



Computing Challenges and Advancements in HEP

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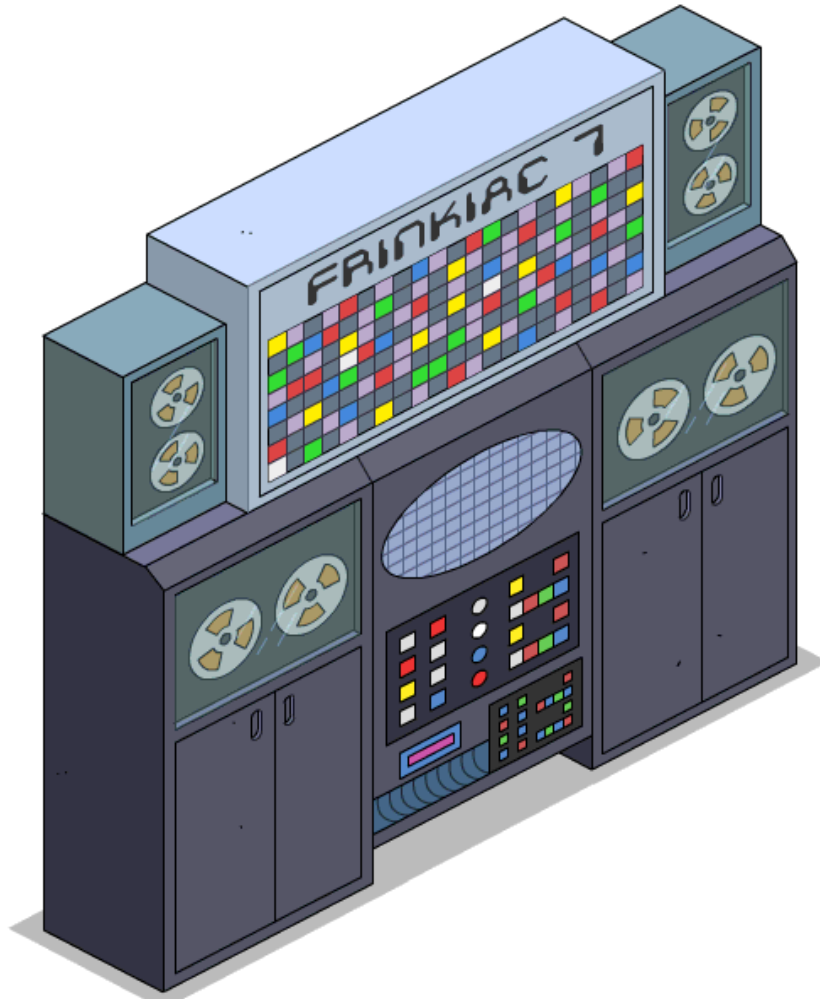
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Some Computing Challenges in HEP



topic of extremely broad scope and significant impact

optimize all aspects of computing - algorithms, storage, and resource utilization

development of algorithms with awareness of architecture is an important aspect

focus on some of the common challenges faced across the field

a few unique to neutrino physics

my personal biases are in collider and US neutrino physics

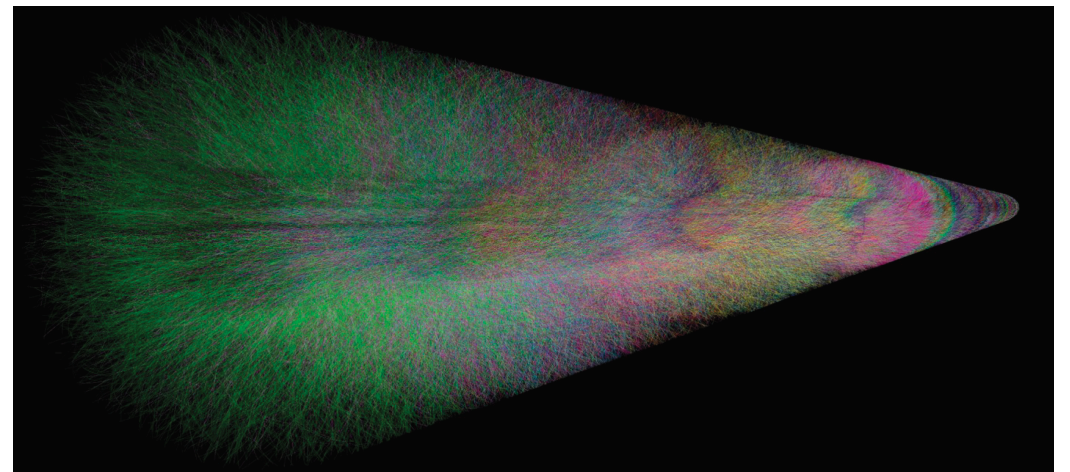
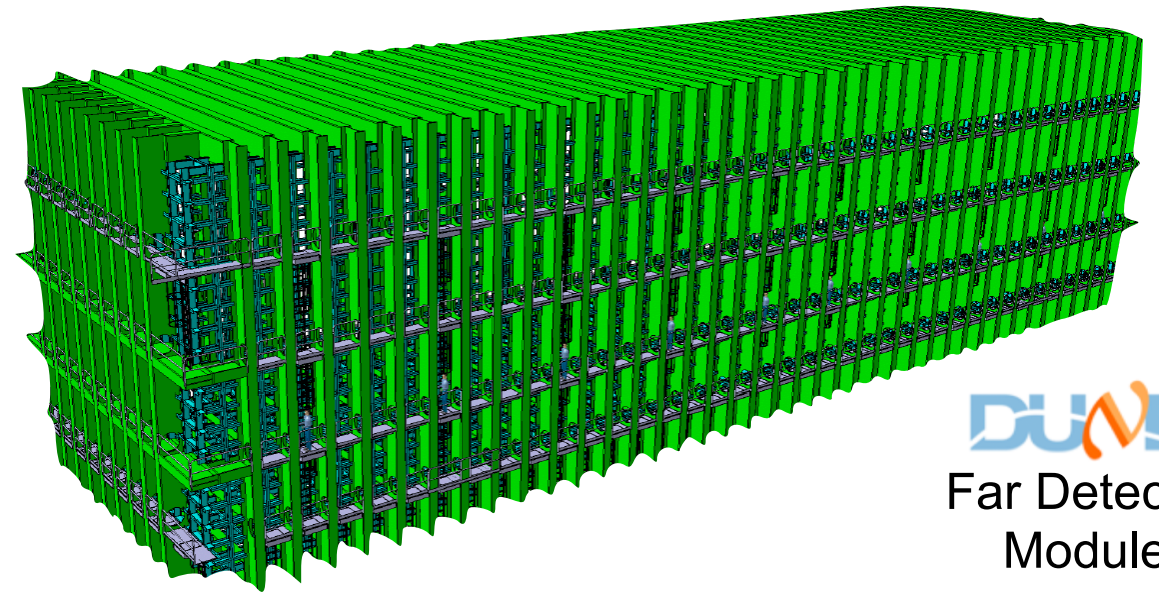
Firehose of high-resolution data

due to increased capabilities of detectors and accelerators
incredible amounts of data

vastly different detector designs
and interactions rates, but result
is the same

LAr TPC detectors produce large
data records based upon drift
time and mm resolution

