AliRoot & Root6

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Root6

- Ongoing effort (2012-...)
- Main changes (my "ALICE-centric" opinion):
 - CLING/CLANG/IIvm instead of CINT
 - C++11 support
 - possibility for parallelization
 - many improvements/redesign/refactoring
- Release plans
 - First test release (tag): end of November'2013
 - Production release: May'2014
- Weekly coordination meeting with the LHC experiments
 - Very good collaboration with the Root team!

AliRoot changes for Root6

- Summer 2013 dev branch, running reconstruction and simulation
 - Some CMake prototyping
- October 2013 Root6-enabled version in the trunk
 - Thanks to Christian for the enthusiastic work and to the detector experts for the fast feedback!
 - Tested with Root5 in the analysis tags, no regression
 - Local performance tests

Running with Root6: user point of view

 Main difference: we cannot load the library and create an object from it in the same C++ macro

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- Instead of mymacro.C
gSystem->Load("MyLib.so");
MyObj * obj = new MyObj;
- Use two macros:
load.C containing gSystem->Load("MyLib.so");
mymacro.C containing MyObj * obj = new MyObj;
- In batch you can have run.C that contains two lines
gROOT->Macro("load.C");
gROOT->Macro("mymacro.C");
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- You also cannot unload libraries, exit the Root session
- Both issues will be fixed in the May'2014 release of Root

Some performance comparisons

Simulation of 200 min bias pp. events (Root6 faster)

- Root6: 11949 s

Root5: 12388 s

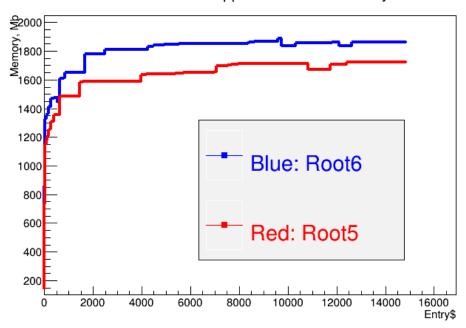
Reconstruction of the same events (Root6 slower)

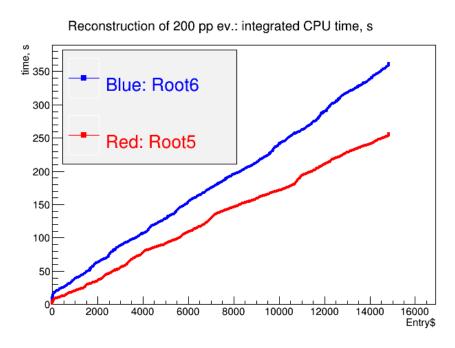
Root6: 545 s

Root5: 455 s

Reconstruction: memory and user CPU

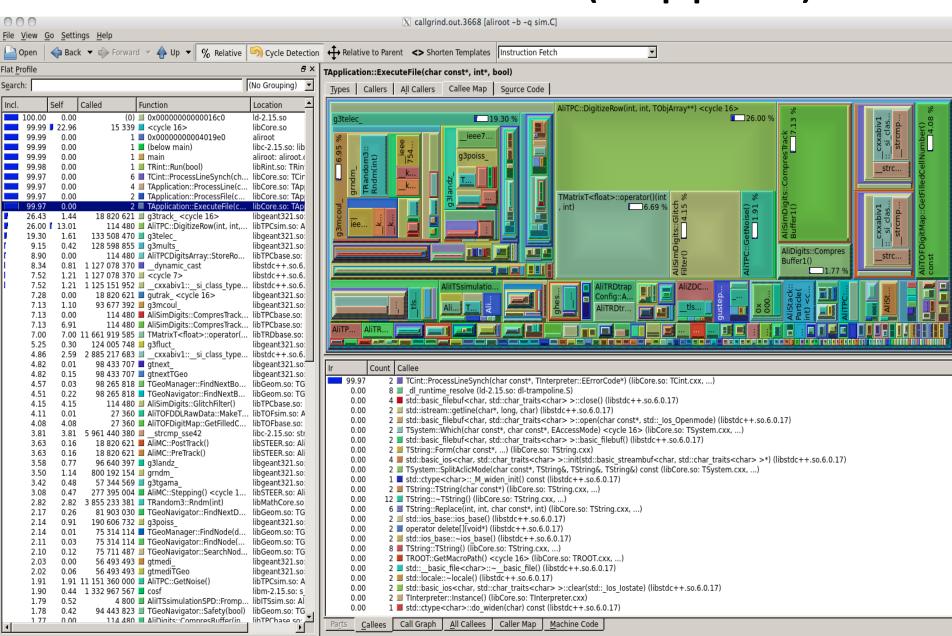
Reconstruction of 200 pp ev.: resident memory





