ECHEP Analysis Area Update

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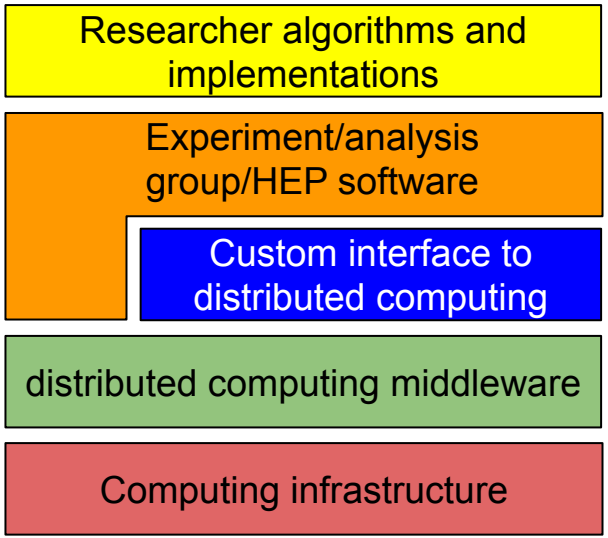
The HEP analysis stack

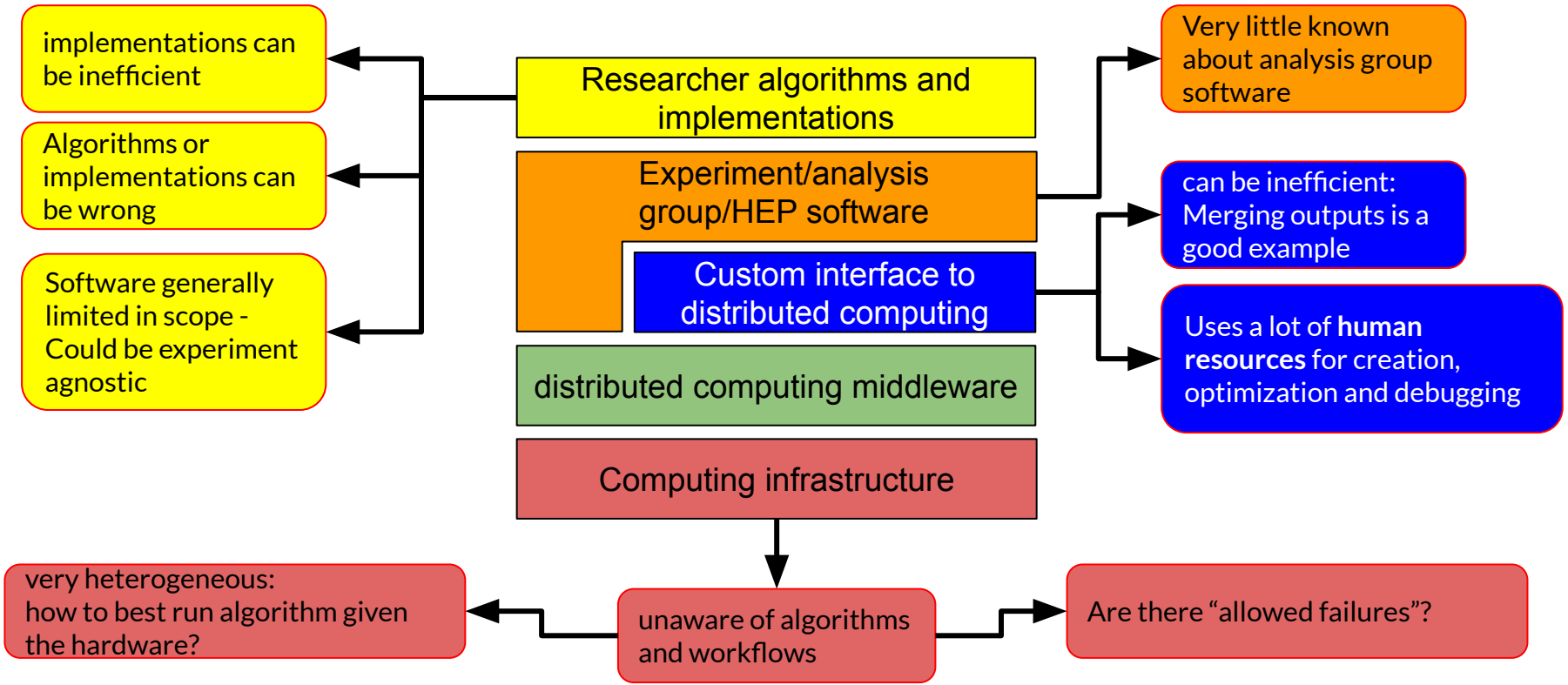
HEP Analysis Stack

As any other HEP software area, analysis software and related issues cannot be viewed in isolation