LHC experiments high event rates
even with complex trigger
algorithms



2 ms time frame of ALICE Pb-Pb data

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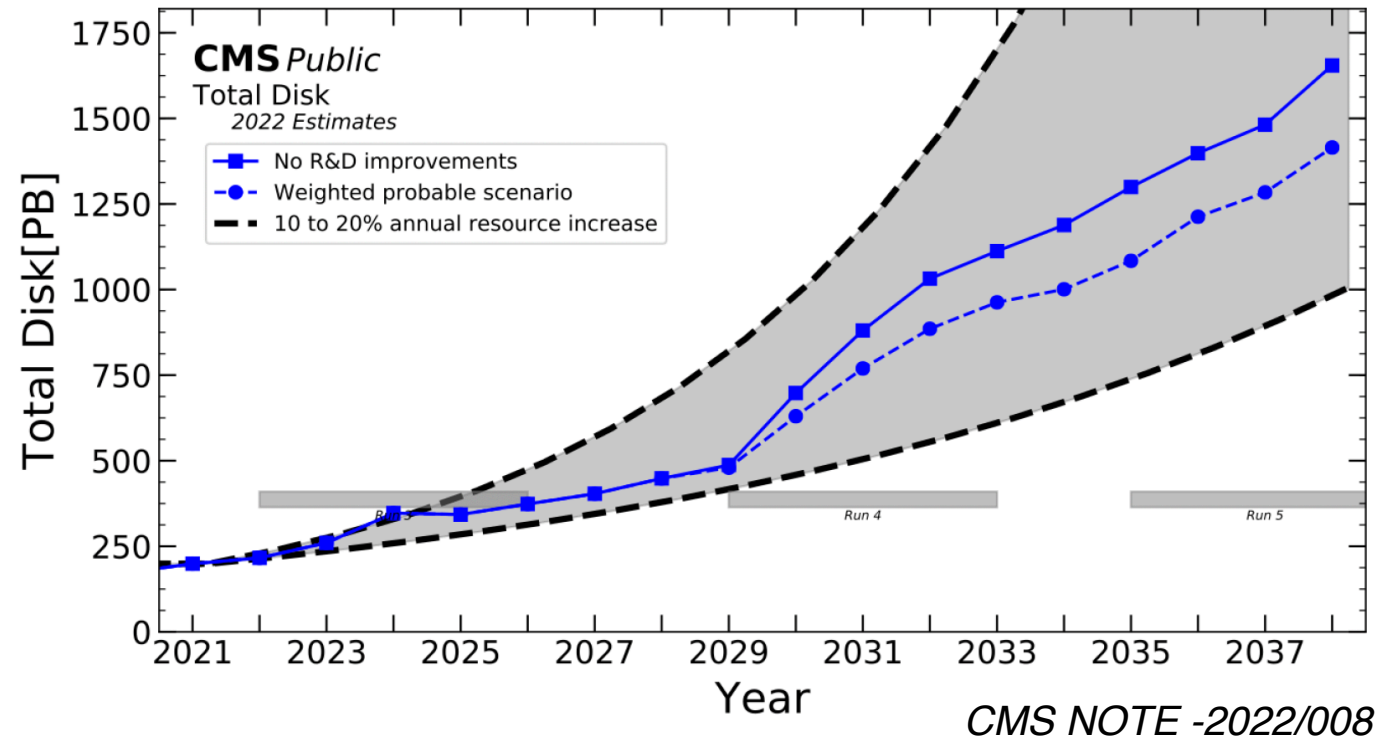
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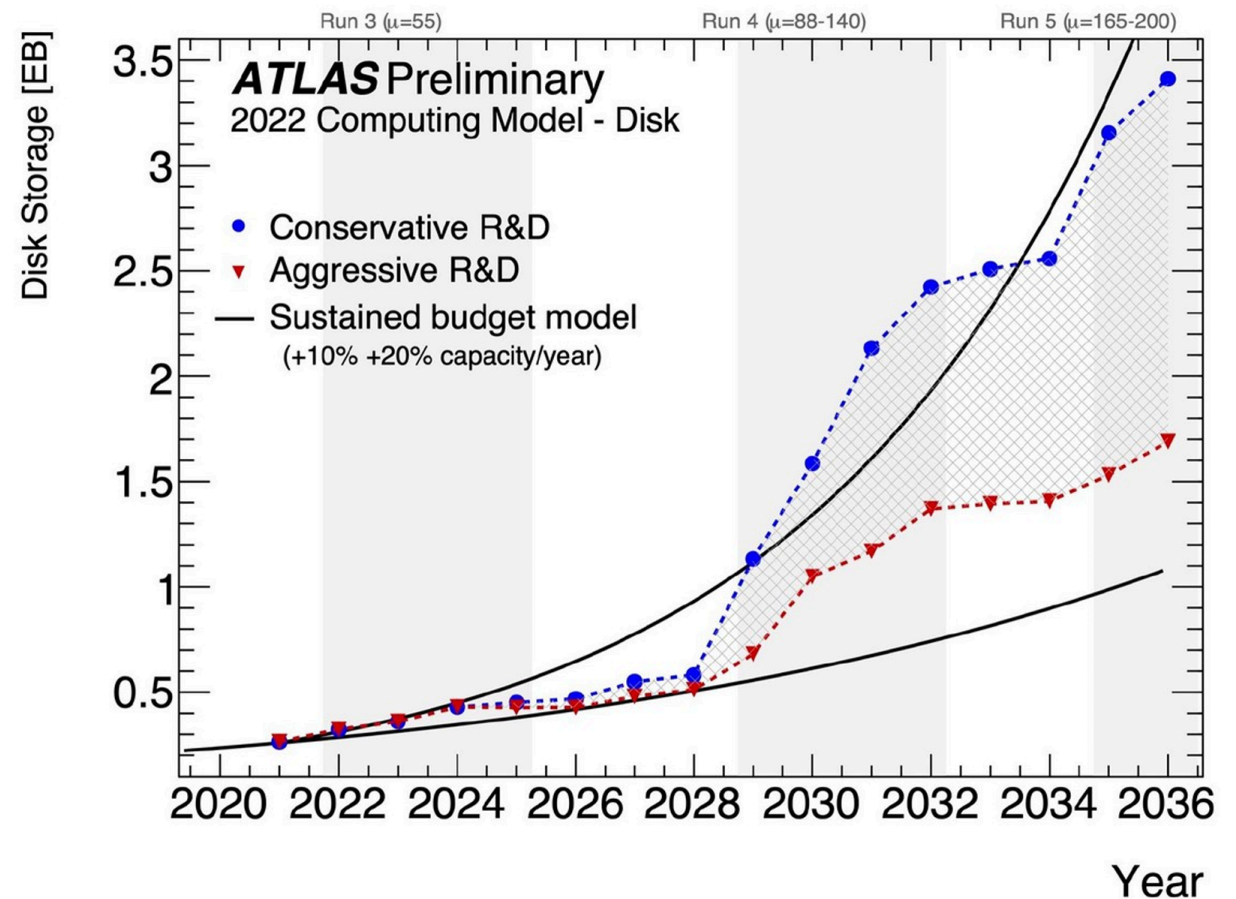
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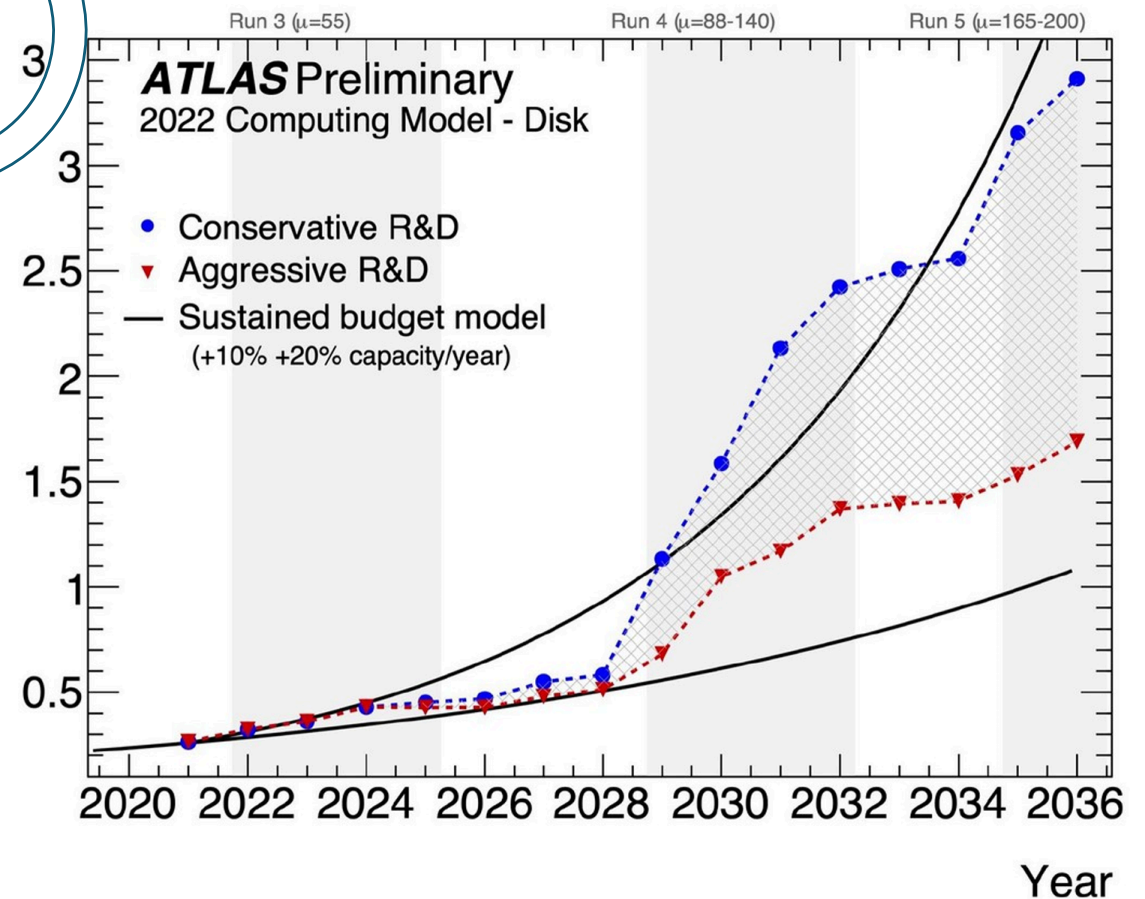
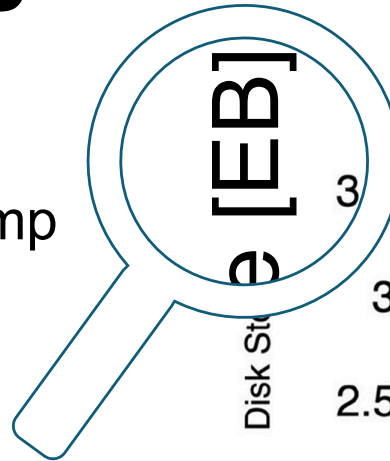
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DUNE Data Volumes present different challenge

single Far Detector module can produce 8 GB for one drift window

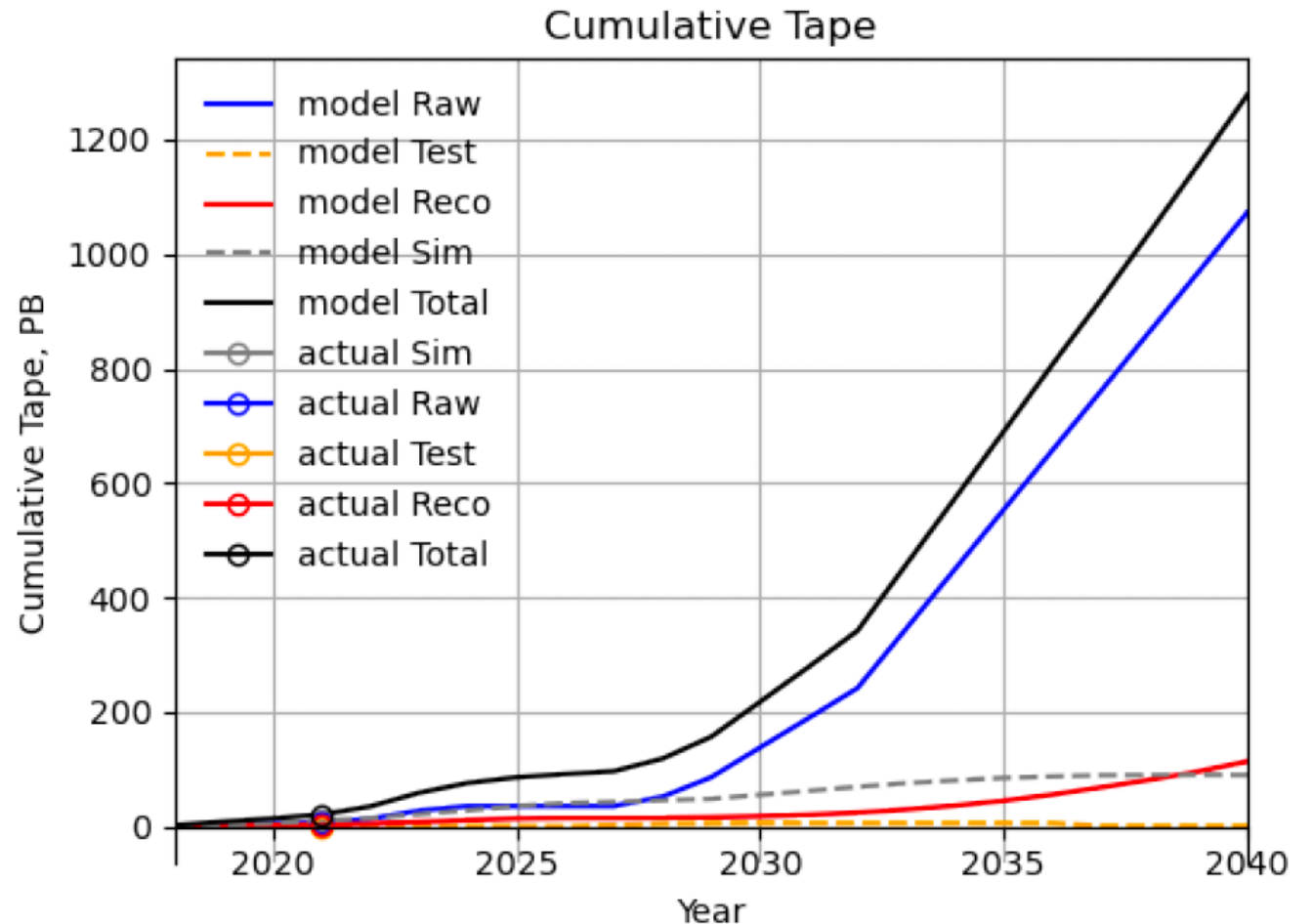
significant limitations on the computing resources available at the far site for triggering and compression

potential physics signals extend across at least 5 orders of magnitude in energy scale

large calibration samples spanning the full detector

reprocessing of DUNE raw data in out years considerable challenge - build upon experience of LHC data carousels

raw data this large doesn't fit nicely on a WLCG worker node



[DUNE Computing CDR](#)

