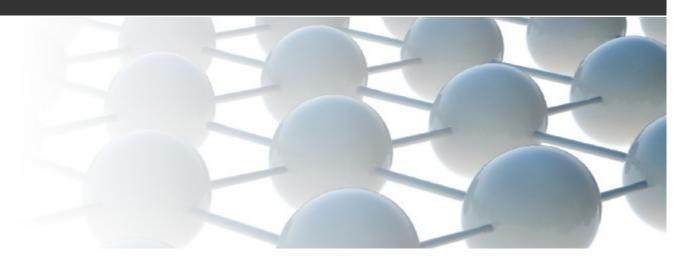


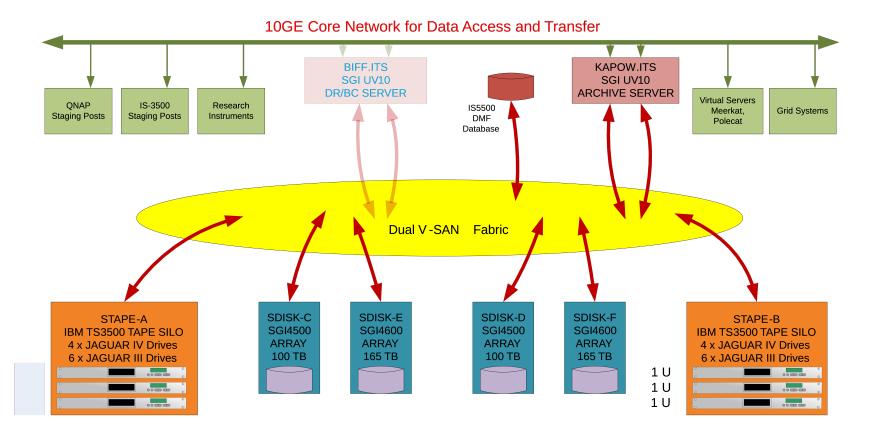
Monash Site Update

Growth in LaRDS/DMF Capacity

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Monash DMF Configuration

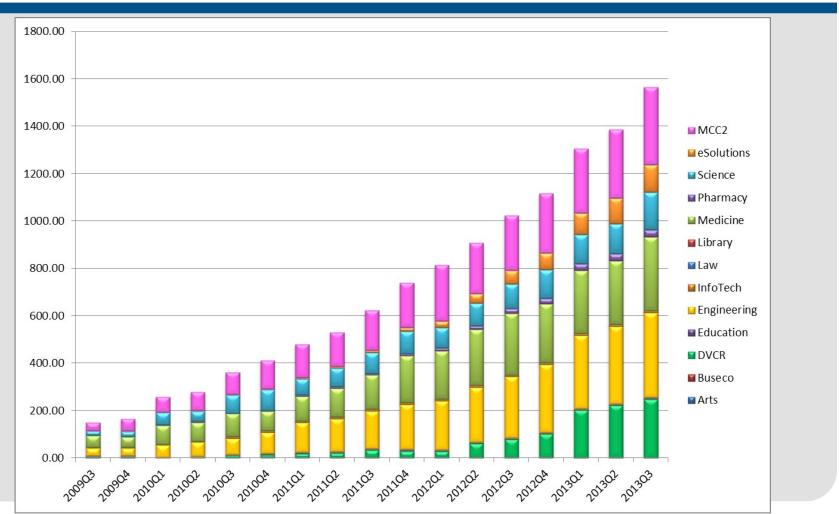


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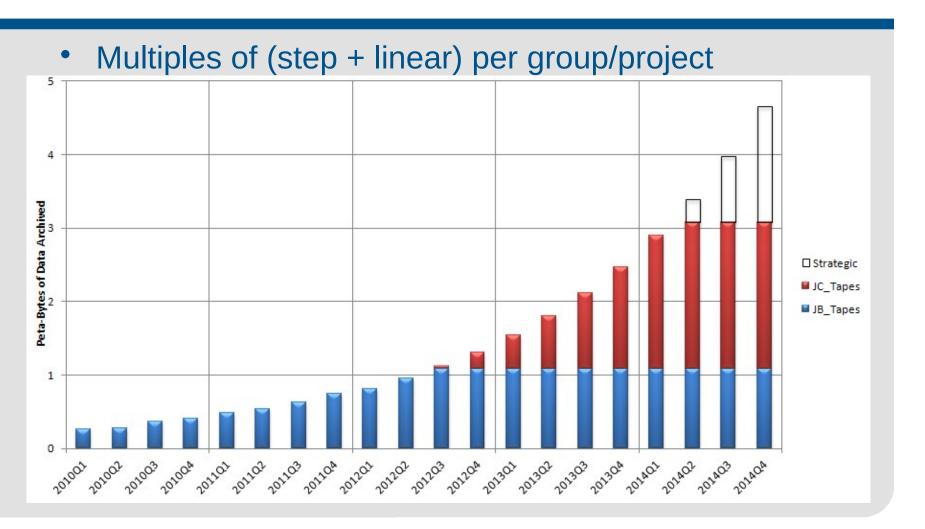


