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# PYTHIA 8.1

## Introduction and Tutorial



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# PYTHIA 6 status

PYTHIA has its roots in JETSET, begun in 1978 → almost 30 years.

PYTHIA 6 still being (slightly) developed and (fully) maintained:

- multiple interactions and underlying event, with
- transverse-momentum-ordered showers
- SUSY interfaces (SLHA) and simulation
- regular bug fixes and minor improvements
- moved to CEDAR HepForge (code management, bugtracking)

Currently PYTHIA 6.413:

- 75,000 lines of code (including comments/blanks)
- 580 page PYTHIA 6.4 Physics and Manual  
T. Sjöstrand, S. Mrenna and P. Skands,  
JHEP05 (2006) 026 [hep-ph/0603175]
- + update notes, sample main programs, etc.

... but

- only add, never subtract
- ⇒ has become bloated and unmanageable
- is in Fortran 77, so not understood by young people

# PYTHIA 8: plans and reality

Tentative schedule (spring 2003):



time	date	processes	final states
0 =	1 Sept. 2004	—	—
1 =	1 Sept. 2005	LHA-style input	incomplete draft
2 =	1 Sept. 2006	a few processes	complete, buggy(?)
3 =	1 Sept. 2007	more processes	stable, debugged

Status: involuntary break  $\sim$ 6 months + Murphy's law  
 $\implies$  currently  $\sim$  at year 2.5

PYTHIA 8.100 released on 20 October:

- Webpages revamped
  - Recent  $\Leftarrow$  PYTHIA 6.4
  - Present  $\Leftarrow$  PYTHIA 8.1
  - Future  $\Leftarrow$  loose plans
- A Brief Introduction to PYTHIA 8.1  
in arXiv:0710.3820  
submitted to CPC



# PYTHIA 8 status

## task

administrative structure  
hard processes, internal  
resonance decays  
hard processes, external  
SUSY(+more) parameters  
initial-state showers  
final-state showers  
matching ME's to showers  
multiple interactions  
beam remnants & colour flow  
parton densities  
string fragmentation  
decays & particle data  
Bose-Einstein  
analysis  
graphical user interface  
tuning  
testing

## status

operational; extensions planned  
much of PYTHIA 6; SUSY & TC & more to do  
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interfaces to LHA F77, LHEF, PYTHIA 6  
primitive SLHA2; more needed  
operational  
operational  
some exists; much more needed  
operational; extensions planned  
operational; alternatives to come  
only 2 internal, but interface to LHAPDF  
operational; improvements planned  
operational; may need updates  
operational; off by default (tuning)  
some simple tools; may be enough  
operational; could be extended  
major task for MCnet postdocs!  
major task for experimentalists!

# Key differences between PYTHIA 6.4 and 8.1

Old features definitely removed include, among others:

- independent fragmentation
- mass-ordered showers

Features omitted so far include, among others:

- ep,  $\gamma p$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  beam configurations
- several processes, especially SUSY & Technicolor

New features, not found in 6.4:

- interleaved  $p_{\perp}$ -ordered MI + ISR + FSR evolution
- richer mix of underlying-event processes ( $\gamma$ ,  $J/\psi$ , DY, ...)
- possibility for two selected hard interactions in same event
- possibility to use one PDF set for hard process and another for rest
- elastic scattering with Coulomb term (optional)
- updated decay data

