

# PYTHIA 8

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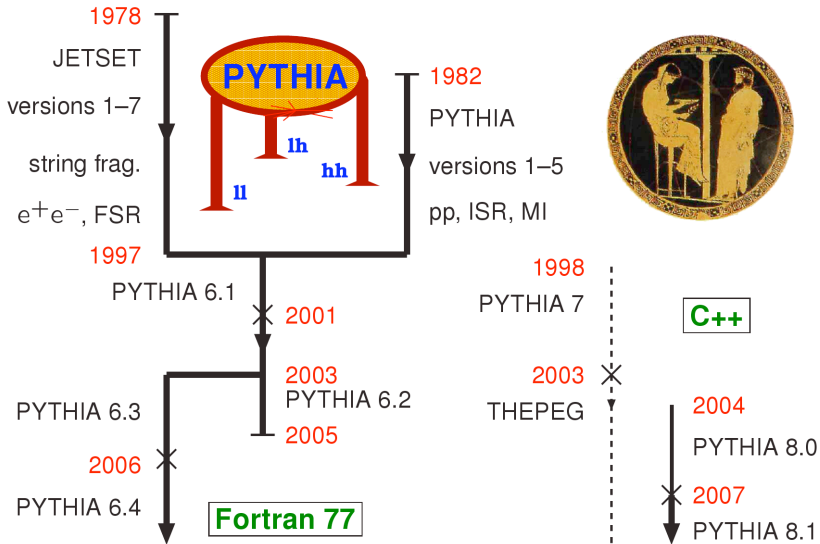
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Lisa Carloni

# Overview

- 1 **PYTHIA**
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- 4 **Running PYTHIA 8**
- 5 **Conclusions**

- ▶ General purpose Monte Carlo event generator
- ▶ Combine pQCD and models to provide link from theory (quarks, gluons) to experiment (mesons, baryons)
- ▶ Full problem “factorised” into different components
  - ▶ Hard process
  - ▶ Resonance decays
  - ▶ Parton showers
  - ▶ Underlying event
  - ▶ Hadronisation
  - ▶ Hadron decays
- ▶ Different parts may be handled by other external programs (e.g. Tauola)
- ▶ Or (with PYTHIA 8) through plugins (e.g. VINCIA)
- ▶ Outputs exclusive hadronic events
  - ▶ Analyse (e.g. FastJet)
  - ▶ Pass to detector simulator (e.g. GEANT)
  - ▶ ...

# PYTHIA



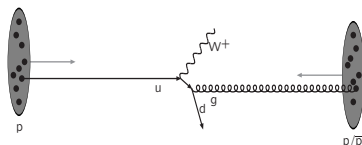
- ▶ Latest downloads and news:
  - ▶ <http://home.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html>
- ▶ “PYTHIA 6.4 Physics and Manual”  
T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna and P. Skands,  
JHEP 0605:026,2006, [hep-ph/0603175].
- ▶ “A Brief Introduction to PYTHIA 8.1”  
T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna and P. Skands,  
Comput. Phys. Comm. 178 (2008) 852 [arXiv:0710.3820].
- ▶ And references therein

# Physics overview

## Beams and hard processes

### ▶ Beams

- ▶ Incoming beams:  $pp$ ,  $p\bar{p}$ ,  $e^+e^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$
- ▶ PYTHIA 8: no  $ep$ ,  $\gamma p$  or  $\gamma\gamma$  beam configurations
- ▶ Built in parton distribution function (PDF) sets
  - ▶ GRV94L, CTEQ5L
  - ▶ MSTW2008 (LO and NLO), MRST LO\*\*
  - ▶ CTEQ6L, CTEQ6L1, CTEQ6.6, CT09MC1, CT09MC2, CT09MCS
- ▶ Easy to link to LHAPDF for many more



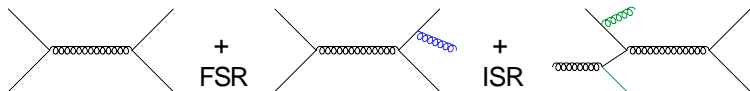
### ▶ Hard Processes

- ▶ Built-in library of many leading-order processes
- ▶ SM: almost all  $2 \rightarrow 1$  and  $2 \rightarrow 2$ , some  $2 \rightarrow 3$
- ▶ BSM: a bit of everything (more to come)
- ▶ External input through Les Houches Accord (LHA) and Les Houches Event Files (LHEF)

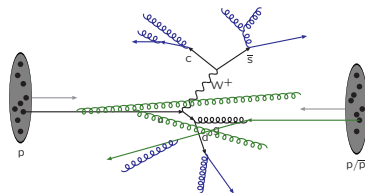
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## Parton showers

- ▶ Regions of phase space where higher-order terms are enhanced
  - ▶ Full matrix element calculation not feasible
  - ▶ DGLAP evolution equations; leading log approximation of QCD
  - ▶ Sudakov form factor; shower evolution as a probabilistic process



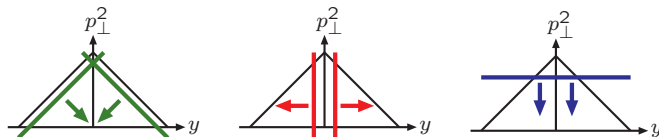
- ▶ Initial state radiation performed through backwards evolution
  - ▶ Pick a hard  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process
  - ▶ What is the probability that incoming parton  $b$  came from a splitting  $a \rightarrow bc$ ?
  - ▶ PDF factors enter the evolution
- ▶ Iterate to build up event



# Physics overview

## Parton showers

- ▶ Still choices to make!
- ▶ Ordering
  - ▶ Transverse-momentum-ordered showers



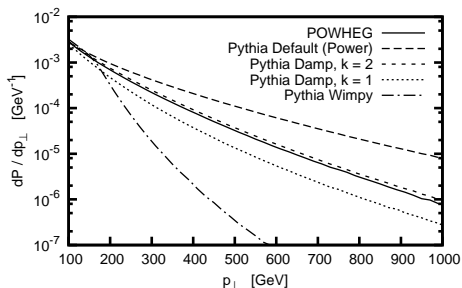
- ▶ Recoil strategy
  - ▶ Dipole approach to recoil
  - ▶ Each radiator parton has a recoiler partner
  - ▶ Kinematics constructed directly after each branching
  - ▶ All unevolved partons on mass shell



