

Extreme Computing



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Disclaimer:

Today, assuming audience with not much background

Therefore, to some this may be rudimentary

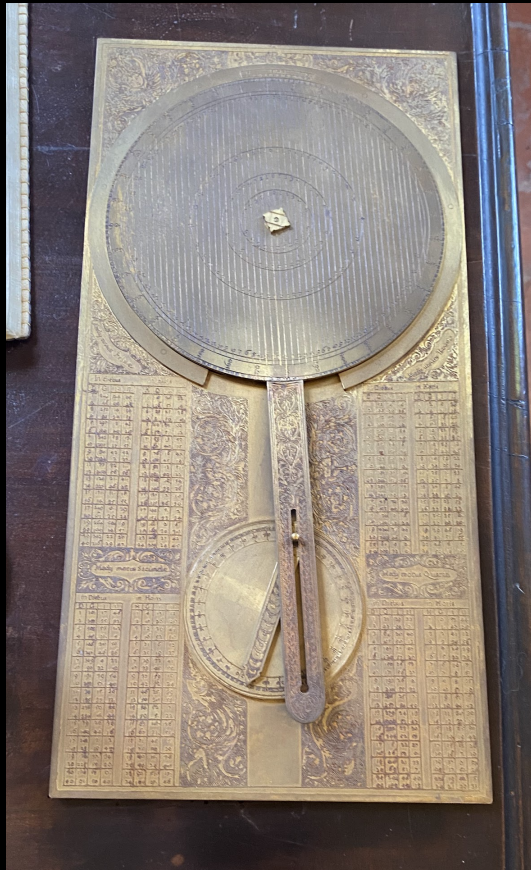
But, it never hurts to spell it out \Rightarrow helps us discuss interesting stuff!

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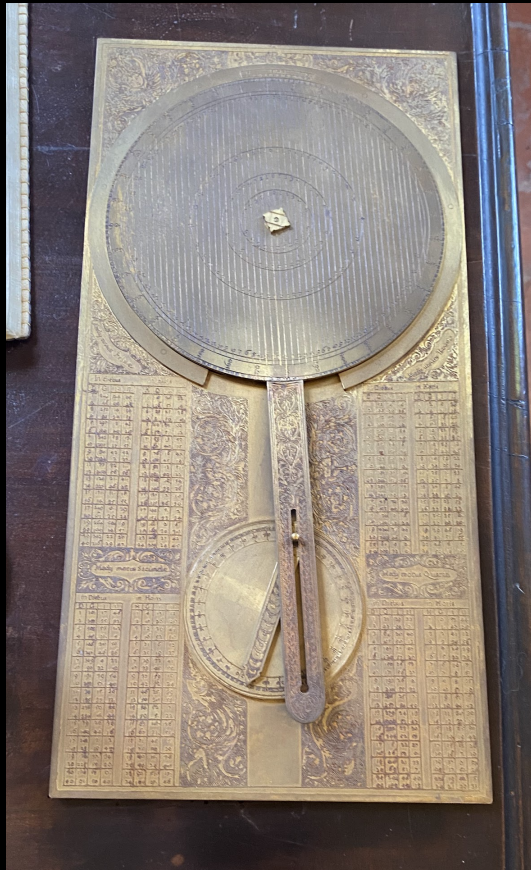
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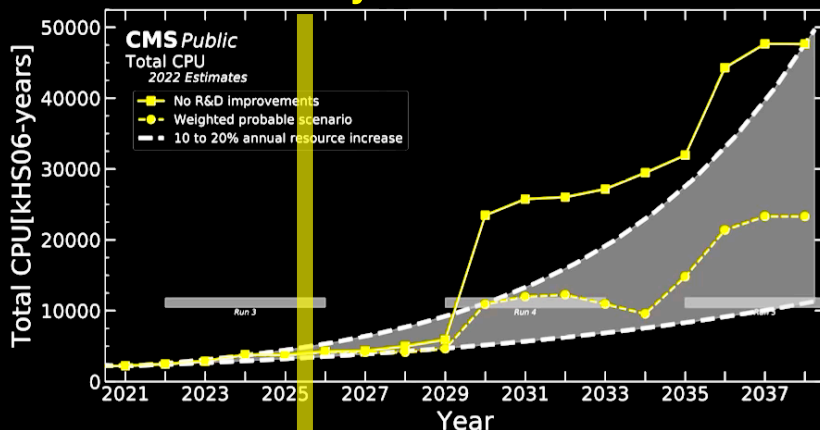
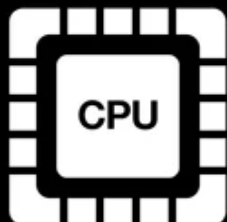
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Today even more complicated: GPUs? FPGAs? NVMeS?

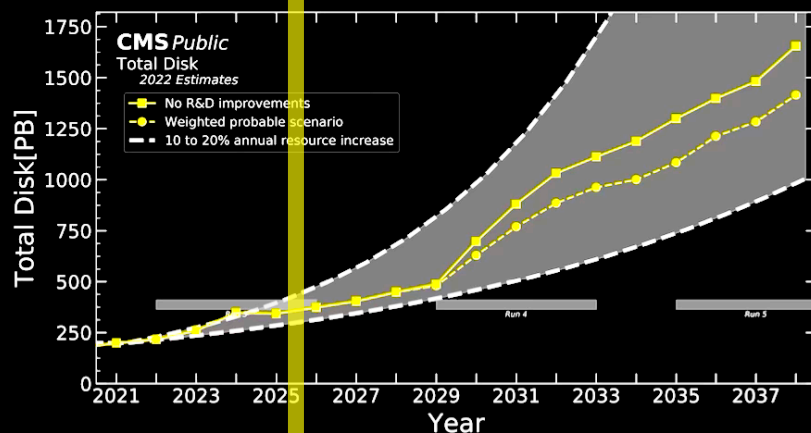
Example answers to the questions

Today



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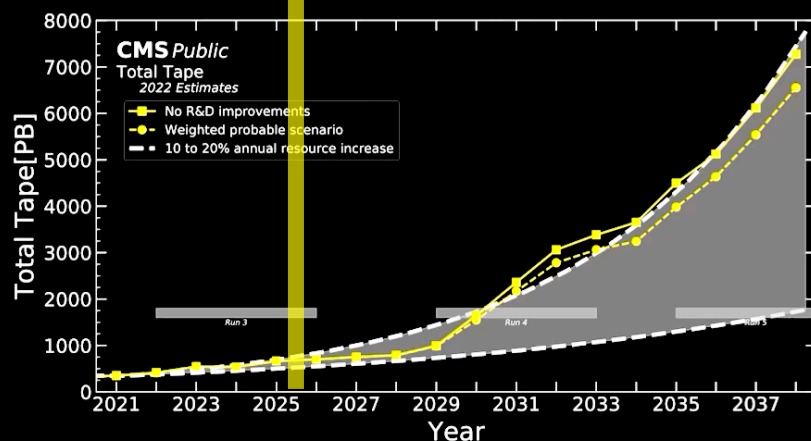
← Plan to reduce to 22M
(current ~3.5M)



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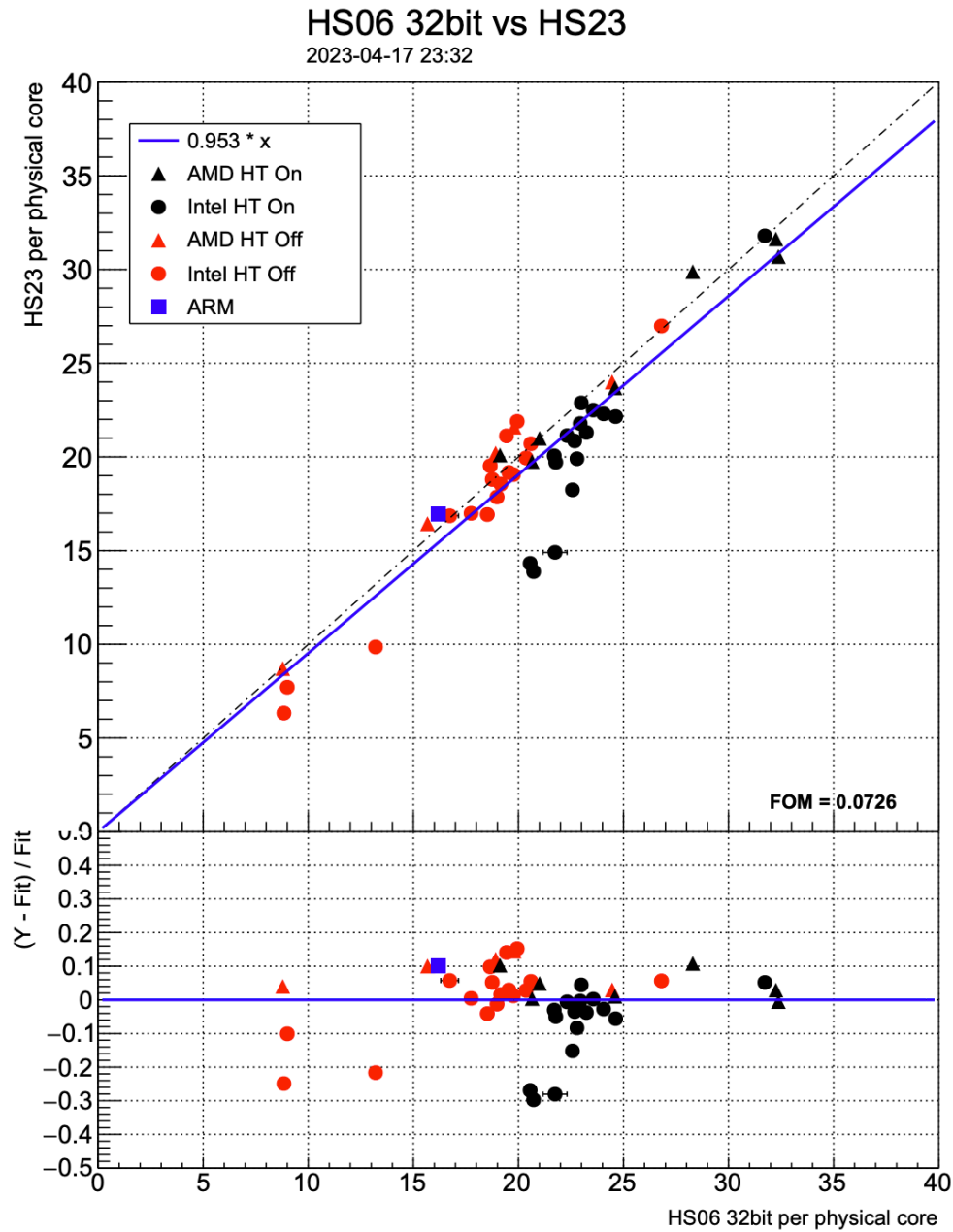


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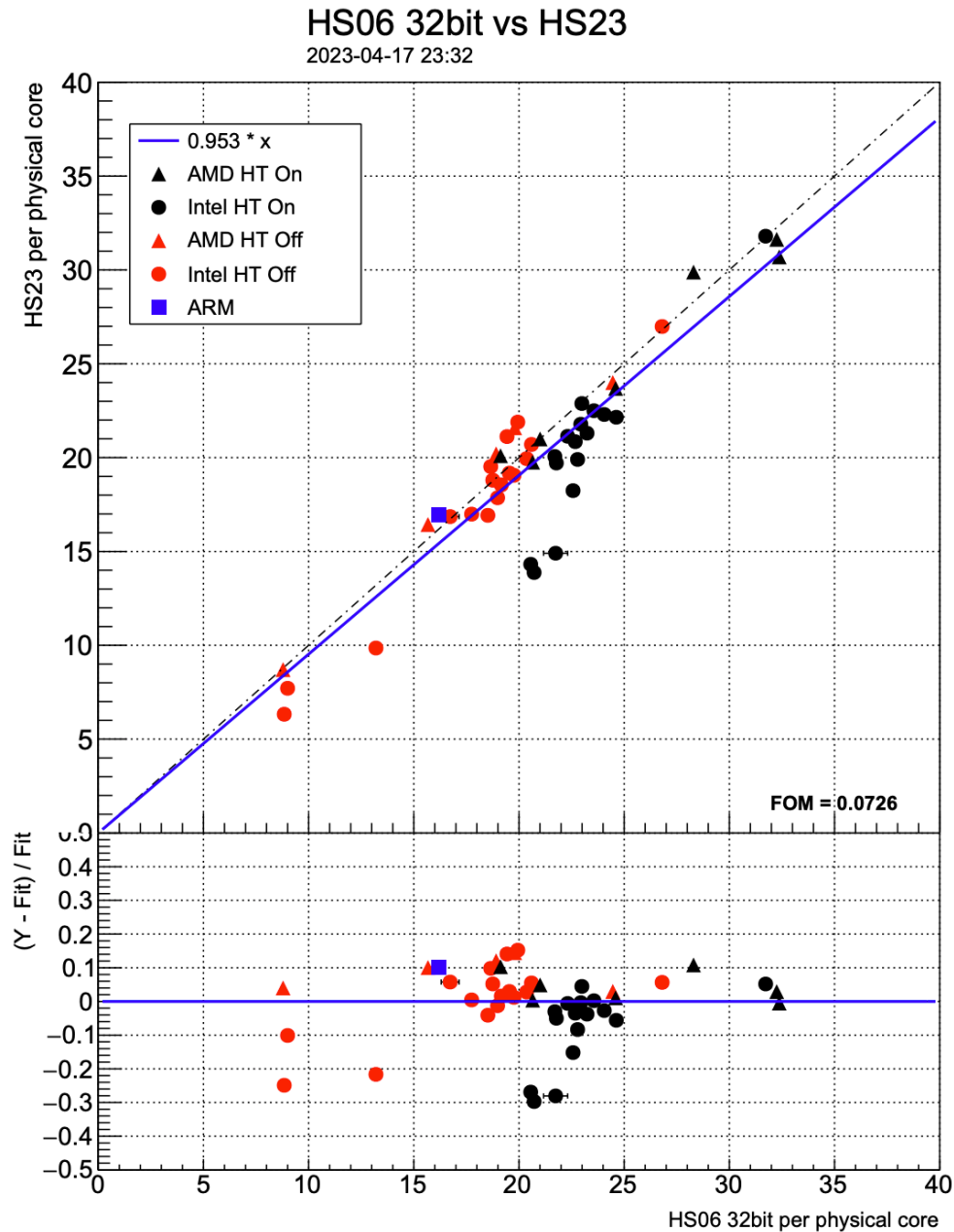


Probably “OK”

HS06 / HS23 / HEPScore

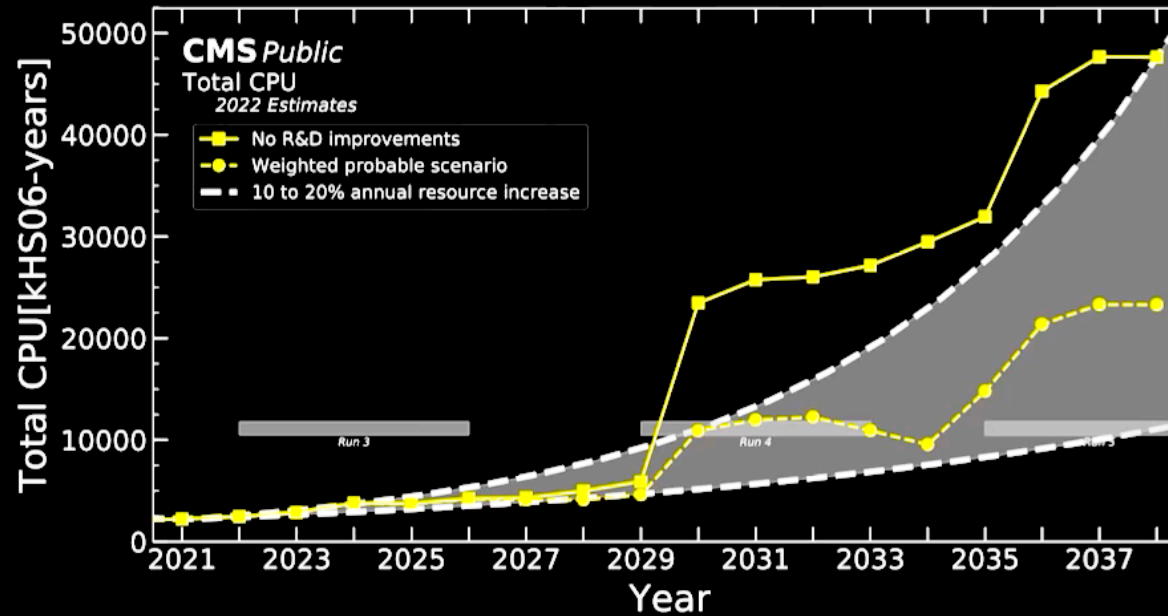


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*All you have to remember is
that roughly 10 - 20 HS06-sec
= 1 second*

Conversion



Therefore 50M HS06-years ~ 3M core-years

*If there is only 1 CPU in the world, it will take 3 million years
if you have 3 million CPUs, it will take one year*

Actual model is quite complicated.

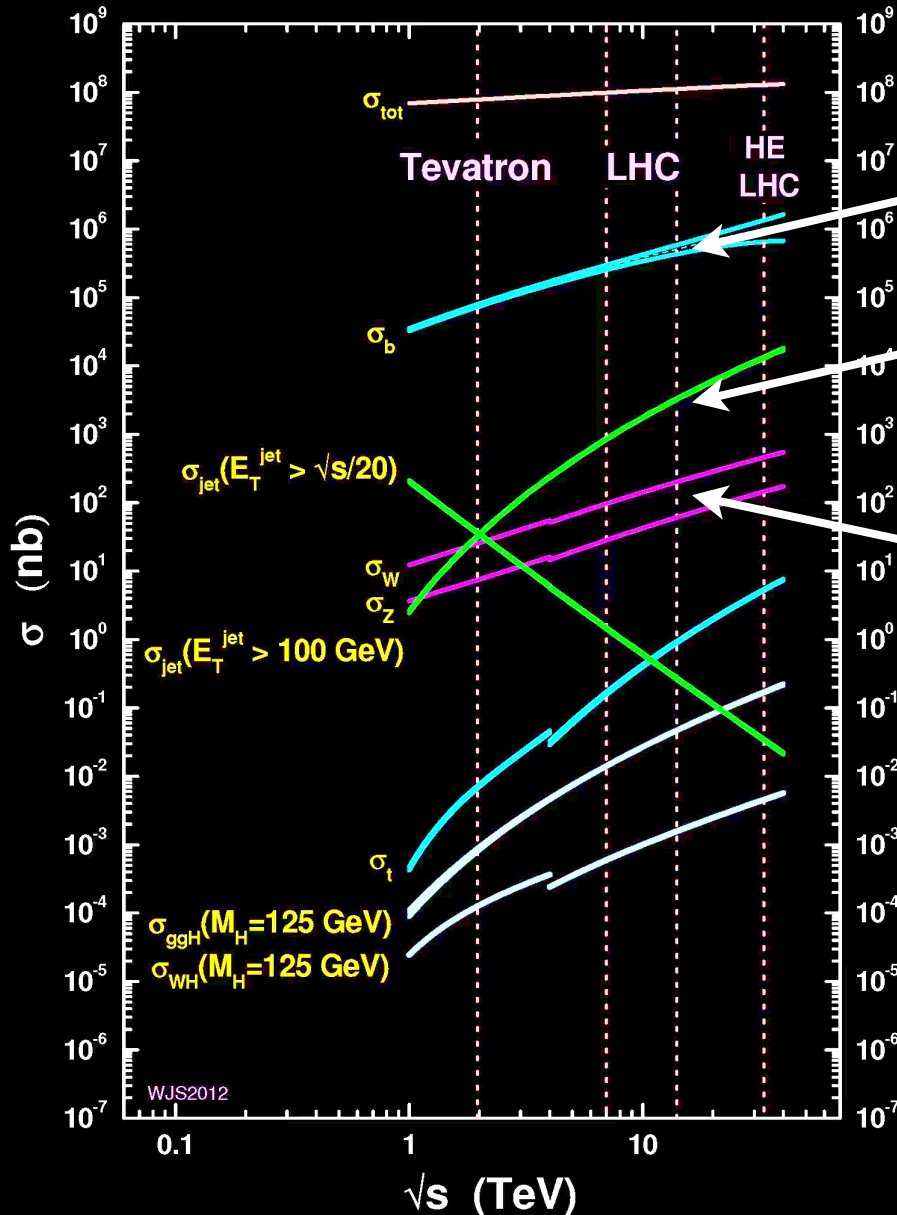
But in the following few slides I will motivate the numbers in “back-of-the-envelope” style.

