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A Generic Pixel Detector Simulation Framework

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New commercial CMOS technologies entering the market Strong drive towards monolithic detectors

- Entails complex sensor layouts and charge collection
- Wanted: flexible simulation software, that

 ...allowed to test different simulation models for signal formation
 ...allow parametrized detector models
 ...would facilitate usage of precise electric fields
- Developed new framework within **CLICdp collaboration**, based on established ideas:
 - AllPix Geant4 user classes for digitizer development of large simulations: parametrized detector models
 - PixelAV Charge propagation with Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg

The Challenge

- Silicon detectors widely used in HEP vertex & tracking, timing detectors, calorimeters
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Two-Sentence-Summary



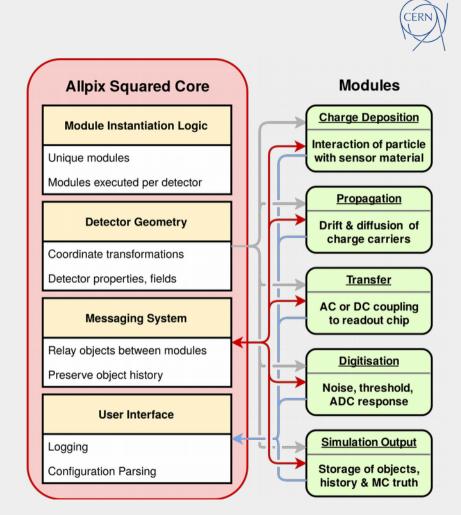
"Allpix² is a generic, open-source software framework for the simulation of silicon pixel detectors. Its goal is to ease the implementation of detailed simulations for both single detectors and more complex setups such as beam telescopes from incident radiation to the digitised detector response."

> Nucl. Instr. Meth. A 901 (2018) 164 – 172 doi:10.1016/j.nima.2018.06.020



Basic Design Principle

- Separate infrastructure (core) from the physics (modules)
- Make life easy for the user
 - Allow plugging together the simulation chain from individual modules
 - Auto-generate Geant4 models
 - Convenient configuration, with units
 - Provide Monte Carlo truth information
- Implement physics in independent modules
 - Plug & play concept
 - Offer a selection of different algorithms





Framework Configuration

- Framework configured by one file
 - All desired modules listed in order of execution
 - Key-value pairs in TOML-style (extended)
 - Human readable
 - Little overhead (e.g. compared to XML)
- Support for physical units
 - Never ask what units are used type them out!
 - Automatic conversion to internal units
 - No need for manual conversions in C++

