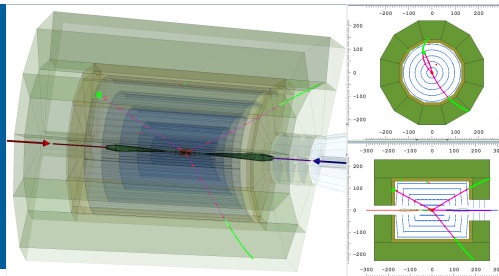


Simulation and Reconstruction Software

Tools for the next decade



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Introduction

Trends in software:

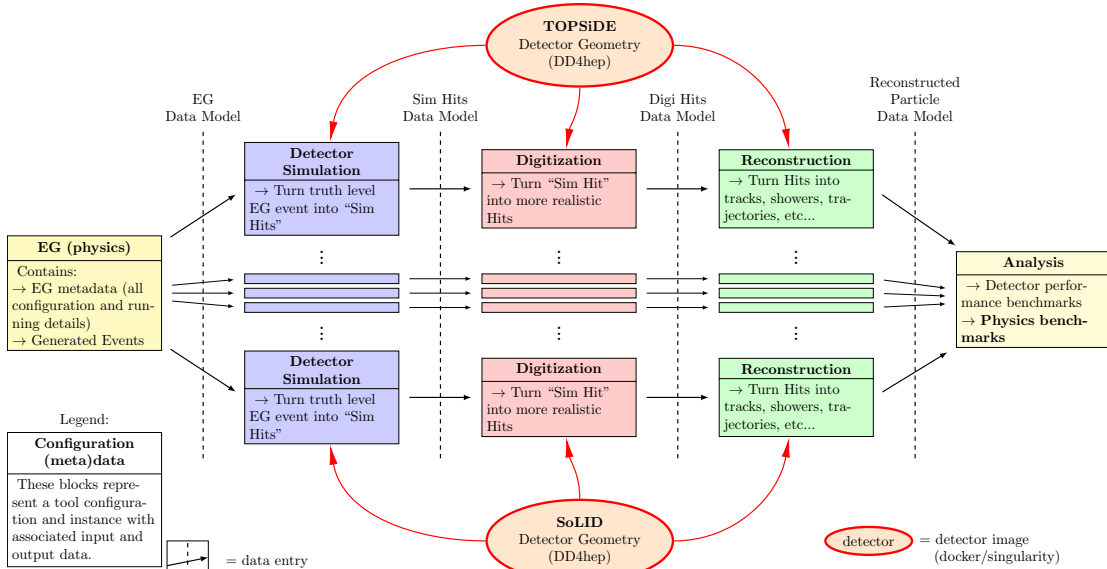
- Tools mostly written in C++ and python.
- python provides a nice configuration/scripting
- Thread-safe code – C++ `const` correctness¹
- Data model for algorithm interfacing

