

Les Houches Workshop: Physics at TeV Colliders 26 May - 6 June 2003

LUND UNIVERSITY

Monte Carlos for TeV Colliders

Torbjörn Sjöstrand Department of Theoretical Physics Lund University

Generator and Physic Overview Matrix Elements vs. Parton Showers Hadronization and Underlying Event Outlook

Why Generators? (I)



not feasible without generators

Why Generators? (II)

• Allow theoretical and experimental studies of complex multiparticle physics

- Large flexibility in physical quantities that can be addressed
 - Vehicle of ideology to disseminate ideas from theorists to experimentalists

Can be used to

- predict event rates and topologies
 ⇒ can estimate feasibility
 - simulate possible backgrounds
 - \Rightarrow can devise analysis strategies
- study detector requirements
- \Rightarrow can optimize detector/trigger design
 - study detector imperfections
- \Rightarrow can evaluate acceptance corrections

God does not throw dice ... but Mother Nature does!

Event Generator Position



Event Physics Overview

Structure of the basic generation process:

1) Hard subprocess: $|\mathcal{M}|^2$, Breit-Wigners, parton densities.



3) Final-state parton showers.



2) Resonance decays: includes correlations.



4) Initial-state parton showers.



5) Multiple parton–parton interactions.



6) Beam remnants, with colour connections.



5) + 6) = Underlying Event

7) Hadronization



8) Ordinary decays: hadronic, τ , charm, ...



9) QCD interconnection effects:



10) The forgotten or unexpected: a chain is never stronger than its weakest link!

a) colour rearrangement

- (\Rightarrow rapidity gaps?);
- b) Bose-Einstein.

Many aspects still poorly understood, but most good enough to work with

Generator Landscape



specialized often best at given task, but no way around Big Three

The Smaller Picture: Subprocess Survey

Kind	Process	PYT	HER	ISA
QCD & related	Soft QCD	*	*	*
	Hard QCD	*	*	*
	Heavy flavour	*	*	*
Electroweak SM	Single $\gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm$	*	*	*
	$(\gamma/\gamma^*/Z^0/W^\pm/f/g)^2$	*	*	*
	Light SM Higgs	*	*	*
	Heavy SM Higgs	*	*	*
SUSY BSM	$h^0/H^0/A^0/H^{\pm}$	*	*	*
	SUSY	*	*	*
	RSUSY	*	*	
Other BSM	Technicolor	*	_	(*)
	New gauge bosons	*	—	
	Compositeness	*	—	
	Leptoquarks	*		
	H $^{\pm\pm}$ (from LR-sym.)	*		
	Extra dimensions	(*)	(*)	(*)

... but processes usually only in lowest nontrivial order

The Bigger Picture



 \implies need standardized interfaces

The Les Houches Accord



Some Specialized Generators:

- AcerMC: ttbb, ...
- ALPGEN: $W/Z + \leq 6j$, $nW + mZ + kH + \leq 3j$, ...
- AMEGIC++: generic LO
- CompHEP: generic LO
- GRACE+Bases/Spring: generic LO+ some NLO loops
- GR@PPA: bbbb
- MadCUP: $W/Z + \leq 3j, t\overline{t}b\overline{b}$
- MadGraph+HELAS: generic LO
- MCFM: NLO W/Z+ \leq 2j, WZ, WH, H+ \leq 1j
- O'Mega+WHIZARD: generic LO
- VECBOS: $W/Z+ \le 4j$

Apologies for all unlisted programs

Matrix Elements vs. Parton Showers

- ME : Matrix Elements
 - + systematic expansion in α_{s} ('exact')
 - + powerful for multiparton Born level
 - + flexible phase space cuts
 - loop calculations very tough
 - negative cross section in collinear regions
 ⇒ unpredictive jet/event structure
 - no easy match to hadronization
- **PS** : Parton Showers
 - approximate, to LL (or NLL)
 - $\begin{array}{ll} & \text{main topology not predetermined} \\ \Rightarrow & \text{inefficient for exclusive states} \end{array}$
 - + process-generic \Rightarrow simple multiparton
 - + Sudakov form factors/resummation
 ⇒ sensible jet/event structure
 - + easy to match to hadronization



