

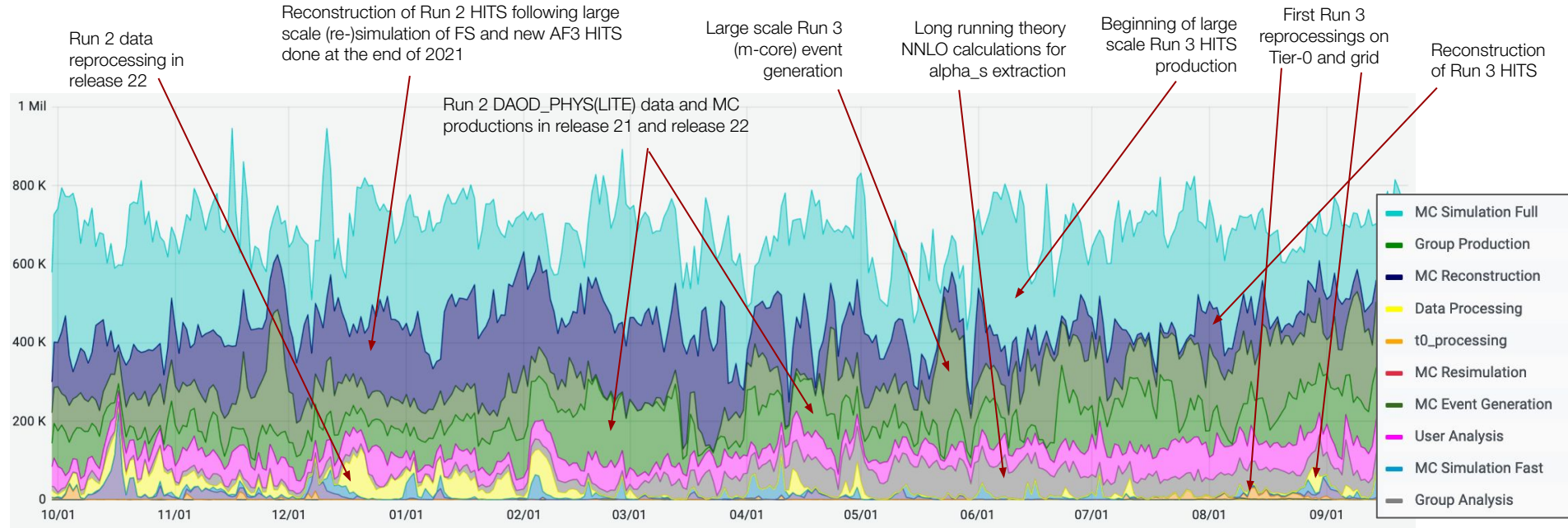
ATLAS Computing towards HL-LHC

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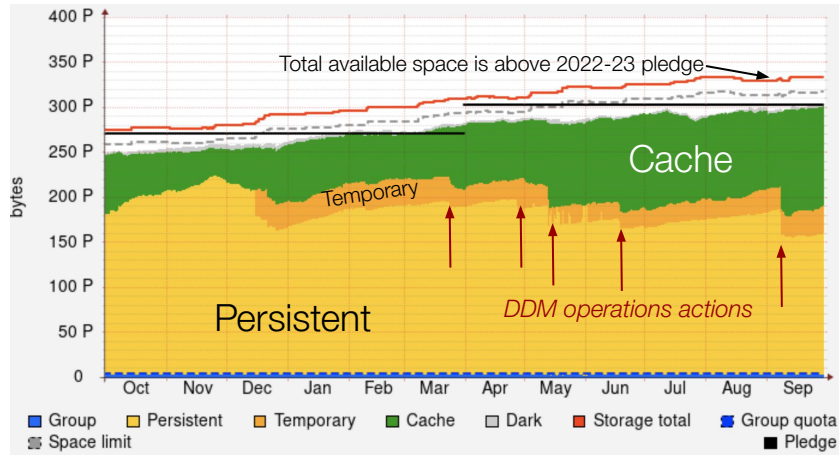


ATLAS running jobs in the last 12 months

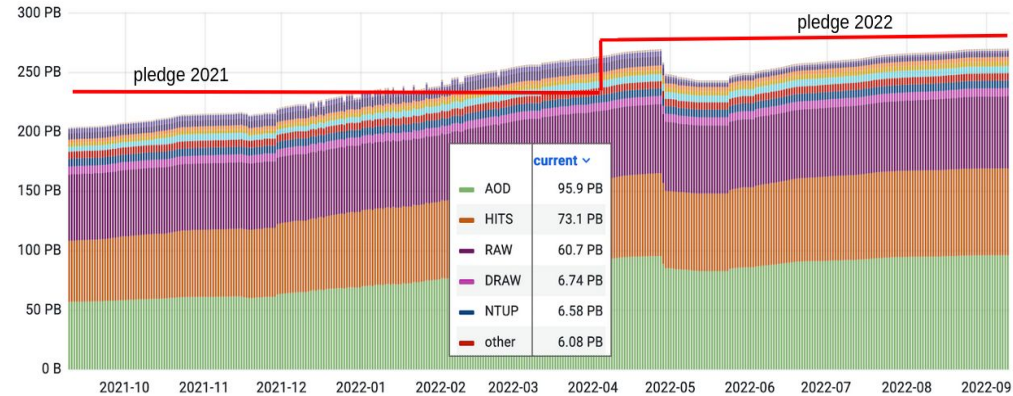


- Steady state of between 600k and 800k running job slots
 - Full spread of different activities, managed and prioritised via global shares
 - In addition to pledged Grid resources, significant contributions P1/HLT, Clouds and HPCs