*More details can be found here: (for CMS example)
<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2815292?ln=en>*

How many events produced?

proton - (anti)proton cross sections

cross section tells us rates



b-jets

$\sim O(\text{MHz})$

10T evts

$E_{T\text{-Jet}} > 100 \text{ GeV}$

$\sim O(\text{kHz})$

10B evts

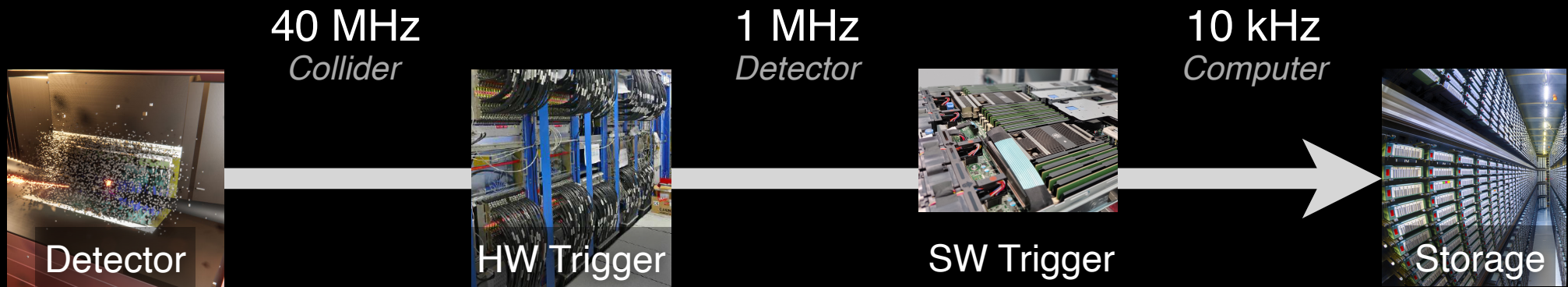
W / Z

$\sim O(100 \text{ Hz})$

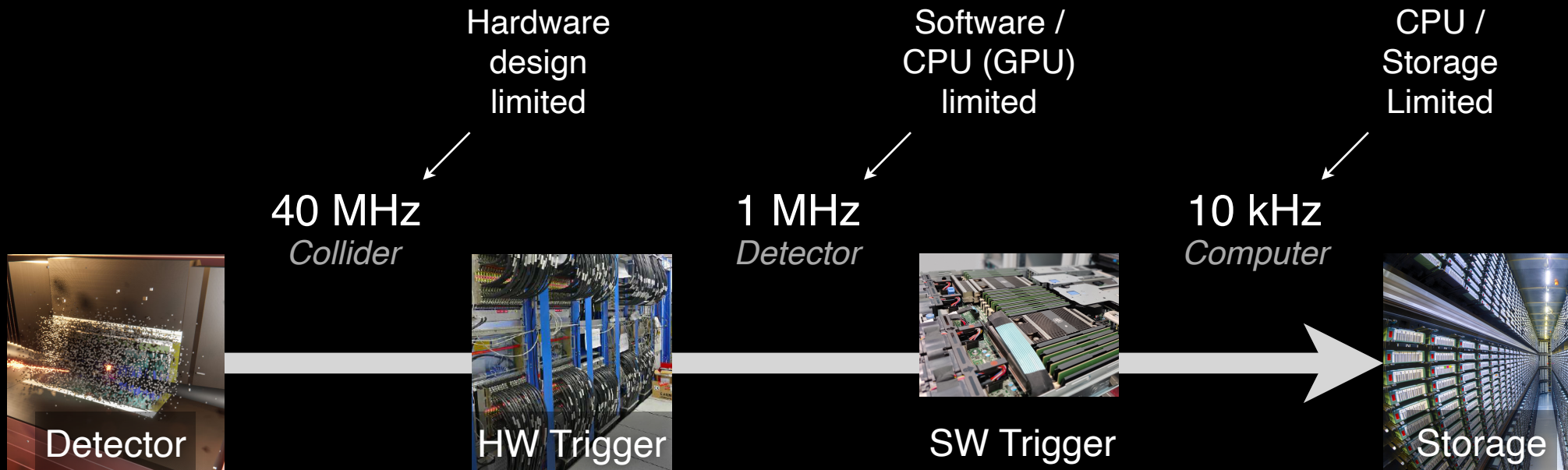
1B evts

10⁷ seconds / year
(~230 days 12 hours operations)

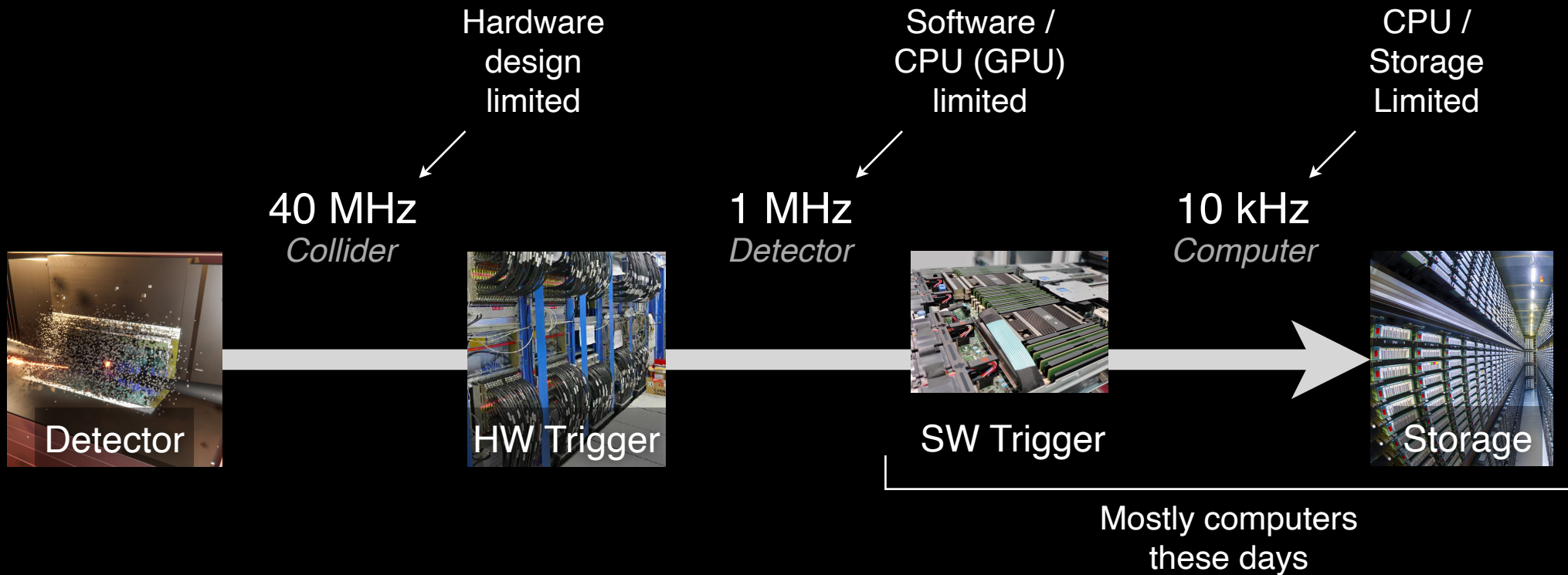
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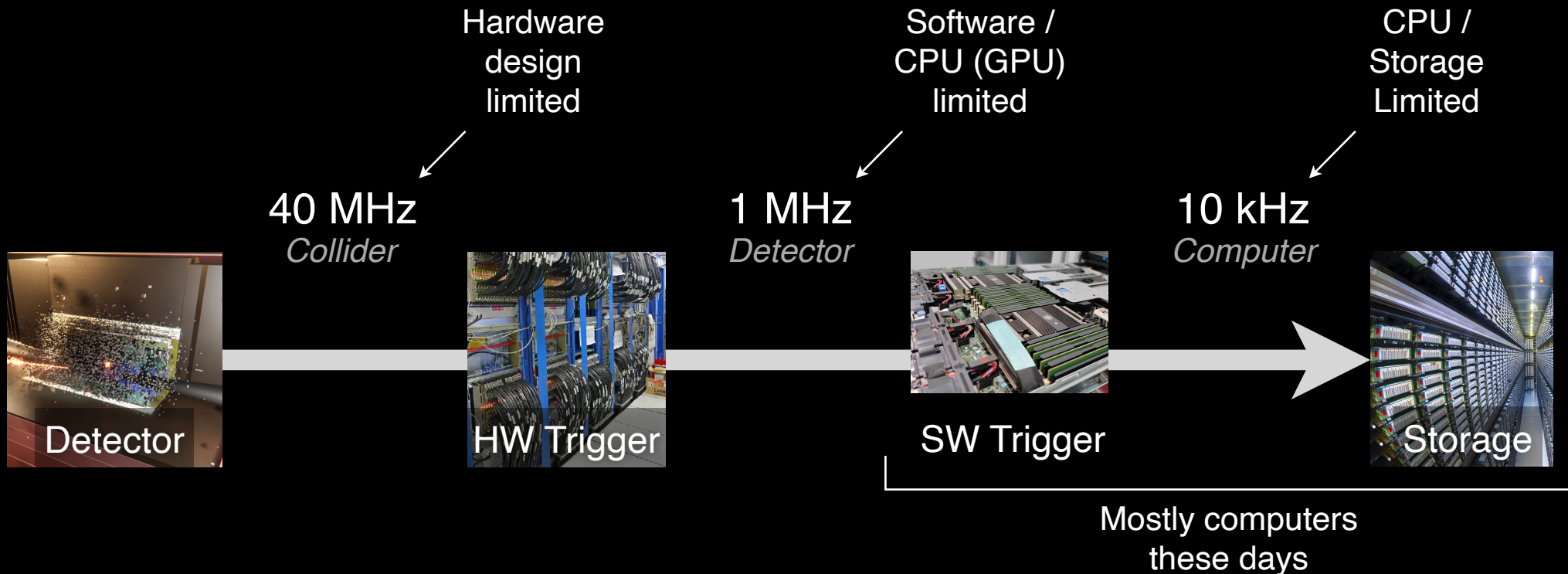
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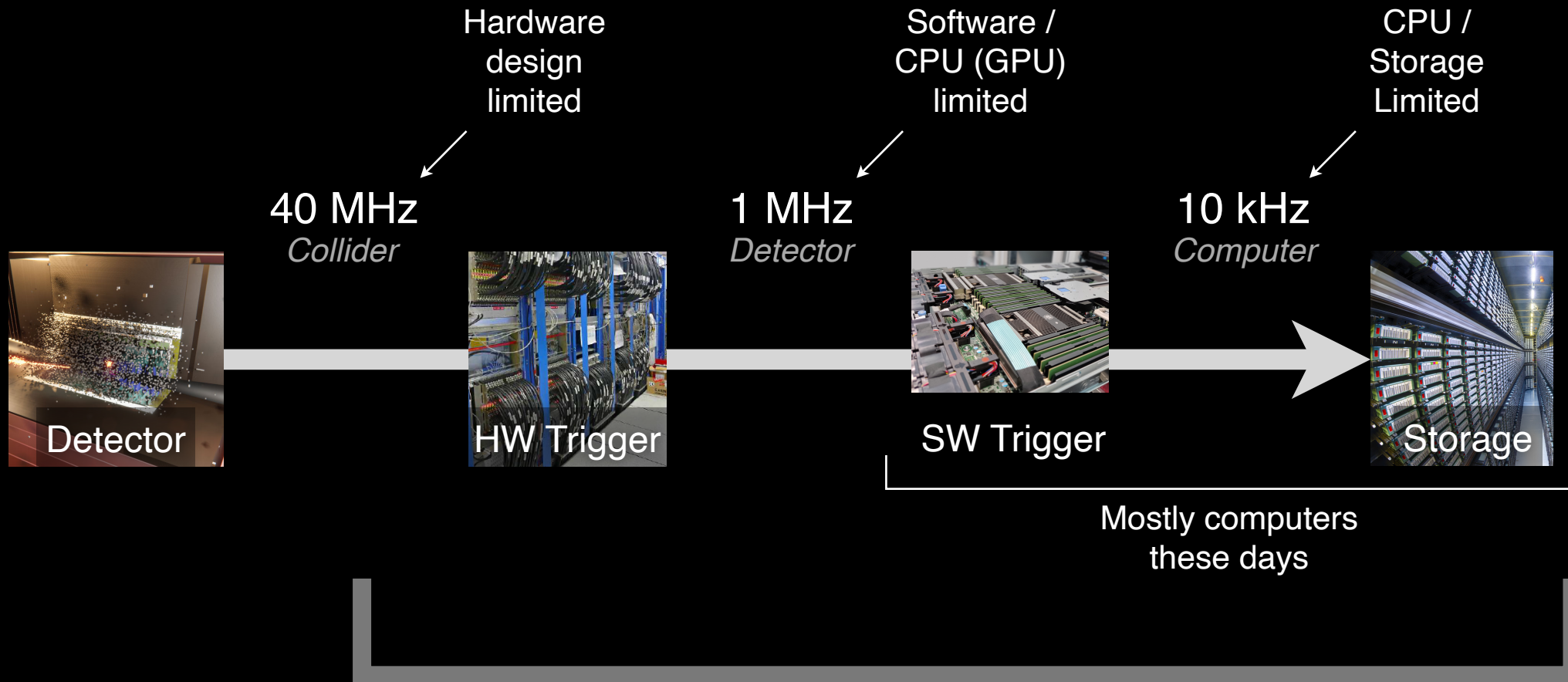
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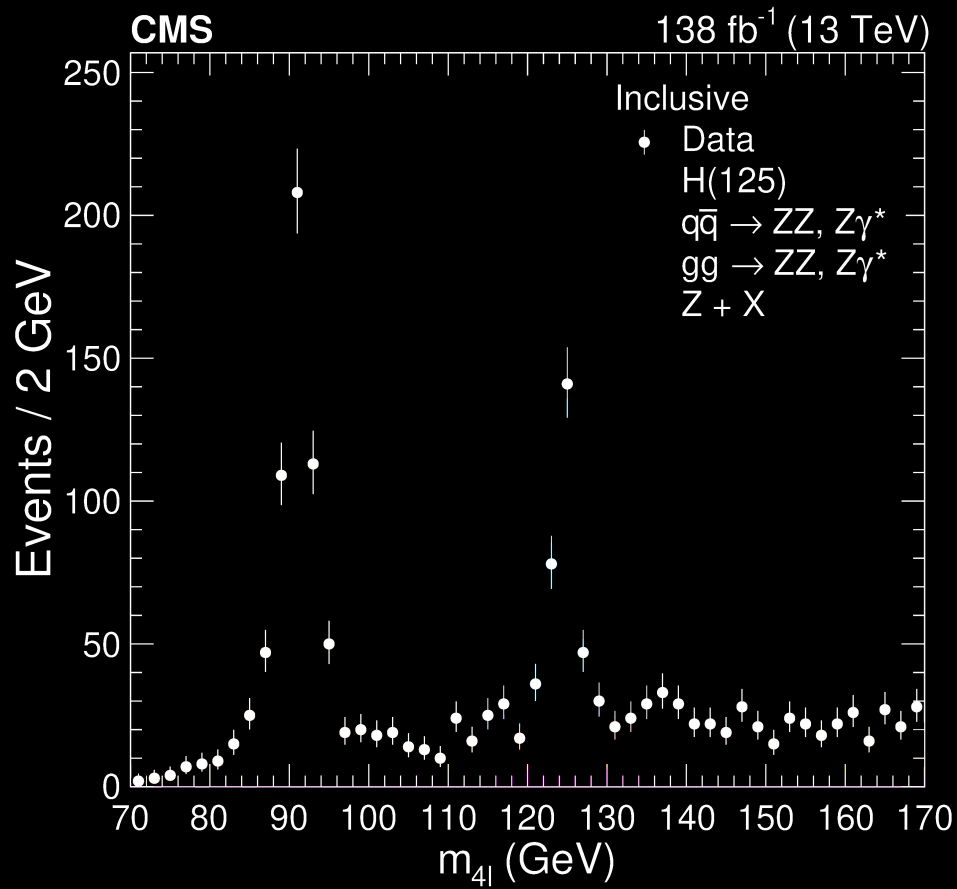


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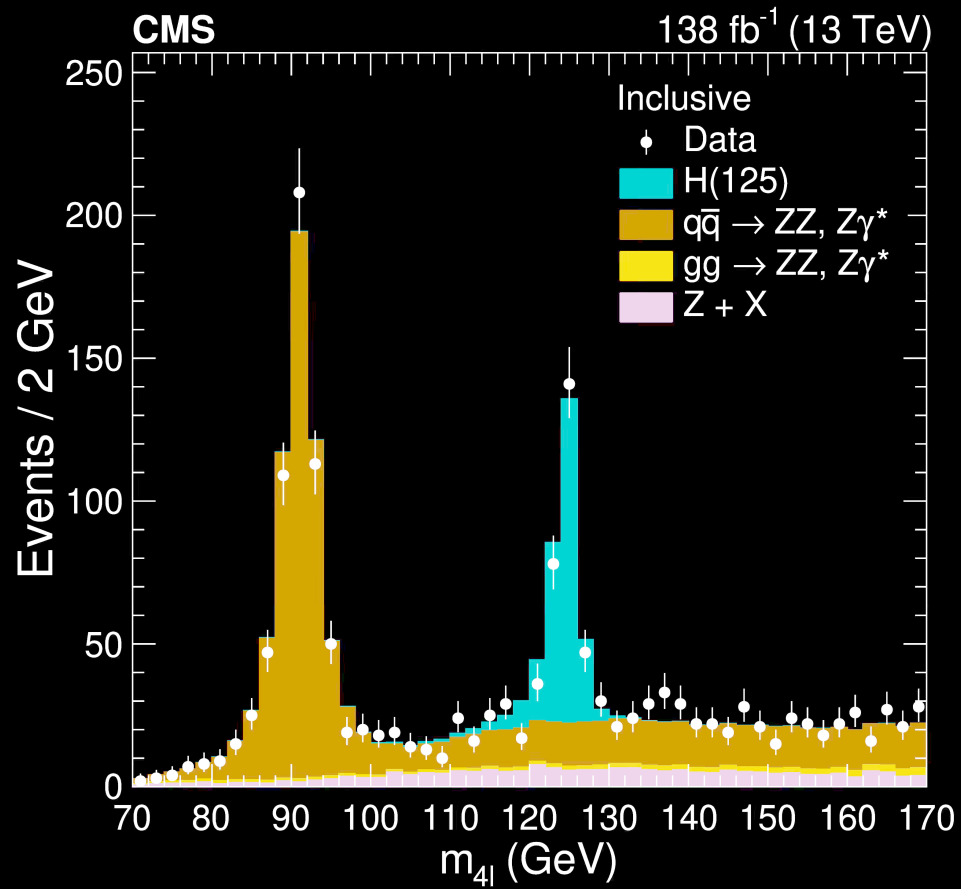
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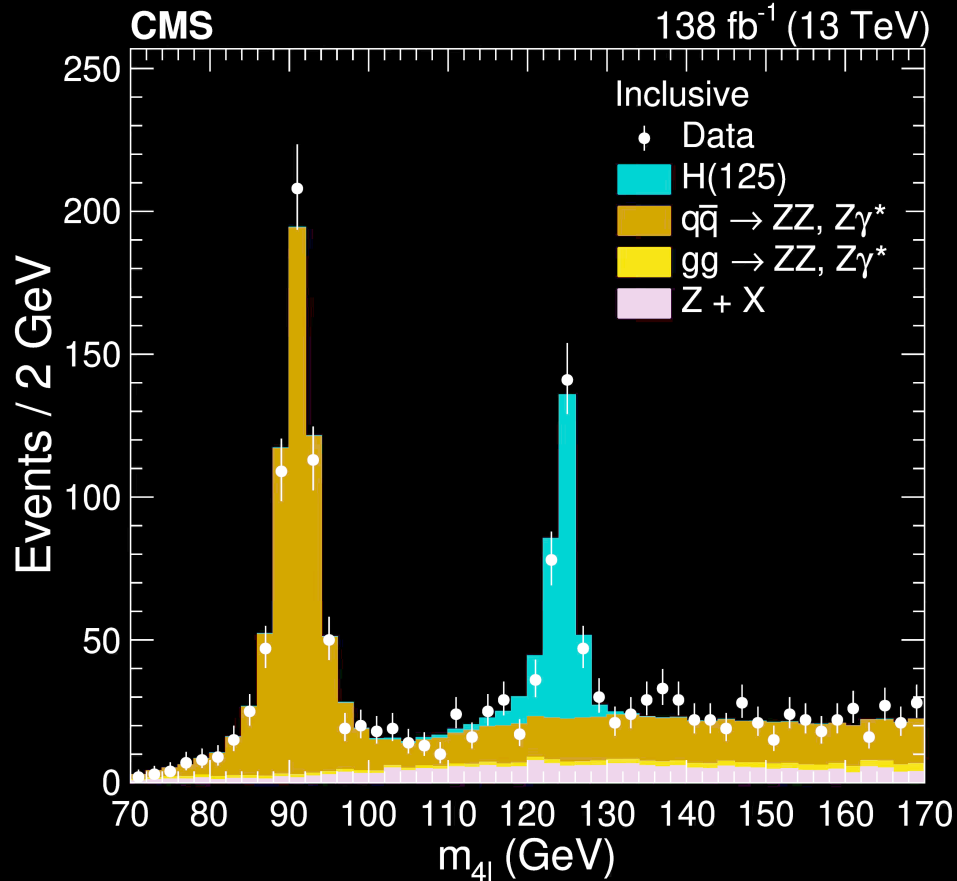
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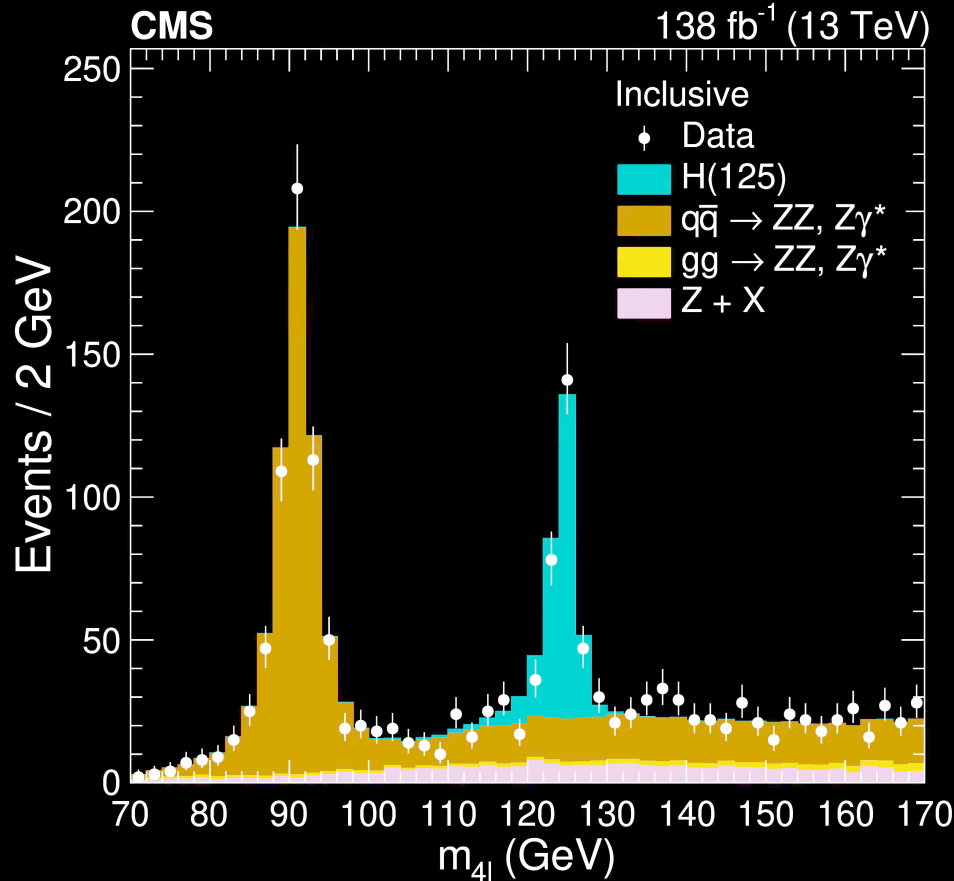


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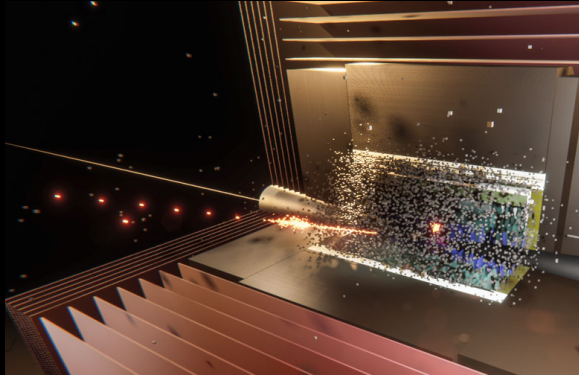
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$$(100\text{B events / year}) \times (1 + f_{MC}) = 250\text{B events / year}$$

How much storage?

