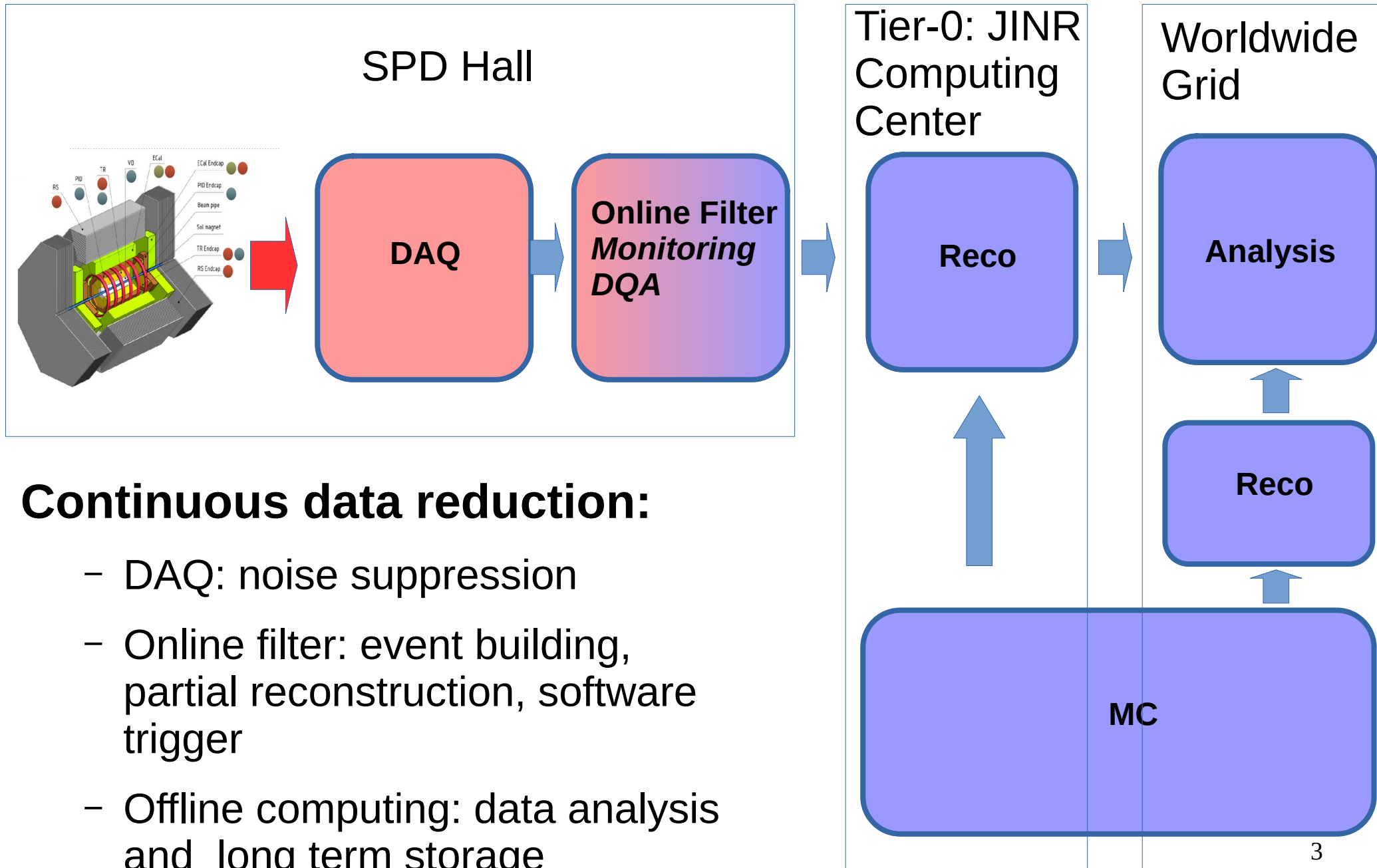


Offline Software and Computing for the SPD experiment

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Data workflow



Continuous data reduction:

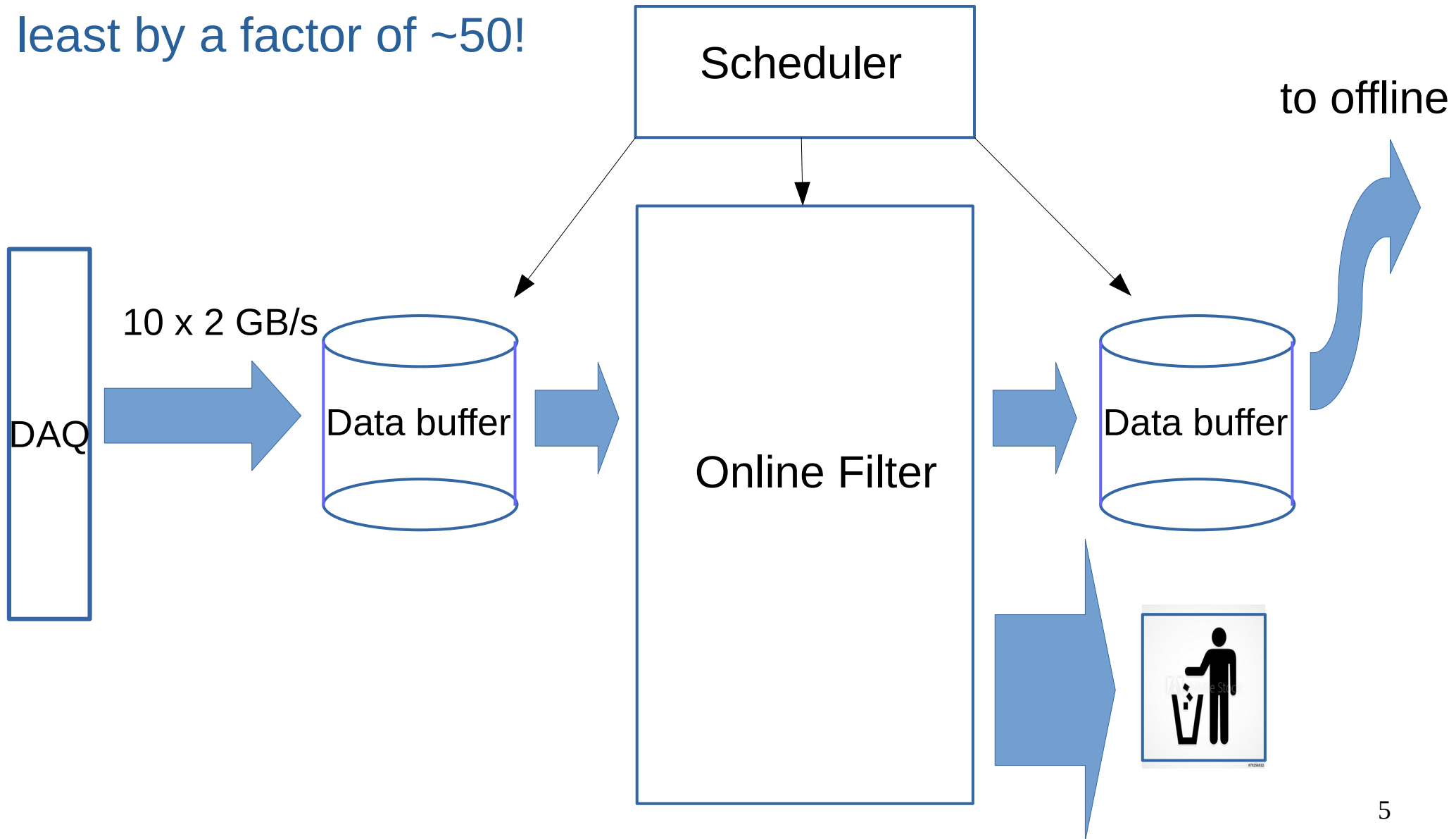
- DAQ: noise suppression
- Online filter: event building, partial reconstruction, software trigger
- Offline computing: data analysis and long term storage

Free-running DAQ

- Several FEE options are being considered, using experience of PANDA and COMPASS projects
- Data from FEE is collected and managed by FPGA-based DAQ system
- No global trigger => **No classical events anymore. Event building have to unscramble events from a series of time slices.**
- *More details in the talk of Leonid Afanasyev on Thursday*

Online Data Filter

We need a data reduction at least by a factor of ~50!



