

# LHCb computing activities and requests for 2023/24

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# Outline

- Usage of resources in 2021/22
- The upgrade computing model and other developments
- Plans for 2023 and beyond

# Usage of resources in 2021/22

# Requests and pledges for 2021

The LHCb requests for 2021, scrutinized by the cRSG, were reported in [LHCb-PUB-2020-001](#)

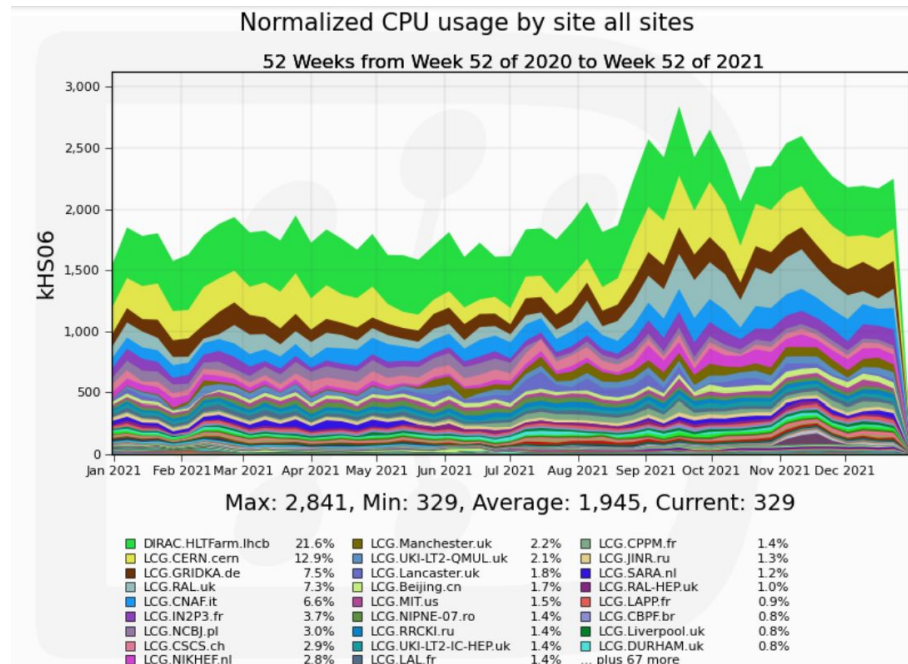
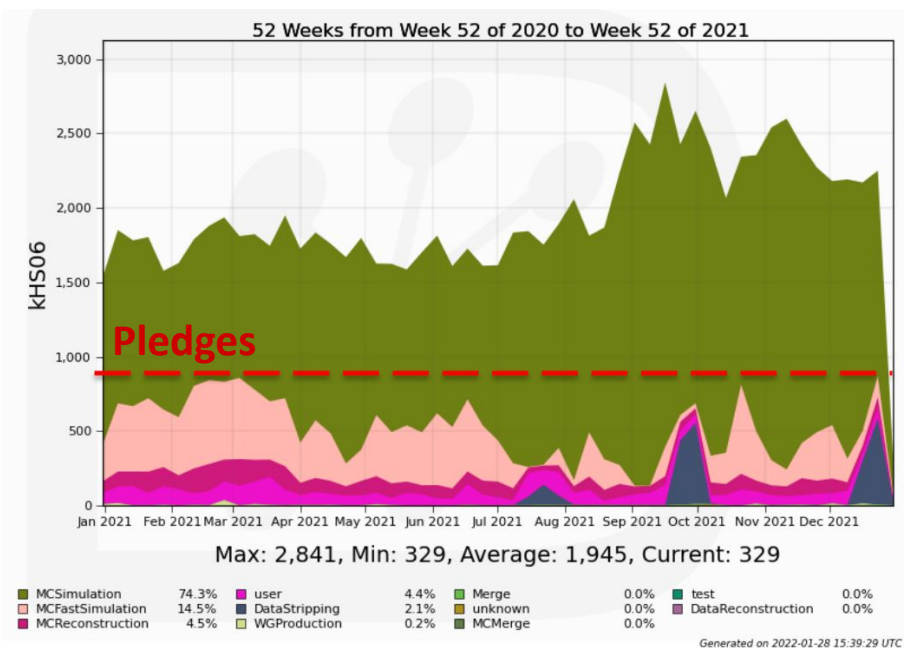
Resource usage for 2021 is detailed in the public document [LHCb-PUB-2022-011](#)

Pledges from different sites were taken from [WLCG-CRIC](#)

| 2021              | CPU (kHS06) |            |              | Disk (PB)   |             |              | Tape (PB)    |              |              |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                   | Req.        | Pledged    | Pled./Req.   | Req.        | Pledged     | Pled./Req.   | Req.         | Pledged      | Pled./Req.   |
| <b>Tier 0</b>     | 175         | 175        | 100.0%       | 18.8        | 18.8        | 100.0%       | 44.0         | 44.0         | 100.0%       |
| <b>Tier 1</b>     | 574         | 470        | 81.9%        | 37.6        | 33.9        | 90.1%        | 76.0         | 64.7         | 85.1%        |
| <b>Tier 2</b>     | 321         | 289        | 90.0%        | 7.2         | 6.0         | 83.0%        | n/a          | n/a          | -            |
| <b>Total WLCG</b> | 1070        | 934        | 87.3%        | 63.7        | 58.7        | 92.2%        | 120.0        | 108.7        | 90.6%        |
| <b>HLT EFF</b>    |             | 50         |              |             |             |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1070</b> | <b>984</b> | <b>92.0%</b> | <b>63.7</b> | <b>58.7</b> | <b>92.2%</b> | <b>120.0</b> | <b>108.7</b> | <b>90.6%</b> |

# Usage of CPU resources

In 2021 we had limited reprocessing needs, most CPU (> 93%) devoted to Simulation jobs. Significant contribution (21.6%) from HLT EFF (*not available for simulation next year*).



# WLCG accounting (WAU)

Average power used:

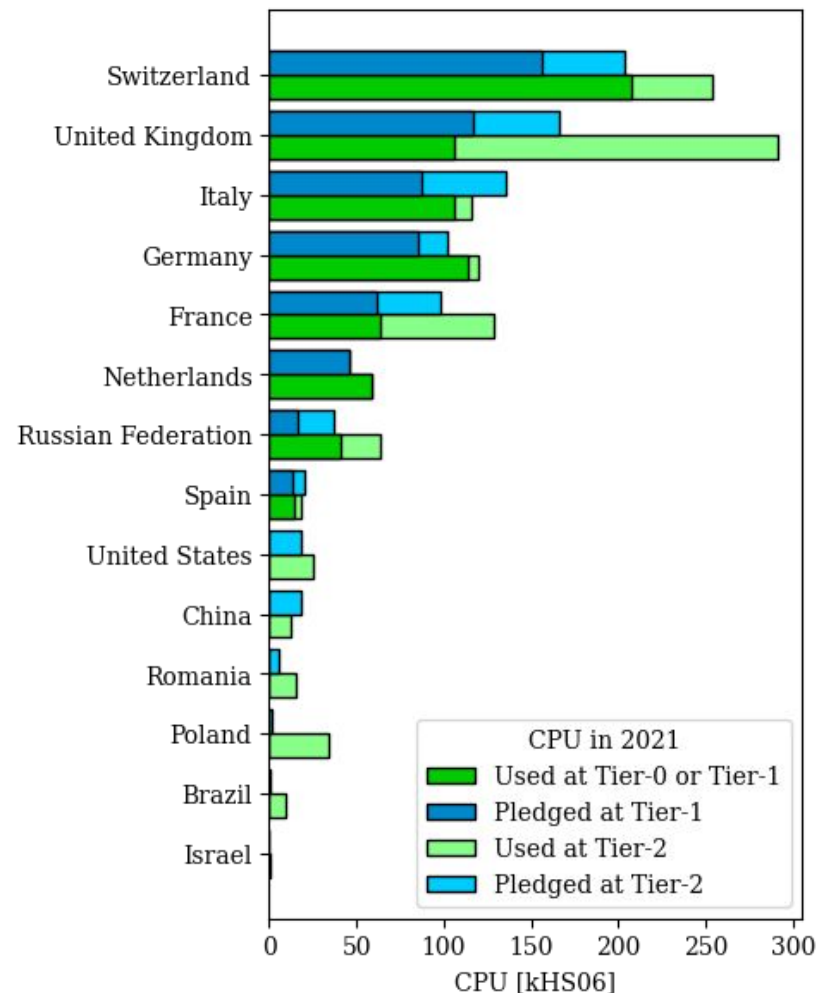
at Tier-0 and Tier-1 sites, **122%** of the pledges;

at Tier-2, **160%** of the pledges.

In terms of operations, Simulation jobs can run independently on **Tier-0**, **Tier-1** and **Tier-2** sites.

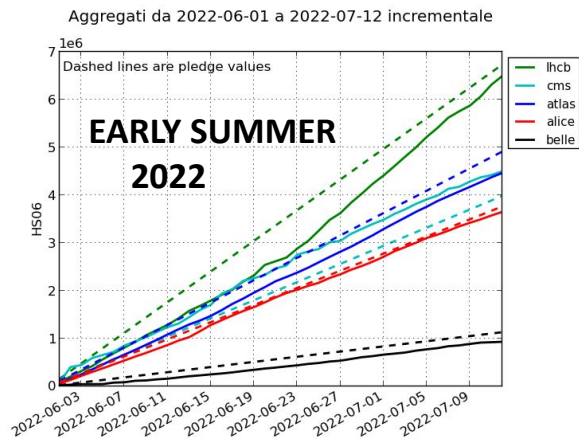
In addition, in Italy, Tier-2 CPU is mostly allocated at CNAF, and is identical to Tier-1 resources.

In total, LHCb used **1145 kHS06** from WLCG resources plus **380 kHS06** from non-WLCG sites (mainly HLT EFF).

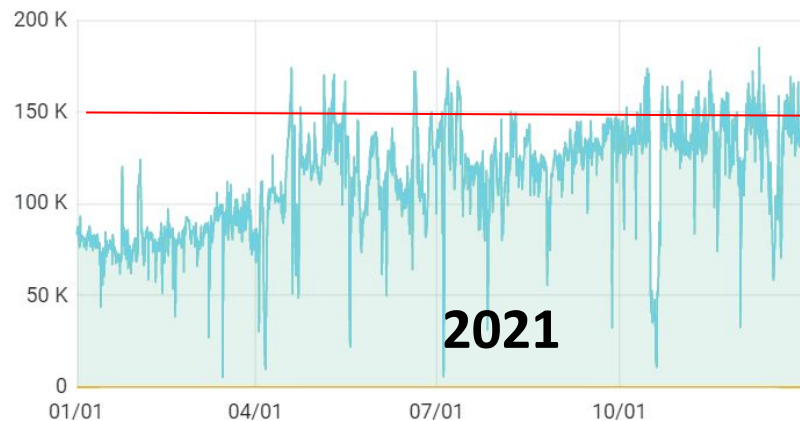


# CPU usage at CNAF

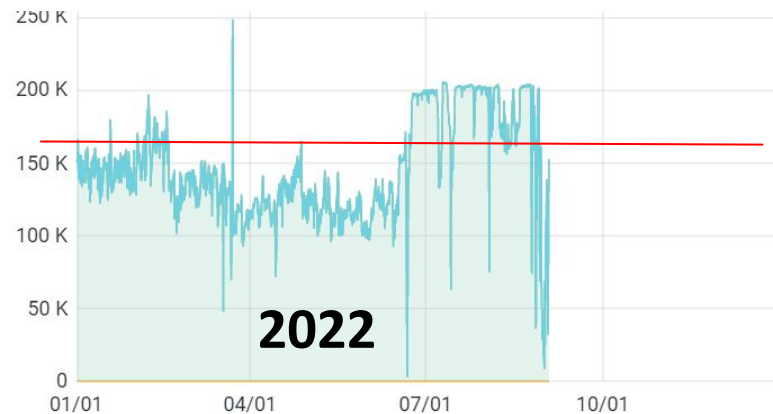
LHCb running slightly under pledge in 2021 and first half of 2022, before getting CINECA CPU up and running, with which we are recovering quickly.