Raw data

(channel readout)



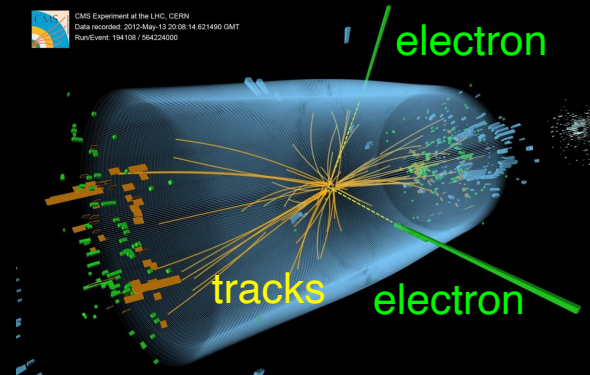
6 MB

Useful Analysis data

(physics objects)

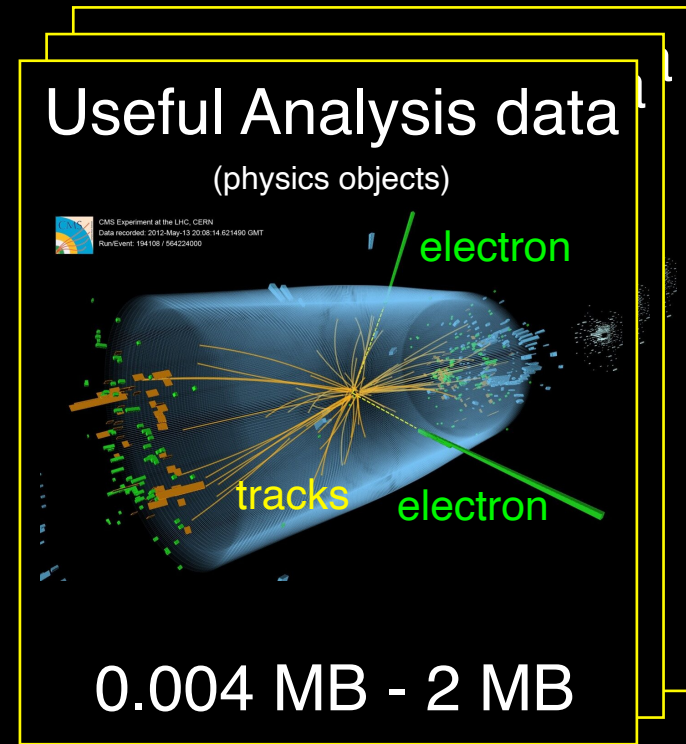
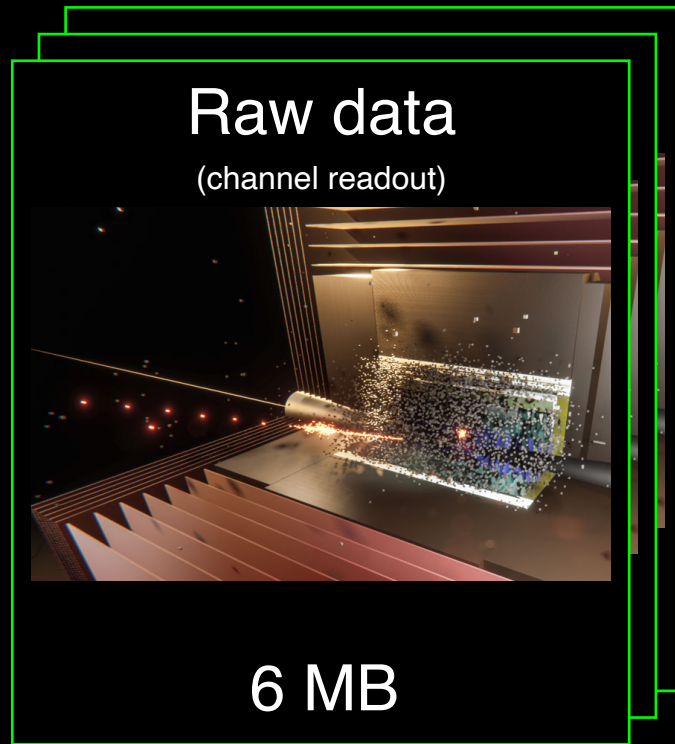


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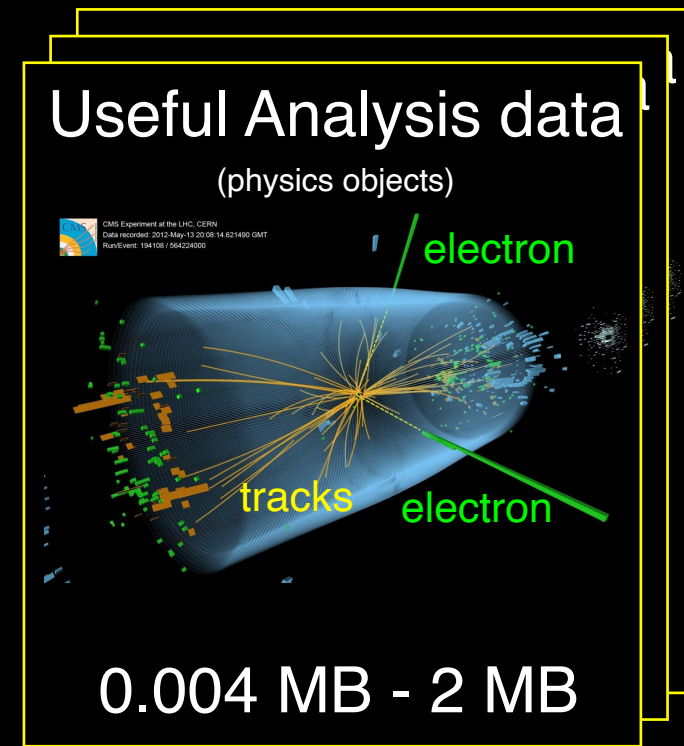
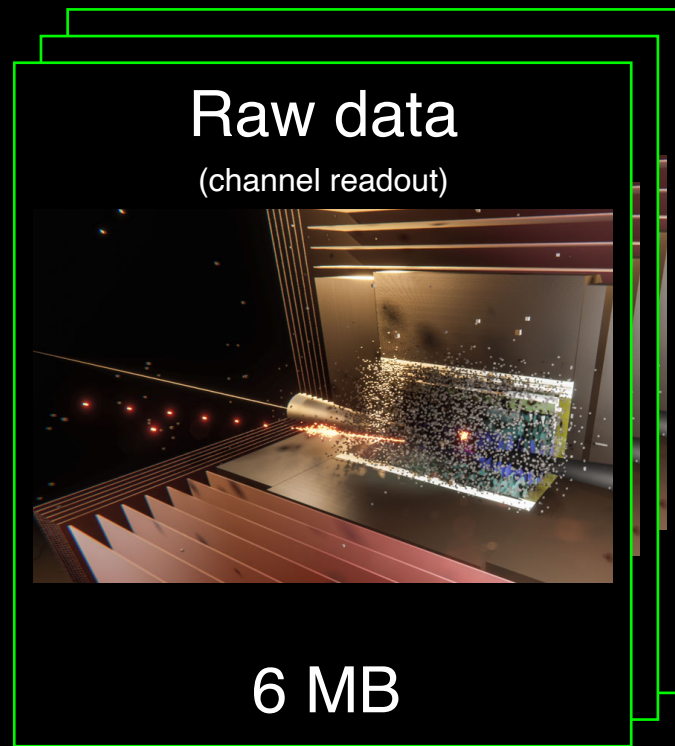
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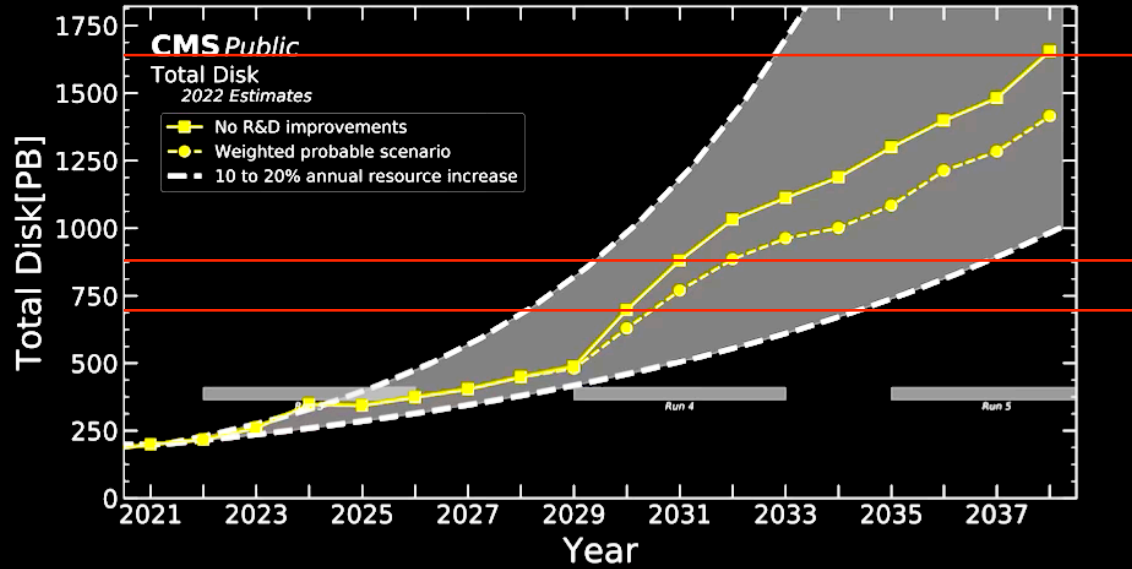


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Disk random access possible
(i.e. "get me so and so event")

Tape is order of mag cheaper
Tape cannot do random access

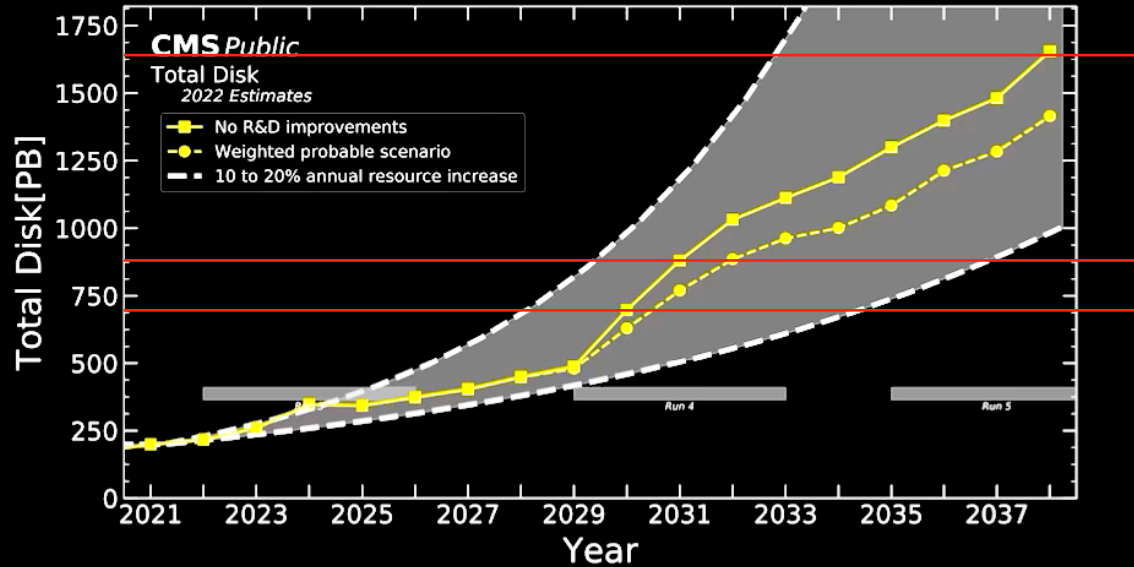
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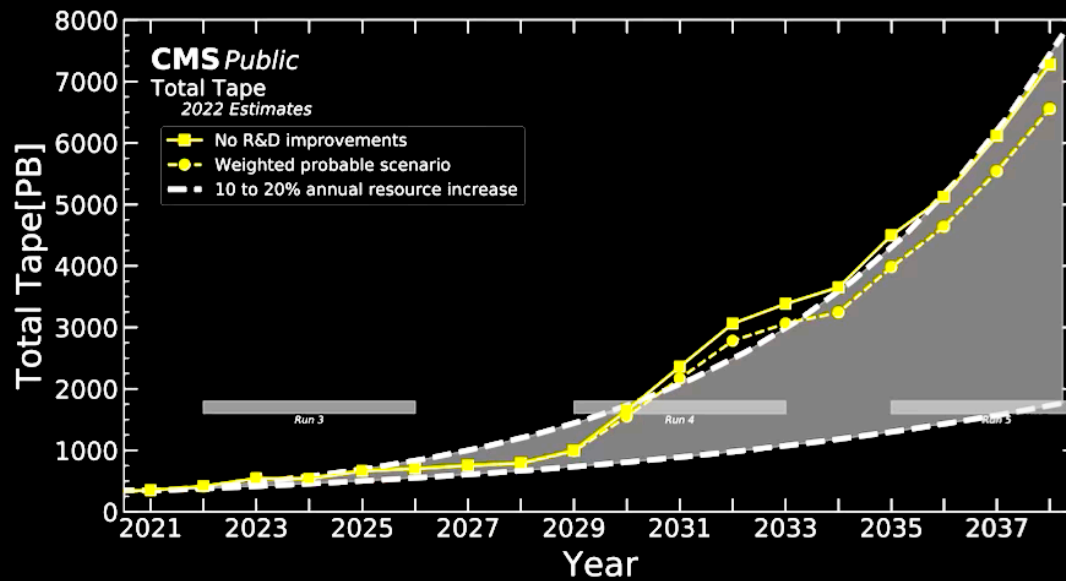
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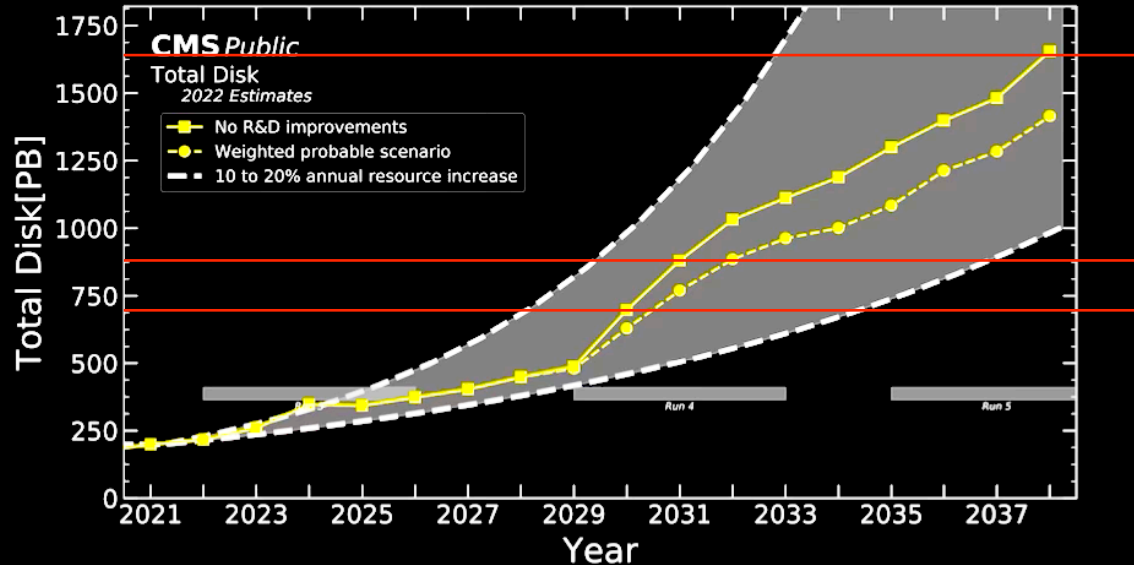
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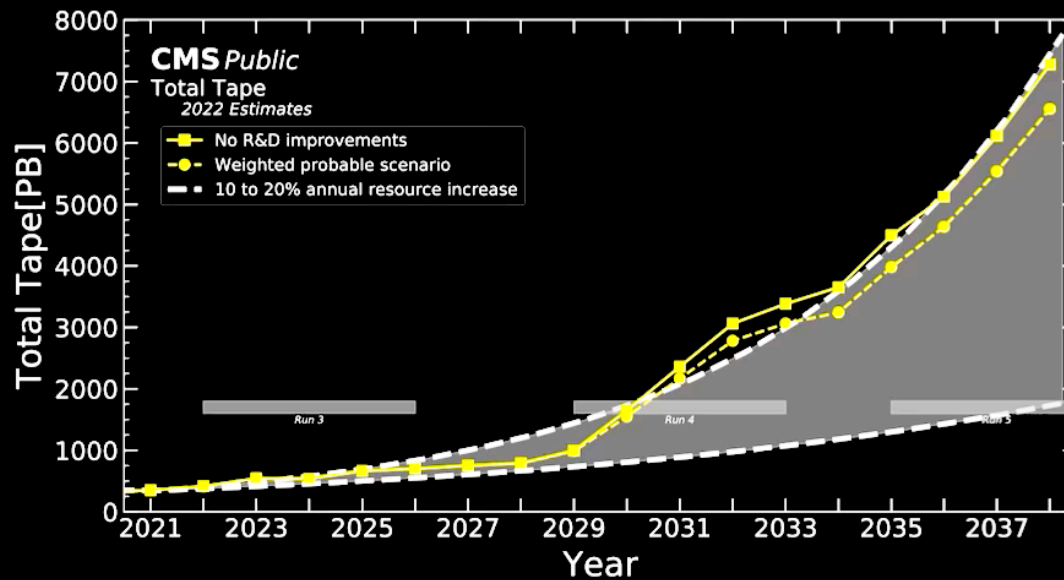
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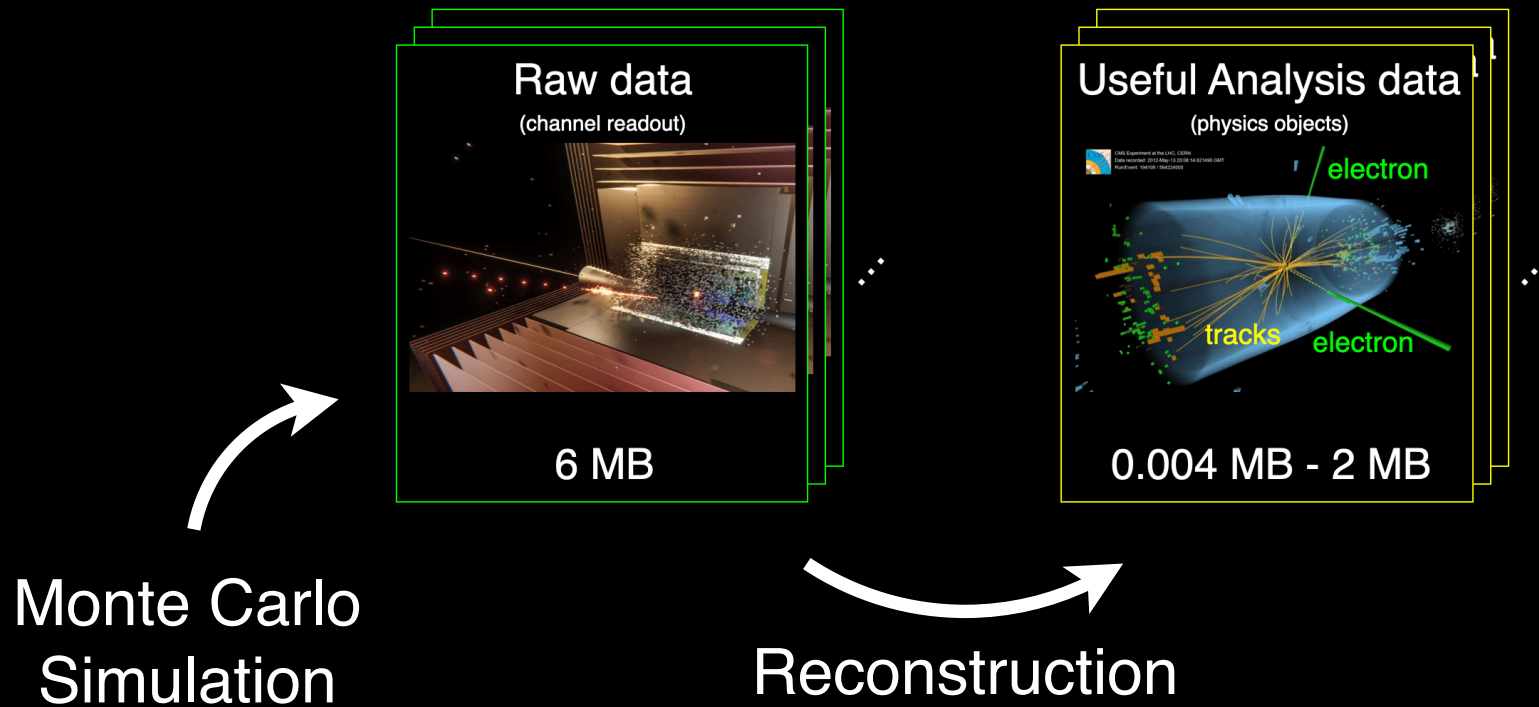
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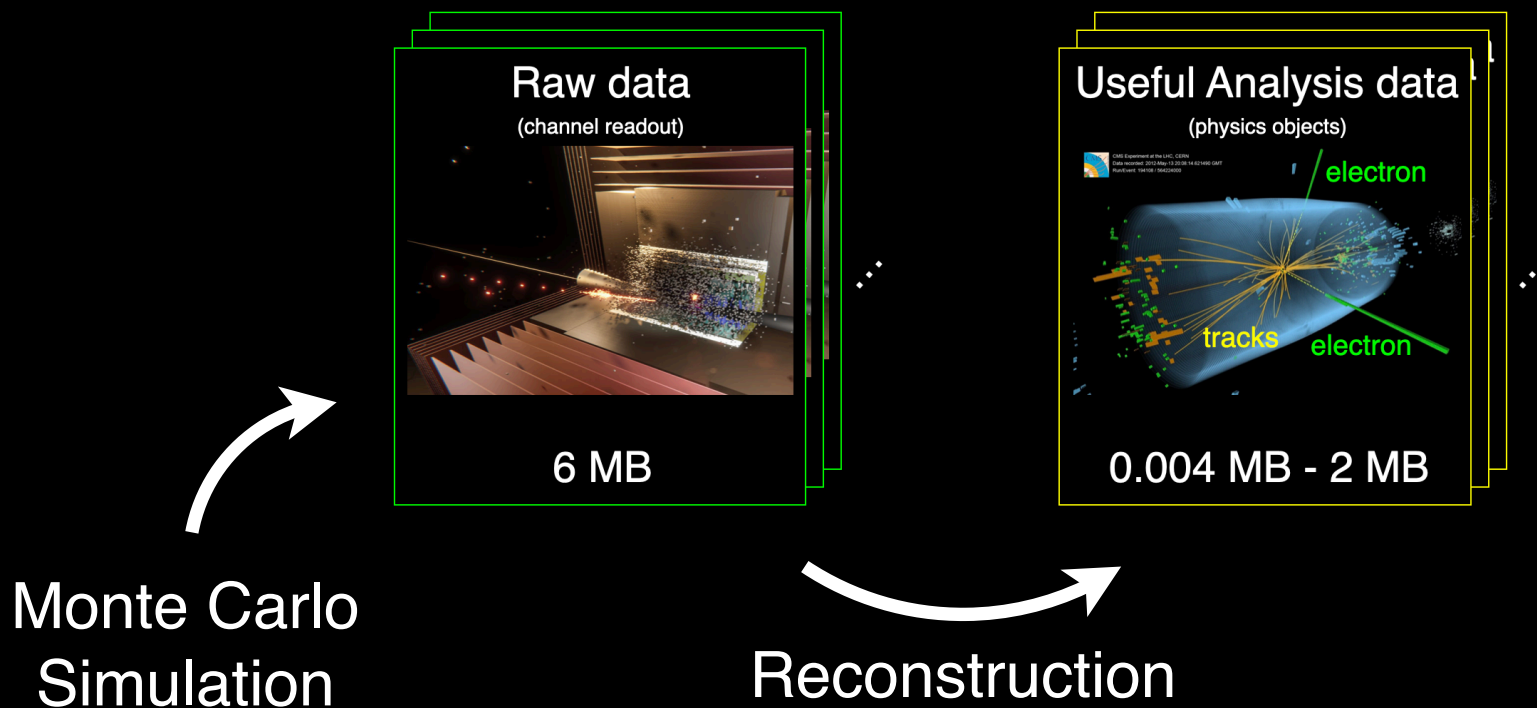
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Raw data are moved to tape, and smaller size
Analysis format data are saved on disk

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CMS	200 PU
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“Reconstruction” (Digi + PU mix + Reco)	300 sec

