GPU integration in the Atlas framework

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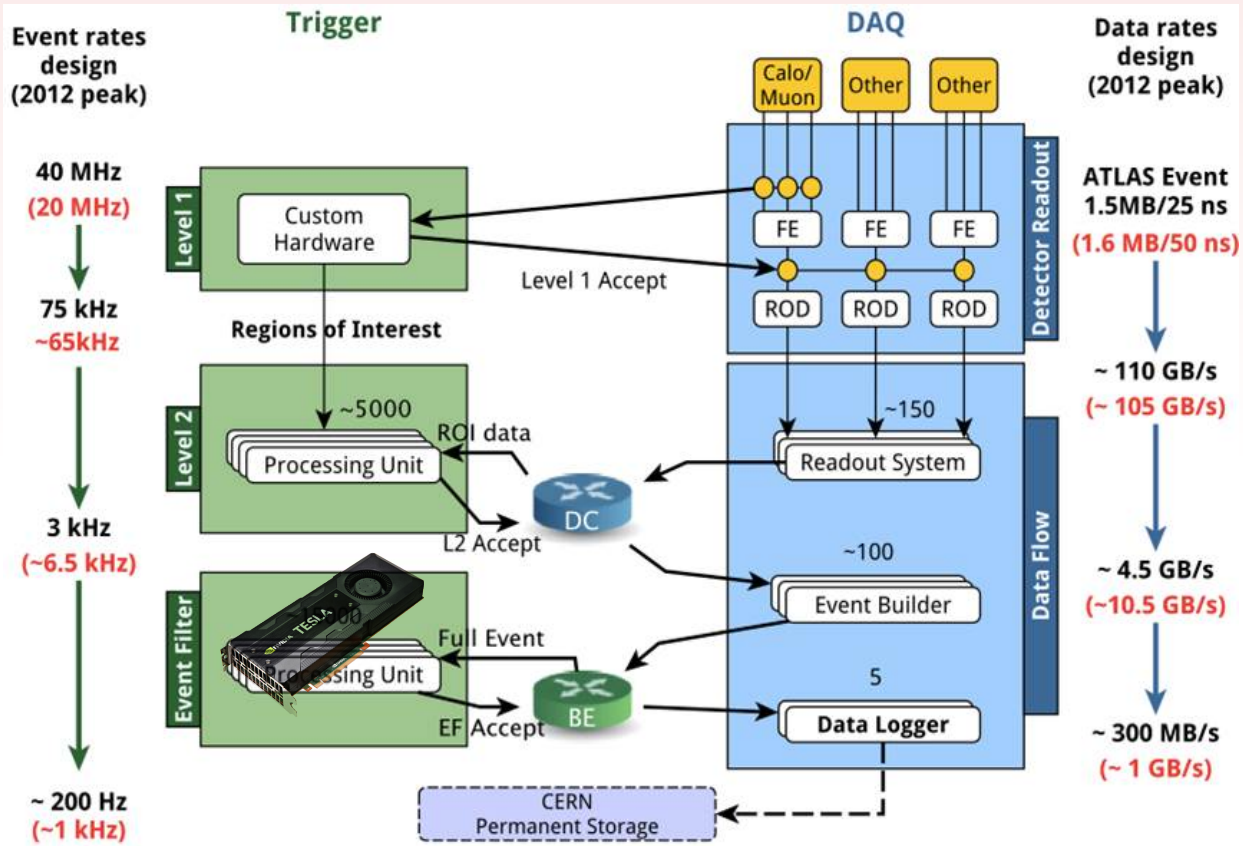
Atlas High Level Trigger



- Atlas has implemented a three stage Trigger and DAQ system
- Run II data taking conditions will be demanding for the data processing:
  - Considering new technologies to include after the upgrade
  - GPUs are good candidates to be exploited in L2/EF trigger reconstruction

Atlas is interested in this R&D activity:

- Possibility to join a proposal for GPU application in Phase 2 Atlas High Level Trigger

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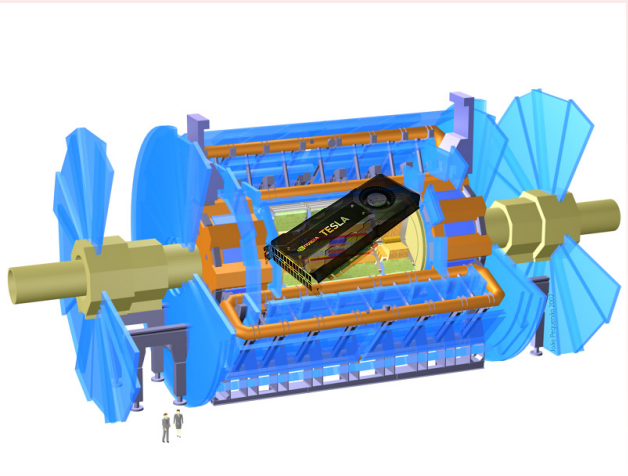

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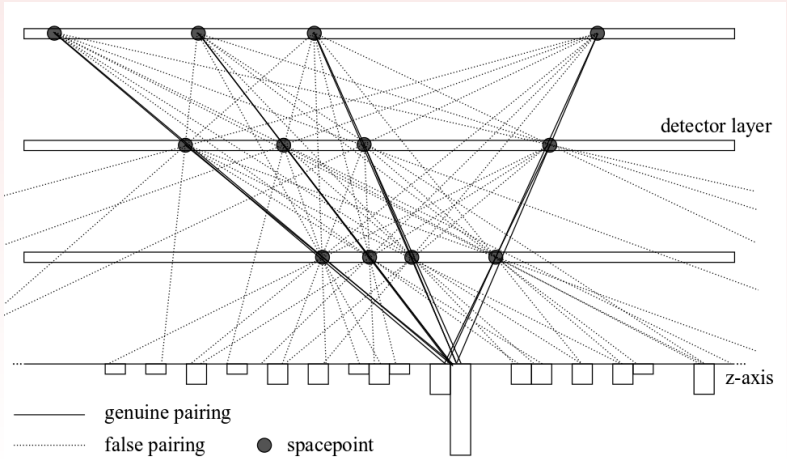

