



Key4hep: Current status and recent developments

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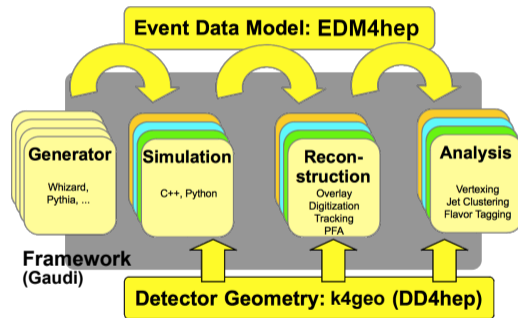
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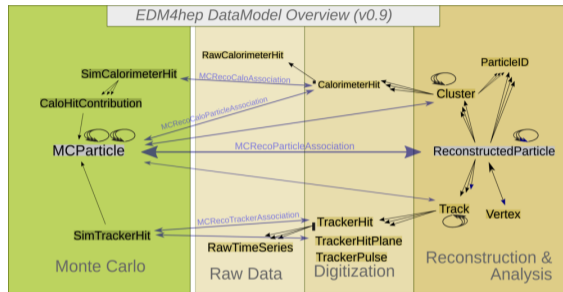
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- Turnkey software for future accelerators
- Share components to reduce maintenance and development cost and allow everyone to benefit from its improvements
- Complete data processing framework, from generation to data analysis
- Community with people from many different experiments: C³, CEPC, CLIC, EIC, FCC, ILC, Muon Collider, etc.



The Key4hep Event Data Model: EDM4hep

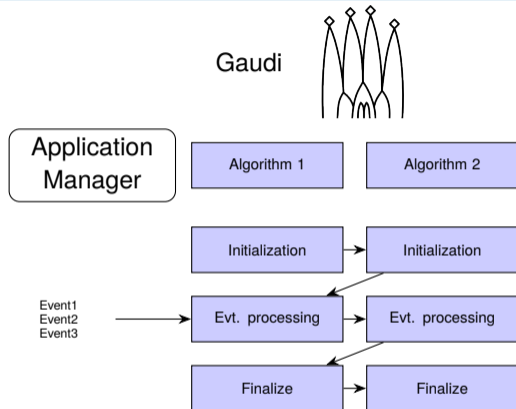
- Data Model used in key4hep, it is the language that all components must speak
- From a specification in a yaml file, and using podio, the C++ code containing all the classes and methods is generated



- Classes for physical objects, for example: `MCParticle`
- Associations between these, for example: between `MCParticle` and a `ReconstructedParticle`
- Adapt based on the news of the collaborators. Example: `RawTimeSeries` previously was `TPCHit`

The Key4hep Framework

- **Gaudi** based core framework:
 - **k4Gen** for integration with generators
 - **k4SimGeant4** for integration with Geant4
 - **k4SimDelphes** for integration with Delphes
 - **k4geo** for detector models, previously lcgeo
 - **k4FWCore** provides the interface between EDM4hep and Gaudi
 - **k4MarlinWrapper** to call Marlin processors
 - ...



- Used by LHCb, ATLAS, Key4hep and others

The Key4hep Framework

- Key4hep provides the interface and the glue to make the different pieces talk to each other
- Components are picked up from other places (for example Gaudi for the event processing framework)
- iLCSoft can be used thanks to the k4MarlinWrapper, we benefit from lots of years of development and tested software
- Results on detector studies, analyses, etc



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Contributions

Materials

Challenges and Solutions in Reconstructing Higgs Decays to Heavy Flavour Jets

The reconstruction of heavy flavour jets will play an important role at future e^+e^- Higgs factories: SH to $b\bar{b}(b)S$ is the most frequent decay mode of the SM Higgs, and SH to $c\bar{c}(c)S$ is particularly challenging to measure at the LHC. [Als](#)

👤 Yaser Radkhorrami (DESY), Jenny List, et al.

