

Celeritas: EM physics on GPUs

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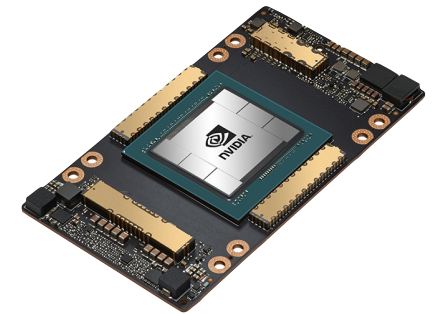
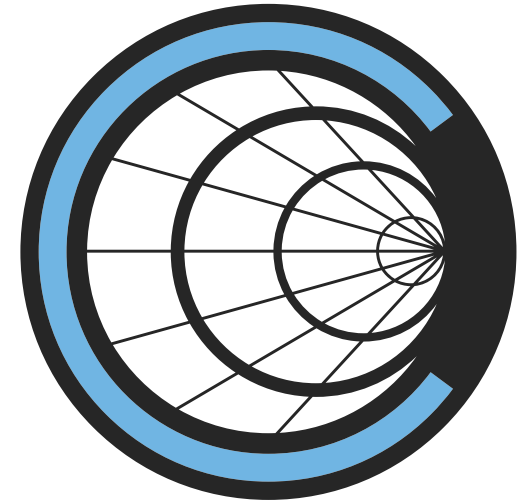
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Background



Project overview

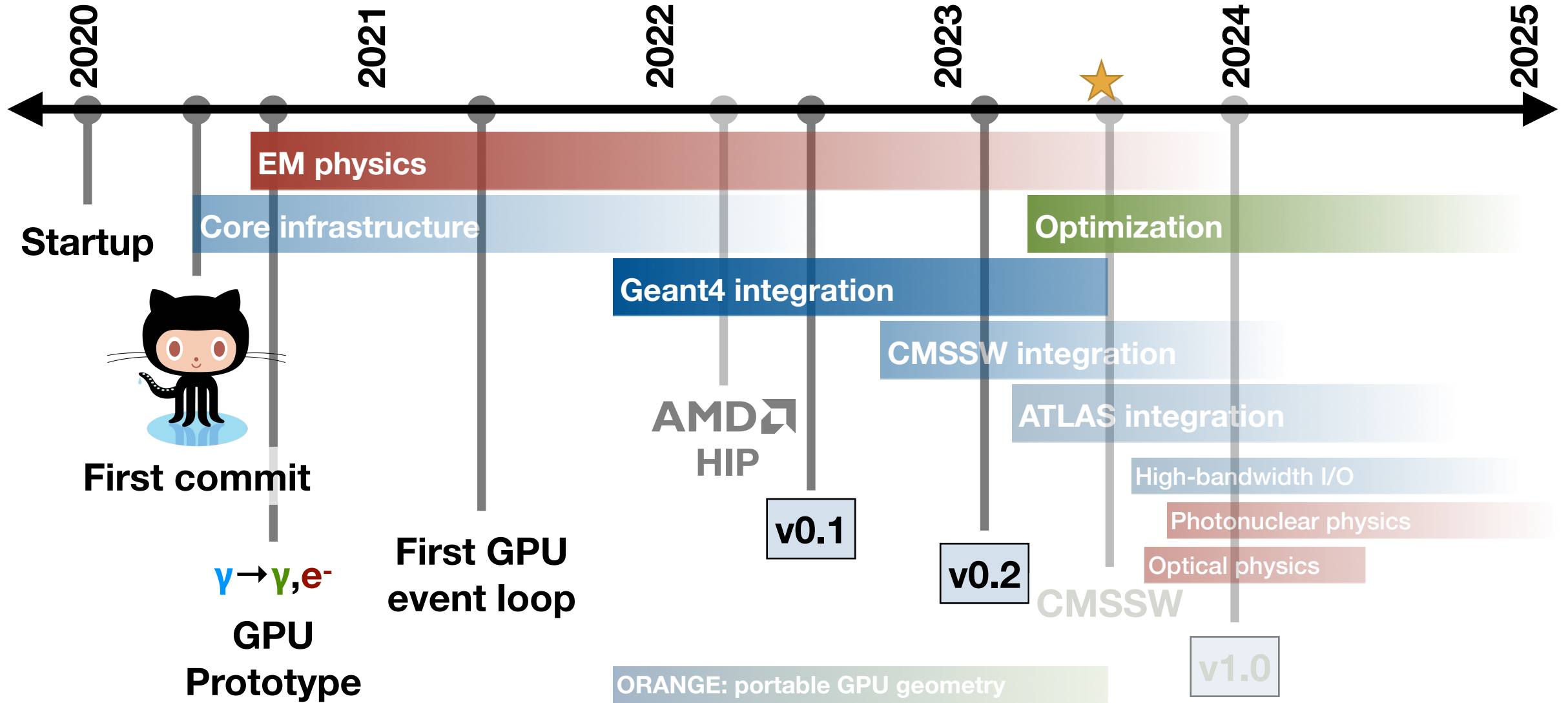
- **GPU**-focused implementation of experiment-agnostic **HEP** Monte Carlo detector simulation
- Motivated by HL-LHC computational challenges *and* by recent success in GPU MC (*ECP ExaSMR*)
- **Primary goal: accelerate production use for LHC Run 4**



Nvidia A100 GPU (Nvidia)



Present-day timeline

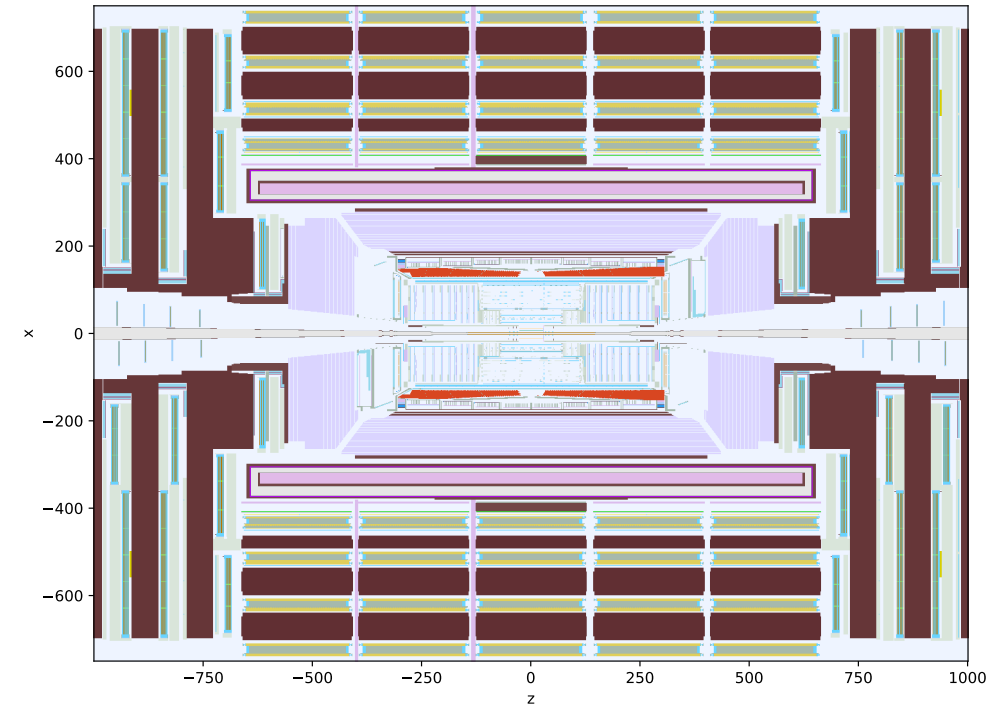


Capabilities



High-level capabilities

- Equivalent to `G4EmStandardPhysics`
...using Urban MSC for high-E MSC; only γ , e^\pm
- Full-featured Geant4 detector geometries using VecGeom
- Runtime selectable processes, physics options, field definition
- Execution on CUDA (Nvidia), HIP* (AMD), *and CPU* devices