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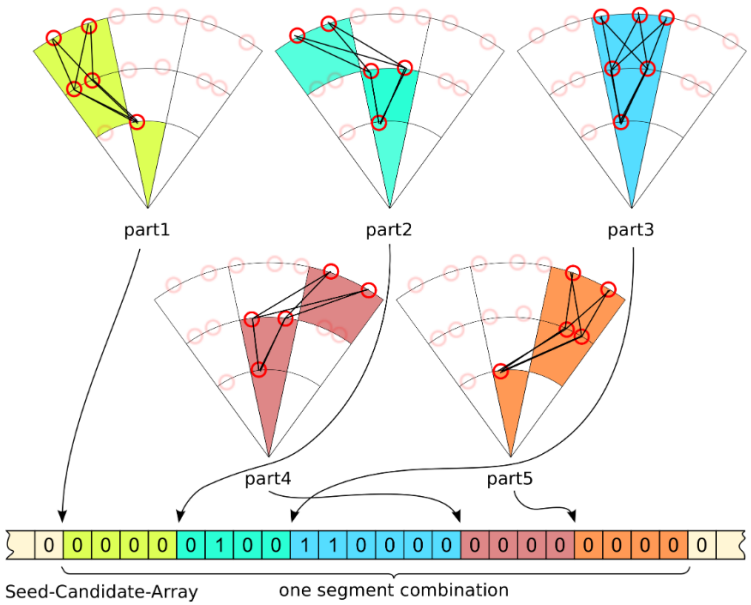

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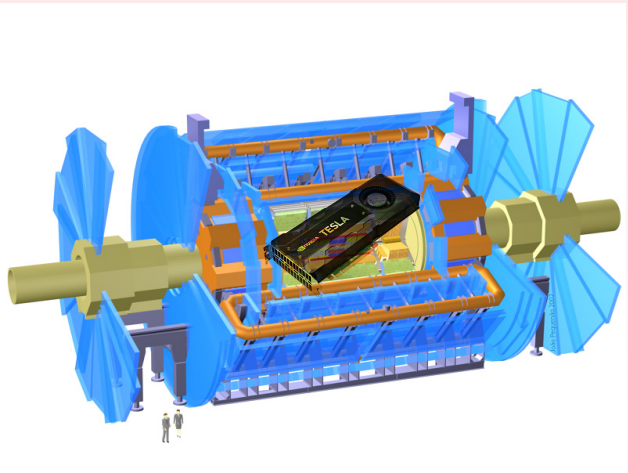

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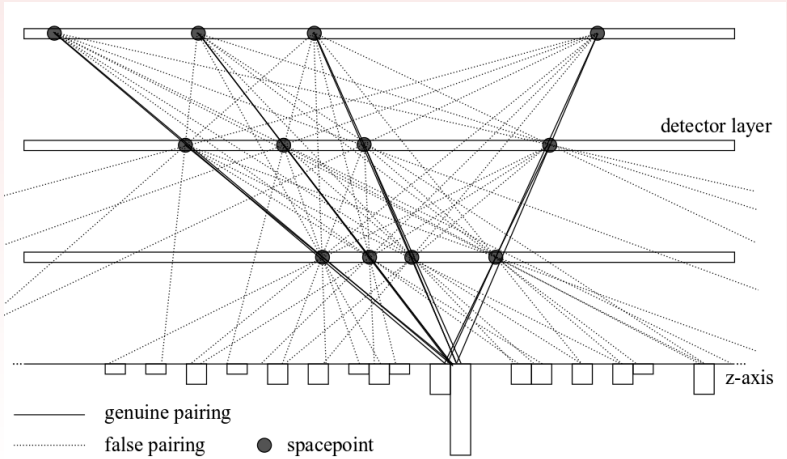

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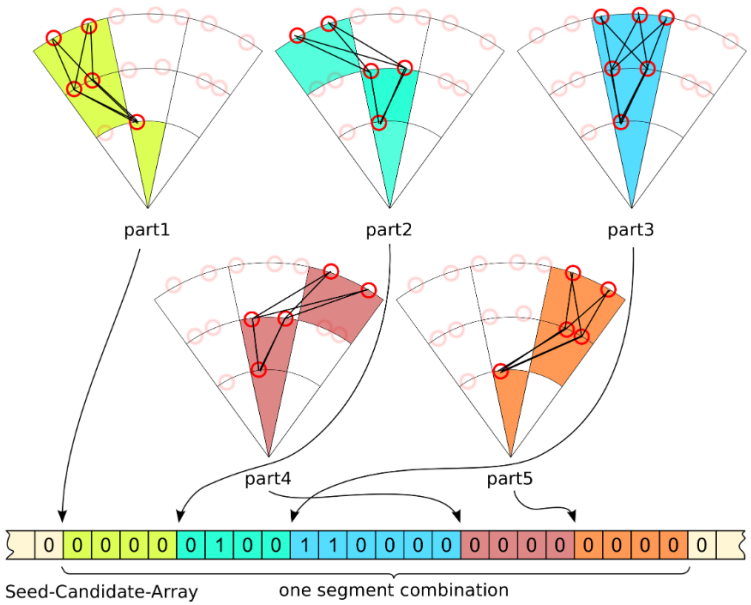

