

Simpler, faster analysis with modern ROOT

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The HEP analysis landscape as we see it

Analysis life cycle

skimming,
tuple production

quick exploration,
first implementation

systematics,
scale out

statistical
analysis

not covered here,
see [RooFit talk!](#)

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computing cluster
+ job submission

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EOS or other not-so-fast backend



A swiss-army knife for data analysis

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ROOT.RDataFrame is a modern analysis interface that addresses all these use cases with **one high-level programming** model that performs well, scales well and enables **HEP-specific ergonomics**, in C++ and Python.



What RDF code looks like (Python)

<code>df = ROOT.RDataFrame(dataset)</code>	on this (ROOT, CSV, ...) dataset
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<code>.Define("r2", "x*x + y*y")</code>	define $r2 = x^2 + y^2$
<code>rHist = df.Histo1D("r2")</code>	plot $r2$ for events that pass the cut
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```

event selection

derived quantities, object selections

data aggregations

Users can inject **arbitrary code** at all steps, which makes this relatively simple API extremely versatile.



Switch on multi-threading (Python)

<code>ROOT.EnableImplicitMT()</code>	Run a multi-thread event loop
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Switch to distributed execution (Python)

**Since v6.26
(experimental)**

```
cluster = dask_jobqueue.HTCondorCluster(n_workers=64)
```

```
df = RDataFrame(dataset, daskclient=Client(cluster)) .....
```

connect to
HTCondor via Dask

```
df = df.Filter("x > 0")
```

```
    .Define("r2", "x*x + y*y") .....
```

