

**interTwin**

# interTwin project – CERN openlab use case

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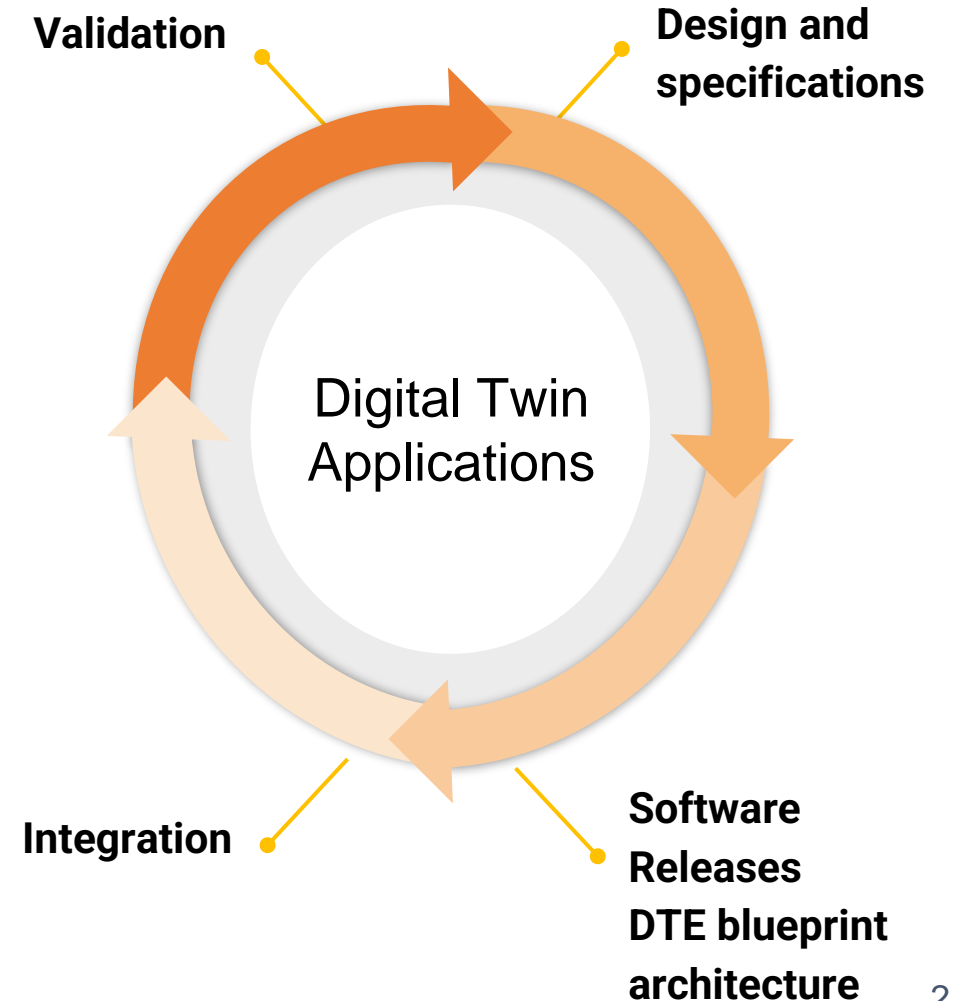
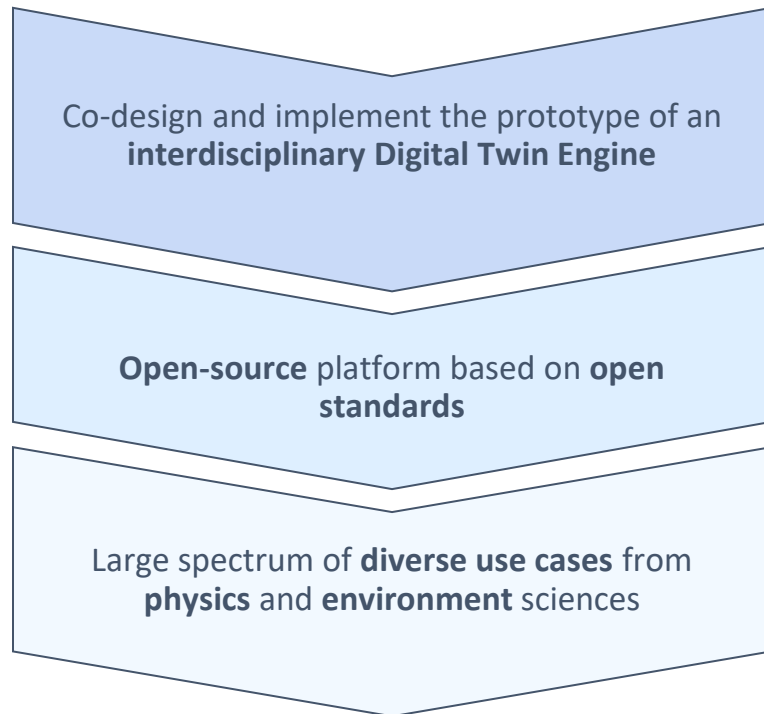
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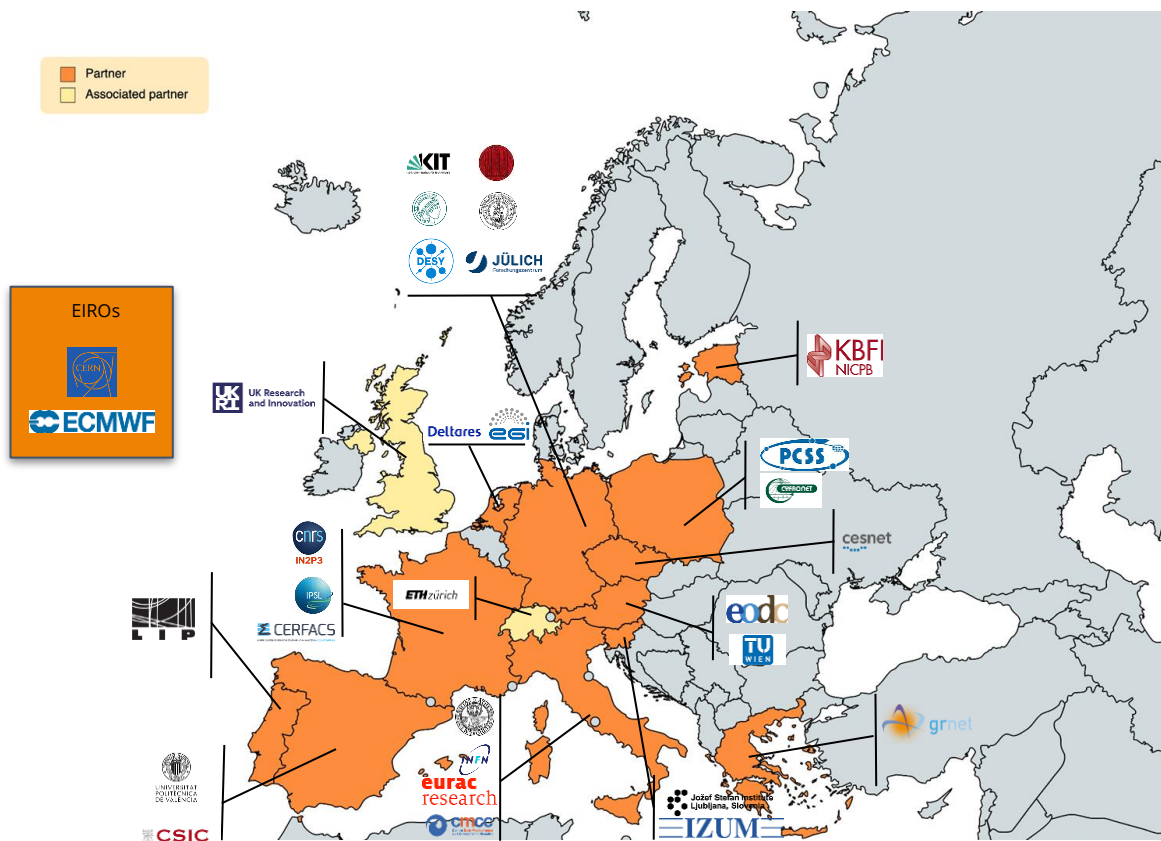
# interTwin - Digital Twin Engine for science

A **Digital Twin (DT)** is a **virtual** representation of a **physical** object, process, or system. It is created and sustained with information derived from one or many sources of data such as sensors or models considering historical as well as real-time observations.