DUNE Supernova Readout

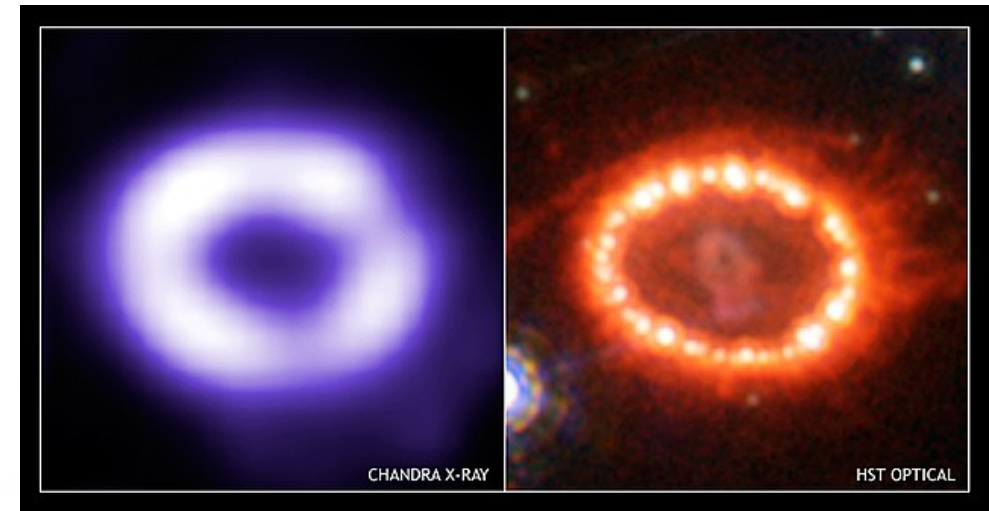
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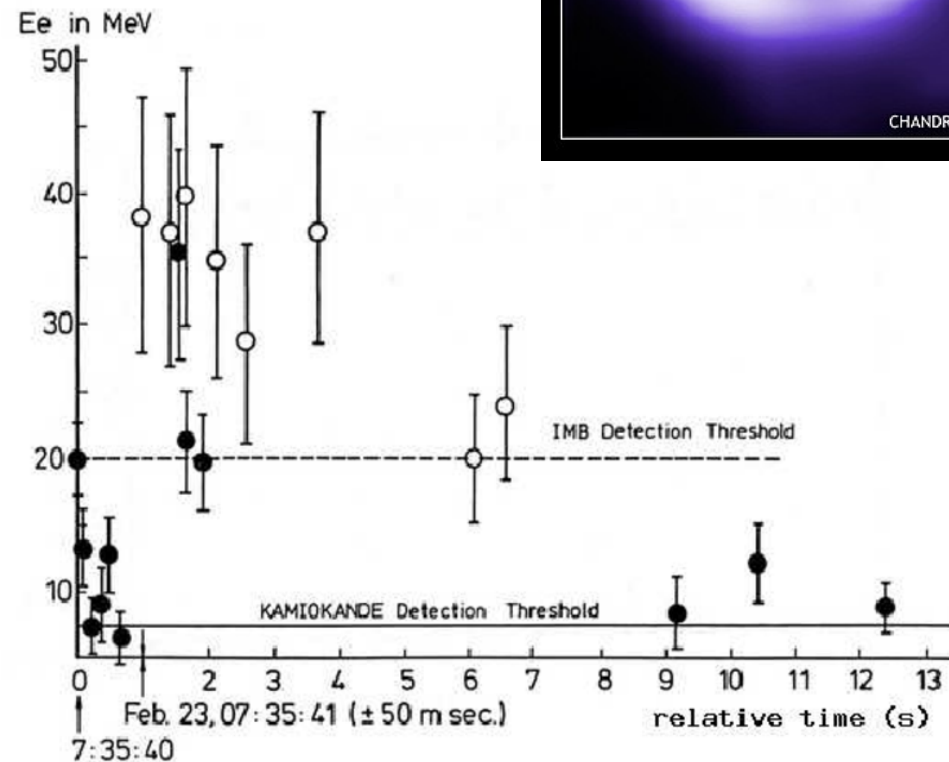
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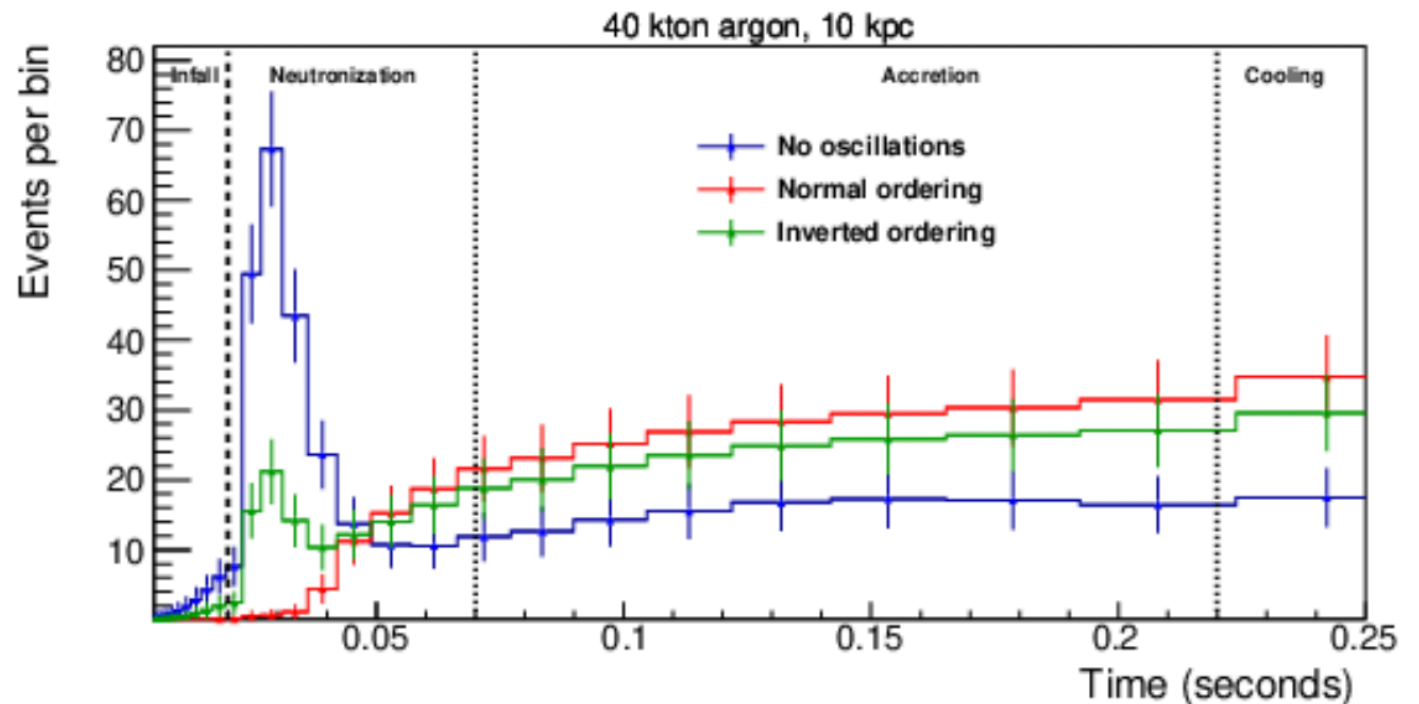
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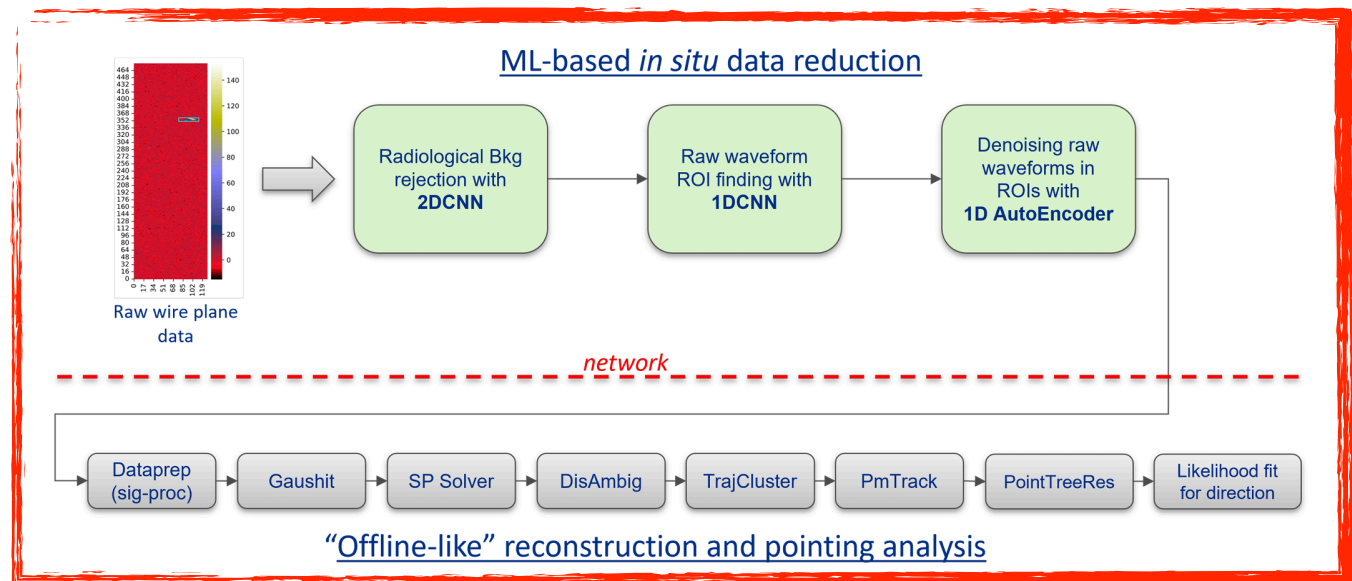
