



# Vision for CERN IT Department

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# IT Department Structure

Department Infrastructure

WLCG

openlab

Security

EC Projects

Collaboration, Devices  
& Applications

Storage

Databases

Compute & Monitoring

Communication Systems

Computing Facilities

# IT Services



# HEP Computing Overview for the next 10 years

- How could/should HEP computing evolve in the next decade?
- What is the role of CERN and IT Dep.?
  - How to address the needs of CERN
  - HL-LHC as focus, but other experiments too

## Evolution of Scientific Computing

### INTRODUCTION

High Energy Physics (HEP) has demonstrated a unique capability to drive global computing infrastructure for ICT, including the management of data of the range of multi-petabyte, and providing access to the entire community in a straightforward manner. This is an unique facility in science, but because of its scale and complexity is often seen to be newsworthy. In the past, many of the most advanced, often from the world's best universities and research centres, have been involved in the design and construction of large-scale computing systems. It is time to step back and, at least for the next decade, we would benefit from the local and expertise of the global internet companies.

LHC has a challenge for the foreseeable future – to continue to achieve a scale of computing and data management that is orders of magnitude greater than that of other, yet to be designed, a next-generation collider. HL-LHC is the most recent objective, but we also have other high-rate experiments, and future accelerators that will need to be considered. The design and build on the existing global infrastructure built for LHC, leverage the experience and capabilities we already have in terms of physics and data, and plan to evolve a HEP wide, multi-organisational, computing environment for the future of our field. Importantly, in addition, we also have a wide range of other research facilities, covering a wide range of the HEP facilities, others already in use. In planning for the future, we must take into account compatibility and synergy at the facilities level.

Today, the success of the Multi-Pointed Development (MPCD) as a shared platform for the provision of scientific infrastructure and tools is a basis for discussing the LHC in the computing space, with the challenge of how to build on what we have today, existing and evolving, tools and infrastructure services to be used or adapted to future needs of the HEP community.

In considering how to evolve, we can think of several key factors, covering several aspects addressed. These include:

### General Infrastructure

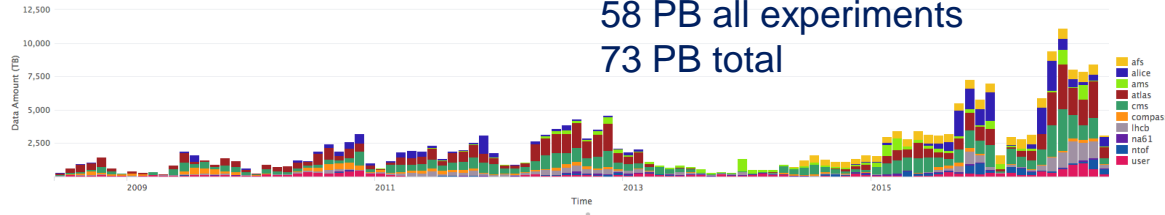
The fundamental components of a new infrastructure are the essential building blocks of the computing, and probably follow one of the major success stories of ICT. At least in some places, networked infrastructures, not only those provided by the national research and university research networks, but also those provided by the HEP community, are a reality. The role of such networks is to provide a global, multi-organisational, open research network (OAN) that provides the same of managers and researchers, that will be essential for the future of our field. It is a challenge, and one that the HEP community will be able to address. While the LHC is a primary network, it is not the case a good model for specific situations in the future – as will be discussed below.

