

Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory computing requirements and infrastructure



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The Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO) is an underground 20 kton liquid scintillator detector being built in the south of China and expected to start data taking in late 2021. The JUNO physics program is focused on exploring neutrino properties, by means of electron anti-neutrinos emitted from two nuclear power complexes at a baseline of about 53 km. Targeting an unprecedented relative energy resolution of 3% at 1 MeV, JUNO will be able to study neutrino oscillation phenomena and determine neutrino mass ordering with a statistical significance of 3-4 sigma within six years running time. These physics challenges are addressed by a large Collaboration localized in three continents. Different groups of the Collaboration, as simulation and offline groups, have started the evaluation of the requirements of the experiment for computing and the related resources. In this context, key to the success of JUNO will be the realization of a distributed computing infrastructure, which will satisfy its predicted computing needs. Upon its establishment, it is expected to deliver not less than 2 PB of data per year, to be stored in at least four data centers in China and Europe. Data analysis activities will be distributed in a joint effort. This contribution is meant to report how the JUNO computing infrastructure is going to be designed and which will be its main characteristics.

JUNO experiment

Country	Institute	Country	Institute	Country	Institute
Armenia	Yerevan Physics Institute	China	IMP-CAS	Germany	U. Mainz
Belgium	Universite libre de Bruxelles	China	SYSU	Germany	U. Tuebingen
Brazil	PUC	China	Tsinghua U.	Italy	INFN Catania
Brazil	UEL	China	UCAS	Italy	INFN di Frascati
Chile	PICNIC	China	USTC	Italy	INFN Ferrara
China	UTFSM	China	U. of South China	Italy	INFN Milano
China	BISEE	China	Wuhan U.	Italy	INFN Milano Bicocca
China	Beijing Normal U.	China	Xian JTK	Italy	INFN Padova
China	CAGS	China	Xiang JTK	Italy	INFN Perugia
China	Chengde University	China	Xiang JTK	Italy	INFN Roma3
China	CIAE	China	Zhengzhou U.	Latvia	BECS
China	DGUT	China	NUDT	Pakistan	PINSTECH (PAEC)
China	ECNU	China	CUG-Beijing	Algeria	INM Moscow
China	Guangxi U.	China	ECUT-Shanghai City	Russia	VINR
China	Harbin Institute of Technology	Czech R.	Charles University	Russia	MSU
China	IHEP	Ireland	University of Limerick	Slovakia	FMPPT
China	Jilin U.	France	LAL Orsay	Taiwan-China	NASIP
China	Jinan U.	France	CNRS Bordeaux	Taiwan-China	National Taiwan U.
China	Nanjing U.	France	CPM Marne-la-Vallée	Taiwan-China	National United U.
China	Nankai U.	France	IHEC Strasbourg	Thailand	NARIT
China	NCEPU	France	Subatech Nantes	Thailand	PPRLCU
China	Peking U.	Germany	FZJ-ZEA	Thailand	SUT
China	Shandong U.	Germany	RWTH Aachen U.	USA	UMDI
China	Shanghai J.T.U.	Germany	TUM	USA	UMDD
China	IGG-Beijing	Germany	U. Hamburg	USA	UC Irvine
China	IGG-Wuhan	Germany	FZJ-JRP		

Figure 1 JUNO collaboration. Current composition of JUNO collaboration. The JUNO collaboration is quite large and cover several continents. In Fig. 1 a map of collaboration and a list of institutions participating.

The collaboration is formed from several groups, working on different aspects of the challenging experiment, and interacting between them. In Table 1 a simplified summary, able to put in evidence the components of the experiment producing data to be analyzed.

Description	Data producer
Central detector	No
Veto detector	No
Liquid scintillator	No
Calibration system	Yes
Large PMT Electronics	Yes
Small PMT system	Yes
Trigger	No
Online event reconstruction	No
Offline	No

Table 1 JUNO groups

Computing model

The starting point of our computing model is the amount of data produced from the experiment.

JUNO, as told by its name, is an observatory where several types of physics are studied. The main types of physics and the event rate expected in JUNO are summarized in Figure 2.

