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# Accounting with AUDITOR

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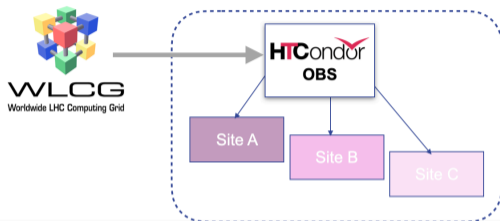
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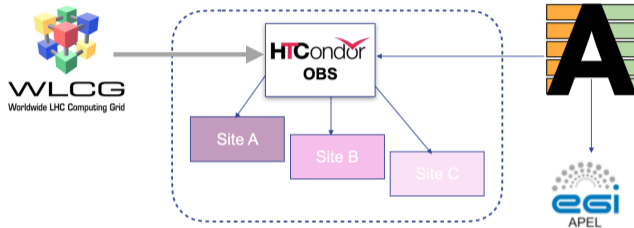
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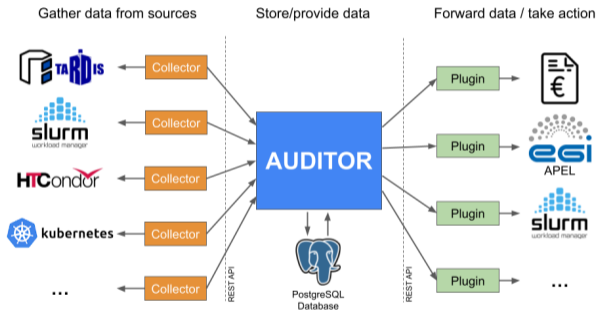
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## Accounting Ecosystem



## Modular accounting ecosystem

### ► Collectors

- Accumulate data

### ► Core component

- Accept data
- Store data
- Provide data

### ► Plugins

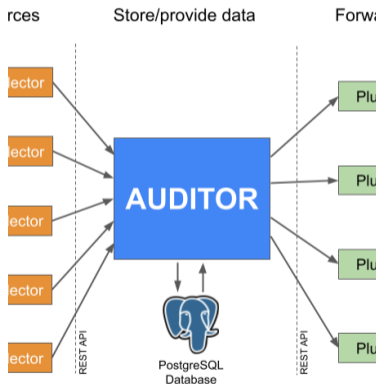
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## Documentation and code

<https://github.com/ALU-Schumacher/AUDITOR>

# Auditor

Core component



- ▶ Implemented in **Rust**
  - ▶ Access via REST interface
- ▶ Unit of accountable resources: **Record**
- ▶ Data stored in PostgreSQL
- ▶ Completely stateless
  - ▶ No dataloss
  - ▶ Suitable for high availability setups
- ▶ Provided as **RPM** or **Docker container**
- ▶ Client libraries in Rust and Python



# Record

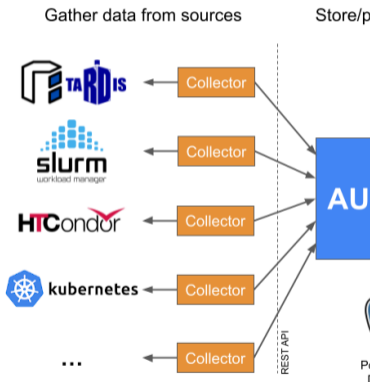
Unit of accountable resources

- ▶ `record_id`: uniquely identifies the record
- ▶ `meta`: multiple key value pairs of the form `String -> [String]`
- ▶ `components`: arbitrary number of resources that are to be accounted for (CPU, RAM, Disk, GPU, ...)
  - ▶ `scores`: (multiple) accounting scores supported
- ▶ `start_time`, `end_time`: datetime in UTC
- ▶ `runtime`: calculated as `end_time - start_time`

```
{
  "record_id": "hpc-4126142",
  "meta": {
    "group_id": [ "atlpr" ],
    "site_id": [ "hpc" ],
    "user_id": [ "atlpr001" ]
  },
  "components": [
    {
      "name": "Cores",
      "amount": 8,
      "scores": [
        {
          "name": "HEPSPEC06",
          "value": 10.0
        },
        {
          "name": "HEPScore23",
          "value": 10.0
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "name": "Memory",
  "amount": 16000,
  "scores": []
},
"start_time": "2023-02-24T00:27:58Z",
"stop_time": "2023-02-24T03:41:35Z",
"runtime": 11617
},
```

