Evolution of DAQ software at GANIL

Solutions adopted for Slow&Run Control

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GANIL DAQ requirements

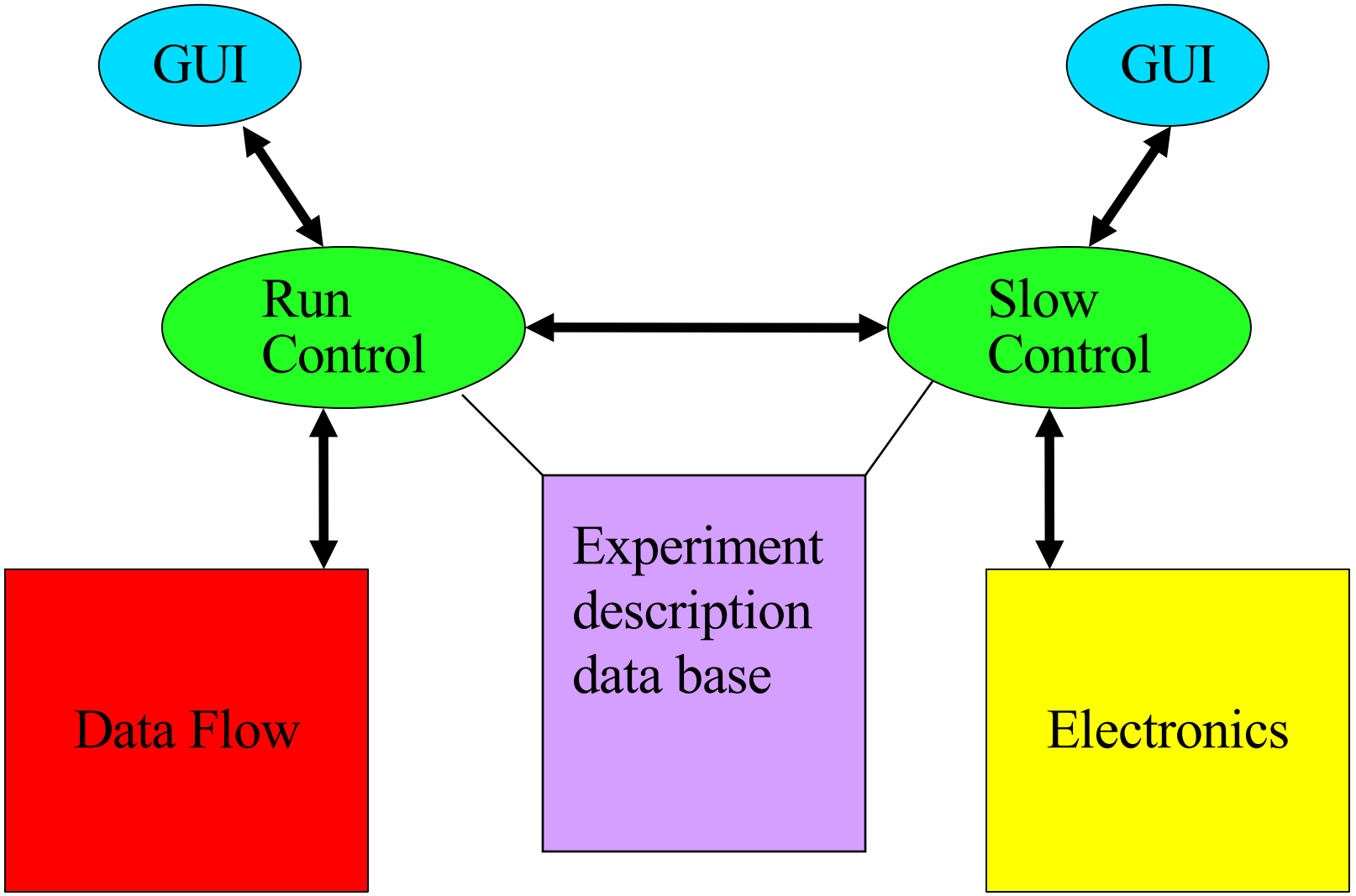
- small scale to large scale experiments
- connect any frontend
- trigger or triggerless systems
- process time stamp data streams
- highly modular acquisition system
- provide interfaces to plugin event filter algos
- run control and slow control for each component
- user-friendly graphical interfaces
- high data rates to be defined (> 100 MBytes/sec ?)

