



# Core Facility SCALE

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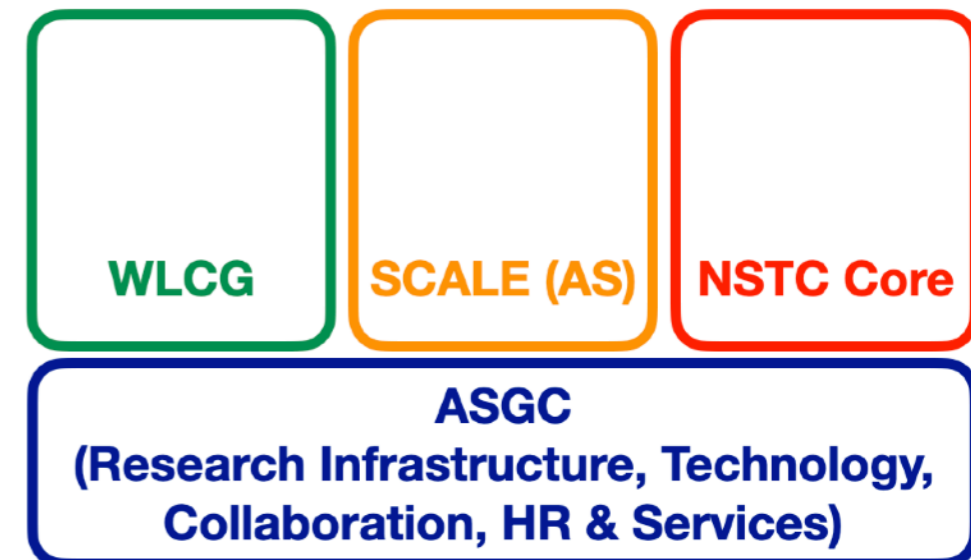
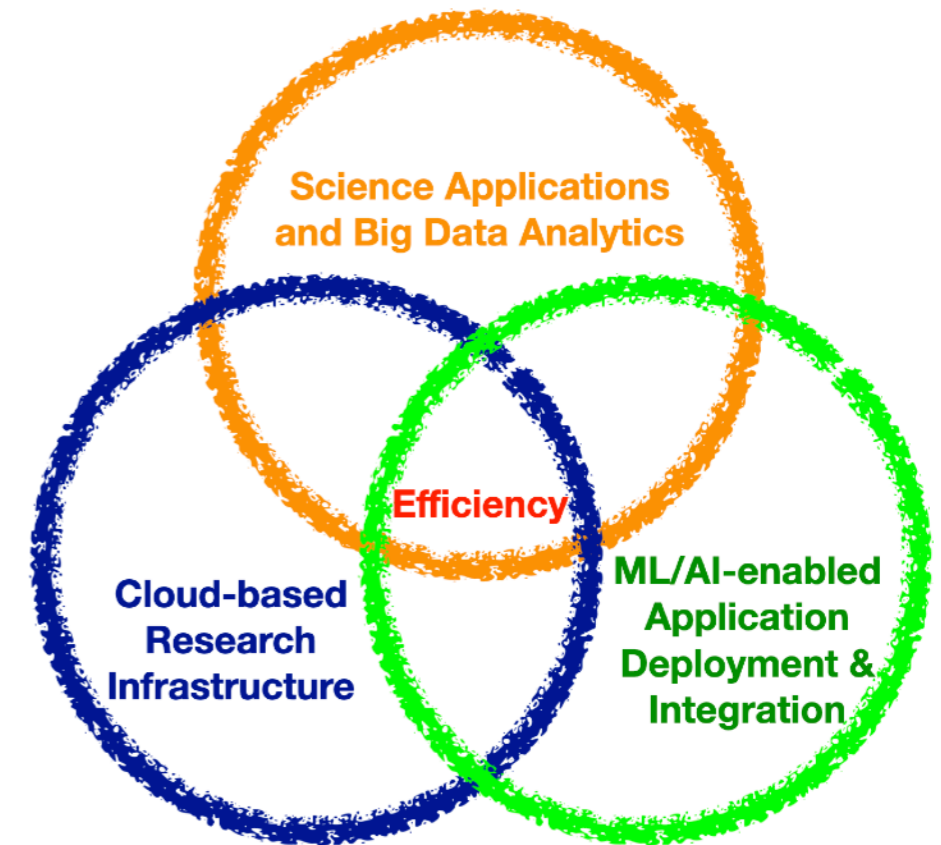
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**23 Oct. 2023**

# ASGC Is Accelerating Discovery and Innovation

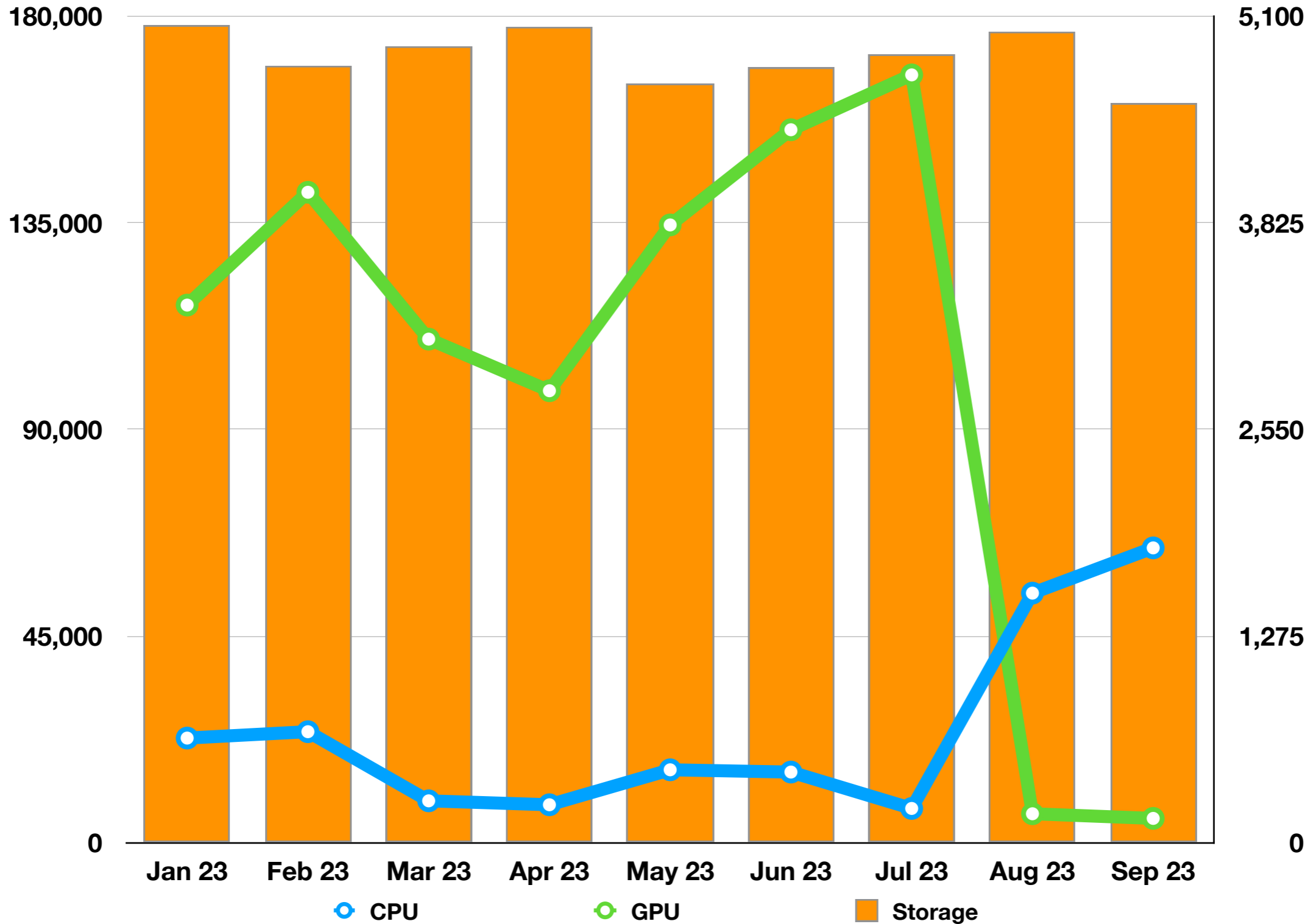
- 大數據分析與科學計算核心設施  
Scientific Computing and big data AnaLytics corE facility (SCALE)
- Schedule: Jan 2023 - Dec 2024
- Budget: 3.5M annually
  - All are functional expense (HR primarily)
  - Usage fee: > 6M
    - (2023 est.) Coll.HW: 3.7M, Usage: 3.2M
- Objectives
  - Upgrade of AS Research Infrastructure for Computing
- ASGC becomes a scientific computing core facility for Taiwan supported by NSTC from June 2023 (3-yr term)



