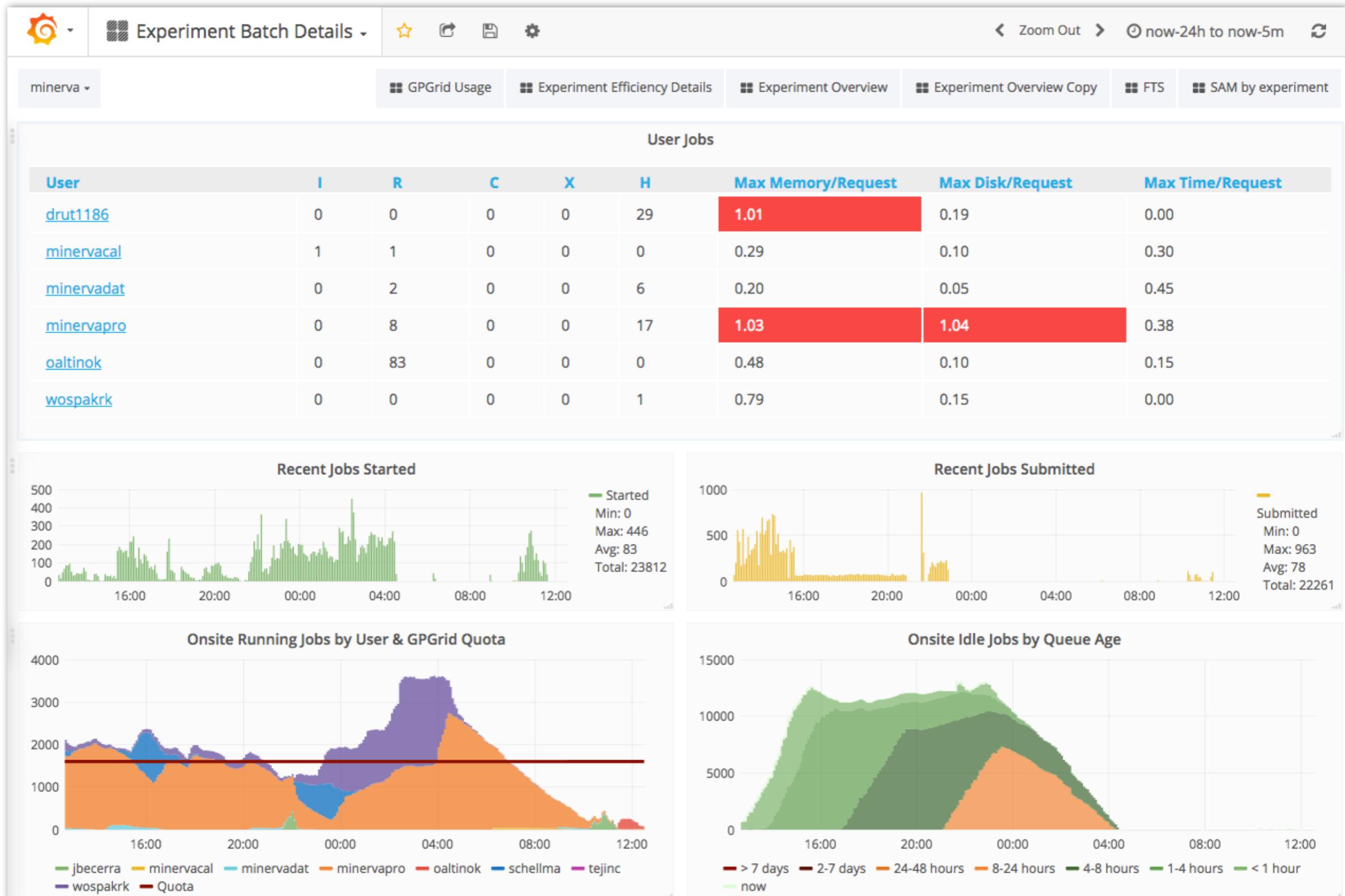
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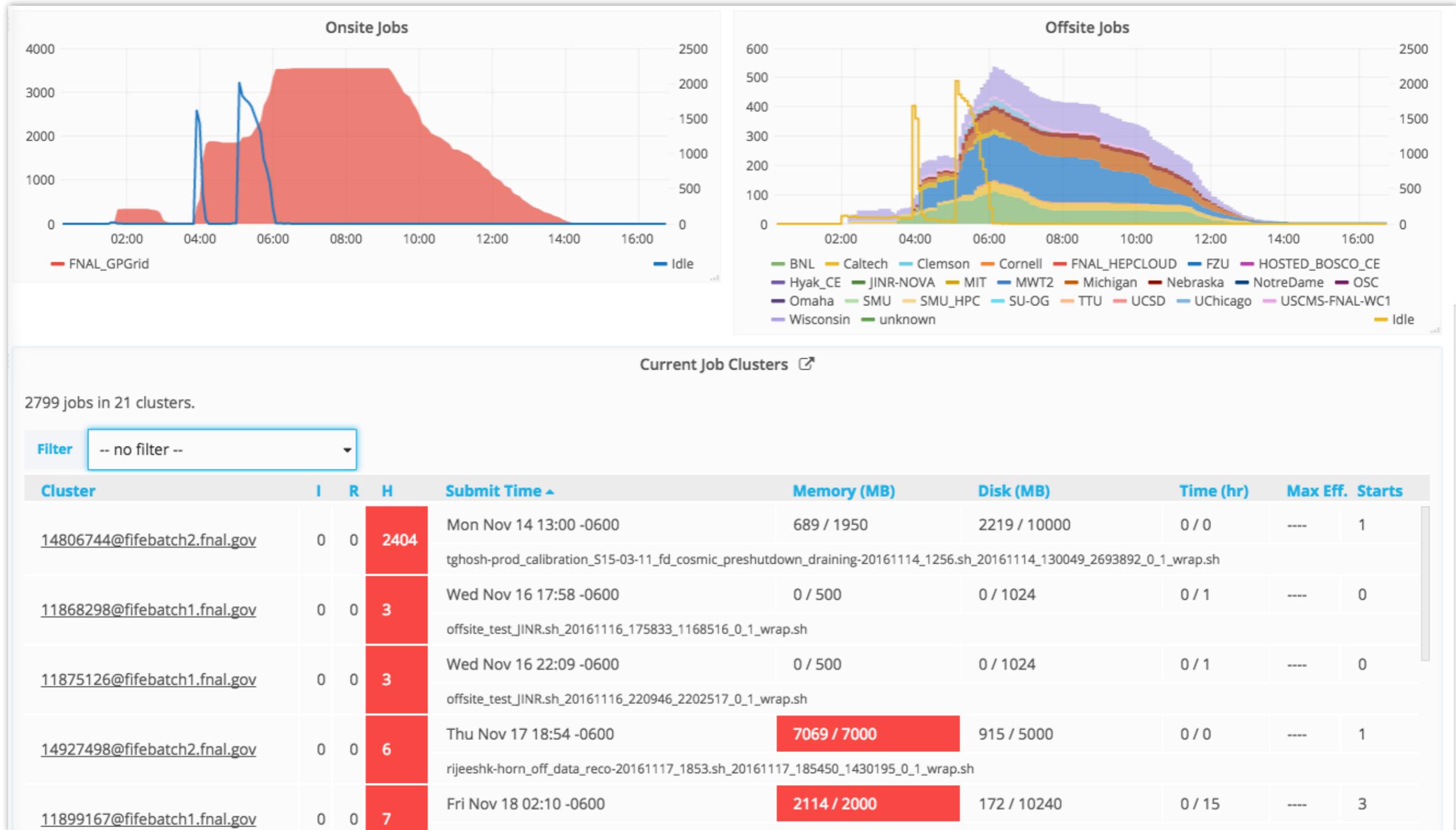
Fifemon - Experiment Summary



