

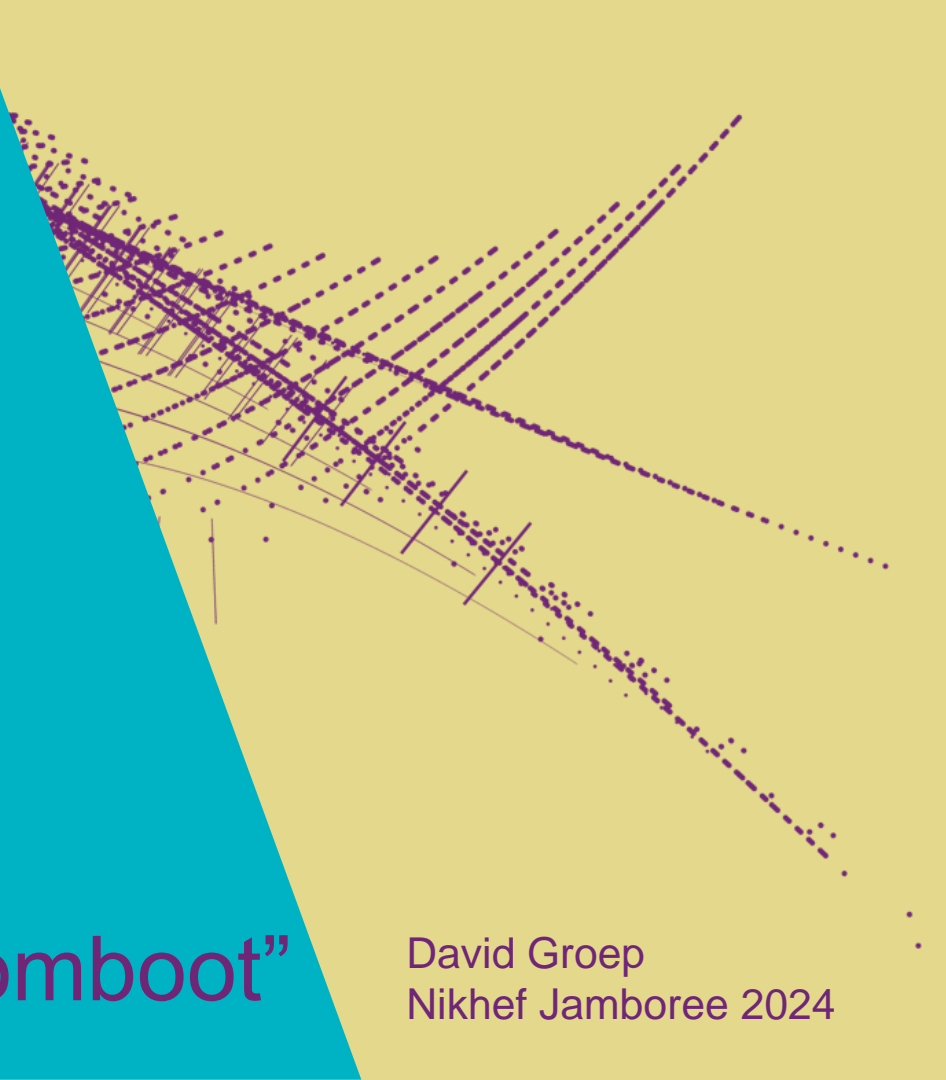


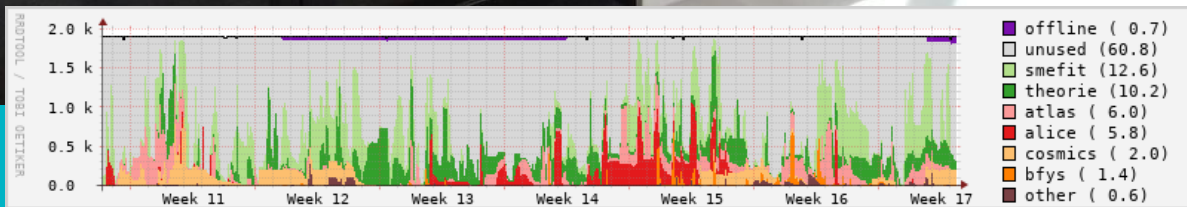
PDP – Physics Data Processing

*See Santa's Ship Sail again !*

**“Zie ginds weer de stoomboot”**

David Groep  
Nikhef Jamboree 2024

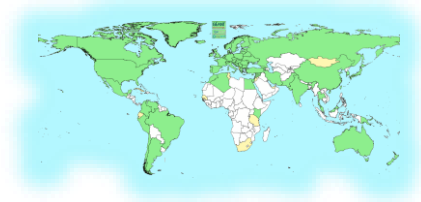




# 'Pillars' of Nikhef Physics Data Processing

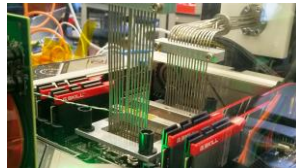
## Infrastructure for trusted collaboration

- trust and identity ('SSO') for enabling communities
- managing complexity of collaboration mechanisms
- securing the infrastructure of our open science cloud



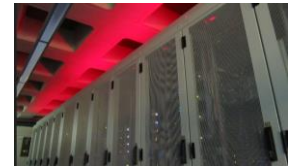
## Algorithmic design patterns and software

- designing software for (GPU) accelerators, new algorithms, high-performance processors
