

Detector Simulation in SWIFT-HEP

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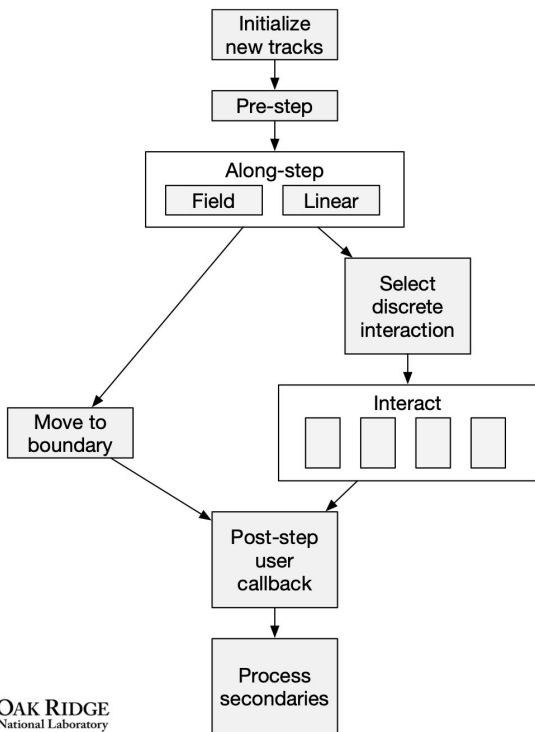
Detector Simulation R&D @ November 2023

- AdePT Project (CERN-SFT)
 - <https://github.com/apt-sim>
- Celeritas Project (ECP: ORNL, FNAL, Argonne, LBL)
 - <https://github.com/celeritas-project>
- Vecgeom/ORANGE Surface Based Geometry (CERN, Celeritas/ORNL)
 - <https://gitlab.cern.ch/VecGeom/VecGeom> (See [surface_model](#) branch)
 - <https://github.com/celeritas-project/celeritas/tree/develop/src/orange>
 - *ExaTEPP grant from UKRI ExCALIBUR enabling contribution here*
- Short overview of status today - follow links to recent presentations at [Geant4 Collaboration Workshop](#) ([1](#), [2](#)) for in depth details

Reminder on Objectives of AdePT and Celeritas

- **Understand usability of GPUs for general particle transport simulation**
 - *Prototype $e^+/e^-/\gamma$ EM shower simulation on GPU, evolve to realistic use-cases*
 - *Focus on EM physics given computational cost in HEP workflows*
- **Implement GPU-targeted components for physics, geometry, field, with data models and workflow**
 - *Integrate components in a **hybrid CPU-GPU Geant4 workflow (“Fast Sim” approach)***
 - *Offload tracks to GPU/CPU when preconditions like particle type or geometric region met*
 - *Most realistic short-term objective to allow testing/use in existing experiment code*
- **Ensure correctness and reproducibility**
 - *Validate GPU-only, CPU+GPU off/onload against pure CPU Geant4*
- **Understand bottlenecks and blockers limiting performance**
 - *Feasibility and future effort required for efficient simulation workflows on GPU*
- **Celeritas also have a longer term objective to include full hadronic, optical photon physics**
 - *See Seth’s talk*