Parton Shower Approach

 $2 \rightarrow n = (2 \rightarrow 2) \oplus \text{ISR} \oplus \text{FSR}$

 $2 \rightarrow 2$ = hard scattering (on-shell):

$$\sigma = \iiint \mathrm{d}x_1 \,\mathrm{d}x_2 \,\mathrm{d}\hat{t} \,f_i(x_1, Q^2) \,f_j(x_2, Q^2) \,\frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{\sigma}_{ij}}{\mathrm{d}\hat{t}}$$



FSR = Final-State Rad.; timelike shower $Q_i^2 = m^2 > 0$ decreasing + coherence ISR = Initial-State Rad.; spacelike shower $Q_i^2 = -m^2 > 0$ increasing + coherence

Do not doublecount! $Q^2 > Q_1^2, Q_2^2, Q_3^2, Q_4^2$ 2 \rightarrow 2 = most virtual = shortest distance

Final-State Shower Basics

$$d\mathcal{P}_{a \to bc} = \frac{\alpha_{s}}{2\pi} \frac{dQ^{2}}{Q^{2}} P_{a \to bc}(z) dz$$

$$P_{q \to qg} = \frac{4}{3} \frac{1+z^{2}}{1-z}$$

$$P_{g \to gg} = 3 \frac{(1-z(1-z))^{2}}{z(1-z)}$$

$$P_{g \to q\overline{q}} = \frac{n_{f}}{2} (z^{2} + (1-z)^{2})$$



Iteration with decreasing Q^2 gives final-state shower:



Sudakov form factor

$$\mathcal{P}^{\text{corr}}(Q^2) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{P}}{\mathrm{d}Q^2} \exp\left(-\int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathcal{P}}{\mathrm{d}Q^2} \mathrm{d}Q^2\right)$$

(cf. radioactive decay; 'time' ordering); compensated by subsequent branchings

Final-State Shower Comparison

Avoid doublecounting: coherence \Rightarrow angular ordering



 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Loop corrections} \Rightarrow \alpha_{\text{S}}(p_{\perp}^{2}) \\ \text{Soft/collinear cut-off } m_{0} = \min(m_{ij}) \approx 1 \text{ GeV} \\ \text{at hadronic mass scales} \end{array}$

HERWIG: $Q^2 \approx E^2(1 - \cos \theta) \approx E^2 \theta^2/2$ + angular ordering inherent \Rightarrow coherence - emissions do not cover full phase space

> PYTHIA: $Q^2 = m^2$ + convenient match to ME - coherence by brute force

ARIADNE: $Q^2 = p_{\perp}^2$, dipole emission + coherence inherent; ordered in hardness \approx time - g \rightarrow qq artificial; not suited for pp on its own

Initial-State Shower Basics

- Parton cascades in p are continuously born and recombined.
- A hard scattering at Q^2 probes fluctuations up to that scale.
- A hard scattering inhibits full recombination of the cascade.

• Convenient reinterpretation:



then solve by *backwards evolution*, starting at high Q^2 and moving towards lower, with Sudakov form facter

Ladder representation combines whole event:



One possible Monte Carlo order:

- 1) Hard scattering
- Initial-state shower from center outwards
- 3)Final-state showers

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{DGLAP:}\ Q^2_{\max} > Q^2_1 > Q^2_2 \sim Q^2_0\\ Q^2_{\max} > Q^2_3 > Q^2_4 > Q^2_5 \sim Q^2_0\\ \end{array}\\ \mathsf{BFKL/CCFM:}\ \mathsf{go}\ \mathsf{beyond}\ Q^2\ \mathsf{ordering};\\ \mathsf{important}\ \mathsf{at}\ \mathsf{small}\ x\ \mathsf{and}\ Q^2 \end{array}$

Initial-State Shower Comparison

Two(?) CCFM Generators: (SMALLX (Marchesini, Webber)) CASCADE (Jung, Salam) LDC (Gustafson, Lönnblad): reformulated initial/final rad. ⇒ eliminate non-Sudakov



1) Forward jet activity 1') Primordial k_{\perp} ?



