IT at DESY: Strategic Report

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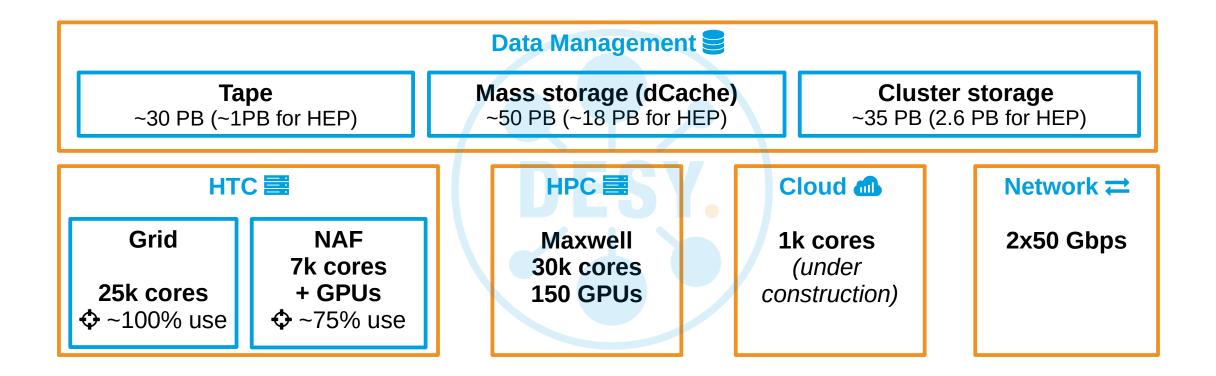
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