

Update on EvtGen and related simulation developments

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EvtGen in a nutshell

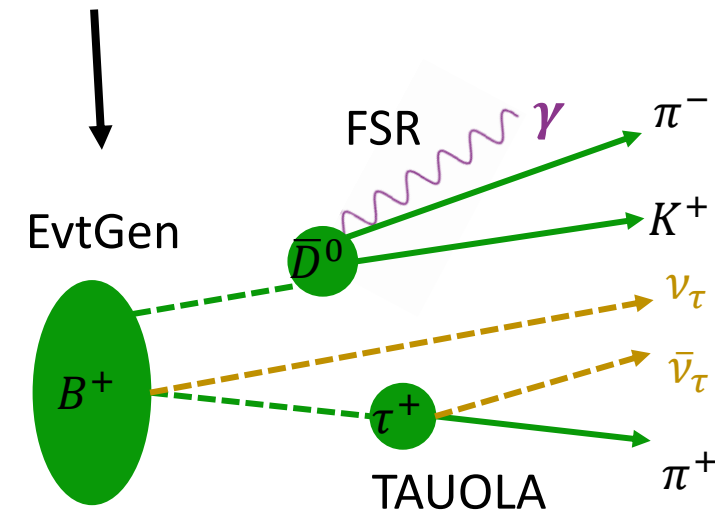
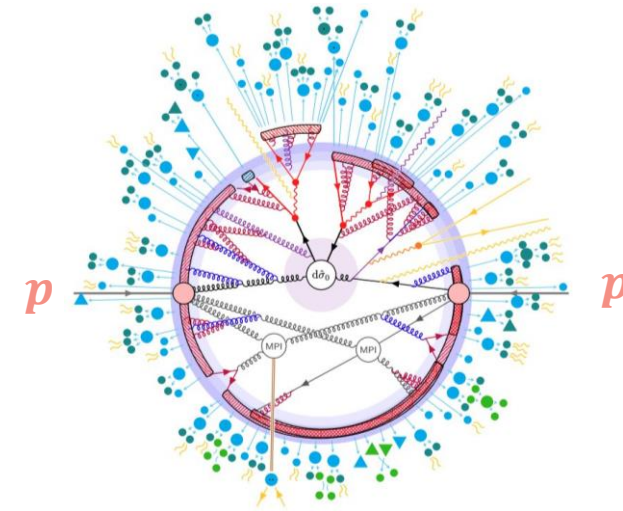
Simulation generator package specialised for decays of heavy particles containing b and c quarks.

- Contains 130 decay models for specific decays
- Maintains decay table with properties of $\sim 10^4$ explicit decays

External dependencies

- Uses [Pythia8](#) for decays of generic quark configurations
- Uses [TAUOLA](#) for decays of τ particles
- Relies on [PHOTOS](#) or [PHOTONS++](#) for final-state photon radiation (FSR)

Example collision simulated by PYTHIA8



EvtGen status

- Developed in the 90's, stable over past 10 years
 - Changes mostly additions of new models by different collaborators
 - Maintained at Warwick since 2012 following merge of various experiment's forks by Anders Ryd
 - Recently accomplished first **source-code modernisation** with help of research-software engineers at Warwick
- ⇒ Main goal of recent campaign: **enable thread safety**

<https://evtgen.hepforge.org>

- Home
- Documentation
- Downloads
- Repository
- Bug tracker
- Join the mailing list
- Contact the developers
- Licence
- Acknowledgements

EvtGen

This is the development page for the EvtGen project.

EvtGen is a Monte Carlo event generator that simulates the decays of heavy flavour particles, primarily B and D mesons. It contains a range of decay models for intermediate and final states containing scalar, vector and tensor mesons or resonances, as well as leptons, photons and baryons. Decay amplitudes are used to generate each branch of a given full decay tree, taking into account angular and time-dependent correlations which allows for the simulation of CP-violating processes.

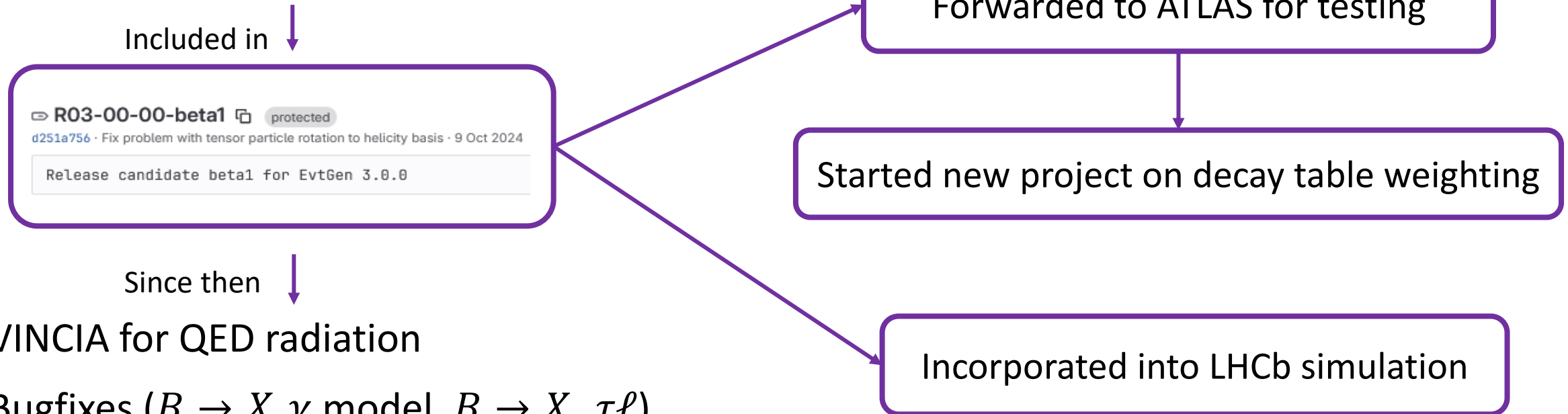
Originally written by Anders Ryd and David Lange, this package is used by many particle physics experiments worldwide, including ATLAS, BaBar, Belle(-II), BES III, CDF, CLEO(-c), CMS, D0, and LHCb. The maintenance and development of the package is now performed by the particle physics group at the University of Warwick (in particular by Fernando Abudinen, John Back, Michal Kreps, and Thomas Latham).

Mirror at <https://gitlab.cern.ch/evtgen/evtgen>
with continuous integration tests



Recent developments

- Propagated thread safety across the whole software framework
- Implemented general testing framework (with optional multi-threading)
- Fixed bug in tensor rotation
- Added SHERPA's PHOTONS++ for QED radiation



- VINCIA for QED radiation
- Bugfixes ($B \rightarrow X_s \gamma$ model, $B \rightarrow X_s \tau \ell$)
- Inclusion of Belle II decay table
- Refactoring of testing framework

Recap: implementation of multithreading

Challenges

- **Internal:** structural limitations
 - Global instance of random number generator
 - Global instance of particle properties and decay table
- **External:** limitations from dependences (look for alternatives) on TAUOLA and PHOTOS

Current solution

1st Campaign with SWIFTHEP support

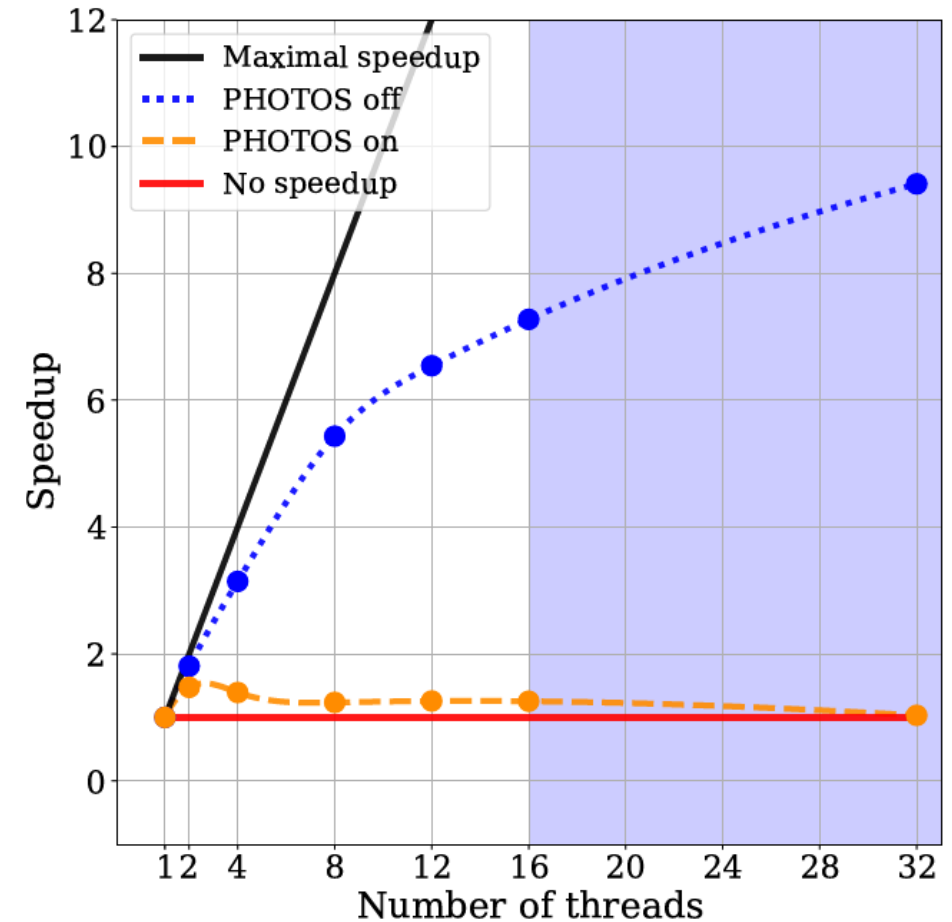
- Static objects made constant or thread-local
- Global singleton objects made thread-local
- Serialized (mutexed) calls to PHOTOS and TAUOLA