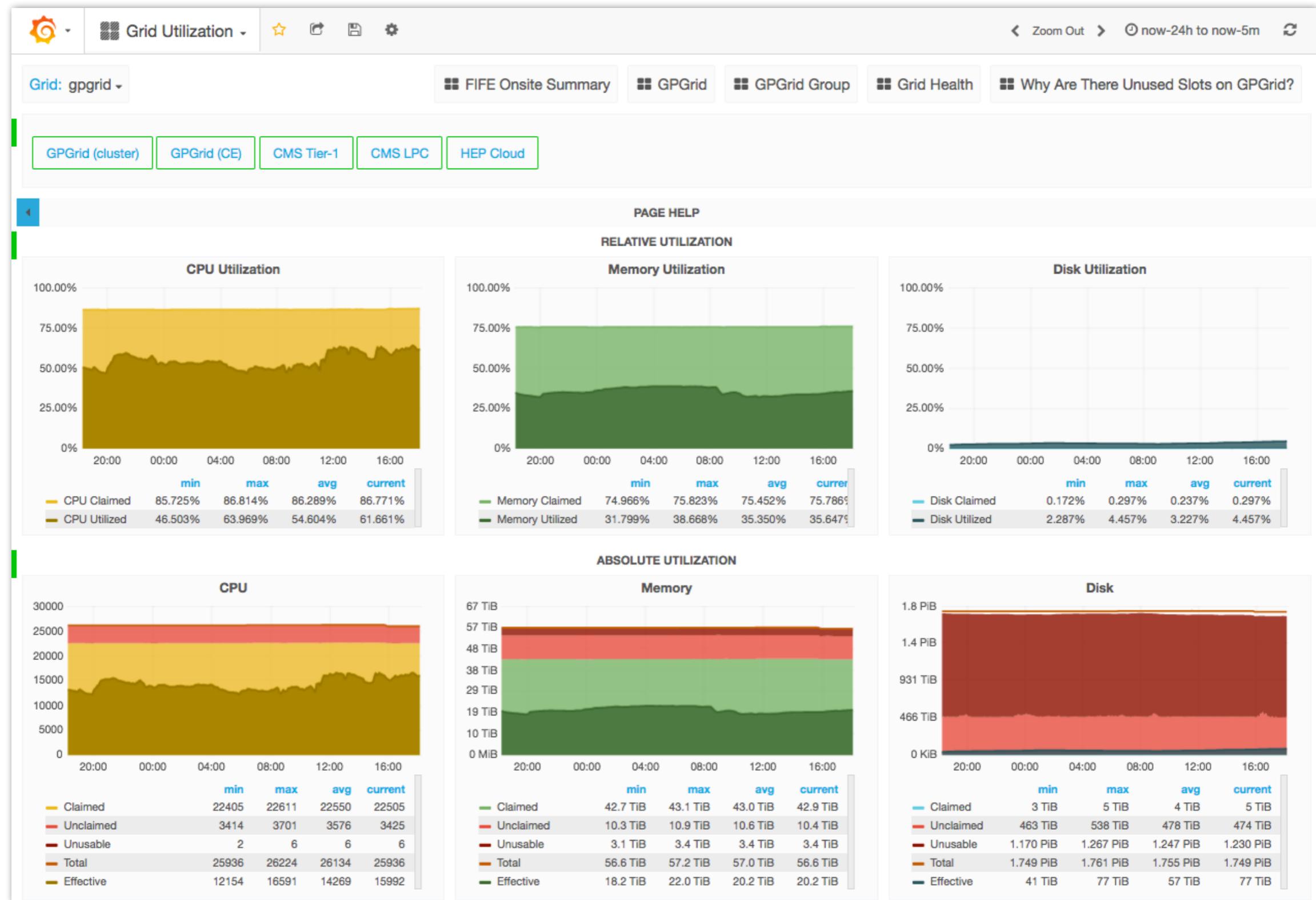
Fifemon - Experiment Batch Details



Fifemon - User Batch Details



Fifemon - Grid/Cluster Utilization

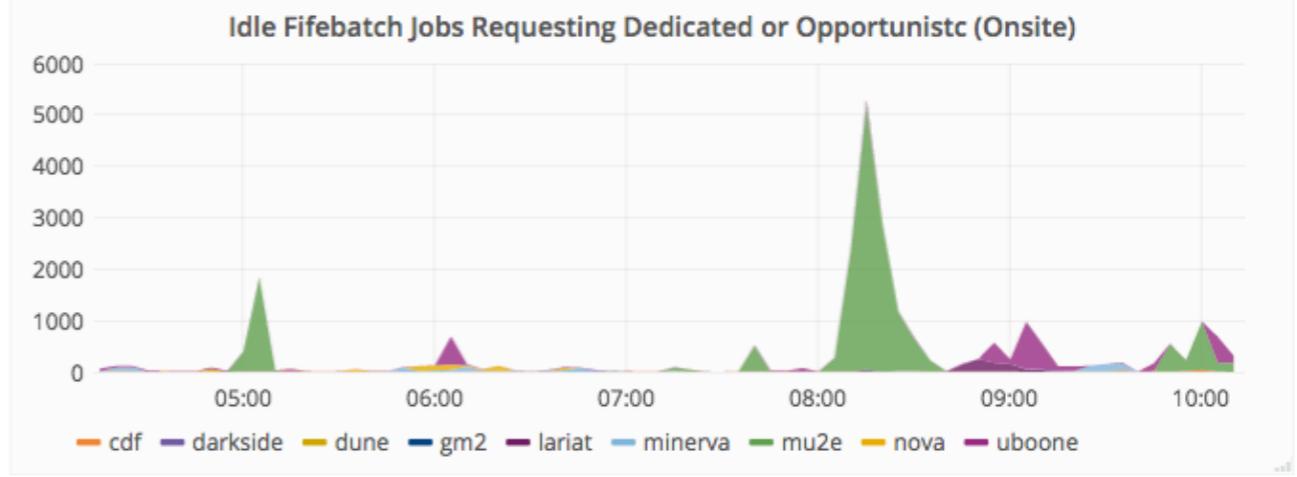


Fifemon - Troubleshooting Guides

Are there FIFE jobs requesting onsite resources?

If jobs are requesting only OFFSITE, they will not run on GPGGrid, unless they come back through the OSG opportunistic gatekeeper.

