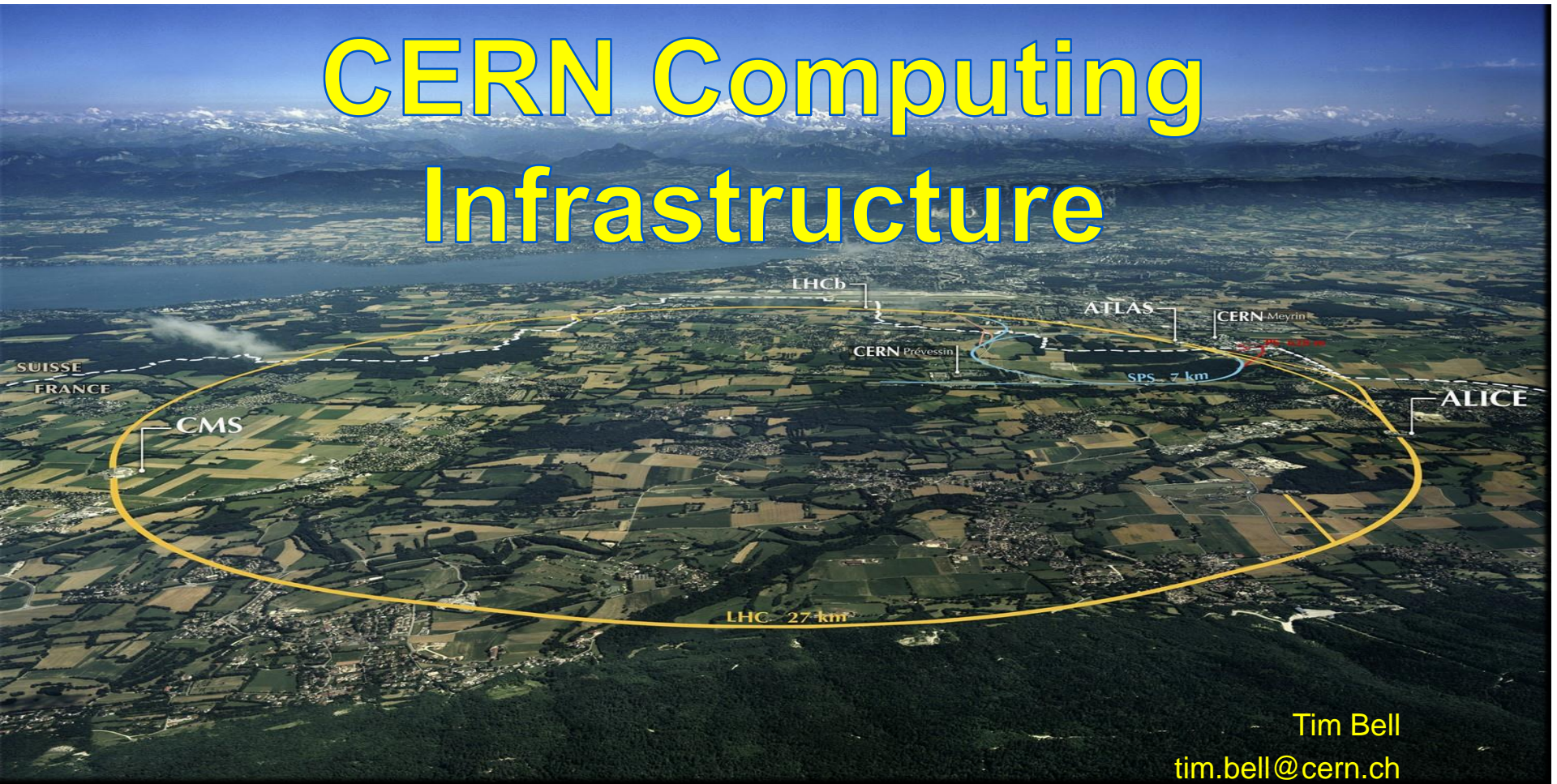




CERN Computing Infrastructure



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Computing Infrastructure

- Diverse computing services
 - Physics computing
 - IT and Experiment Services
 - Administrative Computing
- Target is for
 - Standardised procedures
 - Bulk purchasing



