

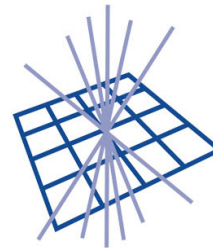
Integration of the ATLAS Tag Database with Data Management and Analysis Components

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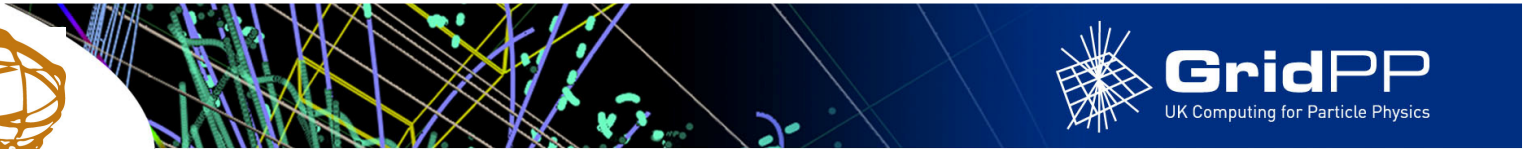
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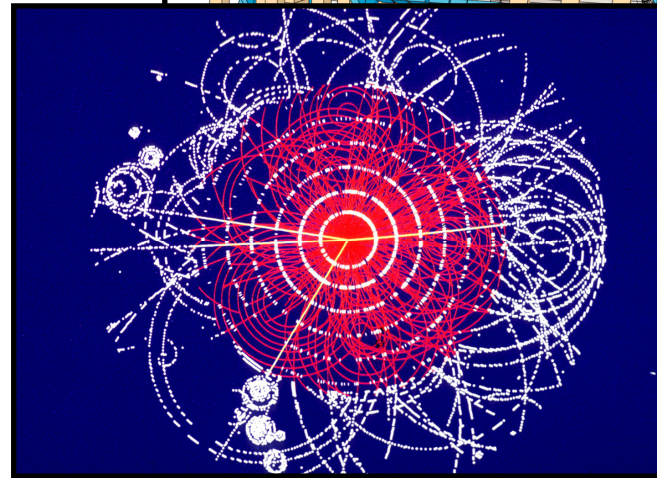
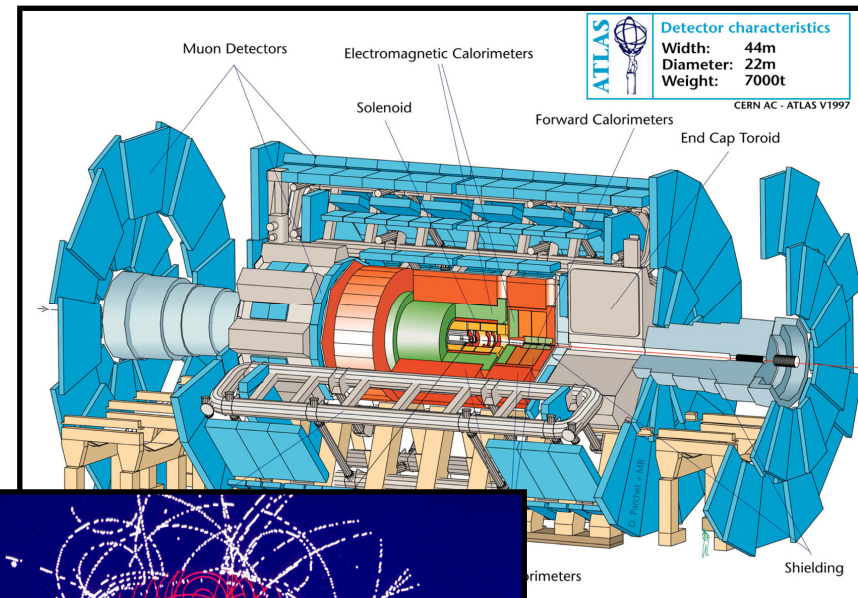
Overview

- Introduction
- ATLAS event-level metadata
- The ATLAS Tag Database
- Distributed Data Management & Analysis
- The ATLAS Tag Navigator Tool
- Some performance measurements
- Conclusions & further work



ATLAS Event Rates 101

- ATLAS raw data rate after triggers: 200 Hz
- Raw event size: 1.6 MB
- Processed to ESD (1 MB), AOD (100 kB)
- 2×10^9 events/year
- Selectivity for Higgs event: ~ 1 in 10^{13}





