

# DELPHES, a framework for fast simulation of a generic collider experiment

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## Abstract

It is always delicate to know whether theoretical predictions are visible and measurable in a high energy experiment due to the complexity of the related detectors, data acquisition chain and software. We introduce here a new framework, DELPHES, for fast simulation of a general purpose experiment. The simulation includes a tracking system, embedded into a magnetic field, calorimetry and a muon system, and possible very forward detectors arranged along the beamline. The framework is interfaced to standard file formats (e.g. Les Houches Event File) and outputs observable analysis data objects, like missing transverse energy and collections of electrons or jets. The simulation of detector response takes into account the detector resolution, and usual reconstruction algorithms for complex objects, like FASTJET. A simplified preselection can also be applied on processed data for trigger emulation. Detection of very forward scattered particles relies on the transport in beamlines with the HECTOR software. Finally, the FROG 2D/3D event display is used for visualisation of the collision final states. An overview of DELPHES is given as well as a few use-cases for illustration.

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# 1 Introduction

Experiments at high energy colliders are very complex systems in several ways. First, in terms of the various detector subsystems, including tracking, central calorimetry, forward calorimetry, and muon chambers. These detectors differ with their principles, technologies, geometries and sensitivities. Then, due to the requirement of a highly effective online selection (i.e. a *trigger*), subdivided into several levels for an optimal reduction factor, but based only on partially processed data. Finally, in terms of the experiment software, with different data formats (like *raw* or *reconstructed* data), many reconstruction algorithms and particle identification schemes.

This complexity is handled by large collaborations of thousands of people, which restrict the availability of the data, software and documentation to their members. Real data analyses require a full detector simulation, including the various detector inefficiencies, the dead material, the imperfections and the geometrical details. Moreover, detector calibration and alignment are crucial. Such simulation is very complicated, technical and slow. On the other hand, phenomenological studies, looking for the observability of given signals, may require only fast but realistic estimates of the observables.

A new framework, called DELPHES [1], is introduced here, for the fast simulation of a general purpose collider experiment. Using the framework, observables can be estimated for specific signal and background channels, as well as their production and measurement rates, under a set of assumptions. Starting from the output of event generators, the simulation of the detector response takes into account the subdetector resolutions, by smearing the kinematics properties of the visible final particles. Tracks of charged particles and calorimetric towers (or *calotowers*) are then created.

DELPHES includes the most crucial experimental features, like (1) the geometry of both cen-

tral or forward detectors; (2) lepton isolation; (3) reconstruction of photons, leptons, jets, *b*-jets,  $\tau$ -jets and missing transverse energy; (4) trigger emulation and (5) an event display (Fig. 1).

Although this kind of approach yields much realistic results than a simple “parton-level” analysis, a fast simulation comes with some limitations. Detector geometry is idealised, being uniform, symmetric around the beam axis, and having no cracks nor dead material. Secondary interactions, multiple scatterings, photon conversion and bremsstrahlung are also neglected.

Three formats of input files can currently be used as input in DELPHES<sup>1</sup>. In order to process events from many different generators, the standard Monte Carlo event structure `stdHEP` can be used as an input. Besides, DELPHES can also provide detector response for events read in “Les Houches Event Format” (LHEF) and `ROOT` files obtained using the `h2root` utility from the `ROOT` framework [2].

DELPHES uses the `ExRootAnalysis` utility [3] to create output data in a `*.root` file format. This output contains a copy of the generator level data (GEN tree), the analysis data objects after reconstruction (Analysis tree), and possibly the results of the trigger emulation (Trigger tree). The program is driven by input cards. The detector card (`data/DataCardDet.dat`) allows a large spectrum of running conditions by modifying basic detector parameters, including calorimeter and tracking coverage and resolution, thresholds or jet algorithm parameters. The trigger card (`data/trigger.dat`) lists the user algorithms for the simplified online preselection.

## 2 Detector simulation

The overall layout of the general purpose detector simulated by DELPHES is shown in Fig. 2. A

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<sup>1</sup>[code] See the `HEPEVTConverter`, `LHEFConverter` and `STDHEPConverter` classes.

central tracking system (TRACKER) is surrounded by an electromagnetic and a hadron calorimeters (ECAL and HCAL, resp.). Two forward calorimeters (FCAL) ensure a larger geometric coverage for the measurement of the missing transverse energy. Finally, a muon system (MUON) encloses the central detector volume. The fast simulation of the detector response takes into account geometrical acceptance of sub-detectors and their finite resolution, as defined in the smearing data card<sup>2</sup>. If no such file is provided, predefined values are used. The coverage of the various subsystems used in the default configuration are summarised in Tab. 1.

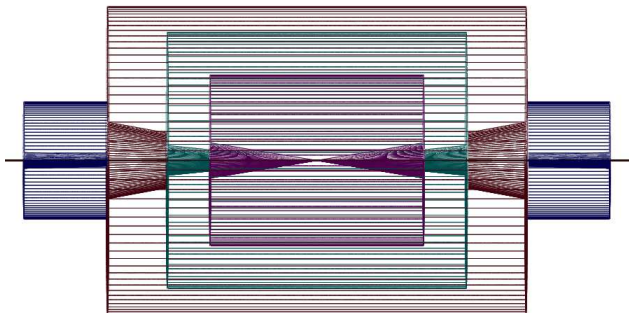


Figure 2: Profile of layout of the generic detector geometry assumed in DELPHES. The innermost layer, close to the interaction point, is a central tracking system (pink). It is surrounded by a central calorimeter volume (green) with both electromagnetic and hadronic sections. The outer layer of the central system (red) consists of a muon system. In addition, two end-cap calorimeters (blue) extend the pseudorapidity coverage of the central detector. The detector parameters are defined in the user-configuration card. The extension of the various subdetectors, as defined in Tab. 1, are clearly visible. The detector is assumed to be strictly symmetric around the beam axis (black line). Additional forward detectors are not depicted.

<sup>2</sup>[code] See the `RESOLUTION` class.

## Magnetic field

In addition to the subdetectors, the effects of a dipolar magnetic field is simulated for the charged particles<sup>3</sup>. This simply modifies the corresponding particle direction before it enters the calorimeters.

### 2.1 Tracks reconstruction

Every stable charged particle with a transverse momentum above some threshold and lying inside the fiducial volume of the tracker provides a track. By default, a track is assumed to be reconstructed with 90% probability<sup>4</sup> if its transverse momentum  $p_T$  is higher than 0.9 GeV and if its pseudorapidity  $|\eta| \leq 2.5$ .

### 2.2 Simulation of calorimeters

The energy of each particle considered as stable in the generator particle list is smeared, with a Gaussian distribution depending on the calorimeter resolution. This resolution varies with the sub-calorimeter (ECAL, HCAL, FCAL) measuring the particle. The response of each sub-calorimeter is parametrised as a function of the energy:

$$\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus \frac{N}{E} \oplus C, \quad (1)$$

where  $S$ ,  $N$  and  $C$  are the *stochastic*, *noise* and *constant* terms, respectively.

The particle four-momentum  $p^\mu$  are smeared with a parametrisation directly derived from the detector technical designs<sup>5</sup>. In the default parametrisation, the calorimeter is assumed to cover the pseudorapidity range  $|\eta| < 3$  and consists in an electromagnetic and an hadronic

<sup>3</sup>[code] See the `TrackPropagation` class.

<sup>4</sup>[code] The reconstruction efficiency is defined in the smearing datacard by the `TRACKING_EFF` term.

<sup>5</sup>[code] The response of the detector is applied to the electromagnetic and the hadronic particles through the `SmearElectron` and `SmearHadron` functions.

Table 1: Default extension in pseudorapidity  $\eta$  of the different subdetectors. The corresponding parameter name, in the smearing card, is given.

TRACKER	CEN_max_tracker	$0.0 \leq  \eta  \leq 2.5$
ECAL, HCAL	CEN_max_calor_cen	$0.0 \leq  \eta  \leq 3.0$
FCAL	CEN_max_calor_fwd	$3.0 \leq  \eta  \leq 5.0$
MUON	CEN_max_mu	$0.0 \leq  \eta  \leq 2.4$

part. Coverage between pseudorapidities of 3.0 and 5.0 is provided by forward calorimeters, with different response to electromagnetic objects ( $e^\pm, \gamma$ ) or hadrons. Muons and neutrinos are assumed not to interact with the calorimeters<sup>6</sup>. The default values of the stochastic, noisy and constant terms are given in Tab. 2.

