

Distributed Data Analysis with ROOT RDataFrame

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Introduction



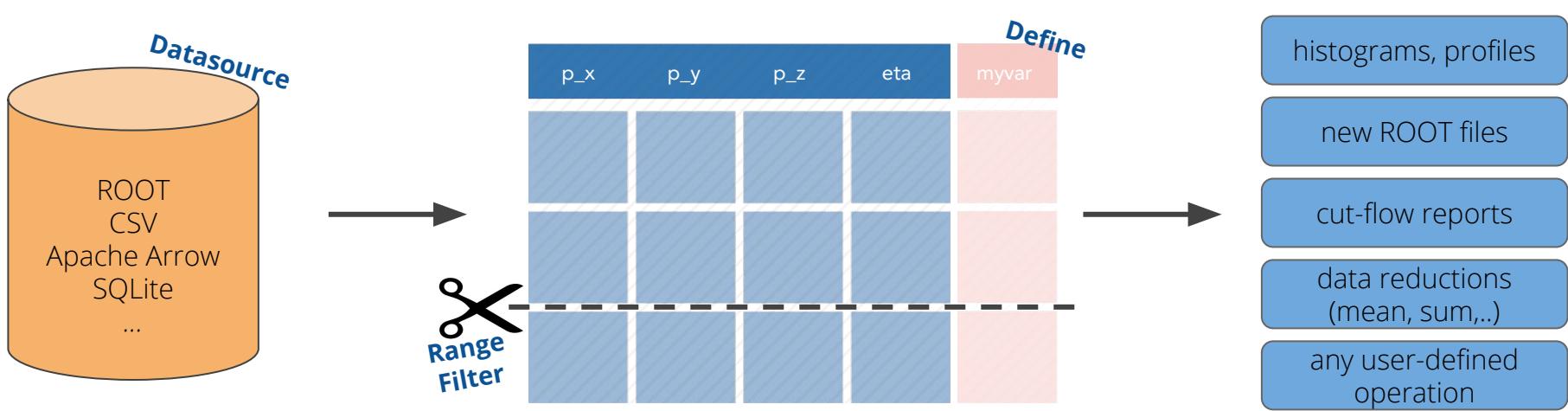
The HEP DataFrame

- ▶ strive for a **simple programming model** based on declarative programming
- ▶ expose modern, elegant interfaces that are **easy to use correctly** and hard to use incorrectly
- ▶ **transparently benefit from multi-core** hardware
- ▶ make **common tasks simple, complex tasks possible**
- ▶ consistent support for HEP languages: **C++ and Python**

RDataFrame, officially part of ROOT since v6.14, tries to incarnate these ideas in the context of HEP analyses and HEP data manipulation



RDataFrame in a Nutshell





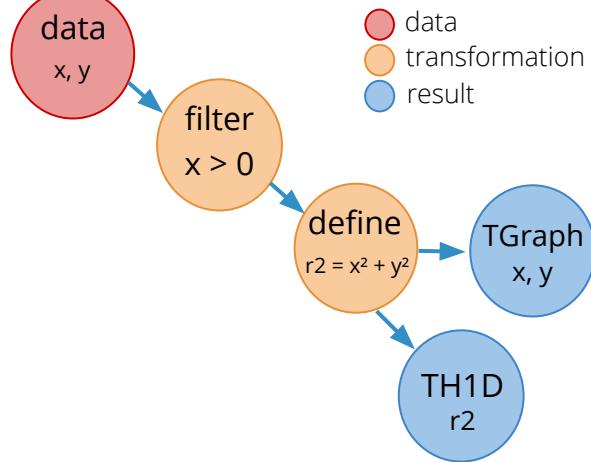
Analysis as Computation Graphs

```
import ROOT
df = ROOT.RDataFrame(dataset);
df2 = df.Filter("x > 0")
    .Define("r2", "x*x + y*y");

rHist = df2.Histo1D("r2");

g = df2.Graph("x", "y")
```

