

ALICE computing and network in Japan

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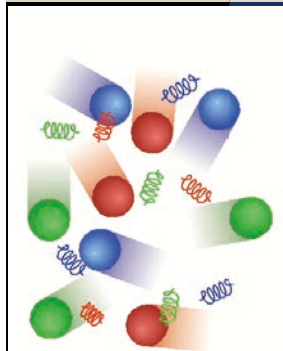
History of the Universe

Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)

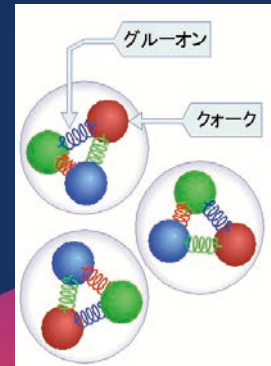
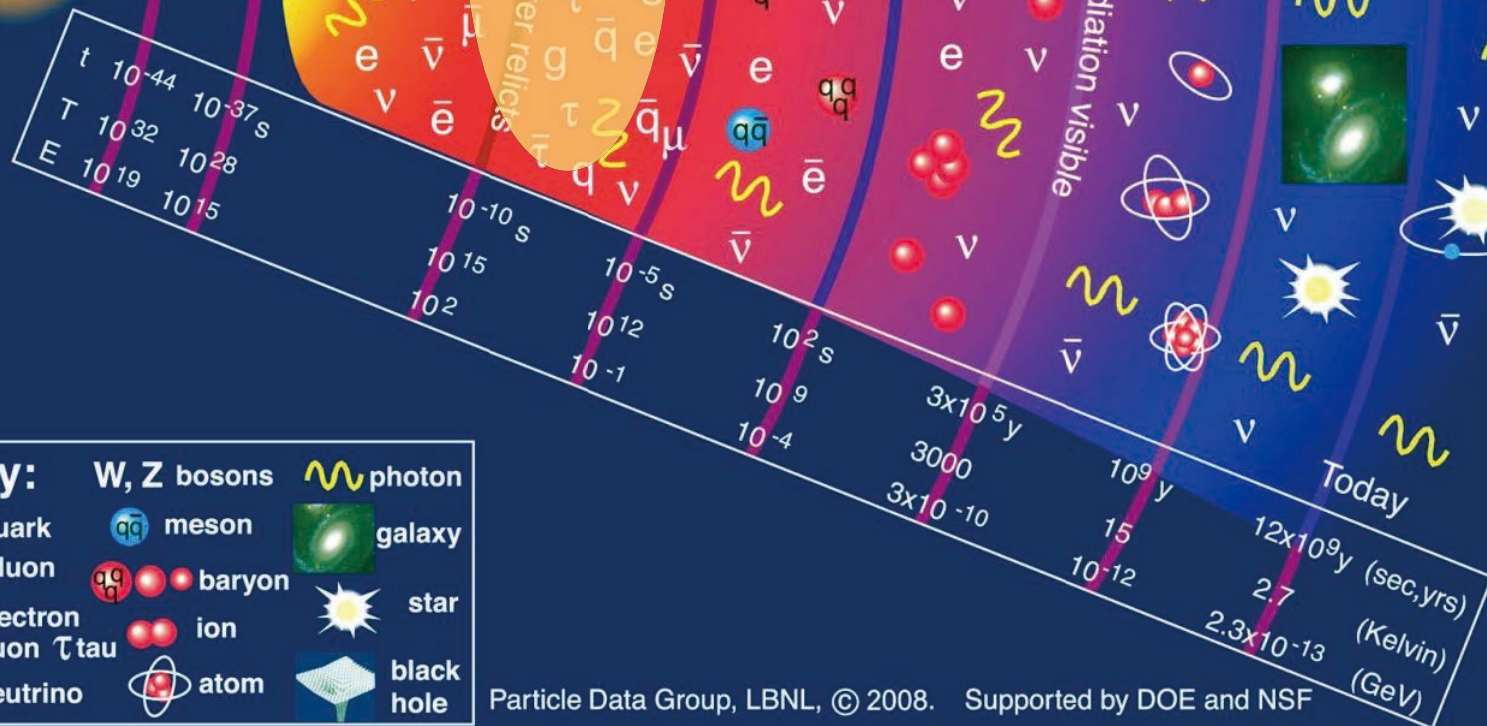
Time: few μ sec after the big bang.