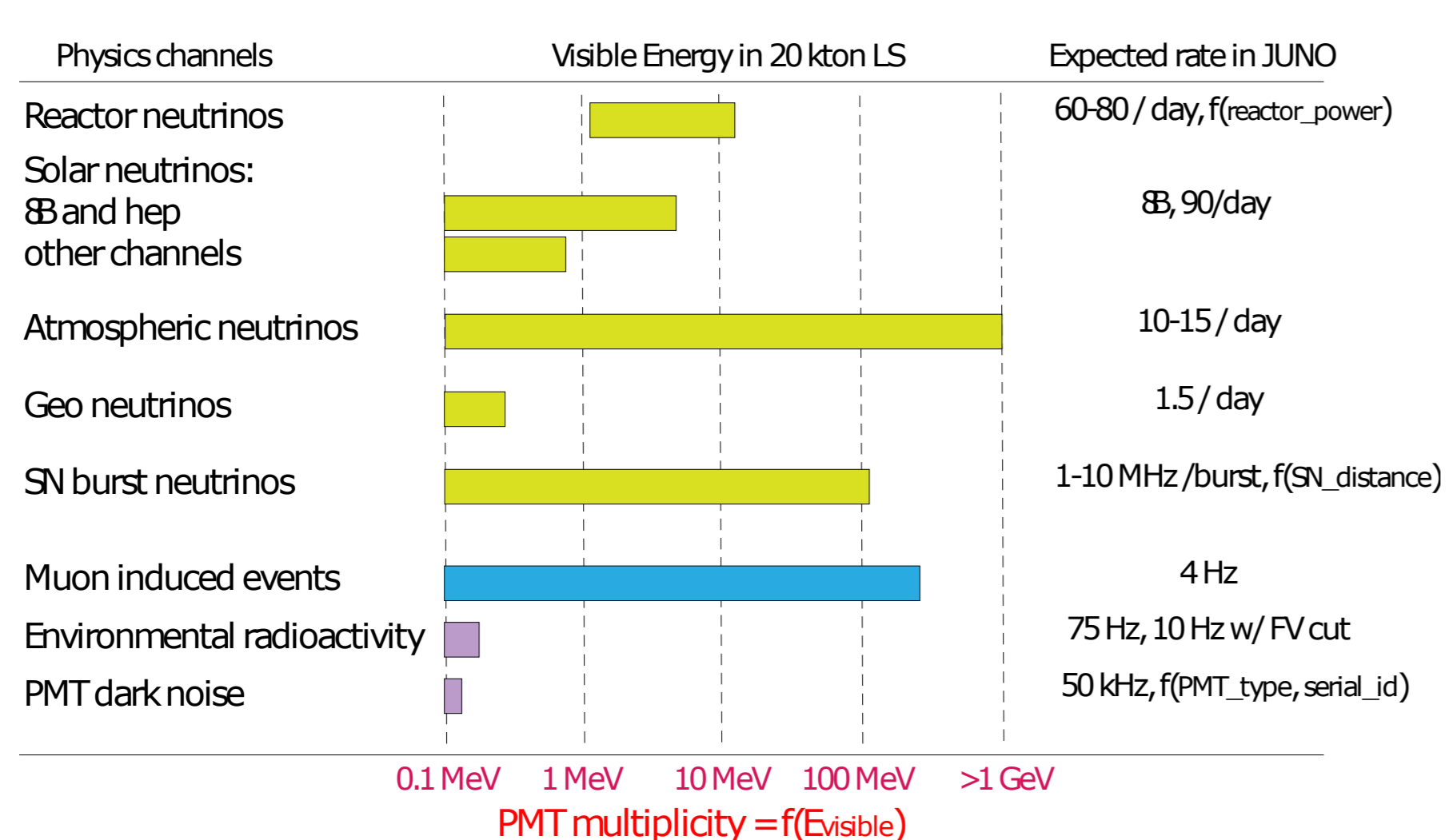


Figure 2 JUNO physics. Event rate for some physics activities. SN burst is just in case of supernova happening.

¹File Catalog provides interface to locate files and their copies

Correlating the expected events with both the expected JUNO behaviour and studies on reconstruction, it has been possible to estimate the needed data rate, as reported in Table 2.

Event type	Data size MB/s	Note
Vertex and time correlated	3	99.5% IBD, geo-nu, DSNB, ⁹ Li, fast-n, accidentals, etc.
Muon themselves	10?	> 100 MeV nucleon decays
Event following muons in 1 ms	12	Neutrons, accidentals, store fired PMTs
High energy isolated events	3	3.5 - 100 MeV, cosmogenic isotopes, Michel electrons, store fired PMTs
Medium/low energy isolated events 1	8	R < 16 m, 0.75-3.5 MeV, store fired PMTs
Medium/low energy isolated events 2	18	R > 16 m, 0.75-3.5 MeV
Minor energy	3	< 0.75 MeV, only store T/Q pairs
Total	54	No Huffman coding is required

Table 2 Event data rate. Data rate expected from JUNO.