⇒ Passes all tests

⇒ Performance limited by external dependencies

⇒ Study alternatives

With help of research-software engineers:
Heather Ratcliffe, Chris Brady



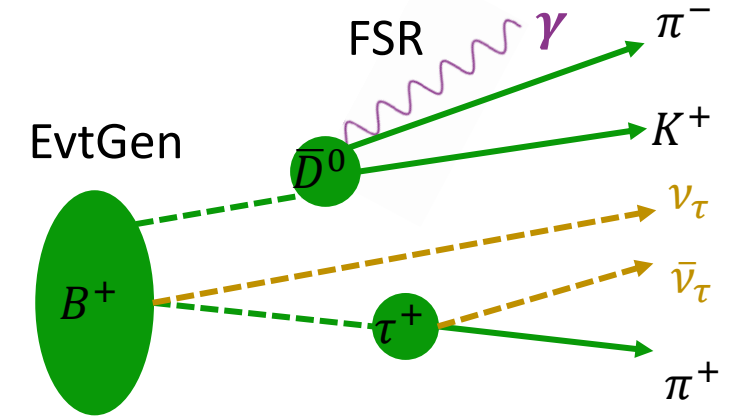
Final-state radiation in EvtGen

- EvtGen relies on external specialised generators to add QED FSR corrections

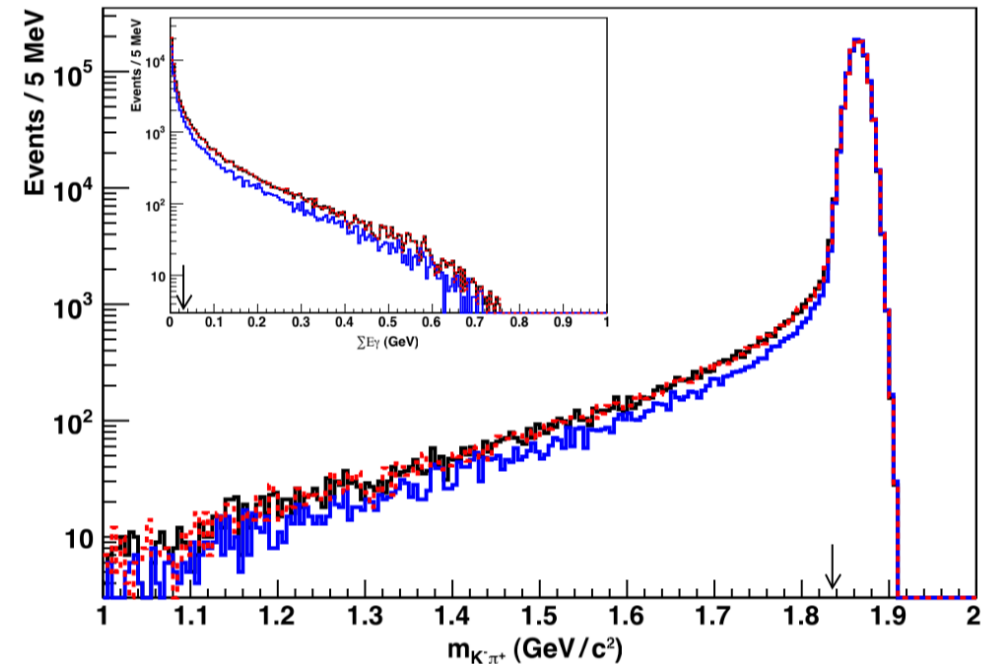
Goals

- Find alternatives to study systematic effects
⇒ Especially those associated with interference effects
- Find alternatives to exploit multithreaded processing

- Default generator is [PHOTOS](#)
- Recently included Sherpa's [PHOTONS++](#) and
- [Vincia](#) (inside Pythia8) as alternative



$D^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ simulation with PHOTOS

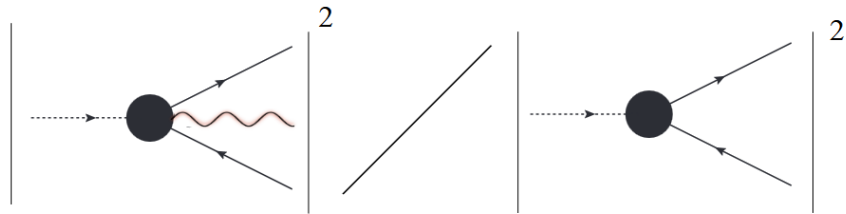


Theory approaches in a nutshell

- Treat the effect of FSR as a correction to the Born-level decay rate (or cross section)

$$d\Gamma^{\text{radiative}} = d\Gamma^{\text{Born}} f(\Phi) d\Phi \quad \Phi: \text{Phase-space of photons}$$

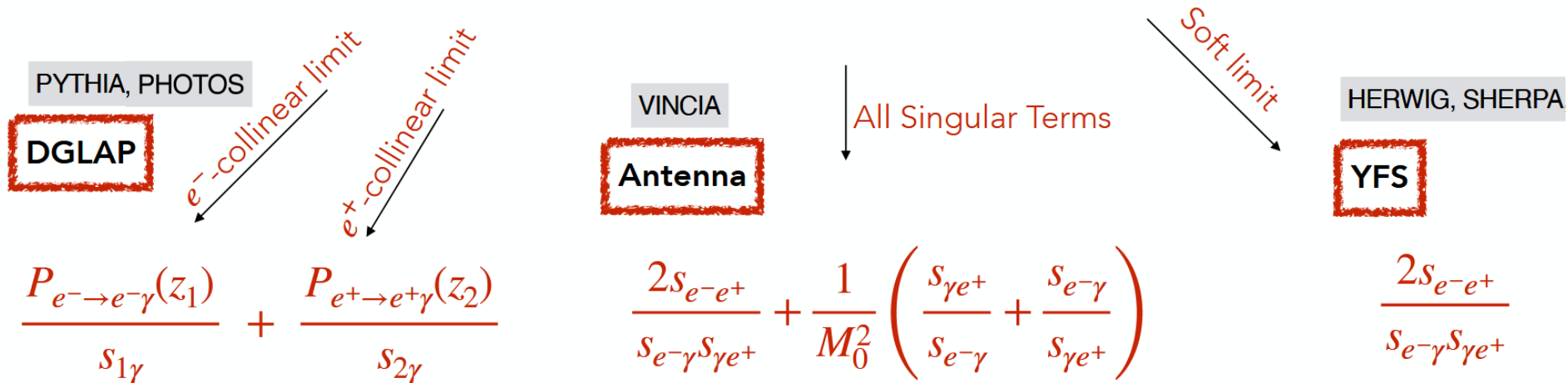
- Example (oversimplified): neutral scalar $\rightarrow e^+e^-$ (single QED dipole)



$$\propto \frac{2s_{e^-e^+}}{s_{e^-}\gamma s_{\gamma e^+}} + \frac{1}{M_0^2} \left(\frac{s_{\gamma e^+}}{s_{e^-}\gamma} + \frac{s_{e^-}\gamma}{s_{\gamma e^+}} + 2 \right) \quad \text{LO QED}$$

eikonal term collinear terms

$s_{ij} = 2 p_i \cdot p_j$
Dot product of 4-momenta



Generators:
add photons
based on $f(\Phi)$

Final-state radiation generators

PHOTOS [Barberio-Was 1991](#), [Nanava-Was 2007](#), [Davidson-Przedzinski-Was 2015](#)

- Based on collinear approximation (LO), determines sets of dipoles (assuming spin-1/2)
- Soft (interference) effects and spin dependence through correction weight (NLO for scalar decays)

YFS [Yennie-Frautschi-Suura 1961](#), [Krauss-Schönherr 2008](#) (**basis for Herwig and Sherpa's PHOTONS++**)

- Takes full (multipole) soft interference effects into account
- Scalar QED \Rightarrow spin dependence through Matrix-Element corrections to NLO

Vincia QED [Kleiss-Verheyen 2017](#), [Brooks-Verheyen-Skands 2020](#)

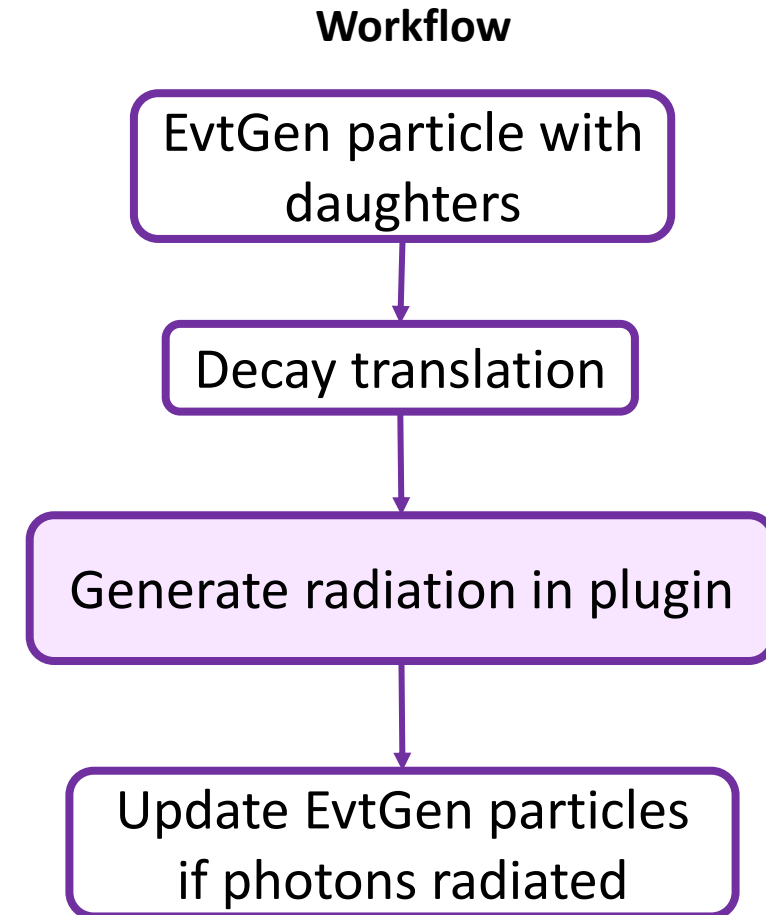
- Parton shower evolution based on antenna approximation (can be interleaved)
- Takes full (multipole) soft interference effects into account
- Not limited to scalar QED (includes spin dependence)

Interfaces between EvtGen and Plugins

- Each decay-chain node translated
 - Into intermediate HepMC events (for PHOTOS)
 - Directly into Sherpa or Pythia objects (for Photons and Vincia)
- EvtGen random number propagated (full seed control)
- PHOTOS and Sherpa's PHOTONS++ not thread-safe yet \Rightarrow **mutex**
 - Need to mutex also HepMC translation (for PHOTOS)

Review (for Sherpa) by Marek Schönherr and Frank Krauss

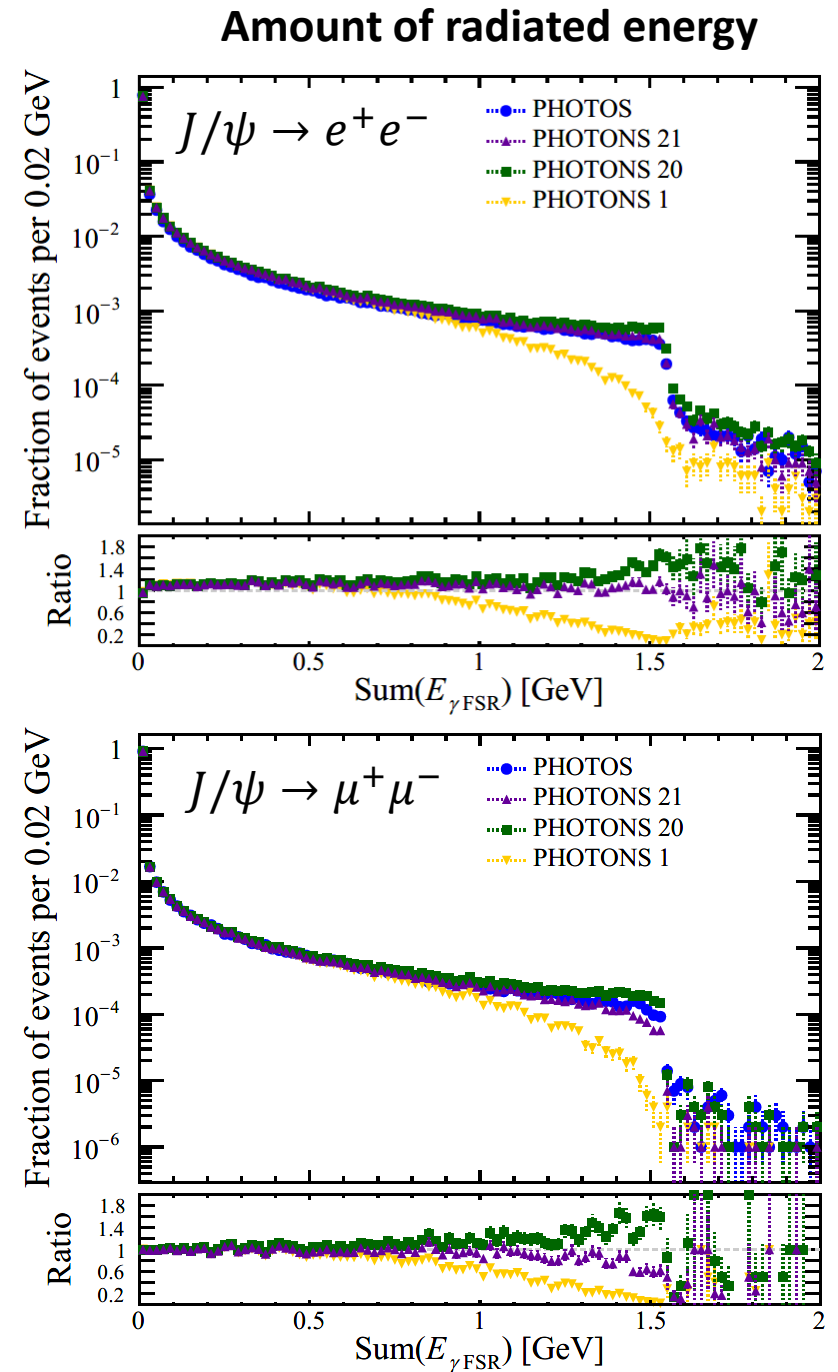
Supporting Sherpa 2.2.15 and **new 3.x.x releases**



