

# Coffea-casa: an analysis facility prototype

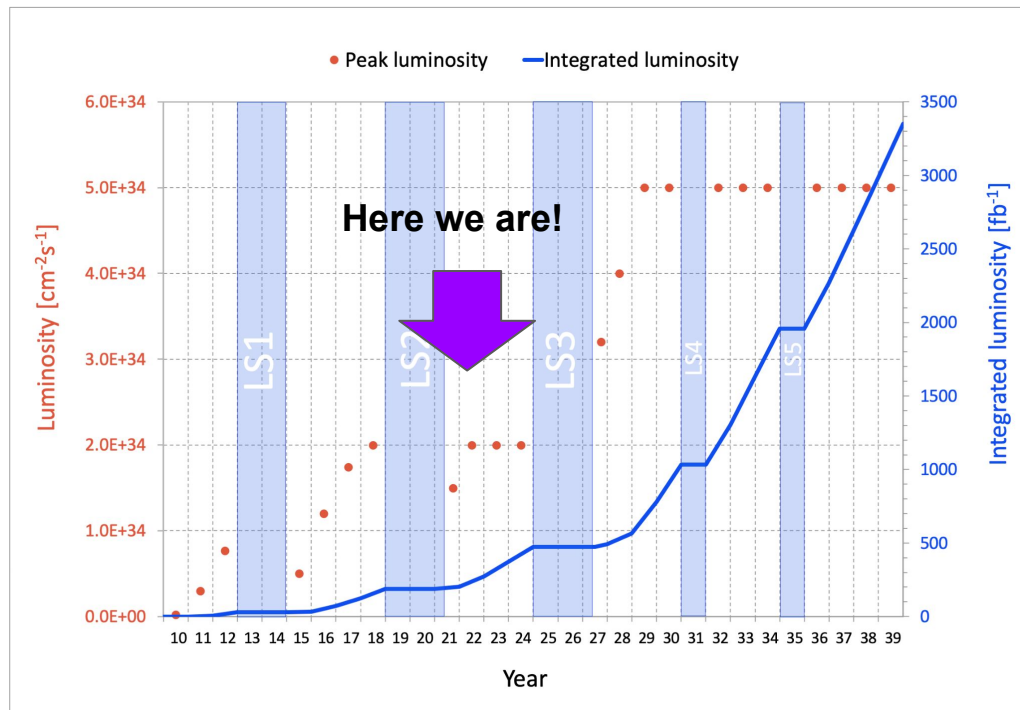
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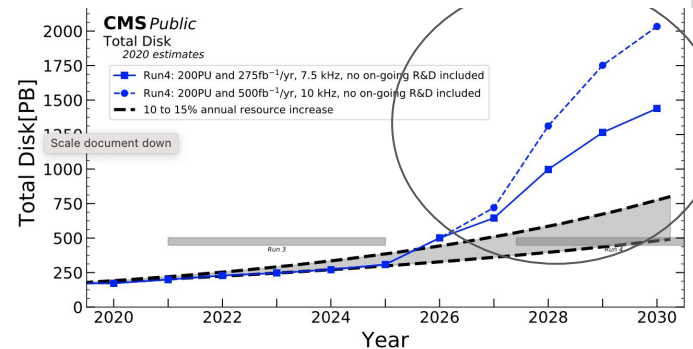
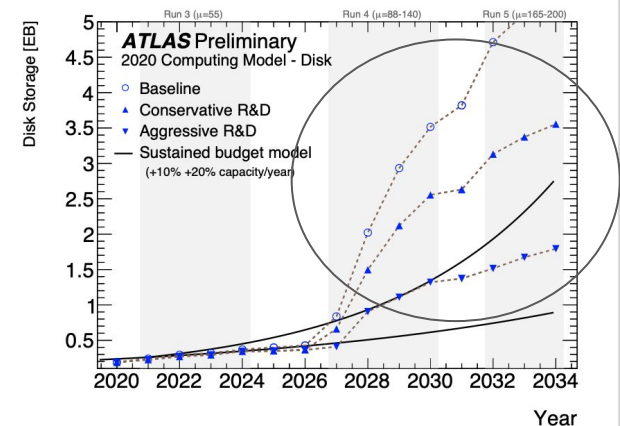
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# HL-LHC requirements for resources

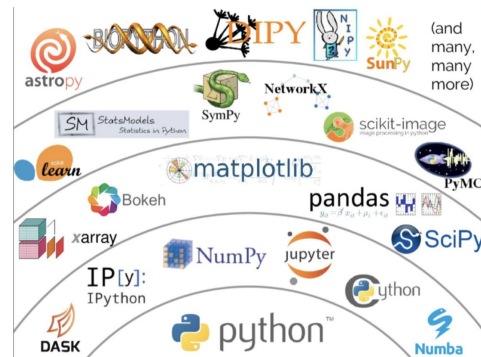


Our goal is driven by the desire *to bring simpler and more agile paradigms for analysis today*, but the scale of the HL-LHC adds more complexity to the existing issue