Temperature: 2 Trillion K

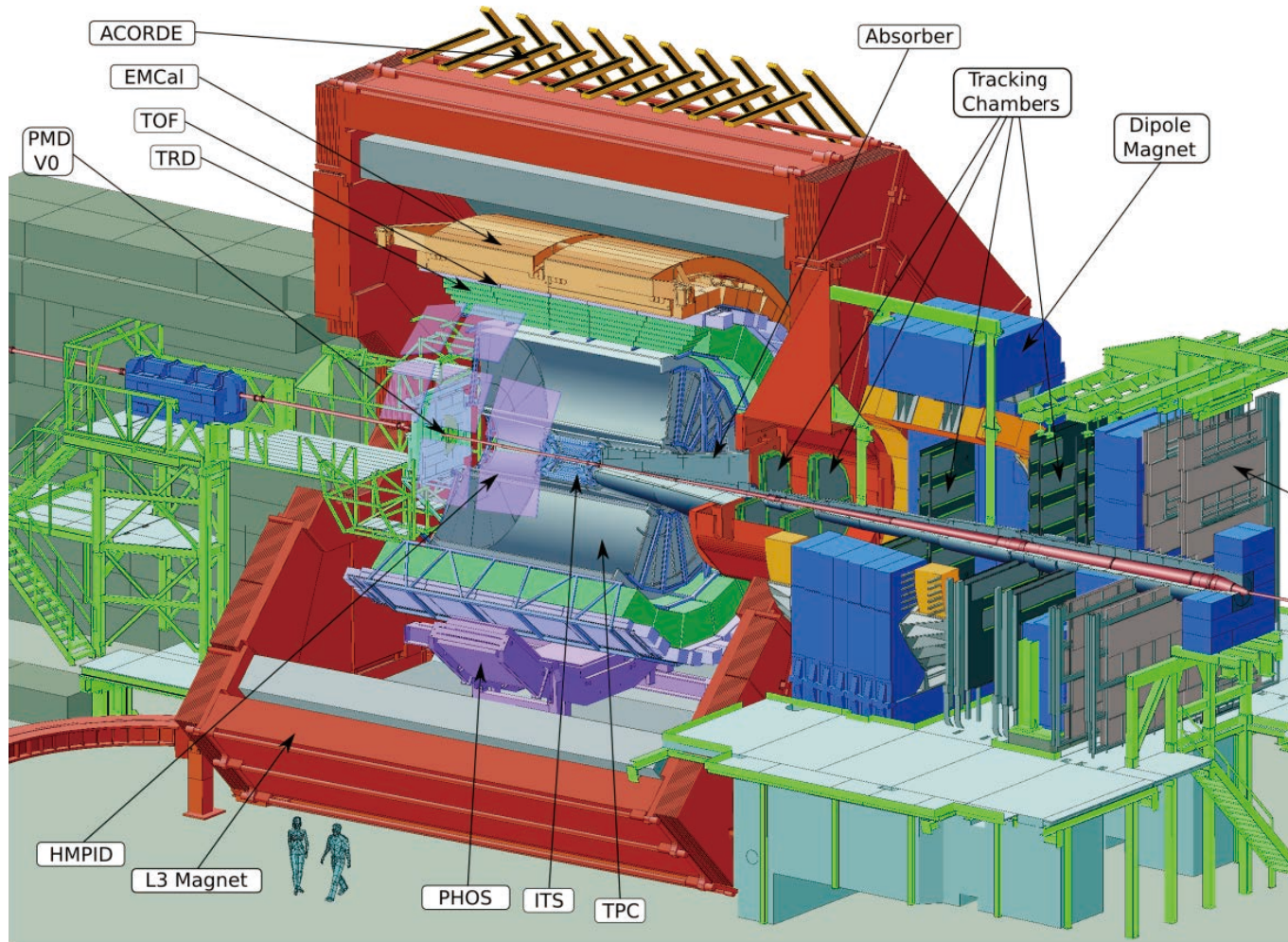
Energy density: $> 1 \text{ GeV/fm}^3$



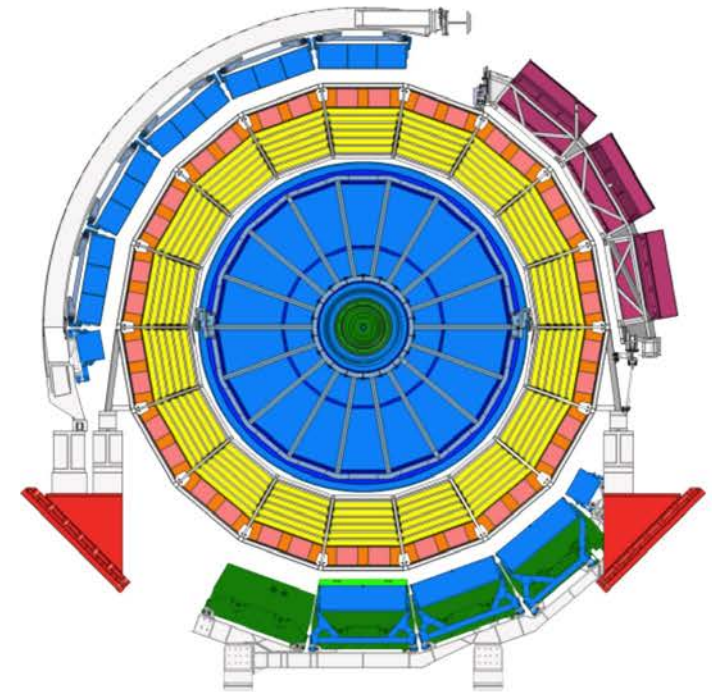
BIG BANG



ALICE Experiment



16m x 16m x 26m, 10,000 tons

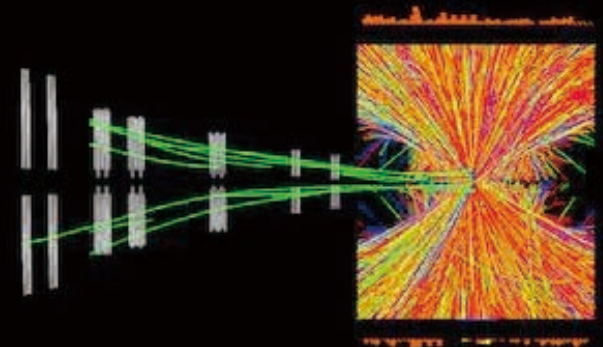
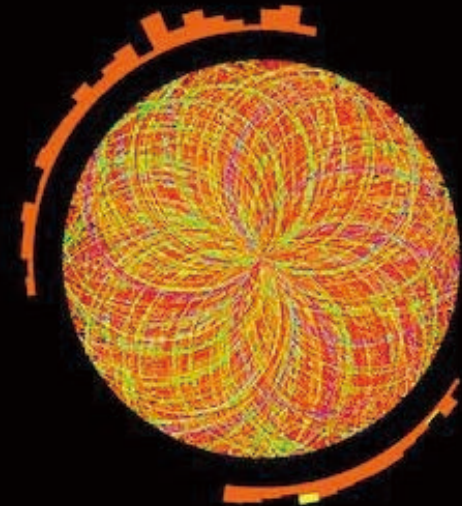
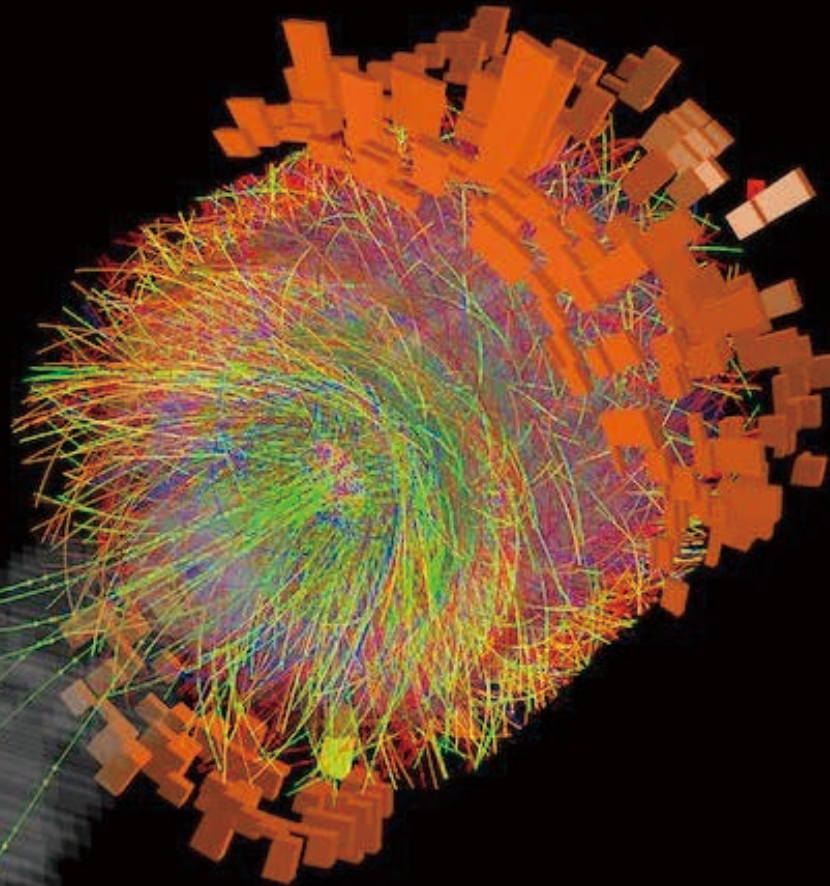


18 different sub-detectors:
tracking, particle
identification, energy
measurement,
event trigger

**>1400 scientists from 149 Institutes
in 40 Countries**

The dedicated experiment in LHC experiments to study
Quark Gluon Plasma (QGP) by using heavy ion beams.

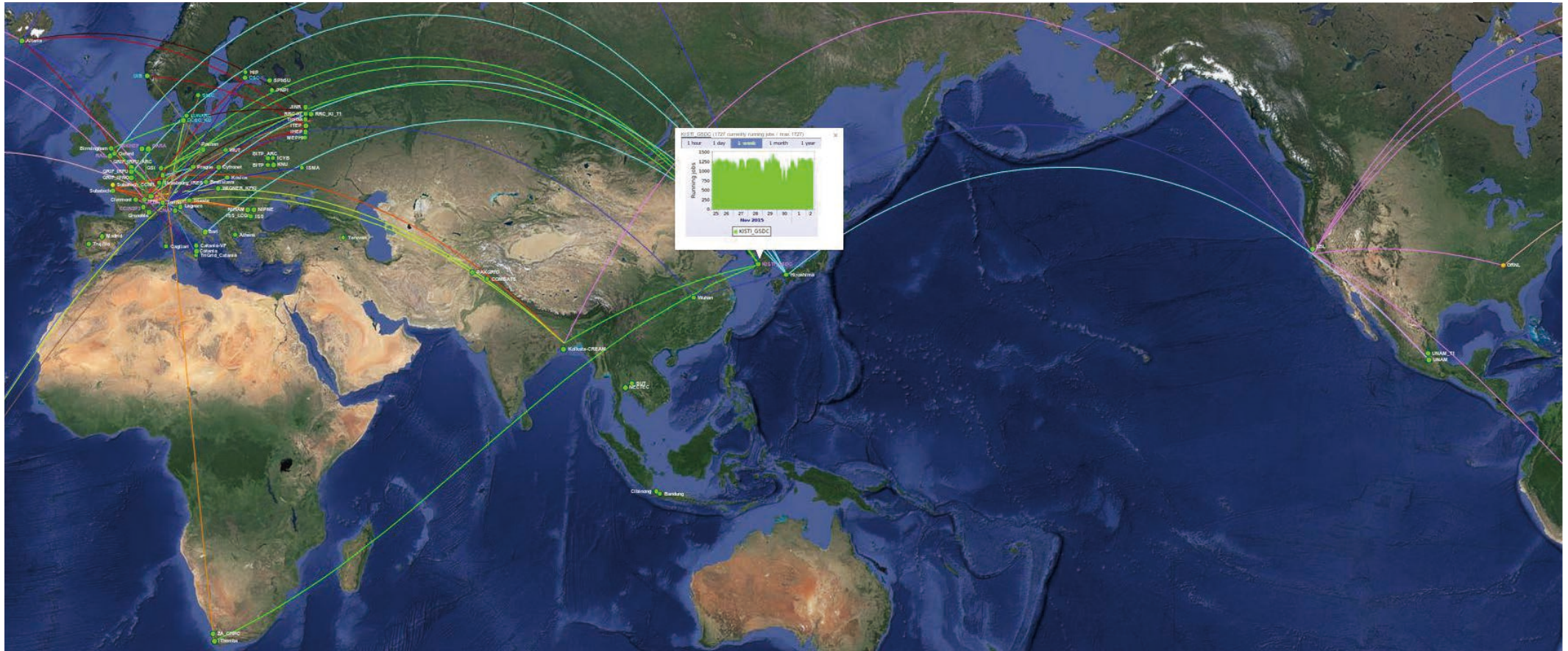
Pb-Pb 5.02 TeV (One PeV collisions , Nov. 2015) !!



