Raw-data display and visual reconstruction validation in ALICE

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ALICE computing environment

ALICE + ROOT → AliROOT ♥

- Only external dependencies are transport engines
- Runs on almost every os/arch (but windows)

Event data is stored in a set of ROOT files:

- split by detector and type; e.g. TPC.Digits.root
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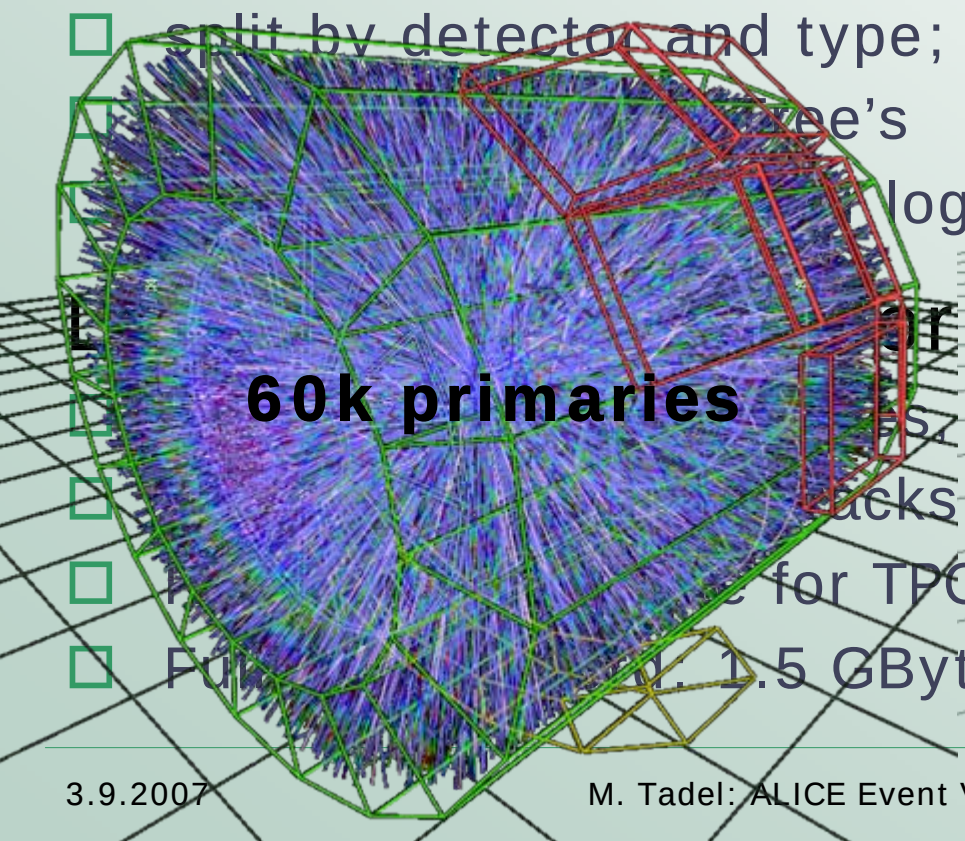
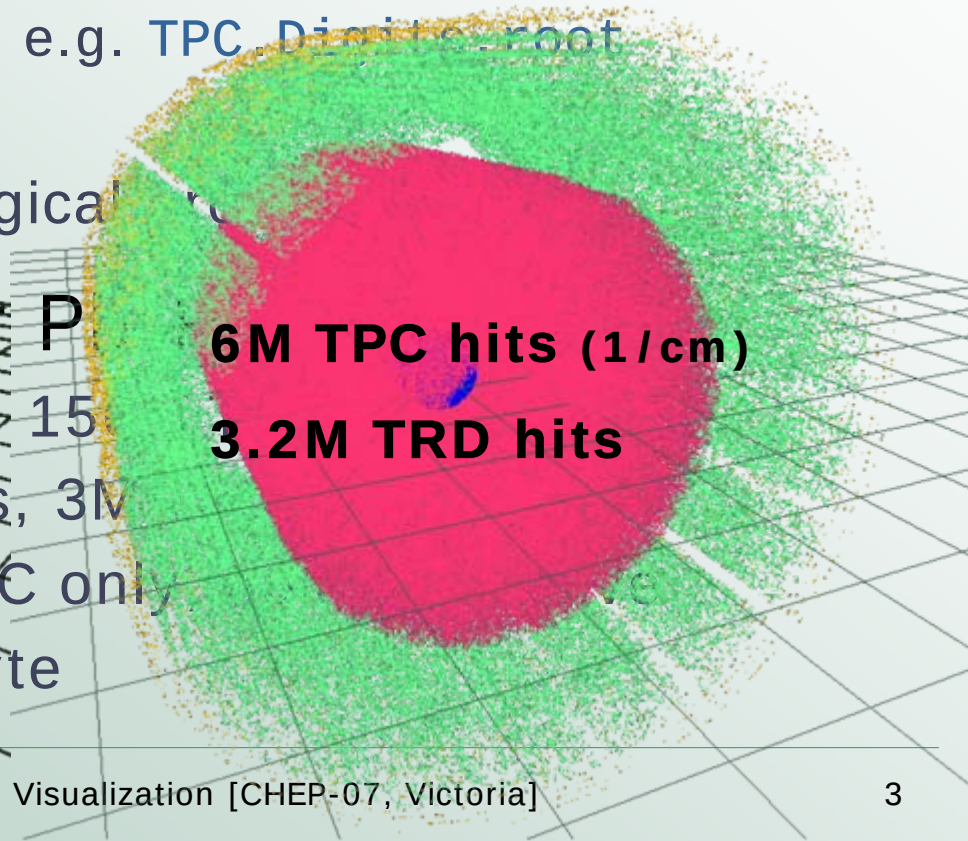




