





(US) CMS Analysis Facilities

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CAF specs

The intention of the CAF specs from 1997 seem to have been to define central analysis facilities that would provide a level of "user satisfaction" similar to Run I.



The CMS User Analysis Farm (UAF)

- Introduction
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- How to get access to the cluster?



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The Evolution of HEP Analysis Facilities

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Analysis Facilities for Late-Stage Analysis

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Snowmass Letter of Interest - Analysis Facilities - CompF5

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Why evolve Analysis Facilities?

- Traditionally in HEP we have done row-wise analysis
 - Process one event at a time serially
 - Scripts and batch jobs (and now also notebooks)
 - We need to continue to support this
- Trending towards column-wise (tidy/big data) analyses
 - Low-latency access to CPU resources
 - Fast access to a significant amount of disk
 - Large investment from industry
- Low latency implies <100% resource utilization
 - Coscheduling analysis with other computation is appealing



Core elements for analysis facilities

- As a foundation layer, use a containerized infrastructure (Kubernetes-based).
- A Jupyterhub deployment as the glass
- Support "typical" (row-wise) analysis needs
- Support columnar analysis low latency application (e.g. Apache Spark, Dask, ...) and frameworks (Coffea)
- Deploy analysis services (ServiceX, Skyhook, pyhf, ...)
- Packaging and redeployment
 - e.g. Demonstrate running FNAL AF at a US CMS Tier 2



Coffea: a columnar analysis framework for HEP

- Developed by the US CMS research program
 - Driven by Lindsey Gray, Nick Smith @ Fermilab

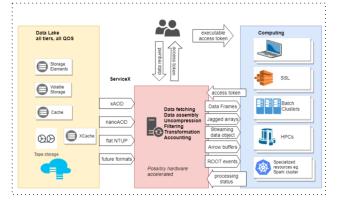


- Provides a user interface for columnar analysis with missing pieces of the stack filled in get users from ROOT files to histograms; some of this is transitional
- Components include
 - Lookup tools
 - Experiment-specific corrections in array programming context
 - Histogram tools (API will be hist package + mplhep)
 - NanoEvents
 - Wrap "flat TTree" as high-level lazy-access awkward array; enables cross-references, self-references, vector semantics, dynamic attributes, ...
 - Processors
 - Wrap analysis code (utilizing the above) and take care of map-reduce



Analysis Services – a sampling

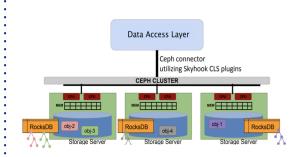
ServiceX



ServiceX provides user level ntuple production

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

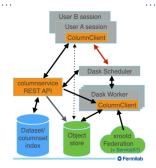
Skyhook DM



SkyhookDM converts ROOT files to columnar format

- 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

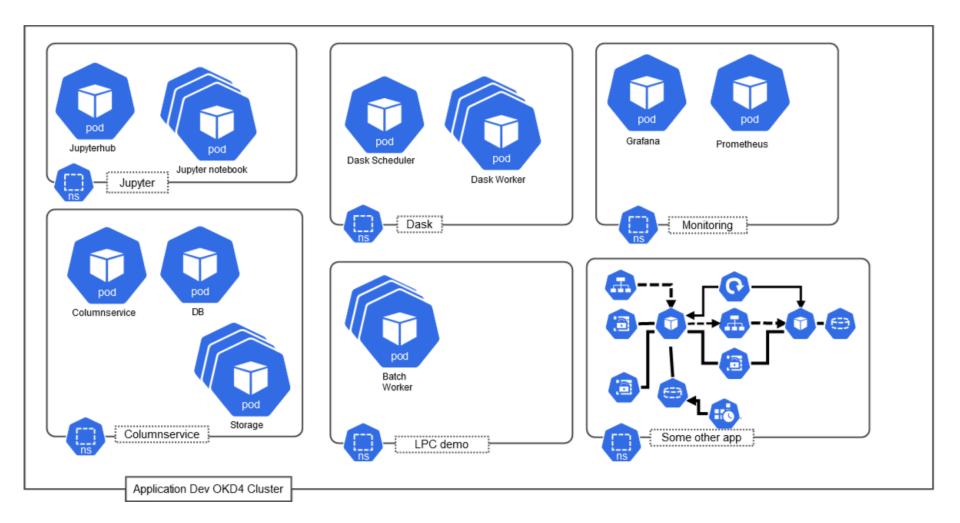


Columnservice caches columnar data for multiple users

- Shared input cache at column granularity
- Derived columns only constructed and cached on access
- Unified metadata and dataset schema database

