

Porting the CMS pixel reconstruction to Julia: preliminary results

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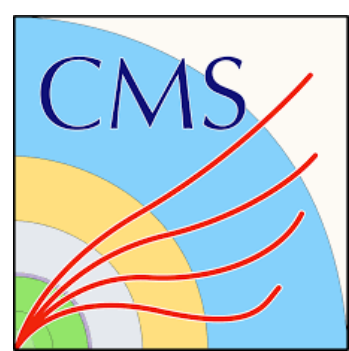
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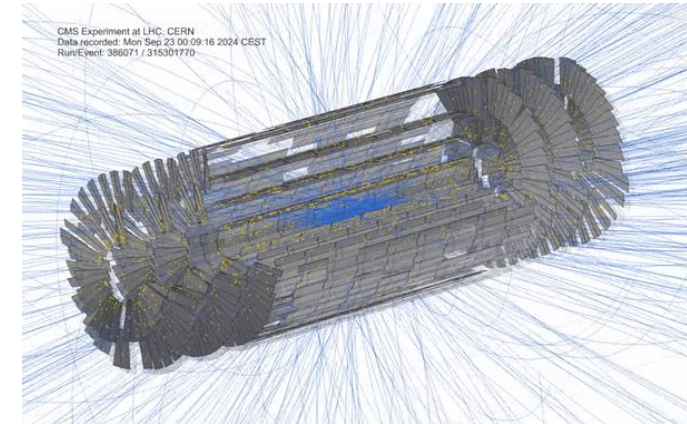
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Project Context



- Evaluation of Julia as a language for High Energy Physics:
 - General evaluations
 - Jet clustering evaluations
- Patatrack pixel reconstruction:
 - Standalone application extracted from CMS software.
 - Pixel reconstruction: the process of identifying and reconstructing particle trajectories by analyzing data from pixel detectors.
 - Tested over the years on multiple CPU and GPU technologies (OpenMP, CUDA, HIP, SYCL, Kokkos, etc.).



Main Goal

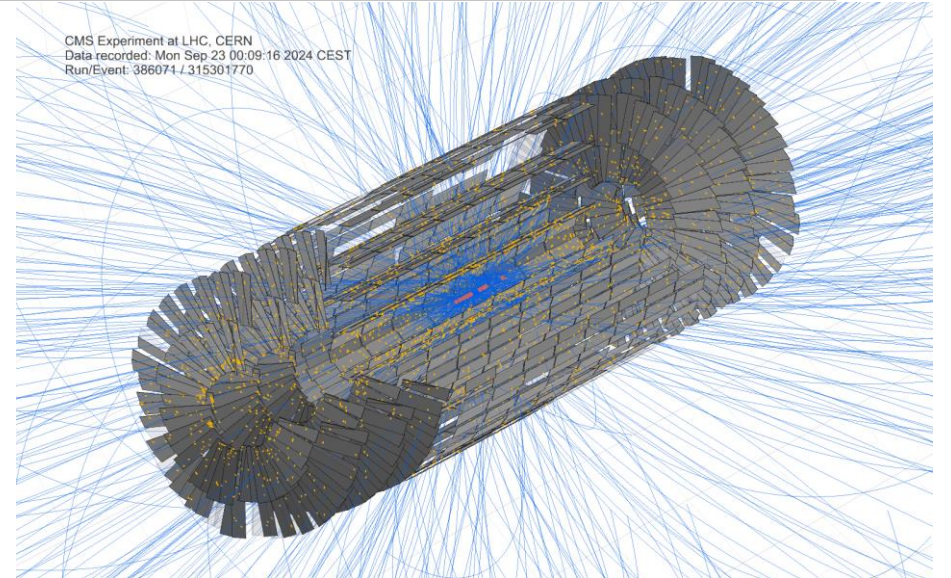
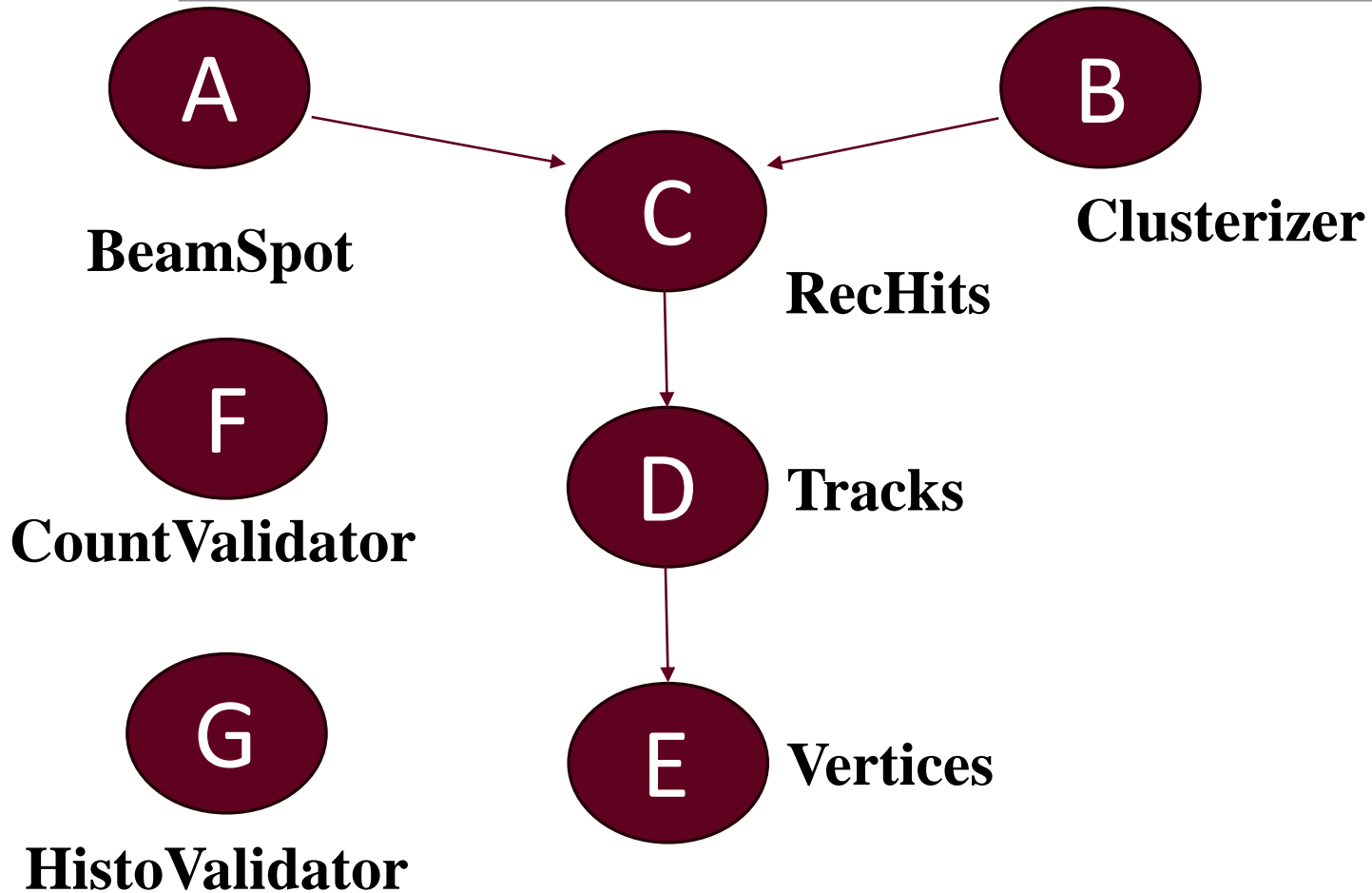
To evaluate the feasibility of using Julia for large-scale HEP applications by:

1. Re-writing pixel track reconstruction algorithms, and comparing it with existing C++ application.
2. Test Julia's ability to handle multithreading, GPU acceleration, and overall flexibility in a realistic HEP environment.