- Researchers develop/reuse algorithms and implement them to their best programming ability
- Implementations might be based on experiment frameworks, analysis group specific software or general HEP tools
- Access to distributed computing might involve custom interfaces (e.g. researcher written bash or python scripts)
- Access to computing controlled via middleware
- Computing infrastructure is distributed and very heterogeneous



HĒP Analysis Stack - Many possibilities for inefficiencies or failures



How can we address the issues?

(and where does ECHEP fit it)

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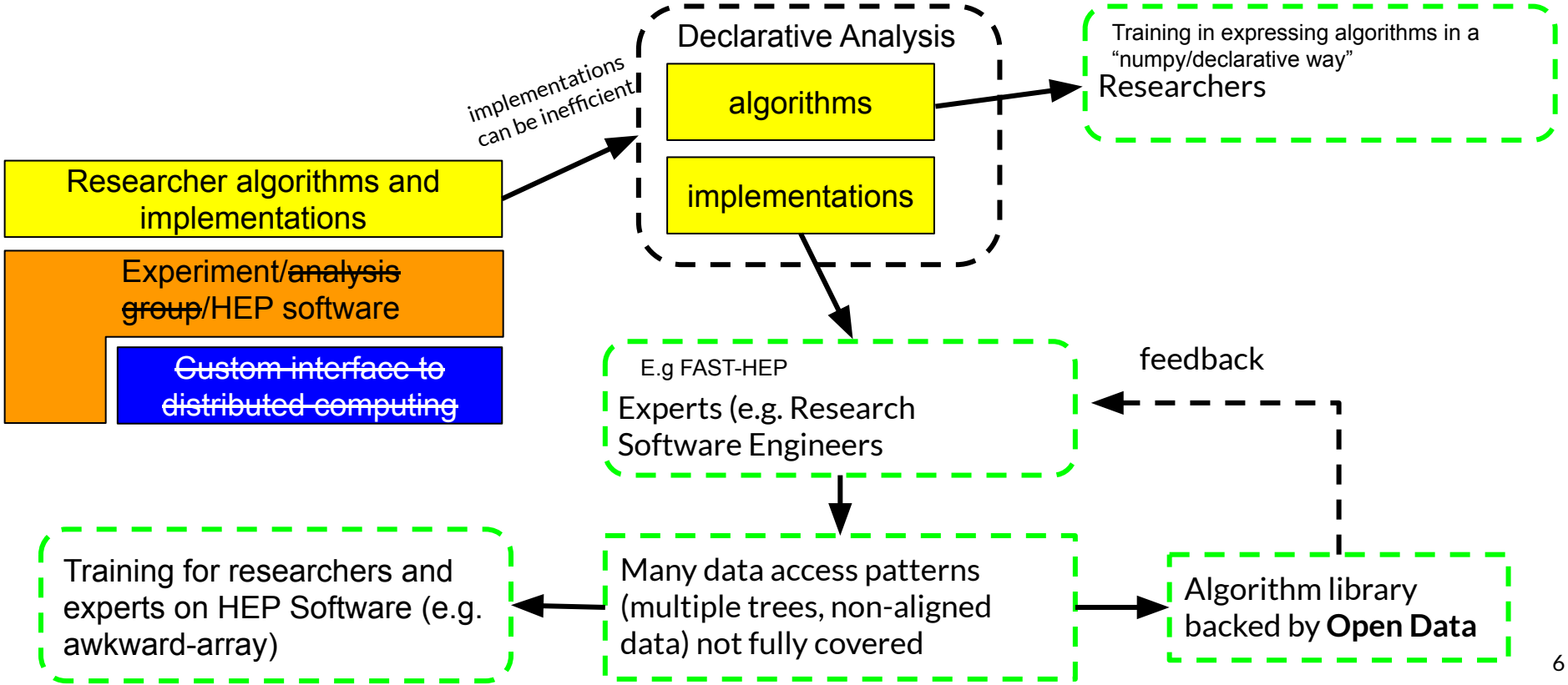