lhcb - HS06



hs06 Avg: 112 K    hs06\_mc Avg: 0    hs06\_sc Avg: 112 K

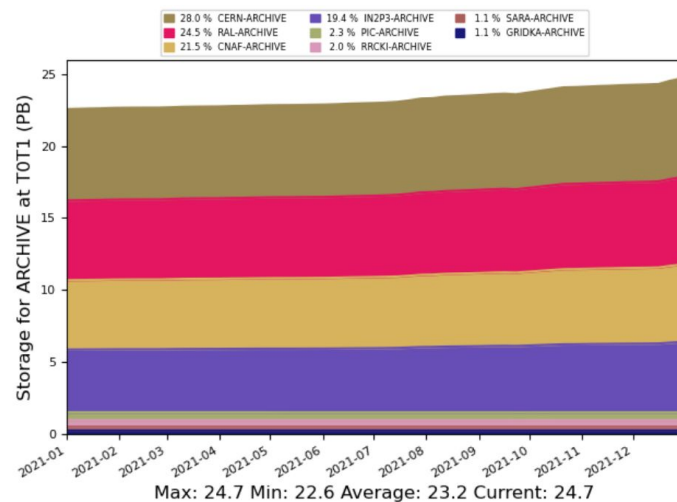
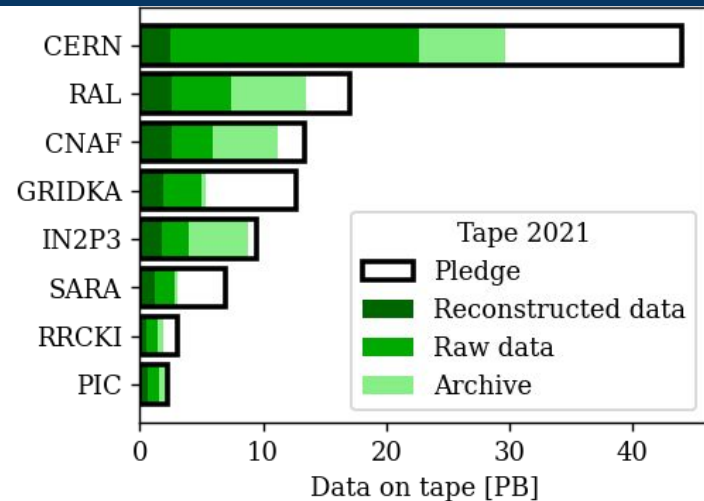


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# Tape usage as of December 2021

Minor increase in tape storage during 2021, mostly due to steady archiving of less-popular datasets.

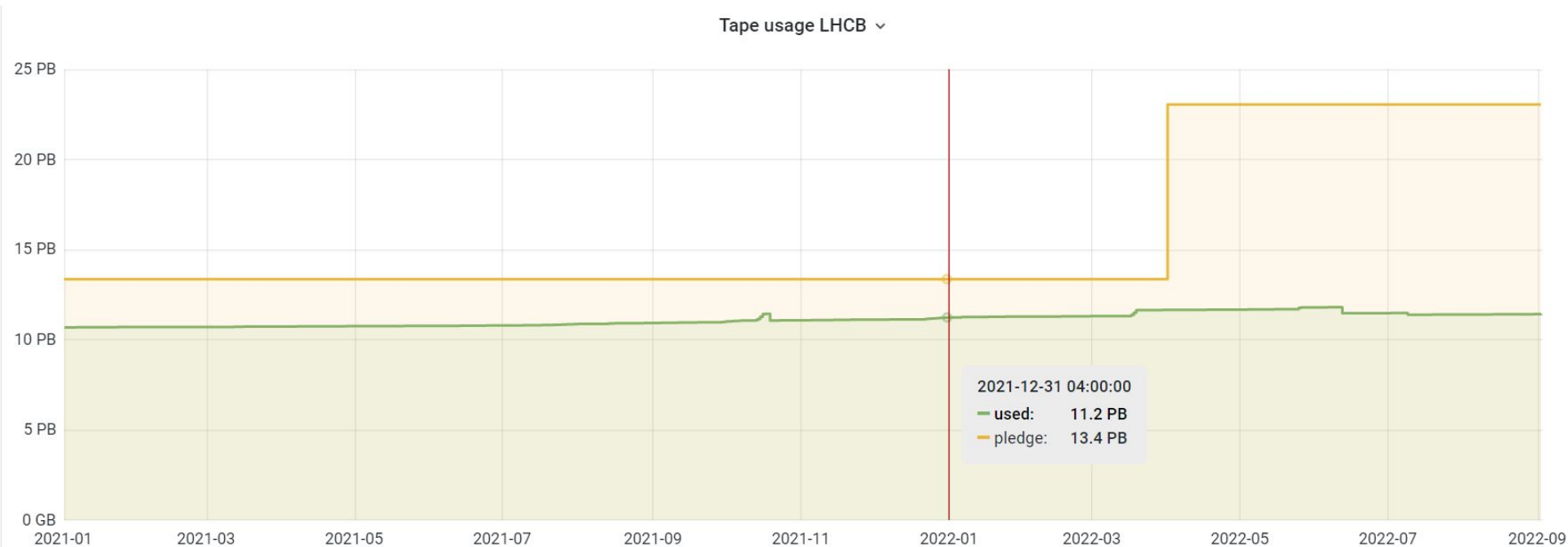
Delays in the LHC schedule resulted into a tape occupancy 37% lower than the original 120 PB requested.





# Tape usage

Increase in pledge should be followed by an increase of stored data, that will hopefully start flushing soon.

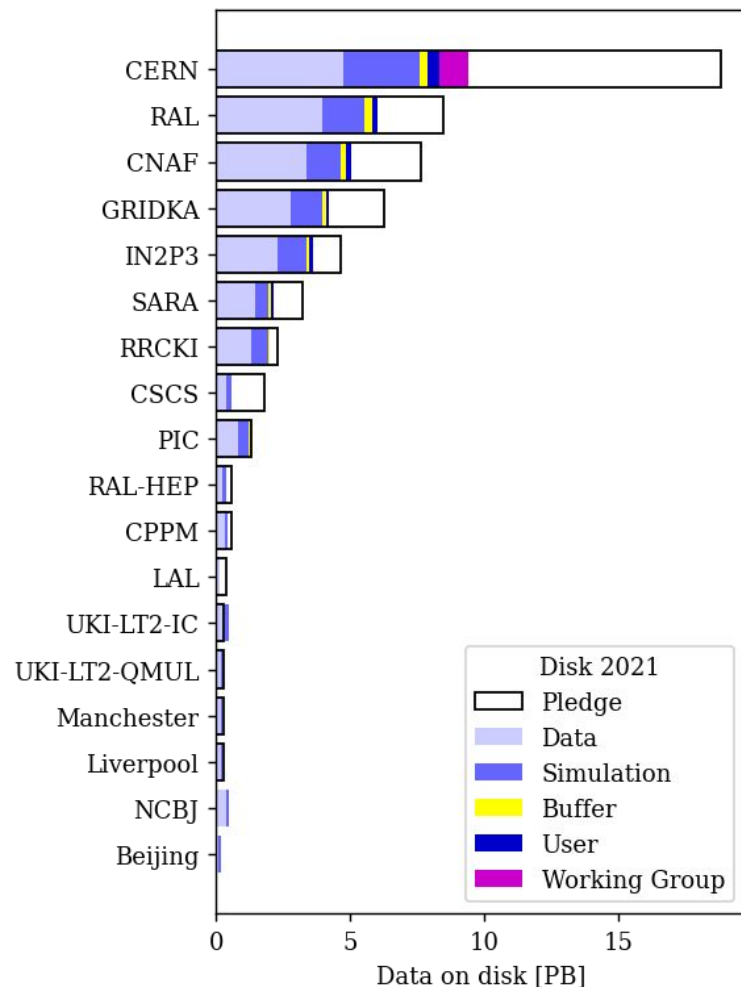


# Disk usage

- Analysis-level datasets [Data]
- Simulated datasets [Simulation]
- Analysis-level nTuples [User]
- Buffer space for temporary files [Buffer]

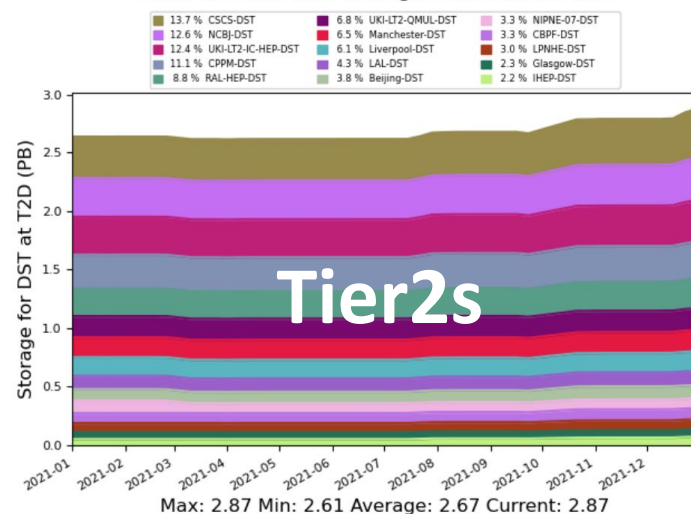
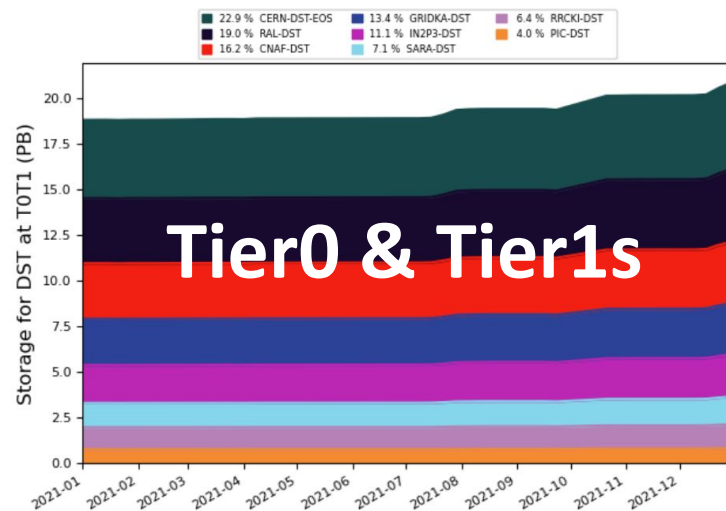
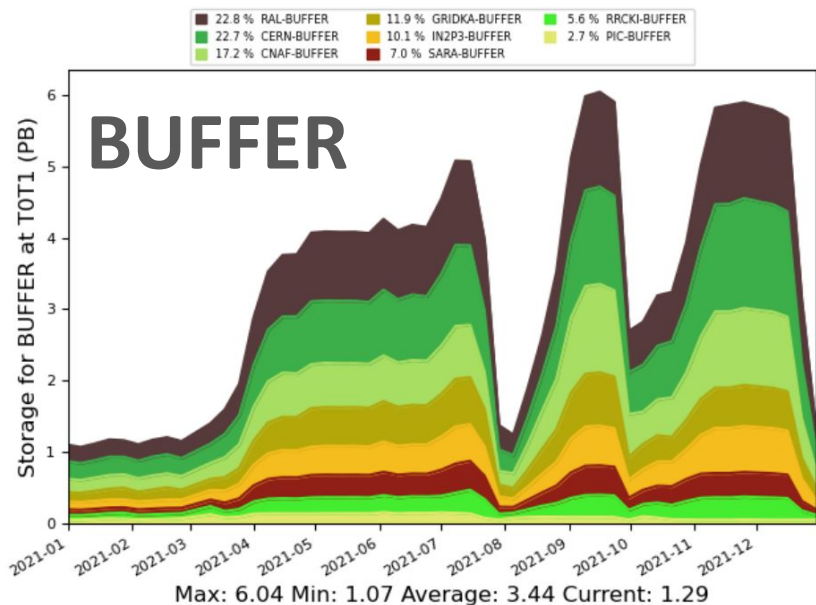
EOS is also used to store large datasets for interactive analysis of relevance for a whole Physics Analysis Working Group.

