

chromo

A novel interface to hadronic models

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Quick facts



- Python frontend to generators written in Fortran & C++
 - ▶ DPMJet-III*, PhoJet*, EPOS-LHC, Pythia-6.4, Pythia-8.3, QGSJet*, QGSJet-II*, SIBYLL*, SOPHIA, UrQMD 3.4 (* = several versions)
 - ▶ Use as Python library or command-line interface
- Open source development on Github
 - ▶ <https://github.com/impj-project/chromo>
 - ▶ BSD 3-clause license, contributions welcome
- Main authors
 - ▶ Anatoli Fedynitch (project lead), Hans Dembinski, Anton Prosekin
- Beta status
 - ▶ Authors already use it for science projects
 - ▶ `pip install chromo` not yet ready, but coming very soon!
 - ▶ For installation from source, see [README.md](#)

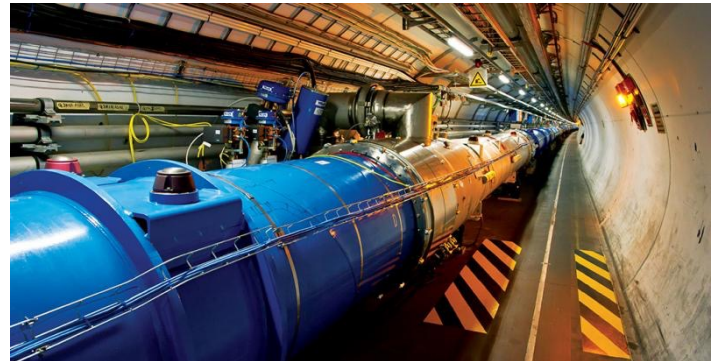


Introduction

- Applications in (astro)particle physics require simulations of particle production in interactions of photons, hadrons, and nuclei
 - Cosmic ray propagation through galaxy
 - Air showers
 - Min-bias physics and underlying event at colliders
- No standard event generator (yet)
 - Common: compute result with input from several generators to estimate systematic uncertainty
- Event generators have no standard interface
 - Varying event representations, particle IDs, and data structures
- Most generators implemented in Fortran 77; modern generators in C++
- Majority of scientific computing, education, and data science have moved to Python ecosystem
- **Chromo** (formerly named **impy**) provides
 - Standard Python interface over generators
 - Taps into rich Python ecosystem for extra features
 - CLI to generate HepMC & ROOT output or SVG images