Total pledged disk

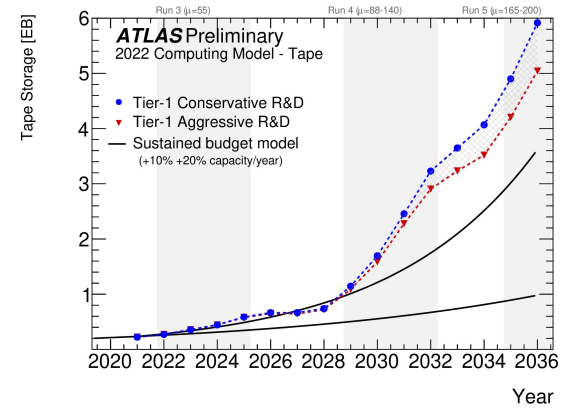
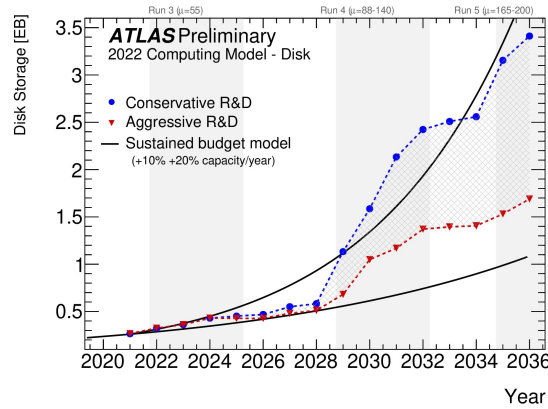
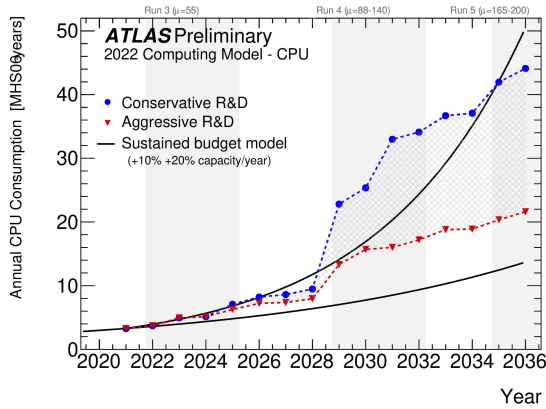


Total pledged tape



- Success of opportunistic compute comes at the price of constant storage pressure
 - Regular operations by DDM to keep it in check: removal of unused data, obsolescence of older versions,...
 - Use of data carousel in production workflows to ensure only what is necessary is on disk
- Likely to go over the tape pledge before the pledge year ends
 - T1 sites have responded positively to requests for early 2023 pledge deployment - much appreciated!

- Projected evolution of resource usage from 2020 until 2036



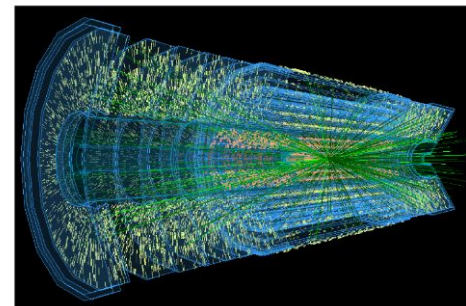
Conservative (blue) and aggressive (red) R&D scenarios. The grey hatched shading between the red and blue lines illustrates the range of resources consumption if the aggressive scenario is only partially achieved. The black lines indicate the impact of sustained year-on-year budget increases, and improvements in new hardware, that together amount to a capacity increase of 10% (lower line) and 20% (upper line). The vertical shaded bands indicate periods during which ATLAS will be taking data.

- We are all facing the requirement of a significant increase in computing resources for HL-LHC
 - Perhaps by working together, with some good people engaging in a few well defined, well thought out projects, we can save money in the future

- 2020: LHCC decided to perform a series of reviews of the Software and Computing plans of the LHC experiments towards HL-LHC
- The [ATLAS HL-LHC Computing Conceptual Design Report](#) was published in May 2020
- A follow up [ATLAS Software and Computing HL-LHC Roadmap](#) was published in March 2022 with concrete milestones
- A TDR is planned in ~2024



ATLAS Software and Computing HL-LHC Roadmap



Reference:

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Milestones

- The roadmap defines a set of milestones per activity area:
 - Maintenance and Operations: essential just to get by
 - Conservative R&D: new developments achievable with current effort
 - Aggressive R&D: new developments requiring extra effort and/or successful development

| Project Organization | IMP | DD | Description | Due |
|----------------------|------|--|--|---------|
| Project Organization | PR-1 | | First evaluation of effort needed to deliver on HL-LHC milestones | Q2 2022 |
| | PR-2 | | HL-LHC Computing TDR | Q3 2024 |
| | | | R&D projects targeting Run 4 (Run 4 projects) define scope and potential impact of that demonstration, and a program of work with effort and risk estimates to the end of Phase 2. | Q4 2022 |
| | 2.1 | | Define release, milestone and platform to be used to evaluate Run 4 performance impact of demonstrators | Q1 2024 |
| 2.2 | | Run 4 projects release their demonstrators | Q2 2024 | |
| 2.3 | | Run 4 projects evaluate the performance impact of their R&D demonstrators and release the effort needed to develop fully functional prototypes | Q2 2024 | |
| 2.4 | | Run 4 Release | Q2 2027 | |
| PR-3 | 3.1 | | Run 4 projects release fully functional prototypes, estimate risks and effort needed to bring to production quality | Q2 2026 |
| | 3.2 | | Run 4 developers tutorial | Q3 2026 |
| | 3.3 | | Run 4 Feature Freeze | Q2 2027 |
| PR-4 | 4.1 | | Ready for Run 4 Data Taking | Q2 2029 |
| | 4.2 | | Run 4 projects demonstrate required functionality in release | Q3 2026 |
| | | Run 4 release validated | Q1 2029 | |