In the end of 2021 calendar year, LHCb was using **39.2 PB** of disk space, 28% lower than the available disk space of **54.6 PB**.



# Disk usage: *Real data*

Mild increase of the disk usage due to incremental restripping campaigns.

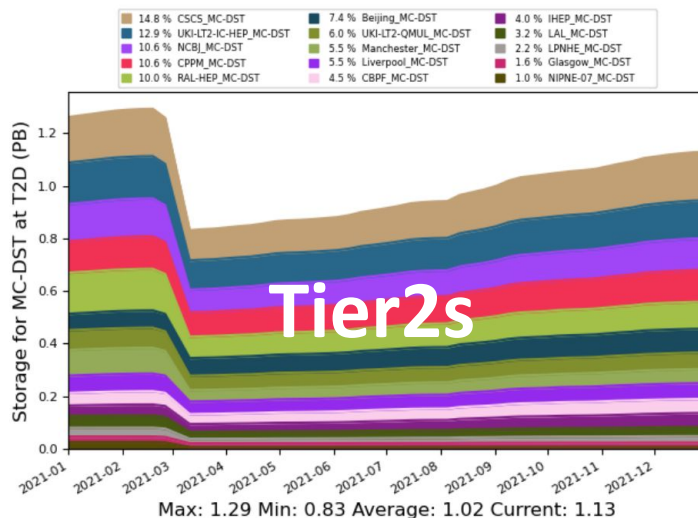
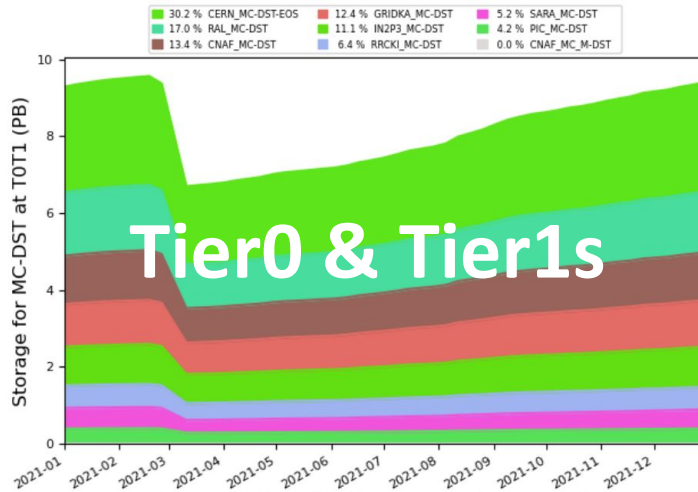


# Simulated datasets

Volume of simulated datasets increases steadily as new events are simulated.

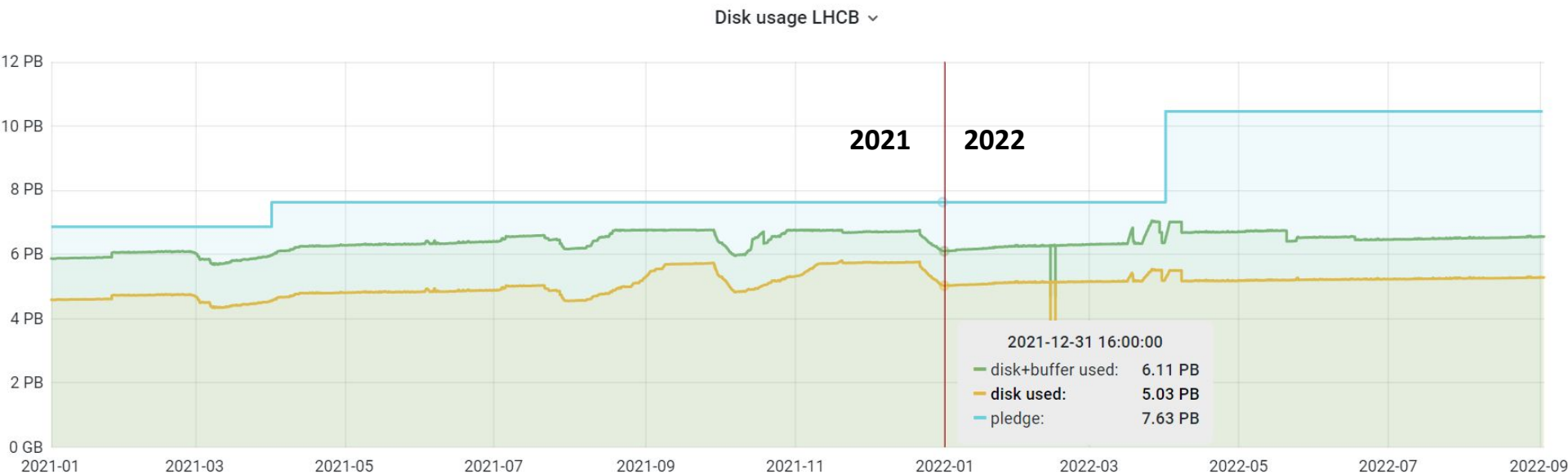
Major cleanup campaign performed in March 2021 perfectly balanced the newly generated events (3 PB).

A small fraction of the deleted datasets was retrieved from tape later in a semi-automatic way.



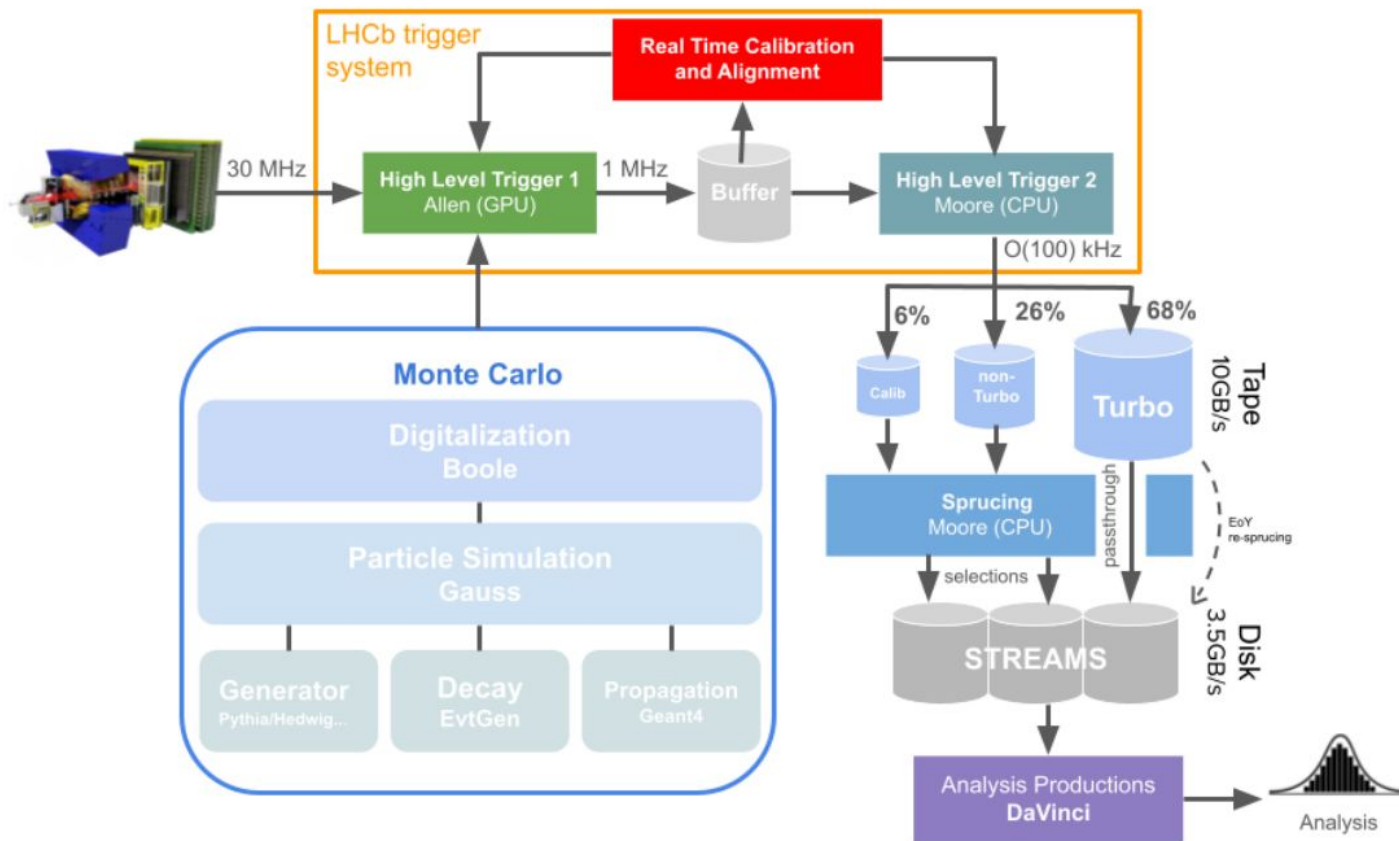
# Disk usage at CNAF

As for tape, we expect a disk usage to rapidly increase with new data flushing in.

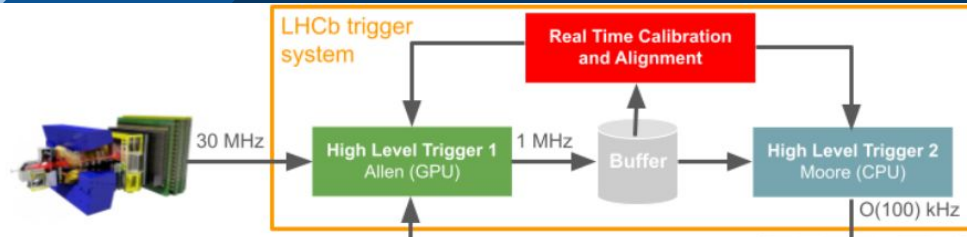


# The upgrade computing model and other developments

# Upgrade computing model



# Trigger system



LHCb will run without a hardware trigger stage, using a farm of GPUs to perform an upfront “fast” reconstruction at 30 MHz. Software Project: *Allen*

Events passing a first loose preselection are stored on the local disk (**Buffer**) of the trigger farm and are used for online *calibration* and *alignment*.

Finally, the selected events are processed with the full reconstruction and selection algorithms on the CPU *Event Filter Farm*. Software Project: *Moore*

The trigger output is a set of collection of events organized in streams:

- **Turbo:** decay candidates completely processed at trigger level
- **Non-Turbo:** (parts of) events that require additional combinatorics before analysis, e.g. inclusive lines
- **Calib:** full events targeting detector studies and calibration of the simulation

10 GB/s



# Offline data processing

*Non-Turbo* and *Calib* streams are processed (**Sprucing**)

Software project: *Moore*

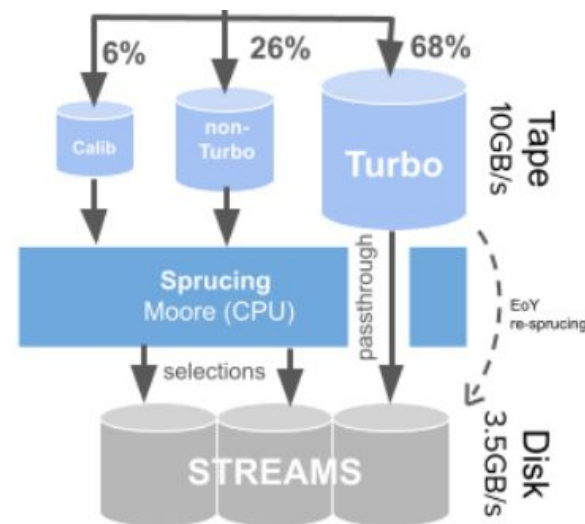
*Sprucing* runs at Tier-0 and at Tier-1s, during data taking.

