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Energy&Carbon Footprint Of CMS WFs

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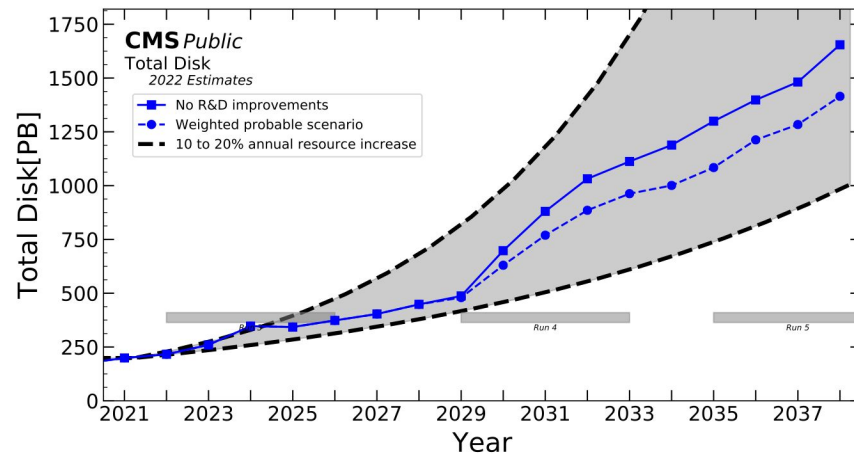
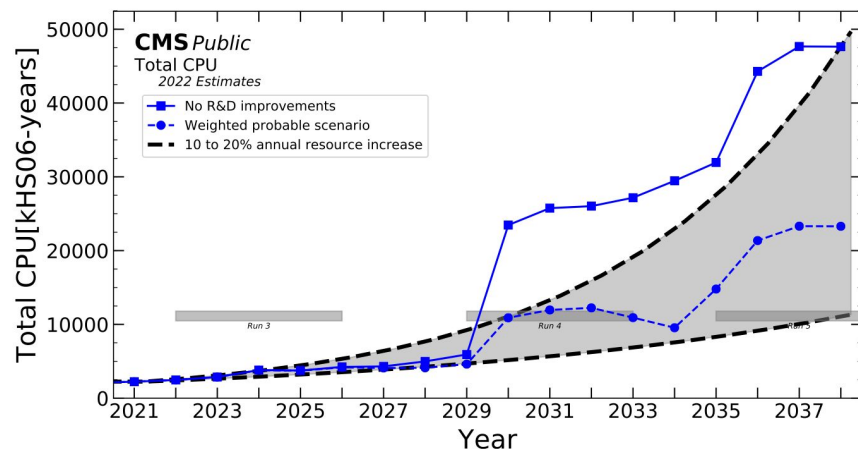
The context

Computing and HEP

→ Role of computing technologies more and more crucial for scientific advancements

- ◆ [AI/HPC implementations](#) in particle physics
- ◆ [AI implementations](#) in Science/Industry (computer vision, LLMs, GenAI)
- ◆ [Numerical simulations](#)
- ◆ ...and also at CMS, of course!

More and more energy needed for performing computing activities!



A sustainable effort?

The energy footprint of physics experiment

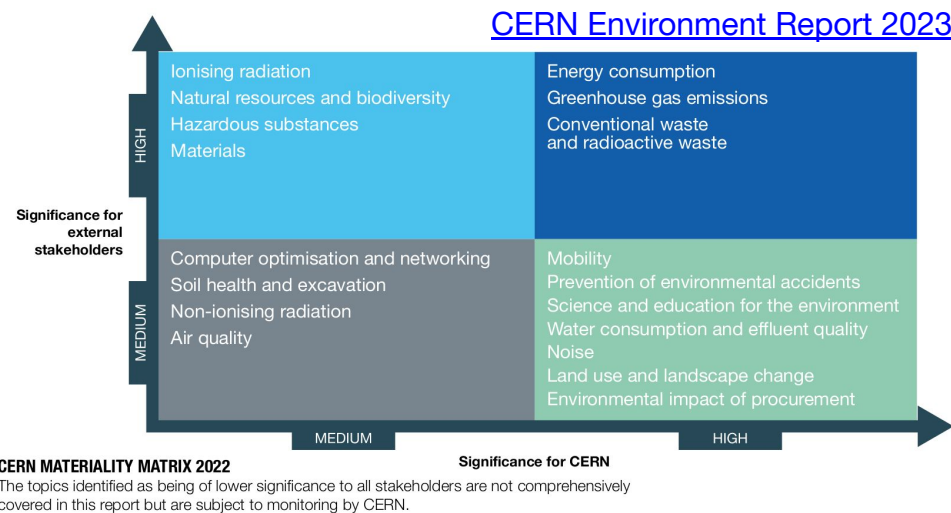
- Electricity consumption from data centres and AI expected to double by 2026 ([IEA 2024 report](#))
- [Dennard Scaling](#): Future generation of processors not expected sustain our needs
 - ◆ Improve resource usage efficiency
- Increasing awareness of environmental impact of physics experiments

