

# FRont End Electronics, Data Acquisition and Control

**FREEDAC**

To pool resources for a common strategy towards the next generation  
Electronics Systems for the Nuclear Physics Community

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# History: FREEDAC

*N.B.*  
*JRA vs non-JRA*

Call for LoI at GSI/FAIR  
MANDATE  
*GSI<sup>2</sup> & GANIL*

Call for LoI at GANIL/SPIRAL2  
*LEGNARO*

Call for LoI for FP7  
Deposition of LoI  
*Huelva & KVI*

**Got to know who is doing what.  
Got to know each other.**

# Mandate

**Scope:** The idea of a SGFD has been developed during common meetings of people working on front-end electronics and data acquisition within SPIRAL2, NUSTAR/FAIR and LEGNARO. This synergistic approach offers some significant benefits:

- It overcomes problems caused by the limited capacities and scarce expertise in the field of ASIC development and manufacturing for nuclear physics applications.
- It provides the strongly overlapping user communities with common user interfaces and data structures for DAQ systems and controls.
- It makes the most effective use of the limit scientific and engineering manpower dedicated to DAQ and controls tasks.

Multi Lab?

Nuclear

Key

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With this letter, we approach the boards of the above listed collaborations and facilities to formally establish a FREEDAC and to provide the FREEDAC with the mandate to recommend areas of R&D to the various working groups on instrumentation. The FREEDAC will seek to establish the necessary organization for the implementation of this common R&D. In addition, FREEDAC will seek and recommend common technological solutions in the areas of front-end electronics and data acquisition. To allow for a functional group, the members are expected to perform studies and development.

Have we?

Have to do something.  
*Not just talk!*

# Study : Similar Instr. Requirements

## → Similar System Architecture/Specs

### ■ TPC

**Very High Dyn. Range, Shape, Time**

- ACTAR -
- R3B TPC -

### ■ Position Sensitive Particle Telescopes (DSSD) - Particle Spectroscopy

**High Dyn Range, Time,**

- EXL -
- GASPARD
- **AGATA** -
- R3B -
- HYDE -
- FAZIA -

SPIRAL2

NuStar

Legnaro

### ■ Spectrometers Focal Plane Gas or Si Det. – Q, T & Shape

- VAMOS (GANIL)/S3
  - DRIFT/Se-D
  - BRAGG
- SPEG (GANIL)
  - DRIFT
- BIG-BYTE (KVI)
  - DRIFT
- Beam Tracking
- **PRISMA**
  - PPAC

**High Counting Rate Devices  
Need More Focused Study**

### ■ CALORIMETER (CsI/LaBr + ADP/PM) **Very High Dyn. Range, Time**

- EXL -
- GASPARD/PARIS -
- R3B -
- FAZIA -
- Neutron Detection - **Shape**

# CORE GROUP - FREEDAC

- **Patricia Roussel Chomaz**, (SPIRAL2 – ACTAR, VAMOS2, NFS)
  - GANIL, France ..... - **task 1 leader**
- **Andres Gadea** (AGATA – Auxiliary)
  - Legnaro, INFN, Italy
- **Ian Lazarus**, (NUSTAR -HiSec/DeSpec, EXL, R3B)
  - STFC Daresbury and Rutherford Labs, England ..... - **task 2 leader**
- **Ismael Martel** (NUSTAR – HYDE)
  - University of Huelva, Spain
- **Emanuel Pollacco**, (SPIRAL2 –S3 & GASPAR; NUSTAR, – R3B/TPC, HiSpec ) ..... **JRA leader**
  - CEA Saclay, France (Frédéric DRUILLOLE) ..... **R3B leader**
- **Haik Simon** (NUSTAR – R3B, EXL, HiSpec) ..... **ASIC R&D**
  - GSI, Darmstadt, Germany
- **Heinrich Johannes Wörtche** (NUSTAR – HiSec) ..... **task 1 leader**
  - KVI, Univ. of Groningen ..... **DAC & Control**
- **Industrial Partner** ..... **2008**

**Workshops**

**System R&D**

**ASIC R&D**

**DAC & Control**

**A core group with invested interest for instrumental application**

# History: FREEDAC



**the members are  
expected to perform  
studies and development.**

# Networking

- Survey
  - Who is doing what ...
  - Who can do what ...
  - Needs of the community ...
- Discussion Forums
  - Technology-Physics
- Explore technologies outside Nuclear Physics
- Define & Design tools for:-
  - User friendly ...
  - User defined interfaces ...
- Study & Define System that can be built within.
- Standards Setting
  - Security
  - Reliability
  - User-friendly

