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Status of the Event Metadata System for the BM@N experiment



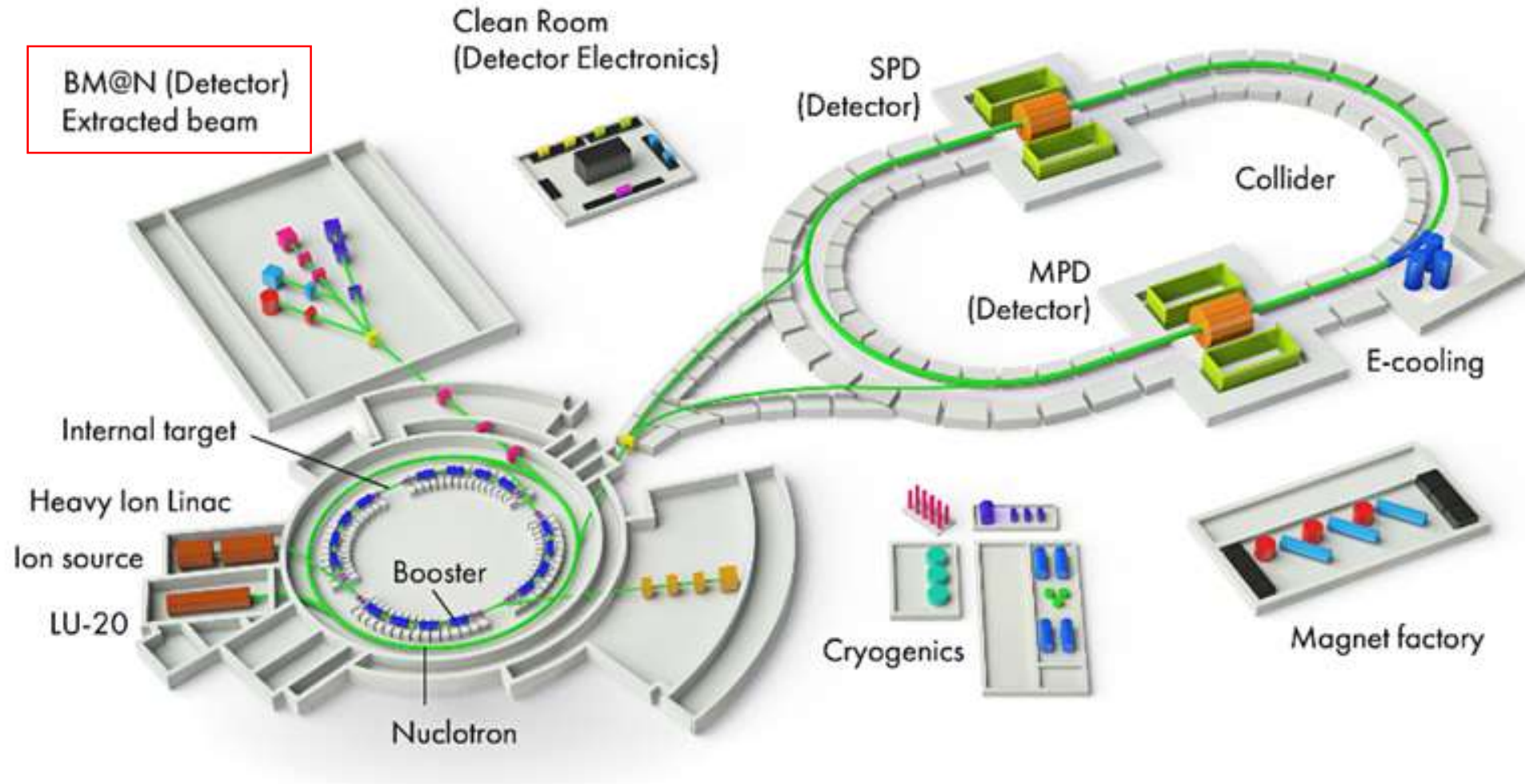
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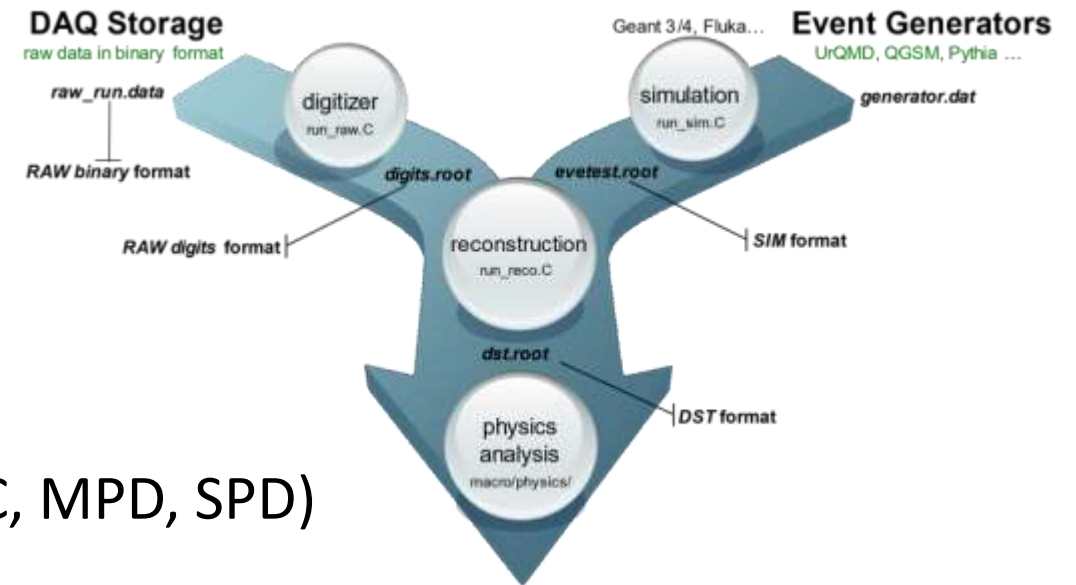
- BM@N (NICA)
- EMS for NICA
 - Architecture
 - Database as the Event Catalogue
 - REST API and Web interface
 - Monitoring
- EMS for NICA. Current status (an update)
 - Database indexing
 - High availability
 - Collection and display of statistics
 - Automated deployment
 - Integration with KeyCloak-based authorization system
- EMS for NICA. Planning

