Servicing HEP experiments with a complete set of ready integrated and configured common software components

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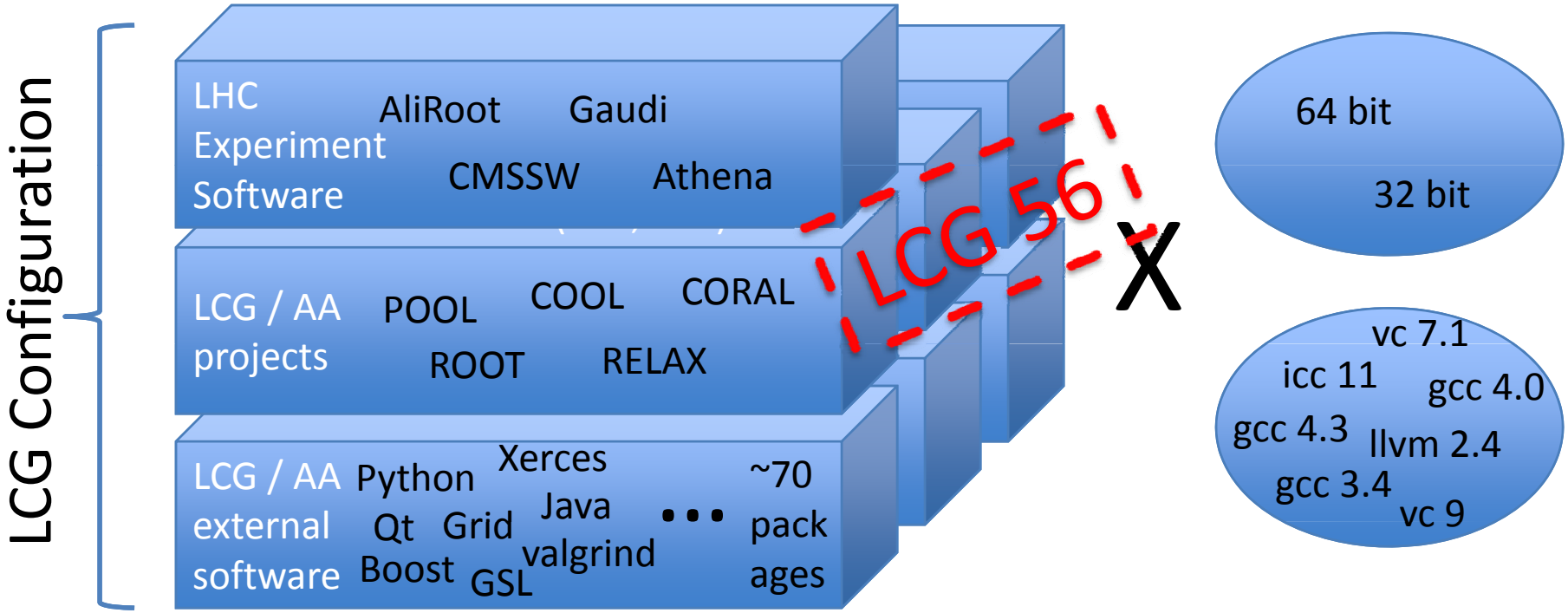
Outline

- LHC Software layers and their testing infrastructure
- How to use LCG software in a non LHC environment

LCG Applications Area

- Develops and maintains basic software components shared by LHC experiments
  - E.g. Geant4, ROOT, POOL, COOL, CORAL, etc.
  - On multiple platforms / compilers / architectures
  - Released in “LCG Configurations” on demand
- Other fields
  - Research projects
    - Virtualization, Multicore
  - Communication Tools
    - Savannah, Hypernews