# interTwin Consortium

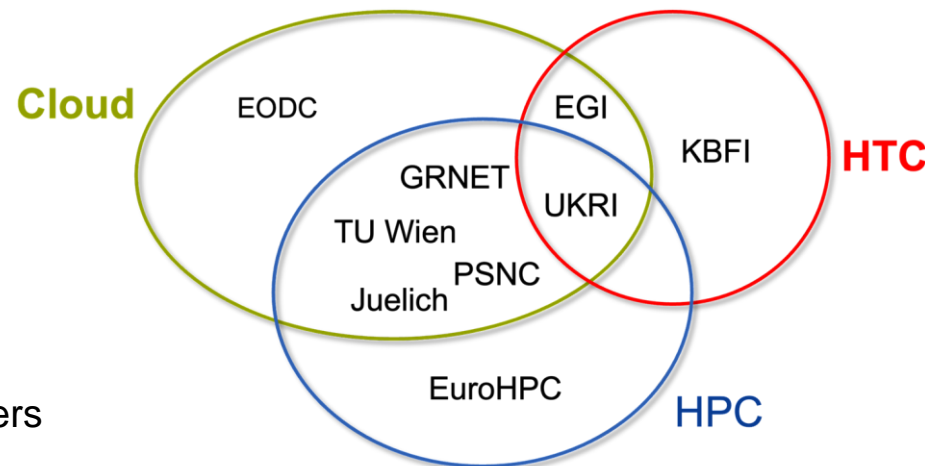


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Coordinator: EGI

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Participants,  
1 affiliated entity  
2 associated partners



10 Providers

Resources:  
**Cloud**  
**HTC**  
**HPC**

11 Technology providers

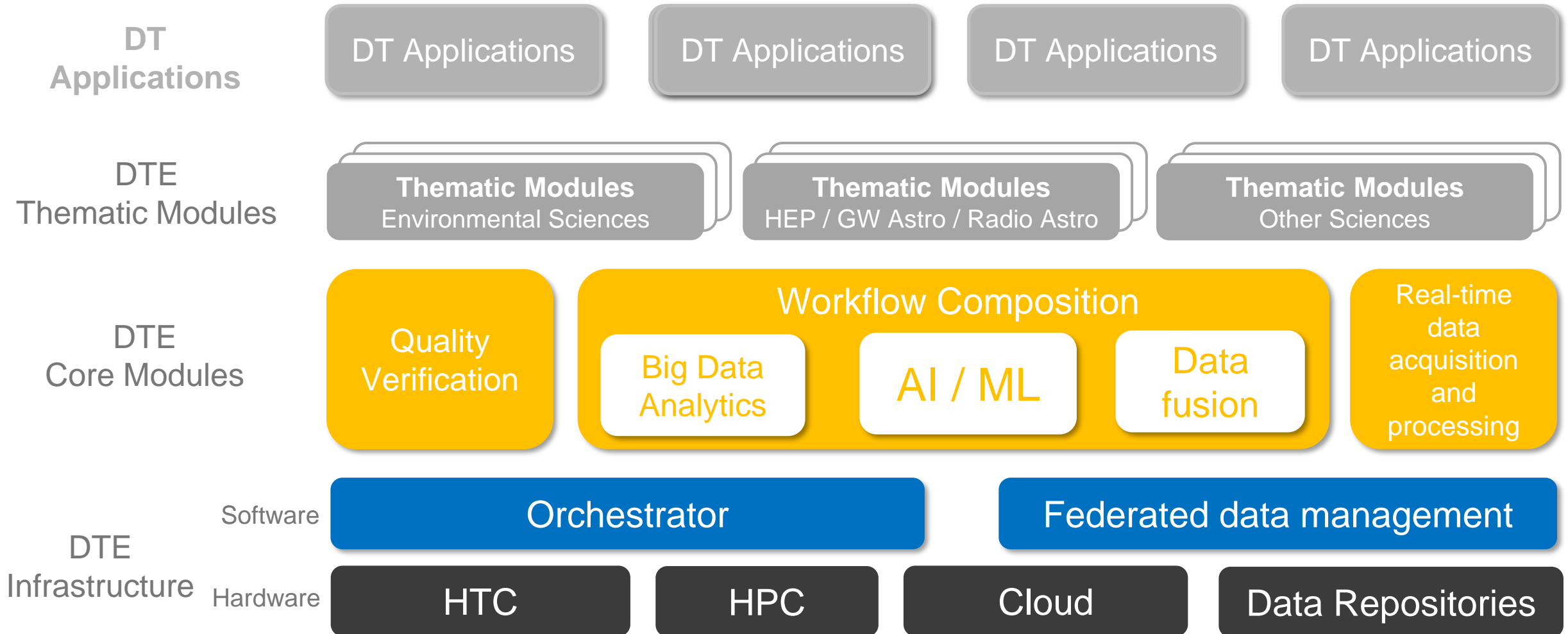
delivering the DTE infrastructure and horizontal capabilities

14 Community representants

from 5 domains requirements and developing DT applications



# interTwin Components





# interTwin use cases

**Early warning for Extreme events**  
Deltares, EURAC, TU Wien

**WildFire Hazard Map Generation**  
CMCC, CNRS, Univ. of Trento

**Tropical Cyclone Detection**  
CMCC, CNRS, Univ. of Trento

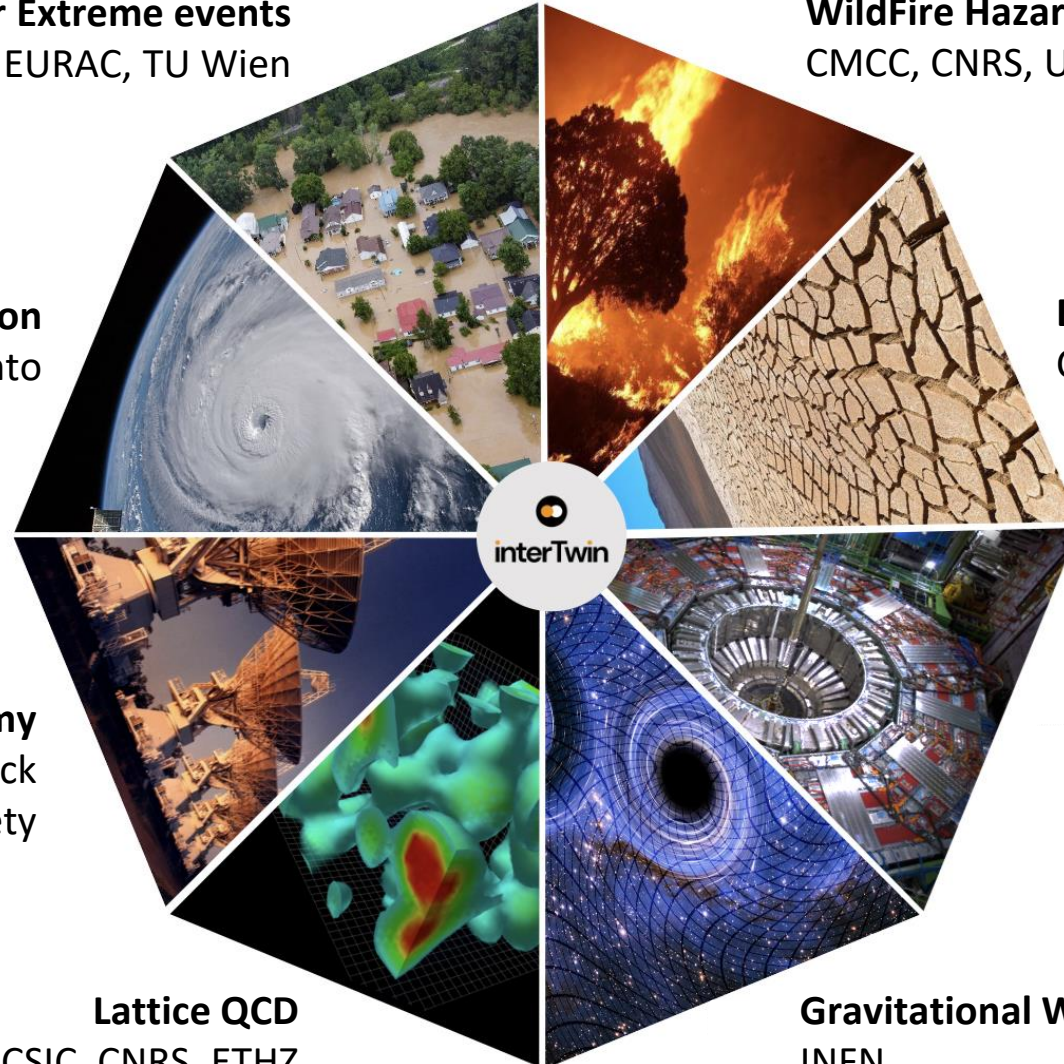
**Extreme events impacts**  
CERFACS, EURAC, Deltares