Internal computation graph



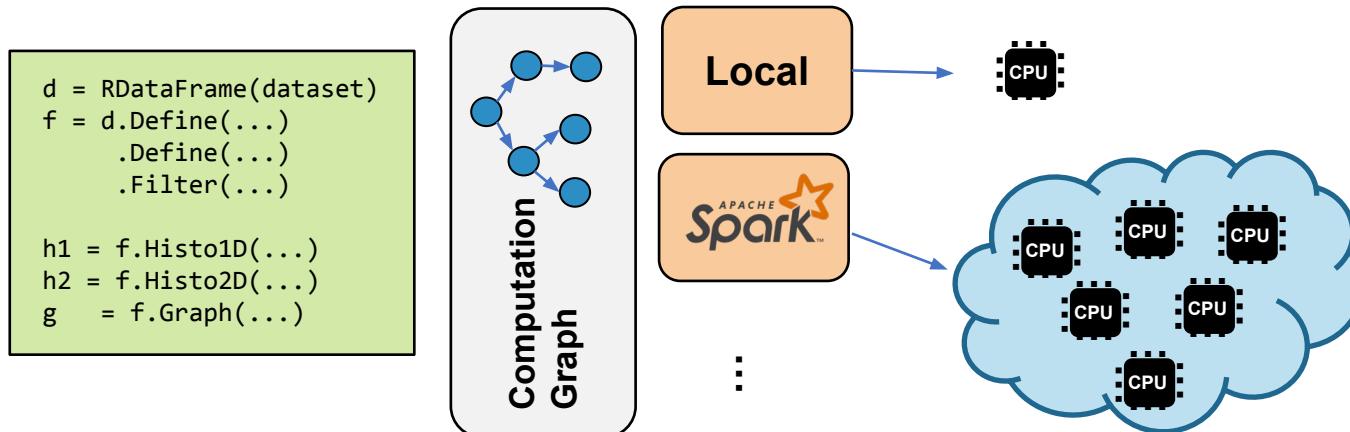


PyRDF: Distributed RDataFrame

- ▶ The RDataFrame programming model is implicitly parallel
 - Runs on multi/many core architectures
 - But it can also exploit **distributed infrastructures** !
- ▶ **PyRDF**: Python library on top of ROOT RDataFrame
 - Enables distributed execution of RDataFrame workflows
 - Modular design: multiple backends can be plugged in
- ▶ **Spark** backend implemented: submits RDataFrame computations to Spark clusters



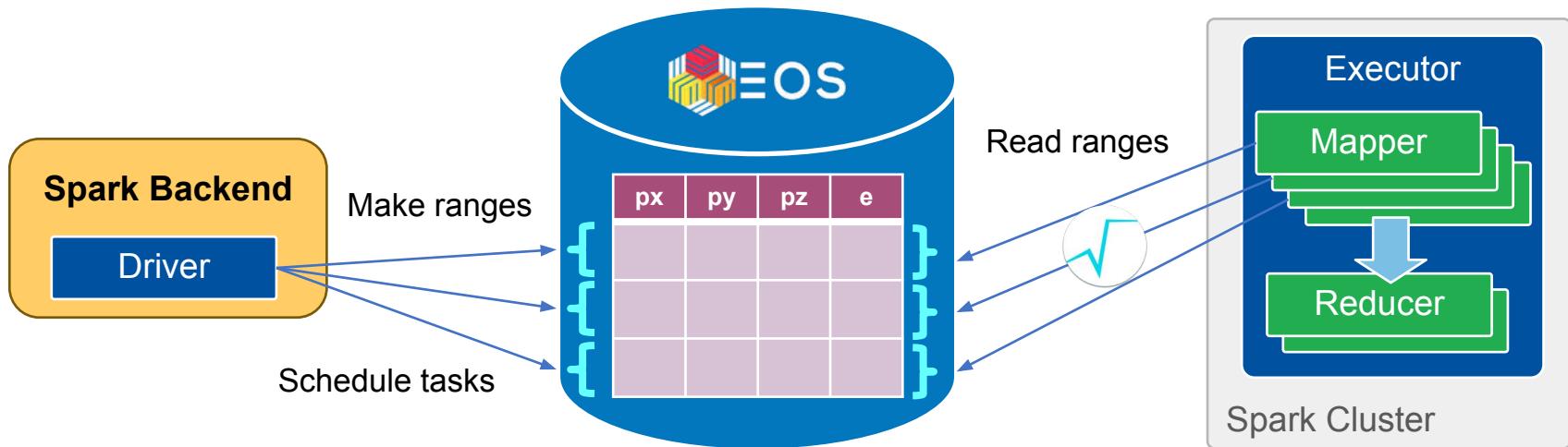
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Spark Backend

- ▶ **Map-reduce** workflow where every mapper runs the RDataFrame computation graph on a range of collision events
- ▶ Run **analysis in C++ with Spark**
 - Exploiting its Python API and [PyROOT](#)