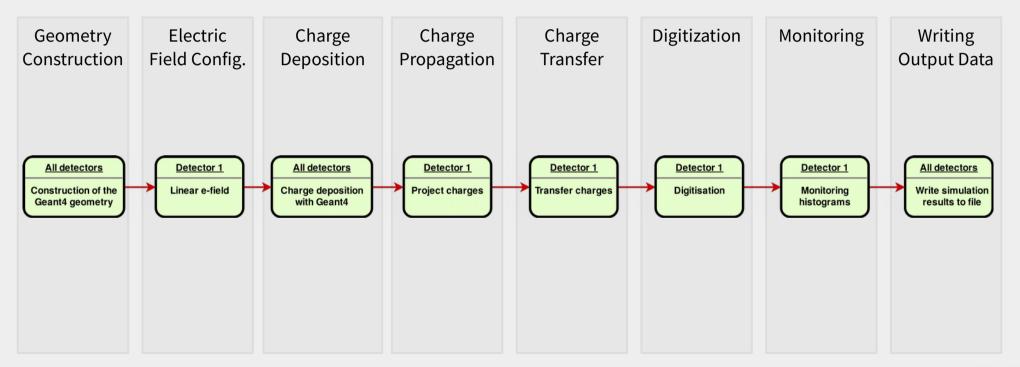
```
[AllPix]
    log level = "INFO"
    number of events = 500000
 3
    detectors file = "telescope.conf"
 5
    [GeometryBuilderGeant4]
    world material = "air"
    [DepositionGeant4]
 9
    physics list = FTFP BERT LIV
    particle type = "Pi+"
11
    number of particles = 1
    beam energy = 120GeV
14
    # ...
15
    [ElectricFieldReader]
17
    model="linear"
    bias voltage=150V
    depletion voltage=50V
21
    [GenericPropagation]
    temperature = 293K
22
    charge per step = 10
24
    spatial precision = 0.0025um
25
    timestep max = 0.5ns
    [SimpleTransfer]
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Plugging together the Simulation Chain



• Allows to quickly plug together simple simulations... (start from examples shipped in the repository)

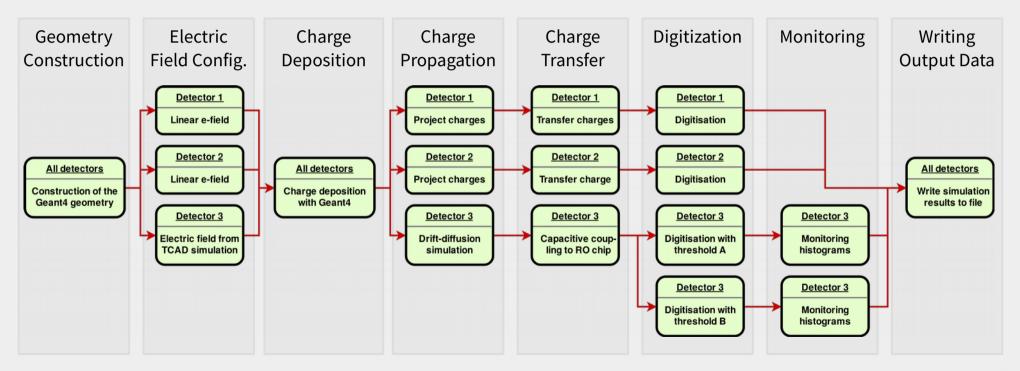




Plugging together the Simulation Chain



• ...as well as more involved simulations



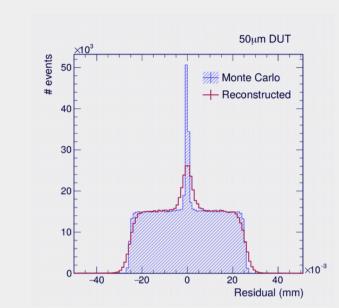


Messages & Object History

- Data exchanged between modules by means of messages
 - Message holds specific data type and has an origin (detector name, stream name...)
 - Modules bind to specific message (or message type) via central messenger
- Object history
 - For each object the full provenance is recorded using TRef objects

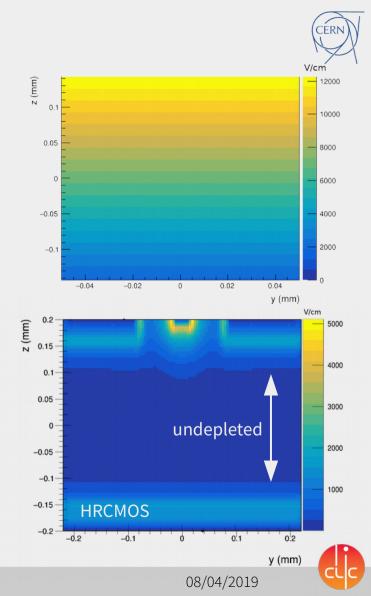
PixelHit ← PixelCharge ← PropagatedCharge(s) ← DepositedCharge(s) ← MCParticle(s) ← MCTrack

- Allows direct relation of each pixel hit from front-end to initial particle(s)
- Relation between MCParticles enables sorting between primaries (entered sensor from outside) and secondaries (produced within sensor)
- Answers questions like "where in the detector did the charge carriers of this hit originate from?"



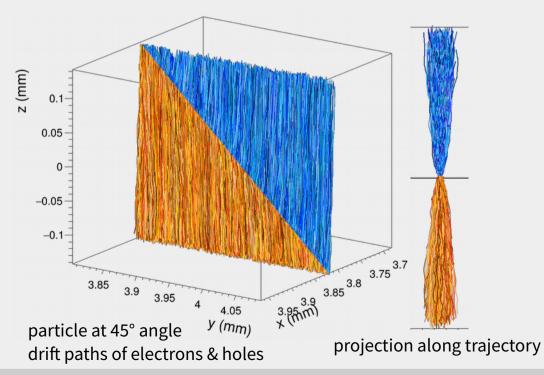
Adjusting the Levels of Detail

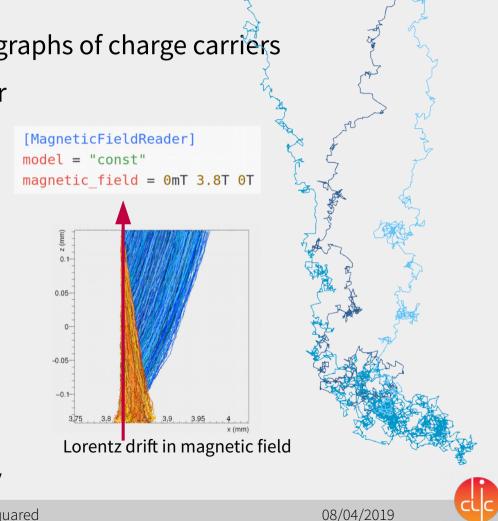
- Modular design allows to choose algorithms. Examples:
 - Energy deposition:
 - Geant4 particle tracking
 - Point charge at defined position
 - Electric field:
 - built-in linear approximation
 - loading finite-element field maps (TCAD)
 - Charge transport:
 - calculate total drift time, project onto surface
 - RKF integration, stepping through field
 - Shockley-Ramo calculation: full current pulse (validation ongoing, to be merged)
- Can be adjusted for each detector individually



Visualizations of Charge Transport

- Propagation modules can produce line graphs of charge carriers
- Helpful to understand detector behavior

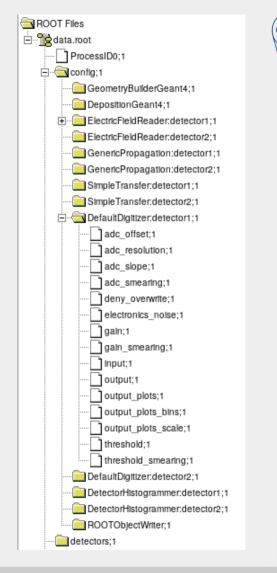




I/O

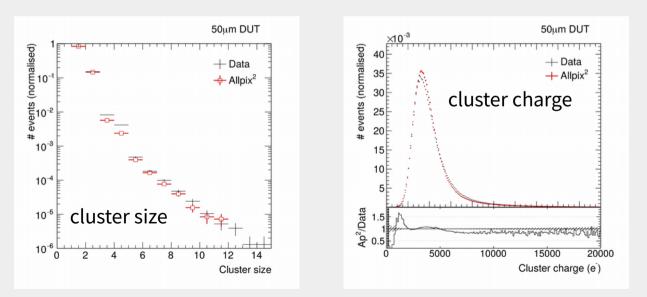
- Different output writers available
- Native format: ROOT files with all objects
 - Also contains detectors & sim. parameters
 - Full framework **configuration** can be **reconstructed from** single **data file**

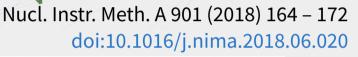
- ROOTObject reader replays data from file
 - Simulate deposition & propagation once
 - Read data from file and **quickly repeat** final digitization **step** with different parameters



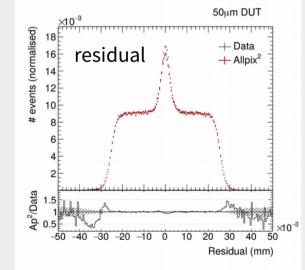
Simulation of a Timepix3 with 50um Planar Sensor

- Full telescope: 6 planes Timepix3 + DUT
