



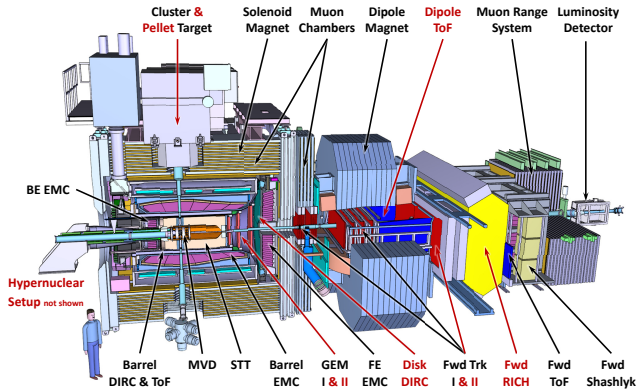
# Deployment for the PANDA Detector Control System

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# The $\bar{P}$ ANDA Detector

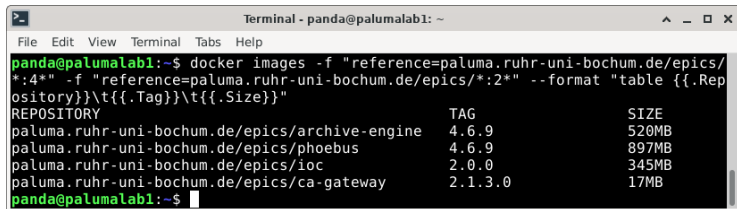


## $\bar{P}$ ANDA physics program:

- Hadron spectroscopy
- Hadron structure
- Hadrons in medium
- Hypernuclear physics

# Challenges for the Detector Control System

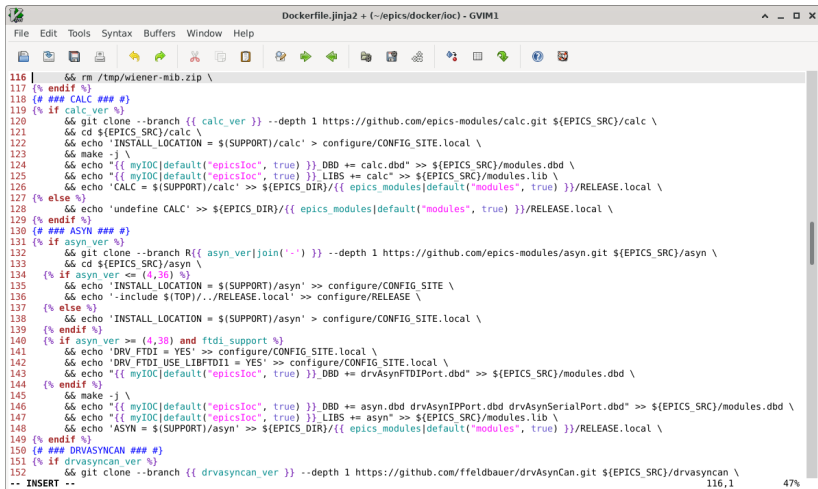
- Still in development and prototyping phase
  - Detectors are developed all over the world
  - Each subsystem should develop their own DCS partition
  - Large diversity in used operating system at the different sites
  - Large diversity in skills of “DCS-experts”
- ⇒ Control system should be easy to deploy for everyone
- ⇒ Container Virtualization (docker)



```
Terminal - panda@palumalab1: ~
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panda@palumalab1:~$ docker images -f "reference=paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/
*:4*" -f "reference=paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/*:2*" --format "table {{.Rep
ository}}\t{{.Tag}}\t{{.Size}}"
REPOSITORY                                TAG                SIZE
paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/archive-engine 4.6.9             520MB
paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/phoebus        4.6.9             897MB
paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/ioc           2.0.0             345MB
paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/ca-gateway    2.1.3.0           17MB
panda@palumalab1:~$
```