THE CERN MEYRIN DATA CENTRE

<http://goo.gl/maps/K5SoG>

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100 GbE**

**T-Systems
100 GbE**

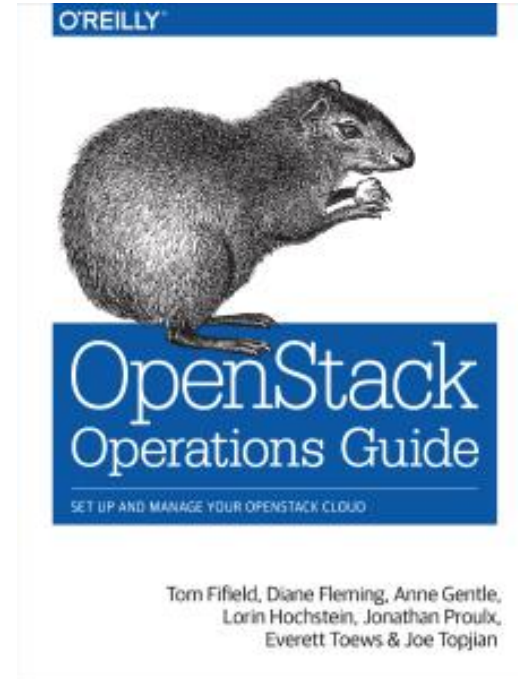
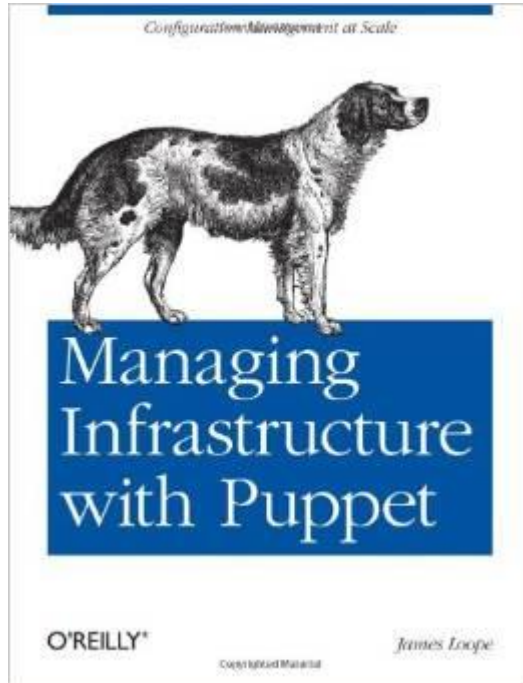
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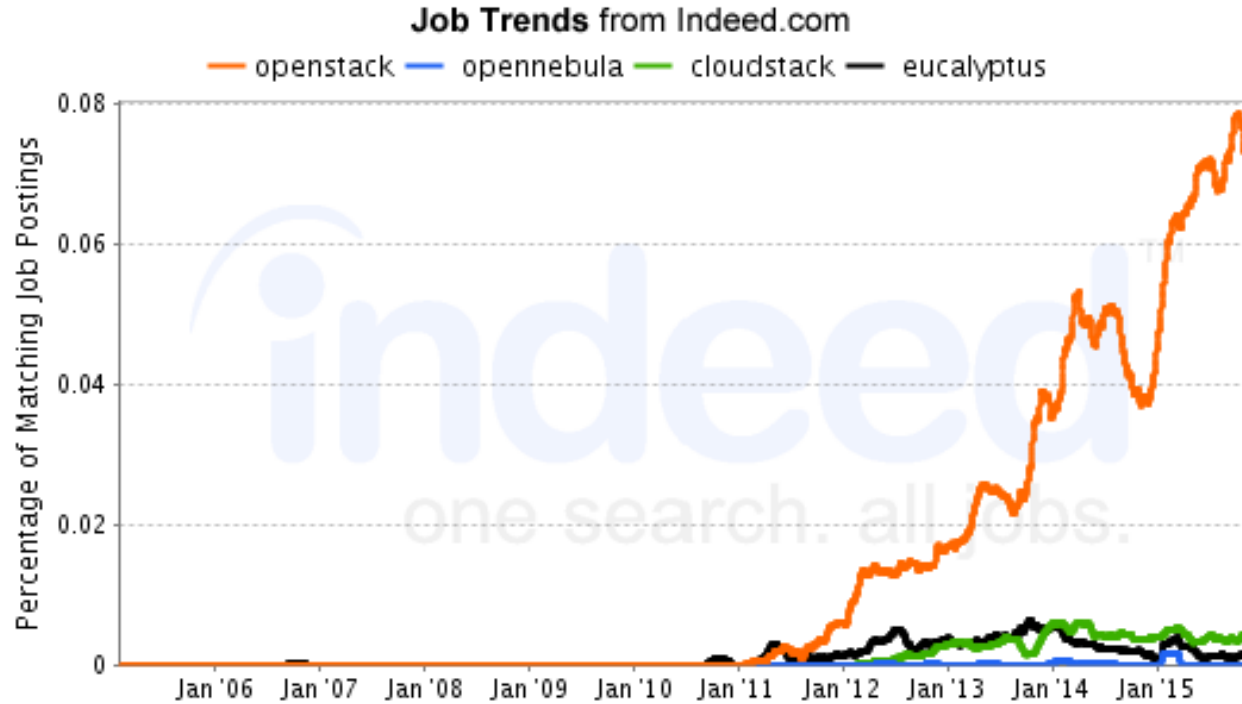
Public Procurement Cycle

Step	Time (Days)	Elapsed (Days)
User expresses requirement		0
Market Survey prepared	15	15
Market Survey for possible vendors	30	45
Specifications prepared	15	60
Vendor responses	30	90
Test systems evaluated	30	120
Offers adjudicated	10	130
Finance committee	30	160
Hardware delivered	90	250
Burn in and acceptance	30 days typical with 380 worst case	280
Total		280+ Days

