

## ***Mostenirea Profesorului Hulubei,***

*Nu numai că IFA a luat ființă la inițiativa domniei sale, institutul pe care și l-a dorit...”**să fie un institut de fizică pentru românii mei...**” dar dumnealui a reușit să atragă alături de Dânsul, la conducerea ei, **cele mai remarcabile valori intelectuale din domeniu.***

*Alături de dansul au fost **Șerban Țițeica** și **Ion Agârbiceanu** urmați mai apoi de **Ioan Ursu** și secondati la conducerea sectorului tehnic de oameni de același calibru, prin **Tudor Tănăsescu**, urmat de **Florin Ciorăscu.***

# IFA - digitization - evolution - lived history - [GP]

Computers, networks,  
informatics

Experimental physics,  
detectors, infrastructure  
accelerators, astrophysics

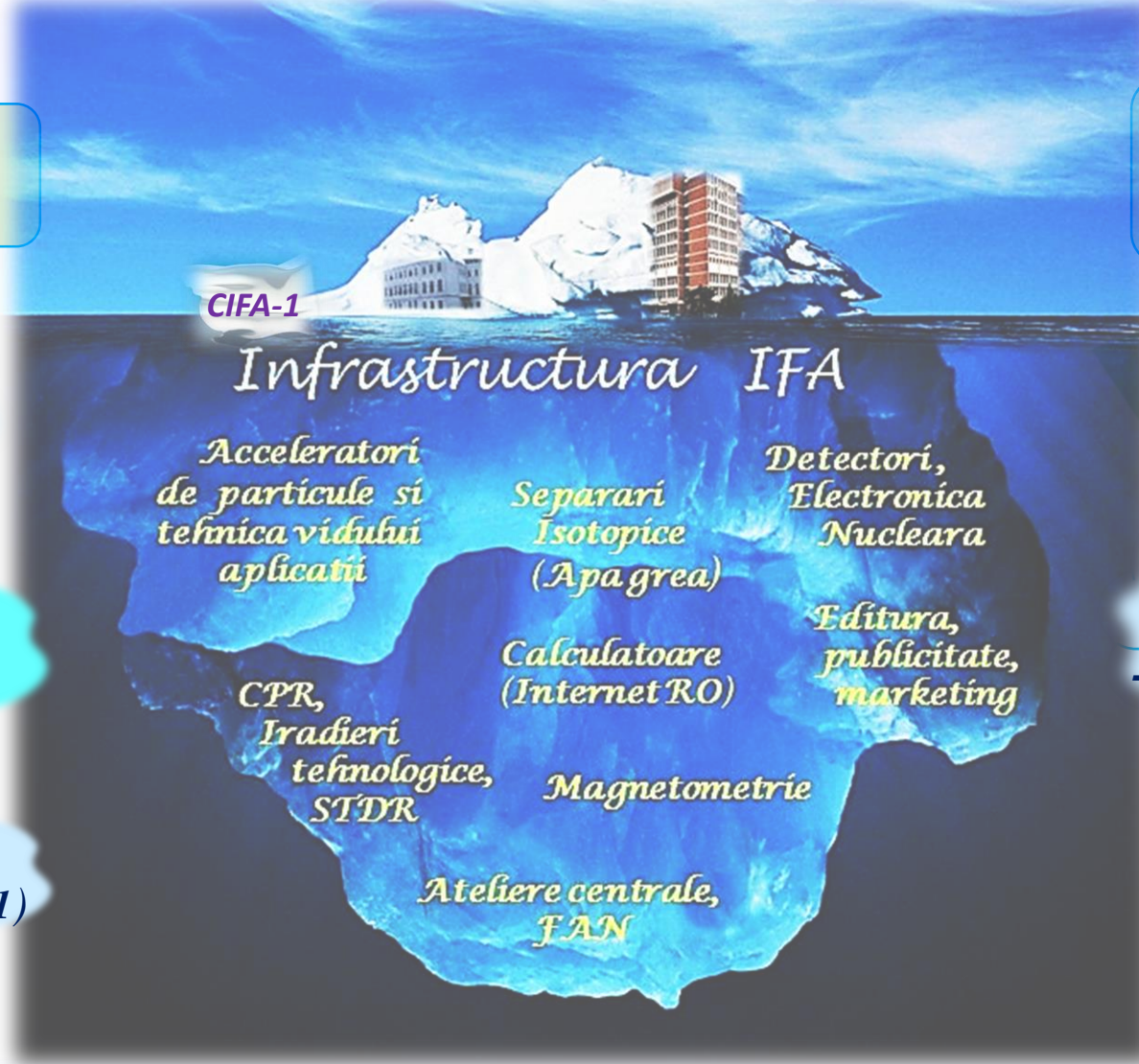
The first  
Romanian  
computers + ...

The computing networks  
(local; international)

IFIN-GRID

(DFCTI;DFH; RO-02/07/11)  
(Dr. M. A. Dulea)

Diaspora



First ADCs –  
Analog ⇔ Digital  
Converters

• **PA-Aligator**  
- computer control  
• **CERN contrib.**  
- **DAQs**  
- MCAs  
- List Mode DAQ

Large international  
collaborations:  
CERN, GSI,  
FAIR, IUCN etc.

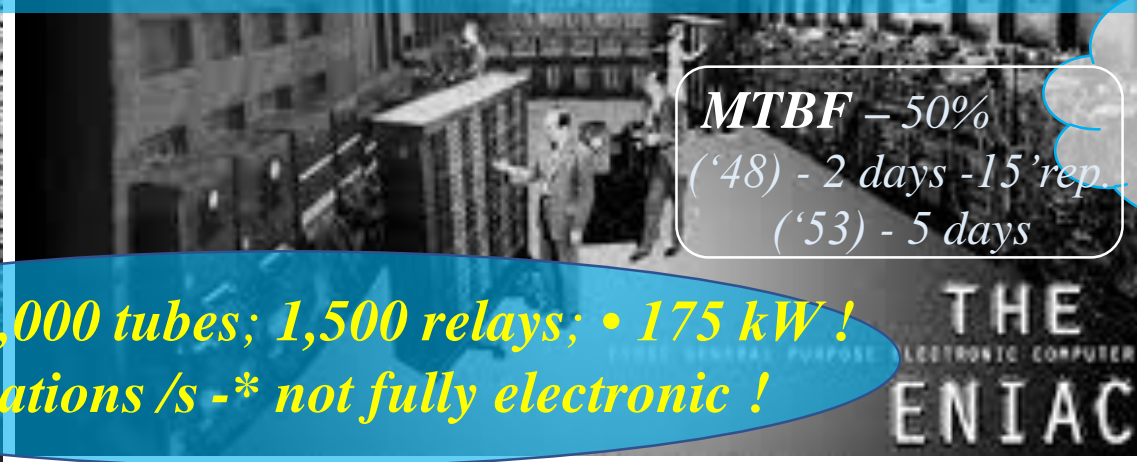
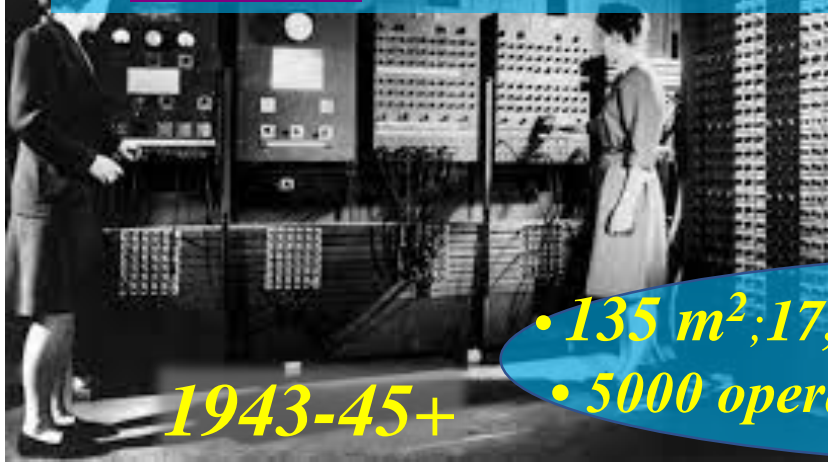
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Digitalization, Cyber Physical Systems, AI, IoT...

