



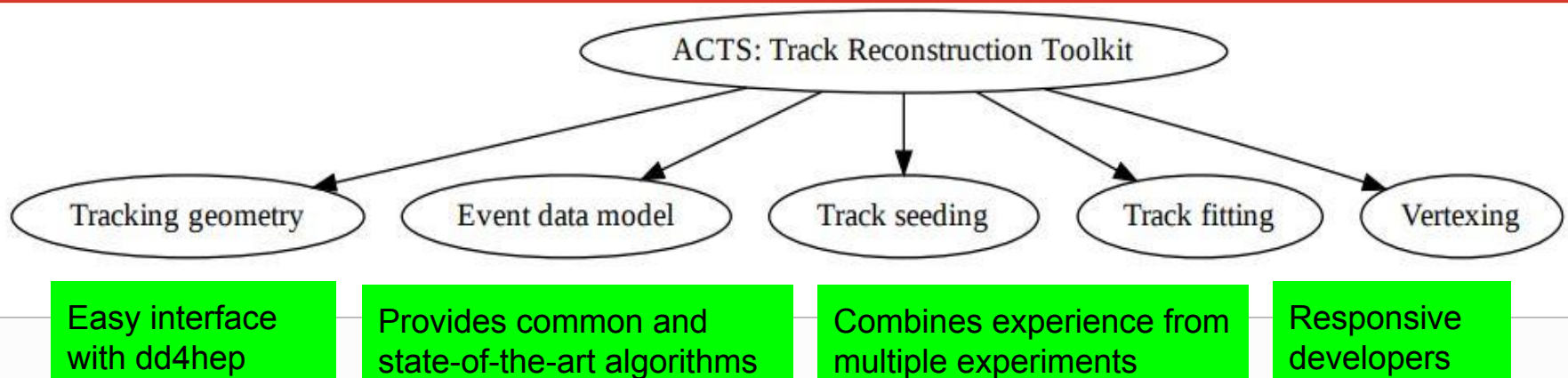
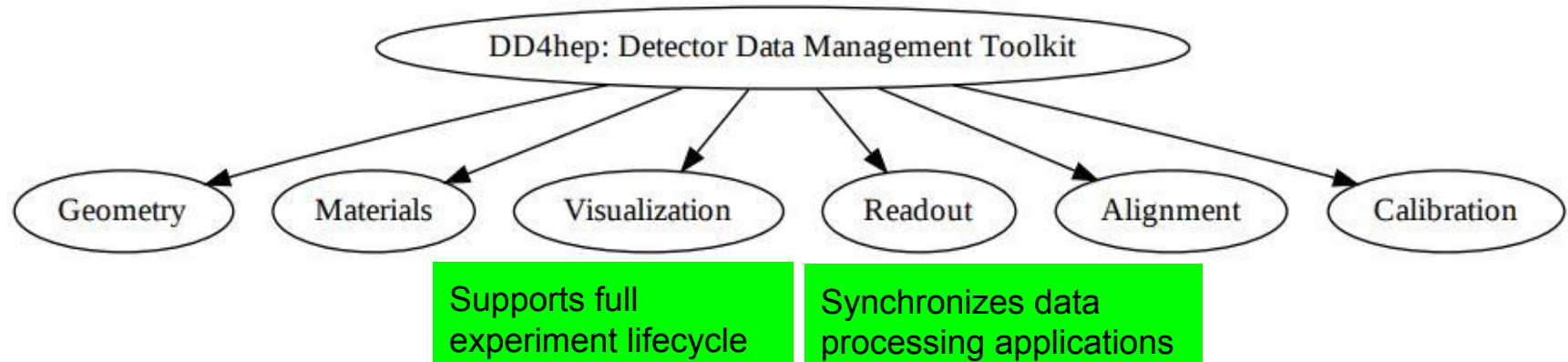
# DD4hep-ACTS interface for ePIC simulation and B0 tracker implementation

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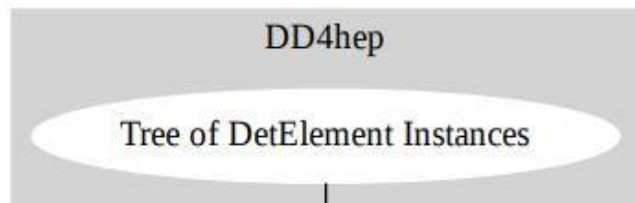
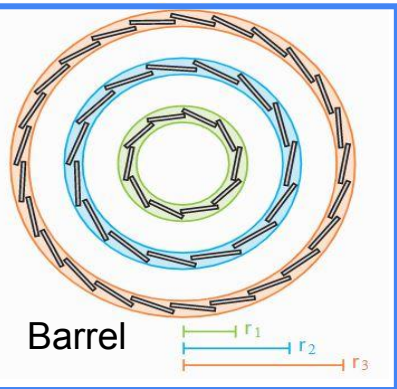
# ACTS and DD4hep overview