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Physics should acknowledge its environmental impact and act on it

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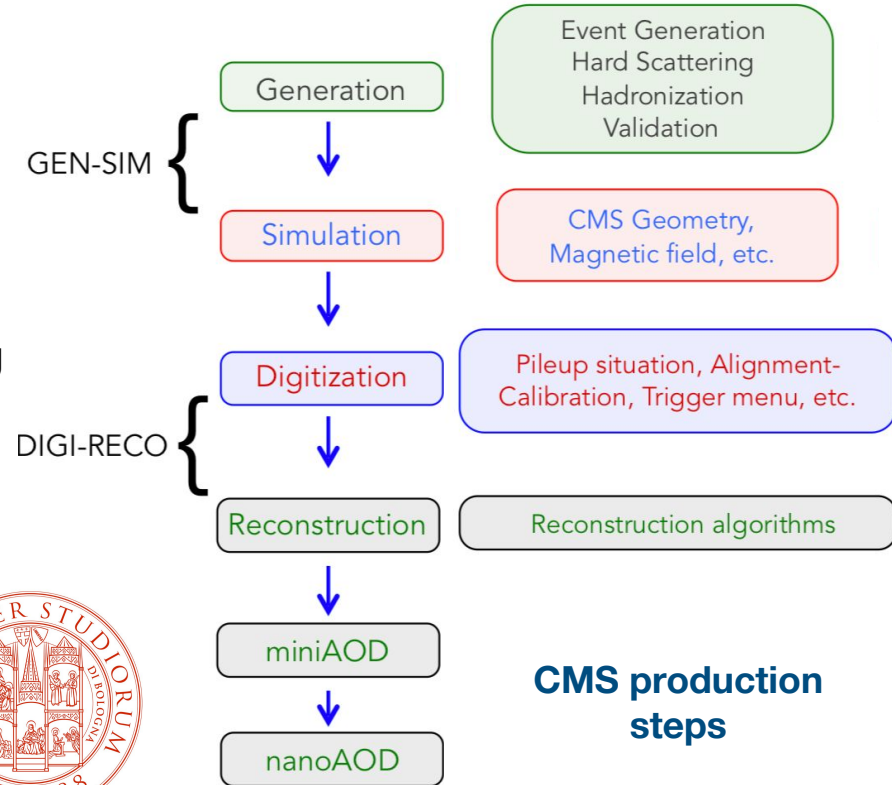
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Need for a quantitative measurement!

Measuring the carbon footprint with a CMS scenario

- Estimating Energy Consumption and Carbon Costs of GENSIM jobs at LHC
 - ◆ Preliminary results from Francesco Minarini, PhD candidate in Physics Supervised by D. Bonacorsi and T. Diotallevi (University and INFN Bologna)
 - ◆ Academia-industry joint effort on NextGEN EU
- Goal: Measuring energy consumption and the carbon footprint of a CMSSW GENSIM job
 - ◆ Pheno event generation and Geant4 simulation → First step of CMS simulation



Theoretical foundations

The energy consumption

$$E_{A \rightarrow X} = T \times (n_c \times P_c \times u_c + n_m \times P_m) \times \text{PUE}$$

- T = Elapsed computing time (h)
- n_c = number of used cores
- P_c = power draw normalized to computing cores (kW)
- u_c = CPU usage factor in [0 (low usage), 1 (high usage)] interval
- n_m = allocated RAM memory (GB)
- P_m = power draw of RAM (kW)
- PUE = Power Usage Efficiency