Event Visualization Environment I.

Requirements – what to display:

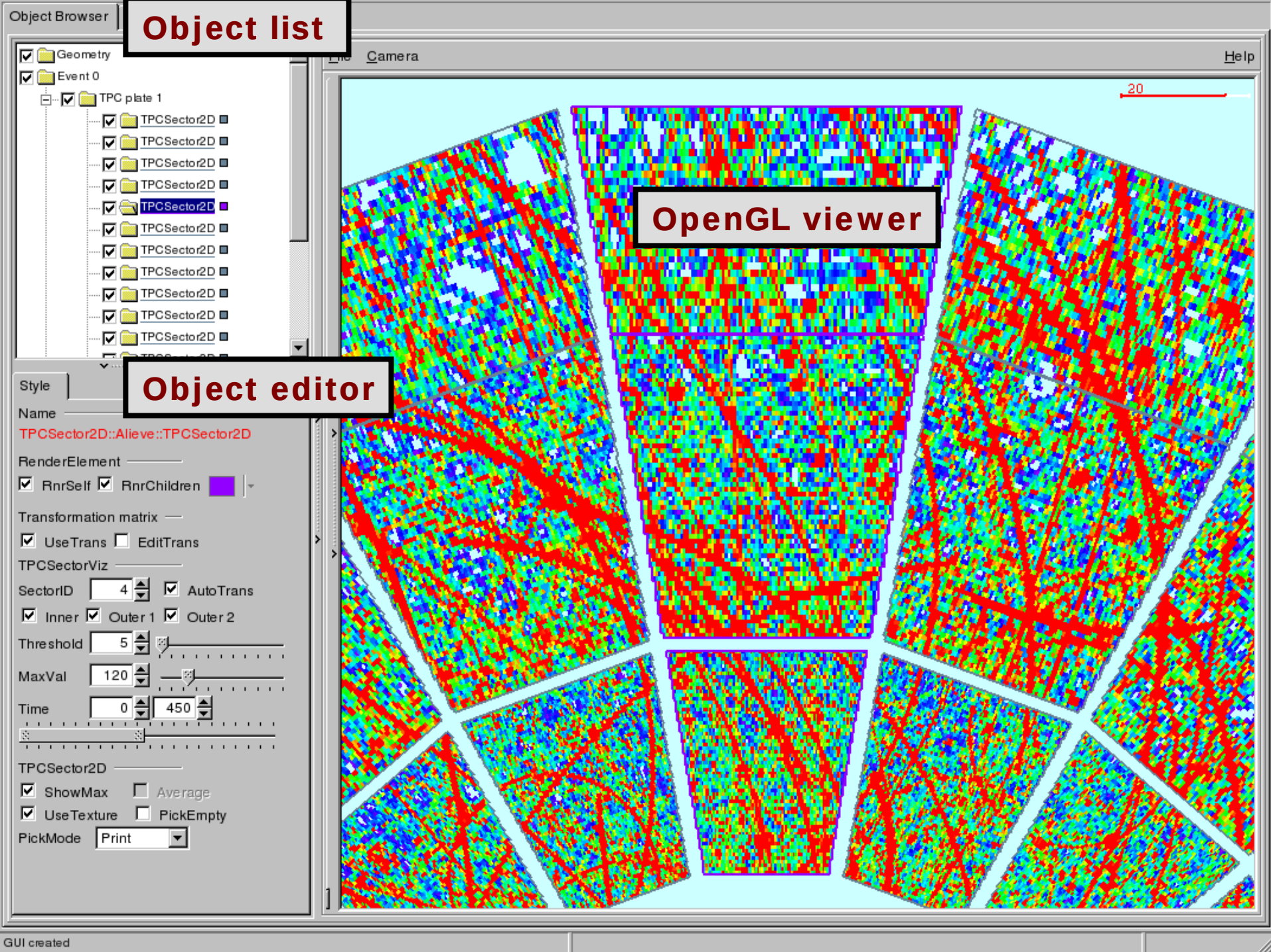
1. Geometry, simulation & reconstruction data
2. Raw-data
3. Top-level trigger events and monitoring data
4. On-line detector monitoring data

Allow progressive introduction of functionality:

simple things must be simple, complicated possible.

