Extending the FairRoot framework to allow for simulation and reconstruction of free streaming data

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What Does it Mean?

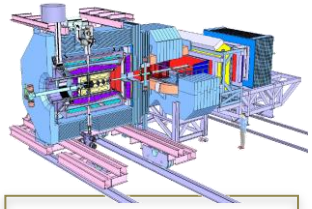
- Introduce pipelined data processing to the current Framework. (This talk!)
- Introduce time based simulation instead of event wise one. (already shown in CHEP 2012)
- Ideally: Keep compatibility to the current offline scheme.

FairRoot

Start testing the VMC concept for CBM

2004

First Release of CbmRoot



Panda decided to join->

FairRoot: same Base package for different experiments

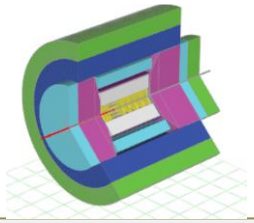
2006

MPD (NICA) start also using FairRoot

R3B joined

2010

ASYEOS joined (ASYEOSRoot)

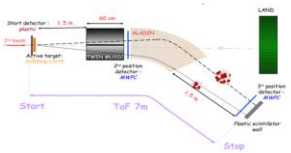


EIC (Electron Ion Collider BNL)

EICRoot

2011

GEM-TPC seperated from PANDA branch (FOPIRoot)



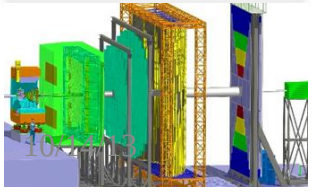
SOFIA (Studies On Fission with Aladin)

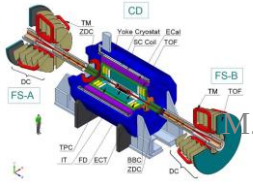
2012

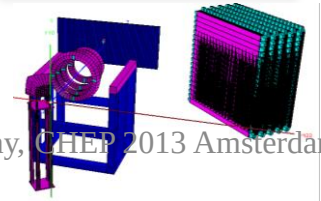
ENSAR-ROOT

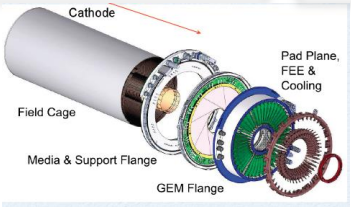
Collection of modules used by structural nuclear phsyics exp.

2013

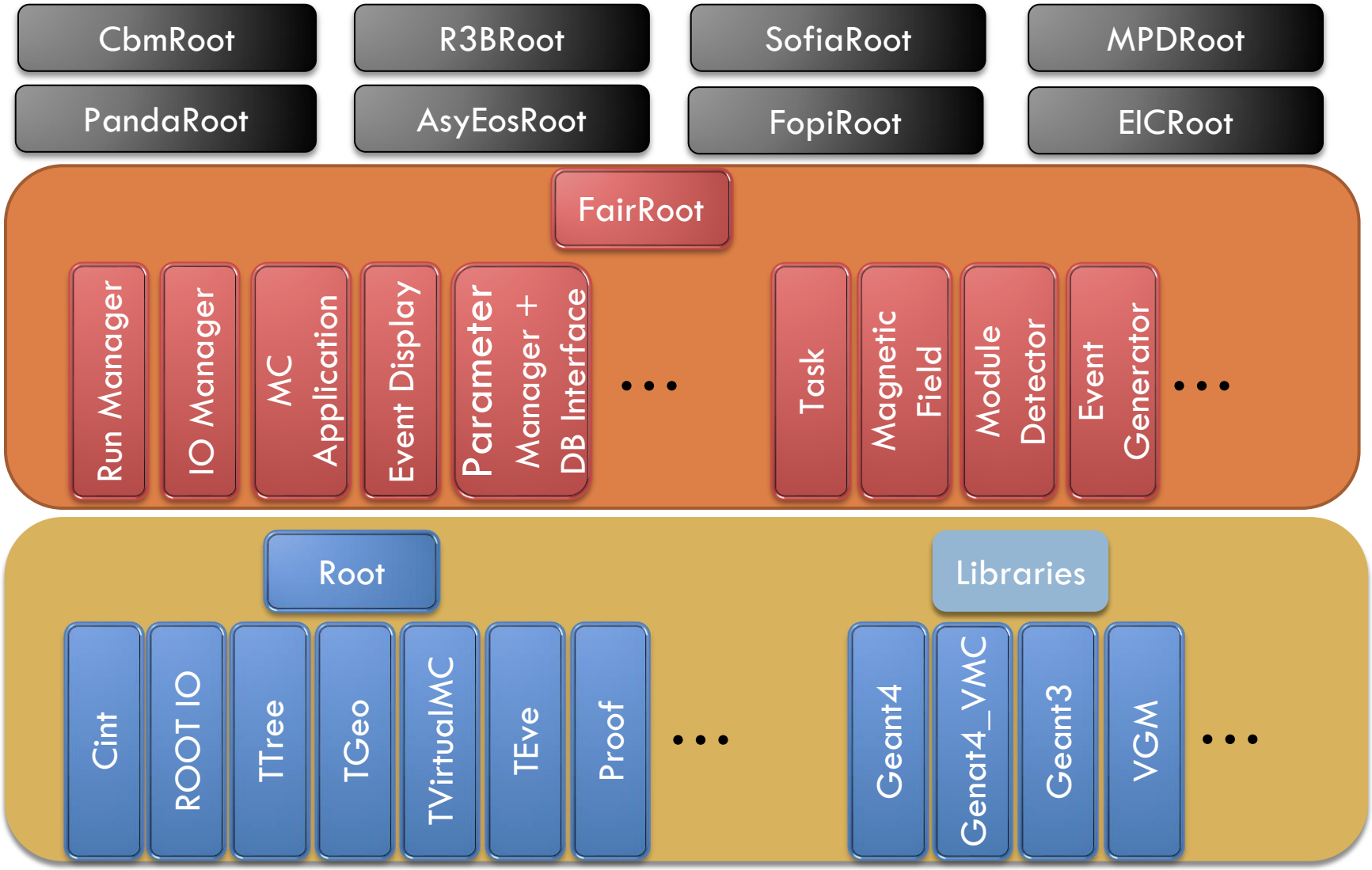








FairRoot: Implementation



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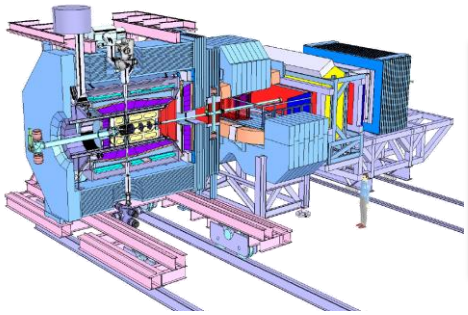

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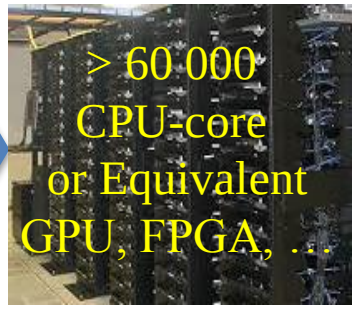

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25K Evt/s

How to distribute the processes?
How to manage the data flow?
How to recover processes when they crash?
How to monitor the whole system?
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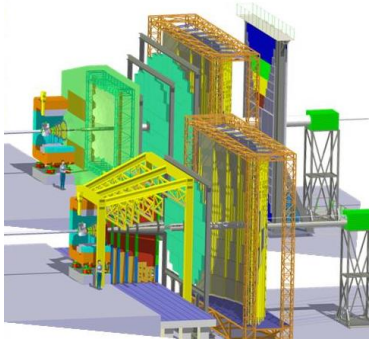

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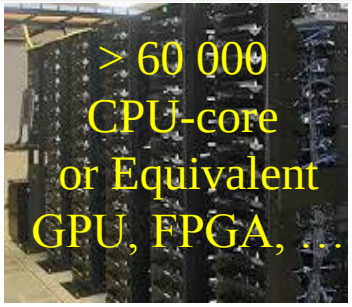


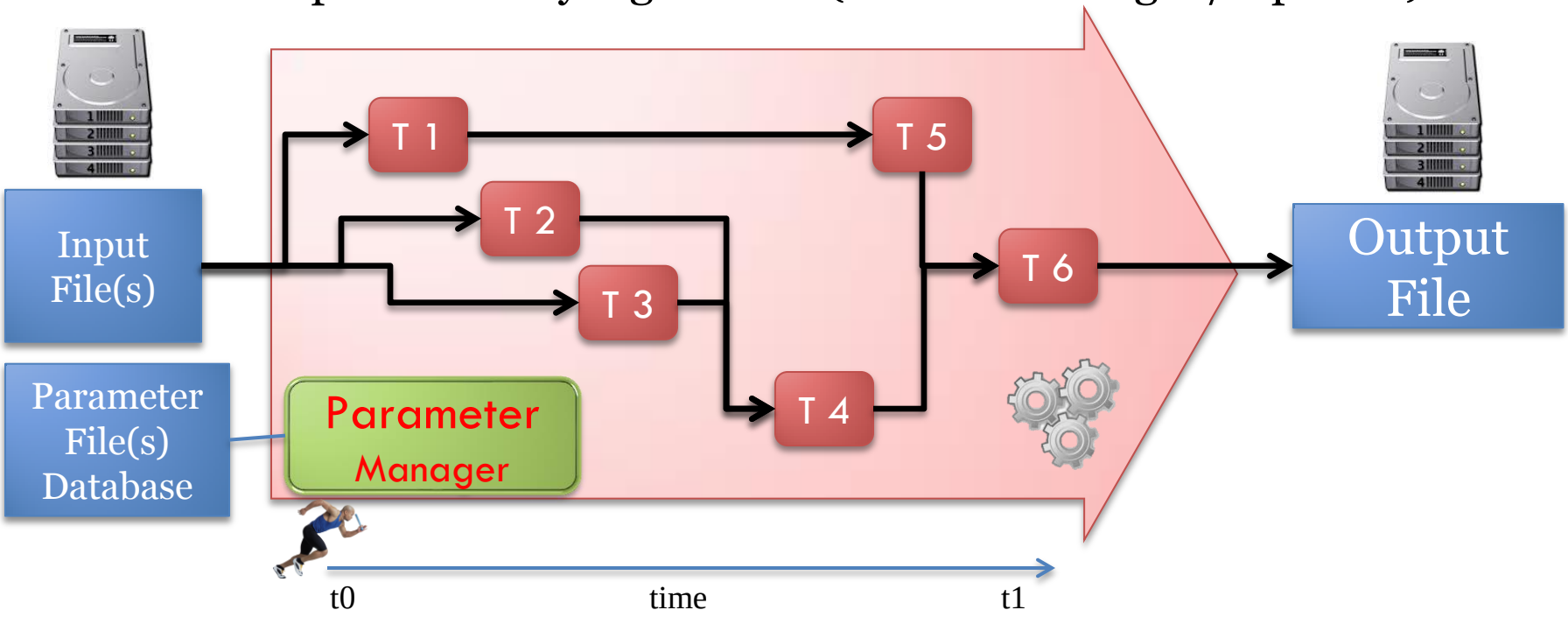
1 GB/s

Design constrains

- Highly flexible:
  - different data paths should be modeled.
- Adaptive:
  - Sub-systems are continuously under development and improvement
- Should work for simulated and real data:
  - developing and debugging the algorithms
- It should support all possible hardware where the algorithms could run (CPU, GPU, FPGA)
- It has to scale to any size! With minimum or ideally no effort.