# Looking for new ideas for Analysis Facilities

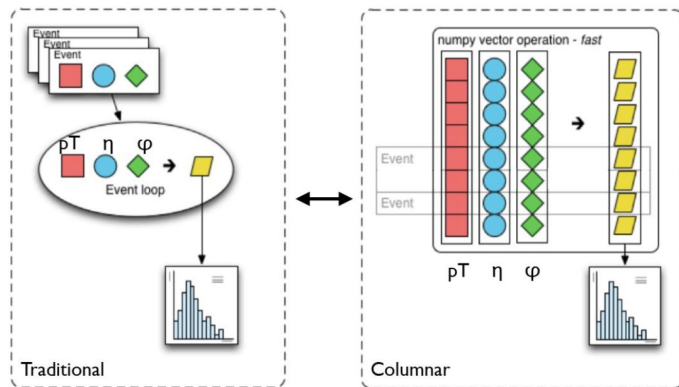
- **New pythonic ecosystem**
- Discovering the benefits of **column-oriented (columnar) data analysis**
- **Interactivity** for user data analysis
- Deliver the needed data to the processing workflow in a fine-grained approach (**data delivery services**) and **efficient storage technologies** (e.g. object stores)
- **Kubernetes (k8s)** and new concept of "infrastructure as code"
- **Portability** and flexibility across different environments
- Integration with existing resources: current infrastructure is not going to be replaced in one day



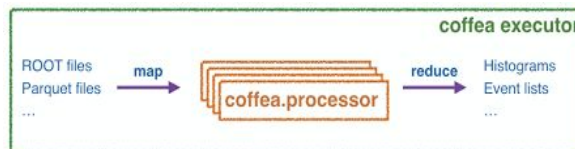
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# Coffea Analysis Framework



New columnar data analysis concepts!



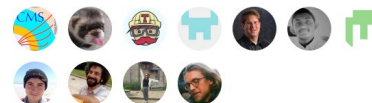
User just needs to define a high-level wrapper around user analysis code: **the coffea processor** and coffea framework will take care of everything incl. **scaling-out**



Distributed executors!

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Contributors 32



+ 21 contributors

Today  
(event  
size)

MINIAOD\*\* ~ 35kB

NANOAOD\*\*\* ~ 1 kB

HL-LHC  
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**MINIAOD ~ 250kB**

**NANOAOD ~ 2 kB**

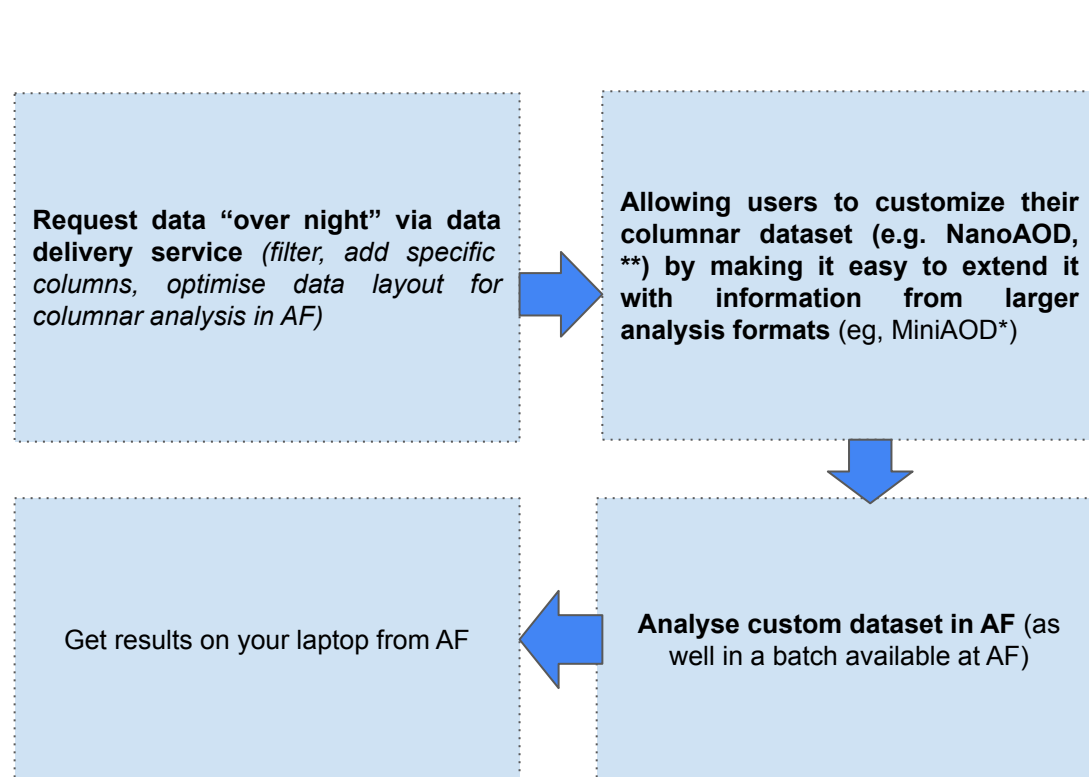
If to switch to more compact data format - “**NanoAOD**”, data volumes should be manageable, but this format will likely be missing data elements necessary for any given analysis.

**Idea:** If we use a sample small enough to be used for interactive analysis in AF: NANOAOD, for example it could be useable as driver for data delivery service to add objects from MINIAOD overnight!

