

e-FISCAL Summer Workshop

Opportunities

A Realistic Study of ~~Costs~~ Associated
to Datacenter Installation and
Operation *in a Research Institute*

can we do EVEN better?



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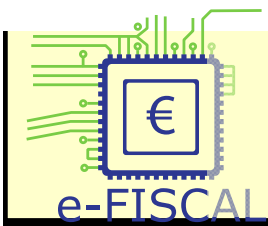


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Outlook

Where we do come from?

Where are we?

- ✚ Computing in a Research Institute
- ✚ Operating a Grid
- ✚ HPC and Supercomputing
- ✚ What about Cloud?

Where do we go?

- ✚ **The real BUSINESS MODEL**

Where we do come from?

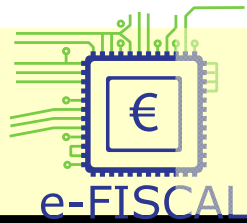
We have walked for long...

- ✚ >200.000 years Homo Sapiens
- ✚ >2.500 years **μάθημα**
- ✚ >500 years “modern” math/phys



We have also computed for long...but not so long...

✚ **Alan Turing Centennial!**



Computing in a Research Institute

Instituto de Física de Cantabria, Santander, SPAIN

Joint center CSIC (National Research Council)-University of Cantabria

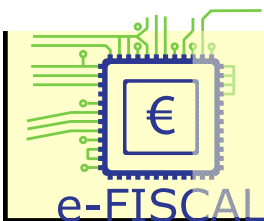
Around 100 researchers (25 senior staff + postdocs, contracts, fellows)

What are our research fields?

- ✚ High Energy Physics (LEP, Tevatron, now mainly LHC)
- ✚ Astrophysics (XMM, Planck, next EUCLID)
- ✚ Statistical Physics and Meteorology

How do we compute?

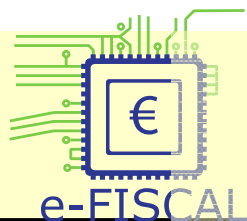
- ✚ Individual workstations, small clusters
- ✚ **Datacenter**
- ✚ **Integrated in a e-Infrastructure**



Datacenter at IFCA

The “complete” experience

- ✚ Built from “scratch” in 2004 to host medium size clusters
 - ▣ Conditioning of around 120 m² in basement: floor, painting
 - ▣ Basic cooling (40KW), Basic UPS (15 KW)
 - ▣ Electrical boards (80 KW)
- ✚ Upgrade to host supercomputing node in 2006
 - ▣ Refrigeration Unit (+65kW), Second UPS (15 KW)
 - ▣ Technical floor , new electrical board (+ 80 KW)
 - ▣ Fire and alarm systems
- ✚ Upgrade to host large cluster (for Grid computing) in 2008
 - ▣ Second Refrigeration Unit (+65kW)
- ✚ Improvements to cooling “crisis”
 - ▣ Direct external air



GRID enabled clusters and storage

- ✦ CLUSTERS: ASTRO (6x48) + CMS (36x12) + GRID-CSIC (182x8) ~ 2200 cores
- ✦ STORAGE: CMS Tier-2 (1 Pb) + GRID-CSIC (300 Tb) + IFCA-CSIC (1 Pb) ~2,3 Pb
- ✦ NETWORK: 10Gb backbone+ with direct link to RedIris Nova (dark fiber)
- ✦ Cluster/Storage/Grid managers: Iban Cabrillo, Pablo Orviz, Alvaro López
- ✦ Funding: CSIC (50%), University (25%), HEP project Tier-2 CMS (25%)
- ✦ TIME SHARING: 25% local & institutional, 75% Ibergrid -EGI including LHC-CMS
- ✦ Important operational points:
 - ▣ Services virtualized (requiring around 10% extra servers, including login nodes)
 - ▣ Unified storage under GPFS
 - ▣ Single batch system using GridEngine, both for local cluster and Grid users