Implementation – how to do it:

1. EVE – extendible framework, not a monolithic application
2. Build on top of ROOT: GUI, OpenGL for 3D graphics
3. Use same philosophy: modular, loosely coupled class toolbox
4. Provide new elements as needed:
   i. Put basic / low-level development back into ROOT
   ii. Build composite / top-level elements from those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GUI created

Event Visualization Environment II.

Two main modules:

1. Reve/ ROOT only, **is becoming a ROOT module**
   1. Application core
   2. Framework base-classes for GUI and VIZ
   3. Basic visualization classes (points, tracks, raw-base, ...)

   All with GUI editors and GL renderers!
2. Alieve/ AliROOT
   1. Event loading / navigation
   2. Classes for detector-module representation (raw-data)
   3. CINT scripts that perform data extraction

Application core:

1. Management of browsers and viewers
2. Registration of visualization objects (global / event)
3. Execution environment for CINT scripts
4. Event management & navigation

Standard visualization classes

Geometry:

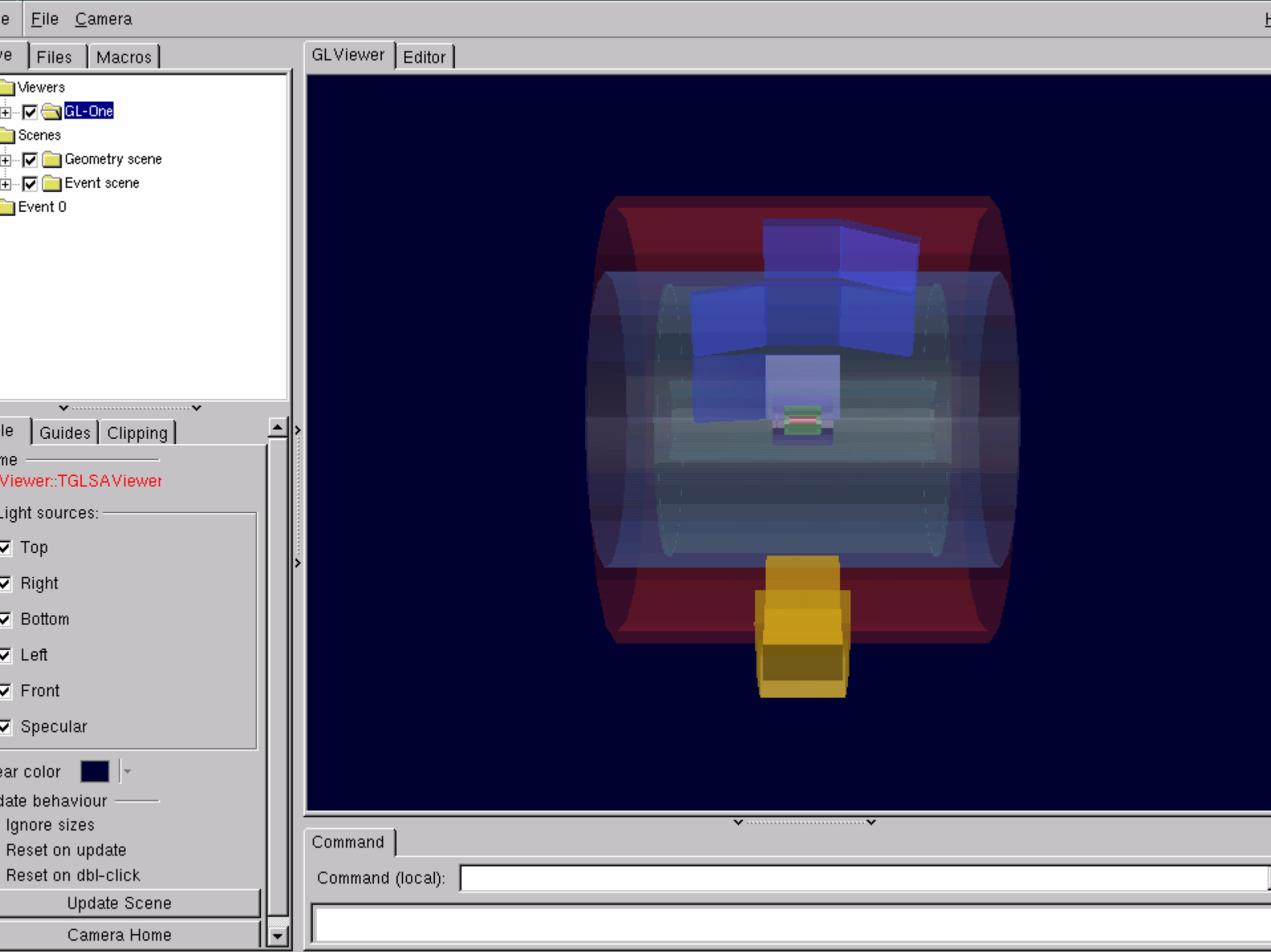
a) Direct usage via TGeoPainter: requires geometry
b) Extracted shape-data: standalone, fully configurable