Sherpa's PHOTONS++ for FSR

- [PHOTONS++](#) in [Sherpa](#) can simulate emission of soft photons based on YFS approximation (mode 1)
 - If switched on also hard photons based on collinear approximation (mode 2)
 - Approx. matrix-element corrections (mode 20) or
 - Exact matrix-element corrections (mode 21)
 - With mode 1: fewer hard photons compared to PHOTOS (PHOTOS has matrix-element corrections implemented)
 - With mode 2: generally good agreement with PHOTOS
- ⇒ Implemented switches for systematic studies

New in EvtGen [R03-00-00-beta1!](#)



Challenges for interfacing

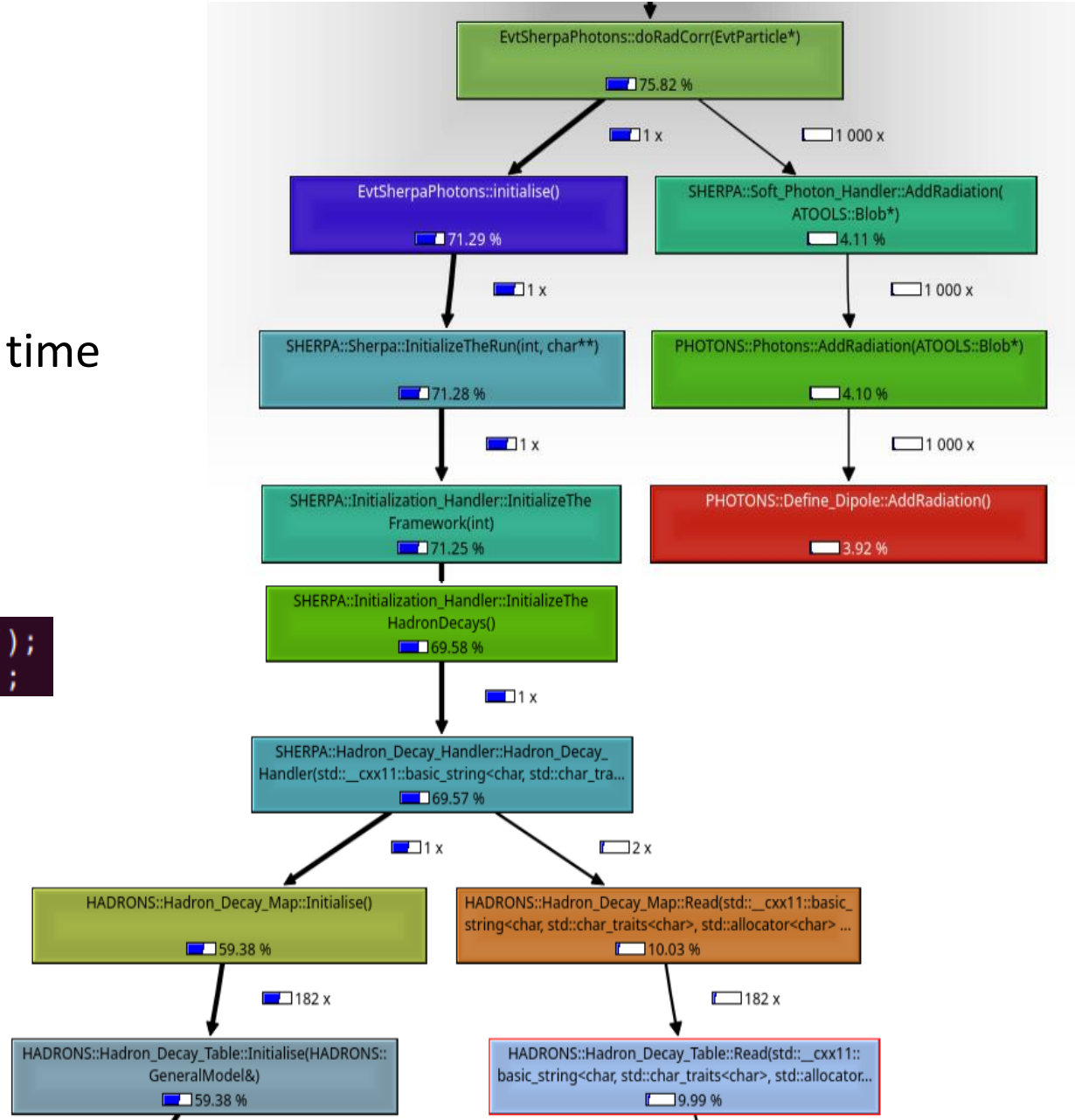
- Need to create full Pythia/Sherpa objects
- Several initialised objects are not used
 - Example:** Sherpa's initialisation takes as much time as $\sim 10^4$ decay events
- Need to control destruction of static instances