uCloud

Cluster
Tier-2 CMS

Storage
Tier-2 CMS

HPC/Grid
Storage

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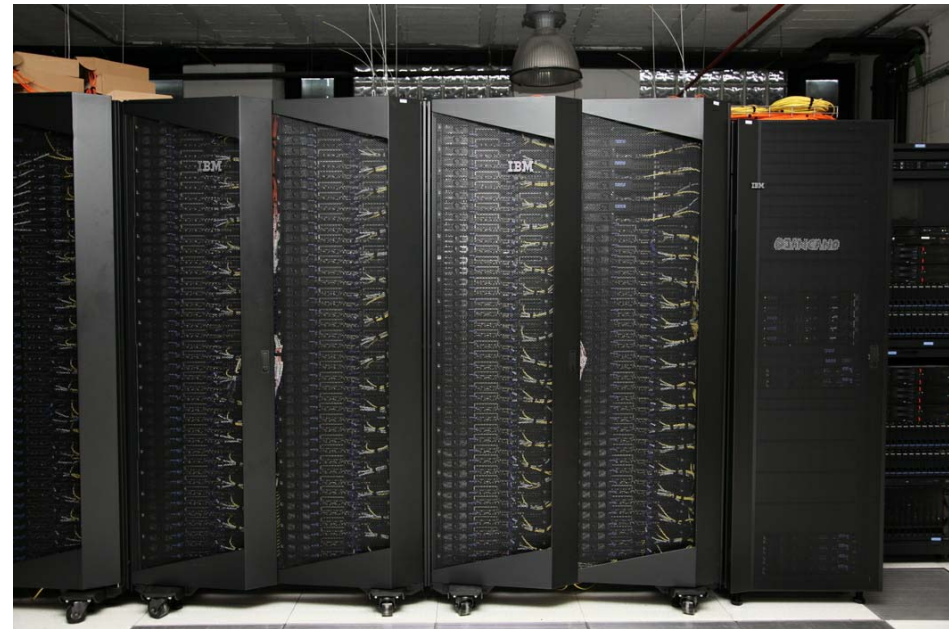
GRID-CSIC

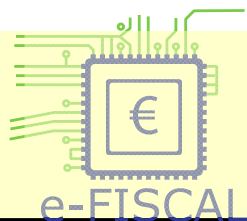


Supercomputing node at UC

- ✦ CLUSTER: INTEL SB (160x16) + POWER7 (11x16) + GPU (512x10) ~ 7800 cores
- ✦ POWER >60 Teraflops (52 Tflop + 4 Tflop + 5 Tflop) (top500.org with IH)
- ✦ NETWORK: Infiniband FDR10 (40Gbps) both for MPI and for GPFS
- ✦ Cluster/Storage/SC managers: Luis Cabellos, Iban Cabrillo
- ✦ Funding: University (100%) through national call for Campus of Excellence
- ✦ TIME SHARING: 75% local & institutional, 25% Spanish Supercomputing Network (RES)

- ✦ REMARKS:
 - ❑ Unified Storage with GRID/Cluster
 - ❑ Flexibility to join GRID
 - ❑ NO HT nor Virtualization
 - ❑ **Supercomputing BIOS and Network**
 - ❑ Periodic call for proposals





Detailed Costs

✚ Datacenter conditioning (for 10 years)

✚ 120K€ + 100K€ + 80K€ ~ 300K€

✚ Datacenter energy (per year)

✚ 150K€ (150KW 24h 365 days)

✚ Clusters GRID (5-years life)

✚ 200K€+500K€+80K€+120K€ = 900K€

✚ Storage (7-10 years life)

✚ 320K€+ 250K€ + 150K€ = 720K€

✚ Supercomputer node(5-years life)

✚ 900K€ + 150K€ + 50K€ = 1100K€

✚ Network backbone(5-years life)

✚ 60 K€+30K€+ 120K€ = 210 K€

✚ GRID managers

✚ 130K€/year

✚ Storage manager

✚ 60K€/year

✚ Supercomputer manager

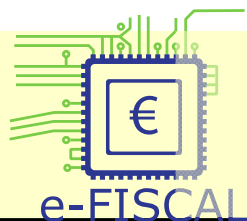
✚ 60K€ / year

✚ Datacenter support (2 people, part time)