- Linear electric fields
- Full reco: clustering, eta correction, tracking
- Matches very well with data





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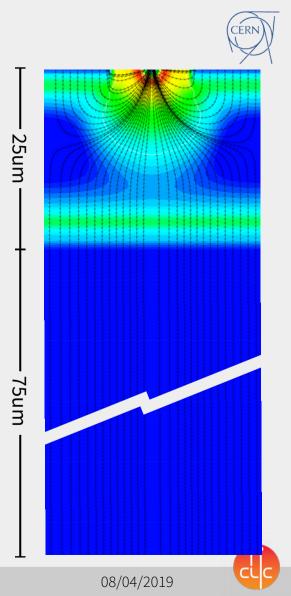




S. Spannagel - SFT Group Meeting - Allpix Squared

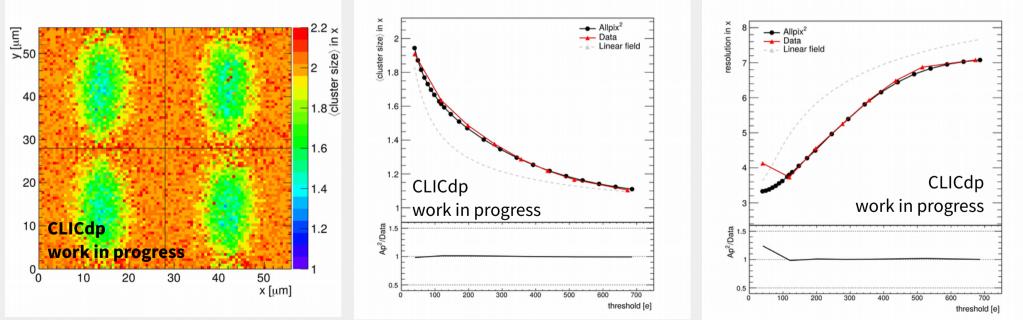
Monolithic CMOS in High-Resistivity Silicon

- Simulation of ALICE Investigator-like chip, 28x28um pitch
 - Field in top 25um (high-resistivity) silicon
 - Undepleted in 75um silicon substrate
- SPS beam: 120 GeV Pions, only one detector simulated
 - Using Monte Carlo truth information as reference
 - Smeared with telescope resolution obtained from data
- Import electric field from TCAD simulations
- Using Geant4's photoabsorption Ionization model (PAI) for thin sensors
- Challenges: life time / recombination, influence of charge cloud on field...
 - Trade-off between accuracy and necessary simplifications



Monolithic CMOS in High-Resistivity Silicon

- Manage to reproduce x-y-correlation features in cluster size
- Data and simulation matches very well: cluster size & resolution vs. threshold
- Comparison: linear field simulation does not describe data







Development of Allpix Squared

- Meant as community-driven project
 - Still most contributions from "core team"
 - Increasing number of external contributions
- Fully GitLab-centered development
 - Issue tracking, merge requests, continuous integration
- All development is performed "in the open"
 - Full repository public, including issues
 - Subscribers receive information on all actions
- Semantic versioning: Major.Minor.Patch = Framework.Features.Bugfixes



v1.3.2	2019-02-21
v1.3.1	2018-12-17
v1.3	2018-11-21
v1.2.3	2018-11-13
v1.2.2	2018-09-07
v1.2.1	2018-08-02
v1.2	2018-06-13
v1.1.2	2018-04-25
v1.1.1	2018-03-08
v1.1	2018-01-11
v1.0	2017-08-29



Warnings, Strict Formatting & Code Linting

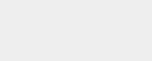


- In order to maintain a high code quality, we
 - Enabled many compiler warnings, with -Werror
 - Require strict adherence to code formatting (indentation, brace positions...)
 - Clang-tidy is used to spot e.g. missing &, std::move() or NamingConventionViolations
- A bit painful for newcomers
 - CI fails many times, users need to be taught how to read failed job logs
- Particularly useful: /etc/git-hooks
 - pre-commit-clang-format-hook checks formatting before committing
 - pre-push-tag-version-hook check for pre-release things (update version)
- CMake suggests installing hooks (suggests update on changes)



Code Review via Merge Requests

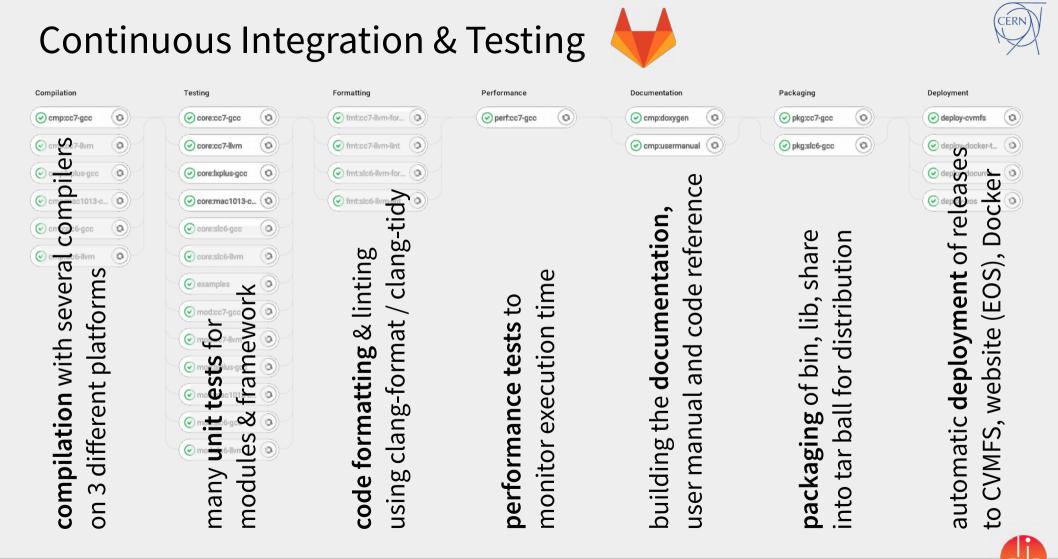
- No new code lands in master without review by another party
 - Using GitLab's approval feature
 - Extensive discussions about code, but also style, naming schemes
- Proven to be very effective
 - Several bugs found before the merge
 - New users appreciate guidance
- Proven to be labor-intensive
 - Read (and understanding) every change
 - Always be supportive, positive



... just some of them

Python macro to read output objects TTree	MERGED 🕑 🗪 18
!191 · opened 2 months ago by Sebastien Murphy	updated 1 week ago
Revamp MeshConverter: Change interpolation & improve performance	MERGED 🕑 🗪 5
