Purdue CMS Analysis Facility

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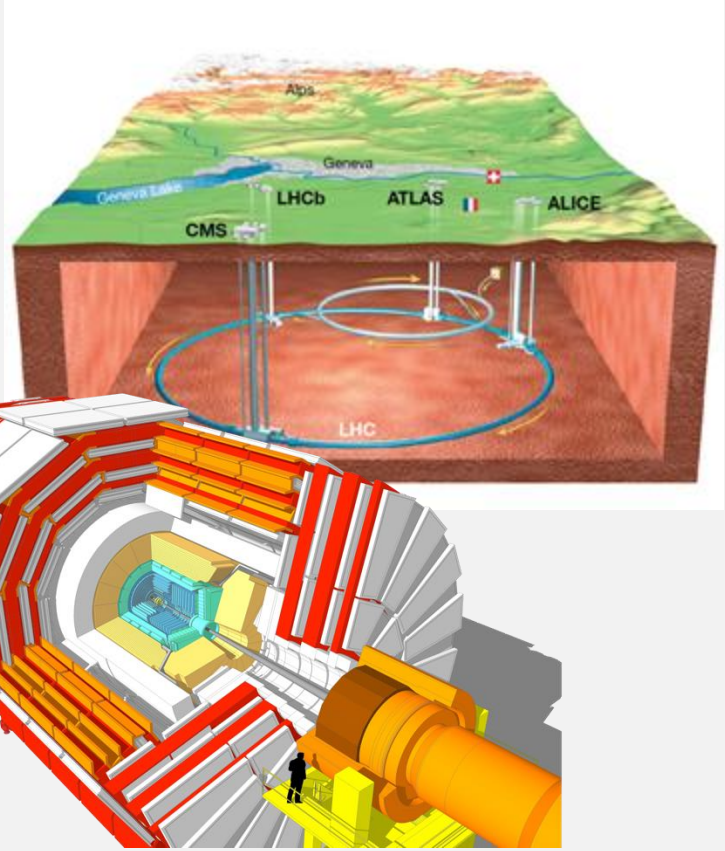
Outline

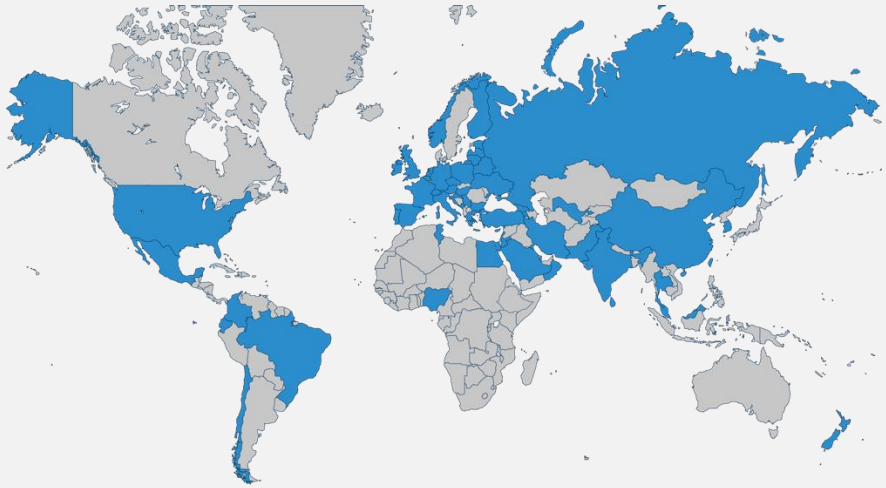
- CMS Experiment and its computing model
- Purdue Analysis Facility:
  - Architecture
  - User interface
  - Storage & data access
  - Scale-out methods
  - Monitoring
- Purdue AF applications

CMS Experiment

CMS detector at CERN LHC



CMS Collaboration



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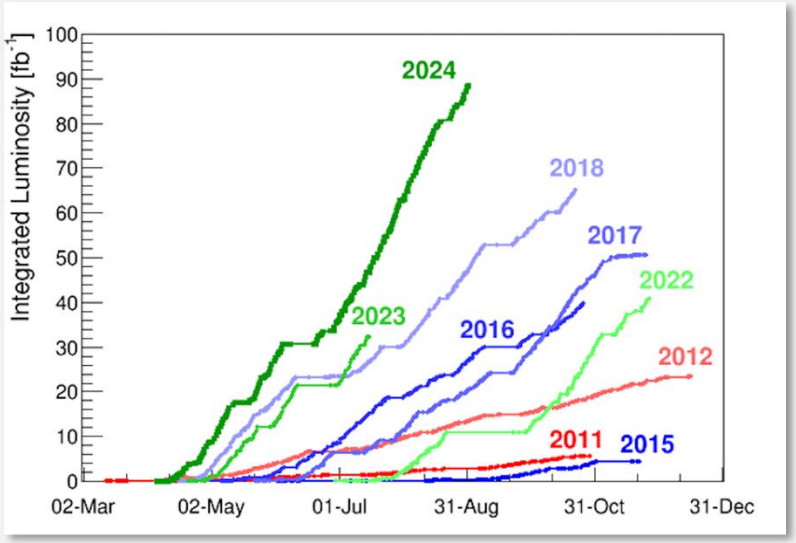
CMS Experiment

LHC data collection “runs”:

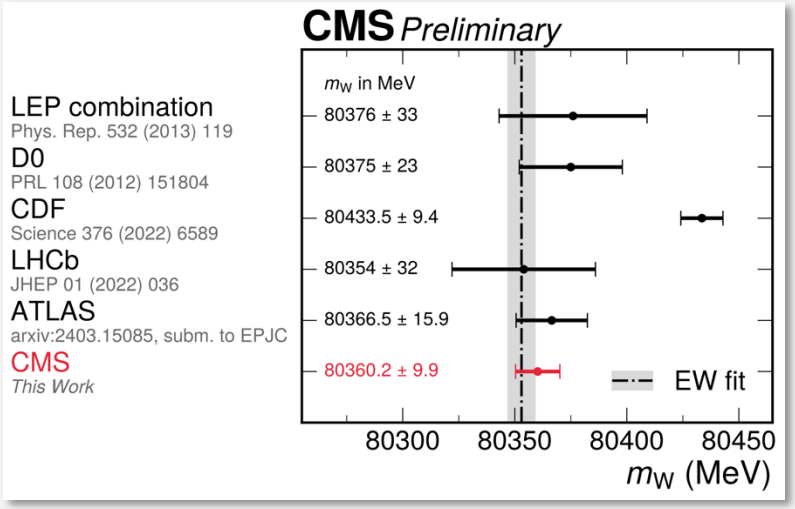
- Run 1: 2010 – 2012 (Higgs boson discovery)
- Run 2: 2015 – 2018
- **Run 3: 2022 – 2026 ← we are here**
- High Luminosity LHC: 2030s



CMS publishes **~100 papers per year**

Most recent important CMS result:

W mass measurement (2024)



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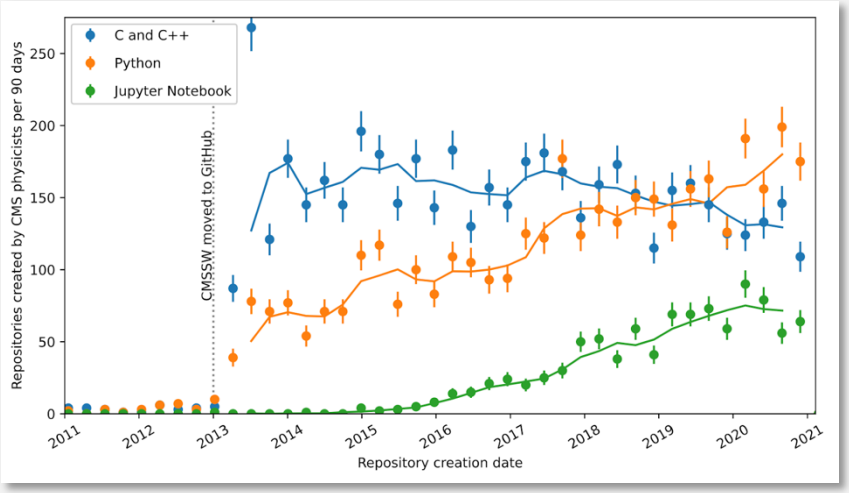
Physics Analyses at CMS