Integrating this number over a period of 1 year, we have a bit less than 2 PB/year of data production. Similar consideration are available for calibration, reconstruction, simulation and analysis, as reported in Figure 3. In total, this means a yearly data production of the order of 3 PB. The estimated computing power to handle this amount of data is about 12,000 cores.

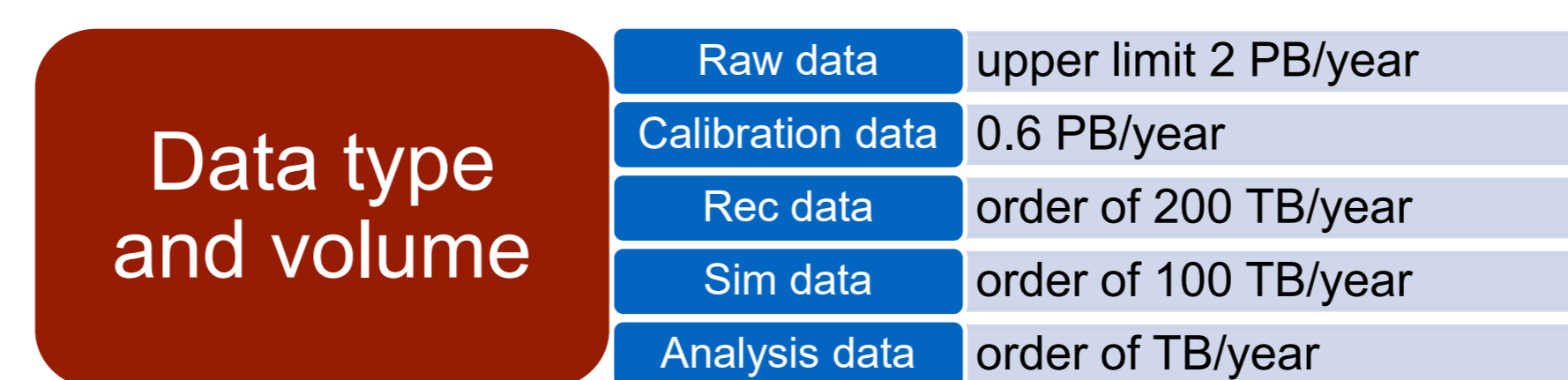


Figure 3 Data volume. Several items contributing to JUNO yearly data volume.

The data will be produced in Kaiping, the JUNO experimental site, transferred through a devoted network connection with 1 Gb/s bandwidth and to IHEP, in Beijing, where they will be stored. To ensure data safety at least a backup is required, and some European partners candidates to host it. Then, making use of international connection between National Research Networks, data are to be copied from IHEP to European data centers. It is required to have a file catalog and a book keeping system to keep trace of files copies.

Simulation, reconstruction and analysis are based on the software framework. The JUNO framework is based on standard libraries as ROOT, Geant4, CLHEP and on SNIPEP [7], a software framework developed at IHEP.

Distributed infrastructure

Given the distributed nature of JUNO collaboration, it is quite natural to implement a distributed infrastructure to fulfill computing model. At the moment, the IHEP computing center is a sort of T0 for JUNO experiment, receiving directly the data from Kaiping, the JUNO experimental site.

Other 4 computing centers are available in Europe: CC-IN2P3 from France, INFN-CNAF from Italy, Moscow State University and the computing center at JINR, in Dubna. In Figure 4 are summarized details on the data centers participating.