More details on collaboration with ACTS  
in Shujie Li's talk in COMP SW session  
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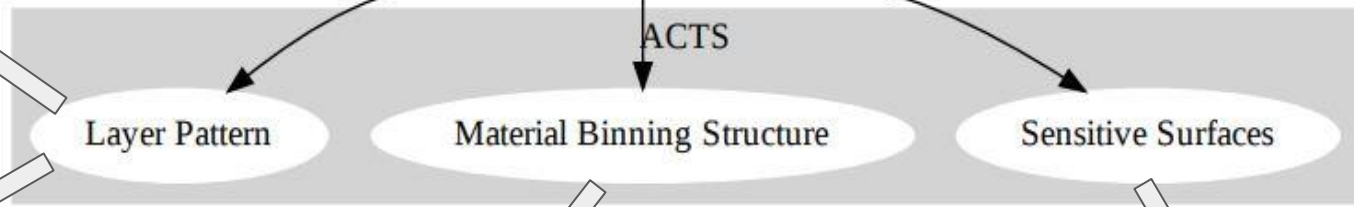


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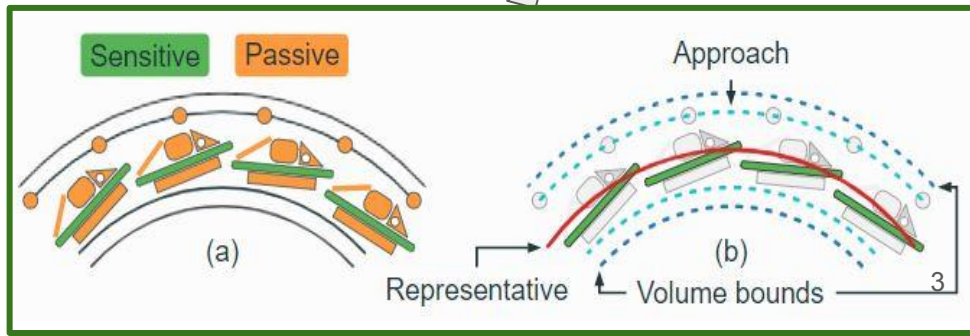
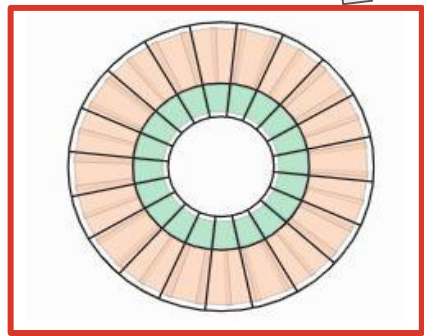
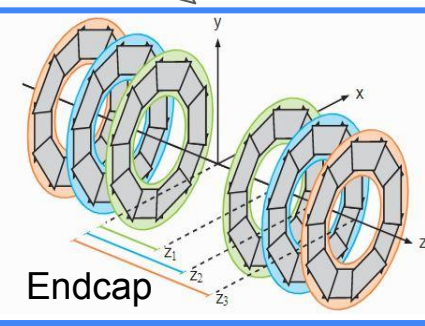
[Source: ACTS documentation](#)



