HEP cloud production using the CloudScheduler/HTCondor Architecture

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Outline

Overview of the Architecture CloudScheduler/HTCondor

Key enabling technologies:

CVMFS + µCernVM 3

Shoal (web cache discovery)

Glint (OpenStack plugin)

Current cloud resources, and pointers to other talks and posters.



Historical Perspective

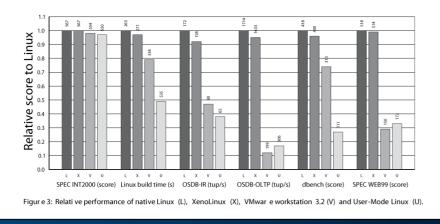
CHEP 2007 in Victoria:





VM: Xen is Useful for HEP

- Xen is a Virtual Machine technology that offer unlike more familiar VM systems like VMware
- Xen uses a technique called "paravirtualizatic at their native speed.
 - The penalty is that you must run a modifie
 - Linus says Xen included in Linux Kernel n
- "Evaluation of Virtual Machines for H CHEP 2006, Mumbai India.



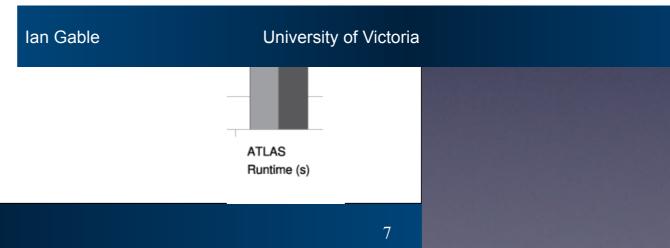
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Deploying HEP Applications Using Xen and Globus Virtual

