

Our Digital Future
Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Long Term
Data Preservation and Access

Data Preservation project at the LHCb experiment at CERN

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Data preservation project and motivation

CERN Analysis Preservation portal

LHCb data and software

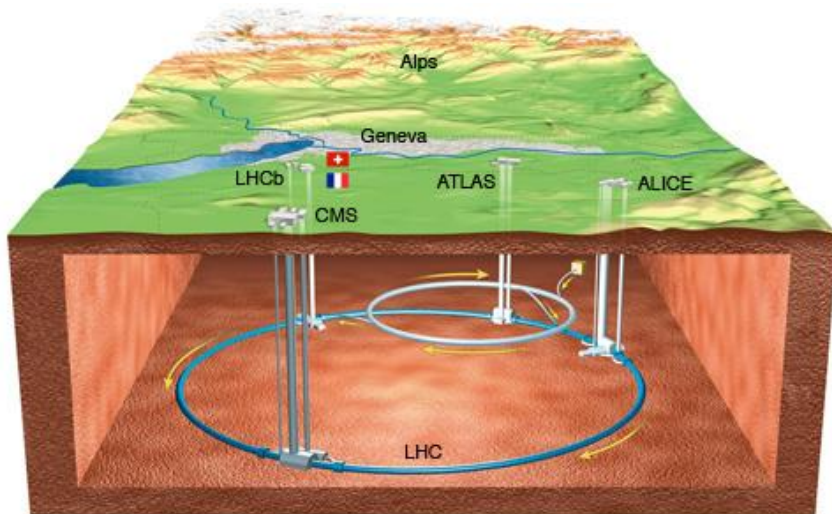
Data dependency database

LHCb experiment at CERN

One of the four particle detectors at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN

Investigate asymmetry between matter and antimatter

840 people from 60 scientific institutes



Data Preservation project

The experimental & simulated data

Software & documentation

Analysis & publications

Motivation for Data Preservation

1. Research reproducibility – reanalysing data in search of new signals or to improve current measurements.
2. Scientific potential – Analyse old data to search for a signal predicted by a new theory.
3. Social reasons – CERN is funded by the world community; therefore data should be preserved and made available to general public.

Different approach for short term and long term data preservation



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portal

Web portal for physicists, fellows, interns, doctoral and summer students to log information about their analyses

- Input data, n-tuples, code, papers, other publication, peer review and Q&A

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Basic Information

Analysis Name

Analysis Number

DST selection

Select a stripping line

Stripping Line

Trigger

Input Data

Data

MC Data

Code

Platform

LHCb code

User code

Input Data

Data

MC Data

Code

Platform

LCHb code

User code

Output Data

Data

MC Data

Input Data

Data

MC Data

Code

Platform

LCHb code

User code

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Presentations

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Publications

Journal Title

CERN Open data portal

Access point to data produced by the research and experiments conducted at CERN

Provides the data, software and documentation

Data is going to be preserved if it is available online and used by scientists worldwide



CERN launches Open Data Portal to make public the data of LHC experiments cern.ch/go/tN15T #cernopendata

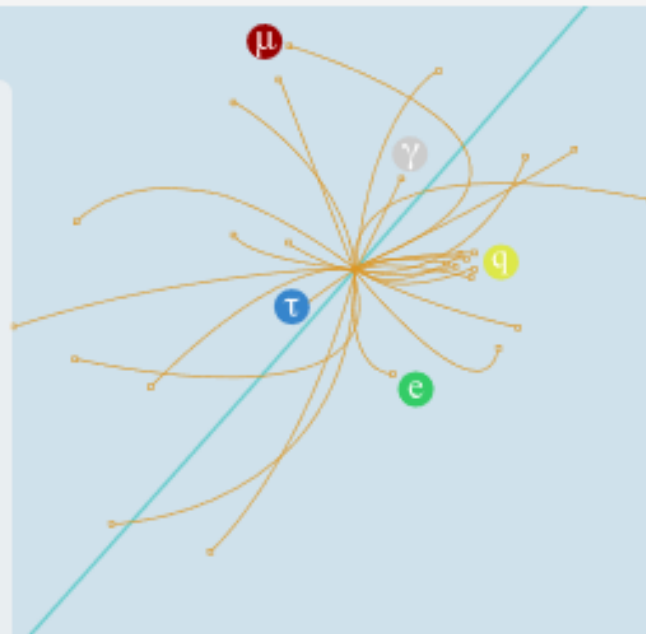
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Education

Visualise events, check reconstructed data, run tools or build your own!