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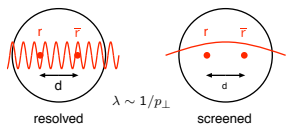
## Parton showers

- ▶ Matching to ME for first emission in many processes
- ▶ Aim to provide better shower behaviour at large  $p_{\perp}$ 
  - ▶ Dampen shower tail in coloured final states
  - ▶ Also examine interfacing of POWHEG NLO generators to PYTHIA
  - ▶ RC & T. Sjöstrand, arXiv:1003.2384 [hep-ph]



- ▶ Implementation of CKKW-L in progress (Stefan Prestel)

- ▶ Multiple parton-parton interactions
  - ▶ QCD 2  $\rightarrow$  2, prompt photon production, Drell Yan, Charmonium & Bottomonium
  - ▶ Impact parameter dependence
  - ▶ Dampened cross section in  $p_{\perp} \rightarrow 0$  limit



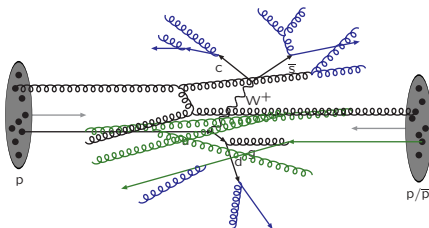
$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{dp_{\perp}^2} \propto \frac{\alpha_S^2(p_{\perp}^2)}{p_{\perp}^4} \rightarrow \frac{\alpha_S^2(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_{\perp}^2)}{(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_{\perp}^2)^2}$$

- ▶ Interleaved  $p_{\perp}$  evolution with ISR and FSR
  - ▶ ISR and MI “compete” for beam
  - ▶ Flavour dependent PDF effects
  - ▶ Showering from all interactions

# Physics overview

## Underlying event

- ▶ Picture now a lot more messy

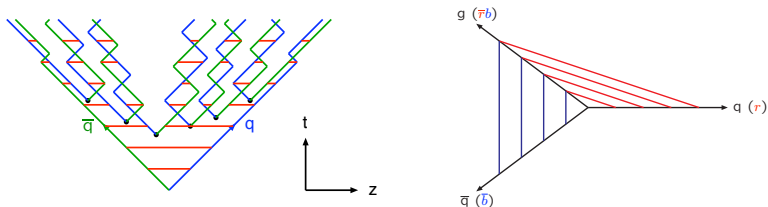


- ▶ Rescattering: scattered parton allowed to interact again
  - ▶ Same order in  $\alpha_s$ , but one PDF weight less
  - ▶ Large background  $\rightarrow$  will be tough to find direct evidence
  - ▶ RC & T. Sjöstrand, JHEP 01 (2010) 035 [arXiv:0911.1909]

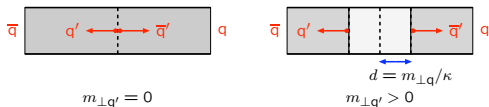


- ▶ String fragmentation - "The Lund Model"

$$\left| \frac{dE}{dz} \right| = \left| \frac{dp_z}{dz} \right| = \left| \frac{dE}{dt} \right| = \left| \frac{dp_z}{dt} \right| = \kappa$$



- ▶ String breaking modelled by tunnelling

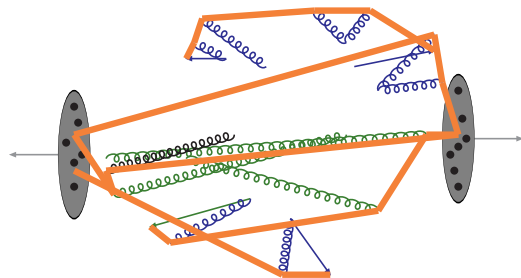


- ▶ Particle decays, usually isotropic

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## Hadronisation

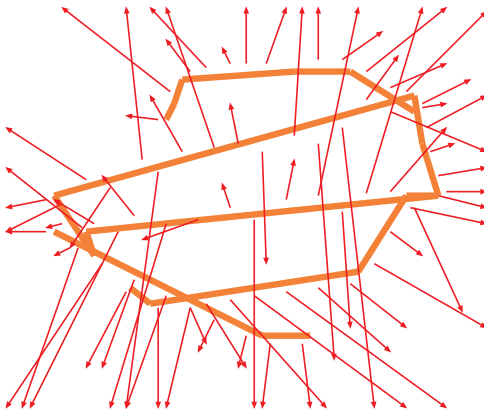
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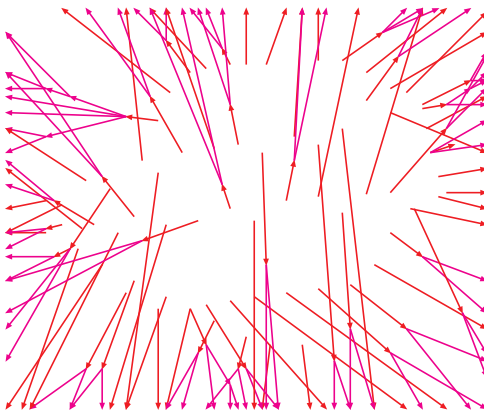
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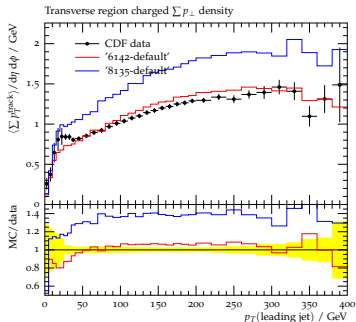
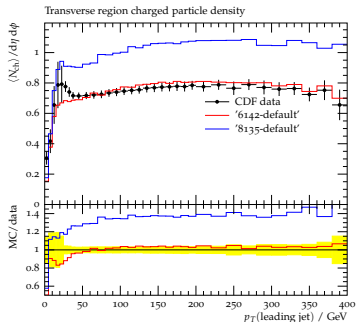
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## Current status

