

CPU Benchmarks: update

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HEPiX Benchmarking WG

WLCG HEPscore deployment TF

GDB

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Starting point

- ❑ Identify a replacement of HS06 as CPU benchmark
- ❑ Reasons
 - Since 2018 HS06 is **not supported** anymore by the SPEC corporation
 - Signs of **discrepancies** w.r.t. the Run 2 LHC experiments' applications
 - Need to investigate scaling w.r.t. new (Run 3) HEP applications
 - HS06 is not a HEP-specific benchmark
 - Interest in adopting a **field-specific benchmark**
 - Desire to identify a benchmark suitable for all **architectures** to be adopted in HEP (x86, ARM, GPUs, ...)
- ❑ **HEPscore** is **proposed** by the HEPiX Benchmarking WG
 - Uses the workloads of the experiments as application benchmarks
 - Combine them in a single score as HS06 does

Two teams working in strict contact

HEPiX Benchmarking WG

- Roles
 - Evaluation of benchmark alternatives
 - Design and development of the **HEP Benchmarks project**
 - Validation of the HEP workloads
 - Analysis of benchmark measurements
- The team^(*), ~13 people, meets weekly
- Active (again) since 2018
- Chairs: Michele Michelotto (INFN) & D.G.

WLCG HEPscore deployment TF

- Roles
 - Propose a migration scenario from HS06 to the new benchmark
 - Recommend the benchmark composition
 - **Primary focus on x86 arch**
 - Coordinate the collection of recent workloads from Experiments
 - Onboard WLCG sites in the benchmark measurements
- The team^(*), ~20 people, meets bi-weekly
- Started on Nov 4. 2020
- Chair: H. Meinhard (CERN)

(*) See backup slides for member list

HEP Benchmarks project

Three main components

– HEP Workloads

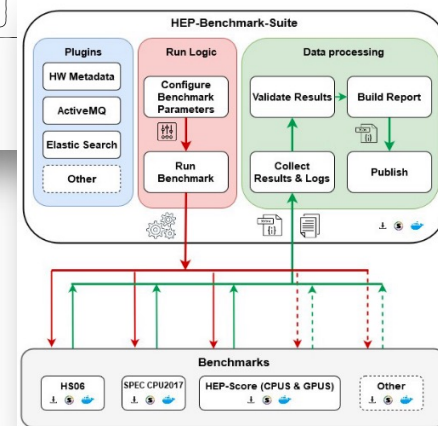
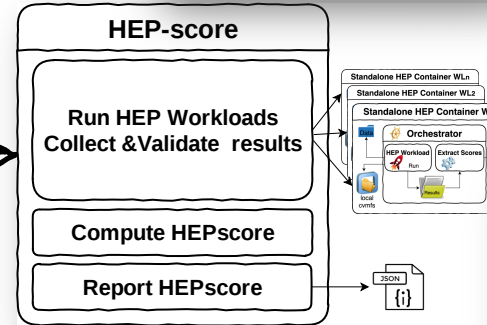
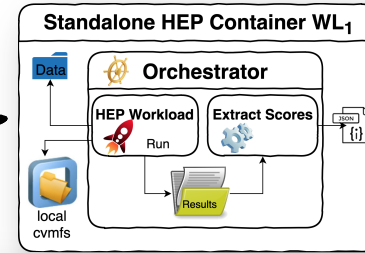
- Standalone reference HEP applications
 - No network needed at runtime to access sw and data
- Common build infrastructure

– HEP Score (the benchmark)

- Orchestrate the run of a series of HEP workloads
- Compute the HEPscore value
- Report whole set of WL results

– HEP Benchmark Suite

- Framework to run likewise multiple benchmarks
 - HEPscore, HS06, SPEC CPU2017...