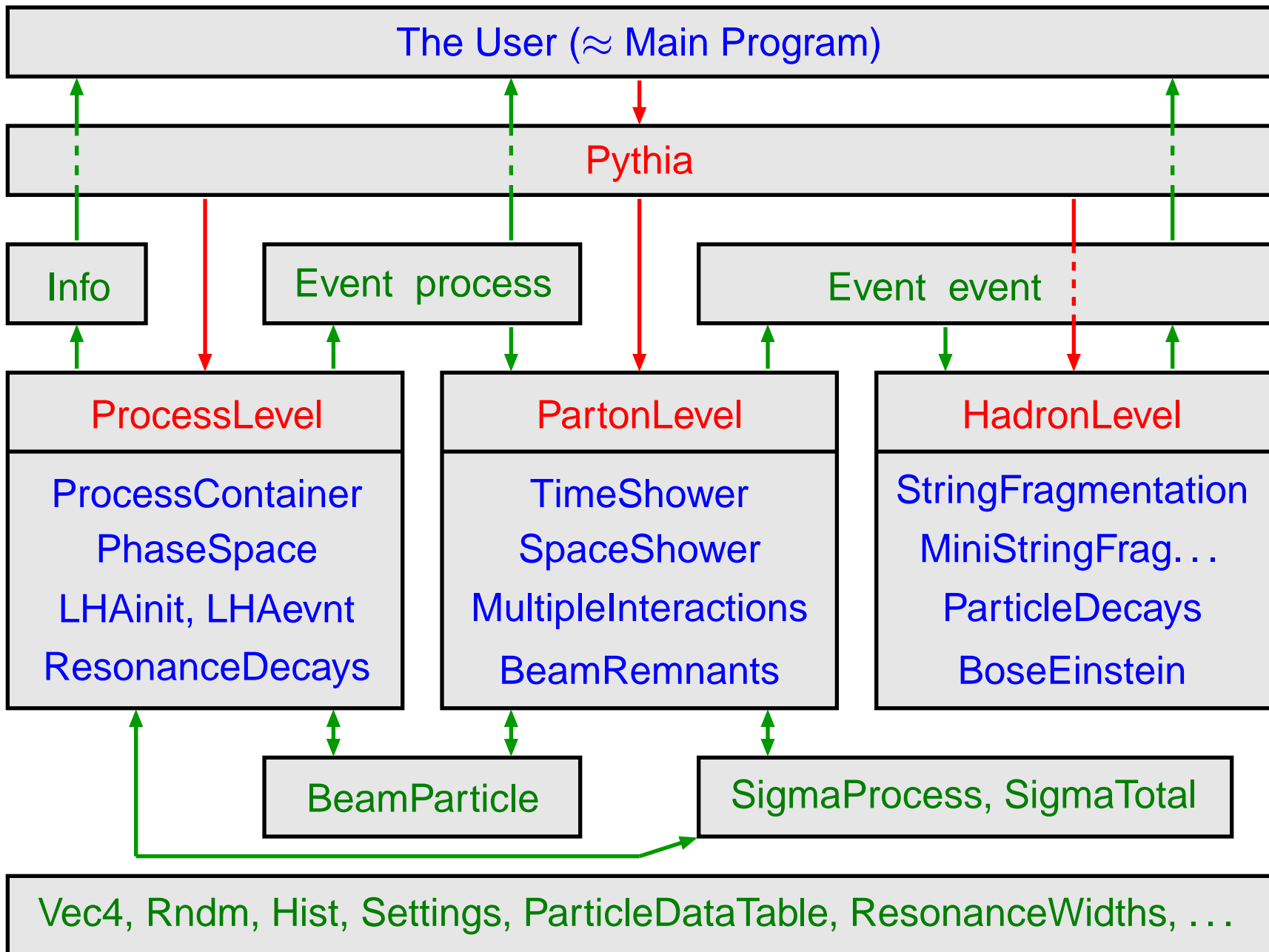
Preliminary plans for the future:

- rescattering in multiple interactions
- NLO and L-CKKW matching

# Trying It Out

- Download `pythia8100.tgz` from  
`http://www.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/Pythia.html`
- `tar xvfz pythia8100.tgz` to unzip and expand
- `cd pythia8100` to move to new directory
- `./configure ...` needed for external libraries + debug/shared  
(see [README](#), libraries: HepMC, LHAPDF, PYTHIA 6)
- `make` will compile in  $\sim 3$  minutes  
(for archive library, same amount extra for shared)
- The `htmldoc/pythia8100.pdf` file contains A Brief Introduction
- Open `htmldoc/Welcome.html` in a web browser for the full manual
- Install the `phpdoc/` directory on a webserver and open  
`phpdoc/Welcome.html` in a web browser for an interactive manual
- The `examples` subdirectory contains 30 sample main programs:  
standalone, link to libraries, semi-internal processes, ...  
(`make mainNN` and then `./mainNN.exe > outfile`)
- A `Worksheet` (on the web pages) contains step-by-step  
instructions and exercises how to write and run a main program

# PYTHIA 8 structure



# Example of a main program

```
// File: main01.cc. The charged multiplicity distribution at the LHC.
#include "Pythia.h"
using namespace Pythia8;
int main() {
    // Generator. Process selection. LHC initialization. Histogram.
    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 );
    }
    // End of event loop. Statistics. Histogram. Done.
    pythia.statistics();
    cout << mult;
    return 0;
}
```



# Initialization and generation commands

Standard in beginning:

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

Initialization by one of different forms:

- `pythia.init( idA, idB, eA, eB)` along  $\pm z$  axis
  - `pythia.init( idA, idB, eCM)` in c.m. frame
  - `pythia.init( "filename")` for Les Houches Event Files
  - `pythia.init()` takes above kinds of input from “cards”
  - `pythia.init( LHAinit*, LHAevnt*)` for Les Houches Accord
- returns **false if failed** (normally user setup mistake!)

Generation of next event by:

- `pythia.next()`

with no arguments, but value **false if failed** (rare!)

At the end of the generation loop:

- `pythia.statistics()`

provides some summary information

# Settings and Particle Data

Can read in settings and particle data changes by

- `pythia.readString("command")`
- `pythia.readFile("filename")` with one `command` per line in file

**Settings** come in four kinds

- **Flags**: on/off switches, `bool`  
(on = yes = ok = true = 1, off = no = false = 0)
- **Modes**: enumerated options, `int`
- **Parms**: (short for parameters) continuum of values, `double`
- **Words**: characters (no blanks), `string`

and `command` is of form `task:property = value`, e.g.

`PartonLevel:ISR = off` no initial-state radiation

`SigmaProcess:alphaSOrder = 0` freeze  $\alpha_s$

`TimeShower:pTmin = 1.0` cut off final-state radiation at 1 GeV

To access **particle data**, instead `command` should be of form

`id:property = value` or `id:channel:property = value`, e.g.

