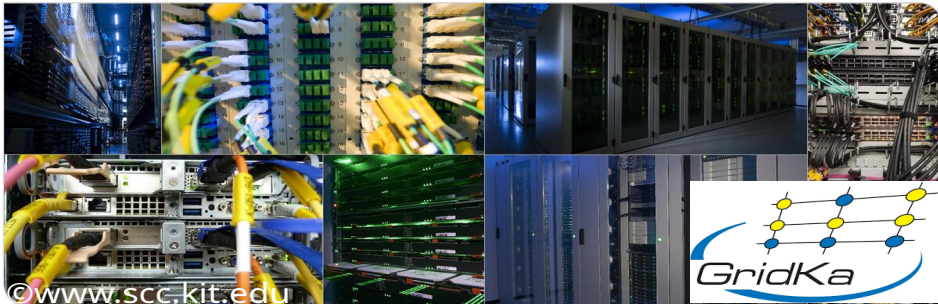


# GridKa Overview Report

@ Annual Meeting of the ATLAS and CMS Computing Verbund

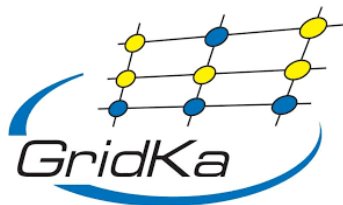
Robin Hofsaess on behalf of the GridKa CMS and R&D team | 26.03.2024



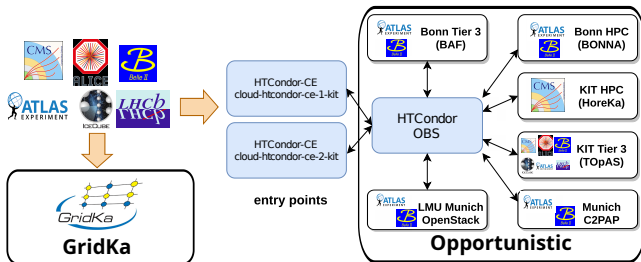
# Outline

## ■ GridKa Status and News

- Pledges and Resources for CMS
- Opportunistic Resources at GridKa
- New NVMe cache for HPSS tape system
- WLCG Data Challenge '24
- ARM workers delivered
- Update to RHEL8
- Update of Compute Elements
- HappyFace4 development
- Progress in GPU Usage for CMS



# GridKa Overview



## Opportunistic Resources

Successfully integrated with **COBaID/TARDIS** – developed at KIT

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# Pledges and Resources for CMS

Resource	Pledges 2024
CPUs	93k HEPscore23 ( $\approx$ 6900k Cores)
Disk	12.2 PB
Tape	38 PB

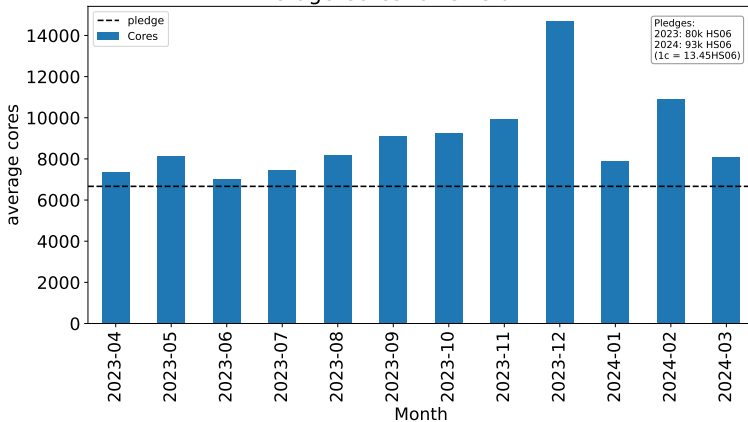
Tier 3: (opportunistic)	
dCMS Disk	2.8 PB
CPUs	1000 cores
*GPUs	56

\*Prototype integration  
of GPUs into the Grid

## Summary

- The pledged tape and disk will be fully available in April
- All pledges will be fulfilled
- Additionally: We provide 56 GPUs with our Tier 3  
(accessible for CMS production and via CRAB/CMS Connect for users)