Features Overview



Programming Model

- ▶ Minimal changes on user's code

```
import ROOT

# Initialize RDataFrame object
df = ROOT.RDataFrame(dataset)

# Define operations
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    .Define("r2", "x*x + y*y")
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# Display histogram
rHist.Draw()
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RDataFrame via PyRDF

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API: Backend Selection

- ▶ Multi-backend support
 - Dynamic switch of backends

Move to local
backend



Spark

```
# Select Spark backend
PyRDF.use("spark")

# Initialize RDataFrame object
df = PyRDF.RDataFrame(dataset)

# Operations run in Spark
df2 = df.Filter("x > 0")
    .Define("r2", "x*x + y*y")
rHist = df2.Histo1D("r2")
# Trigger event loop
sd = rHist.GetStdDev()

# Switch back to Local backend
PyRDF.use("local")

# Operations run locally
df3 = df2.Filter("r2 % 2 == 0")
```



API: C++ Headers and Libraries

- ▶ Include C++ headers and libraries
 - PyRDF makes them available in the distributed nodes

myfunc.hxx

```
bool myfunc(int a, int b);
```

myfunc.cxx

```
bool myfunc(int a, int b) {  
    return a < b;  
}
```

```
# Add analysis headers and libraries  
PyRDF.include_headers("myfunc.hxx")  
PyRDF.include_shared_libraries("myfunc.so")
```

```
# Initialize RDataFrame object  
df = PyRDF.RDataFrame(dataset)
```

```
# Operations run in distributed backend  
df2 = df.Define("res", "myfunc(x,y)")
```

Calls from JITted code



RDataFrame Snapshot

- ▶ RDataFrame Snapshot allows to save data to a file

```
new_df = df.Filter("x > 0")
              .Define("z", "sqrt(x*x + y*y)")
              .Snapshot("tree", "newfile.root")
```

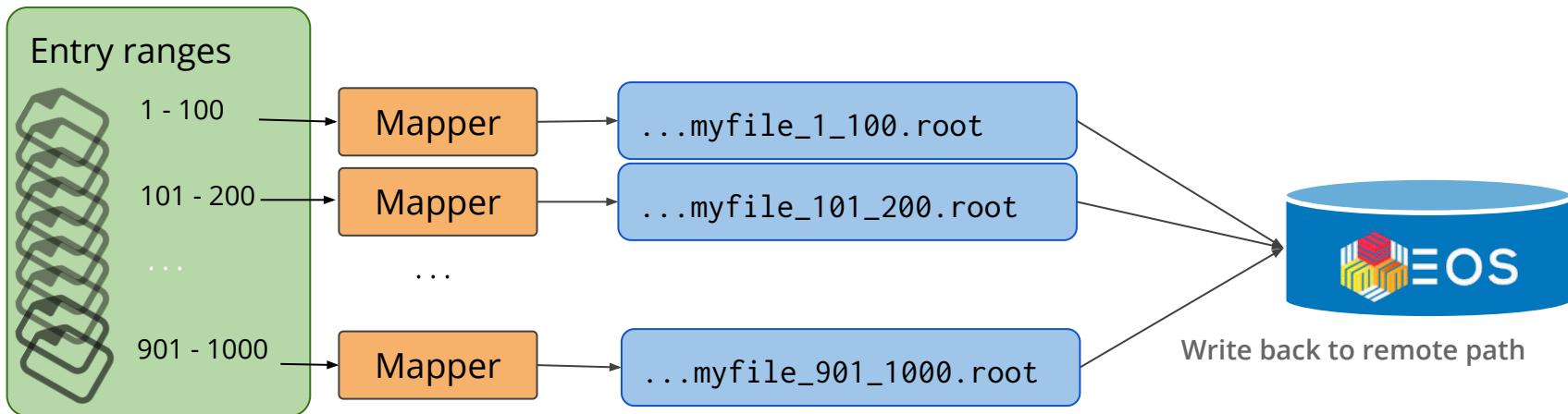
We filter the data, add a new column, and then save everything to file



Distributed Snapshot

```
import PyRDF  
PyRDF.use("spark")  
  