GANIL DAQ development

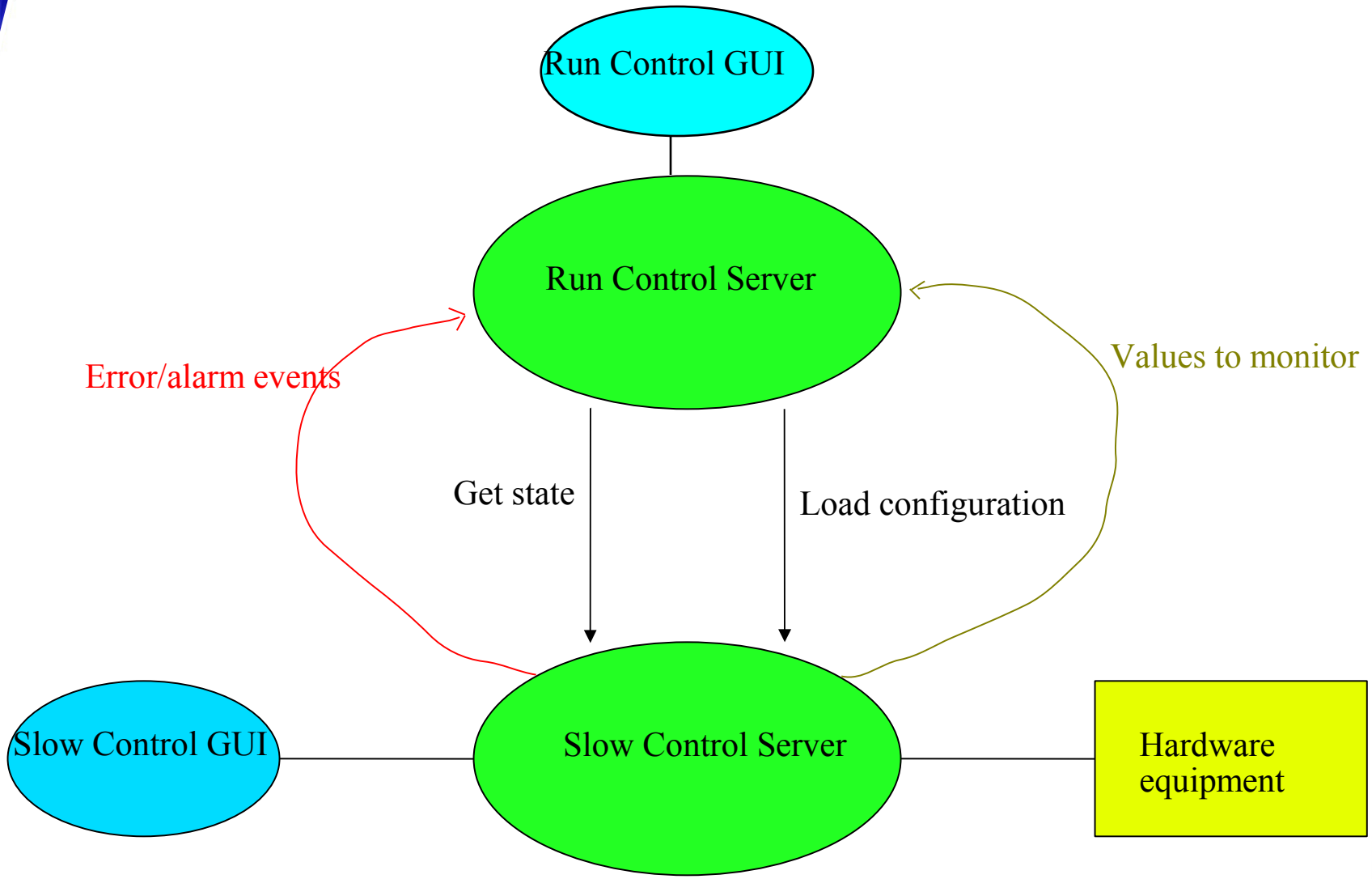
Some principles :