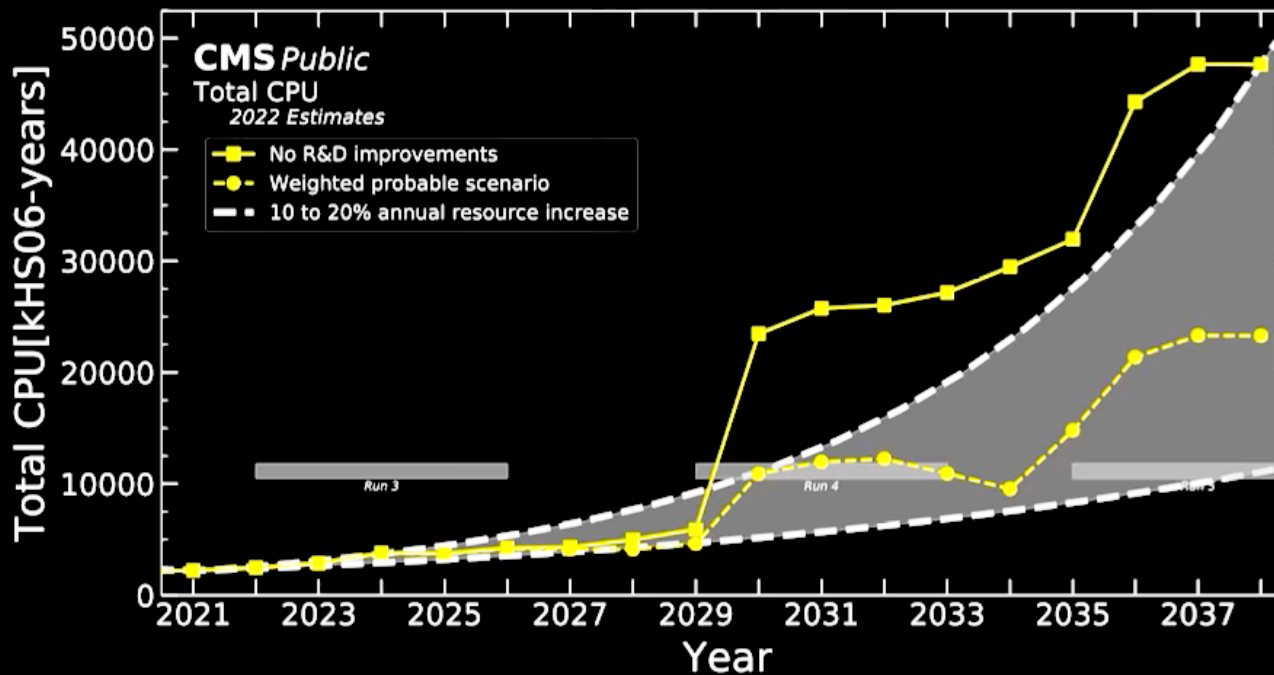
$t = \sim 7 \text{ min}$

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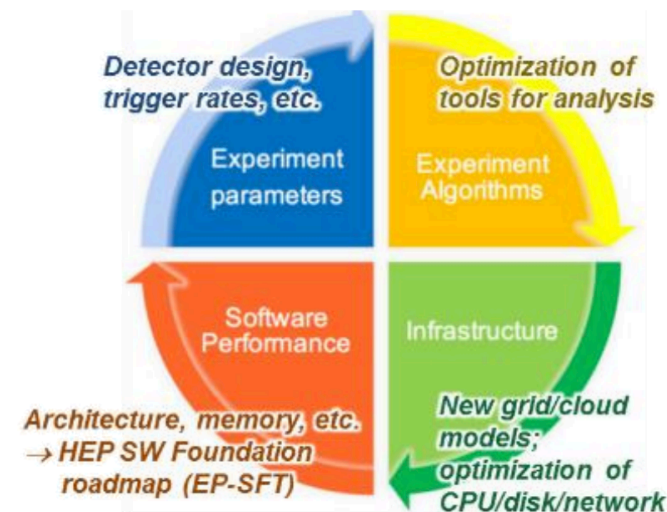
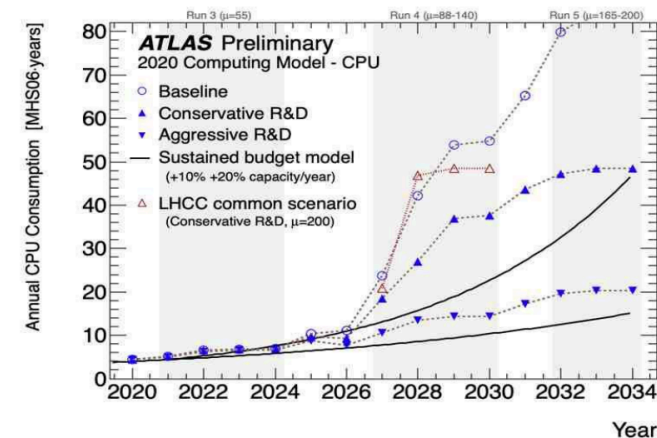
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Per core ~\$80
⇒ \$250M

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 - How do the software and computing models evolve?
 - much was developed beginning 15 years ago
 - they need to function 15 years from now
 - To what extent can we leverage HPC capabilities?
 - What is the optimum balance between CPU, disk, and networking?
 - R&D investments: what activities are being done or planned to address the HL-LHC software and computing challenges?
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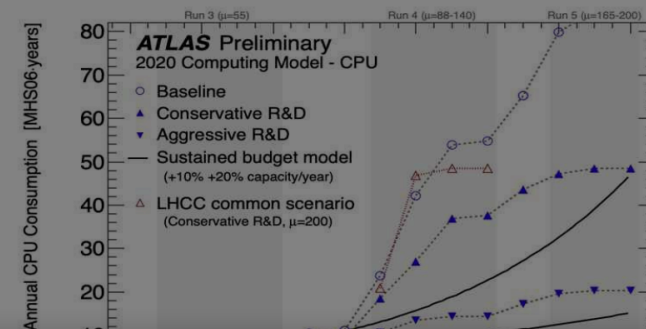
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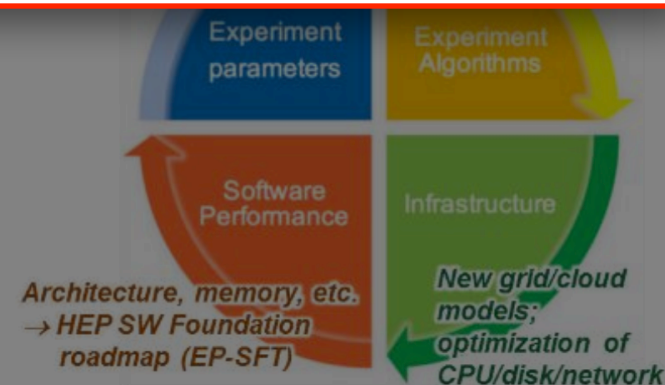
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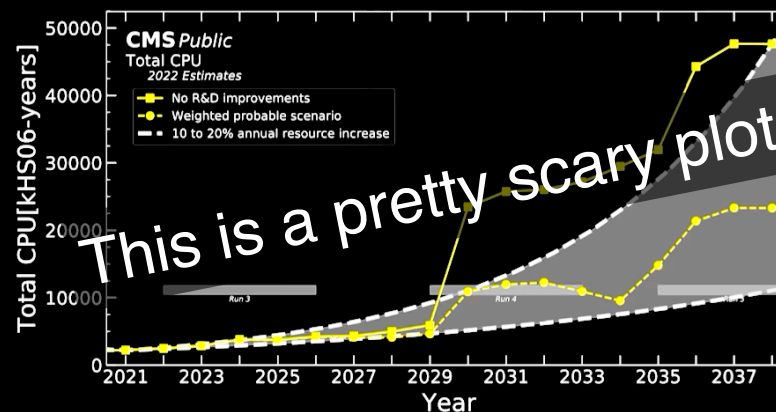
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⇒ What is the impact on FTE?



What about future colliders?

Spoiler: Generally OK.....

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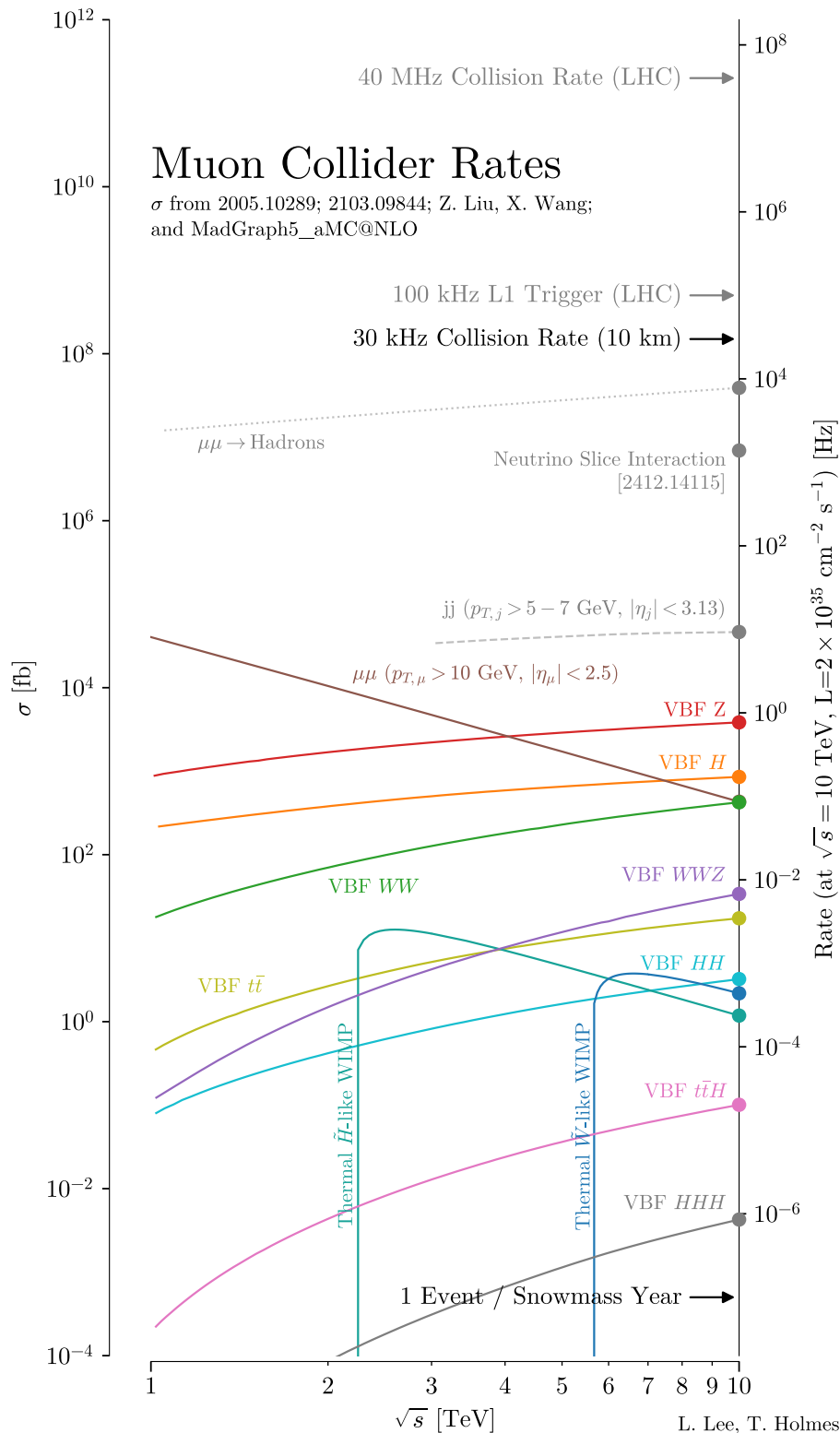
30 kHz 10 TeV μ C Collision rate

~ 10 Hz jets ($p_T > 5 - 7$ GeV)

~ 1 Hz W/Z

~ 0.2 Hz H

Single jet $P_T > 20$ GeV trigger rate
maybe 1 to 10 Hz
(Assuming BIB is dealt with)



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In computing for future colliders, we don't just prepare for what's coming, we invent what's possible.

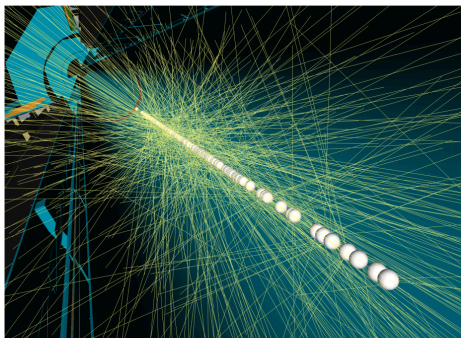
There are many things that we can do with computers
(Software tools, ML reconstruction, tracking, event generation, GPU computing ...)

But I want to focus on a couple of things

On-going HL-LHC R&D



ATLAS HL-LHC Computing Conceptual Design Report



Reference:

Created: 1st May 2020
Last modified: 2nd November 2020
Prepared by: The ATLAS Collaboration

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The Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment

CMS Note

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CMS Phase-2 Computing Model: Update Document

CMS Offline Software and Computing

Abstract

The Phase-2 upgrade of CMS, coupled with the projected performance of the HL-LHC, shows great promise in terms of discovery potential. However, the increased granularity of the CMS detector and the higher complexity of the collision events generated by the accelerator pose challenges in the areas of data acquisition, processing, simulation, and analysis. These challenges cannot be solved solely by increments in the computing resources available to CMS, but must be accompanied by major improvements of the computing model and computing software tools, as well as data processing software and common software tools. In this document we present aspects of our roadmap for those improvements, focusing on the plans to reduce storage and CPU needs as well as take advantage of heterogeneous platforms, such as the ones equipped with GPUs, and High Performance Computing Centers. We describe the most prominent research and development activities being carried out in the experiment, demonstrating their potential effectiveness in either mitigating risks or quantitatively reducing computing resource needs on the road to the HL-LHC.

N.B. This document is based on the written response of the CMS experiment to the charge of the LHCC Computing Model Review round in November 2021 and has been minimally edited for content and presentation.

The U.S. CMS HL-LHC R&D Strategic Plan

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Abstract. The HL-LHC run is anticipated to start at the end of this decade and will pose a significant challenge for the scale of the HEP software and computing infrastructure. The mission of the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program is to develop and operate the software and computing resources necessary to process CMS data expeditiously and to enable U.S. physicists to fully participate in the physics of CMS. We have developed a strategic plan to prioritize R&D efforts to reach this goal for the HL-LHC. This plan includes four grand challenges: modernizing physics software and improving algorithms, building infrastructure for exabyte-scale datasets, transforming the scientific data analysis process and transitioning from R&D to operations. We are involved in a variety of R&D projects that fall within these grand challenges. In this talk, we will introduce our four grand challenges and outline the R&D program of the U.S. CMS Software & Computing Operations Program.

1 Introduction

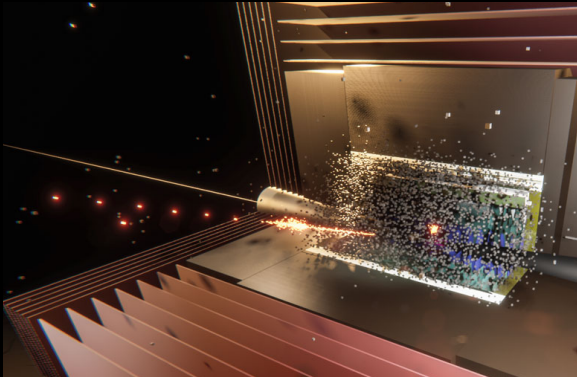
The Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) [1] experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) [2] has had a very successful physics program so far with over 1200 scientific papers submitted to date [3]. The success of this physics program has been enabled by the availability of sufficient computing resources to store, process and analyze the data in an efficient fashion. The CMS experiment is designed, built, and operated by a collaboration of close to 200 institutions across more than 50 countries, and comprises roughly 3,000 members, of which close to 2/3 are physicists with authorship privileges on all CMS physics papers [4].

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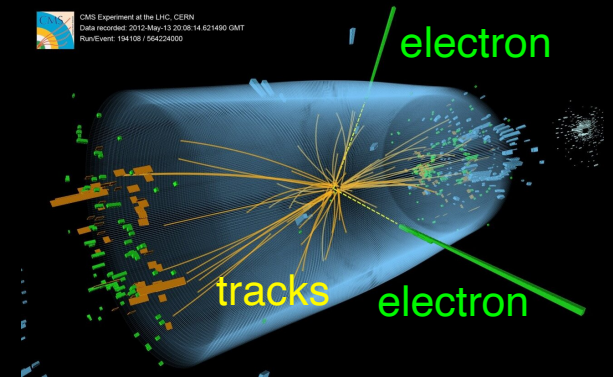
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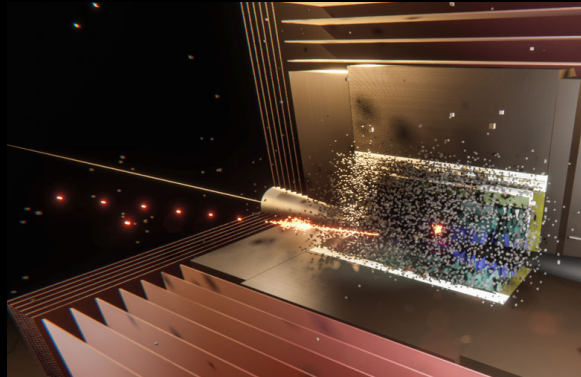
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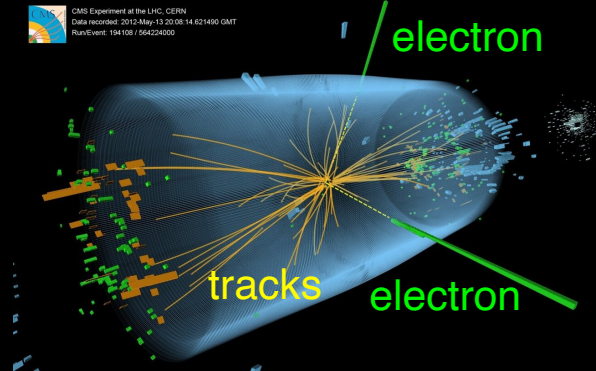


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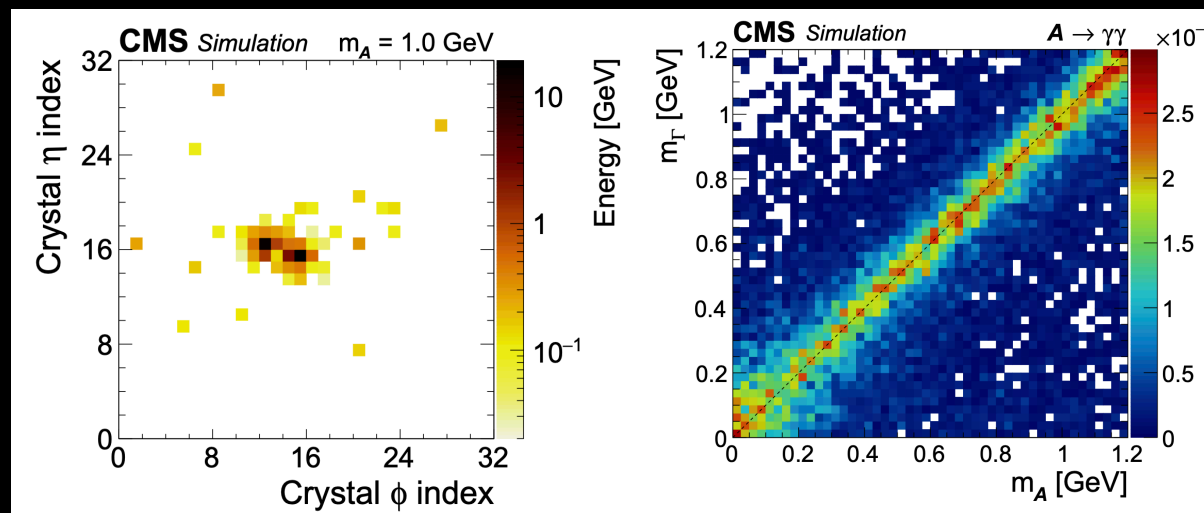


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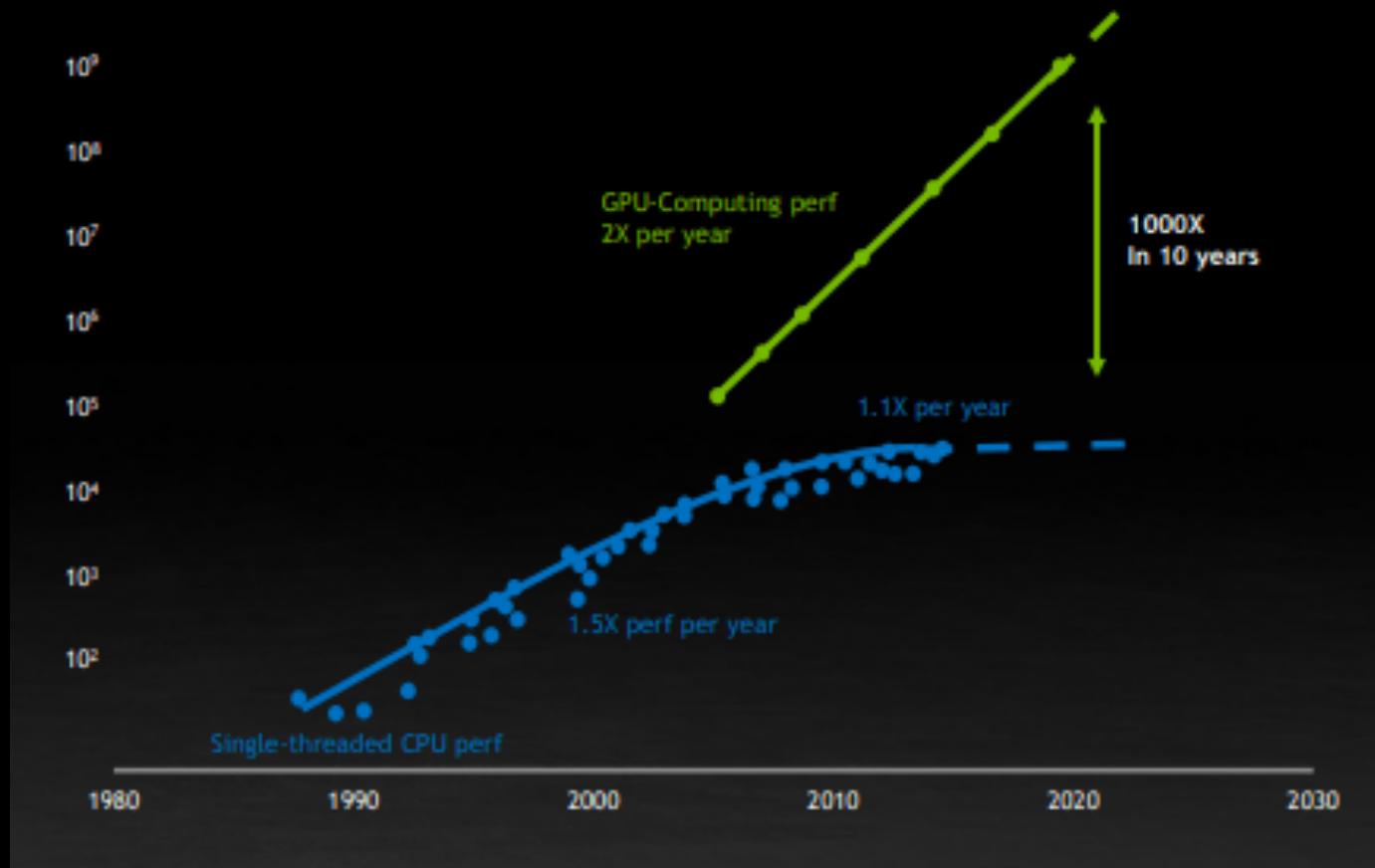
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GPU (Huang's Law)



NVIDIA

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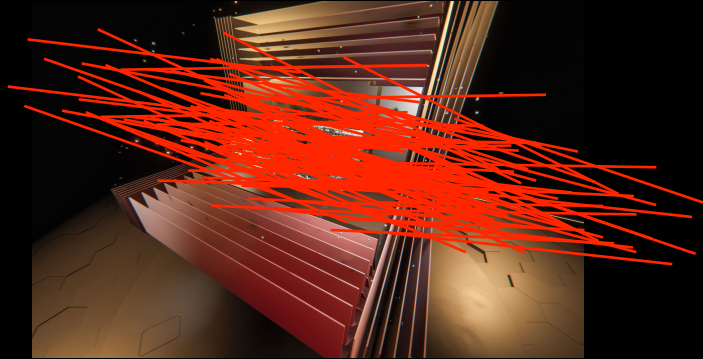
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Data Compression / Filtering



If one can suppress the readout
(e.g. putting processor close to
detector readout level)

“Triggerless” or “streaming”

⇒ One could be saving
entire experimental events

Future Colliders (per year)

