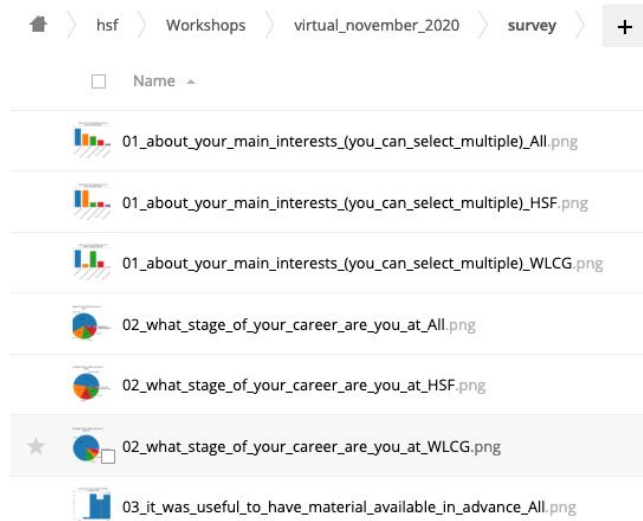# The November HSF Workshop Survey

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A long time ago in a Zoom meeting far, far away...

- In November we held the 2nd HSF/WLCG Virtual Workshop
- 520 people registered
  - 265 for HSF
  - 255 for WLCG
- HSF Sessions on
  - General Plenary
  - Event Generators
  - Detector Simulation
  - Open R&D Session
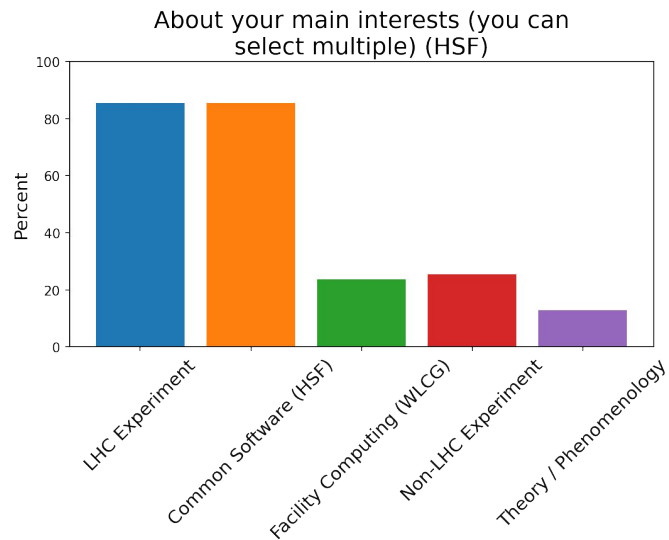- Generally attendance was about 100 in each session
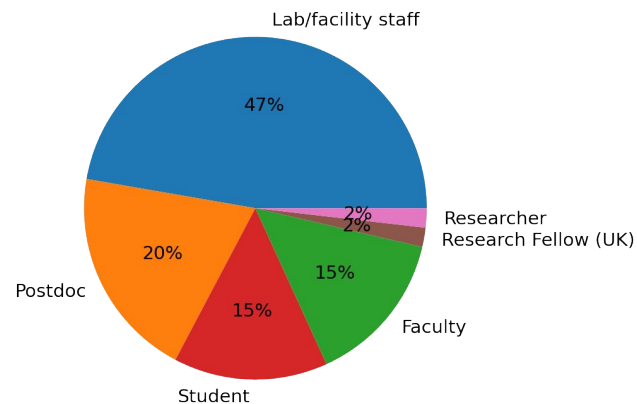
The Survey

