



# Feedback from LHCb

## IRIS-HEP Steering Board Meeting

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LHCb Feedback – IRIS-HEP

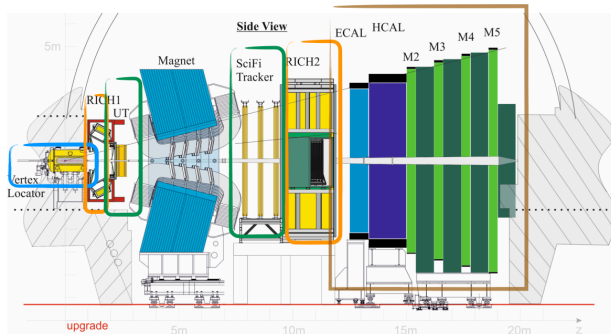
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# LHCb Upgrade I

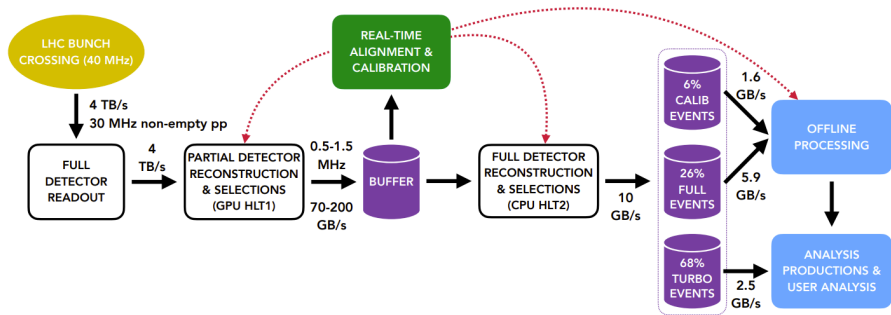
arXiv:2305.10515

Significant upgrades to the LHCb detector were made during the recent LHC LS2



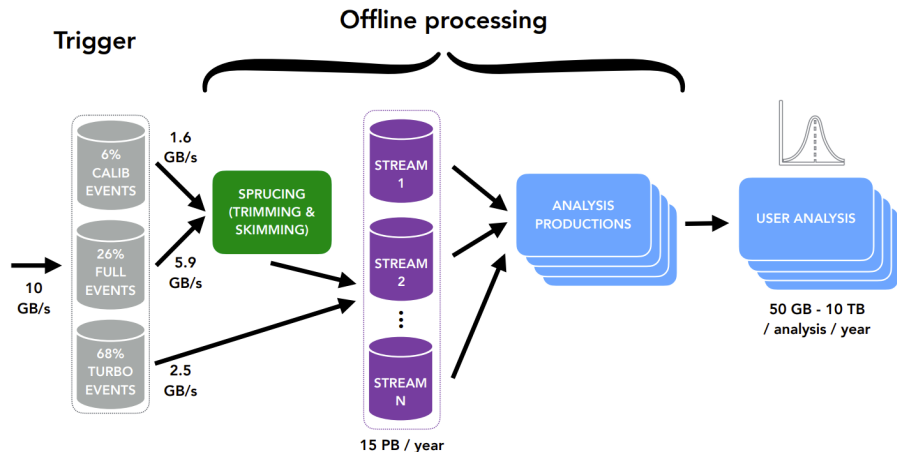
- **New Vertexing Detector** → Closer to beam; Silicon pixels improve IP resolution
- **New PID detector** → New photon detectors and improved readout
- **New tracking system** → Silicon strip UT for improved tracking granularity; Fibre tracking for high particle density momentum resolution
- **New Readout Systems**
- **BONUS** : New GPU-based trigger

# LHCb Run 3 Dataflow



→ LHCb utilizes a purely software-based trigger system  
**All stages (HLT1, HLT2, Offline) built on top of the same software stack and selections made by analysts**

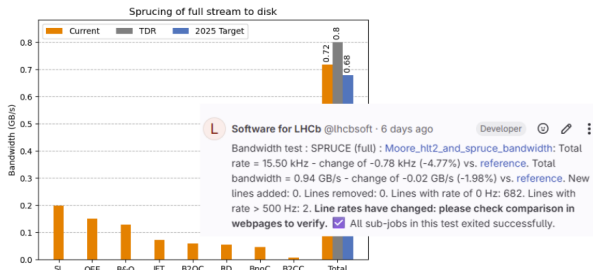
# LHCb Run 3 Dataflow – Offline



**Huge amounts of data sent offline concurrently in real time**

# Monitoring Impacts With CI Tests

- Impact of software changes to operational budgets monitored closely
  - Changing Selections
  - Changing reconstruction
- WG and line-by-line breakdown provides a transparent understanding of resource use to Physics Coordination



