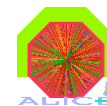


# US Tier-1/2 Computing for ALICE

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to ALICE



# US Tier-1 Capable Facilities



NERSC @ Lawrence Berkeley Nat. Lab.  
Department of Energy (DOE)



<http://www.nersc.gov>

LC @ Lawrence Livermore Nat. Lab.  
Department of Energy (DOE)



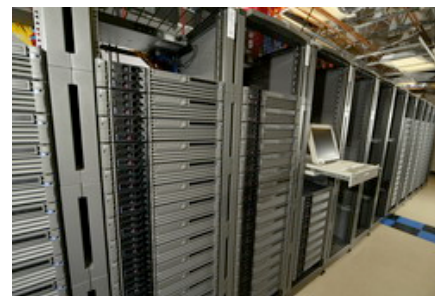
<http://computing.llnl.gov>

OSC @ Ohio State University  
State of Ohio



<http://www.osc.edu>

TLC2 @ University of Houston  
State of Texas



<http://tlc2.uh.edu>



# NERSC/PDSF

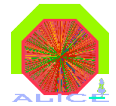


| System Name              | System Type                   | CPU       |         | Computational Pool |          |            |                  |                 | Node Interconnect | Scratch Disk |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                          |                               | Type      | Speed   | Nodes              | SMP Size | Total CPUs | Aggregate Memory | Avg. Memory/CPU |                   |              |
| <a href="#">Seaborg</a>  | IBM SP                        | POWER 3+  | 375 MHz | 384                | 16       | 6,144      | 7.19 TB          | 1.2 GB          | IBM "Colony"      | 35.6 TB      |
| <a href="#">Bassi</a>    | IBM p575                      | POWER 5   | 1.9 GHz | 111                | 8        | 888        | 3.55 TB          | 4 GB            | IBM HPS           | 58.2 TB      |
| <a href="#">Jacquard</a> | LinuxNetwork<br>Linux Cluster | Opteron   | 2.2 GHz | 356                | 2        | 712        | 2.14 TB          | 3 GB            | InfiniBand        | 18.4 TB      |
| <a href="#">PDSF*</a>    | Linux Cluster                 | Various   | Various | 275                | 2        | 550        | 550 GB           | 1 GB            | Ethernet          | 135 TB       |
| <a href="#">DaVinci</a>  | SGI Altix                     | Itanium 2 | 1.4     | 1                  | 32       | 32         | 192 GB           | 6 GB            | NUMA              | 21.9 TB      |

- Propose to DOE ~500 additional cpu of PDSF for ALICE
- NERSC HPSS has 22 PB current capacity
- Connects to ESNET via 10 GBS Bay Area Met. Area Network
- 24/7 Support
  - Account and technical support 8:00-17:00 Pacific, M-F
  - 24/7 operations staff monitors critical components, interactive nodes, home file-system
  - operations refer to on-call sys. admin or project lead as needed



# LC/Serial Cluster

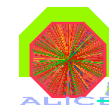


| System                            | Top500 Rank | Program | Manufacturer/ Model    | OS    | Interconnect | Nodes | CPUs  | Memory (GB) | Peak GFLOP/s   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------|
| <b>Unclassified Network (OCF)</b> |             |         |                        |       |              |       |       |             | <b>116,096</b> |
| Atlas (Peloton)                   | TBD         | M&IC    | Appro                  | Linux | IB           | 1,152 | 9,216 | 18,432      | 44,237         |
| Thunder                           | 14          | M&IC    | California Digital     | Linux | Elan4        | 1,024 | 4,096 | 8,192       | 22,938         |
| Zeus (Peloton)                    | TBD         | M&IC    | Appro                  | Linux | IB           | 288   | 2,304 | 4,608       | 11,059         |
| MCR                               | 58          | M&IC    | Linux Networkx         | Linux | Elan3        | 1,152 | 2,304 | 4,608       | 11,059         |
| ALC                               | 71          | ASC     | IBM xSeries            | Linux | Elan3        | 960   | 1,920 | 3,840       | 9,216          |
| uP                                | 84          | ASC     | IBM SP                 | AIX   | Federation   | 108   | 864   | 3,456       | 6,566          |
| uBG/L                             |             | ASC     | IBM                    | Linux | IBM          | 1,024 | 2,048 | 512         | 5,734          |
| Serial Cluster                    |             | M&IC    | Appro                  | Linux | N/A          | 80    | 640   | 1,600       | 3,072          |
| Sphere                            |             | ASC     | Rackable Systems       | Linux | Elan3        | 96    | 192   | 192         | 1,075          |
| iLX                               |             | M&IC    | RAND Federal           | Linux | N/A          | 67    | 134   | 268         | 678            |
| GPS                               |             | M&IC    | HP GS320/ES45/E; Tru64 | N/A   |              | 33    | 160   | 356         | 277            |
| Vertex                            |             | ASC     | GraphStream            | Linux | IB           | 16    | 32    | 64          | 128            |
| Snowbert                          |             | M&IC    | IBM SP                 | AIX   | Colony       | 8     | 64    | 32          | 57             |

- ALICE to run on subset of 640 cpu Serial Cluster
- Connects to ESNET via same network as NERSC
- LLNL has active HPSS group and >PB capacity
- 24/7 Support
  - Account and technical support 7:30-16:45 Pacific, M-F
  - 24/7 operations staff monitors network, batch jobs, hardware, processes, storage, remote access, OTP logins
  - operations refer to on-call system matrix or plant as needed



# OSC / Itanium & Xeon Clusters



- ALICE to run on ~200 cpu leveraged against NSF proposal
- HPSS system available, proposal to NSF to procure tapes
- 24/7 Support
  - Account and technical support 9:00-17:00 Eastern, M-F
  - 24/7 support for network, storage, and critical hosts with on-call network engineer and on-call HPC analyst

# TLC<sup>2</sup> / Eldorado and ARCL Clusters

- ALICE to run on ~100 cpu from NSF proposal
- HPSS system available
- 24/7 Support
  - Normal system support 7:30-18:00 Central, M-F
  - Critical 24/7 support from on-call duty system administrator

ALICE has been using OSC/TLC<sup>2</sup> since 2003

- AliEn installation and testing at LBNL/LLNL underway
- AliEn-OSG interface proposed to NSF by OSC/LBNL/UH