# Collectors

Accumulate data



- ▶ **TARDIS Collector**

- ▶ Collect drone information

- ▶ **SLURM Collectors**

- ▶ Collect information about SLURM jobs via SLURM CLI commands

- ▶ **HTCondor Collector** (developed @ KIT)

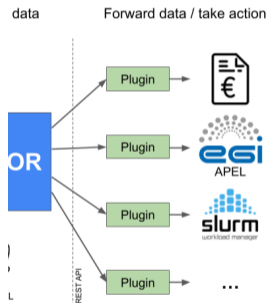
- ▶ Equivalent of SLURM collector for HTCondor

- ▶ **Kubernetes Collector** (developed @ Uni Wuppertal)

- ▶ Collects information from Kubernetes pods

# Plugins

Take action based on stored data



## ► Priority plugin

- Compute priorities from a list of records
- Update priorities on a batch cluster

## ► APEL accounting plugin

- Properly accounts individual sites behind COBaID/TARDIS
- Reports accounting data to the APEL accounting platform

## ► Utilization report (future project)

- Analyse requested vs. consumed resources of a user
- Send a weekly report with possible savings and CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

# AUDITOR

## Contributors and Documentation

### ▶ Extensive documentation

**Auditor**

- Features

Running Auditor

- Migrating the database
- Using Docker
- Configuration files
- Metrics exporter for Prometheus

Compiling Auditor

Packages

Collectors

- SLURM Collector
- SLURM Epilog Collector
- HTCander Collector

Plugins

- APPEL Plugin
- Priority Plugin

Auditor Clients

License

- Contribution

#### Overview

##### Auditor

Auditor stands for **Accounting Data Handling Toolbox For Opportunistic Resources**. Auditor ingests accounting data provided by so-called *collectors*, stores it and provides it the outside to so-called *plugins*.

It comes with a well-defined REST API which allows for the implementation of application-specific collectors and plugins. This makes it well suited for a wide range of use cases.

The diagram illustrates the AUDITOR ecosystem. On the left, under 'Gather data from sources', there are icons for APPEL, SLURM, HiCondor, and Openstack, each with an arrow pointing to a 'Collector' box. These collectors feed into a central 'AUDITOR' box. Above the AUDITOR box is 'Store/provide data', and below it is 'PostgreSQL Database'. From the AUDITOR box, arrows point to 'Forward data / take action', which then leads to various 'Plugin' boxes. On the right, there are icons for APPEL, GSI, and SLURM, each with an arrow pointing to a 'Plugin' box.

Overview of the AUDITOR ecosystem. AUDITOR accepts records from collectors, stores them in a PostgreSQL database and offers these records to plugins which take an action based on the records.

<https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-4741479/v1>

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- ▶ 8 contributors
- ▶ from 3 universities
  - ▶ Freiburg (main development), KIT, Uni Wuppertal
- ▶ 15 releases - latest **v0.6.2**
- ▶ Continuous improvements: **Commits**



- ▶ Also on <https://zenodo.org/records/13239266>

zenodo

Published July 25, 2024 | Version v0.6.2

71 VIEWS | 2 DOWNLOADS

Software Open

#### The accounting ecosystem AUDITOR

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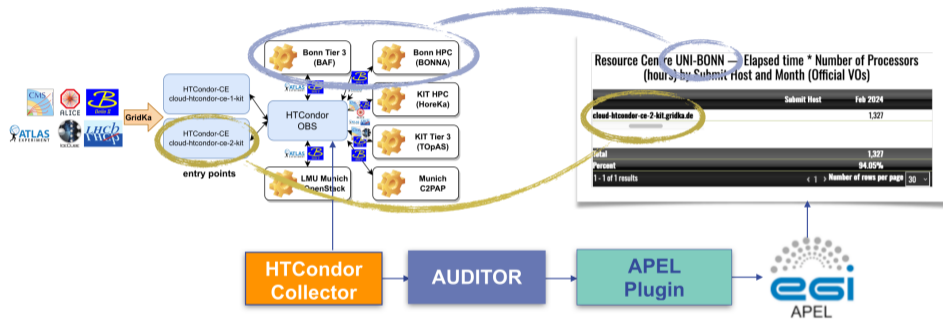
AUDITOR is short for **Accounting Data Handling Toolbox for Opportunistic Resources**. It allows one to flexibly build accounting pipelines for various use cases and environments. AUDITOR sits at the core of the pipeline as the provider of the storage for the accounting records. Via a REST interface, records can be pushed into or pulled from AUDITOR. Collectors are used to collect accounting data from a source and push it to AUDITOR, while plugins pull data from AUDITOR for further processing. Plugins and collectors are problem- and environment-specific and can be combined as needed. A Python library handles the interaction with AUDITOR and as such enables quick and easy development of collectors and plugins.

