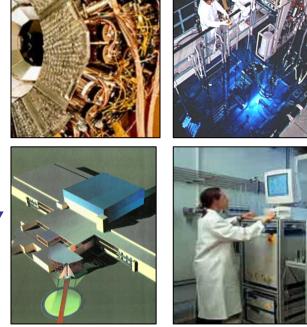
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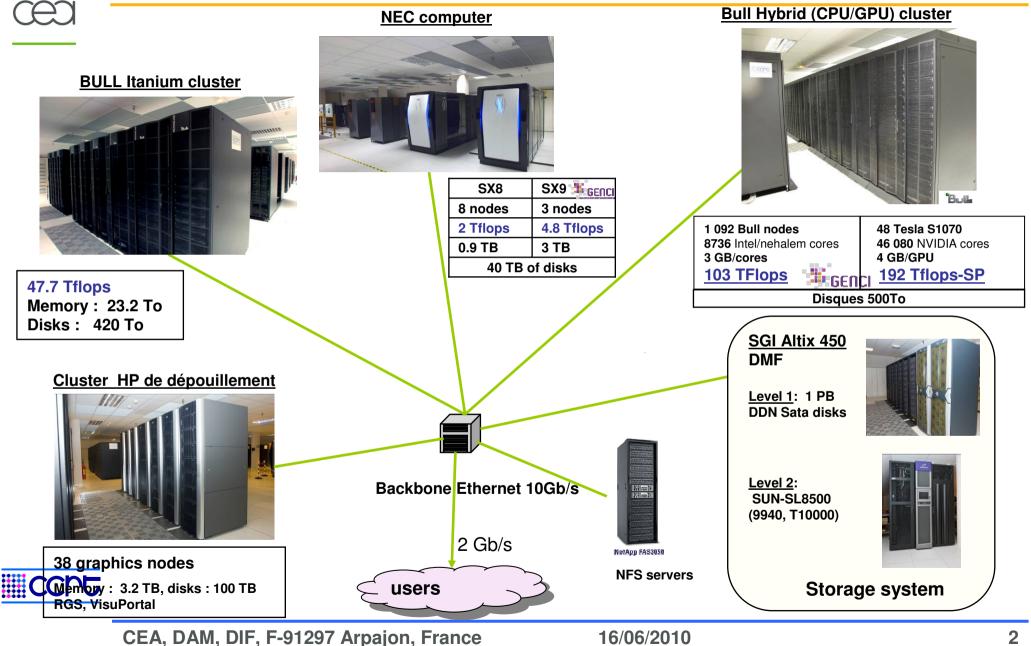




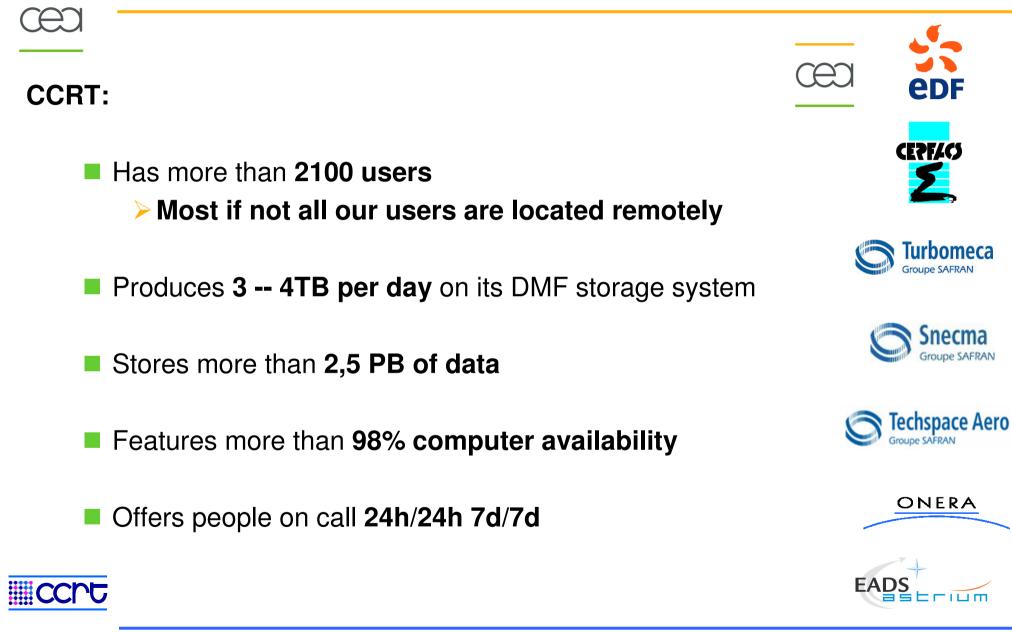
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CCRT architecture (2010)



