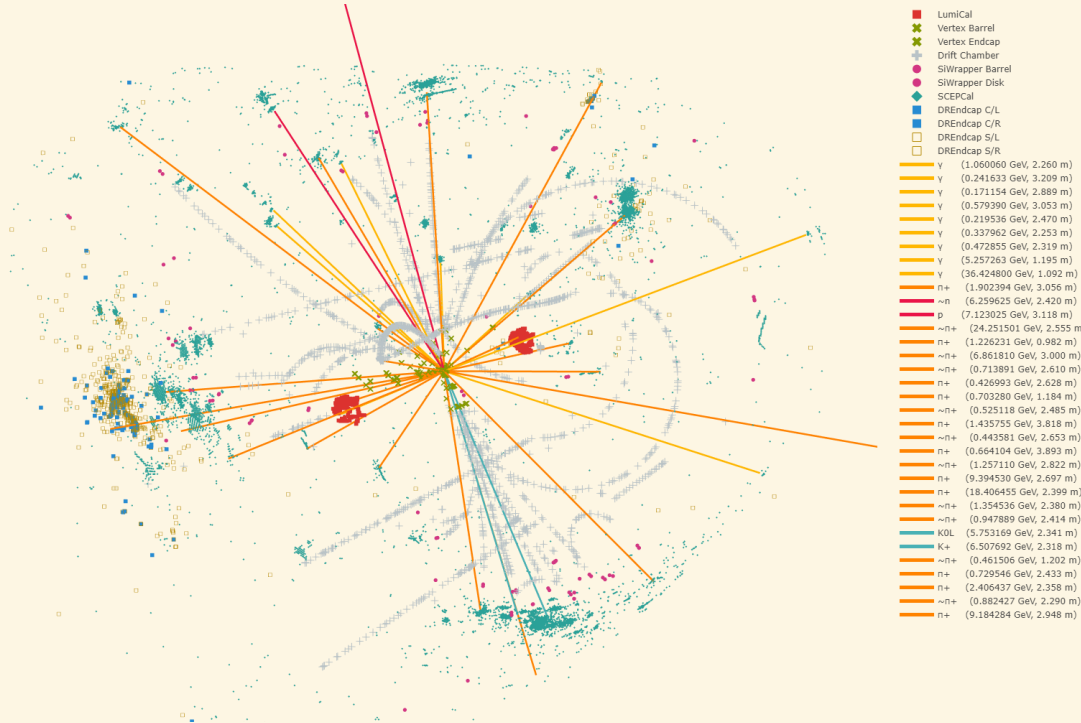
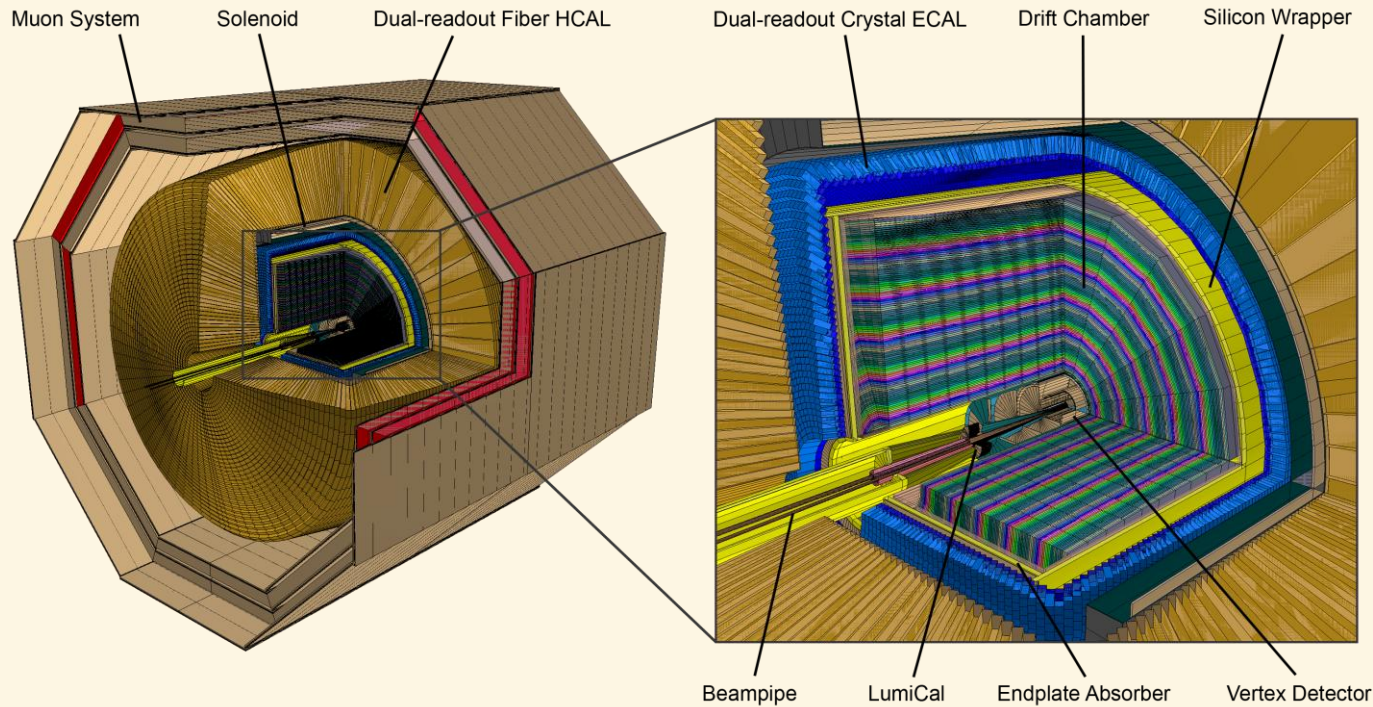