- software design patterns for workflow & data orchestration

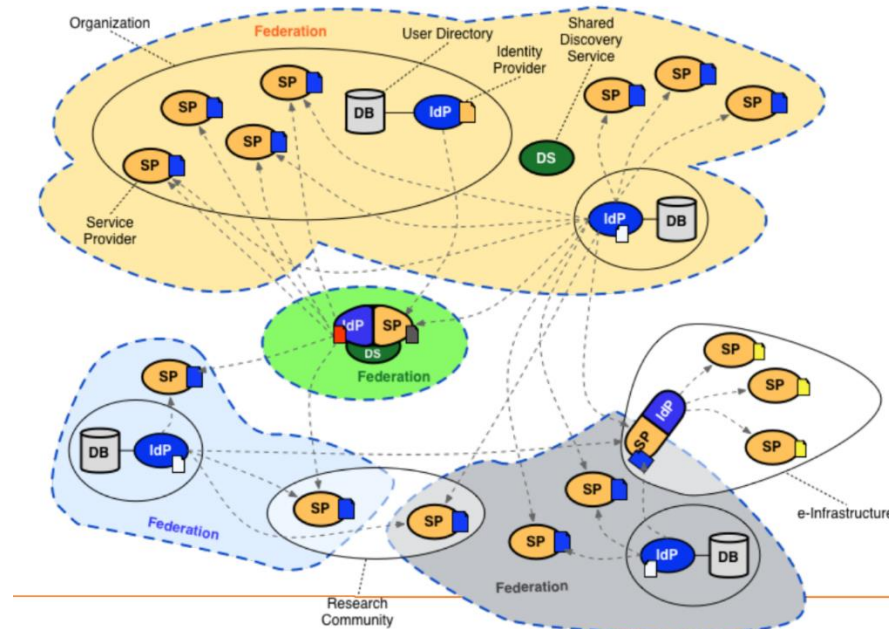


## Infrastructure, network & systems co-design R&D

- building 'research IT facilities'
- co-design & development
- big data science innovation
- research *on* IT infrastructure



# Head, heart, and hands: infrastructure for collaboration



multi-federation image by Lukas Hammerle, SWITCH

# PDP-CT itself is also a collaboration!

The image features a group of seven team members standing in a row. Overlaid on and around them are several red callout boxes, each containing a name and department, along with a 'Lees meer →' button. The Nikhef logo is repeated multiple times in the background.