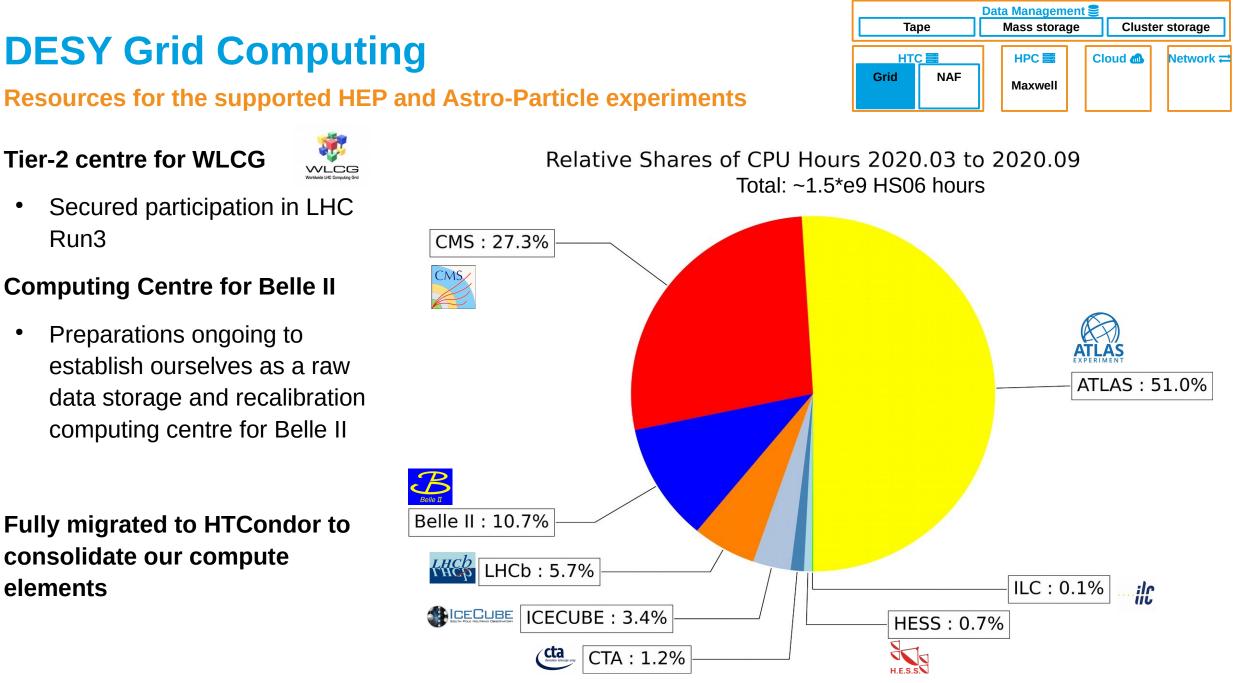
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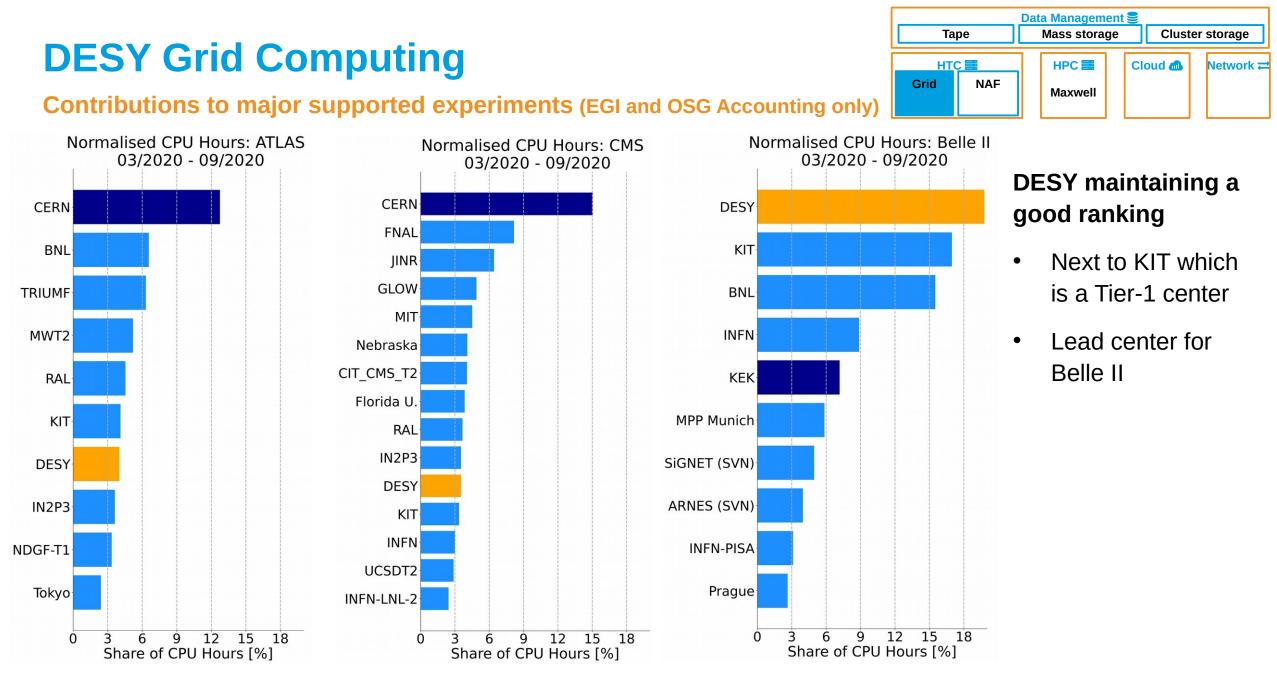
01. Status of existing Infrastructures