Variant Parameters

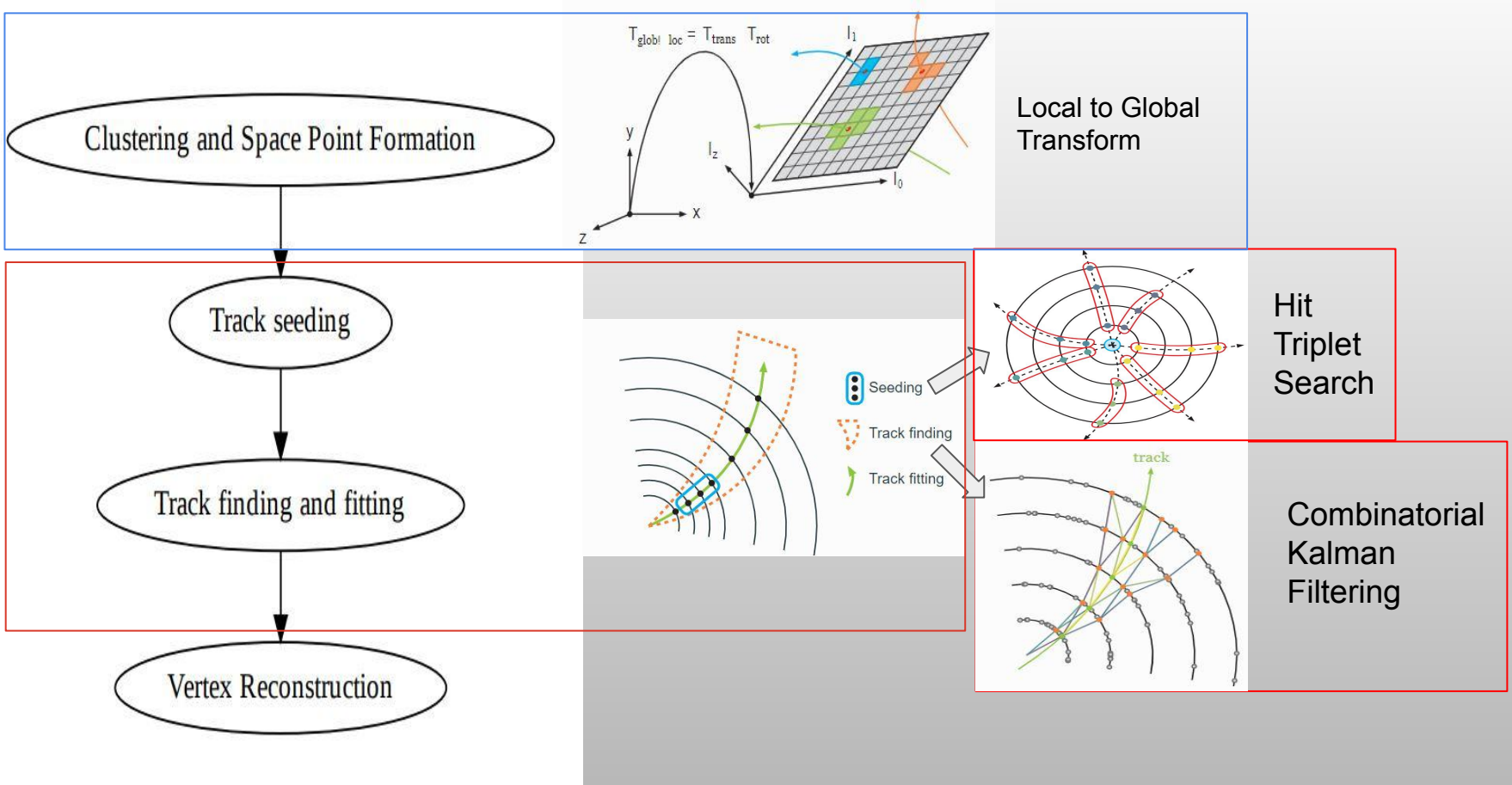


**ACTS Tracking geometry:** A collection of volumes glued together with adjacent volumes sharing boundaries  
**Volume:** A collection of layers  
**Layer:** A collection of sensitive surfaces



# ACTS Tracking and Reconstruction

[Source: ACTS documentation](#)



# Integrating the B0 Trackers into ACTS tracking for EPIC

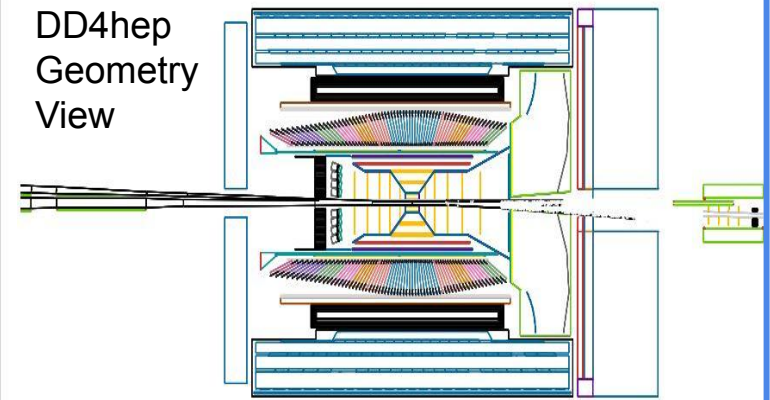
EPIC

Create subdetector Assembly (Pos+Fake Neg Endcaps)

Add type flag, layer pattern, and material binning in xml description

Add variant parameter extensions in constructor to process layer information and axis definitions

DD4hep  
Geometry  
View



EICrecon

Create detector plugin to digitize and reconstruct hits

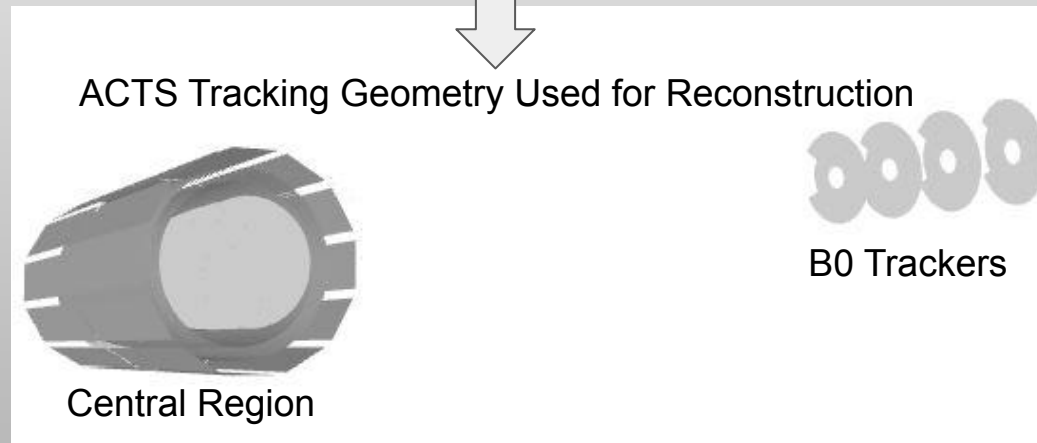
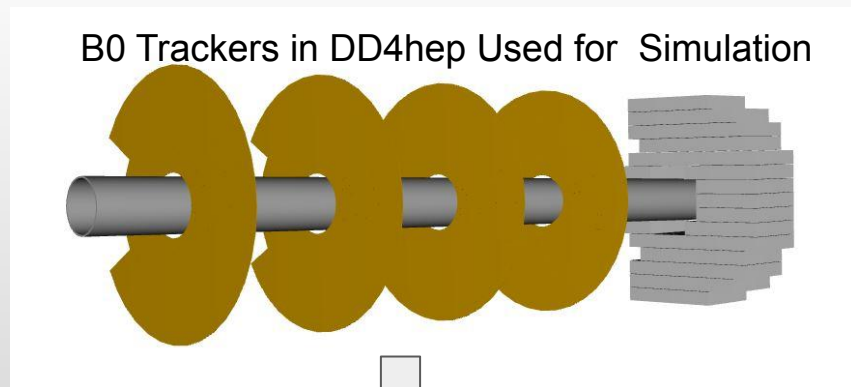
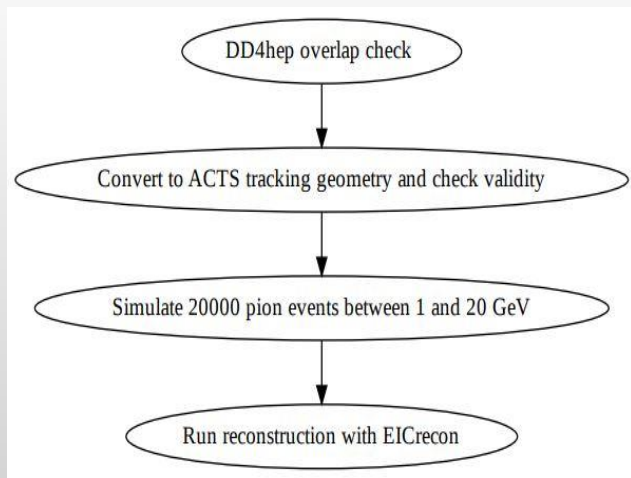
Add plugin to default list of plugins to compile

