CERN, GRID and E-Science

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IT at CERN – more than the Grid

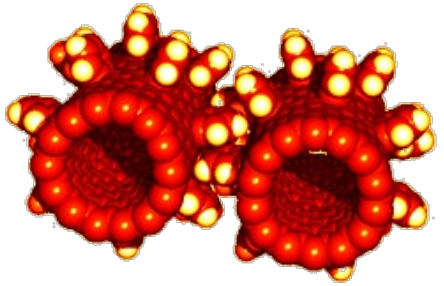
- **Physics computing – Grids (this talk!)**
- **Administrative information systems**
  - Financial and administrative management systems, e-business...
- **Desktop and office computing**
  - Windows, Linux and Web infrastructure for day to day use
- **Engineering applications and databases**
  - CAD/CAM/CAE (Autocad, Catia, Cadence, Ansys etc)
  - A number of technical information systems based on Oracle, MySQL
- **Controls systems**
  - Process control of accellerators, experiments and infrastructure
- **Networks and telecom**
  - European IP hub, security, voice over IP...

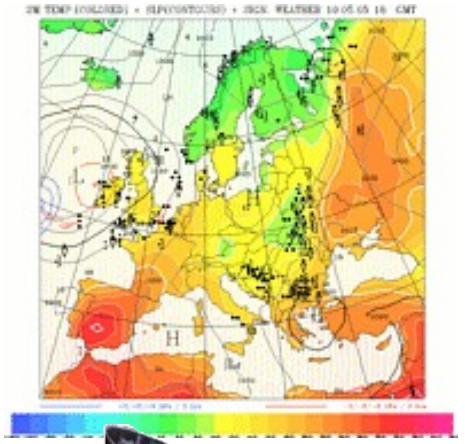
More information: *http://cern.ch/it*

Computing intensive science

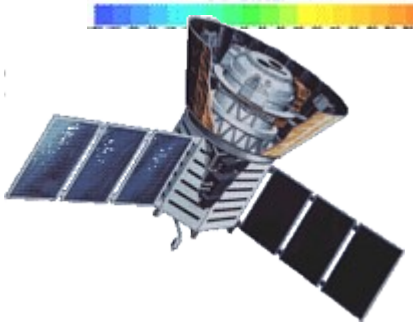
- **Science is becoming increasingly digital and needs to deal with increasing amounts of data**

- **Simulations get ever more detailed**
  - Nanotechnology – design of new materials from the molecular scale
  - Modelling and predicting complex systems (weather forecasting, river floods, earthquake)
  - Decoding the human genome





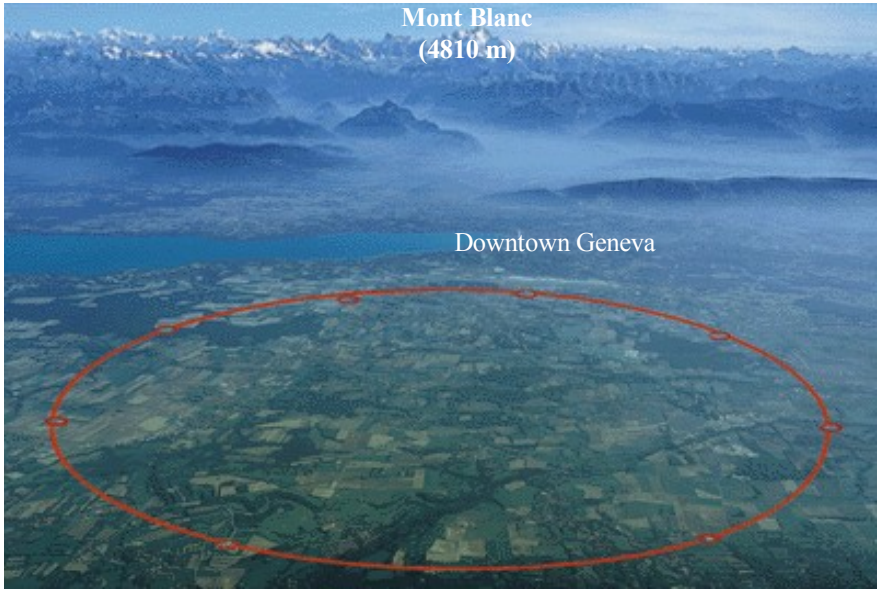
- **Experimental Science uses ever bigger sensors to make precise measurements**
  - → Compute a lot of statistics
  - → Huge amounts of data
  - → Serves user community around the world



Particle Physics (I)

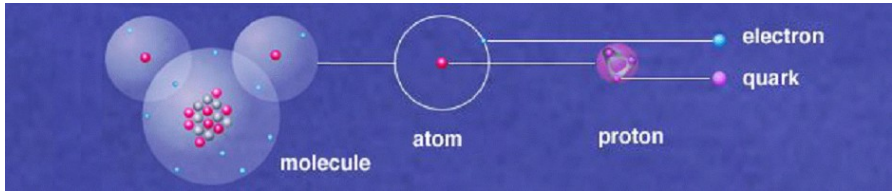
- **CERN: the world's largest particle physics laboratory**
- **Particle physics requires special tools to create and study new particles: accelerators and detectors**

- **Large Hadron Collider (LHC):**
  - most powerful instrument ever built to investigate elementary particles
  - four experiments: ALICE, ATLAS, CMS, LHCb
  - 27 km circumference tunnel
  - First beam 10th September 2008

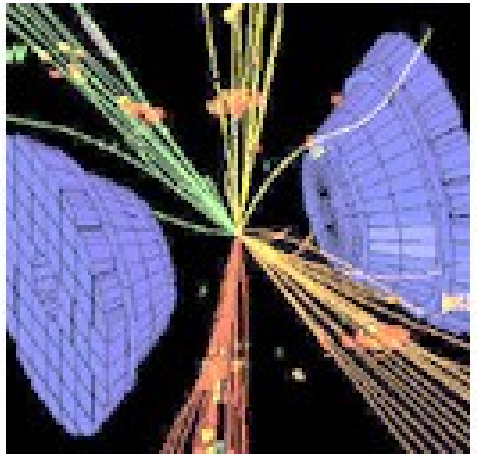


Particle physics (II)

- **Physicists smash particles into each other to:**
  - identify their components
  - create new particles
  - reveal the nature of the interactions between them
  - create an environment similar to the one present at the origin of our Universe