While sprucing input is **archived on tape** in two copies:  
Tier-0 + one Tier-1 to allow for legacy reprocessing.

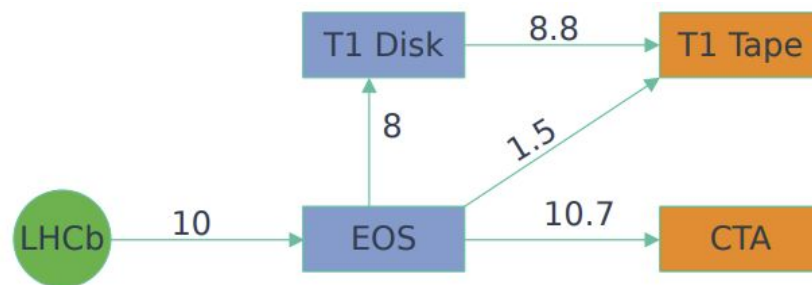
Sprucing output (3.5 GB/s) is kept on disk where produced.

This results in **severe constraints** on both the amount of **available tape resources** and the bandwidth for **WRITE-ON-TAPE** operations.

*CNAF, Ferrara, Firenze*

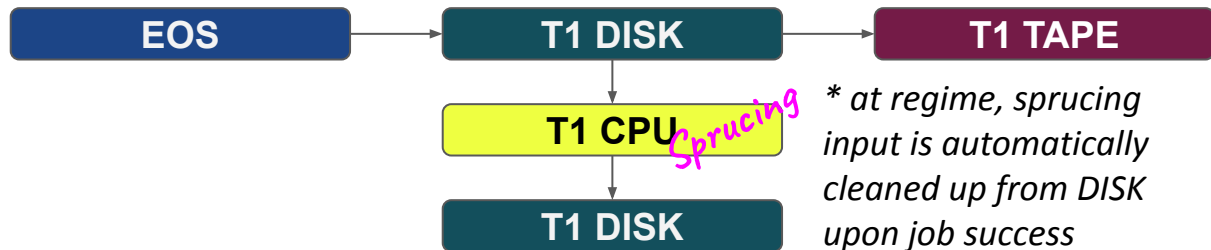


**Bandwidths in GB/s**

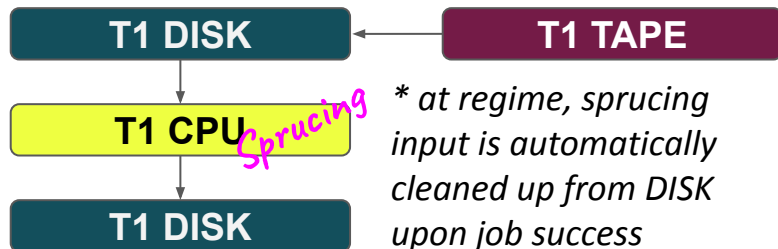


# Offline data processing at Tier-1s

During data-taking:



During re-sprucing:

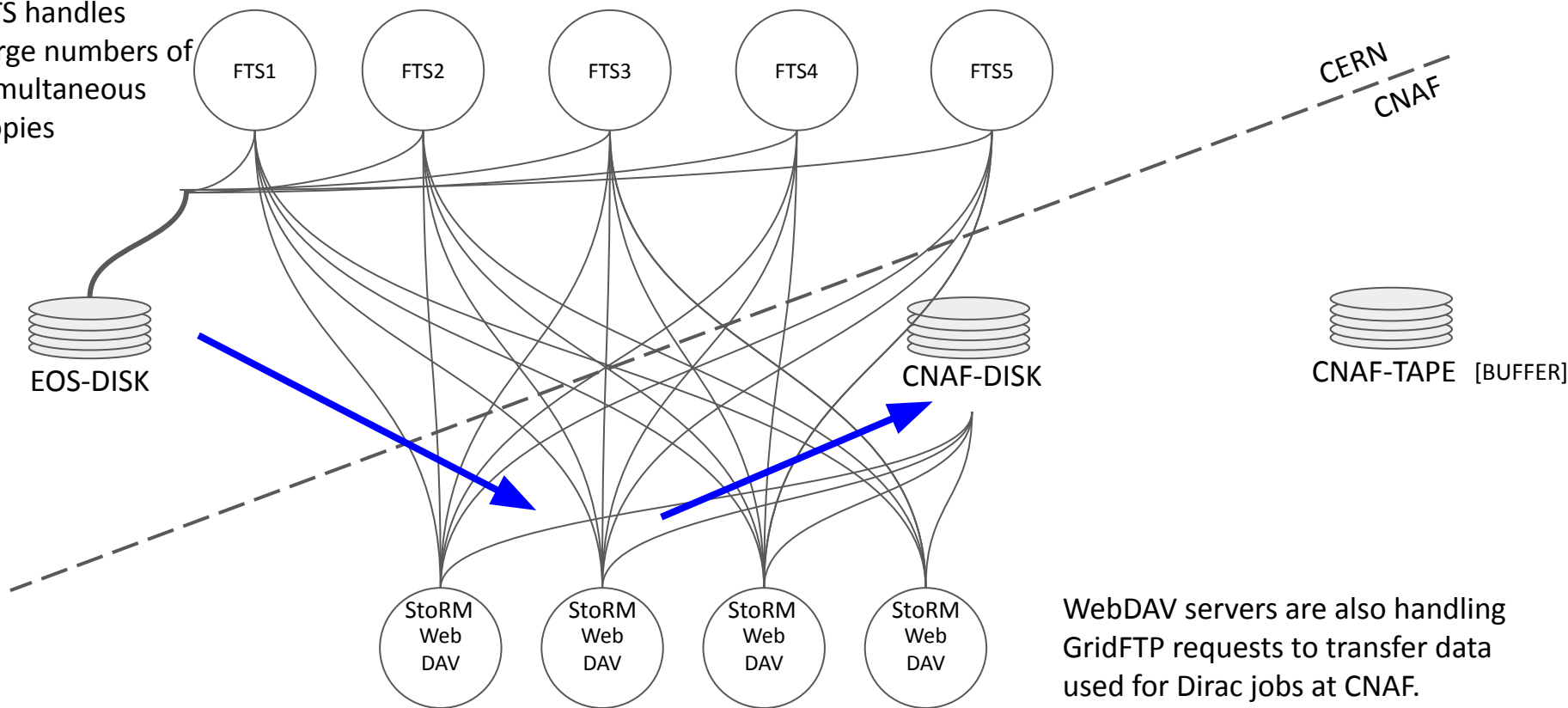


## LHCb bandwidth expectations

|        | WRITE<br>GB/s | READ<br>GB/s |
|--------|---------------|--------------|
| CERN   | 11            |              |
| CNAF   | 1.72          | 1.35         |
| GRIDKA | 2.23          | 1.36         |
| IN2P3  | 1.25          | 0.98         |
| NCBJ   | 1.32          | 0.91         |
| PIC    | 0.2           | 0.17         |
| RAL    | 2.96          | 1.93         |
| RRCKI  | 0.25          | 0.21         |
| SARA   | 1.07          | 0.74         |

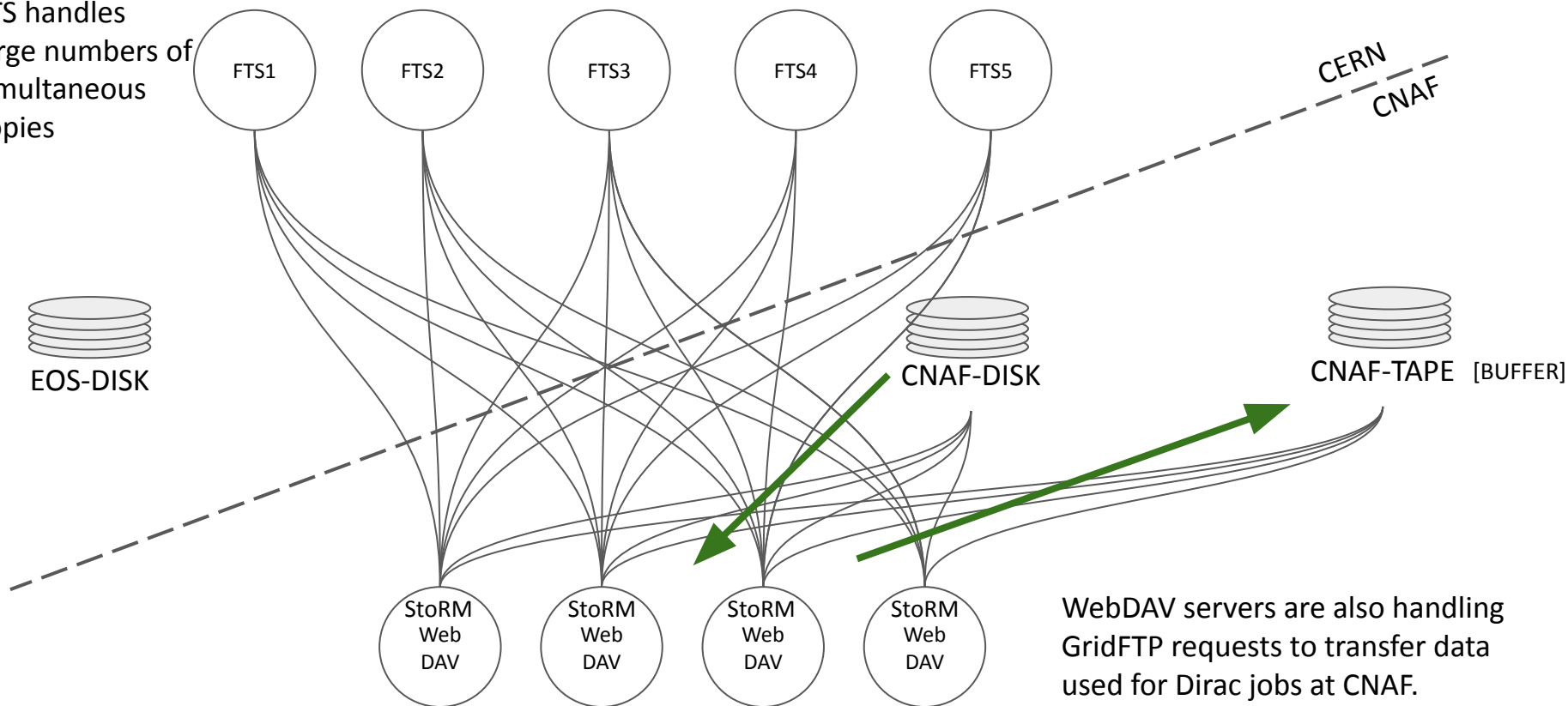
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WebDAV servers are also handling GridFTP requests to transfer data used for Dirac jobs at CNAF.

## Validation runs (*tape challenges*)

A **first validation** run was performed in **Dec. '21** copying manually (without WebDAV) data to disk and tape.

**CNAF well above requirements** (up to 5.16 GB/s).

**Second tape challenge**, involving the full setup, in **March '22**.

**Read bandwidth** immediately reached without issues.

Write bandwidth was basically acceptable, but with a **huge error-rate** (75% copies failed)

**Third dedicated run**, involving the full setup with max. verbosity, in **June'22**.

Confirmed the bottleneck is in the WebDAV endpoints that gets contacted multiple times per copy to handle the authentication and authorization process.

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# Readiness of CNAF

## WebDAV endpoints are our bottleneck at CNAF.

Ongoing effort to move data access from the Condor jobs to POSIX to lighten WebDAV.

Dedicating nodes to WebDAV, only, and assigning all other protocols to a **single node** results into a significant improvement.

