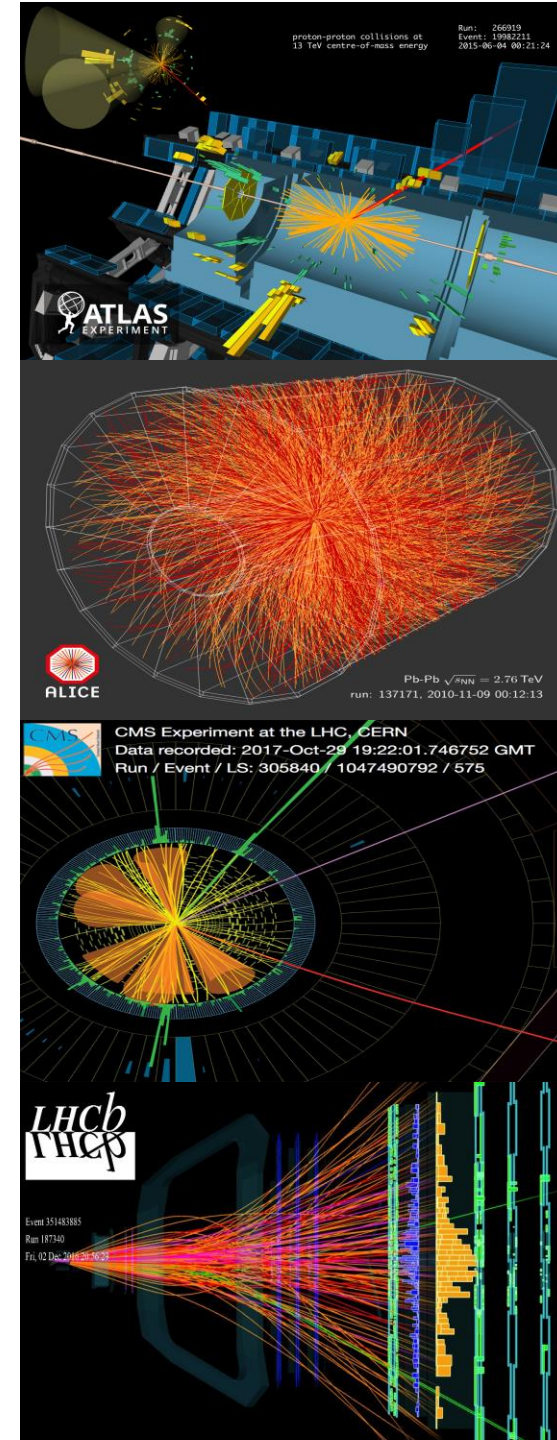


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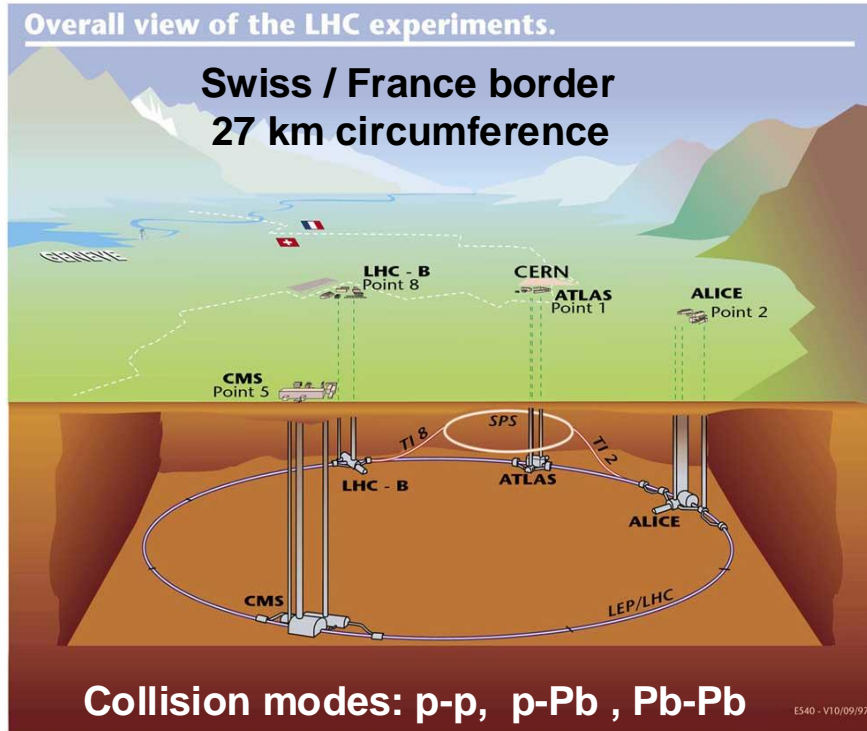
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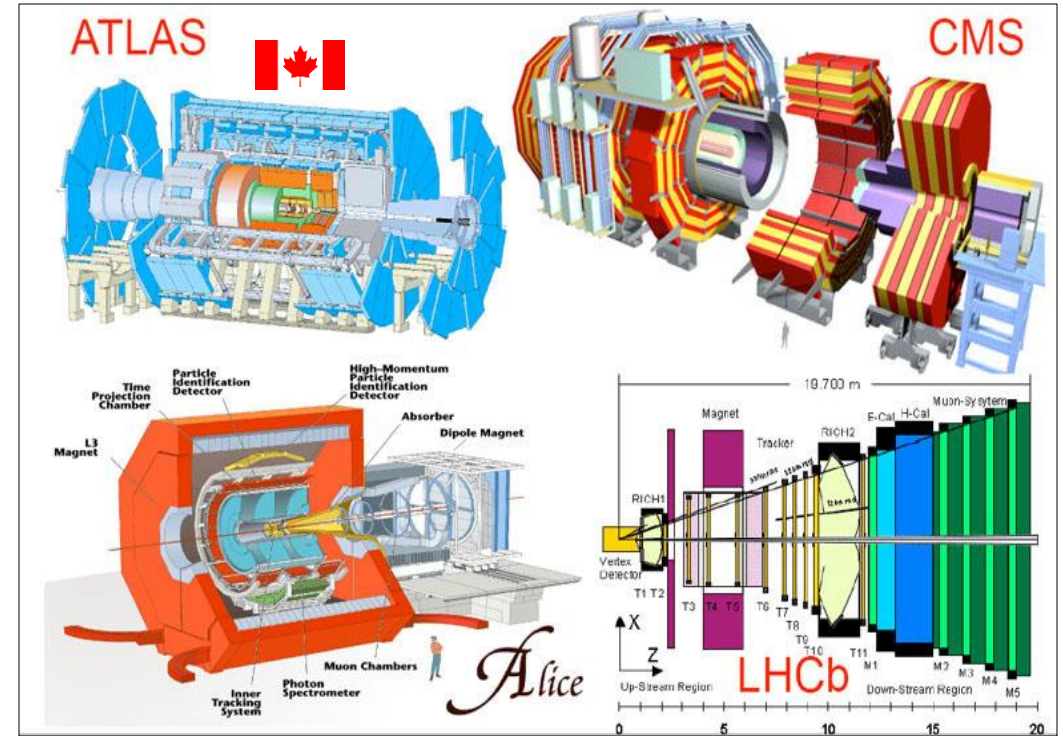


# LHC Scientific Program Tools

## Powerful Particle Accelerator



## Sophisticated Detectors

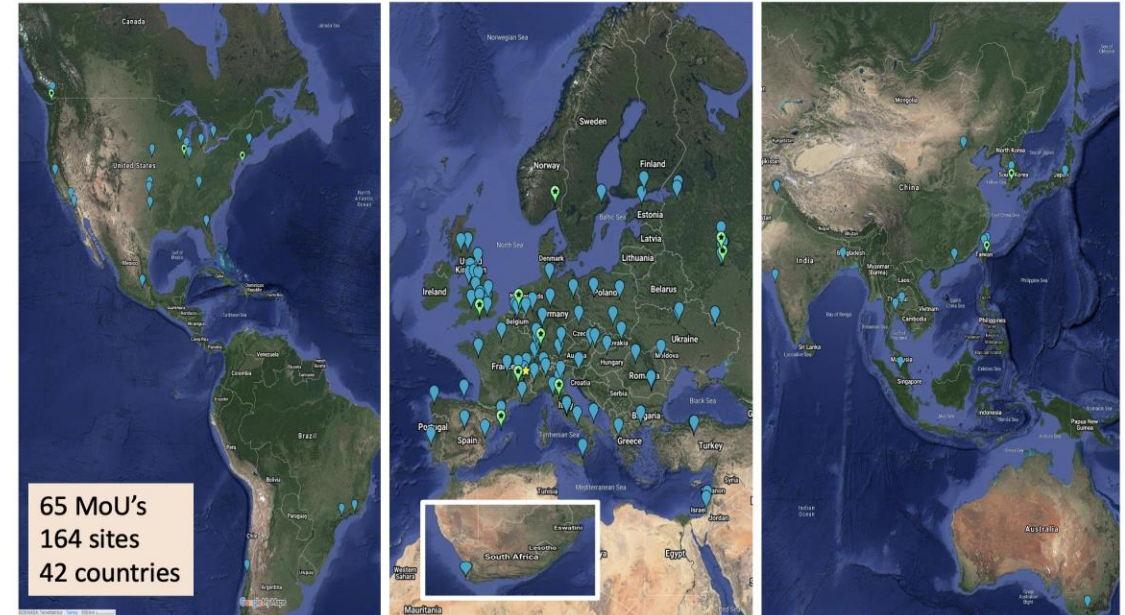


## Large-scale Distributed Computing



# WLCG: global collaboration & effort

- Coordinated resource sharing across multiple organizations
- 164 sites in 42 countries (tiered structure)
- MoU's between parties participating in the project
  - CERN (Tier-0), Tier-1 centres, Tier-2 centres
  - Baseline services & roles
  - Service levels & up-times
  - Management structure & Grid operations
- Pledged resources updated yearly based on experiments requirements.



