

# A Library for ML-based Fast Calorimeter Shower Simulation at Future Collider Experiments and Beyond

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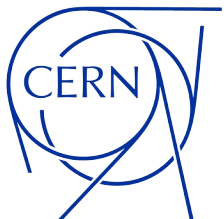
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Review Article

CaloChallenge 2022: A Community Challenge for Fast Calorimeter Simulation



“Calorimeter Simulation”, generated via [midjourney, 2022](#)

See [talk from Claudius](#) on the CaloChallenge

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- However, need to evaluate in **real physics events**: many particles, overlapping showers
  - Fold in effects from **reconstruction** chain
  - Ultimately have to judge models in terms of **physics performance after reconstruction**
  - Inherently dependent on the specifics of an experiment
- Need to have a way to **interface models with full simulation** infrastructure provided by Geant4, as well as the broader **reconstruction tools** present in the **software ecosystems** used in HEP

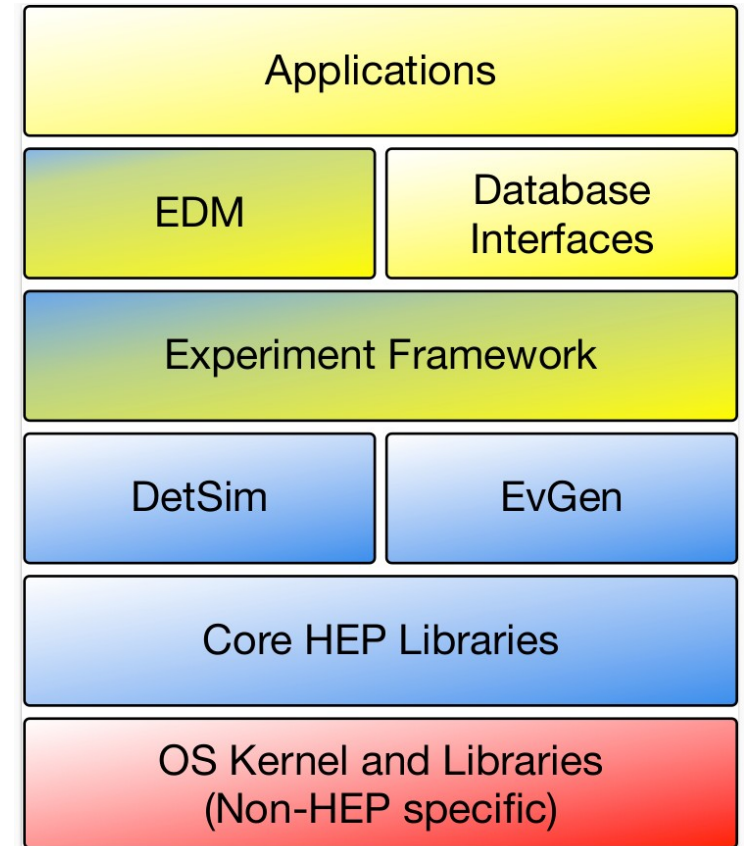
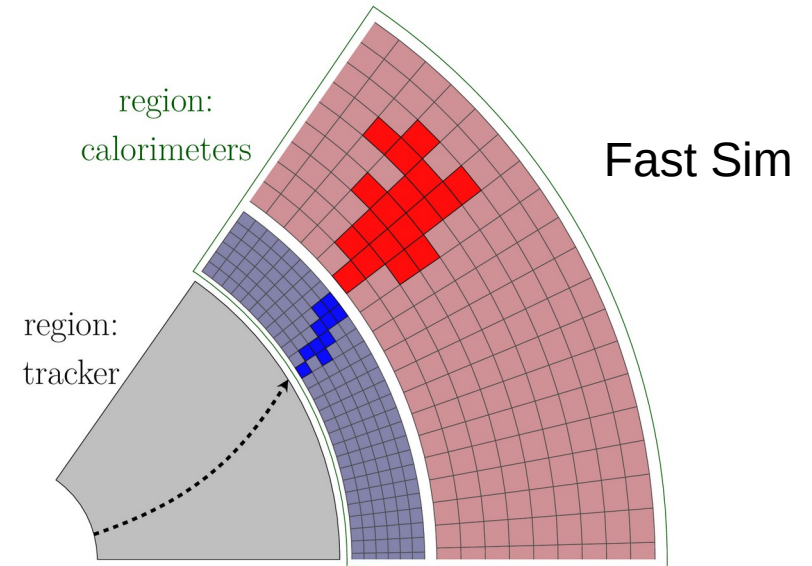
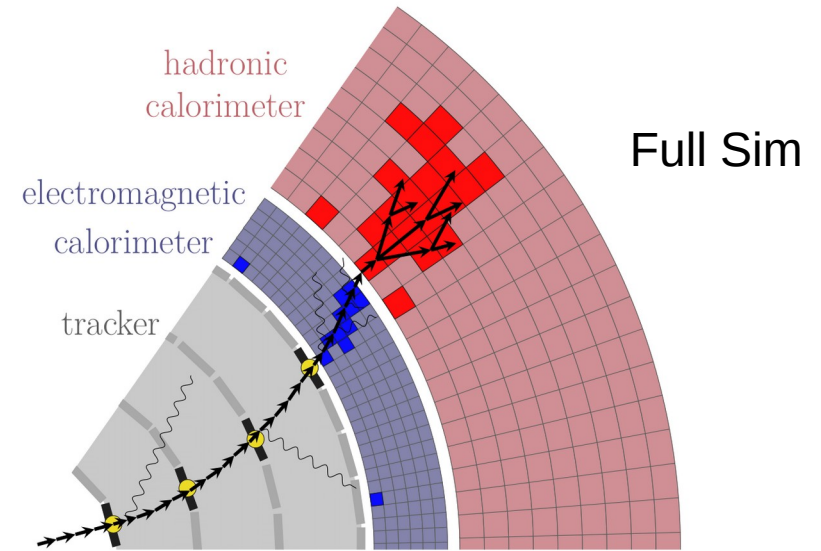