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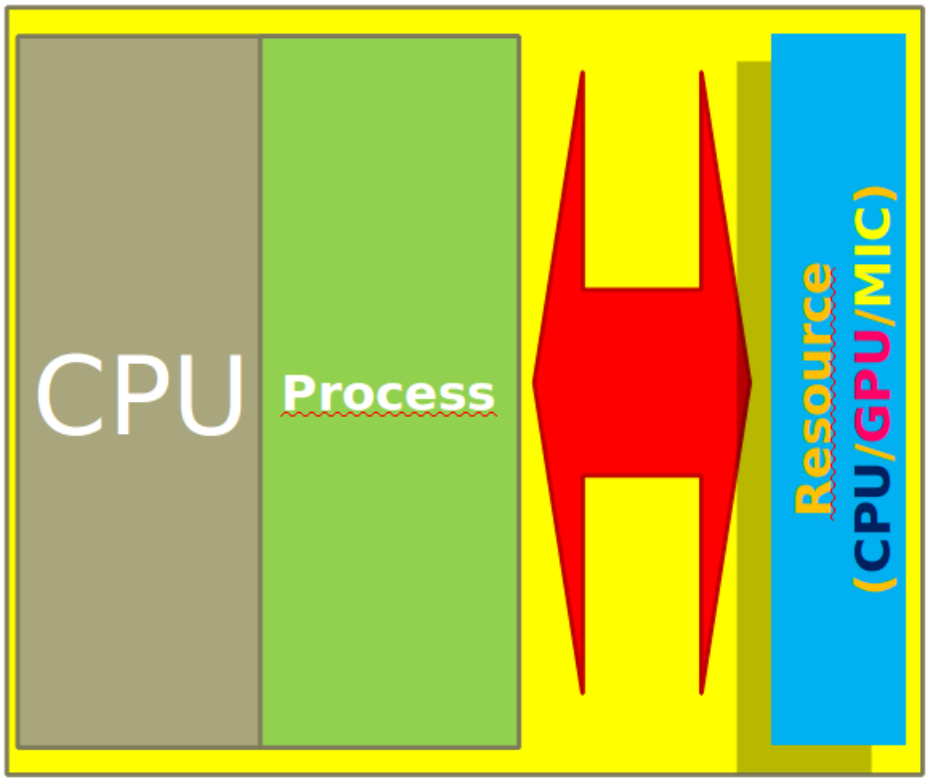

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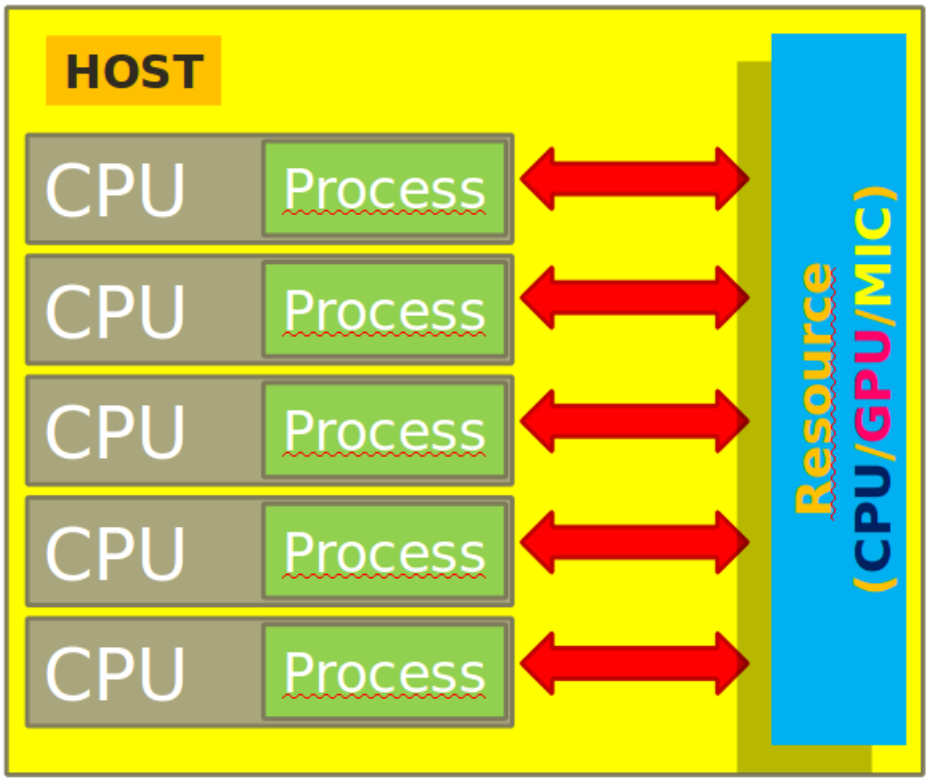

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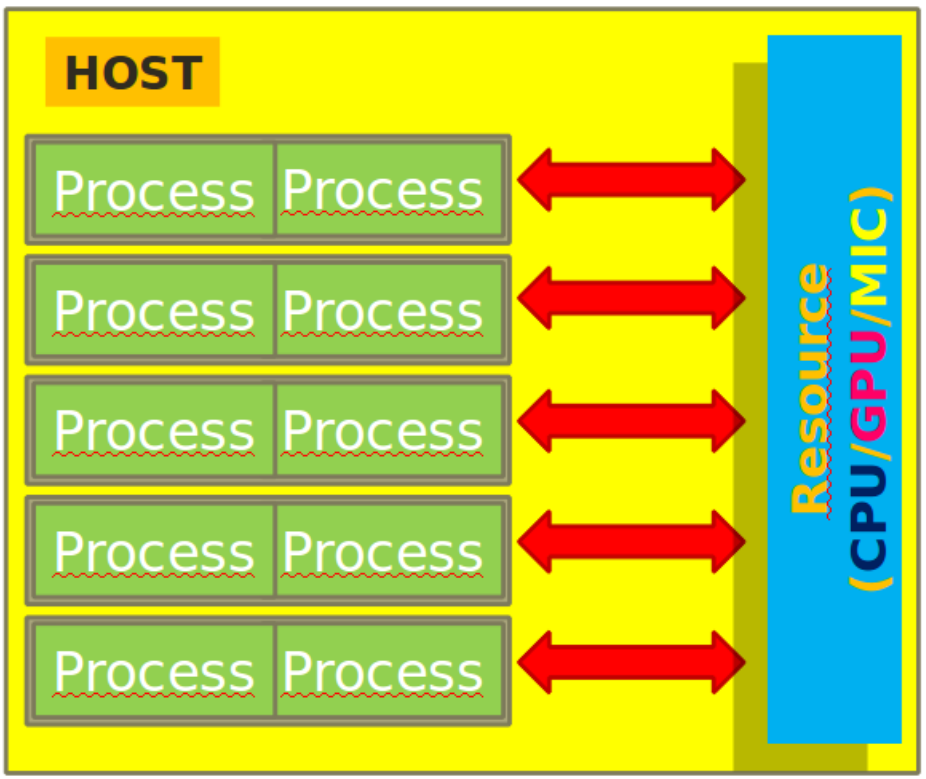

