



How do we manage 40K machines in the CERN Computer centre

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Outline

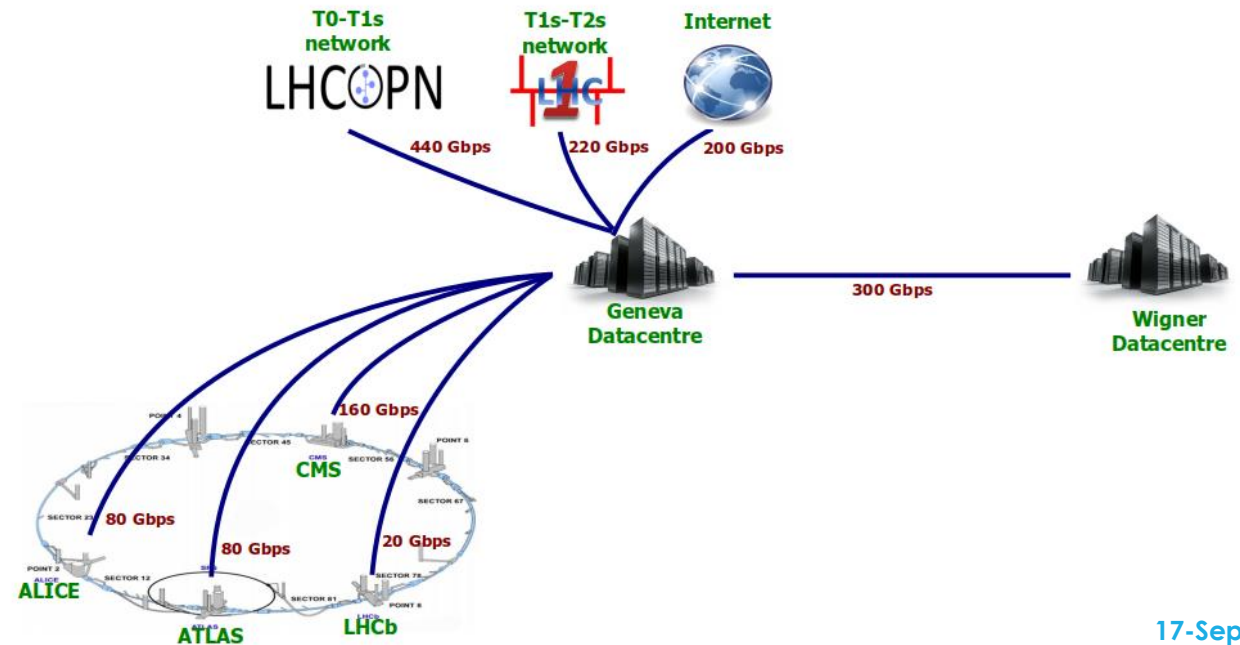
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CERN Computer Centre (CC) in numbers



Computing network

- ▶ 250 routers, 4100 switches, 1200 Wi-Fi points
- ▶ 35 000 km optical fibre (only ~5 000 less than the equator length)
- ▶ Wigner Data centre in Hungary
 - ▶ 1200 km distance
 - ▶ with three 100 Gb/s



Data storage

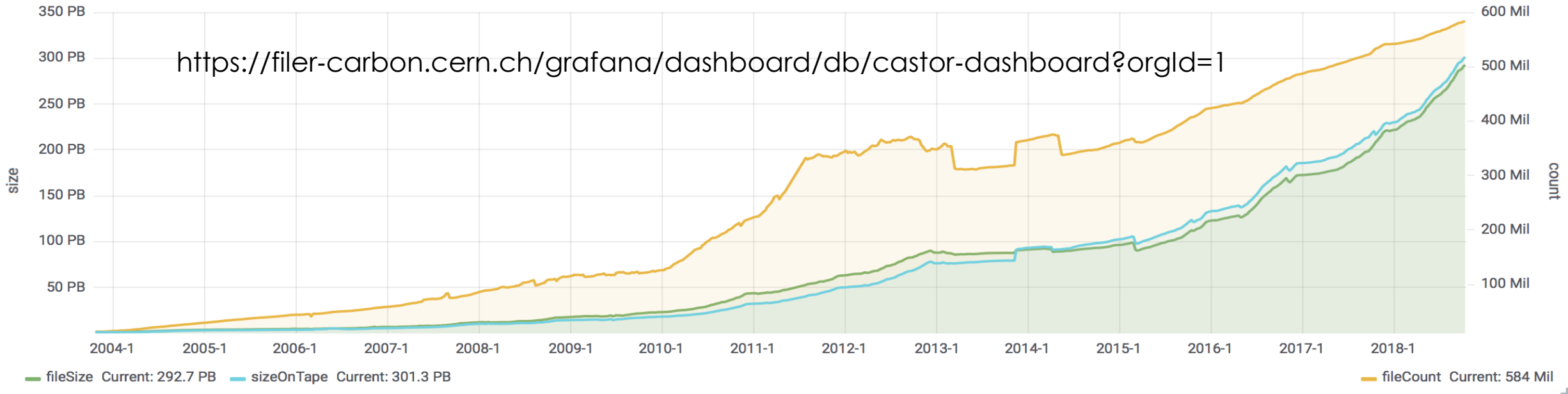
- ▶ 50 Pbytes / year from LHC
 - ▶ + 25 Pbytes / year from non-LHC experiments
- ▶ **RECORD:** August 2018: 13.8 Pbytes of data written on tape (of which 11.56 is LHC data)
 - ▶ More than 2 PB read/write daily
- ▶ Tape drives faster than disks; but slower in mounting (latency)
 - ▶ 90 K disk drives (of which 10-15% are SSD, providing less than 10% capacity)
 - ▶ SSDs are 5-10 times more expensive than spinning disks

