

GEMC

a database-driven Monte Carlo simulation program



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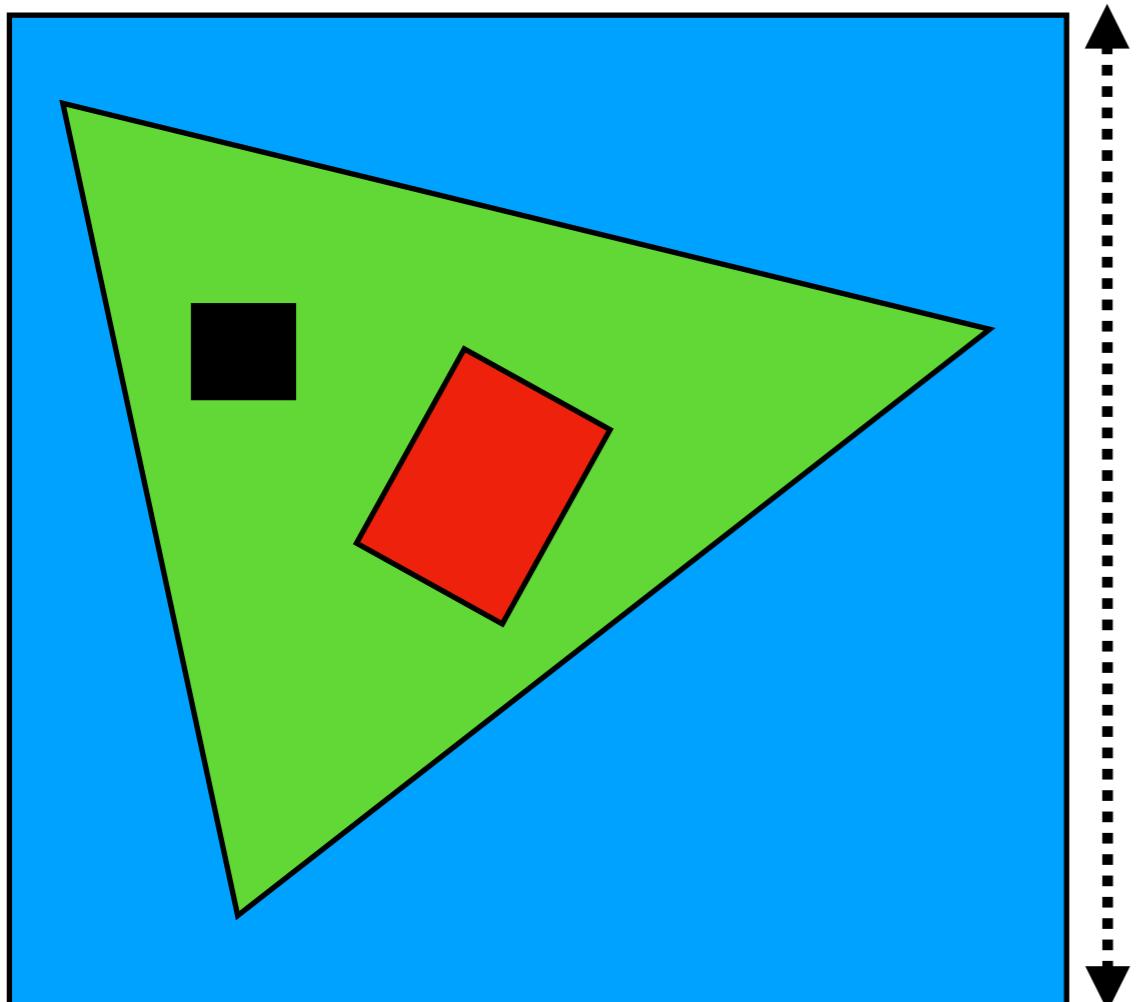
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Q1: No hardcoded numbers?

Can we build Geant4 application that reads parameters from a database?