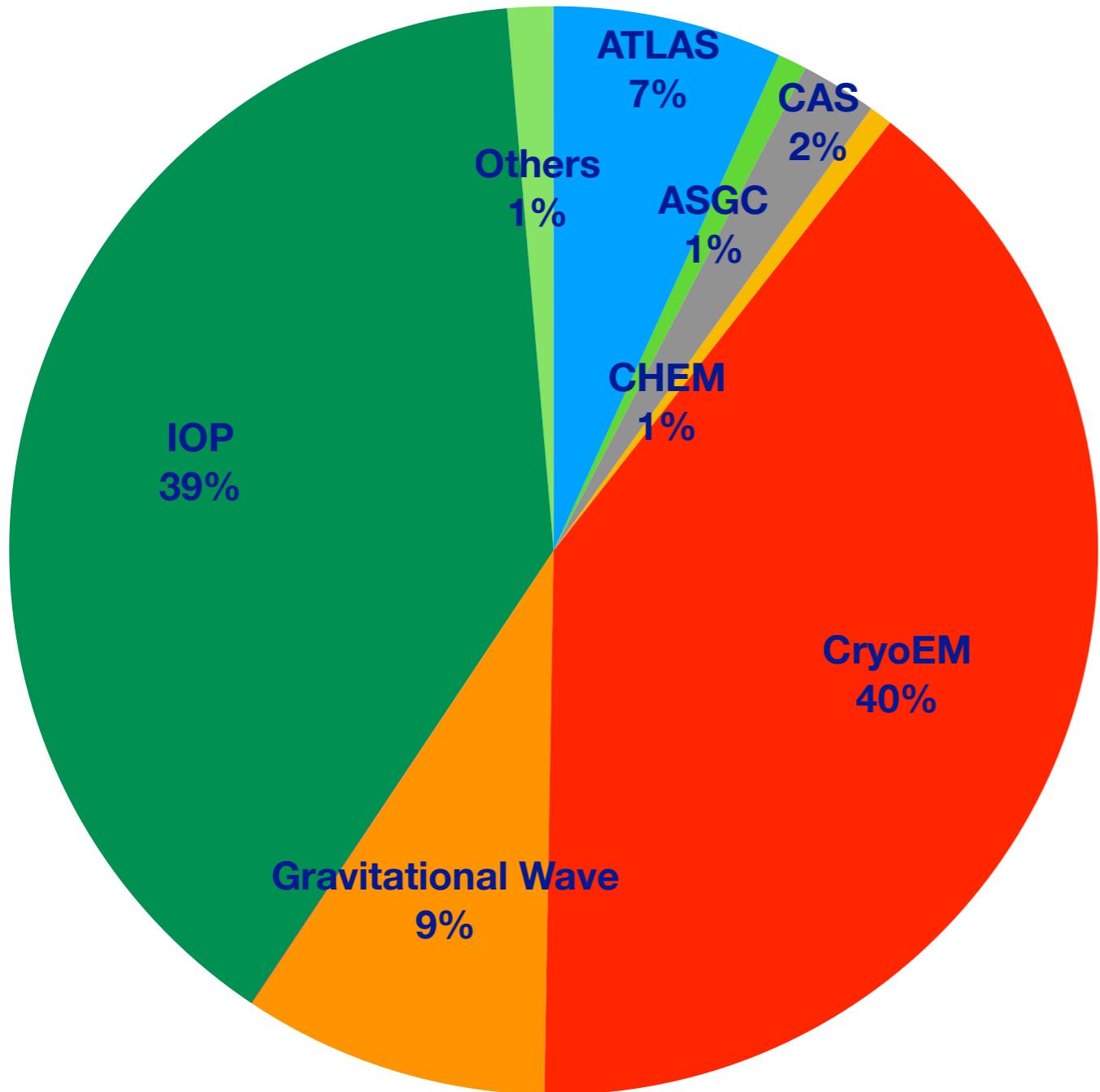
# Enabling Innovations by Integrated Research Infrastructure - Connecting Instruments, Data, Minds, and Computing

- **ASGC is the primary computing arms in AS - by cloud-based research infrastructure**
  - Integrating experiment/instruments and analysis facility
  - Batch and interactive job submission
  - Optimization of Data analysis pipeline and system efficiency
  - Collaborations: ATLAS, CMS, AMS, KAGRA, ICECube, Proton Therapy, CryoEM/Synchrotron Source, Astronomy, Condense Matter, Lattice QCD, NGS, Bioinformatics, Earth Science, Environmental Changes, etc.
- **Resources: 20,090 CPU Cores; 236 GPU Cards; 30 PB Disk Storage**
- **Leverage the WLCG core technology and develop capacity to support broader scientific applications**
- **24/7/365 services since 2006**
  - Data Center availability: 99%+
  - Scientific Computing Service reliability: 97%+
  - Daily average power consumption: 10,326 KWH (2023), >20% reduction than 2022
  - Power saving efficiency: ~ 20% (cluster-based)
  - International Data Transmission (Inbound + Outbound, WLCG): > 21PB (2022)
  - Inside Data Center Traffic (Inbound + Outbound) > 1PB daily
- **Reliability and Performance are the key objectives**
  - User Scale : (#Groups, #Users) = (90, 350)
  - Finished #Jobs (2023 estimated): > 5,000,000 (40% for WLCG)
  - Supported research publications: >15 (15 in 2022, not including ATLAS & CMS)
  - Training and workshop: 5 events a year

