# Zenodo: an update

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#### The current situation

- An urgent (and long standing) need for a robust document repository in EIC community, in support of the Yellow Report effort and beyond
  - DocDB no longer an option, Zenodo (as previously reported) is the prime candidate for this role
  - CERN developed and based, a portable version ("RDM") coming later this year
- Prompted by the need to support COVID-19 research at BNL the SDCC team has accomplished a custom installation of Zenodo at BNL, and just created a test instance for EIC
  - <a href="https://eic-zenodo.sdcc.bnl.gov/">https://eic-zenodo.sdcc.bnl.gov/</a> (BNL intranet)
    - Unclear why a Lab-wide DB is not sufficient, need to find out it's content-agnostic
  - Zenodo was not designed for portability so the install is custom
  - o Integration with local auth/auth, SSO etc may be helpful, may be not
  - "Invenio RDM" which is the next generation of this system will be truly portable but ETA is late
     2020 which is late for the Yellow Report and other immediate purposes
  - Migration to RDM should work since CERN will need to do it first for their instance

#### First experience with Zenodo

- Meets the definition of a good system:
  - Simple things are "easy"
  - Complex things are "possible"
- Initial learning curve is quick and painless, the keyword function transparent while additional extensive search capabilities are available
- Versioning, ease of metadata editing
- ORCID and DOI capability off the bat (doi.org)
- Tiers of access
  - Private (locked in)
  - Restricted (by individual request)
  - Embargo (time out of restrictions)
  - Public
- "Communities" groups of documents curated by designated persons
- GitHub integration citeable code with permanent DOI and link

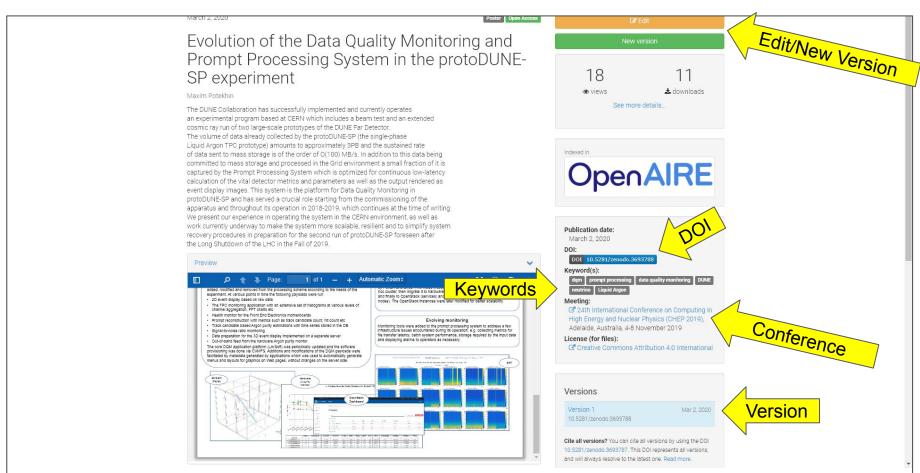
### Zenodo is not a document workflow system

- It is a repository, not a document workflow management system.
- i.e. there is no document development pipeline with comments, approvals and tiered access to specific versions
- I consider it highly unlikely that such functionality will ever be part of Zenodo because it's not aligned with its mission
  - What is published is expected to be close to a finished product, which can be further refined by cutting versions
- As an aside comment, much of the document workflow management can be already achieved with the issue tracking system on GitHub, perhaps combined with a private repository and controlled access
  - State-of-the-art, robust system
  - Comments, replies, commits

### On Zenodo, you cannot permanently delete a record

- Since the DOI capability (conceptually permalinks) is an integral part of the system the material is not allowed to completely vanish
- ...but can be made permanently unavailable for viewing by anyone
- This means some thought needs to be put into what is committed to Zenodo just to avoid clutter going forward
- Robust search capabilities also mean that dummy/dark records are easy to avoid in practice