Add reconstructed hits to list of hits to be passed to ACTS

Reconstruction chain abstracted away within EICrecon interfacing with ACTS



# Test simulation and reconstruction chain



## Challenges to integrating B0

Off-axis and at an angle

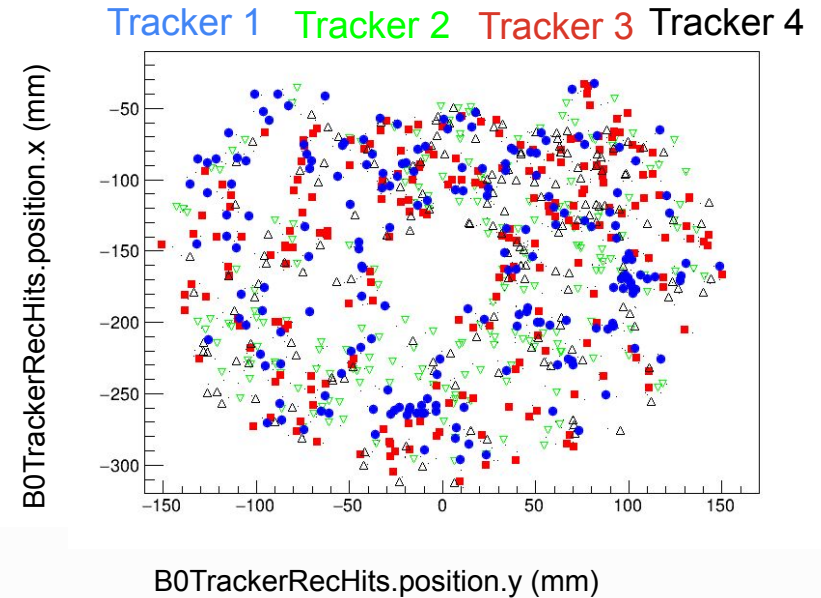
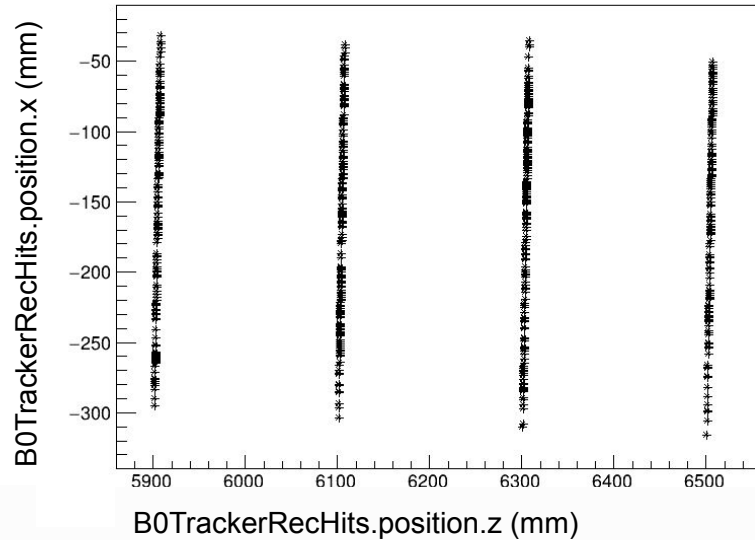
Simple cylindrical layer envelopes cannot be defined explicitly (DD4hep overlap)