The energy of electrons and photons found in the particle list are smeared using the ECAL resolution terms. Charged and neutral final state hadrons interact with the ECAL, HCAL and FCAL. Some long-living particles, such as the  $K_s^0$ , possessing lifetime  $c\tau$  smaller than 10 mm are considered as stable particles although they decay before the calorimeters. The energy smearing of such particles is performed using the expected fraction of the energy, determined according to their decay products, that would be deposited into the ECAL ( $E_{\text{ECAL}}$ ) and into the HCAL ( $E_{\text{HCAL}}$ ). Defining  $F$  as the fraction of the energy leading to a HCAL deposit, the two energy values are given by

$$\begin{cases} E_{\text{HCAL}} = E \times F \\ E_{\text{ECAL}} = E \times (1 - F) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $0 \leq F \leq 1$ . The electromagnetic part is handled as the electrons. The resulting final energy given after the application of the smearing

<sup>6</sup>In the current DELPHES version, particles other than electrons ( $e^\pm$ ), photons ( $\gamma$ ), muons ( $\mu^\pm$ ) and neutrinos ( $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_\tau$ ) are simulated as hadrons for their interactions with the calorimeters. The simulation of stable particles beyond the Standard Model should subsequently be handled with care.

Table 2: Default values for the resolution of the central and forward calorimeters. Resolution is parametrised by the *stochastic* ( $S$ ), *noise* ( $N$ ) and *constant* ( $C$ ) terms (Eq. 1). The corresponding parameter name, in the smearing card, is given.

Resolution Term	Card flag	Value
ECAL		
$S$	ELG_Scen	0.05
$N$	ELG_Ncen	0.25
$C$	ELG_Ccen	0.0055
FCAL, electromagnetic part		
$S$	ELG_Sfwd	2.084
$N$	ELG_Nfwd	0
$C$	ELG_Cfwd	0.107
HCAL		
$S$	HAD_Shcal	1.5
$N$	HAD_Nhcal	0
$C$	HAD_Chcal	0.05
FCAL, hadronic part		
$S$	HAD_Shf	2.7
$N$	HAD_Nhf	0.
$C$	HAD_Chf	0.13

is then  $E = E_{\text{HCAL}} + E_{\text{ECAL}}$ . For  $K_S^0$  and  $\Lambda$  hadrons, the energy fraction is  $F$  is assumed to be worth 0.7.

### 2.3 Calorimetric towers

The smallest unit for geometrical sampling of the calorimeters is a *tower*; it segments the  $(\eta, \phi)$  plane for the energy measurement. All undecayed particles, except muons and neutrinos produce a calorimetric tower, either in ECAL, in HCAL or FCAL. As the detector is assumed to be symmetric in  $\phi$  and with respect to the  $\eta = 0$  plane, the smearing card stores the number of calorimetric towers with  $\phi = 0$  and  $\eta > 0$  (default: 40 towers). For a given  $\eta$ , the size of the  $\phi$  segmentation is also specified. Fig. 3 illustrates the default segmentation of the  $(\eta, \phi)$  plane.

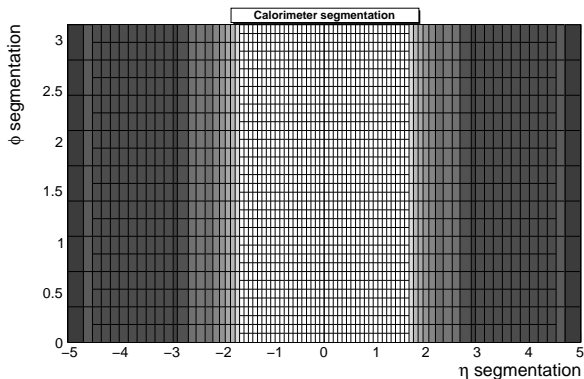


Figure 3: Default segmentation of the calorimeters in the  $(\eta, \phi)$  plane. Only the central detectors (ECAL, HCAL and FCAL) are considered.

The calorimetric towers directly enter in the calculation of the missing transverse energy (MET), and as input for the jet reconstruction algorithms. No longitudinal segmentation is available in the simulated calorimeters. No sharing between neighbouring towers is implemented when particles enter a tower very close to its geometrical edge.

### 2.4 Very forward detectors simulation

Most of the recent experiments in beam colliders have additional instrumentation along the beam-

line. These extend the  $\eta$  coverage to higher values, for the detection of very forward final-state particles. Zero Degree Calorimeters (ZDC) are located at zero angle, i.e. are aligned with the beamline axis at the interaction point, and placed at the distance where the paths of incoming and outgoing beams separate (Fig. 4). These allow the measurement of stable neutral particles ( $\gamma$  and  $n$ ) coming from the interaction point, with large pseudorapidities (e.g.  $|\eta_{n,\gamma}| > 8.3$  in CMS). Forward taggers (called here RP220 and FP420 as at the LHC) are meant for the measurement of particles following very closely the beam path. To be able to reach these detectors, such particles must have a charge identical to the beam particles, and a momentum very close to the nominal value for the beam. These taggers are near-beam detectors located a few millimetres from the true beam trajectory and this distance defines their acceptance (Tab. 3).

While neutral particles propagate along a straight line to the ZDC, a dedicated simulation of the transport of charged particles is needed for RP220 and FP420. This fast simulation uses the HECTOR software [4], which includes the chromaticity effects and the geometrical aperture of the beamline elements.

Some subdetectors have the ability to measure the time of flight of the particle. This corresponds to the delay after which the particle is observed in the detector, after the bunch crossing. The time of flight measurement of ZDC and FP420 detector is implemented here. For the ZDC, the formula is simply

$$t = t_0 + \frac{1}{v} \times \left( \frac{s - z}{\cos \theta} \right), \quad (3)$$

where  $t$  is the time of flight,  $t_0$  is the true time coordinate of the vertex from which the particle originates,  $v$  the particle velocity,  $s$  is the ZDC distance to the interaction point,  $z$  is the longitudinal coordinate of the vertex from which the particle comes from,  $\theta$  is the particle emission angle. This assumes that the neutral particle observed in the ZDC is highly relativistic, i.e. travelling at the

Table 3: Default parameters for the forward detectors: distance from the interaction point and detector acceptance. The LHC beamline is assumed around the fifth interaction point. For the ZDC, the acceptance depends only on the pseudorapidity  $\eta$  of the particle, which should be neutral and stable. The tagger acceptance is fully determined by the distance in the transverse plane of the detector to the real beam position [4]. It is expressed in terms of the particle energy.

Detector	Distance	Acceptance
ZDC	140 m	$ \eta  > 8.3$ for $n$ and $\gamma$
RP220	220 m	$E \in [6100; 6880]$ (GeV) at 2 mm
FP420	420 m	$E \in [6880; 6980]$ (GeV) at 4 mm

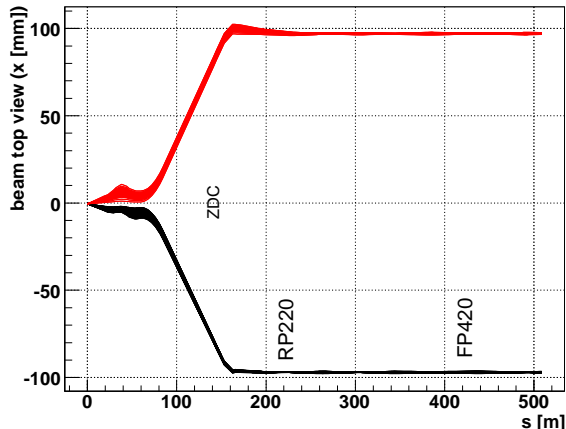


Figure 4: Default location of the very forward detectors, including ZDC, RP220 and FP420 in the LHC beamline. Incoming (red) and outgoing (black) beams on one side of the interaction point ( $s = 0$  m). The Zero Degree Calorimeter is located in perfect alignment with the beamline axis at the interaction point, at 140 m, where the beam paths are separated. The forward taggers are near-beam detectors located at 220 m and 420 m.

speed of light  $c$ . We also assume that  $\cos \theta = 1$ , i.e.  $\theta \approx 0$  or equivalently  $\eta$  is large. As an example,  $\eta = 5$  leads to  $\theta = 0.013$  and  $1 - \cos \theta < 10^{-4}$ .

