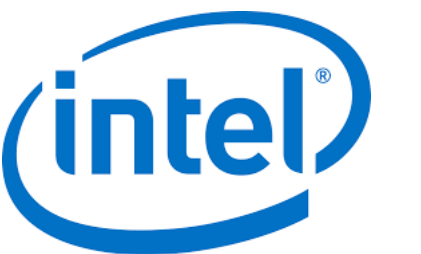


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acts project overview

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Development and R&D

Core

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CPU multi-threaded library of tracking reconstruction components

R&D1

acts-parallelization@cern.ch

CPU/GPU “single source” demonstrator re-implementing the main Core chain

R&D2

acts-machinelearning@cern.ch

Machine learning and ML assisted modules for track reconstruction

Core

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CPU multi-threaded library of
tracking reconstruction components



More than **1000** merged PRs, more than **100** forks, ~**75** stars
48 different contributors
289 unique cloners



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Core: the flagship project

Main target & language

- x86/ARM64 multithreaded architectures, GPU development moved to R&D1 line
- C++17 standard (we will have to start thinking of C++20 soon)
- minimal core dependencies: CMake, Eigen, BOOST + **optional Plugins**

Component library structure

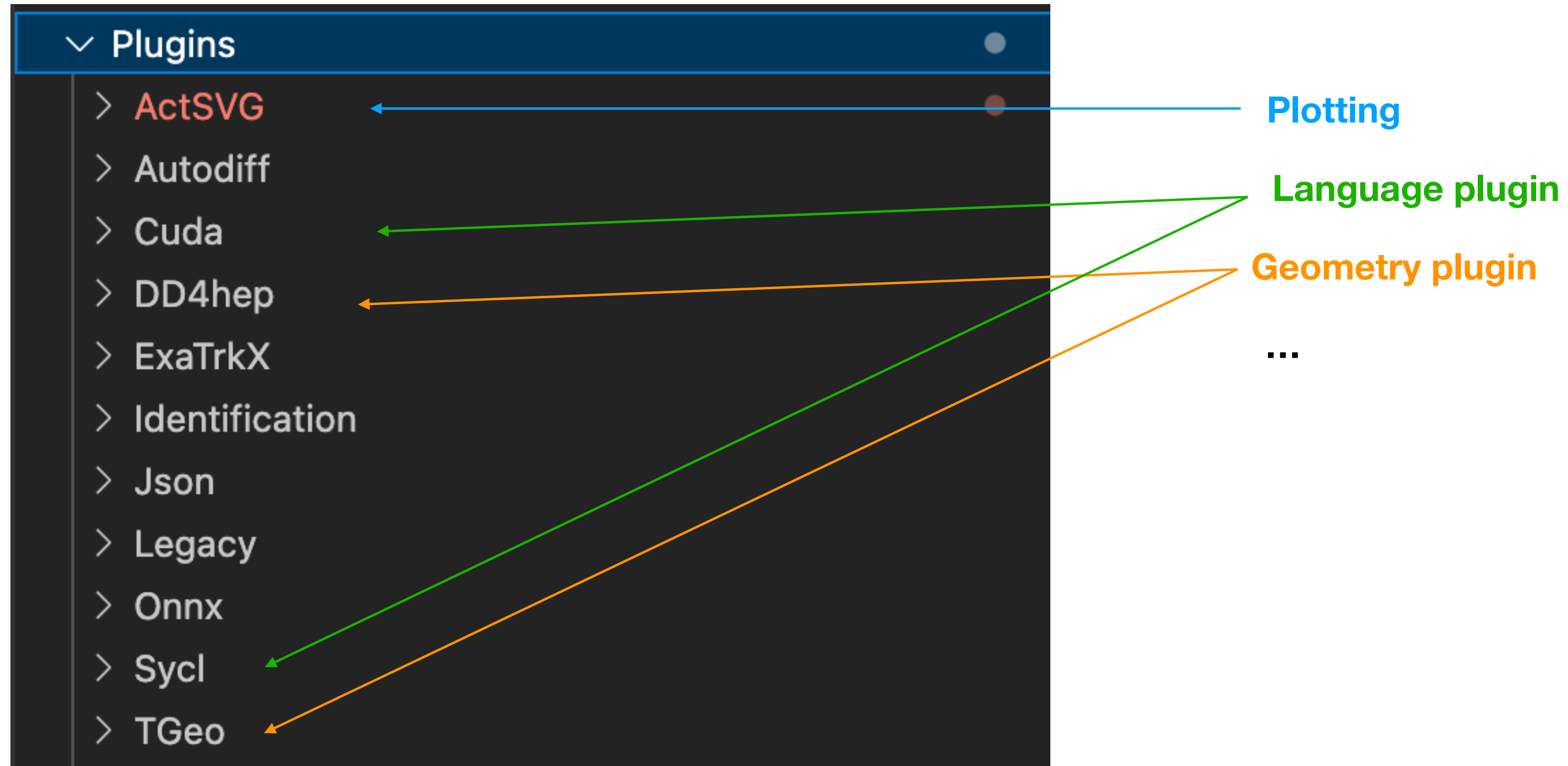
- track & vertex reconstruction components that allow for assembling of a track reconstruction applications for different experimental setups

	Geometry & Event Data Model 31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN	<i>Andreas Salzburger</i> 13:30 - 13:45
	Propagation 31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN	<i>Andreas Salzburger</i> 13:45 - 14:00
14:00	Seeding & Pattern 31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN	<i>Luis Falda Coelho et al.</i> 14:00 - 14:30
	Fitting 31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN	<i>Alexander J Pflieger et al.</i> 14:30 - 15:00
15:00	Vertexing 31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN	<i>Rocky Bala Garg</i> 15:00 - 15:20
	Fatras 31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN	<i>Andreas Salzburger</i> 15:20 - 15:30

Core: the flagship project

Plugin mechanism

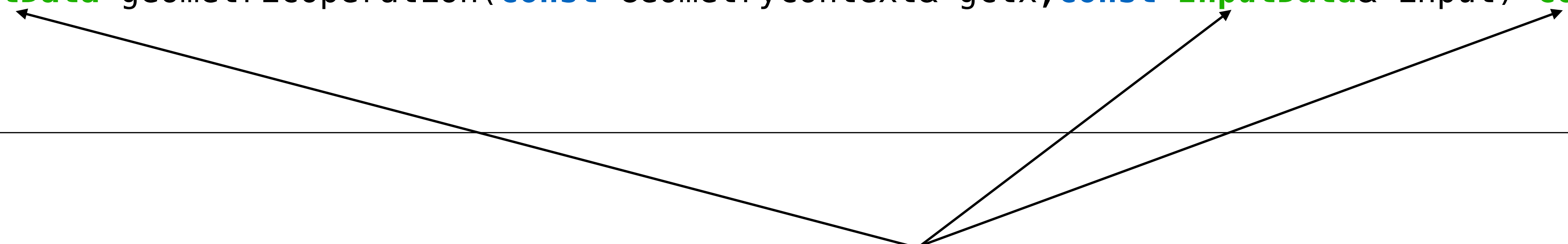
- Library is extendable in functionality with several plugins
- Usually also pull in additional third party dependencies



Core concepts: multi threading and contextuality

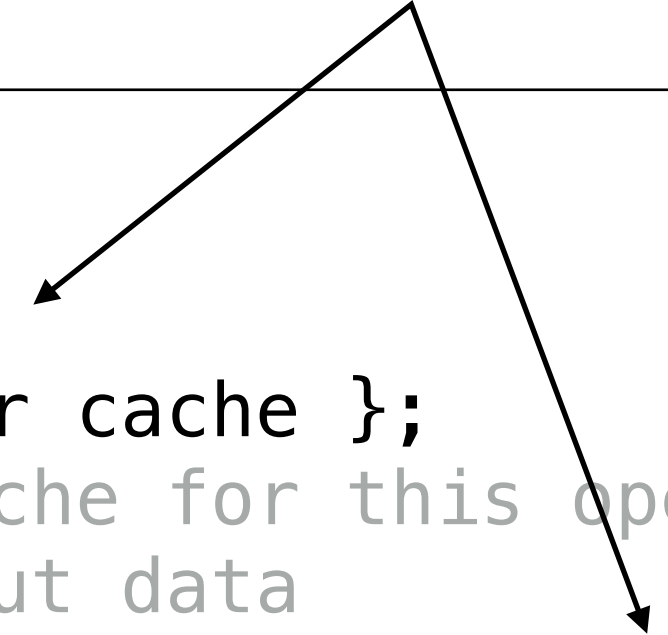
Built-in parallelisation support

```
namespace Acts {  
  class Module {  
    /// @param gctx the geometry context (e.g. alignment)  
    /// @param input the input data  
    OutputData geometricOperation(const GeometryContext& gctx, const InputData& input) const;  
  };  
}
```



Allows parallel execution of this operation (without explicit technology binding, such as **tbb**) within and across events, nested **State** structs are used for necessary caching operations

```
namespace Acts {  
  class Module {  
    /// Nested State struct  
    struct State { ActsScalar cache };  
    /// @param state is a cache for this operation  
    /// @param input the input data  
    OutputData operationWithCache(State& state, const InputData& input) const;  
  };  
}
```



Core concepts: multi threading and contextuality

Built-in parallelisation support and contextuality

```
namespace Acts {  
    /// @param gctx the geometry context (e.g. alignment)  
    /// @param input the input data  
    OutputData geometricOperation(const GeometryContext& gctx, const InputData& input) const;  
};  
}
```

```
using GeometryContext = std::any;
```

ACTS allows you to pack your own contextual data into the context objects (geometry, magnetic, field) and will carry it through the code base (untouched)

```
auto Experiment::applyCorrection(const GeometryContext& gctx, const InputData& input) const {  
    const Experiment::Payload& payload = std::any_cast<const Experiment::Payload&>(gctx);  
}
```

Core concepts: data driven, configuration & options

Design convention for data driven design, configuration and option

```
namespace Acts {
  /// doxygen documentation
  class Module {
    /// @struct Config for this module,
    struct Config {
      ActsScalar globalParameter; ///< configure this module
    };

    /// @struct Options for this module, changeable on call
    struct Options {
      ActsScalar callParameter; ///< how the horse feels today
    };

    /// @param cfg the configuration struct for this module
    Module(const Config& cfg) : m_config(cfg){};

    /// @param input the input data
    OutputData operation(const InputData& input, const Options& opt) const;
  };
}
```


Core concepts: configuration binding

Simple Config structs on ACTS side

```
namespace Acts {  
  /// doxygen documentation  
  class WorkHorse {  
    /// @struct Config for To  
    struct Config {  
      ActsScalar coatColor; ///  
      ActsScalar maxPath;    ///  
    };  
  };  
}
```

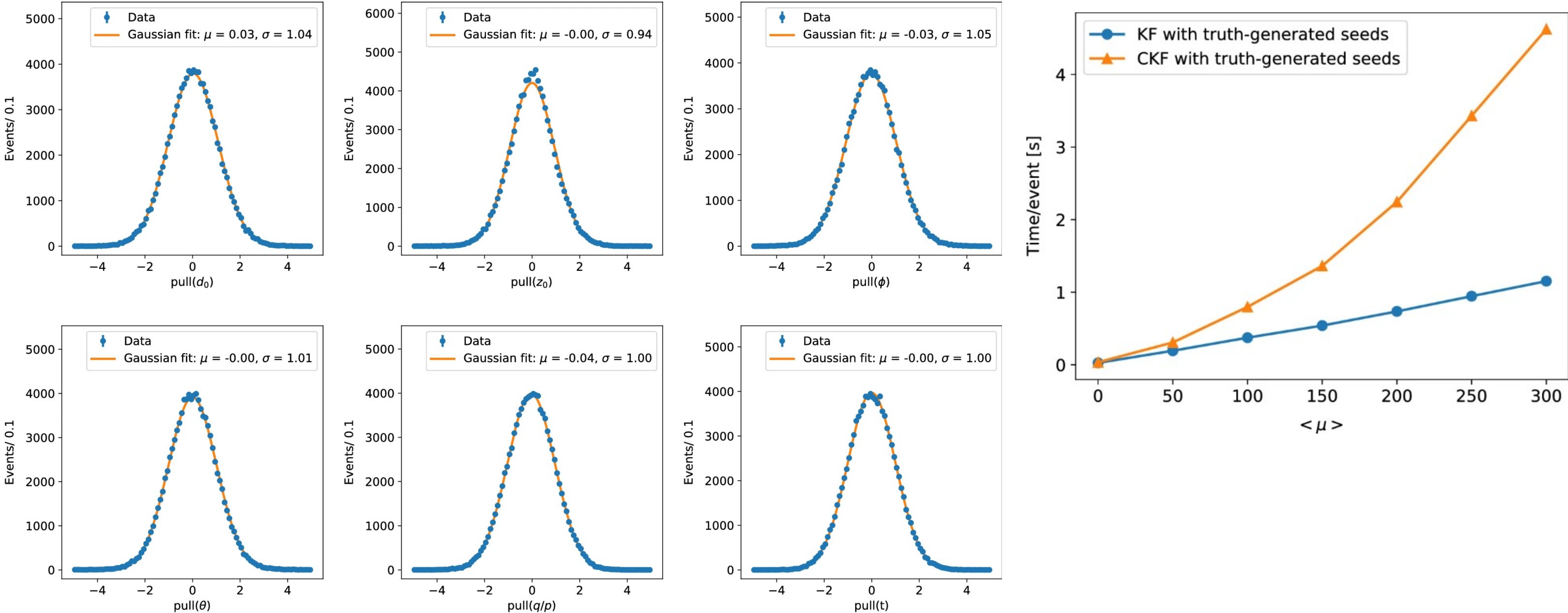
Connection to experiment framework, e.g. Gaudi/Athena

```
/// feed from Framework into ACTS configuration  
declareProperty("CoatColor", m_cfg.coatColor);  
declareProperty("MaxPath",    m_cfg.maxPath);
```

