

# Task 12.2 - Turnkey Software

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## Overview

- Integrated Turnkey Software Stack, for physics and performance studies
- Simplified data model toolkit for modern hardware platforms
- Digitisation extensions for geometry toolkit
- R&D study on frameworks to manage heterogeneous resources

DESY (lead), CERN,  
INFN-PI, (INFN-PD, INFN-BA, INFN-BO - unfunded)  
IHEP, SDU - associated

Symbols on coming slides:



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Ongoing or planned

D #	Deliverable Name	Lead beneficiary	Type	Due Date (in months)
D12.1	Turnkey software stack (Key4hep)	12 - DESY	Other	46

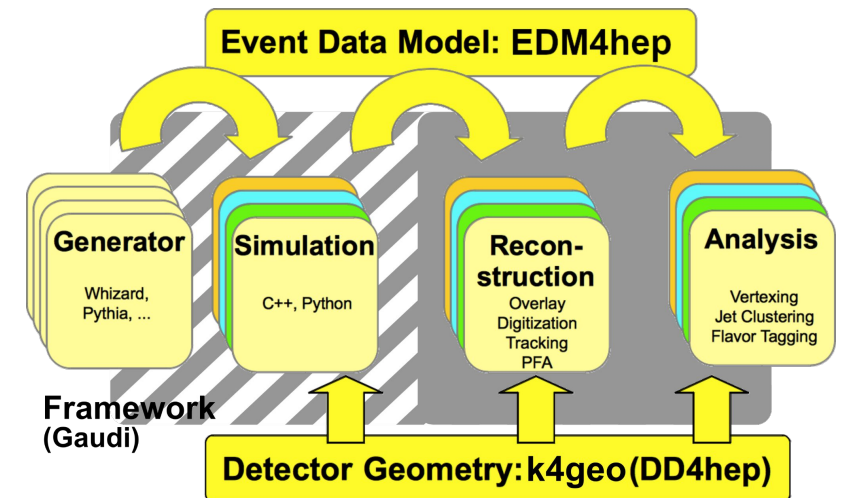
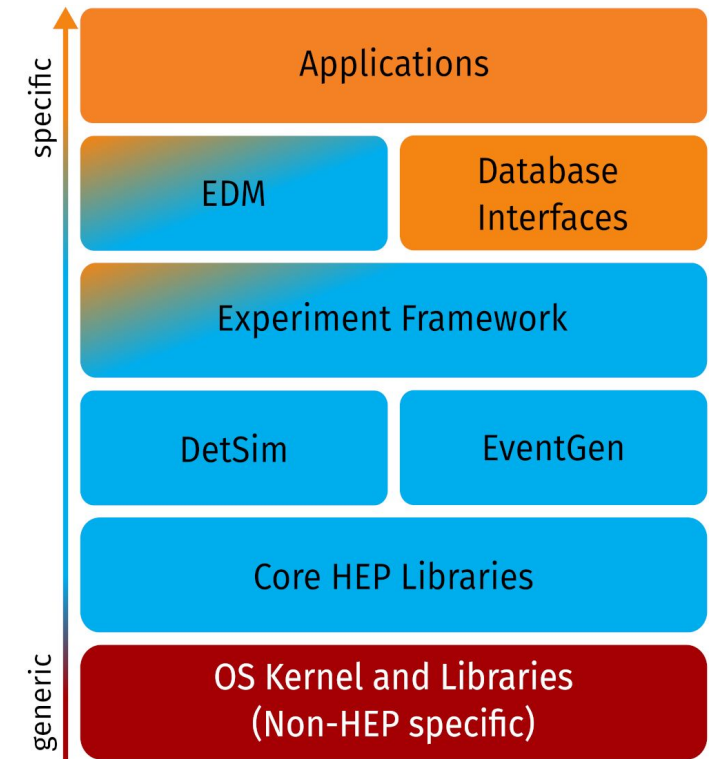
  

MS #	Milestone Name	Lead beneficiary	Due Date (in months)	Means of verification
✓ MS47	LC reconstruction prototype in Key4hep	12 - DESY	21	Reproduce similar detector performance as achieved with the current framework (Task 12.2)