We do have a global infrastructure, but it is not a computing (ICT) service, and needs need to be adapted to meet the needs of the future and other research networks. It is clear that the OAN service as a global network, not the best for the future and other research networks (e.g. eduGAIN) are being investigated. These also services are supported by means of existing, operational and support processes and tools, including worldwide infrastructure connectivity and related response. All of the above are supported by

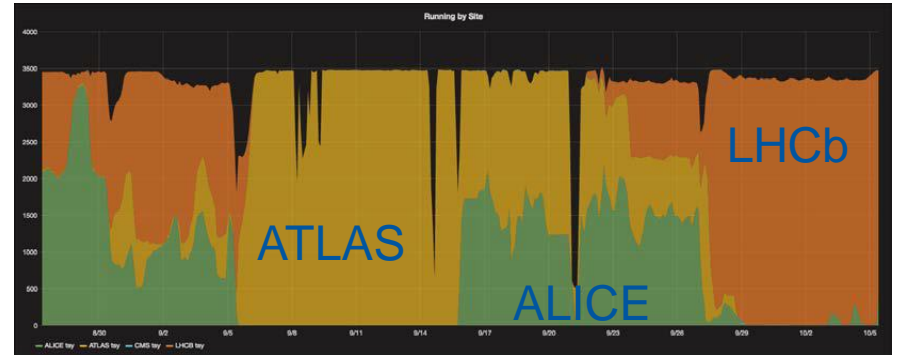
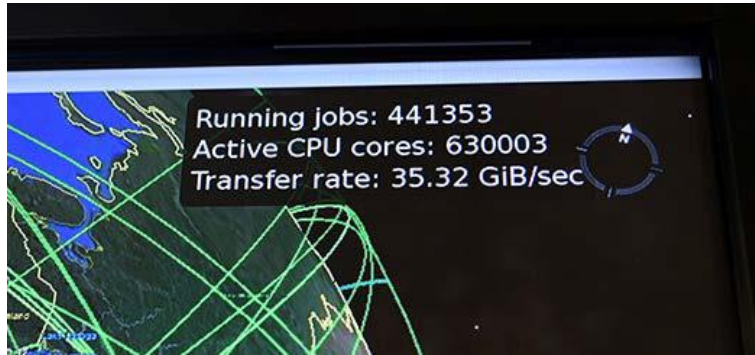
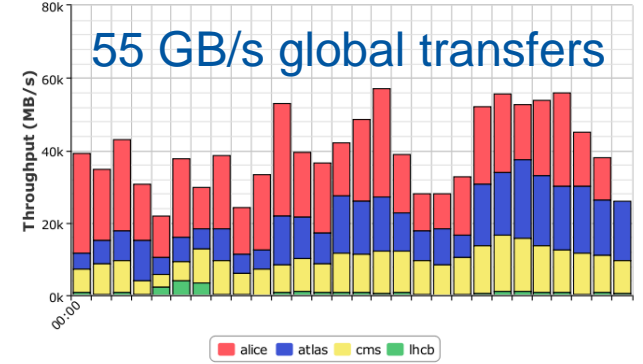
# WLCG

2016:  
49.4 PB LHC data  
58 PB all experiments  
73 PB total

Transferred Data Amount per Virtual Organization for WRITE Requests



dashboard Transfer Throughput  
2016-09-20 00:00 to 2016-10-18 00:00 UTC



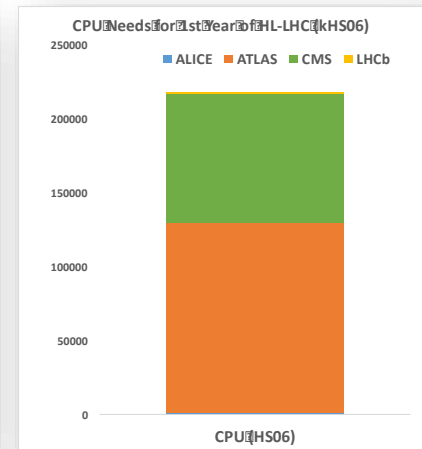
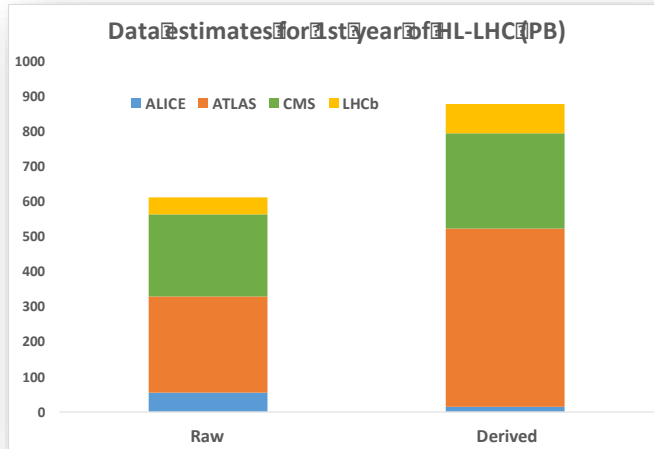
# LHC Run3 and Run4 Scale and Challenges



