

# MLaaS4HEP: Machine Learning as a Service for HEP

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# MLaaS for HEP

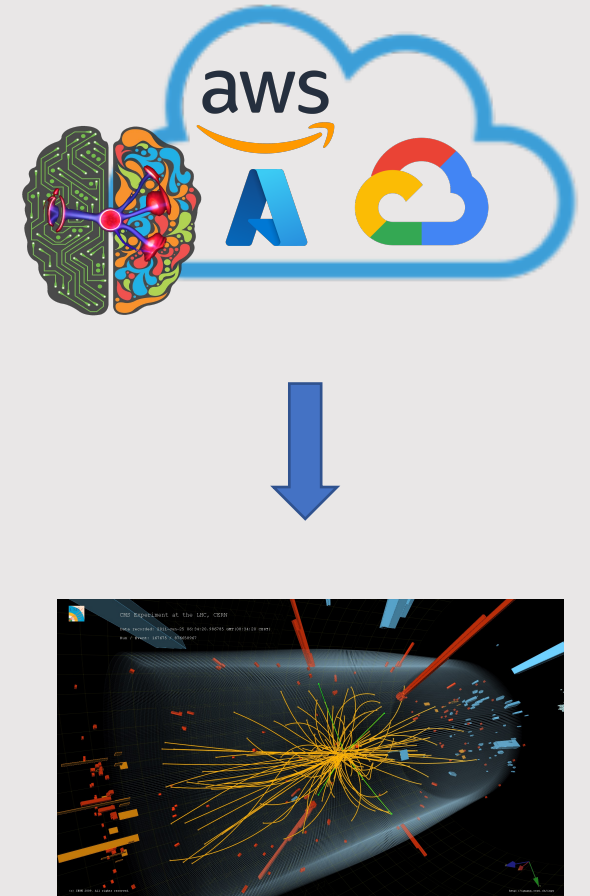
Machine Learning (**ML**) techniques in the High Energy Physics (**HEP**) domain are ubiquitous, successfully used in many areas, and will play a significant role also in Run3 and High-Luminosity LHC upgrade.

It is necessary to have a synergy between HEP and ML community and to ease the usage of ML techniques in HEP analyses. Therefore, it would be useful to provide physicists who are not experts in ML a service to easily exploit the ML potentiality.