# Key4hep

## Turnkey software stack for all future collider projects

- Develop a **common turnkey software stack** for future collider studies
- Take existing tools where possible, provide necessary interfaces and contribute to the development
  - A lot of existing software from the shared **iLCSoft** developed by ILC and CLIC for many years
- Develop new tools or libraries where necessary
- All major players involved: CEPC, CLIC, FCC, ILC, EIC, ...
- Provide a complete data processing framework
  - Shared components reduce overhead for all users
- Make things as easy to use as possible for everybody (librarians, developers, users)
- Supported by **HSF**, **CERN** and **AIDA**innova



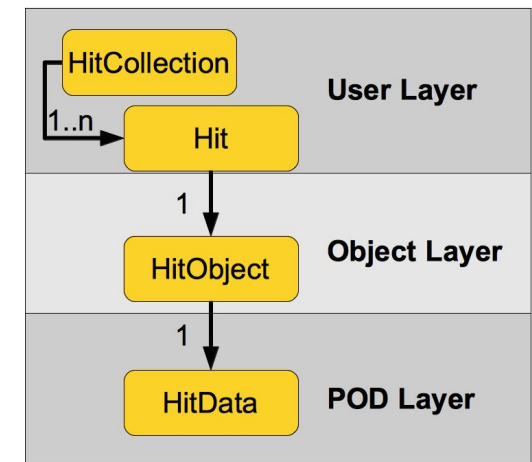
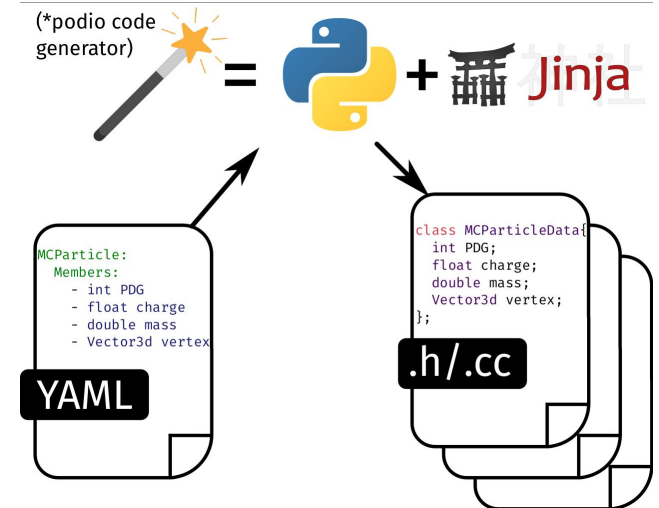
# PODIO

## The event data model toolkit

- Generate code from simple YAML definition of EDM4hep
- Based on using and storing POD (plain old data) structures
- Thread-safe and potential to target multiple I/O backends

- ✓ **Schema evolution** of generated EDMs (basic use cases, extend as necessary)
- ✓ RNTuple based backend
- ✓ Improved python bindings
- ✓ Stable collection IDs (necessary for multithreading)
- ✓ Interface types (inheritance free interfaces)
- ✓ First version of Julia code generation (main feature: machinery, templates still WIP)
- ✓ Fixed subtle memory issues (present for quite some time, hard to trigger)
- ✓ Removal of deprecated EventStore → Only Frame based I/O
- 👷 **Version 1.0** (effectively done, cleaning up minor issues & documentation now)
- 👷 Some prototyping and testing on heterogeneous resources
- 👷 Additional features (already a few on the wish list: e.g. streaming of Frames)