NICA – Nuclotron based Ion Collider Facility

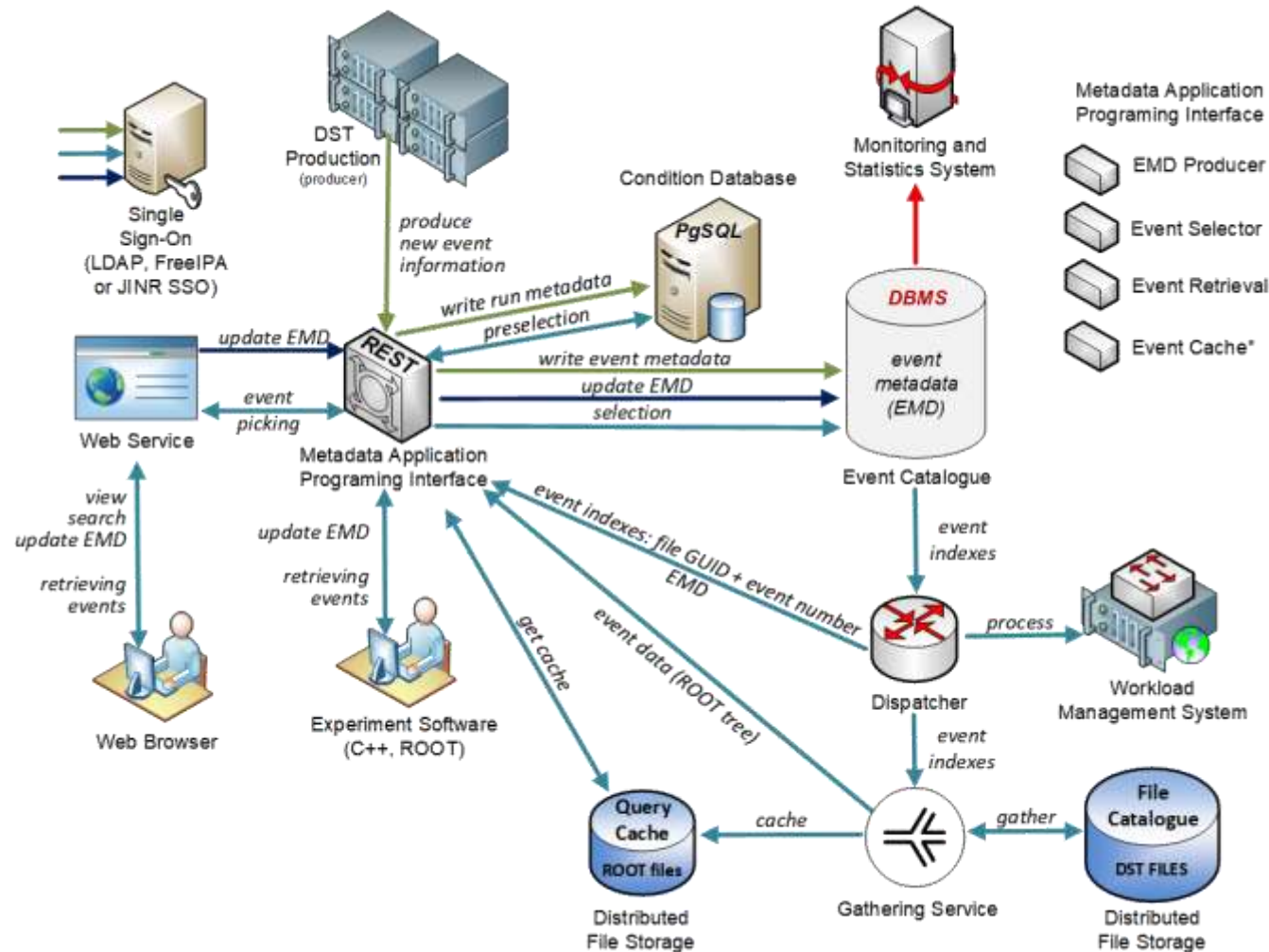


EMS (Event Metadata System) for NICA


- Indexing of all reconstructed events stored in DST ROOT files
- Storing necessary event metadata, such as:
 - Number of primary and all reconstructed tracks
 - Track number of +/- charged particles
 - Primary and secondary particles found
 - Number of hits by detectors
 - Software version
 - and etc.
- Flexibly tune per experiment (BM@N, BM@N SRC, MPD, SPD)
- Convenient access to the metadata (several APIs)
- Search for a required set of events
- Provide statistics and check the quality of the catalogue of physics events