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Green Algorithms: Quantifying the Carbon Footprint of Computation

Loïc Lannelongue Jason Grealey, Michael Inouye

First published: 02 May 2021 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/advs.202100707> | Citations: 67

Theoretical foundations

From energy consumption to carbon footprint

$$F = E_{(A \rightarrow X)} \times CI$$

CI = Country-wise Carbon Intensity coefficient of electricity production [gCO₂/kWh]

CI strictly depends on how energy is produced and exchanged on the energy market

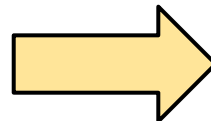
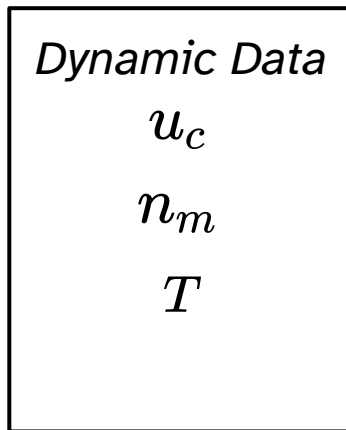
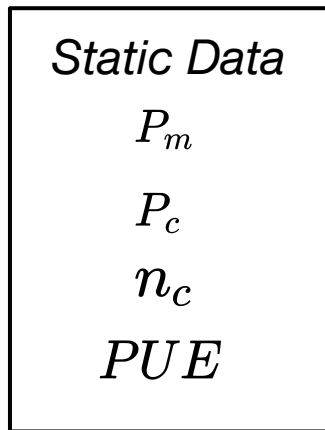
→ Susceptible to geopolitical situation of where the data center is located



Warning

Measuring the energy consumption

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measurable leveraging
some properties of the
filesystem (content of `/proc`)
of Linux-powered machines

No particular authentication
method required to get them



gathered in an external
Config.toml file

Experimental Setup

→ Computing machines

- ◆ Two “Slurm-managed” Intel nodes offered by INFN-CNAF’s student-oriented facility

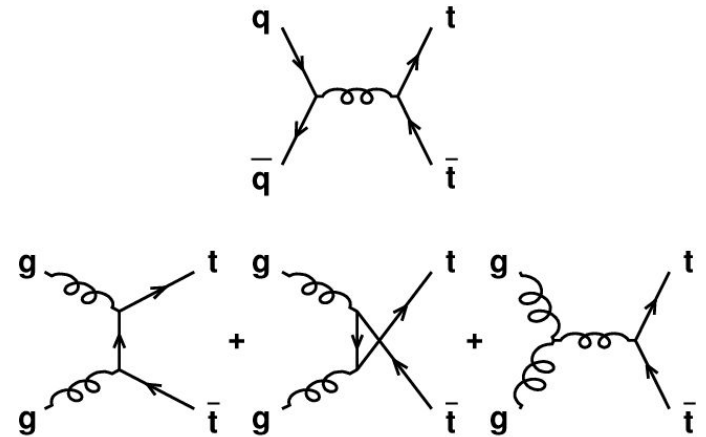
Node 1 → CPU: 2x E5-2640v2 (16 physical cores), RAM: 128 GB, HT: ON

Node 2 → CPU: 2x E5-2683v3 (28 physical cores), RAM: 128 GB, HT: ON

Monitoring target

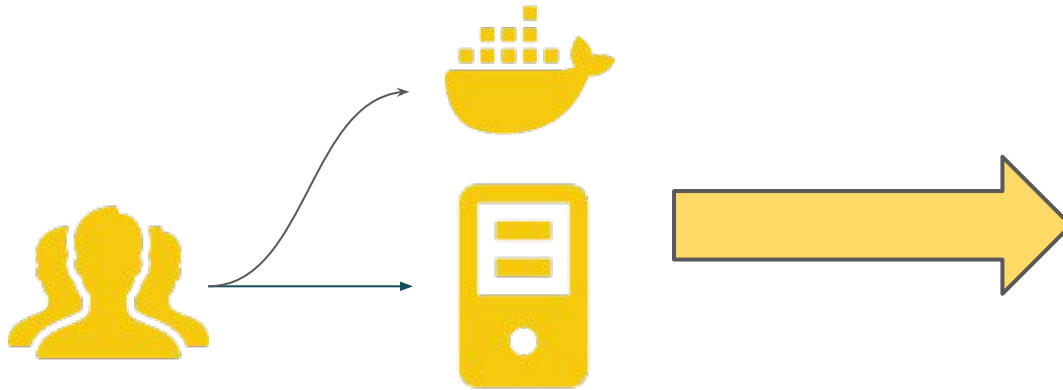
→ CMS containerised HEP Benchmark ([open-access](#))