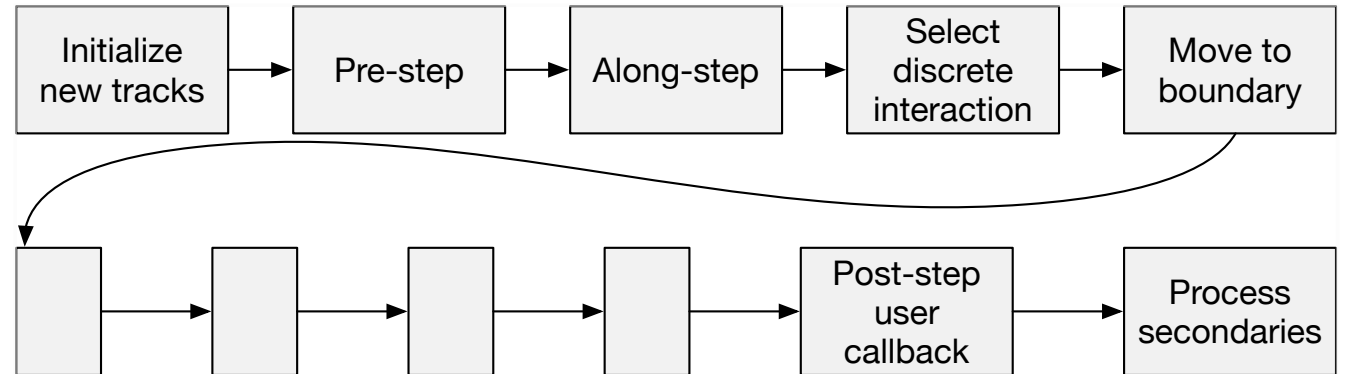
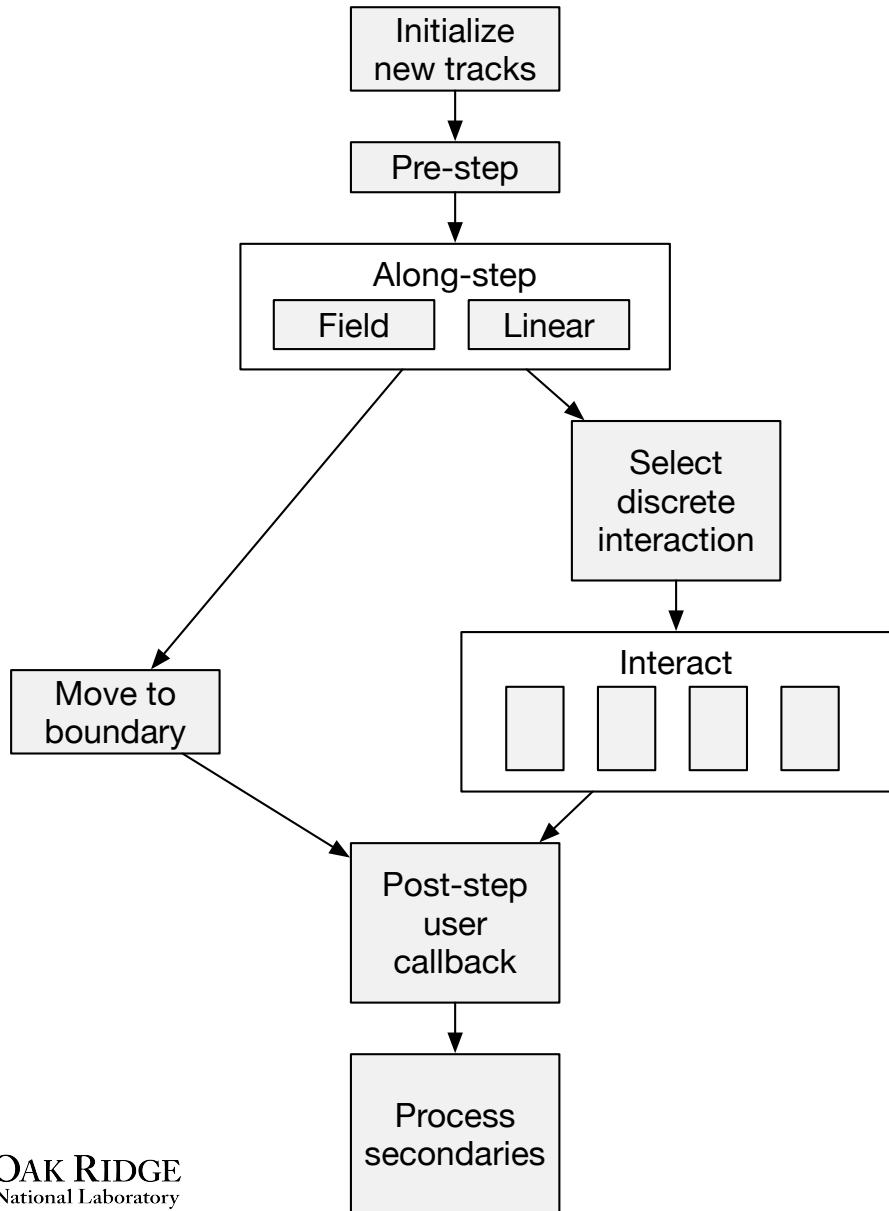


GPU-traced rasterization of CMS 2018

**VecGeom is incompatible with HIP:
ORANGE GPU prototype used instead*

Verification & Validation still in progress

Stepping loop on a GPU



Topological sort: a loop over kernels

Process ~1M track batches



Celeritas version 0.3-dev: Geant4 integration status

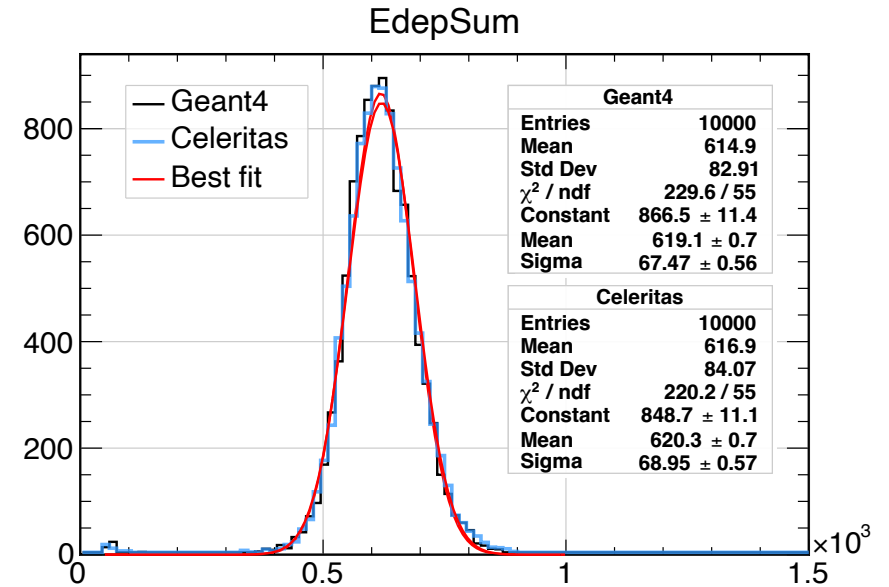
- **Imports** EM physics selection, cross sections, parameters
- **Converts** geometry to VecGeom model
- **Offloads** EM tracks from Geant4
- **Scores** hits to user “sensitive detectors”
- **Includes** GPU-optimized simple calorimeter
- **Integrates** with Geant4 10.6–11.0
- **Supports** physics/geometry/setup changes at link/run time

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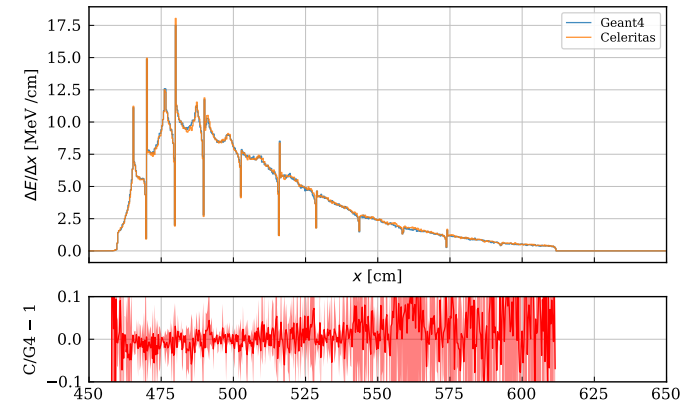


Tilecal: ATLAS tile calorimeter test beam

- Standalone subdetector test
 - Forked from Pezzotti&Lachnit (CERN)'s work
 - 18 GeV π^+ beam, no field
 - FTFP_BERT physics
 - Primary output: energy deposition integrated over sensitive regions
- Offload e^- , e^+ , γ to Celeritas
- Celeritas returns hits to user-defined G4VSensitiveDetector
- ~100 lines of code to integrate
- Excellent agreement