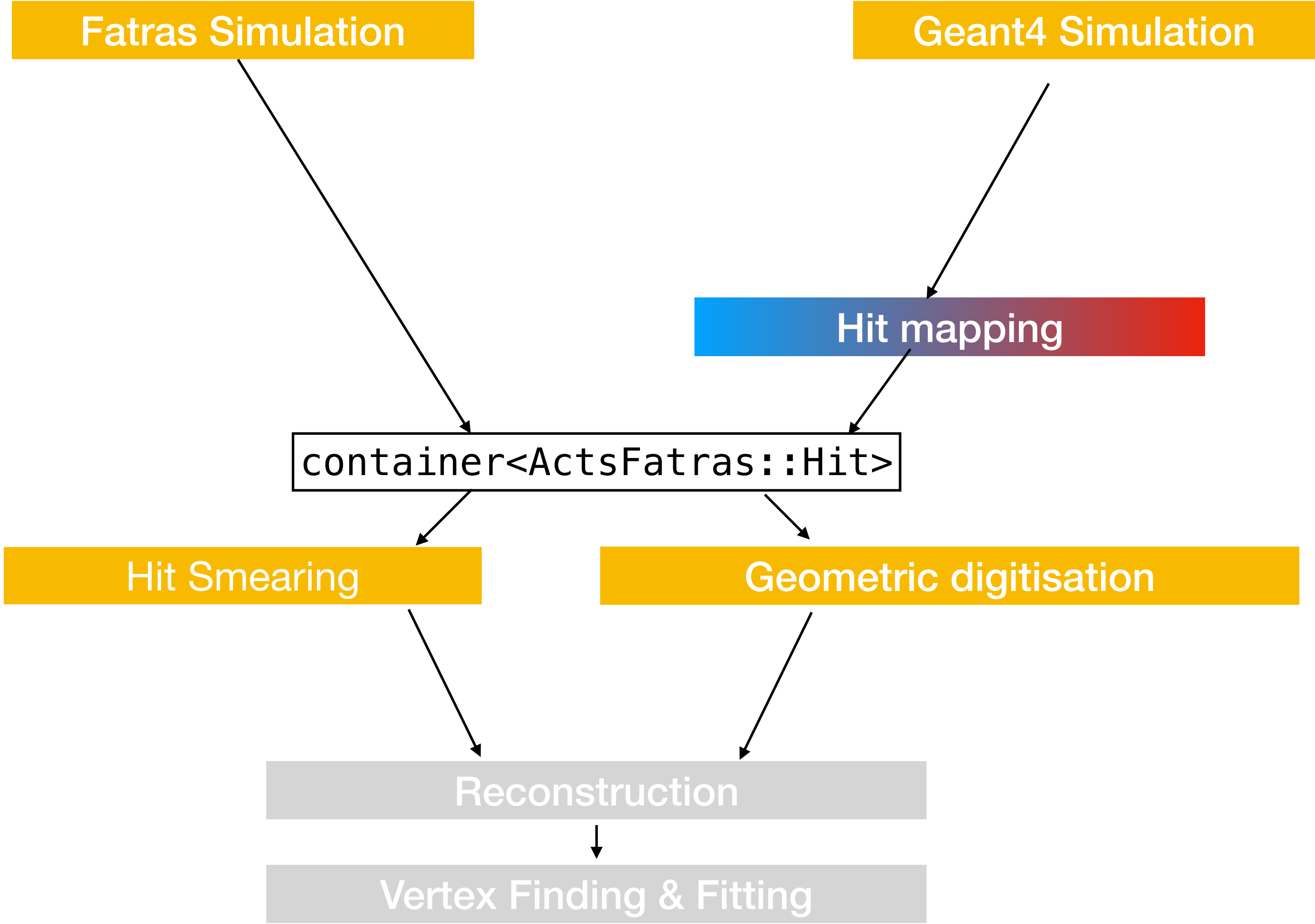
Core functionality:

A first full chain documented using the Open Data Detector / TrackML detector in:

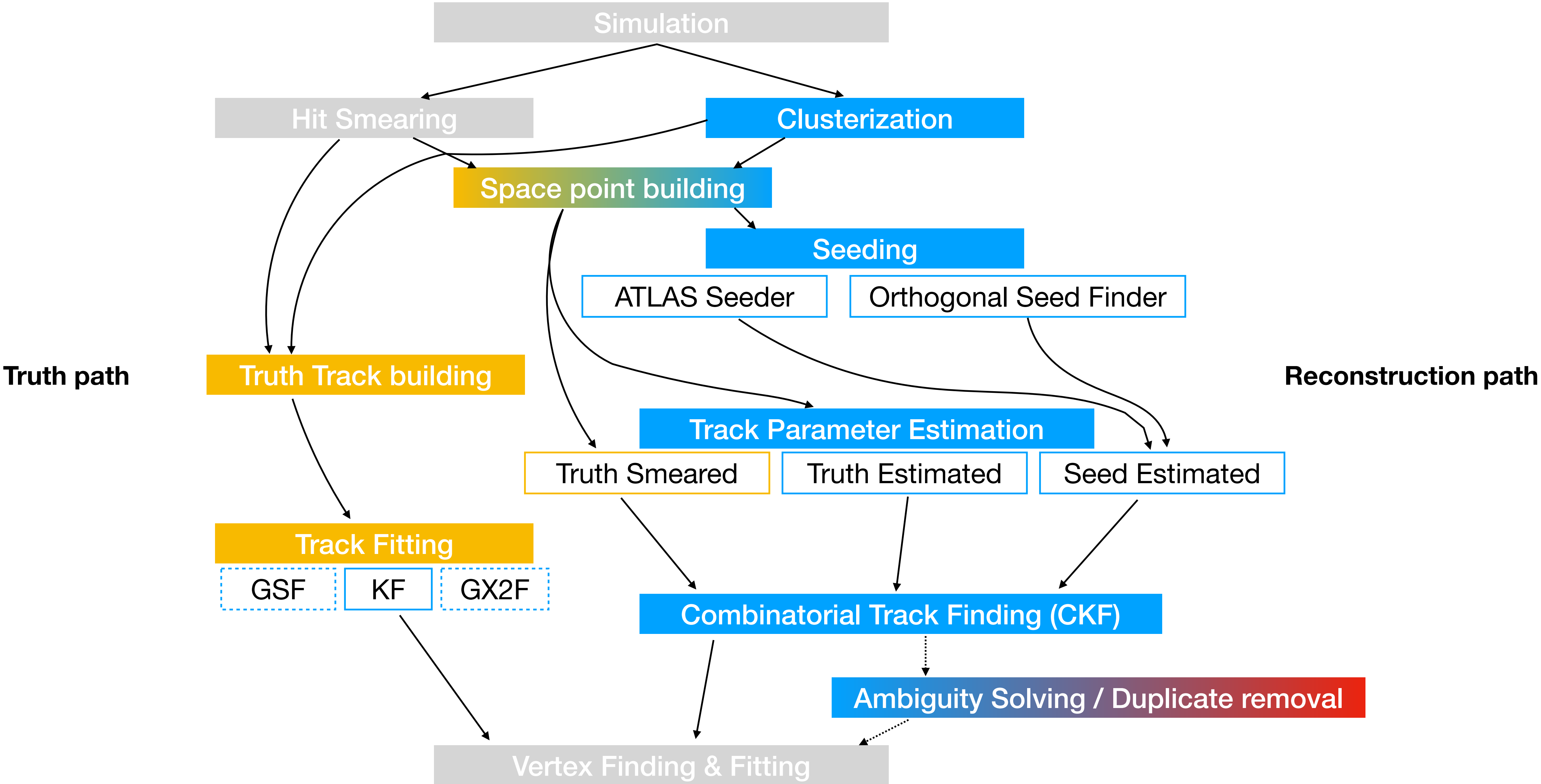
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s41781-021-00078-8>



Core functionality: simulation input



Core functionality: a tracking demonstrator chain



Core functionality: a tracking demonstrator chain

Simulation

Development Proposal I:

Ambiguity solver and/or duplicate removal is not yet fully covered, is often experiment specific, however, some baseline modules can be done in a generic way

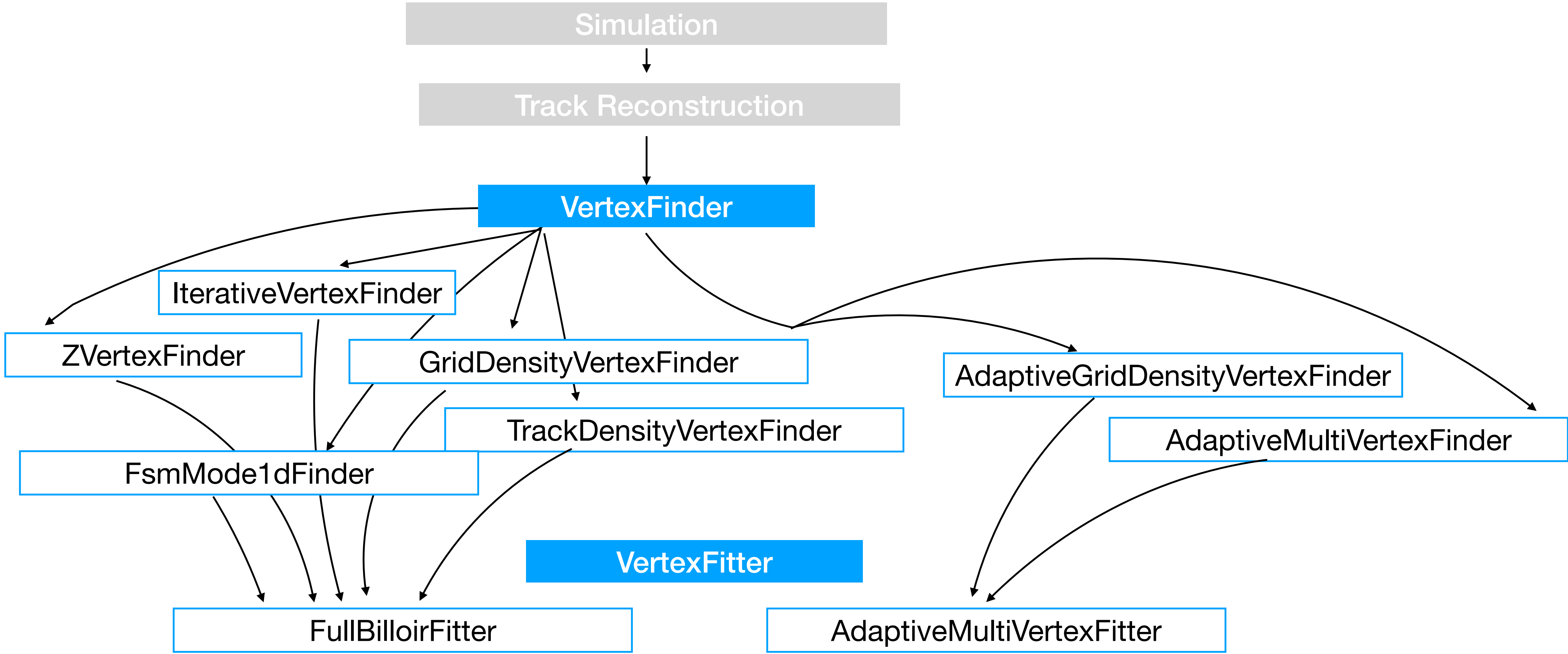
- TrackML scoring based ambiguity solver
- Simple duplicate resolving module
- ML based ambiguity solver exists

Combinatorial Track Finding (CKF)

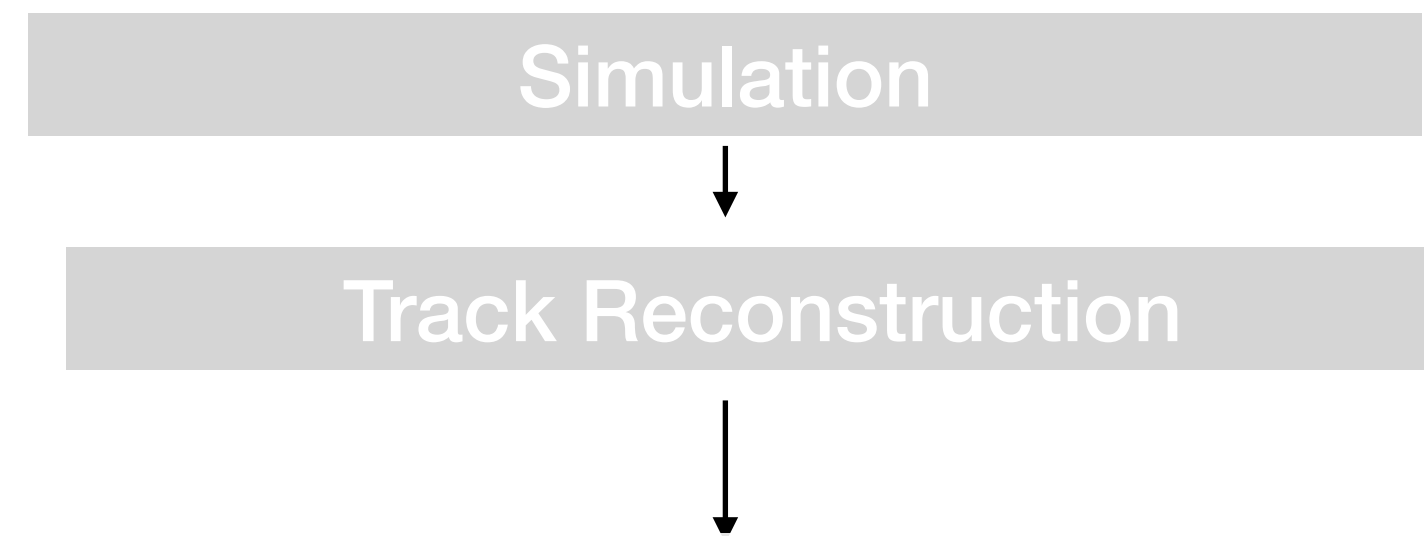
Ambiguity Solving / Duplicate removal

Vertex Finding & Fitting

Core functionality: vertex reconstruction



Core functionality: vertex reconstruction



Development Proposal:

Track linearisation is currently done using a helical track model

Prototype work from B. Schlag to generalize this using the propagator

- great development project with immediate client impact (e.g. secondary vertex reconstruction)

Generalization of track linearization using the ACTS::Propagator:

- No assumption of helical track parameters anymore
- Vertex fitter more robust in all detector regions
- Harmonize primary and secondary vertexing with common math kernels
- Fully integrated time propagation in ACTS Vertex fitting with time information possible

$$\vec{q} = \vec{q}(\vec{r}, \vec{p}) = A\vec{r} + B\vec{p} + \vec{c}_0$$

Retrieve dedicated Jacobians from ACTS::Propagator

B. Schlag

Core: example framework & tutorials

Core ships with an **example framework**

- event-parallel framework (based on TBB) with sequencer that holds algorithm chain
- allows to build demonstrator chains, not built as a production framework
- steered with python (recent python bindings, binary examples to be dropped soon)
- recently partly re-built with on top of Gaudi