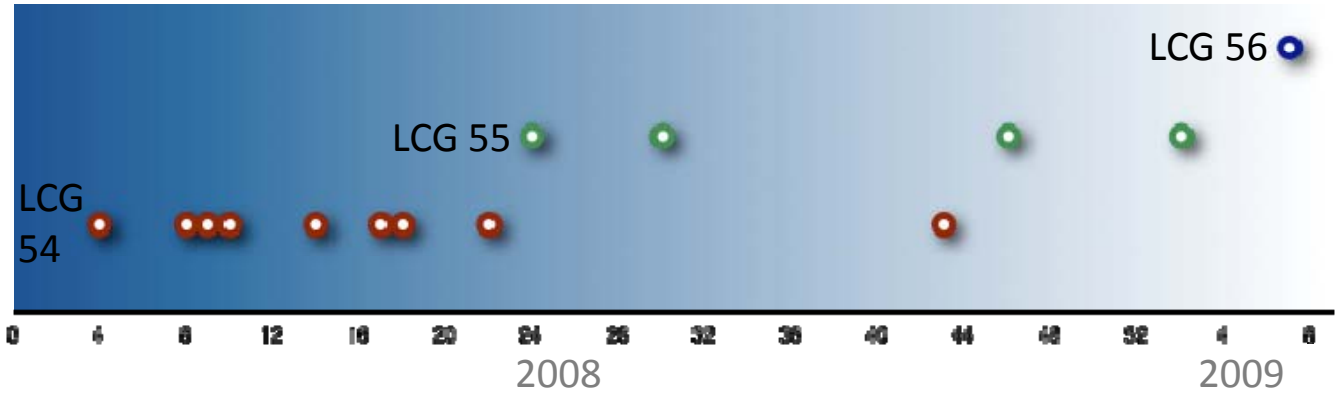
LHC Software



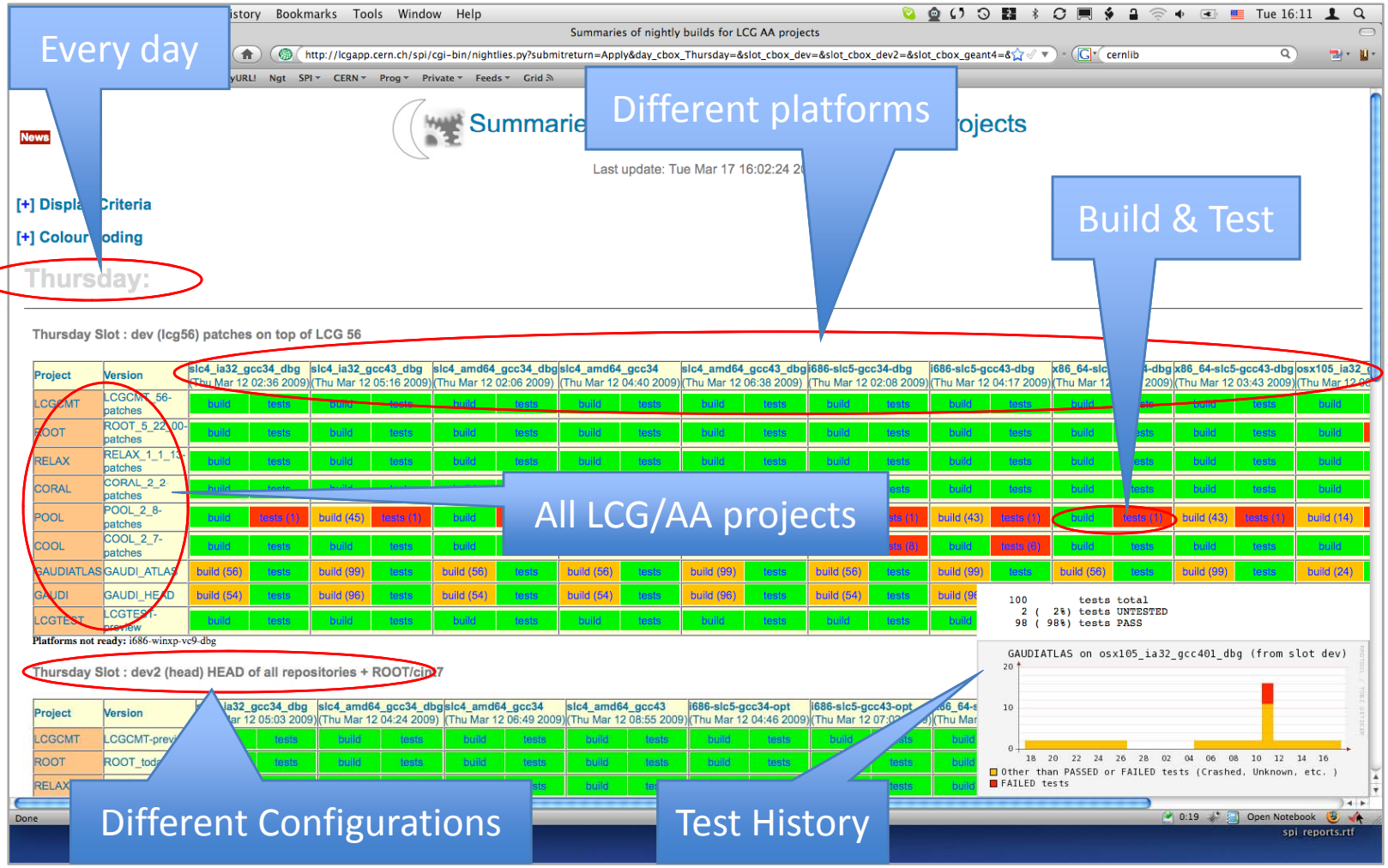
= ~ 20 different platforms

LCG Releases

- LCG Configurations released on demand
  - Schedules discussed with experiments in Architects Forum
  - Usually 2 major release series / year
    - Targeting major changes e.g. new compilers / platforms
    - + bug fix releases on top when needed

