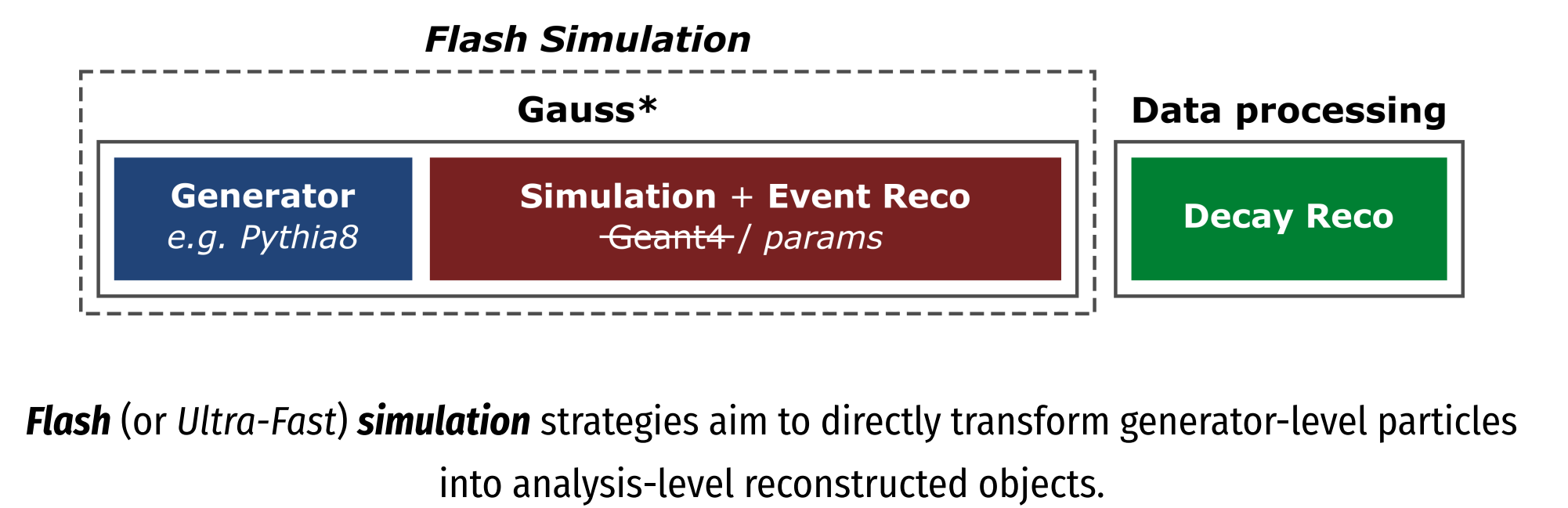
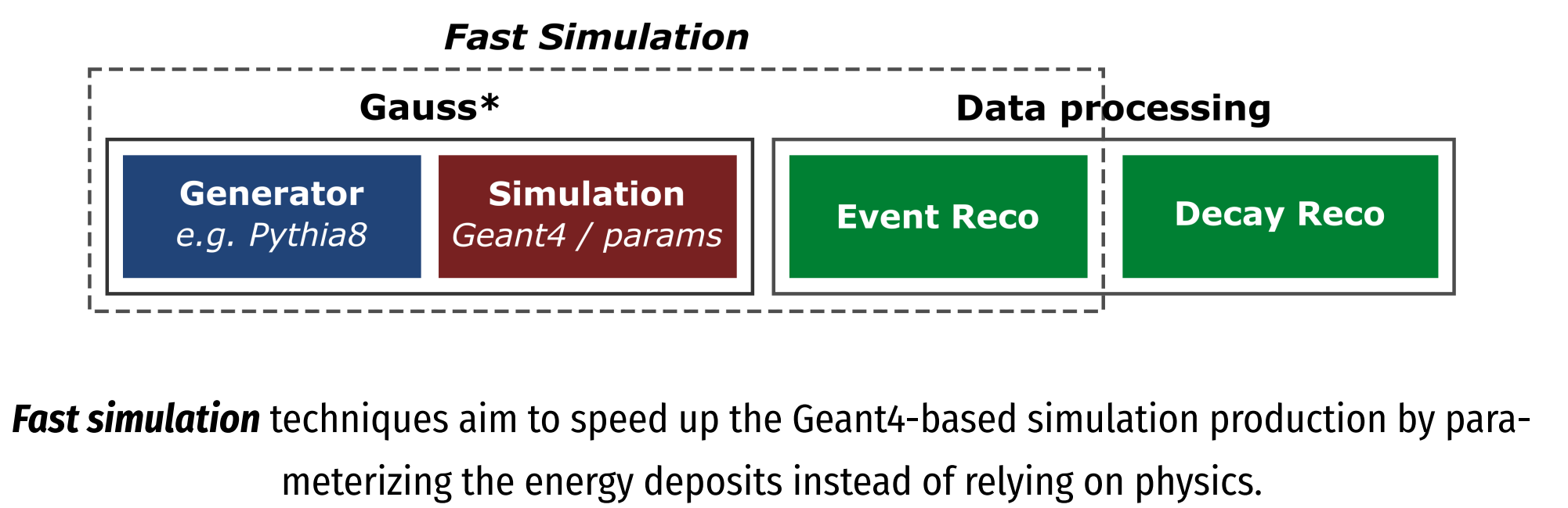