Monash Quarterly Growth Since 2009



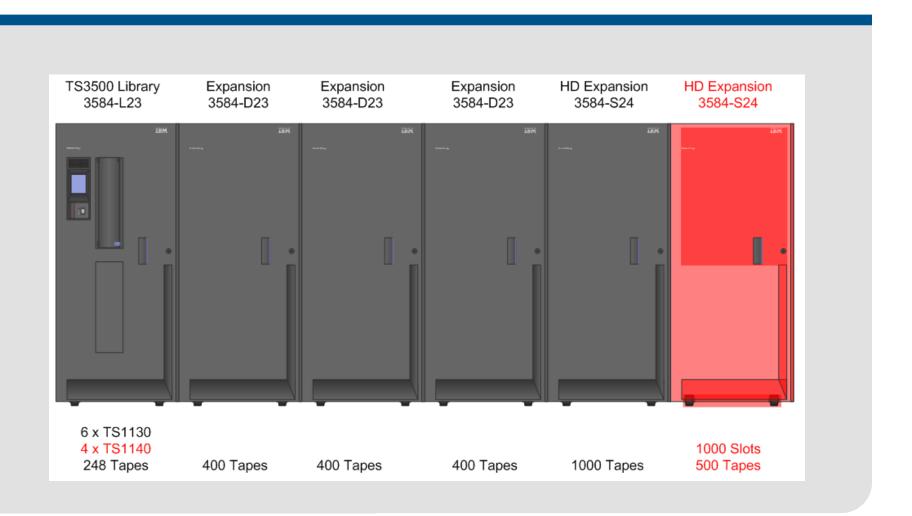


Predicted Growth Characteristics to 2015





Tape Library Expansion – Midyear 2012

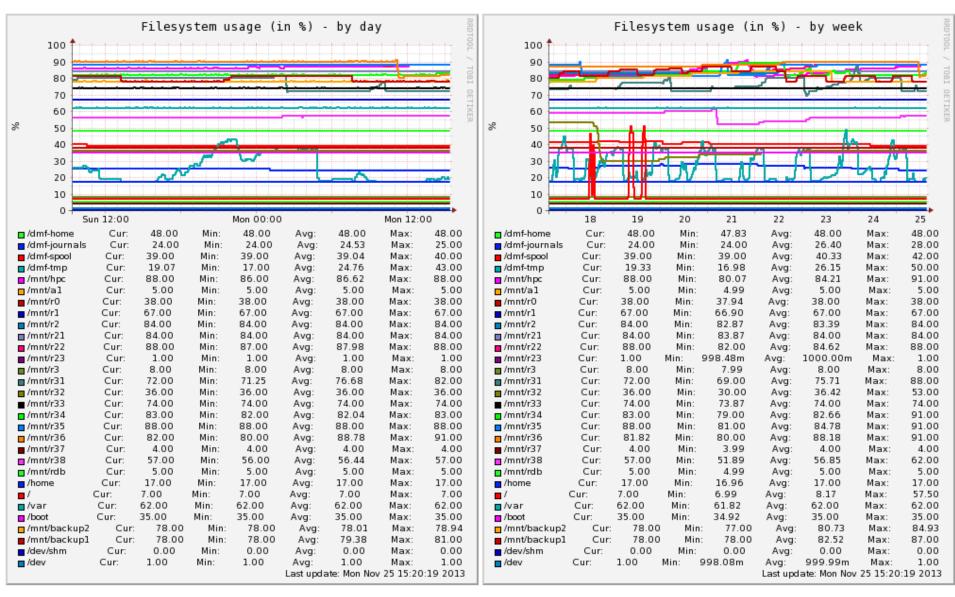




Capacity Uplift and Growth Limit Extended

- More frontend file system caches allocated
 - Dedicated to MASSIVE and Synchrotron
- Reduce tape copies from 4 to 2.
- 180 JC Tapes (4TB per cartridge)= 720TB
- Migrate volume sets to higher density media
- Still Retiring JBs in favour of JCs
- Improved system support and monitoring
 - http://meraem.its.monash.edu.au/munin/LaR
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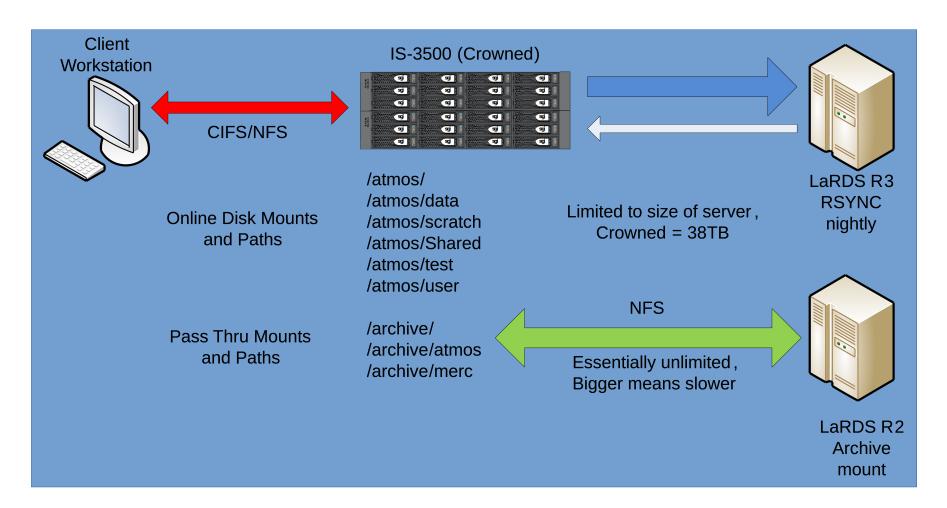


LaRDS Cache Stabilizing Strategies

- Grid is largest LaRDS usage and still growing
 - Grid scratch moving to CEPH/Swift with NeCTAR
 - LaRDS share used for grid user home directories
- Staging posts used to move load
 - IS-3500 and QNAP used to implement effective always online
 - IS-3500 translating NFS/DMF to end user CIFS to give access to "Archive" share



Archive share has easier growth path





Issues:

- NFSv3 only supports 16 groups per user
 - Majority of end users unaffected
 - Admin class user first to be affected, but mainly due to share testing and config time
 - Perhaps move to NFSv4 or just give up on dual NFS/CIFS access model
- Path for DMF status blocked through NFS to CIFS translation
 - Samba can present on-line/off-line icon but only for local disk, not a NFS backend reshared
 - Linux STAT command reveals what is offline by blocks vs bytes (even through CIFS)
- Vendor has update patches and reconfiguration recommendation
 - Not all IS-3500s are at SP2
 - Patches have to be tested, then can be scheduled for all like machines
 - Testing reconfiguration for SMB2 is more tricky, but must be done.
 - Expansion of disk needed, but systems to be retired 2015.