Connections with **FTS** and **WebDAV** developers seeking for **improvements software-side**. Several packages were updated during the summer.

**Improvements of the hardware** are also being considered.

**A further test would be beneficial, we are trying to fit it in the LHCb & CNAF schedules.**

# Readiness of other sites

Both read and write tests adequate for 2022 data taking.

At regime, limitations at RAL, NCBJ and CNAF may become relevant.

The LHCb Computing Project is following up with these sites to monitor the evolution of the infrastructure.

| Site   | expected Speed (GB/s) | Target achieved |
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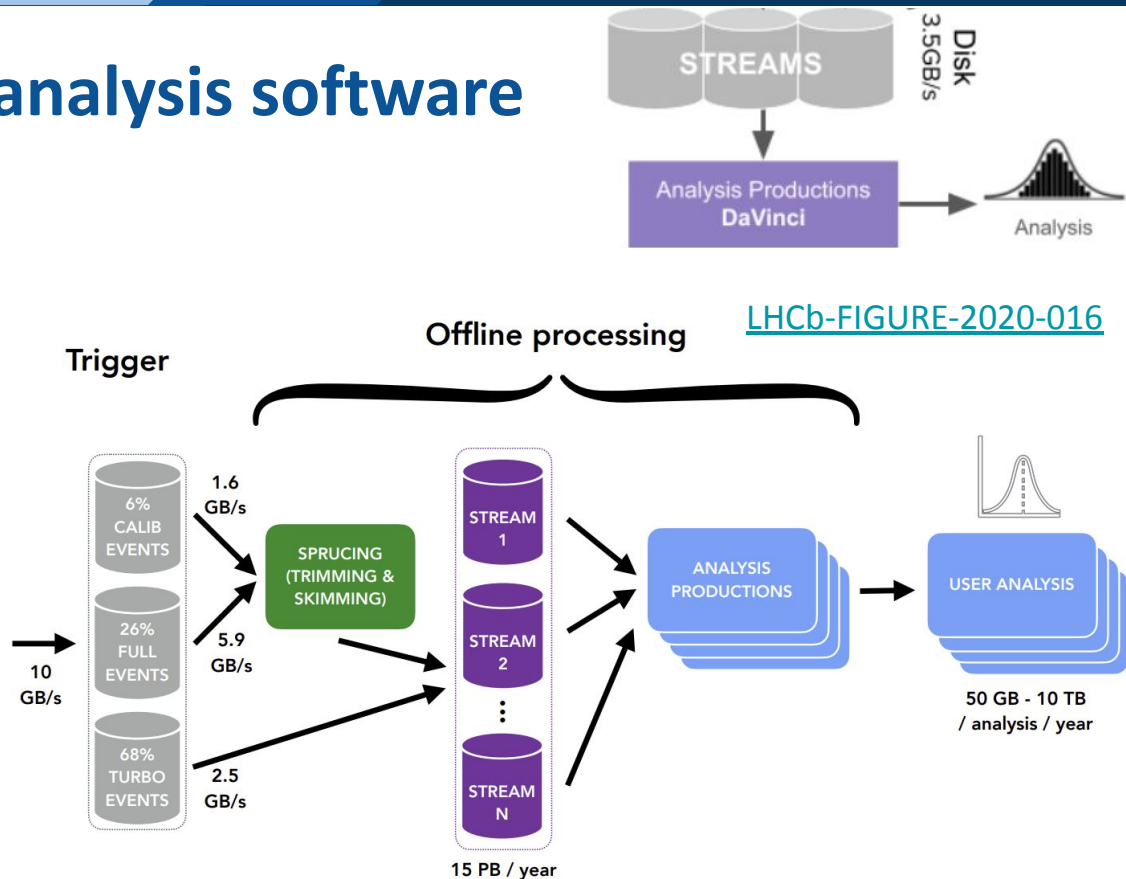
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| SARA   | 0.74                  | Yes     |

# Modernization of the analysis software

Analysis software package (DaVinci) rewritten from scratch.

Focus on centralized nTuple production, improving:

- CI/CD-based job validation
- reusability of the output
- data & analysis preservation
- job monitoring



Standardizing the **output data format to nTuples** and extending the application of **functors**, the new DaVinci will be *easier to maintain*, *more open to contributions* and *manageable* as other Computing Operation tasks.



# Getting ready for new technologies

## GPUs

*Padova, Firenze, Ferrara*

Ongoing effort to access Marconi100 GPUs with DIRAC. Two ways explored:

- Custom DIRAC Computing Element
- Dedicated CNAF Computing Element submitting the jobs to CNAF (thanks to CNAF, CMS and ATLAS colleagues for setting this up)



Workflow management systems based on **kubernetes** and **snakemake** on INFN Cloud are also being explored to employ GPU nodes for a subset of tasks, only.



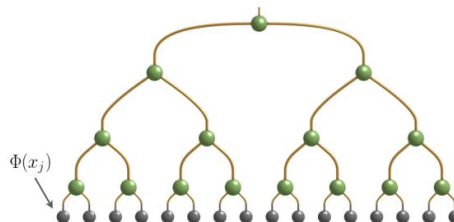
*Urbino*

## Quantum technologies

Quantum-computing algorithms can play a role even before having access to a real quantum computer.

For example, a  $b$ -jet charge identification classifier based on quantum machine learning was submitted in February.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.13943>

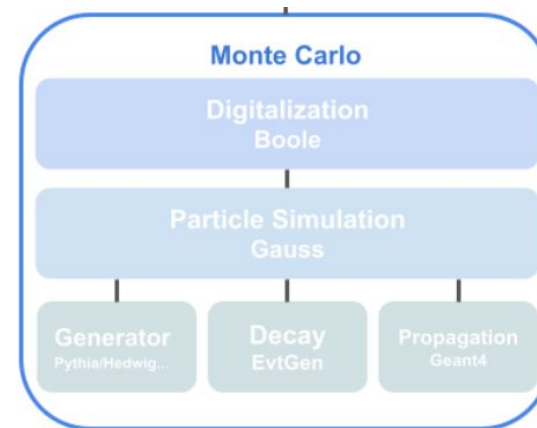


*Padova*

# Faster Simulations

⚠ CPU pledges for producing simulated samples won't be sufficient to cope with the MC requests expected for Run3: **need for speed-up the simulation production.**

Developments split in two pillars (more details [here](#)):



## [FastSim] Accelerate Geant4-based simulation

- Upgrade of the simulation framework
- **Drop sub-detectors** from simulation (e.g. track-only simulation)
- Avoid simulating parts of the event (**ReDecay**)
- **Parameterize** some energy deposits instead of relying on Geant4 (e.g. hit library, CaloGAN)

## [UltraFastSim] Avoid using Geant4 in simulation

Parameterize the **reconstructed quantities** given the MCTrue values. Provide both:

- a pipeline of parameterizations describing the whole event (the new **Lamarr** framework)
- tools for completing or cross-checking Fast Simulation options

# Requests for 2023

# LHC running scenario and LHCb plans

Further **delay of the LHC due to the pandemic situation** resulted into a reassessment of the needs for computing resources in 2022.

In particular, *storage resources for 2022 were overestimated* as the expected integrated luminosity at the end of 2022 is **5.7 times lower than previous expectations**.

CPU (and to some extent, disk) resources will also reduce as the need for Run3-simulated samples, driving the requests, is postponed.

For **2023**, given the LHC schedule, we expect:

- **12 fb<sup>-1</sup> of proton-proton collision data**
- requests for ion-ion collisions have been shifted from 2022 to 2023, but their amount is unchanged

# CPU requests

Sprucing CPU demand  
assuming consistent with  
Run2-stripping

Parametric simulation expected  
to contribute negligibly in 2023

Core and distributed computing infrastructure used mainly for for CI/CD.

User analysis and WG productions expected to scale as  $\frac{\text{CPU}(\text{Run3})}{\text{CPU}(\text{Run2})} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathcal{L}(\text{Run3})}{\mathcal{L}(\text{Run2})}$

thanks to the important effort in code optimization and centralized WG productions.

| CPU Work in WLCG year (kHS06.years)           | 2022<br>LHCb-PUB-<br>2021-002 | 2023<br>LHCb-PUB-<br>2021-008 | 2023<br>THIS<br>DOCUMENT |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| First pass sprucing                           | 80                            | 80                            | 80                       |
| End-of-year sprucing                          | 80                            | 80                            | 80                       |
| Simulation                                    | 870                           | 1800                          | 1010                     |
| Core and distributed computing infrastructure | 10                            | 10                            | 10                       |
| User Analysis and working group productions   | 220                           | 330                           | 240                      |
| <b>Total Work (kHS06.years)</b>               | <b>1260</b>                   | <b>2300</b>                   | <b>1410</b>              |
| LHCb-TDR-018                                  | 1580                          | 2750                          |                          |

**Overall, a 24% increment over the 2022 pledges is requested.**

# CPU requests

We assume HLT farm will be partly available during the winter shutdowns and similar contributions from opportunistic resources as in the past.

The corresponding computing power is subtracted from the requests to WLCG.

Distribution through different Tiers remains the same as described in [LHCb-PUB-2013-002](#).

| CPU Power (kHS06)     | 2022        | 2023        |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tier 0                | 189         | 215         |
| Tier 1                | 622         | 705         |
| Tier 2                | 345         | 395         |
| <b>Total WLCG</b>     | <b>1156</b> | <b>1315</b> |
| HLT farm              | 50          | 50          |
| Opportunistic         | 50          | 50          |
| <b>Total non-WLCG</b> | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>  |
| <b>Grand total</b>    | <b>1256</b> | <b>1415</b> |

# Disk requests

Run1-2 data will not evolve.  
Same for simulation.

Most resources to keep  
analysis-level datasets (FULL +  
TURBO) readily available for  
nTupling (WG productions).

11 PB of disk space reserved for staging 44 PB of data  
from tape during “re-sprucing”. Corresponding to a  
two-month procedure with 2-week contingency.

Today: 6 PB over a period of 5 months.

| Disk storage usage forecast (PB) |                       | 2022<br>LHCb-PUB-<br>2021-002 |       | 2023<br>LHCb-2021-008 |       | 2023<br>This document |      |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|
| Real data                        | Run1+Run2 pp data     | 10.2                          | 65.9  | 10.2                  | 114.6 | 10.2                  | 78.8 |
|                                  | Run1+Run2 PbPb + SMOG |                               |       |                       |       |                       |      |
|                                  | Run3: FULL            | 13.7                          |       | 27.4                  |       | 16.2                  |      |
|                                  | Run3: TURBO           | 30.3                          |       | 60.6                  |       | 35.7                  |      |
|                                  | Run3: TURCAL          | 3.7                           |       | 7.4                   |       | 4.4                   |      |
|                                  | Run3: Minimum bias    | 2.4                           |       | 0.0                   |       | 0.0                   |      |
|                                  | Run3: PbPb + SMOG2    | 5.6                           | 8.9   | 11.2                  |       |                       |      |
| Simulated data                   | Run1+Run2 Sim. Data   | 8.7                           | 11.0  | 8.7                   | 14.9  | 8.7                   | 11.5 |
|                                  | Run3 simulated data   | 2.2                           |       | 6.2                   |       | 2.8                   |      |
| Other                            | User data             | 1.8                           | 12.8  | 2.4                   | 13.4  | 2.4                   | 13.4 |
|                                  | Buffers               | 11.0                          |       | 11.0                  |       | 11.0                  |      |
| <b>Total</b>                     |                       | <b>89.6</b>                   |       | <b>142.9</b>          |       | <b>102.5</b>          |      |
| LHCb-TDR-018                     |                       |                               | 111.0 |                       | 159.0 |                       |      |

| Disk (PB)    | 2022        | 2023         |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Tier0        | 26.5        | 30.3         |
| Tier1        | 52.9        | 60.5         |
| Tier2        | 10.2        | 11.7         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>89.6</b> | <b>102.5</b> |

# Tape requests

Tape request dominated by the need of preserving a two copies of the raw data, at CERN and at Tier-1s.

| Tape storage usage forecast (PB) |                                | 2022<br>LHCb-PUB-2021-002 |       | 2023<br>LHCb-2021-008 |       | 2023<br>This document |       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Run1 +<br>Run2                   | RAW data (pp+HI+fixed target)  | 38.4                      | 82.1  | 38.4                  | 83.1  | 36.9                  | 78.4  |
|                                  | RDST data (pp+HI+fixed target) | 13.7                      |       | 13.7                  |       | 13.8                  |       |
|                                  | ARCHIVE                        | 30.0                      |       | 31.0                  |       | 27.7                  |       |
| Run3                             | pp data (FULL+TURBO+TURCAL)    | 120.1                     | 137.8 | 240.1                 | 276.2 | 141.4                 | 169.9 |
|                                  | minimum bias / no-bias         | 0.6                       |       | 0.6                   |       | 0.6                   |       |
|                                  | Heavy Ion Data + fixed target  | 5.6                       |       | 10.6                  |       | 11.2                  |       |
|                                  | ARCHIVE (data+MC)              | 11.5                      |       | 25.4                  |       | 16.7                  |       |
| <b>Total</b>                     |                                | <b>219.9</b>              |       | <b>359.3</b>          |       | <b>248.3</b>          |       |
| LHCb-TDR-018                     |                                | 243.0                     |       | 345.0                 |       |                       |       |

To cope with limited buffer space at EOS, data must be transferred to Tier-1s will happen during the data-taking, representing a significant challenge for the infrastructure.

| Tape (PB)    | 2022       | 2023       |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| Tier0        | 81         | 91         |
| Tier1        | 139        | 157        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>220</b> | <b>248</b> |



# Share through countries (Tier1s+Tier2s)

CERN researchers cannot contribute to computing resources beyond what is allocated in Tier-0.