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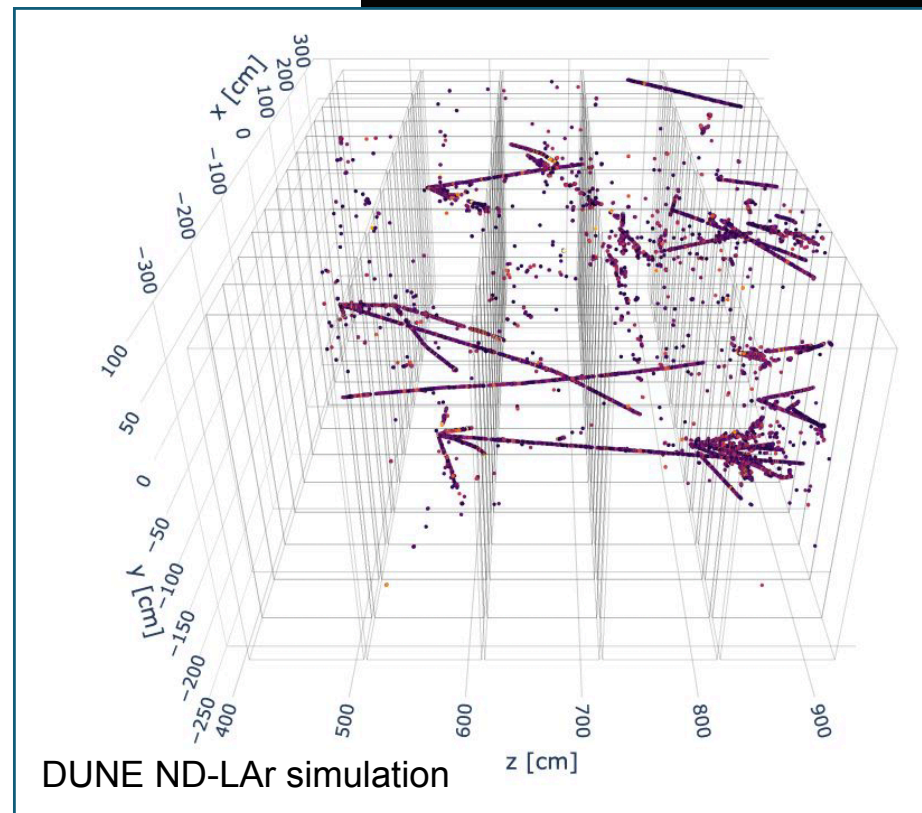
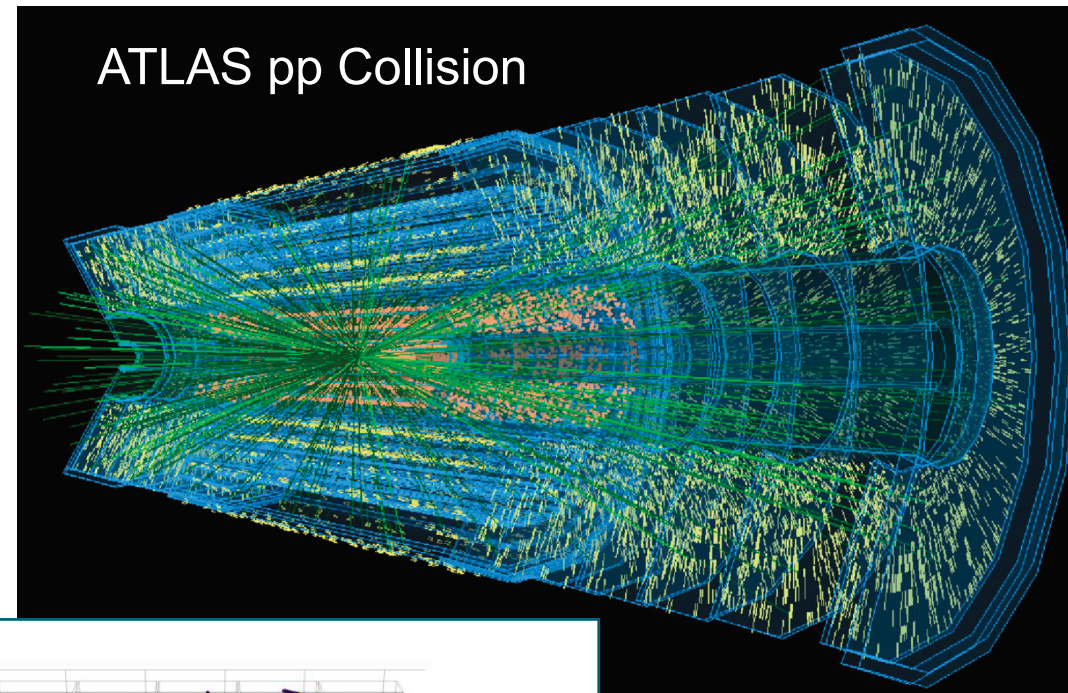
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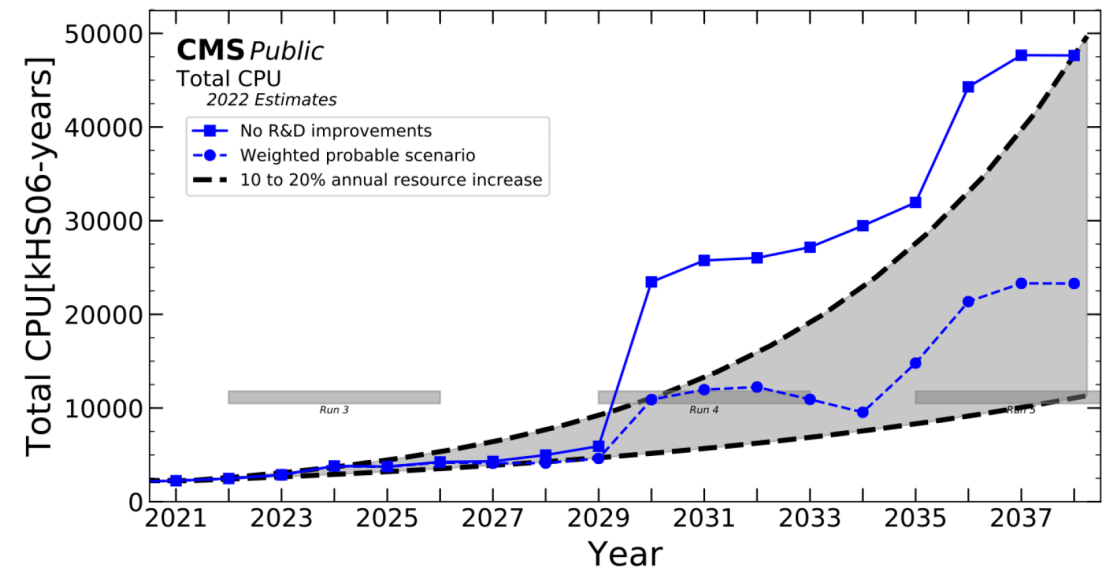
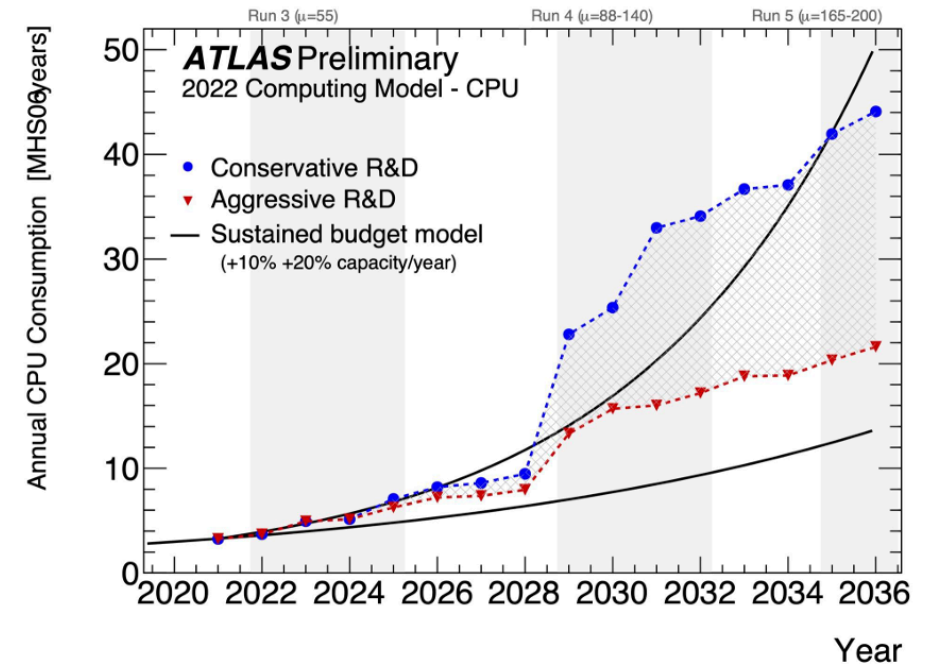
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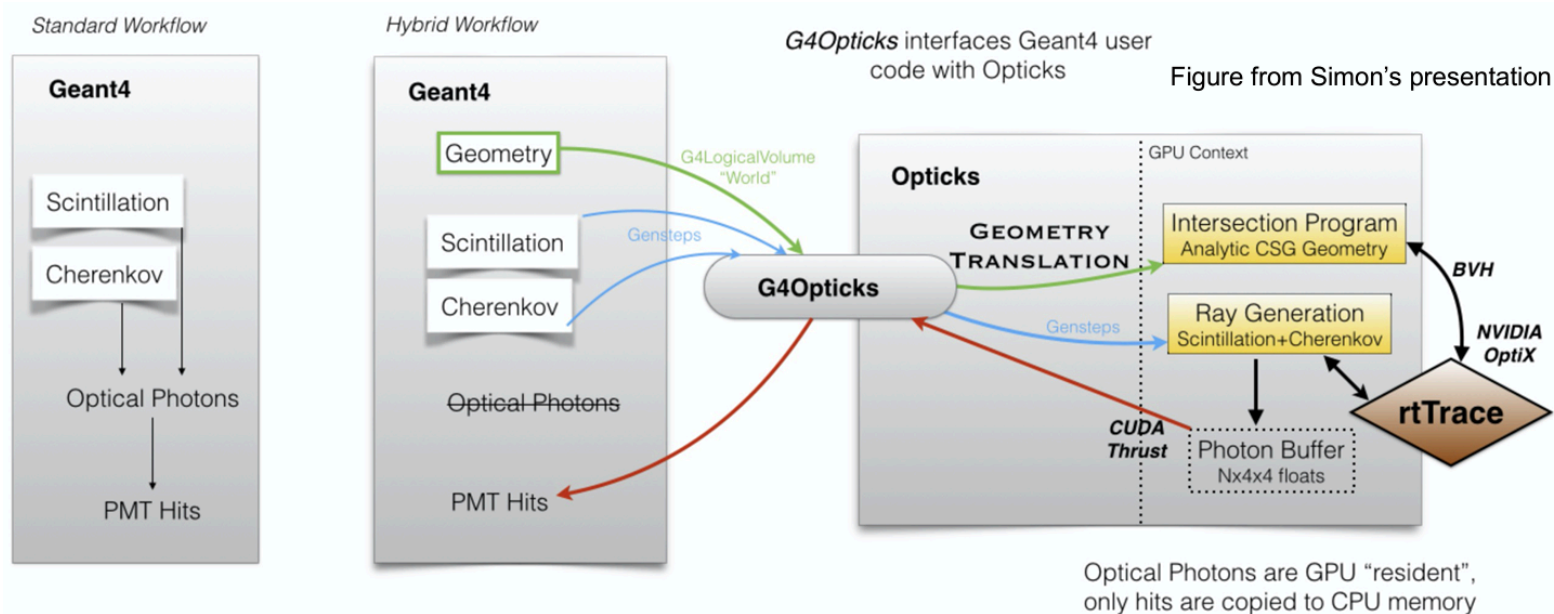