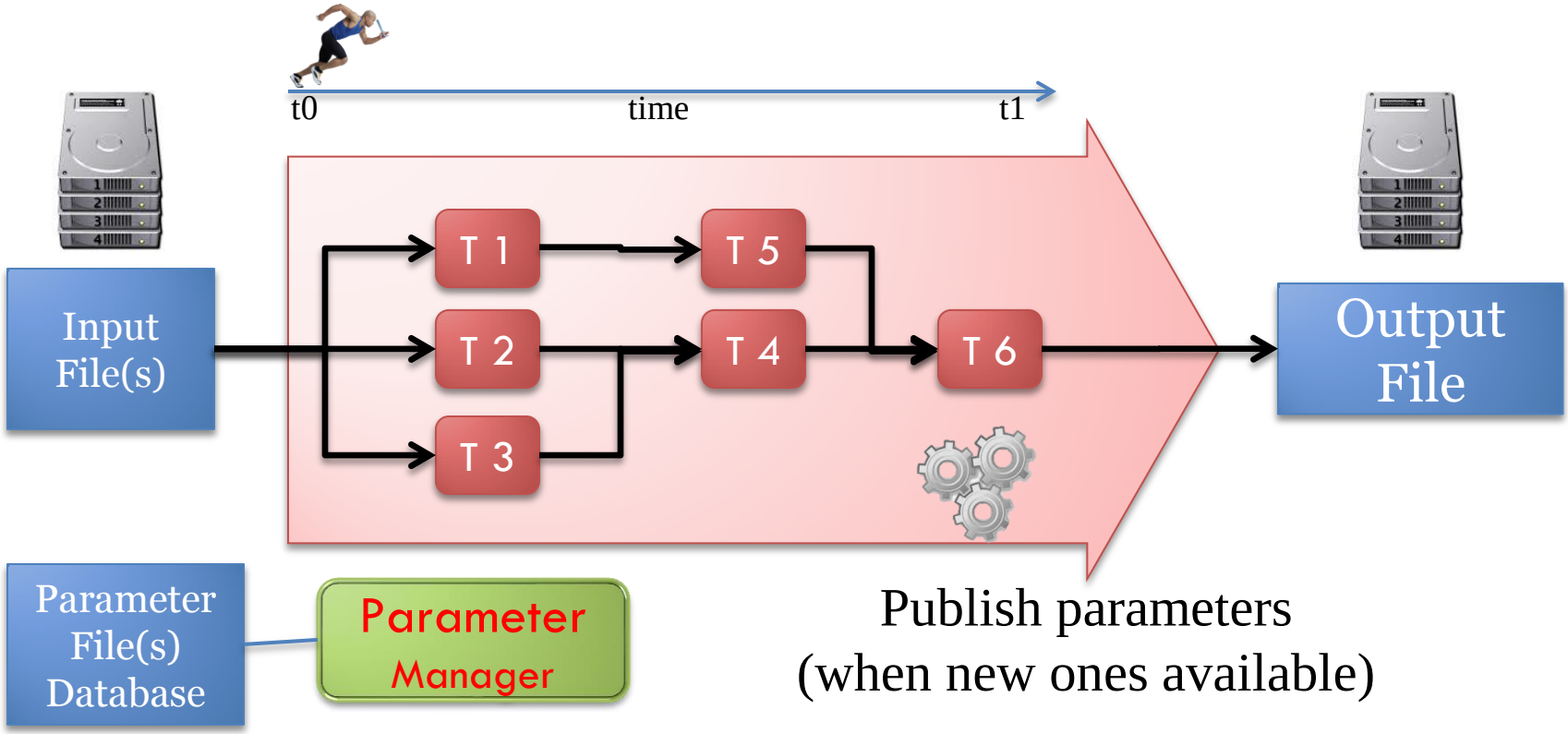
FairRoot: Where we are now?

- ROOT event loop
- User code in Task hierarchy
- Task hierarchy runs sequentially in one process
- Tasks implement only algorithms (can be exchanged/replaced)



FairRoot: Where we are going ? (almost there!)

- Each Task is a process (can be Multi-threaded)
- Message Queues for data exchange
- Support multi-core and multi node



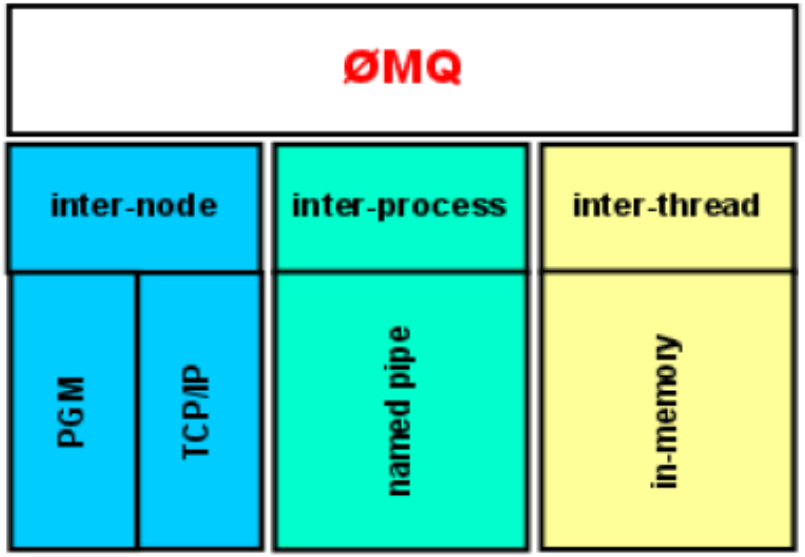
Before Re-inventing the Wheel

- What is available on the market and in the community?
  - A very promising package: ZeroMQ is available since 2011
- Do we intend to separate online and offline? NO
- Multithreaded concept or a message queue based one?
  - Message based systems allow us to decouple producers from consumers.
  - We can spread the work to be done over several processes and machines.
  - We can manage/upgrade/move around programs (processes) independently of each other.

- A messaging library, which allows you to design a complex communication system without much effort
- Abstraction on higher level than MPI (programming model is easier)
- Is suitable for loosely coupled and more general distributed systems
- Multiplatform, multi-language (+30)
- Small (20K lines of C++ code)
- Large and active open source community.
- Open source LGPL free software (large community)

ZeroMQ sockets provide efficient transport options

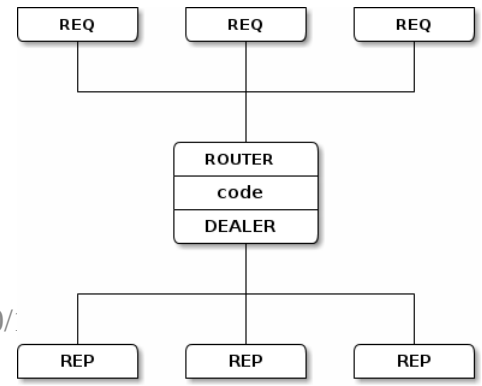
- Inter-thread
- Inter-process
- Inter-node
  - which is really just inter-process across nodes communication

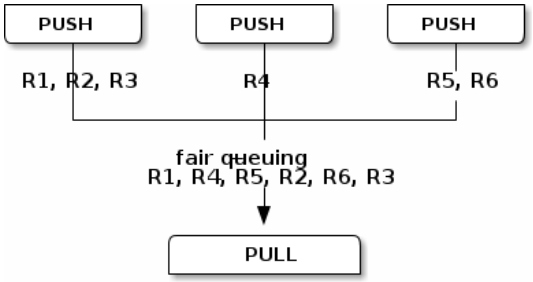


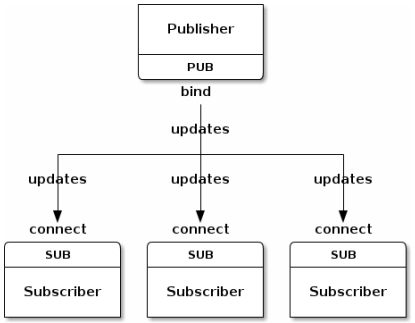
PMG : Pragmatic General Multicast (a reliable multicast protocol)
Named Pipe: Piece of random access memory (RAM) managed by the operating system and exposed to programs through a file descriptor and a named mount point in the file system. It behaves as a first in first out (FIFO) buffer

The built-in core ØMQ patterns are:

- **Request-reply**, which connects a set of clients to a set of services. (remote procedure call and task distribution pattern)
- **Publish-subscribe**, which connects a set of publishers to a set of subscribers. (data distribution pattern)
- **Pipeline**, which connects nodes in a fan-out / fan-in pattern that can have multiple steps, and loops. (Parallel task distribution and collection pattern)
- **Exclusive pair**, which connect two sockets exclusively



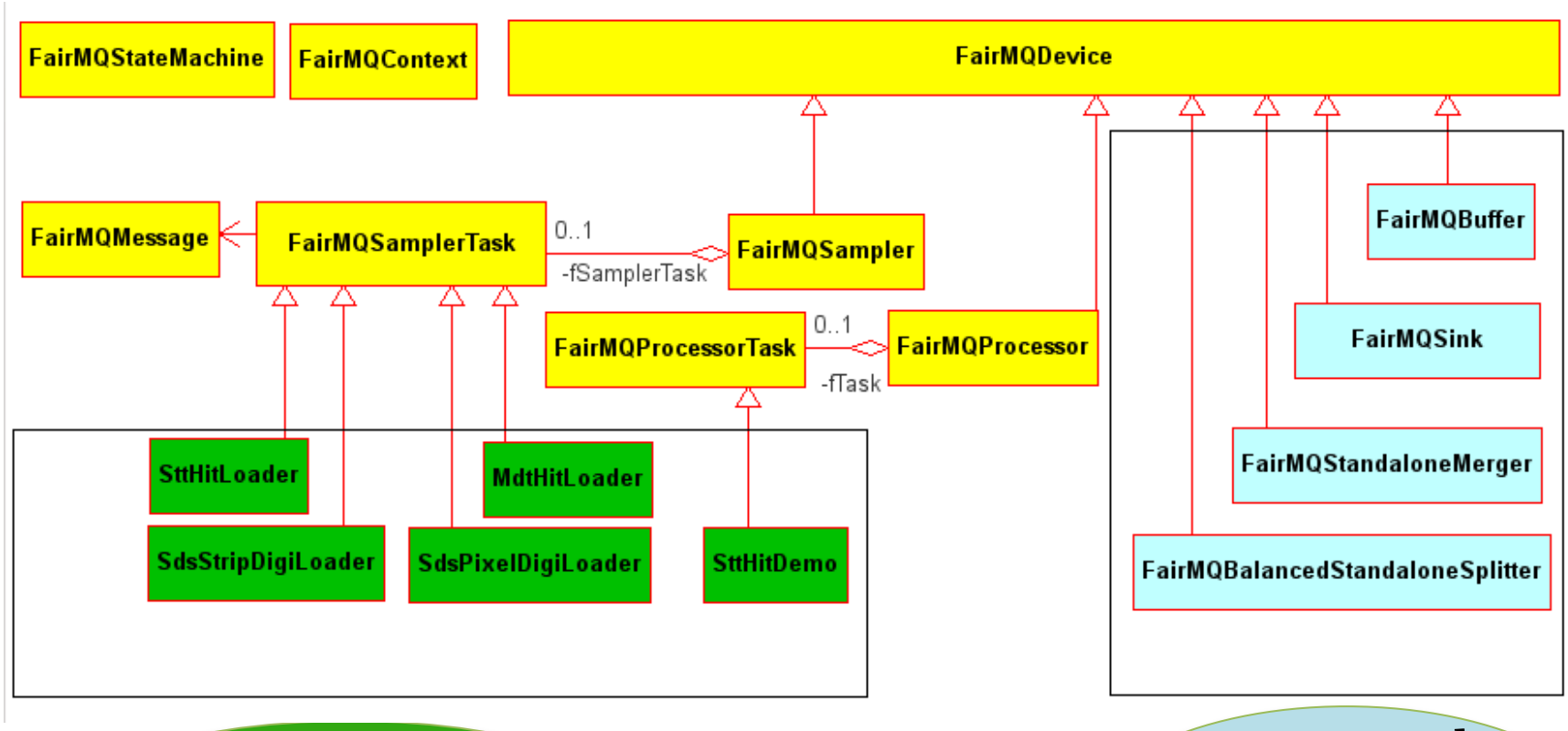




Current Status

- The Framework delivers some components which can be connected to each other in order to construct a processing pipeline(s).
- All components share a common base called Device (ZeroMQ Class).
- Devices are grouped by three categories:
  - Source:
    - Data Sampler
  - Message-based Processor:
    - Sink, Splitter, Merger, Buffer, Proxy
  - Content-based Processor:
    - Processor