Countries not hosting a Tier-1 cannot contribute to Tape.

LHCb requests distribute the missing resources through the remaining sites, according to fraction of PhD equivalents.

$$\text{CPU}(\bar{c}) = \frac{\text{PhD}(\bar{c})}{\sum_{c \neq \text{CERN}} \text{PhD}(c)} \times \text{CPU}_{\text{cRSG}} \quad \text{DISK}(\bar{c}) = \frac{\text{PhD}(\bar{c})}{\sum_{c \neq \text{CERN}} \text{PhD}(c)} \times \text{DISK}_{\text{cRSG}}$$

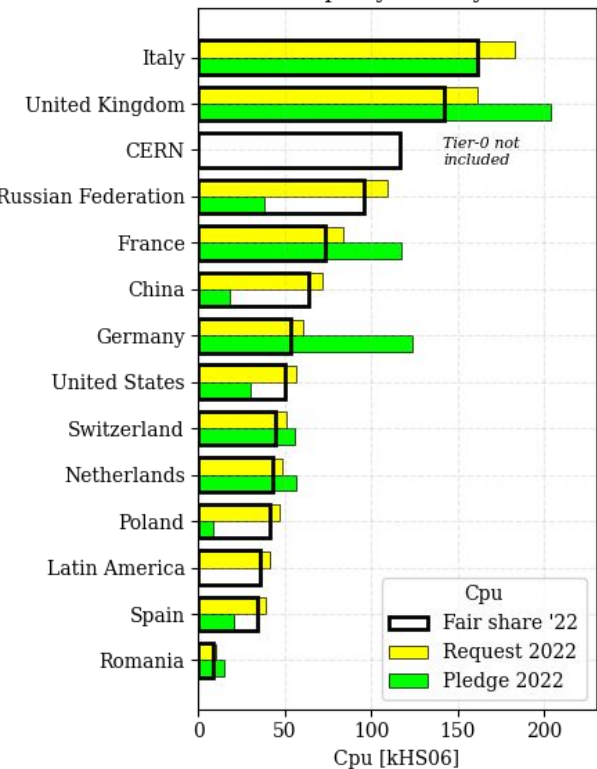
$$\text{TAPE}(\bar{c}) = \frac{\text{PhD}(\bar{c})}{\sum_{c \in \{\text{w/ Tier1}\}} \text{PhD}(c)} \times \text{TAPE}_{\text{cRSG}}$$

Such sharing scheme is considered unfair by some funding agency, including INFN, which contributes by its fair-share (**16%**)

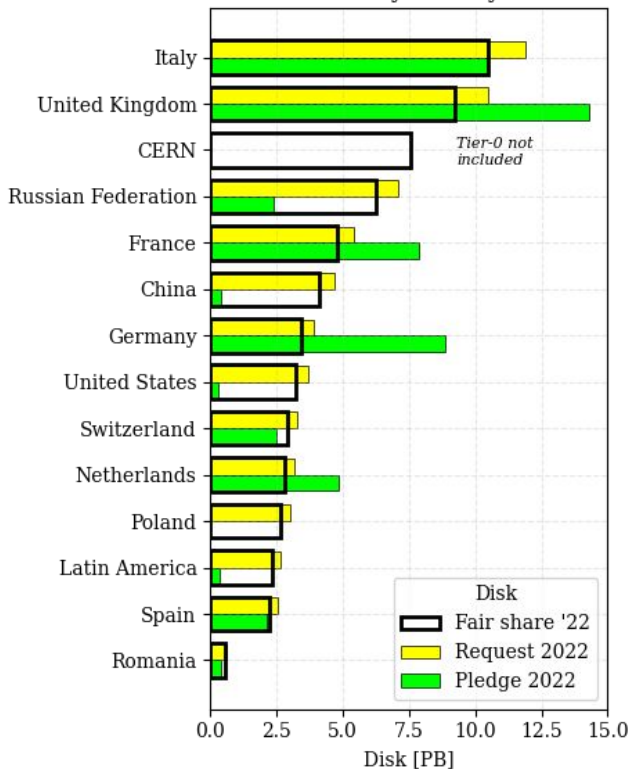
| 2023            | PhD eq. total/<br>funding auth. | %     |  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------|--|
|                 |                                 |       |  |
| AUSTRALIA       | 3                               | 0.5   |  |
| BRAZIL          | 19                              | 3.3   |  |
| COLOMBIA        | 2                               | 0.3   |  |
| FRANCE          | 41                              | 7.1   |  |
| BMBF GERMANY    | 29                              | 5.0   |  |
| MPG, GERMANY    | 2                               | 0.3   |  |
| IRELAND         | 1                               | 0.2   |  |
| INFN ITALY      | 93                              | 16.0  |  |
| HUNGARY         | 1                               | 0.2   |  |
| NETHERLANDS     | 22                              | 3.8   |  |
| P. R. CHINA     | 45                              | 7.8   |  |
| POLAND          | 22                              | 3.8   |  |
| HHNIPNE ROMANIA | 5                               | 0.9   |  |
| RUSSIA INST.    | 40                              | 6.9   |  |
| RUSSIA UNI.     | 15                              | 2.6   |  |
| SPAIN           | 24                              | 4.1   |  |
| SWEDEN          | 1                               | 0.2   |  |
| SWITZERLAND     | 26                              | 4.5   |  |
| UKRAINE         | 1                               | 0.2   |  |
| UK              | 88                              | 15.2  |  |
| USA             | 32                              | 5.5   |  |
| CERN            | 68                              | 11.7  |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | 580                             | 100.0 |  |

# Requests and pledges for 2022

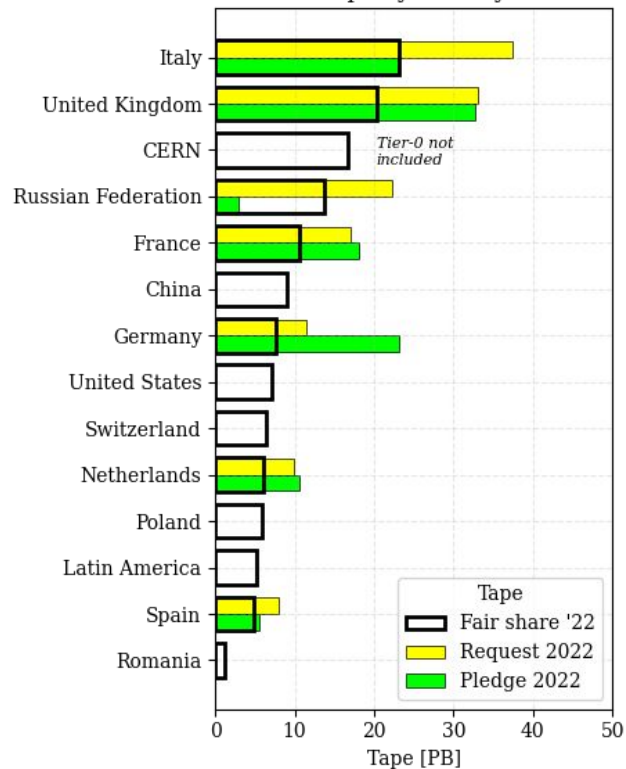
Cpu by country



Disk by country

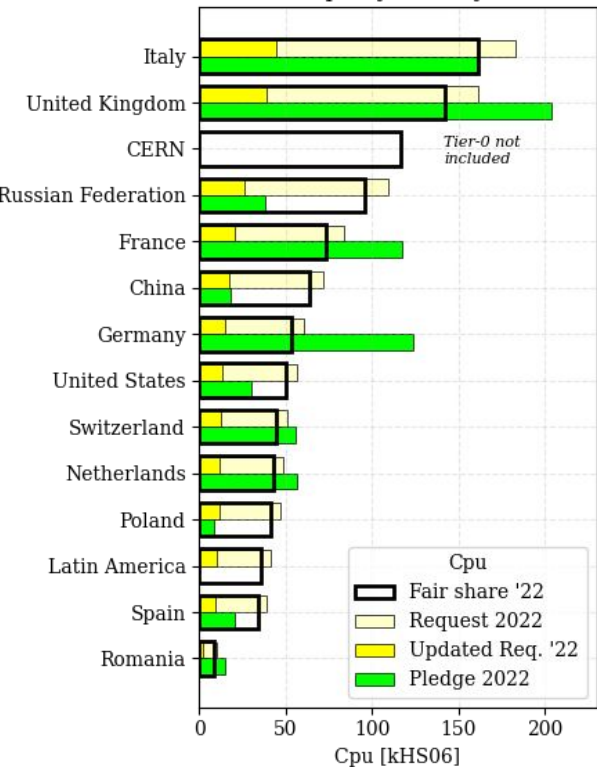


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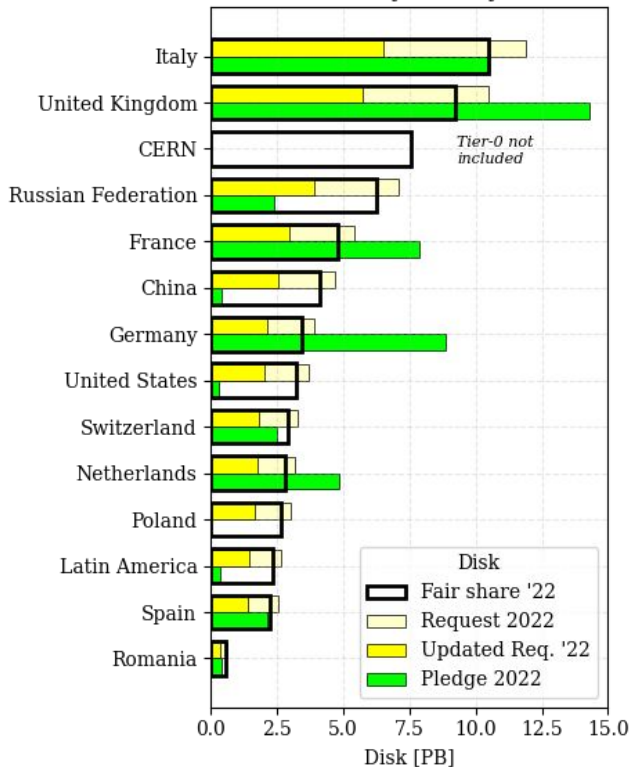


