

# CHIMERA



AN OFFLINE PROGRAM  
FOR DATA RECONSTRUCTION  
OF SABRE POP AND FSE

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# What are we talking about?

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- **SaberDAQ program saves a rawdata file composed of:**
  - a run header with coded config info.
  - plain stream of digitizers: a list of 12 bit signal sample.
- **SaberDAQ status:**
  - Suerfu is restructuring the code.
  - We are debugging the run header and the buffer reading.
- **An offline reconstruction is needed to:**
  - read rawdata file(s) and decode information.
  - read from database calibration parameters (pedestals, gains, time offsets, ...) and applies all necessary corrections.
  - extract physics events from waveforms.
    - ✦ Flags noise pulses.
  - Computes (anti-)coincidences among channels and sub-detectors.
  - Computes parameters for analysis:
    - ✦ pulse shape
    - ✦ asymmetry
  - Computes the event energy estimators.

} We're in good shape

# Requirements for reconstruction code

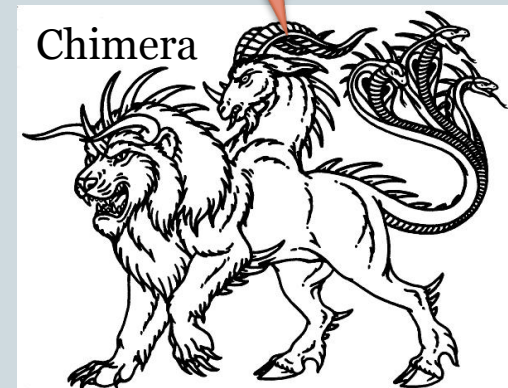
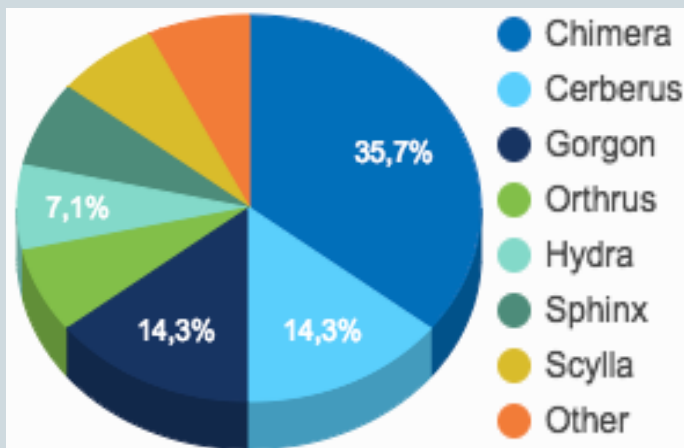
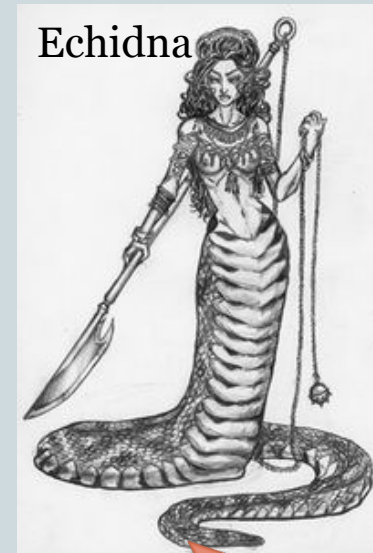
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- Modular design
- Allow concurrent algorithms
- Data encapsulation (easy debug)
- User friendly and developer's friendly
  - Documented
- DB interface provided
- User interface provided (I/O: config and messages)
- Eventually serve as online monitor

# The genesisys

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- We started in July 2017 from the empty framework of Echidna
  - (Borexino reconstruction code. Framework by A. Razeto, D. D'Angelo)
- Echidna in greek mythology is the mother of all monsters
- We hold a poll to decide the name, among Echidna's offspring:
  - 14 people voted
  - most voted monster: Chimera (5 votes)