Track-parallel Stepping Workflow on GPUs

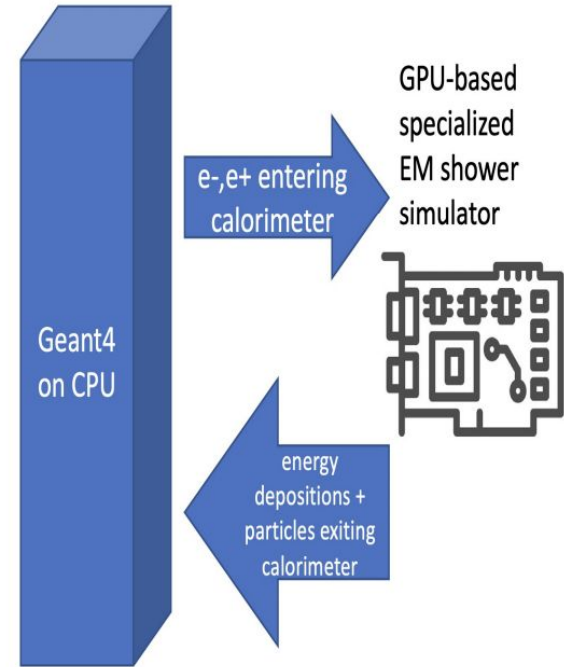


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extend_from primaries      ▶ Copy primaries to device, create track initializers
while Tracks are alive do
  initialize_tracks        ▶ Create new tracks in empty slots
  pre_step                 ▶ Sample mean free path, calculate step limits
  along_step               ▶ Propagation, slowing down
  boundary                 ▶ Cross a geometry boundary
  discrete_select          ▶ Discrete model selection
  launch_models            ▶ Launch interaction kernels for applicable models
  extend_from secondaries  ▶ Create track initializers from secondaries
end while
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- CPU: parallel Events, *sequential* Tracks
- CPU+GPU: parallel Events, *parallel* Tracks
 - **Action** based control flow
 - Kernels determine next **Action**, or perform an **Interaction**
 - Example from Celeritas, AdePT's is similar though with larger, per-particle, kernels

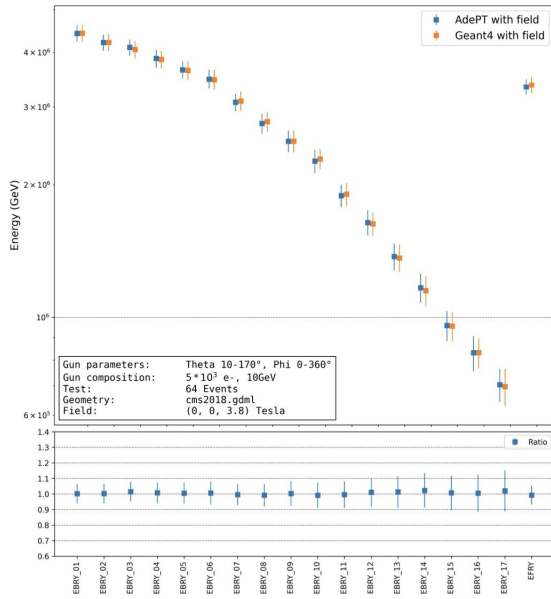
Implementing Geant4 CPU+GPU hybrid applications

- AdePT and Celeritas only target e-/e+/g physics at present, so cannot be used standalone for simulating a **full** EM+hadronic experiment
- Instead, use them as a “service” to offload tracks to the GPU according to preconditions such as particle type, or geometric region.
 - **Basically the same as “Fast Simulation” methods**
- Use Geant4 Fast Simulation or other hooks allowing Track modification, but all have same challenges:
 - *Minimizing number/size of on/offload actions*
 - *Allow user-defined actions on GPU, such as scoring/hits*
 - *Synchronization between CPU/GPU (event boundaries)*
 - *Handing back particles (e.g. exiting particles, hadrons from photonuclear processes) from GPU to CPU*