2) Heavy flavour production



Requires off-shell ME's + unintegrated parton densities

- Pythia Tota

- Flavor Excita

Shower/F

CDF Data

D0 Data

20 25

PTmin (GeV/c

Flavor Creation

Page 5

PYTHIA CTEQ4L

1.8 TeV

|v| < 1

10 15

$$F(x,Q^2) = \int^{Q^2} \frac{dk_{\perp}^2}{k_{\perp}^2} \mathcal{F}(x,k_{\perp}^2) + \text{suppressed with } k_{\perp}^2 > Q^2$$

so not ready for prime time in pp
also explained by DGLAP with
a) leading order pair creation

b) flavour excitation (\approx unordered chains)

c) gluon splitting (final-state radiation)

Matrix Elements and Parton Showers

Marriage desirable! But how?

- Problems: gaps in coverage?
 - doublecounting of radiation?
 - Sudakov?
 - NLO consistency?

Much work ongoing \implies a main theme of workshop

Three main areas, in ascending order of complication:

1) Match to lowest-order nontrivial process — merging

2) Combine leading-order multiparton process — vetoed parton showers (cf. talk by S. Frixione)

3) Match to next-to-leading order process — MC@NLO (covered in talk by S. Frixione)
S. Frixione, B.R. Webber, JHEP 0206 (2002) 029
but also S. Mrenna; M. Dobbs, M. Lefebvre; J.C. Collins, Y. Chen, N. Tkachuk, X. Zu; B. Pötter, T. Schörner; C. Friberg, TS; ...

Merging

= cover full phase space with smooth transition ME/PS Want to reproduce $W^{ME} = \frac{1}{\sigma(LO)} \frac{d\sigma(LO+g)}{d(phasespace)}$ by shower generation + correction procedure $W^{ME} = W^{PS} \frac{W^{ME}}{W^{ME}}$

• Exponentiate ME correction by shower Sudakov form factor:

$$W_{\text{actual}}^{\text{PS}}(Q^2) = W^{\text{ME}}(Q^2) \exp\left(-\int_{Q^2}^{Q_{\text{max}}^2} W^{\text{ME}}(Q'^2) dQ'^2\right)$$

• Do not normalize W^{ME} to $\sigma(\text{NLO})$ (error $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ either way)
• $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) = 1$
• $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s) = 1$

• Normally several shower histories \Rightarrow \sim equivalent approaches

Final-State Shower Merging

Merging with $\gamma^*/Z^0 \rightarrow q\overline{q}g$ for $m_q = 0$ since long (M. Bengtsson & TS, PLB185 (1987) 435, NPB289 (1987) 810)

For $m_q > 0$ pick $Q_i^2 = m_i^2 - m_{i,\text{onshell}}^2$ as evolution variable since $W^{\text{ME}} = \frac{(\dots)}{Q_1^2 Q_2^2} - \frac{(\dots)}{Q_1^4} - \frac{(\dots)}{Q_2^4}$

Coloured decaying particle also radiates:



Subsequent branchings $q \rightarrow qg$: also matched to ME, with reduced energy of system

Means we have process-dependent "splitting kernels"