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📍 Sala Mercurio (Hotel Ariston, Paestum)

👥 Second ECFA Workshop on e^+e^- Higgs/EW/Top Factories, October 11-13, 2023, in Paestum (Salerno)

Optimizing the Higgs self-coupling measurement at ILC and C³

Measuring the Higgs self-coupling is a key target for future $S\bar{e}^+e^-e^+e^-S$ colliders and can be accessed through double Higgs production. An important question is how the precision of this measurement improves with higher center-of-mass coll

👤 Junping Tian (University of Tokyo), Julie Torndal (DESY), et al.

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[Search for Invisible Decays of the Higgs Boson at the ILC Using key4HEP](#)

The Key4hep Stack

- Software provided in “stacks” deployed on cvmfs
- More than 500 packages (most are dependencies)
- Nightly builds in `/cvmfs/sw-nightlies.hsf.org` with the latest version of the key4hep packages and other packages. CentOS 7, AlmaLinux 9 and Ubuntu 22.04 supported
- Releases in `/cvmfs/sw.hsf.org` with tagged versions of the packages
- Easy setup with cvmfs:

```
source /cvmfs/sw-nightlies.hsf.org/key4hep/releases/setup.sh # Latest nightly
source /cvmfs/sw.hsf.org/key4hep/releases/setup.sh           # Latest release
```

- Questions, problems, complaints and anything else related to packages happens in <https://github.com/key4hep/key4hep-spack>

New developments

Podio and EDM4hep

- Schema evolution: it is possible to modify our definitions in EDM4hep and still be able to read old data
- Schema evolution is working and has been added to podio, and by extension, to EDM4hep [T. Madlener and B. Hegner]
 - Renaming, adding a new member, removing a member is now possible
- New RNTuple backend to write RNTuples (experimental new format for ROOT files)
- Python bindings for EDM4hep

```
import edm4hep
particle = edm4hep.MCParticle() # default initialized particle
particle.getCharge() # 0.0
```

- Together with the podio bindings it is possible to read or generate data and save it to a file, all from python
- Few minor changes in the model itself → very stable

Frame reading and writing in Key4hep

- The Frame (from podio) is a data container where collections can be stored
- Key feature: support for multithreading
- Typically represents an event but can be anything else
- A backend decides how it is written to a file (ROOT files with ROOT TTrees most of the time)
- **Automatic Frame reading and writing** was introduced to the key4hep Gaudi algorithms
 - Previously, files were being saved to an Event Store (didn't support multithreading)
 - Now, files produced are read and written as Frames
 - Changes were transparent; users didn't need to modify their code

Simple interface with get and put

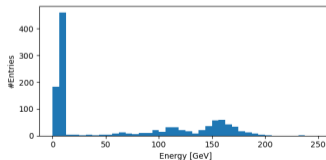
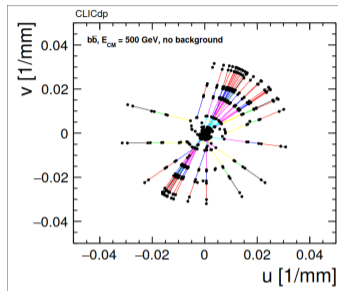
```
frame.get("MCParticleCollection");  
frame.put(std::move(coll), "NewCollection");
```

Also in python:

```
from podio.root_io import Reader  
reader = Reader('myfile.root')  
events = reader.get('events')  
for frame in events:  
    coll = frame.get('MCParticleCollection')
```

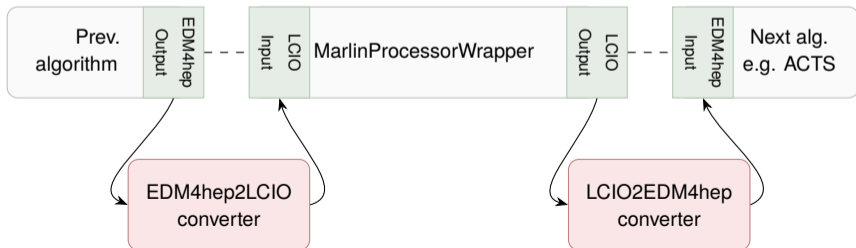
Integrations and native algorithms

- There is ongoing work on either native tools or integration with other tools
 - Integration with ACTS (L. Reichenbach)
 - Integration of the Pandora Particle Flow Algorithm (S. Sasikumar)
 - Digitisation algorithm in native key4hep (J.M. Carceller)
 - Overlay in native key4hep (Y. Khrabatyn, summer student at CERN)