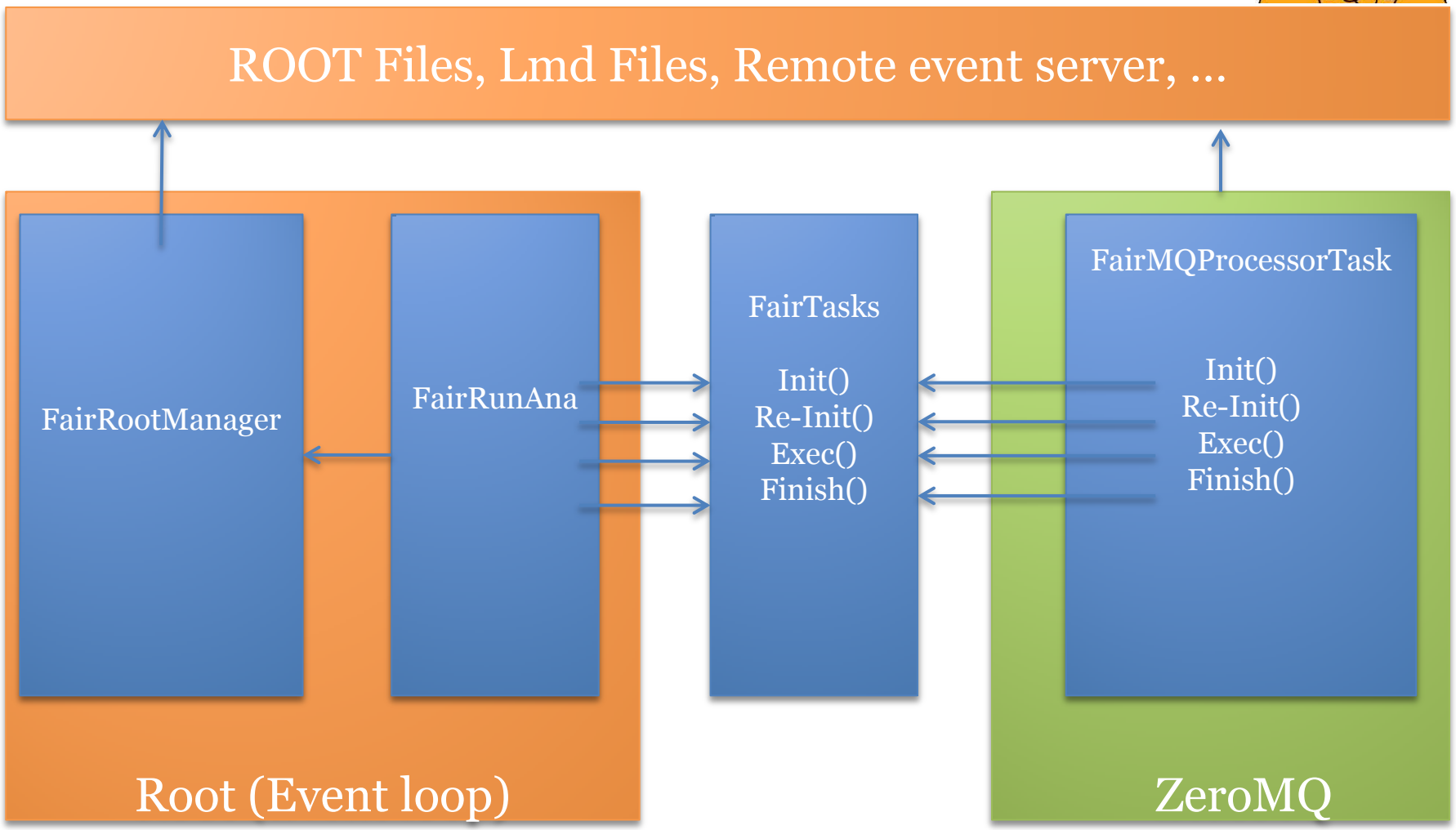
Design



Experiment/detector specific code

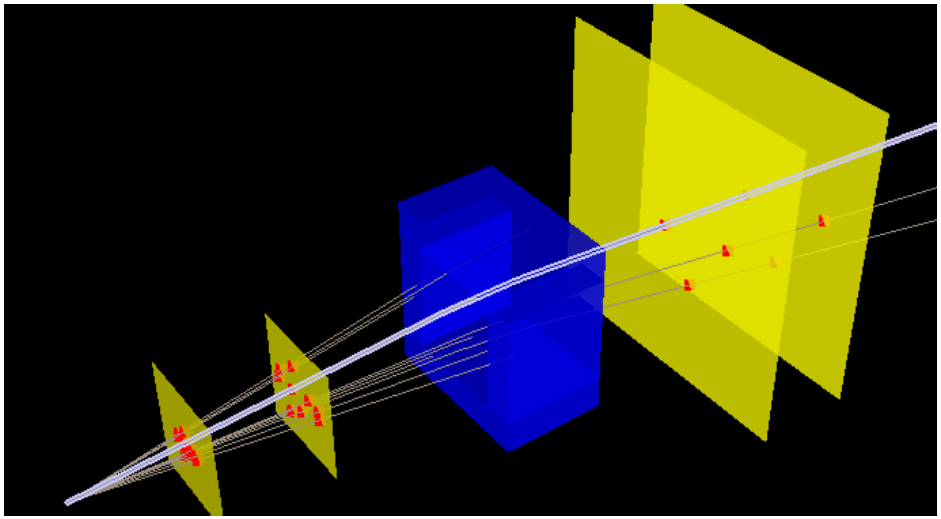
Framework classes that can be used directly

Integrating the existing software:



FairRoot: Example 3

4 -Tracking stations with
a dipole field

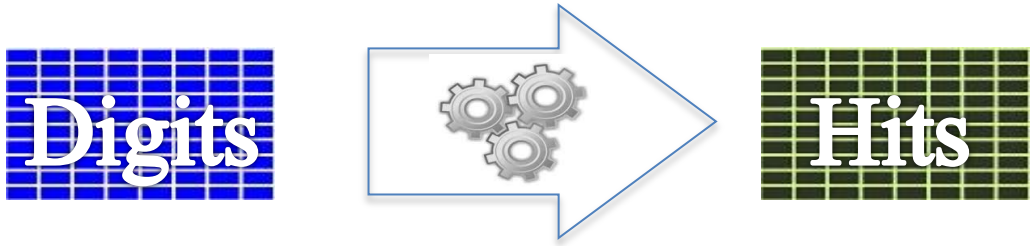


Simulation:
A) 10k event: 10 Protons/ev
B) 20k event: 300 Protons/ev

Digitization

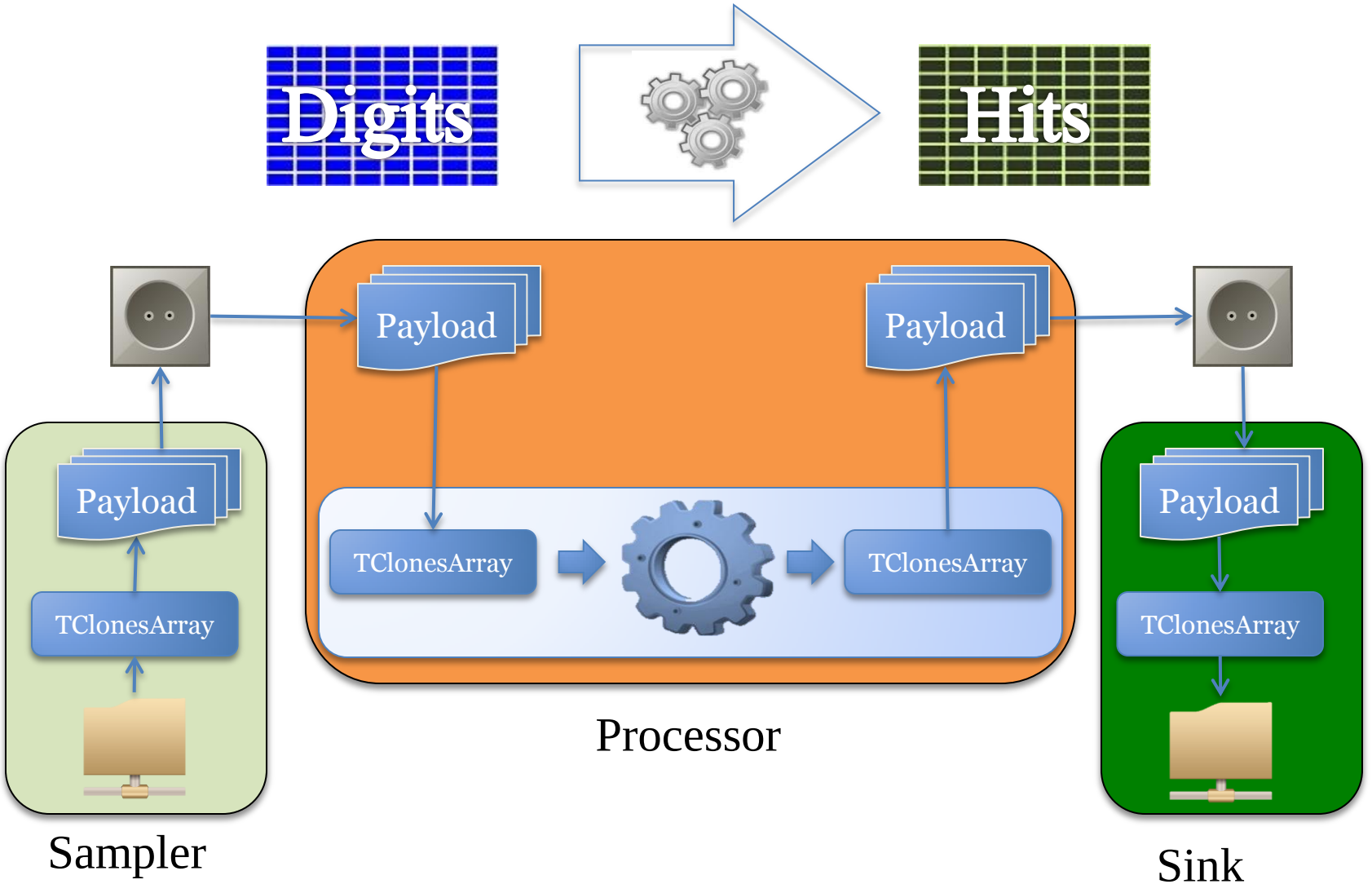
Reconstruction:
Hit/Cluster Finder

From digits to hits with ROOT:



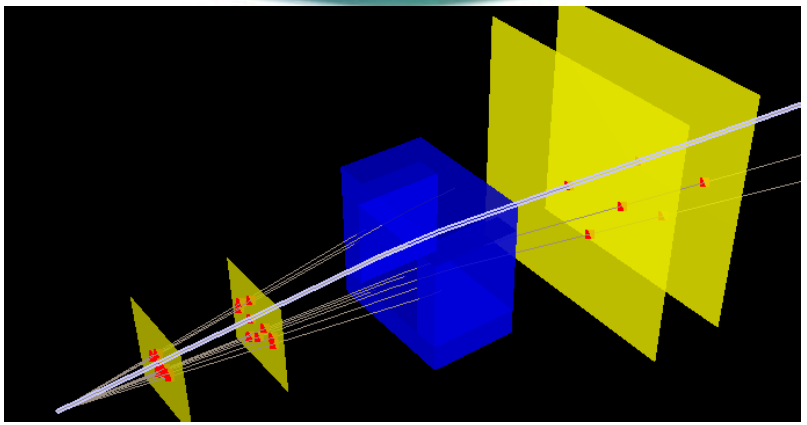
RUN	CPU Time (s) (Wall time)	Memory (Mbyte)
10k Events, 10 Protons/event	12	143
20k Events, 300 Protons/event	162	241