colour	spin	γ_5	example
$1 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	—	—	(eikonal)
$1 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	$1 ightarrow rac{1}{2} + rac{1}{2}$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$Z^0 \to q \overline{q}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$	$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 1$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$t \to bW^+$
$1 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	$0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$H^0 ightarrow q \overline{q}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$	$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 0$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$t \to b H^+$
$1 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	$1 \rightarrow 0 + 0$	1	$Z^0 \to \tilde{q} \overline{\tilde{q}}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$	$0 \rightarrow 0 + 1$	1	$\tilde{q} \to \tilde{q}' W^+$
$1 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	$0 \rightarrow 0 + 0$	1	$H^0 \to \tilde{q} \overline{\tilde{q}}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$	$0 \rightarrow 0 + 0$	1	$\tilde{q} \to \tilde{q}' H^+$
$1 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 0$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$\chi ightarrow q\overline{\widetilde{q}}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$	$0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$ ilde{q} o q \chi$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$	$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 0 + \frac{1}{2}$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	${\sf t} o {\sf ilde t} \chi$
$8 \rightarrow 3 + \overline{3}$	$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 0$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$\tilde{g} \to q \overline{\tilde{q}}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 8$	$0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$\tilde{q} \to q \tilde{g}$
$3 \rightarrow 3 + 8$	$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 0 + \frac{1}{2}$	$1,\gamma_5,1\pm\gamma_5$	$t \to \tilde{t} \tilde{g}$

completely incorporating respective $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ ME for





Initial-State Shower Merging





C. Balázs, J. Huston and I. Puljak, PRD63 (2001) 014021

Modified algorithm also affects other processes

- prefer $Q_{max}^2 = s$ where no doublecounting \Rightarrow more radiation at large p_{\perp}
- require $\hat{u} = Q^2 \hat{s}(1-z) < 0$ in branchings

 \Rightarrow fewer but harder emissions

Similarly for Higgs production in $m_t \rightarrow \infty$ limit:

- \bullet gg \rightarrow gh 0 and qg \rightarrow qh 0 simple
- $q\overline{q} \rightarrow gh^0$ nonsingular & small \Rightarrow add More processes possible, but none to report so far

Vetoed Parton Showers

S. Catani, F. Krauss, R. Kuhn, B.R. Webber, JHEP 0111 (2001) 063;

L. Lönnblad, JHEP0205 (2002) 046; F. Krauss, JHEP 0208 (2002) 015

Generic method to combine ME's of several different orders to NLL accuracy; very likely a 'standard tool' in the future

Application to hadronic collisions under development; existing is simplest example: $e^+e^- \rightarrow 2, 3, 4$ jets

1) Calculate *n*-jet cross sections by respective LO ME inside phase space region given by Durham y_{ME}

$$\sigma_{2} \propto |\mathcal{M}_{q\overline{q}}|^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{3} \propto \alpha_{s0} \int_{y_{\text{ME}}} |\mathcal{M}_{q\overline{q}g}|^{2}$$

$$\sigma_{4} \propto \alpha_{s0}^{2} \int_{y_{\text{ME}}} \left(|\mathcal{M}_{q\overline{q}gg}|^{2} + |\mathcal{M}_{q\overline{q}q'\overline{q}'}|^{2}\right)$$

with $\alpha_{s0} = \alpha_s(y_{ME}s)$

2) Pick *n*-jet according to $\sigma_2 : \sigma_3 : \sigma_4$ and kinematics according to relevant $|\mathcal{M}|^2$

3) Reconstruct showering history by Durham algorithm (and criterion of sensible branchings, e.g. no $X \rightarrow qq$)

4) Correction factor for running α_s

$$W_{\alpha} = \prod_{\text{branchings}} \frac{\alpha_{\rm S}(k_{\perp i}^2)}{\alpha_{\rm S0}}$$

5) Correction factor for intermediate partons, expressing that these should not populate the n + 1-parton phase space

 $W_{Sud} = \prod_{\text{propagators}} Sudakov(y_{beg}s, y_{end}s)$

6) Accept event with $\mathcal{P} = W_{\alpha}W_{Sud}$, else start over at 2).

7) Continue shower down to 'normal' y_{cut} , but veto emissions above y_{ME} so as not to doublecount.



