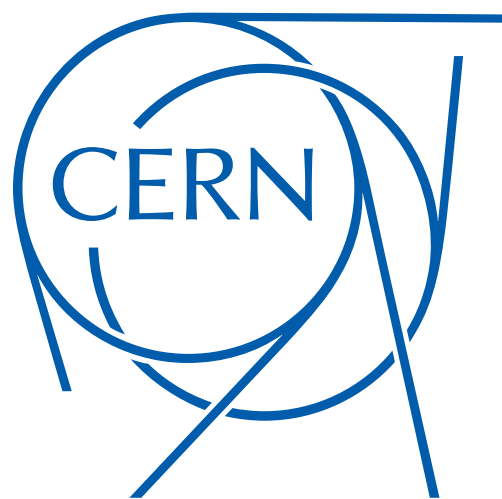


Report from the Scientific Computing Forum – SCF

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Meetings so far

- 15.2.2017
- 12.5.2017
- 27.10.2017

Purpose of SCF

Scientific Computing is prevalent

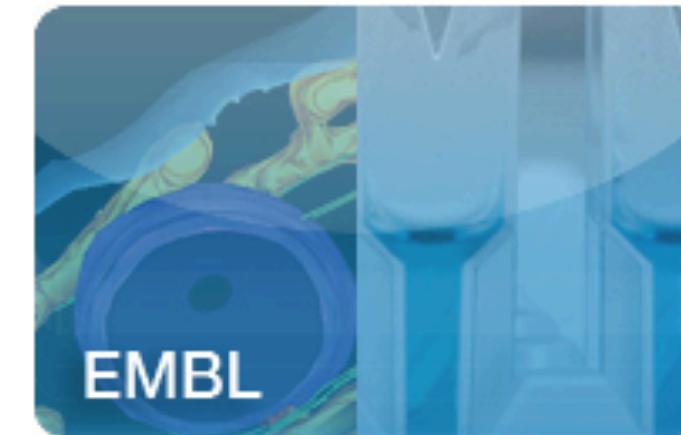
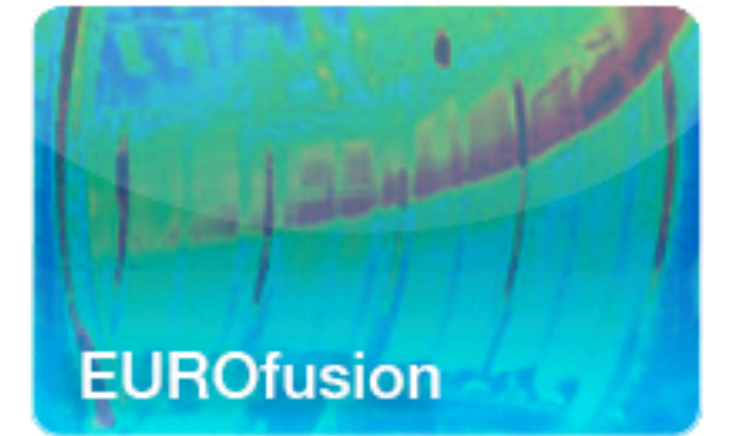
- more and more fields of science need considerable computing and data storage resources
- Funding agencies and the tax payer are interested in cost-effective solutions
 - foster common approaches
 - efficient installations
 - typically few MW class (due to reduced manpower overhead; profit from economies of scale)

Overall Impressions on SCF

- Expressions of support from several countries and delegates for the establishment of the Forum – with CERN taking the *lead*
 - requesting the possibility to follow the discussions and evolution
 - keep RRB informed
- Receive presentations from various agencies and listen to reports of individuals

EIROForum

- EIROForum members approved the Strategy paper on 11.5.2017
- input to the EC
- idea equally applicable to other agencies



Some strategic developments

- Square Kilometer Array (SKA) will have similar demands in data storage and computing in the mid 20ies
- CERN and SKA concluded a collaboration agreement on exascale computing and data storage

*just one example of
strategic alliance*



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Some recent developments

- Common folklore:

HPC (supercomputers) require specialised code;

HEP applications are data intensive hence; HTC (high throughput).

But:

no longer true

- MC easily runs on HPC; even better as cross section calculations and Geant 4 are further developed
- Modern middleware allows to port the analysis code to HPC in an efficient way
 - need the software support of HPC centres;
next SCF will focus on HPC

*next SCF on
27.10.2017*

Community White Paper

- HEP Community has been working to produce a White Paper (CWP) which is about to be released
- Report in next SCF
- Describes the soft- and hardware developments required for the mid 20ies.

*Adiabatic transition to the
computing for HL-LHC*

Summary on SCF

- SCF seems to be a useful discussion forum
 - open to everyone (as long as we can entertain a discussion)
<https://indico.cern.ch/category/9249/>
 - tries to help shape ideas and programme
 - strategic tool for planners of computing installations
- Topical decisions are taken in WLCG
 - under scrutiny of RRB