

SuperB Computing

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Four activity areas were identified in February '08:

- fast simulation
- Geant4 simulation
- collaborative tools
- development support



Goals set in Feb. 08

Status: OK, not yet, mostly done

mid-March

mid-April

Elba meeting

Pravda

User Guide
completed

evaluate strategy
for a possible
evolution from
Pravda

working version
of DIRC and IFR
output

Geant-4

current geometry
in GDML;
validation

realistic SuperB
detector
included

Collab. tools

Invenio,
MediaWiki

AA integration
of various tools

Development support

Geant-4 code in
Subversion
repository

Pravda in SVN,
RPM
distribution
system



Fast simulation

(coord. by M. Rama)

- work has gone **much further** than anticipated
 - release of Pravda MC used guide: OK
 - evolution from Pravda: not only a decision on how to proceed has been taken ...
 - ... but a new tracking code package (PacTrk) has been actively developed
 - many more people got involved (7 -> 14)
 - main development areas in the past 3 months:
 - new tracking engine
 - response of DIRC, EMC and IFR
 - interface between parts



Fast simulation goals for the meeting

- the group is aiming at:
 - performing a global review of the development status
 - consolidating liaisons with physics groups and planning joint activity
 - planning of June activity in view of code release for general use
- it is really important that the detector people and the physics groups provide their constructive feedback about the functionality that the tool is designed to provide and how
- Monday morning sessions are the right time to contribute your input
- Documentation is available