\*Here on CMS data formats as an example, shown ideas are applicable for other experiments

\*\*MiniAOD - c++ class hierarchy data format

\*\*NanoAOD - compact, Ntuple like data format readable by bare ROOT



*The AF expected to assist with 90% of analyses using NanoAOD\*\* by merging parts or derived from MiniAOD\* into NanoAOD\*\* (automatically, without the intervention of the end-user)*

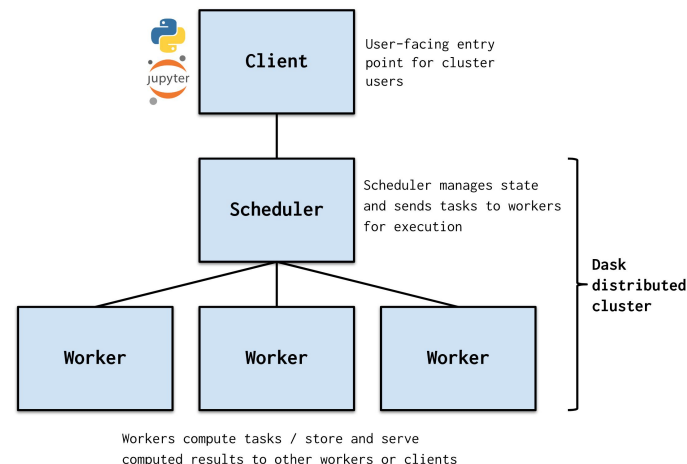
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# Why we use Dask?

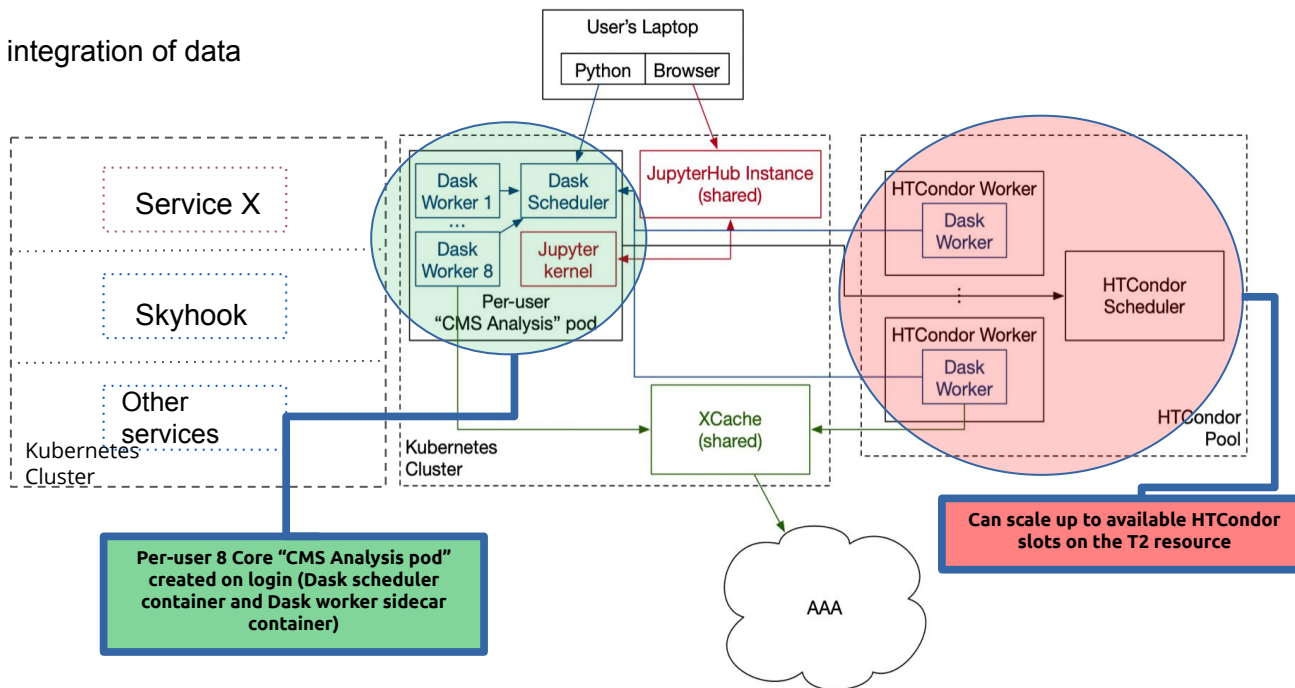
- Dask provides a task-management computational framework in Python based on the manager-worker paradigm
- Dask exposes lower-level APIs letting to build custom systems for in-house applications (!)
- Integrates with HPC clusters, running a variety of schedulers including SLURM, LSF, SGE and HTCondor via “dask-jobqueue”
- ***This allows us to create a user-level interactive system via queueing up in the batch system***

**Dask can be used inside Jupyter or you can simply launch it through Jupyter and connect directly from your laptop**



*We are easily bridging K8s resources with UNL Tier2 resources, while providing interactive environment!*