# Principle ACTIVITIES for FREEDAC

## TASKS

### ■ MAPPING

### MAPPING

Assemble the Euro. Nucl. Phys. Community towards :

- A study of available resources.
- Study of the next generation FEE+DAQ.
  - Develop Euro strategy.
- Information diffusing, **educ.** (Master, PhD), ...
  - **Future of the field**

### ■ JRA

- Systems Study
- **ASIC development**
- R&D ASIC/ADC Interface
- Data Acquisition
- Time-Stamping
- **Control & Optimization**

### JRA

To design & build a **demonstrator** that will employ the capacities of the community to work **collectively** – Resources & Needs exercise.

**NOT a Universal System**



# TASKS and LABS

JRA06

**STFC**(UK)-CEA -Huelva-KVI  
GANIL: *Task 2*  
System Structure & Development

306k€

## MEASURE

**KVI, JSI, GSI, INFN, GANIL Huelva: Task 4**  
Data Treatment, Data Acquisition, Control

120k€

highly segmented

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C

Energy

Time

Shape

Charge/ Ene

FPGA

Disc, Low thresh.,  
Mass, time-stamp

Position, Charge,  
Mass, RDT, n/γ,

Σ

PC  
or  
PC Farm

**INFN Task 3**, low power,  
Very high gain, multi function

407k€

GANIL & Huelva  
Workshops

98k€

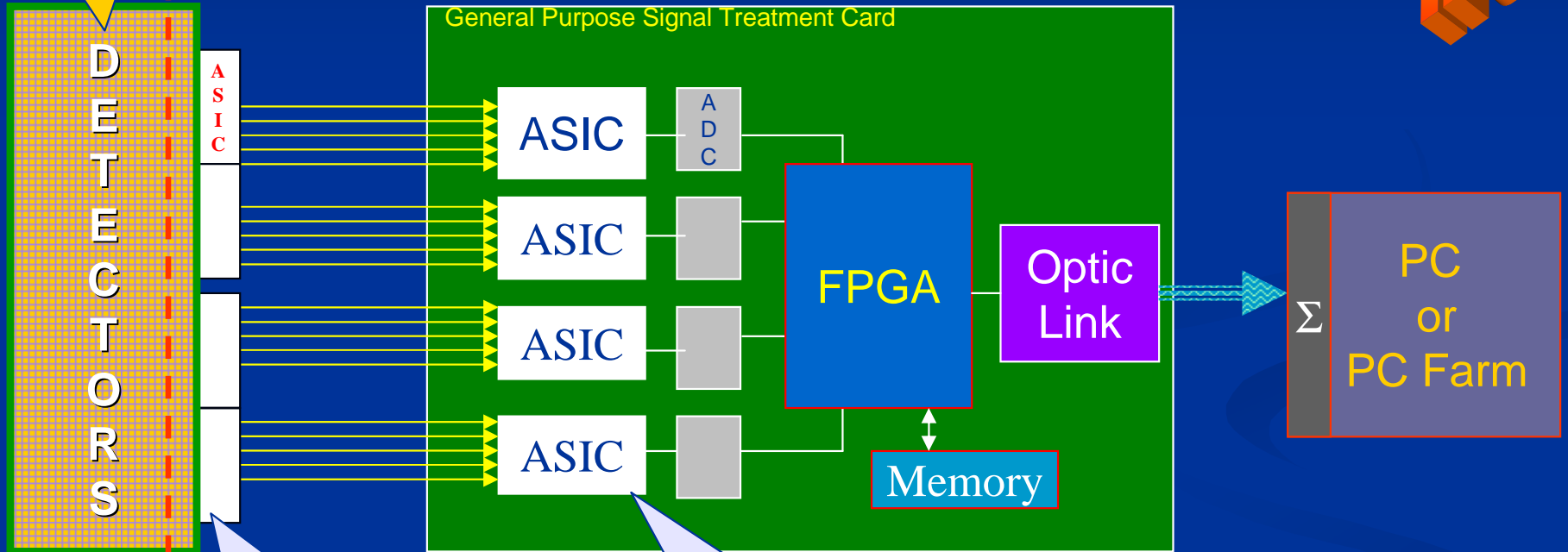
**CEA, INFN Task 3**, Multi function, modular  
design