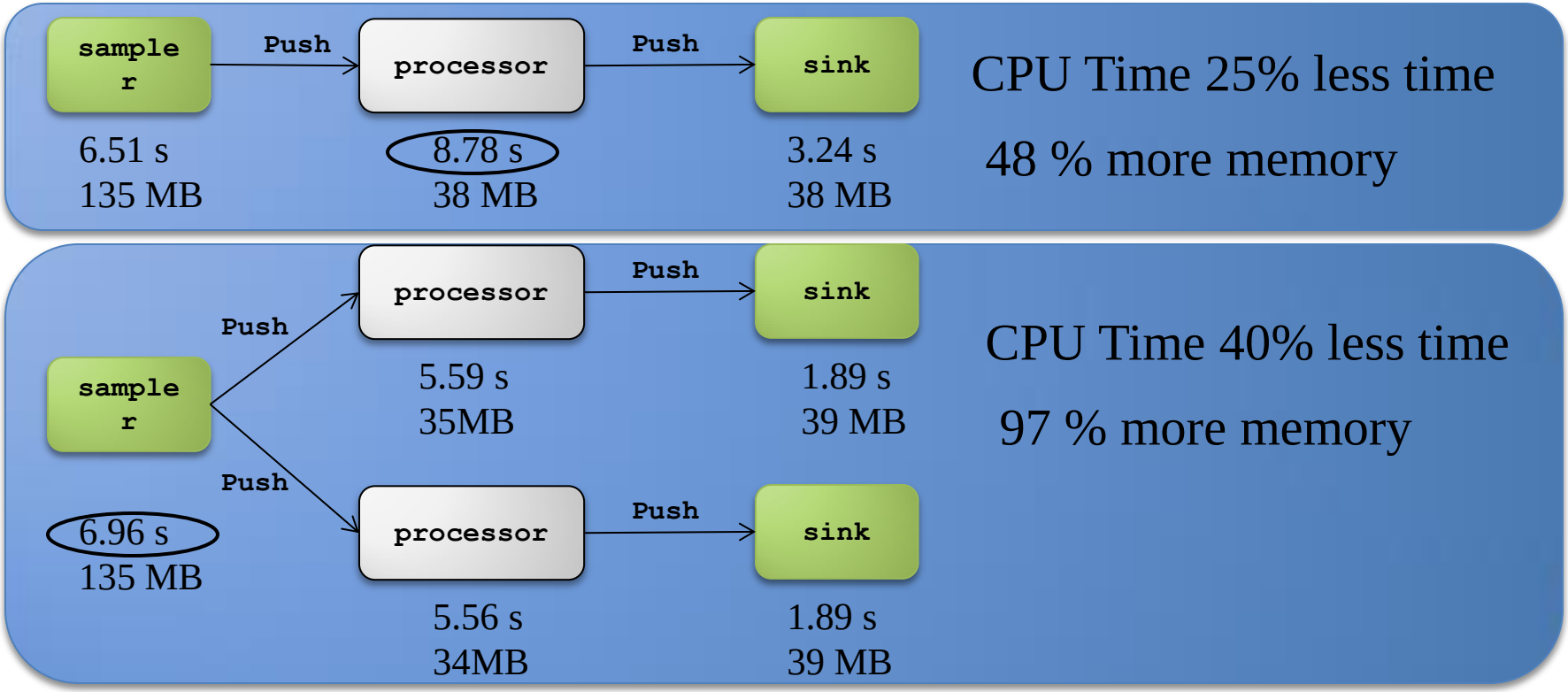
From digits to hits with ØMQ:



Test 1: Reconstruction
10k Event 10 Tracks/event

root 11.85s 143MB





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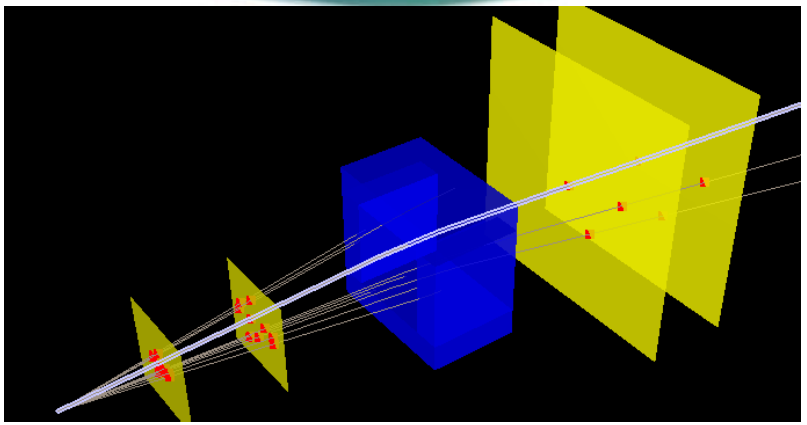
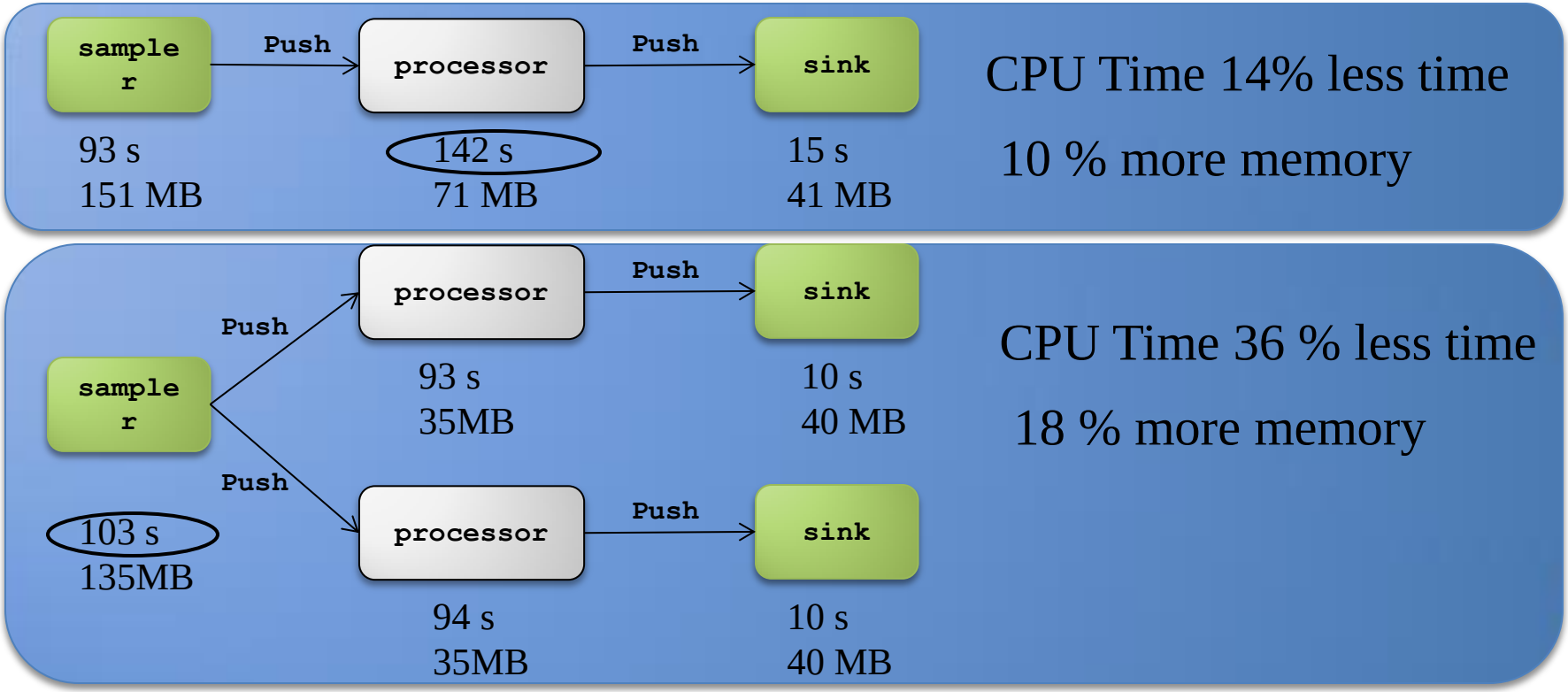
20k Event 300 Tracks/event

root 162 s 241MB





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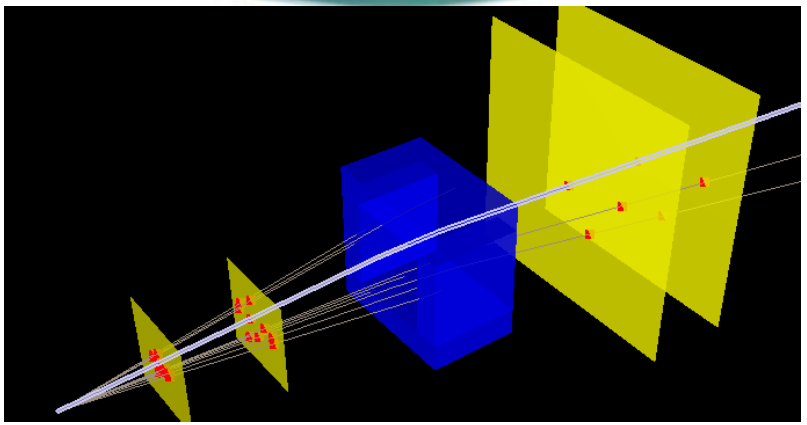