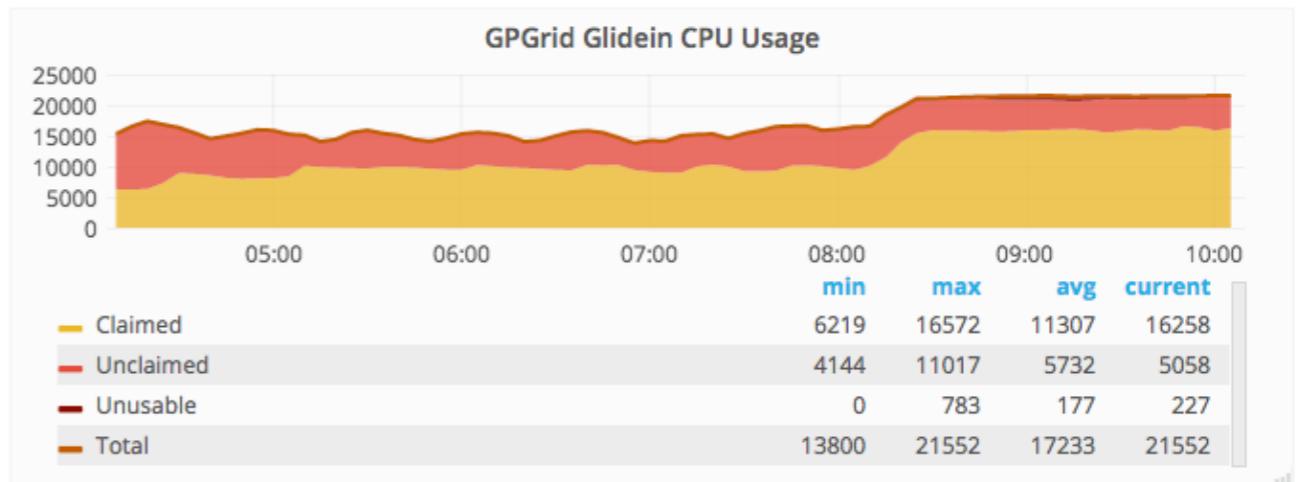
See also:

[FIFE Onsite Summary](#)[Fifebatch - Onsite](#)

Are the remaining resources in the Glideins "unusable"?

If there are lots of multicore or high-memory (>2 GB) jobs running there will be unusable resources left in the glideins.

See also:

[Grid Utilization \(GPGGrid CE\)](#)[Fifebatch Slots \(GPGGrid\)](#)

Are the remaining Glidein resources unusable due to job resource requests?

"Unusable" above means that no job could possibly run; if there's no jobs requesting resources within the limits of what's remaining in the Glideins then they too are effectively "unusable."

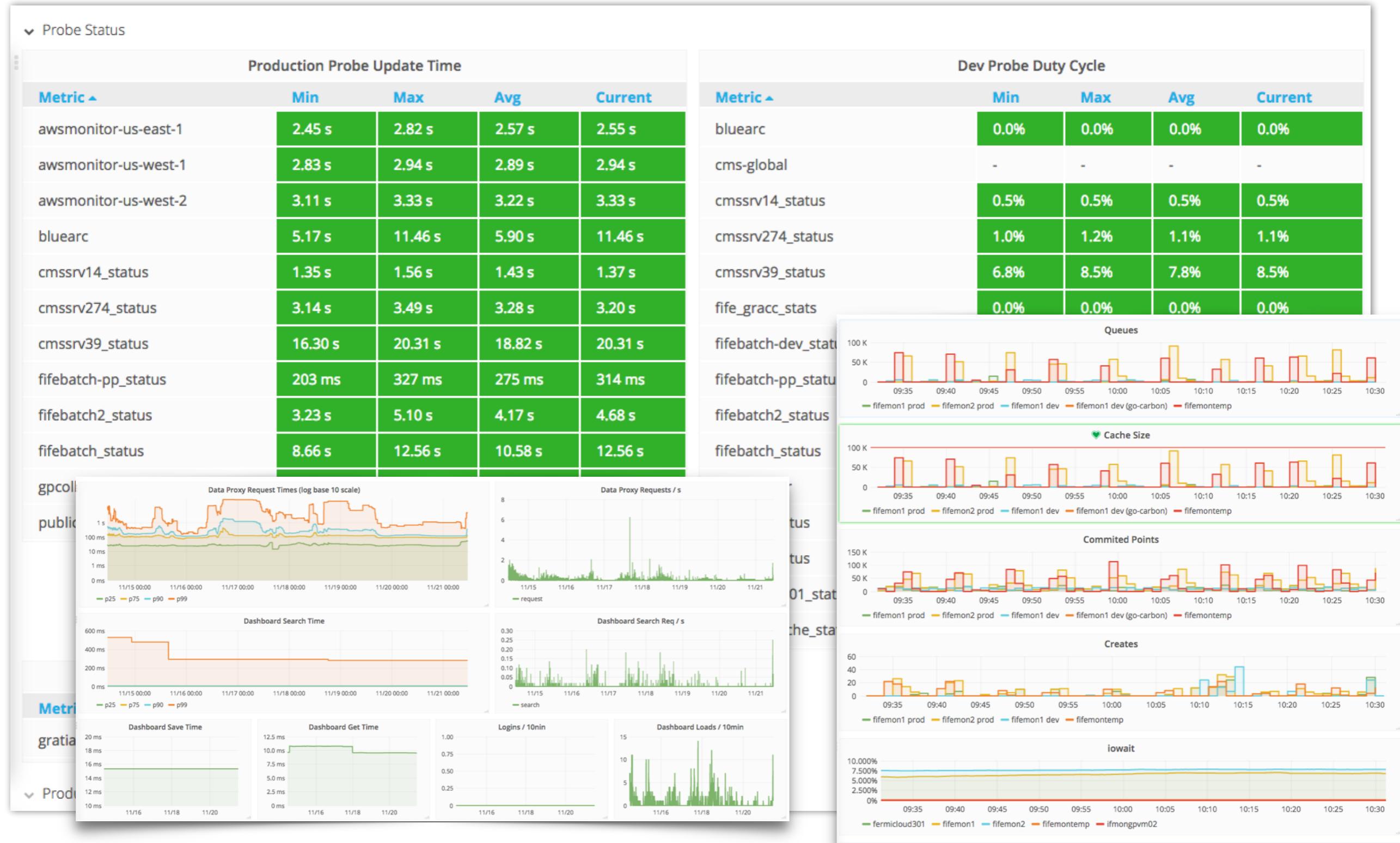
See also:

[Fifebatch Slots \(GPGGrid\)](#)[Fifebatch Slots Unclaimed \(GPGGrid\)](#)

Slots with remaining resources exceeding JobSub defaults

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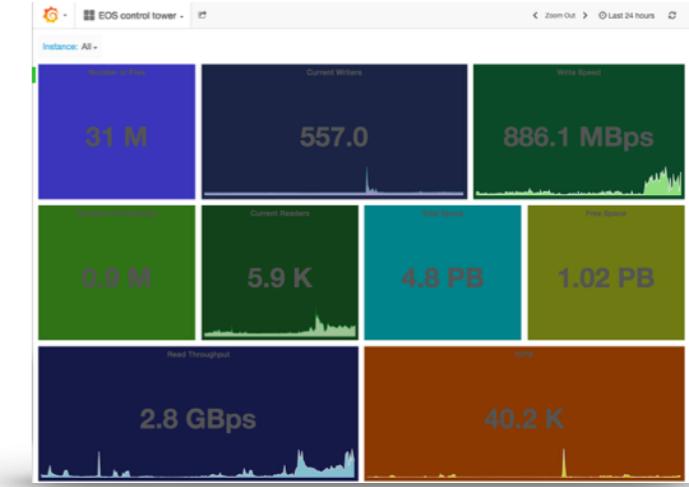
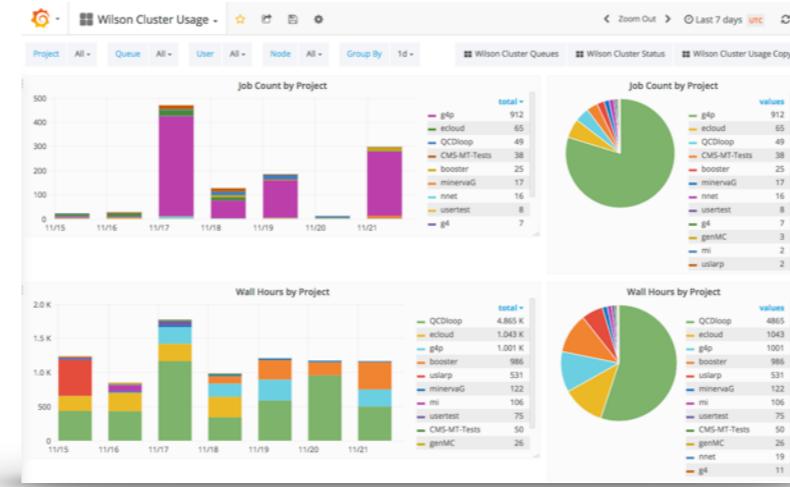
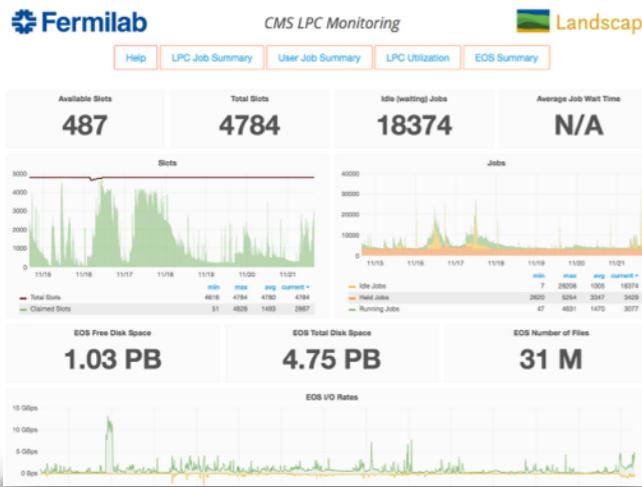
Fifemon - System Monitoring



The success of Fifemon led to the Landscape program: common monitoring tools and support for Scientific Computing.



