Strategy for Migrating the LHCb Software to the GAUDI Framework

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OO Migration Project

Final objective:

- Produce a complete set of fully functional data processing applications using exclusively OO technology.
- Sub-objectives:
 - » Provide a fully functional framework (GAUDI)
 - » Assemble new and old algorithms into a single complete suit of data processing applications. Be able to run productions.
 - » Convert all the existing FORTRAN code to C++
- Phases:
 - Framework development phase
 - Transition phase
 - Consolidation phase

Framework development phase

- At the end of this phase the GAUDI framework should be functionally complete
 - Data access services
 - Generic event model
 - Generic detector description model
 - Data visualization
 - Basic set of services
- Develop some physics algorithms to prove architecture concept
- We started this phase one year ago
- We expect to be completed by middle of November

Transition phase

- At the end of this phase we should be able to reconstruct and analyze simulated data within the GAUDI framework. The Monte Carlo data production will still be done using Sicb.
- Incorporate reconstruction and analysis parts of SICb in the GAUDI framework - wrap FORTRAN code
 - Analyse SICb to identify all modules, their inputs and outputs
 - Develop a complete OO event data model
 - Write converters to allow access to data in both formats
- Development of new algorithms can proceed within GAUDI
- Caveats
 - temporarily will live with two representations of geometry
 - lot of work to make converters in both directions

Transition Phase (2)



Consolidation phase

- At the end of this phase we should be able to retire the FORTRAN compiler and libraries
- Re-engineer algorithms to use standard GAUDI services
- Replace wrapped FORTRAN code incrementally
- Specialize generic detector descriptions to concrete sub-detectors
- Incorporate Geant4

Planning

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	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
Architecture Design										
Gaudi Development v1										
Gaudi Development v2										
Gaudi Development v3										
Framework Functional										
Analysis Sicb										
Transition phase		 								
Production program								◆		
Consolidation phase										
Migration completed										