



art framework status

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Outline

This talk is a high-level talk and not so much about framework capabilities.

- Recap of the past few years
- Why art is the way it is
- art's user community
- art's governance and development models
- Currently supported experiments and projects
- Items on the near and further-out horizons

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- Migrations to GitHub

All repositories and issues; no documentation yet.

- Significant steps forward with build system and Spack

See Chris Green's talk tomorrow

- Upgraded software stacks and compilers

As of art 3.13.02 (released last week), we have a distribution that supports C++20

- Token support

As of art 3.13.01/critic 1.12.02

As we restart development...

We need to understand where we are.

- Experiments are further along in their lifecycles than they were a few years ago
- art's development is more integrated with LArSoft than it used to be
- New ideas, technologies, constraints (etc.) have arisen in the last 4 years
- Some of the ideas we had 4 years ago may not make sense to pursue

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- **Human error**

Is the software tested? How well?

Are the *irreversible* parts of development understood?

art's user community

- Many art users are doing development for experiments that are not yet running:
 - Reconstruction algorithms not yet finalized
 - Workflows are under development
- They are often involved in multiple non-collider experiments at the same time.
- They are involved in software development including event-generation, material simulation, processing raw data, reconstruction, to analyzing quantities of physical interest.
- They are defining experiment-specific data models.
- They are generally willing to (drastically) rethink any stage of the physics workflow:
 - Event representation, exploring other I/O libraries, etc.

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- Each stakeholder has one or more representatives (or an art contact) that convey the needs of the stakeholder to the art developers.

Stakeholders meet bi-weekly (nominally every 2nd Tuesday at 9 am, CDT) at the art stakeholder meeting, where experiences are shared, and development decisions are sometimes made.

These meetings do not adhere to formal parliamentary procedure (it has never been necessary), but we do seek overwhelming stakeholder consensus when pursuing a direction that substantially affects stakeholders.

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- Experiment requirements established early on in art's development
- Strategic directions established by Fermilab's upper management
- Technological advances in (and limitations of) software and hardware
- Computing industry best practices
- Our own perceptions of what would be helpful for experiments

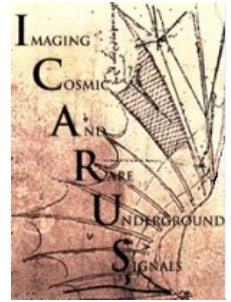
art provides the framework needs for ~2k physicists



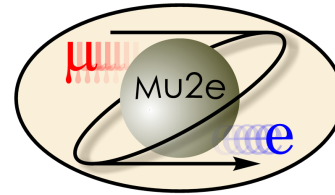
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Previous users