**2024 pledge: ~2 EB tape, 1 EB disk, 550 kcores**



Tier-1: TRIUMF / SFU

Tier-2: Alliance sites (Victoria, SFU, Waterloo)



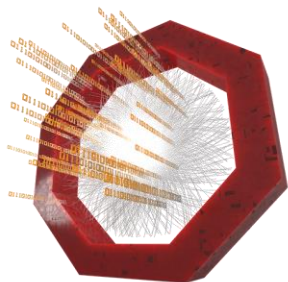
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# WLCG: many key components

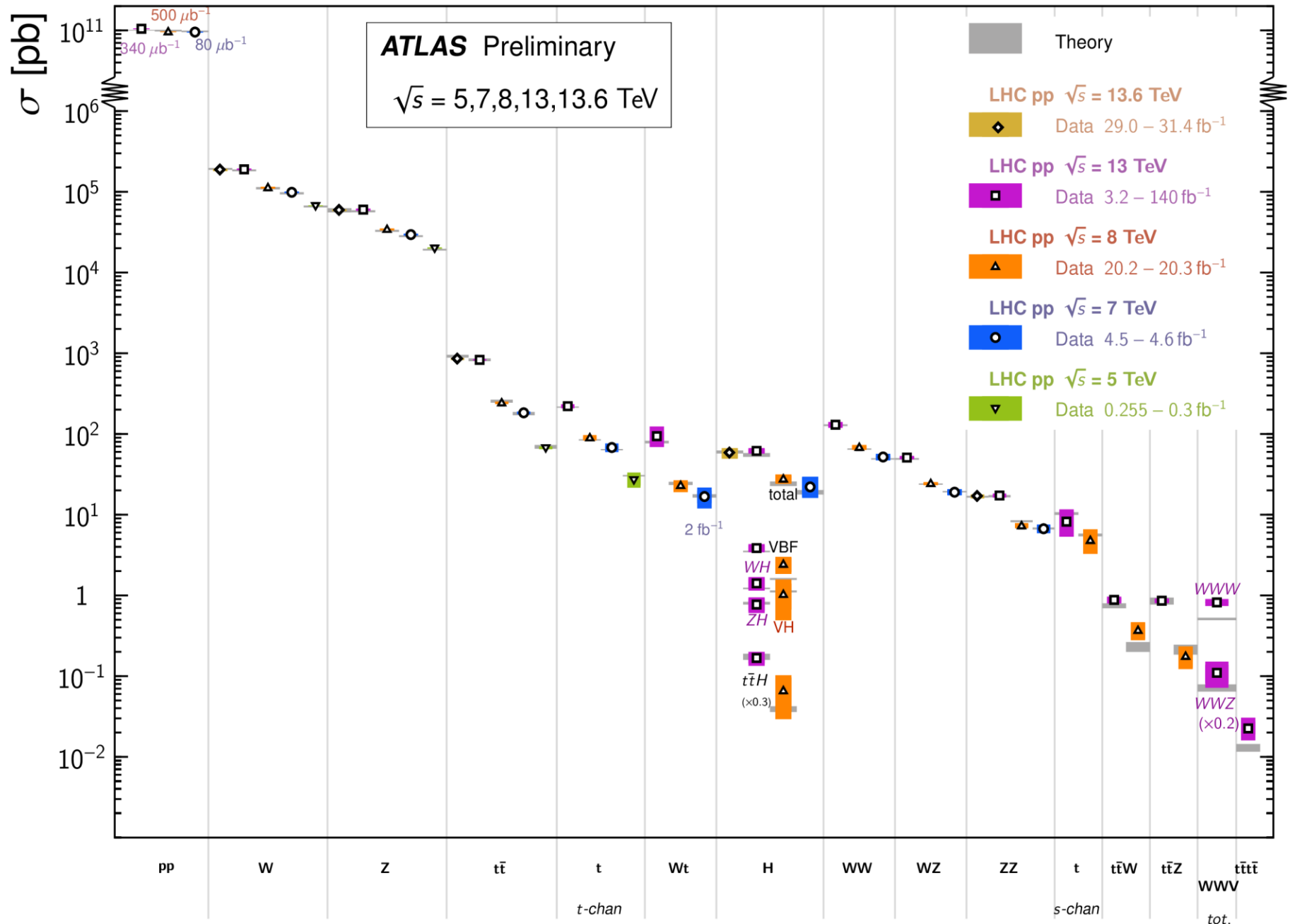
- Middleware services
- Information system (sites configuration)
- Security & authentication: IGTF (CA's)
- VO management service
- File transfer service & network provisioning
- Workload management
- Data management
- Accounting & monitoring
- Constant evolution while ensuring continuity



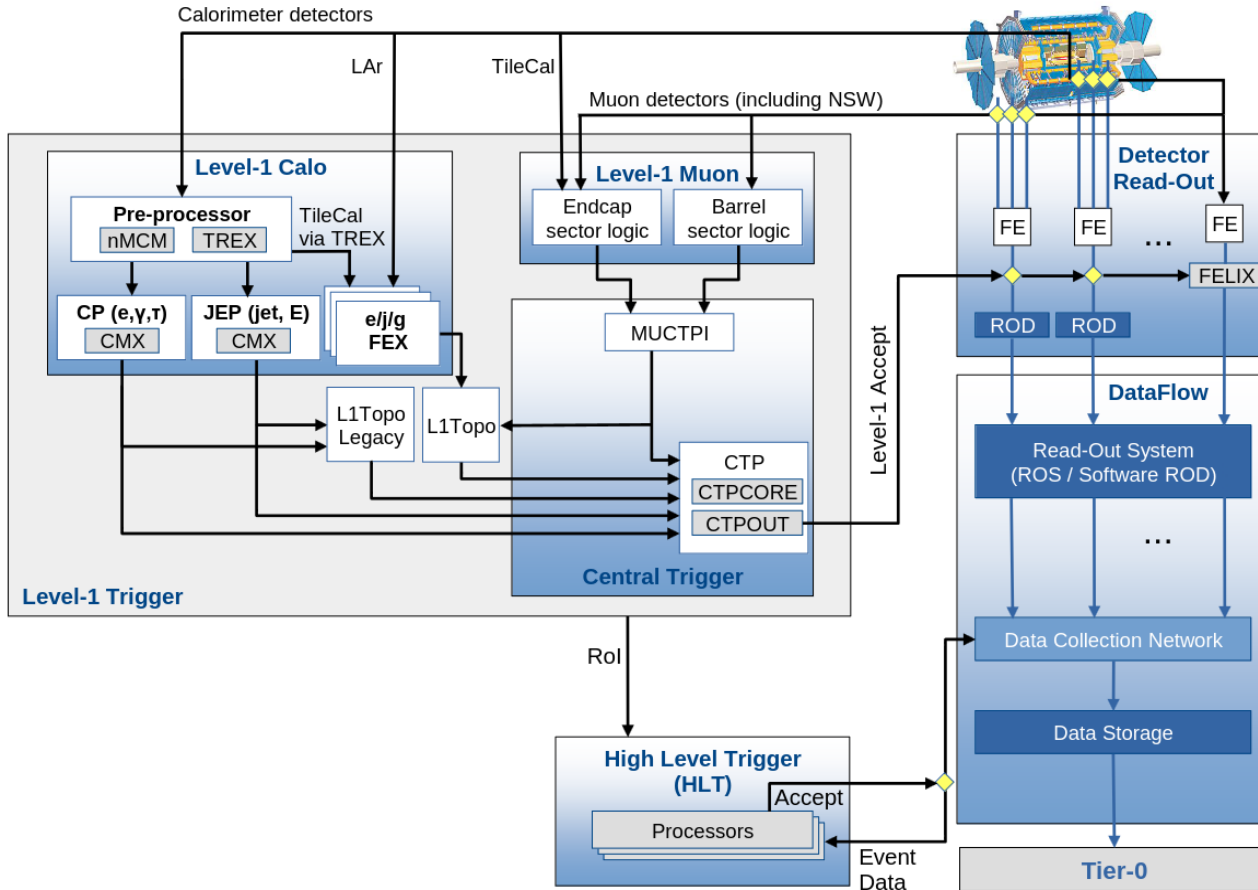
# Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: June 2024

- A lot of data needed
- SM measurements
- BSM searches
- Large-scale simulations needed



# ATLAS TDAQ Chain

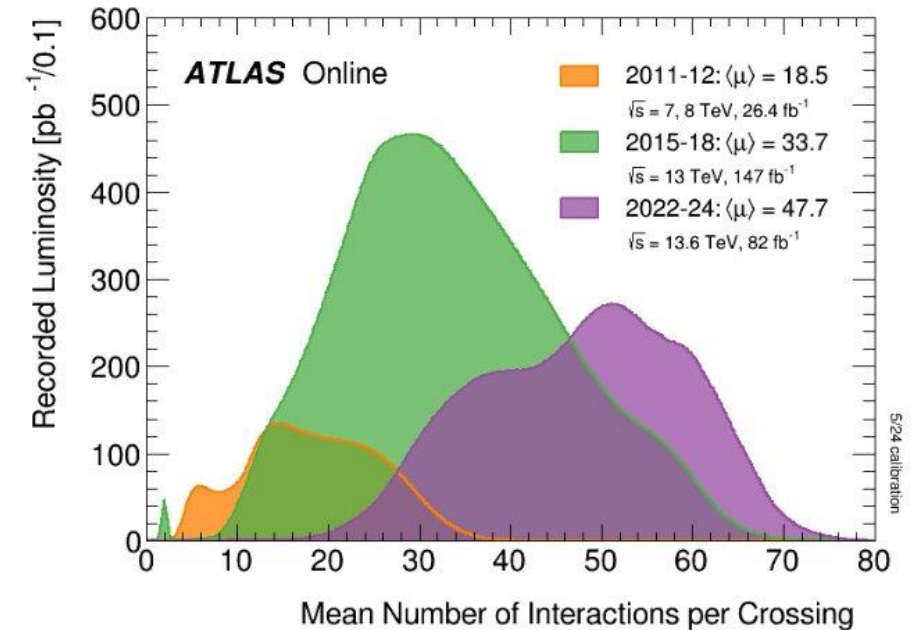
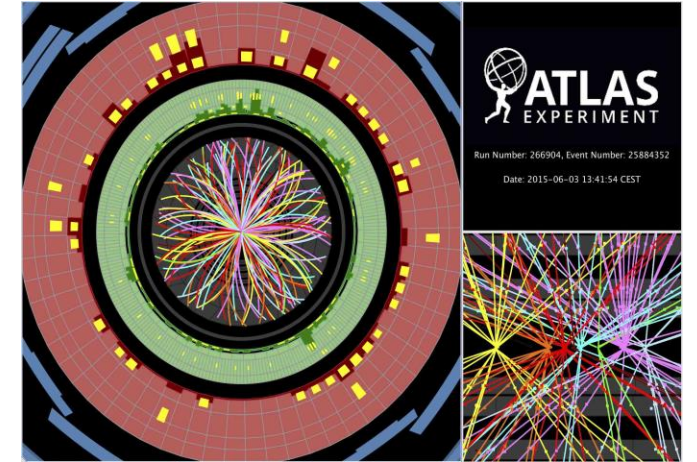