# RDF Operations ...  
  
new_df = df.Snapshot(remotepath)
```

Path to a remote file:
root://eosuser.cern.ch//mypath/myfile.root

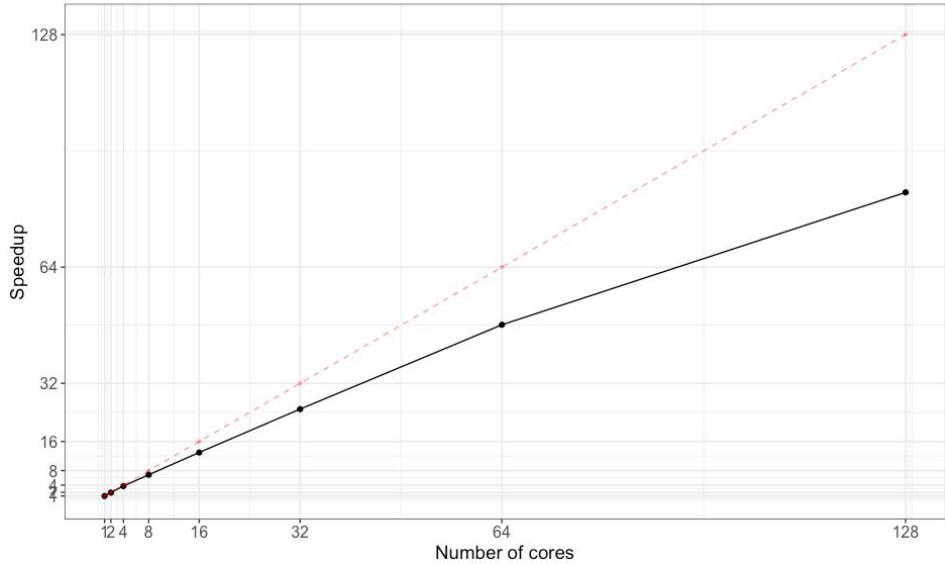


Use Case



Real Example: TOTEM Analysis

- ▶ TOTEM Experiment analysis coded with RDataFrame
- ▶ Spark backend
- ▶ 4.7TB dataset on EOS
- ▶ Get to physics results faster!
 - From 13 hours to 10 minutes
- ▶ Launched from SWAN to a dedicated Spark cluster





Distributed Monitoring

- ▶ **Bridge the gap** between interactive computing and distributed data processing
- ▶ Automatically appears when a Spark job is submitted from a cell
- ▶ Progress bars, task timeline, resource utilisation



| Job ID | Job Name | Status | Stages | Tasks | Submission Time | Duration |
|----------|------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| 2 | reduce | COMPLETED | 2/2 | 48 / 48 | 5 minutes ago | 3s |
| 5 | reduce | COMPLETED | | 32 / 32 | 5 minutes ago | 2s |
| 4 | coalesce | COMPLETED | | 16 / 16 | 5 minutes ago | 0s |
| 3 | foreach | COMPLETED | 1/1 (1 skipped) | 32 / 32 | 5 minutes ago | 1m:20s |
| Stage Id | Stage Name | Status | | Tasks | Submission Time | Duration |
| 6 | coalesce | SKIPPED | | 0 / 0 | Unknown | - |