	Getting started with ACTS + ACTS demonstrator <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	09:30 - 09:50
10:00	My own ACTS detector <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	09:50 - 10:10
	My own ACTS algorithm <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	10:10 - 10:30
	Breaks: Coffee	10:30 - 11:00
11:00	Tutorials: ACTS Demonstrator II <i>Andreas Steffl, Dr Tim Adye</i>	

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Development Chain:

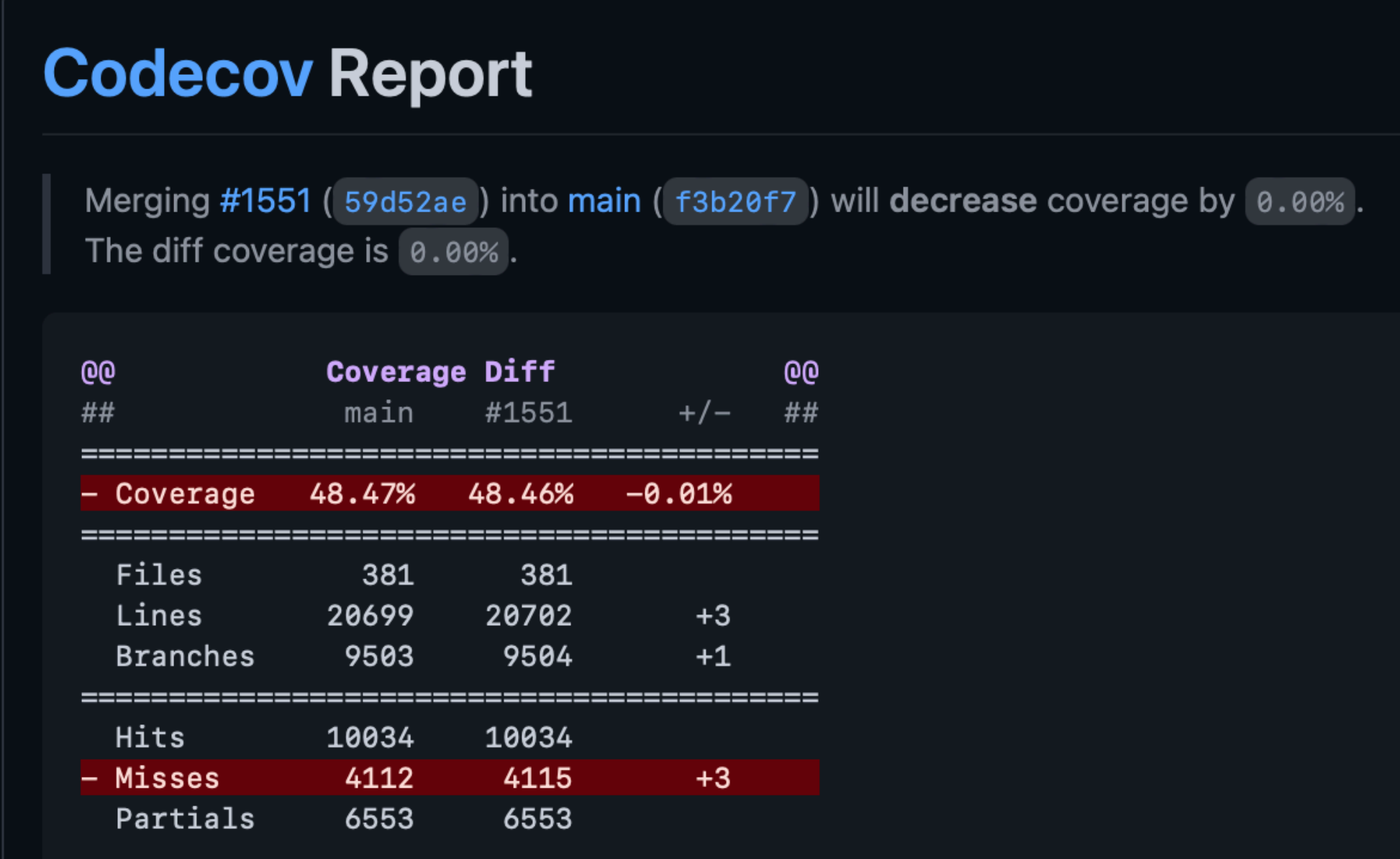
Relatively often modules, algorithms are prototyped within the framework and then promoted to the Core library when successful.

Core: testing

Comprehensive **Unit testing** is one of the main targets of our development model

- Best practise: write the code & tests together
- Small testable units/modules is key to this

Based on BOOST unit testing framework, Codecov (as part of CI) checks covering



```
namespace Acts {  
  
using namespace detail;  
  
namespace Test {  
  
BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(grid_test_1d_equidistant) {  
    using Point = std::array<double, 1>;  
    using indices = std::array<size_t, 1>;  
    EquidistantAxis a(0.0, 4.0, 4u);  
    Grid<double, EquidistantAxis> g(std::make_tuple(std::move(a)));  
  
    // test general properties  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.size(), 6u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.numLocalBins().at(0), 4u);  
  
    // global bin index  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{-0.3}})), 0u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{-0.}})), 1u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{0.}})), 1u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{0.7}})), 1u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{1}})), 2u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{1.2}})), 2u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{2.}})), 3u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{2.7}})), 3u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{3.}})), 4u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{3.9999}})), 4u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{4.}})), 5u);  
    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(g.globalBinFromPosition(Point({{4.98}})), 5u);  
}
```

Core: testing

Integration testing is another important aspect

- Larger scale tests of code in a quasi realistic environment
- Full chain demonstrator using the ODD as a benchmark



Point of Attention

Some explicit testing of experiment applications would be sometime useful

- Particularly problematic if access to resources are restricted
- Some tests can be abstracted, e.g. by providing generalised input data

Particularly for debugging applications with experts from ACTS we need to find a way to share/give access to the application (or at least problem)

Core: contributing

ACTS is Open Source and invites contributions, corrections, interactions



<https://github.com/acts-project/acts>

Clone:

<https://github.com/<username>/acts>

Develop & Make a PR



Make an Issue:

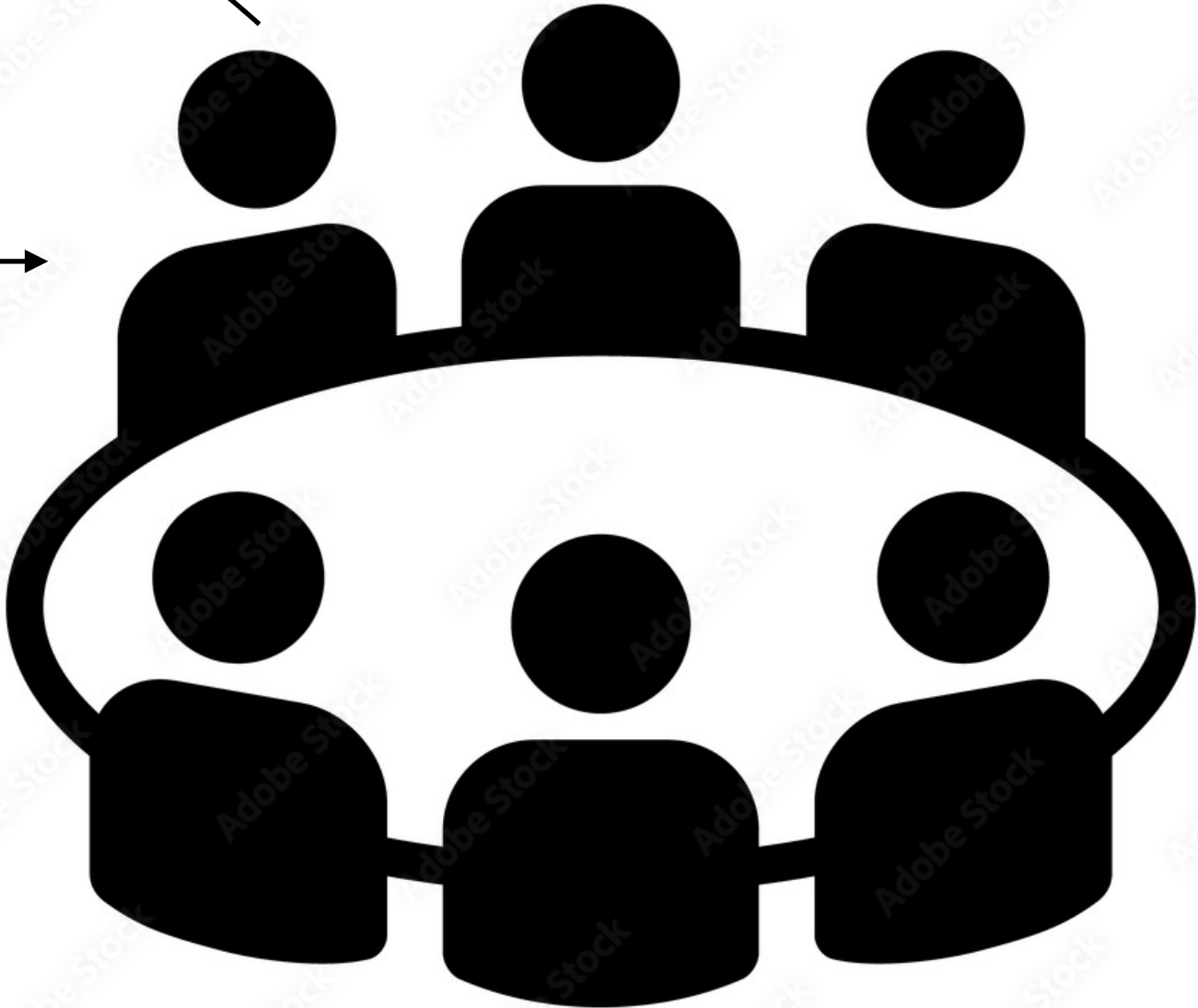
<https://github.com/acts-project/acts>



Ask on mattermost:

<https://mattermost.web.cern.ch/acts/channels/town-square>

**Development, Exchange with Experts,
Collaboration, Code review, CI testing**



Discuss at the open develops meeting

<https://indico.cern.ch/category/7968/>

Tuesday 17:00, CE(S)T

Core: contributing

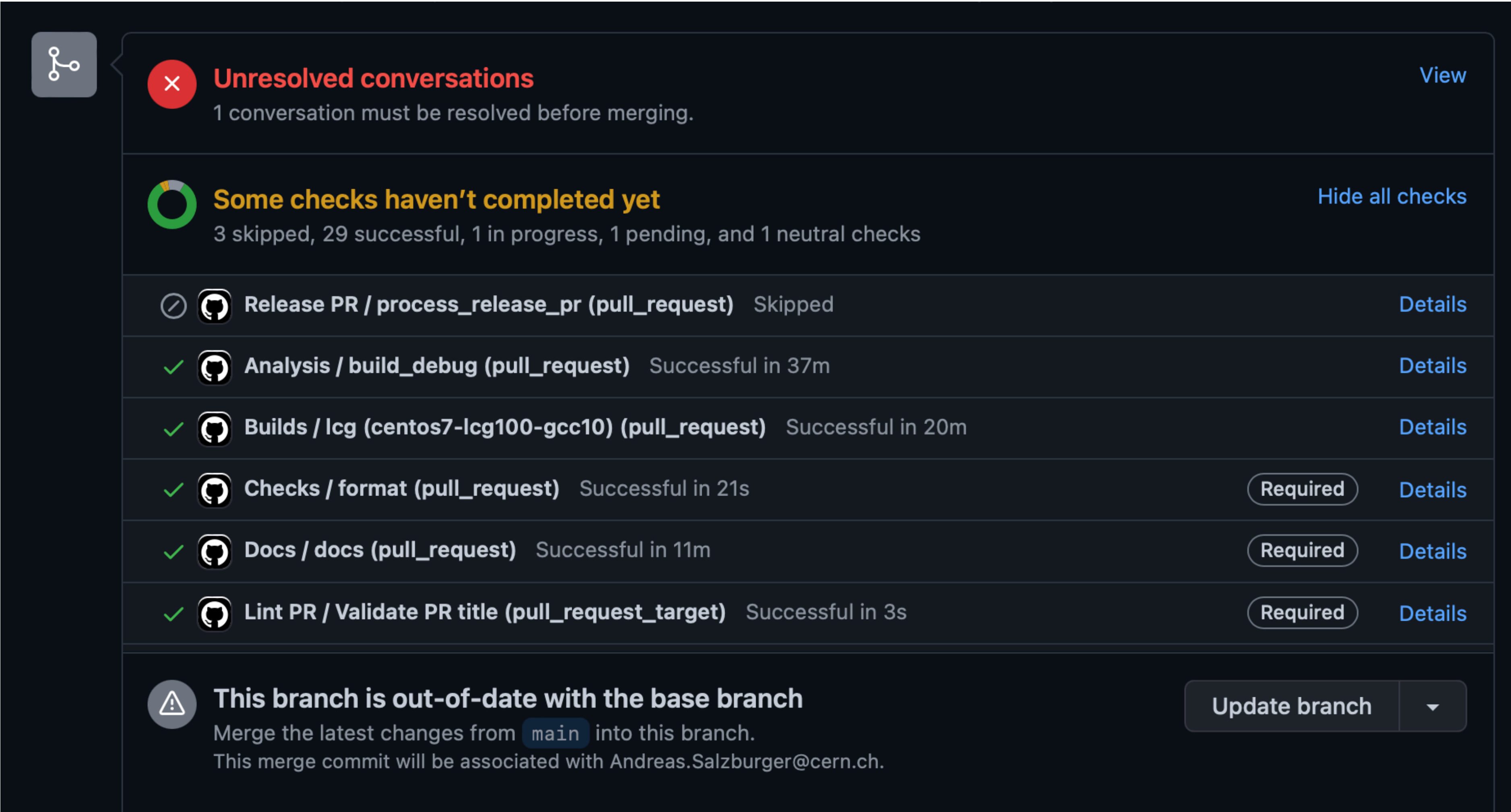
Pull requests come with a template that guides through a proper submission

semantic naming: feat, doc, refactor, fix


The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. The title is "refactor!: MTJ stores measurement as jagged vector #1512", with "refactor!" circled in blue. The pull request is from "paulgessinger" and targets the "acts-project:main" branch. It includes 8 commits, 35 checks, and 18 files changed. A comment from "paulgessinger" contains a "Addresses #1516" section with a diagram of jagged vectors and a "BREAKING CHANGE" section. The diagram shows three jagged vectors labeled M1, D=3; M2, D=1; and M3, D=2. The breaking change text states: "Acts::MultiTrajectory measurement access methods change:". Below this, code diff is shown: "- constexpr auto measurement(IndexType measIdx) const;" is removed, and "+ template <size_t measdim>" and "+ constexpr auto measurement(IndexType measIdx) const;" are added. Another code diff shows: "- constexpr auto measurementCovariance(IndexType covIdx)" is removed, and "+ template <size_t measdim>" and "+ constexpr auto measurementCovariance(IndexType covIdx)" are added. On the right, the "reviewers" sidebar is visible, with "benjaminhuth" and "tboldagh" circled in red. The "Milestone" section at the bottom of the sidebar is circled in green and labeled "milestone".