# Version Management

## Dockerfiles written as Jinja2 templates



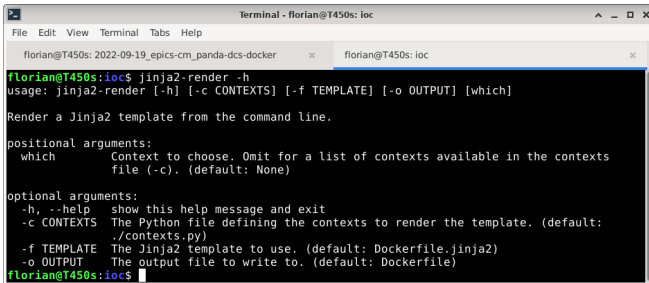
```
Dockerfile.jinja2 + (~/epics/docker/ioc) - GVIM1
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116 {{ rm /tmp/wiener-mib.zip \
117 {% endif %}
118 {% ### CALC ### %}
119 {% if calc_ver %}
120 {{ git clone --branch {{ calc_ver }} --depth 1 https://github.com/epics-modules/calc.git ${EPICS_SRC}/calc \
121 {{ cd ${EPICS_SRC}/calc \
122 {{ echo 'INSTALL_LOCATION = ${SUPPORT}/calc' > configure/CONFIG_SITE.local \
123 {{ make -j \
124 {{ echo "{{ myIOC[default('epicsIoc', true) ]} DBD += calc.dbd" >> ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.dbd \
125 {{ echo "{{ myIOC[default('epicsIoc', true) ]} LIBS += calc" >> ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.lib \
126 {{ echo "CALC = ${SUPPORT}/calc" >> ${EPICS_DIR}/{{ epics_modules[default('modules', true) ]}}/RELEASE.local \
127 {% else %}
128 {{ echo 'undefine CALC' >> ${EPICS_DIR}/{{ epics_modules[default('modules', true) ]}}/RELEASE.local \
129 {% endif %}
130 {% ### ASYN ### %}
131 {% if asyn_ver %}
132 {{ git clone --branch R{{ asyn_ver|join('-') }} --depth 1 https://github.com/epics-modules/asyn.git ${EPICS_SRC}/asyn \
133 {{ cd ${EPICS_SRC}/asyn \
134 {% if asyn_ver <= (4,36) %}
135 {{ echo 'INSTALL_LOCATION = ${SUPPORT}/asyn' >> configure/CONFIG_SITE \
136 {{ echo '-include $(TOP)/../RELEASE.local' >> configure/RELEASE \
137 {% else %}
138 {{ echo 'INSTALL_LOCATION = ${SUPPORT}/asyn' > configure/CONFIG_SITE.local \
139 {% endif %}
140 {% if asyn_ver >= (4,38) and ftdi_support %}
141 {{ echo 'DRV_FTDI = YES' >> configure/CONFIG_SITE.local \
142 {{ echo 'DRV_FTDI_USE_LIBFTDI1 = YES' >> configure/CONFIG_SITE.local \
143 {{ echo "{{ myIOC[default('epicsIoc', true) ]} DBD += drvAsynFTDIPort.dbd" >> ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.dbd \
144 {% endif %}
145 {{ make -j \
146 {{ echo "{{ myIOC[default('epicsIoc', true) ]} DBD += asyn.dbd drvAsynIPPort.dbd drvAsynSerialPort.dbd" >> ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.dbd \
147 {{ echo "{{ myIOC[default('epicsIoc', true) ]} LIBS += asyn" >> ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.lib \
148 {{ echo 'ASYN = ${SUPPORT}/asyn' >> ${EPICS_DIR}/{{ epics_modules[default('modules', true) ]}}/RELEASE.local \
149 {% endif %}
150 {% ### DRVASYNCAN ### %}
151 {% if drvasyncan_ver %}
152 {{ git clone --branch {{ drvasyncan_ver }} --depth 1 https://github.com/ffeldbauer/drvAsynCan.git ${EPICS_SRC}/drvasyncan \
-- INSERT --
116,1 47%
```

# Version Management

## Module versions set in context file

```
4
5 CONTEXTS = {
6   '2.0.0': {
7       'base_ver': '7.0.6',
8       'asyn_ver': (4,42),
9       'calc_ver': 'R3-7-4',
10      'modbus_ver': (3,2),
11      'stream_ver': (2,8,22),
12      'devthmpled_p_ver': 'v1.0.0',
13      'iocstats_ver': 'cpu-temp',
14      'ftdi_support': 'yes',
15      },
16   '2.0.0-sbc': { 'base_ver': '7.0.6'.
```

