

Using CMS Open Data in research — challenges and directions

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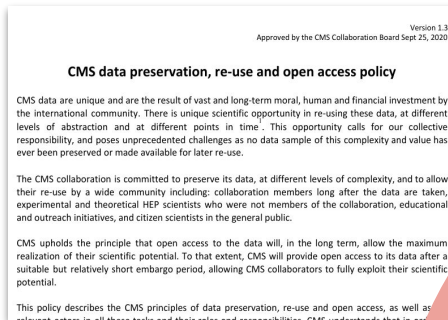
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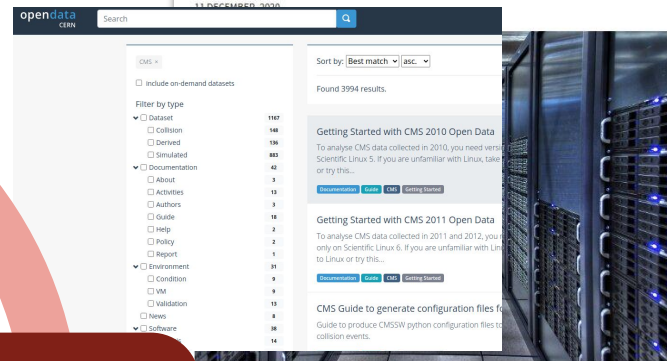
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Introduction



CMS Open Data releases

- Leading CERN's and LHC's efforts in open science
- > 2PB of data released since 2014 using the CERN Open Data Portal (CODP)

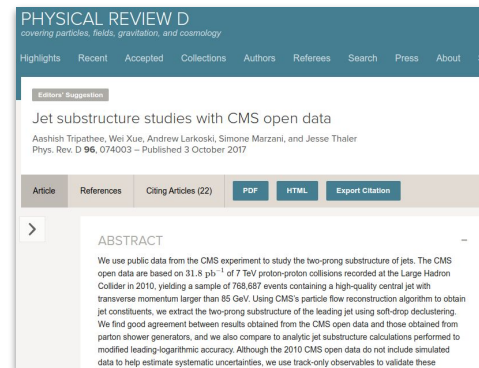


Feedback

- CERN Open Data Forum
- From comments in published articles
- From support email
- From Informal discussions

Usage in Research*

Topics include: standard model (SM) novel studies, re-measurements, searches beyond the SM, new methods and techniques (e.g., machine learning algos)

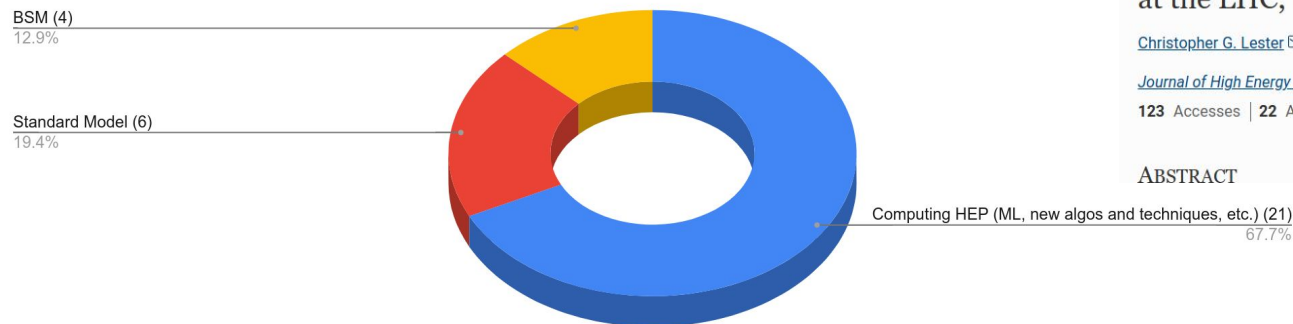


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Articles using CMS open data*

AREA	NUMBER OF ARTICLES (as of may 13, 2021)			
	Published in a journal	Arxiv only or submitted to a journal	Contribution to conferences	TOTAL
Computing HEP (ML, new algos and techniques, etc.)	8	5	8	21
Standard Model	5		1	6
BSM	2	2		4
TOTAL	15	7	9	31

ARTICLES USING CMS OPEN DATA



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Opportunities and challenges of Standard Model production cross section measurements in proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s}=8$ TeV using CMS Open Data

A. Apyan¹, W. Cuzzo², M. Klute², Y. Saito², M. Schott^{2,3} and B. Sintayehu²

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Searching in CMS open data for dimuon resonances with substantial transverse momentum

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Regular Article - Experimental Physics | [Open Access](#) | Published: 16 December 2019

Testing non-standard sources of parity violation in jets at the LHC, trialled with CMS Open Data

[Christopher G. Lester](#) & [Matthias Schott](#)

[Journal of High Energy Physics](#) 2019, Article number: 120 (2019) | [Cite this article](#)

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ABSTRACT

Computing HEP (ML, new algos and techniques, etc.) (21)
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CMS open data



Release Policy

- Some embargo time and restrictions apply.
- Start of release after a few years of the end of data taking
- Most of Run 1 data released



Data Format

- Analysis Object Data (AOD) format
- Based on ROOT and CMSSW
- Research quality
- Slimmer miniAOD and nanoAOD used and foreseen in Run 2.