Artist impression of air shower

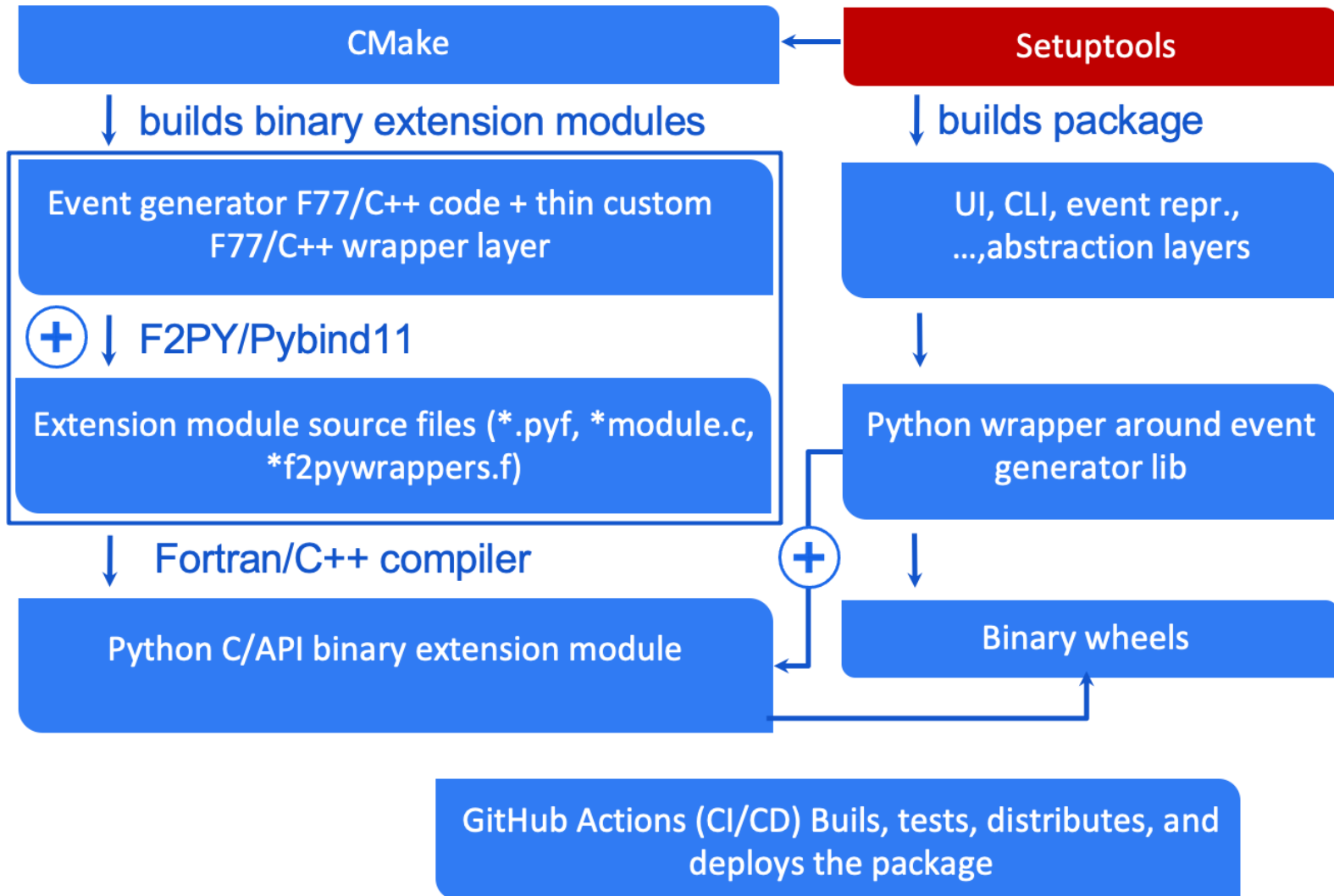
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Supported event generators

- DPMJET-III 3.0.6 & PHOJET 1.12-35
- DPMJET-III 19.1 & PHOJET 19.1
- DPMJET-III 19.3 & PHOJET 19.3
- EPOS-LHC
- PYTHIA 6.4
- PYTHIA 8.3
- QGSJet-01
- QGSJet-II-03
- QGSJet-II-04
- SIBYLL-2.1
- SIBYLL-2.3
- SIBYLL-2.3c
- SIBYLL-2.3d
- SOPHIA 2.0
- UrQMD 3.4

Technical concept



Code example

Import libraries

```
import chromo
from chromo.constants import TeV
import numpy as np
import boost_histogram as bh
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Prepare histograms (our choice boost.histogram)

