Session 4: Data preservation lessons learnt and future prospects

LTDP in HEP: Status, lessons learnt and 2020 (2035 / 2050) outlook

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International Collaboration for Data Preservation and Long Term Analysis in High Energy Physics

# Outline

• Long-term

• Data Preservation

• Future Re-Use

• Lessons learnt & Outlook



### LONG TERM







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- LEP ran as a Z<sup>0</sup> factory;
- Then produced W<sup>±</sup> pairs;
- Energy scan up to 209 GeV



- Total data: ~500TB (0.5PB)
- This was "Big Data" at the time!
- LEP experiments faced "constant change" a first for HEP. Probably why data is still around!

The Large	<b>Electron-Positron</b>	Collider
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LEP – the largest electron-positron accelerator ever built – was dismantled in 2000. Its 27-kilometre tunnel now hosts the LHC



LEP Events: approval, start / end of construction, start / end of data taking (~2 decades)



# LEP Timeline



Date	Collider (e⁺e⁻)	Computing
1981	Approved by Council	Card readers still exist!
1983	Civil Engineering starts	Computing at CERN in the LEP era published
1988	LEP Tunnel completed	Data Management project requested by experiments
1989	1 <sup>st</sup> beams, collisions, and results	Was the s/w really ready?
1992	LHC Computing starts	Mainframes replaced
1996	LEP 2 (W pairs) starts	Unix, later PCs
2000	Final run of LEP	HEP gets bitten by Grid 🥨



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### **DATA PRESERVATION**

## 2020 Vision for LT DP in HEP

- <u>Long-term e.g. FCC timescales</u>: disruptive change
  - By 2020, all archived data e.g. that described in DPHEP Blueprint, including LHC data – easily findable, fully usable by designated communities with clear (Open) access policies and possibilities to annotate further
  - Best practices, tools and services well run-in, fully documented and sustainable; built in common with **other disciplines**, based on standards
  - DPHEP portal, through which data / tools accessed
    "HEP FAIRport": Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Re-usable

Agree with Funding Agencies clear targets & metrics



# Aspects of LT DP



- <u>A common approach across the main HEP labs worldwide, including:</u>
  - 1. Data (bit preservation) state of the art at exascale (1PB-10PB-100PB-1EB etc);
  - 2. Software (and environment) combination of validation + virtualisation;
  - **3.** Documentation (I would say "knowledge") digital library technologies + regular testing as part of training and data re-use
- LEP and other Colliders worldwide allow us to "see into the future" and compare different options for LTDP
- Expectation for LEP is that data will be usable (and used) until ~2030 3 decades after end of data taking! (Copy on disk + 2 on tape @ CERN!)
- Data will (should) be available much longer; "resurrection" of HEP data + software has been demonstrated but requires significant motivation + effort

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#### http://science.energy.gov/funding-

#### opportunities/digital-data-management/

- "The focus of this statement is sharing and preservation of digital research data"
- All proposals submitted to the Office of Science (after 1 October 2014) for research funding must include a Data Management Plan (DMP) that addresses the following requirements:
- DMPs should describe whether and how data generated in the 1. course of the proposed research will be shared and preserved.

If the plan is not to share and/or preserve certain data, then the plan must explain the basis of the decision (for example, cost/benefit considerations, other parameters of feasibility, scientific appropriateness, or limitations discussed in #4).

At a minimum, DMPs must describe how data sharing and preservation will enable validation of results, or how results could be validated if data are not shared or preserved.





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### **RE-USE ( = FUNDING)**

### 1 – Long Tail of Papers



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#### 2 – New Theoretical Insights



#### Use Case Summary

- 1. Keep data usable for ~1 decade
- 2. Keep data usable for ~2 decades
- 3. Keep data usable for ~3 decades

Volume: 100PB + ~50PB/year (+500PB/year from 2025)

# Use Cases – "all HEP"

- 1. Bit preservation basically OK (at CERN) but not a formal policy
  - Data taken by the experiments should be preserved
- 2. Preserve data, software, and know-how in the collaborations
  - Foundation for long-term DP strategy
  - Analysis reproducibility: Data preservation alongside software evolution
- 3. Share data and associated software with (larger) scientific community
  - Additional requirements:
  - Storage, distributed computing
  - Accessibility issues, intellectual property
  - Formalising and simplifying data format and analysis procedure
  - Documentation
- Open access to reduced data set to general public
  - Education and outreach
  - Continuous effort to provide meaningful examples and demonstrations
- Strategy and scope in approved policy documents for all (LHC+LEP) collaborations
  - <u>http://opendata.cern.ch/collection/data-policies</u>
  - LEP (and other?) access policies exist (L3?) need to be uploaded & given DOI



# CAP Use Cases (I) (=know-how?)

- 1. The person having done (part of) an analysis is leaving the collaboration and has to hand over the know-how to other collaboration members.
- 2. A newcomer would like join a group working on some physics subject
- In a large collaboration, it may occur that two (groups of) people work independently on the same subject
- 4. There is a conflict between results of two collaborations on the same subject



# CAP Use Cases (II)

- 5. A previous analysis has to be repeated
- 6. Data from several experiments, on the same physics subject, have to be statistically combined
- 7. A working group or management member within a collaboration wishes to know who else has worked on a particular dataset, software piece or MC
- 8. Presentation or publication is submitted for internal/collaboration review and approval: lack of comprehensive metadata
- 9. Preparing for Open Data Sharing



Lessons Learned recognize mistakes observe what works document them share them

### LESSONS

- There are enormous benefits in working with other projects and disciplines: IMHO we have saved years (=money) AND we can also help others (if they want)
- 2. Having a Business Case and Cost Model is essential;
- 3. It is <u>never too early</u> to consider data preservation: early planning is likely to result in cost savings that may be significant. Furthermore, resources (and budget) beyond the data-taking lifetime of the projects should be foreseen <u>from the beginning</u>;
- 4. Caveat emptor: there are disruptive changes ahead. How does one prepare for these, particularly when a project is no longer in the active phase? (Don't get hooked on any particular technical solution – <u>it will</u> <u>change!</u>)

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### OUTLOOK







- See DPHEP Workshop in Lisbon for more details, including:
  - Original DPHEP Blueprint (2012)
  - New status report (2015)
  - And key work items for 2016 and beyond

<u>https://indico.cern.ch/event/444264/</u>

### Data Preservation in High Energy Physics The road to DPHEP



http://dphep.org

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