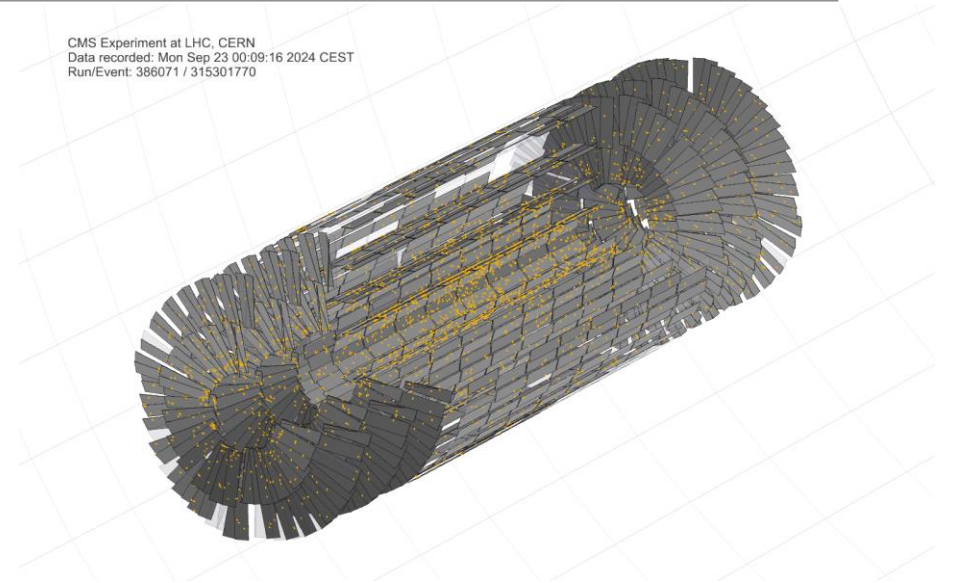
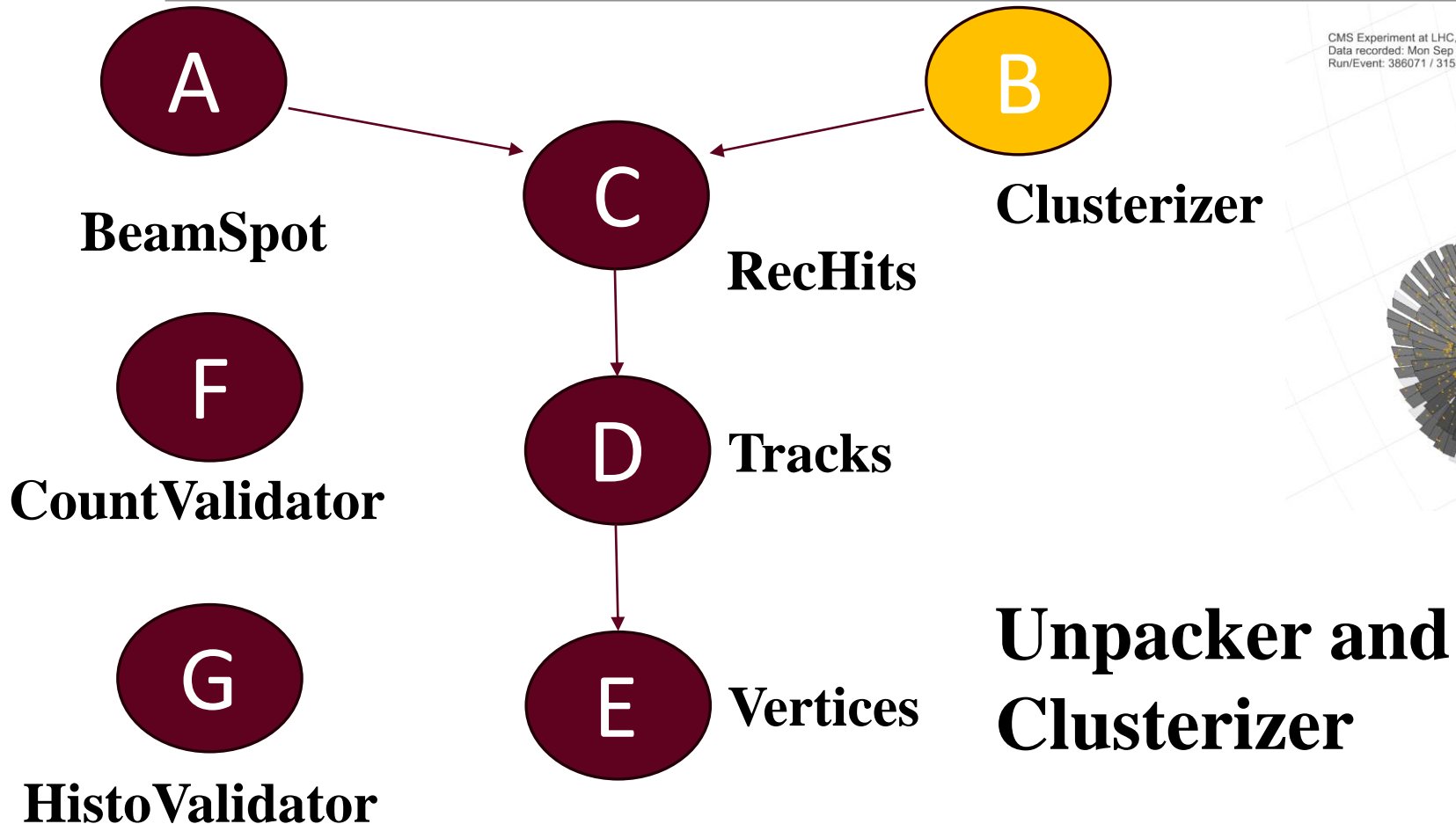
Intermediate Steps

1. Port the Patatrack application to Julia.
2. Ensure its structure and output are similar to the C++ applications.
3. Monitor and optimize performance of the Julia implementation.

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Modules

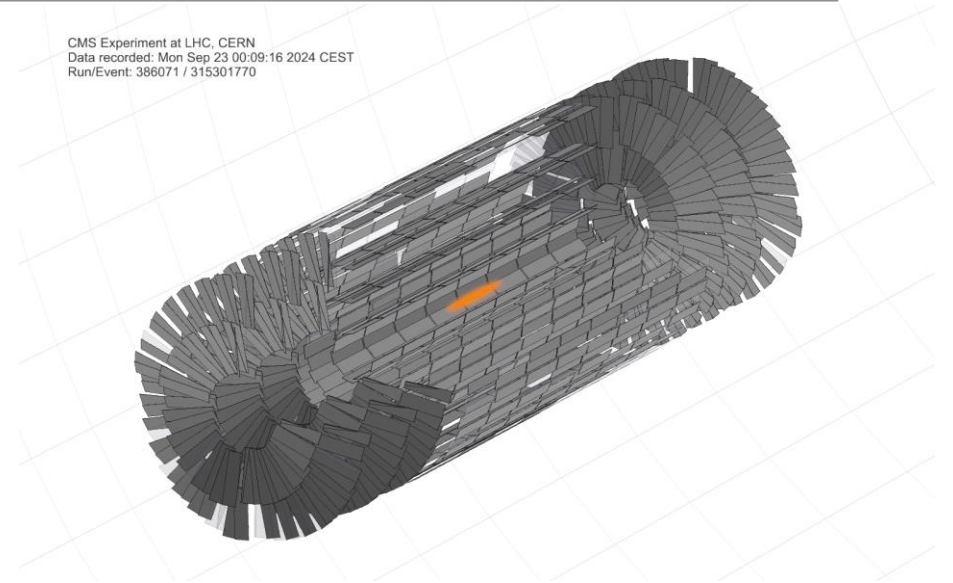
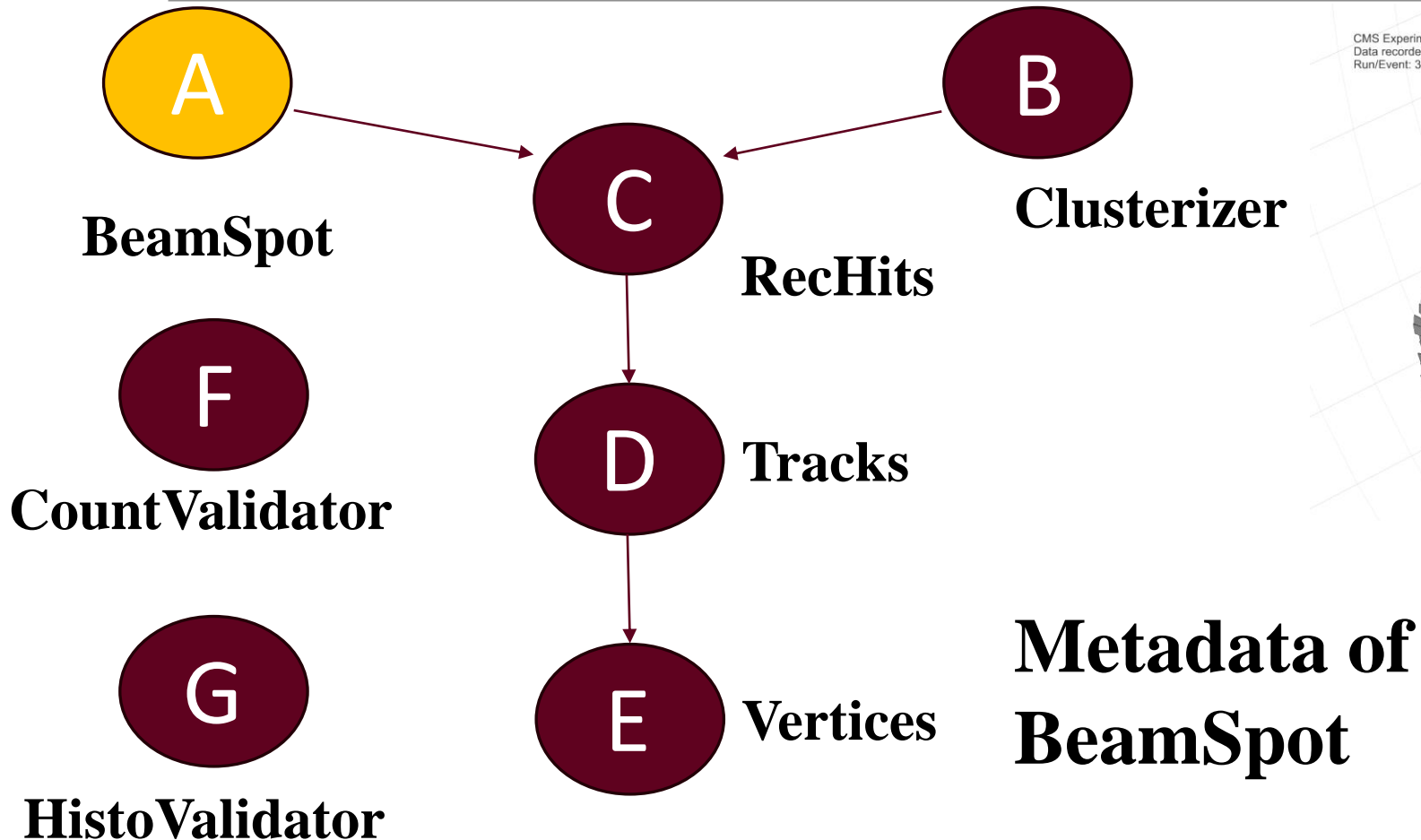