Recap WG milestones: Spring 2021

Main subjects in the [HEPiX Spring presentation & Demo](#) report of the WG

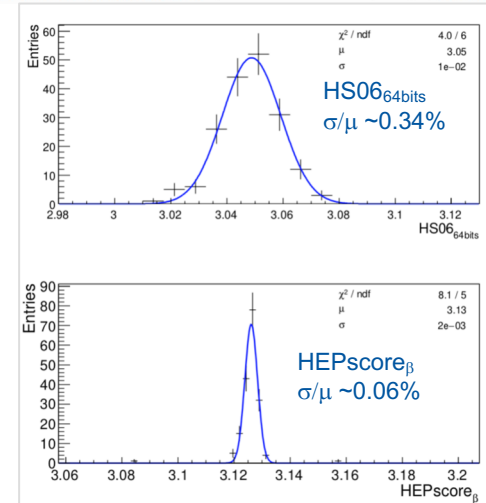
- ❑ LHC Run 2 Workloads (+ Belle2) “containerized” and fully validated
 - All production steps (Gen, Sim, Digi, Reco) available
 - Limited GPU workloads: only [SimpleTrack](#) (LHC simulation)
- ❑ HEPscore v1.2 released
 - Singularity & Docker supported; [Python wheels available](#)
 - Default config (HEPscore_β) validated up to 256 cores
- ❑ HEP Benchmark Suite v2.1 released
 - Metadata section with detailed HW information, install as unprivileged user, [python wheels available](#)

Recap WG milestones: Fall 2021

HEPiX Benchmarking Solution for WLCG Computing Resources

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Main subject in the [Autumn HEPiX](#) report of the WG

Analysis of HEPscore _{β} Vs HS06 measurements

- Published in the CSBS [paper](#) (Springer journal)

HEPiX benchmarking solution for WLCG computing resources

- Outcome: "it may be possible to create a new benchmark for CPUs based on HEP applications"
- Obtained with the [demonstrator](#) benchmark, HEPscore _{β} , based on Run 2 HEP workloads

Positive feedback from the beta testers of HEPscore

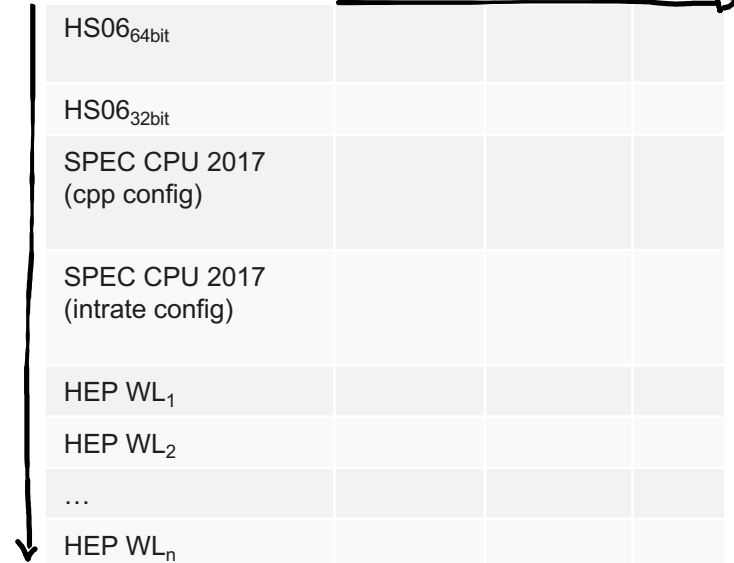
TF activity outcomes in 2021

Prior to any recommendation about the new benchmark composition, the TF agreed on

- ❑ **Extending** the list of **standalone** HEP workloads
 - Run3 workloads from LHC experiments
 - Onboard other HEP communities that currently are using HS06
 - Belle2, Dune, Juno, Grav. Waves Exp (IGWN)
- ❑ **Studying** the workloads' performance on several servers
 - Cover as much as possible all the CPU models deployed in production in WLCG
 - Include SPEC CPU benchmarks
 - HS06 as well as SPEC CPU 2017 (**intrate** and **cpp** configs)

“matrix” of score measurements

	CPU model A	CPU model B	...
HS06 _{64bit}			
HS06 _{32bit}			
SPEC CPU 2017 (cpp config)			
SPEC CPU 2017 (intrate config)			
HEP WL ₁			
HEP WL ₂			
...			
HEP WL _n			



Action 1: Extend list of HEP workloads

- ❑ The TF to coordinate the new workloads' identification
- ❑ The WG to build the **standalone** containers
 - In strict contact with the experiments' experts
- ❑ 10 workloads for **x86** to enter in the **matrix**
 - 8 ready; 4 are Single Process or Single Thread
- ❑ In addition, 2 **prototype** workloads for GPU (Madgraph generator and CMS HLT-like)
 - Demonstrate the HEPscore usability on other arch. (longer term objective!)