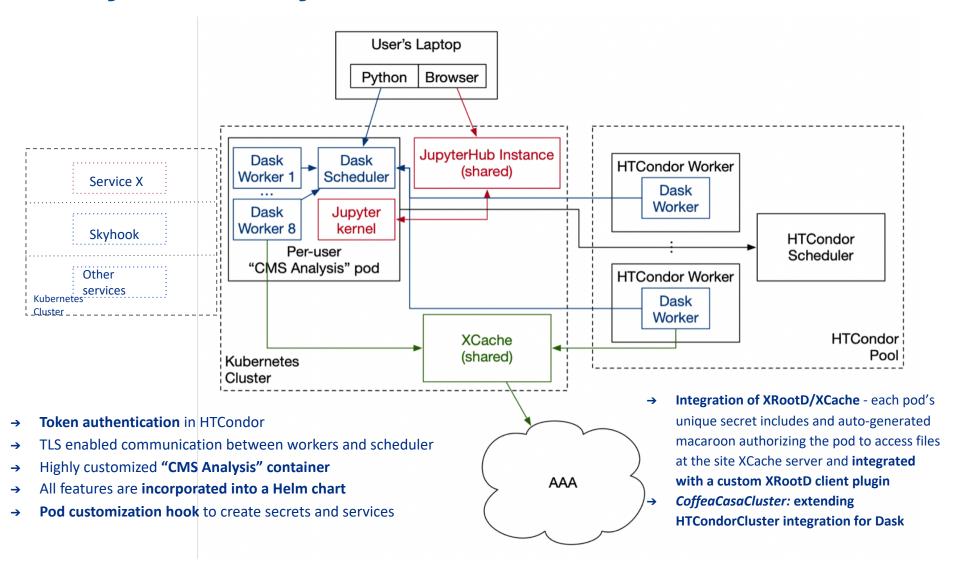


Fermilab Analysis Facility: pre-prototype



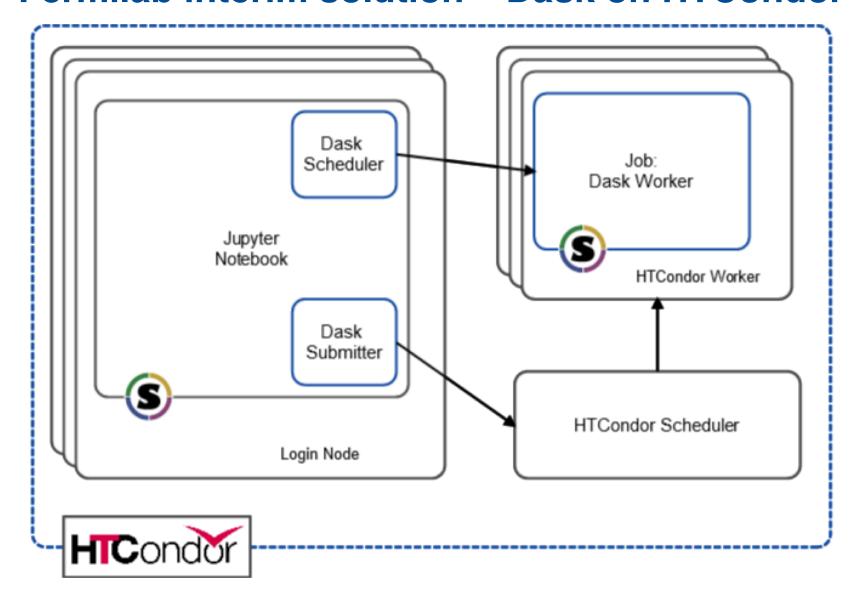


Analysis Facility "Coffea-casa" @ UNL





Fermilab interim solution - Dask on HTCondor





Fermilab Analysis Facility plans – adding elasticity

