



Key4hep

Core, Sim and Rec Tools for Future Colliders



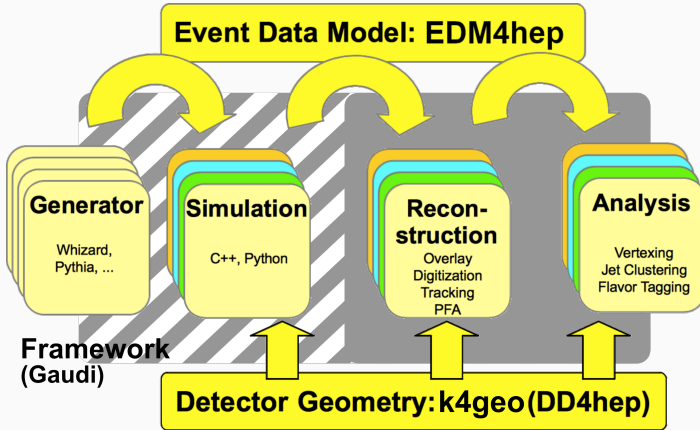
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From generation to analysis - the general workflow



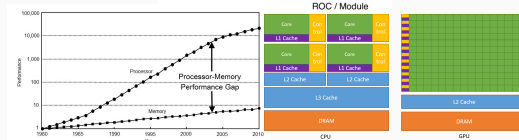
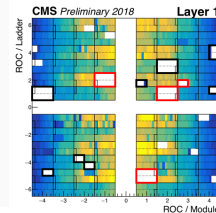
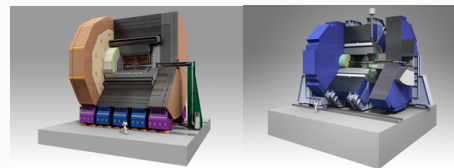
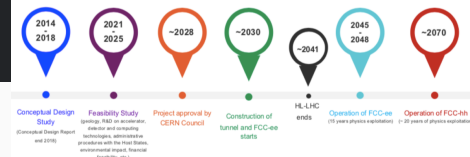
- Many steps involved from generating events to analyzing them
- Hundreds of SW packages
 - Building & deploying
 - Consistency
 - Reproducibility
- Try to give an overview of the **Key4hep** SW ecosystem



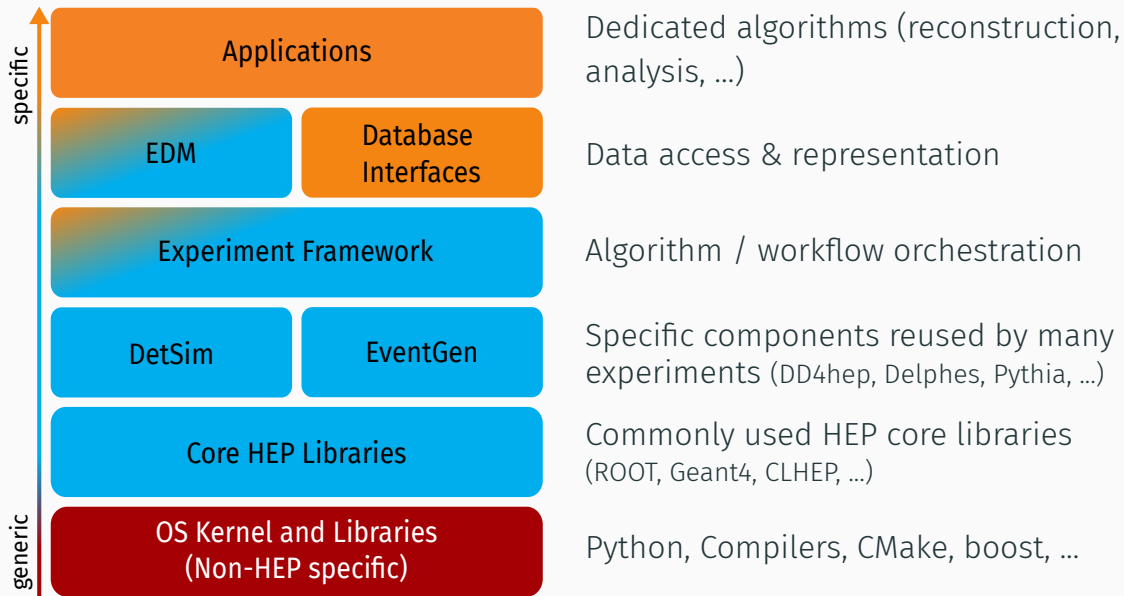
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Software Challenges in HEP