- Linux used on most nodes (even in FPGAs)
- Client/Server architecture for Core of applications (e.g. Run control, Slow control)
- Configurations saved in XML
- Communications : Web services (SOAP)
- Error/Info messages: Log4j, Log4C++, ...
- User-friendly graphical interfaces

Run Control and Slow Control



Interaction Run Control - Slow Control



Slow Control

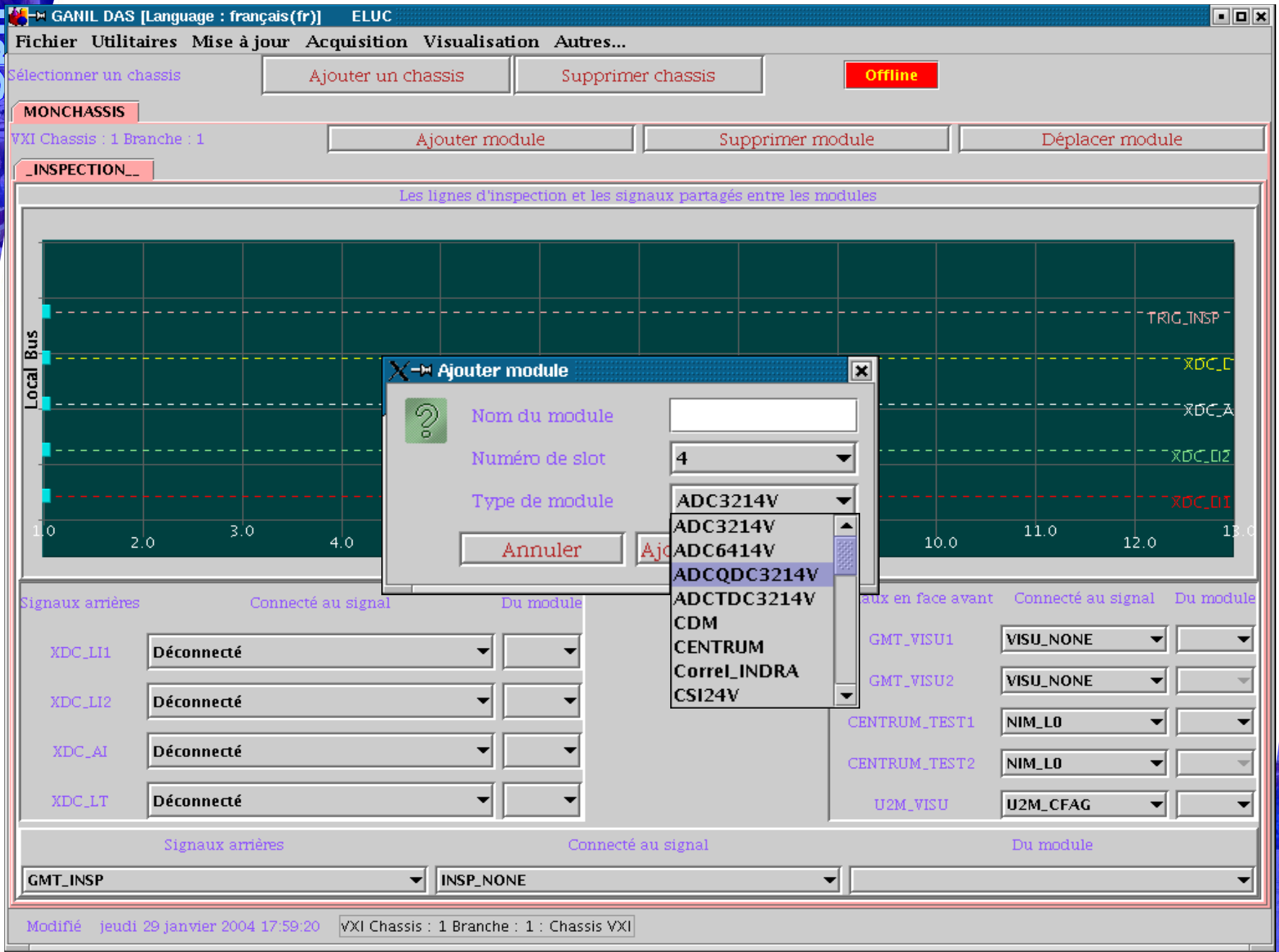
Main tasks :