O'Reilly Consideration



Job Trends Consideration



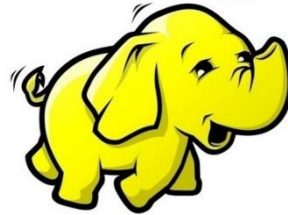
CERN Tool Chain



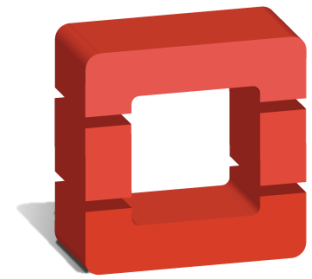
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hadoop



RUNDECK



openstackTM
CLOUD SOFTWARE



Jenkins

Upstream OpenStack on its own does not give you a cloud service

Packaging

Integration

Burn In

SLA

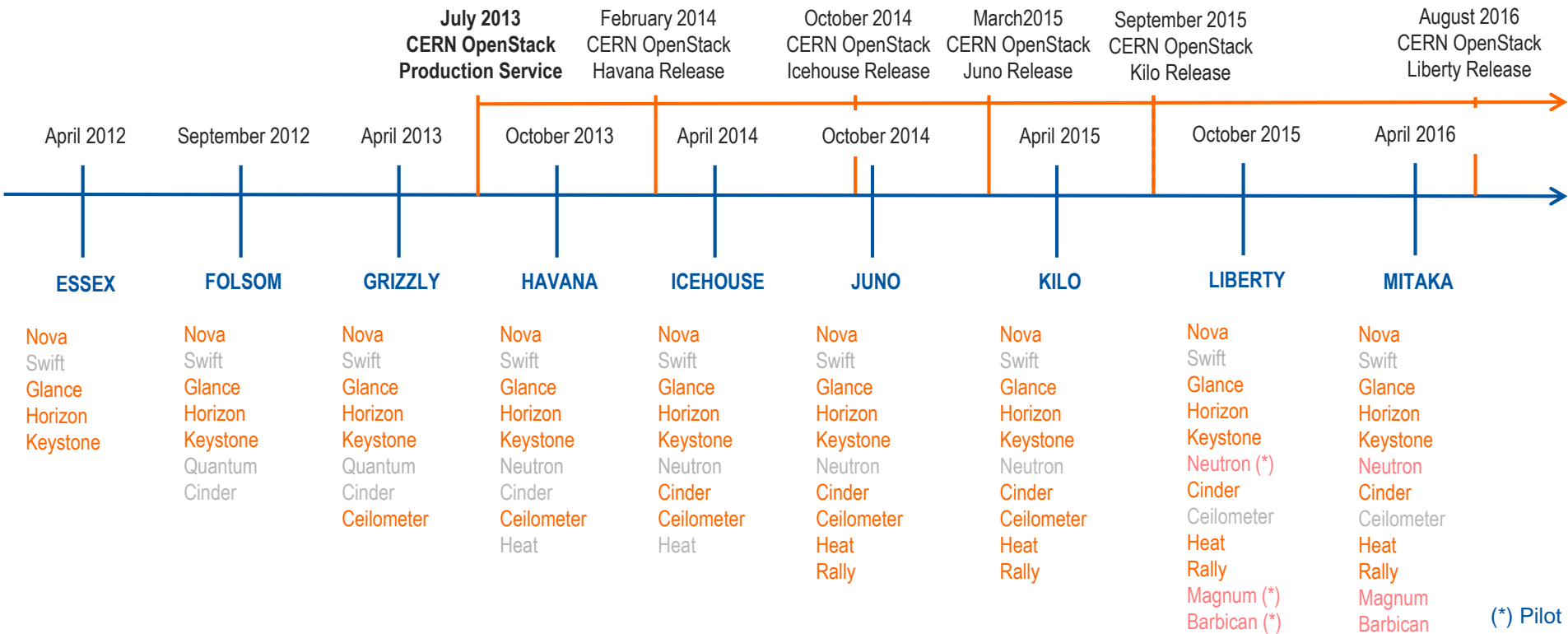
Monitoring

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Source: eBay



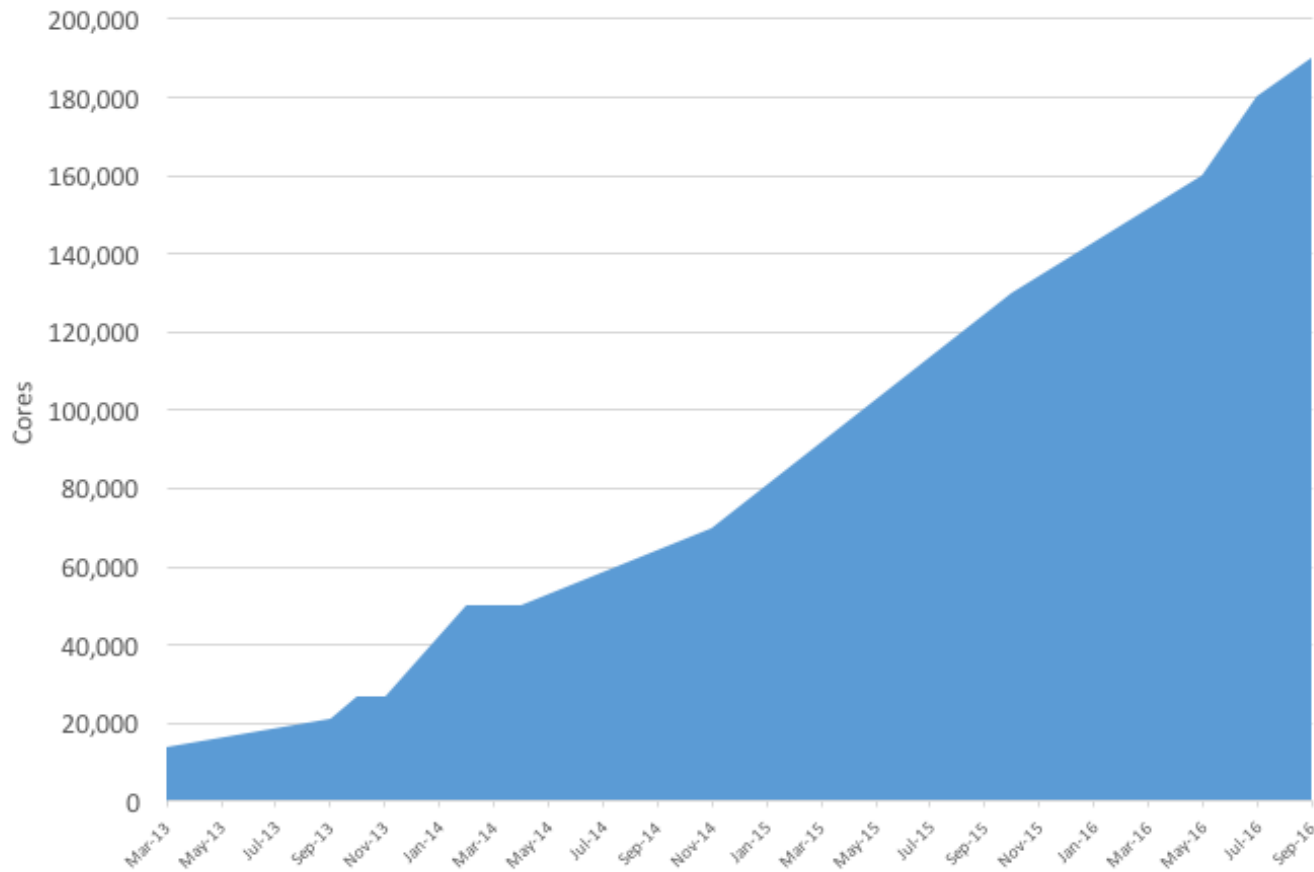
CERN OpenStack Project



(*) Pilot