ATLAS Event-level Metadata

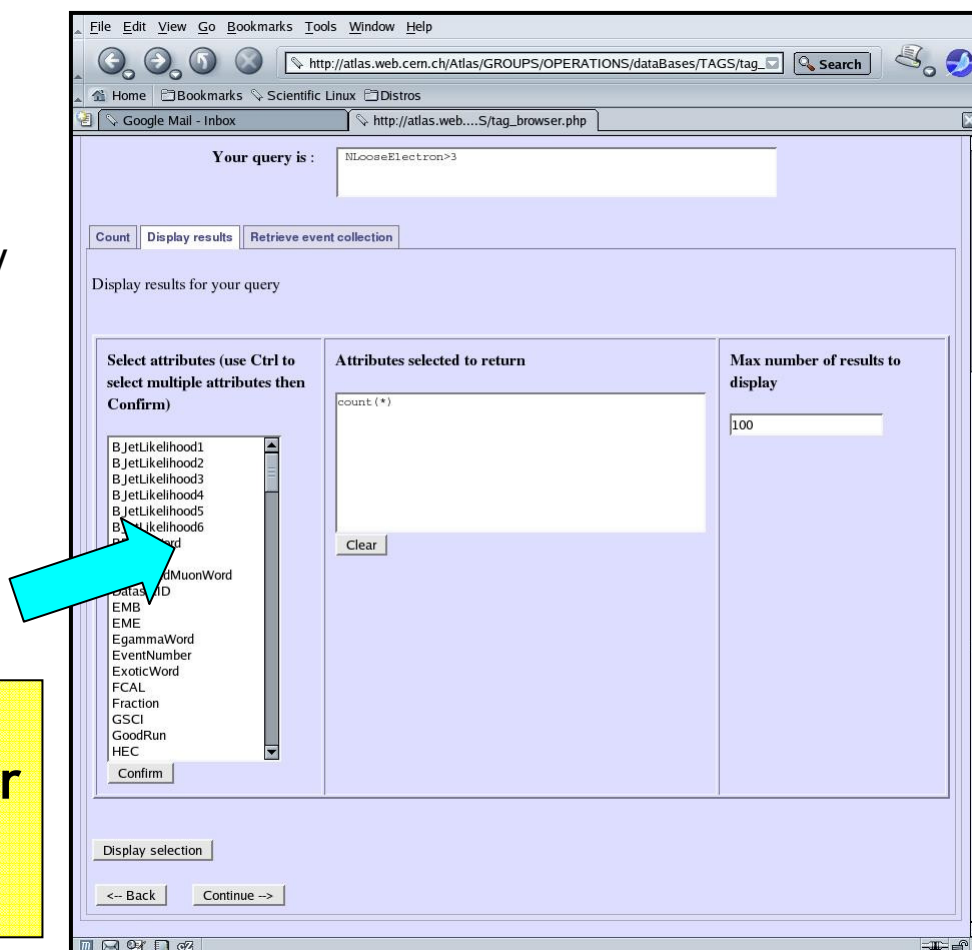
- “Tags” - summary physics data for events
- Allows:
 - efficient *selection* of interesting events
 - direct *navigation* to these events
- 2 formats
 - ROOT files: useful as *indices* to event
 - Relational Database: useful for *querying*
- 1 kB/event, 6 types of attribute stored
 - Includes pointers to AOD, ESD and RAW data files



The Tag Database

- Generated from file-based tags which are produced at reconstruction
- Global Oracle database at CERN
- Replication to other sites (Oracle / MySQL) under investigation
- Series of test databases deployed
 - Largest: 1 TB
 - Most realistic: 2 GB (+ indices)
- Prototype Web Query Browser

Talk #161 - “Building a Scalable Event-Level Metadata System for ATLAS” - has details of performance tests





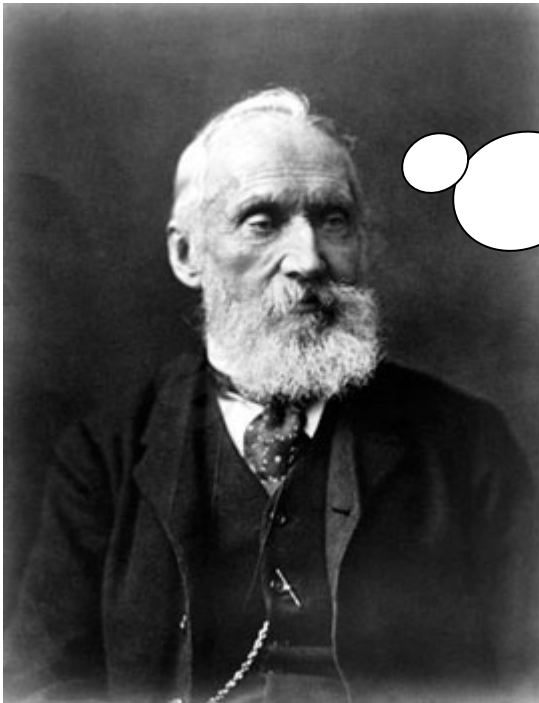
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A Physicist Use Case



Query Tag Database

Get list of events

Find correct files on grid

Run distributed analysis

Get output!



