Proposals for AliRoot evolution

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Prerequisites

 New build system that is able to work with several repositories and external sources, keep track of the required versions, etc.

- See the presentations of Giulio and Dario

- Possibility to integrate tests suites in the build system
- Agreement on the workflows: GitHub with pull requests, feature branches, etc.

Goals

- Convergence of AliRoot/AliPhysics and O2
 - Synergy and uniformity
- Better workflow
 - Facilitate the development
- Improve the testing, benchmarking and validation
- Produce better code

Proposal for the "external" packages

- Remove them from AliRoot and use authoritative sources to populate the corresponding GitHug/GitLab repositories
- Use the new build system for local compilation

Proposal for OCDB

- Remove the Root files from AliRoot, including the history
- Use set of macros to be able to generate the default OCDB (not possible for some detectors, i.e. TPC)
- Use dedicated repository for the default OCDB
- Provide OCDB snapshot for anchored simulation tests (from AliEn or from a dedicated URL)

Proposal for the remaining AliRoot

- Move it to GitHub
- Use the agreed workflow

Plan

- Start the preparation in January'16
- Make the transition in March'16