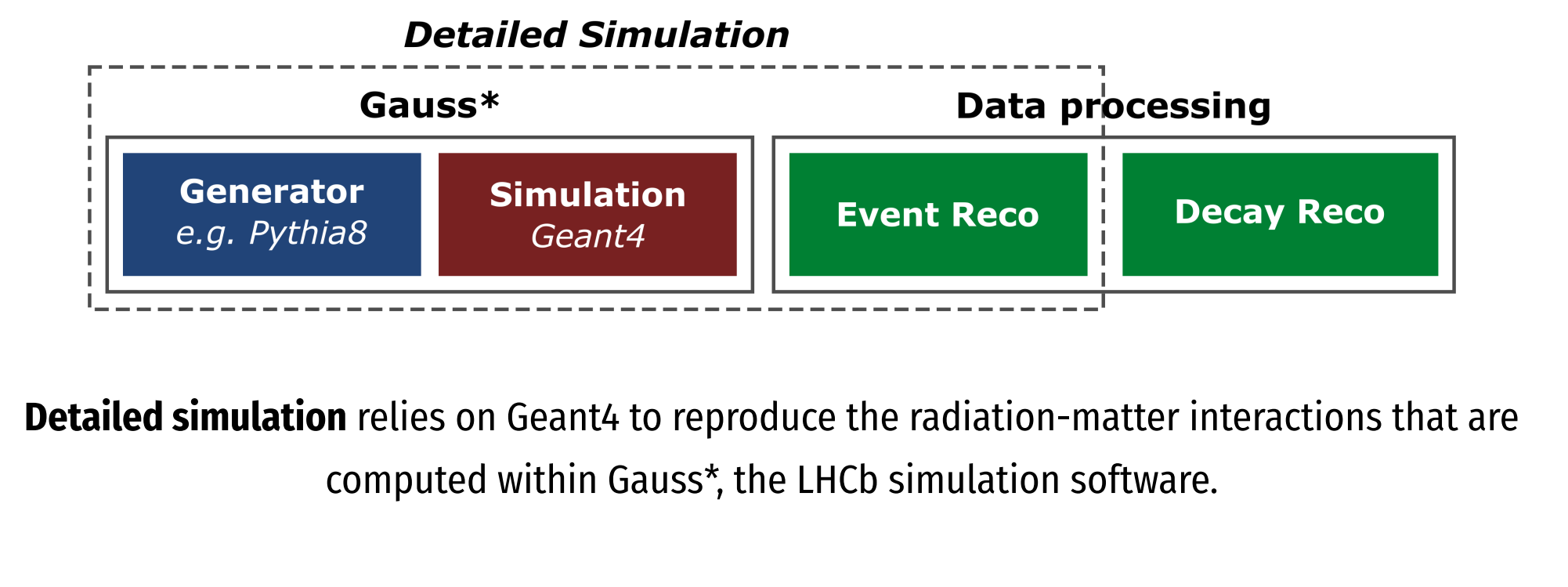