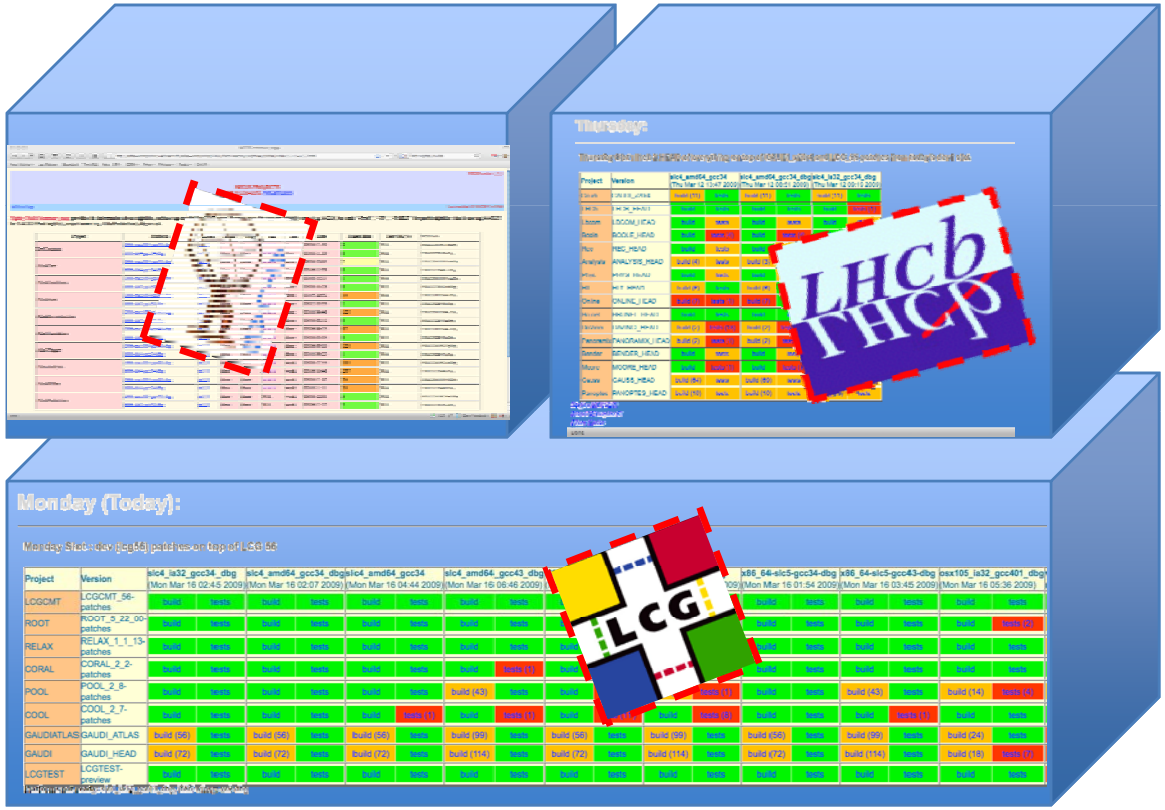


LCG Project Software Testing



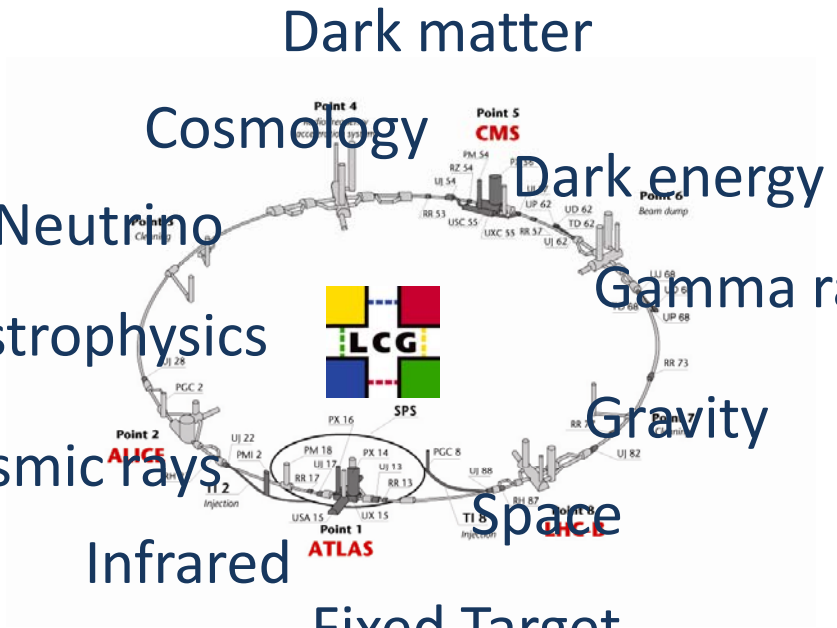
V. Diez; Geant4 testing integration into LCG nightly builds system

LHC Software Testing Stack



K. Kruzelezki; The nightly build and test system for LCG AA and LHCb software

LCG s/w in a non LHC environment



Many Physics experiments around (> 600) *

- Software built for LHC experiments

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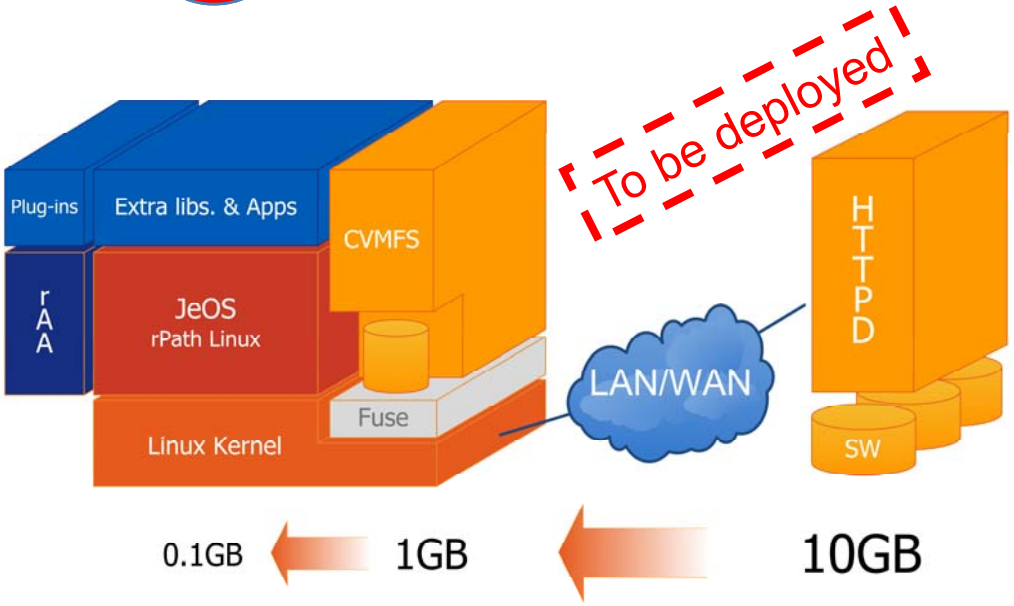
- What about making LCG Configurations usable outside LHC?

* http://www.slac.stanford.edu/spires/experiments/online_exp.shtml

3 ways to get LCG Configurations

1 CERNVM	2 Deploy LCG binaries	3 Recompile sources
Motivation Automatic deployment of LCG/AA software	Motivation Run native on LCG/AA provided platform	Motivation Run native on non LCG/AA provided platform
Functioning Usage of virtualization technologies	Functioning Binary packages provided by LCG/AA infrastructure	Functioning Recompilation of all LCG/AA packages from source
Software deployment Done via network + special caching file system	Software deployment Download of packages via web interface	Software deployment Local deployment by user
Prerequisites Hypervisor + Cernvm image	Prerequisites LCG/AA compliant os	Prerequisites Linux/Mac OSX (!windows)