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Overview







National Analysis Facility NAF

A facility for interactive HEP analysis

NAF complementing the Grid:

- Easy access to data stored on DESY Grid dCache and additional project space
- Interactive machines for development
- Batch farm optimized for low latency and small jobs \rightarrow fast turn around times
- Remote accessibility: ssh / FastX / Jupyter notebooks
- Documentation and direct support

Open to:

German LHC institutes + ILC



 Data Management

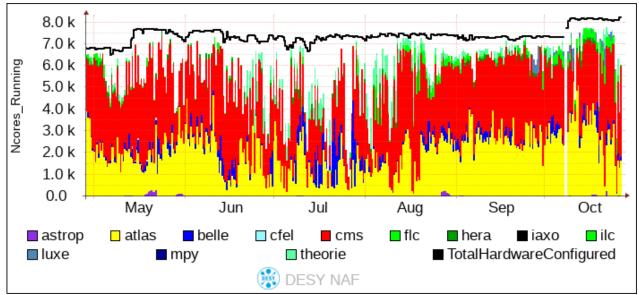
 Tape
 Mass storage

 HTC
 HPC

 Grid
 NAF

 Maxwell
 Cloud @

NAF cluster utilization for the past six month



Aim for <75% utilization to allow for fast interactive use

- HERA legacy analyses
- New: LUXE

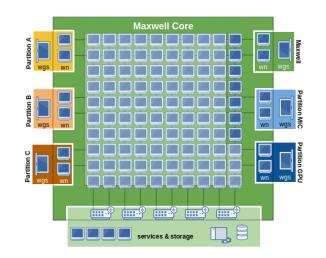
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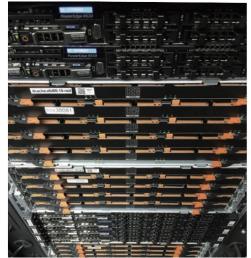
Maxwell: the DESY HPC system

Complementing the DESY computing landscape

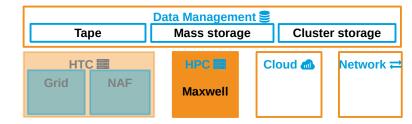
The Maxwell set-up

- Cluster for parallel, high-memory computing (~550 nodes, ~30kcores, ~150GPUs) and low-latency network
- Communities: Machine department, photon science and recently HEP
- Applications: machine learning, simulations, data analysis
- Examples of CMS analysis doing ML: Supersymmetric Dark Matter searches and calorimeter simulation (Dirk Kruecker, DESY)





Racks in Maxwell HPC



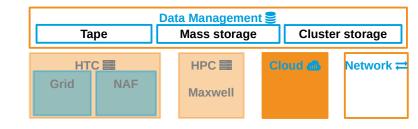
DESY Cloud Computing

Using modern cloud technologies

DESY providing the stacks to use software in the cloud

- 1000 CPU cores Openstack and Kubernetes cluster under construction
- Jupyter available on HPC, HTC and cloud
- GitLab instance available to all users running in Openstack and Kubernetes
- DESY is a cloud provider in EGI Federated Cloud





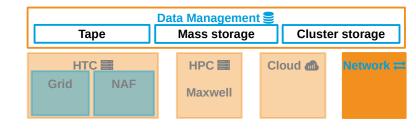
Software stack container orchestration



Slide from Michael Schuh, DESY IT

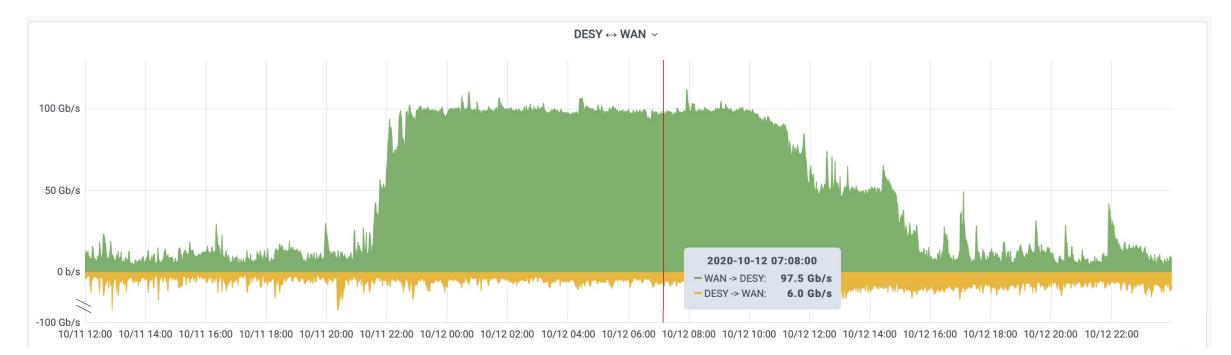
Connectivity

Bandwidth improvements proved useful



New 100 Gbps download capacity in Hamburg already pushed to its limit

- DESY received ATLAS traffic from BNL (see plots from 11th/12th October) which brought the firewall to its capacity limit
- Relief through adjustment of the traffic shaping future upgrade of the firewall CPU



