



Advanced Machine Learning. Flash Simulation and bleeding edge applications

FlashSim: September status report with a focus on the Production strategy towards M12

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KPIs

KPI ID	Description	Acceptance threshold	2024-09-24
KPI2.2.1.1	N_{MC} billion events obtained from ML-based simulation, as demonstrated by official links in experiments' simulation databases	$N_{MC} \geq 1$	2.3 M events (completed: 0.2%)
KPI2.2.1.2	N_{EXP} experiments have tested a machine-learning based simulation	$N_{EXP} \geq 2$	3 experiment (completed: 150%)
KPI2.2.1.3	Machine-learning use-cases tested in the context of the CN were presented at N_{CONF} international and national events	$N_{CONF} \geq 3$	8 use-cases (since Sept. '23) (completed: 267%)
KPI2.2.1.4	N_{UC} different machine-learning use-cases were tested in the context of the CN and made available in git repositories	$N_{UC} \geq 5$	4 use-cases (completed: 80%)

List of conferences for KPI2.2.1.3

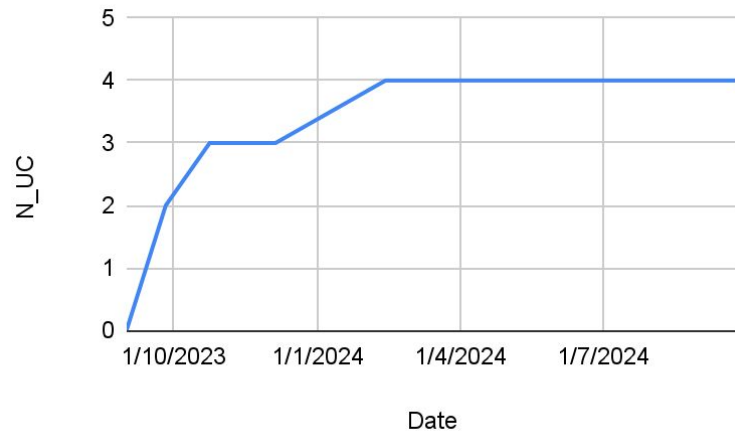
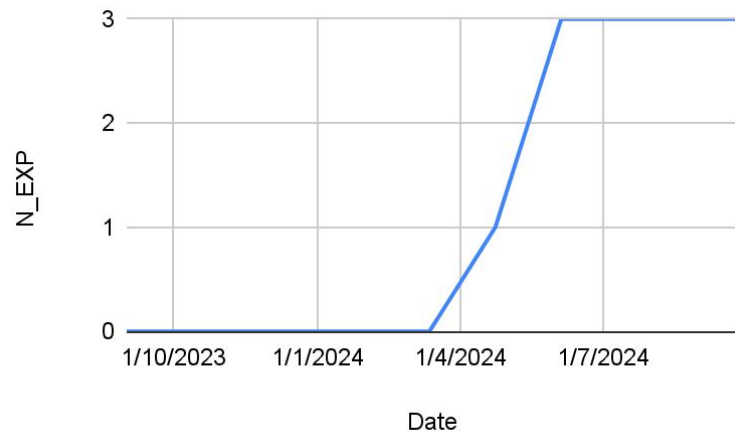
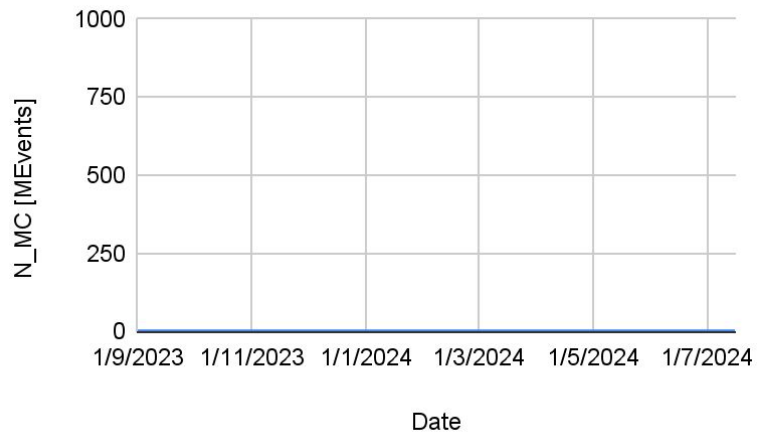
1. L.A., Generative models at the LHC, ALPACA workshop 2023, Trento
2. B. Camaiani, Example of adaptation domain in High Energy Physics, XAI 2023, Milano
3. A. Papanastassiou, “Anomaly detection with autoencoders for data quality monitoring in HEP”, XAI 2023, Milano
4. M. Mazurek (CERN), *Lamarr: implementing the flash-simulation paradigm at LHCb*, ACAT 2024
5. F. Simone, *Anomaly detection for data quality monitoring of the CMS detector*, AISSAI 2024
6. F. Corchia, *Tecniche computazionali avanzate per la simulazione veloce del calorimetro dell’esperimento ATLAS*, IFAE 2024
7. M. Barbetti, *The flash-simulation of the LHCb experiment using the Lamarr framework*, EuCAIFCon 2024
8. F. Vaselli, *FlashSim: an end-to-end fast simulation prototype using Normalizing Flow*, EuCAIFCon 2024