- "Traditional" methods (still in use):
  - C++ based frameworks: CMS Offline Software (CMSSW), ROOT
  - Data processing implemented via event loops
  - User interface is just a command line

- Trends emerging in the past decade:
  - Python based frameworks
  - Array programming
  - Interactive interfaces (Jupyter)
  - Adoption of software from other domains (e.g. ML libraries)
  - Advancements in parallel & distributed computing

GitHub repositories of CMS physicists



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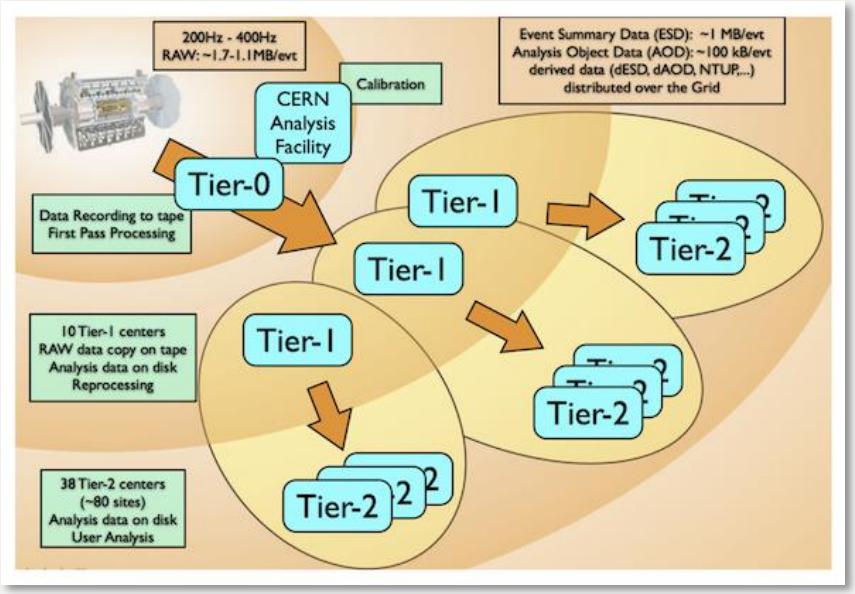
⇒ Motivation to develop Analysis Facilities that natively support these methods

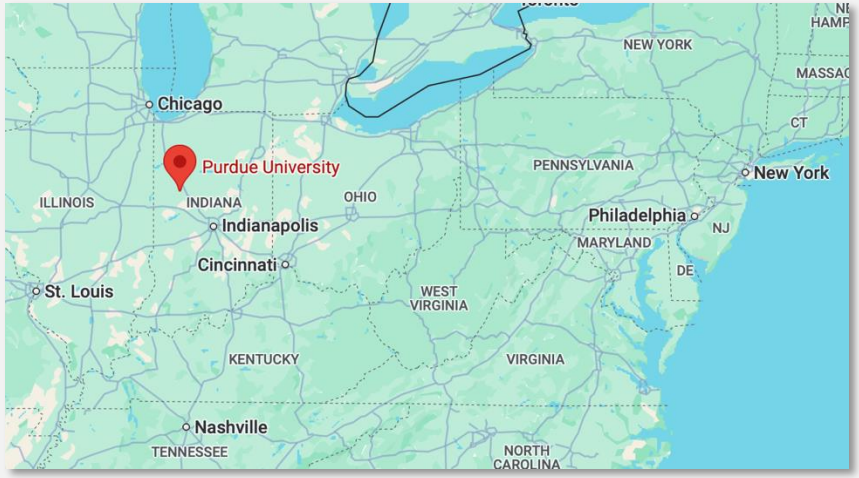
CMS Computing Model

CMS data processing is distributed via **WLCG (Worldwide LHC Computing Grid)**, which has a tiered structure.



Purdue is a **Tier-2 site**, which means that we provide:

- Computing resources for "central" processing (MC simulations, RECO, etc.)
- Computing resources for **user analyses**.

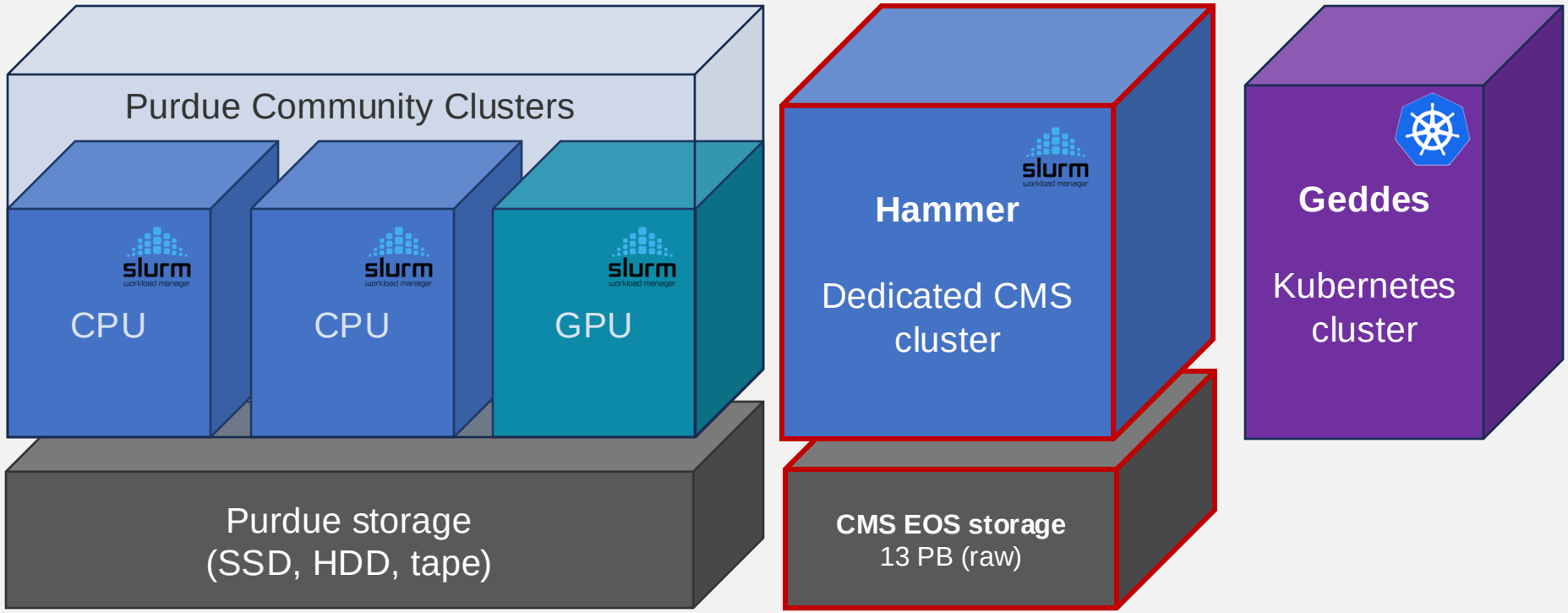


Purdue Research Computing & CMS Tier-2

Purdue Community Clusters Program
Opportunistic access to job slots via **Slurm**;
A dedicated GPU cluster with various GPU models

Dedicated CMS resources
Cluster with 12k CPU cores;
Large storage element (13PB)