Name	Department	Action
Roel Aaij	Physics Data Processing	Lees meer →
Martino van Veghel	Physics Data Processing	Lees meer →
Jeff Templon	Physics Data Processing	Lees meer →
Sven Gabriel	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Dennis van Driel	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Mary Hester	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Tristan Su	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Mischa Salle	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Sil Westerveld	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Erk Kooistra	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Andrew Pickford	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Lennie de Roo	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →
Maaike Vaendel	Computer Technologie	Lees meer →

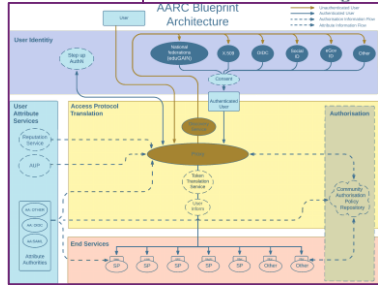
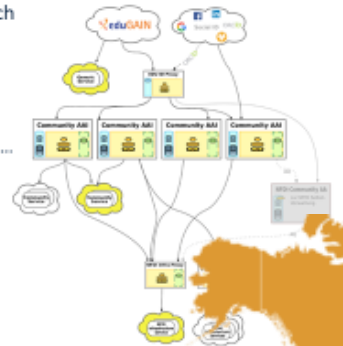
PDP and CT-PDP – “most of whom cannot be seen”. But you can soon find out – join the Office Hours every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month!

# Infrastructure for Collaboration: of AARC TREEs & Tokens

## Composite AAls – proxies beyond ‘just’ the EOSC

Proxy model supports harmonizing IdPs beyond research

- **eduID-style identifiers**
  - ‘life-long learning’ identifiers
  - independent student identifier for mobility & Erasmus-without-papers
  - eduGAIN-alignment is coming: eduid.nl, Swiss eduid, ...



...ent eID (e.g. DigID)  
...e step-up

...s service for research in general  
...also very useful to allow researchers  
...independent of home org ☺

...nellapoulos|GEANT), Marcus Harth (KIT)

March 2025

Building RAuth - a proxy for our federated research infrastructure 145



See also <https://doi.org/10.2777/8702>, <https://rcauth.eu/>

# Where could you use federated login? ... maybe here? 😊

## CERN Single Sign-On

Sign in with a CERN account

Username

Password

**Sign In**

[Forgot Password?](#)

Or use another login method

Two-factor authentication

Kerberos

By logging in, you agree to comply with the [CERN Computing Rules](#), in particular OCS. CERN implements the measures necessary to ensure compliance.

Sign in with your email or organisation

Home organisation - eduGAIN

External email - Guest access

Sign in with a social account

By clicking on the buttons below, you consent to CERN's transfer of your login request to the social provider and to receive your account name, name and e-mail for authenticating you. See more details in our [Privacy Notice](#).

Google LinkedIn

GitHub Facebook

Accelerating Science Sign in Directory

## Select your login provider

You are authenticating to CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) [Privacy Statement](#)

IGTF Certificate Proxy ×

Nikhef ×

Nikhef - Dutch National Institute for Subatomic Physics

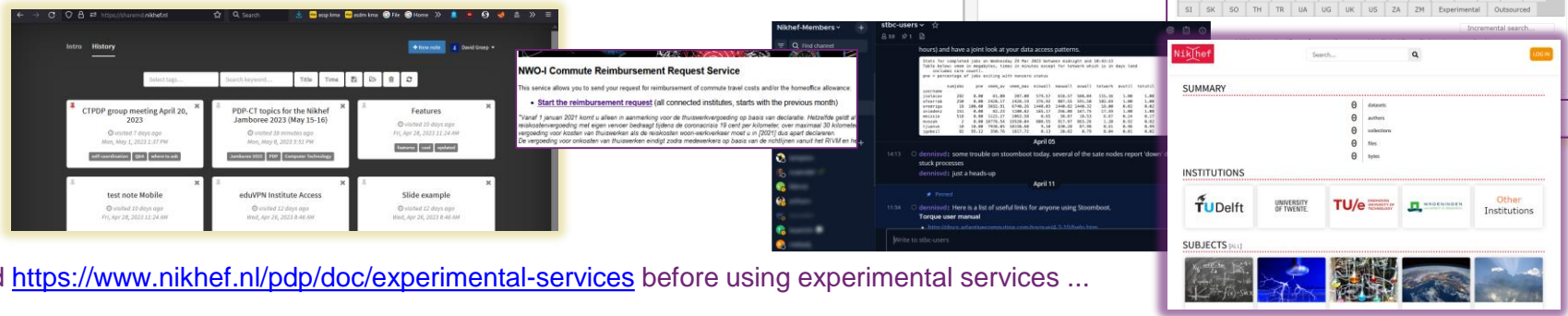
Start typing to search for your login provider or home institute ...

