

# Report from Common Task Group for Generators

Mikael Berggren<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>DESY  
Hamburg

ILD Physics& Optimisation Phone meeting Apr 6, 2011

# Outline

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Old and new schemes
- 3 Whizard
- 4 Choices and improvements
- 5 Common Samples
- 6 Conclusions

# Common Task Group for Generators

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

# What is needed for the DBD

## Why not do as we did for the LOI ?

- Tim will not do it alone, due to his work-load
- There are a number of short-comings with the version of Whizard used:
  - Diagonal CKM
  - No tau polarisation in decays
  - Hadronisation tune in PYTHIA
  - Colour-flow and helicity information

# What is needed for the DBD

Why not do as we did for the LOI ?

- Tim will not do it alone, due to his work-load
- There are a number of **short-comings** with the version of Whizard used:
  - Diagonal CKM
  - No tau polarisation in decays
  - Hadronisation tune in PYTHIA
  - Colour-flow and helicity information

# What is needed for the DBD

- For the DBD, there are **new bench-marks**:
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}h^0$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}h^0$
- All at another  $E_{CMS}=1\text{TeV}$
- Machine backgrounds and same-bunch crossing  $\gamma\gamma$  events should be overlaid (in some way...)
- At least for  $t\bar{t}h^0$ , backgrounds with 8 or even 10 fermions might be needed.
- The LHC runs.

# What is needed for the DBD

- For the DBD, there are **new bench-marks**:
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}h^0$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}h^0$
- All at another  $E_{CMS}=1\text{TeV}$
- Machine backgrounds and same-bunch crossing  $\gamma\gamma$  events should be overlaid (in some way...)
- At least for  $t\bar{t}h^0$ , backgrounds with 8 or even 10 fermions might be needed.
- The LHC runs.

# What is needed for the DBD

- For the DBD, there are **new bench-marks**:
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}h^0$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}h^0$
- All at another  $E_{CMS}=1\text{TeV}$
- **Machine backgrounds** and same-bunch crossing  $\gamma\gamma$  events should be overlaid (in some way...)
- At least for  $t\bar{t}h^0$ , backgrounds with 8 or even 10 fermions might be needed.
- The LHC runs.



# What is needed for the DBD

- For the DBD, there are **new bench-marks**:
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}h^0$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$
  - $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}h^0$
- All at another  $E_{CMS}=1\text{TeV}$
- **Machine backgrounds** and same-bunch crossing  $\gamma\gamma$  events should be overlaid (in some way...)
- At least for  $t\bar{t}h^0$ , backgrounds with **8 or even 10 fermions** might be needed.
- The **LHC** runs.

# Some words on Whizard

## Whizard combines

- Matrix-element calculation (O'Mega, MadGraph or CompHEP; we use O'Mega),
- Phase-space calculation.
- Multi-channel integration

into an efficient generator of un-weighted events.

## Features:

- Easily treats up to 6 particles in the final state, can do  $> 6$ .
- Does not separate "signal" and "background" sources of the final state  $\rightarrow$  interference correctly treated.
- Keeps track of polarisation.
- Knows about beam-strahlung and ISR, hence varying initial-state properties.
- NB. hadronisation and eg.  $\tau$ -decays are *not* treated by Whizard, but by external programs, supplied by the user.

# Some words on Whizard

Whizard combines

- **Matrix-element** calculation (O'Mega, MadGraph or CompHEP; we use O'Mega),
- **Phase-space** calculation.
- Multi-channel **integration**

into an efficient generator of un-weighted events.

Features:

- Easily treats up to 6 particles in the final state, can do  $> 6$ .
- Does not separate “signal” and “background” sources of the final state  $\rightarrow$  interference correctly treated.
- Keeps track of polarisation.
- Knows about beam-strahlung and ISR, hence varying initial-state properties.
- NB. hadronisation and eg.  $\tau$ -decays are *not* treated by Whizard, but by external programs, supplied by the user.

# Some words on Whizard

Whizard combines

- **Matrix-element** calculation (O'Mega, MadGraph or CompHEP; we use O'Mega),
- **Phase-space** calculation.
- Multi-channel **integration**

into an efficient generator of un-weighted events.