## Average Cores for CMS at T1 KIT

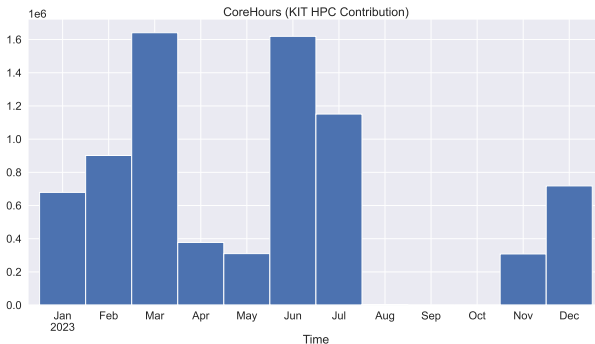


## Tier 1 Compute Resources

Always over pledge for all VOs

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# Integration of HoreKa



## HoreKa HPC Resources

**(Opportunistic) contribution up to an average T2!**

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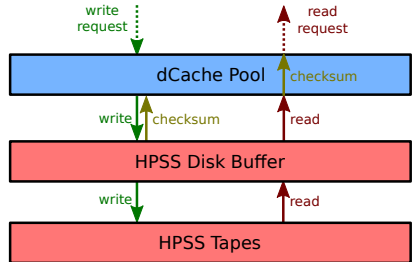
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# NVMe Cache for HPSS Tape System

- New NVMe cache **in production** since Q4 '23
  - 300TB fast NVMe
  - 4x100G network
  - To replace old HDD cache
- Currently, 95 PB on GridKa tape in total

## Milestone:

Stable operation with the desired **300 MB/s - 400 MB/s** read and write rate per tape drive

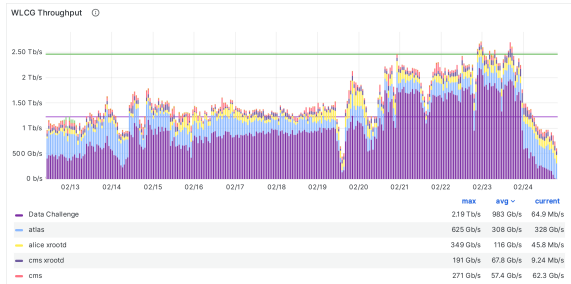


More details on our tape system in backup



# WLCG Data Challenge '24: Overview

- 12.02 to 24.02
- 1<sup>st</sup> week:  
1.2 Tb/s target ✓
- 2<sup>nd</sup> week:  
2.4 Tb/s target (✓)

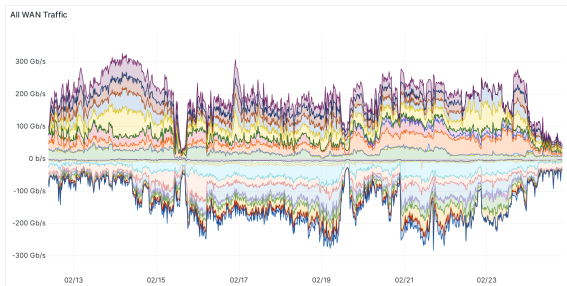


## Result

In general, a success and valuable lessons learned for further optimization

# WLCG Data Challenge '24: GridKa Network Perspective

- LHCOPN: 300 Gb/s in each direction for DC 24
- LHCONE+Internet: 200 Gb/s in each direction



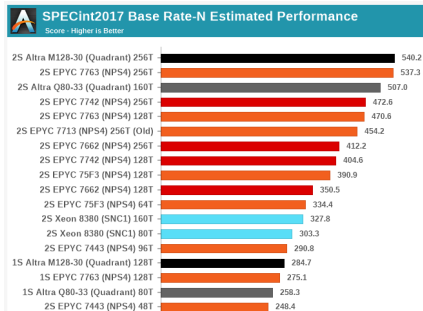
## Conclusion

From the network perspective, GridKa was not at its limits

# ARM Worker Nodes Delivered

- 15 nodes ordered with 2x AMPERE\_Altra Max (2x128 cores)
- Test machines are promising (80 Cores 3,3 GHz)