✚ 100 K€

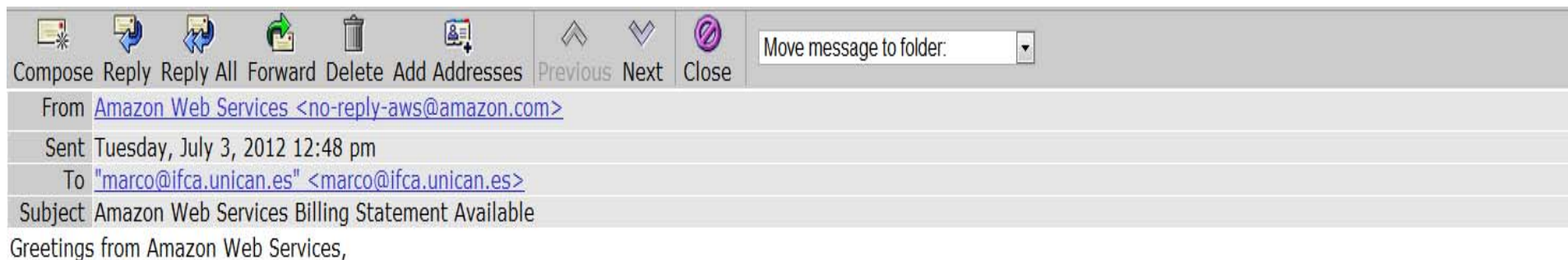
YEARLY COST: 600K€ + 350K€ = 950K€

CORE COST PER HOUR @ 80% eff: **0,03 €**
(5000 cores, GPU not included, storage included)



What about Cloud

Not so “complete” experience...



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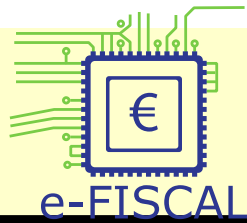
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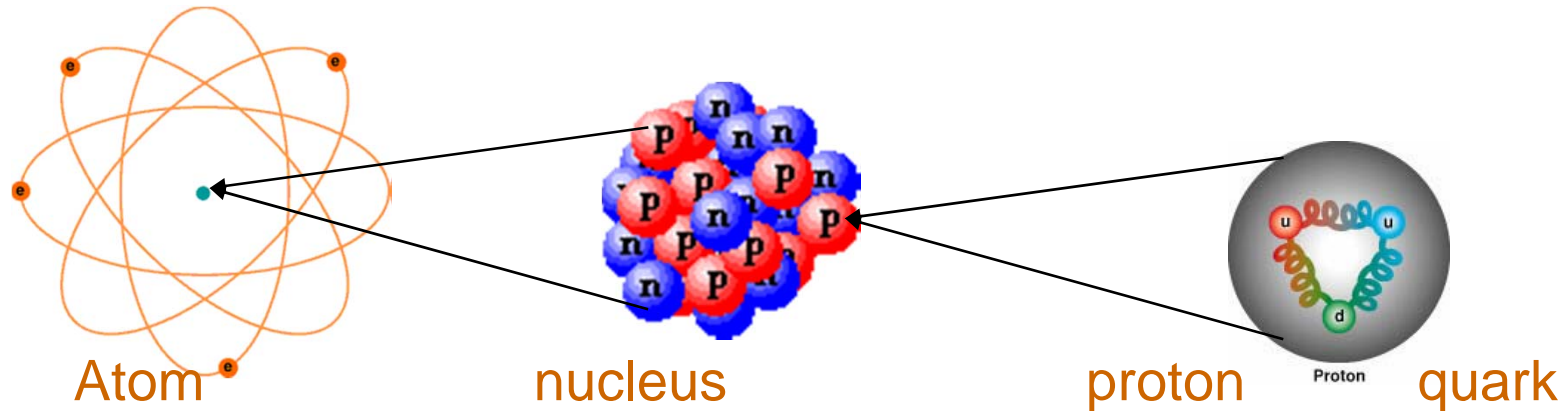


KEYS in our “business model”

- ⊕ % use
- ⊕ % “effective” use
- ⊕ % use exploiting HPC/GRID
- ⊕ **IMPACT on RESEARCH**

