MC event generation tutorial

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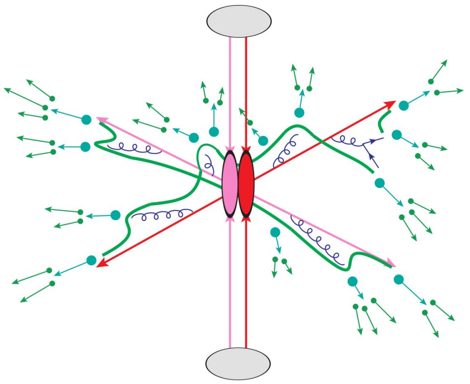
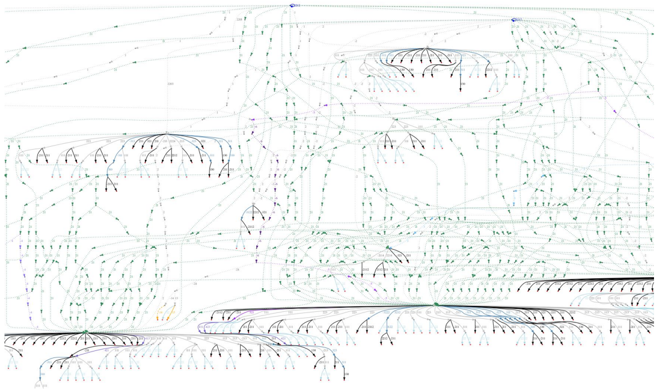
MC generation

❖ **MC generation: where theory meets experiment**
  ➢ The fundamental pp collision, *in vacuo*

❖ **Components of a fully exclusive SHG chain**
  ➢ QFT matrix element sampling at fixed order in QCD etc.
  ➢ *Dressed* with approximate collinear splitting functions, iterated in factorised Markov-chain "parton showers"
  ➢ FS parton evolution terminated at Q ~ 1 GeV: phenomenological hadronisation modelling. Mixed with MPI modelling.
  ➢ Finally particle decays, and other niceties



❖ **Today**
  ➢ hands-on tutorial with Pythia8 and MadGraph5
    ■ for background principles see my talk slides at https://indico.stfc.ac.uk/event/119/timetable/#20200512
  ➢ introduction to running generators and studying their output
  ➢ generation biasing for efficient phase-space population
  ➢ ME/PS merged generation with extra ME jets
  ➢ BSM model configuration and generation



Generator basics

- **First, get your Pythia Docker container started**
  - $ docker pull hepstore/rivet-pythia
  - $ docker run -it --rm -v $PWD:/host hepstore/rivet-pythia
- **Pythia8: shower-hadronisation generator (SHG) with many LO processes built-in**
  - Pythia 8.3 docs: http://home.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/pythia83html/Welcome.html
  - We'll use the "main93" example interface. Open a blank command file: # nano py8-top.cmnd
  - Add the lines:
    Beams:eCM = 13000
    Top:all = on
    Main:writeHepMC = on
  - And run: # pythia8-main93 -c py8-top.cmnd -o TOP -n 1000
- **Examine the output**
  - less TOP.hepmc
  - Run a basic physics analysis on it: # rivet -a EXAMPLE TOP.hepmc -H TOP.yoda
  - View the histogram data: $ less TOP.yoda; # yodals -v TOP.yoda
  - # rivet-mkhtml TOP.yoda -o /host/rivet-plots-top
  - And point your Web browser at it, e.g. $ firefox rivet-plots-top/index.html

More statistics = no more event files

- **The HepMC ASCII files are very large!**
  - They waste space, and CPU due to the writing/re-reading time
  - Useful for debugging, though
- **Better that we pass the events to Rivet in memory instead**
  - # nano py8-top.cmnd
  - And change to:

    Beams:eCM = 13000

    Top:all = on

    Main:runRivet = on

    Main:analyses = MC_TTBAR,MC_JETS,MC_FSPARTICLES,MC_ELECTRONS,MC_MUONS
  - # pythia8-main93 -c py8-top.cmnd -o TOP -n 5000
  - # rivet-mkhtml TOP.yoda -o /host/rivet-plots-top
- **Inspect the output**
  - Do the lepton distributions make sense?
  - The jets?
  - What happens to the statistics at high p_T?

