



# Analysis Grand Challenge

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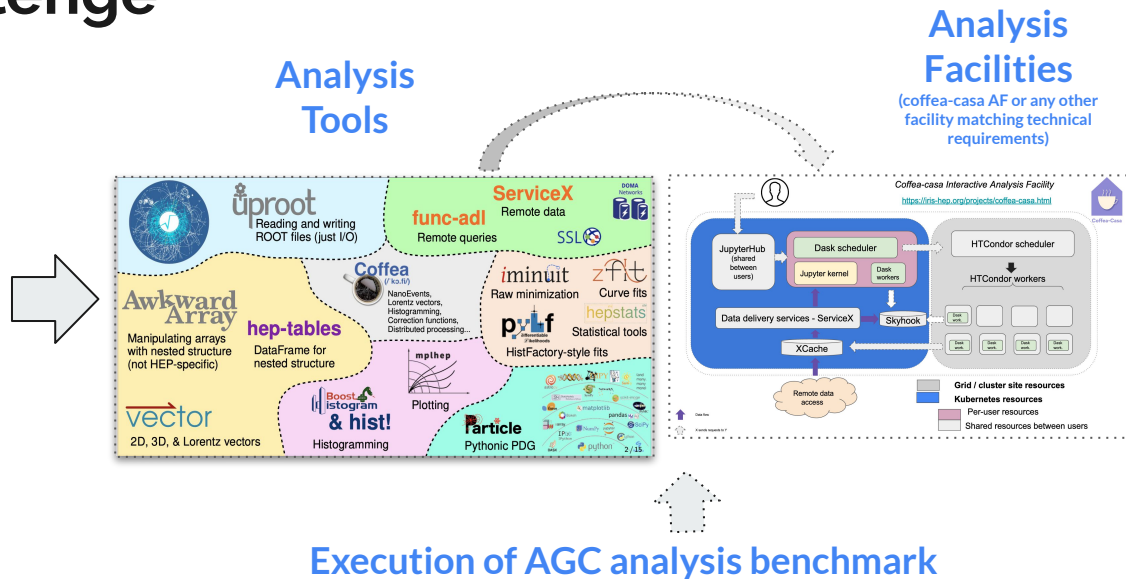
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# Analysis Grand Challenge

## Motivation:

- Allow coping with HL-LHC data sizes by **rethinking data pipeline**
  - Evaluating the **new Python “datascience” analysis tools**, integrating **differentiable analysis pipeline**
- Provide flexible, easy-to-use, low latency **analysis facilities**



The AGC is being conducted during **2021–2023**, leaving enough time for tuning software tools and services developed as a part of the IRIS-HEP ecosystem before the start-up of the HL-LHC and *organized together with the US LHC Operations programs, the LHC experiments and other partners.*

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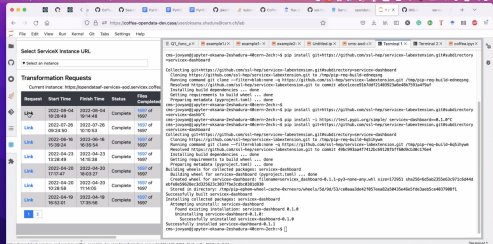
# Recent news:

Fellow projects, CMS Open Data Workshop

# AGC related IRIS-HEP Fellow projects

- **Durbar Chakraborty**: Metrics to define user activities and engagement on the various coffea-casa Analysis Facility deployments (<https://iris-hep.org/fellows/durbar2003.html>) - **finished**
- **Haoran Sun**: Enabling support for MiniAOD Transformer for ServiceX Data Delivery Service (<https://iris-hep.org/fellows/hswhe.html>) - **in progress**
- **Andrii Falko**: documentation of AGC analysis task & implementation in ROOT's RDataFrame (<https://iris-hep.org/fellows/andriiknu.html>) - **in progress**
- **Jake Li**: Jupyterhub plugin that will provide users access to a ServiceX dashboard directly from AF (<https://iris-hep.org/fellows/jakel2014.html>) - **finished**
  - Collecting list of all ServiceX instances: please see [Slack](#) (or send us URLs)

ServiceX JupyterHub plugin



The screenshot shows a JupyterLab interface with a table of ServiceX instances. The table has columns for Instance ID, Start Time, End Time, Status, and Plan. The instances are listed in a table with alternating blue and white rows. The status of each instance is 'Complete' and the plan is 'None'.