Workspaces

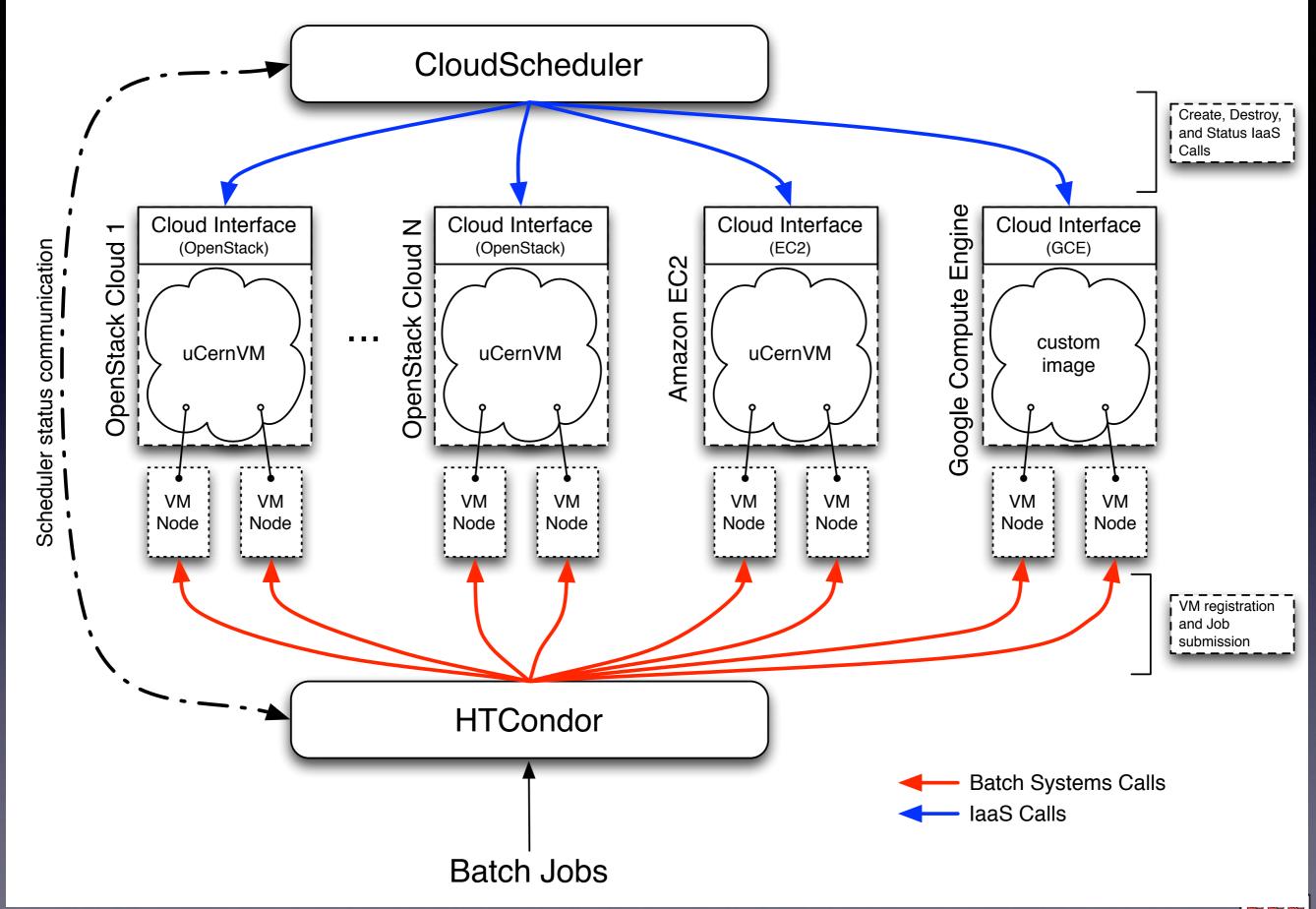
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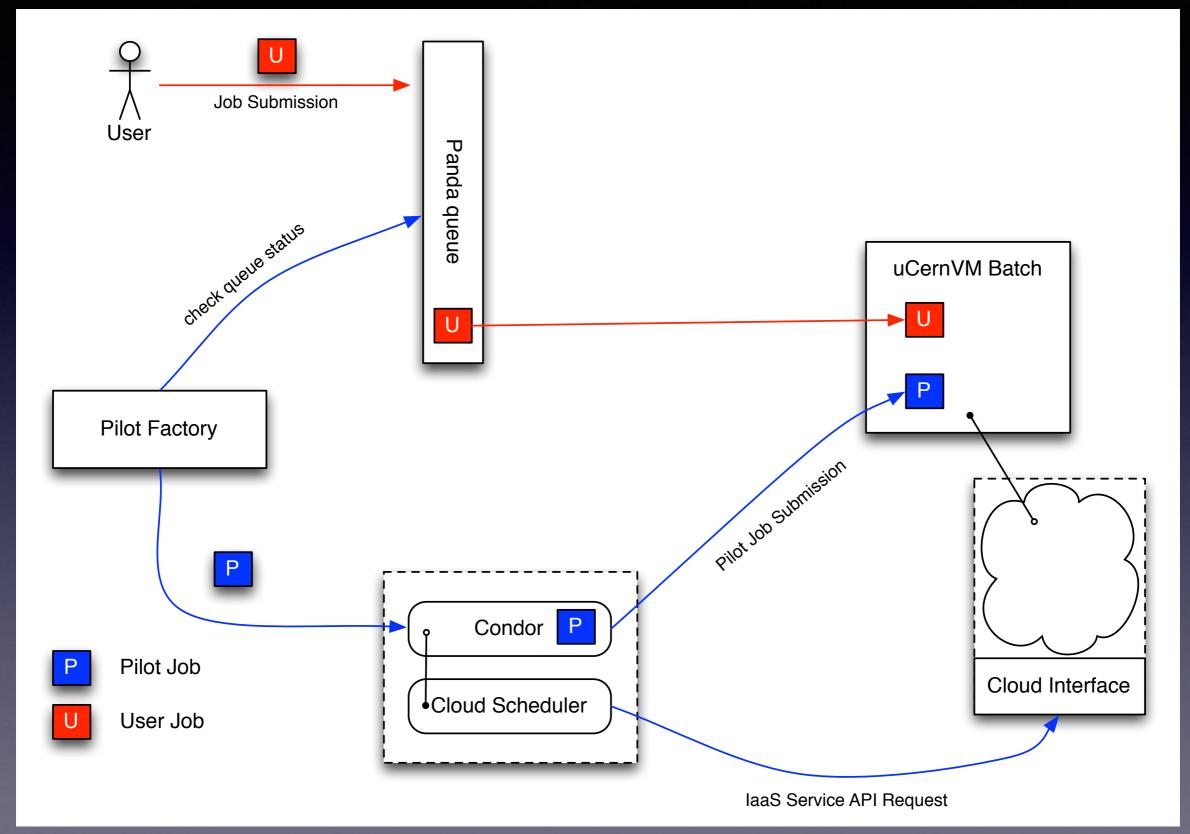
We had already started down the path to laaS