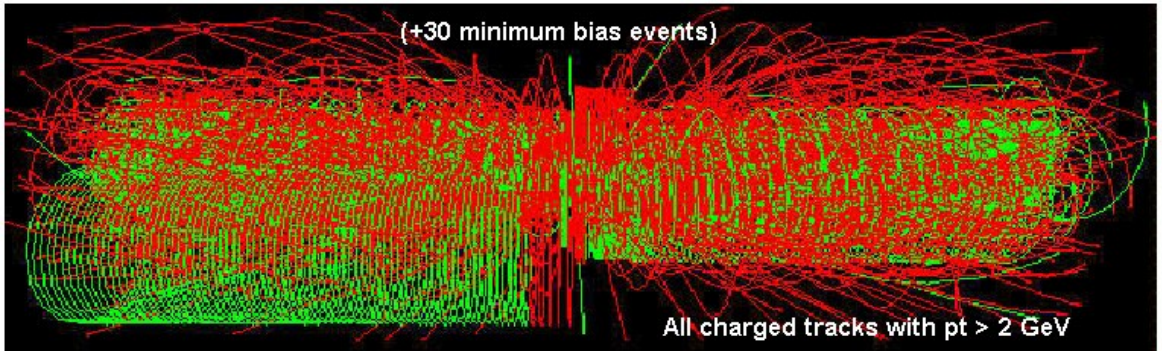
- **A particle collision = an event**
  - need to count, trace and characterize all the particles produced and fully reconstruct the process



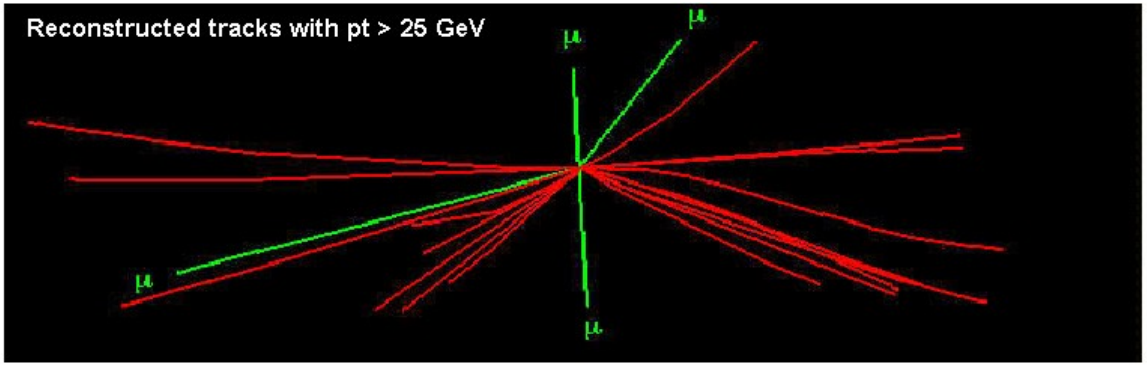
- **Among all tracks, the presence of "special shapes" is the sign for the occurrence of interesting interactions.**

The LHC Data Challenge

Starting from this event



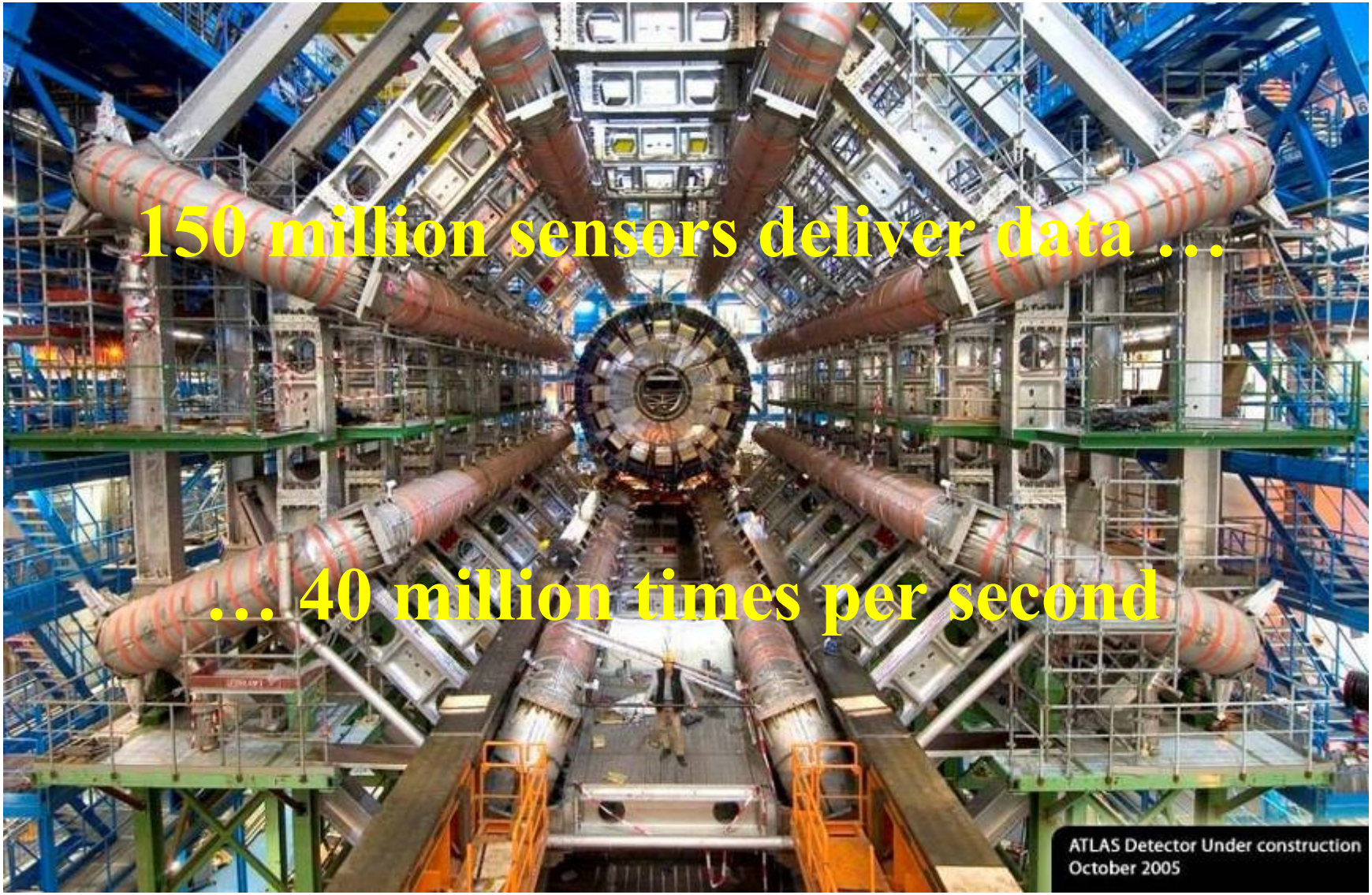
Looking for this "signature"