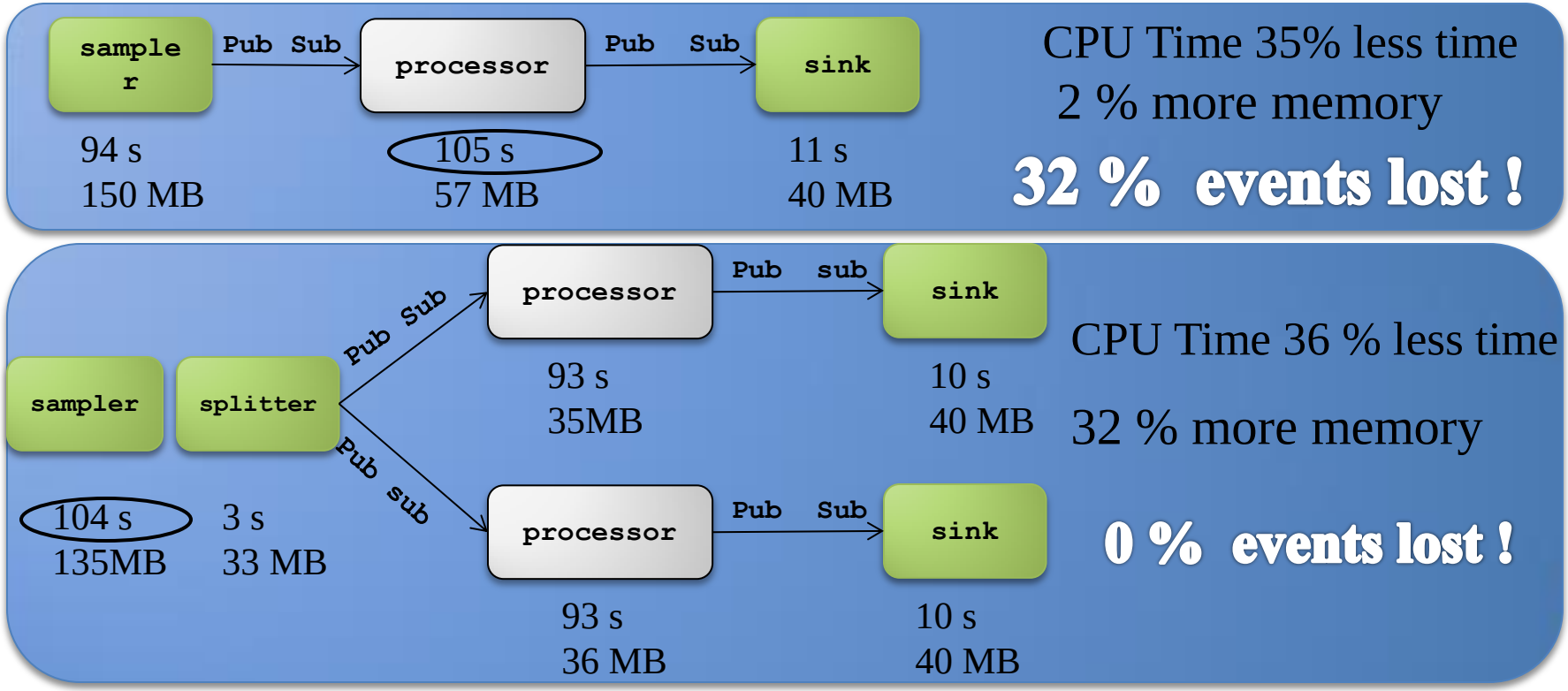

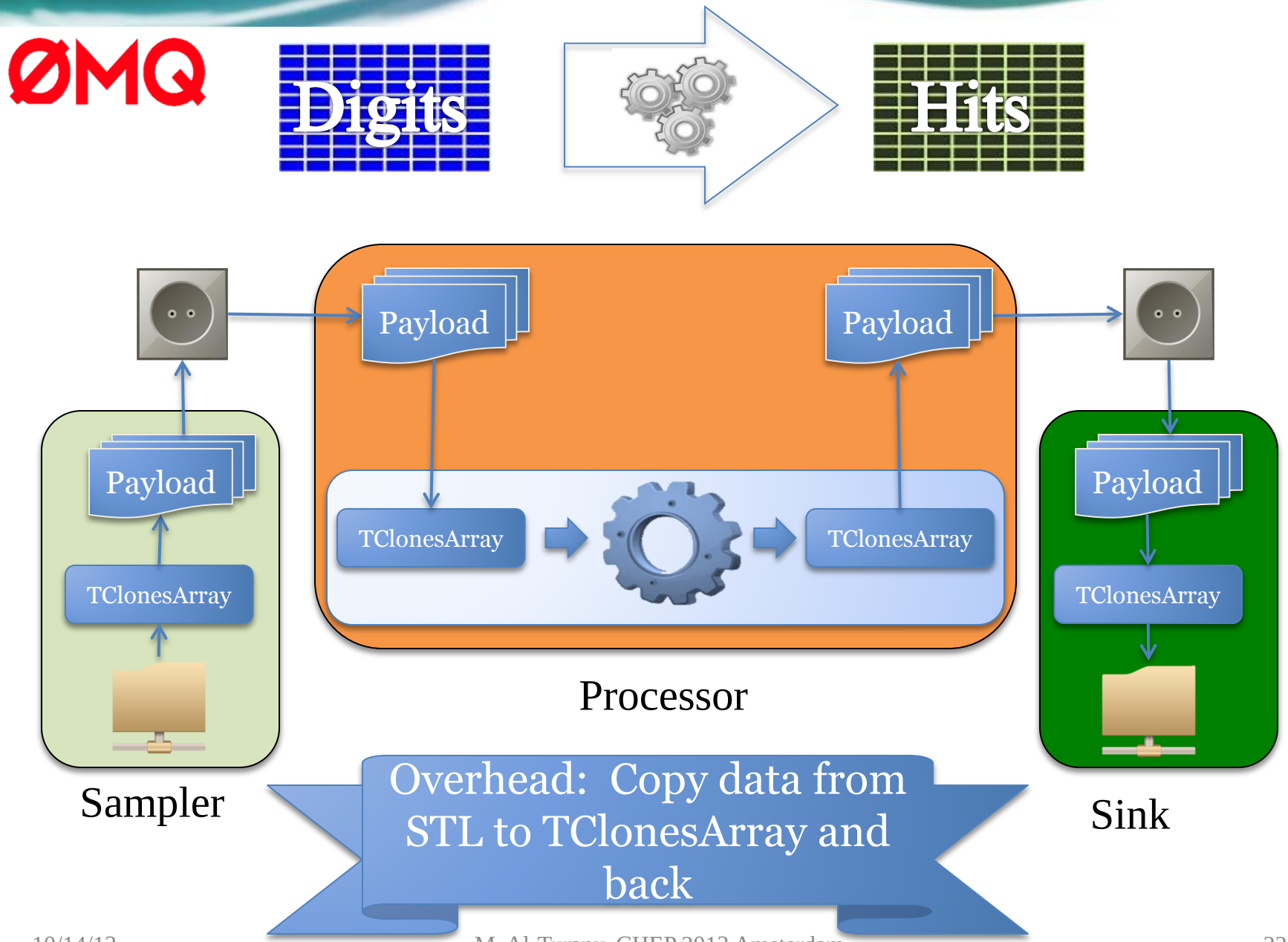
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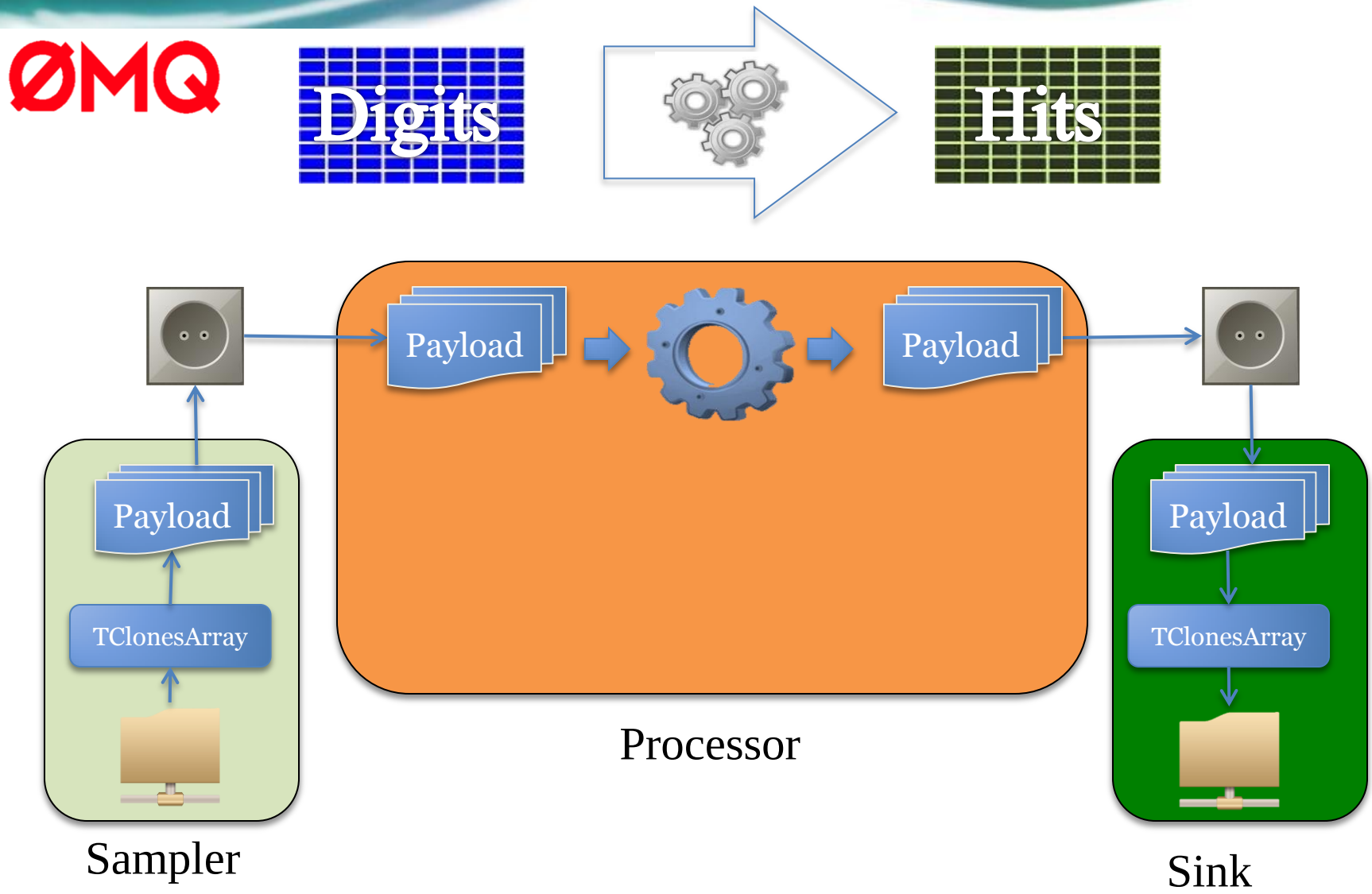
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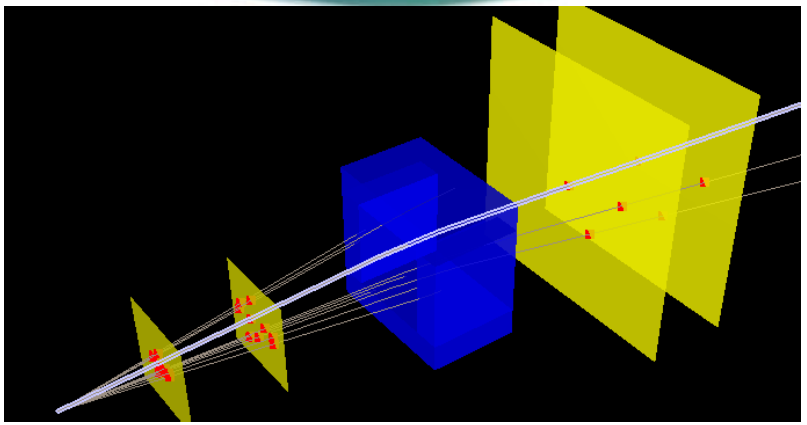