Features:

- Easily treats up to **6 particles** in the final state, can do  $> 6$ .
- Does not separate “**signal**” and “**background**” sources of the final state  $\rightarrow$  **interference** correctly treated.
- Keeps track of **polarisation**.
- Knows about **beam-strahlung** and **ISR**, hence varying initial-state properties.
- NB. **hadronisation** and eg.  $\tau$ -decays are *not* treated by Whizard, but by **external programs**, supplied by the user.

# Some words on Whizard

- We use **PYTHIA** for fragmentation and decays.
- Note that PYTHIA doesn't know about **polarisation** ( $\tau$ :s, charginos, ... !). Use **TAUOLA** instead.
- Many models (SM and beyond) known. NP parameters read from **LesHouches** file.

## Problems with Whizard:

- Many channels: SM alone is made of 2348 distinct Whizard channels...
- Non-perturbative processes, eg.  $\gamma\gamma$  beyond multi-peripheral.
- Highly singular phase-space, eg. Bhabha:s
- Eg. low-mass SUSY gets very complicated. SPS1a': 13 open production channels open, 49 decay-channels (40 of which are SUSY cascades), 100's of final states, many with  $> 6$  fermions.

## Some words on Whizard

- We use **PYTHIA** for fragmentation and decays.
- Note that PYTHIA doesn't know about **polarisation** ( $\tau$ :s, charginos, ... !). Use **TAUOLA** instead.
- Many models (SM and beyond) known. NP parameters read from LesHouches file.

### Problems with Whizard:

- Many channels: SM alone is made of 2348 distinct Whizard channels...
- Non-perturbative processes, eg.  $\gamma\gamma$  beyond multi-peripheral.
- Highly singular phase-space, eg. Bhabha:s
- Eg. low-mass SUSY gets very complicated. SPS1a': 13 open production channels open, 49 decay-channels (40 of which are SUSY cascades), 100's of final states, many with  $> 6$  fermions.

## Some words on Whizard

- We use **PYTHIA** for fragmentation and decays.
- Note that PYTHIA doesn't know about **polarisation** ( $\tau$ :s, charginos, ... !). Use **TAUOLA** instead.
- **Many models** (SM and beyond) known. NP parameters read from **LesHouches** file.

### Problems with Whizard:

- Many channels: SM alone is made of 2348 distinct Whizard channels...
- Non-perturbative processes, eg.  $\gamma\gamma$  beyond multi-peripheral.
- Highly singular phase-space, eg. Bhabha:s
- Eg. low-mass SUSY gets very complicated. SPS1a': 13 open production channels open, 49 decay-channels (40 of which are SUSY cascades), 100's of final states, many with  $> 6$  fermions.

## Some words on Whizard

- We use **PYTHIA** for fragmentation and decays.
- Note that PYTHIA doesn't know about **polarisation** ( $\tau$ :s, charginos, ... !). Use **TAUOLA** instead.
- **Many models** (SM and beyond) known. NP parameters read from **LesHouches** file.

### Problems with Whizard:

- **Many channels**: SM alone is made of **2348** distinct Whizard channels...
- **Non-perturbative** processes, eg.  $\gamma\gamma$  beyond multi-peripheral.
- **Highly singular** phase-space, eg. **Bhabha:s**
- Eg. low-mass **SUSY** gets very complicated. SPS1a': 13 open production channels open, 49 decay-channels (40 of which are SUSY cascades), 100's of final states, many with  $> 6$  fermions.



## Some words on Whizard

- We use **PYTHIA** for fragmentation and decays.
- Note that PYTHIA doesn't know about **polarisation** ( $\tau$ :s, charginos, ... !). Use **TAUOLA** instead.
- **Many models** (SM and beyond) known. NP parameters read from **LesHouches** file.

### Problems with Whizard:

- **Many** channels: SM alone is made of **2348** distinct Whizard channels...
- **Non-perturbative** processes, eg.  $\gamma\gamma$  beyond multi-peripheral.
- Highly singular phase-space, eg. **Bhabha:s**
- Eg. low-mass **SUSY gets very complicated**. SPS1a': 13 open production channels open, 49 decay-channels (40 of which are SUSY cascades), 100's of final states, **many with > 6 fermions**.