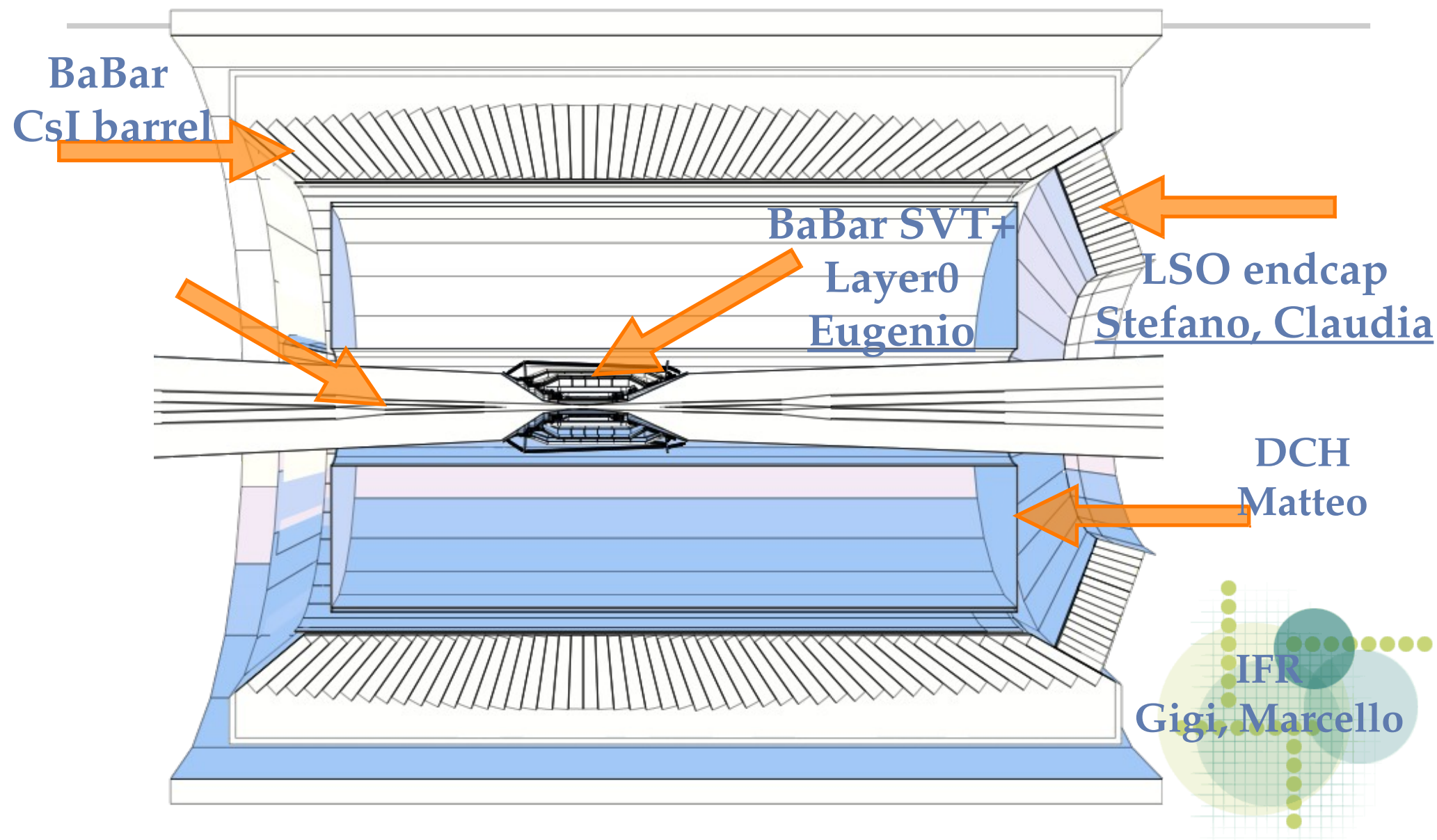
Geant 4 simulation

(coord. by E. Paoloni)

- describe the CDR symplified detector geometry with GDML files
 - OK
- validate against previous geometry-in-the-code version
 - partially achieved
- build a TDR realistic detector from GDML files
 - OK but for DIRC
 - BaBar detector geometry dumped in GDML files is available and can be reused whenever necessary



TDR SuperDet V. 0.0



Current status

- documentation has been produced and made available on the SuperB Wiki
- still some integration work to be done before having a functioning SuperDet V 0.0 detector
 - but a lot more efforts needed to modify the simulation code in order to achieve a more satisfactory integration of the GDML functionality (definitions of volumes with magnetic fields, sensitive detectors, segmentation...)



Goals for this meeting

- Decide how to validate the present simulation
- Design the sub-detectors envelopes to forbid clashes
- Sketch of the requirements/strategies for the digitization of the Geant4 hit and set a timescale for the development
- Review of the procedures to estimate the background impact on the detectors performance and life span
- Find a person in charge of the PID geometry
 - BaBar DIRC GDML description is there but no one has validated it
 - forward endcap detector GDML description is missing