Define material layers for ACTS more carefully

# Results

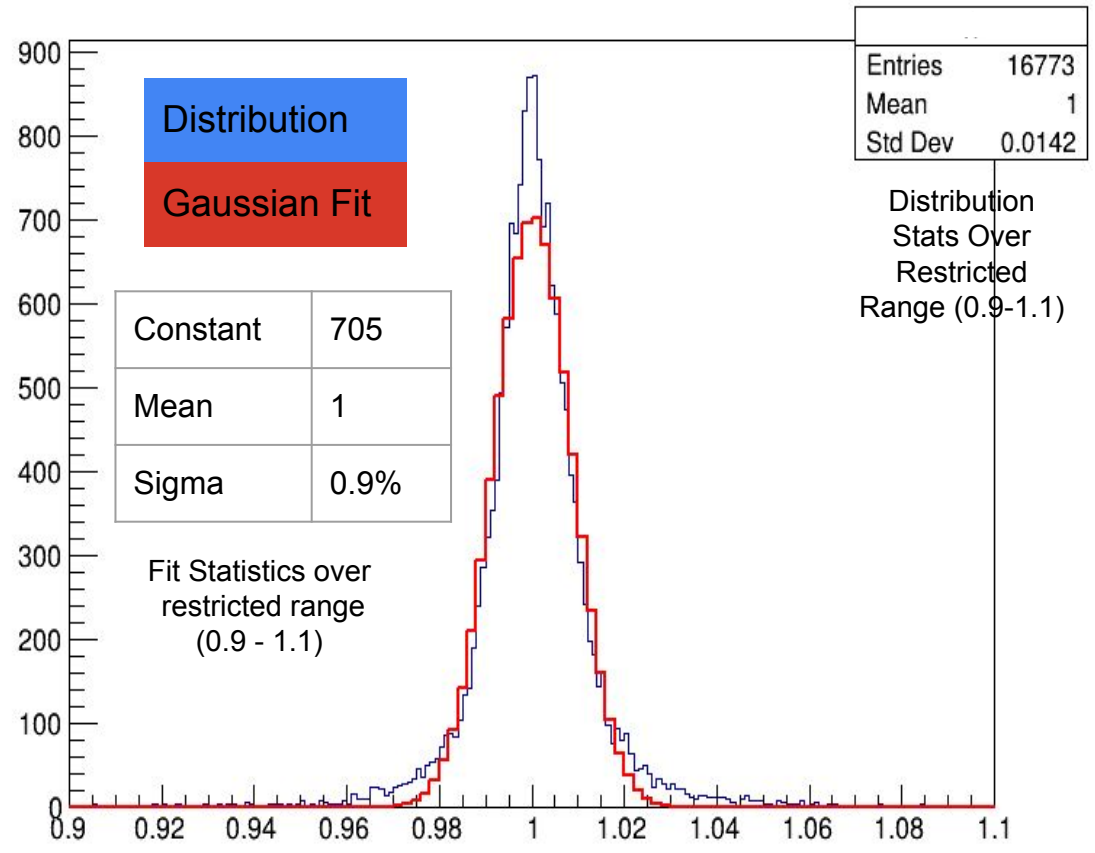
20000 pion events  
1-20 GeV

## Digitised and Reconstructed B0TrackerHits



# Results

ReconstructedChargedParticles[0].momentum.z/GeneratedParticles[0].momentum.z



**Overall reconstruction seems to produce reconstructed momentum fit with reasonable width but fails for events recording hits on B0**

**B0TrackerHits not recognized to be "On Surface" by ACTS resulting in zeroed out reconstructed momentum.**



# Summary and To Do List

Overall EPIC dd4hep description updated to take advantage of latest interface with ACTS.

Central region integrated. Moving onto trackers in the far forward region starting with the B0.

# Acknowledgements

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Special thanks to the collaborators in the far forward working group for providing their comments and suggestions on the slides.

# Backup Slides

# ACTS and DD4hep overview

DD4hep is a toolkit to manage the data describing the detector geometry, the materials used when building the structures, visualization attributes, detector readout information, alignment, calibration and environmental parameters

## Key features:

- Gathers all information necessary to interpret event data from collisions
- Supports full experiment lifecycle-concept, optimization, construction and operation
- Synchronizes detector information for data processing applications such as simulation, reconstruction, online trigger and data analysis

ACTS is an experiment-independent toolkit for (charged) particle track reconstruction in (high energy) physics experiments implemented in modern C++.

## Key features:

- **A tracking geometry description which can be constructed manually or from TGeo and DD4hep input.**
- Simple event data model to describe track parameters and measurements.
- Implementations of common algorithms for track propagation and fitting.
- Implementations of basic seed finding algorithms.
- Implementations of common vertexing algorithms.

# DD4hep-ACTS integration

## DD4hep Detector Element Tree

Detector descriptions in xml format parsed by C++ constructors.

Forms a tree of instances of the detector element class.

Each detector is associated with a detector element containing readout segmentation, geometrical information, and environmental conditions.