ATLAS Distributed Data Management

- 3 grids used by ATLAS: LCG, OSG, NDGF
- Data movement and cataloguing by Distributed Data Management system: DQ2
- Uses *dataset* as unit of data handling
- Dataset = group of files + metadata
- See talk #64: “Managing ATLAS data on a petabyte-scale with DQ2”

**Challenge: Tag Database ignorant
of datasets**



ATLAS Distributed Analysis

- Use grid computing for analysis, hide complexity from users
- Tools developed include
 - PanDA (Talk # 167)
 - GANGA (Talks #146, 287)
- Tag Database initially integrated with GANGA

Challenge: GANGA supported file-based tags, not relational tags



The Tag Navigator Tool

- Developed to meet these challenges
- Standalone version: Python wrapper around existing grid tools
 - Limited to LCG
- GangaTnt: plugin for GANGA
 - Modular GANGA design gave easy integration
 - Allows access to GANGA job handling
 - Allows access to other GANGA plugins



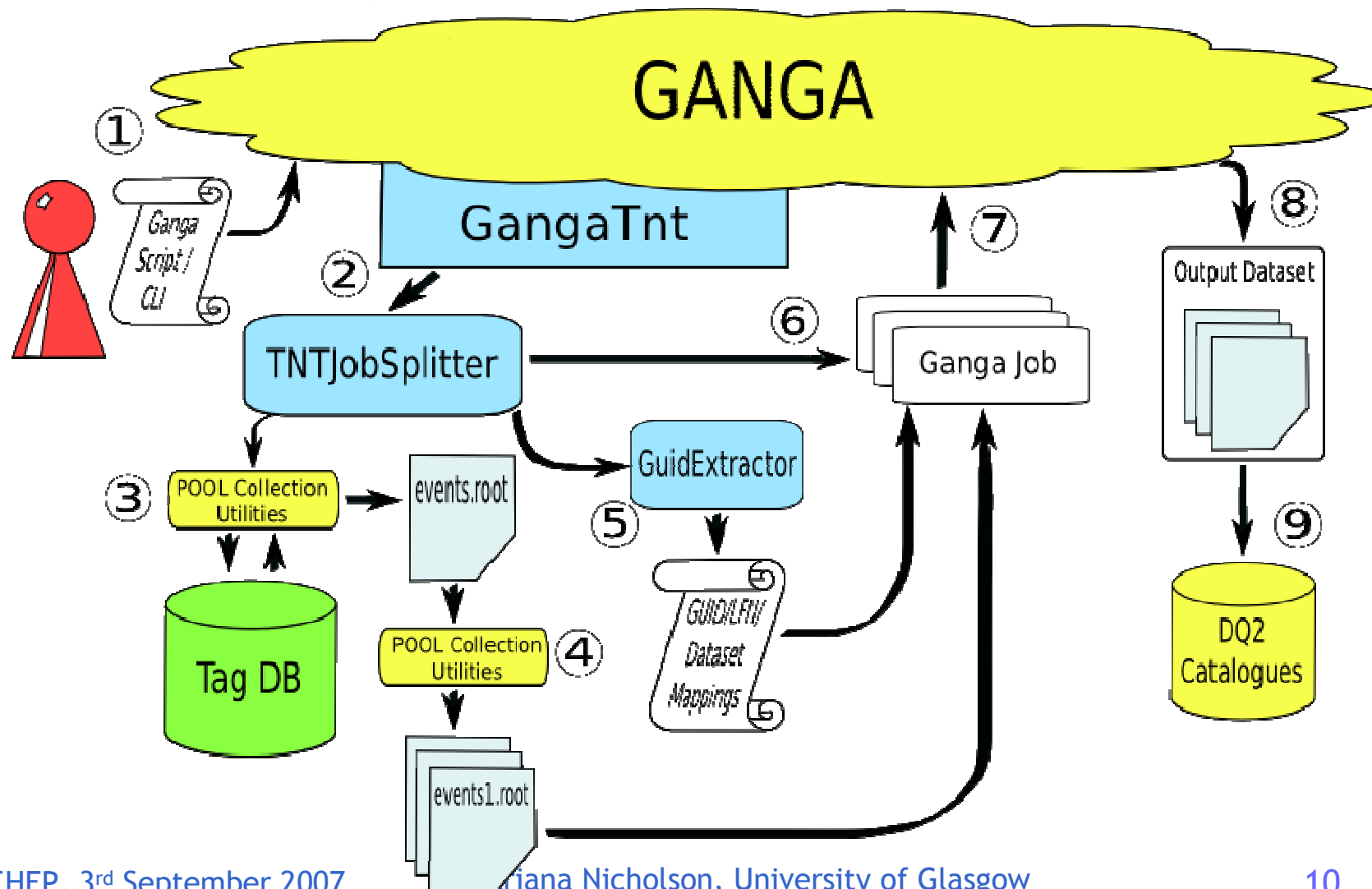
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Some Performance Measurements