| 7 | foreach | COMPLETED | | 32 / 32 | 5 minutes ago | 1m:20s |



Google Summer of Code

[Code here!](#)



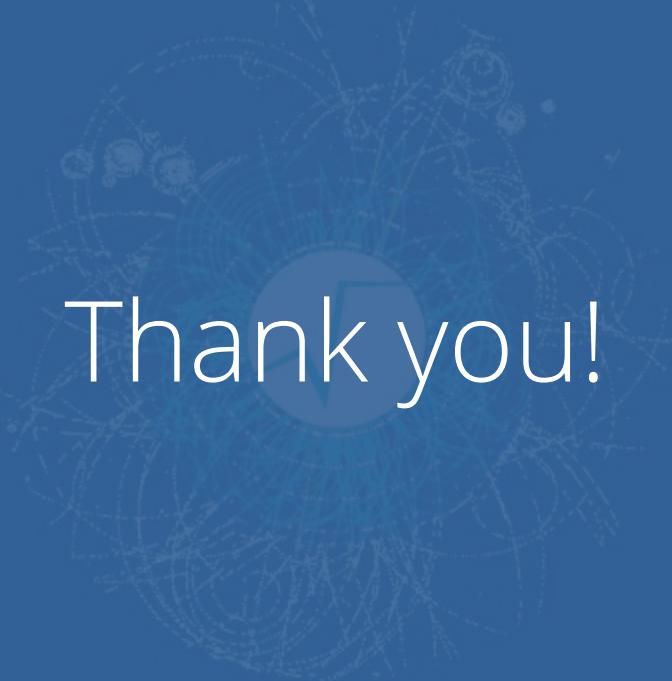
Useful for Debugging





Conclusions

- ▶ The increase in physics data volumes and complexity is **pushing software** at CERN
 - Adoption of Spark and other big data technologies still in its early stages
- ▶ Adopting new programming paradigms takes time
 - Declarative analysis
 - Pushing computations to data
- ▶ RDataFrame and **PyRDF** try to combine:
 - Easy to use programming model
 - Implicit parallelization (local, distributed)



Thank you!

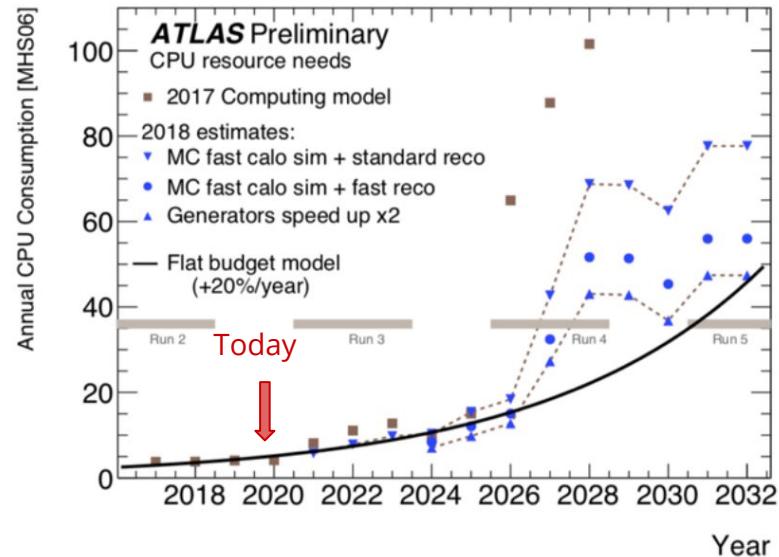
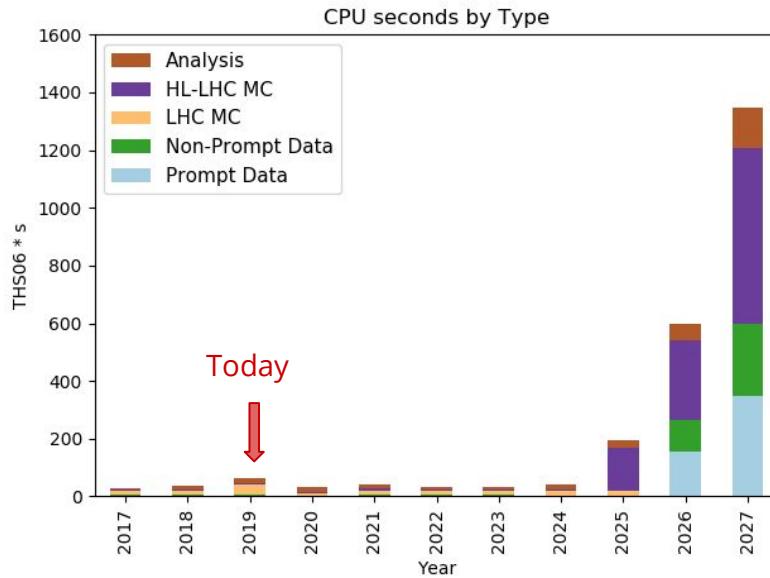


Backup



Reasons to run distributedly

- The amount of data processed by HEP scientists is going to increase drastically





PyRDF: Main design principles

- ▶ Delay computations as much as possible
- ▶ Avoid data format conversion
- ▶ Change the backend dynamically
- ▶ Minimal changes on user's code
 - Changing the mindset of programmers takes time
 - Keep the same interface offered by RDataFrame in Python
 - Support *local* as a backend





Backend Configuration

- ▶ Entrypoint to backend configuration
 - Explicit parameters
 - Accept all backend parameters