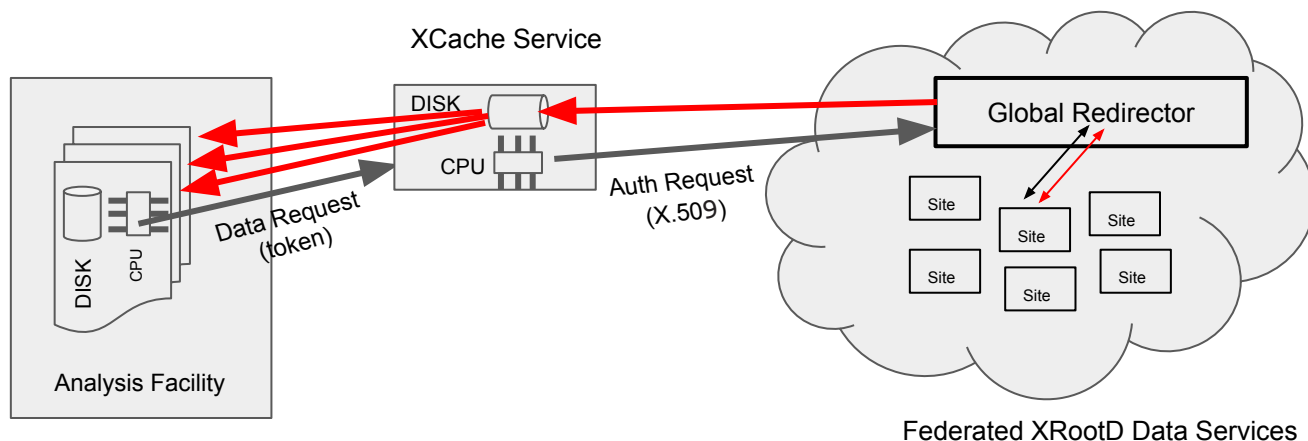
On-going work on integration of data delivery services



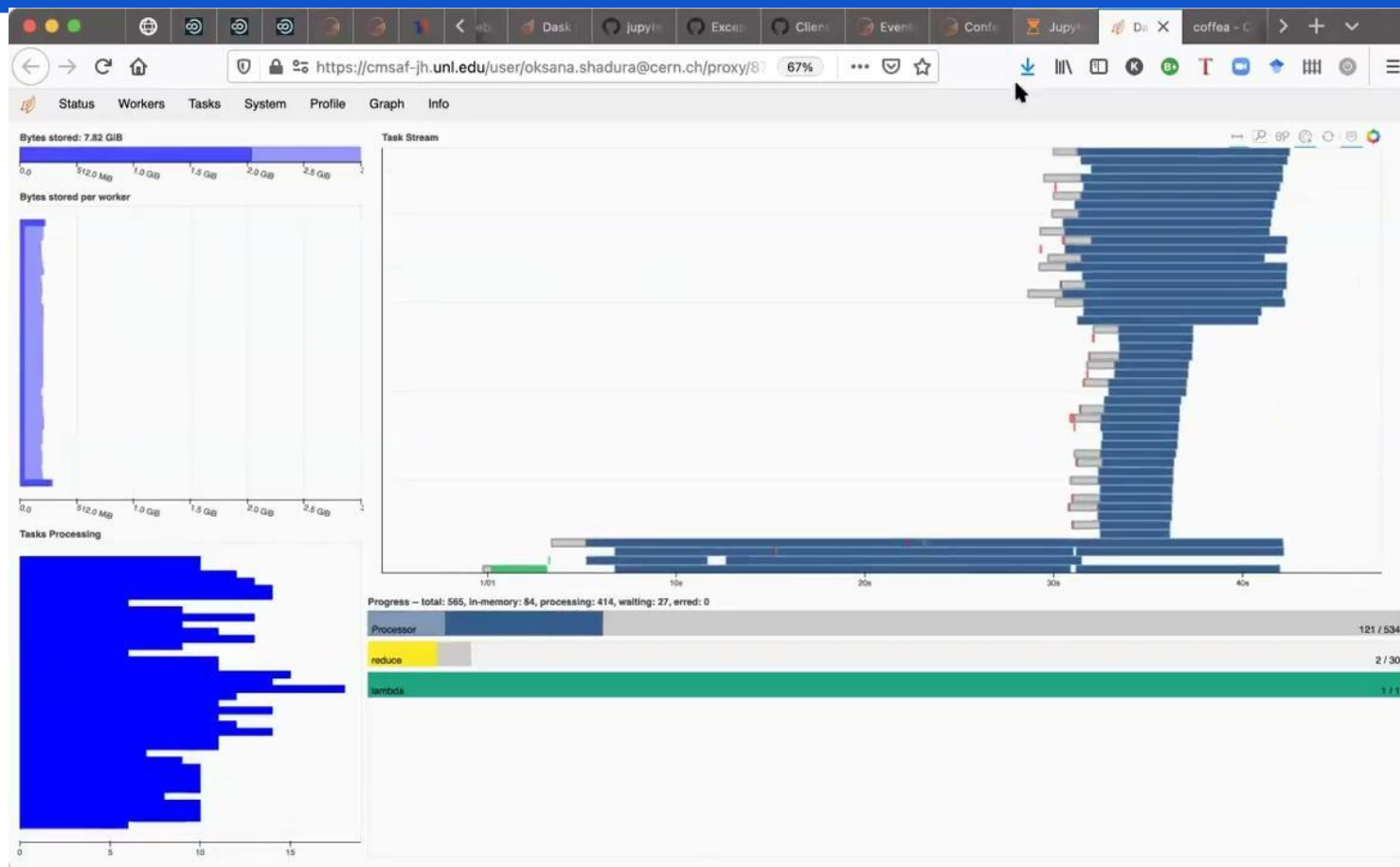
- **Authentication inside the system is independent of grid credentials**
  - Coffea-casa facility uses **OpenID Connect (OIDC)**
  - **Enabled token authentication** for HTCondor:
    - Generated a token for authentication with HTCondor, required for Dask scale-out to the larger resources
  - **Generated a data access token for authentication with a local XRootD server**
  - Generated X.509 credentials (including a CA, host certificate, and user certificate) for use in Dask for TLS as well for user communication to Dask scheduler endpoint
- Security: TLS enabled communication between workers and scheduler by default
- Kubernetes pod customization 'hook' to create secrets for services
- Highly customized “**CMS Analysis**” **Docker container(s)**
- All features are **incorporated into a Helm chart** (Kubernetes packaging format)

