# PROOF Lite Or how to finally make use all your cores

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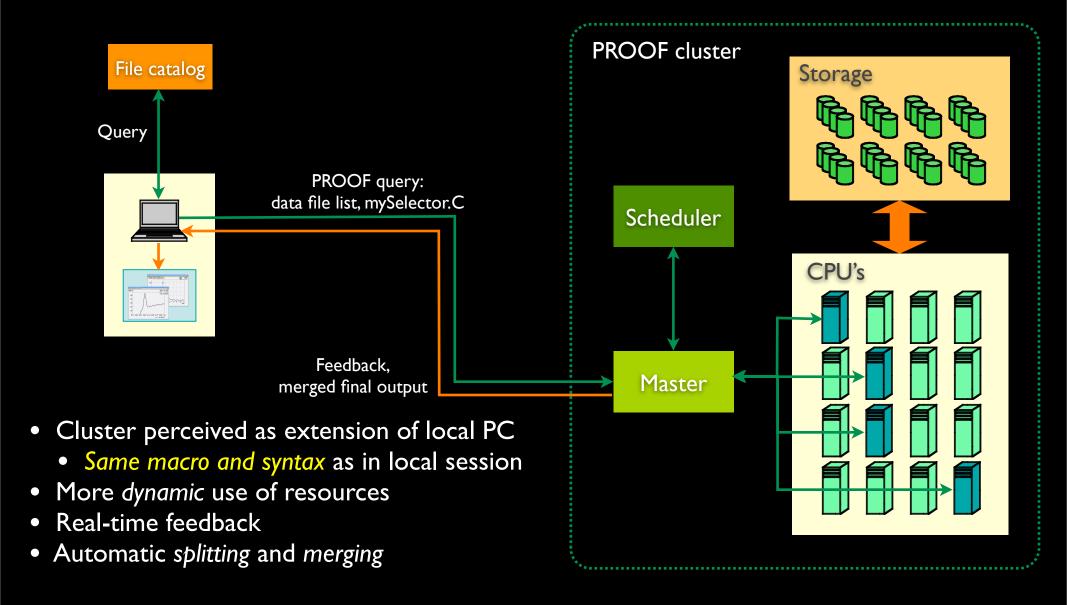
#### What is PROOF?

- A system for running ROOT queries in parallel on a large number of distributed computers or many-core machines
- PROOF is designed to be a transparent, scalable and adaptable extension of the local interactive ROOT analysis session
- Extends the interactive model to long running "interactive batch" queries
- Uses xrootd for data access and communication infrastructure
- For optimal CPU load it needs fast data access (SSD, disk, network) as queries are often I/O bound
- Can also be used for pure CPU bound tasks like toy Monte Carlo's for systematic studies or complex fits

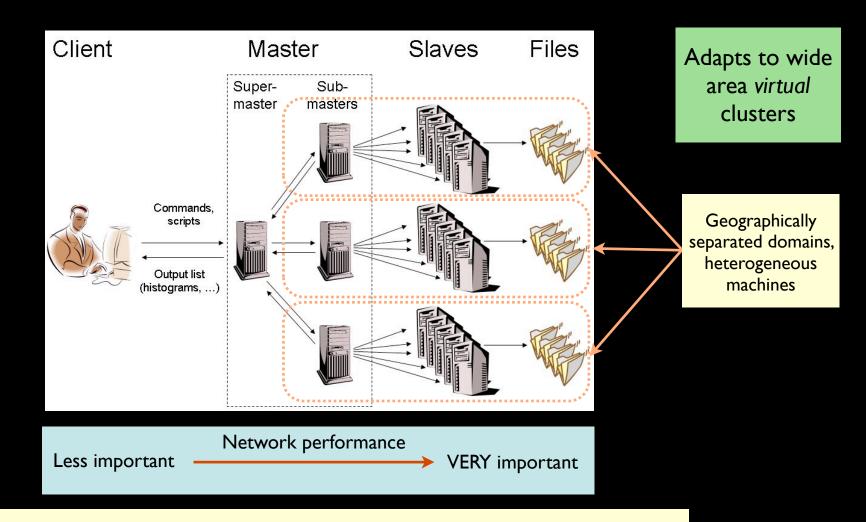
## Where to Use PROOF

- Central Analysis Facility (CAF)
- Departmental workgroups (Tier-2's)
- Multi-core, multi-disk desktops (Tier-3/4's)

