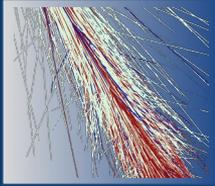


CORSIKA exercise

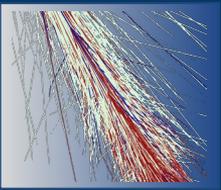
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Outline



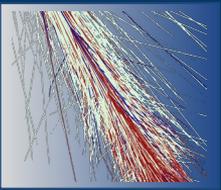
- 1) Install CORSIKA from tar file
- 2) Use coconut installer
- 3) Produce different types of binaries
- 4) Edit steering card, produce optimized custom version
- 5) Run CORSIKA
- 6) Analyse output

Preparation of CORSIKA



- Start Virtual Machine
- Run `source setup_corsika`
- Go to directory work `cd work`
- untar CORSIKA `tar xcvf corsika-76400.tar.gz`
- Change into new directory
- In `doc` directory, there is `CORSIKA_GUIDE7.6400.pdf` this file describes all options in detail. Here we try just very few of them.
 - If you like, you can look at it with `atril CORSIKA_GUIDE7.6400.pdf`

Configure CORSIKA



- start coconut: `./coconut`
- coconut always offers [default] or [cached] choices to make your life easier
- Choose the following options:
 - SIBYLL high energy model
 - URQMD low energy model
 - flat detector
- The result of coconut is a specifically tailored source code of CORSIKA

Run CORSIKA



- Got to “run” directory `cd run`
- Prepare steering card, by copying `all-inputs` to `example.inp`
- Edit `example.inp` `emacs example.inp`

- Change run number to 101
- Generate 1000 events
- At fixed energy of 1TeV
- Photon primaries
- 0 to 70 deg zenith
- Cut electrons and photons at 100MeV, hadrons and muons at 1GeV

The relevant lines

| | | |
|--------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| RUNNR | 101 | run number |
| NSHOW | 1000 | number of showers to generate |
| PRMPAR | 1 | particle type of prim. particle |
| ERANGE | 1.E3 1.E3 | energy range of primary particle |
| THETAP | 0. 70. | range of zenith angle (degree) |
| ECUTS | 1. 1. 0.1 0.1 | energy cuts for particles |

- Start CORSIKA, keep output in `example.out`

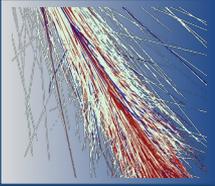
Modify CORSIKA



- Run coconut again, change to **volume detector**
- Modify example.inp to generate run 102
- Run CORSIKA

- Run coconut again, change to **string detector**
- Modify example.inp to generate run 103
- Run CORSIKA

Read output



Here we will use COAST to read output and analyze results

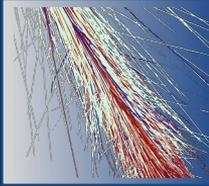
- First prepare COAST, which is part of CORSIKA.
 - Switch to `coast` directory `cd coast`
 - Type `make install`
- Get `CorsikaRead.tar.gz` from ISAPP2018 school indico page, and put into your `work` directory. Un-tar there. Change into directory.

Analyze CORSIKA output



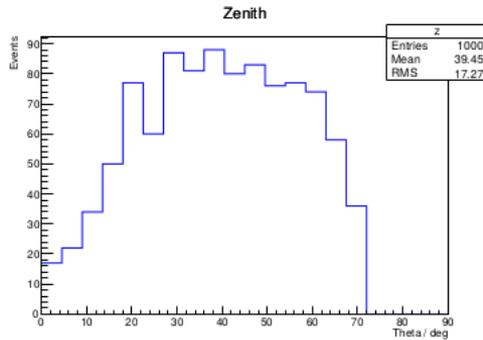
- Edit CorsikPlotter.cc, with editor of your choice, e.g. `gedit CorsikaPlotter.cc`
- Add ROOT 1D histogram to study shower zenith angle distribution
 - 20 bins from 0 to 90 [degree], name: zenith
- Fill shower zenith into histogram (take care of units)
 - Note: check [COAST Documentation](#) link on ISAPP 2018 indico page
- Create TCanvas, draw histogram, save pdf format
- Type `make` in directory to compile

Compare results

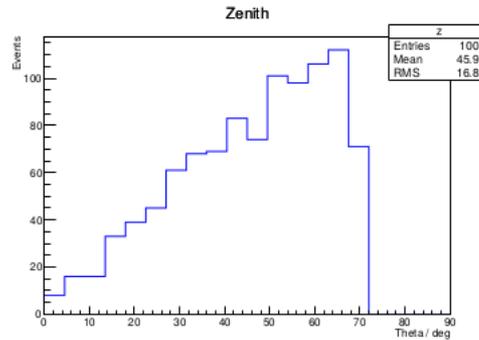


- pdf-viewer on ubuntu MATE is called **atril**

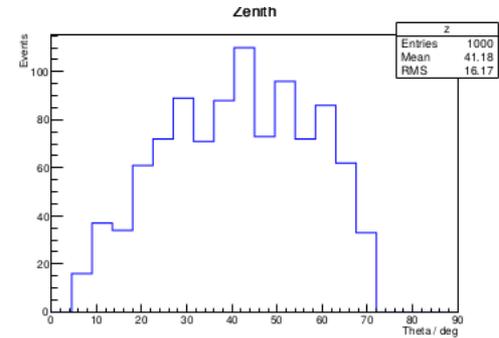
Flat



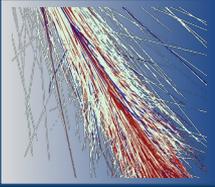
Volume



String



Particles



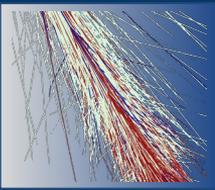
Follow the example, start own investigation!

Create a new particle-level histogram for any quantity that is interesting for you ,
fill particle-level data, print histogram, show result!

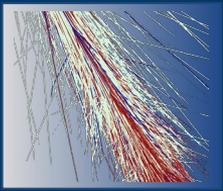
Use [COAST Documentation](#) to find out what is possible

If needed simulate new CORSIKA shower for this. Be careful with settings,
CORSIKA shower at 10^{18} eV w/o thinning needs probably $\gg 1$ month on your
laptop.

CONEX 1D [optional today]



- Switch to home directory and type `source setup_crmc`
- Switch to `work` directory
- Unpack `conex`, note that it is a bz2 file `tar xjvf conex2r5.64.tar.bz2`
- Change into new directory, type `make epos` (or choose other model)
- Run 10 full showers: proton primary at 10^{19} eV
- Type `bin/conex2r -h` for help
- Open output root file with root `root <youroutputfile.root>`
- Plot Xmax distribution `Shower→Draw("Xmx")` or any other observable



End of exercise. Start of research.