New developments in PYTHIA 8

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PYTHIA 6 status

PYTHIA 6 still being actively developed and maintained:
• multiple interactions and underlying event, with
• transverse-momentum-ordered showers
• SUSY interfaces (SLHA) and simulation
• regular bug fixes and minor improvements
• moving to CEDAR HepForge (code management, bugtracking)

Currently PYTHIA 6.409:
• 74,800 lines of code (including comments/blanks)
• 580 page PYTHIA 6.4 Physics and Manual
  T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna and P. Skands,
• available on http://www.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html
• together with sample main programs, old code, etc.

…but
• only add, never subtract
⇒ has become bloated and unmanageable
• is in Fortran 77, so not understood by young people
PYTHIA 8: A fresh start

Problem: PYTHIA 7 stalled, no other manpower
Solution?: take a sabbatical and work “full-time”!
(⇒ baseline model, S. Mrenna & P. Skands join later ?)

Tentative schedule (spring 2003):

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<tr>
<th>time</th>
<th>date</th>
<th>processes</th>
<th>final states</th>
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<td>0 =</td>
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<td>—</td>
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<td>1 =</td>
<td>1 Sept. 2005</td>
<td>LHA-style input</td>
<td>incomplete draft</td>
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<td>2 =</td>
<td>1 Sept. 2006</td>
<td>a few processes</td>
<td>complete, buggy(?)</td>
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<td>3 =</td>
<td>1 Sept. 2007</td>
<td>more processes</td>
<td>stable, debugged</td>
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Objectives:
- clean up, keep the most recent models
- core program completely standalone, but
- Les Houches Accord style input central
- interfaces to other libraries foreseen
Current PYTHIA 8 structure

The User (∼ Main Program)

Pythia

Info

Event process

Event event

ProcessLevel

ProcessContainer

InFlux, PhaseSpace

LHAinit, LHAevnt

(PYTHIA 6.4)

PartonLevel

TimeShower

SpaceShower

MultipleInteractions

BeamRemnants

HadronLevel

StringFragmentation

MiniStringFrag…

ParticleDecays

(…??)

BeamParticle

SigmaProcess, SigmaTotal

Vec4, Random, Settings, ParticleData, StandardModel, …
Example of a main program

// File: main01.cc. The charged multiplicity distribution at the LHC.
#include "Pythia.h"
using namespace Pythia8;
int main() {
    Pythia pythia;
    pythia.readString("HardQCD:all = on");
    pythia.readString("PhaseSpace:pTHatMin = 20.");
    pythia.init(2212, 2212, 14000.);
    Hist mult("charged multiplicity", 100, -0.5, 799.5);
    // Begin event loop. Generate event. Skip if error. List first one.
    for (int iEvent = 0; iEvent < 100; ++iEvent) {
        if (!pythia.next()) continue;
        if (iEvent < 1) {pythia.info.list(); pythia.event.list();}
        // Find number of all final charged particles and fill histogram.
        int nCharged = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < pythia.event.size(); ++i)
            if (pythia.event[i].isFinal() && pythia.event[i].isCharged())
                ++nCharged;
        mult.fill(nCharged);
    }
    pythia.statistics();
    cout << mult;
    return 0;
}
Welcome to PYTHIA - The Lund Monte Carlo!

PYTHIA 8 is still at an early stage, and should not be used for any production runs. What is offered here is only a snapshot, to allow interested users to provide feedback on the basic structure. The program is under active development, however, and is intended to replace the existing PYTHIA 6 within the next few years.

Use the left-hand index to navigate in the existing documentation, e.g. to learn which flags, modes and parameters can be set by the user. Also note that there is a separate Brief Introduction (as a pdf file), that offers the best way to get to understand the basic structure of PYTHIA 8. The current pages offer the more detailed picture, with the corresponding danger of them losing overview.

The complete PYTHIA 6.4 Physics and Manual, published in T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna and P. Skands, JHEP05 (2006) 026, in detail describes the physics (partly) implemented also in PYTHIA 8. It therefore is the main reference that you should quote, whether you use PYTHIA 6 or PYTHIA 8.