Full Detector Simulation in DD4hep

Concepts and Examples



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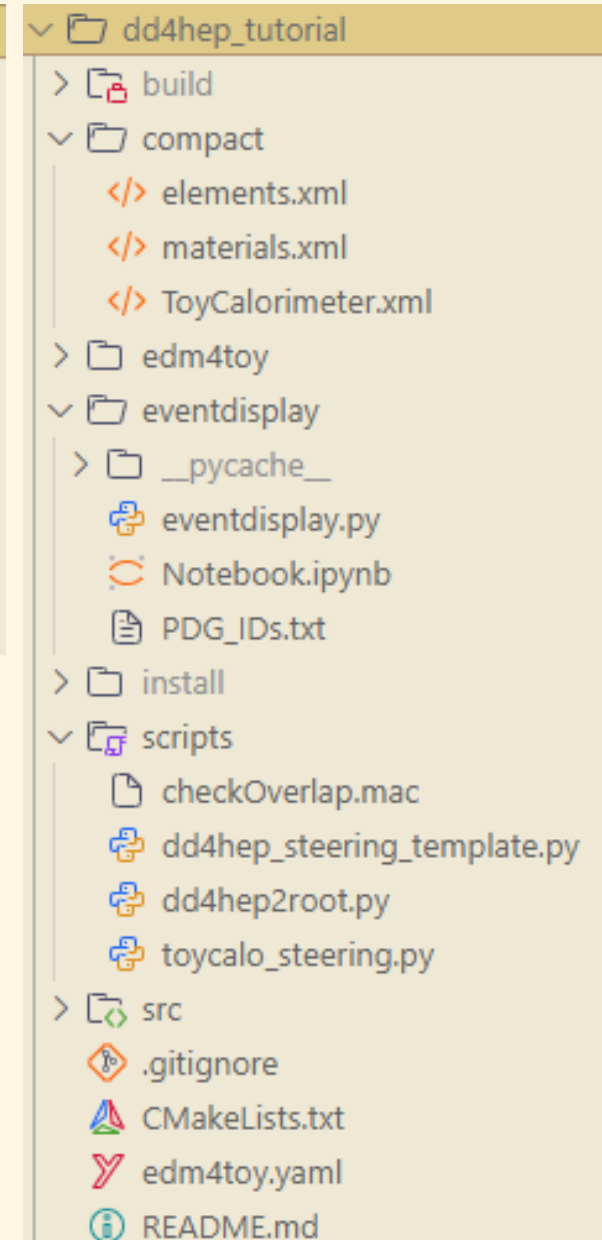
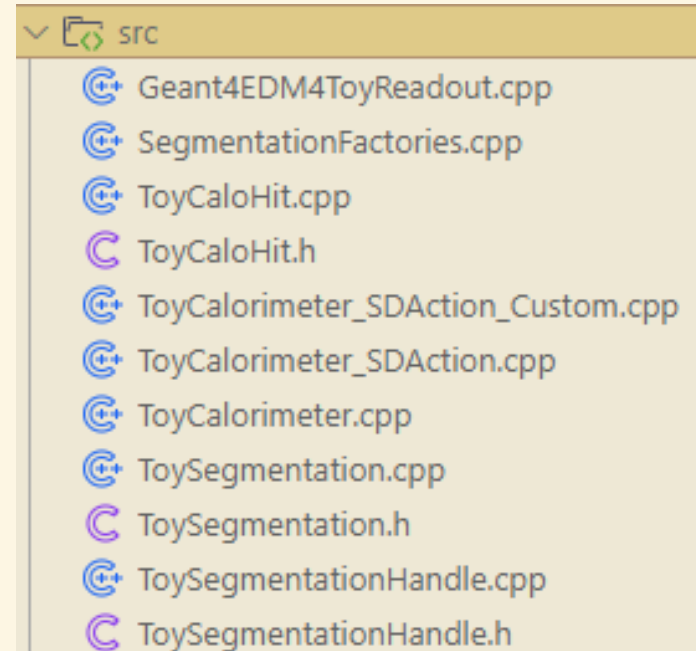
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Introduction and Goals

