

# Pandora Exercise 3: Cluster Creation

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**Pre-requisite: Exercise 2 - setup Pandora environment and add a new algorithm.**

Start to add algorithm implementation:

- Add optional and mandatory configurable parameters
- Access lists of objects: Hits and MCParticles
- Draw objects and add custom markers to visualisation
- Start to form some very basic Clusters
- Begin to think about some real clustering logic and experiment with alg from LArContent



# Algorithm Configuration



```
/**
 * @file   PandoraSDK/include/Helpers/XmlHelper.h
 *
 * @brief  Header file for the xml helper class.
 *
 * $Log: $
 */
#ifndef PANDORA_XML_HELPER_H
#define PANDORA_XML_HELPER_H 1

#include "Objects/CartesianVector.h"
#include "Objects/TrackState.h"

#include "Pandora/PandoraInternal.h"
#include "Pandora/StatusCodes.h"

#include "Xml/tinyxml.h"

namespace pandora
{
/**
 * @brief  XmlHelper class
 */
class XmlHelper
{
public:
/**
 * @brief  Read a value from an xml element
 *
 * @param  xmlHandle the relevant xml handle
 * @param  xmlElementName the name of the xml element to examine
 * @param  t to receive the value
 */
template <typename T>
static StatusCode ReadValue(const TiXmlHandle &xmlHandle, const std::string &xmlElementName, T &t);

/**
 * @brief  Read a vector of values from a (space separated) list in an xml element
 *
 * @param  xmlHandle the relevant xml handle
 * @param  xmlElementName the name of the xml element to examine
 * @param  vector to receive the vector of values
 */
template <typename T>
static StatusCode ReadVectorOfValues(const TiXmlHandle &xmlHandle, const std::string &xmlElementName, std::vector<T> &vector);
};
}
```

Use these static helper functions to read parameters from XML, remembering to check the return values





# Algorithm Configuration



```
/**
 * @file WorkshopContent/workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.h
 *
 * @brief Header file for the mytest algorithm class.
 *
 * $Log: $
 */
#ifndef WORKSHOP_MYTEST_ALGORITHM_H
#define WORKSHOP_MYTEST_ALGORITHM_H 1

#include "Pandora/Algorithm.h"

namespace workshop_content
{
/**
 * @brief MyTestAlgorithm class
 */
class MyTestAlgorithm : public pandora::Algorithm
{
public:
/**
 * @brief Factory class for instantiating algorithm
 */
class Factory : public pandora::AlgorithmFactory
{
public:
    pandora::Algorithm *CreateAlgorithm() const;
};

/**
 * @brief Default constructor
 */
MyTestAlgorithm();

private:
    pandora::StatusCode Run();
    pandora::StatusCode ReadSettings(const pandora::TiXmlHandle xmlHandle);

    // Member variables here
    std::string          m_myMandatoryString;          ///< A mandatory string
    bool                 m_myOptionalBool;            ///< An optional Boolean
    unsigned int         m_myOptionalUnsignedInt;      ///< An optional unsigned int
    pandora::FloatVector m_myMandatoryFloatVector;    ///< A mandatory vector of floats
};
} // namespace workshop_content

#endif // #ifndef WORKSHOP_MYTEST_ALGORITHM_H
```

Configurable parameters are typically member variables. Add a default constructor to assign default values.

Convention is then for const alg member functions, don't change any of these values



# Algorithm Configuration



```
MyTestAlgorithm::MyTestAlgorithm() :  
    m_myMandatoryString(),  
    m_myOptionalBool(false),  
    m_myOptionalUnsignedInt(5),  
    m_myMandatoryFloatVector()  
{  
}
```

Assign default values upon construction

```
//-----  
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()  
{  
    std::cout << "-m_myMandatoryString: " << m_myMandatoryString << std::endl  
              << "-m_myOptionalBool: " << m_myOptionalBool << std::endl  
              << "-m_myOptionalUnsignedInt: " << m_myOptionalUnsignedInt << std::endl  
              << "-m_myMandatoryString: ";  
  
    for (const auto value: m_myMandatoryFloatVector)  
        std::cout << value << " ";  
  
    std::cout << std::endl;  
  
    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;  
}
```

Print out values at run time

```
//-----  
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::ReadSettings(const TiXmlElement xmlHandle)  
{  
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, XmlHelper::ReadValue(xmlHandle,  
        "MyMandatoryString", m_myMandatoryString));  
  
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF_AND_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, STATUS_CODE_NOT_FOUND, !=, XmlHelper::ReadValue(xmlHandle,  
        "MyOptionalBool", m_myOptionalBool));  
  
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF_AND_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, STATUS_CODE_NOT_FOUND, !=, XmlHelper::ReadValue(xmlHandle,  
        "MyOptionalUnsignedInt", m_myOptionalUnsignedInt));  
  
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, XmlHelper::ReadVectorOfValues(xmlHandle,  
        "MyMandatoryFloatVector", m_myMandatoryFloatVector));  
  
    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;  
}
```