EMS for NICA. Architecture

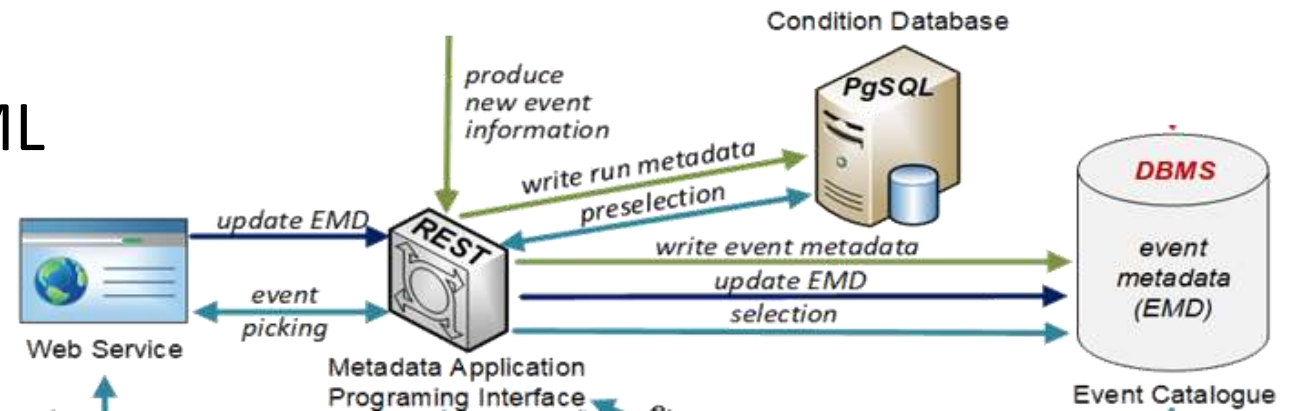


EMS for NICA. REST API and Web Interface

- Using Kotlin programming language
 - JVM runtime
 - ktor framework for Web UI and API
 - JDBC for database connectivity
 - Jackson for (de-)serialization
 - Kotlinx.html
- Packed in Docker 
- Configuration file provided in YAML
- Auto provisioning

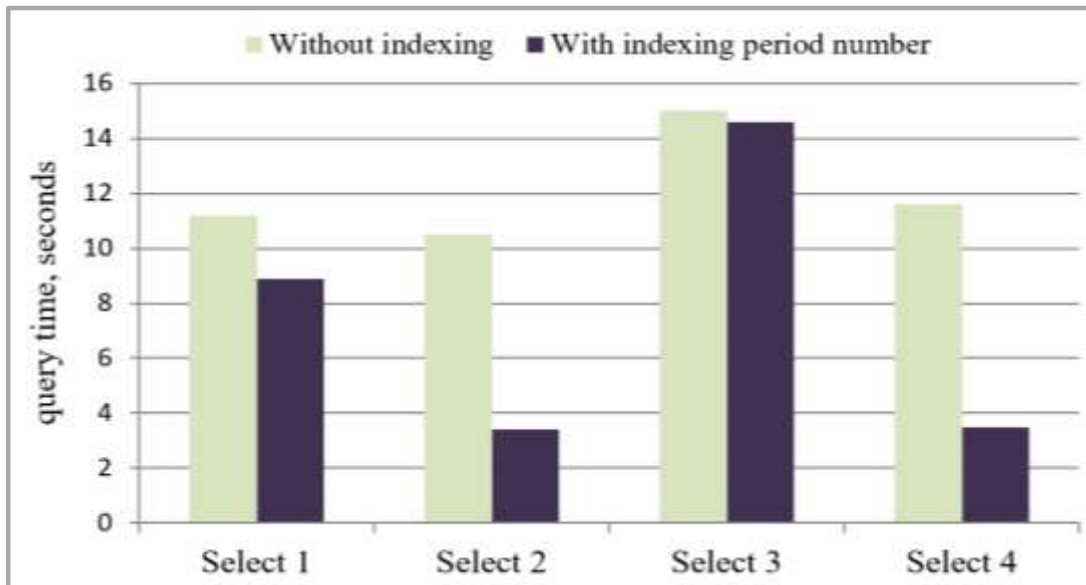
 **Kotlin**

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EMS for NICA. Database as the Event Catalogue

- DBMS choice – PostgreSQL  (the best result in NFT (**Non-Functional Testing**))



HW Config 2:

- Intel Core i9-10900F 2.80GHz (20 CPU cores),
- 64 GB RAM,
- 1TB NVMe SSD disk,
- CentOS Linux 8.2,
- PostgreSQL 12.5