#### Versions

Version	Released
Version v0.6.2	Jul 20, 2024
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Version v0.5.0	Jul 4, 2024
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# WLCG Accounting Use Case

First working prototype



- ▶ Grid infrastructure hosted and maintained in Karlsruhe, resources provided by Bonn
- ▶ **AUDITOR** accounting pipeline allows to account for sub-clusters individually

- ▶ KIT replaced accounting of the APEL client by AUDITOR pipeline in May 2024



Infrastructure High Throughput Compute Accounting

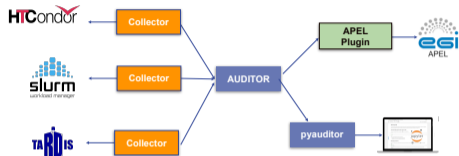
The EGI Accounting Portal is an EGI service provided by CEGSA  
 This work is co-funded by the EDSC-hub project (Horizon 2020) under Grant number 771535.

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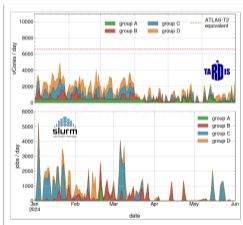
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htcondor-ce-2-Kit.gridka.de-9619/htcondor-ce-2-Kit.gridka.de-condor	8,278,691	6,245,383	0	0	0	14,524,074	8.5%
htcondor-ce-3-Kit.gridka.de-9619/htcondor-ce-3-Kit.gridka.de-condor	7,815,697	4,672,054	0	0	0	12,487,752	7.39%
htcondor-ce-4-Kit.gridka.de-9619/htcondor-ce-4-Kit.gridka.de-condor	7,477,650	708,594	0	0	0	8,186,253	4.85%
claud-htcondor-ce-2-Kit.gridka.de	216,816	178,685	0	0	0	396,501	0.23%
pps-htcondor-ce-9619/pps-htcondor-ce.gridka.de-condor	640	0	0	0	0	640	0%
htcondor-ce-1-Kit.gridka.de	0	0	3,083,567	9,685,501	10,043,489	22,792,557	13.5%
htcondor-ce-2-Kit.gridka.de	0	1,920,223	9,015,181	8,359,234	8,866,919	28,200,616	16.7%
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- ▶ AUDITOR is able to provide the accounting of the DE-Tier 1
  - ▶ one of the largest WLCG Tier-1s