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# AGC related US.CMS Fellow projects

- **Holly Wingren:** AGC component benchmarking - **finished**
- **Sneha Dixit:** Data generation (NanoAOD) from CMS Opendata 2015 (recent release), <https://github.com/cms-sw/cmssw/pull/39040> - **finished**
  - Will replace AGC input data (flat ntuples) by NanoAOD files produced in this official way
  - Expect that these NanoAOD files will also be provided officially/centrally by CMS

## Introduced new era for 2015 opendata nanoaod processing #39040

New issue

 Open snehavireshwar... wants to merge 16 commits into cms-sw:CMSSW\_10\_6\_X from snehavireshwardixit:opendata\_nano 

 Conversation 8  Commits 16  Checks 0  Files changed 12

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snehavireshwar... commented 12 days ago

### PR description:

[Introduced new era for 2015 opendata nanoaod processing]

Reviewers

No reviews

Assignees

No one assigned

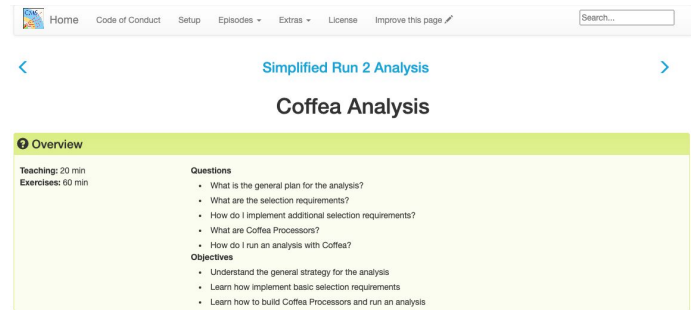


# ICHEP 2022



- Presented **AGC at ICHEP** ([slides](#))
- There is interest in adding **ML inference** to the workflow
  - Clearly frequently used in practice
  - Less clear how to best integrate it: efficient use of accelerators, likely many site-dependent differences
  - We are looking into including this in the pipeline
- Less in scope, but also interesting: **ML training workflow**
  - Could become a standalone project?

# CMS Open Data workshop



The screenshot shows a web interface for a workshop. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Code of Conduct, Setup, Episodes, Extras, License, and Improve this page. A search bar is on the right. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Simplified Run 2 Analysis' with a left arrow and a right arrow. Underneath, the main title is 'Coffea Analysis'. A green header bar contains the word 'Overview'. Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column lists 'Teaching: 20 min' and 'Exercises: 60 min'. The right column is divided into 'Questions' and 'Objectives' sections, each with a bulleted list of items.

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< Simplified Run 2 Analysis >

Coffea Analysis

Overview

Teaching: 20 min  
Exercises: 60 min

Questions

- What is the general plan for the analysis?
- What are the selection requirements?
- How do I implement additional selection requirements?
- What are Coffea Processors?
- How do I run an analysis with Coffea?

Objectives

- Understand the general strategy for the analysis
- Learn how to implement basic selection requirements
- Learn how to build Coffea Processors and run an analysis

- Aug 1-4: **CMS Open Data workshop** (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1139022/>)
  - Hands-on tutorials of how to use CMS Open Data
  - Included demonstration of using Run-2 Open Data, heavily based on AGC ([tutorial page](#))
    - the AGC analysis is turning into an “official” CMS Open Data demonstration
- CMS **re-processed input files** for analysis (more precise calibration, similar ntuple structure)
  - Will investigate switching to this, or directly to NanoAOD format

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# AGC updates:

PyHEP + ACAT, benchmarking plans, site status

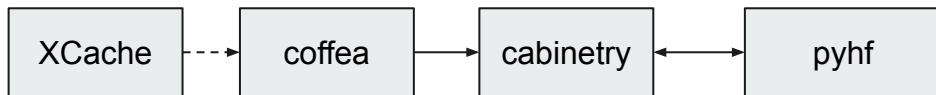


# Next targets: PyHEP + ACAT

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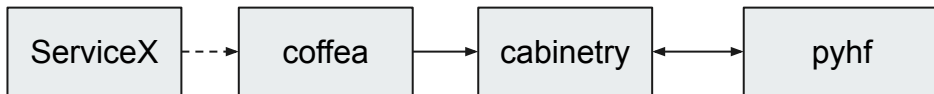
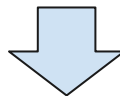
- **PyHEP 2022** (<https://indico.cern.ch/e/PyHEP2022>)
  - Presenting a tutorial, focused on the analysis pipeline & interactions between the libraries used
  - Expect participants to be able to follow along via Binder (using small set of input files)
  