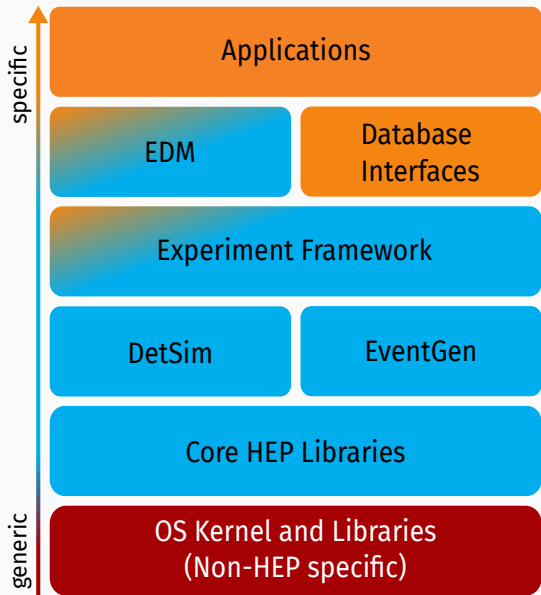
- Long lifetimes of experiments
- Shift of priorities throughout the evolution of an experiment
 - Conceptual and design work
 - Production and the real world
 - Continuous upgrades
 - **Avoid amassing “technical debt”**
- New technological developments potentially lead to new paradigms
 - Optimize resource usage 🌱
- Data preservation and ability to look at data in the future



HEP Software Stack



HEP Software Stack



- Pieces of software are not living in isolation
- Ecosystem of interacting components
- Compatibility between different elements doesn't come for free
 - Common standards can help a lot
- Building a consistent stack of software for an experiment is highly non-trivial
 - Benefits can be gained from using common approaches

Key4hep Motivation & Brief History

- Future detector studies require well maintained software
- Existing scattered landscape of HEP software
 - Dedicated tools for specific tasks
 - Integrated frameworks tailored to specific experiments
- Available person power for maintenance and development is limited
- Consensus to develop a common software stack @ [“2019 Bologna Workshop”](#)
 - Originally by **FCC, ILC, CLIC, CEPC**
 - By now also with contributions from **EIC, MuonCollider, ...**
- Support from major R&D initiatives
 - [CERN R&D for Future Experiments](#), [AIDAinnova WP12](#), ECFA

Key4hep goals

- Provide and maintain a consistent SW stack that allows to do physics studies for **all projects**
- Ensure interoperability of the necessary building blocks
- Reuse existing solutions where possible
 - A lot of experience from LHC experiments and LC communities
- Focus new developments on EW/Higgs factory specifics
- Share knowledge, processes, workflows and resources
 - Best practices, tutorials, documentation, ...



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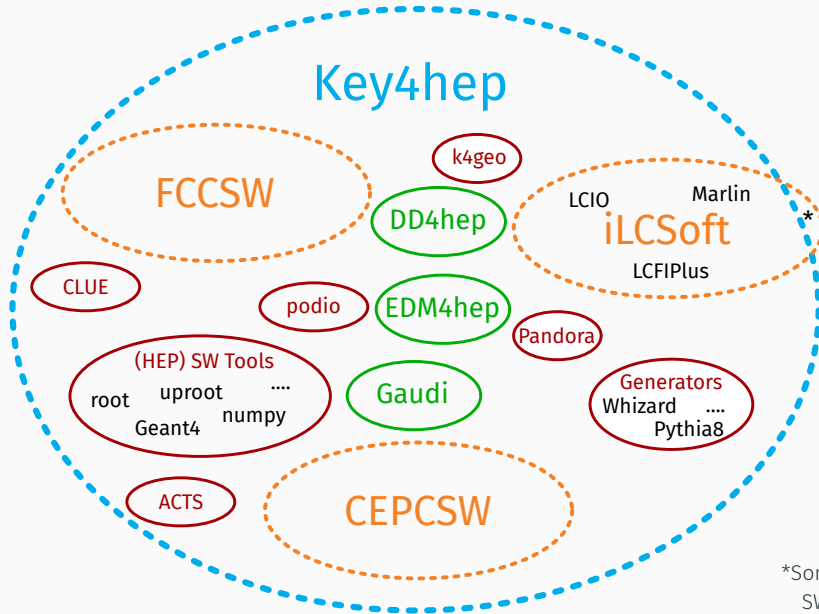


