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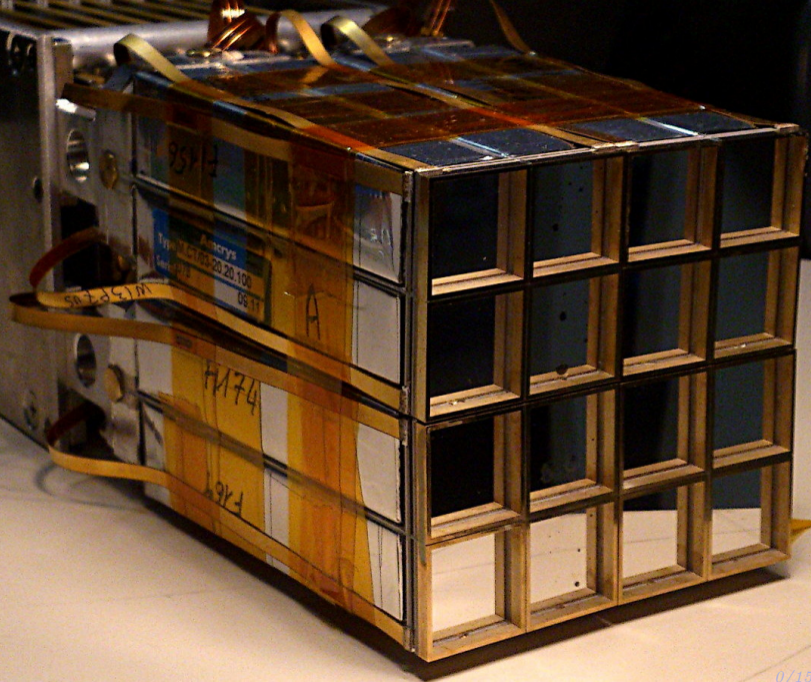
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The INDRA-FAZIA coupling design
and new FAZIA coupling opportunities

FAZIAdays,
November 13th, 2025

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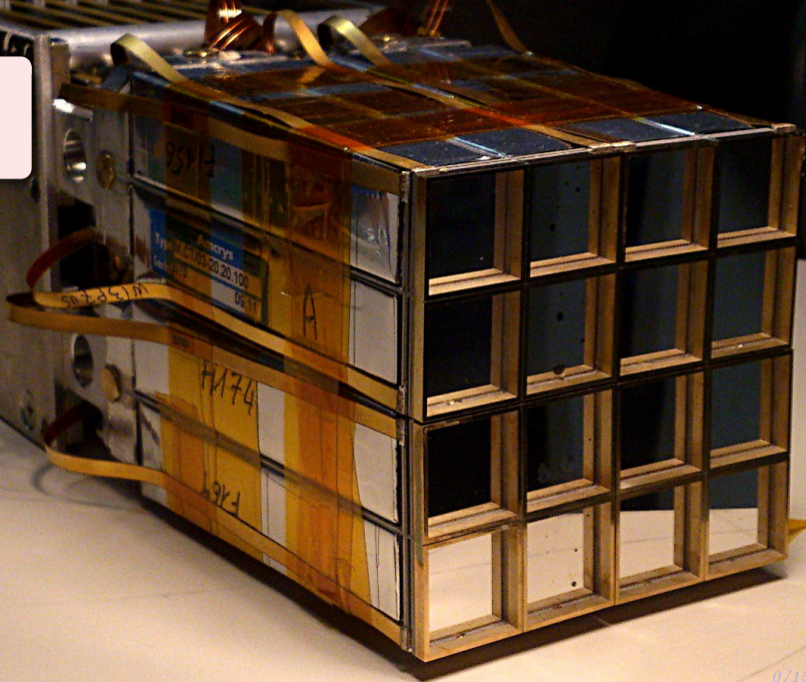
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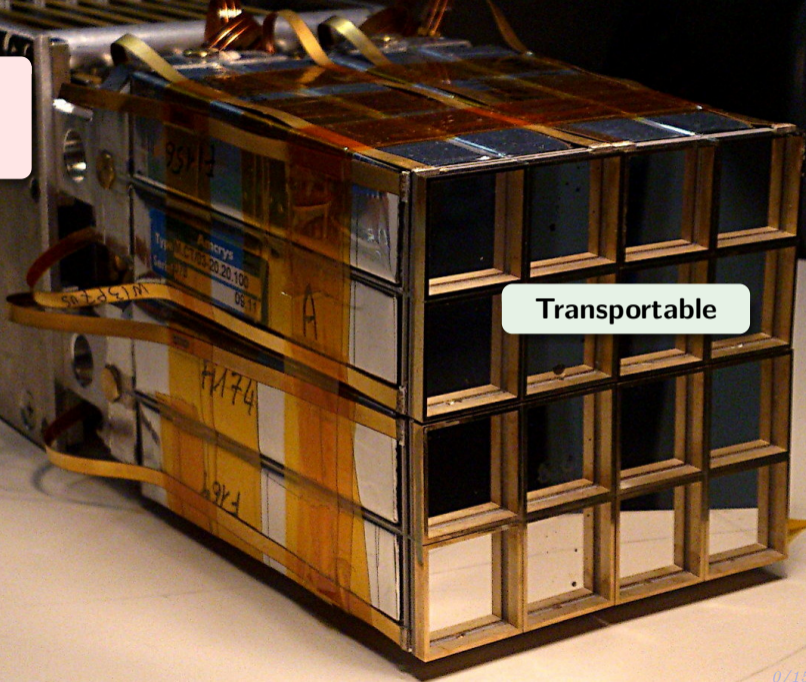