`G4Box('box' , 20 , 30 , 40)`

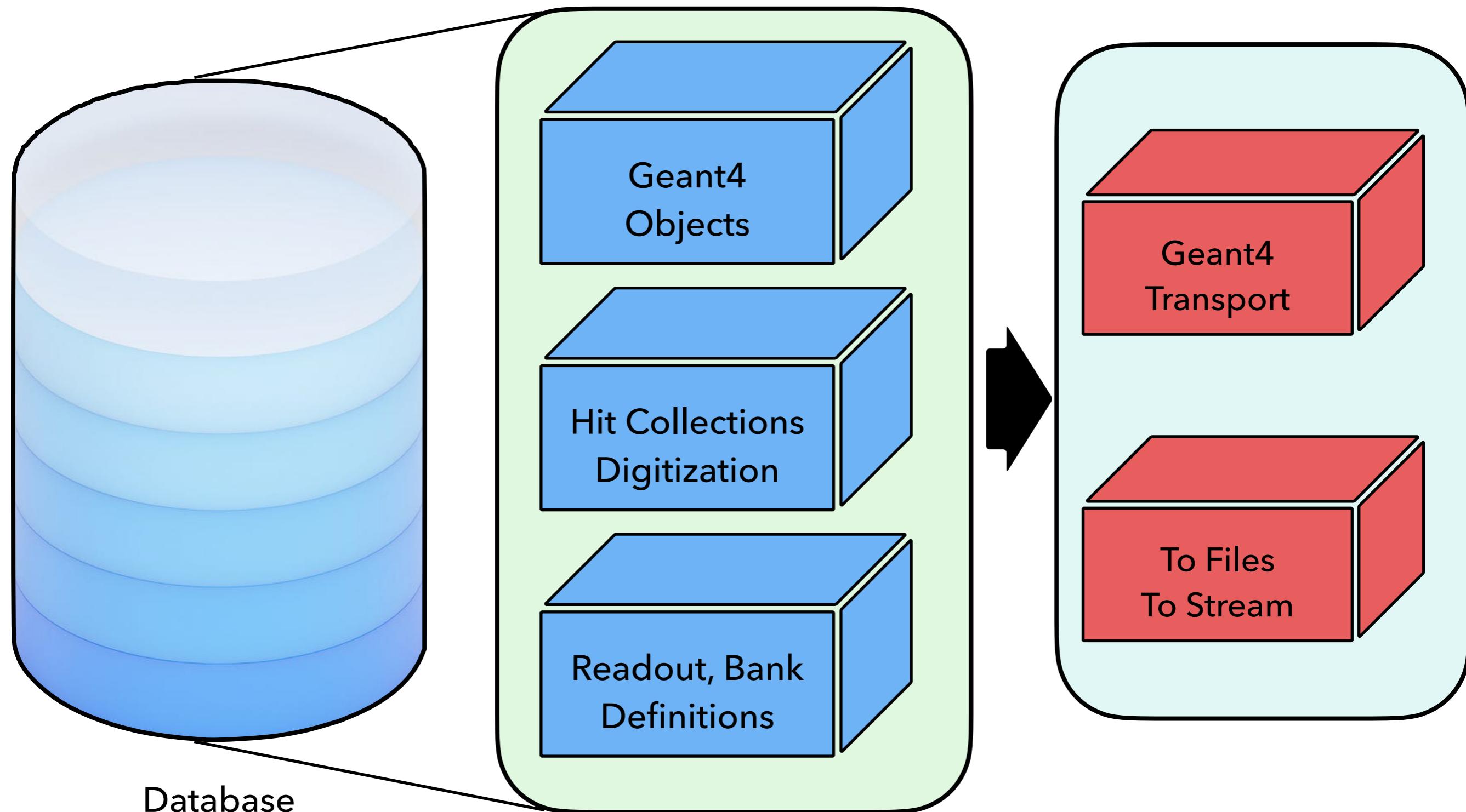


`G4Box(name , a , b , c)`

`name , a , b , c = "select name , dimensions from table geometry where..."`

Q2: Database, not code

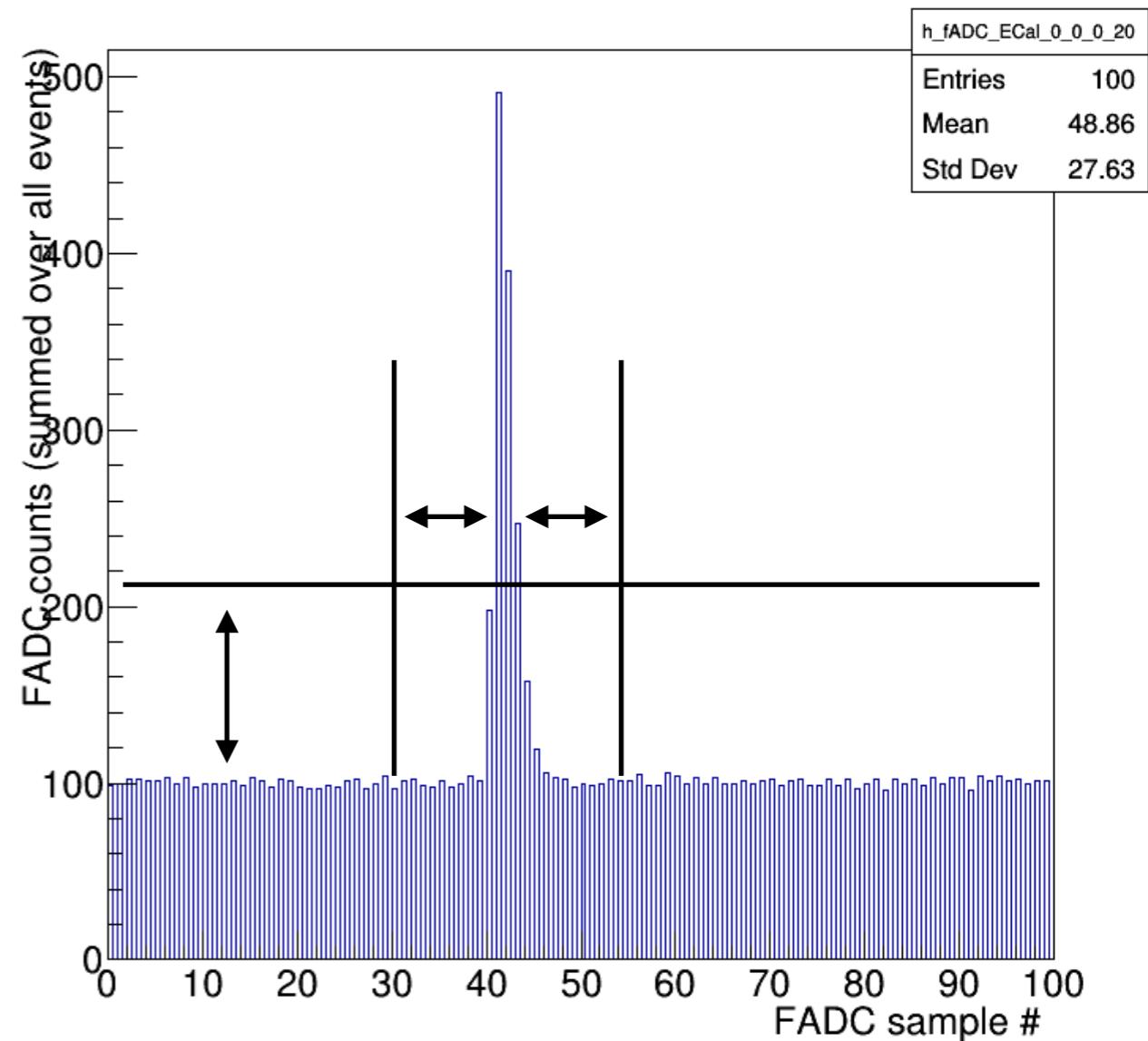
Can we define a `geant4` simulation in its entirety from a database?



Q3: Let's be real

Can we make such DB simulation 'realistic' ?

