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HEP Example

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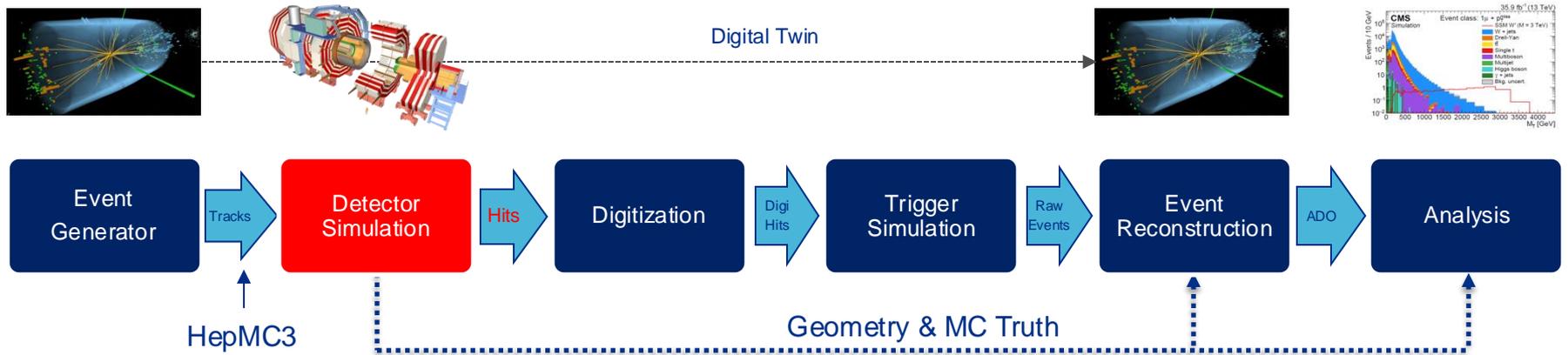


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Typical HEP Detector Simulation Workflow

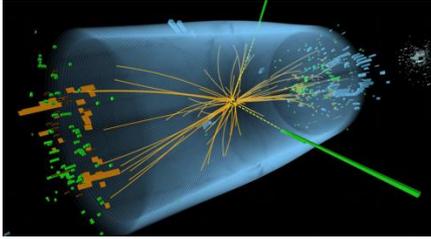
- Typical sequence of HEP detector simulation



- Event Generator: Parton Level (Madgraph, Serpa, ...), PYTHIA, HERWIG, etc.
- Event Decayer: EvtGen, tauolar, etc.
- Detector design, optimization and event simulation: **Geant4** (de-factor standard)
- Offline framework: CMSSW, Athena, Gaudi/Gaussino, BACCARAT, art, dd4hep, key4hep, ...
 - Workflow management

Energy Frontier: Experiments at Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- LHC → HEP Events



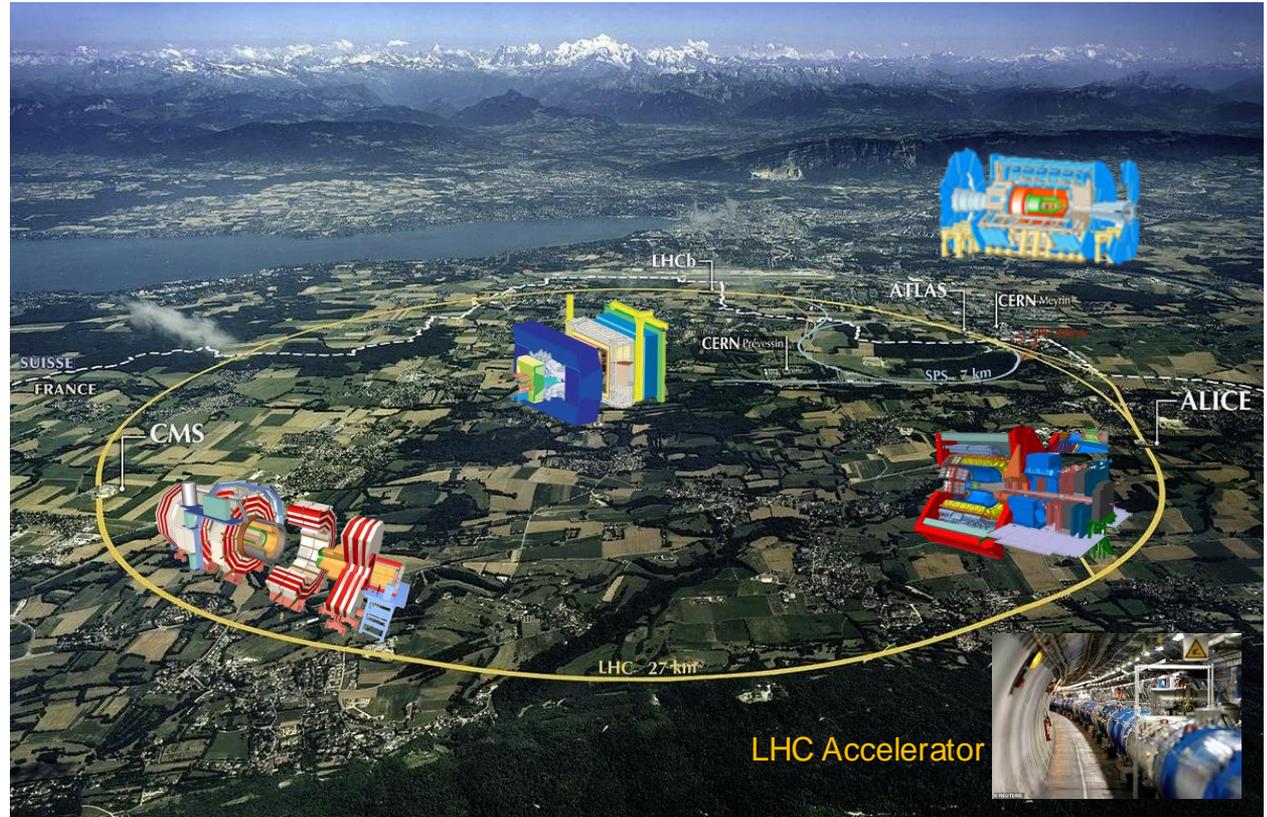
- Detectors at LHC

- ATLAS
- ALICE (Heavy Ion, QGP)
- CMS
- LHCb (B-factory)

- PhysicsLists

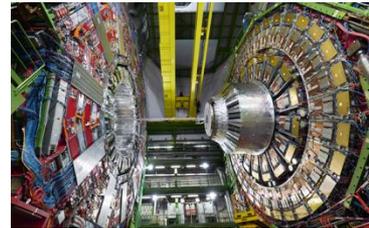
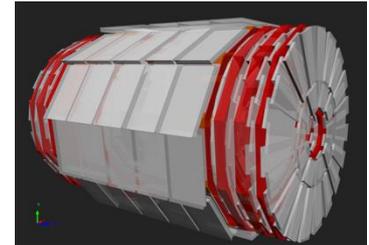
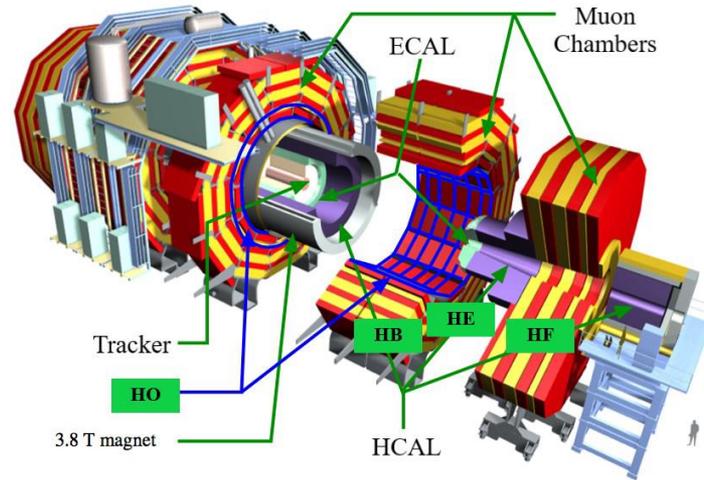
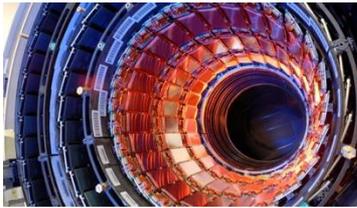
- FTTP variants

- ATLAS/CMS: study the properties of the Higgs boson, search for DM and BSM, etc.