Core: contributing & testing













Pull requests run through a CI pipeline




The screenshot shows the CI status of a pull request on GitHub. It features a dark theme with a sidebar on the left containing a branching diagram icon. The main content area is divided into several sections: a red 'Unresolved conversations' section with a 'View' link; a yellow 'Some checks haven't completed yet' section with a 'Hide all checks' link; a list of individual checks with their status (skipped, successful, or required) and 'Details' links; and a final warning section about the branch being out-of-date with the base branch, including an 'Update branch' button and a dropdown arrow.

 **Unresolved conversations** View
1 conversation must be resolved before merging.

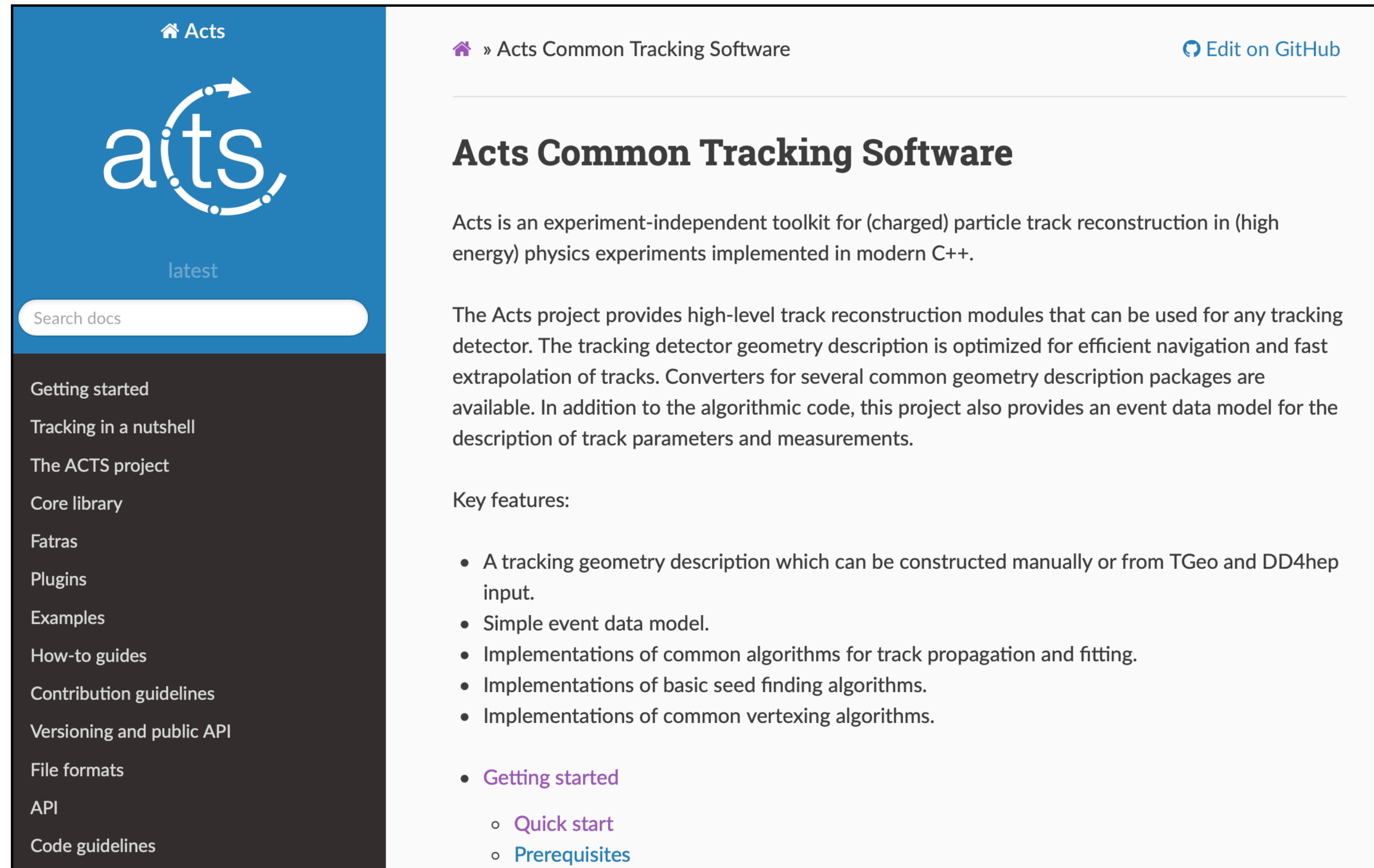
 **Some checks haven't completed yet** Hide all checks
3 skipped, 29 successful, 1 in progress, 1 pending, and 1 neutral checks

-   **Release PR / process_release_pr (pull_request)** Skipped Details
-   **Analysis / build_debug (pull_request)** Successful in 37m Details
-   **Builds / lcg (centos7-lcg100-gcc10) (pull_request)** Successful in 20m Details
-   **Checks / format (pull_request)** Successful in 21s Required Details
-   **Docs / docs (pull_request)** Successful in 11m Required Details
-   **Lint PR / Validate PR title (pull_request_target)** Successful in 3s Required Details

 **This branch is out-of-date with the base branch** Update branch ▼
Merge the latest changes from `main` into this branch.
This merge commit will be associated with `Andreas.Salzburger@cern.ch`.

Core: documentation

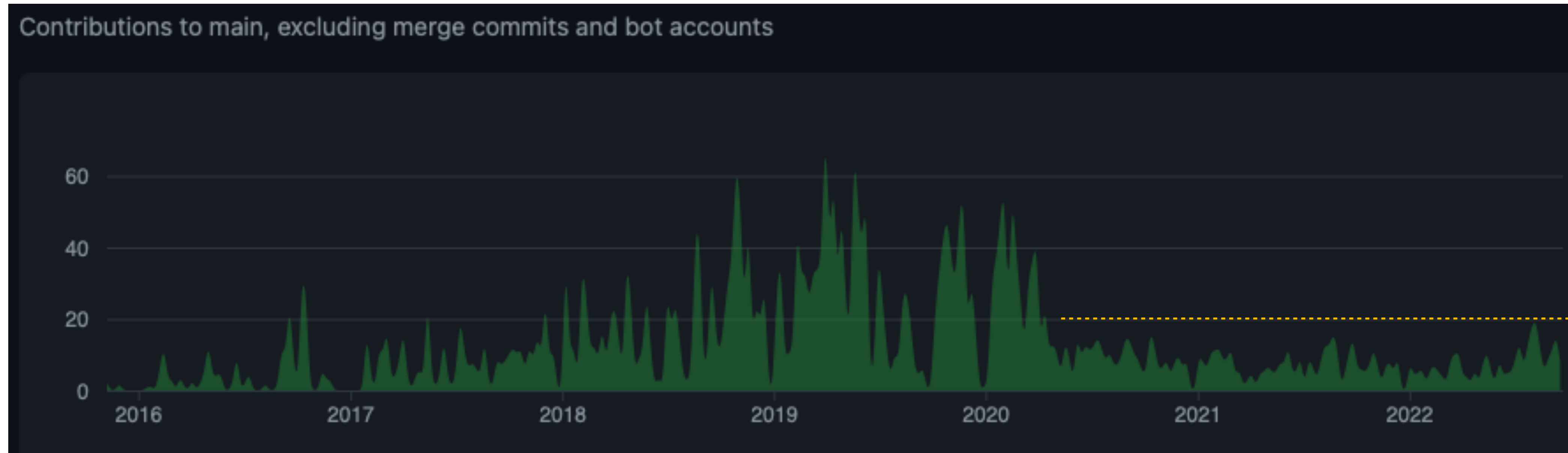
Submitted code should have `doxygen` documentation and `readthedocs` resources



The screenshot shows the documentation page for Acts Common Tracking Software. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Getting started, Tracking in a nutshell, The ACTS project, Core library, Fatras, Plugins, Examples, How-to guides, Contribution guidelines, Versioning and public API, File formats, API, and Code guidelines. The main content area features the Acts logo, a search bar, and the title "Acts Common Tracking Software". Below the title is a paragraph describing Acts as an experiment-independent toolkit for (charged) particle track reconstruction in (high energy) physics experiments implemented in modern C++. This is followed by a "Key features:" section with a bulleted list of features, including tracking geometry description, simple event data model, track propagation and fitting, seed finding algorithms, and vertexing algorithms. The "Getting started" item is highlighted in purple, with sub-items "Quick start" and "Prerequisites" listed below it. A link to "Edit on GitHub" is visible in the top right corner.

<https://acts.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Core: person power situation, developers & support



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Point of Attention

Peak commit period is passed (a lot of import of core components from 2018-2020)

- Library still has missing parts
- Some components miss direct support (e.g. vertex reconstruction)

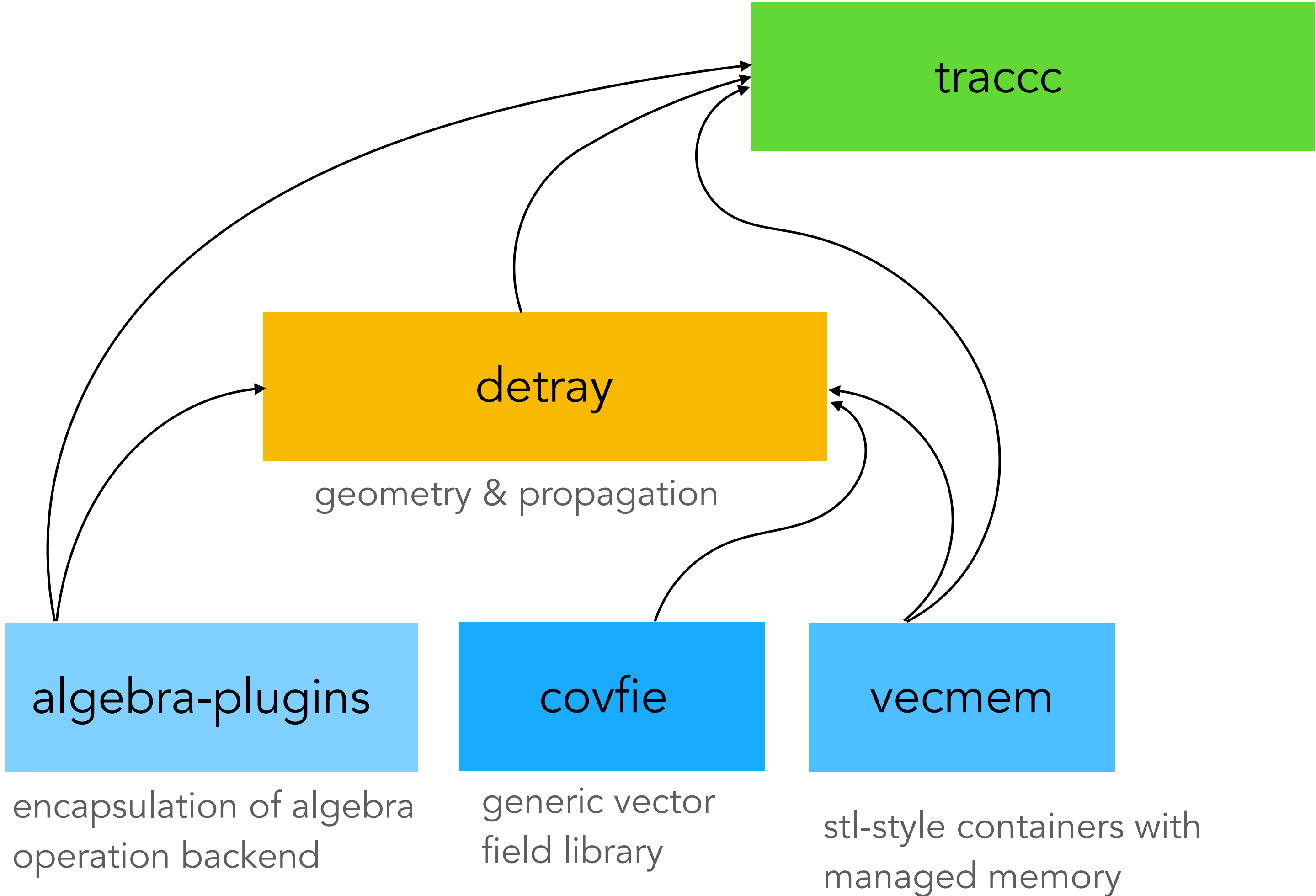
R&D1

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CPU/GPU “single source” demonstrator
re-implementing the main Core chain

R&D1: the **traccc** project

full scale demonstrator of an ATLAS-like track reconstruction chain for CPU/GPU



Goal is to establish a track reconstruction chain without algorithmic compromises. HSF summary talk can be found [\[here\]](#).