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*Un șir lung de “pionieri” au clădit și consolidat, dealungul timpului, această imagine deosebită a IFA-ei.*

○ **ENIAC** (*Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer*) ⇔ *with early roots*



... inspired by the work of Prof. **J.V. Atanasoff** (Iowa State) ~ 1937/38

- *electronic computation,*
- *binary arithmetic,*
- *parallel processing,*
- *regenerative cap. memory*
- *separation of memory,*
- *computing functions.*

MTBF – 50%  
(‘48) - 2 days -15’rep.  
(‘53) - 5 days

• **135 m<sup>2</sup>; 17,000 tubes; 1,500 relays; • 175 kW!**  
• **5000 operations /s - \* not fully electronic !**

**1943-45+**

Physicist **J. Mauchly** & Eng. **J. Presper**, Moore School of Electrical Eng. de la **Pennsylvania Univ.**

- a government-funded project to build an all-electronic computer under contract to the army...  
work began in early 1943 – 1946 (after the war...)
- On the occasion of the patent, the court ruled in favour of **Prof. J.V. Atanasoff**... (but only in 1973...)
- it was just a moral, belated recognition. ( J.V. Atanasoff & Dr. Berry, **Iowa State** ... **ABC** continued until 1942 )

**1973 - Federal court**...putting the invention of the electronic digital computer in the...**public domain**

- 1945- Collosus (UK); Z3 (DE)- destroyed in Berlin-'43 ...from 1950 -52 all over the world: - SEAC si SVAC, Whirlwind, (USA), Z4 si ERMETH (Germany si Switzerland ); Pilot ACE (GB); BESM-1 (USSR)
- **Commercial computer** : - 1951 **UNIVAC** (Remington Rand; GE); **Ferranti Mark 1** (Manchester); **CDC** (S. Cray); **DEC**; **IBM** in 1952, series **IBM-701** ⇔ Series **IBM-650**, (large series ~2000 pcs.)

**CIFA 1 - V. Toma**

**CFA 101 - A. Segal**

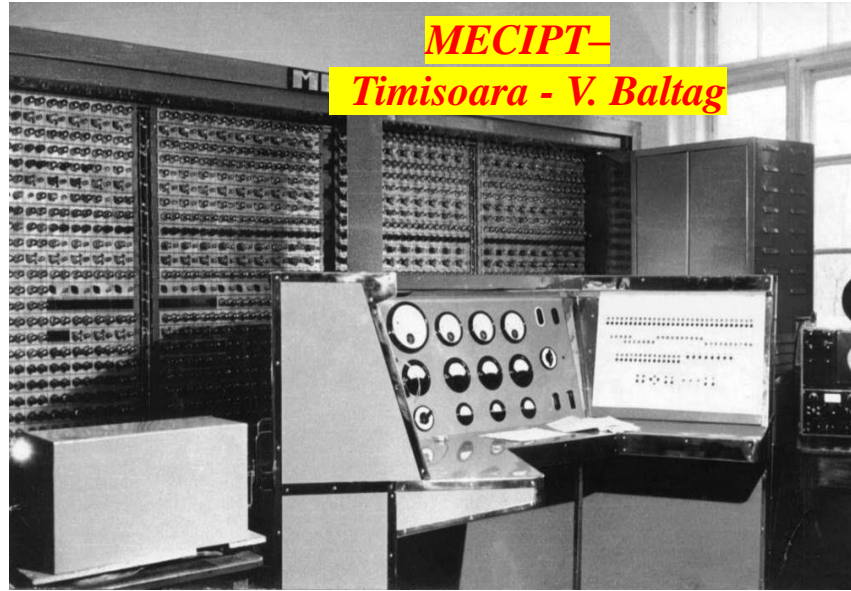
**CET 500 - V. Toma**

**IFAC-1 - G. Meiltz**



**MECIPT-**

**Timisoara - V. Baltag**



**Mircea Bocu -DACICC-1 ITC-Cluj**



- At the initiative of **Prof. T. Tanasescu** and with his direct participation, in the years **1953 - 1956**
- The first Romanian computer **CIFA1** (with electronic tubes) (coordinator **V. Toma**) – **1956**
- A handful of hardworking people (**V. Toma, A. Segal, V. Hurduc, Nicu Boca, A. Stoicescu, O. Cărbunaru, V. Manu-Iosifescu, etc.**) made Acad. Horia Hulubei announce, at Romanian Academy, 2-6 July 1956, **the commissioning of the first Romanian computer CIFA 1!... the "golden egg hen" of the 50's @ IFA.**
- **CIFA101** computer (**A. Segal** coordinator) (also with tubes, but **with superior performance CIFA1**)
- **CET-500** computer (with transistors, coordinator **V. Toma**) - **1964**
- **IFAC-1** computer **with transistors and clearly superior performance** (coordinator **G. Meiltz**) - **1967**

**First publication:** (**T. Tănăsescu si V. Toma, "A Bukaresti Fizikai Intezet Elektronikus Szamologepe", Budapest, 1956**

from **CIFA-1** to **IFAC-1**

*How much human effort, how much truly pioneering technological research, to achieve performance:*

**CIFA1** • 2000 additions / subtractions /s; 500 multiples /s in fixed point;

• *memory on the drum* - CrNi cylinder - organized in 512 addresses x 31 bits, i.e., approx. 2kB

• *comparing this performance with those of the IBM-650* computer from the 60's, it would have been in a global performance ratio of 1: 4! (comparing memory volume and computational speed).

• *A big step forward* was made by the team formed by **G. Meitz** (with **O. Cărbunar** and **S. Constantinescu**),

who made in the years 1967-1968 **the IFAC-1 computer**, with Romanian transistors, with

• with **1 million operations /s**, with 38-bit word (30 mantissa; ~ 10 decimal digits - and 8 exponent bits).