Research

Get the genuine working environments, virtual machines and datasets to start your research

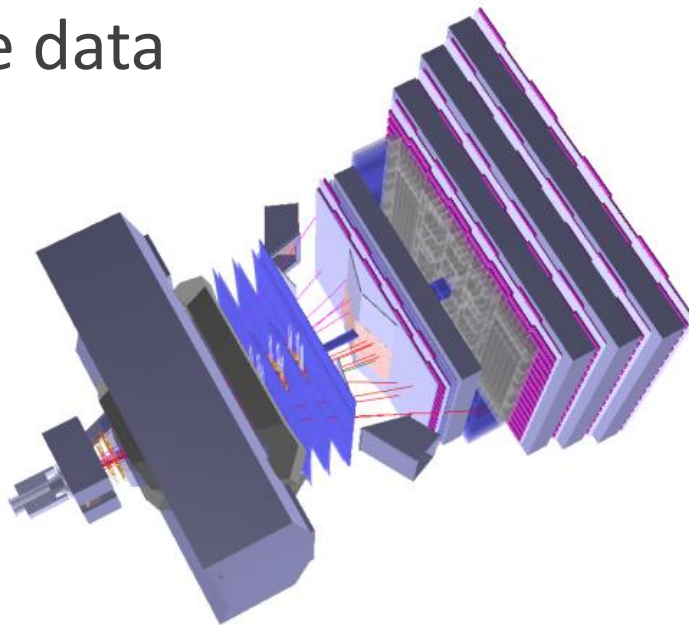


Database of the data and software dependencies

Experimental data

During the run, there are 40 million collisions per second

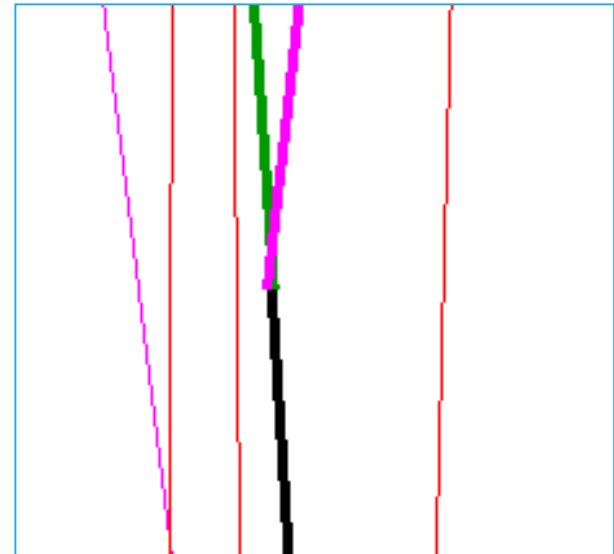
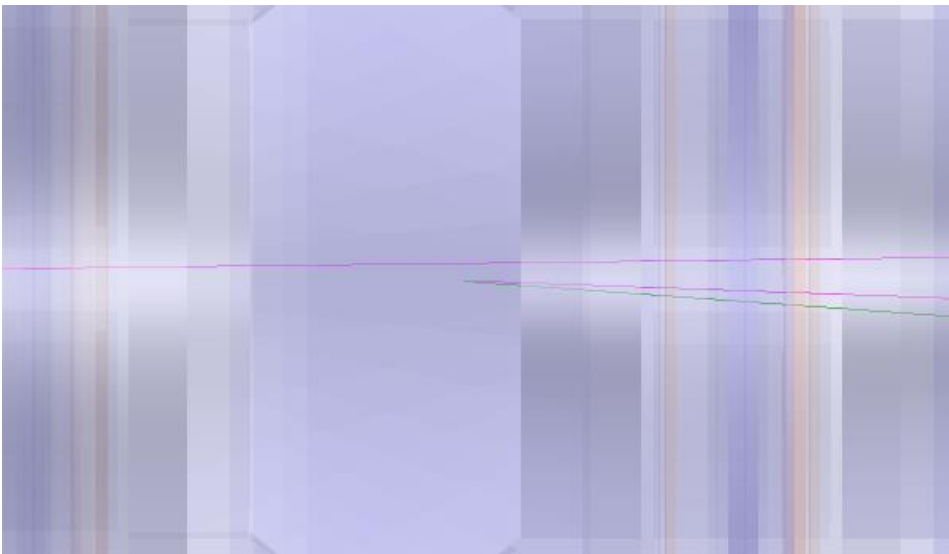
The mechanism called the trigger identifies interesting events and saves them, discarding the other 99.9% of the data



