

# Computing for FAIR

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## New International Accelerator Facility in Darmstadt, Germany

- Upgraded accelerators from GSI as injectors



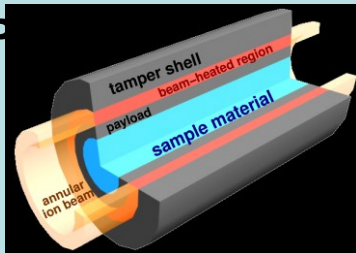
- FAIR governed by international convention
  - 9 shareholders + 1 assoc. partner (orange)
  - Germany + Russia largest shareholders
- Scientists from all over the world are engaged
  - More than 200 institutions from 53 countries are involved with their scientists (orange + blue)





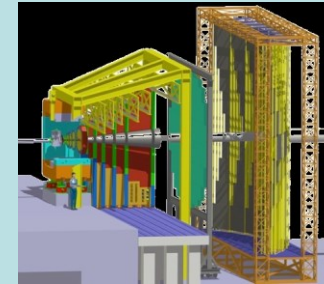
- Call for tenders of civil construction of „North Area“ (SIS100) published in Q3+Q4 2016
- Installation and commissioning of Experiments in 2021-2024
- Full completion of FAIR MSV in 2025

APP



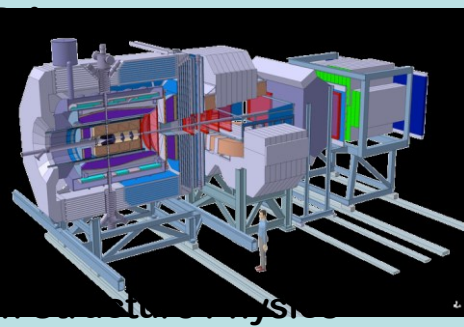
Atomic, Plasma Physics  
and Applications

CBM



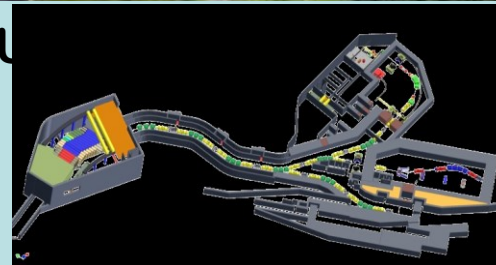
Compressed Baryonic Matter

PAND



Hadron Spectrometer

NU



Nuclear Structure, Astrophysics  
and Reactions



An aerial photograph of a landscape featuring rolling green fields and dense, dark green forests. A small cluster of buildings is visible on the left side of the image.

**High Velocity: ~1 TByte/s into Online Farms**

**High Variety: from Structured Data to Images**

**High Volume: ~35 PByte/Year on Disk**

**High Computational Capacity: ~300.000 Cores**

**High Value: Research Output**

**„Data is inherently dumb.  
Algorithms are where the real values lies“**

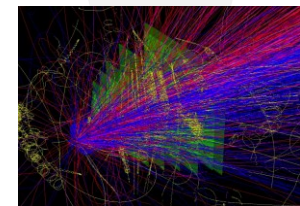
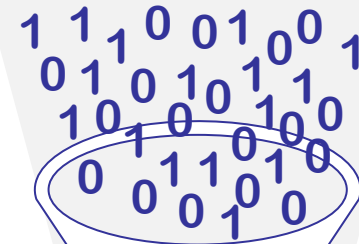
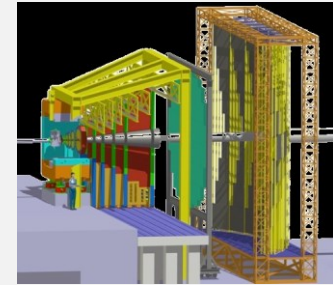
Peter Sondergaard, Gartner, 2015

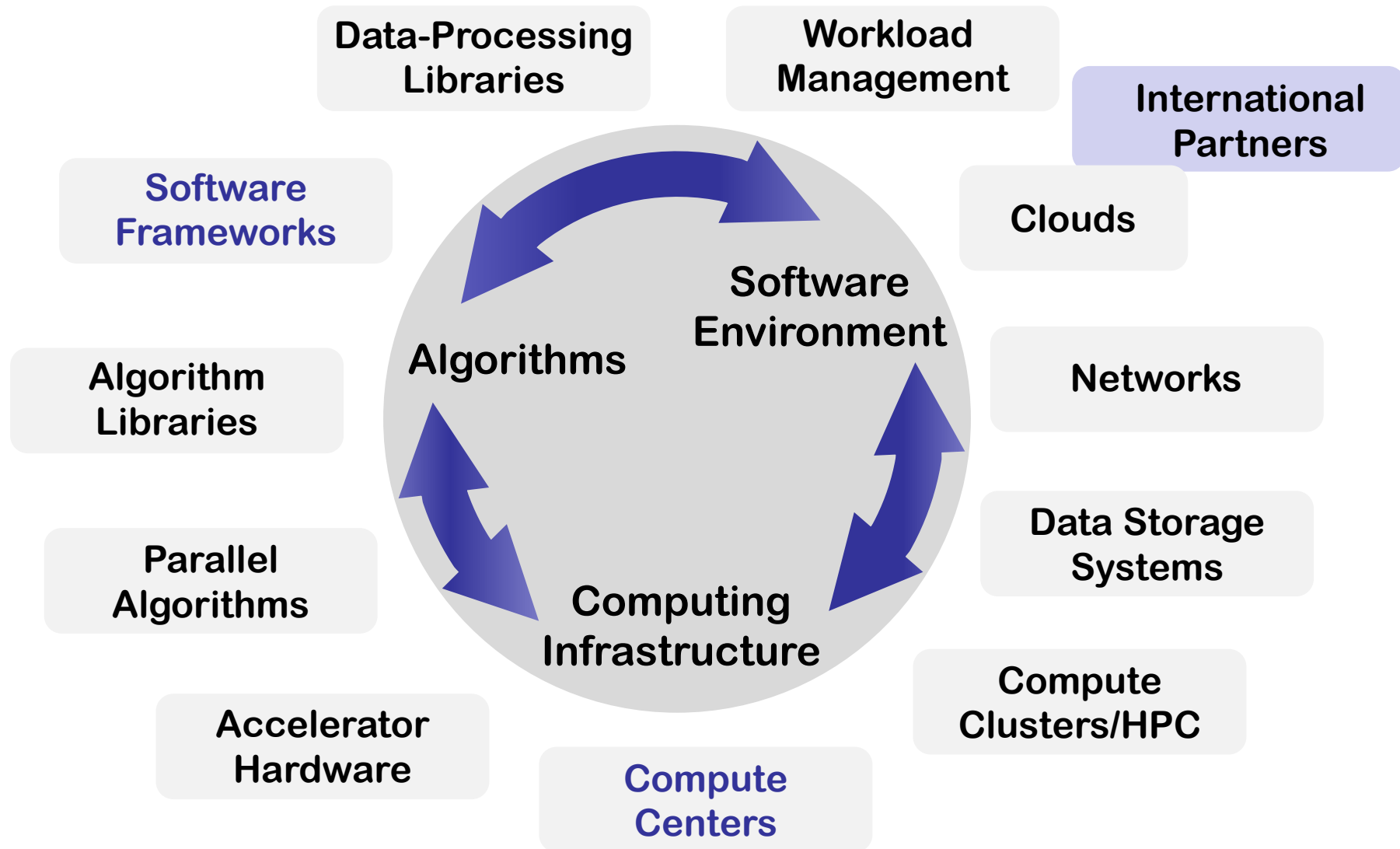
**More complex algorithms necessary  
to exploit the full scientific potential  
of the instrumentation  
(i.e. accelerators, detectors)**