General-Purposed Detectors for High Energy Physics

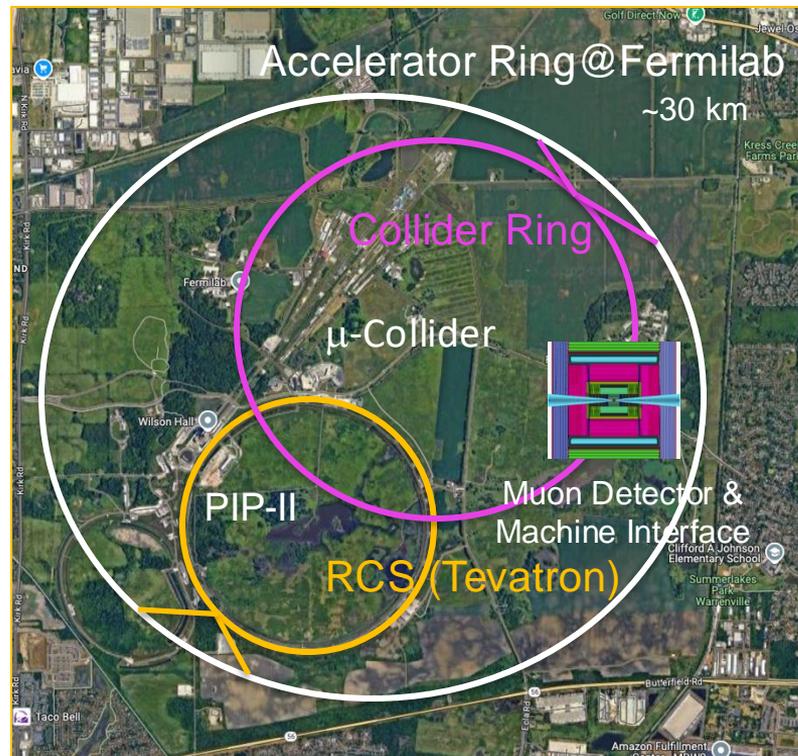
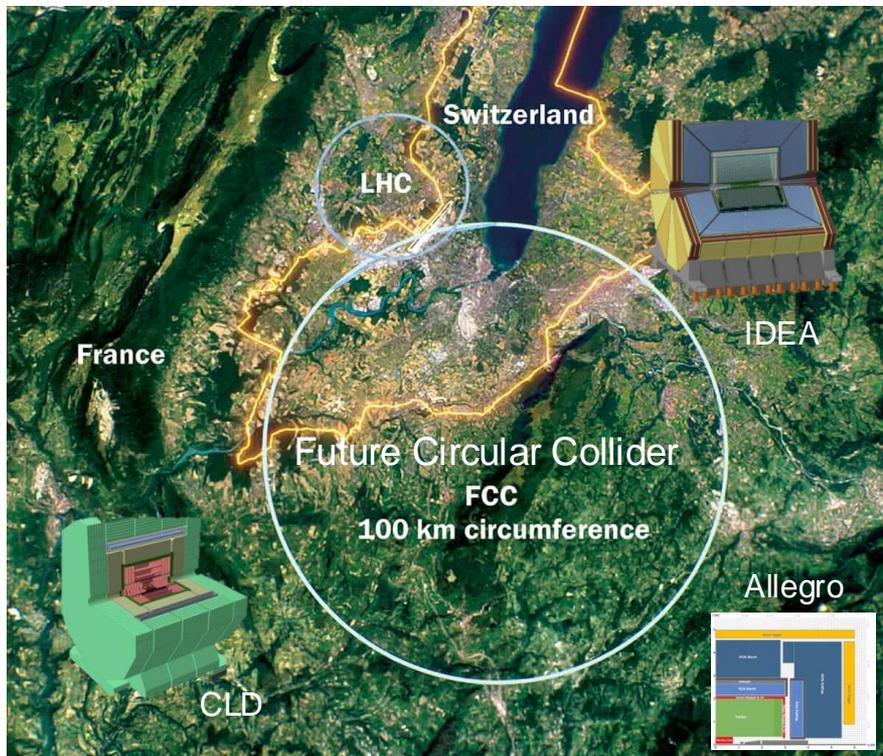
- Collider detectors designed with extensive hermetic coverage
 - Vertex detectors and central trackers: vertex, momentum \rightarrow Si Pixels/Strips, gaseous or fiber trackers
 - EM and Hadron calorimeters: energy, jet \rightarrow crystals, sampling (MWPCs, plastic scintillator, LAr, etc.)
 - Muon detectors: muon momentum \rightarrow wire chambers, RPC, etc.
 - Particle identification (RICH), timing, etc.



Future Colliders and Detector Concepts (I)

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- Higgs Factory and the beyond (proposals and R&D): FCC-ee/hh (100TeV), μ -collider (10TeV)



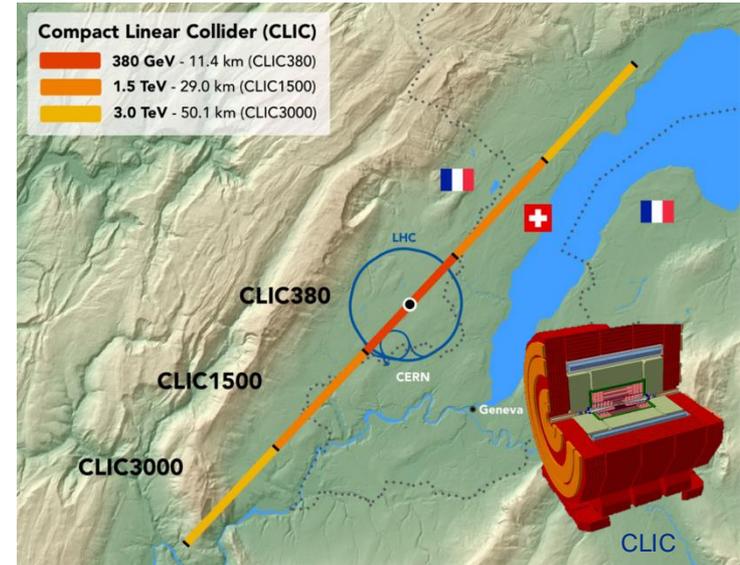
- Geant4 plays a crucial role for developing, optimizing detector concepts and machine interfaces

Future Colliders and Detector Concepts (II)

- Chines Circular Electron Positron Collider & Super Proton-Proton Collider (70 TeV, 100km)



