

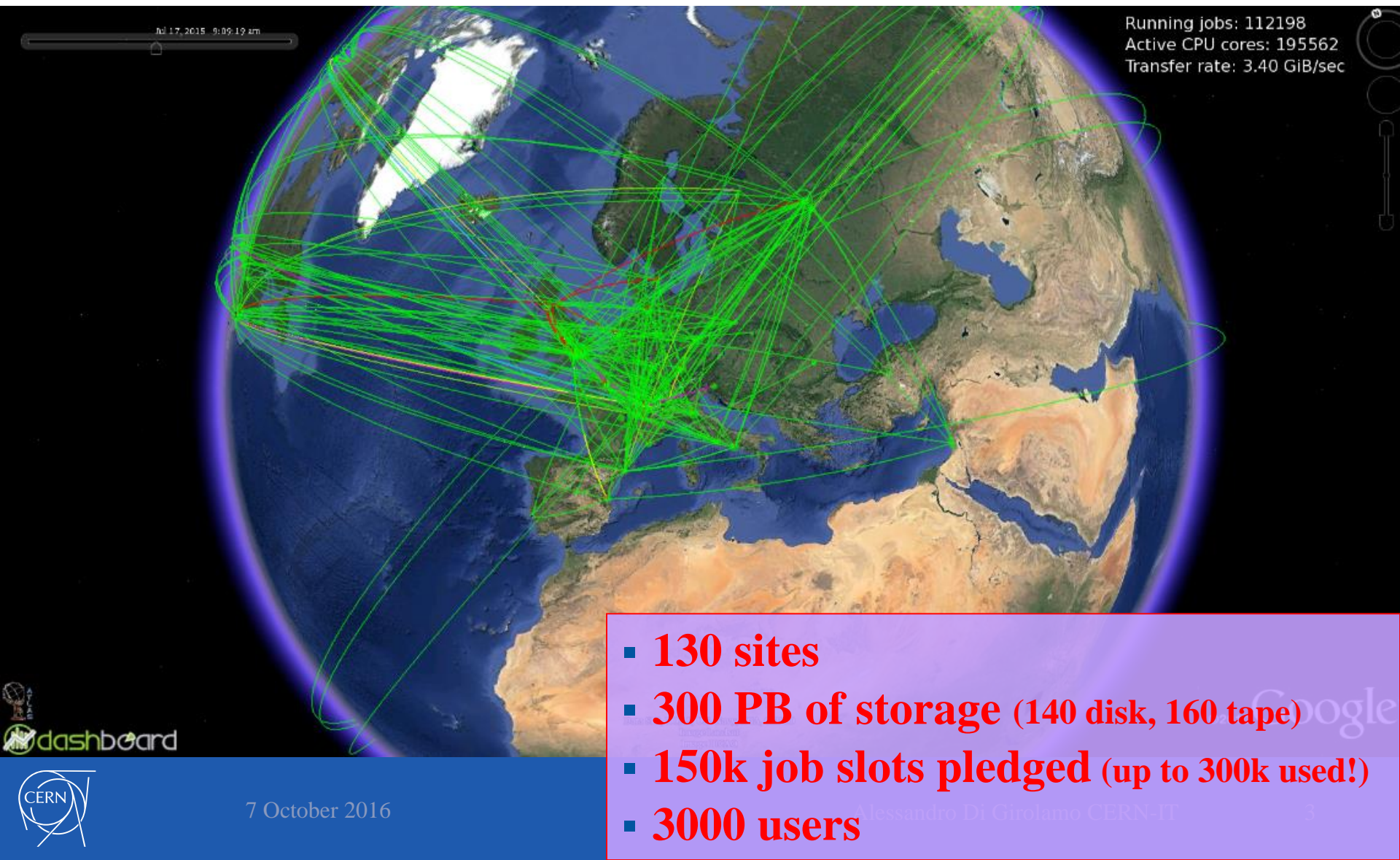
The evolution of ATLAS Distributed Computing

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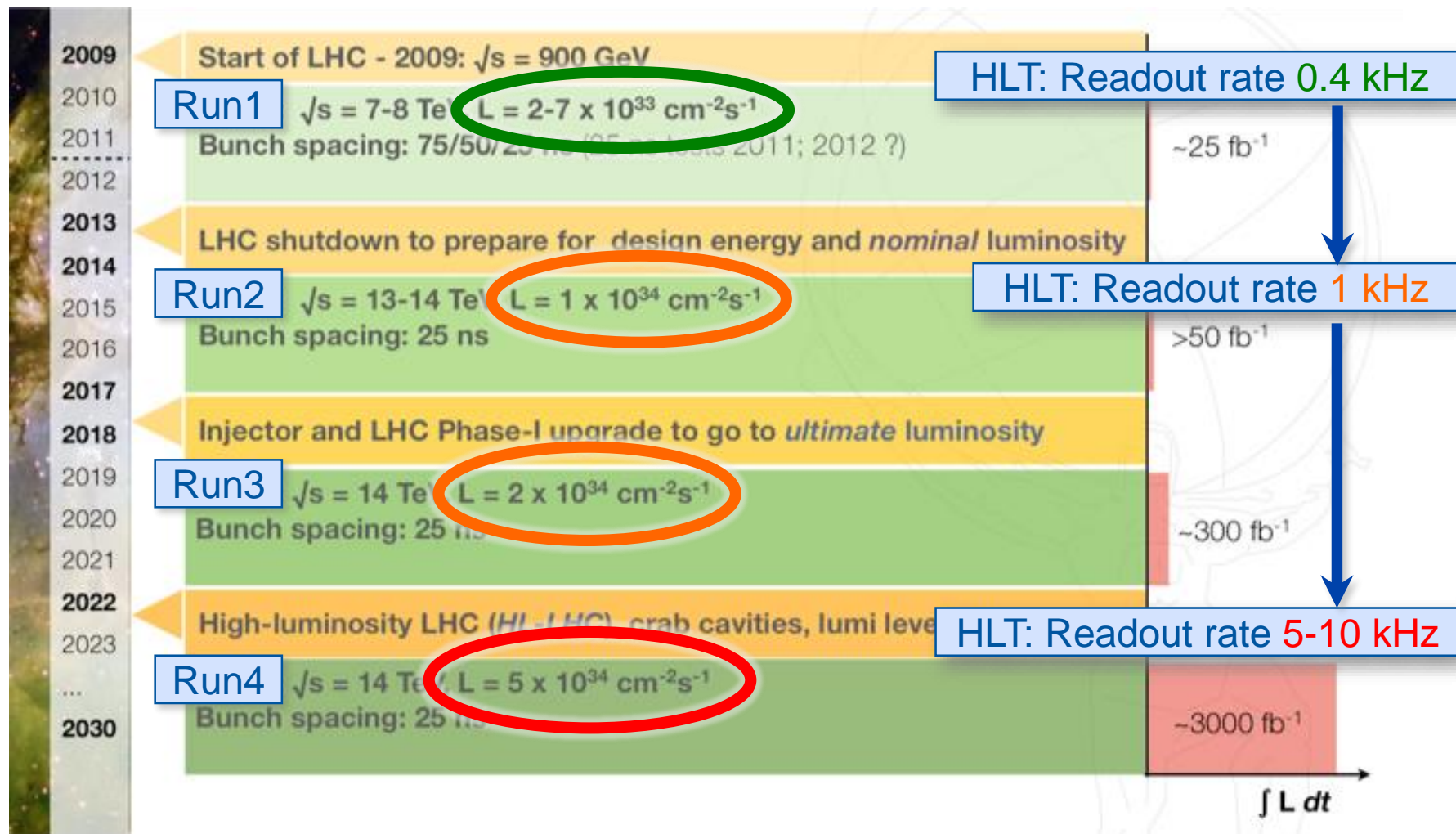




ATLAS Distributed Computing



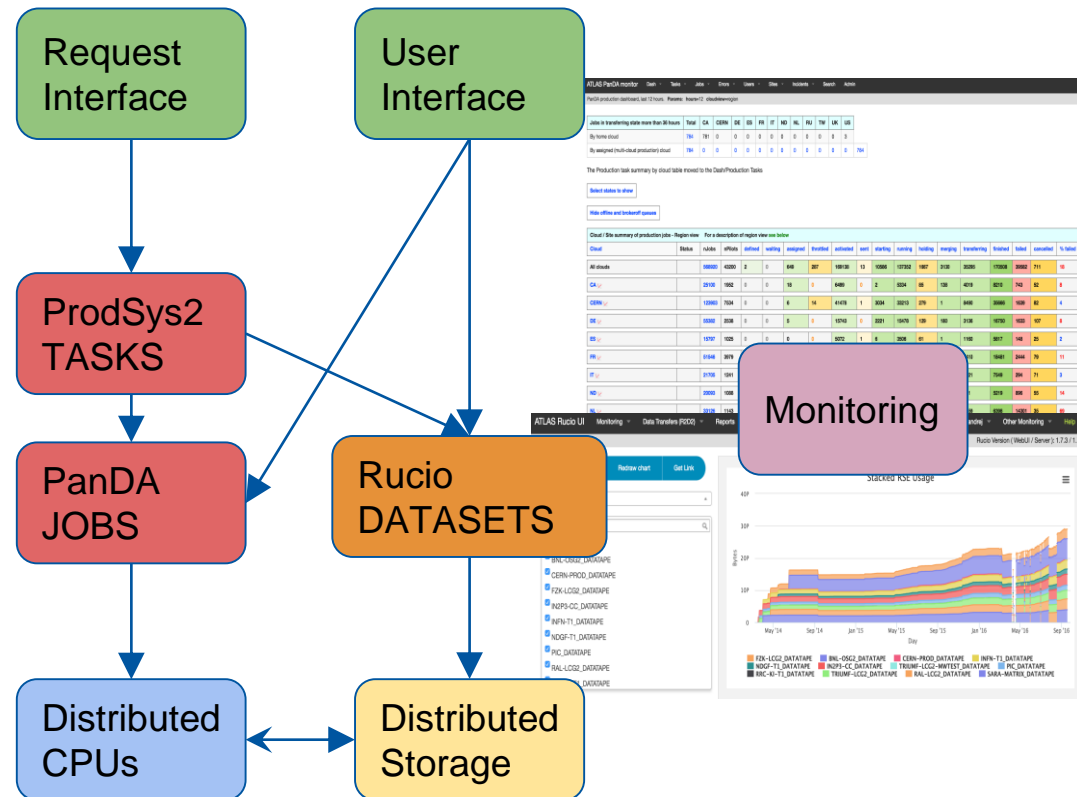
LHC: from Run1 to Run4



Preparing Run2: new Production and Data Management

Workflow Management System

- PanDA/JEDI
 - Dynamic resources, jobs
 - Analysis and production use the same infrastructure
- ProdSys2
 - Workflow organization relies on input transformation
 - Any kind of workflow is quickly implemented



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- Optimized and scalable data management
- Transfer latencies are minimized

... More changes for Run2 (and during it)