<- Example test result for 500M events

SELECT 1: *PERIOD_NUMBER=6 AND SOFTWARE_ID=0 AND PRIMARY_TRACKS > 5;*

SELECT 2: *PERIOD_NUMBER=6 AND SOFTWARE_ID=2 AND PRIMARY_VERTEX = FALSE AND DETECTOR_HIT[BITS:0-5];*

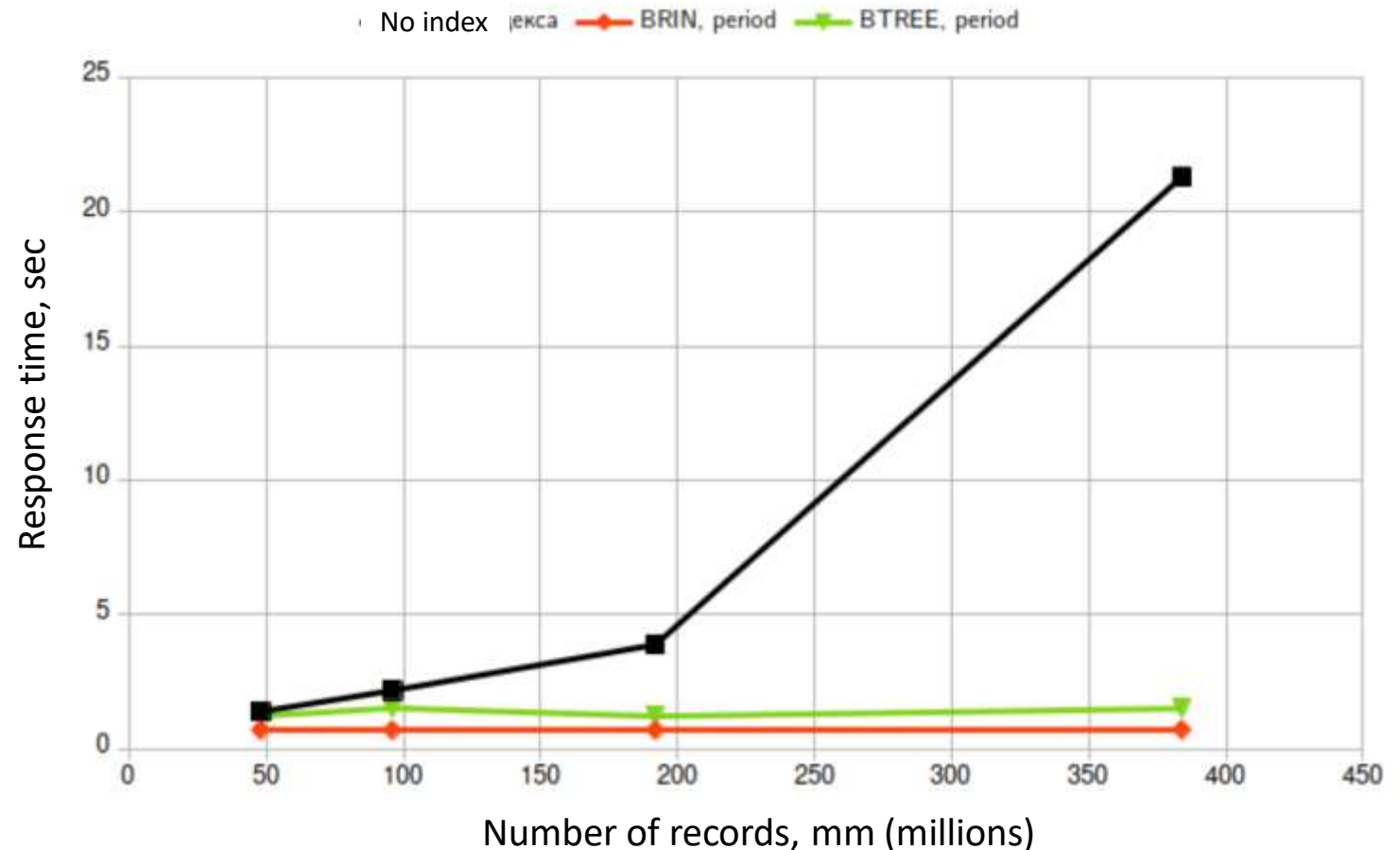
SELECT 3: *PERIOD_NUMBER=5 AND RUN_NUMBER > 100 AND PRIMARY_VERTEX = TRUE AND PARTICLES[BITS:5-9] > 4;*