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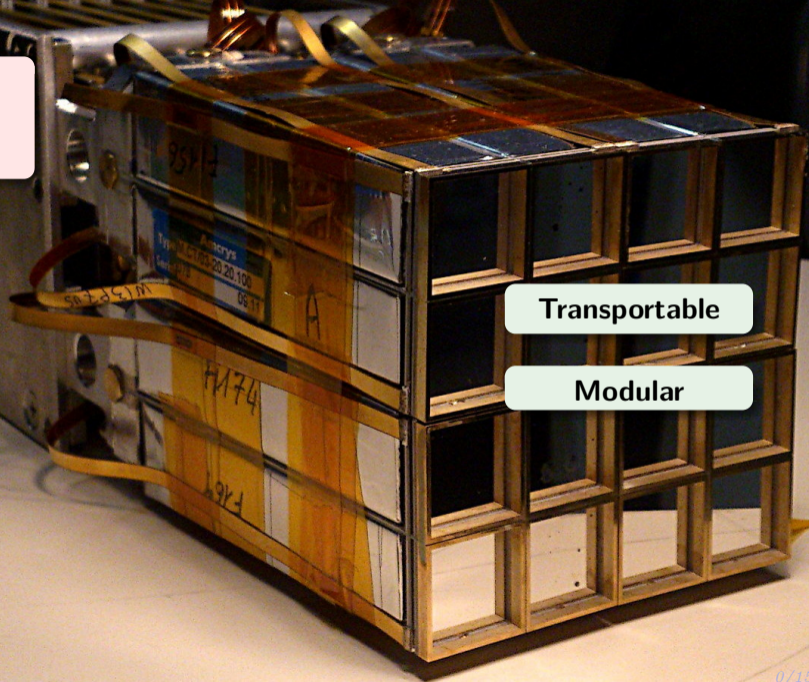
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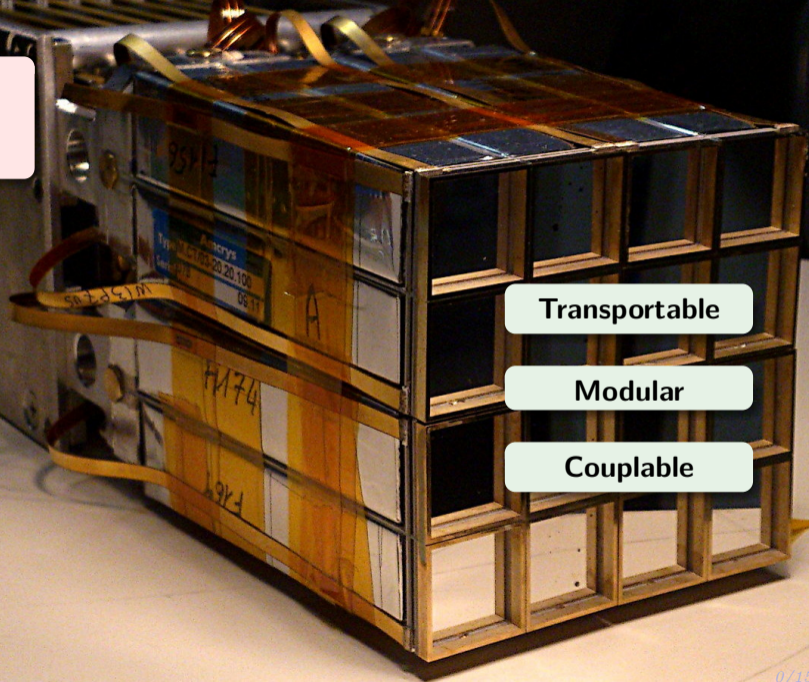
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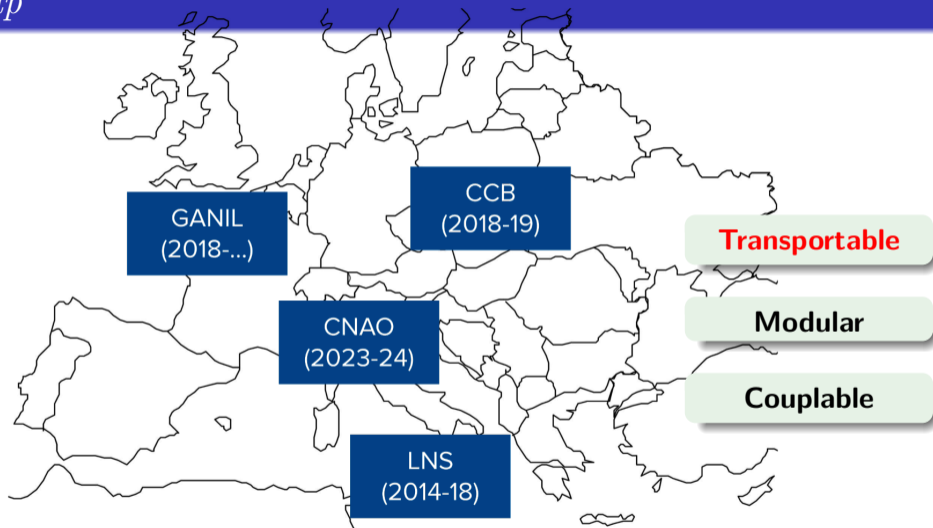
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FAZIA setup