## Create Dockerfile from template with jinja2-render:



```
Terminal - florian@T450s: ioc
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florian@T450s: 2022-09-19_epics-cm_panda-dcs-docker x florian@T450s: ioc x
florian@T450s:ioc$ jinja2-render -h
usage: jinja2-render [-h] [-c CONTEXTS] [-f TEMPLATE] [-o OUTPUT] [which]

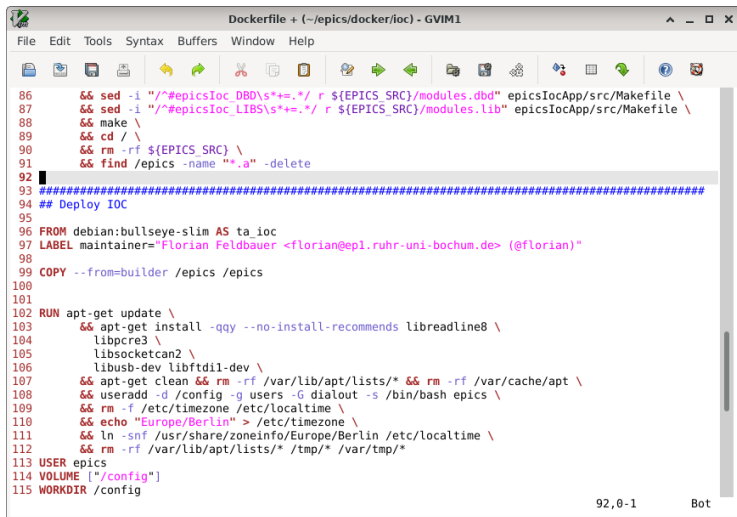
Render a Jinja2 template from the command line.

positional arguments:
  which          Context to choose. Omit for a list of contexts available in the contexts
                 file (-c). (default: None)

optional arguments:
  -h, --help    show this help message and exit
  -c CONTEXTS  The Python file defining the contexts to render the template. (default:
                ./contexts.py)
  -f TEMPLATE  The Jinja2 template to use. (default: Dockerfile.jinja2)
  -o OUTPUT    The output file to write to. (default: Dockerfile)
florian@T450s:ioc$
```

# Decrease Image Size

Using multistage builds to reduce size of final images



```
Dockerfile + (~/epics/docker/ioc) - GVIM1
File Edit Tools Syntax Buffers Window Help
86  && sed -i "/^#epicsIoc_DBD\s*+=.*/ r ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.dbd" epicsIocApp/src/Makefile \
87  && sed -i "/^#epicsIoc_LIBS\s*+=.*/ r ${EPICS_SRC}/modules.lib" epicsIocApp/src/Makefile \
88  && make \
89  && cd / \
90  && rm -rf ${EPICS_SRC} \
91  && find /epics -name "*.a" -delete
92
93  #####
94  ## Deploy IOC
95
96  FROM debian:bullseye-slim AS ta_ioc
97  LABEL maintainer="Florian Feldbauer <florian@ep1.ruhr-uni-bochum.de> (@florian)"
98
99  COPY --from=builder /epics /epics
100
101
102  RUN apt-get update \
103      && apt-get install -qq --no-install-recommends libreadline8 \
104          libpcre3 \
105          libsocketcan2 \
106          libusb-dev libftd1-dev \
107      && apt-get clean && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/* && rm -rf /var/cache/apt \
108      && useradd -d /config -g users -G dialout -s /bin/bash epics \
109      && rm -f /etc/timezone /etc/localtime \
110      && echo "Europe/Berlin" > /etc/timezone \
111      && ln -snf /usr/share/zoneinfo/Europe/Berlin /etc/localtime \
112      && rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/* /tmp/* /var/tmp/*
113  USER epics
114  VOLUME ["/config"]
115  WORKDIR /config
92,0-1 Bot
```

# Pros and Cons

## Pros:

- Easy to create images for multiple architectures

```
docker buildx build \  
  --platform=linux/amd64,linux/arm64,linux/arm/v7 ...
```

- Easy to deploy at remote labs

```
docker pull paluma.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/epics/ioc
```

- Easy to setup EPICS as a service

```
docker run -dit --restart always ...
```

## Cons:

- Easy to gain root access on host system

Workarounds available, e.g. Singularity, pottman

- "Pinches" holes into firewall

Docker has (and needs) access to iptables

- Need a lot of flags for container creation to access hardware

```
--device <DEV>, --group-add <GROUP>
```