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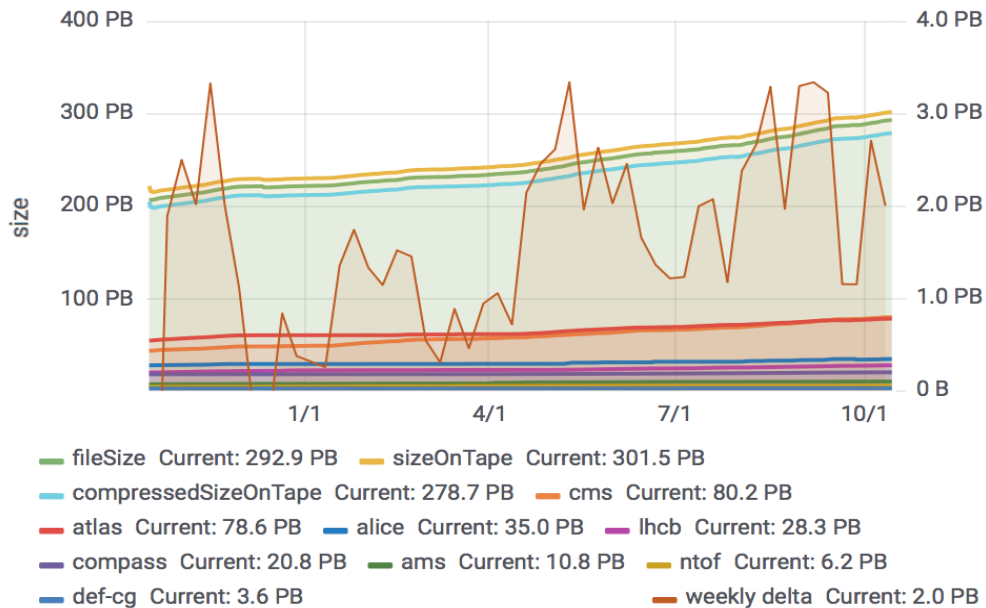
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Physics Data in CASTOR