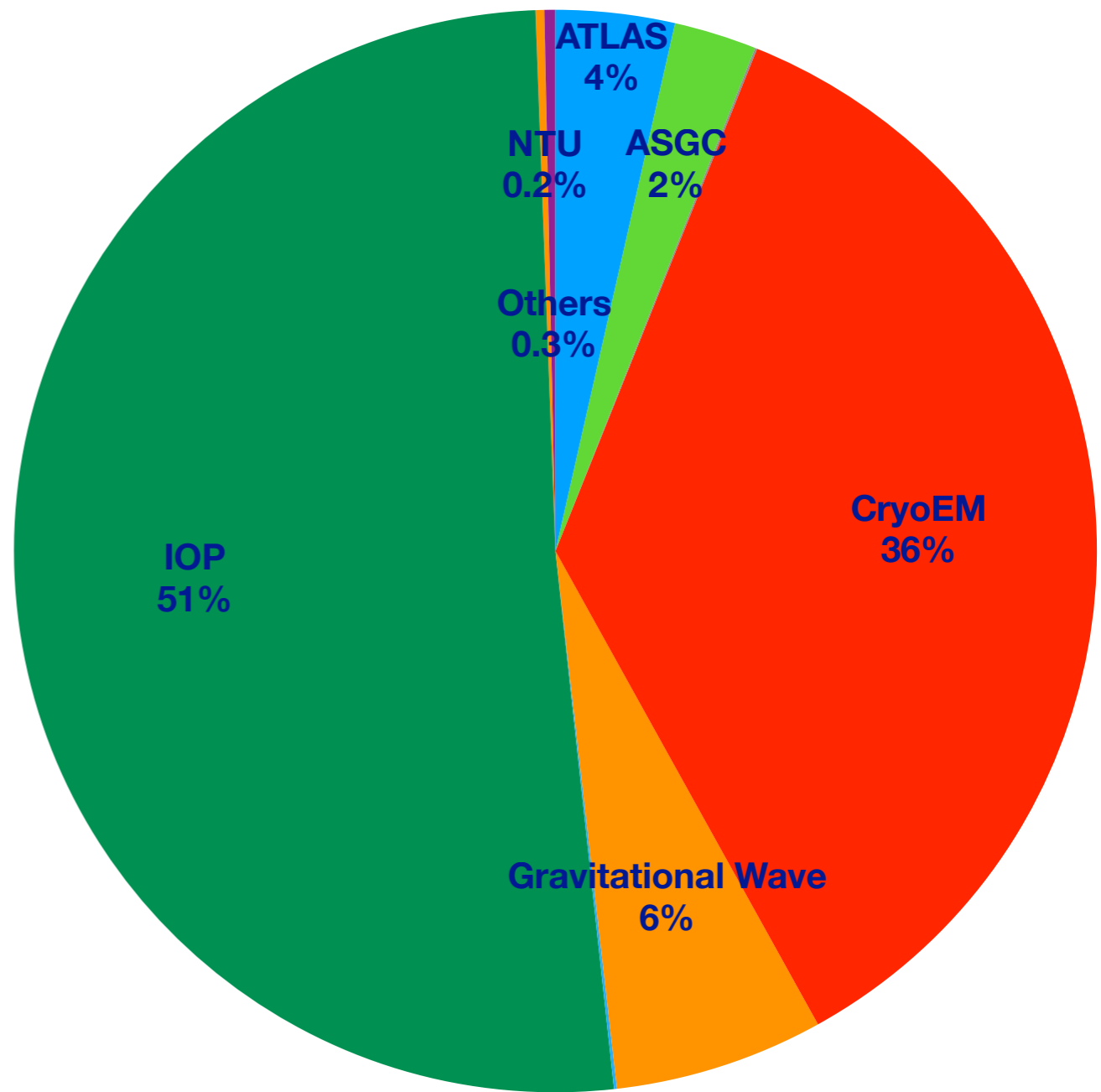
# Resource & Services



# ASGC Computing Resource Utilization in 2022 & 2023 (till June 2023)

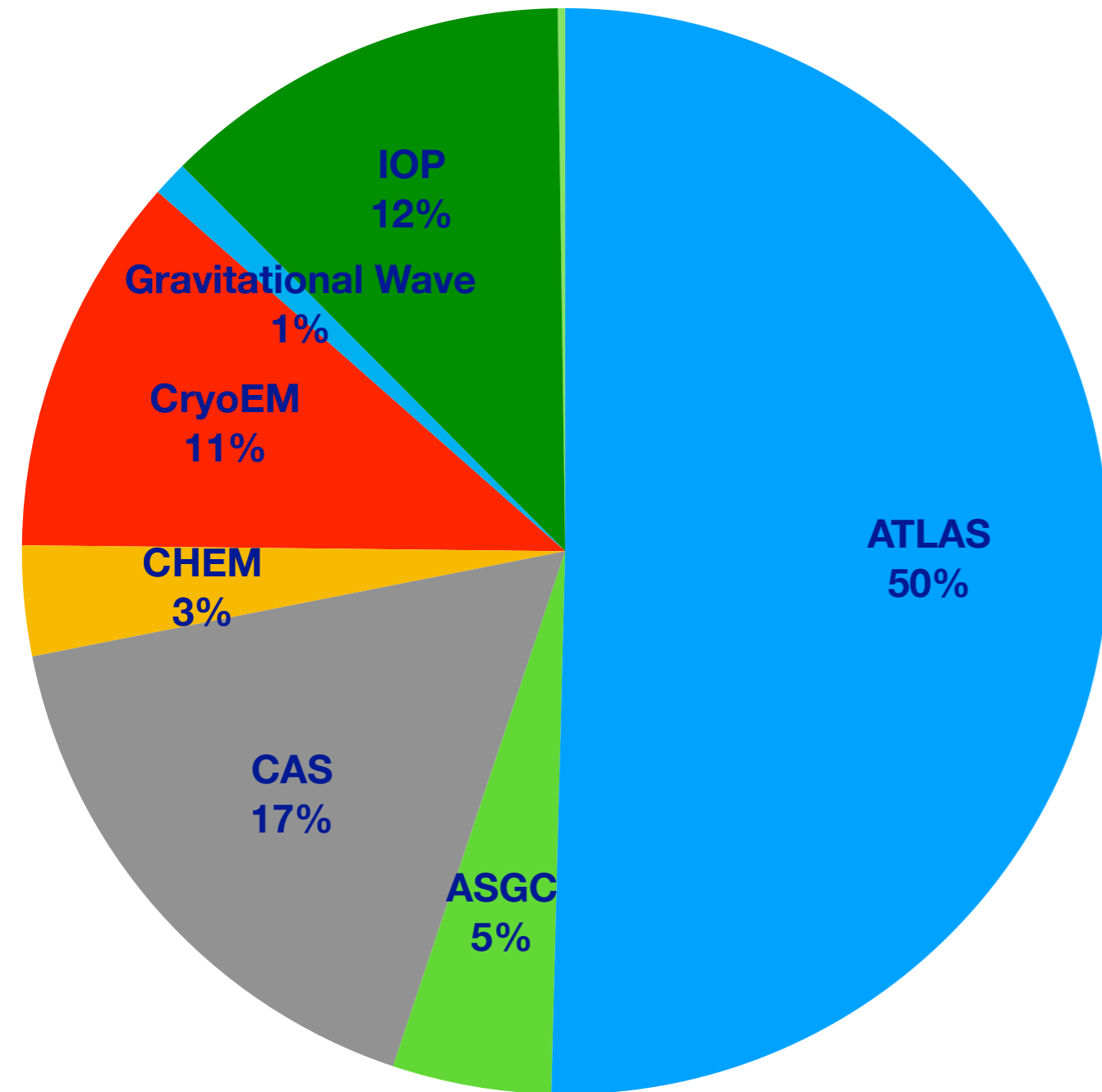


**Monthly Average Computing Resource Usage of 2022**  
**Total: 167,475 SRU**

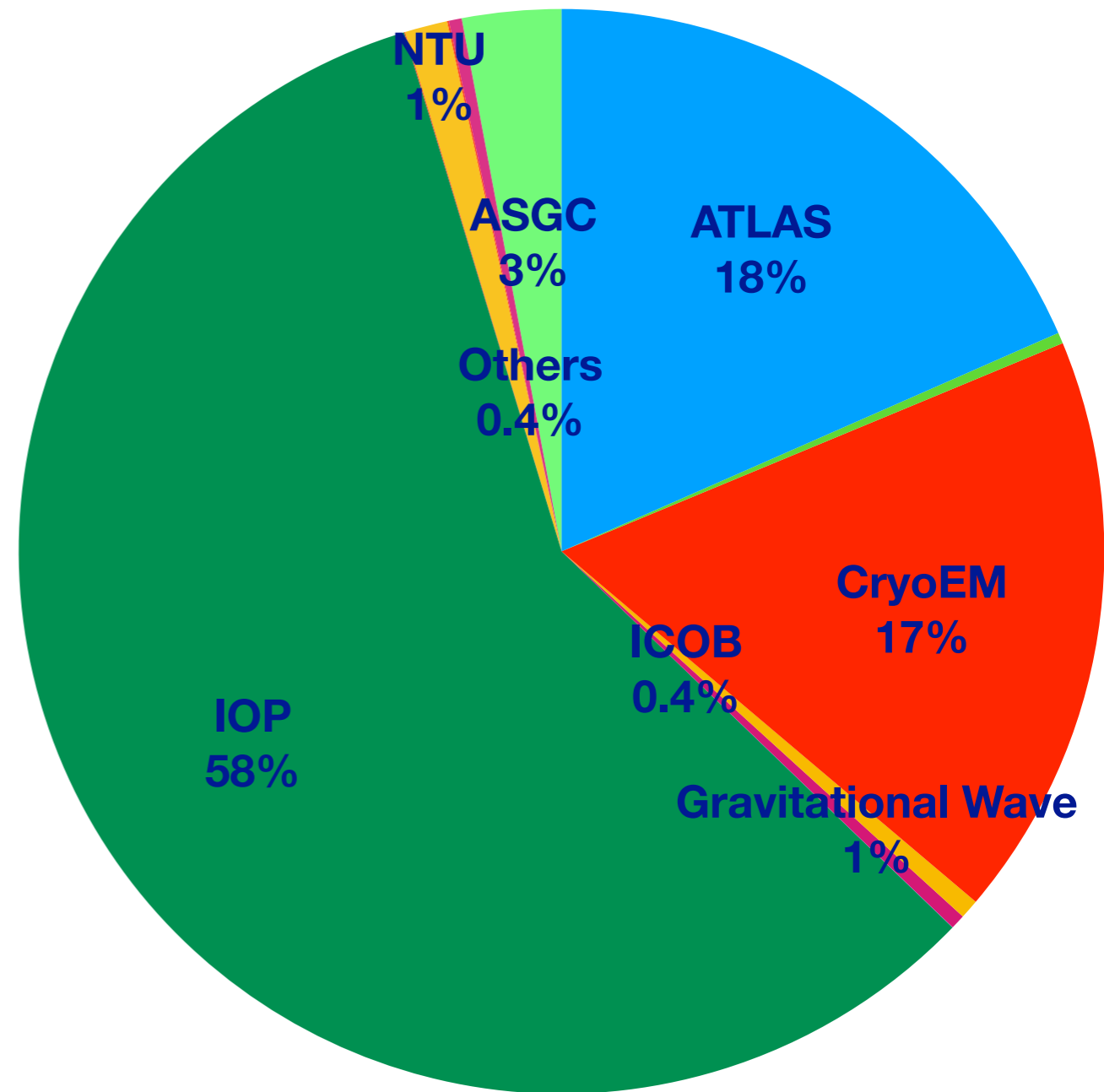


**Monthly Average Computing Resource Usage of 2023**  
**Total: 128,647 SRU**

# ASGC CPU Resource Utilization in 2022 & 2023 (till Sep. 2023)

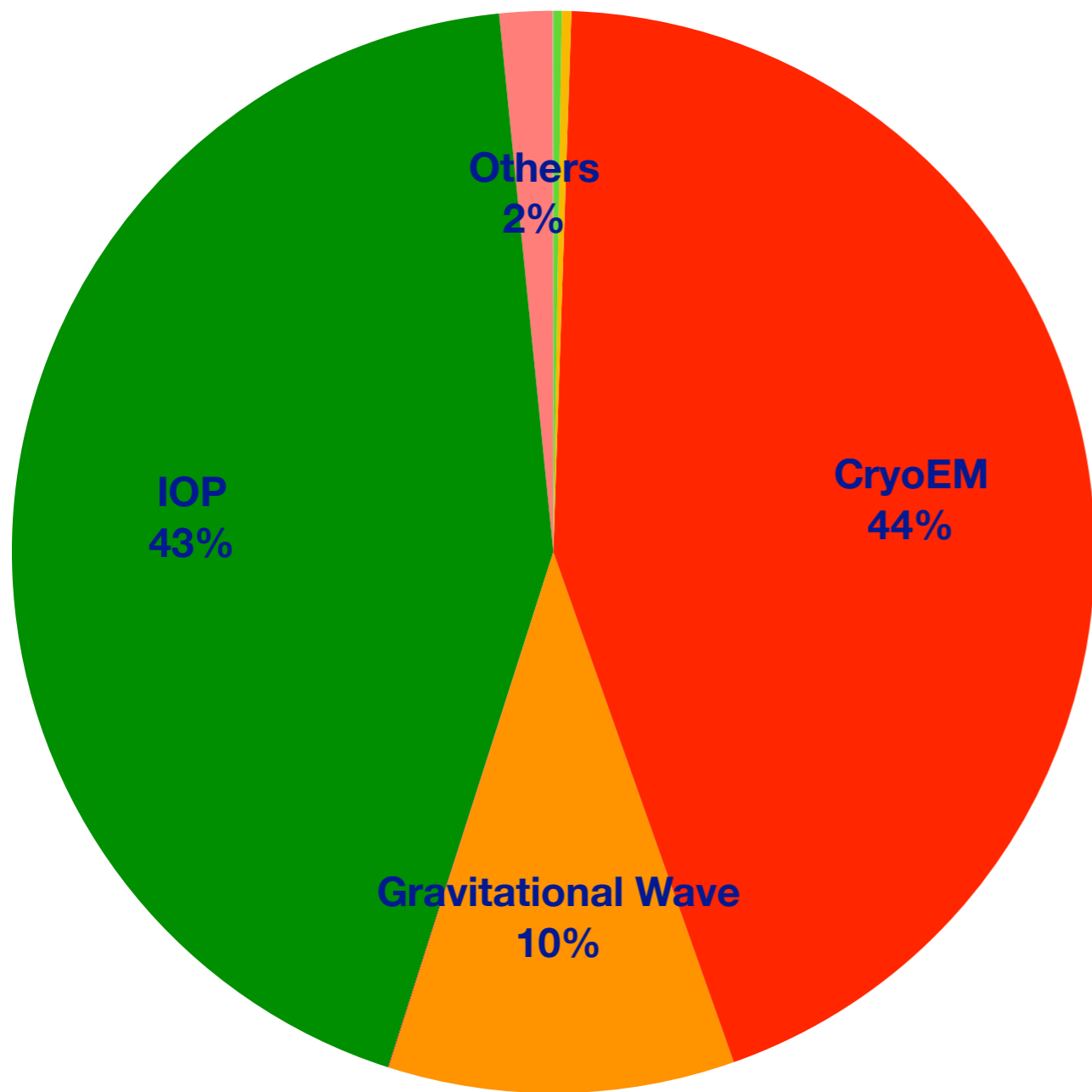