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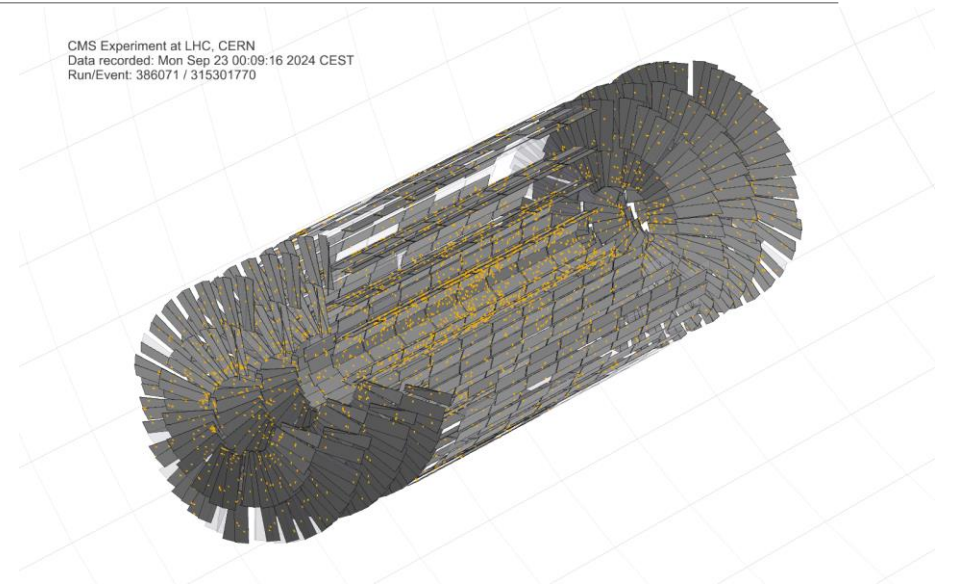
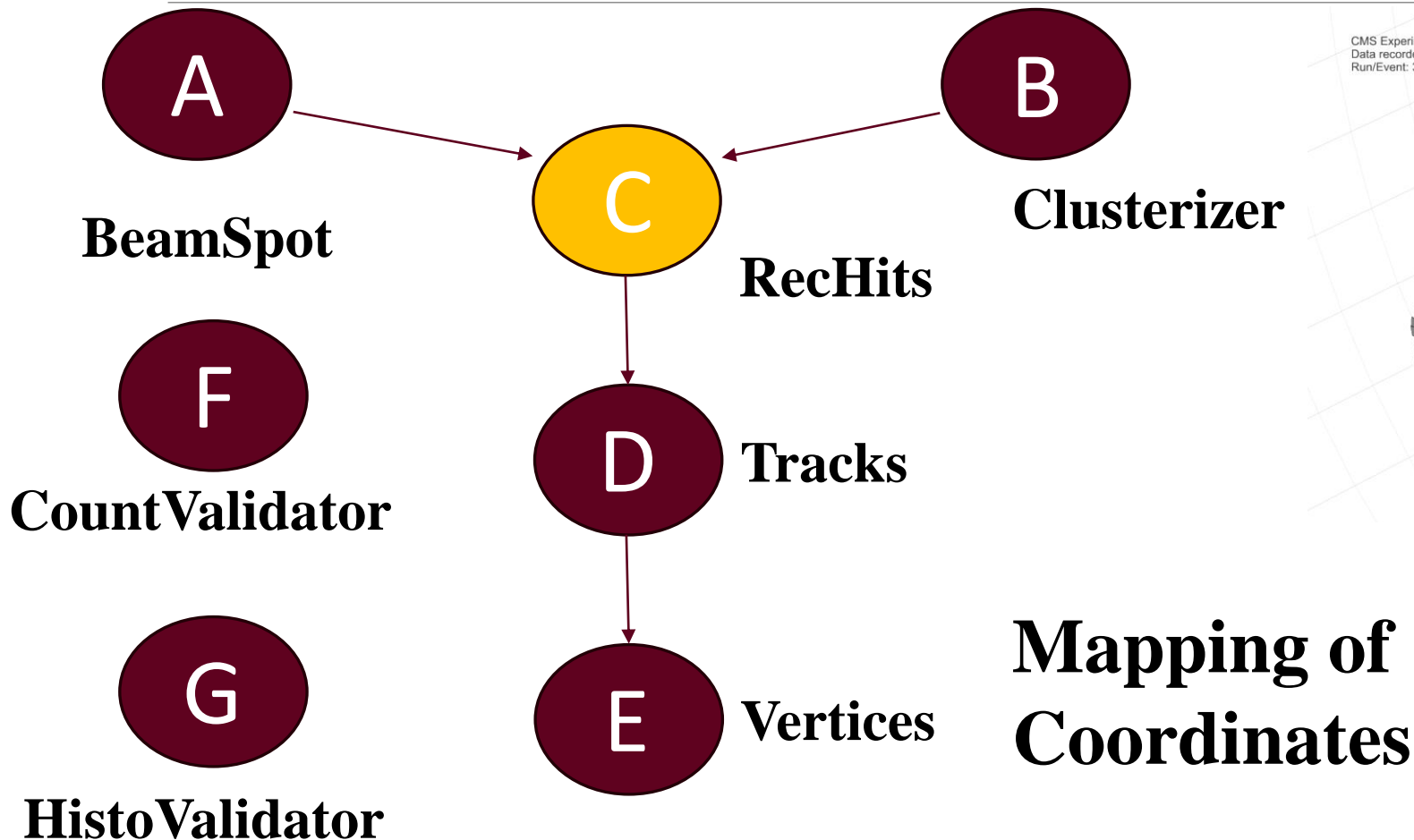


Unpacker and Clusterizer

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Modules

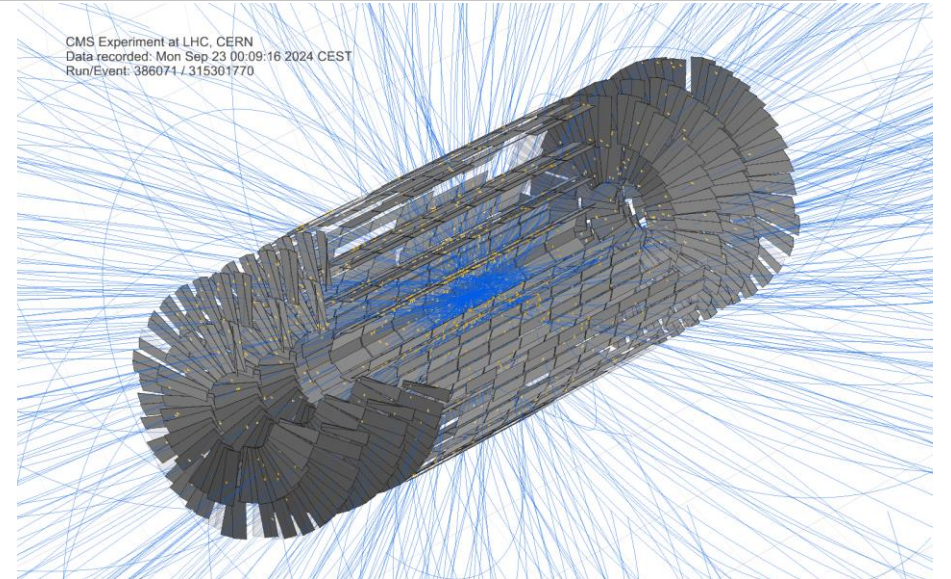
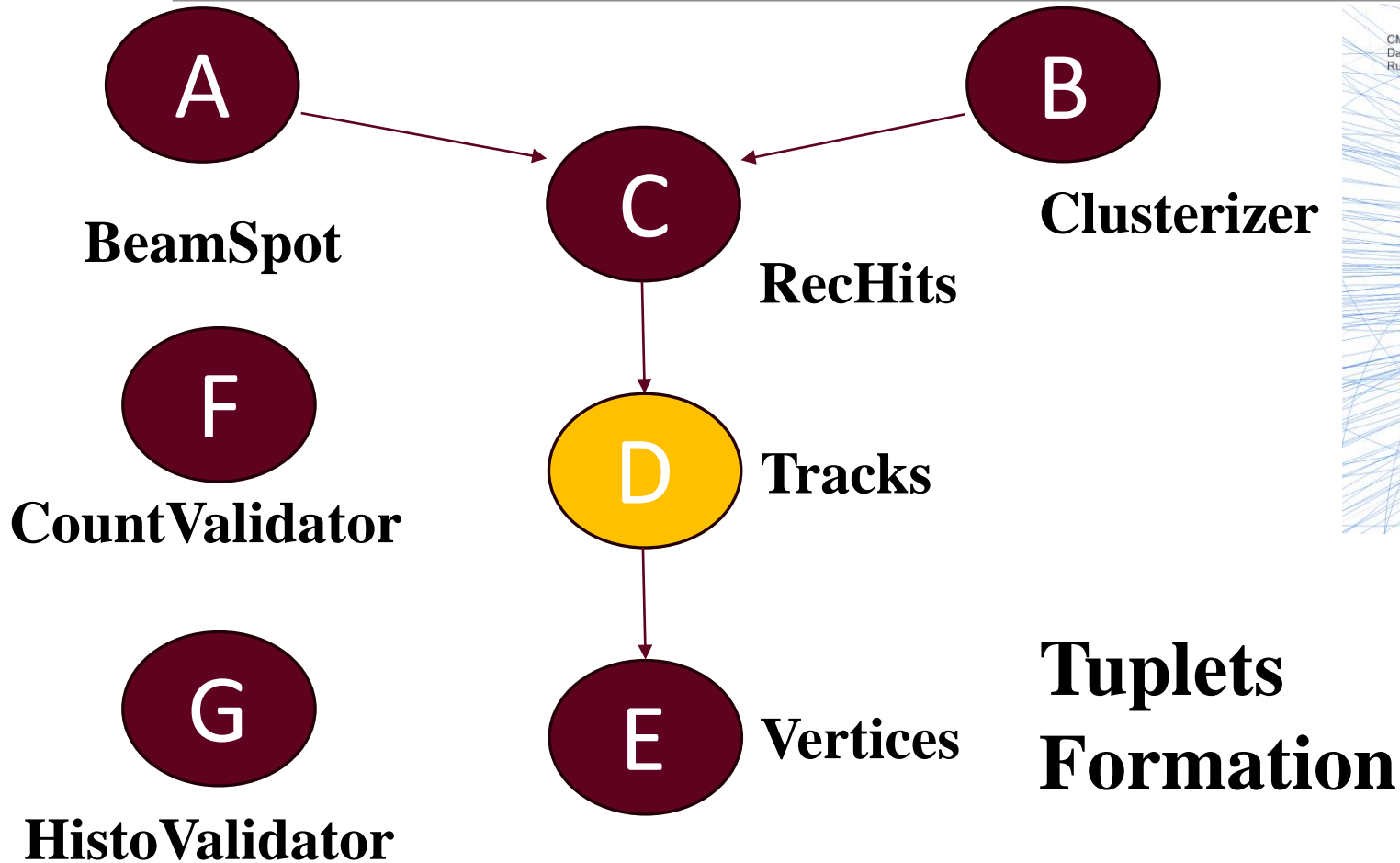