## **Fundamental change in detector design**

**From custom electronic to commodity  
computing systems (“triggerless”)**

- **Software defined -> Agility**
- **Huge data rates into (quasi-)real time analysis**
- **FAIR, LHC upgrades, Nuclear Physics ...**









**12 MW common  
data center for  
FAIR and GSI**

- In operation  
since Feb '16

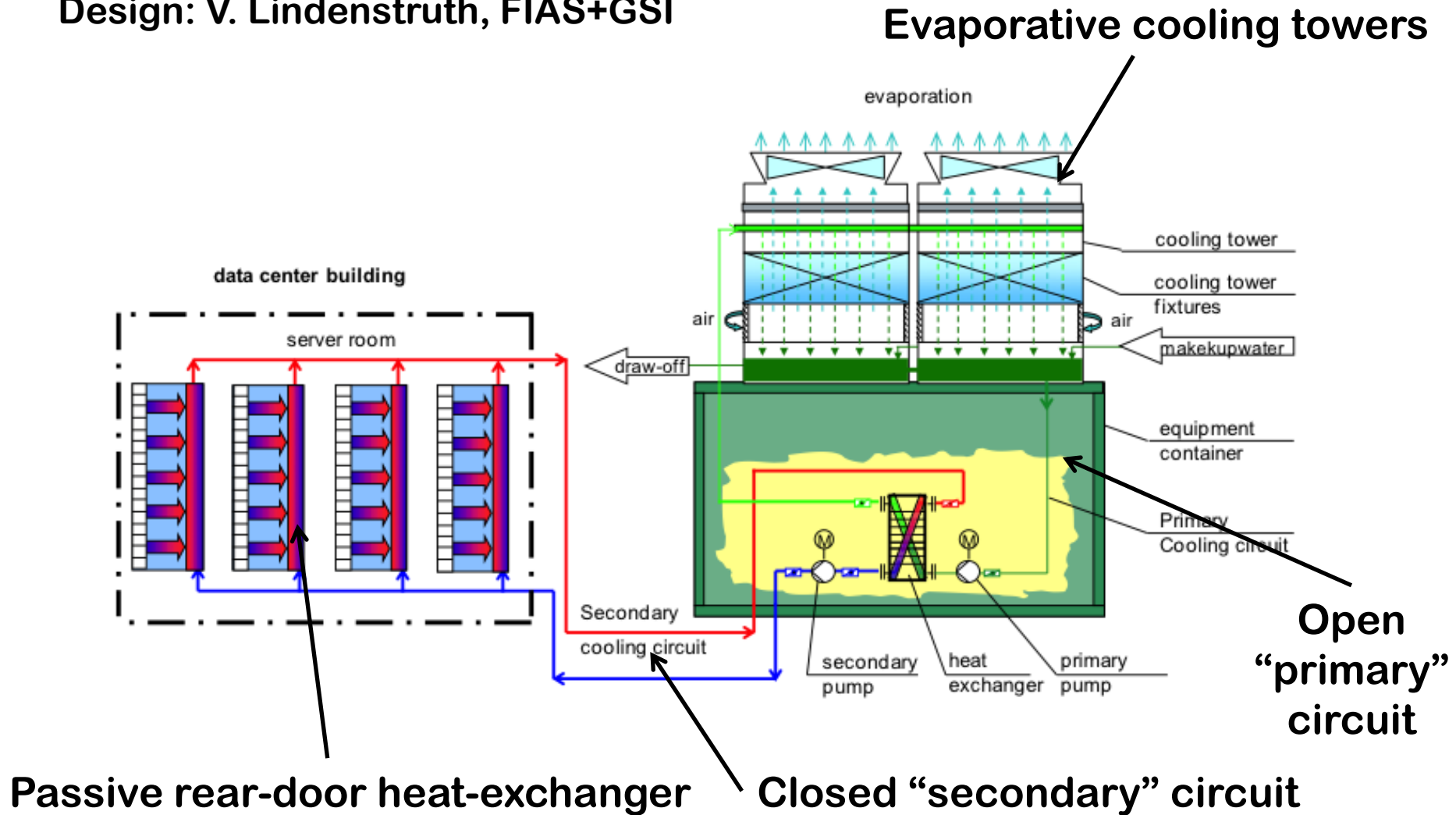
**PUE < 1.07**

- Very good  
Power Usage  
Efficiency (PUE)
- Reduced CO<sub>2</sub>  
Emission
- Low Operating  
Costs