- ***CoffeaCasaCluster***: extending HTCondorCluster integration for Dask
  - To handle the customizations needed for the Coffea-casa environment, we developed the *CoffeaCasaCluster* object, an extension of ***Dask-jobqueue***'s *HTCondorCluster* object.
  - *CoffeaCasaCluster* ensures the Dask worker starts with the appropriate Docker container in the HTCondor batch system with appropriate configurations and with the firewall ports configured correctly.

- For speeding up data access Nebraska Tier-2 hosts an **XCache service with 90TB of cache space**
- Access data hosted by an HEP experiment:
  - *no GSI credential within the facility*, the **auto-generated data access token can be used to authenticate with an proxy service based on XRootD/XCache**

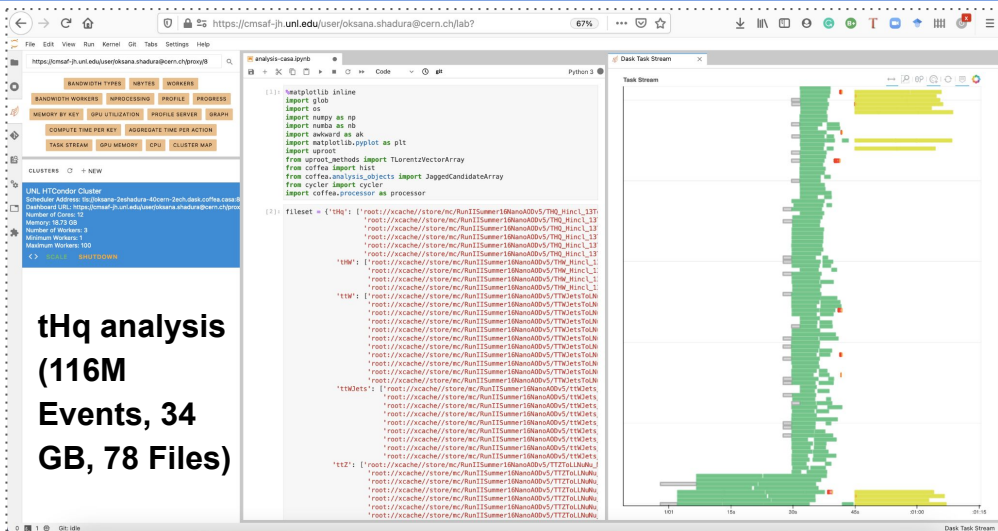


# Coffea-casa @ UNL - demo

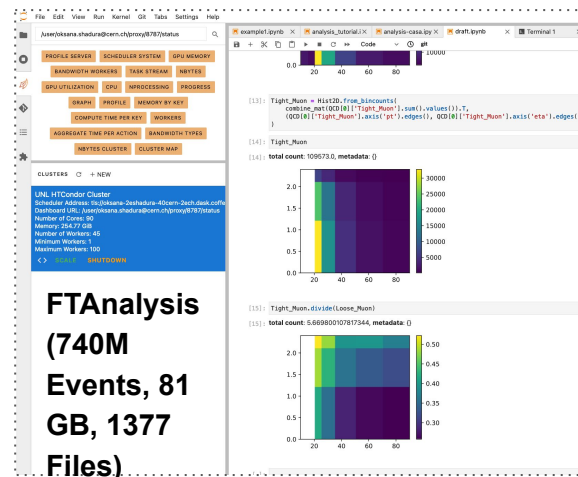


[Link to video](#)