Data Management

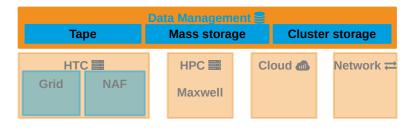
dCache central in DESY data management

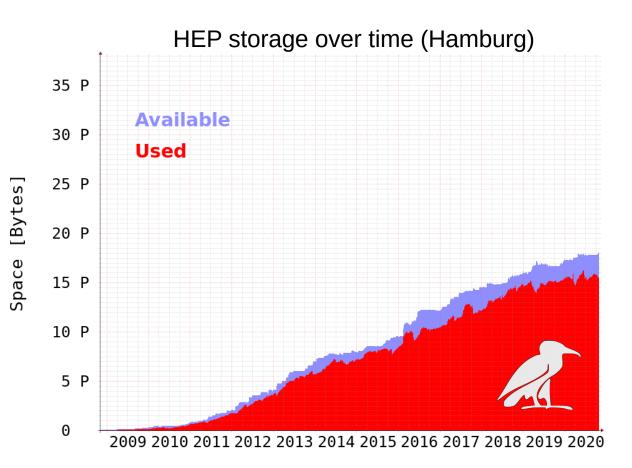
DESY-IT and data management

- Managing the whole data life cycle for in-house experiments (Photon Science, ALPS...)
- Data taking until archiving
- Providing long-term storage for the HEP experiments

dCache is a central system for both communities

- dCache is the strategic storage for long term data preservation at DESY
- dCache is a main component of the WLCG Data Lake prototype
- DESY is the headquarters for the dCache international organisation and development team





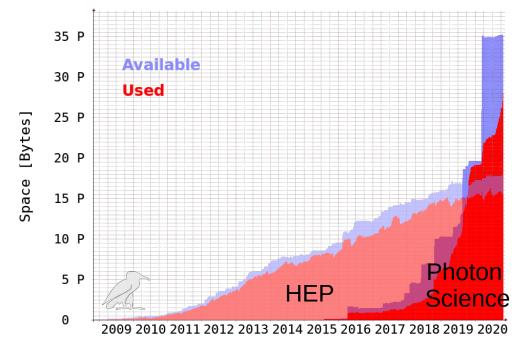
02. Current and future challenges

New orders of magnitude in data volumes

A challenge for both HEP and photon science

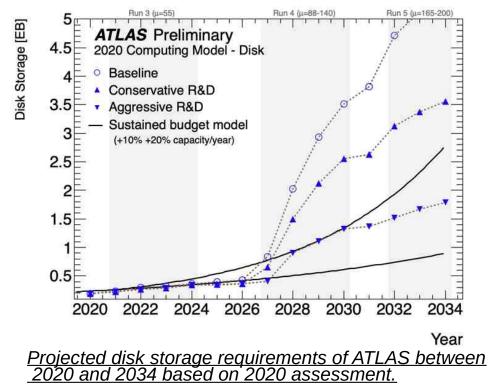
DESY Photon sources already produce PBs of data per year

- Eu.XFEL detectors produce 65 TB/hr of data (2500 frames/s) leading e.g to ~1 PB in 48h
- Synchrotrons: 10⁴ 10⁵ x increased data rate foreseen in the next 10 years (Source: Christian Schroer, PETRA IV)