More detailed information:  
Jan Trautmann, HEPIX Spring 2016  
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/466991/contributions/1143585/>

# Green Cube Cooling Concept

Design: V. Lindenstruth, FIAS+GSI



**Constructed:** Dec '14 – Nov '15

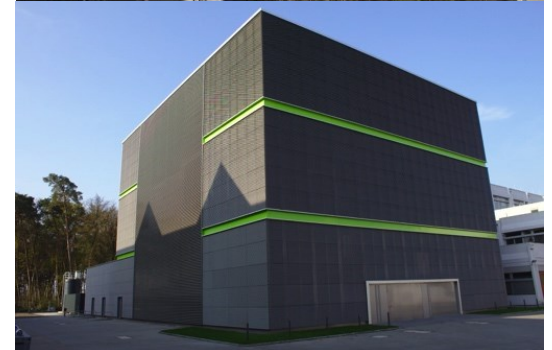
**Building:** 6 Floors, 4.645 sqm  
768 19" racks  
(256 racks in 1<sup>st</sup> stage)

**Cooling & Power:** 12 MW (4 MW in 1<sup>st</sup> stage)  
PUE < 1.07 (Design)  
PUE ~ 1.04 (Commissioning)  
Water cooled

- Passive rear-door heat-exchanger
- Evaporative cooling towers

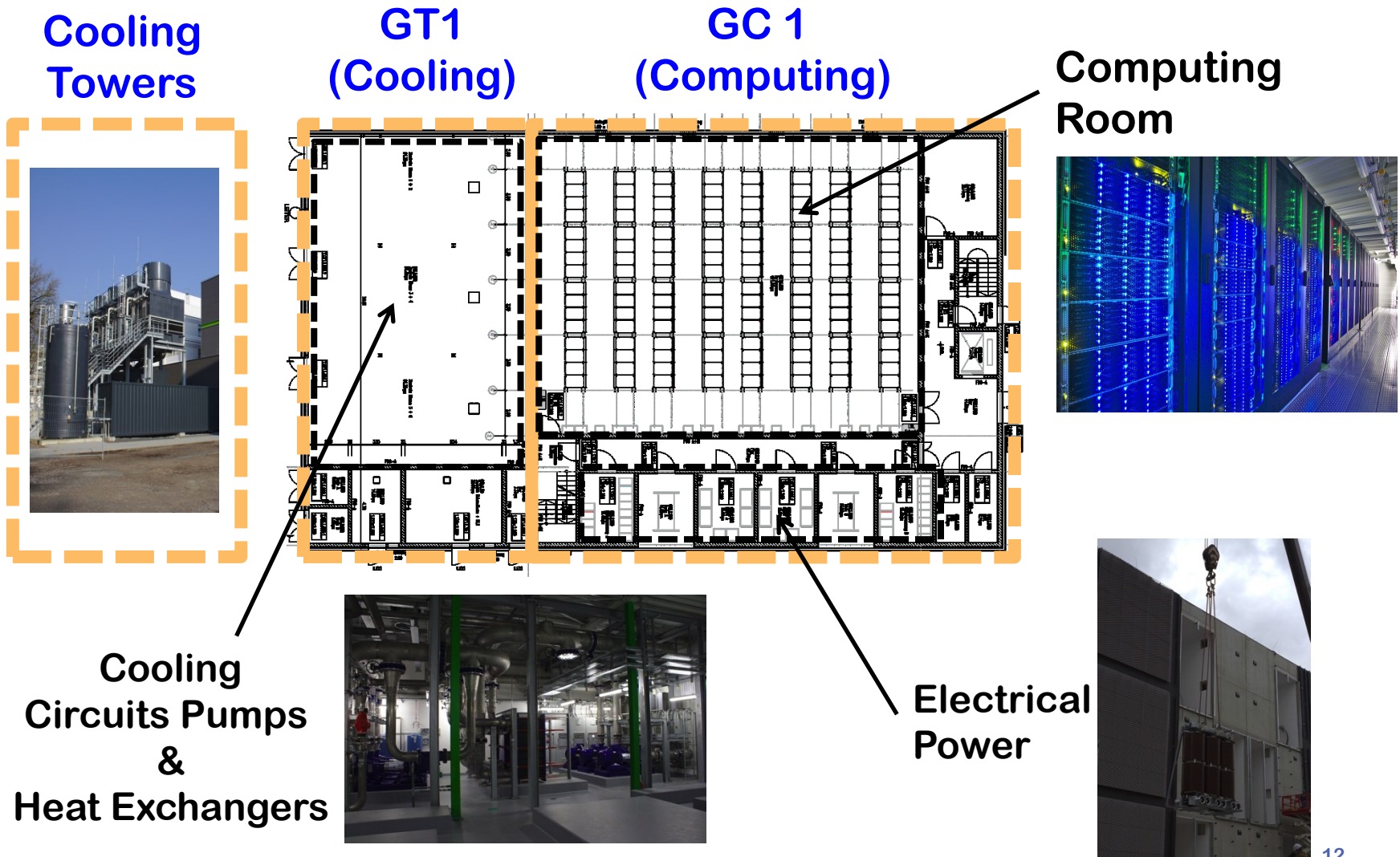
**N+1 Redundancy**

**Cost:** 16 M€ (1<sup>st</sup> stage: 11.5 M€)



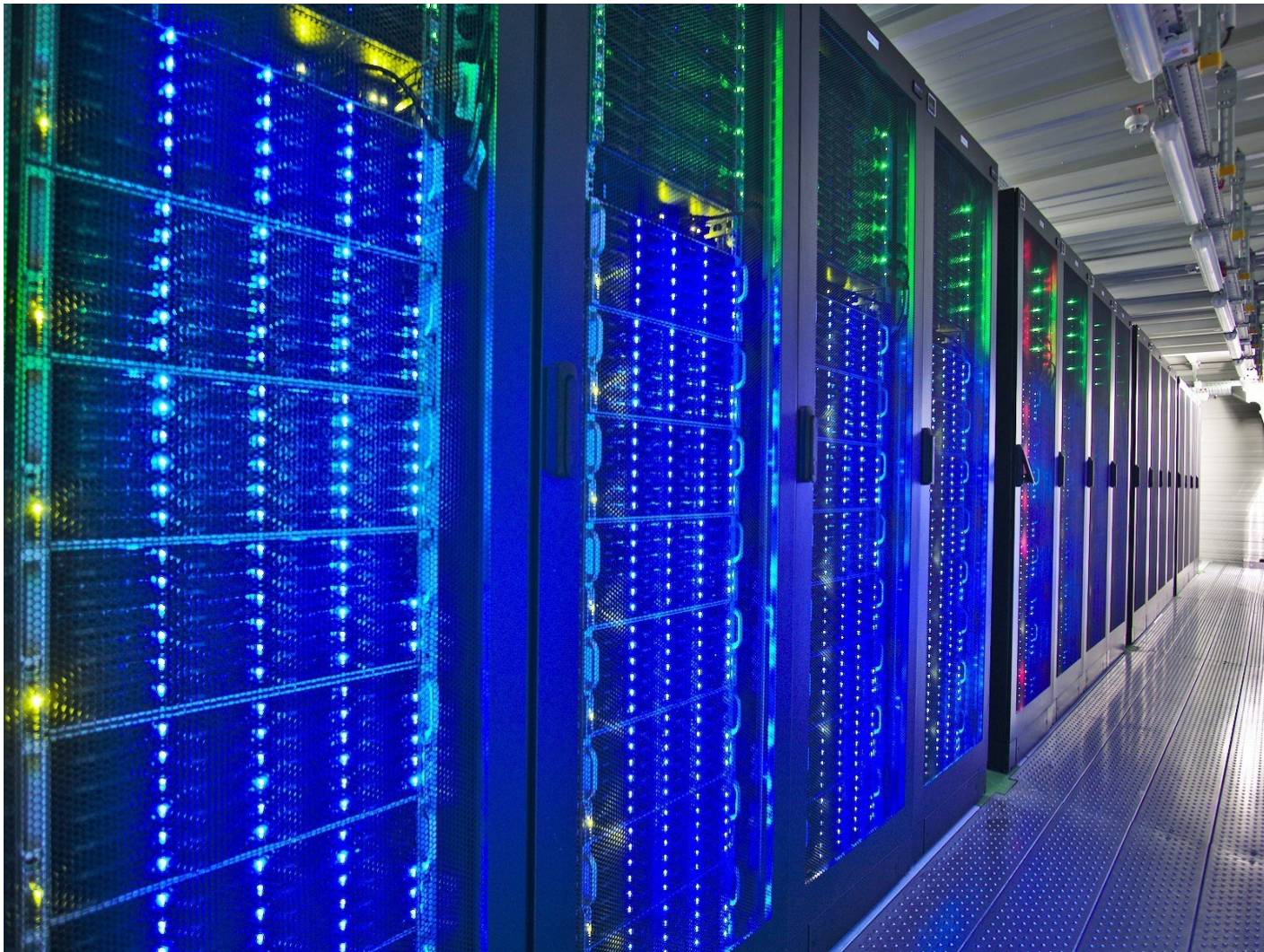