Run:244918
Timestamp:2015-11-25 11:25:36(UTC)
System: Pb-Pb
Energy: 5.02 TeV

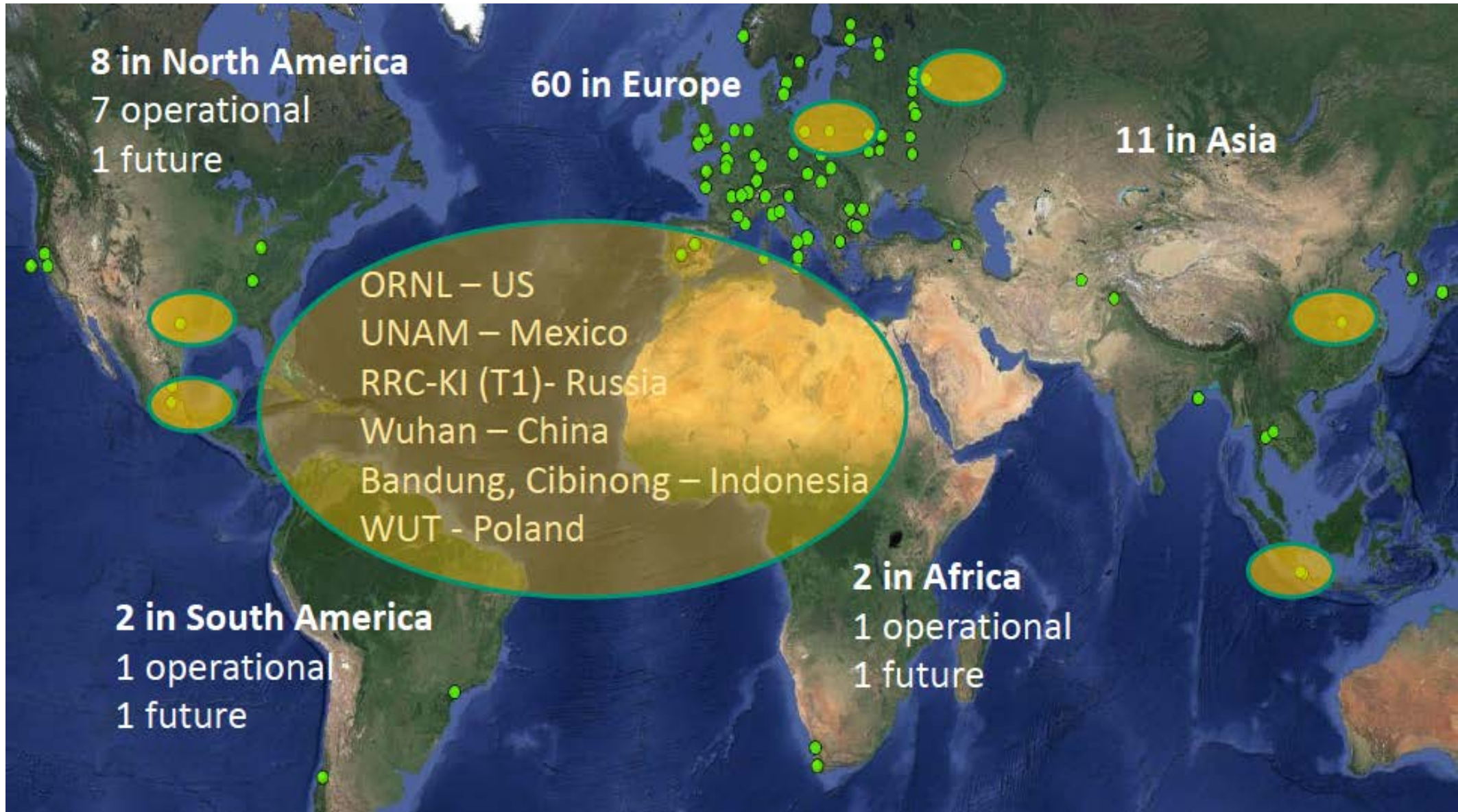
- ▶ 80 computing centers around the world
 - T0, T1, T2
- ▶ Up to 100K concurrently running jobs
- ▶ 600M executed jobs
 - 1600 users
- ▶ 10 Tape + 56 Disk storage elements
 - 25 + 25 PB of data, 1B+ files
- ▶ Up to 40 GB/s read rates (10GB/s avg.)
 - Writing at 1/10th the read rate

Distributed resources on Grid



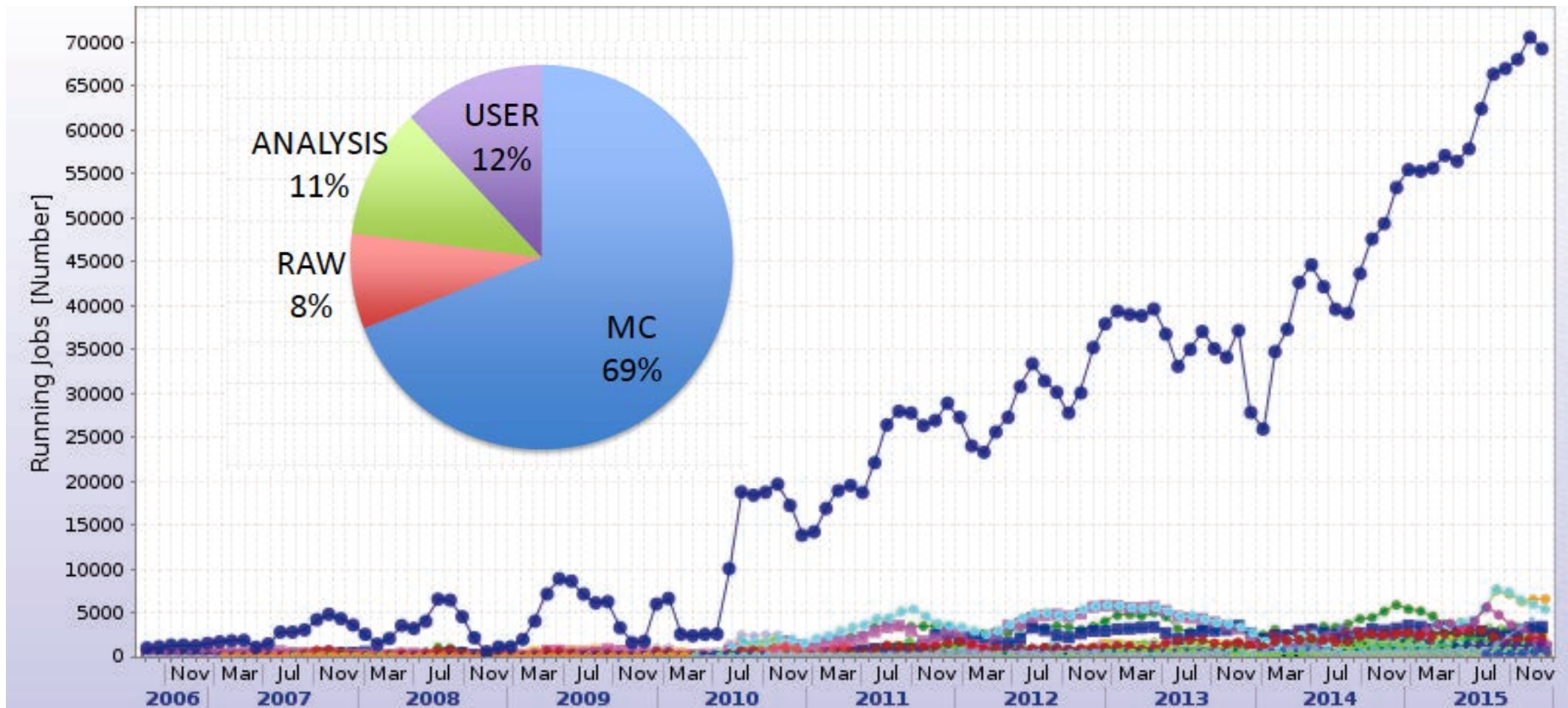
- ▶ **Federated computing and storage resources**
 - Users interact with the entire Grid through AliEn
- ▶ **Tightly coupled central task queue and file catalogue**
 - Tasks are typically sent to where a copy of the input data is, but one can also read from anywhere in the world