**HIGH SEGMENTATION**  
**TPC**  
 Si based devices  
 PM and Avalance PD

**New**

System Functional Structure  
 User-Centered Design  
 Modular, Portable  
 Scalable  
 Adaptive intelligent system control  
 Future Proofing

**new**



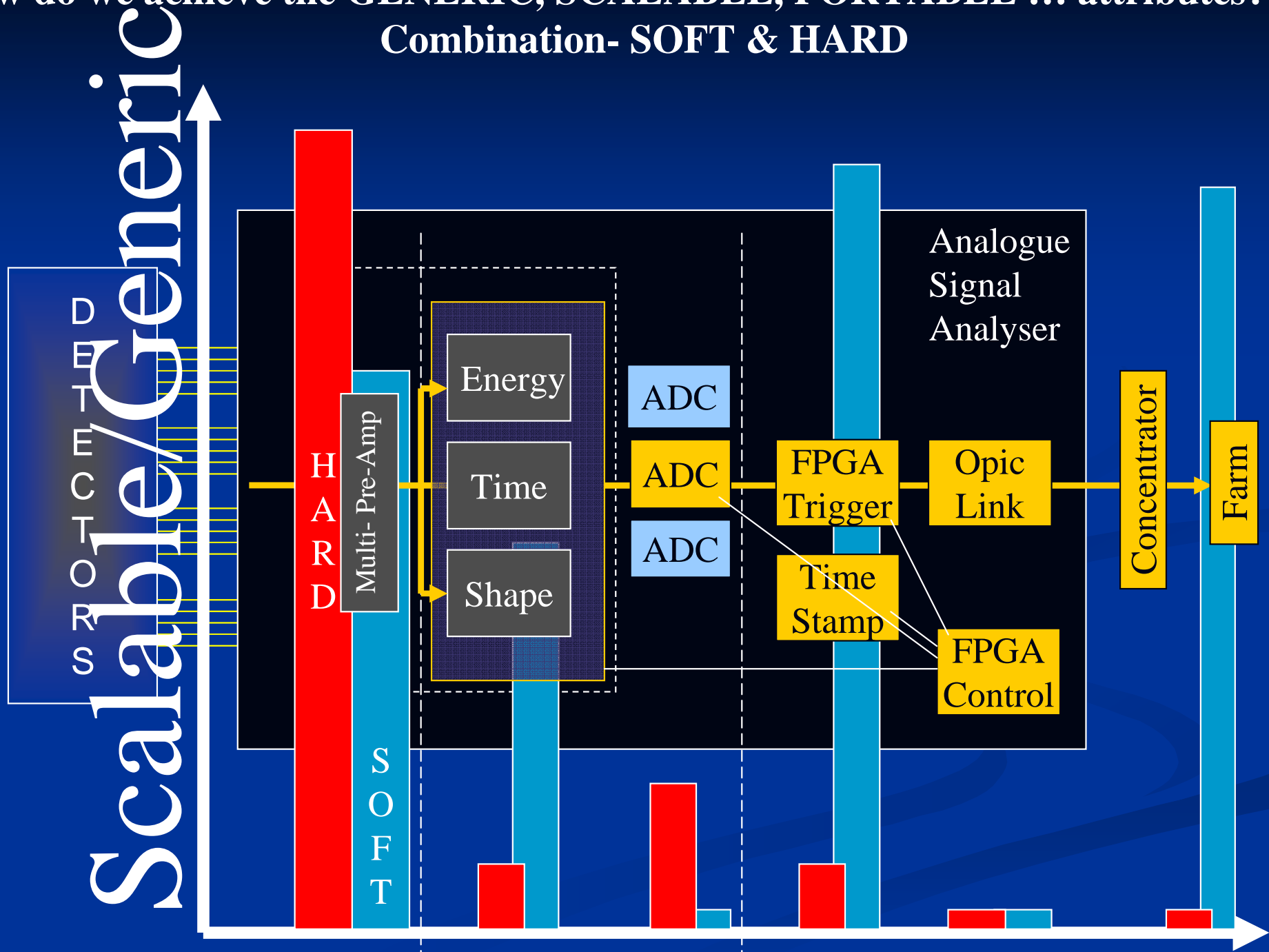
**Multi-Function Pre-Amp:**  
 High Gain & Resolution,  
 Low Power, Low mass,

