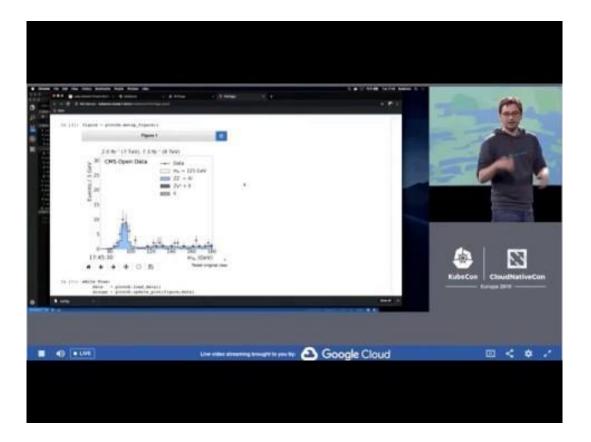
Reperforming a Nobel Prize Discovery on Kubernetes and the Google Cloud

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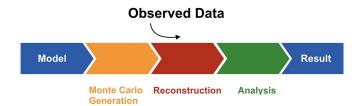
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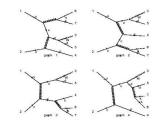
Our job: look at data and check against multiple theories (Higgs, SUSY, ...)

Fundamental problem 1: looking for rare phenomena. Needs lots of data. Fundamental problem 2: do not have a simple way to predict what data would look like under **different theories / assess compatibility**

Solution:

Use large scale compute to process data + deep stack of software to brute-force what data looks like under theories (Monte Carlo)



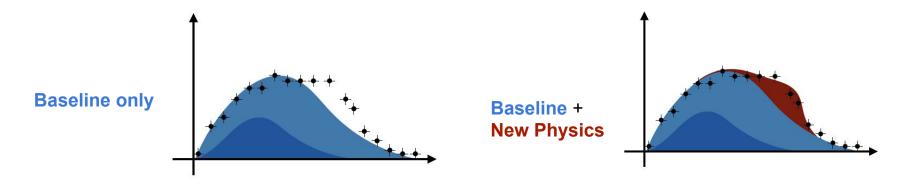


High Energy Physics



Event Evolution

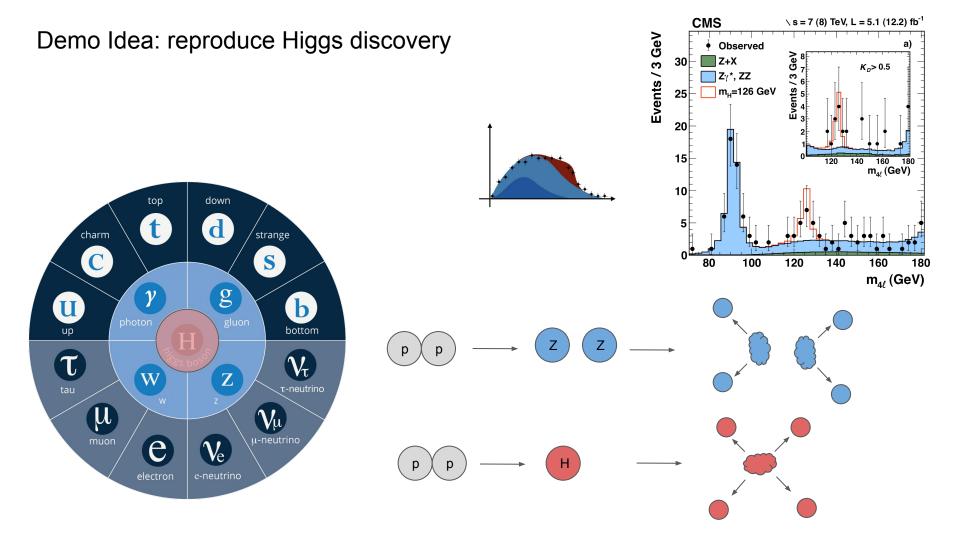
Detector Interactions



Baseline cannot describe data

... but baseline + new physics theory does -> Discovery!





Open Data accessible to everyone at scale

LHC experiments part of growing list of experiments with complex open data problems: data complexity, data volume. large collaborations.