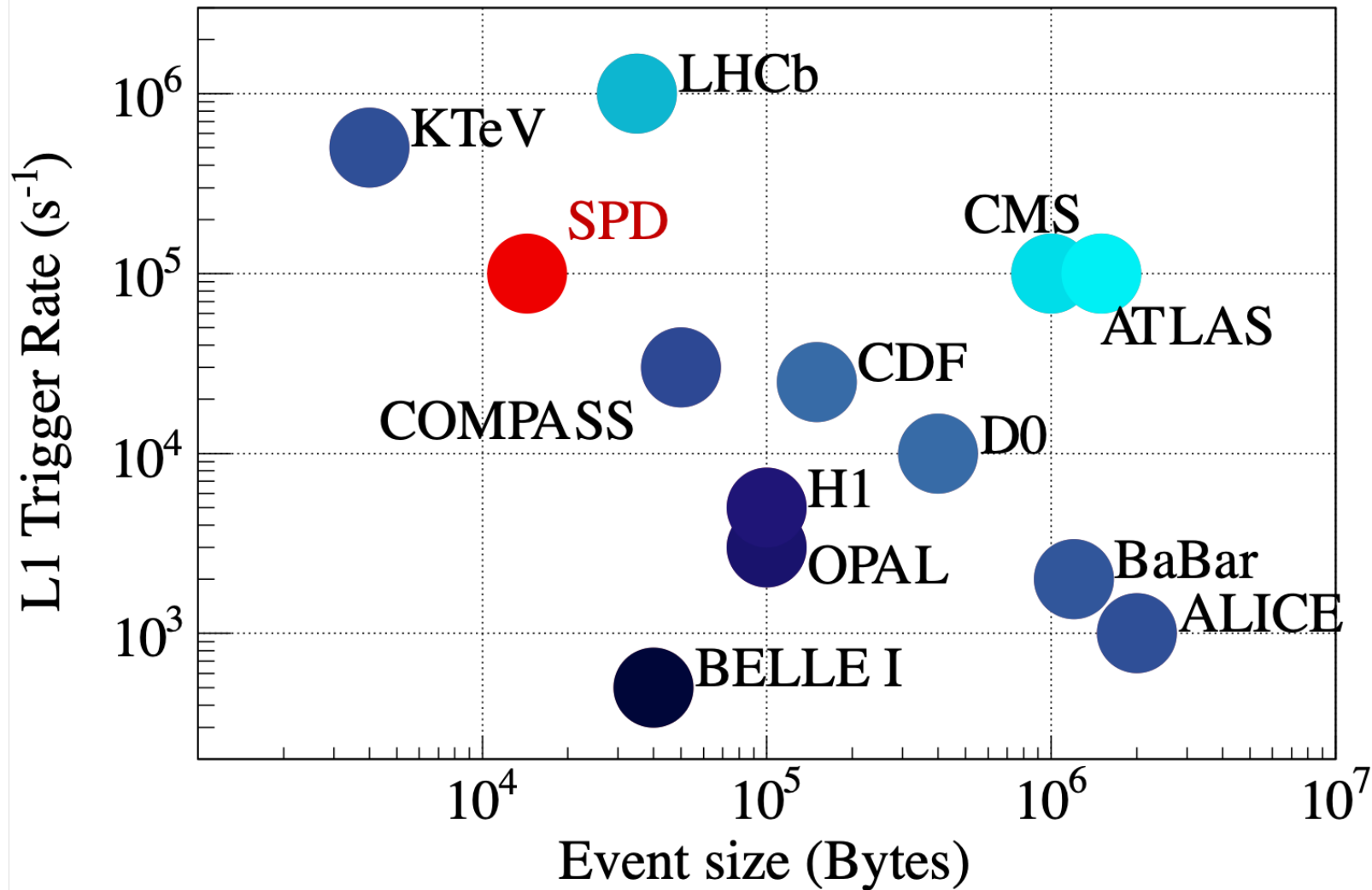
Online Data Filter ingredients

High-performance heterogeneous computing cluster

- Partial reconstruction
 - Fast tracking and vertex reconstruction — *more details in the talk of Egor Shchavelev tomorrow*
 - Fast ECAL clustering — *more details in the talk of Dimitrije Maletic tomorrow*
- Event unscrambling
- Software trigger
 - several data streams
- Monitoring and Data quality assessment
- Local polarimetry
- *More details in my talk tomorrow*