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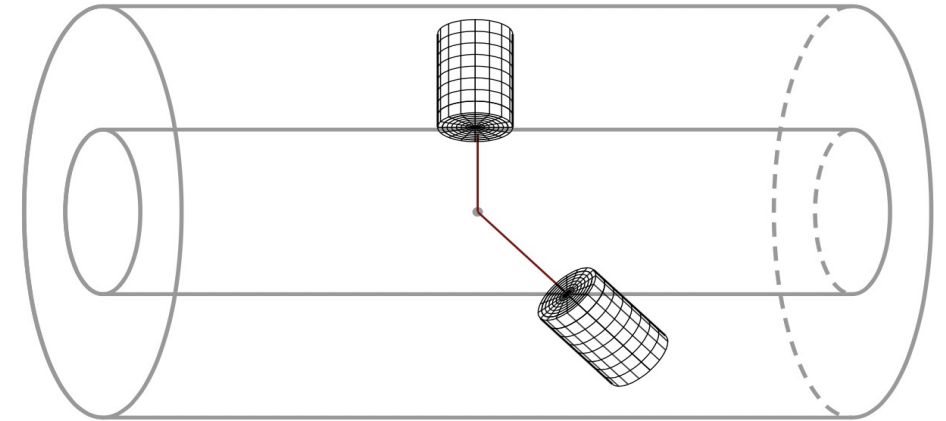
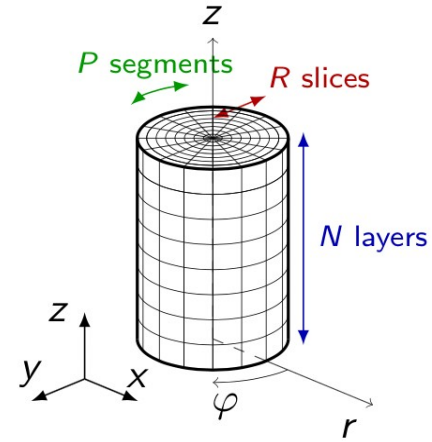
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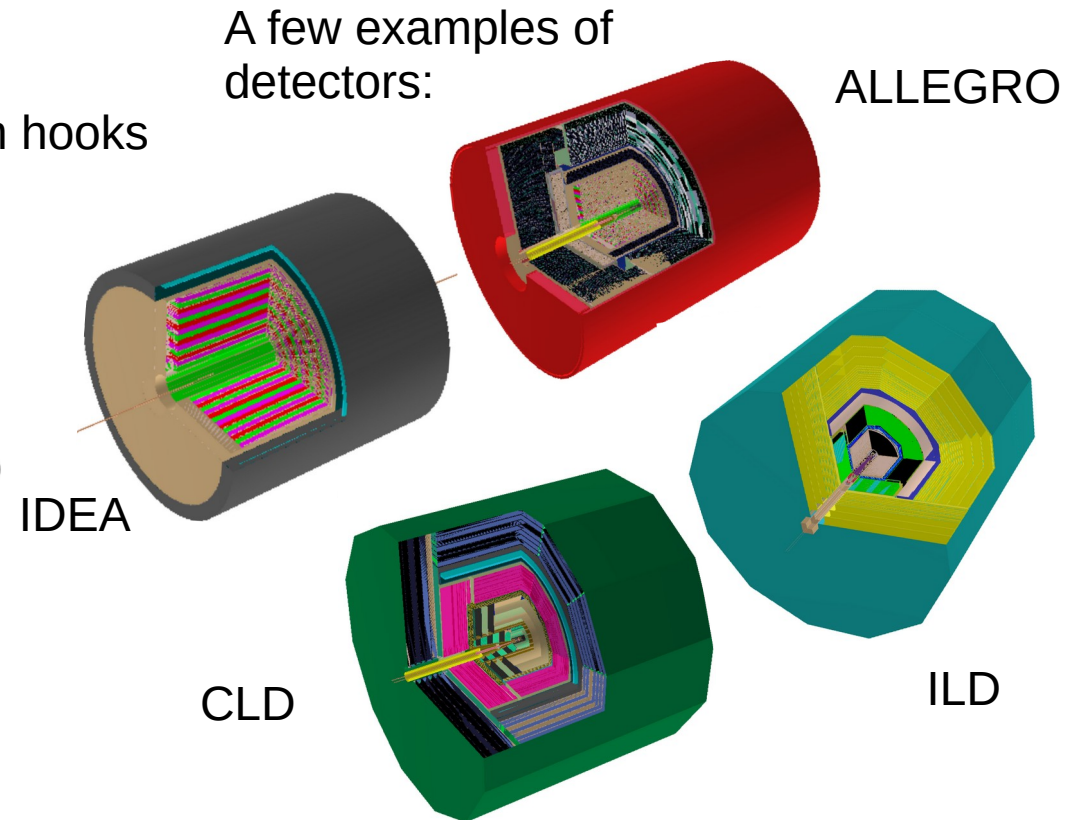
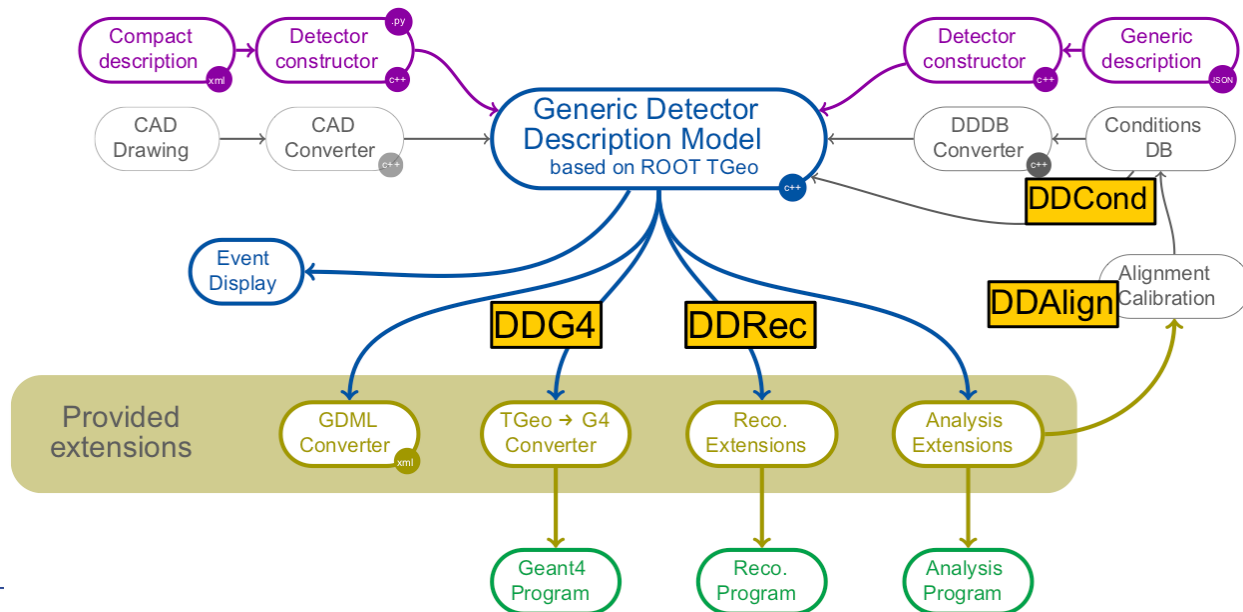
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- Geant4 provides the extended [Par04](#) example showing how to use **ML models in Geant4**
  - Energy deposits recorded in virtual scoring mesh
  - Inference libraries: ONNX Runtime, libTorch, lwttn
  - Can also be run on GPU (currently batch size 1)
  - Provided datasets 2 and 3 for the CaloChallenge