# Generator choice

## SM will be done with Whizard

- Whizard **version** by choice : **1.95**. Has
  - CKM correct
  - Colour flow
  - Spin
- Latest version at the time of the decision was **2.0.2**, but “Note that some of the features of WHIZARD 1 (**esp. ILC**) have not yet been re-enabled.” (Whizard home-page).
- Fragmentation: Latest **PYTHIA6** (6.422). **PYTHIA8** is out but “To some extent this switch is nominal, since 8.1 does not yet offer a complete replacement of 6.4, and is **not yet tested and tuned enough to be recommended for major production runs.**” (PYTHIA home-page).

# Generator choice

## SM will be done with Whizard

- Whizard **version** by choice : **1.95**. Has
  - CKM correct
  - Colour flow
  - Spin
- Latest version at the time of the decision was **2.0.2**, but “Note that some of the features of WHIZARD 1 (**esp. ILC**) have not yet been re-enabled.” (Whizard home-page).
- Fragmentation: Latest **PYTHIA6** (6.422). **PYTHIA8** is out but “To some extent this switch is nominal, since 8.1 does not yet offer a complete replacement of 6.4, and is **not yet tested and tuned enough to be recommended for major production runs.**” (PYTHIA home-page).

# Generator choice

## SM will be done with Whizard

- Whizard **version** by choice : **1.95**. Has
  - CKM correct
  - Colour flow
  - Spin
- Latest version at the time of the decision was **2.0.2**, but “Note that some of the features of WHIZARD 1 (**esp. ILC**) have not yet been re-enabled.” (Whizard home-page).
- **Fragmentation**: Latest **PYTHIA6** (6.422). **PYTHIA8** is out but “To some extent this switch is nominal, since 8.1 does not yet offer a complete replacement of 6.4, and is **not yet tested and tuned enough to be recommended for major production runs.**” (PYTHIA home-page).

# Whizard improvement

- PYTHIA 6.422 is used for hadronisation. After evaluation of the tunings from the LEP collaborations, we decided to use **OPAL**.
- Tau-polarisation in decay: **TAUOLA** interface standardised, for polarisation-dependent  $\tau$ -decays. Also for  $\tau$ 's in fragmentation  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ . Verified to work correctly - Thanks for advice Gudi!
- Extension of information in the event record:
  - Colour singlet system information and particle spin.
  - Beam-particles before and after beamstrahlung.
  - Process ID in each event record.
- Coding of FSR.
- Flavour-summed channels. After all, who cares if it is a u,d, or s quark ? Will reduce the 2348 channels to a few tens. Two options:
  - Sum in phase-space evaluation: Higher gain in simplicity and CPU-time, but less flexible.
  - Channel mixing in generation: Any set of channels can be merged.

# Whizard improvement

- PYTHIA 6.422 is used for hadronisation. After evaluation of the tunings from the LEP collaborations, we decided to use **OPAL**.
- Tau-polarisation in decay: **TAUOLA** interface standardised, for polarisation-dependent  $\tau$ -decays. Also for  $\tau$ 's **in fragmentation**  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ . **Verified to work correctly** - Thanks for advice Gudi!
- Extension of information in the event record:
  - Colour singlet system information and particle spin.
  - Beam-particles before and after beamstrahlung.
  - Process ID in each event record.
- Coding of FSR.
- Flavour-summed channels. After all, who cares if it is a u,d, or s quark ? Will reduce the 2348 channels to a few tens. Two options:
  - Sum in phase-space evaluation: Higher gain in simplicity and CPU-time, but less flexible.
  - Channel mixing in generation: Any set of channels can be merged.

# Whizard improvement

- PYTHIA 6.422 is used for hadronisation. After evaluation of the tunings from the LEP collaborations, we decided to use **OPAL**.
- Tau-polarisation in decay: **TAUOLA** interface standardised, for polarisation-dependent  $\tau$ -decays. Also for  $\tau$ 's **in fragmentation**  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ . **Verified to work correctly** - Thanks for advice Gudi!
- Extension of **information** in the **event record**:
  - **Colour singlet system** information and particle **spin**.
  - **Beam-particles** before and after beamstrahlung.
  - **Process ID** in each event record.
- Coding of **FSR**.
- **Flavour-summed channels**. After all, who cares if it is a u,d, or s quark ? Will reduce the 2348 channels to a few tens. Two options:
  - Sum in phase-space evaluation: Higher gain in simplicity and CPU-time, but less flexible.
  - Channel mixing in generation: Any set of channels can be merged.