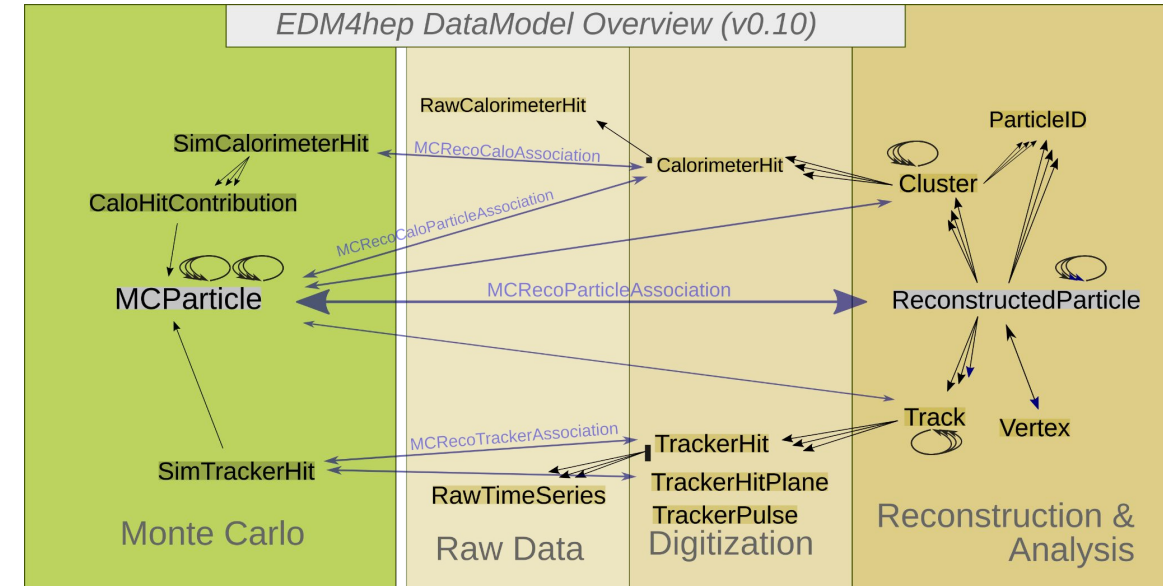
[github.com/AIDAsoft/podio](https://github.com/AIDAsoft/podio)



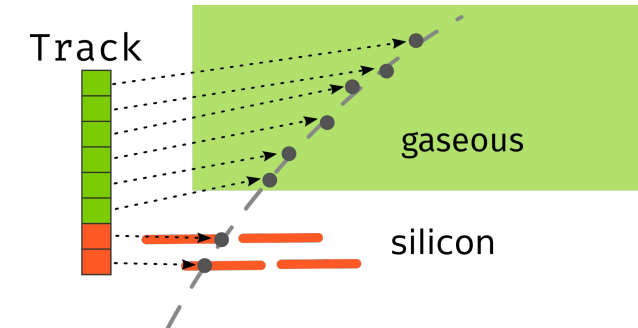
# EDM4hep

## The common event data model

- EDM4hep defines the common *language* for all Key4hep components to communicate
- Heavily inspired by LCIO that has been successfully shared by ILC and CLIC
- Generated by the PODIO EDM toolkit
  - EDM4hep and EICD main customers of PODIO



