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We expect to contribute mainly to the investigations in the quark gluon plasma phenomenology and software development and computing for MPD experiment. In more details:

* search for the signatures of the phase transition in heavy ion collisions
* improvement of the algorithms used for the Monte Carlo simulations and event reconstruction
* development of the testing and benchmarking system for comparison of the efficiency of various algorithm implementations
* development of quality assurance (QA) system to meet standards of HEP experiments
* code refactoring
* improvement of overall software development process, setting up and running service deck to get user feedback, adhering to standard software development model
* development of the new methods for analysis of the experimental data
* development and deployment tools for distributed and heterogeneous computing.