Report from Common Task Group for Generators

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A cross-region and cross-concept working group was created to look into the generator side

Members

- Tim Barklow, SiD/Americas
- Akiya Miyamoto.ILD/Asia
- M.B., ILD/Europe

Since, CLIC has also joined

- Stephane Poss
- Marco Battaglia

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Technical issues needed to be solved to be site-independent:

- Whizard used to need to be compiled with Intel's commercial Fortran compiler ifort, but bleeding edge GNU gfortran (gcc 4.3) works. Does not link with code compiled with gcc 4.1 (default in SLC5) $\Rightarrow$ need to recompile other packages as well.
- Previously, all was done on 32-bit systems, but as 64-bit ones are getting increasingly wide-spread, it would be preferable that all is checked to run on 64-bit as well $\Rightarrow$ also CERNLIB needs to be compiled in 64-bit.

Other generators

Non-Whizard generation

- physim for tth, ttz, and ttbb events, needed for the QCD enhancement effect at threshold.
- SUSY generators.
  - Need full event, knowing about ILC conditions, having polarised decays. None of the alternatives (SUSYGEN,ISAJET and SHERPA) can do this better than Whizard
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- Investigate Whizard-2.03: New format of input steering files makes a transition a mayor effort, and will not be pursued.

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- Compare with LOI study (at 250 GeV).

Signals needed:

- H$\rightarrow$ cc, H$\rightarrow$ bb.

Backgrounds needed:

- 4q final states, ($\mu\mu$qq exists already, eeqq and $\tau\tau$qq not needed.)
- Suggestion to produce 6 quarks (top pairs)

Beam parameters:

- sb2009-with TF as this is the widest. Rescale to RDR-350 or sb2009-without TF.

To be done with LOI generator and detector model.

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Status:

- All samples generated by Akiya at KEK (4f, 6f, Hff).
- All have been put through the Mokka/Marlin-chain. They run fine.
- Tentative information record produced, that should serve as input to SiD:s or ILD:s production database.
- See: http://wiki.kek.jp/display/ miyamoto/ILC+Common+Generator+Samples

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