

# Introduction to the CMS software framework

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# Outline

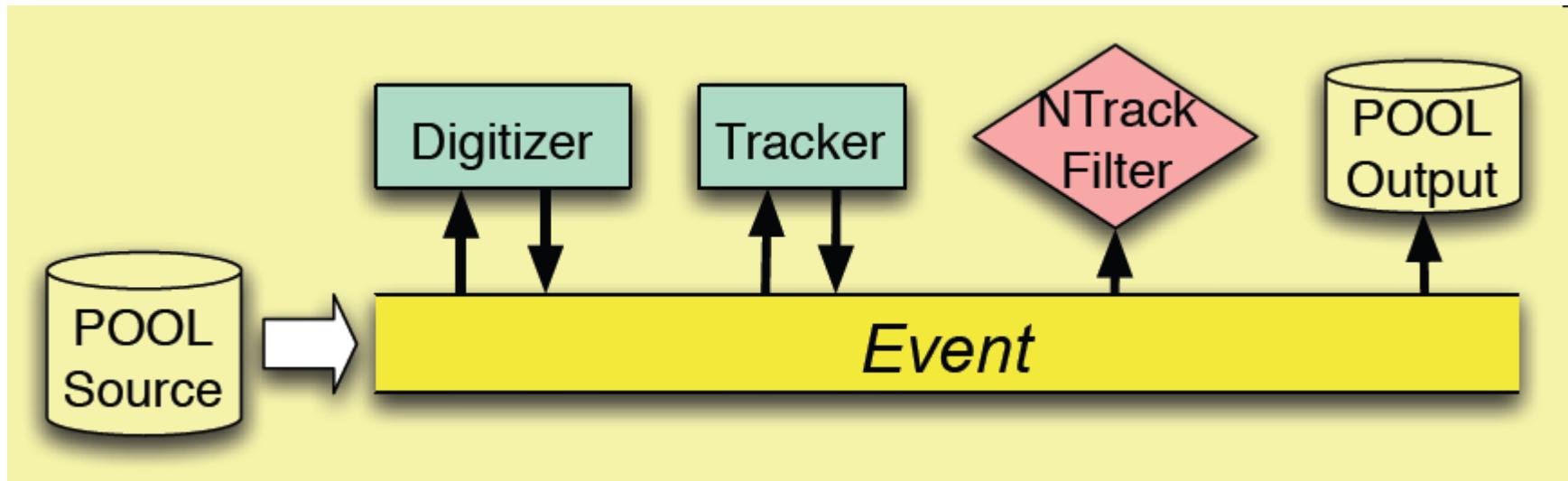
- Framework basics
- The Data format
- Configuring a CMSSW job
- Writing a framework module
- Tips'n'tricks



# Basic concepts

- One executable: *cmsRun*
- Event Data Model (EDM) based on the event:
  - Single entity in memory: `edm::event` container
  - Modular content
- Modular architecture
  - *Module*: component to be plugged into *cmsRun*
  - Unit of clearly defined event-processing functionality
- Steered via Python job configurations

# Flow of the Data



- Source
- EDProducer
- EDFilter
- EDAnalyzer
- OutputModule
- Sequence
- Path
- EndPath
- Schedule