The formula then reduces to

$$t = \frac{1}{c} \times (s - z) \quad (4)$$

Only neutrons and photons are currently assumed to be able to reach the ZDC. All other particles are neglected in the ZDC. To fix the ideas, if the ZDC is located at  $s = 140$  m, neglecting  $z$  and  $\theta$ , and assuming that  $v = c$ , one gets  $t = 0.47 \mu\text{s}$ .

### 3 High-level object reconstruction

Analysis object data contain the final collections of particles ( $e^\pm$ ,  $\mu^\pm$ ,  $\gamma$ ) or objects (light jets,  $b$ -jets,  $\tau$ -jets,  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$ ) and are stored<sup>7</sup> in the output file created by DELPHES. In addition, some detector data are added: tracks, calorimetric towers and hits in ZDC, RP220 and FP420. While electrons, muons and photons are easily identified, some other objects are more difficult to measure, like jets or missing energy due to invisible particles.

For most of these objects, their four-momentum  $p^\mu$  and related quantities are directly accessible in DELPHES output ( $E$ ,  $\vec{p}$ ,  $p_T$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\phi$ ). Additional properties are available for specific objects (like the charge and the isolation status for  $e^\pm$  and  $\mu^\pm$ ,

<sup>7</sup> [code] All these processed data are located under the Analysis tree.



the result of application of  $b$ -tag for jets and time-of-flight for some detector hits).

### 3.1 Photon and charged lepton reconstruction

From here onwards, *electrons* refer to both positrons ( $e^+$ ) and electrons ( $e^-$ ), and *charged leptons* refer to electrons and muons ( $\mu^\pm$ ), leaving out the  $\tau^\pm$  leptons as they decay before being detected.

#### Electrons and photons

Photon and electron ( $e^\pm$ ) candidates are reconstructed if they fall into the acceptance of the tracking system and have a transverse momentum above a threshold (default  $p_T > 10$  GeV). A calorimetric tower will be seen in the detector, an electrons leave in addition a track. Consequently, electrons and photons creates as usual a candidate in the jet collection.

#### Muons

Generator level muons entering the detector acceptance are considered as candidates for the analysis level. The acceptance is defined in terms of a transverse momentum threshold to overpass (default :  $p_T > 10$  GeV) and of the pseudorapidity coverage of the muon system of the detector (default:  $-2.4 \leq \eta \leq 2.4$ ). The application of the detector resolution on the muon momentum depends on a Gaussian smearing of the  $p_T$  variable<sup>8</sup>. Neither  $\eta$  nor  $\phi$  variables are modified beyond the calorimeters: no additional magnetic field is applied. In addition, multiple scattering is also neglected. This implies that low energy muons have in DELPHES a better resolution than in a real detector.

<sup>8</sup>[code] See the `SmearMuon` method.

#### Charged lepton isolation

To improve the quality of the contents of the charged lepton collections, additional criteria can be applied to impose some isolation. This requires that electron or muon candidates are isolated in the detector from any other particle, within a small cone. In DELPHES, charged lepton isolation demands that there is no other charged particle with  $p_T > 2$  GeV within a cone of  $\Delta R = \sqrt{\Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\phi^2} < 0.5$  around the lepton. The result (i.e. *isolated* or *not*) is added to the charged lepton measured properties<sup>9</sup>.

### 3.2 Jet reconstruction

A realistic analysis requires a correct treatment of final state particles which hadronise. Therefore, the most widely currently used jet algorithms have been integrated into the DELPHES framework using the FASTJET tools [5]. Six different jet reconstruction schemes are available<sup>10</sup>. The first three belong to the cone algorithm class while the last three are using a sequential recombination scheme. For all of them, the towers are used as input of the jet clustering. Jet algorithms also differ with their sensitivity to soft particles or collinear splittings, and with their computing speed performance.

#### Cone algorithms

1. *CDF Jet Clusters* [6]: Algorithm forming jets by associating together towers lying within a circle (default radius  $\Delta R = 0.7$ ) in the  $(\eta, \phi)$  space. The so-called JETCLU cone jet algorithm that was used by CDF in Run II is used. All towers with a transverse energy  $E_T$  higher than a given threshold (default:

<sup>9</sup>[code] See the `IsolFlag` output of the `Electron` or `Muon` collections in the `Analysis` tree.

<sup>10</sup>[code] The choice is done by allocating the `JET-jetalgo` input parameter in the smearing card.

$E_T > 1$  GeV) are used to seed the jet candidates. The existing FASTJET code has been modified to allow easy modification of the tower pattern in  $\eta, \phi$  space. In the following versions of DELPHES, a new dedicated plugin will be created on this purpose<sup>11</sup>.

2. *CDF MidPoint* [7]: Algorithm developed for the CDF Run II to reduce infrared and collinear sensitivity compared to purely seed-based cone by adding ‘midpoints’ (energy barycentres) in the list of cone seeds.
3. *Seedless Infrared Safe Cone* [8]: The SIS-CONE algorithm is simultaneously insensitive to additional soft particles and collinear splittings, and fast enough to be used in experimental analysis.

## Recombination algorithms

The three following jet algorithms are safe for soft radiations (*infrared*) and collinear splittings. They rely on recombination schemes where neighbouring calotower pairs are successively merged. The definitions of the jet algorithms are similar except for the definition of the *distances*  $d$  used during the merging procedure. Two such variables are defined: the distance  $d_{ij}$  between each pair of towers  $(i, j)$ , and a variable  $d_{iB}$  (*beam distance*) depending on the transverse momentum of the tower  $i$ .

The jet reconstruction algorithm browses the calotower list. It starts by finding the minimum value  $d_{\min}$  of all the distances  $d_{ij}$  and  $d_{iB}$ . If  $d_{\min}$  is a  $d_{ij}$ , the towers  $i$  and  $j$  are merged into a single tower with a four-momentum  $p^\mu = p^\mu(i) + p^\mu(j)$  (*E-scheme recombination*). If  $d_{\min}$  is a  $d_{iB}$ , the tower is declared as a final jet and is removed from the input list. This procedure is repeated until no towers are left in the input list. Further information on these jet algorithms is given here

<sup>11</sup> [code] JET\_coneradius and JET\_seed variables in the smearing card.

below, using  $k_{ti}$ ,  $y_i$  and  $\phi_i$  as the transverse momentum, rapidity and azimuth of calotower  $i$  and  $\Delta R_{ij} = \sqrt{(y_i - y_j)^2 + (\phi_i - \phi_j)^2}$  as the jet-radius parameter:

4. *Longitudinally invariant  $k_t$  jet* [9]:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{ij} &= \min(k_{ti}^2, k_{tj}^2) \Delta R_{ij}^2 / R^2 \\ d_{iB} &= k_{ti}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

5. *Cambridge/Aachen jet* [10]:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{ij} &= \Delta R_{ij}^2 / R^2 \\ d_{iB} &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

6. *Anti  $k_t$  jet* [11]: where hard jets are exactly circular in the  $(y, \phi)$  plane

$$\begin{aligned} d_{ij} &= \min(1/k_{ti}^2, 1/k_{tj}^2) \Delta R_{ij}^2 / R^2 \\ d_{iB} &= 1/k_{ti}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

By default, reconstruction uses a cone algorithm with  $\Delta R = 0.7$ . Jets are stored if their transverse energy is higher<sup>12</sup> than 20 GeV.

## 3.3 $b$ -tagging

A jet is tagged as  $b$ -jets if its direction lies in the acceptance of the tracker and if it is associated to a parent  $b$ -quark. A  $b$ -tagging efficiency of 40% is assumed if the jet has a parent  $b$  quark. For  $c$ -jets and light jets (i.e. originating in  $u, d, s$  quarks or in gluons), a fake  $b$ -tagging efficiency of 10% and 1% respectively is assumed<sup>13</sup>. The (mis)tagging relies on the true particle identity (PID) of the most energetic particle within a cone around the observed  $(\eta, \phi)$  region, with a radius  $\Delta R$  of 0.7.

<sup>12</sup> [code] PTCUT\_jet variable in the smearing card.

<sup>13</sup> [code] Corresponding to the TAGGING\_B, MISTAGGING\_C and MISTAGGING\_L constants, for (respectively) the efficiency of tagging of a  $b$ -jet, the efficiency of mistagging a  $c$ -jet as a  $b$ -jet, and the efficiency of mistagging a light jet ( $u, d, s, g$ ) as a  $b$ -jet.



