

## Part 3

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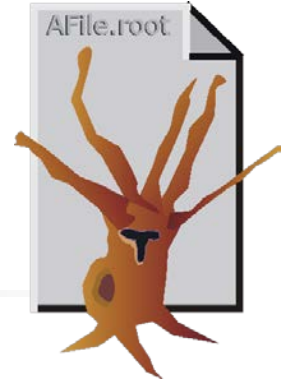
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# The TTree (finally!)

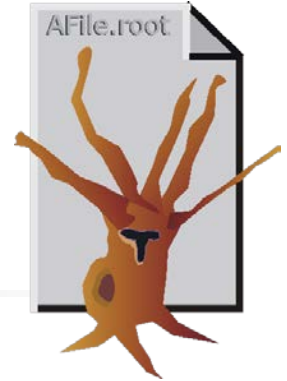
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# The ROOT trees (TTree)



- A **TTree** is the ROOT implementation of a old-dear **ntuple**
  - **Table** of **correlated** values/objects
    - E.g. energy, time and rise time of the same event
- The objects are **not necessarily numbers**
  - It can be an **array** or **any ROOT object**
    - This includes **user-custom** ROOT objects
  - The **arrays** can be also of **variable size** for each row
    - The actual size of the array is **stored** in an **other column** of the tree
- Optimized to save and manage efficiently a **large number of entries**
  - It is a real option for **storage** (e.g. raw data)

# The ROOT trees (TTree)



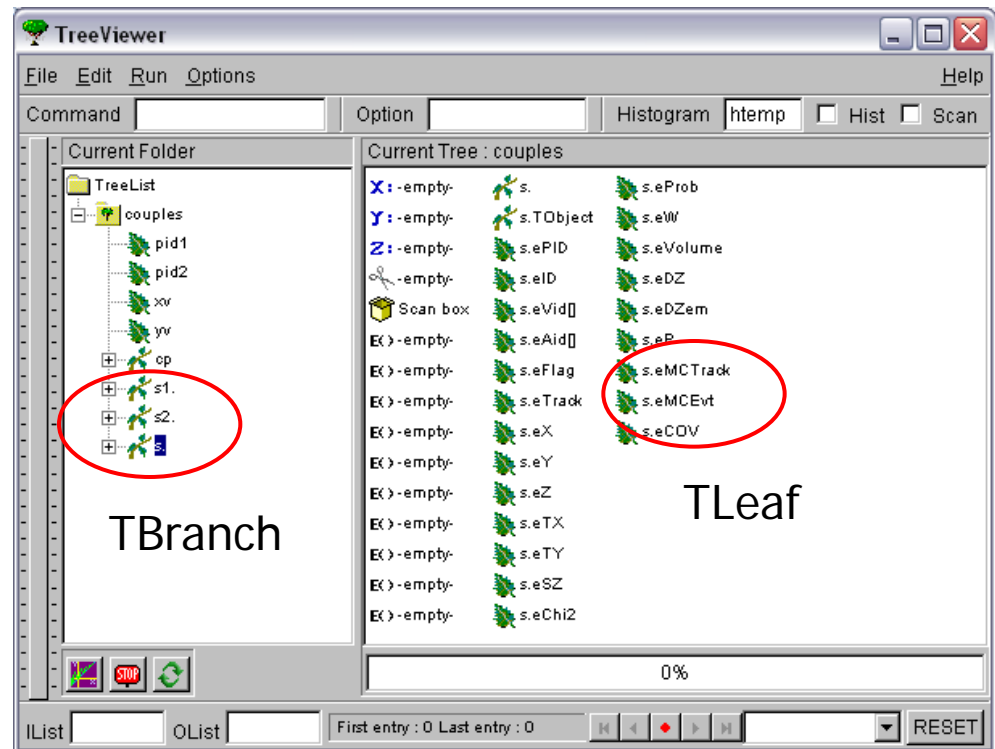
- The **TTree** is organized in a **hierarchical** structure of branches (TBranch) and leaves (TLeaf)
  - It is possible to **read selectively** from one branch or leaf only → **no need** to **load** the entire tree
  - In principle, branches can be written to **different files**
- **Additional branches** can be added at a **later stage**
  - E.g. as a result of some kind of analysis
- Surely the **most powerful** and flexible ROOT object

# Explore the content of a TTree

- A TTree can be loaded from a TFile exactly like a histogram, i.e. via `->Get()`

```
[ ] TTree* myTree =  
    (TTree*) f.Get("name");  
[ ] myTree->StartViewer();
```