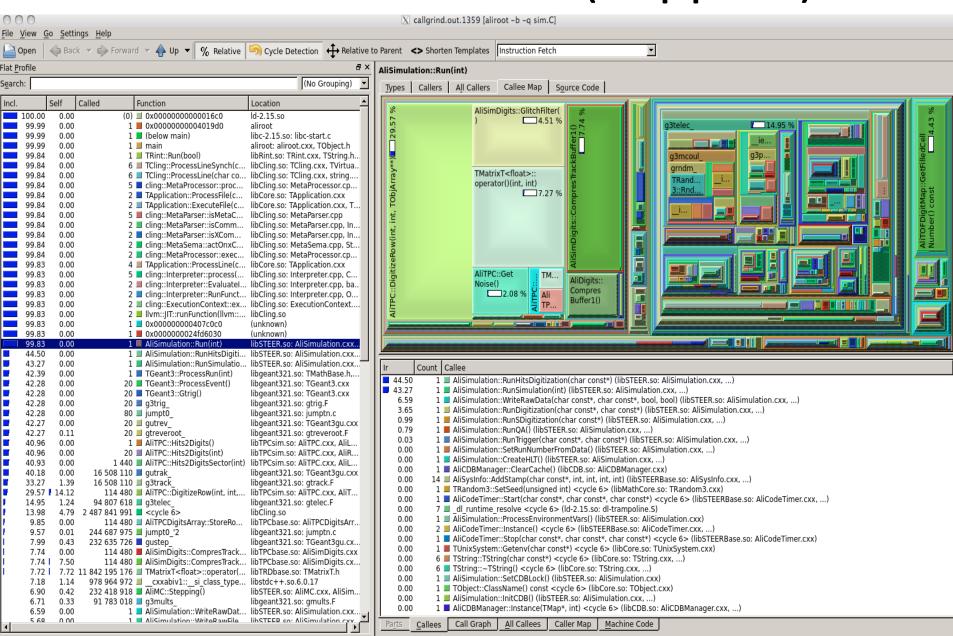
Inconsistency? It looks like we do not integrate all the CPU time.

Simulation: Root5 (20pp ev.)



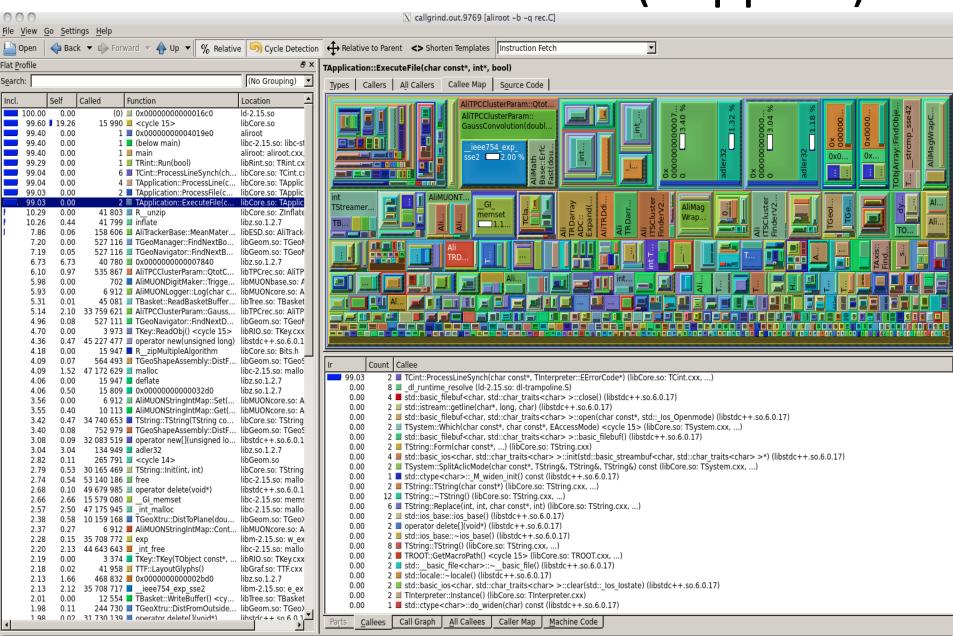
callgrind.out.3668 [1] - Total Instruction Fetch Cost: 5 829 030 306 256