Experimental data

Elementary particles collide creating unstable particles that decay quickly

Necessary to reconstruct an “image” of the event



Simulated data

Simulation mimic what happens in the LHCb detector

Comparing the simulated with the real data helps us interpret the results

The volume of the simulated data is bigger than the real data

LHCb data management

Flow of the real and simulated data:

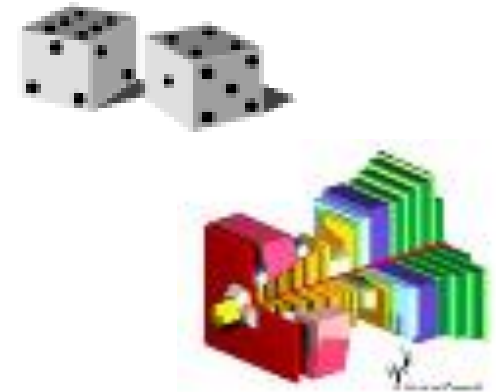
Reconstruction

- From raw data format to readable data
- Heavy software for processing

Data reduction

- Producing streams corresponding to activity of the working groups

User analysis



Size of the LHCb data

What do we save?

- $O(10)$ PB – raw data
- $O(100)$ TB – processed data
- $O(1)$ TB – users' data

LHCb software

Gaudi framework provides interfaces and services for event data processing applications

- ***DaVinci*** application – Particles manipulation and measuring physics processes
- ***Brunel*** application – Event reconstruction: particle tracks, particle IDs
- Etc.

Data are compatible with different software versions

Data and software dependences

The database with:

- information about the software, the versions released and their relationships (e.g. what do I need if I want to run DaVinci X)
- information about the data lifecycle, from primitive data files to processed data and their compatibility with the LHCb software

Use cases

1. Short term future: Software needed to analyse the data from 2012
2. Automatically determining tests that have to be run to guarantee we can still (re)analyse the data
3. Identifying legacy software versions
4. CERN Analysis Preservation (CAP) portal
5. LHCb web pages

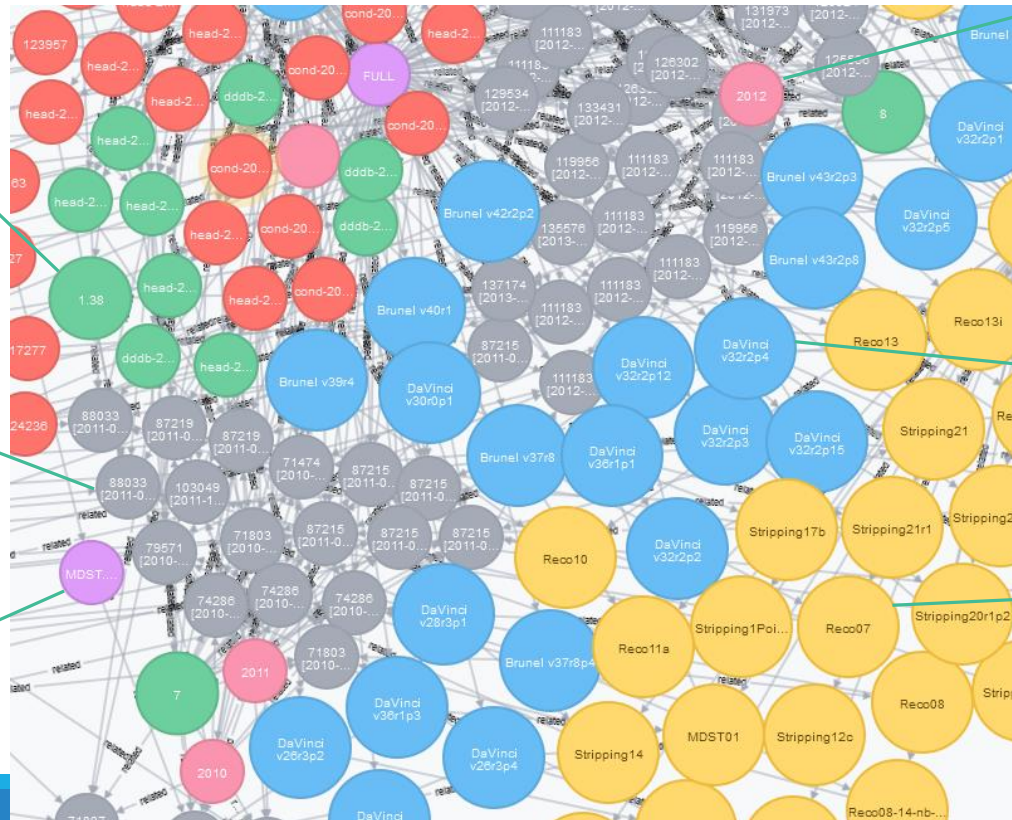
Implementation

Implemented in the Graph database Neo4j

Energy of the
beam (e.g. 8
TeV)

