

Event generation with MadGraph 5

Tutorial

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Lectures and exercises found at

<https://server06.fynu.ucl.ac.be/projects/madgraph/wiki/SchoolNTU>

The basics

- Please make sure that you have MG5, Pythia-PGS, MadAnalysis, td, and ROOT installed on your laptop
- Please divide into groups of 4 students per group.
- Work on your own, but compare and discuss together.
- Don't hesitate to ask us when you have questions!

I. Launch madgraph and start the tutorial

- `./bin/mg5`
- `mg5> tutorial`

and follow the instructions

Diagram generation

2. Draw the diagrams for the following processes, and compare with MG5:

- $u \bar{u} \rightarrow t \bar{t}$
- $u \bar{u} \rightarrow t \bar{t} \text{ QED}=2$
- $p p \rightarrow w^+, w^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu_l$ (before and after “output”)

Is the result what you expected?

Different models

3. Generate diagrams for the following processes:

- $c \bar{c} \rightarrow h \rightarrow b \bar{b}$ in the SM
- $p p \rightarrow h$ in SM and HEFT
- Gluino pair production in the MSSM at the LHC

Compute decay widths and cross sections

4. Generate MadEvent output for the following processes:

- $pp \rightarrow t \bar{t}$
- $pp \rightarrow W^{+/-}$
- $pp \rightarrow W^{+/-} j$
- $pp \rightarrow g_0 g_0$
- g_0 decay to all squarks + quarks (not collider)

5. Understand the cards (param_card, run_card, etc)

6. Generate and compare cross sections for the processes at Tevatron and the LHC. Discuss.

LHC: $l_{pp1} = l_{pp2} = 1$, $e_{beam1} = e_{beam2} = 7000$

Tevatron: $l_{pp1} = 1$, $l_{pp2} = -1$, $e_{beam1} = e_{beam2} = 980$

Complete collider analysis

7. Perform a complete collider analysis:

- Generate MadEvent output for the process $p p \rightarrow h, h \rightarrow l^+ l^- \nu l \bar{\nu}$ in the HEFT model
- Using the default Higgs mass of 120 GeV, generate events at the LHC, through Pythia and PGS or Delphes. Same for 180 GeV Higgs.
- Study plots at parton level, Pythia level and detector level. What are the differences?
- Extra: Generate also the background process $p p \rightarrow w^+ w^-, w^+ \rightarrow l^+ \nu, w^- \rightarrow l^- \bar{\nu}$ (in the SM) and compare plots.
- Where are the main differences? Discuss!