- Why full simulation?
 - Some things you can't parameterize
 - ML surrogates – interesting approach but in progress
- DD4hep vs pure Geant4
 - Essentially a modular wrapping of Geant4 components
- What you need for a new detector simulation
 - Compact XML + Steering file
 - Detector constructor
 - Segmentation (detector coordinates to global 3D coordinates)
 - Sensitive action (optional, custom detector response)
 - Readout class (optional, for custom data fields)
- Will go through each of these
 - Exercises: complete implementation of toy detector

```
git clone https://github.com/wonyongc/dd4hep\_tutorial
```

```
source /cvmfs/sw.hsf.org/key4hep/setup.sh
```



Compact XML

- XML
- Specifies the detector configuration
 - Material properties
 - Visualization
 - Subdetectors to use
 - Dimensions/constants to pass in
- Readout/segmentation

```
<properties>
  <matrix name="RI_PbW0" coldim="2" values="..." />
  <matrix name="AbsLen_PbW0" coldim="2" values="..." />
  <matrix name="scintFast_PbW0" coldim="2" values="..." />
</properties>

<materials>
  <material name="PbW04"> ...
</material>
</materials>

<readouts>
  <readout name="ToyCalorimeterReadout">
    <segmentation type="ToySegmentation"/>
    <id>system:5,phi:9,theta:9,depth:9</id>
  </readout>
</readouts>

<display>
  <vis name="ToyCalorimeterGlobalVis" alpha="0.1" r="1." g="0" />
  <vis name="boxVis" alpha="1" r="1.0" g="0" />
</display>

<define>
  <constant name="world_size" value="20 cm" />
</define>
```

Steering File

- Python
- Settings for the simulation using the detector
 - Event specification (input/output)
 - Physics list
 - Sensitive actions and filters (thresholds)
 - Magnetic field
 - Randomness
 - MC truth

```
SIM.gun.particle = settings['particle']
SIM.gun.position = (0, 0, 0)
SIM.gun.momentumMin = settings['momentum']-settings['plusminus']
SIM.gun.momentumMax = settings['momentum']+settings['plusminus']
SIM.gun.phiMin = settings['phi'][0]
SIM.gun.phiMax = settings['phi'][1]
SIM.gun.thetaMin = settings['theta'][0]
SIM.gun.thetaMax = settings['theta'][1]

#~~~~~ Vertex ~~~~~
SIM.crossingAngleBoost = 0.0
SIM.vertexOffset = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]
SIM.vertexSigma = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]

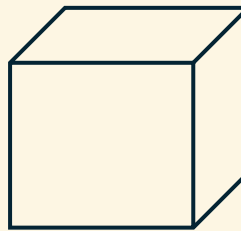
#~~~~~ Filters ~~~~~
SIM.filter.filters = {
  'geantino': {'name': 'GeantinoRejectFilter/GeantinoRejector',
                 'parameter': {}},
  'edep': {'name': 'EnergyDepositMinimumCut/edep',
           'parameter': {'Cut': settings['edep']}},
}

#~~~~~ Calorimeter ~~~~~
SIM.action.calorimeterSDTypes = ['calorimeter']
SIM.action.mapActions["MyToyCalorimeter"] = "ToyCalorimeter_SD/"
SIM.filter.mapDetFilter["MyToyCalorimeter"] = 'edep'
```

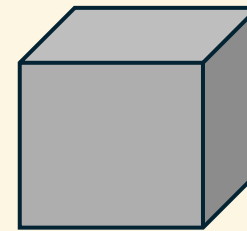
Detector Constructor

- Pull in parameters from XML file
 - Dimensions
 - Materials
 - Visualization
- Initialize the main detector element and segmentation
- **Construct the detector geometry**
 - Make a Shape
 - Make a Volume from a Shape
 - Make a PlacedVolume from a Volume
 - Set physical volume ID for PlacedVolumes
 - Nest geometry as desired
 - NB: Volumes are placed into the local coordinate system of the parent volume! Account for rotations and displacements accordingly
- For complex geometries, start to need intermediate envelope volumes (around ~1000 sub-volumes per volume)
- Check overlaps!