AMD (64c)	ARM (80c)
2828 HS23	1606 HS23
600W	380W
4.71 HS/W	<b>5.74 HS/W</b>



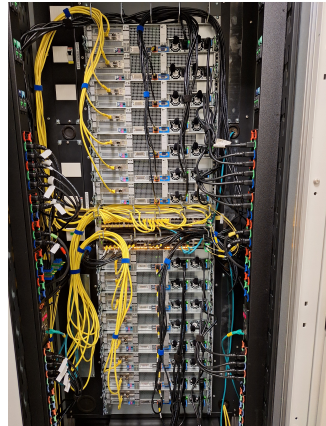
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Provisioning: Q2 '24 (expected)

Will accept jobs from our CEs

More info: [CHEP poster](#) on energy efficiency of ARM

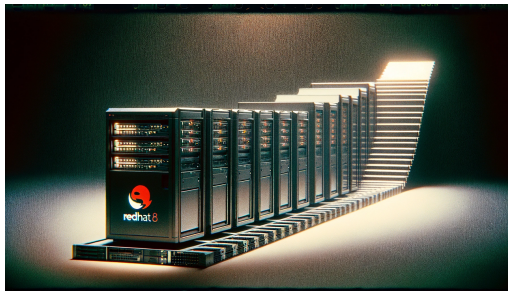
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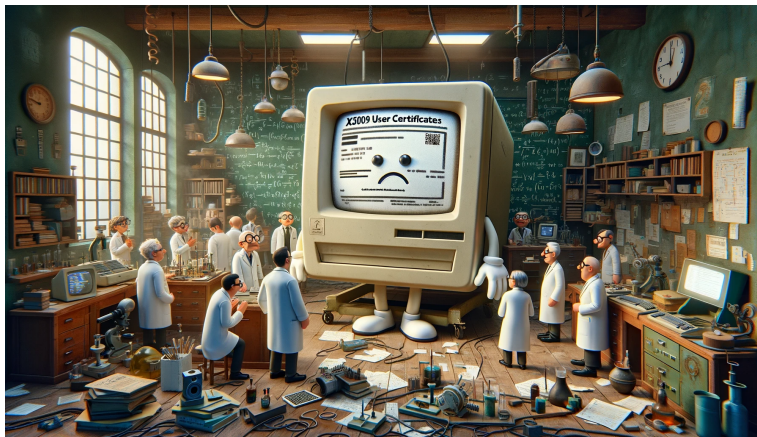
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# Update to RHEL8

- CentOS 7 will reach EOL end of June
- All machines will be updated to RHEL8 in the near future
  - Includes also the Tier 3 resources



# Update of CEs: Farewell to X509!



Within the next months, our **CEs** will be updated and X509 certificates will be deprecated.

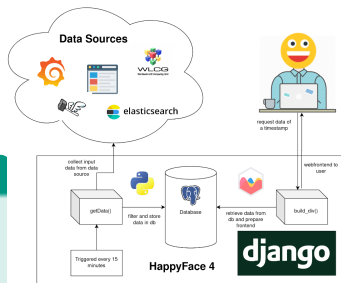
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# HappyFace4

- What is HappyFace4?
  - Meta monitoring tool for computing sites
  - Gives user a fast overview of the site status
  - GridKa production instance: [happyface@ETP](mailto:happyface@ETP)

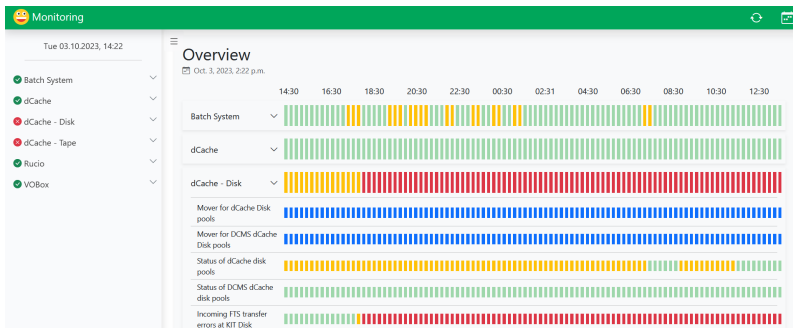
## Purpose

- Advanced (meta) monitoring for our Tier 1 center
- All necessary information for reliable operations gathered in one place



→ Extremely helpful for shifters to detect and report problems fast and in detail!