**new**

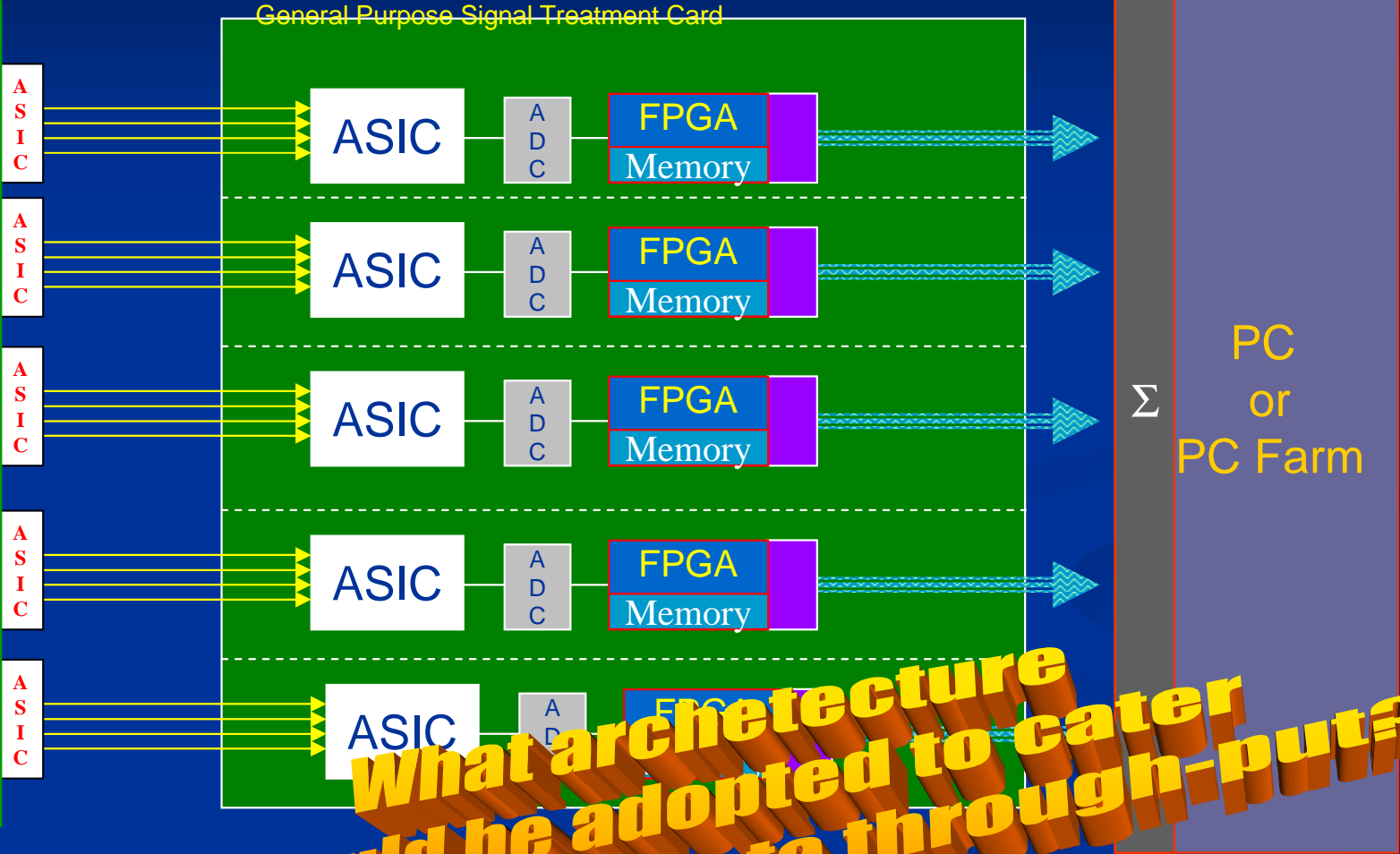
**Combined Measure of**  
 Energy, Time & Shape  
 Selective-Readout  
 Auto-Trigger, Low Power