Data

Stream type



Year of data-
taking (e.g.
2010)

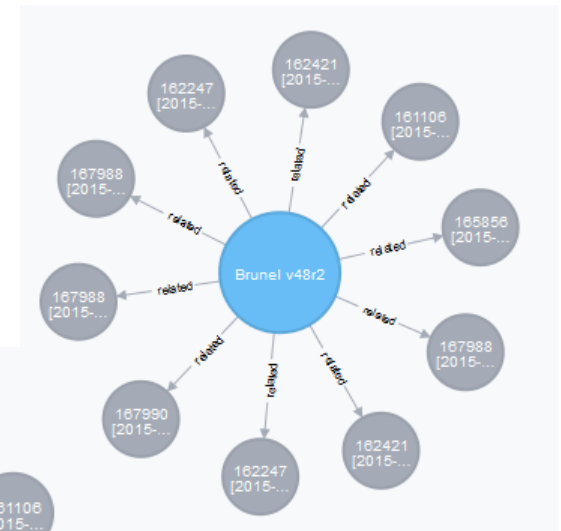
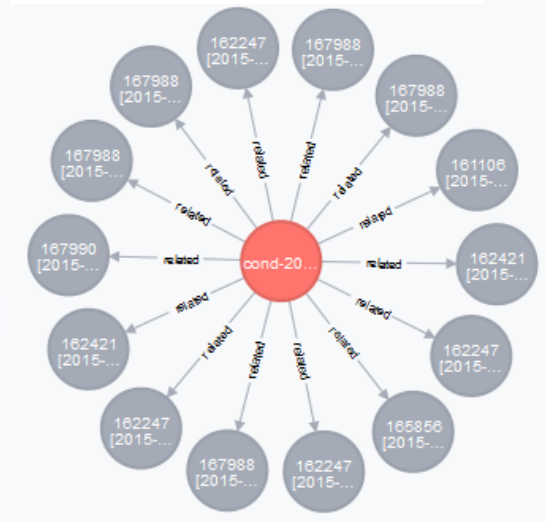
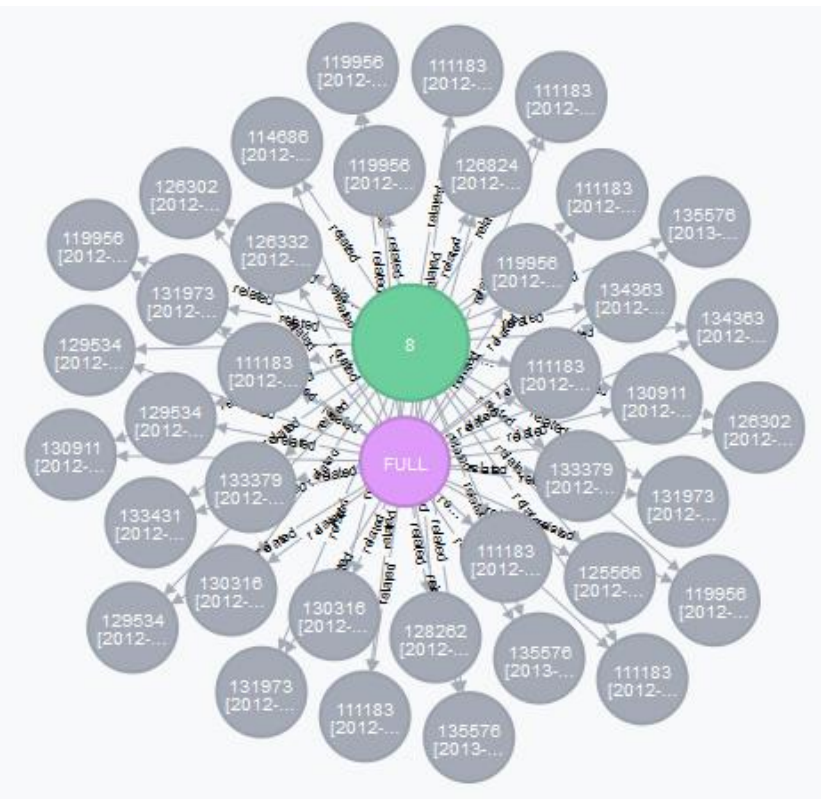
Software for
data analysis

Reconstruction
application

Examples: easy lookup for the data

Full stream data taken at 8 TeV

Data processed with Brunel v48r2



Examples:

Data with particular detector conditions

Thank you for your attention!