Average energy deposition with π^+ test beam



Slab-integrated energy deposition

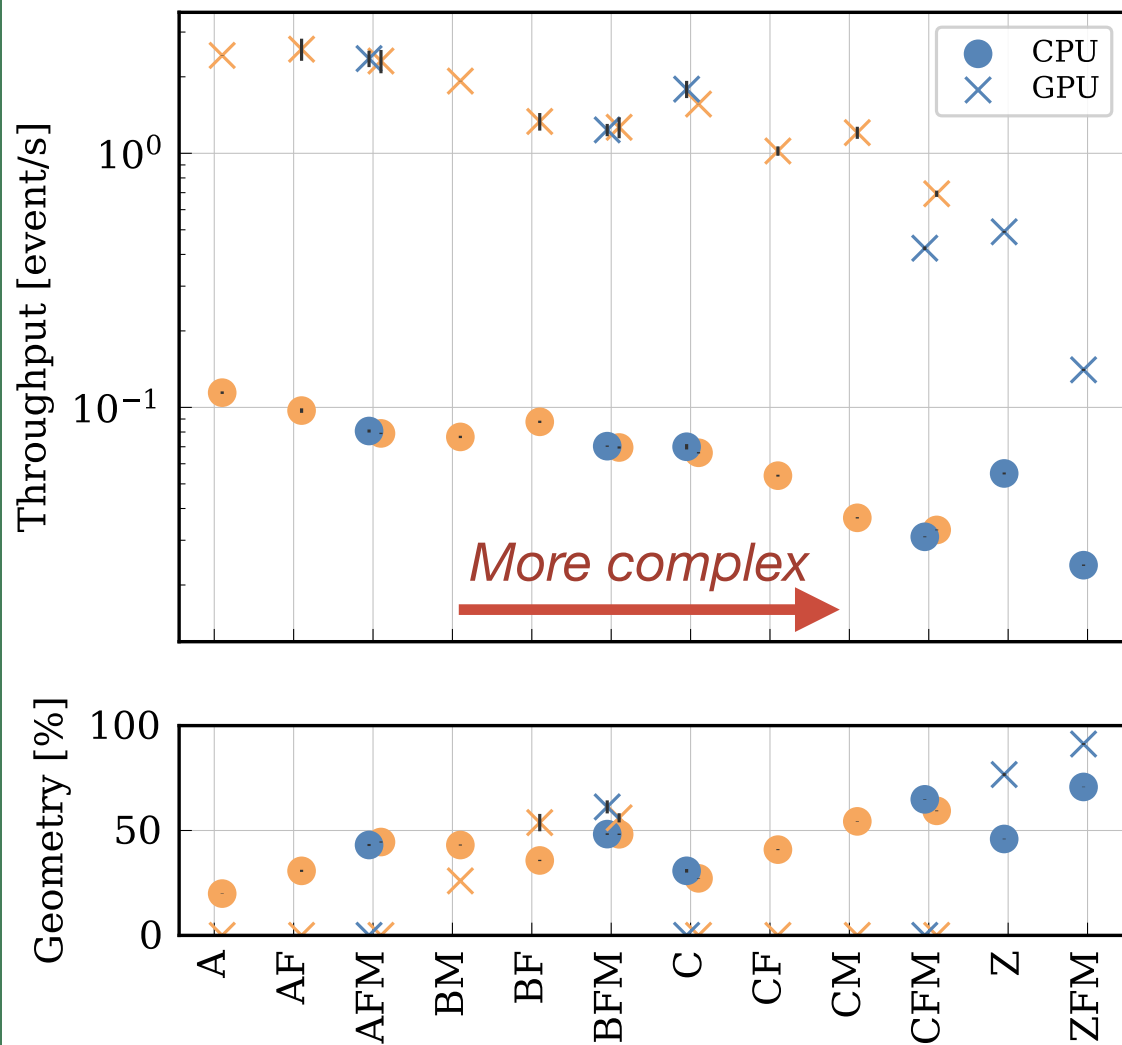


Framework integration status

- CMS (CMSSW): offload interface implemented and running
- ATLAS (Athena): framework integration started
 - Infrastructure update for CMake compatibility: [atlasexternals!1001](#)
 - Non-custom “accordion” shape needed for VecGeom/GPU
- LHCb: **seeking collaborators!**
- LZ (BACCARAT): **awaiting optical physics**



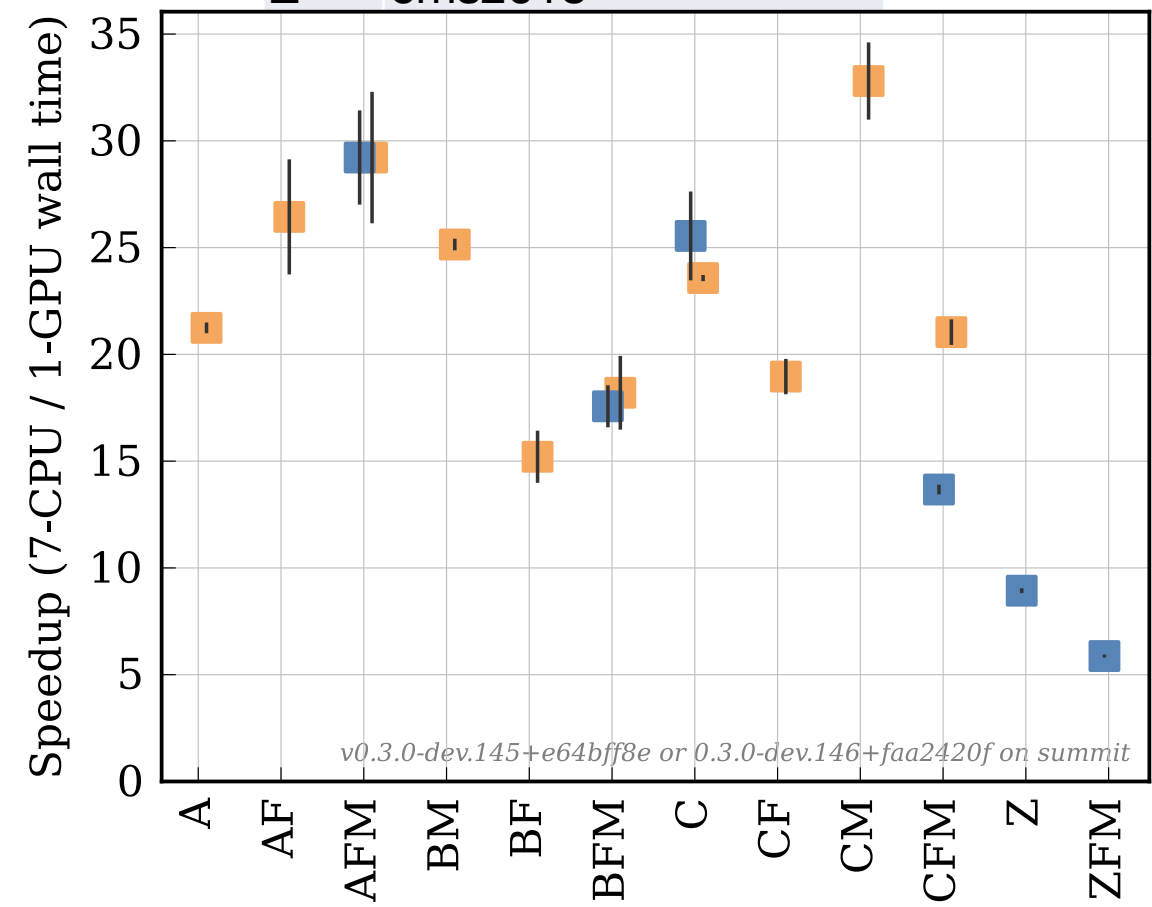
Summit GPU performance



ORANGE
VecGeom

Problem definition	
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B	simple-cms
C	testem3
Z	cms2018

Modifier	
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Multiply speedup by 7x for CPU:GPU equivalence