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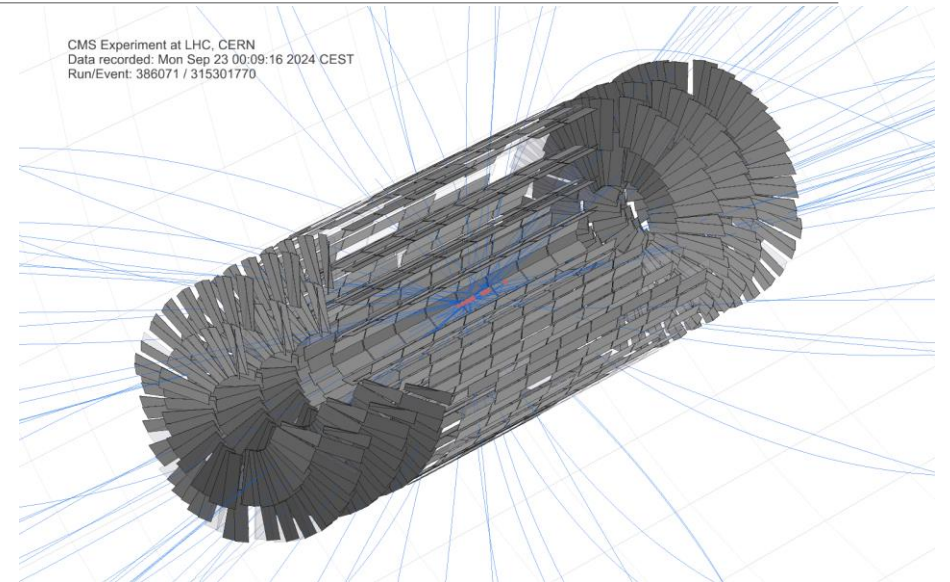
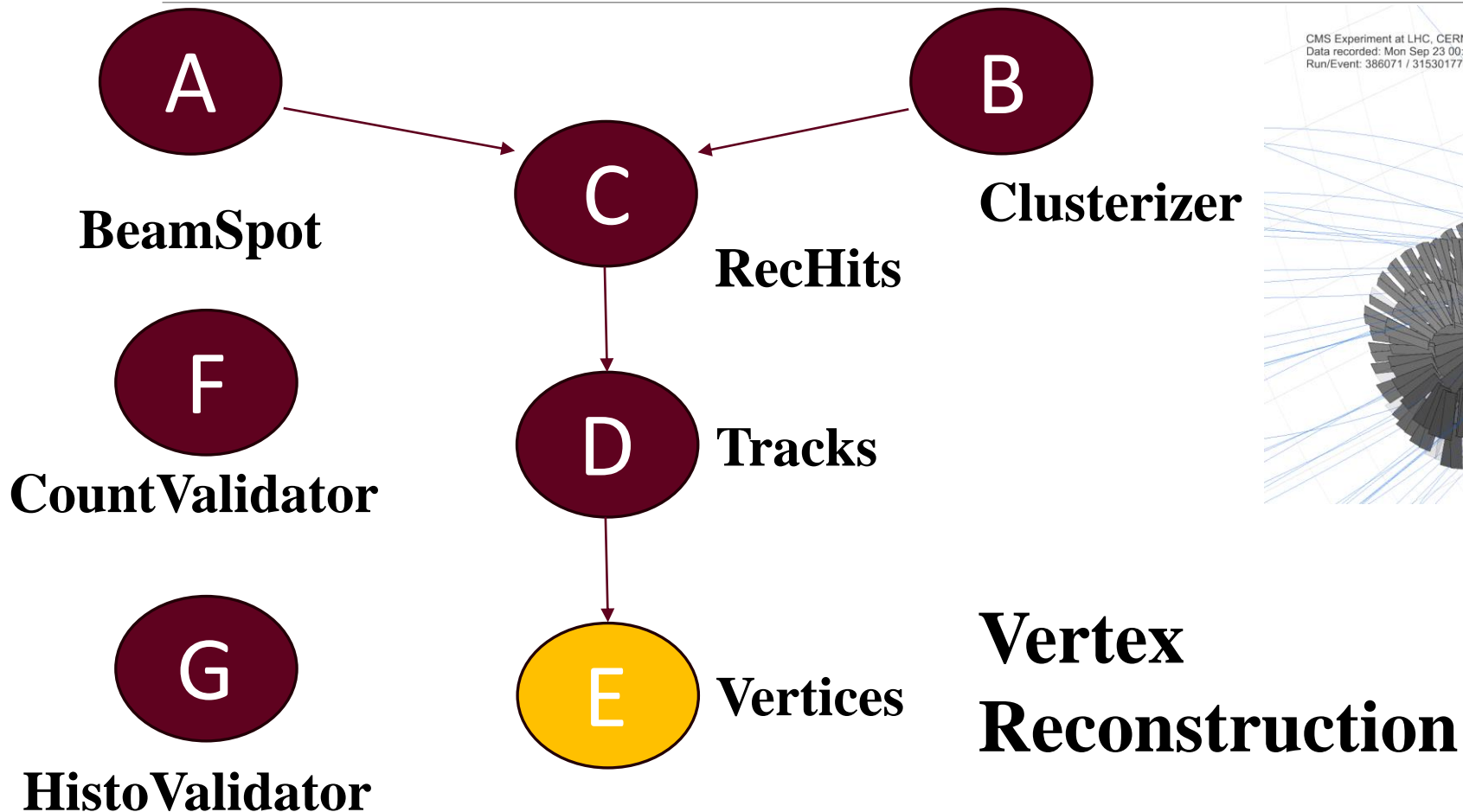