# The DD4hep Toolkit

- Provides a means for defining a **common detector geometry** that can be used for purposes of **simulation, reconstruction**, conditions, alignment, visualisation and analysis
- Used by **LHCb** and **CMS** experiments at **LHC**
- Part of the **Key4hep** turnkey software stack for **future colliders**, e.g. : CEPC, CLIC, EIC, FCCee, FCChh, ILC, LUXE, Muon Collider ...
- **DDG4**- provides interface to Geant4, including the Fast Sim hooks



# The DDFastShowerML Library

- **Generic library** for running ML-based fast sim models in DD4hep: **DDFastShowerML**  
<https://gitlab.desy.de/ilcsoft/ddfastshowerml>
- Uses fast sim hooks in Geant4 via DDG4
- Follow Par04 example for interfacing with Geant4
- Can be used with **realistic, detailed detector geometries**
  
- Aim for easy to use library which can **accommodate all types of ML architectures**
  
- **Components** of library **decoupled** as far as possible

## Trigger

- Fast Sim trigger
  - e.g. particle type, energy, geometry

## Inference

- Concrete inference in C++
  - ONNX, LibTorch etc...

## Model

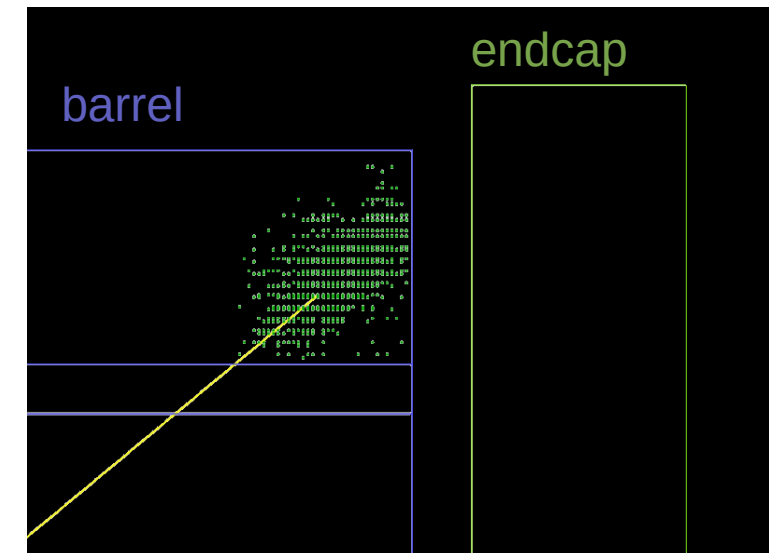
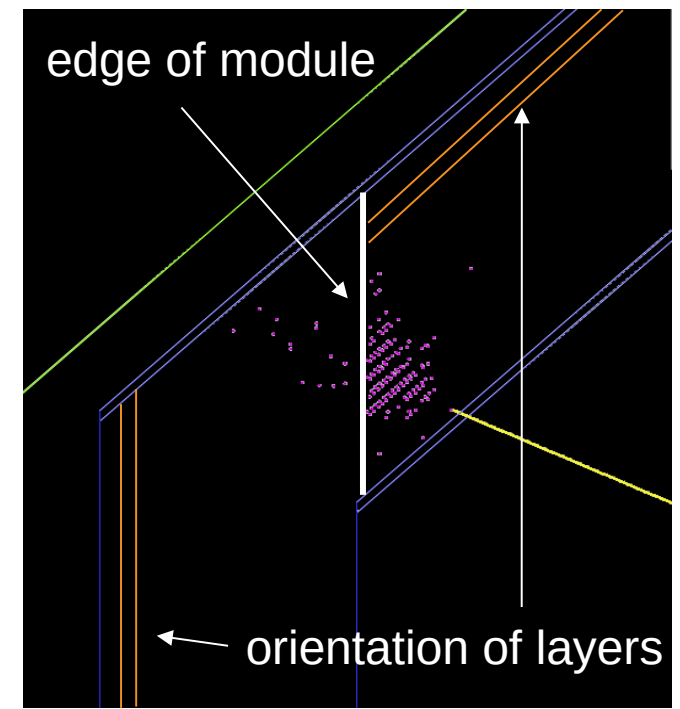
- Model-specific implementation of ML architecture
  - e.g. BIB-AE, Flow, Diffusion model

## Geometry

- Concrete placement in detector geometry
  - Endcap, barrel etc...