**Radio Astronomy**  
Univ. of Heidelberg, Max Planck Society

**High Energy Physics**  
CERN, CNRS

**Lattice QCD**  
CSIC, CNRS, ETHZ

**Gravitational Wave - Astrophysics**  
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# Benefits of interdisciplinary approach

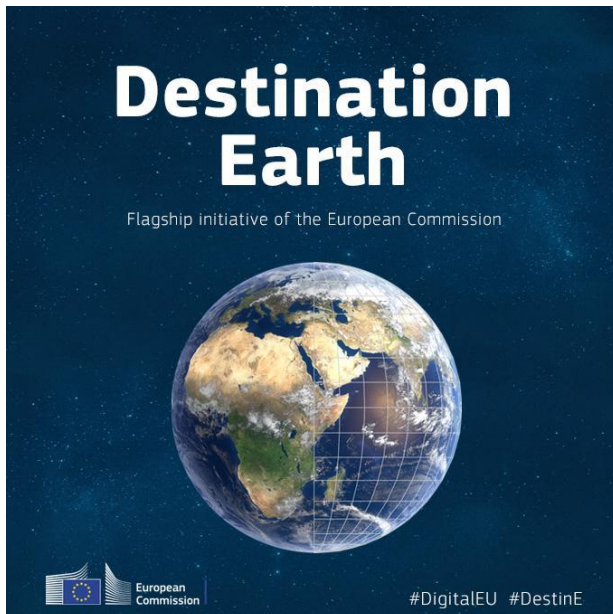
- **Collaboration:** Increase in cross-community development efforts and unification of frameworks used - “breaking down silos”.
- **Portability:** Run DT workflows infrastructure agnostic across multiple HPC centers in Europe.
- **Extensibility:** Easy addition of new use cases.
- **Modularity:** Customizable according to specific use case’s needs.



# Interoperability & Link with DestinE

interTwin is conducting joint pilot activities with **DestinE** to **design a compatible architecture** that addresses the requirements of the largest set of user communities.

**Interoperability** is the aim of this activity.



**Demonstrators** of data handling across interTwin and DestinE DTs for the Extremes and Climate in production-type configurations are under implementation in collaboration with **ECMWF**



Part of the collaboration with DestinE includes the **development of common software architecture concepts** that are also **applicable to other major DTs initiatives**.



# interTwin DTE First Release

interTwin DTE first release description available on our Website

<https://www.intertwin.eu/intertwin-digital-twin-engine/>

- 38 components in total
- New components developed and extension to existing software
- <https://github.com/intertwin-eu>



**Core DTE Modules**  
interTwin Core DTE Modules

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**DTE Infrastructure Modules**  
interTwin DTE Infrastructure Components

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**Thematic Modules: Environment**  
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**Thematic Modules: Physics**  
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Core DTE Modules  
**itwinai**

Updated  
14/02/2024

## Description

**itwinai is a Python library that streamlines AI workflows, while reducing coding complexity.**

It seamlessly integrates with HPC resources, making workflows highly scalable and promoting code reuse. With built-in tools for hyper-parameter optimization, distributed machine learning, and pre-trained ML models, itwinai empowers AI researchers. It also integrates smoothly with Jupyter-like GUIs, enhancing accessibility and usability.

Different interfaces, to lower the entry barrier for users coming from different fields of expertise: from lower-level python programming to high-level GUI workflow representation. itwinai provides out-of-the-box SOTA AI tools and encourages code reuse, to further simplify and streamline the development of ML workflows, on top of seamless integration with HPC resources.

Target Audience

Documentation

<https://intertwin-eu.github.io/itwinai/>

License





# DTE Core components

Automated DT Validation in connection with workflow provenance



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Distributed data analysis embedded with specific workflow tools

COMMON WORKFLOW LANGUAGE



Apache Airflow

Connecting Real-time data with serverless processing



OSCAR



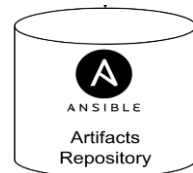
Quality Verification

Big Data Analytics

AI / ML

Data fusion

Real-time data acquisition and processing

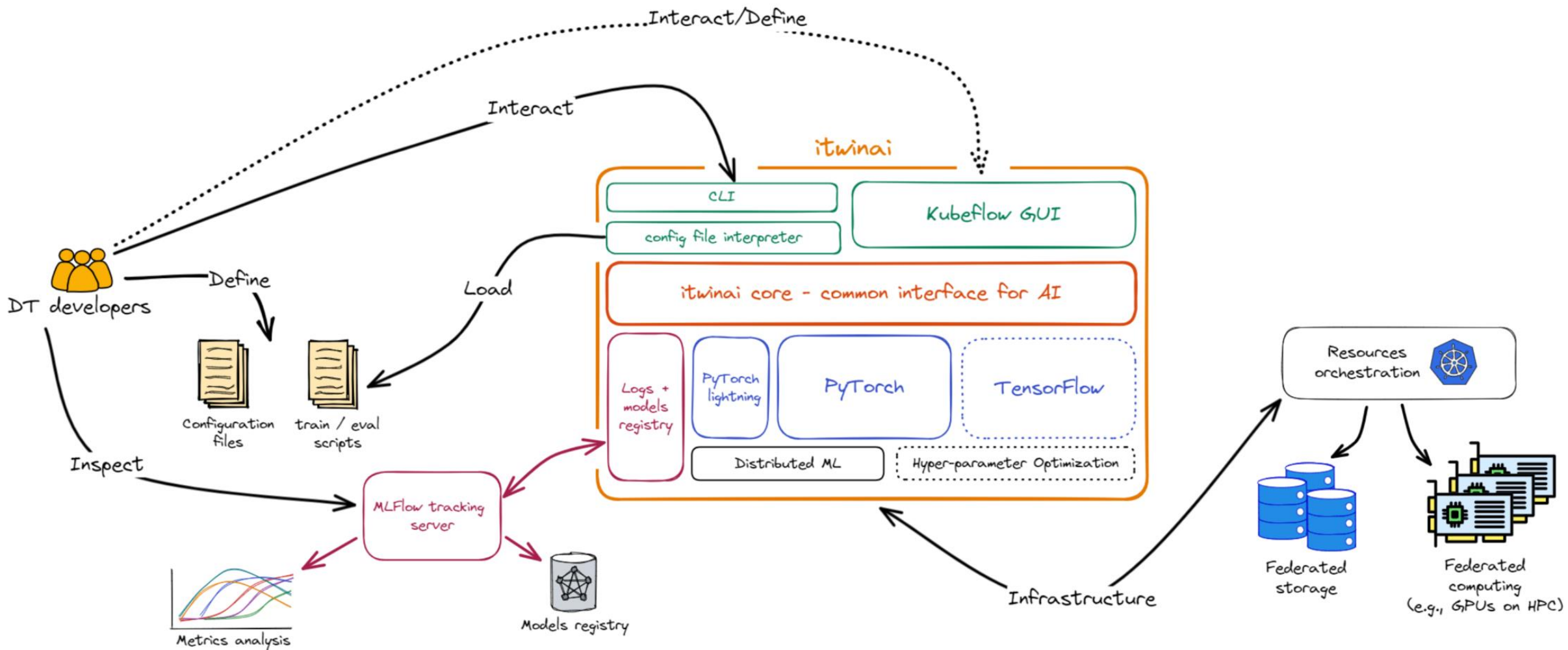


Standardized deployment of Big Data Analytics tools



Generic ML / AI training platform with support to generic workflow management and model validation

# itwinai - ML tooling for DT applications



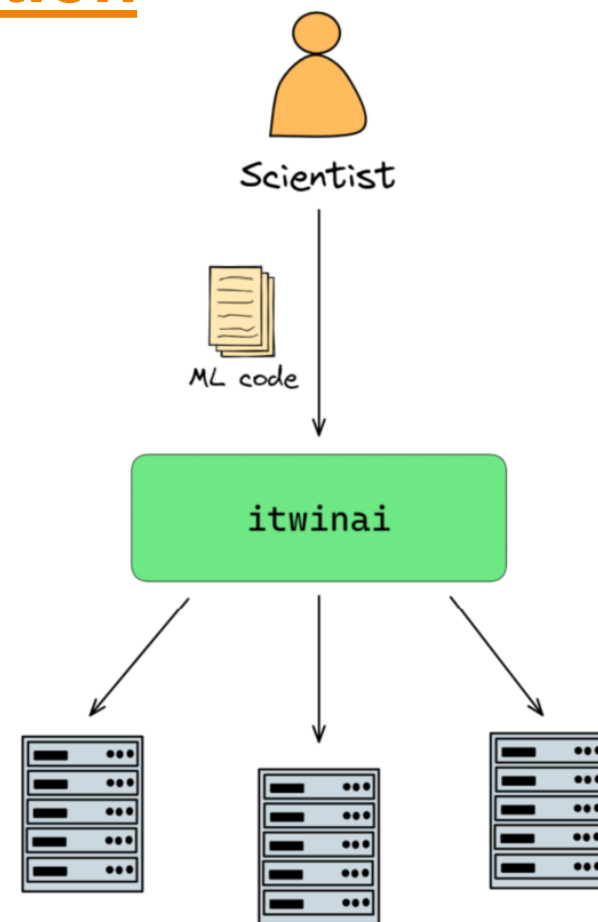


# CERN contribution to the Core Engine

## Documentation

Support AI-based digital twin applications in science:

- **Reproducibility, Reusability, and Modularity**
- **Framework-independent** (e.g., PyTorch, TensorFlow, MLFlow, WandB)
- **UX/UI**: user-friendly GUI (e.g., JupyterLab)
- Off-the-shelf AI tooling, reducing engineering overheads:
  - **Hyper-parameters optimization**
  - Scalability (e.g., **distributed ML**)
  - State of the Art **models repository**
- **Seamless access to infrastructure** (cloud and HPC)



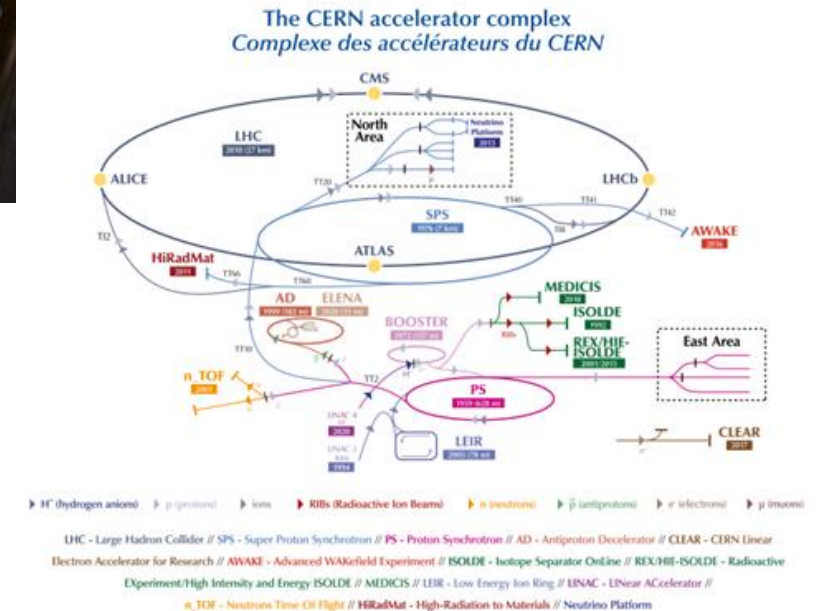


# LHC & Particle Detectors in a nutshell

- **Large Hadron Collider (LHC)** is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator
- 27 km ring of superconducting magnets
- 2 high-energy particle beams travel at close to the speed of light in opposite directions, before they are made to collide
- beams inside LHC are made to collide at four locations around the accelerator ring -> positions of four experiments/particle detectors – ATLAS, CMS, ALICE and LHCb



(Images: CERN)





# Detector simulation – WLCG Overview

- Simulation of particle transport through matter is fundamental for interpreting the results of HEP experiments
- Particles undergo complex interactions while traversing the detector material with stochastic outcomes
- These processes are modelled with Monte Carlo (MC) techniques that rely on repeated random sampling
- MC simulation meets the theoretical predictions with a high degree of precision but is time and resource intensive
- Worldwide LHC Grid has currently more than 50% of its resources focused only to simulation\*
  - WLCG provides global computing resources for the storage, distribution and analysis of the data generated by the LHC
- Future High Luminosity LHC will require 100 times more simulated data\*\*



\* J. Albrecht et al., "A roadmap for HEP software and computing R&D for the 2020s," *Comput. Softw. Big Sci.*, vol. 3, no. 1, p. 7, Mar. 2019

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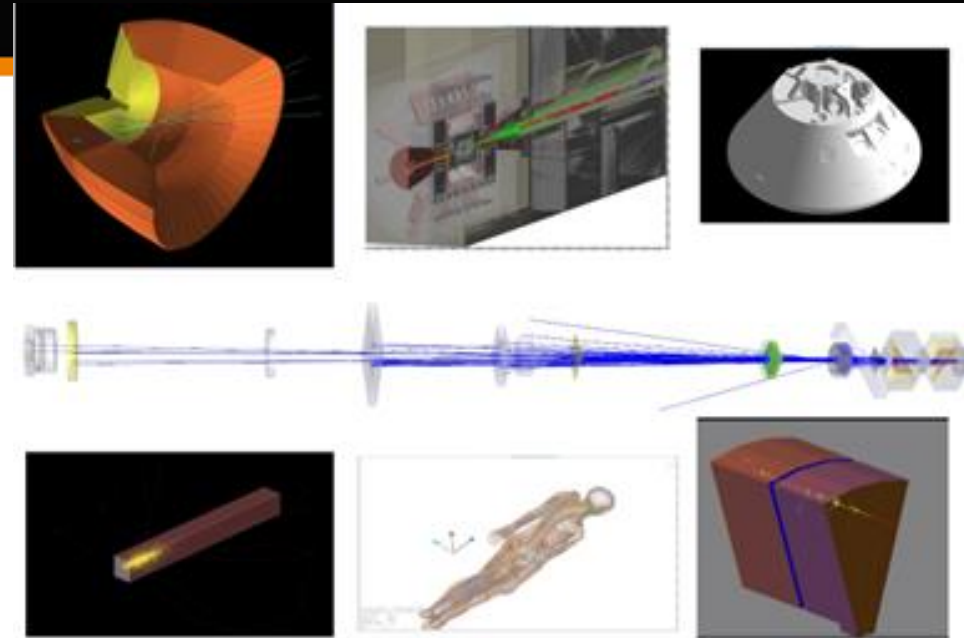


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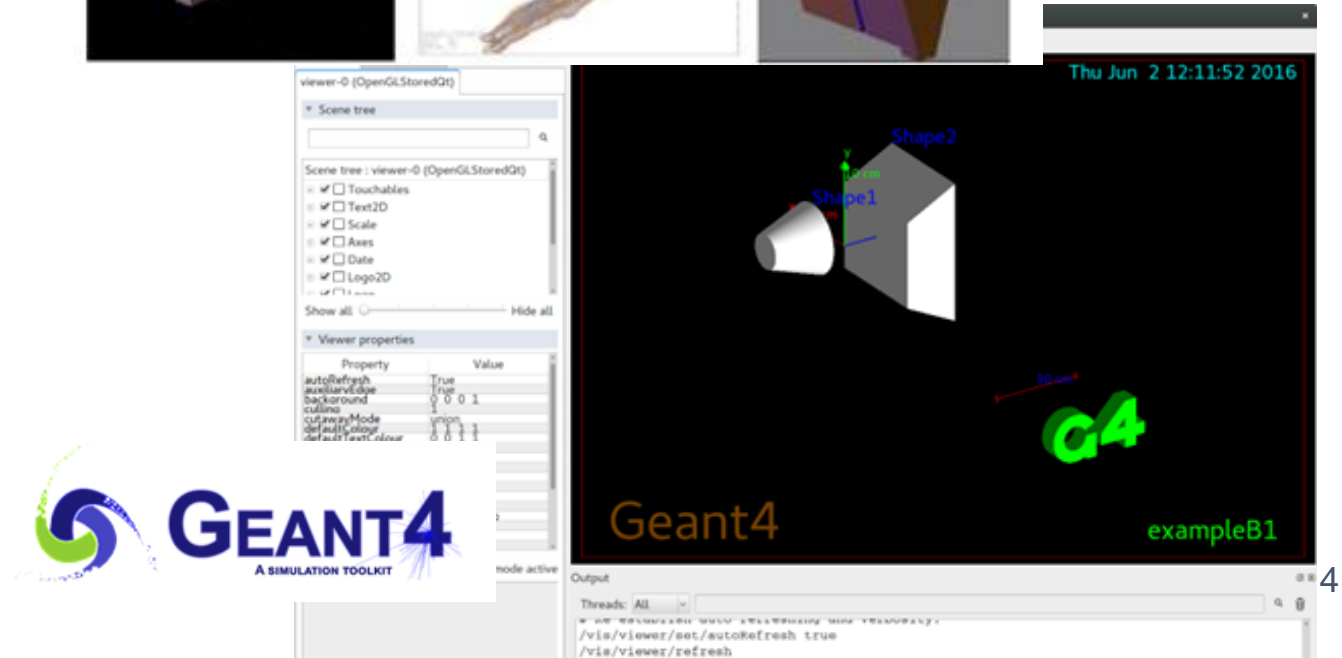