!200 · opened 3 weeks ago by Simon Spannagel	updated 1 week ago
Write full Proteus configuration in RCEWriter	MERGED 📀 🗪 12
1203 · opened 2 weeks ago by Moritz Kiehn	updated 1 week ago
Invert Detector Rotations	MERGED 🕑 🗪 8
!164 · opened 6 months ago by Simon Spannagel (documentation) (detector models) (bug	updated 2 weeks ago
RCEWriter: fix Proteus geometry output	MERGED 🕑 🗪 3
!202 · opened 2 weeks ago by Moritz Kiehn	updated 2 weeks ago
FieldParser: be more careful about units	MERGED 🕑 🗪 1
!201 · opened 3 weeks ago by Simon Spannagel	updated 2 weeks ago
Add option for a depletion from the backplane	MERGED 🕑 🗪 11
!198 · opened 3 weeks ago by Paul Schutze physics improvement	updated 3 weeks ago
New Field File Format APF & common FieldParser/FieldWriter	MERGED 🕑 🇶 🗪 11
197 · opened 1 month ago by Simon Spannagel	updated 3 weeks ago
New Module: DepositionPointCharge	MERGED 🕑 🗪 12
194 · opened 1 month ago by Simon Spannagel	updated 1 month ago





Automated Testing



[Allpix]

- 2 detectors_file = "detector_rotate_misaligned.conf"
- B log_level = "TRACE"
- 4 number_of_events = 0
- 5 random_seed = 0
- 5 random_seed_core = 0

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[GeometryBuilderGeant4]
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Test project /b	uilds/allpix-squared/allpix-squared/build		
Start 53:	test_core/test_01-1_globalconfig_detectors.conf		
Start 54:	test_core/test_01-2_globalconfig_modelpaths.conf		
Start 55:	<pre>test_core/test_01-3_globalconfig_log_format.conf</pre>		
Start 56:	<pre>test_core/test_01-4_globalconfig_log_level.conf</pre>		
1/22 Test #53:	<pre>test_core/test_01-1_globalconfig_detectors.conf</pre>	Passed	0.81 sec
Start 57:	<pre>test_core/test_01-5_globalconfig_log_file.conf</pre>		
2/22 Test #56:	<pre>test_core/test_01-4_globalconfig_log_level.conf</pre>	Passed	2.11 sec
3/22 Test #55:	<pre>test_core/test_01-3_globalconfig_log_format.conf</pre>	Passed	2.11 sec
Start 58:	<pre>test_core/test_01-6_globalconfig_missing_model.conf</pre>		
Start 59:	<pre>test_core/test_01-7_globalconfig_random_seed.conf</pre>		
4/22 Test #57:	<pre>test_core/test_01-5_globalconfig_log_file.conf</pre>	Passed	1.11 sec

[...]

100% tests passed, 0 tests failed out of 22

- No real "unit testing" up till now, more of a "system test"
- Framework & module tests
- Prepare a plethora of configuration files
 - Run single event with fixed seed
 - Reproduces same output
 - Matching regular expressions
- Single change (1e difference) fails CI
- Invaluable for monitoring framework
 → catching issues before merging code



User Manual & Code Documentation

- Focus from the very beginning on well-documented framework
- Source code documentation for every class, method
 - Doxygen markup for code reference
 - Deployed to the website for tags
- Extensive User Manual in LaTeX
 - Automatically compiled by CI
 - Module documentation as Markdown
 - Document module parameters, algorithms
 - Included in manual via Pandoc

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GenericPropagation
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using the carrier mobility μ_i the temperature T and the time step t_i The propagation steps when the set of charges reaches any surface of the sensor.