```
import PyRDF

# Configure Spark backend
PyRDF.use("spark", {
    "npartition": 4,
    "spark.executor.instances": 5
})

# Initialize RDataFrame object
df = PyRDF.RDataFrame(dataset)
```



The SWAN Service

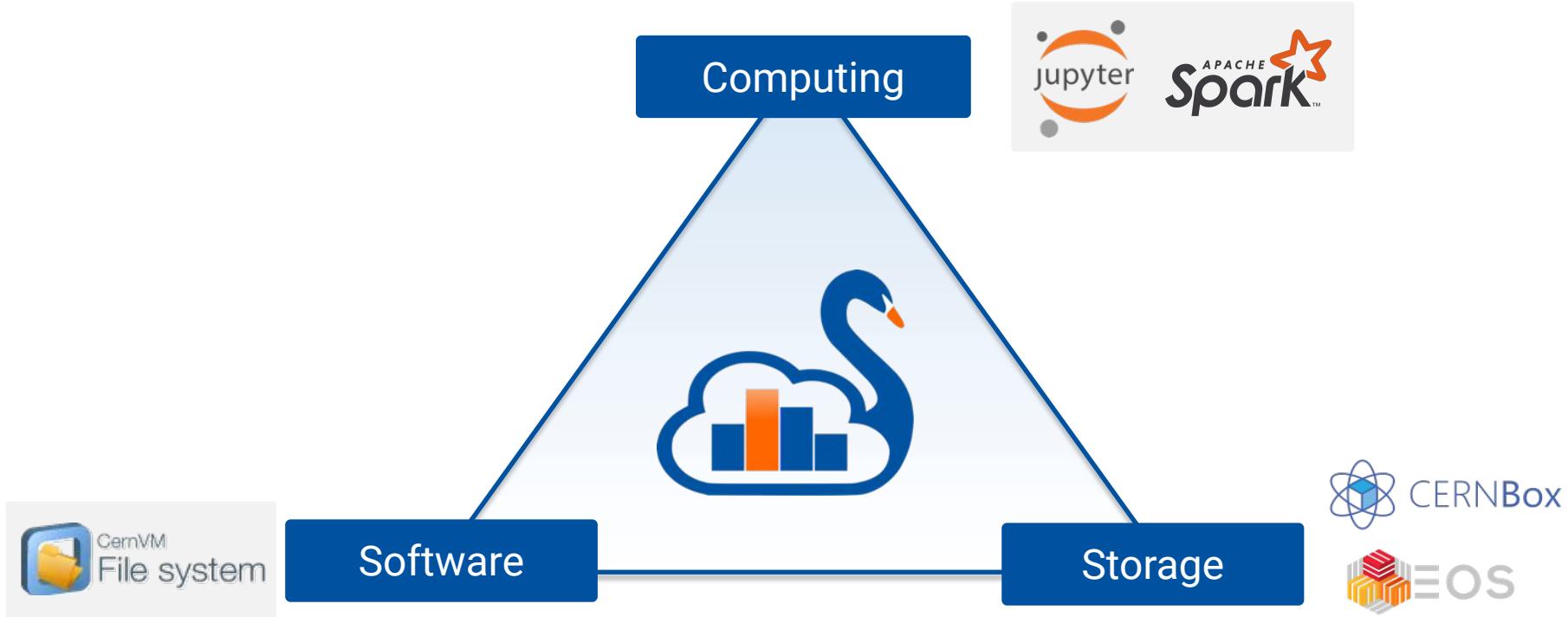
- ▶ **SWAN**: Service for Web-based Analysis
- ▶ **Interactive computing** platform for scientists
 - Based on Jupyter notebooks
- ▶ Analysis with only a web browser
- ▶ Easy **sharing of results**
- ▶ Integrated with CERN resources
 - Storage, software and computing



<https://swan.web.cern.ch>



SWAN Pillars





SWAN Interface: Notebooks

Simple_ROOTbook.Cpp.ipynb
(view-only)

Simple ROOTbook (C++)

This simple ROOTbook shows how to create a [histogram](#), [fill it](#) and [draw it](#). The language chosen is C++.

In order to activate the interactive visualisation we can use the `_JSROOT` magic:

```
In [1]: %jsroot on
```

Now we will create a [histogram](#) specifying its title and axes titles:

```
In [2]: TH1F h("myHisto","My Histo;X axis;Y axis",64, -4, 4)
        (TH1F &) Name: myHisto Title: My Histo NbinsX: 64
```

If you are wondering what this output represents, it is what we call a "printed value". The ROOT interpreter can indeed be instructed to "print" according to certain rules instances of a particular class.

Time to create a random generator and fill our histogram:

```
In [3]: TRandom3 rndmGenerator;
for (auto i : ROOT::TSeqI(1000)){
    auto rdm = rndmGenerator.Gaus();
    h.Fill(rdm);
}
```

We can now draw the histogram. We will at first create a [canvas](#), the entity which in ROOT holds graphics primitives.