Can it be used? And can we use the public cloud to scale on demand?

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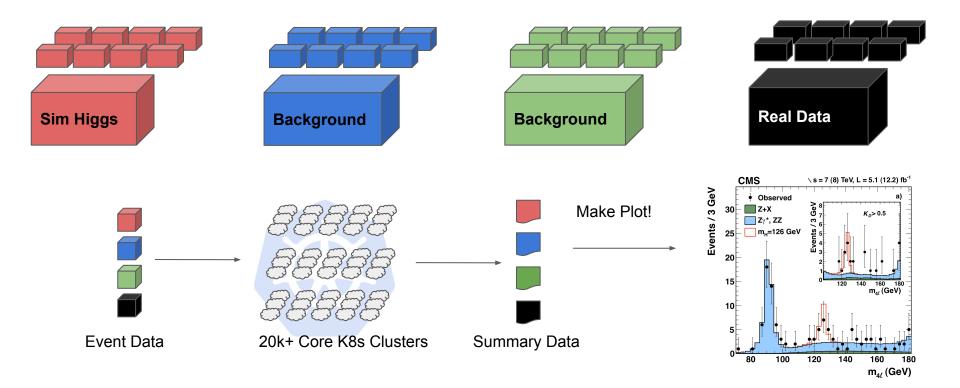
Beyond a VM: Containerized CMSSW ~decade old software to reproduce results



cmsopendata/cmssw_5_3_32 ☆

By cmsopendata • Updated 4 months ago

Container



70 TB of Physics Data

~25000 Files

Kubernetes

Largest open source project after kernel

35.000 contributors, 148.000 code commits

83.000 pull requests, 1.1M contributions

2000+ contributing companies

Google, RedHat, VMware, Huawei, Microsoft, IBM, Fujitsu, ...

Open community welcome to contributions

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) : Auto-Scaling, Multi-Cluster, Scheduling, ...



Kubernetes

Lingua franca of the cloud

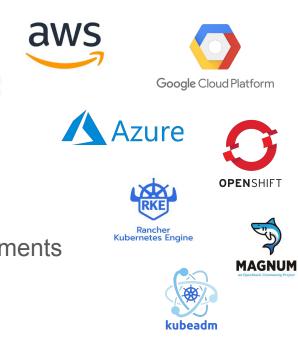
Managed services offered by all major public clouds

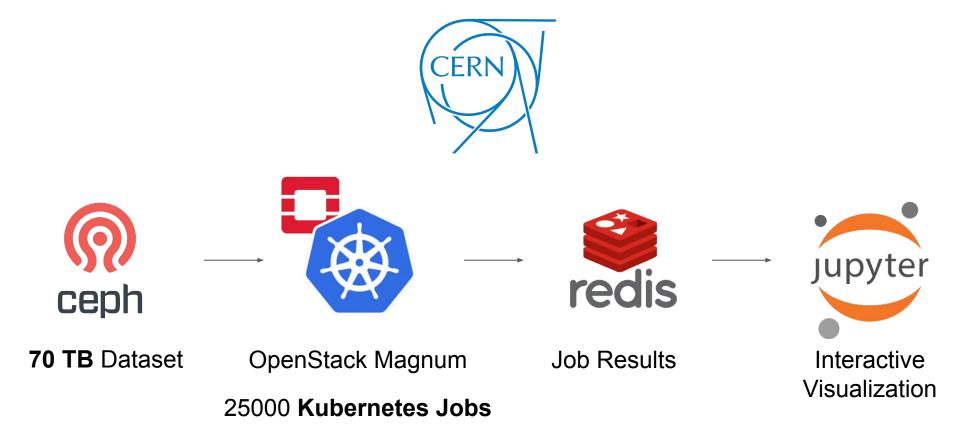
Multiple options for on-premise or self-managed deployments