Toolkit

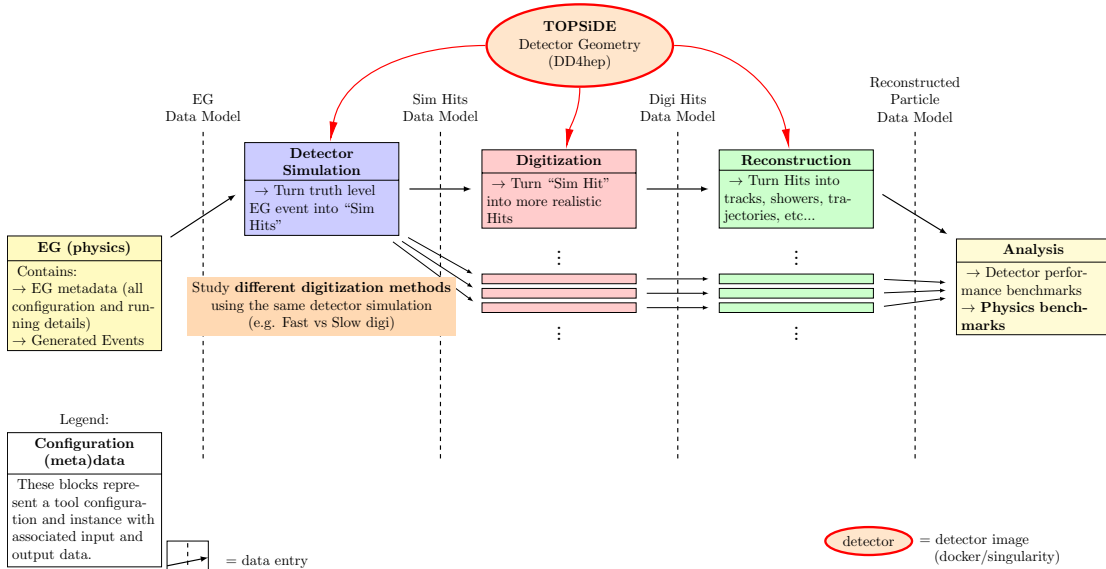
- **DD4hep** – Detector description
- **A Common Tracking Software (Acts)**
- **PODIO** – Data model tool
- Genfit – track fitting

¹`const` changed meaning with c++11 [Herb Sutter talk](#)

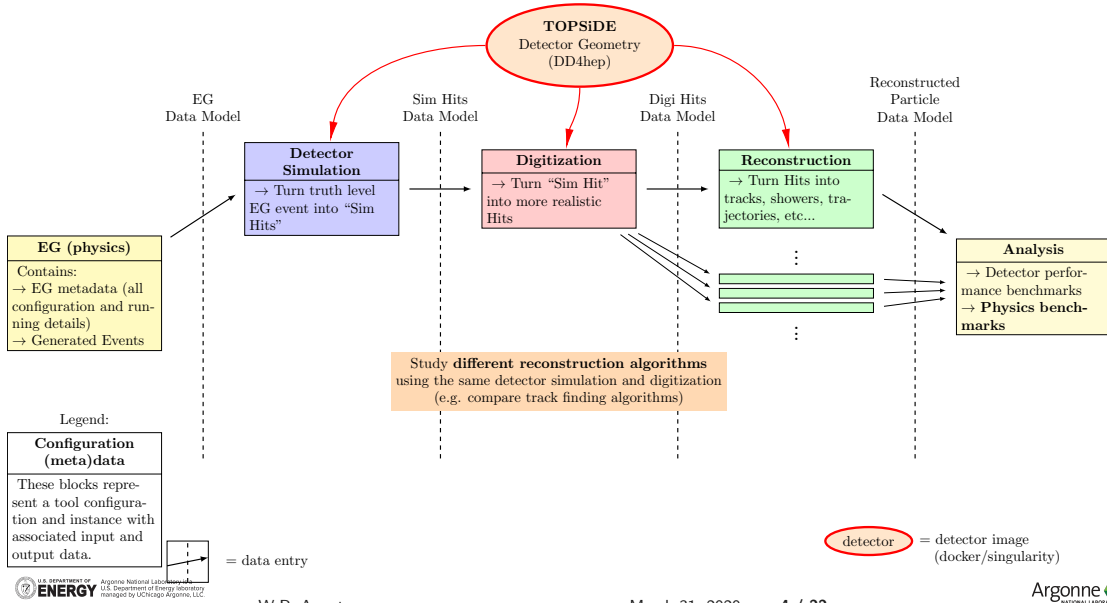
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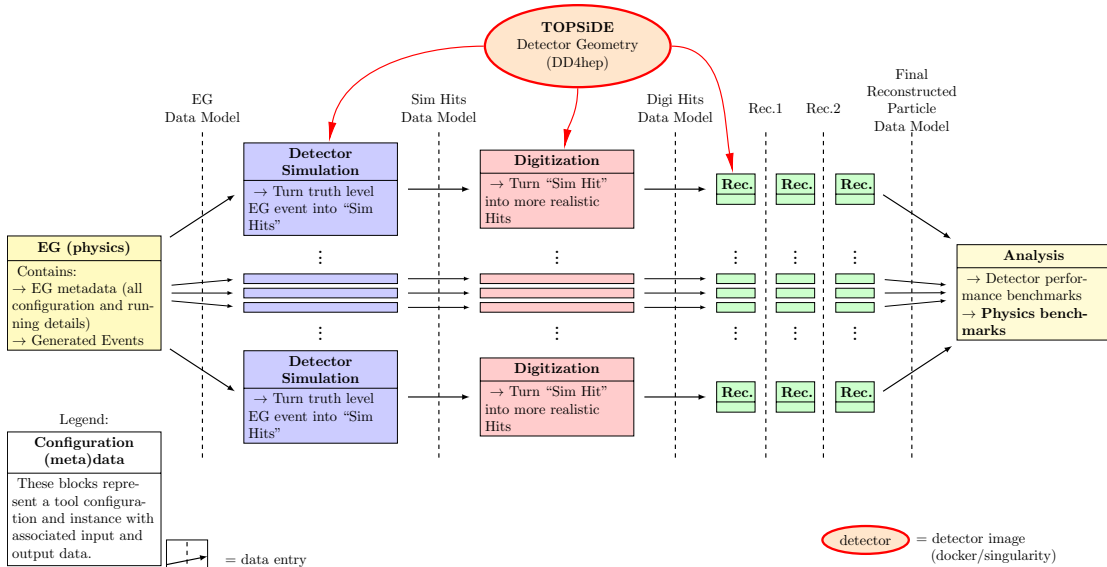
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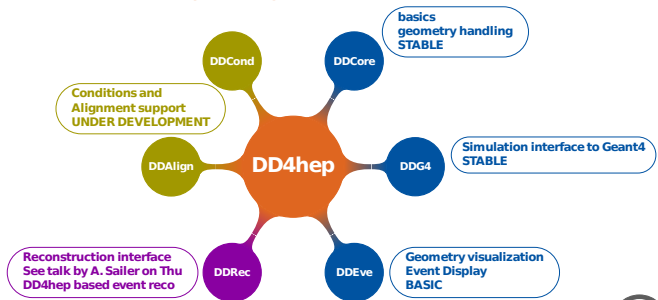