```
In [4]: TCanvas c;
```

```
In [5]: h.Draw();
c.Draw();
```

My Histo

Y axis
X axis
myHisto
Entries 1000
Mean 0.02680
Std Dev 1.038

Projects Share CERNBox

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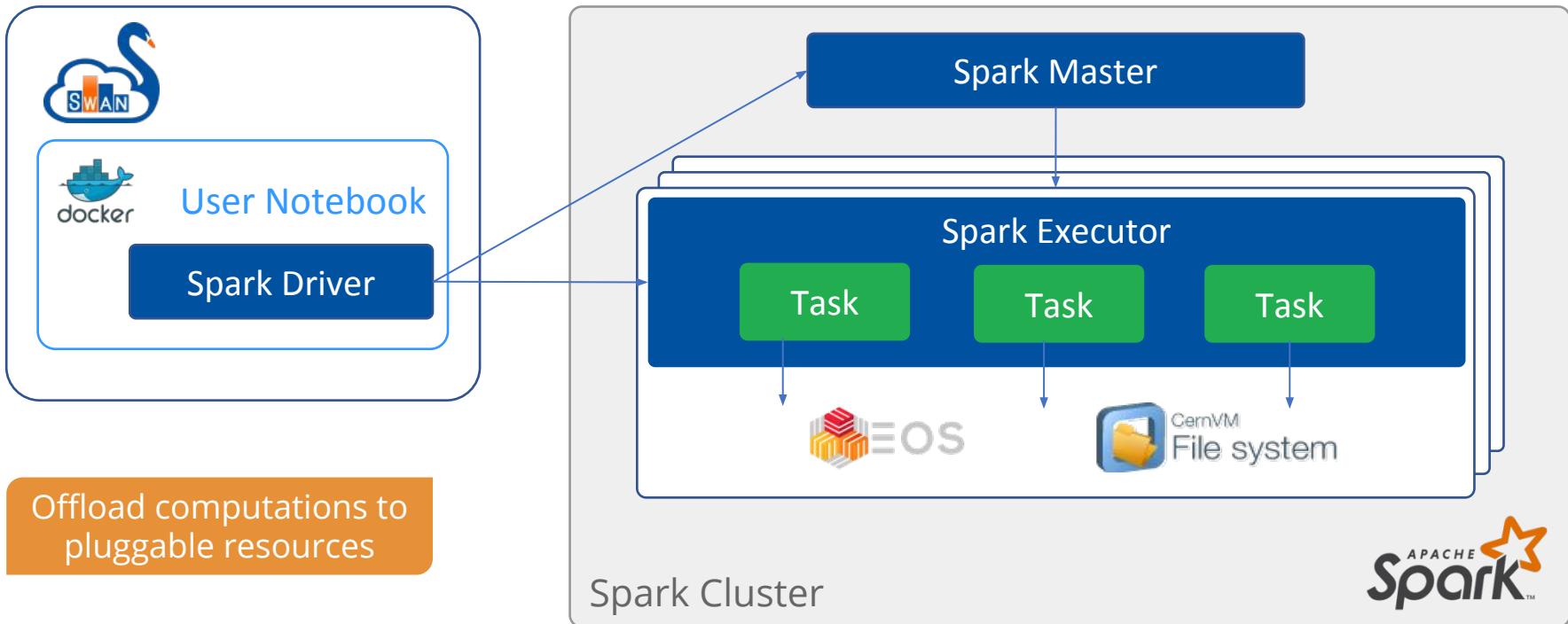
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| Spark | | 7 days ago |
| SWAN-Spark_NXCALS_Example | | 20 days ago |
| teste | | 19 days ago |

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Integration with Spark



Spark Connector

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following details:

- Title Bar:** Spark > physics_analysis_using_swanson_spark_template (autosaved)
- Toolbar:** FILE EDIT VIEW INSERT CELL KERNEL HELP, Not Trusted, Python 2
- Content Area:**
 - Logos:** SWAN logo (blue cloud with a swan) and Apache Spark logo.
 - Section Header:** Integration of SWAN with Spark clusters
 - Text:** This notebook demonstrates the functionality provided by a SWAN prototype machine that allows to offload computations to an external Spark cluster. The Spark version we are going to use is 2.1.0 and we are going to connect to the analytix cluster (as previously selected in the SWAN web form).
 - Code Cell:** Step 1 - Acquire the necessary credentials to access the Spark cluster.

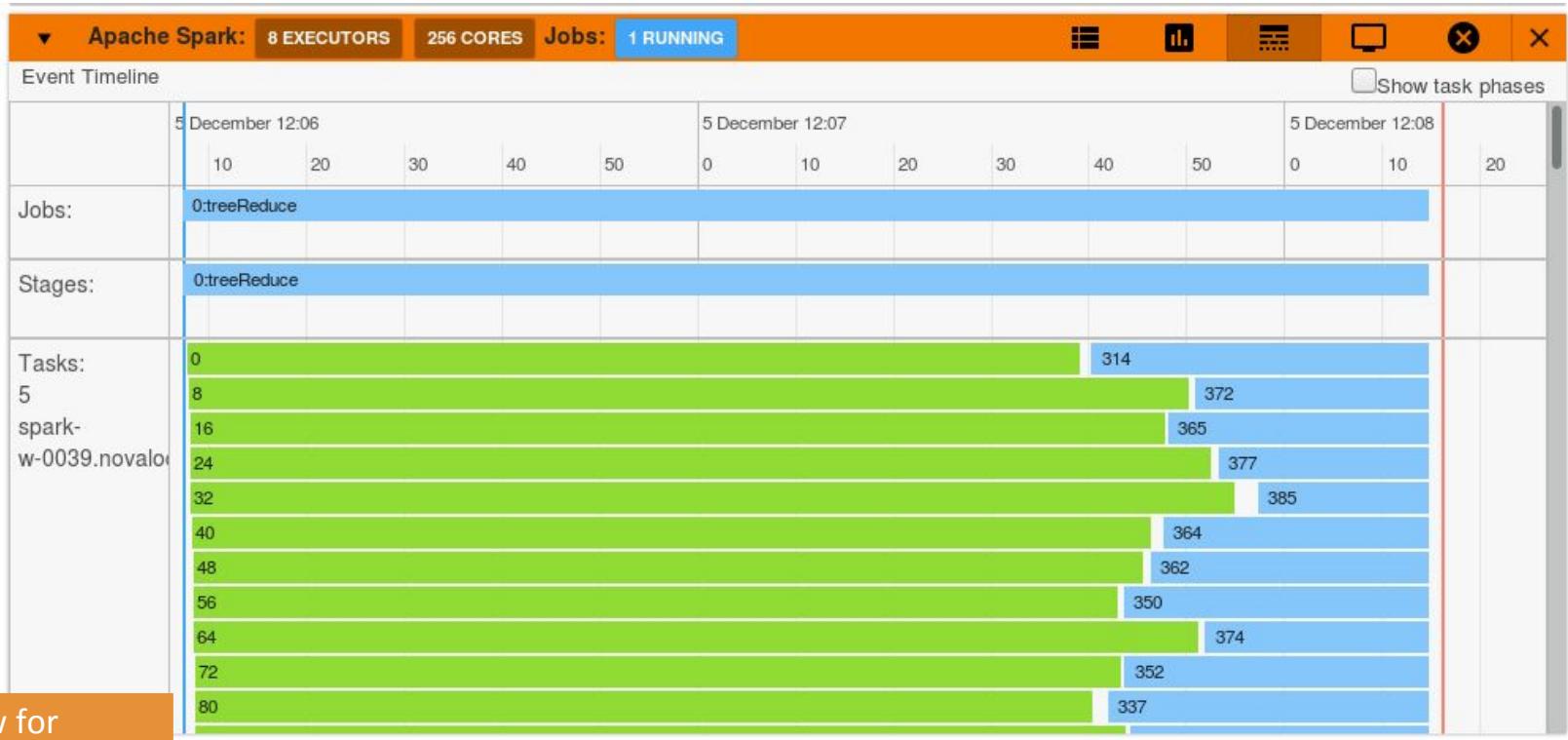
```
In [1]: import getpass  
import os, sys, re  
  