The ALICE grid keeps growing



* 10 Gbs line from KISTI Tier-1 operational

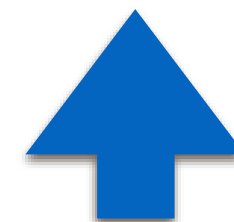
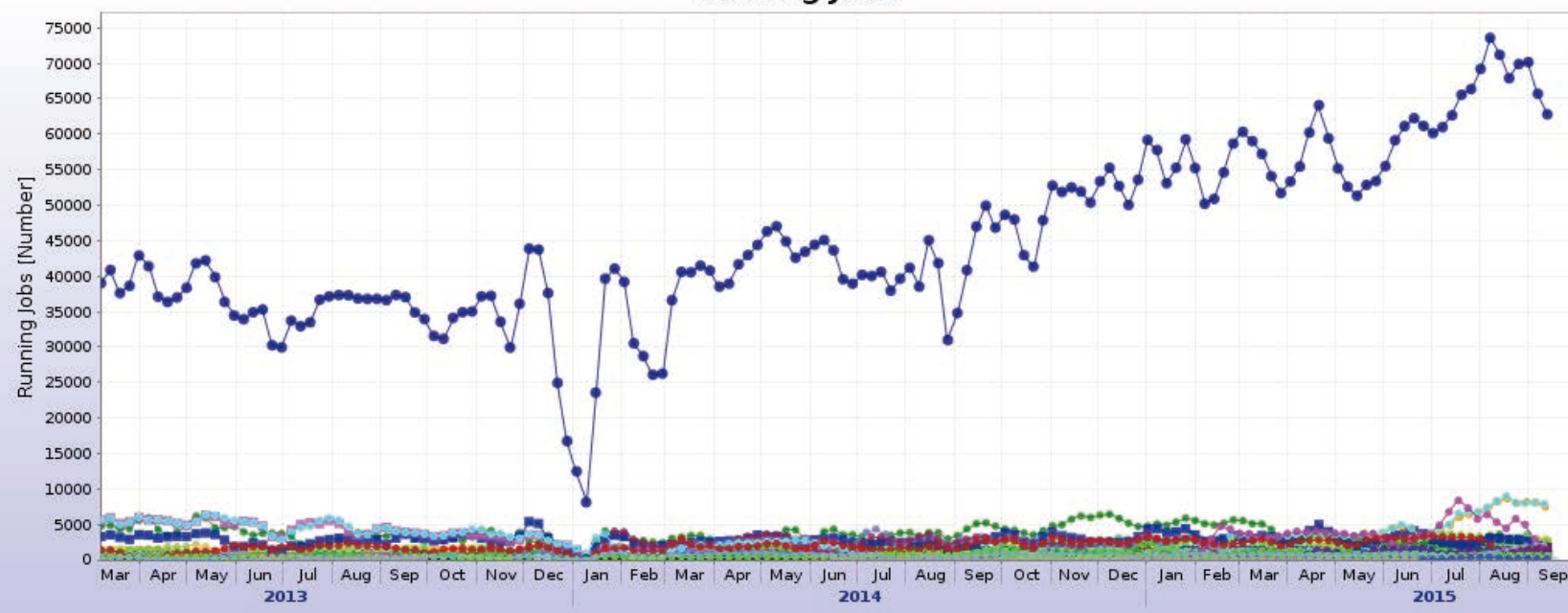
ALICE Grid evolution (10 years history)



Successfully using all available capacity

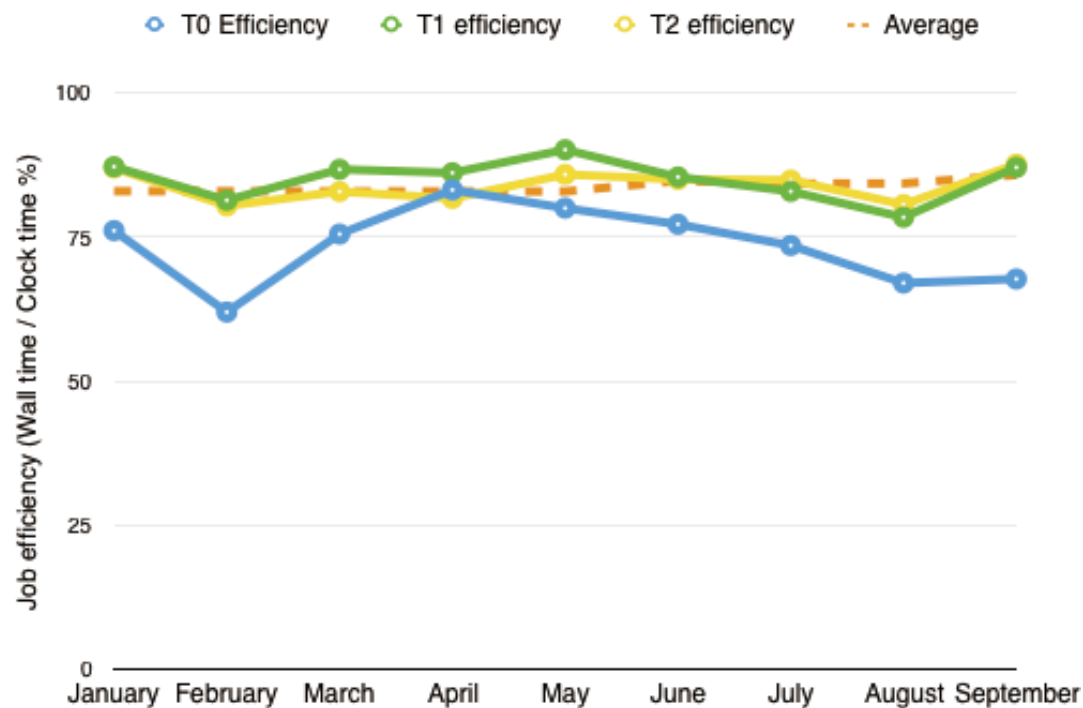
Grid jobs after the end of Run-1

Running Jobs



Maximum:

• **96K parallel jobs**



- Good efficiency in all computing centres (80% on avg.)
- Continue this computing model until the end of Run-2 (LS2: 2019-2020)

ALICE computing in Run-3 and Run-4 (2021-)

LHC schedule



PHASE I Upgrade

ALICE, LHCb major upgrade

ATLAS, CMS ,minor upgrade

Heavy Ion Luminosity
from 10^{27} to 7×10^{27}

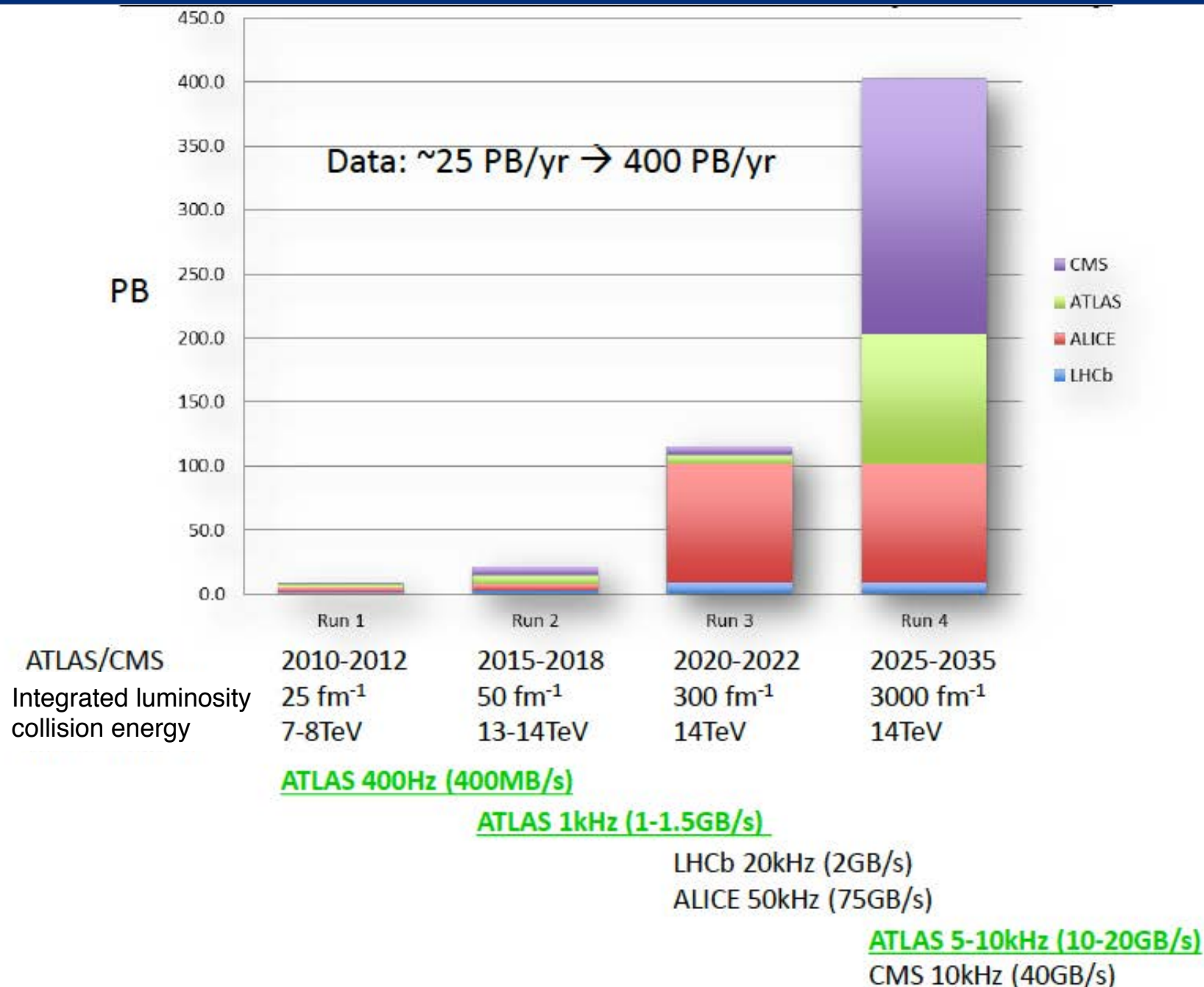


PHASE II Upgrade

ATLAS, CMS major upgrade

HL-LHC, pp luminosity
from 10^{34} (peak) to 5×10^{34} (levelled)