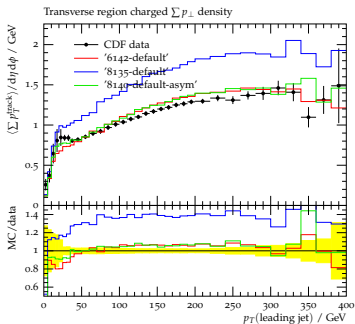
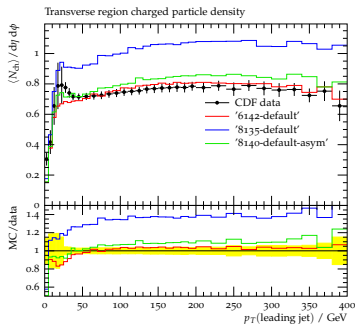
- ▶ Tuning with Rivet + Professor
  - A. Buckley et al. [hep-ph/1003.0694, hep-ph/0907.2973]
    - ▶ Tuning to  $e^+e^-$  data looks okay
    - ▶ Hard physics distributions also okay
    - ▶ But problems describing the underlying event?



- ▶ Possible causes
  - ▶ Final-state dipoles with initial-state recoil
  - ▶ Azimuthal asymmetry of radiation



- ▶ Initial results promising, but still much to be checked



- ▶ Go further?
  - ▶ Compare first parton shower emission to  $2 \rightarrow 3$  matrix elements
  - ▶ How does  $2 \rightarrow 2 \otimes$  PS fill the phase space?
  - ▶ Work ongoing!

- ▶ Much early focus on SM physics
- ▶ Emphasis on providing solid links to external programs
  - ▶ Les Houches Accord (LHA) and Les Houches Events Files (LHEF) can be used to read in parton-level events for showering and hadronisation
  - ▶ Easy to use PYTHIA to simulate a wide range of BSM processes in this way
  - ▶ Important to understand what choices need to be made and what PYTHIA can and can't do
- ▶ But also complemented by a library of common BSM processes

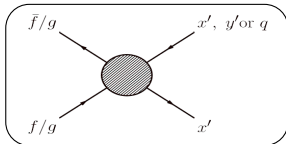


## Fourth Generation

Production of fourth generation quarks and leptons

Provide a template for models with new particles with similar characteristics

Include most quark scenarios ( $x = t, b$ ):



and one lepton scenario:  $f\bar{f} \rightarrow \tau'\nu'$

**Parameters:**

- Masses
- 4th generation CKM matrix elements

## One/Two Higgs Doublets

( $H_{i=1,3}$  = physical states of the  $h, H$  and  $A$  fields)

Contains:

- The standard set of SM processes
- Single  $H_i$  and  $H^{+/-}$  production
- $H_i$  and  $H^{+/-}$  pair production
- Higher order processes for high- $p_T$  samples

**Parameters:**

- Higgs mass(es)

(SM)

- Higgs width parameters  
(`cubicWidth` and `runningLoopMass`)

(BSM)

- Individual couplings to the SM particles
- SUSY couplings will be given by SLHA
- $\tan(\beta)$
- Scalar / pseudo-scalar mixing, including CP violating interference

## Available BSM Processes



### New Gauge Bosons

From a new SU(2) or U(1) gauge group

Z':

Z' production with Z and/or  $\gamma^*$  interference

No dedicated high-pT processes, but proper matching of ISR to the Z'+1 jet ME

Parameters:

- $g_v / g_a$  couplings for any fermion
- WW coupling + decay-angle parameter

W':

Same as for Z' but with less  $g_v / g_a$  flexibility

R<sup>0</sup> ("Horizontal" gauge boson):

Only mass parameter

### Left-Right Symmetry

New SU(2)<sub>R</sub> gauge group and extended Higgs sector

Contains:

- Production of  $W_R$  and  $Z_R$
- Production of  $H^{++/-}$
- Allow for right handed neutrino decays and cascade decays depending on mass hierarchy

Other Higgs processes controlled by 2HD category

Parameters:

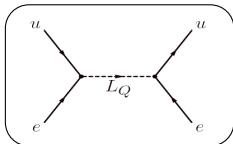
- Masses
- $g_L, g_R$  and Higgs couplings
- $v_L$  Vacuum Expectation Value

## Available BSM Processes



### Leptoquark

Production of a scalar leptoquark  
(Conserved, but variable flavors)

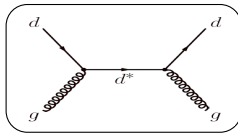


Parameters:

- Mass
- Coupling

### Compositeness

Production of excited leptons and quarks  
(and anomalous couplings)



Parameters:

- Masses
- Coupling
- Compositeness scale



## *In Progress!*

- Only groups of processes can be turned ON/OFF.
- All masses and couplings are given to Pythia 8 by SLHA1 or SLHA2 files.
- Currently gluino, squark, neutralino and chargino pair production (LO) is available, e.g.

**SUSY:gg2gluinogluino**

**SUSY:qqbar2gluinogluino**

**SUSY:gg2squarkgluino**

etc.

- Allows for non-minimal flavour and/or CP violation.

*Processes related to an  
extended Higgs sector  
is kept in the Higgs section*

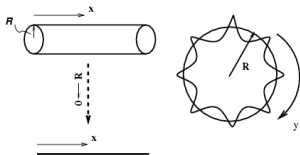
*G. Bozzi et al., NPB 787 (2007) 1.*

## *Remaining*

- Direct slepton production processes, using the same general SUSY 2->2 structure as developed for the above processes.
- Decays, initially based only on phase space and externally computed total widths from BSM-LHEF or SLHA DECAY tables. Later including the matrix elements.
- Only R-parity conserving processes to start with.



**Reminder: Compactified Extra Dimension**



- Momentum modes in ED give KK tower.
- Large ED give dense KK states, i.e. effectively continuous mass distribution.
- ED phase space could compensate small gravitational coupling (aka ADD scenario).

**LED model parameters in Pythia8**

$n$  = integer nr of large extra dimensions.

$M_D$  = scale of gravity in  $D = 4 + n$  dimensions.

$\Lambda_T$  = cut-off scale for virtual G exchange.