1 CERNVM

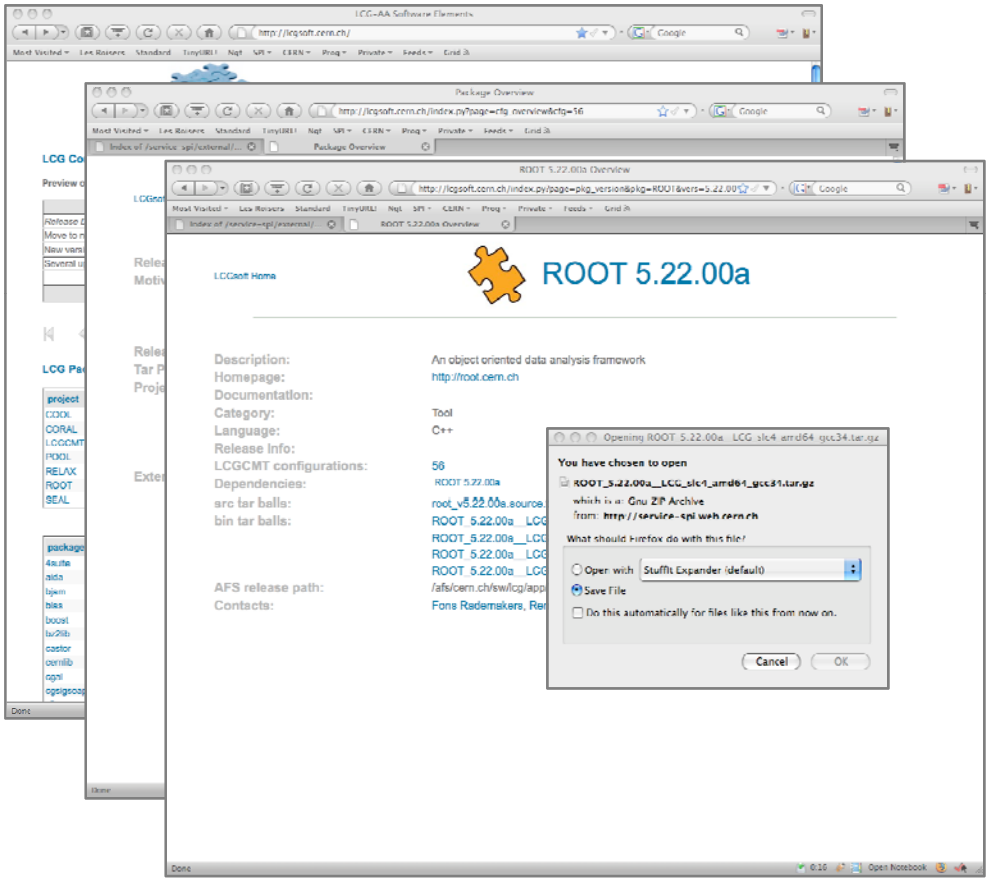


- Virtual machine running with several hypervisors & host platforms
- CVMFS allows download & caching of only needed parts for execution of the application
  - Usually a fraction of the originally deployed stack