- **ACAT 2022** (<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1106990/>)
  - Talk focused on **first performance benchmarking results**
  - Want to measure multiple setups:
    - Comparison of processing **remote files** read through XRootD (**with / without XCache**) and **local files**
    - At UNL: scaling to **Tier-2 HTCondor queue** vs **HTCondor in k8s** (running on new hardware at UNL)
    - Scaling with **fraction of data accessed in files**
    - How **I/O limited** is the setup (by removing event processing & comparing to theoretical limits of what the hardware could provide)
    - Happy to hear **other suggestions!**
  - ServiceX use in this context relies on next release (thanks to Burt Holzman for finding / resolving minio bug!)

# Pipelines for performance testing



Columns from NanoAOD or flat ntuples processed by coffea

Starting out with plain coffea, reading inputs through XCache from remote



Columns from NanoAOD or flat ntuples from ServiceX

Want to also compare effect of serving data through ServiceX

# Towards AGC at various sites across the US

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- Investigate **XCACHE** setup and configuration for AGC execution
  - Deployed already / planned? Restrictions to which kinds of files can be cached?
- **Deploy and test coffea** at your facility
  - Please feel free to report issues to us, we can help relay them
- Investigate **scaling for coffea** (various backends available)
  - e.g. latency, performance with number of workers, workers a single user can get, ...
- **Deploy and test ServiceX**
  - AGC only uses uproot transformers currently
  - Expect significant performance improvements from upcoming release
- How to **support additional dependencies** (on interactive nodes + workers)
  - Should users bring images?
  
- **Helps us help you: which issues are you running into** that we should prioritize / communicate to the respective teams?

# What currently runs where? (please help us fill in the gaps!)

	BNL	FNAL	SLAC	UNL	UChicago
basic <b>coffea</b> (e.g. IterativeExecutor) -> <a href="#">notebook</a> with <code>USE_DASK = False</code>	✓	✓		✓	✓
<b>coffea</b> scaling (e.g. with Dask) -> <a href="#">notebook</a> with default settings*		✓		✓ (using HTCondor @ Tier2, planning to switch to k8s)	✓ (occasional segfaults at scale)
standalone <b>ServiceX</b> -> <a href="#">notebook</a> (no configuration)	✓ (?)	✓		waiting for new release	✓
<b>ServiceX+coffea</b> +scaling -> <a href="#">notebook</a> with <code>PIPELINE = "servicex_processor"</code>				waiting for new release	✓
<b>XCache</b> support	✓	✓ (some performance caveats, to be understood)	✓	✓	✓

\* may need site-dependent Dask cluster configuration, see [implementation](#), please get in touch in case of questions

# AGC: timeline & plans

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- **Nov 2021:** first **demonstration of toolchain** at AGC workshop ([agenda](#))
- **April 2022:** second iteration of **AGC workshop**, new ttbar analysis pipeline ([agenda](#))
- **Summer 2022:** **benchmarking of system components** in the AGC context
  - Results to be shown at ACAT 2022
- **Spring 2023:** execution of **AGC at full scale**
  
- Proposal for **next meeting: Sep 27, 2022** (9:00 PT / 11:00 CT / 12:00 ET / 18:00 CERN)