LHC collision rate & event size

40 MHz | 3.0 MB

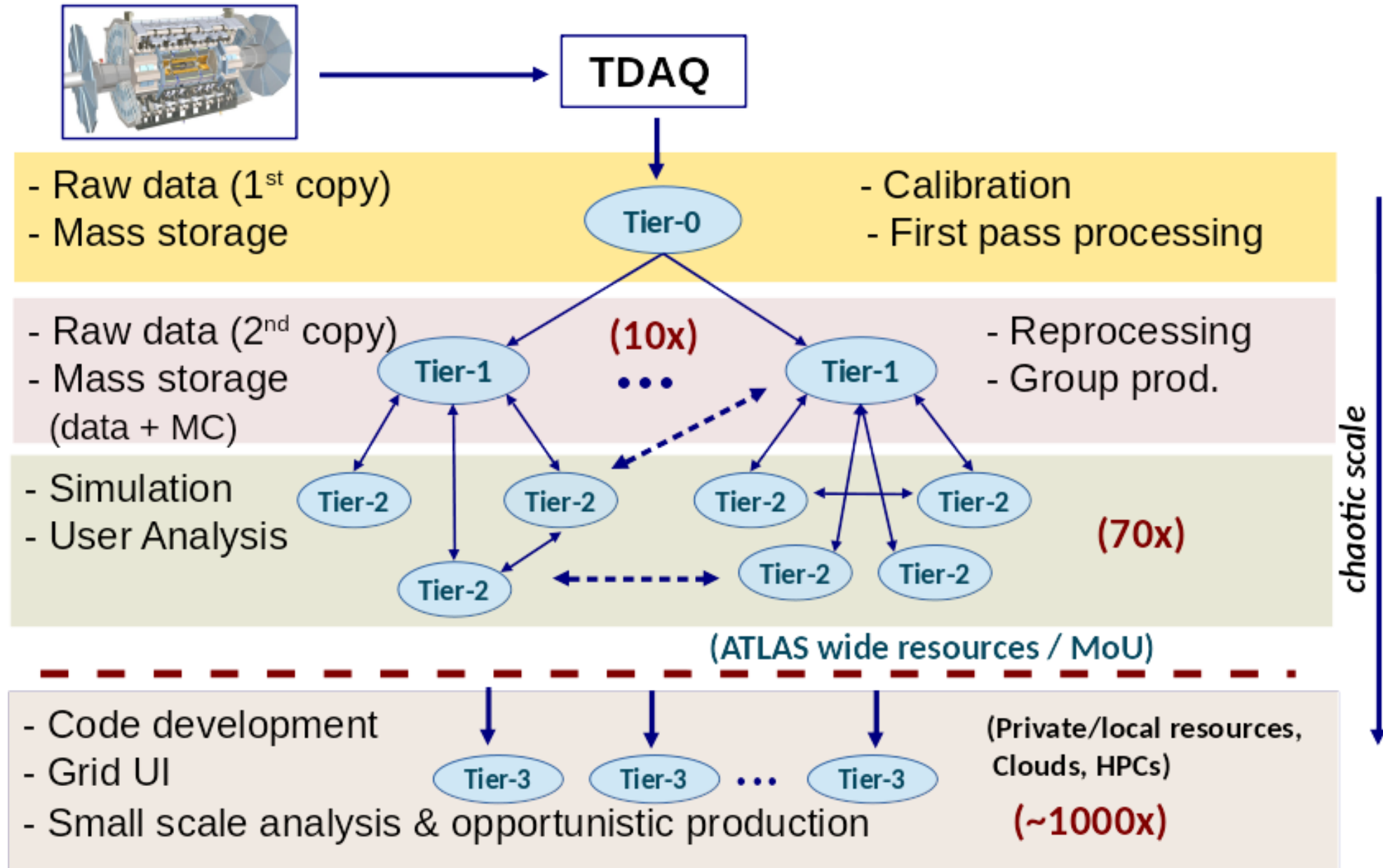
Level-1 accept rate  
100 kHz | 300 GB/s

HLT output to storage  
3 kHz | 6 GB/s

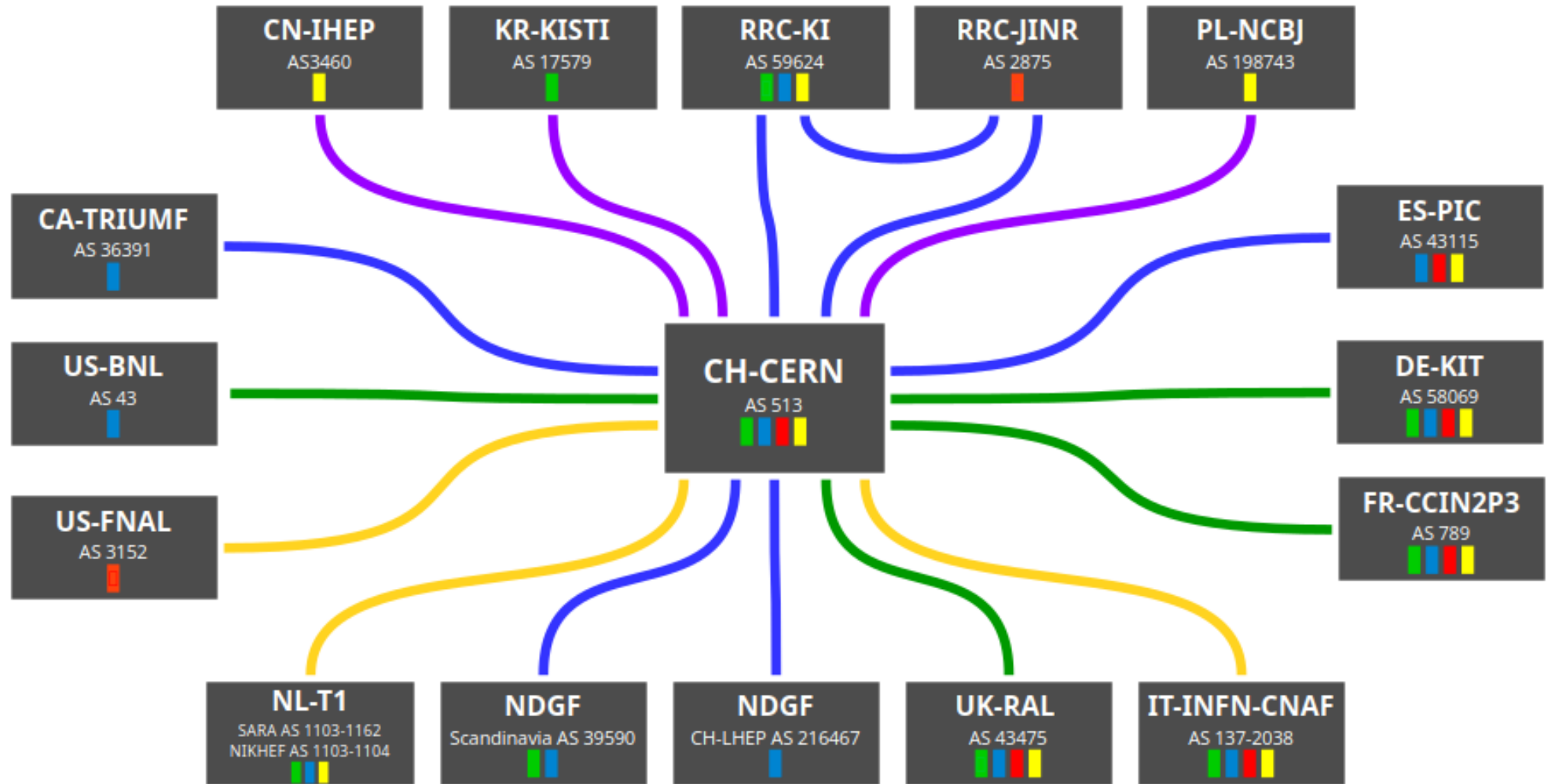


- From 40 MHz beam crossing to ~3 kHz (storage at T0)
- HLT farm scale: ~100,000 cores (dedicated)

# ATLAS Computing Model



# LHC Optical Private Network (LHCOPN)

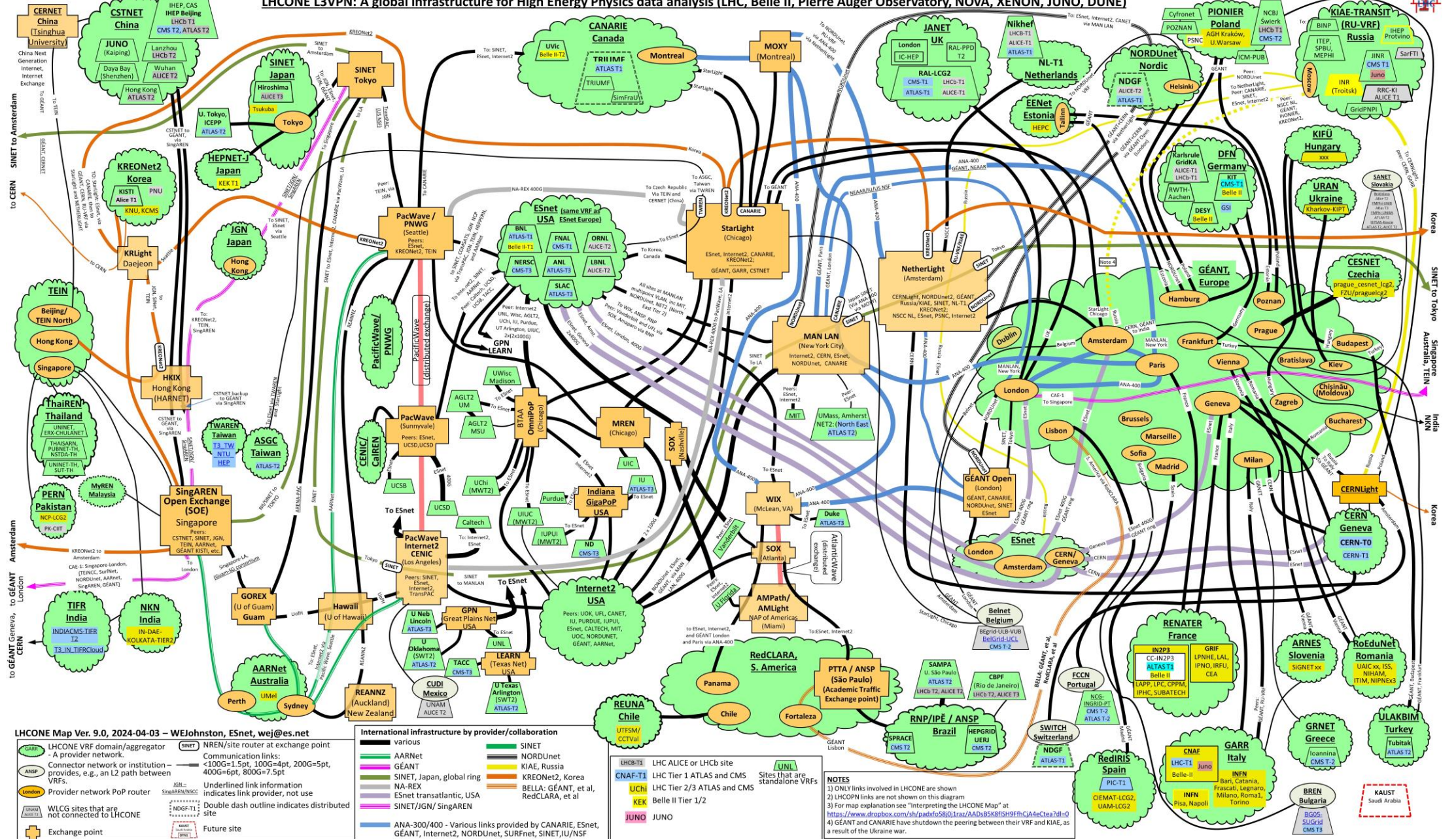


<b>Line speeds:</b>	<b>Experiments:</b>
<span style="color: purple;">—</span> 20Gbps	<span style="color: green;">■</span> = Alice <span style="color: blue;">■</span> = Atlas
<span style="color: blue;">—</span> 100Gbps	<span style="color: red;">■</span> = CMS <span style="color: yellow;">■</span> = LHCb
<span style="color: green;">—</span> 200Gbps	<b>Last update:</b>
<span style="color: yellow;">—</span> 400Gbps	20240308
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# LHC Open Network Environment (LHCONE)