Jet-event generation

- **Let's make some inclusive-jet events**
  - In Pythia, this just means a pp -> jj ME. Everything else comes from the PS, especially ISR
  - It does remarkably well for that (thanks to a few tricks)
  - But mostly we use higher-order generators for the ME nowadays. Py8 is quick, though!
- **We start with the obvious configuration**
  - # nano py8-jets.cmnd

    ```
    Beams:eCM = 13000
    HardQCD:all = on
    PhaseSpace:pThatMin = 10
    Main:runRivet = on
    Main:analyses = MC_JETS
    ```
  - # pythia8-main93 -c py8-jets.cmnd -o JETS -n 2000
- **View the output**
  - # rivet-mkhtml JETS.yoda -o /host/rivet-plots-jets
  - And view: what's happened to the p_T tails and 3rd, 4th jet distributions?
  - We can improve this with ME phase-space slicing and/or enhancement

Jet-event slicing

- **The statistics died off at high pT**
  - The unweighted events are asymptotically distributed like the physical dsigma/dp_T
  - => far too many low-pT events for our needs! Rapidly drop below systematics threshold
  - Simple solution: stick together several runs in orthogonal *slices* of ME phase-space

- **Three slices, the top-one open-ended**
  - Add a max pThat to py8-jets.cmnd:
    PhaseSpace:pThatMin = 10
    PhaseSpace:pThatMax = 50
    # pythia8-main93 -c py8-jets.cmnd -o JETS0 -n 2000
  - Then a min/max pair above that:
    PhaseSpace:pThatMin = 50
    PhaseSpace:pThatMax = 100
    # pythia8-main93 -c py8-jets.cmnd -o JETS1 -n 2000
  - And a final min-only:
    PhaseSpace:pThatMin = 100
    # pythia8-main93 -c py8-jets.cmnd -o JETS2 -n 1000

  - Plot and study: # rivet-mkhtml JETS*.yoda -o /host/rivet-plots-jets

Jet-event enhancement

- **The statistics work better now, and the correctly xs-normalised sum is smooth**
  - We still have falling stats in each slice, though: “sawtooth” statistical error
  - Can we “continuously slice”? Yes! Sample from $pThat^n$ dsigma/dpThat, with weights 1/pThat
  - Since LO 2->2 process, pThat is unambiguous

- **Enhanced dijet generation**
  - Enable biasing in py8-jets.cmnd:
    PhaseSpace:pThatMin = 10
    PhaseSpace:bias2Selection = on
    # pythia8-main93 -c py8-jets.cmnd -o JETSW -n 2000

  - Pretty-printing of all methods:
    # rivet-mkhtml JETS.yoda:Raw:LineColor=red
    JETS0.yoda:Slice0:LineColor=purple:LineStyle=dashed
    JETS1.yoda:Slice1:LineColor=purple:LineStyle=dashdotted
    JETS2.yoda:Slice2:LineColor=purple:LineStyle=dotted
    JETSW.yoda:Enh:LineColor=orange -o /host/rivet-plots-jets

  - Study the output: which is better at phase-space coverage?
    Compare the numbers of events generated

V+jets production

- **W/Z+jets are the biggest and most CPU-consuming MC samples at the LHC**
  - Followed by ttbar, single-top, diboson, …
  - The “classic” development lab for beyond-LO methods, because
    - Born process at 2->1 tree level
    - colour-singlet boson is unproblematic for QCD
    - vector boson: symmetry protection -> small NLO corrections wrt Higgs
    - massive boson = natually “anchored” scale choices: more stable than massless jets or photons