Simulation: Root6 (20pp ev.)



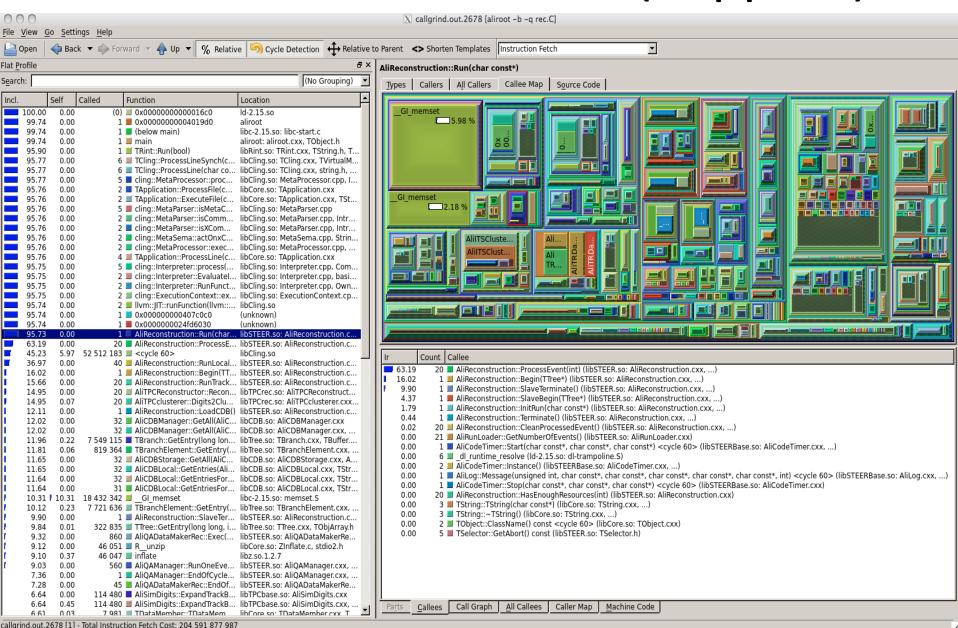
callgrind.out.1359 [1] - Total Instruction Fetch Cost: 5 368 839 138 242

Reconstruction: Root5 (20pp ev.)



callgrind.out.9769 [1] - Total Instruction Fetch Cost: 143 206 021 816

Reconstruction: Root6 (20pp ev.)



Plans

- More comparisons and performance studies:
 - Using predefined kinematics tree in the simulation and the same digits/raw in the reconstruction
 - Using PbPb benchmark
 - Using real data (pp, PbPb, pPb)
- Solve the performance issues (if they are confirmed)
- GRID test with Root6: simulation and reconstruction
- GRID test: analysis train
- Profit from these studies to improve AliRoot

Conclusions

- We are ready to test Root6 in production
- The transition to Root6 will depend on the results of the tests
- Everybody is encouraged to try Root6 in "test mode"