This all gets steered by configuration files



# The Release Area I

## Preparing the environment

**creating your local area**

```
$ cmsrel CMSSW_2_2_3  
[...]  
$ cd CMSSW_2_2_3/src
```

**setting runtime variables**

```
$ cmsenv
```

**accessing the cvs server**

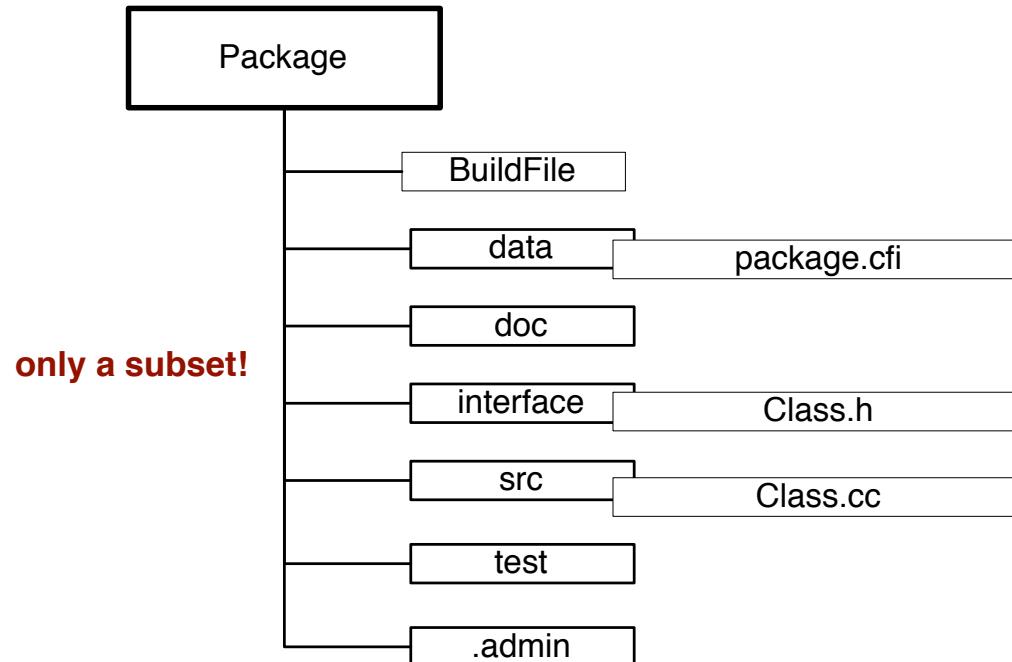
```
$ addpkg Subproject/Package
```

# The Release Area II

**SCRAM = Software release and management tool**

Project/Subproject/Package

CMSSW\_2\_2\_3/src/GeneratorInterface/ToprexInterface

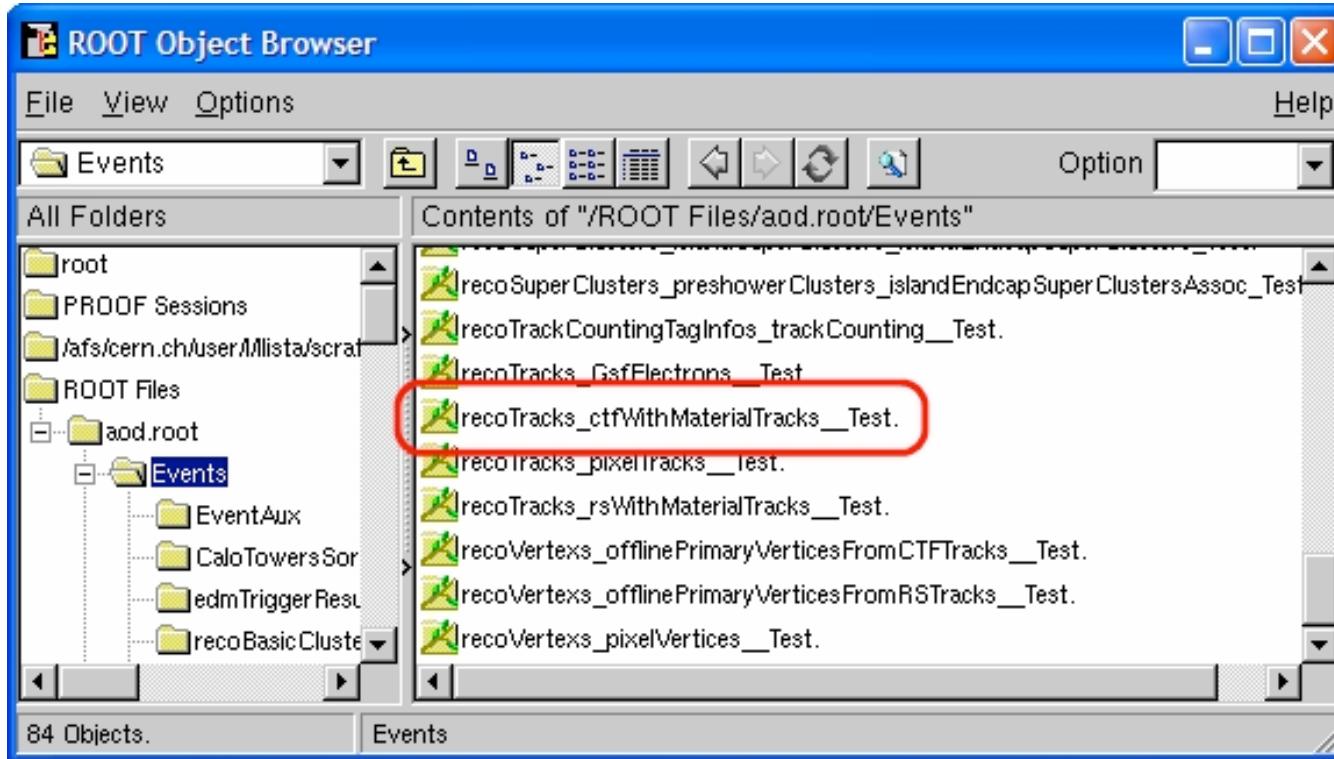




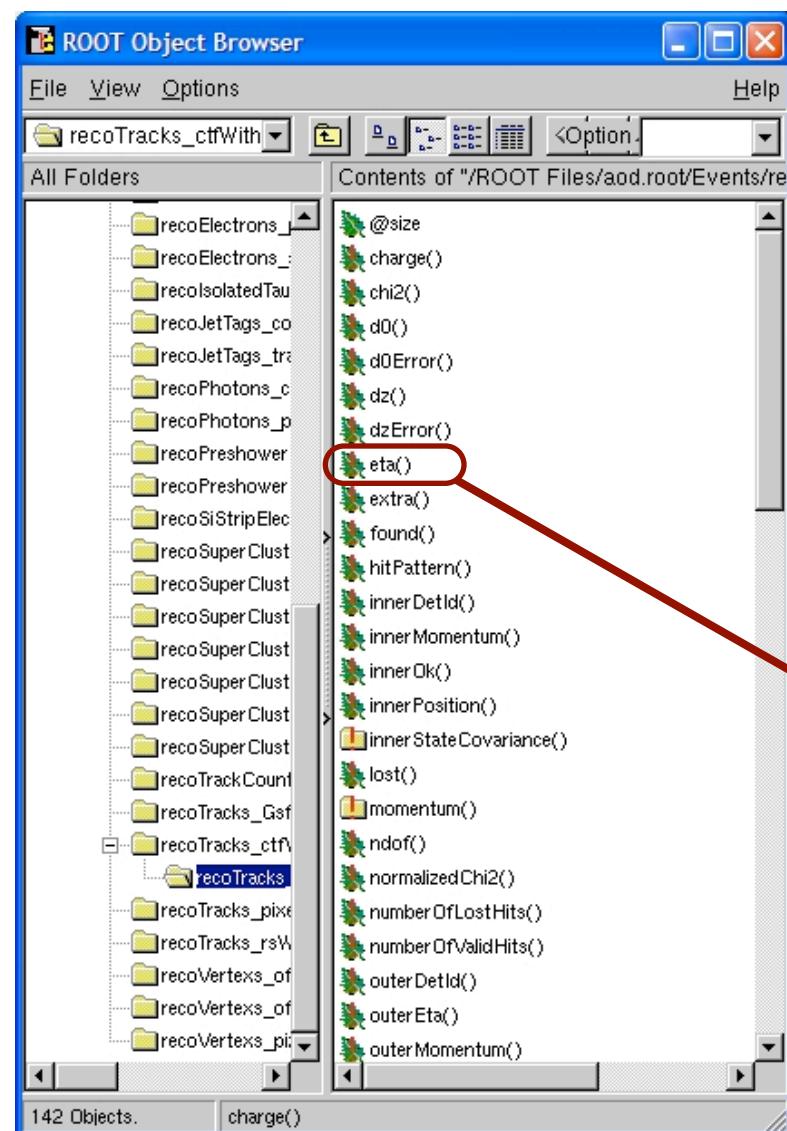
# The Data format

# Files can be opened with ROOT

```
root.exe  
  ☐ TFile f("aod.root")  
  ☐ new TBrowser()
```

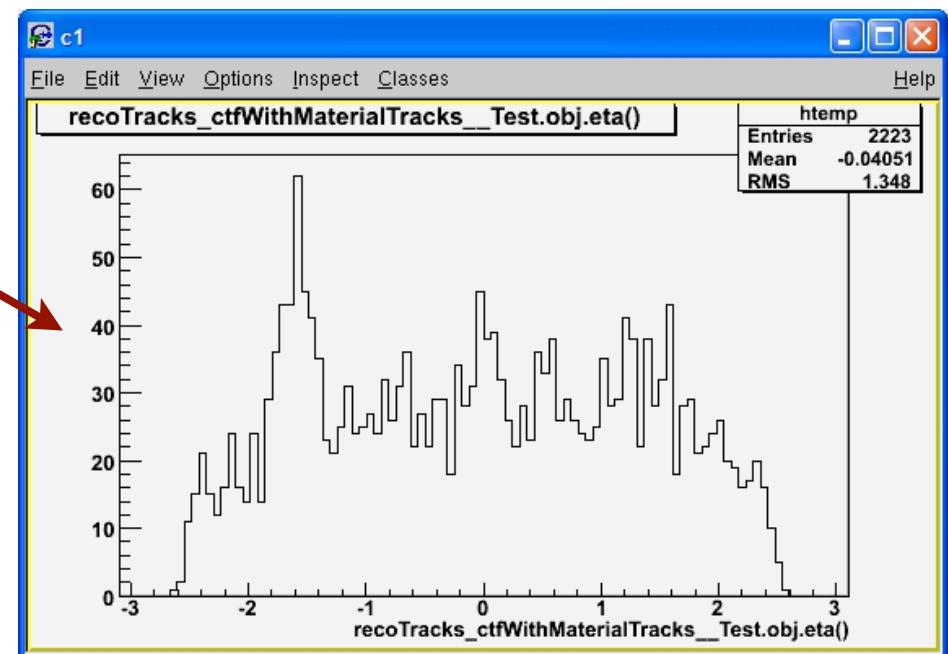


# FWLite gives access to the classes



## Automatic library loading

- gSystem->Load("libFWCoreFWLite");
- AutoLibraryLoader::enable();
- new TBrowser();



# Accessing event data I

Data inside the event are called “Product”

**moduleLabel : productInstanceLabel : processName**

```
# by module and default product label
Handle<TrackVector> trackPtr;
iEvent.getByLabel("tracker", trackPtr );

# by module and product label
Handle<SimHitVector> simPtr;
iEvent.getByLabel("detsim", "pixel", simPtr );

# by type
vector<Handle<SimHitVector>> allPtr;
iEvent.getByType( allPtr );

# by Selector
ParameterSelector<int> coneSel("coneSize",5);
Handle<JetVector> jetPtr;