`3122:mayDecay = no` do not allow  $\Lambda^0$  to decay

`215:3:products = 211 111 111` to let  $a_2^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$

**Note: case-insensitive search/matching in databases!**

# Example of a “cards” file

```
! This file contains commands to be read in for a Pythia8 run.
! Lines not beginning with a letter or digit are comments.

! 1) Settings that could be used in a main program, if desired.
Main:idBeamA = 2212          ! first beam, p = 2212, pbar = -2212
Main:idBeamB = 2212          ! second beam, p = 2212, pbar = -2212
Main:eCM = 14000.           ! CM energy of collision
Main:numberOfEvents = 1000   ! number of events to generate
Main:numberToList = 2        ! number of events to print
Main:timesToShow = 20        ! show how far along run is
Main:showChangedSettings = on ! print changed flags/modes/parameters
Main:showAllSettings = off   ! print all flags/modes/parameters

! 2) Settings for the hard-process generation.
HiggsSM:gg2H = on           ! Higgs production by gluon-gluon fusion
25:m0 = 123.5                ! Higgs mass
25:onMode = off              ! switch off all Higgs decay channels
25:onIfMatch = 22 22         ! switch back on Higgs -> gamma gamma
SigmaProcess:alphaSvalue = 0.12 ! alpha_s(m_Z) in matrix elements

! 3) Settings for the subsequent event generation process.
SpaceShower:alphaSvalue = 0.13 ! alpha_s(m_Z) in initial-state radiation
MultipleInteractions:pT0Ref = 3.0 ! pT_0 regularization at reference energy
#PartonLevel:MI = off        ! no multiple interactions
#PartonLevel:ISR = off        ! no initial-state radiation
#PartonLevel:FSR = off        ! no final-state radiation
#HadronLevel:Hadronize = off  ! no hadronization
```

# More on settings

Settings are stored in four separate maps (flags/modes/parms/words).

For each setting, need to store

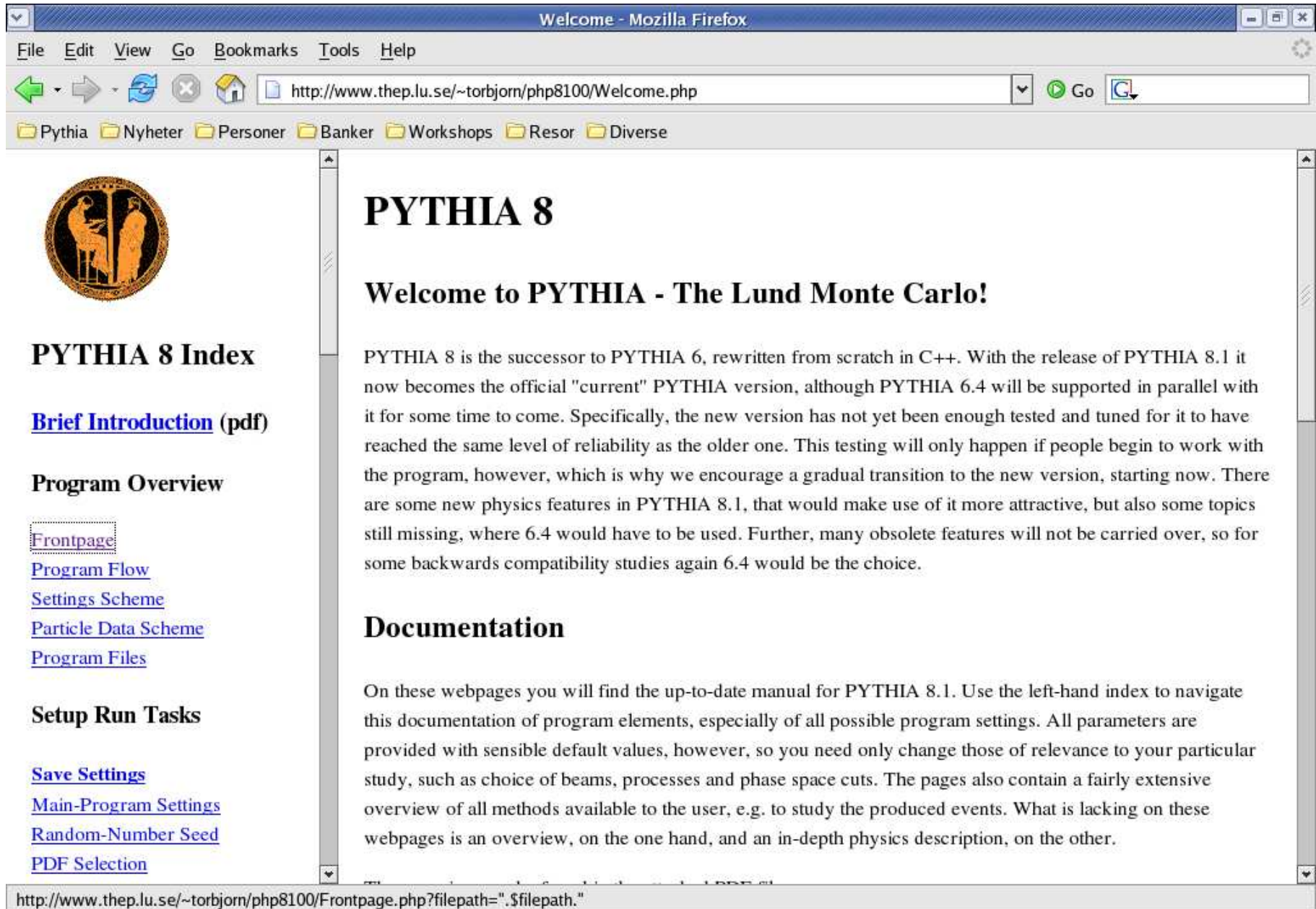
- **name**: of form `task:property`, e.g. `TimeShower:pTmin`
- **default value**
- **current value**
- **allowed range**: minimum/maximum on/off (not for flags).