Users must call this function

```

EvtSherpaPhotons::finalise();
    m_photonsGen.reset();
    m_sherpaGen.reset();
    
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Currently discussing improvements with Sherpa authors

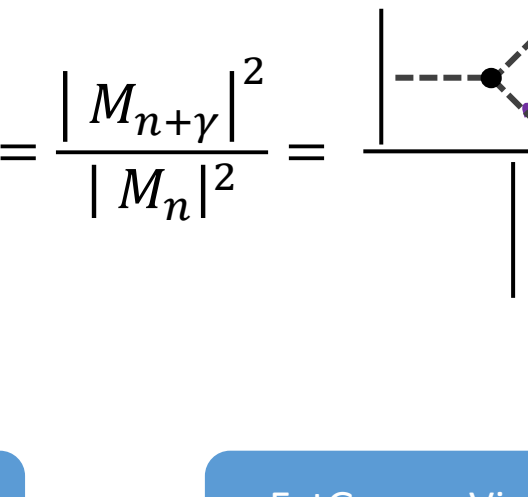


Intermezzo: Work on VINCIA

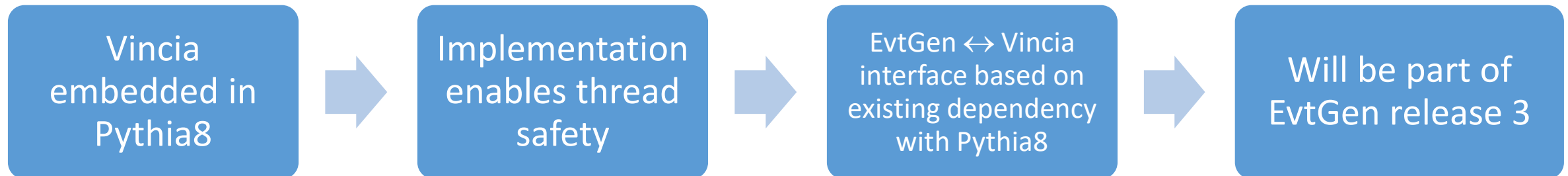
Vincia QED shower for FSR

- Recently adapted to radiate off hadrons (previously supporting only leptons)
 - Matrix-element corrections (MECs) *in progress*
 - Use [FeynRules](#) to model hadron decays (produces universal FeynRules output file)
 - Generate tree-level NLO ME using [Madgraph](#) (produces plugin)
- ⇒ Use it for Antenna function

Giacomo Morgante

$$a_{\text{emit}} = \frac{|M_{n+\gamma}|^2}{|M_n|^2} = \frac{\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} \right|^2 + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} \right|^2}{\left| \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \\ \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \end{array} \right|^2}$$
The equation shows the antenna function as a ratio of squared matrix elements. The numerator consists of two terms, each representing a Feynman diagram where a gluon (dashed line) splits into a quark-antiquark pair (solid lines) and a photon (wavy line). The denominator represents the squared matrix element of the original process without the photon emission.

Technical aspects

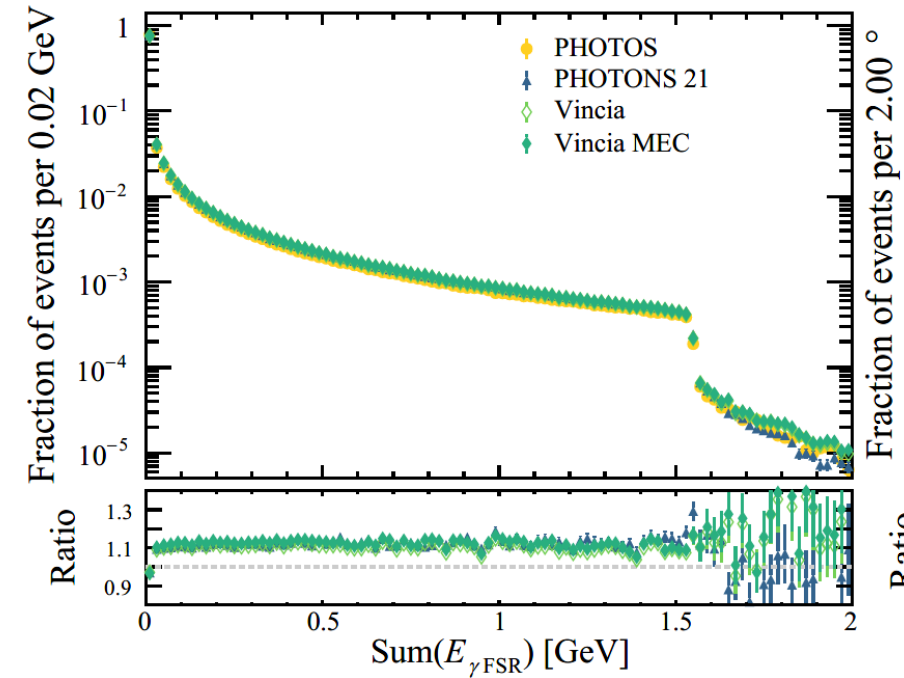


Comparisons between generators

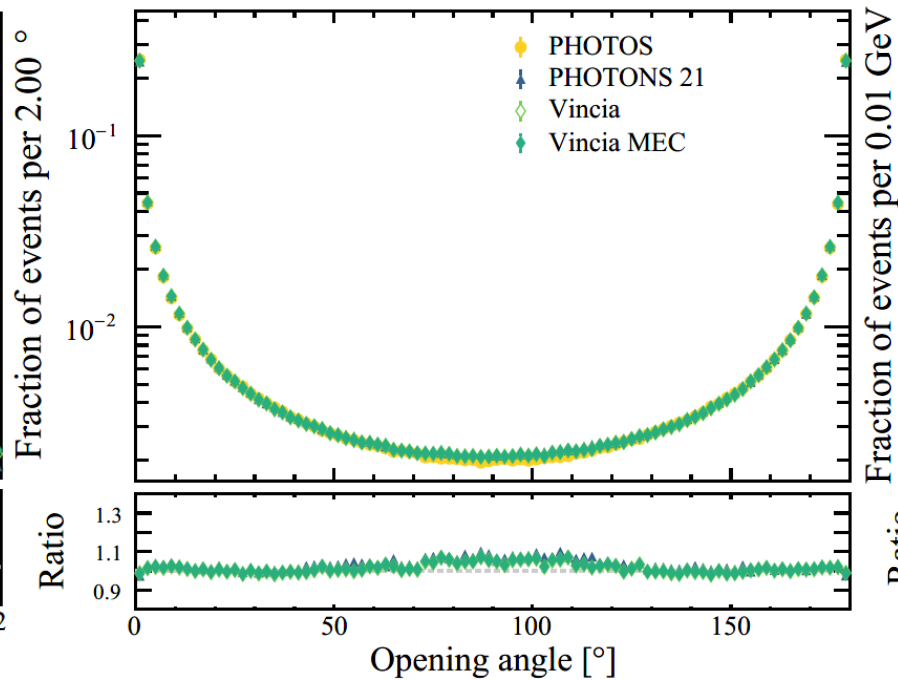
- Equalise photon p_T (Energy) cutoff value (0.1 keV)
- Consider photons only if energy above 0.1 MeV

$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

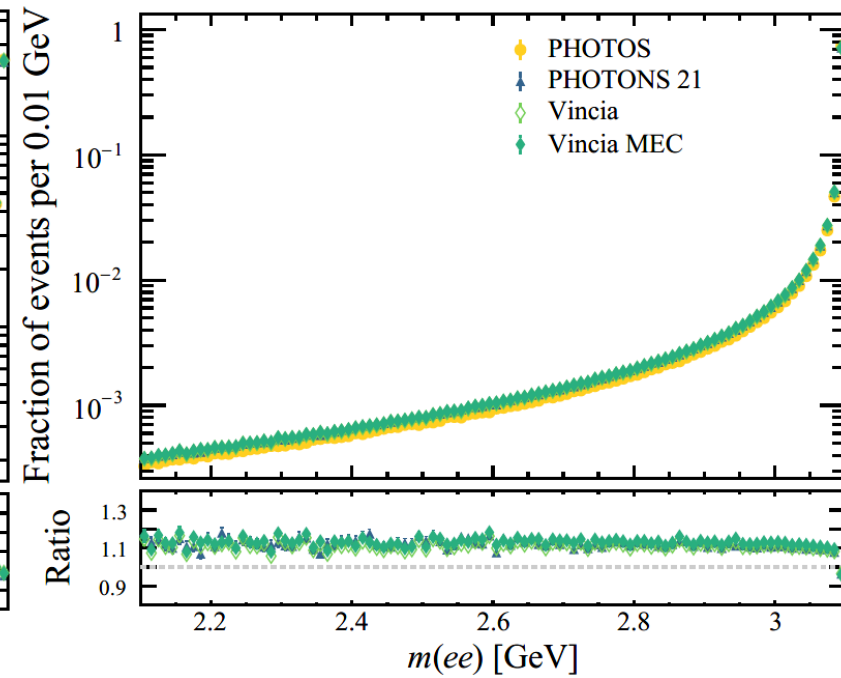
Amount of radiated energy



Angular distribution of photons



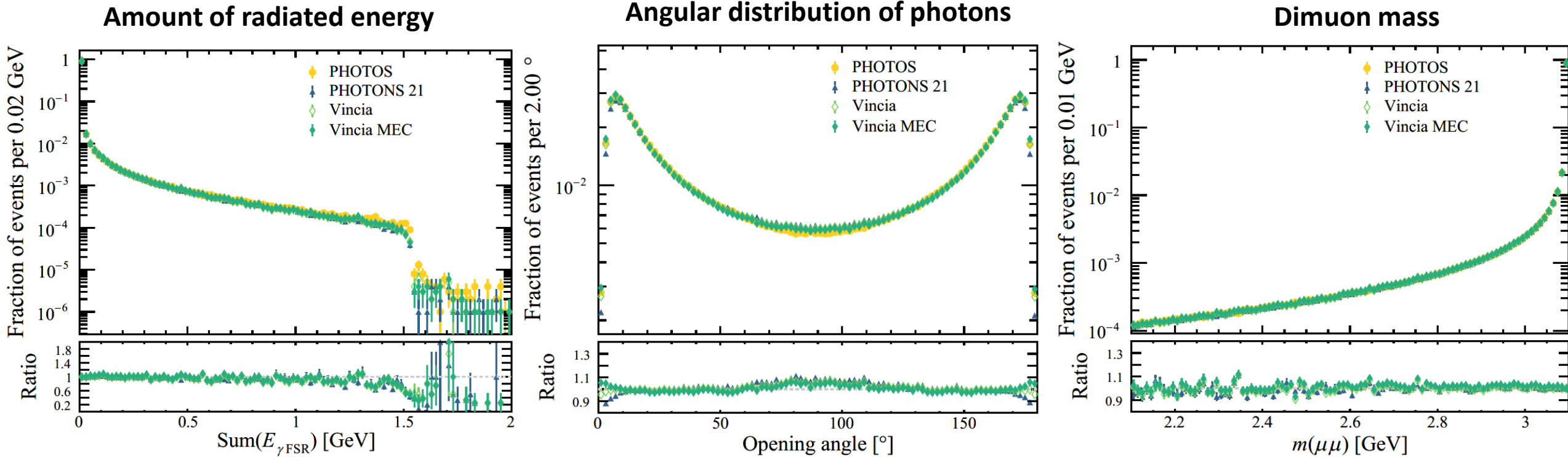
Dielectron mass



- Good agreement (within $\sim 10\%$) for energy and angular distributions
- All generators radiate more photons than PHOTOS

Comparisons between generators

$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

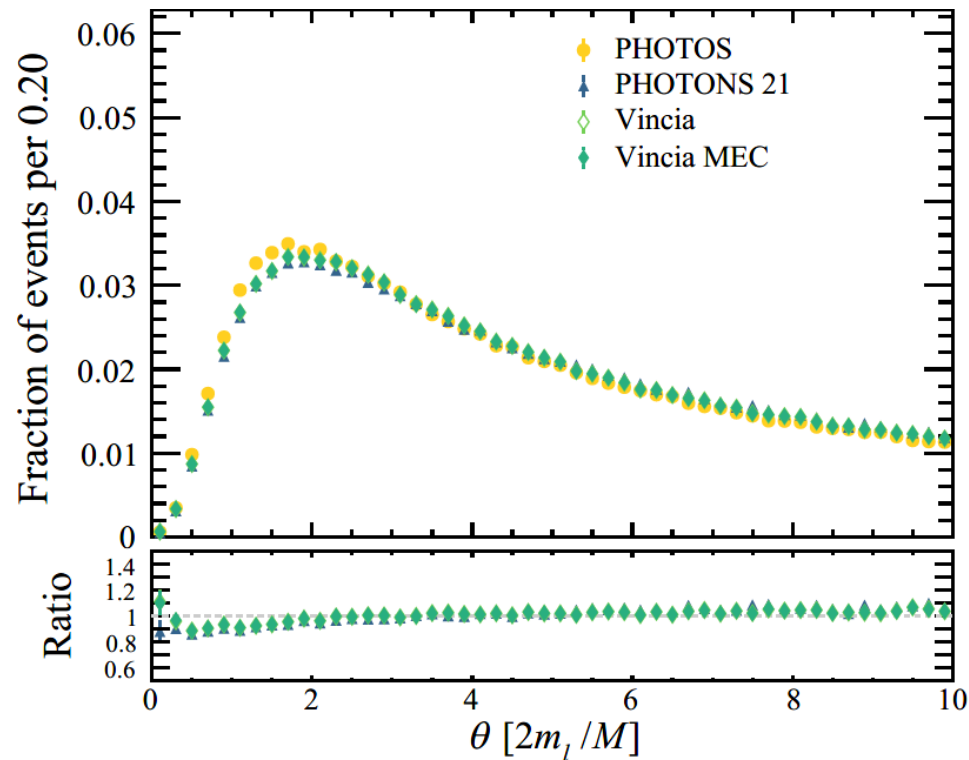


- Good agreement among generators

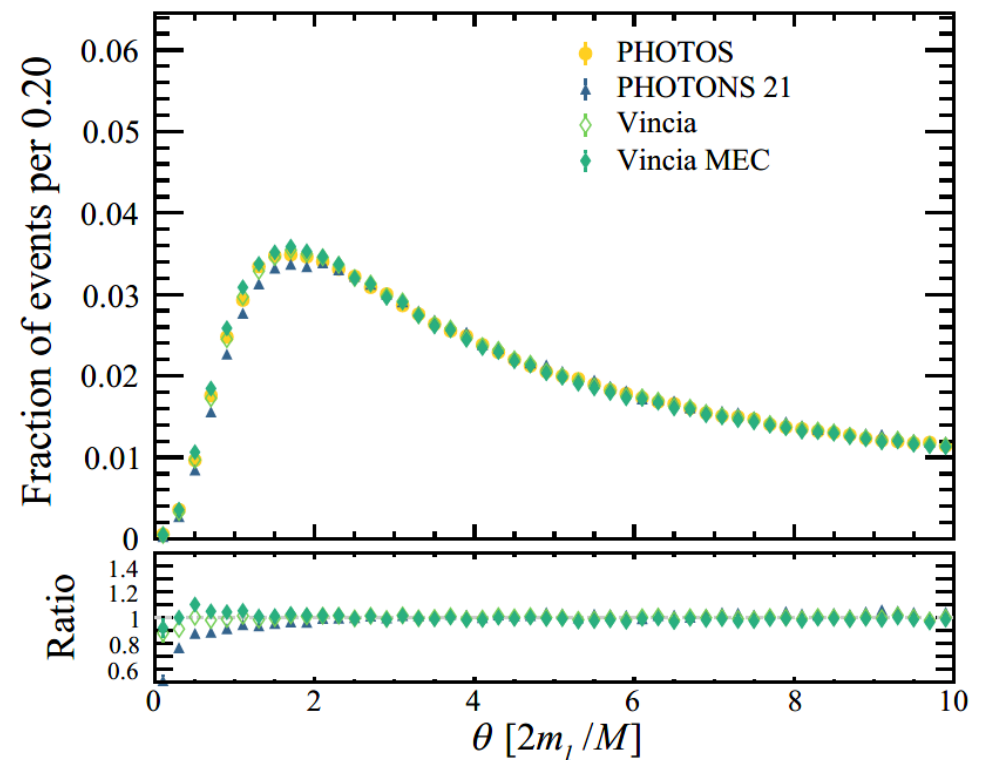
Dead cone angle

Combination of phase space and mass corrections \Rightarrow dead cone for $\theta \lesssim \frac{m}{E}$

$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$



$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

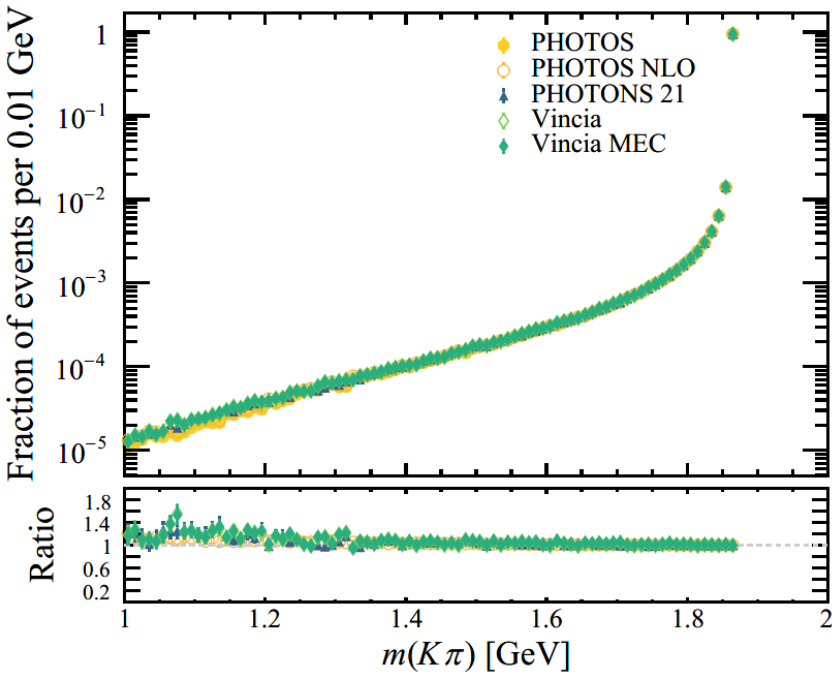


- Electrons: dead cone slightly narrower with PHOTOS
- Muons: dead cone slightly wider with PHOTONS++

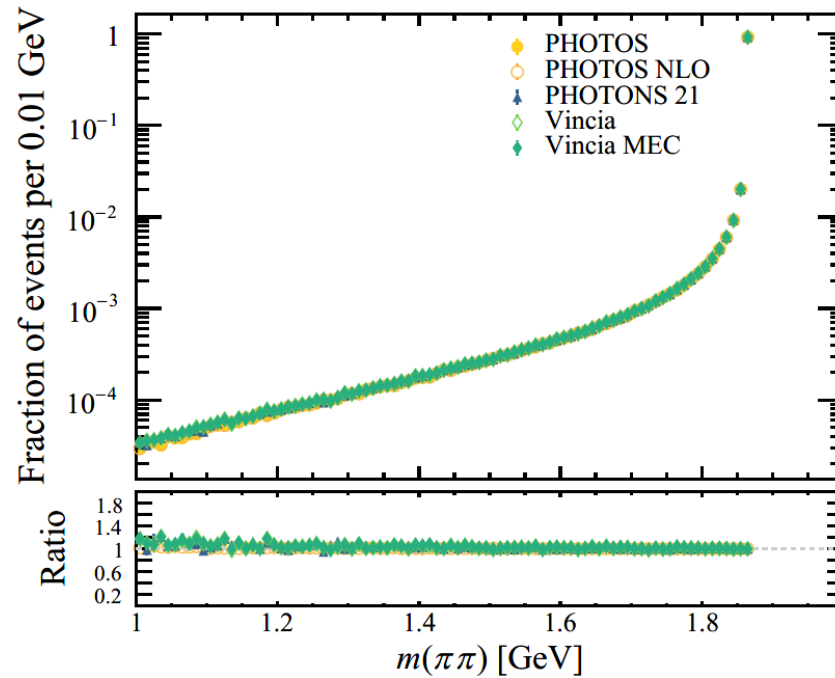
Comparisons between generators

Dihadron invariant mass

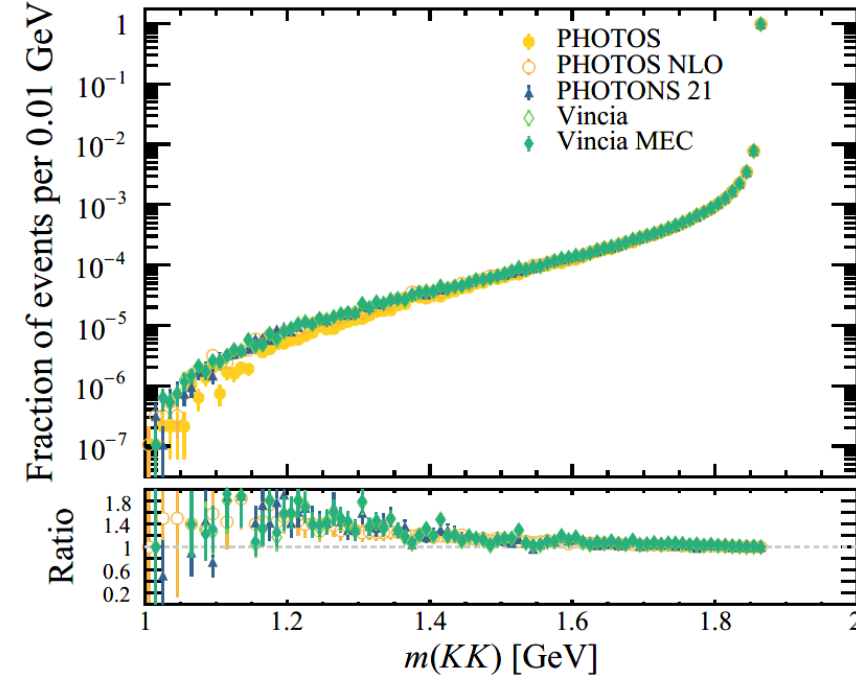
$$D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$$



$$D^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$

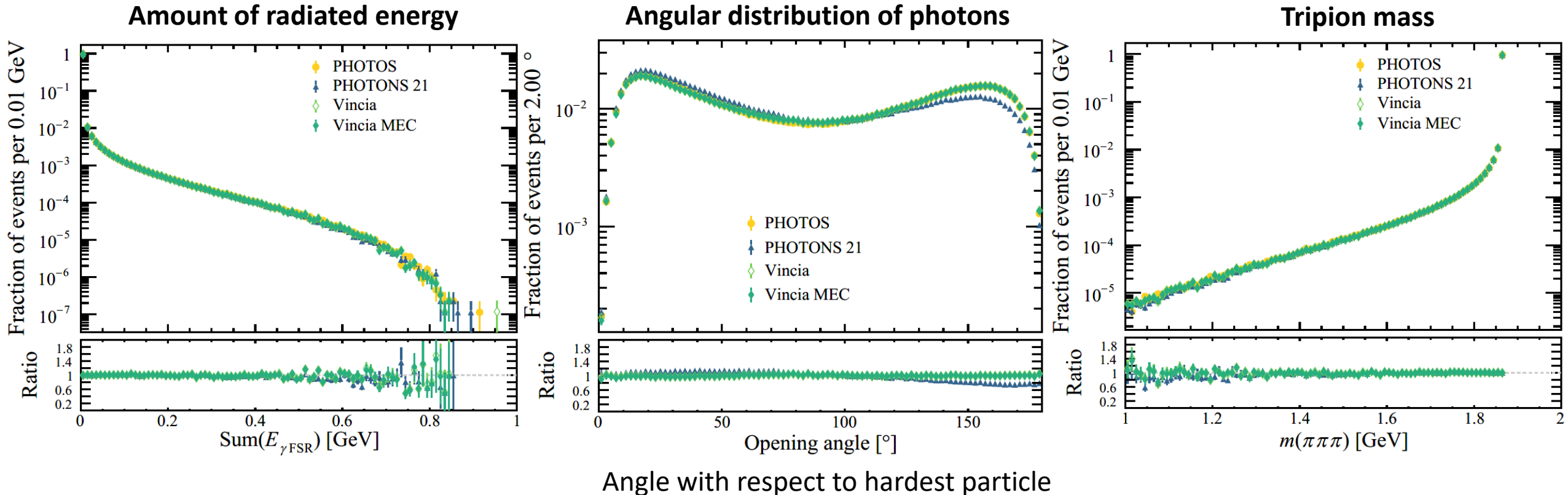