- Many changes/renovation/rethinking/build-from-scratch. Just few examples here:
- Auto-tuning of jobs:
 - Jobs memory and walltime measured for first 10 (scout) jobs of a task and set for the rest
 - Retries of failed jobs have increased memory or walltime if that was the reason for failure
- Task completion
 - Requests and tasks are monitored for progress: almost completed tasks or tasks with a close deadline are auto boosted to complete the remaining jobs
- From *Clouds* to WORLD: MONARC model is gone!
 - Every reliable site can store single replica (primary) data → Nucleus
 - Every site well connected to nucleus can process data: → Satellite
 - Associations are dynamic at the task and job brokering level

ATLAS *Clouds*

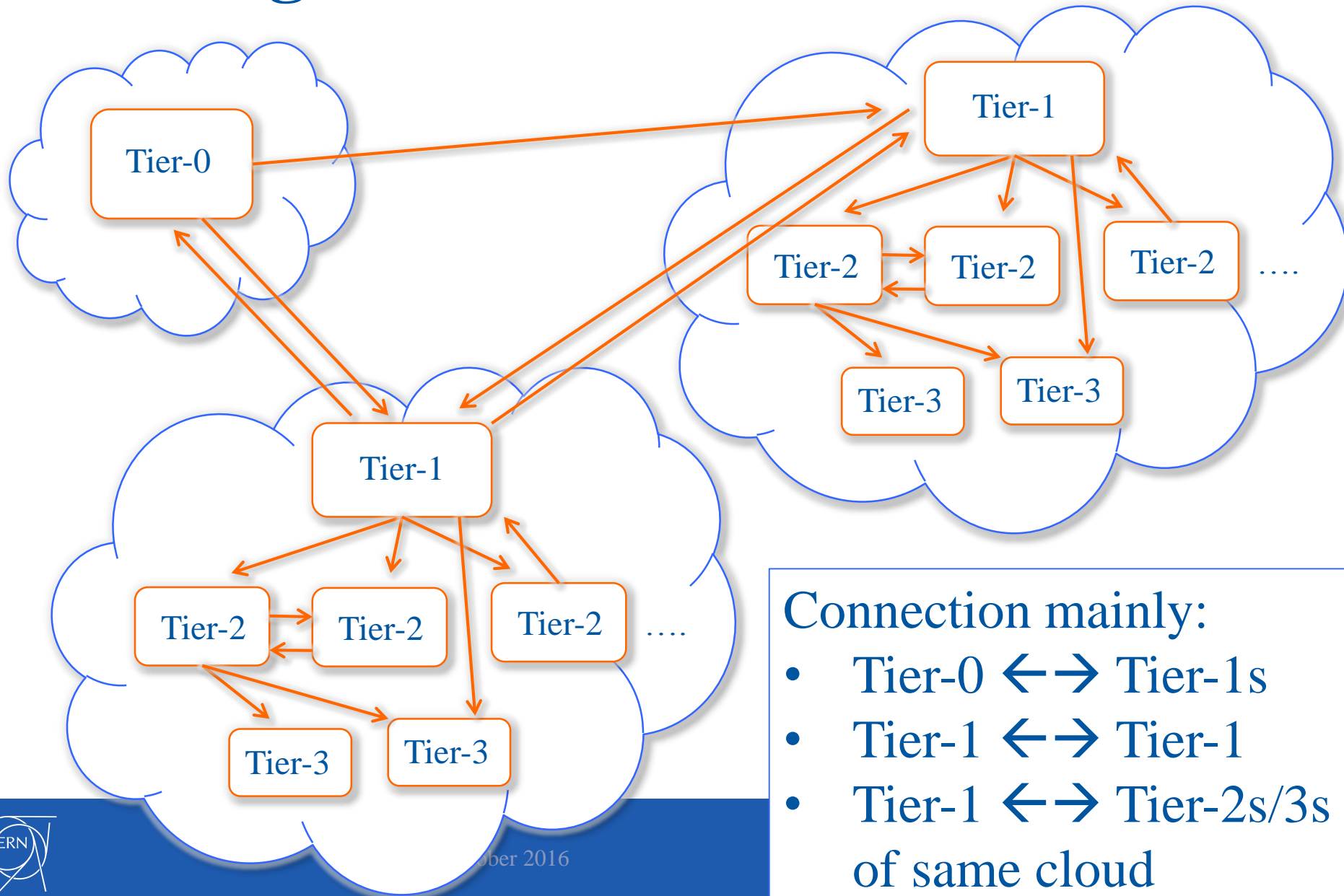
- ATLAS *Clouds*

- **≠ Cloud resources** (AWS, Google Compute, Rackspace)
- Logical grouping of sites:
 - one Tier1 plus several Tier2s and Tier3s
 - Mostly belonging to the same country/funding agency
- Support provided by *Cloud Squads*
 - close to each site, often same language

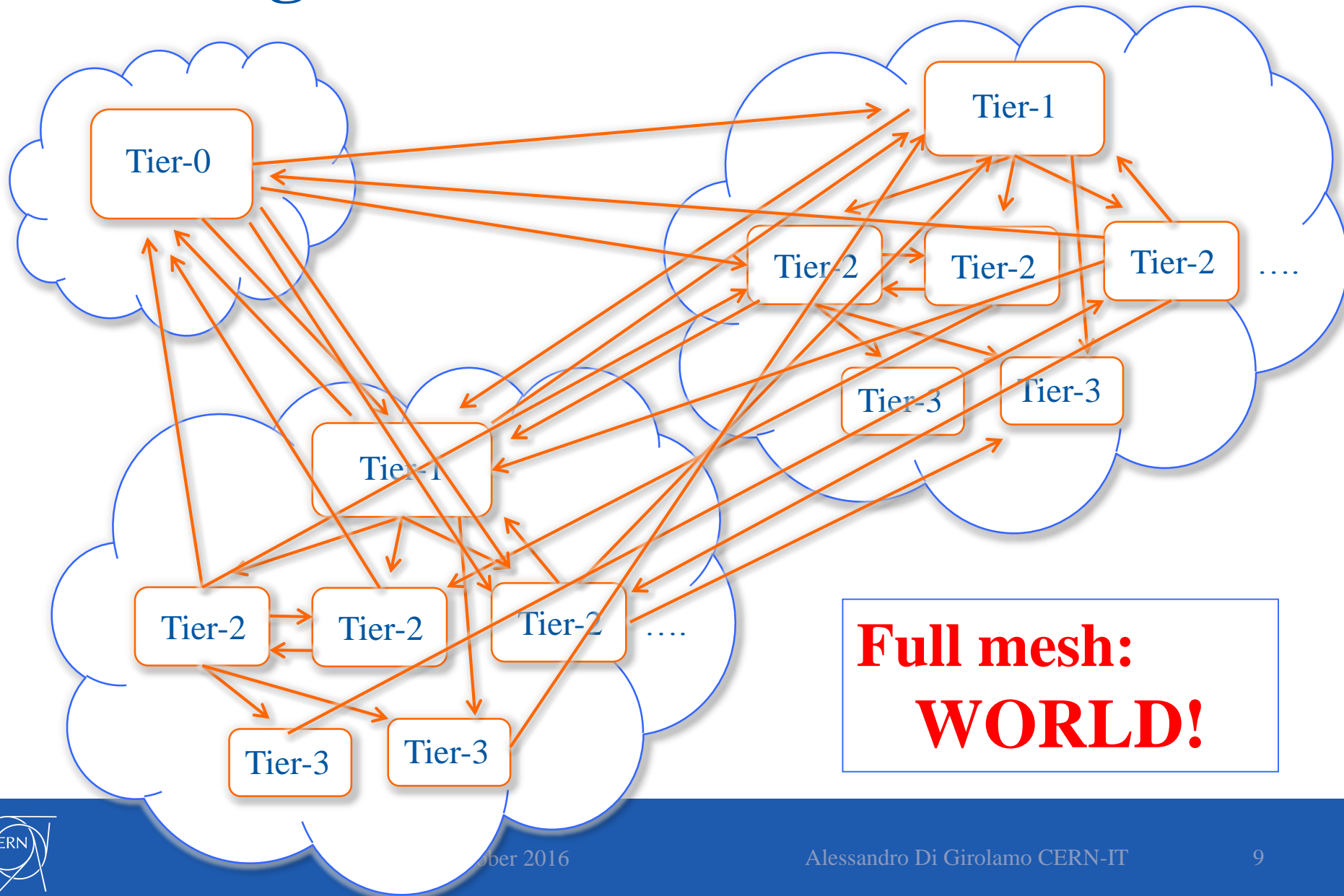
- Historical concept

- Useful in the past: networking limitations
- Still useful especially for the support model

Breaking the Clouds boundaries: before



Breaking the Clouds boundaries: now!