# The PROOF Approach



## Multi-Tier Architecture



Optimize for data locality or high bandwidth data server access

# From PROOF

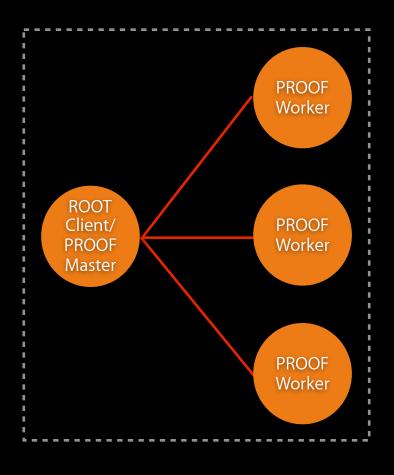


TCP/IP

—— Unix Socket

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# To PROOF Lite



**Unix Socket** 

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#### What is PROOF Lite?

- PROOF optimized for single many-core machines
- Zero configuration setup (no config files and no daemons)
- Workers are processes and not threads for added robustness
- Like PROOF it can exploit fast disks, SSD's, lots of RAM, fast networks and fast CPU's
- Once your analysis runs on PROOF Lite it will also run on PROOF
  - Works with exactly the same user code as PROOF

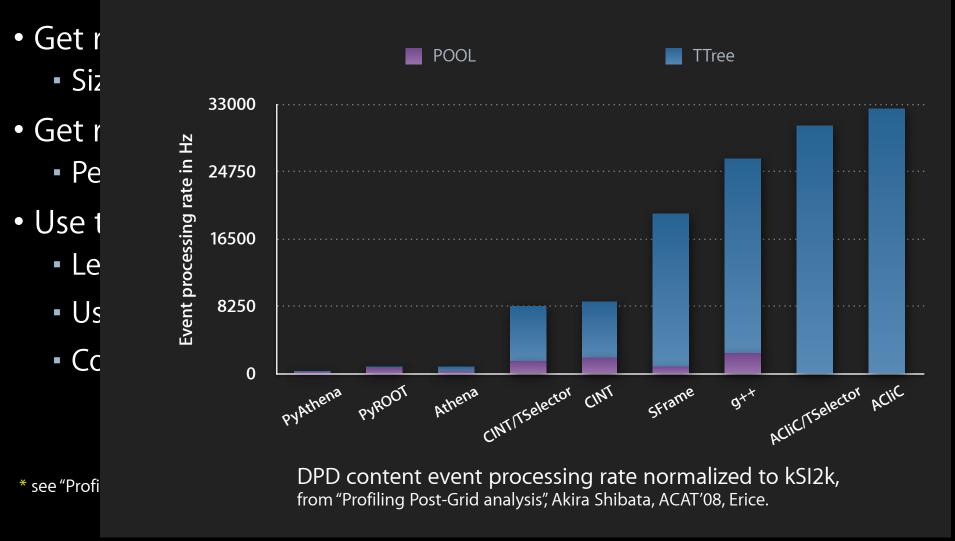
#### How Can I Use PROOF Lite

- Get rid of your own event loop
  - Coding your own event loop is error prone anyway \*
- Get rid of POOL
  - Size and performance overhead \*
- Get rid of Python
  - Performance overhead \*
- Use the TSelector framework
  - Let ROOT make the event loop, it knows how to do it
  - Use properly split TTree's for fast access
  - Compile your code on-the-fly with ACliC

<sup>\*</sup> see "Profiling Post-Grid analysis", Akira Shibata, ACAT'08, Erice.