N. Arkani-Hamed, S. Dimopoulos,  
G. Dvali, PLB 429 (1998) 263

G.F. Giudice, R. Rattazzi, J.D.  
Wells, NPB 544 (1999) 3

**other popular conventions**

$$M^{n+2} = 2M_D^{n+2}$$

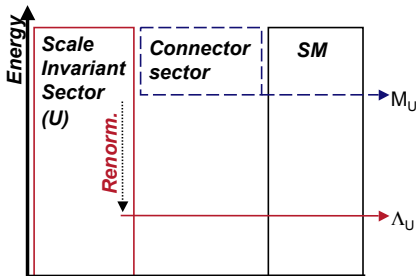
$$M_S^{n+2} = 8\pi^{1-\frac{n}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) M_D^{n+2}$$

$$\Lambda_H^4 = \frac{2}{\pi} \Lambda_T^4$$

E.A. Mirabelli, M. Perelstein, M.E.  
Peskin, PRL 82 (1999) 2236

T. Han, J.D. Lykken, R.-J. Zhang,  
PRD 59 (1999) 105006

J.L. Hewett, T.G. Rizzo, JHEP 0712 (2007) 009



## Unparticle model parameters in Pythia8

Spin = 0, 1 or 2.

$d_U$  = scale dimension parameter.

$\Lambda_U$  = unparticle renormalization scale.

$\lambda$  = coupling between U and SM  
(related to  $M_U$ ).

Unparticles (U) belong to a scale invariant sector, only interacting with the SM via a connector sector at a high energy scale.

H. Georgi, PRL  
98 (2007) 221601

### Gives rise to

- Continuous U mass spectrum.
- Non-integer  $d_U$ -body phase space.

**Similar to LED**  $d_U = \frac{n}{2} + 1$

Particle with access to one ED appears with a 1.5 particle phase space.

K. Cheung, W.Y. Keung, T.C. Yuan,  
PRD 76 (2007) 055003





Common implementation, based on unparticle formulae, where the G process is obtained (when possible) from spin-2 unparticle matrix elements.

These common implementations simplifies for comparisons between the similar processes.

## U to G Emission

$$d_U = \frac{n}{2} + 1$$

$$A(d_U) \leftrightarrow S(n)$$

$$\Lambda_U = M_D$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$$

(phase space factors)

## U to G Exchange

$$d_U = 2$$

$$\Lambda_U = \Lambda_T$$

$$\lambda^2 \cdot \chi = 4\pi$$

(factor from U propagator)

Doc: [arXiv:0912.4233v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/0912.4233v1) [hep-ph]

MAN/HEP/2009/20  
MChet/09/20  
DESY 09-214  
Dec 2009

### Real Emission and Virtual Exchange of Gravitons and Unparticles in Pythias

S. Ask<sup>1\*</sup>, I. V. Akh<sup>2</sup>, L. Benucci<sup>3</sup>, A. De Roeck<sup>3,4</sup>, M. Goebel<sup>5,6</sup>, J. Haller<sup>6</sup>

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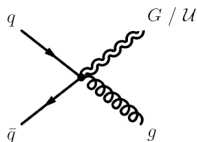
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#### Abstract

Models with large extra dimensions as well as unparticle models could give rise to new phenomena at collider experiments due to real emission or virtual exchange of gravitons or unparticles. In this paper we present the common implementations of these processes in the Monte Carlo generator PYTHIAS, using relations between the parameters of the two models. The program offers several options related to the treatment of the UV region of the effective theories, including the possibility of using a form factor for the running gravitational coupling. Characteristic results obtained with PYTHIAS have been used to validate the implementations as well as to illustrate the key features and effects of the model parameters. The results presented in this paper are focused on mono-jet, di-photon and di-lepton final states at the LHC.



## Already Available



## Processes

Mono-jet:  $gg2Gg$ ,  $qg2Gq$ ,  $qq\bar{q}2Gg$

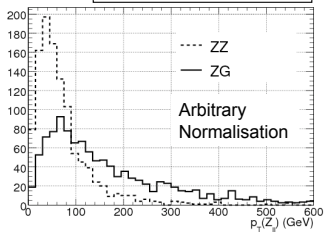
Mono-photon:  $f\bar{f}2G\gamma$

Mono-Z:  $f\bar{f}2GZ$

G and U options separated into **ExtraDimensionsLED** and **ExtraDimensionsUnpart** sections and name differ with **G** replaced by **U**.

- Mono-photon process corresponds to the photon limit of the mono-Z process.
- No interference between photon/Z.
- The Z decays isotropically.
- No spin-2 U Matrix elements for mono-jet processes, i.e. G only spin-2 mono-jet scenario.

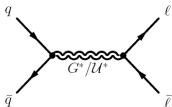
SA, EPJC 60 (2009) 509.





**Already Available Processes** Di-lepton:  $gg2l\bar{l}bar$ ,  $qqbar2l\bar{l}bar$

Di-photon:  $gg2\gamma\gamma$ ,  $qqbar2\gamma\gamma$

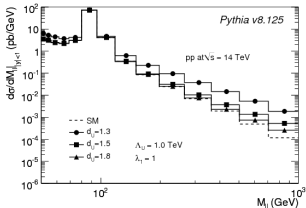


Include helicity dependent couplings between a spin-1 U and fermions (same options as for eta parameter on slide 6).

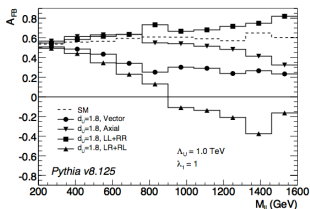
Could lead to interesting interference patterns and effects on the angular distribution.

H. Georgi, PLB  
650 (2007) 275

Di-lepton production at the LHC



Forward-Backward Asymmetry



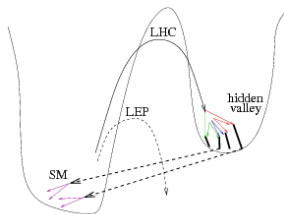


Smaller extra dimension models often give rise to resonances due the KK modes (smaller size, larger KK mode separation).

