

# Introduction to MCnet and MCnetITN3

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# **MCnet**

- A network of physicists dedicated to developing Monte Carlo event generators, and related tools, for the LHC and other particle physics experiments
- Formed in 2006
- Funded by the EU since 2007
- Includes authors of:
  - Herwig, Pythia, Sherpa, Madgraph
  - Vincia, Ariadne, DIPSY, HEJ
  - CONTUR, Rivet, Professor, hepforge, ...



- An EU Horizon 2020 funded Innovative Training Network
- April 2017 March 2021
- ~ 4M Euros
  - 11 PhD studentships
  - 144 student-months short-term studentships
    - ~40 studentships



- Funded for four years
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021
- 540 student months
  - $-11 \times 36$ -month PhDs (vs 6PhDs + 8RAs)
  - 144 short-term student-months (vs 142)
- €972,000 research, training & networking
  - 4 schools (+ 2 overseas)
  - 8 meetings
  - 4 training events
  - Training + travel + visitors + secondments



- Beneficiaries:
  - Manchester, Durham, Glasgow, UCL
  - Göttingen, Karlsruhe, Louvain, Lund
- Academic Partners:
  - CERN, Heidelberg, Monash, SLAC
    - + Fermilab
- Non-Academic Partners:
  - blue yonder, d-fine, IBA, B12



#### Projects:

- Herwig
- Pythia
- Sherpa
- Madgraph
- Plugin
  - Ariadne/DIPSY & HEJ
- CEDAR
  - Rivet, Professor, hepforge, HEPDATA, CONTUR
  - LHAPDF, HepMC



# MCnetlTN3

#### Schools:

- 2017 Lund, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 Prato, Tuscany (Monash), July 23<sup>rd</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>
- 2019 UCLondon
- 2020 Karlsruhe
- + 2 outside Europe (USA + Far East?)
- + Scientific Computing School

# Monte Carlo

# training studentships



**3-6 month** fully funded studentships for current PhD students at one of the MCnet nodes. An excellent opportunity to really understand and improve the Monte Carlos you use!

Application rounds every 3 months.



MCnet projects
Pythia+Vincia
Herwig
Sherpa
MadGraph
"Plugin" – Ariadne+HEJ
CEDAR – Rivet+Professor
+Contur+hepforge+...