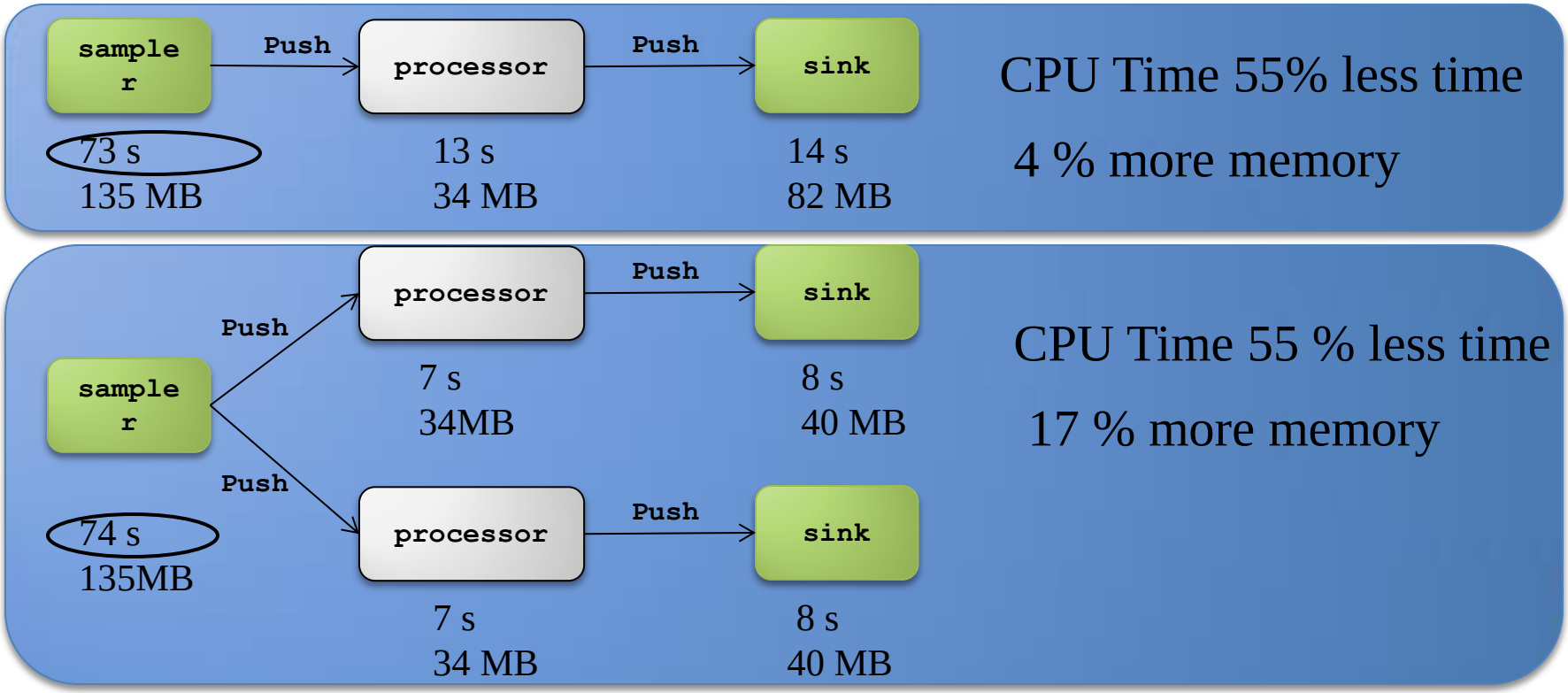

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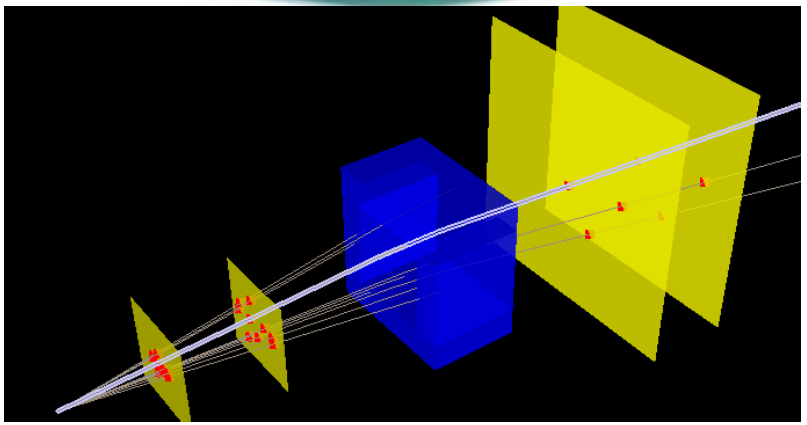
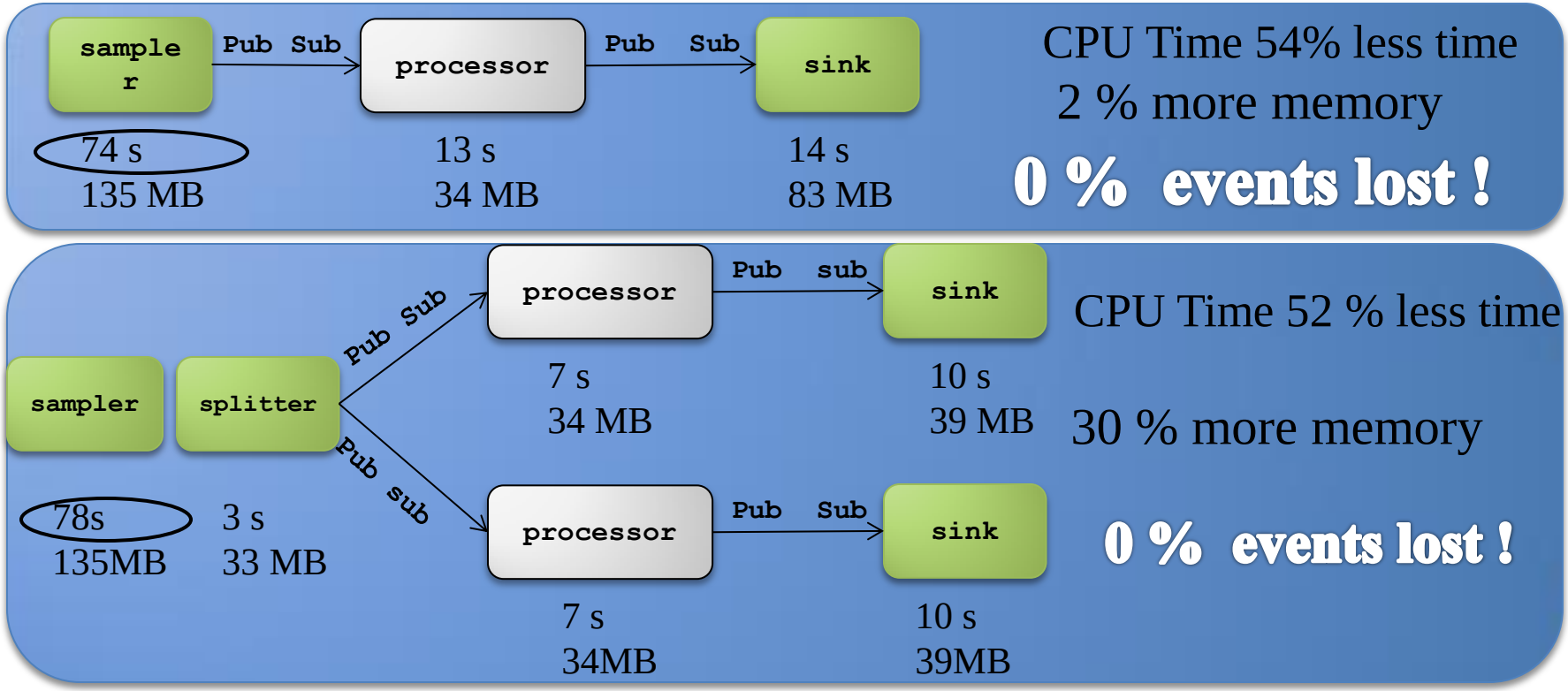




Summary

- ZeroMQ communication layer is integrated into our offline framework (FairRoot).
- On the short term we will keep both options: ROOT based event loop and concurrent processes communicating with each other via ZeroMQ.
- On long term we are moving away from single event loop to distributed processes.

Next Step: Design and development of a dynamic deployment system (DDS)

- STORM is very attractive but no native support for C++ !
- We need to utilize any RMS (Resource Management system)
- Support different topologies and process dependencies
- Device (process) is a single entity of the system
  - Each device has its own watchdog process
  - Devices are defined by a set of props and rules,
  - All devices are statically inherited (should support) 3 interfaces: IDDSConfig, IDDSStatus, and IDDSLog
- .....

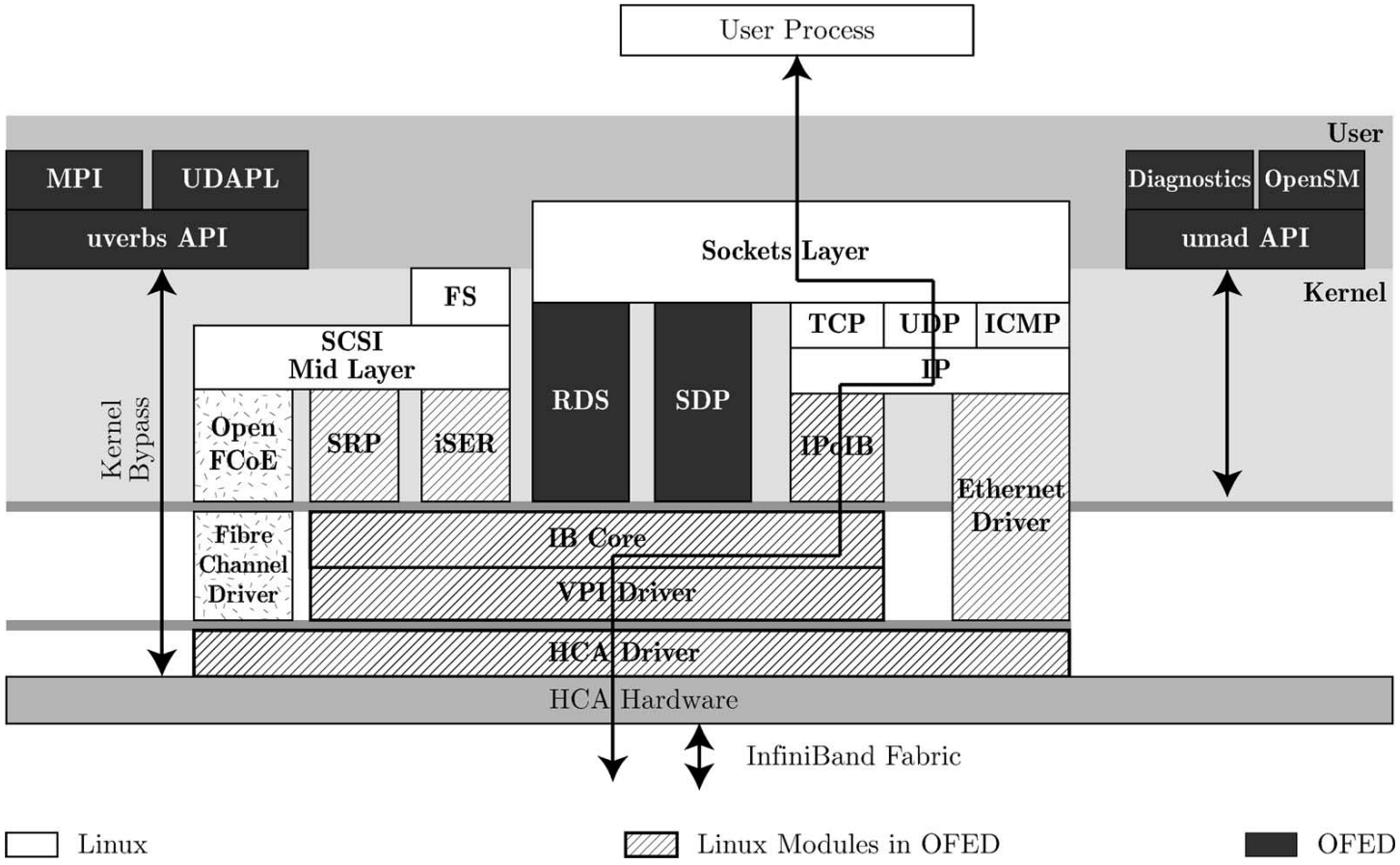
Thank you

Backup

Message format (Protocol)