- Had more or less the same kind of survey as we had had in May
- 90 people responded
  - 55 for the HSF sessions
  - 35 for WLCG
- Thus about 20% response rate
- So here I give some highlights of the responses that I think are interesting
- Please see this cernbox share if you'd like to see all of the plots and comments people made
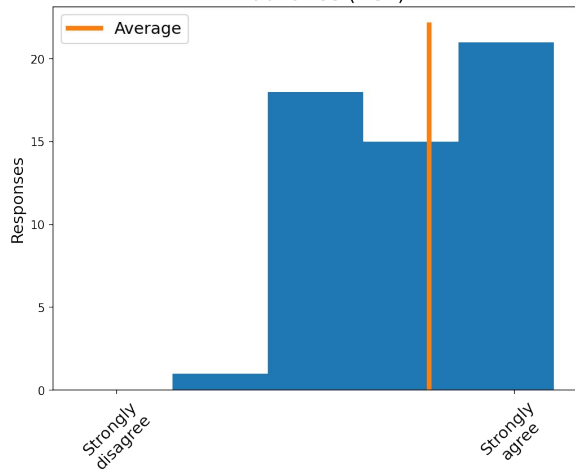
Who came?

About your main interests (you can select multiple) (HSF)

- LHC Experiment
- Common Software (HSF)
- Facility Computing (WLCG)
- Non-LHC Experiment
- Theory / Phenomenology

What stage of your career are you at (HSF)

- Lab/facility staff — 47%
- Postdoc — 20%
- Student — 15%
- Faculty — 15%
- Researcher — 2%
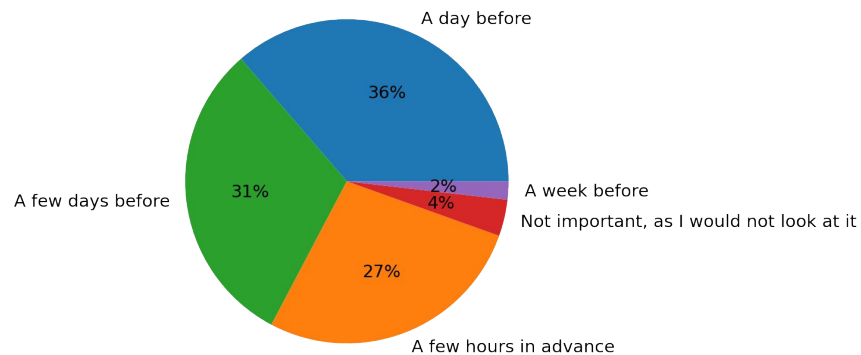- Research Fellow (UK) — 2%

- More mixed participant background than May
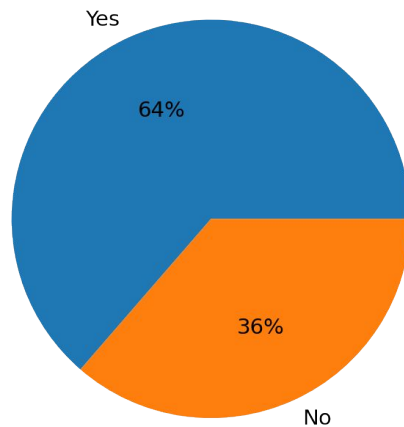
Pre-Workshop Topics