Hadronization: Lund string model

In QCD, for large charge separation, field lines seem to be compressed to tubelike region by nonperturbative self-interactions Analogy: vortex lines in type II superconductor Quenched lattice QCD confirms large-distance behaviour $F(r) \approx \text{const} = \kappa \iff V(r) \approx \kappa r$ Input from hadronic spectroscopy gives string tension $\kappa \approx 1 \text{ GeV/fm} (= 160 \text{ kJ/m} = 16 \text{ ton/m})$ Extra: nonperturbative splittings $g \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ can break string



Motion of quarks and antiquarks:

Lund model:

Repeated string breaks for large system with $V(r) = \kappa r$ $\left|\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x}\right| = \left|\frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}x}\right| = \left|\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}t}\right| = \left|\frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}t}\right| = \kappa$ g (<u>**r**</u>b) snapshots of string position ► q (<u>r</u>) strings stretched from q (or \overline{qq}) endpoint via a number of gluons to \overline{q} (or qq) endpoint <u>q</u> (b

Gluon = kink on string, carrying energy and momentum. Force ratio gluon/ quark = 2, cf. QCD $N_C/C_F = 9/4$

► 7

• Few parameters to describe energy-momentum structure!

• Many parameters to describe flavour composition!

Lund hadronization news: fragmentation of junction topology,

```
e.g. in R\text{-parity violating SUSY decays }\tilde{\chi}^0_1 \rightarrow \text{uds}
```

Also new:

(TS & P.Z. Skands, NPB659 (2003) 243)



expanded Bose-Einstein



Large-mass clusters require special attention

- Many parameters to describe energy-momentum structure!
 - Few parameters to describe flavour composition!

Beam remnant physics

Colour flow connects hard scattering to beam remnants. Can have consequences,

e.g. in $\pi^- p$



⁽E. Norrbin & TS, EPJC17 (2000) 137)



If low-mass string e.g.: $\overline{c}d: D^-, D^{*-}$ $cud: \Lambda_c^+, \Sigma_c^+, \Sigma_c^{*+}$ \Rightarrow flavour asymmetries



Can give D 'drag' to larger x_F than c quark for any string mass

Multiple Interactions

Consequence of composite nature of hadrons!



Evidence:

- direct observation: AFS, UA1, CDF
- implied by width of multiplicity distribution + jet universality: UA5
- forward–backward correlations: UA5
- pedestal effect: UA1, H1, CDF

One new free parameter: $p_{\perp min}$

$$\frac{1}{2}\sigma_{\rm jet} = \int_{p_{\perp \min}^2}^{s/4} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}p_{\perp}^2} \,\mathrm{d}p_{\perp}^2 \quad \Leftarrow$$

$$\int_{0}^{s/4} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}p_{\perp}^2} \frac{p_{\perp}^4}{(p_{\perp 0}^2 + p_{\perp}^2)^2} \,\mathrm{d}p_{\perp}^2$$



resolved screened

Measure of colour screening length *d* in hadron: $p_{|\min} \langle d \rangle \approx 1 (= \hbar)$

Small-*x* behaviour: In olden days $xg(x,Q_0^2) \rightarrow \text{const.}$ but post-HERA $xg(x, Q_0^2) \sim x^{-\epsilon},$ with some $\epsilon \gtrsim 0.08$ $\Rightarrow p_{\perp \min} \sim \frac{1}{\langle d \rangle}$ $\sim N_{\rm partons} \sim s^{\epsilon}$ so 'new' PYTHIA default $p_{\perp \min} =$ $(1.9 \text{ GeV}) \left(\frac{s}{1 \text{ TeV}^2}\right)^{0.08}$ Importance: comparison of data at 630 GeV & 1.8 TeV

• LHC extrapolations

Mean charged multiplicity in inelastic non-diffractive 'minimum bias':



(TS & M. van Zijl, PRD36 (1987) 2019; J. Dischler & TS, EPJdir C2 (2001) 1)

Event structure in multiple interactions

(TS & P.Z. Skands, in preparation)



Need to assign:

- correlated flavours
- correlated $x_i = p_{zi}/p_{ztot}$
- correlated primordial $k_{\perp i}$
- correlated colours
 for initiators and remnants
 + showers (intertwined?)

