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Conditions data handling in the multithreaded ATLAS framework

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In preparation for Run 3 of the LHC, the ATLAS experiment is migrating its offline software to use a multithreaded framework, which will allow multiple events to be processed simultaneously. This implies that the handling of non-event, time-dependent (conditions) data, such as calibrations and geometry, must also be extended to allow for multiple versions of such data to exist simultaneously. This has now been implemented as part of the new ATLAS framework. The detector geometry is included in this scheme by having sets of time-dependent displacements on top of a static base geometry.

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