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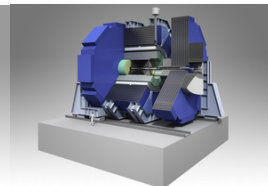
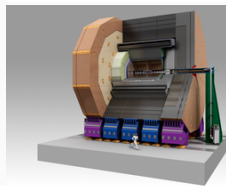
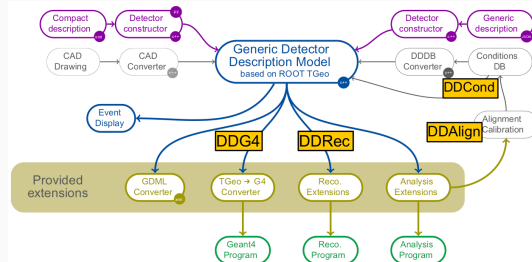
- Develop and maintain project specific software and workflows



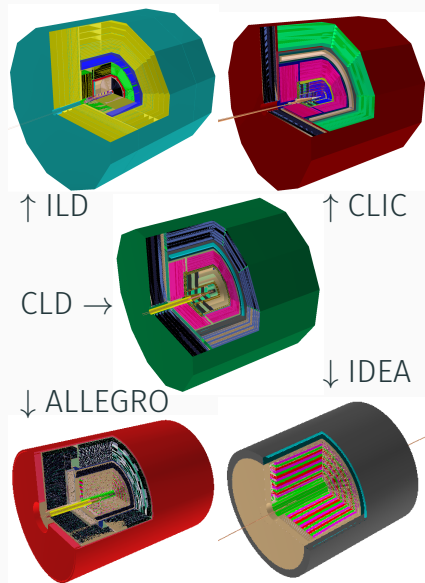
Key4hep (simplified) overview



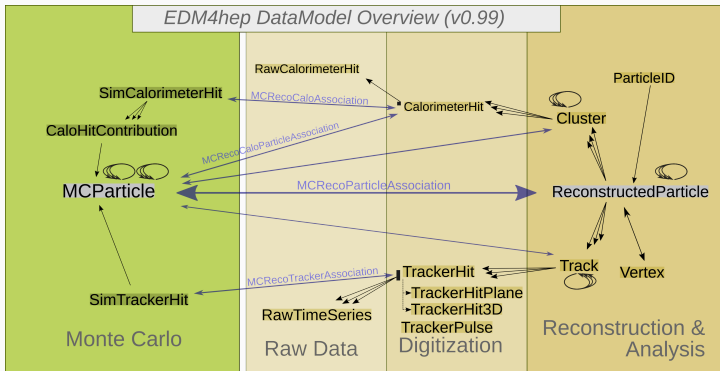
- Complete detector description
 - Geometry, materials, visualization, readout, alignment, calibration, ...
- From a **single source of information**
 - Simulation, reconstruction, analysis
- Comes with a powerful plug-in mechanism that allows customization
- More or less “industry standard” now
 - FCC, ILC, CLIC, EIC, LHCb, CMS, ODD, ...
- `ddsim` - standalone simulation executable



- Central repository for detector models
- Many existing detector models from LC studies
- Many recent developments for FCC detector concepts
- “Plug and play” approach for subdetectors
 - Use CLD inner tracker in ILD for TPC studies at FCC



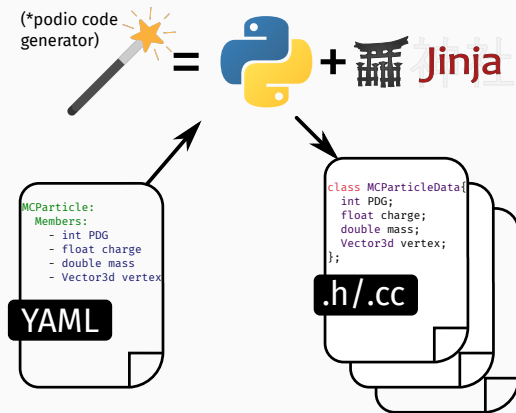
EDM4hep DataModel Overview (v0.99)