SELECT 4: *PERIOD_NUMBER=4 AND SOFTWARE_ID=1 AND PRIMARY_TRACKS>6 AND ALL_TRACKS>40 AND PARTICLES[BITS:10-14].*

EMS for NICA. Current status (an update)

EMS for NICA. PostgreSQL Indexing

- Indexing methods such as:
 - **BRIN (Block Range Index)** –
 - the most effective
 - BTREE (B-Tree) –
 - the best target result
 - ineffective
 - too heavy
- Indexing based on **BRIN implemented** for columns:
 - period_number,
 - run_number,
 - software_id.



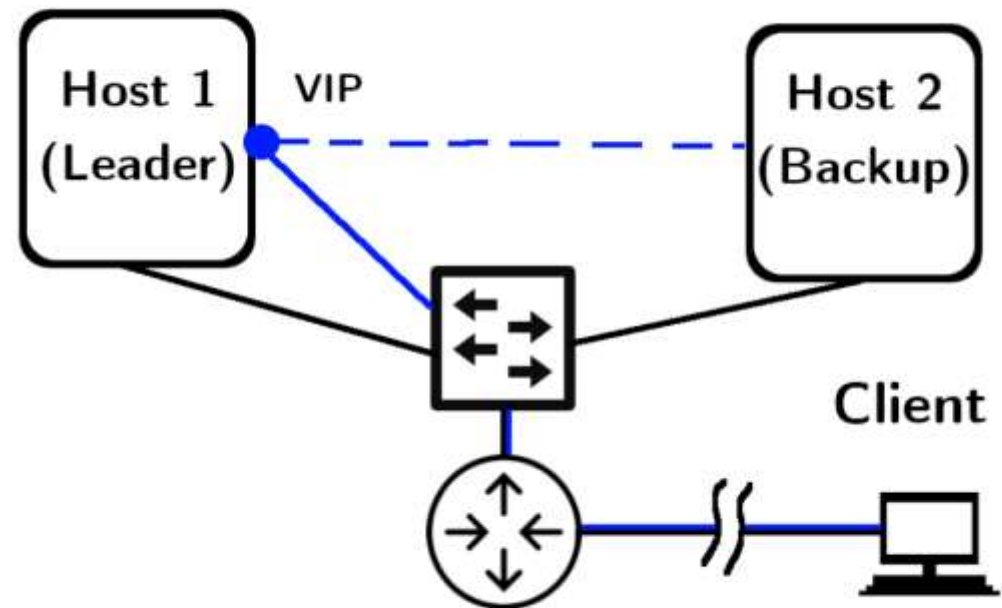
EMS for NICA. High Availability

- Implemented Master-Slave (RFC 2136) technology for all parts of EMS: DB, API, keepalive

- Replication parameter = 2

- Advantages:

- Robust fault-tolerance (!)
 - Low downtime
 - Improved consistency
 - Data replication (safety)