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Dependencies

This module requires an installation of Eigen3.

Parameters

namespace allpix 4

class Detector {

public:

* @brief Instantiation of a detector mode

* Contains the detector in the world with

* (like the electric field). All model sp

* properties are stored in its DetectorMo

* @brief Constructs a detector in the

* @param name Unique name of the dete

* @param model Model of the detector

* @param position Position in the wor

* @param orientation Rotation matrix

* @brief Get name of the detector * @return Detector name

std::string getName() const;

std::shared ptr<DetectorModel:</pre>

ROOT::Math::XYZPoint position

const ROOT::Math::Rotation3D&

friend class GeometryManager:

Detector(std::string name,

- temperature: Temperature of the sensitive device, used to estimate the diffusion constant and therefore the strength of the diffusion Defaults to communicative (2001/95).
 change over state: Medicine may be of device carries or compare to particular the total number of deposited
- Charge, per_step. Momman number of charge comments to propagate signifies the total number of deposited charge carriers at a specific point into sats of this number of charge carriers and a set with the remaining charge carriers. A value of 10 charges per step is sumptly default of this value in not specified.
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A example of generic propagation for all sensors of type "Threpts" at room temperature using packets of 25 charges is the
following
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temperature + 20K
charge_jars_thep + 25
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Automated Deployment of Tagged Versions

- Using CERN GitLab CI Tools https://gitlab.cern.ch/ci-tools
- Deployment to website
 - Binary tarball packages placed on EOS
 - Using "ci-web-deployer" image
- Deployment as Docker image
 - Using "docker-image-builder"
 - DOCKER_FILE specified as variable
 - Build on top of Docker image w/ dependencies (Geant4, ROOT6)

variables:

EOS_PATH: "/eos/project/a/allpix-squared/www/"
DOCKER_FILE: etc/docker/Dockerfile

deploy-eos:
<pre>stage: deployment</pre>
tags:
- docker
variables:
GIT_STRATEGY: none
Only run for new tags:
only:
- tags
 schedules # Only execute this on scheduled "nightly" pipelines
dependencies:
- pkg:cc7-gcc
- pkg:slc6-gcc
Docker image with tools to deploy to EOS
<pre>image: gitlab-registry.cern.ch/ci-tools/ci-web-deployer:latest</pre>
script:
- deploy-eos
deploy-docker-tag:
stage: deployment
tags:
- docker-image-build
dependencies: []
only:
- tags
<pre>script: - "echo" # unused but this line is required by GitLab CI</pre>
variables:
T0: gitlab-registry.cern.ch/allpix-squared/allpix-squared:\${CI COMMIT TAG

Automated Deployment: CVMFS



- A bit trickier... (see talk by Marco Petric)
 - Runner (selected via "cvmfs-deploy" tag) opens shell on CVMFS submission server
 - No direct access to artifacts → use script to download & deploy
- Deployed version ready for use on LXPlus or HTCondor submission