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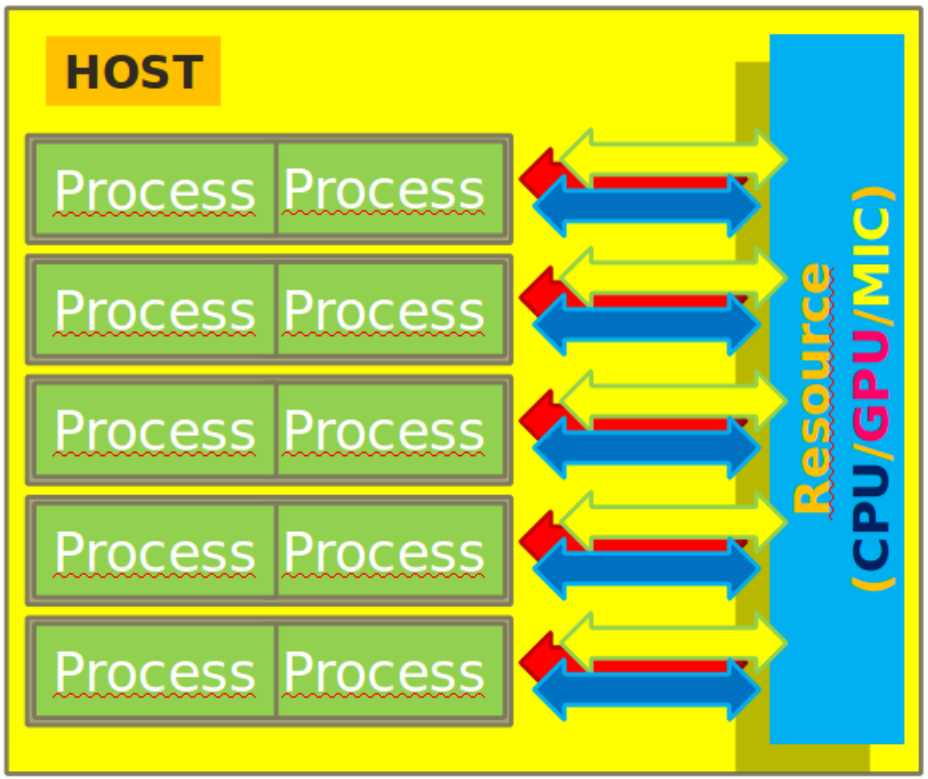

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  - Resources have their own code, pattern, algorithms

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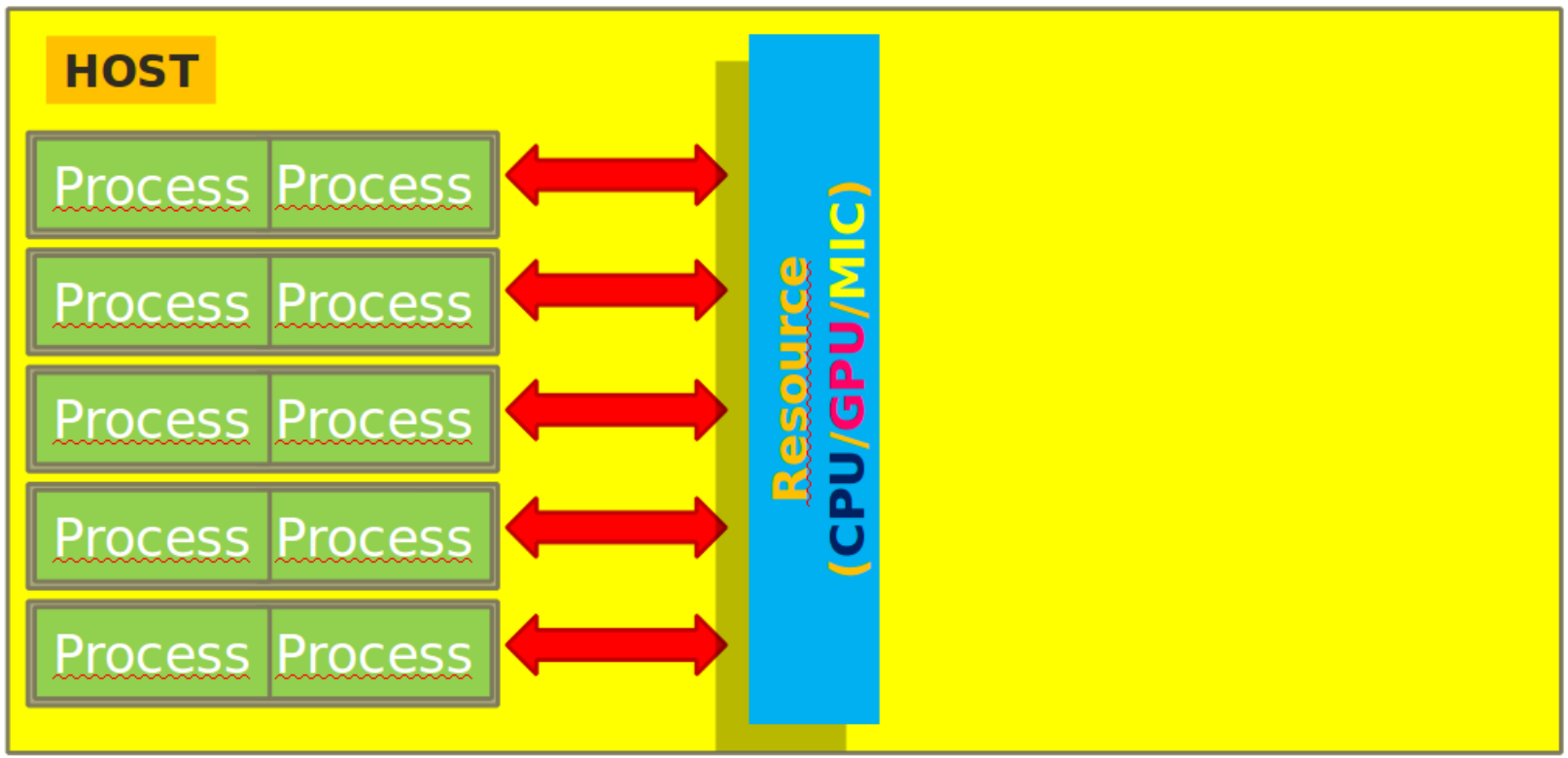