The tree viewer allows the **interactive access** to the tree and to all branches and leaves → **double click** to plot



# Command-line handling of TTrees - 1

List of all variables (leaves and branches):

```
[ ]> tree->Print()
```

One-dimensional plot of a variable

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname")
```

Scatter plot of two variables

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname1:varname2")
```

Add a graphical option (lego2)

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname1:varname2", "", "lego2")
```

Add a **cut** based on an other variable

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname1:varname2", "varname3>0", "lego")
```

Scatter plot of three variables

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname1:varname2:varname3")
```

# Command-line handling of TTrees - 2

Show completely the content of one event (all leaves)

```
[ ]> tree->Show(eventNumber);
```

Fit of the 1-dim distribution of one variable

```
[ ]> tree->Fit("func", "varname")
```

Fit adding a cut

```
[ ]> tree->Fit("func", "varname", "varname > 10")
```

Class **TCut** to define specific cuts

```
[ ]> TCut cut1="varname1>0.3"
```

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname1:varname2", cut1)
```

```
[ ]> TCut cut2="varname2<0.3*varname1+89"
```

```
[ ]> tree->Draw("varname1:varname2", cut1 && cut2)
```



# Create and fill a TTree

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- It is a bit worksome: **5 steps** required
  1. Create the TFile
  2. Create the TTree
  3. Register TBranch to TTree
  4. Fill the TTree
  5. Write the output file
- **Easy** situation: load branches (**only numbers!**) from an **existing ASCII file**

```
TTree* tree = new TTree("tree", "My Tree Title");  
tree->ReadFile("myfile.dat", "energy/D:time/D:id/I");
```

filename

Branches and types (D, I)



# Building a TTree - 1

AFile.root

## ■ Step 1: Create a new TFile

```
TFile *myfile = new TFile("test.root", "RECREATE");
```

The **constructor** of TFile has **arguments**:

- ✓ **file name** (i.e. "test.root ")
- ✓ **options**: NEW, CREATE, RECREATE, UPDATE, or READ

## ■ Step 2: Create a TTree object

```
TTree *tree = new TTree("myTree", "A ROOT tree");
```

The **constructor** of TTree has **arguments**:

- ✓ **Tree Name** (e.g. "myTree")
- ✓ **Title** (choose a descriptive one, possibly!)

AFile.root



# Building a TTree - 2



- Step 3: Add the branches
- Simplest option: **TBranch = TLeaf**
  - Each **branch** contains only **one variable**
- Map each branch into a **memory address** (i.e. a **pointer**)

```
Int_t ntrack;  
Double_t energy;  
Double_t myArray[10];  
myTree->Branch("NTrack", &ntrack, "ntrack/I");  
myTree->Branch("Energy", &energy, "energy/D");  
myTree->Branch("MyArray", myArray, "myArray[10]/D");
```

Memory address where read the value from

Variable type

Notice: an **array** is already a **pointer**



# Building a TTree - 3

- Many possible **types**

```
- C : a character string terminated by the 0 character
- B : an 8 bit signed integer (Char_t)
- b : an 8 bit unsigned integer (UChar_t)
- S : a 16 bit signed integer (Short_t)
- s : a 16 bit unsigned integer (UShort_t)
- I : a 32 bit signed integer (Int_t)
- i : a 32 bit unsigned integer (UInt_t)
- F : a 32 bit floating point (Float_t)
- D : a 64 bit floating point (Double_t)
- L : a 64 bit signed integer (Long64_t)
- l : a 64 bit unsigned integer (ULong64_t)
- O : [the letter 'o', not a zero] a boolean (Bool_t)
```

- But one can also use **user-custom classes** as TBranch
  - Typical case: the **class** already "**packs**" in itself all the **relevant information** (e.g. MyEvent)
  - So, have a TTree of MyEvents