Machine learning is
a key technology

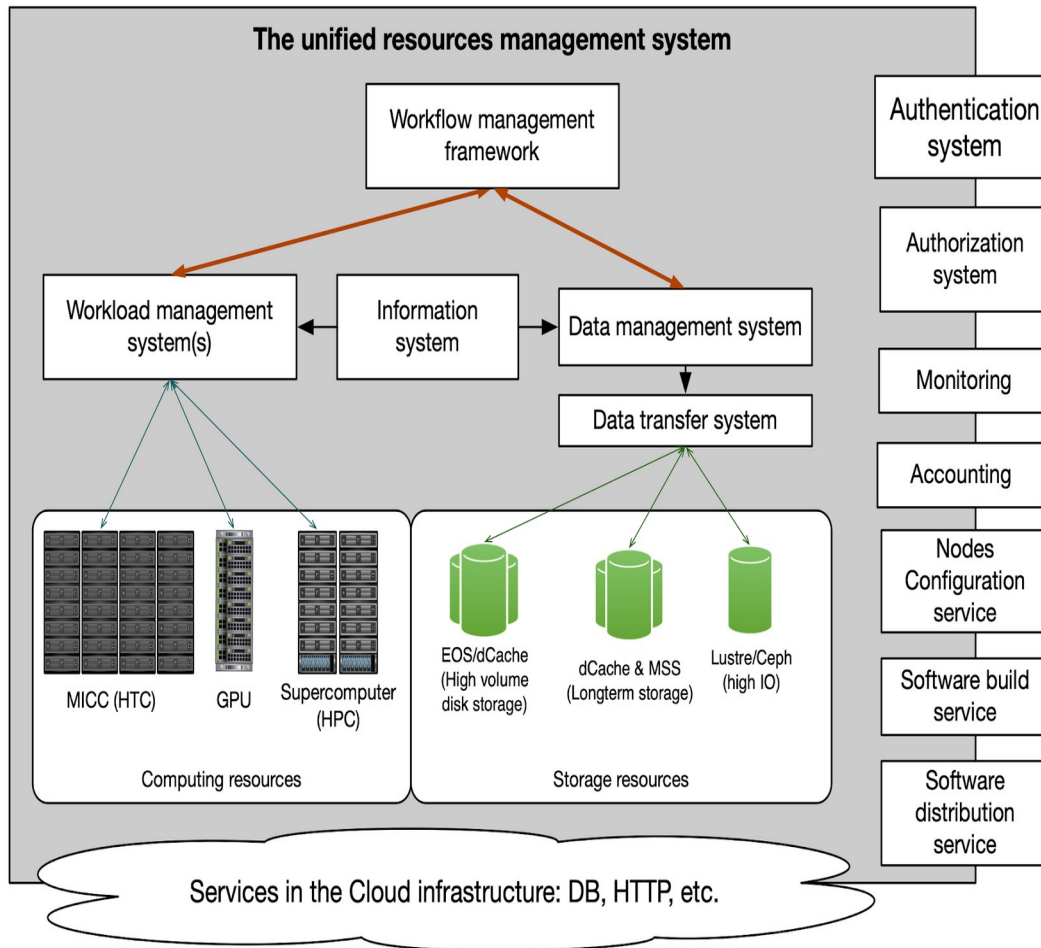
After the online filter



Computing system



Web/CLI/API interface



All basic components are already available from LHC experiments:

- Workload management: likely PANDA
- Data management: RUCIO and FTS
- Software distribution: CVMFS
- *More details in the talk of Artem Petrosyan tomorrow*

Adaptation to operate with the SPD event model and offline software is needed

SPD Offline Software

- Core Framework
- Detector Description
- Event Generators
- Simulation
- Reconstruction