# Detector simulation – Geant4 overview

- **Geant4** is an **open-source toolkit** that enables **simulating particle passage** through matter
- written in C++
- *toolkit* means that there is no main program provided
- provides all the necessary components needed to **describe and to solve** particle transport simulation problems in the form of **user interfaces**
- provides necessary **tools** for users to write their simulation applications
  
- **problem definitions/description:** geometry, particles, physics, etc.
- **problem solution:** step-by-step particle transport computation based on MC methods
  
- each simulation problem requires different configuration that the user needs to define
- Visualization capabilities using OpenGL



(Images: CERN)



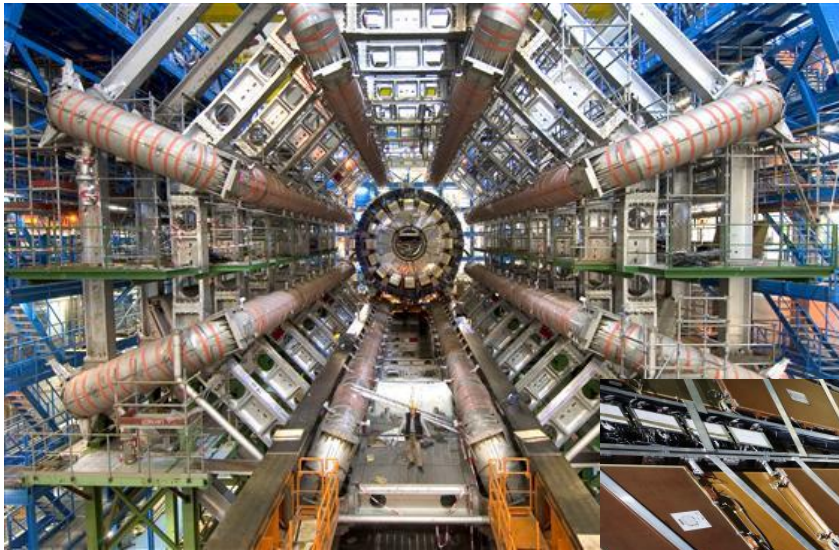


# Detector simulation DT - Motivation



## USE CASE CHALLENGES/MOTIVATION

- Particle detector simulations are fundamental for interpreting the results of HEP experiments, allow scientists to design detectors, and perform physics analyses
- Simulations are modelled with Monte Carlo (MC) techniques that rely on repeated random sampling:
  - inherently slow
  - complex multi-dimensional problem
  - substantial part of computing resources
  - calorimeters are the sub-detectors that are most time-consuming



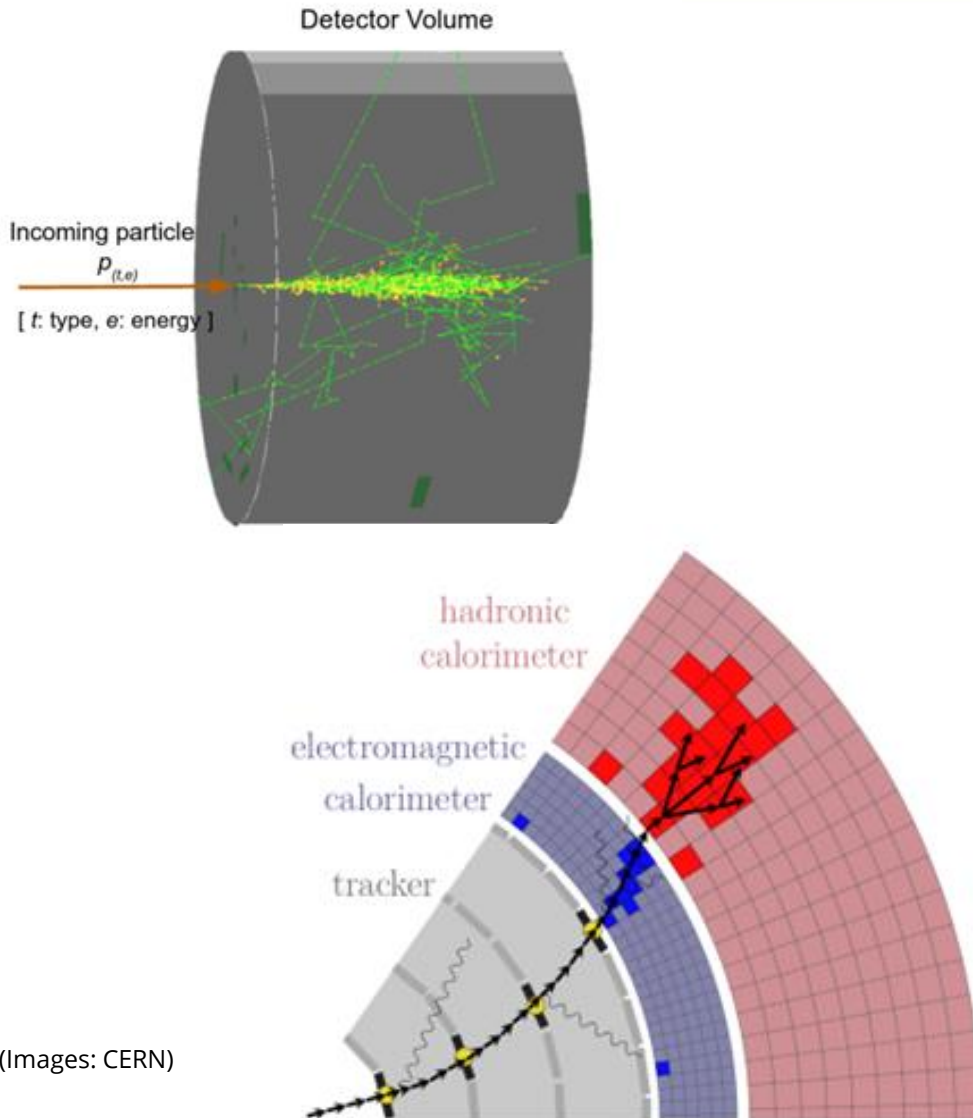
*The eight toroid magnets can be seen surrounding the calorimeter that is later moved into the middle of the detector. This calorimeter will measure the energies of particles produced when protons collide in the centre of the detector.*



(Images: CERN)



# Detector simulation DT - Solution



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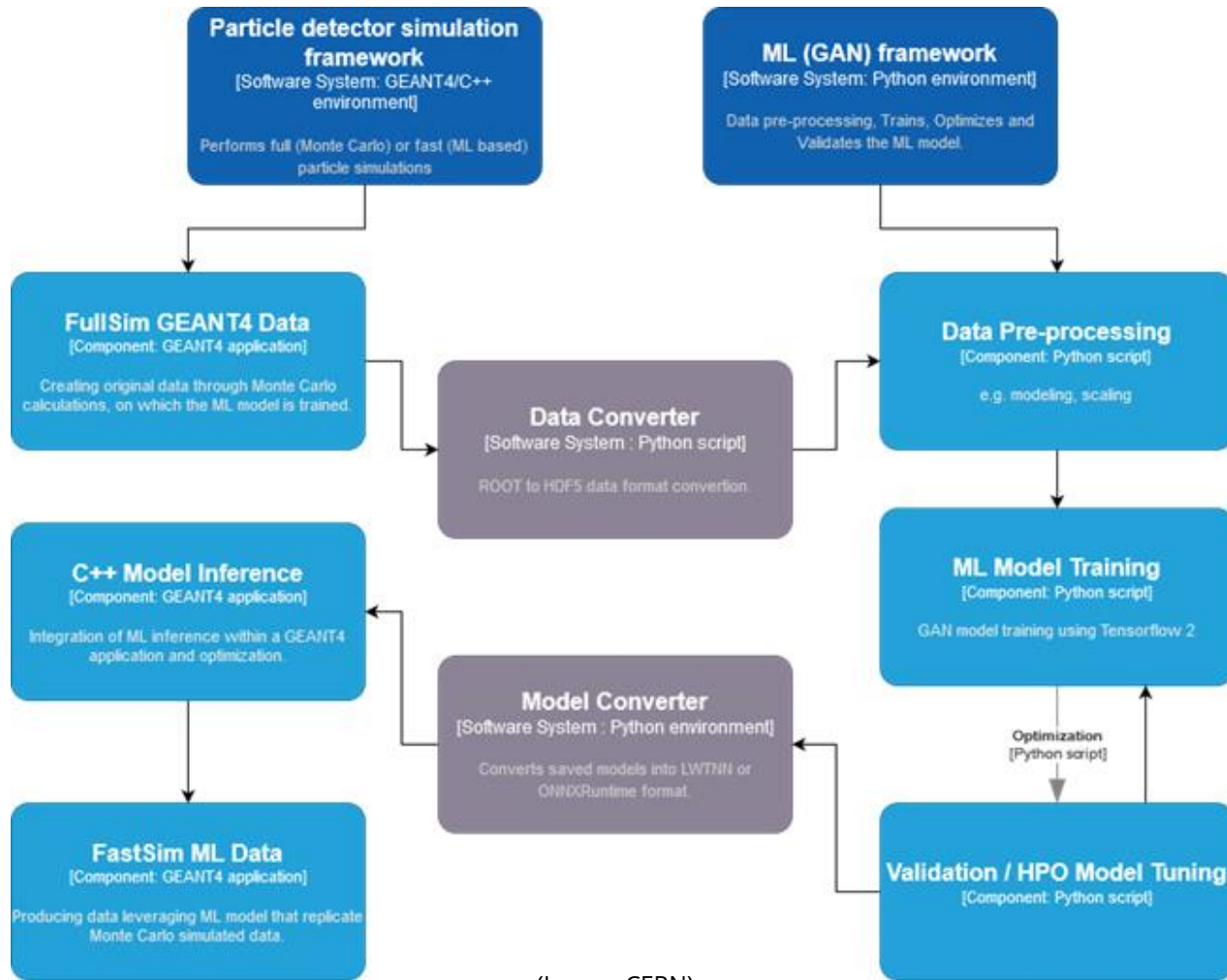
## SOLUTION

