Challenges in (federated) Computing in Nuclear Physics

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- Computing support often centrally organised & understaffed compared to HEP communities!











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Towards the next generation "data challenge"

- Volume, Velocity, Veracity, Variety, and Complexity!
- ~TB/s data rates, online processing, ~5x10⁵ cores
- Data stored on disk ~35 PB/year
- Distributed computing with a large user community
- Committed to "open-science" (FAIR) concept



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- Integrate computing systems in development with ongoing activities (learn by experience).



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Example success story - FairRoot

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- Generates lots of synergy between different groups at FAIR and outside FAIR
- Example case for a successful "federated" computing!

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Free-streaming online data-processing scheme

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Tackling online-data processing -

a federated approach towards a framework

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- Concurrency, merging online and offline

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- BSD sockets API
- Bindings for 30+ languages
- Lockless and Fast
- Automatic re-connection
- Multiplexed I/O

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> We contributed the RDataFrame Arrow backend to ROOT.

Joint collaboration with FAIR and GSI

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> Seamless remote communication

Transport Layer: ALFA / FairMQ¹







Towards "smarter" algorithms

Computer Vision Machine Learning Artificial Intelligence

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Computer Vision Machine Learning Artificial Intelligence

- Image filtering techniques
- Novel cluster finders
- Statistical pattern recognition
- Deep neural networks



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- (Variational) Auto Encoders
- Artificial Neural Networks
- Bayesian Model Averaging/Mixing
- Bayesian Optimisation
- Bayesian Neural Networks
- Convolutional Neural Networks
- Ensemble Methods & Boosting
- Generative Adversarial Networks
- Gaussian Processes
- k-Nearest Neighbours
- Kernel Regression
- Logistic Regression
- Long Short-Term Memory
- Principal Component Analysis
- Linear Regression

- Reinforcement Learning
- Recurrent Neural Networks
- Support Vector Machines





We have a dream! (...or a conceptual challenge)

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Statistical Learning

Contextual Adaptation

Recent beam time with HADES at FAIR Phase Zero



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THURSDAY 17-FEB-2022







Why?

- Beams at high intensities, harsh environment, increasing #sensors + holistic
- In-situ event reconstruction will rely on quality beam & calibrated sensors
- High operational costs, limited beam time, and human resources
- Remote control has become more important (pandemic)



Towards an International Network For Multiphysics Modelling, Machine learning and Modelbased Control in Accelerator Sciences and Technologies

Bringing together experts in accelerators and artificial intelligence to tackle challenges of present and future research infrastructures





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Parameter space scans Fast and reliable Data generation for models building

Smarter simulations

Fast and reliable tuning Beam time increase

Operation and control

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Teaching, energy, society applications, ...

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Challenges in *federated* computing?

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• Federation is in the genes of nuclear physicists (or researchers in general!)

- "Federated computing" in the context of the "FAIR" principle (interoperability)?
 Do not make it a goal in itself, keep in mind the objective.
- Formulate the "**figure-of-merit**", e.g. what are we optimising precisely, what is "useful" and for whom? What is the price tag (financial sustainability?).
- Do not limit yourself to the European context: researchers are working internationally (shouldn't it be open science?).
- It will only work if the research community sees the value of "federated computing". **Put the researcher and its research objectives central**!

Challenges in (federated) computing in NP - five concluding propositions

- Computing in NP is **challenged** by the **complexity** in its future data processing, operation, and handling, preserving precision in a **large "dynamic range"**.
- The **large diversity and standards** within NP communities adds another degree of **complexity**.
- ML/AI has an enormous potential on various computational fronts. ML/AI as a "game changer" in data processing and experiment operation.
- The basis of successful **federative computing** is commonly **agreed** (interface) **standards**.
- Federated computing valuable if the research interest is central within an international focus.

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