Hits, clusters:

- PointSet: per-point TRef (optionally owned by the object)
  Special TSelector provided for filling - use Tree machinery
- PointSetArray: an array of point-sets - interactive histogram
  Select on external criteria provided during filling

Trajectories, particles, tracks:

- Track: supports extrapolation in (const) magnetic field
  Can specify position/momentum at:
  1. arbitrary reference points (enter/leave certain volume)
  2. daughter creation points / momentum
  3. decay points
- TrackList – an array of tracks
  Interactive selection on standard track parameters: pT, chi2, ...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Command (local):

Raw-data visualization classes

Digits, raw-data:

- QuadSet – set of rectangles, lines or hexagons
  - Supports per quad TRef → secondary-selection
  - Used for silicon detectors, TRD, TOF, PMD, ...
- BoxSet – set of boxes (calorimeters)
- TriangleSet – arbitrary triangle mesh or soup

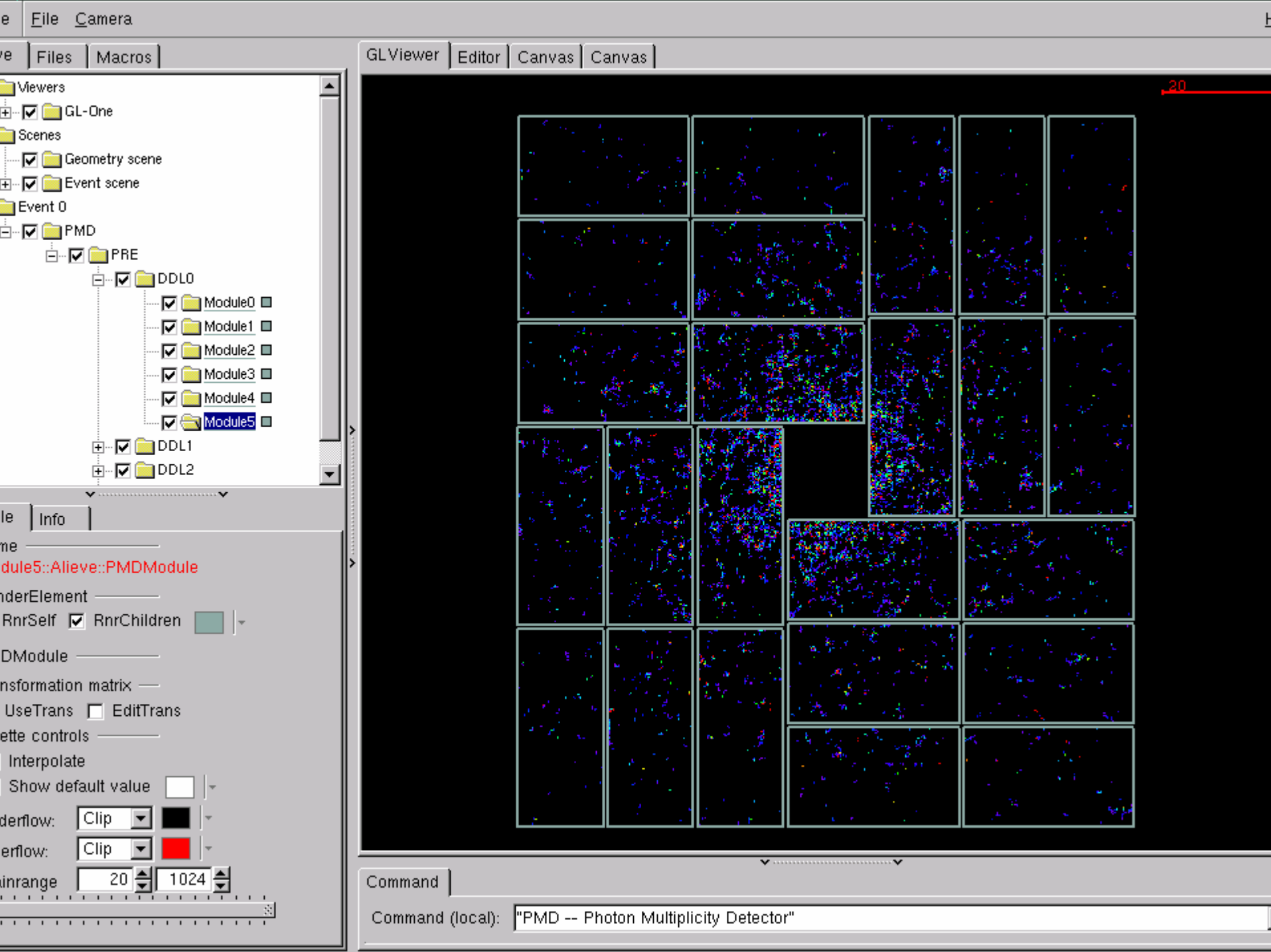
All optimized for small memory usage and fast rendering!