Laboratories where FAZIA measured so far

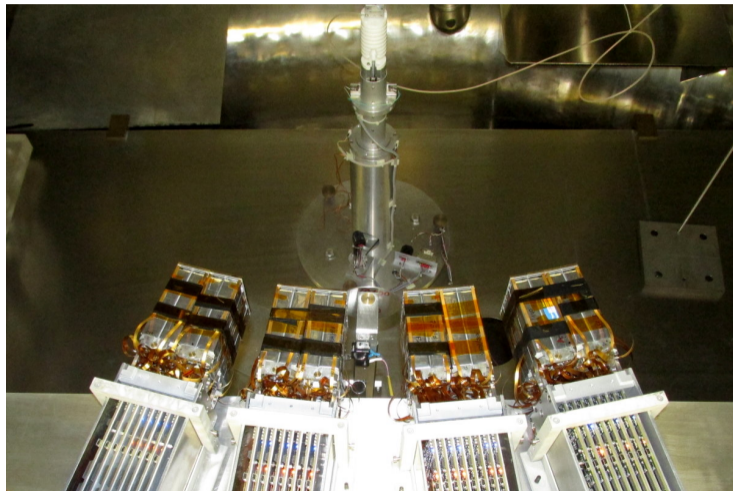
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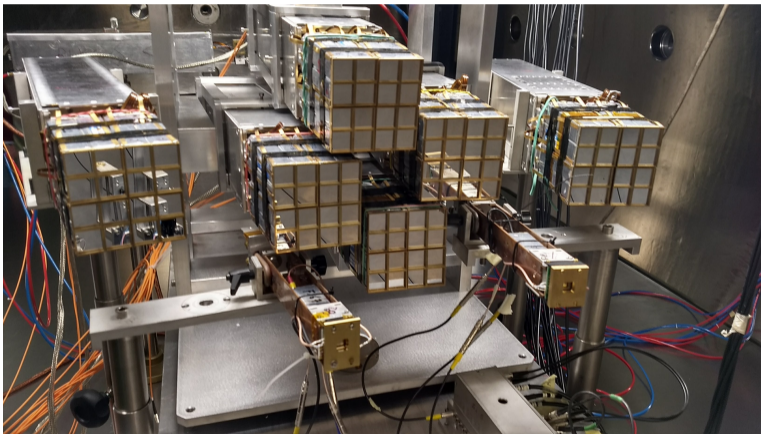
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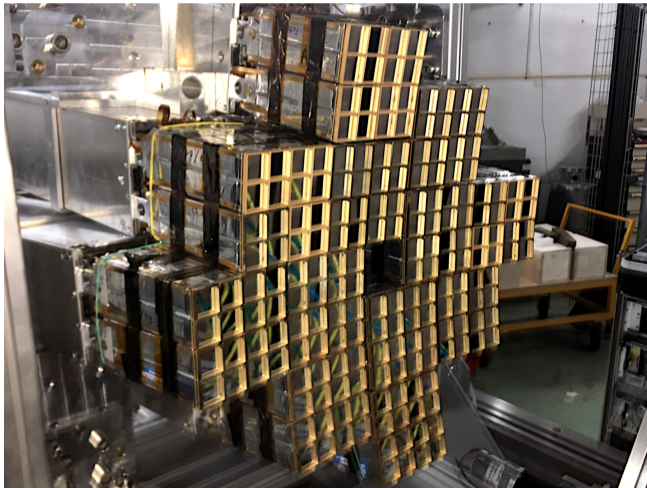
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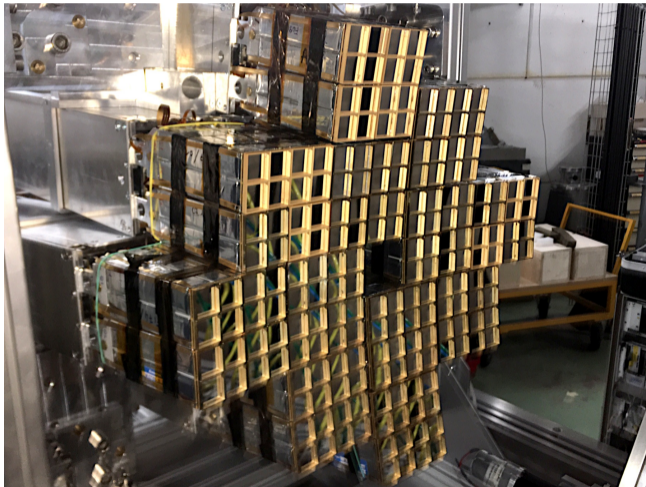
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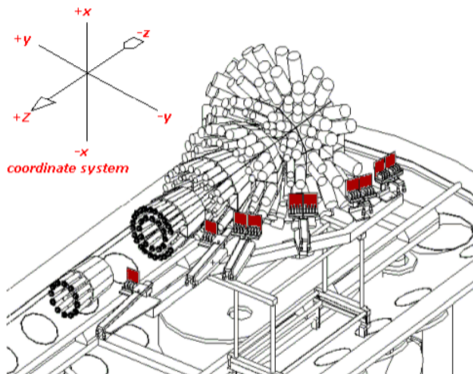
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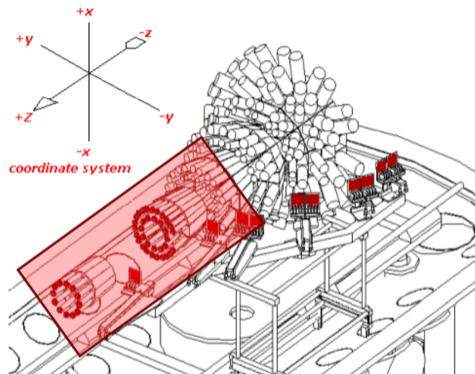
INDRA setup