1. Calibration / Digitization constants
2. Geometry variations
3. Emulation of Electronic Readout
4. Hardware status
5. Custom user digitization
6. Energy sharing / hits duplication



Ultimate goal: MC indistinguishable from data

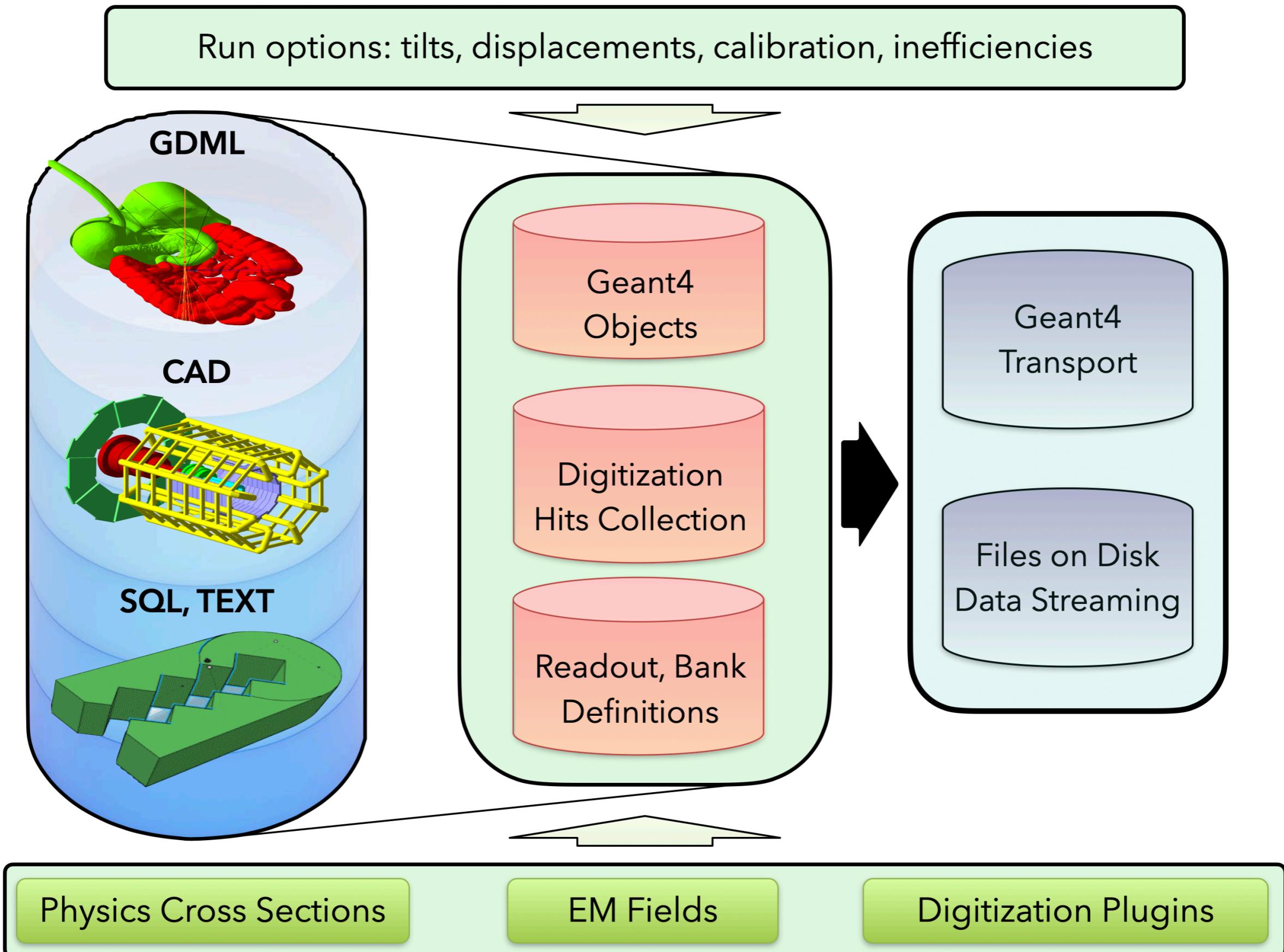
Q4: Turnkey MC simulations

Can we create and run complex setups w/o programming knowledge ?

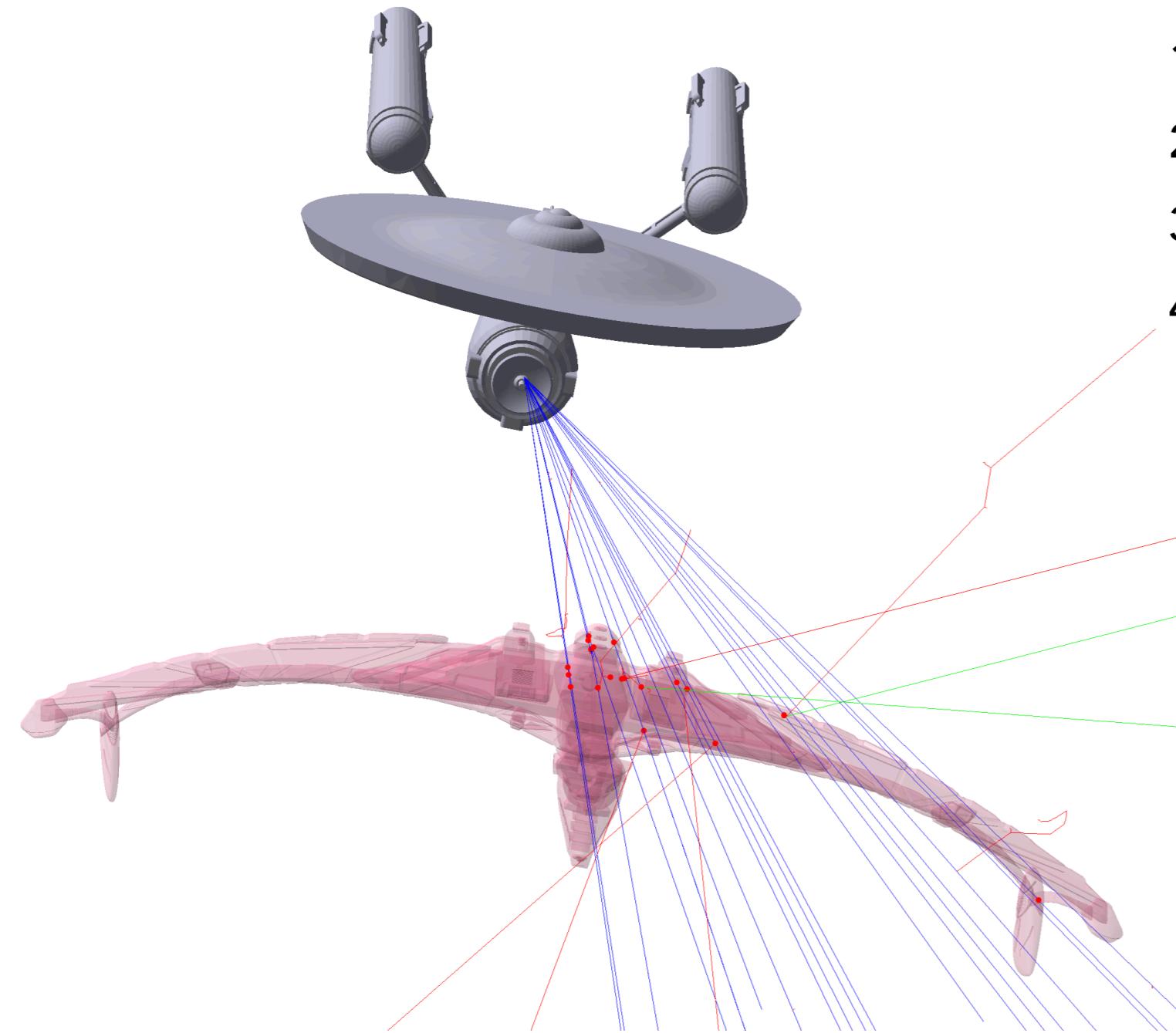
1. Create DB entries, no c++ / geant4 coding
2. Intuitive, easy to use API
3. Allows user to focus on design and detector response
4. Turnkey executable provides out of the box:
 - MT handling
 - Variations
 - Pre-defined digitizations such as flux and dosimeter
 - Built-in text and ROOT output