Extensions can be added to the detector element to add specific features or access specific information

## Variant Parameters Plugin Mechanism

The variant parameters plugin mechanism is used to pass relevant information from DD4hep description to ACTS

- Detector type flags
- Layer patterns
- Boundary material binning
- Layer material binning
- Axis definitions

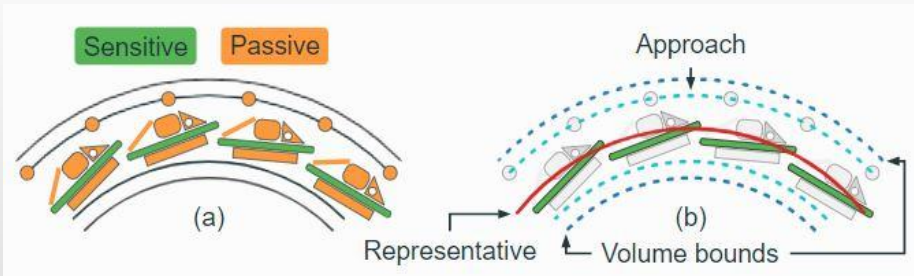
## ACTS Tracking Geometry

ACTS expects the whole detector to be segmented into barrel-endcap structures

Inspects the geometry hierarchy and searches for sensitive detector elements and passive material structures

The ACTS tracking geometry is simplified-a compromise between modelling accuracy and speed

# ACTS Tracking and Reconstruction



Real material information is averaged and encoded onto approach surfaces of each layer to approximate interaction effects.

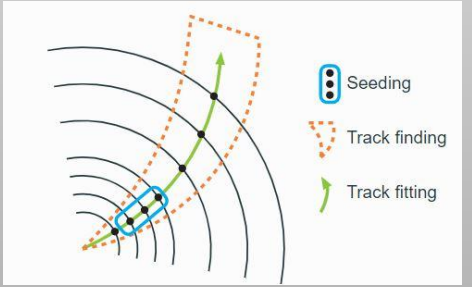
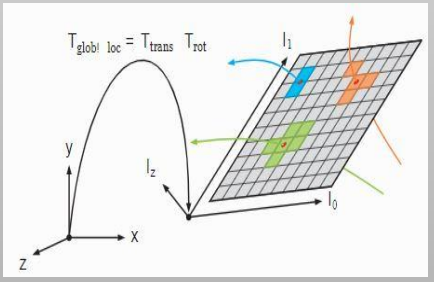
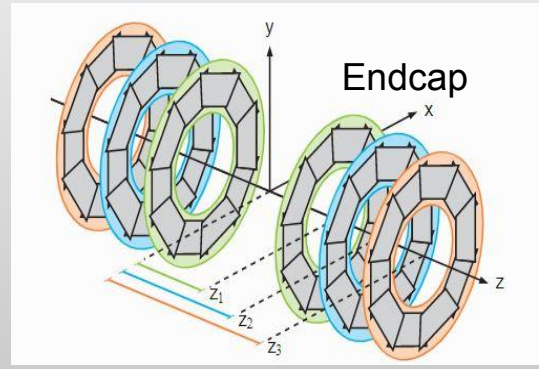
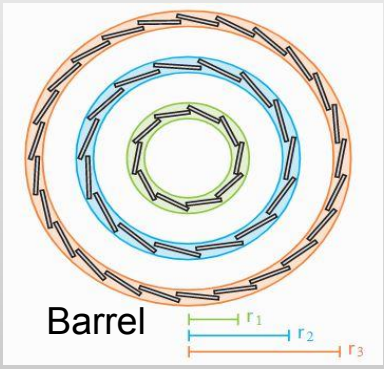
A binned structure is imparted to layers to ensure fast retrieval of sensitive surfaces associated with any given bin during particle propagation.

ACTS uses simplified surface-based description of simulation geometry

**Tracking geometry = A collection of volumes glued together with adjacent volumes sharing boundaries**

**Volume = A collection of layers**

**Layer = A collection of sensitive surfaces**



Numerical integration with RKN method is used to estimate particle propagation under magnetic fields.

Reconstruction = Space point formation (Local to global transform) => Seeding (Hit triplet search filtered by momentum and impact parameters) => Track Finding and Fitting (Combinatorial Kalman Filtering)

# Integrating the B0 Trackers into ACTS tracking for EPIC

Step 1:  
Add B0 tracker  
subsystem as a  
dd4hep subdetector  
assembly

(positive  
endcap+fake  
negative endcap  
each with their own  
xml description and  
constructor)

## [compact/tracking/definitions.xml](#)

```
<detectors>
-----

  <detector id="B0TrackerSubAssembly_ID"
           name="B0TrackerSubAssembly"
           type="DD4hep_SubdetectorAssembly"
           vis="TrackerSubAssemblyVis">
    <composite name="B0Tracker"/>
    <composite name="B0TrackerCompanion"/>
  </detector>
-----

</detectors>
```

# Integrating the B0 Trackers into ACTS tracking for EPIC

Step 2:  
Set detector type  
flag

## B0Tracker.xml

```
<detectors>
  <detector
    id="B0Tracker_Station_1_ID"
    name="B0Tracker"
    type="ip6_B0Tracker"
    readout="B0TrackerHits"
    vis="FFTrackerVis">
    <type_flags type=
      "DetType_TRACKER
      DetType_ENDCAP" />
  </detector>
</detectors>
```