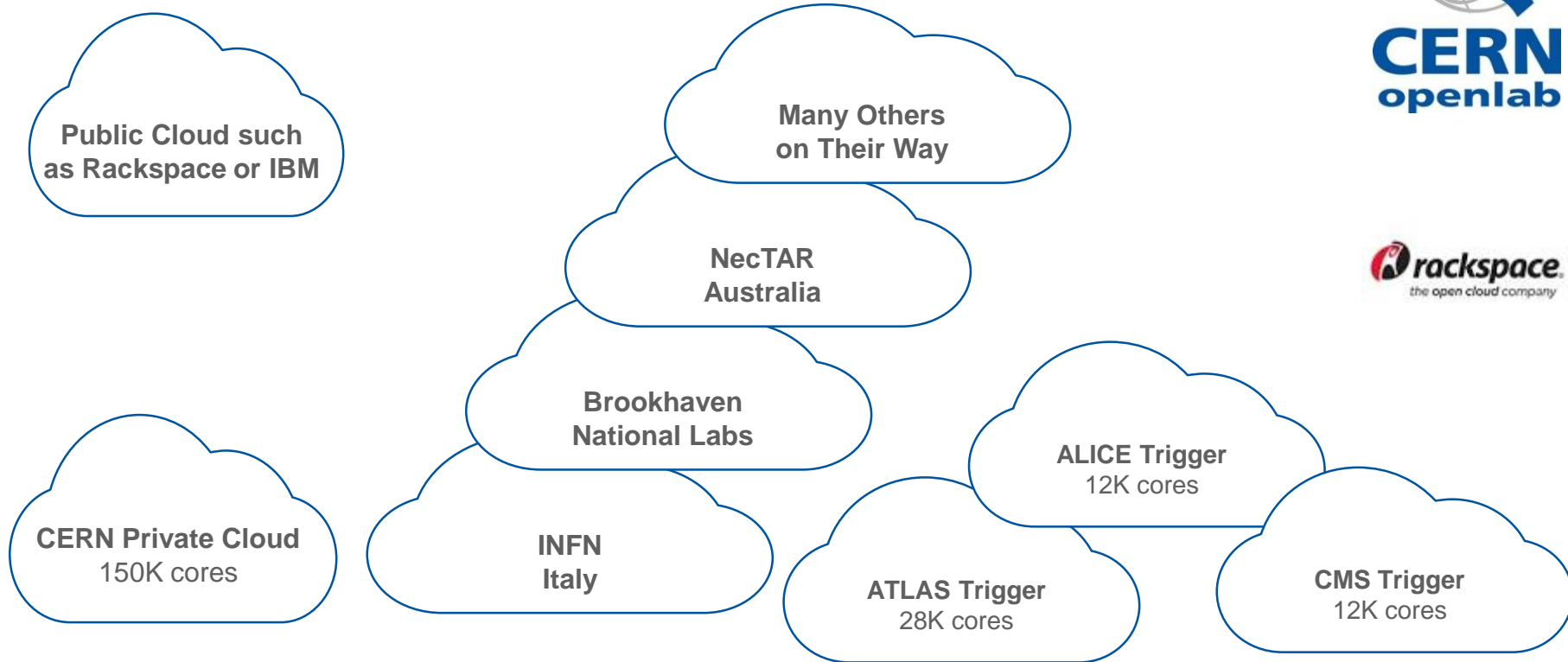


CERN IT OpenStack Cloud Evolution



- >190K cores in production under OpenStack
- >90% of CERN compute resources are virtualised
- >5,000 VMs migrated from old hardware in 2016
- >100K cores to be added in the next 6 months

Onwards the Federated Clouds



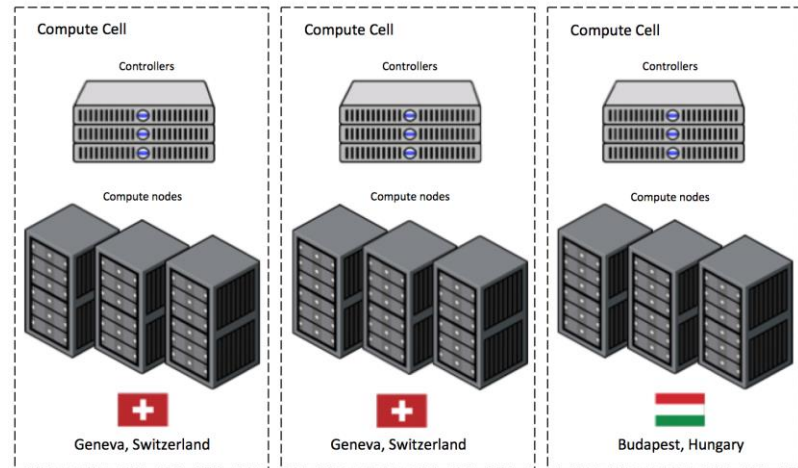
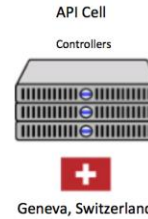
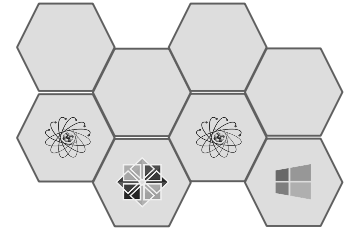
Nova Cells

Top level cell

- Runs API service
- Top cell scheduler

Child cells run:

- Compute nodes
- Nova network
- Scheduler
- Conductor



Strategic Plan

- ▶ Establish multi-tenant, multi-provider cloud infrastructure
- ▶ Identify and adopt policies for trust, security and privacy
- ▶ Create governance structure
- ▶ Define funding schemes



To support the computing capacity needs for the ATLAS experiment



Setting up a new service to simplify analysis of large genomes, for a deeper insight into evolution and biodiversity



To create an Earth Observation platform, focusing on earthquake and volcano research



To improve the speed and quality of research for finding surrogate biomarkers based on brain images

Additional Users:



Suppliers

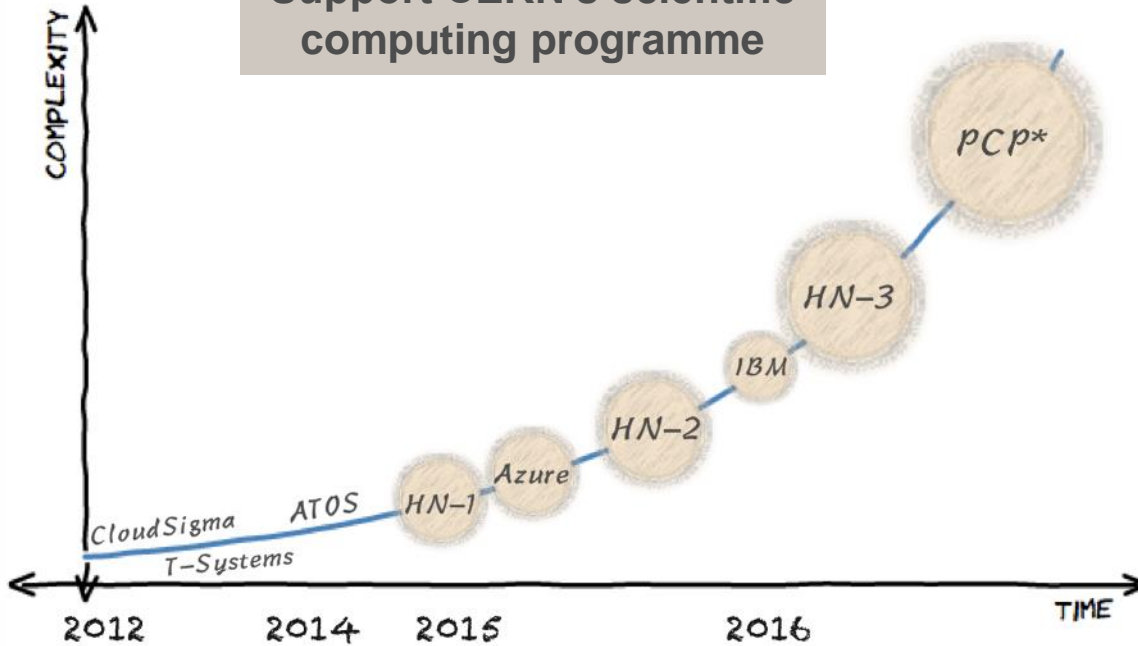


Adopters



Past, ongoing & future commercial activities @ CERN

Support CERN's scientific computing programme



HELIX
NEBULA
THE SCIENCE CLOUD

HN - Helix Nebula

- Partnership between research organization and European commercial cloud providers

* EC co-funded joint Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP) project: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/319753>

** Other work has been conducted outside CERN, such as the [Amazon Pilot project at BNL for ATLAS](#)

Containers on Clouds



For the user

- Interactive
- Dynamic

For IT - Magnum

- Secure
- Managed
- Integrated
- Scalable

For industry and EU

- Prepare for the next disruptive technology at scale

Higgs decay to two photons

The Standard Model predicted the decay of the [Higgs bosons](#) into photons. The process is depicted by the diagrams below:

(a) (b) (c)

At the [Large Hadron Collider](#), this process has been measured. This figure shows how an Higgs boson decay looks in the CMS detector.

This ROOTbook illustrates a simplified fitting procedure aiming to identify the peak due to the Higgs boson decay over the exponentially falling background.

Importing input data into a ROOT file

First of all we import the input data, here simplistically stored into a text file, into a [ROOT file](#).

```
In [1]: TTree tree("HiggsTree", "The tree cont");
auto nevt = tree.ReadFile("Hgg.txt", "x");
if (nevt <= 0) {
```



For Further Information



CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN
Data recorded: Wed May 20 22:51:10 2015 CEST
Run/Event: 245155 / 123300843
Lumi section: 363
Orbit/Crossing: 94976371 / 208



Technical details at
<http://openstack-in-production.blogspot.fr>

Helix Nebula Initiative at
<http://www.helix-nebula.eu/>

Scientific Working Group at
https://wiki.openstack.org/wiki/Scientific_working_group

Some history of scale...

Date	Collaboration sizes	Data volume, archive technology
Late 1950's	2-3	Kilobits, notebooks
1960's	10-15	kB, punchcards
1970's	~35	MB, tape
1980's	~100	GB, tape, disk
1990's	~750	TB, tape, disk
2010's	~3000	PB, tape, disk

For comparison:

1990's: Total LEP data set
~few TB

Would fit on 1 tape today

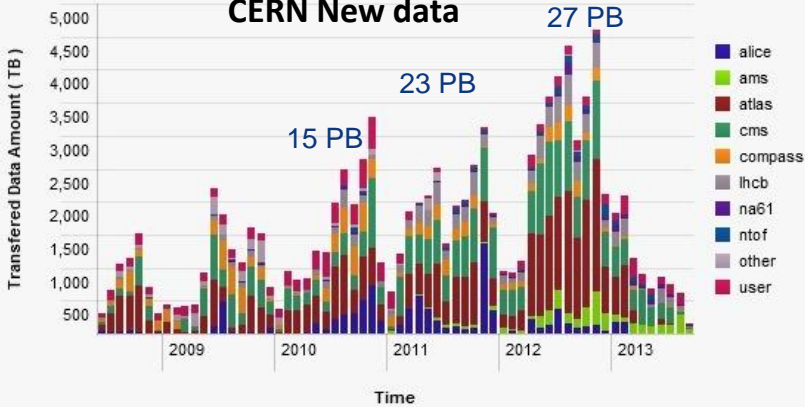
Today: 1 year of LHC data
~27 PB

Innovation Dilemma

- How can we avoid the sustainability trap ?
 - Define requirements
 - No solution available that meets those requirements
 - Develop our own new solution
 - Accumulate technical debt
- How can we learn from others and share ?
 - Find compatible open source communities
 - Contribute back where there is missing functionality
 - Stay mainstream