```
pid_categories = bh.axis.IntCategory([2212, 111, 211, -211])
hist_xf = bh.Histogram(pid_categories, bh.axis.Regular(50, -1, 1))
hist_eta = bh.Histogram(pid_categories, bh.axis.Regular(50, -7, 7))
```

Initialize an event generator instance

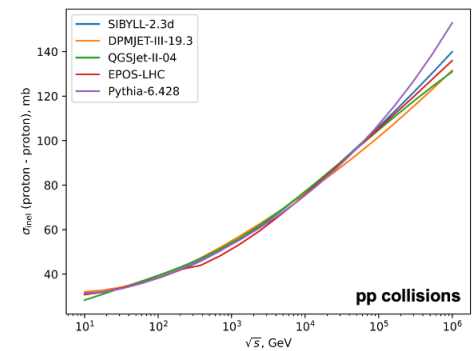
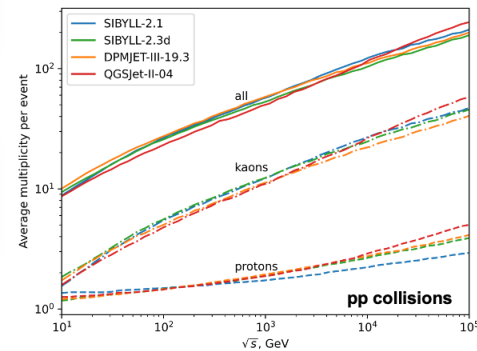
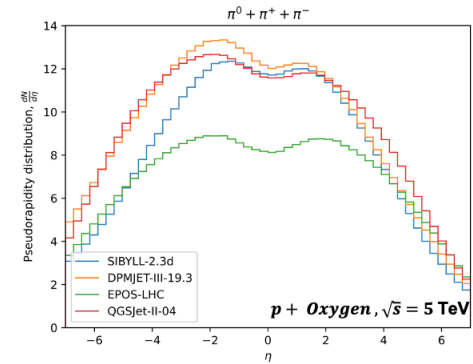
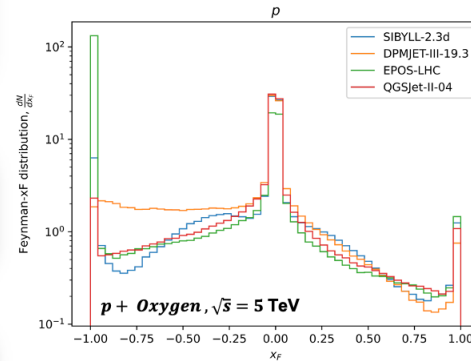
```
kinematics = chromo.kinematics.CenterOfMass(5 * TeV, "proton", "O16")
event_generator = chromo.models.Sibyll23d(kinematics)
```

Generate 10000 events

```
for event in event_generator(10000):
    event = event.final_state()
    hist_xf.fill(event.pid, event.xf) # Feynman-x distributions
    hist_eta.fill(event.pid, event.eta) # Pseudorapidity distributions
```

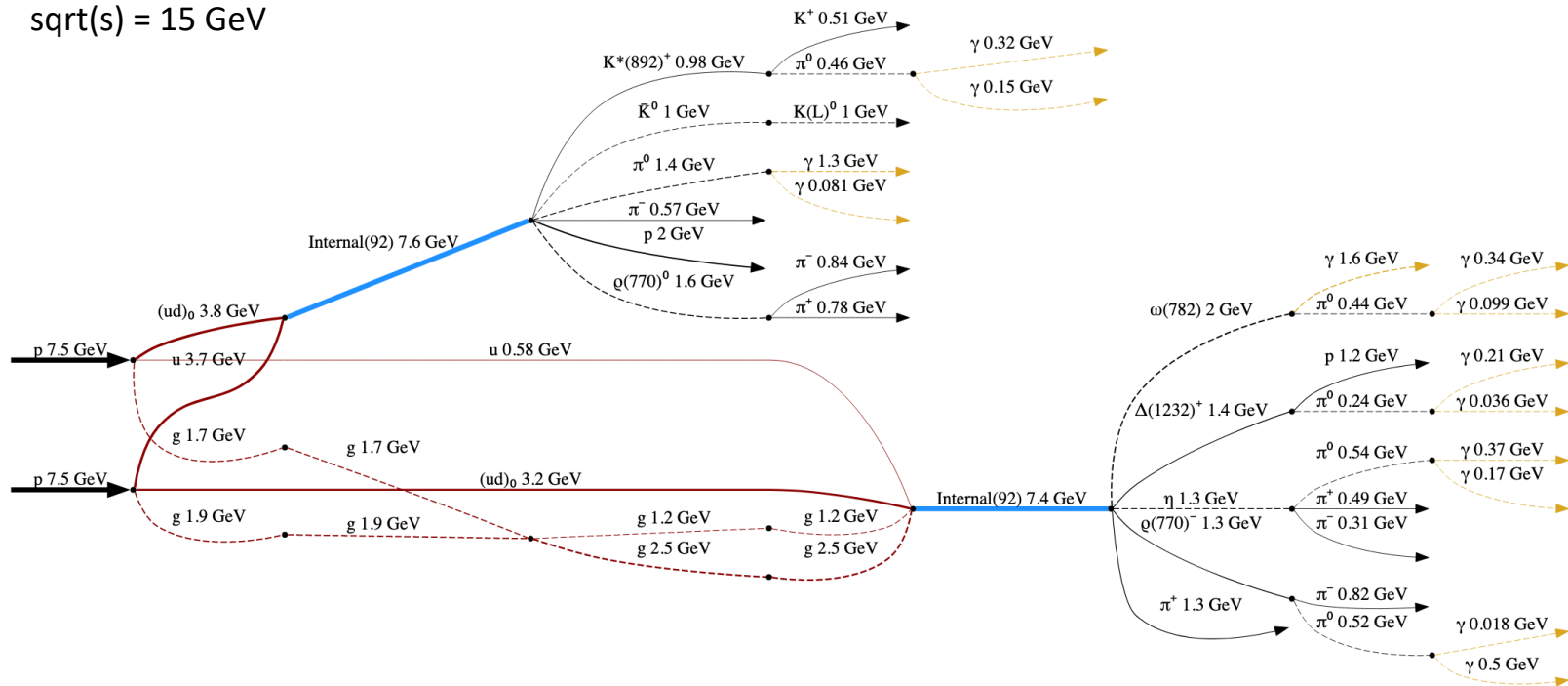
Plot Feynman-x distribution for protons