• **microprogramming of arithmetic operations with diodes**, compared to IBM using compared to IBM using CROS- (read-only storage capacitor) and TROS- (read-only storage transformer),

• **ferrite core memory**, made in France, with 4096 addresses and ~ **3-4  $\mu$ s** access time (complete electronics crafted at the Computing Center).

*Although the gap was considerably narrowed, but for the ever-increasing needs of peripheral computing power, in 1972 an IBM 370/135 computer was purchased, which operated until 1991.*

• Meanwhile, in 1986, a **CORAL** computer was hosted (like the PDP of the DEC), and in 1988, the **VAX** computer (DEC) was purchased.

# The evolution of computer networks in IFA, Magurele platform

Architecture and constant implementation over ~ 30 years Șerban Constantinescu

(only for the UNDP & TCP / IP project **Nelu Mihai**)

1988-90, 2x VAX UNDP  
Labtam, computer networks, via  
Ethernet connections ~ 10 Mbps

previously a network of 4 computers  
and interactivity was provided only by  
80 serial connections (48 + 16 + 16)

**SO-UNIX, AT&T license,**  
**Ethernet connections used the**  
**TCP / IP protocol, still used today**

**The first Ethernet**  
**network - TCP / IP**

LHC – CERN  
⇔ GRID  
>> 100 Gbps

Inceputul timid ...  
cu 6 terminale grafice  
utilizatori interactivi

**Internet 91-92**

Cristea P., Pascovici Gh., Popovici N., *Romanian Academic Network,  
Present Status and Future Developments, International  
Networking Conference, Kobe, Japan, Proceedings of INET'92...*

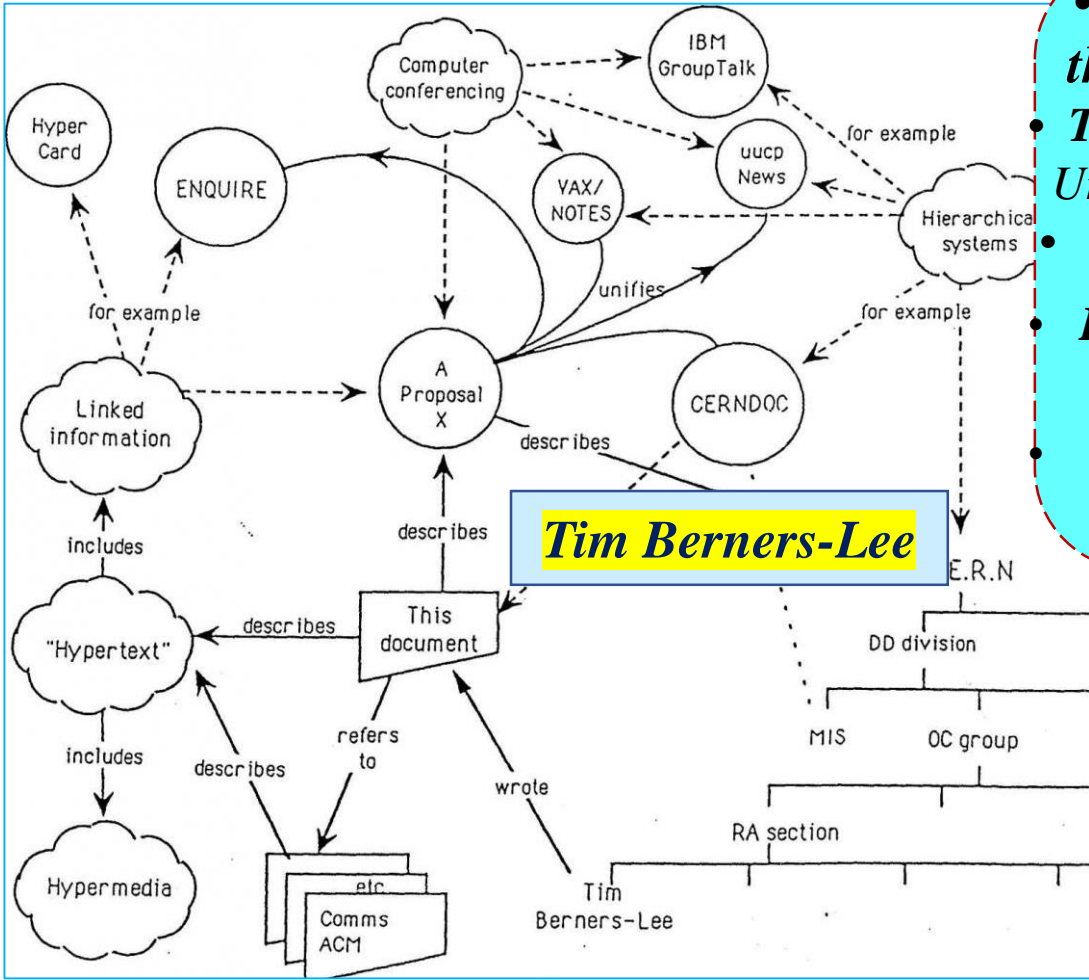
Carnegie Mellon Foundation donation - **Harry Barnes Jr.** and **Steve Ruth** (George Mason Univ.)

• telephone connections with ICI and UPB - successively started with BITNET;  
then the Internet • with speed 4800 bps then always increased ..

In 2000 - 1GBps and hundreds of networked PCs...



8 linii [FAN]  
CORAL  
F  
A  
N



- 1991-92 Romania's accession to the Internet – the first step - IFA & UPB - Proc. INET'92, Kobe, Japan, 1992
- The support of the former **Amb. Harry Barnes Jr, Steve Ruth** (G. Mason Univ.) and the **Carnegie Mellon Foundation** for equipment support.
- **Development implementation architect Serban Constantinescu**
- **Infrastructure equipment - Exit from our isolation**; Magurele – telephone lines; - optical fiber; - computing equipment...
- **The surprise of the many opponents - contestants...**

