

# Lanzhou University computing cluster status

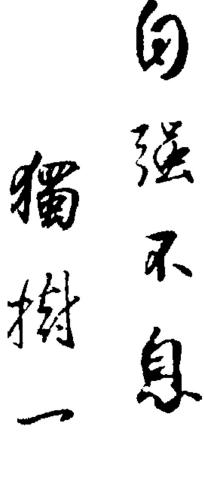
Kunpeng Yu, Yinghao Wang, Pei-Rong Li

Lanzhou University

CLHCP2025, Xinxiang, November 1st 2025

#### Outline

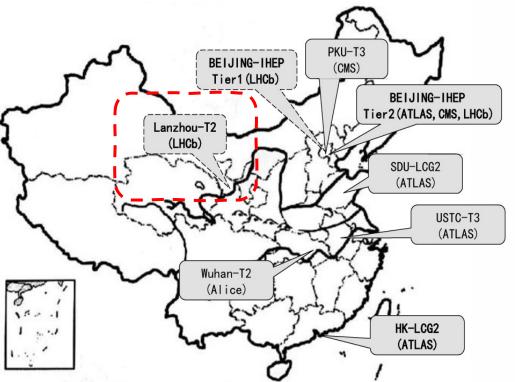
- ✓ Tier-2 Site in Lanzhou University
- ✓ Tier-3 Site in Lanzhou University
- ✓ Current issues
- ✓ Summary





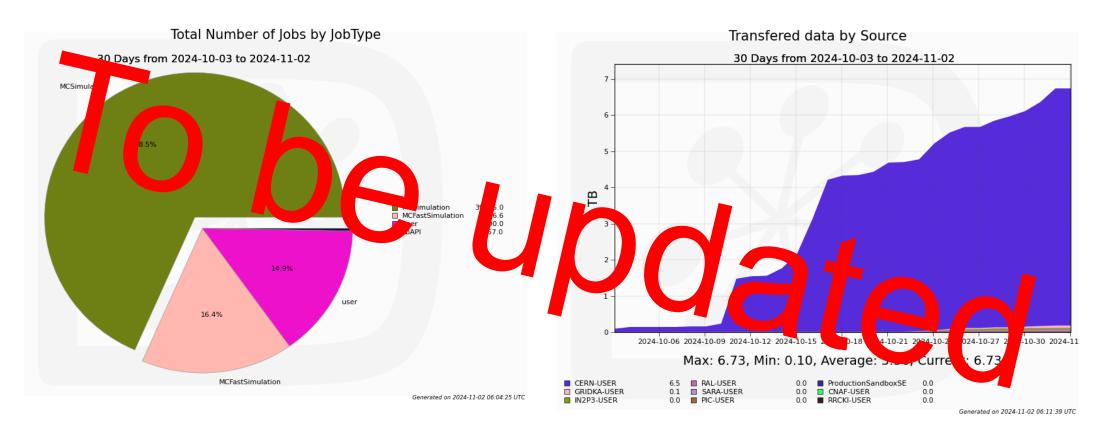
#### Tier-2 Site in Lanzhou University

- Tier-2 site is constructed in Lanzhou University in 2024
  - > ~3500 CPU cores
  - ➤ ~3.4 PB disk storage
  - > 100% contribute to LHCb
- Funds from LZU approved by the end of 2023: ¥ 60M.
- A dedicated 2 Gbps network link between LZU and IHEP.
- CC-IHEP is responsible for software deployment and maintenance.
- The MoU agreement of Tier-2 site is not signed yet but expected to be implemented soon.



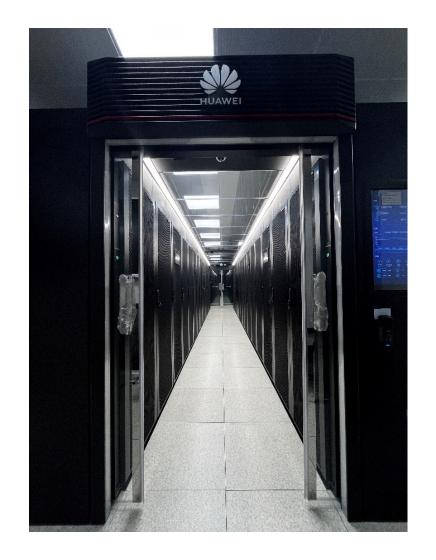
## Tier-2 Site in Lanzhou University

- The services are in production for over 1 year.
- Mainly responsible for the MC simulation production.