[Why is my Home Institute not listed?](#)

New CERN SSO architecture: Hannah Short et al. - note that this applies only to the new CERN login system, not the legacy AD one

# Some services you may already use ...

- **Nikhef (and CERN Indico):** with global federated login
- **eduVPN:** securely access Callysto and your home
- **eVA, SURFdrive, and FileSender** to collaborate
- **Callysto:** JupyterHub with \$HOME and SSO
- **Experimental services:** ShareMD, commute, ...



But do read <https://www.nikhef.nl/pdp/doc/experimental-services> before using experimental services ...

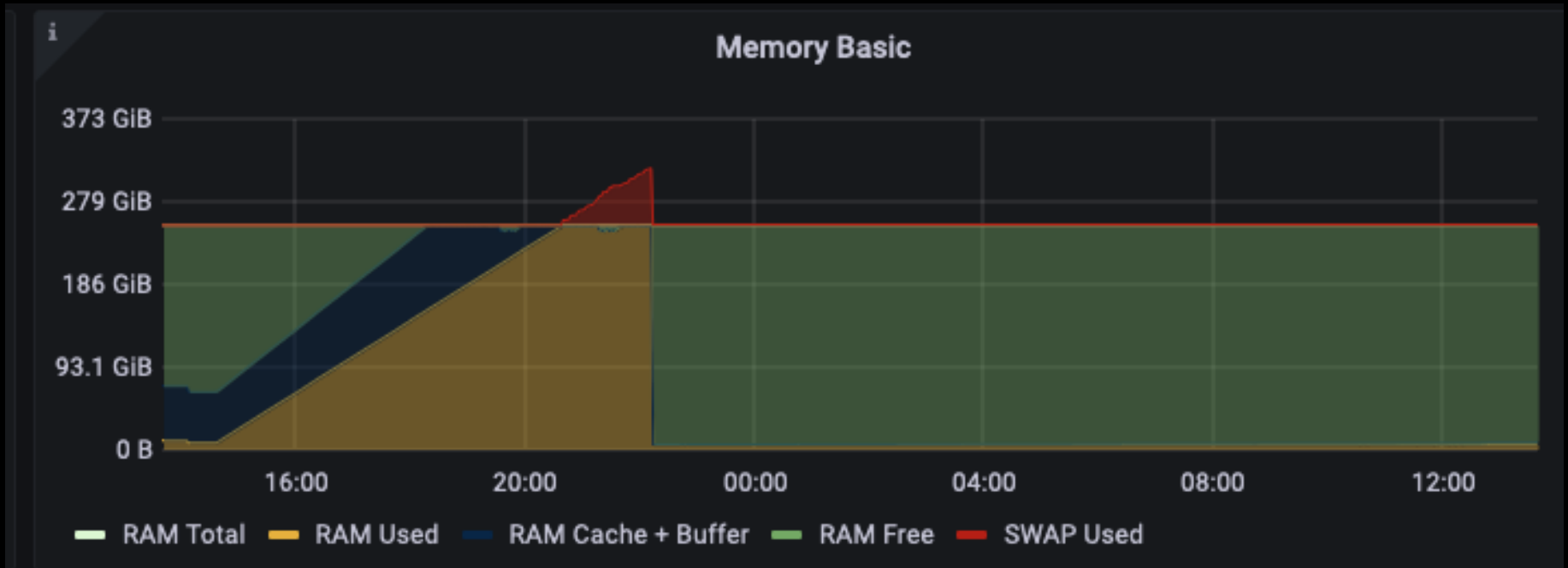


# Accelerated computing: need4speed (and need4scale)

State-of-the-art algorithms scale quadratically or worse with the number of signals in a given tracking detector. Time information is therefore needed to keep computational cost of pattern recognition algorithms under control while meeting required physics performance goals (tracking, vertexing, pileup suppression and particle identification)

- co-design of detectors, readout and processing is needed to optimize performance and keep costs under control.
- to provide sufficient computational resources at reasonable cost accelerators - GPUs, FPGAs, other future architectures - must be investigated to know sufficiently early which solutions are feasible.
- holds for both real-time processing, offline processing and simulation.
- existing large-scale distributed compute infrastructure - the GRID - must also adapt.

