

# Analysis Grand Challenge

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# AGC: two components

The IRIS-HEP Analysis Grand Challenge (AGC) has **two components**:

- Defining a **physics analysis task** of realistic HL-LHC scope & scale
- Developing an **analysis pipeline** that implements this task
  - Finding & addressing performance bottlenecks & usability concerns

# AGC: how we envisioned it initially

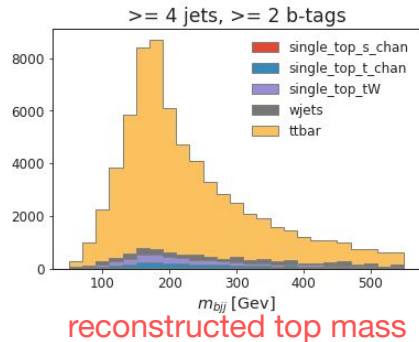
## An “integration exercise” for IRIS-HEP



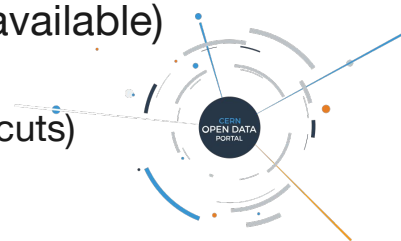
- Demonstrate method for **handling HL-LHC data pipeline requirements**
  - Large data volumes + bookkeeping
  - Handling of different types of systematic uncertainties
  - Use of reduced data formats (**PHYSLITE** / **NanoAOD**), aligned with LHC experiments
- Aiming for **“interactive analysis”**: turnaround time of ~minutes or less
  - Made possible by highly parallel execution in short bursts, low latency & heavy use of caching
- **Specify all analysis details** to allow for **re-implementations** and re-use for benchmarking
- Execution on **Analysis Facilities**

# AGC: analysis task

## Community benchmark



- Analysis task: **ttbar cross-section measurement** in single lepton channel
  - Includes simple top reconstruction
  - Captures relevant workflow aspects and can easily be extended
    - E.g. conversion into a BSM search
  - Analysis task prominently features handling of systematic uncertainties
- Analysis is based on **Run-2 CMS Open Data** (~400 TB of MiniAOD available)
  - Open Data is crucial: everyone can participate
  - Currently using 4 TB of ntuple inputs (pre-converted, ~1B events before cuts)
- Goal of setup is showing **functionality**, not discovering new physics
  - Want to capture workflow; use made-up tools for calibrations & systematic uncertainties



# An AGC implementation: software stack

Involves large number of packages from IRIS-HEP and partners

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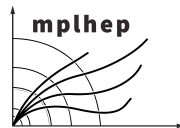
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Func ADL



Coffea

VECTOR



cabinetry



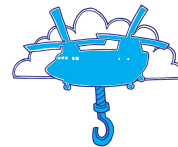
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ServiceX



Coffea-Casa



XCache

func

Analysis specific frameworks and packages (available in Docker container)

Data delivery  
service (k8s)

Optional  
services (k8s)

# Analysis pipeline

- **Pipeline setup**

- **ServiceX** delivers columns following declarative **func\_adl** request
- **coffea** orchestrates distributed event processing & histogram production
  - Using **uproot**, **awkward-array**, **hist**
- Visualization with **hist & mplhep**
- Statistical model construction with **cabinetry** & inference with **pyhf**

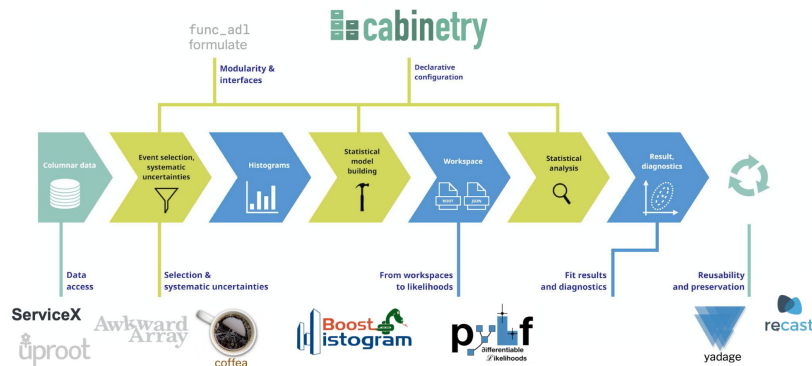
- **Everything is openly developed** ([IRIS-HEP AGC repository](#))