Physics Validation

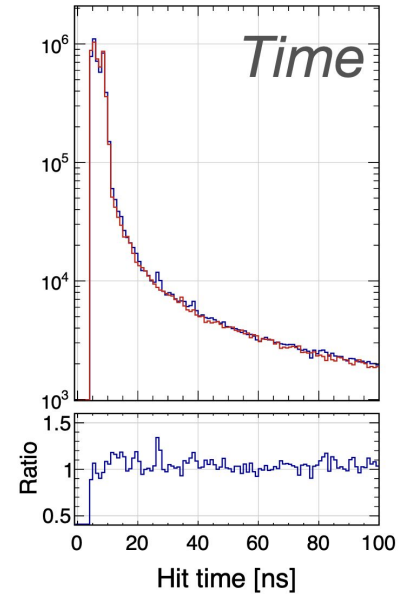
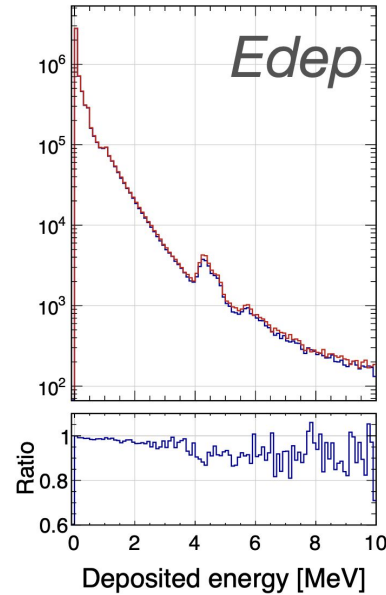
- [G4HepEM](#) in AdePT, CPU/GPU implementation of Geant4 models/data in Celeritas.
- **Excellent agreement with Geant4, but studies ongoing across problem space**