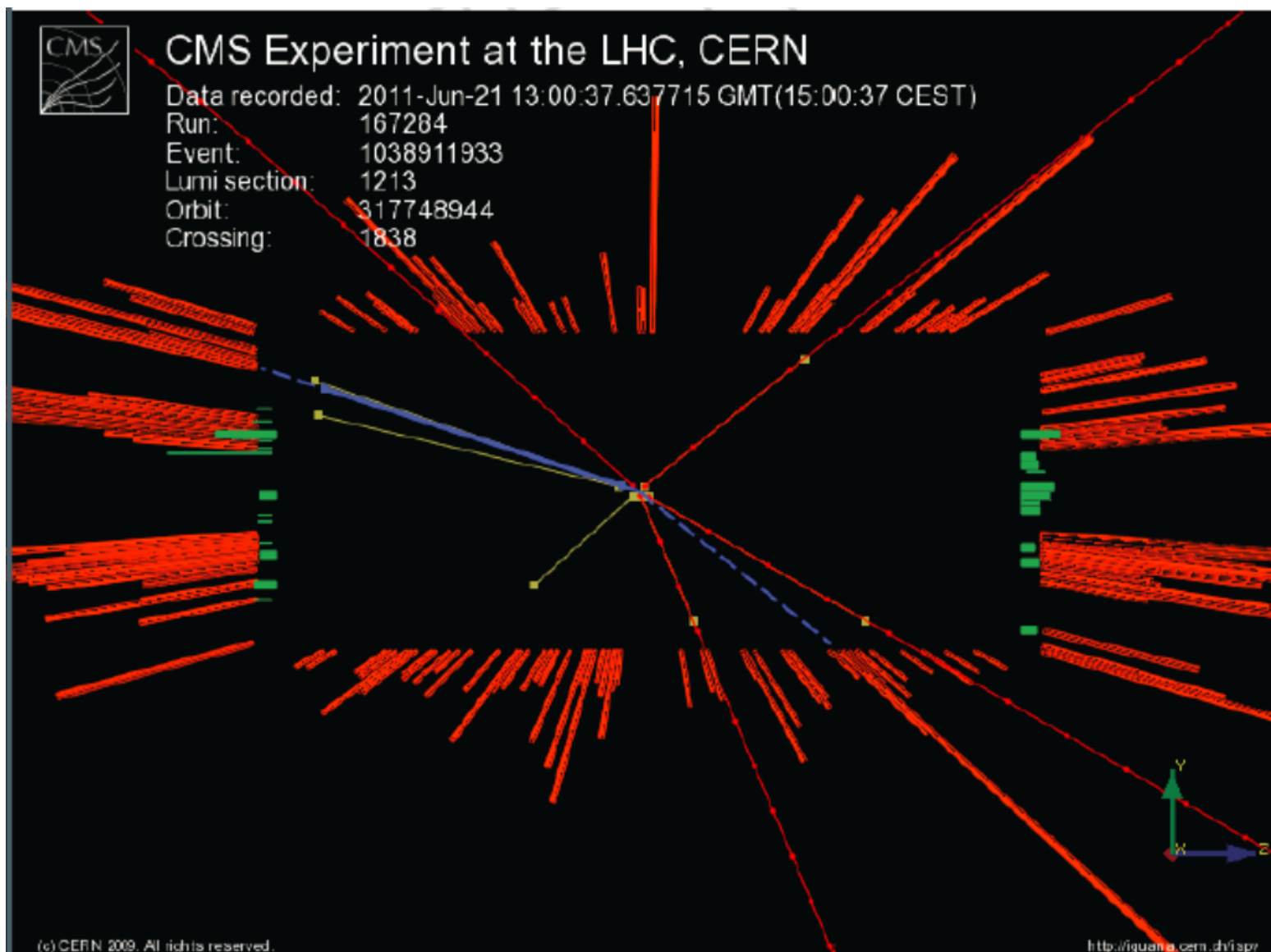
Searches in Particle Physics

- Particle physics: studying the basic constituents of all matter around!