## Tier-3 Site in Lanzhou University

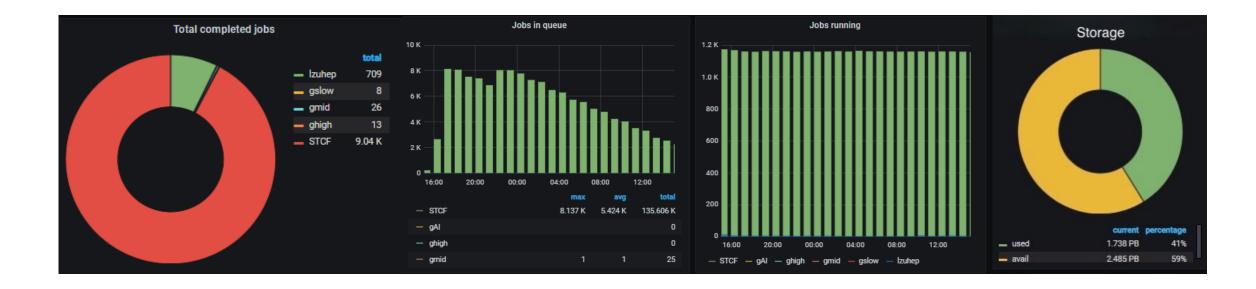
- Local cluster for user jobs with experiments including BESIII, LHCb and STCF etc.
  - > ~4000 CPU cores
  - > ~4 PB disk storage
  - > ~90 NVIDIA GPUs (RTX2080Ti, RTX3080, and L20)
- Satisfy various computing environment of several experimental groups.
- Computing resources are managed by HTCondor.
- Around 300 regular users are working properly.
- Cluster maintenance:
  - > Hardware: LZU local group
  - > Software environment: IHEP computing group



Machine room

## Tier-3 Site in Lanzhou University

- The local cluster is dedicated to supporting the research activities of HEP group.
  - > Recently, it was actively used by STCF colleagues.
- Significant potential for diverse computing tasks.

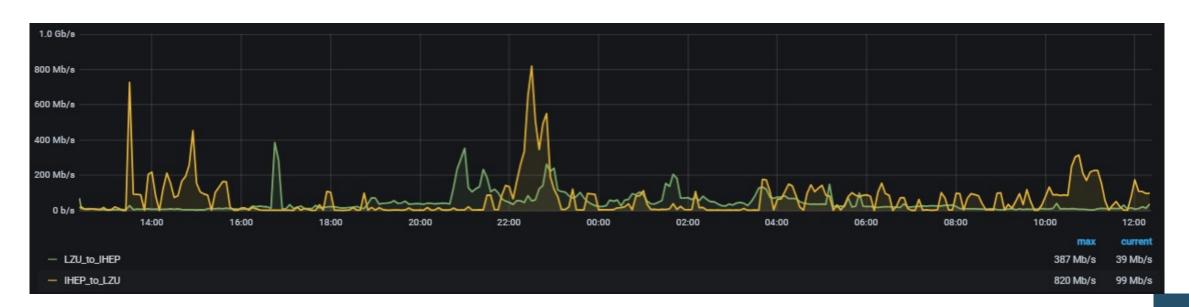


#### Current issues: maintenance

- Hardware requires regular replacement to maintain high performance.
  Support from school funding is only one-time, the follow-up maintenance still requires a lot of investment:
  - $\triangleright$  CPU, GPU and disk:  $\neq \sim 5.25$  M / 6 years,
  - $\triangleright$  Network device:  $\forall \sim 1.8 \text{ M} / 10 \text{ years}.$
- Cost of other projects for the operation of the equipment is also a large expense,
  e.g.
  - ➤ Electricity power: ¥ ~0.66 M / year,
  - $\triangleright$  Network connection:  $\forall \sim 0.4 \text{ M} / \text{year.}$

#### Current issues: network

- Tier-2 and local cluster shared the network connection (2Gbps to IHEP).
  - Intensive simulation production on Tier-2 can saturate this shared bandwidth.
  - Consequently, the network performance and usability of the local cluster are degraded.
  - > Separate the bandwidth between Tier-2 and Tier-3.



#### Summary

- The Tier-2 site has been in stable operation since its deployment one year ago.
- The local computing cluster continues to operate reliably over the past years, offering dedicated computational support to the local HEP group.
- Cluster maintenance entails substantial and recurring costs
- Technical bottleneck in the network should be addressed.

