# Modularized PFBlockProducer

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## What does PFBlockProducer do?



- It is the first step that considers a true global event description in the PFlow reconstruction

  Output

  Description

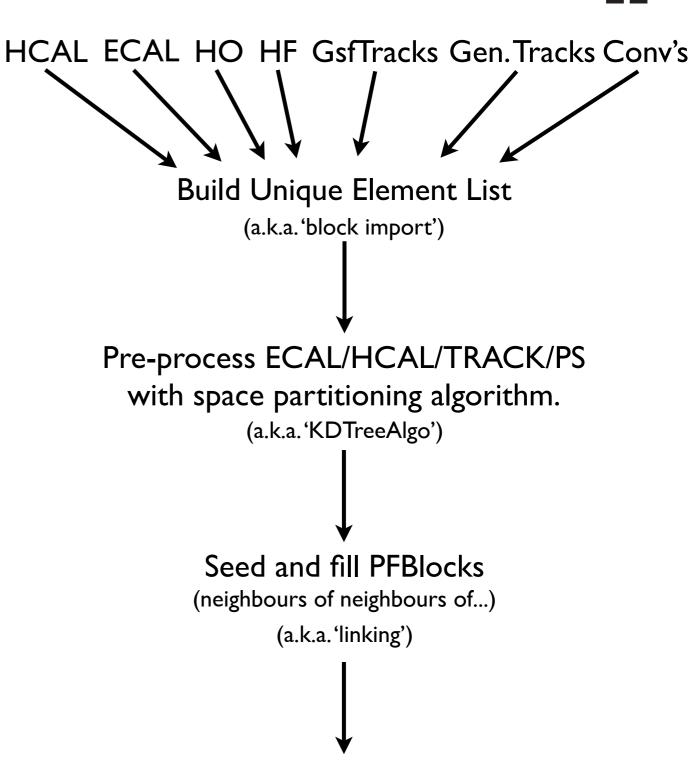
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  - Tracks and clusters are first compared to each other and topological associations are made
  - Exhaustive sets of associations are 'PFBlocks'
- PFBlocks are the most coarsely determined level of 'energy flow' in an event
  - Tracks are eventually linked to their closest cluster
  - Clusters/Tracks that are not in the same PFBlock cannot be linked to each other
  - This sets the largest scale at which we can start to mitigate the effects of double counting and really make particles
    - Subdivision into blocks makes further energy-flow determination computationally feasible by reducing combinatorics
  - Downstream reconstructions are not prevented from working across blocks (jets, taus, MET...)



## PFBlockProducer Workflow



- List of input objects different for HLT and Offline
  - Reduced list for HLT timing budget
- Most combinatorially expensive pairs are pre-processed
  - KDTreeAlgo gives quick access to closest neighbour
- Links found through iterativeneighbours approach
  - The same as topological clusters!
- Only one link tested during the first step
  - Need to check for additional links in block (can change final EFlow!)



Re-link PFBlocks

(check for **extra** links between elements!)



## Current PFBlockProd'r Implementation



- Monolithic algorithm
  - Importing, (p/re)linking all hardcoded
- HLT mode is defined by a function template that calls another function template
- Available link types hardcoded
  - link types not obviously/pleasantly advertised
  - 1200 line switch statement (of doom)
  - Prelinker is not actually a predictor for what linking happens
    - Just that linking **can** happen
    - This makes the processor unhappy :-(
- Adding new linking somewhat painful due to prelinker being disconnected

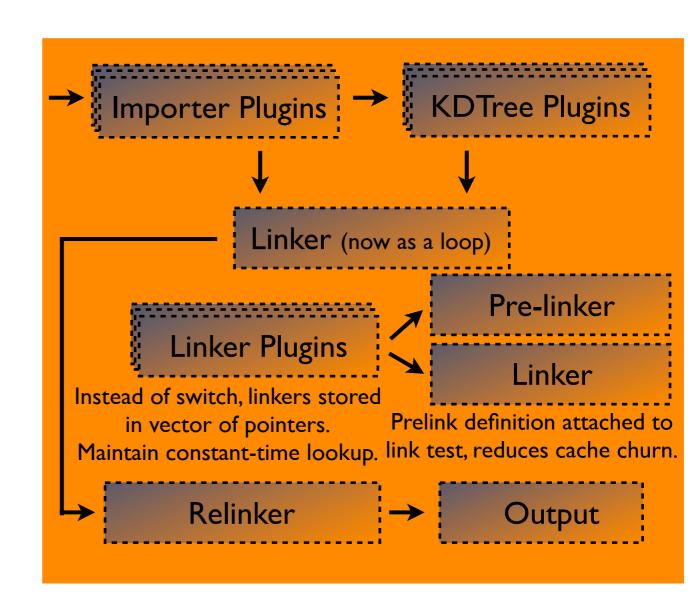
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Importing step
Active BlockElement List
Linker (recursive)
     if( prelink(element I, element 2) )
         link(element1,element2)
     if(linked)
       move from active list
       to current block and link()
     if( no more links )
       close block, relink, start again
List of PFBlocks
    PFEGammaAlgo → PFAlgo
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## Proposal for New PFBlockProd'r



- Remove all instances of hardcoding
  - Configuration is driven entirely by python cfi's
  - Importer plugins each import one variety of object
    - Still able to protect against doubleimport!
  - KDTree plugins for link preprocessing
    - Possibility to add in new fast-linking in whatever variables you want
  - Linker plugins each define their prelinking condition and link test
- Linker no longer recursive
  - Yields minor performance gain for deep function calls (+ easier to read)