- HEP community highly motivated to explore *fast simulation*
- Fast simulation is a set of established techniques that replace parts of the detailed MC simulation with alternative approaches, including generative approaches (e.g. DL models), approaches based on parameterization and look-up tables, etc.
- We are leveraging a **generative adversarial network** approach developed at our lab, which has already shown promising performance as a standalone application so far.
- CERN's application will bring data-driven prototypes to production level by:
  - integrating Monte Carlo based solutions
  - establishing a flexible and detailed validation process





# Detector simulation DT - Approach



(Image: CERN)

## OUR APPROACH

- **HEP detectors** can be described as 3D cameras, taking high resolution pictures of particle collisions.
- **Calorimeters** detect particles by measuring the energy deposited in interactions with matter. They consist of arrays of active sensor material and passive dense layers, which ensure that the incoming (primary) particle will deposit most of its energy inside their volume.
- **Energy depositions** in calorimeter cells can be compared to the monochromatic pixel intensities of a 3D image.



# Fast detector simulation DT - Activities

## ACTIVITIES

- ✓ DT application design and capabilities, identified technical requirements
  - DT components:
    - simulation component that incorporates the Monte Carlo-based simulated datasets
    - deep learning component, which utilizes a generative model based on a specified particle detector set up
  
- ✓ Selected use case representing current challenges: Focus on calorimeters as detectors requiring the largest computing resources for simulation
  
- ✓ User stories that define the key functionalities and requirements (more in [D4.2](#))
  
- ✓ First version of the DT capabilities (more in [D4.4](#))
  
- ✓ Conducting **research** on **more advanced generative models**



# Fast particle detector simulation with GAN

## Goal:

- **Optimising the Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)-based component** developed for a selected set of detector geometries
- **Integrating tools** for distributed training and hyperparameter optimization.
- **Implementing validation techniques** capable of assessing different performance aspects

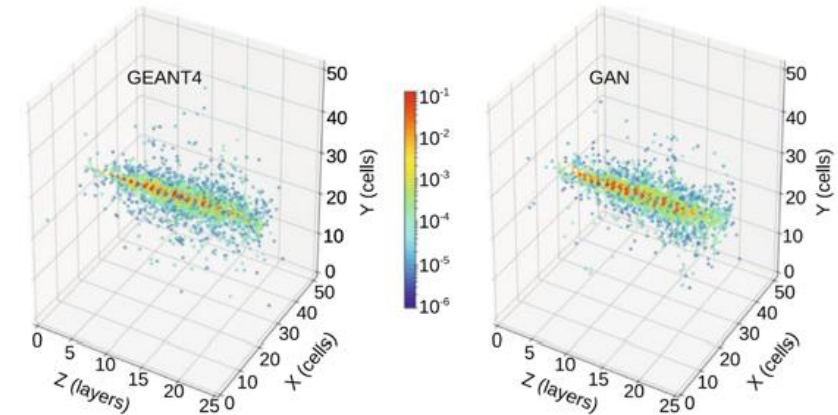
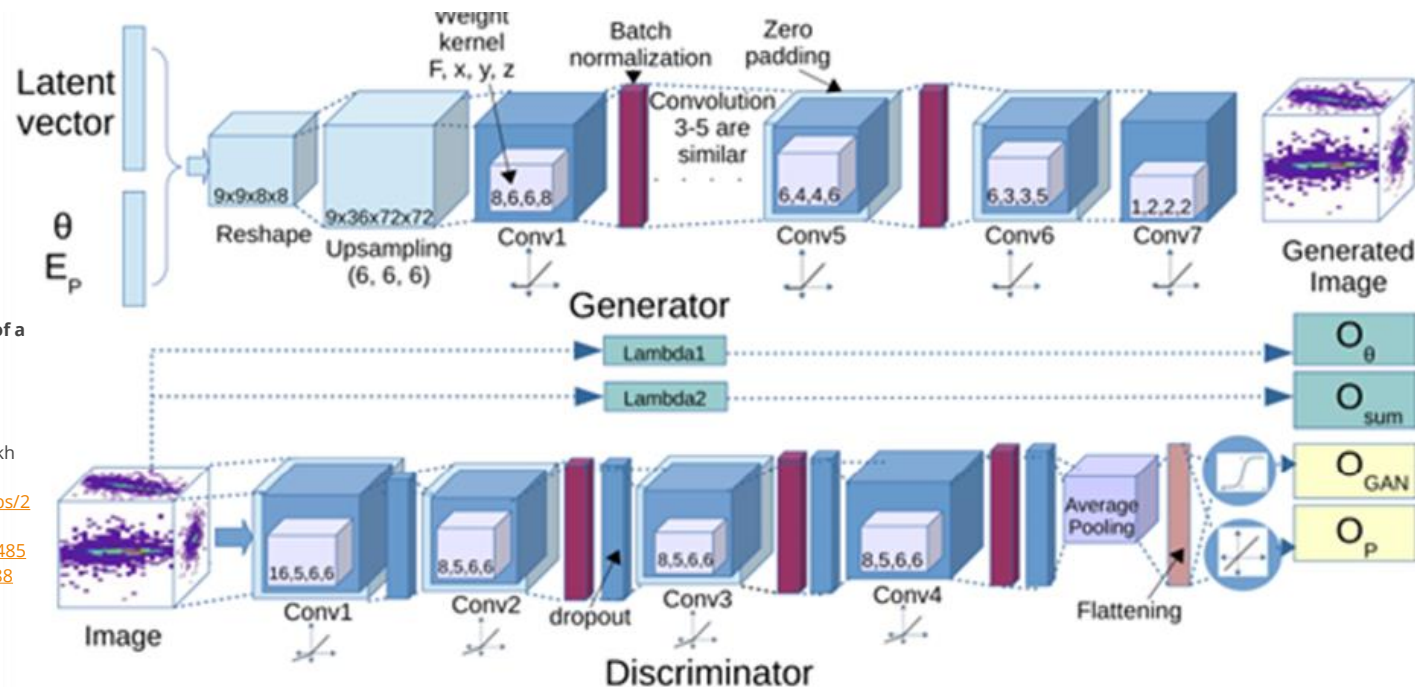
**GEANT4:** simulation toolkit that performs particle physics simulations based on Monte Carlo methods

- Faster alternatives to Monte Carlo, including **DL-based techniques**
- **Generative models:** able to combine deep learning with statistical inference and probabilistic modelling
  - deep learning fast simulation generates directly the detector output
  - for the ML component of CERN's thematic module, a **Generative Adversarial Network (3DGAN)** based model is being leveraged
  - three orders of magnitude speedup with respect to GEANT4



# Fast detector simulation DT - 3DGAN

- For the ML component of CERN's DT, a Generative Adversarial Network based model is being leveraged
- 3DGAN: Simulation of a future high granularity calorimeter output as three dimensional images (51x51x25 pixels)\*
- Three orders of magnitude speedup with respect to GEANT4
- Calorimeter cells are represented as monochromatic pixelated images with the cell energy depositions being the pixel intensities
- Our approach uses 3D convolution layers to represent the 3 spatial dimensions of the calorimeter image
- 3DGAN consists of 2 networks, the generator and discriminator