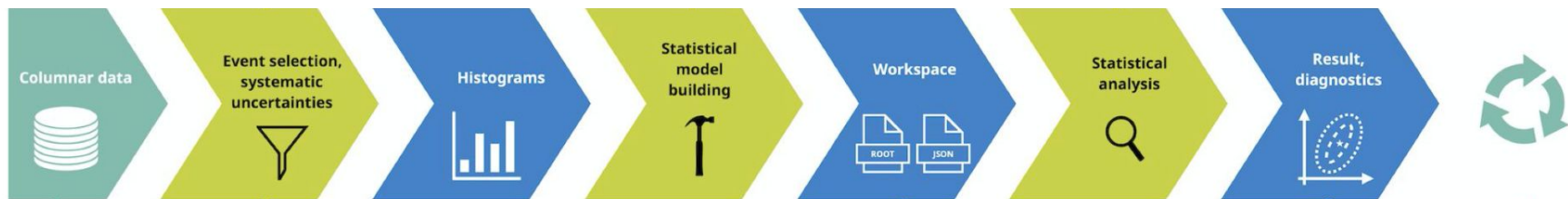
**Stay in touch** via [analysis-grand-challenge@iris-hep.org](mailto:analysis-grand-challenge@iris-hep.org) (sign up: [google group link](#)), and please also feel free to contact us if you'd like to get involved or have any questions!

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# Backup slides

# What do we mean by “analysis”?

- In view of the HL-LHC: “analysis” **starts** from centrally produced **DAOD\_PHYSLITE**
  - Includes **all subsequent steps** to produce results needed for publication
    - (Re-) calibrate objects & calculate columns for systematic variations
    - Filter events & calculate observables
    - (Optional) histogramming
    - Construction of statistical model + statistical inference
  - Do all these steps in a **reproducible** way



# The AGC analysis setup

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- Main AGC analysis example is based on **Run-2 CMS Open Data** (~400 TB of miniAOD available)
  - **Open Data is crucial**: allows everyone to participate!
  - Input data currently **ntuples** derived from **miniAODs**, will switch to **nanoAOD** once available
    - **nanoAOD** setup will more closely correspond to **PHYSLITE** workflows
- Generic single-lepton **ttbar** selection, simple top reconstruction, x-sec measurement
  - Including **on-the-fly** evaluation of **systematic uncertainties**
  - Flexibility to also turn setup into a BSM search
  - Currently using ~4 TB of ntuple inputs (~1B events before cuts) → through Rucio and xrootd([https](https://)) @ UNL
- Goal of setup is showing **functionality**, **not** discovering new physics
  - Want to capture workflow, but can made-up tools for calibrations & systematic uncertainties



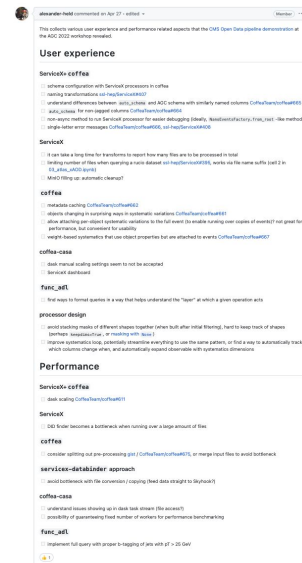
# Goals of the AGC

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- Demonstrate method for **handling HL-LHC data pipeline requirements**
  - Large data volumes of O(100 TB) + bookkeeping
  - Handling of different types of **systematic uncertainties**
  - Use of PHYSLITE / nanoAOD formats, aligned with LHC experiments
- **“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
- Stretch goal: **differentiable analysis pipeline** (see e.g. <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1096431/>)
  - Investigate end-to-end analysis optimization, evaluate usefulness vs cost of gradient information

# Status

- **Demonstrated analysis pipeline** at last AGC workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/agc-tools-2>
  - Workshop also features details of all tools & services used in pipeline
  - **Pipeline setup**
    - **ServiceX** delivers columns following declarative `func_ad1` request
    - **coffea** orchestrates distributed event processing & histogram production
      - Using **uproot**, **awkward-array**, **vector**
    - Visualization with **hist** & **mplhep**
    - Statistical model construction with **cabinetry** & inference with **pyhf**
- Pipeline demonstrator highlighted possible **usability & performance improvements**
  - Everything tracked in [agc#64](#)
  - Main **performance bottlenecks** are being addressed
- **Everything is openly developed** ([AGC repository](#))
  - Including **categorization of datasets** in terms of role in AGC demonstrator ([AGC repository](#))