# Collecting Accounting Info with AUDITOR



```
1: pip install update-python-auditor
Access via pyAuditor client
(1) from pyauditor import AuditorClientBuilder, QueryBuilder
from sqlalchemy import text
report_time = ...
(2) builder = AuditorClientBuilder()
builder = builder.address("127.0.0.1", 3333)
client = builder.build()
(3) query_string = QueryBuilder().build()
(4) a = time.time()
all_records = client.advanced_query(query_string)
print(f"time: {time.time() - a}")
(5) len(all_records)
(6) 3338
(7) df = records_to_dataframe(all_records)
(8) df[['record_id', 'hostname', 'start_time', 'stop_time',
      'size_mb', 'cores', 'memory']].head(3)
(9)
record_id hostname start_time stop_time size_mb cores memory disk
0 neta-18483848 4230 2023-03-16 12:00:08.329889 2023-03-16 12:14:22.779363 NANO 48 100 196
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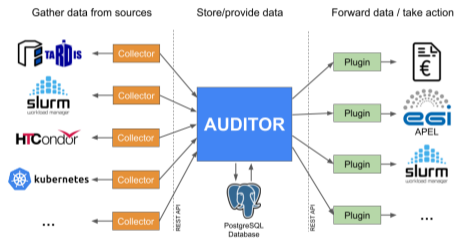


- ▶ accounting data can be collected in one or more AUDITOR instances from multiple sources
- ▶ APEL plugin can report for one or more queues
- ▶ pyauditor allows to integrate AUDITOR client into python env

# Conclusion

## AUDITOR

- ▶ Provides an accounting ecosystem for various use cases
- ▶ Allows to account for different resources shared by one overlay batch system
- ▶ Allows to collect accounting data from multiple sources
- ▶ provision via containers independent of the OS
  
- ▶ Flexible structure of records and ecosystem allows to quickly adapt to future use cases





# References



Website: <https://alu-schumacher.github.io/AUDITOR/>

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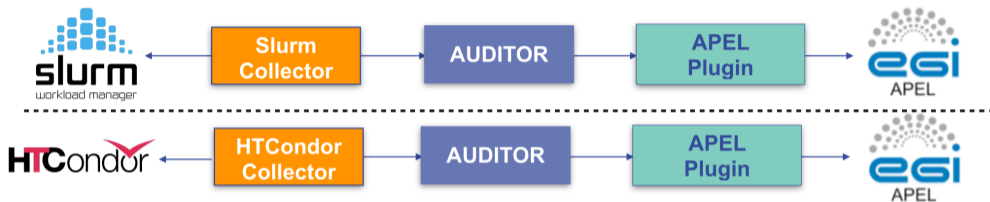
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**Back-Up...**



# WLCG Accounting Use Case

## APEL Accounting with AUDITOR



- ▶ Collect accounting data from SLURM or HTCondor
- ▶ Store data as records in AUDITOR DB
- ▶ APEL plugin retrieves records from AUDITOR
  - ▶ creates APEL job summary from records
  - ▶ sends summary to defined APEL server
- ▶ Sites planning to use AUDITOR for accounting:
  - ▶ DESY-HH, Uni Wuppertal, ... ← ATLAS DE T1 (GridKa) moved reporting to AUDITOR

# APEL Plugin

## Configuration

```
log_level: INFO
time_json_path: /etc/auditor_apel_plugin/time.json
report_interval: 86400
```

```
site:
  publish_since: 2023-01-01 13:37:42+00:00
  sites_to_report:
    SITE_A: ["site_id_1", "site_id_2"]
    SITE_B: ["site_id_3"]
```

---

```
benchmark_type: hepscore23
```

```
auditor:
```

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```
benchmark_name: hepscore23
cores_name: Cores
cpu_time_name: TotalCPU
cpu_time_unit: milliseconds
nnodes_name: NNodes
meta_key_site: site_id
meta_key_submithost: headnode
meta_key_voms: voms
meta_key_username: subject
```

- ▶ **block 1:** configure service
  - ▶ file to store current state
  - ▶ time in seconds between reports
- ▶ **block 2:** configure site(s) to be reported
  - ▶ sites\_to\_report:
    - keys:** names of the sites in the GOCDB,
    - values:** corresponding site names in AUDITOR records
- ▶ **block 3:** configure metrics to be reported
  - ▶ meta\_key\_voms:
    - key in meta field to be used as voms

<https://alu-schumacher.github.io/AUDITOR/v0.5.0/#apel-plugin>

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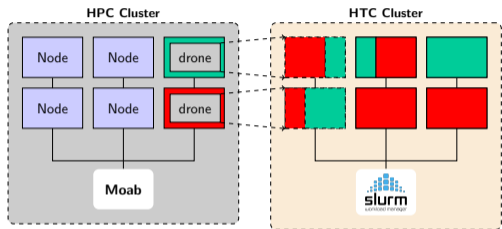
## Configuration in Release v0.6.2

```
optional:  
  GlobalUserName: !MetaField  
    name: subject  
    datatype_in_message: TEXT  
  V0: !MetaField  
    name: voms  
    datatype_in_message: TEXT  
    regex: (?<=%2F).*?\S(?:=%2F)  
  V0Group: !MetaField  
    name: voms  
    datatype_in_message: TEXT  
    regex: (?:=%2F).*?\S(?:=%2F)  
  V0Role: !MetaField  
    name: voms  
    datatype_in_message: TEXT  
    regex: (?:=Role).*  
  SubmitHost: !MetaField  
    name: headnode  
    datatype_in_message: TEXT
```