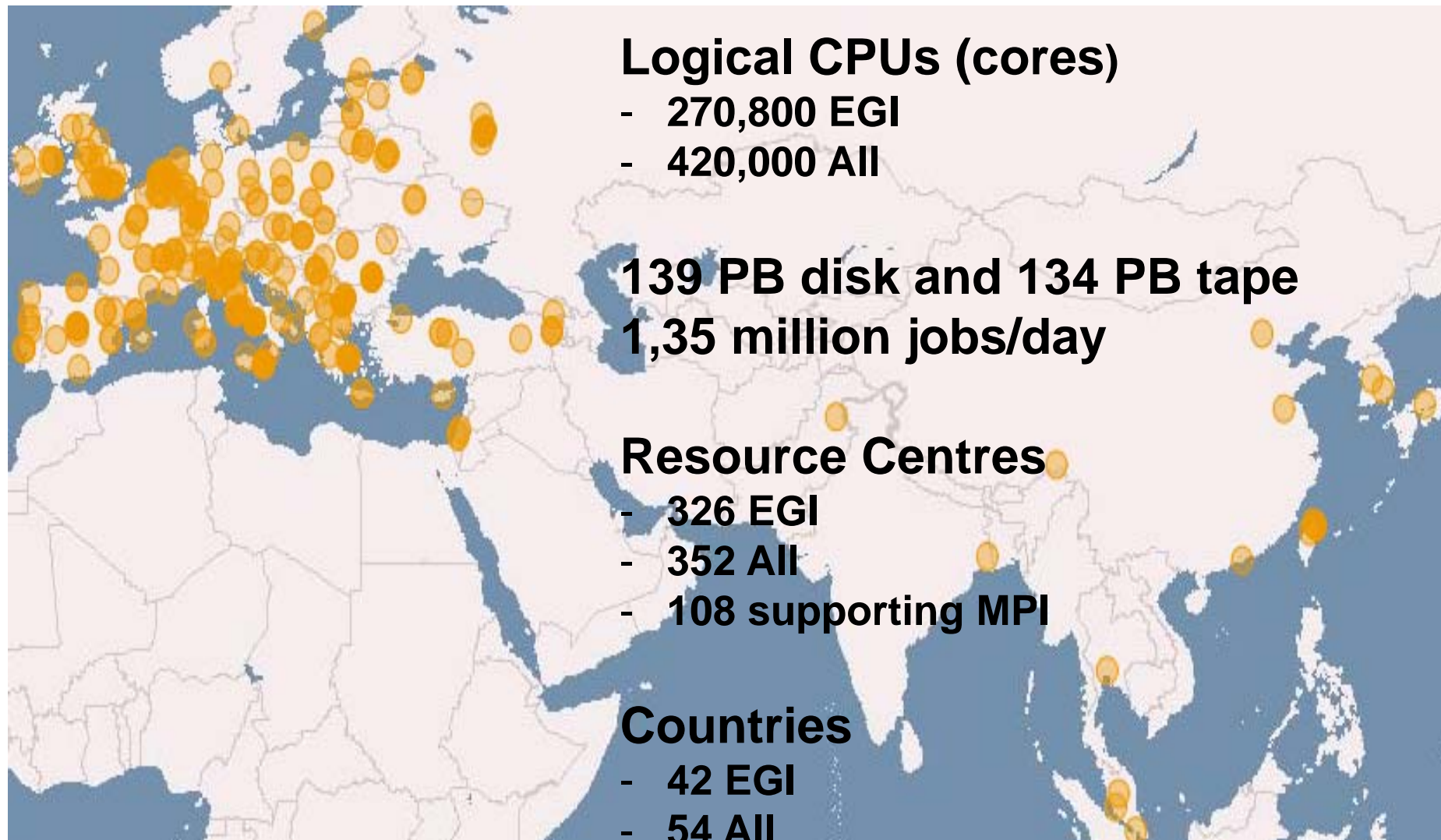
The origin of the “*mass*” of all particles is linked to a fundamental particle predicted but not yet discovered: **the Higgs boson**