R&D1: vecmem & algebra-plugins

vecmem: memory management

- use of `std::pmr::memory_resource` to customize the allocation scheme in the host side
- Supports CPU, CUDA, SYCL, and HIP
- Provides STL-like containers for host side for convenience of HEP developers
`vecmem::vector`, `vecmem::jagged_vector` (vector of vector), `vecmem::array`

algebra-plugins: encapsulation layer for algebra operations

- targeted at track reconstruction entirely
- dimensions up to 8 (needed for parameter propagation)
- supports device execution where possible and vecmem based backend
- can be used for algebra library benchmarking in realistic applications (instead of mockup benchmarks)

Backend	CPU	CUDA	SYCL
cmath	✓	✓	✓
Eigen	✓	✓	●
SMatrix	✓	○	○
VC	✓	○	○

✓: natively supported

●: natively supported, but not tested

○: no support

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R&D1: track reconstruction: covfie

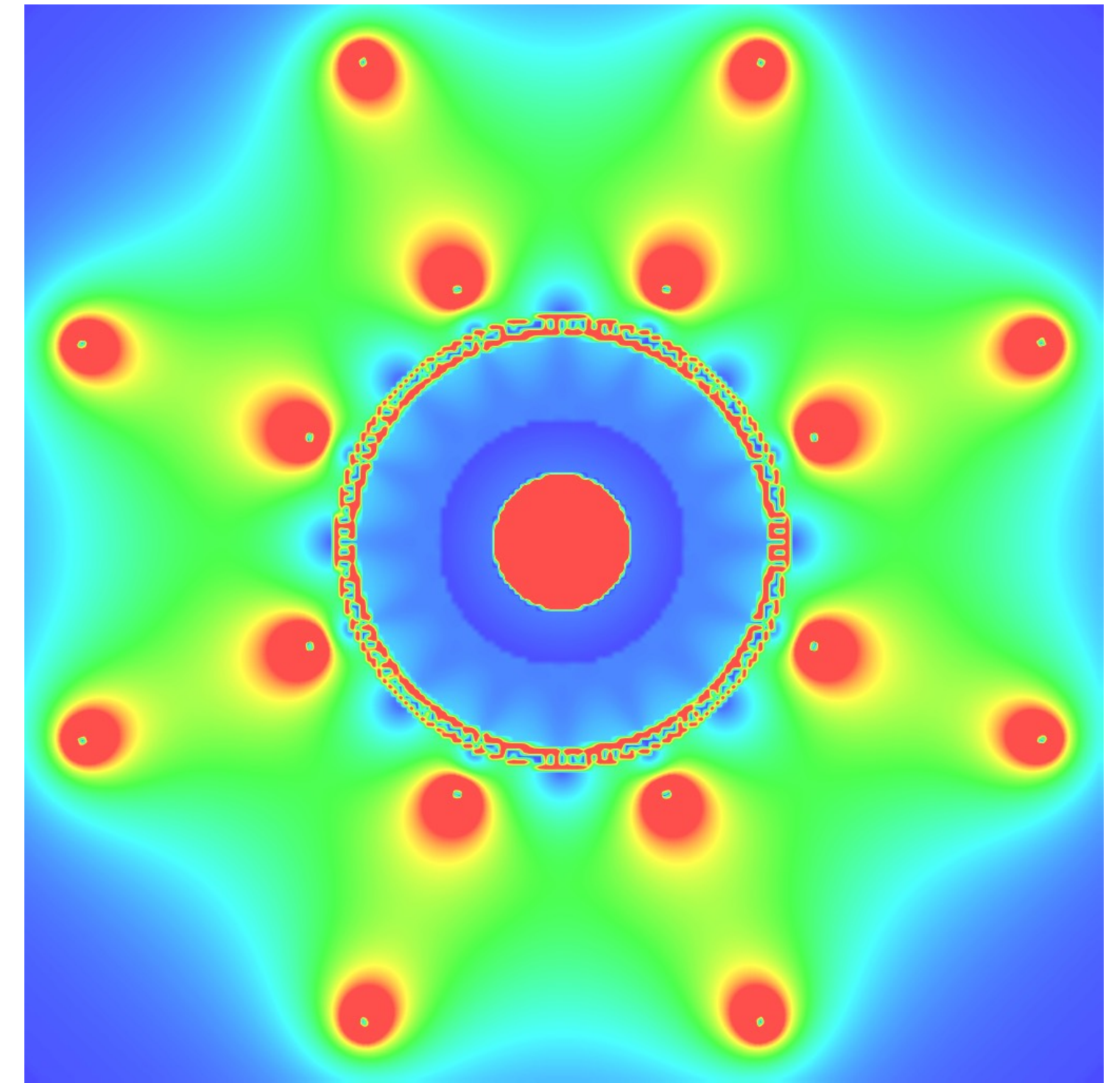
- A generic vector field library based on composition design
- format, coordinate transform and storage at compile time

```
using field_t =  
    covfie::field<covfie::backend::transformer::interpolator::linear<  
        covfie::backend::layout::strided<  
            covfie::vector::ulong2,  
            covfie::backend::storage::array<covfie::vector::float2>>>>;
```

possible field on CPU

```
using cuda_field_t = covfie::field<covfie::backend::transformer::affine<  
    covfie::backend::transformer::interpolator::linear<  
        covfie::backend::layout::strided<  
            covfie::backend::vector::input::ulong3,  
            covfie::backend::storage::cuda_device_array<  
                covfie::backend::vector::output::float3>>>>>;
```

possible field on GPU



ATLAS magnetic field slice at $z=0$,
entirely rendered on a GPU

	8192 X 8192 lookup time [ms]
CPU (Intel i5-7300U)	191719.2
GPU (GTX 1660 Ti)	90.4
GPU w/ texture memory	17.1

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[covfie](#) is a generic library which can be of use to a broader community, e.g. full simulation on accelerators.

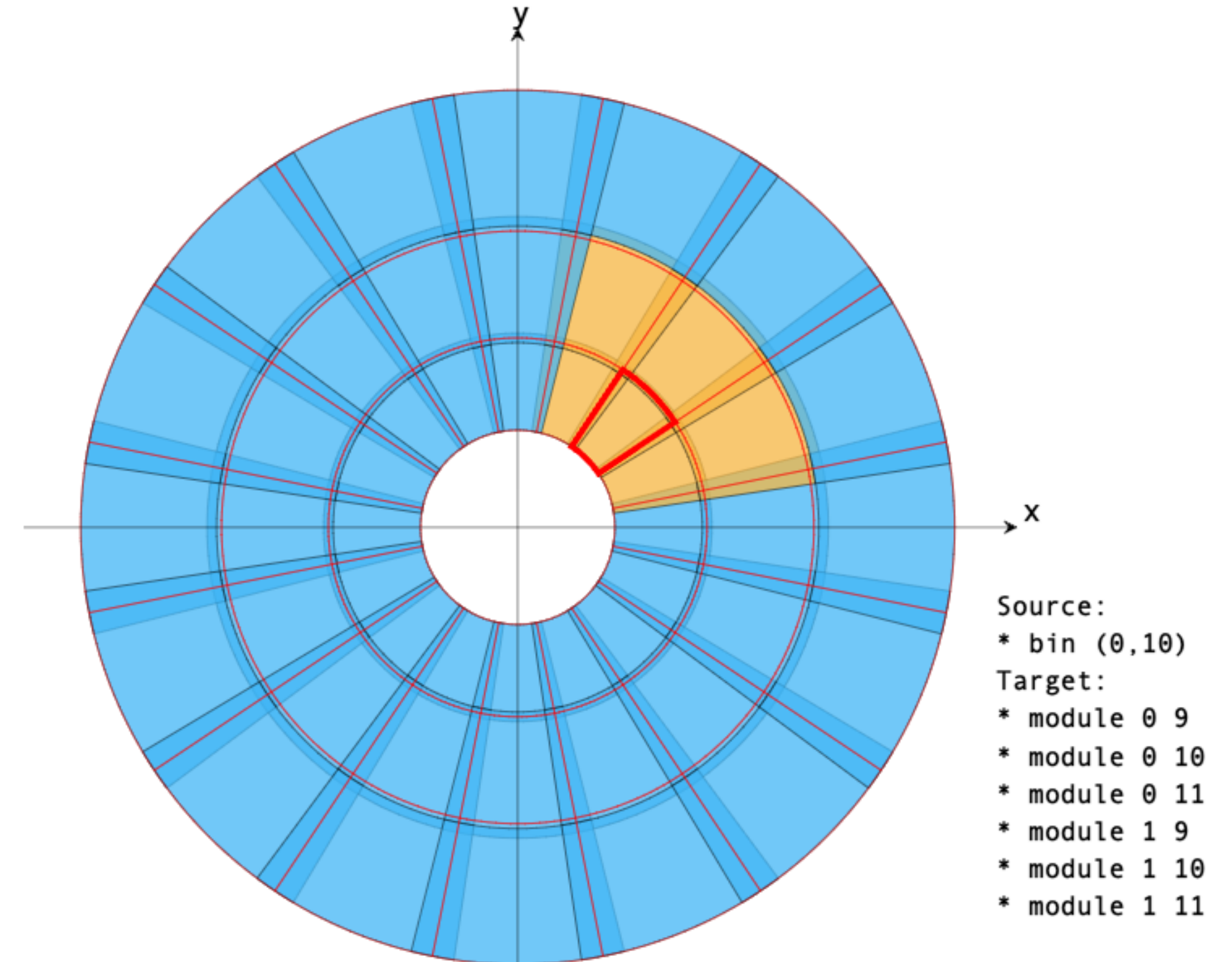
R&D1: detray (1)

Compile-time polymorphic geometry library

- bound surface type model and ACTS navigation
- polymorphism achieved by type unrolling
- device specialization through vecmem

```
/** The detector definition.
 *
 * This class is a heavy templated detector definition class, that sets the
 * interface between geometry, navigator and grid.
 *
 * @tparam metadata helper that defines collection and link types centrally
 * @tparam array_type the type of the internal array, must have STL semantics
 * @tparam tuple_type the type of the internal tuple, must have STL semantics
 * @tparam vector_type the type of the internal array, must have STL semantics
 * @tparam source_link the surface source link
 */
template <typename metadata,
          template <typename, std::size_t> class array_t = darray,
          template <typename...> class tuple_t = dtuple,
          template <typename...> class vector_t = dvector,
          template <typename...> class jagged_vector_t = djagged_vector,
          typename source_link = dindex>
class detector {
```

Endcap with templates



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detray & VecGeom developers are already in contact and initial exchange, with plenty of room for more collaboration.

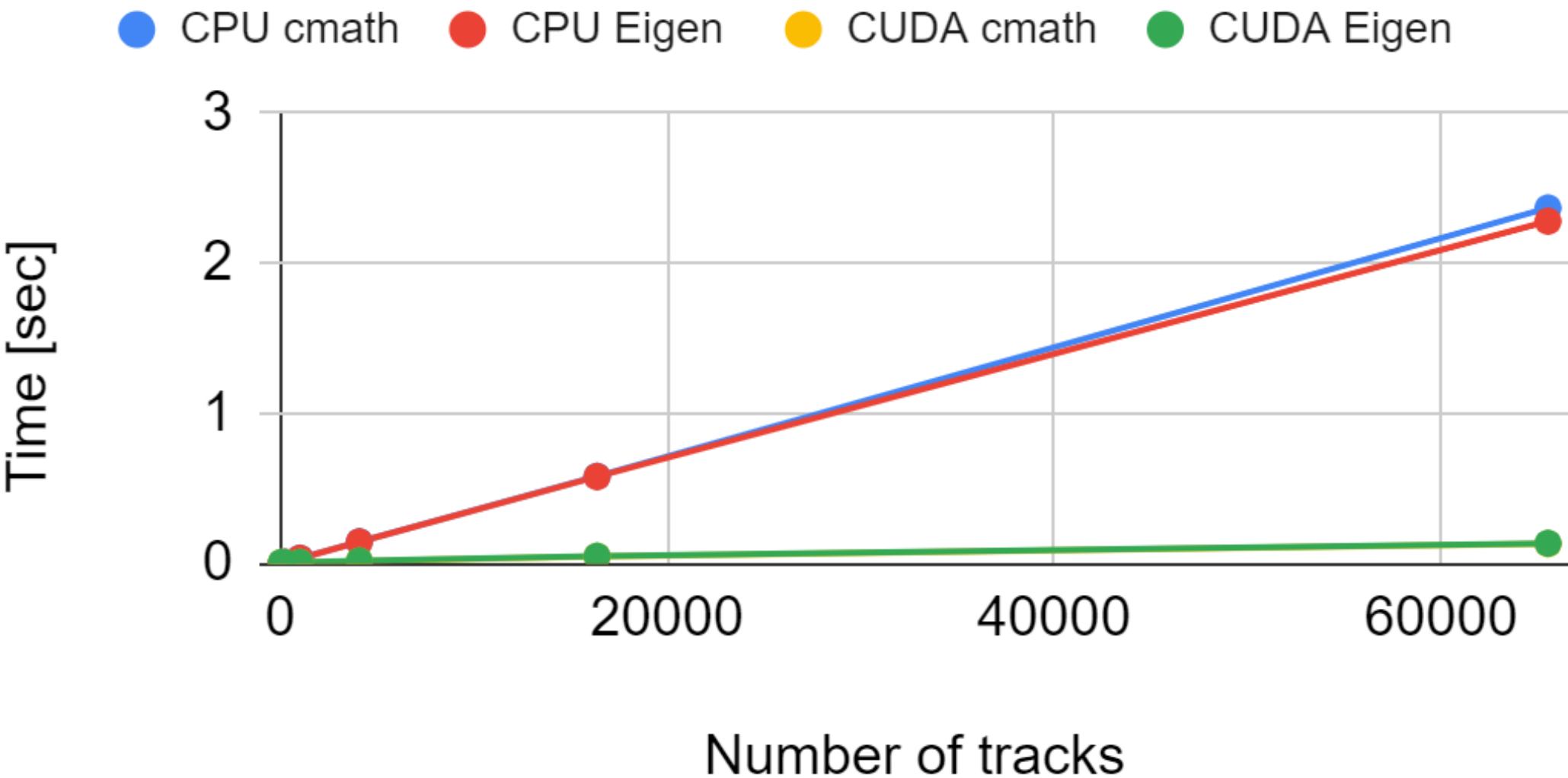
R&D1: detray (2)

Runge-Kutta propagation

- 4th order RKN propagator for parameters and covariances
- navigation and material effects integration using `detray::geometry`
- magnetic field access using `covfie`