Kubernetes cluster
CMS owns 2k CPU cores
& several A100 GPUs

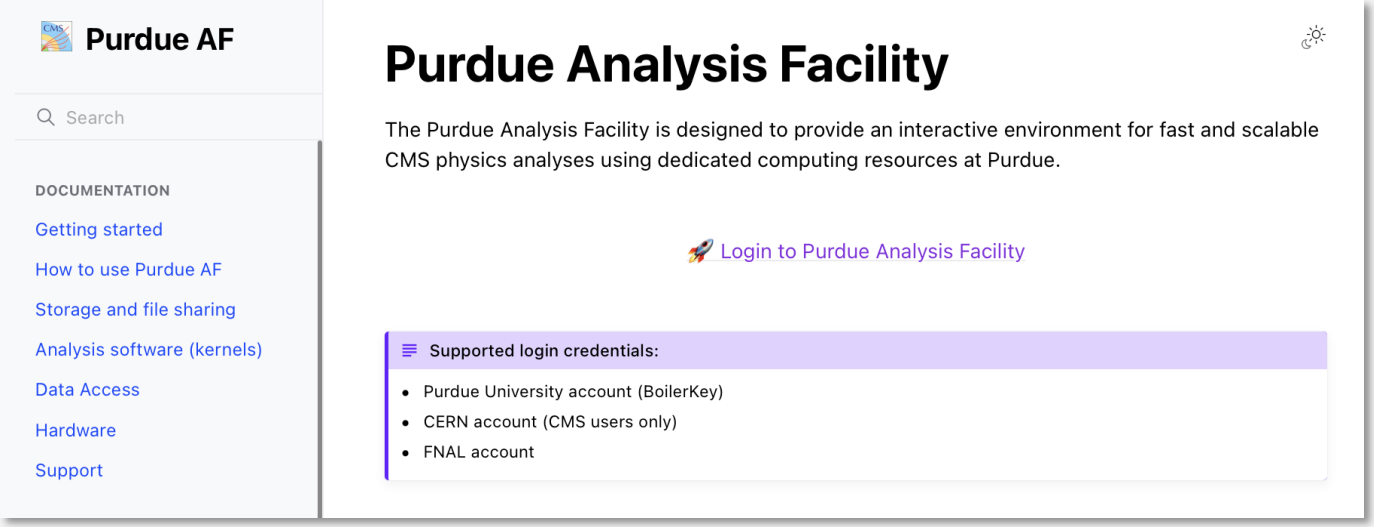


Purdue also hosts “Anvil” supercomputer – a part of NSF ACCESS program.

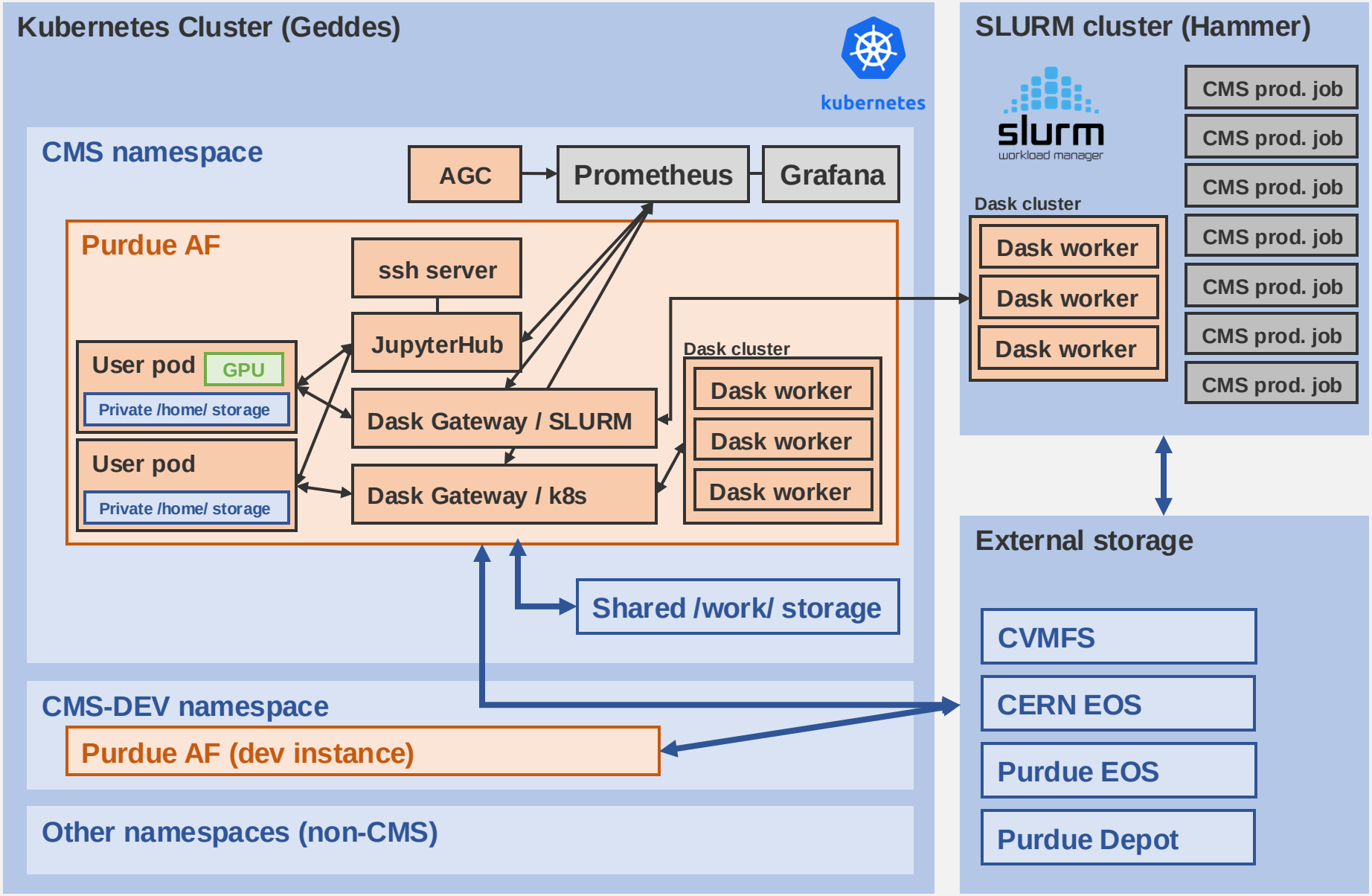
Purdue Analysis Facility (Purdue AF)

Purdue AF is an interactive environment for end-to-end CMS analyses.

- Primary work environment for majority of CMS researchers at Purdue.
- ~150 registered users, ~30 daily users
- In production since 2023
- Documentation & entry point: https://analysis-facility.physics.purdue.edu/
- Open to all CMS users worldwide
  - Must have CMS affiliation & either **Purdue, CERN, or FNAL account**.