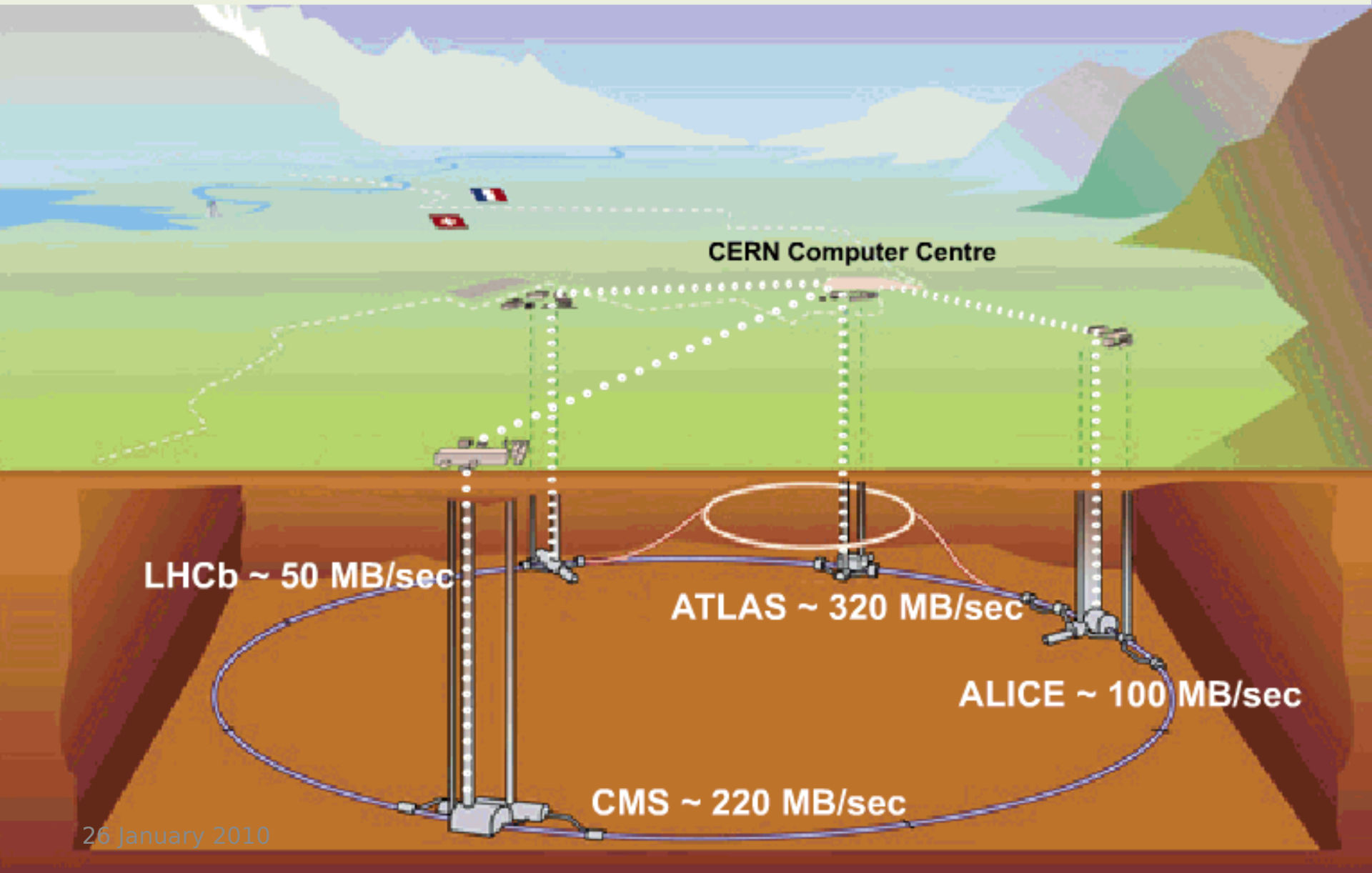
→ **Selectivity: 1 in 10^{13}**

(Like looking for a needle in 20 million haystacks)

View of the ATLAS detector (under construction)



Tier 0 at CERN: Acquisition, First pass processing
Storage & Distribution



LHC Processing

- Simulation

→ compute what the detector should have seen

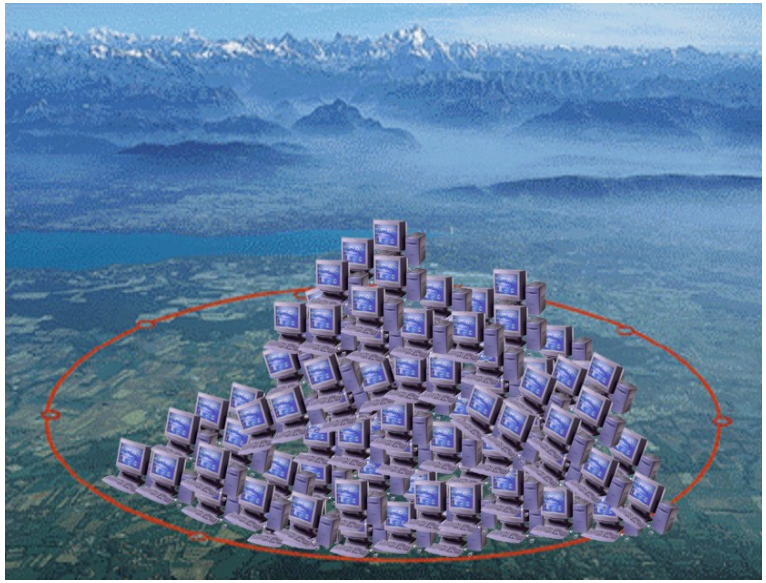
- Reconstruction

→ transform signals from the detector to physical properties

(energies, charge of particles, …)

- Analysis

→ use complex algorithms to extract physics



→ LHC data analysis requires a computing power equivalent to ~ 100,000 of today's fastest PC processors!