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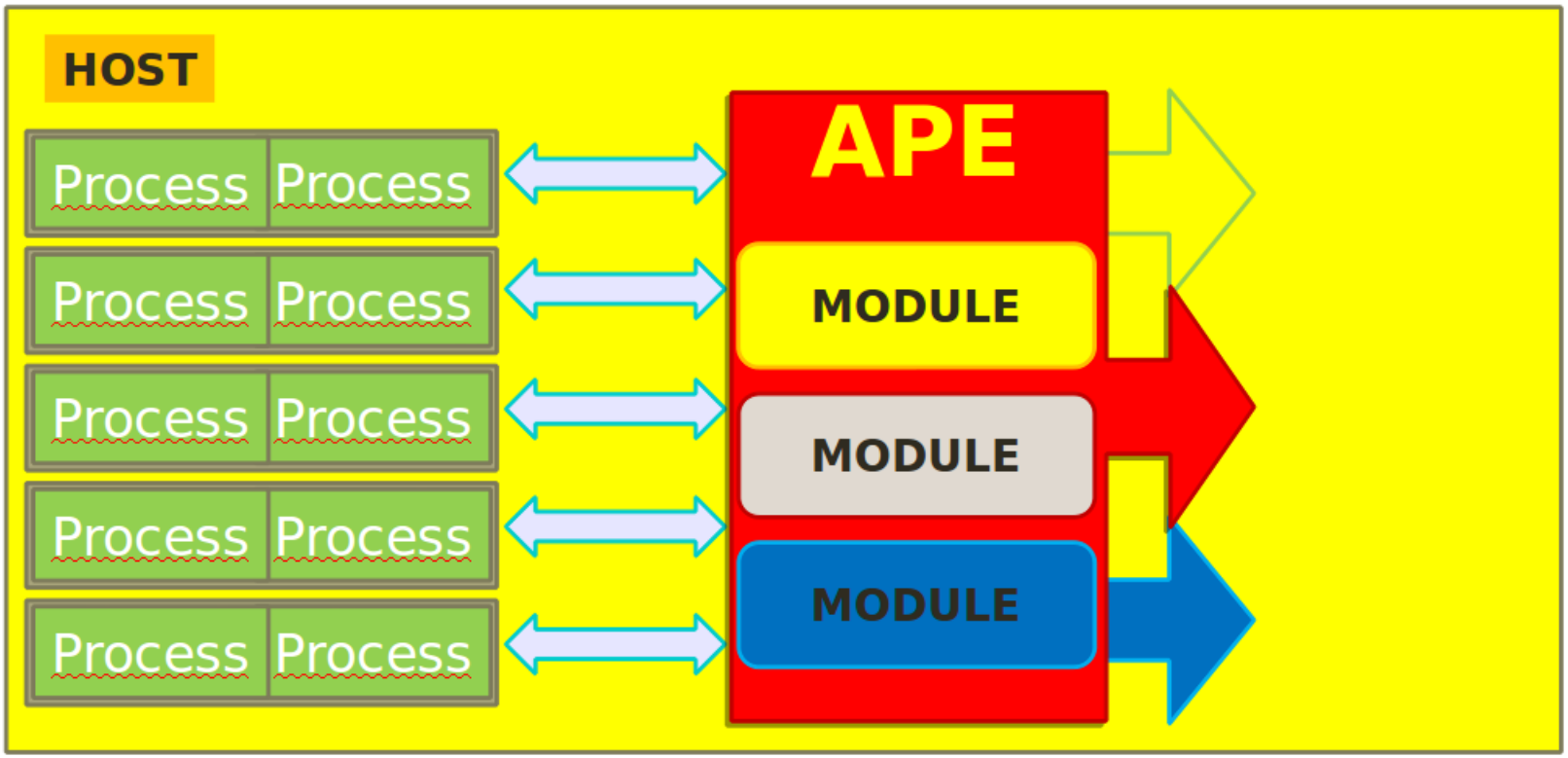