Optional and mandatory reads



# Algorithm Configuration



Try to run before adding required XML configuration:

```
$MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/bin/PandoraWorkshop      \  
-i $MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/scripts/PandoraSettings_Workshop.xml  \  
-n 10
```

```
XmlHelper::ReadValue(xmlHandle, "MyMandatoryString", m_myMandatoryString) return STATUS_CODE_NOT_FOUND  
  in function: ReadSettings  
  in file:      /path/WorkshopContent/workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.cc line#: 49  
pLocalAlgorithm->ReadSettings(TiXmlHandle(pXmlElement)) throw STATUS_CODE_NOT_FOUND  
  in function: CreateAlgorithm  
  in file:      /path/PandoraPFA/PandoraSDK-v02-03-00/src/Managers/AlgorithmManager.cc line#: 117  
Failure in reading pandora settings, STATUS_CODE_NOT_FOUND  
PandoraApi::ReadSettings(*pPandora, parameters.m_pandoraSettingsFile) throw STATUS_CODE_FAILURE  
  in function: main  
  in file:      /path/WorkshopContent/workshopcontent/Test/PandoraWorkshop.cc line#: 80  
Pandora Exception caught: STATUS_CODE_FAILURE
```



# Algorithm Configuration



```
<pandora>
  <!-- GLOBAL SETTINGS -->
  <IsMonitoringEnabled>true</IsMonitoringEnabled>
  <ShouldDisplayAlgorithmInfo>true</ShouldDisplayAlgorithmInfo>
  <SingleHitTypeClusteringMode>true</SingleHitTypeClusteringMode>

  <!-- ALGORITHM SETTINGS -->
  <algorithm type = "LArEventReading">
    <EventFileName>/path/to/Events_MicroBooNE.xml</EventFileName>
    <GeometryFileName>/path/to/Geometry_MicroBooNE.xml</GeometryFileName>
    <ShouldReadEvents>true</ShouldReadEvents>
    <ShouldReadGeometry>true</ShouldReadGeometry>
    <SkipToEvent>0</SkipToEvent>
  </algorithm>

  <!-- LAR TPC EVENT RECONSTRUCTION -->
  <algorithm type = "LArListPreparation">
    <OnlyAvailableCaloHits>true</OnlyAvailableCaloHits>
    <OutputCaloHitListNameW>CaloHitListW</OutputCaloHitListNameW>
    <OutputCaloHitListNameU>CaloHitListU</OutputCaloHitListNameU>
    <OutputCaloHitListNameV>CaloHitListV</OutputCaloHitListNameV>
    <FilteredCaloHitListName>CaloHitList2D</FilteredCaloHitListName>
    <CurrentCaloHitListReplacement>CaloHitListW</CurrentCaloHitListReplacement>
    <OutputMCParticleListNameU>MCParticleListU</OutputMCParticleListNameU>
    <OutputMCParticleListNameV>MCParticleListV</OutputMCParticleListNameV>
    <OutputMCParticleListNameW>MCParticleListW</OutputMCParticleListNameW>
    <OutputMCParticleListName3D>MCParticleList3D</OutputMCParticleListName3D>
    <CurrentMCParticleListReplacement>MCParticleList3D</CurrentMCParticleListReplacement>
    <MipEquivalentCut>0.</MipEquivalentCut>
  </algorithm>

  <algorithm type = "MyTest">
    <MyMandatoryString>TestString</MyMandatoryString>
    <MyOptionalUnsignedInt>10</MyOptionalUnsignedInt>
    <MyMandatoryFloatVector>0. 1.5 3.0 4.5</MyMandatoryFloatVector>
  </algorithm>

  <algorithm type = "LArVisualMonitoring">
    <CaloHitListNames>CaloHitListW CaloHitListU CaloHitListV</CaloHitListNames>
    <MCParticleListNames>MCParticleList3D</MCParticleListNames>
    <SuppressMCParticles>22:0.01 2112:1.0</SuppressMCParticles>
    <ShowDetector>true</ShowDetector>
  </algorithm>
</pandora>
```

Note: haven't specified a value for the optional Boolean here, but have changed the default value for the optional unsigned int

[\\$MY\\_TEST\\_AREA/WorkshopContent/scripts/PandoraSettings\\_Workshop.xml](#)



# Algorithm Configuration

```
$MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/bin/PandoraWorkshop \
-i $MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/scripts/PandoraSettings_Workshop.xml \
-n 10
```

```
> Running Algorithm: 0x7fc714da02b0, LArEventReading
> Running Algorithm: 0x7fc720d47930, LArListPreparation
ListPreparationAlgorithm: found a hit with zero energy, will remove it
> Running Algorithm: 0x7fc71f6fc020, MyTest
-m_myMandatoryString: TestString
-m_myOptionalBool: 0
-m_myOptionalUnsignedInt: 10
-m_myMandatoryString: 0 1.5 3 4.5
> Running Algorithm: 0x7fc720d47b00, LArVisualMonitoring
```





Operations that can be performed in algorithms will consist of:

- APIs to access or modify Pandora content or to request visualisation
- Use of services provided by objects in the Pandora Event Data Model
- Calls to static Helper functions, some provided in the SDK, more in content libraries
- Use of constructs local to the algorithm

For the first three bullet-points, the starting point for the algorithm author is the header file describing the relevant interfaces.