1. Motivation

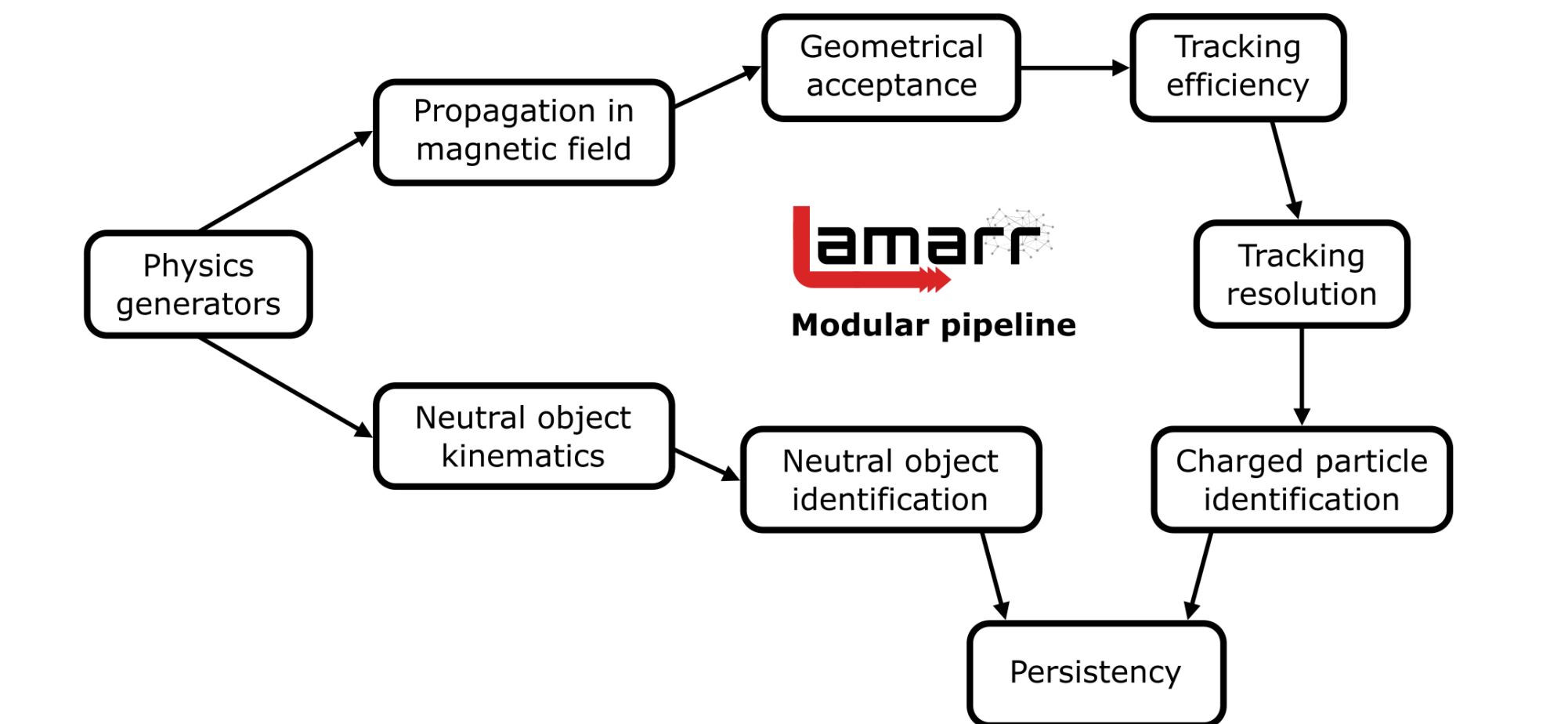
The **detailed simulation** of the interaction between the traversing particles and the LHCb active volumes is the major consumer of CPU resources. During the LHC Run2, the LHCb experiment has spent **more than 90% of the pledged CPU time** to produce simulations. Matching the upcoming and future demand for simulated samples make unavoidable the upgrade of the current technologies developing **faster simulation options**.

2. Fast simulation VS. flash simulation



3. What is Lamarr?

Lamarr is the novel flash-simulation framework of LHCb, able to offer the fastest option for simulation. Lamarr consists of a **pipeline of (ML-based) modular parameterizations** designed to replace both the simulation and reconstruction steps.



The Lamarr pipeline can be split in two chains:

- a branch treating **charged particles** relying on tracking and particle identification models;
- a branch facing the *particle-to-particle correlation* problem innate in the **neutral objects** reconstruction.