- **First, let’s make a Pythia8 version, then go to MG5**
  - ```
    # nano py8-zmm.cmnd
    Beams:eCM = 13000
    WeakSingleBoson::ffbar2gmZ = on
    23:onMode = off
    23:onIfAny = 13
    Main:runRivet = on
    Main:analyses = MC_JETS
    ```
  - `# pythia8-main93 -c py8-zmm.cmnd -o ZMM -n 5000`
  - `# mv ZMM.yoda /host/Py-Z.yoda`
    ```

V+jets production: MG5

- **Get the MG5 image and open it in a separate terminal**
  - $ docker pull hepstore/rivet-mg5amcnlo
  - $ docker run -it --rm -v $PWD:/host hepstore/rivet-mg5amcnlo
    # cd MG5_aMC_v2_7_3/
    # bin/mg5
  - MG5 is a fixed-order ME generator that interfaces with Pythia's PS etc.

- **Generate the lowest-order jet-multiplicity sample**
  - > generate p p > mu+ mu-
  - > output PROC-Z
  - > launch
  - > ...
  - > quit
  - # cp -r PROC-Z /host/
    => look at diagrams in the host file browser, xsec in web browser
  - # cd PROC-Z/Events/run_01/
    => look at the LHE (and HepMC) event files:
    # zless unweighted_events.lhe.gz

V+jets production: MG5 jet-merging

- **We can also make higher-order MEs (here just tree-level)**
  - # bin/mg5
  - > generate p p > mu+ mu-
    > add process p p > mu+ mu- j
    > add process p p > mu+ mu- j j
    > output PROC-ZJJ
    > quit
  - # cp -r PROC-ZJJ PROC-ZJJMERGED
    # cd PROC-ZJJ
    # nano Cards/proc_card_mg5.dat
    # nano Cards/run_card.dat   -> set ickkwl=0
    # bin/generate_events
  - # cd ../PROC-ZJJMERGED
    # bin/generate_events

Add a [QCD] suffix to generate a process at QCD NLO. Slow!!

One-loop matching with MC@NLO; loop and legs merging/matching with FxFx

- **What's going on???**
  - The PS makes the different multiplicities overlap in phase-space: have to avoid double-counting
  - CKKW(L) and MLM procedures do this by phase-space weights or cuts: we're trying MLM on/off

V+jets production: analysis and comparison

- **Run Rivet on the (zipped) MG5 HepMC events**
  - # rivet -a MC_JETS PROC-Z/Events/run_01/tag_1_pythia8_events.hepmc.gz -H MG-Z.yoda
    # rivet -a MC_JETS PROC-ZJJ/Events/run_01/tag_1_pythia8_events.hepmc.gz -H MG-Zjj-sum.yoda
    # rivet -a MC_JETS PROC-ZJJMERGED/Events/run_01/tag_1_pythia8_events.hepmc.gz
    -H MG-Zjj-x.yoda

- **Event weights**
  - MG5 events have lots of weights, cf. the LHE file. Incorporating scale and PDF variations
  - But it doesn't specify a default weight, which confuses Rivet (until v3.1.3 … later today!)
  - We have to fix it by hand for now:
    # yoda2yoda Zjj-{x,merge}.yoda -M '\[s'
    # sed -e 's/\[MUF=1.0_MUR=1.0_PDF=247000_MERGING=0.000\]//' MG-Z.yoda MG-Zjj-sum.yoda -i
    # sed -e 's/\[MUF=1.0_MUR=1.0_PDF=247000_MERGING=45.000\]//' Zjj-merge.yoda -i
  - And plot:
    # cp /host/Py-Z.yoda .
    # rivet-mkhtml Py-Z.yoda MG-Z.yoda MG-Zjj-*.yoda -o /host/rivet-plots-z

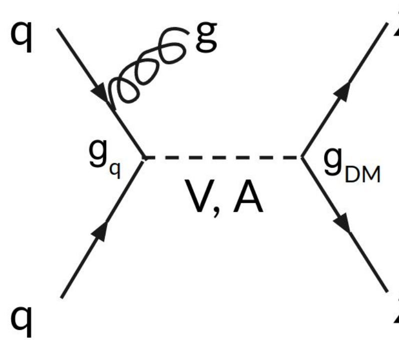
- **Inspect the output**
  - See how the samples have different kinematics? And the MG5 systematic uncertainty bands?

BSM physics generation

- **Pythia8 has several built-in models, e.g. Z', SUSY, XD resonances…**
  - Many are steered just via Py8 parameters — see the manual
  - SUSY in particular requires an SLHA file: see the agenda attachment
  - Set up a command file with
    SUSY:all = on
    SLHA:file = gg_g1500_chi100_g-ttchi.slha
  - Run and analyse

- **MG5 is really a generator generator: more flexible**
  - => can build new MEs for ~any UFO physics model (as can Sherpa, Herwig)
  - E.g. a dark matter model:
  - > import model DMsimp_s_spin1 --modelname
    > generate p p > xd xd~ j
  - etc. DM mass, coupling can be set in the "param card" = SLHA
  - Generate and analyse

  - More control can be imposed by fixing new physics couplings at amplitude level e.g. NP==1 or ME-squared level e.g. NP^2==1



That's it!

- **Thanks for your time!**
- You now know how to run two of the most popular LHC event generators at Born and merged/matched levels
- And how to set up and run any UFO new-physics model
- This is basically a superpower — use it wisely!
- And the devil is in the details: black-box mode will only get you so far
- Sometimes it goes wrong, sometimes… it's complicated
- **Good luck!**