Data products

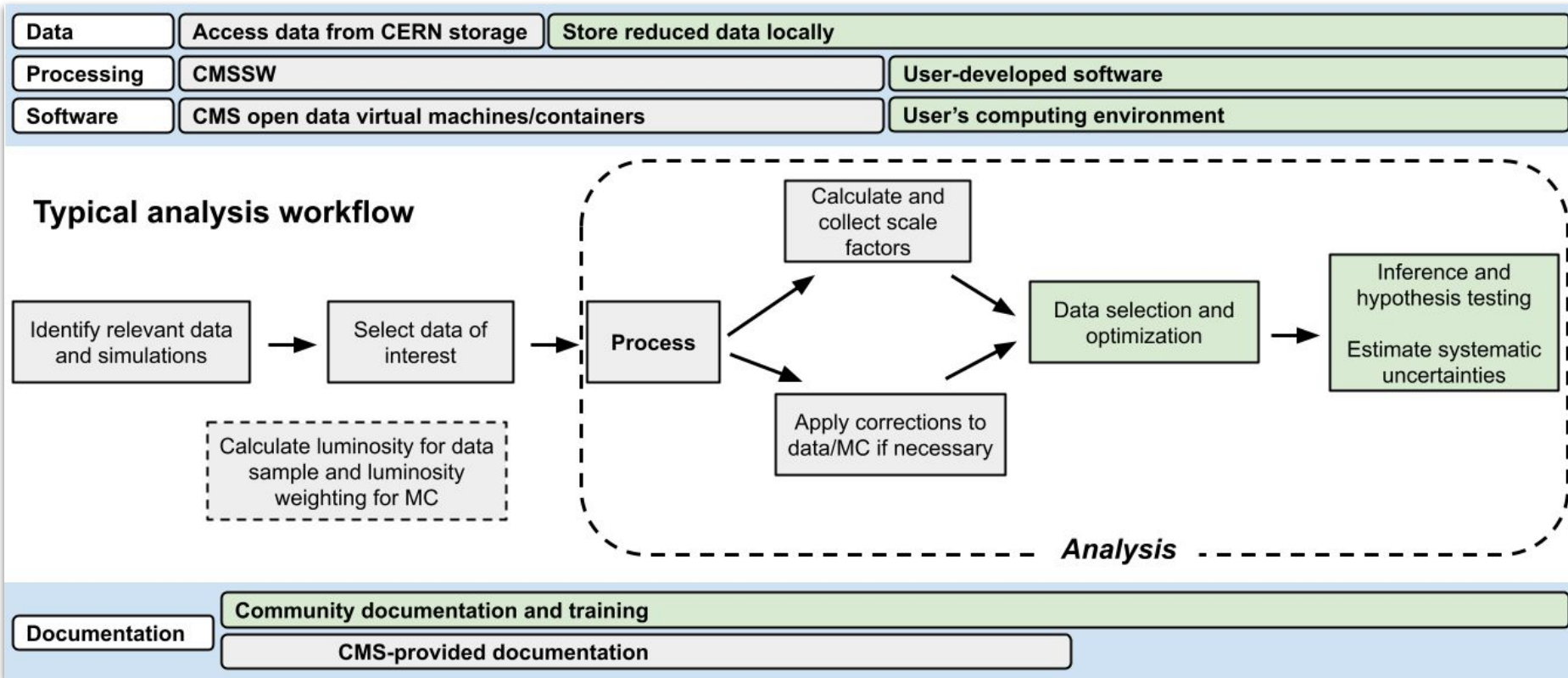
- Collision Data
- Simulated Data (MC)



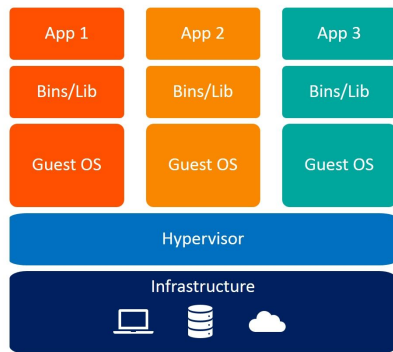
Software and Associated products

- CMSSW
- Data Quality
- Conditions database (alignment, calibration, etc)
- Luminosity information
- Examples (some with automated workflows) and topical guide pages

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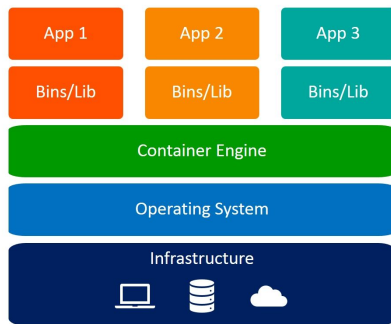


Using CMS open data



Virtual Machines

- Based on CernVM
- Quick first access
- CMSSW dependencies accessed through CVMFS
- Challenging to scale up for full analysis



Containers

- Different kind of images provided
- CVMFS may be dispensed with
- Layered file system makes it easier to maintain and preserve (Gitlab CI).
- Easier to use in batch compute systems.