# Green Cube Buildings













## Helmholtz-Rosatom Project: FAIR Russia Research Center (FRRC) Supercomputer at ITEP

- GSI/FAIR: B.Sharkov, H.Gutbrod, V.Lindenstruth
- ITEP: A.Golubev, M.Polikarpov, M.Sokolov, I.Korolko, V.Kolosov



## February 2012

Launch of first supercomputer servers

1280 AMD cores

## 2013-2014

Installation and commissioning of hardware and software:

- AMD cores: 10240
- GPGPU cards TESLA: 40
- MSS: 2 PB
- Ethernet and Infiniband
- EMERSON container
- JAEGGI cooling system

**Performance:**

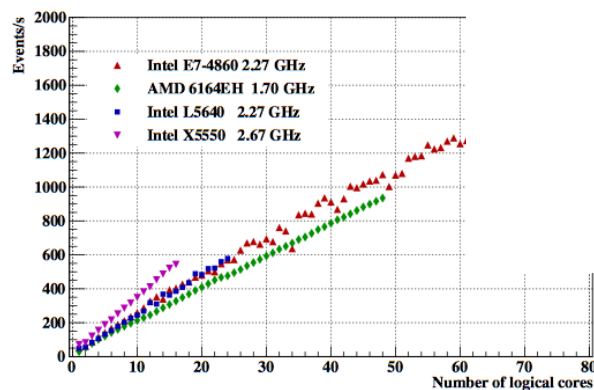
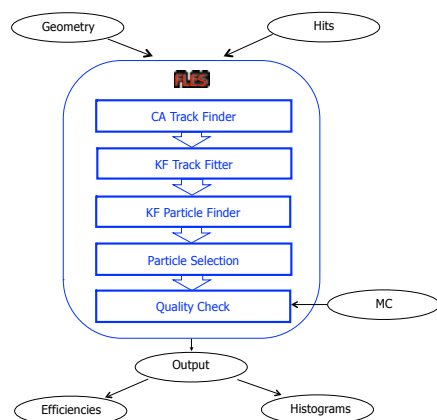
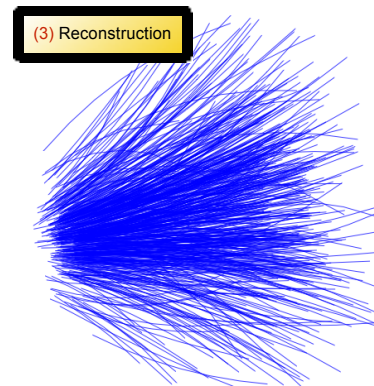
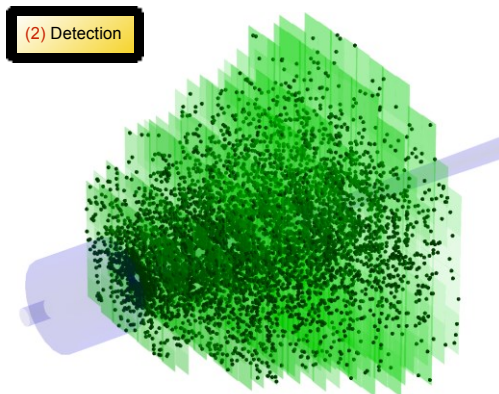
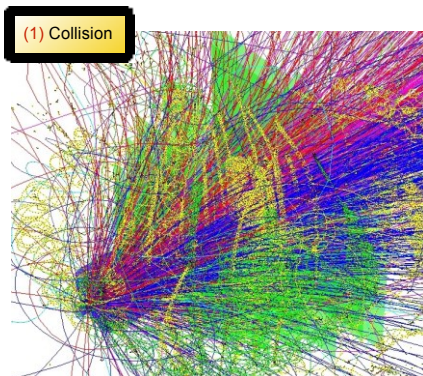
CPU - 59.2 TFlops (linpack)