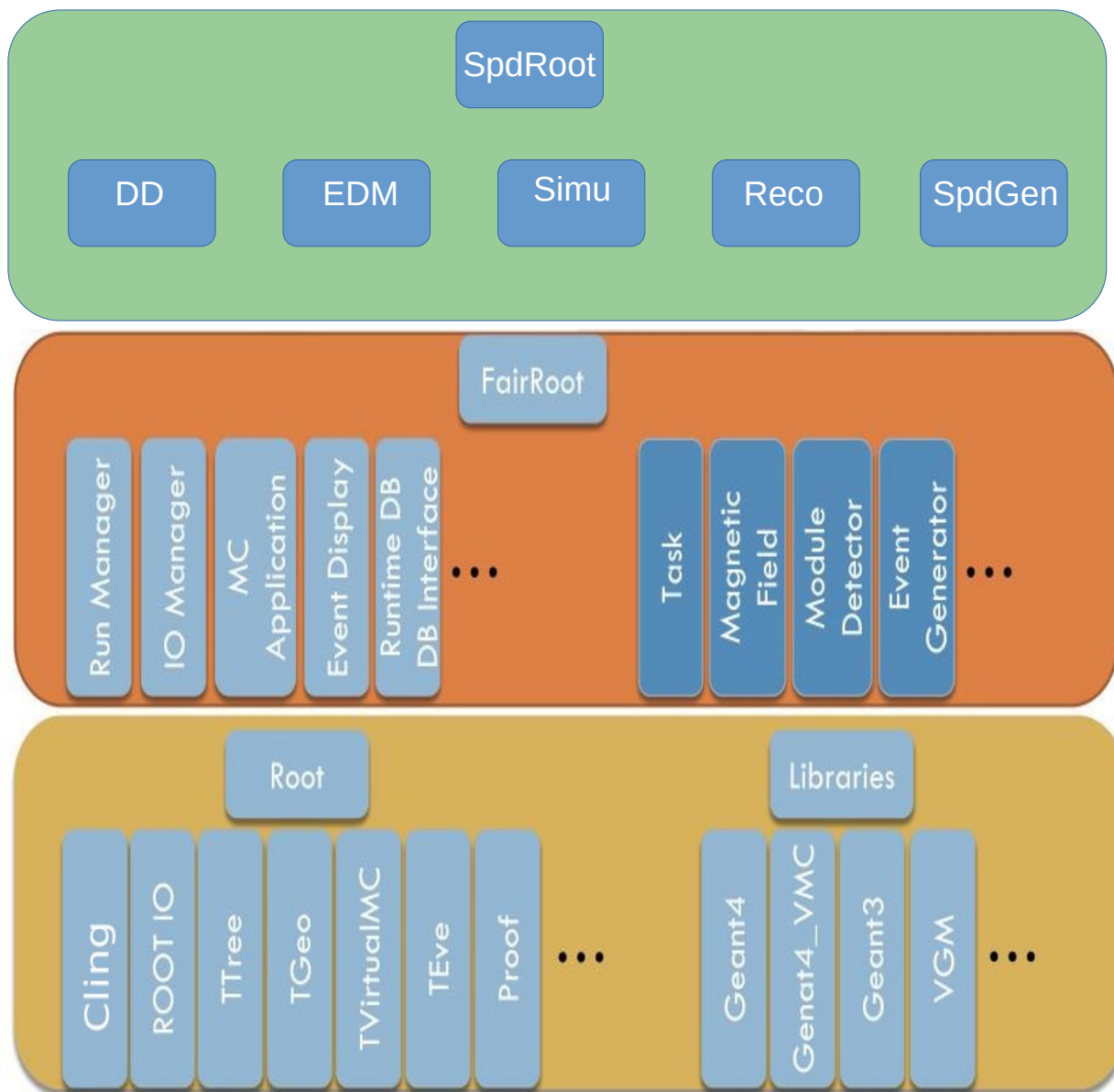
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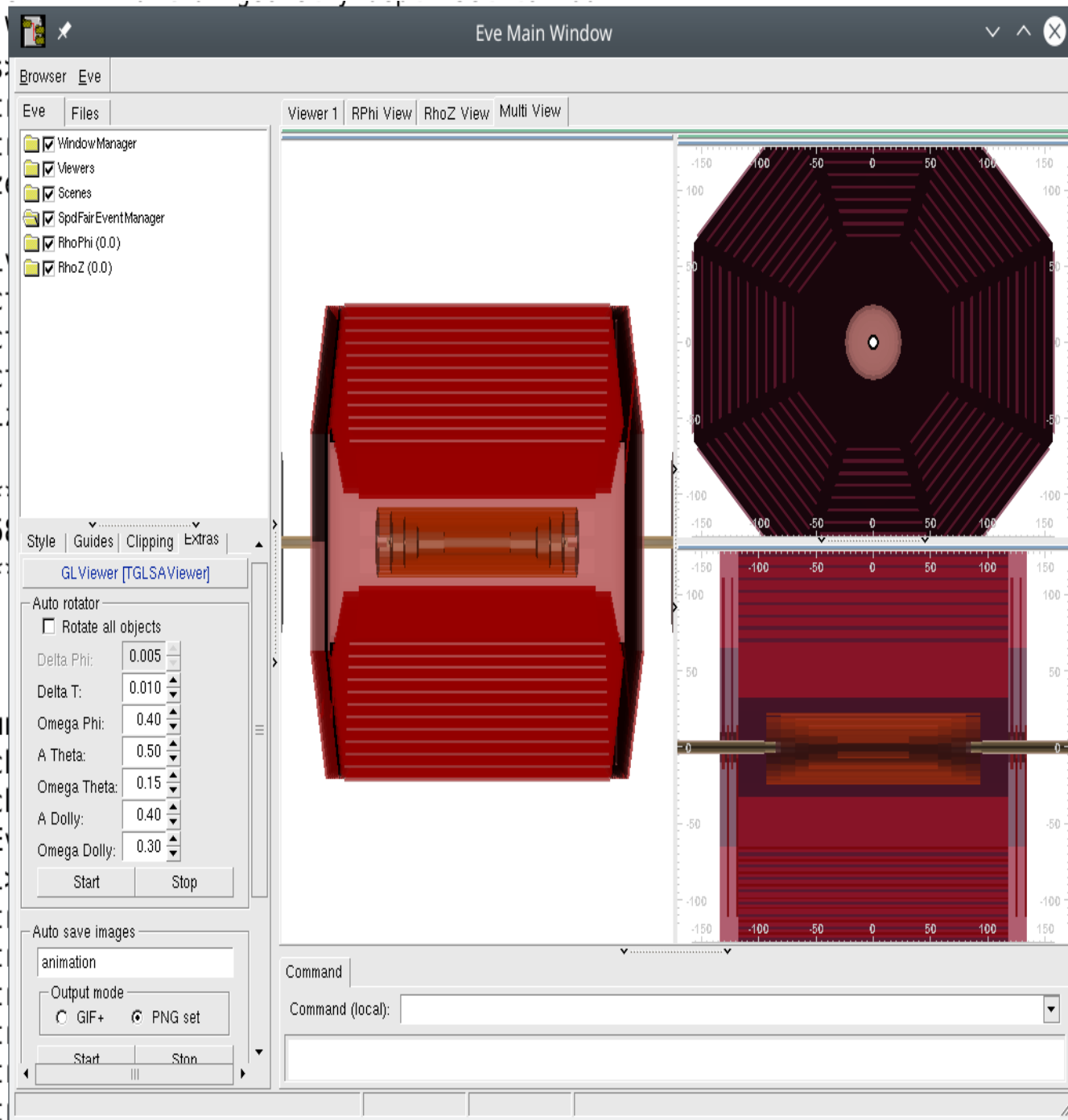
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More details in the talk of Artur Tkachenko tomorrow