iEvent.get( coneSel, jetPtr );
```

# Accessing event data II

## Output of module EventContentAnalyzer:

```
++Event      0 contains 161 products with friendlyClassName, moduleLabel and productInstanceName:  
...  
++recoElectrons "siStripElectronToTrackAssociator" "siStripElectrons"  
++recoGenJets "Fastjet10GenJets" ""  
++recoGenJets "Fastjet10GenJetsNoNu" ""  
++recoGenJets "Fastjet6GenJets" ""  
++recoGenJets "Fastjet6GenJetsNoNu" ""  
++recoGenJets "Kt10GenJets" ""  
++recoGenJets "Kt10GenJetsNoNu" ""  
++recoGenJets "iterativeCone5GenJets" ""  
++recoGenJets "iterativeCone5GenJetsNoNu" ""  
++recoGenJets "iterativeCone7GenJets" ""  
++recoGenJets "iterativeCone7GenJetsNoNu" ""  
++recoGenMETs "genMet" ""  
++recoGenMETs "genMetNoNu" ""  
...  
...
```

Handle<GenJetCollection> genJets;  
Event.getByLabel("FastJet6GenJets",genJets );

another option:  
**edmDumpEventContent <filename>**



# Provenance tracking

The history of each single product in the event is stored in the “provenance”

```
...  
  
Module: caloTowers Rec  
PSet id:e03ccfff88a2fd4ed3c2b9bd8261000b  
products: {  
    recoCandidatesOwned_caloTowers__Rec.  
}  
parameters: {  
    @module_label: string tracked = 'caloTowers'  
    @module_type: string tracked = 'CaloTowerCandidateCreator'  
    minimumE: double tracked = -1  
    minimumEt: double tracked = -1  
    src: InputTag tracked = towerMaker::  
}  
  
...
```