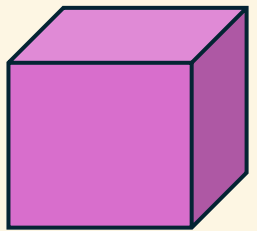
```
static Ref_t create_toy_calorimeter(Detector& theDetector, xml_h xmlElement, Sensitive[  
// -----  
// 1) Load the XML elements  
// -----  
  
// Handle to the XML <detector> node  
xml_det_t detectorXML = xmlElement;  
  
// Handle to custom XML elements like <dim>, <barrel>, etc.  
xml_comp_t dimXML = detectorXML.child(_Unicode(dim));  
xml_comp_t boxXML = detectorXML.child(_Unicode(box));  
  
std::string detName = detectorXML.nameStr();  
int detId = detectorXML.id();  
  
const double PHI_SEGMENTS = dimXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(phiSegments));  
const double BARREL_HALF_Z = dimXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(barrelHalfZ));  
const double BARREL_INNER_R = dimXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(barrelInnerR));  
const double BARREL_OUTER_R = dimXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(barrelOuterR));  
  
const double BOX_HALF_X = boxXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(boxHalfX));  
const double BOX_HALF_Y = boxXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(boxHalfY));  
const double BOX_HALF_Z = boxXML.attr<double>(_Unicode(boxHalfZ));  
  
// Initialize the top-level detector element  
dd4hep::DetElement calorimeterDet(detName, detId );  
  
// Get the world volume and call it experimentalHall  
dd4hep::Volume experimentalHall = theDetector.pickMotherVolume(calorimeterDet);
```



Shape



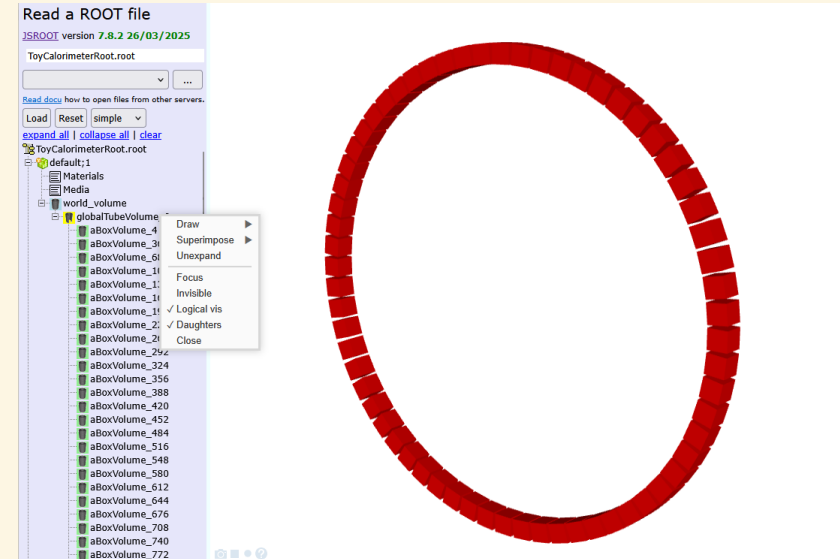
Volume



PlacedVolume
(w/ PhysVolID)

Checkpoint – View the geometry

- Clone the repo and source key4hep
 - `git clone https://github.com/wonyongc/dd4hep_tutorial.git`
 - `source /cvmfs/sw.hsf.org/key4hep/setup.sh`
 - `cd dd4hep_tutorial; mkdir build install`
- Implement your geometry in `src/ToyCalorimeter.cpp` , then
 - `cd build`
 - `cmake -Wno-dev -Wno-cpp -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=../install ..`
 - `make install -j8`
 - `export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=../install/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH`
 - once per shell instance
- Check overlaps (running from inside build folder)
 - `ddsim --compactFile ../compact/ToyCalorimeter.xml --runType run --macroFile ../scripts/checkOverlap.mac`
- Visualization - export geometry to a ROOT file, scp it to your laptop, and use online JSROOT viewer
 - `python3 ../scripts/dd4hep2root.py -c ../compact/ToyCalorimeter.xml -o ToyCalorimeterRoot.root`
 - <https://root.cern/js/latest/>

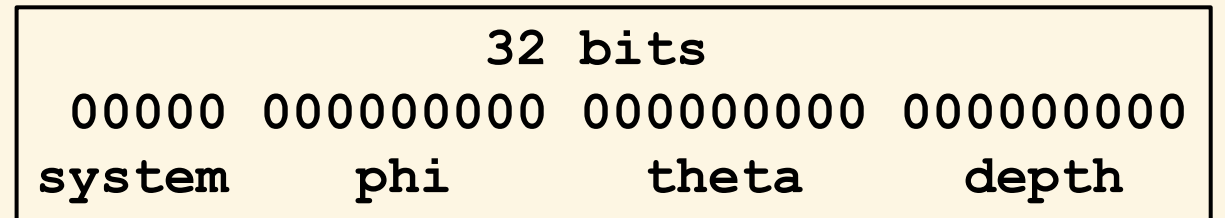


Geometry <-> Simulation: Readout/Segmentation

- Effectively a utility class to bridge information between detector geometry and sensitive action during simulation
- Two essential functions of detector segmentation
 - Define readout bit fields** (detector coordinates) used for physical volume ID
 - Number of bits per field assignable at runtime in XML
 - Store/convert detector coordinates** to global 3D coordinates for hit positions
- Other user-defined functions can be defined as desired
- Relevant files (simple, but lots of repetition):
 - `src/ToySegmentation.h`
 - `src/ToySegmentation.cpp`
 - `src/ToySegmentationHandle.h`
 - `src/ToySegmentationHandle.cpp`
 - `src/SegmentationFactories.cpp`



```
<readouts>
| <readout name="ToyCalorimeterReadout">
| | <segmentation type="ToySegmentation"/>
| | <id>system:5,phi:9,theta:9,depth:9</id>
| </readout>
</readouts>
```