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GPU based photon simulation



[CaTS](#): integrate GEANT4+Opticks in [LArSoft](#) for simplified LArTPC

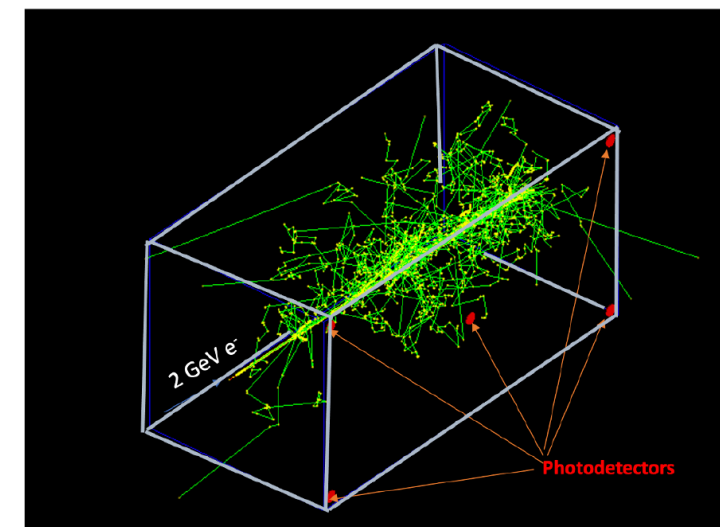
speedup of several 100 times for photon simulation

also report that 1 core could saturate the GPU

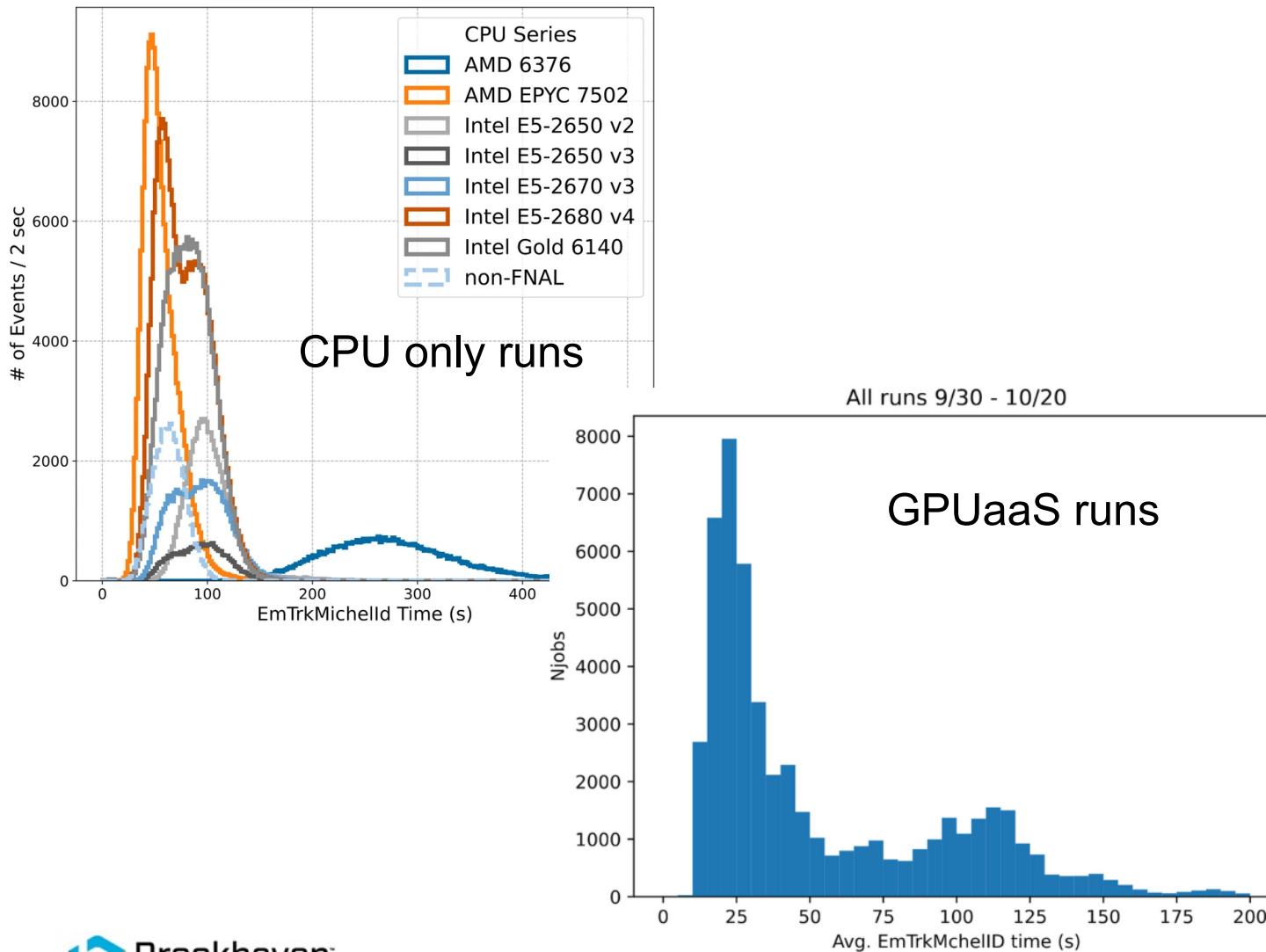
simulation of photons within open detectors can be incredibly CPU intensive and limit event by event simulation

often solved with voxel-ized lookup tables

Opticks developed by [Simon Blyth](#) for JUNO, now part of GEANT4 releases



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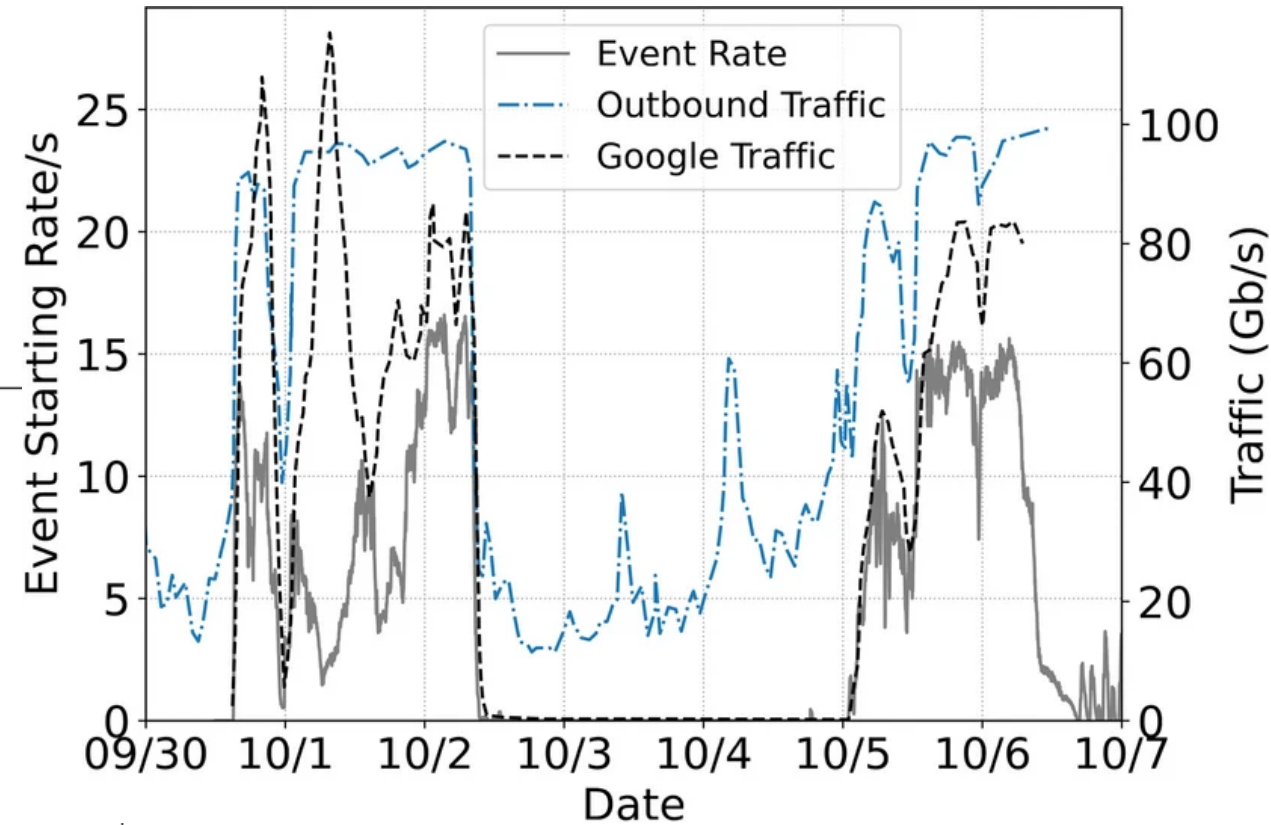
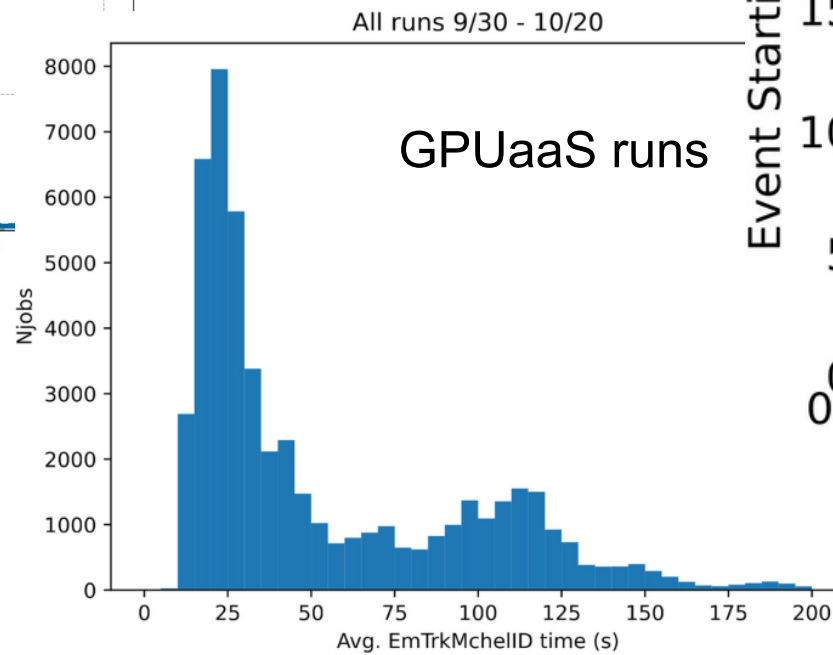
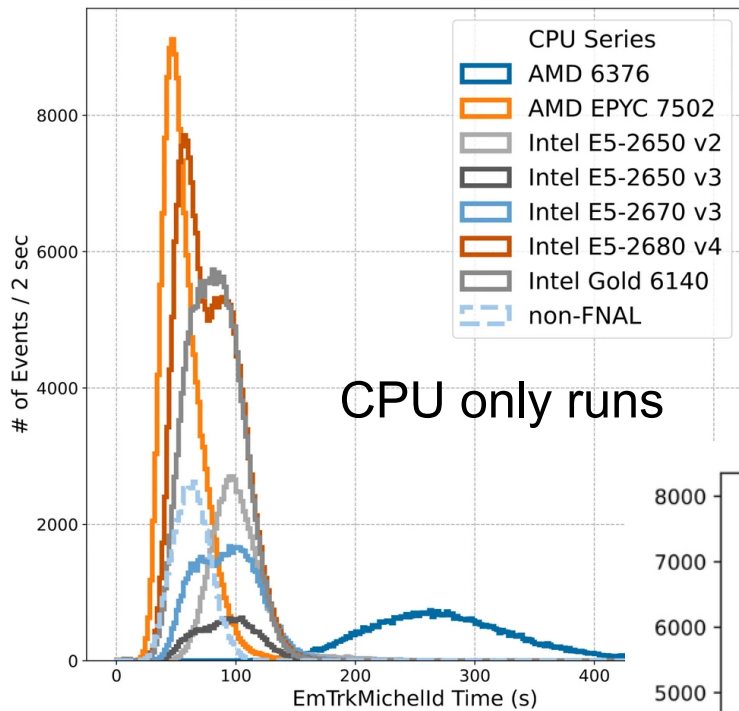