RO Senate, IFIN etc



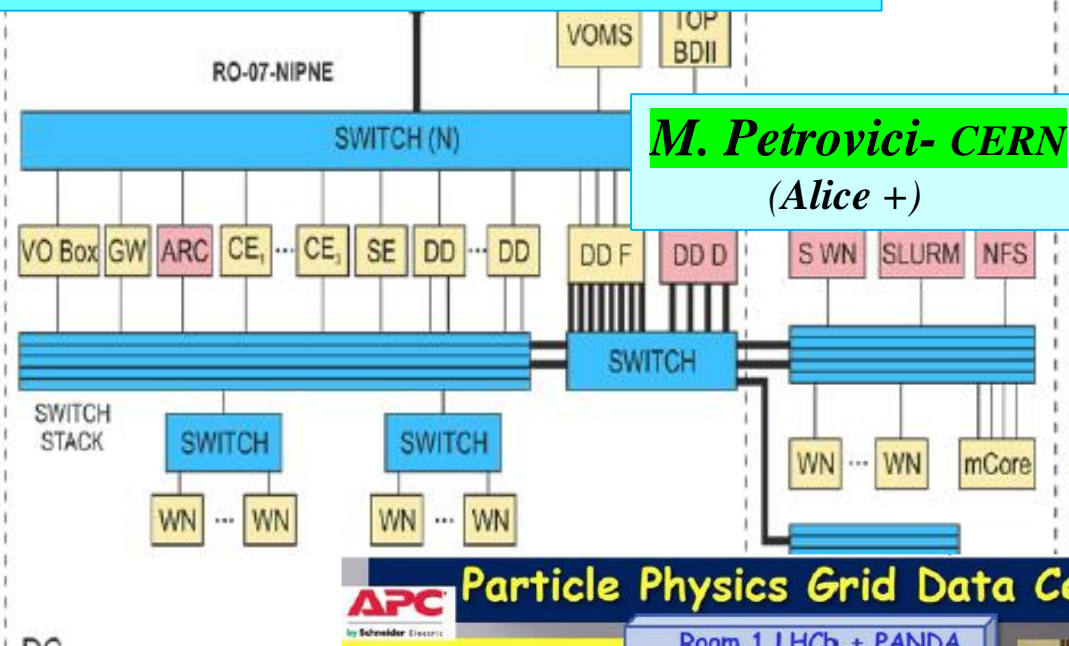
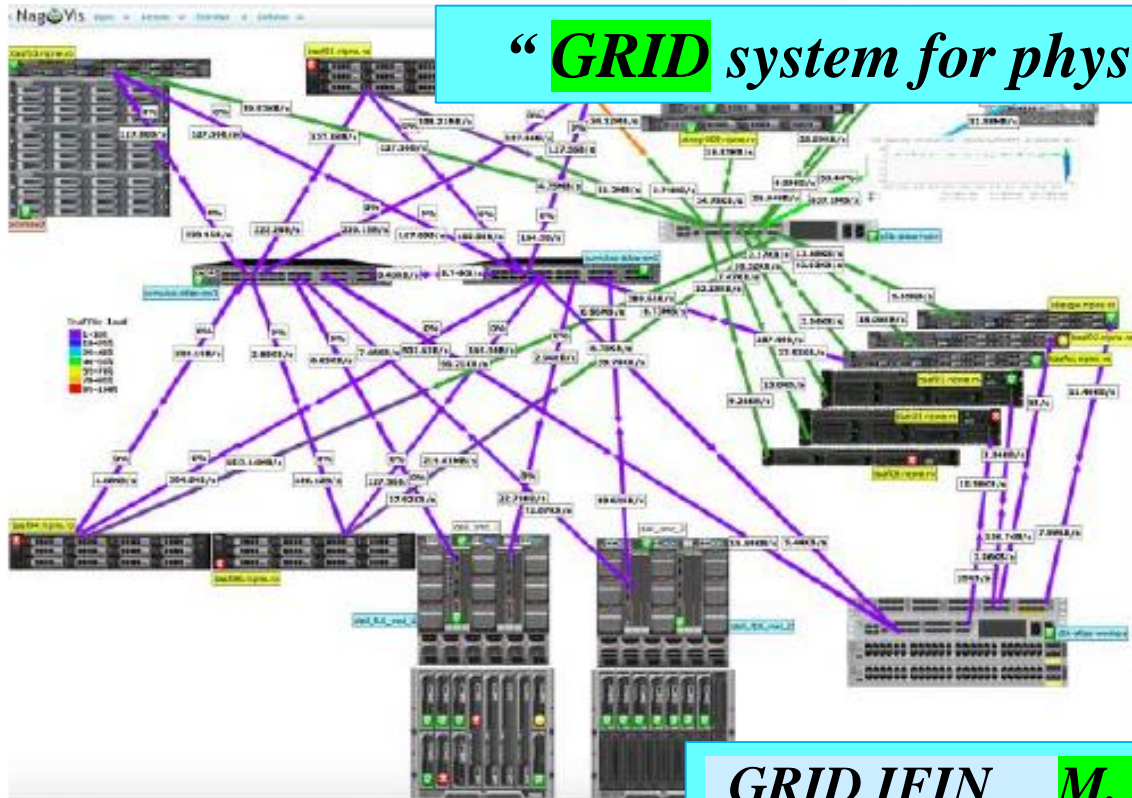
**World Wide Web born at CERN in March 1989...**  
**Tim Berners-Lee wrote a proposal to develop a radical new way of linking and sharing information: the WWW.**

**CERN teams up with Leaders in Information Technology to build giant Data Grid**

In 1990 a useful visit to CERN G.P. and A. Dorobantu ...

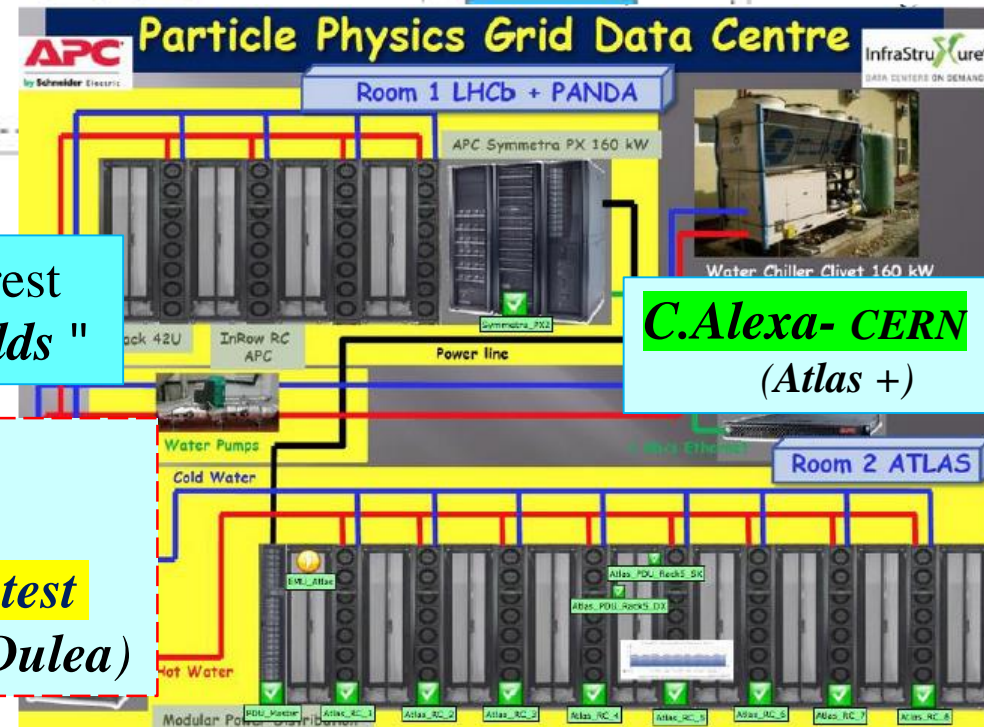


**“GRID system for physics research and related fields”**



**M. Petrovici- CERN**  
(Alice +)

**GRID IFIN** **M. A. Dulea**



**C.Alexa- CERN**  
(Atlas +)

Report (2019) on IT installations of national interest  
**“GRID system for physics research and related fields”**