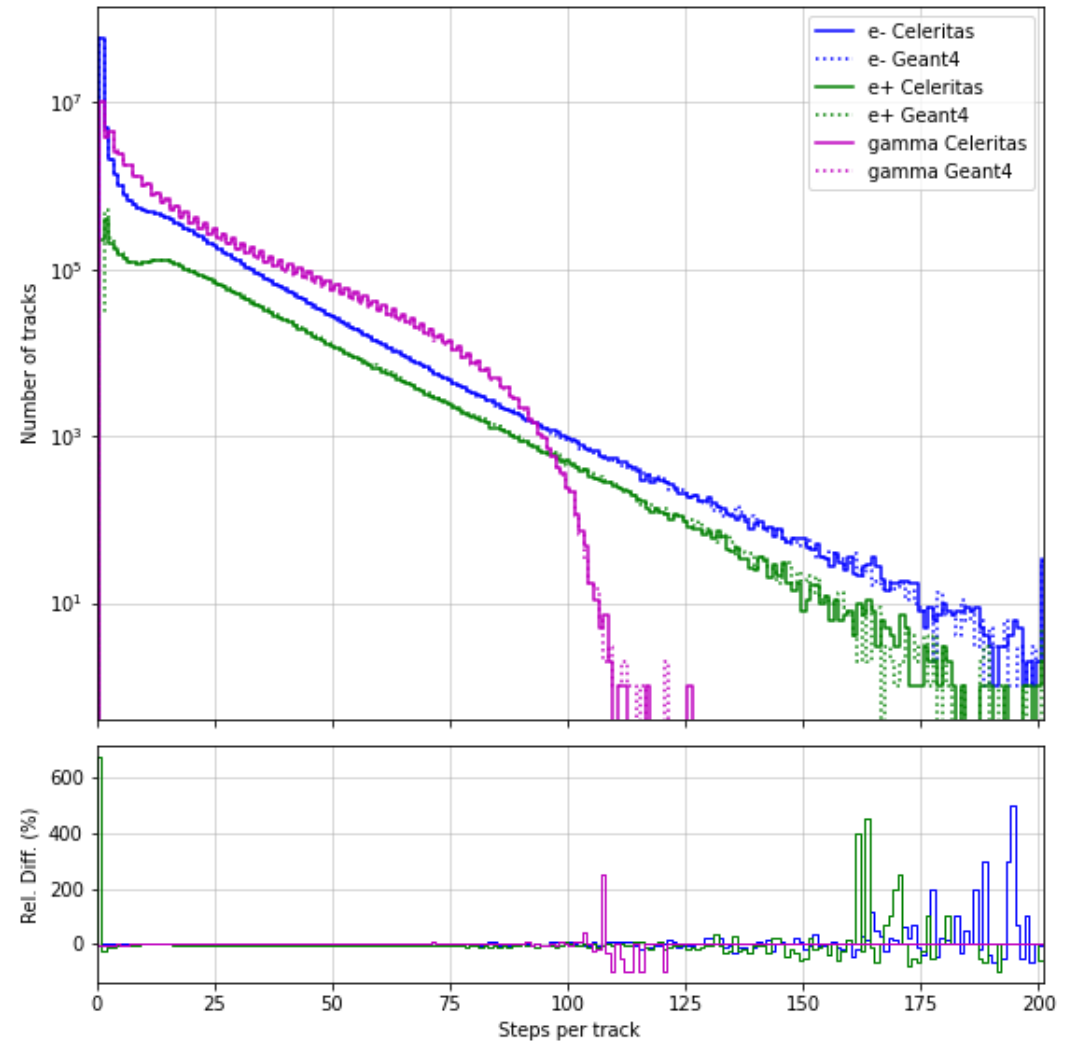


Continuing work



Validation

- Geant4 interface allows rapid comparisons
- Independent granular physics verification
- Benchmark progression problems being developed with CERN SFT (AdePT) group



TestEM3 MSC step count verification (Amanda Lund)

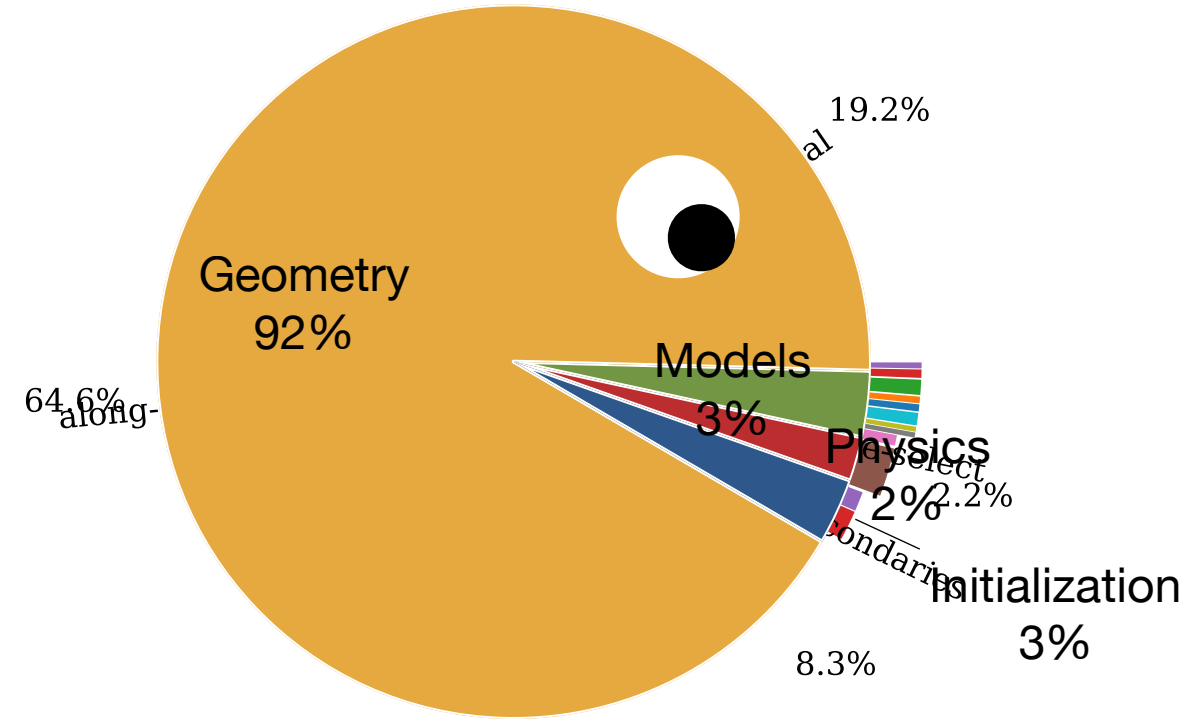
Integration

- Theoretical maximum performance gain offloading EM tracks: **~3.3x**
(with 1000 $t\bar{t}$ events and CMS Run3 geometry)
- CMSSW offloading with RZ mapped field: **June 2023**
- ATLAS integration will require low-fidelity “accordion” for now
- Platform-agnostic optical photon acceleration in the works

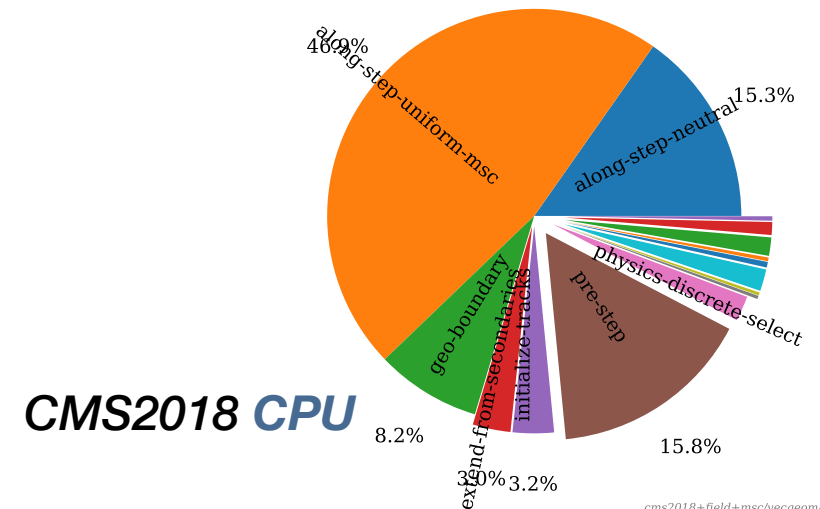


Optimization

- **92%** of standalone runtime in CMS2018 is in geometry routines
- GPU native sensitive detectors
- Performance on non-HPC graphics cards still unexplored
- Goal for GPU performance for HL-LHC electron shower:
 - **2x** per watt vs CPU (*efficiency*)
 - **160x** CPU:GPU (*capacity*)