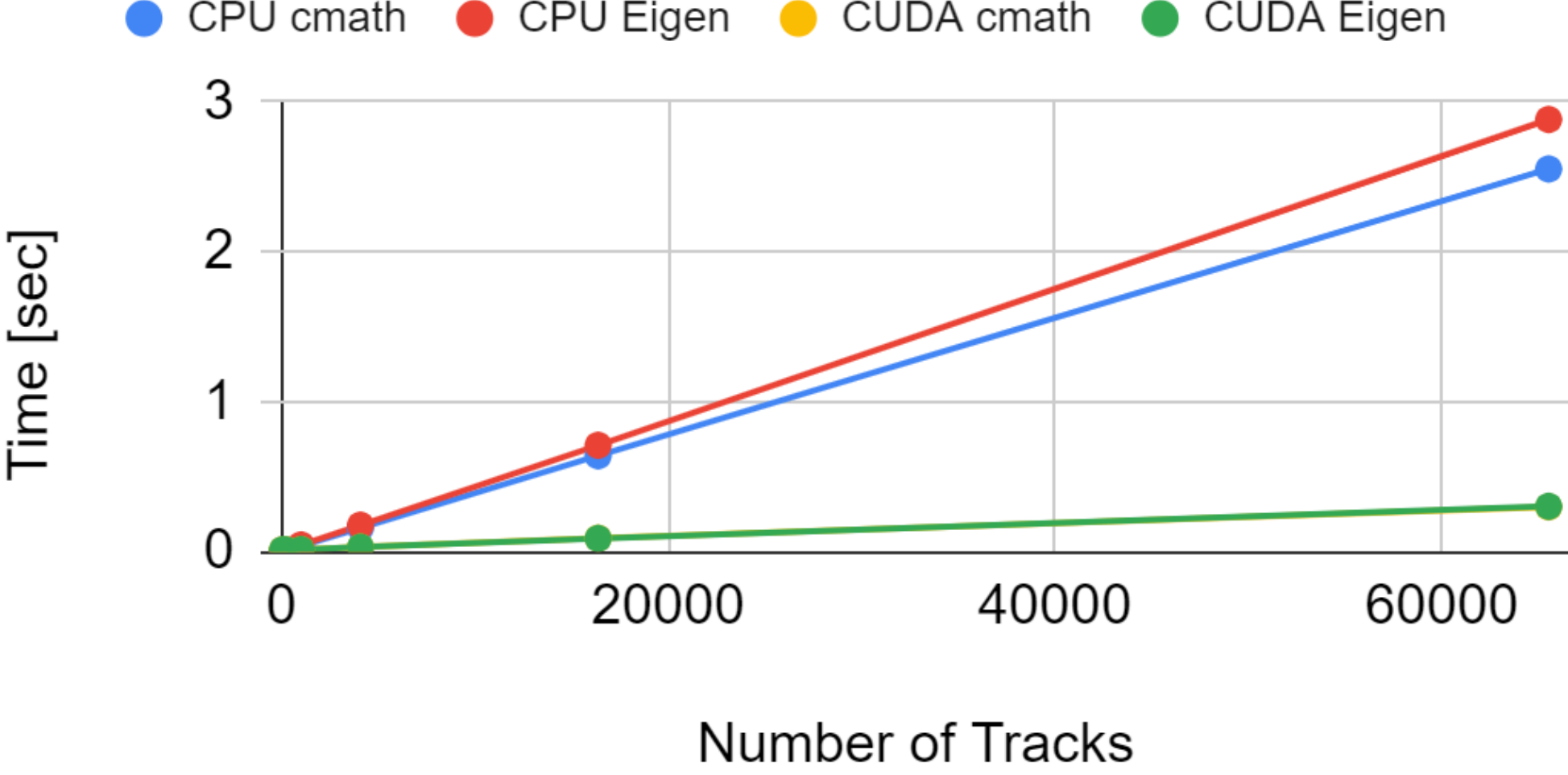
Single Precision

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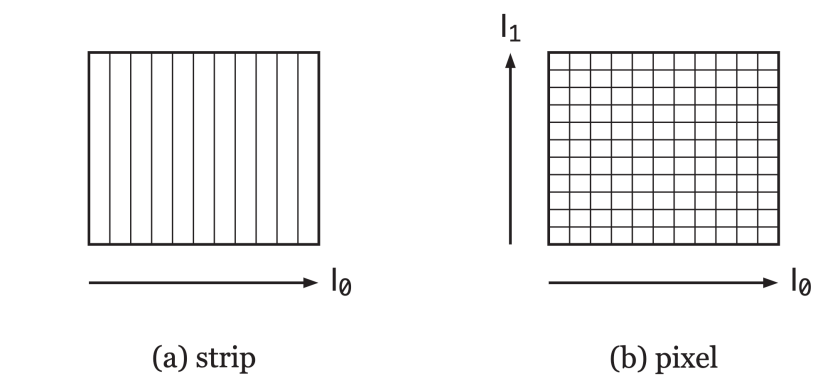
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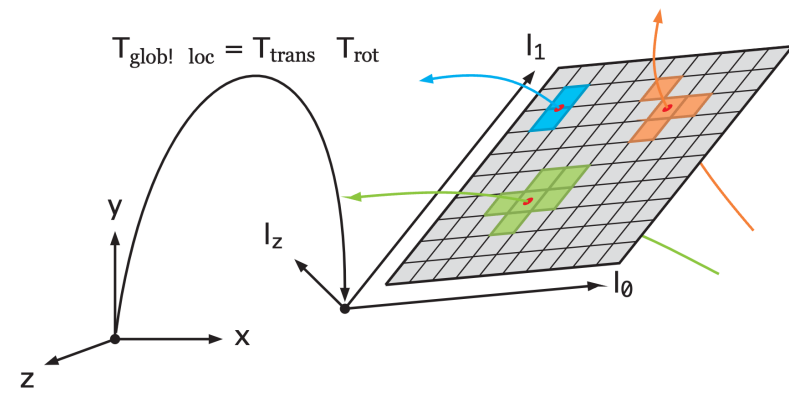


R&D1: **tracc** (1)

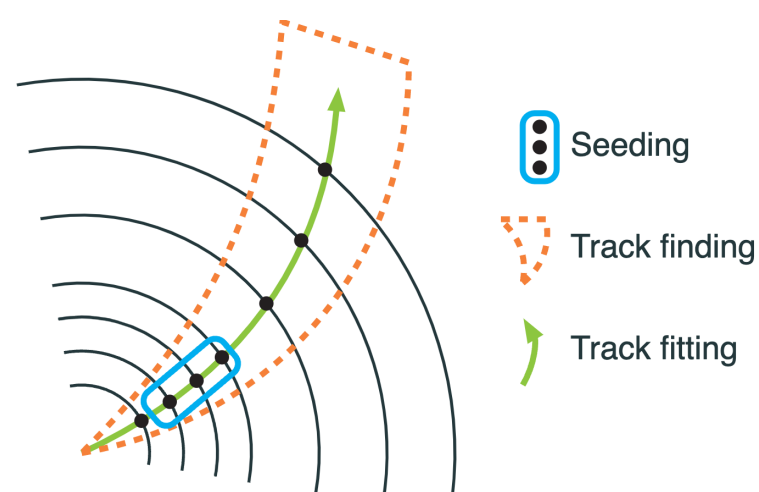
Full chain demonstrator for track reconstruction on CPU/GPU



Clustering



Space Point formation



Track finding & fitting

Algorithms	CPU	CUDA	SYCL	std::par
CCL	✓	✓	✓	●
Measurement creation	✓	✓	✓	●
Spacepoint formation	✓	✓	✓	●
Spacepoint binning	✓	✓	✓	●
Seed finding	✓	✓	✓	●
Track param estimation	✓	✓	✓	●
Combinatorial KF	●	●	●	●
KF	●	●	●	●

exists ●: work started ○: work not yet started



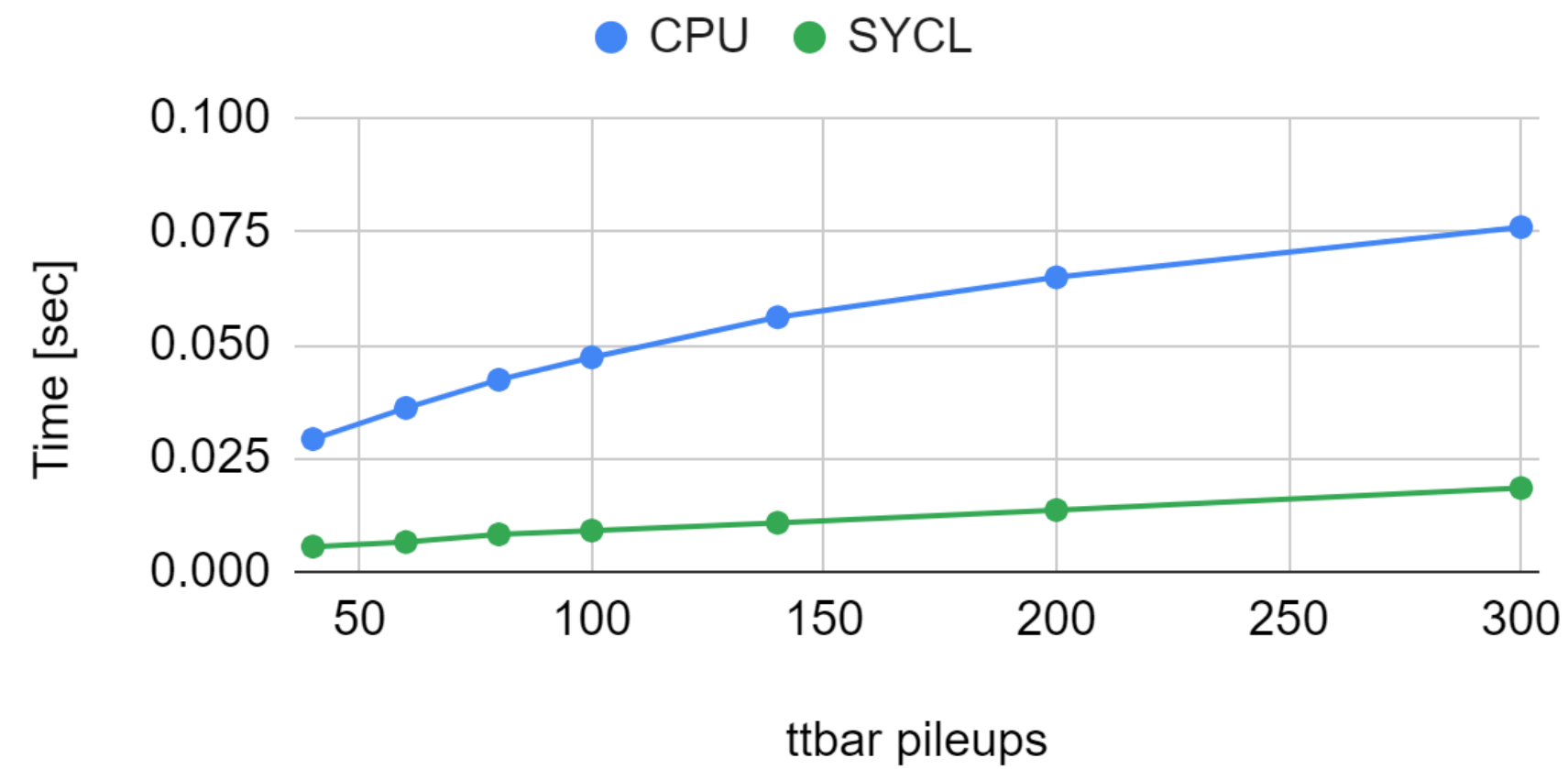
[tracc](#) is an ideal playground to gather/share/exchange knowledge about code for heterogeneous systems.

R&D1n: tracc (2)

Full chain demonstrator for track reconstruction on CPU/GPU

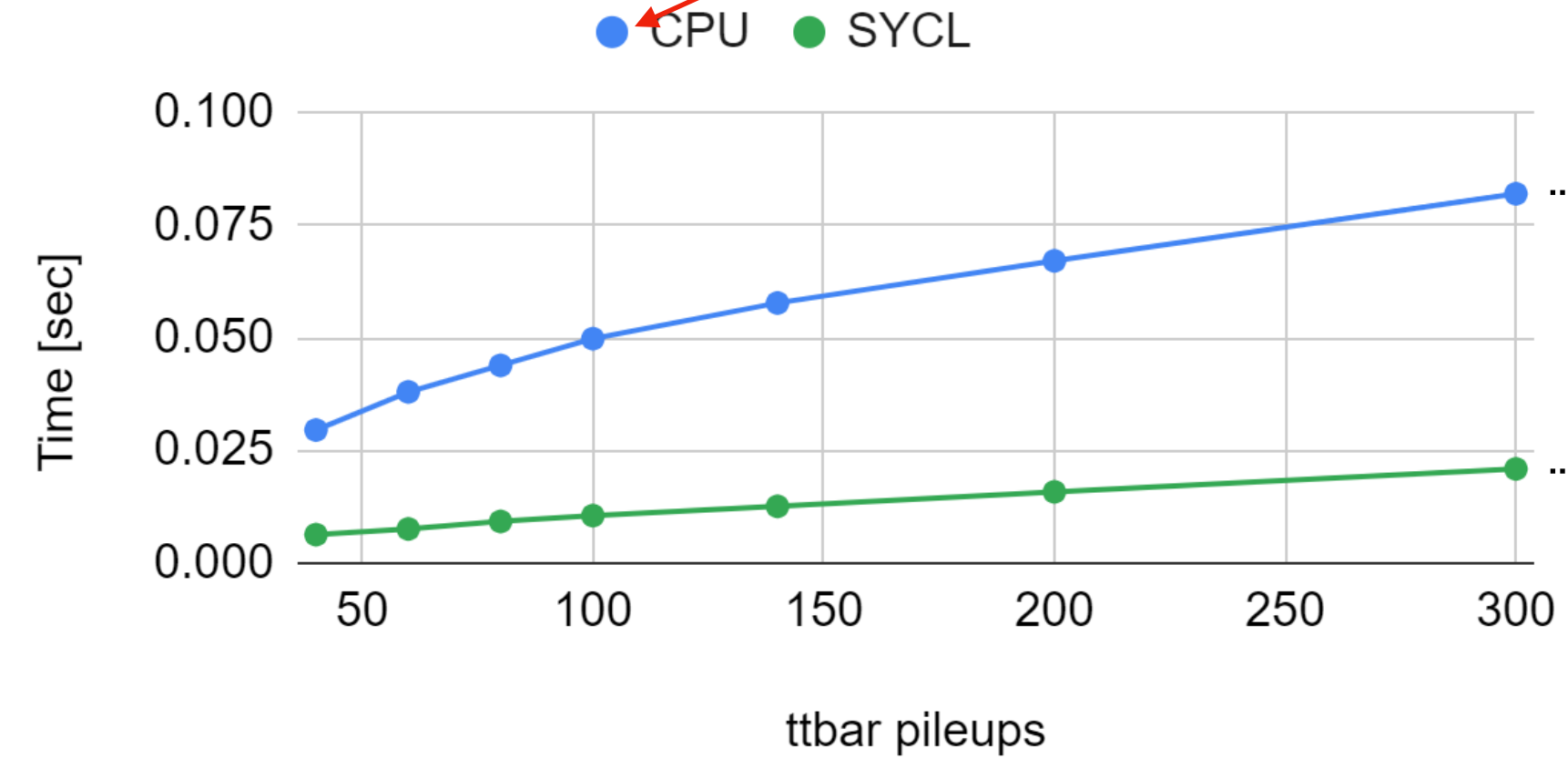
Clusterization (Single Precision)