- Including categorization of datasets in terms of role in AGC demonstrator

- Will be executed on various partner facilities: *University Nebraska-Lincoln, UChicago, FNAL, BNL, others*

## Other AGC implementations:

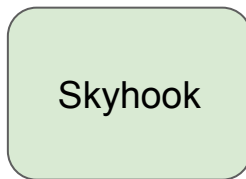
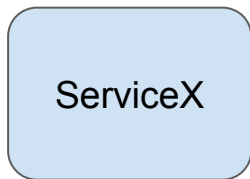
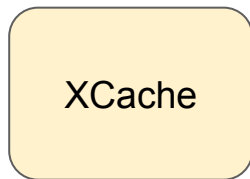
- *ROOT RDF* (Andrii Falko, Enrico Guiraud):  
[andriiknu/RDF/](#)
- *Julia* (Jerry Ling):  
[Moelf/LHC\\_AGC.jl](#)



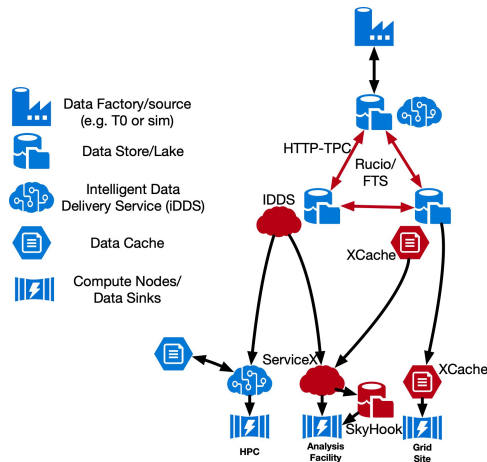
# Data management tools

## Relying on DOMA R&D for fast physics analysis turnaround

Expect **key contributions to improved performance** from three IRIS-HEP DOMA projects:



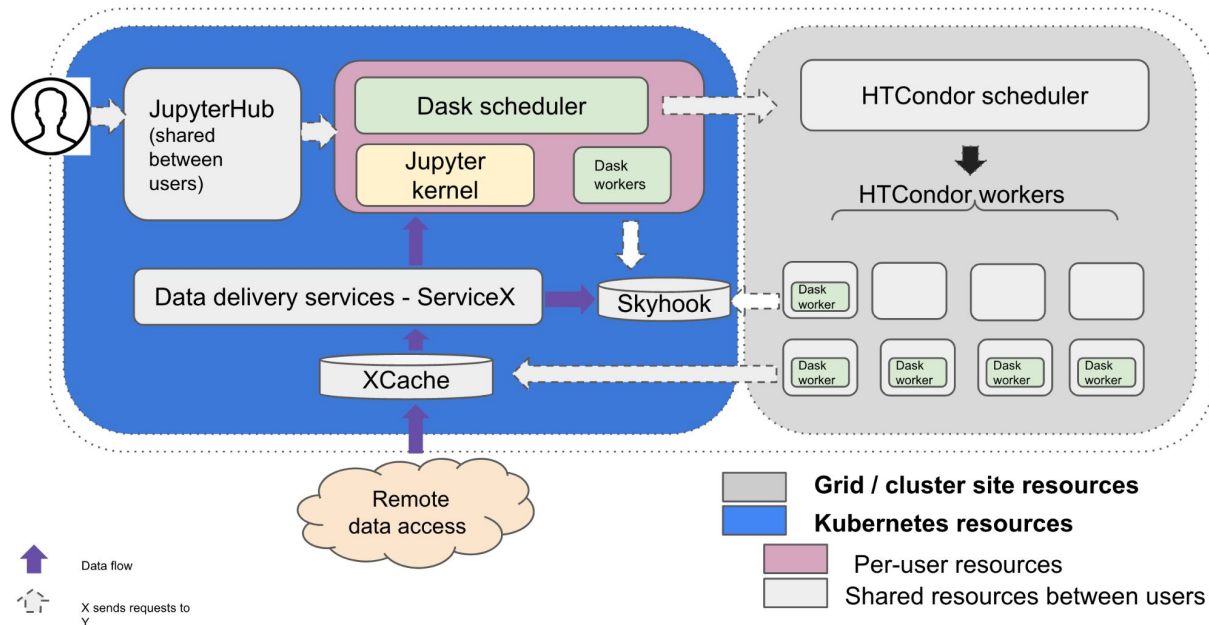
- **XCache** — XRootd file-based caching proxy used for regional / site caches to store requested on-demand datasets (reducing latency & WAN traffic)
- **ServiceX** — data extraction and delivery service (“column-on-demand” service)
- **Skyhook DM** — an extension of the Ceph distributed storage for the scalable storage of tables and for offloading common data management operations to them (selection, projection, aggregation, and indexing, as well as user-defined functions)