Example APIs for accessing lists of objects in the Pandora EDM. Can ask for the “current” list, specified by prior algorithm (useful for clever algorithm interplay) or just request a named list.

```
/* List-manipulation functions */

/**
 * @brief Get the current list
 *
 * @param algorithm the algorithm calling this function
 * @param pT to receive the address of the current list
 */
template <typename T>
static pandora::StatusCode GetCurrentList(const pandora::Algorithm &algorithm, const T *&pT);

/**
 * @brief Get the current list
 *
 * @param algorithm the algorithm calling this function
 * @param pT to receive the address of the current list
 * @param listName to receive the current list name
 */
template <typename T>
static pandora::StatusCode GetCurrentList(const pandora::Algorithm &algorithm, const T *&pT, std::string &listName);

/**
 * @brief Get a named list
 *
 * @param algorithm the algorithm calling this function
 * @param listName the name of the list
 * @param pT to receive the address of the list
 */
template <typename T>
static pandora::StatusCode GetList(const pandora::Algorithm &algorithm, const std::string &listName, const T *&pT);
```

`$MY_TEST_AREA/PandoraPFA/PandoraSDK-v02-03-00/include/Api/PandoraContentApi.h`

Many other APIs available - starting point for key event management operations



# List Access

Example access of current CaloHit list, followed by creation of a local, sorted list of CaloHit addresses and some print statements.

```
/**
 * @file WorkshopContent/workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.cc
 *
 * @brief Implementation of the mytest algorithm class.
 *
 * $Log: $
 */

#include "Pandora/AlgorithmHeaders.h"

#include "larpandoracontent/LArHelpers/LArClusterHelper.h"

#include "workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.h"

using namespace pandora;
using namespace lar_content;

namespace workshop_content
{
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LArClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        std::cout << "InputHit - HitType: " << pCaloHit->GetHitType() << ", " << pCaloHit->GetPositionVector() << std::endl;
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
}
```

Managed object lists are unordered\_sets highly efficient, but user must be careful

Note: use of preprocessor macro to check API call return value

Note: first API argument reference to alg, redirects to relevant Pandora instance

Note first usage of functionality from the LArContent library, lar\_content::LArClusterHelper, to perform an optional CaloHit sort



# List Access



```
$MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/bin/PandoraWorkshop \
-i $MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/scripts/PandoraSettings_Workshop.xml \
-n 10
```

```
> Running Algorithm: 0x7f890dbf0d00, LArEventReading
> Running Algorithm: 0x7f8919dcb90, LArListPreparation
ListPreparationAlgorithm: found a hit with zero energy, will remove it
> Running Algorithm: 0x7f8919dcbd40, MyTest
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 158.263 y: 0 z: 209.65 length: 262.679
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 158.316 y: 0 z: 209.95 length: 262.95
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 158.428 y: 0 z: 210.25 length: 263.257
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 158.341 y: 0 z: 210.55 length: 263.445
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 158.174 y: 0 z: 210.85 length: 263.584
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 76.3678 y: 0 z: 250.15 length: 261.547
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 94.3723 y: 0 z: 253.75 length: 270.731
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 94.2191 y: 0 z: 254.05 length: 270.959
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 94.8458 y: 0 z: 254.05 length: 271.177
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 94.1454 y: 0 z: 254.35 length: 271.214
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 94.8531 y: 0 z: 254.35 length: 271.461
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 183.866 y: 0 z: 263.65 length: 321.431
InputHit - HitType: 6, x: 183.903 y: 0 z: 263.95 length: 321.698
...
```

Try also reading the named CaloHit lists defined by the ListPreparation algorithm: the first algorithm in the file `PandoraSettings_Workshop.xml`

For more examples, see `$MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/examplecontent/ExampleAlgorithms/AccessListsAlgorithm.cc` or `.h`



# List Access



Add example access of current MCParticle list:

```
#include "Pandora/AlgorithmHeaders.h"

#include "larpandoracontent/LArHelpers/LArClusterHelper.h"
#include "larpandoracontent/LArHelpers/LArMCParticleHelper.h"

#include "workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.h"

using namespace pandora;
using namespace lar_content;

namespace workshop_content
{
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    // CaloHits
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LArClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        std::cout << "InputHit - HitType: " << pCaloHit->GetHitType() << ", " << pCaloHit->GetPositionVector() << std::endl;
    }

    // MCParticles
    const MCParticleList *pMCParticleList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pMCParticleList));

    MCParticleVector sortedMCParticles(pMCParticleList->begin(), pMCParticleList->end());
    std::sort(sortedMCParticles.begin(), sortedMCParticles.end(), LArMCParticleHelper::SortBySource);

    for (const MCParticle *const pMCParticle : sortedMCParticles)
    {
        std::cout << "InputMCParticle - PDG: " << pMCParticle->GetParticleId() << ", nParents " << pMCParticle->GetParentList().size()
            << ", nDaughters " << pMCParticle->GetDaughterList().size() << std::endl;
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
}
```



