

Corsika 8

- Input & Steering -

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Settings vs Compilation

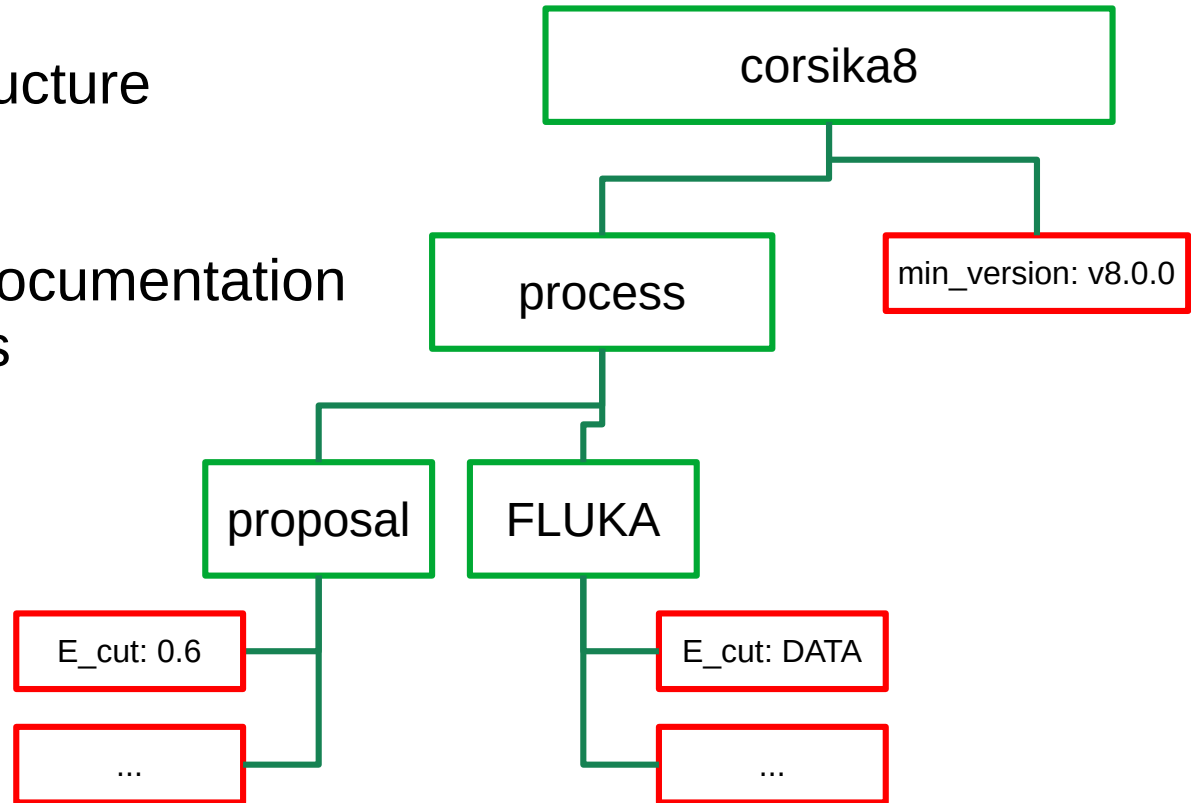
Which fundamental settings should be controllable during runtime without recompilation?

Still open for discussion

- Input File(s) -

At the moment YAML

- Flexible with clear structure
- Human r/w
- Requires very clear documentation of all possible settings