# R&D on Analysis Facilities

## Rapid prototyping on coffea-casa AF

- Glueing different areas of IRIS-HEP (AS, SSL & DOMA) together: an AGC execution environment
- Providing environment to explore analysis workflows at scale

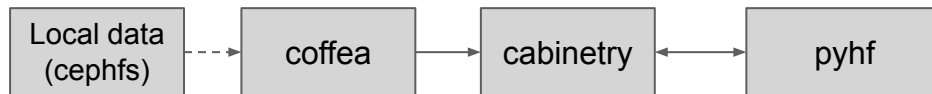


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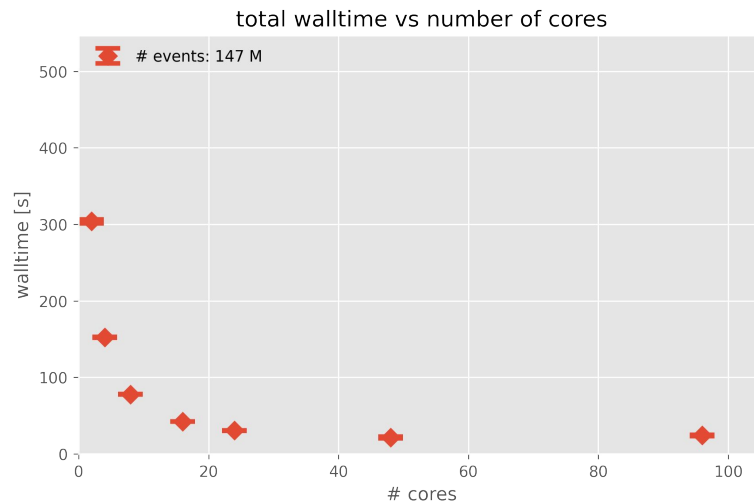
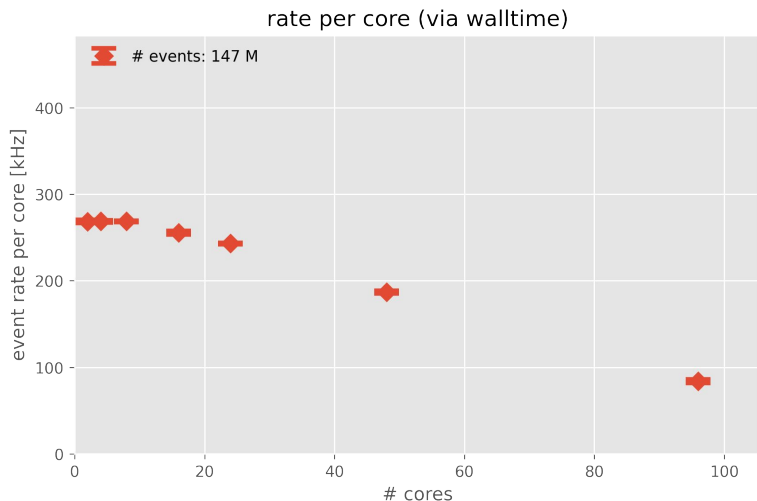