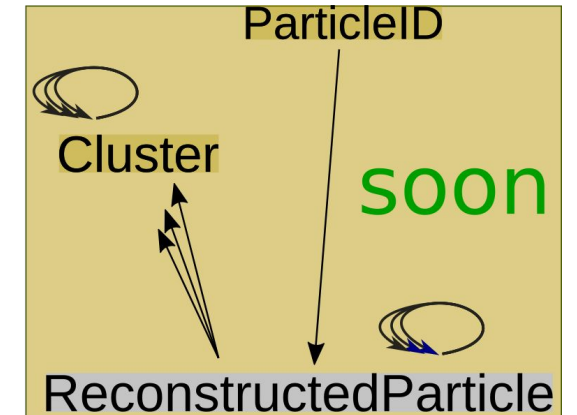
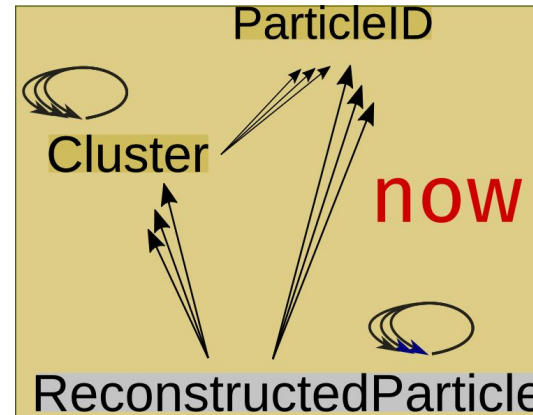
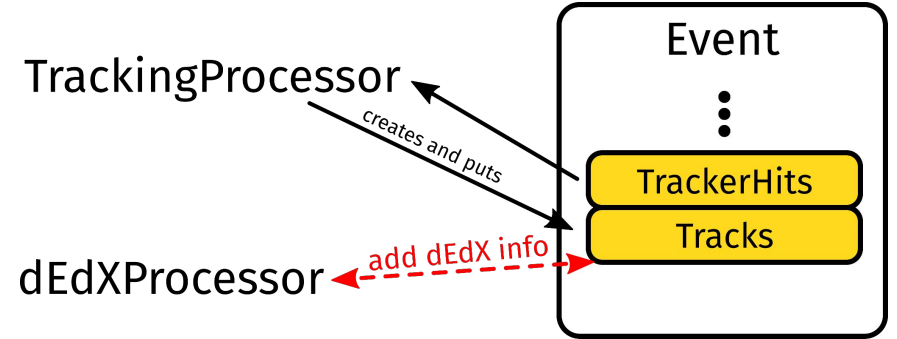
- ✓ (Standalone) conversion from LCIO
- ✓ Improved python bindings
- ✓ Introduction of TrackerHit interface (covering TrackerHit3D and TrackerHitPlane)
- ✓ Cleanup of type inconsistencies / naming / documentation
- 👤 **Version 1.0** (backwards compatible from then on, almost there)
- 👤 Conceptual changes w.r.t. LCIO
- 👤 Utility functionality as necessary



# EDM4hep v1.0

## The last missing pieces

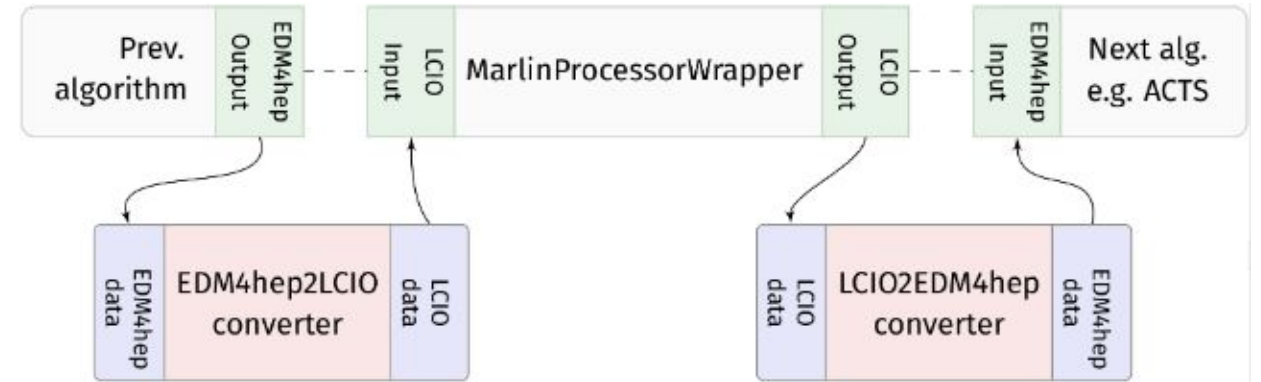
- Breaking things without intention of doing schema evolution
  - Too many things that do not have an easy evolution mechanism
- **Consistent mutability concept**
  - Some inconsistencies inherited from LCIO
  - Very big conceptual change
  - Requires substantial work in conversion
  - Requires new utilities for users
- Many things already addressed
  - TrackerHit interface
  - Multiple EventWeights
  - Consistent relation naming
- Keeping track in [EDM4hep v1.0 github project](#)



# k4MarlinWrapper & EDM converters

## Bridging old and new

- Run unchanged Marlin Processors via Wrapper
- Configurable on-demand conversion between LCIO and EDM4hep (and vice versa)
- Steering file conversion script