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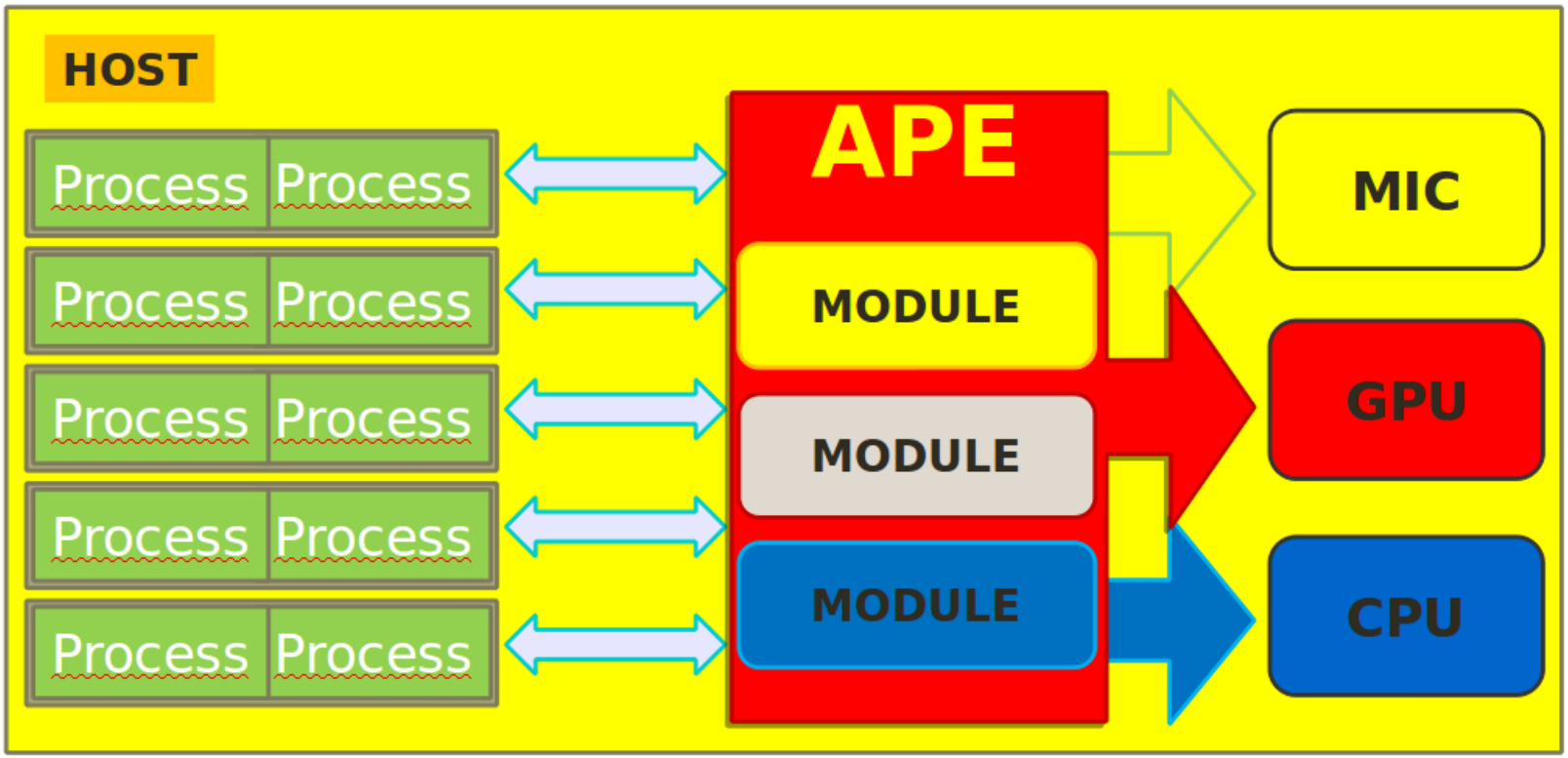

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  - Flexible and compatible with different kind of computational devices.

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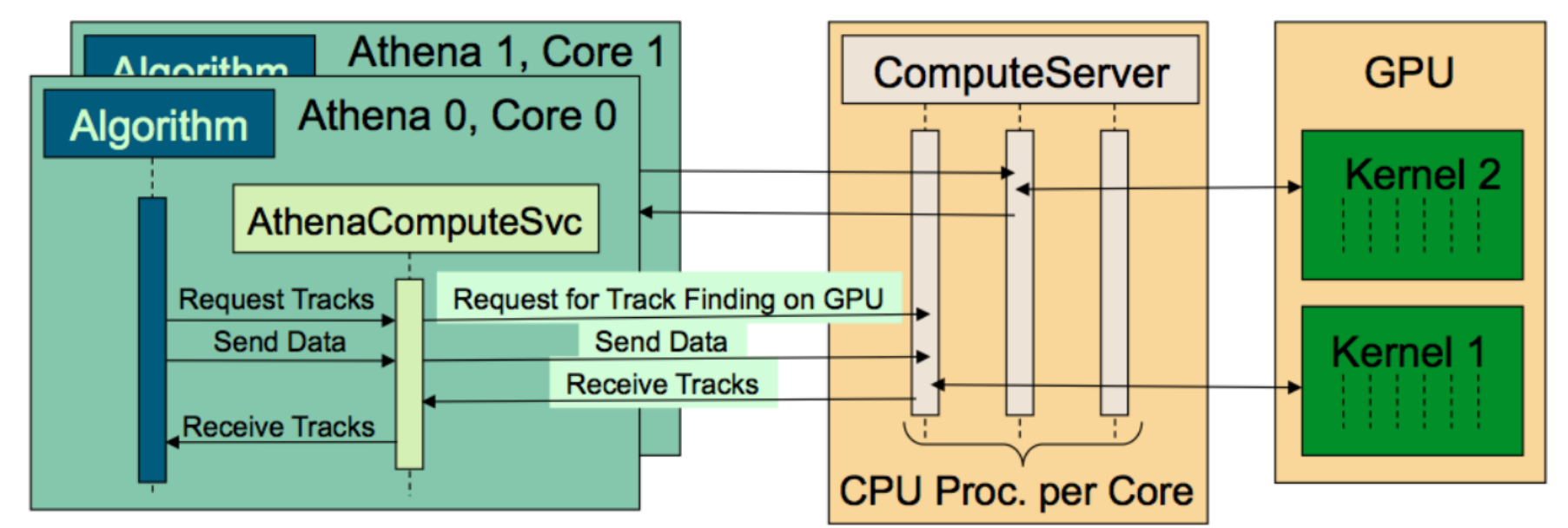
Framework Architecture Implementation