LHCONE L3VPN: A global infrastructure for High Energy Physics data analysis (LHC, Belle II, Pierre Auger Observatory, NOvA, XENON, JUNO, DUNE)



LHCONE Map Ver. 9.0, 2024-04-03 – WeJohnston, ESnet, wej@es.net

- LHCONE VRF domain/aggregator
- A provider network.
- Communication links: <math>100\text{G}=1.5\text{pt}</math>, <math>100\text{G}=4\text{pt}</math>, <math>200\text{G}=5\text{pt}</math>, <math>400\text{G}=6\text{pt}</math>, <math>800\text{G}=7.5\text{pt}</math>
- Connector network or institution - provides, e.g., an L2 path between VRFs.
- Provider network PoP router
- WLGS sites that are not connected to LHCONE
- Exchange point
- NREN/site router at exchange point
- Underscored link information indicates link provider, not use
- Double dash outline indicates distributed site
- Future site

International infrastructure by provider/collaboration

various	SINET
AARNET	NORDUnet
GÉANT	KIAE, Russia
SINET, Japan, global ring	KREONet2, Korea
NA-REX	BELLA: GÉANT, et al
ESnet transatlantic, USA	STARCLARA, et al
SINET/JGN/SingAREN	

LHC/T1 LHC ALICE or LHCb site

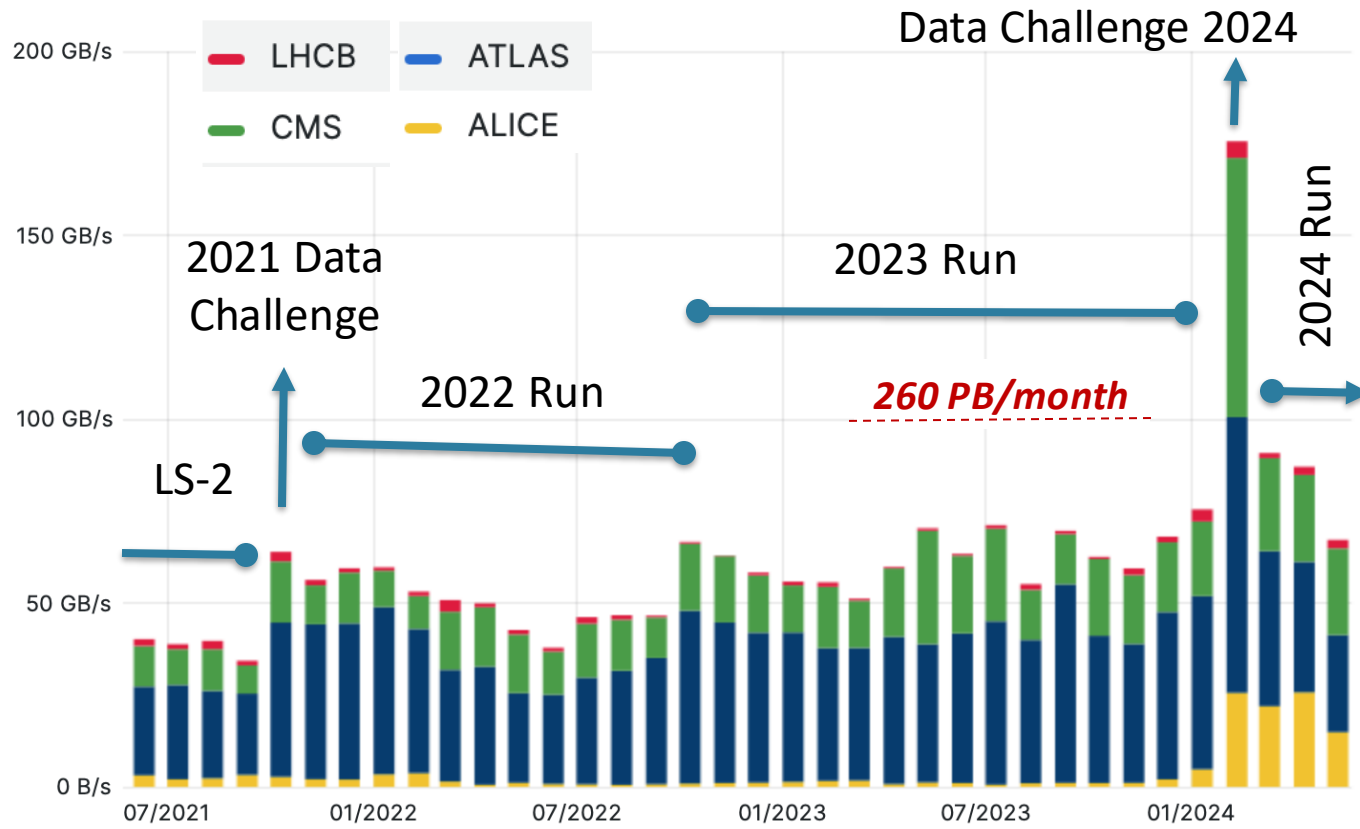
- CNFA-T1 LHC Tier 1 ATLAS and CMS
- Uchi Belle II Tier 1/2
- KEK Belle II Tier 1/2
- JUNO JUNO

Sites that are standalone VRFs

- NOTES
- 1) ONLY links involved in LHCONE are shown
  - 2) LHCOPN links are not shown on this diagram
  - 3) For map explanation see "Interpreting the LHCONE Map" at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/psdrf6s80u1/AA02051919HPhGAAeCba3d4l-0>
  - 4) GÉANT and CANARIE have shutdown the peering between their VRF and KIAE, as a result of the Ukraine war.

# WLCG: global data transfers

## Monthly data transfer throughput between WLCG sites (GB/s) – 3 years



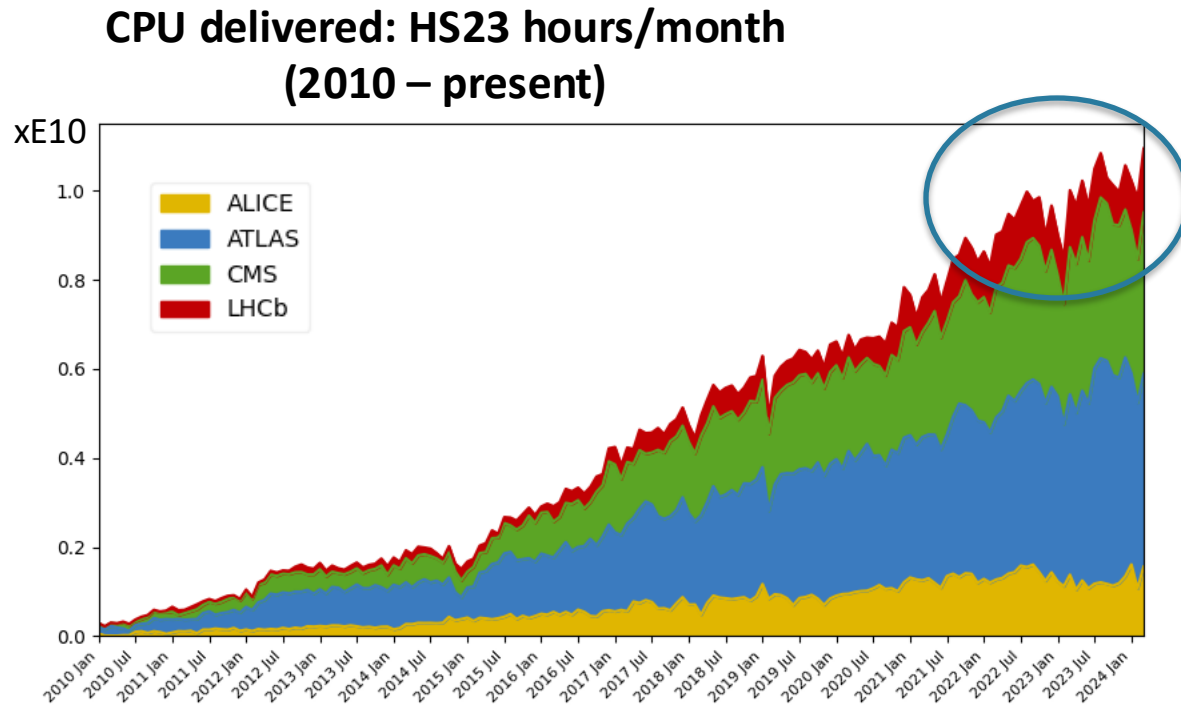
**WLCG supports +40% more transfers since LS-2**

**Further scalability (x5) demonstrated in the Data Challenge**

**No strain to the services**

# WLCG: cpu delivered globally

- Growing number of computing resources provided to the LHC experiments (+20% since LS2)