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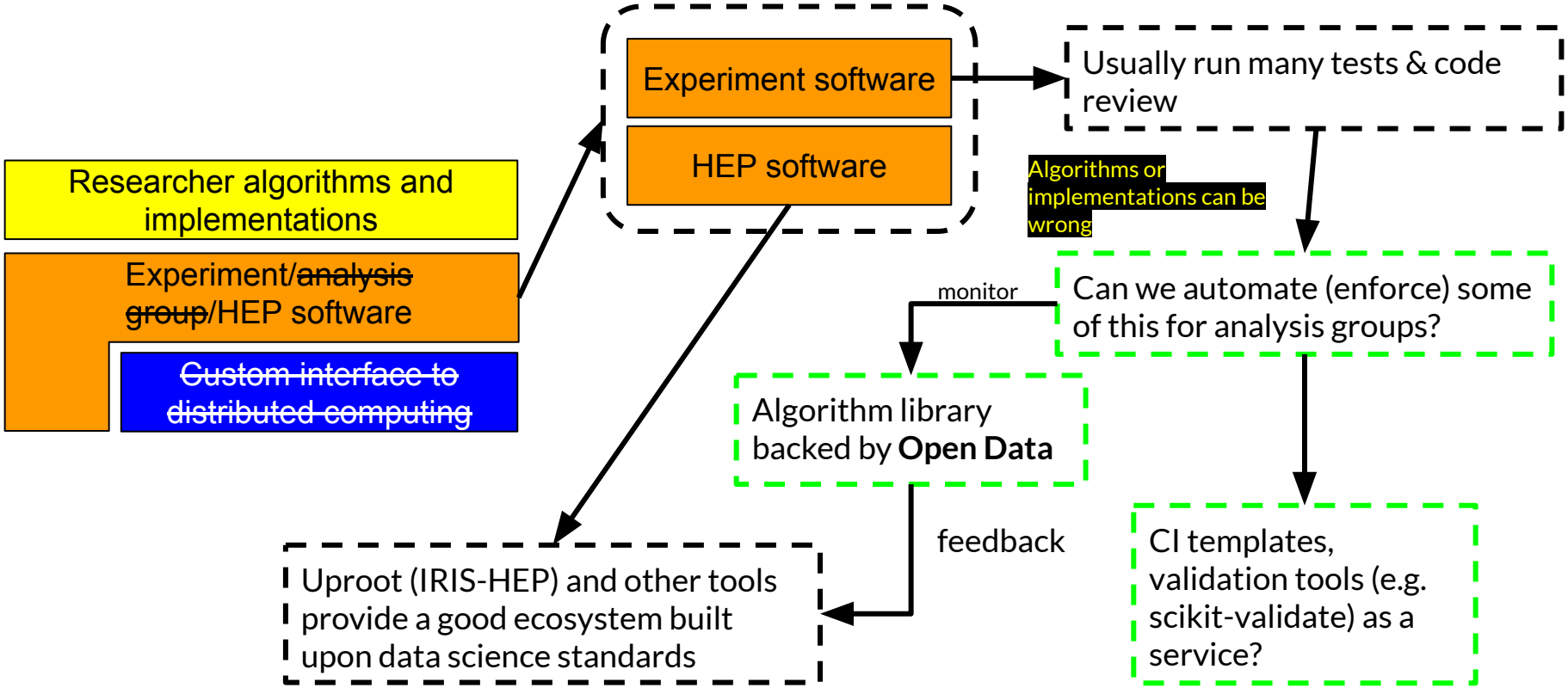