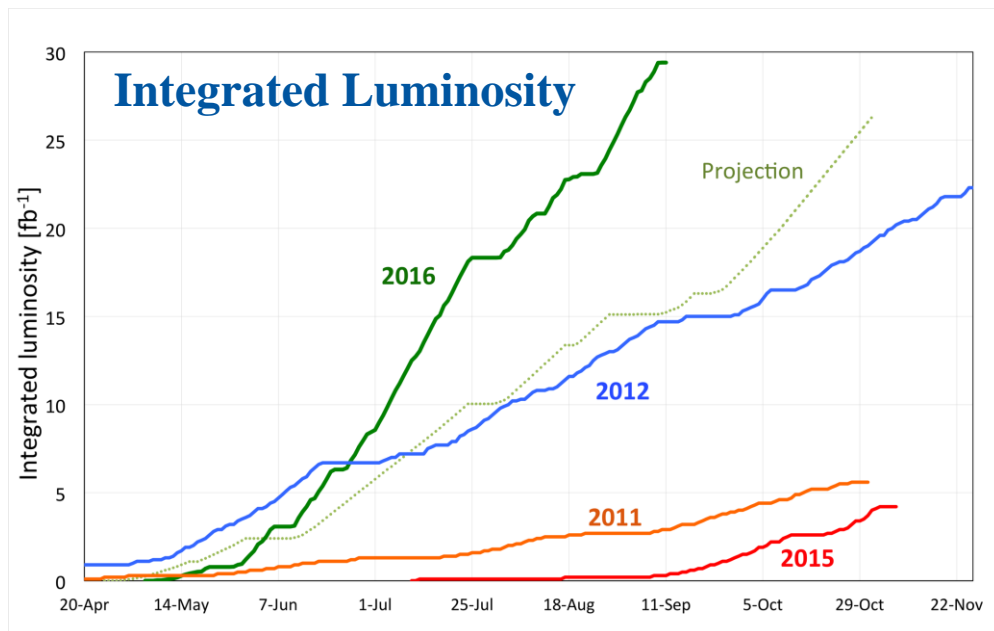


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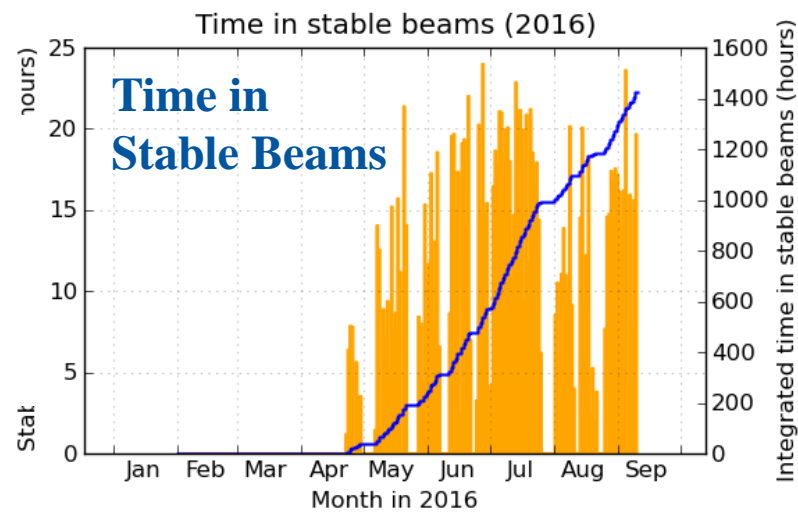
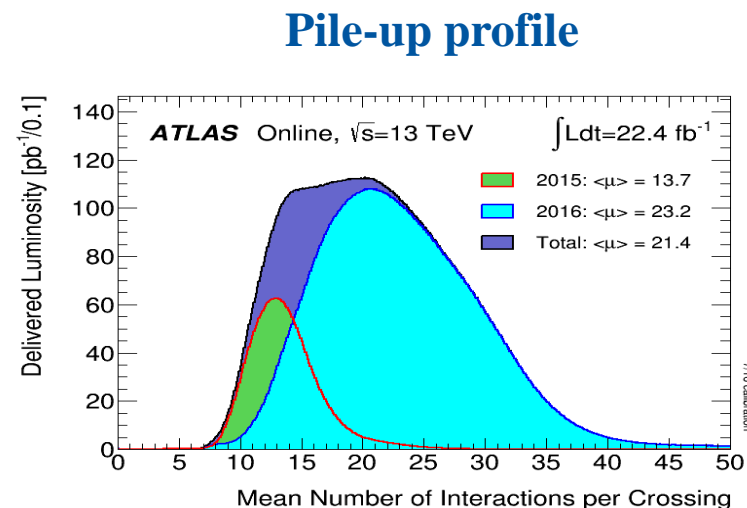
Many changes ...

focus now on Data Taking,
Distributed Processing and
Distributed Data Management

LHC Run2 experience

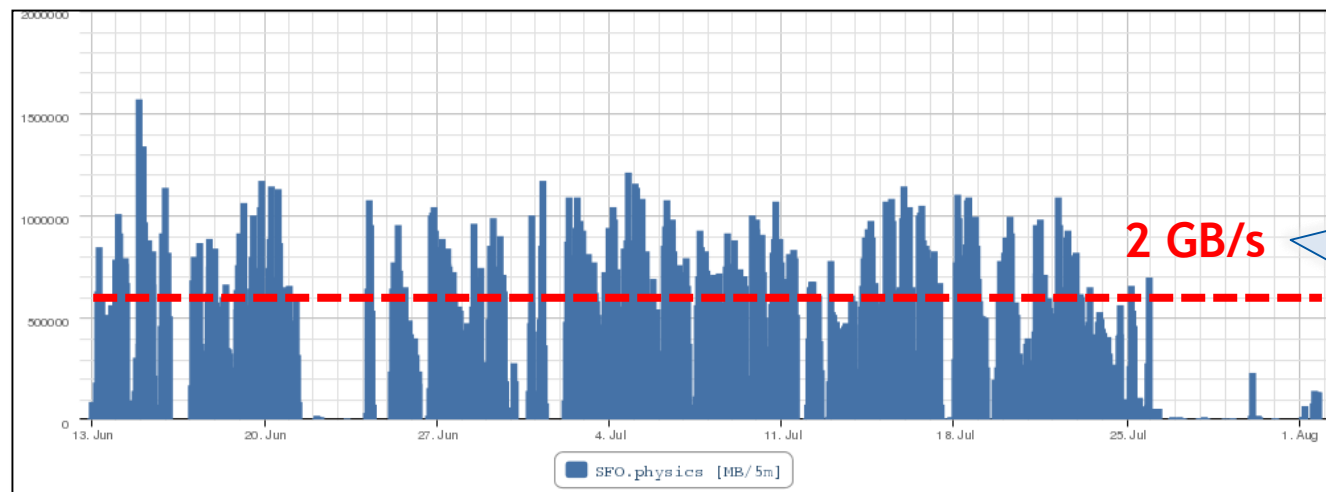
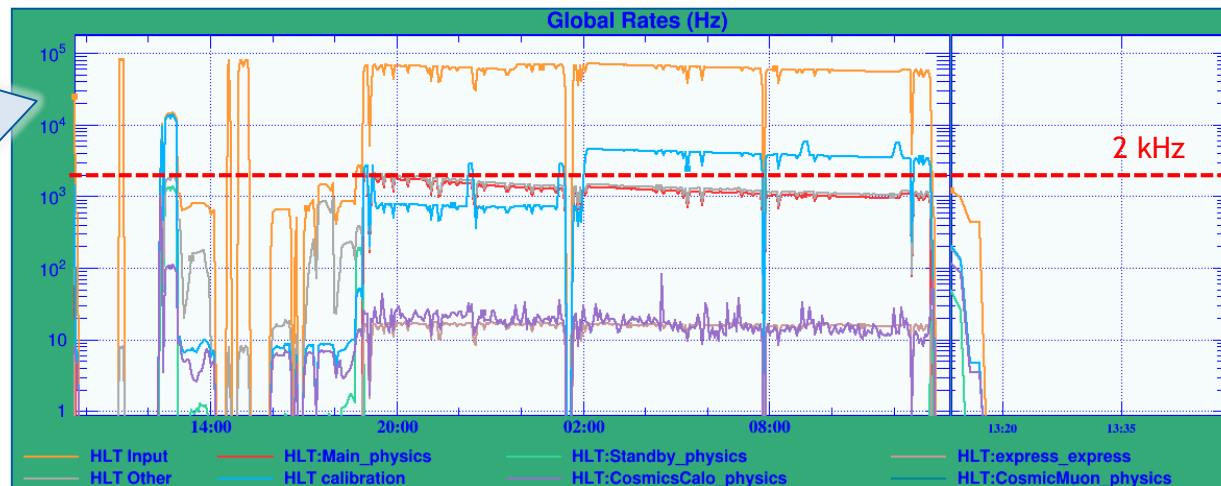


- Integrated luminosity: ~50% more than expected!
- Up to 80% duty cycle!
- Computing resources stretched to the max to cope with the impressive LHC performance
 - Thanks to the sites and to the framework renovation we did during LS1



From ATLAS detector to the Tier-0

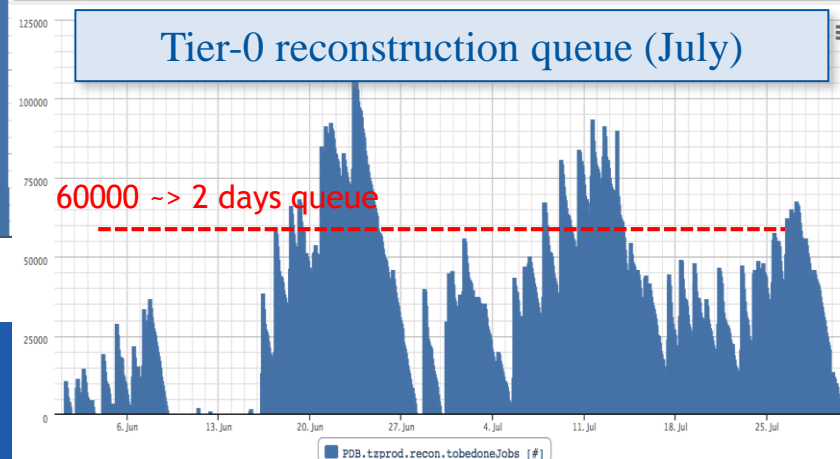
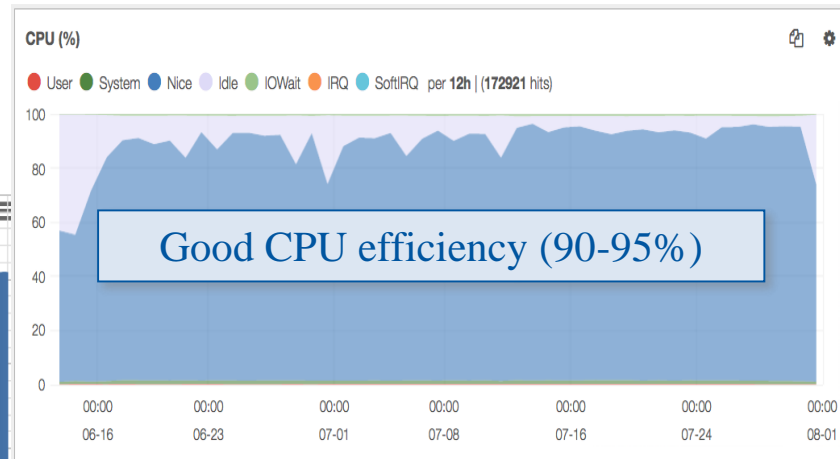
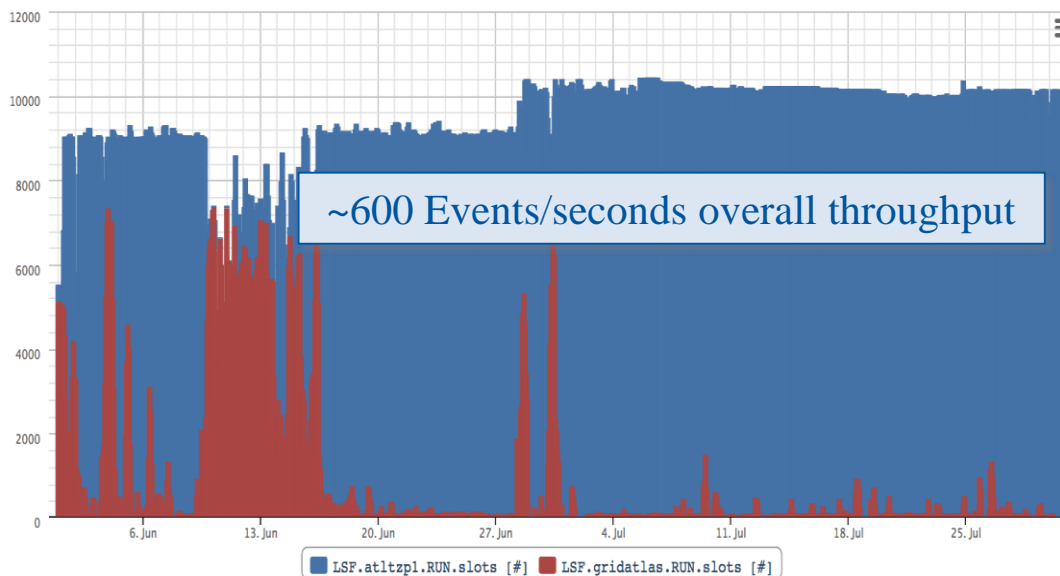
HLT global rates
(run 302054, Jun 15):
typical profile of first weeks
in June, later adjusted