Sensitive Action

- Models the detector response
 - Sets up detector hit type, ROOT collections (trees)
 - Custom hit types and collections possible (advanced)
- process() function runs on every Geant4 step
- Implements physics/detector logic
 - Baseline: Create/accumulate detector hits, save energy deposit
 - Terminate certain tracks if desired (e.g. optical photons)
 - Etc.
- Relevant files:
 - **src/ToyCalorimeter_SDAction.cpp**
- If using custom hit info:
 - **edm4toy.yaml**
 - **src/ToyCalorimeter_SDAction_Custom.cpp**
 - **src/ToyCaloHit.h**
 - **src/ToyCaloHit.cpp**
 - **src/Geant4EDM4ToyReadout.cpp**
 - Save your custom hit in `void Geant4EDM4ToyReadout::saveCollection`

```
namespace ToyCalorimeter {
class ToyCalorimeter_SDAction {
public:
    // typedef dd4hep::sim::Geant4Tracker::Hit Hit;
    typedef dd4hep::sim::Geant4Calorimeter::Hit Hit;
};
}

namespace dd4hep {
namespace sim {

using namespace ToyCalorimeter;

template <> void Geant4SensitiveAction<ToyCalorimeter_SDAction>::defineCollection() {
    m_collectionID = defineCollection<ToyCalorimeter_SDAction::Hit>("ToyCalorimeter");
}

template <> bool
Geant4SensitiveAction<ToyCalorimeter_SDAction>::process(const G4Step* step, G4Track* track) {
    G4StepPoint* thePrePoint = step->GetPreStepPoint();
    G4TouchableHandle thePreStepTouchable = thePrePoint->GetTouchableHandle();

    // Uncomment if you want to save MC step contributions
    // Geant4StepHandler h(step);
    // Geant4HitData::MonteCarloContrib contrib = Geant4HitData::extractContributions(h);

    auto cellID = thePreStepTouchable->GetCopyNumber(0);
    G4Track* track = step->GetTrack();

    // Get the segmentation for the sensitive detector
    dd4hep::Segmentation* _geoSeg = &m_segmentation;
    auto segmentation = dynamic_cast<dd4hep::DDSegmentation::ToySegmentation*>(_geoSeg);

    // Get the position of the detector cell from the segmentation
    DDSegmentation::Vector3D pos = segmentation->position(cellID);
    Position global(pos.x(), pos.y(), pos.z());

    // Get the energy deposited in the step
    G4double edep = step->GetTotalEnergyDeposit();
}
```