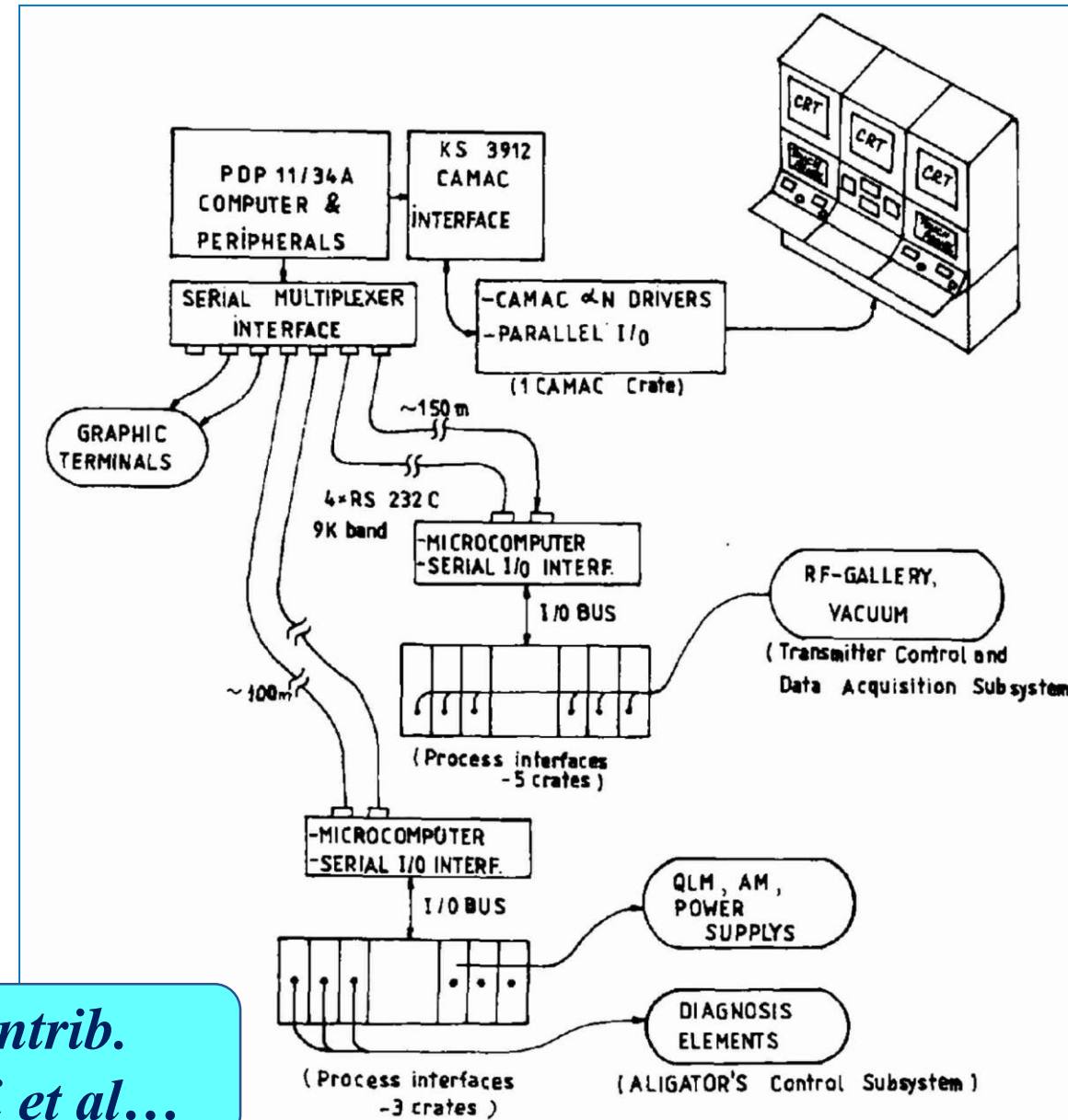
- **over 9,000 processing cores (CPU cores) and a disk storage capacity of 7 Peta-Bytes...**
- **IFIN Grid the distributed infrastructure with greatest concentration of resources at national level -M. A. Dulea)**



# “Cyber Physical System” – Integration of Physical & Computational Elements

## $\mu$ C-Control of the Post-Acceleration installation **ALIGATOR** (1979 - 82)

- Complex system, in terms of number of parameters and spatial distribution of controlled sub-assemblies
- Fully controlled -22 RF stations as well as
- many beam transport and beam diagnosis devices ( dipoles, magnetic quadrupoles, vacuum subsystem, electrostatic scanning, logarithmic electrometers, pulsing etc.)
- Two computing subsystems were designed based on Intel 8080A2 process **microcomputers, distributed** in the installation and fast serialized with the PDP11 / 34A minicomputer (G. Pascovici, M. Duma)
- The team: V. Catanescu, R. Ruscu, L.Pascovici si D. Moisa
- Brought many openings in the development of  $\mu$ P-systems



**CERN contrib.**  
**- M. Caprini et al...**

## contribution to CERN ...

- The group from Bucharest (M. Caprini, E. Bădescu et al) contributed to the development of components for the exchange of information and messages, for reporting errors, for the general command of the experiment through a GUI (graphical user interface), for verifying the correct functioning, for assigning user roles.

- Message Reporting System, Information Service, Integrated Graphical User Interface, Access Manager Roles Manager, Electronic Logbook, Diagnosis and Verification System.

ATLAS TDAQ SOFTWARE - Partition ATLAS

File Commands Access Control Settings Logging Level Help

Commit & Retool Load Panels

**RUN CONTROL STATE** **RUNNING**

Run Control Commands

SHUTDOWN BOOT

TERMINATE INITIALIZE

UNCONFIG CONFIG

STOP START

HOLD TRG RESUME TRG

Beam Stable  Warm Start Warm Stop

Run Information & Settings

Run type	Physics
Run number	143657
Super Master Key	690
LHC Clock Type	
Recording	Enabled
Start time	20-Jan-2010 21:27:04
Stop time	
Total time	13 h, 56 m, 19 s

Information Counters Settings

Run Control Segments & Resources Dataset Tags

**RUNNING** RootController

- RUNNING** TDAQpc-tdq-onl-15
  - RUNNING** RPC
    - RUNNING** RPC-MDA
    - RUNNING** RPC-BC-RunControlApp
    - RUNNING** RPC-BA-RunControlApp
    - RUNNING** RPC-DDC-RCA
  - RUNNING** TRT
  - RUNNING** DQMController
  - RUNNING** MDT
    - RUNNING** MDT-MDA-Monitoring
    - RUNNING** MDTBarrelA
    - RUNNING** MDTBarrelC

RootController

- HW
- PMG
- Infrastructure

Infrastructure Advanced

Show Online Segment Find:   Match Case  Repeats

Subscription criteria  WARNING  ERROR  FATAL  INFORMATION  Expression

TIME	SEVERITY	APPLICATION	NAME	MESSAGE
11:22:28	WARNING	ROS-TRT-ECC-05	ROS::CoreException	Timeout: in request for fragment with L1 ID 889192472
11:22:28	WARNING	ROS-TRT-ECC-02	ROS::CoreException	Timeout: in request for fragment with L1 ID 889192472
11:22:28	WARNING	ROS-TRT-ECC-01	ROS::CoreException	Timeout: in request for fragment with L1 ID 889192472
11:22:28	WARNING	ROS-TRT-ECC-04	ROS::CoreException	Timeout: in request for fragment with L1 ID 889192472
11:22:28	WARNING	ROS-TRT-ECC-00	ROS::CoreException	Timeout: in request for fragment with L1 ID 889192472
11:22:28	WARNING	ROS-TRT-ECC-03	ROS::CoreException	Timeout: in request for fragment with L1 ID 889192472
11:22:13	INFORMATION	IGUI	INTERNAL	All done! IGUI is going to appear...
11:22:13	INFORMATION	IGUI	INTERNAL	Waiting for the "Dataset Tags" panel to initialize...