Resource needed in LH-LHC (WLCG)



The ALICE Online-Offline (O²) Project

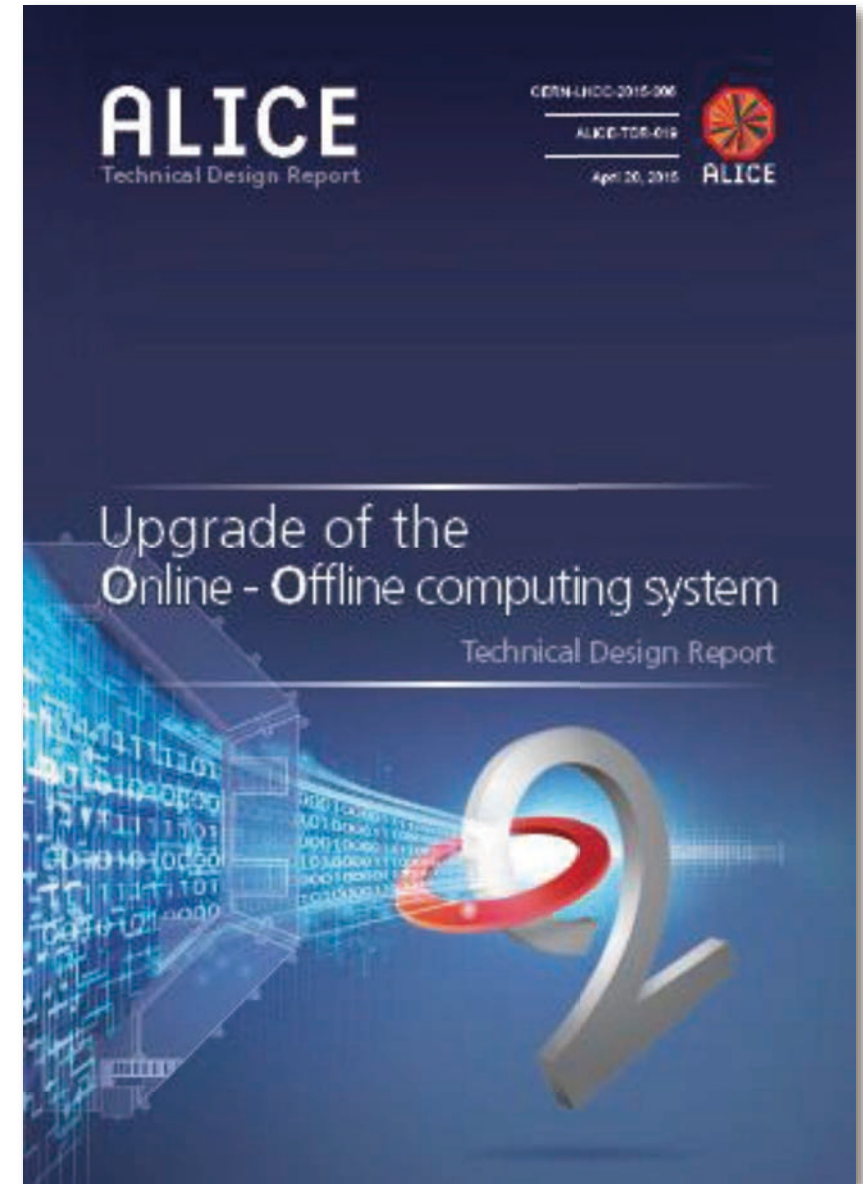


- Handle **>1 T Byte /s** detector input
- Support for continuous readout
- Online reconstruction to reduce data volume
- Common hardware and software system developed by the DAQ, HLT (High Level Trigger), Offline teams



ALICE O² project

* O² TDR Approved in September 2015
(with some conditions)



- ▶ 463 FPGAs
 - Detector readout and fast cluster finder
- ▶ 100K CPU cores
 - To compress 1.1 TB/s data stream 14x
- ▶ 5000 GPUs
 - Reconstruction speed-up
 - 3 CPU + 1 GPU == 28 CPU
- ▶ 60 PB disk space
 - Buffer space to allow for a more precise calibration
- ▶ The current Grid and more in a single computing center
 - Heterogeneous computing capacity
- ▶ Identical software should work in both Online and Offline environments

Computing Strategy for Run-3 and 4



Data of all interactions shipped from detector to online farm in trigger-less continuous mode

HI run 1.1 TByte/s



Data volume reduction by cluster finder
No event discarded

Average factor 2.2 (factor 2.5 for the TPC data)

500 GByte/s



Data volume reduction by online calib. and reco

All the events go to data storage

Average factor 5.5 (factor 8 for the TPC data)

90 GByte/s

Compressed Timeframes (CTF)



Data Storage: 1 year of compressed data

- Bandwidth: Write 90 GB/s Read 90 GB/s
- Capacity: 60 PB



Asynchronous event reconstruction with final calib
(delay of few hours)