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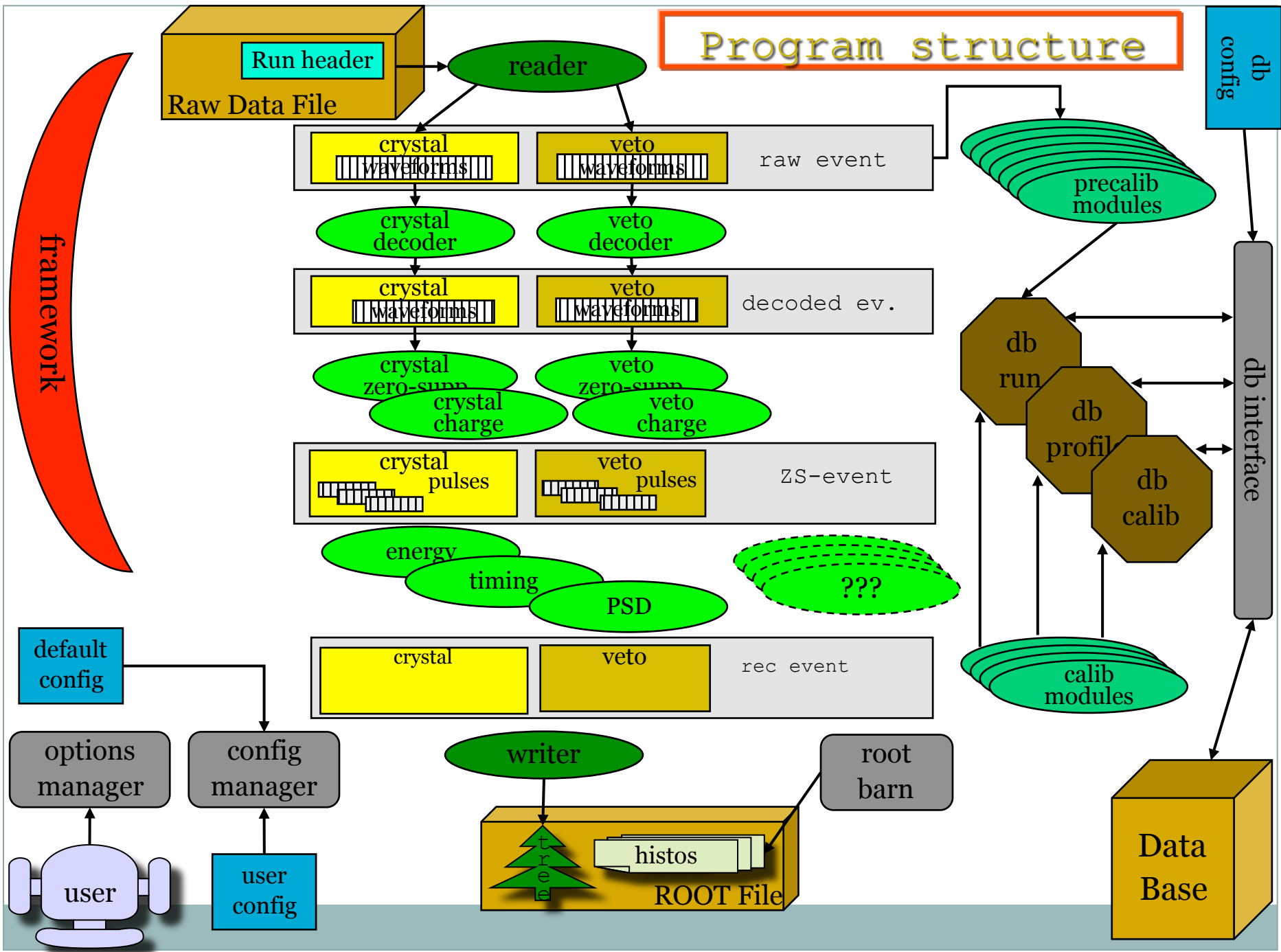
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- Is this too scary?
- But Echidna is also a cute anteater
  - common in Australia!
- Perhaps we can use a more friendly icon...