# Visualisation APIs



```
/**
 * @brief Add MCParticles to the Eve event-display
 *
 * @param pandora the calling pandora instance
 * @param pMCParticleList list of MC particles to be added to the event display
 * @param name of the MC particle list
 * @param color The color the track elements are drawn with
 * @param pParticleSuppressionMap map from pdg-codes to energy for suppression of particles types below specific energies
 */
static void VisualizeMCParticles(const pandora::Pandora &pandora, const pandora::MCParticleList *const pMCParticleList,
    const std::string &name, const Color color, const PdgCodeToEnergyMap *pParticleSuppressionMap = NULL);

/**
 * @brief Add CaloHits to the Eve event-display
 *
 * @param pandora the calling pandora instance
 * @param pCaloHitList list of calohits to be added to the event display
 * @param name of the calohit list
 * @param color The color the cluster elements are drawn with
 */
static void VisualizeCaloHits(const pandora::Pandora &pandora, const pandora::CaloHitList *const pCaloHitList,
    const std::string &name, const Color color);

/**
 * @brief Add Clusters to the Eve event-display
 *
 * @param pandora the calling pandora instance
 * @param pClusterList list of clusters to be added to the event display
 * @param name of the cluster list
 * @param color The color the cluster elements are drawn with
 * @param showAssociatedTracks draw the tracks associated to the cluster
 */
static void VisualizeClusters(const pandora::Pandora &pandora, const pandora::ClusterList *const pClusterList,
    const std::string &name, const Color color, bool showAssociatedTracks = false);
```

`$MY_TEST_AREA/PandoraPFA/PandoraMonitoring-v02-03-00/include/PandoraMonitoringApi.h`

Many other APIs available - starting point for all visualisation and tree-writing operations



Request visualisation of current CaloHits and MCParticles:

```
/**
 * @file WorkshopContent/workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.cc
 *
 * @brief Implementation of the mytest algorithm class.
 *
 * $Log: $
 */

#include "Pandora/AlgorithmHeaders.h"

#include "workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.h"

using namespace pandora;

namespace workshop_content
{
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    // CaloHits
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    const bool showDetectorGaps(true);
    PandoraMonitoringApi::SetEveDisplayParameters(this->GetPandora(), showDetectorGaps, DETECTOR_VIEW_XZ, -1.f, -1.f, 1.f);
    PandoraMonitoringApi::VisualizeCaloHits(this->GetPandora(), pCaloHitList, "CurrentCaloHits", BLUE);

    // MCParticles
    const MCParticleList *pMCParticleList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pMCParticleList));
    PandoraMonitoringApi::VisualizeMCParticles(this->GetPandora(), pMCParticleList, "CurrentMCParticles", RED);

    PandoraMonitoringApi::ViewEvent(this->GetPandora());

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
```

For more examples, see `$MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/examplecontent/ExampleAlgorithms/DisplayListsAlgorithm.cc` or `.h`