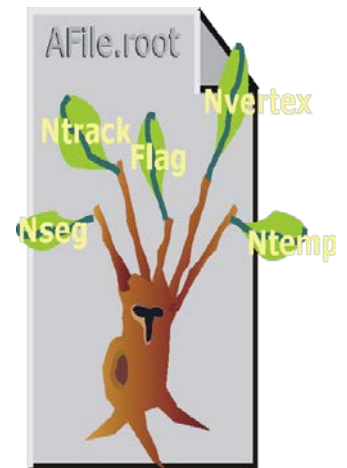
# Building a TTree - 4

- Step 3 (alternative): Add the Branches from user-defined classes

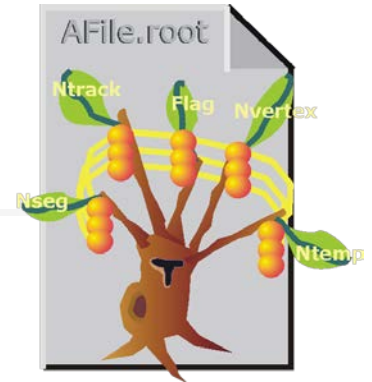
```
MyEvent *event = new MyEvent();  
myTree->Branch("EventBranch", "Event", &event);  
(or) myTree->Branch("EventBranch", &event);
```

User custom class

- ✓ Branch Name
- ✓ Class name (optional)
- ✓ Memory address (pointer) of the object to be stored (MyEvent, in this case)
  - ✓ The class MyEvent may contain several data members (e.g., Ntrack, Flag)
  - ✓ Each of them becomes a TLeaf



# Building a TTree - 5



## ■ Step 4: Fill the TTree

- ✓ Set the **proper values** to all **variable/objects** that have been **registered** as branches or leaves and **Fill()**

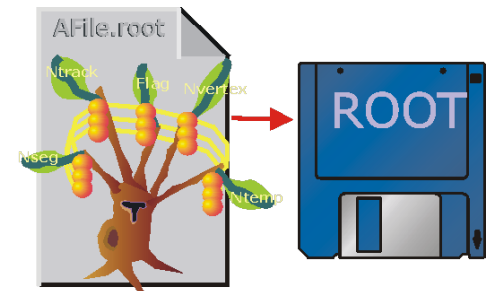
```
nTrack = 5;  
energy = 12.5;  
myTree->Fill();
```

- ✓ The operation can be **repeated** within a **for()** loop

## ■ Step 5: Save the TTree on the TFile

The method **write()** of TFile **writes automatically** all TTrees and all histograms

```
myFile->Write();
```





# One extra filling option

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- There is the possibility to have **arrays of variable size** as leaves of a TTree
  - Typical case: suppose you have 1000 detectors and only **one or two have a signal** in each event
    - Would you store two numbers and **998 zeroes**?
    - Store **only** the **two numbers** (and the detector ID!)
- The **number of elements** (event-per-event) is stored in **an other leaf** of the TTree

```
Int_t nDetectors;  
Double_t energy[NMAX];  
fTree = new TTree("tree","Global results");  
fTree->Branch("NDetectors",&nDetectors,"NDetectors/I");  
fTree->Branch("Energy",energy,"energy[NDetectors]/D");
```

# Ok, now we want to read the TTree back



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- Already described how to open, read and plot a TTree from **command line** (interactively)
  - Print(), Draw(), Show(), ...
  - Scatter plots, cuts on variables,...
- But what about **retrieving** the **content** of each TLeaf for each event **from a macro** or from a **C++ code**?
  - This is surely **necessary** for any **real-life analysis** with a fair amount of data
- ROOT **tutorial** available in  
`$ROOTSYS/tutorials/tree1.C`

# How to read a TTree - 1

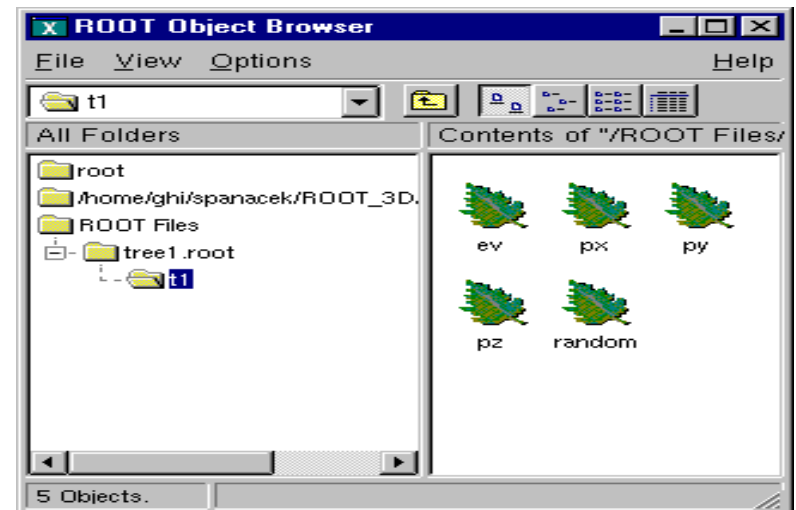
- **Open** the **TFile** which contains the TTree

```
TFile* file = new TFile ("tree1.root")  
file->ls();
```