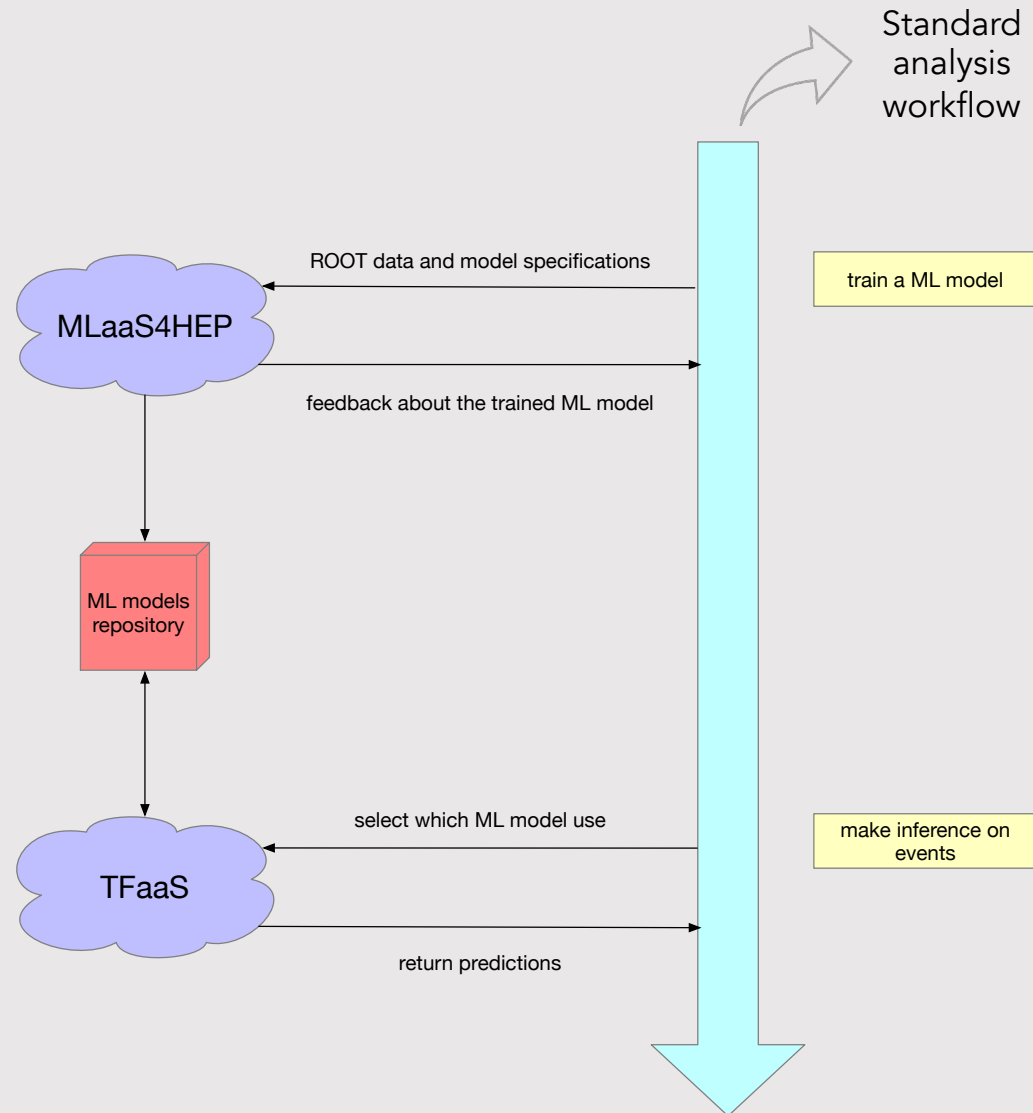
Existing ML as a Service (**MLaaS**) solutions are many: they offer many services and cover different use cases but they are not directly usable in HEP.

Existing HEP R&D solutions don't cover the whole ML pipeline or they are not "aaS" solutions or they are difficult to generalize to other use cases.

We proposed a MLaaS for HEP (**MLaaS4HEP**) solution as a product of R&D activities within the CMS experiment.



# Basic idea of a ML as a Service for HEP workflow



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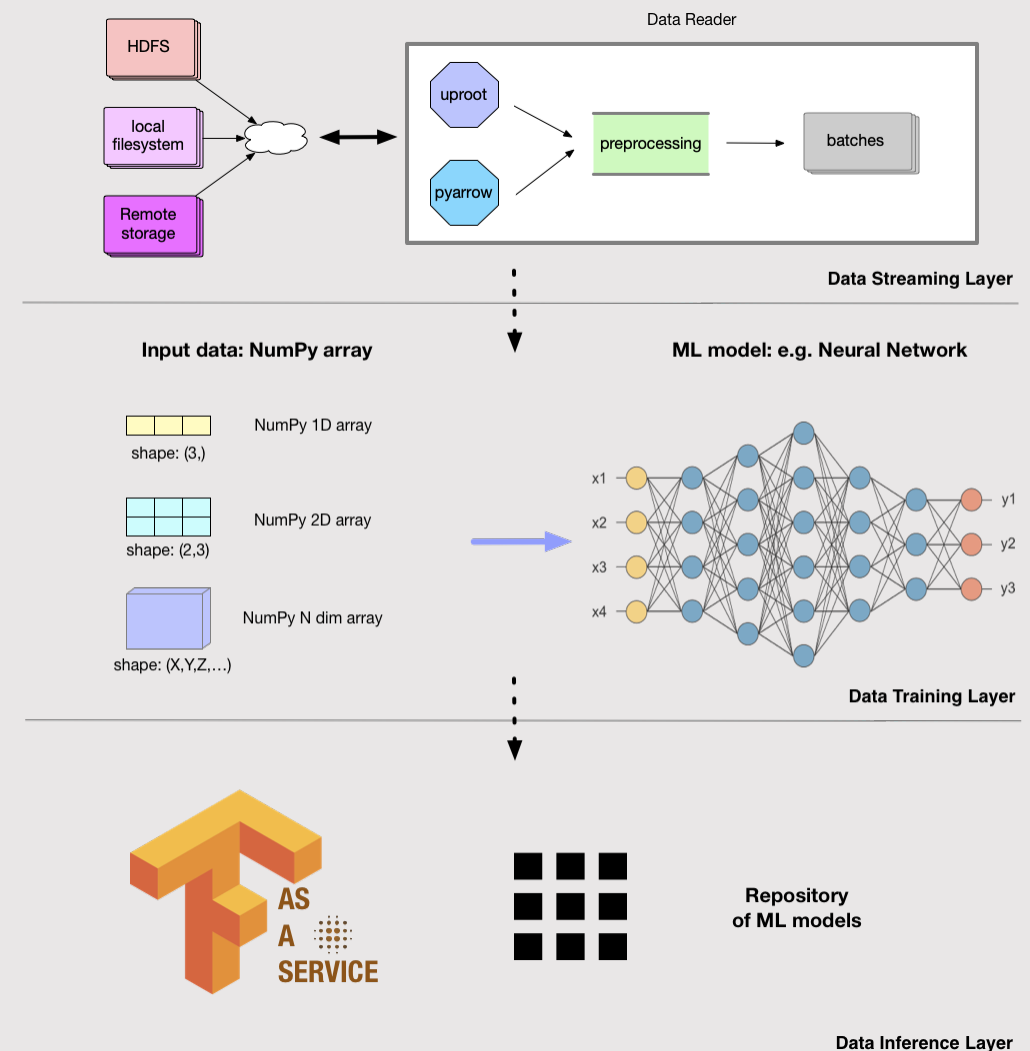
The MLaaS4HEP framework has a multi-language architecture (Python and Go) and it is structured in three layers:

- **Data Streaming Layer** is responsible for local and remote data access of HEP ROOT files (based on the uproot library)
- **Data Training Layer** is responsible for feeding HEP ROOT data into the ML framework of user choice
- **Data Inference Layer** (TFaaS) provides access to pre-trained TF models via HTTP protocol

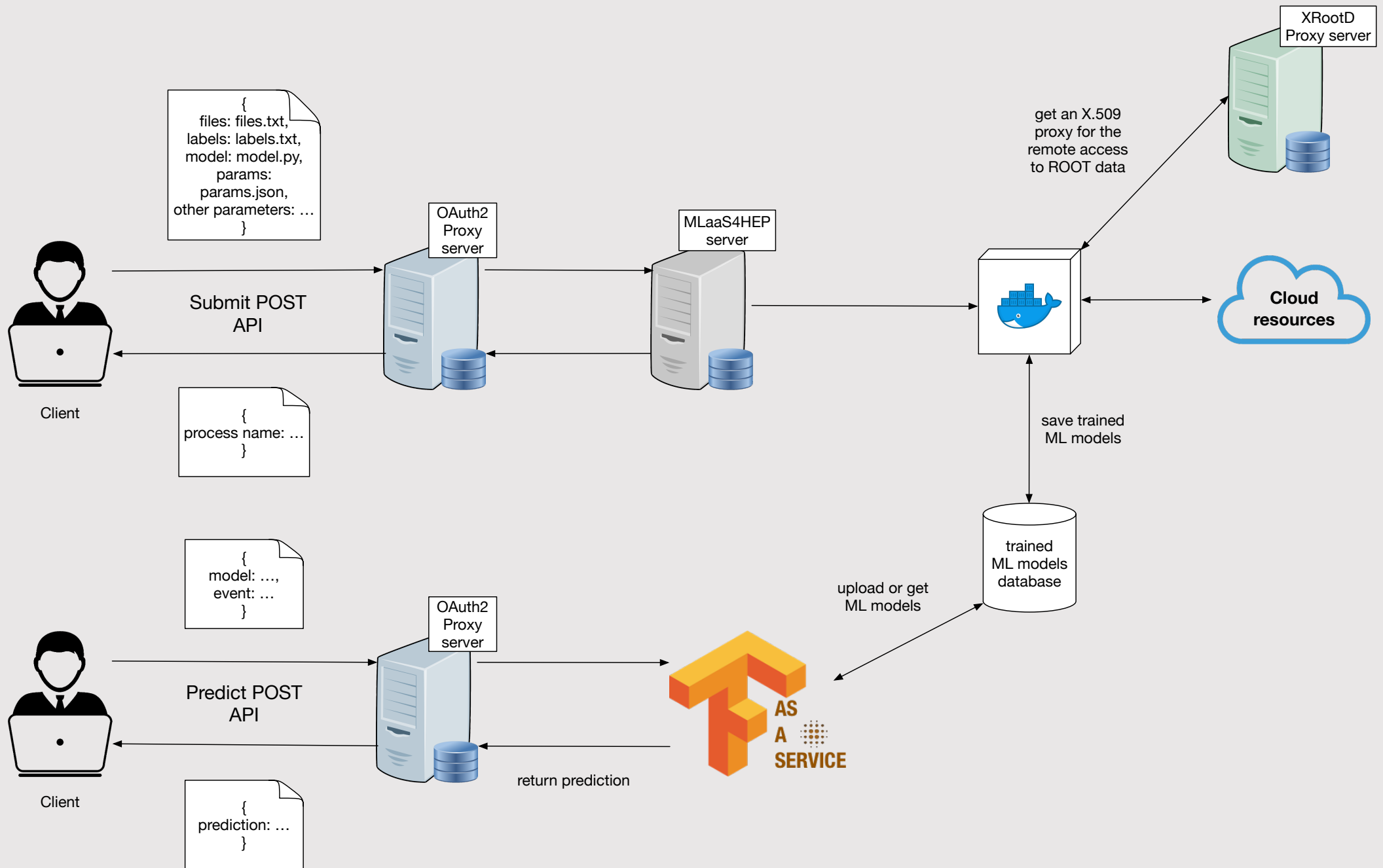
The first two layers contribute to the **MLaaS4HEP** training workflow, while **TFaaS** is in charge of the inference phase.