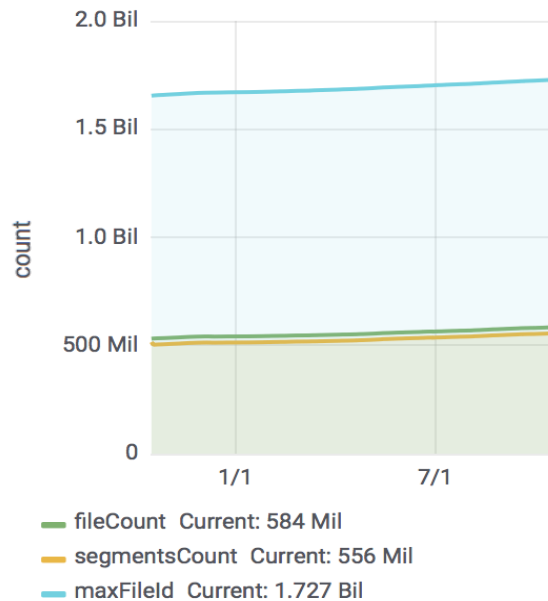
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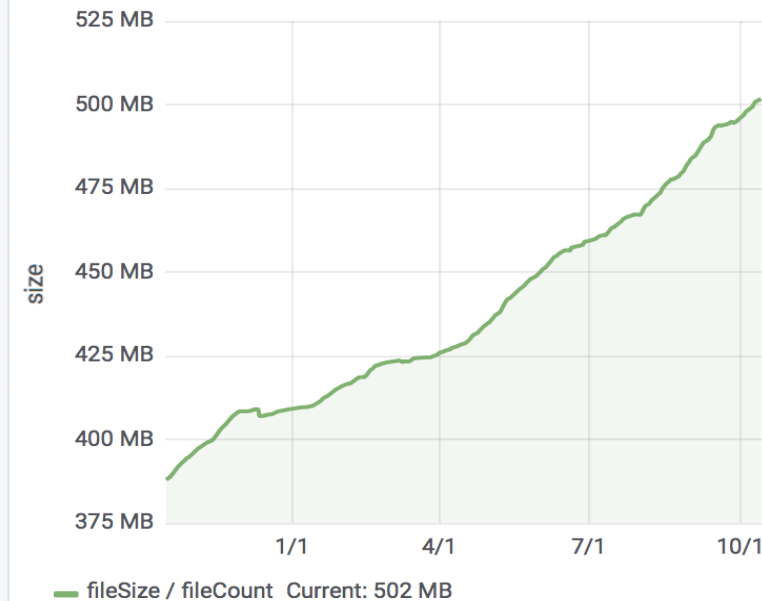
Total data



