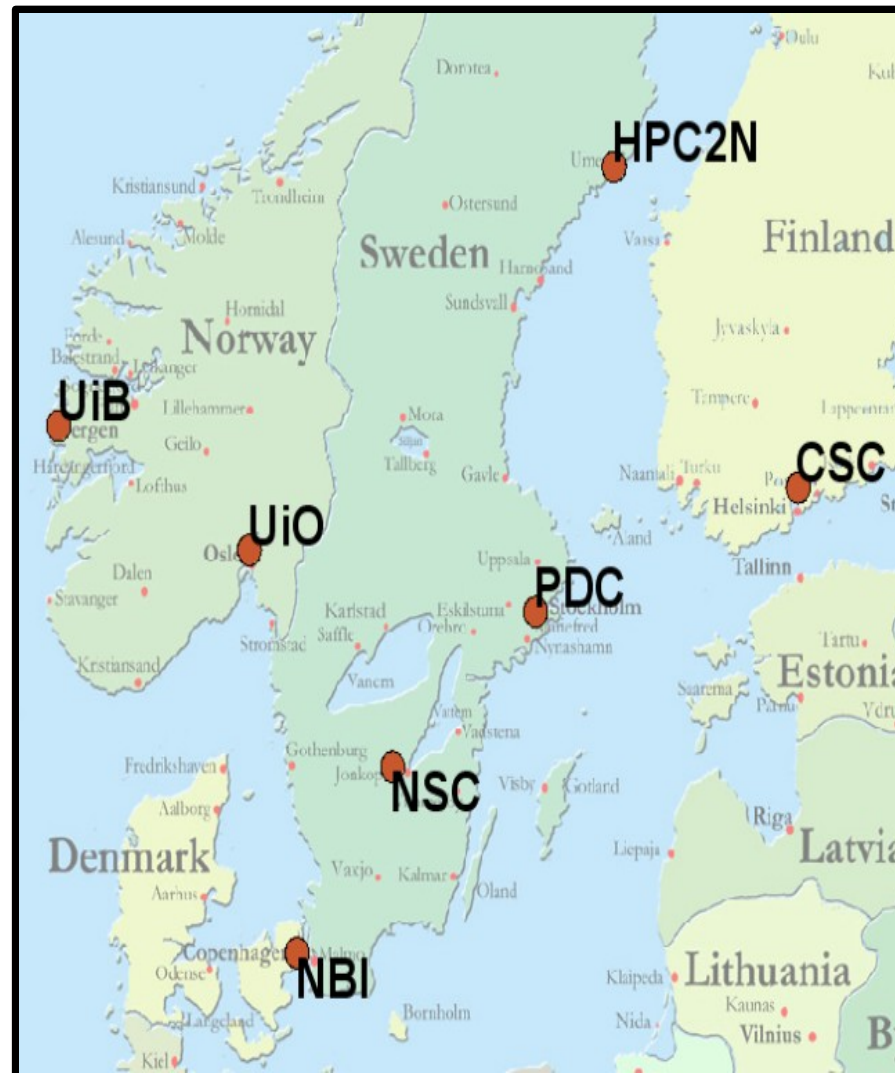


Short Status of the (Nordic) Tier1

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The Nordic Tier 1



Status in Norway for ALICE

- Late to the game, but there at last!
- Bergen has been contributing for a long time...
- But now with new dedicated machines
- Oslo had some delays due to their upgrade, but is well on the way.

There is more to come...

- The Nordic countries are not providing the promised resources. At the moment...
- But all of them are in the stage of getting more Compute Power (and Storage)
- So, regardless of the “official” increase... the Admins will try to provide even more resources.

The Bright Side (a.k.a the Future)

- Norway will expand their commitment rapidly
- It will update their Compute Power 13 times next year.
- So... the Tier1 will profit from that!

Let there be Synergy

- Although, the “hard” (a.k.a. guaranteed) numbers are low...
- There will be more dynamically resources available...
- In Bergen it means, we will just fulfill the official contract, but will try to give as many resources possible to the Grid.
- And so do other sites as well...

Hey, I'm the Newbie

- As a new Site Admin there are many questions...
- The mailing list is excellent!
- But there should be a Troubleshooting Guide / F.A.Q. available
- From the mailing list it seems, that most problems are about Certification, this would be a good starting point for a F.A.Q.

I'm still a Newbie

- The AliEn experts know the life cycle of a Grid job best.
- It would be nice to know in which order to check log files (there are a lot of them) to pinpoint the error.
- Because of the many layers, a collection of error messages and their origin would be nice.

(Nordic) Deployment Pains

- There is a fancy way to distribute the ALICE software (Packman)
- But people (aka Nordic Site Admins) don't know how to use it locally.
- A (general) way to provide different AliRoot versions to the users would be very much appreciated.
- RunTimeEnvironments in ARC will be done with Janitor (based on DebConf). Is Interoperability possible?

Questions?

Or...

Have a nice weekend :-)