other code
stays the same

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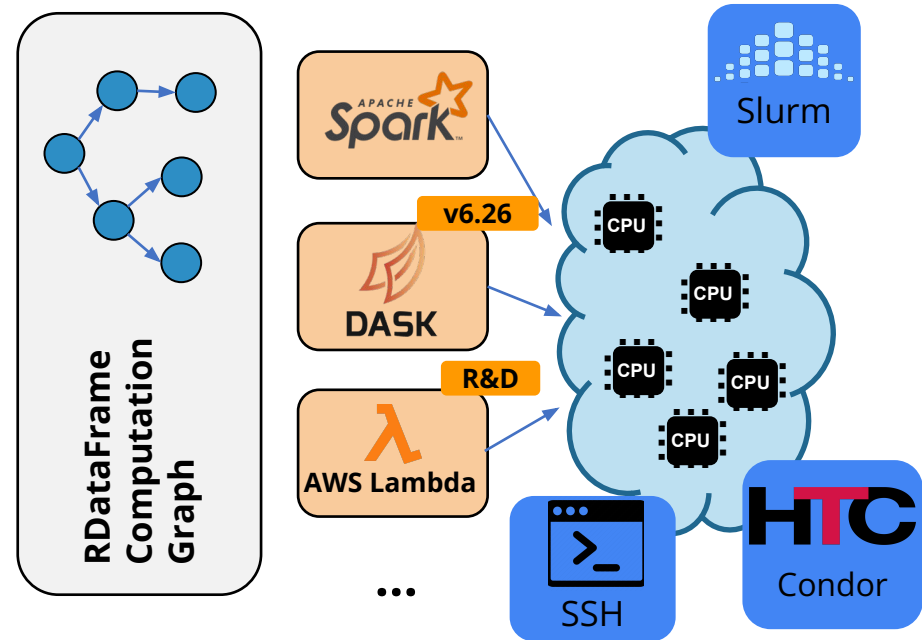
```
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```

Also see [this tutorial](#), [the docs](#), the [recent ATTF talk](#)



Distributed execution with RDataFrame

- Enables **interactive large-scale distributed** data analysis
- Python RDF API, C++ event loop
- Full access to ROOT I/O
- Let Spark/Dask/HTCondor/Slurm/SSH.... take care of scheduling and resource management
- Transparently merges results coming from different computing nodes

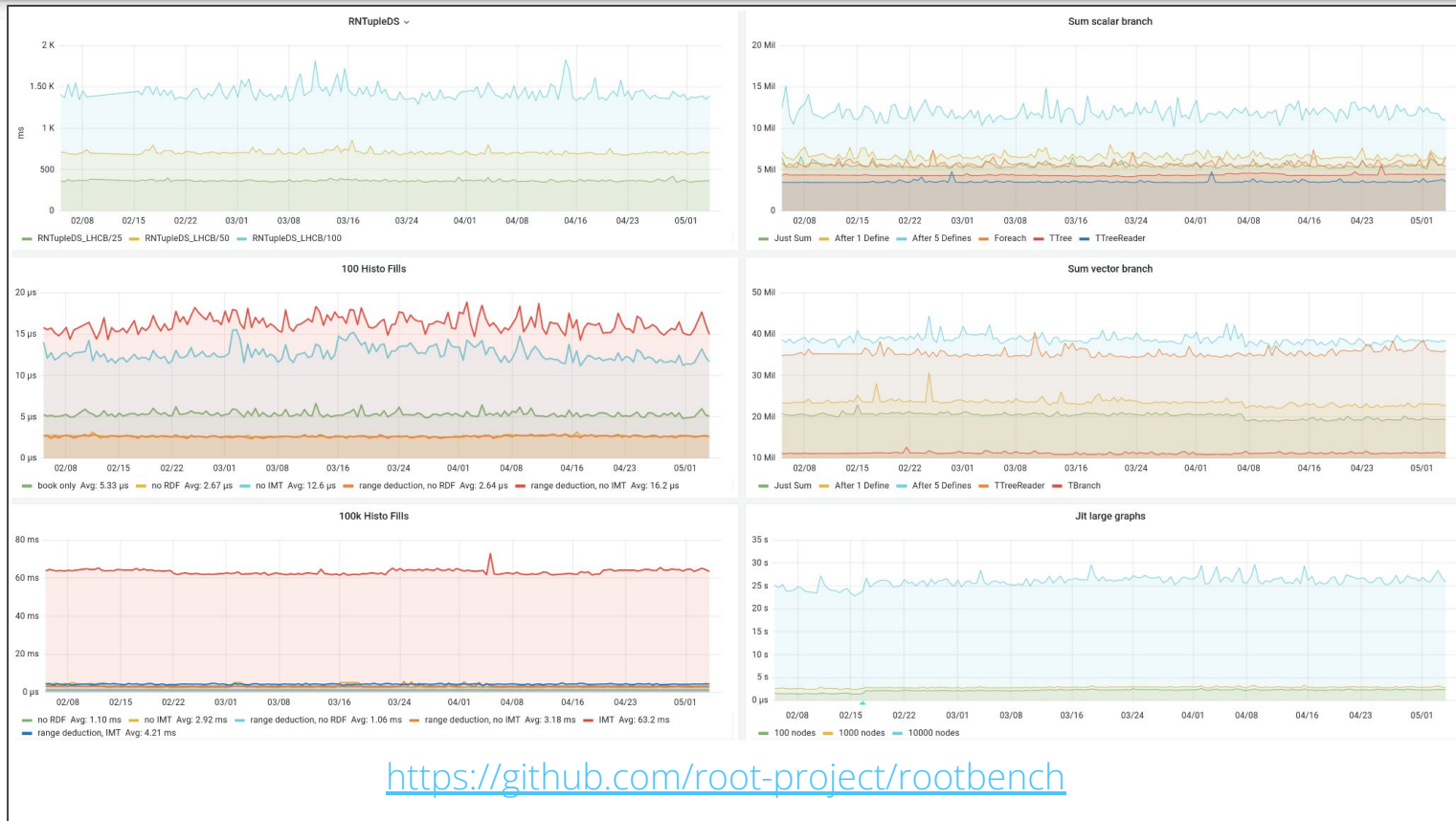




A note on performance

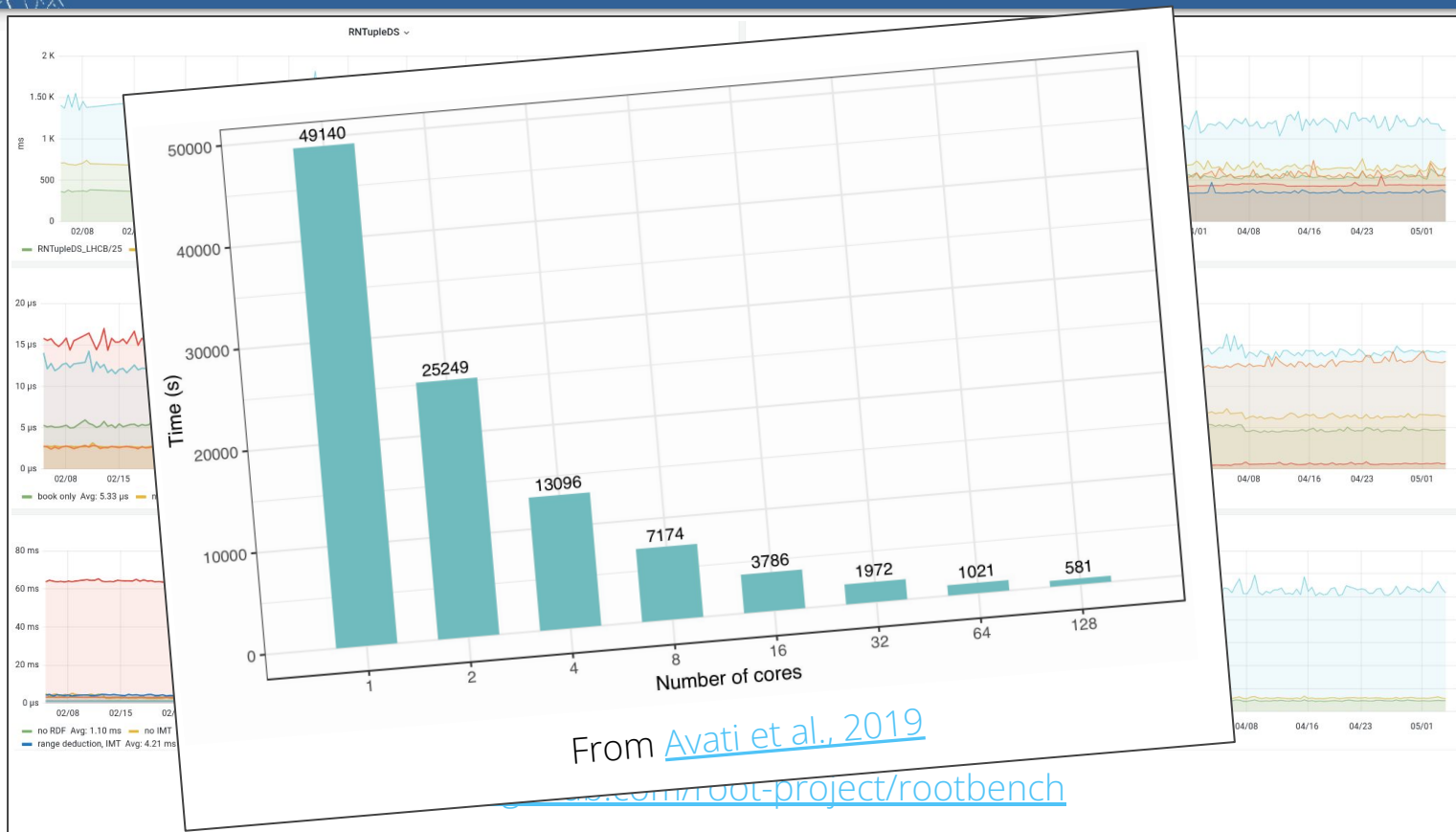


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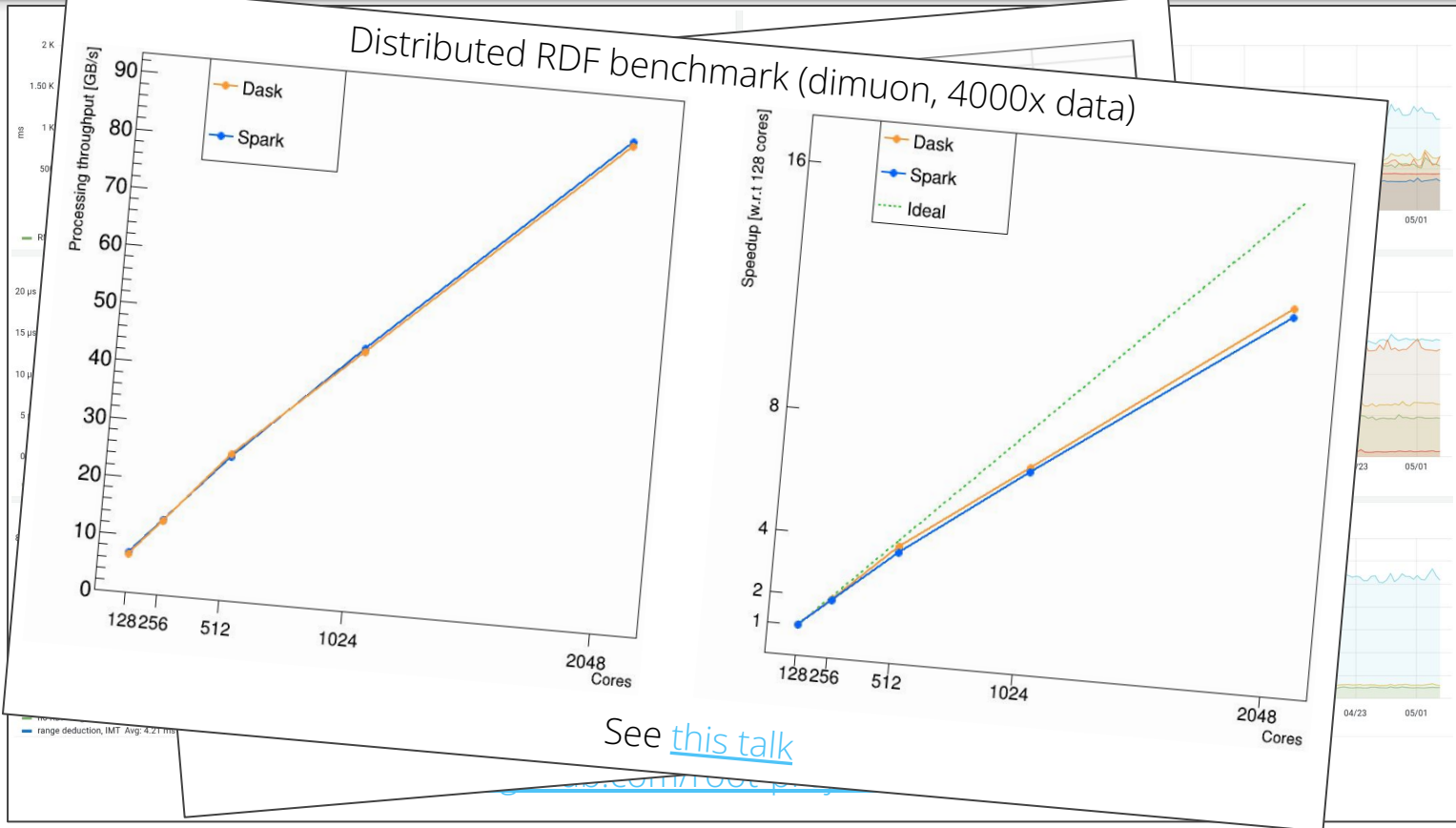


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Fully compiled C++ RDataFrame (ROOT@db6a9d62f)

query, 1x data (s), 10x data (s)

Q1	0.37	1.50
Q2	0.46	3.70
Q3	0.73	6.23
Q4	0.65	5.92
Q5	0.84	7.45
Q6	3.08	27.99
Q7	2.56	22.27
Q8	1.17	10.22

Coffea 0.7.12 (using chunksize=2**19)

query, 1x data (s), 10x data (s)

Q1	1.40	4.24
Q2	1.51	5.76
Q3	1.81	7.96
Q4	1.65	6.58
Q5	2.41	12.43
Q6	13.89	124.59
Q7	4.19	29.12
Q8	3.27	17.70

- note that these benchmarks are not representative of large analysis workloads
- see also [this ACAT talk](#) by Nick Smith

Benchmark from github.com/nsmith-/coffea-benchmarks

Setup: AMD EPYC 7702P, using 48 physical cores, data read from filesystem cache

<https://github.com/root-project/rootbench>



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NanoAOD events processed at 400 kHz
when producing ~6k histograms.

zlib-compressed data read from local SSD
128 threads on 2x AMD EPYC 7742

~[CMS Wmass analysis framework](#)

“turnaround of a few hours for O(100)
plots (thousands of histograms) of the
CMS Run2 data on a batch system”

~[bamboo](#)

Hist Type	Hist Config	Evt. Loop	Total	CPUEff	RSS
ROOT THnD	10 x 103 x 5D	59m39s	74m05s	0.74	400GB
ROOT THnD	10 x 6D back	7m54s	25m09s	0.27	405GB
ROOT THnD	10 x 6D front	13m52s	30m27s	0.42	406GB
Boost (“sta”)	10 x 6D back	7m07s	7m17s	0.90	9GB
Boost (“sta”)	10 x 6D front	3m22	3m33s	0.86	9GB
Boost (“sta”)	10 x (5D + 1-tensor)	1m54s	2m04s	0.81	9GB