- ✓ Unified all EDM4hep ↔ LCIO converters in one library
- ✓ Added basic unit-test like converter tests
- ✓ Generalized relation resolving mechanism
- ✓ Keep track of all converted objects in an event (effectively incrementally build up parallel EDM4hep & LCIO events)
- ✓ Improved ergonomics (e.g. always convert EventHeader)
- 👷 Finalize conversion after EDM4hep v1.0

# Key4hep Framework & Services

## Core services & algorithms

- Gaudi based core framework
  - **k4FWCore** provides I/O for PODIO based EDMs
- Core services and tools for CI and development

✓ Switch FW core to use podio Frames (+removal of legacy EventStore)

✓ Thread safe way for handling metadata

✓ Support for Gaudi Functional algorithms

✓ Improved k4run (better error & help messages)

✓ Builds for multiple OSs

✓ New github actions to facilitate CI for Key4hep packages

✓ Convenience improvements (e.g. read all collections by default)

👷 Proper multithreading support for Functional algorithms

👷 Integration of ACTS (requires TrackerHit interface)

👷 Consolidation of simulation approaches (postponed for now)

[github.com/key4hep](https://github.com/key4hep)  
[key4hep.web.cern.ch](https://key4hep.web.cern.ch)

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jobs:
  build:
    strategy:
      matrix:
        build_type: ["release", "nightly"]
        image: ["alma9", "ubuntu22", "centos7"]
    fail-fast: false
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - uses: key4hep/key4hep-actions/key4hep-build@main
    with:
      build_type: ${ matrix.build_type }
      image: ${ matrix.image }
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# Work at INFN

## R&D study on framework to manage heterogeneous resources

- No applicant on second call for dedicated position
  - Despite trying to advertise it as widely as possible
- Competing against numerous other more attractive software/computing positions
  - Both money and career prospects
- Decision to not have a third call, but rather try to re-direct the funds
  - No final decision yet on where the allocation might go

# Report from IHEP group

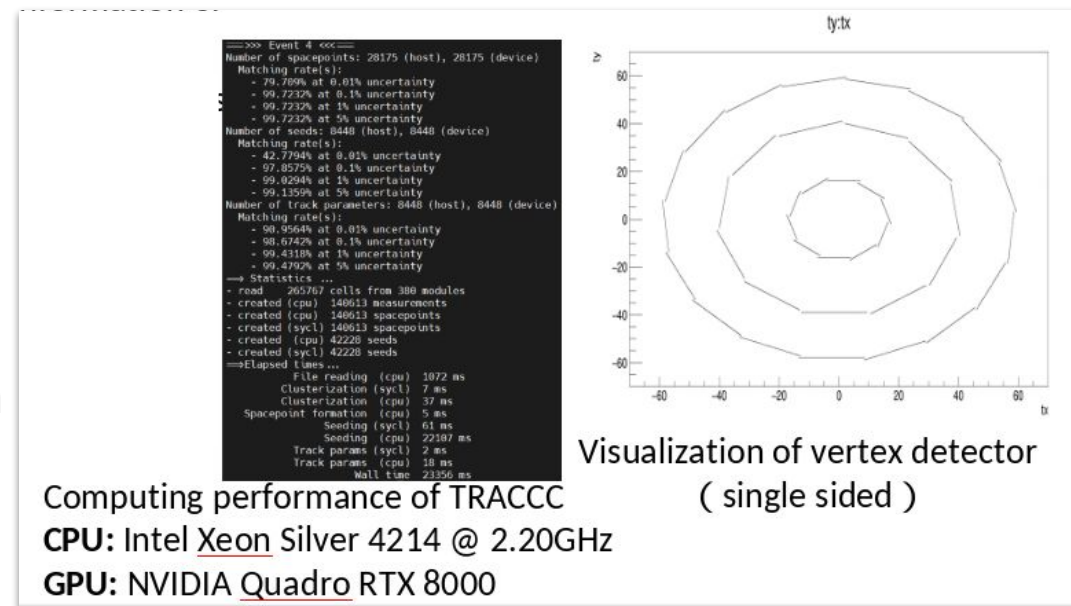
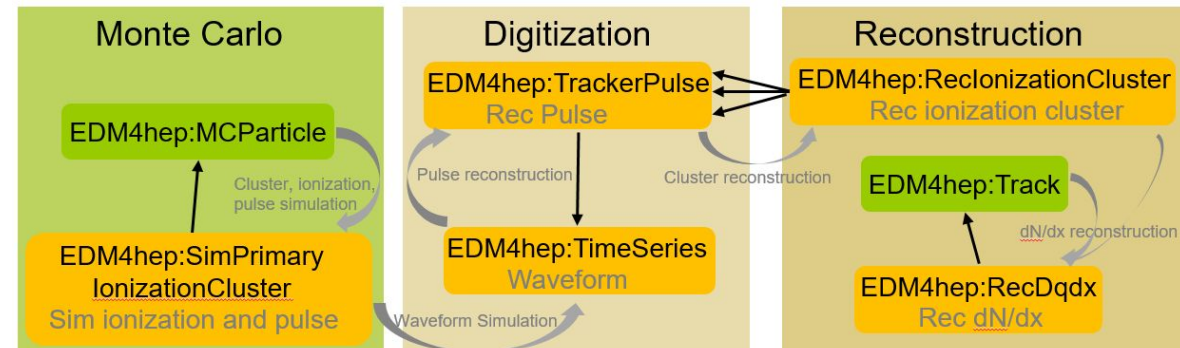
- ✓ Extend EDM4hep to support ongoing activities in CEPC
  - Reconstruction of number of primary ionizations in drift chamber
  - Analysis of test beam data for vertex detector prototype