Mapping of Coordinates

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Modules



Overview of the Patatrack Application: Modules



**Vertex
Reconstruction**

Overview of the Patatrack Application: **Framework**

ED Tokens

Task
Scheduling

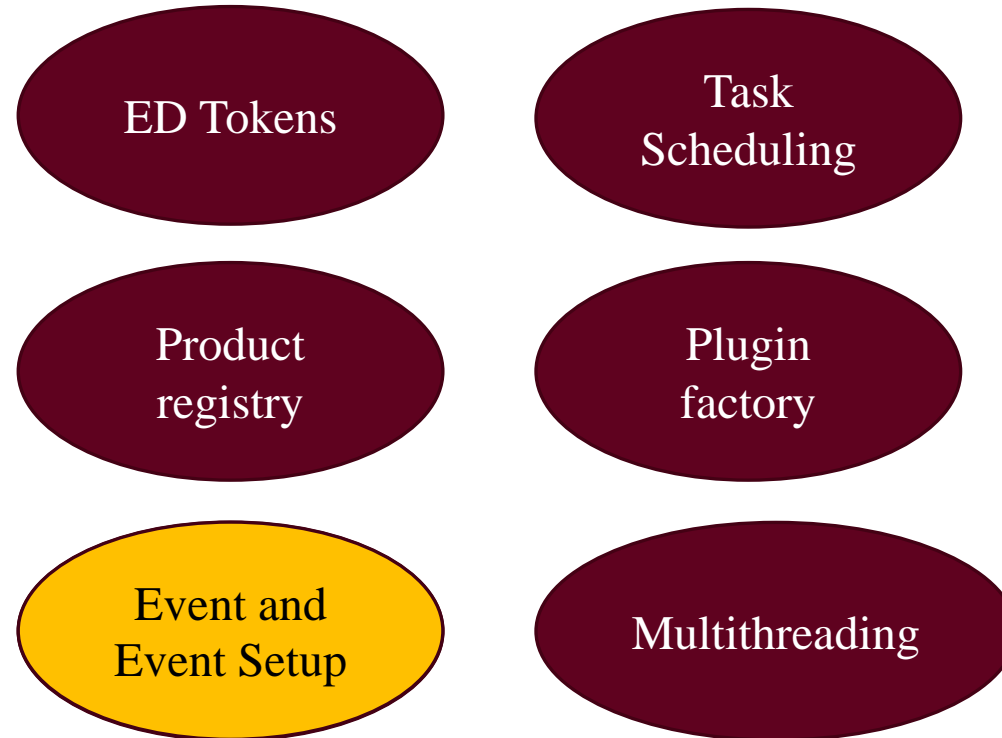
Product
registry

Plugin
factory

Event and
Event Setup

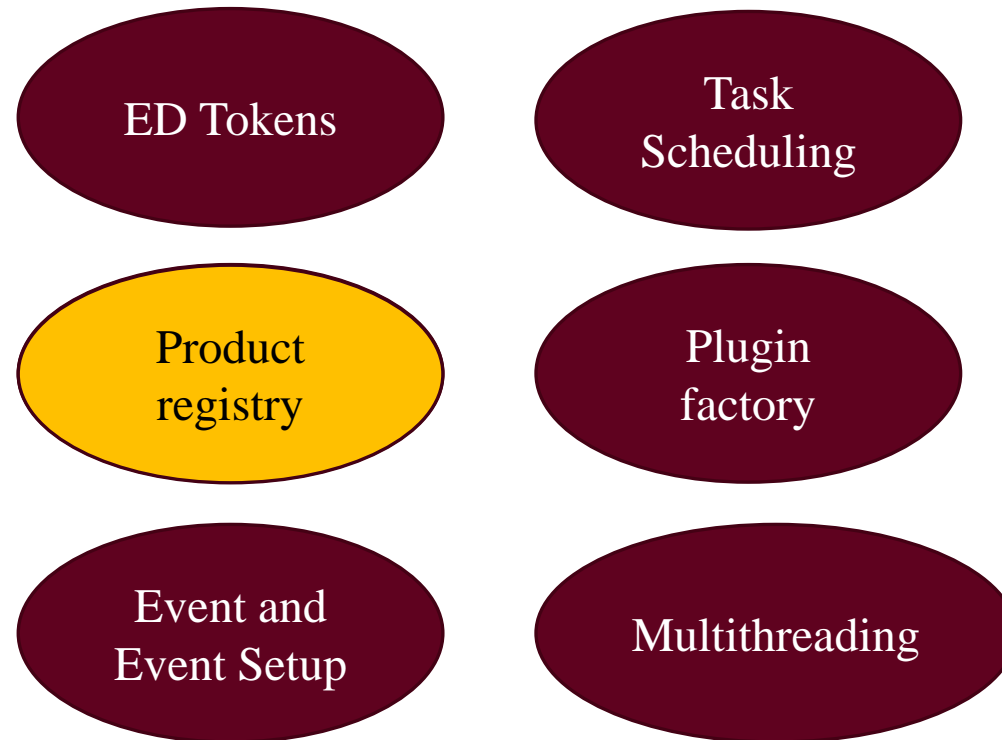
Multithreading

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Framework



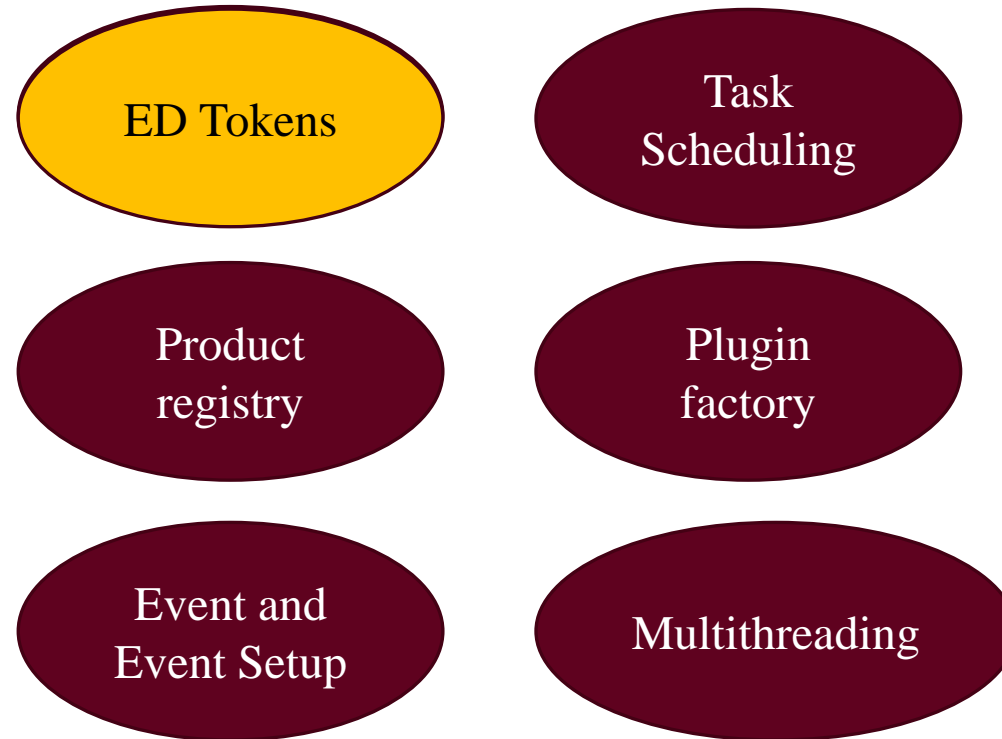
**Placeholder of
Data and
Metadata**

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Framework



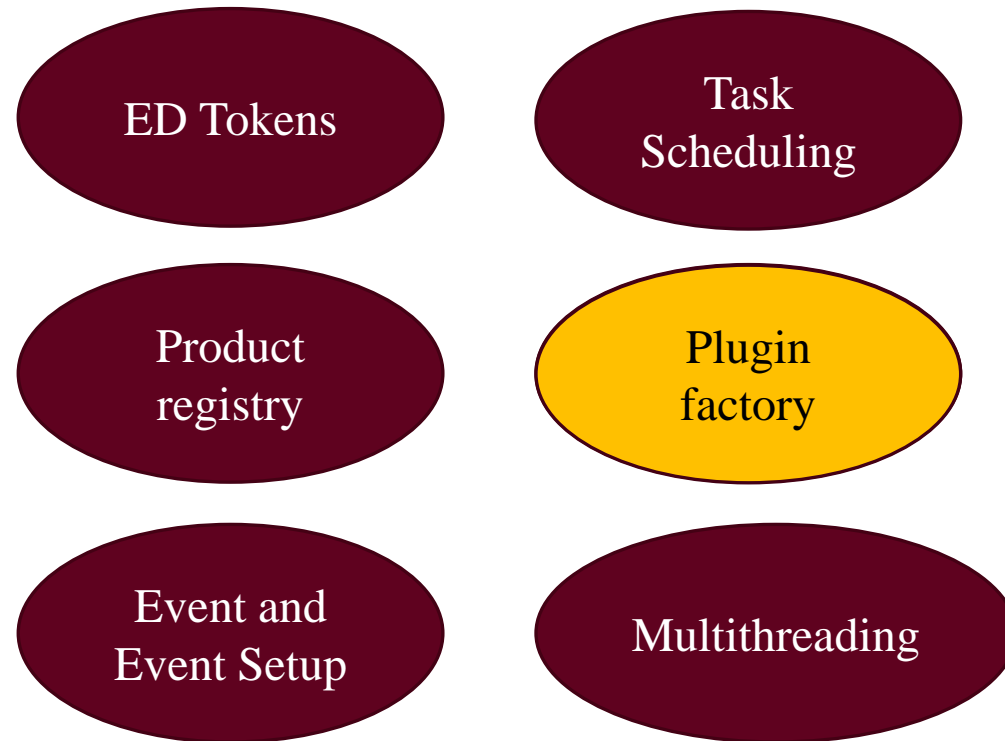
**Interface between
Modules and the
Event**