Purdue AF: Architecture



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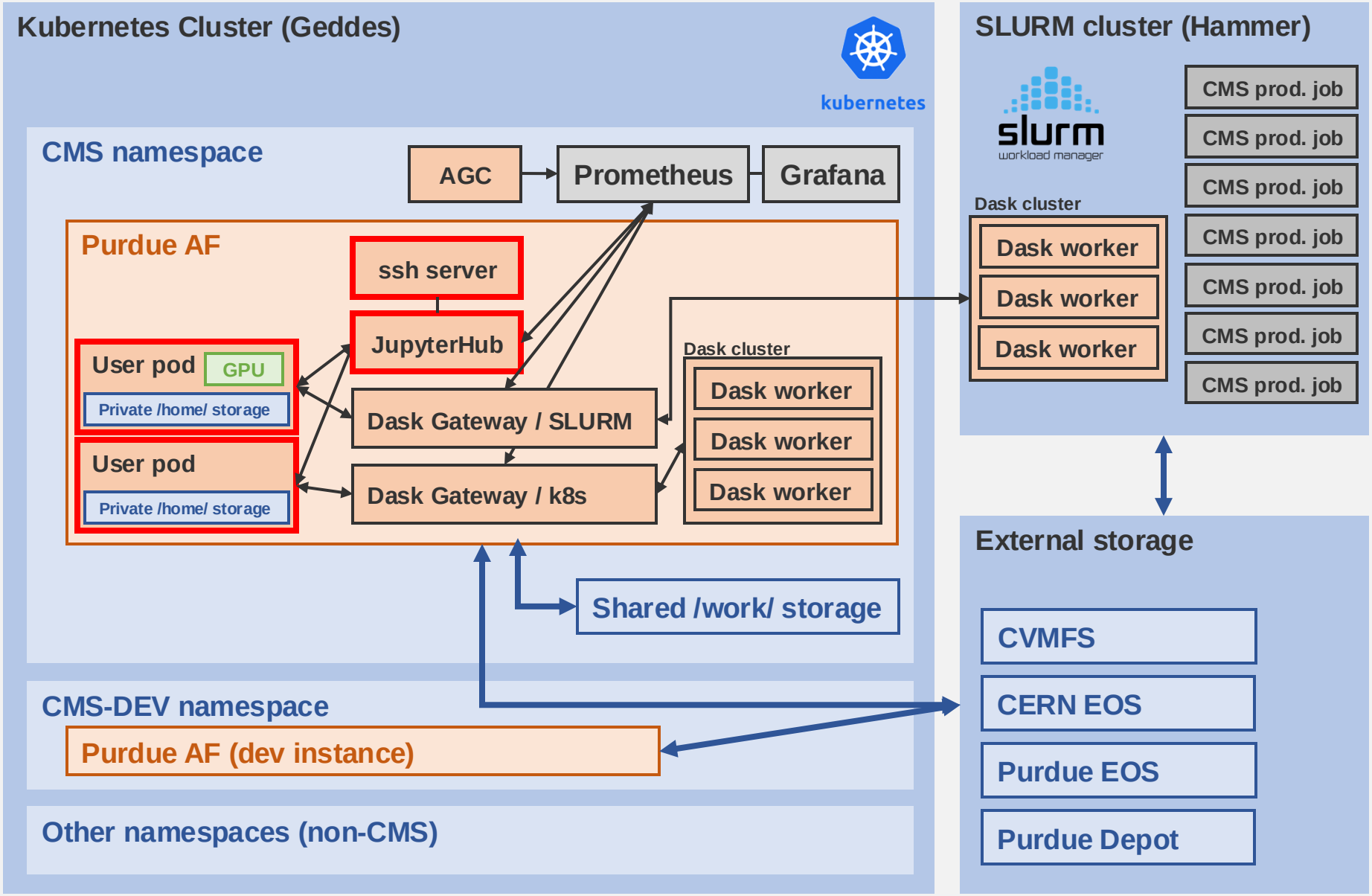
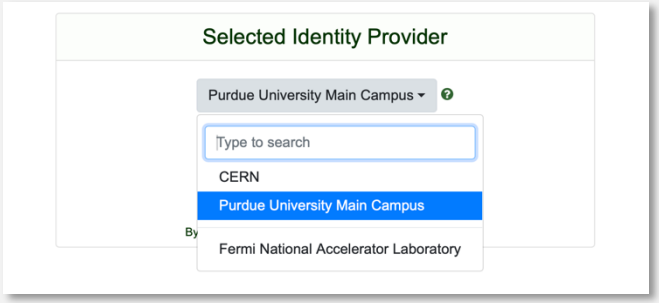
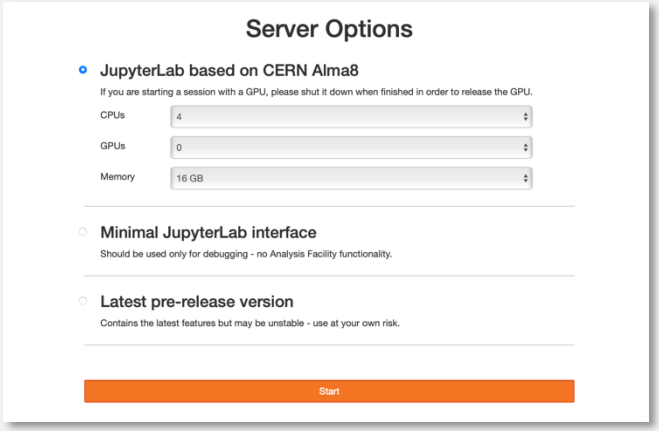
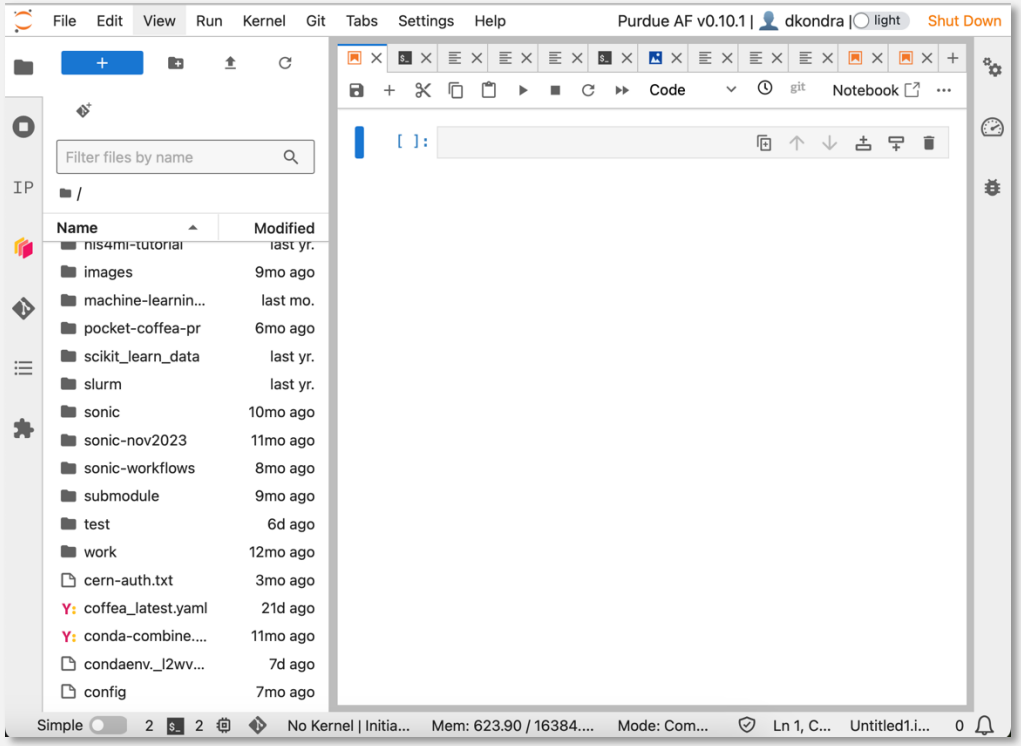


User Interface

- Access from any web browser
- At login: choice of account provider and resources (CPU / RAM / GPU)
- **JupyterLab** interface: notebooks, terminals, editors, file browser.
  - Session keeps running for up to 14 days if user closes the browser tab.