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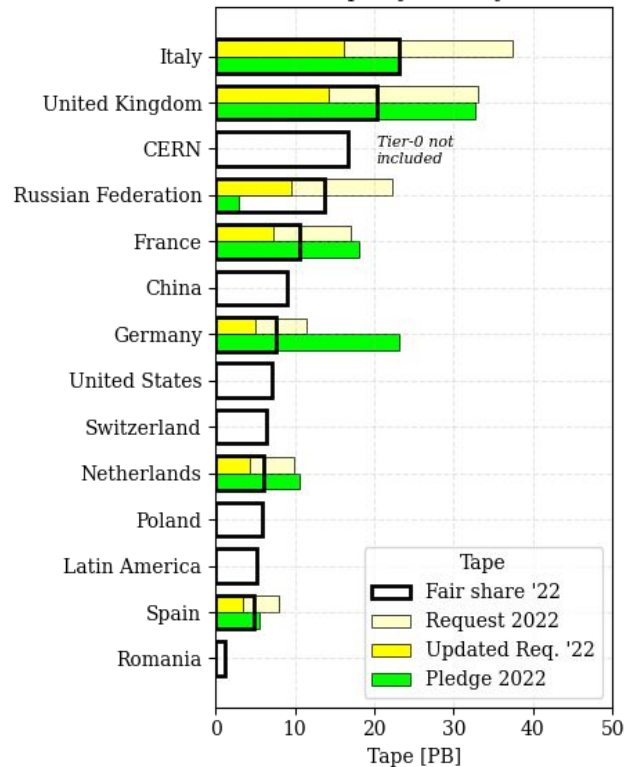
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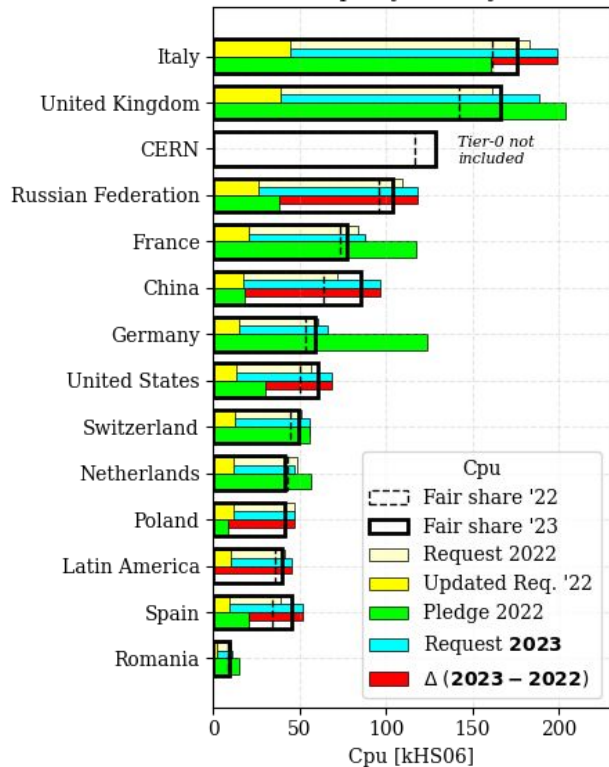


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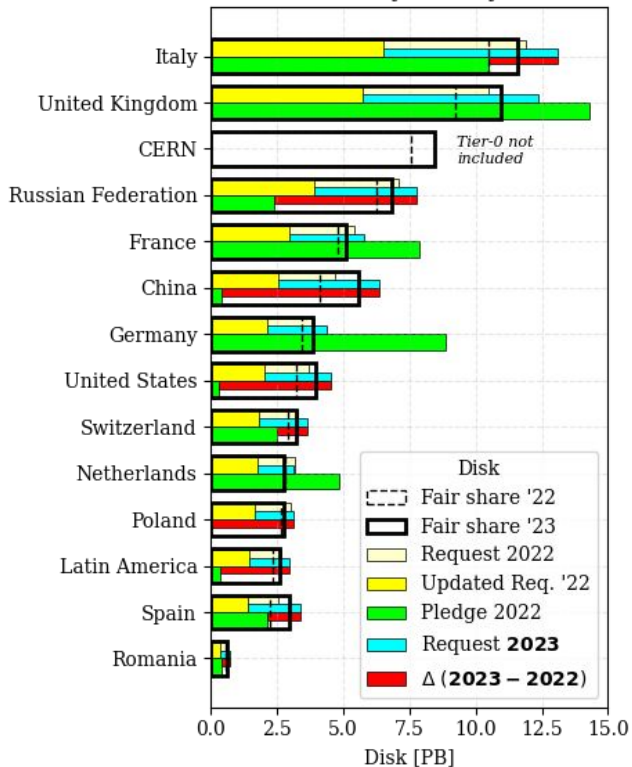


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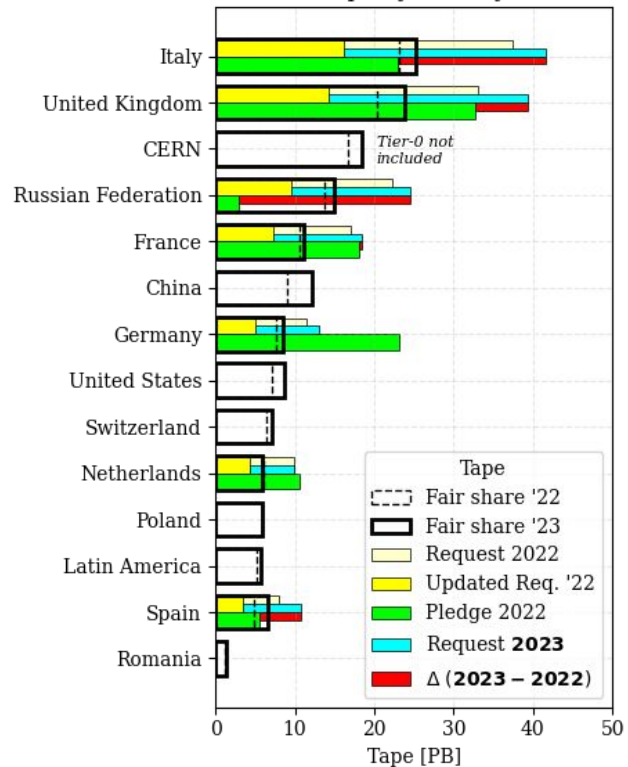
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# 2021 Risk assessment

LHCb-PUB-2021-002

| LHCb Risk Register                   |            |        |          |                    |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------|----------|--------------------|--|--|
| Risk                                 | Risk       |        |          | Owner              | Effect   | Mitigation   |
|                                      | Likelihood | Impact | Severity |                    |  |  |
| <b>Funding</b>                       |            |        |          |                    |  |  |
| Tape shortage at CERN                | 2          | 4      | 8        | CERN               | Cannot store data coming from HLT. Descoping of physics program  | Decrease HLT throughput to offline by migrating more lines from FULL to TURBO and/or tightening            |
| Tape shortage at Tier1 sites         | 3          | 4      | 12       | Tier1 sites        |  |  |
| Disk shortage                        | 3          | 3      | 9        | WLCG sites         | Cannot analyse (part of) data taken. Impact on operations load and complexity, system resiliency. Delay in physics program   | Park data on cold storage and activate if when feasible. Decide what to store on disk based on popularity. |
| Shortage of computing power          | 3          | 2      | 6        | All sites          | More time to get adequate simulation samples. Delay of physics analysis. Substantial changes in analysis model.              | increase fraction of fast and parametric simulations. Increase pool of opportunistic resources             |
| <b>Operations / Technology</b>       |            |        |          |                    |  |  |
| Availability of tape write bandwidth | 2          | 4      | 8        | CERN + Tier1 sites | Cannot store data coming from HLT. Descoping of physics program  | Decrease HLT throughput. Prioritize physics program  |
| Availability of tape read bandwidth  | 2          | 4      | 8        | CERN + Tier1 sites | Cannot recall data for end-of-year re-sprucing. Delay of physics analysis  | Delay re-sprucing to EYETS or LS3  |
| Underestimation of disk buffer       | 3          | 3      | 9        | WLCG               | Resprucing slowed-down and extending into data taking period   | Delay re-sprucing or get space by temporarily removing other datasets                                      |
| <b>Software</b>                      |            |        |          |                    |  |  |
| Underestimation of sprucing work     | 2          | 2      | 4        | LHCb               | More computing power needed. YETS re-sprucing is delayed<br>delay in (re-)sprucing campaigns. Buffer space is not sufficient | recover computing power by delaying simulation production  |
| Availability of sprucing application | 2          | 3      | 6        | LHCb               |  |  |
| Underestimation of analysis work     | 2          | 2      | 4        | LHCb               | more computing power needed  |  |
| Underestimation of simulation work   | 3          | 3      | 9        | LHCb/G4/HSF        | Cannot afford sufficient simulation; physics analysis suffers  |  |

**Likelihood:**

- 1: never expected to happen
- 2: could happen but very unlikely
- 3: could well happen
- 4: will probably happen

**Impact:**

- 1: we can deal with it, no problem
- 2: a bit of a hassle but not too bad
- 3: can be managed, but with significant effort
- 4: crisis

**2022 tape challenge WRITE**

| Site   | expected Speed (GB/s) | Target achieved |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| CERN   | 11                    | Yes             |
| CNAF   | 1.72                  | -Yes            |
| GRIDKA | 2.23                  | Yes             |
| IN2P3  | 1.25                  | Yes             |
| NCBJ   | 1.32                  | No              |
| PIC    | 0.2                   | Yes             |
| RAL    | 2.96                  | -No             |
| RRCKI  | 0.25                  | Yes             |
| SARA   | 1.07                  | Yes             |

# Final consideration on computing requests

Shortage of CPU and DISK resources may significantly delay the physics output of the LHCb experiment, but we do not expect descoping of the program.

Lack of tape resources is worrisome, especially considering that increasing the available tape resources can hardly happen in an emergency.

Sticking to fair-share for CNAF tape resources represents a severe risk for LHCb data-taking.

Big effort ongoing in the Collaboration to add tape-enabled computing centers from other countries: NCBJ (Poland), IHEP (China), MGHPCC (USA)

# LHCb - 2023 Requests to INFN-T1

Requests as approved by cRSG: [LHCb-PUB-2022-010](#)

| LHCb        |        | 2023    |                         |                            |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
|             |        | Request | 2023 req./<br>2022 CRSG | 2023 req. /<br>2022 pledge |
| WLCG<br>CPU | Tier-0 | 215     | 114%                    | 114%                       |
|             | Tier-1 | 707     | 114%                    | 137%                       |
|             | Tier-2 | 391     | 113%                    | 118%                       |
|             | HLT    | 50      | 100%                    | 100%                       |
|             | Sum    | 1364    | 113%                    | 126%                       |
| Others      |        | 50      | 100%                    | n/a                        |
| Total       |        | 1,414   | 113%                    | 124%                       |
| Disk        | Tier-0 | 30.3    | 114%                    | 114%                       |
|             | Tier-1 | 60.5    | 114%                    | 127%                       |
|             | Tier-2 | 11.6    | 114%                    | 168%                       |
|             | Total  | 102.5   | 114%                    | 126%                       |
| Tape        | Tier-0 | 91      | 113%                    | 112%                       |
|             | Tier-1 | 157     | 113%                    | 135%                       |
|             | Total  | 248.3   | 113%                    | 126%                       |

Fair share INFN 2023

$$\frac{\text{PhD}(\bar{c})}{\sum_c \text{PhD}(c)} = 16.0\%$$

LHCb-share for INFN tape 2023

$$\frac{\text{PhD}(\bar{c})}{\sum_{c \in \{w/\text{Tier1}\}} \text{PhD}(c)} = 26.4\%$$

| Request           | Pledge '23 | Increment |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| CPU Tier-1 [HS06] | 113428     | +10310    |
| DISK Tier-1 [TB]  | 11561      | +1100     |
| Tape Tier-1 [TB]  | 41624*     | +18580    |
| CPU Tier-2 [HS06] | 62595      | +5398     |

Pledge 2022 as from CRIC: [wlcg-cric.cern.ch/core/pledge/list/](#)

| Federation   | VO   | Type | Pledge            |
|--------------|------|------|-------------------|
| IT-INFN-CNAF | LHCb | Tape | 23044 TBytes      |
| IT-INFN-CNAF | LHCb | CPU  | 103118 HEP-SPEC06 |
| IT-INFN-CNAF | LHCb | Disk | 10461 TBytes      |
| IT-INFN-T2   | LHCb | CPU  | 57197 HEP-SPEC06  |

\*Tape request computed according to the LHCb formula.

$$\text{TAPE}(\bar{c}) = \frac{\text{PhD}(\bar{c})}{\sum_{c \in \{w/\text{Tier1}\}} \text{PhD}(c)} \times \text{TAPE}_{\text{cRSG}}$$

Fair share would correspond to **25261 TB** (delta: **+2217 TB**)

Difference (extra request beyond FS): **+16363 TB**

# Conclusion

An important effort is ongoing within LHCb to **modernize the software and the development cycle**. The Italian community is a very relevant player in this game.