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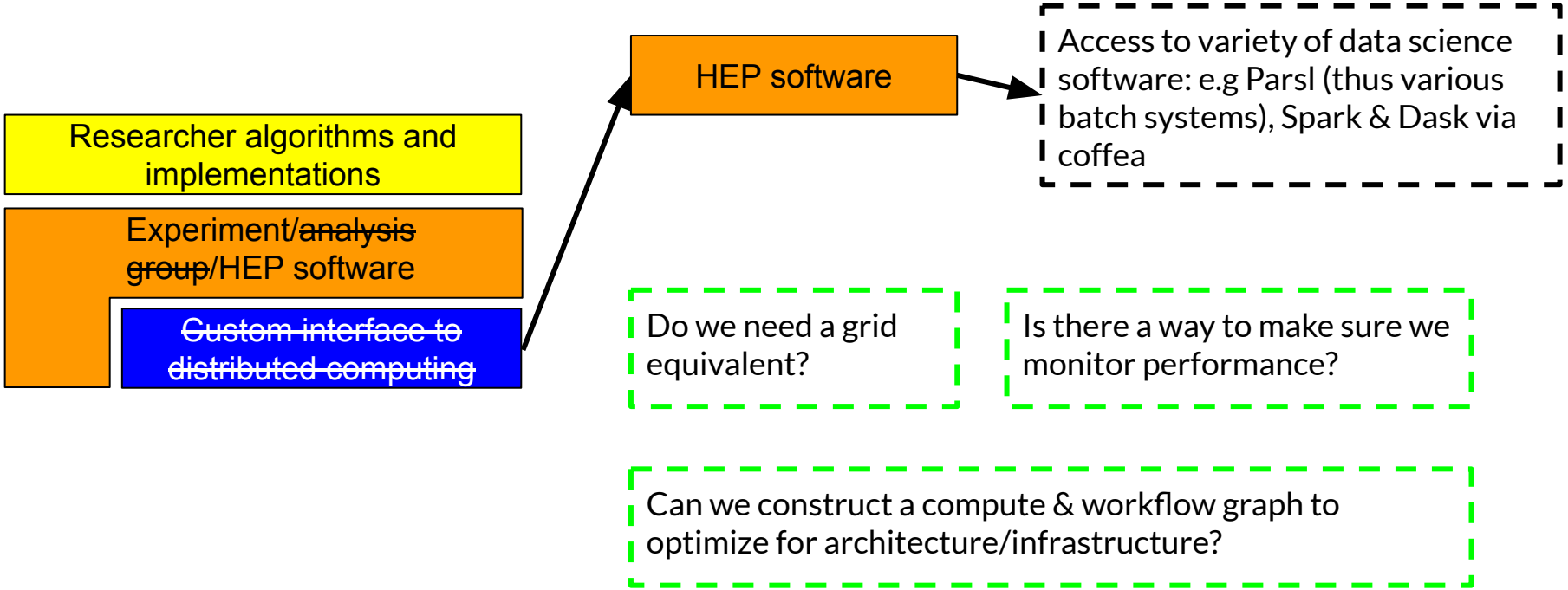

