

60th Geant4 Technical Forum : Introduction to developers' part

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Developers' Presentations



- Presentations by Geant4 developers:
 - Today's Technical Forum is dedicated to present and discuss the content of last Geant4 release, 11.2.0, published 2023 Geant4 plan of work.
 - Please note/remember that Geant4 releases are now including the patch number :
 - [major release #].[minor release #].[patch #]
 - Presentations will cover:
 - the non-physics part (Gabriele)
 - EM (Vladimir)
 - Hadronic (Alberto)
 - The update on the R&D activities (Witek)
 - Update on requirements (Krzysztof)
 - Krzysztof is taking over this activity, and will present the new organization of it
 - I stop after ~14 years dealing with this ;)

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Some news on Geant4 side [1/2]

- An assessment of the GPU R&D projects, AdePT and Celeritas, took place at CERN on the 13th and 14th of December 2023
 - Documents describing the projects and results were distributed one week before
 - And then public presentations took place during above two afternoons

Assessment panel:

	Makoto Asai,	Geant4/EIC, Jlab	Matti Kortelainen,	CMS, Fermilab
	John Chapman,	ATLAS, CERN/Cambridge University	Andrea Valassi,	CERN IT
	Gloria Corti,	LHCb, CERN	Sandro Wenzel,	ALICE, CERN
	Ivana Hrivnacova,	Geant4/ALICE, IJCLab	Ben Wynne,	ATLAS, Edinburgh University
•	Vincenzo Innocente,	CMS, CERN	Marc Verderi,	Geant4, LLR (chair)

- Report is (late but) now being checked by the projects for possible factual mistakes
 - And should be converged very soon

Few messages:

- The panel was impressed by the amount of work and investigations made by the projects!
- Findings:
 - The physics, despite its randomness and relative complexity, is not the limiting factor
 - Geometry is the limiting factor:
 - Because of a different shape (CSG representation) branching to a different calculation, making other threads waiting
 - The CPU GPU communication is not the limiting factor is was anticipated to be
 - It is fast enough to send back data from the GPU to CPU
- A delta-assessment by December 2024 will be proposed
 - With, in particular, common tests and benchmarks



Some news on Geant4 side [2/2]

- This year is an election year in Geant4
 - Mandates are 2 years long
- Election of Working Groups representatives at the Steering Board will start soon
- It will be followed by the Spokesperson election
- The process should be concluded by April/May