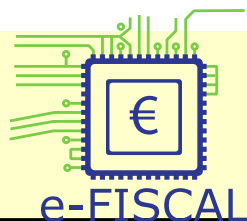
Higgs into 4 leptons



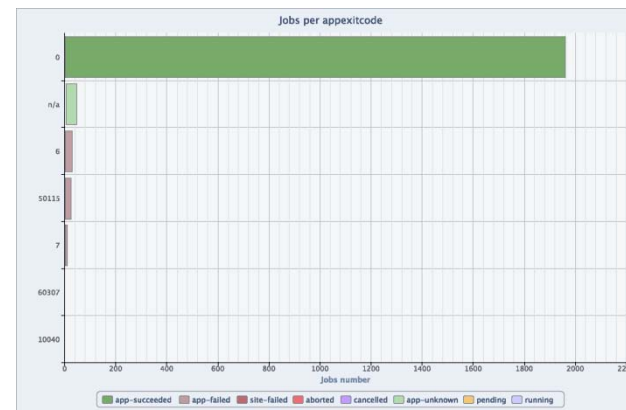
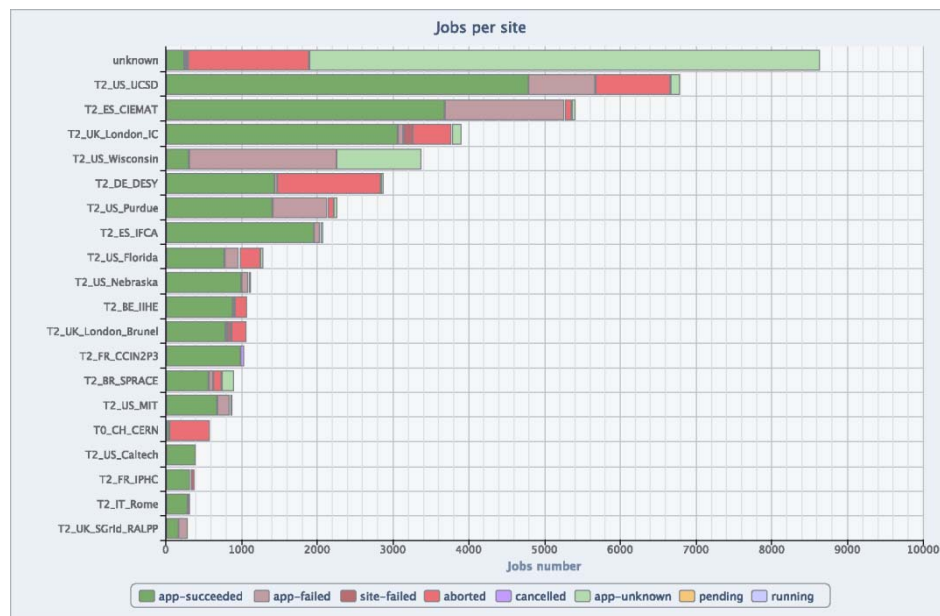
European Grid Infrastructure

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Processing CMS data looking for Higgs boson events!