Support classes:

Instances shared among several modules

- RGBAPalette: map signal to colors + thresholds
- FrameBox: provide a uniform frame

Ref-counting (auto-deletion) & back-refs (update)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Command (local):
"PMD -- Photon Multiplicity Detector"

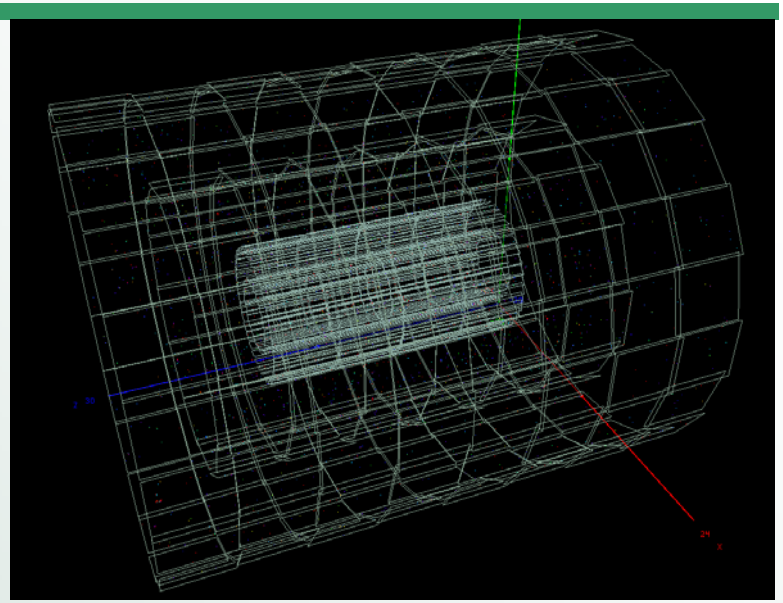
Intermediate-level raw-data inspection

Two common problems:

I. detectors hide each other

II. individual digit is too small

3D view nonsensical …

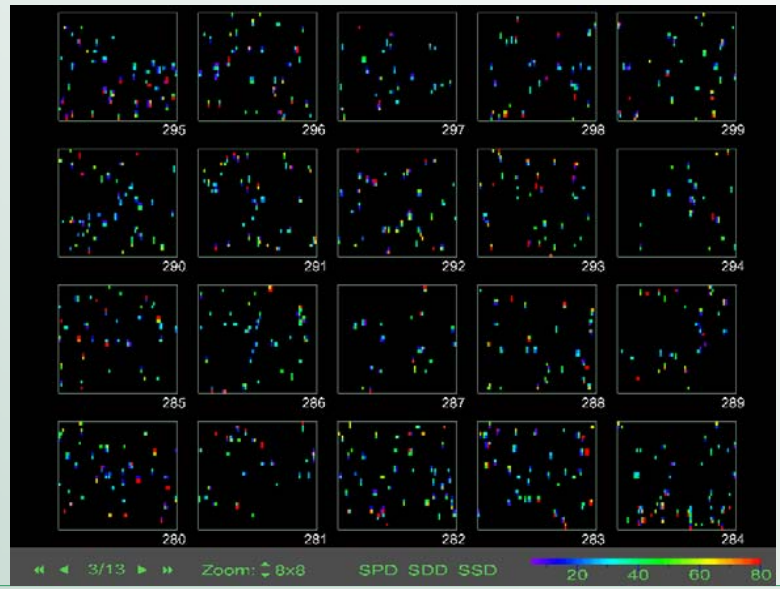


I. Planar layout w/ pager

View as many modules as possible

Arrange them in pages

Provide selection (by type, phi, eta, …)