DD4hep

Detector Description

The result of a study from the *Advanced European Infrastructures for Detectors at Accelerators* ([EU AIDA 2020](#)) initiative.

Structure and packages



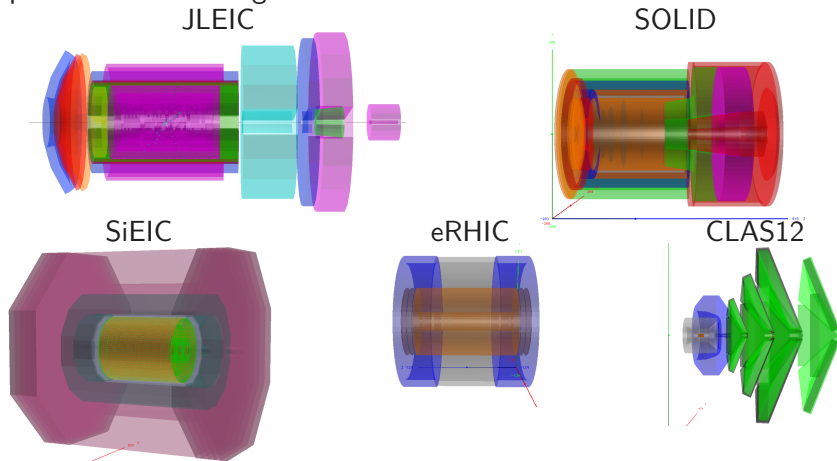
- Thoughtfully designed for future (thread-safe)
- Interface provides full access to Geant4
- **Single source of geometry**
- Simple geometry hook → **better algorithm development**
- Full geometry definition defined in human readable compact detector description file
- Easily used in a ROOT/python scripts and works well with external tools.