- Simple tests to give *initial* understanding of performance
 - Much more work needed!
- Example $Z \rightarrow e, e$ analysis
 - Reads electron objects from persistent storage and reconstructs invariant mass to get Z peak
- Comparison of analysis without tags, with file-based tags, with relational tags
- AOD cut ($\sim 10\%$) :
2 electrons, electron $p_T > 20$ GeV, $|\eta| < 2.5$

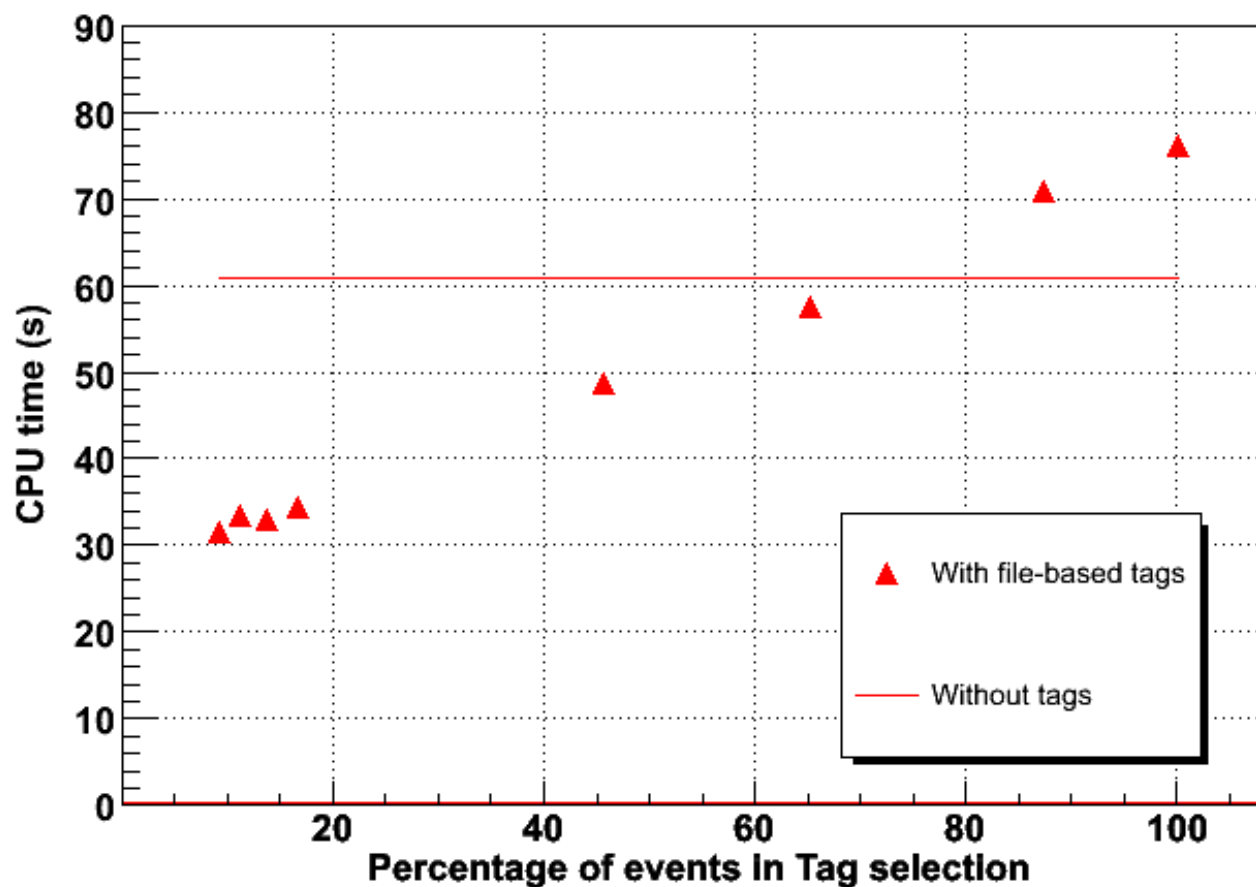


Local Tests: single file

- AOD and Tag files on local disk (CERN lxplus)
- 5000 events
- Run Athena on whole file
 - Without tags
 - With varying percentage of events pre-selected with tag file