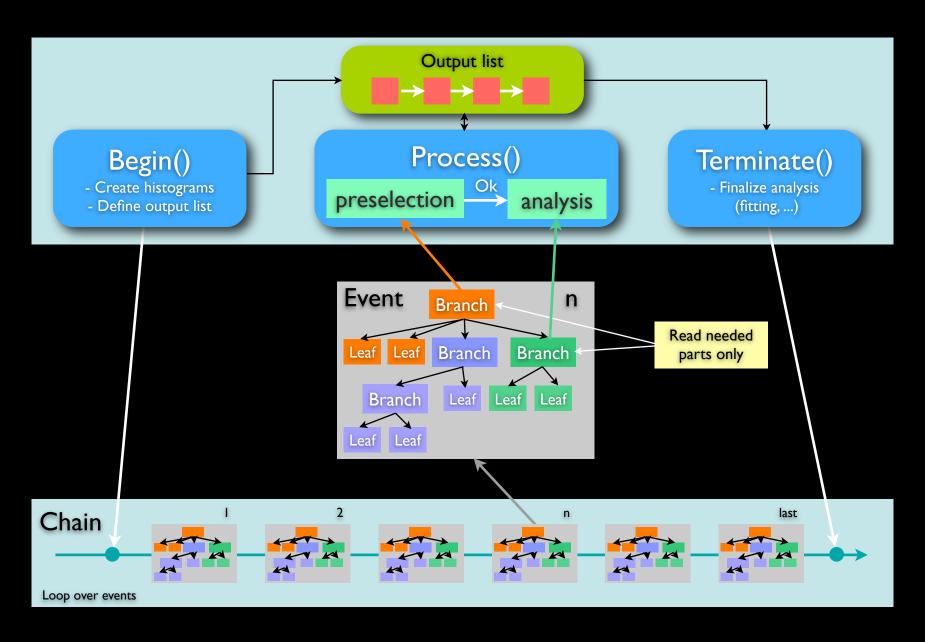
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And these two statements will soon be done fully automatic

# The ROOT Data Model Trees & Selectors



#### TSelector - User Code

```
// Abbreviated version
class TSelector : public TObject {
protected:
    TList *fInput;
    TList *fOutput;
public
    void
           Notify(TTree*);
    void
           Begin(TTree*);
           SlaveBegin(TTree *);
    void
    Bool t Process(int entry);
    void SlaveTerminate();
   void
           Terminate();
};
```

## TSelector::Process()

```
// select event
b nlhk->GetEntry(entry);
                                 if (nlhk[ik] <= 0.1)
                                                          return kFALSE;
b nlhpi->GetEntry(entry);
                                 if (nlhpi[ipi] <= 0.1)
                                                          return kFALSE;
b ipis->GetEntry(entry); ipis--; if (nlhpi[ipis] <= 0.1) return kFALSE;</pre>
b njets->GetEntry(entry);
                                 if (njets < 1)
                                                          return kFALSE;
// selection made, now analyze event
b dm d->GetEntry(entry);
                               //read branch holding dm d
                                //read branch holding rpd0 t
b rpd0 t->GetEntry(entry);
b ptd0 d->GetEntry(entry);
                                 //read branch holding ptd0 d
//fill some histograms
hdmd->Fill(dm d);
h2->Fill(dm d,rpd0 t/0.029979*1.8646/ptd0 d);
```

#### The Packetizer

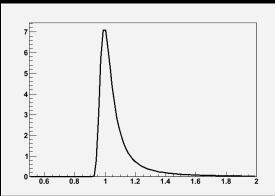
- The packetizer is the heart of the system
- It runs on the client/master and hands out work to the workers
- The packetizer takes data locality and storage type into account
  - Tries to avoid storage device overload
- It makes sure all workers end at the same time