# Dealing With Realistic Geometries

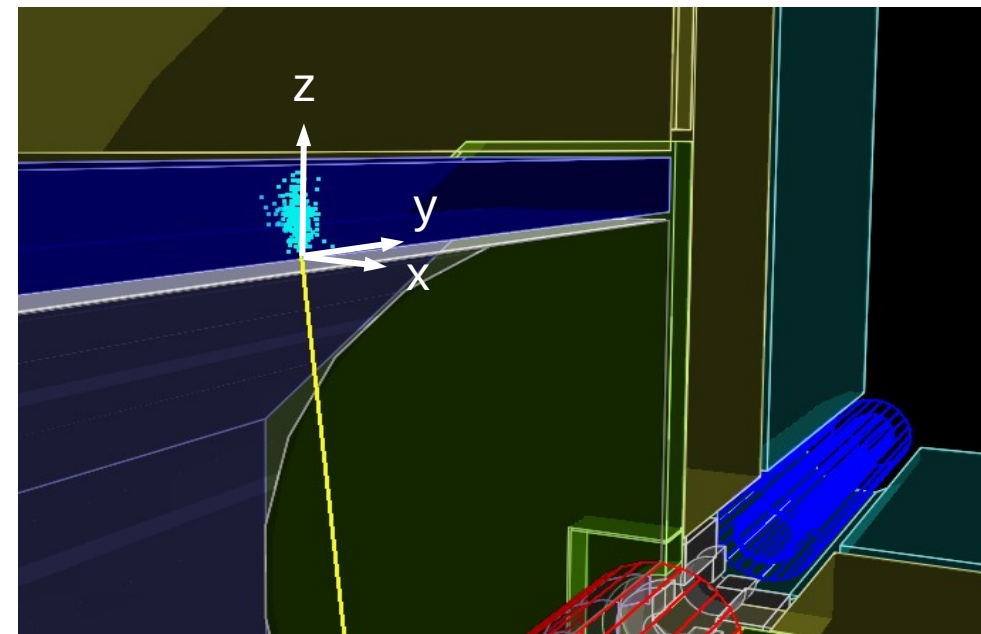
- **Physical structure** of calorimeter can change in certain regions
  - May want to run **full rather than fast sim**
  - May wish to select **different models** for **different geometrical regions** of the detector
- This can be implemented, for a given geometrical configuration, via the generic **Trigger Interface**
- E.g. for ILD excluding (i.e. running full sim):
  - **Corners** of the octagonal **barrel**
  - The **transition** between **barrel and endcap**
- The **geometry** placement and **trigger** necessarily have to be implemented on a per detector basis





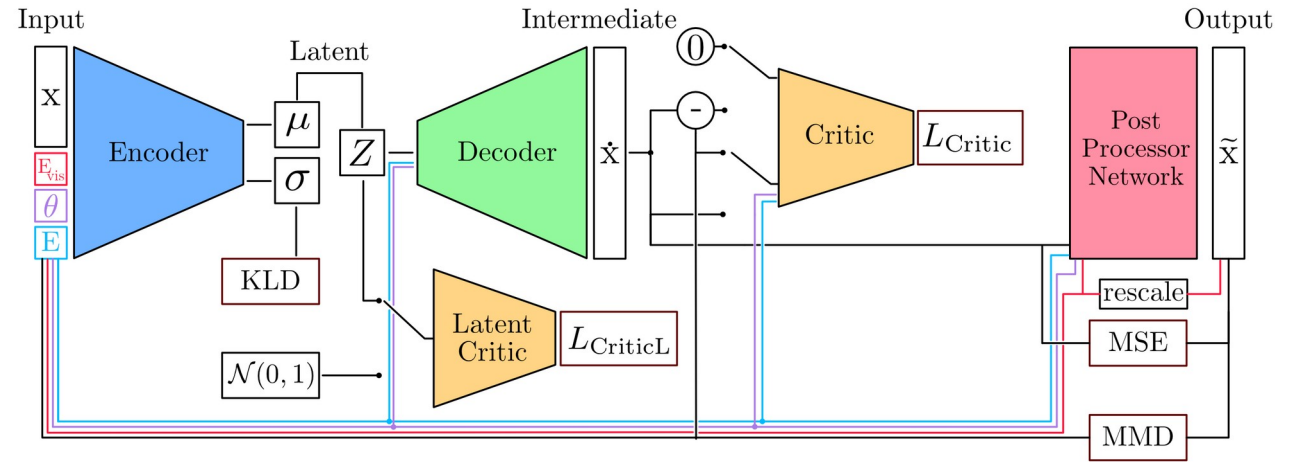
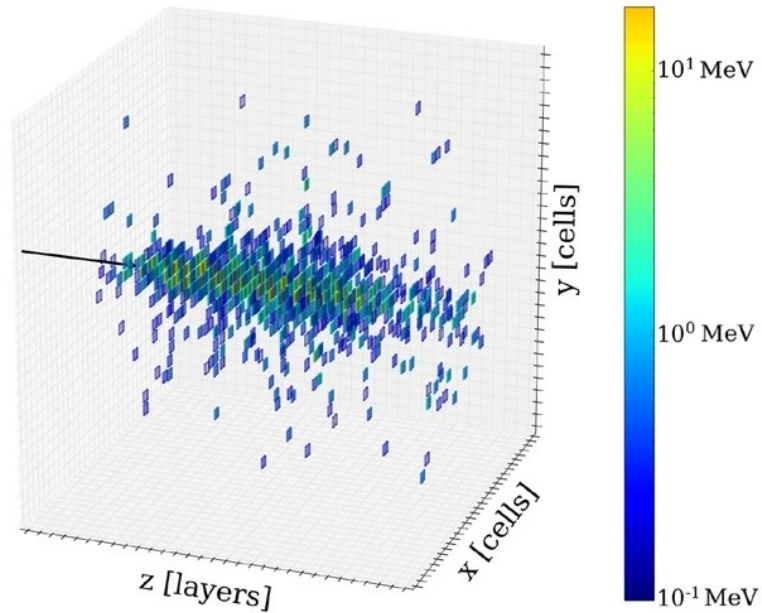
# Conventions and How to Integrate a New Model

- Define **local coordinate system** for consistent placement
  - **Right-handed** coordinate system **centered on incident position**
  - Z-axis **perpendicular** to the calorimeter face
- Assuming the training dataset conforms to the conventions, adding a new model involves **only** adding a new class (via the **Model Interface**)
  - Ensuring the **correct input** is provided to the model
  - Ensure **correct conversion** of model output to spacepoints
- Must be able to **convert model** into a format that can be called in **C++**
- **Inference Interface** currently supports **libTorch** and **Onnx Runtime**
- Purely for development purposes- provide functionality to **read showers** from a **library** (e.g. HDF5 file)
  - This is not intended as a solution for production!