File counters

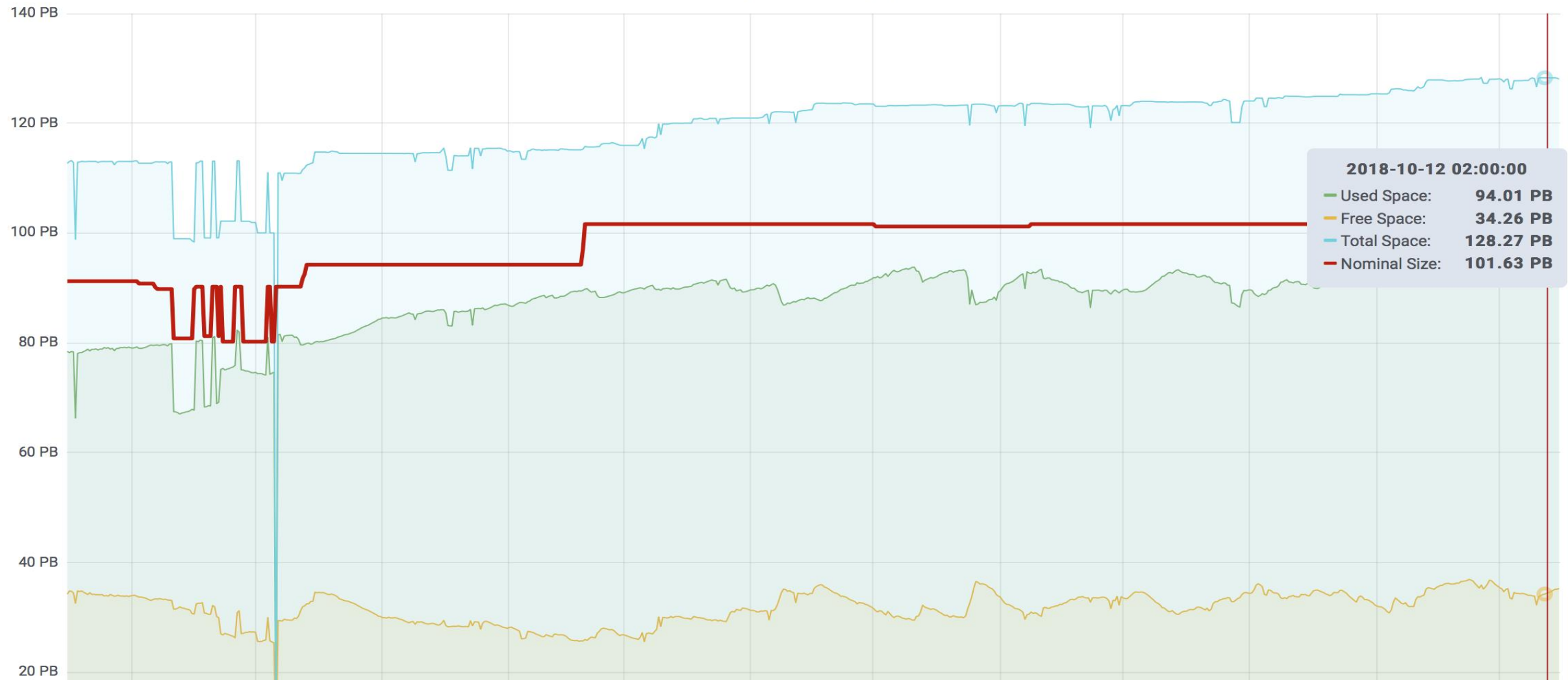


Mean file size



Instance All ▾

EOS Space Monitor (All) ▾



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Electricity and cooling

- ▶ 2.7 MW consumption (+ ~ 1 MW cooling) from maximum 3.5 MW
 - ▶ 480 KW diesel generators
- ▶ Protected by UPS
 - ▶ Enough to start the diesel generators
 - ▶ Enough to shut down non-critical machines*
- ▶ Cooling
 - ▶ Chilled air via silver ducts enters the false floor and the into the closed server aisles
 - ▶ Water-cooled racks in the vault in the basement

WLCG – Worldwide LHC computing grid

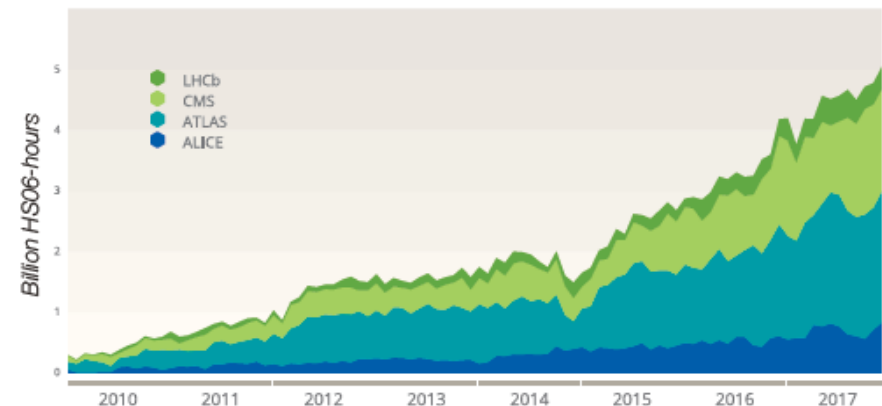
- ▶ More than 170 data centres in 42 countries with about 800,000 cpu cores
 - ▶ CERN provides about 20% of the WLCG resources
 - ▶ Allows more than 10,000 physicists to access LHC data
 - ▶ >250,000 jobs run concurrently on the Grid
 - ▶ Storage is about 400 PB disk and 400 PB of tape globally
 - ▶ In 2016, global transfer rates have regularly exceeded 35GB/s

- ▶ Key facts and numbers
(<http://information-technology.web.cern.ch>)

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www.cern.ch/wlcg-public

Evolution of the global core processor time delivered by the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)