Original configuration (1992-2016)

- 90% of the solid angle covered
- 17 telescope rings (8-24 sectors per ring)
 - ring 1: IC + plastic scintillators
 - rings 2-9: IC-Si-CsI telescopes
 - rings 10-17: IC-CsI telescopes

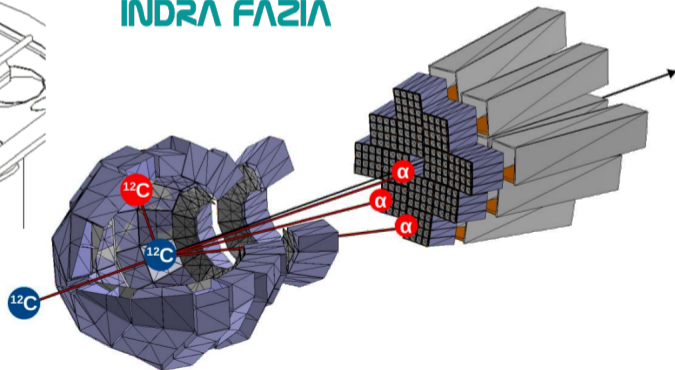
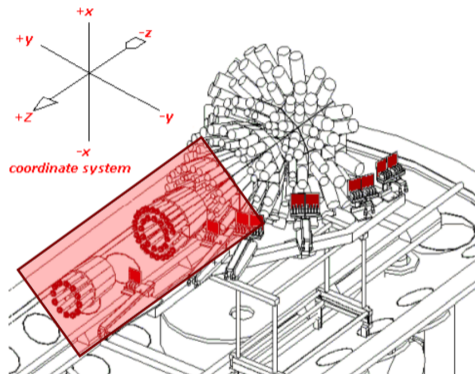
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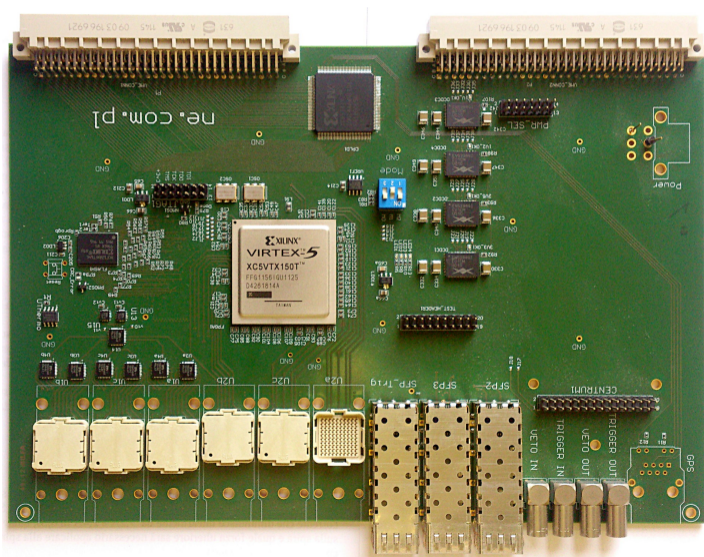
Present configuration (2017-today)