```
deploy-cvmfs:
   stage: deployment
                                     $ source /cvmfs/clicdp.cern.ch/software/allpix-squared/1.3.2/x86 64-centos7-qcc7-opt/setup.sh
   dependencies:
       - pkg:cc7-gcc
                                     $ allpix --version
       - pkg:slc6-gcc
                                     Allpix Squared version v1.3.2
    tags:

    cvmfs-deploy

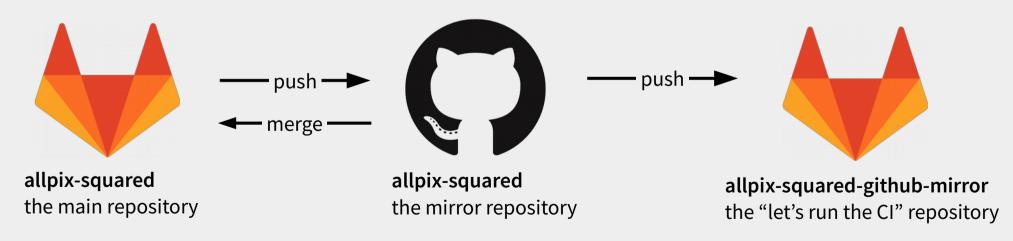
                                                        built on 2019-02-21, 19:43:54 UTC
    only:
       - tags
       - schedules # Only execute this on scheduled "nightly" pipelines
    script:
       - ./.gitlab/ci/download artifacts.py $API TOKEN $CI PROJECT ID $CI PIPELINE ID

    export RUNNER LOCATION=$(pwd)

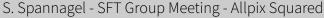
       - if [ -z ${CI COMMIT TAG} ]; then export BUILD PATH='latest'; else export BUILD PATH=${CI COMMIT TAG}; fi
       - sudo -u cvclicdp -i $RUNNER LOCATION/.gitlab/ci/gitlab deploy.sh $RUNNER LOCATION $BUILD PATH
       - rm -f allpix-squared-*.tar.gz
   retry: 1
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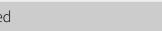
External Contributions via GitHub

- We rely on CERN's GitLab CI (and our own runners)
 - Allows us to run extensive CI and adjust to our needs
 - Requires full CERN account for write acces
- Our solution: ping-pong mirror to GitHub









Execution time (min)

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- Student was expecting direct instructions, we expected scientific collaboration \rightarrow worked out well after discussing!
- Interesting observation: •
- Some road blocks encountered ۲ (interfaces with dependencies)
- implemented first working version
- Student was very active and motivated

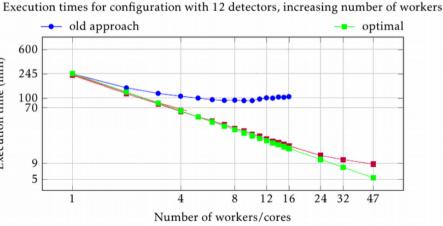
Google Summer of Code

- Restructured parts of core framework,

Participated for the first time in GSoC last year through HSF/CERN

Proposed project: Event-based Multi-Threading for Allpix Squared

Quite intricate due to seeding of PRNGs & potential race conditions





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Summary

CERN

- Allpix Squared is a framework for MC simulation of silicon pixel detectors
 - Flexible framework combining Geant4, electrostatic TCAD simulations and charge transport algorithms
 - Continuously developed and extended
 - Modular design, strict coding rules, collaborative workflow
- Continuous integration one of the backbones
 - Automated compilation and testing, ensuring compliance with rules
 - Deployment of compiled versions to CVMFS, Docker, website
- Participation in GSoC 2018 very useful
- Will participate again in GSoC 2019, have very promising candidate already
- Interested in **Google Season of Docs** to further improve documentation, separate coding/physics
- Many ideas for extensions

(transient current, high-Z materials, multi-threading, charge multiplication, lifetime)



Resources





Website

https://cern.ch/allpix-squared



Repository https://gitlab.cern.ch/allpix-squared/allpix-squared

Docker Images

https://gitlab.cern.ch/allpix-squared/allpix-squared/container_registry



User Forum:

https://cern.ch/allpix-squared-forum/



Mailing Lists:

allpix-squared-users https://e-groups.cern.ch/e-groups/Egroup.do?egroupId=10262858

allpix-squared-developers https://e-groups.cern.ch/e-groups/Egroup.do?egroupId=10273730



User Manual:

https://cern.ch/allpix-squared/usermanual/allpix-manual.pdf





Users & Contributors



Disclaimer: these are just some users we have been in contact with – there probably are some more.

ONERA Aerospace Lab, Toulouse ATLAS @ DESY CLICdp @ CERN Georg-August-Universität Göttingen CMS Lorentz Angle @ DESY CMS Pixel @ CERN University of Birmingham ELAD @ DESY ATLAS Strips @ CERN University of California, Berkeley University of Liverpool LHCb VeloPix @ CERN University of Glasgow NIKHEF, Amsterdam ATLAS SCT @ KEK ATLAS Monolithic @ CERN Czech Techn. University, Prague **Dortmund University** Rutherford Lab, STFC IHEP Beijing Freiburg University **ETH** Zurich Université de Genève Utrecht University Université de Montréal Charles University, Prague AGH University Krakau

- First user workshop held
 26-27 November 2018 @ CERN
- Tutorials, discussions, feedback
- Very successful, to be continued