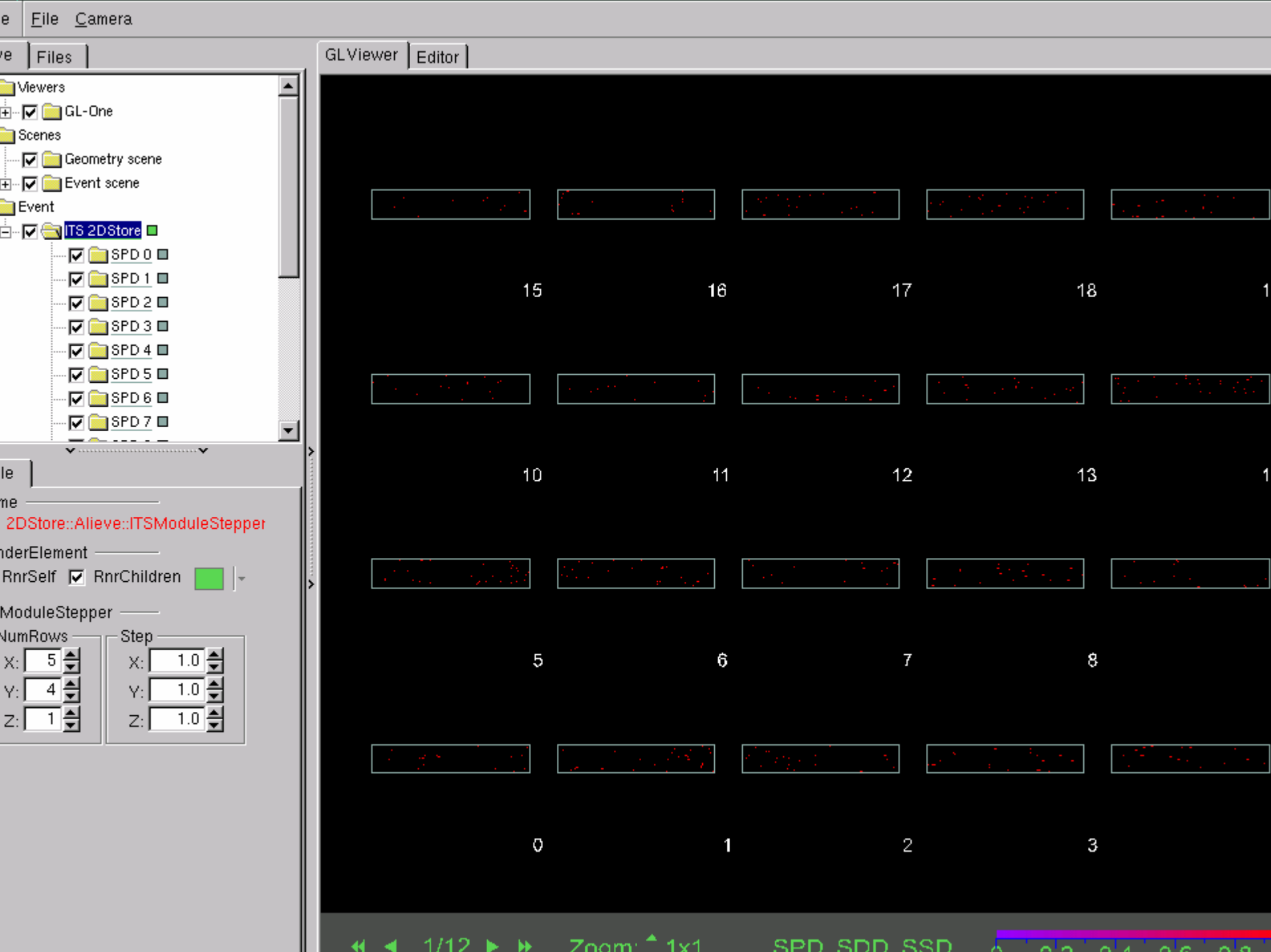


II. Digit scaling

Accumulate nearby digits.

Show statistical quantities for group:

- average, RMS
- occupancy
- min / max values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SPD SPD SSD

TPC raw-data visualization

75% of data-volume (60MBytes for Pb-Pb)

SectorViz (base-class)

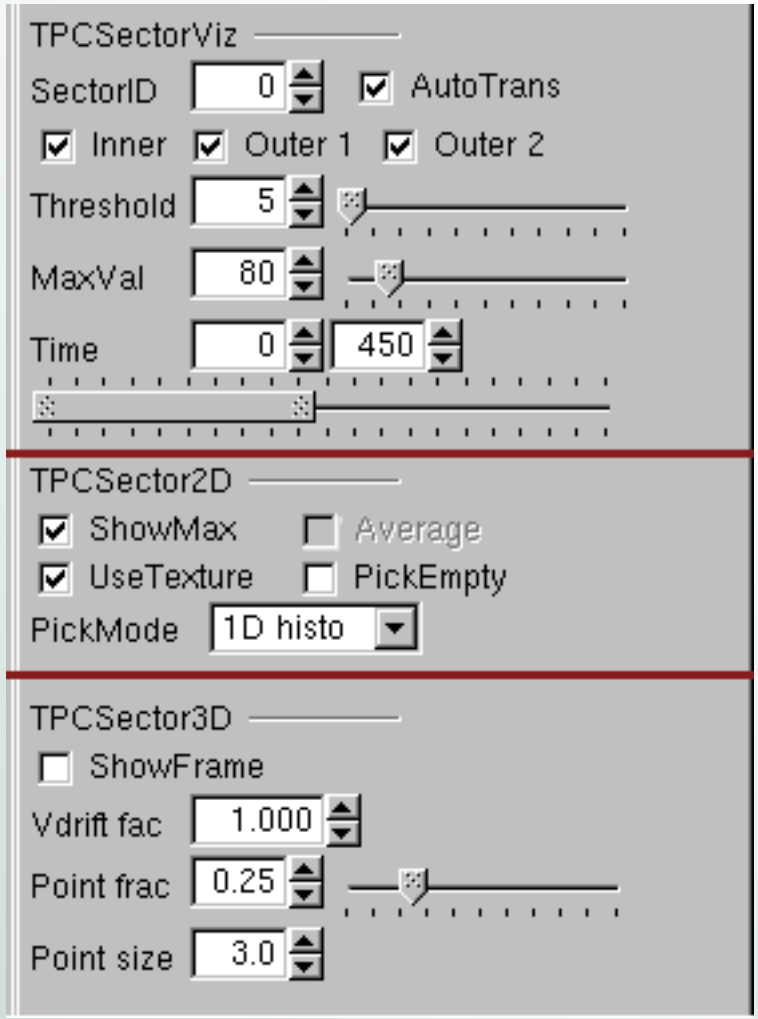
- sector id, part selection
- threshold and saturation
- time-range