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Main variables

The amount of QCD radiation in the shower is determined by

\begin{verbatim}
parameter name="TimeShower:alphaSvalue" default="0.1265" min="0.06" max="0.25"
\end{verbatim}

The alpha_strong value at scale $M_Z^2$. The default value corresponds to the one tuned to LEP data (using a first-order running), so should be taken rather seriously [Rud04].

The actual value is then regulated by the running to the scale $pT^2$, at which the shower evaluates alpha_strong

\begin{verbatim}
mode name="TimeShower:alphaSorder" default="1" min="0" max="2"
\end{verbatim}

Order at which alpha_strong runs.

- option value="0": zeroth order, i.e. alpha_strong is kept fixed.
- option value="1": first order, which is the normal value.
- option 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.

QED radiation is currently regulated by StandardModel-alphaEMfix, since no QED running is implemented in the shower.

The rate of radiation if divergent in the $pT \to 0$ limit. Here, however, perturbation theory is expected to break down. Therefore an effective $pT \min$ cutoff parameter is introduced, below which no emissions are allowed. The cutoff may be different for QCD and QED radiation off quarks, and is mainly a technical parameter for QED radiation off leptons.

\begin{verbatim}
parameter name="TimeShower:pTmin" default="0.5" min="0.1" max="2.0"
\end{verbatim}

Parton shower cut-off $pT$ for QCD emissions.

\begin{verbatim}
parameter name="TimeShower:pTminChgQ" default="0.5" min="0.1" max="2.0"
\end{verbatim}

Parton shower cut-off $pT$ for photon coupling to coloured particle.

\begin{verbatim}
parameter name="TimeShower:pTminChgL" default="0.0005" min="0.0001" max="2.0"
\end{verbatim}

Parton shower cut-off $pT$ for pure QED branchings. Assumed smaller than (or equal to) pTminChgQ.
Hard-process generation

Currently limited selection implemented internally, but can use Fortran PYTHIA 6 library transparently via LHA interface.

Can also use Les Houches Accord for any other hard process, input via runtime C++ or Fortran interfaces or via LHEF files.

Internal processes (parts still missing for some):

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<td>HardQCD</td>
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<td>SUSY</td>
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Progress report and future plans

- **August 2005, 12 month mark with 8.040**: no hard processes, simplified machinery for rest, as planned (!)
- Then unforeseen interruption for ~ 1/2 year
- Back at CERN since April 2006, progressing again (summer slowly)
- **September 2006, 18 month mark with 8.060**: basic structure, utilities, process machinery and some hard processes, LHEF, SLHA, ...
  - Oct 2006: Decays: update tables (PDG2006, c&b from DELPHI and EVTGEN/LHC-B), new matrix elements, selection, ...
  - Nov 2006: Hadronization: $L = 1$ mesons, popcorn baryons, ...
  - Dec 2006: Multiple Interactions: more processes, ...
  - Jan 2007: Showers: photons, ...
  - Feb 2007: Showers & MI: interleave FSR with ISR and MI, LHAPDF, ...
  - Mar 2007: Showers & MI: colour flow, reconnections, ...
- **March 2007, 24 month mark with 8.080 (?)**: useful version
- 3rd year: more processes, resonance decays, GUI?, official release
- Debugged and tuned by LHC startup 2008 (??)
- Overtaking Fortran version usage by 2009 (???)
Trying It Out

- Download pythia8060.tgz from
  http://www.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html, link “Future”
- Unzip and expand with tar xvfz pythia8060.tgz
- Move to the thus created pythia8060 directory
- Follow the README instructions (edit links to PYTHIA 6, HepMC)
- make will compile in ~ 4 minutes (half for PYTHIA 6)
- The pythia8060.pdf file contains an introduction to the program
- Open doc/Welcome.html in a web browser for the full manual
  (in the future: GUI with xml + Javascript ?)
- The examples subdirectory contains 17 sample main programs
  (make mainNN and then mainNN.exe > outfile)

Makefile, install procedure & HepMC interface by Mikhail Kirsanov.
Yesterday: updates, now with both shared and archive libraries.
For 8.070 by end of year?