Useful commands:

- `pythia.settings.listAll()` : complete list
- `pythia.settings.listChanged()` : only changed ones

```
*----- PYTHIA Flag + Mode + Parm + Word Settings (changes only) -----*
|
| Name          |          Now |      Default      |      Min      |      Max      |
|
| HardQCD:all   |           on |           off      |               |               |
| Main:eCM      | 14000.000   | 1960.000          | 10.00000      |               |
| Main:numberToList |           1 |           2        |           0    |               |
| Main:showChangedParticleData |      on |           off      |               |               |
| Main:timesToShow |           20 |           50       |           0    |               |
| MultipleInteractions:pTmin | 3.00000 | 0.20000           | 0.10000       | 10.00000      |
| PhaseSpace:pTHatMin | 50.00000 |           0.0      |           0.0  |               |
| PromptPhoton:all |           on |           off      |               |               |
| SpaceShower:pT0Ref | 2.00000 | 2.20000           | 0.50000       | 10.00000      |
|
*----- End PYTHIA Flag + Mode + Parm + Word Settings -----*
```

# Online manual $\implies$ Graphical User Interface




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## PYTHIA 8

### Welcome to PYTHIA - The Lund Monte Carlo!

PYTHIA 8 is the successor to PYTHIA 6, rewritten from scratch in C++. With the release of PYTHIA 8.1 it now becomes the official "current" PYTHIA version, although PYTHIA 6.4 will be supported in parallel with it for some time to come. Specifically, the new version has not yet been enough tested and tuned for it to have reached the same level of reliability as the older one. This testing will only happen if people begin to work with the program, however, which is why we encourage a gradual transition to the new version, starting now. There are some new physics features in PYTHIA 8.1, that would make use of it more attractive, but also some topics still missing, where 6.4 would have to be used. Further, many obsolete features will not be carried over, so for some backwards compatibility studies again 6.4 would be the choice.

## Documentation

On these webpages you will find the up-to-date manual for PYTHIA 8.1. Use the left-hand index to navigate this documentation of program elements, especially of all possible program settings. All parameters are provided with sensible default values, however, so you need only change those of relevance to your particular study, such as choice of beams, processes and phase space cuts. The pages also contain a fairly extensive overview of all methods available to the user, e.g. to study the produced events. What is lacking on these webpages is an overview, on the one hand, and an in-depth physics description, on the other.

http://www.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/php8100/Frontpage.php?filepath=".\$filepath."

# Example: timelike parton showers

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the choice is not as unique. Here the factorization scale has been chosen as the maximum evolution scale. This would be the  $pT$  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 = 0.5; maximum = 2.0)

While the above rules would imply that  $pT_{max} = pT_{factorization}$ , pTmaxFudge introduced a multiplicative factor  $f$  such that instead  $pT_{max} = f * pT_{factorization}$ . Only applies to the hardest interaction in an event. It is strongly suggested that  $f = 1$ , but variations around this default can be useful to test this assumption.

The amount of QCD radiation in the shower is determined by

**TimeShower:alphaSvalue**  (default = 0.137; 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  $pT^2$ , 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.

http://www.thep.lu.se/~torbjorn/php8100/TimelikeShowers.php?filepath=files/

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# Hard-process generation

Processes can be switched on with

`ProcessGroup:ProcessName = on`

or sometimes

`ProcessGroup:all = on`

ProcessGroup	ProcessName
SoftQCD	minBias,elastic, singleDiffractive, doubleDiffractive
HardQCD	gg2gg, gg2qqbar, qg2qg, qq2qq, qqbar2gg, qqbar2qqbarNew, gg2ccbar, qqbar2ccbar, gg2bbbar, qqbar2bbbar
PromptPhoton	qg2qgamma, qqbar2ggamma, gg2ggamma, ffbbar2gammagamma, gg2gammagamma
WeakBosonExchange	ff2ff(t:gmZ), ff2ff(t:W)
WeakSingleBoson	ffbar2gmZ, ffbbar2W, ffbbar2ffbar(s:gm)
WeakDoubleBoson	ffbar2gmZgmZ, ffbbar2ZW, ffbbar2WW
WeakBosonAndParton	qqbar2gmZg, qg2gmZq, ffbbar2gmZgm, fgm2gmZf qqbar2Wg, qg2Wq, ffbbar2Wgm, fgm2Wf
Charmonium	gg2QQbar[3S1(1)]g, qg2QQbar[3PJ(8)]q, ...
Bottomonium	gg2QQbar[3S1(1)]g, gg2QQbar[3P2(1)]g, ...