# Whizard improvement

- PYTHIA 6.422 is used for hadronisation. After evaluation of the tunings from the LEP collaborations, we decided to use **OPAL**.
- Tau-polarisation in decay: **TAUOLA** interface standardised, for polarisation-dependent  $\tau$ -decays. Also for  $\tau$ 's **in fragmentation**  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ . **Verified to work correctly** - Thanks for advice Gudi!
- Extension of **information** in the **event record**:
  - **Colour singlet system** information and particle **spin**.
  - **Beam-particles** before and after beamstrahlung.
  - **Process ID** in each event record.
- Coding of **FSR**.
- **Flavour-summed channels**. After all, who cares if it is a u,d, or s quark ? Will reduce the 2348 channels to a few tens. Two options:
  - Sum in phase-space evaluation: Higher gain in simplicity and CPU-time, but less flexible.
  - Channel mixing in generation: Any set of channels can be merged.



# Whizard improvement

- PYTHIA 6.422 is used for hadronisation. After evaluation of the tunings from the LEP collaborations, we decided to use **OPAL**.
- Tau-polarisation in decay: **TAUOLA** interface standardised, for polarisation-dependent  $\tau$ -decays. Also for  $\tau$ 's **in fragmentation**  $W \rightarrow \tau\nu$ . **Verified to work correctly** - Thanks for advice Gudi!
- Extension of **information** in the **event record**:
  - **Colour singlet system** information and particle **spin**.
  - **Beam-particles** before and after beamstrahlung.
  - **Process ID** in each event record.
- Coding of **FSR**.
- **Flavour-summed channels**. After all, who cares if it is a u,d, or s quark ? Will reduce the 2348 channels to a few tens. Two options:
  - Sum in **phase-space evaluation**: Higher gain in simplicity and CPU-time, but less flexible.
  - Channel mixing in **generation**: Any set of channels can be merged.

# Whizard improvement: Aliases

Aliases: in the process definition file, eg.:

```
alias q u:d:s:c:b
```

Then one can define eg.:

```
qq e1,E1 q,q omega w:c,c
```

to get all  $e^+e^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}$  processes in one go.

However: all masses must be **equal** !

What does that do to eg. b-fragmentation ??!

# Whizard improvement: Aliases

Check  
fragmentation:

- $m_b=5.5$  GeV
- $m_b=0$  GeV
- $m_c=0$  GeV

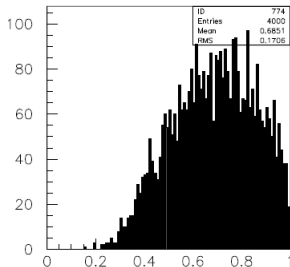
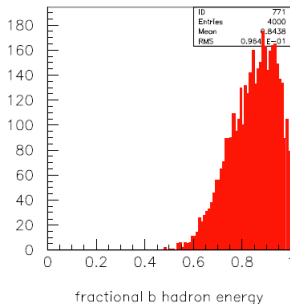
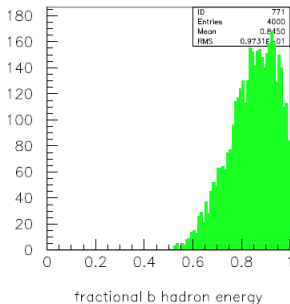
No problem:  
fragmentation is in  
PYTHIA, uses it's  
own (correct)  
quark-masses.

# Whizard improvement: Aliases

Check fragmentation:

- $m_b=5.5$  GeV
- $m_b=0$  GeV
- $m_c=0$  GeV

No problem:  
fragmentation is in  
PYTHIA, uses it's  
own (correct)  
quark-masses.