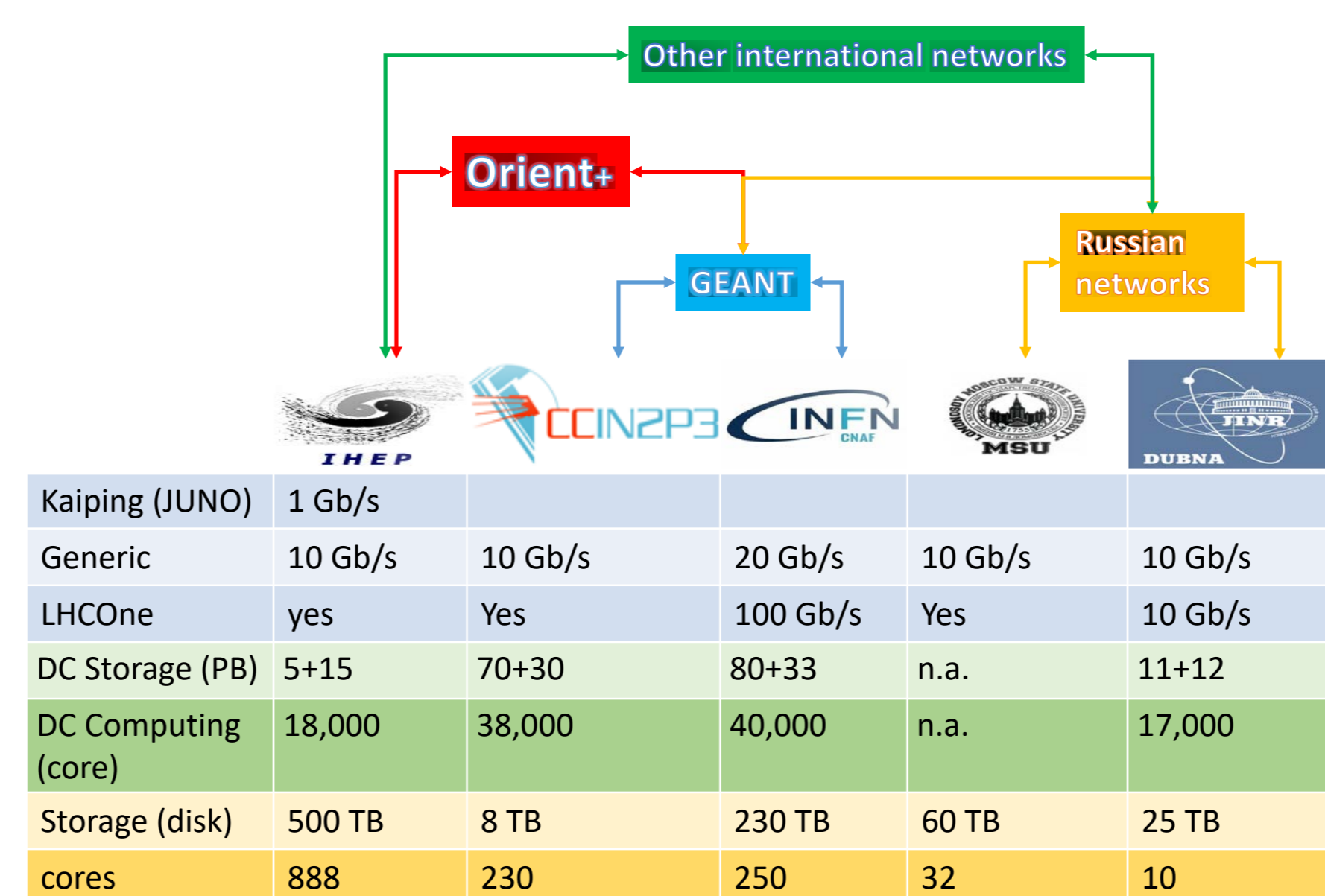


Figure 4 Data centers. Data centers participating in JUNO distributed infrastructure. In the table, the row in blue are relative to network, the line in green are relative to all data center, the data in orange are resources devoted to JUNO.

To share these resources and balance the load in order to form a distributed infrastructure, a set of services have to be chosen and a design developed. In Figure 5 a component view description of our design is reported.