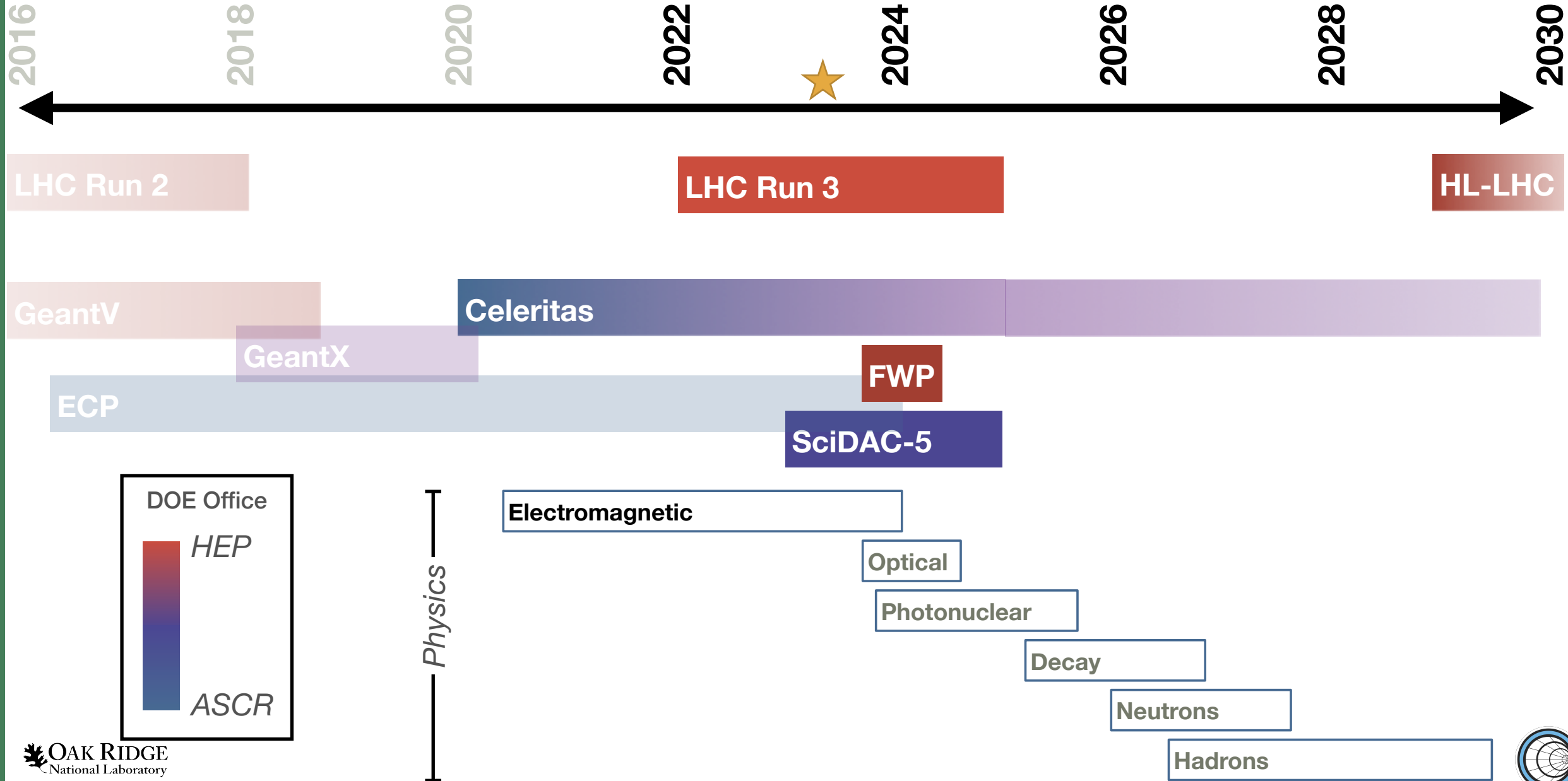


CMS2018 GPU



CMS2018 CPU

Celeritas future timeline



Summary

- Many steps toward polished GPU detector simulation framework
- Current test problems show **~6–30× performance boost** for Celeritas detector simulation using GPUs on Summit
(42–210× GPU/CPU core equivalence)
- Upcoming capabilities will extend our problem domain beyond LHC



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<https://github.com/celeritas-project/celeritas>



Backup slides



Execution plan: EM physics and integration

- 1: Implement minimal feature set to offload EM particles
(importing Geant4 physics data, recreating G4Hit structure, implementing EM models)
- 2: Establish baseline performance with minimum, verified features
Standalone CMS2018 with magnetic field and full EM physics is our key problem
- 3: Optimize performance
 - Standalone GPU performance
 - Multitask/thread+GPU performance
 - GPU-based sensitive detectors (calorimeters, etc)

Modular software design and robust testing is key



Extensibility

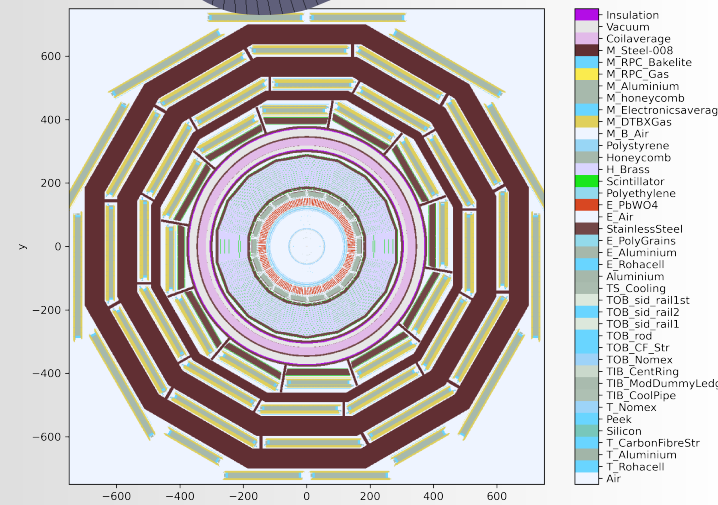
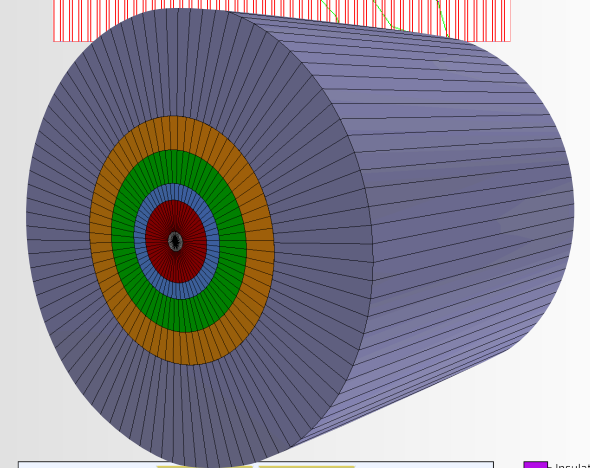
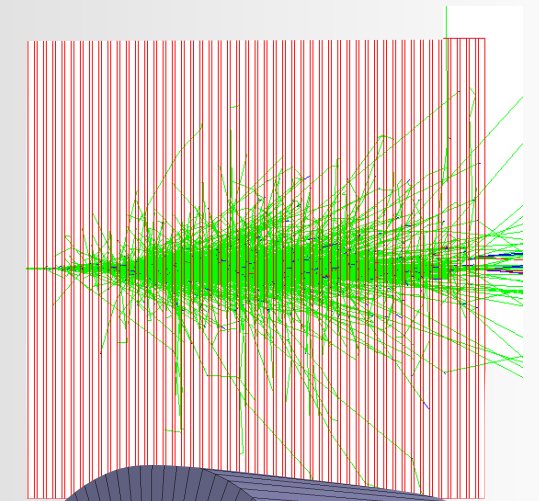
- New models and detector integrations can be added **at link time**
(maybe even dlopen in the future)
- Robust integration pathways for frameworks and applications
- Code is amenable to major refactoring with minor changes
 - Modular structure
 - Composition-based classes
 - Data-oriented design