- ◆ CMS GENSIM multithreaded job
SW framework: CMSSW v12_5_0
- ◆ Top-antitop pair events events
at 14 TeV with Run3 condition

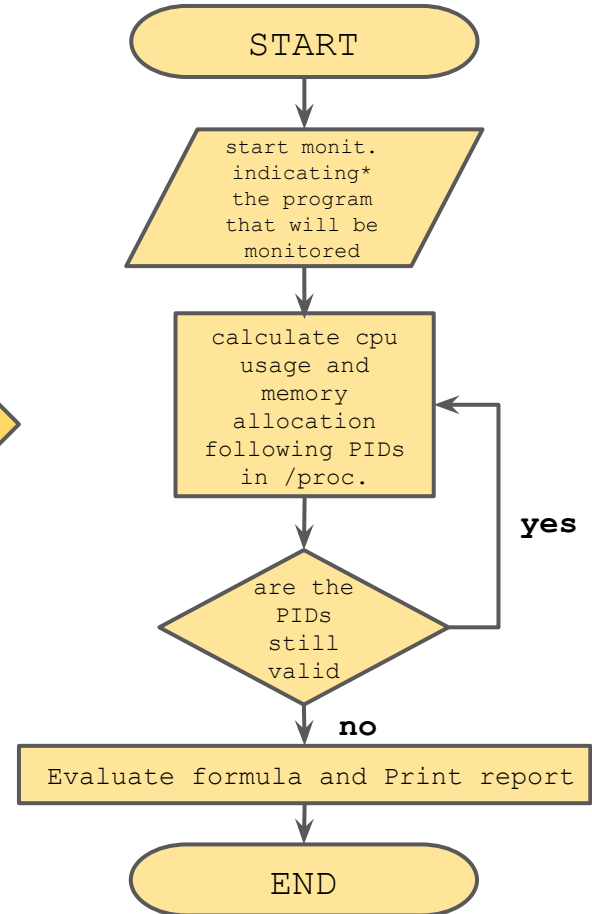


PoC: Monitoring workflow

In parallel, the containerized probe software targets the executable



Physics Job submission happens as usual



PoC: Monitoring workflow

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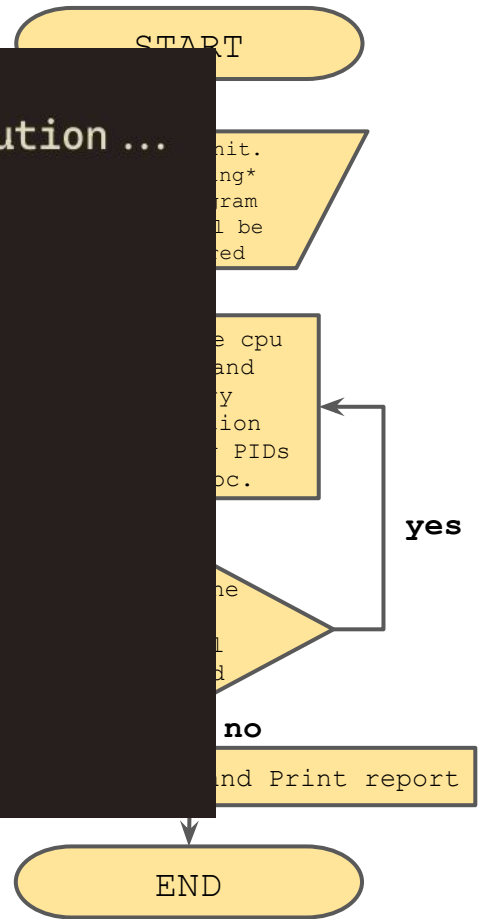
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Now evaluating carbon footprint of execution ...  
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REQUESTED CORES:	30
TDP_PER_CORE:	12
AVG_CPU_USAGE:	0.763323
AVG_MEM_ALLOC (GB):	3.35681
RAM W:	0.375
CORE W:	274.796
MEM W:	1.2588
ABSORBED W:	276.055
ELAPSED T:	0.354481
PUE:	1.65
CARBON INTENSITY:	314
YOUR FOOTPRINT:	50.6993 gCO2e