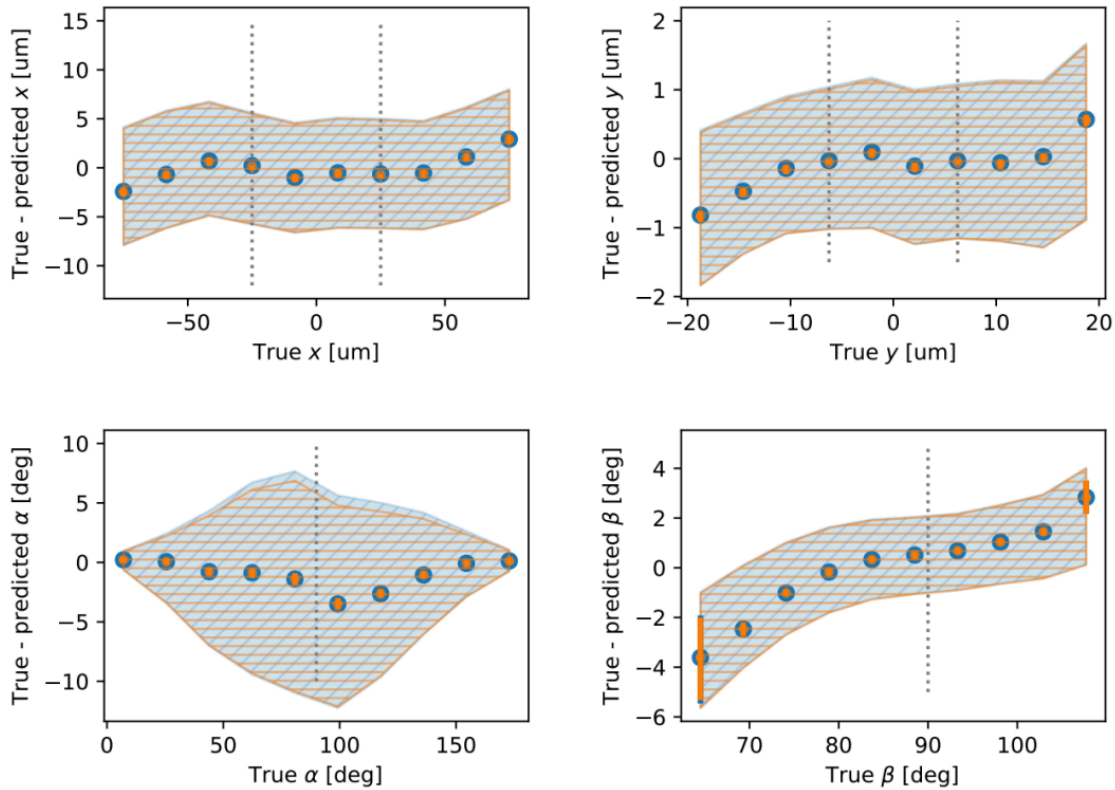
N.B. Not official numbers (take this with many grains of salt...)

	fMC	Rate	Time	Size	N _{evt}	D _{disk}	C _{CPU}
HL-LHC	1.5	10kHz	7 min	6 MB	250B	1.5 EB	3.3M
FCC-ee	4	200kHz	0.1 min	1 MB	10T	10 EB	2M
FCC-hh	2	10kHz	20 min	50 MB	300B	15 EB	11M
μ C (10 km)	4	1kHz	20 min	50 MB	50B	5 EB	1.9M
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μC streaming	9	30kHz	0.1 min	1 MB	3T	3 EB	0.6M

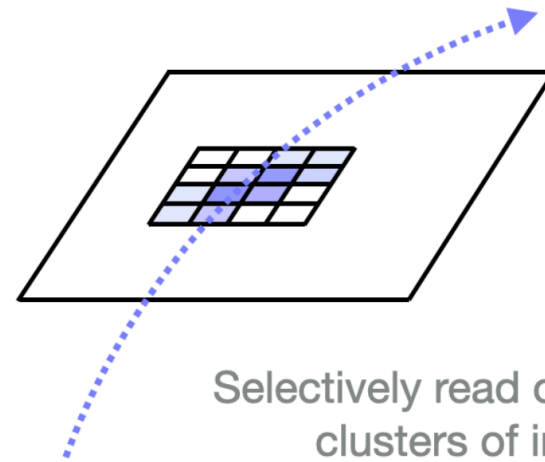
Caveats: These are "back-of-the-envelope" numbers which is approximately correct with their CDR or supporting documents. For more detail please consult the documents.

Example

Simple regression algorithm in **QKeras** and **hls4ml**



Infer properties of incident
particle from cluster of pixel hits

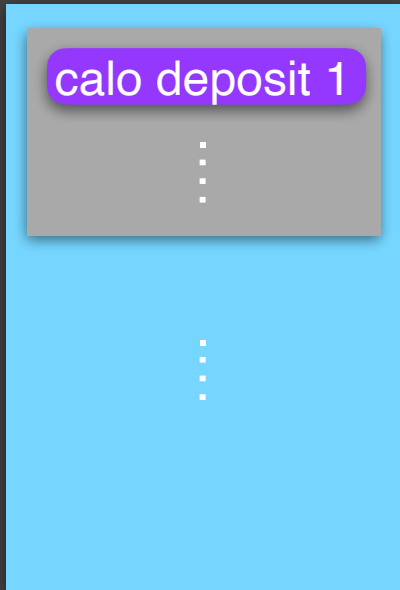


Selectively read out/featurize
clusters of interest

Getting rid of data tiers

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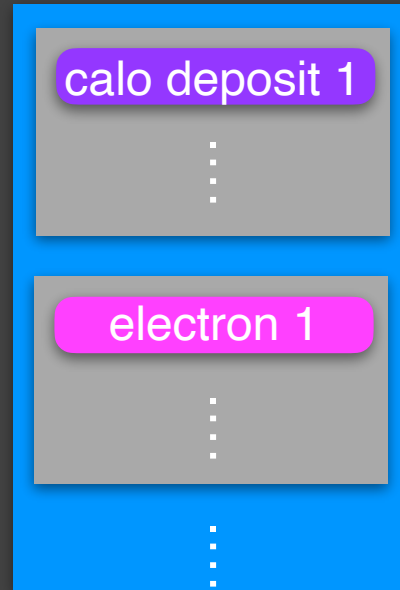


Event 2

⋮

AOD

Event 1

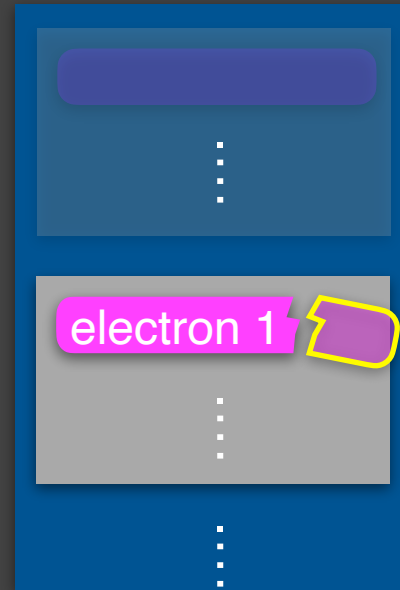


Event 2

⋮

"mini"-AOD

Event 1



Event 2

⋮

Getting rid of data tiers

Raw

Event 1

calo deposit 1

⋮

⋮

Event 2

⋮

AOD

Event 1

calo deposit 1

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electron 1

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Event 2

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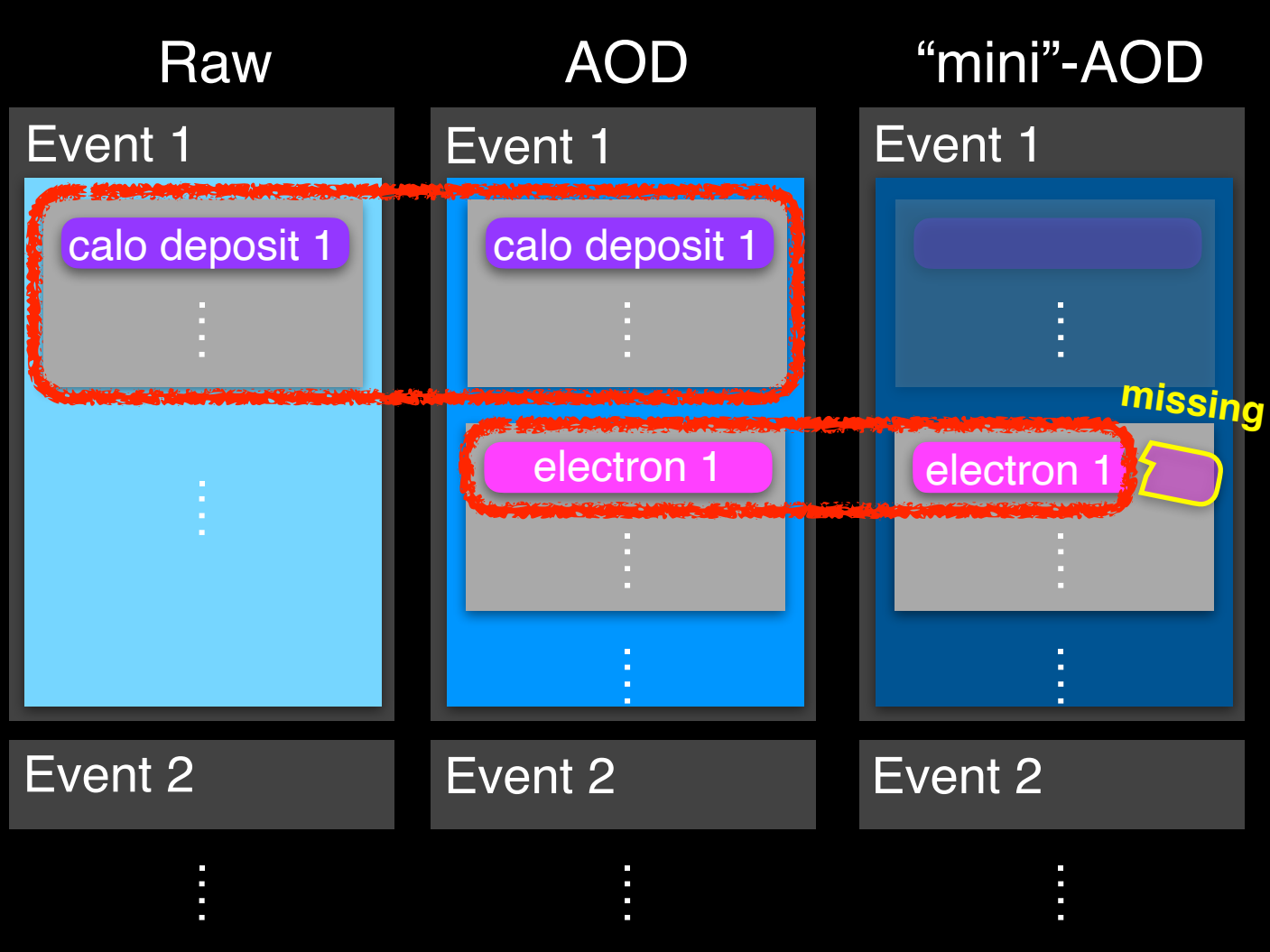
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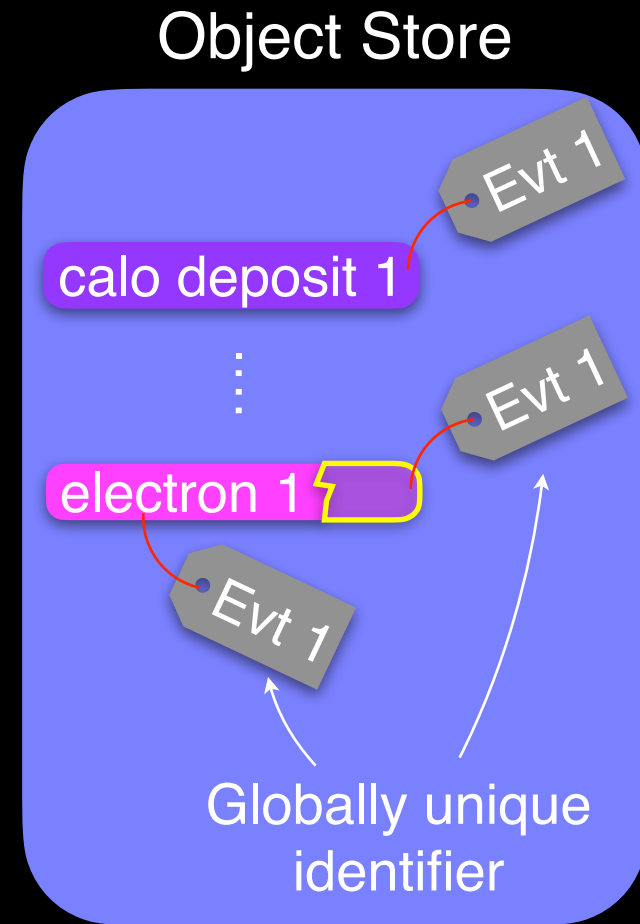
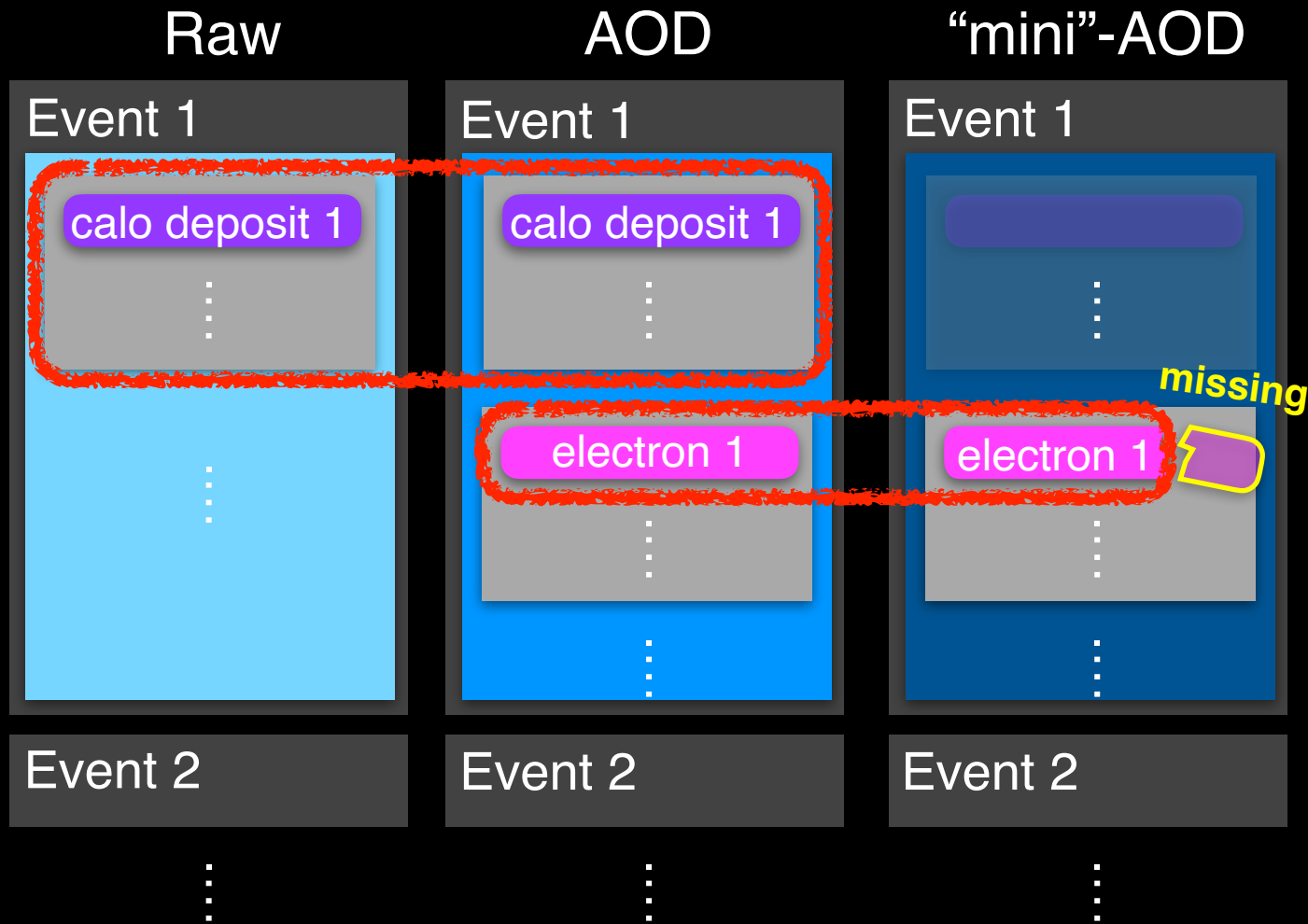
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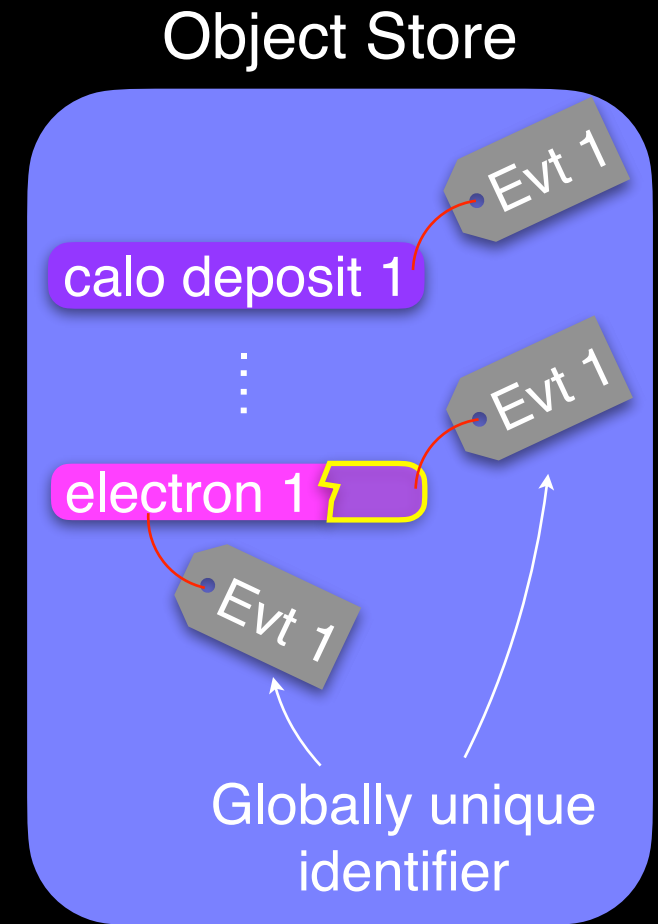
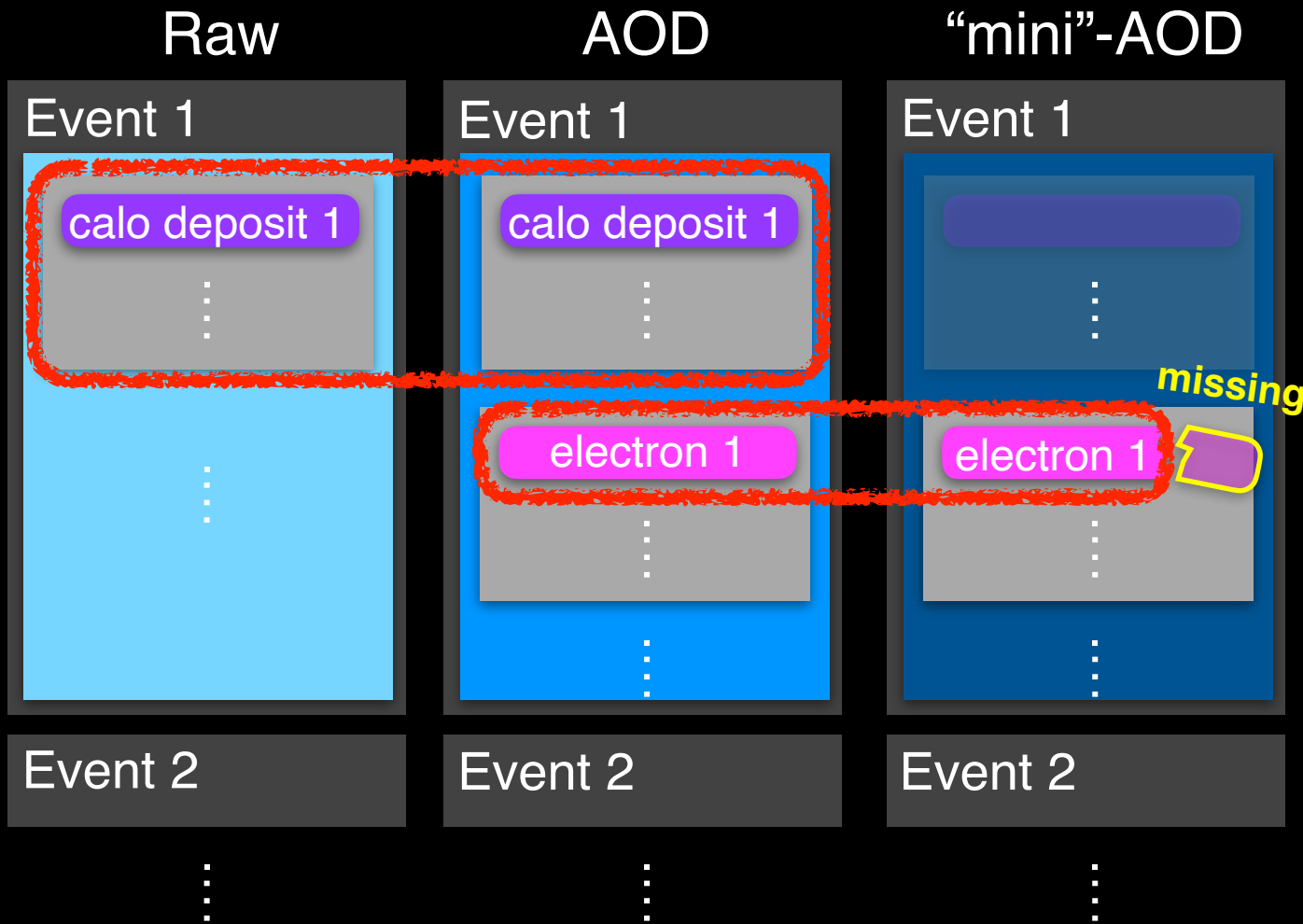
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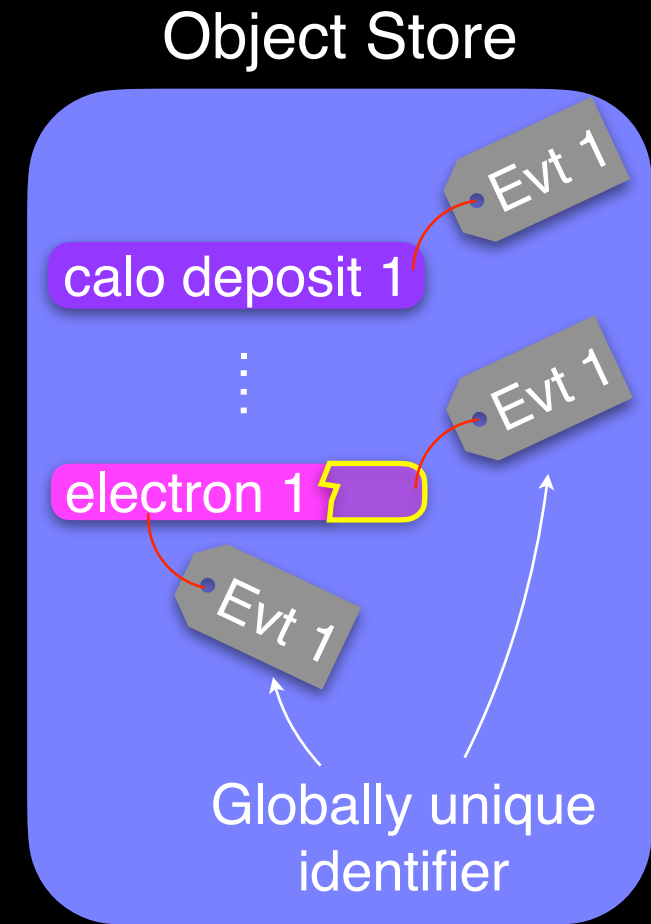
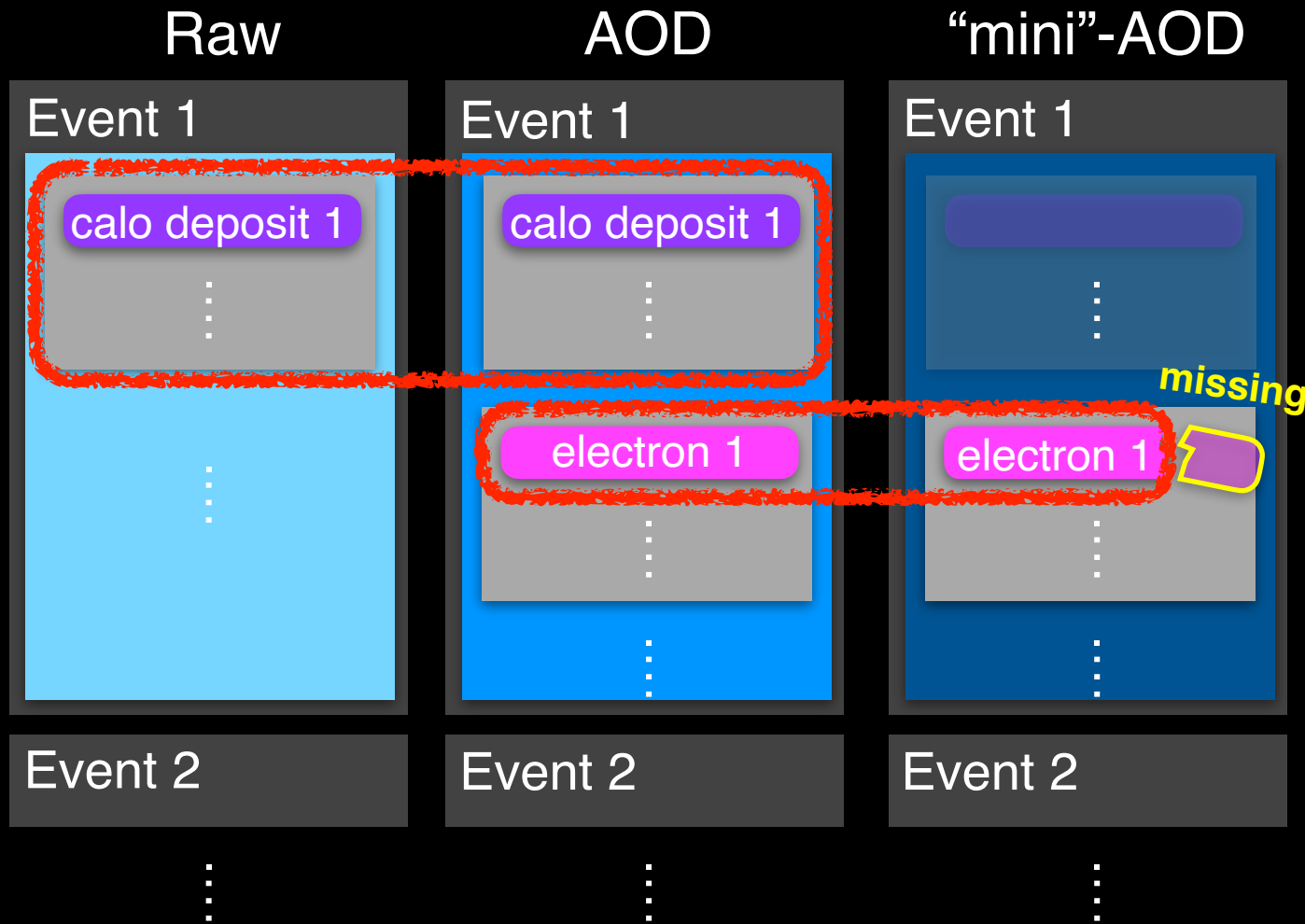