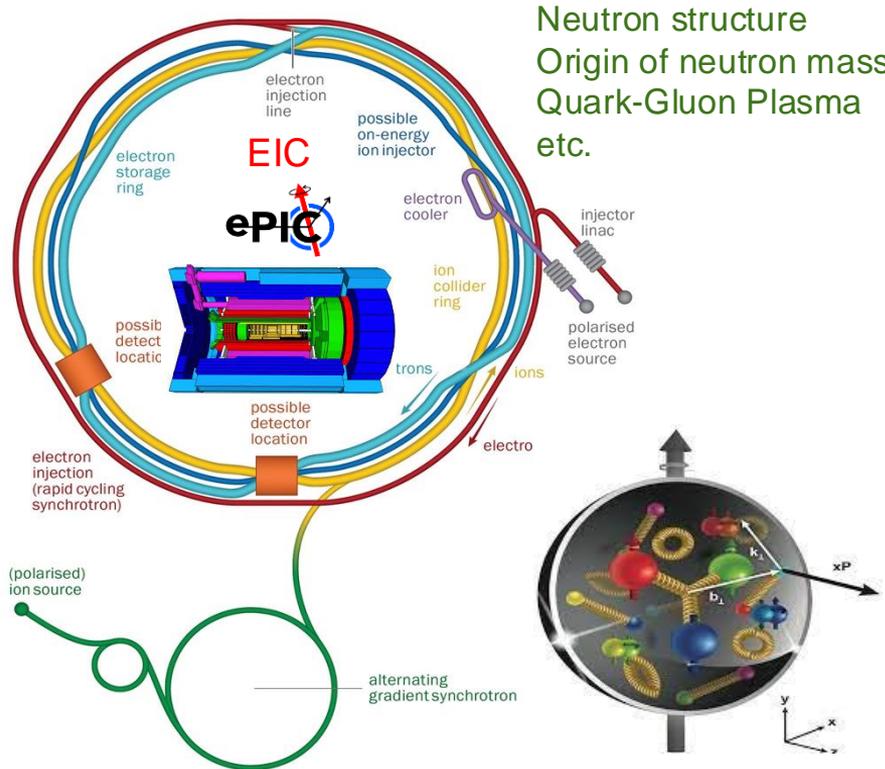
- Future Linear Colliders (???)
 - Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)
 - HW , Ht , HHH couplings and ...



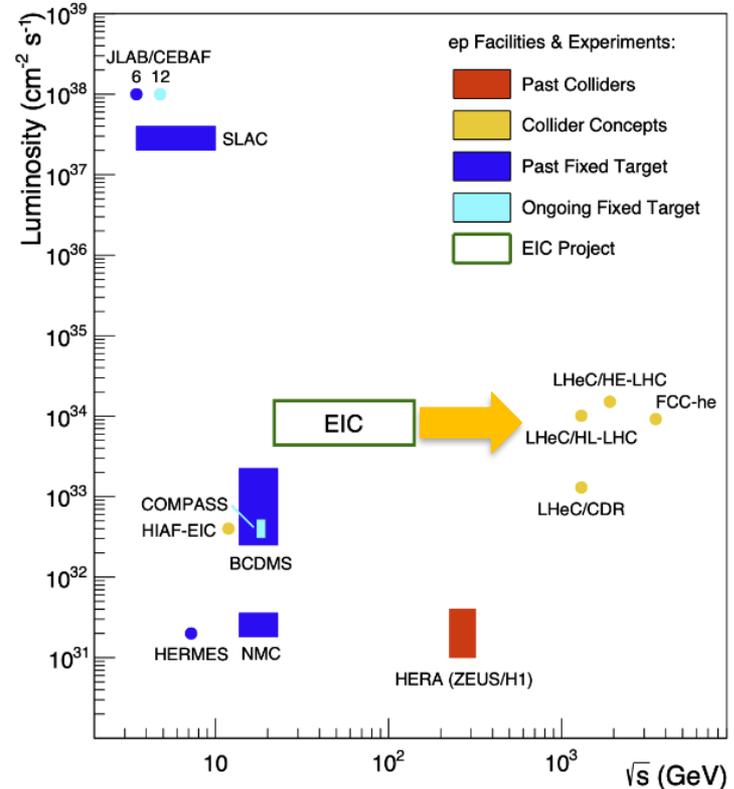
- Internation Linear Collider (ILC) in Japan

Future Colliders (III) – ep Facilities and Detectors

- EIC (Electron-Ion Collider): High-luminosity e-p collider (US BNL/JLab) and ePIC detector

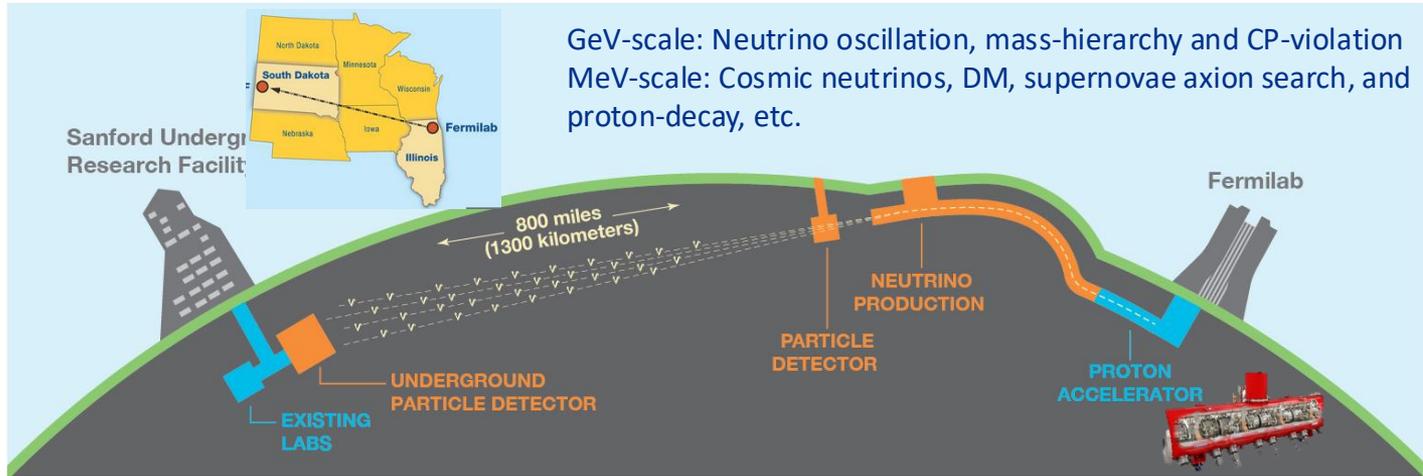


Future ep Collider Concepts

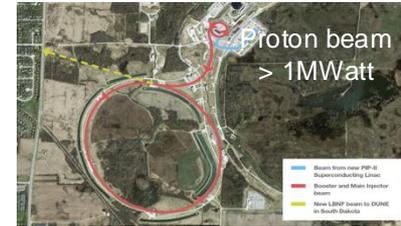
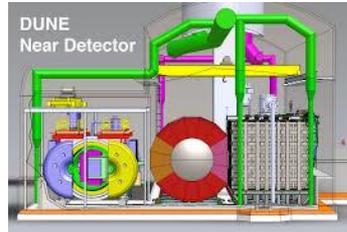
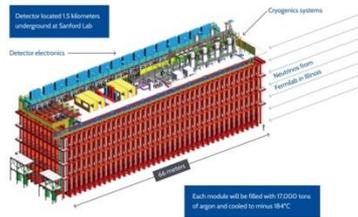


Neutrino Experiments and Detector Technologies

- DUNE (Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment)/LBNF@US with LAr-TPC