## DOI, versions, keywords, conference-awareness

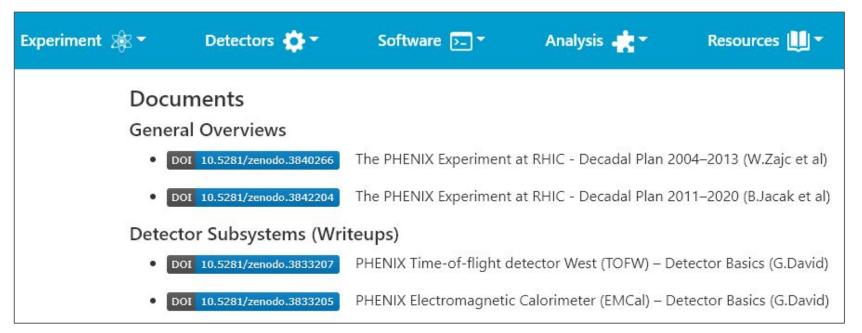


#### Recent Zenodo activities in PHENIX

- Approved for PHENIX Data and Analysis Preservation (EC, conveners)
  - Using the CERN instance, location of the host not considered an issue
  - Good discoverability/visibility
- "Zenodo Communities"
  - A "PHENIX Collaboration" community created, managed by the team
  - DAP site links to Zenodo (next slide)
  - In general, a nice way to link to materials from websites
- GitHub integration "nice to have" but not core initial testing done
  - Additional cloud replica of your GitHub release tagged with arbitrary metadata (discoverability)
  - Citeable via DOI

### Zenodo integration in with the PHENIX DAP website

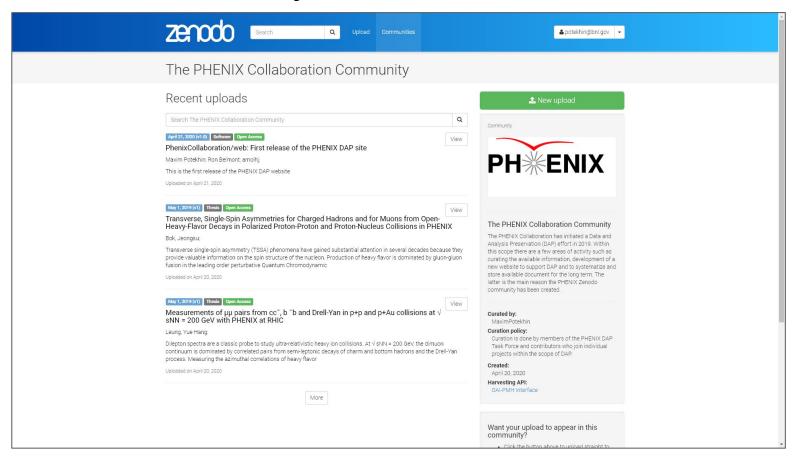
- PHENIX is using Zenodo for Data and Analysis Preservation. We find that
  it's simple to use and meets most of the needs of Collaboration.
- Created simple tools to easily reference Zenodo records on PHENIX sites



### Zenodo Community (another way to tag material)

- A way to organize material, and to consistently attribute materials to a collaboration/project/experiment - keeping a consistent brand
  - No need for multiple Zenodo instances?
- An improvement in visibility/discoverability/PR
  - An addition to the already existing metadata query aids in discovery of materials
- Anyone can upload a material to the community which is subject to curation
  - The curator gets notified and inspects the submission
    - If accepted, it becomes posted under the community umbrella
    - If rejected, it still remains on Zenodo site but is not officially owned/acknowledged by the community, this is an accordance to the "open access" platform
  - There is currently one curator per community and there is no easy way to transfer this duty to a different account (something few people expected) but a fix is on the way according to the lead developer and other team members. Unofficial ETA is late 2020.

## PHENIX Community on Zenodo



#### Advanced search capabilities

by default all searches are sorted according to an internal ranking algorithm that scores each match against your query, in both the user linterface and REST API, it's possible to sort the results by: Most recent · Publication date • Title · Conference session · Journal Version Regular expressions Regular expressions are a powerful pattern matching language that allow to search for specific patterns in a field. For instance if we wanted to find all records with a DOI-prefix 10.5281 we could use a regular expression search: Example: doi:/10\.5281\/.+/ Careful, the regular expression must match the entire field value. See the regular expression syntax for further details. Missing values It is possible to search for records that either are missing a value or have a value in a specific field using the exists and missing field names. Example: \_missing :notes (all records without notes) Example: exists :notes (all records with notes) Advanced concepts You can use the boost operator when one term is more relevant than another. For instance, you can search for all records with the phrase open science in either title or description field, but rank records with the phrase in the title field higher: Example: title: "open science" ^5 description: "open science" Fuzziness You can search for terms similar to but not exactly like your search term using the fuzzy operator ... Example: oepn~ Results will match records with terms similar to open which would e.g. also match open. Proximity searches A phrase search like "open science" by default expect all terms in exactly the same order, and thus for instance would not match a record containing the phrase "open access and science". A proximity search allows that the terms are not in the exact order and may include other terms inbetween. The degree of flexiblity is specified by an integer afterwards: Example: "open science"~5 You can use wildcards in search terms to replace a single character (using ? operator) or zero or more characters (using » operator). Example: ope? scien\* Wildcard searches can be slow and should normally be avoided if possible. Fields reference The table below lists the data type of each field. Below is a quick description of what each data type means and what is possible. . string: Field does not require exact match (example field: title).