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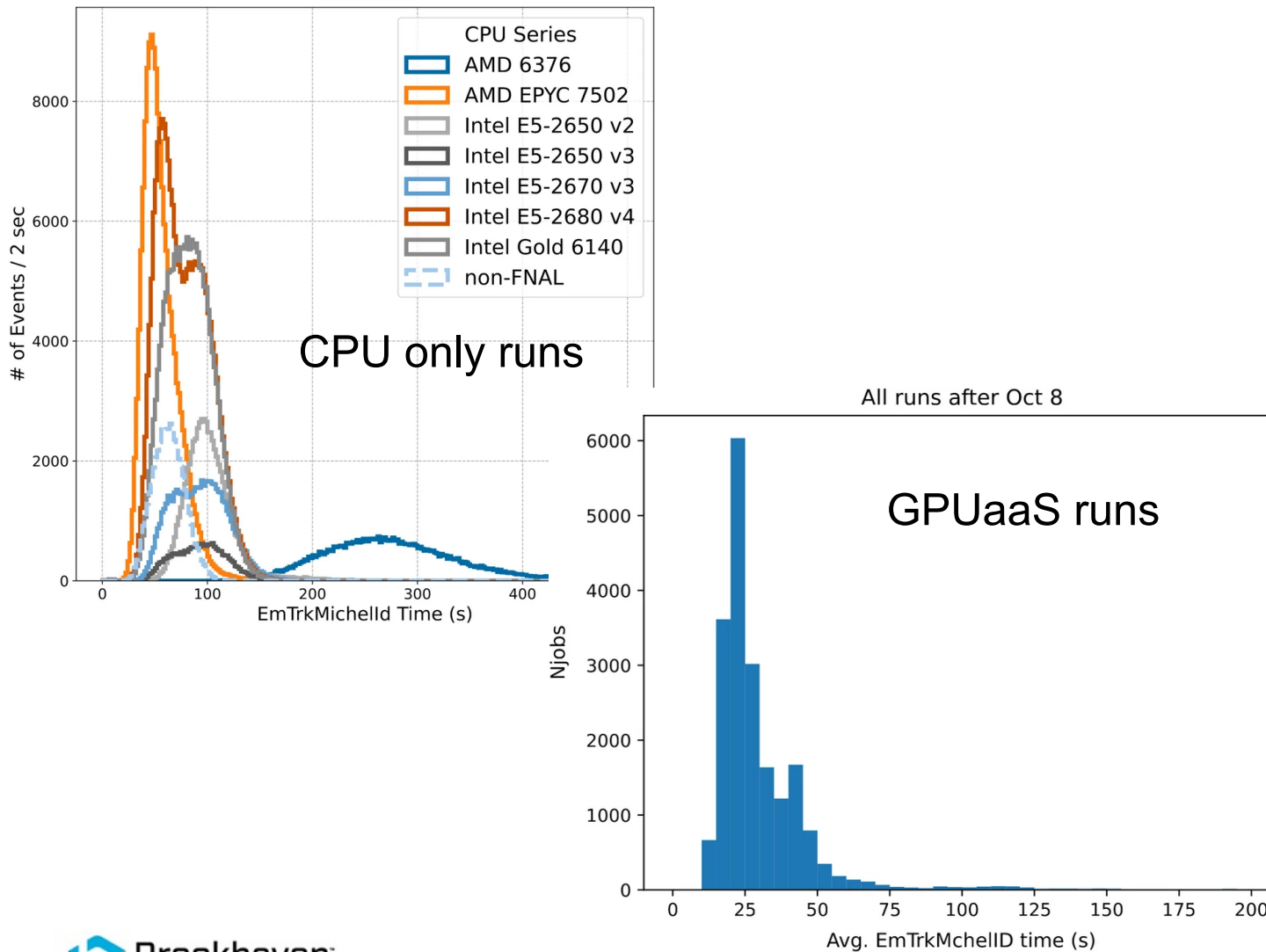
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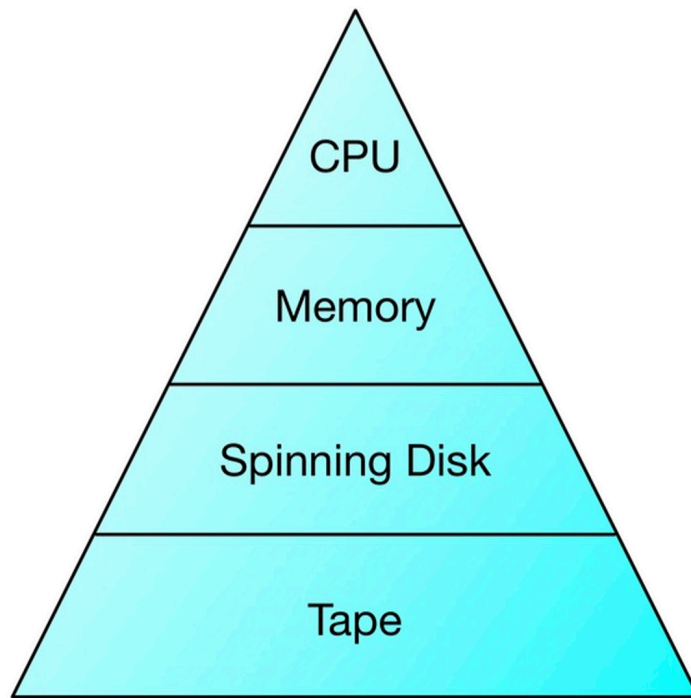


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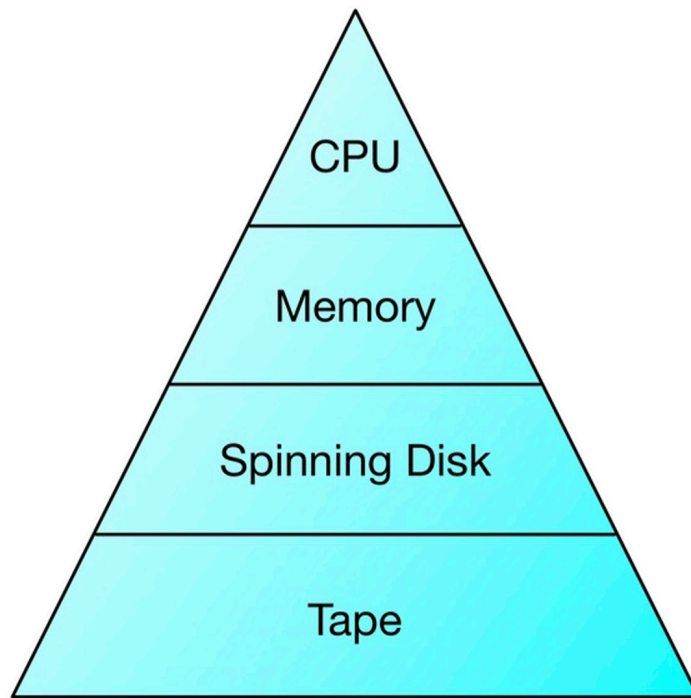
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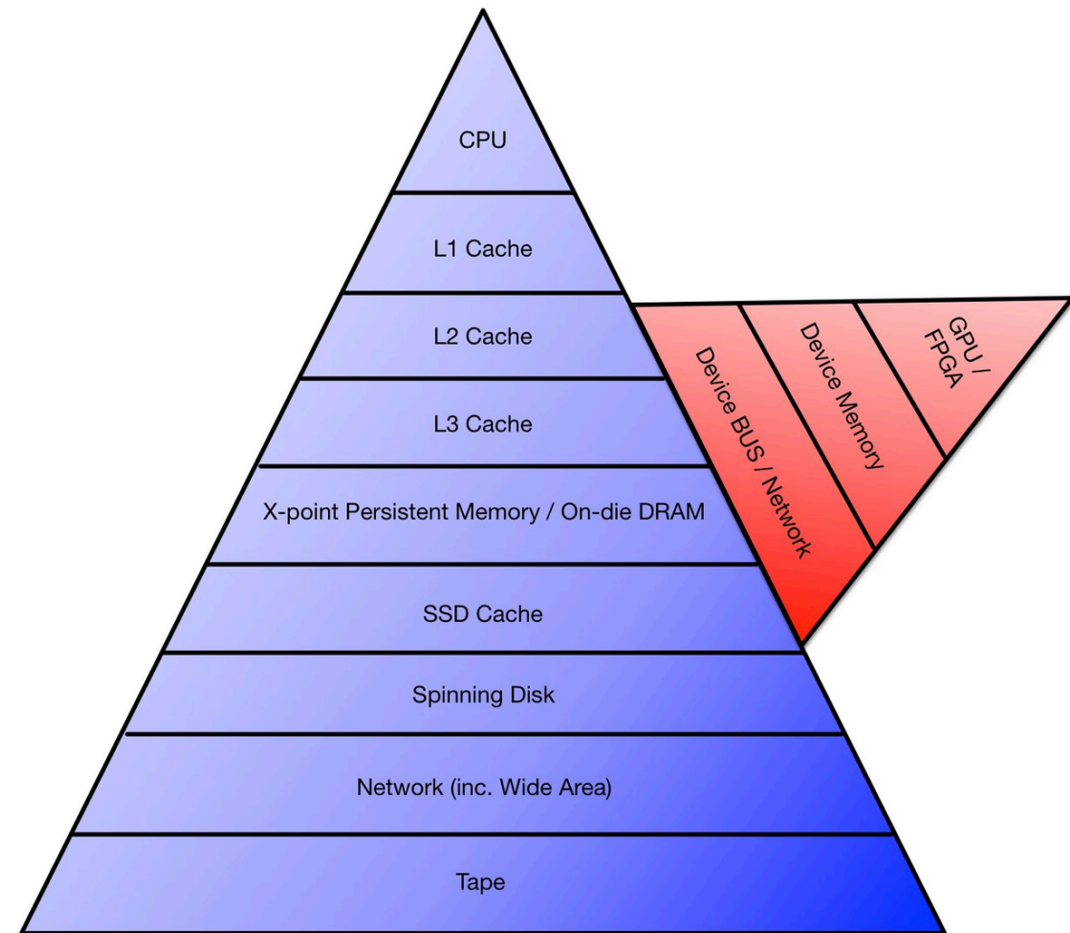
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multithreaded/multiprocess workflows to optimize throughput and memory

