TOOLS 2010 Collider Round-Table





The strategy for delineating of underlying theory



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MC Event Generators (used by CMS/ATLAS at present)

- Multi-Purpose Generators
 - PYTHIA6 (in past year v. 6.420, now migrated to v. 6.422)
 - PYTHIA8 (v. 8.108, now migrated to v. 8.130)
 - HERWIG6 (v. 6.510)
 - HERWIG++ (v. 2.3.2, now migrated to v. 2.4.2)
 - SHERPA (v. 1.1.2, now migrated to v. 1.2.0)
 - ISAJET (v.7.75) (mainly for mass spectra)
- Multi-Leg Matrix-Element Generators
 - MADGRAPH (v. 4.4.13)
 - ALPGEN (v. 213)
 - ✤ CalcHEP (v. 2.4.5)
 - ✤ CompHEP (v. 4.5.1)
- NLO Event Generators
 - MC@NLO (v. 3.41)
 - POWHEG



Questions to discuss here

- LO & NLO cross sections and uncertainty estimation
 - The range of QCD scale variation and selection of central value
 - The way of estimation of PDF uncertainties
- NLO generators and their implementation into CMS/ATLAS
 - Signal and background K-factors
 - How effectively NLO tools/generators are being used?
- Inter-relation of Tools/Authors presented here
 - What can/should/need to be added to the Les Houches Accord?
 - Convenience/interface to CMS/ATLAS software (e.g. Sherpa)
- Bounds from present experimental data, and open questions
 - Universal input/output format a la Les Houches Accord
 - To be interfaced to spectrum calculators
- Other topics: your input is here!