Monthly Average Computing  
Resource Usage of 2022:  
22,592 SRU

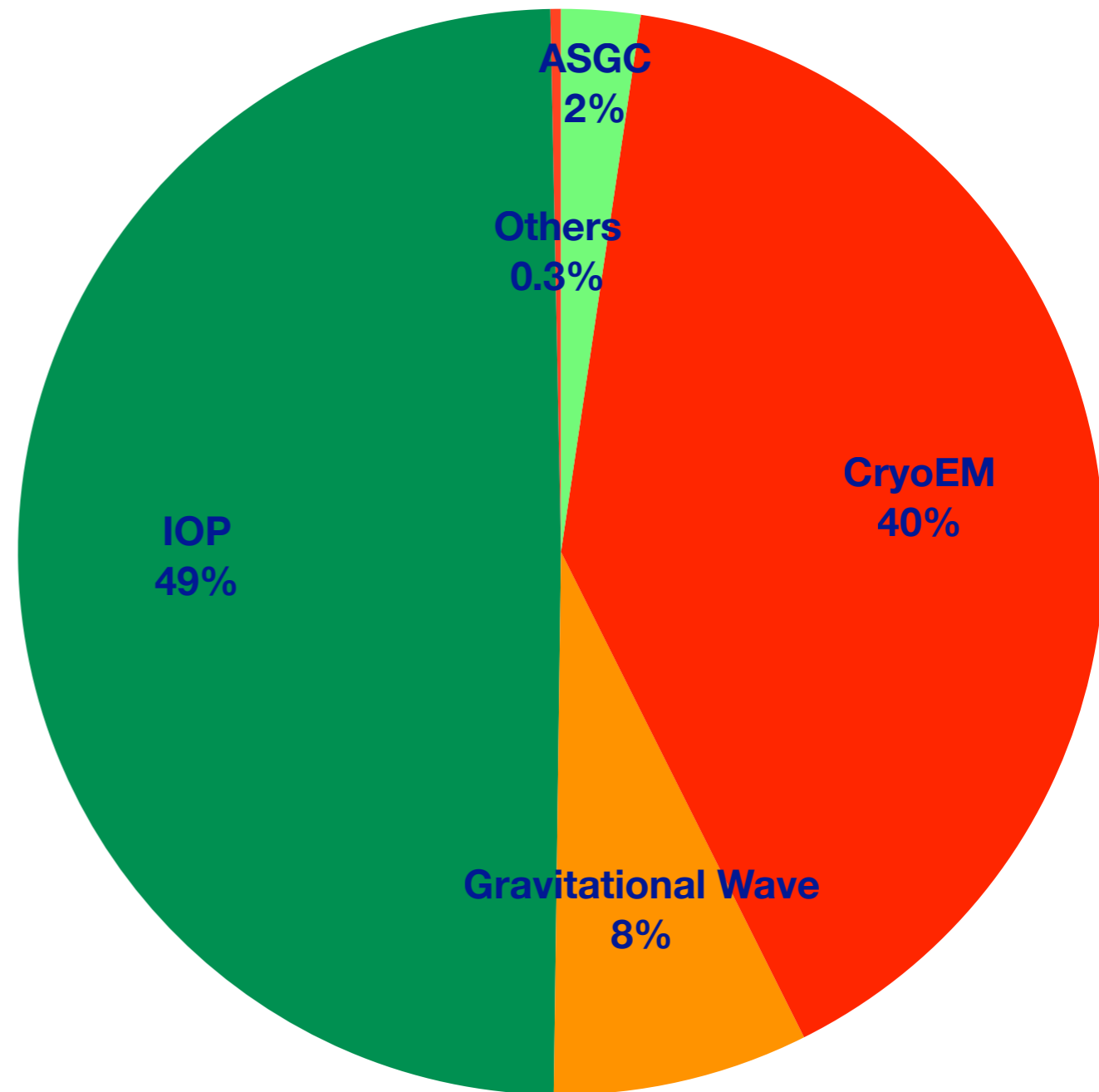


Monthly Average Computing  
Resource Usage of 2023:  
24,670 SRU

# ASGC GPU Resource Utilization in 2022 & 2023 (till Sep 2023)

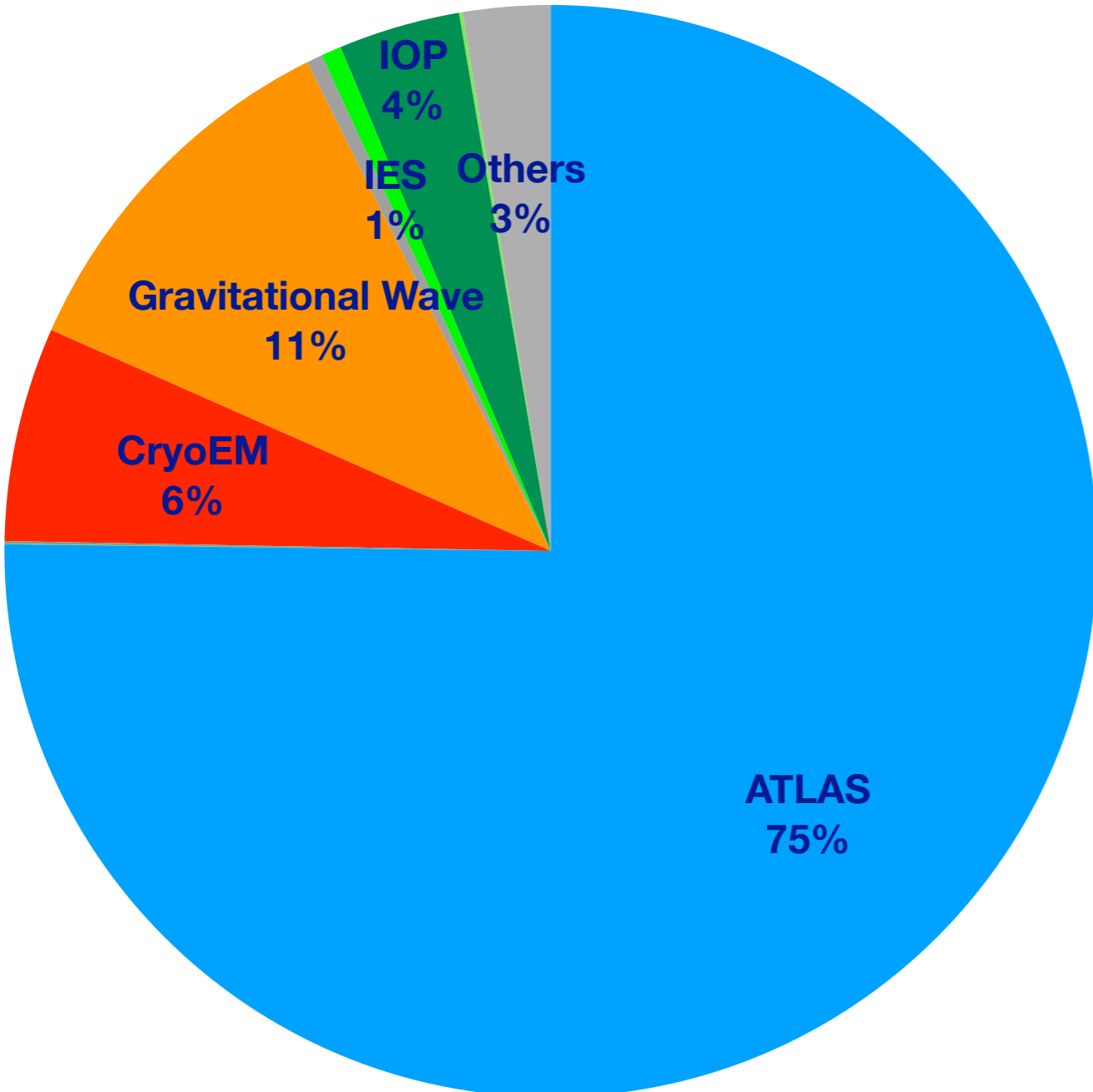


Monthly Average Computing  
Resource Usage of 2022:  
144,987 SRU

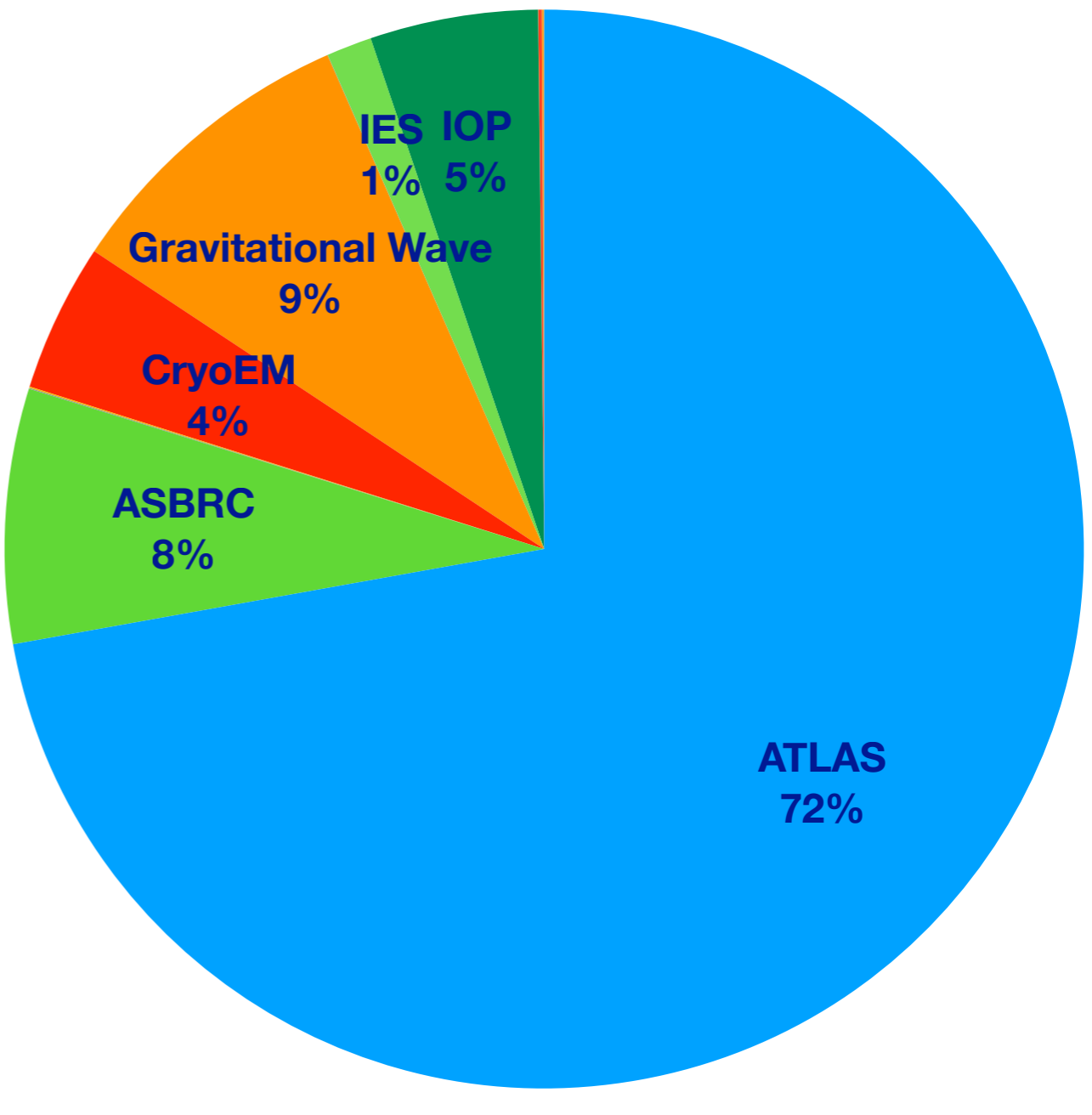


Monthly Average Computing  