ProcessGroup	ProcessName
Top	gg2ttbar, qqbar2ttbar, qq2tq(t:W), ffbar2ttbar(s:gmZ), ffbar2tqbar(s:W)
FourthBottom	gg2bPrimebPrimebar, qq2bPrimeq(t:W) , ...
FourthTop	qqbar2tPrimetPrimebar, fbar2tPrimeqbar(s:W), ...
FourthPair	ffbar2tPrimebPrimebar(s:W), fbar2tauPrimenuPrimebar(s:W)
HiggsSM	ffbar2H, gg2H, ffbar2HZ, ff2Hff(t:WW), ...
HiggsBSM	h, H and A as above, charged Higgs, pairs
SUSY	qqbar2chi0chi0 (SUSY barely begun)
NewGaugeBoson	ffbar2gmZZprime, ffbar2Wprime, ffbar2R0
LeftRightSymmetry	ffbar2ZR, ffbar2WR, ffbar2HLHL, ...
LeptoQuark	q12LQ, qg2LQ1, gg2LQLQbar, qqbar2LQLQbar
ExcitedFermion	dg2dStar, qq2uStarq, qqbar2muStarmu, ...
ExtraDimensionsG*	gg2G*, qqbar2G*, ...

Can also use (and sometimes mix with)

- Les Houches Event Files
- Les Houches Accord-style runtime C++ interface
- Les Houches Accord runtime Fortran 77 interface  
(and that way runtime link to PYTHIA 6.4)
- semi-internal matrix elements and resonances  
(external matrix elements, internal phase space)

# More on particle data

The static `ParticleDataTable` class contains info by PDG id code:

- `name(id)`, `hasAnti(id)`
  - `spinType(id)`, `chargeType(id)`, `charge(id)`, `colType(id)`
  - `m0(id)`, `mWidth(id)`, `mMin(id)`, `mMax(id)`, `tau0(id)`, ...
- plus a vector of `DecayChannels` with
- `onMode()`, `bRatio()`, `meMode()`, `multiplicity()`, `product(i)`

User modifies by methods, `readString("...")` and `readFile("filename")` with commands `id:property = value` or `id:channel:property = value`.

Some special commands:

```
id:all = name antiName spinType chargeType colType m0 mWidth mMin mMax tau0
```

```
id:new = name antiName spinType chargeType colType m0 mWidth mMin mMax tau0
```

```
id:channel:all = onMode bRatio meMode products
```

```
id:oneChannel = onMode bRatio meMode products
```

```
id:addChannel = onMode bRatio meMode products
```

```
id:onMode = onMode
```

```
id:onIfAny = products and id:offIfAny = products
```

```
id:onIfAll = products and id:offIfAll = products
```

```
id:onIfMatch = products and id:offIfMatch = products
```

## Useful commands:

- `pythia.particleData.listAll()` : complete list
- `pythia.particleData.listChanged()` : only changed ones
- `pythia.particleData.list(id)` : only one (or `vector<int>`)

```

----- PYTHIA Particle Data Table (changed only) -----
-----

```

id	name	antiName	spn	chg	col	m0	mWidth
mMin	mMax	tau0	res	dec	ext	vis	wid
	no	onMode	bRatio	meMode	products		
111	pi0		1	0	0	0.13498	0.00000
0.00000	0.00000	2.51000e-05	0	0	0	1	0
	0	1	0.9879900	0	22	22	
	1	1	0.0119800	11	22	11	-11
	2	1	0.0000300	13	11	-11	11
							-11
223	omega		3	0	0	0.78259	0.00849
0.10000	0.00000	0.00000e+00	0	1	0	1	0
	0	1	0.8924000	1	211	-211	111
	1	1	0.0892800	0	22	111	
	2	1	0.0170000	3	211	-211	
	3	1	0.0004900	0	221	22	
	4	1	0.0000700	0	111	111	22
	5	1	0.0005900	0	111	11	-11
	6	1	0.0001000	0	111	13	-13
	7	1	0.0000700	0	11	-11	

```

----- End PYTHIA Particle Data Table -----
-----

```

# The Particle class in the event record

Each `Particle` object stores the properties:

- `id()` : particle identity, by PDG codes.
- `status()` : status code. Provides info on where and why a given particle was produced. Negative code = no longer existing particle.
- `mother1()`, `mother2()` : first and last mother indices.
- `daughter1()`, `daughter2()` : first and last daughter indices.
- `col()`, `acol()` : colour and anticolour tags, Les Houches Accord.
- `px()`, `py()`, `pz()`, `e()` : four-momentum components (in GeV).
- `m()` : mass.
- `scale()` : scale at which a parton was produced; model-specific.
- `xProd()`, `yProd()`, `zProd()`, `tProd()` : production vertex (in mm).
- `tau()` : proper lifetime.

Methods above can also be used, with argument, for setting properties.

Many further methods for extraction only, e.g. for rapidity.

Also pointer to `ParticleDataTable` entry; gives e.g. `name()` and `charge()`.