- ▶ dynamic mapping of any MetaField via regex
  - ▶ this allows to report accounting data for different VOs submitted with **tokens**
- ▶ plugin configuration a bit more complicated, but much more flexible

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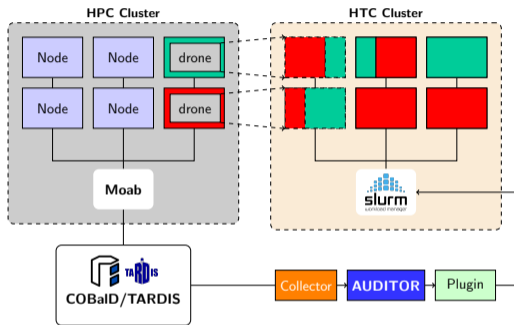
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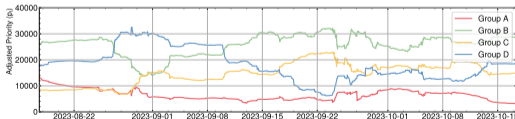
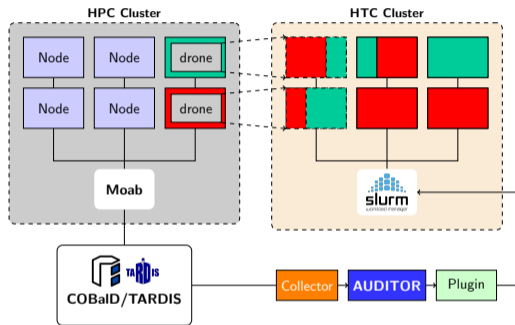
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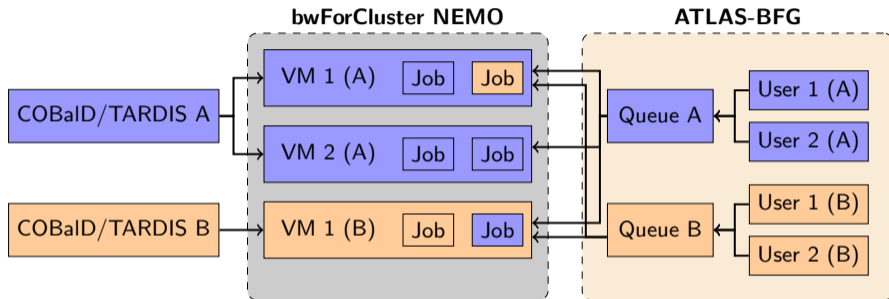


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### Motivation



- ▶ Four local HEP research groups (A to D) with a share in NEMO
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- ▶ Each has its own SLURM partition (job queue)
- ▶ Efficient use of resources due to sharing VMs across HEP groups

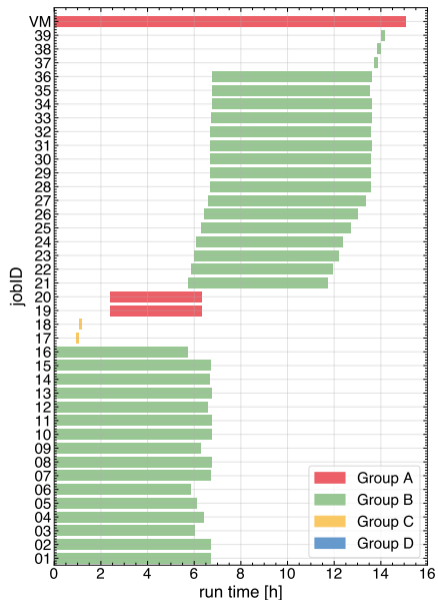
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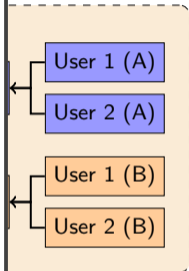
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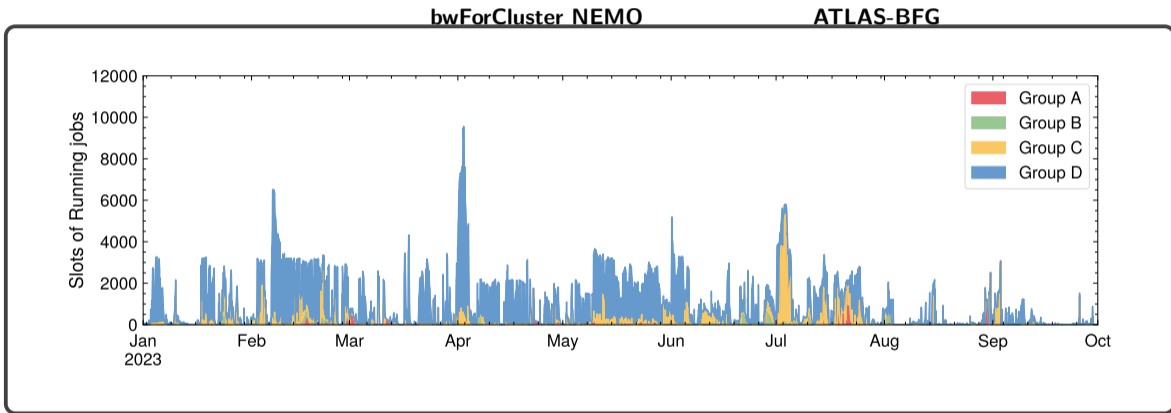