Raw data volume for LHC increases exponentially and with it processing and analysis load

Technology at ~20%/year will bring x6-10 in 10-11 years

Estimates of resource needs at HL-LHC x10 above what is realistic to expect from technology with reasonably constant cost



Data:

- Raw 2016: 50 PB → 2027: 600 PB
- Derived (1 copy): 2016: 80 PB → 2027: 900 PB

CPU:

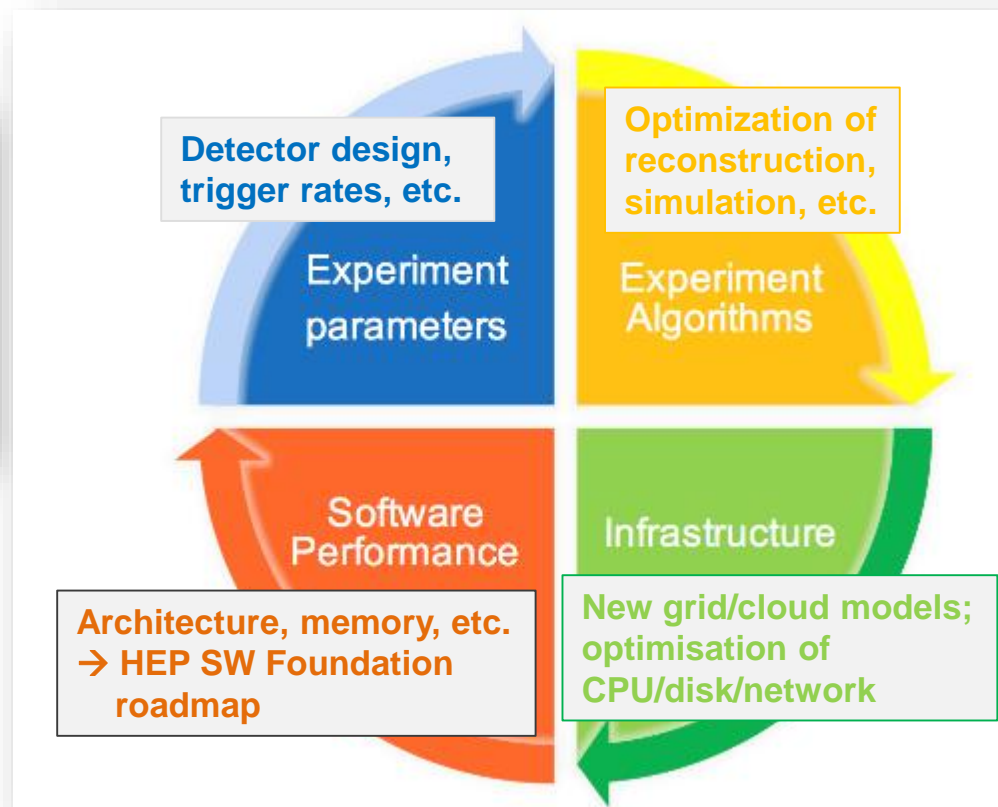
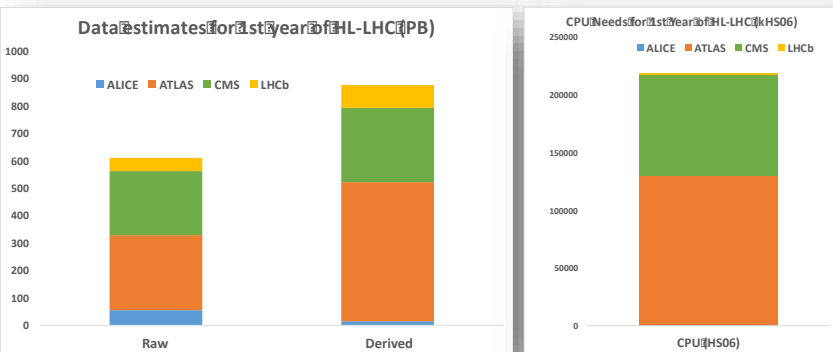
- x60 from 2016