Detector Models

- Different detector types available
 - Monolithic detectors
 - Hybrid detectors w/ bump bonds
- Easy configuration through model files
 - Give it a name, decide on the type
 - Set detector parameters
- Some model files already shipped with the framework, at the moment

ATLAS FE-I3, FE-I4, CMS PSI46/dig, Medipix3, Timepix3, CLICpix, CLICpix2, Mimosa23, Mimosa26

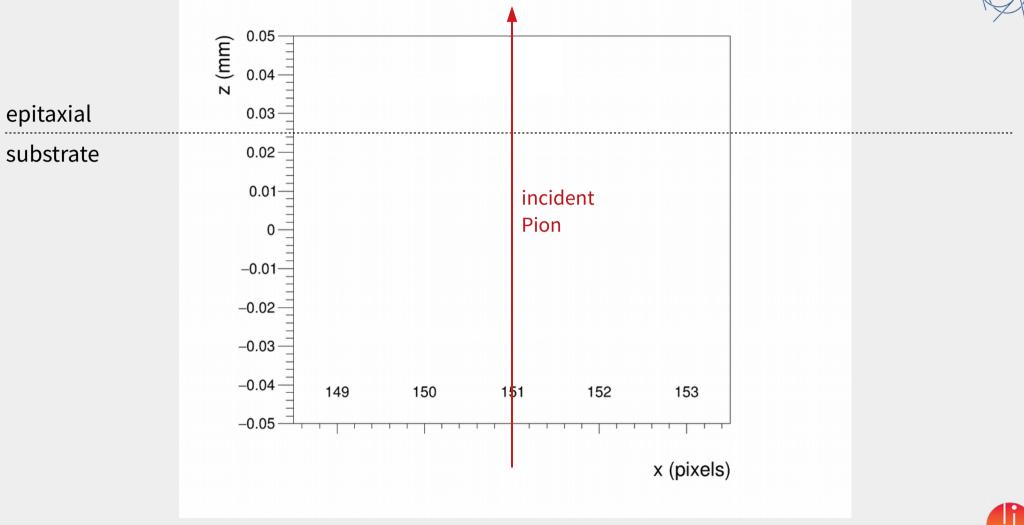
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1 type = "hybrid"
2
3 number_of_pixels = 256 256
4 pixel_size = 55um 55um
5
6 sensor_thickness = 300um
7 chip_thickness = 700um
8
9 # ...
10
11 [support]
12 thickness = 1.76mm
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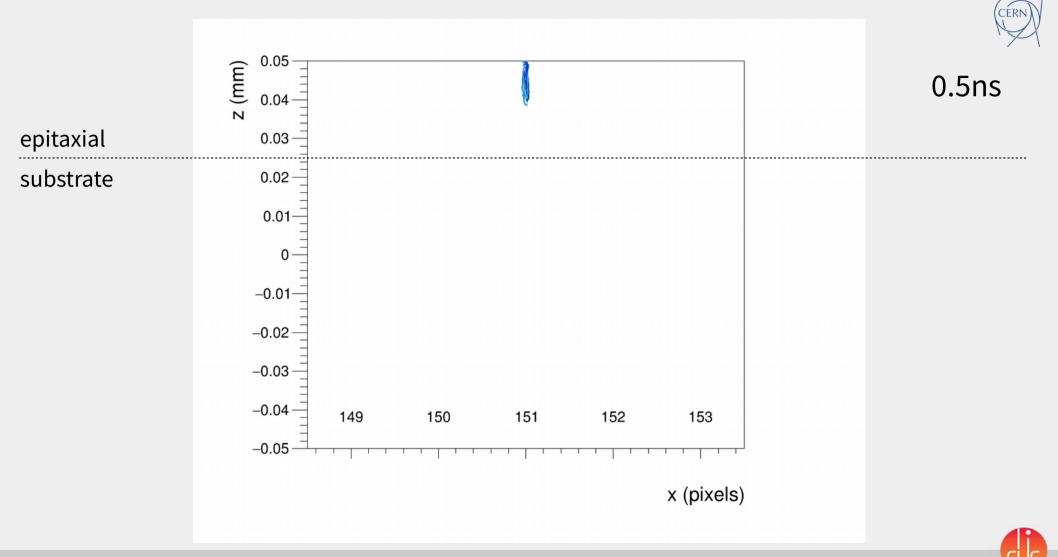