Boost (“sta”)	1 x (5D + 2-tensor)	1m32s	1m42s	0.77	9GB

Processing lz4-compressed
ROOT data at 2 GB/sec

32 threads running on AMD Ryzen
Reading from a local NVME SSD disk

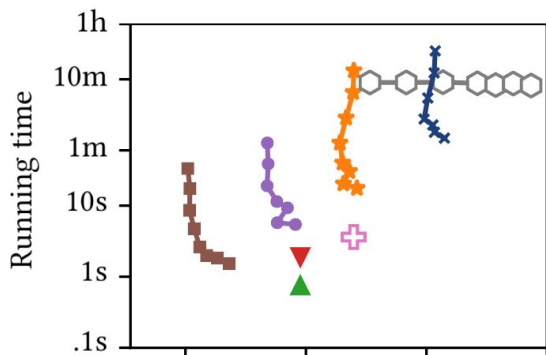
~[CMS momentum correction](#)

[From this talk](#) by Josh Bendavid

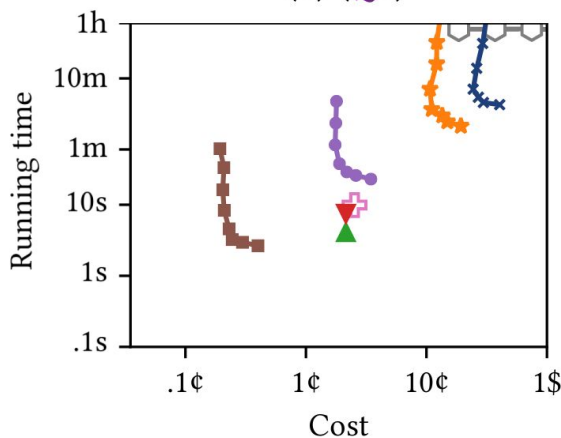
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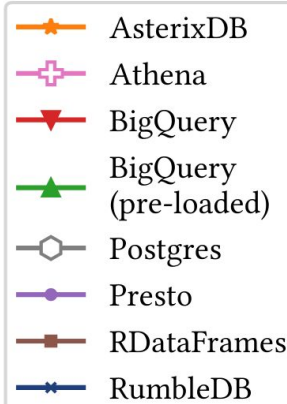


(d) (Q4)



"...the general-purpose data processing systems are significantly less performant than the domain-specific ROOT framework—due to limited scalability and inefficient handling of the data and queries relevant to HEP"

~[Graur, Muller, Proffit, Fourny, Watts et al](#), 2021



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Performance: the bottom line

- Given users' feedback and our own benchmarks, RDataFrame enables fast turnaround for complex analysis use cases
- RDataFrame scales well to many cores, many nodes, many histograms
- Performance is always ongoing work: we are constantly looking for feedback/use cases



Wide adoption from analysts

- [Dark matter sensitivity study](#) (Pani & Polesello, 2018)
- [Distributed analysis with RDataFrame in TOTEM](#) (Avati et al., 2019)
- **ATLAS**: prototype xAOD data source DOI [10.5281/zenodo.1303038](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1303038)
- **ALICE**: Apache Arrow support contributed by G. Eulisse
- **FCC** [is developing analysis workflows](#) based on RDF (see also the [GitHub project](#))
- Building block in [INFN analysis facility effort](#)
- many users **“in the wild”**: 650+ threads tagged #rdataframe [on the ROOT forum](#), about the same as #tree and #hist



RDF as a framework building block

Some examples of analysis software based on RDataFrame

- [bamboo](#) ([recent talk](#))
- KIT's [CROWN](#) ([recent talk](#))
- [W mass analysis framework](#)
- [LoopSUSYFrame ATLAS analysis tool](#)
- ("Latinos" CMS framework [planning transition to RDF](#))
- [narf](#) ([recent talk](#))
- ...

Feedback (and code) from users regularly integrated upstream (*thank you!*)

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HEP-specific ergonomics



Inspecting (remote) data