List of use-cases tested on the platform (%)

- Lamarr, the ultra-fast simulation option for the LHCb experiment (tracking parametrizations)
- Lamarr, the ultra-fast simulation option for the LHCb experiment (particle identification and neutral reconstruction parametrizations)
- Theory-independent classifiers for the data analysis with the CMS experiment
- Machine-learning-based simulation of the response of resistive solid-state detector to the charge generated by a traversing minimum-ionizing particle
- + Preliminary discussion with Muhammad Numan Anwar to bring HPO in the Cloud platform



KPIs



Status of the resources integration

Focus is now on integration with ICSC resources allocated by RAC.

- **CINECA Leonardo Booster:** using the official slurm plugin
Status: can submit simple jobs, work needed for integration with FlashSim workflow
ICSC RAC allocated 200000 core-hours
- **INFN Tier-1:** recently deployed an InterLink plugin connecting to the condor-CE
Status: can submit simple jobs, odd behaviour of apptainer+fuse (debugging...)
ICSC RAC promised 100 core on Cloud resources, we are trying to assess batch resources instead (more efficient).

Paper on the infrastructure (“Developing Artificial Intelligence in the Cloud...”) in preparation for [Computer Science Journal](#) currently in circulation.

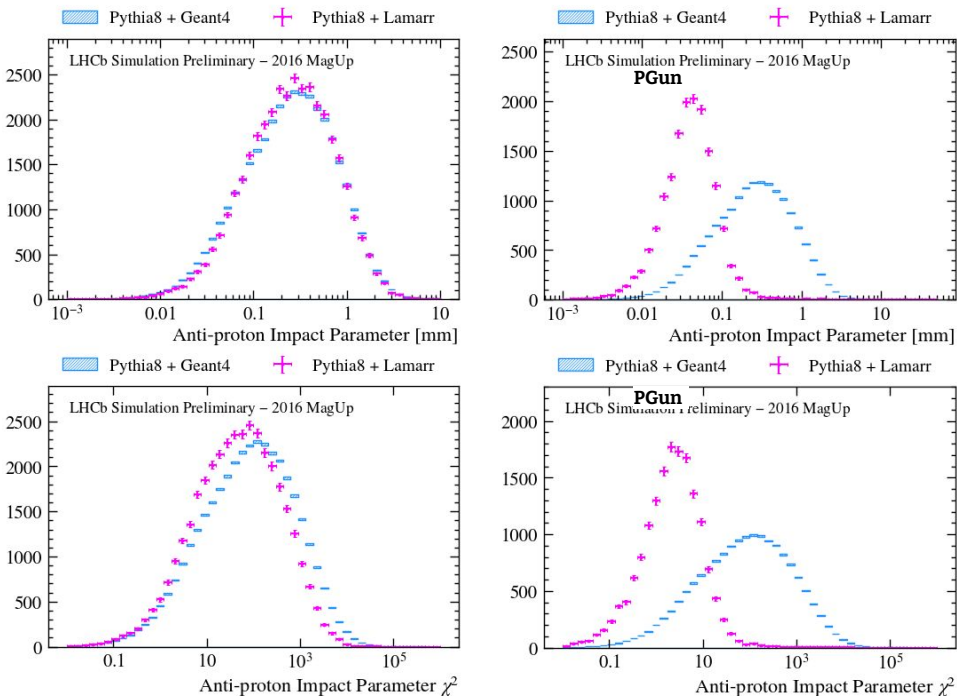
Status of the Flash Sim framework (Lamarr)

Overall good agreement of the parametrized response with the full simulation when using **Pythia8** as generator.

Some problems arose when **importing primary vertices** imported with ParticleGun and is being investigated.

Enabling particle guns will introduce **further speed up in validation** of the new parametrizations.