### 3.4 $\tau$ identification

Jets originating from  $\tau$ -decays are identified using an identification procedure consistent with the one applied in a full detector simulation [12]. The tagging rely on two properties of the  $\tau$  lepton. First, 77% of the  $\tau$  hadronic decays contain only one charged hadron associated to a few neutrals (Tab. 4). Tracks are useful for this criterion. Secondly, the particles arisen from the  $\tau$  lepton produce narrow jets in the calorimeter (*collimation*).

Table 4: Branching ratios for  $\tau^-$  lepton [13].  $h^\pm$  and  $h^0$  refer to charged and neutral hadrons, respectively.  $n \geq 0$  and  $m \geq 0$  are integers.

<b>Leptonic decays</b>	
$\tau^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$	17.9%
$\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\tau$	17.4%
<b>Hadronic decays</b>	
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- n \times h^\pm m \times h^0 \nu_\tau$	64.7%
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- m \times h^0 \nu_\tau$	50.1%
$\tau^- \rightarrow h^- h^+ h^- m \times h^0 \nu_\tau$	14.6%

#### Electromagnetic collimation

To use the narrowness of the  $\tau$ -jet, the *electromagnetic collimation*  $C_\tau^{em}$  is defined as the sum of the energy of towers in a small cone of radius  $R^{em}$  around the jet axis, divided by the energy of the reconstructed jet. To be taken into account, a calorimeter tower should have a transverse energy  $E_T^{tower}$  above a given threshold. A large fraction of the jet energy is expected in this small cone. This fraction, or collimation factor, is represented in Fig. 6 for the default values (see Tab. 5).

#### Tracking isolation

The tracking isolation for the  $\tau$  identification requires that the number of tracks associated to a particle with a significant transverse momentum is one and only one in a cone of radius  $R^{tracks}$ . This

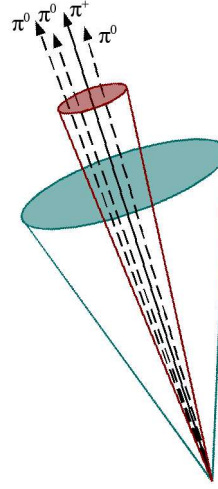


Figure 5: Illustration of the identification of  $\tau$ -jets. The jet cone is narrow and contains only one track.

cone should be entirely pointing to the tracker to be taken into account. Default values of these parameters are given in Tab. 5.

#### Purity

Once both electromagnetic collimation and tracking isolation are applied, a threshold on the  $p_T$  of the  $\tau$ -jet candidate is requested to purify the collection. This procedure selects  $\tau$  leptons decaying hadronically with a typical efficiency of 60%.

### 3.5 Missing transverse energy

In an ideal detector, momentum conservation imposes the transverse momentum of the observed final state  $\vec{p}_T^{obs}$  to be equal to the  $\vec{p}_T$  vector sum of the invisible particles, written  $\vec{p}_T^{miss}$ .

$$\vec{p}_T = \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{cases} p_x^{miss} = -p_x^{obs} \\ p_y^{miss} = -p_y^{obs} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

The *true* missing transverse energy, i.e. at generator-level, is calculated as the opposite of the vector sum of the transverse momenta of all

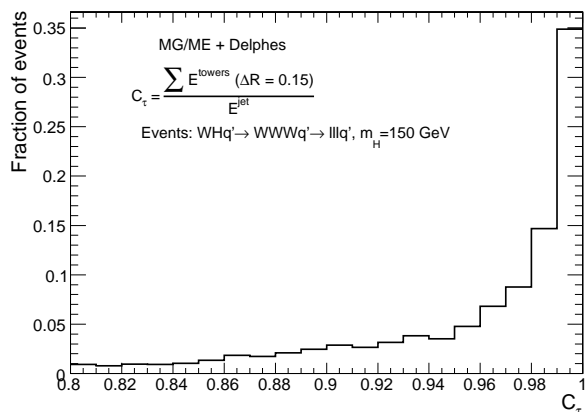


Figure 6: Distribution of the electromagnetic colimation  $C_\tau$  variable for true  $\tau$ -jets, normalised to unity. This distribution is shown for associated  $WH$  photoproduction [14], where the Higgs boson decays into a  $W^+W^-$  pair. Each  $W$  boson decays into a  $l\nu_\ell$  pair, where  $l = e, \mu, \tau$ . Events generated with MADGRAPH/MADEVENT [15]. Final state hadronisation is performed by PYTHIA [16]. Histogram entries correspond to true  $\tau$ -jets, matched with generator level data.

visible particles – or equivalently, to the vector sum of invisible particle transverse momenta. In a real experiment, calorimeters measure energy and not momentum. Any problem affecting the detector (dead channels, misalignment, noisy towers, cracks) worsens directly the measured missing transverse energy  $\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$ . In this document, MET is based on the calorimetric towers and only muons and neutrinos are not taken into account for its evaluation:

$$\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}} = - \sum_i^{\text{towers}} \vec{E}_T(i) \quad (9)$$

## 4 Trigger emulation

New physics in collider experiment are often characterised in phenomenology by low cross-section

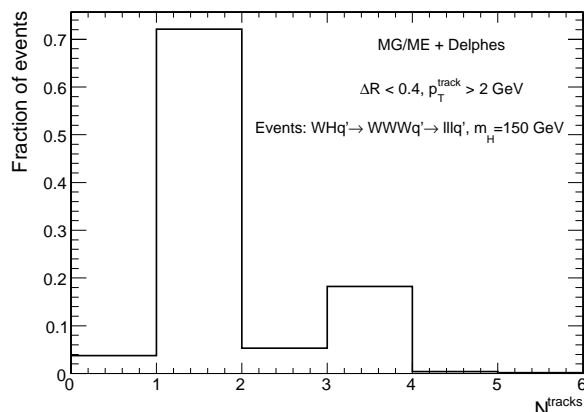


Figure 7: Distribution of the number of tracks  $N^{\text{tracks}}$  within a small jet cone for true  $\tau$ -jets, normalised to unity. Photoproduced  $WH$  events, where  $W$  bosons decay leptonically ( $e, \mu, \tau$ ), as in Fig. 6. Histogram entries correspond to true  $\tau$ -jets, matched with generator level data.

values, compared to the Standard Model (SM) processes. For instance at the LHC ( $\sqrt{s} = 14$  TeV), the cross-section of inclusive production of  $b\bar{b}$  pairs is expected to be  $10^7$  nb, or inclusive jets at 100 nb ( $p_T > 200$  GeV), while Higgs boson cross-section within the SM can be as small as  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  nb ( $pp \rightarrow WH, m_H = 115$  GeV).

High statistics are required for data analyses, consequently imposing high luminosity, i.e. a high collision rate. As only a tiny fraction of the observed events can be stored for subsequent *offline* analyses, a very large data rejection factor should be applied directly as the events are produced. This data selection is supposed to reject only well-known SM events<sup>14</sup>. Dedicated algorithms of this *online* selection, or *trigger*, should be fast and very efficient for data rejection, in order to preserve the experiment output bandwidth. They must also be as inclusive as possible to avoid loos-

<sup>14</sup>However, some bandwidth is allocated to random triggers that stores a small fraction of the events without any selection criteria.

Table 5: Default values for parameters used in  $\tau$ -jet reconstruction algorithm. Electromagnetic collimation requirements involve the inner *small* cone radius  $R^{\text{em}}$ , the minimum transverse energy for calorimeters  $E_T^{\text{tower}}$  and the collimation factor  $C_\tau$ . Tracking isolation constrains the number of tracks with a significant transverse momentum  $p_T^{\text{tracks}}$  in a cone of radius  $R^{\text{tracks}}$ . Finally, the  $\tau$ -jet collection is purified by the application of a cut on the  $p_T$  of  $\tau$ -jet candidates.

Parameter	Card flag	Value
<b>Electromagnetic collimation</b>		
$R^{\text{em}}$	TAU_energy_scone	0.15
min $E_T^{\text{tower}}$	JET_M_seed	1.0 GeV
$C_\tau$	TAU_energy_frac	0.95
<b>Tracking isolation</b>		
$R^{\text{tracks}}$	TAU_track_scone	0.4
min $p_T^{\text{tracks}}$	PTAU_track_pt	2 GeV
<b><math>\tau</math>-jet candidate</b>		
min $p_T$	TAUJET_pt	10 GeV

ing interesting events.