**edmProvDump <filename>**



# CMSSW Config Files



# Configuration Files

## Definition of terms: configuration file

- Controls the final job to be run
- Written in Python
- Contains a `cms.Process` object named `process`
- Usually placed in a package's `python/` or `test/`
- Can be checked for completeness doing

```
python myExample_cfg.py (Python interpreter)
```

- Can be run using `cmsRun`

```
cmsRun myExample_cfg.py
```

Process Object:  
“the protagonist” of the configuration



# The Process Object

## A usual process definition

- Process

```
process = cms.Process('RECO')
```

- An input source

```
process.source = cms.Source('PoolSource', ...)
```

- Some modules

```
process.jets = cms.EDProducer('JetProducer')
```

- Some services

```
process.tracer = cms.Service('Tracer')
```

- Some execution paths

```
process.p1 = cms.Path(process.a * process.b)
```

- Maybe output modules

```
process.out = cms.OutputModule(...)
```



# CMS Python Config Types – 1/2

- Most of the objects you'll create will be of a CMS-specific type. To make them known to the interpreter you do:

```
import FWCore.ParameterSet.Config as cms
```

- Objects are then created with a syntax like:

```
jets = cms.EDProducer('JetReco',
                      coneSize = cms.double(0.4),
                      debug = cms.untracked.bool(True)
)
```

## Warning:

The comma between the parameters is very important!