- ✓ CEPC Vertex Detector tracking with ACTS
  - Geometry in ACTS format (“manual” conversion from DD4hep)
  - Use FATRAS and TRACCC for fast sim and tracking

- ✓ CEPC-on-Gaussino prototype
  - Based on LHCb’s Gen/McEvent, Gaussino, CEPCS
  - Geometry via DD4hepCnvSvc

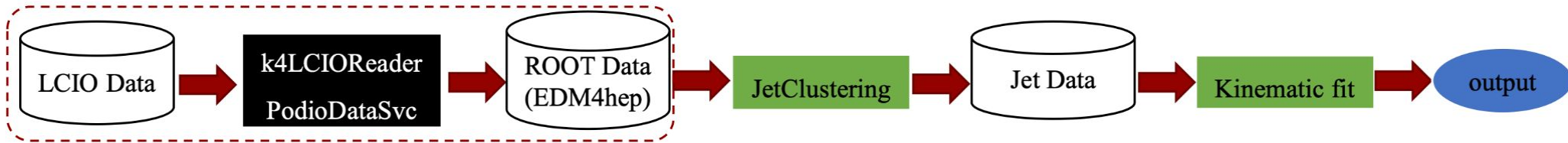
👤 Optimize data flow / communication between CPU and GPU. Investigate possibility of avoiding copies by building a connection between EDM4hep and TRACCCs vecmem

👤 Use EDM4hep for Gaussino



# Report from SDU group

- ✓ Development of an analysis toolkit based on RDataFrame
  - Port of several existing tools (MarlinKinFit, JetClustering, ...)

