

# Steering / Output

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# Steering

- process sequence fixed at compile time
- most settings used to be hard-coded in examples
- now via cmd-line parameters
- not everything covered yet
- [CLI11](#) library, supports reading from config file, too

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Usage: bin/corsika-py8 [OPTIONS]

Options:
  -h, --help                Print this help message and exit

Primary:
  -Z INT:INT in [0 - 26] Excludes: --pdg
                          Atomic number for primary
  -A INT:INT in [1 - 58] Needs: -Z Excludes: --pdg
                          Atomic mass number for primary
  -p, --pdg Excludes: -Z -A PDG code for primary.
  -E, --energy :POSITIVE REQUIRED
                          Primary energy in GeV
  -z, --zenith :FLOAT in [0 - 90]=0
                          Primary zenith angle (deg)
  -a, --azimuth :FLOAT in [0 - 360]=0
                          Primary azimuth angle (deg)

Library/Output:
  -N, --nevent INT:POSITIVE=1 The number of events/showers to run.
  -f, --filename :PATH(non-existing)=corsika_library REQUIRED
                          Filename for output library.

Misc.:
  -s, --seed :NONNEGATIVE=0 The random number seed.
  --emcut :NONNEGATIVE=1 EM particle cut energy in GeV
  --hadcut :NONNEGATIVE=1 Hadron/muon particle cut energy in GeV
  --hadron-transition :NONNEGATIVE=63.1
                          transition energy Low/high-energy hadronic int
  --force-interaction Force the location of the first interaction.
  -v, --verbosity :{warn,info,debug,trace}=info
                          Verbosity level: warn, info, debug, trace.
```

# Output

- docs for users
- combination of directories, yaml and parquet files
- yaml for metadata (human readable)
- parquet for binary, tabular data
- single files for multiple showers per run
- output of all input variables still missing! (reproducibility!)
- logging to stdout

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em_shower_outputs
├── config.yaml
├── dEdX
│   ├── config.yaml
│   ├── dEdX.parquet
│   └── summary.yaml
├── particles
│   ├── config.yaml
│   ├── particles.parquet
│   └── summary.yaml
├── profile
│   ├── config.yaml
│   └── profile.parquet
├── summary.yaml
├── tracks
│   ├── config.yaml
│   └── tracks.parquet
```

# Architecture

- `OutputManager(directory)`
  - `.add("subdir", someWriter)`
- `Writer`
  - `startOfLibrary(subdirectory)`
  - `startOfShower(showerID)`
  - `endOfShower(showerID)`
  - `endOfLibrary()`
- `Cascade(..., outputManager)`
  - informs `OutputManager` about start/end of shower, which then calls `Writer` callbacks

# Other formats

- Radio stores signal traces in numpy (.npz) archive
- boost::histogram serialization into .npz
  - Python module to de-serialize into `boost_histogram.Histogram`

# Issues / discussion

- shower library: N showers / 1 run vs. 1 shower / N runs have different output
- parquet heavy dependency (arrow) (in C++ and Python)
- parquet for more than 2 dim?
- Python: what if file size > memory? chunked automatically when reading/analysing?