ATLAS SFO → Tier-0
transfers
(Jun 13 – Aug 2)

Tier-0 processing

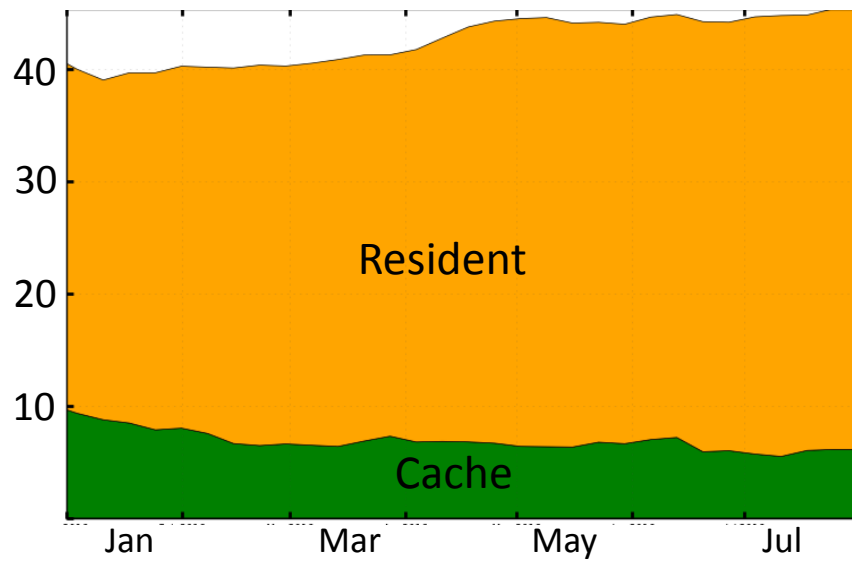
- Data taking is pushing the infrastructure to the limits
- powerful WNs: 10k cores, SSD w 4GB/core
- Grid jobs overspilling when Tier-0 not running



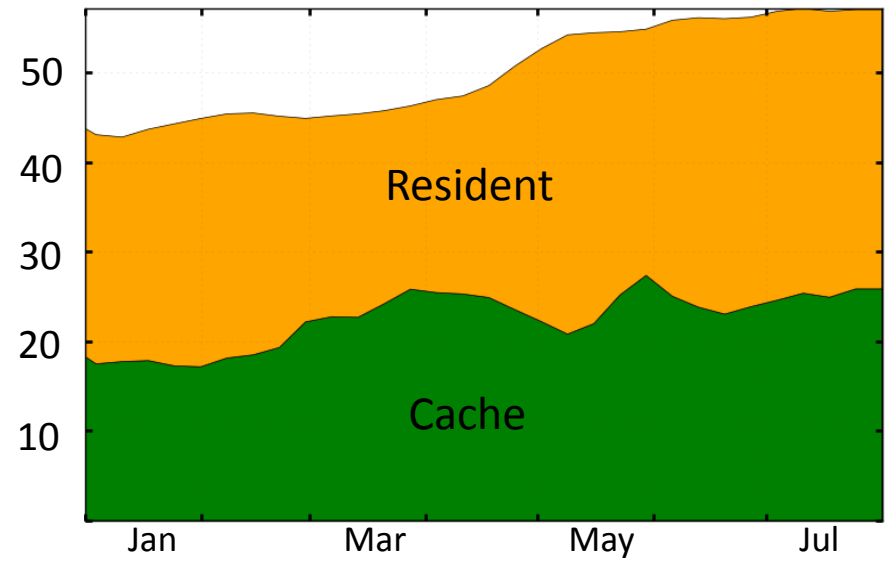
Distributed Data Management

- 300PB between disk and tape
 - 1B files, 100k datasets
- **Primary (resident) data** is partially **replicated** (cache)

Resident vs Cache data at T1s (PB)

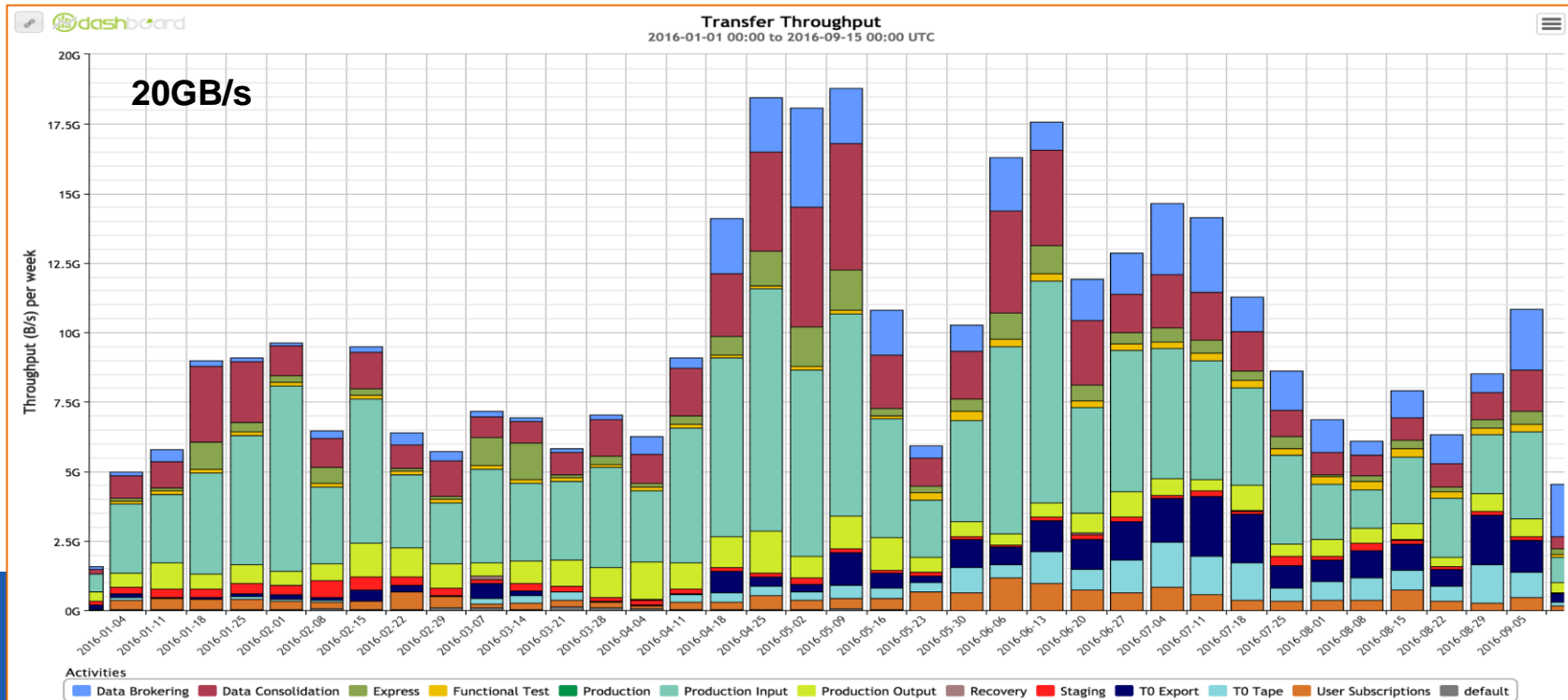


Resident vs Cache data at T2s (PB)

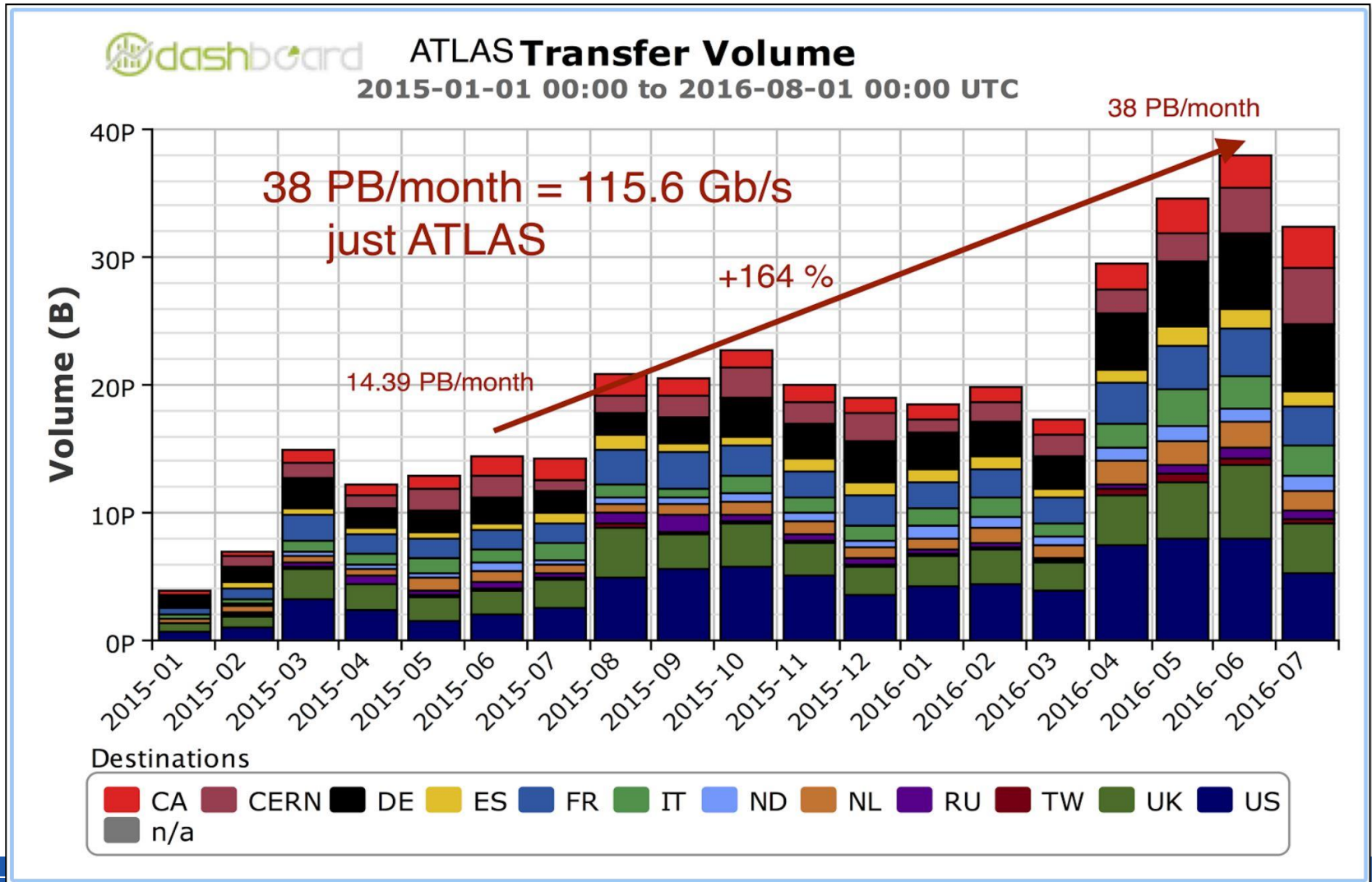


Distributed Data Management

- Data transfers peaks at **20 GB/s** weekly
 - with days at 40+ GB/s
- More than 50 files/s
- Largest activity - **input transfers**