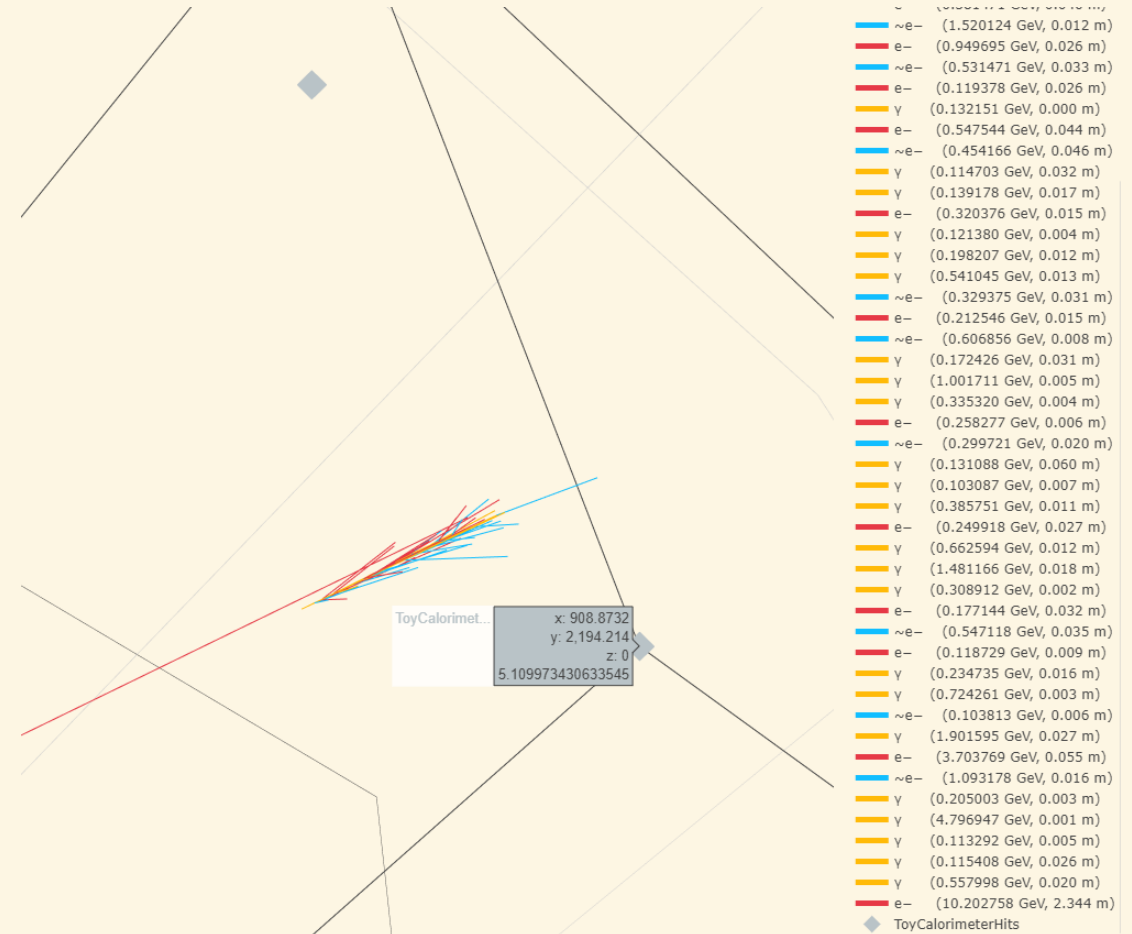
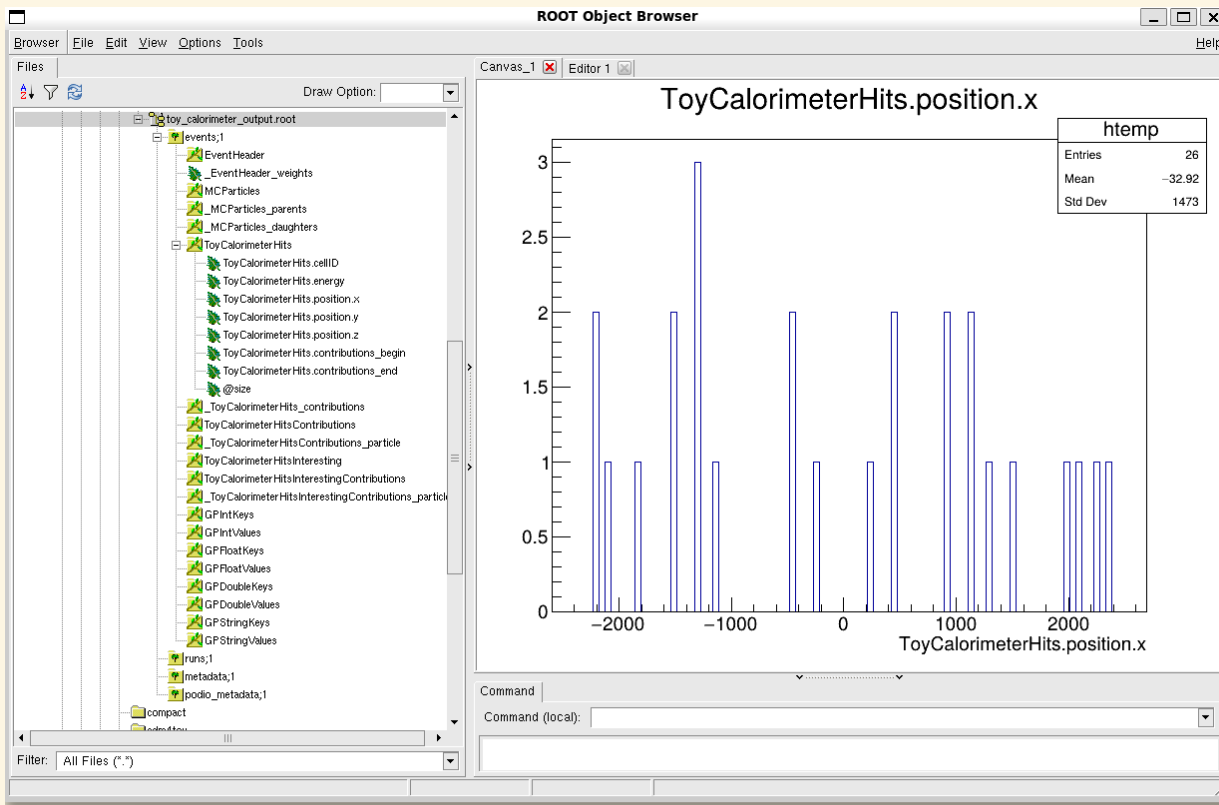
Checkpoint – Run the simulation