Local Tests: single file results





Local Tests: increasing input events

- Increasing number of input files, 4-5000 events each
- All on local disk
- Run Athena on events
 - Without tags
 - With ~10% pre-selection on file-based tags
 - With ~10% pre-selection on Tag Database
 - Query done within Athena, included in analysis time



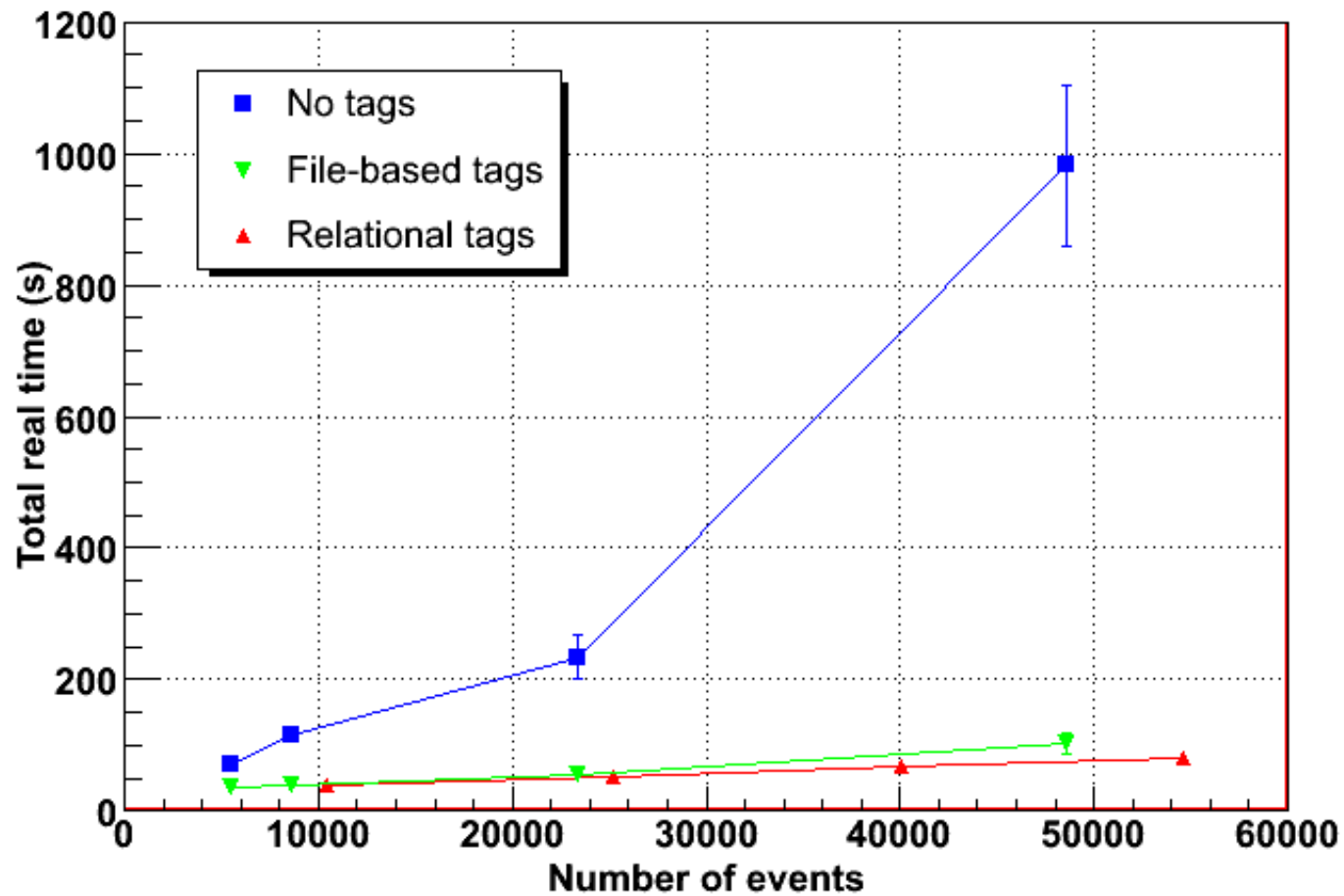
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Local Tests: increasing events results