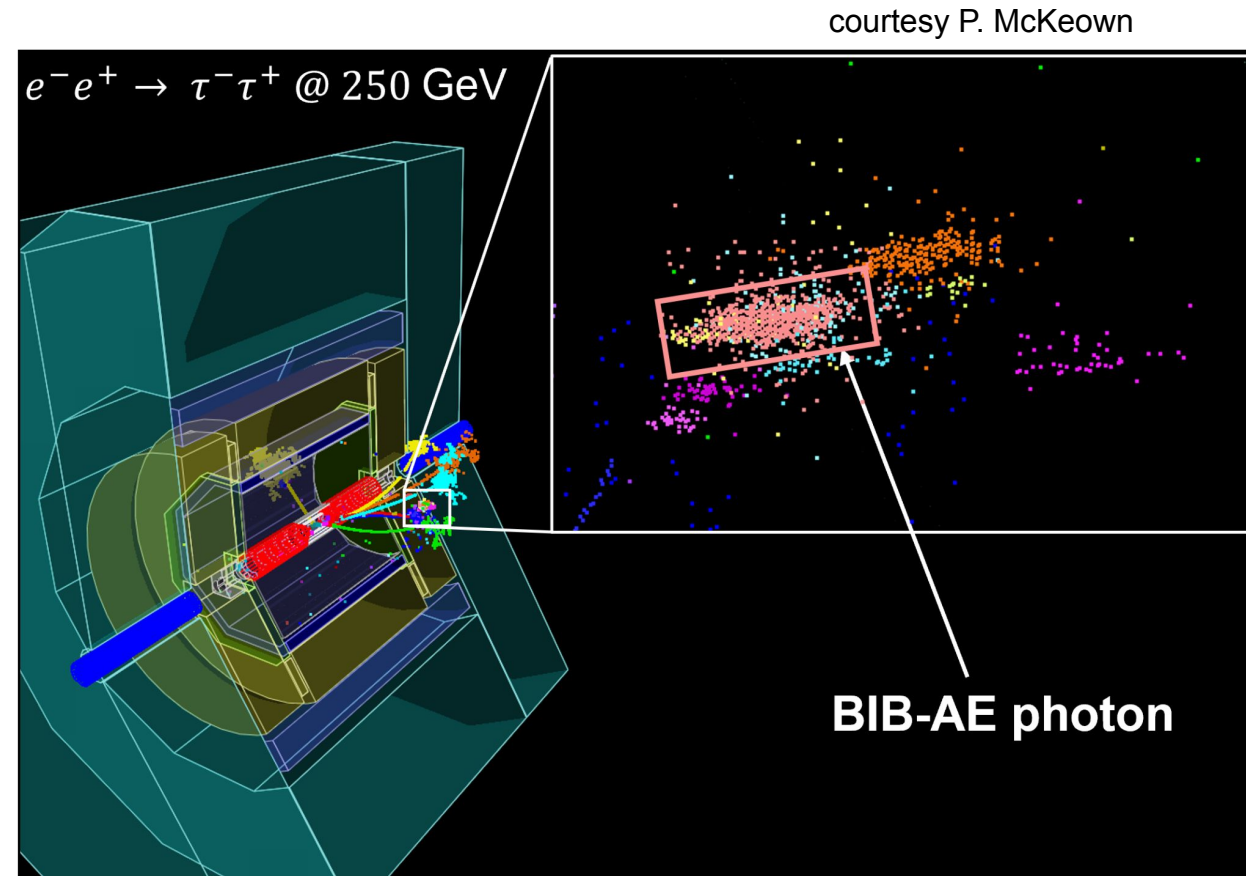


- ✓ Further development of Valprod toolkit to run validation
  - Running CEPC CI jobs on grid
- 👷 Integrate more missing analysis tools to RDataFrame
- 👷 Continue development of validation system
  - Generalize grid resource usage possibilities

# Interactions with other WPs

## Integration of R&D into the software stack

- **Successfully ran simulation (ddsim) and standard reconstruction for ILD using the BIB-AE model for fast shower generation**
  - Part of the developments during last years hackathon
- ACTS integration ongoing
  - Stopped by need for TrackerHit interface in EDM4hep until recently
- PandoraPFA integration
  - Available through MarlinWrapper
  - See Swathis talk



# Summary / Outlook for the next year

- Finalized stable version of podio
  - Minor cleanup ongoing
- Finalizing EDM4hep v1.0
  - Some conceptual changes wrt LCIO (still ongoing)
  - Improved converter functionality
- First version of Gaudi Functional capable core components
  - Using podio functionality (no longer re-implementing readers / writers)
  - Necessary changes mostly transparent, few changes necessary for k4MarlinWrapper
  - Multi-threading support ongoing
- Integration of ML FastSim in DDML
  - Next steps: Add more models
- Tutorials and updated documentation
- Keep on working integrating more software tools and using them in simulation, reconstruction & analysis
  - Try to homogenize the approaches and avoid re-developing the same thing multiple times

**Thank you**