Resource Usage of 2023:  
103,977 SRU

# ASGC Storage Resource Utilization in 2022 & 2023 (till Sep 2023)



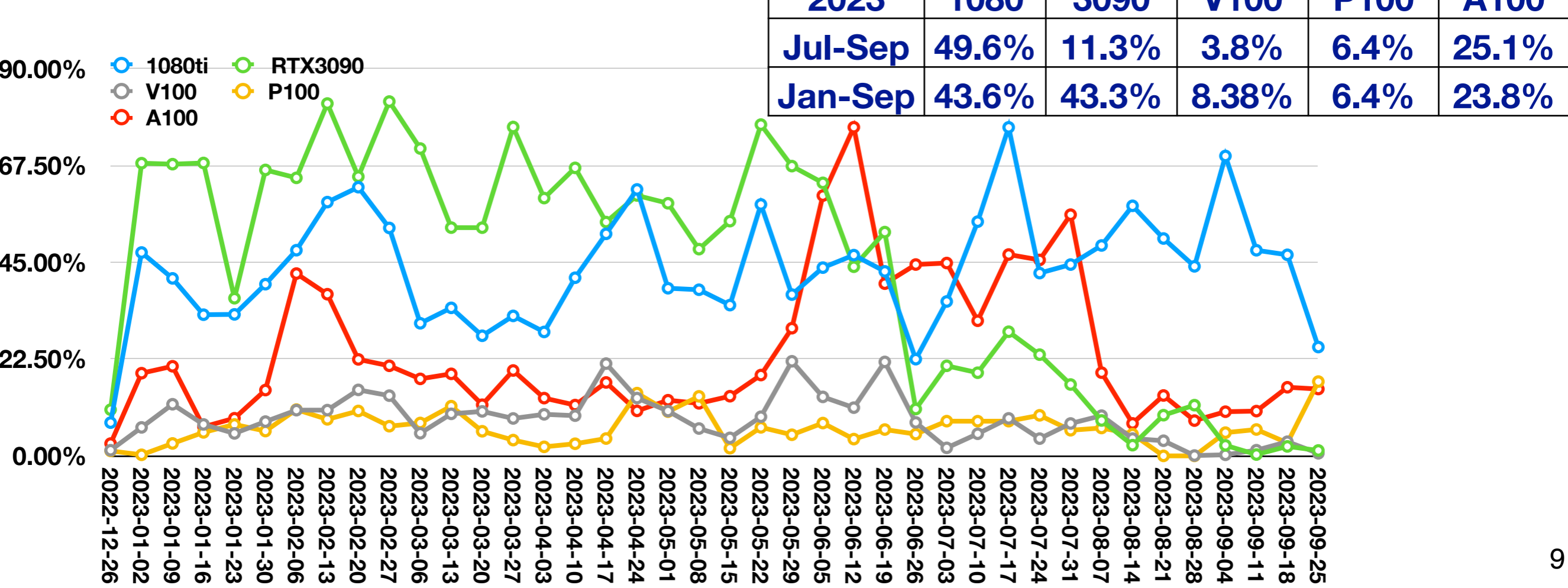
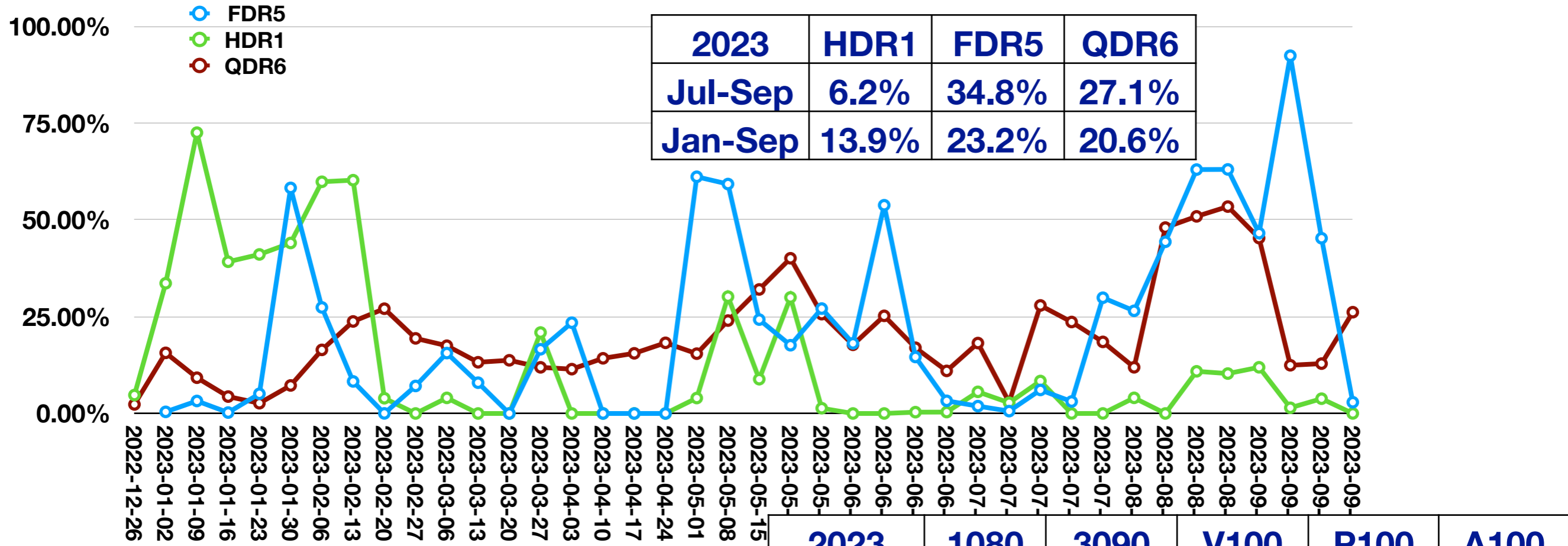
**Max Monthly Disk Resource Usage of 2022 (TB)**  
**Total: 4,314 TB**  
**(excluding ATLAS usage 13,000 TB)**



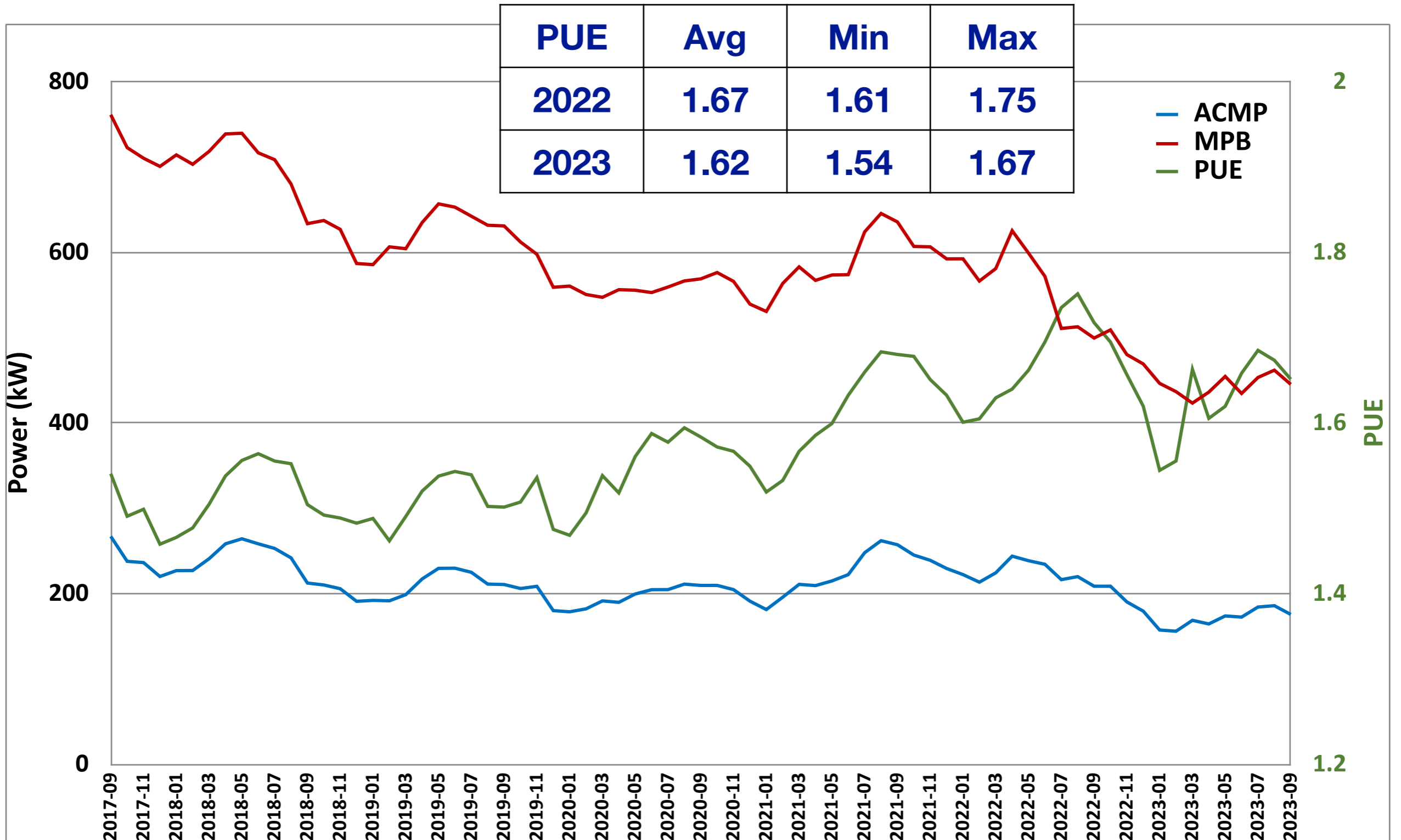
**Max Monthly Disk Resource Usage of 2023 (TB)**  
**Total: 5,036 TB**  
**(excluding ATLAS usage 13,000 TB)**