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Amazon S3
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Google Cloud Storage

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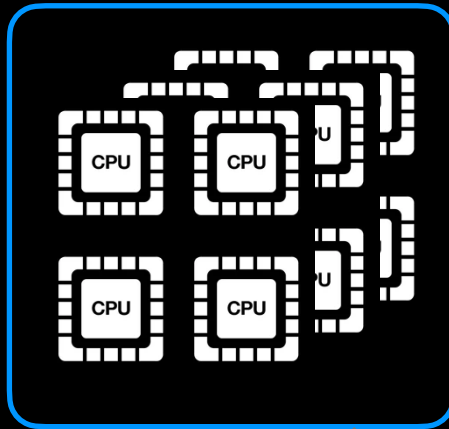


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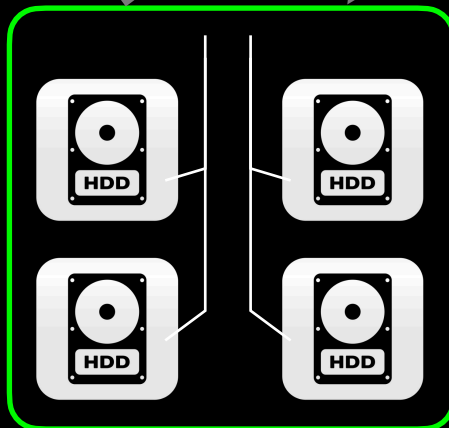
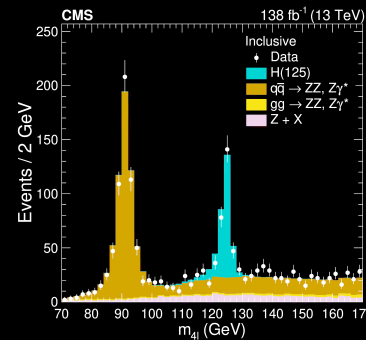
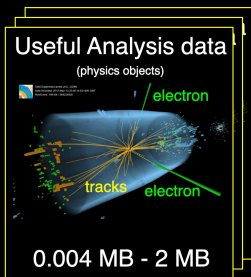
Once we forgo data-tiers, we can access
"lower-level information" on demand

Analysis Facilities

CPU farm

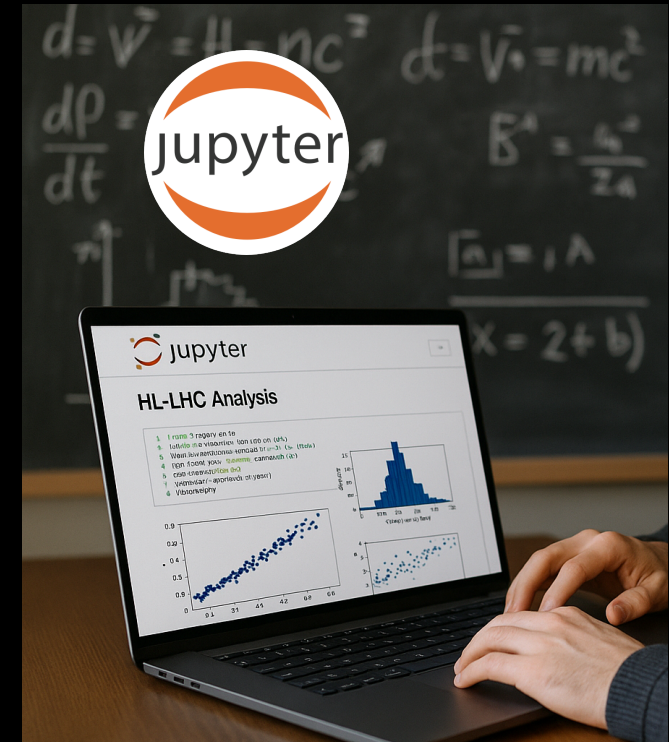


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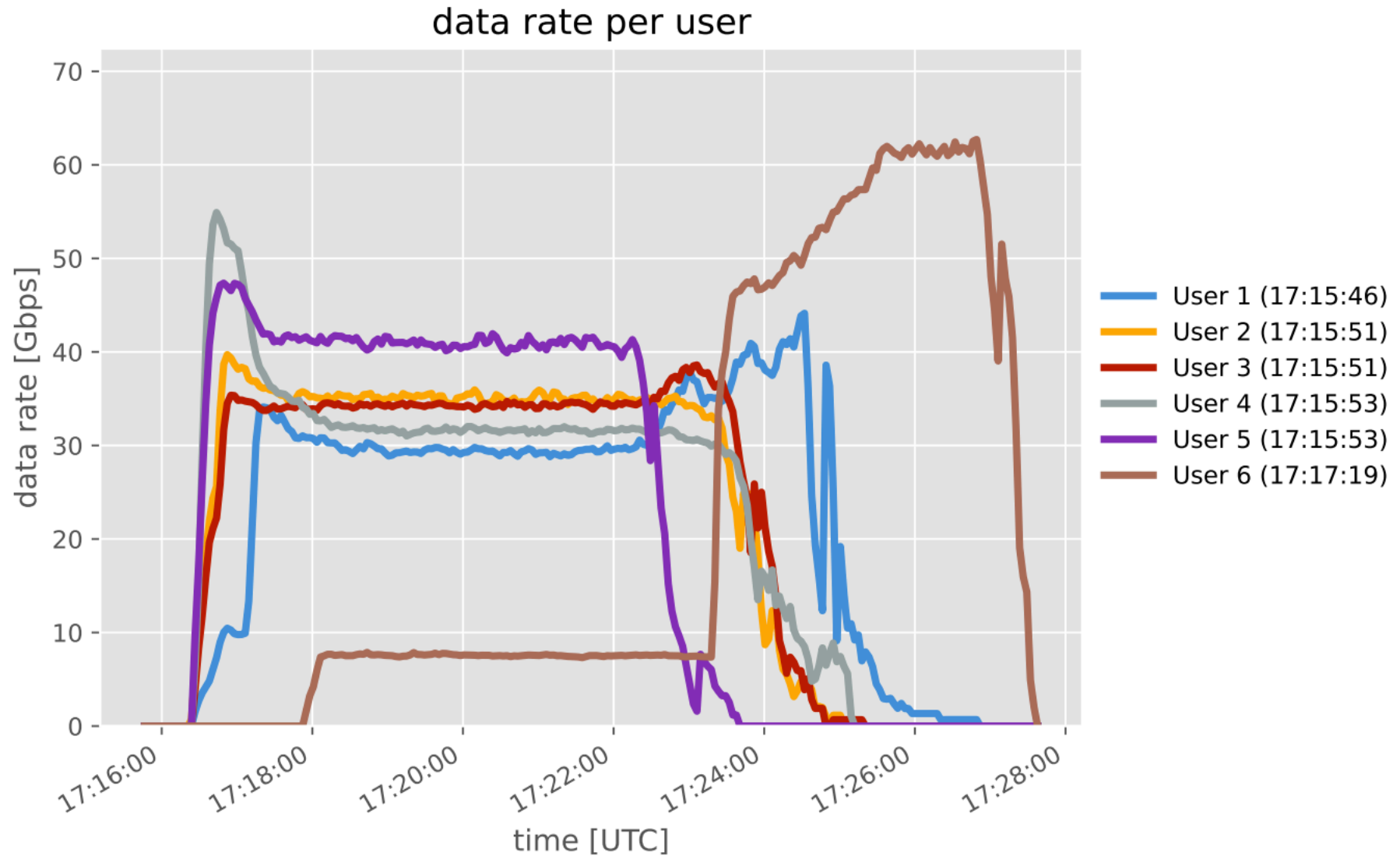


$O(100)$ Gbps

Disk Storage

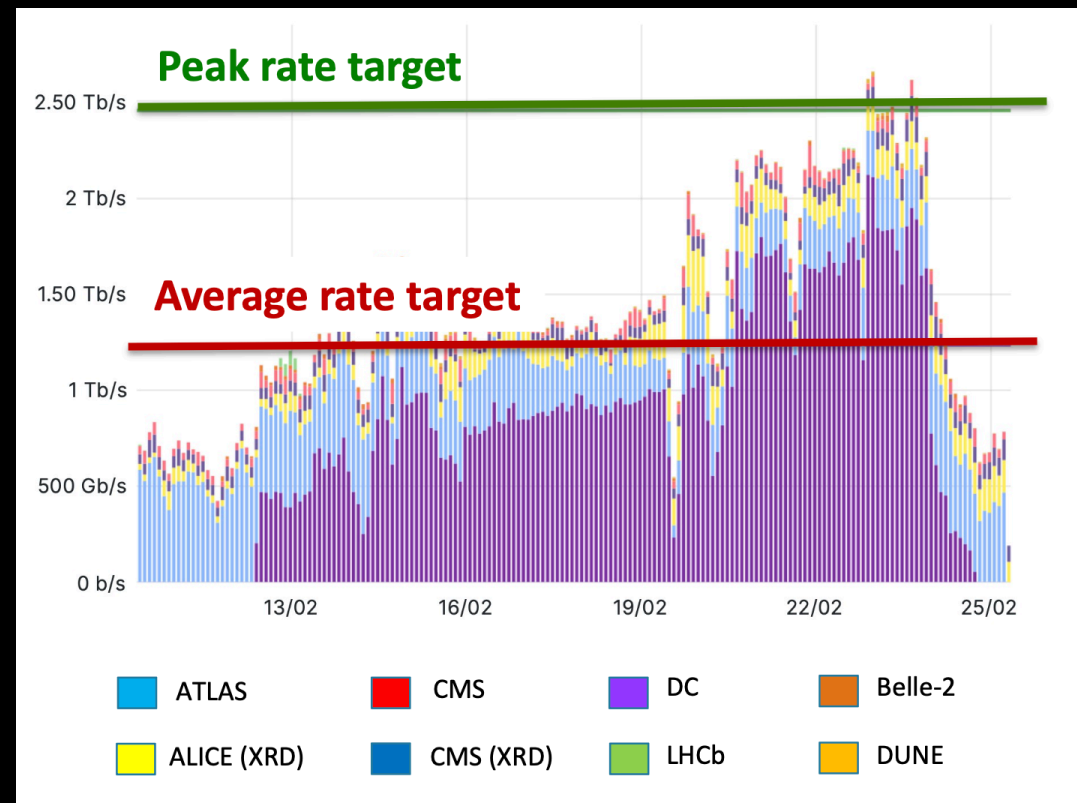


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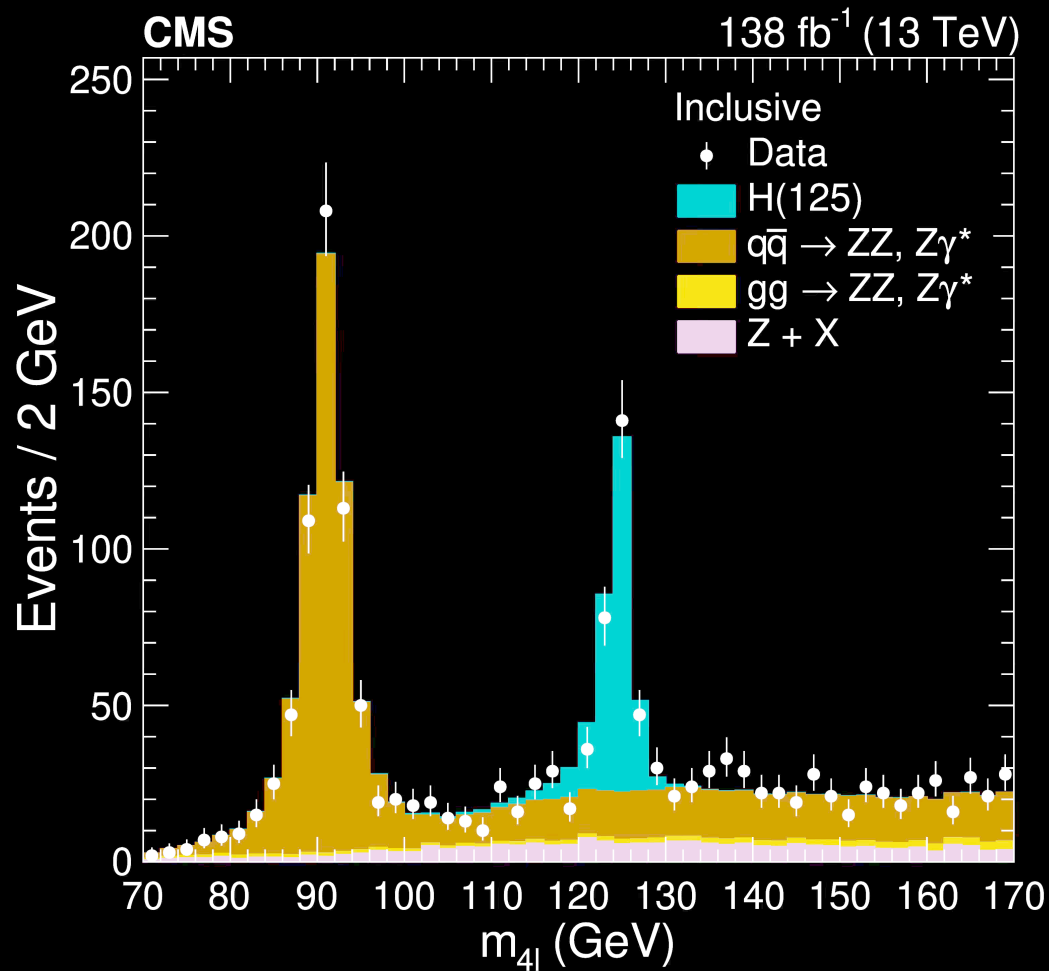


