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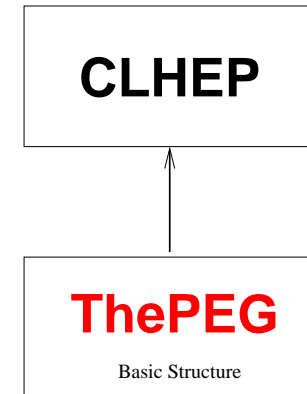
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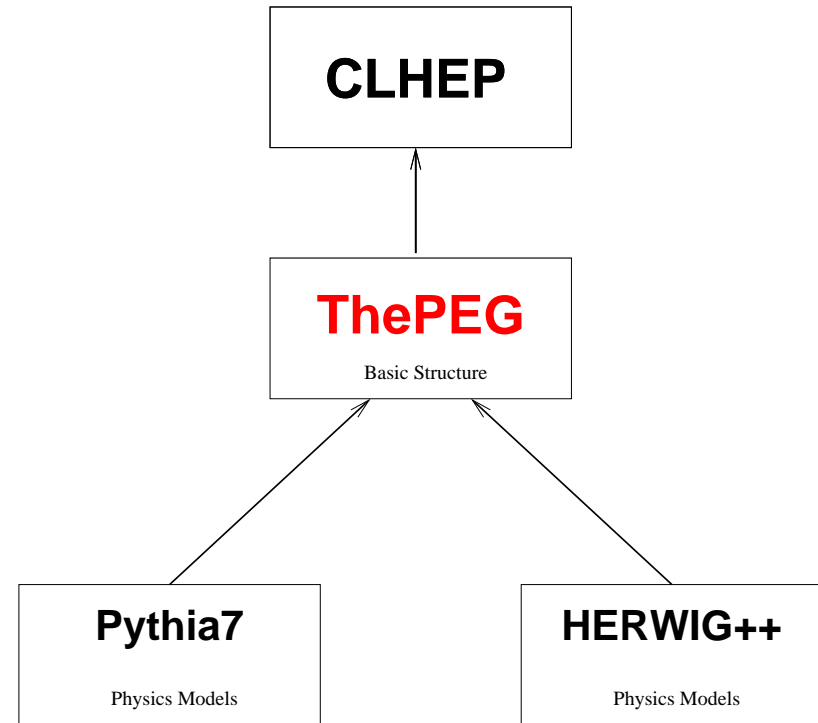
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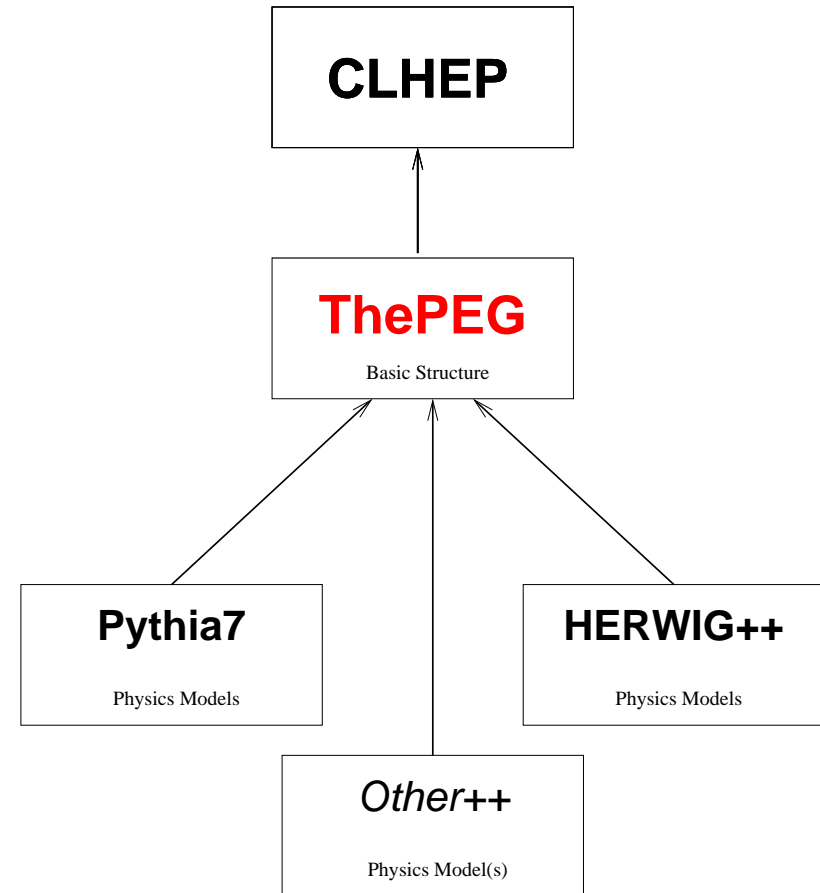


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But it is open for anyone. . .