# HappyFace4: Example



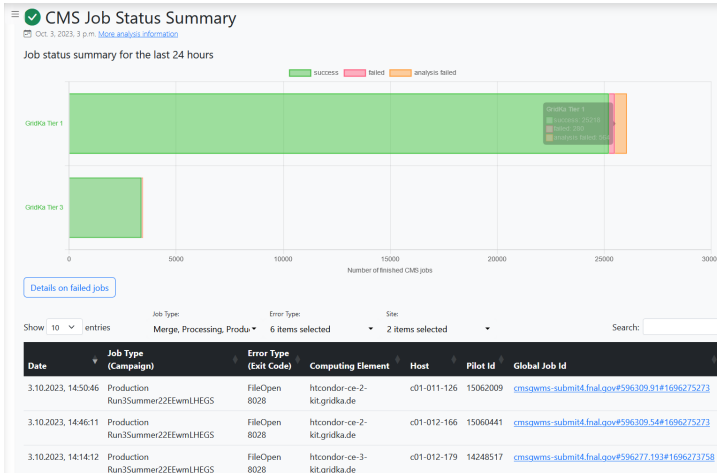
Don't panic

- **Red**  $\neq$  GridKa broken!
- **All red and yellow** issues are regularly followed up by our operations team to be understood :-)

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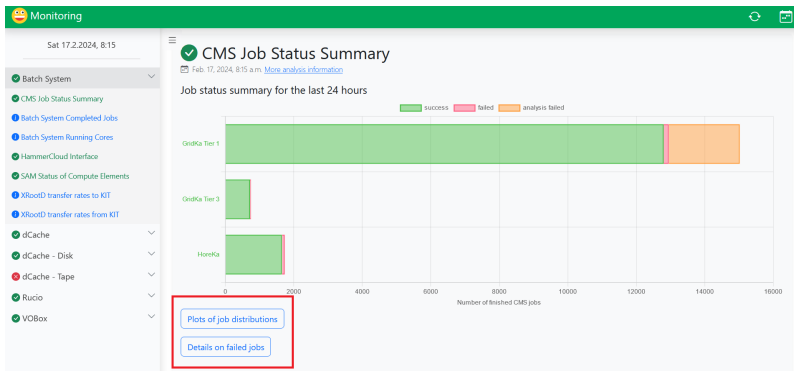


# HappyFace4: Details



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# HappyFace4: Recent Development



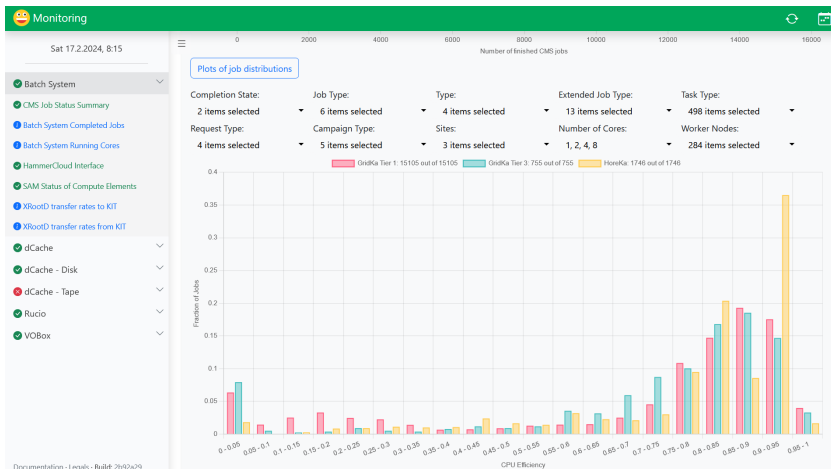
New Features

(credits to Artur Gottmann!)

CPU efficiency monitoring per job grouped by site, job type, cores, ...

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# HappyFace4: Recent Development



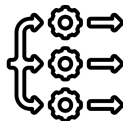
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# Progress in GPU Usage for CMS

*GridKa provides GPUs as a (opportunistic) prototype service via the Tier 3!*

## ■ Current Development and Challenges:

- Efficient grid integration of GPU resources
- Scheduling optimization of small scale GPU jobs
- Contribution to the future of GPU in the HEPScore benchmark
- Energy efficiency benchmarks of HEP GPU applications



## ■ Currently used by CMS DeepTau group

# Summary

## GridKa Status

- **No problems** to report
- One of the most **reliable** Tier 1s
- All pledges will be **fulfilled**