DD4hep solves the "geometry problem" for end-to-end simulation and reconstruction.

Nuclear Physics Detector Library (NPDet)

NPDet is a **collection of parameterized detectors** (using DD4hep) which can be used to construct full concept detectors in a single text file.

NPdet/src/
GenericDetectors
SiEIC
JLEIC
CLAS12
SOLID



DD4hep Geometry Hooks

C++ in a ROOT script

```
dd4hep::Detector& detector = dd4hep::Detector::getInstance(); // Get the DD4hep instance
detector.fromCompact("my_awesome_detector.xml"); // Load the compact XML file
dd4hep::rec::CellIDPositionConverter converter(detector); // Position/cellid converter tool
[...]
    for(const auto& h: hits) {
        auto cell = h->cellID; // Unique segment/volume identifier
        auto pos1 = converter.position(cell); // The segmentation hit position
        auto cell_dim = converter.celldimensions(cell); // Dimensions of segment/volume
        [...]
    }
[...]
auto bField = detector.field().magneticField(pos); // Get the magnetic field
double Bz = bField.z()/dd4hep::tesla;
```

That's it.

See [NPDet examples](#) for a tutorial (work in progress).

Add a new detector

Detector construction (.cpp)

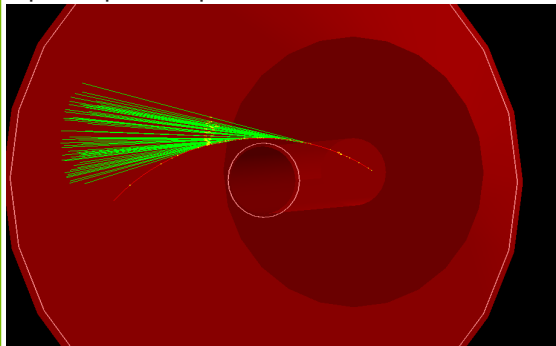
```
static Ref_t build_detector(Detector& det, xml_h e, SensitiveDetector sens)
{
    xml_det_t    x_det      = e;
    Material      air        = det.air();
    double        z_offset  = dd4hep::getattrOrDefault(x_det, _Unicode(zoffset), 10.0*dd4hep::cm);
    ... [ Build geometry ]
}
DECLARE_DETELEMENT(SimpleRomanPot, build_detector)
```

Compact detector description (.xml)

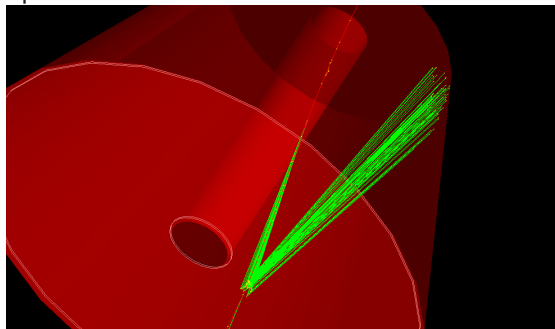
```
<detector id="1" name="MyRomanPot" type="SimpleRomanPot"
          vis="RedVis" readout="RomanPotHits" zoffset="1.0*m">
</detector>
[...]
<readouts>
  <readout name="RomanPotHits">
    <segmentation type="CartesianGridXY" grid_size_x="1.0*mm" grid_size_y="1.0*cm" />
    <id>system:5,layer:9,module:14,x:32:-16,y:-16</id>
  </readout>
</readouts>
```

Recent improvements from DD4hep developers

Optical photon process:



optical surfaces:



All material properties defined in compact detector description file. ^a

^aRequires root > 6.18

Sensitive Detectors and Data Model

Built-in SD types

- calorimeter
- tracker
- *maybe a photon detector in the future...*

Uses built-in data model

`dd4hep::Geant4Tracker::Hit`

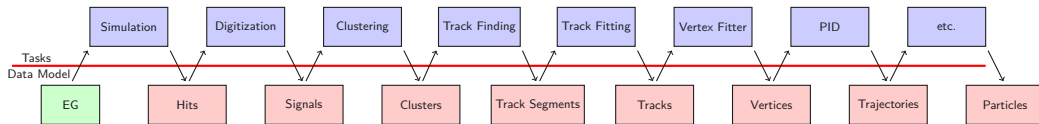
`dd4hep::Geant4Calorimeter::Hit`

Custom SD implementation

Full access to Geant4 information possible through implementation of `G4VSensitiveDetector`.

Can use built-in data model or define your own

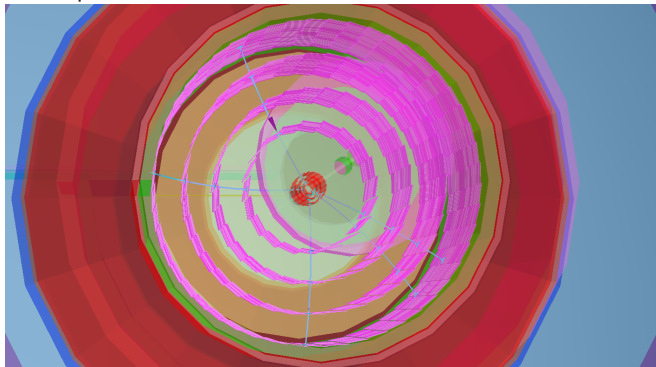
A good Event Data Model (EDM) defines task boundaries and decouples algorithms/frameworks.



Track Reconstruction

- Track Finding – Hough, Conformal finding algos, Hopfield network, etc...
- Track Fitting – Kalman Filters, DAFs, GBL, etc...
- Line between finding/fitting not always clear.
- Acts aims to provide a performant, future proof toolkit for tracking
- **Acts is thread-safe**
- **Acts** is being **actively developed** by a team at Cern

DD4hep and Genfit



Both use TGeo – all material accounted for with no effort. Full Kalman Filter track fitting in a root script.

Event Processing Framework

Short vs. Long term

Short Term:

- Not critically important in the near term
- Better to not make a decision than to make the wrong one
- Currently a few good options, but none really stands out as solving a problem.

Long Term:

- An event processing framework will be important for handling increasingly complex processing chains
- Will be difficult to change after the fact

My Opinion

When picking this framework, it is best to wait until it is absolutely needed to solve a problem.

Pick an Event Data Model instead

The Data model^a is more important now: pick an existing model (eg LCIO/FCC) and extend as needed