GPU - 36.0 TFlops (linpack)

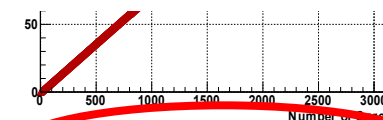




## CBM Standalone First Level Event Selection (FLES) Package



$2.2 \times 10^5$  events/s

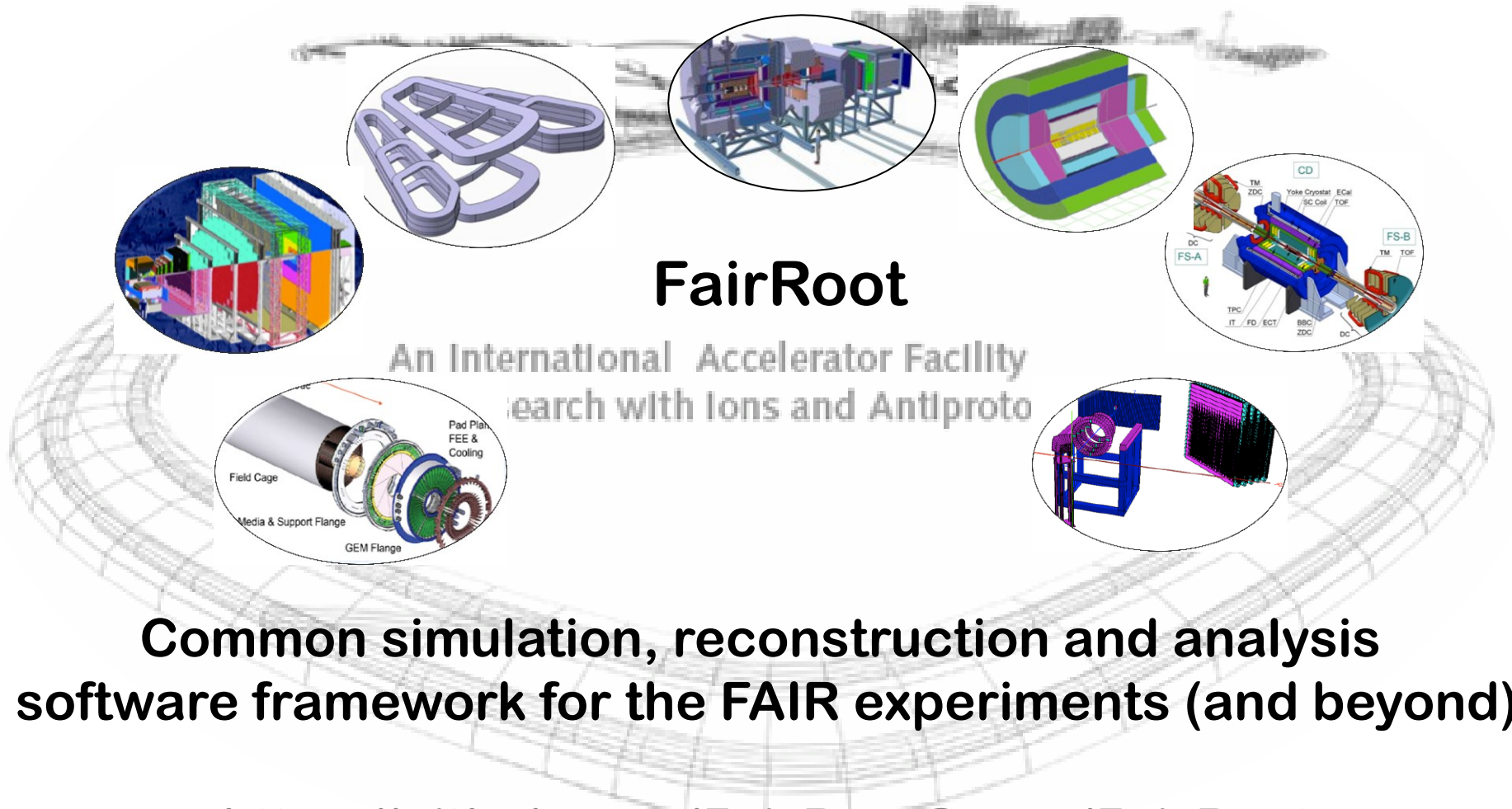


ITEP, Moscow  
Cooperation with Kurchatov Institute is planned

The first version of the FLES package is vectorized, parallelized, portable and scalable up to 3 200 CPU cores