Legend
Ok
In progress
Not started yet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	WL	Responsible	OS	Platform	WL developed in a git fork (if relevant)	Merged in HEP-Workloads repo	Built	Validated	Reference score	Ready for the "matrix"
1	Alice Gen-Sim-Reco	S. Piano	cc7	x86						
2	Atlas gen sherpa	W. Lamp	cc7	x86						
3	Atlas simMT	W. Lamp	cc7	x86						
4	LHCb gen-sim 2021	A. Valassi	cc7	x86						
5	CMS gen-sim Run3	A. Sciabà	cc7	x86/arm			x86/arm			
6	CMS Digi Run3	A. Sciabà	cc7	x86/arm			x86/arm			
7	CMS Reco Run3	A. Sciabà	cc7	x86/arm			x86/arm			
8	CMS HLT-like	A. Sciabà	cc7	x86 & GPU			x86			
9	Belle2	R. Sobie	cc7	x86						
10	Dune	A. Mc Nab	cc7	x86	https://gitlab.cern.ch			On hold for lack of time from Dune experts		
11	Juno	X. Yan	cc7	x86	b.cern.ch/xiaofei/hep					
12	Grav-Wave	J. Willis	cc7	x86	https://git.ligo.org					
13	Madgraph	A. Valassi	cc7	x86 / GPU						

Highlights of the new HEP workloads

- ❑ Alice: gen-sim-reco based on Run3 Online-Offline (O2) framework
- ❑ Atlas: new gen WL uses **Sherpa** as generator. Sim WL is **multi-threaded**
- ❑ CMS: the standalone WLs are distributed also for **ARM** platforms (a nice to have). All WLs are multi-threaded
- ❑ Juno: required improvement of the HEP-Workloads infrastructure to snapshot a different cvmfs endpoint
- ❑ IGWN is not an event based workload
- ❑ *All Singularity SIF images are distributed via the Harbor registry at CERN*
 - Speedup the pre-run phase: faster download, conversion from Docker images not needed anymore