^aEDM is not picking a language implementation, serialization, or IO library

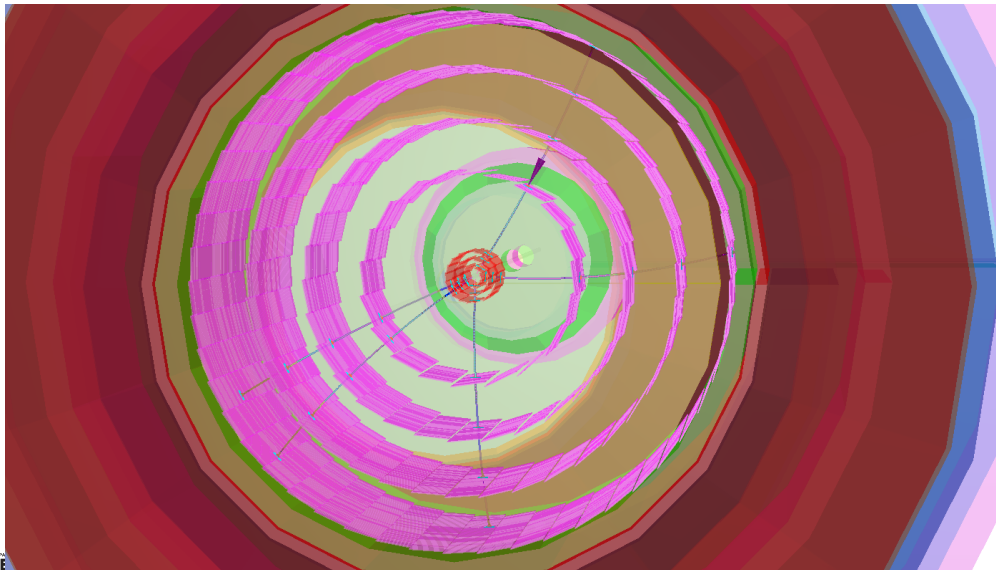
Summary

- There are a lot of good simulation and reconstruction tools that did not exist 5 years ago.
- DD4hep uniquely solves the "geometry problem"
- Many tools play nice with DD4hep.
- Acts will provide an excellent platform for tracking and reconstruction algorithm and library development.
- Event Data Model consistency is more important than Event Processing Frameworks.

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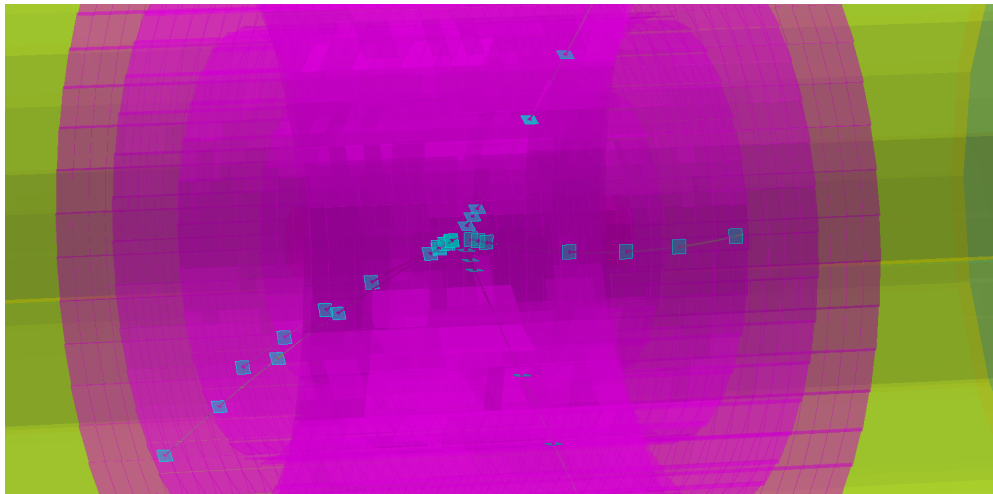
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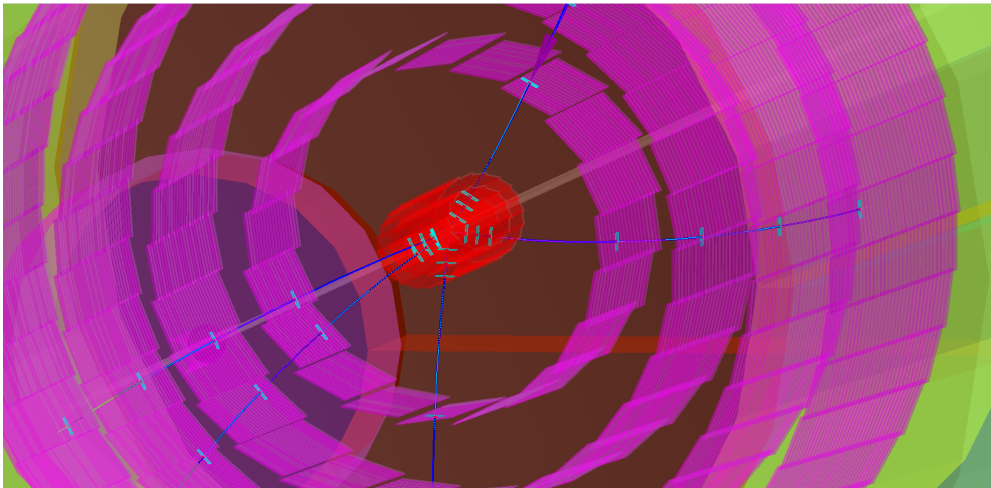