- FAZIA at forward angles!
- 12 telescope rings (8-24 sectors per ring)
 - rings 1-5: removed!
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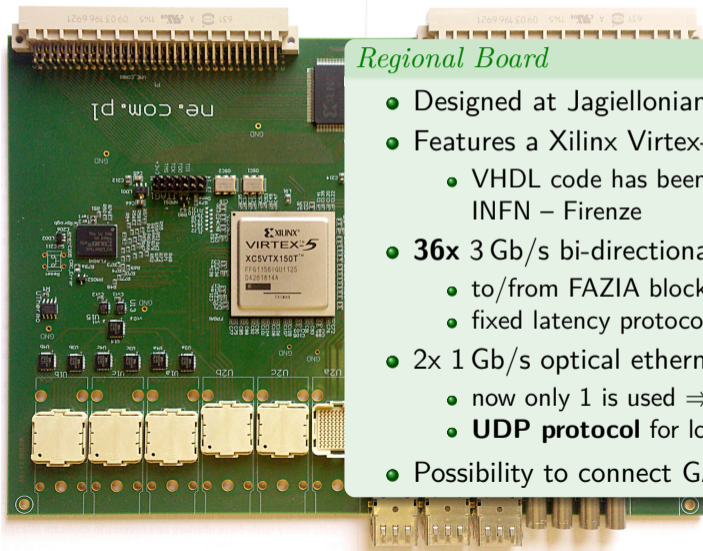
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- Designed at Jagiellonian University, Krakow
- Features a Xilinx Virtex-5 FPGA
 - VHDL code has been written mainly at INFN – Napoli and INFN – Firenze
- **36x** 3 Gb/s bi-directional optical links
 - to/from FAZIA blocks
 - fixed latency protocol
- 2x 1 Gb/s optical ethernet links (1000Base-SX)
 - now only 1 is used \Rightarrow room for transmission speed increase
 - **UDP protocol** for low-latency transfer
- Possibility to connect GANIL **CENTRUM** module

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Regional Board tasks

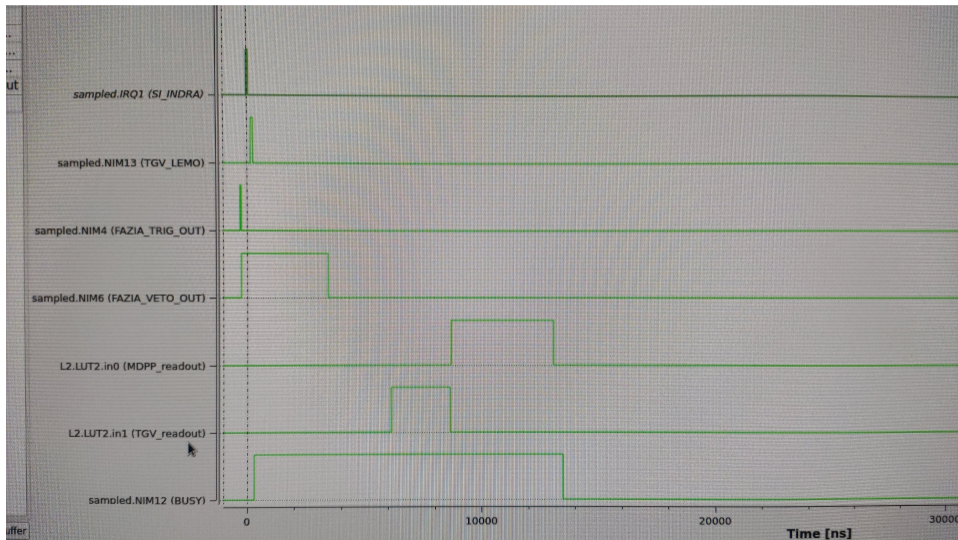
- **Slow control** management of all the electronics
 - data transmission and slow control use the same optical fibre
- **Trigger board:**
 - multiple majority logic for trigger validation
 - trigger scaling by a settable factor
 - asynchronous or master/slave trigger operation (for coupling)
- **Event building** from data coming from all the blocks
 - it may add the CENTRUM timestamp to each event
- **Transmission** of acquired data to servers
 - maximum speed achieved: $\sim 80 \text{ MB/s}$ ($\sim 640 \text{ Mb/s}$)