- Command Line -

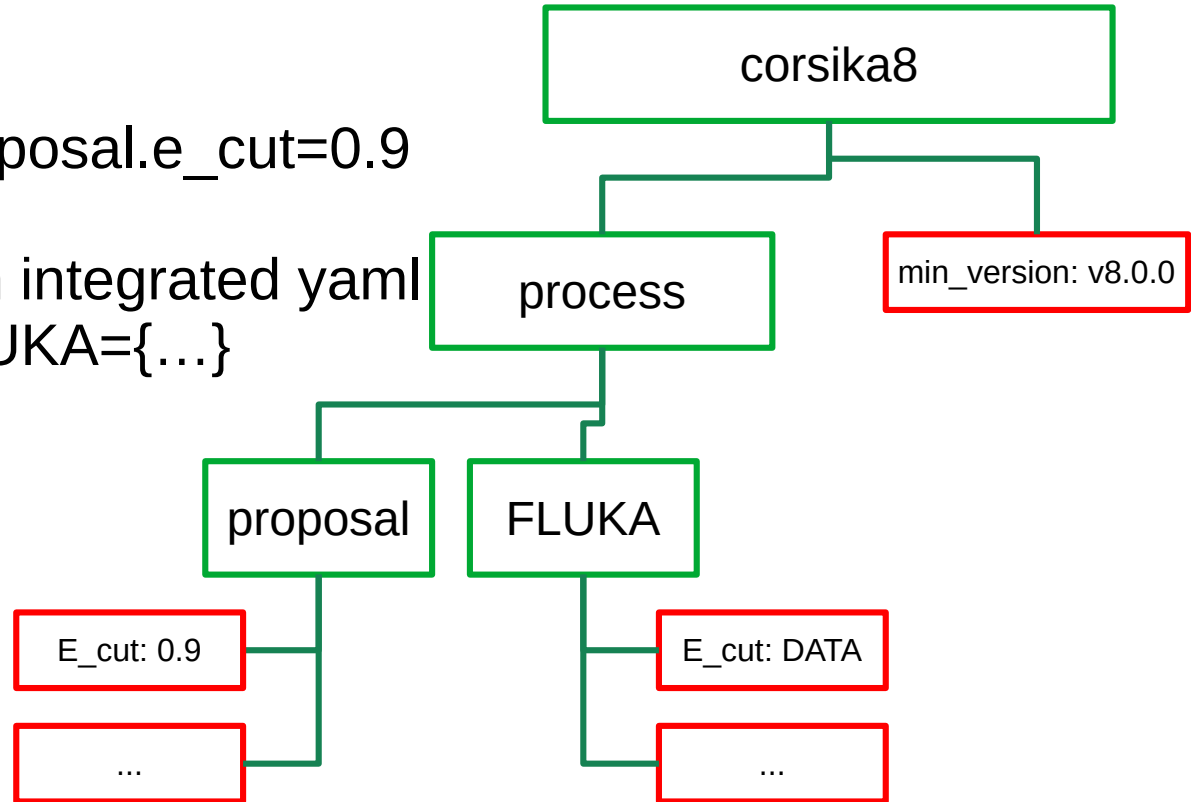
Precedence over file

- Direct control

`corsika8.process.proposal.e_cut=0.9`

- Subtree patching with integrated yamli

`corsika8.process.FLUKA={...}`



- Abstraction & Synchronization Layer -

Input Stage



Global / Singleton



Thread Barrier / Mutex



Proposal

C'tor: `e_cut = Scontrol.register<Proposal>(name, desc, unit, required, default, ...)`

Function / where needed: `e_cut.get()`
`Scontrol.get<Proposal>("name", ...)`



- Abstraction -

Why register?

→ Information's for user -h or `--dump_config` for example files

Why no callbacks?

→ Cleanup and rebuilding required during parameter change, error prone better to be kept in d'tor

Why templates?

→ Avoid name duplication for input variables

→ Classes needs to inherit from some baseclass to set `name="..."`

→ Fallback `typeid.name` but compiler dependent

Interlude

- OpenMPI Parallelization -

Fixed

vs

Elastic

- Allocation of X Cores on Y Nodes
- Calculate predefined task
- Finish Jobs after calculations are done

- Allocation of available hardware
- Jobs wait active for tasks
- Finish Jobs wait for new tasks

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- hardly compatible with modern principles
 - Easy to implement

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- flexible and follows modern principles
 - Harder to implement

- Abstraction & Synchronization Layer -

How to handle fixed parallelization?

→ nothing special, provide steering information from the start

How to handle elastic parallelization?

- Initialize instance as Controller or Responder with minimal steering data
- Rebuild everything for each new set of control parameters
- optimization possibilities for later if really required

```
while(sync.keepAlive())  
    SControl.get_data(sync)  
    corsika8.main()
```