**new**

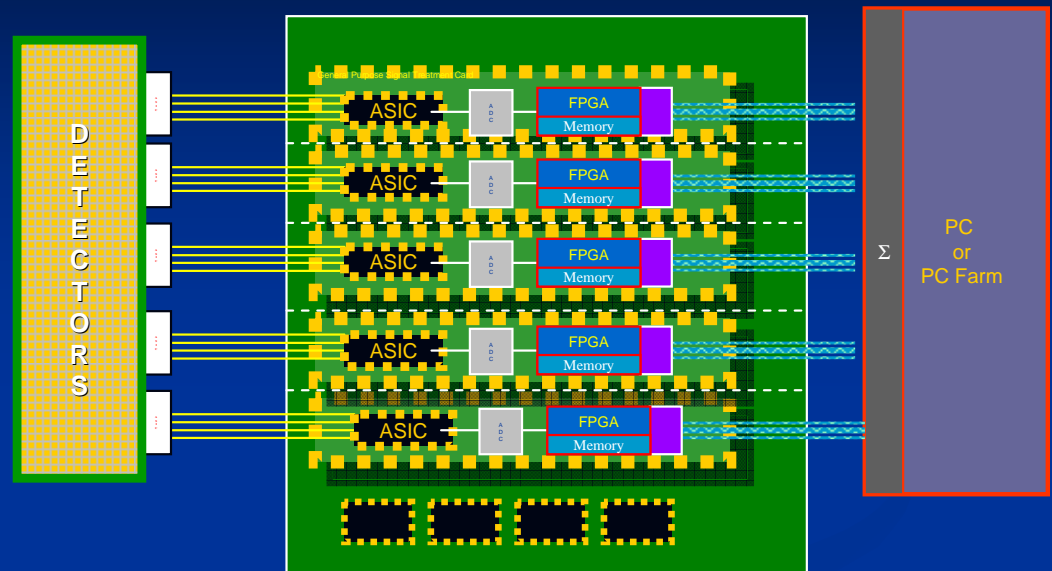
# How do we achieve the **GENERIC, SCALABLE, PORTABLE ...** attributes? Combination- **SOFT & HARD**



DETECTORS



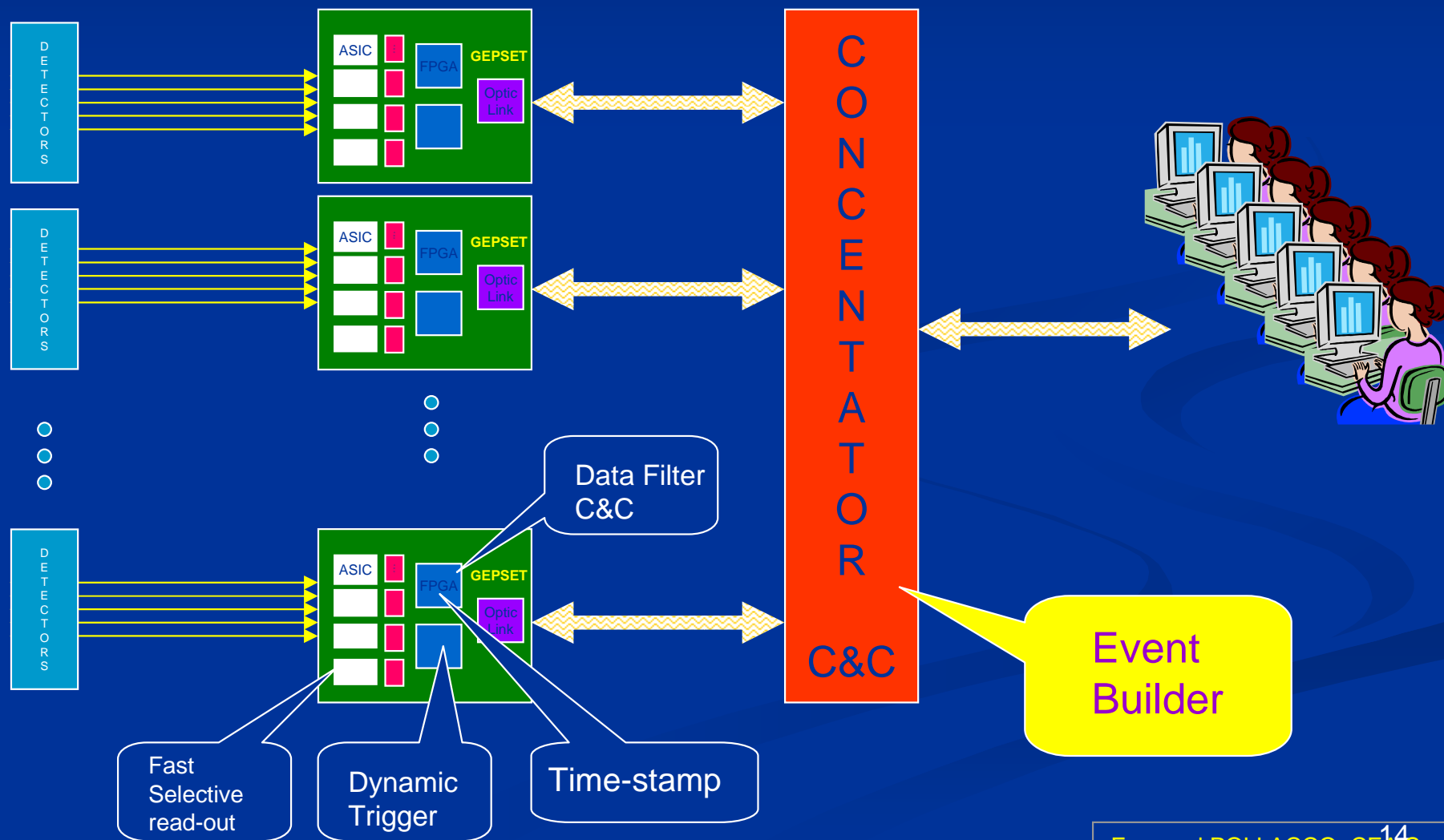
**What architecture should be adopted to cater for an adjustable data throughput? Scalability?**