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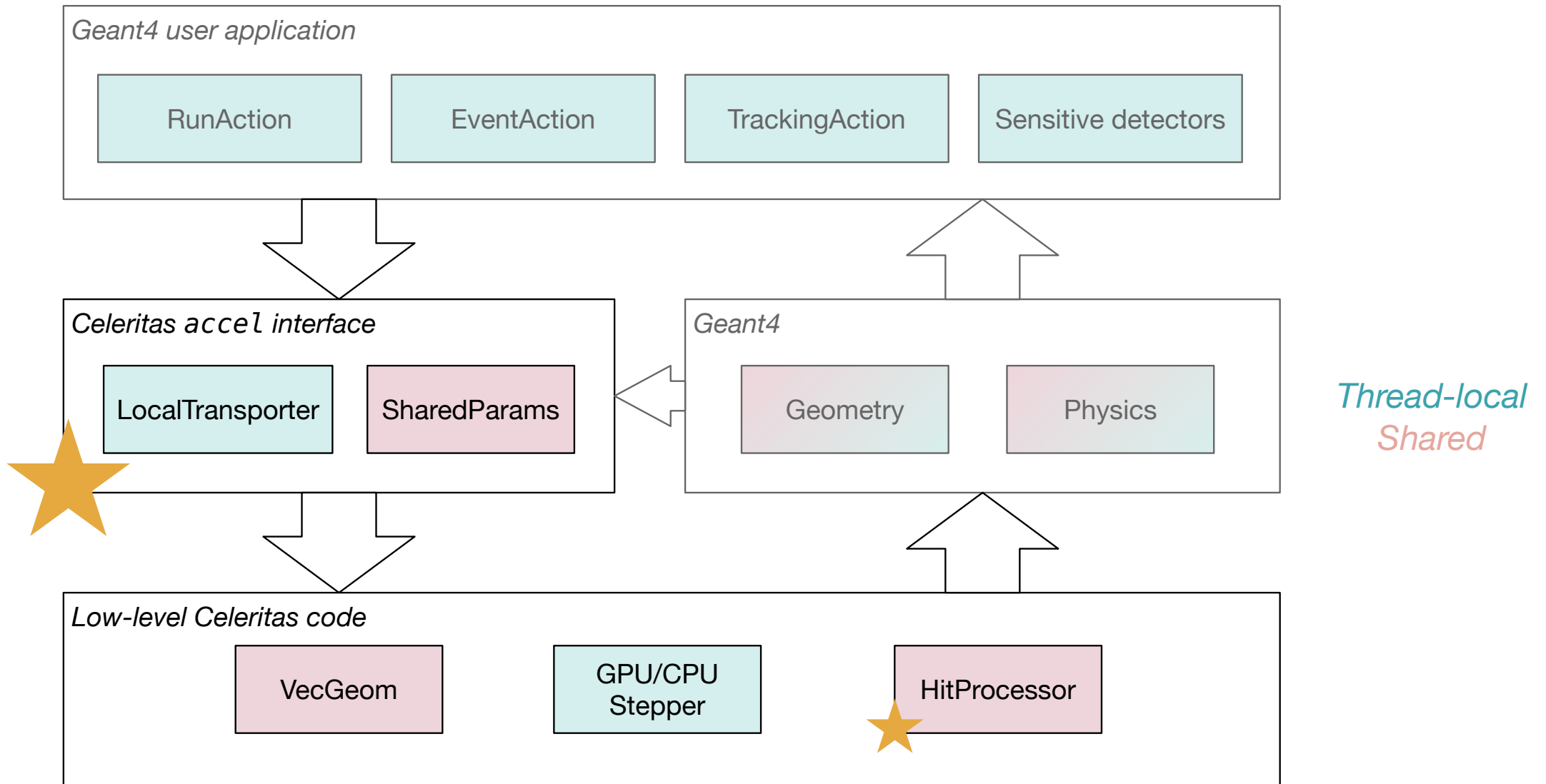


Regression/timing suite

- Run on single node of Summit at full capacity
 - 6 separate runs simultaneously (different seed for each)
 - Each run: 7 CPU (OpenMP) vs. 1 GPU (+1 CPU)
 - Demonstrate performance “loss” by neglecting GPU resources
- 1300 10 GeV e⁻ per event, 7 events per run
- Preliminary set of problem definitions
(working with AdePT team to develop)
- Initial optimizations
- Initial results are apples-to-apples



