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Storage Classes at Lyon Tier-1

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Storage classes in MSS

- Storage Group in dCache
 - Defined by tags (hidden files) in the PNFS namespace
 - Linked with pool group(s)
 - That way, dCache knows where to physically store new files created in the namespace
- Storage Class in HPSS
 - COS (Class Of Service) is not defined in HPSS namespace
 - Associated with resources (type of disk, type of tape)
 - Associated with policies (filesize, migration, purge...)
 - Families are defined in the HPSS namespace
 - Allow to group files from a family on the same tapes

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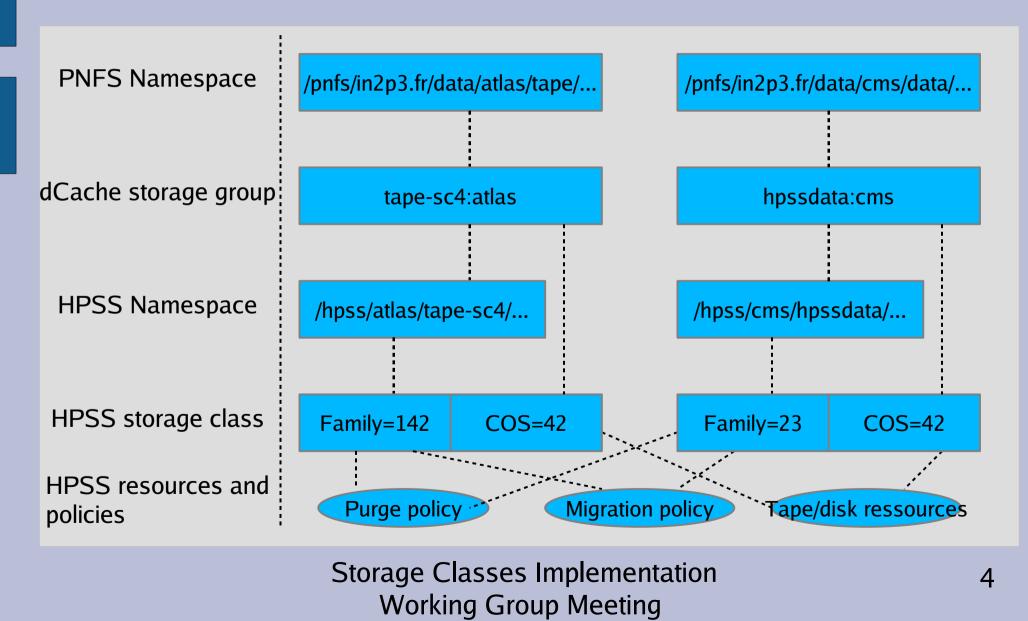
dCache/HPSS SC mapping

- HPSS Classes Of Service are defined in dCache namespace tags (PNFS hidden files)
 Then used by migration script
- HPSS Families are used in dCache through the
- mapping between the dCache storage class and the HPSS namespace (see example on next slide)





Storage Classes levels







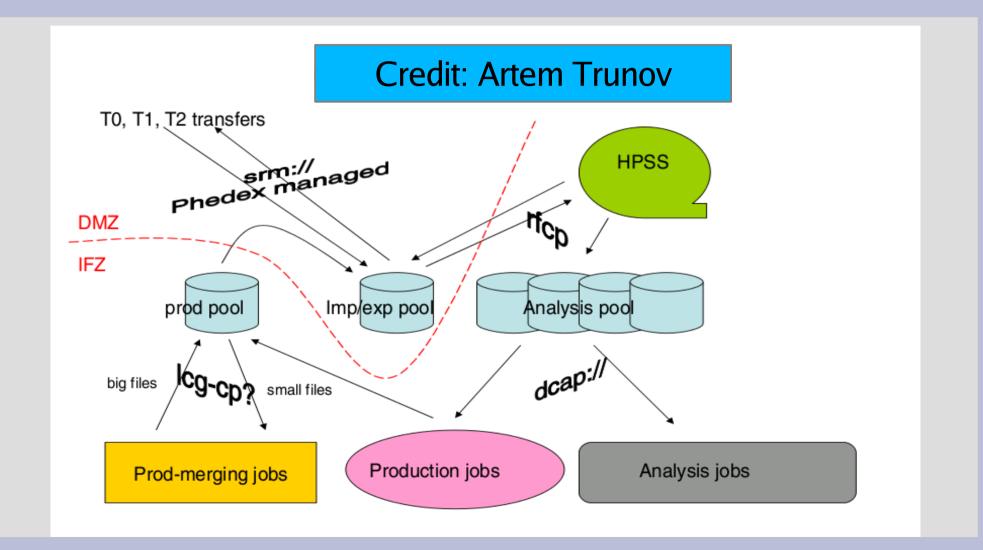
Read vs Write pools

- Write pools receive files from other sites with a high (but very well known) throughput
 - Disk access tuned for sequential write
 - Network tuned for high throughput
 - High quality hardware required for precious files (but small volume needed)
- Read pool are used by local jobs
 - Disk access tuned for random access by lots of jobs
 - High quality is not required (files can be retrieved from HPSS to other pools) but large volumes are needed
- RW pools are also used for traffic in both directions





CMS dCache pools setup



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