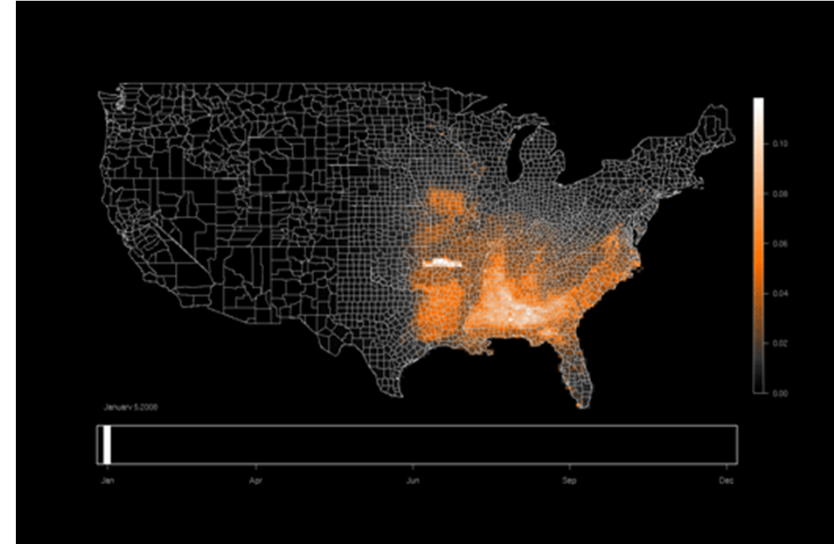
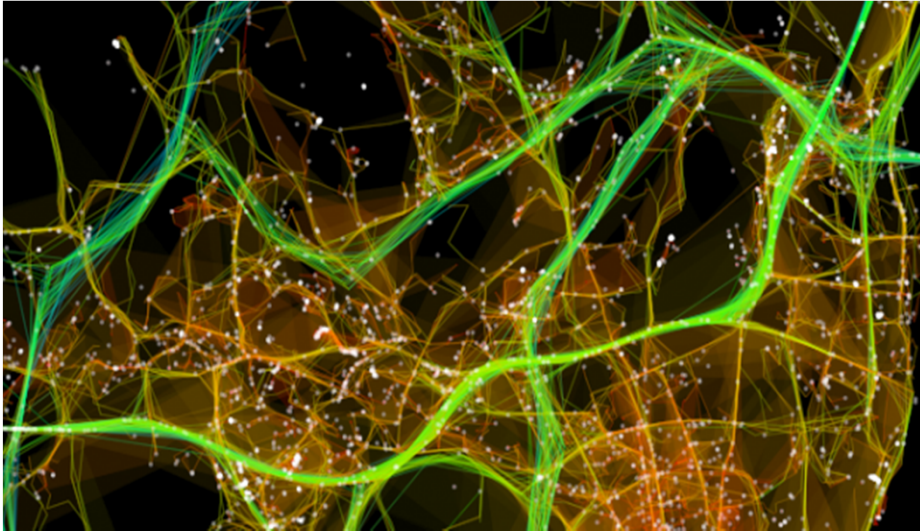


@IFCA: thousands of jobs last weeks (skimming+analysis)>99 % eff.
Executing on 60TB input, italian + spanish team

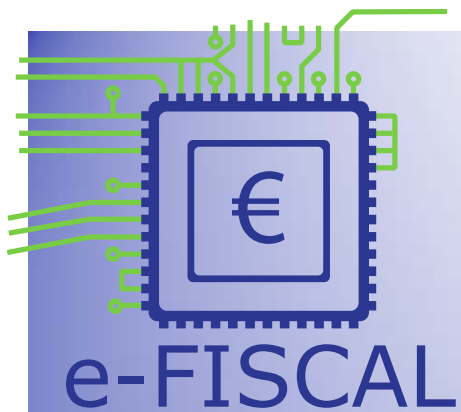
Key support to groups in the Higgs into WW channel

2012: DOUBLE luminosity: DOUBLE pressure on our systems!!!

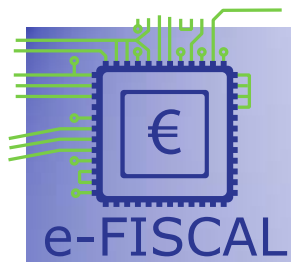
What next?



✚ Global objective:
pattern matching in a context

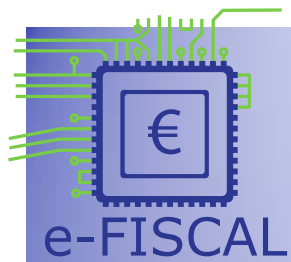


e-Infrastructure for research and science: owned, leased or hybrid approaches



Provocative Statements

- SETUP A GOOD TEAM TO SUPPORT YOUR e-INFRASTRUCTURE FOR **RESEARCH**
- **GET INVOLVED IN/ ORGANIZE KEY PROJECTS**
- FORGET EXTERNAL PRIVATE CLOUDS



Low Hanging Fruits

- MAKE IT SIMPLE (but I almost give up!)
- **MARKETING / TRAINING**
 - Did we include these “costs” in the analysis?
 - Oriented to the FINAL USERS: **RESEARCHERS!**