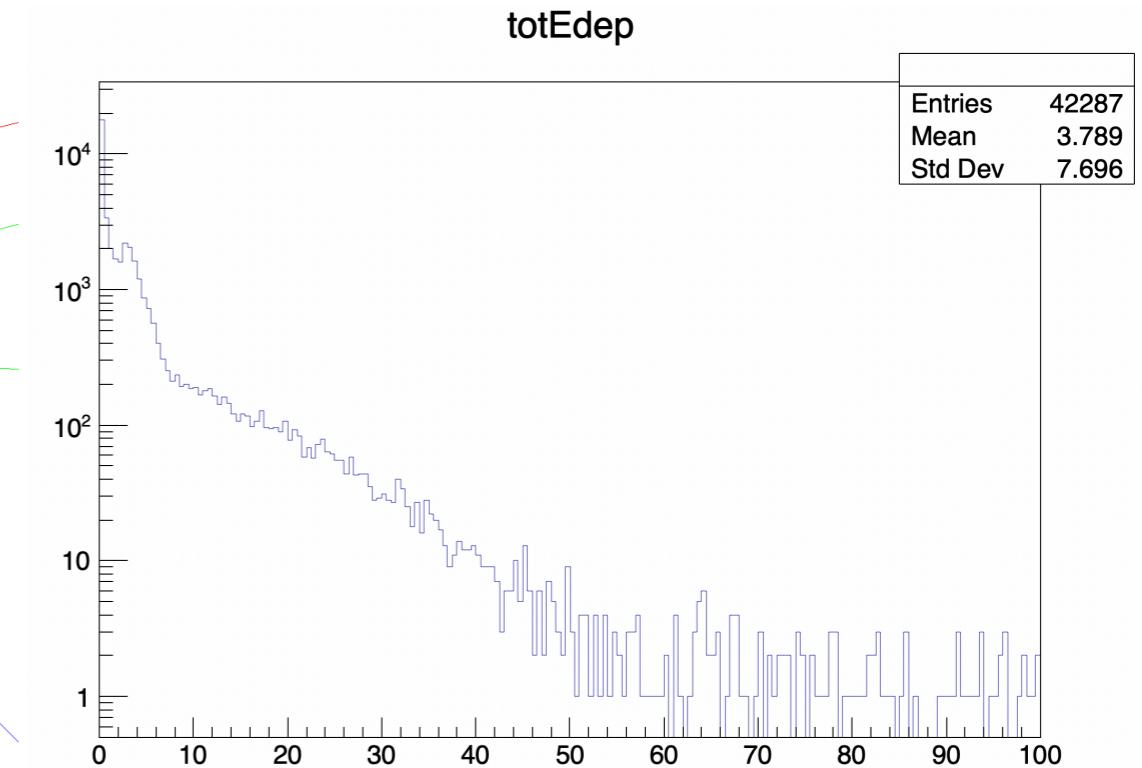
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CAD Example: edit 2 lines (JSON)