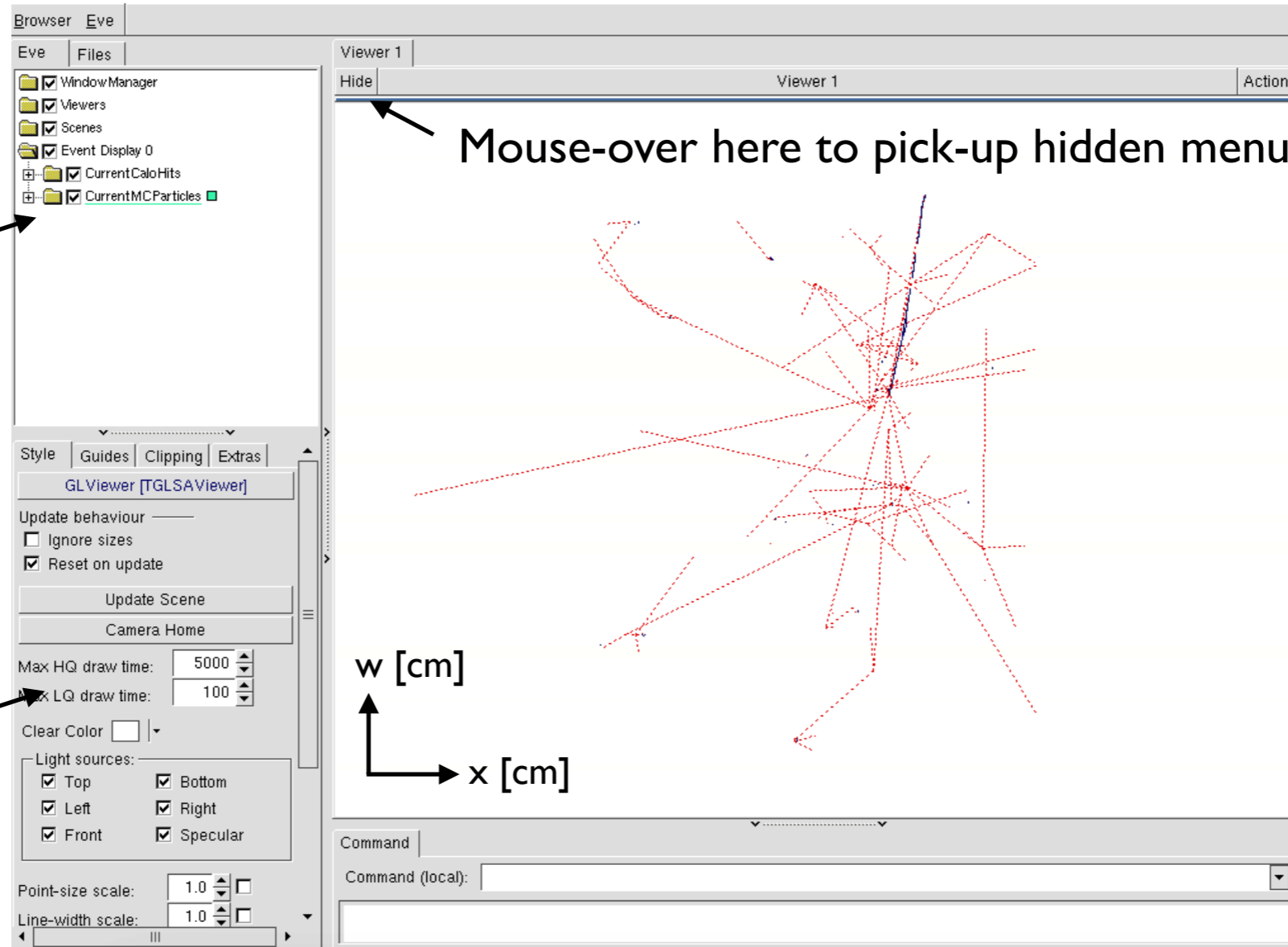


# Visualisation APIs

```
$MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/bin/PandoraWorkshop \
-i $MY_TEST_AREA/WorkshopContent/scripts/PandoraSettings_Workshop.xml \
-n 10
```

Can explore object lists here

Lighting and guides/axes



Try to make display more useful by e.g. suppressing some MCParticles or e.g. adding a custom marker to identify the neutrino interaction vertex. Try looking at 3D view too.





# Cluster Creation



Create clusters, with simple logic (take next  $n$  Hits from sorted list for successive Clusters):

```
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    const ClusterList *pTemporaryList(nullptr);
    std::string temporaryListName;
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::CreateTemporaryListAndSetCurrent(*this, pTemporaryList, temporaryListName));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LArClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    const Cluster *pCluster(nullptr);

    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        if (!PandoraContentApi::IsAvailable(*this, pCaloHit))
            continue;

        if (!pCluster || (pCluster->GetNCaloHits() >= m_nHitsPerCluster))
        {
            PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Parameters parameters;
            parameters.m_caloHitList.insert(pCaloHit);
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Create(*this, parameters, pCluster));
        }
        else
        {
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::AddToCluster(*this, pCluster, pCaloHit));
        }
    }

    if (!pTemporaryList->empty())
    {
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::SaveList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::ReplaceCurrentList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
```

Discussed in more detail over next few slides



# Cluster Creation



```
/**
 * @file WorkshopContent/workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.cc
 *
 * @brief Implementation of the mytest algorithm class.
 *
 * $Log: $
 */
```

```
#include "Pandora/AlgorithmHeaders.h"
```

```
#include "larpandoracontent/LArHelpers/LArClusterHelper.h"
```

```
#include "workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.h"
```

```
using namespace pandora;
using namespace lar_content;
```

```
namespace workshop_content
{
```

```
MyTestAlgorithm::MyTestAlgorithm() :
    m_outputClusterListName(),
    m_nHitsPerCluster(10)
```

```
{
}
```

```
//-----
```

```
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::ReadSettings(const TiXmlHandle xmlHandle)
```

```
{
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, XmlHelper::ReadValue(xmlHandle,
        "OutputClusterListName", m_outputClusterListName));

    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF_AND_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, STATUS_CODE_NOT_FOUND, !=, XmlHelper::ReadValue(xmlHandle,
        "NHitsPerCluster", m_nHitsPerCluster));

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
```

Supporting implementation, for  
reference

In "workshopcontent/Algorithms/MyTestAlgorithm.h"

```
// Member variables here
std::string      m_outputClusterListName;    ///< The output cluster list name
unsigned int     m_nHitsPerCluster;         ///< The number of hits to add to each dummy cluster
```