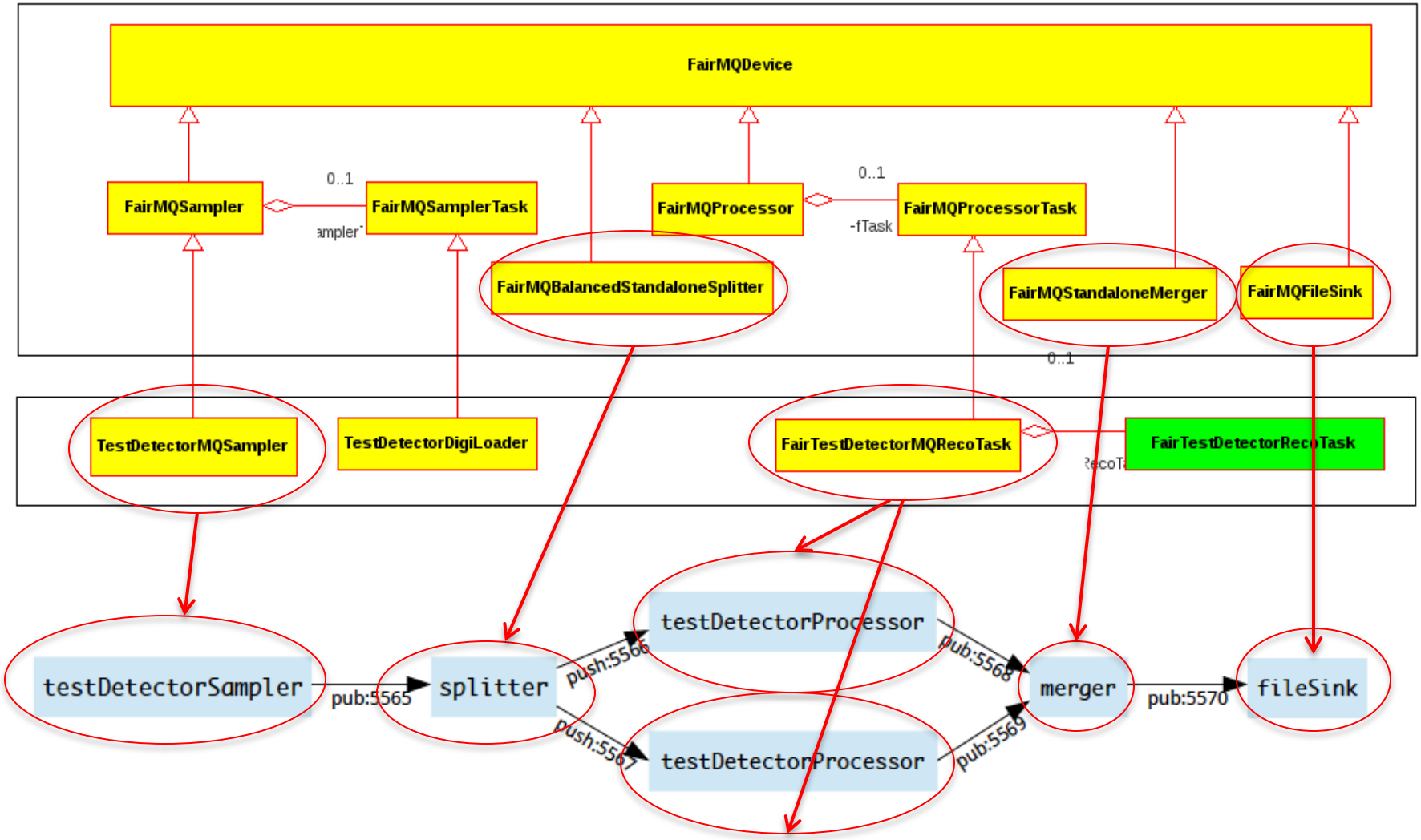
- Potentially any content-based processor or any source can change the application protocol. Therefore, the framework provides a generic Message class that works with any arbitrary and continuous junk of memory (FairMQMessage).
- One has to pass a pointer to the memory buffer, the size in bytes, and can optionally pass a function pointer to a destructor, which will be called once the message object is discarded.

Native InfiniBand/RDMA is faster than IP over IB

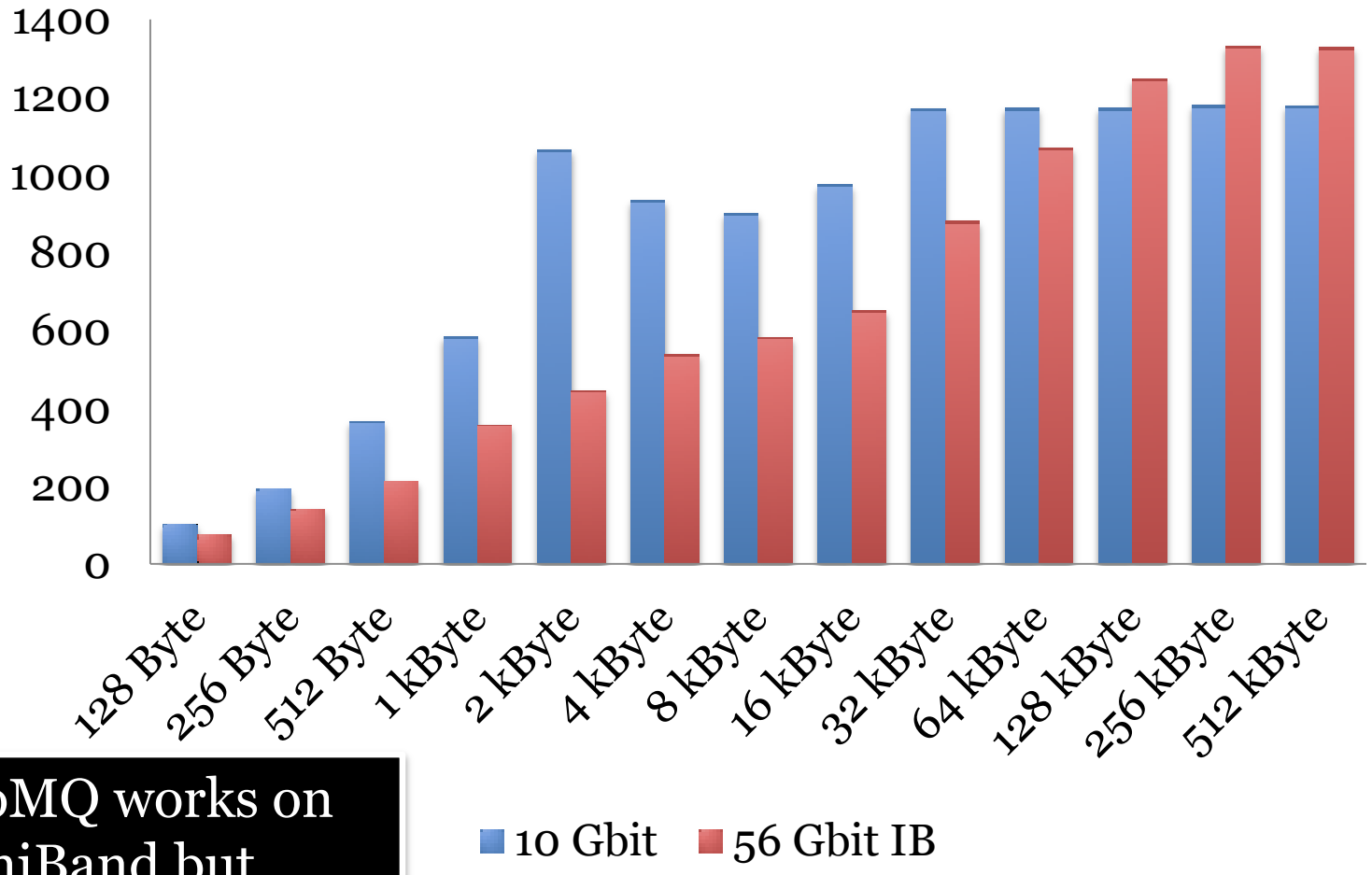


Implementing ZeroMQ over IB verbs will improve the performance.

Fairbase/example/Tutorial3



Payload in Mbyte/s as function of message size



ZeroMQ works on InfiniBand but using IP over IB

Results

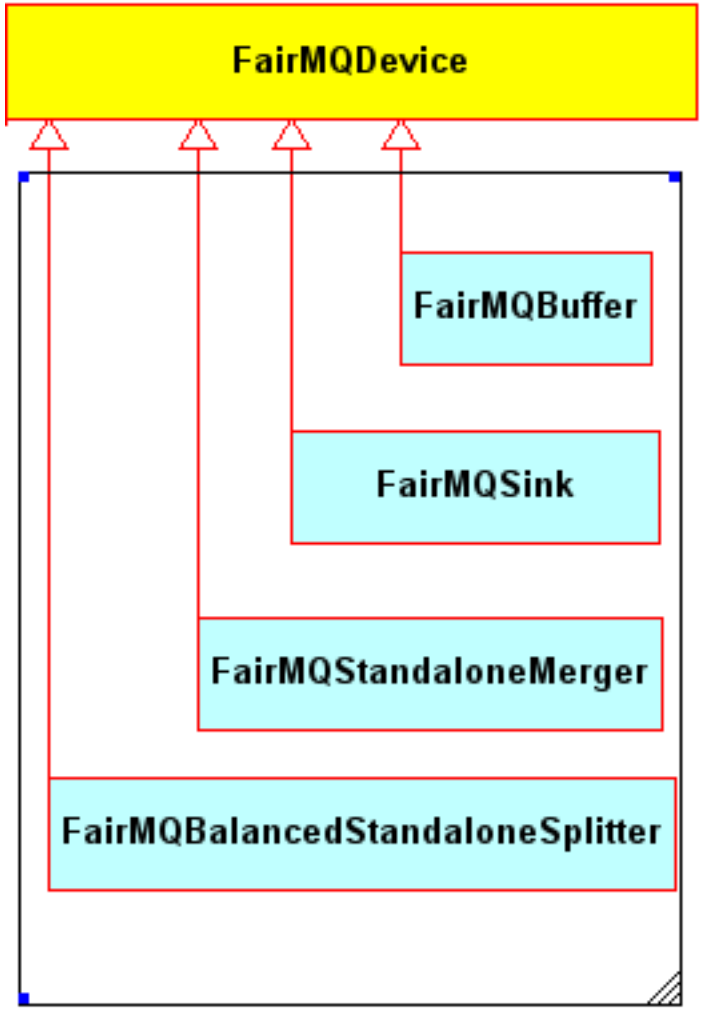
- Throughput of 940 Mbit/s was measured which is very close to the theoretical limit of the TCP/IPv4/GigabitEthernet

- The throughput for the named pipe transport between two devices on one node has been measured around 1.7 GB/s

Each message consists of digits in one event for one detector, with size of few kBytes

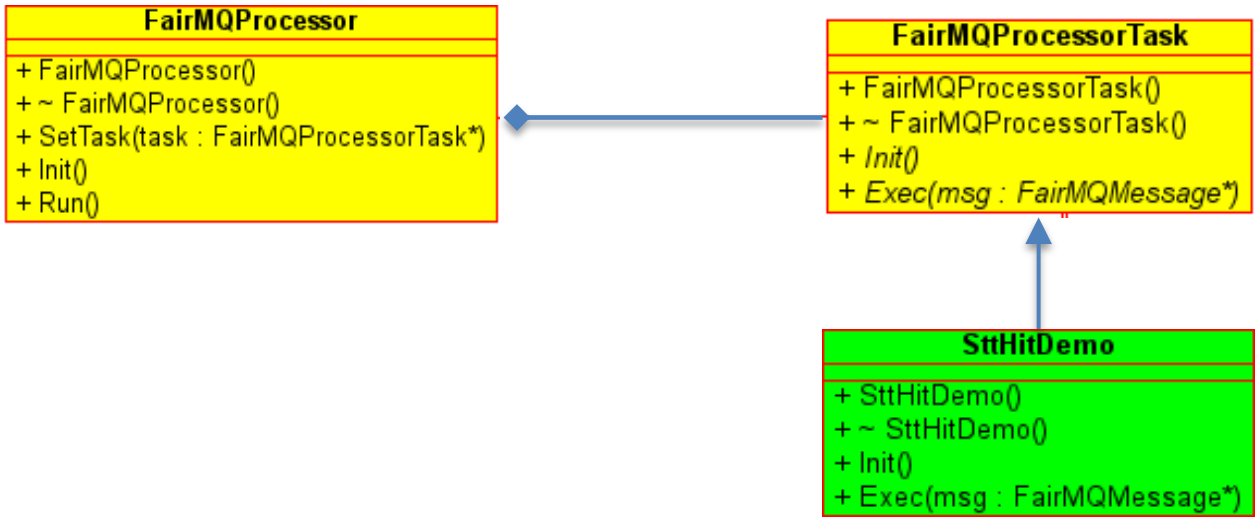
Message-based Processor

- All message-based processors inherit from Device and operate on messages without interpreting their content.
- Four message-based processors have been implemented so far