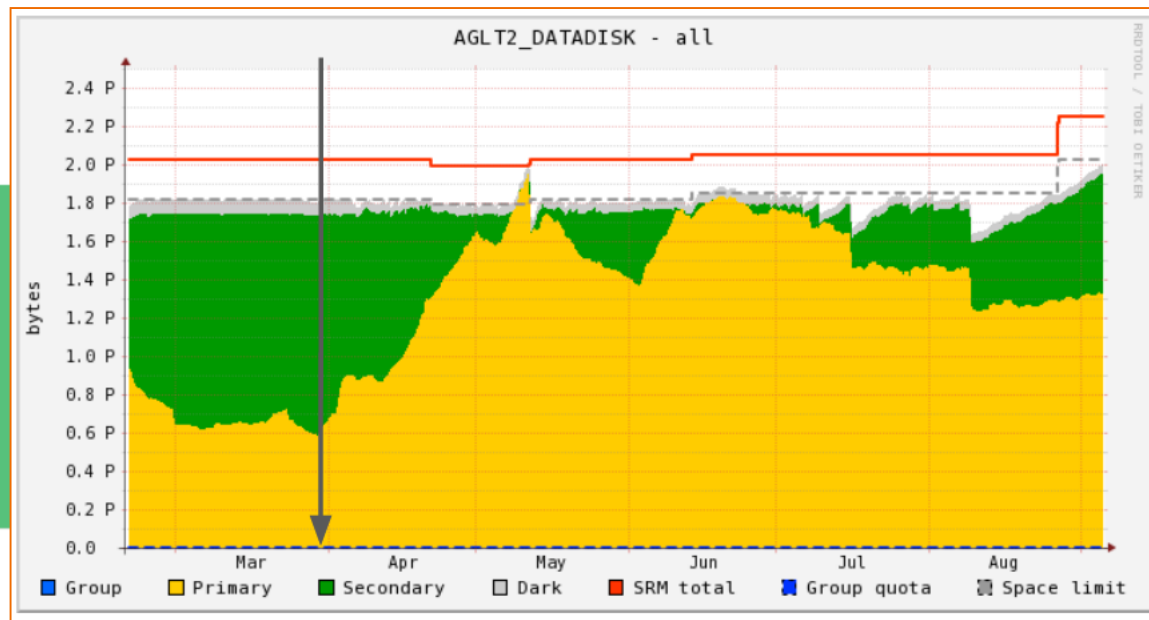
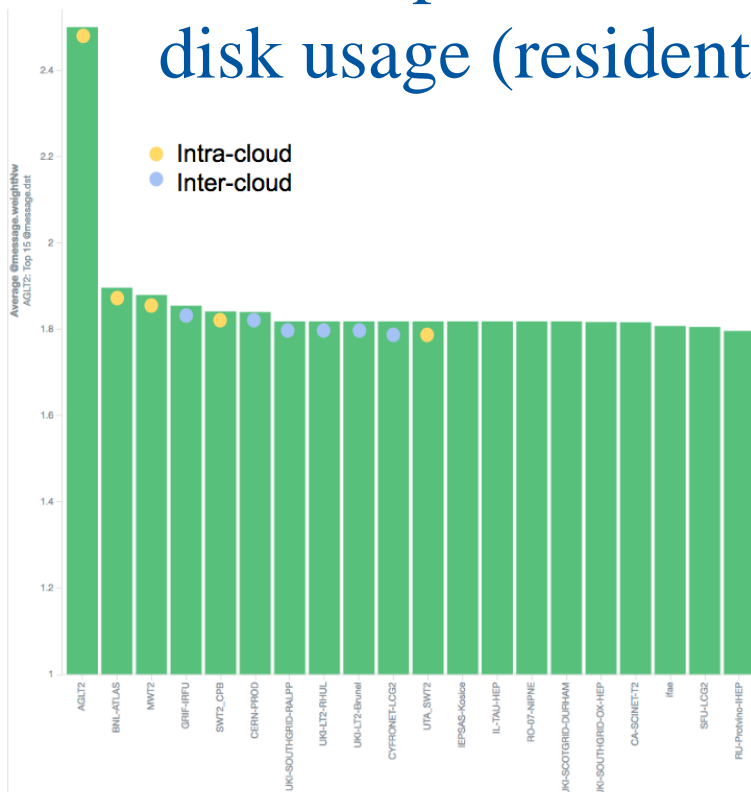


Throughput evolution

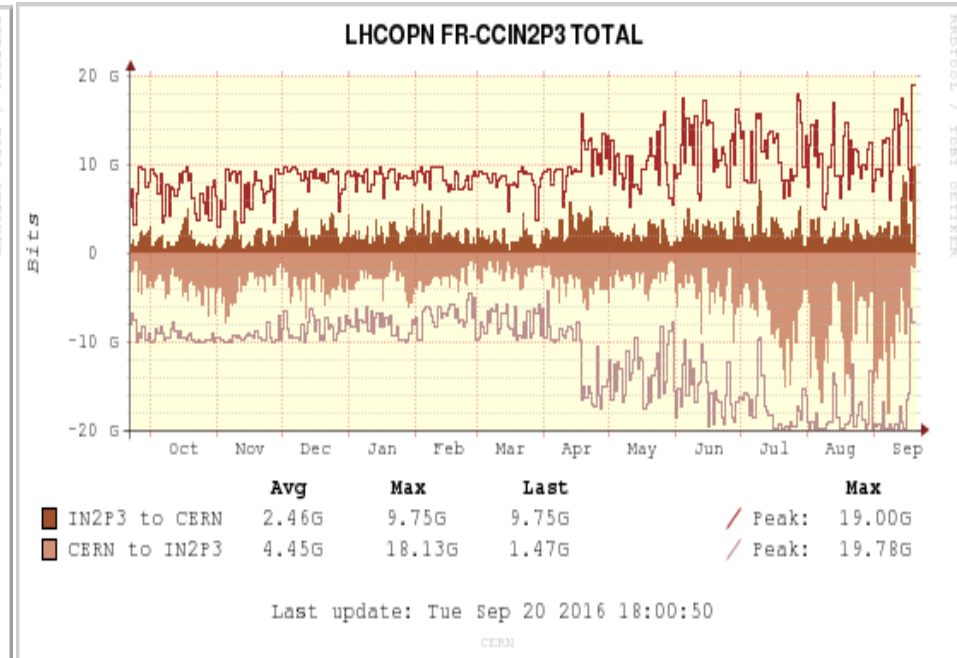
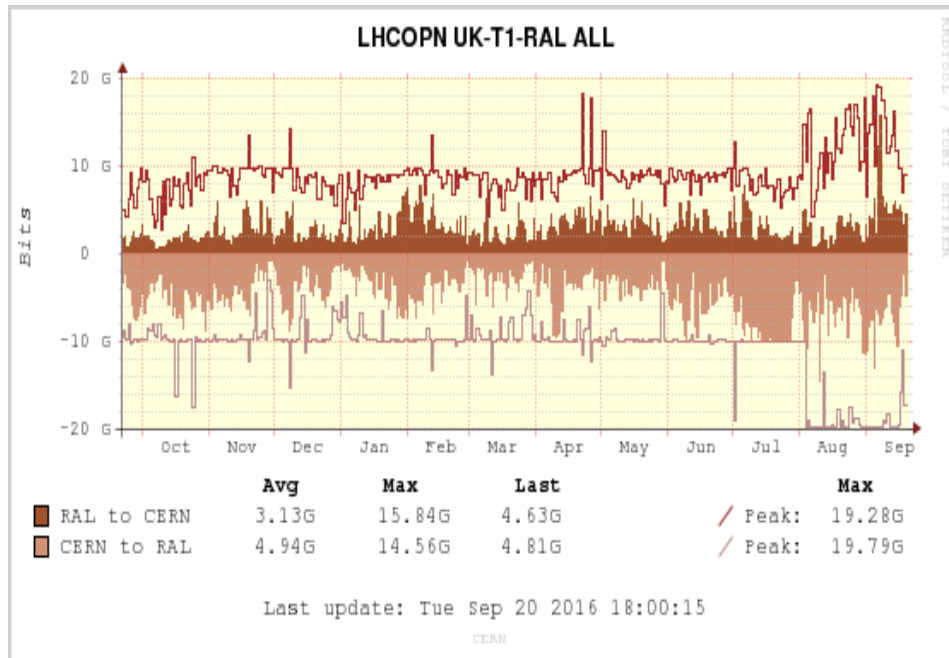


Network-aware brokering

- WORLD was fully activated end March 2016
- Nuclei being added progressively
 - Currently T1s and ~20 (out of 80) T2s
- Task output to Nuclei T2s: positive impact on the overall disk usage (resident/cache ratio)



...but network is not infinite



- Just an example, Tier-0 to 2 Tier-1s:
 - Secondary links, usually used for resiliency, are fully exploited

Latency and packet loss matters

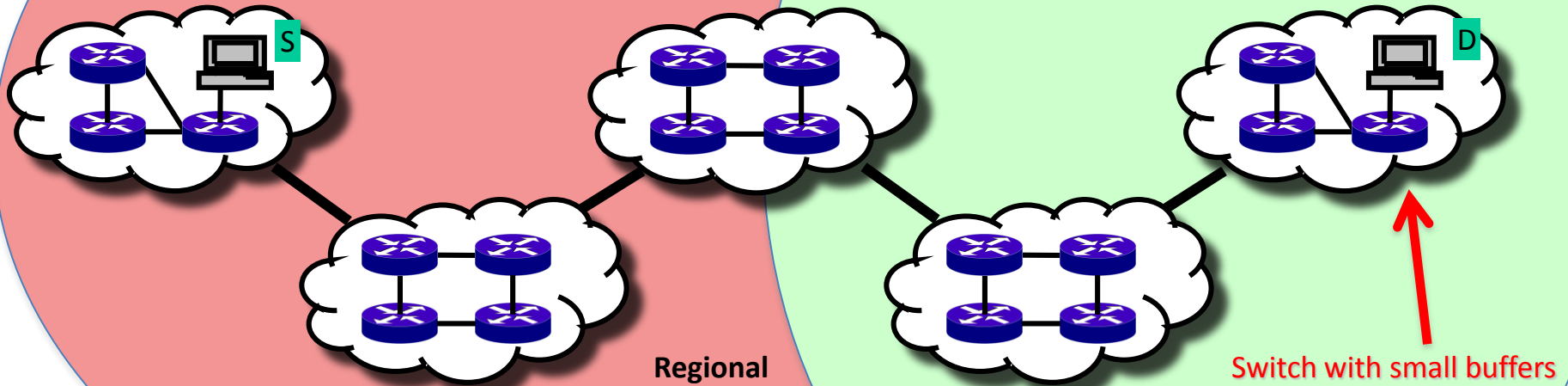
Poor Performance if $RTT > \sim 10$ ms

Good Performance if $RTT < \sim 10$ ms

Source
Campus

R&E
Backbone

Destination
Campus



0.0046% loss (1 out of 22k packets) on 10G link

- with 1ms RTT: 7.3 Gbps
- with 51ms RTT: 122Mbps
- with 88ms RTT: 60 Mbps (factor 80)

perfSONAR deployment status

- Network monitoring is **critical**: perfSONAR
 - http://grid-monitoring.cern.ch/perfsonar_report.txt for stats