- Describe what hardware is to be controlled
- Save / restore hardware configurations
- Set-up hardware components (write registers)
- Monitor hardware components (e.g. temperature)
- Handle error/alarm events and pass them to Run Control
- Accept commands from outside (e.g. Run Control)
- Core of the application separated from GUI
- Several occurrences of GUI

Current GANIL Slow Control : DAS setup panel

- GUI well adapted to current configurations
  - Describe hardware configuration
  - Save / restore hardware configurations
  - Set-up electronics
  - Monitor electronics for specific cards (MUVI)
- To be reworked to
  - Separate GUI from the core of the application
  - Handle errors and pass them to Run Control
  - Accept commands from outside (e.g. Run Control)
  - Several occurrences of GUI
- Storage format to be upgraded to use XML
- Work to be evaluated

DAS setup panel



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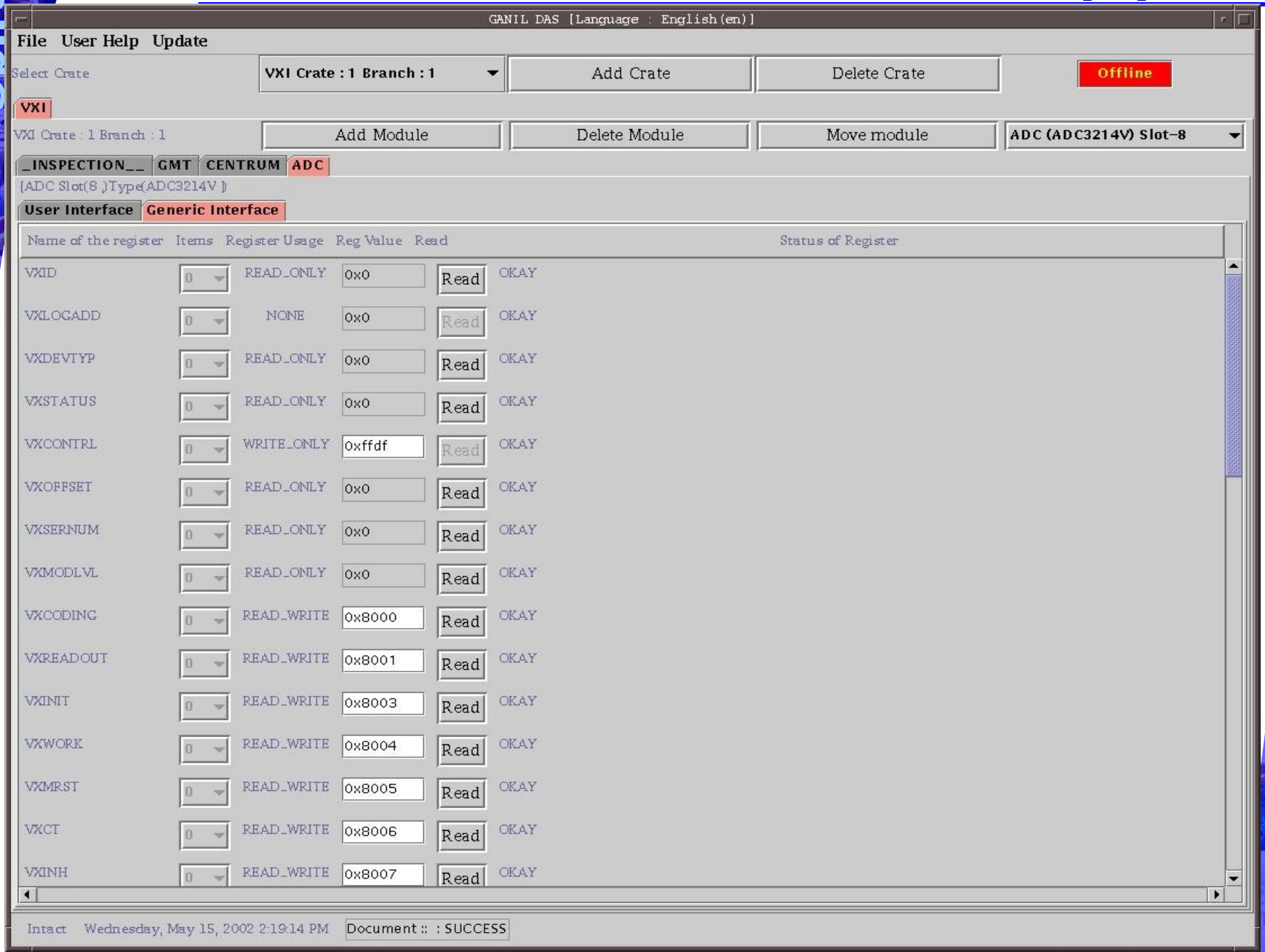