As seen on the graph, the global central processing unit (CPU) time delivered by WLCG (expressed in billions of HS06 hours per month, HS06 being the HEP-wide benchmark for measuring CPU performance) shows a continual increase. In 2017, WLCG combined the computing resources of about 800 000 computer cores.



Configuration management at CERN IT



FOREMAN



HAPROXY

Certification
Manager

CERNMegabus

43 000
*Puppet managed
machines*

TEIGI Tool suite



puppet

MCOLLECTIVE

PuppetDB

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python™

django

The Puppet cycle

Interactions with the server and the agent

- 01** **Store manifests into Git**
As a first step, manifests (our config) have to be generated and stored in GitLab.
- 02** **Register a machine**
A machine will then be created, in a specific hostgroup (eg. webchat/frontend/atlas). It will be registered in Foreman.
- 03** **Run Puppet**
With the machine ready, the Puppet agent can be executed interactively (or let it run by itself). This will request the catalog (final state) of the machine.
- 04** **Master asks for hostgroup**
The Puppet master handling the request will ask Foreman for the hostgroup of the machine.
- 05** **Master asks for manifests**
Once it has the hostgroup, it will obtain the manifests that we defined in GitLab.
- 06** **Catalog generation**
As a final step, the Puppet master will generate the catalog and return it to the agent, which will apply it to the machine.