```
xf_grid = hist_xf.axes[1]
prot_hist = hist_xf.values(True)[0, 1:-1]
prot_xf_dist = prot_hist / 10000 / xf_grid.widths
plt.stairs(prot_xf_dist, xf_grid.edges)
```



Event visualization (via pyhepmc)

Pythia-6.4 event
 $\sqrt{s} = 15 \text{ GeV}$



- pyhepmc is Scikit-HEP library and frontend to HepMC3 C++ library
- Optional event visualization via Graphviz library

Output in HepMC3 format (via pyhepmc)

HepMC: Lingua franca for simulation software used at CERN

SIBYLL-2.1, pp, sqrt(s) = 20 GeV

```
HepMC::Version 3.02.05
HepMC::Ascii3-START_EVENT_LISTING
T SIBYLL\|2.1\|
E 0 7 23
U GEV MM
P 1 0 2224 -8.9205041527748108e-02 1.3491769134998322e-01 2.0344371795654297e+00 2.3833706378936768e+00 1.2309999465942383e+00 2
P 2 0 111 8.9463070034980774e-02 -4.4863110780715942e-01 3.4179518222808838e+00 3.4519975185394287e+00 1.3496999442577362e-01 2
P 3 0 331 1.4990800619125366e-01 4.6003237366676331e-01 2.0358951091766357e+00 2.3069748878479004e+00 9.5749998092651367e-01 2
P 4 0 221 -1.6207817196846008e-01 -2.4423867464065552e-01 1.9545348882675171e+00 2.0511729717254639e+00 5.4879999160766602e-01 2
P 5 0 -211 -5.2947159856557846e-02 2.5346320867538452e-01 -5.1904711872339249e-02 2.9869863390922546e-01 1.3956999778747559e-01 1
P 6 0 111 -2.4904966354370117e-02 3.6575528979301453e-01 -1.8918764591217041e+00 1.9317893981933594e+00 1.3496999442577362e-01 2
P 7 0 2212 8.9764386415481567e-02 -5.2129906415939331e-01 -7.4990553855895996e+00 7.5760145187377930e+00 9.3826997280120850e-01 1
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P 9 1 211 2.1069953218102455e-02 4.2065303772687912e-02 8.6355310678482056e-01 8.7602353096008301e-01 1.3956999778747559e-01 1
P 10 2 22 -1.5905208885669708e-02 -2.5956141948699951e-01 1.9417071342468262e+00 1.9595654010772705e+00 0.0000000000000000e+00 1
P 11 2 22 1.0539282113313675e-01 -1.8919278681278229e-01 1.4771823883056641e+00 1.4933792352676392e+00 0.0000000000000000e+00 1
P 12 3 211 1.3005101121962070e-02 9.5943860709667206e-02 2.2564361989498138e-01 2.8325849771499634e-01 1.3956999778747559e-01 1
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P 15 4 22 -1.3510279357433319e-01 4.4372059404850006e-02 1.5330873727798462e+00 1.5396685600280762e+00 0.0000000000000000e+00 1
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HepMC::Ascii3-END_EVENT_LISTING
```


Command line interface

- Interface mimics CRMC to ease transition
- Powered by Python libraries: argparse, rich
 - Progress bar with ETA, events / sec
- Generate output in HepMC format, ROOT, or generate SVG images

