Follow-Up of Wuppertal HEP + ... Communities' Computing Strategy Meeting Work Package: Organisation

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Scope

- To face the challenges in future HEP projects with significant computing (+ software) demands (e.g. LHC-(HL), BELLE2, ILC, Fair, ...) we need efficient organisation ...
 - operationally & technically
 - e.g. German Tier-1 and Tier-2 (? plus opportunistic resources ?)
 operation and support model for WLCG, dCache support, virtualisation technologies, monitoring, ...
 - politically
 - sufficient and continuous funding of computing infrastructure, IT and software projects (support and development FTEs)
 - Digitale Agenda, H2O2O, ... might bring us new opportunities but perhaps also a need for further/focused organisation

Existing Nationwide Boards, Steering Groups... HEP computing

- GridKa (KIT Karlsruhe) Overview Board (OB)
 - focus on GridKa operation review, strategy, funding of German Tier-1 (+ Tier-2s)
 - 4 LHC experiments, BELLE2, (Barbar + Compass), (Auger)
 - also representatives from KET, KHuK, BMBF, Projekträger, DESY
- GridKa Technical Advisory Board (TAB)
 - focus on efficient and fair GridKa operation, organises and prepares technical input and recommendations for OB
- (HGF Terascale) Grid Project Board
 - large personal overlap with GridKa OB and TAB, extended membership
 - focus was on Terascale financed IT projects and infrastructure; no activity since one year
- KET computing coordinators
 - direct contact to BMBF

Other Boards, Commíttees, ...

- (new) Helmholtz Data Federation (KIT, DESY, GSI, ...)
- (new) Helmholtz Key Technologies Big Data board
- (new) BMBF contact group (Helmholtz sites, KET, ..) personal invitation
- ? Astroparticle German computing/software ?
- ? FAIR German computing/software ?
- NAF User Community Board (NUC)
- ...?
- Internationally:
 - WLCG, HEP Software Foundation/Community Whitepaper, ILC + ... software, ...

Questions

- Are we happy with the structure/outcome of existing technical/"political" boards ?
- Are we represented/active enough in international boards?
- Are we prepared enough (do we have one consistent "HEP (+ ...) Big Data view" ?) for e.g. a future Digitale Agenda / Scientific Computing meeting with a variety of communities / lobby groups ?
- How broad (+AstroP?, +FAIR?, +...?) is useful / manageable?
 - Areas of synergy (virtualisation, opportunistic resources, GPUs,...)?

Next Steps

- Three Working groups with preliminary convenors:
 - Organisation Ex-officio GridKa TAB chairs (Th.Kreß, K.Schwarz)
 - WLCG + ... + exper.' comput. models (+ Software ?) M.Schulz
 - Virtualisation and opportunistic resources M.Giffels
 - Collection of interested persons for WPs (in lists or by Email)
 - Preliminary convenors organise a first Vidyo/telephone meeting by end of the year
 - Self-organisation of working groups, election of O(2) convenors, first report at TAB 2017 Jan 11
 - Informal face-to-face meetings during KET/KHuK DPG spring meeting (Mar 27-31) Münster?
 - First interim report spring 2017 (at GridKa OB April 28 and/or dedicated meeting)