Thanks Config team fro the slide

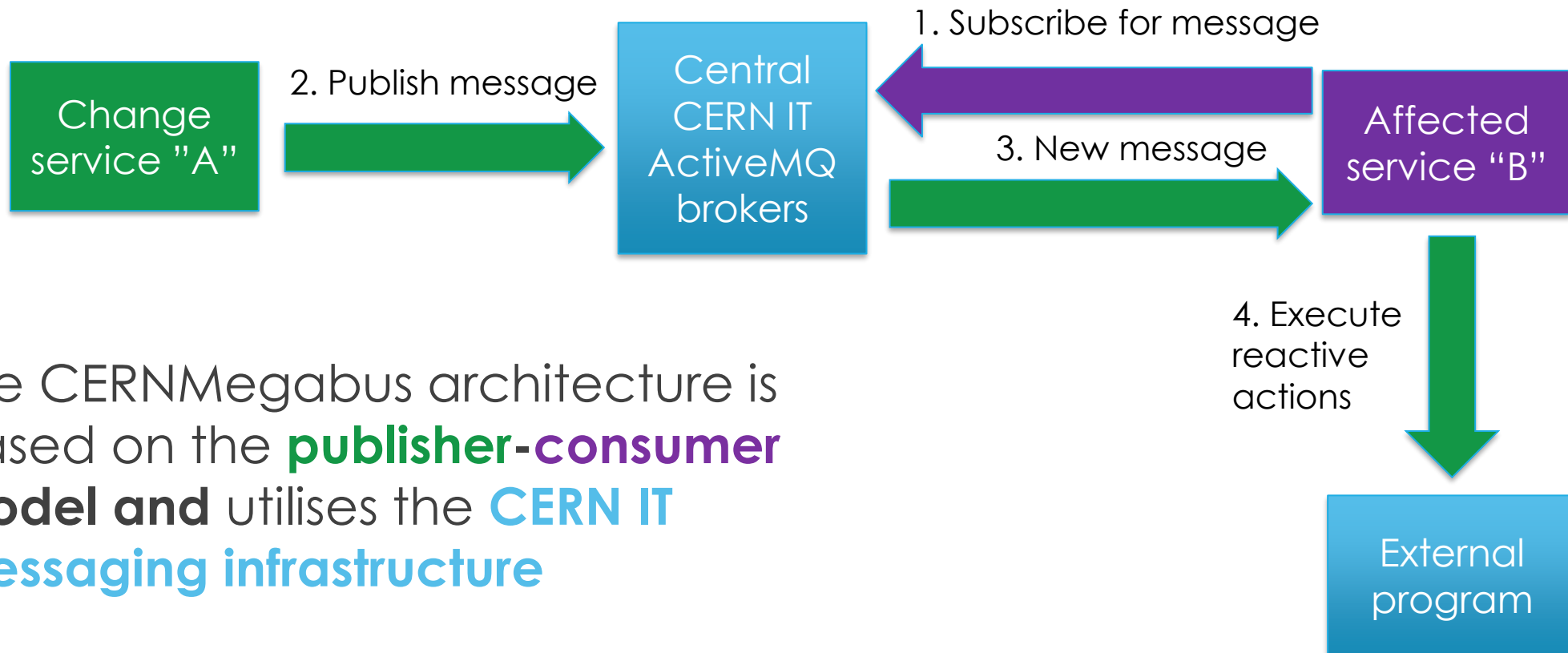
CERNMegabus at CERN IT

A service that provides for **instant communication between services**

CERNMegabus

- The CERNMegabus architecture is based on the **publisher-consumer model** and utilises the **CERN IT messaging infrastructure**
- The publisher and the consumer services comprises of building blocks
 - **configured with Puppet**
 - to use the **CERNMegabus python libraries**
- **Installed on all** Puppet managed **machines** in the **CERN CC**

CERNMegabus architecture



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Already our clients

CASTOR



HAPROXY

BATCH

EOS

CERNMegabus

CLOUD

43 000
Puppet managed
machines

TEIGI Tool suite
(roger)

DNS Load Balancing

IT Monitoring

CERN Computer
Centre Power Cut
Management



From roger to EOS/CASTOR/Puppet HAProxy



Set roger state of
*castor-lhcb-
disknode-X* to
disabled

2. Publish message to
`/topic/roger.**group.castor`

Central
CERN IT
ActiveMQ
brokers

1. Subscribe for topic `/topic/roger.**group.castor` and
hostgroup selector in message

3. Message de-queued

*castor-lhcb-
headnode-Y*

4. Execute
`\modifydiskserver
Disab castor-
lhcb-disknode-X ``

Set *castor-lhcb-
disknode-X* in
read-only mode

hostgroup header: ``castor-lhcb-diskservers``

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{"new": {"update_time": "1538633786", "updated_by": "blueuser",  
"hostname": "castor-lhcb-disknode-X", ..., "appstate": "disabled"},  
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"hostname": "castor-lhcb-disknode-X", ..., "appstate": "production"}}
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In practice - 1