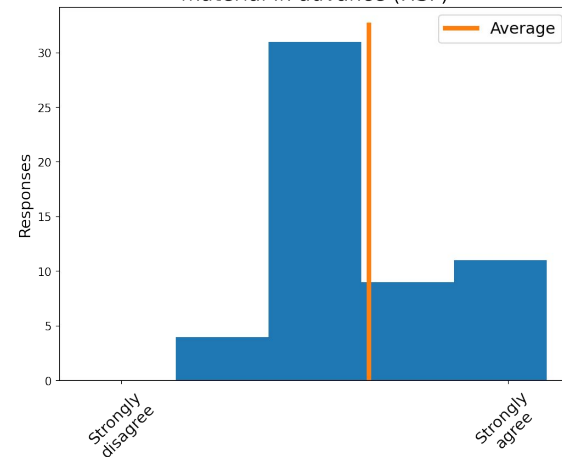

It was useful to have material available in advance (HSF)
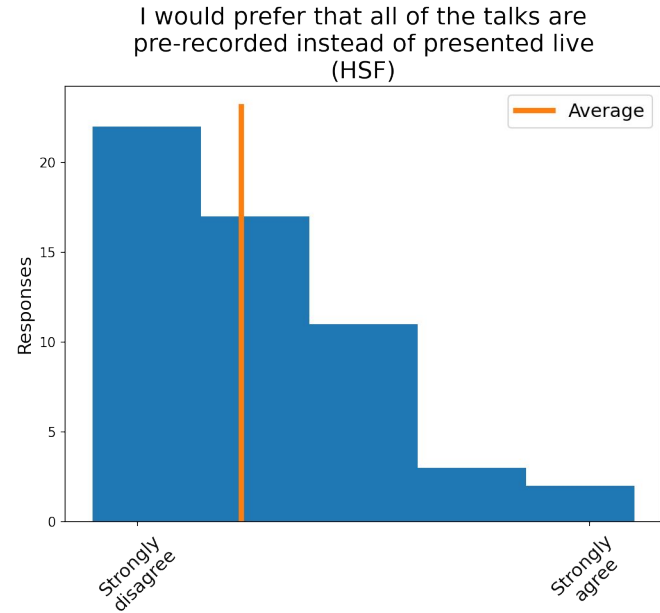

Material for the workshop should be available... (HSF)

A day before 36%
A week before 2%
Not important, as I would not look at it 4%
A few hours in advance 27%
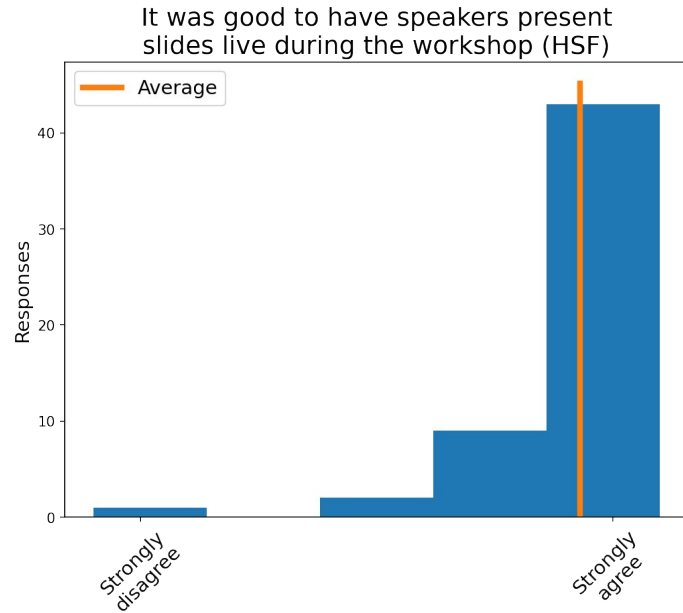A few days before 31%

I reviewed the pre-workshop material before the conference (HSF)

Yes 64%
No 36%

It was good to be able to comment on the material in advance (HSF)

Running the Workshop

It was good to have speakers present slides live during the workshop (HSF)