Regional board

Regional Board recend upgrades

- **2015** Multi-IP data sending interface
- **2015** Improved slow control state machine
(multiple clients simultaneously allowed)
- **2016** CENTRUM interface
- **2017** New TAG data format
- **2018** Pt100 probe reading for temperature measurements
- **2022** trigger/veto signal synchronization with slow control registers
- **2025** FRIB clock acquisition and timestamp storage in data flow

Trigger and veto delay adjustment



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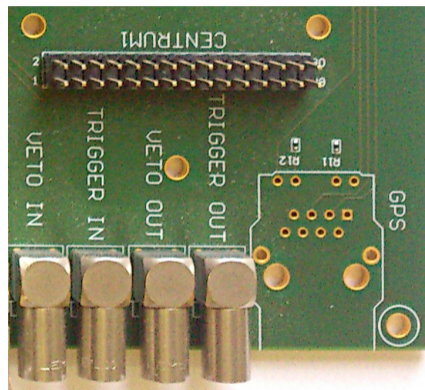
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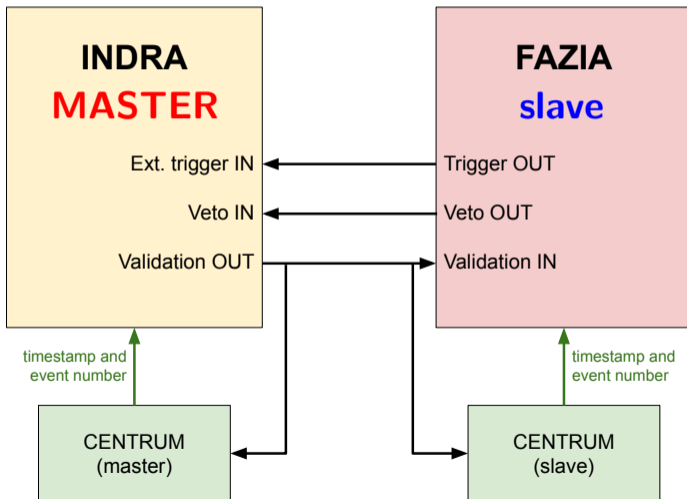
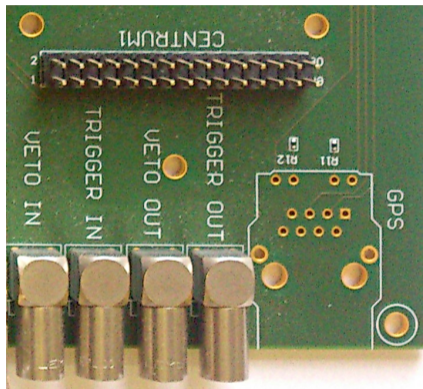
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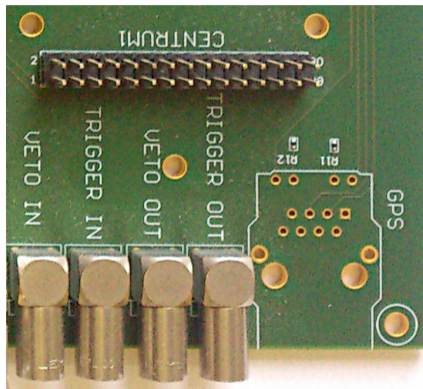
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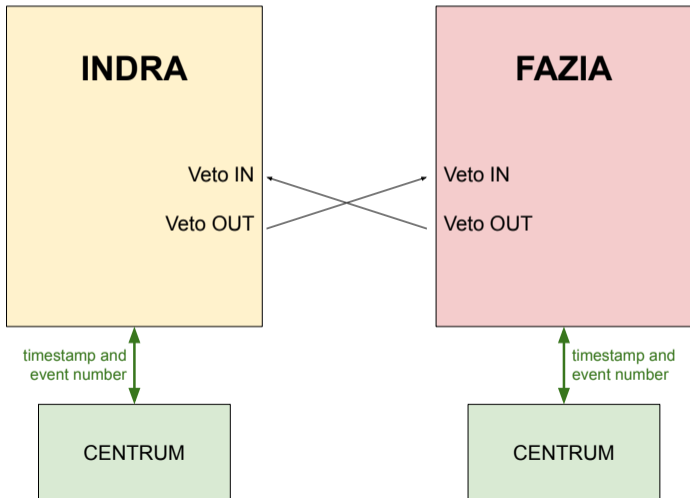
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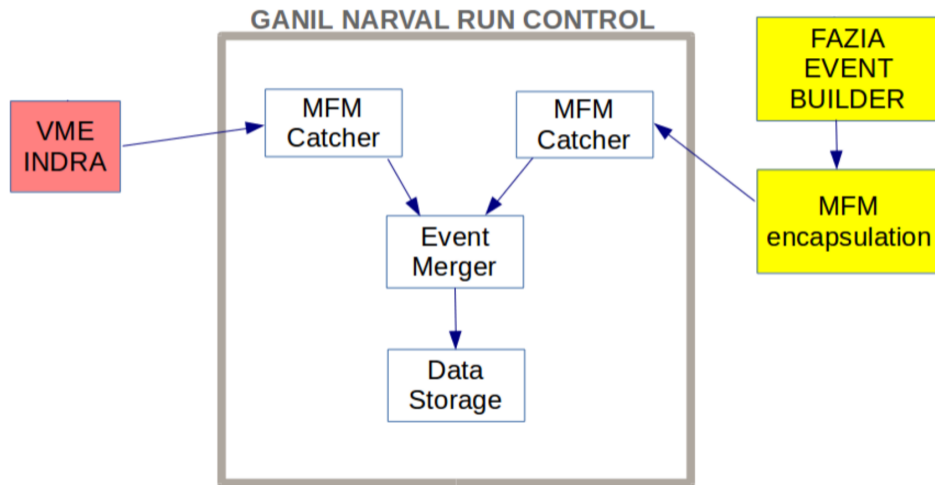
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Asynchronous triggering