The components of THEPEG

- **Basic infrastructure:** Smart pointers, extended type information, object persistency, Exceptions, Dynamic loading, . . .
- **Kinematics:** Extra utilities on top of CLHEP vectors, 5-vectors, flat n-body decay, . . .
- **Repository:** Manipulation of **interfaced** objects. Setting of parameters and switches and connecting objects together.
- **Handler classes:** to inherit from to implement a specific physics model.
- **Event record:** Used to communicate between handler classes.
- **Particle data:** particle properties, decay tables, decayers etc...



THEPEG defines a set of abstract **Handler** classes for hard partonic sub-processes, parton densities, QCD cascades, hadronization, etc. . .

These handler classes interacts with the underlying structure using a special **Event Record** and a pre-defined set of **virtual** function definitions.

The procedure to implement e.g. a new hadronization model, is to write a new (C++) class **inheriting** from the abstract **HadronizationHandler** base class, implementing the relevant virtual functions.



When implementing models for event generation there is typically a number of parameters and options available (in addition to the parameters of the Standard Model).

THEPEG defines a uniform way of interacting with the handler classes. The sub-classes may define a set of `InterfaceBase` objects corresponding to parameters, switches or references to objects of other `Interfaced` classes.

These are then used by the `Repository` to manipulate the corresponding member variables in the handler classes.



How to use THEPEG

Running THEPEG is separated into two phases.

- **Setup:**

A setup program is provided to combine different objects implementing physics models together to build up an EventGenerator object. Here the user can also change parameters and switches etc.

No C++ knowledge is needed for this. In the future we would like a nice GUI so that the user can just click-and-drag.

The [Repository](#) already contains a number of ready-built EventGenerators. It is also possible to specify AnalysisHandler object for an EventGenerator.

In the end the built EventGenerator is saved to a file.



```
cd /Defaults/EEGenerators
set SimpleLEPHandler:HadronizationHandler stdLundFragHandler
set stdLundFragHandler:FlavourGenerator:BaryonMode 1
set stdLundFragHandler:ZGenerator:a 0.24
set SimpleLEPGenerator:EventHandler SimpleLEPHandler
set SimpleLEPGenerator:NumberOfEvents 10000
saverun SimpleLEP SimpleLEPGenerator
```



- **Running:**

The saved EventGenerator can be simply read in and run using a special slave program. If AnalysisHandlers have been specified, this is all you have to do.

Alternatively the the file with the EventGenerator can be read into any program which can then use it to generate events which can be sent to analysis or to detector simulation.

The ThePEG::Events can, of course, be translated into HepMC::GenEvents or whatever.



The EventGenerator class is the main class administrating an event generation run.

It maintains global information needed by the different models: The ParticleData objects to be used, a StandardModel object with couplings etc, a RandomGenerator, a list of AnalysisHandlers etc.

It also has an EventHandler object to administer the actual generation.



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HERWIG++ is also based on THEPEG. Version 1.0 exists and is working. Can be obtained from <http://www.hep.phy.cam.ac.uk/theory/Herwig++/>.



PYTHIA7/THEPEG includes some basic $2 \rightarrow 2$ matrix elements, a couple of PDF parameterizations, remnant handling, initial- and final-state parton showers, Lund string fragmentation and particle decays.

HERWIG++ includes a new parton shower algorithm, improved cluster fragmentation. Mainly e^+e^- .



Current Work

The code documentation has been converted into Doxygen format.
Soon to start with reference and user manual also using Doxygen.

The plan is to have many *Howto* examples to which the user community is welcome to contribute.



Previously the `EventHandler` structure was a bit too rigid. Although it allowed for alternatives through inheritance, it was not really intended or optimized for that.

Now the `EventHandler` class has been remodeled into an abstract base class allowing for different strategies of handling initial sub-processes - the handling of cascades, hadronization is still the same.

Currently there is two concrete classes, one for the standard THEPEG sub-process handling (`StandardEventHandler`) and one for general external Matrix Element generators via the Les Houches accord (`LesHouchesEventHandler`).



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The build process is being remodeled using `libtool` to facilitate portability.



PYTHIA7 \Rightarrow PYTHIA8

- Development of PYTHIA7 has stopped
- Instead Torbjörn Sjöstrand has gone off by himself to build **PYTHIA8** which will **NOT** be based on THEPEG.
- Hopefully it will still be possible to call PYTHIA8 modules (?) from within the THEPEG framework.
- PYTHIA8 will be a rewrite of Fortran PYTHIA in C++.



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- HERWIG++: Stefan Gieseke, David Grellscheid, Alberto Ribon, Peter Richardson, Mike Seymour, Phil Stephens, Bryan Webber.
- ARIADNE: L.L. Nils Lavesson



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Now, it will be one among a handful of platforms (together with SHERPA, PYTHIA8, ...).