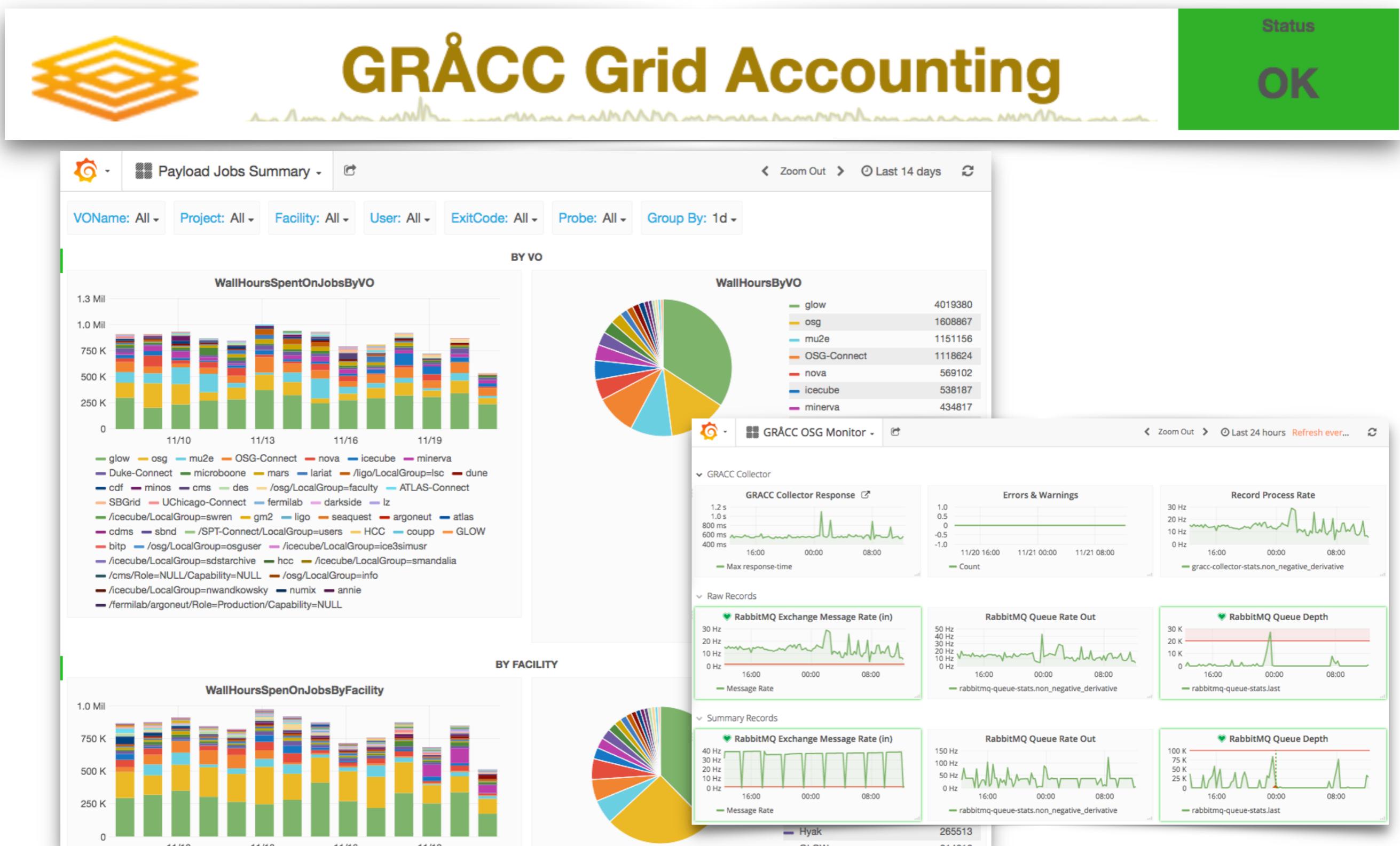
Landscape



HEP Cloud / GCP Demo Live @ SC16



Open Science Grid



Fermilab ❤ Grafana

(for the most part)



Things we love

Understanding system & service data is ~~hard~~ easy

- Trivial to add graphs and dashboards
- What used to take an expert to figure out (if anyone could), is now easily understood by (almost) anyone.