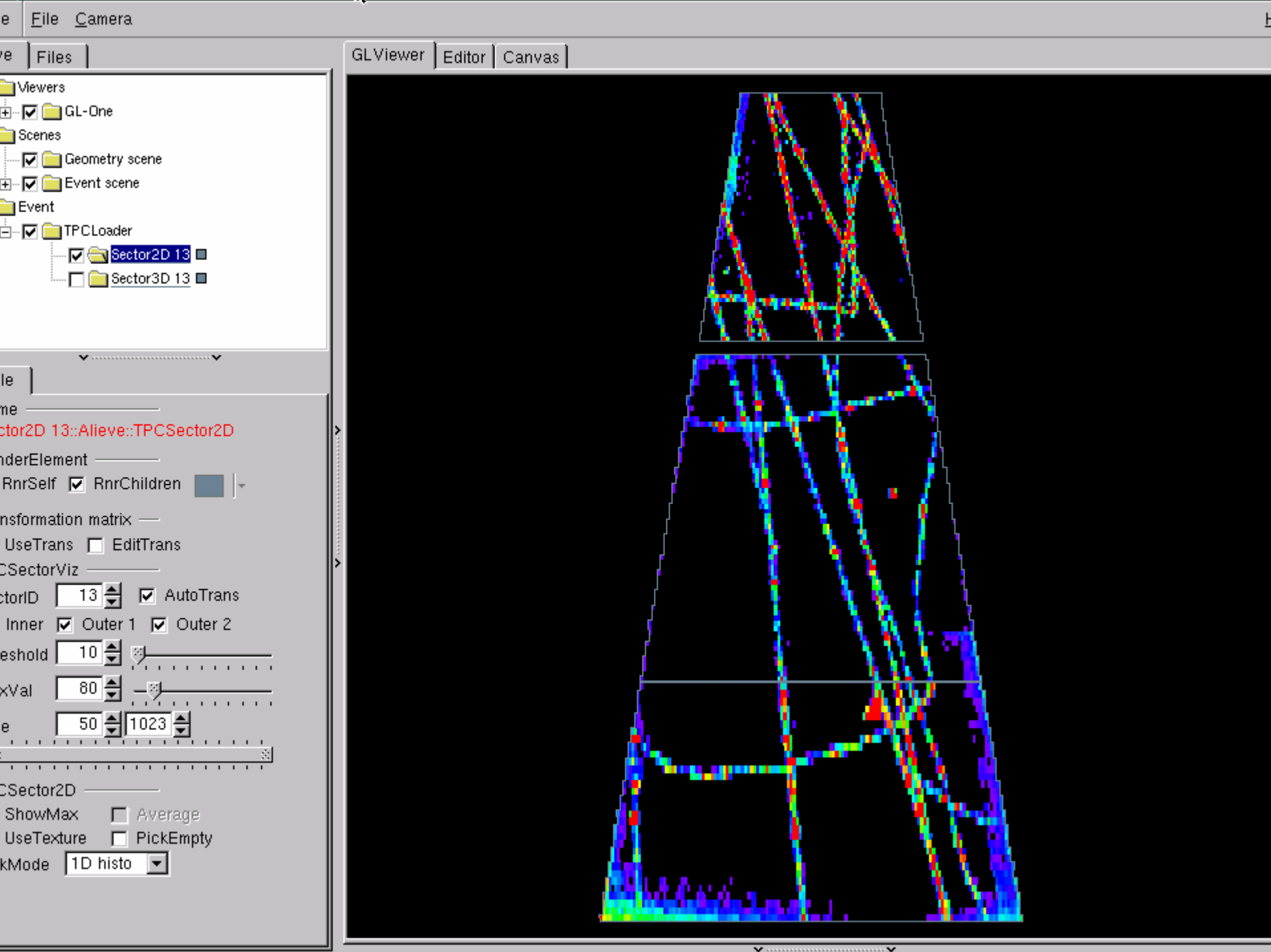
Sector2D (projected to plane)

- data collect mode
- interaction mode

Sector3D (complete view)

- drift velocity tweak
- fraction of boxes / points

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Visual reconstruction validation

