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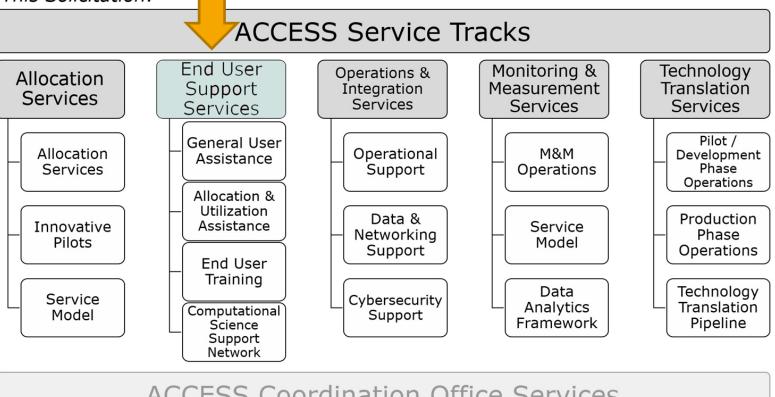
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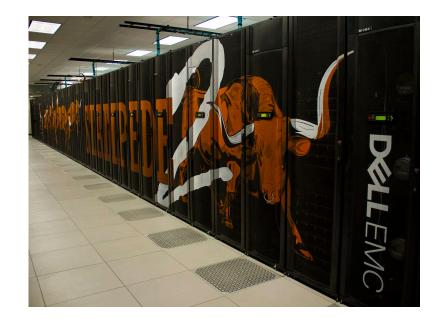




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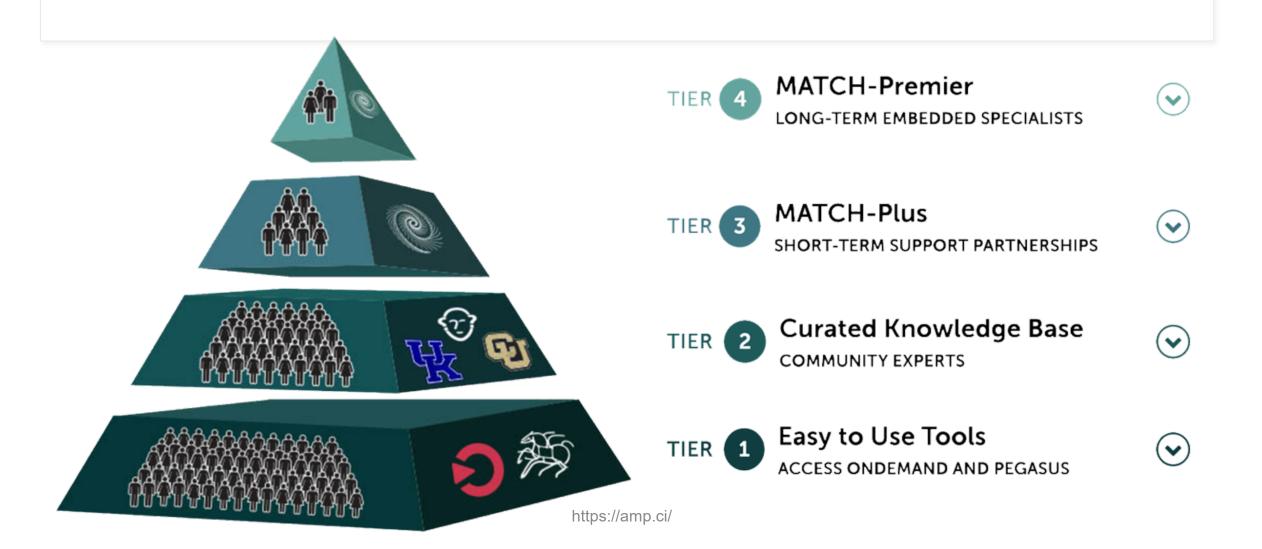
 Goal for NSF: To provide democratized and equitable access to NSF's advanced cyberinfrastructure ecosystem

 MATCH Theme: providing equitable, scalable support to best enable research on NSF funded cyberinfrastructure