```
df = ROOT.RDataFrame("Events", "root://eospublic.cern.ch/eos/opendata/cms/derived-data/AOD2NanoAODOutreachTool/Run2012BC_DoubleMuParked_Muons.root")
df.Filter("nMuon == 2").Display("Muon_*").Print()
```

Row	Muon_charge	Muon_eta	Muon_mass	Muon_phi	Muon_pt
0	-1	1.06683f	0.105658f	-0.0342727f	10.7637f
	-1	-0.563787f	0.105658f	2.54262f	15.7365f
1	1	-0.427780f	0.105658f	-0.274792f	10.5385f
	-1	0.349225f	0.105658f	2.53978f	16.3271f
6	-1	-0.532089f	0.105658f	-0.0717980f	57.6067f
	1	-1.00417f	0.105658f	3.08952f	53.0451f
7	1	-0.771659f	0.105658f	-2.24527f	11.3197f
	-1	-0.700997f	0.105658f	-2.18096f	23.9064f
8	-1	0.441807f	0.105658f	0.677852f	10.1936f
	1	0.702117f	0.105658f	-2.03440f	14.2041f



RVecs: working with collections

Select and fill: quick one-liner

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Compiled C++

```
RVecD selectPt(RVecD &pt, RVecD &eta) {  
    return pt[abs(eta) < 2];  
}  
  
auto h = df.Define("pt", selectPt,  
                  {"muon_pt", "muon_eta"})  
          .Histo1D<RVecD>("pt");
```

Python+Numba

Current R&D

```
def select_pt(muon_pt, muon_eta):  
    return muon_pt[np.abs(muon_eta) < 2]  
  
h = df.Define("pt", select_pt).Histo1D("pt")
```

See [docs](#) about injecting Python into RDF in v6.26.



Lightweight physics objects (R&D)

Select some muons, plot their inv. mass (now)

```
df.Define("m", "muon_pt > 20 && abs(muon_eta) < 2.7")  
  .Define("invmass", "InvariantMass(muon_pt[m], muon_eta[m], muon_phi[m], muon_mass[m])")  
  .Histo1D("invmass")
```

With automatic aggregation of muon_* into muons (coming soon)

```
df.Define("invmass", "InvariantMass(muons[muons.pt > 0 && abs(muons.eta) < 2.7])")  
  .Histo1D("invmass")
```

Current R&D



On-the-fly systematic variations

**In ROOT 6.26
(experimental)**

Python

```
nominal_hx =  
    df.Vary("pt", "RVecD{pt*0.9, pt*1.1}", ["down", "up"])  
    .Filter("pt > k")  
    .Define("x", someFunc, ["pt"])  
    .Histo1D("x")  
  
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Variations automatically propagate to selections, derived quantities and results.

Multi-thread and **distributed** execution **just works**.

Only needed quantities are re-computed, all in **one event loop**.



RDF \Leftrightarrow NumPy arrays

v6.18

- **TTree** \rightarrow **NumPy** via RDataFrame

```
cols = df.Filter("x > 10").AsNumpy(["x", "y"])
```

- **NumPy** \rightarrow **RDataFrame**

```
data = {"x": np.array(...), "y": np.array(...), ...}  
df = ROOT.RDF.MakeNumpyDataFrame(data)
```

Work in progress: **RDF \Leftrightarrow Awkward arrays**, see github.com/awkward-1.0/issues/588



...and more

- [transparent support for RNTuple](#), aka TTree 2.0 (faster, smaller) with no code changes
- machine learning inference as part of the event loop (see [next talk about SOFIE](#))
- [definition of per-sample quantities](#), e.g. varying histogram weights for data/MC
- support for TTree chains, friends, indexed friends, TEntryLists
- [custom aggregations/results](#)
- automatic [cut-flow reports](#)
- ...