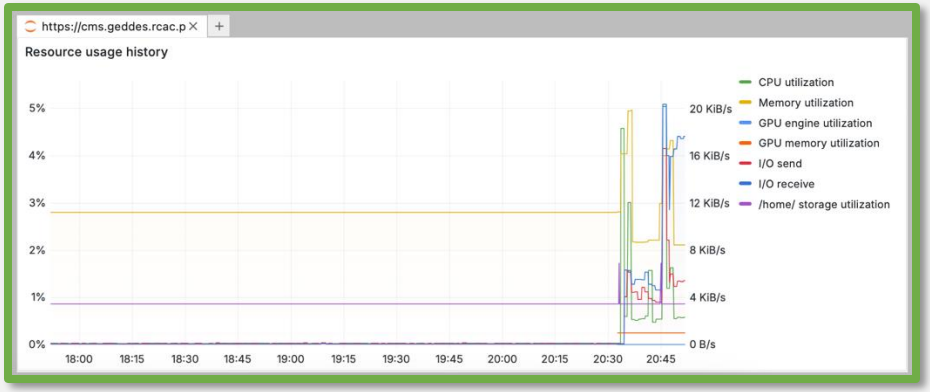


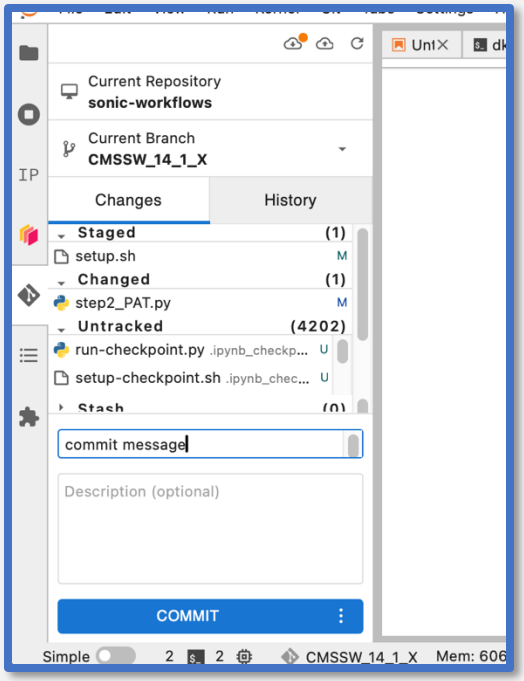


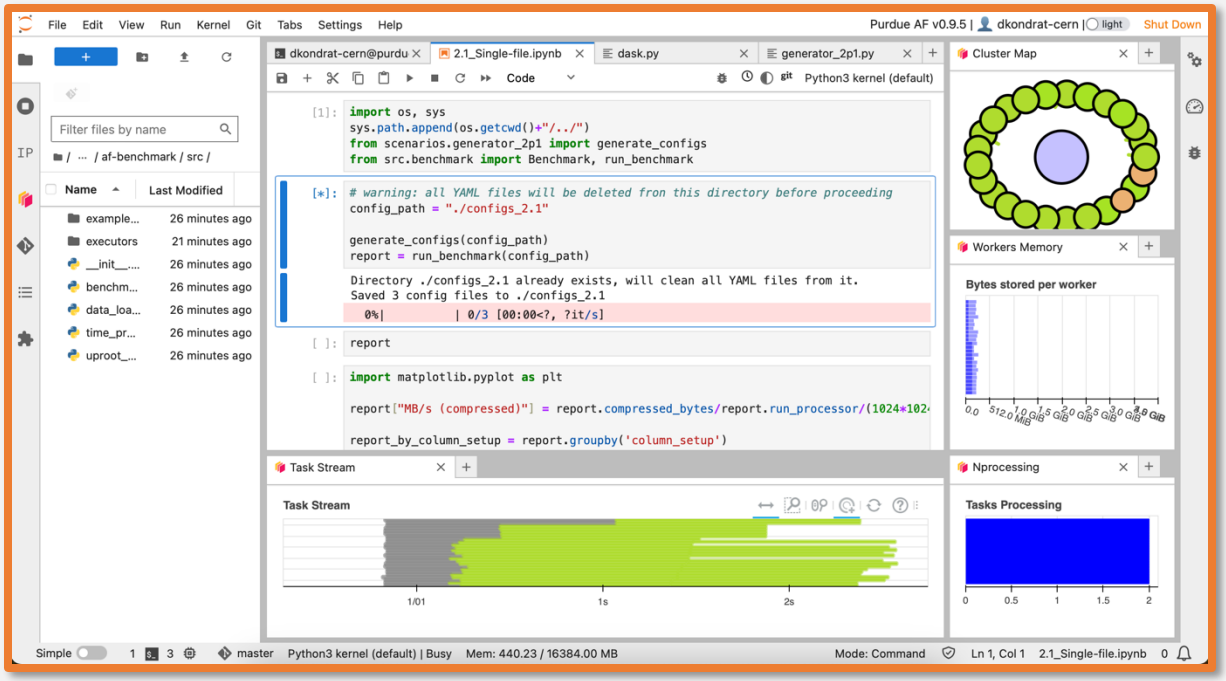
User Interface

Custom JupyterLab extensions:

- **Git**
- **Dask**
- **Resource usage monitoring**

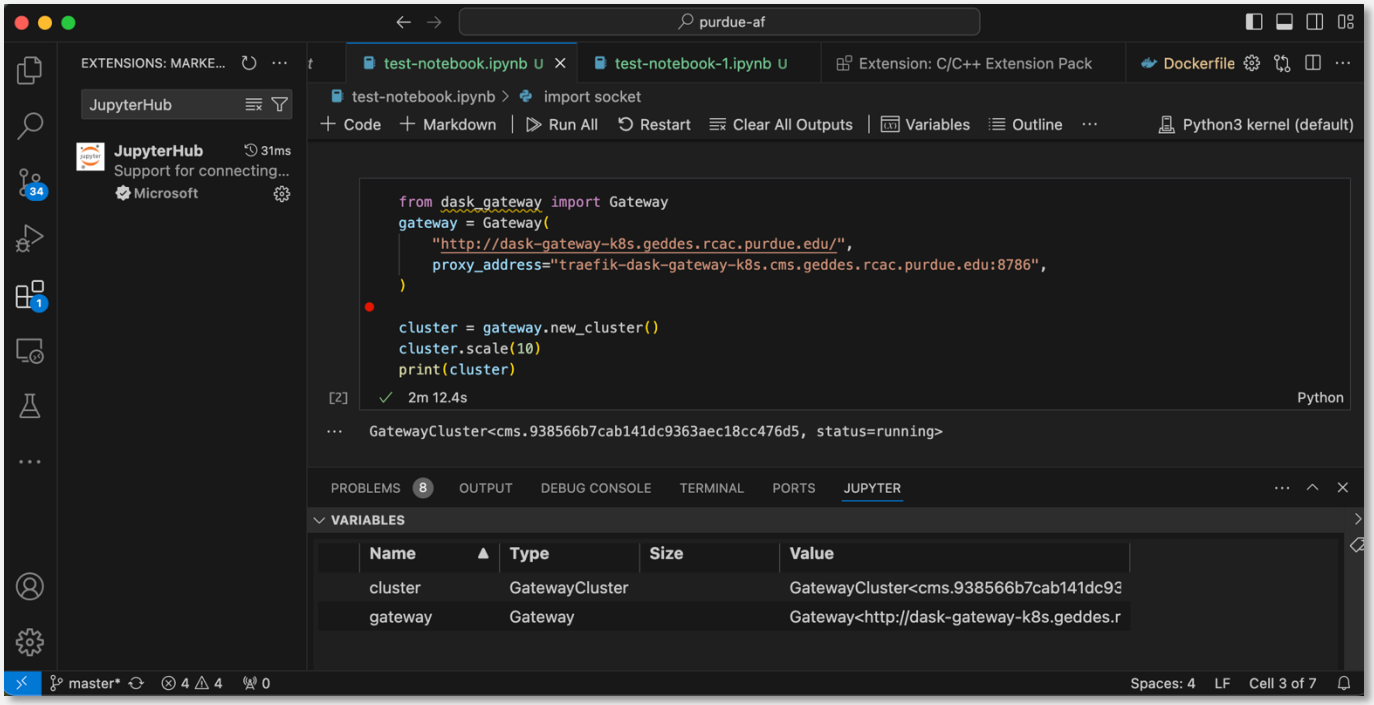






Advanced Access Methods

- Web browser is the default access method, but not the only one.
- With token-based authentication, users can:
  - Connect to a running session via **ssh**;
  - Connect **VSCode** to run local notebooks with remote kernels, or use Purdue AF scale-out resources bypassing the web interface.