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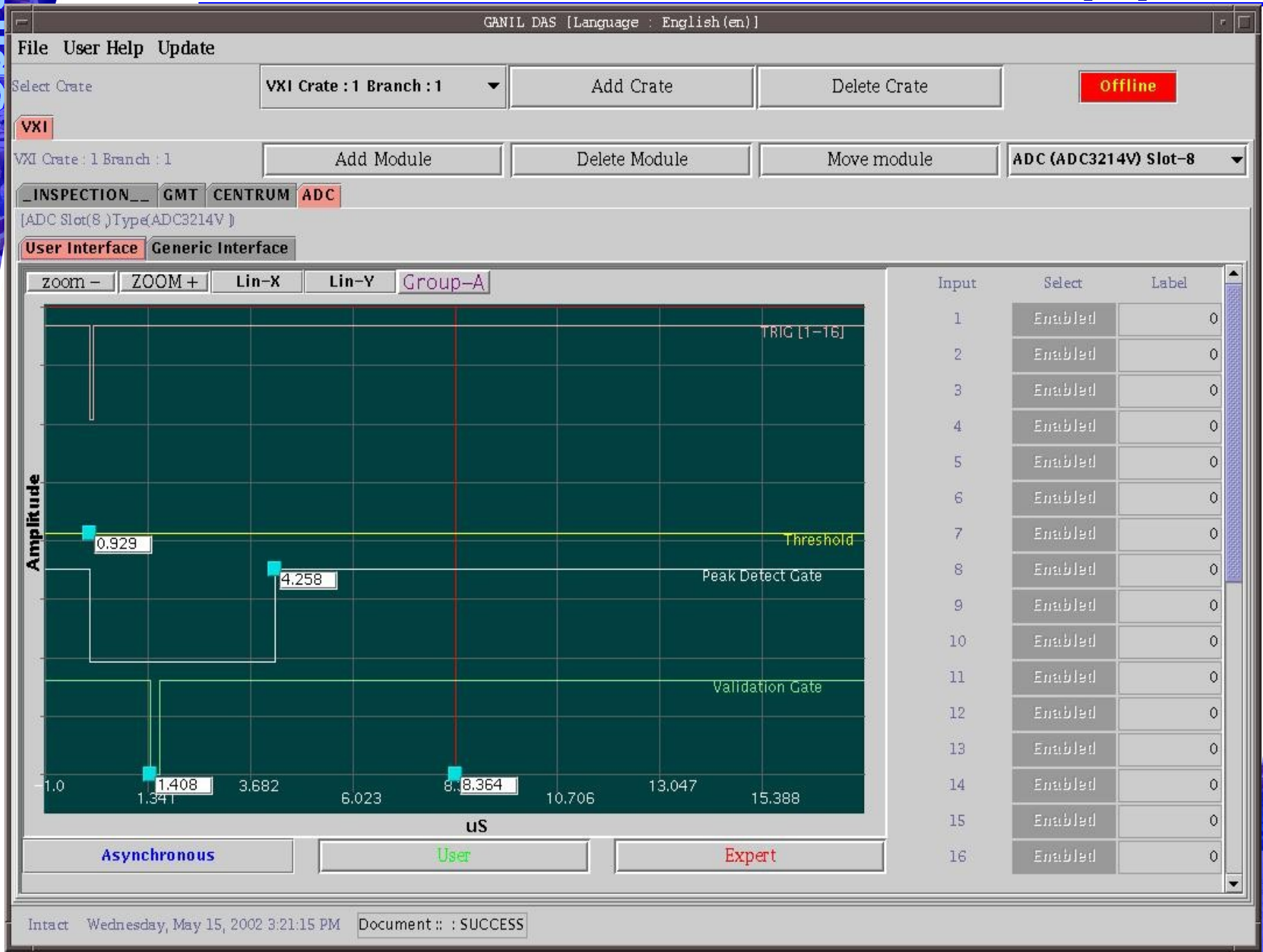