# AGC + local files

## Behavior in idealistic setup



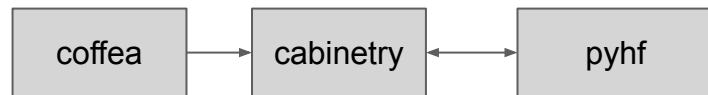
Columns from flat ntuples processed by coffea



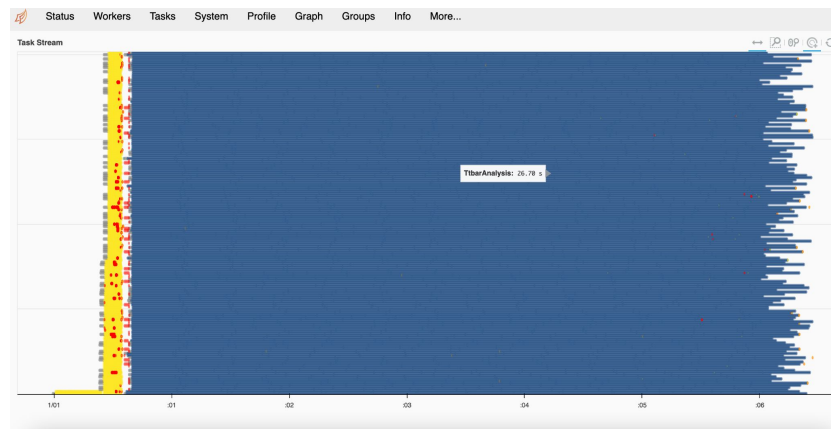
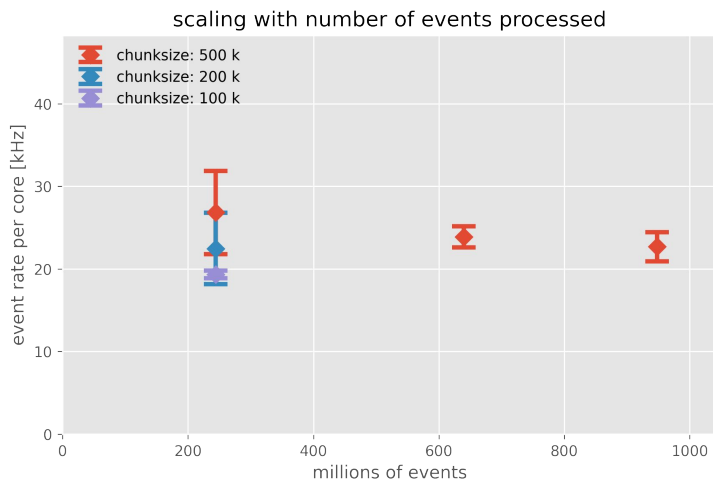
*UChicago Coffea-casa AF @ UChicago ATLAS AF (coffea with FuturesExecutor) : reading locally stored files and scaling on local machine (hyperthreading after 48 cores)*