In HEP, next generation instruments will produce EBs of data per year

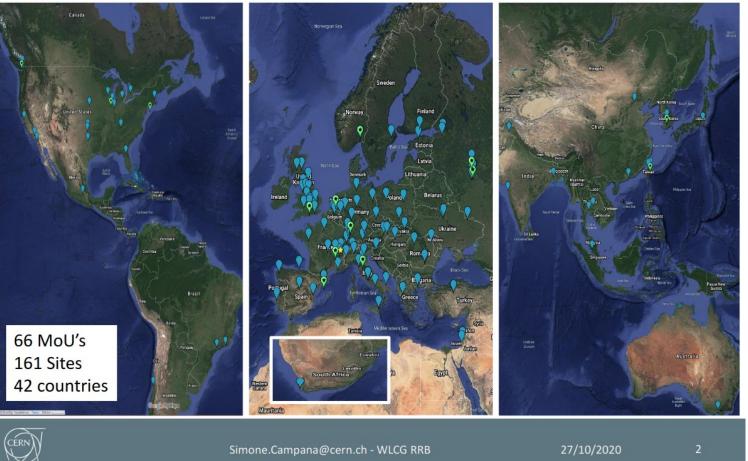
- High-Luminosity LHC starting in 2027
- Need for a new model



A distributed landscape of facilities

DESY in a world-wide research community

The WLCG Collaboration - October 2020



League of European Accelerator-based Photon Sources (LEAPS)



Real-time, HPC demanding and using modern cloud technologies

Real-time analysis

• PETRA III beam-times: Millions of images to be analysed in parallel, can no longer be made manually (benefiting from long triggering experience in HEP)

Emerging needs for data analysis at DESY

 Real Time data analyses to discover transient objects with the next generation of Astro-Particle Observatories

HPC-demanding analysis

- Simulations for next generation accelerators like plasma accelerators
- Start-to-end simulation ("Digital Twin")
- Artificial Intelligence for predictive maintenance, etc.

Need for easy deployment and scalability

 Data Analysis practices more and more moving towards modern cloud technologies using e.g. containers

Infrastructure is not enough







From Machine group at DESY, simulation for new accelerators

03. Outlook and strategy

Outlook and strategy

Federating resources for a seamless access to data and services

DESY committed to High-Luminosity LHC computing

- Participating in the design of the new data lake model
 - Developing the data lake prototype in ESCAPE
 - Working Group leader in WLCG-DOMA for Data Organisation, Management and Access
 - Playing a key-role in providing computing and storage
- Building the Interdisciplinary Data & Analysis Facility (IDAF) to answer the upcoming computing challenges

DESY integrating into horizontal infrastructures

- Working for federation and interoperability of resources at every level
- DESY is an observer in the newly formed EOSC Association
- DESY is chairing NGI-DE which will become member of EGI



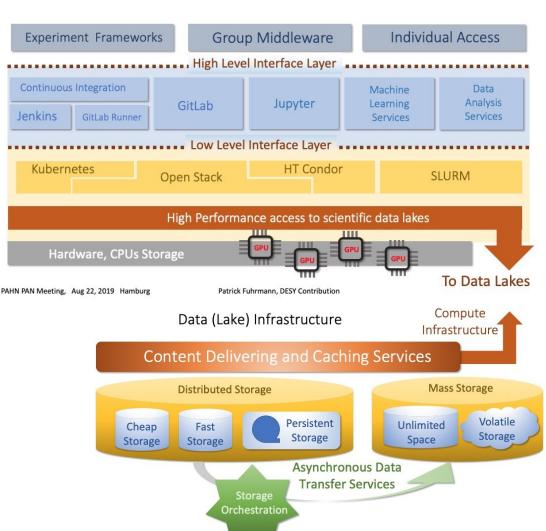


Interdisciplinary Data & Analysis Facility (IDAF)

A vision for DESY resources to be made available to users

IDAF

- Combining HTC and HPC technologies for a seamless access to all necessary compute resources
- High performance access to scientific data lakes
- Providing resource monitoring and accounting to the users
- Continuing a strong support to the HEP community with an interdisciplinary consolidated infrastructure