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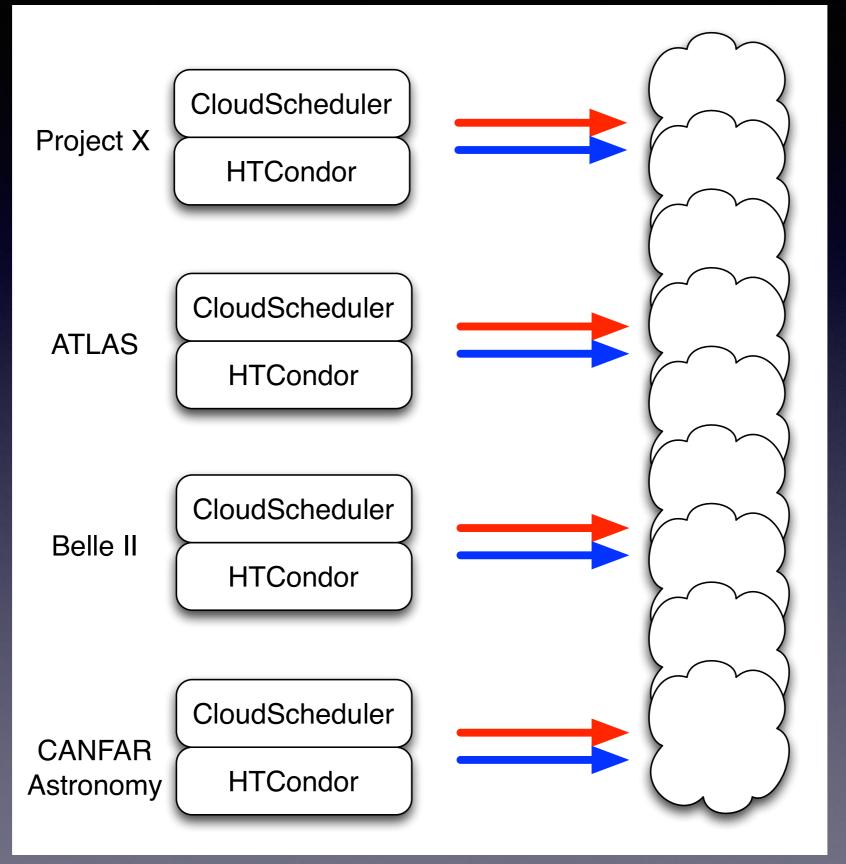


Integrating with Pilot Frameworks





Using multiple instances





Support System: CVMFS + µCernVM 3

Without CernVM, completely unmanageable number of VMs image types.

All the well known CVMFS advantages

μCernVM brings the image size down to 20 MB, trivial to deploy everywhere

Complete operating system is staged in, as well as experiment software at Run time.