Forgetting the comma after line n results in a syntax error reported for line n+1. So not straightforward to track down!



# CMS Python Config Types – 2/2

CMS Python Types:

DATA TYPES	COMPOSITES	EXECUTION	MODULES	MODIFIERS
int32	vint32	Process	EDProducer	untracked
uint32	vuint32	Sequence	EDAnalyzer	ESPrefer
int64	vint64	Path	EDFilter	
uint64	vuint64	EndPath	ESProducer	
double	vdouble	Schedule	ESSource	
bool	vstring	SequencePlace holder	Source	
string	VPSet		SecSource	
PSet	VInputTag		Looper	
InputTag	VEventID		Service	
EventID			OutputModule	
FileInPath				6



# How to import objects

- To fetch all modules from some other module into local namespace

```
from Subsystem.Package.Foo_cff import *
```

(looks into Subsystem/Package/python/Foo\_cff.py)
- To load everything from a python module into your process object you can say:

```
process.load('Subsystem.Package.Foo_cff')
```

- Don't forget that all imports create references, not copies:

**changing an object at one place  
changes the object at other places**



# Sequences, Paths and Schedules

## Sequence:

- Defines an execution order and acts as building block for more complex configurations and contains modules or other sequences.

```
trDigi = cms.Sequence(siPixelDigis + siStripDigis)
```

## Path:

- Defines which modules and sequences to run.

```
p1 = cms.Path(pdigi * reconstruction)
```

## EndPath:

- A list of analyzers or output modules to be run after all paths have been run.

```
outpath = cms.EndPath(myOutput)
```

## Schedule:

- Defines the execution order of paths. If not given first all paths, then all endpaths.

```
process.schedule = cms.Schedule(process.p1, process.outpath)
```



# Sequence operators

## “+” as ‘follows’:

- Use if the input of the previous module/sequence is not required

```
trDigi = cms.Sequence(siPixelDigis + siStripDigis)
```

## “\*” as ‘depends on’:

- If module depends on previously created products

```
p1 = cms.Path(pdigi * reconstruction)
```

- Enforced and checked by scheduler

## Combining:

- By using () grouping is possible

```
(ecalRecHits + hcalRecHits) * caloTowers
```



# Filters in paths

- Each path corresponds to a trigger bit
- When an `EDFilter` is in a path, returning `False` will cause the path to terminate
- Two operators `~` and `-` can modify this.
  1. `~` means not. The filter will only continue if the filter returns `False`.
  2. `-` means to ignore the result of the filter and proceed regardless

```
jet500_1000 = cms.Path(  
    ~jet1000filter + jet500filter + jetAnalysis  
)
```



# Tracked / Untracked

## Tracked parameters:

- Parameters that change the content of the event
- Will be saved in the event data provenance
- Cannot be optional
  - if asked for and not found, exception will be thrown
  - constructs to circumvent this policy are highly discouraged

```
a = cms.double(3.0)
```

## Untracked parameters:

- Parameters that don't affect the results, e.g. debug level
- Can have default values

```
a = cms.untracked.double(3.0)
```

- Standard event contents are defined centrally:

**Configuration.EventContent.EventContent\_cff**

- Output files are written via the PoolOutputModule

```
cms.OutputModule("PoolOutputModule",
    outputCommands = RECOEventContent.outputCommands,
    fileName = cms.untracked.string('TTbar_cfi_GEN_SIM_DIGI.root'),
    SelectEvents = cms.untracked.PSet(
        SelectEvents = cms.vstring('*Electron:HLT')
    )
)
```

- Details on selectEvents in the SWGuide:

**<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/SWGuideEDMPathsAndTriggerBits>**



# Processing steps

**There are quite a few steps in simulation**

- GEN (generator + generator level objects like genJets)
- SIM (energy deposits in the detector material)
- SIMDIGI (actual detector response + noise )
- L1 (Level1 trigger)
- DIGI2RAW (conversion into RAW data format)
- HLT (High Level Trigger)
- RAW2DIGI (conversion from RAW to digi data format)
- RECO (reconstruction)