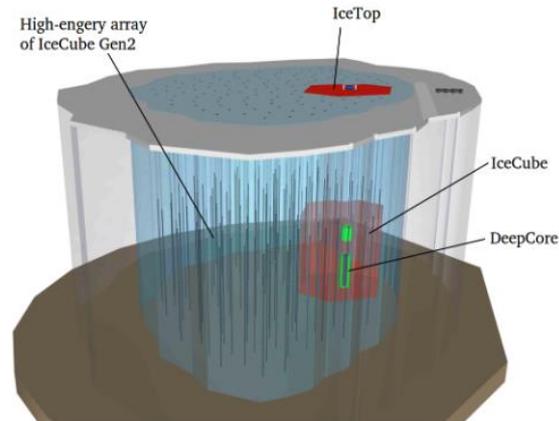
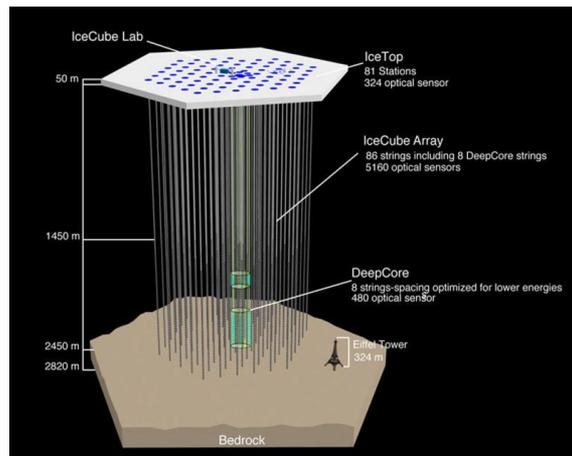
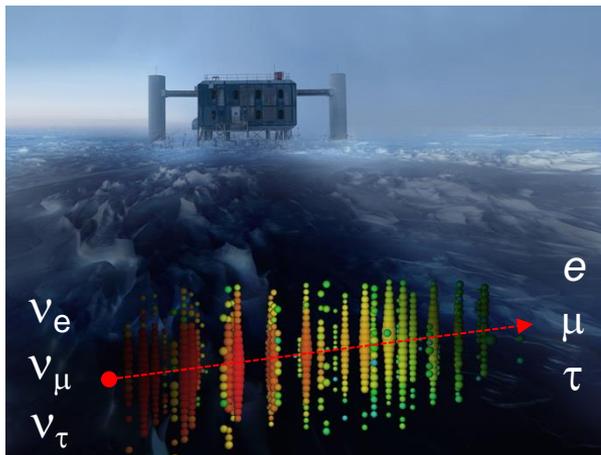


Far Detector
10 kiloton
Liquid Ar-TPC



- Hyper-Kamiokande: a water (258 kton) Cherenkov detector, located 295 km from J-PARK

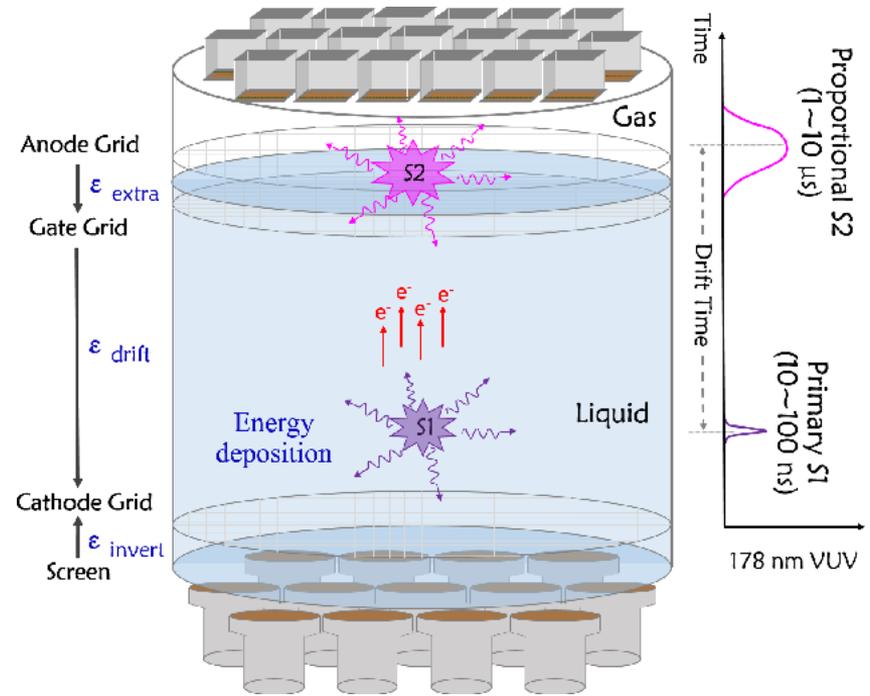
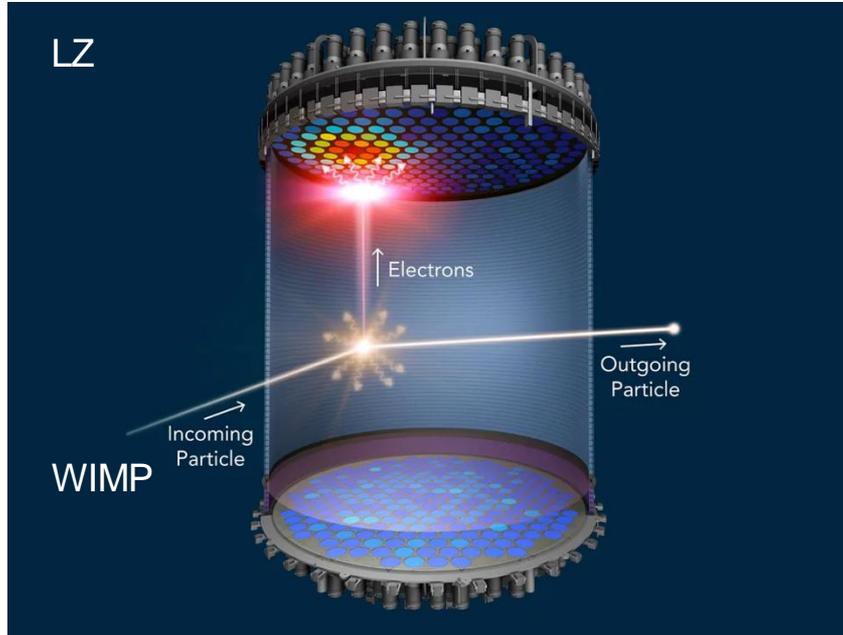
- IceCube at the South Pole
 - Detects high-energy cosmic neutrinos and probes astrophysical sources (100 GeV – PeV scale ν [Cherenkov neutrino telescope](#)) – Points source of high energy ν , gamma-ray burst, supernovae, etc.)
 - Neutrino oscillation and mass hierarchy, Indirect dark matter search (WIMP), sterile- ν search, etc.
 - Array of strings of digital optical modules (PMTs and a single module data acquisition board)
 - IceCube-Gen2 (~2033) for TeV to EeV scale ν physics for the new era of multi-messenger astronomy