CERN Computing – Tier 0 in numbers

- Computing – CPU:
  - 8000 systems / 60k cores
  - Used for CPU servers, disk servers, general services
- Computing – disk:
  - 14 PB on 42.5k disk drives (+ planned 19 PB on 20k drives)
- Computing – tape:
  - 34 PB on 45k tape cartridges
  - 56k tape slots in robots, 160 tape drives
- Computer centre:
  - 2.9 MW usable power, + ~1.5 MW for cooling

Current status and numbers

Solution: the Grid

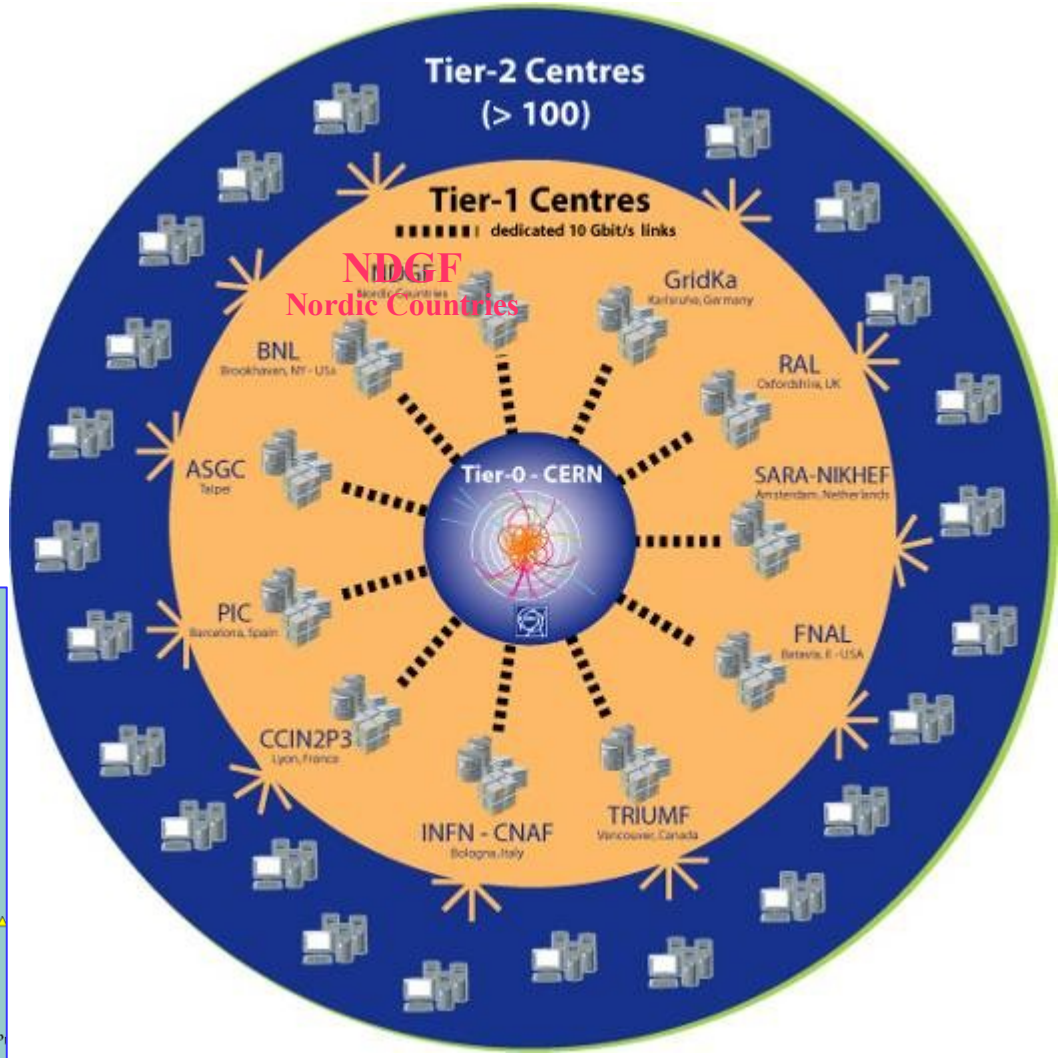
- **Use the Grid to unite computing resources of particle physics institutes around the world**

The **World Wide Web** provides seamless access to information that is stored in many millions of different geographical locations

The **Grid** is an infrastructure that provides seamless access to computing power and data storage capacity distributed over the globe

LHC Computing Grid project (LCG)

- More than 200 computing centres
- 12 large centres for primary data management: CERN (Tier-0) and eleven Tier-1s
- 38 federations of smaller



WLCG Collaboration

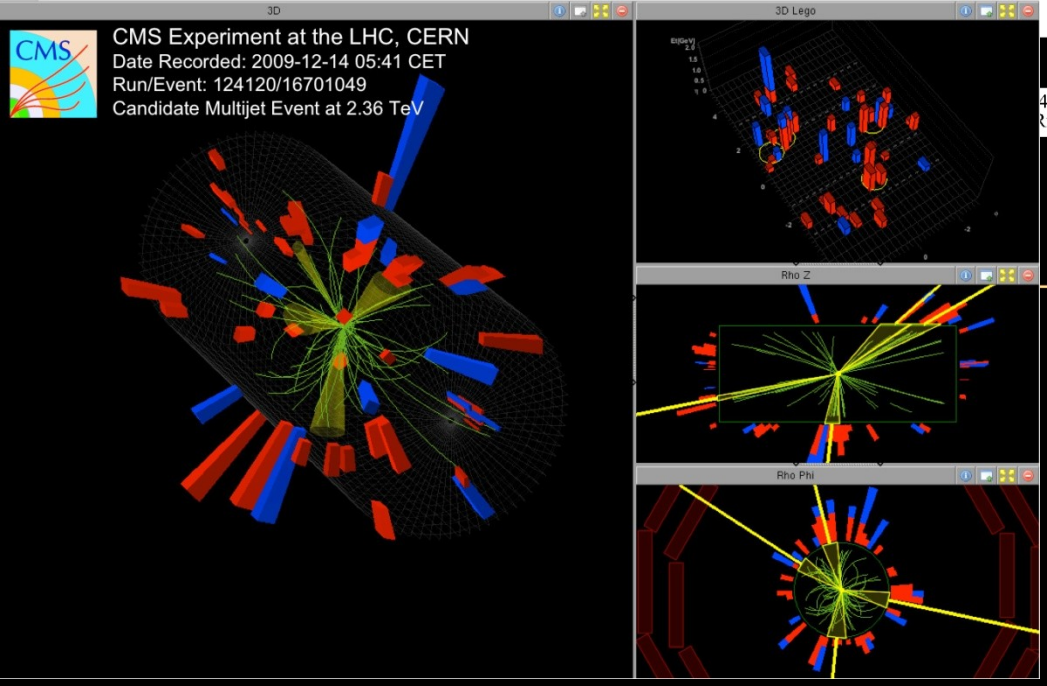
- **The Collaboration**
  - 4 LHC experiments
  - ~200 computing centres
  - 12 large centres (Tier-0, Tier-1)
  - 38 federations of smaller "Tier-2" centres
  - ~35 countries