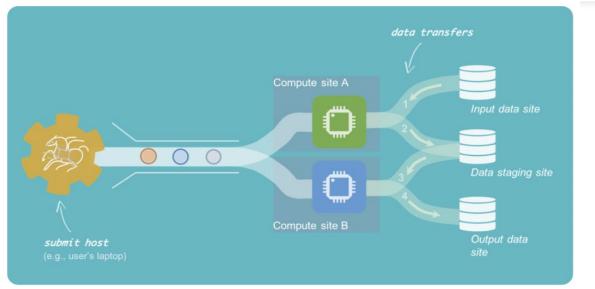
Stampede2 at the Texas Advanced Computing Center. From xsede.org

MATCH Services





Tier 1 – Pegasus and Open OnDemand



- Pegasus
 - Workflow manager
 - Input data -> Compute Job -> Output data
 - Complex data workflows
 - Reproducible
 - Provenance, ensures data integrity

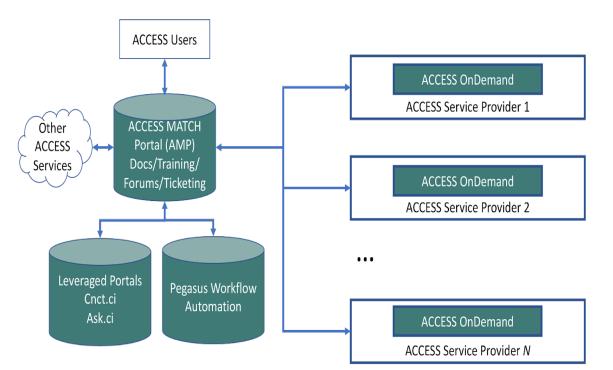
- Open OnDemand
 - Improve user experience with easy-to-use interface to access complex cyberinfrastructure
 - Templates to run jobs, transfer data, etc

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Tier 1 – MATCH Approach

- Integrate Pegasus and OnDemand platforms with the ACCESS MATCH Portal
 - Connect.CI (<u>https://Cnct.CI</u>) underpinnings
 - Northeast Cyberteam, 6 Cyberteams and Campus Champions
 - Support all tiers
- Provide ACCESS wide tools with full integration
- Support Resource Providers



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Tier 2 – Knowledge Base

Problem/Need

- Support for allocations for NSF CI
- New documentation/tutorials needed
 - Gaps, many disparate resources
- So many resources which is best for the users?

- MATCH Approach
 - Leverage experience with allocation request process
 - Create affinity groups
 - Resource existing trainings and documentation
 - Define gaps and create new materials
 - Community grants

MATCH Computational Science Support Network (CSSN)

- The CSSN is about coordinating the community around providing resources to support users using large ACCESS systems
- Recruitment to support trainings, documentation, responding to discussion forum questions, and general issues
- Financial incentives, travel grants

Anvil, Purdue University From purdue.edu





Tier 3 – MATCH Plus

- Problem/Need
 - Users often need short-term assistance transitioning to a new resource (e.g local cluster to ACCESS resource), or removing a roadblock (e.g. replacing a stage in a workflow to better performance/scale)

- MATCH Approach
 - Follow the cyberteam model, matching each project with a student and an experienced mentor for a ~6 month engagement
 - Build on experience managing complex collaborative projects with distributed teams
 - Facilitate regular touch points



Tier 4 – MATCH Premier

- Extensive collaborative engagements
 - Optimize applications
 - Improve workflows
 - Parallelize codes
 - Other extended projects where a longer term, consultative resources (expert) is needed

- MATCH Approach
 - Researchers request support six
 months in advance
 - Consultants recruited from CSSN (facilitated by AMP Tag Taxonomy)
 - Researchers fund consultants out of grant funds or supplements
 - Consultants meet monthly, initially with Tier 3 teams until we have critical mass, to exchange project information and share best practices, war stories

Why Is This Significant?



- Moving into the next phase of supporting cyberinfrastructure
- Serving all groups with equitable and scalable support
 - "Traditional" High Performance Computing workflows
 - High Throughput Computing workflows
 - Underrepresented groups
- Creating connection points across the community to best support and enable cutting edge research nationally



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Let's go!

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