# On data structures and scalability



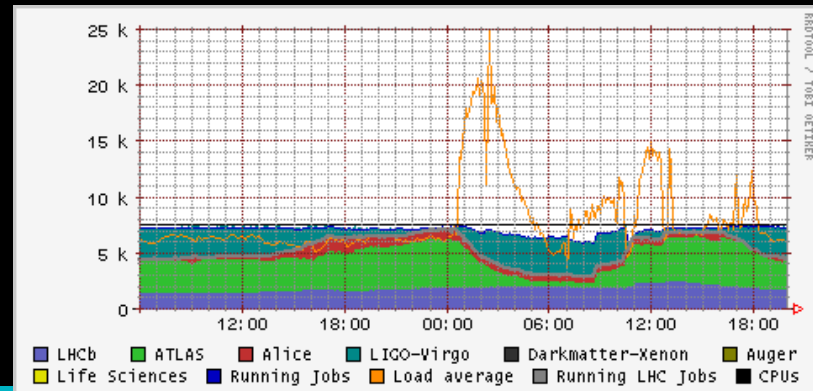
# Need4Scale – with great power ...

```
[root@wn-pep-002 ~]# top
top - 09:40:47 up 71 days, 12:17,  2 users,  load average: 110.38, 101.43, 106.3
Tasks: 700 total,  7 running, 666 sleeping,  0 stopped, 27 zombie
%Cpu(s): 17.0 us,  2.0 sy,  0.0 ni, 81.0 id,  0.0 wa,  0.0 hi,  0.0 si,  0.0 st
KiB Mem : 39462902+total, 23514457+free, 10406320 used, 14907812+buff/cache
KiB Swap: 67108860 total, 66841340 free,  267520 used. 37964784+avail Mem
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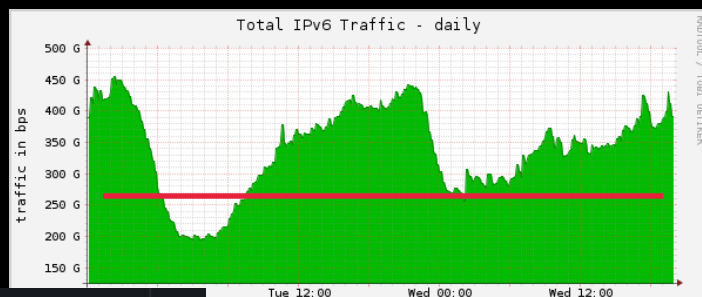
PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
82661	expt000	20	0	5618756	396356	924	R	360.0	0.1	5:14.43	mksquashfs
72615	expt000	20	0	5626336	248516	816	R	90.0	0.1	5:44.11	mksquashfs
83257	expt000	20	0	5611608	219300	852	S	90.0	0.1	1:17.66	mksquashfs
...											

User doing mass *creation* of containers, rebuilding their python 'virtual env' for each job, running on >> 4000 cores

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, data from Nikhef NDPF stats & cricket (top),



... comes great responsibility!



**1/4<sup>th</sup> of all IPv6 traffic that night at the Amsterdam Internet Exchange was from this one user @NDPF**

Pulling the python packages at line rate and downloading public python repositories ultimately *will* flood SURFnet (and suck up Cloudflare's IPv6)

# Other ways to 'exercise' a cluster: jobs of which life came to an unfortunate premature end

Actually this isn't the right metric though, as there could be scads of short jobs with a few very long jobs mixed in, reaching a reasonable average duration. Let's look at the median instead.

The query:

```
$ cat stoomboot-shortjobs
SELECT
  userid.id,
  median(job.wallTime),
  sum(job.CPUTime)/
  count(*) as njobs
FROM
  job, userid
WHERE
  job.userid=userid.id
  job.facility=1 AND
  job.EndTime > '2024-01-01'
  job.EndTime < '2024-01-31'
GROUP BY userid.id HAVING
ORDER BY medianrun ASC;
```

```
In [7]: dfshort_2024=pd.read_table('shortjobs-2024.tsv', index_col='id')

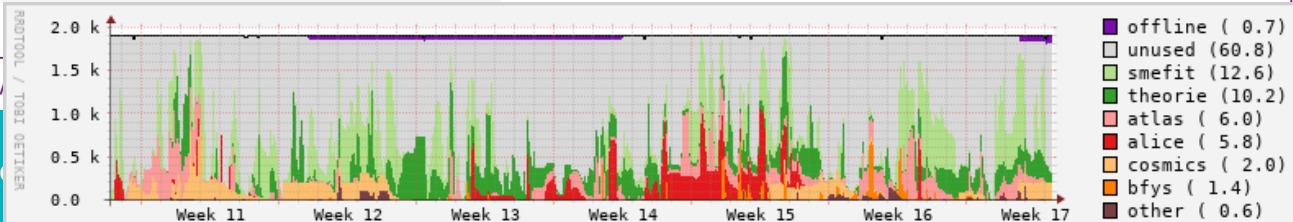
# we recommend minimum job duration of 60 seconds;
# show rows for which the mean run time is less than that

dfshort_2024[dfshort_2024.medianrun<60.0]
```

```
Out[7]:
```

	medianrun	cpsum	njobs
id			
msaharan	0.0	0.8569	162301
jlomker	0.0	4.1052	51228

<https://www.nikhef.nl/pdp/stats/stbc/interim>



# And this year, the stoomboot winner is ...

Congrats to Tanishq (theory), Mohit (cosmics), Efren (LHCb), and Giacomo (theory)

```
In [3]:
lastyear=df2023.add(df2024, fill_value=0)
lastyear['njobs'] = lastyear['njobs'].astype(int)