| Core Software, Heterogeneous Computing and Accelerators | IMP | DD | Description | Due |
|---|------|-------------------------------|---|---------|
| Core Software, Heterogeneous Computing and Accelerators | CS-1 | | Pinup-digitalization in AthenaMT production ready | Q4 2022 |
| | CS-2 | 1.1 | Ensure reproducibility of MT production of preassembled MB ROOT files | Q2 2022 |
| | | 1.2 | Complete investigation of busy compression techniques | Q2 2023 |
| | | 1.3 | Implement Overlay Algorithm for ITk Pixels | Q2 2023 |
| | 2.1 | AODs | Lossy compression of the 3-track covariance matrix in the primary | Q4 2021 |
| | 2.2 | | Lossy compression of DAOD | Q4 2021 |
| | 2.3 | | Lossy compression of primary AODs | Q4 2023 |
| | CS-3 | 3.1 | Implement I/O read/write metadata recommendations | Q4 2022 |
| | | 3.2 | Multi-threaded file metadata handling | Q2 2022 |
| | | 3.3 | Redesign of the metadata handling infrastructure (better support for fine-grained workflows) | Q4 2023 |
| | CS-4 | 4.1 | Evaluation of data formats well-suited for massively parallel I/O (HPCs) | Q1 2022 |
| | | 4.2 | Storing Intermediate EventService Simulation data in HDFS | Q4 2026 |
| | CS-5 | 5.1 | Strategic update of writing a subset of DAODs (PHYS/LITE) data to Parquet | Q1 2025 |
| | | 5.2 | HOOT and LOG review contributions, testing, feedback | Ongoing |
| | CS-6 | 6.1 | Technical review of file storage format, compression, etc. | Q2 2026 |
| 6.2 | | Content review of data format | Q2 2027 | |
| Database infrastructure, conditions and metadata (ADAM) | DB-1 | | GPU neural scheduling | Q1 2023 |
| | 7.1 | | Basic support for Kernet scheduling in Athena | Q2 2021 |
| | 7.2 | | Integration with Gauss Scheduler | Q1 2023 |
| | CS-8 | | GPU acceleration techniques and infrastructure in Athena | Q4 2021 |
| | CS-9 | 8.1 | Developing Multiplatform heterogeneous applications | Q2 2023 |
| | | 8.2 | FACTS-based multi-agent workflow | Q3 2022 |
| | 9.1 | | FastCaloEM GPU merged into master | Q2 2022 |
| | 9.3 | | Calorimeter dispatching | Q4 2022 |
| | DB-2 | 2.1 | Define the CREST development, lifecycle and deployment strategy, as well as COOL data migration strategy | Q4 2022 |
| | | 2.2 | Finalize the prototype for CREST development, partial COOL data migration and Athena job testing. Implement changes needed in IOV/DSE | Q4 2022 |
| | 2.3 | | Implement data processing and storage evaluation for CREST using DCS data | Q1 2023 |
| | 3.1 | | Review a directory structure to export selected conditions from CREST into CVMS (access from sites without network connectivity) | Q4 2023 |
| | 3.2 | | Deployment of a parallel infrastructure for accessing conditions via CREST for target sites (validate scalability and experts needs) | Q1 2026 |
| | 3.3 | | Final CREST validation for Run4 and COOL decommissioning | Q4 2026 |
| | DB-3 | 1.1 | Metadata evolution | Q1 2025 |
| 3.2 | | | AMT Tag evolution and deployment | Q4 2024 |
| 3.3 | | | Fully functional and integrated metadata system to characterize datasets (data and MC) used for physics analysis | Q1 2026 |

| Simulation | IMP | DD | Description | Due |
|------------|------|---|---|---------|
| Simulation | SI-1 | | Updates required for MC-AMT Overlay for Run4 | Q2 2023 |
| | SI-2 | 1.1 | Enhance Overlay code to better deal with high pile-up environments | Q2 2023 |
| | | 1.2 | Implement Overlay Algorithm for w/DT | Q2 2023 |
| | 1.3 | Implement Overlay Algorithm for ITk Pixels | Q2 2023 | |
| | 1.4 | Implement Overlay Algorithm for ITk Strips | Q2 2023 | |
| | 2.1 | | Track Overlay | Q2 2023 |
| | SI-3 | 3.1 | Data overlay with pre-reconstructed tracks | Q2 2023 |
| | | 3.2 | Overlay of Run 4 Simulation Strategy | Q2 2024 |
| | SI-4 | 4.1 | Evaluate Geant4 equivalents of ISF functionality | Q1 2023 |
| | | 4.2 | Evaluate accuracy of EMEC simulation in FastCaloEM | Q4 2023 |
| | SI-5 | 5.1 | Prototype GPU version of Lk sensitive detector caluaca | Q4 2023 |
| | | 5.2 | Full AthenaMT compatible pile-up digitization | Q4 2023 |
| | SI-6 | 6.1 | Reduce memory usage of pileup digitization for very high mu | Q4 2023 |
| | | 6.2 | Make data overlay available for top collision simulation | Q2 2028 |
| | SI-7 | 7.1 | Skimming of zero-bias Bytestream data and efficient grouping of events as input to pile overlay | Q2 2025 |
| 7.2 | | Adapt Fast Chain workflow to data overlay | Q2 2026 | |
| SI-8 | 8.1 | Fast simulation/FastChain development for Run4 | Q2 2027 | |
| | 8.2 | RA4 in FastChain alternatives | Q2 2028 | |
| SI-9 | 9.1 | Development of substantial improvements to fast calorimeter simulation | Q2 2028 | |
| | 9.2 | Development of substantial improvements to fast inner detector simulation | Q2 2028 | |
| SI-10 | 10.1 | Implementation of ITk in FATRAS | Q2 2028 | |
| | 10.2 | Tuning fast simulation to data | Q2 2027 | |
| SI-11 | 11.1 | Improve Geant 4 workflow for fast simulation | Q2 2026 | |
| | 11.2 | Geometry updates for the Run 4 MC Campaign | Q4 2027 | |
| SI-12 | 12.1 | Run4 optimization of the performance of ATLAS full Geant4 simulation | Q4 2027 | |
| | 12.2 | Testing Geant4 Versions and configurations for Run4 | Q4 2028 | |
| SI-13 | 13.1 | Validate Geant 4 v11 | Q4 2023 | |
| | 13.2 | Validation of full fast simulation for Run4 | Q3 2028 | |
| SI-14 | 14.1 | GPU Memory management | Q2 2027 | |
| | 14.2 | Feature complete digitization + overlay for all sub-systems including conditions access | Q2 2027 | |
| SI-15 | | Feature complete trigger simulation including compatibility with overlay | Q2 2027 | |