## Hardware

- New **NVME cache** is fully operational
- **ARM** machines delivered are about to be provisioned

## Data Challenge 24

- GridKa participated successfully
- Within **Top-3** of sites
- Network has further potential

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## Opportunistic Resources

- Our opportunistic resources successfully provide up to **several 1000** additional cores

## Upcoming Updates

- All machines will be upgraded to **RHEL8**
- With updating the Compute Elements, **X509 certificates** will be deprecated

## Recent Development

- **HappyFace4**, our multi-facet observation tool for the Tier 1 operation, is constantly improved
- **GPU** integration and optimization

# BACKUP

# The GridKa CMS and R&D Team!

- Prof. Dr. Günter Quast
- Dr. Manuel Giffels
- Dr. Artur Gottmann
- Dr. Matthias Schnepf (BELLE, T3)
- Dr. Max Fischer (ALICE, T3)
- Dr. Maximilian Horzela
- Dr. Sebastian Brommer
- Robin Hofsaess
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- Jonas Eppelt
- Lars Sowa
- Cedric Verstege
- Jost von den Driesch
- Christian Winter

# Comparison of T1s

[monit-grafana.cern.ch: cms-tier-1-utilization](https://monit-grafana.cern.ch: cms-tier-1-utilization)



# Tape Storage at GridKa

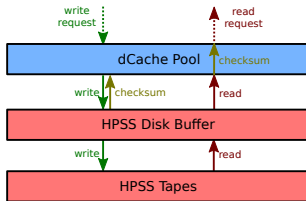
- Since March 2022
  - Larger tape capacity: 8 → 20 TB
  - Higher tape drive speed: 150 → 400 MB/s
  - 1/2 PB SSD+NVME buffer as part of the system
  - In full operation for CMS, Belle 2, and LHCb
- Data from the old system fully migrated for ATLAS, CMS, Belle 2, and LHCb
- Planning to finish migration for ALICE in summer 2024



top: tape cartridge & drive, bottom: tape library at KIT (current total capacity: 150 PB)

# Schematic overview of GridKa tape system

- Write request:
  - Incoming file transfer at dCache disk pool
  - Written from dCache to HPSS disk buffer
  - Read back for checksum consistency test
  - Within HPSS, writing to tapes initiated afterwards in **file aggregates**
  
- Read request:
  - File read requests appear at dCache pool
  - Requests grouped by tape & aggregate
  - **Entire aggregates** read from tapes to HPSS disk buffer
  - Files read from HPSS disk to dCache pool

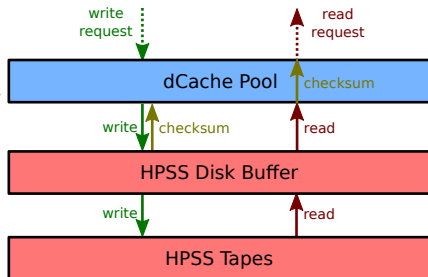


Files in the same directory collected into aggregates of up to 300 GB

Important fraction of in-house written interface done by **ATLAS & CMS** representatives

# Details on the NVMe Cache

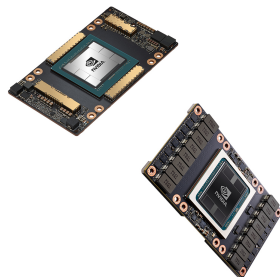
- Current Setup:
  - AMD EPYC 9554P 64-Core
  - 300TB NVMe in XINNOR softraid  
(→ 500TB ssd cache in total)
  - 700k IOPS for r+w
- Optimized for low latency for many clients to
- Performance benchmark:
  - 10 or 5 times 10 Clients with each sequential reads (2/3) and writes (1/3) of a 5GB file
  - Throughput: around 50-70GB/s  
→ constant 300 MB/s to 400 MB/s write speed per tape drive



**Final setup TBD (potential alternatives: GRAID or all-flash arrays)**

# GPUs at GridKa Made Available for CMS

- Several GPU's deployed at GridKa TopAS cluster and provided to entire CMS through the grid
  - 24 × Nvidia A100
  - 24 × Nvidia V100
  - 8 × Nvidia V100S
- GPU workflows sent by CMS were successfully completed
  - High Level Trigger Test Workflow
  - Release Validation Workflow



## Conclusion

We are well prepared for heterogeneous computing era!