I would prefer that all of the talks are pre-recorded instead of presented live (HSF)
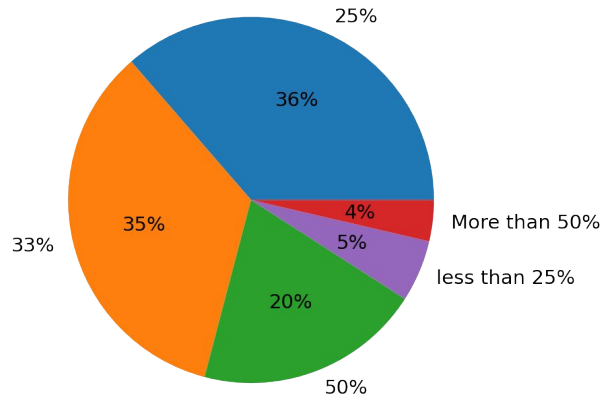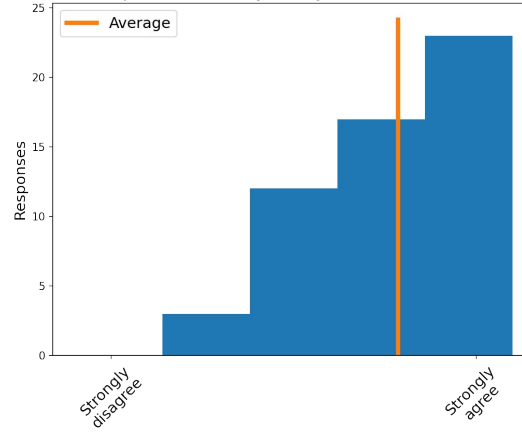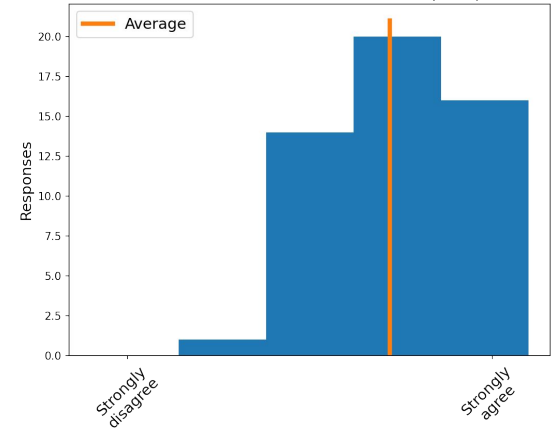
And discuss…

In the workshop the amount of discussion time vaired from 25-50%. In your opinion the ideal amount of discussion time would be (HSF)

Sticking strictly to the scheduled timetable is important (even cutting off speakers if they badly overrun) (HSF)


Having questions / discussion in the live notes after the time for the "live" discussion ran out was useful (HSF)

Give me a break!

This workshop used 3 hour sessions with 1 break and 4 hour sessions with 2 breaks; in the May workshop we had 2 hours, without a break. Balancing content against fatigue, which format do you favour: (HSF)

3 hours, 1 break — 67%
4 hours, 2 breaks — 18%
2 hours, no break — 15%
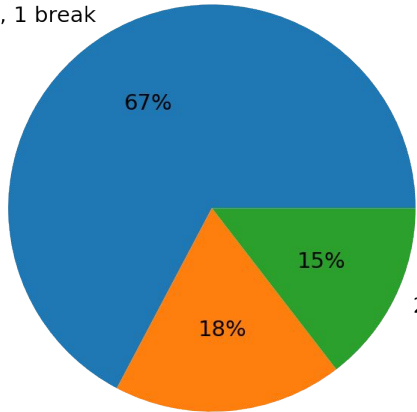
Organising a virtual workshop in 2 hour blocks was

From May
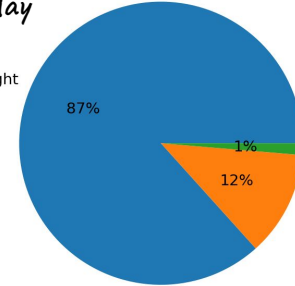
About right — 87%
Too short, sessions should be longer (with breaks) — 12%
Too long, even 2 hours is difficult to concentrate for — 1%

The May answer was different - go figure!

It's a buffet!

For the workshop (HSF)

I attended some sessions outside my direct work area, but not everything — 43%

I only came for a particular talk — 2%

I only came to specific session(s) that are pertinent for me — 28%

I attended the whole event — 26%

I attended the workshop on (HSF)