Clear  Message format  Number of visible rows 100 Current MRS subscription WARNING|ERROR|FATAL

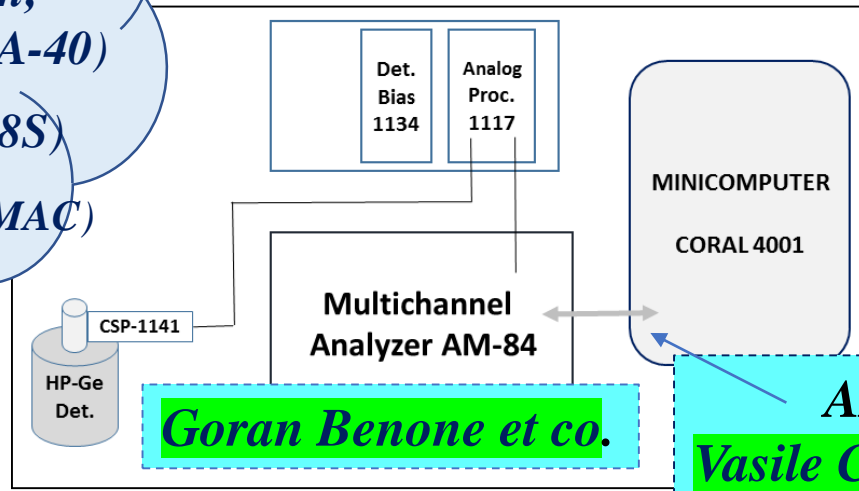
# ... “Cyber Physical Systems”, IoT...

## The rather long road from single MCAs to modern DAQ in Experimental Physics

... at the beginning, the first competitive Multichannel Analysers

○ **A. Segal - 64 ch.**

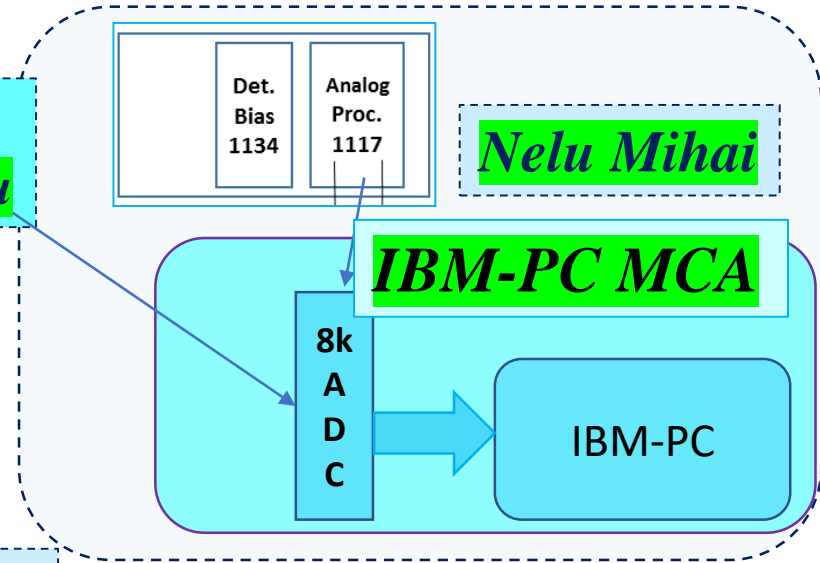
- Intertechnique 200 ch;  
400 ch. (SA-40)
- ND 50/50 (4K +PDP-8S)
- Ortec 4k-8k (NIM, CAMAC)



**E. Katz, B. Goran, M Caprini, I. Bals et co.**

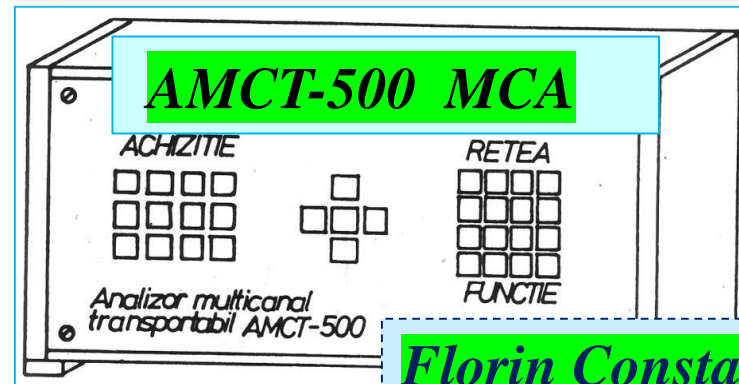
### CAMAC R&D

- Modules (CPUs, I/O),
- DAQ Systems (VVR, Suprav. Baraje)



**ADC,  
Vasile Catanescu**

**Un alt sir lung de “pionieri”  
care au cautat si gasit solutii....**



**Florin Constantin**

# The rather long road from single MCAs to modern DAQ in Experimental Physics

special contribution of

**Moisa Dorin Tudor** - hardware

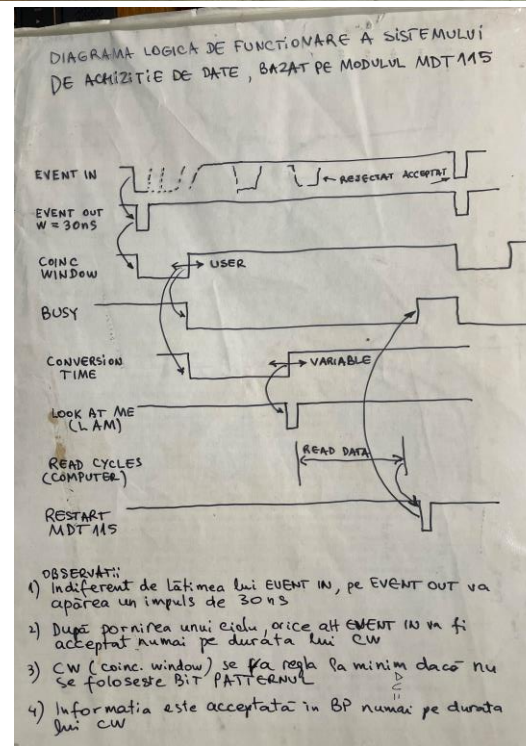
**MDT 4 & MDT-115**

and **M. Duma** - software



The first real step towards “List Mode” DAQ...