Stream	Total Retention (%)	Rate (kHz)	Avg Total Event Size (kB)	Total Bandwidth (GB/s)	Avg DstData Size (kB)	DstData Bandwidth (GB/s)
0   sl	9.38	3.4	40.3	0.137	39.8	0.135
1   bandq	4.31	1.56	72.7	0.114	72.3	0.113
2   qee	2.76	1	113	0.113	113	0.113
3   slow	4.1	1.49	41.6	0.0618	41.2	0.0612
4   b2oc	3.14	1.14	49.5	0.0563	47.1	0.0536
5   bnoc	1.48	0.537	86.9	0.0467	82.3	0.0442
6   rd	2.03	0.738	56.7	0.0419	56.2	0.0415
7   iflow	5.93	2.15	19.4	0.0417	19.1	0.041
8   qee_low	1.07	0.388	96	0.0372	95.6	0.0371
9   ift	2.69	0.975	30.6	0.0298	28.8	0.0281
10   bandq_low	3	1.09	13.5	0.0146	13	0.0141
11   rd_low	2.52	0.912	14.9	0.0136	14.4	0.0131
12   b2cc	0.0689	0.025	213	0.00532	212	0.00531
13   b2oc_low	0.138	0.05	63.5	0.00318	60.6	0.00303
14   b2cc_low	0.0345	0.0125	214	0.00268	202	0.00253
15   bnoc_low	0	0	0	0	0	0

## LHCb Run 3 Dataflow – Analysis Productions

Chris Burr

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QEE

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📌 State	<b>READY</b>
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📅 Created	April 11, 2025 at 3:26 PM GMT+2 (2 months ago)
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## DIRAC Production Request 159414

comprises the following transformations:

## Transformation 282876

comprises 1 step - output is not kept

Step ID 221565

Application DaVinci1/v65r0

## Options

```
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## Collaborative approach to data processing

→ Centralized productions facilitates **analysis preservation**

# LHCb Run 3 Dataflow – Analysis Productions

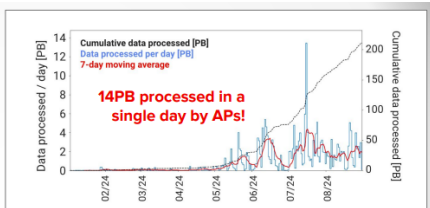
Nicole Skidmore

**Analysis productions are an analysis facility in themselves. Ethos is:**

- **Declarative** tupling via python options and yamls  
⇒ Improved analyst experience
- **Centralised** productions run on WLCG  
⇒ Saves countless analyst-hours
- Exploit **DIRAC transformation system**  
⇒ Full data provenance - analysis preservation built in
- Full job **testing** on GitLab CI  
⇒ No buggy jobs on grid

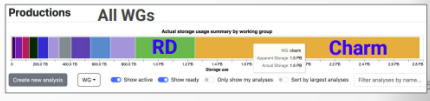
**Highly efficient use of the WLCG!**

Monitor storage requirements of user ntuples (made with APs) by WG/analysis

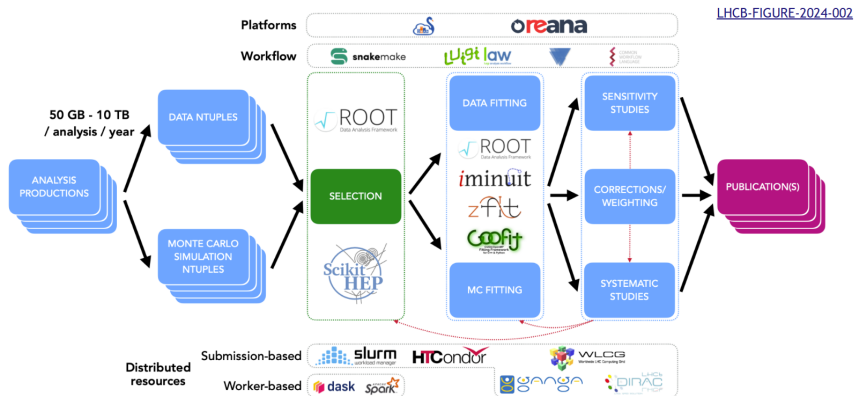


In 2024 “live” APs picked up data as it was Spruced

- **Tuples available within days of data being taken**



# LHCb Offline Analysis Structure

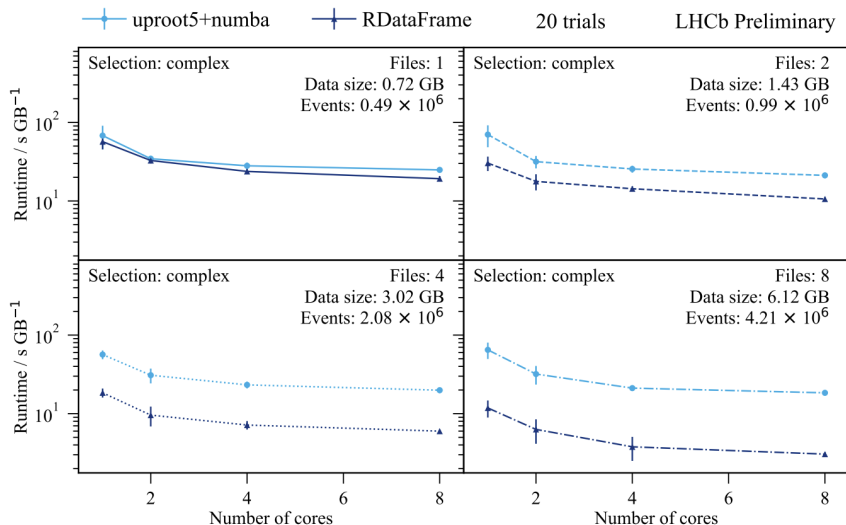


Heavy work on-going for analysis facilities to support this structure

# Benchmarking ROOT Tools – RDataFrame

Jamie Gooding

Upgrade I gave a huge increase in data sizes → Need efficiency!

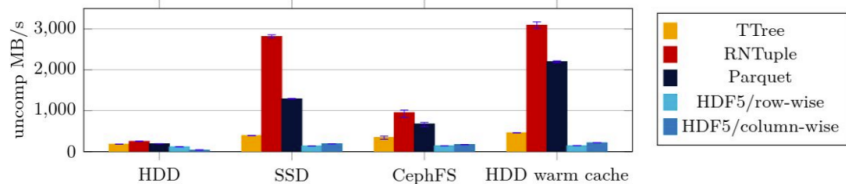


# Benchmarking ROOT Tools – RNTuple

Lopez-Gomez, Blomer

**Upgrade I gave a huge increase in data sizes → Need efficiency!**  
 → Moving to RNTuple for output of offline processing stage

LHCb B2HHH analysis throughput (18/26 branches; compressed)



→ LHCb added a ROOT liaison (Silia Taider) to provide feedback loop between experiment and software project

# LHCb – A Pythonic Experiment

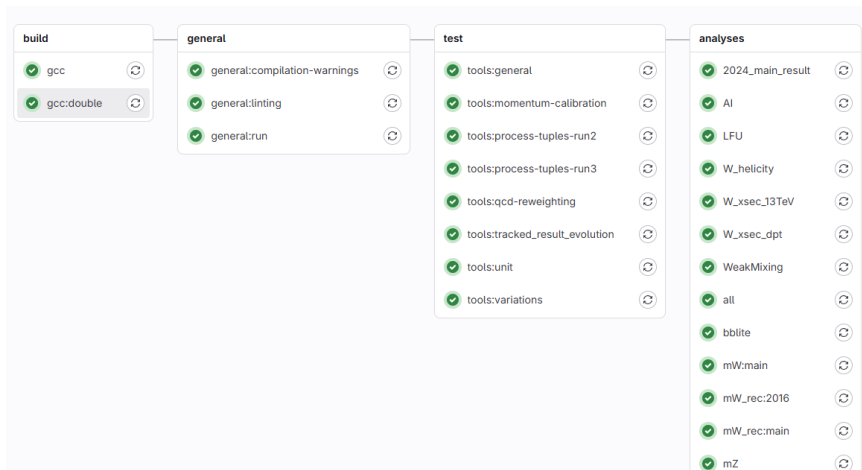
PyHEP2022

- Python packages often have a simpler implementation and lower learning curve → great for getting students involved
    - About 50% of LHCb analysers using Python-based analysis code!
- Flat data formats for analysts allow for easy access to the full slate of Pythonic tools in the community
- Many collaborators have involvement in development of the SciKit-HEP tools
  - Numerous LHCb-specific developments are targeted (*DecayLanguage*, Amplitude Analysis tools, etc.)
  - LHCb has many active analysts who are master or bachelors students
    - Python is easier to learn and more applicable to their future