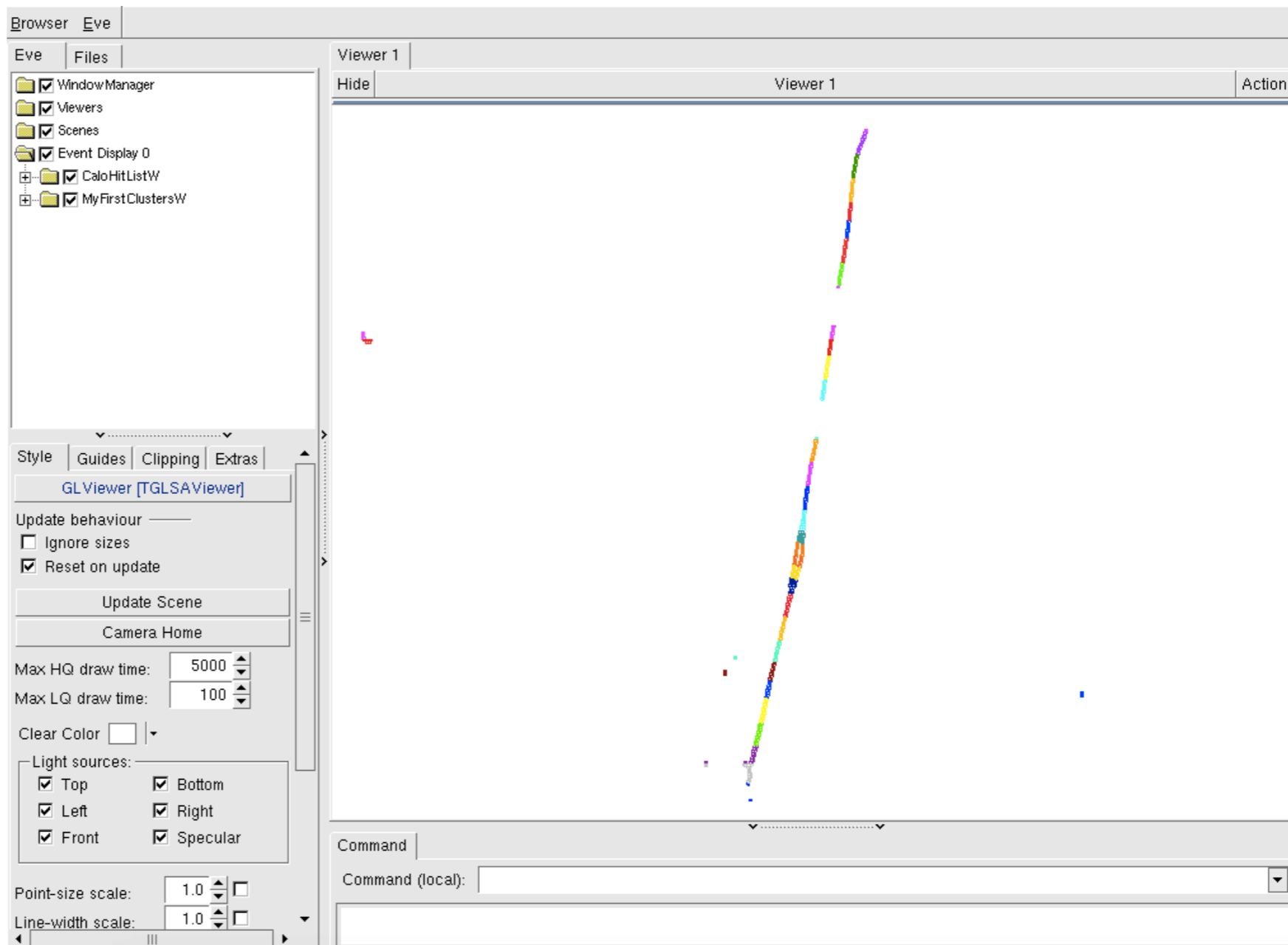


# Cluster Visualisation



```
<algorithm type = "MyTest">  
  <OutputClusterListName>MyFirstClustersW</OutputClusterListName>  
</algorithm>
```

```
<algorithm type = "LArVisualMonitoring">  
  <CaloHitListNames>CaloHitListW</CaloHitListNames>  
  <ClusterListNames>MyFirstClustersW</ClusterListNames>  
</algorithm>
```





# Cluster Creation



// Algorithms must either create a temporary list for newly created clusters, or ask to run a daughter clustering algorithm  
// (temporary list, owned by parent algorithm is then created automatically for you). Any Clusters remaining in a temporary  
// list at the end of the algorithm will be deleted, so all desired clusters must be saved before the algorithm ends.

```
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    const ClusterList *pTemporaryList(nullptr);
    std::string temporaryListName;
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::CreateTemporaryListAndSetCurrent(*this, pTemporaryList, temporaryListName));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LArClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    const Cluster *pCluster(nullptr);

    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        if (!PandoraContentApi::IsAvailable(*this, pCaloHit))
            continue;

        if (!pCluster || (pCluster->GetNCaloHits() >= m_nHitsPerCluster))
        {
            PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Parameters parameters;
            parameters.m_caloHitList.insert(pCaloHit);
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Create(*this, parameters, pCluster));
        }
        else
        {
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::AddToCluster(*this, pCluster, pCaloHit));
        }
    }

    if (!pTemporaryList->empty())
    {
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::SaveList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::ReplaceCurrentList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
```





# Cluster Creation



```
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    const ClusterList *pTemporaryList(nullptr);
    std::string temporaryListName;
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::CreateTemporaryListAndSetCurrent(*this, pTemporaryList, temporaryListName));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LArClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    const Cluster *pCluster(nullptr);
    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        if (!PandoraContentApi::IsAvailable(*this, pCaloHit))
            continue;

        if (!pCluster || (pCluster->GetNCaloHits() >= m_nHitsPerCluster))
        {
            PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Parameters parameters;
            parameters.m_caloHitList.insert(pCaloHit);
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Create(*this, parameters, pCluster));
        }
        else
        {
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::AddToCluster(*this, pCluster, pCaloHit));
        }
    }

    if (!pTemporaryList->empty())
    {
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::SaveList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::ReplaceCurrentList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
```