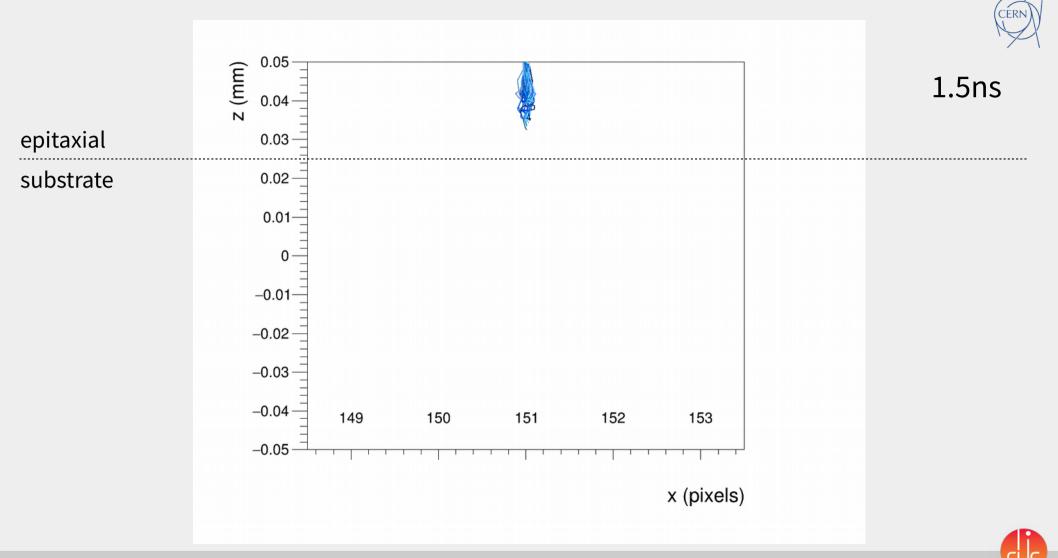
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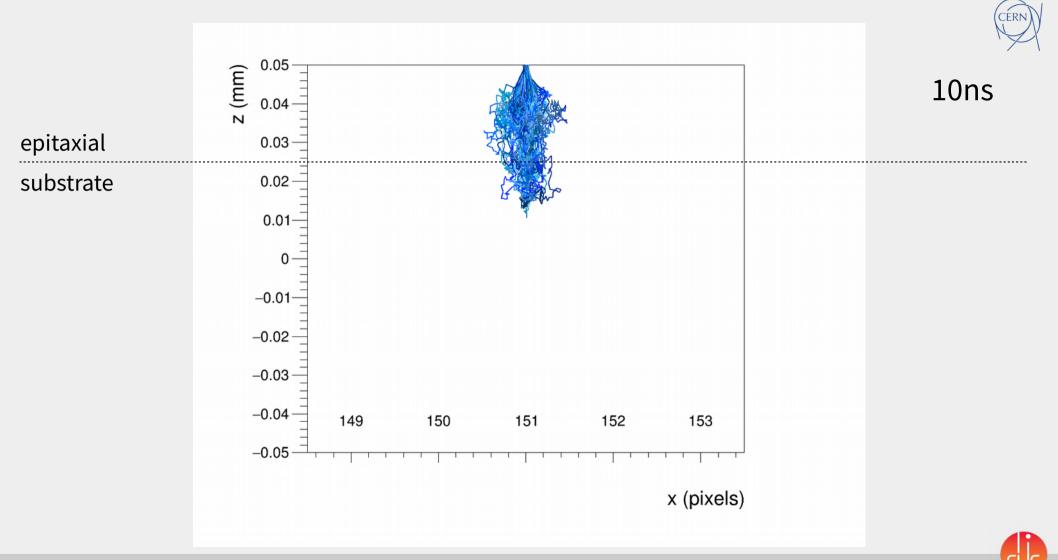


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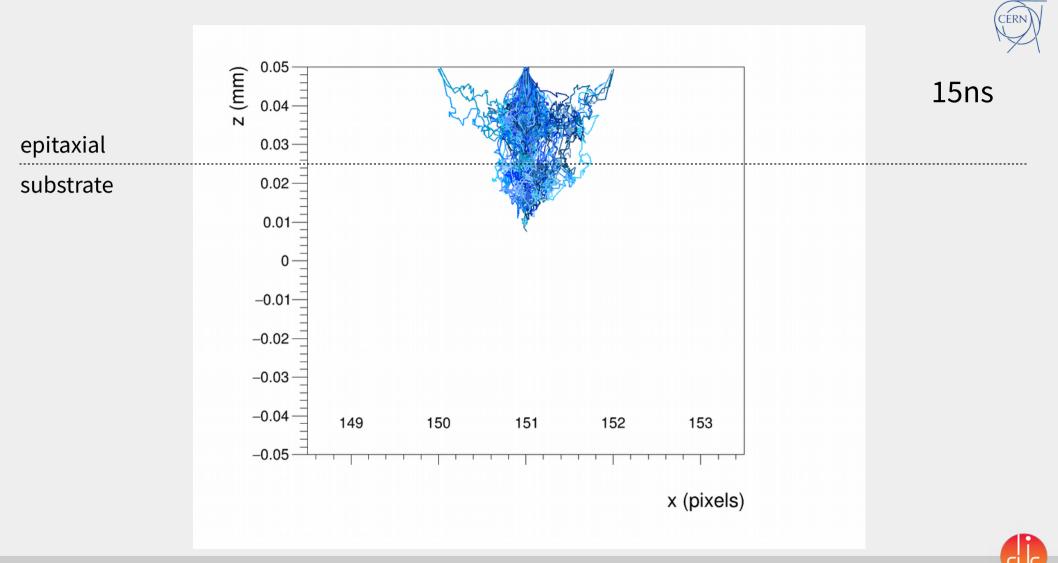








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