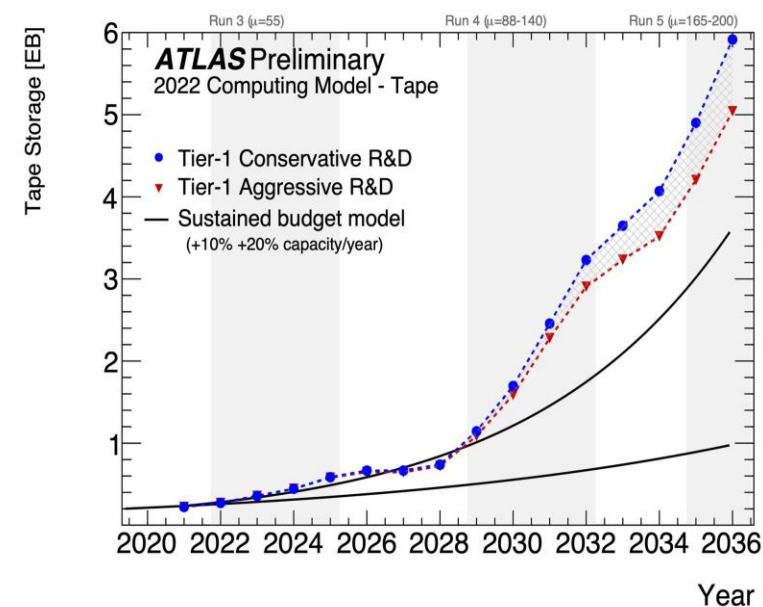
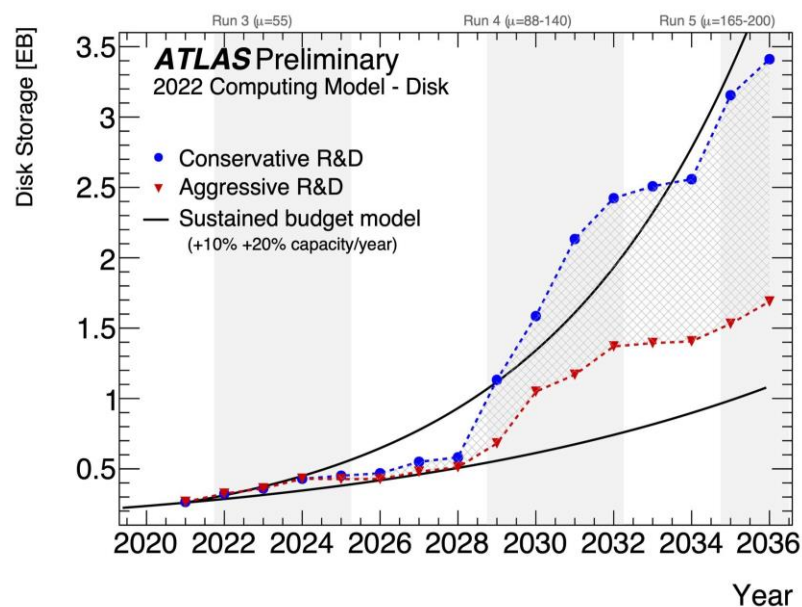
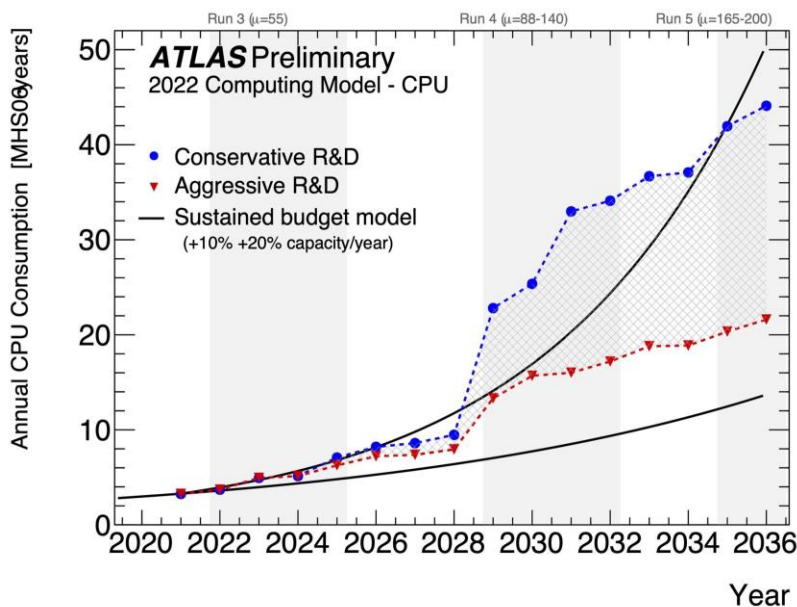
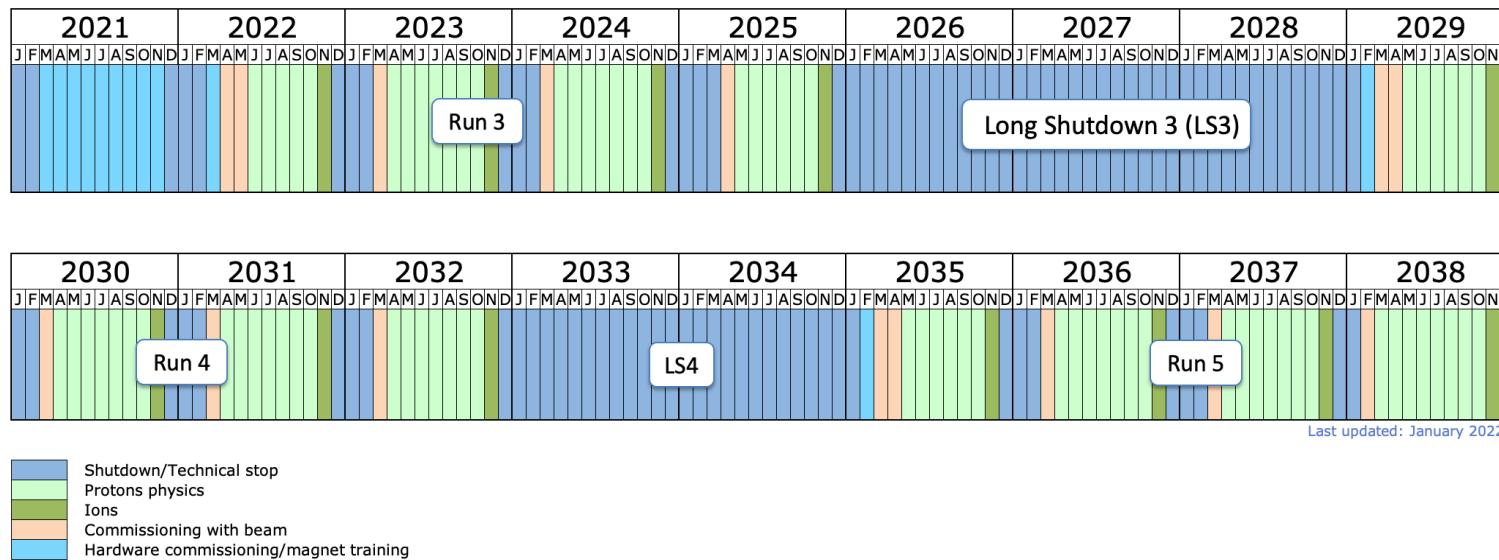


- HEP Score 2023 (HS23) is a common cpu benchmark unit (used in WLCG pledges & accounting)

- Drop in winter 2022/23: energy crisis in Europe with high natural gas costs (supply issue from Russia)
- Back to "normal" now

# ATLAS Distributed Computing Needs & HL-LHC Challenges

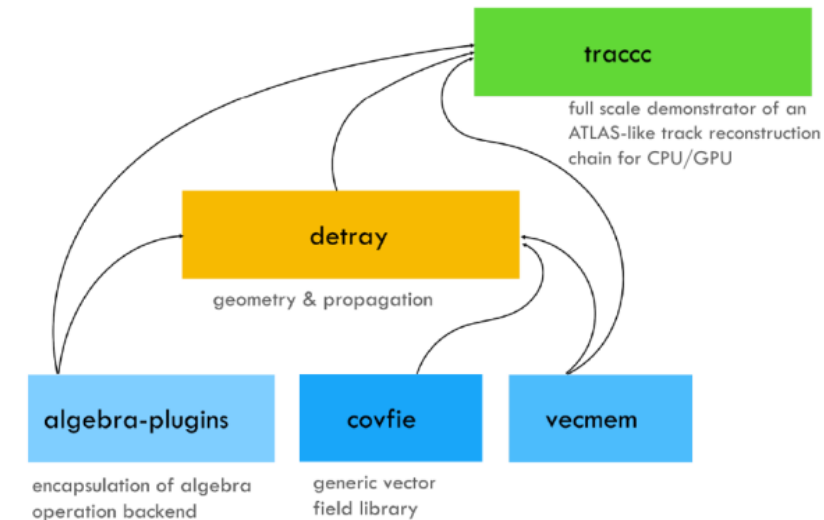
- ~10x data rate increase in Run-4
- Flat budget model "problematic"
- Significant development effort is required:
  - Improve software performance
  - Leverage modern architectures
- Data challenges planned