Common declarative API for basic infrastructure : compute, storage, networking

Healthy ecosystem of tools offering extended functionality







Aggregation





Google Cloud



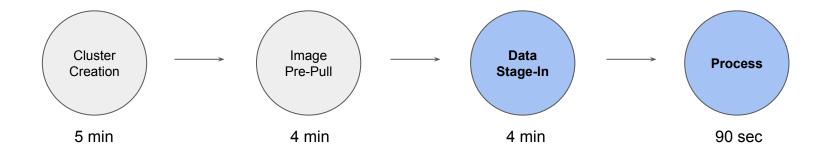
GCP Analysis Run

Kubernetes clusters on GKE (Managed Kubernetes service on GCP)

Run included

~1200 nodes: n1-highmem-16, 104 GB RAM

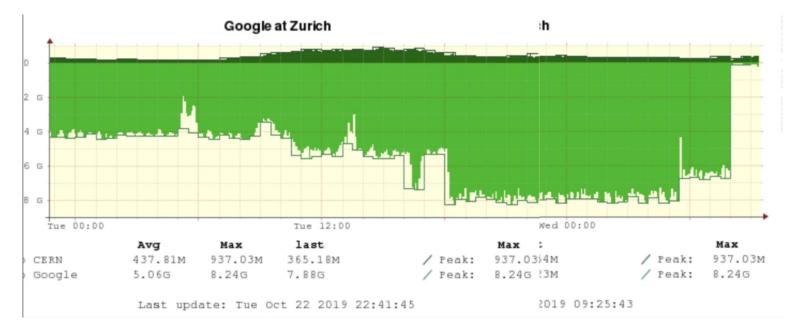
~20000 cores, ~120 TB RAM



Data Upload

Initial dataset (opendata) available on /eos

Ingress is free, Ingress is free...



GCP Analysis Run

Network guarantees 2Gb/core up to 16 core nodes (32 Gbit per VM !)

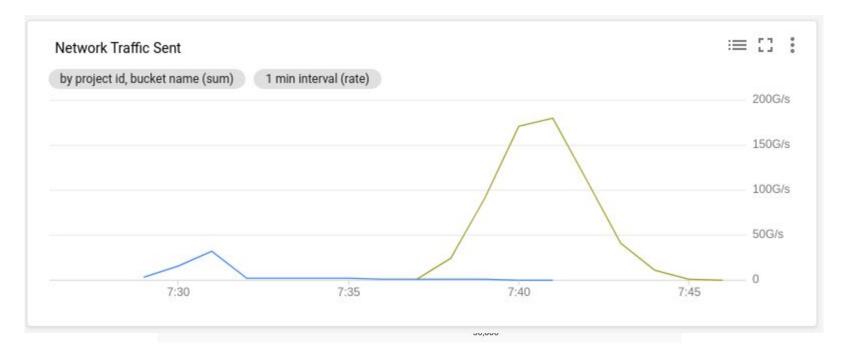
GCS can handle these rates somehow, and we end up bound by local i/o

Ended up using in-memory filesystems to go around this

	Zonal standard persistent disks	Regional persistent disks	Zonal SSD persistent disks	Regional SSD persistent disks	Local SSD (SCSI)	Local SSD (NVMe)				
Maximum sustained IOPS										
Read IOPS per GB	0.75	0.75	30	30	266.7	453.3				
Write IOPS per GB	1.5	1.5	30	30	186.7	240				
Read IOPS per instance	3,000	3,000	15,000 - 60,000*	15,000 - 60,000*	400,000	680,000				
Write IOPS per instance	15,000	15,000	15,000 - 30,000*	15,000 - 30,000*	280,000	360,000				

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GCP Pricing

Billing is updated daily, though there are APIs to query for details

Considering a ~10 minutes run it implies (compute table prices, NL region)

\$1.043 * 1530 / 6 = **\$260** (~5x cheaper if using pre-emptibles)

Parking storage cost for the dataset (monthly cost, lots of room for creativity)

\$0.020 * 70000 = \$1400

Total under \$300 usd

Running on credits, no Committed Use or Sustained Compute discounts

Conclusions

Kubernetes and other tools in its ecosystem are making our life easier

We are not alone ... and can focus more on the upper layers, and physics

Kubernetes is a great candidate for a common layer

Public cloud seems like a viable option in different cases

Opportunities to efficiently scale out, access to otherwise scarce resources

"Infinite" scale, pay for actual use

Disaster Recovery