- Implement any changes desired in the relevant segmentation and sensitive action files, then
 - `cd build`
 - `cmake -Wno-dev -Wno-cpp -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=../install ..`
 - `make install -j8`
 - `export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=../install/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH`
 - once per shell instance
- Run the simulation (from the build folder)
 - `ddsim --steeringFile ../scripts/toy calo_steering.py`

```
[18:28:02]*[master][argama:~/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/build] ddsim --steeringFile ../toy calo_steering.py
PersistencyIO      INFO  +++ Set Streamer to dd4hep::OpaqueDataBlock
Info in <TGeoManager::TGeoManager>: Geometry default, Detector Geometry created
Info in <TGeoNavigator::BuildCache>: --- Maximum geometry depth set to 100
XMLLoader          INFO  +++ Processing XML file: file:/home/wonyongc/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/compact/ToyCalorimeter
DocumentHandler    INFO  +++ Loading document URI: file:/home/wonyongc/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/compact/ToyCalorimeter
gc/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/compact/ToyCalorimeter.xml']
DocumentHandler    INFO  +++ Document file:/home/wonyongc/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/compact/ToyCalorimeter.xml succes
DocumentHandler    INFO  +++ Loading document URI: /home/wonyongc/src/hep/SCEPCal-private/spack/local/.spack-env/v
s.xml [Resolved: '/home/wonyongc/src/hep/SCEPCal-private/spack/local/.spack-env/view/DDDetectors/compact/elements
DocumentHandler    INFO  +++ Document /home/wonyongc/src/hep/SCEPCal-private/spack/local/.spack-env/view/DDDetector
ully parsed with TinyXML .....
DD4hen             WARN  ++ STD conditions NOT defined by client. NTP defaults taken
```

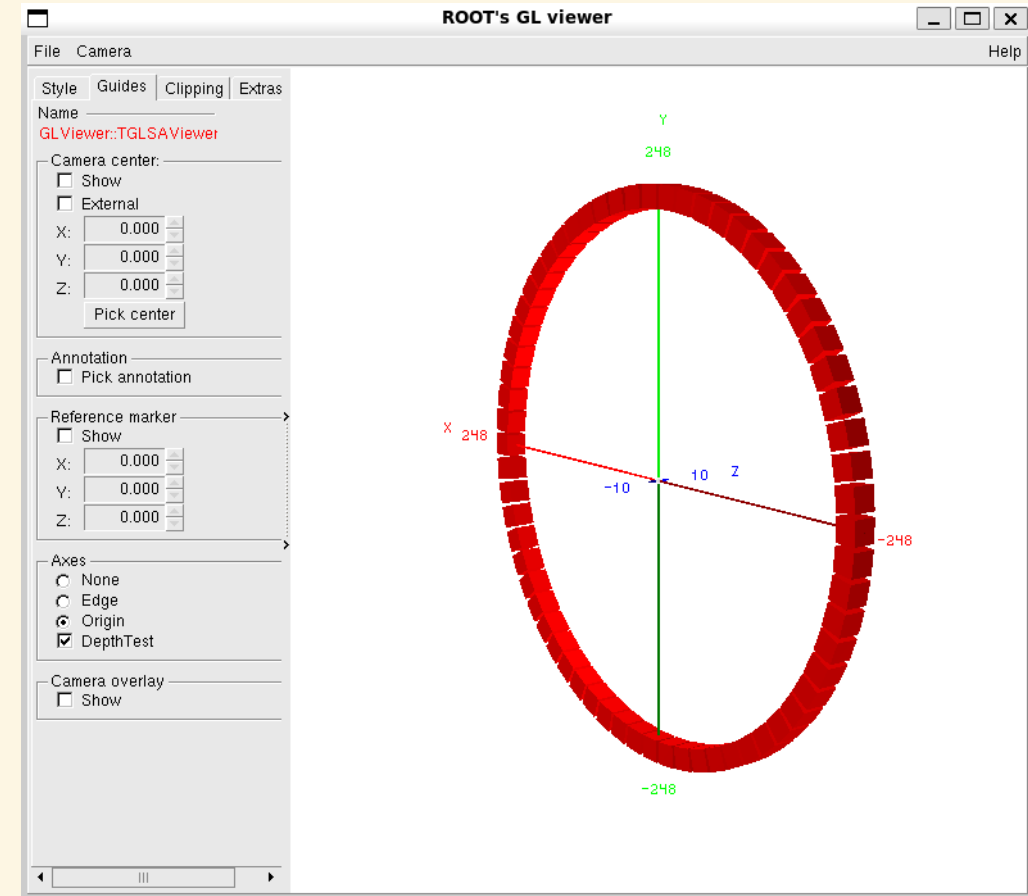

Check outputs

- Check histograms with TBrowser or JSROOT
- Event display in python notebook provided