Run Control

Main tasks :

- Configure DAQ for a run by selecting active components
- Save/restore a configuration
- Commands to control all the active components of the system (setup, start, stop...)
- Monitor DAQ (status, data rates...)
- Handle error/info messages
- Log book
- User-friendly graphical interface, separated from the core of the application

Run Control

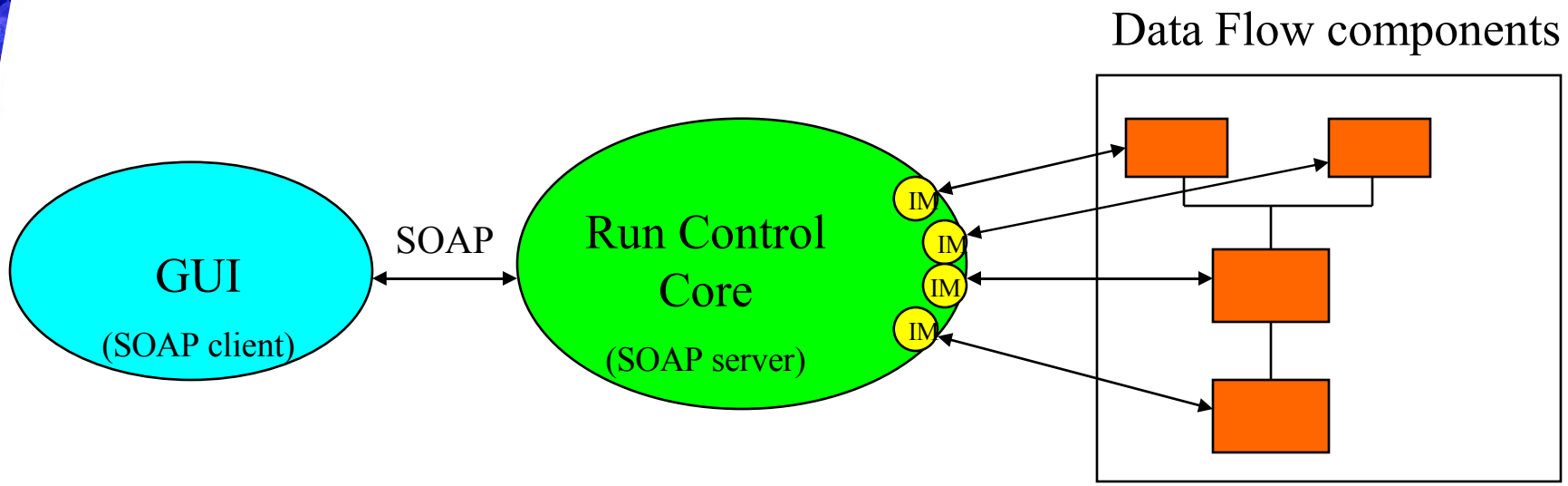
Current GANIL Run Control : DAS command panel