$$D^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$$



- Excellent agreement among generators, especially with NLO ME corrections

Three-body study

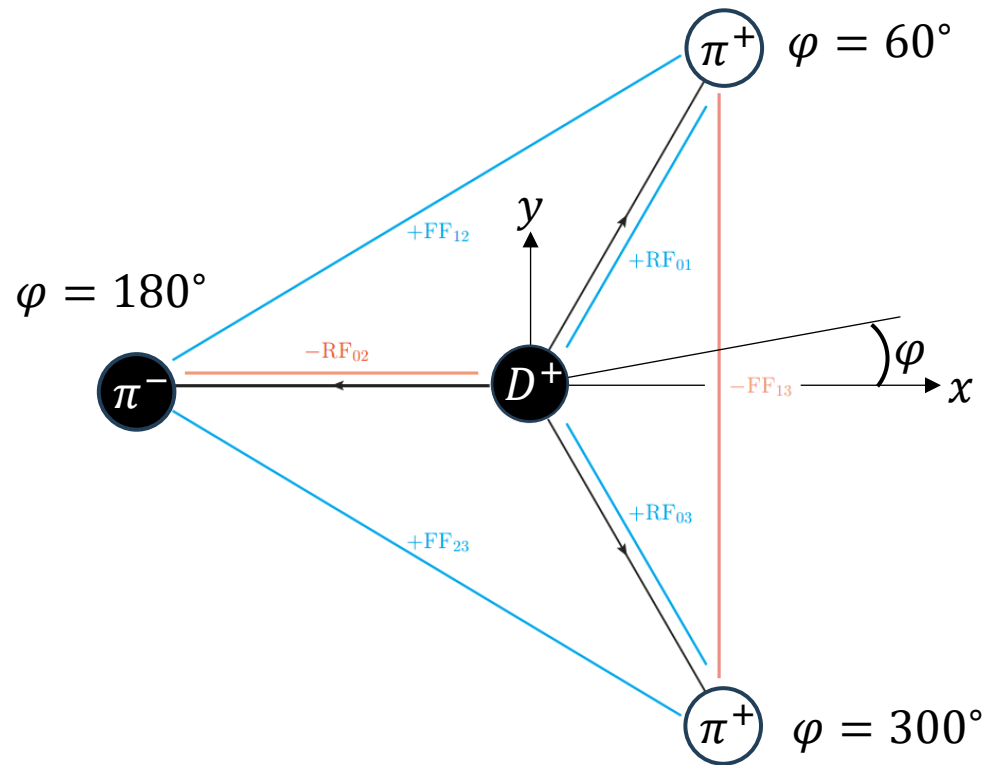


- Good agreement between generators
- PHOTONS++ tends to radiate fewer photons in backwards direction (to be checked)

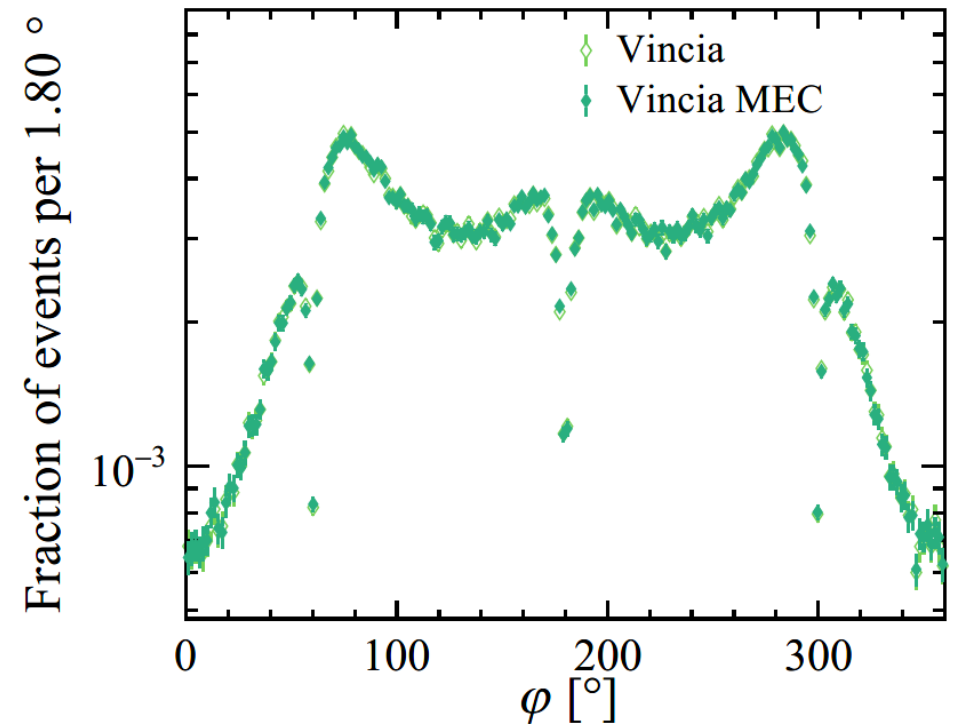
Three-body study

Enforce a specific geometric configuration

Generated geometric configuration



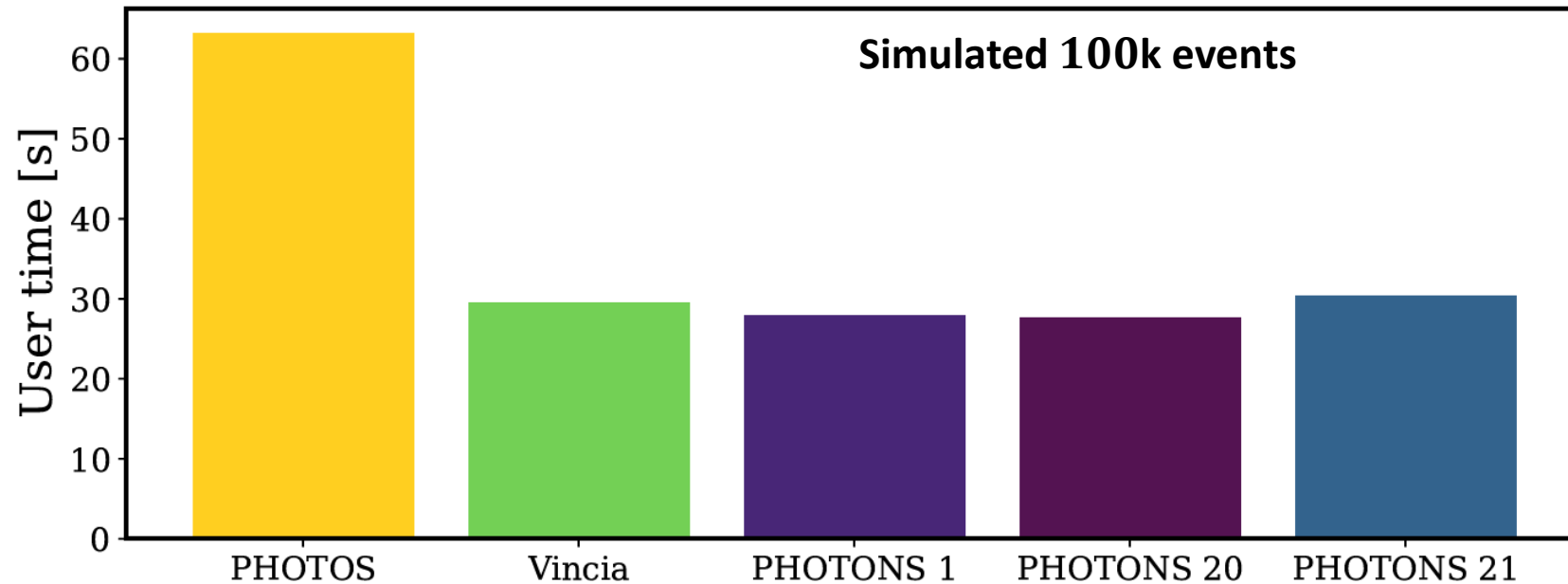
Angular distribution of radiated energy



⇒ Expected decrease in radiation collinear with decay products in parent's frame

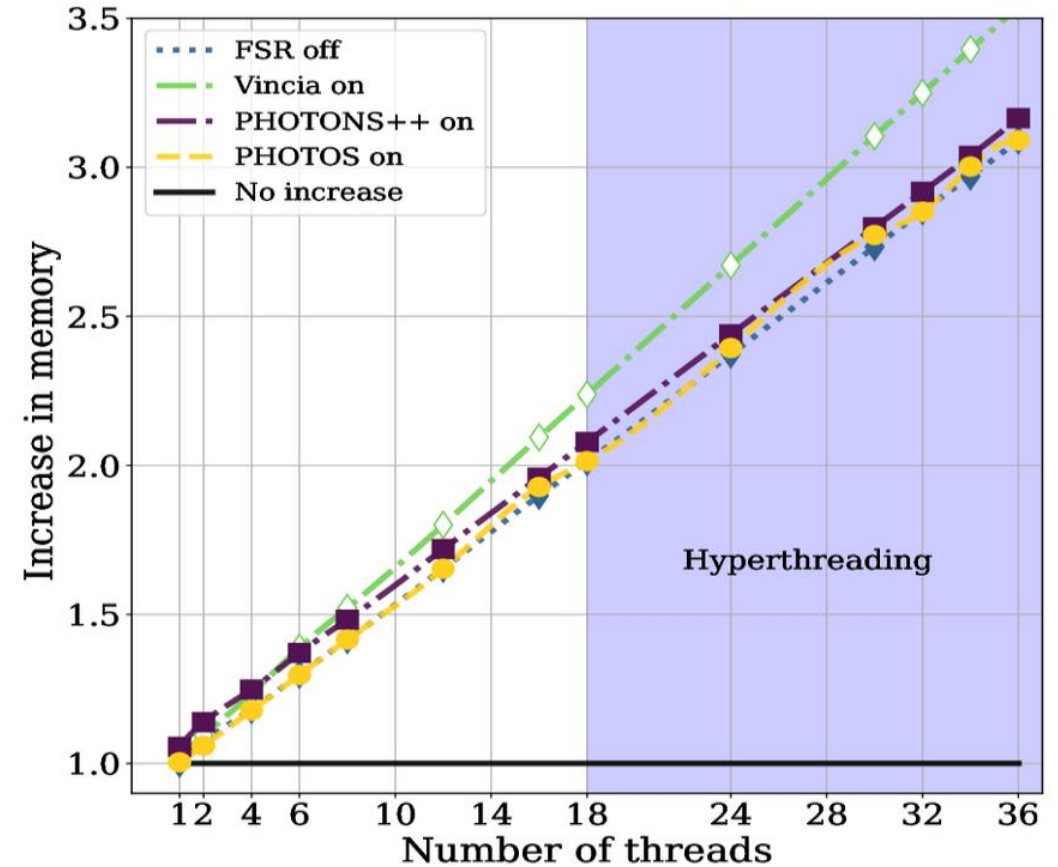
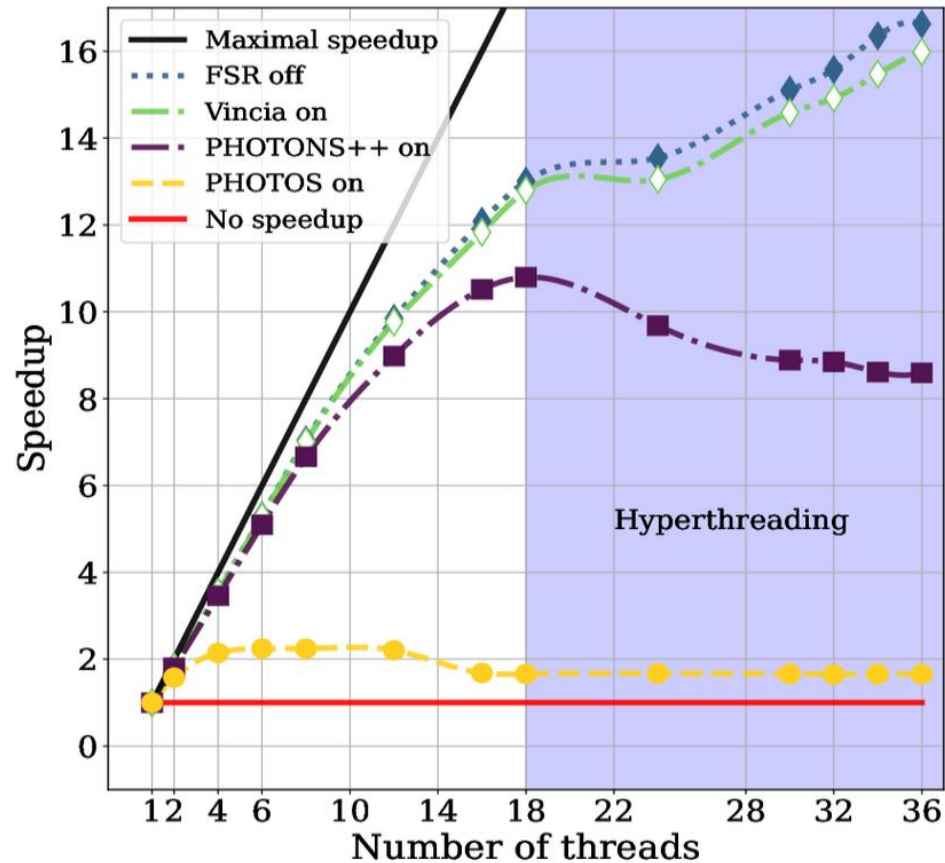
A word on timing

- Compare simulation time when simulating generic $\Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$
⇒ Benchmark for general use



- ⇒ No large difference between PHOTONS options in generic case
- ⇒ Potential speedup using Vincia or PHOTONS by about factor 2

Multithreaded processing



⇒ Best performance with Vincia

⇒ SHERPA limited by initialisation overhead and mutex for static configs

Back to EvtGen

Integration into LHCb Gauss framework

LHCb Sim11 validation

Necessary modifications

- Make EvtGen object thread local
- Implement initialisation per thread
- Make particle data list (PDL) and

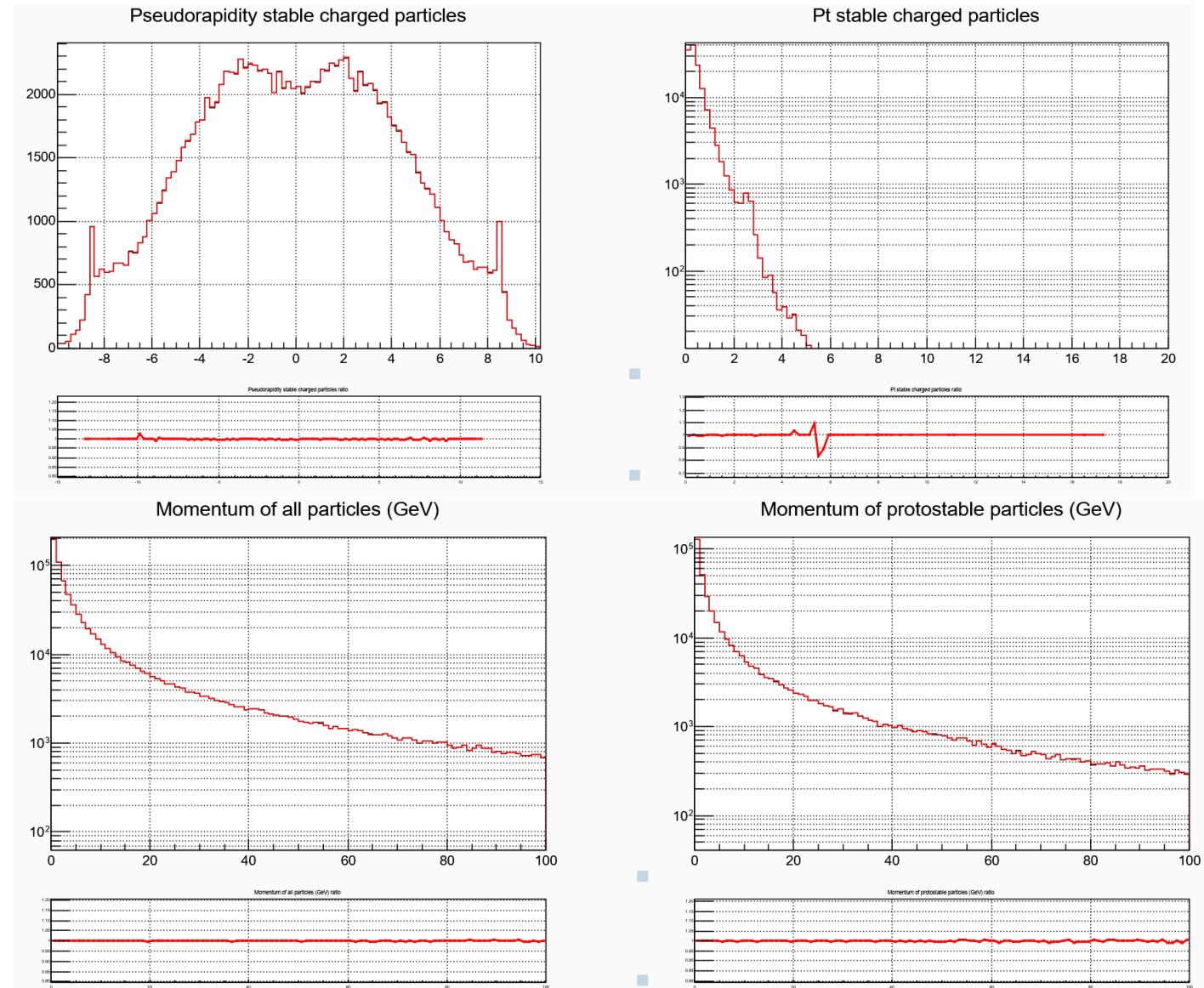
Decay Table thread local

⇒ But read from same input files

- Propagate const correctness within private decay modules
- Remove mutex

Passed LHCb Sim11 tests

[lhcb/Gauss!1107](https://github.com/lhcb/Gauss!1107)



Decay Table variations

General decay table

- Ignores **uncertainties on branching fractions**
- Users can have **custom versions**
- Currently no support for **variations**

Idea: provide decay weights for systematic variations

Challenges

- Inconsistencies in lists, PDG BFs not adding up to 1, theory uncertainties (form factors, etc)
- Flexibility to apply custom weighting (e.g. beauty, charm, ...)
- Calculate alternative amplitude for generated kinematic config
- Propagate alternative spin-density matrix through decay chain

See talk by Anna!

Decay anti-B0

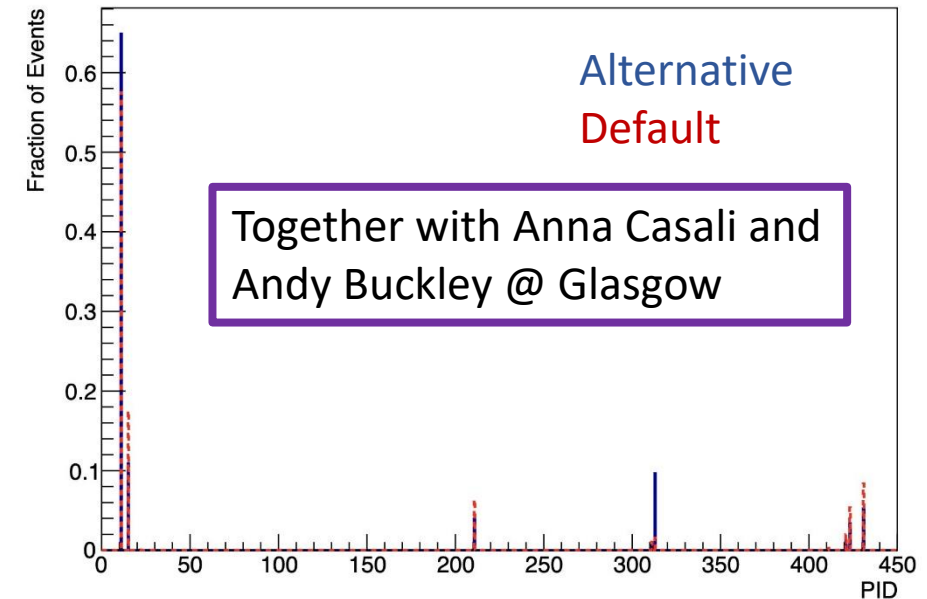
#	BFs	b -> c semileptonic			
0.0493	D*+	e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0219	D+	e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0042	D_1+	e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0045	D_0*+	e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0046	D'_1+	e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0033	D_2*+	e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.00045	D*+	pi0 e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.00490	D*0	pi+ e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0015	D+	pi0 e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	
0.0043	D0	pi+ e-	anti-nu_e	FSR	

Example from general decay table

Models and configs