Most of the usual trigger algorithms select events containing objects (i.e. jets, particles, MET) with an energy scale above some threshold. This is often expressed in terms of a cut on the transverse momentum of one or several objects of the measured event. Logical combinations of several conditions are also possible. For instance, a trigger path could select events containing at least one jet and one electron such as  $p_T^{\text{jet}} > 100$  GeV and  $p_T^e > 50$  GeV.

A trigger emulation is included in DELPHES, using a fully parametrizable *trigger table*<sup>15</sup>. When enabled, this trigger is applied on analysis object data. In a real experiment, the online selection is often divided into several steps (or *levels*). This splits the overall reduction factor into a product of smaller factors, corresponding to the different

trigger levels. This is related to the architecture of the experiment data acquisition chain, with limited electronic buffers requiring a quick decision for the first trigger level. First level triggers are then fast and simple but based only on partial data as not all detector front-ends are readable within the decision latency. Later levels are more complex, of finer-but-not-final quality and based on full detector data.

Real triggers are thus intrinsically based on reconstructed data with a worse resolution than final analysis data. On the contrary, same data are used in DELPHES for trigger emulation and for final analyses.

## 5 Validation

DELPHES performs a fast simulation of a collider experiment. Its quality and validity are assessed by comparing to resolution of the reconstructed data to the CMS detector expectations.

Electrons and muons match by construction to the experiment designs, as the Gaussian smearing of their kinematics properties is defined according to the experiment resolution. Similarly, the  $b$ -tagging efficiency (for real  $b$ -jets) and misidentification rates (for fake  $b$ -jets) are taken from the expected values of the experiment. Unlike these simple objects, jets and missing transverse energy should be carefully cross-checked.

### 5.1 Jet resolution

The majority of interesting processes at the LHC contain jets in the final state. The jet resolution obtained using DELPHES is therefore a crucial point for its validation. Even if DELPHES contains six algorithms for jet reconstruction, only the jet clustering algorithm (JETCLU) with  $R = 0.7$  is used to validate the jet collection.

This validation is based on  $pp \rightarrow gg$  events produced with MADGRAPH/MADEVENT and hadronised using PYTHIA [15, 16]. The events were

<sup>15</sup> [code] The trigger card is the `data/trigger.dat` file.

arranged in 14 bins of gluon transverse momentum  $\hat{p}_T$ . In each  $\hat{p}_T$  bin, every jet in DELPHES is matched to the closest jet of generator-level particles, using the spatial separation between the two jet axes

$$\Delta R = \sqrt{(\eta^{\text{rec}} - \eta^{\text{MC}})^2 + (\phi^{\text{rec}} - \phi^{\text{MC}})^2} < 0.25. \quad (10)$$

The jets made of generator-level particles, or MC jets, are obtained by applying the same clustering algorithm to all particles considered as stable after hadronisation. Jets produced by DELPHES and satisfying the matching criterion are called hereafter *reconstructed jets*.

The ratio of the transverse energies of every reconstructed jet  $E_T^{\text{rec}}$  and its corresponding MC jet  $E_T^{\text{MC}}$  is calculated in each  $\hat{p}_T$  bin. The  $E_T^{\text{rec}}/E_T^{\text{MC}}$  histogram is fitted with a Gaussian distribution in the interval  $\pm 2$  RMS centred around the mean value. The resolution in each  $\hat{p}_T$  bin is obtained by the fit mean  $\langle x \rangle$  and variance  $\sigma^2(x)$ :

$$\frac{\sigma\left(\frac{E_T^{\text{rec}}}{E_T^{\text{MC}}}\right)_{\text{fit}}}{\left\langle\frac{E_T^{\text{rec}}}{E_T^{\text{MC}}}\right\rangle_{\text{fit}}}\left(\hat{p}_T(i)\right), \text{ for all } i. \quad (11)$$

The resulting jet resolution as a function of  $E_T^{\text{MC}}$  is shown in Fig. 8. This distribution is fitted with a function of the following form:

$$\frac{a}{E_T^{\text{MC}}} \oplus \frac{b}{\sqrt{E_T^{\text{MC}}}} \oplus c, \quad (12)$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are the fit parameters. It is then compared to the resolution obtained with a recent version of the simulation package of the CMS detector [12]. The resolution curves from DELPHES and CMS are in good agreement.

## 5.2 MET resolution

All major detectors at hadron colliders have been designed to be as much hermetic as possible in order to detect the presence of one or more neutrinos through apparent missing transverse energy. The

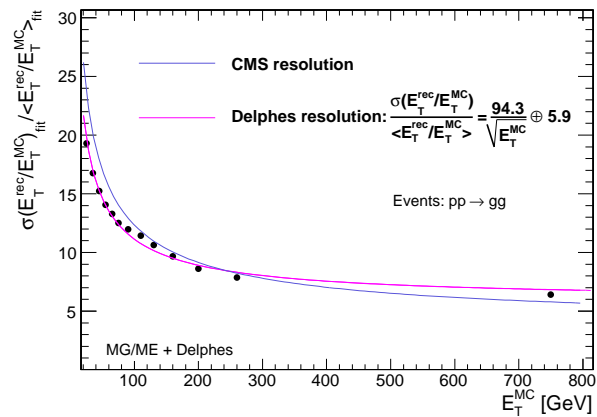


Figure 8: Resolution of the transverse energy of reconstructed jets  $E_T^{\text{rec}}$  as a function of the transverse energy of the closest jet of generator-level particles  $E_T^{\text{MC}}$ . The maximum separation between the reconstructed and MC jets is  $\Delta R = 0.25$ . Pink line is the fit result for comparison to the CMS resolution, in blue.

resolution of the  $\vec{E}_T^{\text{miss}}$  variable, as obtained with DELPHES, is then crucial.

The samples used to study the MET performance are identical to those used for the jet validation. It is worth noting that the contribution to  $E_T^{\text{miss}}$  from muons is negligible in the studied sample. The input samples are divided in five bins of scalar  $E_T$  sums ( $\Sigma E_T$ ). This sum, called *total visible transverse energy*, is defined as the scalar sum of transverse energy in all towers. The quality of the MET reconstruction is checked via the resolution on its horizontal component  $E_x^{\text{miss}}$ .

The  $E_x^{\text{miss}}$  resolution is evaluated in the following way. The distribution of the difference between  $E_x^{\text{miss}}$  in DELPHES and at generator-level is fitted with a Gaussian function in each ( $\Sigma E_T$ ) bin. The fit RMS gives the MET resolution in each bin. The resulting value is plotted in Fig. 9 as a function of the total visible transverse energy.

The resolution  $\sigma_x$  of the horizontal component

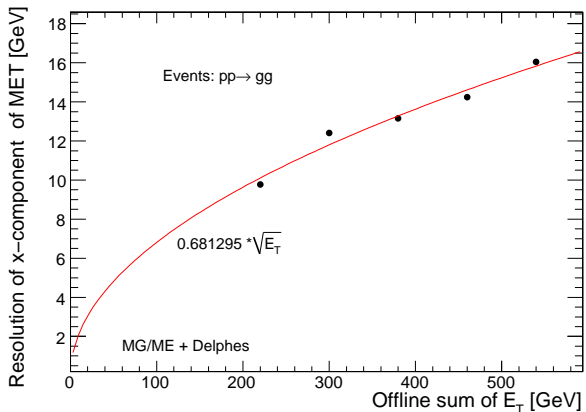


Figure 9:  $\sigma(E_x^{\text{miss}})$  as a function on the scalar sum of all towers ( $\Sigma E_T$ ) for  $pp \rightarrow gg$  events.

of MET is observed to behave like

$$\sigma_x = \alpha (\Sigma E_T) \quad (\text{GeV}^{1/2}), \quad (13)$$

where the  $\alpha$  parameter is depending on the resolution of the calorimeters.

The MET resolution expected for the CMS detector for similar events is  $\sigma_x = (0.6 - 0.7) (\Sigma E_T) \text{ GeV}^{1/2}$  with no pile-up<sup>16</sup> [12]. The same quantity obtained by DELPHES is in excellent agreement with the expectations of the general purpose detector, as  $\alpha = 0.68$ .

### 5.3 $\tau$ -jet efficiency

Due to the complexity of their reconstruction algorithm,  $\tau$ -jets have also to be checked. Tab. 6 lists the reconstruction efficiencies for the hadronic  $\tau$ -jets in the CMS experiment and in DELPHES. Agreement is good enough to validate this reconstruction.