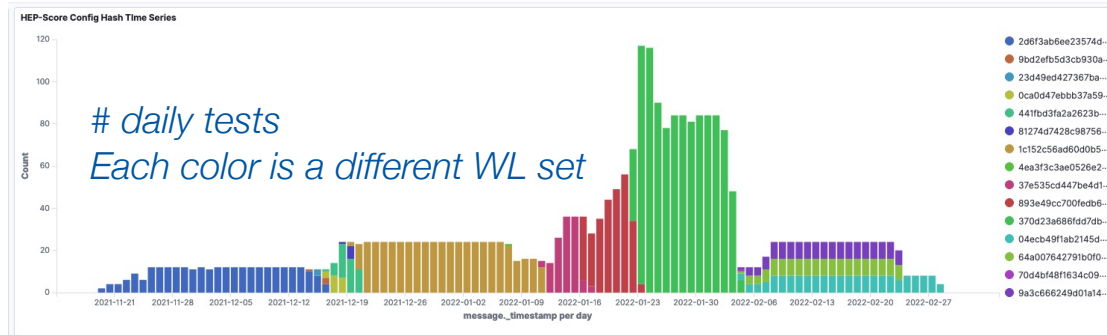
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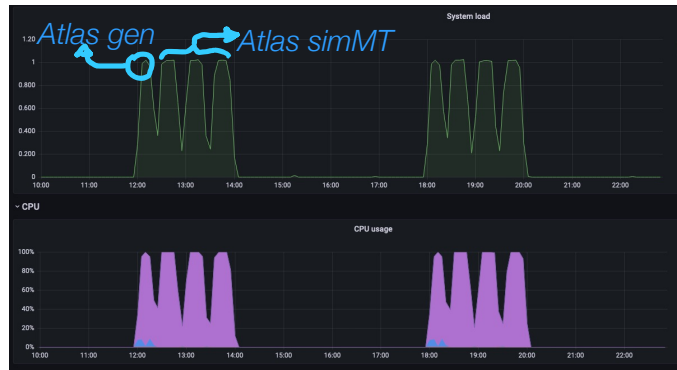
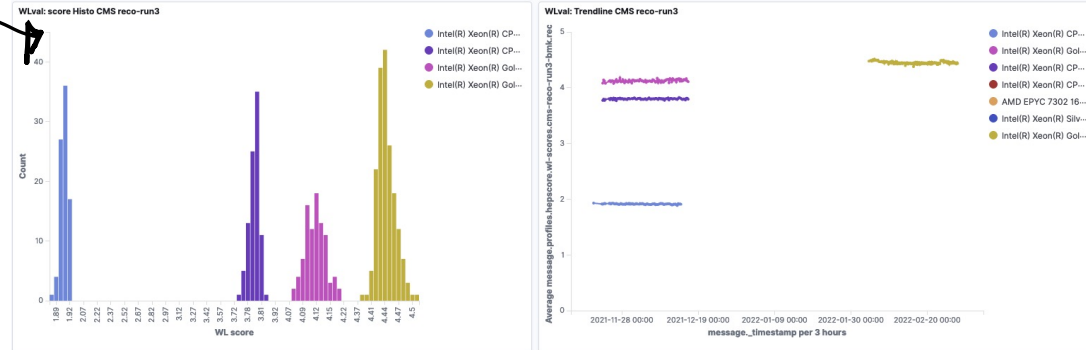
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Validation of the new HEP Workloads

- Before release, continuous runs on CERN testbed of 3 servers
 - Validate the WL robustness (no failures) and stability (i.e. benchmark resolution)
- Multiple monitoring dashboards
 - Follow progress, inspect results
 - Verify that the servers are fully loaded