Percent

Thursday (Day1 - Software Plenary)
Friday (Day 2 - Event Generators)
Monday (Day 3 - Simulation)
Tuesday (Day 4 - General Software R&D)
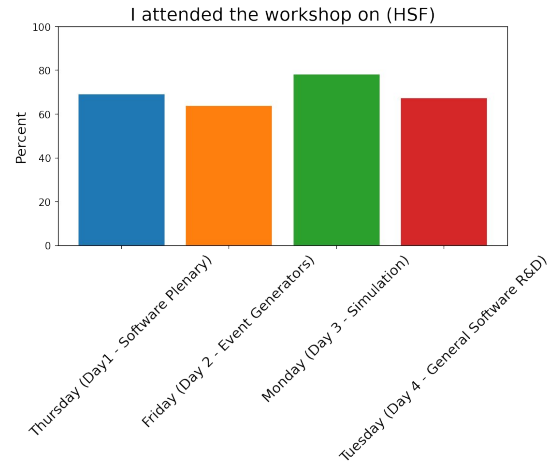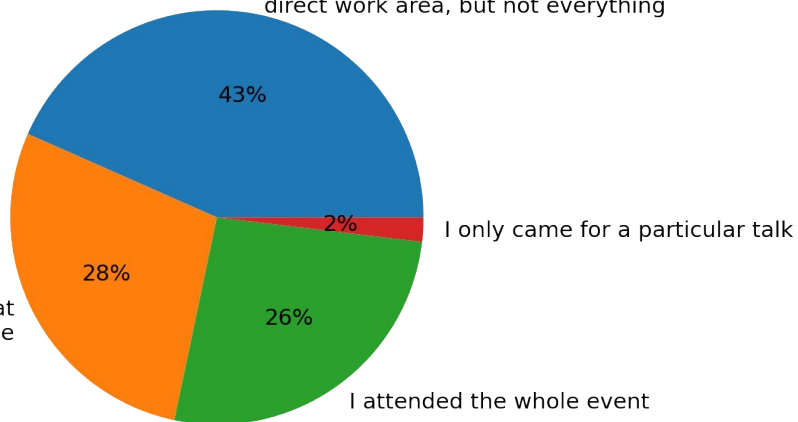
The sessions that were organised were very useful...

Useful?

General HSF Session (Thursday 19)

Event Generators (Friday 20)

Detector Simulation (Monday 23)

Genenal Software R&D (Tuesday 24)
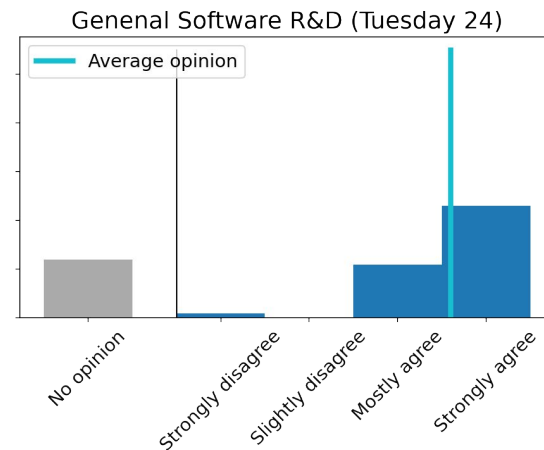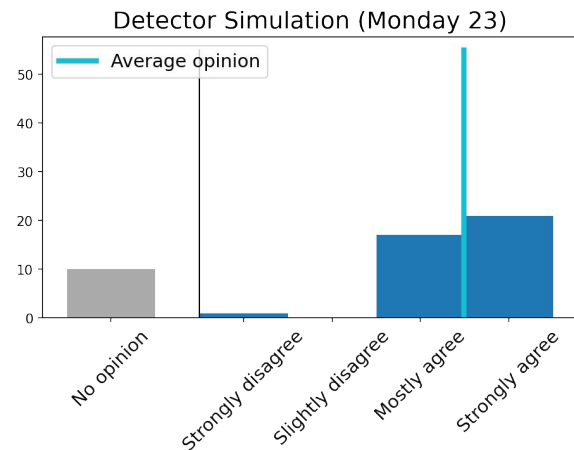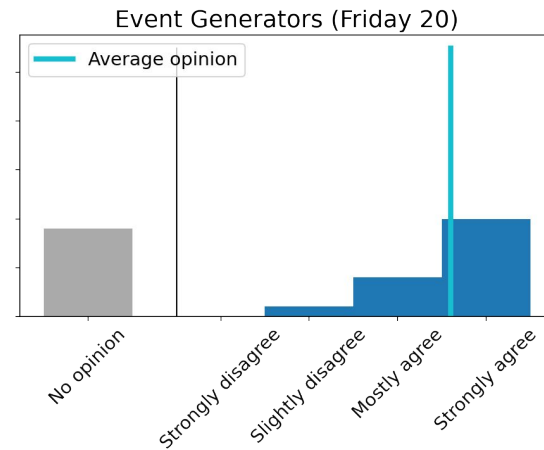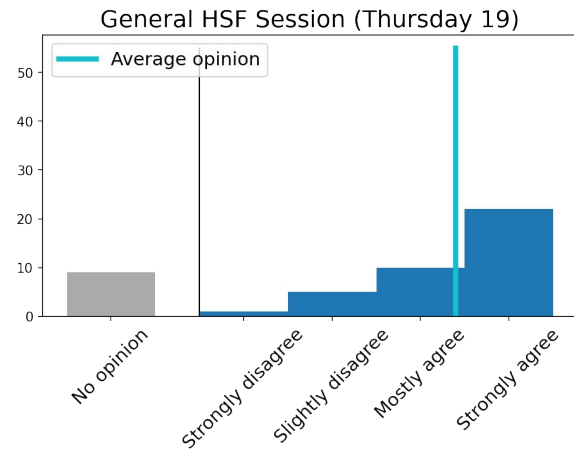
For next events…