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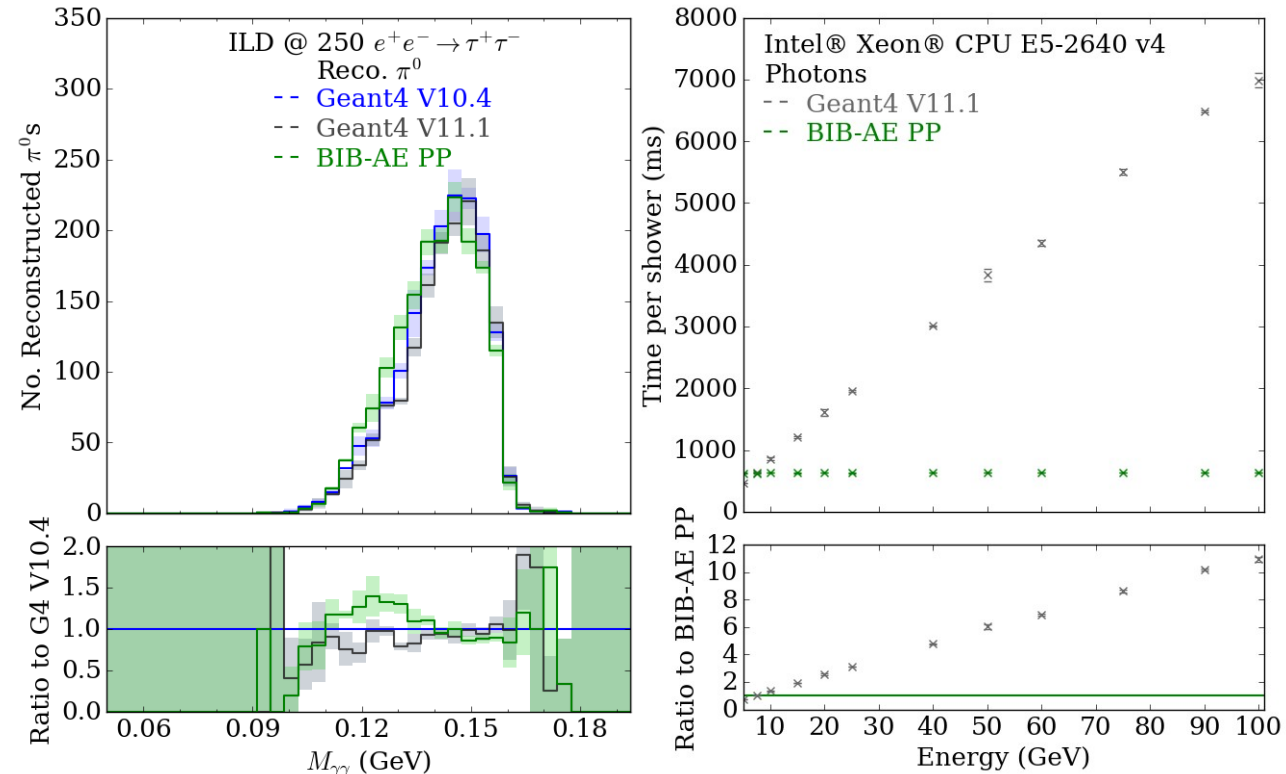
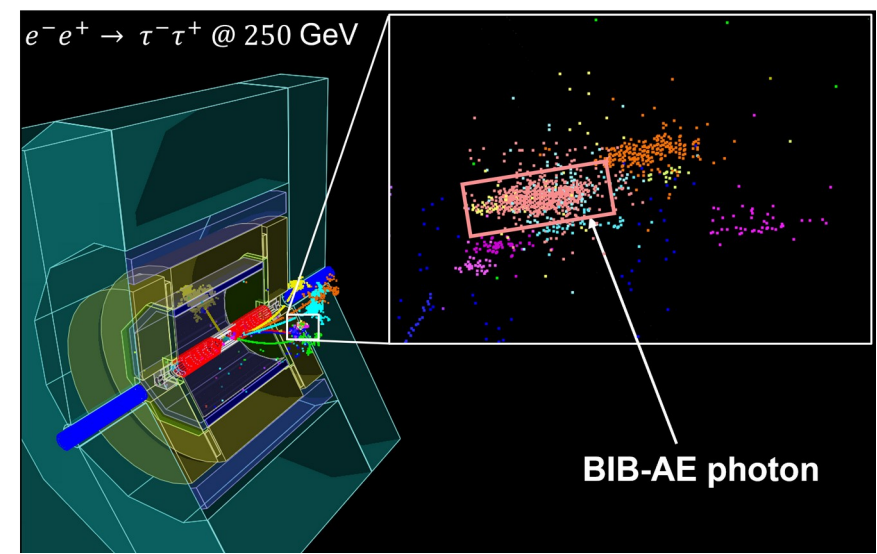
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- Study use for simulation of photon showers from  **$\pi^0$  decays** in the process  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$  for ILD @ 250 GeV
- Integration also allows for a **more realistic timing** comparison to Geant4, including overheads (e.g. geometry placement etc.)