249 Active perfSONAR instances

199 Running latest version (3.5)

95 sonars in latency mesh

- 8930 links measured at 10Hz
- packet-loss, one-way latency, jitter, ttl, packet-reordering

115 sonars in traceroutes mesh

- 13110 links
- hourly traceroutes, path-mtu

102 sonars in bandwidth mesh

- 10920 links (iperf3)

<https://www.google.com/fusiontables/DataSource?docid=1QT4r17HEufkvnqhJu24nIptZ66XauYEIBWWWh5Kpa#map:id=3>

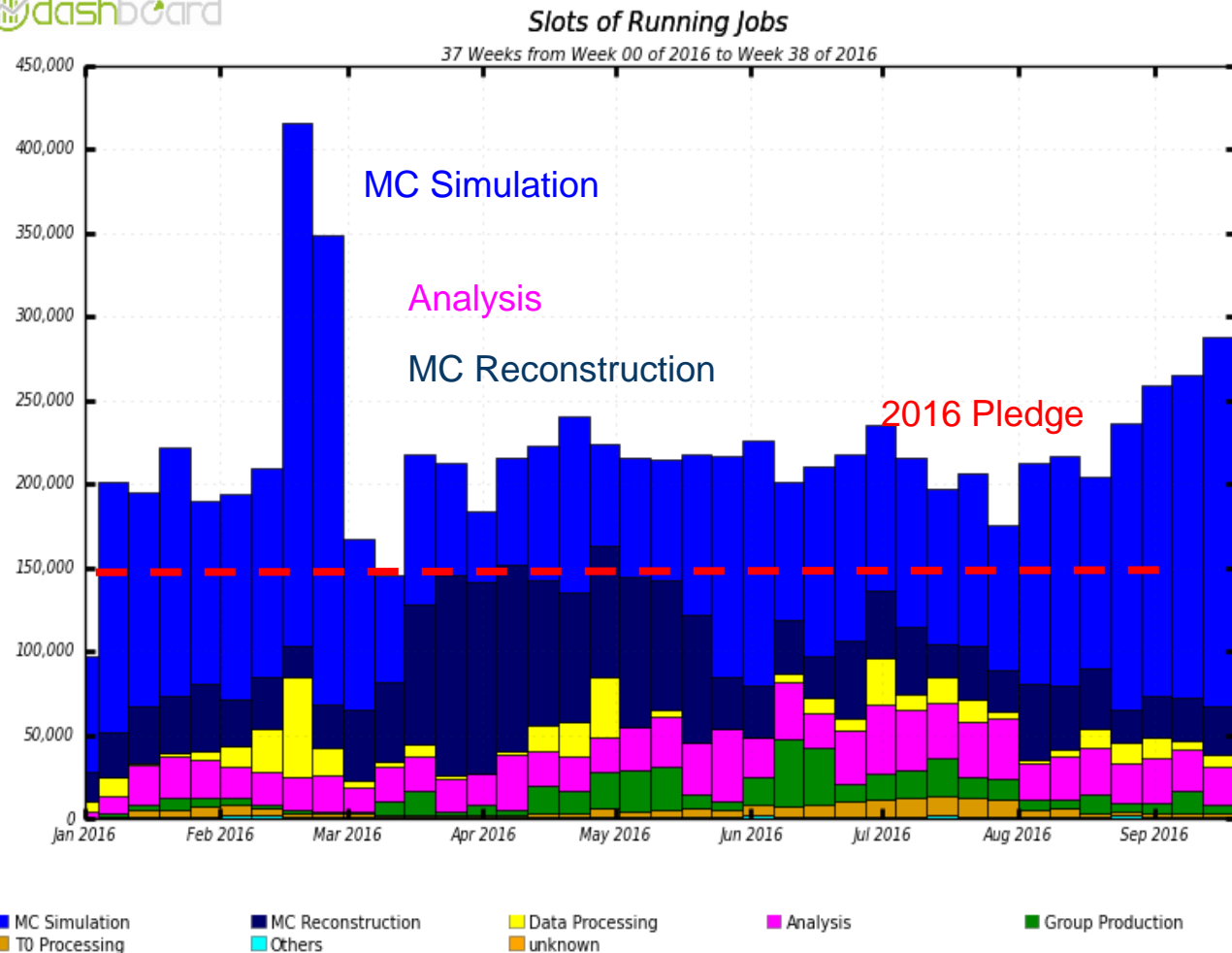
- Initial deployment coordinated by WLCG perfSONAR TF
- Commissioning followed by WLCG Network and Transfer Metrics WG

Workload management: CPU usage

- Using much more CPU than pledged
- Significant I/O stress:

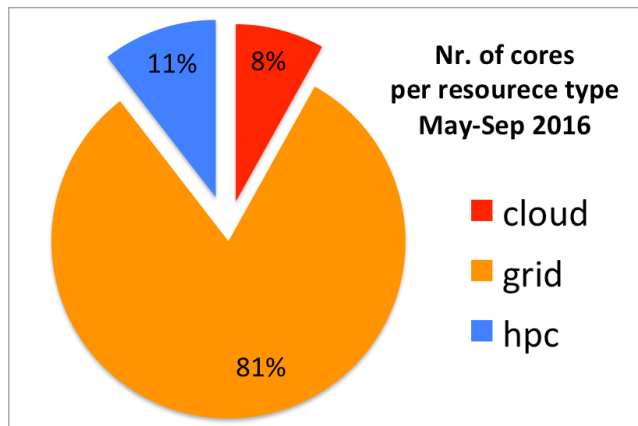
- Higher pile up - MC reconstruction
- Longer I/O intensive campaigns

dashboard



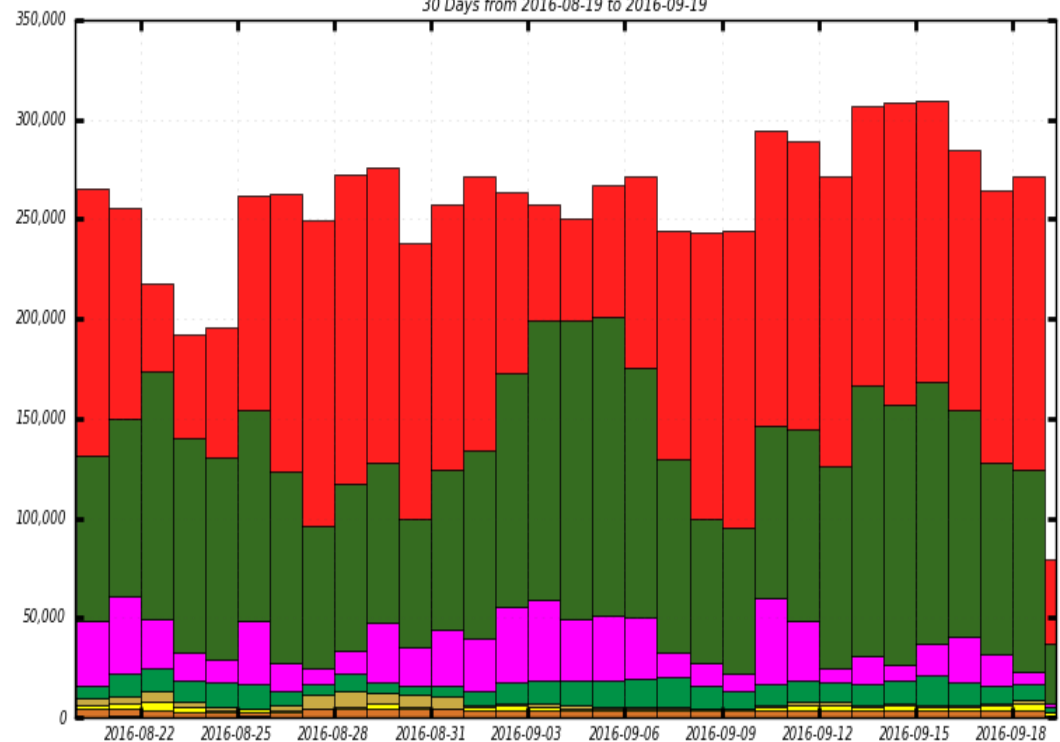
Workload management: flexible

- Single and MultiCore at all the sites
 - Also (on quite many sites) High Memory slots



dashboard

Slots of Running Jobs
30 Days from 2016-08-19 to 2016-09-19



1
12
21
5
11

8
6
47
7
10

16
20
29
9
17

4
48
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72
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24
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2
71

Maximum: 309,861 , Minimum: 0.00 , Average: 248,131 , Current: 79,117

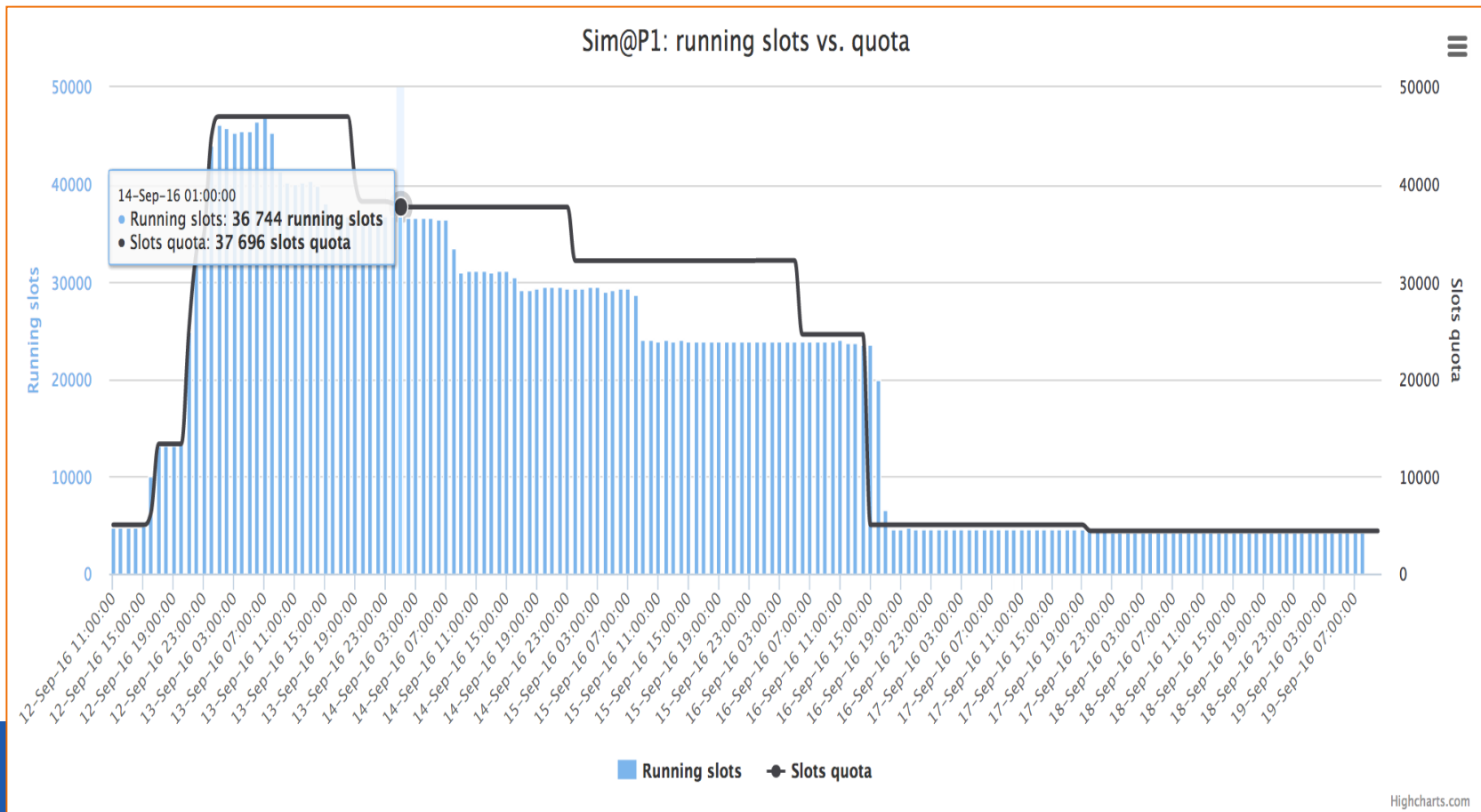
Running opportunistic (also) on:

- HPC
- Clouds

Big investment → big return!

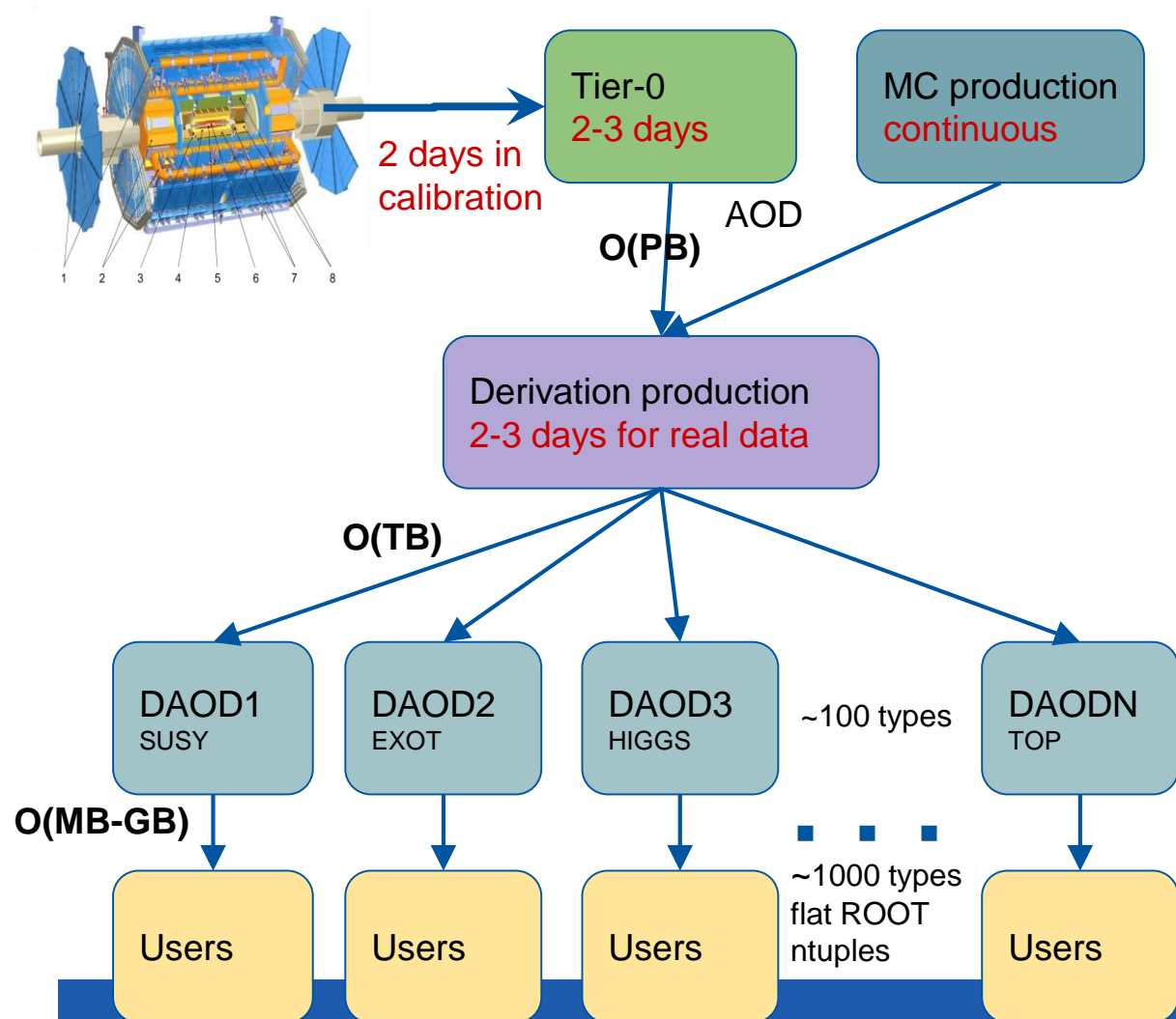
Exploiting “opportunistic”: 1 example

- Grid Simulation on the ATLAS HighLevelTrigger farm when not used for online



From Detector to the Physicists: Derivations

- Centrally managed production of analysis specific DAOD datasets (reduced data format from main AOD format)
- Real data:
 - Available ~1 week after data taking
- Several campaigns with improved sw on data and MC
 - 2-3 weeks to process



Data Persistence

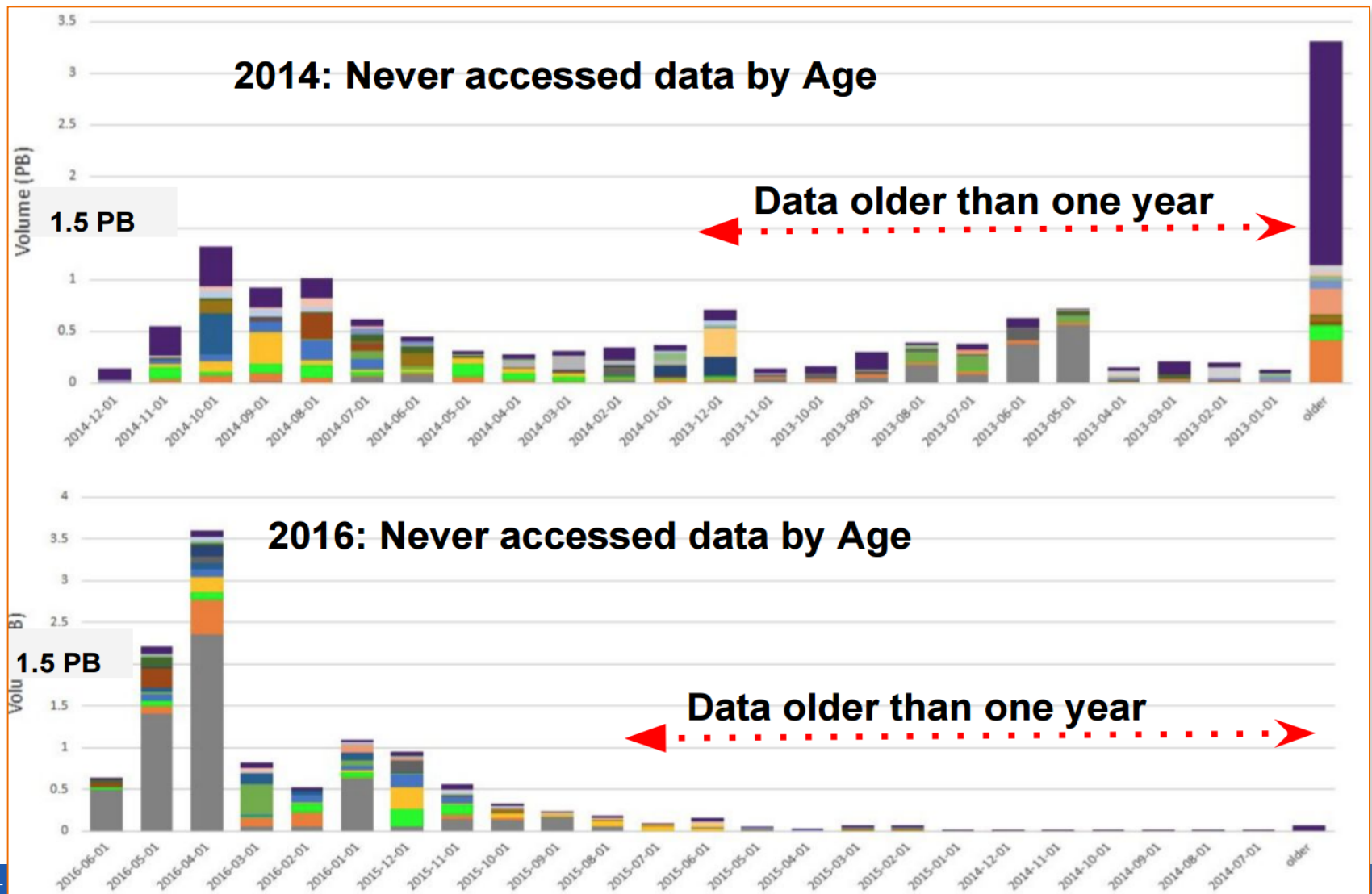
... what do we do with all these real and simulated data that we reconstruct and skim/slim/thin?

→ the Data Lifetime Model

Data Persistency - the lifetime model

- There is too much data to keep on storage permanently
- Each data type is set a finite lifetime:
 - Analysis inputs (DAOD) - 6 months, fast turnaround
 - Monte-Carlo simulations - 2-3 years, expensive to regenerate
 - RAW data - unique and precious, infinite lifetime
- Frequently used data - lifetime extension
- Monthly cleanup procedure for expired datasets
 - Approval of exceptions
 - Permanent automated deletion of expired data

The lifetime model in action



Upcoming features: Run2 and Run3

Run3 will be as challenging as Run2

- Same Data Taking trigger rate of 1Khz (physics)
- More pile-up → more resources in particular for reconstruction
- Run4 is a completely different story – not for this talk!