## B0Tracker\_geo.cpp

```
static Ref_t create_B0Tracker(Detector& description, xml_h e,
SensitiveDetector sens)
{
  xml_det_t      x_det      = e;
  DetElement     sdet(x_det.nameStr(), x_det.id());
  Volume         motherVol = description.pickMotherVolume(sdet);

-----

  dd4hep::xml::setDetectorTypeFlag(x_det, sdet);
  auto &params = DD4hepDetectorHelper::ensureExtension
    <dd4hep::rec::VariantParameters>(sdet);

  for (xml_coll_t bmat(x_det, _Unicode(boundary_material));
       bmat; ++bmat) {
    xml_comp_t x_boundary_material = bmat;
    DD4hepDetectorHelper::xmlToProtoSurfaceMaterial(
      x_boundary_material, params,
      "boundary_material");
  }

-----

}

DECLARE_DETELEMENT(ip6_B0Tracker, create_B0Tracker)
```



# Integrating the B0 Trackers into ACTS tracking for EPIC

## Step 3: Set layer parameters

```
B0Tracker.xml
<detectors>
  <detector
    id="B0Tracker_Station_1_ID"
    name="B0Tracker"...>
    -----
    <layer id="4">
      <envelope rmin_tolerance=.../>
      <ring phi0 =...
        dphi =...
        r =...
        zstart = ...
        nmodules=...
        dz=...
        module="Module1" />
      <layer_material surface="inner"
        rmin="binPhi_binR"
        binsz=...
        binsr=.../>
    </layer>
  </detector>
  -----
</detectors>
<plugins>
  <plugin name="DD4hep_ParametersPlugin">
    <argument value="B0Tracker"/>
    <argument value="layer_pattern:
      str=B0Tracker_layer\d"/>
  </plugin>
</plugins>
```

```
B0Tracker_geo.cpp
static Ref_t create_B0Tracker(Detector& description, xml_handle, SensitiveDetector
sens)
{
  -----
  for (xml_coll_t li(x_det, _U(layer)); li; ++li) {
    xml_comp_t x_layer(li);
    string layer_name = det_name + std::string("_layer") +
      std::to_string(x_layer.id());
    xml_comp_t l_env = x_layer.child(_U(envelope));
    double layer_rmin_tolerance = l_env.attr<double>(_Unicode(rmin_tolerance));
    -----
    DetElement layer_element(sdet, layer_name, x_layer.id());
    auto &layerParams = DD4hepDetectorHelper::ensureExtension
      <dd4hep::rec::VariantParameters>(layer_element);
    layerParams.set<double>("envelope_r_min", layer_rmin_tolerance);
    -----
    for (xml_coll_t lmat(x_layer, _Unicode(layer_material)); lmat; ++lmat) {
      xml_comp_t x_layer_material = lmat;
      DD4hepDetectorHelper::xmlToProtoSurfaceMaterial(x_layer_material,
        layerParams, "layer_material");
    }
  }
  -----
}
```

# Integrating the B0 Trackers into ACTS tracking for EPIC

## Step 4: Set axis definitions of sensitive elements

```
B0Tracker.xml

<detectors>
  <detector
    id="B0Tracker_Station_1_ID"
    name="B0Tracker"...>
-----
    <module name="SmallModule4"
      vis="FFTrackerModuleVis">
      <trd x1="B0TrackerMod1_x1/2.0"
        x2="B0TrackerMod4Small_x2/2.0"
        z="B0TrackerMod4Small_y/2"/>
      <module_component
        thickness="0.12*mm"
        material="CarbonFiber"
        vis="FFTrackerSupportVis" />
      <module_component
        thickness="0.3*mm"
        material="SiliconOxide"
        vis="FFTrackerSurfaceVis"
        sensitive="true"/>
    </module>
-----
  </detector>
</detectors>
```

```
B0Tracker_geo.cpp

static Ref_t create_B0Tracker(Detector& description, xml_h e, SensitiveDetector
sens)
{
-----
  for (xml_coll_t ri(x_layer, _U(ring)); ri; ++ri) {
-----
    for (int k = 0; k < nmodules; ++k) {
      DetElement module(layer_element, m_base + "_pos", det_id);
-----
      for (size_t ic = 0; ic < sensVols.size(); ++ic) {
        PlacedVolume sens_pv = sensVols[ic];
        DetElement comp_elt(module, sens_pv.volume().name(), mod_num);
        comp_elt.setPlacement(sens_pv);
        auto &params = DD4hepDetectorHelper::ensureExtension
          <dd4hep::rec::VariantParameters>(comp_elt);
        params.set<std::string>("axis_definitions", "XYZ");
        volSurfaceList(comp_elt)->push_back(volplane_surfaces[m_nam][ic]);
      }
    }
  }
-----
}
```

# Integrating the B0 Trackers into ACTS tracking for EPIC

Add B0tracker detector plugin to digitise and reconstruct hits with detector info

```
void InitPlugin(JApplication *app) {  
    InitJANAPugin(app);  
    using namespace eicrecon;  
    app->Add(new JChainFactoryGeneratorT<SiliconTrackerDigi_factory>  
            ({"B0TrackerHits"}, "B0TrackerRawHits"));  
    app->Add(new JChainFactoryGeneratorT<TrackerHitReconstruction_factory>  
            ({"B0TrackerRawHits"}, "B0TrackerRecHits"));  
}
```

Step 5:  
Activating the tracker in EICrecon

```
std::vector<std::string> EICRECON_DEFAULT_PLUGINS = {  
    ...  
    "B0TRK"  
    ...  
}
```