- **Available basic functionnalities :**
  - Configure DAQ for a run by selecting active components
  - Save/restore a configuration
  - Minimum set of commands to control all the active components of the system (setup, start, stop...)
  - Monitor DAQ (status, data rates...)
  - Scalable for simple systems

- **Missing functionnalities :**
  - Core of application separated from the GUI
  - Handle error/info messages
  - Log book
  - Scalability for complex experiments

New Development started

Run Control : new architecture



- Run Control Core accesses data flow components with specific communication protocols encapsulated in « Instrument Managers »
- Run Control Core written in C++ with gSOAP library
- WSDL file generated by gSOAP
- Java GUI integrates SOAP client stub thanks to WSDL file

DAQ Data Flow

NARVAL

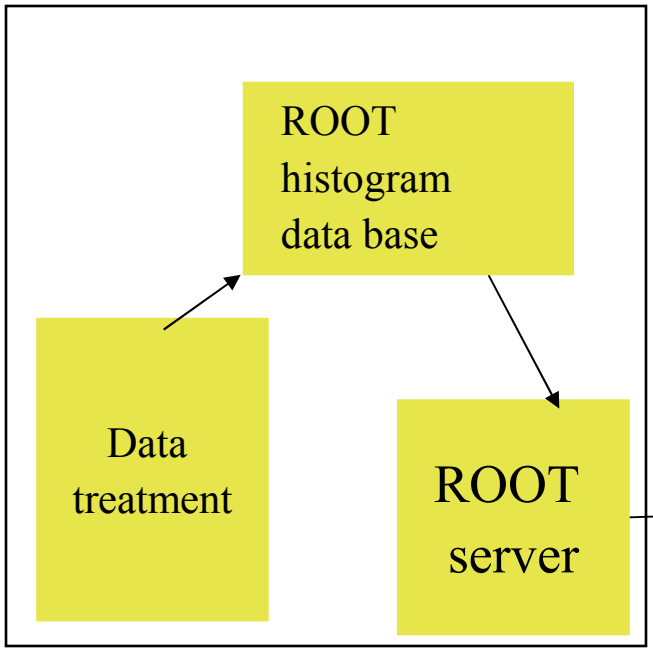
- Originally developped by IPN Orsay
- Today, collaborative development with IPNO, CSNSM, GANIL, LPC Caen
- Distributed Acquisition System
- Developped in Ada95
  - Object Oriented programming
  - Strongly typed language
  - Robust applications
  - Distributed processes by using Annex E (CORBA equivalent)
- Easy to link with C++
- Used for AGATA DAQ
- *Web site : http://narval.in2p3.fr/*

NARVAL

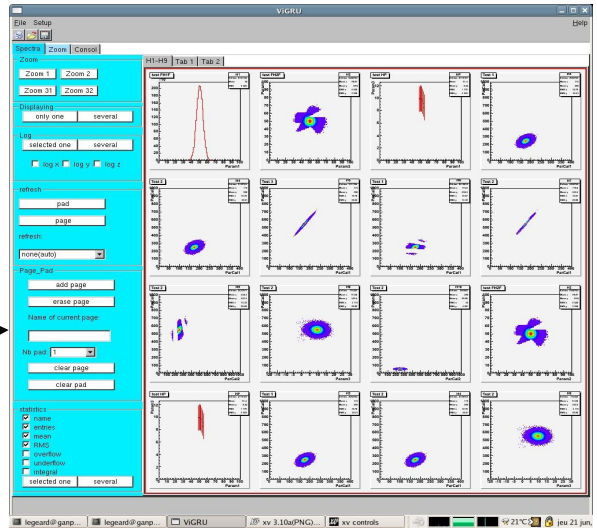
- **Main components :**
  - A main process to handle the state of all the configuration (Coordinator)
  - Set of actors to manage the data flow
    - Producer : input of data flow (hardware or other DAQ)
    - Intermediary : acts as a NxM soft switch that can filter data
    - Consumer : end of data flow (data storage, output to other DAQ,...)
  - Logging of error/info messages (Log4Ada)
- **Data flow transport over Unix fifo, TCP/IP, Infiniband**
- **Communication via Web Services (SOAP) with the « Coordinator »**