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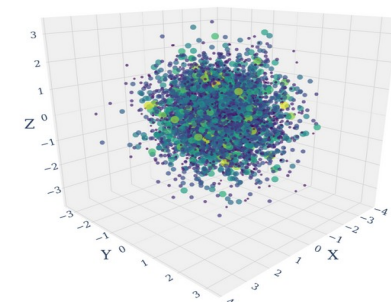
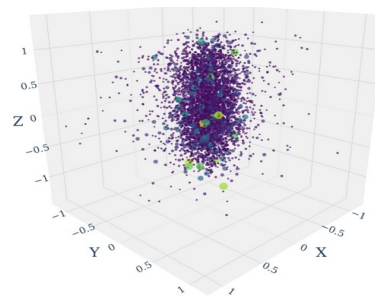
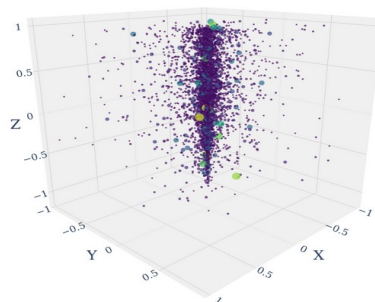
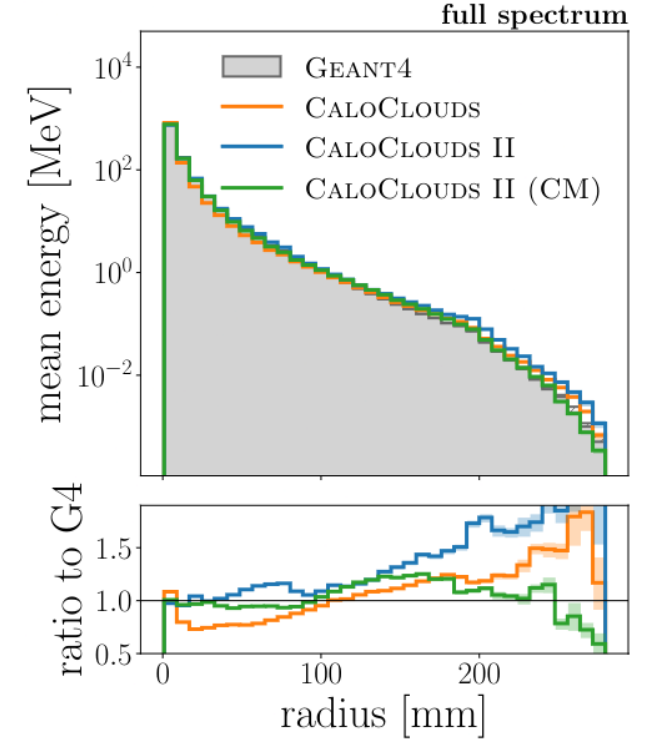
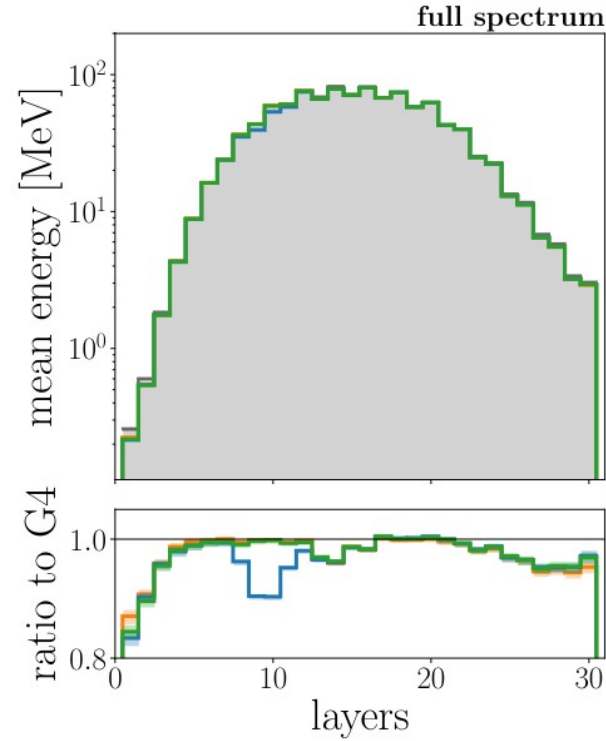
# Example: CaloClouds

See [Anatolii's upcoming talk](#)

- **Point cloud diffusion model**
  - More efficient computation: **~6x faster** than BIB-AE!
- Use full sim information at a **lower level than the detector readout**
  - Better handling of **irregular geometries**

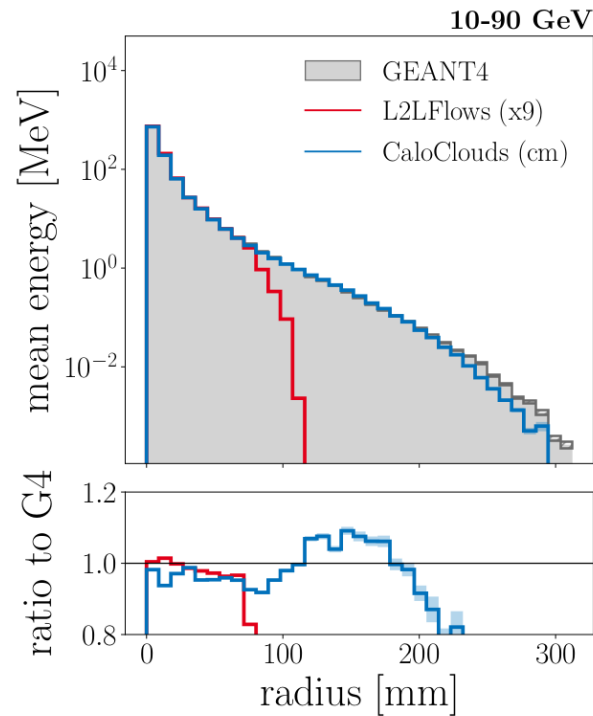
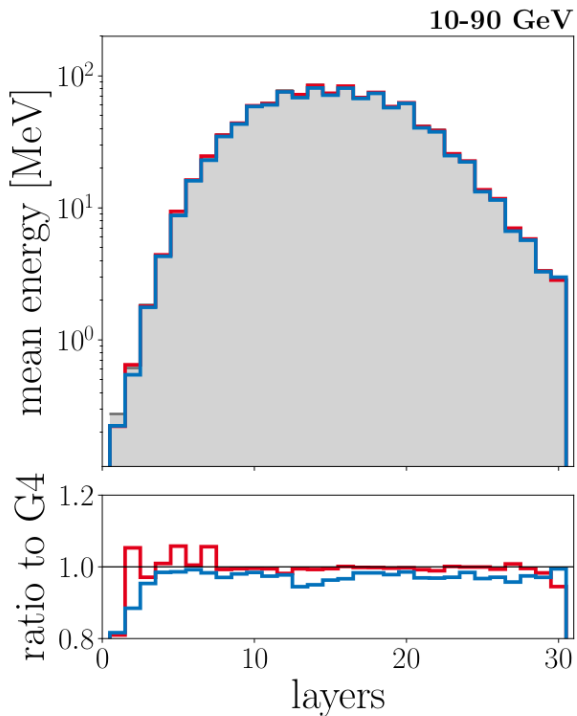
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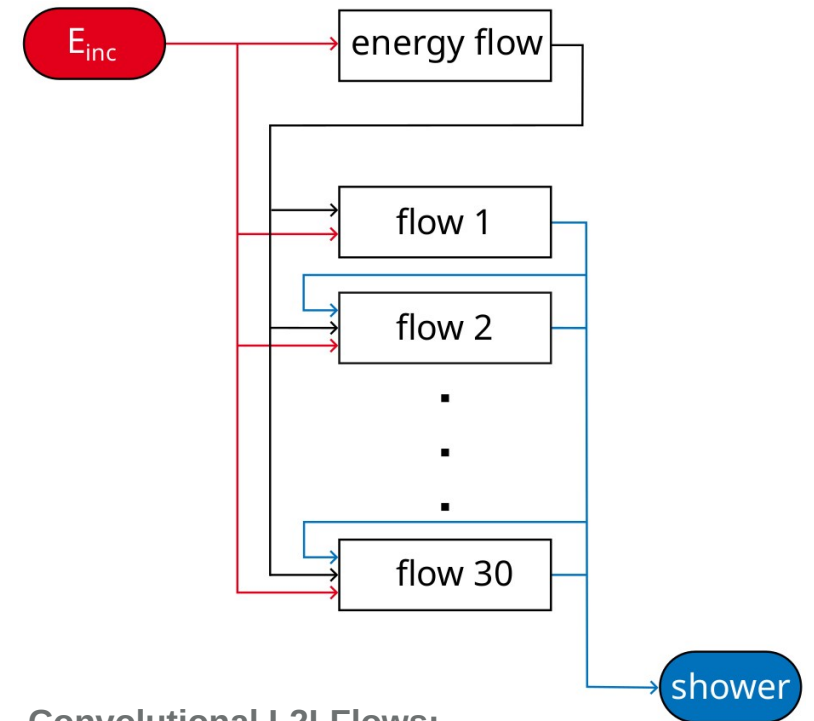