# ATLAS Software & Computing Roadmap for the HL-LHC

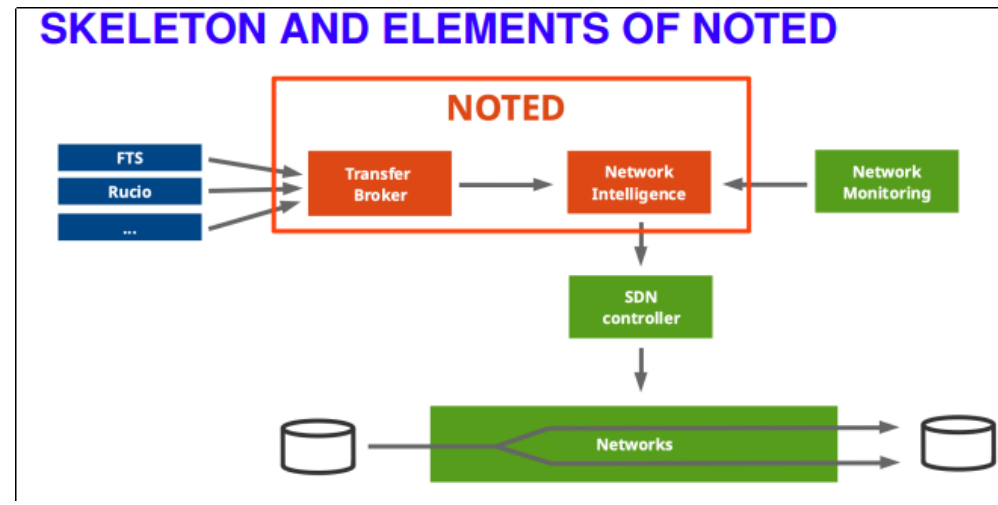
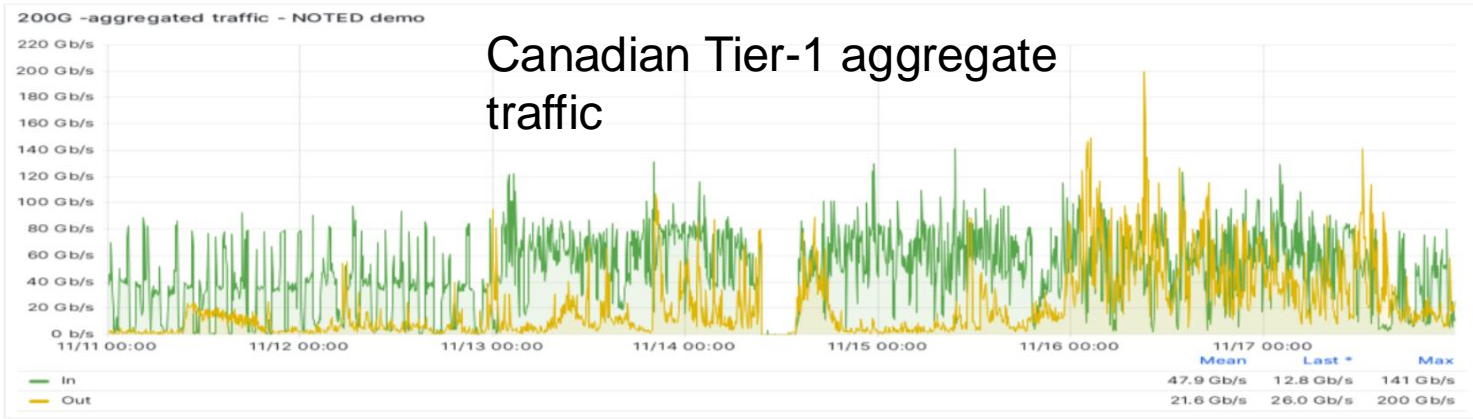
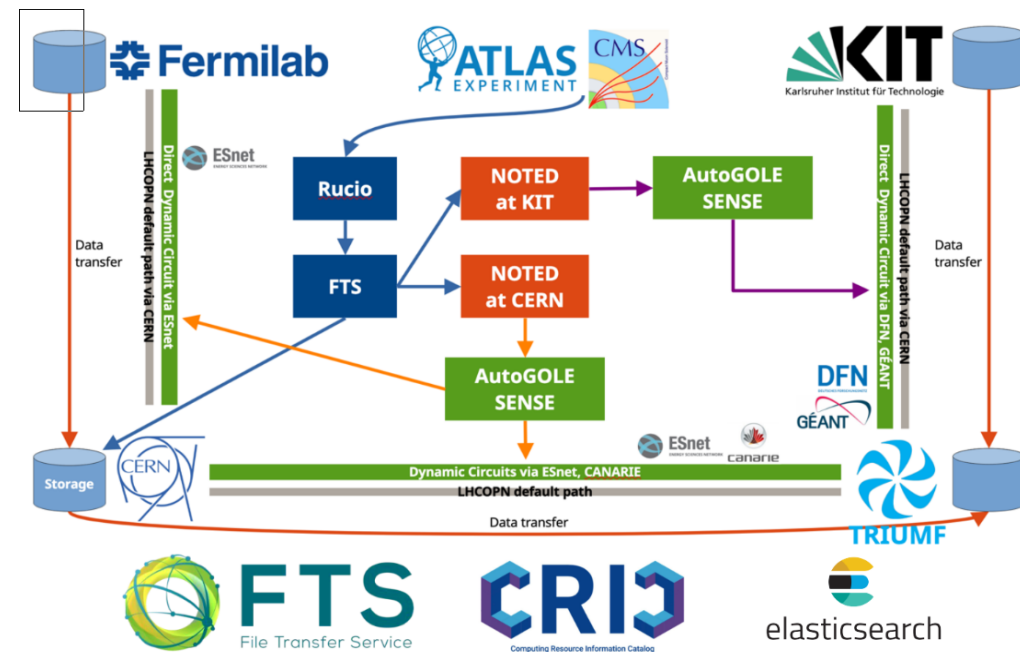
- Roadmap has several components dealing with various topics:
  - Network infrastructure ready for Run 4
  - Detector Description, Simulation and Digitization projects
  - HL-LHC datasets replicas and versions management
  - Core Software and Heterogeneous Computing / Accelerators
  - etc.
- ATLAS Heterogeneous Computing & Accelerators Forum established recently
- To tackle the combinatorics in a high luminosity environment, investigate tracking on GPU. For this to succeed:
  - define a suitable Event Data Model,
  - develop a toolchain that supports e.g. CUDA kernels
  - provide GPU friendly implementations of the geometry and magnetic field.

ACTS - A Common Tracking Software



# Dynamic network provisioning

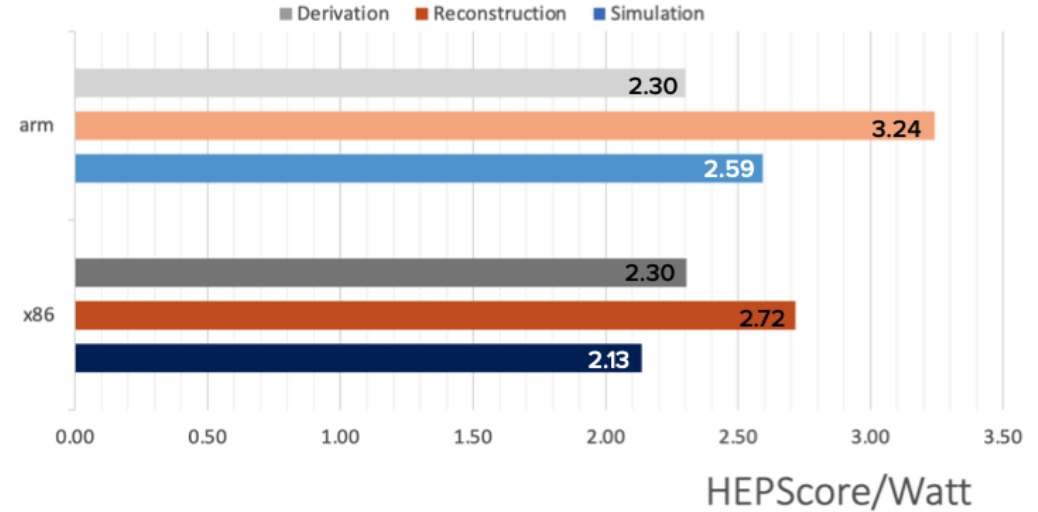
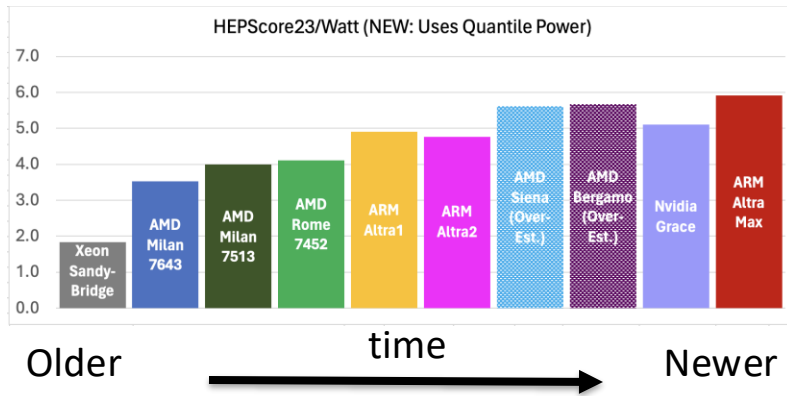
- Demonstration of software defined networks and dynamic circuit provisioning based on demand (Supercomputing 2023 conference)
- Collaboration between TRIUMF, CERN, FNAL, KIT and network providers
- Traffic from both ATLAS & CMS
- Also work on network packets marking (scientific tags) in collaboration with HEPNet Canada



# ARM CPUs & GPUs

ARM CPUs process more events/Watt wrt x86

- Studies done with hardware Glasgow
- Differences between workflows
- Modern AMDs perform similarly to ARM

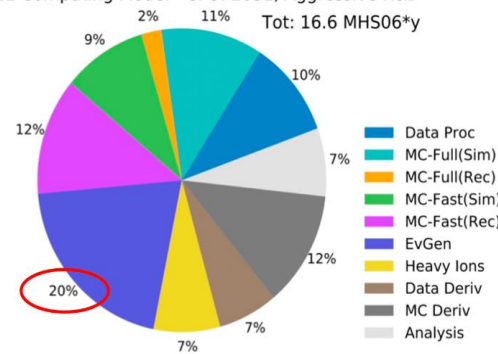


**GPUs (in HPCs): massive parallelization, Machine Learning toolkits**

Experiment workflows ported to ARM

- ATLAS, ALICE: validation successful
- CMS, LHCb: in progress

ATLAS Preliminary  
2022 Computing Model - CPU: 2031, Aggressive R&D  
Tot: 16.6 MHS06\*y



CUDA grid size	madevent			
	8192	8192		
$gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}ggg$	MEs precision	$t_{TOT} = t_{Mad} + t_{MEs}$ [sec]	$N_{events}/t_{TOT}$ [events/sec]	$N_{events}/t_{MEs}$ [MEs/sec]
Fortran	double	1228.2 = 5.0 + 1223.2	7.34E1 (=1.0)	7.37E1 (=1.0)
CUDA	double	19.6 = 7.4 + 12.1	4.61E3 (x63)	7.44E3 (x100)
CUDA	float	11.7 = 6.2 + 5.4	7.73E3 (x105)	1.66E4 (x224)
CUDA	mixed	16.5 = 7.0 + 9.6	5.45E3 (x74)	9.43E3 (x128)

NVidia V100, Cuda 11.7, gcc 11.2

- **WLCG discussing about pledging ARM CPUs. Resources already available at various sites**

# Conclusion & outlook

- WLCG: global infrastructure developed and operated over the last two decades
- Notable achievement: needs of LHC experiments successfully met
- Recent WLCG strategy document developed to tackle key areas:
  - Technical evolution
  - Financial sustainability
  - Heterogeneous grid infrastructure
  - Interaction with other communities with similar challenges
- The HL-LHC era will be a challenging computing environment
  - Need to ensure sustained innovation and development while ensuring continuing operations