print("Please enter your password")  
ret = os.system("echo \\\"$a\\\" | kinit" % re.escape(getpass.getpass()))  
  
if ret == 0: print("Credentials created successfully")  
else: sys.stderr.write('Error creating credentials, return code: %s\n' % ret)
```

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- Content Area:**
 - Section Header:** Simple example with Spark
 - Text:** This notebook illustrates the use of [Spark](#) in SWAN. The current setup allows to execute `PySpark` operations on a local small datasets.
 - Text:** In the future, SWAN users will be able to attach external Spark clusters. Moreover, a Scala Jupyter kernel will be added to use Spark from
 - Section Header:** Import the necessary modules
 - Text:** Configure Spark and connect to cluster with a click
- Right Panel:** Spark clusters connection
 - You are going to connect to: hadalytic
 - You can configure the following options. Environment variables can be used via {ENV_VAR_NAME}.
 - Add a new option: Write the option name...
 - Bundled configurations: Include NXCALC options
 - Selected configuration:
 - spark.shuffle.service.enabled false
 - spark.driver.memory 2g
 - spark.executor.instances 4



Spark Monitor





Useful for Debugging



- ▶ Easy to spot sources of inefficiencies
 - Optimize use of resources (cores)
- ▶ Led to a better way to manage the task ranges
 - ROOT I/O: prefetch/cache only within task ranges
 - Parallelize generation of ranges