Software

Software for user analyses is provided in multiple ways:

1. **Curated software stacks** based on needs of Purdue CMS users;
2. Access to **centrally managed software stacks** via CVMFS (CERN's distributed filesystem);
    - CMSSW releases
    - Singularity images
    - etc.
3. Custom **user-made environments**.

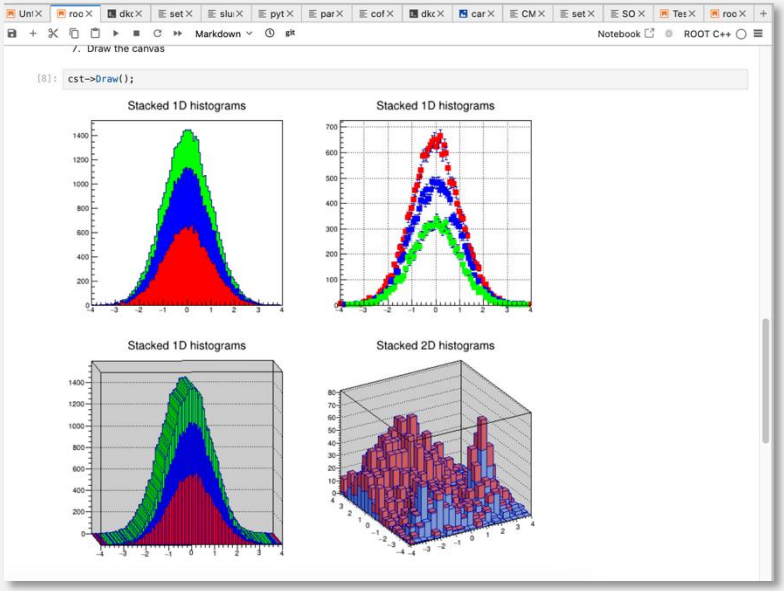
For Python workflows:

- **Conda environments & Jupyter kernels**
- Two curated environments include all popular tools for HEP analysis, such as Uproot, Coffea, Dask, pyROOT.

ROOT at Purdue AF

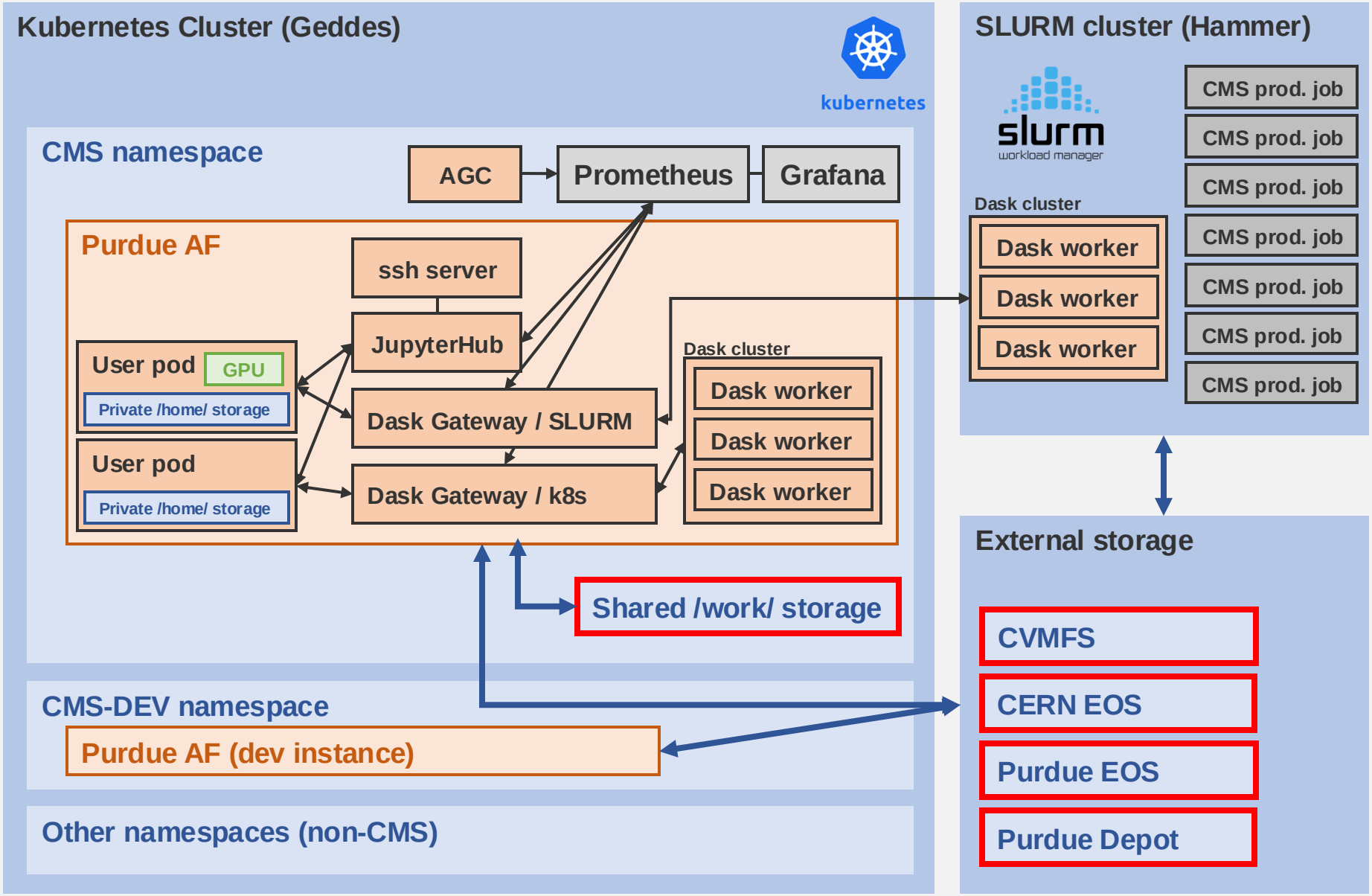
Multiple ways to use ROOT:

- ROOT console in terminal
- pyROOT in Conda environments / Jupyter kernels
- ROOT C++ kernel: turn notebook into a ROOT Console



We have implemented **GPU acceleration** of ROOT components (RooFit).