Lazy action	Description
Aggregate()	Execute a user-defined accumulation operation on the processed column values.
Book()	Book execution of a custom action using a user-defined helper object.
Cache()	Cache column values in memory. Custom columns can be cached as well, filtered entries are not cached. Users can specify which columns to save (default is all).
Count()	Return the number of events processed. Useful e.g. to get a quick count of the number of events passing a Filter.
Display()	Provides a printable representation of the dataset contents. The method returns a ROOT::RDF::RDisplay() instance which can print a tabular representation of the data or return it as a string.
Fill()	Fill a user-defined object with the values of the specified columns, as if by calling <code>Obj.Fill(col1, col2, ...)</code> .
Graph()	Fills a TGraph with the two columns provided. If multi-threading is enabled, the order of the points may not be the one expected, it is therefore suggested to sort if before drawing.
GraphAsymmErrors()	Fills a TGraphAsymmErrors . If multi-threading is enabled, the order of the points may not be the one expected, it is therefore suggested to sort if before drawing.
Histo1D() , Histo2D() , Histo3D()	Fill a one-, two-, three-dimensional histogram with the processed column values.
HistoND()	Fill an N-dimensional histogram with the processed column values.
Max()	Return the maximum of processed column values. If the type of the column is inferred, the return type is double, the type of the column otherwise.
Mean()	Return the mean of processed column values.
Min()	Return the minimum of processed column values. If the type of the column is inferred, the return type is double, the type of the column otherwise.
Profile1D() , Profile2D()	Fill a one- or two-dimensional profile with the column values that passed all filters.
Reduce()	Reduce (e.g. sum, merge) entries using the function (lambda, functor...) passed as argument. The function must have signature <code>T(T,T)</code> where T is the type of the column. Return the final result of the reduction operation. An optional parameter allows initialization of the result object to non-default values.
Report()	Obtain statistics on how many entries have been accepted and rejected by the filters. See the section on named filters for a more detailed explanation. The method returns a ROOT::RDF::RCutFlowReport instance which can be queried programmatically to get information about the effects of the individual cuts.
Stats()	Return a TStatistic object filled with the input columns.
StdDev()	Return the unbiased standard deviation of the processed column values.
Sum()	Return the sum of the values in the column. If the type of the column is inferred, the return type is double, the type of the column otherwise.
Take()	Extract a column from the dataset as a collection of values, e.g. a <code>std::vector<float></code> for a column of type <code>float</code> .
Instant action	Description
Foreach()	Execute a user-defined function on each entry. Users are responsible for the thread-safety of this callable when executing with implicit multi-threading enabled.
ForeachSlot()	Same as Foreach() , but the user-defined function must take an extra unsigned <code>int slot</code> as its first parameter. <code>slot</code> will take a different value, 0 to <code>nThreads - 1</code> , for each thread of execution. This is meant as a helper in writing thread-safe Foreach() actions when using RDataFrame after ROOT::EnableImplicitMT() . ForeachSlot() works just as well with single-thread execution: in that case <code>slot</code> will always be 0.
Snapshot()	Write the processed dataset to disk, in a new TTree and TFile . Custom columns can be saved as well, filtered entries are not saved. Users can specify which columns to save (default is all). Snapshot, by default, overwrites the output file if it already exists. Snapshot() can be made <i>lazy</i> setting the appropriate flag in the snapshot options.

Queries

These operations do not modify the dataframe or book computations but simply return information on the **RDataFrame** object.

Operation	Description
Describe()	Get useful information describing the dataframe, e.g. columns and their types.
GetColumnNames()	Get the names of all the available columns of the dataset.
GetColumnType()	Return the type of a given column as a string.
GetColumnTypeNamesList()	Return the list of type names of columns in the dataset.
GetDefinedColumnNames()	Get the names of all the defined columns.
GetFilterNames()	Return the names of all filters in the computation graph.
GetNRuns()	Return the number of event loops run by this RDataFrame instance so far.
GetNSlots()	Return the number of processing slots that RDataFrame will use during the event loop (i.e. the concurrency level).
SaveGraph()	Store the computation graph of an RDataFrame in DOT format (graphviz) for easy inspection. See the relevant section for details.

The RDataFrame cheat sheet



Concluding remarks



Designed for you, with you

RDataFrame is a battle-tested, fast, versatile interface for modern HEP analysis.

RDataFrame (and ROOT) keeps **evolving**,
in **cooperation with the community**.

With an ambitious plan of work, it is
critical to focus on the right features - with your help!



Where to find us

Documentation

[RDF user guide](#)

[RDF tutorials](#)

[New ROOT manual](#)

User support

root-forum.cern.ch

Bug reports

github.com/root-project/root/issues

Development discussion

mattermost.web.cern.ch/root

Back-up





Coming soon

- Performance improvements (e.g. bulk processing, [ROOT PoW 2022](#))
- Collection aggregations ($\text{muon}_{\{\text{pt}, \text{eta}, \text{phi}\}} \rightarrow \text{muons}$) [being discussed](#)
- Simpler Pythonic interfaces (less C++ strings in Python code), [PoW 2022](#)
- Allow default values for missing branches, [PoW 2022](#), [GitHub issue](#)
- Debug symbols in jitted code (better error messages), [PoW 2022](#), [GitHub PR](#)



Side note: painless ROOT installation

```
$ yum install root  
$ pacman -Syu root  
$ brew install root  
$ conda create -n cern-root -c conda-forge root  
$ docker run -it rootproject/root
```

ROOT packages available upstream in **Fedora, Arch, Gentoo, CentOS** (via EPEL).

Conda, Snap, Homebrew & Macports packages also available (see root.cern/install).

Official **Docker** images at [Dockerhub](https://hub.docker.com/r/rootproject/root).

All of this only possible thanks to several amazing community members!