Ivan Kisel, Uni-Frankfurt, FIAS, GSI





## FairRoot

An International Accelerator Facility  
Search with Ions and Antiprotons

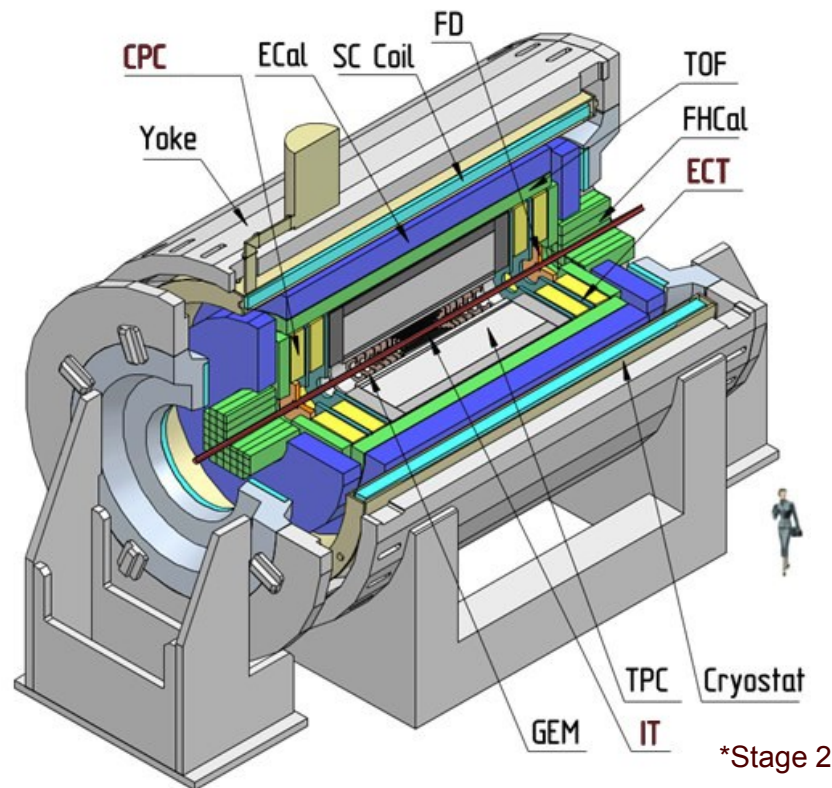
**Common simulation, reconstruction and analysis  
software framework for the FAIR experiments (and beyond)**

<https://github.com/FairRootGroup/FairRoot>

## Multi Purpose Detector and MpdRoot

The software **MpdRoot** is developed for the MPD event simulation, reconstruction of experimental or simulated data and following physical analysis of heavy ion collisions registered by the MultiPurpose Detector at the NICA collider.

(based on ROOT and FairRoot)

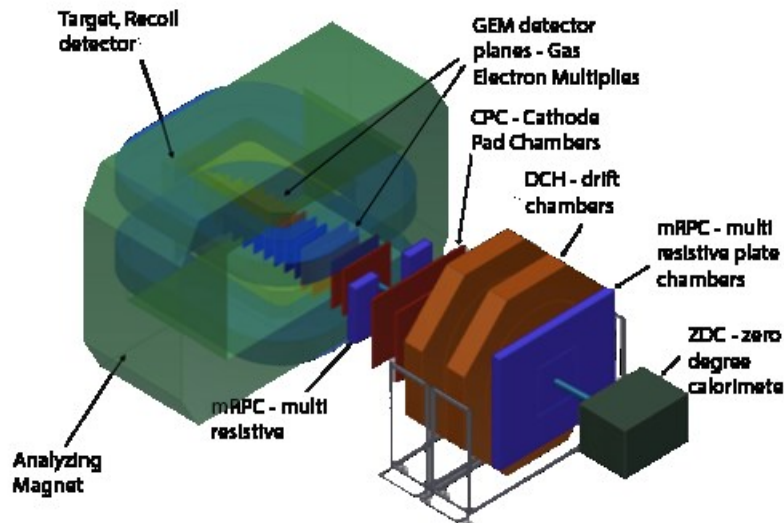


The MpdRoot software is available in the GitLab <https://git.jinr.ru/nica/mpdroot>

## BM@N and BmnRoot software

The software **BmnRoot** is developed for the BM@N event simulation, reconstruction of experimental or simulated data and following physical analysis of collisions of elementary particles and ions with a fixed target at the NICA collider.

(based on ROOT and FairRoot)



- deuteron and  $C^{11}$  beams with  $T = 3 - 4$  AGeV, targets: carbon, copper or none
- Trace beams, measure beam profile and time structure
- Test detector response ToF-400, ToF-700, T0+Trigger, DCH-1, DCH-2 and ZDC, ECAL modules, beam monitors (4 run: + GEM & Si)
- Test integrated DAQ and trigger system

The BmnRoot software is available in the GitLab <https://git.jinr.ru/nica/bmnroot>



## MpdRoot (&BmnRoot) framework

- Both use **FairSoft** external packages:

ROOT, XRootD, Pythia, PLUTO, HepMC, MillePede, Geant3/4, VGM, gtest, GSL, boost...

- There is a common class part inherited from **FairRoot** (GSI)

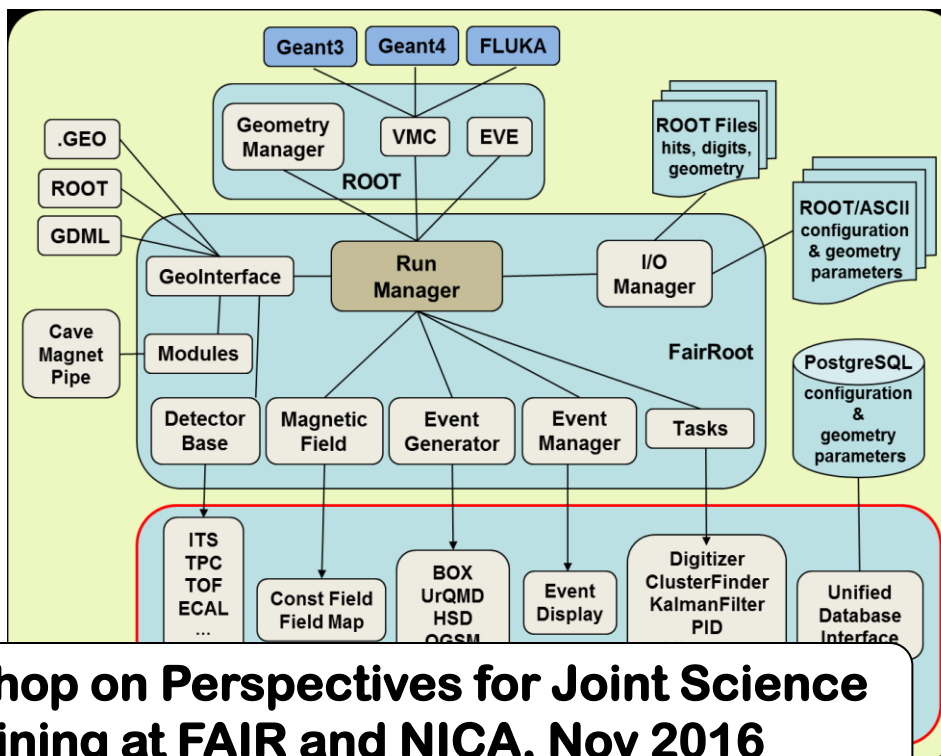
- Experiment-specific parts** are developed for each detector independently

