

# GDR annual meeting 2020

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## Where?

Although the situation with Covid-19 seems to be improved, it looks complicated to organize something “in person” this year.

There are organizational issues (finding a place adapted to norms, organize travels) + attendance issues (some people might not want to travel yet if not absolutely needed) => high risk of failure.

=> We propose to have it virtual only.

## When?

- Week of 28 Sept-2 Oct
- Week of 5-9 Oct

## How?

- It does not make sense to do something as if we were in the same room
- We need a new format, adapted to the virtual situation, profiting of the advantages of virtual meetings

# Proposed format

## Monday to Thursday mornings (should we link each session to a WG?):

- **10h-11h : invited seminar by a very good speaker on a hot topic.** The speaker can be from anywhere in the world (it is virtual, so we can profit for inviting people we normally can not because of travel expenses), and should be appealing for people to attend (for ex: someone we are not used to listen to).
- **11h-12 : Students and postdoc talks on their ongoing work.** We could try again this year the “merged talks” to promote interactions among them.

## Monday afternoon:

- **Flavio lectures** (by Peter Stangl).

## Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons:

- **Projects “hands-on”** (hackathon-like style)  
The idea is to identify some project on which people already work/want to work with other people in the GDR, so that some actual work is done during these sessions; other people could eventually contribute, if interested. Some examples:
  - Flavio’s hands-on;
  - CKMFitter projection for some measurements using their online tool (we have Stephane/Sebastien/Jerome as experts);
  - $b \rightarrow s$  tau tau decays presentation of results for easing the re-casting (from the submitted ANR project)

## Coffee discussions:

- **Tuesday 16h: ERC and ANR projects:** feedbacks (Vava/Justine/Guillaume...others?), suggestions, proposal of collaborative projects within the GDR
- **Thursday 16h: Discriminations in our field** (status but especially possible solutions)

## Friday 10-13h: Wrap-up session

- **Feedback from projects “hands-on”**

# Discussion

## **What is your opinion on this format? Suggestions? Modifications?**

We would need the convenors to figure out:

- what students and postdocs are doing, how to merge their talks (first step, as last year, can be asking students and postdoc if they want to present, but iterations are needed and stimulating the most shy will be needed too, particularly this year);
- suggest and contact immediately (end of September/beginning of October is basically now) speakers for the 4 seminars.

## **Your role and involvement for the success of the meeting is crucial.**

- Remember that we want GDR meetings to be interesting, useful and productive, different from what is already on the market, creating connections among the French community on the intensity frontier.
- This year it is particularly challenging: virtual meeting can easily be unappealing, unless something very interesting is going on.