Example: CMS ECAL

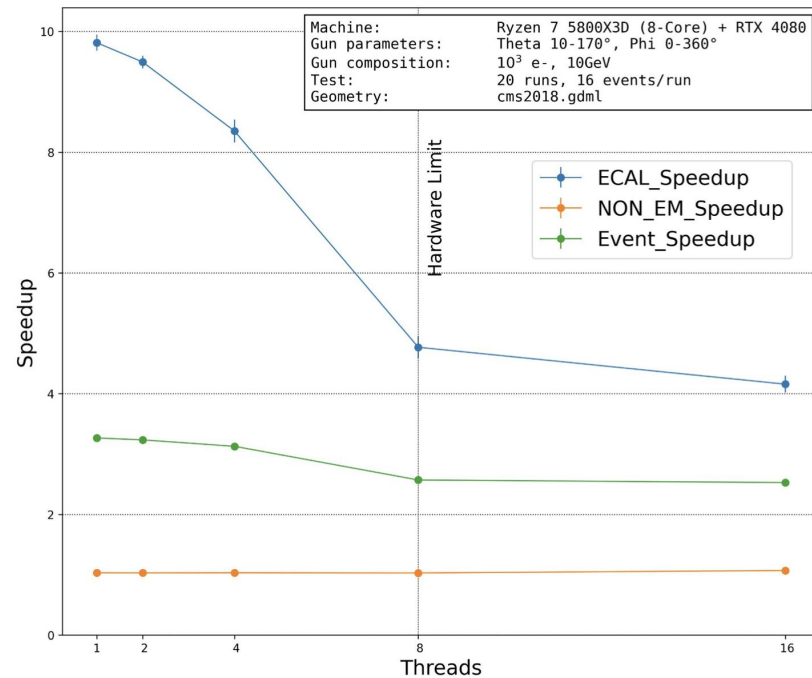
← AdePT: 10GeV e⁻

Celeritas: 14TeV $t\bar{t}$ →



Some Benchmarking Results: AdePT w/CMS2018

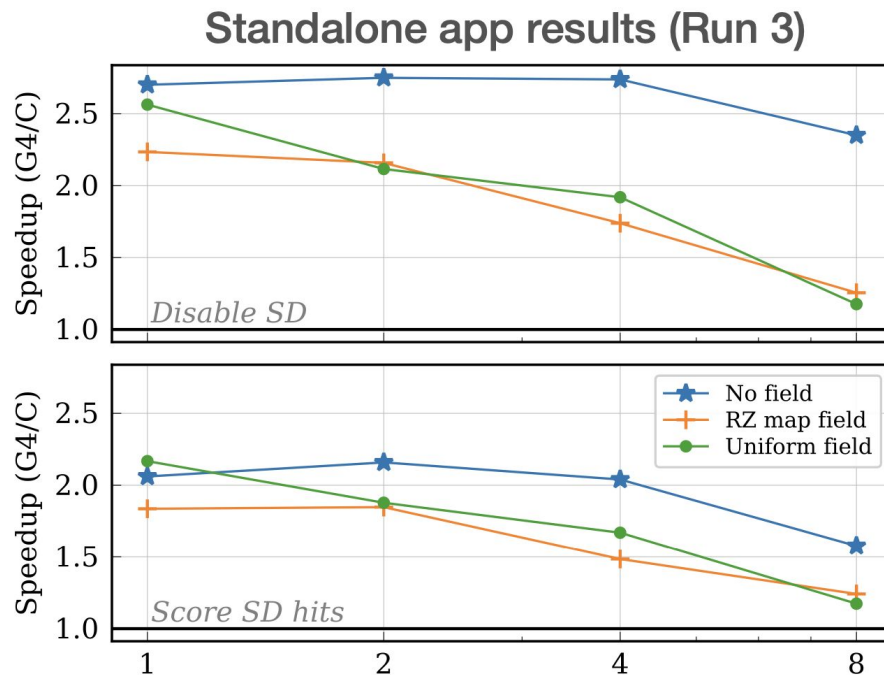
- Speedup of the ECAL simulation and overall event speedup (10GeV e-)
 - *AdePT does not affect the rest of the simulation, 1:1 ratio in the time spent outside ECAL*
- Vary number of Geant4 worker threads
 - *Decreasing AdePT speedup as the GPU becomes more saturated*



Speedup of the ECAL simulation and overall per-event speedup

Some Benchmarking Results: Celeritas w/CMS Run3

- Initial performance comparison in standalone Geant4+Celeritas application
 - *CMS GDML geometry/SDs*
- 8CPU+1GPU standalone simulation with 14TeV tt **17-87% faster**
 - *Theoretical maximum speedup (all $e^-/e^+/g$ tracks take zero time) in full CMSSW ~230%*



Hardware: Intel Xeon Gold 6152 CPU 22c 2.10GHz + NVIDIA Tesla V100 SXM2
Geometry: CMS detector (Run 3 configuration)
Input: 8 tt events @ 14 TeV from LHC pp collision

Surface-based Geometry: VecGeom, ORANGE

- Current CSG model of VecGeom known bottleneck for GPU kernels in AdePT and Celeritas
 - *Divergence from different algorithmic complexity in different solids, etc*
- Effort to develop and use surface-based geometry models, navigation
 - *Reduce divergence from smaller number of surfaces, simpler algorithms*
 - **VecGeom**: *bounded surfaces (explore potential for work reduction in LHC-complexity geometries by reducing checks on “virtual” crossings)*
 - **ORANGE**: *unbounded surfaces (approach from nuclear engineering codes for reactor geometries)*
- Defer to the following presentations at the Geant4 Collaboration meeting for details of developments and results:
 - [Surface-based GPU model in VecGeom, Andrei Gheata et al](#)
 - [ORANGE surface geometry progress, Seth Johnson et al](#)