- Advanced **detector response** functions, **realistic tracking** and **PID** were included

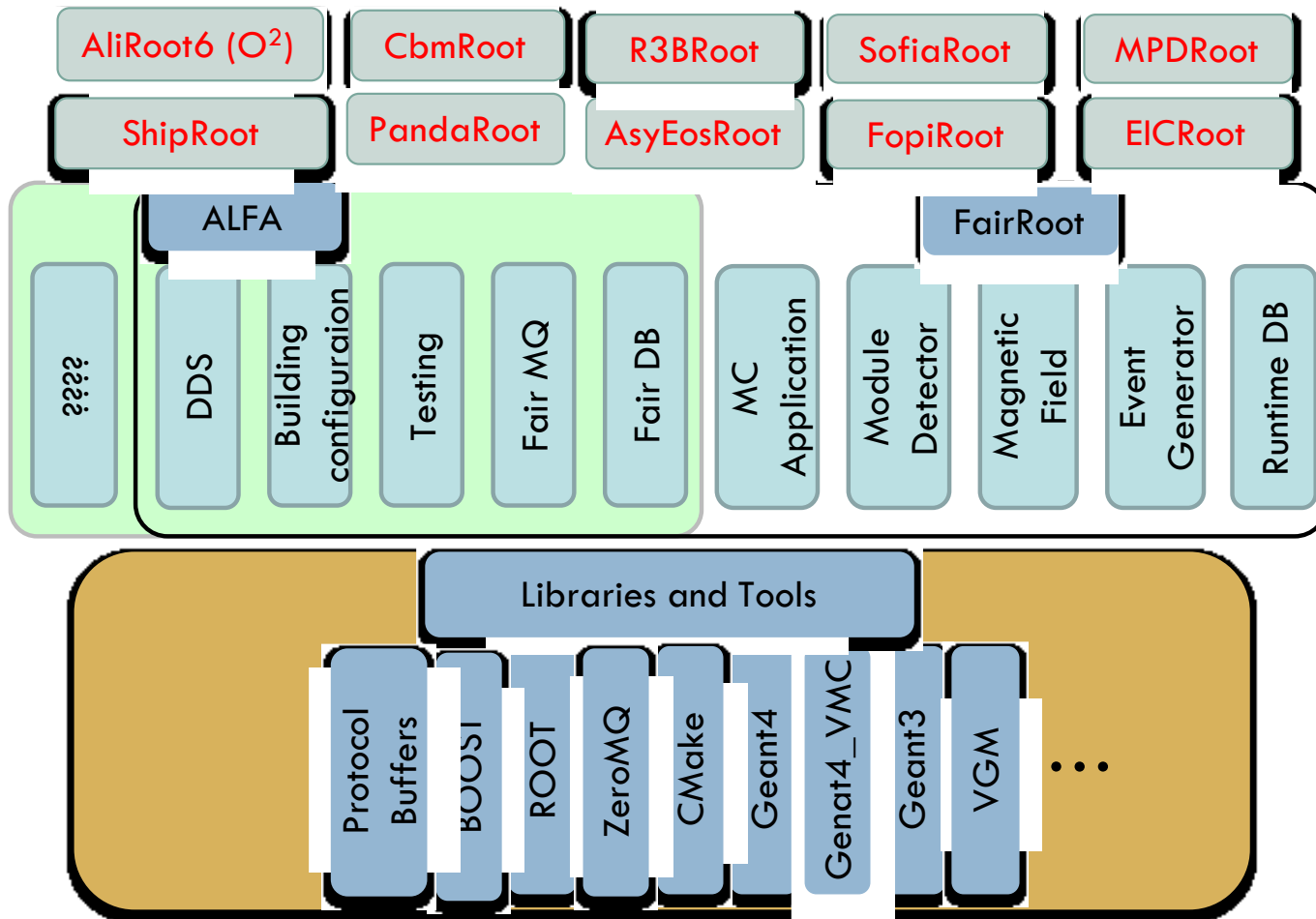
- Extended set of **event generators** for collisions:

PLU  
+ Ur  
HAD  
simple

MPD and BM@N homepage: <http://mpd.jinr.ru>



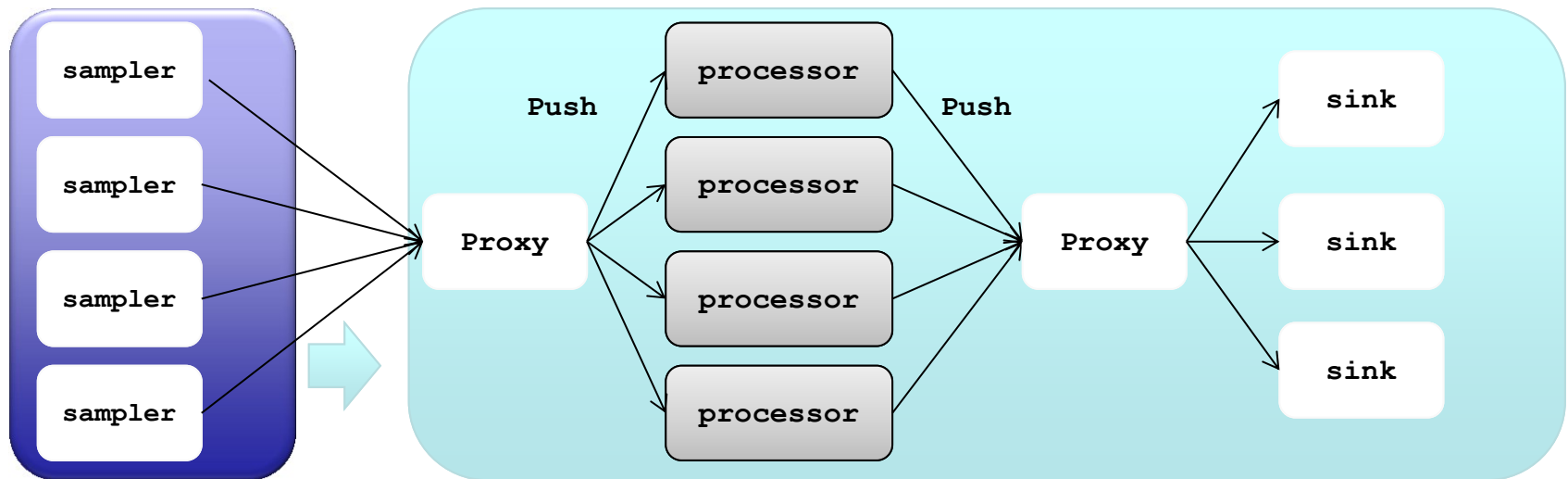
**Slides from Workshop on Perspectives for Joint Science and Academic Training at FAIR and NICA, Nov 2016**