- **Memorandum of Understanding**
  - Agreed in October 2005
- **Resources**
  - Focuses on the needs of the four LHC experiments
  - Commits resources
    - each October for the coming year
    - 5-year forward look
  - Agrees on standards and procedures
- **Relies on EGEE and OSG (and other regional efforts)**

Open Science Grid

Enabling Grids for E-science in Europe

NORDUGRID Grid Solution For Wide Area Computing and Data Handling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Rho Z
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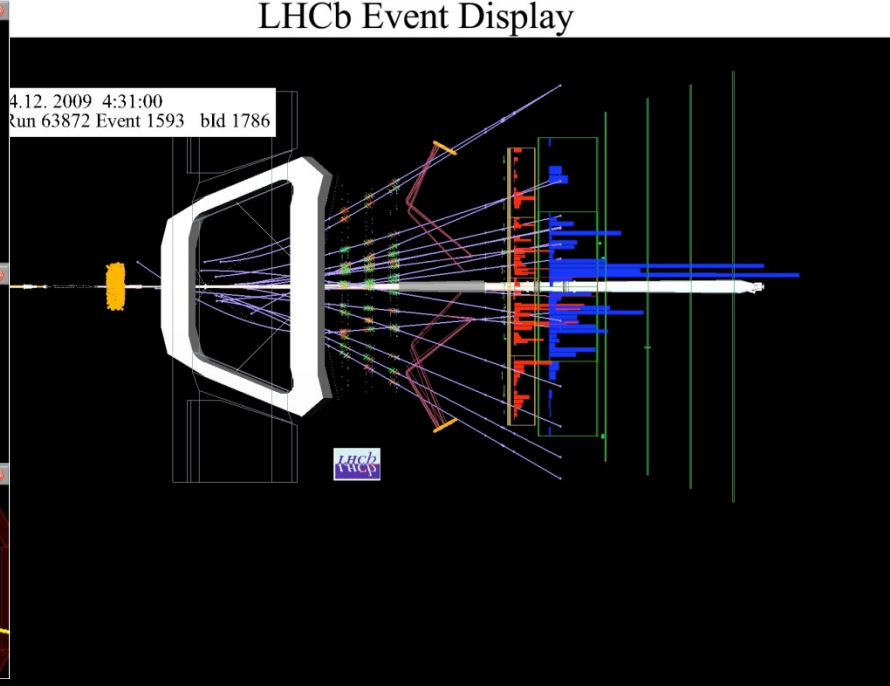
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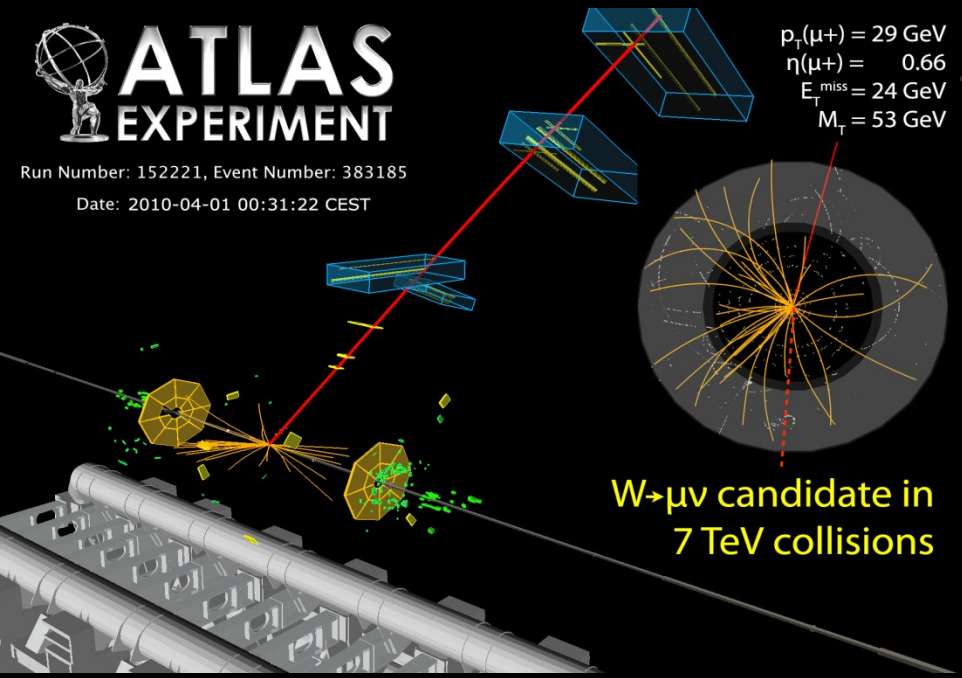
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EXPERIMENT
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Date: 2010-04-01 00:31:22 CEST
$p_T(\mu+) = 29$ GeV
$\eta(\mu+) = 0.66$
$E_T^{miss} = 24$ GeV
$M_T = 53$ GeV
W→μν candidate in
7 TeV collisions