Slide from Patrick Fuhrmann, DESY IT

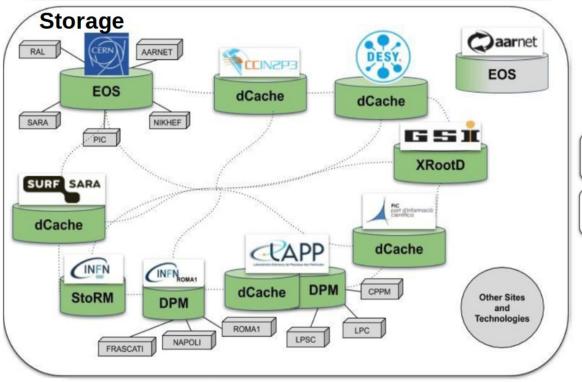


ESCAPE data lake

Smart data management

Data distribution, smart caching and quality of service for HEP and Astronomy

- Developing tools to achieve data lakes through DOMA (WLCG) and ESCAPE (EU)
- DESY has historically a leading part in QoS thanks to dCache in EMI and Indigo-DataCloud





Current testbed for ESCAPE data lake from Aleem Sarwar, DESY IT













Integrating DESY in horizontal infrastructures

Working for federation at each level – through the ICT perspective

DESY continued participation in EU-projects for federation of cloud services at the European level



DESY involved at national level in the National Grid Infrastructure and thus part of EGI

NGI-DE

ERUM-data

DESY coordinating the HIFIS platform for a sustained federation of ICT infrastructures in Helmholtz

HELMHOLTZ RESEARCH FOR GRAND CHALLENGES



HELMHOLTZ Data Federation | HDF

DESY building the IDAF to federate compute resources for our user communities





Integrating DESY in horizontal infrastructures

Working for federation at each level – with scientific use-cases

Prototype-EOSCs for Photon and Neutron communities and for HEP and astronomy



DESY coordinating two projects proposed to be financed by NFDI to promote FAIR principles

DAPHNE

PUNCH

DESY supporting the HIP platform for a sustained federation of image processing know-how







DESY awarded by BMBF and Helmholtz AI with AI-projects for ML-based data analysis pipelines







Integrating DESY in horizontal infrastructures

Learning to work with modern cloud technologies

Our multi-domain skill-set for industry-standard cloud technologies benefiting users

- PaN portal working on Kubernetes cluster at DESY as part of the EGI FedCloud
- HIP, HIFIS and HAI projects deploying their pipelines on GitLab and Kubernetes
- Learning to deploy HEP software on Kubernetes
- GitLab and Jupyter Notebooks already available in the DESY Cloud / NAF to HEP users
- DESY fully committed to open source

A federated Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructure using Keycloak

• Integrating our AAI with Keycloak to facilitate integration into Helmholtz AAI, EGI AAI and EduTeams

04. COVID-19

DESY and COVID-19 compute

A combined DESY / IT / Maxwell / ATLAS&CMS / WLCG / Hamburg / Zeuthen / ... effort

Direct computing support

 Analysis of Petra-III experiments on Corona virus proteins: giving users prioritized access during data taking and analysis on Maxwell

Computing volunteer effort, directly and with WLCG

- Parts of the Hamburg and Zeuthen compute clusters have been dedicated to Rosetta @Home and Folding @Home
- In agreement with the DESY groups of ATLAS and CMS, the Grid clusters in Hamburg and Zeuthen have taken part in Folding @home activities organised by WLCG
- In a later step, the GPU systems for astro-particle computing in Zeuthen and the NAF in Hamburg have also contributed to this effort

Between April, 1st and September, 30th, ~6 % of the DESY central compute resources has been dedicated to Corona Compute

05. Conclusion

Conclusion

- DESY is committed to continue playing a leading role in WLCG computing
 - DESY funding is secured for LHC run 3 and not yet for run 4
 - DESY actively contributes to the development of the next computing model
- DESY is a player in a federated environment and needs the European Projects
- DESY contributes to the development of common services, open source and FAIR principles
- It is hard to attract adequate personnel

Thank you

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