// Once a calo hit has been added to a cluster, it is flagged as unavailable.  
// Important example of Pandora book-keeping, preventing double-counting



# Cluster Creation



```
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    const ClusterList *pTemporaryList(nullptr);
    std::string temporaryListName;
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::CreateTemporaryListAndSetCurrent(*this, pTemporaryList, temporaryListName));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LARClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    const Cluster *pCluster(nullptr);


    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        if (!PandoraContentApi::IsAvailable(*this, pCaloHit))
            continue;

        if (!pCluster || (pCluster->GetNCaloHits() >= m_nHitsPerCluster))
        {
            PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Parameters parameters;
            parameters.m_caloHitList.insert(pCaloHit);
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Create(*this, parameters, pCluster));
        }
        else
        {
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::AddToCluster(*this, pCluster, pCaloHit));
        }
    }

    if (!pTemporaryList->empty())
    {
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::SaveList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::ReplaceCurrentList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
```

// Create new Cluster if not yet done so, or current Cluster has reached  
// configurable target number of Hits, else add Hit to current Cluster.





# Cluster Creation



```
StatusCode MyTestAlgorithm::Run()
{
    const CaloHitList *pCaloHitList(nullptr);
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::GetCurrentList(*this, pCaloHitList));

    const ClusterList *pTemporaryList(nullptr);
    std::string temporaryListName;
    PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::CreateTemporaryListAndSetCurrent(*this, pTemporaryList, temporaryListName));

    CaloHitVector sortedCaloHits(pCaloHitList->begin(), pCaloHitList->end());
    std::sort(sortedCaloHits.begin(), sortedCaloHits.end(), LArClusterHelper::SortHitsByPosition);

    const Cluster *pCluster(nullptr);

    for (const CaloHit *const pCaloHit : sortedCaloHits)
    {
        if (!PandoraContentApi::IsAvailable(*this, pCaloHit))
            continue;

        if (!pCluster || (pCluster->GetNCaloHits() >= m_nHitsPerCluster))
        {
            PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Parameters parameters;
            parameters.m_caloHitList.insert(pCaloHit);
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::Cluster::Create(*this, parameters, pCluster));
        }
        else
        {
            PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::AddToCluster(*this, pCluster, pCaloHit));
        }
    }

    if (!pTemporaryList->empty())
    {
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::SaveList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
        PANDORA_RETURN_RESULT_IF(STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS, !=, PandoraContentApi::ReplaceCurrentList<Cluster>(*this, m_outputClusterListName));
    }

    return STATUS_CODE_SUCCESS;
}
// Choose to save all the temporary clusters under a specified name and to set as the current list.
// All Clusters left in temporary list at end of parent algorithm's operations are deleted (alongside list)
```



# LArContent - TrackClusterCreation



```

<pandora>
  <!-- GLOBAL SETTINGS -->
  <IsMonitoringEnabled>true</IsMonitoringEnabled>
  <ShouldDisplayAlgorithmInfo>true</ShouldDisplayAlgorithmInfo>
  <SingleHitTypeClusteringMode>true</SingleHitTypeClusteringMode>

  <!-- ALGORITHM SETTINGS -->
  <algorithm type = "LArEventReading">
    <EventFileName>/path/to/Events_MicroBooNE.xml</EventFileName>
    <GeometryFileName>/path/to/Geometry_MicroBooNE.xml</GeometryFileName>
    <ShouldReadEvents>true</ShouldReadEvents>
    <ShouldReadGeometry>true</ShouldReadGeometry>
    <SkipToEvent>0</SkipToEvent>
  </algorithm>

  <!-- LAR TPC EVENT RECONSTRUCTION -->
  <algorithm type = "LArListPreparation">
    <OnlyAvailableCaloHits>true</OnlyAvailableCaloHits>
    <OutputCaloHitListNameW>CaloHitListW</OutputCaloHitListNameW>
    <OutputCaloHitListNameU>CaloHitListU</OutputCaloHitListNameU>
    <OutputCaloHitListNameV>CaloHitListV</OutputCaloHitListNameV>
    <FilteredCaloHitListName>CaloHitList2D</FilteredCaloHitListName>
    <CurrentCaloHitListReplacement>CaloHitListW</CurrentCaloHitListReplacement>
    <OutputMCParticleListNameU>MCParticleListU</OutputMCParticleListNameU>
    <OutputMCParticleListNameV>MCParticleListV</OutputMCParticleListNameV>
    <OutputMCParticleListNameW>MCParticleListW</OutputMCParticleListNameW>
    <OutputMCParticleListName3D>MCParticleList3D</OutputMCParticleListName3D>
    <CurrentMCParticleListReplacement>MCParticleList3D</CurrentMCParticleListReplacement>
    <MipEquivalentCut>0.</MipEquivalentCut>
  </algorithm>

  <algorithm type = "LArClusteringParent">
    <algorithm type = "LArTrackClusterCreation" description = "ClusterFormation"/>
    <InputCaloHitListName>CaloHitListW</InputCaloHitListName>
    <ClusterListName>MyFirstClustersW</ClusterListName>
    <ReplaceCurrentCaloHitList>false</ReplaceCurrentCaloHitList>
    <ReplaceCurrentClusterList>true</ReplaceCurrentClusterList>
  </algorithm>

  <algorithm type = "LArVisualMonitoring">
    <CaloHitListNames>CaloHitListW</CaloHitListNames>
    <ClusterListNames>MyFirstClustersW</ClusterListNames>
  </algorithm>
</pandora>

```

Get a feel for how default Pandora LAr TPC clustering performs by using it replace MyTest algorithm.