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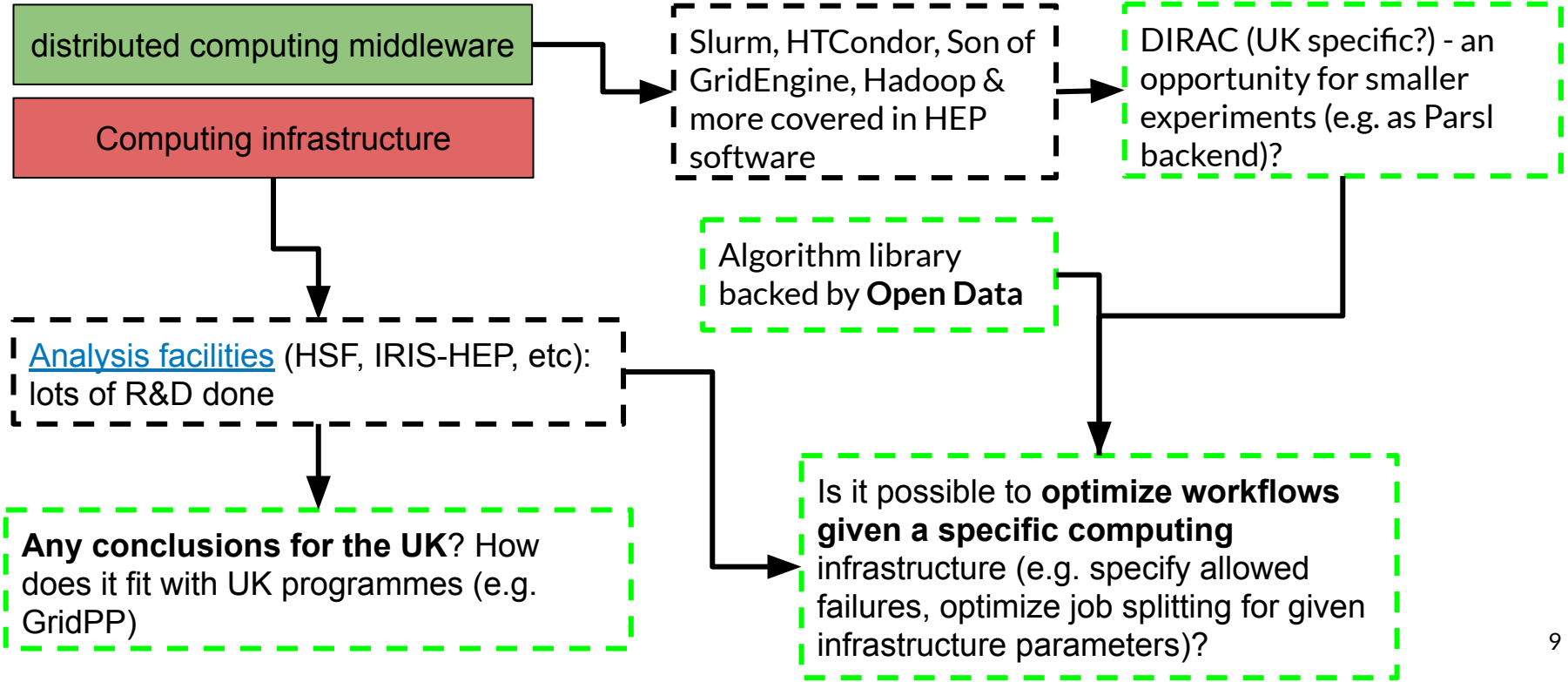


Training needs

Trends

- Python at least as popular as C++, if not more already now in 2020 (cf. CMS and LHCb surveys)
- Declarative approaches as a means to improve compute efficiency (optimisations can be done behind the scenes, professionally)
- More query-style and interactive analysis (largely via notebooks)
- Machine learning and AI permeate everything

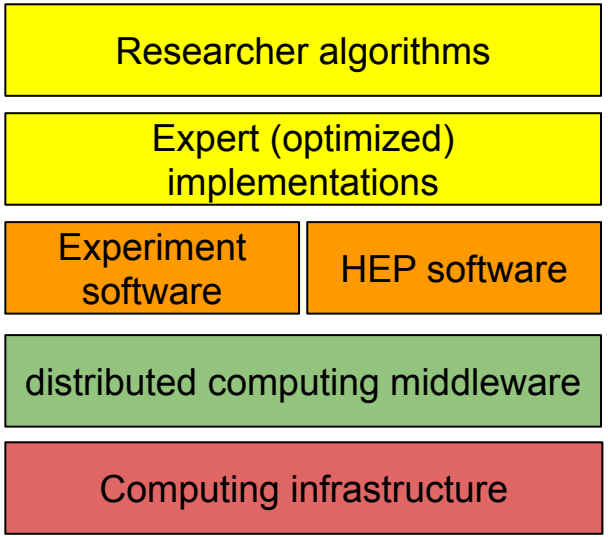
Ongoing efforts

- HSF PyHEP workshops
- HSF/IRIS-HEP training activities such as the HEP Software Carpentry (SC) workshops (1st event)

What can the UK do?

- Certainly tag along and contribute and/or drive some of these efforts
  - The case already in certain cases - PyHEP organisation, SC organisation and tutors
- Organise UK versions in the future - the community is large enough for that
  - Need to be cross-experiments, clearly
- Nobody seems to be organising beginners-type ML training events (IML more for experts, exception: MLHEP). UK community could organise some sort of AI/ML SC type of workshops and/or engage strongly with MLHEP