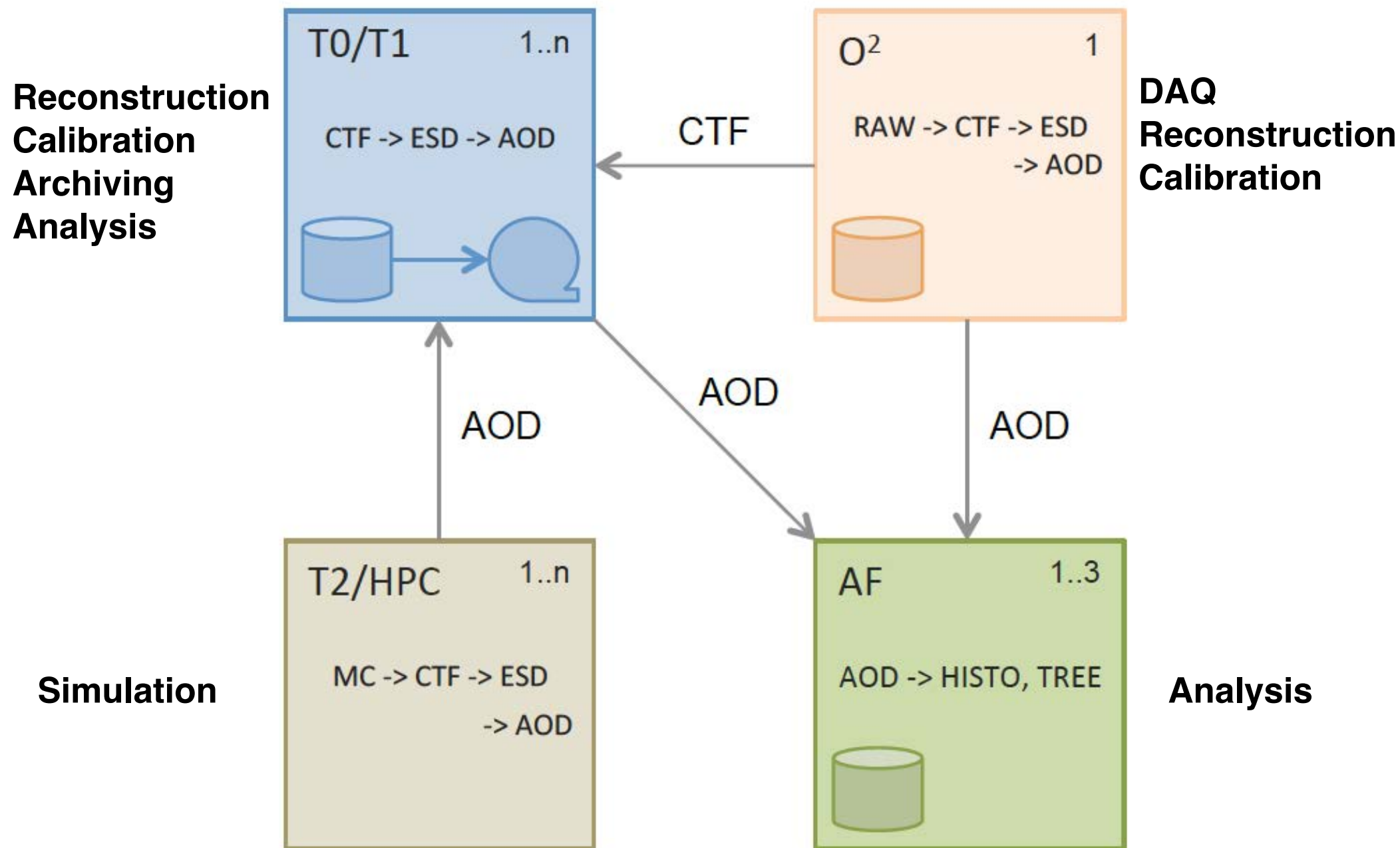
Tire 0

20 GByte/s

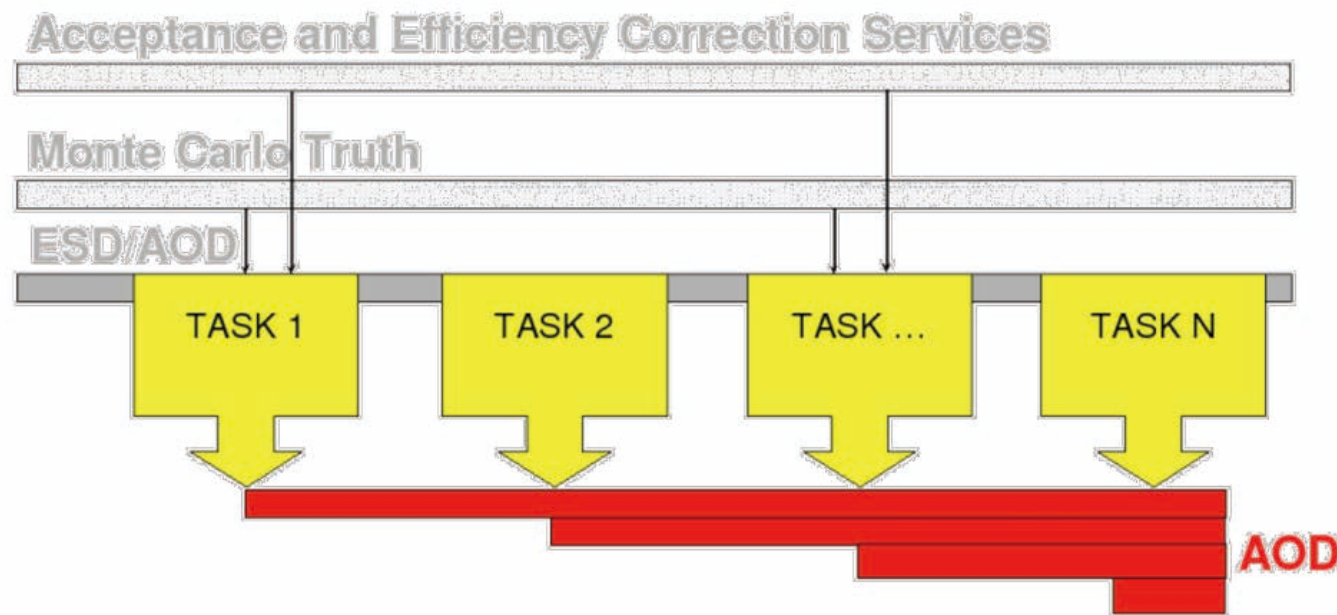


Tiers I and AF

Roles of Tiers in Run-3

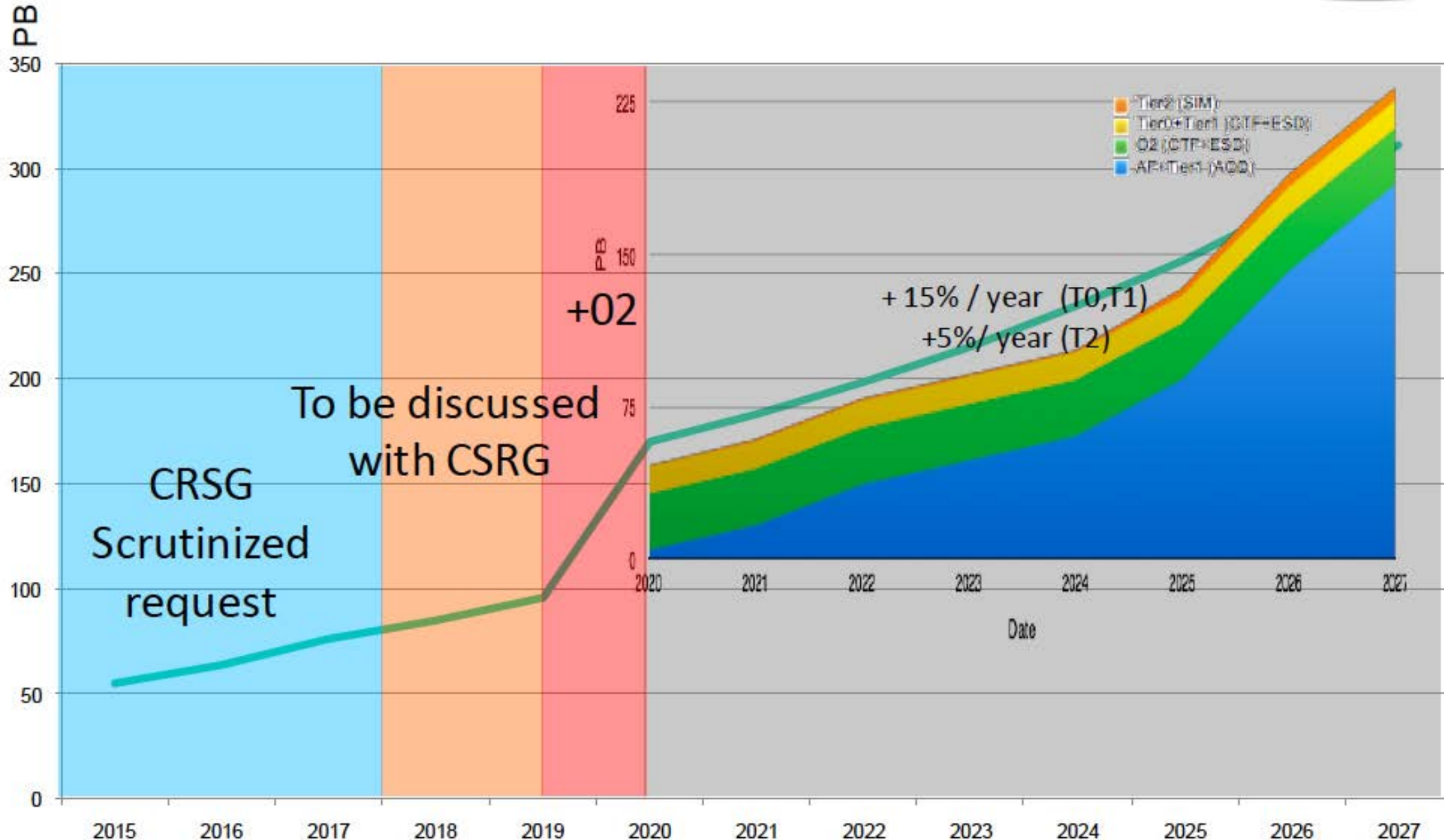


Analysis facilities (AF)



- ▶ Analysis is still an **I/O bound operation**, even after adopting the analysis trains
- ▶ Merging stages could be sped up on well connected, high memory machines
 - Leading to **shorter turn-around time for entire trains**
- ▶ Solution is to have **dedicated analysis facility/facilities**
 - Sites optimized for fast processing of large local datasets
 - Run organized analysis on local data, similar as today's Grid
 - Requires 20-30K CPUs and 5-10 PB of very well connected persistent storage space
 - Could be any of the T1s or T2s,
 - But ideally this would be a purpose build facility optimized for such workflow