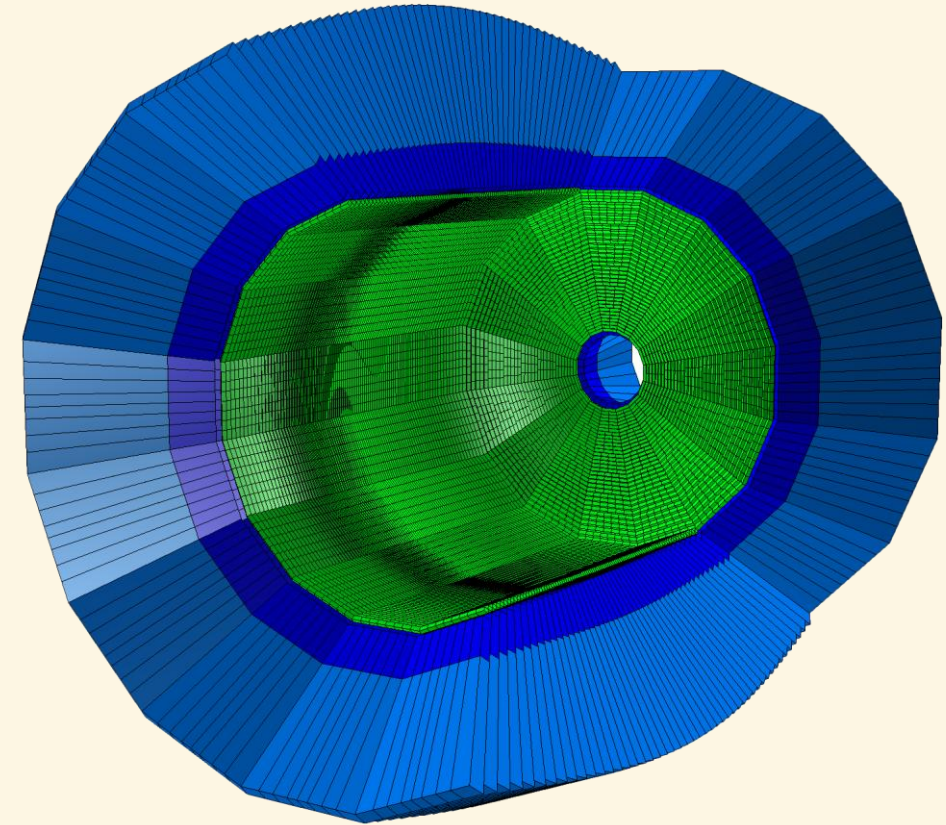
Exercise – Implement a new toy calorimeter

- **Make decisions:**
 - Homogeneous, sampling
 - Dimensions, material, geometry
 - Stubs for different shapes/materials provided
- **Identify main geometry constructor loop**
 - Currently makes one ring in phi of cube crystals as shown here
- **Complete the barrel**
 - Do simple calculations to radius and crystal dimensions to make them touch each other exactly along edges (instead of having gaps)
 - Add a loop over theta to extend the barrel
 - Try other shapes, make more layers, etc.
- **Validate geometry with visualization and overlap check**
- **Run particle gun simulation**



Exercises (Advanced)

- **Customize the detector response and readout beyond energy deposit**
- **Pick an interesting physics quantity to read out**
 - Incident angle of particle momentum, timing information, particle status/process, etc.
- **Implement the new quantity in the relevant files**
 - `edm4toy.yaml`
 - `src/ToyCalorimeter_SDAction_Custom.cpp`
 - `src/ToyCaloHit.h`
 - `src/ToyCaloHit.cpp`
 - `src/Geant4EDM4ToyReadout.cpp`
- **Change SD action and output config in steering file**



Event display

- scp the simulation output ROOT file to your laptop
 - `scp wochung@lxplus.cern.ch:/src/dd4hep_tutorial/build/toy_calorimeter output.root /local/dd4hep_tutorial/eventdisplay/`
- Recreate the edm4hep classes on your laptop through ROOT
 - `cd /local/dd4hep_tutorial/eventdisplay/`
 - `root -l '../scripts/createProject.c("toy_calorimeter_output.root")'`
 - `.q`
 - `cd ToyCalorimeter`
 - `./MAKEP`
- Then run the python notebook in the eventdisplay folder

```
[14:06:38] [master] [argama:~/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/build] root -l '../scripts/createProject.c("toy_calorimeter_output.root")'
root [0]
Processing ../scripts/createProject.c("toy_calorimeter_output.root")...
MakeProject has generated 0 classes in ToyCalorimeter
ToyCalorimeter/MAKEP file has been generated
Shared lib ToyCalorimeter/ToyCalorimeter.so has been generated
Shared lib ToyCalorimeter/ToyCalorimeter.so has been dynamically linked
Project created in directory: ToyCalorimeter
root [1] .q
[14:06:44] [master] [argama:~/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/build] cd ToyCalorimeter
[14:06:48] [master] [argama:~/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/build/ToyCalorimeter] ./MAKEP
[14:06:52] [master] [argama:~/src/hep/dd4hep_tutorial/build/ToyCalorimeter] |
```