Software plan for 2021

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Main goal of the software project in 2021: TDR preparation

- Simulation and reconstruction for physics studies
- R&D for the chapter 'Computing and Offline Software' for the TDR

Software plan:

- Current SpdRoot developments
- Software & Computing R&D

SpdRoot developments in 2021

Detector response (resolution, efficiency, noise):

- ITS (DSSD/MAPS)
- STS
- TOF/Cherenkov(?)
- ECAL
- RS
- BBC (?)
- ZDC (?)

- Reconstruction:
 - GenFit speed
 - Track finding
 - ECAL clustering and showers
 - RS reconstruction
- Framework
 - Refined EDM (particle vertex track)
 - Calib & Align (?)
 - New gitlab tests and deployment
 - ??

Next release - mid. February 2021

- Migration to FairRoot 18.4.2 (= Ubuntu 20.04)
 - do we need any support of SL6 so far?
- New event structure (particle-track-vertex)
 - shall we also review the output ROOT file's content this time?
- Physics examples
- Update of geometry to the one of CDR
- Cleanup of obsolete code, geometry options etc.
- ECAL reconstruction
- New CI

Software & Computing R&D in 2021

- Online Filter prototype
- HDF5 as a data format
- Multithreading and alternative architectures
- FairRoot vs Gaudi
- Conditions DB, Calib&Align
- Computing system prototype and a mock-up test

Online Filter prototype

Goal: to demontrate that the Online Filter is capable to handle the SPD data rate

- Simulation of the continuous data stream
- MC simulation for ML training and validation
- ML algorithms for fast track reconstruction, primary vertex reconstruction
- python \rightarrow C++
- Event unscrambling
- Software trigger criteria
- ML monitoring

HDF5 as a data format

Goal: to evaluate HDF5 as an intermediate data format for the SPD

- ROOT is a good format for the current approaches to the data analysis using ROOT
- Less good for the computing system
- Less good for the Python data analysis ecosystem
- Attempts to use HDF5 in FairRoot and Gaudi/Key4HEP (via Podio) were made already

Multithreading and alternative architectures

Goal: to improve the SPD algorithms and software to be able running at multicore machines and GPU and/or FPGA coprocessors

- Online Filter
- Simulation
- Reconstruction
- Core framework

FairRoot vs Gaudi

Goal: to evaluate Gaudi/Key4HEP as an SPD software framework

	Gaudi/Key4HEP	FairRoot
Multithreading and alternative architectures	++	+
Support	+++ (HSF, ATLAS, LHCb, FCC)	+ (FAIR, NICA, ALICE?)
Use in real experiments	+++ (ATLAS, BESIII, LHCb)	? (BM@N)

Conditions DB, Calib&Align

Goal: to develop a solution to handle geometry, conditions and calibration data

- The Database (10 PB/year ~ O(100000) running jobs)
- Geometry description
- Alignment
- Run info and conditions
- Calibration procedure and constants
- Integration to the computing system

Computing system prototype and a mock-up test

- Goal: to demonstrate that the computing system is capable to handle the SPD data rate
- Information system
- Data management
- Task management
- Working prototype and a mock-up test of ~1 PB scale (from the online filter to reco to data analysis) end of the year?