# Inviting first users



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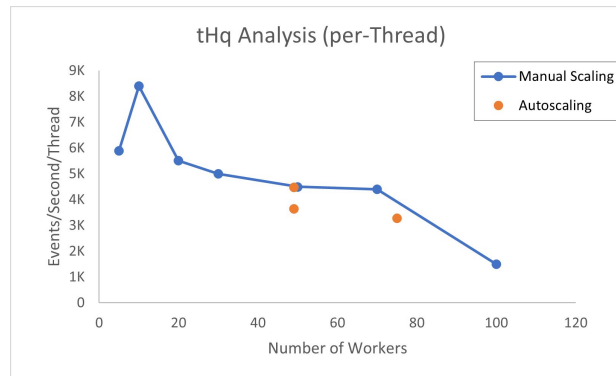
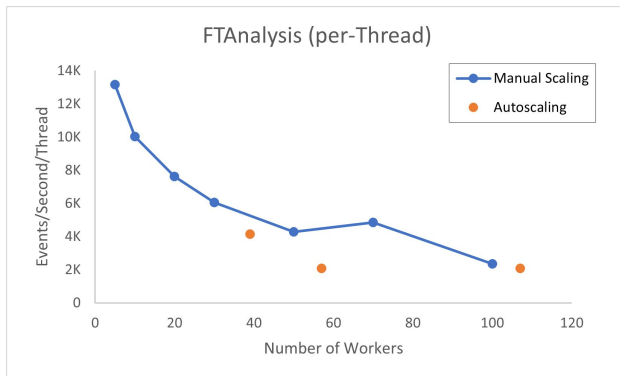
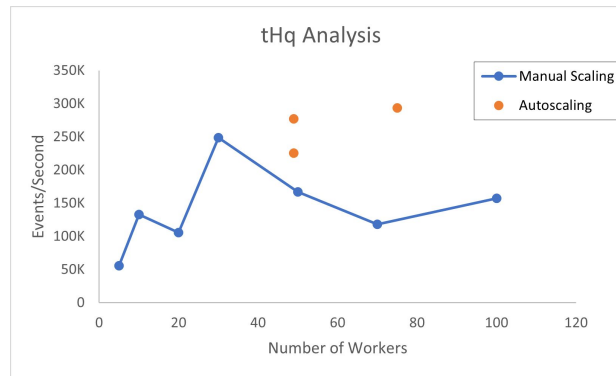
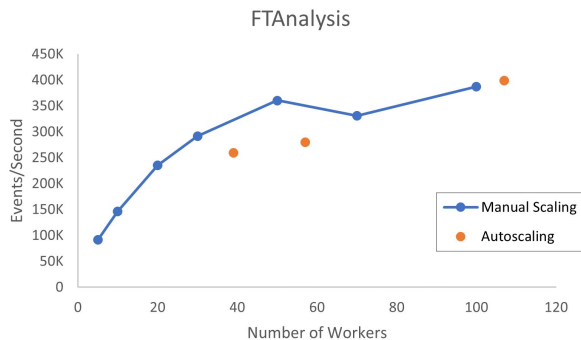
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Top quark analyses using the Coffea framework  
<https://github.com/TopEFT/topcoffea>

Users already running their analysis on Coffea-casa:

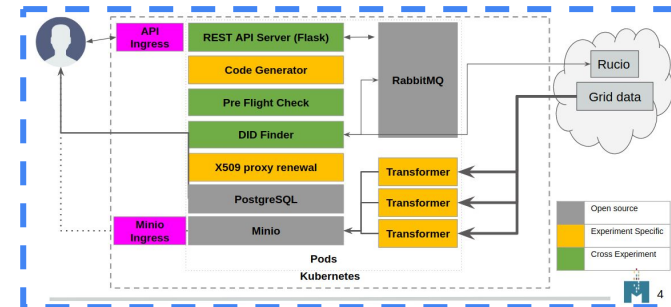
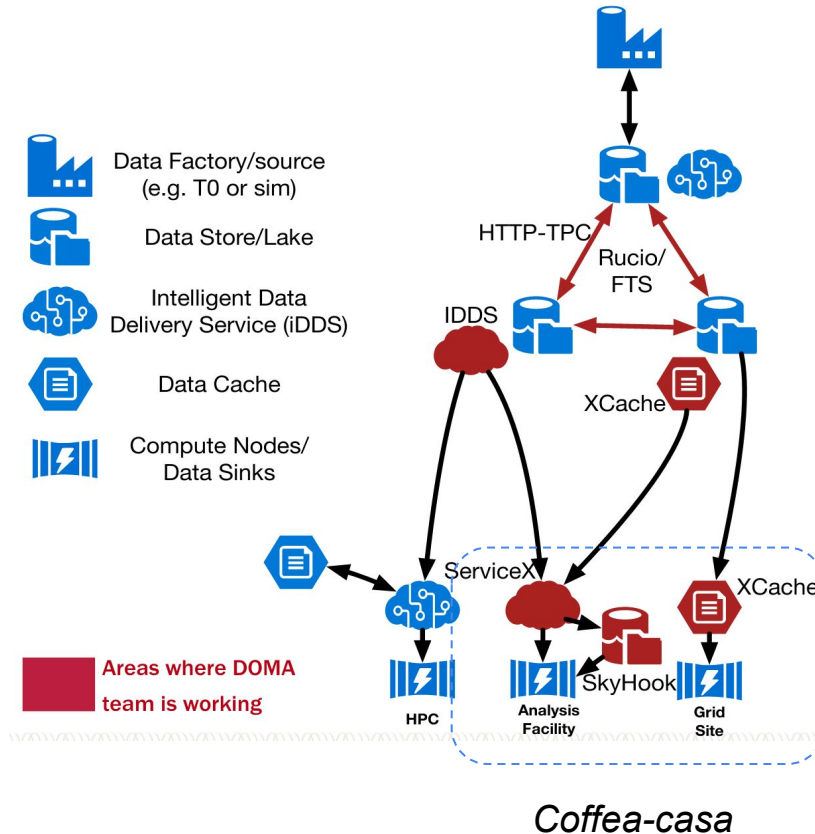
- Some of the examples are **done by undergraduate students**
- **Approachable** (even with all complexity of system behind) and **interactive**