Lamarr simulation framework

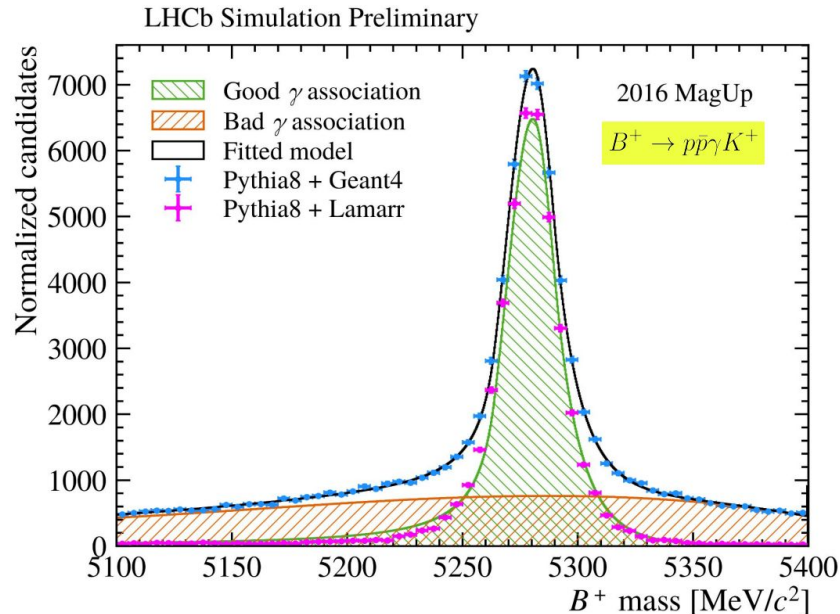


Status of the development of parametrizations

Activity on the parametrization of the calorimeter response for photons.

1 photon \rightarrow 1 cluster parametrization is rough,
 n photons $\rightarrow k$ clusters extremely challenging

We produced the training sample for a
 1 photon $\rightarrow k$ clusters parametrization
 which will be insufficient for a complete
 parametrization of the background, but may be
 enough for the signal.



Additional detail in Matteo Barbetti's
[talk at ICHEP 2024](#)



Next steps

1. We need to answer to ICSC on the possibility of switching from cloud to **batch CPUs**. Enabling Tier-1 CPUs via InterLink would also be an important milestone towards mixed HTC/HPC workloads. Infrastructure activity will be presented at **CHEP**, in 1 month.
2. Framework side, we need to enable **ParticleGun generator** to achieve further speed up in the simulation.
3. We produced a new training sample for studies on the parametrization of the photons, which we could use to prepare hands-on/exercises...

Anteprima

AI_INFN will circulate soon the agenda of the 1st Hackathon on Artificial Intelligence.

The event is supported by ICSC and Flash Simulation will (most probably) be included as one of the use case.

Save the date: 26 – 28 November 2024, Padova

Link to the agenda: agenda.infn.it/event/43129/

1st AI-INFN Advanced Hackathon

26–28 Nov 2024
University of Padua, Complesso Paolotti
Europe/Rome timezone

Overview

Timetable

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Welcome to the First edition of the Advanced Artificial Intelligence @ INFN (AI_INFN) hackathon, dedicated to INFN affiliates. This edition is hosted at INFN Sezione di Padova.

Notably, it is the third Hackathon to happen in Person, so please apply only if you are planning to come to Padua. The logistics allow for ~ 20 participants.

AI_INFN hackathons are developed in continuity with ML_INFN hackathons. You may want to check the indico pages of the [first](#) (entry level), [second](#) (entry level), [third](#) (advanced level), [fourth](#) (entry level) and [fifth](#) (advanced level) editions of ML_INFN hackathons, with most of the talks attached as video files.

The [mandatory registration](#) process will be open soon.

In case of a number of registrations exceeding the available positions, the applications will be ranked and selected on the basis of the scientific CV of the applicants.