- **Laben** - dedicated memory 1MB
  - List Mode
  - Increment
- **MDT 115 with 4 mode of operation:**
  - without BT (Bit Pattern)
  - with BT, synchronized with LAM
  - with BT no LAM  $\Leftrightarrow$  MB
  - List Mode- Data – BT



**LABEN**

• **HSM (1 MB) Derand.**

(Laben + GP)

Pr. AT-IAEA

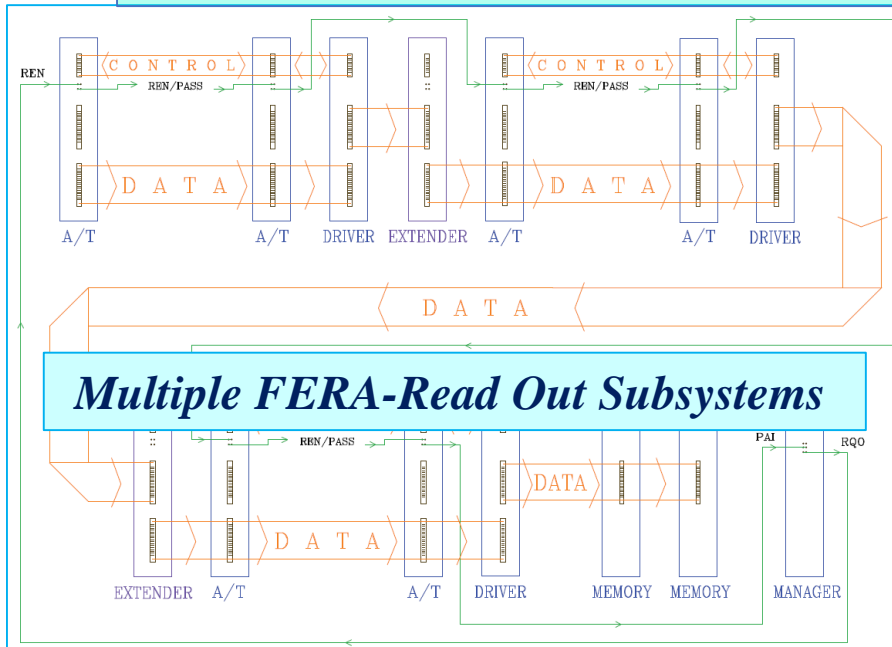
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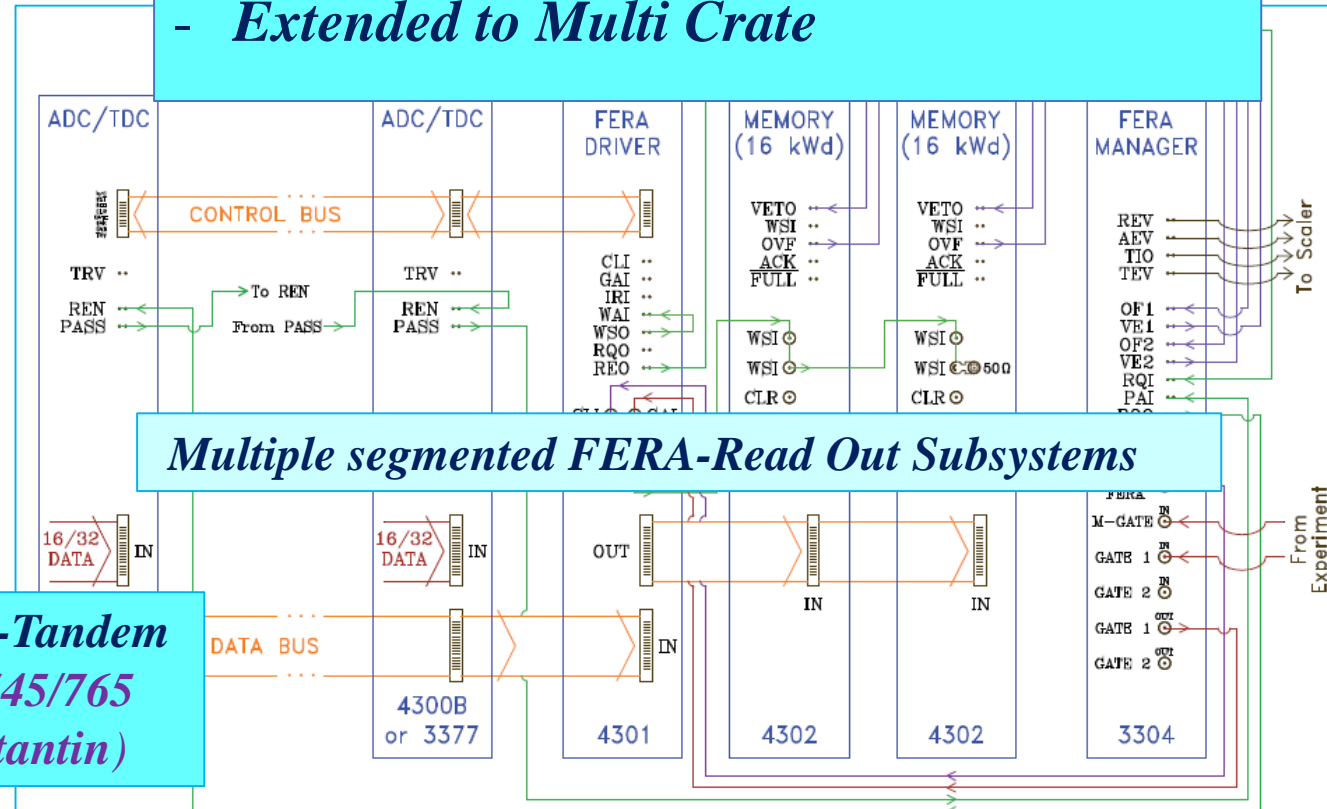
**PDP 11/34 Interf.**

# LeCroy (Teledyne) - FERA Read Out System

- **Tandem DAQ FERA Read-Out**
- **N. Marginean, G. Suliman**
  - **GASP – comp. data format**
  - **K-max based DAQ**



- **Extended ECL (10 MHz) fast data bus and fast control & REN/PASS logic ...**
- **FERA Driver (4301)**
- **HSM (4302)**
- **4x ADC (Ortec 413) and TDC**
- **Extended to Multi Crate**

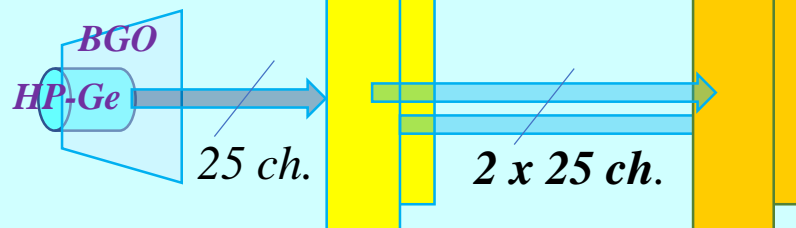


- **DAQ bazat pe FERA ReadOut implementat la DFN-Tandem dar si o aplicatie specifica micro-controller PIC 16C745/765 (C. Cirstea, S. Buda, F. Constantin)**