In [4]:
sly = lastyear.sort_values('cpsum', axis=0, ascending=False)
```

Users ranked by actual computing work

id	corewallsum [years]	wallsum [years]	cpsum [years]	njobs
tsharma	62.4690	53.8772	58.2098	169826
msaharan	47.9864	47.9864	47.5289	232255
erodrigu	39.9191	39.9191	36.7769	185849
gmagni	44.7394	3.7516	28.8070	87206
pkrack	23.5386	6.8287	20.2963	42307
pveen	19.7364	19.7364	19.6241	47018
bkortman	20.9752	20.9752	18.9141	701677

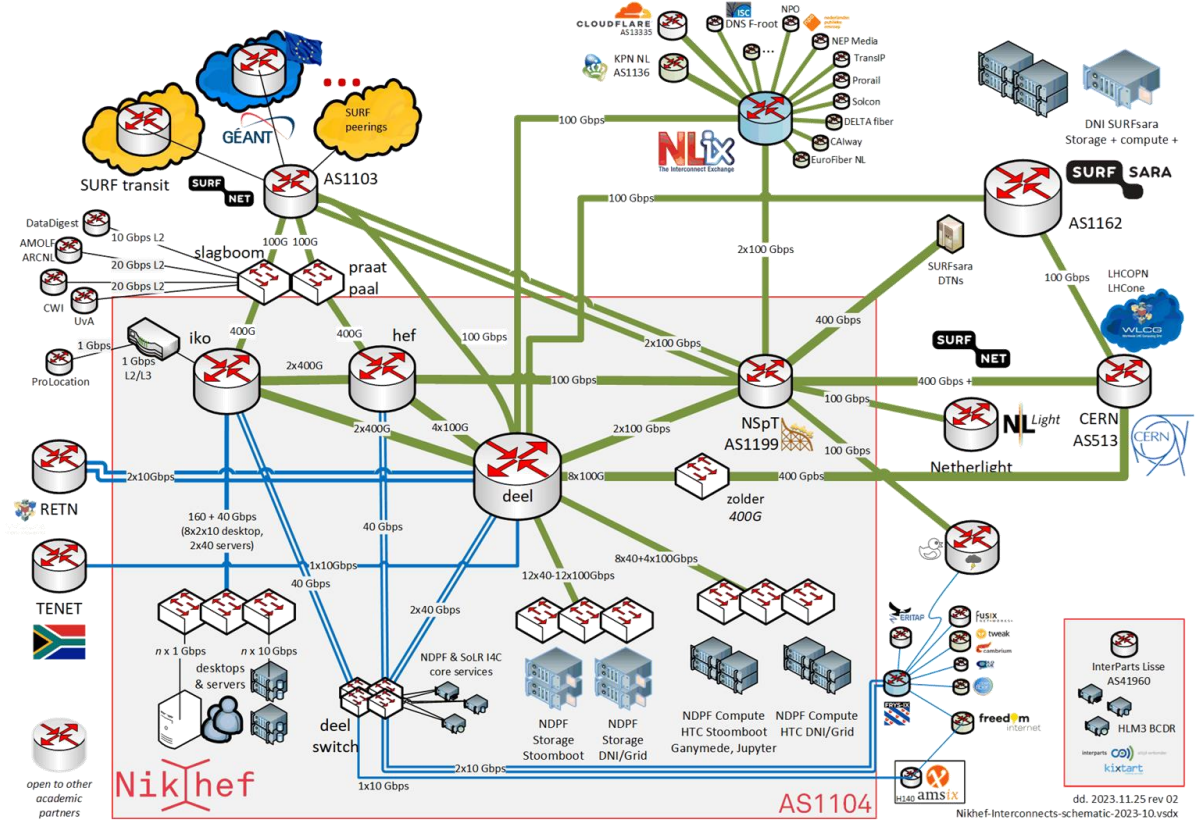
Stoomboot usage May 2023 – now, analysis: Jeff Templon  
See also [https://www.nikhef.nl/pdp/stats/stbc/intern/stbc\\_summ\\_plot](https://www.nikhef.nl/pdp/stats/stbc/intern/stbc_summ_plot)

# Computing can make an image with many tracks as well 😊

Nikhef AS1104  
internal network  
and private peerings

Time for some track finding!  
Curious about your way home?  
From home, use

`traceroute -A myip.nikhef.nl`



# In time for the HL HLC (and more)

## Test with superfast 800 Gbit internet between Amsterdam and CERN successful

15 April 2024

**Nokia and SURF have successfully tested an 800 Gbit/s data connection between Nikhef in Amsterdam and CERN in Geneva. Such a connection is needed to transmit data from the upcoming high-luminosity LHC accelerator.**

The test used existing fiber-optic connections through Belgium and France toward Geneva in Switzerland over a total distance of 1,648 kilometers. An 800 Gbit/s connection is about a thousand times faster than the Internet connection in an average household.

Nokia's latest photonic technology, the sixth-generation super-coherent Photonic Service Engine (SPE-6s), was deployed in the tests, along with 16QAM-shaped modulation. The results of the tests will be announced in more detail next week at a Nokia expert conference in Athens.

**Data hub**

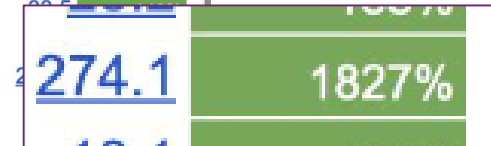


# ATLAS T0 export repeat

800Gbps  
in practice

- T0 export rates are the most important use case and were not achieved
- The rates weren't achieved because they were queued behind production
  - T2 traffic is non negligible in ATLAS (42% dst, 25% src)