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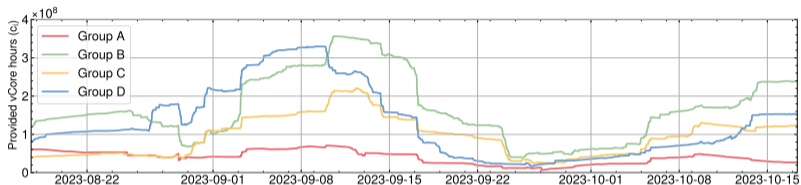


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Results from HEP groups @ University of Freiburg

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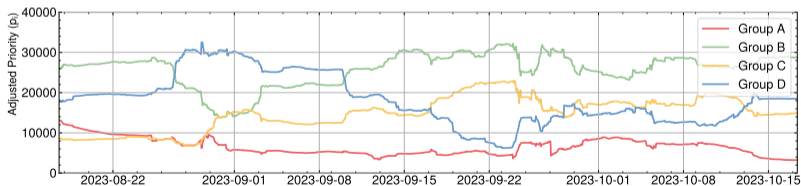


Integral of provided vCore hours over last 14 days for each group:

$$c_i = \int_{t_{\text{now}} - 14 \text{ d}}^{t_{\text{now}}} N_i(t) dt$$

with  $i \in A, B, C, D$

## ► Priority is adjusted according to the provided resources



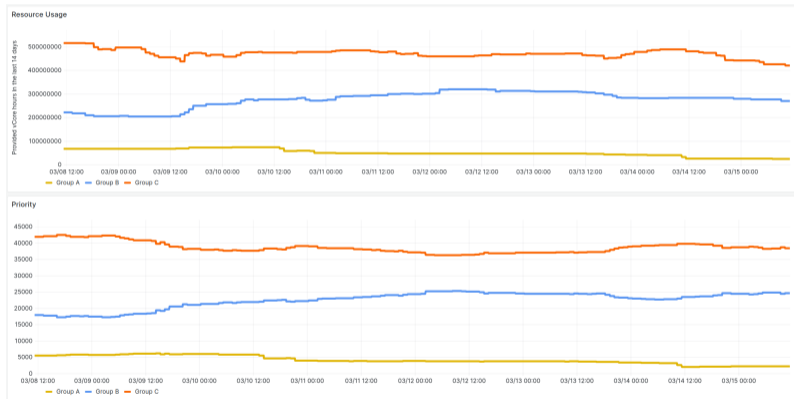
Priority  $p_i$  is defined as:

$$p_i = \frac{c_i}{\sum_j c_j} (p_{\text{max}} - p_{\text{min}}) + p_{\text{min}}$$

with  $i, j \in A, B, C, D$ ;  
 $p_{\text{min}} = 1$ ;  $p_{\text{max}} = 65535$

## Real-time monitoring

e.g. Priority Use Case, but also AUDITOR stats



- ▶ Resource usage and priority can be made available for Prometheus
- ▶ Real-time monitoring of priority adjustments (with e.g. Grafana)