4. Models under the k -to- k hypothesis

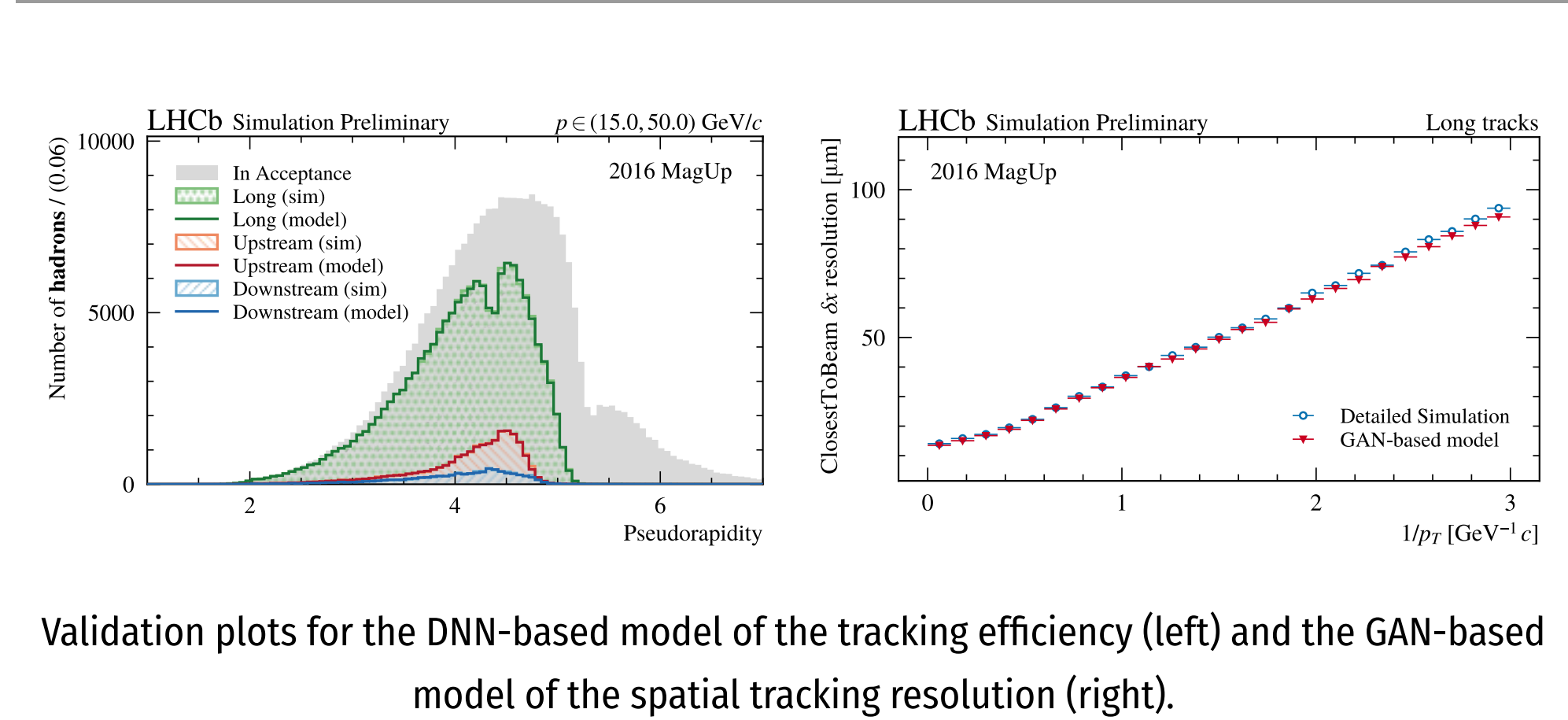
Assuming valid the existence of an **unambiguous (k -to- k) relation** between generated particles and reconstructed objects, the detector high-level response can be modeled in terms of **efficiency** and **"resolution"** (i.e., analysis-level quantities):

- Efficiency:** *Deep Neural Networks* (DNN) trained to perform classification tasks so that they can be used to parameterize the fraction of "good" candidates (e.g., accepted, reconstructed, or selected).
- Resolution:** Conditional *Generative Adversarial Networks* (GAN) trained on detailed simulated samples to parameterize the high-level response of LHCb detector (e.g., reconstruction errors, differential log-likelihoods, or multi-variate classifier output).

5. Charged particles pipeline: the tracking system

Lamarr parameterizes the high-level response of the **LHCb tracking system** relying on the following models:

- propagation:** approximates the trajectory of a charged particles through the dipole magnetic field (parametric model);
- geometrical acceptance:** predicts which of the generated tracks lay within a sensitive area of the detector (DNN model);
- tracking efficiency:** predicts which of the generated tracks in acceptance are properly reconstructed by the detector (DNN model);
- tracking resolution:** parameterizes the errors introduced by the reconstruction algorithms to the track parameters (GAN model);
- covariance matrix:** parameterizes the uncertainties assessed by the Kalman filter procedure (GAN model).