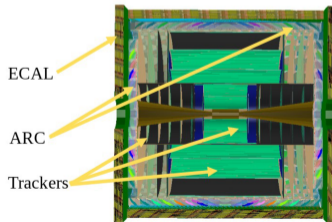
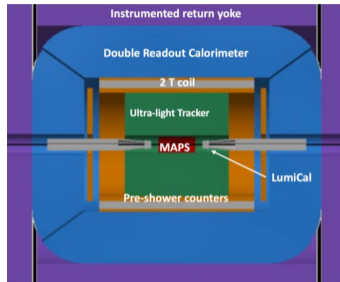
LCIO Converters

- There has been an overhaul of the EDM4hep - LCIO converters
 - Fixes some issues: associations were broken when using EDM4hep input in the conversion from LCIO to EDM4hep
- Current status
 - Marlin processors can be used in Gaudi using a 'MarlinProcessorWrapper'
 - EDM4hep input can be used and not worry about Marlin processors taking LCIO input and giving LCIO output
 - Standalone converter `lcio2edm4hep` to convert files



Detector and Reconstruction studies

- New detectors have been added recently to k4geo:
 - IDEA
 - ALLEGRO
 - CLD with the ARC subdetector
 - IDEA Vertex Detector
- See [A. Tolosa's talk](#) and [A. Sailer's talk](#)

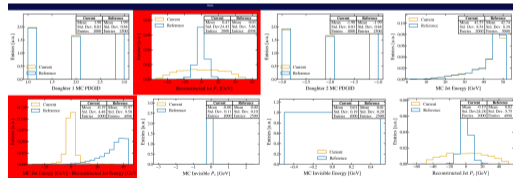


The Key4hep stack

- Nightly builds now support CentOS 7, AlmaLinux 9 and Ubuntu 22.04 (previously it was only CentOS 7)
- Support for these three OSES will also extend to new releases
- Several recent fixes:
 - Graphic visualizations (Geant4, DD4hep) now work well in the nightlies
 - Nightly validation, broken nightlies are not deployed on cvmfs
 - Improvements in CI so that it is possible to rebuild a nightly at a certain point in time
 - New packages added to the stack

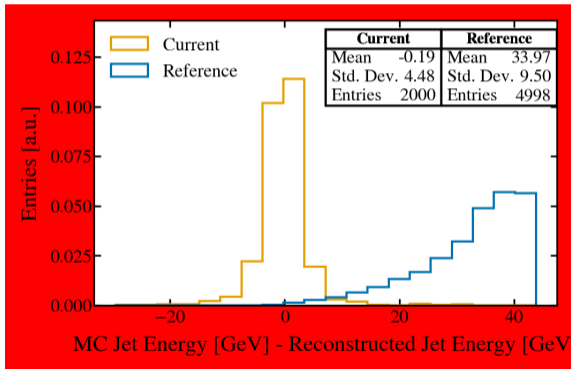
Key4hep Validation: Simulation and Reconstruction

- Check the simulation and reconstruction chain
- Run daily, use the latest key4hep nightlies
- Run a simulation with DD4hep, then reconstruction, then analysis scripts and then make plots
- Results are compared to a reference sample
- Plots are deployed to WebEOS (static webpage)
- <https://key4hep-validation.web.cern.ch/>
- Work in progress, no documentation yet



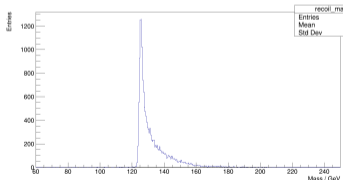
Key4hep Validation: Simulation and Reconstruction

- Example of a plot using a release with a bug as the reference one



Key4hep Tutorial

- Key4hep tutorial on Tuesday
- Several topics covered
 - EDM4hep
 - LCIO EDM4hep converters
 - Algorithms in Key4hep using Gaudi
 - Plotting from files
- Documentation will be kept online
<https://github.com/key4hep/key4hep-tutorials>
- Feel free to ask questions / report issues about the tutorials in person or by mail or github



Outlook: Functional algorithms

- One of the key features of the Frame is support for multithreading
- Current algorithms don't typically work in a multithreaded environment
 - If there is internal state several threads could change it at the same time
- Functional algorithms is the recommended way in Gaudi
 - Algorithms can not modify an internal state
- Working with EDM4hep collections using functional algorithms is now possible

Summary

- Lots of progress in key4hep in different areas
- Many more improvements, impossible to list them all!
- More to come, expect more integrations and native algorithms in key4hep, as well as bug fixes and quality of life improvements
- Very wide community with people from different experiments
- Many thanks to all the developers, users and bug reporters!