Requires good squid caching



The caching challenge on laaS cloud

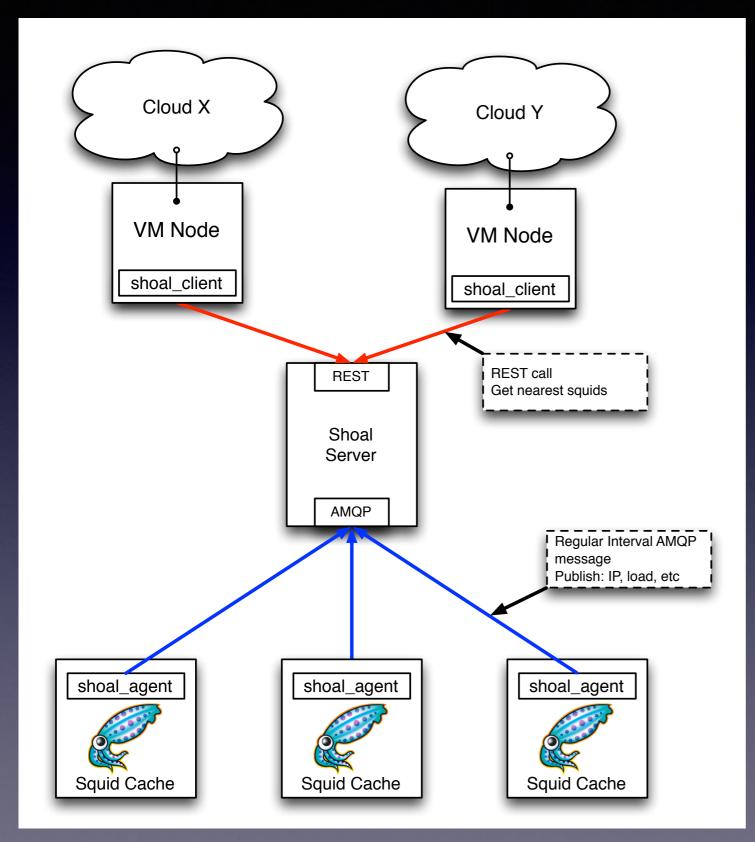
When booting VMs on arbitrary clouds they don't know which squid they should use

In order to work well VMs need to able to access a local web cache (squid) to be able to efficiently download all the experiment software and now OS libraries they need to run

If a VM is statically configured to access a particular cache it can be slow (Geneva—Vancouver for example) and it can overloaded



Shoal: web cache publishing



use the highly Scalable AMQP protocol to advertise Squid servers to shoal

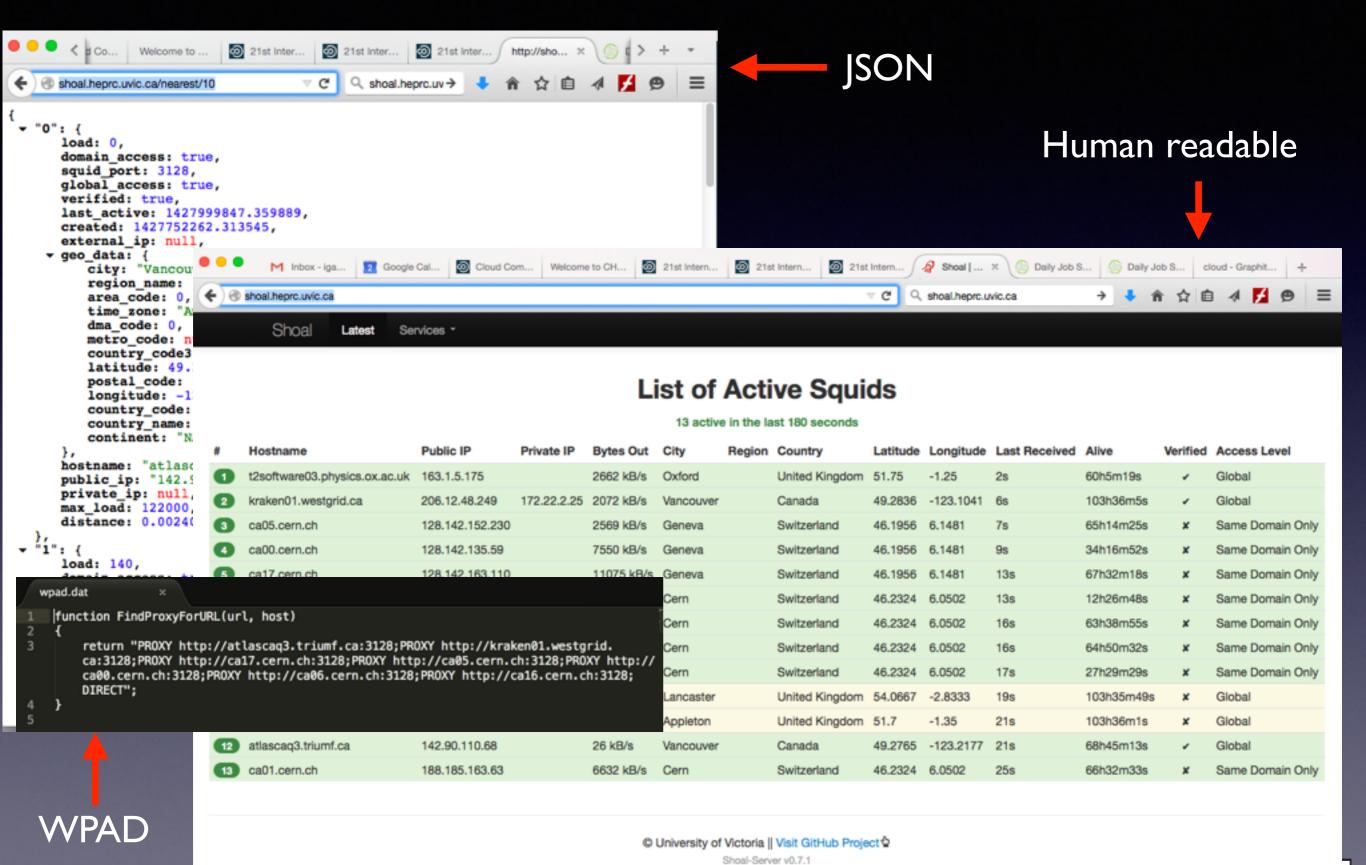
use GeoIP information to determine which is the closest to each VM