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Networking Challenges

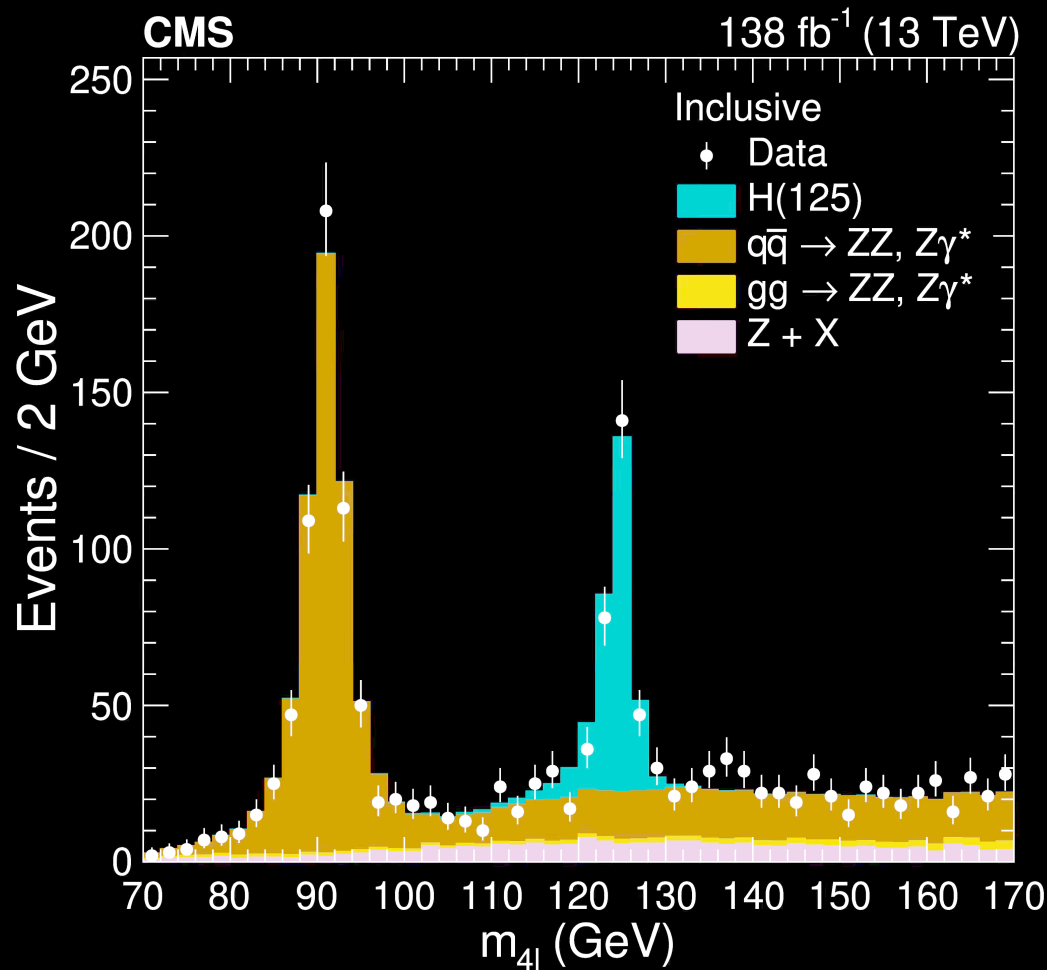


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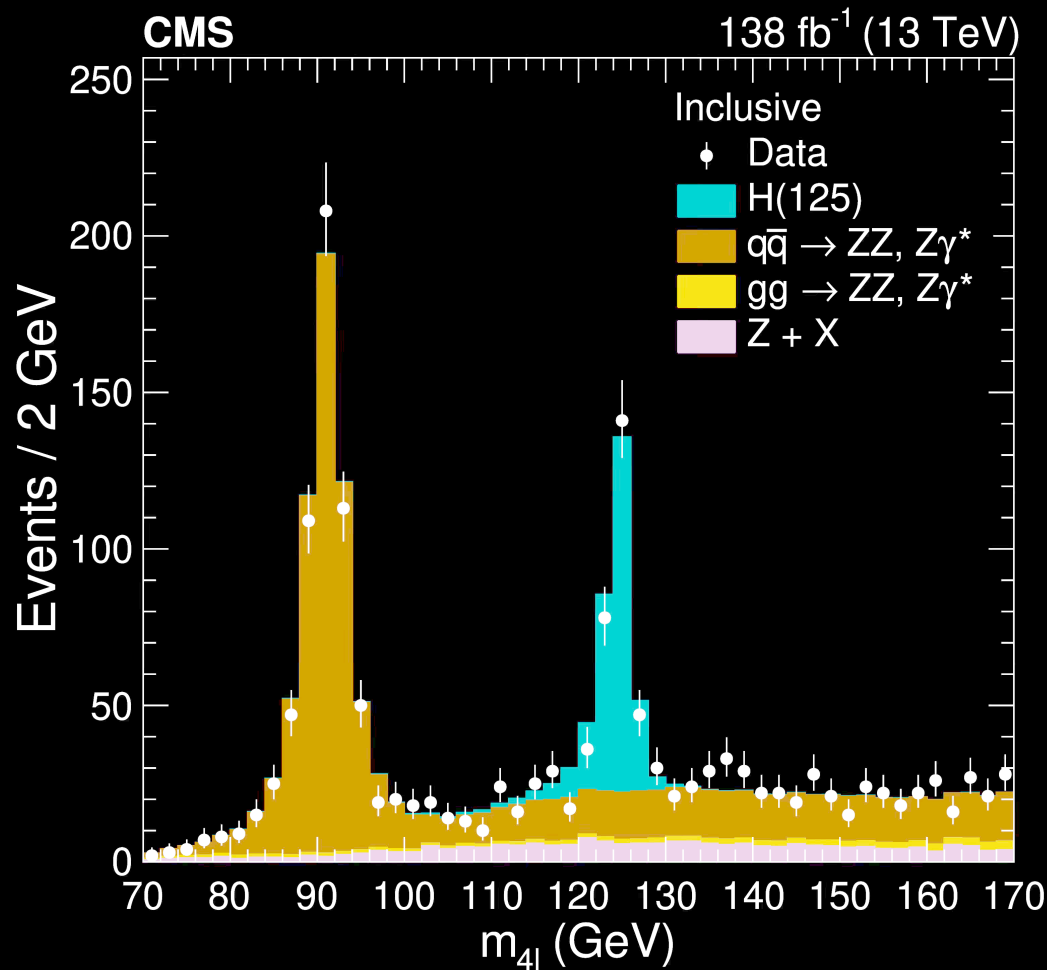
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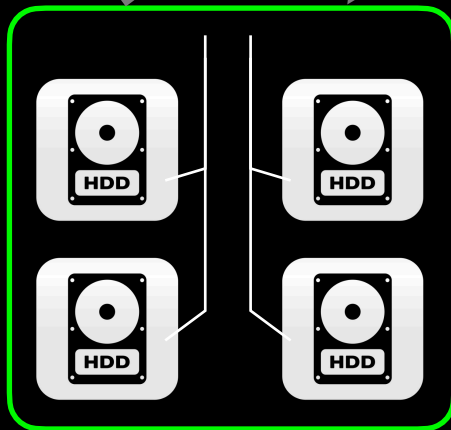
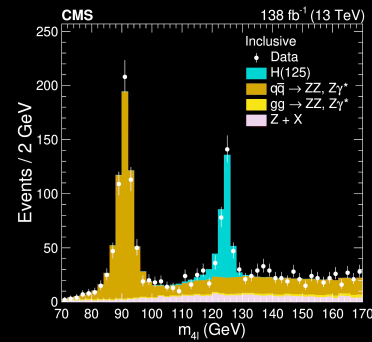
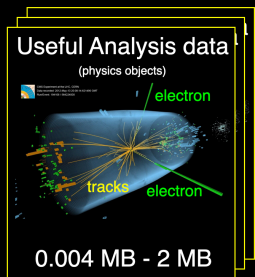
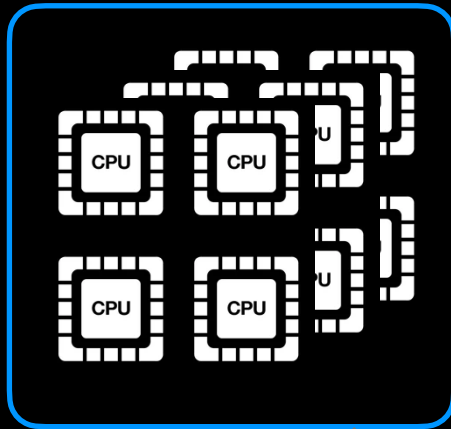
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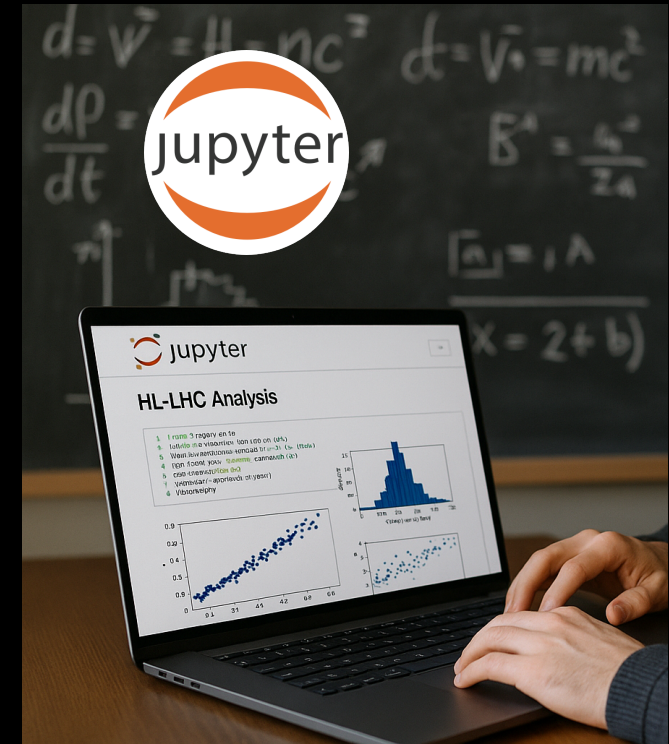
e.g. “select events
with 4 leptons”

Analysis Facilities

CPU farm

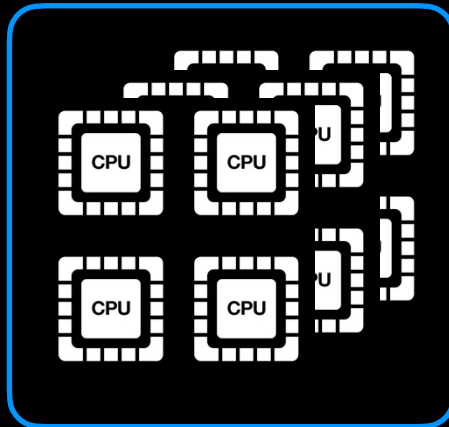


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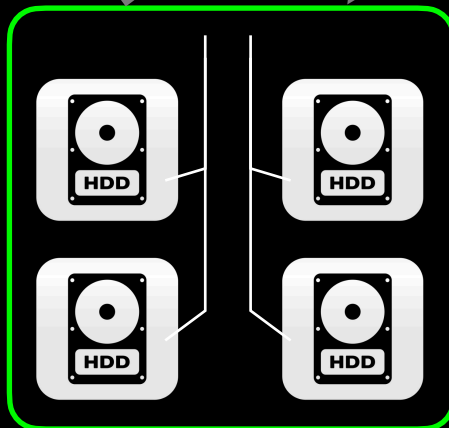
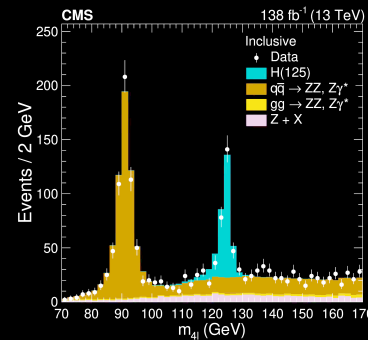
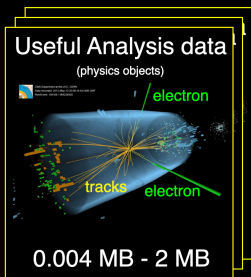
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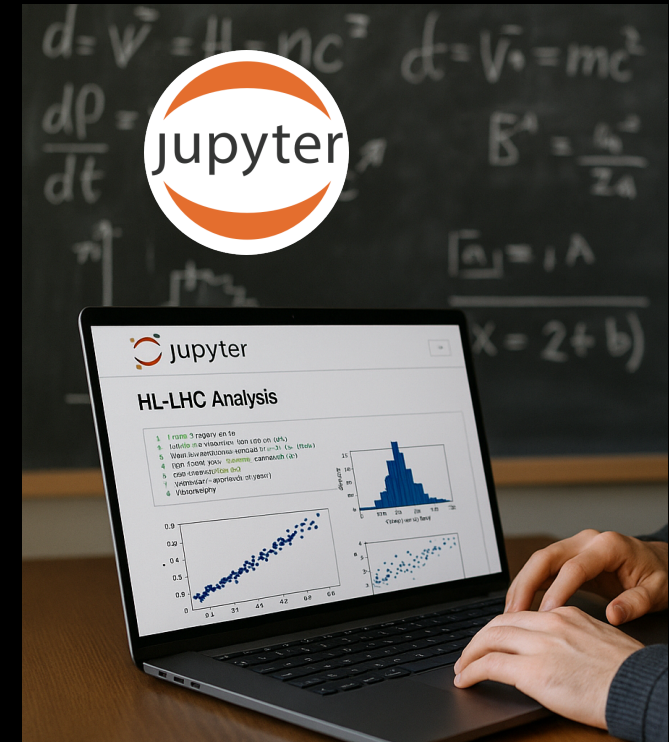
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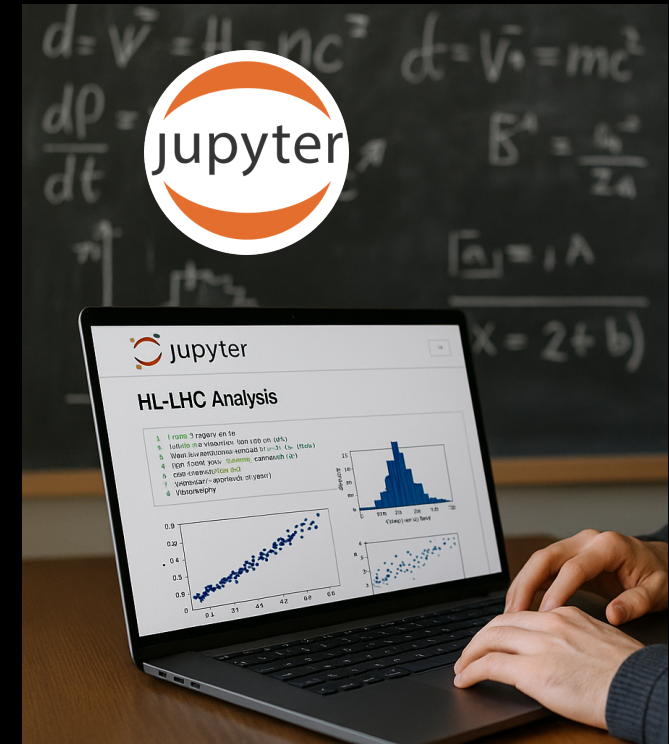
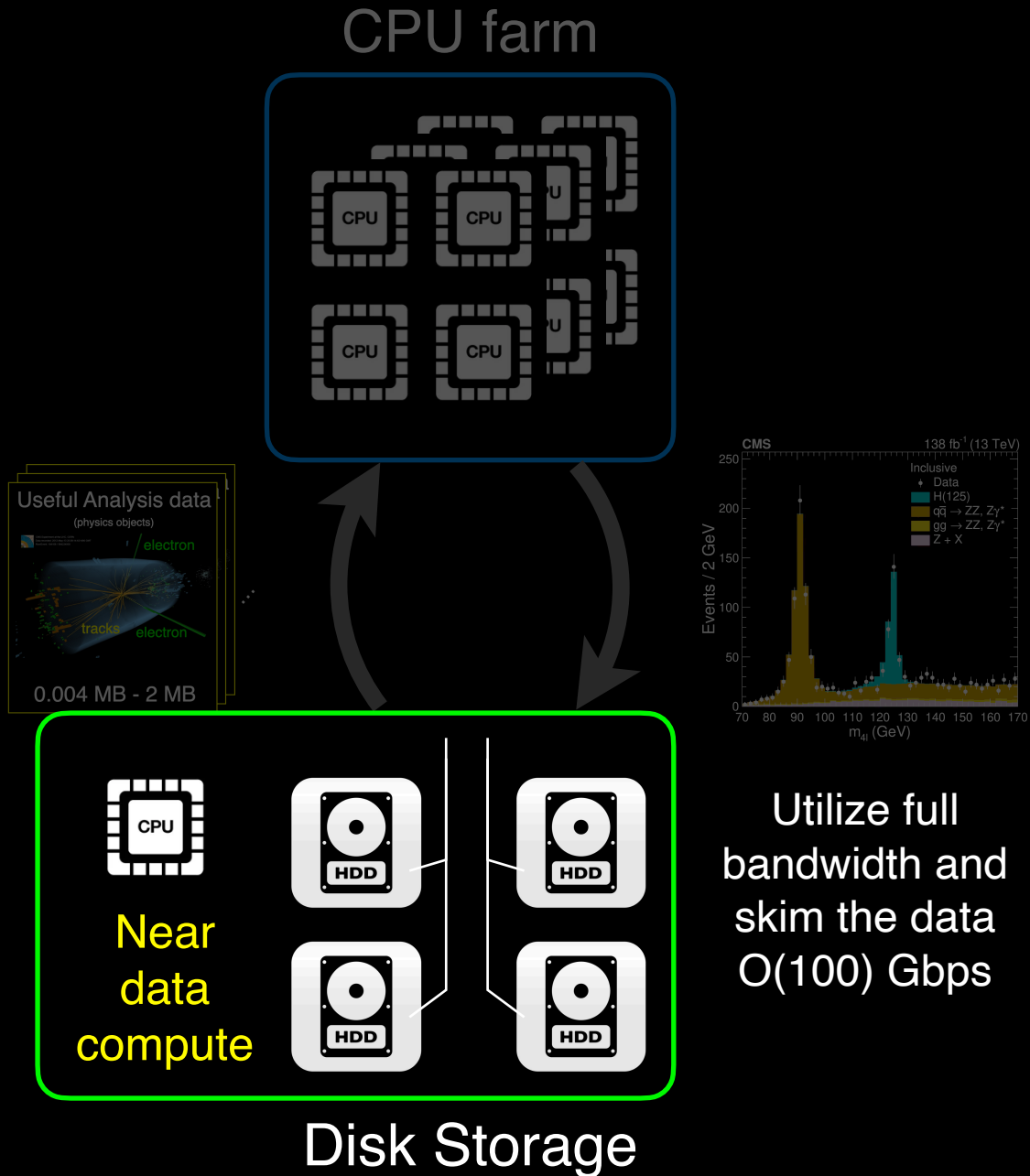


$O(100)\text{ Gbps}$

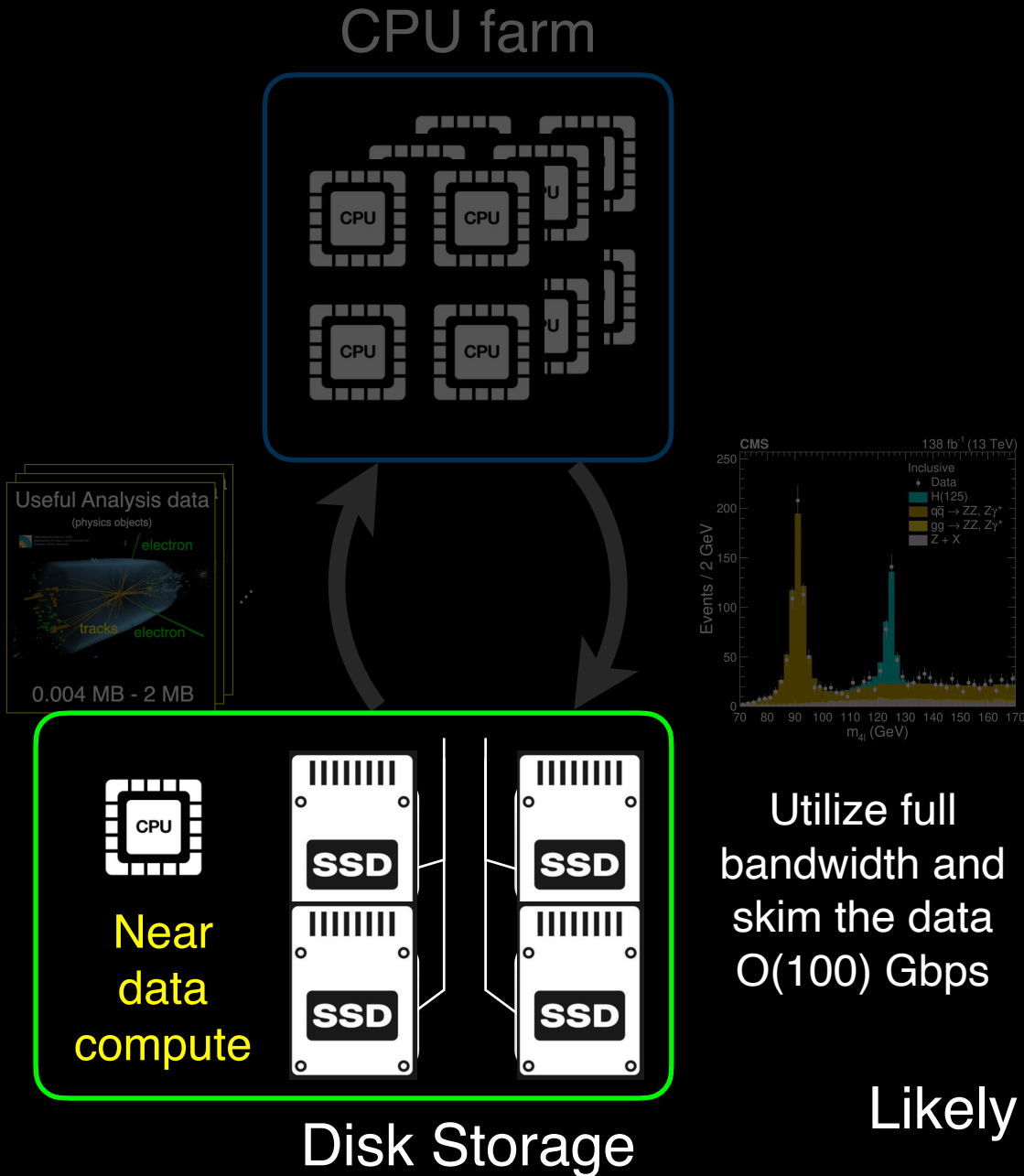
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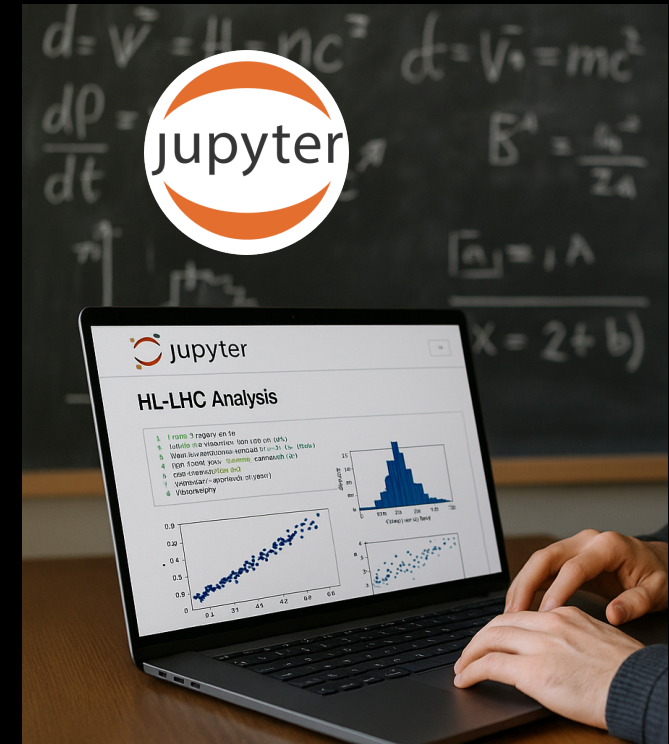


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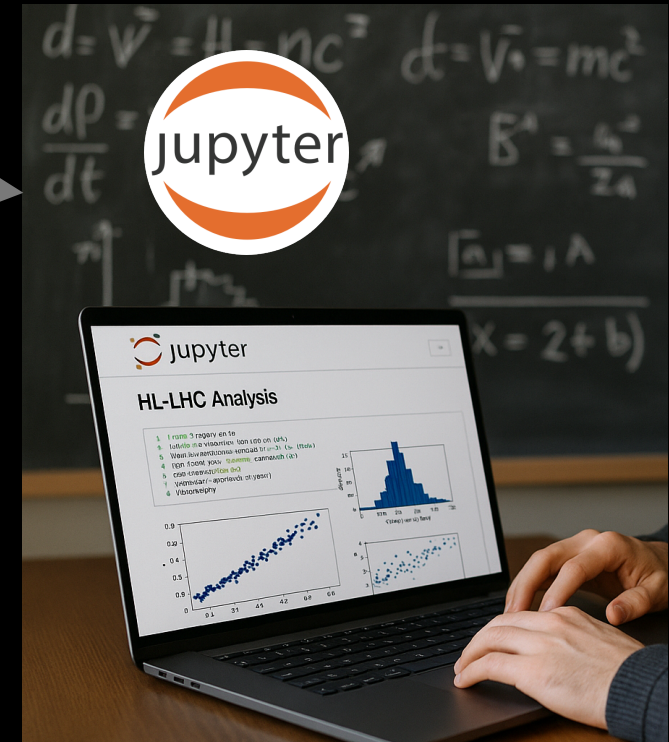
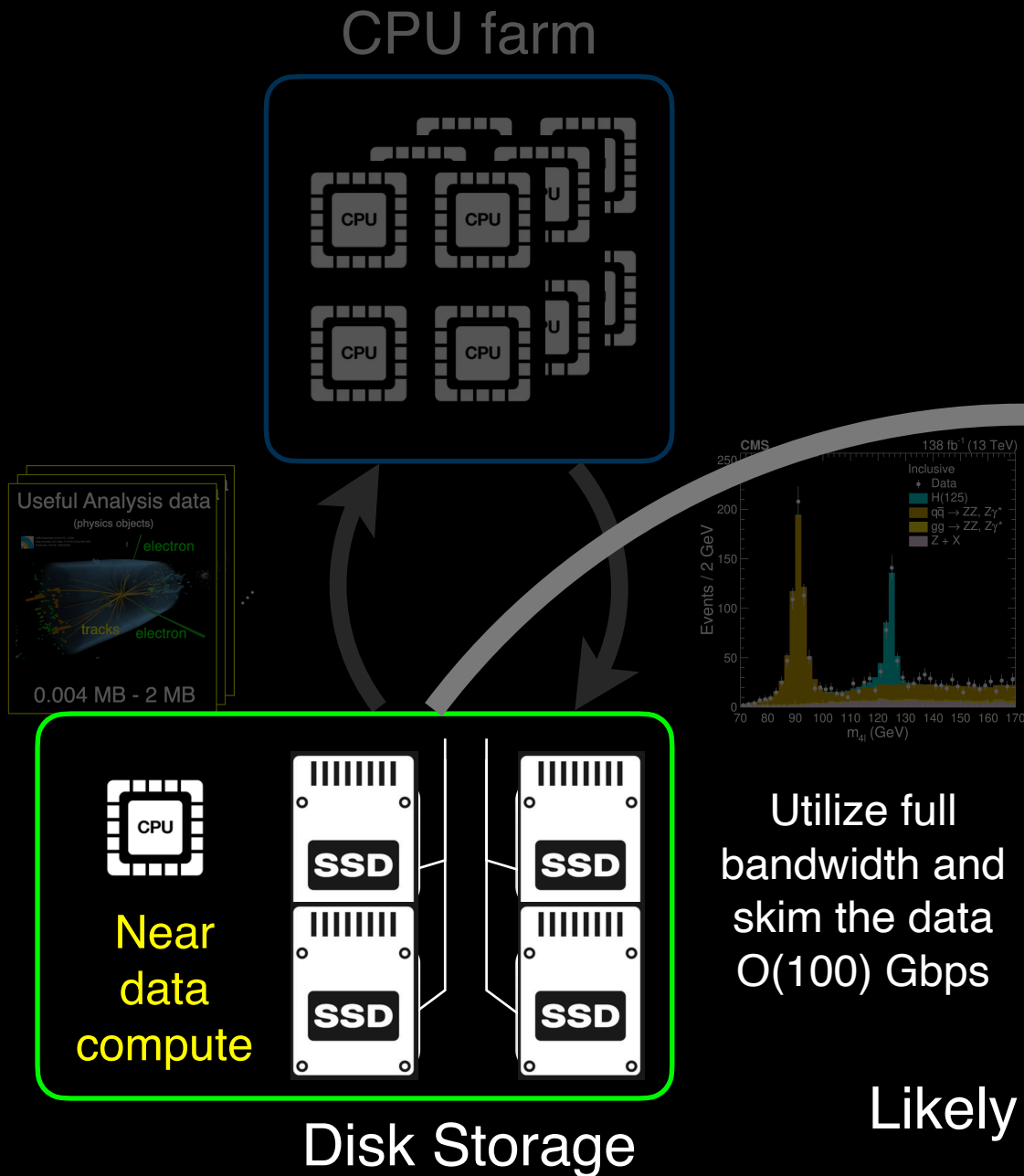
Utilize full
bandwidth and
skim the data
O(100) Gbps

Likely require NVMe



Instead...

Transfer O(10 GB) data
and run your analysis
on laptop



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- End-to-end event reconstruction using machine learning
- Getting rid of data-tier structure and more flexibility
- Data compression on detector readout to allow “triggerless” approach
- Overcoming networking challenges via near-data compute

Backup

Table 3: CMS preliminary resource request for 2026 in the default scenario where 2026 is a shutdown year and the alternate scenario where 2026 is a data taking year. The percentage changes with respect to the approved 2025 request are shown, as well as the different between the alternate and default scenarios.

