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CERN openlab



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**A successful public-private
partnership**

- A science-industry partnership to drive R&D and innovation with over a decade of success
- Evaluate state-of-the-art technologies in a challenging environment and improve them
- Test in a research environment today what will be used in many business sectors tomorrow
- Train next generation of engineers/employees
- Disseminate results and outreach to new audiences

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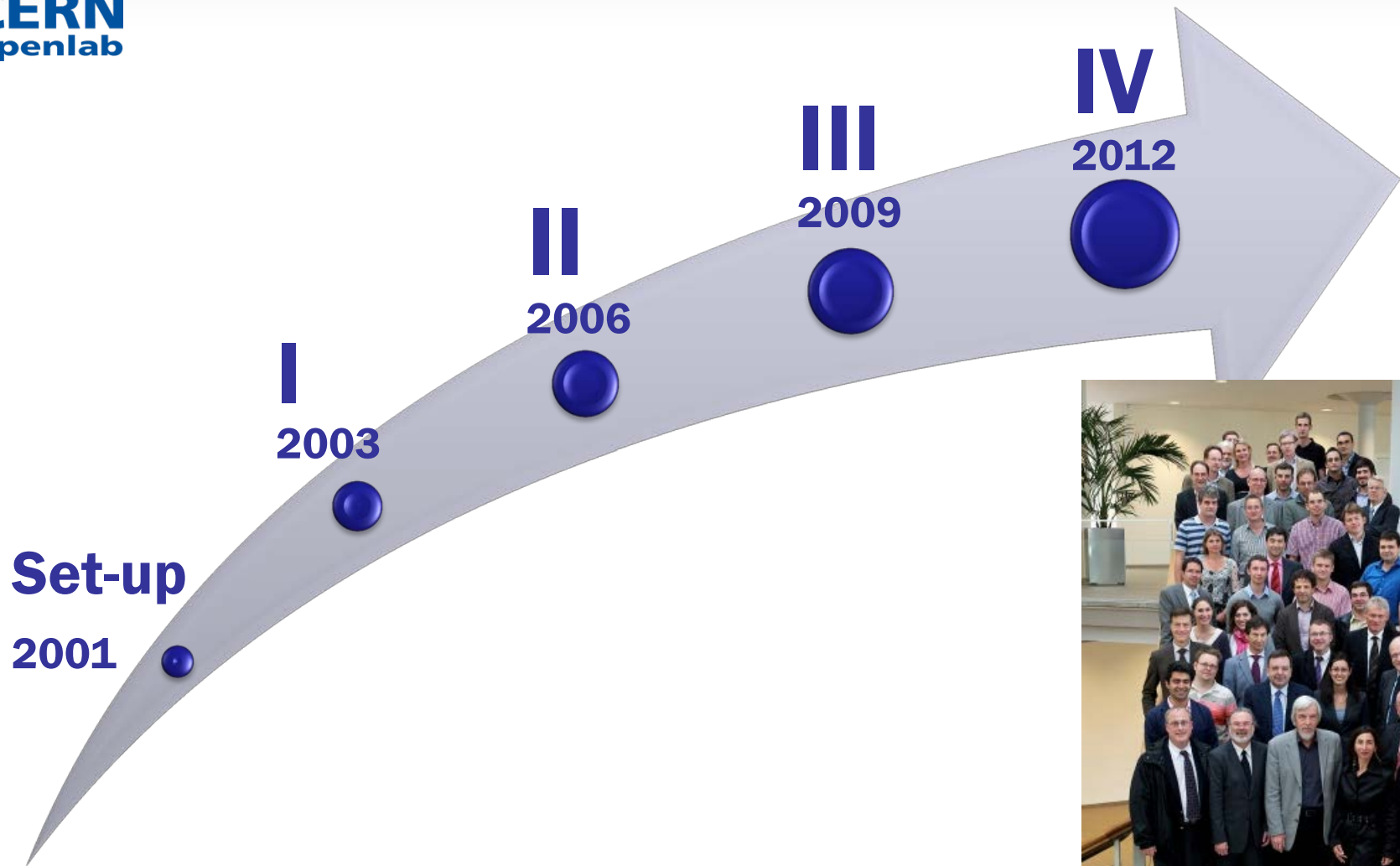
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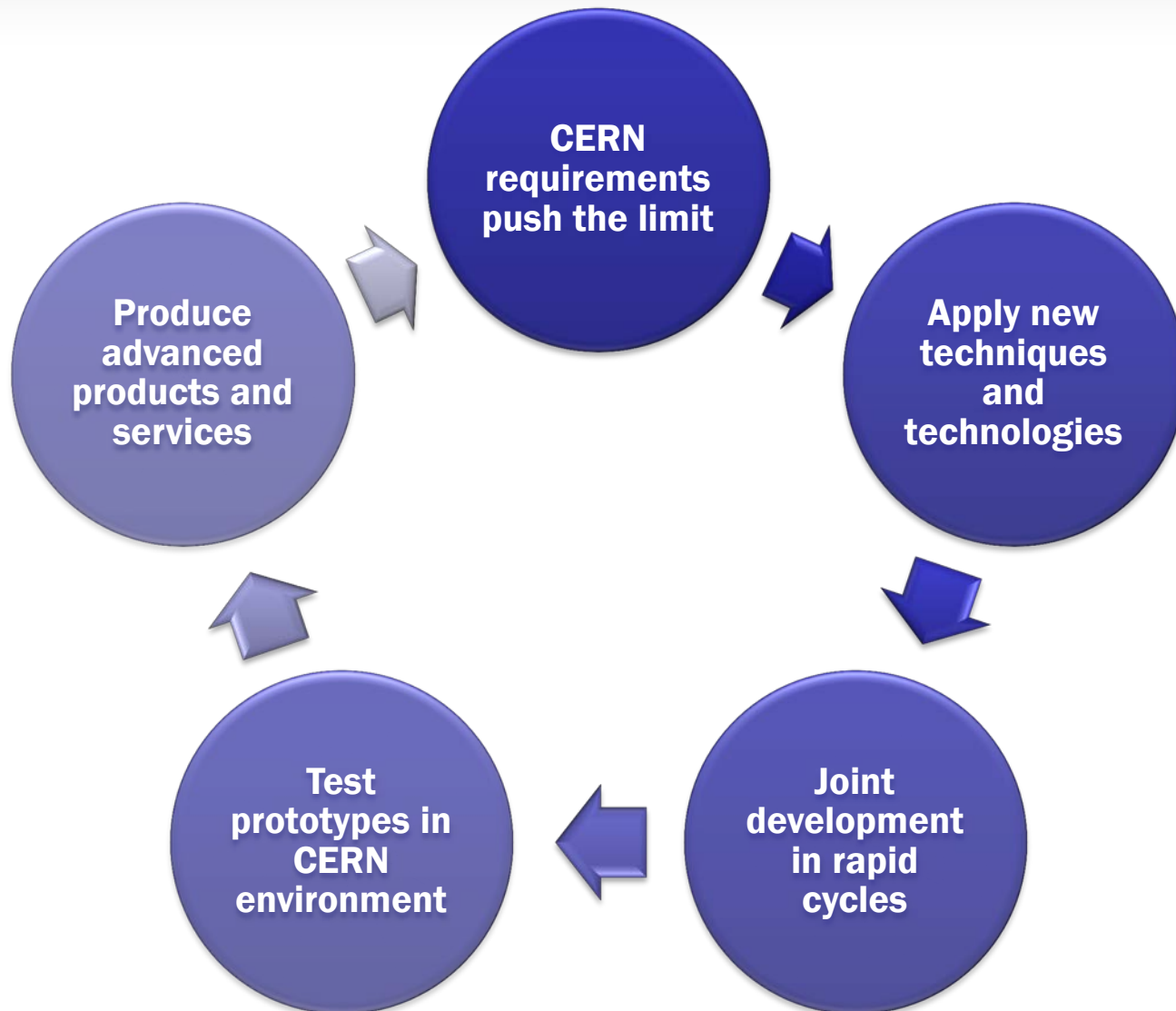
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The history of openlab