# AGC: scale-out

## Processing 1B events



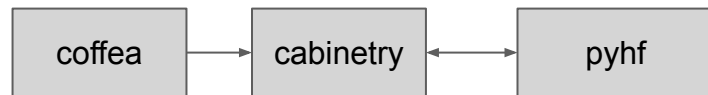
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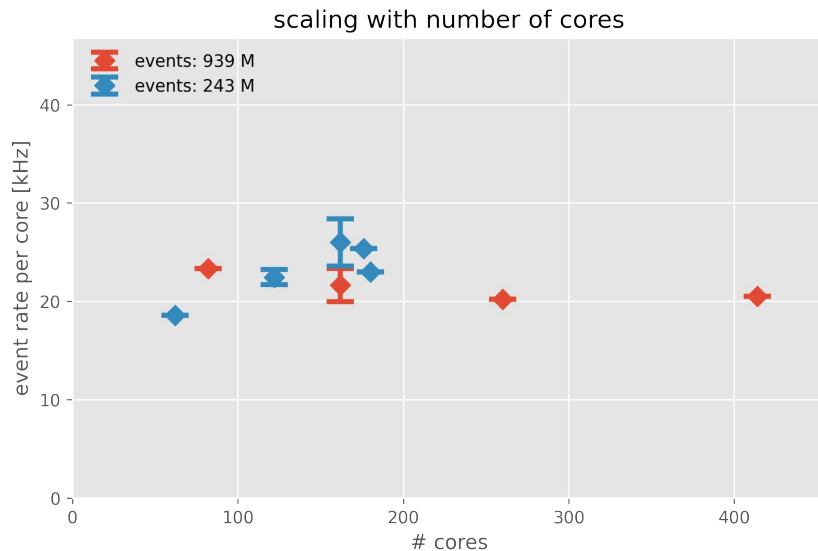
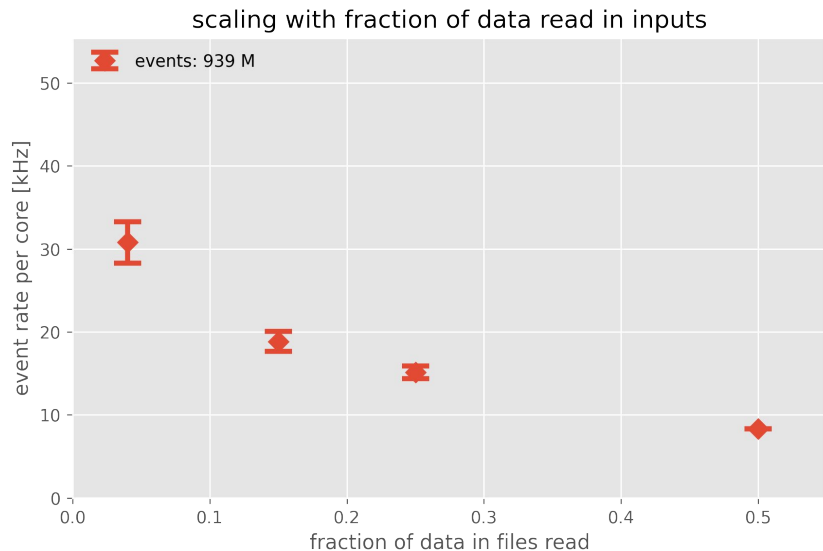
*UNL Coffea-casa AF @ UNL CMS Tier-2 (Coffea with DaskExecutor): stable scaling up to 1B events on Tier-2 job queue and efficient scheduling*

# Results: scaling behavior

## I/O and number of cores



Columns from flat ntuples processed by coffea



*UNL Coffea-casa AF @ UNL CMS Tier-2 (Coffea with DaskExecutor): stable scaling to 400 cores events with increasing number of branches (bigger fraction of data to read)*

# ServiceX: Column-on-demand service

- **ServiceX** could bring further performance improvements
  - **Initial event filter** reduces number of events that need to be processed again
  - Repeated columnar processing can read **cached data**
- New interesting workflow to be investigated: **column addition** from parent MiniAOD/PHYS datasets



Columns from NanoAOD / PHYSLITE  
and **request column**  
**from MiniAOD/ PHYS**

# Extending the analysis task & pipeline

## Plans and wishlist

- Expanded analysis task
  - **Machine learning** component in workflow
  - Further increased set of systematic uncertainties, more data to process
- Prototype new functionality: **on-demand column delivery** to enhance information in reduced data formats
- Longer term goal: **differentiable analysis pipeline** to investigate end-to-end analysis optimization

# Conclusions and next steps

- **Promising first performance results** obtained at multiple facilities
  - Execution of full AGC pipeline(s) next summer on various facilities (including diverse hardware configurations)
- Could be used as a baseline benchmark for other communities
- Stay in touch via our mailing list
  - [analysis-grand-challenge@iris-hep.org](mailto:analysis-grand-challenge@iris-hep.org) (sign up: [Google group](#))

# Backup

# AGC: give it a try!

We are making it easy for you to try out our setup

- **One click** to get PyHEP notebook in Binder environment

- **Try it out today!**

- You can also use the **UNL Open Data coffea-casa**

- Or **SSL** (ATLAS members), or your favorite facility
  - This allows you to scale up (limited on Binder)
  - Everything is available in the **AGC repository**