Data streaming and training tools: [github.com/vkuznet/MLaaS4HEP](https://github.com/vkuznet/MLaaS4HEP)

Data inference tool: [github.com/vkuznet/TFaaS](https://github.com/vkuznet/TFaaS)







# Towards MLaaS4HEP as cloud service

The goal is to create a **cloud service** that could use cloud resources and could be added into the INFN Cloud portfolio of services. To provide this we worked through a series of steps.

- We built a **MLaaS4HEP server** with some basic APIs using the (Python-based) Flask framework
- We integrated an **OAuth2 Proxy server** to manage users authentication/authorization
- We integrated an **XRootD Proxy server** to allow the usage of an X.509 proxy for the remote access to ROOT data
- We connected the MLaaS4HEP server and **TFaaS** in a way that the ML models trained by the MLaaS4HEP server are saved in a repository from which the TFaaS service can take them for the inference phase

We implemented a working prototype connecting the aforementioned services, hosted by a VM of the INFN Cloud. The MLaaS4HEP server APIs can be reached at the following address **<https://90.147.174.27:4433>** while TFaaS at **<https://90.147.174.27:8081>**.



[DEMO](#)

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# Thanks for the attention

# Backup slides

```
./workflow.py --files=files.txt --labels=labels.txt --model=model.py --params=params.json
```

MLaaS  
workflow

Input  
ROOT files

Labels of  
ROOT files

User  
model

MLaaS  
parameters

Keras model (model.py)

```
from tensorflow import keras
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout

def model(idim):
    "Simple Keras model for testing purposes"
    ml_model = Sequential([Dense(128,
                                activation='relu', input_shape=(idim,)),
                            Dropout(0.5),
                            Dense(64, activation='relu'),
                            Dropout(0.5),
                            Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')])
    ml_model.compile(optimizer=keras.optimizers.Adam(lr=1e-3),
                    loss=keras.losses.BinaryCrossentropy(),
                    keras.metrics.AUC(name='auc'))
```

MLaaS parameters (params.json)

```
{
  "nevents": 30000,
  "shuffle": true,
  "chunk_size": 10000,
  "epochs": 5,
  "batch_size": 100,
  "identifier": ["runNo", "evtNo", "lumi"],
  "branch": "boostedAk8/events",
  "selected_branches": "",
  "exclude_branches": "",
  "hist": "pdfs",
  "redirector": "root://xrootd.ba.infn.it",
  "verbose": 1
}
```