Covid-19 caused significant **delays to the start of Run-3** which set LHCb in a condition of *under-utilization of the computing resources*, in particular for the storage.

This is however expected to change very quickly with the start of the data-taking, given the **large bandwidth of the experiment** and “*debugging*” needs related to the **commissioning of a new experiment**.

**CNAF is one of the four major Tier1s providing resources to LHCb** and is technologically ready for the upcoming challenge (though with some bottleneck, well identified).

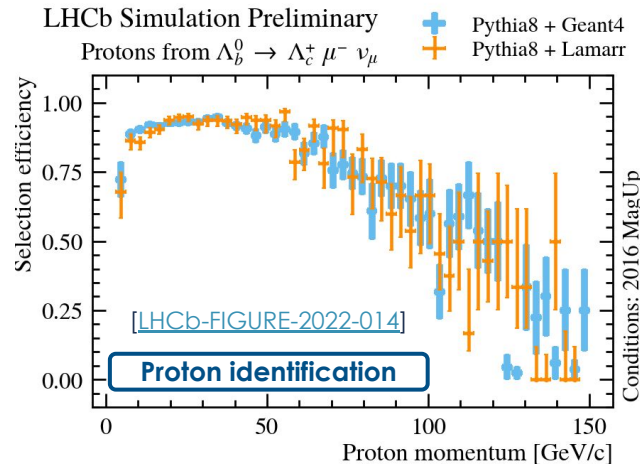
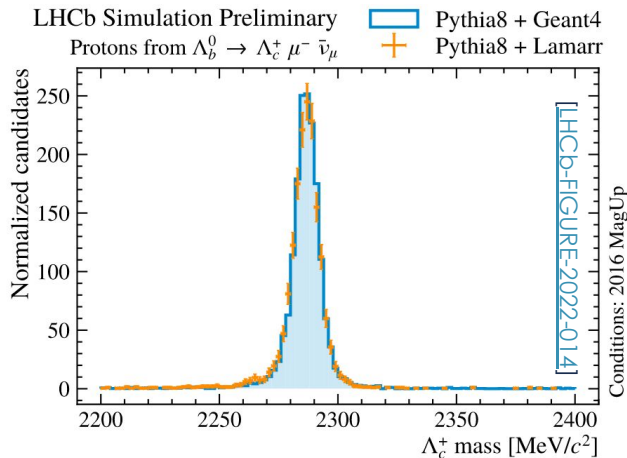
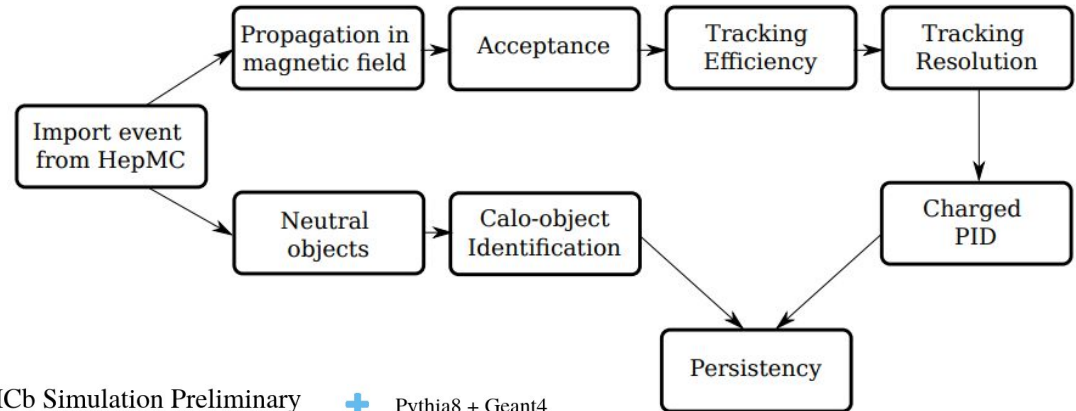
**Pledging the resources requested by the experiment (especially tape) will consolidate the leading role of the Italian community in the experiment, contributing to its success.**



# Backup

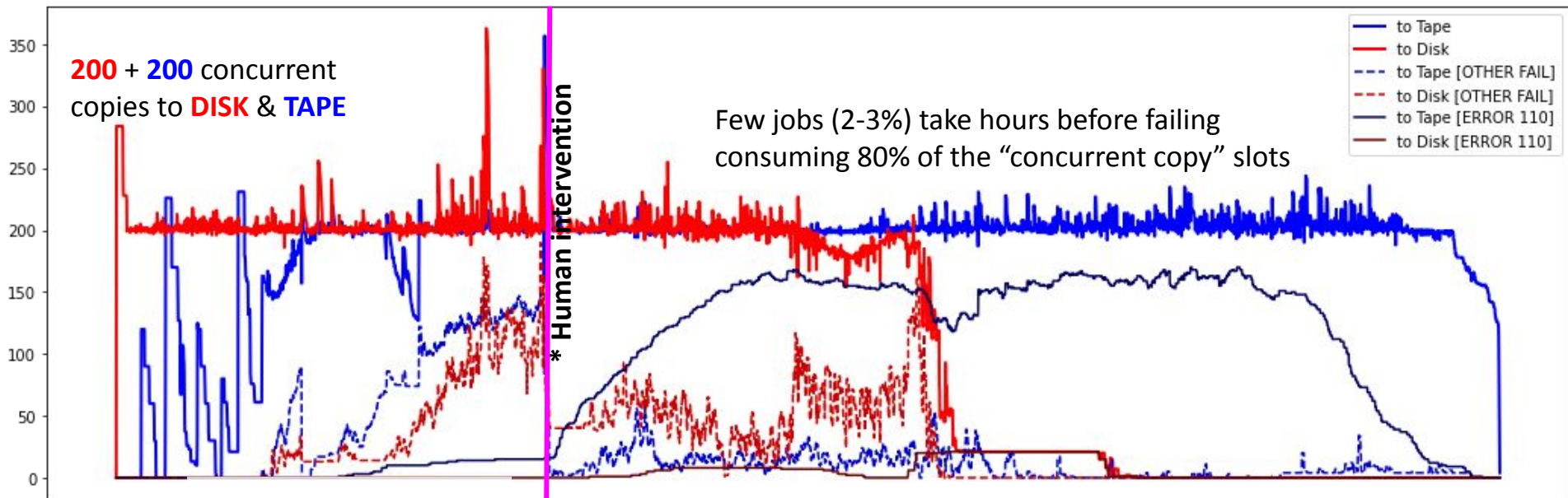
# Ultra-fast simulation: Lamarr

🔗 Lamarr consists of a **pipeline of modular (ML-based) parameterizations** designed to replace the whole Simulation and Reconstruction steps.



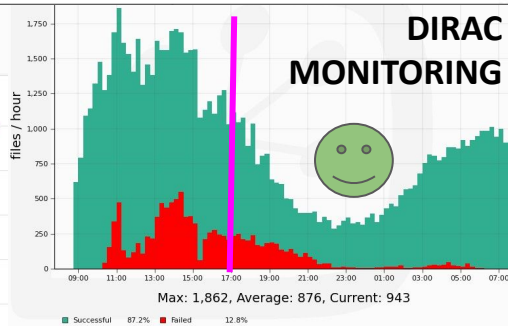
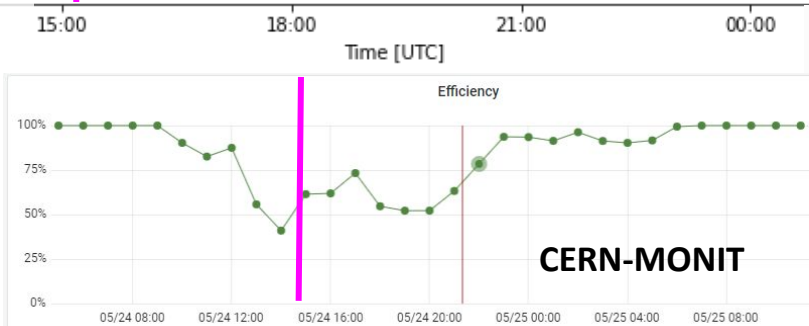
Development is focusing on Run-2 which will dominate simulation requests for the next few years.

# Third tape challenge: gory details



Increasing failure rate due to GridFTP-HTTPs interference

\* Human intervention: split endpoints supporting WebDAV (3/4) and GFTP (1/4)

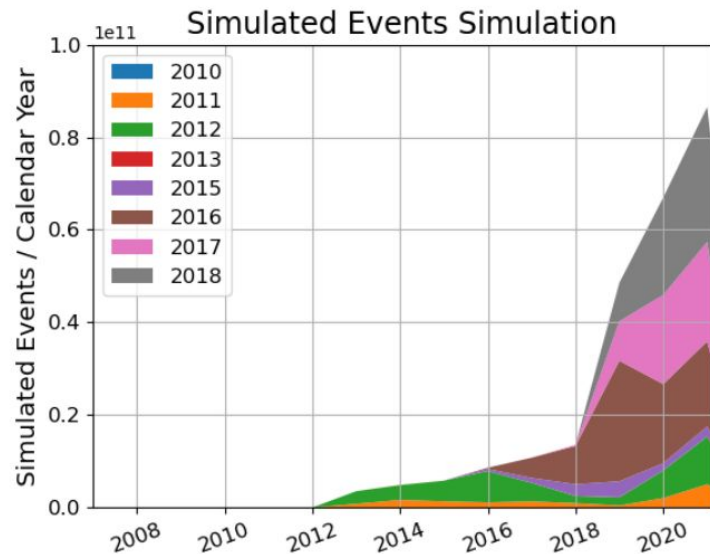


# Effect of Fast & Filtered Simulations

As expected, during LS2 we had an explosion of requests for simulated samples, combining Run1 and Run2 data-taking conditions.

| Year | Simulated events ( $10^9$ ) | Stored events ( $10^9$ ) | Ratio | CPU work kHS06.y | CPU per event kHS06.s | LFS TB |
|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 2017 | 10.3                        | 4.2                      | 40.3% | 817              | 2.50                  | 640    |
| 2018 | 12.0                        | 3.0                      | 25.3% | 1009             | 2.65                  | 550    |
| 2019 | 45.0                        | 6.9                      | 15.2% | 1290             | 0.90                  | 1110   |
| 2020 | 67.0                        | 16.8                     | 31.7% | 1357             | 0.81                  | 2010   |
| 2021 | 80.0                        | 11.1                     | 13.9% | 1815             | 0.72                  | 2030   |

\*Logical  
File  
Size



**Fast Simulation** options (ReDecay) enabled a drastic reduction of CPU/event.

**Filtered productions** reduced the impact of simulation on storage resources.