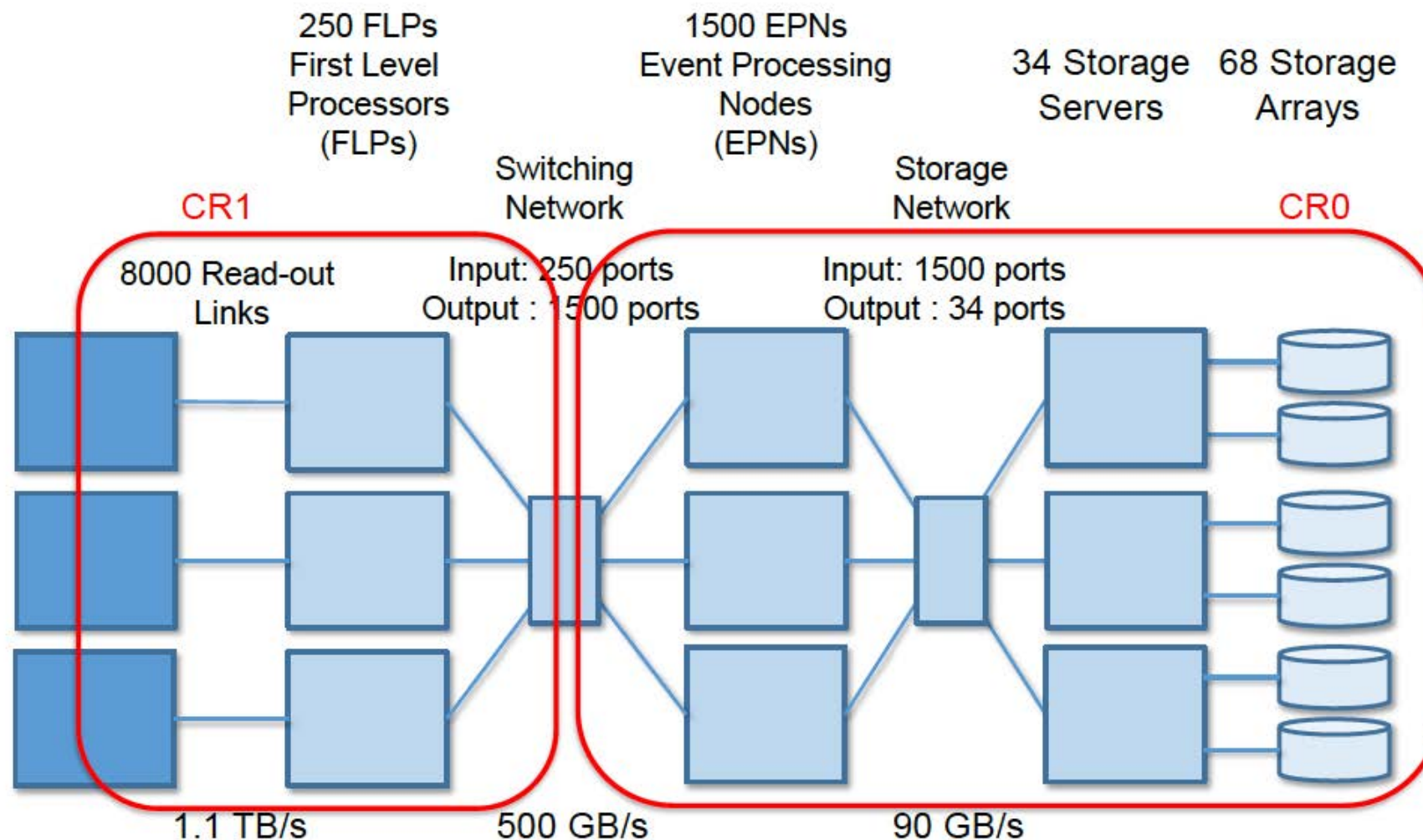
Storage requirements



* Computing Resources Scrutiny Group (CRSG)

Computing rooms

- CR1: reuse existing room (adequate power and cooling for the detector read-out).
- CR0: new room for the computing part of the farm.

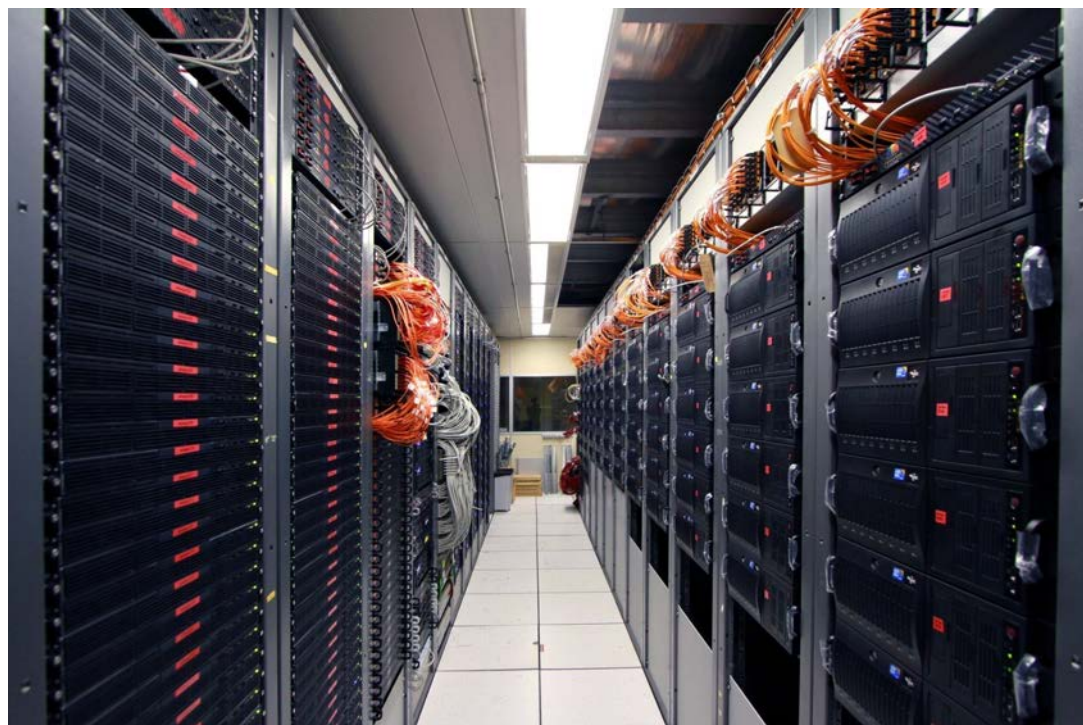


Computing room

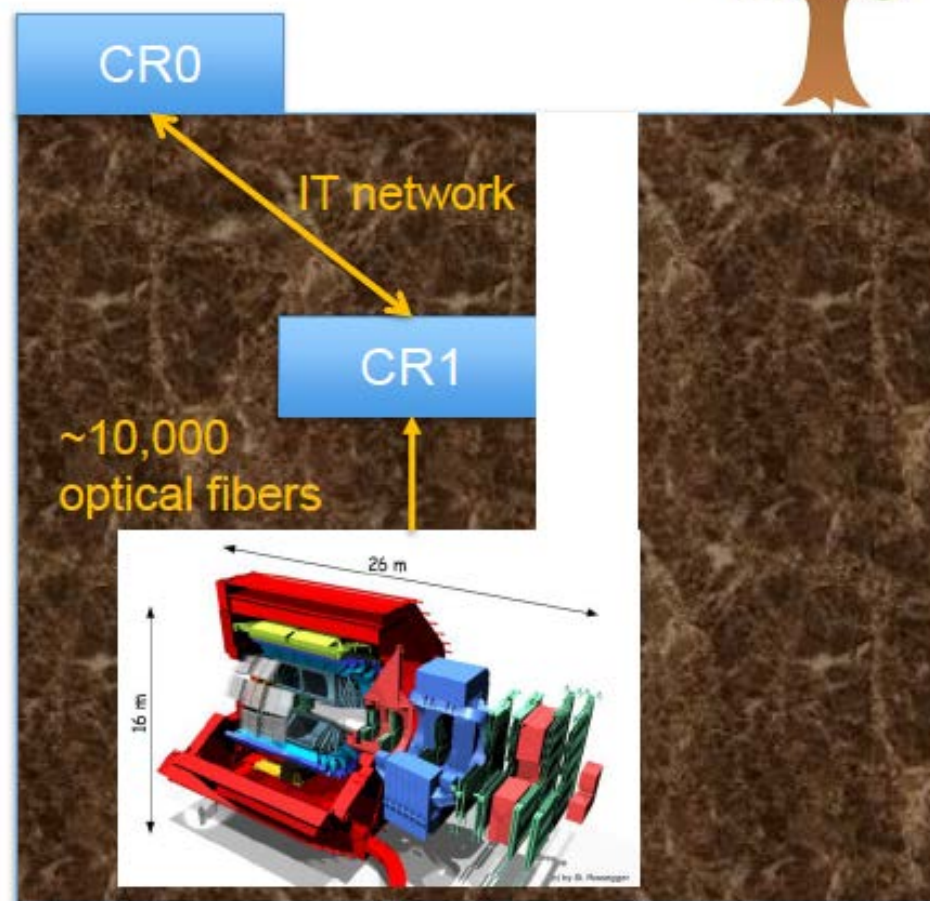
CR0: new room and infrastructure needed on the surface

Commercial Container Data Centers

- Used by several Internet giants but at a lower power density



CR1: existing room adequate



T2 site(s) in Japan and network

ALICE Tier-2 at Hiroshima

- The ALICE T2 site “**JP-HIROSHIMA-WLCG**” with grid middleware EMI-3 on SL6.5... **as stable as possible.**
- GRID service; APEL, sBDII, CREAM-CE, XROOTD, DPM-SE, VOBOX... **as compact as possible.**
- WN resources; **1356 Xeon-cores in total**
Xeon5355(4c@2.6GHz) x 2cpu x 16 boxes
Xeon5365(4c@3.0GHz) x 2cpu x 20 blades
Xeon5570(4c@2.9GHz) x 2cpu x 26 blades
Xeon5670(6c@2.9GHz) x 2cpu x 3 blades
Xeon5660(6c@2.8GHz) x 2cpu x 42 blades
E5-2470v2(10c@2.4GHz) x 2cpu x 16 blades
- Storage; **1,056TB disks** on 9 servers, but **no MS**
- Around **3/4 resource** deployed to ALICE GRID, and the rest for a local cluster
- Network B/W: **1Gbps** on 40Gbps-SINET4 in Japan
- WLCG support by ASGC in Taiwan
- Responsible by Prof. Toru Sugitate
- Operated by TS and K.Tarunaga (M2) under remote technical support by *SOUM* corp., Tokyo.