For reasons of alg re-use, TrackClusterCreation alg runs via a parent alg.

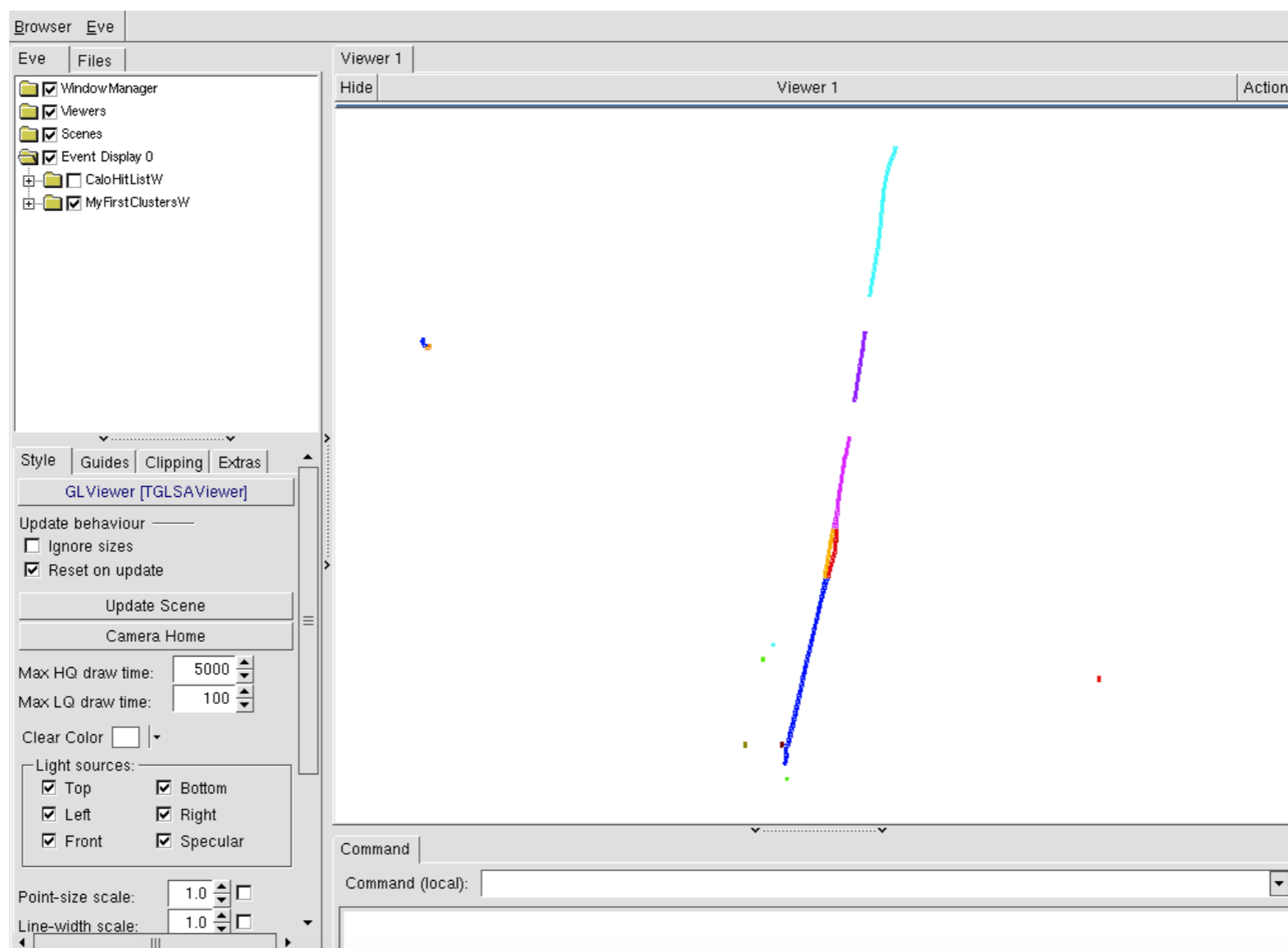


Completely separates Cluster creation logic (daughter) from list management (parent)





# LArContent - TrackClusterCreation



`$MY_TEST_AREA/PandoraPFA/LArContent-v02_07_04/larpandoracontent/LArTwoDReco/LArClusterCreation/TrackClusterCreationAlgorithm.cc or .h`

Try to get idea of logic flow in a “real” algorithm and start to make test clustering algorithm do something a bit more substantial.



# Next Exercise: Write a Cluster Merging Algorithm