```
HQET2 1.207 0.920 1.406 0.853;
HQET2 1.185 1.081;
ISGW2;
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GOITY_ROBERTS;
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GOITY_ROBERTS;
```

Simulation with two decay tables



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Belle II decay table

Introduced [Belle II Decay Table](#) within EvtGen.

Necessary additions

New form factors for semileptonic B decays

- [LLSW](#)
 - [HQET3](#)
- } Added to existing BTOXELNU wrapper

• New models for three-body $\eta^{(\prime)}$ decays

- [ETA PIODALITZ](#)
- [ETAPRIME DALITZ](#)
- [ETA FULLDALITZ](#)

Fixed bug in existing $\Upsilon(mS) \rightarrow \Upsilon(nS)\pi\pi$ model

- [YMSTOYN SPIPICLEOBOOST](#)

⇒ New tests were added for all new models and from factor cases (scalar, vector, tensor).

⇒ Implemented const correctness and improved Doxygen documentation

```
1 # BelleII collaboration generic DECAFY.DEC
2 # Based on EvtGen DECAFY.DEC and Belle DECAFY.DEC
3 #
4 # Changes
5 #
6 # October 2016, Umberto Tamponi (tamponi@to.infn.it)
7 # Light meson decays (rho, eta, phi, f'_B...) updated to PDG 2015
8 # New Dalitz modes for eta and eta'
9 #
10 # Updates listed below are tabulated at https://xwiki.desy.de/xwiki/rest/p/4d75f
11 # See individual pull requests for details.
12 #
13 # December 2017, B. Oberhof (benjamin.oberhof@lnf.infn.it)
14 # Updated to new CPV models. See channels with #[w/CPV - B0 09/2017]
15 # https://stash.desy.de/projects/B2/repos/software/pull-requests/1248/overview
16 #
17 # March 2018, A. Ermakov (ermakov@physik.uni-bonn.de)
18 # Updated charmless semileptonic BFs to PDG 2017 values
19 # https://stash.desy.de/projects/B2/repos/software/pull-requests/2087/overview
20 #
21 # March 2018, M. Merola (mario.merola@na.infn.it)
22 # Updated B -> tau nu BR to PDG2018 values
23 # https://stash.desy.de/projects/B2/repos/software/pull-requests/1711/overview
24 #
25 # March 2018, R. Godang (godang@southalabama.edu)
26 # Updated the BRs of the semitaonic decays: BB, anti-BB, B-, B+ decays including pi+ tau- anti-nu_tau
27 # https://stash.desy.de/projects/B2/repos/software/pull-requests/1769/overview
28 # https://github.com/belle2/basf2/blob/629dc58140ef04e18106dc7a7df9ff27974c98c/generators/evtgen/decayfiles/DECAFY_BELLE2.DEC
29 #
30 # March 2018, T. Lueck (lueck@pi.infn.it)
31 # Updated B -> X_c l nu BR to PDG2018 values
32 # https://stash.desy.de/projects/B2/repos/software/pull-requests/1739/overview
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New $\eta^{(\prime)}$ decay models

