

# Tape contingency

- Experiments request **actual** space needed
  - If possible: i) amount currently stored that will be kept, ii) amount to be written
  - Do NOT worry about repacking, migration, packing factors, etc.
  - An experiment *cannot & should not* try and foresee what a site plans in terms of repack etc.
- Site uses the space request & their operational experience and strategy to determine how many tapes to purchase in a given year
  - They can estimate any contingency based on their experience and plans, and based on how much free space they have and expect to get
- Repack is a “hidden” operation of a site
  - Done at their operational convenience and need
  - Allows them to save on *subsequent* purchases