Example of a GEANT4 electron event (left) vs. an event generated by GAN (right) for the same initial conditions

(Images: CERN)

\*Fast Simulation of a High Granularity Calorimeter by Generative Adversarial Networks. Gul Rukh Khattak et al. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.07388> DOI: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2109.07388>



# Fast detector DT training and inference workflows

## ❖ Generate input data for training

- ❖ Run Monte Carlo simulations locally using GEANT4 software → Output: ROOT files

## ❖ Pre-process ROOT files before feeding the data into the ML model

- ❖ Input: ROOT files → Output: HDF5 files (decreased volume)

## ❖ Store input and output data

- ❖ Object or local storage

## ❖ Distributed training with multiple GPUs

- ❖ GANs, to be tested: Transformer-based models

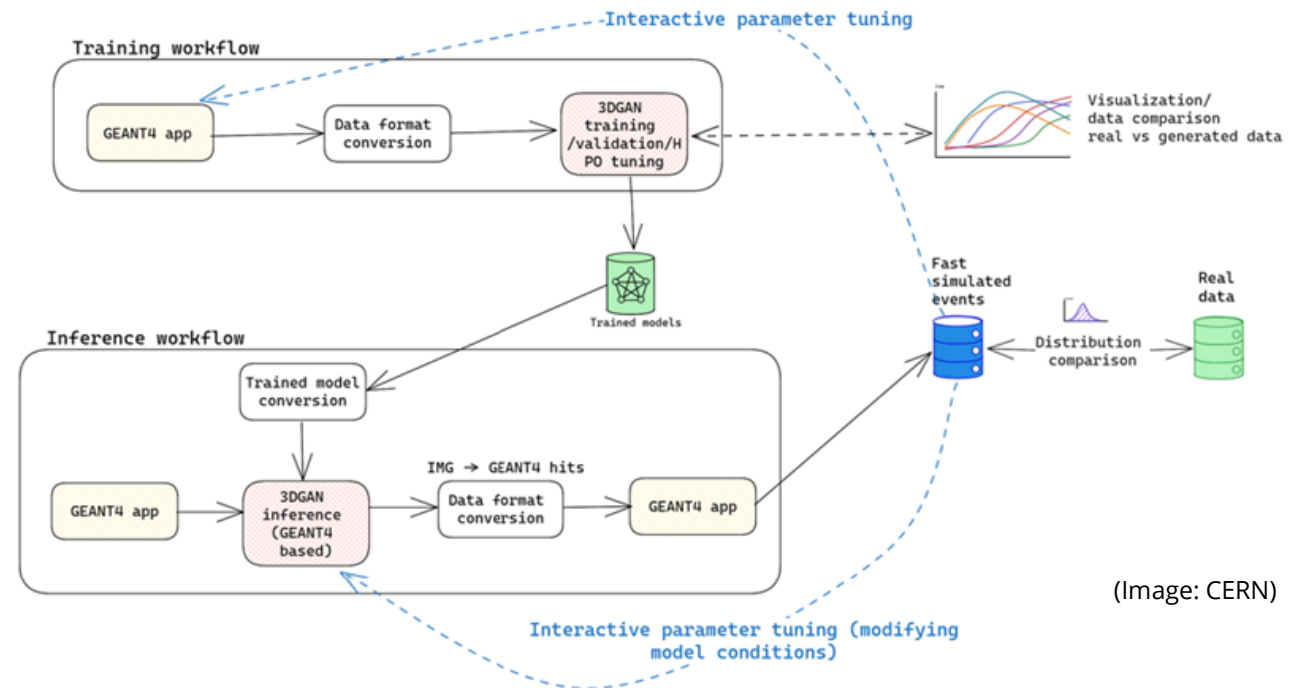
## ❖ Model inference

## ❖ Validation/Quality Check

- ❖ Comparing generated data with Monte Carlo data
- ❖ Sample-based metrics

## ❖ Continuous re-training

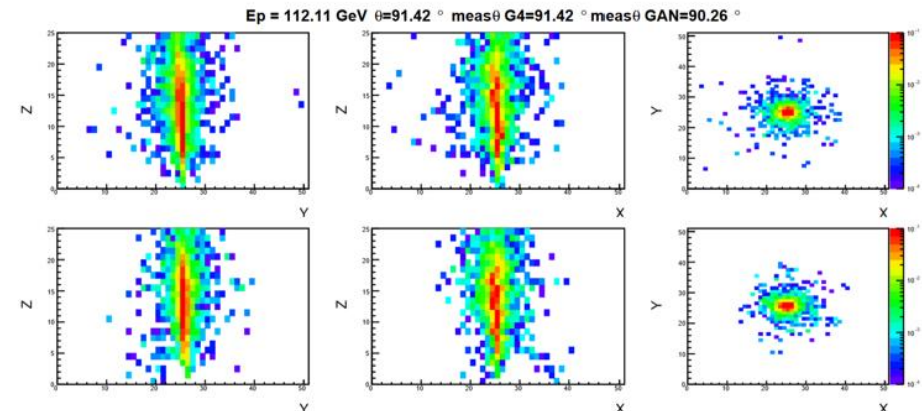
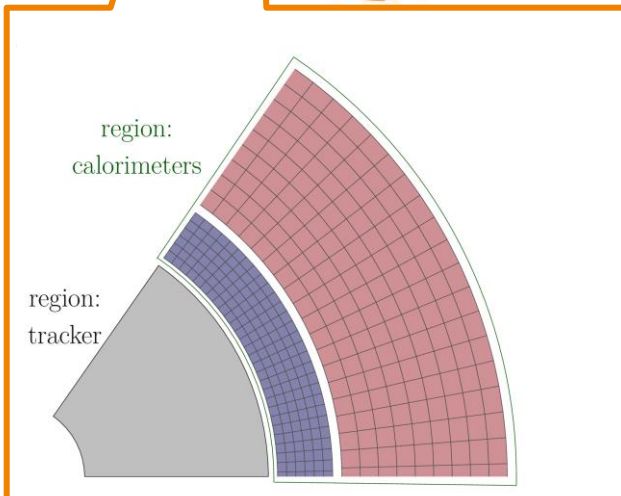
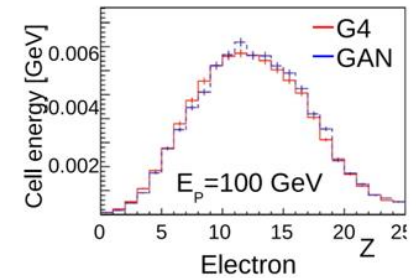
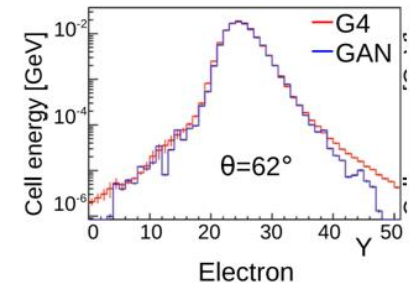
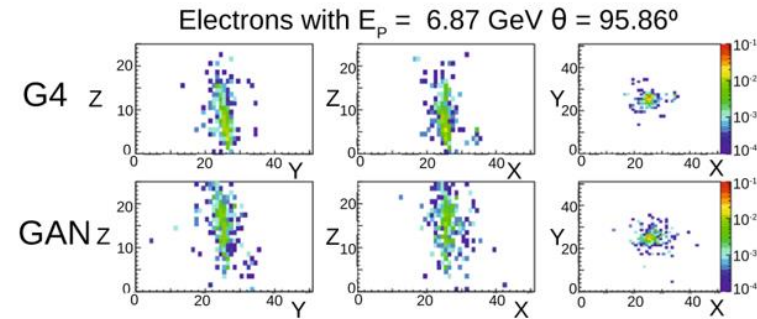
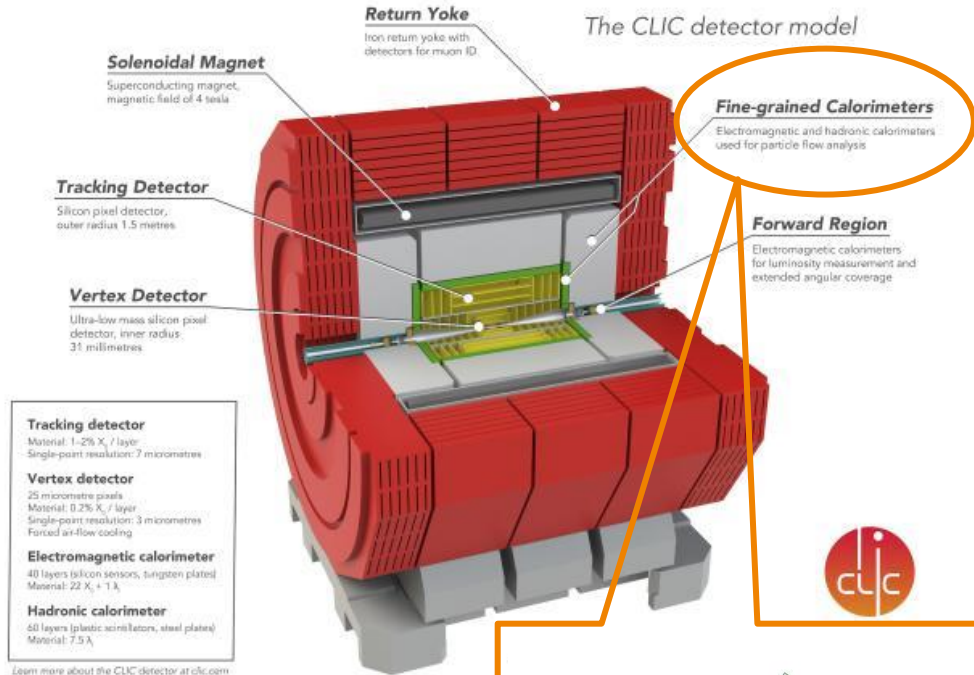
- ❖ Current state of use case (as described in proposal) is a static synthetic model of a detector.
- ❖ Exploring of extending to an application capable of modelling in real time the detector's output in different operation conditions (beams and accelerator configurations) → continuous re-training on real data