- Tests were repeated injecting one site at the time
  - Rates improved for the majority of sites
- Some differences:
  - SARA was testing 800 Gb/s after DC24; was injected with much larger rates
  - RAL wanted to test writing directly to tape in the second test; other limitations were identified
  - NDGF resolved the dcache bug that was affecting them

Site	T0 Export	DC24 best rates on day 1,2	% of expected rates	T0-T1 one T1 at the time	% of expected rates
<u>BNL-ATLAS</u>	60	<u>31.5</u>	53%	<u>61.3</u>	102%
<u>FZK-LCG2</u>	32	<u>26.4</u>	83%	<u>42.2</u>	132%
<u>IN2P3-CC</u>	38	<u>43</u>	113%	<u>50.9</u>	134%
<u>INFN-T1</u>	23	<u>19.3</u>	84%	<u>20.5</u>	106%
<u>NDGF-T1</u>	15	<u>13.8</u>	92%	<u>15.5</u>	112%
<u>SARA-MATRIX</u>	15	<u>12.2</u>	81%	<u>15.5</u>	127%
<u>pic</u>	11	<u>12.3</u>	112%	<u>13.8</u>	112%
<u>RAL-LCG2</u>	38	<u>15</u>	39%	<u>27.2</u>	109%
<u>TRIUMF-LCG2</u>	25	<u>23.9</u>	96%	<u>27.2</u>	109%
T1 summary	257	197.4	77%	562.7	219%
T1 summary -SARA	242	185.2	77%	288.6	119%



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LHCONE/LHCOPN meeting, April 2024

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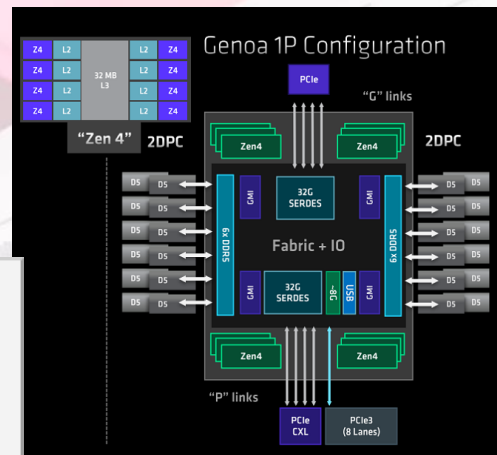
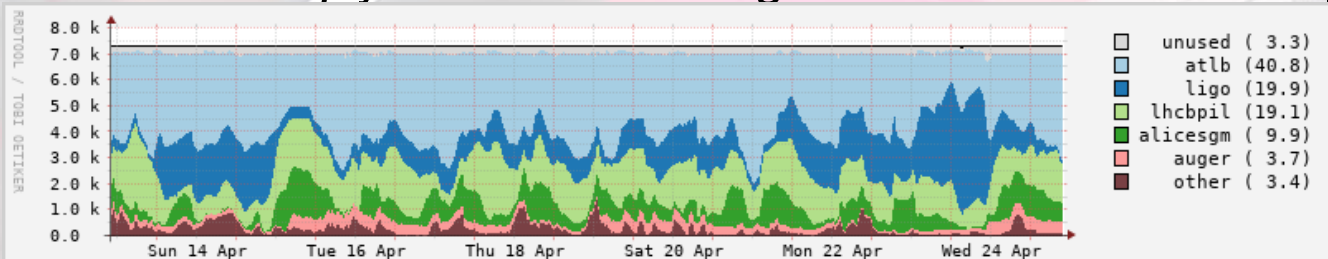
From: Katy Ellis (STFC RAL): DC24 report, LHCOPN meeting, Catania, IT, April 2024 <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1349135/#6-dc24-report>

# ... towards ~ tomorrow

## But why not get results faster on our next-gen clusters?

- today's Genoa already +30% HEPscore performance
- new clusters ordered the end of 2023 ...

*and this 'vuurpijl' extension being installed now ...*



## and 'containerise' your work in the future!

- better access to **GPUs on stoomboot**
- run on our **newer hardware** *that will use Alma 9 & Debian*
- prepare for **data analysis preservation** and good research data management

Screenshots: AMD EPYC Genoa architecture; archive.nikhef.nl HADRON RDIM service

*Next up*

“Scavenging Containers fallen off the Stoomboot  
– how Condor & containers make analysis flexible”  
(Dennis van Dok)



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