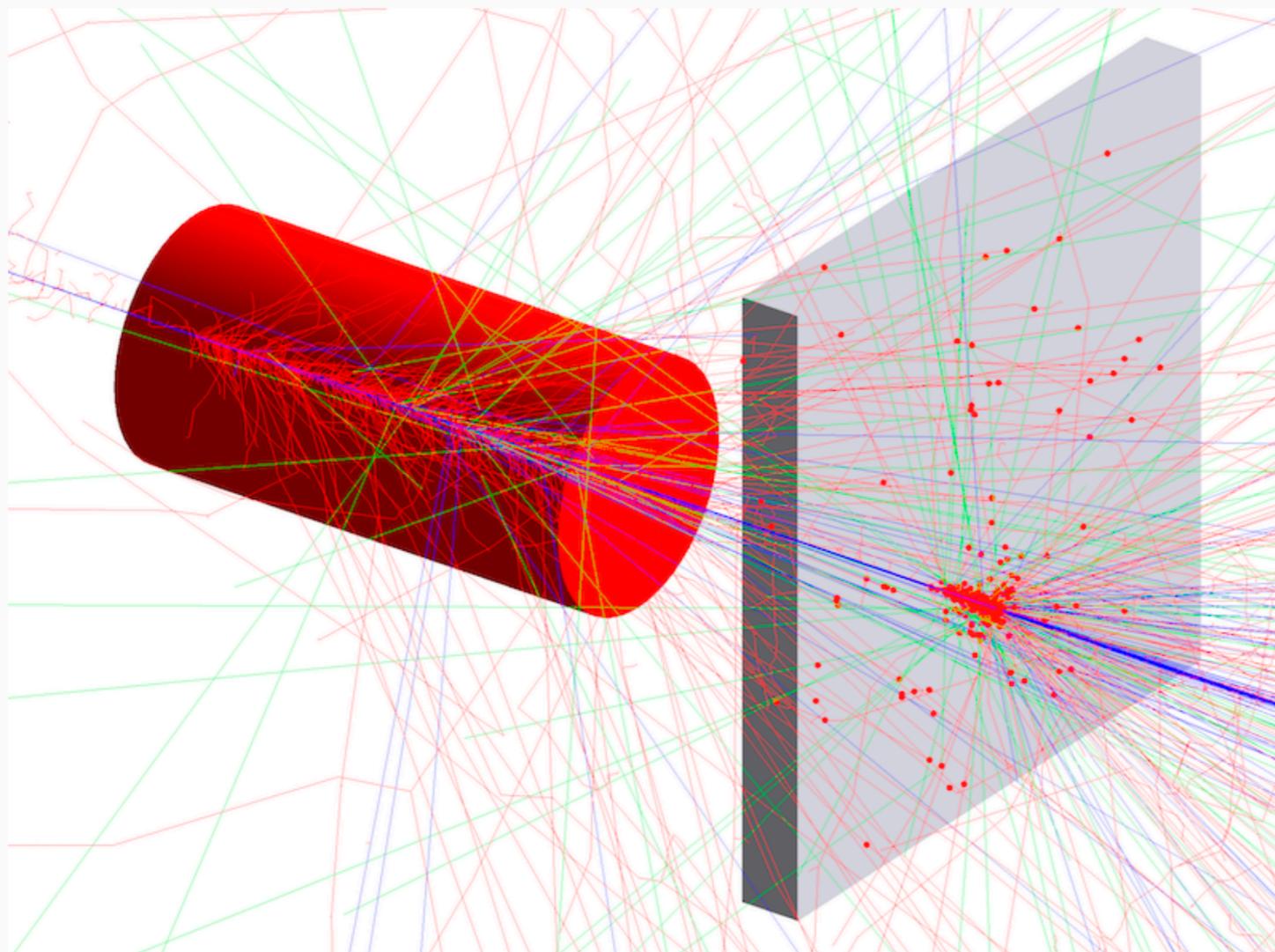
1. Grab STL files
2. Assign properties: edit json file
3. Run
4. ROOT, TEXT files with true information



```
"romulans": {"color": "ff99bb4", "digitization": "flux"}
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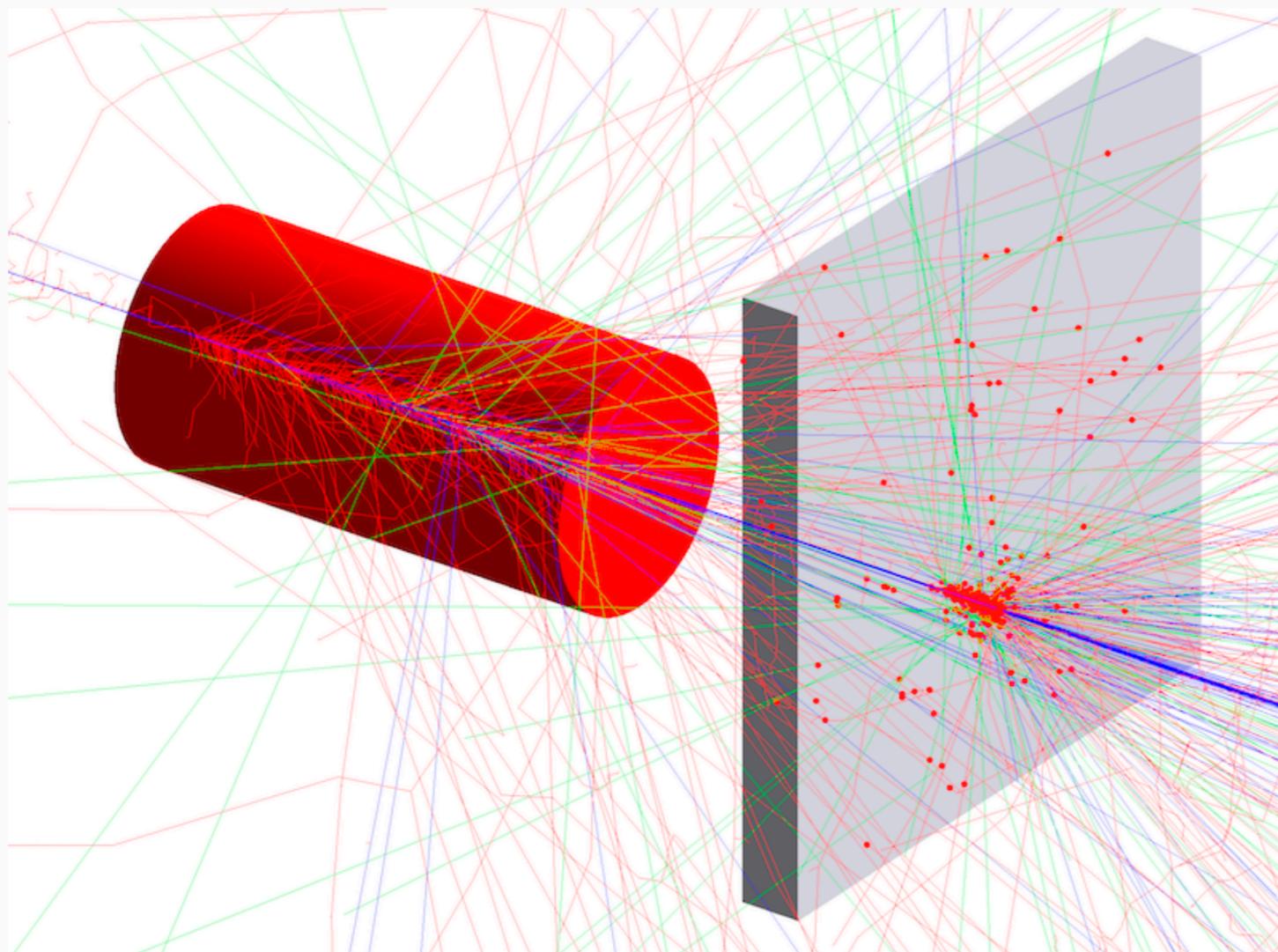
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gvolume.color = 'ff0000'
gvolume.publish(configuration)

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gvolume.description = 'Scintillator paddle'
gvolume.make_box(5, 0.5, 5, 'cm')