- **Retrieve** the TTree (via the **name**)

```
TTree * t1 =  
(TTree*)file.Get("t1")  
t1->Print();  
(or) t1->StartViewer()
```

The TTree here has **5 leaves**,  
named ev, px, py, pz and random







## How to read a TTree - 2

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- Create the **appropriate variables** to store the data in the leaves

```
Float_t px, py;
```

- **Map** the branches/leaves that you want to read into your **local variables** (better, into the **memory address** of them)

- You do **not** have to **read all branches**, but only some of them, if you wish

```
t1->SetBranchAddress( "px" , &px )
```

```
t1->SetBranchAddress( "py" , &py )
```

Branch name

Memory address



## How to read a TTree - 3

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- Read each row of the TTree using `GetEvent(ID)`;  
`t1->GetEvent(0); //read first event`
- After *each call* of `GetEvent()` , the **variables** that are **mapped** to a branch **get their actual values**
- One can **loop** over entries and **read** the entire tree

```
for (Int_t i=0;i<t1->GetEntries(); i++)  
{  
    t1->GetEvent(i);  
    //do what you need with the tree content  
}
```

# Load many TTrees: the TChain

- Sometimes, you want to merge/load trees **split in many files**
  - Same tree **name**, same **branches**
- May happen e.g. because
  - The tree is **too big** and it is **split** in many files
  - There is **one file** per each **run** of your experiment and you want to load the **entire dataset**

```
TChain *ch = new TChain("tree");
```

```
ch->Add("run1.root");
```

```
ch->Add("run2.root");
```

```
ch->Print();
```

```
ch->GetEntries() ...
```

} Add files

} Use TChain **as a TTree**

Common name of all trees

# Adding a branch to an existing TTree

- It is possible to add a new TBranch to a TTree which already exists
  - Typical case: you want to add some extra variable calculated from the others

```
TFile f("tree3.root", "update");
Float_t new_v; //variable for the new branch
TTree *t3 = (TTree*)f->Get("t3");
TBranch *newBranch = t3->Branch("new_v", &new_v,
"new_v/F");
for (Int_t i = 0; i < t3->GetEntries(); i++){
    new_v= gRandom->Gaus(0, 1);
    newBranch->Fill(); ← Fill only the new branch
}
t3->Write("", TObject::kOverwrite); ← Save only new version
```

Attach the branch to the tree



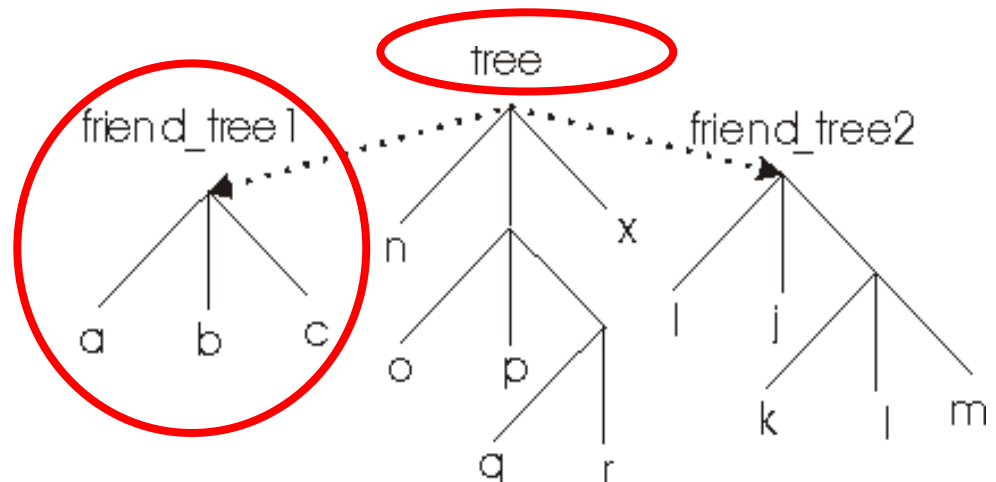
# The TTree friendship

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# TTree friends

- In some cases, it is **not possible/advisable** to add a **new branch** to an existing tree
  - The parent tree might be **readonly** (raw data!)
  - **Risk of losing the original tree** with an unsuccessful attempt to save the modification
- Solution: add a **TTree friend**
  - Each TTree has **unrestricted access** to **all** fields/data of its own friends

