The New

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What is MCnet?

- ▶ 2007–2010 MCnet RTN (FP6, MCA)
- ▶ 2012–2016 MCnet ITN (FP7, MSCA)
- ▶ 2017–2021 MCnet ITN3 (H2020, MSCA)

Last year we applied again for a similar scheme, but was turned down.

Where are we in the absence of funding?

What did we do?

- ▶ PhD studentships
- ▶ Network meetings
- ▶ MCnet summer schools
- ▶ Short-term students

And, of course, developed Herwig, Pythia, Sherpa, MadGraph, Rivet, Professor, Contur, . . .

Is that all?

We also came together as a community, and created a brand that raised the level of awareness of the fundamental importance of event generators in HEP.

We wrote reviews, policy documents, developed standards, . . .

What is MCnet without funding?

- We can still be a network
- We can still arrange schools
- We can still have PhD students
- We can still arrange Journal Clubs
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The MCnet Collaboration

A collaboration agreement was formulated in December 2021

There is a collaboration board

There is a student and postdoc committee

There is a new web page
(https://hepmcnet.gitlab.io/)

And a twitter account! @hepmcnet

We still need funding!

We can still use the MCnet brand

- ▶ Try again with full network applications to the EU?
- ▶ Piggy-back on other applications
  (smaller/individual/national/focused/broad)?

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Where is everyone?

- ▶ Covid?
- ▶ Brexit?
- ▶ Lack of money?
- ▶ General event generator fatigue?

The way forward

- ▶ Find new ways of getting funding (today!)
- ▶ Continue to act as a coherent group
- ▶ Work towards getting more recognition
- ▶ Continue to meet and have fun

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