# The Event class

Two `Event` objects inside a `Pythia` object:

- `process` : hard subprocess, roughly like Les Houches.
- `event` : complete event history.

An Event  $\approx$  a vector<Particle>

e.g. `pythia.event[i].id()` = identity of i'th particle

index 0 = event-as-a-whole; not really part of history

- $\Rightarrow$  throw line 0 for HepMC conversion
- $\Rightarrow$  mother/daughter = 0  $\Leftrightarrow$  empty

Specific methods include:

- `size()` :  $0 \leq i < \text{event.size}()$ .
- `list()` : provide event listing.
- `motherList(i)`, `daughterList(i)`, `sisterList()` :  
a vector<int> of mothers, daughters, sisters.
- `iTopCopy(i)`, `iBotCopy(i)` : top or bottom “carbon copy”.

But *no methods to edit* the event.

Further: info on junctions, subsystems (multiple interactions), ...

# Sample event listings

First with `pythia.process.list()`, truncated to fit:

```
----- PYTHIA Event Listing (hard process) -----  
  
no      id  name      status  mothers  daughters  colours  p_x  
0       90  (system)  -11     0  0       1  2       0  0       0.000  
1       2212 (p+)     -12     0  0       3  0       0  0       0.000  
2       2212 (p+)     -12     0  0       4  0       0  0       0.000  
3        -2 (ubar)   -21     1  0       5  6       0  101      0.000  
4         2 (u)     -21     2  0       5  6      102  0       0.000  
5        -6 (tbar)  -22     3  4       7  8       0  101     -73.897  
6         6 (t)     -22     3  4       9  10      102  0       73.897  
7       -24 (W-)   -22     5  0      11  12       0  0       2.825  
8        -5 bbar    23     5  0       0  0       0  101     -76.721  
9        24 (W+)  -22     6  0      13  14       0  0       72.384  
10        5 b      23     6  0       0  0      102  0       1.513  
11         3 s      23     7  0       0  0      103  0     -26.914  
12        -4 cbar   23     7  0       0  0       0  103      29.739  
13       -11 e+    23     9  0       0  0       0  0       6.458  
14        12 nu_e   23     9  0       0  0       0  0      65.926  
  
Charge sum: 0.000           Momentum sum: 0.000  
  
----- End PYTHIA Event Listing -----
```

next with `pythia.event.list()`, omissions to fit:

## 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	1 2	0 0	0.000	0.000	0.000	14000.000 14000.000	
1	2212	(p+)	-12	0	0	279 0	0 0	0.000	0.000	7000.000	7000.000 0.938	
2	2212	(p+)	-12	0	0	280 0	0 0	0.000	0.000	-7000.000	7000.000 0.938	
3	-2	(ubar)	-21	7	7	5 6	0 101	0.000	0.000	54.594	54.594 0.000	
4	2	(u)	-21	8	0	5 6	102 0	0.000	0.000	-1042.471	1042.471 0.000	
5	-6	(tbar)	-22	3	4	9 9	0 101	-73.897	-53.244	-174.768	261.166 171.372	
6	6	(t)	-22	3	4	10 10	102 0	73.897	53.244	-813.108	835.899 171.131	
7	-2	(ubar)	-42	12	0	3 3	0 101	0.000	0.000	54.594	54.594 0.000	
8	2	(u)	-41	13	13	11 4	104 0	-0.000	-0.000	-1191.549	1191.549 0.000	
9	-6	(tbar)	-44	5	5	14 14	0 101	-71.565	-51.768	-210.234	285.251 171.372	
10	6	(t)	-44	6	6	15 15	102 0	82.715	58.828	-926.573	947.695 171.131	
11	21	(g)	-43	8	0	16 16	104 102	-11.150	-7.060	-0.149	13.198 0.000	
25	21	(g)	-51	23	0	37 37	106 105	19.037	28.329	38.331	51.325 0.000	
26	21	(g)	-51	23	0	39 39	101 106	6.832	-19.532	2.861	20.889 0.000	
27	-6	(tbar)	-52	20	20	34 34	0 101	-88.187	-52.597	-231.302	305.635 171.372	
44	21	(g)	-31	48	0	46 47	114 113	0.000	0.000	0.707	0.707 0.000	
45	1	(d)	-31	49	49	46 47	113 0	0.000	0.000	-255.118	255.118 0.000	
46	21	(g)	-33	44	45	50 50	114 115	2.524	5.061	-11.187	12.535 0.000	
47	1	(d)	-33	44	45	51 51	115 0	-2.524	-5.061	-243.224	243.290 0.330	
378	2	(u)	-63	1	0	492 492	113 0	-0.319	-0.512	1340.638	1340.638 0.330	
379	2101	(ud_0)	-63	1	0	492 492	0 113	-0.427	-1.024	3266.905	3266.906 0.579	
380	2	(u)	-63	1	0	493 493	108 0	-0.720	-1.118	56.936	56.952 0.330	
381	-3	(sbar)	-63	1	0	519 519	0 117	-0.382	-0.112	1364.384	1364.384 0.500	
486	-11	e+	23	441	0	0 0	0 0	7.949	-14.875	-217.791	218.443 0.001	
487	12	nu_e	23	441	0	0 0	0 0	70.533	75.395	-668.054	675.985 0.000	
502	1	(d)	-71	342	342	505 508	115 0	-3.404	-4.046	-233.825	233.885 0.330	
503	21	(g)	-71	367	367	505 508	181 115	-0.384	-0.368	-9.293	9.309 0.000	
504	-2	(ubar)	-71	370	370	505 508	0 181	-3.167	-0.517	-68.782	68.858 0.330	
505	311	(K0)	-83	502	504	789 789	0 0	-2.046	-0.406	-58.420	58.460 0.498	
506	331	(eta')	-83	502	504	941 942	0 0	-1.070	-2.000	-93.597	93.629 0.958	
507	-323	(K*-)	-83	502	504	790 791	0 0	-2.736	-2.575	-132.287	132.344 0.943	
508	111	(pi0)	-84	502	504	943 944	0 0	-1.102	0.050	-27.596	27.618 0.135	
789	130	K_L0	91	505	505	0 0	0 0	-2.046	-0.406	-58.420	58.460 0.498	
790	-311	(Kbar0)	-91	507	0	932 932	0 0	-0.900	-1.003	-55.248	55.267 0.498	
791	-211	pi-	91	507	0	0 0	0 0	-1.836	-1.571	-77.039	77.077 0.140	
792	-211	pi-	91	516	0	0 0	0 0	0.117	-0.161	-1.617	1.635 0.140	
793	111	(pi0)	-91	516	0	1069 1070	0 0	-0.431	-0.098	-0.498	0.680 0.135	
794	2212	p+	91	537	0	0 0	0 0	-1.175	0.093	-0.721	1.670 0.938	
795	211	pi+	91	537	0	0 0	0 0	-0.414	0.352	-0.340	0.657 0.140	
1316	22	gamma	91	1313	0	0 0	0 0	-1.574	0.014	-0.839	1.783 0.000	
1317	22	gamma	91	1313	0	0 0	0 0	-0.887	0.068	-0.569	1.056 0.000	
Charge sum:				2.000	Momentum sum:				-0.000	0.000	-0.000	14000.000 14000.000