**Technology revolutions are needed**



# WLCG Achievements – 2

## preparations for HL-LHC





# 1. CERN Services for LTDP

1. State-of-the art "**bit preservation**", implementing practices that conform to the ISO 16363 standard
2. "**Software preservation**" - a key challenge in HEP where the software stacks are both large and complex (and dynamic)
3. Analysis **capture and preservation**, corresponding to a set of agreed Use Cases
4. Access to **data behind physics publications** - the [HEPData portal](#)
5. An **Open Data portal** for released subsets of the (currently) LHC data (**later OPERA and others? ...**)
6. A **DPHEP portal** that links also to data preservation efforts at other HEP institutes worldwide.

Update at DPHEP workshop in March 2017



# 2. What does DPHEP do?



- DPHEP has become a **Collaboration** with signatures from the main HEP laboratories and some funding agencies **worldwide**.
- It has established a "**2020 vision**", whereby:
  - All archived data – e.g. that described in DPHEP Blueprint, including LHC data – should be easily **findable** and fully usable by the **designated communities** with clear (Open) access policies and possibilities to annotate further;
  - Best practices, tools and services should be well run-in, **fully documented** and **sustainable**; built in common with other disciplines, based on standards;
  - There should be a DPHEP **portal**, through which data / tools accessed;
  - Clear **targets & metrics** to measure the above should be agreed between Funding Agencies, Service Providers and the Experiments.

First presented to ICFA in February 2013

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## 2. How do we measure progress / success?

- **Practice:** through Open Data releases
  - Can the data really be (re-)used by the Designated Community(ies)?
  - What are the support costs?
  - Is this sustainable?
- **Theory:** by applying state of the art "preservation principles"
  - Measured through ISO 16363 (self-) certification and associated policies and strategies
  - Participation in relevant working & interest groups

One, without the other, is probably not enough. The two together should provide a pretty robust measurement...

## 2. ISO 16363 Certification

- Discussed already at 2015 PoW and several WLCG OB meetings
- Proposed approach:
  - An **Operational Circular** that describes the organisation's commitment to the preservation of scientific data & general principles (**draft exists**);
  - **Data Management Plans** by project where needed to refine embargo periods, designated communities etc.
  - A **Preservation Strategic Plan** covering a 3-5 year period
    - **DPHEP Blueprint (2012) and Status Report (2015) can be considered the first & second in such a series**
- This should cover the "**holes**" we have wrt section 3 of ISO 16363
- Needs to be done in close collaboration with experiments and other LTDP service providers: **start with a Workshop in 2017**
  - Tentative dates: March 13 - 15 2017

ISO 16363 metrics

	Organisational Infrastructure (3)
41	Discussions & Organizational Structure
42	Operational Structure & Staffing
43	Financial accountability & resource allocation
44	Physical accountability
45	Continuity, Resilience & Substitutability



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Intel Visit

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# IT Challenges

Computing needs and technological challenges for the Data Center have been described this morning

The role of the IT Department is to keep providing an excellent level of services while scaling up to the foreseen resource levels at an affordable cost

# On-Premise Vs. Public Clouds

- Exclusive use of only on-premise or only cloud infrastructures not efficient, agile or cost-effective
- Hybrid computing and data infrastructures
  - CERN/HEP managed resources based on LHC needs
  - Transparent integration of commercially available resources for elastic scaling out as needed
  - Take advantage of Opportunistic Computing