Data Access:
XRootD
(remote) or
http/XRootD
(download).

VM or Docker
container
(CMSSW)

Condition
Data
(alignment,
calibration,
etc.) through
CVMFS.

User feedback and challenges

Data Complexity

- Objects defined in CMSSW (C++) classes (AOD)
- Multiple definitions of physics objects
- Pile up
- Selection efficiencies, fake rates, calibrations, corrections
- Triggers, datasets, duplicate events
- Info overload and superfluous data

Software Complexity

- Complexity of CMSSW (object properties are C++ classes)
- Difficult to navigate
- ROOT structures
- Difficulty to deal with legacy versions
- Procedures very analysis-specific

Documentation
And
Extended
Examples

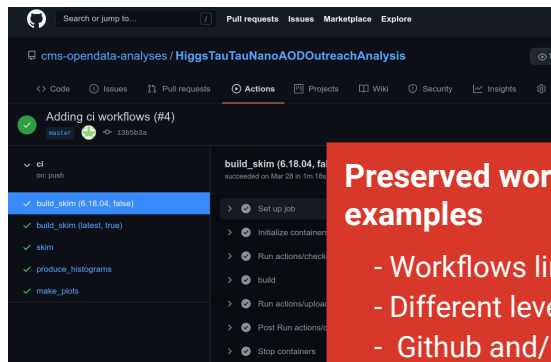
Scalability

- Order of TB datasets
- Batch/parallel needed
- Slow development cycle

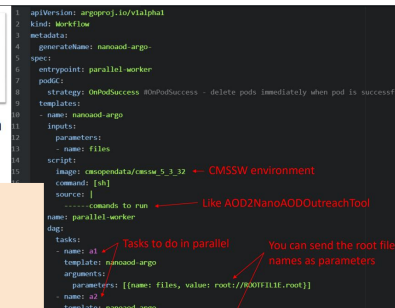
Long-term usability

- CMS Run 1 open data fully dependent on CMSSW-compatible environment
- VMs and containers not completely independent of computing progress: require maintenance
- nanoAOD format (slimmer and better for long term) not yet available for Run 1.

Measures to improve usability



- Easy way to manage a workflow inside Kubernetes clusters



Preserved workflows as examples

- Workflows linked from CODP
- Different levels of complexity
- Github and/or GitLab CI/CD
- Usage of Kubernetes/minikube
- Some workflows executed in

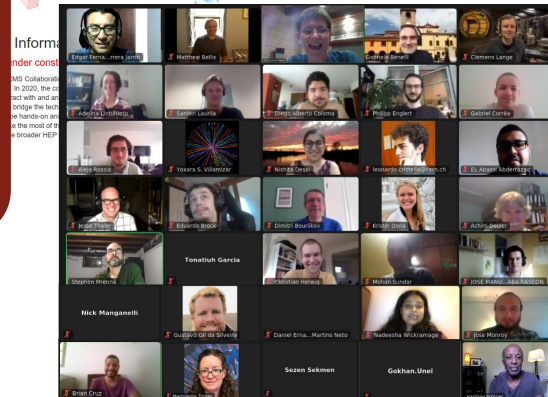
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Data analysis in the cloud

- Usage of scalable commercial clusters
- Simplify and test workflows on Kubernetes cloud clusters
- Test cloud local data download (via XRootD) and local cached CVMFS server

Documentation and Training

- Twiki pages, CODP records, Github code available but difficult
- Analysis examples in CODP hard to navigate
- CMS Open Data Guide
- Since 2020, regular hands-on workshops and training events



Summary and Outlook

- CMS has **spearheaded** CERN's open data efforts
- CMS open data have been **successfully used** in original scientific research (jet physics, sm measurements, new methods and algorithms)
- Usage of these data has opened opportunities for deeper **collaboration** between theorists and experimentalists
- **Limitations and challenges** have been identified from user feedback and self assessment:
 - Information extraction from data, procedures, documentation and examples.
- Measures (within limited person-power capabilities) are being taken in order to **improve usability**:
 - Better (automated) implementation of workflows, cloud computing, CMS Open Data Guide and training events.
- CMS will maintain its **commitment** to open data and open science
- Next CMS Open Data **Workshop**, July 19-22, 2021. Registrations open: <https://indico.cern.ch/e/CmsODW2021>