Input ROOT files (files.txt)

```
PATH/flatTree_ttHJetTobb_M125_13TeV_amcatnloFXFX_madspin_pythia8.root
PATH/flatTree_TT_TuneCUETP8M2T4_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root
```

Labels of ROOT files (labels.txt)

```
1
0
```

## MLaaS parameters

## Read remote root files

## Write and load the specs

```
./workflow.py --files=files.txt --labels=labels.txt --model=model.py --params=params.json  
DataGenerator: <MLaaS4HEP.generator.RootDataGenerator object at 0x7f0cb58d7fd0> [29/Jun/2020:17:53:44] 1593445994.0  
model parameters: {"nevents": 30000, "shuffle": true, "chunk_size": 10000, "epochs": 2, "batch_size": 500, "identifier": ["runNo", "evtNo", "lumi"],  
"branch": "boostedAk8/events", "selected_branches": "", "exclude_branches": "", "hist": "pdfs", "root_director": "root://xrootd.ba.infn.it", "verbose": 1}
```

```
Reading root://xrootd.ba.infn.it//PATH_FILES/flatTree_ttHJetTobb_M125_13TeV_amcatnloFXFX_madspin_pythia8.root  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 9.5222034454347 MB, 1.0169336795806885 sec, 9.36364252323795 MB/sec, 9.833482950553169 kHz  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 9.53391551971455 MB, 1.2977769374847412 sec, 7.346343770133804 MB/sec, 7.705484441248654 kHz  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 9.53866767883008 MB, 1.4104814529418945 sec, 6.7627033726234735 MB/sec, 7.089777734505208 kHz  
--- first pass: 948348 events, (22-flat, 57-jagged) branches, 328 attrs  
<MLaaS4HEP.reader.RootDataReader object at 0x7f840dbf4d50> init is complete in 4.852992534637411 sec
```

```
Reading root://xrootd.ba.infn.it//PATH_FILES/flatTree_TT_TuneCUETP8M2T4_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 8.875920295715332 MB, 0.9596493244171143 sec, 9.24912889518947 MB/sec, 10.42047313071777 kHz  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 8.868906021118164 MB, 1.2938923835754395 sec, 6.85443869497903 MB/sec, 7.728618026459661 kHz  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 8.869449615478516 MB, 1.1267895698547363 sec, 7.87143389747739 MB/sec, 8.874771534572496 kHz  
--- first pass: 1003980 events, (22-flat, 52-jagged) branches, 312 attrs  
<MLaaS4HEP.reader.RootDataReader object at 0x7f8410e15f90> init is complete in 4.53512477847559 sec
```

```
write global-specs.json  
load specs from global-specs.json for root://xrootd.ba.infn.it//$PATH_FILES/flatTree_ttHJetTobb_M125_13TeV_amcatnloFXFX_madspin_pythia8.root  
load specs from global-specs.json for root://xrootd.ba.infn.it//$PATH_FILES/flatTree_TT_TuneCUETP8M2T4_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root  
init RootDataGenerator in 11.186564683914185 sec
```

```
label 1, file <flatTree_ttHJetTobb_M125_13TeV_amcatnloFXFX_madspin_pythia8.root>, going to read 4858 events  
read chunk [0:4857] from /$PATH_FILES/flatTree_ttHJetTobb_M125_13TeV_amcatnloFXFX_madspin_pythia8.root  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 9.52220344543457 MB, 1.3816642761230469 sec, 6.891835889507034 MB/sec, 7.237648228164387 kHz  
total read 4858 evts from /$PATH_FILES/flatTree_ttHJetTobb_M125_13TeV_amcatnloFXFX_madspin_pythia8.root
```

```
label 0, file <flatTree_TT_TuneCUETP8M2T4_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root>, going to read 5142 events  
read chunk [4858:9999] from /$PATH_FILES/flatTree_TT_TuneCUETP8M2T4_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root  
# 10000 entries, 77 branches, 8.875920295715332 MB, 1.7170112133026123 sec, 5.169401473297779 MB/sec, 5.8240737873606205 kHz  
total read 5142 evts from /$PATH_FILES/flatTree_TT_TuneCUETP8M2T4_13TeV-powheg-pythia8.root
```