CPU: i7-10750H / GPU: RTX 2070



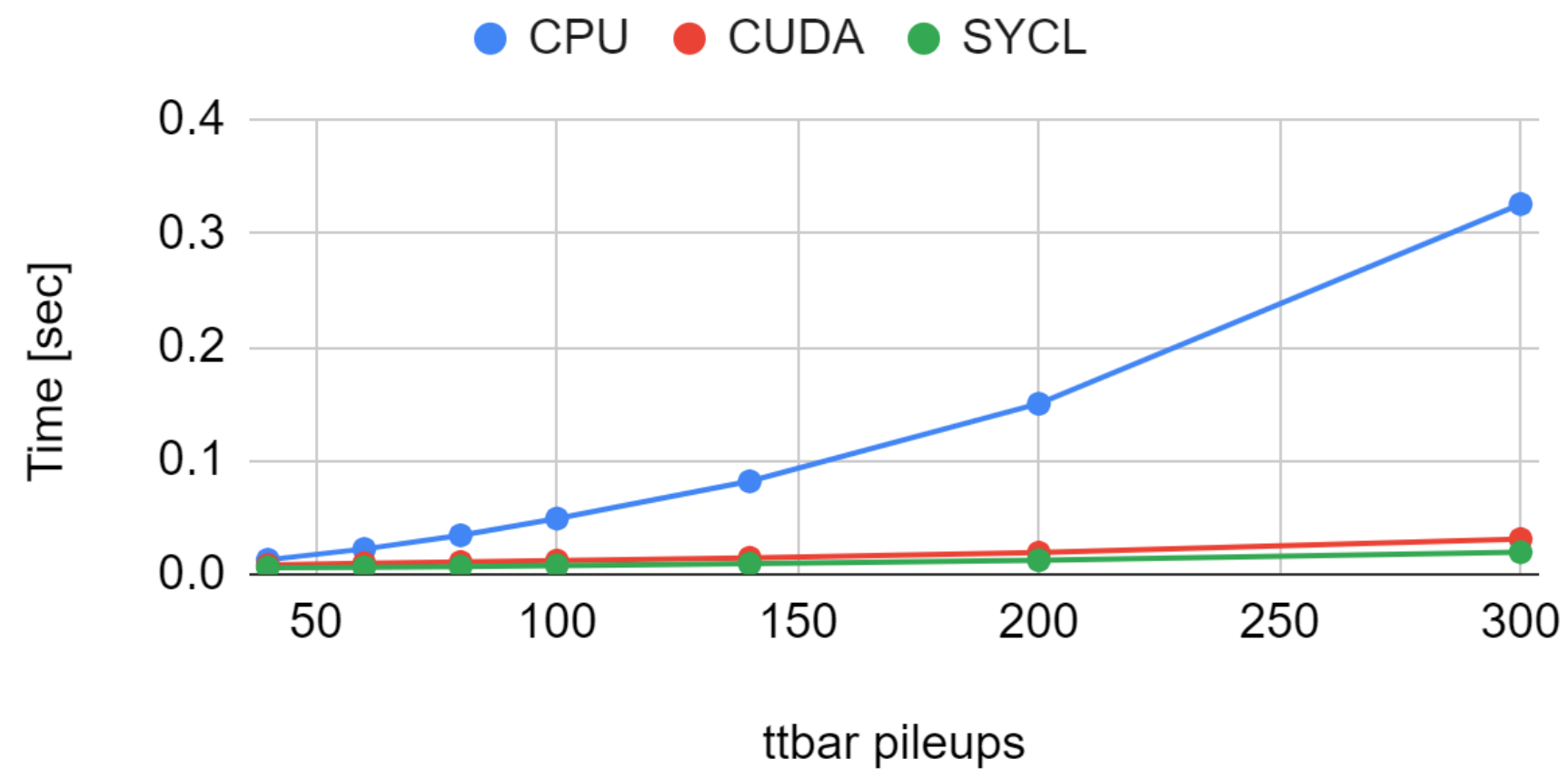
Clusterization (Double Precision)

CPU: i7-10750H / GPU: RTX 2070



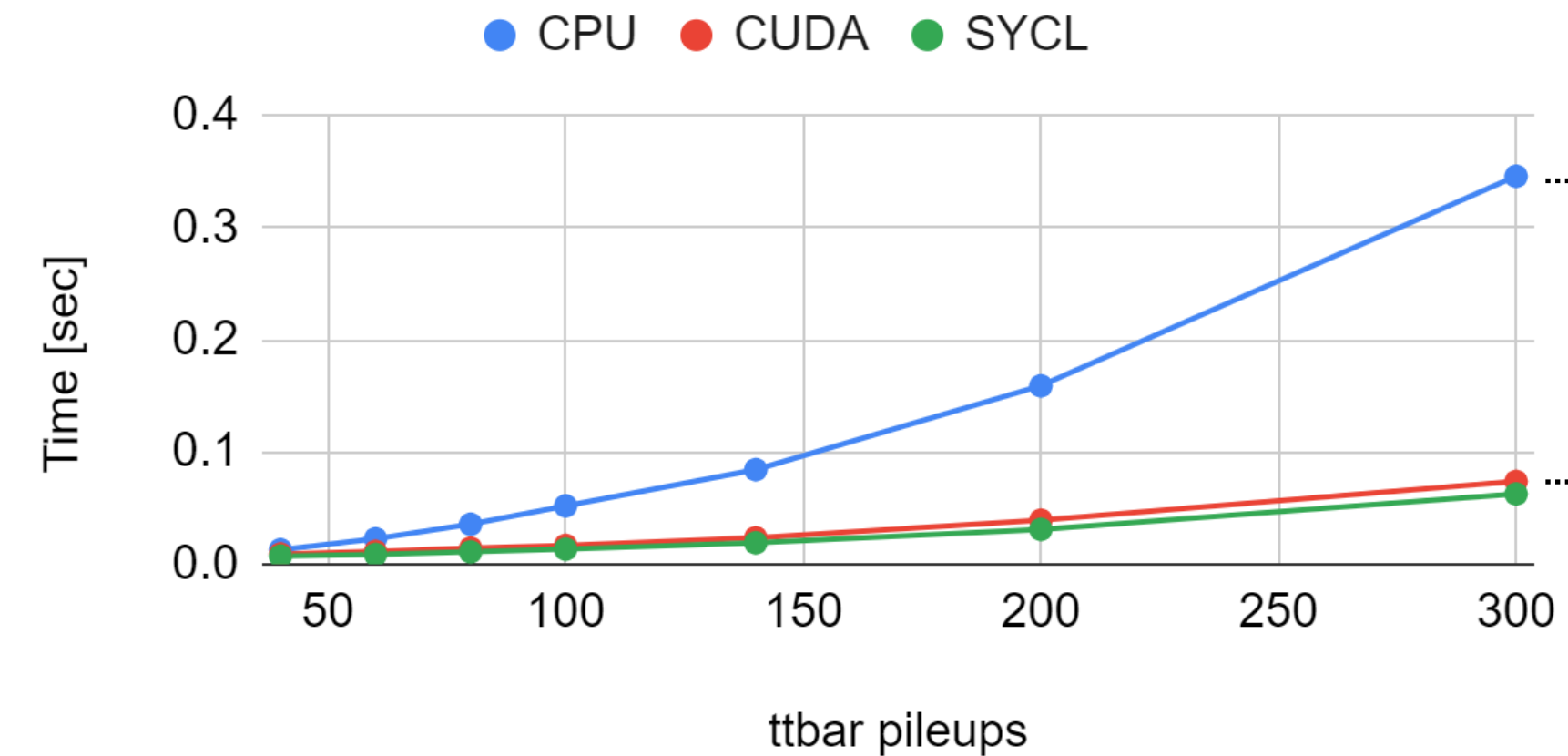
Seeding (Single Precision)

CPU: i7-10750H / GPU: RTX 2070



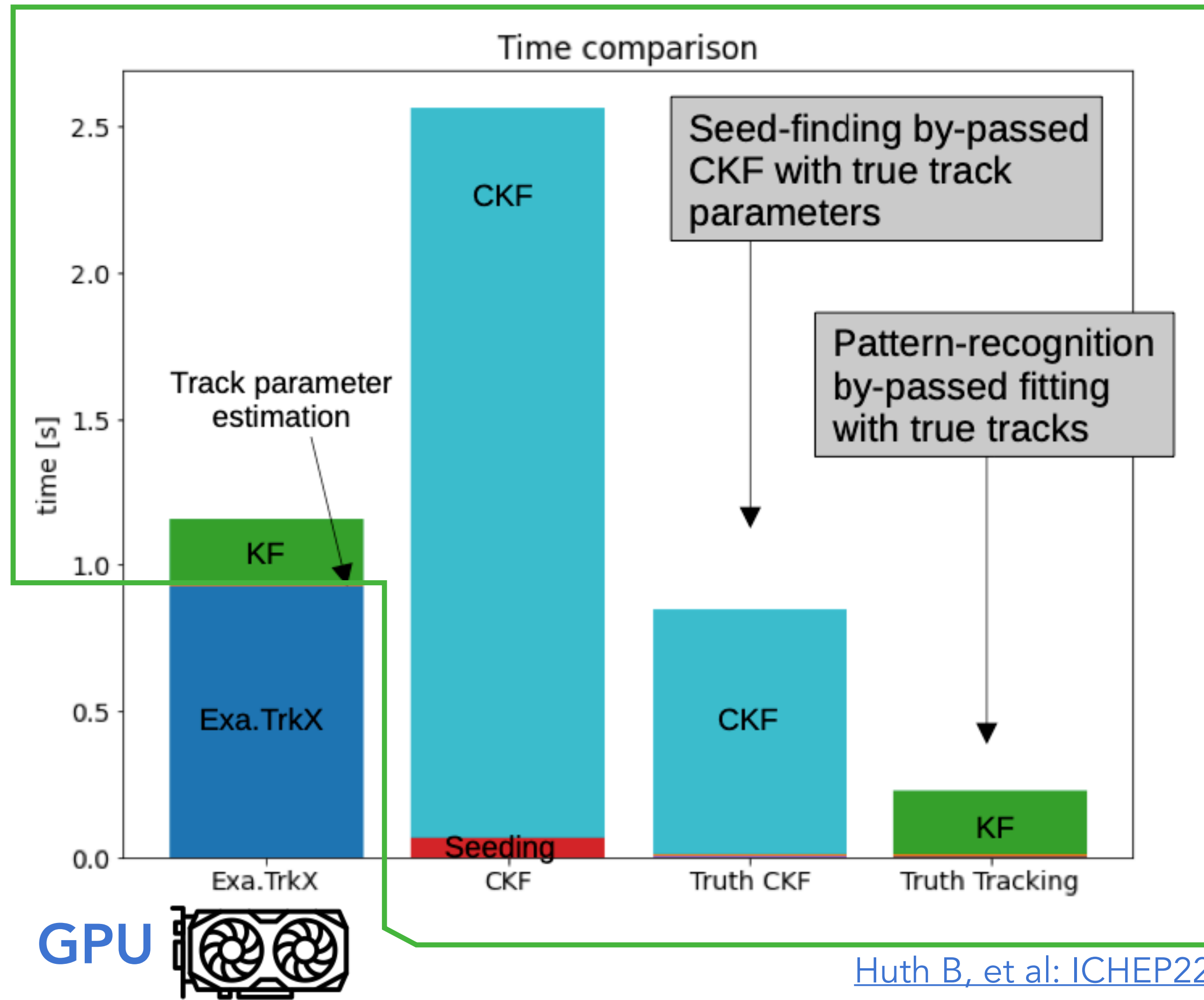
Seeding (Double Precision)

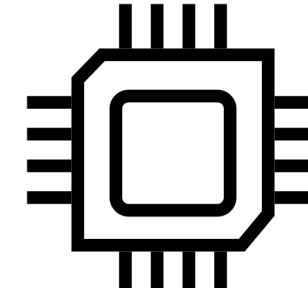
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Q: is this enough gain for re-writing our code for GPUs?