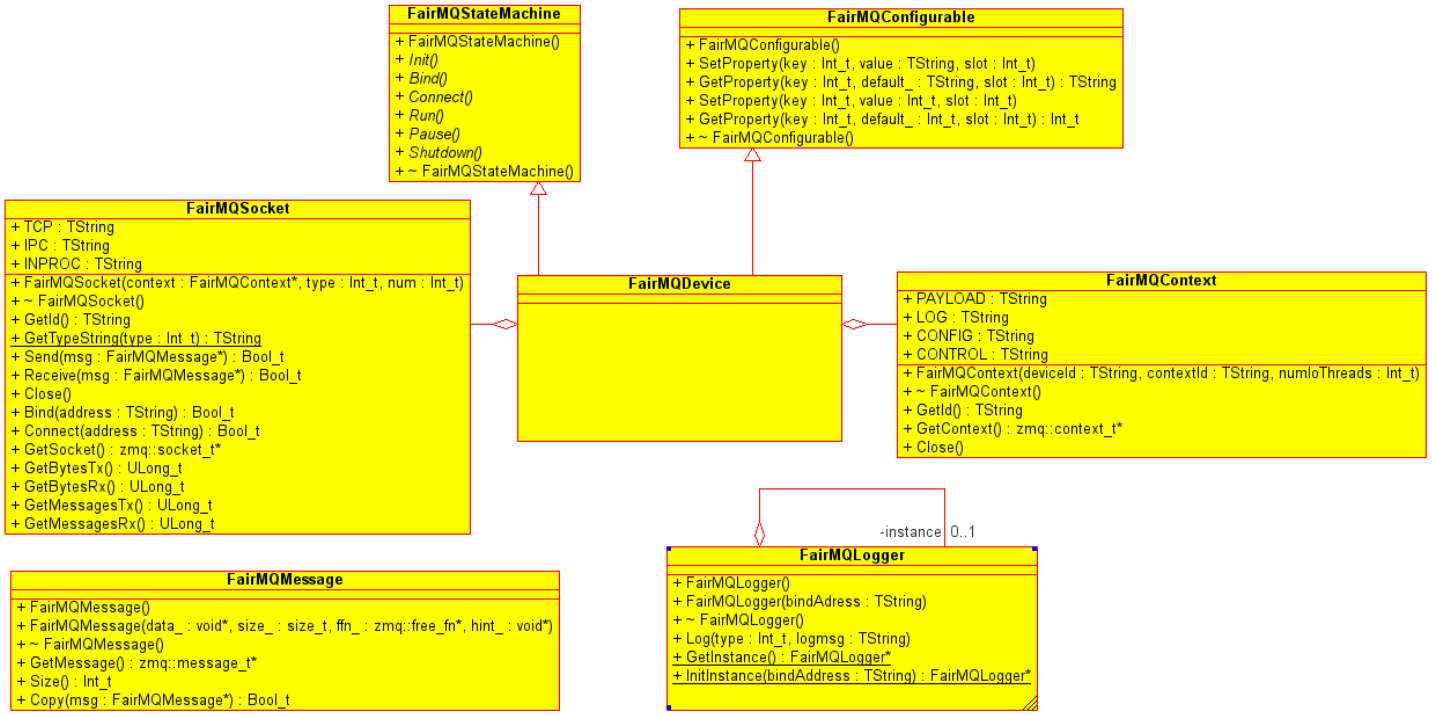
Content-based Processor

- The Processor device has at least one input and one output socket.
- A task is meant for accessing and potentially changing the message content.

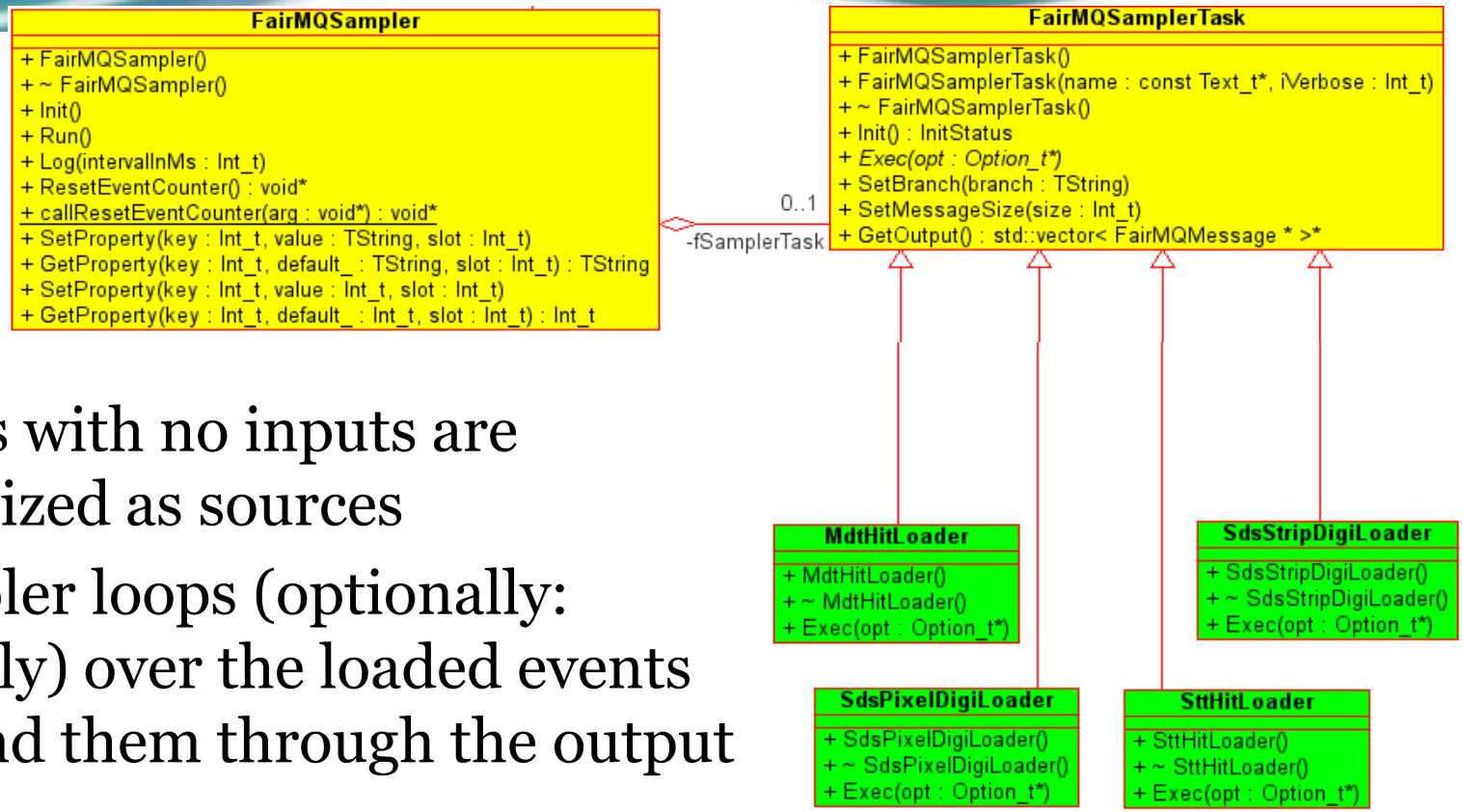


Device

- Each processing stage of a pipeline is occupied by a process which executes an instance of the Device class

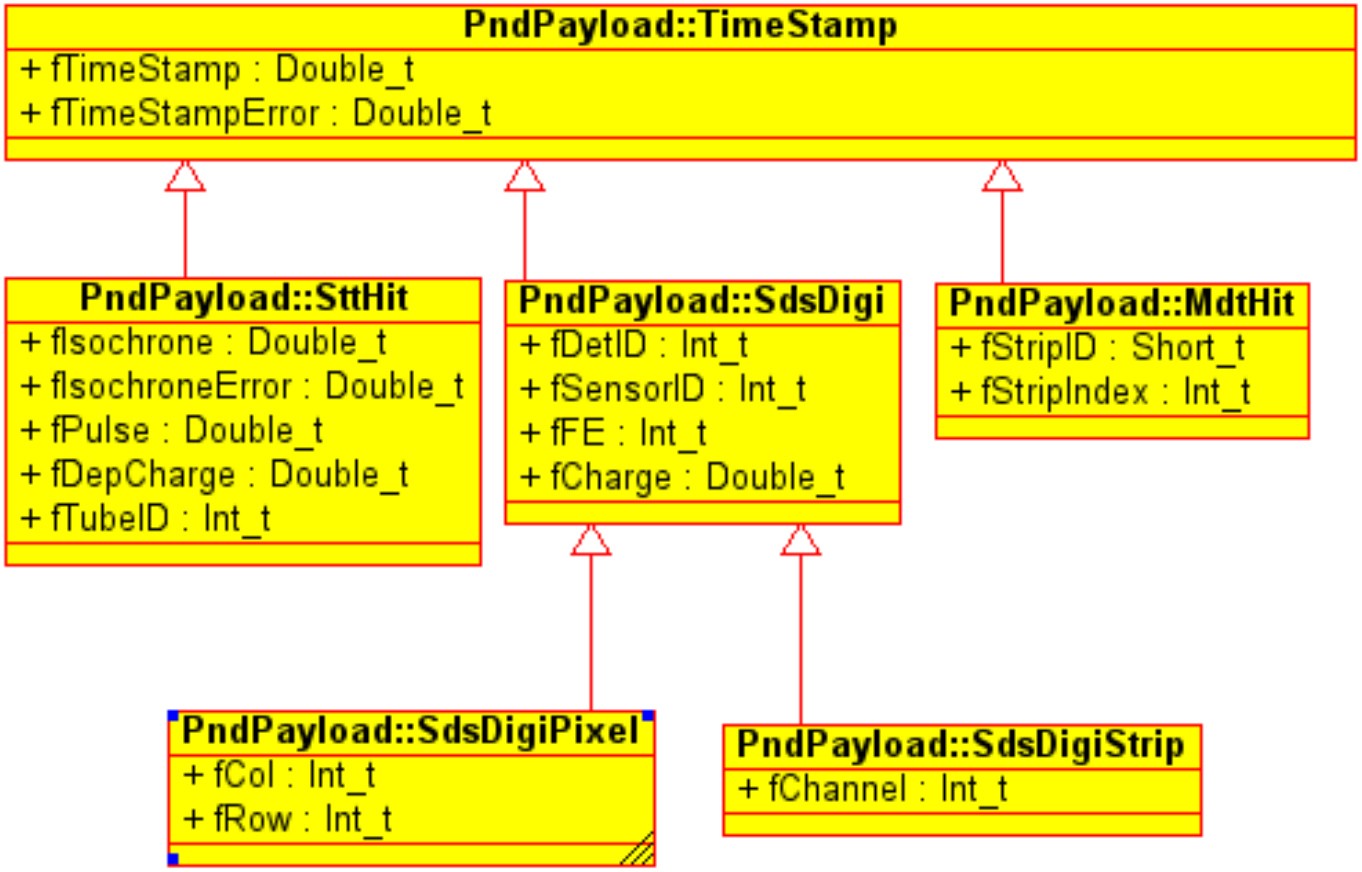


Sampler



- Devices with no inputs are categorized as sources
- A sampler loops (optionally: infinitely) over the loaded events and send them through the output socket.
- A variable event rate limiter has been implemented to control the sending speed

New simple classes without ROOT are used in the Sampler (This enable us to use non-ROOT clients) and reduce the messages size.



ØMQ Features

- Message blobs of Zero to N bytes
- One socket connect to many sockets
- Queuing sender and receiver
- Automatic TCP (re)connect
- Zero-copy for large messages