LHC experiments have done extensive work on MT/MP

existing large code bases present huge lift for LArTPC experiments

scheduling many core architectures is complex

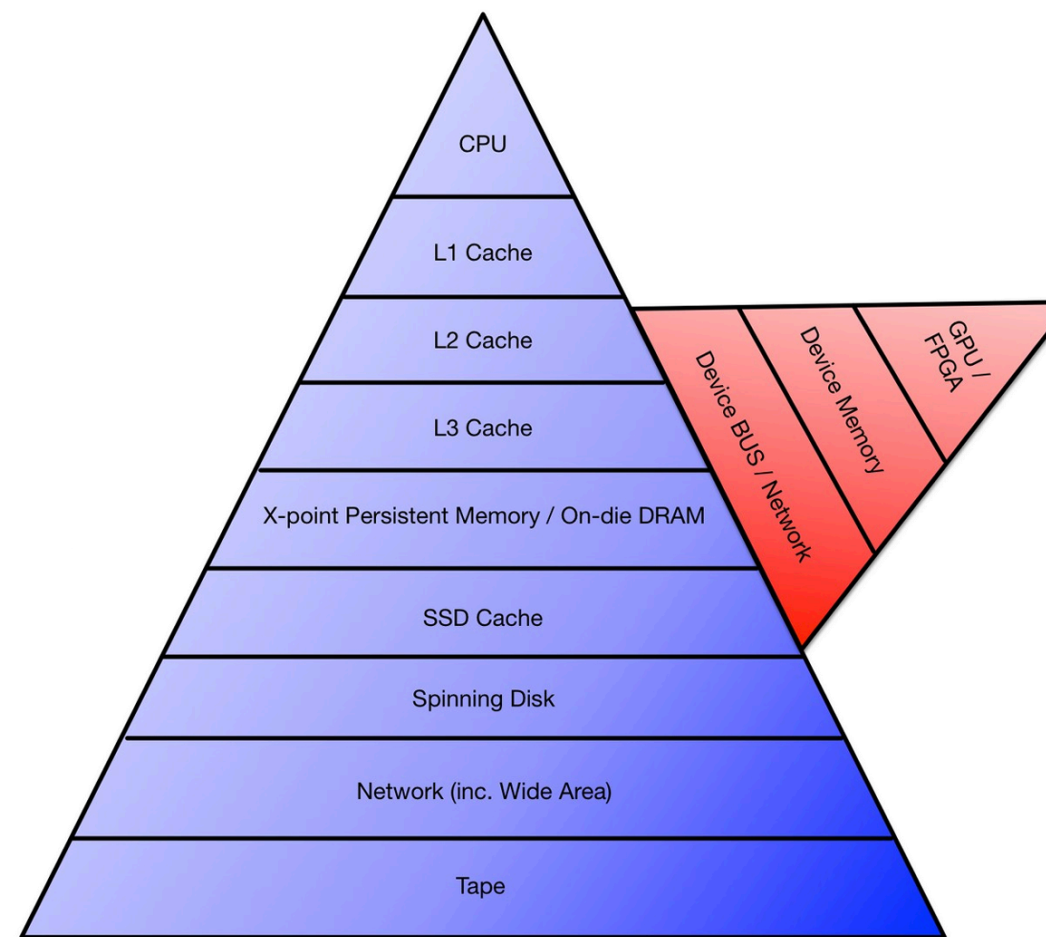
moving from CPU code to GPU code can take significant restructuring of algorithm

not every task suited for GPU

optimizing for multilayer access is difficult

hardware/tools are rapidly evolving

resources are (and will continue to be) heterogenous



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	Kokkos	SYCL	OpenMP	Alpaka	std::par
Patatrack	Done	Done*	WIP	Done*	Done compiler bugs
Wirecell	Done	Done	Done	no	Done
FastCaloSim	Done	Done	Done	Done	Done
P2R	done	Done	OpenACC	Done	Done

Charles Leggett
[CHEP 2023](#)

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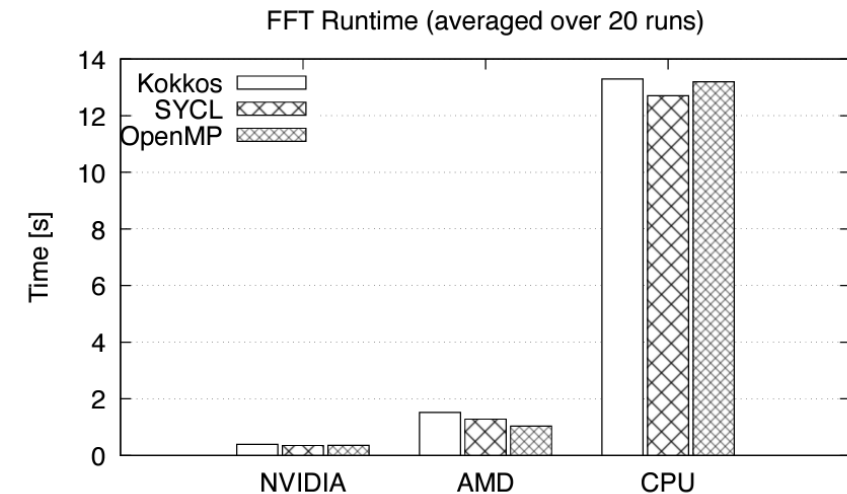
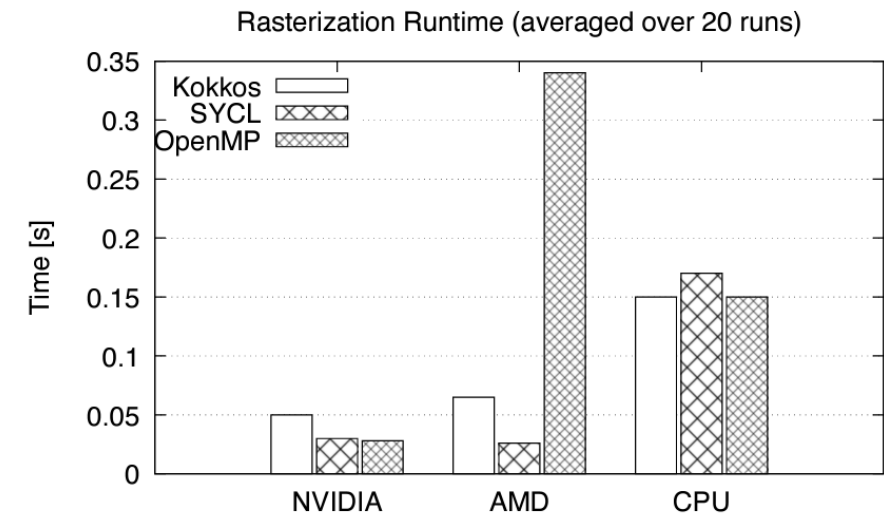
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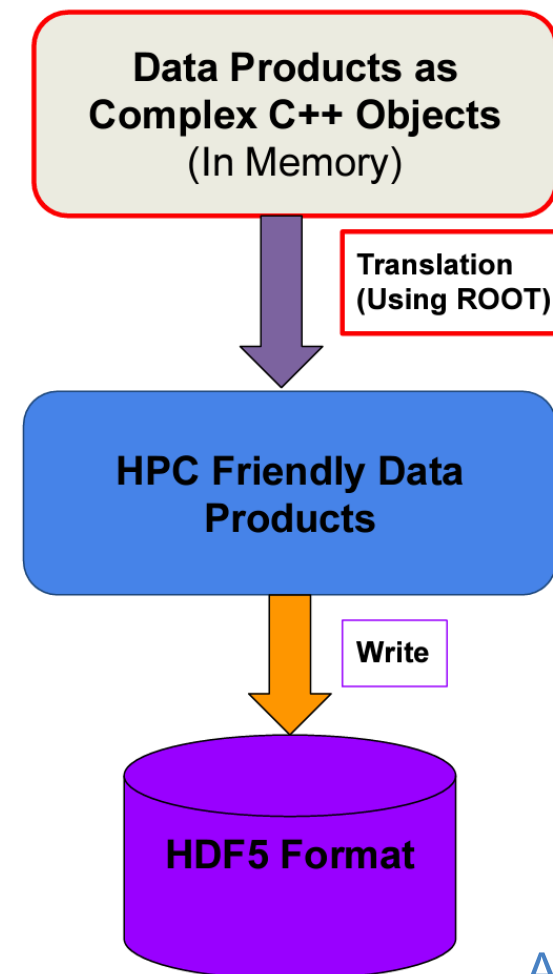
HEP-CCE Fine Grained I/O and Storage

[Darshan I/O monitoring libraries applied to HEP applications](#)

- track I/O activities
- data movement by task
- access patterns and volume
- analyzed ATLAS, CMS, DUNE
- identified ROOT serialization bottleneck

Data structure studies

- HDF5 data format as optimized for MT/MP workflows
 - widely used and supported at HPC facilities
- ROOT7 transition to RNTuple
 - updated data structures and C++ libraries
 - capable of columnar processing
 - 20-40% storage savings ([ATLAS RNTuple](#))