CMS		2025 Approved	2026 Preliminary		Increase with respect to 2025		
			Default	Alternate	Default	Alternate	Difference
CPU [kHS23]	Tier-0	1,180	1,180	1,180	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0
	Tier-1	1,100	1,100	1,200	0 (0%)	100 (8%)	100
	Tier-2	1,900	1,900	2,000	0 (0%)	100 (5%)	100
	Total	4,180	4,180	4,380	0 (0%)	200 (5%)	200
Disk [PB]	Tier-0	70	70	73	0 (0%)	3 (4%)	3
	Tier-1	142	150	160	8 (5%)	18 (13%)	10
	Tier-2	175	185	195	10 (6%)	20 (11%)	10
	Total	387	405	428	18 (5%)	41 (11%)	23
Tape [PB]	Tier-0	442	442	462	0 (0%)	20 (5%)	20
	Tier-1	445	452	470	7 (2%)	25 (6%)	18
	Total	887	894	932	7 (1%)	45 (5%)	38

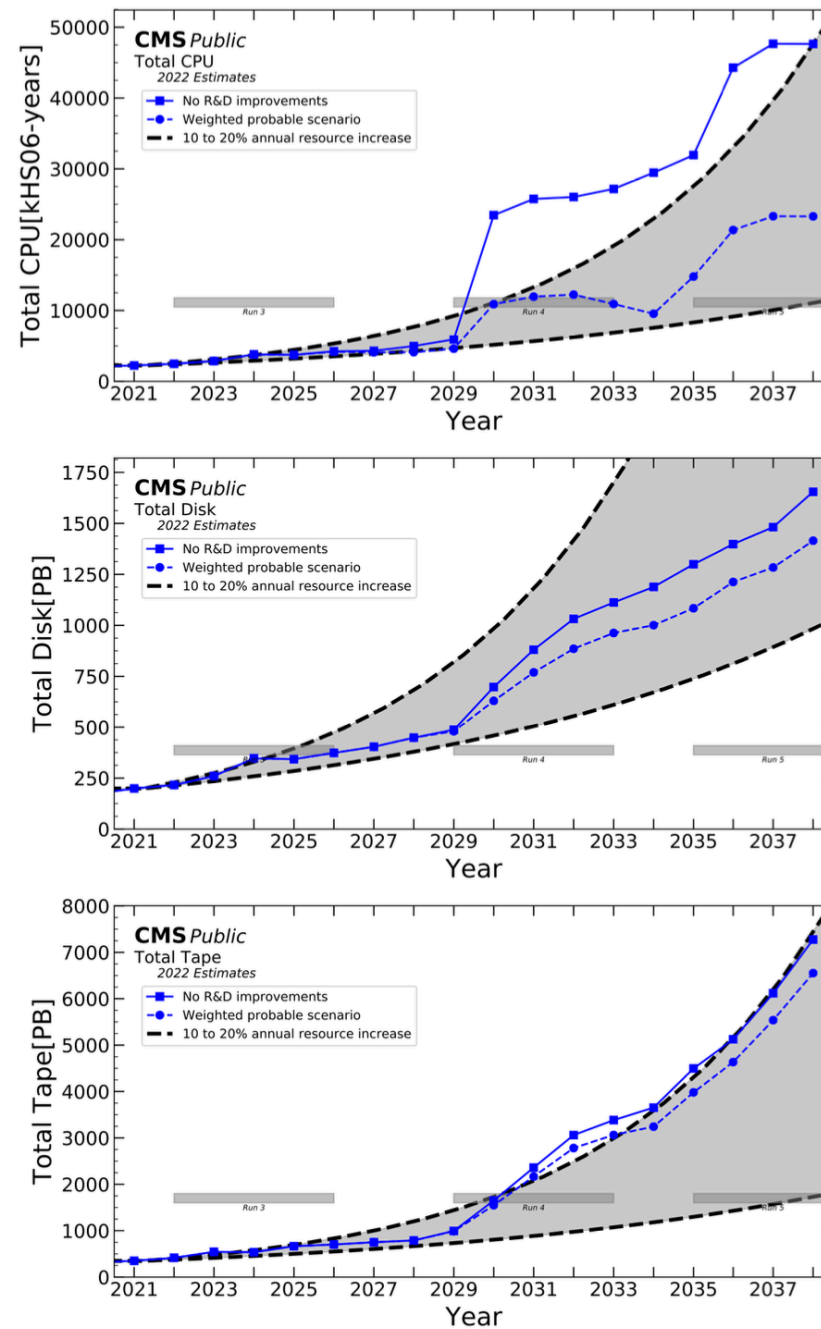
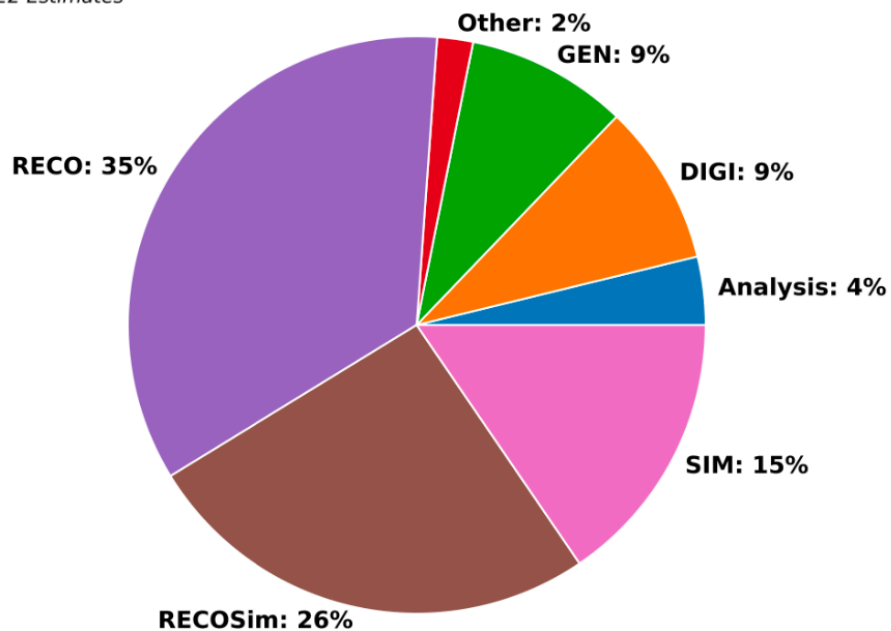


Figure 9: Updated projections of needed CPU, disk and tape needs into HL-LHC. On each plot a gray band represents the projected capacity of the resource within flat budget. Two lines are drawn, each corresponding to one of the two scenarios considered, *Baseline* and *Weighted Probable* (dashed line). The latter incorporates the improvements summarized in Table 16. The effect of GPUs is not represented in these plots. The tape projected needs increases almost linearly driven by the RAW data stored. In the legends, the *Baseline* scenario is described as “No R&D improvement” and the *Weighted Probable* scenario as “R&D most probable outcome”.

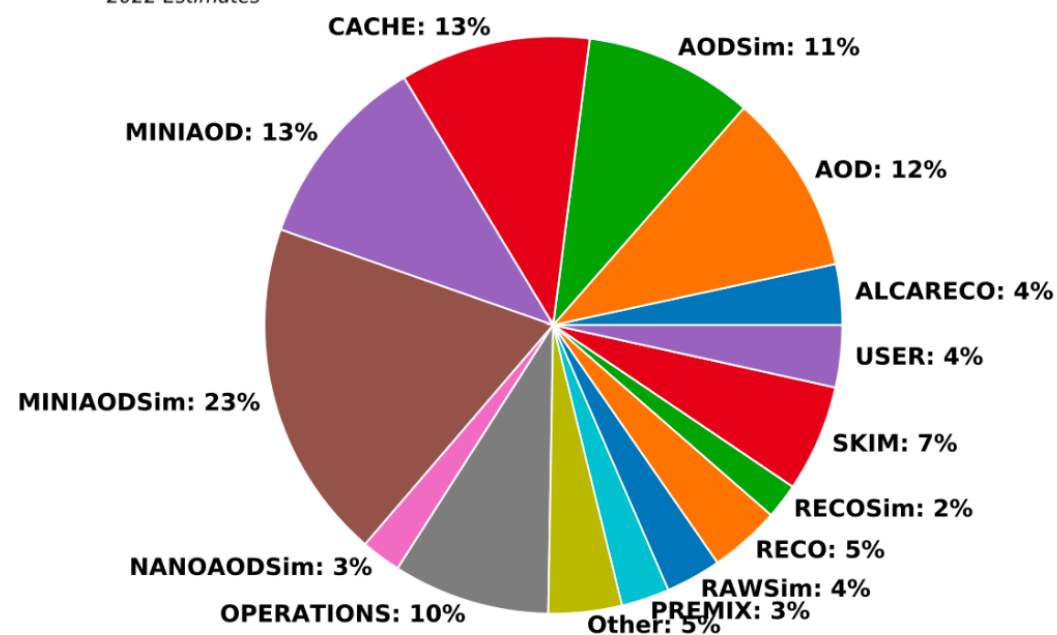
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Total CPU HL-LHC (2031/No R&D Improvements) fractions
2022 Estimates



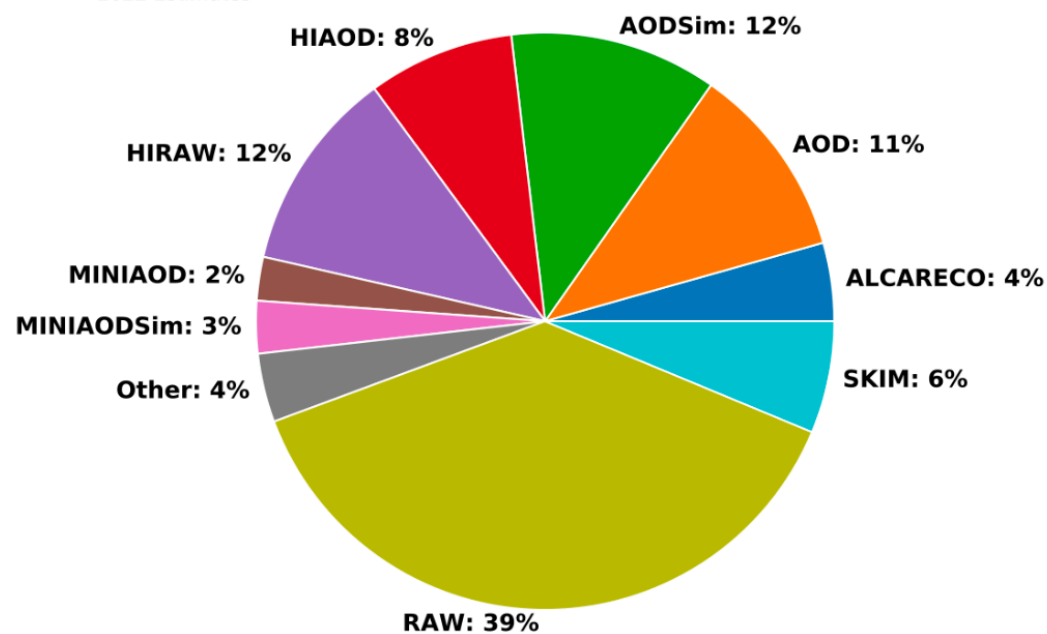
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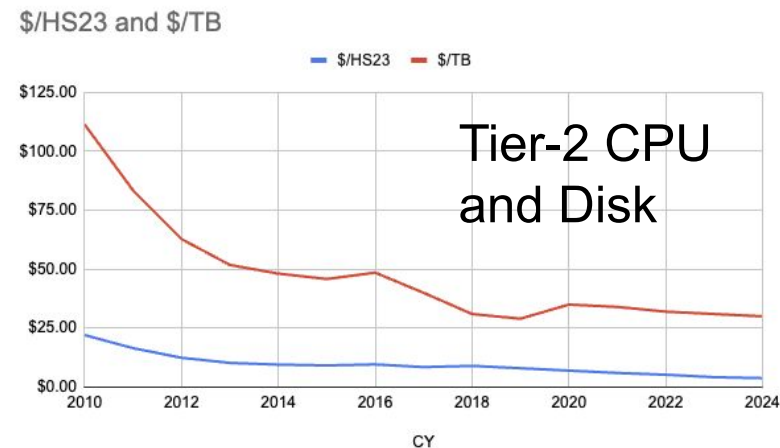
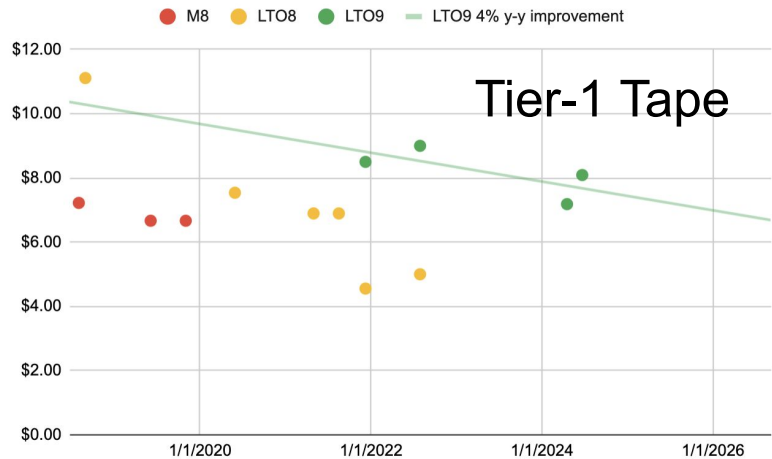
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Total Tape usage HL-LHC (2031/No R&D Improvements) fractions
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Hardware cost evolution tracking



● Tier-1 tape

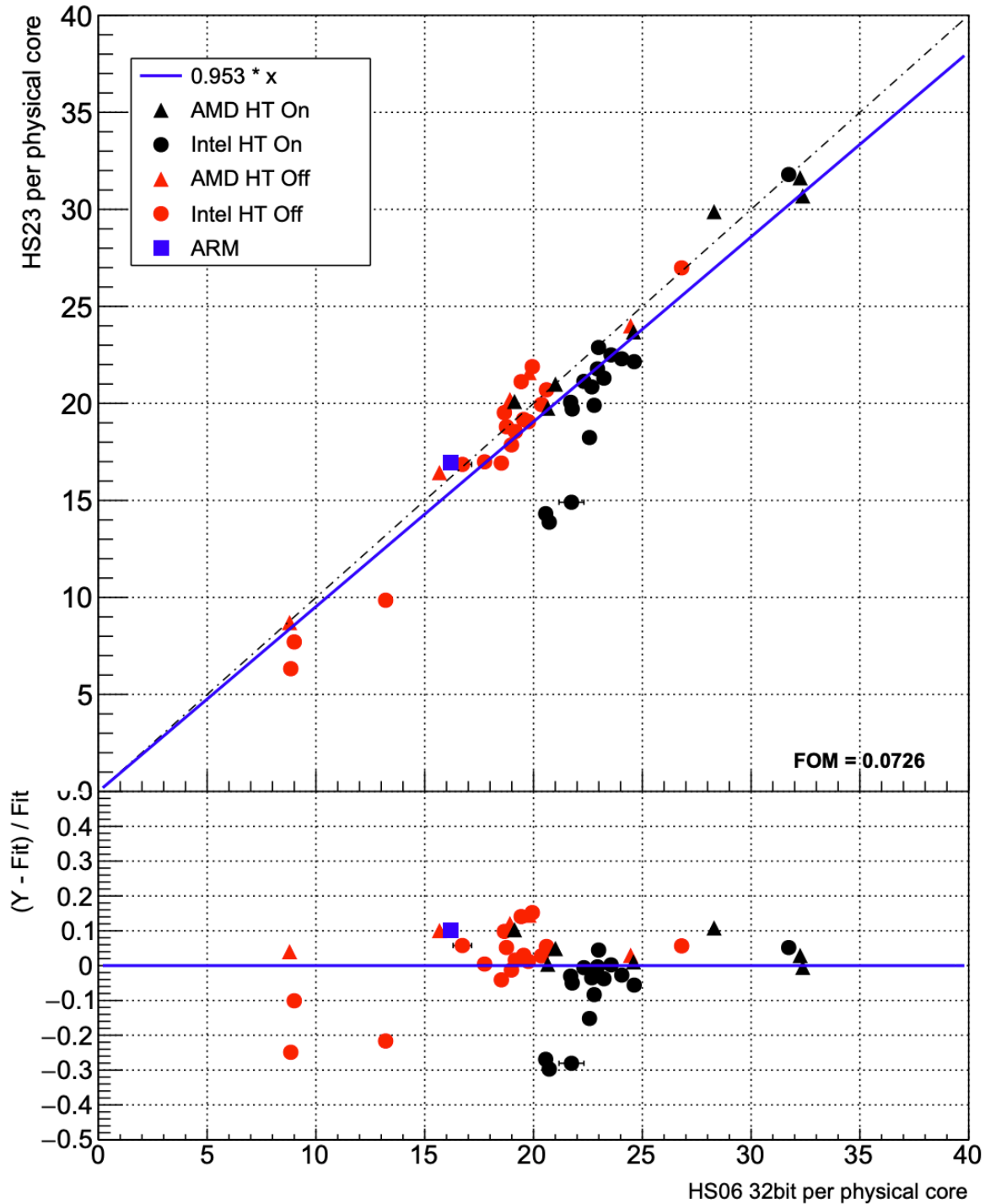
- Tape media \$/TB through 2024
- Different media types color coded
- M8 media was a temporary reformatting of LTO7 due to LTO8 unavailability in 2019-20.
- Unlike LTO8, M8 media is unreadable by LTO9 drives, motivating early migration
- Cost improvement of LTO9 media is slower than historical rates
- This spring LTO9 media cost INCREASED by about 15%
- (LTO8 increased much more)

● Tier-2 CPU and disk

- Same trends as for Tier-1 CPU and disk

HS06 32bit vs HS23

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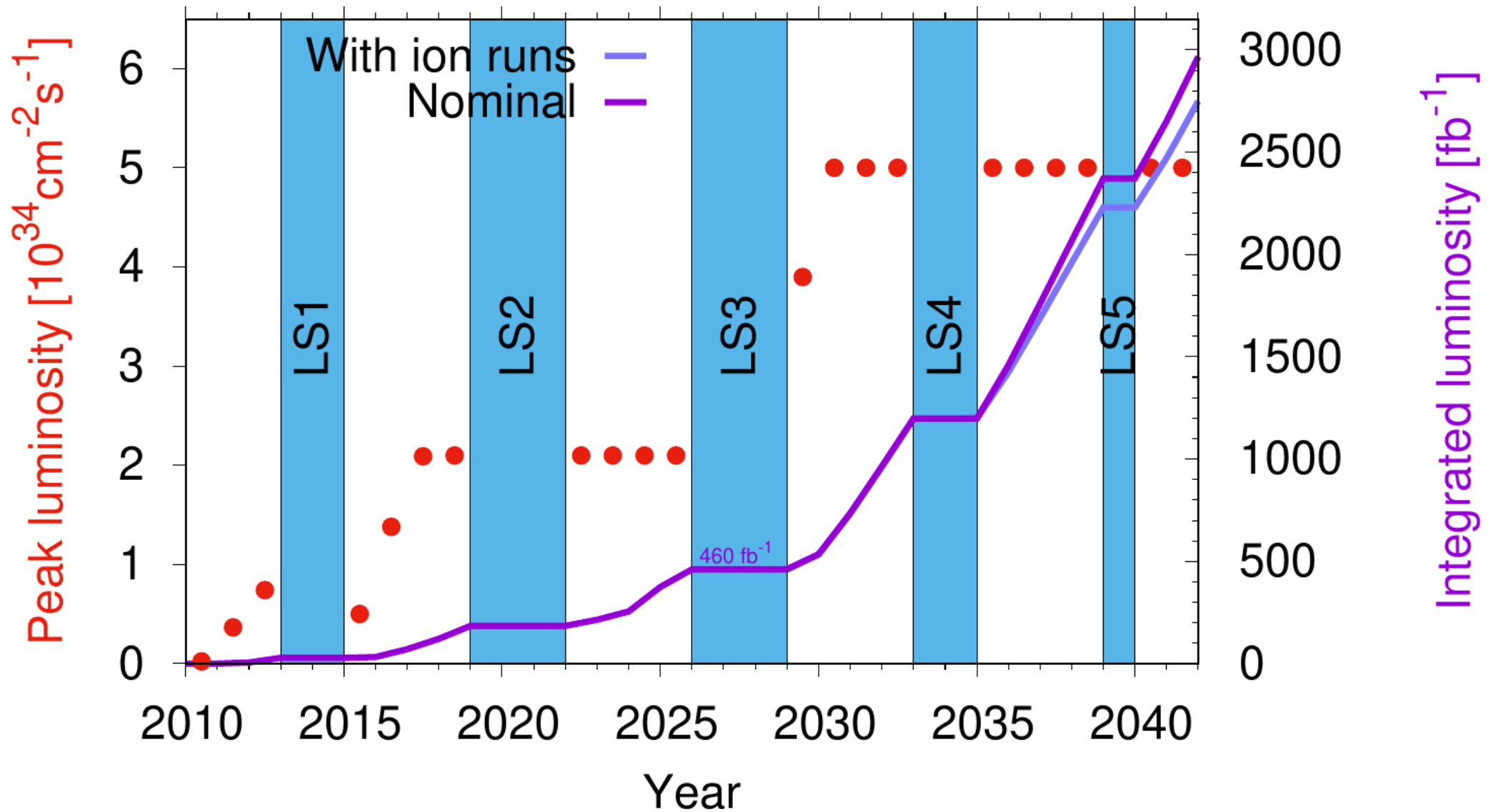
Snowmass Recommendations

1. **Efficiently exploit specialized compute architectures and systems.** To achieve this will require the allocation of dedicated facilities to specific processing steps in the HEP workflows, in particular for “analysis facilities” (Sections II and V); designing effective benchmarks to exploit AI hardware (Section III); improved network visibility and interaction (Section VII); and enhancements to I/O libraries such as lossy compression and custom delivery of data (Section IV).
2. **Invest in portable and reproducible software and computing solutions to allow exploitation of diverse facilities.** The need for portable software libraries, abstractions and programming models is recognized across all the topics discussed here, and is especially called out in Processing (Section II), AI Hardware (Section III) and Storage (Section IV). Software frameworks to enable reproducible HEP workflows are also greatly needed (Sections V and VI).
3. **Embrace disaggregation of systems and facilities.** The HEP community will need to embrace heterogeneous resources on different nodes, systems and facilities and effectively balance these accelerated resources to match workflows. To do so will require software abstraction to integrate accelerators, such as those for AI (Section III); orchestration of network resources (VII); exploiting computational storage (Section IV); as well as exploiting system rack-level disaggregation technology if adopted at computing centers.
4. **Extend common interfaces to diverse facilities.** In order to scalably exploit resources wherever they are available, HEP must continue to encourage edge-service platforms on dedicated facilities as well as Cloud and HPC (Section VI), develop portable edge-services that are re-usable by other HEP projects, and exploit commonality within

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HEP and other sciences (Section VI). These interfaces will also need to extend into all aspects of HEP workflows, including data management and optimizing data movement (Sections VII, II and IV), as well as the deployment of compute resources for analysis facilities (Section V).

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Quick program budget overview

- ♦ Software and Computing is the single largest area in the budget.
 - ~Half of S&C is equipment and operation of Tier-1 and Tier-2 facilities.
- ♦ Common Cost is set by our ~30% PhD headcount in CMS.
- ♦ Role of Risk Contingency and Management Reserve to be discussed in later presentations.
- ♦ Personnel support is for engineers, technical staff, computing professionals, not scientists.
 - We do provide travel/COLA support to scientists who provide Operations Program deliverables.

2025 Budget Break-out