# Open Science: Zenodo



- **Infrastructure**
  - Runs on 30 VMs in CERN Cloud
  - 8TB of data storage (AFS > EOS)
  - Major SW upgrade in Sept (9 months prep)
  - [1 Staff (60% EC), 1 FELL, 1 TECH]
- **Impact**
  - Biggest issuer of DOIs for SW in world
  - Reference material for publications
    - F1000, Wiley, eLife, PLoS, Elsevier, Nature, etc
  - Recommended by EC and National programmes
- **Pilot the “Cloud Credit” model**
  - With NIH in their Commons
  - EC - metered usage recharging?
- **Not just the long-tail**
  - Frequent requests for 10TB-PBs of storage

## Visitors from ~ all Countries

Including

Antarctica  
Vatican City

56% from Europe

## 57k Records

11k Software  
3k Datasets

## 700 Communities

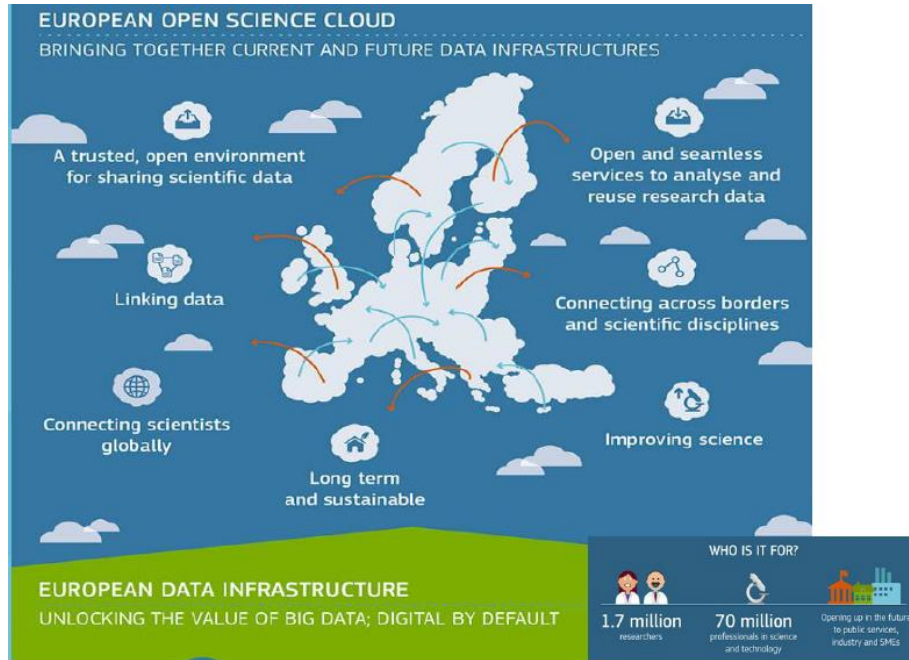
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Subjects  
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# Common Facilities

- Achieve economies of scale and operational efficiency by identifying additional common facilities across the LHC Experiments
  - LHCb/ALICE by 2021
  - ATLAS/CMS by 2025
- Investigation of possible models including the construction of a new (efficient) data center



# International Collaborations





The objective of CERN's participation in the work programme is to develop policies, technologies and services that can support the Organization's scientific programme, promote open science and expand the impact of fundamental research on society and the economy.

