CMS Needs and future views on HPC

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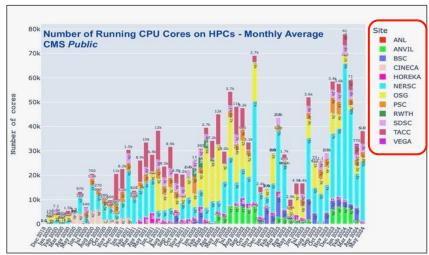


HPC @ CMS

After several investments by CMS a number of HPC machines has been integrated since the year 2020.

Commissioning and supporting HPC costs

- CMS has to provide interface between experiment and HPC.
- Ad hoc solutions needed in order to bypass some HPC design features not matching CMS computing mode.
- Each HPC is different and need individual solutions.



Software perspectives: CMS very active and quite advanced

- Investing on GPU support, porting to new architectures (POWER, ARM, Risc-V) or accelerators

Continuous effort is spent to integrate HPC resources to increase HPC contributions

- CMS wants to further increase the HPC exploitation particularly in the EU Zone, where CMS uses less resources compared to the US

(Some of the) open points





for later discussions

Integration with CMS computing infrastructure do not represent a real problem so far, if we can rely on enough network (and storage)

- Is this still true when we scale up HPC use?

Workflow types: CMS tries to run almost all production workflows at HPC, but often we cherry-pick the "easiest" (least demanding in terms of I/O) types

- If we manage to increase HPC usage, is this (still) sustainable?
- However it can become problematic in case HPC resources become part of official WLCG pledging

Allocation process and CMS (LHC experiments) planning horizon/process mismatch

- Based on the current allocation process it would need order 1+ years to include HPC resources into CMS planning
- Current HPC use is beyond pledge and thus not an issue. It can be problematic if use increases a lot

Platforms for edge services (cloud/K8s based) at HPC

- It seems to be more popular now. These are instrumental and ease the integration with CMS infrastructure

Actively manage storage at HPC

- Streaming is "simple" although add stress on networks and remote CMS site. Larger storage allocation should be explored to enable a full integration with CMS Data Management
 - Converging on a small set of approaches would help to maintain HPC integrations

Access policy (Identity Federation)

- Current approach is "service account based". A federated model (based on "trust") can be needed to further integrate HPC