Plotting a dimuon mass

Python

```
# Create dataframe from NanoAOD files
df = ROOT.RDataFrame("Events", "root://eospublic.cern.ch/eos/opendata/cms/derived-data/AOD2NanoAODOutreachTool/Run2012BC_DoubleMuParked_Muons.root")

# For simplicity, select only events with exactly two muons and require opposite charge
df = df.Filter("nMuon == 2")\
        .Filter("Muon_charge[0] != Muon_charge[1]")

df = df.Define("Dimuon_mass", "InvariantMass(Muon_pt, Muon_eta, Muon_phi, Muon_mass)")

# Make histogram of dimuon mass spectrum
# Note how we can set titles and axis labels in one go
h = df.Histo1D(("dimuon_hist", "Dimuon mass;m_{#mu#mu} (GeV);N_{Events}", 30000, 0.25, 300),
              "Dimuon_mass")
```

See [full tutorial](#)



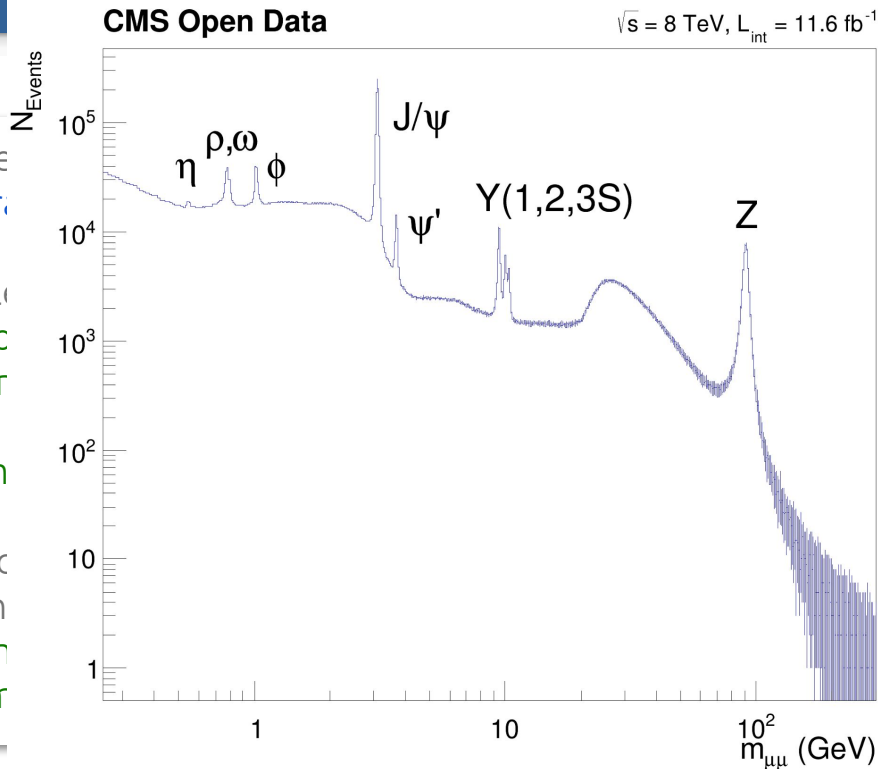
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```
# Create dataframe
df = ROOT.RDataFile("data.root").Get("df")

# For simplicity, select muons
df = df.Filter("nMuons == 2")

df = df.Define("Dimuon_mass", "sqrt((pT1 + pT2)^2 + (eta1 - eta2)^2)")

# Make histogram
# Note how we can use the Dimuon_mass variable
h = df.Histo1D(("dimuon_mass", "Dimuon_mass"))
```



Python

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h = h.Read("Run2012BC_DoubleMuParked_Muons.root")
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```

See [full tutorial](#)



Creating RooFit datasets with RDF

```
RooRealVar x("x", "x", -5., 5.);  
RooRealVar y("y", "y", -50., 50.);  
auto myDataSet = df.Book<double, double>(  
    RooDataSetHelper{"dataset",          // Name  
                    "Title of dataset", // Title  
                    RooArgSet(x, y) }, // Variables to create in dataset  
    {"x", "y"}           // Column names from RDataFrame  
);
```

[See the docs](#)



Cutflow reports with RDF

```
df.Filter("x > 0", "xcut").Filter("y < 2", "ycut");  
df.Report().Print();
```

// output

```
xcut : pass=25 all=50 -- eff=50.00 % cumulative eff=50.00 %  
ycut : pass=23 all=25 -- eff=92.00 % cumulative eff=46.00 %
```

Report provides statistics for all filters *with a name*.
Stats can be printed or inspected programmatically.



Object selection

Select some muons, plot their inv. mass

```
df.Define("m", "muon_pt > 0 && abs(muon_eta) < 2.7")  
  .Define("invmass", "InvariantMass(muon_pt[m], muon_eta[m], muon_phi[m], muon_mass[m])")  
  .Histo1D("invmass")
```

Sort all muon_* columns by pt

```
df.Define("sorted_idx", "Argsort(muon_pt)")  
  .Redefine("muon_pt", "Take(muon_pt, sorted_idx)")  
  .Redefine("muon_eta", "Take(muon_eta, sorted_idx)")  
  .Redefine("muon_phi", "Take(muon_phi, sorted_idx)")  
  ...
```



TTree friends, TTree “joins”

```
TTree mainTree = ...;  
TTree auxTree = ...;  
  
auxTree.BuildIndex("Run", "Event");  
mainTree.AddFriend(&auxTree);  
  
auto df = ROOT::RDataFrame(mainTree);
```

RDataFrame will detect the input trees' friends, TEntryLists, *indexed* friends (simple joins) and make their columns available.

We are working on a simpler API to specify input datasets.



Python functions in RDF with Numba

v6.24

Python

```
@ROOT.Numba.Declare(["RVecD", "RVecD"], "RVecD")
def good_pts(pts, etas): # pts and etas are NumPy arrays
    return pts[etas > 0]

df.Define("pt", "Numba::good_pts(muon_pt, muon_eta)").Histo1D("pt").DrawClone()
```

Python

```
# the code above will soon just be:
df.Define("pt", lambda muon_pt, muon_eta: muon_pt[muon_eta > 0])
```



Definition of per-sample values

v6.26

C++

```
df.DefinePerSample("weight",  
    [](unsigned slot, const RDF::RSampleInfo &s) {  
        return s.Contains("MC") ? 0.5 : 1.; })  
.Histo1D("value", "weight");
```

DefinePerSample evaluates a quantity that depends on the sample being processed.
Useful e.g. to define different event weights for MC and data.



Vary example: jet_E and MET

**In ROOT 6.26
(experimental)**

```
df.Define("jetCorrection", "1.")  
  .Define("METCorrection", "1.")  
  .Vary({"jetCorrection", "METCorrection"},  
        getJetAndMETCorrections, inputCols, {"down", "up"}, "jetAndMET")  
  .Redefine("jet_E", "jet_E*jetCorrection")  
  .Redefine("MET", "MET*METCorrection")
```

C++

Calls for some syntactic sugar or a helper function, thinking in progress.



Modularity comes in two flavors

Factoring out RDF operations