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Framework



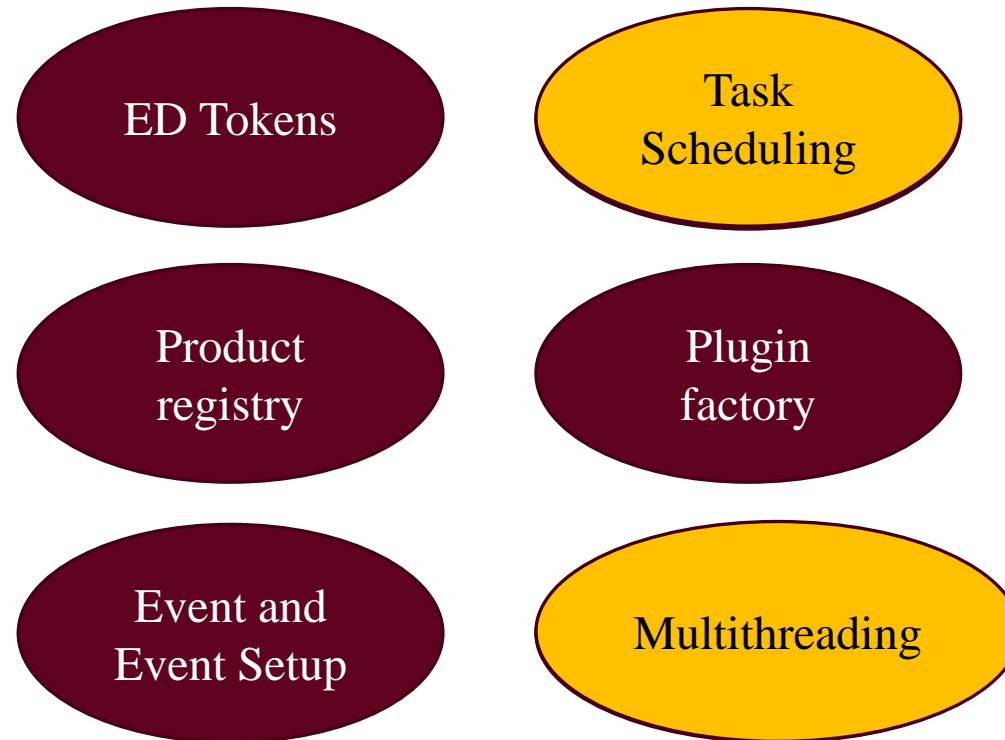
**Used to access
Data from the
Event**

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Framework



**Interface to
instantiate
Modules**

Overview of the Patatrack Application: Framework



**Currently exploring
this in Julia**

Porting C++ to Julia

1. Understand the execution of the Patatrack reconstruction software
2. C++ : `#ifndef include(“macro”)` module reconstruction
3. Zero Index, One Index
4. Type casting
5. Pointers No pointer
6. ES data reading
7. Reinterpret for 32 bit words
8. Performance tips

Module Inclusion and Management in Julia

No Preprocessor: Julia doesn't use `#include` or `#ifdef`

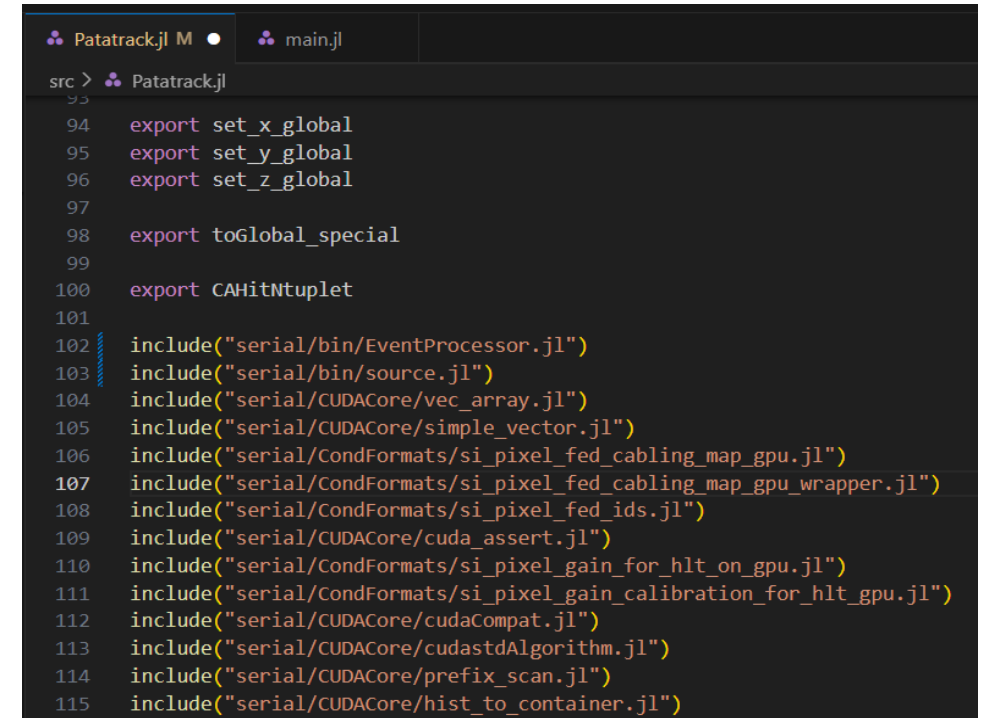
directives like C++

File Inclusion: The `include("file.jl")` function reads and executes files at runtime. Including the same file multiple times can cause errors.

Managing Modules in Patatrack:

Single Point of Inclusion: Each module is included once in the Patatrack package to prevent multiple inclusions.

Controlled Access: Other parts of the program access these modules through Patatrack, ensuring no duplicate file inclusions.



```
Patatrack.jl M • main.jl
src > Patatrack.jl
93
94 export set_x_global
95 export set_y_global
96 export set_z_global
97
98 export toGlobal_special
99
100 export CAHitNtuple
101
102 include("serial/bin/EventProcessor.jl")
103 include("serial/bin/source.jl")
104 include("serial/CUDACore/vec_array.jl")
105 include("serial/CUDACore/simple_vector.jl")
106 include("serial/CondFormats/si_pixel_fed_cabling_map_gpu.jl")
107 include("serial/CondFormats/si_pixel_fed_cabling_map_gpu_wrapper.jl")
108 include("serial/CondFormats/si_pixel_fed_ids.jl")
109 include("serial/CUDACore/cuda_assert.jl")
110 include("serial/CondFormats/si_pixel_gain_for_hlt_on_gpu.jl")
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114 include("serial/CUDACore/prefix_scan.jl")
115 include("serial/CUDACore/hist_to_container.jl")
```

Zero Indexing to One Indexing

All detector metadata (e.g., module indices) are zero-indexed in C++, but Julia uses 1-based indexing, requiring careful adjustment by incrementing indices by one during the transition.

```
module gpuClusterCharge

include("../CUDACore/cuda_assert.jl")
# using .gpuConfig
include("../CUDACore/prefix_scan.jl")
using .prefix_scan.block_prefix_scan
include("../CUDADataFormats/gpu_clustering_constants.jl")
using .CUDADataFormatsSiPixelClusterInterfaceGPUClusteringConstants.pixelGPUConstants.INV_ID, MAX_NUM_CLUSTERS_PER_MODULES, MAX_NUM_MODULES
using Printf

function cluster_charge_cut(id, adc, moduleStart, nClustersInModule, moduleId, clusterId, numElements)
    charge = fill(0, MAX_NUM_CLUSTERS_PER_MODULES) # m
    ok = fill(0, MAX_NUM_CLUSTERS_PER_MODULES) # m
    newclusId = fill(0, MAX_NUM_CLUSTERS_PER_MODULES) # m

    firstModule = 1
    endModule = moduleStart[1]
    for mod ∈ firstModule:endModule
        firstPixel = moduleStart[1 + mod]
        thisModuleId = id[firstPixel]
        @assert thisModuleId < MAX_NUM_MODULES
        @assert thisModuleId == moduleId[mod]
        nClus = nClustersInModule[thisModuleId+1]
        if nClus == 0
            continue
        end
        if nClus > MAX_NUM_CLUSTERS_PER_MODULES
            @printf("Warning too many clusters in module %d in block %d: %d > %d\n",
                thisModuleId,
                0,
                nClus,
                MaxNumClustersPerModules)
        end
    end

    first = firstPixel
end
```

Module Error Toy Example

```
❖ CarFactory.jl > ...  
1  module CarFactory  
2  export Ferrari  
3  
4  struct Ferrari  
5  |   l::Int  
6  end  
7  
8  end  
9
```

```
❖ CarFunctions.jl > ...  
1  module CarFunctions  
2  include("CarFactory.jl")  
3  using .CarFactory  
4  
5  export TurnOn  
6  
7  function TurnOn(obj::Ferrari)  
8  |   return obj  
9  end  
10  
11 end  
12
```

```
❖ Main.jl > ...  
1  include("CarFactory.jl")  
2  include("CarFunctions.jl")  
3  
4  using .CarFactory  
5  using .CarFunctions  
6  
7  FerrariV1 = Ferrari(1)  
8  
9  TurnOn(FerrariV1)  
10
```

```
ERROR: MethodError: no method matching TurnOn(::Ferrari)  
Closest candidates are:  
  TurnOn(::Main.CarFunctions.CarFactory.Ferrari)
```


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Avoiding Pointers

```
// check CRC bit
const uint64_t* trailer = reinterpret_cast<const uint64_t*>(rawData.data()) + (nWords - 1);
if (not errorcheck.checkCRC(errorsInEvent, fedId, trailer, errors_)) {
    continue;
}

// check headers
const uint64_t* header = reinterpret_cast<const uint64_t*>(rawData.data());
header--;
bool moreHeaders = true;
while (moreHeaders) {
    header++;
    bool headerStatus = errorcheck.checkHeader(errorsInEvent, fedId, header, errors_);
    moreHeaders = headerStatus;
}

// check trailers
bool moreTrailers = true;
trailer++;
while (moreTrailers) {
    trailer--;
    bool trailerStatus = errorcheck.checkTrailer(errorsInEvent, fedId, nWords, trailer, errors_);
    moreTrailers = trailerStatus;
}

const uint32_t* bw = (const uint32_t*)(header + 1);
const uint32_t* ew = (const uint32_t*)(trailer);

assert(0 == (ew - bw) % 2);
wordFedAppender->initializeWordFed(fedId, wordCounterGPU, bw, (ew - bw));
wordCounterGPU += (ew - bw);
```

