

# A Portable Implementation of RANLUX++

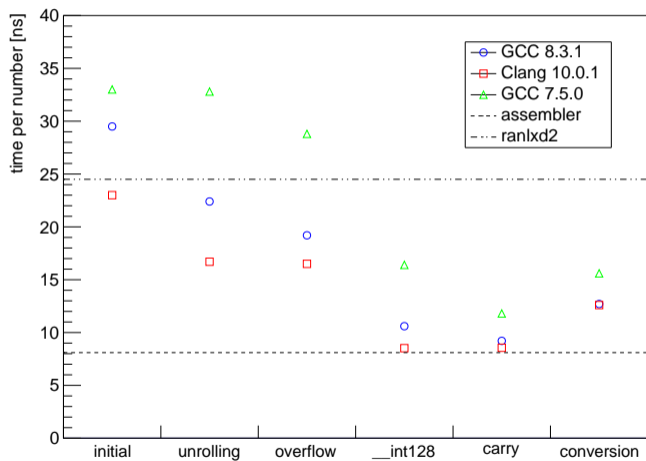
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## Portable RANLUX++ for ROOT

- ▶ RANLUX++: random number generator, extension of RANLUX
  - ▶ Use its equivalent Linear Congruential Generator (LCG)
  - ▶ Avoid computing unneeded intermediate results, fast skipping of numbers
  - ▶ But: requires large state and multipliers (576 bits)
  
- ▶ Shown to be profitable by A. Sibidanov in 2017
  - ▶ Arithmetic operations implemented in assembler for x86 architecture
  - ▶ For ROOT data analysis framework: portable implementation with standard C++
  
- ▶ Include a fix to avoid bias in generated numbers
  - ▶ Reported and solution proposed by M. Lüscher
  - ⇒ Convert LCG state back to RANLUX numbers

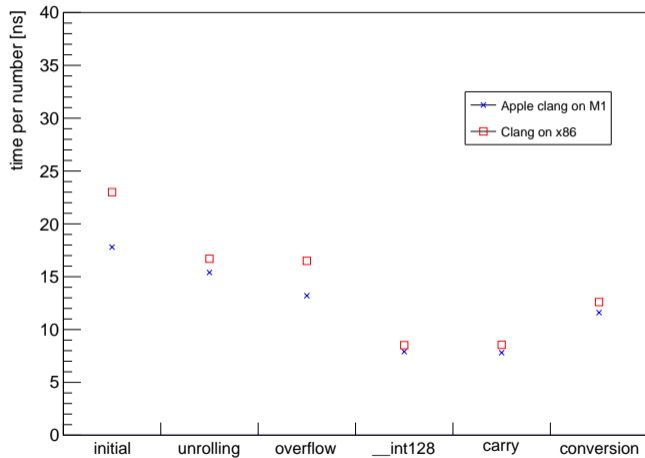
# Optimization on x86



- ▶ AMD Ryzen 3900, produce double precision numbers
- ▶ Baselines:
  - ▶ assembler implementation by Sibidanov (bottom line)
  - ▶ ran1xd2 by Lüscher
- ▶ Last column: conversion back to RANLUX numbers

# Portability - Apple M1

- ▶ Implementation works on new architecture
- ▶ Optimizations give similar benefits



## Portability - Nvidia GPUs

- ▶ Portable code can be reused with minor modifications:
  - ▶ Remove the dependency on ROOT's interface `TRandomEngine`
  - ▶ Hardcode the luxury level `p = 2048` (recommended value)
  - ▶ Add annotations `__host__ __device__`
  - ▶ Disable type `__int128` on the device
- ▶ Acceptable performance on the GPU
  - ▶ Condition: threads must advance state at the same time
  - ▶ Slower than default generator in `cuRAND`, but much better properties

# Conclusion

- ▶ Portable implementation of RANLUX++
  - ▶ No assembler, only standard C++
  - ▶ Included in ROOT data analysis framework
  
- ▶ Portable optimizations on x86
  - ▶ Reached very competitive performance
  
- ▶ Tested on Apple M1 and Nvidia GPUs