CERN CC Power Cut event



1. Preserve data



Power back

2. Shutdown
(all machines which we can)



CERN CC Power cut event detection

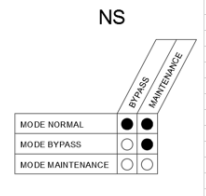
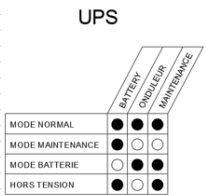
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programmatically
detects power
cut/power back event

UPS and PLC

UPS STATES							PLC STATUS														
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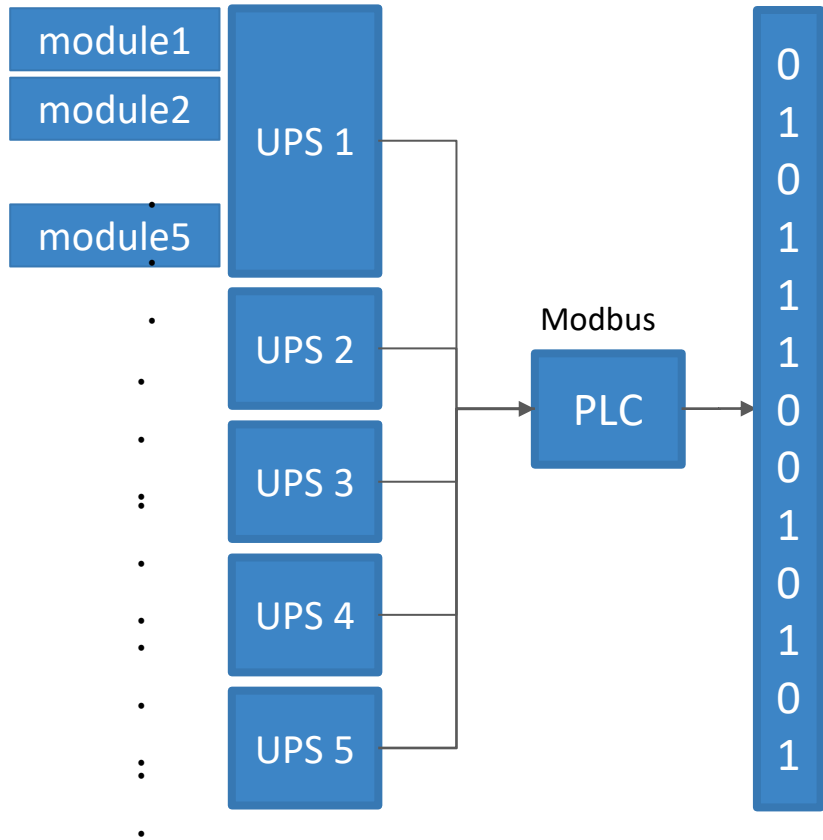
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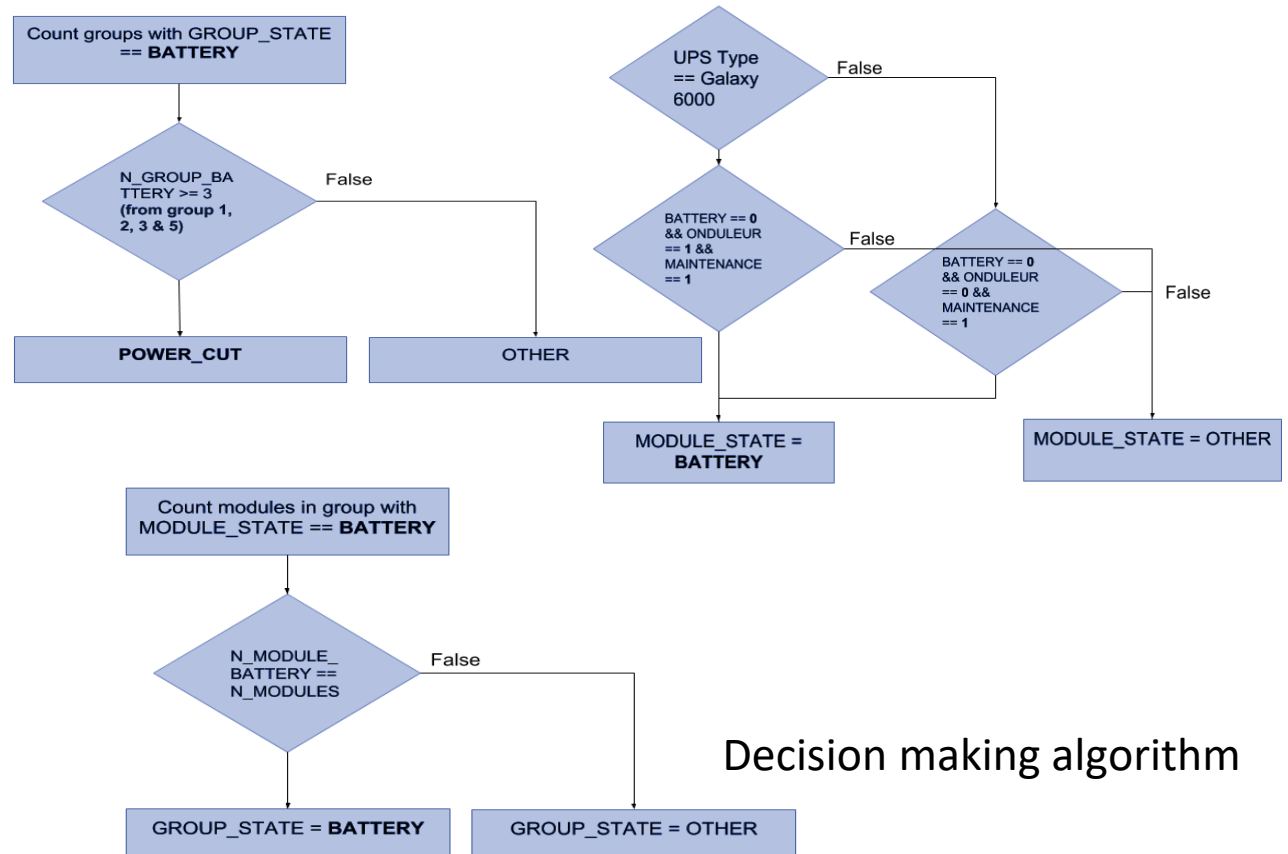
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CERN CC Power cut event detection algorithm