- Based on LCIO and FCC-edm
 - Focus on usability in reconstruction & analysis
- Currently finalizing v1.0
- Can easily be extended
 - Used by EDM4eic
 - Prototyping!
- Generated via `podio`

 [key4hep/EDM4hep](https://github.com/key4hep/EDM4hep)
edm4hep.web.cern.ch

- Implementing a performant event data model (EDM) is non-trivial
- Use podio to generate code starting from a high level description
- Provide an easy to use interface to the users
- **Version 1.0 just released!**



 [AIDASoft/podio](https://github.com/AIDASoft/podio)
key4hep.web.cern.ch/podio

Experiment Framework & Core components

- **Gaudi**, originally developed by LHCb, now also used by ATLAS, FCCSW and smaller experiments
 - Supports concurrency
 - “Battle-proven” from data taking during LHC operations
- Key4hep has decided to adapt **Gaudi** as its experiment framework
 - Contribute to its development where necessary

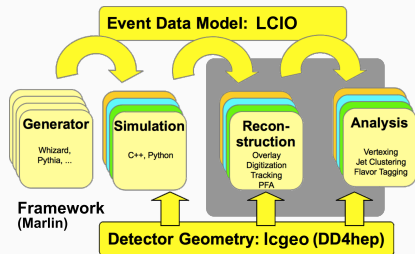
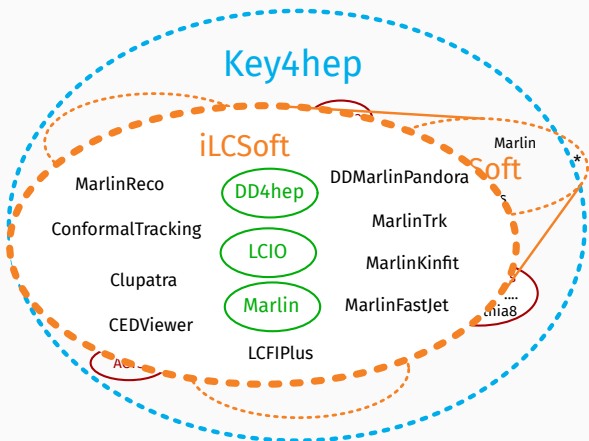


The **k4FWCore** package



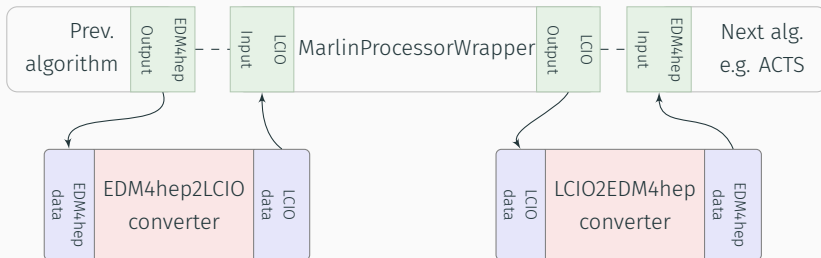
- Providing core functionality, e.g.
 - Data Service for EDM4hep / podio inputs
 - **k4run** for running options files

iLCSoft - The trove of existing solutions



- Full suite of reconstruction & analysis tools
- Used in numerous productions for LC studies

- Wraps Marlin processor in a Gaudi algorithm and allows to run them unchanged
- Automatic, on-the-fly conversion between LCIO and EDM4hep
- Allows to “mix and match” existing reconstruction algorithms with new developments
 - Working horse for many full simulation studies at the moment



Keyhep releases and nightlies

- (Rolling) latest release of the complete Key4hep software stack
 - Full stacks for AlmaLinux9, Ubuntu22.04, (CentOS7)

`/cvmfs/sw.hsf.org/key4hep/setup.sh`

`/cvmfs/sw-nightlies.hsf.org/key4hep/setup.sh`

- Documentation

- key4hep.github.io/key4hep-doc
- Includes tutorials & How-tos

- **Release early and release often**

- Make fixes available early
- Discover problems and collect feedback as early as possible