| Reconstruction | IMP | DD | Description | Due |
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| Reconstruction | RE-1 | | Merge detector upgrade release (1.6) with master | Q1 2022 |
| | RE-2 | 2.1 | Adapt Reconstruction to the Phase-II Detector | Q1 2024 |
| | | 2.2 | Migrate default CPU chain to ACTS | Q3 2025 |
| | 3.01 | | Define and migrate to a new internal tracking EDM | Q1 2023 |
| | 3.02 | | Define run-4 ATLAS EDM | Q1 2022 |
| | 3.03 | | Migrate to the new run-4 ATLAS EDM | Q1 2022 |
| | 3.04 | | Full chain prototype/demonstrator with all the components | Q3 2024 |
| | 3.05 | | ITk reconstruction | Q4 2024 |
| | 3.06 | | Muon tracking geometry and navigation | Q1 2023 |
| | 3.07 | | Muon standalone reconstruction | Q1 2023 |
| | 3.08 | | Muon combined reconstruction | Q1 2023 |
| | 3.09 | | Calorimeter tracking geometry and navigation | Q3 2025 |
| | 3.10 | | Calorimeter track extensions | Q4 2025 |
| | 3.11 | | Electron and gamma reconstruction | Q1 2025 |
| | 3.12 | | Particle flow reconstruction | Q1 2023 |
| 3.13 | | Tau reconstruction | Q1 2026 | |
| 3.14 | | Flavor tagging | Q2 2026 | |
| 3.15 | | Jet and Missing ET reconstruction | Q1 2026 | |
| RE-4 | 4.1 | Accelerator and machine learning (R&D) | Q3 2023 | |
| | 4.2 | Develop demonstrators for accelerators and new ML techniques | Q1 2024 | |
| RE-5 | 4.3 | Finalize and implement functional prototypes | Q3 2025 | |
| | 4.4 | Feature freeze | Q2 2028 | |
| RE-6 | 5.1 | Calorimeter reconstruction | Q1 2026 | |
| | 5.2 | ITk reconstruction | Q1 2026 | |
| RE-7 | 6.1 | Muon reconstruction | Q1 2026 | |
| | 6.2 | Electron and gamma reconstruction | Q1 2026 | |
| RE-8 | 7.1 | Particle flow reconstruction | Q2 2026 | |
| | 7.2 | Tau reconstruction | Q2 2028 | |
| RE-9 | 8.1 | Flavor tagging | Q3 2026 | |
| | 8.2 | Jet and Missing ET reconstruction | Q3 2026 | |
| RE-10 | 9.1 | Performance freeze | Q1 2026 | |
| | 9.2 | Calorimeter reconstruction | Q2 2027 | |
| RE-11 | 10.1 | Electron and gamma reconstruction | Q3 2027 | |
| | 10.2 | Particle flow reconstruction | Q3 2027 | |
| RE-12 | 11.1 | Electron and gamma reconstruction | Q1 2027 | |
| | 11.2 | Particle flow reconstruction | Q4 2027 | |
| RE-13 | 12.1 | Flavor tagging | Q1 2029 | |
| | 12.2 | Jet and Missing ET reconstruction | Q1 2029 | |
| RE-14 | | Validation | Q3 2028 | |