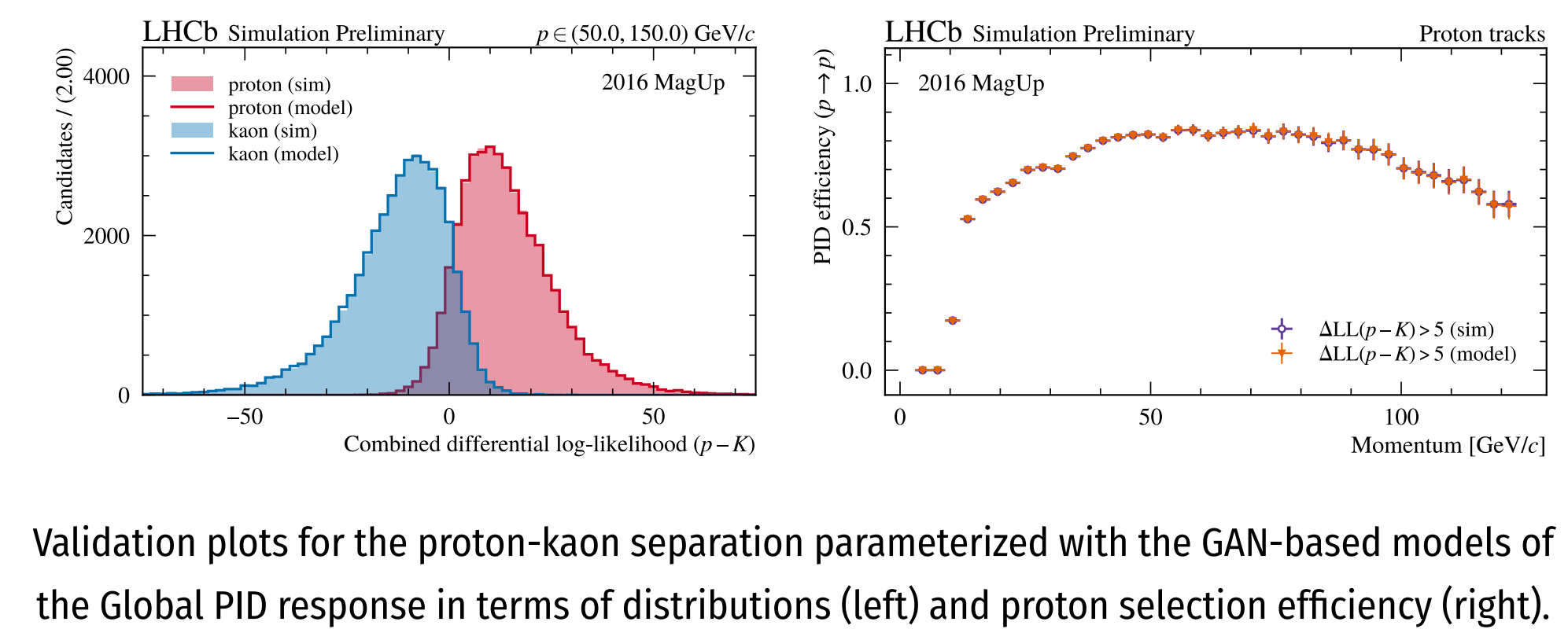


6. Charged particles pipeline: the PID system

Lamarr parameterizes the high-level response of the **LHCb PID system** relying on the following models:

- RICH:** parameterizes DLLs resulting from the RICH detectors (GAN model);
- MUON:** parameterizes likelihoods resulting from the MUON system (GAN model);
- isMuon:** parameterizes the response of a FPGA-based criterion for muon loose boolean selection (DNN model);
- Global PID:** parameterizes the global high-level response of the PID system, consisting of CombDLLs and ProbNNs (GAN model).

Lamarr provides separated models for **muons**, **pions**, **kaons**, and **protons** for each PID set of variables.