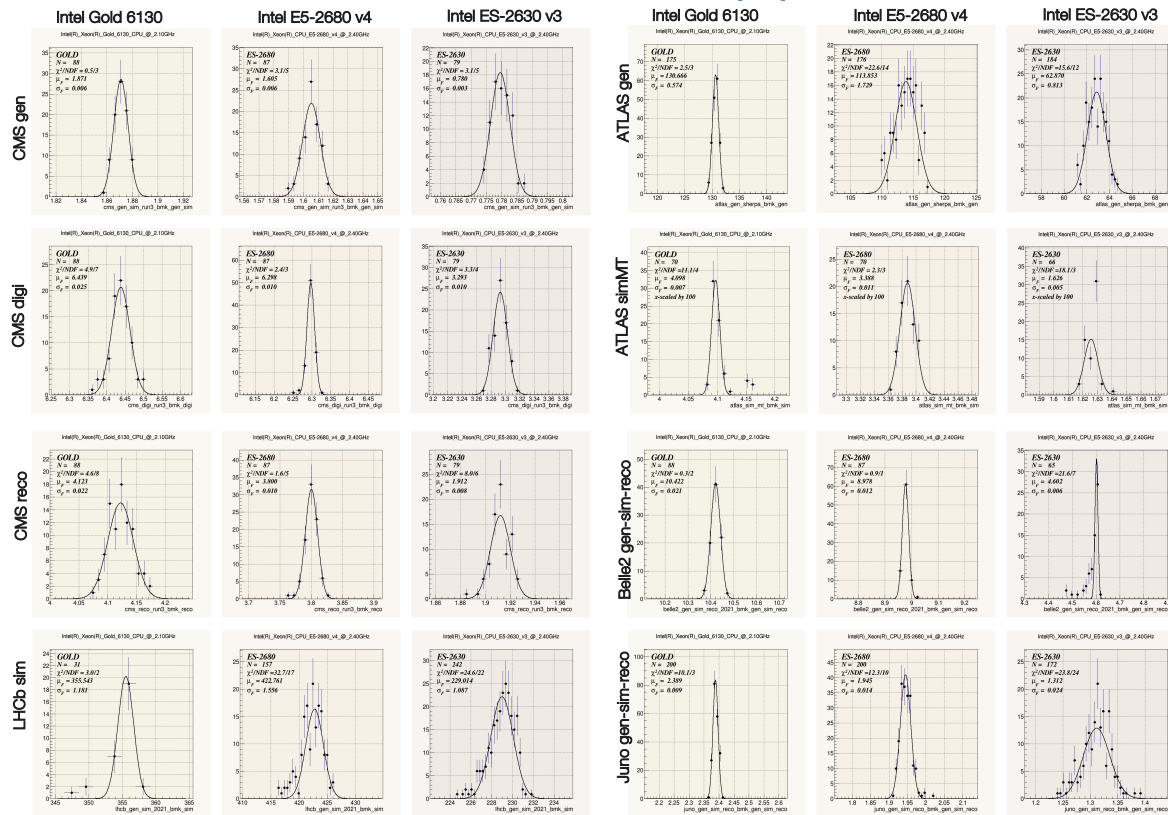


CMS reco score



Validation of the new HEP Workloads (II)

- ❑ Offline analysis to complete and confirm the online monitoring
 - CERN testbed of 3 servers
- ❑ Quantified the WL score stability
 - Standard deviations of measurements typically < 1%



Action 2: Run on multiple x86 platforms

- ❑ TF to promote the identification of a set servers representative of the WLCG production platforms
 - Encourage WLCG sites to offer servers and expertise to run the benchmarks
 - And supervise the progress of the benchmark process
- ❑ WG to assist volunteers in the benchmark execution
 - Scripts to run the HEP Benchmark Suite
 - Dashboards to monitor the data collection
 - Gather feedback for improvements

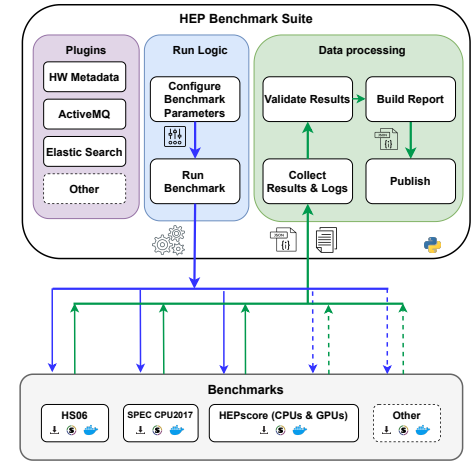
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How WLCG sites run benchmarks

❑ A single script for each benchmark configuration, to trigger the Suite execution:

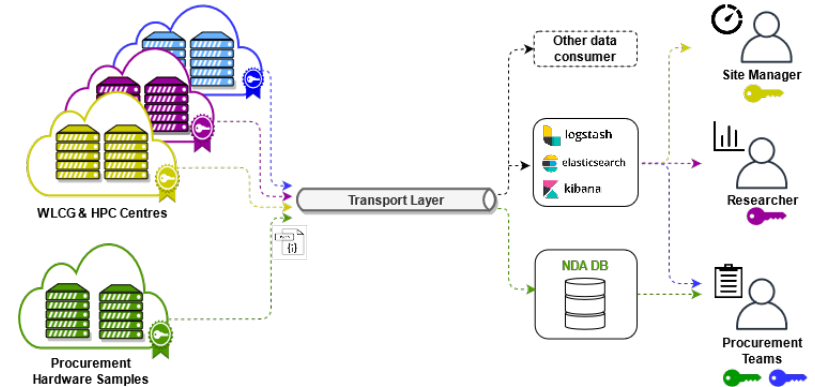
- Run benchmark -> Extract server metadata -> Validate the overall report -> Publish on the remote Elasticsearch DB