### **Complementary set of related resonances**

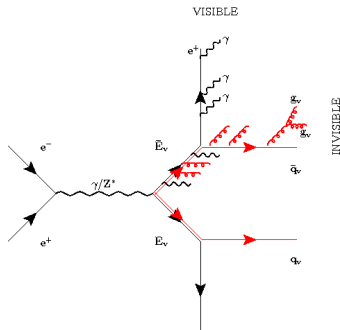
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graviton resonance,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gg and ffbar initiated / spin-2 / colour singlet.</li> <li>• Common coupling to all SM particles (RS1 with SM on the TeV brane).</li> <li>• Flavour dependent couplings (RS1 with SM in bulk).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p><b>Already Available</b></p> <p><i>in Progress!</i></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Z' resonance,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ffbar initiated / spin-1 / colour singlet.</li> <li>• Possible to specify any combination of couplings and SM interf.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <p><b>Already Available</b></p>                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>Z_{KK} + \gamma_{KK}</math> resonances, <b>(See Mark Suttons Talk!)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ffbar initiated / spin-1 / colour singlet.</li> <li>• Include <math>Z_{KK}/\gamma_{KK}</math> interference and multiple KK modes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                  | <p><b>Next Version</b></p>                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gluon resonance,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qqbar initiated / spin-1 / colour octet.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | <p><b>Next Version</b></p>                                 |

- ▶ “Echoes of a hidden valley at hadron colliders”  
M. Strassler, K. Zurek, Phys.Lett.B651:374-379,2007 [hep-ph/0604261]
  - ▶ Hidden gauge sector which does not couple to SM particles
  - ▶ Low mass scale
  - ▶ Barrier separates this sector from the SM
  - ▶ Coupling through e.g. heavy communicators
  - ▶ Decays via tunneling

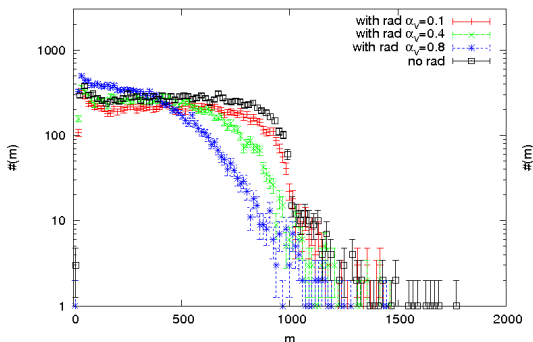


- ▶ Whole class of models
  - ▶ What are the gauge groups of the hidden sector?
  - ▶ What are the communicators?

- ▶ “Visible Effects of Invisible Hidden Valley Radiation”  
L. Carloni and T. Sjöstrand, arXiv:1006.2911 [hep-ph]
  - ▶ Tools for Hidden Valley shower in PYTHIA 8
  - ▶ HV contains Abelian U(1) or non-Abelian unbroken SU(N) gauge group
  - ▶ Particles ( $F_V$ ) content mirrors SM flavour structure
  - ▶  $F_V$  are charged under both SM and HV gauge groups
  - ▶ Decays to SM particle and invisible, massive HV particle ( $q_V$ ):  $F_V \rightarrow fq_V$



- ▶ MT2 distribution
  - ▶ Lesters-Summers [hep-ph/9906349], Matchev [hep-ph/0910.3679]
  - ▶  $m_T^2 = M_e^2 + M_{q_v}^2 + 2(E_T^e \cancel{E}_T^{q_v} - \mathbf{p}_T^e \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^{q_v})$
  - ▶ Endpoint gives  $M_{E_V}$
- ▶ Effects at LHC @ 14TeV
- ▶  $L = 100\text{fb}^{-1}$ ,  $M_{D_V} = 1\text{TeV}$ ,  $M_{q_v} = 10\text{GeV}$
- ▶ Tools coming in PYTHIA 8.140



# Running PYTHIA 8

## Overview

- ▶ Latest code available from:

- ▶ <http://home.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html>

- ▶ To get up and running:

- ▶ `tar zxvf pythia81xx.tgz`
  - ▶ `cd pythia81xx`
  - ▶ `./configure; make`

- ▶ Some important files:

README

More detailed installation instructions  
(HepMC, LHAPDF, etc..)

htmldoc/pythia8100.pdf

A Brief Introduction to PYTHIA 8.1

htmldoc/Welcome.html

Full manual

htmldoc/worksheet.pdf

Worksheet

phpdoc/

Interactive manual when installed on  
a PHP webserver

examples/

Over 30 example programs  
(make mainNN; ./mainNN.exe)



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- ▶ PYTHIA 8 is compiled to a library
- ▶ One include file and namespace:
  - ▶ `#include "Pythia.h"`
  - ▶ `using namespace Pythia8;`
- ▶ Generator object is created by instantiating the Pythia class
  - ▶ `Pythia pythia;`
- ▶ Different ways to initialise
  - ▶ `pythia.init( idA, idB, eCM );`
  - ▶ `pythia.init( "LHEF filename" );`
- ▶ Generate next event
  - ▶ `pythia.next();`
- ▶ Event record is a C++ vector of 'Particle' class
  - ▶ `pythia.event[3].id();`
  - ▶ `pythia.event[10].isCharged();`
  - ▶ `pythia.event[10].p();`
- ▶ Summary information
  - ▶ `pythia.statistics();`

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## Settings and particle data

- ▶ Internal settings database
  - ▶ `pythia.readString("command");`
  - ▶ `pythia.readFile("filename");`
  - ▶ Where `filename` contains one `command` per line
- ▶ A `command` has the form (not case sensitive):
  - ▶ Settings: `'task:property = value'`

Command	Description
PartonLevel:FSR = off	Master switch for FSR
SpaceShower:pTmin = 1.25	Lower cutoff for ISR
SigmaProcess:alphaSorder = 2	2nd order $\alpha_s$ running (for hard process)
SoftQCD:minBias = on	Switch on minimum bias processes
HiggsSM:gg2H = on	Switch on Standard Model Higgs production

- ▶ Particle data `'id:property = value'` or `'id:channel:property = value'`

Command	Description
25:m0 = 150.0	Set Higgs mass to 150.0 GeV
25:onMode = off	Turn off all Higgs decays
25:onIfAll = 23 23	Turn on Higgs to ZZ decays
111:mayDecay = 0	Turn off $\pi^0$ decays
215:3:products = 211 111 111	Let $a_2^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$

- ▶ Full details of all commands in the HTML documentation

### ► Change settings in PHP pages and write out command file

Timelike Showers

The PYTHIA algorithm for timelike final-state showers is based on the recent article [Sjo05], where a transverse-momentum-ordered evolution scheme is introduced. This algorithm is influenced by the previous mass-ordered algorithm in PYTHIA [Ben87] and by the dipole-emission formulation in Ariadne [Gus86]. From the mass-ordered algorithm it inherits a merging procedure for first-order gluon-emission matrix elements in essentially all two-body decays in the standard model and its minimal supersymmetric extension [Nor01].