Analysis stack summary



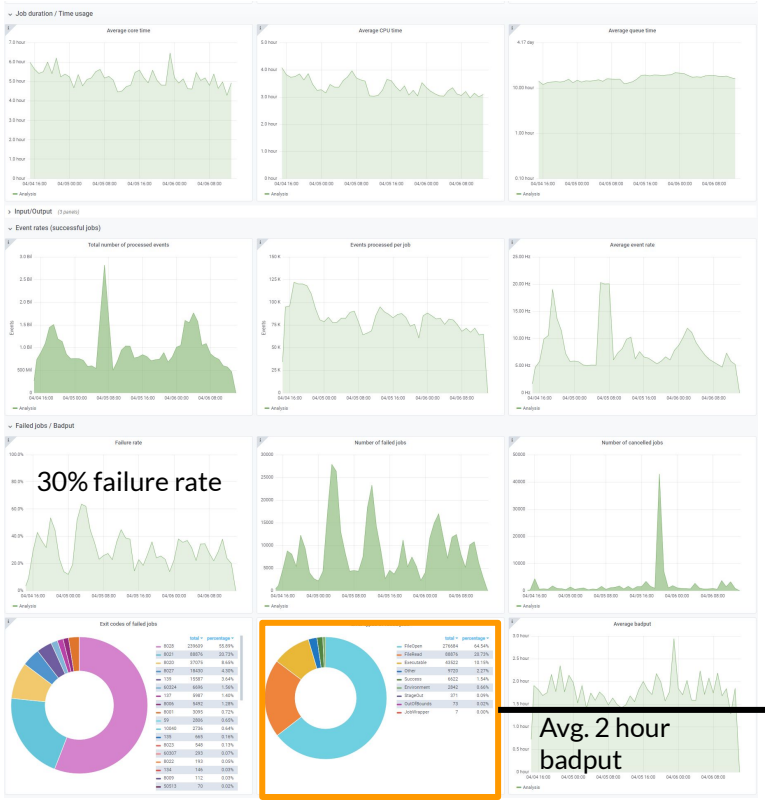
If the aim is to maximize resource savings AND physics outputs, we need to look at the whole stack

- Benchmarks (Algorithm library backed by **Open Data**) is a crucial step to synchronize requirements throughout the stack*
- Opportunity to improve data analysis methodology while building upon existing efforts (HSF, IRIS-HEP)
- Communication pathways might be needed (e.g. researchers/experts <-> computing infrastructure)
- Training at both beginner and export levels is necessary to make any kind of transition

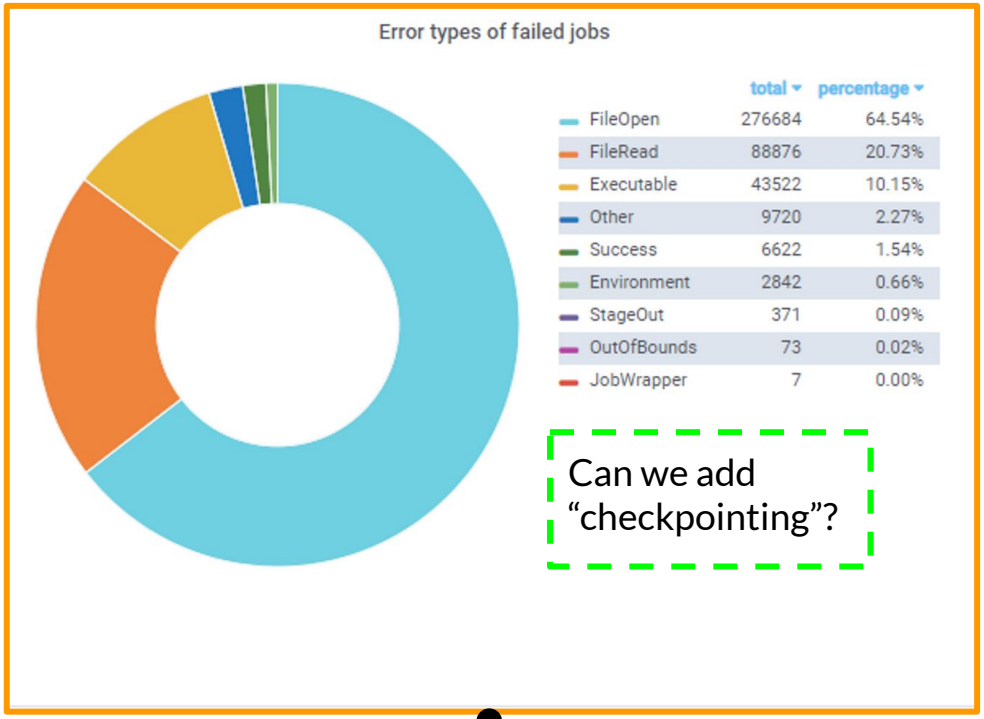
*Can also help to reduce unintended side effects across HEP software (e.g. ROOT 6.20 nested-namespace slowdown)