P. Buncic; CernVM - a Virtual Software Appliance for LHC applications

2 Deploying LCG/AA binaries

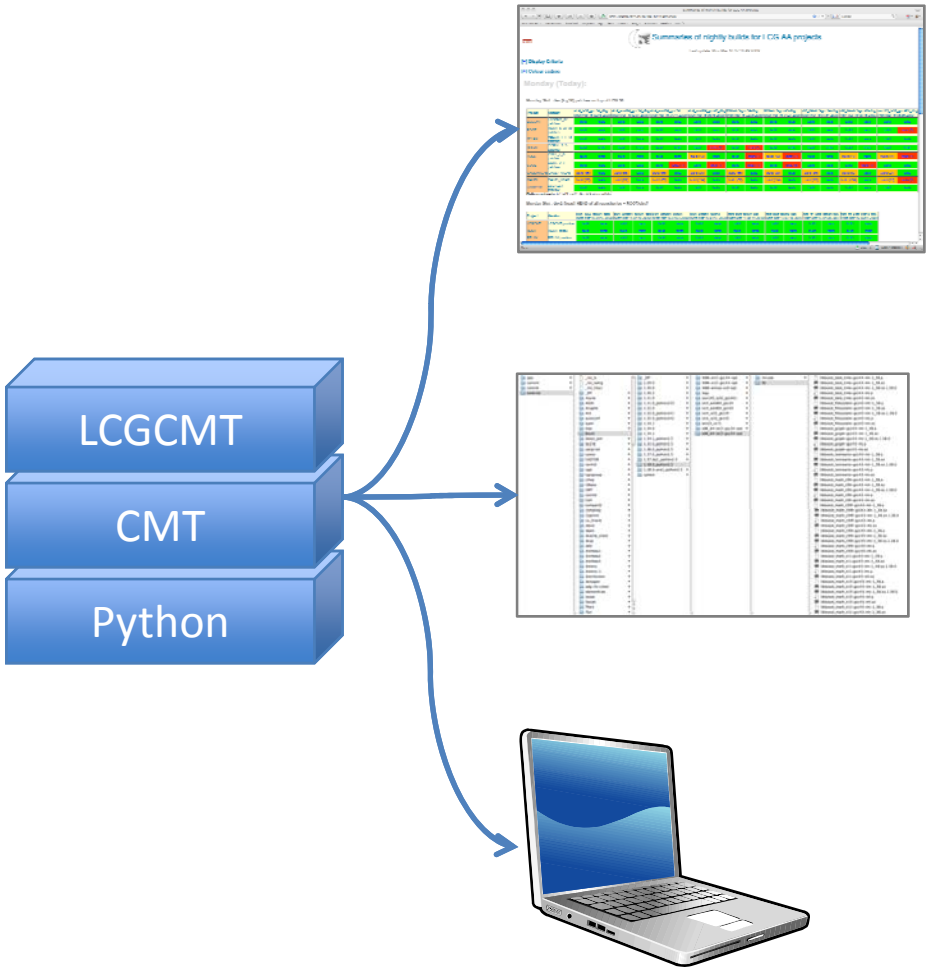
1. Go to http://lcgsoft.cern.ch
2. Choose your LCG Configuration
3. Choose needed packages and download tar file



3 Build LCG/AA s/w from source

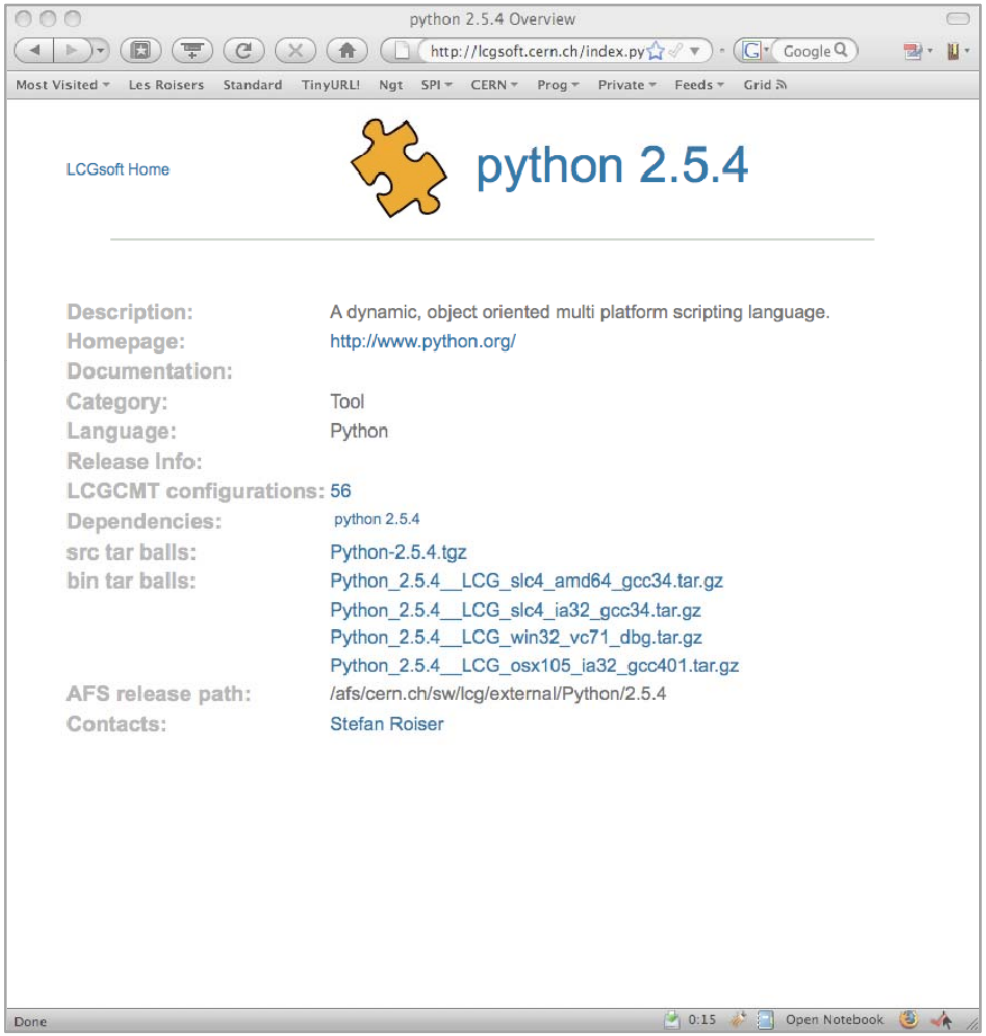
We are using the same Tools and procedure for all LCG/AA packages for