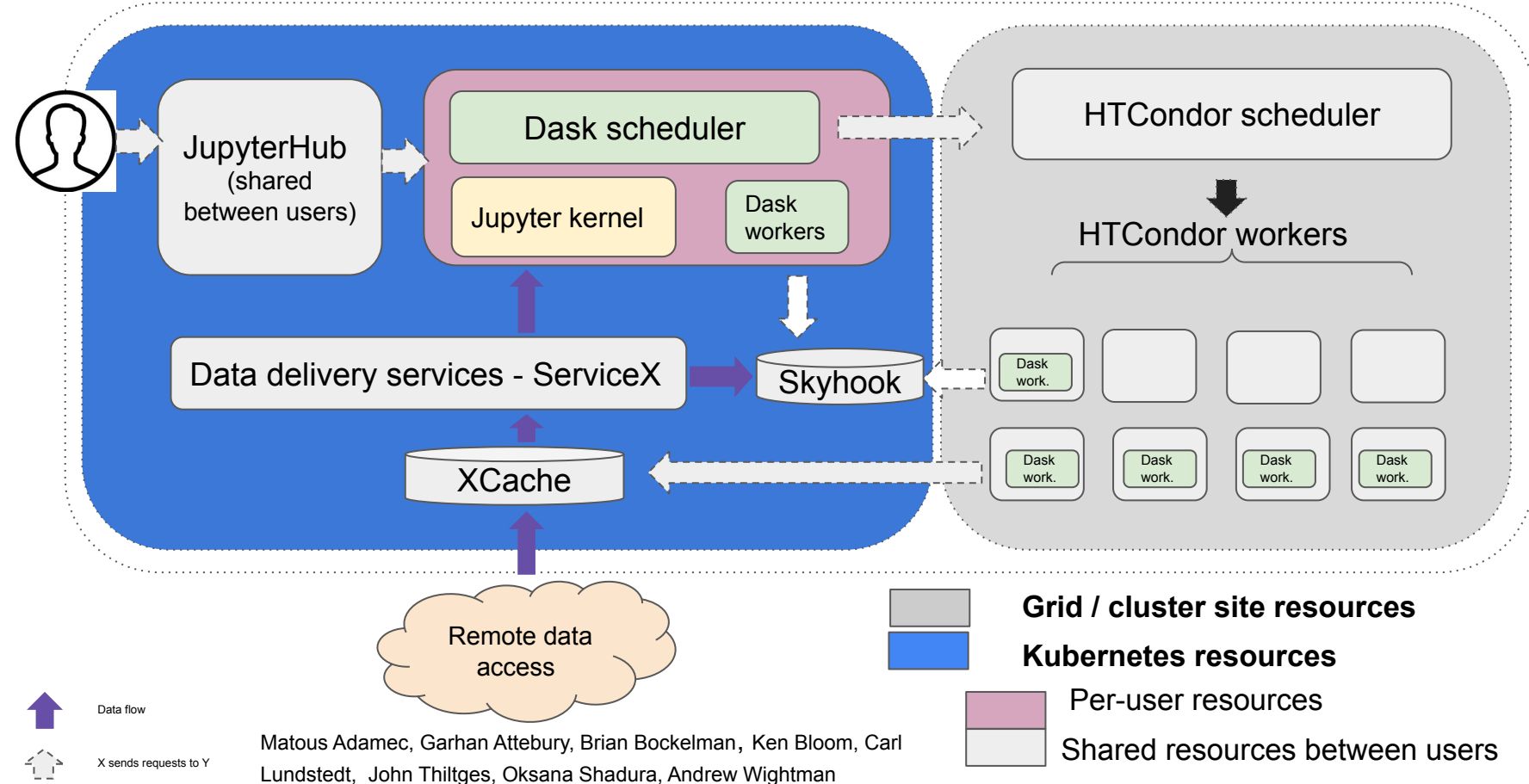
# Expanding the AGC, connections with ATLAS & CMS

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- Looking to further **expand AGC demonstrator** & **connect more closely to ATLAS and CMS**
  - “ATLAS version”: PHYSLITE input + (simplified?) CP tools (related: [PHYSLITE schema for coffea](#))
  - “CMS version”: more CMS specific NANOAOB input
  - ROOT **RDataFrame-based implementation** of pipeline
  - Would be interesting to talk to analyzers currently using **distributed RDF / coffea** in ATLAS/CMS
    - Please get in touch!
  - Actively **looking for more person power** to expand scope
- Interested to hear **feedback**: how to best **align AGC effort with ATLAS**
  - Balance between retaining R&D nature and potential usefulness on Run-3 scale