Reinterpret Function

```
counter takes the values from 1 to length
Every Consecutive 4 bytes are reinterpreted as one word UInt32
the fed_ids array is filled with the fed_id value in the range ceiling((word_counter + 1) / 2) up to (wod_counter + length) ÷ 2

function initialize_word_fed(word_fed_appender::WordFedAppender, fed_id::Integer, src::AbstractArray, word_counter_gpu::Integer)
    len = length(src) ÷ 4
    for index ∈ (word_counter_gpu+1):(word_counter_gpu + len)
        counter = index - word_counter_gpu
        start_index_byte = 4*(counter-1) + 1
        word_32 = view(src, start_index_byte:start_index_byte+3)
        ← get_word(word_fed_appender)[index] = reinterpret(UInt32, word_32)[1]
    end
    get_fed_id(word_fed_appender)[(cld((word_counter_gpu+1), 2):(word_counter_gpu + len) ÷ 2)] .= (fed_id - 1200)
end
```

C++20 `std::bit_cast` : https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/numeric/bit_cast

Performance



Initial Results

```
PROBLEMS 15 OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL
No forwarded ports. Forward a port
to access your locally running
services over the internet.
Forward a Port
'decoding 43932 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 56912 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 44420 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 58260 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 54904 digis. Max is 300000 '
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'decoding 70198 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 51700 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 66894 digis. Max is 300000 '
'decoding 58026 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 95.222530 seconds (907.70 M allocations: 97.972 GiB, 9.36% gc time, 0.32% compilation time)
* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
: CMS-Julia Ln 48, Col 7 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CRLF Julia Main
```

1000 Events / 95.2 Seconds = 10.5 Events / Second

Initial Results - Cont'd

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```

1000 Events / 95.2 Seconds = 10.5 Events / Second only on Clusterizer

Heap allocations reducing time performance !!

Julia Documentation

```
julia> @time sum_global()
0.011539 seconds (9.08 k allocations: 373.386 KiB, 98.69% compilation time)
523.0007221951678

julia> @time sum_global()
0.000091 seconds (3.49 k allocations: 70.156 KiB)
523.0007221951678
```

“Unexpected memory allocation is almost always a sign of some problem with your code, usually a problem with type-stability or creating many small temporary arrays. Consequently, in addition to the allocation itself, it's very likely that the code generated for your function is far from optimal. Take such indications seriously and follow the advice below.”

Vector to SVector

```
function to find floor(log2(n)) in loglog(32)
function i_log_2(v::UInt32)::UInt32
    b::Vector{UInt32} = [0x2,0xC,0xF0,0xFF00,0xFFFF0000]
    s::Vector{UInt32} = [ 1,2,4,8,16]
    r::UInt32 = 0

    for i ∈ 5:-1:1
        if (v & b[i]) != 0
            v >>= s[i]
            r |= s[i]
        end
    end
    return r
end
```

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    s = SVector{5,UInt32}(1,2,4,8,16)
    r::UInt32 = 0

    for i ∈ 5:-1:1
        if (v & b[i]) != 0
            v >>= s[i]
            r |= s[i]
        end
    end
    return r
end
```

```
decoding 47758 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.023656 seconds (145.55 k allocations: 21.667 MiB)
decoding 46898 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.050435 seconds (142.97 k allocations: 21.447 MiB)
decoding 46596 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.053570 seconds (142.07 k allocations: 21.395 MiB)
decoding 66534 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.079951 seconds (201.94 k allocations: 26.329 MiB)
```

```
decoding 47758 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.004317 seconds (2.45 k allocations: 10.022 MiB)
decoding 46898 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.004396 seconds (2.45 k allocations: 10.011 MiB)
decoding 46596 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.004373 seconds (2.46 k allocations: 10.034 MiB)
decoding 66534 digis. Max is 300000 '
' 0.005116 seconds (2.50 k allocations: 10.099 MiB)
```

Before

After

Views For Slices

In Julia, an array "slice" expression like `array[1:5, :]` creates a copy of that data (except on the left-hand side of an assignment, where `array[1:5, :] = ...` assigns in-place to that portion of array).

```
moreHeaders = true
while moreHeaders
    headerStatus = check_header(error_check,errors_in_event, fed_id, header
    moreHeaders = headerStatus
    if moreHeaders
        header_byte_start += 8
        header = (data(rawData)[header_byte_start:header_byte_start+7])
    end
end

moreTrailer = true
while (moreTrailer)
    trailerStatus = check_trailer(error_check,errors_in_event, fed_id, n_wor
    moreTrailer = trailerStatus
    if moreTrailer
        trailer_byte_start -= 8
        trailer = (dataFormats.data(rawData),trailer_byte_start:trailer_byt
    end
end
```

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        header_byte_start += 8
        header = @views (data(rawData)[header_byte_start:header_byte_start+7])
    end
end

moreTrailer = true
while (moreTrailer)
    trailerStatus = check_trailer(error_check,errors_in_event, fed_id, n_words
    moreTrailer = trailerStatus
    if moreTrailer
        trailer_byte_start -= 8
        trailer = @views (dataFormats.data(rawData),trailer_byte_start:trailer
    end
end
```

After

After

Abstract Type Within Struct

```
Pixel Struct to store local coordinates inside ROC or global coordinates after mapping the local coordinates into its global coordinates within the module  
mutable struct Pixel  
    row::Integer  
    col::Integer
```

before

```
decoding 48316 digis. Max is 300000 '  
' 0.158097 seconds (176.75 k allocations: 17.217 MiB, 94.04% compilation time)  
decoding 67188 digis. Max is 300000 '  
' 0.004766 seconds (67.80 k allocations: 8.988 MiB)  
* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
```

after

```
• Activating project at `c:\Users\khale\OneDrive\Desktop\CernProjectLocal\CMS-Julia`  
decoding 48316 digis. Max is 300000 '  
' 0.152073 seconds (128.44 k allocations: 15.742 MiB, 94.07% compilation time)  
decoding 67188 digis. Max is 300000 '  
' 0.002882 seconds (667 allocations: 6.939 MiB)  
* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
```

Type Instability: Type of member Variable not known at compile time, Compiler Allocates Extra memory on Heap. Dynamic Dispatch due to runtime type check slows down performance

After Other Optimizations...

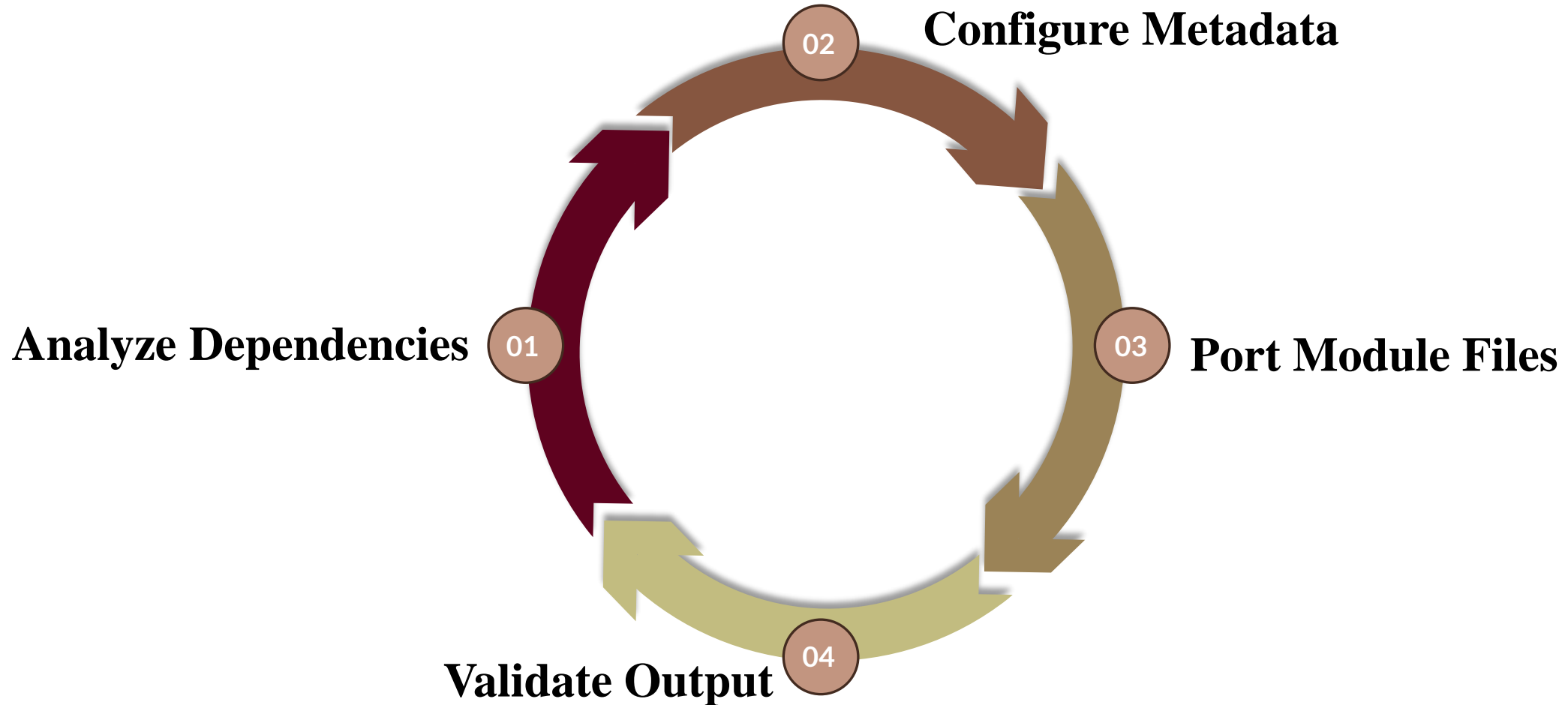
```
TERMINAL
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        'decoding 66894 digis. Max is 300000 '
        'decoding 58026 digis. Max is 300000 '
        ' 19.703 s (8002529 allocations: 43.64 GiB)
        * Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
```

```
1828
decoding 58026 digis. Max is 300000
1807
Processed 1000 events in 1.461950e+01 seconds, throughput 68.4018 events/s, CPU usage per thread: 68.5%
khaled47@khaled47-virtual-machine:~/Desktop/cernProject/pixeltrack-standalone$
```