### GitHub/Zenodo mechanics (see backup slides)

- A snapshot of a GitHub repo can be included in Zenodo organically+DOI
  - Integration/app link is in place: prepares and preserves tarballs of your releases
  - Makes your code easy to find (using the metadata) and to reference by a unique ID
  - Nice GUI
  - DOI reference to the code becomes citeable

#### Easy to use

- Well-developed interface, I tested this functionality and it was quite simple
- DOIs take some time O(10min) to propagate to the DOI.org system, but this is not a problem

### Summary

- We need to be aware of Zenodo strengths and limitations
- Document workflow will need to be managed outside of Zenodo (I propose GitHub, potentially with private repos)
- Zenodo is a well designed system currently based at CERN with apparently good support and a long projected lifetime
  - "Communities" are a good way to curate and organize data
  - Lots of storage available
  - Any sort of data can be committed to Zenodo, with generous limits per upload
  - Multiple files in a single record
- A portable "RDM" release coming later this year
- A custom install at BNL available for test purposes
  - How is this all aligned with the Yellow Report process?



#### Terminology

- Zenodo is an open science data repository at CERN
  - In a nutshell, storage+metadata
  - Any data within the set limits
- Invenio is a toolkit used to in a number of CERN systems including Zenodo
  - A complex and capable framework.
  - Framework, not a system. An application is needed to make use of its functionality.
  - o cf. Zenodo is an Invenio-based application.
- Invenio RDM ("research data management") is a new product aiming to achieve
  - Portability (currently installing and configuring Invenio requires a high level of expertise)
  - Configurability i.e. eliminating the need for a custom app a turnkey solution
  - ETA: late 2020

#### Zenodo "in a nutshell"

- General purpose digital repository
- Version control
- Data (storage space) + Metadata (DB)
- Extensive query capabilities
  - Full-text search is in the works
- DOI management (doi.org integration)
- ORCID-aware
- Gateway to other repositories
- GitHub integration (citeable code)
- Currently a service instance at CERN, being transformed into a more portable system under the "Invenio RDM" brand

#### Zenodo in a nutshell

- Research. Shared. all research outputs from across all fields of research are welcome! Sciences and Humanities, really!
- Citeable. Discoverable. uploads gets a
  Digital Object Identifier (DOI) to make them
  easily and uniquely citeable.
- Communities create and curate your own community for a workshop, project, department, journal, into which you can accept or reject uploads. Your own complete digital repository!
- Funding identify grants, integrated in reporting lines for research funded by the European Commission via OpenAIRE.
- Flexible licensing because not everything is under Creative Commons.
- Safe your research output is stored safely for the future in the same cloud infrastructure as CERN's own LHC research data.