```
def apply_cuts(df):  
    df = df.Filter(...).Filter(...)  
    return df  
  
df = apply_cuts(df)
```

Factoring out user-defined logic

```
ROOT.gInterpreter.Declare("""  
RVecD EvalX(RVecD& x, RVecD& y) { ... }  
""")  
  
df = df.Define("x", ROOT.EvalX, input_columns)
```

Combined, these patterns naturally isolate complexity, keep analysis code clean, make components reusable. Using Python for steering and C++ for a fast inner loop.



Varying multiple columns together

C++

```
df.Vary({"pt", "eta"},  
        "RVec<RVecF>{{pt*0.9, pt*1.1}, {eta*0.9, eta*1.1}}",  
        /*variationTags=*/{"down", "up"},  
        /*variationName=*/"ptAndEta")
```

- will produce 3 “universes”: nominal, ptAndEta:down, ptAndEta:up
- "pt" and "eta" will vary in lockstep rather than one at a time
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the expression
returns an array of
values *per column*

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Multiple variations

C++

```
auto df = _df.Vary("pt",  
    "RVecD{pt*0.9, pt*1.1}",  
    {"down", "up"})  
    .Vary("eta",  
        [](float eta) { return RVecF{eta*0.9, eta*1.1}; },  
        {"eta"},  
        /*nVariations=*/2);  
  
auto nom_h = df.Histo2D("pt", "eta");  
auto all_h = ROOT::RDF::VariationsFor(nom_h);
```

Variations are applied one at a time:
the code above creates “universes” nominal, pt:down, pt:up, eta:0, eta:1.



Vary expressions use any columns

C++

```
df.Vary("pt",  
  [](float ptdown, float ptup) { return RVecF{ptdown, ptup}; },  
  {"frienddown.pt", "friendup.pt"},  
  /*variationTags=*/{"down", "up"});
```

Here we evaluate the varied values of “pt” from columns “frienddown.pt” and “friendup.pt”.

Similarly we could evaluate variations for histogram weights as an **arbitrary function of any other column values** or other objects.



RNTuple: improving on TTree

Modern TTree successor in terms of on-disk format and low-level software API.

Why a redesign?

- less disk and CPU usage for same data content
- lossy compression, accelerated data-specific/-optimized algorithms
- native support for object stores (targeting HPC)
- systematic use of exceptions to prevent silent I/O errors

Seamless transition for users [thanks to RDataFrame](#).

We see it as a Run 4 technology, in the experimental state for Run 3.



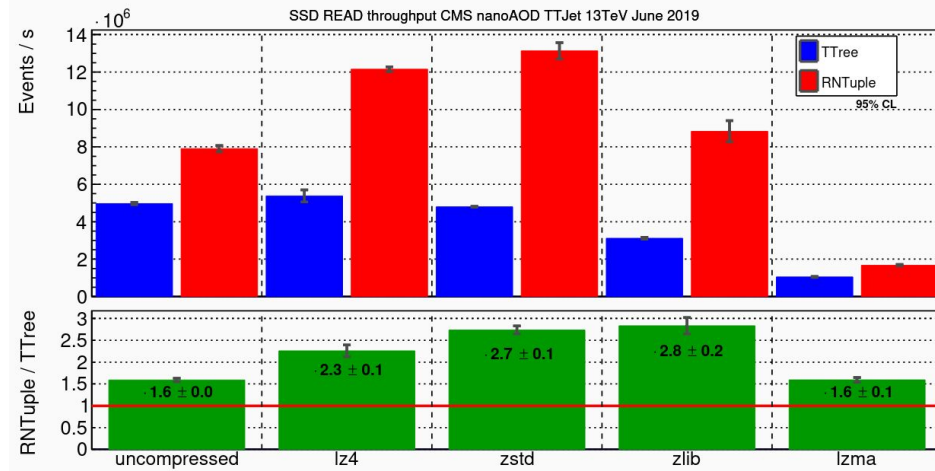
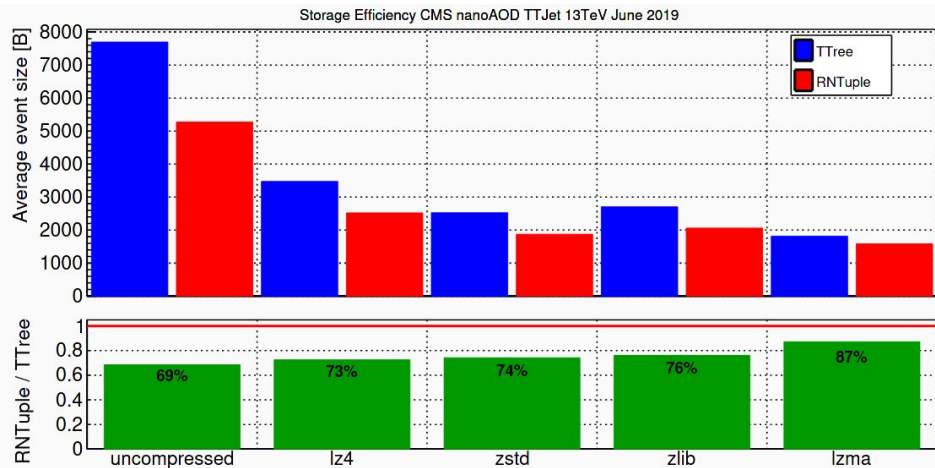
Switch from TTree to RNTuple in RDF