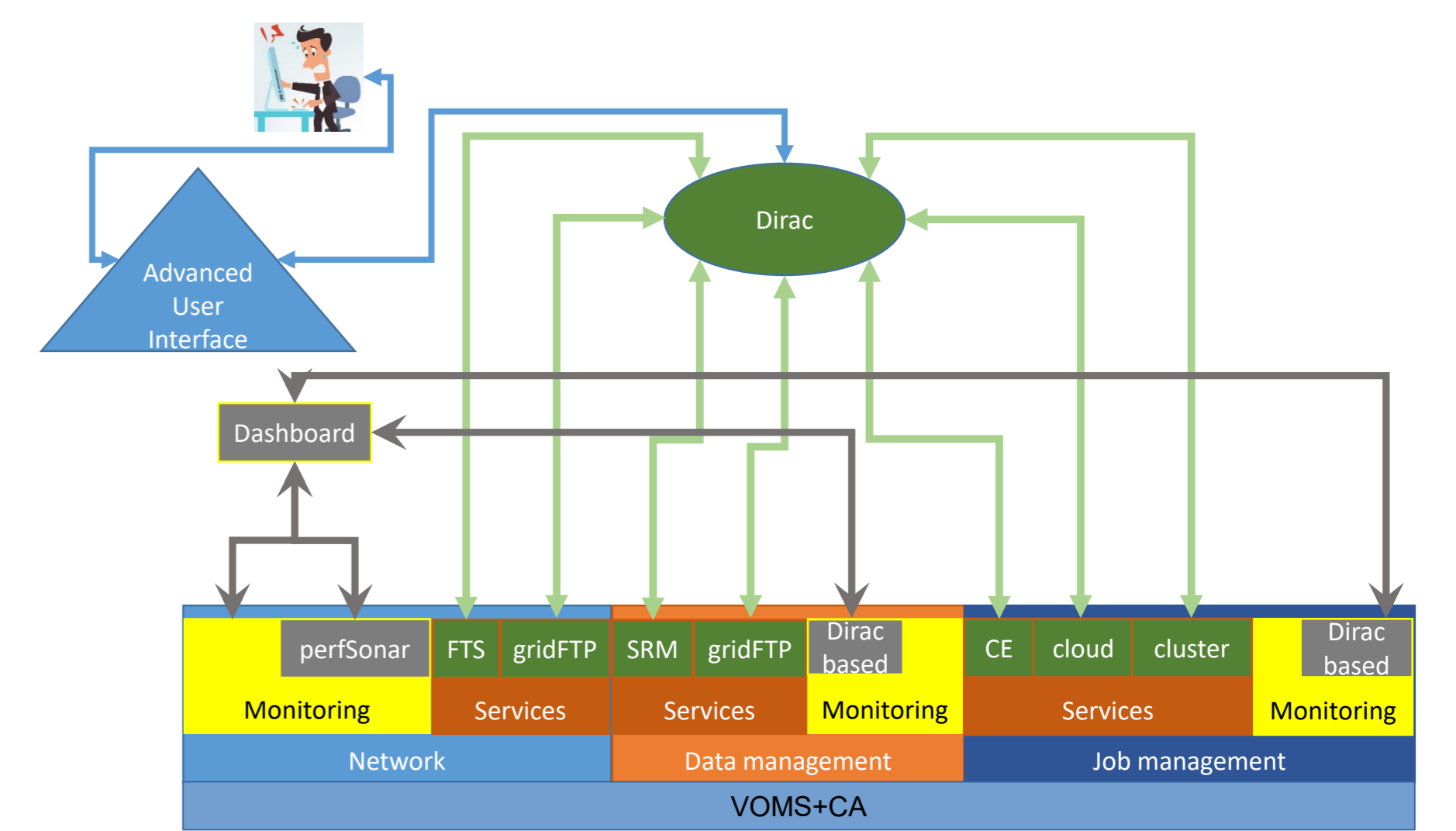


Figure 5 Distributed infrastructure simplified design. A simplified constituent block view of JUNO distributed infrastructure.

The basic requirement is to be able to identify and authorize users. In our design we rely on the standard solution of Virtual Organization (VO) and of Virtual Organization Membership Service (VOMS)[2], that make use of digital certificates issued from trusted Certification Authorities. In VOMS it is possible to define groups and roles to ensure that services and data are accessible only from allowed people.

To ensure that the infrastructure is working properly a monitoring system with a dashboard is needed. Of fundamental importance, to ensure distributed infrastructure is offering what promised, are the network connections between the sites. On top of this we can find the services to replicate and move data around: 1. gridftp[5] an enhanced version of FTP enabling security and parallel streams; 2. File Transfer Service (FTS)[3], able to handle file transfer requests and properly schedule them. What we want with the distributed infrastructure is to manage our data, replicate them around and analyze. This is done by means of the other two blocks in the design, Data management and Job management.

To distribute JUNO software the infrastructure relies on CernVM File System (CernVM-FS) [1], that provides a scalable, reliable and low-maintenance software distribution service. Data management interacts with the storage resources and implement the services, as the Storage Resource Manager, needed to manage the files, as to locate and retrieve copy of files.

Job management, instead, implements a set of services aimed at submitting jobs, as data analysis, and managing these jobs.

In JUNO design an important role is delegated to **Distributed Infrastructure with Remote Agent Control (DIRAC)** [6, 4], a software framework for distributed computing. In JUNO design, DIRAC provides user interface and both data management service, as File Catalog¹, and job management service.

Distributed infrastructure status

From January 2019, a working group was established. It is composed by JUNO members and representative of data centers involved to work on the distributed infrastructure design and implementation. Till today several parts were installed and tested:

- monitoring** perfSONAR installed and dashboard operational
- VO JUNO VO** created, VOMS installed and configured, VOMS replica deployed
- SRM** data centers SRM configured for JUNO and some test data transfer already performed
- job submission** first test successfully performed.

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