**They cannot be run in the same jobs**

- HLT and RECO have various conflicts
- Memory problems
- Official production has two step procedure GEN->HLT + RAW2DIGI,RECO



# Writing your own framework module

# What module type to write

more features

## EDAnalyzer

- Reading data only
- Creating histograms
- the standard use case

## EDProducer

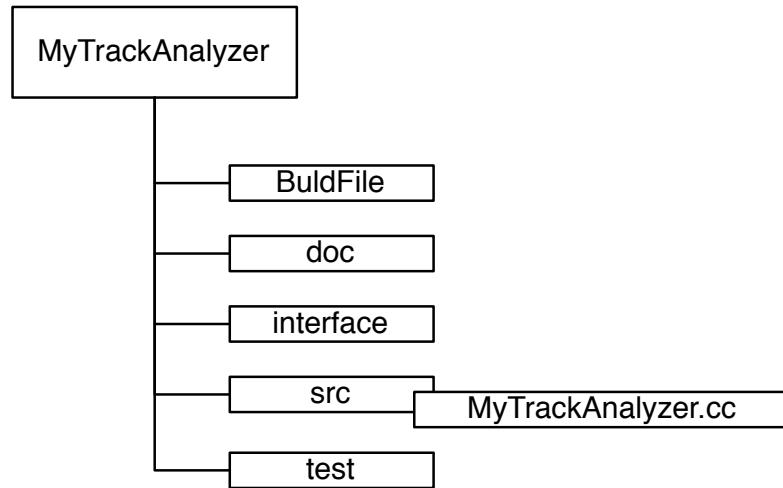
- You want to create new products
- You want to share your reconstruction code with others
- You want to make different algorithms plugable

## EDFilter

- you want to know if an object could be produced
- you want to control the analysis flow or make skimming

# Writing an EDAnalyzer

```
$ cd CMSSW_2_2_1/src  
$ mkdir Tutorial  
$ cd Tutorial  
$ mkedanalzr -list  
$ mkedanalzr -track MyTrackAnalyzer
```





# The Source code

```
private:  
    void beginJob( const edm::EventSetup& );  
    void analyze( const edm::Event&, const edm::EventSetup& );  
    void endJob();
```

```
// ----- method called to for each event -----  
void  
MyTracks::analyze(const edm::Event& iEvent, const edm::EventSetup& iSetup)  
{  
    using namespace edm;  
    using reco::TrackCollection;  
  
    Handle<TrackCollection> tracks;  
    iEvent.getByLabel("modulelabel",tracks);  
  
    for(TrackCollection::const_iterator itTrack = tracks->begin();  
        itTrack != tracks->end(); ++itTrack)  
    {  
        int charge = itTrack->charge();  
    }  
}
```

```
DEFINE_FWK_MODULE(MyTracks);
```



# Building the Example I

```
$ cd MyTrackAnalyzer  
$ scram build
```

## BuildFile

```
<use name=FWCore/Framework>  
<use name=FWCore/PluginManager>  
<use name=FWCore/ParameterSet>  
<flags EDM_PLUGIN=1>  
<use name>DataFormats/TrackReco>  
<export>  
    <lib name=TutorialMyTrackAnalyzer>  
        <use name=FWCore/Framework>  
        <use name=FWCore/PluginManager>  
        <use name=FWCore/ParameterSet>  
        <use name>DataFormats/TrackReco>  
</export>
```



# Building the Example II

```
$ cd MyTrackAnalyzer  
$ scram build
```



```
Reading cached build data  
Scanning src/Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer/BuildFile  
  
Entering Package Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer  
Entering library rule at Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer  
>> Compiling /build/hegner/CMSSW_1_6_12/src/Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer/src/MyTrackAnalyzer.cc  
>> Building shared library tmp/slcz_ia32_gcc345/src/Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer/src/  
TutorialMyTrackAnalyzer/libTutorialMyTrackAnalyzer.so  
/usr/bin/ld: skipping incompatible /usr/lib64/libnsl.so when searching for -lnsl  
...  
/usr/bin/ld: skipping incompatible /usr/lib64/libc.a when searching for -lc  
@@@ Checking shared library for missing symbols: libTutorialMyTrackAnalyzer.so  
/usr/bin/ld: skipping incompatible /usr/lib64/libm.so when searching for -lm  
...  
/usr/bin/ld: skipping incompatible /usr/lib64/libc.a when searching for -lc  
@@@ ----> OK, shared library FULLY-BOUND (no missing symbols): libTutorialMyTrackAnalyzer.so  
@@@ Checking shared library load: libTutorialMyTrackAnalyzer.so  
@@@ ----> OK, shared library loaded successfully: libTutorialMyTrackAnalyzer.so  
Leaving library rule at Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer  
--- Registered EDM Plugin: TutorialMyTrackAnalyzer  
Leaving Package Tutorial/MyTrackAnalyzer  
>> Package MyTrackAnalyzer built
```