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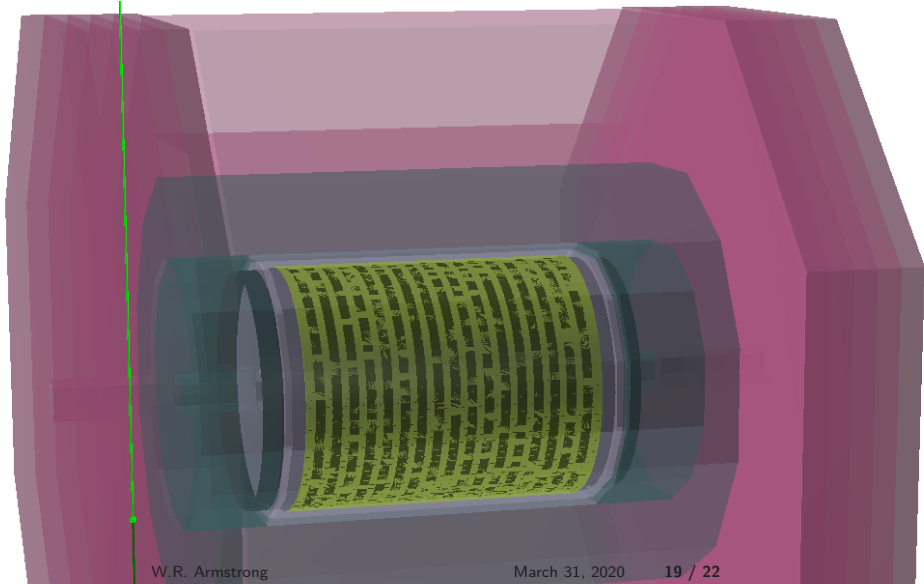


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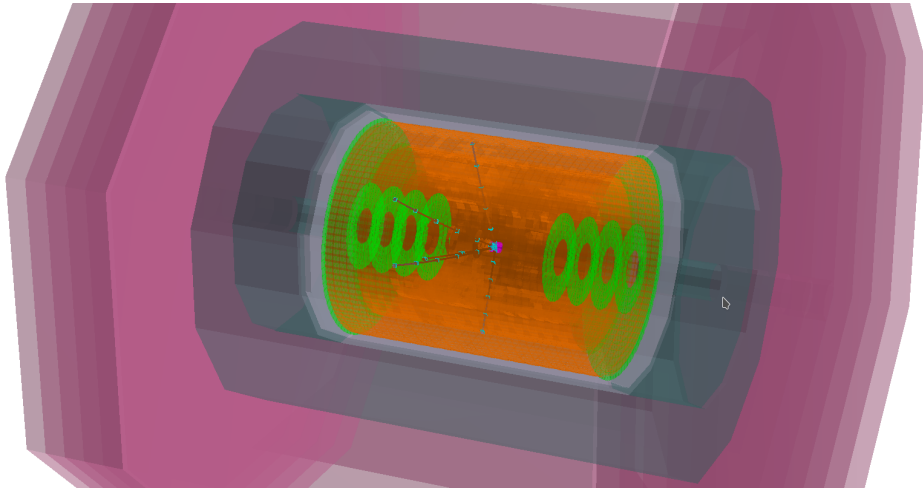
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SiD style detector