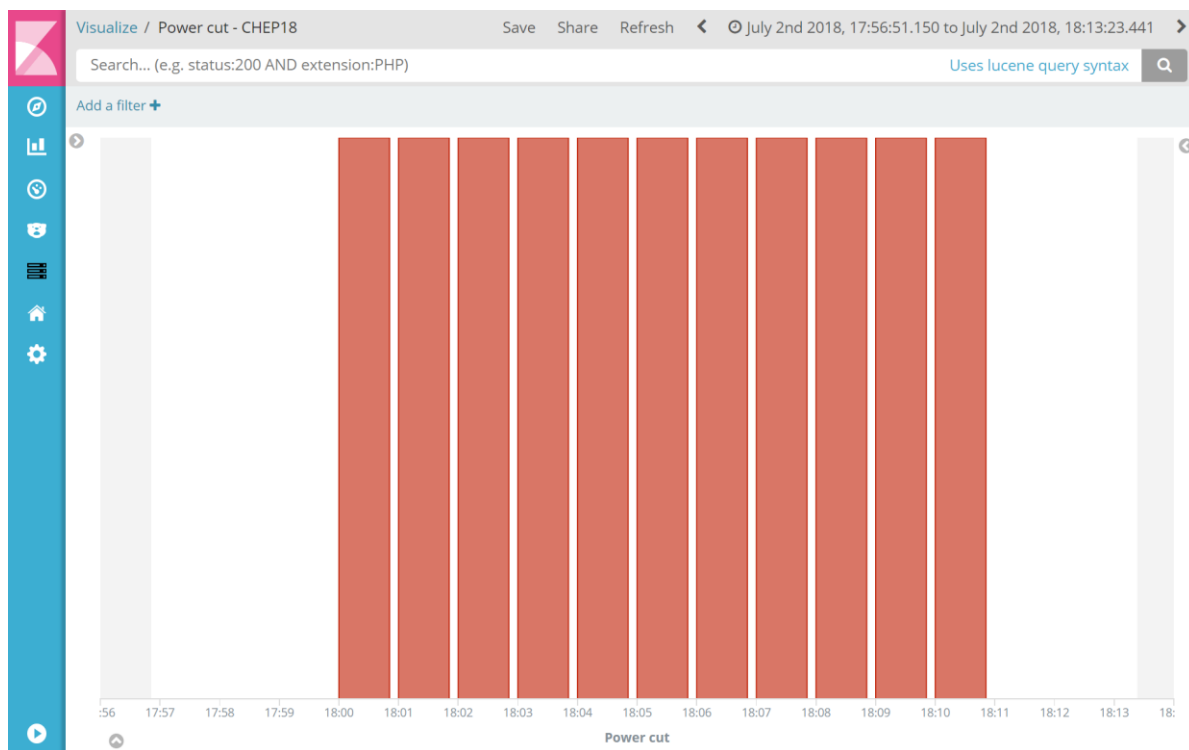


Data collection



Decision making algorithm

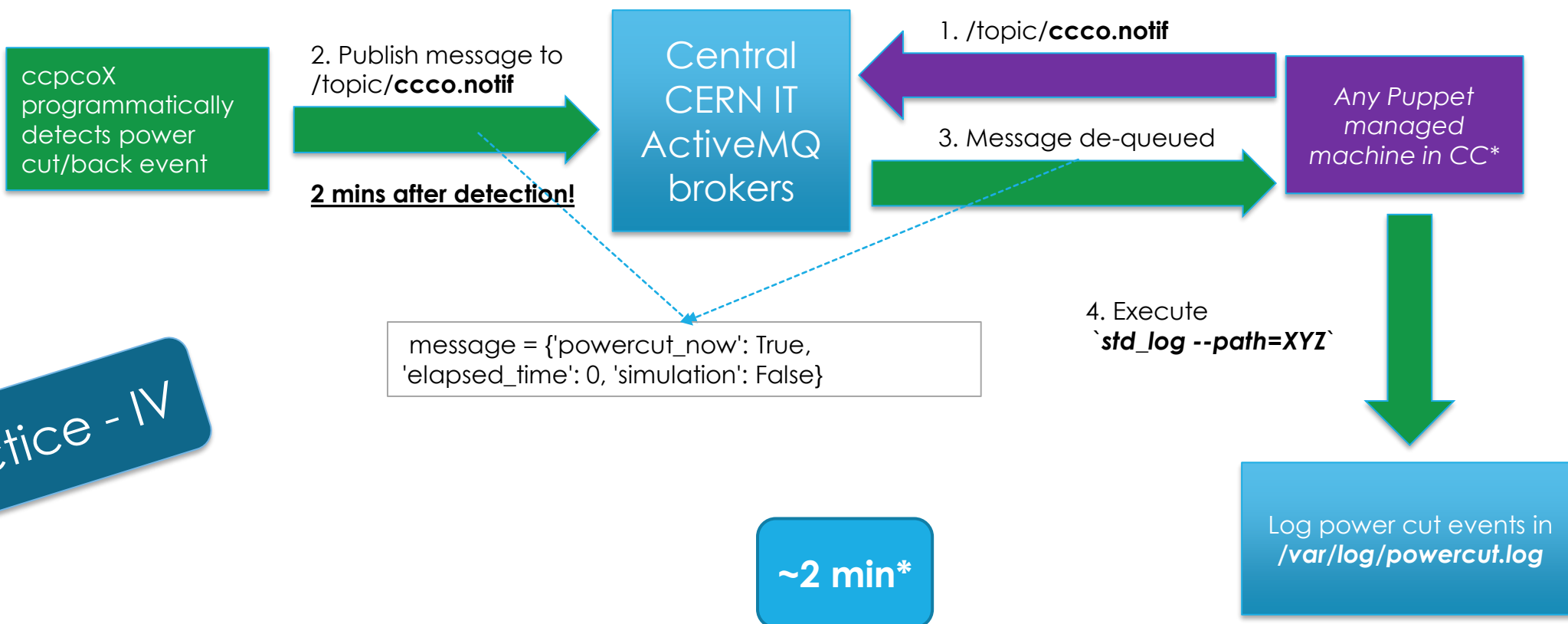
CERN CC Power cut tests



- ▶ During mid-annual power cut test on the 2nd of July, 2018
 - ▶ Detected power cut
 - ▶ Notified the subscribed machines
 - ▶ Shutdown the machines, which had been predefined to be shutdown
 - ▶ Detected the power back
 - ▶ Notified the machines, which had been predefined to wait

Presented at CHEP'18

From CERN CC UPS PLC to CERN CC shutdown



In practice - IV

Thanks

THANKS for listening and **ENJOY** your visit at CERN



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