```
(env_impv) -bash-4.2$ chromo -m sibyll-2.1 -n 10000 -S 1000 -o root -f hey.root  
chromo 0.3.0+dev
```

```
Model          SIBYLL-2.1  
Projectile     p (2212)  
Target        p (2212)  
sqrt(s)       1000 GeV  
Collisions    10000  
Seed          83207495  
Format        root
```

```
3 6.310E+06 11.00 267.28 174.01 36.76 0.125 0.140 8.687  
3 7.943E+06 11.38 275.24 178.72 37.64 0.125 0.133 8.756  
3 1.000E+07 11.77 283.28 183.48 38.54 0.125 0.126 8.819
```

```
10000/10000  100% ETA 0:00:08 1271/s
```

```
(env_impv) -bash-4.2$
```

Prior work: CRMC

- [CRMC](#): Command-line interface written in C++
 - Used by ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, NA61, TOTEM
- Currently maintained by Tanguy Pierog
 - Former lead developer Ralf Ulrich left scientific community
- Source compilation required, no binary packages
- Output in ROOT, HepMC, **LHE** formats
 - Heavy dependency: ROOT framework
- No direct access to event record from Python or other language
- No built-in event visualization
- Extra models only in Chromo
 - SIBYLL-(2.1, 2.3, 2.3c), SOPHIA, Pythia-8.3, UrQMD-3.4
- Models not in Chromo
 - **HIJING**, GHEISHA (outdated), UrQMD 1.3 (outdated)

Performance

Table prepared by Anton

impy is now chromo

	Sibyll-2.3d	<u>DPMJet-III</u> 19.1	QGSJETII-04	EPOS LHC
IMPY: <u>pyhepmc</u> → ASCII	1116.91 ± 31.41	474.94 ± 20.55	264.78 ± 21.61	35.99 ± 2.70
IMPY: no output	6228.12 ± 281.10	1554.85 ± 272.18	382.32 ± 18.69	43.23 ± 3.13
	Sibyll-2.3d	<u>DPMJet-III</u> 19.1	QGSJETII-04	EPOS LHC
CRMC: HepMC3 → ASCII	30.24 ± 6.76	16.57 ± 3.37	21.09 ± 2.99	11.14 ± 1.14
CRMC: no output	2602.06 ± 166.96	914.84 ± 43.42	305.99 ± 29.15	38.00 ± 6.40

in events/sec

- Python libraries can be very fast
 - Use Python as glue between fast compiled libraries written in Fortran/C++
 - Pass large chunks of data efficiently (as "pointers") as Numpy arrays
- pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7$ TeV: Chromo factor **2 to 35 faster**
 - Event generation faster in chromo (better optimization?)
 - HEPMC output generation faster in pyhepmc
- Caveat: output not exactly identical
 - Postprocessing of raw generator output may be different
 - But small expected impact on performance

Summary



- **Easy** comparisons between a wide variety of event generators
- **Easy** visualization and manipulation of events using rich Python ecosystem
- **Easy** installation*: automated packaging and distribution of binaries via PyPI for Linux, MacOS, and Windows (* = coming very soon)
 - Excellent choice for application and education in (astro)particle physics
- **Easy change** of simulation settings (on-the-fly)
- **Command-line interface**
 - Mimics CRMC to ease transition
- **Fast** thin wrapper, processing optimized
 - Much faster than CRMC
- **Output in standard formats**
 - HepMC (via pyhepmc), optionally gzipped
 - Root (via uproot)
 - SVG images
- Used in cosmic ray community, high-energy neutrino physics (IceCube), and HEP community (LHCb)
- **To-do**
 - Finish packaging (supporting Windows is challenging)
 - Add LHE output (via pyhepmc)
 - Add more event generators, e.g. EPOS 4.0