IceCube-Gen2, a ten-cubic-kilometer detector

Dark Matter Search Experiments

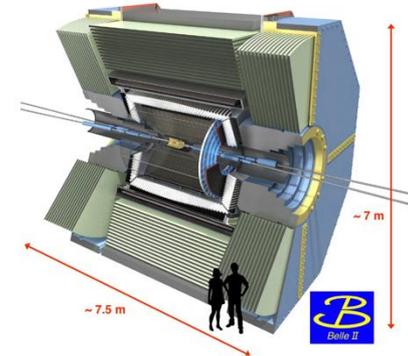
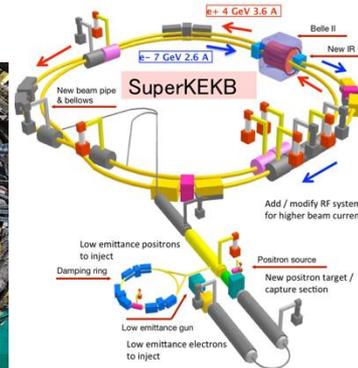
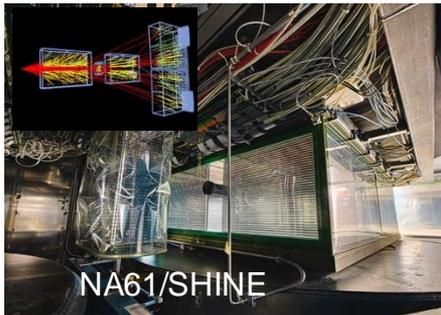
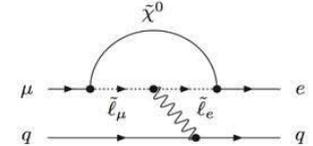
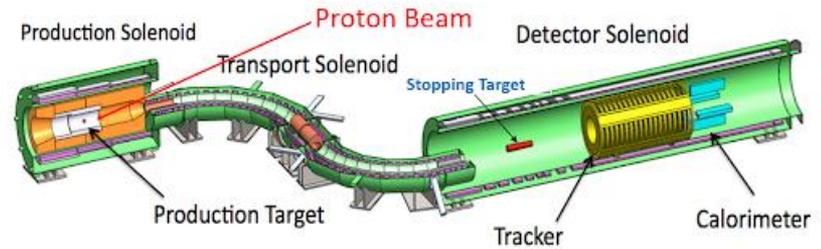
- LZ (WIMP search), XENONnT, PandaX (DM direct detection), etc.
 - Optical Photon Simulation (Liquid Xeon)



- CUP/IBS: AMoRE experiment ($0\nu\beta\beta$), COSINE (DM direct detection)

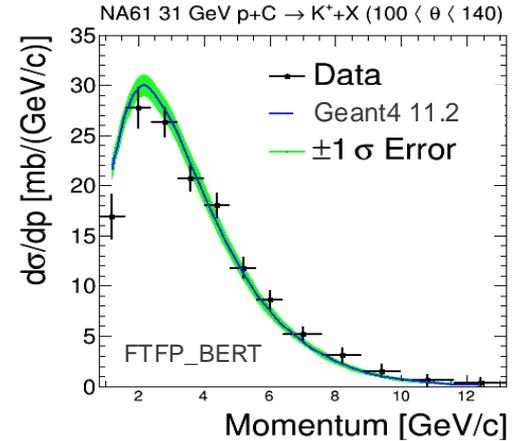
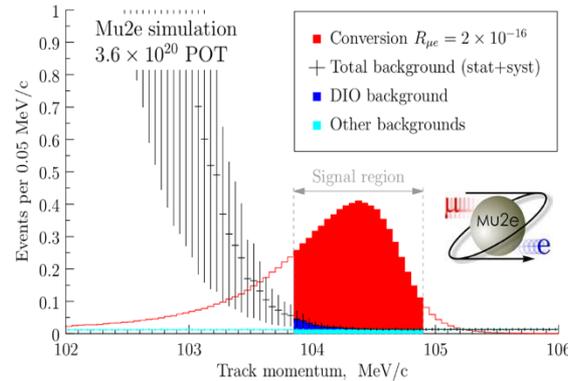
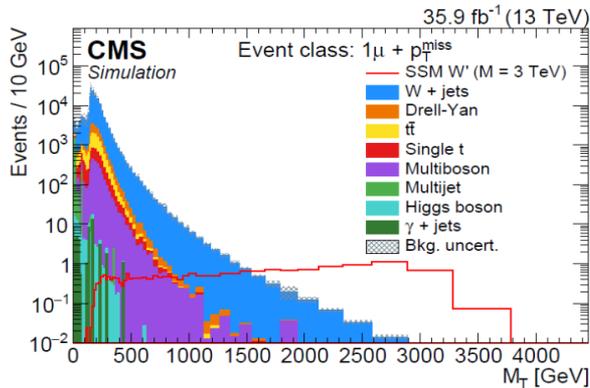
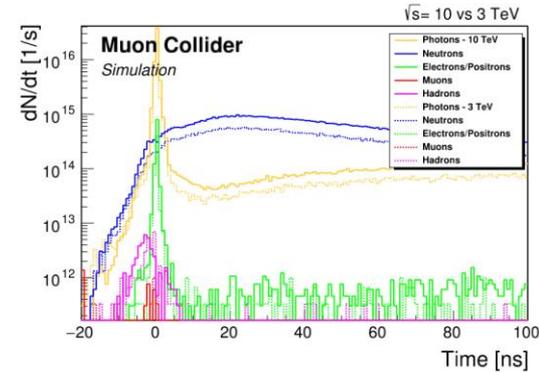
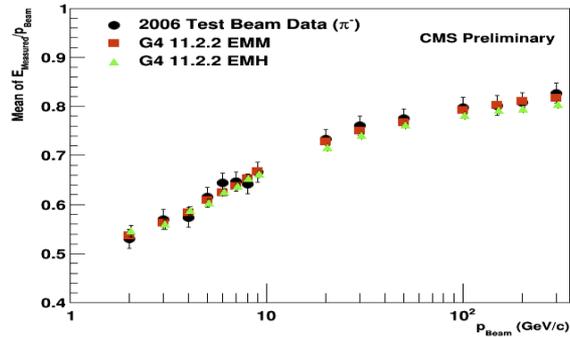
Many Other On-going and Upcoming Facilities

- Muon Experiments at Fermilab
 - Mu2e: Searches for charged lepton flavor violation
 - Muon g-2: Measures the anomalous magnetic moment
- CERN NA61, SHINE experiments
- JUNO (θ_{13} from ν_{e^-})
- Belle-II@Japan, BES-III@China, etc.