```
ROOT.EnableImplicitMT() ..... Run a multi-thread event loop  
df = MakeNTupleDataFrame(dataset) ..... on this RNTuple  
df = df.Filter("x > 0")  
      .Define("r2", "x*x + y*y") ..... all other code stays the same  
rHist = df.Histo1D("r2")
```

RDataFrame enables a **seamless transition to “TTree 2.0”, RNTuple.**



RNTuple: smaller, faster than TTree

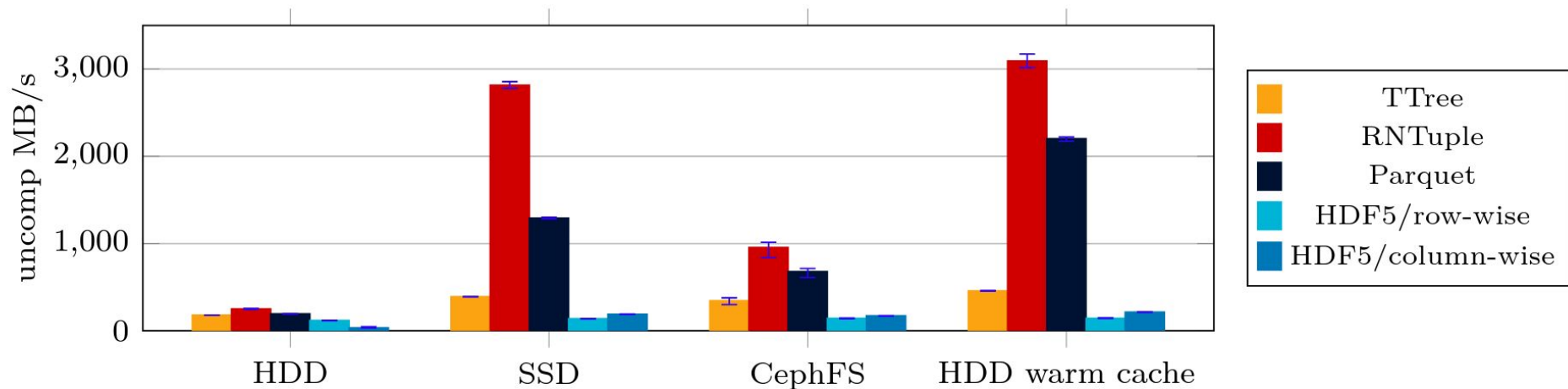


Goal

10 GB/s throughput from SSD/fast network to histogram on a single machine.



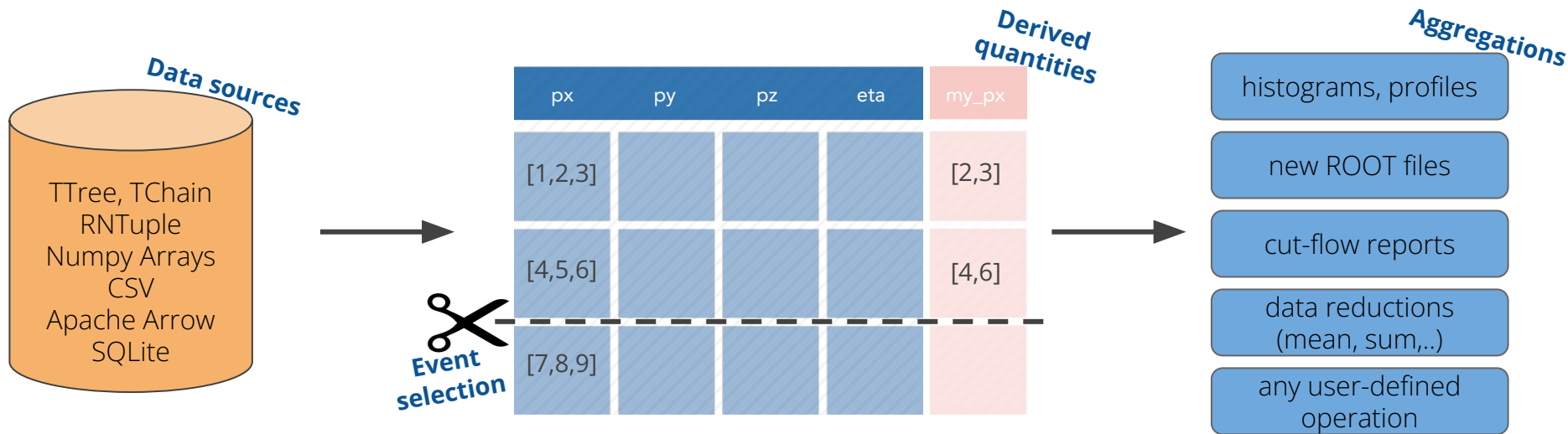
RNTuple: the fastest HEP I/O



[J. Lopez Gomez, RNTuple: Performance, Updates and Outlook for 2022](#)

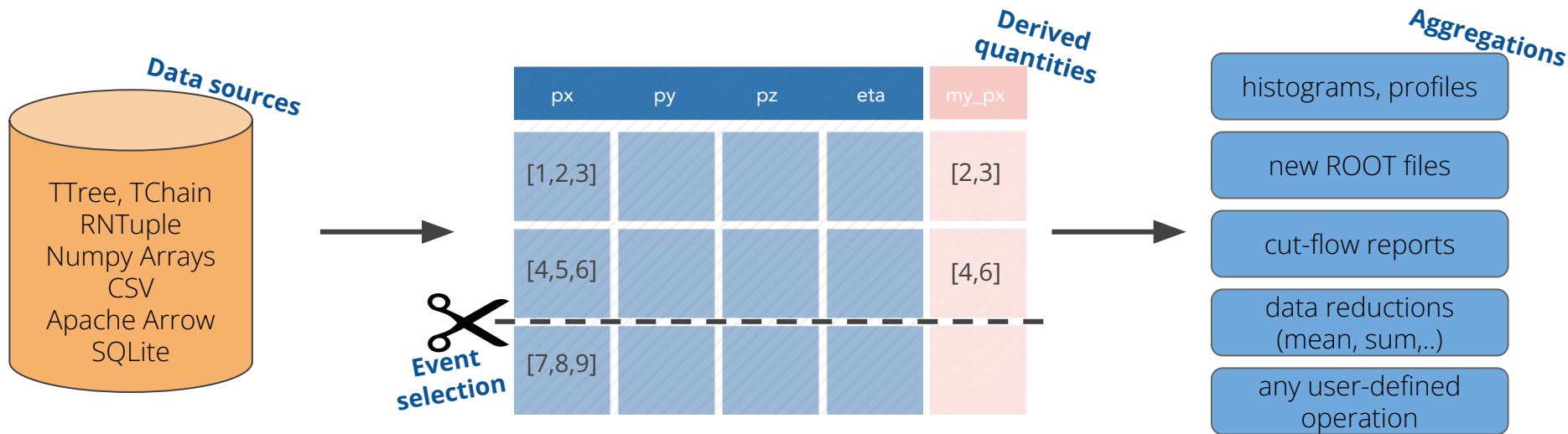


HEP data processing in a nutshell





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Some aspects particular to HEP

Input datasets are much larger than memory, entries are statistically independent.

Histograms, new ROOT files as common aggregations.

Collections are ubiquitous.