# Example: L2LFlows

- **Sequentially** produces shower shape in each layer
- Now also including
  - **Convolutions**
  - **Angular conditioning**
  - **More granular** regular grid



See [Thorsten's talk](#) from Tuesday

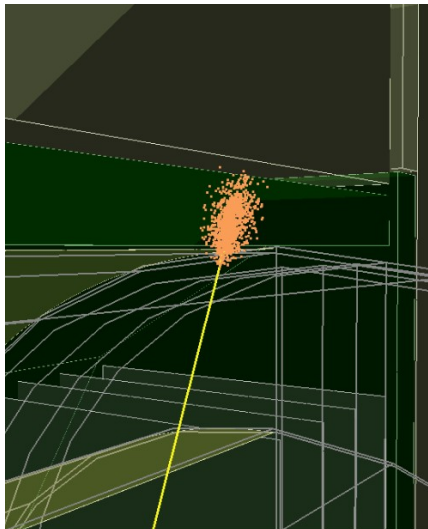


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# Example: CaloDiT and Cylindrical Scoring Mesh Placements

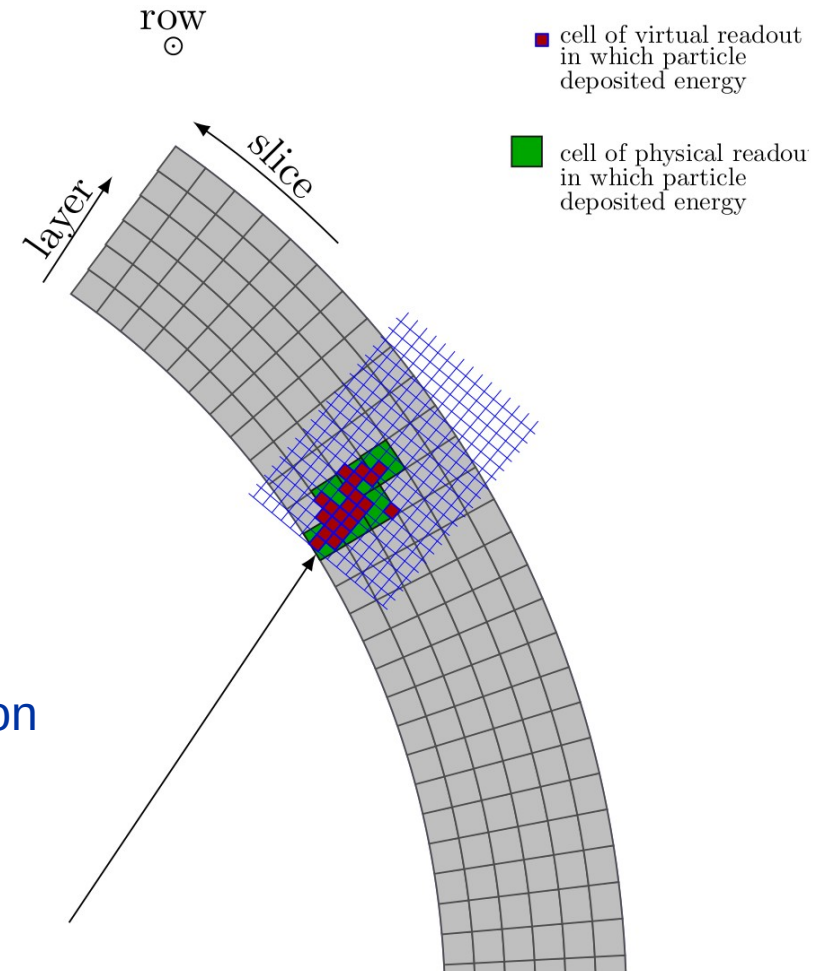
- CaloDiT **Diffusion Transformer** model
- Also explored in the context of adaption to **different detector geometries**
- Alternative fast simulation approach
  - **Score energy** deposits in mesh **not directly attached to detector readout**
- Validation of initial integration performed for **CLD** by C. Zhu

See [Piyush's upcoming talk](#)