To all practical purposes, this is **equivalent** to a **single TTree** which contains tree, friend\_tree1 and friend\_tree2





# Add friends to a TTree

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- **AddFriend**( "treeName" , "fileName" )  
`mytree->AddFriend( "ft1" , "ff.root" )`
  - If no file name is given, the friend tree is looked for in the **same TFile** as the starting tree
- If the TTree's have the **same name**, it is mandatory that the friend gets an **"alias"** so that the trees **can be distinguished**

```
mytree->AddFriend( "tree1 = tree" ,  
"ff.root" )
```

alias

original name



# Access to the friends

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- Access:

`treeName.branchName.leafName`

- The **leafName only** is **sufficient** if it **unambiguously** identifies the leaf

Access to **all**  
variables of **all**  
TTrees

- Example:

```
mytree->Draw( "t2.px" )
```

```
mytree->Draw( "t2.pz" , "t1.px>0" )
```

```
mytree->SetBranchAddress( "t2.px" , &p )
```

- List of **all** branches

```
mytree->Print( "all" );
```

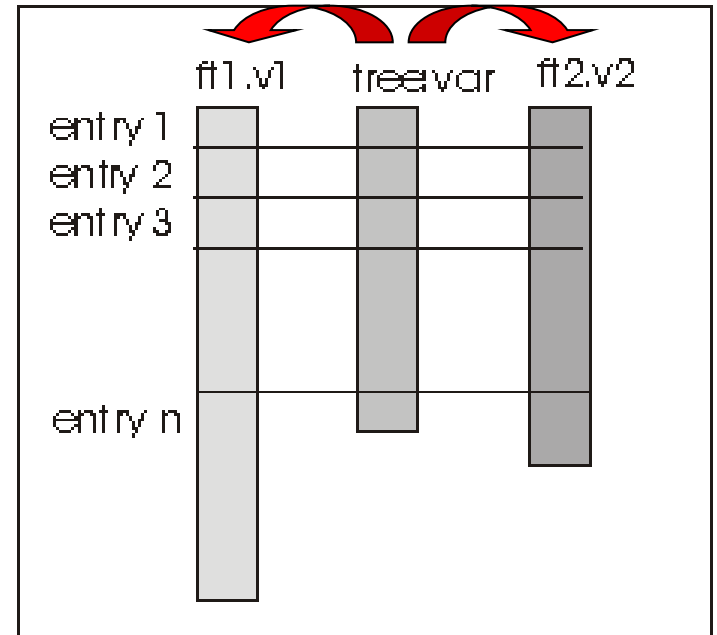


# The friend list

- The number of **entries** of the friends tree must be **equal or larger** than the "main" tree
- The "main" tree must be **the shortest one** (→ "tree", here)
- **ft1** can be friend of **tree**, but **tree** cannot be friend of **ft1**

Access to the **friend list**:

**TTree::GetListOfFriends()**



# Definition of user-custom ROOT classes



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# One more step ahead: "ROOTify" your own class

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- It is possible to **ROOTify user-classes**, so that they are handled as **ROOT** classes:
  - instantiated by **command line**
  - written in **ROOT files**
  - used as **branches** in a Tree
- Typical case: customized "**containers**" (e.g. **MyEvent**) and new **objects** (e.g. **MyTRun**)
  - **Encapsulate** and "pack" the information of an **event**: a "run = TTree of MyEvent objects"
- Can be done as:
  - **Command line** (but **no I/O**)
  - Via **ACLiC** (= compiled code)

# Define your own class in ROOT

- Step 1: the user class must **inherit** from **TObject** (or from the derived class **TNamed**)
  - The user class inherits **all characteristics** of the **ROOT objects**, as the **name** (string) and all **methods** for **I/O** and **management** (e.g. **Write()** )
- Step 2: **add** to the **source code** the lines  
**ClassDef**(**ClassName**,**ClassVersionID**)  
At the end of the *header* (.h)  
Takes a **version number** ID  
**ClassImp**(**ClassName**)  
At the beginning of the *implementation* (.c)



# ClassDef() and ClassImp()

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- **ClassDef()** and **ClassImp()** are **macros** defined in ROOT
- They are **required** to manage the **I/O** of the object
- They actually yield:
  - The **streamer** methods to **write** the objects in a **ROOT file** or as **branches of a TTree**.
  - Method **ShowMembers()** to list **public class members**
  - Overload of the input operator **>>**
- User must provide a **default constructor** for his/her class