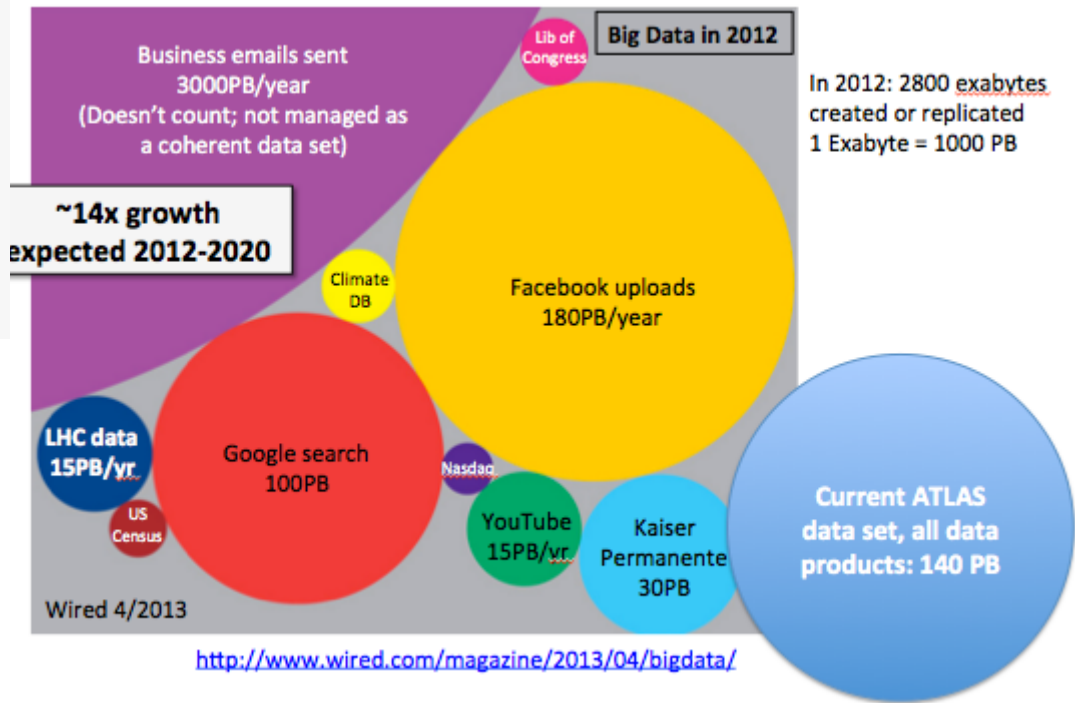
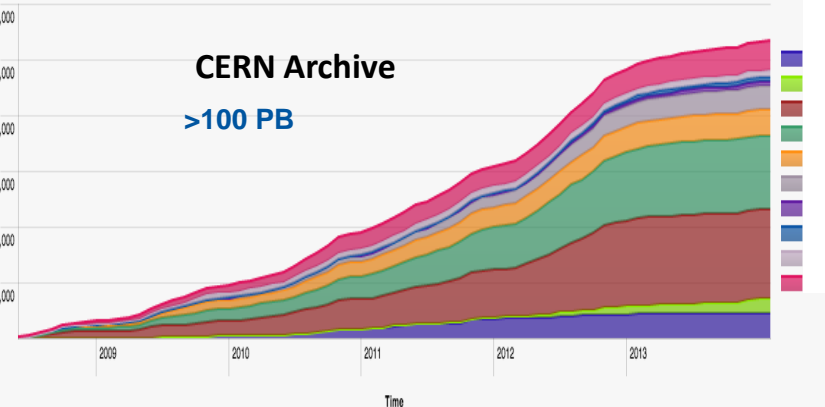
Are CERN computing needs really special ?

CERN New data



CERN Archive

>100 PB



OpenStack Collaborations

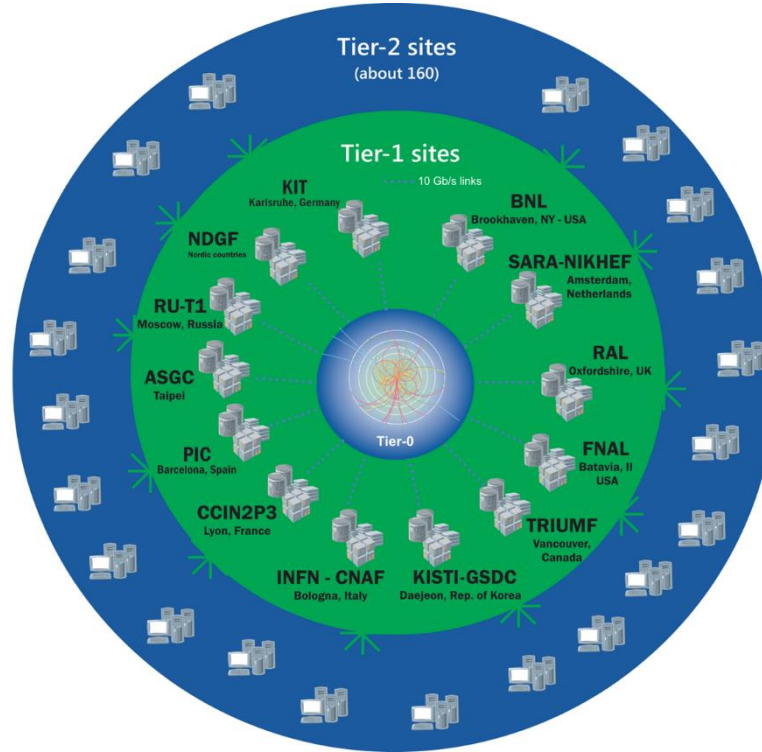
- Large Deployment Team
 - Walmart, Yahoo!, Rackspace, eBay, Paypal, ...
- Containers
 - Rackspace, Red Hat
- OpenStack Scientific Working Group
 - Not just academic
 - High Performance and High Throughput

