

## **The ALICE Tier-2 Centre at GSI**

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GSI is a German national research centre for heavy ion research. It operates an accelerator facility for heavy-ion beams covering a broad range of activities from nuclear and atomic physics to plasma and material research as well as biophysics and cancer therapy. A new accelerator complex FAIR - Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research - is in preparation. GSI is hosting a tier-2 computing centre for the ALICE experiment at CERN. It is a unique combination of a Grid tier-2 centre a tier-3 centre including a PROOF cluster integrated in the standard batch farm for local use. The relative size of the different parts can be readjusted on request. Design considerations, current status, user experience and future plans will be discussed.