Backup slides

CMS analysis job failures (30% failure rate)



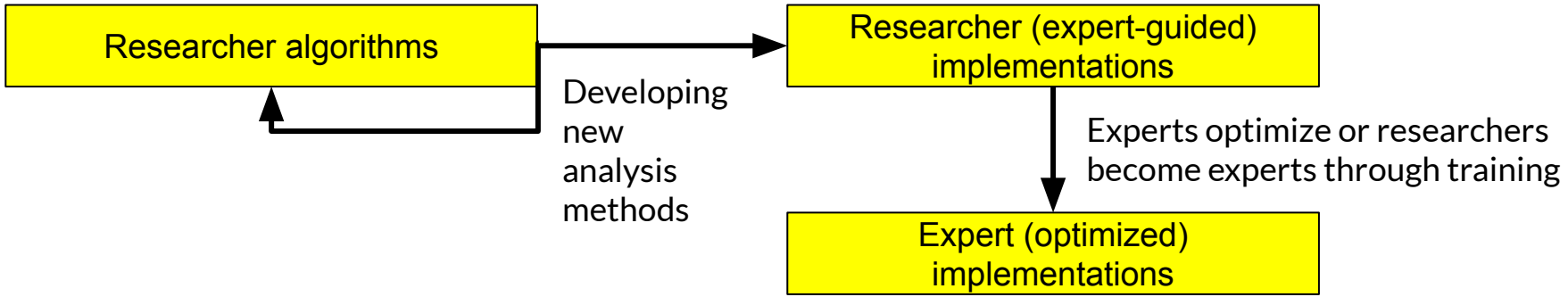
Avg. 2 hour badput



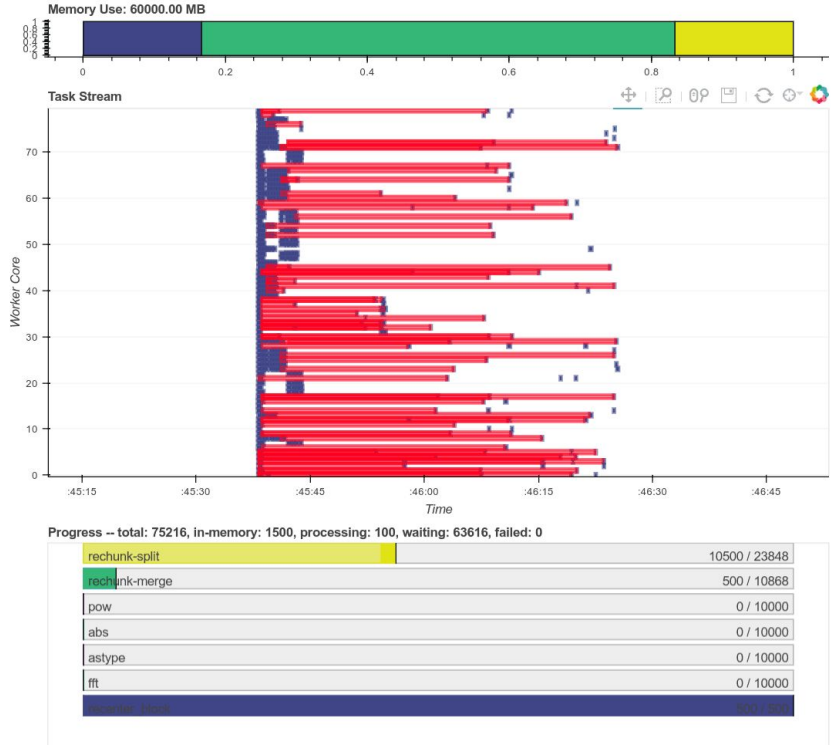
Can we add “checkpointing”?