End PYTHIA Event Listing

# Other event information

You can use `pythia.info.method()` to extract one-of-a-kind information, such as:

- `idA()`, `idB()`, `eCM()` : incoming beams and cm energy.
- `name()`, `code()` : the name and code of the subprocess.
- `id1()`, `id2()`, `x1()`, `x2()` : the identities and  $x$  fractions of the two partons coming in to the hard subprocess.
- `pdf1()`, `pdf2()`, `Q2Fac()` : parton densities  $x f(x, Q^2)$  evaluated for the two incoming partons, and the associated  $Q^2$  scale.
- `alphaS()`, `alphaEM()`, `Q2Ren()` :  $\alpha_s$ ,  $\alpha_{em}$  and their  $Q^2$  scale.
- `mHat()`, `sHat()`, `tHat()`, `uHat()` : the invariant mass of the hard subprocess and the Mandelstam variables.
- `pTHat()`, `thetaHat()`, `phiHat()` : transverse momentum and polar and azimuthal scattering angles of the hard subprocess.
- `bMI()`, `nMI()` : impact parameter (rescaled) and number of multiple interactions.
- `list()` : list some information on output.
- `sigmaGen()`, `sigmaErr()` : the process-summed estimated cross section and its estimated statistical error, in mb.



# Event analysis

Four-vectors in a class `Vec4`, with overloaded operators.

A small package for one-dimensional histograms:

- Book with `Hist name( title, numberOfBins, xMin, xMax);`  
or `Hist name; name.book(title, numberOfBins, xMin, xMax);`
- Fill with `name.fill( xValue, weight);` with default `weight = 1`
- Print with `cout << name;`
- Overloaded operators for addition, multiplication, ...

Sphericity analysis (similarly thrust):

- Instantiate with `Sphericity sph( power, select);`
- Analyze with `sph.analyze( event);`
- Info with `sph.sph(), sph.EigenVector(i), sph.list(), ...`

Cone jet finder a la UA1 (PYCELL) (similarly Lund/JADE/Durham):

- Instantiate with `CellJet cellJet( etaMax, nEta, nPhi, select, smear, resolution, upperCut, threshold);`
- Analyze with `cellJet.analyze(event, eTjetMin, coneRadius, eTseed);`
- Info with `cellJet.size(), cellJet.eT(i), cellJet.list(), ...`