Create the chunk

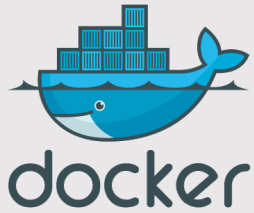
# MLaaS4HEP performance

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- We used a dataset with 28.5M events with 74 branches (22 flat and 52 Jagged), and a total size of about **10.1 GB**.
- We performed all the tests running MLaaS framework on **two** different platforms
  - macOS, 2.2 GHz Intel Core i7 dual-core, 8 GB of RAM
  - CentOS 7 Linux, 4 VCPU Intel Core Processor Haswell 2.4 GHz, 7.3 GB of RAM CERN Virtual Machine
- The ROOT files are read from **local** file-systems (SSD storages) and **remotely** from the Grid sites. In particular, we read files remotely from three different data-centers located at Bologna (BO), Pisa (PI), Bari (BA)
- Based on the resource we used and if the ROOT files were local or remote, we obtained:
  - ❖ **specs computing phase (chunk size = 100k events)**
    - Event throughput: 8.4k – 13.7k evts/s
    - Total time using all the 28.5M events: 35 – 57 min
  - ❖ **chunks creation in the training phase (chunk size = 100k events)**
    - Event throughput: 1.1k – 1.2k evts/s
    - Total time using all the 28.5M events: 6.5 – 7.5 hrs
- **TFaaS** benchmarks on CentOS 7 Linux, 16 cores, 30 GB of RAM
  - **500 req/sec** for TF model with 27 features, 1024x1024 hidden layers, using 5k calls with 200 concurrent clients



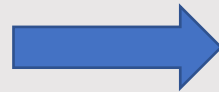
# MLaaS4HEP cloudification with DODAS



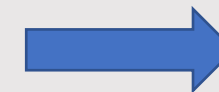
All the material here: [github.com/lgiommi/mlaas\\_cloud](https://github.com/lgiommi/mlaas_cloud)



Creation of a [docker image](#) able to run the workflow.py script



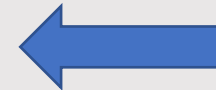
Create an Ansible playbook to automatize the configuration and deployment of the container with dependencies



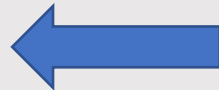
Convert the Ansible playbook into an [Ansible role](#)



Creation of a [Tosca template](#) to define the resource requirements and the input parameters for the creation of the docker container



Create the deployment from command line



Run workflow.py interactively or with jupyterhub

```
dodas create lgiommi-template.yml  
dodas login <infID> <vmID>
```



# MLaaS4HEP using Jupyterhub

- We provide a SaaS solution for a sharable jupyter notebook
- Token-based access to the jupyterhub, with the support for a customizable environment



**DEMO**

- Integrate cloud storage for managing the required files (ROOT files, ML model, etc.)

```
# . ./shared/setup_local
(base) # cd /workarea/shared/folder_test
(base) # ../../workarea/MLaaS4HEP/src/python/MLaaS4HEP/workflow.py --files=files_test.txt --labels=labels_test.txt --
model=keras_model.py --params=params_test.json
model parameters: {"nevt": -1, "shuffle": true, "chunk_size": 10000, "epochs": 5, "batch_size": 100, "identifier": ["runNo", "evtNo",
"lumi"], "branch": "events", "selected_branches": "", "exclude_branches": "", "hist": "pdfs", "redirector": "root://gridftp-storm-
t3.cr.cnaf.infn.it:1095", "verbose": 1}
Reading ttH_signal.root
# 10000 entries, 29 branches, 1.10626220703125 MB, 0.034181833267211914 sec, 32.364039645948566 MB/sec, 292.5530623775014 kHz
# 10000 entries, 29 branches, 1.10626220703125 MB, 0.022344589233398438 sec, 49.50917626973965 MB/sec, 447.53563807084936 kHz
```