#### **Pull architecture**

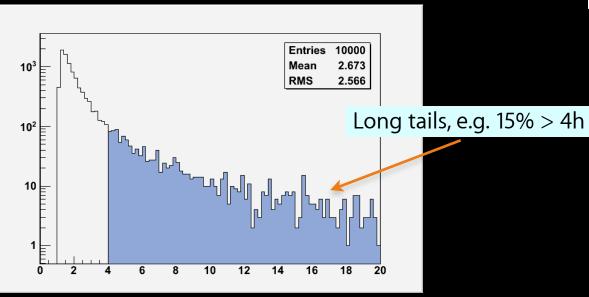
workers ask for work, no complex worker state in the master

# **PROOF Pull Technology Avoids Long Tails**

- In push approach last job determines the total execution time
  - Basically a Landau distribution
- Example:
  - Total expected time 20h, target 1h
  - 20 sub-jobs, 1h +/- 5% ————



10000 toy experiments



Time of slowest sub-job

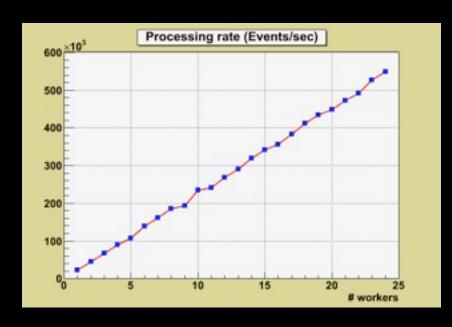
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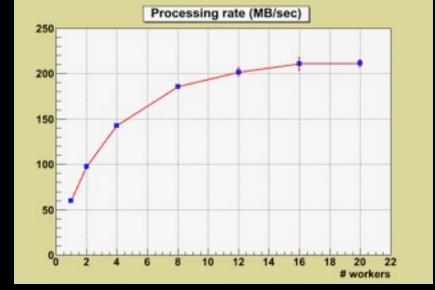
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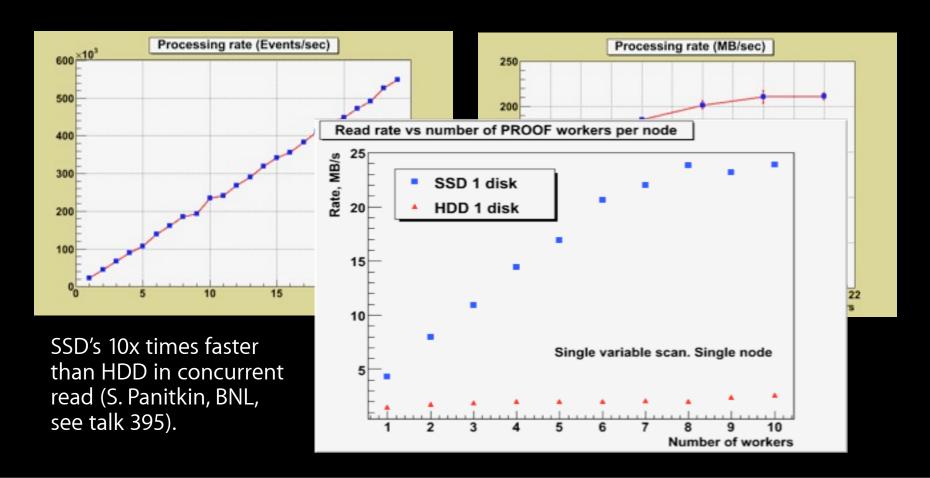


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## **Future PROOF Lite Developments**

- Packetizer optimizations specific to PROOF Lite
  - Full exploitation of the TTree cache needs synchronization with packet size
  - File system awareness
  - Use of an internal, fast, cache layer (e.g. SSD)
- Fully automatic usage of PROOF Lite on many core machines
  - No TProof::Open() and TChain::SetProof() needed

#### Conclusions

- PROOF Lite is a seamless extension of ROOT
- PROOT Lite is zero config
- PROOF Lite is a good incentive to start using TSelectors for analysis and unlock the power of your machine
- Moving from PROOF Lite to full blown PROOF is completely transparent