Collision Event at
7 TeV
ATLAS
EXPERIMENT
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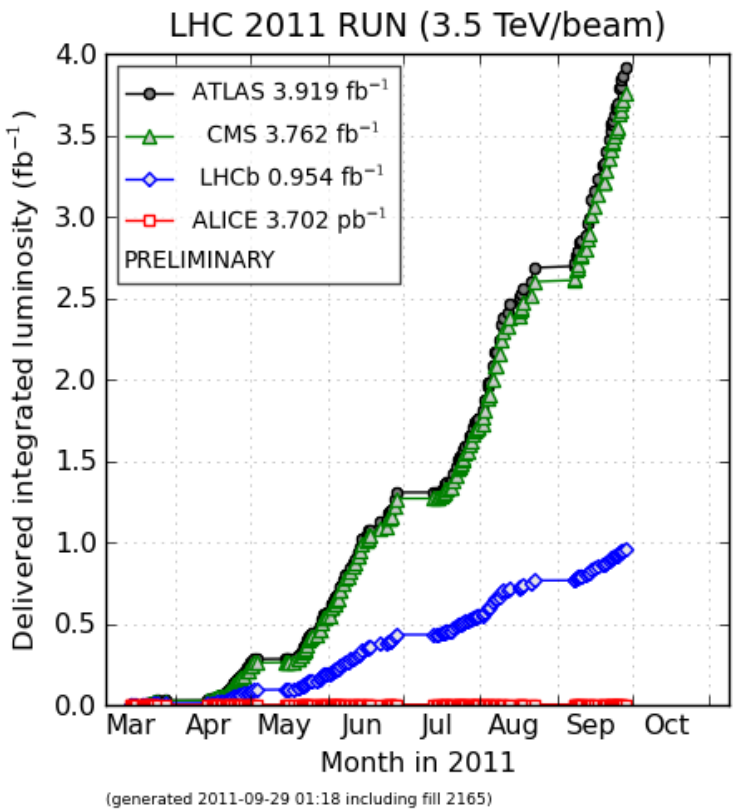
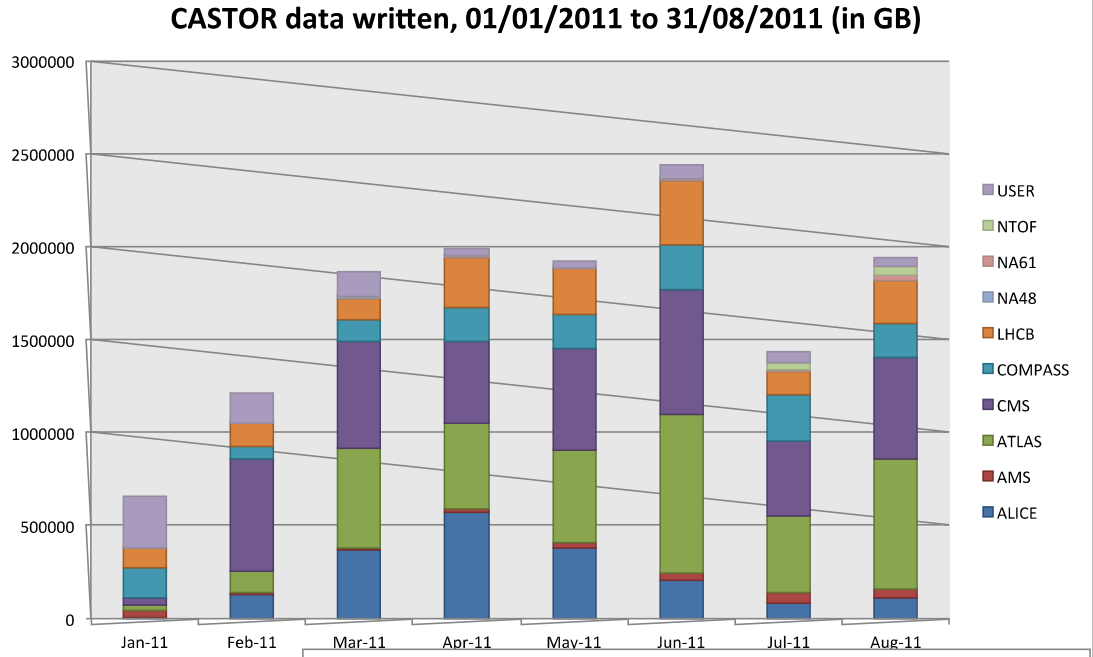
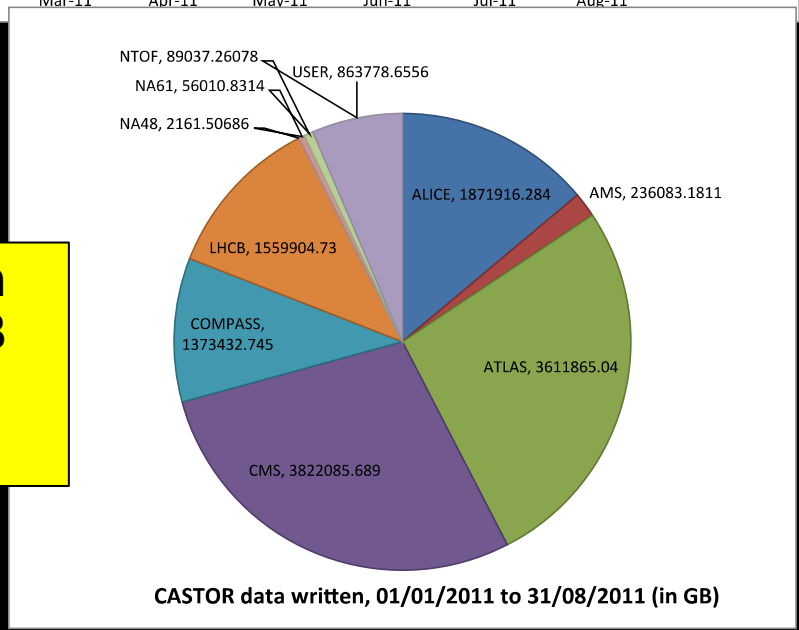
Data in 2011