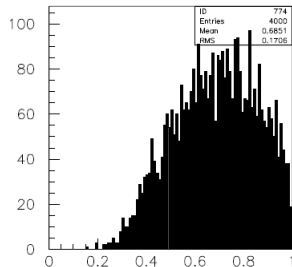
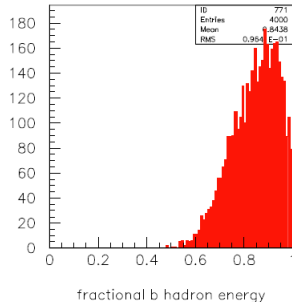
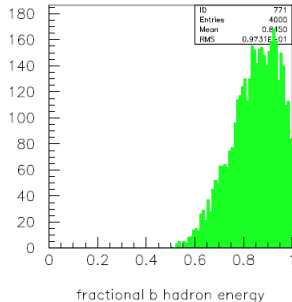


# Whizard improvement: Aliases

Check fragmentation:

- $m_b=5.5$  GeV
- $m_b=0$  GeV
- $m_c=0$  GeV

No problem:  
fragmentation is in  
PYTHIA, uses it's  
own (correct)  
quark-masses.



# Tools for productions of generator samples

- Tim's scripts to run Whizard jobs at the SLAC batch server migrated to the KEK environment, and to DESY.
- An SVN project holding Whizard source-code, installation scripts and process-description files has been set up at CERN by Stephane.
- As generation production will now be distributed → need conventions and “database”
- SiD: Fermi Pipeline system fits well, but not migratable Tim is preparing the interface.
- Probably ILD will do something similar with the new production system.
- In any case: An information file with file-locations, generator settings, etc. should be updated by each generation job. A proposal by is on the table.

# Tools for productions of generator samples

- Tim's scripts to run Whizard jobs at the SLAC batch server migrated to the KEK environment, and to DESY.
- An SVN project holding Whizard source-code, installation scripts and process-description files has been set up at CERN by Stephane.
- As generation production will now be distributed → need conventions and “database”
- SiD: Fermi Pipeline system fits well, but not migratable Tim is preparing the interface.
- Probably ILD will do something similar with the new production system.
- In any case: An information file with file-locations, generator settings, etc. should be updated by each generation job. A proposal by is on the table.

# Tools for productions of generator samples

- Tim's **scripts** to run Whizard jobs at the SLAC batch server migrated to the **KEK** environment, and to **DESY**.
- An **SVN project** holding **Whizard** source-code, **installation scripts** and **process-description** files has been set up at CERN by Stephane.
- As generation production will now be distributed → need conventions and “database”
- SiD: **Fermi Pipeline** system fits well, but **not migratable** Tim is preparing the interface.
- Probably ILD will do **something similar** with the new production system.
- In any case: An **information file** with file-locations, generator settings, etc. should be updated by each generation job. A proposal by is on the table.



# Tools for productions of generator samples

- Tim's **scripts** to run Whizard jobs at the SLAC batch server migrated to the **KEK** environment, and to **DESY**.
- An **SVN project** holding **Whizard** source-code, **installation scripts** and **process-description** files has been set up at CERN by Stephane.
- As generation production will now be distributed → need conventions and “database”
- SiD: **Fermi Pipeline** system fits well, but **not migratable** Tim is preparing the interface.
- Probably ILD will do **something similar** with the new production system.
- **In any case**: An **information file** with file-locations, generator settings, etc. should be updated by **each generation job**. A proposal by is on the table.

# Status of generator samples

- ttH: 8 fermion background + No CPU resources in KEK
  - Whizard needs > 2GB memory, CPU time > 7 days
  - Mokka/Marlin : hard to generate big samples.
  - For the moment, the KEK analysis activity is slowed down.
- $\nu\nu h$ : Includes  $h \rightarrow gg$  and  $WW^*$ , so need 6-fermion background.
  - Large advantage with aliasing.
  - Advancing well (SLAC).

# Status of generator samples

- ttH: 8 fermion background + No CPU resources in KEK
  - Whizard needs > 2GB memory, CPU time > 7 days
  - Mokka/Marlin : hard to generate big samples.
  - For the moment, the KEK analysis activity is slowed down.
- $\nu\nu h$ : Includes  $h \rightarrow gg$  and  $WW^*$ , so need 6-fermion background.
  - Large advantage with aliasing.
  - Advancing well (SLAC).