# Tips'n'tricks



## edmPythonSearch

- A “grep”-like syntax to search for identifiers within imported files

```
> edmPythonSearch minPt Reconstruction_cff
```

...

```
RecoMuon.MuonIdentification.muons_cfi (line: 19) : minPt = cms.double(1.5),
```

...



## edmPythonTree

- Gives an indented dump of which files are included by which files  
(initial version for the old configs by Karoly Banicz and Sue Anne Koay)

```
> edmPythonTree Reconstruction_cff
```

```
+ Simulation_cff
  + Configuration.StandardSequences.Digi_cff
    + SimCalorimetry.Configuration.SimCalorimetry_cff
```

...



## Python

- The Python interpreter helps you inspecting your configs

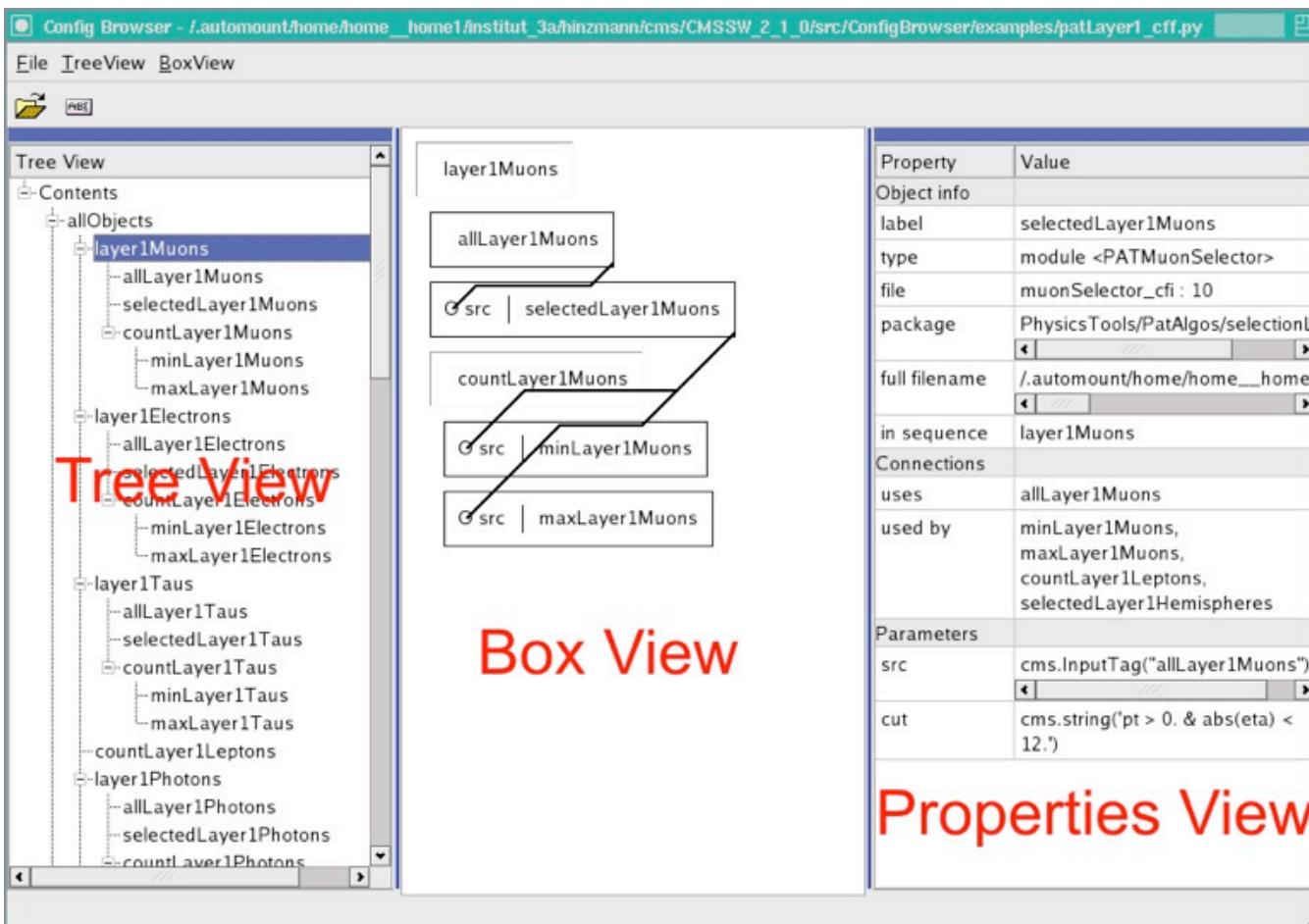
```
> python -i MyJob_cfg
```

- Simple commands will bring you forward

```
>>> process.aModule
>>> process.aModule._filename
>>> process.aModule._lineNumber
>>> print process.dumpPython()
>>> help(process)
```

- Ctrl-D shuts it down

# PythonConfigBrowser



<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/ConfigBrowser>



# Debugging with CMSSW



# What's going on?

- Quick'n'dirty way:

```
std::cout << "here I am" << std::endl;
```

- There is a much better way:

```
cms.Service('Tracer')
```

```
++++source
Begin processing the 1st record. Run 1, Event 1, LumiSection 1 at
09-Sep-2008 10:30:22 CEST
++++finished: source
++++ processing event:run: 1 event: 1 time:5000000
++++++ processing path:generation_step
+++++++ module:randomEngineStateProducer
+++++++ finished:randomEngineStateProducer
+++++++ module:VtxSmeared
+++++++ finished:VtxSmeared
...
...
```



# Memory Problems

- If you get bad\_alloc problems or you just observe increasing memory needs, the framework can help you getting a first idea

```
cms.Service('SimpleMemoryCheck',
            ignoreTotal = cms.untracked.int32(1)
)
```

- One example for such a problem:

```
++++-w MemoryIncrease: CSCRecHit2DProducer:csc2DRecHits
28-May-2007 08:52:48 CEST Run: 1 Event: 1
Memory increased from VSIZE=763.04MB and RSS=615.809MB to
VSIZE=763.04MB and RSS=615.813MB
```

- For the real big problems use valgrind (<http://valgrind.org>) or igtools



