



Computing in Physics

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Overview

- Desktop computing
 - basic services (e-mail, web, etc.)
 - also data analysis, code development
- Local distributed computing
 - Condor batch queue system uses desktop CPU
 - large data sets on nfs mounted servers
- Computing at RZG
 - CPU- and dataintensive applications
 - connected to Grid (LCG)

Physics Desktop Computing

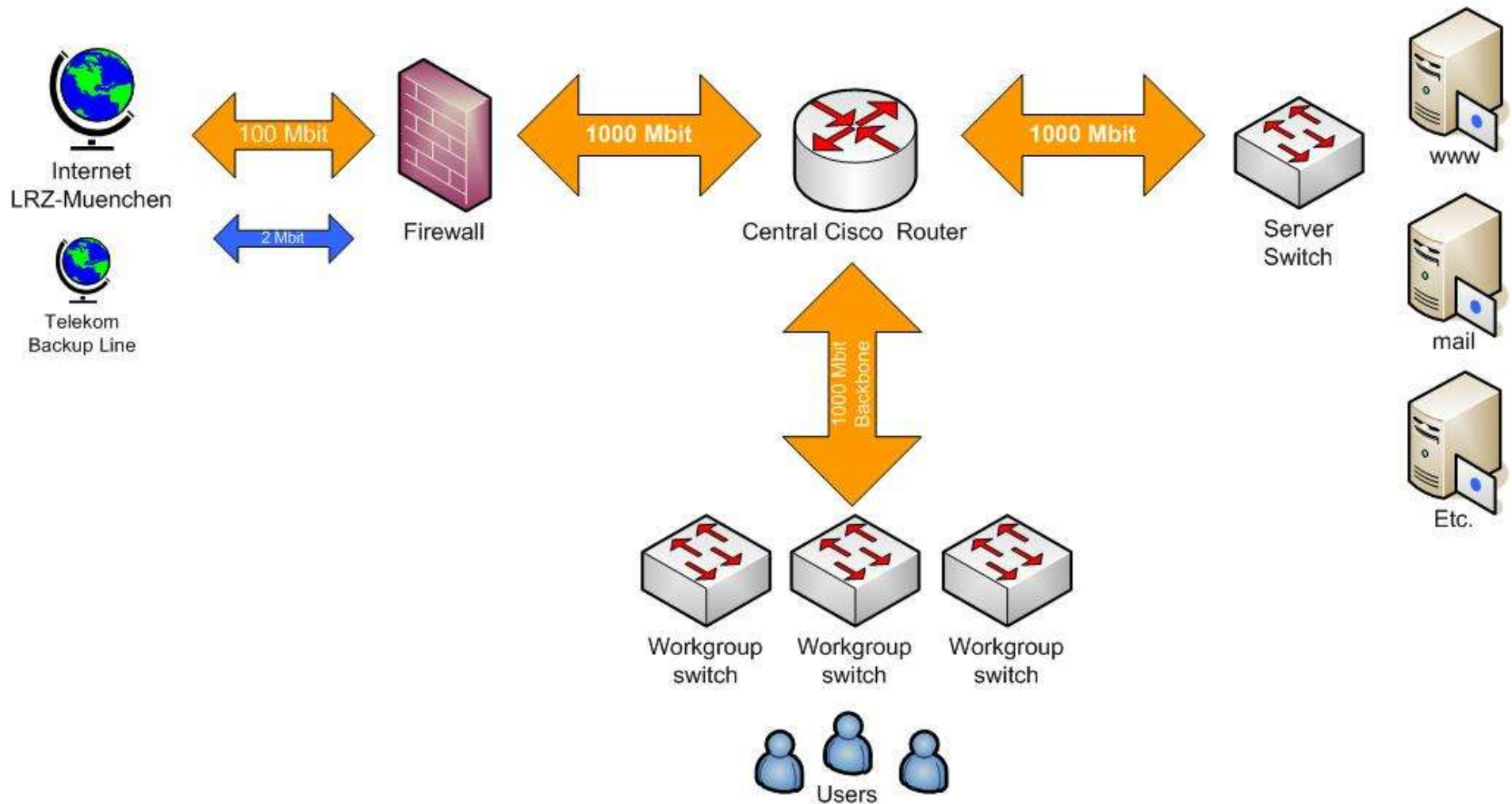
- Standard PCs with Linux OS
- ATLAS, MAGIC, ILC, OPAL/JADE, H1/ZEUS, GERDA (> 100 nodes)
 - managed by C/N (U. Leopold et al.)
 - “MPI-Linux” (Redhat derivative)
- Theory (ca. 70 nodes)
 - “PEB-Linux”, Suse for Laptops (T. Hahn, P. Breitenlohner)
 - Mathematica, Maple, special compilers

Physics Desktop Computing

- PCs with MS Windows
 - administrative tasks (many Laptops)
 - laboratory applications
- MacOS and VMS
 - tolerated but not directly supported by C/N
- Hardware
 - mostly Roemer, few Dell, Transtec, FSC etc.
 - please coordinate IT purchases with C/N (U. Leupold)

LAN

General Network Overview



CPU- and dataintensive Computing

- Cluster of Linux CPU servers with large fileservers at RZG since 2005
- tape storage available (with robot)
- connected to Grid via LCG
- need to register at RZG to use
- major users ATLAS and MAGIC
- open to all MPI groups



RZG Cluster

IBM BladeCenter Chassis (5 pcs)

infrastructure for 14 single board computers (“blades”)

common power, cooling, LAN, KVM

HS20 blade (70 pcs):

dual Intel Xeon 3 GHz, 2(4) GB RAM,
local disk, 64bit extensions
ca. 2 kSi2k per node

RH Linux + SGE + MR-AFS client



RZG Fileserver



“Integrated” Fileservers:

12 port 3ware SATA – PCI
RAID card

12 x 250 GB Maxtor SATA
disks

Intel P4, 2 GB RAM, Gb/s
LAN

RH Linux + MR-AFS server


HP ProCurve 3400cl



48port 1 Gb/s switch

10 Gb/s uplink possible

RZG Environment

- RH Linux OS (via RZG)
 - experiment or user software via afs
 - data via afs from/to servers
- SGE batch queue system 
 - managed by RZG
 - flexible management of CPU resources
- Grid middleware (LCG)
 - project between RZG, FZK, MPI
 - serves MAGIC and ATLAS

RZG Experience

- Fileservers had bad disks
 - > 25% broken (Maxtor Maxline II 250 GB)
 - complete disk replacement 1/2006
- CPUs stable
- OS etc
 - OS stable, MR-AFS needed client and server upgrades
 - SGE mostly stable (one upgrade)
- Power cuts

ATLAS Munich Tier2/3

- ATLAS Munich Tier-2
 - O(10) larger than current (2008)
 - 810 kSi2k CPU, 345 TB disk (2008)
 - MPI/RZG/LMU/LRZ collaboration
 - our share (1/2) located at RZG
- Integrate Grid connection (LCG)
 - started certification process

Plans for 2006

- Local

- OS migration MPI-Linux → Debian
- ongoing server replacements (mail, print, etc.)
- commission 1 Gb/s WAN

- RZG

- new file servers (MAGIC 50-100 TB/a)
- new CPU (ATLAS)
- OS migration (RH → Suse)
- improved power/cooling capacity

Summary

- Physics computing
 - small scale on local PCs
 - medium scale in-house via condor
 - large scale at RZG
- Large Linux cluster at RZG
 - mostly ATLAS and MAGIC, but open for all
- Expect large growth of MPI computing at RZG