- Nightly builds
- AFS installations
- User recompilation



3 How to build an LCG/AA package

1. Bootstrap the 3 necessary packages, i.e. download and install
   1. Python
   2. CMT
   3. LCGCMT



3 How to build an LCG/AA package

2 Override default values if needed + setup environment

```
macro LCG_builddir "/build"
macro LCG_home "/opt/lcg"

tag x86_64-ubuntu810-gcc43-opt
    target-linux target-x86_64
    target-gcc43 target-opt
```

```
lxplus:~> export CMTCONFIG=x86_64-ubuntu810-gcc43-opt
lxplus:~> . /opt/lcg/sw/CMT/v1r20p20081113/mgr/setup.sh
```

3 How to build an LCG/AA package

3 Repeat standardized build procedure for the needed set of LCG/AA packages

```
lxplus:~>cd LCGCMT_56/LCG_Builders/ROOT/cmt
lxplus:cmt> cmt pkg_get
lxplus:cmt> cmt pkg_config
lxplus:cmt> cmt pkg_make
lxplus:cmt> cmt pkg_install
lxplus:cmt> cmt pkg_test
lxplus:cmt> ls …/ROOT/5.22.00a/x86_64-ub81-gcc43-opt/root
bin   etc    geom   include  LICENSE  man      test
cint  fonts  icons  lib      macros   README   tmva
lxplus:cmt> ls logs
ROOT_x86_64-ubuntu810-gcc43-opt_config.log
ROOT_x86_64-ubuntu810-gcc43-opt_make.log … … …
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3 Real world example

- Software for large water cerenkov detectors eg. DUSEL (US), MEMPHY (EU)
- Packages rebuilt so far with LCG/AA procedure for ubuntu 8.04
  - GAUDI, ROOT, RELAX, GAUDI, Cmake , Python, Clhep, Gccxml, XercesC, HepMC, HepPDT, GSL, Bjam, Boost, Mysql, QMTest, CppUnit
- New package build information was fed back to LCG/AA for OpenScientist

Advantages of LCG Configurations

- Self-consistent sets of basic software packages
  - Use of recent packages / tools
  - HEP specific patches when needed
- Several deployment method possible
  - Virtual Machine, LCG/AA binaries or recompilation
- Multi platform / architecture / compiler
  - Continuous performance / unit / integration testing
  - Adding to overall software stability
- Flexible adaptation possible
  - Using e.g. CMT as configuration tool

Future enhancements

- Software deployment
  - Integration with CERNVM
  - Package deployment system for binaries (rpm?)
  - Tool for bootstrap procedure when recompiling
- !!! Documentation !!!

Summary

- LCG Applications Area builds and tests the basic software packages for LHC experiments
- Non LHC experiments may use and profit from
  - Consistent set of packages
  - Multi platform/architecture/compiler
  - Agile package version policy
  - Continuous integration, performance, unit testing

Further Info

- Announcements of new LCG Configurations
  - project-lcg-peb-apps@cern.ch
- Details about LCG Configurations (packages, versions, …)
  - http://lcgsoft.cern.ch
- Minutes of the Architects Forum (LCG/AA steering committee)
  - http://lcgapp.cern.ch/project/mgmt/af.html
- Software Process and Infrastructure project
  - http://spi.cern.ch
- LCG/AA nightly builds overview page
  - http://lcgapp.cern.ch/spi/cgi-bin/nightlies.py
- CMT configuration and management tool
  - http://www.cmtsite.org