- Biweekly, alternating meetings for Key4hep & EDM4hep

- indico.cern.ch/category/11461/

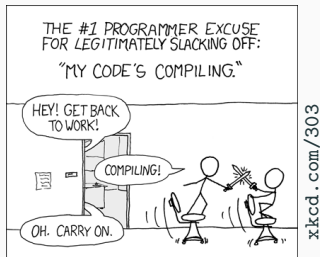
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Setting up the latest Key4hep software stack from CVMFS
Note that you are using the latest stack, which may point to a newer stack in
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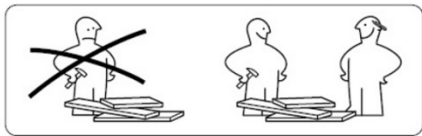
If you have any issues, comments or requests, open an issue at https://github.
com/key4hep/key4hep-spack/issues
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Summary

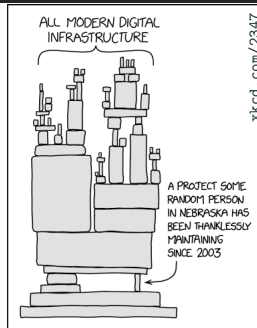
- Key4hep aims to provide a common software stack for all future collider projects
- **Very successful in bringing together communities and focusing on common approaches**
- In use for physics studies by several communities already
- Finalizing first versions of core components
- Ongoing efforts towards more “native Key4hep algorithms”
- No shortage of work
 - Contact us (T. Madlener, F. Gaede) if you want to get involved




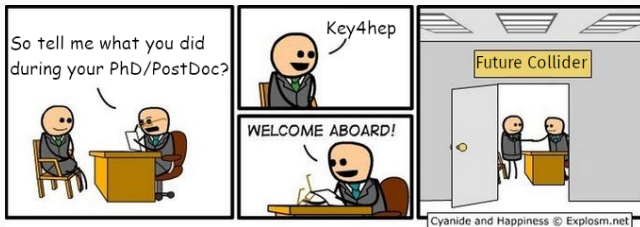
A few convincing arguments



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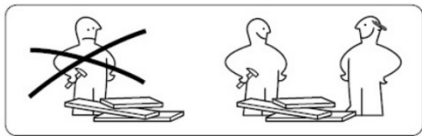


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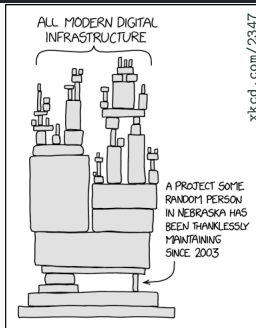



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 - Create your own area of work
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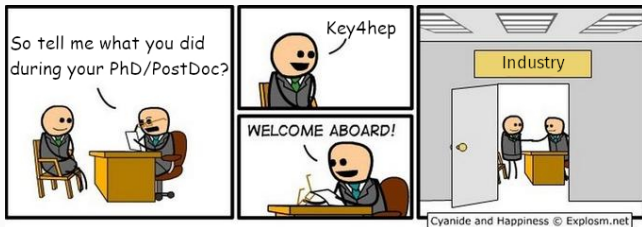
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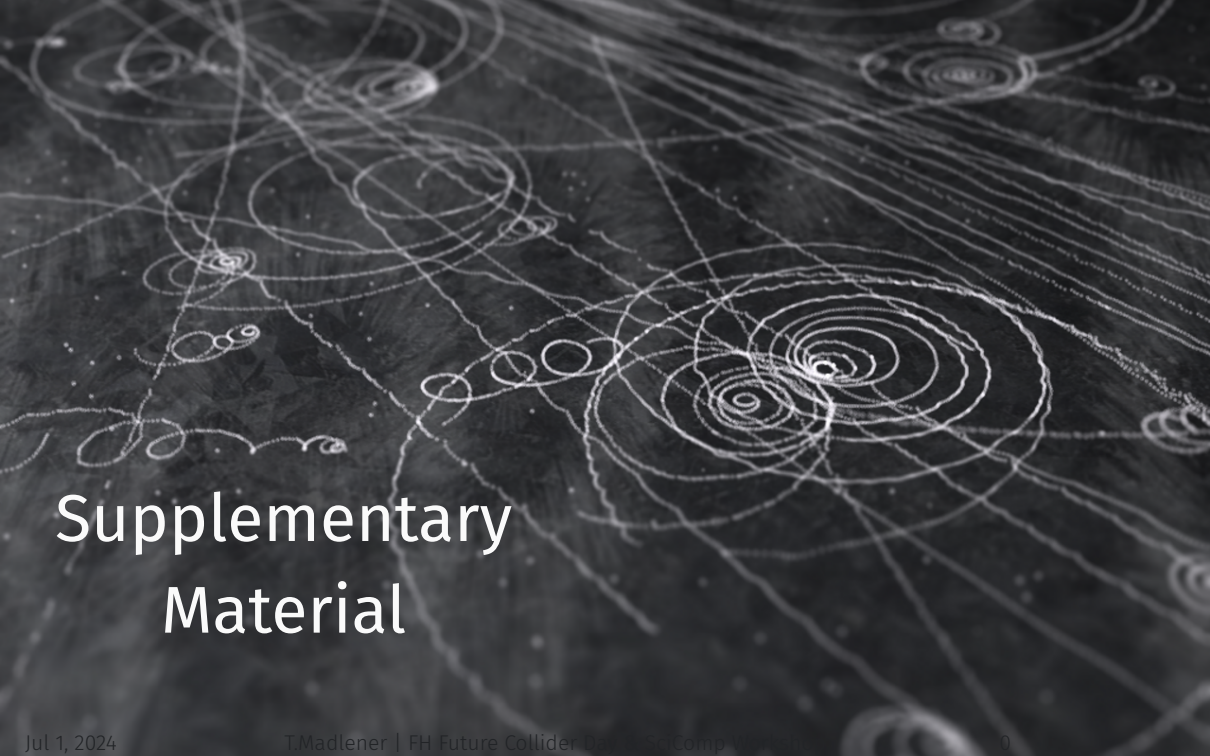