# Analysis Preservation with Snakemake and CI

Analysis preservation remains as one of the core principles to analysis development within the collaboration

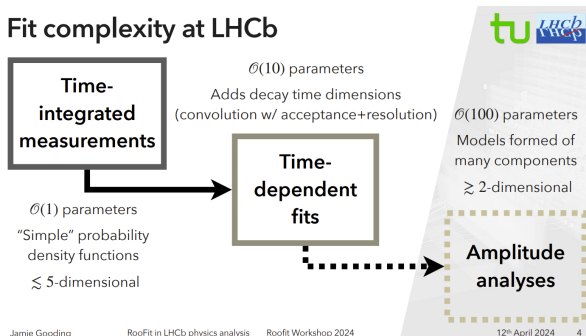
→ Workflow managers (**Snakemake, etc.**) and gitLab CI lead the charge



# Fitting Needs of LHCb

Jamie Gooding

Huge variety of fitting needs within the physics program



→ Often leads to in-house developments  
 GPU support incredibly important for complex fitting

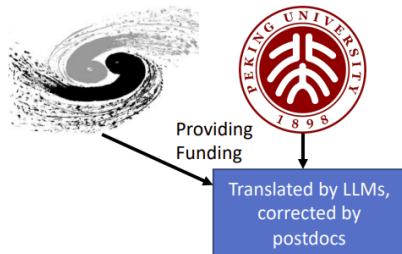
# Taking Responsibility for Documentation

Offline Computing project added a work package specifically targeting documentation and training



## DPA WP7 – Documentation: Visibility and accessibility

- Documentation facilitates the expansion of the physics program efficiently
- Critical that it is **accessible** to the whole scientific community of the experiment



# Future Challenges Are the Same

Nicole Skidmore

## User requirements for HL-LHC

From Analysis  
Facilities Community  
White Paper


- Interactive/fast analysis cycles on “large” datasets for analysis prototyping
  - Convert interactive to batch-schedulable workloads
- } Interactive scaling requirements
- Machine learning models
  - ML Inference within an analysis pipeline
- } ML support
- Efficient access to collaboration data
  - Share analysis data artifacts with the collaboration
- } Storage access and sharing
- Seamlessly share analysis code/workflows with collaborators to run on a chosen infrastructure(s)
- } Federated Identity
- Instantiate desired software stack
  - Share environments with colleagues
- } Analysis portability

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**ATLAS + CMS are solving the hard puzzles now**  
**We need to learn from you for our Upgrade II!**

# U.S. Activity Across ExHEP

## LHC & DUNE Experiment Collaborating Institutes

Experiment	Total Institutes (Member + Associate)	U.S.-Based Institutes
ATLAS	243	~40
CMS	~240	~45
ALICE	174	11
LHCb	98	~7
DUNE	~175–200 institutions across 32–35 countries	~60% of total → ≈ 105 U.S. institutes
 Total	≈ 930–955	≈ 208 U.S. institutes

→ Small relative contribution of U.S. Institutes  
**How to increase involvement?**

# US-LHCb Activities Related to IRIS-HEP Doctrine

## Break-down of U.S. institutes and their "tech" activities

- 1 **Cincinnati** – Data Processing; Innovative fitting using GPUs; Sim Optimization
  - 2 MIT – Trigger (Alignment + Reco.); Heavy AI innovation activities
  - 3 Syracuse – Primarily Hardware
  - 4 Maryland – Primarily Hardware
  - 5 Los Alamos – Tracking; Primarily hardware
  - 6 Michigan – Analysis Preservation and Open Data