The normal user is not expected to call `TimeShower` directly, but only have it called from `Pythia`. Some of the parameters below, in particular `TimeShower:alphaSValue`, would be of interest for a tuning exercise, however.

#### Main variables

Often the maximum scale of the FSR shower evolution is understood from the context. For instance, in a resonance decay half the resonance mass sets an absolute upper limit. For a hard process in a hadronic collision the choice is not as unique. Here the factorization scale has been chosen as the maximum evolution scale. This would be the  $p_T$  for a  $2 \rightarrow 2$  process, supplemented by mass terms for massive outgoing particles. Some small amount of freedom is offered by

**TimeShower:pTmaxFudge**  (default = 1.0; minimum = 0.25; maximum = 2.0)

While the above rules would imply that  $p_{T\_max} = p_{T\_factorization}$ , `pTmaxFudge` introduced a multiplicative factor  $f$  such that instead  $p_{T\_max} = f * p_{T\_factorization}$ . Only applies to the hardest interaction in an event, cf. below. It is strongly suggested that  $f = 1$ , but variations around this default can be useful to test this assumption. **Note:**Scales for resonance decays are not affected, but can be set separately by `user hooks`.

**TimeShower:pTmaxFudgeMl**  (default = 1.0; minimum = 0.25; maximum = 2.0)

A multiplicative factor  $f$  such that  $p_{T\_max} = f * p_{T\_factorization}$ , as above, but here for the non-hardest interactions (when multiple interactions are allowed).

The amount of QCD radiation in the shower is determined by

**TimeShower:alphaSValue**  (default = 0.1383; minimum = 0.06; maximum = 0.25)

The  $\alpha_{strong}$  value at scale  $M_{Z^2}$ . The default value corresponds to a crude tuning to LEP data, to be improved.

The actual value is then regulated by the running to the scale  $p_T^2$ , at which the shower evaluates  $\alpha_{strong}$

**TimeShower:alphaSorder** (default = 1; minimum = 0; maximum = 2)

Order at which  $\alpha_{strong}$  runs.

- 0 : zeroth order, i.e.  $\alpha_{strong}$  is kept fixed.
- 1 : first order, which is the normal value.
- 2 : second order. Since other parts of the code do not go to second order there is no strong reason to use this option, but there is also nothing wrong with it.

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First example: main01.cc

```
#include "Pythia.h"
using namespace Pythia8;

int main() {
    Pythia pythia; // Generator
    pythia.readString("HardQCD:all = on"); // Process selection
    pythia.readString("PhaseSpace:pTHatMin = 20."); // Cuts
    pythia.init( 2212, 2212, 14000.); // LHC initialisation
    pythia.settings.listChanged(); // Print settings
    Hist mult("charged multiplicity", 100, -0.5, 799.5); // Book histogram

    for (int iEvent = 0; iEvent < 100; ++iEvent) { // Start of event loop
        if (!pythia.next()) continue; // Generate event
        if (iEvent < 1)
            { pythia.info.list(); pythia.event.list(); } // Print first event

        int nCharged = 0; // Count nChg
        for (int i = 0; i < pythia.event.size(); ++i)
            if (pythia.event[i].isFinal() &&
                pythia.event[i].isCharged()) ++nCharged;

        mult.fill( nCharged ); // Fill histogram
    } // End of event loop

    pythia.statistics(); // Print statistics
    cout << mult; // Print histogram
    return 0; // Done
}
```

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## Understanding the output: pythia.init()

- ▶ Not much to see yet; estimated cross sections and MI initialisation

```
*----- PYTHIA Process Initialization -----*
|
| We collide p+ with p+ at a CM energy of 1.400e+04 GeV
|
|-----|
| Subprocess                               Code | Estimated |
|                                           | max (mb) |
|-----|
| g g -> g g                               111 | 4.206e+00 |
| g g -> q qbar (uds)                      112 | 4.407e-02 |
| q g -> q g                                113 | 2.294e+00 |
| q q(bar)' -> q q(bar)'                   114 | 2.149e-01 |
| q qbar -> g g                             115 | 1.454e-03 |
| q qbar -> q' qbar' (uds)                 116 | 6.426e-04 |
| g g -> c cbar                             121 | 1.453e-02 |
| q qbar -> c cbar                          122 | 2.129e-04 |
| g g -> b bbar                             123 | 1.323e-02 |
| q qbar -> b bbar                          124 | 2.018e-04 |
|
|----- End PYTHIA Process Initialization -----*

*----- PYTHIA Multiple Interactions Initialization -----*
|
|          sigmaNonDiffractive = 54.72 mb
|
| pT0 = 3.68 gives sigmaInteraction = 192.71 mb: accepted
|
|----- End PYTHIA Multiple Interactions Initialization -----*
```

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## Understanding the output: `pythia.settings.listChanged()` & `pythia.info.list()`

### ▶ `pythia.settings.listChanged()`: check setup

```
*----- PYTHIA Flag + Mode + Parm + Word Settings (changes only) -----*
| Name | | | Now | | Default | | Min | | Max |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| HardQCD:all | | | on | | off | | | |
| PhaseSpace:pTHatMin | | | 20.00000 | | 0.0 | | 0.0 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
*----- End PYTHIA Flag + Mode + Parm + Word Settings -----*
```