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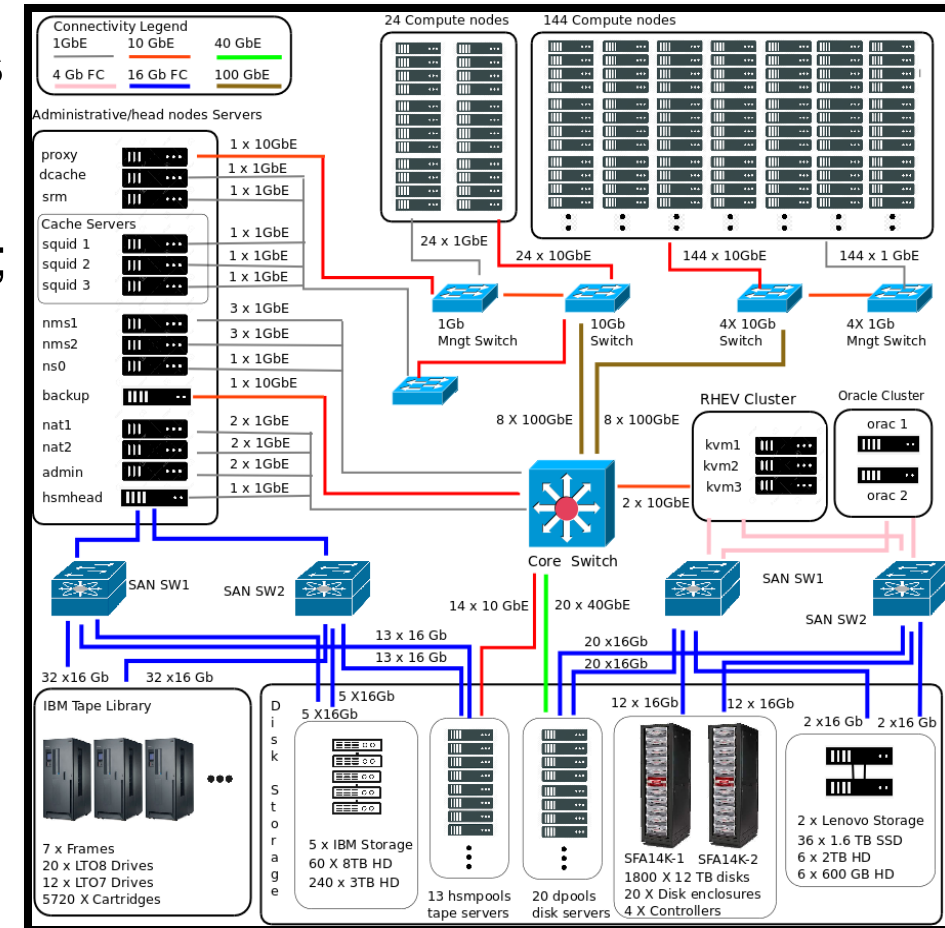
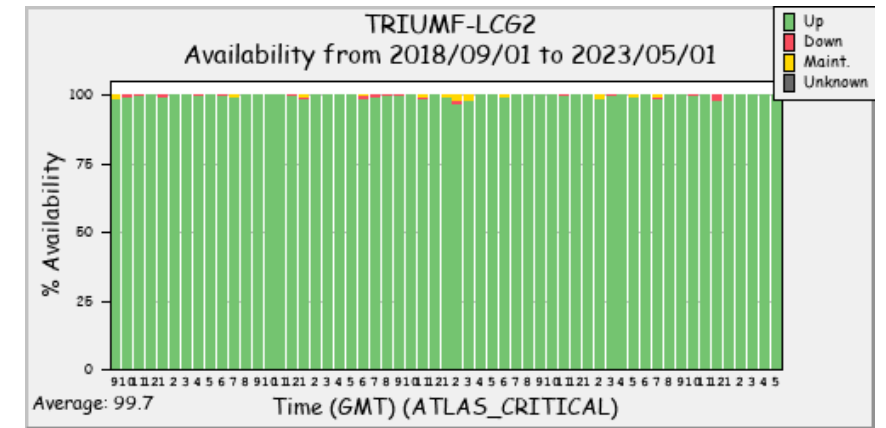
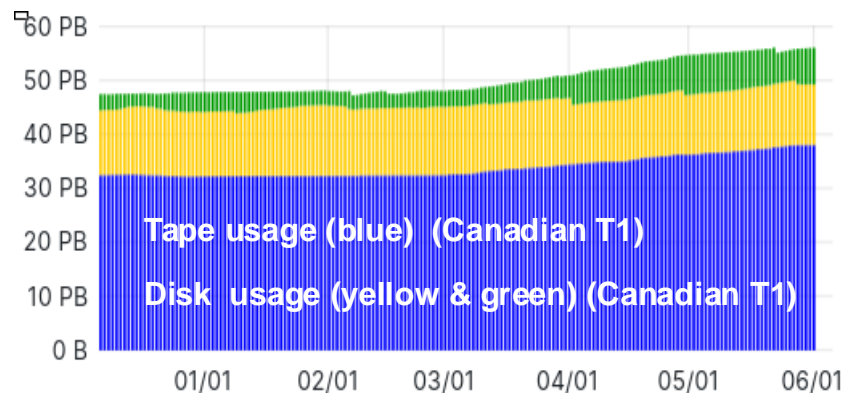
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# **Additional Material**

# Canadian ATLAS Tier-1 Centre

- Dedicated facility operated 24/7 (per WLCG MoU)
- Key player and contributor within ATLAS Distributed Computing Operations:
  - Availability, Reliability, Scalability & Performance
  - Critical user support for the entire ATLAS collaboration
- Data storage, data processing, simulations and user analysis in a highly secure environment
- Initially located at TRIUMF since 2007
- Transitioned to SFU in 2018, co-located with Cedar/Alliance; continues to be under the purview of TRIUMF
- Operated as federation (new + old site) since 2017
- Current capacity: 9,300 cores ; 17 PB disk ; 46 PB tape



# Energy efficiency

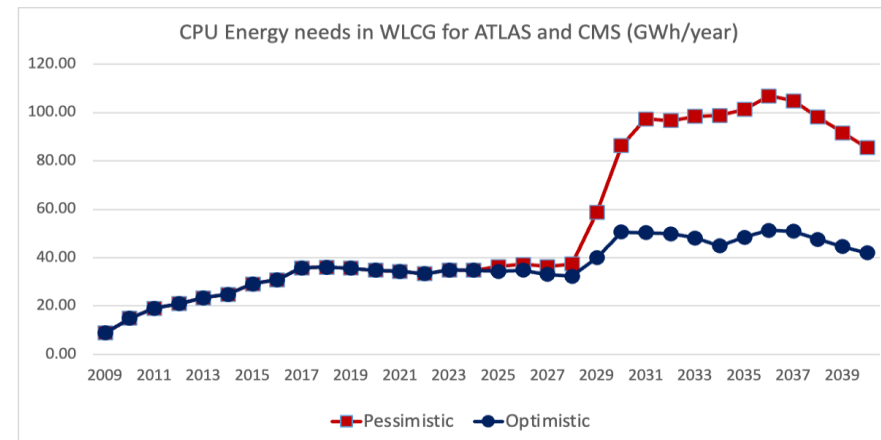
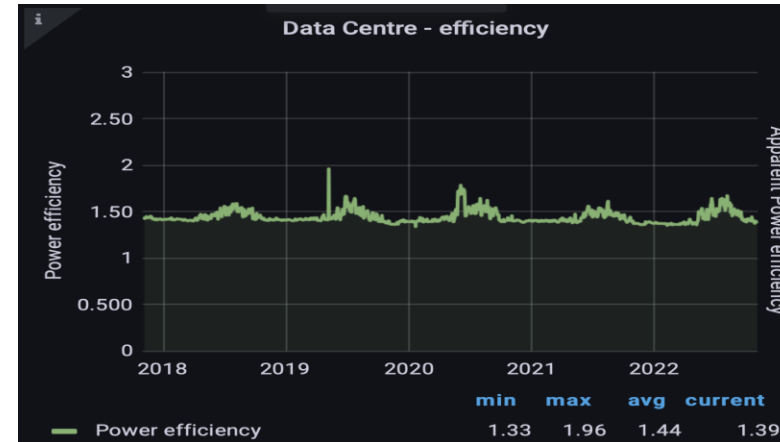
The electricity costs have been an unexpected development in the last couple of years. Environmental impact needs proper addressing!

What to do:

- Improve software performance
- Leverage modern architectures
- Invest in the facilities

There is no magic wand, however.

The peak of energy need happens in 2036 (start of Run-5): 400% higher than 2022 in the pessimistic scenario and 50% higher in the optimistic scenario.



# RNTuple

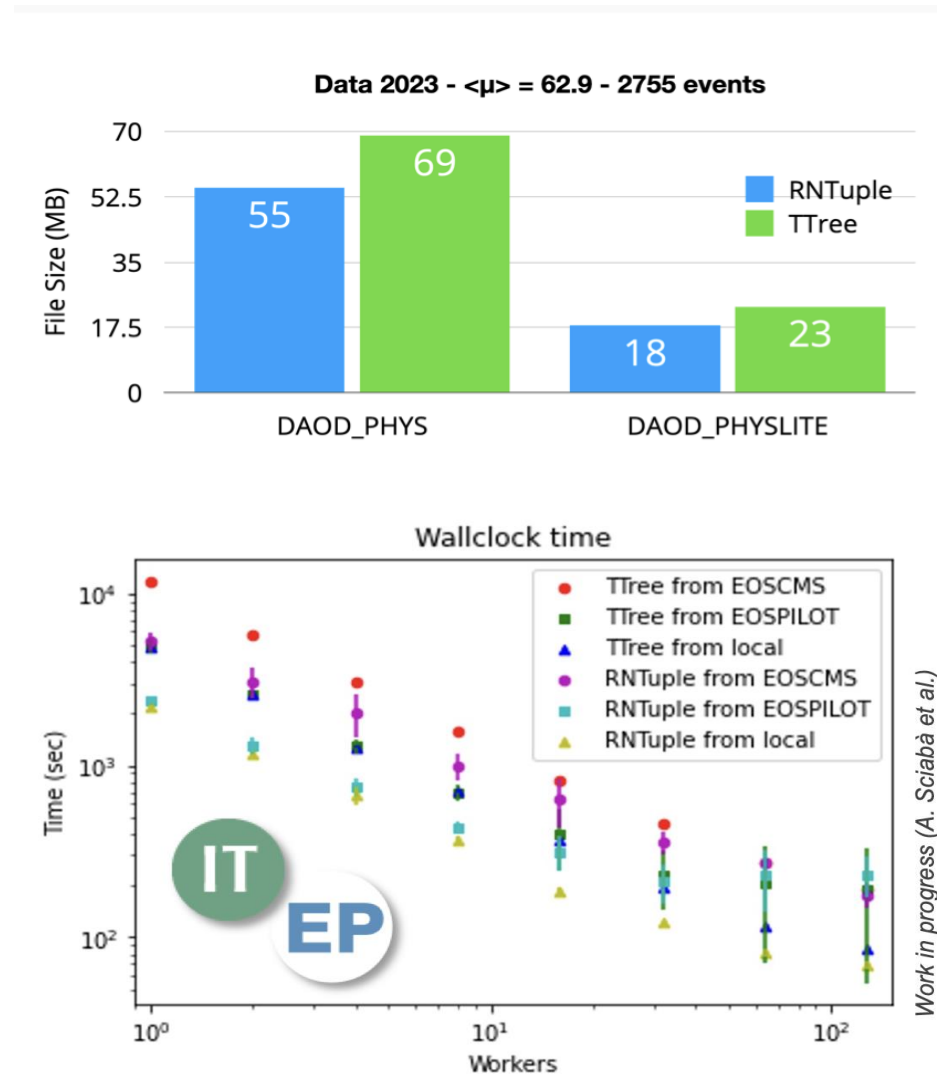
RNTuple is the successor of TTree, the ROOT columnar storage technology

Examples of recent commissioning progress:

ATLAS now capable to read/write all data formats in RNTuple, 20% saving in size for DAOD\_PHYS. Substantial progress also for the other experiments

- Expected RNTuple speed-up improvements measured in a real environment at CERN using a community standard analysis benchmark