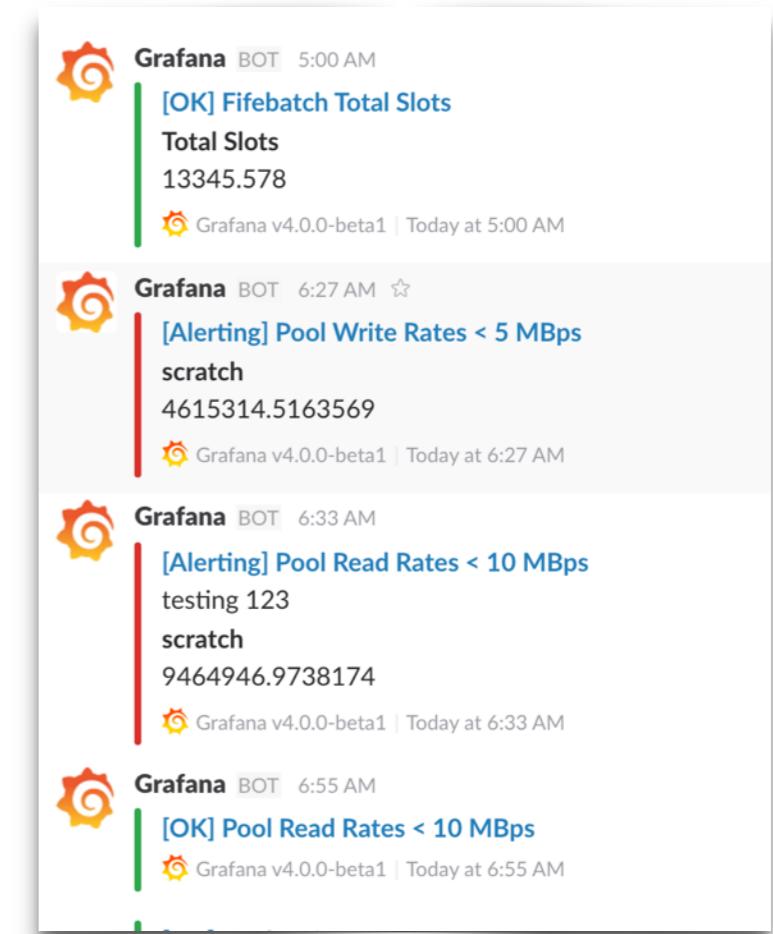
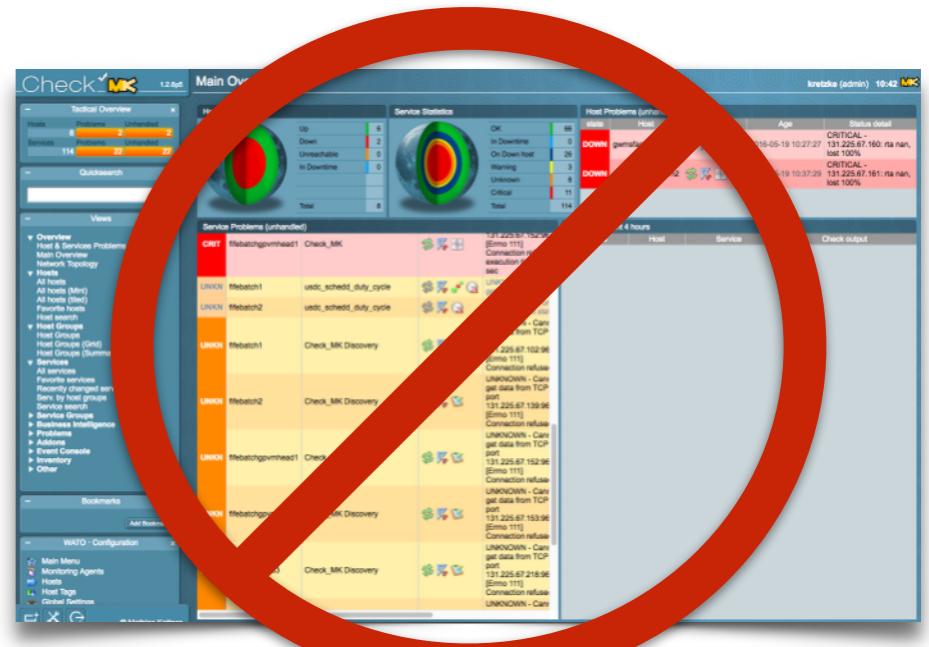