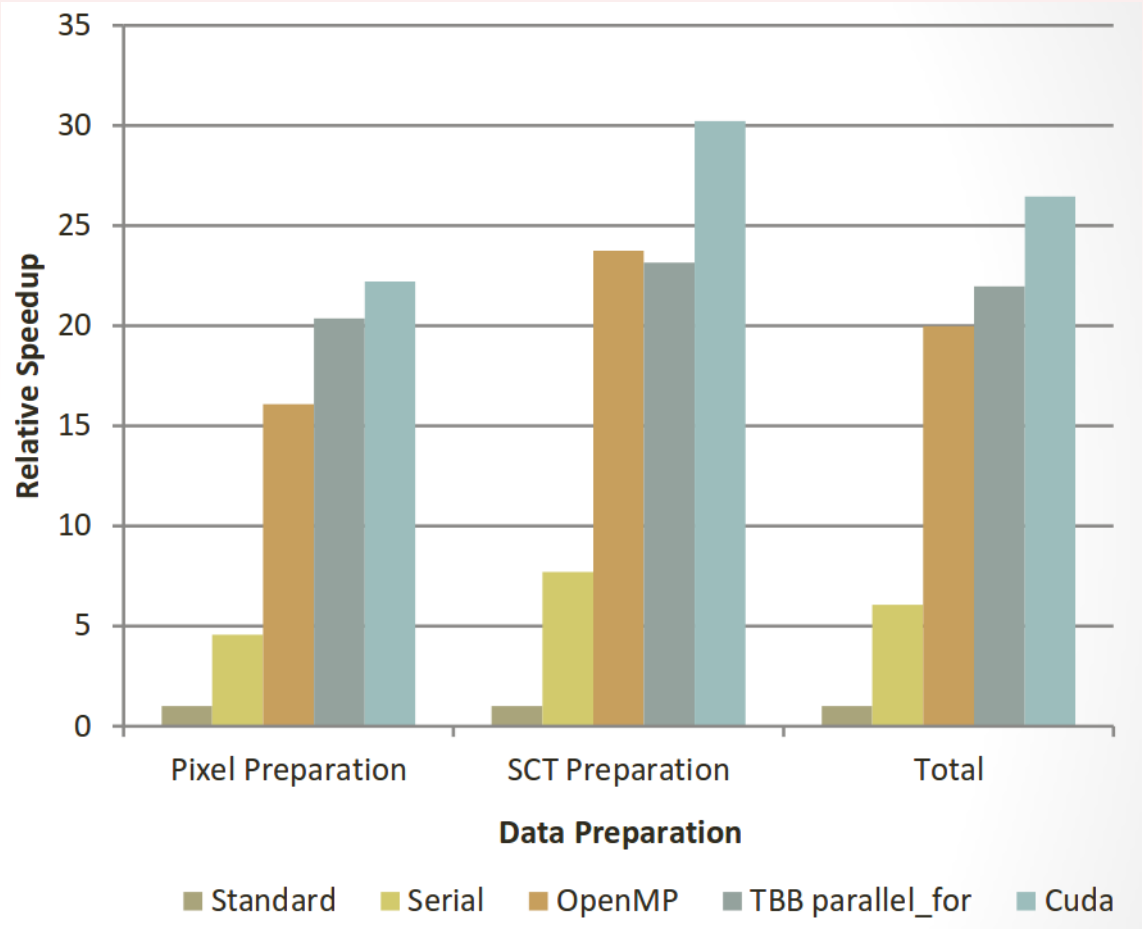
- Atlas ongoing development, in contact with the group that is willing to support us.



- **AthenaCompute SVC**: *patch* to include in Athena code, contains instruction for data formatting and trasfer
- **Compute Server:** manage all the query for parallel-computing
- **GPU-device:** contains instructions and CUDA kernels to be executed

Timing tests

- Client-Server architecture tested and properly working on some trigger algorithms
- IPC overhead is negligible compared to the improvements
  - $\sim 6\times$ speedup with no additional optimization



CPU i7-2760QM2.40GHz 4 Cores (8HT) Cuda on GPU Tesla C2050 (Dedicated code)

Credits to S.Kama, D. Emeliyanov

Currently ongoing and prospects

Athena interface

Need to customize a pre-existing version (developed for different tasks)

APE server

Shared versione already available.
Tested and costantly improving.

GPU algorithms

Convert serial trigger algorithms into CUDA Kernels

Summary and Conclusions

- Atlas is putting effort to include multithread computation devices in the DAQ/Trigger system:
  - GPUs are one of the technologies to investigate

- Implementation in the current framework through a *layer*:
  - already developed, tested and promising
  - developers are supporting us with the potential technical issues

Middle-term roadmap:

1. Setup and test the interface between Athena and GPU (dummy algorithms)
2. Work on the parallelization of L2-Muon algorithms (see next talk)
3. Perform benchmark measurements and compare with similar studies

BACKUP

GAP in Atlas Roma1

- Software Trigger Case Study: **Atlas Muon High Level Trigger**
  - Parallelization of the `MuComb` and `MuIso` trigger algorithms
  - Investigate the improvements from parallel computation, in particular in the high-luminosity regime
  - Improve the parameter resolution, to increase efficiency/purity of the selections

- Interesting opportunity:
  - Long-time involvement of the group in the Atlas Muon HLT
  - Profit from the existing expertise and know-how
  - Strenghten our role for future projects *(upgrade)*