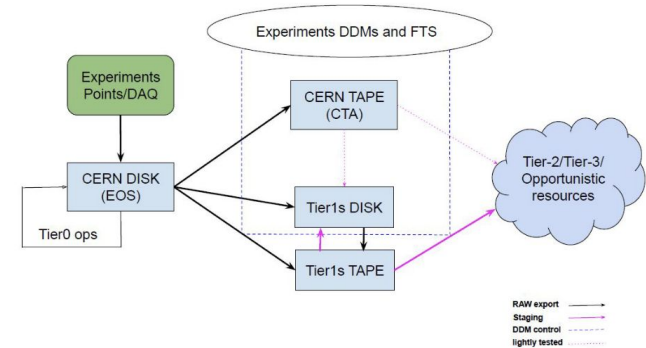
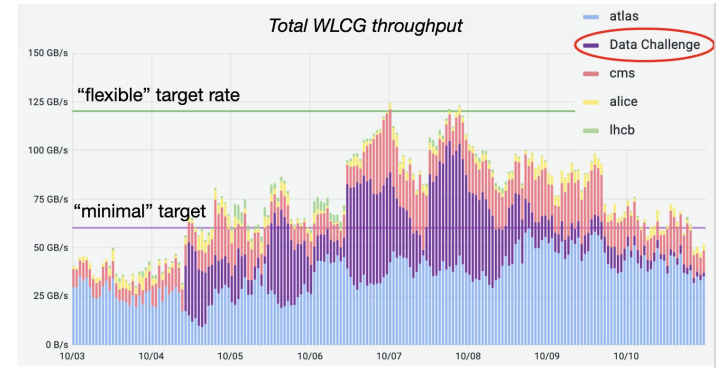
| Analysis | IMP | DD | Description | Due |
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| Analysis | AN-1 | | Baseline DAOD PHYS/LITE with run 3 (several loop based) & TTree | Q3 2023 |
| | AN-2 | 1.1 | First bulk production of prototype DAOD_PHYS/LITE | Q4 2021 |
| | | 1.2 | Mechanism for evaluation of systematic uncertainties with PHYS/LITE | Q2 2022 |
| | 1.3 | Demonstrator for full analysis on PHYS/LITE for target analyses | Q4 2022 | |
| | 1.4 | Recommendations for application of busy compression | Q4 2022 | |
| | 1.5 | Finalized list of PHYS/LITE contents | Q2 2023 | |
| | 1.6 | Demonstrator/roll-out of demonstrator for run 3 analysis w/ PHYS/LITE | Q3 2023 | |
| | 2.1 | PHYS/LITE working with RNTuple | Q4 2023 | |
| | 2.2 | Implementation of Parquet and reworked AOD in PHYS/LITE | Q4 2023 | |
| | 2.3 | Prototyping & review of columnar data operations for end-to-end analysis | Q2 2024 | |
| | 3.1 | Tests of basic reading performance using TTree version of PHYS/LITE | Q4 2022 | |
| | 3.2 | Prototyping of tests for columnar CP operations and other systematics | Q4 2023 | |
| | 3.3 | Adoption of ROOT7 data structures | Q1 2024 | |
| | 3.4 | Performance and ease-of-use assessment leading to decision on Parquet adoption | Q2 2024 | |
| | AN-4 | | Development of columnar analysis infrastructure | Q2 2026 |
| AN-5 | 4.1 | Prototyping of framework for orchestrating columnar CP operations | Q3 2024 | |
| | 4.2 | Development of columnar skimming/optimization | Q1 2025 | |
| AN-6 | 4.3 | Performance end-to-end analysis using columnar bootstrap + dist. compo. | Q4 2025 | |
| | 4.4 | Development & rollout of documentation/training for run 4 analysis | Q2 2026 | |
| AN-7 | 5.1 | Accommodate all analyses in the run 4 analysis model | Q2 2029 | |
| | 5.2 | First assessment of run 4 analysis workflow with PHYS/LITE | Q2 2023 | |
| AN-8 | 6.1 | Calculate recommendations and feed back to physics coordination | Q3 2023 | |
| | 6.2 | Update DAODs for analyses which are unable to use the new model | Q2 2028 | |
| AN-9 | | Update DAOD_PHYS/LITE to support additional analysis | Q2 2028 | |

| Distributed Computing | IMP | DD | Description | Due |
|-----------------------|------|--|--|---------|
| Distributed Computing | DC-1 | | Transition to Isobars | Q4 2025 |
| | DC-2 | 1.1 | Submission from Harvester to all HTCondor CEs with Isobars | Q1 2022 |
| | | 1.2 | All jobs move from VOMS to IAM for X509 | Q4 2025 |
| | 1.3 | All job submission and data transfers use Isobars | Q4 2025 | |
| | 1.4 | Storage evolution | Q4 2025 | |
| | 2.1 | | No GridFTP transfers at any site | Q1 2022 |
| | 2.2 | | SRMData access via tape | Q4 2025 |
| | 2.3 | | Recommended transition plan from DPM completed | Q4 2021 |
| | 2.4 | | Transition plan from all DPM sites | Q4 2022 |
| | 2.5 | | All sites moved away from DPM | Q2 2024 |
| | DC-3 | | Next operating system version | Q2 2024 |
| | DC-4 | 3.1 | Ability to run on "Future OS" on grid sites | Q4 2022 |
| | | 3.2 | Central services moved to "Future OS" | Q4 2023 |
| | 3.3 | | Central OS 19.08 | Q2 2024 |
| | DC-4 | | Network infrastructure ready for Run 4 | Q4 2021 |
| DC-5 | 4.1 | Network challenge at 10% expected rate | Q4 2022 | |
| | 4.2 | Network challenge at 30% expected rate | Q4 2023 | |
| 4.3 | | Network challenge at 40% expected rate | Q4 2023 | |
| 4.4 | | Network challenge at 100% expected rate | Q4 2027 | |
| DC-6 | | Integration of next generation of HPCs | Q2 2023 | |
| DC-7 | 5.1 | Integration at least 2 generations of HPCs | Q4 2022 | |
| | 5.2 | Integration of next generation US HPCs for production | Q2 2023 | |
| DC-8 | | Economics R&D on GPU based workflows for next generation HPC | Q1 2023 | |
| DC-7 | | HL-LHC datasets replica and version management | Q2 2024 | |
| 7.1 | | Replicas and versions detailed accounting | Q4 2022 | |
| 7.2 | | DAOD replica reduction | Q4 2023 | |
| 7.3 | | DAOD version reduction | Q2 2024 | |
| DC-9 | | Data Cataloged for storage optimization | Q4 2023 | |
| DC-10 | 8.1 | Investigate with sites the cost of TTree infrastructure and the estimated impact of sensible increase of metadata throughput | Q4 2022 | |
| | 8.2 | Reduce the AOD on disk to 50% of the total AOD volume, using Data Carouge to orchestrate the stage from Run4 for DAOD production | Q4 2023 | |
| DC-10 | | Data management: secondary cataloged duration | Q4 2023 | |
| 9.1 | | Evaluate the impact on job scheduling and task duration if disk space for secondary data is reduced | Q2 2023 | |

- Whoa - that's a lot of detail! Today highlight the computing areas relevant to this meeting