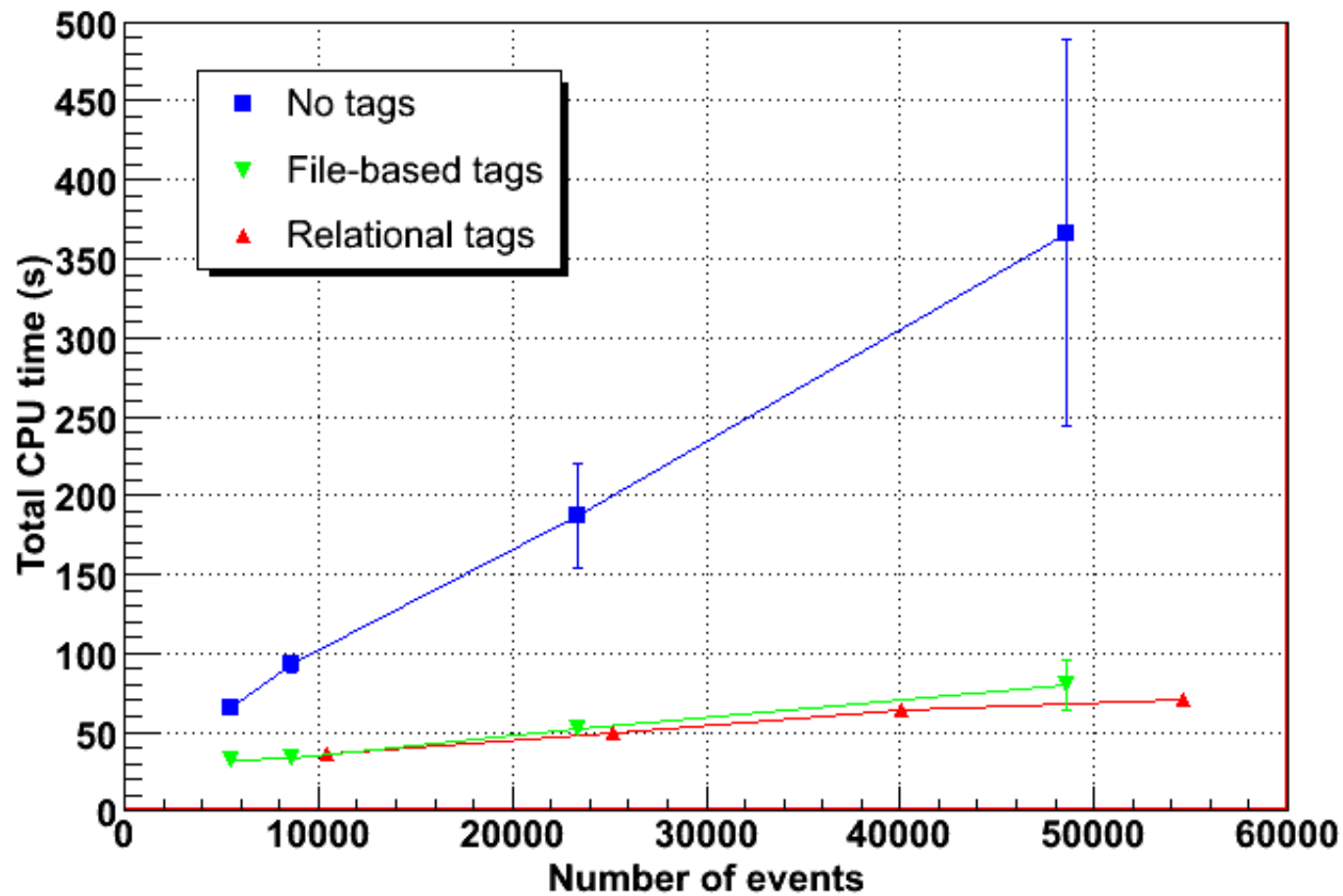
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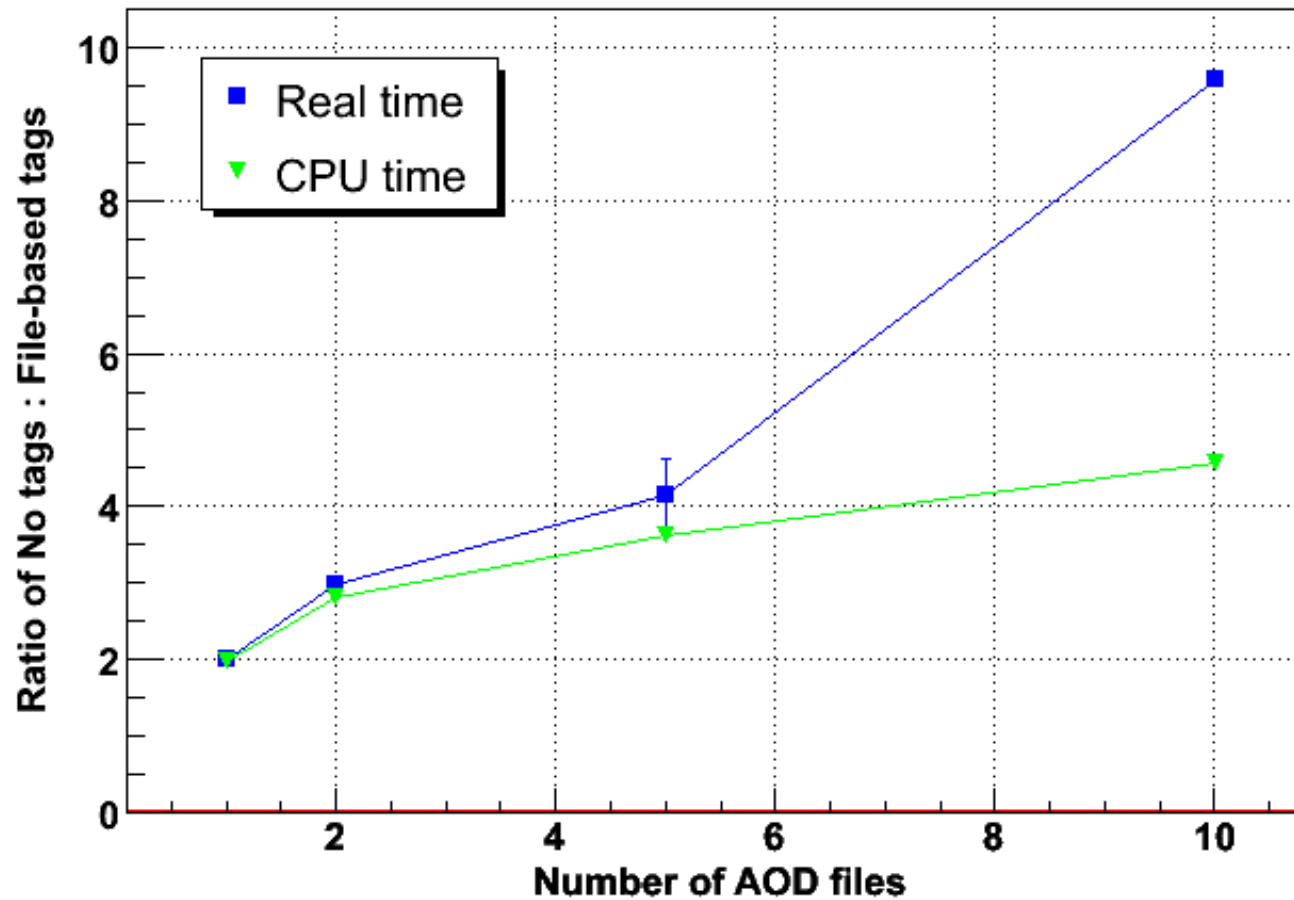
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Local Tests: increasing events results