**Modularized, LGPLv3 licensed common software stack for the FAIR experiments and others, development steered by GSI**

## The Data Processing Component of FairRoot

- Multi-process concept (specialized devices)
- Data-flow model: Message queues for data exchange, technology agnostic



## Design Goals

- Scalability, Maintainability, Reliability
  - efficient use of multi-core architectures
- Reusable with common data processing components
  - Reduce cost of new developments, agile development



Looking at the IT landscape: shift towards

- **Microservices**
  - Unbundled, decentralized modules
  - Organized around specific capability
- **Containers**
- **Algorithm Economy**



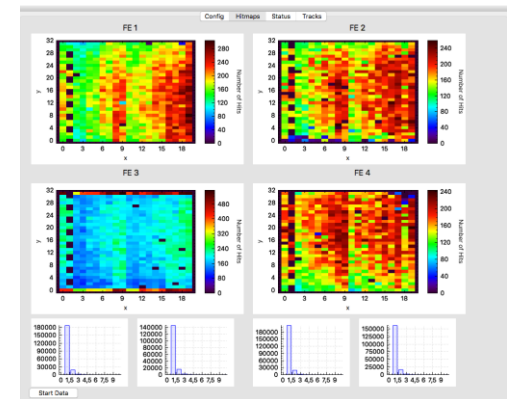
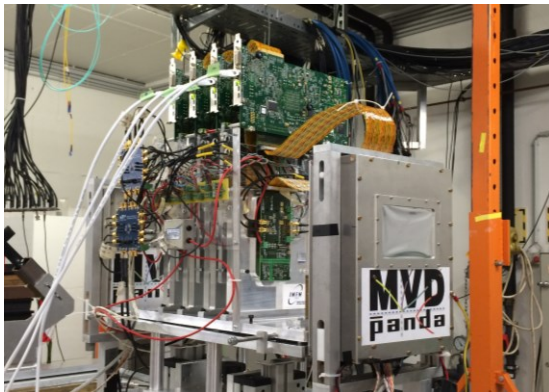
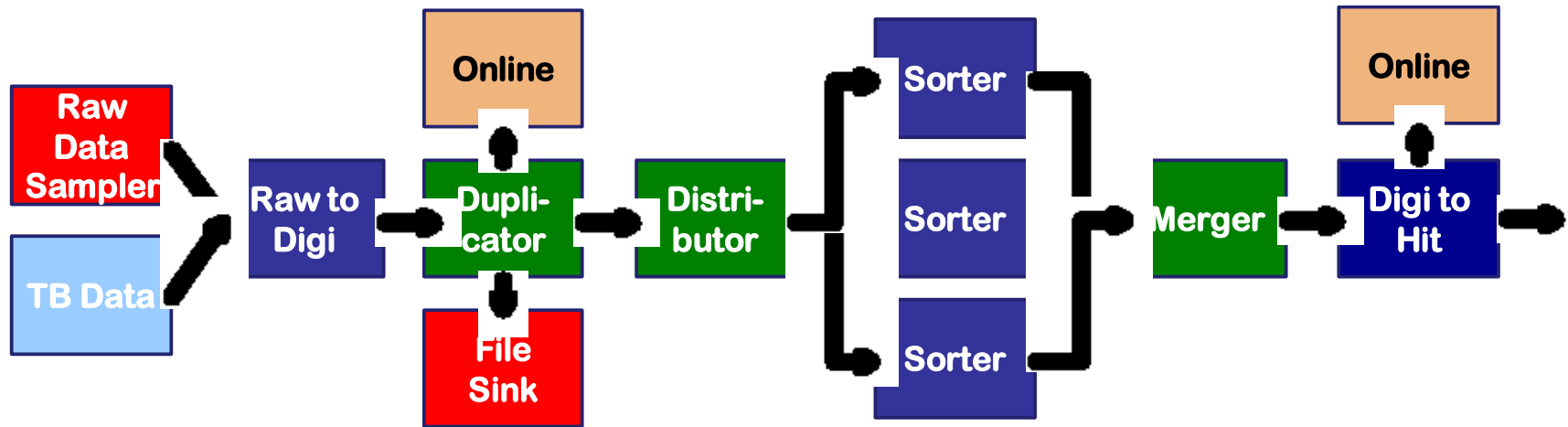
These are at the heart of the  
„cloud/app“ business model/economy

- driven by scalability and reliability demands
- based on multi-process and message exchange
- development cost advantage

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FairMQ uses many of these technologies under the hood;  
replacing custom code (e.g. ALICE HLT framework)

## Example Application: PANDA MVD Pixel Detector Prototype



Tobias Stockmanns (FZJ, PANDA)

**Driven by needs of FAIR experiments  
for online reconstruction**

- **~1 TByte/s into online farms**
- **~300.000 cores (majority on-site in  
common compute center)**
- **35 PByte/"year" disk**
- **30 PByte/year tape**

**Algorithms and software development**

- **common frameworks & libraries, e.g. FairRoot**