# Utilization of CPU and GPU in 2023

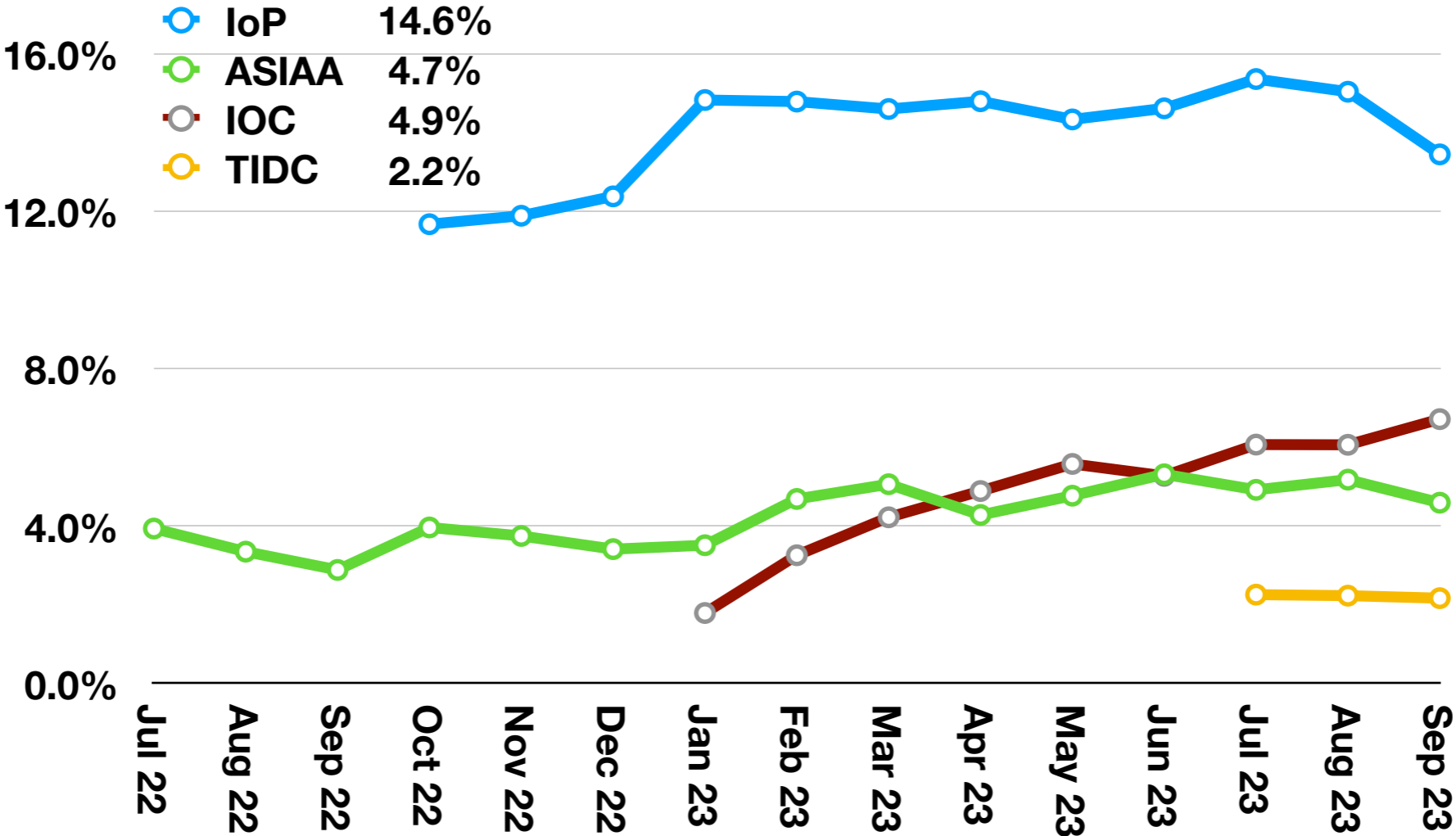


# DC Power Consumption (2017.9-2023.9)



# Power Consumption of Collocated Resources

ASGC DC	Monthly Average (KWH)	Unit Cost (NTD/KWH)	Annual Electricity Cost
2023	309,769.8	3.205	11,975,221
2022	380,966.0	2.710	12,279,072
Comparison	81.31%	118.26%	97.53%



- ASGC DC Operation (2023Q1&2): \$822,756

# Collaboration Model

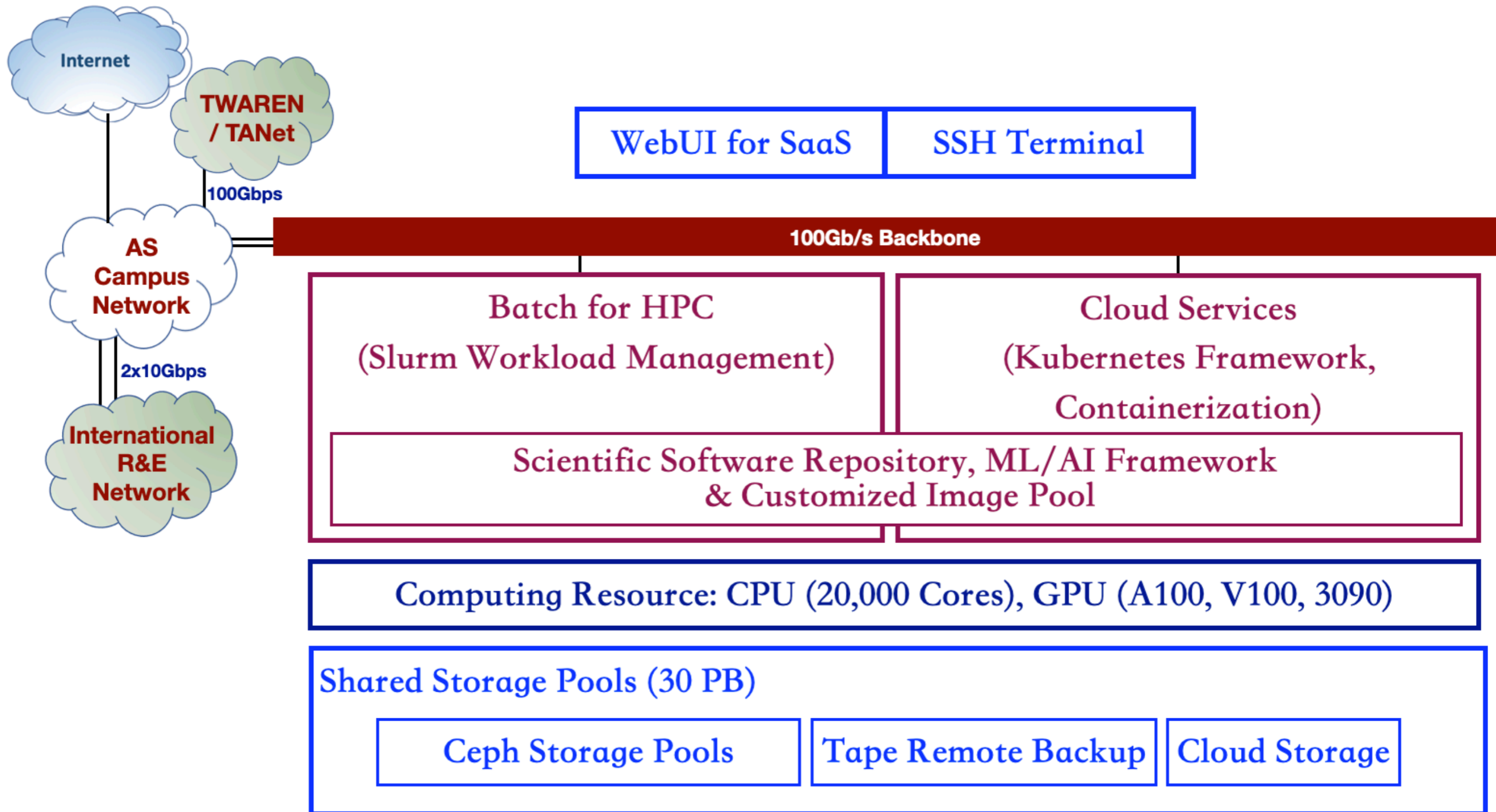
- **Pay-as-you-go: using existing resource and services**
- **Buy-In: joint procurement with ASGC by PI's fund and the procured hardware is shared to all NSTCCore users managed by ASGC**
  - Contributor would have priority to the resource and deducted usage fee
  - Examples: IOP, TIDC
- **Facility collocation without sharing to all users at this moment (for AS institute only)**
  - Example: ASIAA, IOC
- **Service Collocation: providing shared services developed by user group(s)**
  - Examples: IIS
- **Engagement with other Core facility: e.g., ASCEM**
- **Advanced or Customized services:**
  - Shared or common service first
  - CryoEM
- **Exclusive Mode (for least-performance CPU nodes): by request, monthly basis ,  $\leq 50\%$  capacity. For now, only FDR5 and QDR6 are applicable.**

# Pricing Scheme and Strategy

- Pricing Policy (pricing scheme was revised when NSTCCore commenced in Aug. 2023)
  - Has to be lower than NCHC (what's the price of NCHC ?), why ?
  - Target to cover power cost (utilization matters most)
  - Disk storage: 100GB Home and 3TB Group space are default free space; PI could pay for extended storage space, \$3/TB-day or \$1000/TB-yr
  - Tape storage: \$300/TB-yr
- Collaboration model with CryoEM/ASCEM: further discount is applied after Buy-in reduction
- IOP, TIDC: Buy-In model

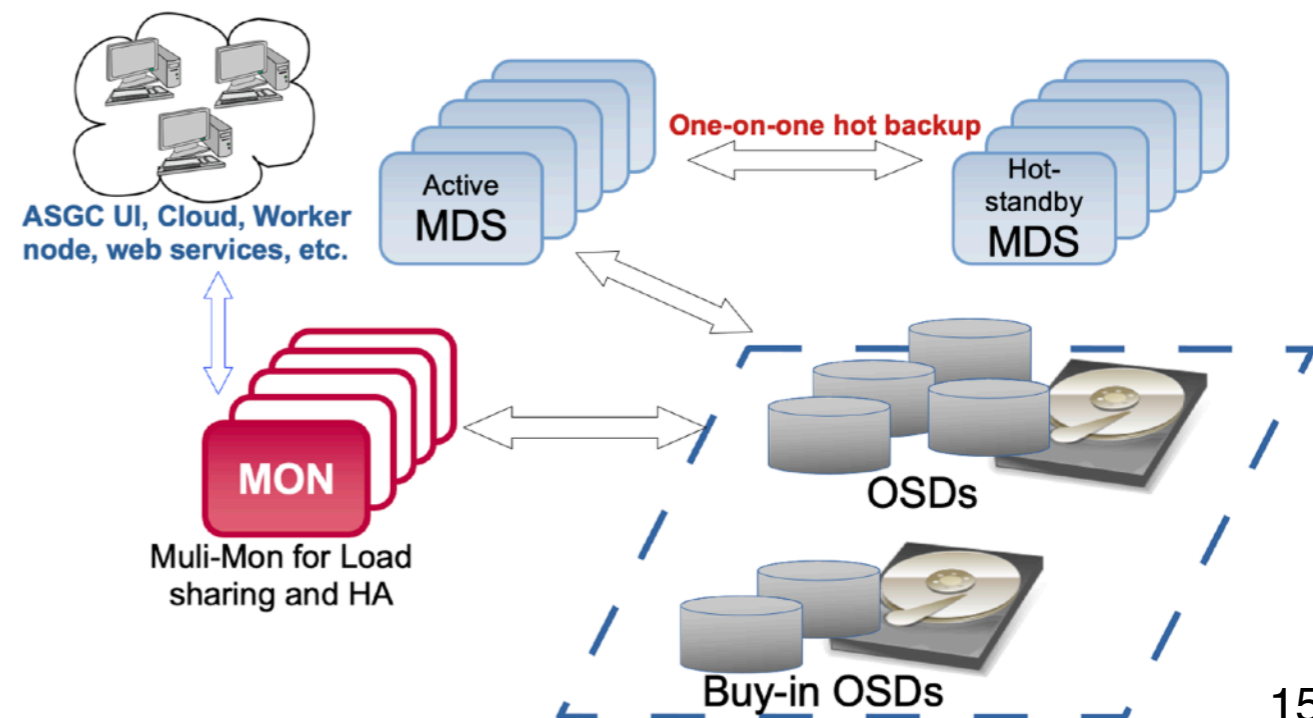
	NSTCCore	SCALE	New (Aligned)	Power cost coverage cap
CPU (\$/Core-Day)				
AMD Genoa(1792)			<b>1.5</b>	Need more info
HDR1(768)	1.1	1.34	<b>1.1</b>	Utilization needs 60%+
FDR5 (2209)	0.24	0.48	<b>0.24</b>	Very low
QDR6	0.15	0.30	<b>0.15</b>	Very low
GPU (\$/Board-Day)				
A100 (24)	346	346	<b>173</b>	Good if Util > 35%
V100 (48)	140	140	<b>70</b>	Good if Util > 40%
3090 (32)	158	158	<b>79</b>	Good if Util > 40%
P100 (8)		94	<b>20</b>	
1080 (64)		2	<b>1</b>	
Storage (\$/TB-Yr)				
Disk	1000	1500	<b>1000</b>	
Tape	300		<b>300</b>	