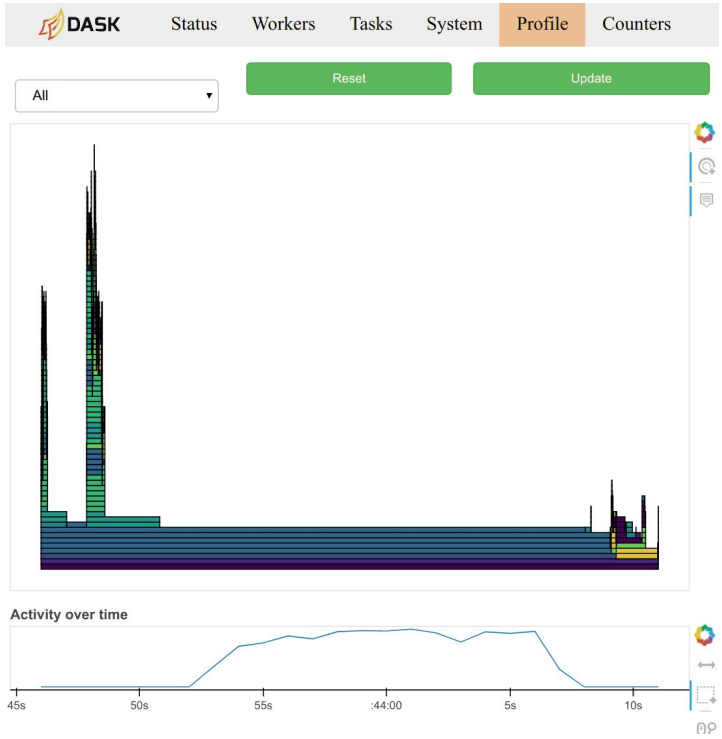
If we do not teach researchers how to code, won't we lack experts?

Easy start, natural progression - training at undergrad, postgrad, research associate level is always crucial

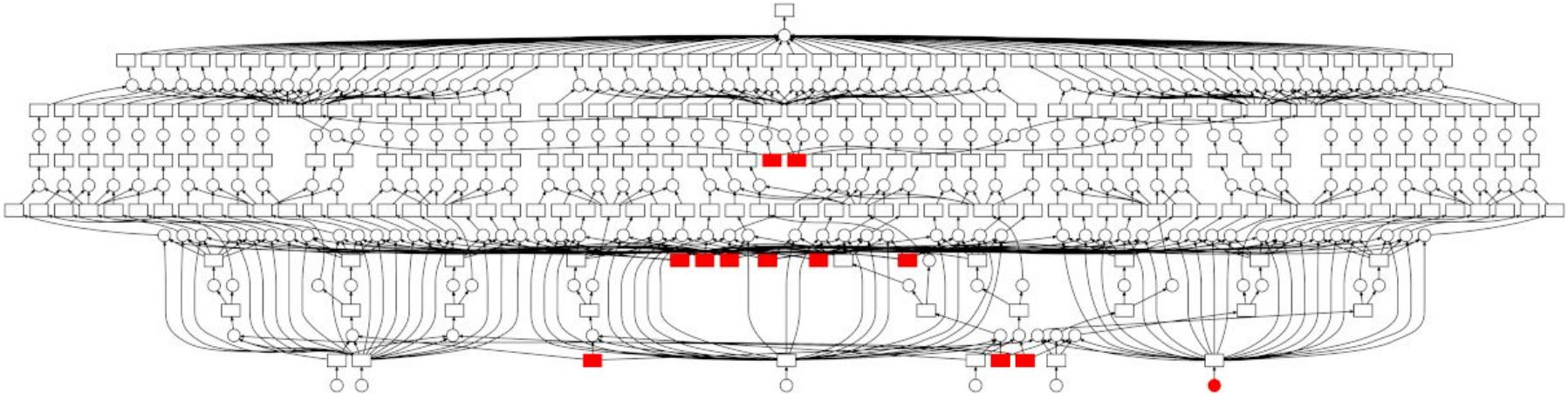


Why switching to Data science tools can be good





Computations/workflow graph example



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Many possibilities for inefficiencies or failures

- Algorithms or implementations can be wrong
- Implementations and custom interfaces to distributed computing can be inefficient
  - Merging outputs is a good example
  - Uses a lot of **human resources** for creation, optimization and debugging
- Software generally limited in scope
  - Could be experiment agnostic
- (very heterogeneous) Computing infrastructure is unaware of algorithms and workflows