The Worldwide LHC Computing Grid

TIER-0 (CERN):
data recording,
reconstruction and
distribution

TIER-1:
permanent storage,
re-processing,
analysis

TIER-2:
Simulation,
end-user analysis



nearly 170 sites,
40 countries

~350'000 cores

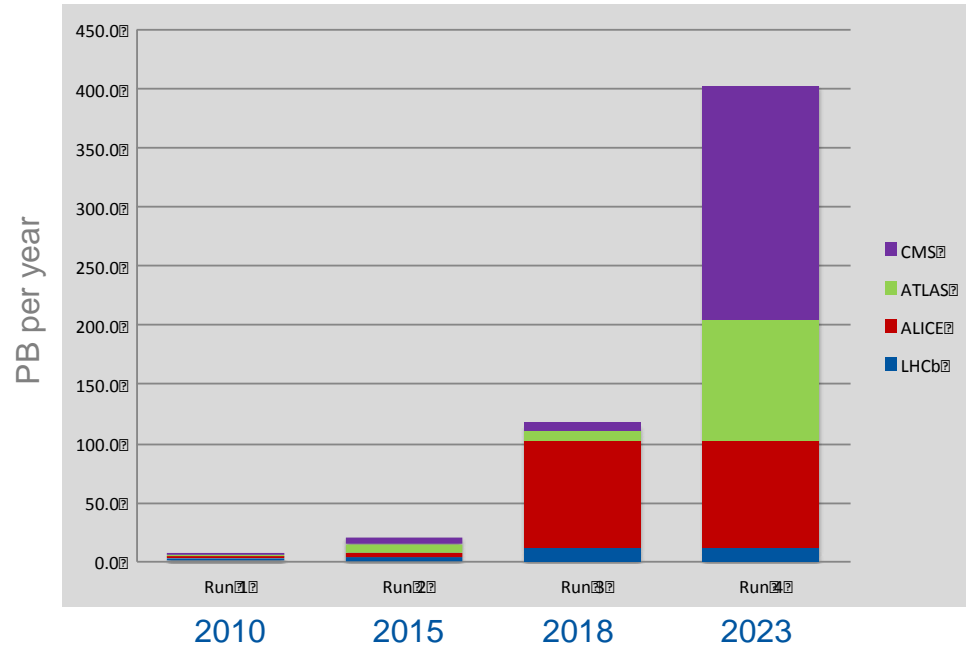
500 PB of storage

> 2 million jobs/day

10-100 Gb links

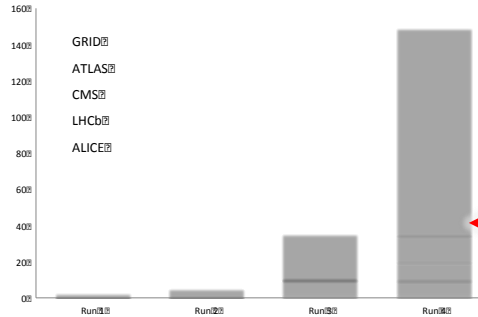
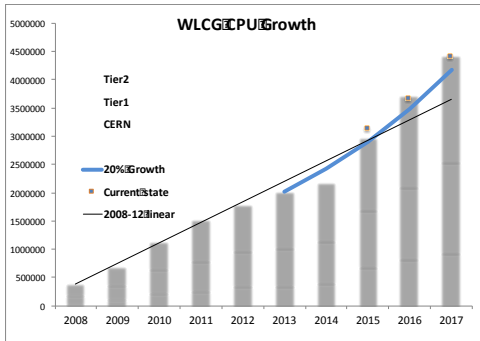
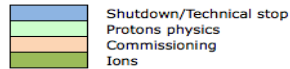
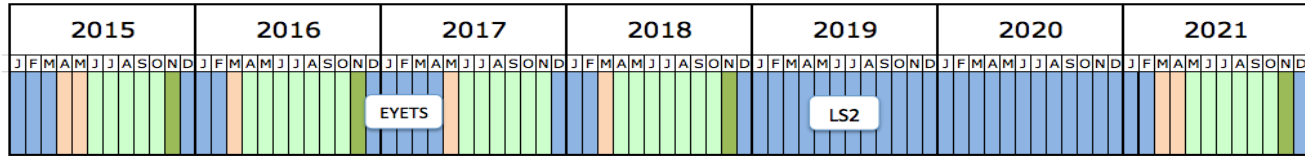
LHC Data Growth

Expecting to record 400PB/year by 2023 with the High Luminosity LHC upgrade



Where is x3 improvement ?

The outline LHC schedule out to 2035 presented by Frederick Bordry to the SPC and FC June 2015 can be found [here](#)



Compute: Growth > x50

← What we think is affordable unless we do something differently