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Memory needed by ATLAS jobs

- We asked a long time ago (GDB July 2005) to provide Grid nodes with 2 GB of memory per CPU (now per core)
- Current situation:
 - Full simulation (Geant4) jobs: need just over 1 GB/job, trying to reduce, but more detailed muon detector geometry is in the pipeline
 - > In any case reducing CPU time/event has priority for developers after the x2 loss with G4.8
 - Fast simulation (Atlfast) jobs: runs also reconstruction in the same jobs, therefore needs reconstruction memory
 - Reconstruction jobs: struggling to keep <2 GB/job. Marginally exceeding that right now if Trigger is on, but intend to beat down before Summer.
 - Analysis jobs: <1 GB needed, but framework is flexible and any user can activate any part of reconstruction (see above)</p>
- Current performance work is focussing on:
 - Reducing Geant4 simulation time
 - Reducing size of HITS, RDO, ESD, AOD
 - Reducing memory footprint of reconstruction jobs
 - (at lower priority) understanding memory footprint of 64-bit native build

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