Network data and tape challenges for HL-LHC

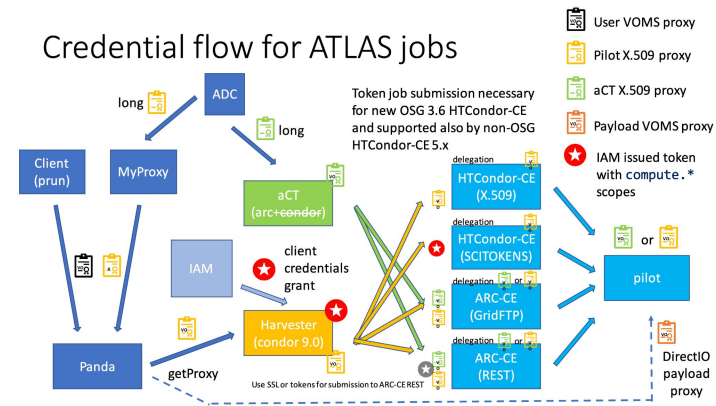
- A series of “Data Challenges” took place in 2021/22, testing the state of network and storage infrastructure
- Testing available bandwidth between main grid sites
 - 10% of HL-LHC bandwidth: 60 GB/s minimal; 120 GB/s flexible
 - Minimal and flexible targets achieved
 - Gradually increase transfer rate between now and Run 4: 30%, 50% and then finally 100% of the expected HL-LHC rate
 - This means *next step* is a **factor of three** compared to the previous data challenge (the biggest jump by far)
- Testing data read/write rates between CERN and T1 entities, as well as staging of data and transfer to T2s
 - Targets met for “Data Taking” (writes) and “After Data Taking” (also reading) modes of operation, as required for Run 3
 - Probably too early to look at real HL-LHC tape targets, considering required investment in new hardware
- Important to re-evaluate these targets and dates with respect the changes and/or delays in the HL-LHC schedule, as well as the experience gained during Run 3



Token transition

- An updated [WLCG timeline](#) was agreed upon in August
 - Feb 2023: At least one experiment moves away from VOMS (not necessarily ATLAS)
 - Feb/March 2024: Next HL-LHC Data Challenge using tokens
 - March 2026: Users no longer need X.509 certificates
- IAM support
 - Largely dependent on infrastructure support for tokens
 - Data management will be much more complicated than with X.509
 - Above timeline allows the request of extra effort from CERN IT to support IAM operations
 - Recent incidents with IAM job submission, whilst useful in the end for commissioning, illustrate how crucial IAM support is
- VOMS admins
 - Expect extra load during the transition from VOMS to IAM

Credential flow for ATLAS jobs



- Two months ago there was an interesting [workshop](#) devoted to HEPscore, the possible successor to HS06 for compute node benchmarking
 - Composed of a number of LHC and other workloads running in containers
 - Several obvious advantages, including licensing issues
 - Next technical steps appear clear: finalize the definition of the benchmark suite
- **ATLAS is broadly in favour of the following plan for moving to HEPscore for WLCG pledges**
 - Provide a conversion factor for all old hardware from HS06 to HEPscore
 - Would then expect sites to benchmark all new purchases
 - We would be able to run the suite as well and externally measure the score of queues

 - 2025 pledge requests would be in both HEPscore and HS06 units
 - 2026 pledge requests would only be in HEPscore units

- DPM retirement is set for June 2024 and several sites/federations already moved or are in transition
 - Various alternatives are being deployed, including EOS, CEPH, dCache..
 - Full details in EGI [spreadsheet](#)
 - Some sites will also move to storageless or integrate their disk pools with others
 - Expect a few sites which are late or never make it
 - Either accept the risk of unsupported storage or decommission them (likely mainly small sites)
- As there is no replacement “WLCG standard” storage for small sites, many different options are followed, making it hard to recommend a single solution to a new site
 - Sites opting for their own “non-WLCG standard” storage must provide long-term support to integrate it and address operational issues
- **Is this indicative of something which could be improved?**
 - ATLAS provides a set of recommendations to sites in terms of minimum configuration requirements
 - Could WLCG go one step further and provide a set of instructions on how to set up a site (e.g. deeply expand [WLCGBaselineVersions](#) and/or [WLCGOpsWeb](#)) as well as provide support (e.g. via [WLCG discourse](#))



- Well known CentOS7 EoL is during Run 3, leading to search for the new OS



- From original [proposal](#) in December 21: Red Hat Enterprise, CentOS Stream and *Enterprise Linux Clones* should be treated equally



- ELCs defined as 100% functionally equivalent to RHEL such as Rocky or Alma



- Until very recently it seemed the path was clear to CentOS (stream)

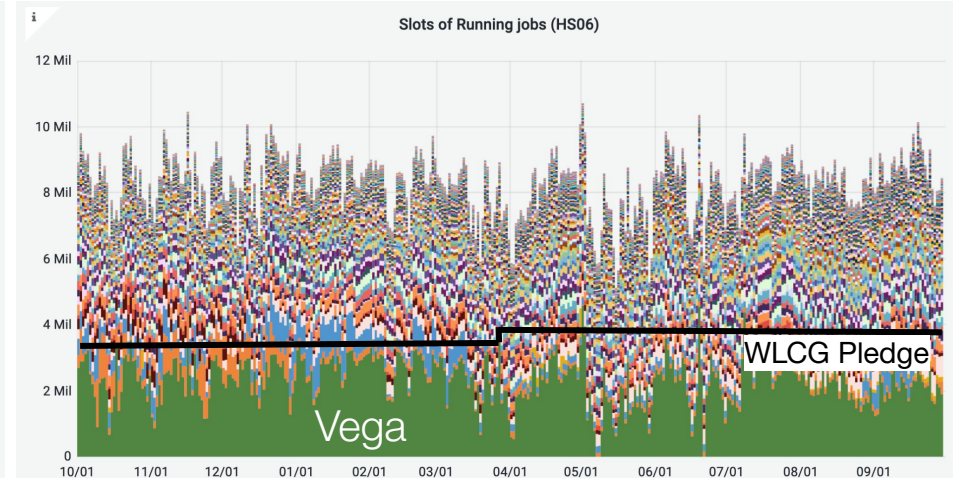
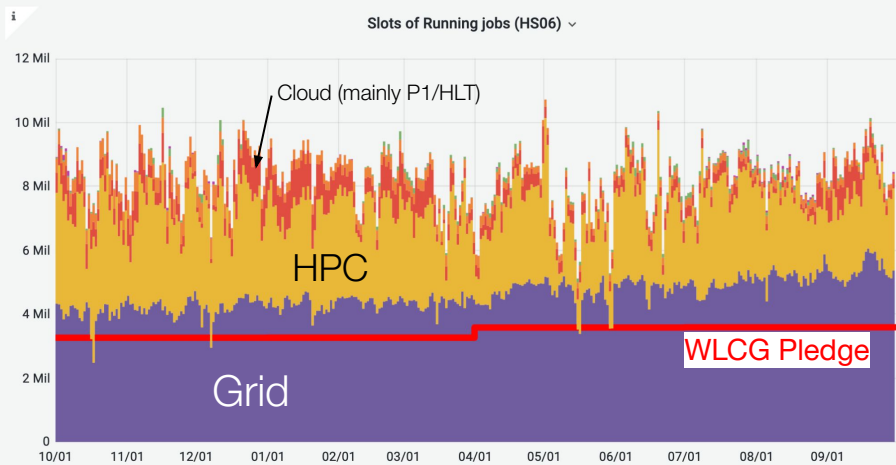