Detailed view of reconstruction

Primary vertex, tracks, clusters

Backward navigation to simulation data

Counting of primary tracks on initial data-sample:

cross-check pT and eta distributions against std reconstruction

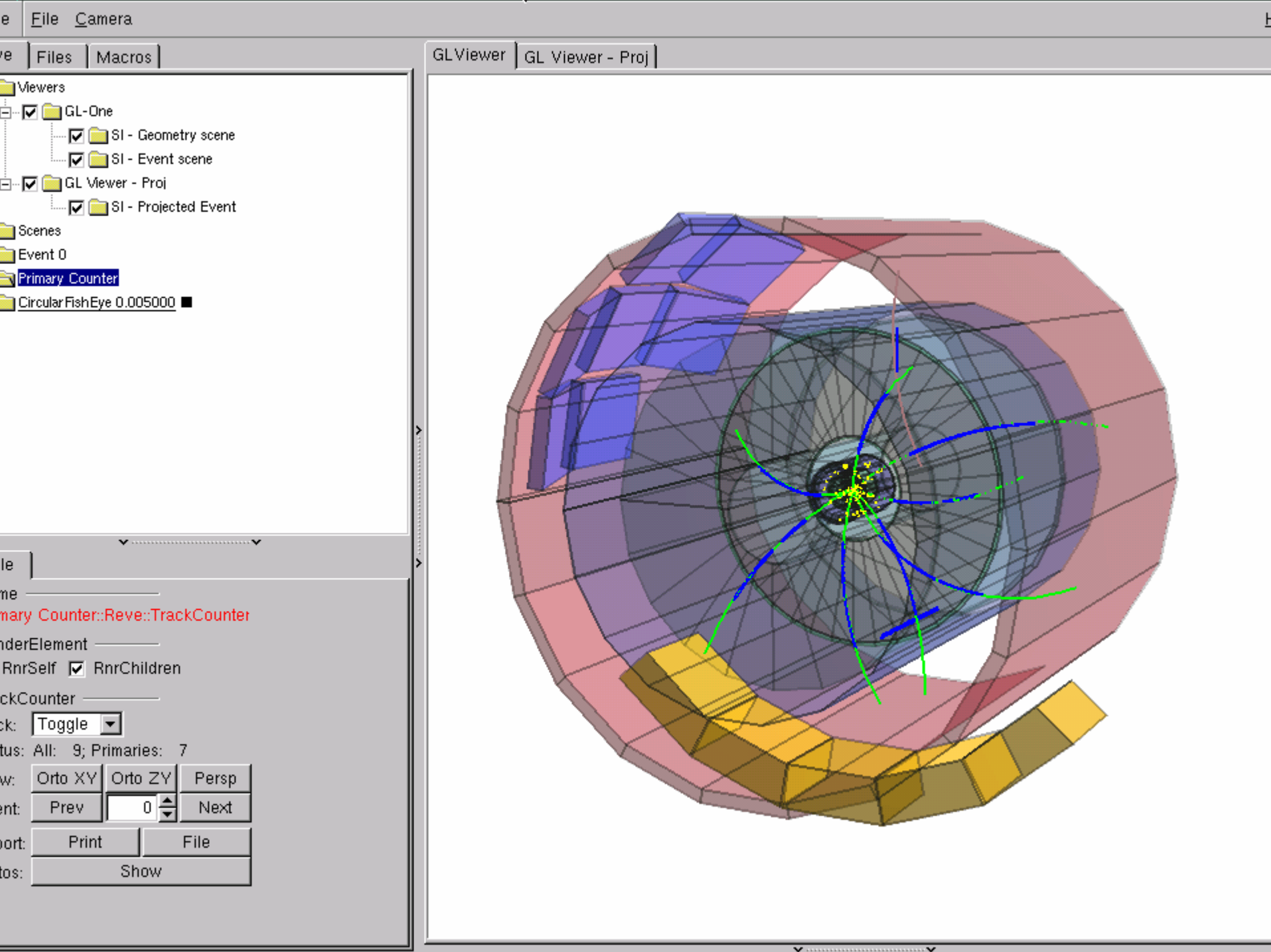
Projections à la H. Drevermann (no V-plot ☺)

Supported data-types:

1. geometry — preferably simplified
2. PointSet — clusters, hits
3. Track — kine, reco; compound objects – kinks, V0s

Non-linear transformations – fisheye view of vertex region

Allows better inspection of cluster-track associations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Conclusion

1. General application core + base-classes

   Solve general problems in Reve / Root …

   and specific ones in Alieve / AliRoot.

2. Via CINT scripts users gain full flexibility
   1. edit them for specific selections, packing of output
   2. extend them to include user's private data
   3. combine them together

   Allows fast development of specific display programs

3. Often data can be visualized directly from ROOT
   1. trees, scripts, geometry and other data can be packed together in a single ROOT file containing several events
   2. independent of experiment software

      laptops, unsupported platforms; use by universities, outreach
   3. experiment-independent part is becoming a ROOT module!

      will be included in the next production release in December