<sup>16</sup> *Pile-up* events are extra simultaneous  $pp$  collision occurring at the same bunch crossing.

Table 6: Reconstruction efficiencies of  $\tau$ -jets in decays from  $Z$  or  $H$  bosons, in DELPHES and in the CMS experiment [17].

CMS			
$Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	38%		
$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	36%	$m_H = 150 \text{ GeV}$	
$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	47%	$m_H = 300 \text{ GeV}$	
DELPHES			
$H \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$	42%	$m_H = 140 \text{ GeV}$	

## 6 Visualisation

When performing an event analysis, a visualisation tool is useful to convey information about the detector layout and the event topology in a simple way. The *Fast and Realistic OpenGL Displayer* FROG [18] has been interfaced in DELPHES, allowing an easy display of the defined detector configuration<sup>17</sup>.

Two and three-dimensional representations of the detector configuration can be used for communication purpose, as it clearly shows the geometric coverage of the different detector subsystems. As an illustration, the generic detector geometry assumed in DELPHES is shown in Fig. 2 and 10. As pointed before, the detector is assumed to be strictly symmetric around the beam axis. The extensions of the central tracking system, the central calorimeters and both forward calorimeters are visible. Nevertheless, it should be noticed that only the geometrical coverage is depicted and that the calorimeter segmentation is not taken into account in the drawing of the detector. Moreover, both the radius and the length of each sub-detectors are just display parameters and are insignificant for the physics simulation.

Deeper understanding of interesting physics processes is possible by displaying the events

<sup>17</sup> [code] To prepare the visualisation, the `FLAG_frog` parameter should be equal to 1.



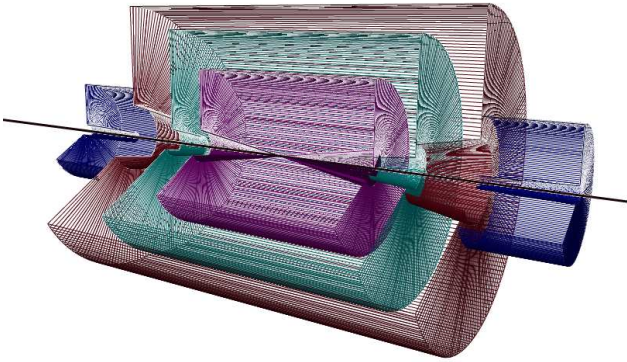


Figure 10: Layout of the generic detector geometry assumed in DELPHES. Open 3D-view of the detector with solid volumes. Same colour codes as for Fig. 2 are applied. Additional forward detectors are not depicted.

themselves. The visibility of each set of objects ( $e^\pm$ ,  $\mu^\pm$ ,  $\tau^\pm$ , jets, transverse missing energy) is enhanced by a colour coding. Moreover, kinematics information of each object is visible by a simple mouse action. As an illustration, an associated photoproduction of a  $W$  boson and a  $t$  quark is shown in Fig. 11. This corresponds to a  $pp(\gamma p \rightarrow Wt)pX$  process, where the  $Wt$  couple is induced by an incoming photon emitted by one interacting proton [19]. This leading proton survives from the photon emission and subsequently from the  $pp$  interaction, and is present in the final state. As the energy and virtuality of the emitted photon are low, the surviving proton does not leave the beam and escapes from the central detector without being detected. The experimental signature is a lack of hadronic activity in one forward hemisphere, where the surviving proton escapes. The  $t$  quark decays into a  $W$  boson and a  $b$  quark. Both  $W$  bosons decay into leptons ( $W \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu$  and  $W \rightarrow e\nu_e$ ). The balance between the missing transverse energy and the charged lepton pair is clear, as well as the presence of an empty forward region. It is interesting to notice

that the reconstruction algorithms build a fake  $\tau$ -jet around the electron.

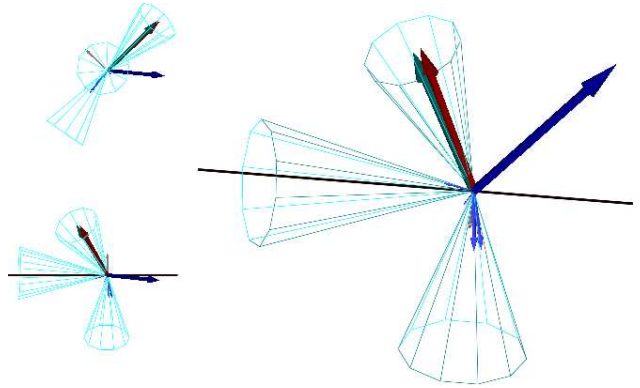


Figure 11: Example of  $pp(\gamma p \rightarrow Wt)pY$  event, with  $t \rightarrow Wb$ . One  $W$  boson decays into a  $\mu\nu_\mu$  pair and the second one into a  $e\nu_e$  pair. The surviving proton leaves a forward hemisphere with no hadronic activity. The isolated muon is shown as the blue vector. Around the electron, in red, is reconstructed a fake  $\tau$ -jet (green vector surrounded by a blue cone), while the reconstructed missing energy (in grey) is very small. One jet is visible in one forward region, along the beamline axis, opposite to the direction of the escaping proton.

For the comparison, Fig. 12 depicts an inclusive gluon pair production  $pp \rightarrow ggX$ . The event final state contains more jets, in particular along the beam axis, which is expected as the interacting protons are destroyed by the collision. Two muon candidates and large missing transverse energy are also visible.

## 7 Conclusion and perspectives

We have described here the major features of the DELPHES framework, introduced for the fast simulation of a collider experiment. This framework is a tool meant for feasibility studies in phenomenology, probing the observability of models in collider experiments. It has already been used



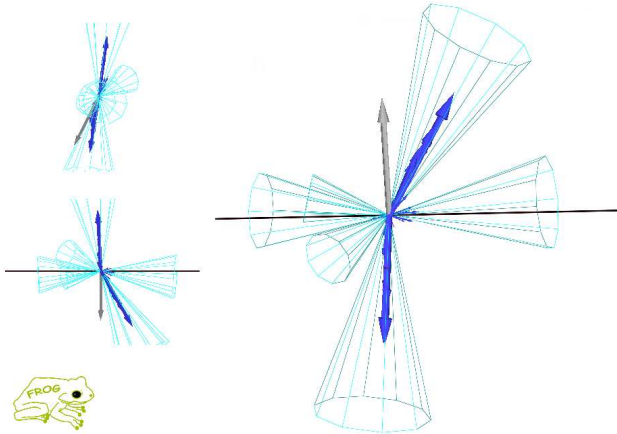


Figure 12: Example of inclusive gluon pair production  $pp \rightarrow ggX$ . Many jets are visible in the event, in particular along the beam axis. Two muons (in blue) are produced and the missing transverse energy is significant in this event (grey vector).

for several analyses, in particular in photon interactions at the LHC.

DELPHES takes the output of event generators and yields analysis object data. The simulation includes central and forward detectors to produce realistic observables using standard reconstruction algorithms. Moreover, the framework allows trigger emulation and 3D event visualisation.

DELPHES has been developed using the parameters of the CMS experiment but can be easily extended to ATLAS and other non-LHC experiments, as at Tevatron or at the ILC. Further developments include a more flexible design for the sub-detector assembly and possibly the implementation of an event mixing module for pile-up event simulation.