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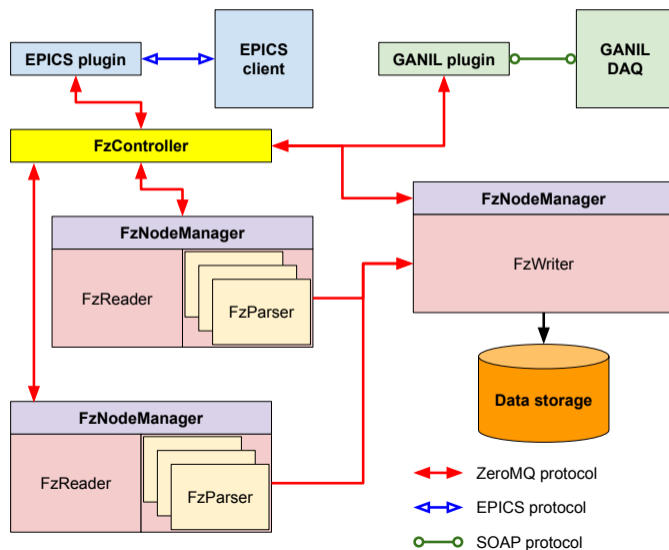


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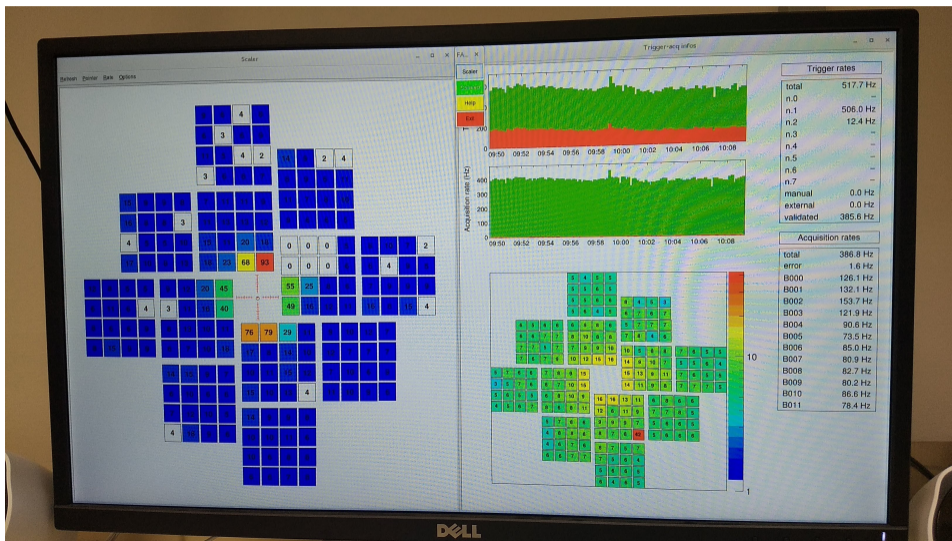
Acquisition system

- Developed at INFN – Napoli
- Finite State Machine logic
- Multi-thread and **multi-machine**
 - controller sends machine IP addresses to regional board
 - regional board stores IP addresses inside a list
 - each event is sent to a different PC of the list sequentially
- Data merged and written to a data server.
- Monitoring software receives **live data** from the acquisition
- Data transfer between machines via **ZeroMQ** protocol
- NARVAL frame encapsulation implemented