CaloDiT photon shower simulated in CLD with DDFastShowerML

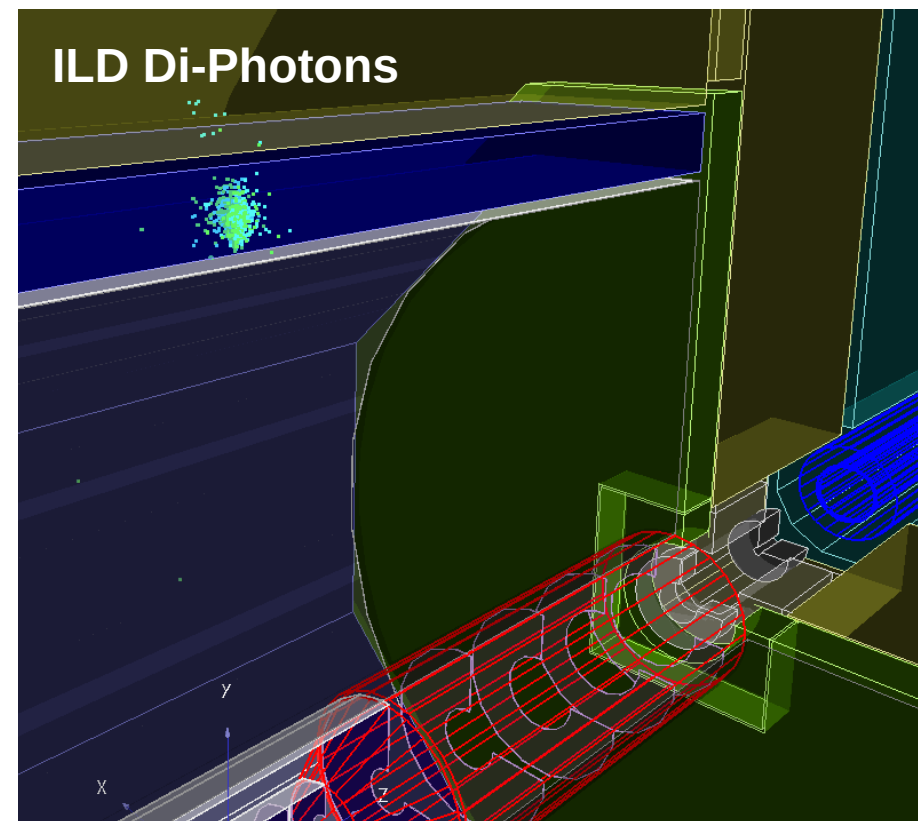
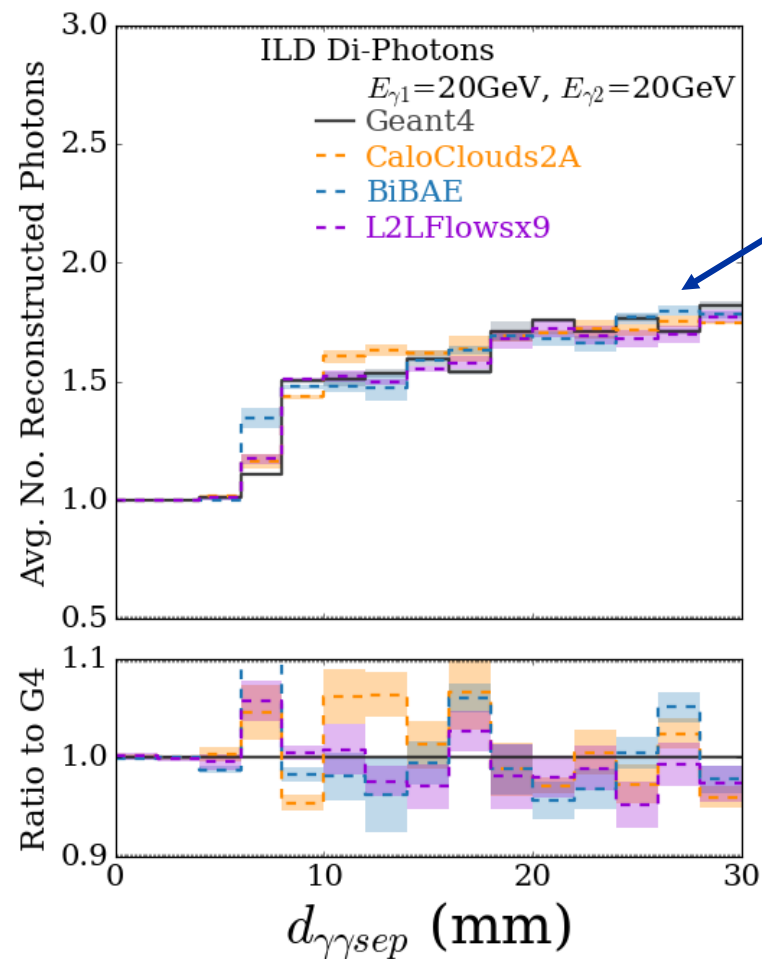
Complete integration WIP



# Common Benchmarks Being Developed

- Common **Di-Photon** Benchmark (so far for CALICE Si-W calorimeters)
- Two photons orthogonal to face of ILD ECAL

Observable with **direct physical relevance** for quantifying model performance!



# Summary

*DDFastShowerML* <https://gitlab.desy.de/ilcsoft/ddfastshowerml>

- Library for **incorporating ML models** with **Geant4** full simulation for realistic detector geometries
- Provides means of testing in **production-ready environment**
- Provides access to new **reconstruction** and **physics benchmarks**
- Can also **study/account** for **geometrical effects**- realistic application
- **New models** can be **integrated** (and compared) in **as straightforward a manner as possible**

Outlook:

- Add **batching** and **GPU** support
- Add support for **additional detectors**
- Add examples for **hadronic shower** generation
- Release **datasets** for the community
- Collaborate with different experimental communities to **define new physics benchmarks**
- ...



# Backup

# DD4hep Integration: DDFastShowerML

**Algorithm 1** Pseudocode illustrating the order of operations for the core components of the *DDFastShowerML* library.

```
1: if Trigger.checkTrigger(track) == True then  
2:   Kill full simulation of particle  
3:   localDir = Geometry.getLocalDir(track)  
4:   inputs = Model.prepareInputs(track, localDir)  
5:   outputs = Inference.runInference(inputs)  
6:   localSPs = Model.convertOutput(track, localDir, outputs)  
7:   globalSPs = Geometry.localToGlobal(track, localSP)  
8:   for (sp in globalSPs) do  
9:     HitMaker.makeHit(sp, track)  
10:  end for  
11: else  
12:   Full simulation of particle with GEANT4  
13: end if
```