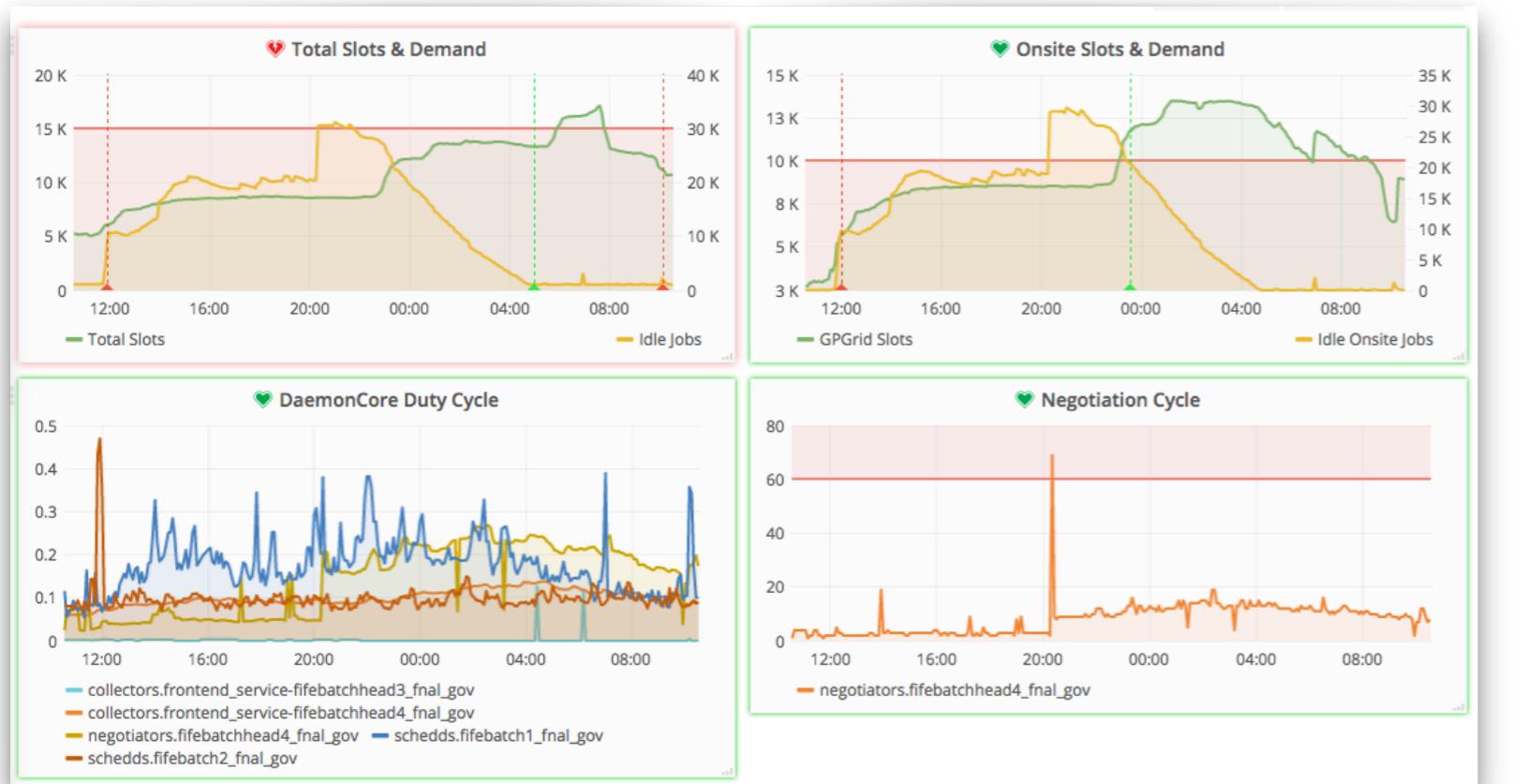
Built-in Auth