Echidna



Chimera



# Chimera key features

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- Object-oriented (C++)
  - Modular design
    - Allow concurrency of key algorithms
  - Data encapsulation
    - every module can write only a dedicated part of the event.
    - debugging a module is independent from others and from framework.
  - User friendly and developer's friendly
  - User interface provided
    - Input: config parameters -> customize your module's behavior without recompiling.
      - ✦ Multi-layer: default file, user file, command line
    - Output: screen messages and log file.
      - ✦ Multi-level: log -> critic with exception handling
  - ROOT-based.
    - Tested with ROOT 5.34 and 6.02.
  - Output file containing
    - ✦ ROOT tree. Event reflects detector sub-structure and reconstruction stages.
    - ✦ ROOT barn (histograms)
  - Scalable: with different configuration can process data from: PoP and FSE (North and South).
- To be done:*
- Documentation
    - User's guide
    - Developer's guide
  - DB interface
  - All physics modules
  - Precalibration (run based) and calibration (periodic) modules
  - Also run as online monitor?

*The fun starts now!* ←

# Embryo version working

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The image shows a ROOT Object Browser window with a file tree on the left and two plots on the right. The file tree shows a path from 'ROOT Files' to 'chimera\_out.root' to 'sbrtree' to 'events' to 'crystal'. A red arrow points to 'crystal' and a blue arrow points to 'veto'. The top plot is a histogram of 'events.c' with a y-axis from 0 to 700  $\times 10^3$ . The bottom plot is a waveform plot of 'sample waveform' with a y-axis 'ADC word (12 bit)' from 3400 to 4000 and an x-axis 'n\_sample (4ns)' from 0 to 450.



# How to proceed

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A large group of people from every institution contributes to the physics modules:

- Decoders (crystal, veto)
  - from ADC samples to mV and time.
- Baseliner
  - baseline computation and subtraction
- Zero-suppression
  - from waveforms to pulses
- Energy estimators
- Timing (crystal, veto and relative)
- Pulse shape
- Precalibration tasks:
  - channel alignment
  - pulse-height calibration
- Calibration tasks
  - TBD
- Modules to run as online monitor?

Please do not write your own program:  
implement all your algorithms in Chimera, it's super easy!

# How to write a module

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- Infrastructure makes your life easy!
  - Read “Module’s Programmer Guide”
  - Watch test\_module example.
- You only need to implement 3 methods:
  - begin(): resource allocation
  - doit(): **event-level computation**
  - end(): resource deallocation, **run-level computation**, info save.
- Event interface:
  - A pointer to event is received in doit()
  - Write only in dedicated areas.
- Database interface (to be done)
  - I/O with dedicated methods
- User interface:
  - get\_parameter(“par\_name”);
  - get\_message(level) << “I love you” << dispatch;
- ROOT histograms storage in ROOT barn.

# Choices being discussed

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- Where do we store rawdata?
- Where does Chimera execute?
  - LNGS computing cluster? (current tests)
  - CNAF?
  - dedicated machine(s)?
- Where do we store rootfiles?
- Where is the DB and which architecture?
  - LNGS can provide this service in the Computing Centre
    - ✦ but their policy is not host daq-critical services in the outside lab.
  - Foresee a future mirror?
- How do we handle backups?
- How do we handle file transfers?
  - need a dedicated fiber from the lab?
- Where do we keep the code?
  - Currently use GIT on several repositories (Princeton, Gitlab). Can we unify?
- Data mirror with Australia and/or Princeton?

# Conclusions

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- Team is forming, please join!
- An working framework exists
  - available in offline git repostory:  
<https://gitlab.com/SABRE-EXPERIMENT/Chimera>  
(ask Giulia for permissions)
  - Check it out and send feedback
- Physics modules to be written by different developers
- Urgent to finalize rawdata format
  - effort ongoing
- Coordinate with SABRE-South DAQ choices to ensure Chimera can read those data too.