

Adding Explicit Cluster Shape Fields

The current `edm4eic::Cluster` encodes several shape-related values in a single vector member

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edm4eic::Cluster:
Description: "EIC hit cluster, reworked to more closely resemble EDM4hep"
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Members:
# main variables
- int32_t      type           // Flag-word that defines the type of the cluster
- float       energy         // Reconstructed energy of the cluster [GeV].
- float       energyError    // Error on the cluster energy [GeV]
- float       time           // [ns]
- float       timeError      // Error on the cluster time
- uint32_t    nhits          // Number of hits in the cluster.
- edm4hep::Vector3f position // Global position of the cluster [mm].
- edm4eic::Cov3f positionError // Covariance matrix of the position (6 Parameters).
- float       intrinsicTheta // Intrinsic cluster propagation direction polar angle [rad]
- float       intrinsicPhi   // Intrinsic cluster propagation direction azimuthal angle [rad]
- edm4eic::Cov2f intrinsicDirectionError // Error on the intrinsic cluster propagation direction
VectorMembers:
- float       shapeParameters // Should be set in metadata, for now it's a list of -- radius [mm], dispersion [mm], 2 entries for
- float       hitContributions // Energy contributions of the hits. Runs parallel to ::hits()
- float       subdetectorEnergies // Energies observed in each subdetector used for this cluster.
OneToManyRelations:
- edm4eic::Cluster      clusters // Clusters that have been combined to form this cluster
- edm4eic::CalorimeterHit hits    // Hits that have been combined to form this cluster
- edm4hep::ParticleID   particleIDs // Particle IDs sorted by likelihood
```

Since 2022 we had a moratorium on adding more to the same vector – this is why we have `intrinsicTheta/Phi/DirectionError` members that are technically shape-related, but not present in `shapeParameters`.

What is the problem with shapeParameters

Here is an example of shapeParameters use in analysis (ROOT files directly without PODIO)

```
#largest_eigenvalues
for i in range(len(arrays_sim[p])):
    pars=arrays_sim[p]["_HcalFarForwardZDCclusters_shapeParameters"][i]
    index_of_max=-1
    max_val=0
    eigs=[]
    #Must make sure this doesn't get messed up if someone changes the number of shape parameters in EICrecon.
    nClust=nclusters[p][i]
    nShapePars=len(pars)//nClust
    for j in range(nClust):
        largest_eigenvalue=max(pars[nShapePars*j+4:nShapePars*j+7])
```

Determine number of elements in each shapeParameters

Within shapeParameters for cluster with index j
select parameters with “magical” indices 4 to 7

Proposal

EDM4eic#171 adds the components explicitly and marks shapeParameters as deprecated

```
333 333     - uint32_t      nhits          // Number of hits in the cluster.
334 334     - edm4hep::Vector3f position    // Global position of the cluster [mm].
335 335     - edm4eic::Cov3f positionError // Covariance matrix of the position (6 Parameters).
336 +     - float       radius         // Cluster radius [mm].
337 +     - float       dispersion     // Cluster dispersion [mm].
338 +     - float       widthTheta    // Cluster width in polar (theta) direction [rad].
339 +     - float       widthPhi      // Cluster width in azimuthal (phi) direction [rad].
340 +     - std::array<float, 3> principalAxesLengths // Lengths along the cluster's principal axes [mm], sorted in descending order (equivalent to sqrt of eigenvalues of
the position covariance, descending).
336 341     - float       intrinsicTheta // Intrinsic cluster propagation direction polar angle [rad]
337 342     - float       intrinsicPhi   // Intrinsic cluster propagation direction azimuthal angle [rad]
338 343     - edm4eic::Cov2f intrinsicDirectionError // Error on the intrinsic cluster propagation direction
339 344     VectorMembers:
340 -     - float       shapeParameters // Should be set in metadata, for now it's a list of -- radius [mm], dispersion [mm], 2 entries for theta-phi widths [rad], 3
entries for x-y-z widths [mm].
345 +     - float       shapeParameters // [DEPRECATED] use radius, dispersion, widthTheta/Phi, and principalAxesLengths instead.
```

Other suggestions

- We could remove radius and dispersion – these quantities are not energy weighted and thus useless
- Add explicit documentation for meaning of the values of intrinsicTheta/Phi and of principalAxesLengths for planar detectors
- Move shape parameters into a PODIO component for reuse in tracking clustering