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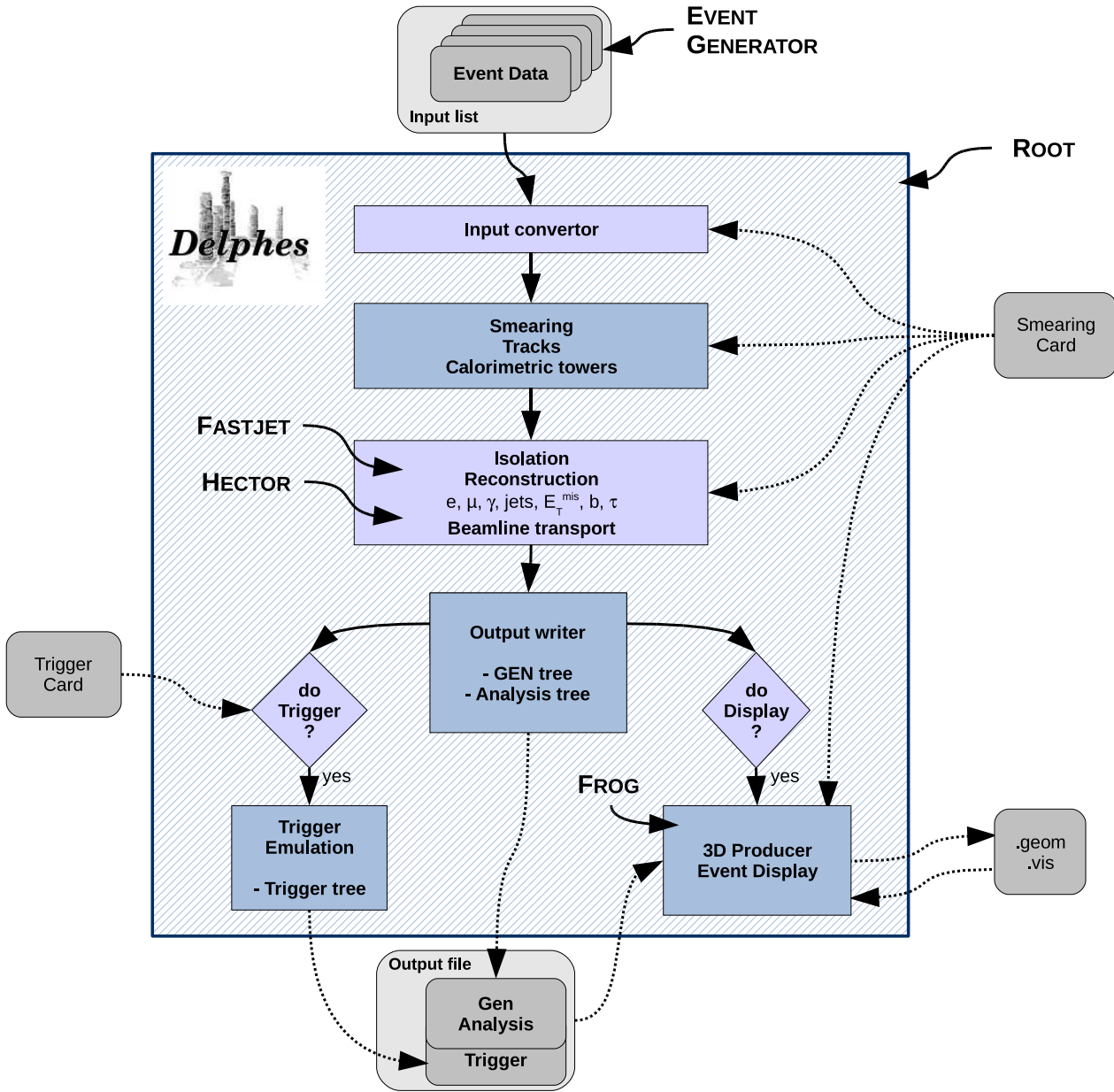


Figure 1: Flow chart describing the principles behind DELPHES. Event files coming from external Monte Carlo generators are read by a converter stage. The kinematics variables of the final state particles are then smeared according to the subdetector resolutions. Tracks are reconstructed in a simulated dipolar magnetic field and calorimetric towers sample the energy deposits. Based on these, dedicated algorithms are applied for particle identification, isolation and reconstruction. The transport of very forward particle to the near-beam detectors is also simulated. Finally, an output file is written, including generator level and analysis object data. If requested, a fully parametrisable trigger can be emulated. Optionally, the geometry and visualisation files for the 3D event display can also be produced. All user parameters are set in the *Smearing Card* and the *Trigger Card*.

## A User manual

The available code is a zipped tar file which comes with everything needed to run the DELPHES package, assuming a running ROOT installation. The package includes `ExRootAnalysis` [3], `HECTOR` [4], `FASTJET` [5], and `FROG` [18], as well as the conversion codes to read standard StdHEP input files (`mcfl` and `stdhep`) [20]. Nevertheless in order to visualise the events with the FROG software, some external libraries may be required, as explained in <http://projects.hepforge.org/frog/>.

### A.1 Getting started

In order to run DELPHES on your system, first download its sources and compile it:

```
wget http://www.fynu.ucl.ac.be/users/s.ovyn/Delphes/files/Delphes_V_*.tar.gz
```

Replace the `*` symbol by the proper version number<sup>18</sup>.

```
me@mylaptop:~$ tar -xvf Delphes_V_*.tar.gz
me@mylaptop:~$ cd Delphes_V_*.
me@mylaptop:~$ ./genMakefile.tcl > Makefile
me@mylaptop:~$ make
```

Due to the large number of external utilities, the number of printed lines during the compilation can be high. The user should not pay attention to possible warning messages. When compilation is completed, the following message is printed:

```
me@mylaptop:~$ Delphes has been compiled
me@mylaptop:~$ Ready to run
```

### A.2 Running Delphes on your events

In this chapter, we will explain how to use DELPHES to perform a fast simulation of a general purpose detector on your event files. The first step to use DELPHES is to create the list of input event files (e.g. `inputlist.list`). As an important comment, don't forget that all the files comprised in the list file should have the same type (`*.hep`, `*.lhe` or `*.root`). In the simplest way of running DELPHES, you need this input file and you need to specify the name of the output file that will contain the generator-level data (`GEN` tree), the analysis data objects after reconstruction (`Analysis` tree), and the results of the trigger emulation (`Trigger` tree).

```
me@mylaptop:~$ ./Delphes inputlist.list OutputRootFileName.root
```

#### A.2.1 Setting up the configuration

The program is driven by two datacards (default cards are `data/DataCardDet.dat` and `data/trigger.dat`) which allow a large spectrum of running conditions. Please note that either the user provides these two datacards, either the running will be done using the default parameters defined in the constructor of the class `RESOLUTION`. If you choose a different detector or running configuration, you will need to edit the datacards accordingly.

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<sup>18</sup>Refer to the download page on the DELPHES website <http://www.fynu.ucl.ac.be/users/s.ovyn/Delphes/download.html>.

## 1. The smearing card

The *smearing* or *run* card is by default `data/DataCard.dat`. It contains all pieces of information needed to run DELPHES:

- detector parameters, including calorimeter and tracking coverage and resolution, transverse energy thresholds for object reconstruction and jet algorithm parameters.
- four flags (`FLAG_bfield`, `FLAG_vfd`, `FLAG_trigger` and `FLAG_frog`), which should be assigned if the magnetic field propagation, the very forward detectors simulation, the trigger selection and the preparation for FROG display (respectively) have to be run by DELPHES.

If no datacard is provided by the user, the default smearing and running parameters are used:

```
# Detector extension, in pseudorapidity units
CEN_max_tracker    2.5    // Maximum tracker coverage
CEN_max_calor_cen  3.0    // central calorimeter coverage
CEN_max_calor_fwd  5.0    // forward calorimeter pseudorapidity coverage
CEN_max_mu         2.4    // muon chambers pseudorapidity coverage

# Energy resolution for electron/photon
# \sigma/E = C + N/E + S/\sqrt{E}, E in GeV
ELG_Scen          0.05    // S term for central ECAL
ELG_Ncen          0.25    // N term for central ECAL
ELG_Ccen          0.005   // C term for central ECAL
ELG_Cfwd          0.107   // S term for FCAL
ELG_Sfwd          2.084   // C term for FCAL
ELG_Nfwd          0.0     // N term for FCAL

# Energy resolution for hadrons in ecal/hcal/hf
# \sigma/E = C + N/E + S/\sqrt{E}, E in GeV
HAD_Shcal         1.5     // S term for central HCAL
HAD_Nhcal         0.      // N term for central HCAL
HAD_Chcal         0.05    // C term for central HCAL
HAD_Shf           2.7     // S term for FCAL
HAD_Nhf           0.      // N term for FCAL
HAD_Chf           0.13    // C term for FCAL

# Muon smearing
MU_SmearPt        0.01    // transverse momentum Pt in GeV

# Tracking efficiencies
TRACK_ptmin       0.9     // minimal pT
TRACK_eff         100     // efficiency associated to the tracking (%)

# Calorimetric towers
```

```

TOWER_number          40
### list of the edges of each tower in eta for eta>0 assuming
###a symmetric detector in eta<0
### the list starts with the lower edge of the most central tower
### the list ends with the higher edged of the most forward tower
### there should be NTOWER+1 values
TOWER_eta_edges 0.    0.087 0.174 0.261 0.348 0.435 0.522 0.609 0.696 0.783
                  0.870 0.957 1.044 1.131 1.218 1.305 1.392 1.479 1.566 1.653
                  1.740 1.830 1.930 2.043 2.172 2.322 2.500 2.650 2.868 2.950
                  3.125 3.300 3.475 3.650 3.825 4.000 4.175 4.350 4.525 4.700
                  5.000

### list of the tower size in phi (in degrees), assuming that all
### towers are similar in phi for a given eta value
### the list starts with the phi-size of the most central tower (eta=0)
### the list ends with the phi-size of the most forward tower
### there should be NTOWER values
#TOWER_dphi 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 10
             10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 20 20

# Thresholds for reconstructed objects, in GeV
PTCUT_elec          10.0
PTCUT_muon          10.0
PTCUT_jet           20.0
PTCUT_gamma         10.0
PTCUT_taujet        10.0

# General jet variable
JET_coneradius      0.7      // generic jet radius
JET_jetalgo         1        // Jet algorithm selection
JET_seed            1.0      // minimum seed to start jet reconstruction, in GeV

# Tagging definition
BTAG_b              40      // b-tag efficiency (%)
BTAG_mistag_c       10      // mistagging (%)
BTAG_mistag_l       1      // mistagging (%)

# FLAGS
FLAG_bfield         0        // 1 to run the bfield propagation else 0
FLAG_vfd            1        // 1 to run the very forward detectors else 0
FLAG_trigger        1        // 1 to run the trigger selection else 0
FLAG_frog           1        // 1 to run the FROG event display

# In case BField propagation allowed