ROOT in NARVAL

GANIL ROOT Utilities



NARVAL Actor



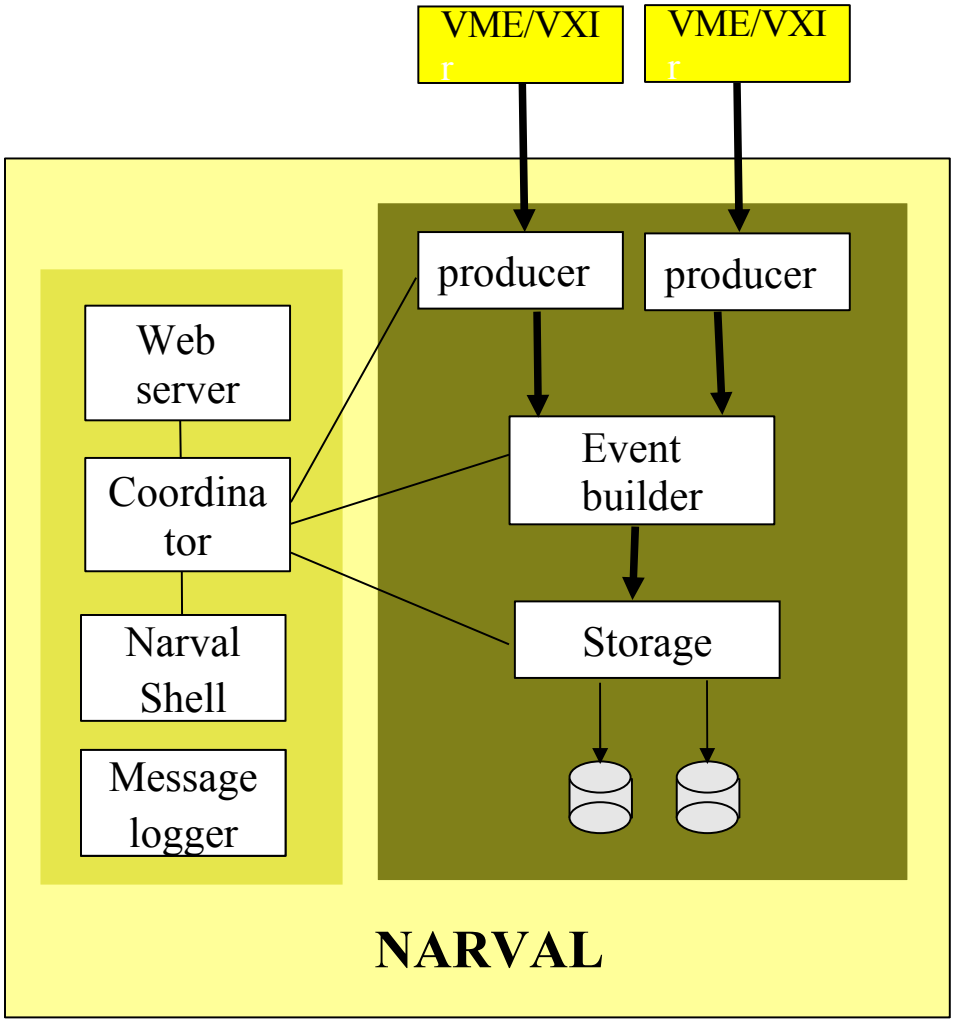
ViGRU

ROOT Spectra display

- ✓ ADA binding for basic commands to create, destroy, increment histograms
- ✓ ROOT library directly accessible for C++ programmers

NARVAL in GANIL DAQ

Test configuration



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