**European Open Science Cloud will be the context for future projects**



- We have to see the opportunities to contribute to it with CERN technologies and services
- We are positioning ourselves to give input to the new program 2018-2020

# R&D and Innovation

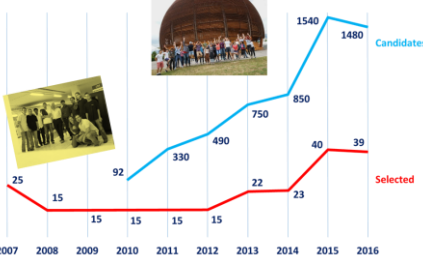



## Seminars, training courses, academic training

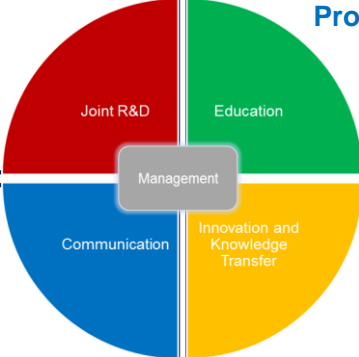
- 200+ press cuttings
- 150,000 visits to our website
- 50+ events, visits, lectures
- 100+ presentations
- 50+ news articles, press releases, case studies






### CERN openlab Summer Students Programme



Year	Candidates	Selected
2007	25	15
2008	15	15
2009	15	15
2010	92	15
2011	330	15
2012	490	22
2013	750	23
2014	850	40
2015	1540	39
2016	1480	39



**Innovation & Entrepreneurship**

## Applications to cross-disciplinary research

# R&D and Innovation

Growing interest in the community for new models and tools (in addition to what will be described). For example:

- Applications of Machine Learning
  - What is the impact on the computing models and the data center resources?
- Applications of IoT-like infrastructures
  - Impact on network requirements? Security?

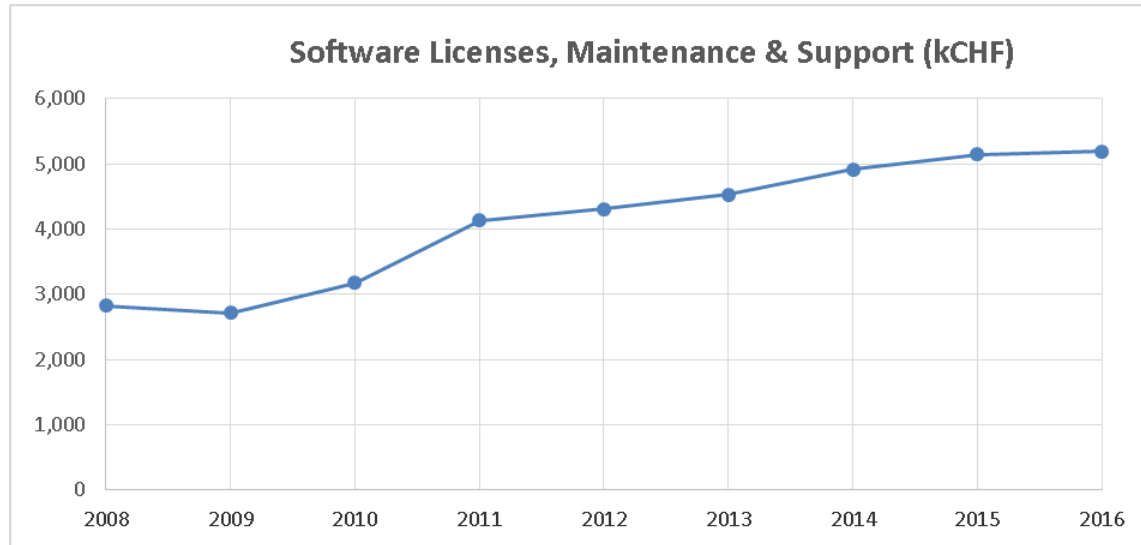


# Education and Skills Development

## Bi-directional requirements

- The introduction of new technologies requires new skills
  - Engagement in educational and training programs (e.g. Marie-Curie, like the ICE-DIP project; openlab summer student program; etc.)
- Ensure that young engineer/scientist leaving CERN have state-of-the-art skills readily usable in their future careers

# Increasing Incompressible Expenses for Software Licenses, Maintenance and Support



- Risk to see software costs continue to increase in the near future due to commercial trends impacting the academic world.
- *Remark: License infringement by very few individuals has a significant cost.*