EMS for NICA. Statistics Collection and Display

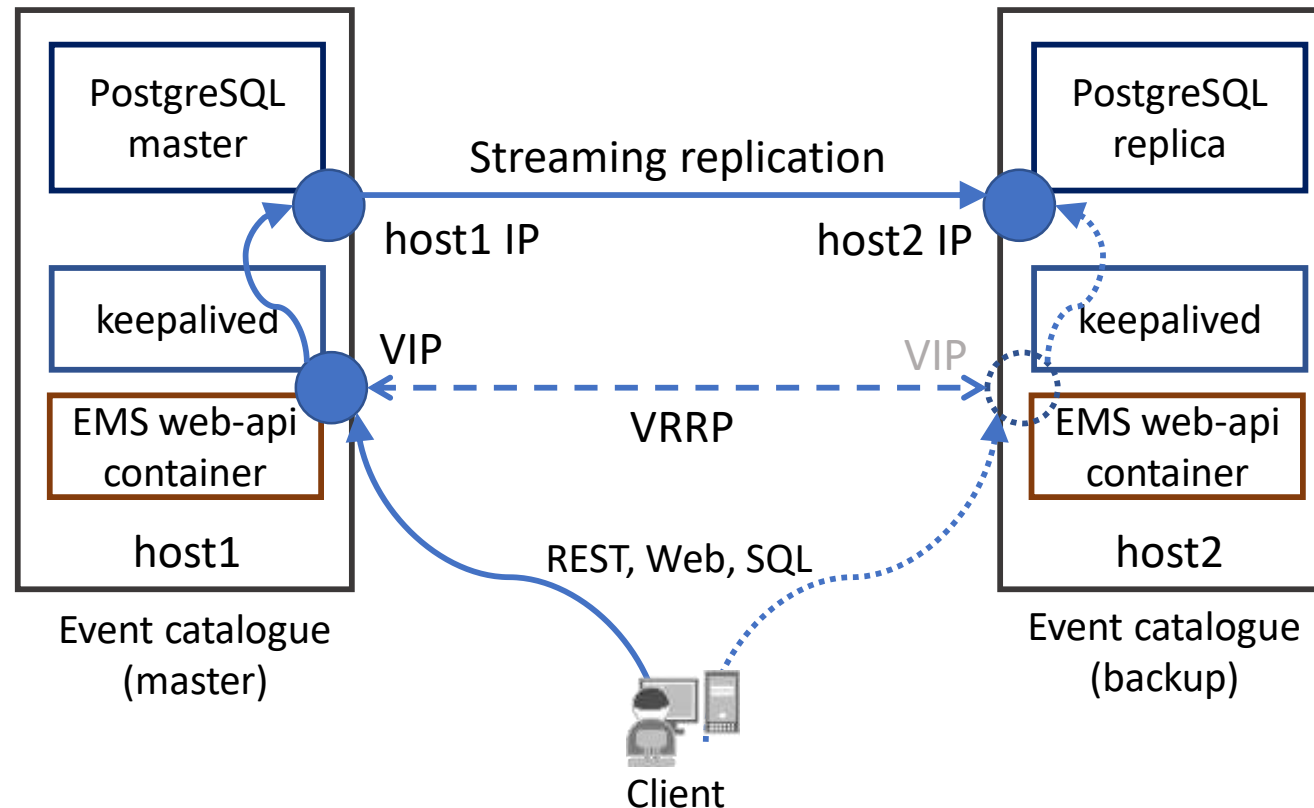
- Statistics is saved to the database and displayed in the Web interface
- Script run is scheduled periodically



EMS for NICA. Automated Deployment

- After running Ansible playbooks supports:
 - One-node deploy
 - Double-node deploy (on picture)

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EMS for NICA. Integration with KeyCloak-based authorization system

- Authentication and authorization in EMS
 - FreeIPA / LDAP support has been dropped
 - KeyCloak token-based authentication and authorization is now supported
 - Database-based authentication is supported as before

```
keycloak_auth:  
  server_url: "https://bmn-user.jinr.ru"  
  realm: "BMN"  
  client_id: "emd_api"  
  client_secret: "*****"  
  writer_group_name: "bmneventwriter"  
  admin_group_name: "bmneventadmin"  
  
# database_auth: True
```

EMS for NICA. Planning



EMS for NICA. Plans

- Integration with the VisionForge system
- Control the EMS by the Monitoring Service (Telegraf – InfluxDB - Grafana)



Thank you for your attention!

Abstract

Event indexing, or event metadata systems (EMS) are common for particle physics experiments. Their main goal is to keep a searchable catalogue of experimental events from which a subset of data can be extracted based on given filtering criteria. The BM@N experiment's EMS has been designed, developed and deployed previously and is now being improved to increase its performance, convenience for users, as well as fault tolerance. In this talk, the architecture of the current version of the BM@N EMS is reviewed and some recent improvements that have been applied are discussed.