### ▶ `pythia.info.list()`: event information (all properties available in code; see HTML documentation → Event Information)

```
----- PYTHIA Info Listing -----
Beam A: id = 2212, pz = 7.000e+03, e = 7.000e+03, m = 9.383e-01.
Beam B: id = 2212, pz = -7.000e+03, e = 7.000e+03, m = 9.383e-01.

In 1: id = 21, x = 2.147e-03, pdf = 2.023e+01 at Q2 = 6.659e+02.
In 2: id = 21, x = 6.857e-03, pdf = 9.931e+00 at same Q2.

Subprocess g g -> g g with code l11 is 2 -> 2.
It has sHat = 2.886e+03, tHat = -1.042e+03, uHat = -1.844e+03,
      pTHat = 2.581e+01, m3Hat = 0.000e+00, m4Hat = 0.000e+00,
      thetaHat = 1.289e+00, phiHat = 2.024e+00.
      alphaEM = 7.707e-03, alphaS = 1.571e-01 at Q2 = 6.659e+02.

Impact parameter b = 3.972e-01 gives enhancement factor = 2.548e+00.
Max pT scale for MI = 2.581e+01, ISR = 2.581e+01, FSR = 2.581e+01.
Number of MI = 5, ISR = 20, FSRproc = 148, FSRreson = 0.

----- End PYTHIA Info Listing -----
```

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## Understanding the output: pythia.event.list()

```
----- PYTHIA Event Listing (complete event) -----
no  id  name      status  mothers  daughters  colours  p_x  p_y  p_z  e  m
0   90  (system)  -11     0         0           0         0    0.000 0.000 0.000 14000.000 14000.000
1   2212 (p+)     -12     0         0          296        0     0    0.000 0.000 7000.000 7000.000 0.938
2   2212 (p+)     -12     0         0          297        0     0    0.000 0.000 -7000.000 7000.000 0.938
3    -1  (dbar)   -21     6         0           5         5     0   101  0.000 0.000 204.251 204.251 0.000
4    1   (d)     -21     7         7           5         5    101  0     0.000 0.000 -10.210 10.210 0.000
5   23  (Z0)    -22     3         4           8         8     0     0    0.000 0.000 194.041 214.461 91.332
6   -1  (dbar)  -41    47        47           9         3     0   103  0.000 0.000 307.261 307.261 0.000
7    1   (d)    -42    12        12           4         4    101  0    -0.000 -0.000 -10.210 10.210 0.000
8   23  (Z0)   -44     5         5          49        49     0     0    8.809 11.101 212.343 231.586 91.332
9   21  (g)    -43     6         0          10        11    101  103 -8.809 -11.101 84.708 85.885 0.000
10  21  (g)    -51     9         0          40        40    104  103 -4.019 -12.530 18.187 22.448 0.000
11  21  (g)    -51     9         0          17        18    101  104 -4.790 1.429 64.882 65.075 0.000
12  1   (d)    -53    19        19           7         7    101  0    -0.000 -0.000 -11.848 11.848 0.000
13  21  (g)   -31    27         0          15        16    106  107 0.000 0.000 0.449 0.449 0.000
14  2   (u)   -31    28        28          15        16    105  0     0.000 0.000 -1439.239 1439.239 0.000
15  21  (g)   -33    13        14          29        29    105  107 -3.210 5.131 -20.260 21.145 0.000
16  2   (u)   -33    13        14          30        30    106  0     3.210 -5.131 -1418.530 1418.543 0.330
...

```

- ▶ Cheated a bit; this is a  $Z^0$  event (but with a lot to see)
  - ▶ Hard process
  - ▶ Initial state radiation (note: the  $Z^0$  now has  $p_{\perp}$ )
  - ▶ Final state radiation
  - ▶ Multiple interaction
- ▶ Doesn't end there!

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## Understanding the output: pythia.event.list()

```
----- PYTHIA Event Listing (complete event) -----
no  id  name      status  mothers  daughters  colours  p_x    p_y    p_z    e      m
...
296 -1  (dbar)    -61     1         0         223      223     0     103   -0.453  -0.938  707.715  707.716  0.000
297  1  (d)       -61     2         0         60       60     157    0     0.850  -0.456  -16.777  16.804   0.000
298 23  (Z0)     -62     61        61        399      400     0      0     8.292  10.315  210.714  230.038  91.332
299 21  (g)      -62    274      274       474       0    150   145   0.060  -0.041   0.221   0.233   0.000
300 21  (g)      -62    177      177       473       0    108   140   0.433  -0.078   3.610   3.637   0.000
...
399  1  (d)      -23    298       0       401       402    102    0   -6.292 -30.751  27.566  41.776   0.330
400 -1  (dbar)   -23    298       0       403       403     0    102  14.583  41.066  183.148  188.262  0.330
401  1  (d)     -51    399       0       404       405    202    0   -8.192 -31.438  31.555  45.291   0.330
402 21  (g)     -51    399       0       406       406    102   202    6.210  12.823  50.136  52.121   0.000
403 -1  (dbar)  -52    400      400       427       427     0    102  10.274  28.930  129.023  132.626  0.330
...
```

### ▶ Resonance decays

- ▶ Short lived resonances → decay already considered at the hard process stage (and then “stitched” onto the event)
- ▶ In several cases, decay angular distributions are encoded as part of the specific process

### ▶ Subsequent resonance shower from decay products



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## Understanding the output: `pythia.event.list()`

```
----- PYTHIA Event Listing (complete event) -----
no   id   name   status  mothers  daughters  colours  p_x    p_y    p_z    e    m
...
938  22   gamma   91    803    0    0    0    0    0    -0.009  0.094  -0.171  0.195  0.000
939  211  pi+     91    812    0    0    0    0    0    0.118  0.116  -0.507  0.552  0.140
940 -211  pi-     91    812    0    0    0    0    0    0.108  -0.140  -0.390  0.450  0.140
941  221  (eta)  -91   812    0    973  975  0    0    0.066  0.059  -0.993  1.137  0.548
942 -211  pi-     91    813    0    0    0    0    0    -0.036  0.848  -1.590  1.808  0.140
943  111  (pi0)  -91   813    0    976  977  0    0    0.394  0.098  -0.938  1.031  0.135
...
971  11   e-      91    928    0    0    0    0    0    -0.186  -0.002  -1.766  1.776  0.001
972 -11   e+      91    928    0    0    0    0    0    -0.086  0.000  -0.798  0.803  0.001
973  211  pi+     91    941    0    0    0    0    0    -0.161  0.075  -0.677  0.714  0.140
974 -211  pi-     91    941    0    0    0    0    0    0.196  -0.014  -0.232  0.335  0.140
975  22   gamma   91    941    0    0    0    0    0    0.031  -0.002  -0.083  0.089  0.000
976  22   gamma   91    943    0    0    0    0    0    0.124  -0.007  -0.412  0.431  0.000
977  22   gamma   91    943    0    0    0    0    0    0.270  0.106  -0.525  0.600  0.000
Charge sum: 2.000           Momentum sum: 0.000  0.000  0.000  14000.000  14000.000
```