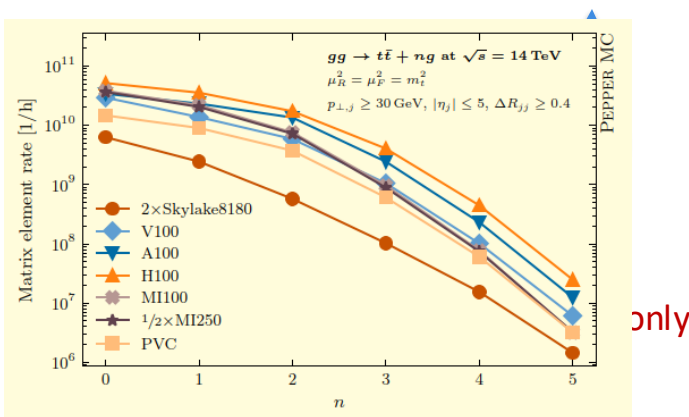
Take home message: **RNTuple progress well on schedule** thanks to a very good collaboration between experiments, CERN EP-SFT and IT



# Event Generators

A very good candidate for GPU acceleration with benefits for many experiments

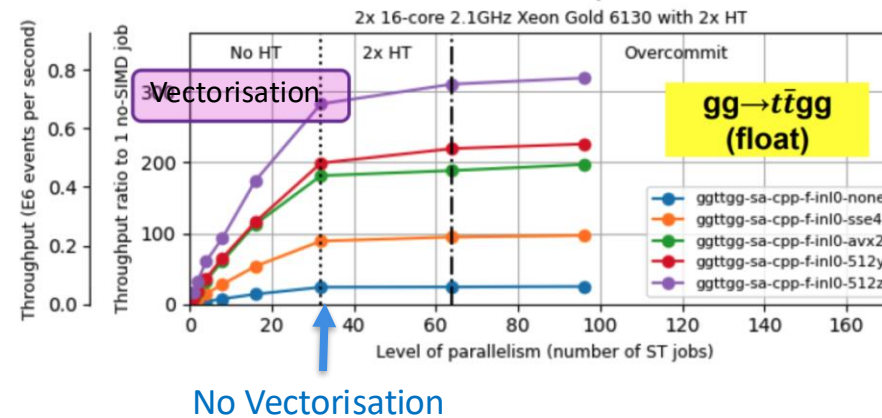
CPU + GPU



Sherpa  $gg \rightarrow tt + ng$

Matrix Element event throughput:  
up to x10 gain when using GPUs

**Available for production**



Madgraph  $gg \rightarrow tt + ng$  (n=2)

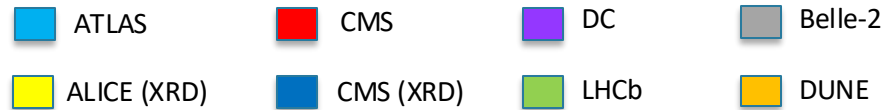
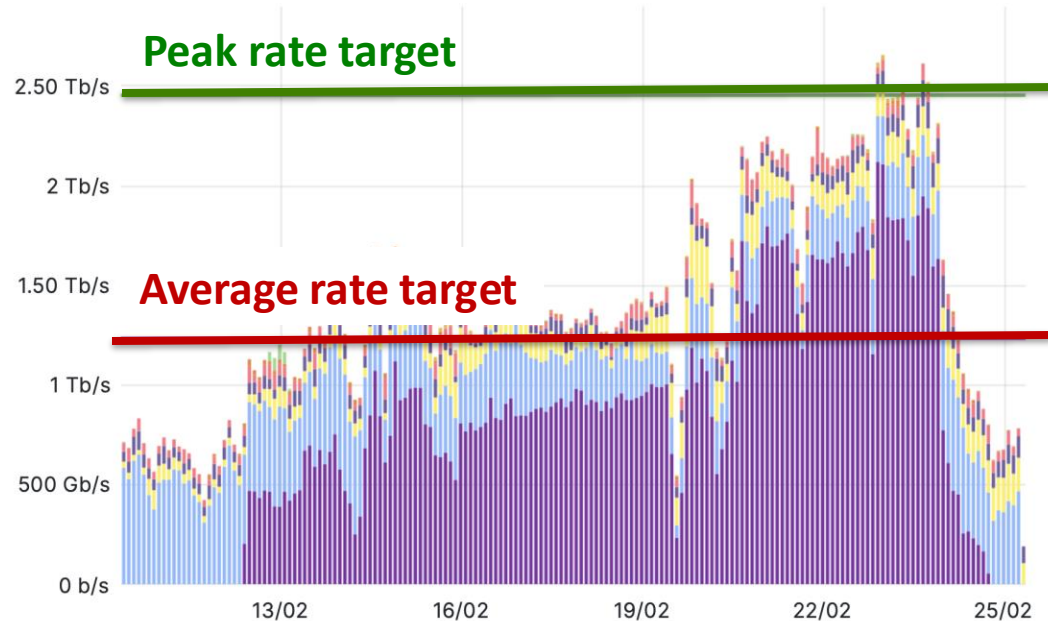
GPU-enabled Leading Order: being released to production.  
By-product: enabling of CPU vectorisation: up to x8 gain in ME event throughput (x6 global). Note: all CPUs in WLCG provide vectorisation

**GPU-related work brings immediate benefits also on CPUs**

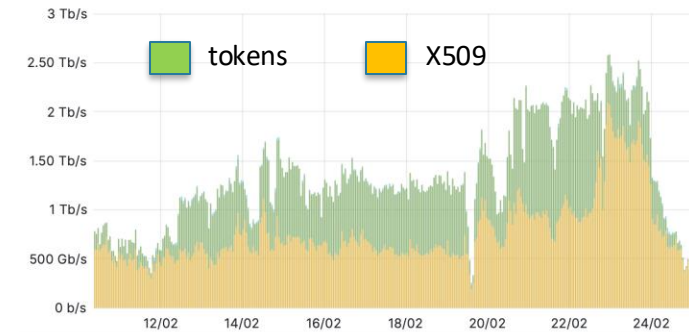


# Data Challenge 2024 - Highlights

DC24 WLCG data transfers (Gbps) – 15 days: **all targets achieved**



New technologies (e.g. authentication **tokens**) introduced and validated



WLCG services successfully supports DUNE and Belle-2 computing models



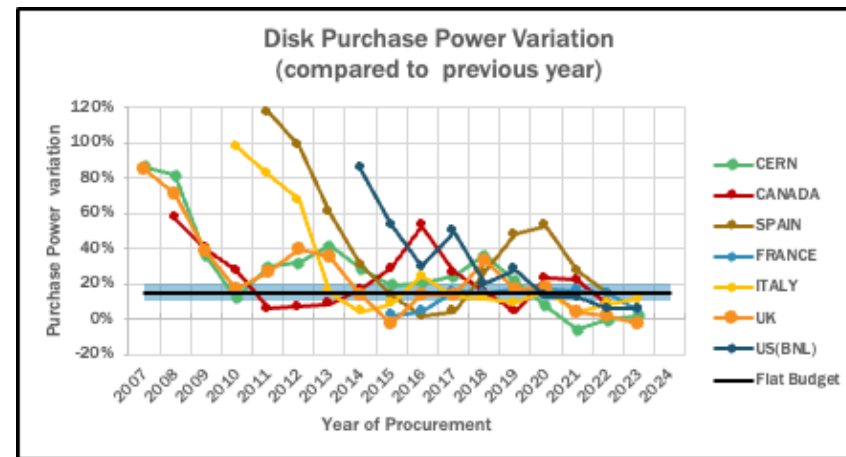
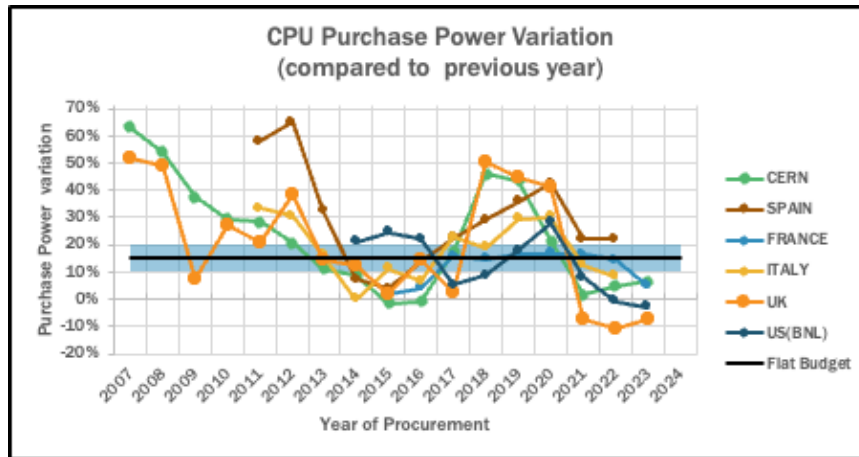
# Hardware Cost Evolution

The WLCG "flat budget model" assumption: +15% CPU, disk and tape every year **with the same level of funding**

We now monitor the HW trends in many countries. Last 5 years average is compatible with the 15% assumption but look at the first derivative ...

CPU average variation (5 years): +14%

DISK average variation (5 years): +15%



# IRIS-HEP: analysis 200Gbps (Grand) Challenge

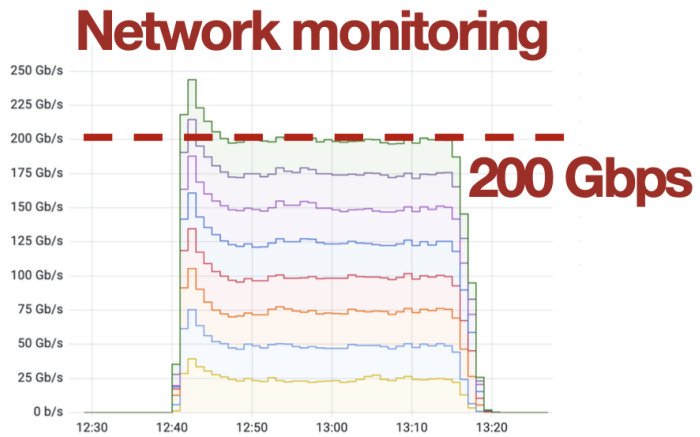
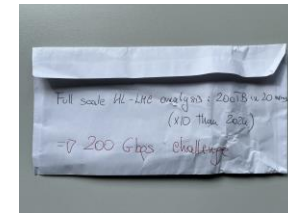
Launched by IRIS-HEP to commission analysis capabilities for HL-LHC

- Commission services at increasing scale + introduce innovative aspects



⇒ Show readiness at 25% of HL-LHC scale (same as for data challenge)

Analysis models evolving => metrics of success hard to quantify (25% of?)



Based on the IRIS-HEP toolkit