Core Framework: SpdRoot

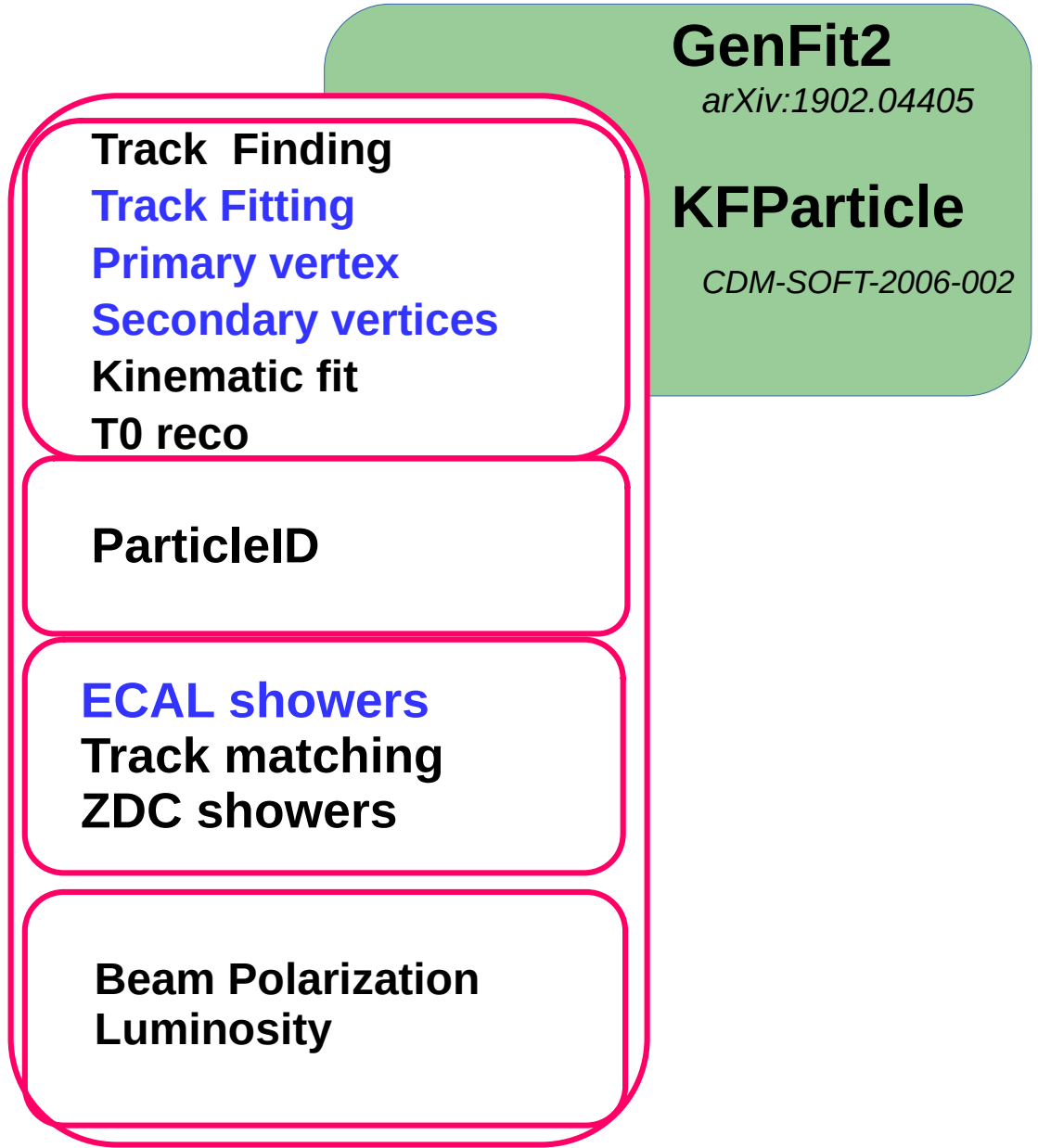
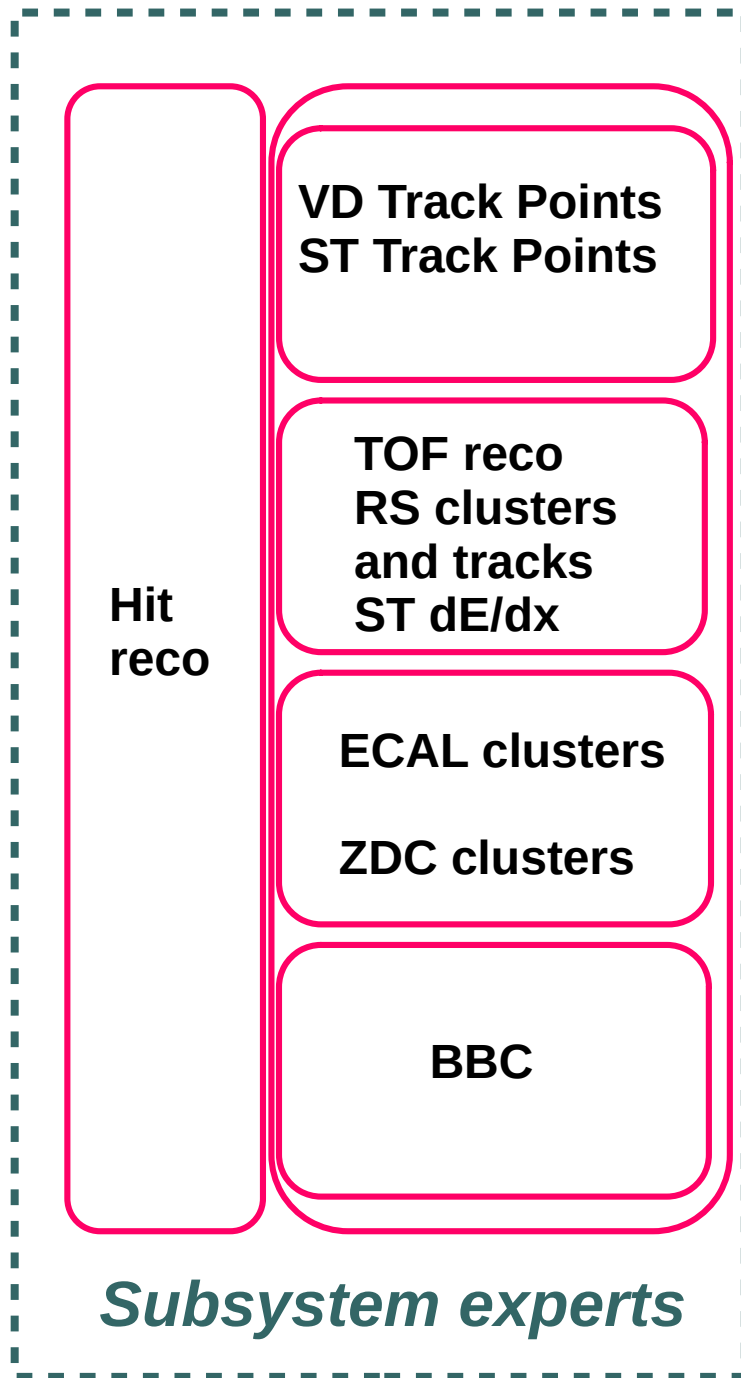