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Results

Data are the geometric means of 3 separate measurements on the same node.

INFN-CNAF E5-2640v2 node

<i>CPUs</i>	<i>Evts per core</i>	<i>kWh</i>	<i>elap.T</i>
30	333	3.058	5.13
28	357	3.026	5.44
24	416	3.017	6.36
20	500	2.940	7.44
16	625	2.921	9.22
12	833	2.887	12.16
8	1250	2.818	17.80

INFN-CNAF E5-2683v3 node

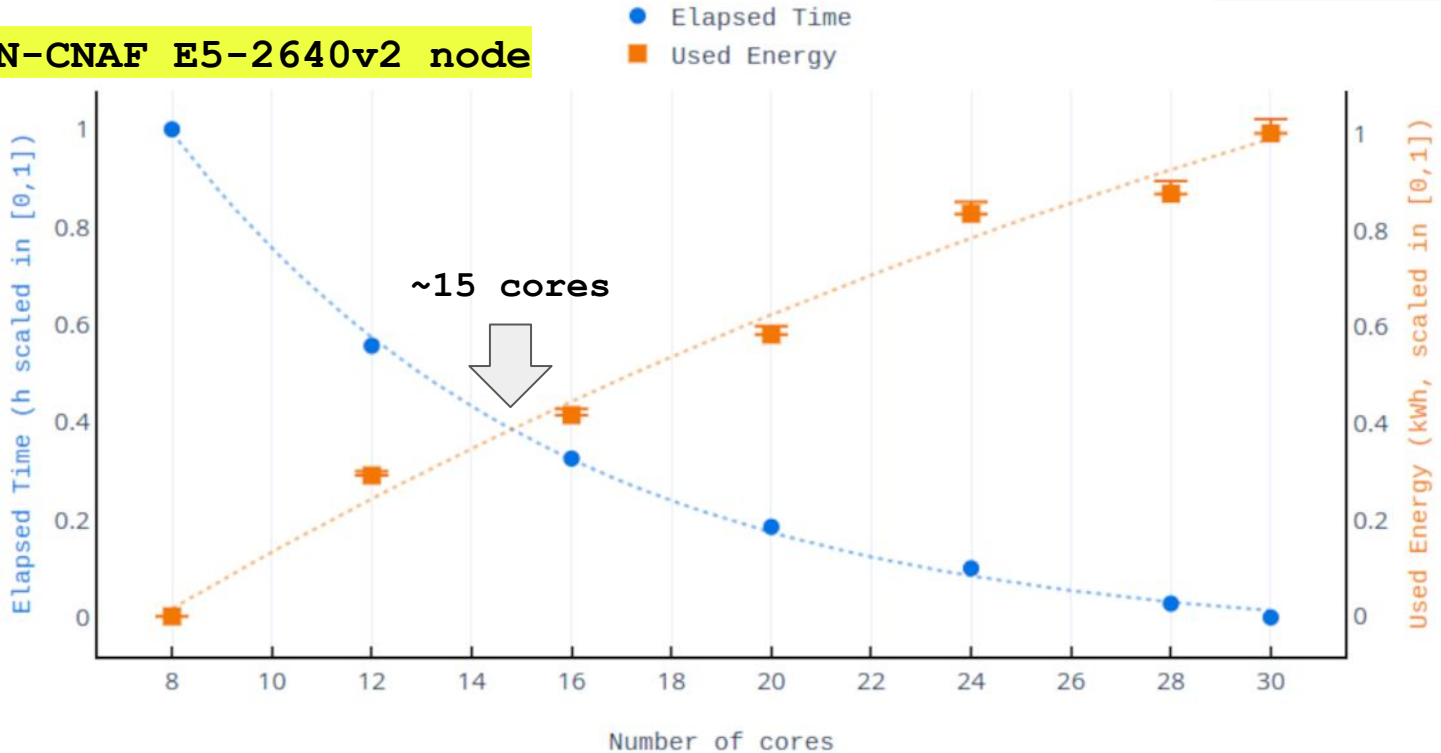
<i>CPUs</i>	<i>Evts per core</i>	<i>kWh</i>	<i>elap.T</i>
54	185	1.51	1.87
50	200	1.49	2.01
42	238	1.48	2.39
30	333	1.47	3.32
28	357	1.46	3.53
16	625	1.41	5.96
8	1250	1.17	11.11

