

# Simulation: ECHEP in 6 Months

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# This is meant to provoke discussion

- In 6 months, we cannot solve all of our problems
- But maybe we can develop and quantify a generalized strategy
- And maybe we can all work together to make sure it comes about

# Full Simulation

- Will always need full simulation to some level
  - E.g. Fast Sim models require training on some sort of dataset.
  - Cannot have data-driven calibration on everything
- How do we balance the simulation needs of all involved parties?

# Geant4

- Used by all
- Gains in performance demonstrated, but is more still possible?
- What level of focus do we want to put here?
  - Quantification of FTE impact is needed
  - Are there further GPU strategies to be explored?
  - Which are also not locked to vendor? Does that matter?
- Pushing coupling of FastSim for specific parts of Geant4 physics?
- Conversations from the workshop: Do we want to pursue a "fast Geant4" option building on Geant4 physics with a different code base for specialized architectures?

# Fast Simulation

- Fast simulation techniques are/will become necessary for LHC experiments
- Biggest question: What is the speed to detail ratio we want?
- Mix and match of fast and full simulation allows us to gain where we want to, without sacrificing performance where we can't → benchmark
- Are there "best practices" that we can push?
- "Selective" fast simulation within an event?

# Interplays

- Can we learn from each other to make simulation better for all?
  - Thread-safety enforced throughout simulation components
  - Can we take an LHCb Allen like strategy and ask what is possible when everything is written for GPU from scratch?
  - Moving to industry supported solutions has a longer lifetime
    - Containerization
    - Is there a use case for SYCL within full simulation?

# Deliverables in 6 months

## Full Simulation

- Can we define benchmark numbers to compare against and test physics models to give a scale?
- First look into SYCL feasibility
- ...

## Geant4

- Estimate influence of HEP FTE on product
- Further explore in depth possible fast simulation connections directly with imported geometry
- ...

## Fast Simulation

- Cross-collaboration experiment independent calorimeter simulation?
- Identify cross-experiment comparison case
- Define key measure, show tests on this experiment case
- ...

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# Possible Deliverables for Generators

## Generators

- Run profilers on all generators + patches  
→ feed back to authors
- Explore cross-collaboration use of generated samples
- ...