Local Test Summary

- Using tags gives significant improvement in time for tight selections
 - Using tags faster for selectivities $< 60\%$
- As number of input events increases, performance gain from tags increases
- Little difference seen between file-based and relational tags



Distributed Analysis Tests

- Same analysis, run on LCG through GANGA
- 2 files from 1 AOD dataset as input
- Jobs sent to sites with the dataset
- No job splitting
- Measured on worker node:
 - Time for setup, including any data fetching (*setup time*)
 - Time for analysis to run (*analysis time*)

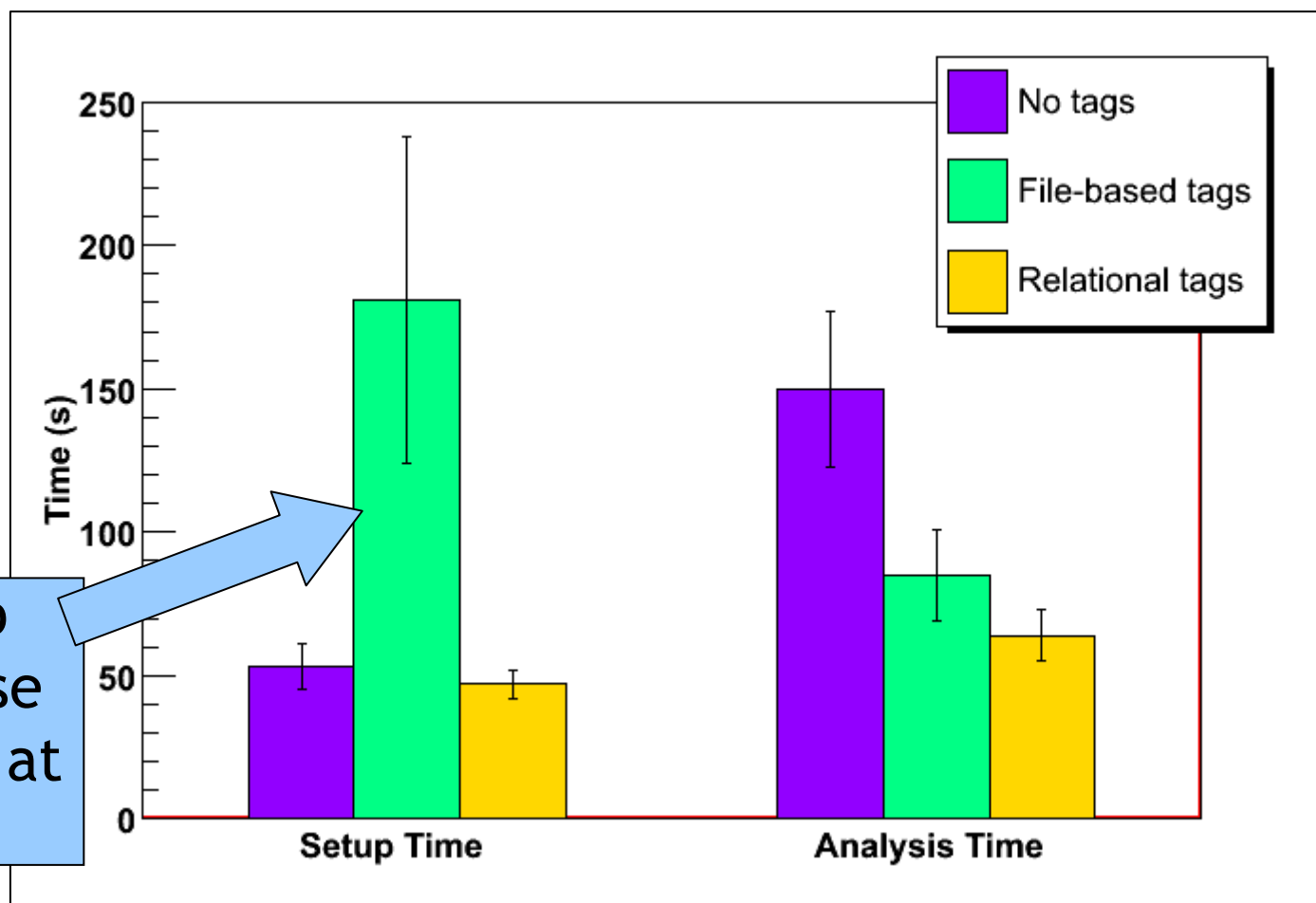


Distributed Analysis Tests (ii)

- Run Athena as GANGA application with
 - No tags used: AOD dataset name given to GANGA, job goes to that site
 - File-based tags: AOD and Tag dataset names given to GANGA, job goes to site with AOD
 - *Should* also have Tag dataset there.. but not yet always the case
 - Tag Database: GangaTnt used to run query and find correct dataset



Distributed Analysis Tests: results



Long setup
time because
tag files not at
sites



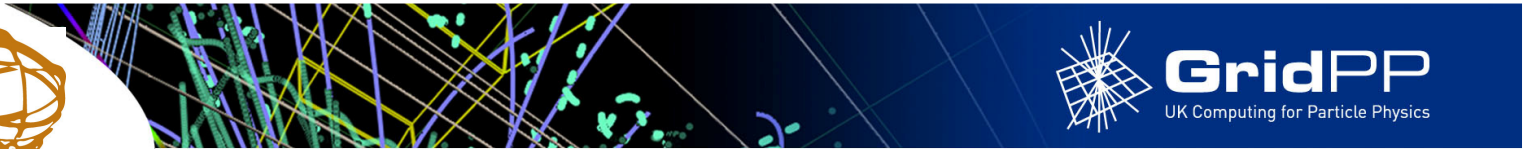
Distributed Analysis Test Summary

- Setup times similar with and without tags
 - Delay with file-based tags should not be present in future
- Analysis ~ twice as fast with tags
- Little difference between file-based and relational tags
 - GangaTnt query time (few seconds) not included here
- Consistent with local analysis results
 - With larger analyses, impact of using tags will be higher
- GangaTnt and standard GANGA tag use complementary



Conclusions & Future Work

- TNT and GangaTnt enable integration of ATLAS Tag Database with Distributed Data Management and Analysis components
- Initial tests show:
 - 50% cut in analysis time for 10% selection on single file
 - Tags improve performance for selectivity up to 60%
 - Increasing performance gain for tags as input events increase
- Further work needed to understand:
 - Tag use with larger numbers of events
 - Effects of file I/O
 - Differences between file-based and relational tags
- Tag Database will continue to grow and GangaTnt will continue to develop



Backup Slides



Tag Content

- Budget: 1 kB / event
- 6 groups of attributes:
 - Event quantities: run number, event number, luminosity...
 - Data quality: detector status, “good for physics”...
 - Physics objects: e , μ , τ , jets
 - Physics/Performance Group attributes
 - Trigger information
 - Pointers to event data: AOD, ESD & RAW refs, software version...