# Tandem IFIN-HH - DAQ

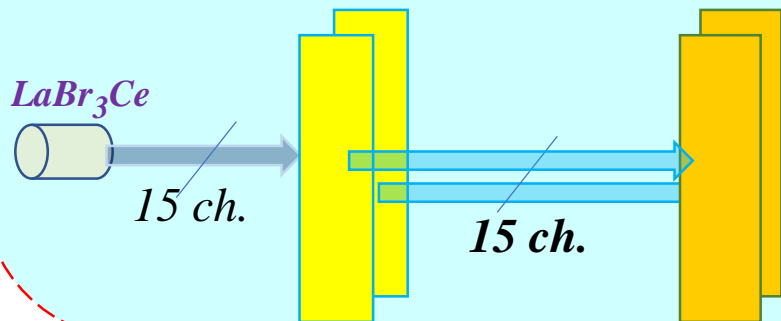
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**MSCF-F-C**  
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**Multiplicity logic**  
 (Mesytec MSCF16-F and  $CFD_i$ )

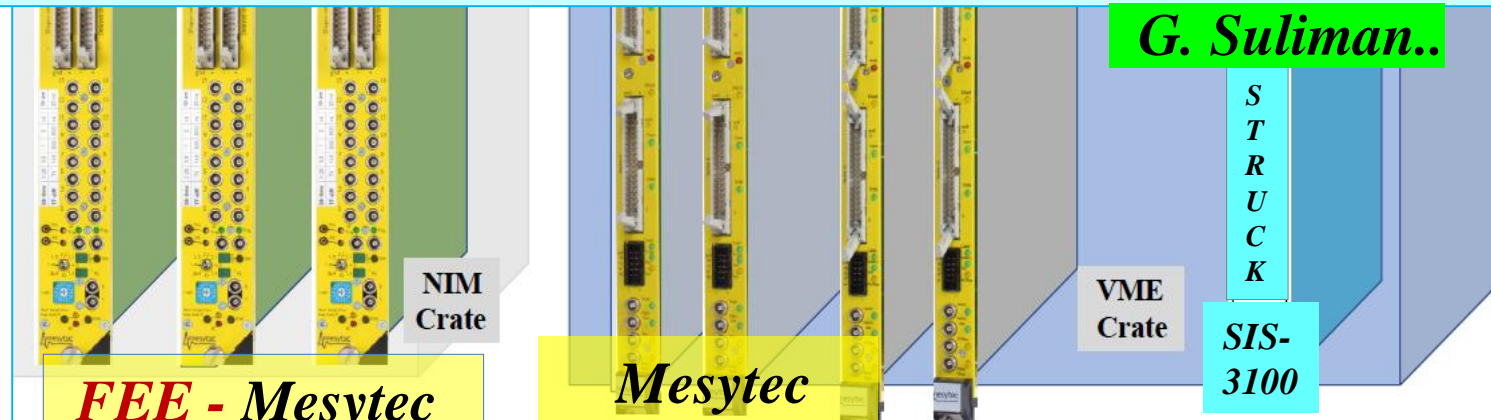
- Global trigger ( $\oplus$ BGO)
- HP-Ge trigger - ( $M_j$ )



## Architecture Cătălin C. Mihai ...

**Lucian Stan** (multiple extensions), **N. Marginean** (GASP compatib.)

**G. Suliman..**



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**FEE 25 x HP Ge Detectors**  
**Multiplicity Logic**

**FEE 15 x Auxiliary Detectors**

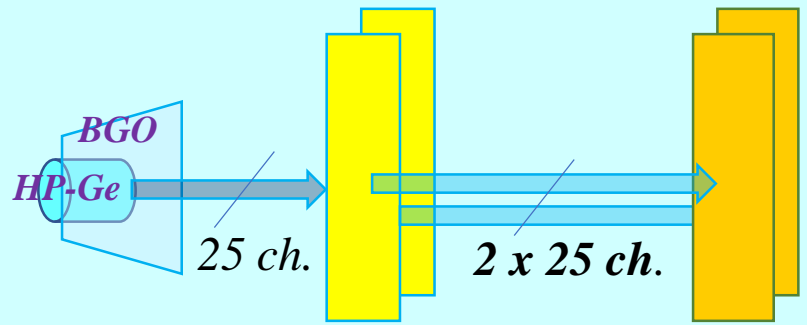
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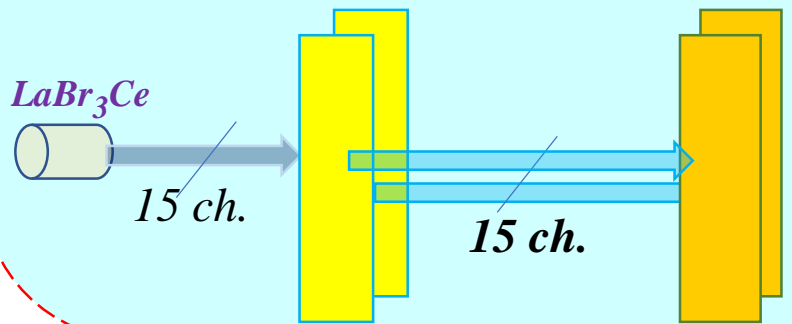
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## Main specifications

- Fast timing (CFD + MTDC multi hit)
- Up to 128 channels
- Global trigger rate  $\sim 20$  kcps; • VME transfer rate  $\sim 80$  MBps (opt.  $\sim 200$  MBps with **2eVME**)
- **Parameters: 5** for HPGe: (Energy H & L, Time /125ps/ch;65kch/, BGO\_Energy, BGO\_Time ) and **2** for Aux-Det. (LaBr3Ce, Solar Cells): E & T / 4ps/ch; 65 kch /



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**Diaspora - researchers** who grew up as researchers in the structure of IFA, then continued...

- **R&D, private invest. & management**

- **academical R&D & teaching**

## *Nelu Mihai*

- **1992 the VRTXmc microkernel was implemented in over 1 Billion embedded systems in 1995-2005; then at NASA (Hubble Space Telescope), one of the most widespread RTOPs**
- **Open Programmable Networks, then SDN (Software Defined Network) and SDN (CPlane Networks) based operating system**
- **pioneered hyper distributed cloud computing (HDCC)**
- **IoT (micro-inverters, DC optimizers, robotic trackers) - Solar Internet for the next generation of Smart Grid**
- **included in the 'top 500 companies' (Forbes)**

## *Dan C. Marinescu*

- **1984-2001 he was a professor of computer science at Purdue University, Indiana ; since**
- **2001, provost professor of computer science at the University of Central Florida, Orlando**
- **Over 220 articles, academic books, reference:**
- **Approaching Quantum Computing,**  
D.C. Marinescu, G.M. Marinescu, 2004
- **Classical and Quantum Information,**  
D.C. Marinescu, G.M. Marinescu, 2012
- **Cloud Computing, Theory & Practice,**  
D.C. Marinescu, 2017, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 2020
- **Process Coordination and Ubiquitous Computing (co-editor), 2020**

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*și mi-a făcut mare plăcere să îi pot aminti aici...*

think positive

stay negative