gvolume.material = 'G4_PLASTIC_SC_VINYLTOLUENE'
gvolume.set_rotation(90, 0, 0)
gvolume.set_position(0, 2, 10, 'cm')
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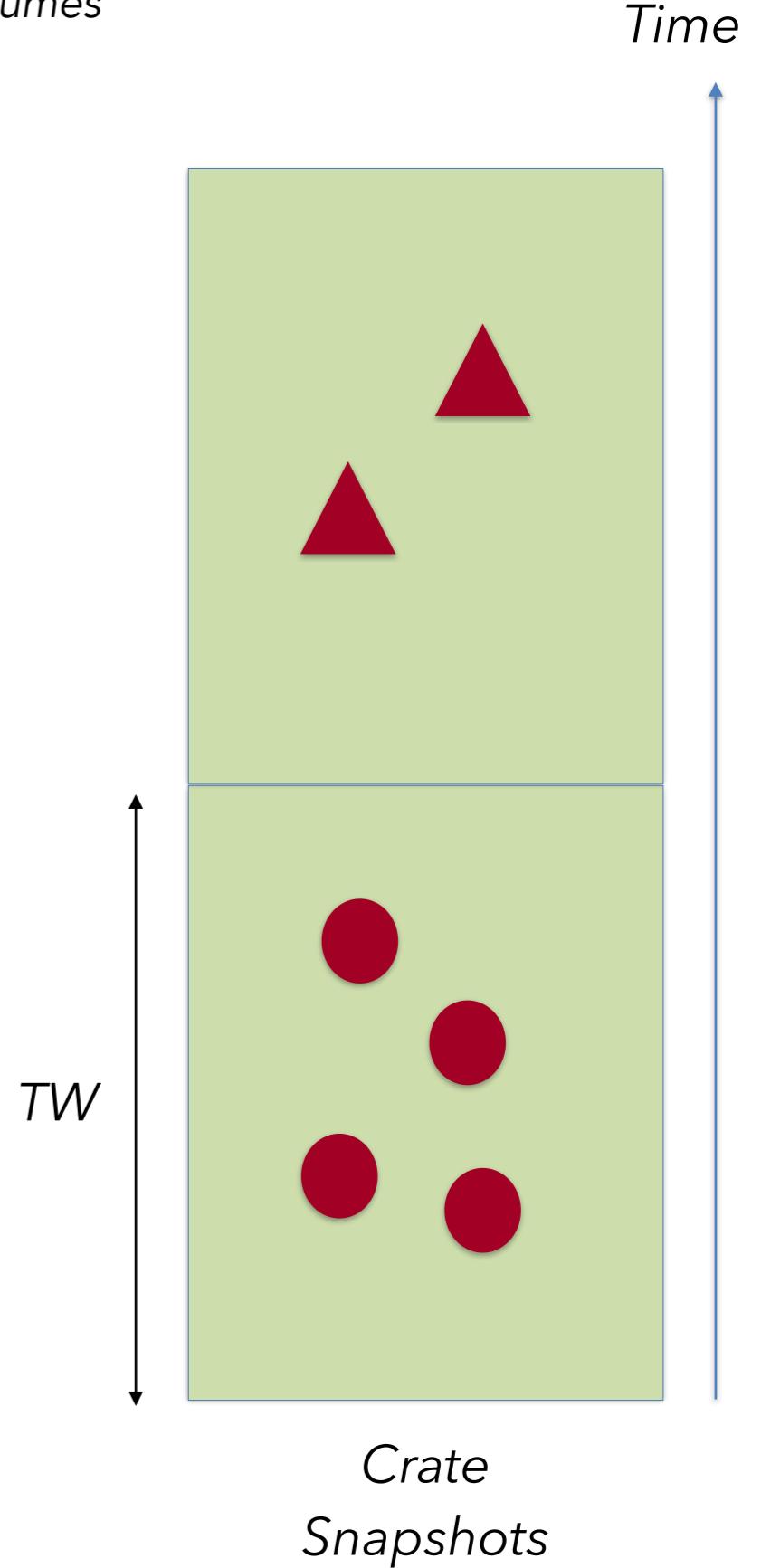
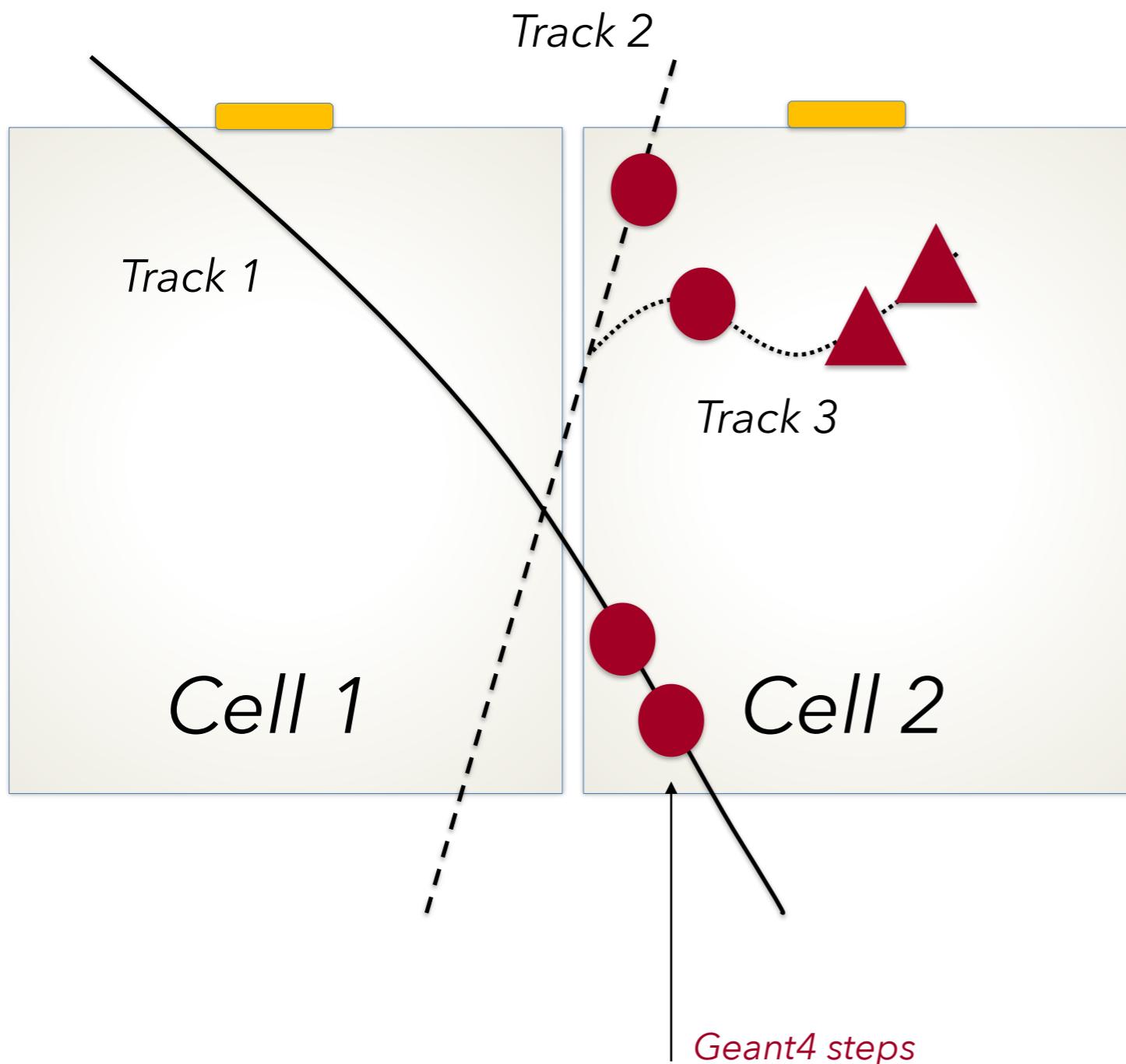
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Electronic Time Window

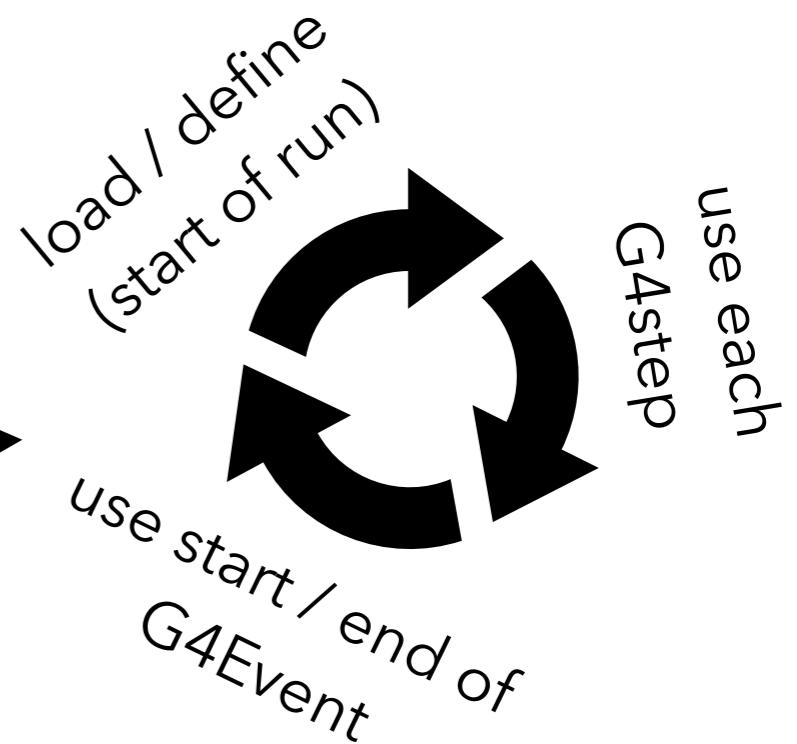
Mechanism provided by GEMC to all sensitive volumes



Digitization

c++ code

- external plugin - loaded on demand
- formalized access to g4step information