Geant4 interface library

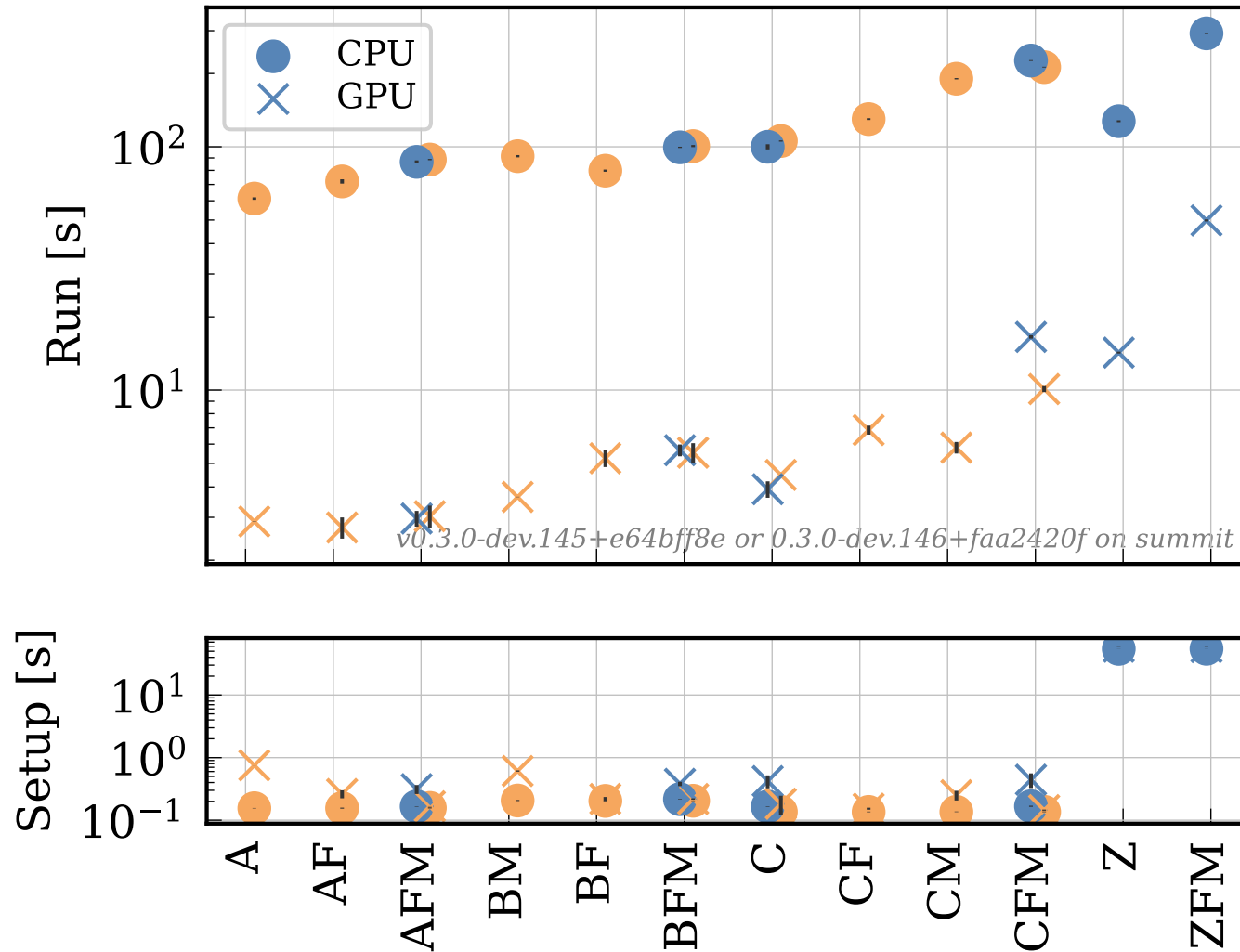


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*New code for v0.2



Regression problem run time



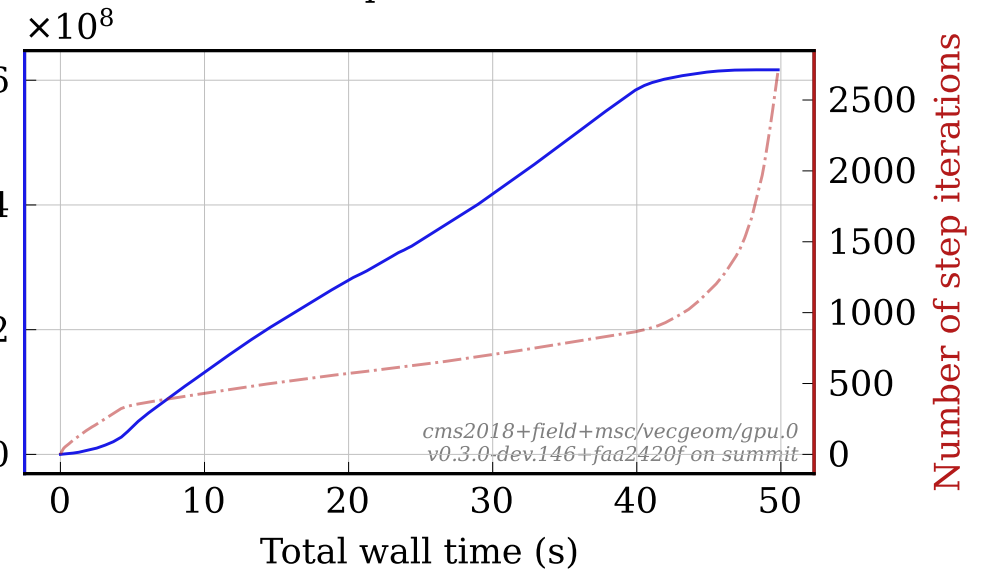
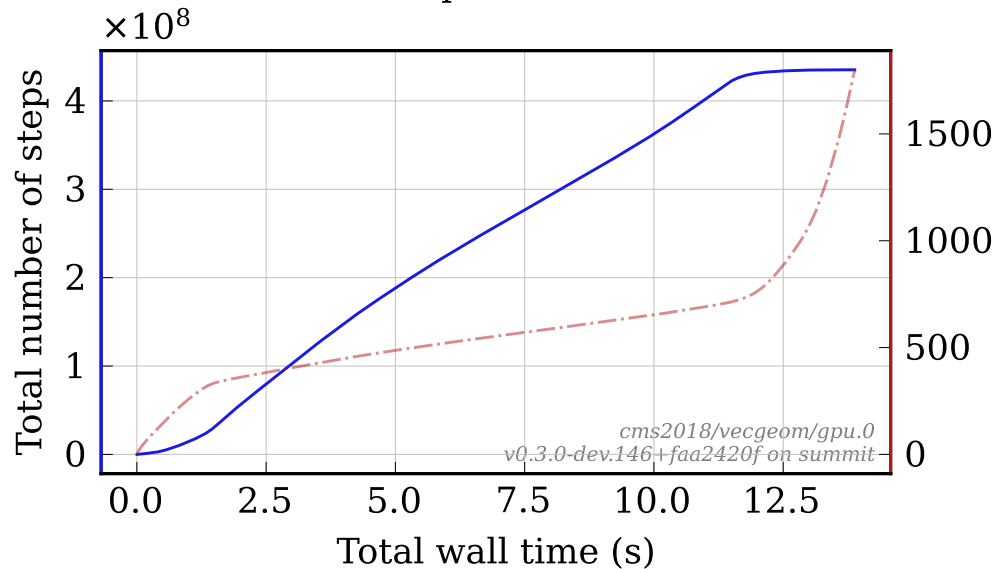
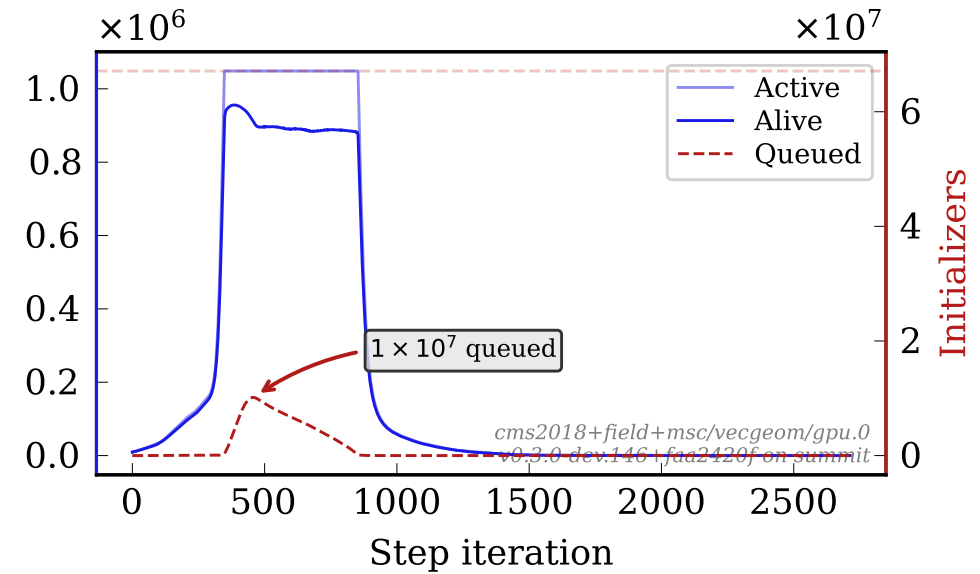
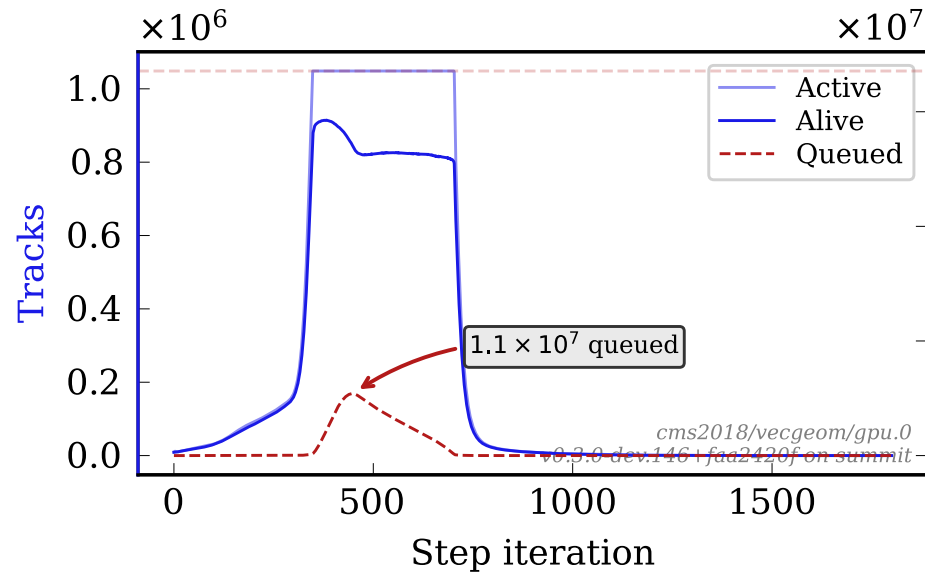
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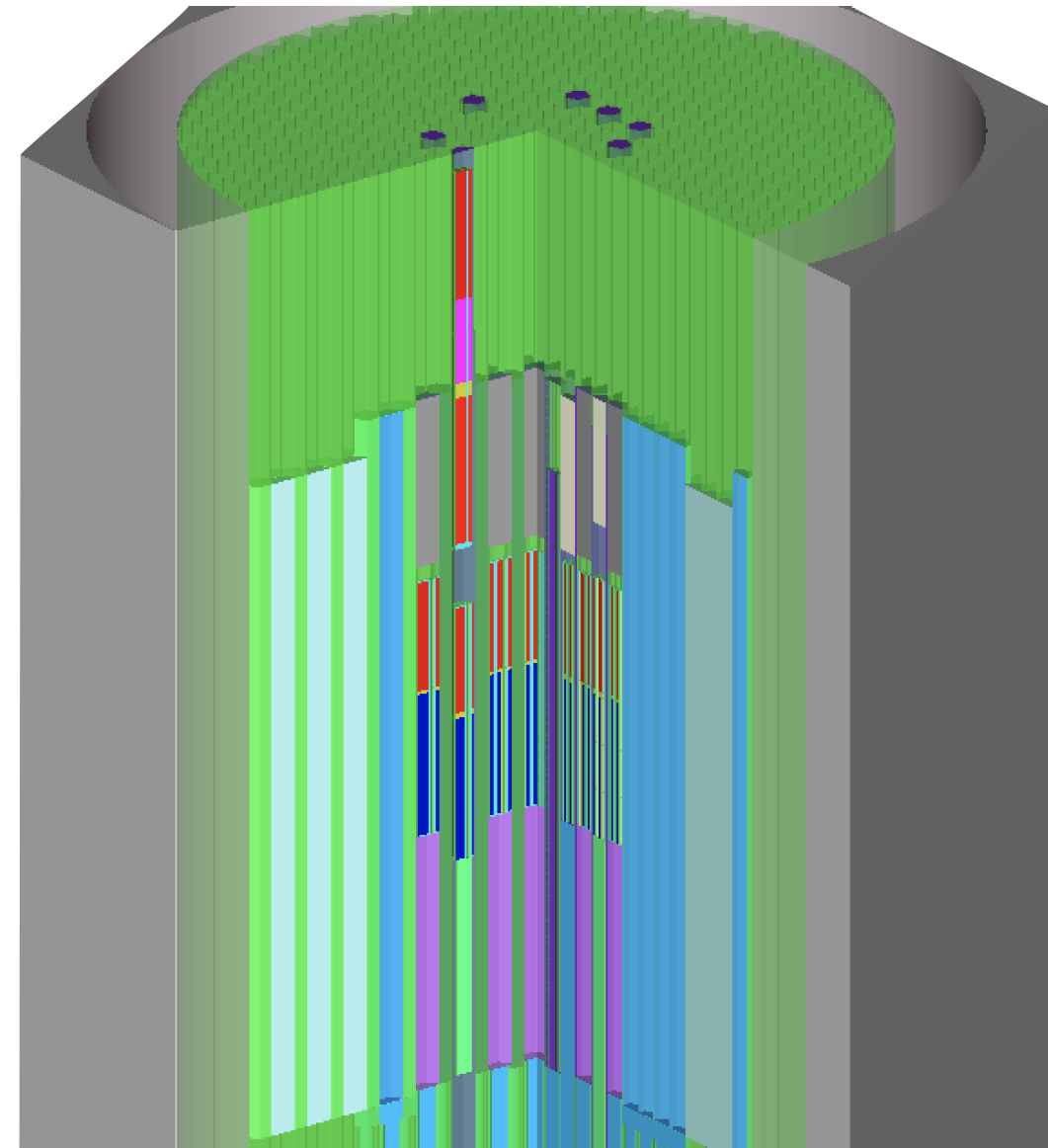
CMS2018 performance