Example: parton densities after first interaction:

- valence: scale by #remaining/#original
 - sea: bookkeep 'companion' by

$$\overline{s}(x';x) \propto \frac{g(x+x')}{x+x'} P_{g\to S\overline{S}}\left(\frac{x}{x+x'}\right)$$

• gluon and normal sea: rescale for momentum conservation

Baryon number topology: junction fragmentation (nontrivial when \geq 2 valence quarks kicked out)

Standards and Interfaces

- ++ PDG particle codes
- ++ HEPEVT hadron-level Event Record
- ++ Les Houches Accord User Process Interface
- ++ LHAPDF Les Houches Accord Parton Density Functions (supersedes PDFLIB)
- + HepMC hadron-level Event Record in C++
- + HepPDT particle data tables in C++
- StdHep, StdHepC++ converts non-standard particle codes
- JetWeb automated data comparisons
- ? SUSY mass/coupling spectrum calculator interface
 - to be discussed here
- ? Improved Les Houches Interface for HO or NLO ME's
 - to be discussed here
- ? For C++ era: (Les Houches) interfaces, CLHEP, ...

What is ThePEG?

Toolkit for High Energy Physics Event Generation recently separated out from PYTHIA7 (L. Lönnblad)



Handlers

ThePEG defines a set of abstract Handler classes for hard partonic sub-processes, parton densities, QCD cascades, hadronization, ...

These handler classes interacts with the underlying structure using a special Event Record and a pre-defined set of virtual function definitions.

The procedure to implement e.g. a new hadronization model, is to write a new (C++) class *inheriting* from the abstract HadronizationHandler base class, implementing the relevant virtual functions.

The structure of the generation process is extremely dynamic:

Besides the standard Handler classes, there is also a general StepHandler class which can do anything and can be inserted anywhere in the generation chain.

In addition, each handler can add steps in the generation chain or redo previous steps depending on the history of each event.

Class Structure of Handlers



Class Structure of an Event



The Particle class provides access to a lot of information. But it only has a pointer to a ParticleData, a Lorentz5Momentum and a pointer to another object carrying the rest of the information (colour, spin etc.) if needed.

Some of this information can be user-defined by creating classes inheriting from e.g. the SpinBase or the completely general EventInfoBase classes. This information can then be accessed through dynamic_casting.

Running ThePEG

The end-user will use a setup program to be able to pick objects corresponding to different physics models to build up an EventGenerator which then can be run interactively or off-line, or as a special slave program e.g. for Geant4.

The setup program is used to choose between a multitude of pre-defined generators, to modify parameters and options of the selected models and, optionally, to specify the analysis to be done on the generated events.

The Repository is the central part of the setup phase. It handles a structured list of all available objects and allows the user to manipulate them.

A flashy Graphical User Interface should be built on top of this Repository. Currently there is only a rudimentary command-line interpreter.

In the end of the run you will get a number of files with statistics and messages. And a LAT_EX -file with references suitable for inclusion in an appendix of a paper.

ThePEG Status

ThePEG : operational; to be renamed from PYTHIA7 process generation machinery and event structure http://www.thep.lu.se/Pythia7 Leif Lönnblad

HERWIG: cluster fragmentation ready showers on the way + ?? (Alberto Ribon) Stefan Gieseke Philip Stephens

Frank Krauss : SHERPA ($\approx 80\,000$ lines!)

PYTHIA: $QCD 2 \rightarrow 2, e^+e^- \rightarrow q\overline{q}$ GRV 94 series PDF showers on the way simple string fragmentation + low-mass corrections Ariadne beam remnants simple isotropic decay Leif Lönnblad (TS)

- Conversion effort: everything takes longer and costs more
- The physics hurdle is as steep as the C++ learning curve

Outlook

Generators in state of continuous development

new physics processes

more precise parton showers matched to ME's

improved models soft physics
moving to C++
⇒ always better, but never enough

But what are the alternatives, when event structure is complicated and analytical methods inadequate?

CMS full GEANT simulation of H(150 GeV) --> ZZ*--> 4e