Add B0tracker plugin to default list of plugins to activate in src/utilities/eicrecon/eicrecon.cc

Add B0TrackerRecHits to be used in src/global/tracking/tracking.cc

```
app->Add(new JChainFactoryGeneratorT<TrackerHitCollector_factory>(  
    {  
        "SiBarrelTrackerRecHits",  
        "SiBarrelVertexRecHits",  
        "SiEndcapTrackerRecHits",  
        "TOFBarrelRecHit",  
        "TOFEndcapRecHits",  
        "MPGDBarrelRecHits",  
        "MPGDDIRRecHits",  
        "B0TrackerRecHits"  
    },  
    "CentralTrackingRecHits"));
```

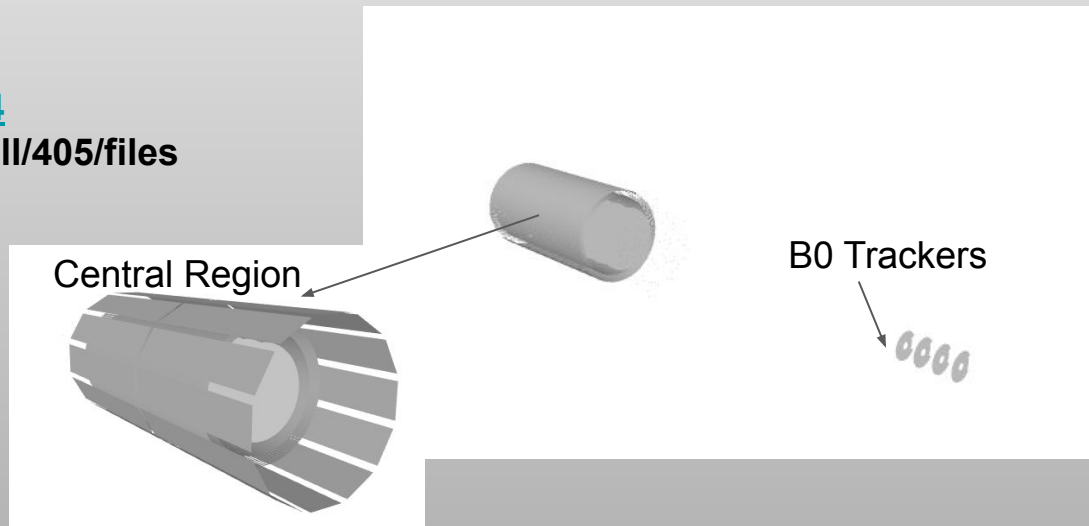
# Test simulation and reconstruction chain

```
ddsim -compactFile epic_tracking_only.xml -G -gun.particle "pi-" -gun.momentumMin  
"1*GeV" -gun.momentumMax "20*GeV" -gun.distribution "uniform" -N 2000 -outputFile  
sim_pi-_1GeV_20GeV_tracking_only.edm4hep.root
```

```
install/bin/run_eicrecon_reco_flags.py sim_pi-_1GeV_20GeV_tracking_only.edm4hep.root  
rec_result -Pplugins=dump_flags,janadot -Pdump_flags:json=tracking_only_flags.json
```

<https://github.com/eic/epic/pull/344>

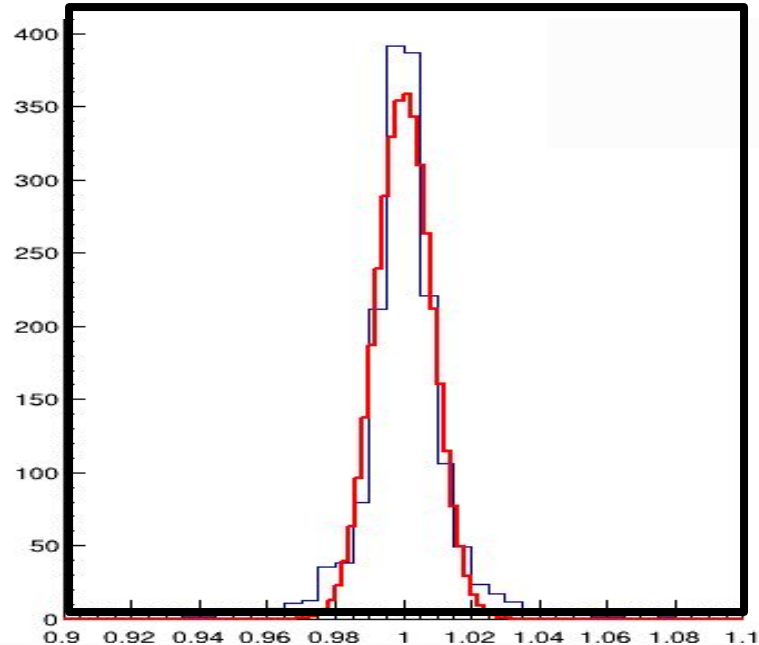
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Overall reconstruction seems to produce reconstructed momentum fit with reasonable width but fails for events recording hits on B0

Warning indicates that no surface in the acts tracking geometry can be associated with hits on B0. Currently debugging this issue with help from ACTS and EICrecon experts.

ReconstructedZMomentum/TruthZMomentum



B0TrackerRecHits