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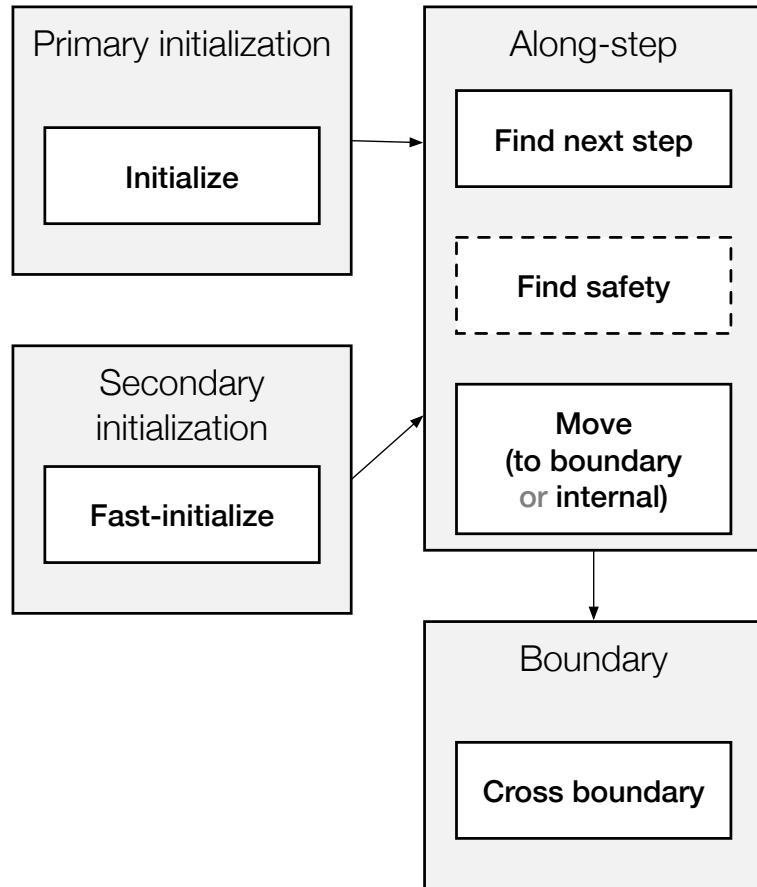
Oak Ridge Advanced Nested Geometry Engine

- Designed for deeply nested reactor models
- Portable (CUDA/HIP) geometry implementation for testing
- Tracking based on CSG tree of surfaces comprising volumes
- Maximize run-time performance by preprocessing

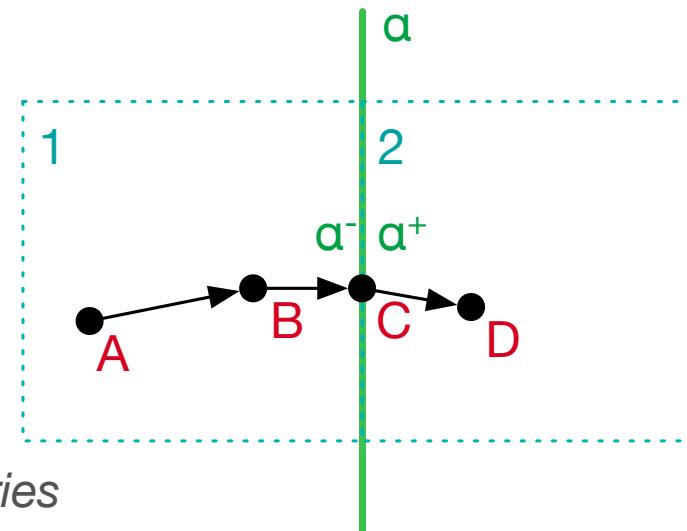


ORANGE surface-based tracking methodology

Celeritas geometry interface

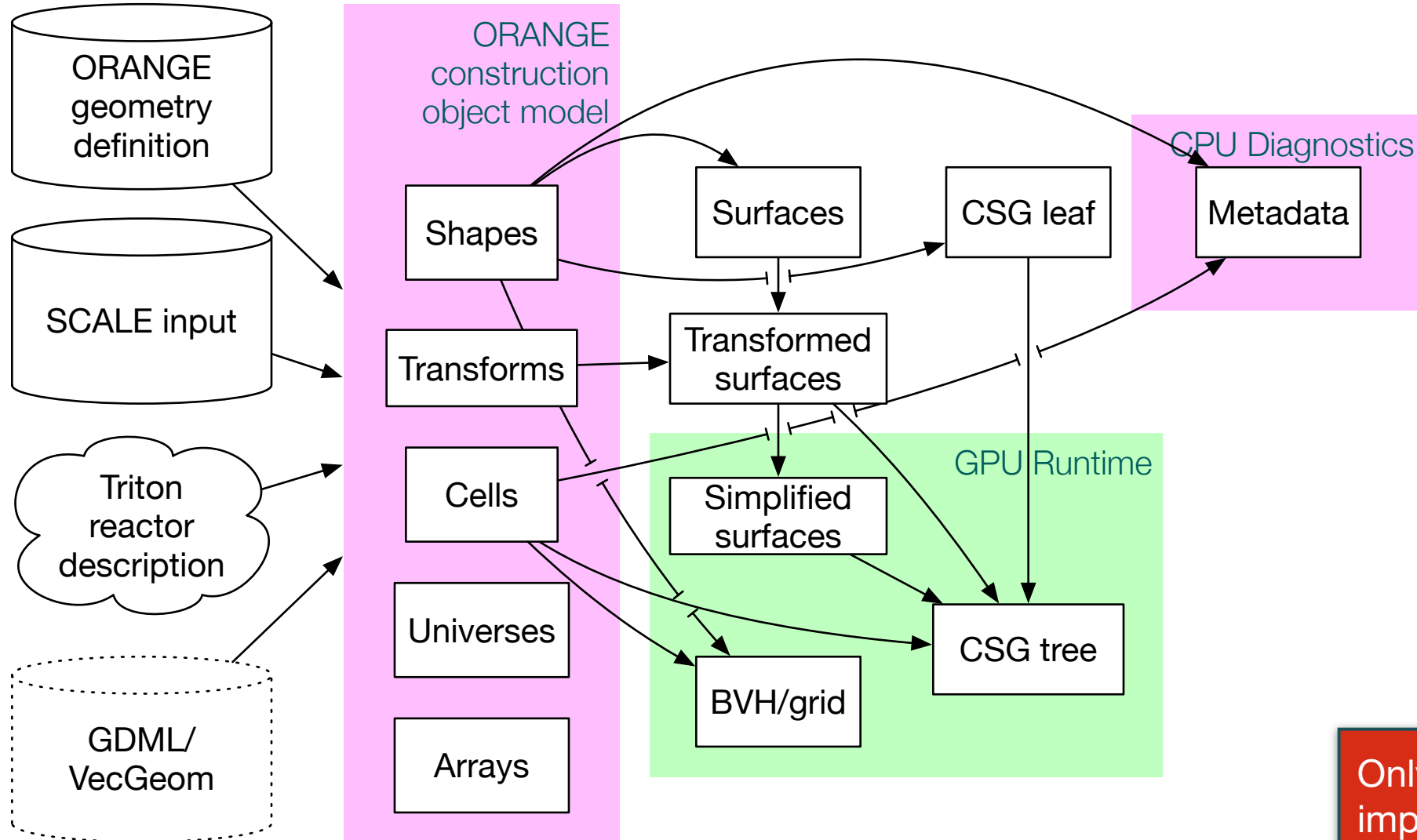


	Position	Volume	Surface+Sense
<i>(input)</i>	A	—	
Initialize	A	1	—
Find step	A	1	—
Move internal	B	1	—
Move to bdy	C	1	a inside
Cross bdy	C	2	a outside
Move internal	D	2	—



**exact handling of direction changes on boundaries*

ORANGE surface/volume construction



Only **partially** implemented in Celeritas ORANGE