```



```

TRACK_radius      129      // radius of the BField coverage, in cm
TRACK_length      300      // length of the BField coverage, in cm
TRACK_bfield_x    0        // X composant of the BField, in T
TRACK_bfield_y    0        // Y composant of the BField, in T
TRACK_bfield_z    3.8      // Z composant of the BFieldn in T

# Very forward detector extension, in pseudorapidity
# if allowed
VFD_min_calor_vfd 5.2      // very forward calorimeter (if any) like CASTOR
VFD_max_calor_vfd 6.6
VFD_min_zdc       8.3
VFD_s_zdc         140      // distance of the ZDC, from the IP, in [m]

RP_220_s          220      // distance of the RP to the IP, in meters
RP_220_x          0.002    // distance of the RP to the beam, in meters
RP_420_s          420      // distance of the RP to the IP, in meters
RP_420_x          0.004    // distance of the RP to the beam, in meters

# In case FROG event display allowed
NEvents_Frog      100

```

In general, energies and momenta are expressed in GeV, and magnetic fields in T. Geometrical extension are often referred in terms of pseudorapidity  $\eta$ , as the detectors are supposed to be symmetric in  $\phi$ .

## 2. The trigger card

This card contains the definitions of all trigger bits. Cuts can be applied on the transverse momentum  $p_T$  of electrons, muons, jets,  $\tau$ -jets, photons and the missing transverse energy. The following codes should be used so that DELPHES can correctly translate the input list of trigger bits into selection algorithms:

<i>Trigger code</i>	<i>Corresponding object</i>
ELEC_PT	electron
MUON_PT	muon
JET_PT	jet
TAUJET_PT	$\tau$ -jet
ETMIS_PT	missing transverse energy
GAMMA_PT	photon

Each line in the trigger datacard is allocated to exactly one trigger bit and starts with the name of the corresponding trigger. Logical combination of several conditions is also possible. If the trigger bit requires the presence of multiple identical objects, the order of their  $p_T$  thresholds is very important: they must be defined in *decreasing* order. Finally, the different requirements on the objects must be separated by a `&&` flag. The default trigger card can be found in the data

repository of DELPHES (`data/trigger.dat`). An example of trigger table consistent with the previous rules is given here:

```
SingleJet           >> JET_PT: '200'
DoubleElec         >> ELEC_PT: '20' && ELEC_PT: '10'
SingleElec and Single Muon >> ELEC_PT: '20' && MUON_PT: '15'
```

## A.2.2 Running the code

First, create the smearing and trigger cards (`data/mydetector.dat` and `data/mytrigger.dat`). Then, create a text file containing the list of input files that will be used by DELPHES (with extension `*.lhe`, `*.root` or `*.hep`). To run the code, type the following command (in one line)

```
me@mylaptop:~$ ./Delphes inputlist.list OutputRootFileName.root
                    data/mydetector.dat data/mytrigger.dat
```

As a reminder, typing the `./Delphes` command simply display the correct usage:

```
me@mylaptop:~$ ./Delphes
Usage: ./Delphes input_file output_file [detector_card] [trigger_card]
input_list - list of files in Ntpl, StdHep or LHEF format,
output_file - output file.
detector_card - Card containing resolution variables for detector simulation (optional)
trigger_card - Card containing the trigger algorithms (optional)
```

## A.3 Getting the Delphes information

### A.3.1 Contents of the Delphes root trees

As said upwards, the DELPHES ROOT file is subdivided into three TREES. All the branches available in those TREES together with the reconstructed objects they correspond to are summarised here:

#### GEN tree

Particle	generator particles from HEPEVT	TRootGenParticle
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#### Analysis tree

Jet	Jet collection	TRootJet
TauJet	Collection of jets tagged as $\tau$ -jets	TRootTauJet
Electron	Collection of electrons	TRootElectron
Muon	Collection of muons	TRootMuon
Photon	Collection of photons	TRootPhoton
Tracks	Tracker tracks	TRootTracks
ETmis	Transverse missing energy information	TRootETmis
CaloTower	Calorimetric towers	TRootCalo
ZDChits	?????	TRootZdcHits
RP220hits	?????	TRootRomanPotHits
FP420hits	?????	TRootRomanPotHits

#### Trigger

TrigResult	Acceptance of different trigger bits	TRootTrigger
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The third column shows the names of the corresponding classes to be written in a ROOT tree. All classes except the `TRootTrigger`, the `TRootETmis` and the `TRootRomanPotHits` inherit from the class `TRootParticle` which includes the following member functions for accessing the components:

```
float E; // particle energy in GeV
float Px; // particle momentum vector (x component) in GeV
float Py; // particle momentum vector (y component) in GeV
float Pz; // particle momentum vector (z component) in GeV

float PT; // particle transverse momentum in GeV
float Eta; // particle pseudorapidity float Phi; // particle azimuthal angle in rad
```

In addition to their four-momentum and related quantities, additional properties are available for specific objects. Those are summarised in the following table:

#### Particle leave

```
int PID; // particle HEP ID number
int Status; // particle status
int M1; // particle 1st mother
int M2; // particle 2nd mother
int D1; // particle 1st daughter
int D2; // particle 2nd daughter
float Charge; // electrical charge
float T; // particle vertex position (t component)
float X; // particle vertex position (x component)
float Y; // particle vertex position (y component)
float Z; // particle vertex position (z component)
float M; // particle mass
```

#### Electron and Muon leaves

```
int Charge
bool IsolFlag
```

#### Jet leave

```
bool Btag
```

#### ZDChits leave

```
float T; // time of flight [s]
int side; // -1 or +1
```

## A.4 Running an analysis on your Delphes events

To analyse the Root `TTree` ntuple of DELPHES, the simplest way is to use the `Analysis_Ex.cpp` code which is coming in the `Examples` repository of DELPHES. Note that all of this is optional and done to facilitate the analysis, as the output from DELPHES is viewable with the standard `TBrowser` or `ROOT` and can be analysed using the `MakeClass` facility. To run the `Examples/Analysis_Ex.cpp` code, the two following arguments are required: a text file containing the input DELPHES root files to run, and the name of the output root file. To run the code:

```
./Analysis_Ex input_file.list output_file.root
```

#### A.4.1 sdfksdjf

The `Examples/Trigger_Only.cpp` code permits to run the trigger selection separately from the general detector simulation on output DELPHES root files. An input DELPHES root file is mandatory as argument. The new tree containing the trigger information will be added in these file. The trigger datacard is also necessary. To run the code:

```
./Trigger_Only input_file.root data/trigger.dat
```

### A.5 Running the Frog event display

- If the `FLAG_frog` was switched on, two files were created during the run of DELPHES: `DelphesToFrog.vis` and `DelphesToFrog.geom`. They contain all the needed information to run `frog`.
- To display the events and the geometry, you first need to compile FROG. Go to the `Utilities/FROG` and type `make`.
- Go back into the main directory and type `./Utilities/FROG/frog`.