- From Central Services perspective, plan was to skip CentOS8, and go straight to CentOS9
 - In fact first CS VMs running CentOS9 were deployed last week
- From the grid perspective, as the payload is run in a container, worker nodes can be installed with CentOS8/9 and/or equivalent distros
 - Some worries, such as older ROOT versions embedded in ATLAS analysis software will stop being compatible with upgraded storage systems, but this is true for any new OS

- ATLAS therefore notes with interest the [discussion](#) last week, namely that:

- There will be an extension of (partial) CentOS7 support until or even beyond the end of Run 3
- CentOS9 stream may not be all it's cracked up to be..

| 2021 H1 | 2021 H2 | 2022 H1 | 2022 H2 | 2023 H1 | 2023 H2 | 2024 H1 | 2024 H2 | 2025 H1 | 2025 H2 | 2026 H1 | 2026 H2 | 2027 H1 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| LS2 | | Run 3 | | | | | | | LS3 | | | |
| CC7 | | | | | | | | CC7 "Extended support" | | | | |



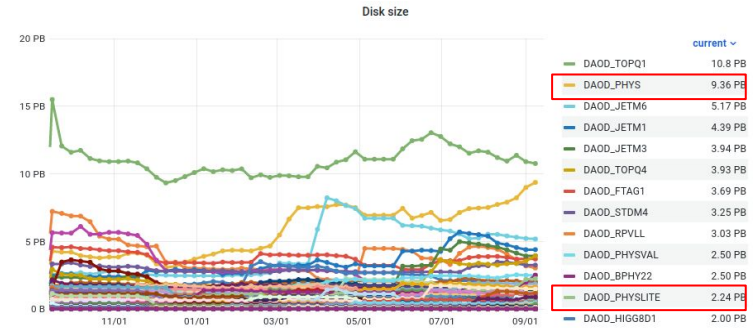
- ATLAS continues to employ additional, non-Grid resources: HPCs, (commercial) cloud, HLT farm
 - HPC: *Vega*, *Karolina* (EuroHPC), several in US (*NERSC_Perlmutter* commissioning ongoing)
- *Vega* continues to deliver significant resources to ATLAS - CERN news [article](#) from the summer
 - Runs all workflows: our preferred set up, where the HPC is as close to grid site as possible
 - Flexibility managing production workload
- We cannot *rely* on such resources (e.g. *Vega* just reduced until mid-Dec): not comparable to Grid!
 - Pledged resources *remain vital* to ATLAS; however the level of opportunistic resources - and our exposure if they were to disappear - cannot be ignored. ATLAS will continue to employ HPC in the future

- As shown earlier, for ATLAS the storage situation more critical than CPU
 - Happy to see pledges deployed early, both disk and tape
- How about additional tape at WLCG sites, in particular at the T2s?
 - There are T2s with substantial tape resources and expertise, and offers begin to emerge especially given the situation with Russia
- We have experience with opportunistic compute - how about storage?
 - Non standard resources, transfer protocols, authentication/authorisation, network, firewall, ..
 - Most importantly, whilst compute can come and go, the data on the storage must remain accessible
- ATLAS is engaging with industrial partners on R&D projects
 - SEAL, a decentralised cloud storage start-up based on *FileCoin* - [article](#)
 - Some progress, simulation jobs reading EVENT running at AGLT2
 - Integration of Google Compute Engine, Amazon Web Services, .. Lancium
 - (Hopefully) only modest ATLAS expert time vs investment from partner
 - A Total Cost of Ownership of cloud resources is underway via the ATLAS Google Project
 - Such projects provide interesting R&D opportunities and real resources, serving as risk mitigation

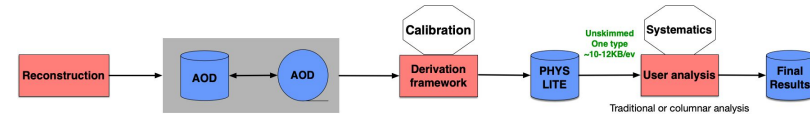


Data analysis in Run 3 and HL-LHC

- Potential for large paradigm shift in HL-LHC driven both by expected resources crunch and explosion in new analysis techniques outside HEP
 - Small, common data formats with minimal information for (almost) all analyses
 - Python-based “columnar analysis” data science tools
 - Interactive rather than batch analysis



- Much of this is ready or being prototyped now
 - DAOD_PHYSLITE (compact common data format) originally planned for HL-LHC also being produced for Run 3 data and MC, as well as the larger DAOD_PHYS



- Run 3: Two DAOD production models in parallel for some time (in fact also AODs): Challenging!
 - Rel 21 Run 2 model with many DAODs **and** Rel 22 DAOD_PHYS(LITE), as well as “residual” DAODs
 - Recreation of DAOD on demand is a potential solution:
 - Instead of retaining old data via complicated user interaction, delete and recreate if necessary
 - One of several HL-LHC “demonstrators” being discussed