Purdue AF: Storage & Data Access



Storage options

Users are directly connected to Purdue Tier-2 storage volumes;
working close to data ⇒ high throughput / low latency

Storage volumes:

- **Purdue EOS storage (13 PB HDD)** – for large datasets
- **Shared project storage (100+ GB per user, SSD)**
  - Two solutions with different permissions for non-Purdue users
- **Private home directories (25 GB)**

Additionally, remote mounts:

- CVMFS to access CERN software
- CERNBox (CERN's cloud storage) to share work outside of Purdue AF

Data Access

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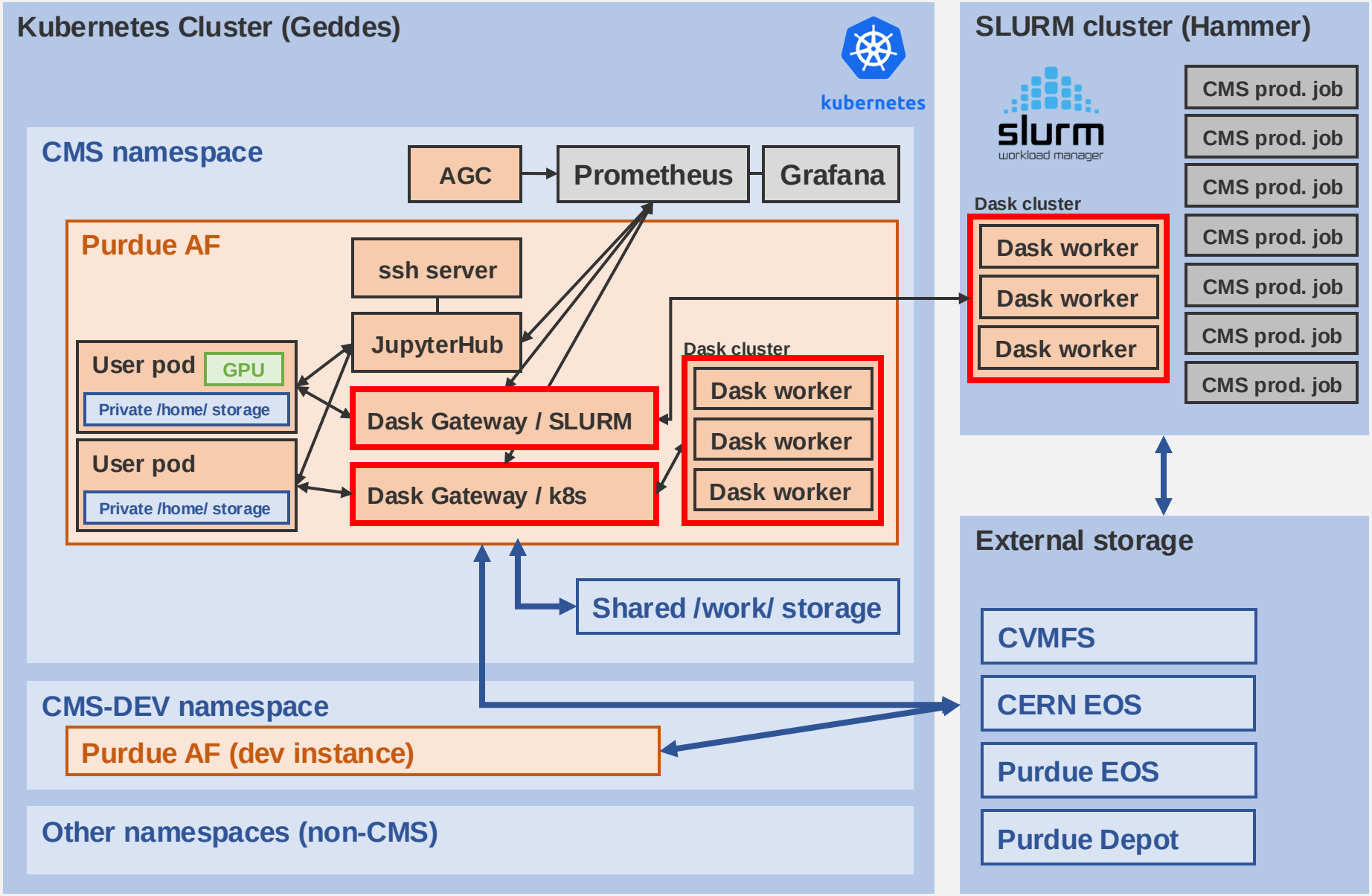
Data access methods:

- Remote dataset access from anywhere via **XRootD** protocol
- **XCache** – server for local dataset cashing
  - dramatically accelerates data access if a dataset is read repeatedly
- Clone ("subscribe") datasets to Purdue storage via **Rucio**

Purdue AF: Scale-Out Options



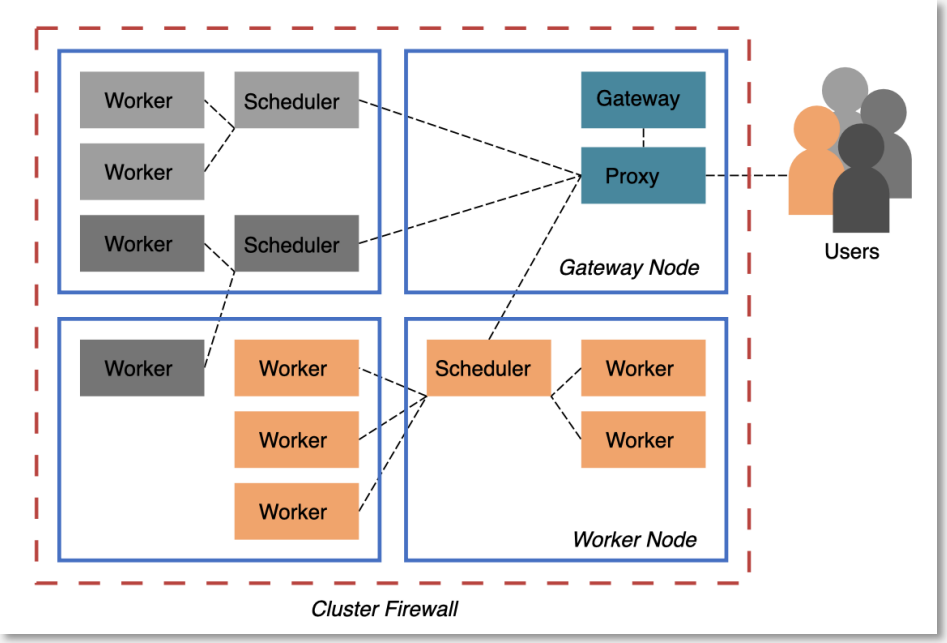
Scaling Out

Available scale-out resources:

- **Slurm** at Purdue clusters
  - 10k-40k cores (dedicated + opportunistic);
  - Users compete with CMS production jobs → slow scheduling.
- **Kubernetes** cluster
  - ~1k cores immediately available;
  - No scheduling mechanism → can't queue jobs.
- **CRAB**
  - Distribute CMSSW jobs to the Grid (1.4M cores);
  - Works for large workloads, but only specific types.
- **CMS-Connect**
  - Submit HTCondor jobs to US CMS Global Pool.

Dask Gateway

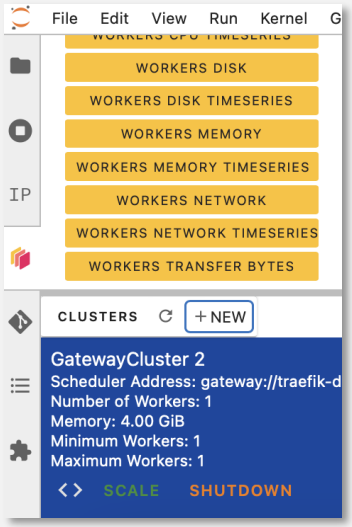
- **Dask** is a flexible Python library for parallel and distributed computing.
- **Dask Gateway** is a multi-tenant service for managing Dask clusters.
  - Clusters are managed via Gateway server(s), which run outside of user sessions.
  - A choice of backends (Local, Kubernetes, Slurm, PBS, Hadoop).
  - User interface is very similar to other Dask implementations.
  - Gateway server keeps track of user's clusters ⇒ automatic cluster discovery