CERN openlab 10th birthday celebration on 3 May 2011





A public-private partnership between the research community and industry

- **From Partners / Contributors**
 - Mix of
 - in-cash for hiring young personnel
 - in-kind for carrying out R&D activities



- From Partners
- From CERN
 - Technical environment
 - Technical manpower
 - Technical supervision
 - Management resources
 - Communication resources



CERN-hosted **workshops** on advanced topics

Joint events with industry members

On-site **lectures** for summer students

Technical **seminars** from CERN staff or invited guests

Contributions to the

CERN School of Computing

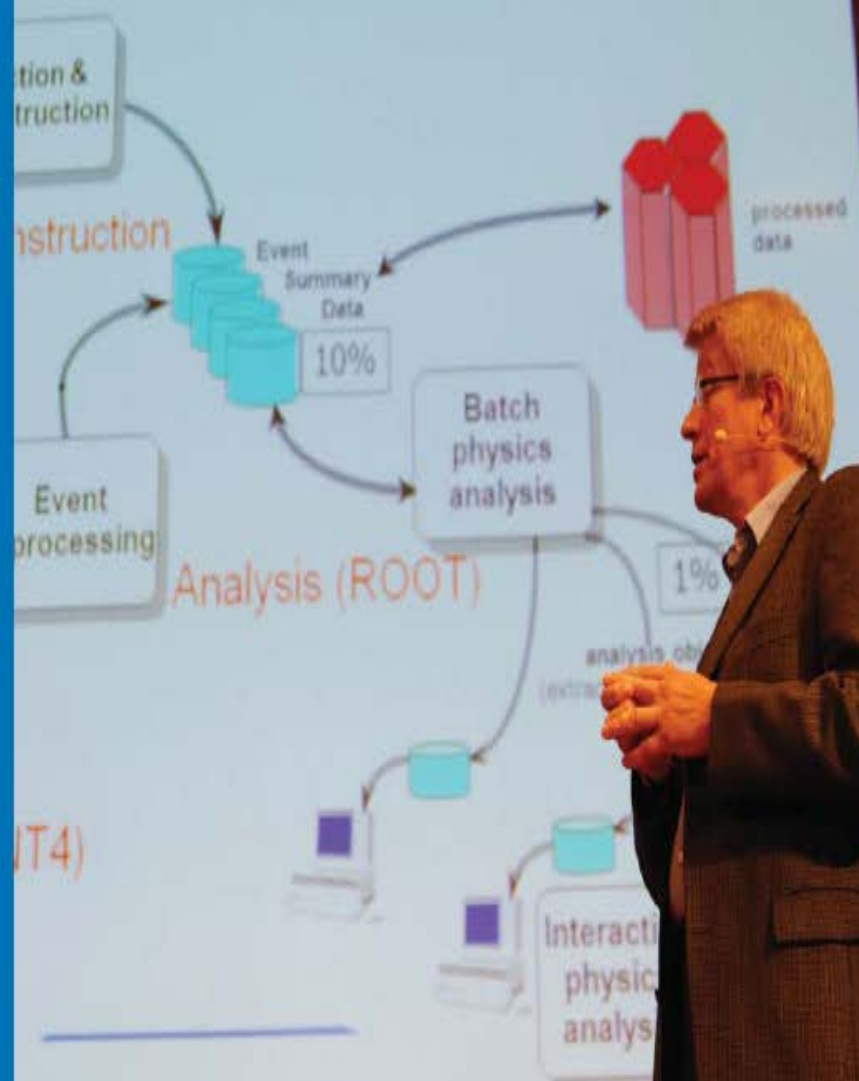
Publication of

technical papers and posters

Keynote presentations

at leading global events

Data Handling and Computation for Physics Analysis



- The extreme demands from CERN's scientific programme
- The alignment of goals between partners
- Trust
- Young researchers with their talents, expertise and energy
- Efficient and lightweight structure
- Regular checkpoints/reviews
- Outreach/communications

Unique **testing environment** in terms of scale and complexity

Engagement of multi-disciplinary **CERN experts** collaborating on joint projects

Association with the **world's leading innovators** in the IT industry

Dissemination of positive results as success stories to a wide range of audiences via conference presentations, whitepapers, website, etc.