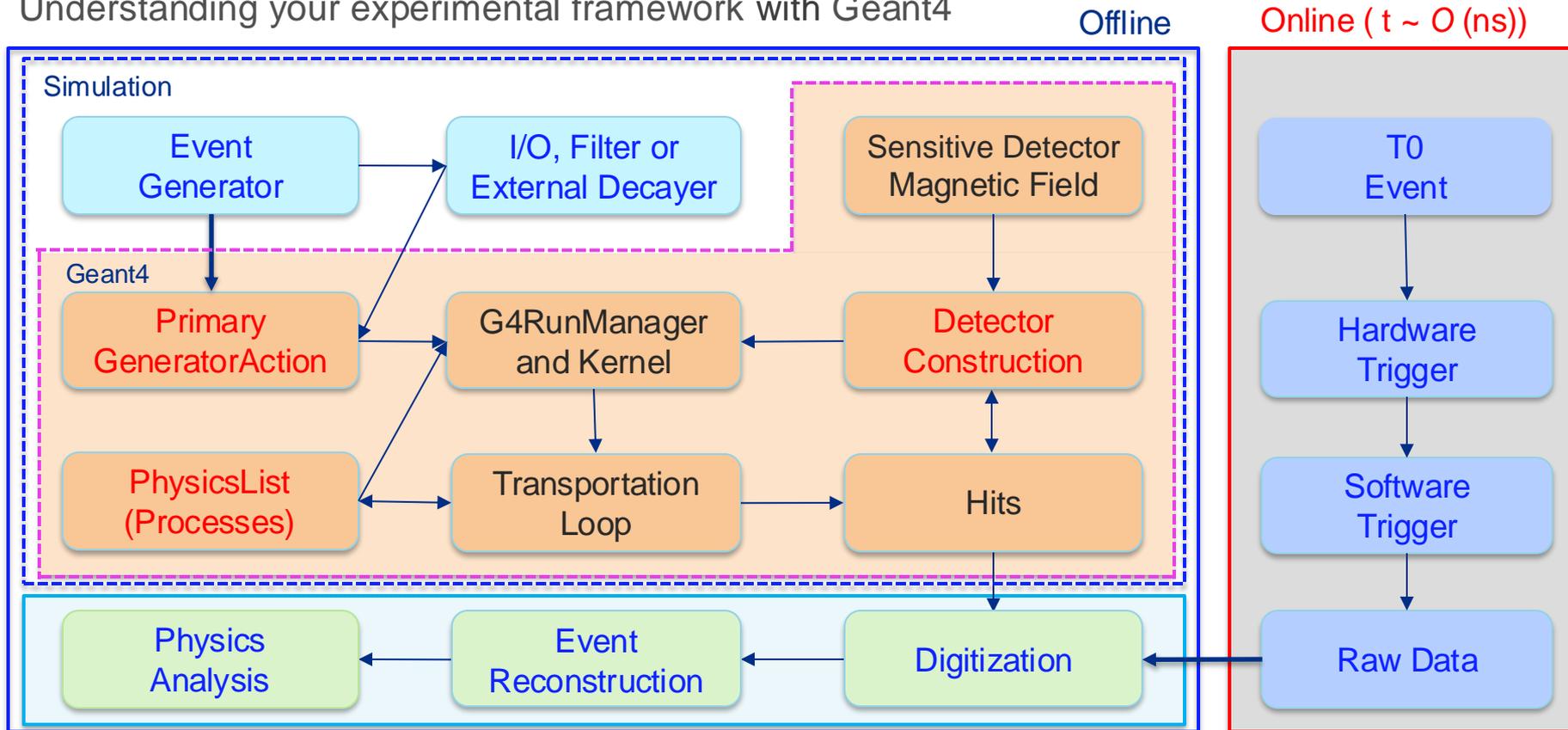
Geant4 Detector Simulation for HEP

- Detector design and optimization
- Detector machine interface
- Detector performance studies
- Reconstruction efficiency
- Singal and background simulation
- Shielding or Veto studies, etc.



Software Framework and Integration

- Understanding your experimental framework with Geant4



MC Expert Guideline for HEP Experiments

- Define the scope of detector simulation
 - Distinguish between general-purpose and specialized studies tailored to specific research goals.
- Choose an optimal PhysicsList
 - Utilize region-specific physics models to balance simulation accuracy and computational performance.
 - Carefully define cuts and tune other parameters to optimize accuracy versus speed.
- Design efficient detector constructions
 - Break down detectors into manageable sub-components for debugging.
 - Use parameterized volumes and replicas for repetitive structures (and optimize field calculations, if any).
- Streamline I/O
 - Integrate flexible input sources and minimize output to essential data (e.g., sensitive hits or diagnostics).
- Leverage advanced techniques
 - Offload tasks to GPUs, explore AI/ML, FastSim or biasing techniques to enhance computing performance.

MC User Guideline for HEP Experiments

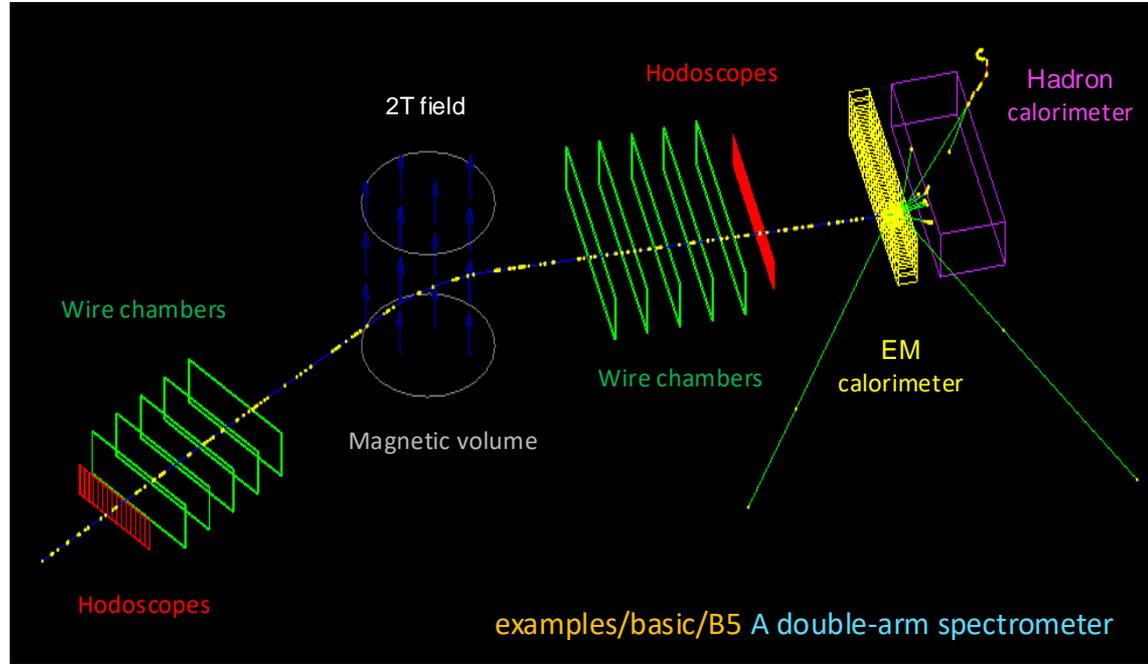
- Understand the scope of detector simulation
 - Clearly outline whether the simulation is for general studies or tailored to specific experiment goals.
- Start with a known workflow
 - Begin with initial tests and examples using a small number of events to verify functionality.
 - Validate results incrementally to ensure the simulation behaves as expected.
- Leverage Geant4 User Action Interfaces
 - Extract relevant quantities at various simulation stages to understand detector response.
 - Optimize cuts and eliminate redundant processes to improve efficiency.
- Evaluate computing performance and physics validation
 - Conduct end-to-end tests to ensure the entire simulation workflow meets performance requirements.
 - Validate physics models and account for systematic uncertainties by testing multiple parameter variations.