# Running the AGC: coffea-casa AF example

<https://iris-hep.org/projects/coffea-casa.html>



Matous Adamec, Garhan Attebury, Brian Bockelman, Ken Bloom, Carl Lundstedt, John Thiltges, Oksana Shadura, Andrew Wightman

# Tools & services we are focusing on for benchmarking



uproot

Awkward Array

FASTJET

VECTOR

mplhep

Boost histogram

cabinetry

Func ADL

iminuit

Coffea

pyhf  
differentiable Likelihoods

ServiceX

Coffea-Casa

XCache

func

Analysis specific frameworks and packages (available in Docker container)

Data delivery service (k8s)

Optional services (k8s)

# Requirements for AFs



Modern authentication (AIM/OIDC), tokens, macaroons, scitokens

Efficient data delivery and data management technologies

Columnar analysis and support new pythonic ecosystem

Modern deployment and integration techniques

Support for object storage

Efficient data caching solutions

Easy integration with existing HPC resources

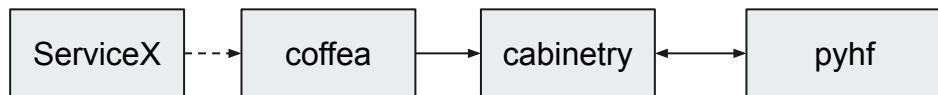
Ongoing R&D on moving to use scitokens natively for AF (write/read)

Ongoing work on integration ServiceX/Skyhook data delivery services

Integrating XCache in analysis pipeline

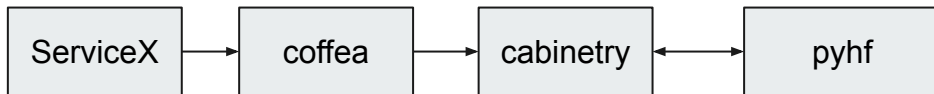
Looking to add support for other batch systems and task managements frameworks

# Analysis Grand challenge pipelines



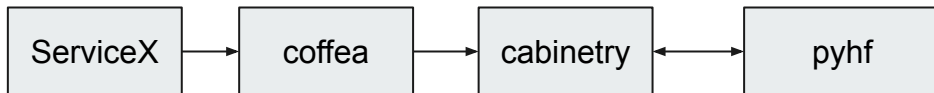
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*Generic analysis pipeline based on Open Data dataset allowing to easily port AGC to other analysis frameworks*



Columns from NanoAOD and request column from MiniAOD (only ServiceX)

*CMS specific analysis pipeline based on Open Data datasets and CMS datasets*



Columns from PHYSLITE and request column from PHYS (only ServiceX)

*ATLAS specific analysis pipeline based on ATLAS datasets*

# Analysis Facilities participating in AGC (for now)



CMSAF @ T2 Nebraska  
"Coffea-casa"  
<https://coffea.casa>

OpenData AF @ T2 Nebraska  
"Coffea-casa"  
<https://coffea-opendata.casa>



ATLAS AF @ Scalable System Lab  
(UChicago)  
"Coffea-casa"

New facility with ATLAS IAM, setting this up generated valuable feedback for future coffea-casa developments.



Elastic AF @ Fermilab  
(U.S. CMS)

FNAL team is participating in AGC, helping to test coffea-casa AF and re-using its components at the FNAL facility

**U.S. ATLAS facilities**  
BNL / SLAC are participating in AGC  
(we are evaluating the possibility to use coffea-casa experience)



# Benchmarking & performance

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- **How to benchmark AF performance** to demonstrate HL-LHC readiness?
  - **Multi-user environments**, where each user has a different workflow & requirements
    - Collection of “representative” analyses to simulate many users?
  - **Data volume / (time \* numCPUs)**
    - Does not inherently account for I/O bound jobs where more CPUs != higher throughput
    - Assumption: # **branches read** matters, while **total # branches** does not, does this generally hold?
  - Fair to assume that **all input data is cached** (xCache)?
  - **Latency** is crucial for interactive workflows, how to best account for that?
- **Related questions**
  - How much **control** does a user have over **caching** (e.g. when re-calculation from scratch is expensive)?