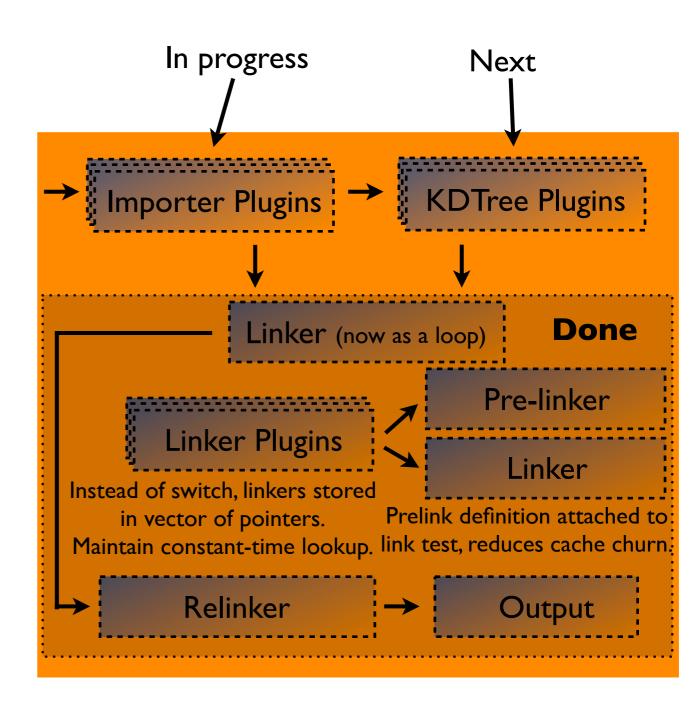




## Present Status of Development



- Linking loop and linker classes fully implemented
  - Produces same blocks as before
  - 30% performance gain from binding of pre-linkers and linker
    - ttbar 25ns 20PU
    - Improves cache locality by tons in busy events
    - No evaluation of control flow that doesn't matter
  - Further improvements possible by checking for leaf elements?
- Importers going smoothly
- KDTree linker last
  - Want to revisit this a little with Maxime, improve how links are stored

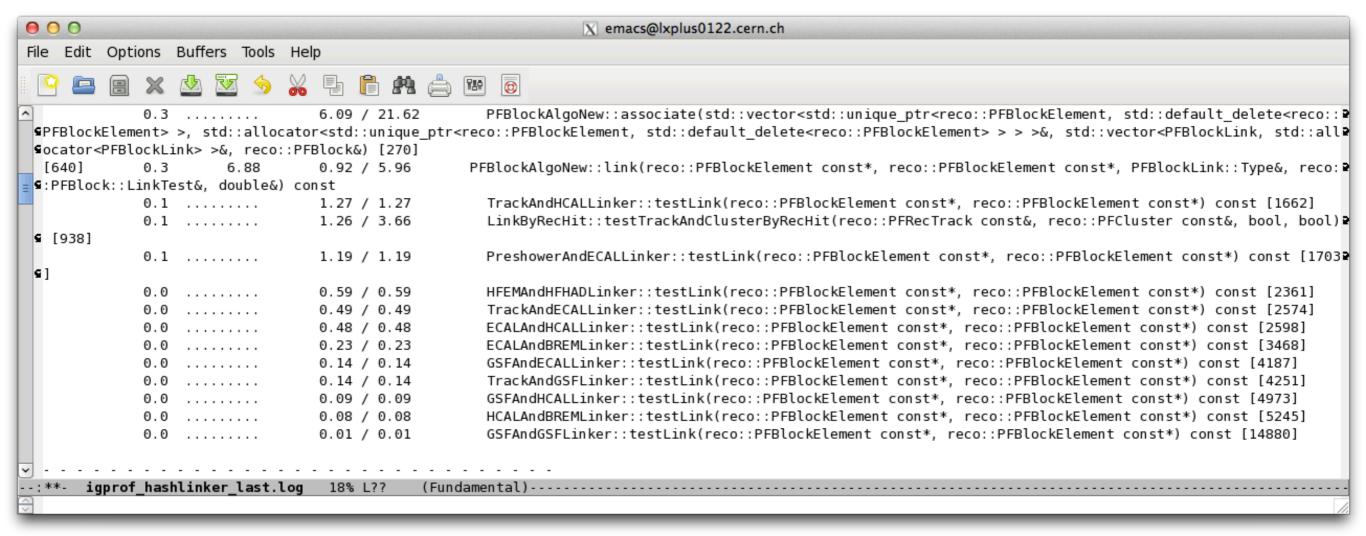




#### Faster is better



- New design allows us to accurately account where we are spending our time!
- Even with the KDTree, the Preshower-ECAL linking (even the prelinking) takes a large-ish chunk of time... it probably shouldn't....
  - Track and HCAL biggest time user, but can be more reasonably justified





## Conclusions / ToDo



- Modularized implementation of PFBlockProducer/Algo proposed
  - Improves immediate understanding of what's being done
  - Modular design promotes future-proofness of CMS PF code
    - Adaptable with minimal pain to changes in underlying inputs
    - First test will be switching to direct SuperCluster input
  - New ideas for linking can be testing with minimal overhead, learning-curve, and turn around time
- Modularized linker implemented
  - Gives same results as old linker
    - No numerical oddities like with the clusters
  - Inherently faster than original
  - Still improvements/optimizations to be made
    - Still, a cheap lunch is nice some times
- Development in time for 710
  - Plan to backport immediately to 620\_SLHC, along with clustering