Available in Rome

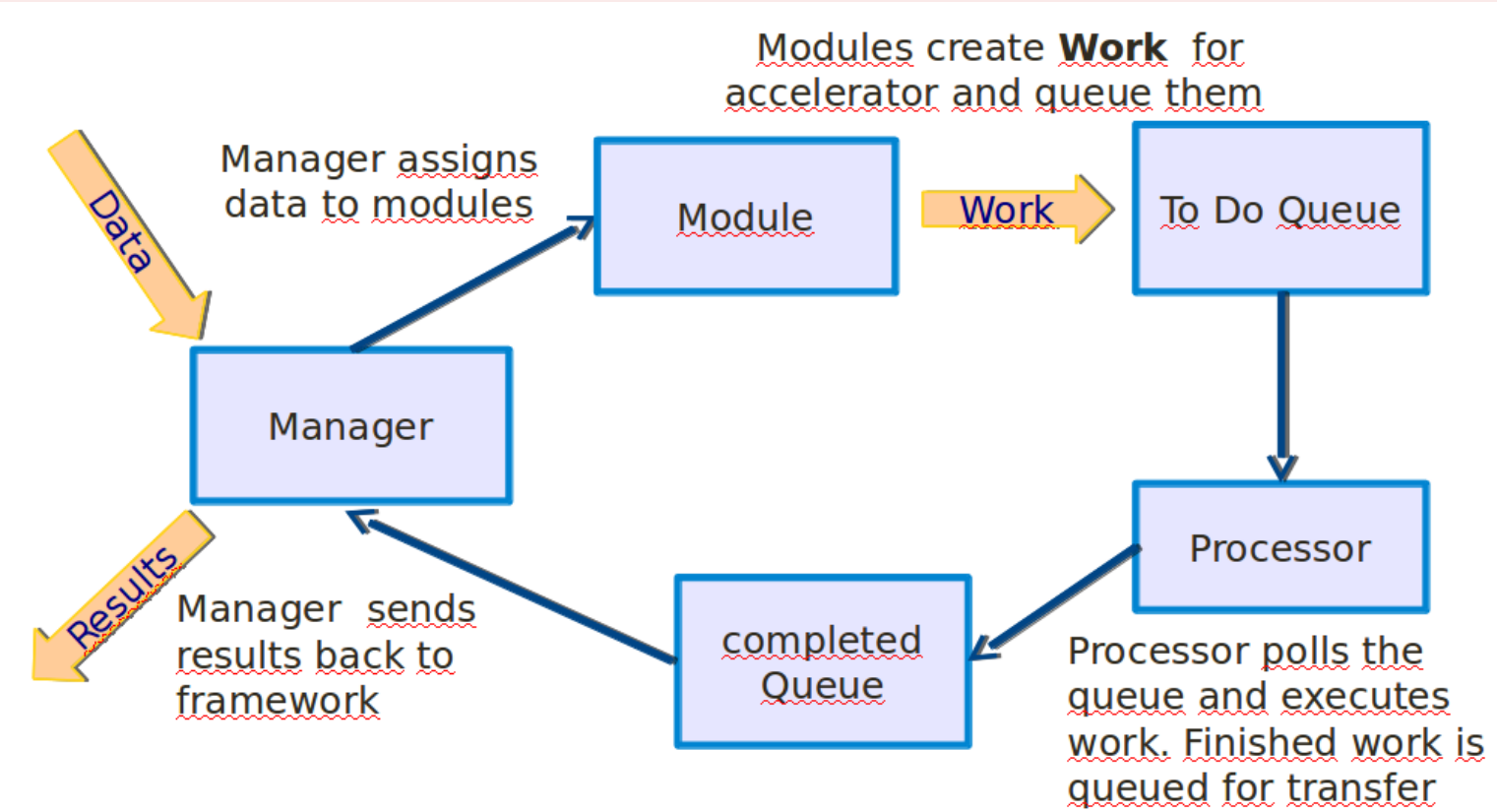
Setup a machine:

- CPU: Intel Xeon E5-2620
- GPU: Nvidia GTX Titan

Will be used for:

- Trigger performance tests
- Medical imaging processing

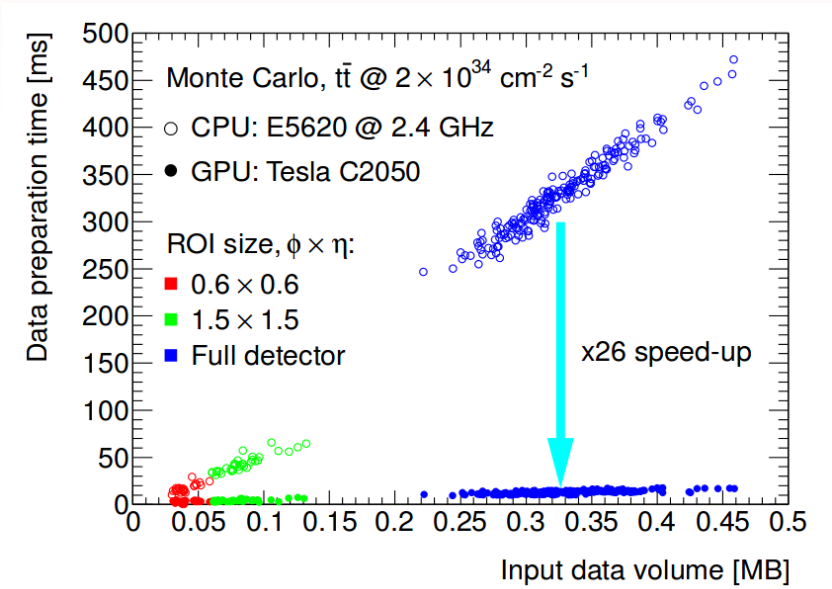
Processing Data Flow



- Inter Process communications using yampl library: fast communication and support network transfers.
- Data converted to pure C-structures (no Athena data-model) and passed to APE-server
- Server-client communication through shared cache memory (may evolve in the future)

Atlas processing improvements

Data Preparation: conversion from detector bytestream to spacepoints (lightweight detector geometry for GPU)



Tracking: Track seeding, extrapolation, merging (`SiTrack` alg.)