How, where and what **control parameters** are needed to allow for an automatic performance adjustment and lodging?

Temperature, pressure, current, tension, S/N, ...

# General Purpose Signal Treatment Card : GEPSET



# FREEDAC

FT7 Program

Submitted Feb 2008

Requests 1.5 M€ → 0.9M€ → 0.7M€

If accepted need to complement 0.2M€ (33%)

Lab contributions 0.3M€ in 4 years

Results May 2008

Comments to be given verbally

# Budget

	EU (k€)	T. Budget (k€)	%
<b>GANIL</b>	94	395	24
<b>CEA</b>	305	1,071	29
<b>KVI</b>	53	149	36
<b>GSI</b>	61	230	26
<b>JSI</b>	64	189	34
<b>HUELVA</b>			
<b>SFTC</b>			
<b>INFN</b>	124	200	62
<i>Sum</i>	<i>701</i>	<i>2,234</i>	<i>31</i>



	cea	ganil	gsi	infn	kvi	stfc	huelva	jsi
Perso-month	72	26	15	4.4	57	66	51	12
Post-Doc	120	65	65	65				65
Prototype	160	30		60	35			
Travel	56	25	16	76	36	38	34	20
<b>Travel</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>			<b>20</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>71</b>			<b>85</b>

<b>task 1</b>	<b>cea</b>	<b>ganil</b>	<b>gsi</b>	<b>infn</b>	<b>kvi</b>	<b>stfc</b>	<b>Huelva</b>	<b>JSI</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EU</b>
Man-months	5	6	3	11	4	4	6	6	45	
travel	12	14	7	26	9.6	10	14	14.4	108	
	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>task2</b>	<b>cea</b>	<b>ganil</b>	<b>gsi</b>	<b>infn</b>	<b>kvi</b>	<b>stfc</b>	<b>Huelva</b>	<b>JSI</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EU</b>
Man-months	24	14	9	79	6	48	45			
Post-Doc		65	65	0					130	
travel	12	6	4	32	6	21	17		99	
prototyping	60	30			35				125	
	<b>72</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>354</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>task3</b>	<b>cea</b>	<b>ganil</b>	<b>gsi</b>	<b>infn</b>	<b>kvi</b>	<b>stfc</b>	<b>Huelva</b>	<b>JSI</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EU</b>
Man-months	48			72		18				
Post-Doc	120			65					185	
travel	32			18		7			57	
prototyping	100			60					160	
	<b>252</b>			<b>143</b>		<b>7</b>			<b>402</b>	<b>301</b>
<b>task4</b>	<b>cea</b>	<b>ganil</b>	<b>gsi</b>	<b>infn</b>	<b>kvi</b>	<b>stfc</b>	<b>Huelva</b>	<b>JSI</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>EU</b>
Man-months		12	6		51		6	12		
Post-Doc								65	65	
travel		5	5		20		2	5	38	
prototyping					0				0	
		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>77</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>185</b>
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# FREEDAC Future

- Are we still interested in FREEDAC if we do not have a EU support?
- What function(s) will we give FREEDAC?
  - Exchange
  - Conception & Building
- How will we fund the FREEDAC program?
- What organizational structural changes do we require?
- Setting Standards
- Are we enterprising enough?
  - Versus the project
  - Versus industry or institutions (for example)

# Brand