Selected Geant4 HEP Examples

Geant4 HEP basic example

- [examples/basic/B5](#) : A double-arm spectrometer with wire chambers, hodoscopes and (EM and Hadron) calorimeters

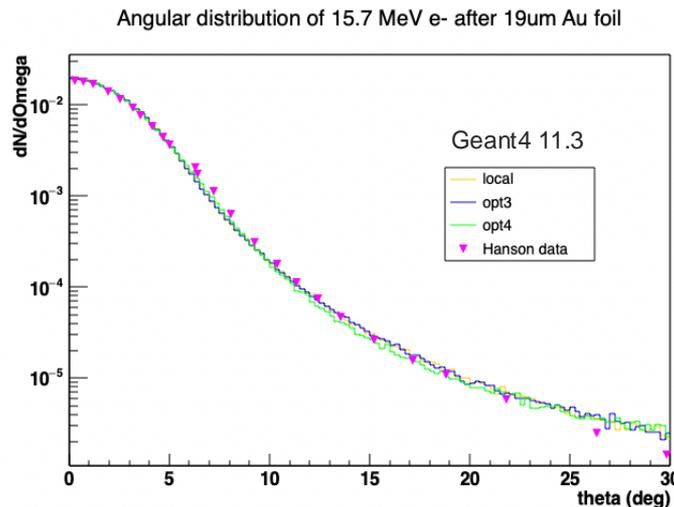
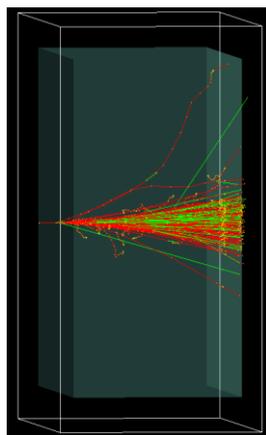
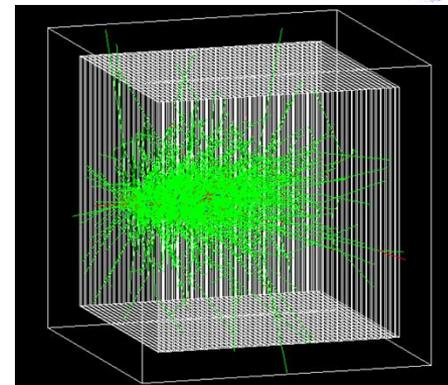
- Geometry with rotation, replicas parameterization
- Local constant magnetic field
- Scoring via sensitive detectors: tracking chambers and calorimeter
- Physics list with a step limiter
- UI with G4GenericMessenger
- Analysis (histograms and ntuples)
- Plotting of histograms with visualization drivers (TSG)



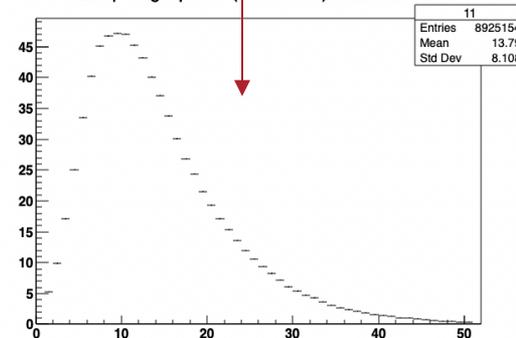
- A good starting example which demonstrates various features of Geant4

Geant4 HEP extended example 1 → Hands-On

- examples/extended/electromagnetic/
 - TestEm3 (Longitudinal energy profile)
 - TestEm5 (MSC comparison to Hanson data)



Edep longit. profile (MeV/event) in absorber 1

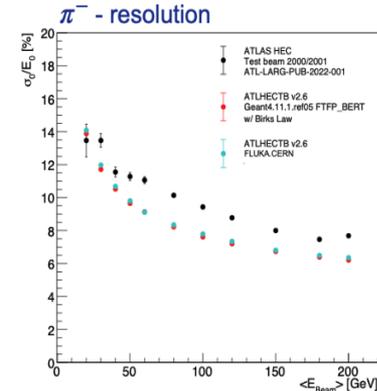
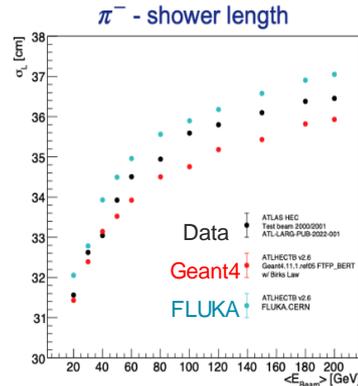
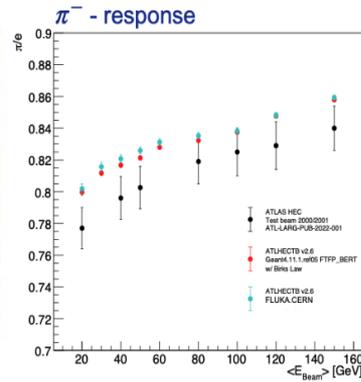
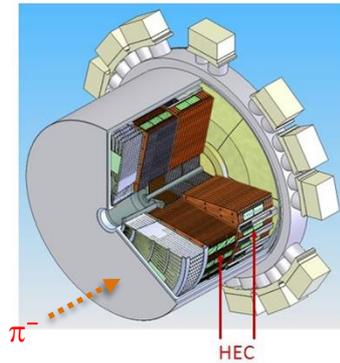


- Good examples that demonstrates detail responses (physics model level) of a single detector setup

Geant4 HEP extended example 2

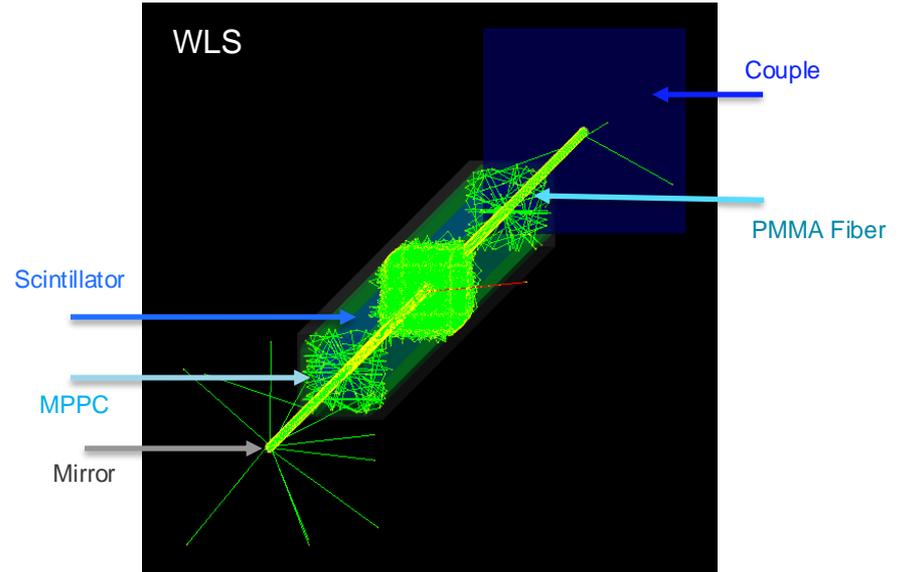
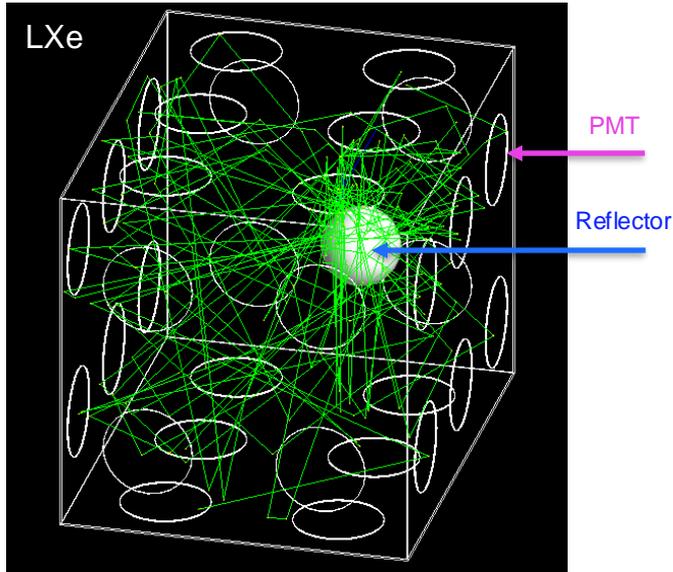
- examples/extended/FlukaCern (Geant4-FLUKA.CERN Interface)
- FLUKA: general purposed tool for calculations of particle transport and interactions with matter
- Geant4-FLUKA.CERN interface since Geant4 11.2 (Dec. 2023)
 - Provides an interface to get inelastic cross sections and final-states from FLUKA.CERN.
 - Use a custom FTFP_BERT Physics List that replaces the *G4HadronPhysicsFTFP_BERT* constructor with *FLUKAHadronInelasticPhysicsConstructor*