# Inviting first users and first performance numbers

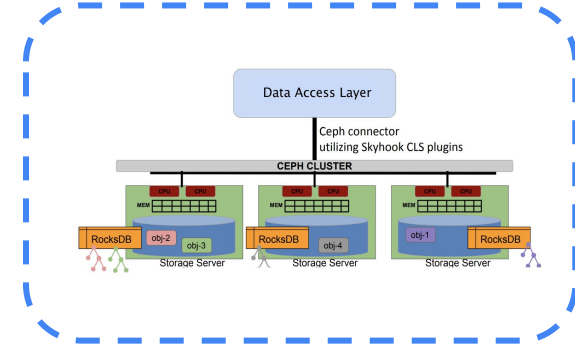


*tHq results require some investigation*

# Analysis Facility and Distributed Ecosystem (Data Lakes)



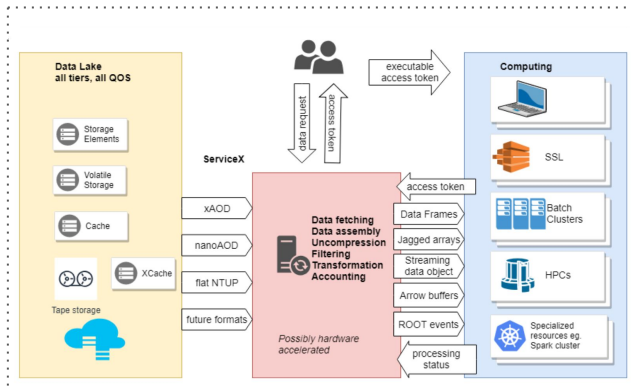
ServiceX



Skyhook

# Future work: data delivery services @ Coffea-casa

## ServiceX

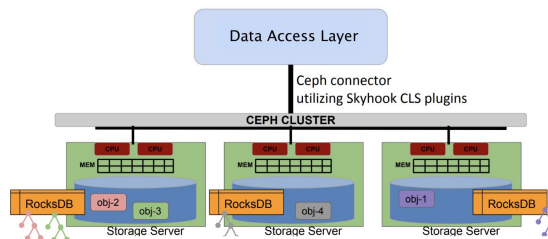


### ServiceX provides user level ntuple production

- Converts experiment-specific datasets to columns (e.g. NanoAOD, DAOD)
- Enable simple cuts or simple derived columns and fields (*heavy-weight analysis will still happen via some separate processing toolchain (like CMS CRAB)*)

[Check the talk of [KyungEon Choi@vCHEP2021](#)]

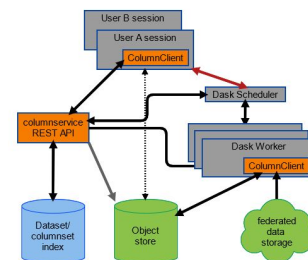
## Skyhook DM



The Skyhook DM is converting event data from ROOT files to the internal object-store format

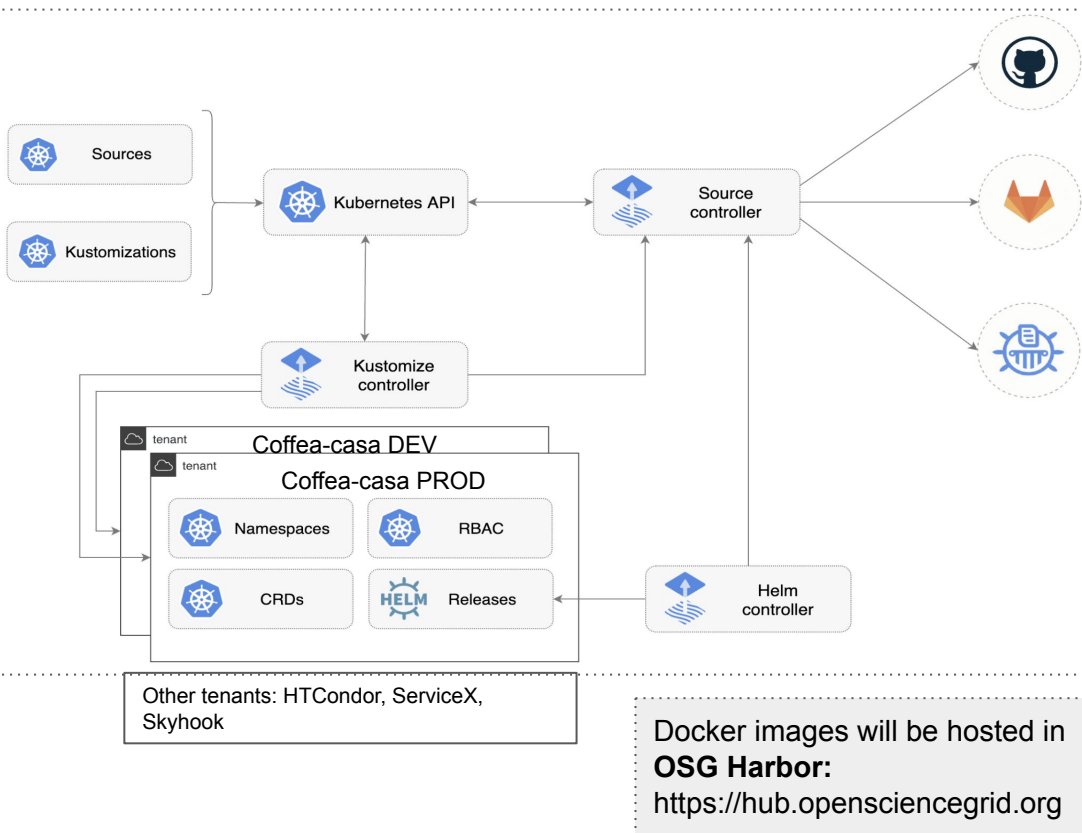
- Provides *extension of Ceph-side C++* plugins transition from on-disk format to desired memory format
- Uses Dask workers to distribute data to clients
- Data delivered as Arrow tables or via Arrow Dataset API