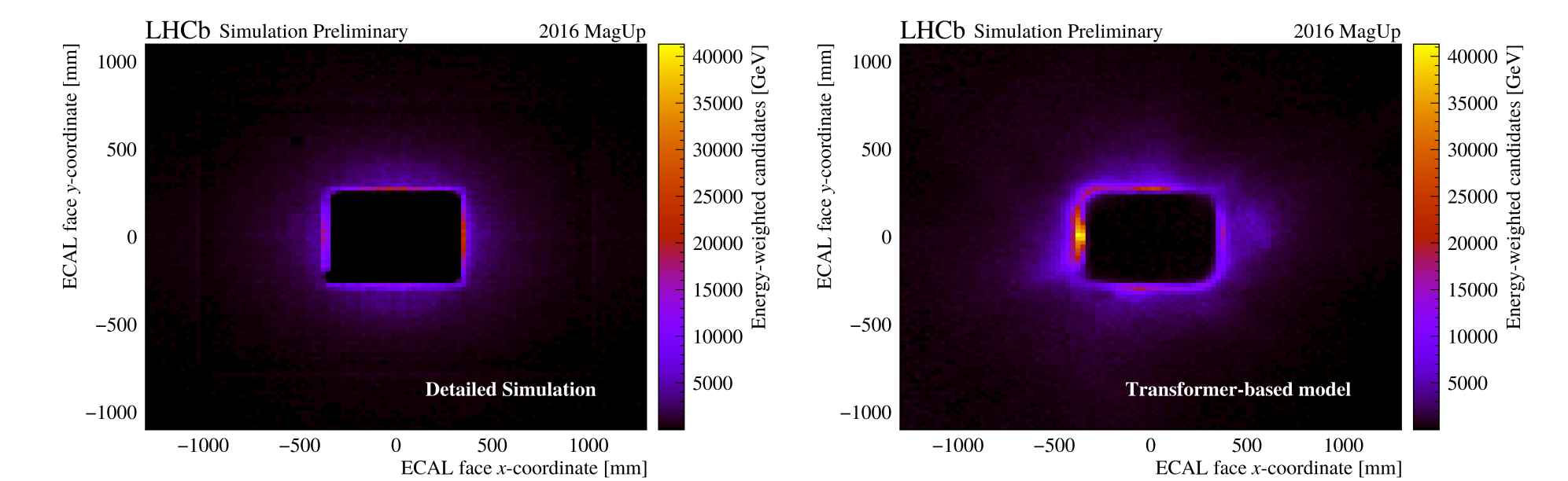
7. Neutral particles pipeline: the ECAL detector

The flash simulation of the LHCb ECAL detector is a non-trivial task:

- bremsstrahlung radiation, converted photons, or merged π^0 may lead to have n **generated particles** responsible for m **reconstructed objects** (in general, with $n \neq m$);
- the **particle-to-particle correlation problem** limits the validity of strategies used for modeling the unambiguous k -to- k detector response.

To parameterize a generic n -to- m response of the ECAL detector, solutions inspired by the natural language **translation problem** are currently under investigation:

- the aim is to define an **event-level description** of the ECAL response;
- assuming ordered sequences of photons/clusters, the problem can be modeled with a **Transformer** model;
- complying with the problem topology, the ECAL response can be modeled with a **Grapha Neural Network** (GNN) model



Validation plots for the (x, y) -position of the ECAL clusters as reconstructed by detailed simulation (left) and a Transformer-based model (right). Each bin entry is properly weighted to include also the energy signature.