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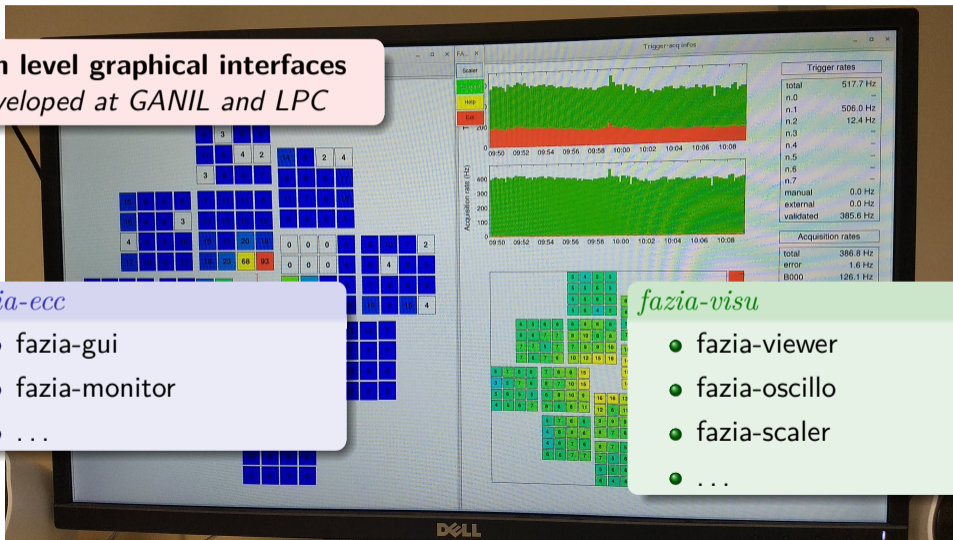
High level graphical interfaces
developed at GANIL and LPC

fazia-ecc

- fazia-gui
- fazia-monitor
- ...

fazia-visu

- fazia-viewer
- fazia-oscillo
- fazia-scaler
- ...



Testing and quick analysis

Low level command-line utilities
developed at INFN-Firenze

fz-acqui Very simple acquisition to ROOT

fz-meter Simple trigger monitoring

fz-scaler Single block scaler

fz-test Complete FEE testing and calibration suite

fz-thresholds Threshold tuning tool

fz-tree .pb to ROOT tree converter

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Future at GANIL

There are still many physics cases to be explored

2 experiments performed in 2025!

1 experiment approved for 2026/27!

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Extra details from FRIB side
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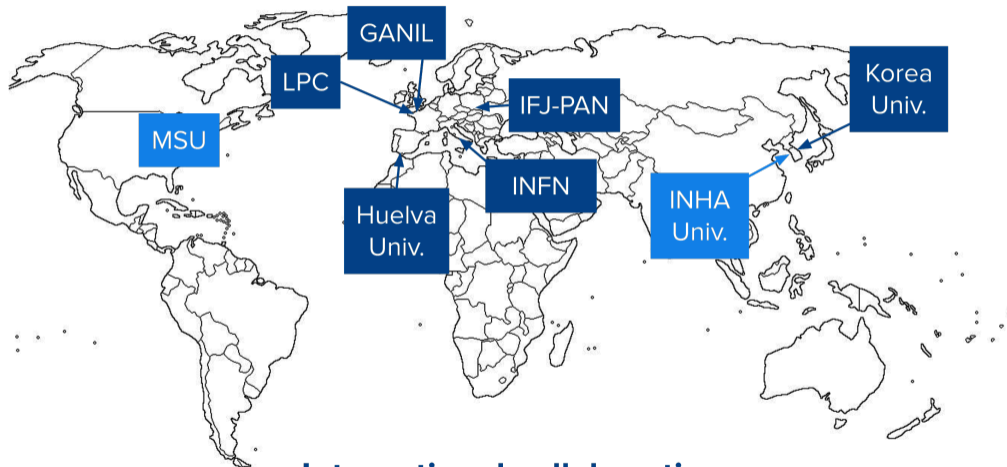
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Backup slides

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**International collaborations
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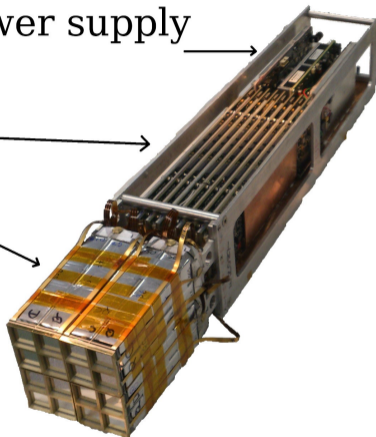


The FAZIA block

Block card, power supply
and half bridge

FEE cards

Detectors



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Modular

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*16 telescopes, together with front-end electronics,
form a **block** operating in **vacuum**.*

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