A couple of notes...

Nobody has approved this message!

- I am not what I would call a ‘simulation expert’
- These are my thoughts, motivated by conversations with some real experts
- This is intended to start a discussion in the physics groups about what will work for them
LHC and Upgrades
Pileup at LHC

- ~35 pp interactions per crossing at 50 ns, $L_{\text{peak}} = 0.7 \times 10^{34}$
- HL-LHC would increase this to ~140/BX at 25 ns, $L = 5 \times 10^{34}$
- Challenge for any simulation...

78 vertices in CMS (special high-pileup fill)
HL-LHC, HE-LHC simulations

• ATLAS and CMS contributions to European Strategy Symposium
  - Largely assume detector upgrades mitigate increased pileup
  - Physics analyses based mostly on 2012 detector performance
  - Justified? Probably as good a guess as any...

• Collaboration-driven studies must continue for justifying Phase II (HL-LHC) upgrades → synergy with Snowmass process
  - Krakow results will be more fully developed
  - Good questions from physics groups may inspire further work

• ATLAS/CMS simulation/analysis code is proprietary, official collaboration results will need collaboration approval
  - Not impossible, but doesn’t lend itself to quick turnaround

Clearly want certified ATLAS/CMS results, but also need to be realistic about how long this might take, or how flexible this can be
Parameterized (fast) simulation

- Major exercise at LHC olympics (2006) with PGS (Pretty Good Sim)
- Stresses the calorimeter
  - Realistic segmentation (multiple $\eta$ ranges)
  - Parameterized response (based on published perf.)
- Emulates useful analysis features
  - Jet finding, MET
  - Lepton ID + isolation
  - Trigger menus
- Detector parameters files available for ATLAS/CMS (need to verify)
- Simulation only (will read Les Houches format, or many others)
• Atlas Jet resolution

• CMS MET resolution

As was also shown by PGS, can get pretty reasonable results from parameterized calorimeter simulation

Will likely never match collaboration analysis tools, always an approximation
Beware!

• Can’t apply this blindly to all analyses

• Pileup can’t be (easily) simulated
  - Although random noise could be added to calorimeter...

• Also ‘strongly-produced’ backgrounds (di-jets, W+jets, ...)
  - Selecting signal usually isn’t the problem → rejecting backgrounds is
  - Hard to believe any simulation when you are rejecting backgrounds by many orders of magnitude (sensitive to tails)
  - Point of HL-LHC is to be sensitive to even lower cross-sections...

• General danger zones
  - Low $P_T$ leptons, weak isolation, small non-zero MET, taus, soft jets, ...
  - Studies still useful, but must avoid drawing strong conclusions
  - Working groups best places to evaluate reliability of individual simulation/analyses
LHC Simulation Proposal

My opinion, for discussion...

• Certify two fast-sim parameter sets (ATLAS/CMS) for all LHC
  - Similar to Krakow strategy
  - Could try to agree on one ‘average’ detector, but probably not worth political effort
  - Differences may provoke official followup from ATLAS/CMS

• Provide common straw-man trigger menus for HL-LHC, HE-LHC
  - Must be educated guess, hopefully only need one for both detectors
  - Feedback from studies can help develop trigger strategies

• Working groups should promote official ATLAS/CMS studies in addition (not clear how these will be done either)

• Working groups must be responsible to avoid drawing strong conclusions from dubious simulation results and improper tools (including official ATLAS/CMS studies)
Lepton Colliders
Long and fruitful history of Snowmass LC physics studies
This CD included generators, analysis code, even data samples
**ILC Status**

- ILC is probably the ideal machine for fast simulation physics studies
  - Democratic cross sections (background rejection easier)
  - Small (but not zero) pile-up and machine backgrounds
  - LHC-style (Delphes) probably won’t work out of the box, as really need jet resolution, not calo resolution (Particle Flow)

- Already has highly developed full sim frameworks
  - Driven by needs of detector studies
  - Common generators
  - SiD and ILD detector simulations
  - Some common reconstruction tools (e.g.: particle flow, vertexing)
  - Much more integration between detector concepts than in the past (although differences do remain)
**DBD MC Production**

- Currently in midst of the Detailed Baseline Design process

- As part of that, a full-blown ‘professional’ MC simulation has begun
  - Common sample generation (samples available)
  - Full G4 detector simulation (including bgd. overlay)
  - ‘Data-ready’ reconstruction package
  - Reco physics objects written to output DST
  - All under automated Grid production system

- All of this is (or will be) available for anybody to analyze

  Can do real physics analyses on fully simulated and reconstructed samples without joining a collaboration!

- Also FastSim options
  - SGV3 for ILD (replacement for simdet, tuned to full simulation)
  - org.lcsim for SiD (still perfectly functional)
- Beam backgrounds/pileup relatively more important at higher $\sqrt{s}$
  - Challenge for detector design (10 ns readout)
  - Fast simulations should be used with more caution here

- CLIC studies have adopted the ILC framework
  - Used for CLIC CDR
  - Versions of SiD and ILD detectors, adjusted for CLIC
  - Background/pileup overlay integrated into samples
  - Similar reconstruction as ILC
Muon Collider Studies

- Even more challenging environment (muon decay backgrounds)
  - Solution again is timing → large detector design challenge
  - Detectors a hybrid between ILC and LHC

- Physics case largely identical to ILC/CLIC (aside from $\mu\mu \rightarrow H$)

- Telluride studies use ILCroot*, now moving to ILC framework as well
  - Full simulation
  - Machine background overlays

* unrelated to ILC
My opinion, for discussion...

• Use fully simulated/reconstructed DST samples where possible
  - Samples are (or will soon be) available
  - Frustrated theorists can do a real analysis!
  - Probably easiest for ILC (production ongoing now)
  - Likely needs a bit better documentation, but warm bodies help...

• Exercise production chain for new signal samples
  - Submit 4-vectors in favorite format
  - Runs on grid, little human intervention needed

• Fast simulation can still be useful, but anything promising should be followed up with a full analysis, since the samples are there

• Stunning consolidation across the lepton collider community, Snowmass should profit from this development
Outliers
Other facilities

VLHC-style hadron collider

- Probably just an extension of HE-LHC studies
  - Can only guess at the physics
  - Can only guess at the detectors

- Using something like Delphes probably most reasonable approach

- No idea how to determine detector parameters

Circular Higgs Factory

- More driven by detector assumptions/location
  - In LHC tunnel: ATLAS/CMS - Delphes simulation probably best, or get answers from ATLAS/CMS
  - In new tunnel w/ ILC-style detector, use ILC studies/tools
  - Cheaper detectors: probably want detailed detector study on how degraded detectors effect Higgs properties
Summary

• Agree on ATLAS/CMS parameters, promote fast simulation studies

• Prod ATLAS/CMS to do more realistic studies on important points

• ATLAS/CMS needs this to sell detector upgrades anyways, make sure interesting questions are being answered


ATLAS/CMS have their own problems here

• Striking consolidation of effort in lepton colliders

• No reason not to use fully simulated and reconstructed samples

• Push to make it easy to turn a good idea into a fully simulated/reconstructed sample which can be analyzed by a wide audience


Working groups should think about this, best if some common solutions can be found

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