# ASGC Science Cloud System Diagram

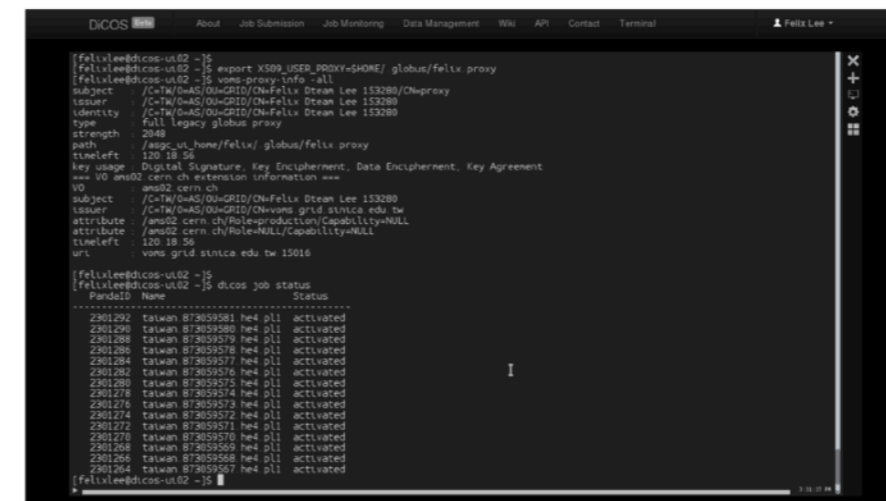
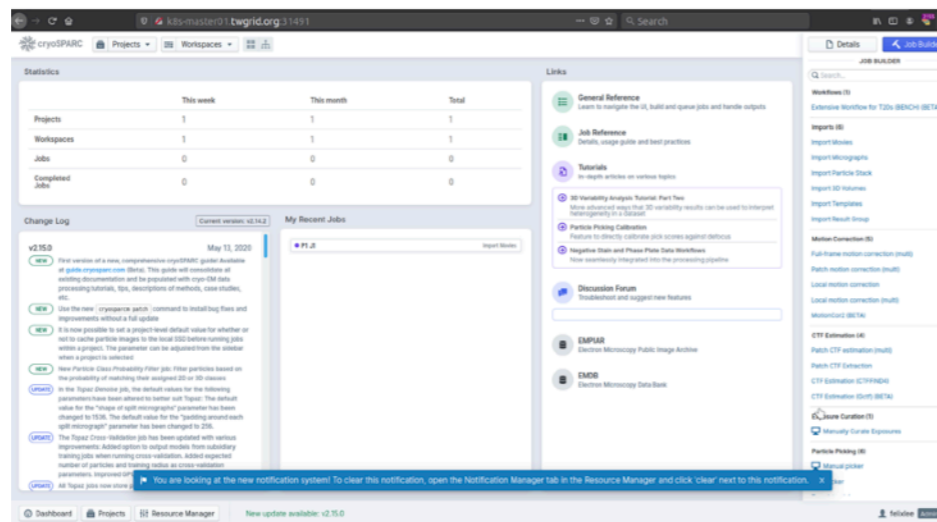
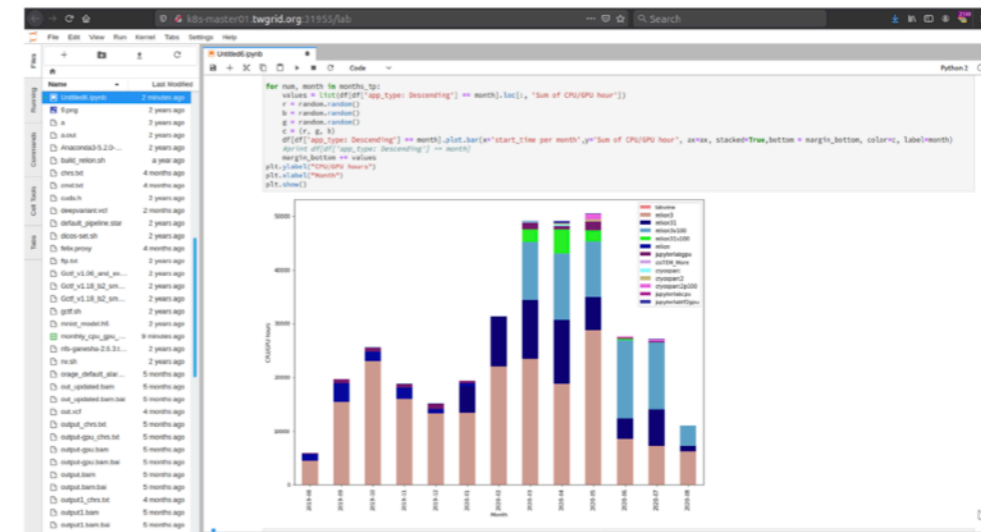
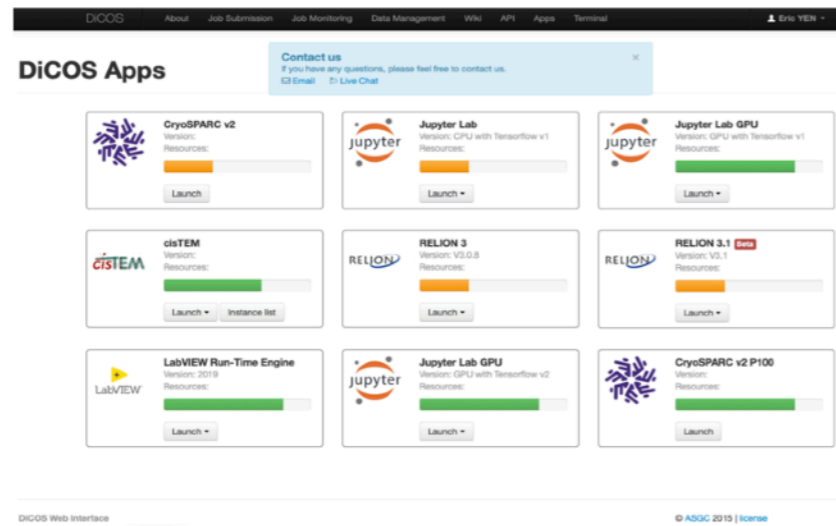


# ASGC Science Cloud Storage Architecture

- Scalable and reliable online storage system based on Ceph mainly
- Ceph Configurations: ~9PB
  - 6 MDS + 6 hot-standby (one-on-one backup); 7 MONs
  - 462 OSDs, 51 hosts.
- Services
  - 3 TB/PI Group setup by default; PI could extend the space through management UI flexibly
- Reached 2GB/s R/W throughput so far
- Tape-based remote backup system (4PB) will be established and integrated in late 2023, supported by EOS
- Providing big pool for HPC, HTC, AI and various applications concurrently
- Capacity will be growing to 13PB by end of 2023
  - Plan to procure new 4PB disk servers for Ceph System in 2024 and 2025 respectively



# Supporting Big Data & AI in Innovations



CLI

Web Portal

DiCOS APP

Jupyter Notebook

Science Portal

Web Browser/ Terminal

Application-specific/  
Generic Learning Engines



Deep Learning  
Engines/Frameworks



Computing Resource  
(Cloud/Grid/Slurm)

Storage Resource  
(Ceph/EOS)

Distributed Data Management  
& Cloud Storage Services

Network & Data  
Transmission Services



# 50+ Web Applications Provided

## PHYS

**Deepmd-kit**  
Version: GPU with A100  
Resources: 12%

Launch ▾

**Deepmd-kit**  
Version: GPU with V100  
Resources: 80%

Launch ▾

**MAML**  
Version: GPU with A100  
Resources: 12%

Launch ▾

**MAML**  
Version: GPU with V100  
Resources: 80%

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**PVserver**  
Version: 5.8.0 (GPU 1080Ti)  
Resources: 66%

Launch ▾

**Paraview Client**  
Version: 5.8.0  
Resources: 97%

Launch ▾

**PyRoot**  
Version: GPU with 1080ti  
Resources: 66%

Launch ▾

## Other

**spyder cpu/eman2**  
Version:  
Resources: 97%

Launch ▾

**Octave**  
Version: V5.2  
Resources: 66%

Launch ▾

**Transfer Data**  
Version:  
Resources: 97%

Launch ▾

**cisTEM**  
Version:  
Resources: 100.0%

Launch ▾

**Ovito**  
Version:  
Resources: 97%

Launch ▾

**OpenACC**  
Version: GPU P100  
Resources: 50%

Launch ▾

## Jupyter

**Jupyter Lab**  
Version: GPU with Tensorflow v1  
Resources: 97%

Launch ▾

**Jupyter Lab gpu 3090**  
Version: GPU with Tensorflow 3090  
Resources: 51%

Launch ▾

**Jupyter Lab GPU V100**  
Version: GPU with Tensorflow V100  
Resources: 80%

Launch ▾

**Jupyter Lab GPU A100**  
Version: GPU with Tensorflow A100  
Resources: 12%

Launch ▾

**Triton**  
Version: 22.01-py3 (GPU P100)  
Resources: 50%

Launch ▾

**AlphaFold**  
Version: GPU with V100  
Resources: 80%

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**AlphaFold**  
Version: GPU with A100  
Resources: 12%