Results

Metrics scaled in $[0,1]$ to harmonize scales and identify the working point

$$X' = \frac{X - X_{\min}}{X_{\max} - X_{\min}}$$

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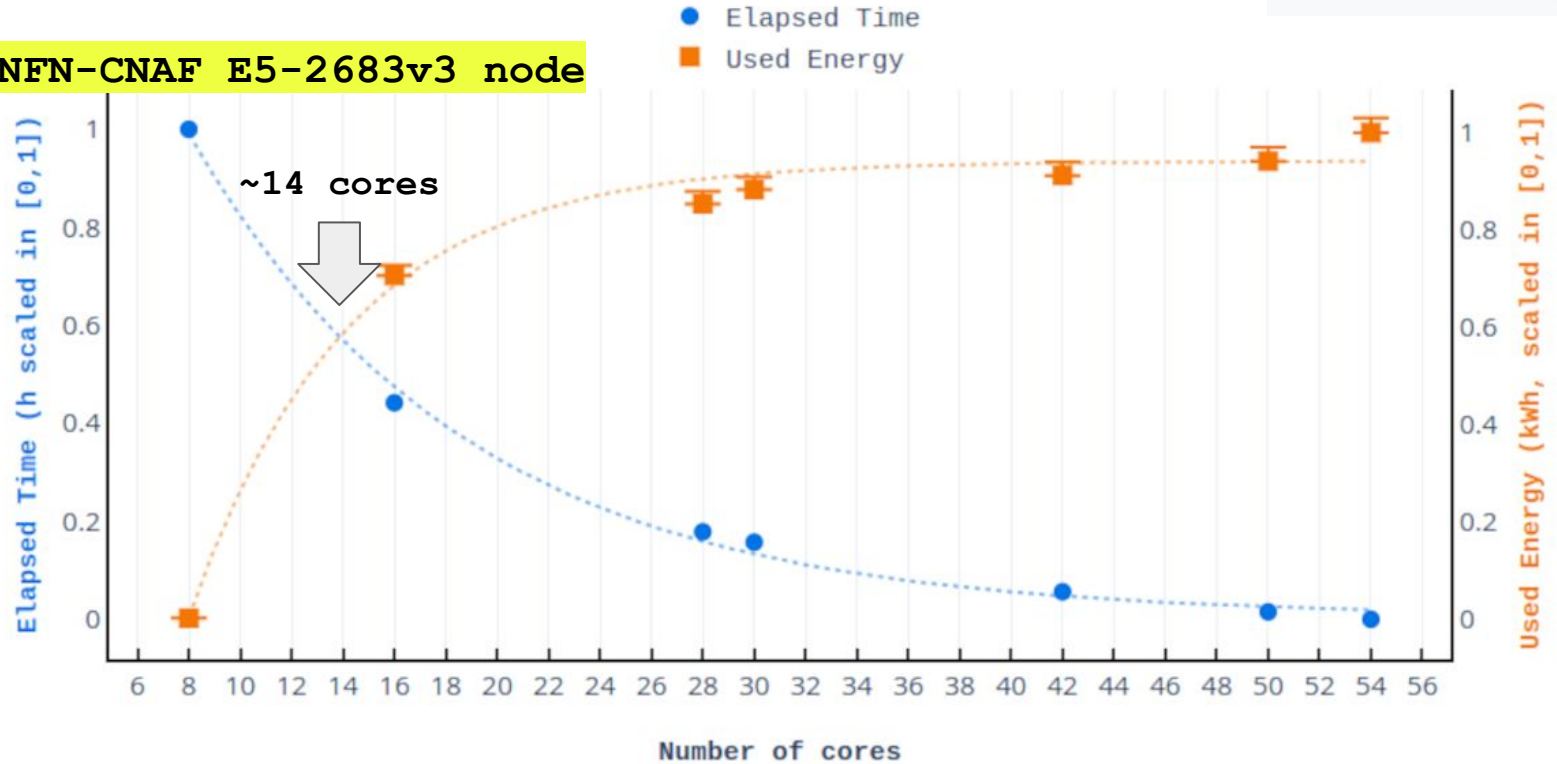