- LDAP authN & authZ
- SSO (proxy) authN

It's beautiful!

- Great web UX
- Plugin system makes it easy to customize with native look & feel

... and Alerting!



Things we'd love to see

User & group sandboxes

- Organizations don't work
 - different data sources, dashboards & authZ
 - broken URLs

Dashboard revision control & management

- Who changed what, when, and why
- Dashboards are code
- CLI? github.com/retzkek/grafanactl

Better Elasticsearch & non-time-series support

More drill-down links

More configurable home page (e.g. template vars)

Links

fifemon.github.io

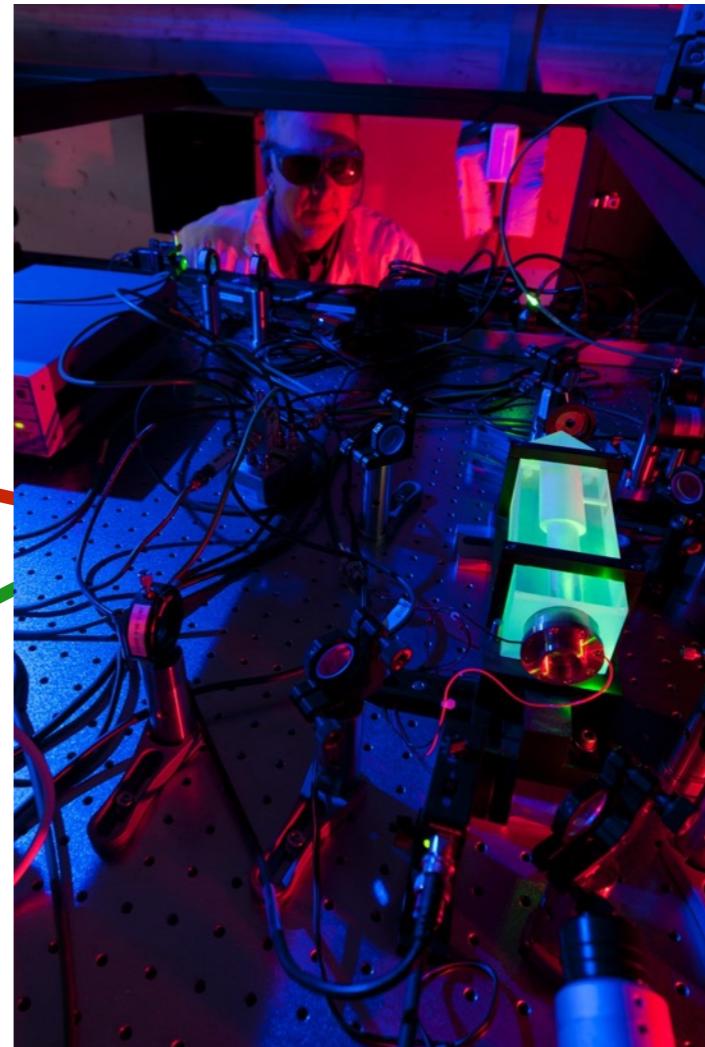
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