❑ The progress so far

succeeded
ongoing
problem
No SPEC licence

Site	HS06_32	HS06_64	SPEC17_Intrate	SPEC17_cpp	HEP WLS A	HEP WLS B	HEP WLS C	HEP WLS D
BNL	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
CA-UVic-Cloud	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
IHEP	🟡	🟡	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
UCLab	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
KIT (Gridka)	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
LIGO	🟡	🟡	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
NDGF-T1	🟡	🟡	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
Nikhef	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟡	🟢
PIC	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
RAL	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
INFN-T1	🟡	🟡	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢	🟢
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SPEC benchmark measurements

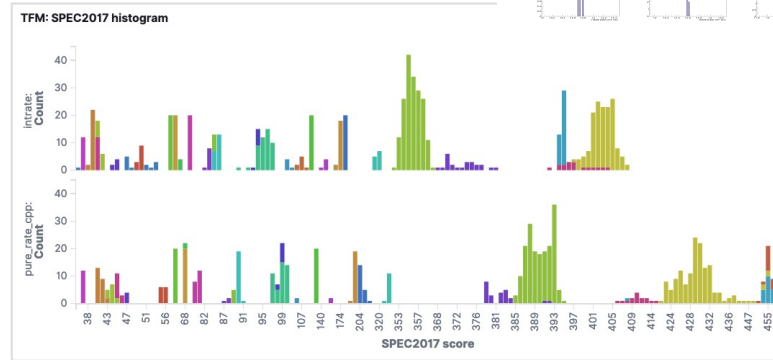
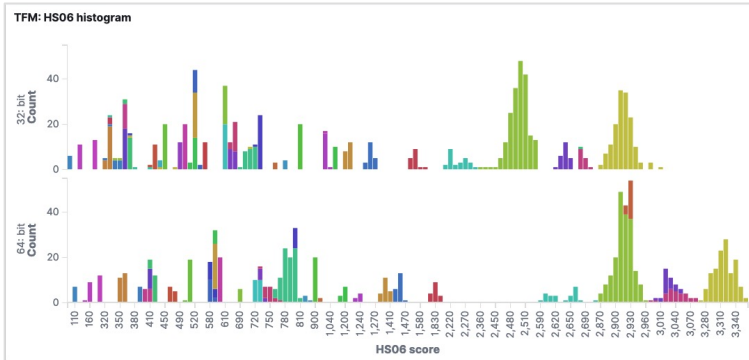
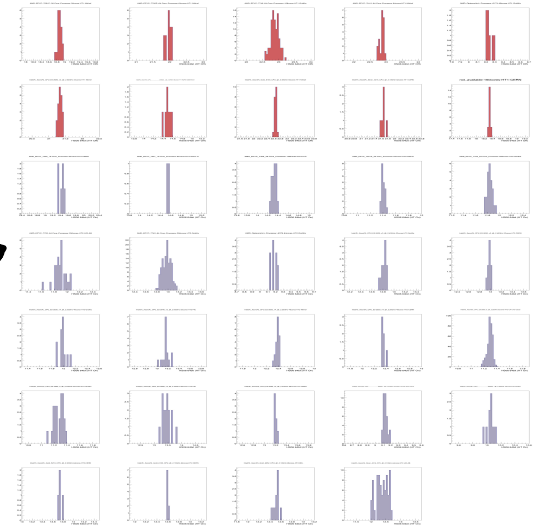


- ❑ ~5k measurements collected since Dec '21
- ❑ >30 distinct CPU models from 11 WLCG sites
 - Multiple HT and RAM configurations available
 - Same model in multiple sites: only in 1/3 of the cases