Squids advertise every 30 seconds, server 'verifies' if the squid is functional

https://github.com/hep-gc/shoal



Available Shoal Interfaces



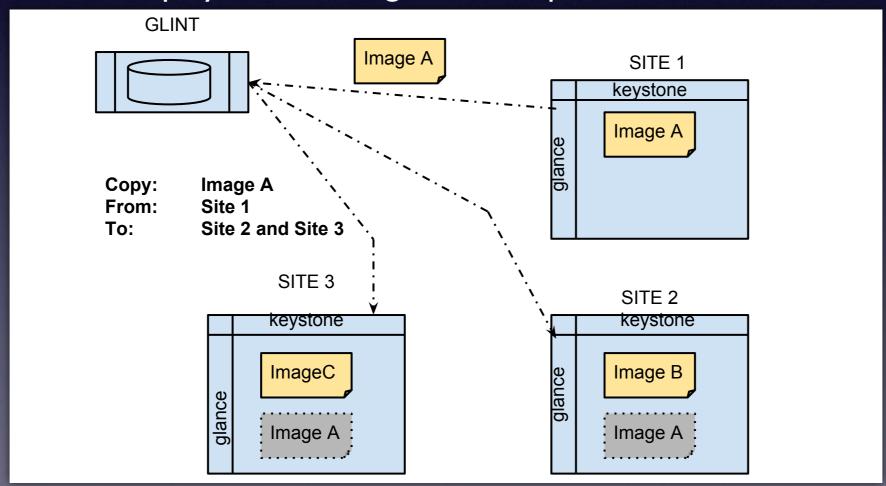
Glint: OpenStack image distribution

Distributing VM images by hand to 5 clouds is manageable but error prone

Distributing VM images by hand to 20+ clouds never happens right the first time and is hugely time consuming

Glint is the solution to this problem for OpenStack

Glint automates the deployment of images to multiple clouds



https://github.com/hep-gc/glint



Clouds in use

Currently Operating

Site	HEP Cloud?	ATLAS	BelleII
ComputeCanada-West	no	V	~
ComputeCanada-East	no	V	~
CERN	yes	V	
GridPP-Datacentered	yes	V	
CANARIE-West	no	V	
CANARIE-East	no	V	
Amazon EC2	no	V	
ChameleonCloud-U Texas	no		V
Google Compute Engine	no		~

Cloud can come and go with time.

Past clouds include:

NECTAR Australia, National Research Council Ottawa, FutureGrid - U Chicago, Elephant Coud UVic

~ 4000 cores operating today

For comparison, Canadian T2+T1 running ~5000 today



Summary

CloudScheduler/HTCondor flexible multi experiment way to run Batch Jobs on Clouds.

Key enabling technologies for this:

CVMFS + µCernVM 3

Shoal: dynamic Squid cache Publishing

Glint: VM Image Distribution

Current users ATLAS, Belle II, CANFAR, Compute Canada HPC consortium

"Evolution of Cloud Computing in ATLAS" Ryan Taylor, 17:00, this room

"Utilizing cloud computing resources for Belle II", Randall Sobie, this room

"Glint: VM image distribution in a multi-cloud environment" Poster Session B

