HL-LHC Computing review

Technical Design Reports (TDR) will be developed by ATLAS and CMS to document the plans for Computing and Software in the HL-LHC era. The timeline for delivery of these documents are is currently understood to be in the second half of 2023 for a review in early 2024. Under the auspices of the LHCC, a review panel will assess the TDRs, similar to the process for reviewing detector TDRs.

Prior to the review of the Computing TDRs, several preparatory meetings with the review panel will take place, with the first meeting scheduled for May 18-20, 2020. This initial meeting will focus on experiment specific issues and on long range R&D including Data Organization, Management and Access (DOMA). The outcome of the meeting will be a short summary assessing the state of the plans.

The documents and presentations should cover the following areas:

- Establish a baseline computing model. Using the best available knowledge concerning data rates, the size of output formats and the processing time of production processing tasks, scenarios for computing and storage projections should be presented. Where applicable, estimated resources for user analysis can be included. The baseline computing model should outline basic assumptions about data access and placement, and hardware evolution.

- From the baseline computing model, establish anticipated cost drivers and infrastructure assumptions. The roles of the WLCG data centers should be outlined, including the expected technical specifications such as network connectivity.

- The major technological risks and uncertainties should be outlined as well as any necessary programs of research and development that are underway to mitigate the risks and/or introduce new methodologies and technical advances.

In addition, the May 2020 meeting will include short presentations on common tools and community software (such as ROOT, Geant4 and event generators and the broader aspects of heterogeneous architectures) to assess the plans and timelines for HL-LHC functionality.

Supporting documentation (each 20 pages or less) will be made available by May 1, 2020 and will include:

- overviews from the perspective of ATLAS and CMS,
- outline of DOMA and necessary technology R&D
- common tools and community software
- Facility issues, including the role of the Tiers, non-Grid resources such as HPC Centers and critical policy issues, e.g. authentication and authorization