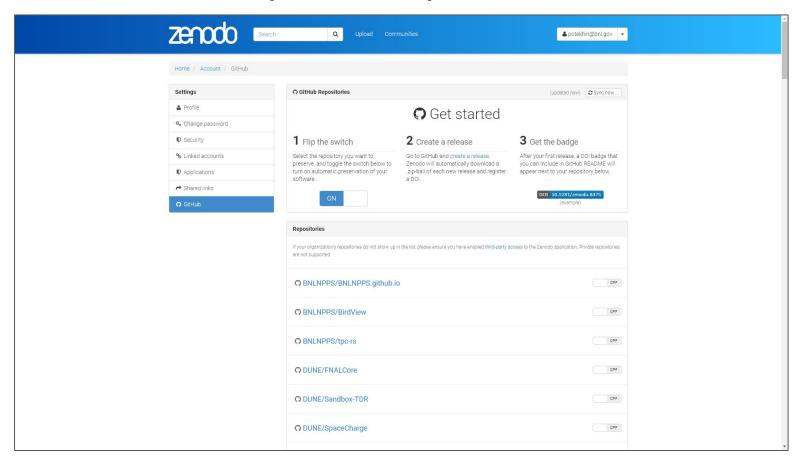
### Zenodo: durability

#### Safe

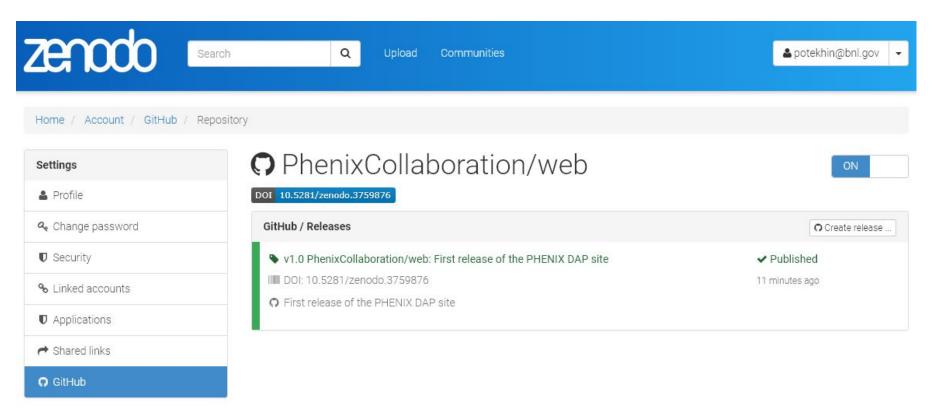
#### - more than just a drop box!

Your research output is stored safely for the future in same cloud infrastructure as research data from CERN's Large Hadron Collider and using CERN's battle-tested repository software Invenio, which is used by some of the world's largest repositories such as INSPIRE HEP and CERN Document Server.

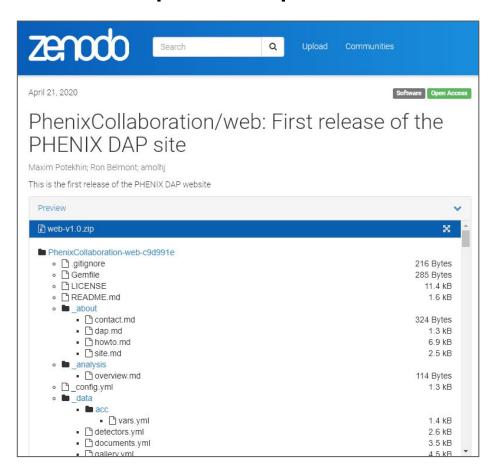
## Zenodo - GitHub panel - repo selection



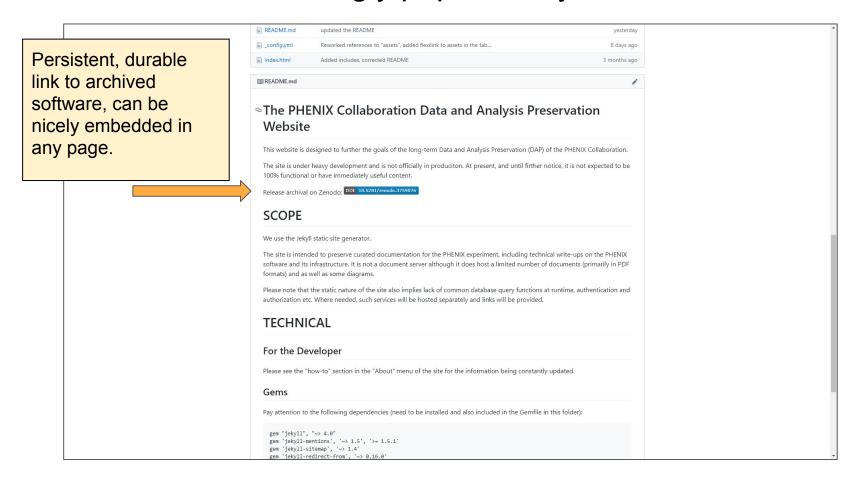
#### Zenodo - GitHub panel - published release



### Zenodo - GitHub panel - published release browser



#### DOIs are an increasingly popular way to reference software



#### GitHub/Zenodo integration benefits

- Not a core functionality by a long shot, however...
- ...provides a uniform way to reference digital products using DOI
- ...metadata is a good thing to have better discoverability!
- ...can leverage the Zenodo "community" feature to organize materials and increase visibility
  - Cf. simulated data and the code used to produce it can be kept under the same umbrella
- Longer term Data and Analysis Preservation
- In general, an "EIC Software" community on Zenodo may be a useful thing to have (papers, conference presentations etc)