Message for the detector groups

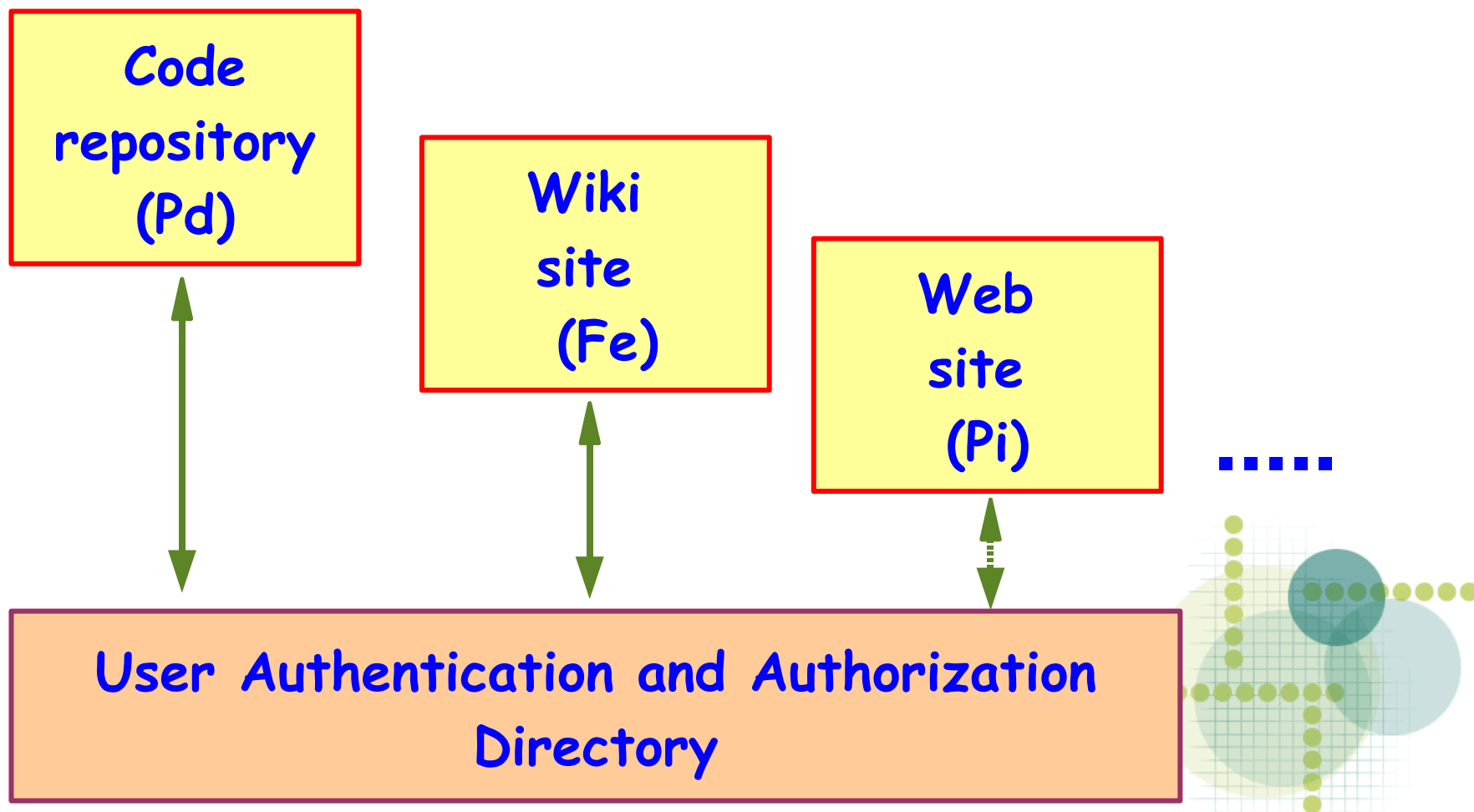
- a Geant4 SuperB detector model for the TDR is not far from being setup
- basically usable for background studies
- now starting to address the next steps: digitization and, later, reconstruction: these will require longer work and stronger efforts
- having a detailed simulation working will be important for the detector TDR studies
- it is crucial that each subdetector identifies the manpower for supporting the effort



Collaborative tools

(coord. by Alberto Gianoli)

the basic set of tools is available



News from February

- LDAP DB is alive
 - a GUI for managing the insertion and updating of user information is being written
 - this will provide delegation of authority
- Wiki site in Ferrara up and running
 - please, try to use it
 - it' s a great tool do keep dynamic documentation up-to-date, organized and accessible to eveybody
- Invenio (archive for internal documents) is available
 - configuration and customization work on the way



Goal for the meeting

- define and implement a hierarchical structure to organize the content of the Wiki site
- setup the Invenio archive
- define the procedures to manage the central user AA DB
- identify additional needed functionality
 - please let us know



Development support

(Coord. by R. Stroili)

- two Subversion (SVN) repository are currently setup
 - one in LBNL for fast simulation developments
 - one in Padova, now being used for the Geant4 simulation
 - interfaced to the LDAP directory
- policy rules for using SVN have been defined and some experience of real usage has now been collected



Package distribution

(Coord. by R. Stroili)

- repository for RPM packages (yum enabled) has been setup
 - packages available: Geant4, clhep, root, xerces-c e gdml
 - two : SL46 e SL51.
- could now be used for the fast simulation as well



Goals of the meeting

- SVN repositories
 - decide how to evolve the SVN repositories into a single one
 - agree on the general structure
 - review the usage rules if necessary
- Yum repository
 - define the platforms that must be supported
 - outline the necessary steps to incorporate the fast simulation
- start discussing how to handle the realeas process (clearly more manpower is needed)



Towards the future

- up to now, most attention has been focused on immediate urgent needs
 - with tools required for the TDR first in the list
- this meeting is a good opportunity to start discussing and addressing longer term issues
- an important one is to understand what can be the goals of an R&D program for SuperB computing
- sacrificing the Sunday rest time, a special session has been organized with two invited talks



Summary

Significant progress since February

- new fast simulation tool under active development
 - will hear about this more soon
- full simulation is being shaped
 - very important to manage the effort soon
- computing tools to support collaboration work and software developments are available or will be made available soon: use them!
 - soon we will need to setup a core computing team