# Status of generator samples

- ttH: 8 fermion background + No CPU resources in KEK
  - Whizard needs > 2GB memory, CPU time > 7 days
  - Mokka/Marlin : hard to generate big samples.
  - For the moment, the KEK analysis activity is slowed down.
- $\nu\nu h$ : Includes  $h \rightarrow gg$  and  $WW^*$ , so need 6-fermion background.
  - Large advantage with aliasing.
  - Advancing well (SLAC).

# Status of generator samples

- *WW*: All setup at DESY.
  - Integration of all 4 fermion final-states: over-night job, with sub-per mil uncertainty on cross-section
  - Generation of  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  also over-night job for non-electron final states.
  - STDHEP:s on grid, log-files, steerings, diagram-plots, etc. on the web.
  - Some jobs not completed due to (a detected) infinite loop in PYTHIA. Under investigation.
  - Need some automatic error detection.
- Organisation:
  - Hierarchy: *ZZ* or *WW* or *ZZWWmix* / hadronic or leptonic or semi-leptonic / four beam polarisations
  - Separate  $XXee$  or  $XXe\nu_e$  final states (t-channel!) from rest.
  - Total number of cases = 36. Compare: 140 possible 4f final states  $\times$  4 polarisations without aliases+grouping.

# Status of generator samples

- WW: All setup at DESY.
  - Integration of all 4 fermion final-states: over-night job, with sub-per mil uncertainty on cross-section
  - Generation of  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  also over-night job for non-electron final states.
  - STDHEP:s on [grid](#), log-files, steerings, diagram-plots, etc. on the [web](#).
  - Some jobs not completed due to (a detected) [infinite loop in PYTHIA](#). Under investigation.
  - Need some [automatic error detection](#).
- Organisation:
  - Hierarchy: ZZ or WW or ZZWWmix / hadronic or leptonic or semi-leptonic / four beam polarisations
  - Separate  $XXee$  or  $XXe\nu_e$  final states (t-channell) from rest.
  - Total number of cases = 36. Compare: 140 possible 4f final states  $\times$  4 polarisations without aliases+grouping.

# Status of generator samples

- WW: All setup at DESY.
  - Integration of all 4 fermion final-states: over-night job, with sub-per mil uncertainty on cross-section
  - Generation of  $1 \text{ ab}^{-1}$  also over-night job for non-electron final states.
  - STDHEP:s on [grid](#), log-files, steerings, diagram-plots, etc. on the [web](#).
  - Some jobs not completed due to (a detected) [infinite loop in PYTHIA](#). Under investigation.
  - Need some [automatic error detection](#).
- Organisation:
  - [Hierarchy](#): ZZ or WW or ZZWWmix / hadronic or leptonic or semi-leptonic / four beam polarisations
  - Separate [XXee](#) or [XXe \$\nu\_e\$](#)  final states (t-channel!) from rest.
  - Total number of cases = 36. Compare: 140 possible 4f final states  $\times$  4 polarisations without aliases+grouping.

# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- Whizard, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been updated to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most issues on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial full-scale **production** of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of **new Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.



# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- **Whizard**, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been **updated** to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most issues on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial full-scale **production** of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of **new Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.

# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- **Whizard**, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been **updated** to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most **issues** on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial full-scale **production** of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of **new Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.

# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- **Whizard**, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been **updated** to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most **issues** on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial full-scale production of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of new **Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.

# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- **Whizard**, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been **updated** to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most **issues** on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial **full-scale production** of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of **new Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.

# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- **Whizard**, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been **updated** to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most **issues** on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial **full-scale production** of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of **new Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.

# Conclusions and outlook

- The Common Task Group for Generators has been formed, and is **working**.
- **Whizard**, the main work-horse of the SM simulation, has been **updated** to the most current, ILC-usable version.
- Most **issues** on list of needed amelioration has been **solved**, both technical and physics ones.
- The way to feed information from generation to the **production database** must be designed and tested.
- Initial **full-scale production** of the *WW* sample at 1 TeV has been done; others advancing well.
- Larger scale test of the physics of **new Whizard** version and the new tune of **fragmentation** will be needed
- Work is also going on on **background** generation and overlay techniques.