On-site **visits**

Access to CERN **complex IT infrastructure** and engineering experience

- **Three categories of Sponsors of the CERN openlab**
 - Partner 3 years engagement
 - Contributor 1 year engagement
 - Associate 1 year in-kind engagement
- openlab activity is decoupled from CERN's procurement process
- A separate agreement and an NDA is signed between CERN and each Sponsor

Examples of activities in 2012

- **HP:** WIND facility improves day-to-day operations and reduces the time to diagnose wifi network problems. Start of ViSION project for SDN
- **Intel:** work on the Xeon Phi co-processor disseminated to the physics community, which is now porting software; ~350 participants trained in 10 workshops
- **Oracle:** reproduced physics analysis (HZ->bll), lot of Oracle 12 advances (currently under NDA)
- **Siemens:** adaption of industrial control systems to better resist cyber-attacks, progress on Oracle Storage plugin for archiving, upgrade of SCADA system (WinCC OA 3.11) for LHC long shutdown
- **Huawei:** tests showed the cluster of 384 drives with low power processors could support 336 concurrent clients performing 18,000/s file downloads and 1,400/s uploads
- **Training and communication**
 - 15 summer students with intense 2 month programme
 - published 17 reports, 25 presentations, organised 11 workshops



ICE-DIP: Intel CERN European - Doctorate Industrial Program

The project starts today: CERN will recruit the **5 PhD students** on 3 year fellowship contracts in autumn 2013

Each PhD student will be **seconded to Intel for 18 months**

Will work with **LHC experiments** on future upgrade research themes:

- usage of many-core processors for data acquisition
- future optical interconnect technologies
- reconfigurable logic
- data acquisition networks

Associate partners: Nat. Univ. Ireland Maynooth & Dublin City Univ. (recruits will be enrolled in PhD programmes), Xena Networks (SME, Denmark)

EC funding: ~ €1.25 million over 4 years

- Multi-partner network coordinated by CERN including openlab partners and EIROforum research labs
 - Recruiting partners: **CERN**, **XFEL** - European X-Ray Laser Project , **EFDA** - European Fusion Development Agreement, **ESRF** - European Synchrotron Radiation facility, **ILL** - Institut Laue-Langevin (Neutron science), **ORACLE**, **Siemens**
 - Secondment hosts: ESA – European Space Agency, D-TACQ (UK SME), Intel, iSencia (Belgian SME), HP
 - PhD universities: Dublin City Univ (Ireland), Ludwig Maximilian Univ of Munich (Germany), Nat. Univ Ireland, Tessella Ltd (UK SME)
 - Theme BIG DATA acquisition, analysis, storage, distribution and access
 - Recruit 13 PhD students for 3 yrs (and one senior researcher for 2 yrs)
 - Recruits will share time between two research labs and one company via secondments
 - Expect feedback from the evaluation of proposal by the EC in April 2013
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- A win-win public-private partnership between research and industry

- Proven track record of success for partner companies and CERN with excellent return on investment

- Future prospects:
 - CERN's ambitious scientific programme
 - Greater use of commercial components
 - When the price is right
 - Engagement of the partners
 - A growing network of industrial partners and research labs



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More information available via the website



Upcoming Events

Major Review

31/01/2013 (All day)
The meeting includes updates on the technical progress of ongoing CERN openlab projects, the activities of the various competence centers, and reports on management and communication activities. More details can be found on the Indico page.

openlab Board of Sponsors 2013

14/05/2013 (All day) to 15/05/2013 (All day)

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