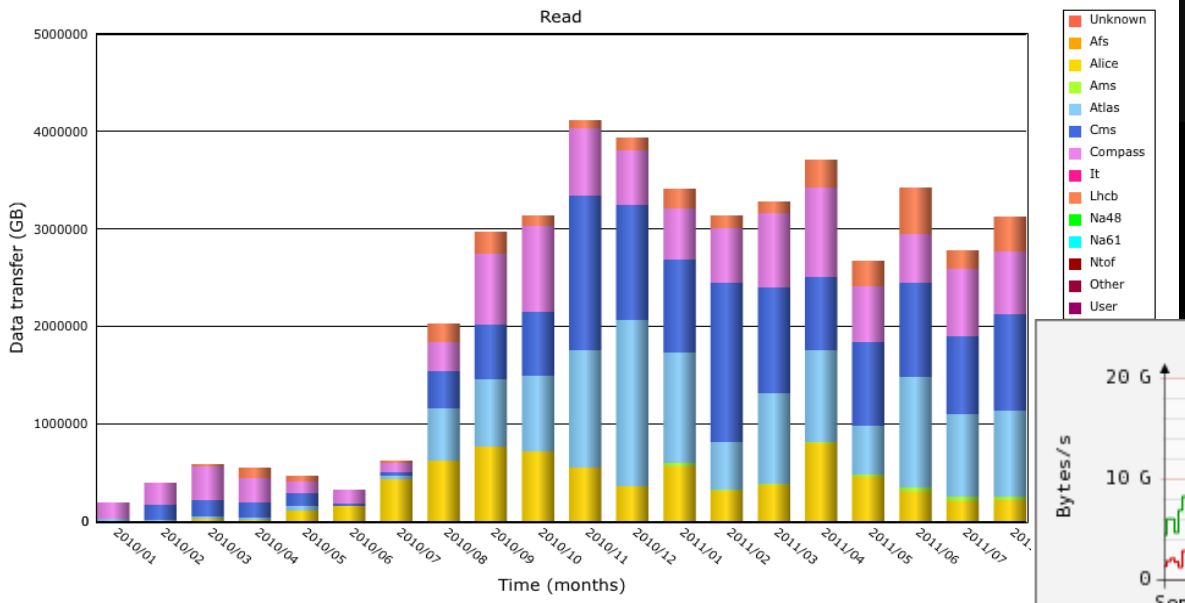
Total data written Jan-Aug: 13.48 PB ... heading for 25 PB?