----- End PYTHIA Event Listing -----

- ▶ Events get large, but easy to process in code
- ▶ All particles with positive status codes are final
- ▶ All particle properties displayed in the listing (and others as well) are accessible through appropriate methods
  - ▶ e.g. `pythia.event[977].px()`;
  - ▶ HTML documentation → Particle Properties
  - ▶ Also contains a list of status codes and their meanings

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## Understanding the output: pythia.statistics()

```
*----- PYTHIA Event and Cross Section Statistics -----*
|
| Subprocess                               Code |           Number of events           |      sigma +- delta      |
|                                           |      Tried  Selected  Accepted  |      (estimated) (mb)   |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| g g -> g g                               111 |      521518    60320    60320  |      4.857e-01  1.058e-03 |
| g g -> q qbar (uds)                      112 |         5484     1255     1255  |      9.788e-03  1.476e-04 |
| q g -> q g                               113 |      284792    34105    34105  |      2.752e-01  8.361e-04 |
| q q(bar)' -> q q(bar)'                  114 |         26781     3451     3451  |      2.741e-02  2.555e-04 |
| q qbar -> g g                             115 |          194         51         51  |      3.611e-04  2.473e-05 |
| q qbar -> q' qbar' (uds)                 116 |          79         28         28  |      2.318e-04  1.987e-05 |
| g g -> c cbar                             121 |         1857         402         402  |      3.292e-03  8.640e-05 |
| q qbar -> c cbar                          122 |          29          6          6  |      6.940e-05  1.243e-05 |
| g g -> b bbar                             123 |         1654         372         372  |      3.100e-03  8.429e-05 |
| q qbar -> b bbar                          124 |          34          10          10  |      6.189e-05  9.902e-06 |
|
| sum                                       |      842422    100000    100000  |      8.052e-01  1.386e-03 |
|
*----- End PYTHIA Event and Cross Section Statistics -----*
```

- ▶ Overview of number of events generated and estimated cross sections
  - ▶ Tried events reflect the original number of phase-space points probed, as part of the upper estimate
  - ▶ Selected events correspond to those that survive the internal Monte-Carlo selection procedure
  - ▶ Accepted events are those that also survive the additional user cuts

# Running PYTHIA 8

## Understanding the output: `pythia.statistics()`

```
*----- PYTHIA Error and Warning Messages Statistics -----*
|
| times  message
|
| 1      Error in BeamRemnants::setKinematics: kinematics construction failed
| 367    Error in Pythia::next: hadronLevel failed; try again
| 15     Error in SpaceShower::pT2nearQCDthreshold: stuck in loop
| 255    Error in StringFragmentation::fragment: stuck in joining
| 112    Error in StringFragmentation::fragmentToJunction: caught in junction flavour loop
| 1      Warning in MultipleInteractions::init: maximum increased
| 38     Warning in MultipleInteractions::pTnext: weight above unity
| 3      Warning in ParticleDataEntry::initBWmass: switching off width
| 12     Warning in Pythia::check: energy-momentum not quite conserved
| 21     Warning in SpaceShower::pT2nextQCD: weight above unity
| 99     Warning in StringFragmentation::fragmentToJunction: bad convergence junction rest frame
|
*----- End PYTHIA Error and Warning Messages Statistics -----*
```

### ▶ Warnings and errors

- ▶ Messages are printed only the first time it occurs; after that, counted only
- ▶ Warning: minor problem that is automatically fixed by PYTHIA
- ▶ Error: bigger problem, but still automatically fixed by backing up and trying again

### ▶ When to worry?

- ▶ `pythia.next()` returns true (event okay) or false (abort)
- ▶ An abort means an event could not be completed
- ▶ Can skip such events, but may be a sign that something isn't right!

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## Understanding the output: histograms

### ► The final result!

```

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 4.35+10^ 3                1 1
 4.20+10^ 3                X87X 2
 4.05+10^ 3                79XXXX9X
 3.90+10^ 3                69XXXXXXXXX7
 3.75+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXX8
 3.60+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXX
 3.45+10^ 3                7XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX81
 3.30+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 3.15+10^ 3                34XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 3.00+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX1
 2.85+10^ 3                1XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX3
 2.70+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 2.55+10^ 3                2XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 2.40+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX5
 2.25+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX4
 2.10+10^ 3                8XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX3
 1.95+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.80+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX3
 1.65+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.50+10^ 3                9XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2
 1.35+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX3
 1.20+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 1.05+10^ 3                4XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX6
 0.90+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX9
 0.75+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX4
 0.60+10^ 3                5XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX62
 0.45+10^ 3                XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX5
 0.30+10^ 3                5XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX931
 0.15+10^ 3                14XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX76533211 1

Contents
+10^ 3  00000000012233333344444444333322221110000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
+10^ 2  0000025940470046880021120087438731963298654322110000000000000000000000000000000000000
+10^ 1  0000152268721360039041752275122732699849863879061974321010000000000000000000000000000
+10^ 0  000128212378083735182934099052009400727417611411505549999228262330000000010000000000000

Low edge =
+10^ 2  0000000000000111111111122222222222333333333333333344444444444555555555556666666666666
+10^ 1  0012344567889012234567890012344567889012234567889012344567890012344567889012344567889
+10^ 0  18642086420864208642086420864208642086420864208642086420864208642086420864208642086420864

Entries - 100000    Mean - 1.9158e+02    Underflow - 0.0000e+00    Low edge - -5.0000e-01
All chan - 1.0000e+05    Rms - 6.9434e+01    Overflow - 0.0000e+00    High edge - 7.9950e+02

```

# Conclusions

- ▶ PYTHIA 8 is a general purpose Monte Carlo event generator
- ▶ Simple to use..
- ▶ .. but a lot going on behind the scenes!
- ▶ Full tuning still to come
- ▶ Worksheet is a great place to get start
- ▶ Feedback always welcome!