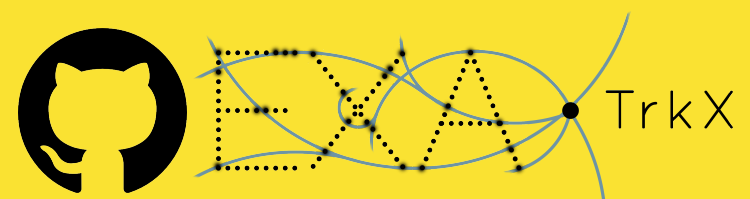
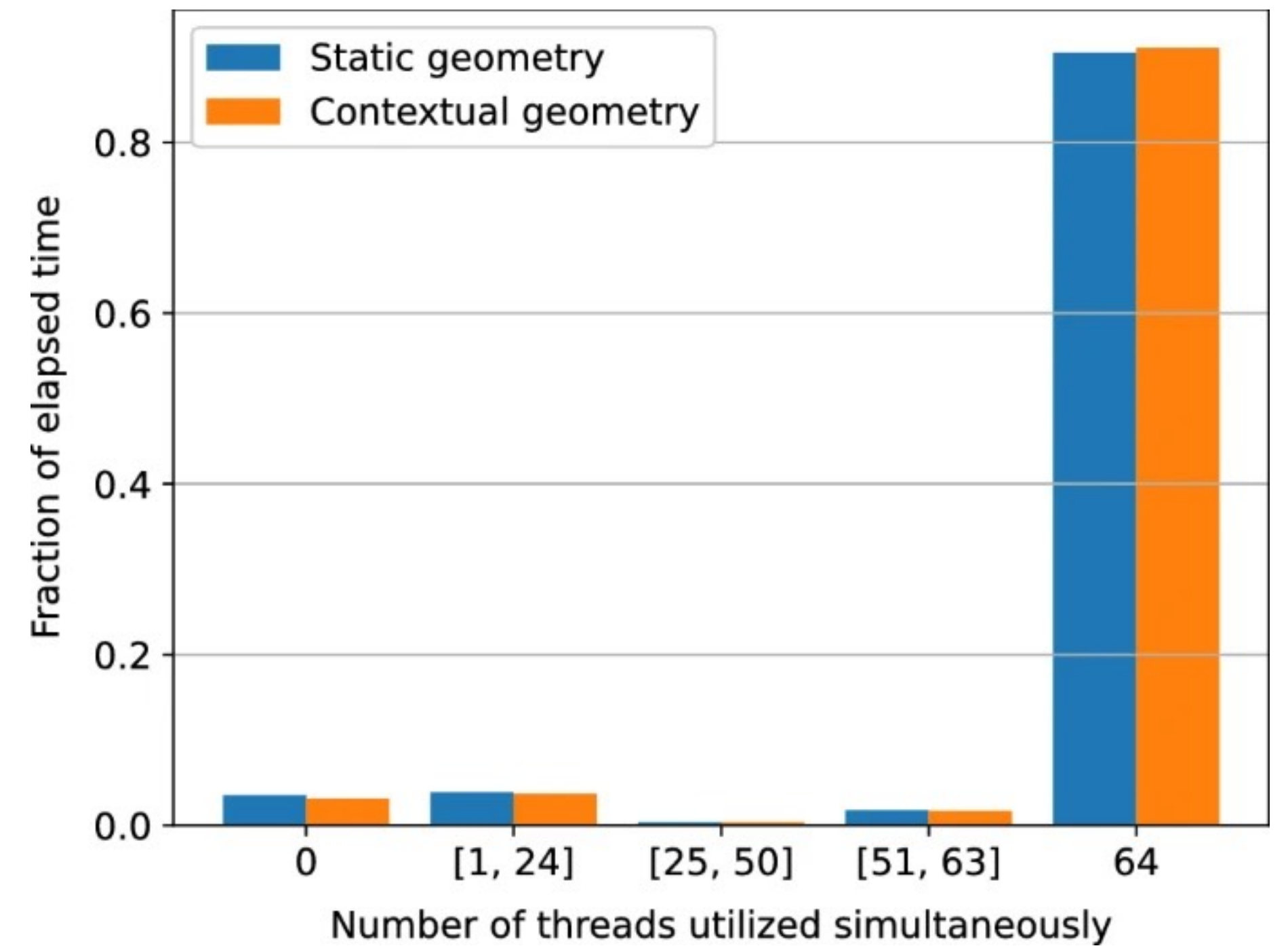
R&D1: technology BINGO



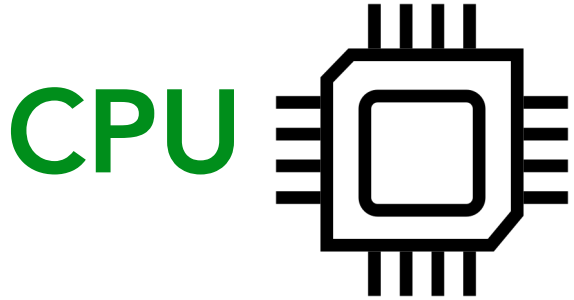
CPU  (single threaded)

Can we run large-scale multi threaded?

[acts-project/acts](https://acts-project.github.io/acts/) designed specifically for MT application



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	x86	aarch64	oneAPI/SYCL	CUDA	
acts-project/acts					acts-project/traccc acts-project/detray
Core Line	tested	tested	superseded	superseded	acts-project/covfie acts-project/vecmem
	tested (incomplete*)	tested (incomplete*)	tested (incomplete*)	tested (incomplete*)	R&D Line 1 “parallelization”
R&D Line 2 “machine learning”	tested	not tested	not implemented	tested w x86	

[exatrnx](#) & [acts-project/acts](#)

R&D1: presentations & tutorial

Tuesday

Status & Plans: algebra-plugins, detray *Beom Ki Yeo*
31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN 15:30 - 15:50

16:00 **Status & Plans: covfie** *Mr Stephen Nicholas Swatman*
31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN 15:55 - 16:05

Status & Plans: tracc *Guilherme Metelo Rita De Almeida*
31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN 16:20 - 16:40

17:00 **Discussion: (Event) Data Model**
31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN 16:50 - 17:10

Discussion: tracc -> Acts(Core)
31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN

16:00

17:00

Tutorials: tracc, detray & friends *Beomki Yeo, Joana Niermann, Mr Stephen Nicholas Swatman*
31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN 15:30 - 17:30

Wednesday

R&D2

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Machine learning and ML assisted
modules for track reconstruction

R&D2: machine learning application and assistance

Diverse ML (assisted) applications

- ML module research:

ML Ambiguity Solver

ML Navigator

- integration of ML partial or end-to-end pipelines

Exa.TrkX + ACTS

Hashing + ACTS

- ML technology enhanced

Parameter Tuning

Auto-diff covariance transport

R&D2: presentations & tutorial

Tuesday

	Auto-tuning in acts for seeding and vertexing <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Rocky Bala Garg</i> 13:30 - 13:50
14:00	Auto-tuning of the Acts material mapping with Orion <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Corentin Allaire</i> 13:55 - 14:15
	Tracking with Hashing in ACTS <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Dr Jessica Leveque</i> 14:20 - 14:40
	Exatrnx-ACTS integration & GNN applications <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Daniel Thomas Murnane</i> 14:45 - 14:55

15:00		Using Optuna to tune seeding and vertexing parameters <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Rocky Bala Garg</i> 13:30 - 14:00
	14:00	Using Orion to tune the material mapping <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Corentin Allaire</i> 14:00 - 14:30
		Using the Exa.TrkX GNN in Acts <i>31/3-004 - IT Amphitheatre, CERN</i>	<i>Benjamin Huth</i> 14:30 - 15:00

Wednesday

Development and R&D, add-ons:

Core

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CPU multi-threaded library of tracking reconstruction components

Add-ons

OpenDataDetector
ActSVG

R&D1

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CPU/GPU “single source” demonstrator
re-implementing the main Core chain

R&D2

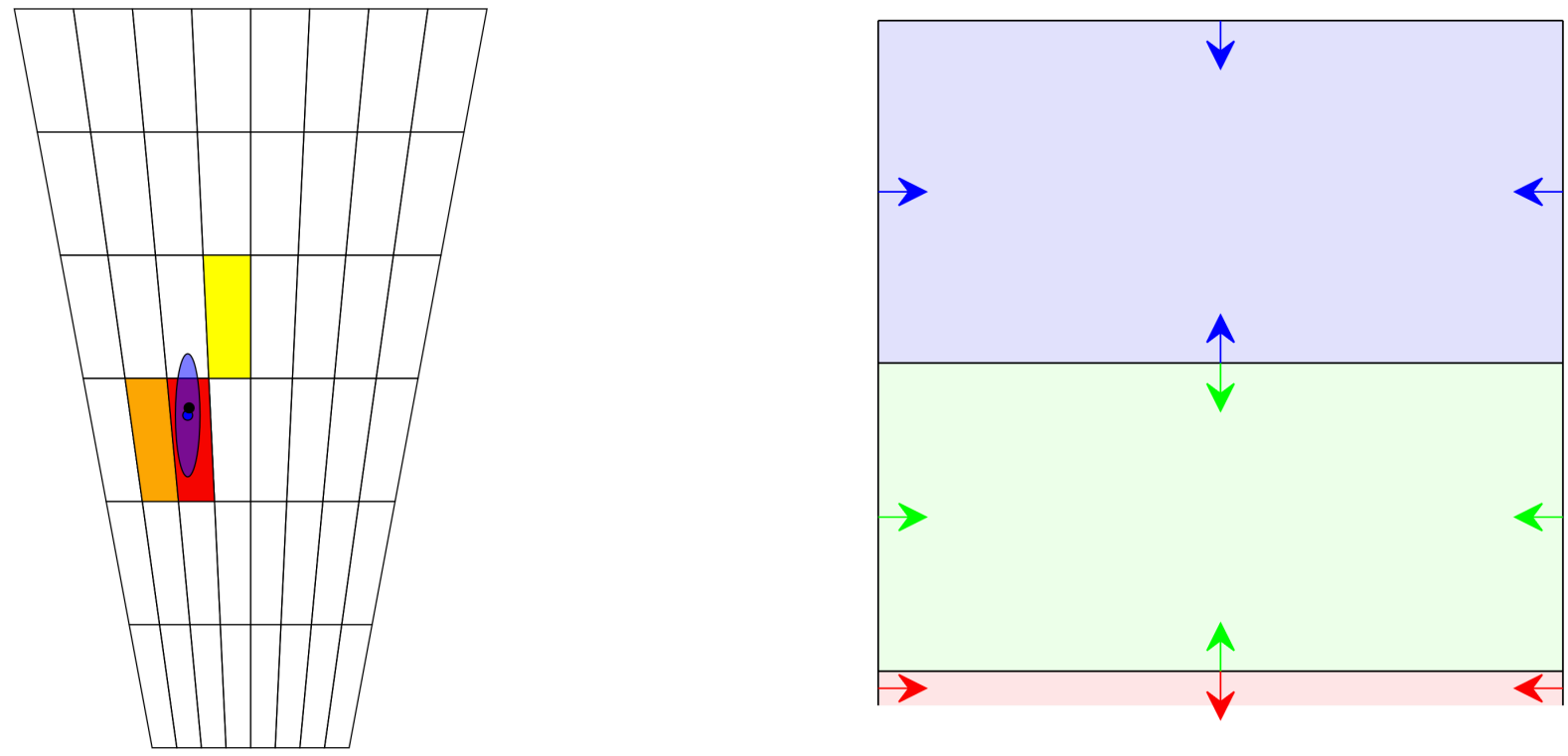
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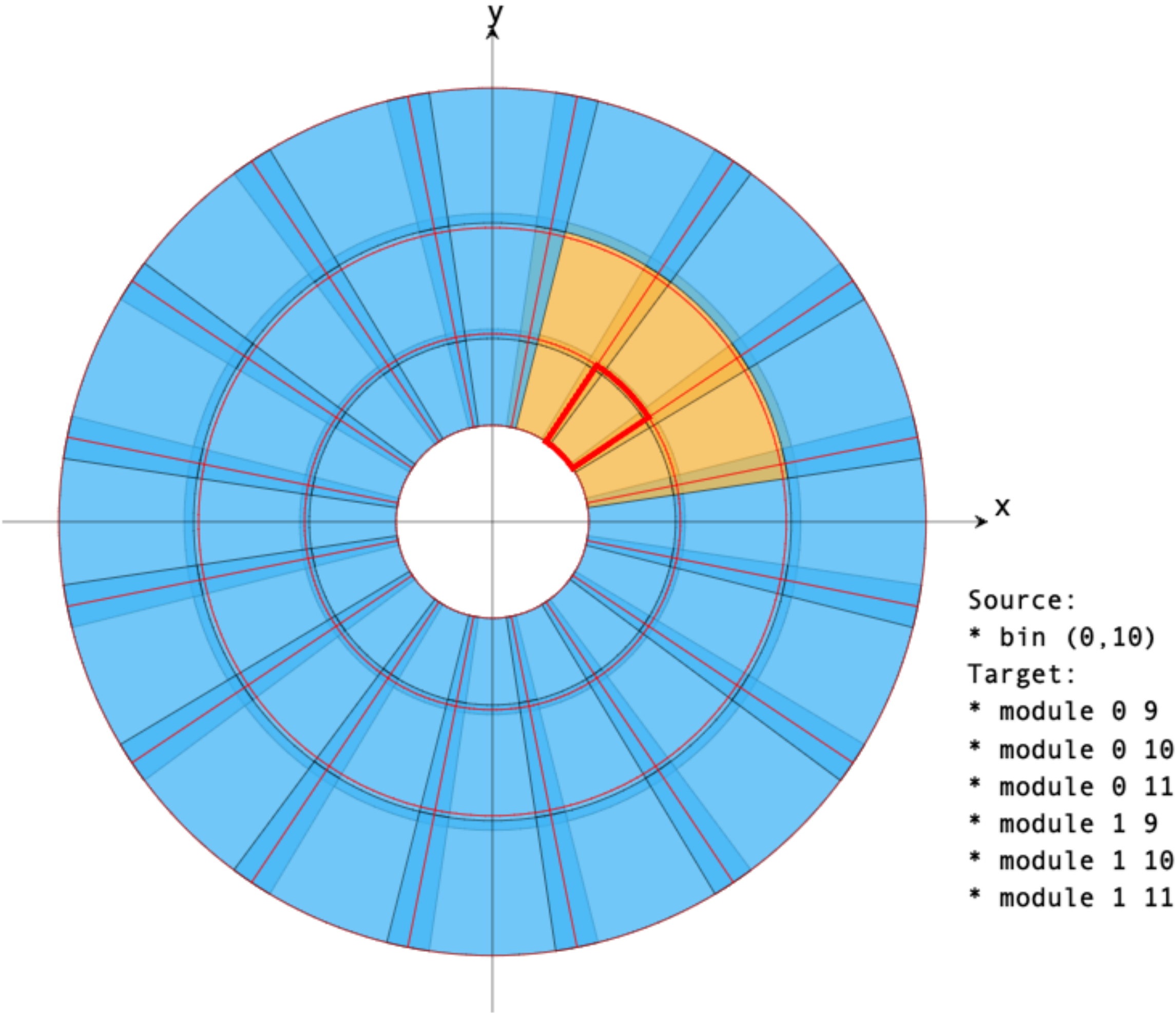
Plotting: actsvg

2D plotting library dedicated for tracking

- No dependencies, C++ header only, no ACTS dependency
 - ACTS and detray translate into `actsvg::meta` objects
- Plot geometry & geometric relations (on mouse over effects for debugging)
- Plot clusters & cluster information



Endcap with templates



Source:
* bin (0,10)
Target:
* module 0 9
* module 0 10
* module 0 11
* module 1 9
* module 1 10
* module 1 11

Community: Open Data Detector & key4hep

Evolution of TrackML detector

- Re-implemented in DD4Hep to enable full/fast simulation
- Quasi-realistic feedback to allow real-life scenario testing of algorithms
- Supports TrackML output format through ACTS binding (work ongoing to also support edm4hep)

ACTS integration into key4hep SW stack

- Codename: acts4hep
- Summer student project to make a ACTS Gaudi based demonstrator