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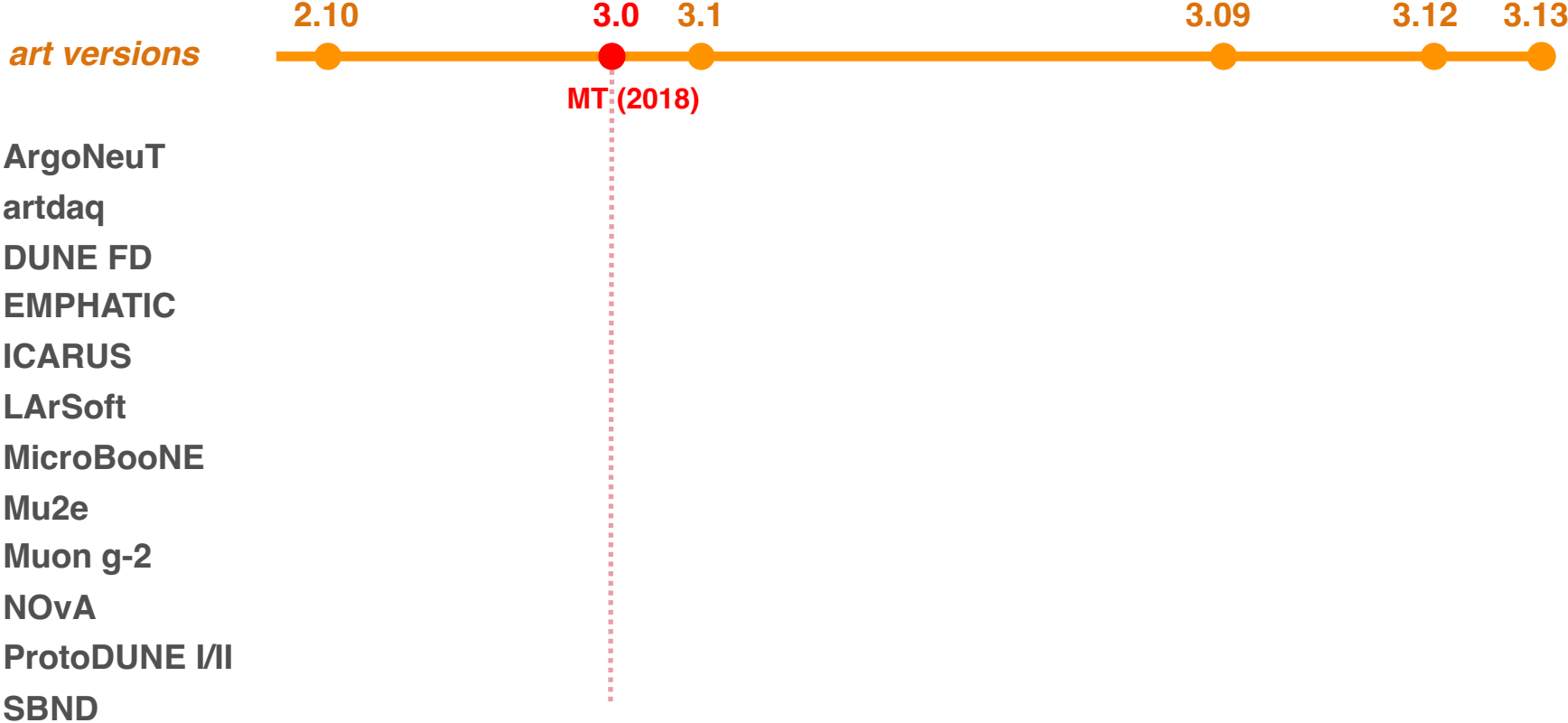
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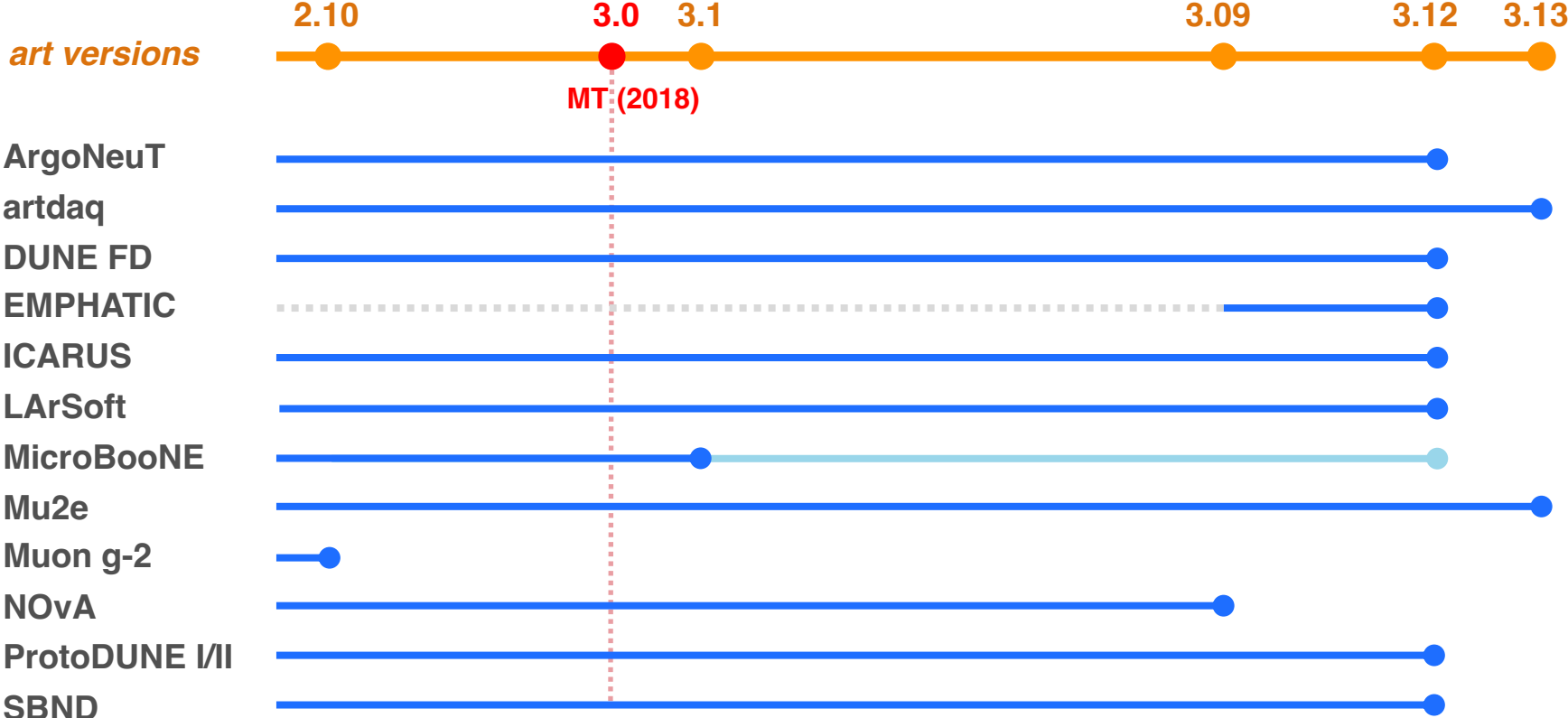


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Substantial non-framework effort expended by our developers.

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- **More items to be determined from this workshop...**

Conclusion

- Despite the feature freeze, art development has moved forward.
- Thank you for your patience.
- The art framework exists to support you.
- We expect changes down the road...and you will help us decide what those are.
- We look forward to your input at this workshop.
- We know there are things that could be better; let's talk about them.