Launch ▾

**IMOD**  
Version:  
Resources: 66%

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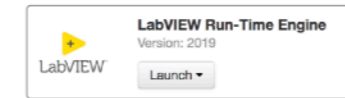
**RoseTTAFold**  
Version:  
Resources: 51%

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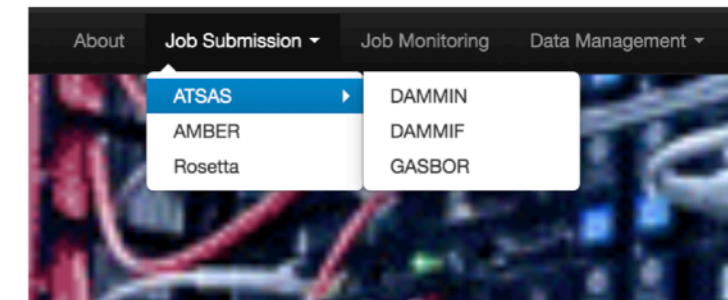
**Dynamo**  
Version:  
Resources: 66%

Launch ▾

- Web Portal
- Application over Cloud
- Jupyterlab
- Web Terminal



## DiCOS-BioSAXS Platform



# Continuous Improvement and Evolution

- **Reliability and efficiency are the primary target**
- **Improvement from incident, collaboration and IT evolution**
  - **Ceph has been in a very stable state since recovery from May 2023: 100% availability**
    - **Automatic recovery again HDD failures works very well: almost zero impact to users and services**
  - **DC network reliability is 100% since the replacement of legacy network devices in March 2023 (and Nov 2022)**
  - **Harness the performance of AMD CPU**
  - **ML-enabled data analysis support is available, started from platform and containerization**
  - **Increasing power cost is a big challenge: 20% power usage reduction in 2023, but the cost is 20% growth**
- **Capacity development for the research infrastructure and services: core technology, talent and efficiency**
  - **Service quality upgrade by R&D. Collaboration relies on trust.**
  - **Next goal is to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-yr term core facility fund from AS (2025-2026, proposal dues in mid March 2024)**

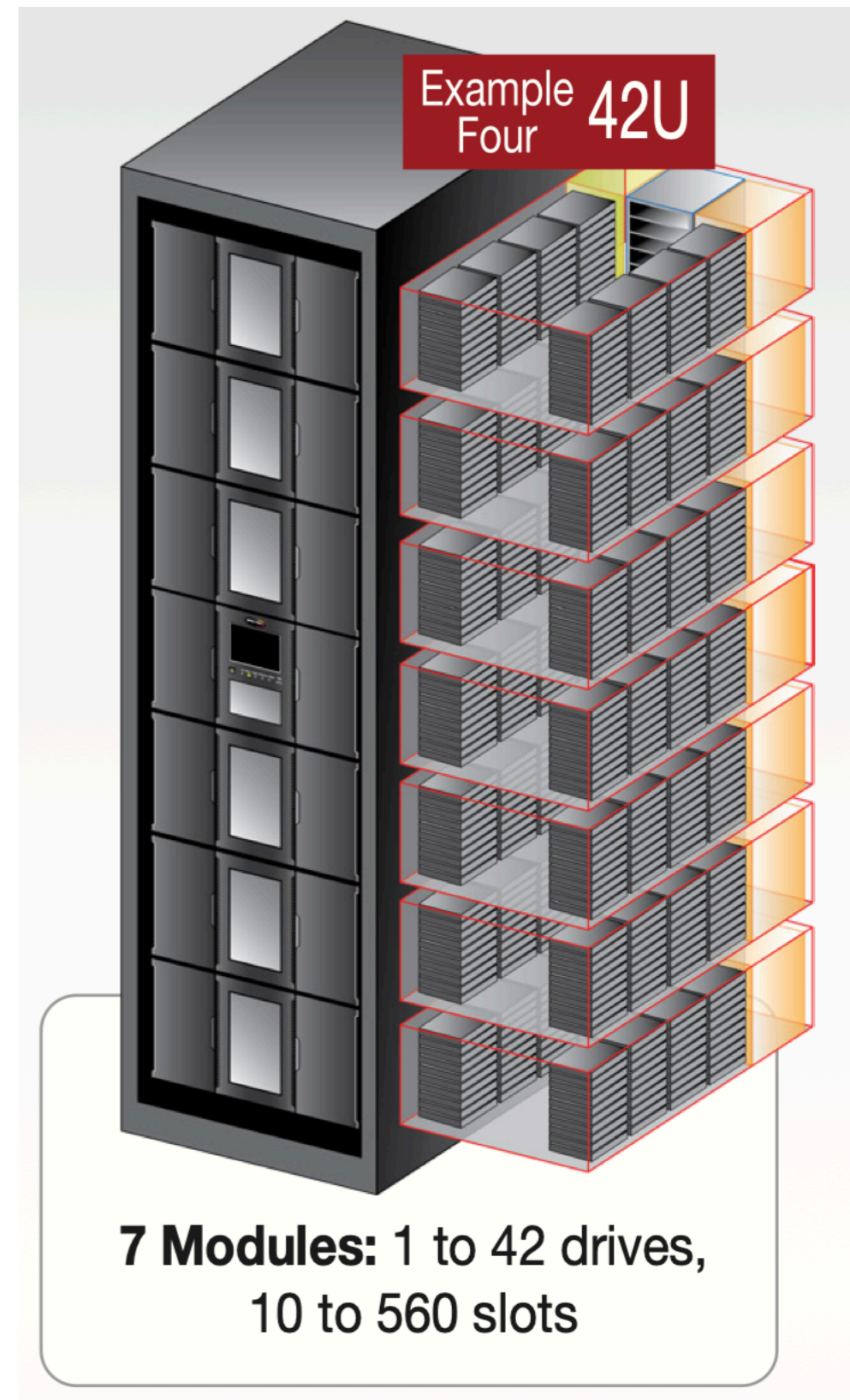
# NSTC Core Facility Resource Plan

Resource Plan	PY1 (2023.6-2024.5)	PY2 (2024.6- 2025.5)	PY3 (2025.6- 2026.5)	Remark
Shared ASGC Resource	CPU, GPU (A100, V100), 1PB Disk	CPU, GPU (A100, V100)	CPU, GPU (A100, V100)	
CPU (#Cores)	1,792	1,792	1,792	Plan to buy AMD Genoa (96Cores/CPU) in PY1
GPU	0	0	0	Able to share A100/V100 of ASGC with lower priority
Storage (PB)	3	3	3	Ceph-based; 3TB/group free space for computing; 1000/TB-yr
Tape (PB)	4	4	4	Integrated with Ceph; ease-to-access workflow; 300/TB-yr
Core Service	192 CPUCores 0.25PB Disk	192 CPUCores, 0.25PB Disk	192 CPUCores, 0.25PB Disk	For Cloud, Ceph, UI, Monitoring etc.

# Tape Remote Backup System

## Will be setup by end of 2023

- **Serving as 2nd layer remote backup system**
  - Plan to setup at a separate data center
  - For cold data, or 2nd-copy backup
  - For backup of users' core data on Ceph
  - Reliability of ASGC services will be increased
- **Scalability: capacity on demand**
  - Max 7 modules x 6u, 42 drives, 560 tape slots
  - LTO-9 tape: 1.44PB (native)/3.6PB (compressed) per module (80x 18TB/tapes)
- **Tape drive performance: 300 - 400 MB/s using fibre network**
- **Integration and services: based on EOS and CTA**
- **Tape-related data services should be operational by end Q1 2024.**
- **Will be extended to 12PB capacity in 2024**



# Support and Service of ML-Enabled Data Analytics by ASGC

- **ML/AI application platform service is available NOW - SW library, HW, integration and application**
  - Build up customized ML platforms for user specified projects - Deploy ML packages ready environment in order to help ML development smoothly and provide on-demand computing power
  - Upkeep of the application framework
  - Workflow and data pipeline integration
  - Efficiency Improvement
- **Potential use cases**
  - Users who bring existing source code - ASGC could help to setup a virtual environment and confirm source code running normally
- **Approaches**
  - Supporting Kubernetes/Jupyter lab for development purpose
    - Create Kubernetes/Jupyter lab environment with user specified ML packages ready.
    - Support on-demand scalable CPU/GPU computing power.
  - Supporting containerized environment (e.g, Docker image) for deployment purpose
    - Create takeout images in Docker format as an option for user who wants to train/predict model
    - Docker images could be downloaded from ASGC server and deployed on users' Docker Desktop on Windows/Linux.

# Available Hardware, Software & Use Cases

- **GPU Servers (with local SSD enhanced)**
  - A100 (8xboards/server, 80GB RAM/board) \* 3
  - V100 (8xboards/server, 24GB RAM/board) \* 6
  - 3090 (8xboards/server, 11GB RAM/board) \* 4
- **ML related framework and tools**
  - TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, NVIDIA Triton, Scikit Learn
- **Large-scale storage /file system**
  - 9 Petabyte+ disk-based storage system managed by CephFS
  - Tape-based backup storage will be available by end of 2023
- **Use Cases**
  - CryoEM - ML-enabled bioimage processing
  - Deployment of ML-enabled protein simulation tools - AlphaFold, RosettaFold & Diffusion, DiffDock
  - Deployment of ML-enabled packages (by IOP PABS group): DeepMD-kit (with interface with LAMMPS)
  - AMS & KAGRA - programs developed by local groups
  - Data Center intelligent monitoring & control (ASGC projects): Air Handler, power saving, etc.

# Welcome To ISGC2024 in Taipei



- **Schedule: 24-29 March 2024**
- **Venue: Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan**
- **Call for Abstract/ Session will be open on 20 Oct. until 30 Nov 2023**
- **Event Web site: <https://indico4.twgrid.org/event/33/>**
- **Contact: ISGC Secretariat**
  - **vic@twgrid.org**



# ASGC Services

- **Weekly User Meeting: 1:20pm, Wed**
- **ASGC Web Site: <https://www.twgrid.org>**
- **Access to ASGC Resources**
  - **<https://dicos.grid.sinica.edu.tw/>**
- **Contact point: [DiCOS-Support@twgrid.org](mailto:DiCOS-Support@twgrid.org)**



# **Your Advice and Support Are Indispensable to ASGC**

- **Comments & Discussion**