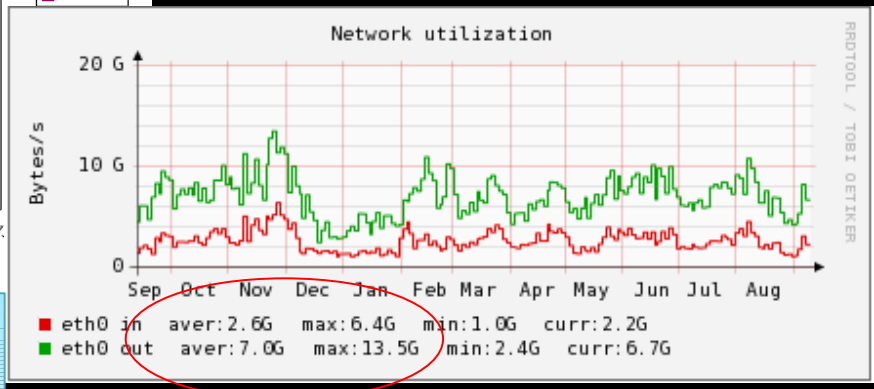
WLCG Worldwide LHC Computing Grid

LCG

Data in the

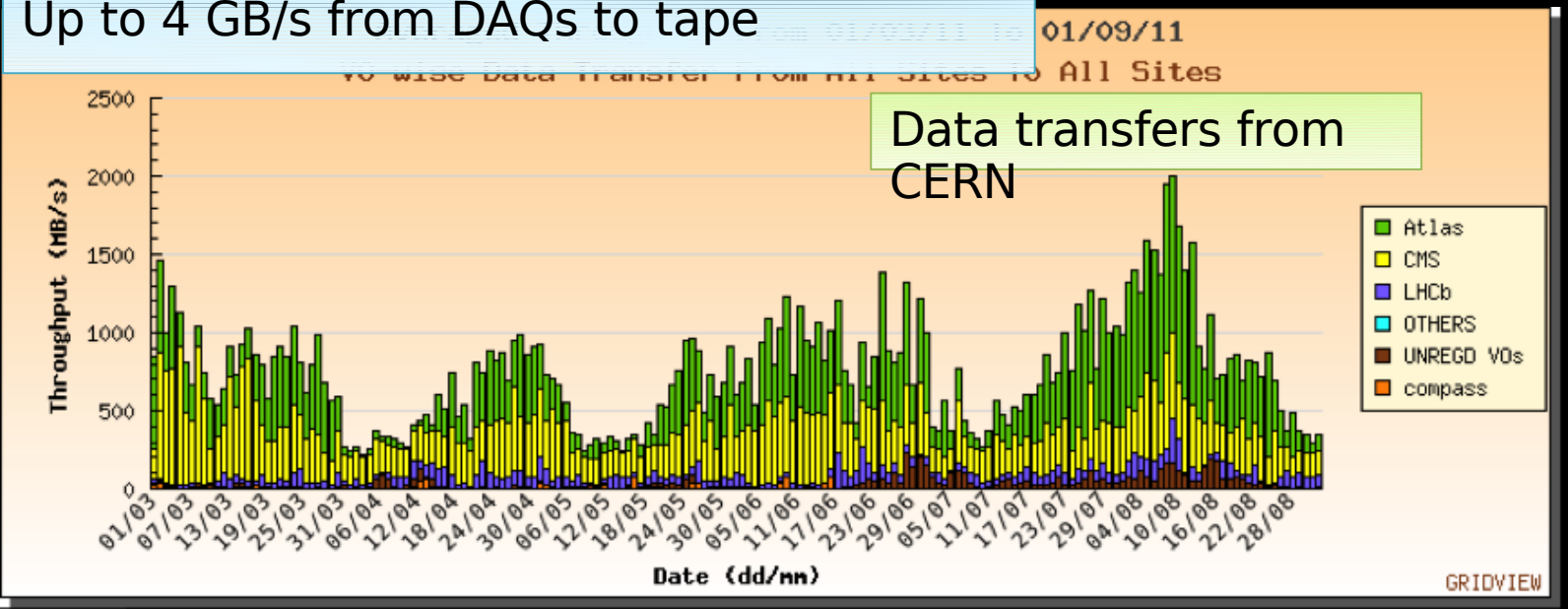


Tape data read; now far more controlled; e.g. 2 PB in, 3 PB read

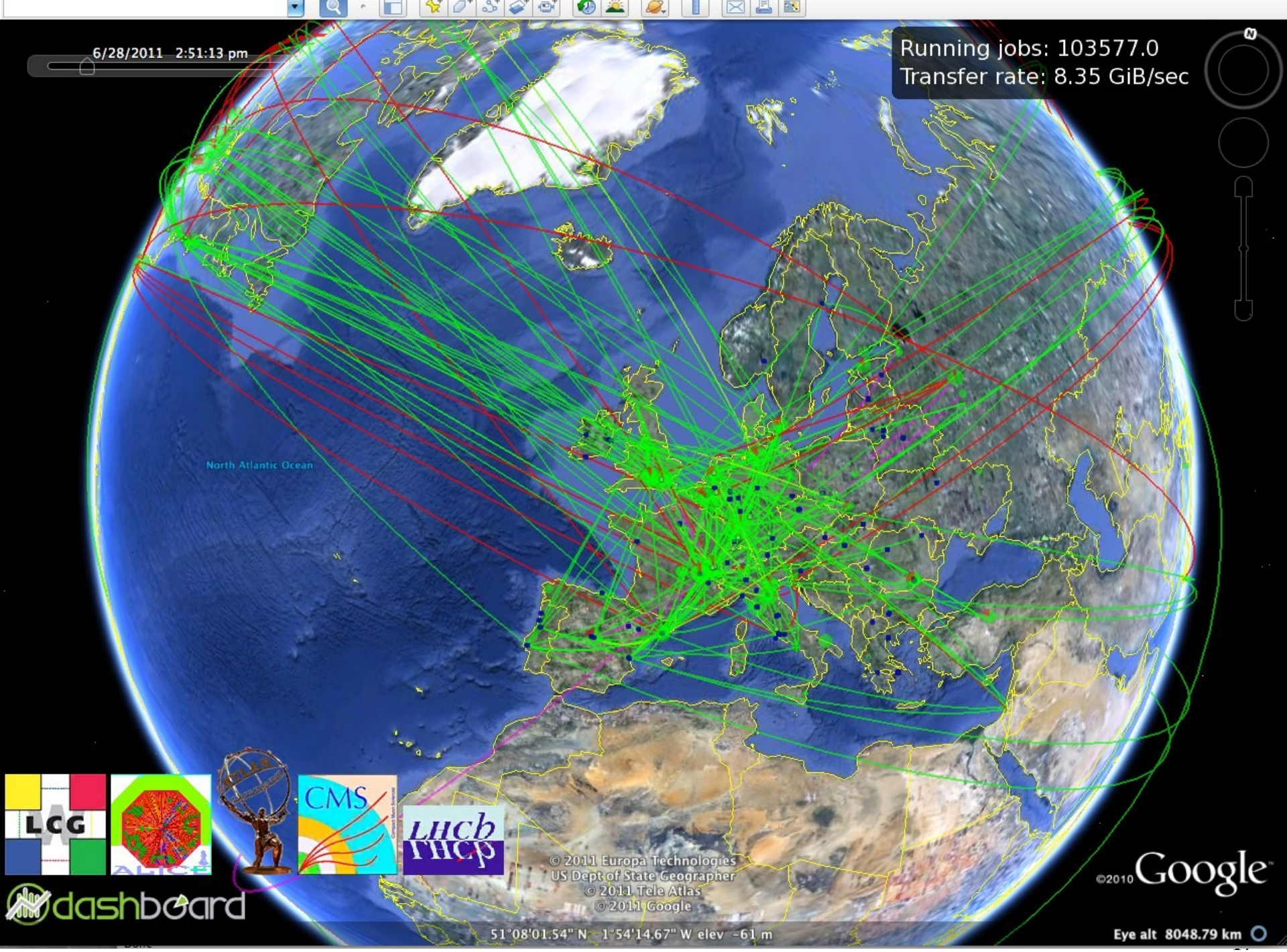


Data traffic in Tier 0 and to grid similar to 2010 values:

Up to 4 GB/s from DAQs to tape



Data transfers from CERN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Transfer rate: 8.35 GiB/sec
North Atlantic Ocean
LCG
CMS
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dashboard
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US Dept of State Geographer
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51°08'01.54" N 1°54'14.67" W elev -61 m
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Impact of the LHC Computing Grid in Europe

- LCG has been the driving force for the European multi-science Grid EGEE (Enabling Grids for E-sciencE)
- EGEE is now a global effort, and the largest Grid infrastructure worldwide
- Co-funded by the European Commission (Cost: ~170 M€ over 6 years, funded by EU ~100M€)
- EGEE already used for >100 applications, including…

Enabling Grids for E-sciencE

Archeology
Astronomy
Astrophysics
Civil Protection
Comp. Chemistry
Earth Sciences
Finance
Fusion
Geophysics
High Energy Physics
Life Sciences
Multimedia
Material Sciences
…

>250 sites
48 countries
>50,000 CPUs
>20 PetaBytes
>10,000 users
>150 VOs
>150,000 jobs/day

GRID vs Cloud

- **"Cloud computing" is gaining importance**
  - Web based solutions (http/https and RES)
  - Virtualization, upload machine images to remote sites
- **GRID has mainly a scientific user base**
  - Complex applications running across multiple sites, but works like a cluster batch system for the end user
  - Mainly suitable for parallel computing and massive data processing
- **Expect convergence in the future**
  - "Internal Cloud" at CERN - lxcloud
  - CernVM – virtual machine running e.g. at Amazon
  - "Volunteer Cloud" - LHC@home 2.0

CERN openlab in brief

- A science – industry partnership to drive R&D and innovation
- Started in 2002, now in phase 3

Motto: "you make it – we break it"

- Evaluates state-of-the-art technologies in a very complex environment and improves them
- Test in a research environment today what will be used in industry tomorrow
- Training:
  - openlab student programme
  - Topical seminars
  - CERN School of Computing

openlab phase III

- Covers 2009-2011
- Status
  - Partners: HP, Intel, Oracle and Siemens
- New topics
  - Global wireless coverage for CERN (HP)
  - Power-efficient solutions (Intel)
  - Performance Tuning (Oracle)
  - Control systems and PLC security (Siemens)
  - Advanced storage systems and/or global file system
  - 100Gb/s networking

More information

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