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The background of the slide is a black and white image of particle detector tracks. These tracks are thin, white, and highly complex, showing a variety of patterns including straight lines, spirals, and concentric circles. They are distributed across the entire frame, with some areas being more densely populated than others. The overall effect is one of intricate, chaotic energy.

Supplementary Material

Pointers to software (re)sources

- Key4hep

key4hep.github.io/key4hep-doc

 [key4hep](https://github.com/key4hep) - github organisation

- EDM4hep

 [key4hep/EDM4hep](https://github.com/key4hep/EDM4hep)

cern.ch/edm4hep

- DD4hep

 [AIDASoft/DD4hep](https://github.com/AIDASoft/DD4hep)


dd4hep.web.cern.ch

- podio

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- FCCSW


 [HEP-FCC](https://github.com/HEP-FCC) - github organisation



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Spack for Key4hep



- [Spack](#) is a package manager
 - Independent of operating system
 - Builds all packages from source
- Originally developed by the HPC community
 - Emphasis on dealing with **multiple configurations** of the same package
- Basic building block is a formalized build procedure → **spack recipe**
 - Build instructions, dependencies, versions and location of source code
 - ~ 8000 packages currently available from spack
 - Many Key4hep packages in  [key4hep/key4hep-spack](https://github.com/key4hep/key4hep-spack)
- The whole Key4hep software stack can be built from scratch using spack

`spack install key4hep-stack`

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 - Core Key4hep framework providing core functionality, e.g.
 - Data Service for EDM4hep / podio inputs
 - Overlay for backgrounds
- **k4SimDelphes** for Delphes fast simulation  [key4hep/k4SimDelphes](https://github.com/key4hep/k4SimDelphes)
- **k4MarlinWrapper** Marlin proc. wrapper  [key4hep/k4MarlinWrapper](https://github.com/key4hep/k4MarlinWrapper)
- Many packages migrated from FCCSW to Key4hep
 - **k4SimGeant4** for Geant4 simulation integration  [HEP-FCC/k4SimGeant4](https://github.com/HEP-FCC/k4SimGeant4)
 - **k4Gen** for generic generator interface  [HEP-FCC/k4Gen](https://github.com/HEP-FCC/k4Gen)
 - ...
- Ongoing work to integrate more components
 - ACTS tracking framework  [acts-project/acts](https://github.com/acts-project/acts) |  [key4hep/k4ActsTracking](https://github.com/key4hep/k4ActsTracking)
 - CLUE fast clustering algorithms  [.cern.ch/kalos/CLUE](https://cern.ch/kalos/CLUE) |  [key4hep/k4CLUE](https://github.com/key4hep/k4CLUE)