CCRT production numbers





Post processing cluster and service focus



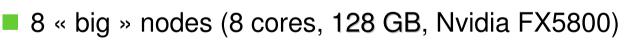
Post processing cluster description

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Hardware configuration :

- 1 management node
- I/O configuration (Lustre) :
 - >2 + 8 I/O nodes
 - >100 To of disks
 - 2 GB/s bandwidth
- 2 login nodes
 - > with a 10Gb/s backbone link



- Mainly for meshing activities
- 30 graphics nodes (8 cores, 64 GB, Nvidia FX5800)
 - Main usage = visual post processing
- Infiniband DDR interconnect network



Software configuration :

- Services to use the cluster as a compute resource (batch system, ...)
- Booking service for interactive usage of the nodes through a web interface
 - The VisuPortal package
- Optimized service for remote graphics
 > HP RGS package
- A set of pre-installed commercial and open source software :
 - > Paraview, Ensight, VisIt, Mathlab, Idl, ...



VisuPortal : a new service @ CCRT (in production since June 2009)

- Through a WEB interface, users can reserve a period of time to have nodes on the post processing cluster.
- Then through RGS (remote graphic system), users have an optimized remote X11 window connected on the reserved login node.
 - RGS has many clients (Windows, Mac OS, Linux)

• 2 modes :

- Applications : launching specific application automatically reserving appropriate resources
- Expert : reserving a entire node

CCPU • CCRT use only the expert node for the moment

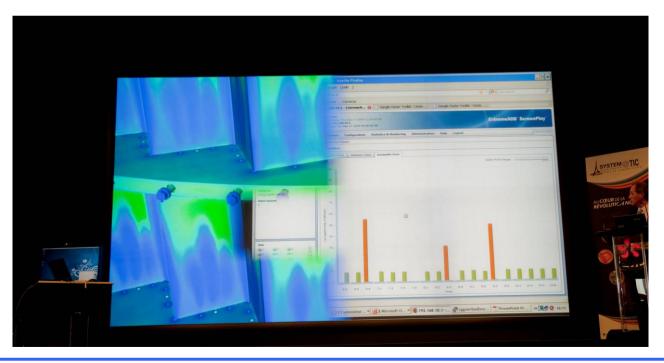
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VisuPortal is the output of the Carriocas project

- Carriocas : a System@tic project
- WP4 « software demonstration of the usability of a 40Gb/s link »
 - > Main actors : CEA, CGG-VERITAS, EDF
- Specifications lead of VisuPortal : EDF
- First usage : reservation of the display wall @ EDF Clamart





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CCRT worked hard with Oxalya to make VisuPortal good for a real production :

- Resolving bugs
- Adding specific developments especially to simplify its usability
- Adding security to the software installation
- CCRT has put VisuPortal in production since June2009

We consider it a success

Users' quote :

"X11 tools are more efficient on the CCRT visualization cluster using VisuPortal and RGS than on my local desktop."



RGS issues :

- Not easy to script RGS
- We try to integrate a full SSL support in RGS (easier to "fulfill the security requirements")
- Dedicated to HP hardware (begin to change)
 - > An Open Source replacement is being contemplated.

• Visuportal :

- Quota support
- Software hardening especially when mixing compute and interactive usages