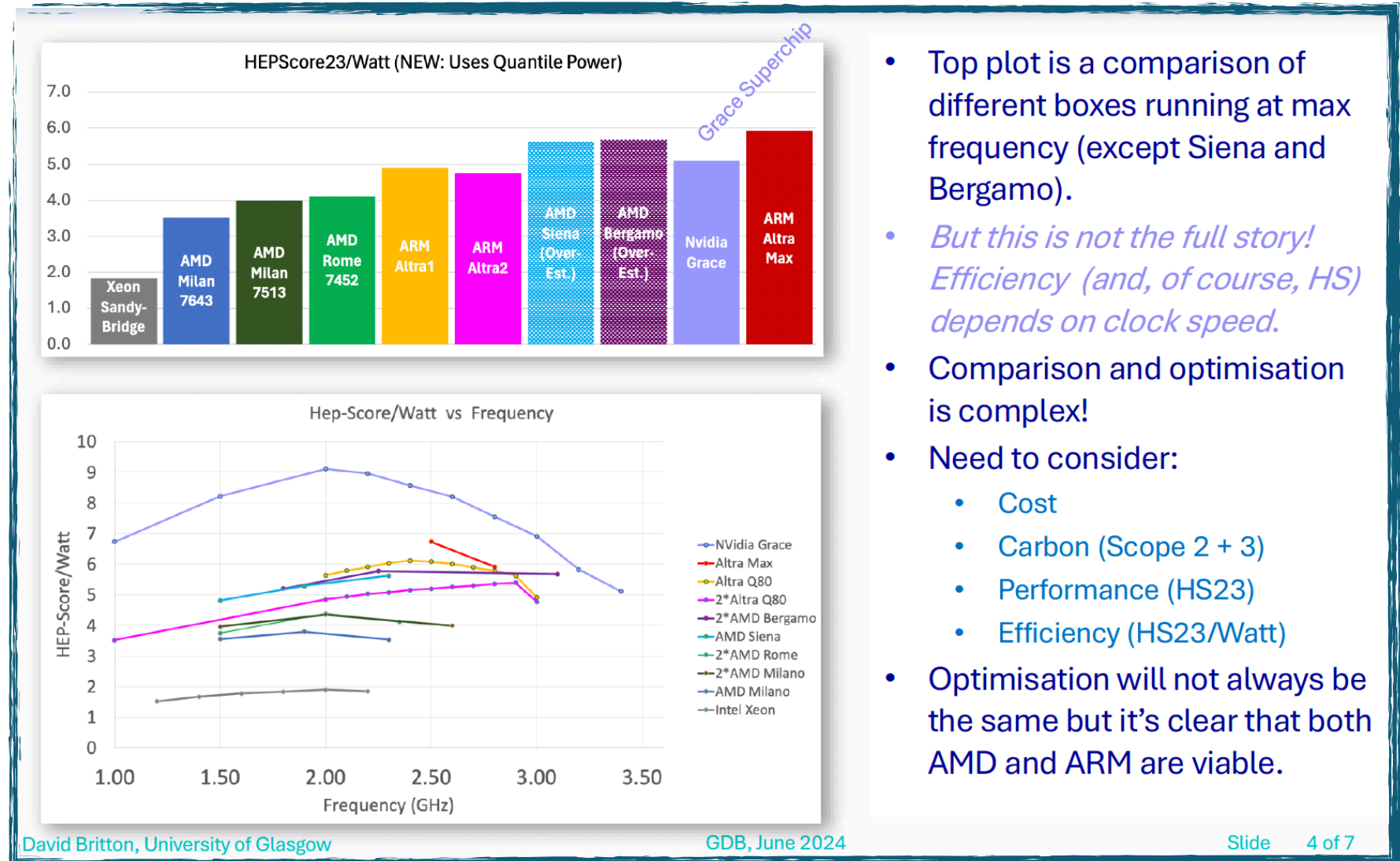
[Amit Bashal, et al.](#)

Ecological responsibility in computing

strong encouragement for greater utilization of ARM chips

limited instruction set, but traditionally thought of as lower power

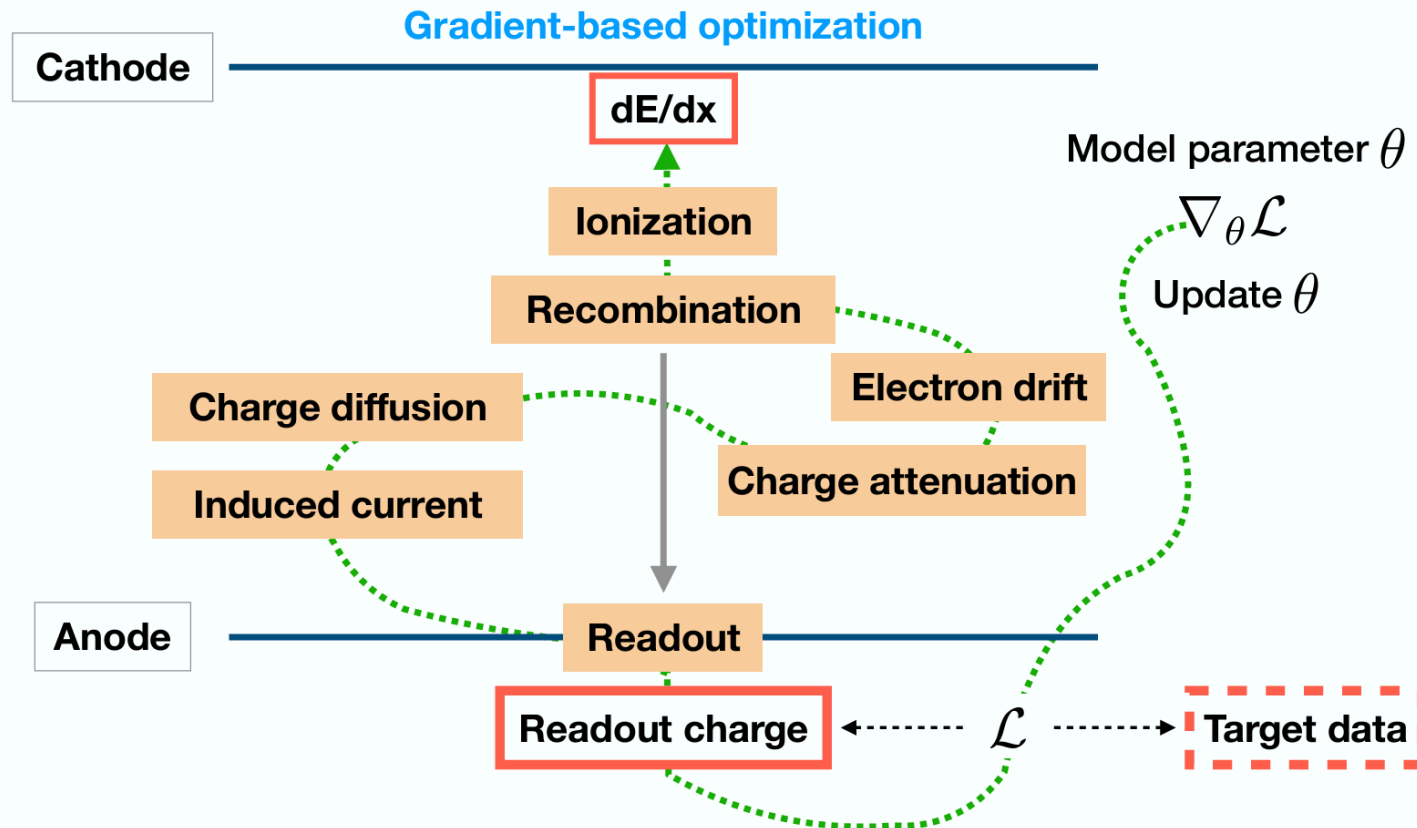
studies from David Britton (Glasgow) presented at WLCG GDB make optimization more complicated



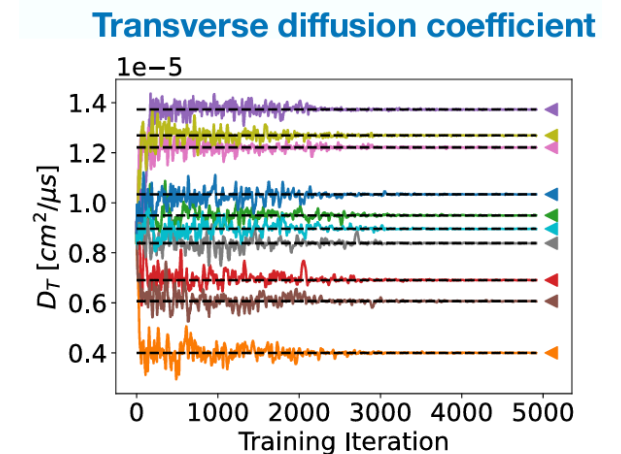
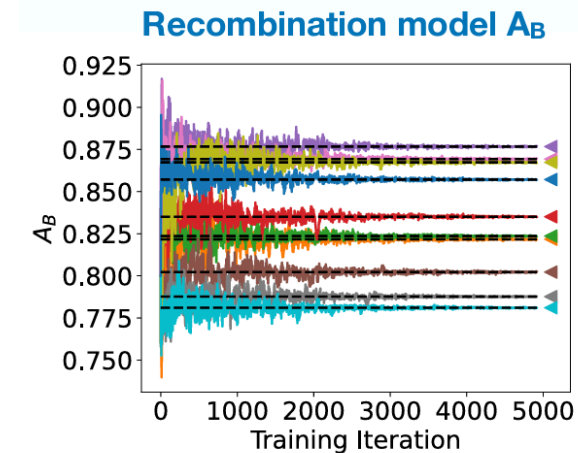
- Top plot is a comparison of different boxes running at max frequency (except Siena and Bergamo).
- *But this is not the full story! Efficiency (and, of course, HS) depends on clock speed.*
- Comparison and optimisation is complex!
- Need to consider:
 - Cost
 - Carbon (Scope 2 + 3)
 - Performance (HS23)
 - Efficiency (HS23/Watt)
- Optimisation will not always be the same but it's clear that both AMD and ARM are viable.

Development of Differential Simulation

Calibration with a Differentiable Simulation



- Challenging for conventional calibration methods
- Led to development of a differentiable simulation for high dimensional calibration
 - Simultaneous optimization for multiple model parameters
 - Straightforward application of the calibration



slides from [Yifan Chen](#)

Summary

R&D is needed to improve storage beyond just bulk capacity

take advantage of new facilities (ALCF, HPC) and architectures (GPU, FPGA, ARM) to meet computational needs

- Balancing our workloads for efficiency

- Impedance matching between resources and workflows

- Adapting large code bases to Multithreading/Multiprocessing

try to keep pace with advancements around us and externally developed tools

- landscape of “Big Data” has changed around HEP

- learn to incorporate external tools into software with extremely long lifetime

shared developments serve essential role in this development (HEP Software Foundation, HEP-CCE, WLCG, OSG, etc)

backup