SiEIC

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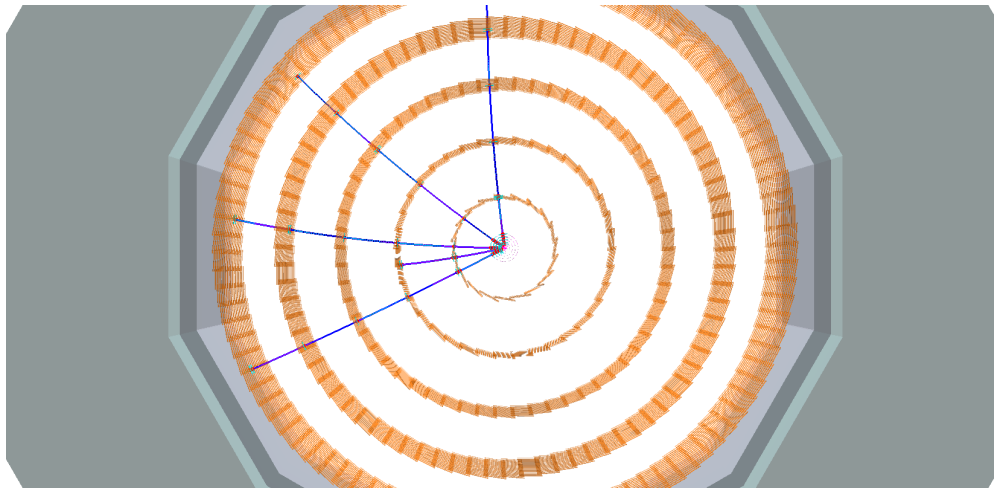


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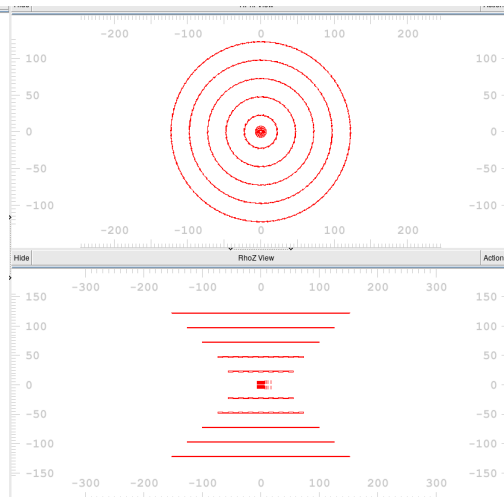
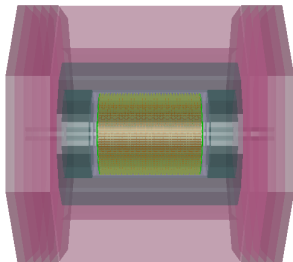
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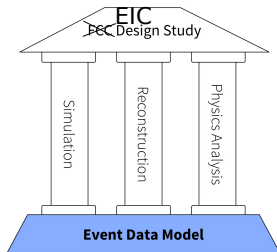
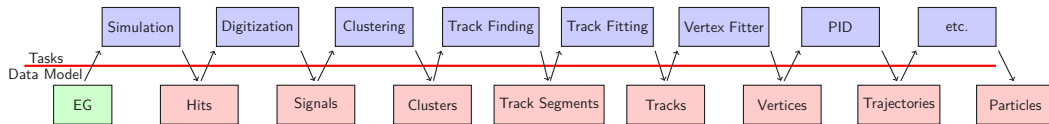
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Why a Data Model?



The FCC software: how to keep SW
experiment independent - A. Zaborowska

- The **Data Model** is the boundaries of every task.
- A **Common** data model is the first step towards generic algorithms and tasks
- Challenge: Getting everyone to agree
- Initial data model: LCIO (not the library)
- Note: *Data Model* does not mean *serialization tool*! It is just the data structures
- [podio](#) is a new tool which by default uses ROOT for serialization (new serialization libraries can be easily added)