- formalized workflow

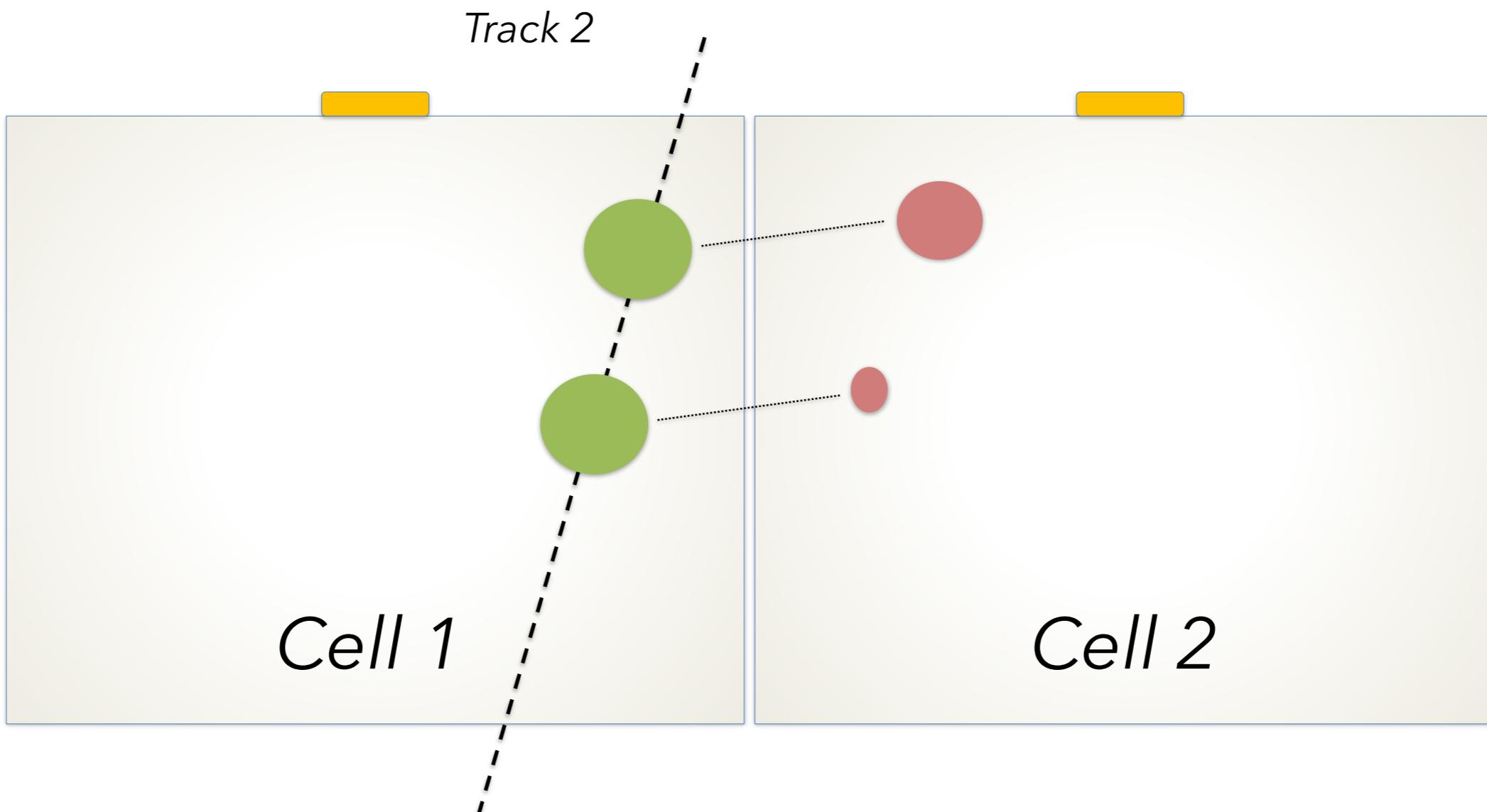


Hooks to:

- Define readout electronics (time window)
- Define Energy Sharing / Hit Proliferation mechanism
- Calibration / Digitization constants
- Load Translation Table
- Digitized Hit
- Define Streaming Readout
- Define output bank (ADC, TDC, FADC, SRO payload)

Energy Sharing

Digitization Hook



True geant4 step



Generated step

GEMC Data Streamers

Concurrent Files or Streaming Readout

Event Data Collection

true / digitized data
indexed by event



Formats:

- TEXT
- ROOT
- User defined (plugin)

Frame Data Collection

collections of event
data, can refer to
multiple events

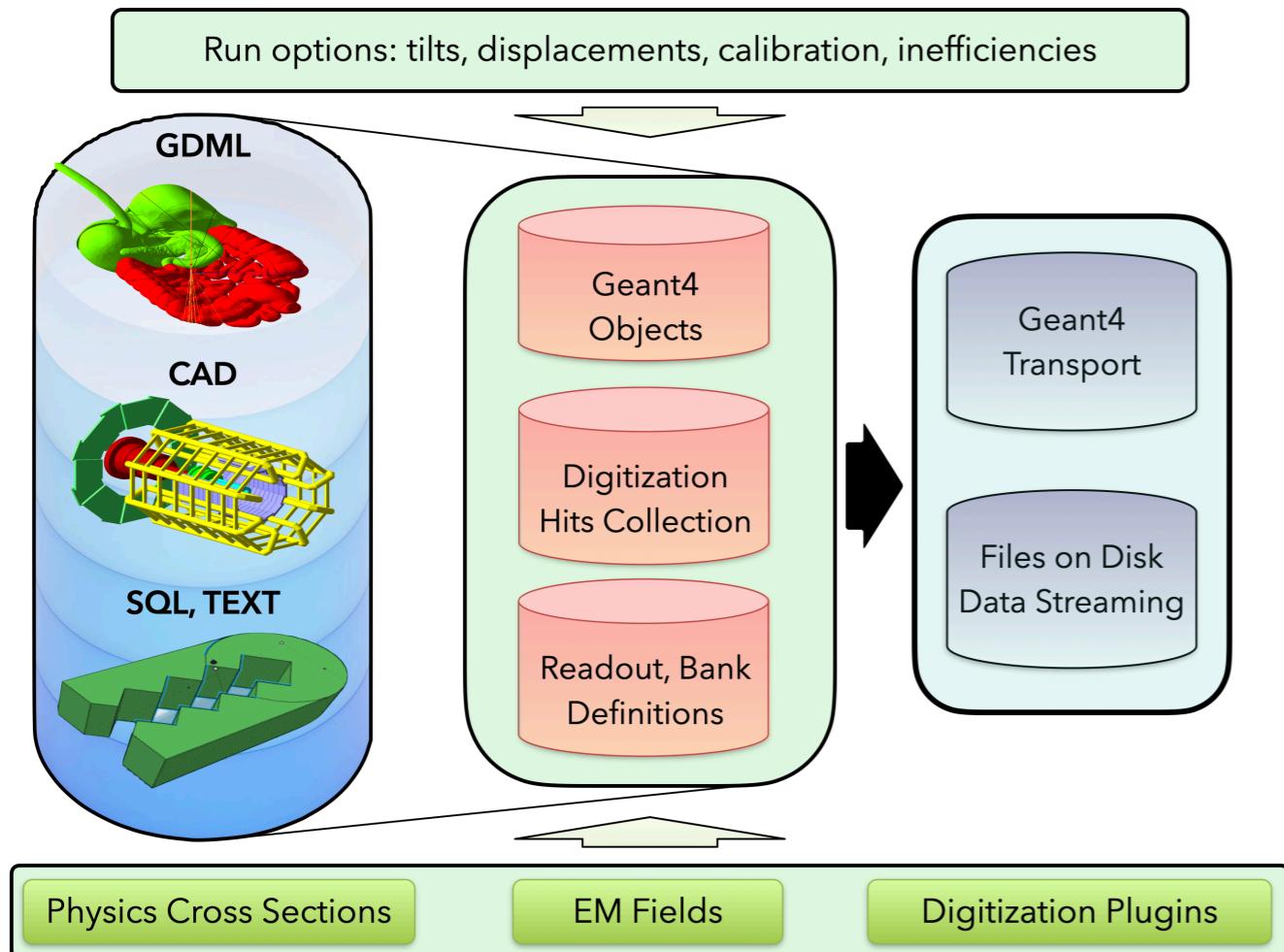
Frame Header
Payload



Formats:

- VTP Binary
- User defined (plugin)

Summary



- GEMC: turnkey database-driven MC simulations program
- Full geant4 capabilities
- Realistic output
- Easy Intuitive interface

CHEP2023: consensus to support R&D for software across project or discipline boundaries

Please keep in mind this project: database driven - experiment independent