Integration/Testing in Experiments: ATLAS

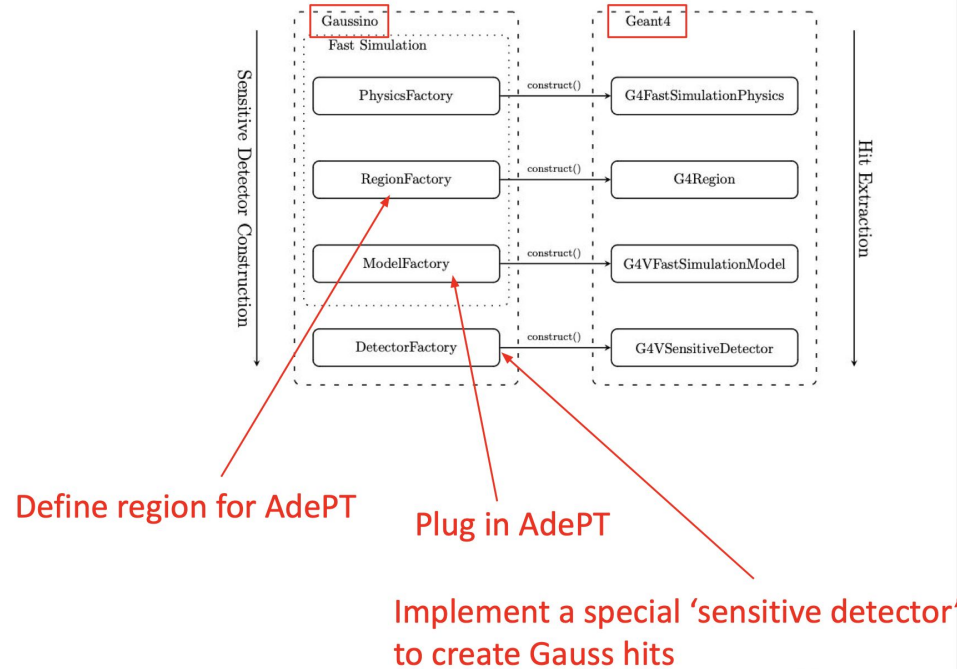
- TileCal test beam standalone Geant4 application as testbed
 - Code: <https://github.com/lopezzot/ATLTileCalTB> (see [presentation](#))
- **AdePT**: Initial integration by Davide:
 - See <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1215829/contributions/5306569/>
- **Celeritas**: integration both standalone and as FullSimLight plugin
 - *Ongoing work to integrate AdePT as FullSimLight plugin, using new functionality to score on host side to allow direct comparison with pure Geant4 and Celeritas integration*
- New EMEC geometry compatible with VecGeom on GPU now available
 - *Second stage testbed in FullSimLight, allowing full ATLAS geometry to be tested before bigger integration into Athena*
- Topics being worked on in coordination with ATLAS Full Simulation WG.

Integration/Testing in Experiments: CMS

- **AdePT:** G4HepEM on CPU integrated as optional physics list, permitting direct comparison against AdePT physics
 - *Validation and additional options in progress, discussions on scoring requirements for HGCal*
- **Celeritas:** integration in CMSSW working with:
 - *Complete offload of EM particles to GPU*
 - *R-Z field map preprocessed*
 - *Reconstruction of tracks hitting SDs on host side for scoring*
- Work and validation ongoing together with CMS Simulation, some caveats
 - *No support for MC truth*
 - *Celeritas reproduces “standard” Geant4 models/data, but CMSSW has many fine-grained tunes to physics/tracking compared to this*

Integration/Testing in Experiments: LHCb

- **AdePT:** Combine standalone application example with Gauss-on-Gaussino machinery
 - *Fill AdePT pipeline with particles entering LHCb Calo region*
 - *Generate Gauss hits from AdePT (to give equivalence with plain Geant4)*
 - *Working with Juan Bernardo Benavides (LHCb Doctoral Student)*
- **Celeritas:** Request to the UK community for help/time or contacts within LHCb to try out integration!



Geant4 Review of GPU R&D Projects

- With a huge amount of progress by both projects, and growing test program with experiments, it was felt a good opportunity for a technical review with a broader panel of Geant4/Simulation experts
 - *@CERN December 13-14th*
 - *Forum for presentation of status and results, discussion of technical topics between projects and experts*
- **Another key item will be finding common code/patterns between Celeritas/AdePT with the aim of converging towards a single project**
 - *Meetings and hackathons planned during review week on specific areas such as physics, workflows, and geometry*
 - *Initial discussions/ideas already in progress through monthly stand ups and other channels*

Summary

- AdePT and Celeritas continuing to demonstrate feasibility of detector simulation on GPU
 - *Near full EM physics validated*
 - *Working with ATLAS, CMS, LHCb(*) on integration, benchmarking, and scoring in their frameworks.*
 - *(*) Any UK interest in testing Celeritas in LHCb?*
- GPU friendly geometry modeling/navigation using surface models is an **ongoing task that will be key for performance**
- **Technical review in December, together with meetings/hackathons to discuss convergence towards a single project**