Tsukuba ALICE T2 status



Members:

- T. Chujo (responsible), S. Kato (technical staff)

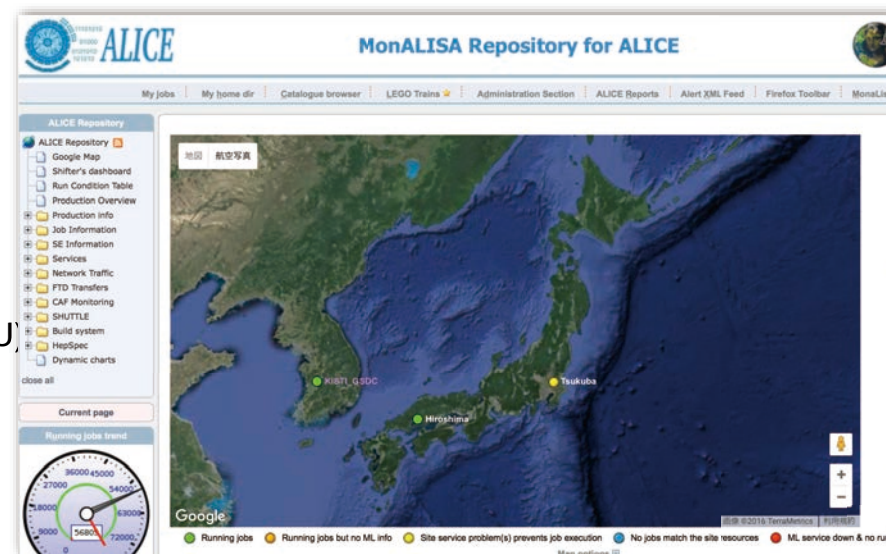
Status:

- Infrastructures, MW (EMI 3.1), and service have been set-up.
- Setting up T2 for the test job submission by ALICE.
- 16 WN's (X5355; 4 cores x 2 cpu, @2.6GHz) in a rack.
- Used IP: HepNet-J.
- Connected to SINET-4/(5) (via HepNet-J).

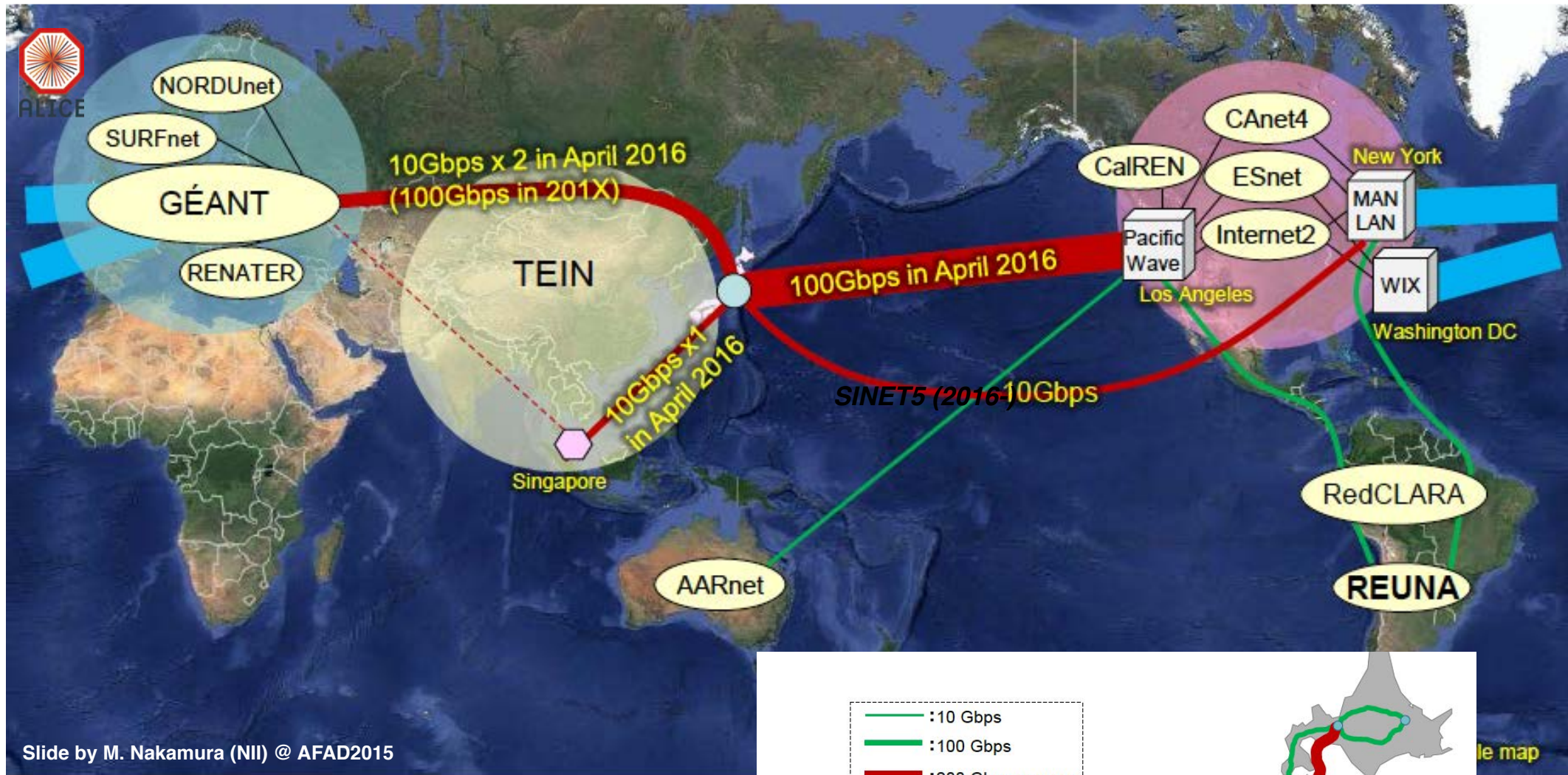
Plan:

- Sign-up WLCG (2016).
- Will use University's IPs for head nodes for the future connection to WLCG (and LHCONE), with the support by U.Tsukuba info. center and KEK.

← 16 WNs (provided by Hiroshima U,
as a prototype of T2 in Tsukuba
(marked by yellow labels)
2015, May

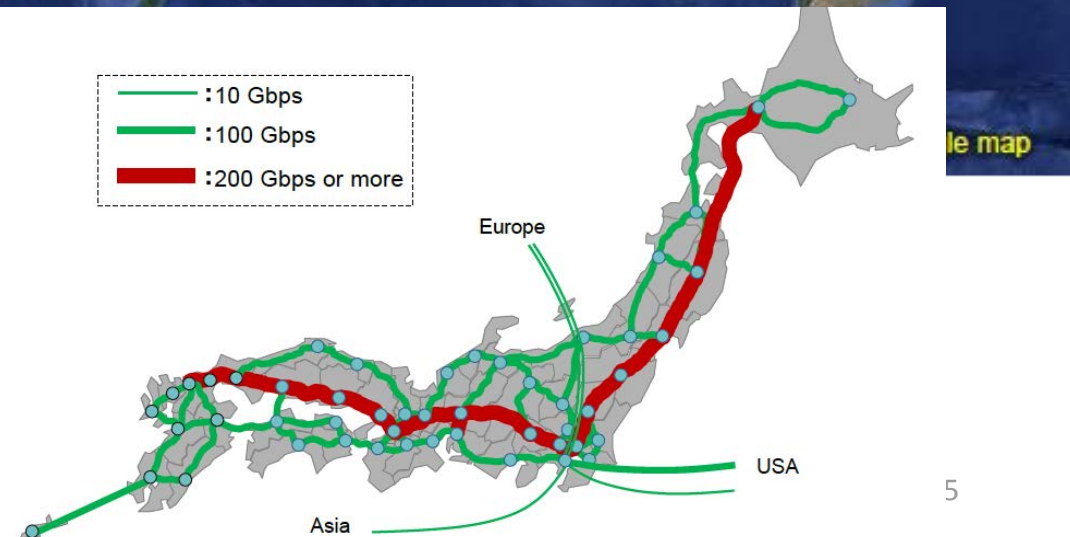


SINET5 (2016-)



SINET 5 (April 2016-), by NII

Domestic: 200Gbps backborn,
International: 100 Gbps direct link JPN \rightleftharpoons US & EU



- ALICE computing usage in Run-1 & 2.
- ALICE Run-3 &4 (2021-)
 - Continuous trigger-less readout at 50 kHz in Pb-Pb collisions.
 - 1 TB/s raw data from detector, need a significant data reduction down to 90 GB/s to storage → O² project
 - Computing model (O², T0, T1/AF, T2; re-defined the roles)
 - Status of O²
- Japanese T2 site(s) status & networking (SINET-5).
 - Japanese involvement for O².