Turn “Boilerplate” into models deriving from base class.

$$\eta \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi^0$$

```
p->initializePhaseSpace(getNDaug(), getDaugs());

EvtVector4R mompi0_0 = p->getDaug(0)->getP4();
EvtVector4R mompi0_1 = p->getDaug(1)->getP4();
EvtVector4R mompi0_2 = p->getDaug(2)->getP4();

double m_eta = p->mass();
double m_pi0 = p->getDaug(0)->mass();
double deltaM = m_eta - 3 * m_pi0;

//The decay amplitude comes from KLOE collab., Phys.Lett. B694 (2011) 16-21
double z0 = (3 * mompi0_0.get(0) - m_eta) / deltaM;
double z1 = (3 * mompi0_1.get(0) - m_eta) / deltaM;
double z2 = (3 * mompi0_2.get(0) - m_eta) / deltaM;

double z = (2. / 3.) * (z0 * z0 + z1 * z1 + z2 * z2);

double Amp2 = 1.0 + alpha * 2.0 * z;
if (Amp2 < 0)
    Amp2 = 0;

EvtComplex amp(sqrt(Amp2), 0.);

vertex(amp);
```

ETA PIODALITZ

$$\eta' \rightarrow \pi\pi\pi^0$$

```
p->initializePhaseSpace(getNDaug(), getDaugs());

EvtVector4R momip = p->getDaug(0)->getP4();
EvtVector4R momim = p->getDaug(1)->getP4();
EvtVector4R mometa = p->getDaug(2)->getP4();

double m_etaprime = p->mass();
double m_eta = p->getDaug(2)->mass();
double m_pi = p->getDaug(1)->mass();

//Q value
double deltaM = m_etaprime - 2 * m_pi - m_eta;

//The decay amplitude comes from BESIII collab, Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 012014

//Kinetic energies T
double Tpip = (momip.get(0) - m_pi);
double Tpin = (momim.get(0) - m_pi);
double Teta = (mometa.get(0) - m_eta);

//Dalitz variables
double X = sqrt(3.) * (Tpip - Tpin) / deltaM;
double Y = ((m_eta + 2 * m_pi) / m_pi) * Teta / deltaM - 1. ;

double amp2 = 1. + a * Y + b * Y * Y + c * X + d * X * X;

EvtComplex amp(sqrt(amp2), 0.0);

vertex(amp);
```