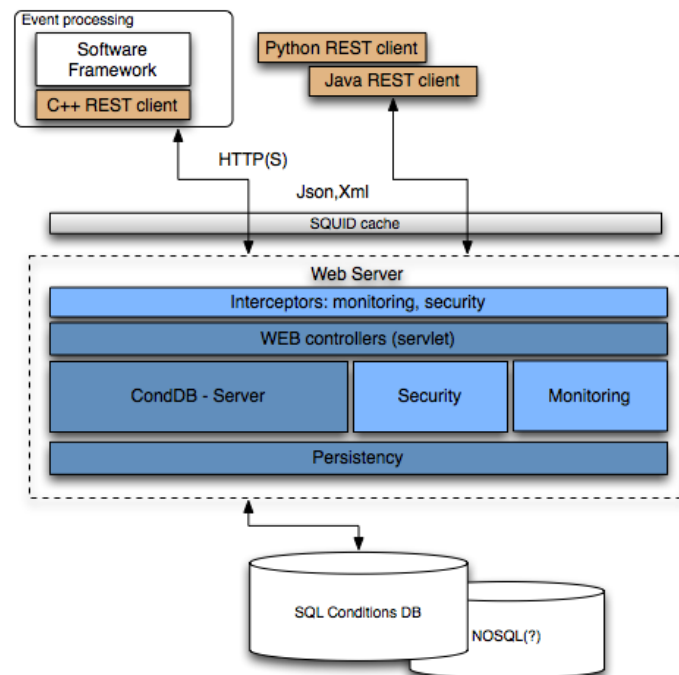
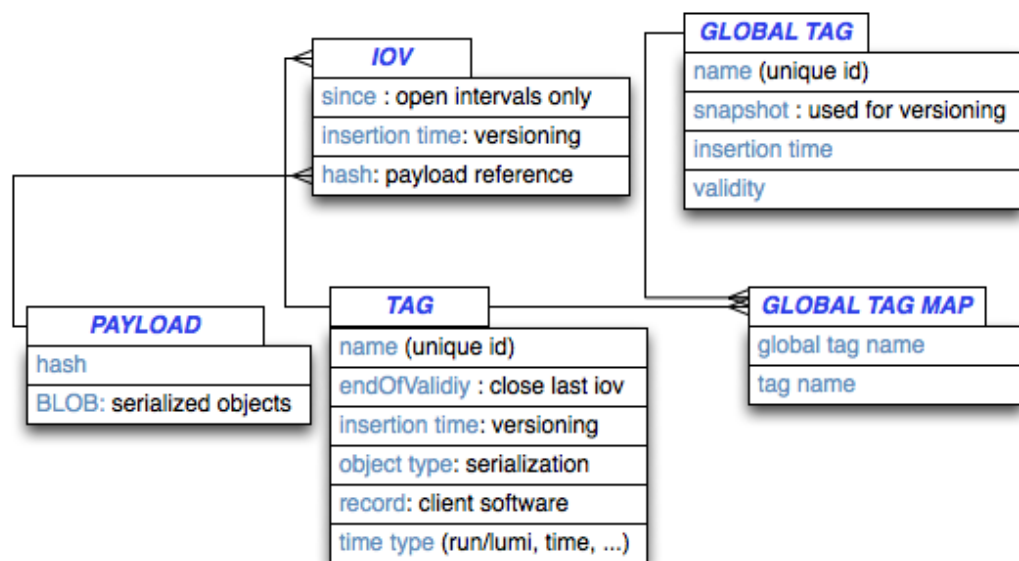
■ The Present Future:

- Global fair-shares
 - Limit the cpu slots per activity, boost activity when requested
- New Conditions Data architecture (next slides)
 - to enable new workflows today (almost) impossible
- Machine learning studies and analytics (next slides)
 - All the monitoring records are stored in Elasticsearch for detailed analysis
- Event service (next slides)
 - Exploit the vanishing opportunistic resources up to the last drop!

• ... and much more

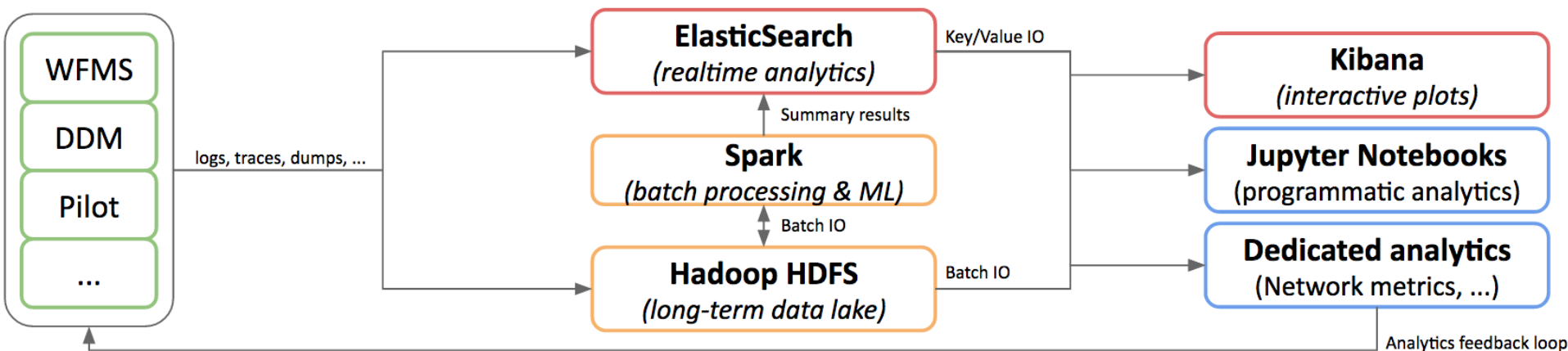
ATLAS Conditions Data

- Physics data processing relies on Conditions Data
 - Conditions: set of parameters related to the detector (alignments, calibrations, ...), essential for reconstruction (and simulation) of physics data
- Simplify conditions storage (from ~10K tables to 10...)
 - Data Model : implement simple data model (few tables) by using a CMS-like approach
 - Re-enforce the multi-tier architecture (Frontier-like) providing REST management tools
 - Simplify client access (disentangle client from the b



Analytics: what and why?

- **Understand** our distributed systems and overall operational performance
- **Correlate** operational data across our systems
- Data mining or **machine learning** algorithms on raw and aggregated data
- Ability to host third party analytics services on a **scalable compute platform**
- Satisfy variety of use cases for different user roles for **ad-hoc analytics**
- Provide an **open platform** with documented collections and tools



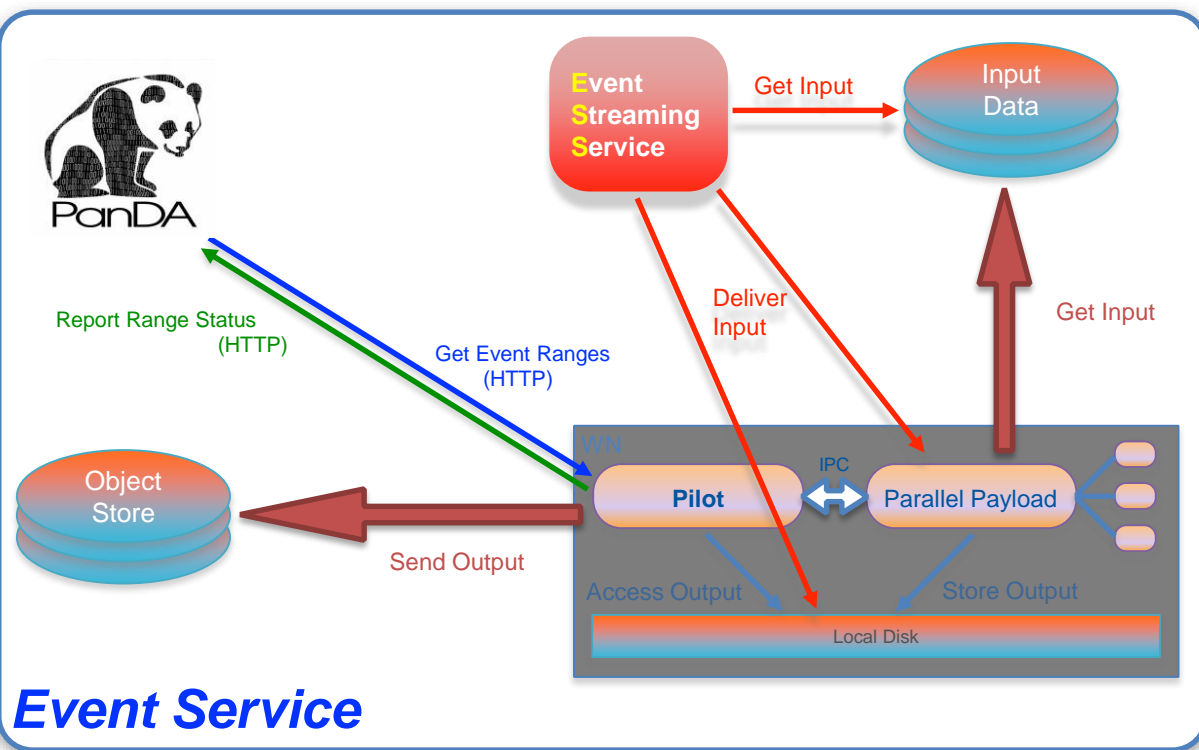
Analytics: advanced use cases

- **Ad-hoc** analytics — done by users on the open platform
- Dedicated analytics projects
 - DDM Metrics aggregation, ...
 - Scrutiny group reporting, Group space accounting, ...
- Many **machine learning** projects running in parallel
 - Network performance modeling: Regression models to estimate throughput/latency
 - Time To Complete Estimation: ProdSys task duration, File Transfer duration
 - Support for computing operations: Correlate anomalies, recommend actions, automate
 - Smart data placement
 - Uses DDM metrics, network performance modeling, TimeToComplete estimation
 - Decide where to place input and output files
 - Automatic rebalancing

Event Service: the concept

- A fine-grained approach to event processing.
 - Designed for exploiting diverse, distributed and potentially short-lived resources
 - Quasi-continuous event streaming through worker nodes
- Exploit event processors fully and efficiently through their lifetime
 - Real-time delivery of fine-grained workloads to running application
 - Be robust against disappearance of compute node on short notice
- Decouple processing from chunkiness of files, from data locality considerations and from WAN latency
- Stream outputs away quickly
 - Negligible losses if the worker node vanishes
 - Minimal demands for the local storage

Event Service: schematics and status



- Pilot delivers fine-grained workloads to the running payload application in real time

Workload: **Event Ranges**

- Payload application: **process-parallel version of Athena (AthenaMP)**

Serial initialization in the master process

Then fork worker processes

Workers process the events

- Event Service: commissioning towards full production
 - First use case: ATLAS Geant4 simulation
 - Exploiting opportunistic resources HPC-like

Conclusions

- Big efforts to evolve and (partially) redesign the ADC systems is paying off!
 - ✓ Cope well with higher-than-expected Run-2 LHC performance
 - ✓ Presently no scaling issues! Each subsystem has demonstrated to be able to absorb ~5 more than the average load
 - Still, it might not be sufficient for high-luminosity LHC Run-4
- ✓ **ATLAS Distributed Computing perform extremely well**
 - produce physics results on time for conferences



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When your computer crashes, an air bag is activated
so you won't bang your head in frustration."**

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