Run Time Drops to 19.7 seconds (9 seconds on Ayman's Macbook M1 Processor)

Run Time C++ 14.6 seconds (6 seconds on Ayman's Macbook M1 Processor)

The Process



Achievements



Patatrack 16th Hackathon Results



```
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```


Patatrack 16th Hackathon Results- Cont'd



Status

- Configured ES Producers to read data from Cabling.bin, FedId.bin and Gain.bin.
- Pushed the results to EventSetup.

Unpacker (Raw to Digi) ← Validation on going 🎉🎉🎉

↓

Clusterize (Digi to Cluster) ← Running successfully!

```
created 175031 digis in 8960 clusters
before charge cut found 8960 clusters
last module is 1799 10
ncl: 8960 nclus from function: 8960
```


Clusterizer Validation

testingClustersDigisIds.txt

Files are identical

1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	1
8	1
9	2
10	2
11	2
12	2
13	3
14	3
15	3
16	3

testing2.txt

Files are identical

1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	0
7	1
8	1
9	2
10	2
11	2
12	2
13	3
14	3
15	3
16	3
17	3

Cluster Ids of digis Validated

RecHits Validation

```
[mcharaf@lxpplus928 PROJECT]$ diff RecHitsJulia.txt RecHitsC++.txt  
[mcharaf@lxpplus928 PROJECT]$ █
```

Doublets Validation

```
[mcharaf@lxplus928 PROJECT]$ diff DoubletsJulia.txt DoubletsC++.txt  
[mcharaf@lxplus928 PROJECT]$ █
```

Running Time: Up to Doublets

C++:

```
Processed 1000 events in 3.180145e+01 seconds
```

 31.8 Seconds

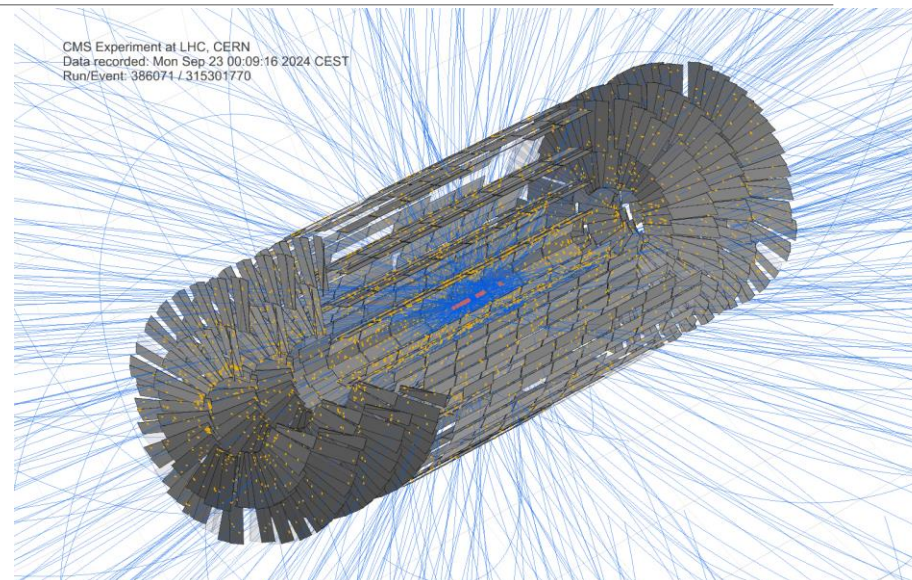
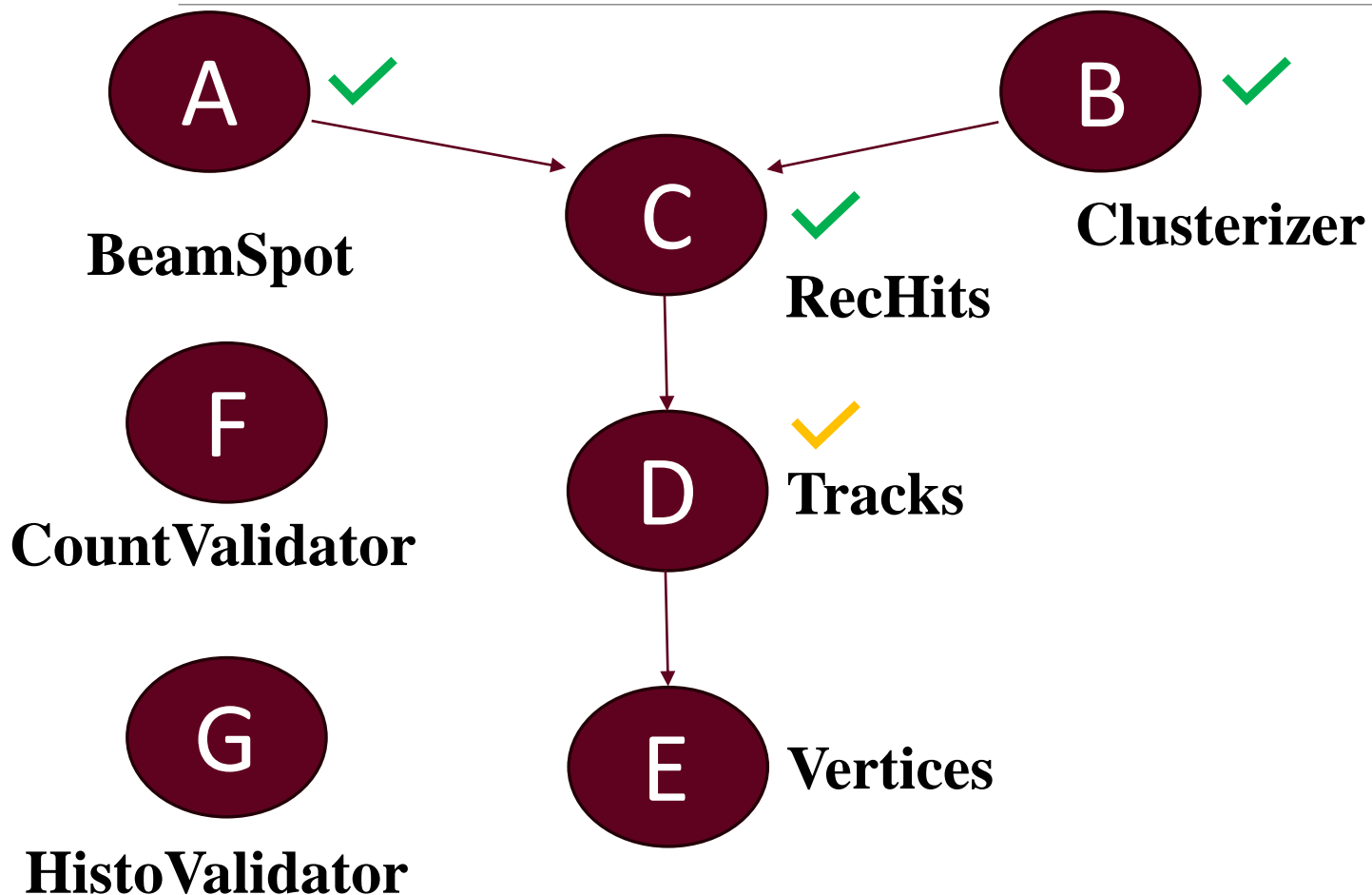
Julia:

```
35.081 s (235105557 allocations: 76.85 GiB)
```

```
* Terminal will be reused by tasks, press any key to close it.
```

 35.1 Seconds

Ported 100% of the local reconstruction



Ongoing Activities:

- **Precompilation and Distribution**
 - `PackageCompiler.jl`
- **Multithreading**
 - `Threads.@threads`
 - `FLoops.jl`
 - `ThreadPools.jl`
- **GPU Integration**
 - `CUDA.jl`

Next Steps and Future Work

- Integrate GPU acceleration into the entire application.
- Optimize Performance.
- Share findings to encourage more adoption of Julia in scientific computing!

Conclusion

- **Advantages gained from using Julia**
 - Syntax that is easier to read and write
 - Automatic memory management
 - Large Ecosystem
- **Key Accomplishments**
 - Significant strides in initial implementations and testing.
- **Remaining Challenges**
 - Address multithreading, pre-compilation, and GPU integration.
- **Future Vision**
 - Enhance both development speed and runtime performance.

Thank You!

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