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Backup

Key4hep Builds: Nightlies

- Nightlies were updated
- Two build types depending if the build is done from scratch or not
- Builds from scratch will get the latest packages and let us know that the changes in spack don't break our builds - Updates every O(weeks)
- Daily builds that use as upstream the builds from scratch, they only build the packages that have changed (or those that depend on a package that has changed)
- Three new hidden files in each release
 - `.scratch`: If it is there, it is a build from scratch (all packages)
 - `.spack-commit`: Which commit of spack was used to build this release
 - `.key4hep-spack-commit`: Which commit of key4hep-spack was used to build this release

Key4hep Builds: Tests

- New **usability tests** are being added: compilation, ROOT, python, python packages, whizard, key4hep tools
- These tests come from experience, mainly from what people use that one day doesn't work, to make sure it doesn't repeat

```
cat > ee.sin <<EOF
process ee = e1, E1 => e2, E2
sqrts = 360 GeV
n_events = 10
sample_format = lhef
simulate (ee)
EOF
run_test "whizard test" "whizard -r ee.sin"
```

podio: RNTuple backend

TTree based

```
ROOTFrameWriter writer(filename);  
writer.writeFrame(frame);  
writer.finish();
```

```
ROOTFrameReader reader{};  
reader.openFile(filename)  
auto event = podio::Frame(reader.readEntry("events", 0));
```

RNTuple based

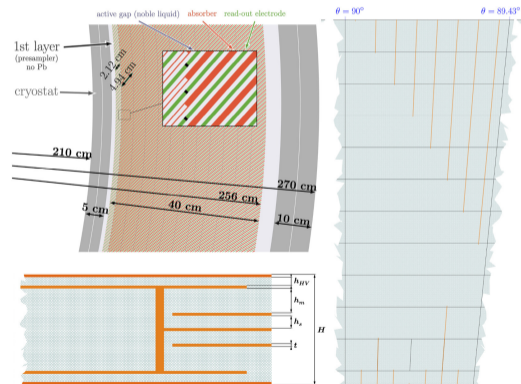
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- For the future:
 - Comparisons between the RNTuple and TTree-based backends: reading and writing speed, file size
 - Python bindings for the RNTuple writer and reader

Pandora

- Liquid Argon (LAr) detectors are being studied for future experiments (e.g. FCC)
- Swathi will study jet energy resolution for IDEA-LAr when a full simulation for IDEA is implemented
- Currently studying LAr with CLD (with full simulation)
- While adding the LAr calorimeter inside CLD overlaps were found so changes in the geometry had to be done
- Implementing a Gaudi algorithm to use Pandora PFA with Gaudi



Other improvements

- Many other small (or not) improvements
- Fixes and improvements in k4run in k4FWCore: [#93](#), [#110](#), [#126](#), [#131](#), [#132](#), [#143](#), [#137](#), [#138](#) and [#140](#)
- New packages added to the stack and / or nightlies (for example, opendatadetector) as requested
- Improvements in the documentation
- New tutorials

Functional algorithms in Key4hep

```
struct ExampleFunctionalConsumer final
  : Gaudi::Functional::Consumer<void(const edm4hep::MCParticleCollection& input), BaseClass_t> {
  ExampleFunctionalConsumer(const std::string& name, ISvcLocator* svcLoc)
    : Consumer(name, svcLoc, KeyValue("InputCollection", "MCParticles")) {}

  void operator()(const edm4hep::MCParticleCollection& input) const override {
    // Do something with the input
  }
};
```

example extracted from [k4FWCore](#)