- Significant growth in last two years of LHCb → EIC targeted groups:  
Indiana (Trigger), Ohio State (Hardware), Kent State (Tracking)
- **Overlapping topics already; need to make connections**

# BACKUP

# Line By Line Comparisons

Changes in rates per line:

	Line	Rate (kHz)			Total Bandwidth (GB/s)		
		Ref	New	Change (%)	Ref	New	Change (%)
0	Hlt2Charm_DpDspToKmEpEpDecision_0	0.0774	0.012	-84.50	0.00451	5.81e-05	-98.71
2	Hlt2BnoC_BdsToEtapKS_etaToGG_LLDecision_0	0	0.012	inf	0	0.00171	inf
3	Hlt2CutBasedInclDimuonFakeMuPlusTrackSSDecision_0	0.0129	0.012	-6.98	0.00113	0.0015	32.58
4	Hlt2B2OC_BuToD0K_D0ToKsLLHDecision_0	0	0.024	inf	0	0.000236	inf
5	Hlt2Charm_LcpToPpMupMup_RareCharmControlDecision_0	0.0258	0	-100.00	0.0026	0	-100.00
8	Hlt2QEE_JpsiToMuMu_PromptDecision_0	0.271	0.216	-20.27	0.000916	0.000682	-25.55
9	Hlt2RD_BToPpPmEEDDecision_0	0.0258	0.012	-53.49	0.00347	0.0018	-48.22
12	Hlt2B2OC_OmbmToOmc0KKPi_Omc0ToPKKPiDecision_0	0.181	0.204	12.96	0.0117	0.077	557.92
13	Hlt2Charm_DpToKpPimPipGDecision_0	0.193	0.108	-44.19	0.00318	0.00114	-64.23
14	Hlt2B2CC_BsToJpsif0wsDecision_0	0	0.012	inf	0	0.003	inf
15	Hlt2Charm_XicppToLcpMumNu_WSDecision_0	0	0.012	inf	0	0.000424	inf
16	Hlt2RD_XiMinusToLambdaP1_Detached_DD_DDecision_0	0.0129	0.012	-6.98	0.000184	8.87e-05	-51.69
18	Hlt2Charm_LcpXicpToPpKsKs_LLDDDecision_0	0.0258	0	-100.00	0.000158	0	-100.00
19	Hlt2Charm_DstpToD0Pip_D0ToKmPimPipEmNu_SSDecision_0	0.0129	0.012	-6.98	0.000546	0.000115	-78.85
20	Hlt2QEE_SingleHighPtElectronFullDecision_0	0.838	0.732	-12.70	0.0811	0.0865	6.63
21	Hlt2LumiCountersDecision_1	30.8	137	343.63	0.00821	0.0351	327.69
22	Hlt2Charm_LcpToL0PimPipPip_DDDDecision_0	0.748	0.972	29.91	0.0151	0.0305	102.61
24	Hlt2IFT_Turbo_SMOG2Phi2kkDecision_0	0	0.096	inf	0	0.00184	inf
25	Hlt2RD_BuToKpLLP_LLPTtoEEDDecision_0	0.142	0.06	-57.72	0.00319	0.000374	-88.26
28	Hlt2RD_LbToLMuE_DDDDecision_0	0.0129	0.084	551.16	0.00295	0.00208	29.33
29	Hlt2BandQ_BdForSpectroscopyFullDecision_0	0.0774	0.06	-22.48	0.0225	0.0167	-25.95
30	Hlt2RD_BuToL0PmMuMuSS_DDDDecision_0	0	0.024	inf	0	0.00104	inf
32	Hlt2Charm_DpDspToKpMupEmDecision_0	0.0387	0.06	55.04	0.000299	0.00326	990.37
36	Hlt2RD_BdToKstTauTau_KstToKPi_TauToMu_TauToPi_FakePionFromTauDecision_0	0.0258	0.048	86.05	0.000884	0.00561	534.44
38	Hlt2IFTFull_10GeVIsolatedGammaDecision_0	0.0129	0	-100.00	0.00145	0	-100.00
40	Hlt2TrackEff_DiMuon_Downstream_mup_TagDecision_0	0.335	0.192	-42.75	0.0532	0.0299	-43.76
42	Hlt2QEE_DiElectronDownstream_PromptPhotonSSDecision_0	0	0.026	inf	0	0.00012	inf