Comparison with the ATLAS@LHC HEC (hadronic end-cap calorimeter)



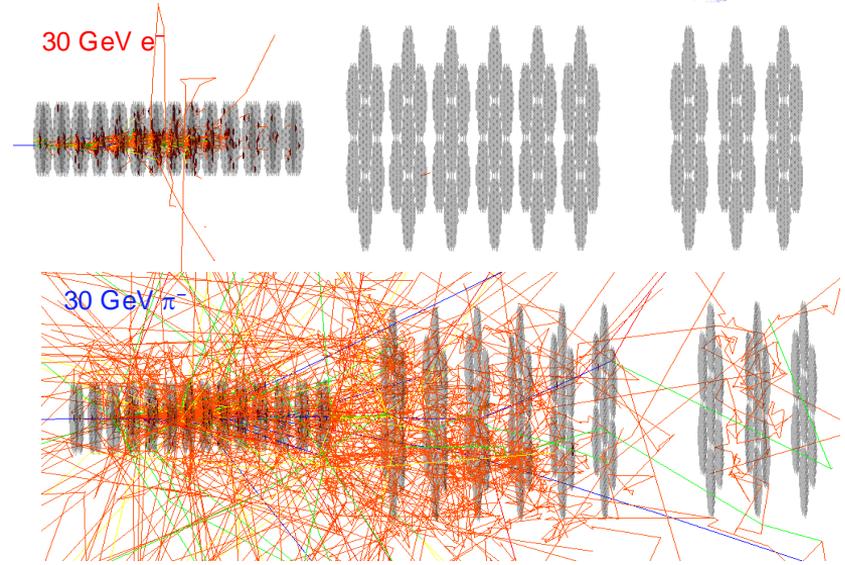
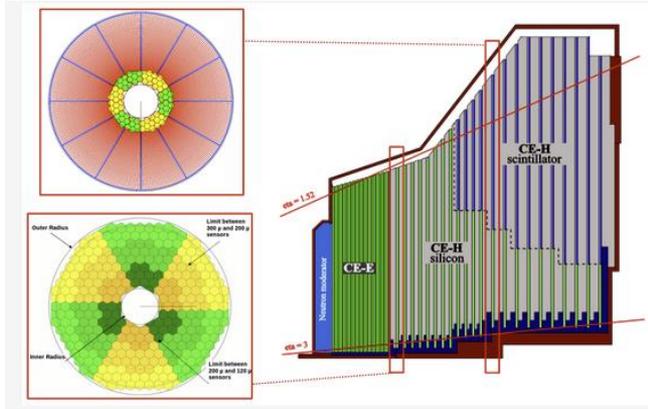
Geant4 HEP extended example 3

- examples/extended/optical
 - Lxe: demonstration of optical physics with a box of LXe, PMTs on surfaces and a reflective sphere
 - WLS: propagation of optical photons inside a wavelength shifting (WLS) fiber
 - Examples uses *G4OpticalPhysics*, *G4OpticalSurface*, *G4MaterialPropertiesTable*, etc.

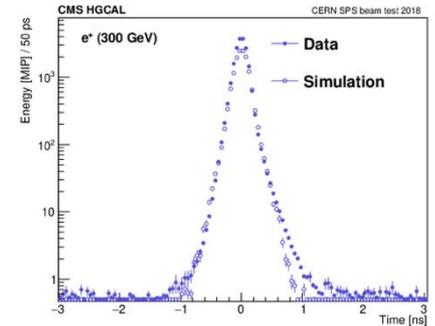
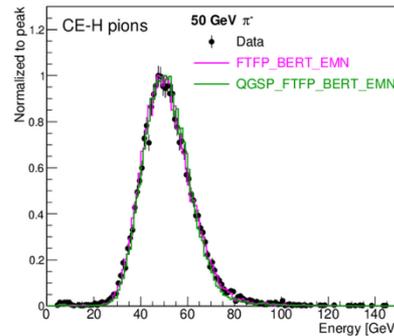


Geant4 HEP advanced example

- examples/advanced/HGCal_testbeam
 - CMS High Granular Calorimeter

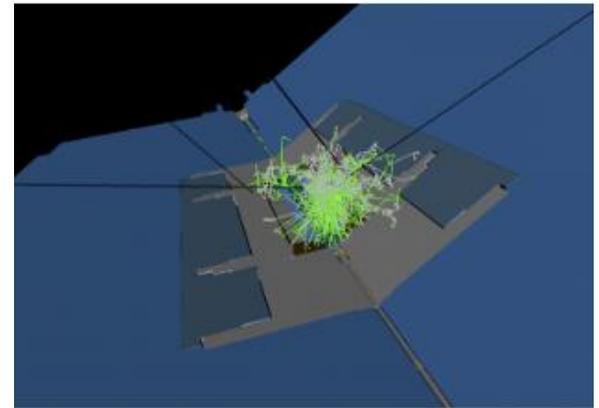
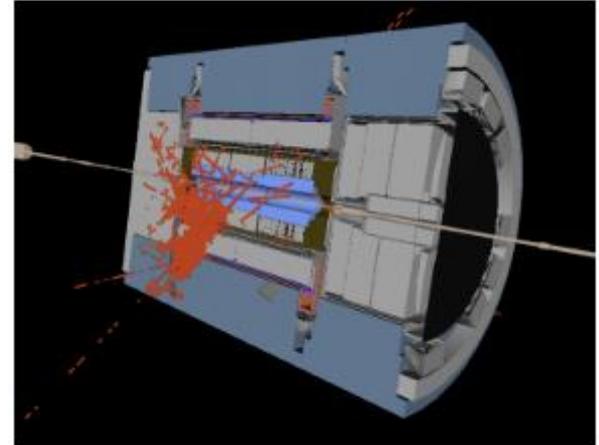


- Detector construction: 3 configurations
- Energy deposited within silicon pixels/SiPMs
- TOA (time of arrival) with an energy threshold
- Beam size (smearing) controls
- Output (hits, timing) with ntuples



Homework: Realistic HEP Detector Simulation

- Standalone ATLAS detector simulation: fullSimLight
- Installation and run
 - wget <https://g4cpt.fnal.gov/g4p/download/ATLAS.tar>
 - tar czf ATLAS.tar
 - Follow ATLAS/HOW_TO_BUILD
 - Require
 - pythia
 - root
 - may need hdf5, eigen3, hepmc3, etc.
- Versions for offloading to GPUs will be publicly available from April 2025 (including B5, TestEm3 and HGCal_testbeam)
 - <https://github.com/Geant4/gpu-delta-review-2025> (currently private)



Summary before Hands-on

- Geant4 is widely used for detector simulations in high-energy physics (HEP) experiments, supporting experiments that require precise modeling of particle interactions with matter.
- Geant4 plays a crucial role for developing and optimizing detector concepts for future HEP programs.
- Geant4 provides many examples (basic → extended → advance).
- Geant4 remains a critical tool for the HEP community and other application domains, continuously adapting to new computational paradigms and experimental requirements.