## Columnservice



**Columnservice (FNAL)** is a multi-tenant service for caching columnar data that removes the need to curate skims and re-run expensive algorithms.

# Coffea-casa deployment and distribution: GitOps and multi-tenant Flux



**GitOps** combines **Git** with **Kubernetes *programmatic* service deployment** properties and serves as an operating model for developing and delivering Kubernetes-based infrastructure and applications.

**We expect** to package the core infrastructure (e.g., removing the site-specific passwords and secret keys) as a Helm chart, which will support different configuration such as **opendata coffea-casa**, **ATLAS coffea-casa** or maybe **generic af-casa!**

- **Two AF facilities** with the possible outcome of adding more sites as soon as we gain experience



CMSAF @T2 Nebraska  
“Coffea-casa”  
<https://cmsaf-jh.unl.edu>



Elastic AF @ Fermilab

**Developed by:** Burt Holzman, Maria Acosta (FNAL)

- The prototype analysis facility at Nebraska, **Coffea-casa**, serves as an **effective prototype and demonstration of several technologies under development for use in HL-LHC analysis**;
- Coffea-casa demonstrates features such as efficient data access services, notebook interfaces, token authentication, and automatic, external cluster scaling;
- We believe an critical future feature will be access to a “**column service**”: the facility can be used to serve that “column” from a remote site;
- **Initial users have been testing the facility** to provide feedback and the team plans to distribute Coffea-casa products artifacts for use at other Kubernetes-based sites.

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# Thank you!



[Coffea-casa webpage](#)  
[GH discussions](#)

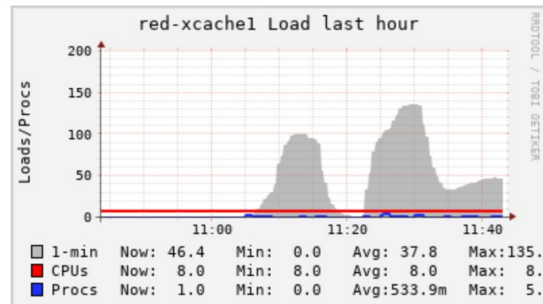
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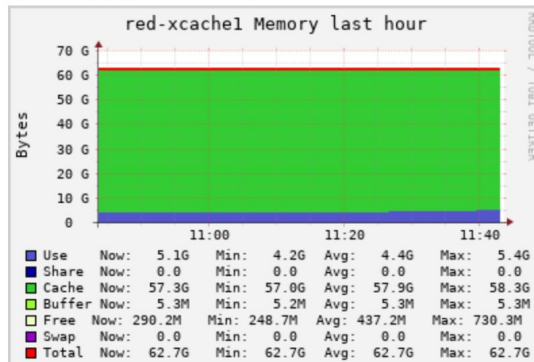
# Deploying XCache as a direct dependency

## Coffea-casa

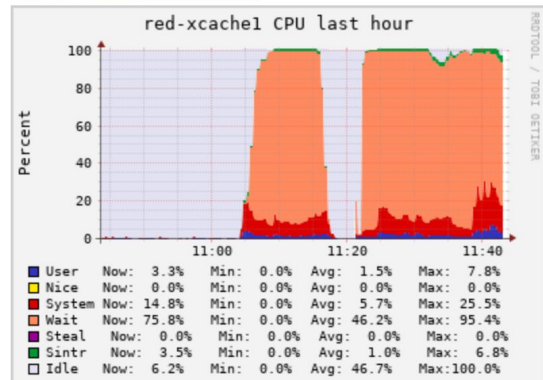
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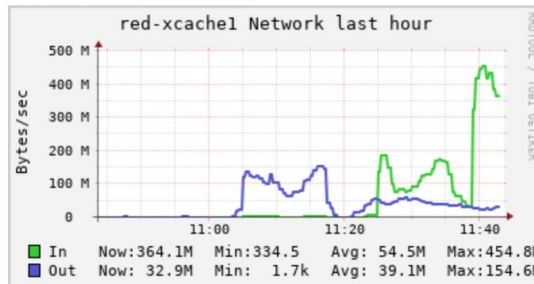
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- *XRootd file-based caching proxy* (known as Proxy File Cache (PFC) within XRootd code and documentation)
- **Already give visible performance improvement**
- Should be beneficial for datasets caching **in case of skimming**
- We are working on XCache Helm chart for easier deployment