# Statistics

Output from `pythia.statistics()` (some blanks removed for space):

```
*----- PYTHIA Event and Cross Section Statistics -----*
|
| Subprocess                Code |           Number of events           |           sigma +- delta           |
|                            |           Tried   Selected   Accepted |           (estimated) (mb)         |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| g g -> g g                111 |           502           65           65 |           5.114e-01  3.247e-02 |
| g g -> q qbar (uds)       112 |              2              0              0 |           0.000e+00  0.000e+00 |
| q g -> q g                113 |           247           34           34 |           3.038e-01  2.772e-02 |
| q q(bar)' -> q q(bar)'    114 |              24              0              0 |           0.000e+00  0.000e+00 |
| q qbar -> g g             115 |              1              0              0 |           0.000e+00  0.000e+00 |
| q qbar -> q' qbar' (uds)  116 |              0              0              0 |           0.000e+00  0.000e+00 |
| g g -> c cbar             121 |              1              1              1 |           3.483e-03  3.483e-03 |
| g g -> b bbar             123 |              2              0              0 |           0.000e+00  0.000e+00 |
|
| sum                       |           779           100           100 |           8.187e-01  4.284e-02 |
|
*----- End PYTHIA Event and Cross Section Statistics -----*

*----- PYTHIA Error and Warning Messages Statistics -----*
|
| times  message
|
|     3  Error in Pythia::next: hadronLevel failed; try again
|     3  Error in StringFragmentation::fragmentToJunction: caught in junction flavour loop
|     3  Warning in ParticleDataEntry::initBWmass: switching off width
|
*----- End PYTHIA Error and Warning Messages Statistics -----*
```

# Link to other program

PYTHIA is standalone, but several possibilities to link to it.

Posibilities similar to PYTHIA 6.4:

- Input from Les Houches Accord & Les Houches Event Files
- Output to HepMC event format (more robust than PYTHIA 6!?)
- SUSY Les Houches Accord (input file with masses, couplings, ...)
- Link to external decays, e.g. for  $\tau$  and B.
- Link to LHAPDF version 5.3.0 or later, or to your own PDF.

New possibilities, based on derived classes and pointers to them:

- Semi-internal process: write derived matrix-element class,

```
SigmaProcess* mySigma = new MySigma();
```

```
pythia.setSigmaPtr( mySigma);
```

and let PYTHIA do phase space integration, process mixing, ...

- Semi-internal resonance in same style: calculate partial widths
- Link to external random-number generator.
- Link to external shower, e.g. [VINCIA](#) for FSR.
- User hooks: veto events early on or reweight cross section.

# Sample Main Programs

- `main01.cc`: charged multiplicity distribution
- `main02.cc`:  $Z^0 p_{\perp}$  spectrum
- `main03.cc` & `main03.cmnd`: single-particle analysis in jet events
- `main04.cc` & `main04.cmnd`: tests of event properties
- `main05.cc`: cone-jet analysis of LHC events
- `main06.cc` & `main06.cmnd`: study elastic/diffractive events
- `main07.cc` & `main07.cmnd`: study minimum-bias events
- `main08.cc` & `main08.cmnd`: combine results of `subruns` in  $p_{\perp}$  bins
- `main09.cc`: LEP events with `sphericity/thrust/jetfinder` analysis
- `main10.cc`: use `UserHooks` to interact with generation process
- `main11.cc`: set `two hard interactions` in the same event
- `main12.cc` & `ttbar.lhe`: input from a `Les Houches Event File`
- `main13.cc` & `ttbar.lhe` & `ttbar2.lhe`: input from two `Les Houches Event Files`; mix with internal processes
- `main14.cc`: **compare** several cross sections with `PYTHIA 6.4` values
- `main15.cc`: `redo B decays` several times for each event

- `main16.cc`: user analysis class; command-line input file
- `main17.cc`: Pythia wrapper class; command-line input file
- `main21.cc`: input of parton configurations for hadronization only
- `main22.cc` & `main22.cmd` & `main22.spc`: SUSY with **SLHA** input
- `main23.cc`: link an **external decay handler**
- `main24.cc`: link an **external random number generator**
- `main25.cc`: link an **external process** for internal use
- `main26.cc`: link an **external resonance and process** for internal use
- `main31.cc` & `main31.cmd`: simple output to **HepMC event file**
- `main32.cc` & `main32.cmd`: streamlined production to **HepMC**; command-line input and output files
- `main41.cc`: test shapes of PDF's in **LHAPDF**
- `main42.cc`: compare event properties for different **LHAPDF** PDF's
- `main51.cc`: runtime **LHA** link to **PYTHIA 6.4**
- `main52.cc` & `main52.cmd` & `main52.fcmd`: ditto with input files
- `main53.f`: (Fortran!) have **PYTHIA 6.4** generate an **LHEF**
- `main54.cc` & `main54.cmd`: input from **PYTHIA 6.4** and output to **HepMC**

# License and Acknowledgements

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- Our programs are licensed under the GPL version 2.
- Please respect the MCnet Guidelines for Event Generator Authors and Users.
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    - report bugs & fixes to authors — don't create own forks
    - redistribute a program in its entirety, not piecemeal
  2. The program and its physics should be properly cited when used for academic publications.
    - cite manuals, but also physics articles of special relevance
    - cite all programs used, commensurate with importance for study
    - document version/parameters for reproducibility of publications

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# Outlook



We are now in a chicken-and-egg situation:  
the user community needs a mature program;  
but PYTHIA 8 will only mature  
if there is an active user community

So please ...

- implement in your experimental frameworks
- find volunteers to act as guinea pigs
- do some small-scale “production runs”
- report back problems & wishes (within reason)



Don't throw away PYTHIA 6.4 just yet!

- 8.1 still can't do everything 6.4 can
- 8.1 still needs testing and tuning

As new features are introduced, 8.1 will become the obvious choice:

- improved multiple interactions
- more matrix-element matching
- ???