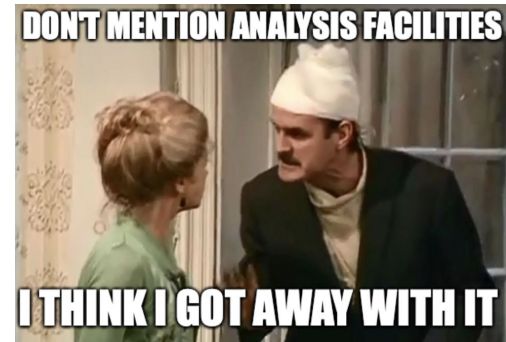
Heterogeneous and exotic architectures

- Another part of our HL-LHC milestones examines if we can exploit non-x86 architectures: GPU, ARM,..
- GPUs can potentially bring enormous benefits and are thus the highest priority R&D of the ATLAS core software team
 - Bulk processing
 - ML for tracking
 - Direct execution on GPUs
 - Analysis
 - ML training and inference
 - GPUs for standard analysis (e.g. fast statistics, histogramming)
- Connected to future infrastructure changes, e.g. exploitation of GPU-based HPCs, as well as deployment of ARM CPU
- Note that all of these fall under aggressive R&D, hence may not be achieved without extra funding (and good fortune)

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| RE-4 | Accelerator and machine learning (R&D) | Q3 2025 |
| 4.1 | Develop demonstrators for accelerators and new ML techniques | Q1 2024 |
| 4.2 | Finalise and implement functional prototypes | Q3 2025 |
| CS-7 | GPU Kernel scheduling | Q1 2023 |
| 7.1 | Basic support for Kernel scheduling in athena | Q2 2021 |
| 7.2 | Integration with Gaudi Scheduler | Q1 2023 |
| CS-8 | GPU management techniques and infrastructure in Athena | Q4 2021 |
| CS-9 | Develop Multi-algorithm heterogeneous applications | Q2 2023 |
| 9.1 | ACTS-based multi-algorithm workflow | Q3 2022 |
| 9.2 | FastCaloSim GPU merged into master | Q2 2022 |
| 9.3 | Calorimeter clustering | Q4 2022 |
| 9.4 | GPU-accelerated ML inference in athena | Q2 2023 |
| CS-10 | Infrastructure for processing data across multiple events on an accelerator | Q4 2023 |
| 10.1 | Proof-of-concept prototype | Q4 2021 |
| CS-11 | GPU Memory management | TBD |
| 11.1 | First (Vecmem) prototype | Q1 2022 |
| CS-12 | Make ATLAS Data Model classes accelerator-friendly | Q4 2024 |
| 12.1 | Prototype GPU-friendly xAOD classes | Q1 2022 |
| 12.2 | Support for reduced/mixed precision in ATLAS EDM | Q4 2022 |
| 12.3 | Decision on xAOD API evolution | Q4 2022 |
| 12.4 | Event-batching and EDM | Q3 2023 |
| 12.5 | Accelerator-friendly detector data model (geometry and calibration) | Q4 2024 |
| 12.6 | Evaluate mechanism to offload and update detector description on device | Q4 2024 |
| CS-13 | Intra-node scheduling, targeting HPCs and grid | TBD |
| 13.1 | Raythena/HPX-based scheduler prototype | Q3 2022 |
| CS-14 | HL-LHC Technology decision: CUDA or one of its less-proprietary competitors | Q1 2024 |
| 14.1 | Full parallelization pattern recommendation to collaboration | Q1 2024 |
| 14.2 | Design patterns/tutorial on GPU migration | Q1 2024 |

- Some sites may need to reduce power consumption this winter
 - Hot topic given the current energy crisis, driven by the war in Ukraine
 - May come from site consumption target, price constraint, newly adopted law or even just voluntarily
 - ATLAS is actively looking at how to deal with the different scenarios if they occur
- If the number of sites becomes significant, may need coordination and preferential action
 1. Turn off old hardware, during crisis or permanently - those with lowest HS06/W
 2. Power down additional compute nodes: targeted saving - again those with highest W/HS06
 3. Compute cluster 100% powered down
 4. Storage disk nodes powered down - head nodes on, and regular turn on of all storage, not really viable
 5. Storage 100% down - worst case for ATLAS, requires forewarning and manual action for unique data
- Without a successfully validated checkpointing solution, turning off a site for few hours a day to match peak load is not suitable for our computing model
 - Difficult to manage across various time zones?
 - Likely need to re-run jobs, having been killed after running for many hours: wasted walltime
 - Risk of hardware failure if it is constantly power cycled
- Lowering the frequency of the CPU to reduce power consumption may be a more viable option

- ATLAS computing successfully runs on a diverse set of resources
- Run 3 has begun, adding another dimension to the diverse set of workflows
- Several operational changes are expected in the next period, which we follow closely
- We also look further ahead towards HL-LHC and the evolution in resources and analysis models
- Sustainability has quickly become a hot topic, and we are evaluating how this will affect us
- The majority of things presented here will be covered in more detail during the workshop - *we look forward to the discussions*



- **ATLAS Google Project (AGP):**
 - 15 month collaboration between ATLAS and Google, begun this summer
 - Funding provided by US-ATLAS, but with exceptional rate and no risk of overspend
- **Two main tracks:**
 - An *R&D Track*, the continuation of the previous Google Cloud Project as already reported, with several new R&Ds now beginning
 - A *Cloud Site Track*, which integrates with “normal” ADC activities. This is in fact well progressed, and we have been running most workflows on Google since mid-July, with work ongoing now to include analysis
- **In addition, an evaluation of the Total Cost of Ownership will also be performed**
 - Several phases, starting by defining the metrics and culminating in a full TCO evaluation in late 2023
 - Establish the true cost of employing Cloud services for ATLAS workflows