# A concrete example

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```
class MyTRun : public TNamed
{
public:
    MyTRun() {;};
    virtual ~MyTRun(){;};

    ClassDef(MyTRun, 1) // Run class
};
```

.h

```
#include "MyTRun.hh"
```

```
ClassImp(MyTRun);
```

.C

ROOT inheritance





# That's not enough...

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- Step 3: (optional) create a file called **LinkDef.h**. It is required to **notify** ROOT of the presence of a **new user-custom class**, to be included in the dictionary

```
#ifdef __CINT__      ROOT <= 5
```

```
#ifdef __CLING__     ROOT 6
```

```
#pragma link off all globals;
```

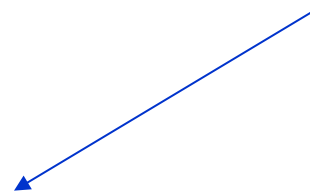
```
#pragma link off all classes;
```

```
#pragma link off all functions;
```

```
#pragma link C++ class MyTRun;
```

```
#endif
```

Line to add





# Still, that's not enough...

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- Step 4 (and last): Create the dictionary using the command `rootcint`
  - `$(ROOTSYS)/bin/rootcint`
  - `-f MyDictionary.cxx`
  - `-c MyTRun.cxx [LinkDef.h]`
- The output are the files `MyDictionary.cxx` and `MyDictionary.h`
  - They are **compiler-ready** and can be used to produce a shared library
- `LinkDef.h` (if given) must be the **last argument** of the `rootcint` command line
  - The name of the LinkDef file **must** contain the string `LinkDef.h` or `linkdef.h`:
  - `MyNice_LinkDef.h` is **ok**
- Notice: for ROOT 6, use `rootcling` instead of `rootcint`





# ROOT extras

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# Other tools available in ROOT

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- In these lectures, there was only an overview of the **main tools** available in ROOT
- There are **many more**, e.g.
  - **Linear algebra** and matrix/vector calculations
  - Support for **custom GUI's** and interface to Qt
  - Handling of spectra (**TSpectra**)
    - Automatic **peak finding**, fitting, etc.
  - Python module (**PyROOT**)
- **Not all tools are compiled by default** when building ROOT
  - some of them have to be **activated explicitly**



# Other tools available in ROOT

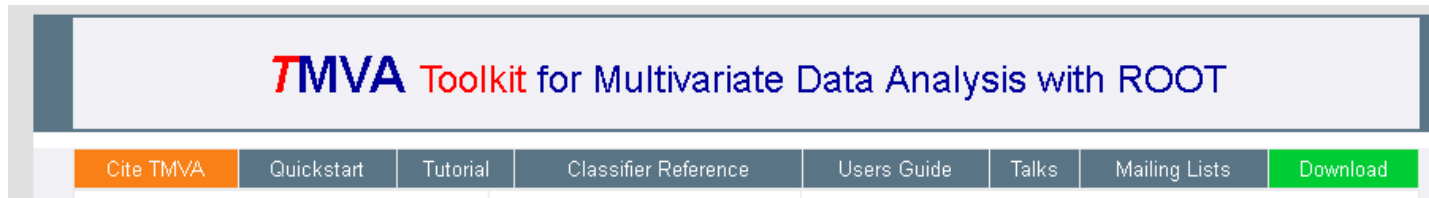
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- Additional tools for (**advanced**) fitting
  - Minuit2
  - **RooFit**
- **RooFit** initially developed by **BaBar**
  - Model the **expected event distribution** of events
  - **Unbinned** maximum likelihood **fits**
  - Generate "**toy Monte Carlo**" samples for various studies

```
gSystem->Load("libRooFit") ;  
using namespace RooFit ;
```
- Some **modules/tools** were provided by **experiments** or by other users

# Other tools available in ROOT

- Toolkit for **Multivariate Data Analysis** (TMVA)
  - **External** package, distributed with ROOT



- Includes **advanced** analysis tools like:
  - Artificial Neural Networks, Boosted/Bagged decision trees, Support Vector Machine, Multidimensional probability density estimation, Rectangular cut optimisation
- User **custom modules** can be **built** and **integrated** in the ROOT source dir
  - Makefile **MyModules.mk** provided



# It is your turn, now:

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- Try Task2 under

`http://geant4.lngs.infn.it/ROOTAlghero2015/introduction/index.html`