Simulation

- Virtual MC based on Geant4 backend
- Several options for the magnetic field
- Fast simulation exists for:
 - ITS, STS, ECAL, RS
 - No PID, ZDC, BBC ...
- Full simulation is not reasonable until the detector concept is fixed... **but we expect it will happen rather soon!**
- A lot of work to simulate the real detector, not an ideal one!

Reconstruction



Single-threaded at the moment!

Software & Computing R&D in scope of the TDR preparation

- ML-based event reconstruction and an Online Filter prototype
- HDF5 as a data format
- Multithreading and alternative architectures
- FairRoot vs Gaudi
- Conditions DB, Calib&Align
- Computing system prototype and a mock-up test

HDF5 as a data format

- ROOT is a good format for the current approaches to the data analysis using ROOT
- Less good for the computing system
- Less good for the Python data analysis ecosystem
- Attempts to use HDF5 in FairRoot and Gaudi/Key4HEP (via Podio) were made already

A dedicated R&D to evaluate HDF5 as an intermediate data format for the SPD is needed

Software R&D: Multithreading and alternative architectures

Goal: to improve the SPD algorithms and software to be able running at multicore machines and GPU and/or FPGA coprocessors

- Online Filter
- Simulation
- Reconstruction
- Core framework

Software R&D: FairRoot vs Gaudi

Goal: to evaluate Gaudi/Key4HEP as an SPD software framework

Basic functionality of these frameworks is very similar, but ...

	Gaudi/Key4HEP	FairRoot
Multithreading and alternative architectures	++	+
Support	+++ (HSF, ATLAS, LHCb, FCC)	+ (FAIR, NICA, ALICE?)
Use in real experiments	+++ (ATLAS, BESIII, LHCb)	+ (HADES, BM@N)

Software R&D: Conditions DB, Calib&Align

Goal: to develop a solution to handle geometry, conditions and calibration data

- The Database (10 PB/year ~ $O(100000)$ running jobs)
- Geometry description
- Alignment
- Run info and conditions
- Calibration procedure and constants
- Integration to the computing system

Software R&D: Computing system prototype and a mock-up test

Goal: to demonstrate that the computing system is capable to handle the SPD data rate

- Information system
- Data management
- Task management
- Working prototype and a mock-up test of O(1 PB) scale (like a simulation of 1E9 events)
- Samara University's cluster "Sergey Korolev" is interested to join

Summary

- Preparation of the SPD experiment is making a good progress.
- The SPD detector is a medium scale setup in size, but a large scale one in data rate. That poses a significant challenge both to the computing system and the offline software.
- An efficient online filter and a distributed computing system are the two keys to the success of the SPD data processing.
- The main goal of the software project in 2021: TDR preparation
 - Software and computing infrastructure for simulation and reconstruction for physics studies
 - (Extremely interesting) R&D for the chapter 'Computing and Offline Software' for the TDR

You are welcome to join any of (or all) these activities!