(Image: CERN)



# Fast detector simulation DT - 3DGAN (2)



Images: CERN & Fast Simulation of a High Granularity Calorimeter by Generative Adversarial Networks. Gul Rukh Khattak et al. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.07388> DOI: <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2109.07388>



# DT integration activities w/ DTE core modules

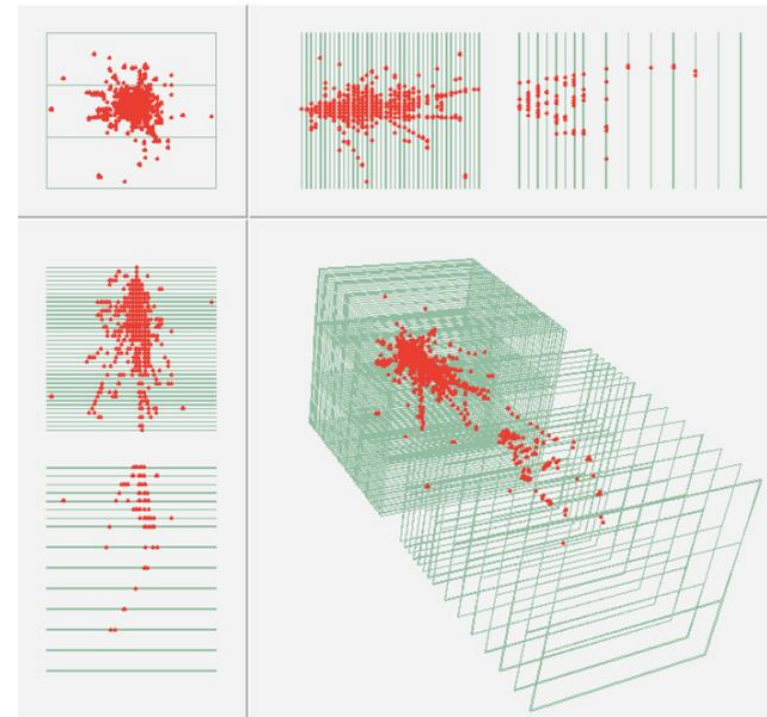
We've developed a DT of the calorimeter detector of the [CLIC CERN particle detector](#)

- first release will include the 3DGAN component which is trained on data coming from simulations run with Geant4 within an application set up of the selected detector's geometry

The first phase of the Particle Detector Simulation DT, which includes the 3DGAN component has been integrated with:

- AI workflows framework: [itwinai](#)
- Workflow execution: [OSCAR](#)
- Federated computing: [InterLink](#)
- Quality assessment: [SQAaaS](#)

*For even more detailed description on the integration activities please see the [demo](#) curated by our colleagues and also navigating in [itwinai documentation](#) page!*



W-DHCAL event display (Image: CERN)



# Fast particle detector DT - Future plans

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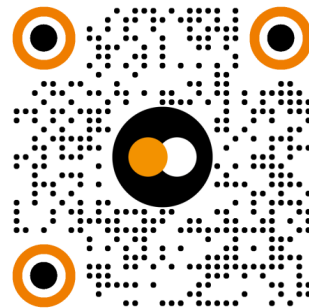
- **Exploring integration to MC-based framework** and optimization of the data transformation pipelines.
  - Integration of the GAN models with the MC-based framework (GEANT4) will be implemented.
- **Develop or integrate tools for parallel training and hyper parameter optimization** (modified to accommodate the adversarial training process, if needed).
  - Focus on solutions best adapted to the specific GAN use case, considering the specific features of the available computing hardware (in terms of accelerators and internode communication)
- **Customizable validation framework** will be developed in collaboration with HEP community experts.
  - implementation of complex multivariate distributions based on a large range of input conditions
  - validation techniques capable of assessing different aspects of performance, including accuracy and comparison to classical Monte Carlo, i.e. uncertainty estimation, coverage of the support space
- Further development of the DT's thematic modules
- **Integration and test compliance** of our software components with the DTE core modules





# THANK YOU!

## QUESTIONS?

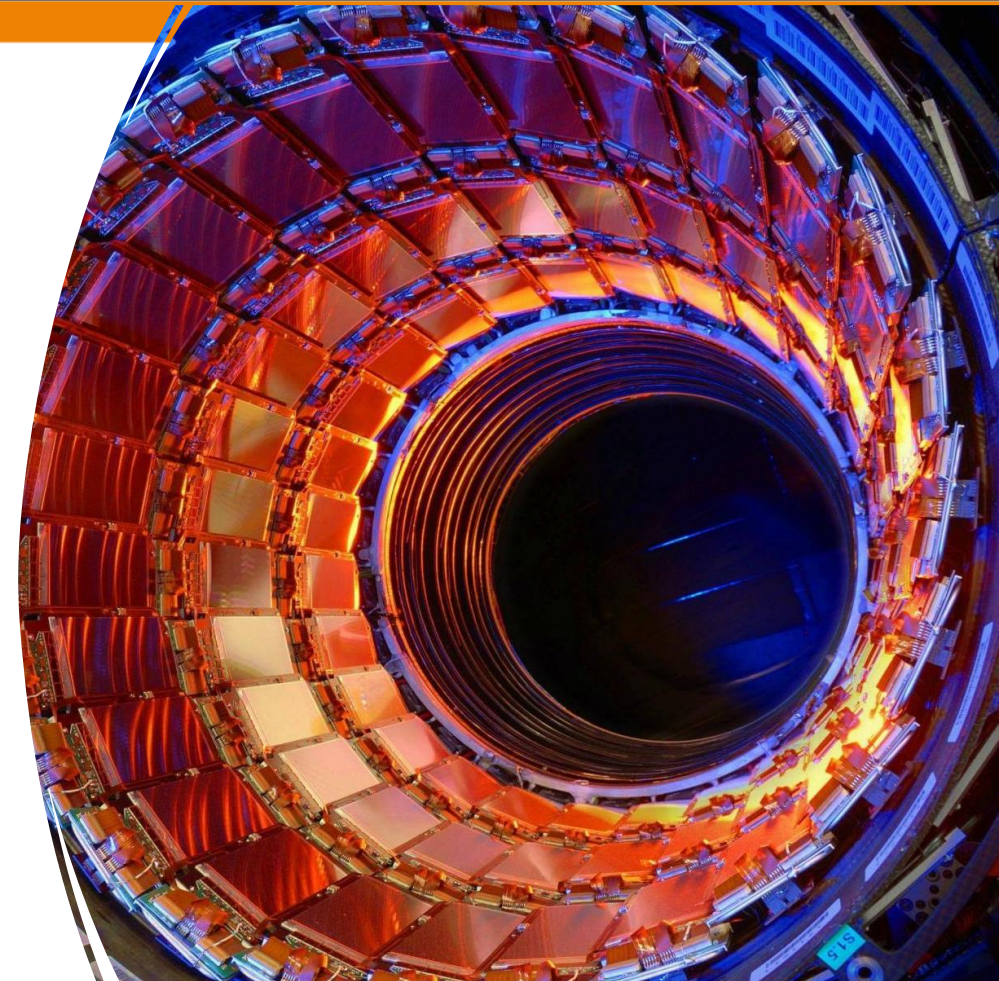


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# Annex

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