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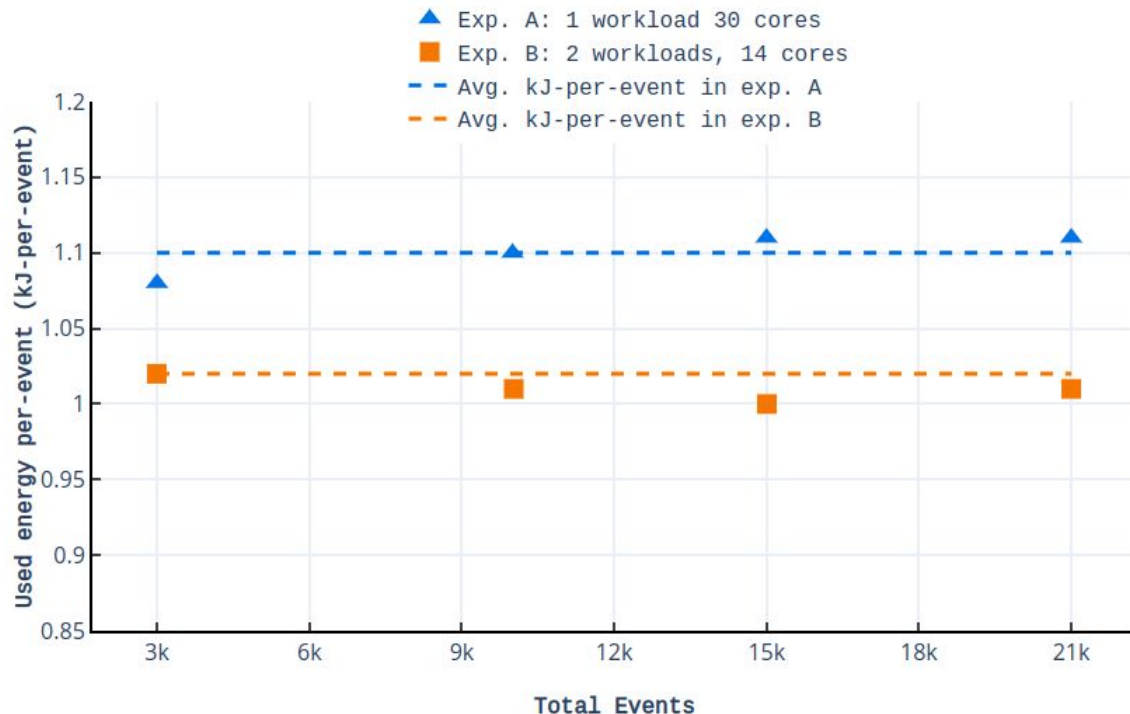
WP validation

INFN-CNAF E5-2640v2 node

Experiment

- 1 GENSIM workload
run over 30 cores
- 2 GENSIM workloads
run over 14 cores each

Number of events per core tailored
to obtain the same final event size



**Same event size
with less energy expense!**
(at the price of running for longer)

Conclusions

→ Milestones

- ◆ The developed tool can measure the energy consumption of an arbitrary computing task
- ◆ Possible margins for performance improvements energy-wise
- ◆ Optimizing the job submission seems a promising task in this perspective

→ Future outlook

- ◆ More detailed estimation of errors and biases
- ◆ Structuring the PoC for footprint data collection into a database
- ◆ Automatic checkout pipeline of footprint (e.g., power data analyses).