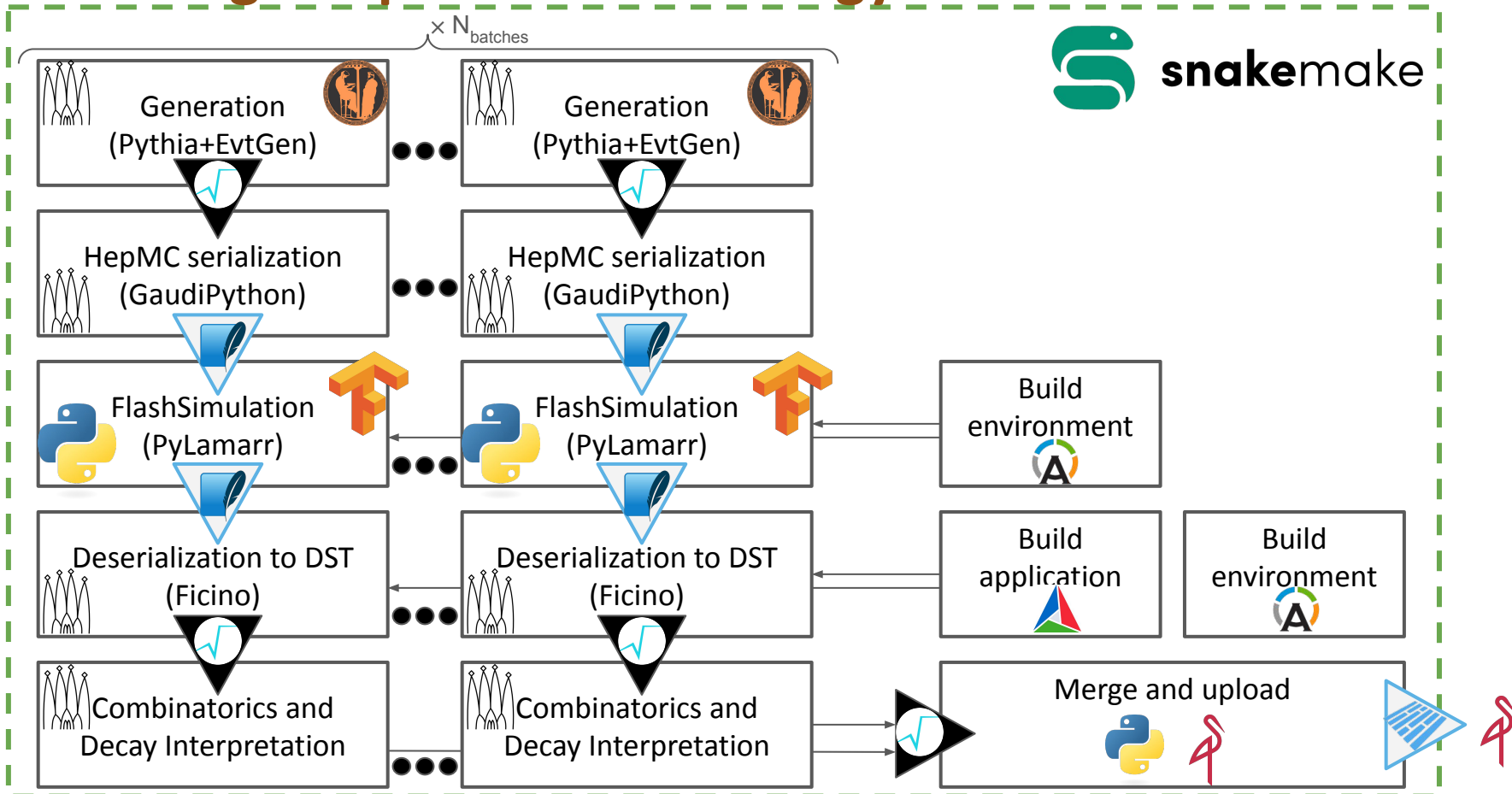
The successful applicant will be informed by November 1st. Please do not book hotel/flight before a positive confirmation.





Backup

Recalling the production strategy



Resources

Pythia8 (full event)

Generates the whole proton-proton collision event, with pileup and spill-over.
Then processes all particles with Lamarr and Bender to produce nTuples.

1M events (on 50 parallel jobs) require:

- $O(48h) \times 50$ CPUs
- 0.8 TB of buffer in S3.



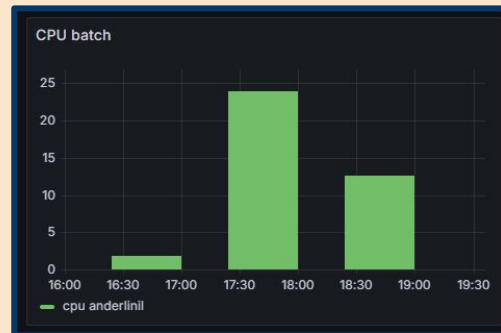
Particle Gun (signal-only)

Generates only the heavy hadron decay.
Then processes particles with Lamarr and Bender to produce nTuples.

Less tested than Pythia8 productions

1M events (on **up to** 50 parallel jobs) require:

- $O(1h)$, *limited by submission latency*
- 4 GB of buffer in S3



Requests for the validation part

Resource	Full Request	Strictly required for KPI 1 (Full-Pythia option)
CPU on INFN Cloud	2 M CPU hours	2.4 M CPU hours*
GPU on INFN Cloud	4 H200 for 18 months	0
GPU on Leonardo Booster via InterLink	10000 hours	0
Storage	25 TB	10 TB

Preliminary

- 0.5 M hours from opportunistic borrowing from AI_INFN Platform