For this event we organised a call for abstracts to cover software R&D more generally (Tuesday session). Should we repeat this call in the future? (HSF)
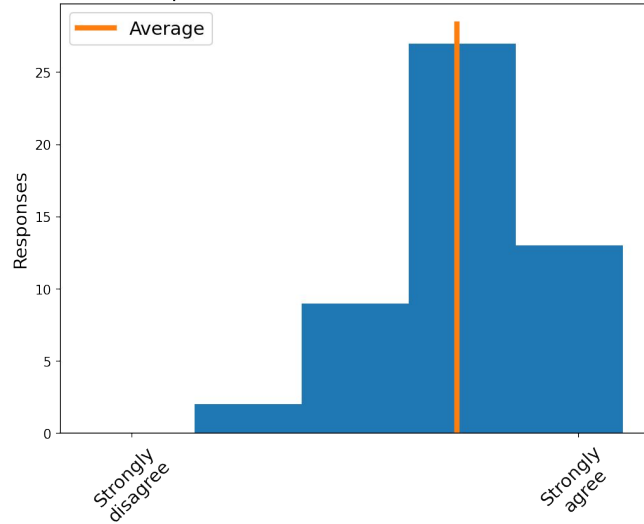
If we organised dedicated discussion sessions to carry on the workshop discussions later, separate from HSF Working Group meetings, would you be interested in joining them? (HSF)
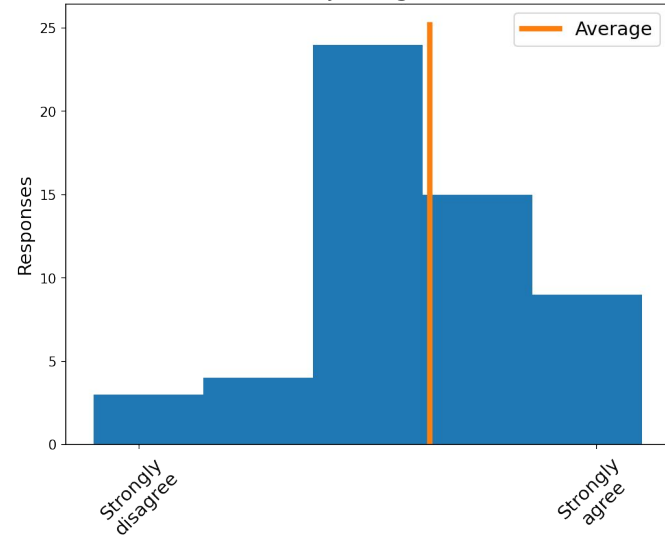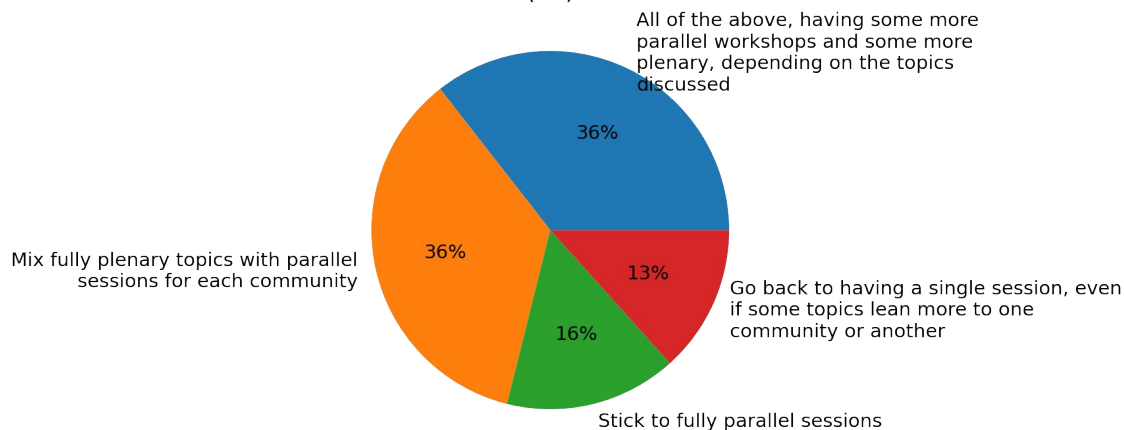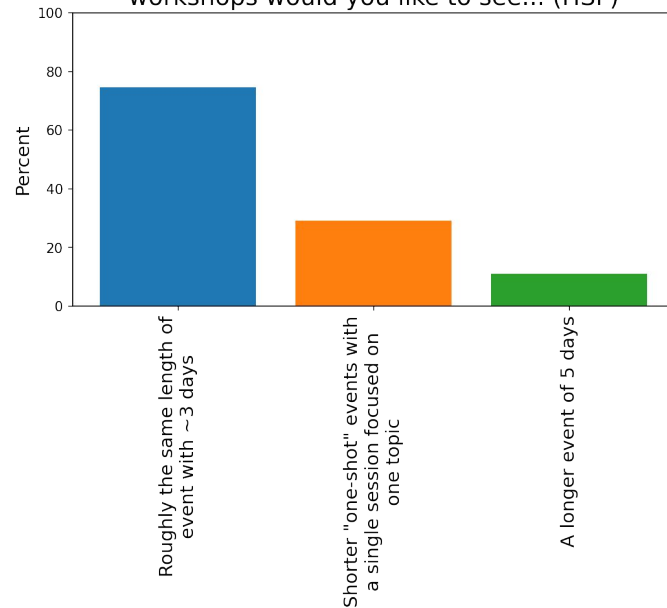
For Next Events…

For this event we organised parallel sessions between WLCG and HSF, this was different from the May workshop, with a single track. In the future should we… (All)

All of the above, having some more parallel workshops and some more plenary, depending on the topics discussed — 36%

Go back to having a single session, even if some topics lean more to one community or another — 13%

Stick to fully parallel sessions — 16%

Mix fully plenary topics with parallel sessions for each community — 36%

If we are organising future *virtual* workshops would you like to see… (HSF)

- Roughly the same length of event with ~3 days
- Shorter "one-shot" events with a single session focused on one topic
- A longer event of 5 days

And finally...

Assuming easier travel in the future, I
would like to see future HSF-WLCG events
as: (All)

An even mix of virtual meetings and face-to-face events — 39%

Occasional virtual meetings, but mostly face-to-face events — 27%

Mostly virtual meetings, with an occasional face-to-face event — 22%

Only face-to-face events — 8%

Only virtual meetings — 4%