# Timing Problems

- You can use the framework to quickly identify how fast your process and single modules are

`cms.Service('Timing')`

- Useful information if you plan your private production
- Further details:

[https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/  
WorkBookOptimizeYourCode](https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/WorkBookOptimizeYourCode)

- Don't optimise before you *really* have a problem



# Getting development up to speed

## The compilation is too slow!

- Most machines have multiple processors and cores, so let's use them:

```
scram b -jN
```

- In first order the compiler then uses N cores
- If you are sharing the machine with other users - take care that you don't accidentally block the whole machine for yourself!

## Another annoyance - where the he... is *this* defined?

- If you already know where to look - cvs browser:

<http://cmssw.cvs.cern.ch/cgi-bin/cmssw.cgi/CMSSW>

- In all other 99% of the cases - lxr browser:

<http://cmslxr.fnal.gov/lxr/>

- or simply at command line:

`cmsglimpse <string>`



# Handling source code

- Add a package from the cms repository

```
addpkg PhysicsTools/Utilities [tag]
```

- If no tag is given the default one from the release is taken
- List which packages are there

```
showtags -r
```

```
Test Release based on: CMSSW_2_1_7
Base Release in: /afs/cern.ch/cms/sw/slcl4_ia32_gcc345/cms/cmssw/CMSSW_2_1_7
Your Test release in: /build/hegner/CMSSW_2_1_7
--- Tag ---      --- RelTag ---      ----- Package -----
v08-09-16        v08-09-15        FWCore/ParameterSet
v02-08-04        v02-08-04        RecoJets/JetProducers
-----
total packages: 2 (2 displayed)
```



- CMS Workbook:  
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/CMS/WorkBook>
- Reference manual:  
<http://cmsdoc.cern.ch/cms/cpt/Software/html/General/gendoxy-doc.php>
- WEBcvs:  
<http://cmssw.cvs.cern.ch/cgi-bin/cmssw.cgi/CMSSW/?cvsroot=CMSSW>
- LXR:  
<http://cmslxr.fnal.gov/lxr/>
- HyperNews:  
<https://hypernews.cern.ch/HyperNews/CMS/>



**Thank you very much  
for your attention!**