ETAPRIME DALITZ

$$\eta^{(\prime)} \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$$

```
p->initializePhaseSpace(getNDaug(), getDaugs());

EvtVector4R momip = p->getDaug(0)->getP4();
EvtVector4R momim = p->getDaug(1)->getP4();
EvtVector4R mompi0 = p->getDaug(2)->getP4();

double m_eta = p->mass();
double m_pi0 = p->getDaug(2)->mass();
double m_pi = p->getDaug(1)->mass();

//Q value
double deltaM = m_eta - 2 * m_pi0 - m_pi0;

//The decay amplitude comes from BESIII collab, Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 012014

//Kinetic energies T
double Tpip = (momip.get(0) - m_pi0);
double Tpin = (momim.get(0) - m_pi0);
double Tpi0 = (mompi0.get(0) - m_pi0);

//Dalitz variables
double X = sqrt(3.) * (Tpip - Tpin) / deltaM;
double Y = 3 * Tpi0 / deltaM - 1. ;

double amp2 = 1. + a * Y + b * Y * Y + c * X + d * X * X + e * X * Y + f * Y * Y * Y;

EvtComplex amp(sqrt(amp2), 0.0);

vertex(amp);
```

ETA FULLDALITZ

```
if ( m_mode == Mode::PI0 ) {
    //The decay amplitude comes from KLOE collab., Phys.Lett. B694 (2011) 16-21.
    const double z0 = ( 3 * p0.get( 0 ) - M ) / Q;
    const double z1 = ( 3 * p1.get( 0 ) - M ) / Q;
    const double z2 = ( 3 * p2.get( 0 ) - M ) / Q;

    const double z = ( 2. / 3. ) * ( z0 * z0 + z1 * z1 + z2 * z2 );

    amp2 = 1.0 + m_params[0] * 2.0 * z;
    if ( amp2 < 0 ) {
        amp2 = 0;
    }
} else {
    const double Yfactor = m_mode == Mode::ETAPRIME ? ( m0 + m1 + m2 ) / m0
        : 3;

    // Calculate Kinetic Energies in the Parent Rest Frame
    // T = E - m (Masses cached in init())
    const double t0 = p0.get( 0 ) - m0;
    const double t1 = p1.get( 0 ) - m1;
    const double t2 = p2.get( 0 ) - m2;

    // Calculate Dalitz variable Y
    const double Y = ( Yfactor * t2 / Q ) - 1.0;

    if ( m_mode == Mode::STANDARD ) {
        //The decay amplitude comes from Layter et al PRD 7 2565 (1973).
        amp2 = 1.0 - 1.07 * Y;
    } else {
        // Calculate Dalitz variable X
        const double X = sqrt( 3 ) * ( t0 - t1 ) / Q;

        if ( m_mode == Mode::ETAPRIME ) {
            //The decay amplitude comes from BESIII collab, Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 012014.
            amp2 = 1. + m_params[0] * Y + m_params[1] * Y * Y +
                m_params[2] * X + m_params[3] * X * X;
        } else if ( m_mode == Mode::FULL ) {
            //The decay amplitude comes from BESIII collab, Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 012014.
            amp2 = 1. + m_params[0] * Y + m_params[1] * Y * Y +
                m_params[2] * X + m_params[3] * X * X +
                m_params[4] * X * Y + m_params[5] * Y * Y * Y;
        }
    }
}
```

PI0 case

Standard

ETAPRIME

FULL

Numerically identical results before and after consolidation

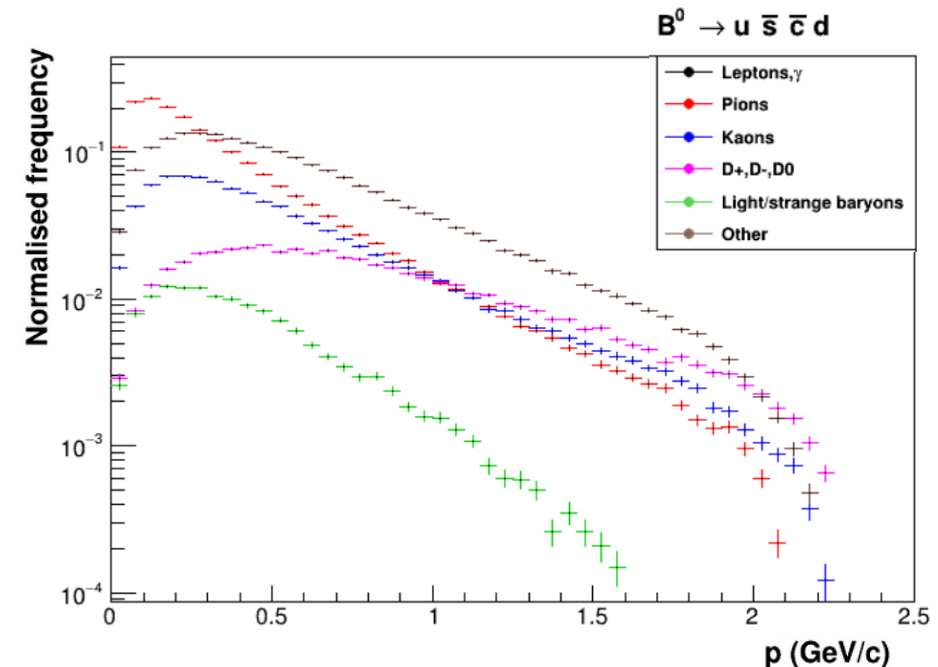
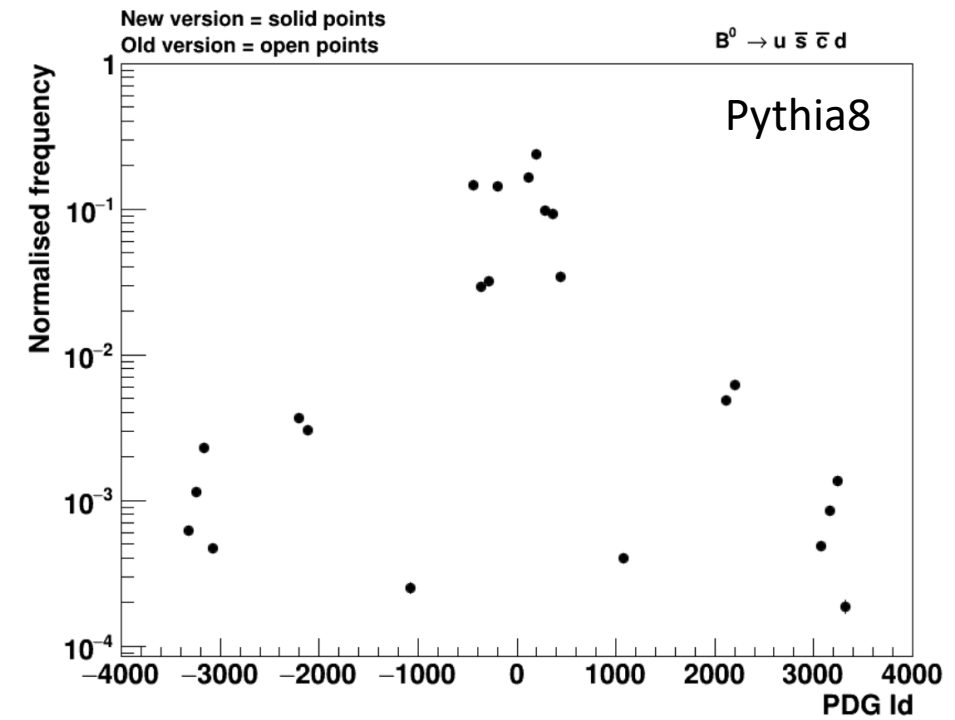
⇒ Testing framework in action

EvtGen Validation tests

Simulation needs testing and validation after changes to ensure invariance of the physics models

- Implemented **testing framework** with common testing module and JSON configuration files
- Migrated all previous tests (covered only 40% of models) and added new ones to framework
- Tests cover all models and **external generators**
- Used for **continuous integration** in GitLab
- Implemented **multi-threaded testing**
 - ⇒ With possibility to use std or tbb thread models

Available also for users to facilitate testing/development



Refactoring the testing framework

- Starting point: monolithic module that reads in JSONs

Example JSON

- Goals: improve maintainability
increase friendliness for users

- Current work on splitting into
 - Test configuration classes
 - Variable utils (helper functions)
 - Variable factory (registry for variables)

⇒ Reduced code duplications

- Testing module (orchestrator running the test)

⇒ Improving Doxygen, working on docu

```
{
  "parent": "D+",
  "daughters": ["K-", "pi+", "pi+"],
  "models": ["D_DALITZ"],
  "parameters": [[]],
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  ],
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}
```

```
/**
 * @class VariableFactory
 * @brief Decouples variable string names from physics calculation logic.
 * * This factory maintains a registry of string-to-calculator mappings.
 * * Calculations are performed via the public getValue() function.
 * * @note **Automatic Absolute Values**: Prefixing any name with "abs" and
 * * capitalizing the first letter (e.g., "cosTheta" -> "absCosTheta")
 * * automatically returns the absolute value.
 * * @note **Indices (d1, d2)**: References to @p d1 and @p d2 below refer to
 * * the 1-based indices of daughters as defined in the provided JSON configuration.
 * * @section var_list Supported Variables
 */
```

EvtGen releases

Release with latest patch release [R02-02-03](#) (Sep 2024)

- Fixed RNG interface issue with Pythia8 310
- Fixed bug with tensor particle rotation to helicity basis

After the long campaign released [R03-00-00-beta1](#) (Oct 2024) for users to test

- Implemented **thread safety**
- Implemented new **testing framework**
- Added Sherpa's PHOTONS++ as **FSR alternative**
- **Fixed** various **decay models** (removed obsolete ones)

Physics validation passed for all models with/without FSR when multithreading.

Passed LHCb Sim11 tests



⇒ R03-00-00-beta1

d251a756 · Fix problem with tensor particle rotation to helicity basis

Release candidate beta1 for EvtGen 3.0.0

Check it out!



Plans for the future

Immediate

- Improve Doxygen documentation
- Release version 3
- Prepare main Journal article

Long-term

- Add further models as requested by community
- Implement structural changes to fully exploit multi-threading
- Implement alternatives for τ particle simulation (fix spin propagation using PYTHIA8)
- Interleave Vincia FSR with entire decay chain
- Refine event weights to support alternative model configs

<https://evtgen.hepforge.org/doc/doxygen/test>

EvtGen 3.0.0

Monte Carlo generator of particle decays, in particular the weak decays

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Summary and outlook

- EvtGen — essential tool to study heavy-flavour particle decays in multiple experiments
- After long modernisation campaign ⇒ [R03-00-00-beta1](#)
- ⇒ New general **testing framework**
- ⇒ Implemented **thread safety**
(full exploitation of multi-threading will require further structural changes)
- ⇒ Performance limited by external dependencies
- ⇒ Implemented Sherpa's PHOTONS++ and Vincia as **alternatives for FSR**
- Various projects for future developments (τ -spin propagation, structural modifications, ...)
- ⇒ Started decay weight implementation
- Full release 3.0.0 expected by summer 2025 (and paper by year's end)

Stay tuned!

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