Processor	# Sites	# SMT configs	# RAM config
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2630 v4 @ 2.20GHz	3	1	2
AMD EPYC 7302 16-Core Processor	2	1	2
AMD EPYC 7702 64-Core Processor	2	2	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5520 @ 2.27GHz	2	2	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2630 v3 @ 2.40GHz	2	1	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2650 v4 @ 2.20GHz	2	1	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2680 v4 @ 2.40GHz	2	1	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 5118 CPU @ 2.30GHz	2	3	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4210 CPU @ 2.20GHz	2	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Silver 4216 CPU @ 2.10GHz	2	2	2
AMD EPYC 7351 16-Core Processor	1	1	1
AMD EPYC 7443P 24-Core Processor	1	1	1
AMD EPYC 7452 32-Core Processor	1	1	1
AMD EPYC 7551P 32-Core Processor	1	2	1
AMD EPYC 7702P 64-Core Processor	1	1	1
AMD EPYC 7713 64-Core Processor	1	1	1
AMD EPYC 7742 64-Core Processor	1	2	1
AMD EPYC 7H12 64-Core Processor	1	1	1
AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 6174	1	1	1
AMD Opteron(tm) Processor 6376	1	1	1
Intel Core Processor (Haswell, no TSX, IBRS)	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5630 @ 2.53GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2640 v3 @ 2.60GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2660 0 @ 2.20GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2665 0 @ 2.40GHz	1	2	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2670 0 @ 2.60GHz	1	3	2
Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2680 v3 @ 2.50GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 5218 CPU @ 2.30GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6130 CPU @ 2.10GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6148 CPU @ 2.40GHz	1	1	1
Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6252 CPU @ 2.10GHz	1	1	1

SPEC-family benchmarks

- ❑ Executed benchmarks a significant number of times (>10) to perform accurate studies
- ❑ Detailed data analysis
 - by extracting data from ES
 - offline data cleaning and fits

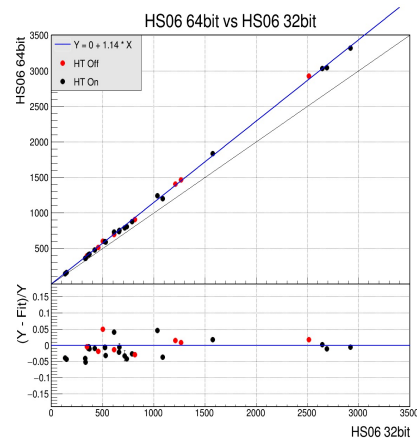


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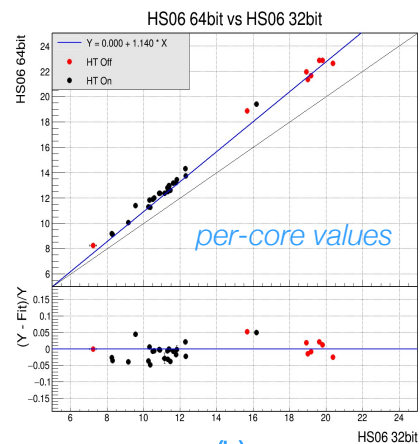
SPEC values across the benchmarked CPU models

- (a,b) **Confirm** the average conversion factor between HS06₃₂ and HS06₆₄ is **1.14** (i.e. HS06₆₄ is 14% higher than HS06₃₂)
- (c) **Confirms** the **correlation** of HS06₆₄ and SPEC CPU2017 **cpp** rate config., as already reported by the **WG** in the past (see [paper](#))
- (d) Shows that SPEC CPU 2017 **intrate** and **cpp** config. are **compatible** within 10%

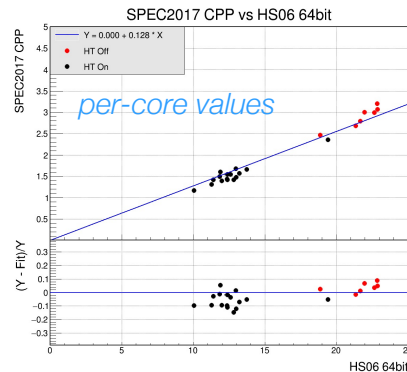
NB: (b,c,d) data are normalized to the number of active cores



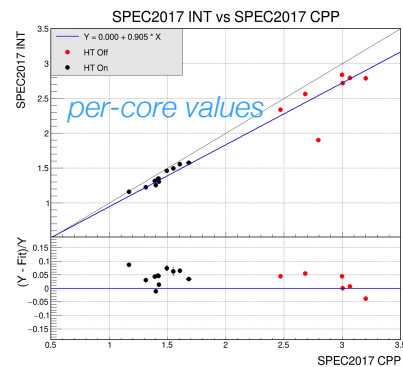
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Sites can still contribute to the measurements

Request to MB Members (1)