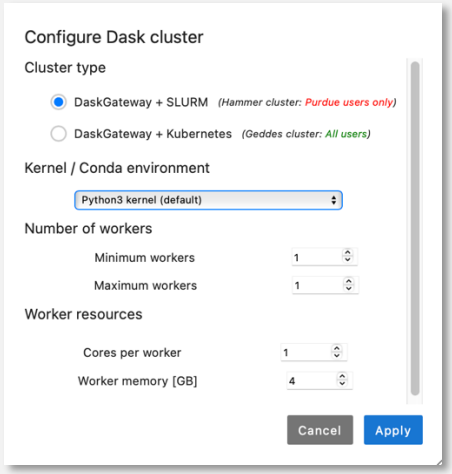


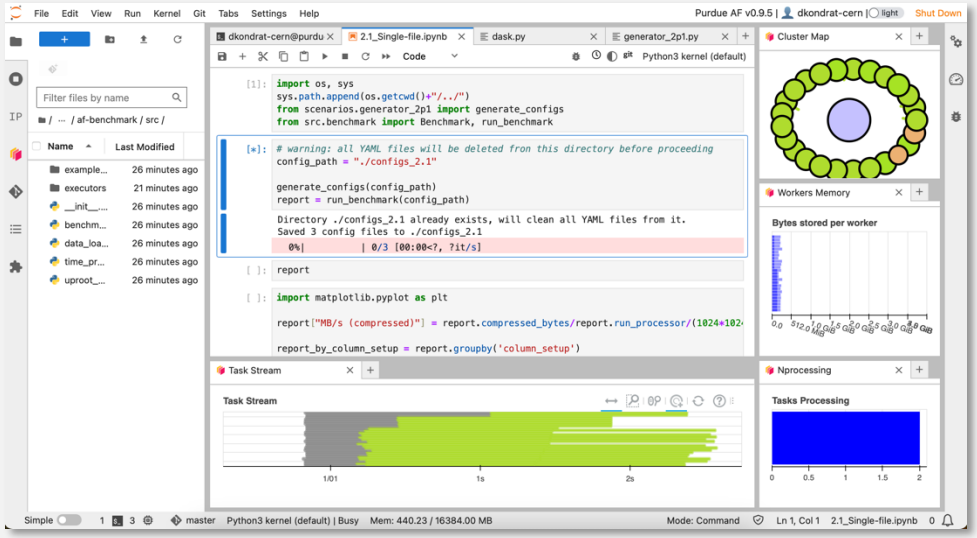
Dask Labextension

- Dask Labextension is an interactive GUI for managing Dask clusters and displaying monitoring dashboards.

- We have prepared our own version of the extension with more flexibility:
  - Choice of Dask Gateway backend (**Slurm** or **Kubernetes**)
  - Specify worker resources interactively







Access to GPUs

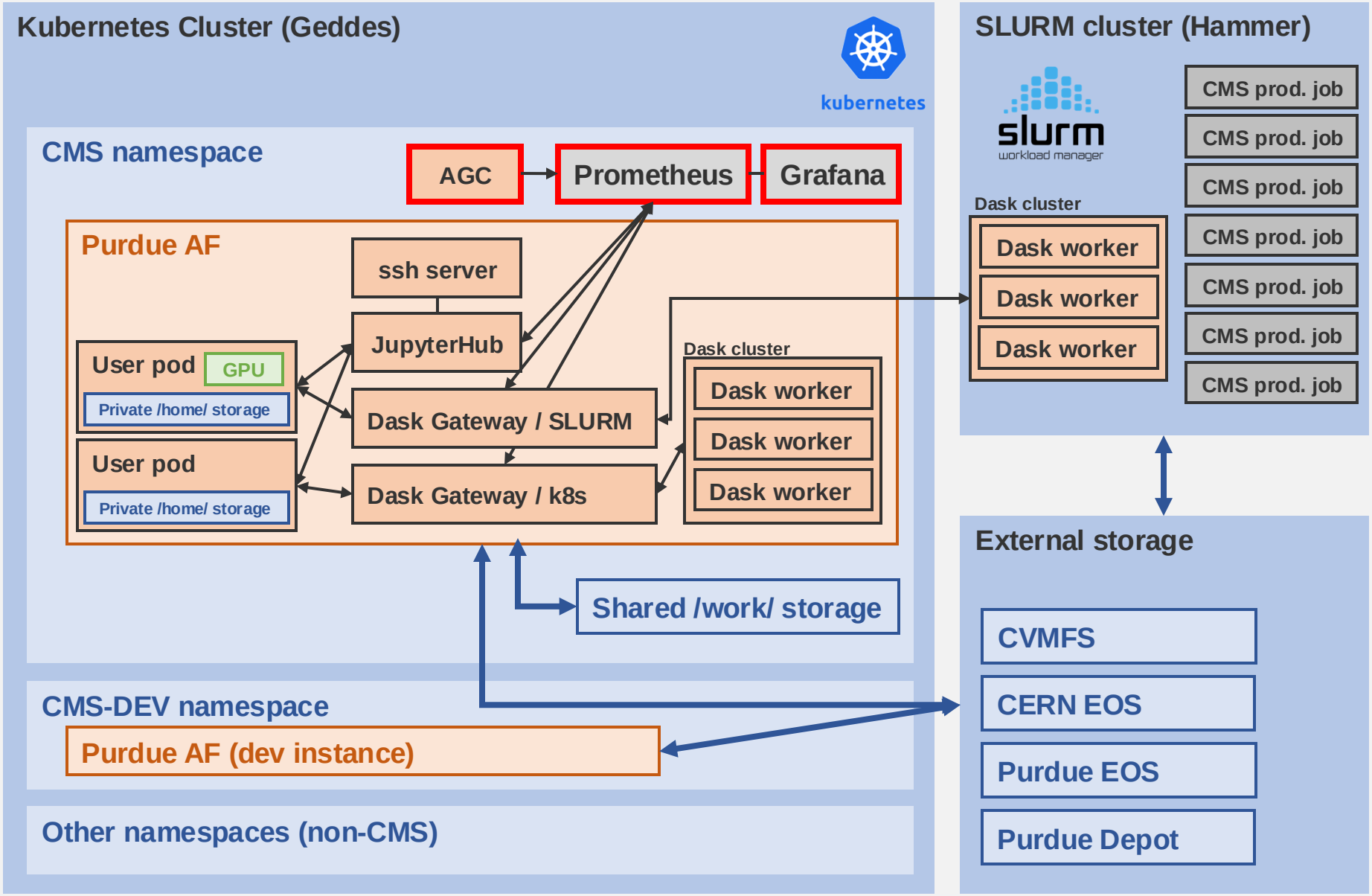
Main use cases for GPUs at Purdue AF:

- ML training
- ML inference
- Accelerating non-ML frameworks such as RooFit

GPU access modes:

- **Direct access**:
  - 6xA100 40GB GPUs; 4 of them MiG-partitioned into 5GB “slices”
- GPU access via **Slurm jobs**:
  - Wide selection of NVIDIA GPUs Purdue Community Clusters
- **SONIC** – inference-as-a-Service implementation
  - WIP for CMS production, can also be used for user analyses in the future.

Purdue AF: Monitoring



Monitoring

- Monitoring is implemented via **Prometheus** and **Grafana** services
  - User activity and resource utilization
  - Health of nodes and storage mounts
  - GPU utilization
- We also run **Analysis Grand Challenge** benchmark every 3 hours as a standalone CronJob, and monitor its performance at Purdue AF.

- Panels are configured via code developed using Grafonnet library.

Purdue AF in Action

- Papers for which Purdue AF was used (as of summer 2024):
  - 3 published papers [1, 2, 3]
  - 3 approved analyses awaiting journal submission
  - at least 4 ongoing analyses

- Purdue AF is useful outside of Purdue University:
  - Ongoing projects have external collaborators not affiliated with Purdue
  - This summer hosted six tutorials for CMS users by Fermilab (LPC HATS)

- We host regular tutorials locally at Purdue to help our users learn how to conduct analyses faster & more efficiently.

Summary

- Purdue Analysis Facility aims to provide an interactive environment and a complete toolset for physics analyses at CMS experiment.

- Purdue AF is
  - deployed on a Kubernetes cluster at Purdue
  - connected to Purdue CMS Tier-2 storage and Slurm queues.

- Adopted by almost all Purdue CMS researchers
- Has been instrumental in CMS analyses and tutorials