Build & Infrastructure

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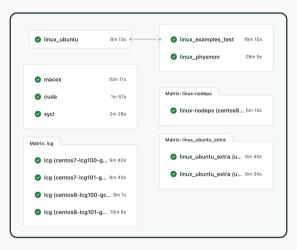
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- Continuous integration
- Developer tools
- Release strategy

Continuous Integration

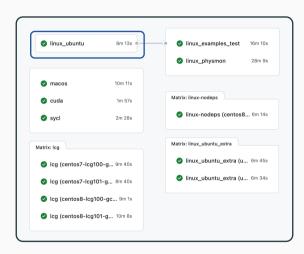
Continuous Integration jobs overview

- Continuous integration tests our code automatically
- Is required to pass for PRs to be merged



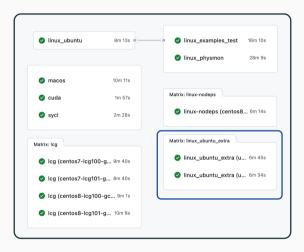
linux_ubuntu

- The main CI build: this job builds everything!
- Runs unit tests, integration tests, downstream project usage
- Uses Ubuntu 20.04 image that bundles all dependencies



linux_ubuntu_extra

- Build using Ubuntu 22.04 with updated GCC, based on central Ubuntu test
- Ubuntu 22.04 test using clang (+libstdc++) instead of GCC



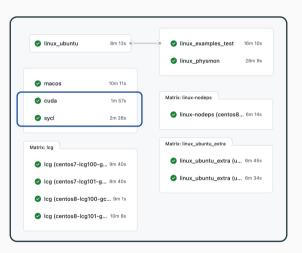
lcg + macos

- LCG tests ensure compatibility with LCG releases
 - At this point: CentOS 7+8 and LCG 100+101 (plan to add 102)
 - Reduced features because of outdated DD4hep and EDM4hep versions, tests + downstream test
 - Uses locally installed RPMs in docker container: CVMFS on GitHub Actions too unreliable
- macOS: All dependencies, tests + downstream test
- nodeps: build core without external dependencies



cuda + sycl

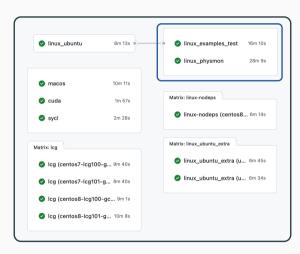
Will go away in the very near future



Performance monitoring

linux_examples_test

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Python level examples tests

- Comprehensive suite of pytest tests
- Directly tests the examples code, but indirectly also the core code
- Implements hash-based ROOT file-level reproducibility checks
 - CI notifies on PRs if outputs change
 - Manual follow up and reference update required
- Allows us to catch regressions early
- Ordering independent: reproducibility checks on MT code

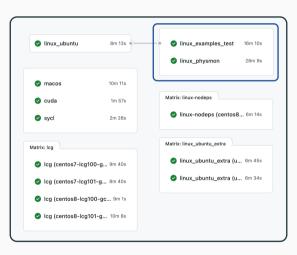
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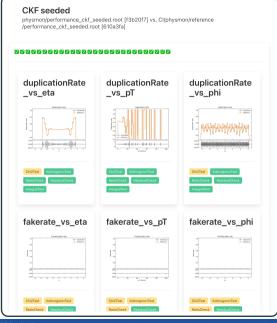
linux_physmon

- Runs characteristic tracking workflows and records performance metrics
- Automatically compares to references, and fails on discrepancies



Physics performance monitoring

- Implemented workflows:
 - Truth tracking
 - CKF + seeding, truth estimation, truth smearing + vertexing
- Runs histogram comparisons using histomp and produces a neat single-HTML-file report with embedded plots
- Implements basic compatibility checks: KS, χ^2 , ratio, residual, integral



Bridged CI jobs

- Have custom setup to run CI job on CERN resources
- Currently defined
 - clang-tidy job (static code analysis, details here)
 - ▶ GPU CI job: build jobs runs on CPU runner, test job runs on GPU runner under my desk
- Access steered by a custom allow-list: if you are a new contributor and are getting "Pipeline refused" on these jobs, get in touch!

CI: Checks workflow

- Formatting: C++ (clang-format) and python (black)
 - ► Can run locally, or apply patch from CI artifact. Details here
- License check: validate that all source files start with the correct license block
- Include guards: check for #ifndef MY_HEADER: USE #pragma once instead
- Check against usage of BOOST_TEST()
- Check smearing config



CI: Code analysis and docs workflow

- Docs job builds the documentation, checks for missing comments etc.
- Build performance runs cmakeperf and measures compilation unit memory consumption
- Report on the main branch here
- Build debug: similar to linux_ubuntu, but without examples
 - Uses debug build to run unit tests and generat code coverage report
 - Coverage report is posted to each PR



Additional bots and workflows

- merge-sentinel: manages which jobs / checks are required (custom bot)
- review-required: checks approval from one of t he reviewers (self-hosted policybot instance)



- kodiakhq: enables auto-merging (central instance)
- WIP: blocks merging PRs with label "WIP" (central instance)
- codecov: Coverage reporting (central instance)
- readthedocs.org: Preview build of the documentation, deployed to RTD
- milestone-set: Blocks merging without a milestone

Developer tools

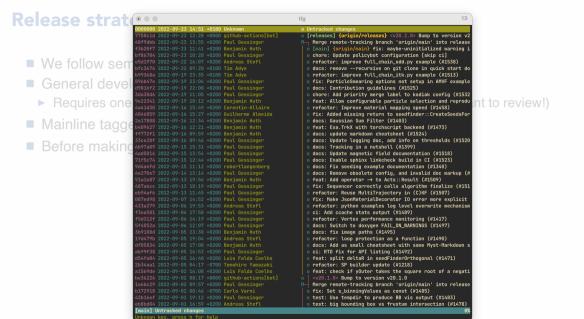
Developer tools

- CMake option: ACTS_FORCE_ASSERTIONS force-enables assert
 - ▶ Allows having checks in ACTS code + 3rd party code even in Release builds
 - Affects performance, be aware when benchmarking
- CMake options ACTS_LOG_FAILURE_THRESHOLD=<LEVEL> and ACTS_ENABLE_LOG_FAILURE_THRESHOLD steer log level failure threshold (details)
 - ▶ If enabled, logging at or above <LEVEL> will cause a job to fail
 - ► Can be set at compile-time or at runtime via env variable or set from Python
 - ▶ Allows us to check workflows covered by CI do not produce WARNINGs and ERRORs

Release strategy

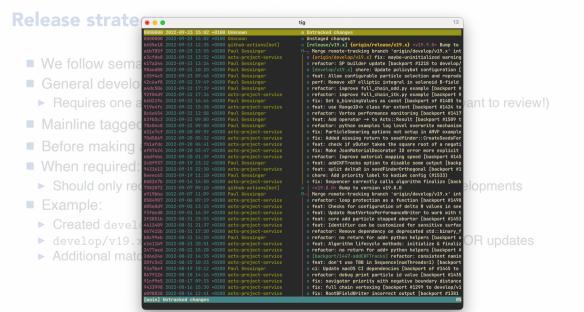
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- When required: create develop/vX.Y.Z branch as needed
 - ► Should only receive backports, no approval needed since no new developments
- Example:
 - Created develop/v19.x branch after v20.0.0 was tagged
 - ▶ develop/v19.x can receive MINOR and PATCH updates, but no MAJOR updates
 - ▶ Additional matching release/vX.Y.Z created which receives tags



Questions?

Backup

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