- Contact sites that you work with:
 - Compare our list with their work force for batch processing; any major contributions by configurations not in the list? (*)
 - Any configurations by that site already proposed by a different site? (*)
 - Any configurations by that site on the list? Please confirm that bulk processing uses the same configuration (**)

Request to MB Members (2)

(*) Please consider proposing one such configuration for benchmarking:

- Material: One server, not necessarily available for benchmarking all the time, but should be exclusively used for benchmarking during campaigns
- Personnel: One contact person needed for basic babysitting – not very demanding nor time-consuming

(**) Configurations include type and number of processors, HT/SMT settings, number of SMT cores used, RAM per core; workload running on bare metal, in containers, in VMs (what size)?



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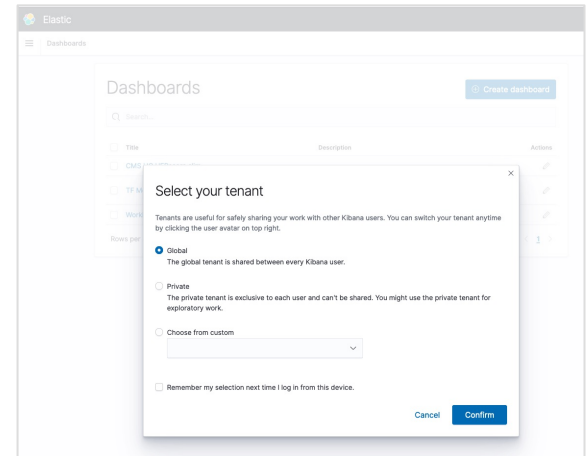
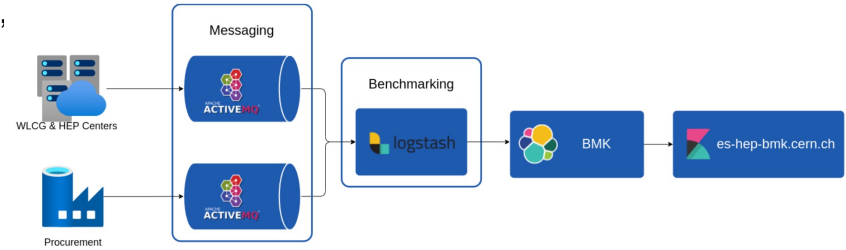
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- ❑ Detailed server configuration in the [Helge's presentation](#) to the MB
- ❑ Contact hep-benchmarks-support@cern.ch

Consolidation of the ES infrastructure (Fall 2021)

- ❑ Elasticsearch is the storage solution selected for the monitoring, analysis and long-term preservation of the benchmark results
- ❑ In September 21 decided to adopt the new CERN ES infrastructure based on Open Distro
 - Take advantage of the new features offered by Open Distro
 - Implied migration from previous ES: data collected, and dashboards developed in the past years
- ❑ Separated tenants coexist in the same cluster to access procurement data or WLCG data
 - ACLs in place for authorization access. Based on egroups.
 - Still few issues to solve: individual cases of externals not having access via their CERN/Edugain certificate & SSO



Next steps

- ❑ Workloads:
 - Finalize development and validation of Alice and IGWN workloads (end of March)
- ❑ Measurements:
 - Complete the “matrix” (end of April)
- ❑ Analysis:
 - Study the relative scaling of the HEP workloads w.r.t. the available CPU models, as started for the SPEC family (April-May)
 - Identification of the HEP workloads’ set that will define HEPscore22 (optimistically in Q3)
 - Possibly avoid to run correlated WLs, using **weights** in the HEPscore22 definition

Conclusions

- ❑ Efficient collaboration between two teams
 - WLCG HEPscore deployment TF
 - HEPiX Benchmarking WG
- ❑ Large coverage of recent HEP software applications
 - Run 3 LHC experiments + other HEP experiments
 - The standalone containers are robust and provide reproducible results
- ❑ Numerous WLCG sites contribute substantially with test systems on which benchmarks are run
 - More contributions are needed and encouraged!!
- ❑ A great “Thank You!” goes to the experts from the experiments and the sites as well as to the WG and TF members

(*) See backup slides for member list



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