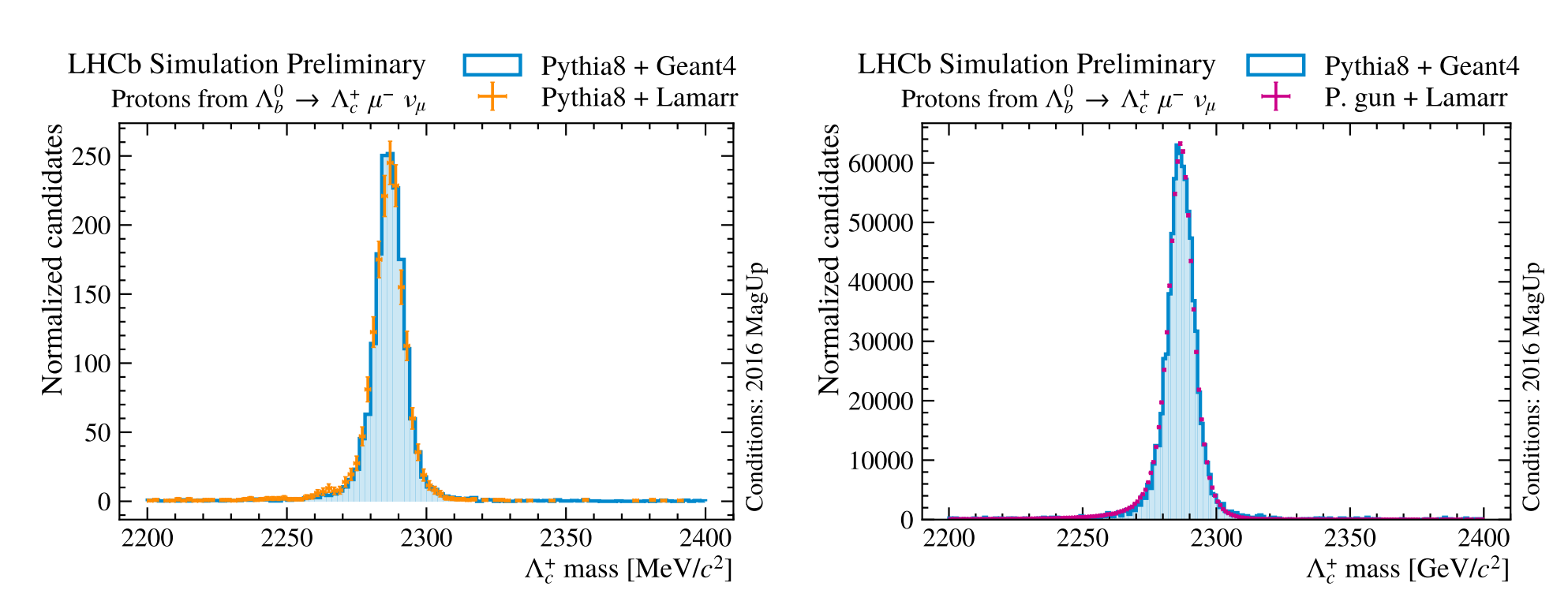
8. Validation campaign

Lamarr provides the high-level response of the LHCb detector by relying on a **pipeline of (subsequent) ML-based modules**. To validate the charged particles chain, the distributions of a set of **analysis-level** reconstructed quantities resulting from Lamarr have been compared with what obtained from detailed simulation for $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \mu^- X$ decays with $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow p K^- \pi^+$.

The deployment of the ML-based models follows a **transcompilation approach** based on **scikitnc**. The models are translated to C files, compiled as *shared objects*, and then dynamically linked to the LHCb simulation software (Gauss).

The integration of Lamarr with Gauss unlocks:

- interface with all the **LHCb-tuned physics generators** (e.g., Pythia8, EvtGen);
- compatibility with the **distributed computing middleware** and production environment;
- providing **ready-to-use datasets** for centralized analysis.



Validation plots for the Λ_c^+ mass obtained from Pythia8 (left) and particle-gun (right) generators by Lamarr against detailed simulation. Reproduced from [LHCb-FIGURE-2022-014](#).

9. Preliminary timing studies

Overall time needed for producing simulated samples has been analyzed for fully detailed simulation (Geant4-based propagation) and Lamarr. When Lamarr is employed, the particle generation (in particular, Pythia8) becomes the new **major CPU consumer**.

Lamarr allows to reduce the CPU cost for the simulation phase of (at least) **two-order-of-magnitude**. Further timing improvements can be achieved by generating only the signal of interest (i.e., particle-gun approach).

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| Detailed simulation: Pythia8 + Geant4 1M events @ 2.5 kHS06.s/event \approx 80 HS06.y |
| Ultra-fast simulation: Pythia8 + Lamarr 1M events @ 0.5 kHS06.s/event \approx 15 HS06.y |
| Ultra-fast simulation: Particle Gun + Lamarr 100M events @ 1 HS06.s/event \approx 4 HS06.y |

10. Conclusions and outlook

Great effort is ongoing to put into production a **fully parametric simulation** of the LHCb experiment, aiming to reduce the pressure on the CPU computing resources.

DNN-based and GAN-based models succeed in describing the high-level response of the LHCb tracking and PID detectors for **charged particles**, while work is still required to parameterize the response of the ECAL detector due to the **particle-to-particle**.

The future development of Lamarr looks to design a flash-simulation framework that, although integrated within the LHCb software stack, can also be run as **standalone**.

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