Rivet monthly dev meeting

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Physics-technical tasks

- R3.0.2 + Y1.8.0 releases should happen this month (last in July, 3 months ago)
 - Contrib analysis synchronisation: new from ALICE with more coming; ATLAS, CMS?
 - Beam comparison improvements Andy
 - Leif's GA minimiser tested by Andy, Neil Warrack: Andy to follow-up and merge
 - Add no-fill shortcut to multiweight histo syncing
 - Weight distribution analysis (Chris C, AB works)
 - High-[weight] truncation mechanism (requested by ATLAS): done by Chris G
 - Python @property removal & YAML parsing improvement cf. PyYAML warning (AB) ... ?!?
 - Analysis options shouldn't need a .info entry: add warning for validation system: WHO?
 - More Py3 Unicode Frank Siegert, or ...?
 - YODA lazy YAML parsing, re. huge systematics lists Jon
 - Nicer solution to the "bin width normalisation" issue Rivet to always output trivial objects?
 - Wishlist: add Transformers list to Fastjets? Caching pT, rap, etc. basis?

Outlook

Organisation

- Switch to git and gitlab.com (or github? gitlab has CERN familiarity)
 - Split into core & analyses repos; contrib via forked ana repo + MRs (Andy, Chris G)
 - Need volunteer to trial repo conversion and rewrite analysis diff & count scripts
- Focus groups on docs, stats & plotting: Christian B, Andy, etc. to prod... set definite tasks
 - Plotting: Short status and tasks: Christian B (see appendix slide)

Papers:

- smearing: Andy + Deepak Kar & Karl Nordstrom DONE!
- o v3/multiweight: Jon coordinating started, need contributions to fill out skeleton
- Heavy ion: half-done... Christian B: Final push, goal: arXiv ~December.
 https://gitlab.com/bierlich/hi-rivet-paper, contributors needed.

Workshops, tutorials, etc.:

- Vietnam school 15-20 Sept: tutorial report from Jon?
- Any upcoming?

Appendix: Matplotlib plotting status

Development ongoing: gitlab.com:bierlich/rivet-plot.git, mostly CB but others are welcome! Idea:

- Replace rivet-cmphistos & make-plots with library and script based on yoda API: rivetcmp.py & rivet-plot.py.
- Focus on basic plotting features. Statistics, curve plotting etc. better in pure Python.
- Methods pushing plots to axis objects to a) make iterable, b) make available as library.

Status:

- Reproducing basic features of make-plots.
- Slight speedup latex is bottleneck, further tricks can be played.
- 3d plots and styling is made very easy.
- Library useful for statistics features should be implemented by user, not us.

Action items:

- Proper branch (preferably gitlab), allowing for better integration.
- Near future: Fixing latex in all .plot files, reproducing all/most make-plots plotting features, polish presentation of figures using stylesheets.
- Next-to-near future: More work on 3d-plotting, better separation library/plot script, performance.
- NN-NF: Porting relevant features to YODA, improve statistics and fitting usage possibly as analysis add-ons.