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VISPA: Visual Physics Analysis Environment

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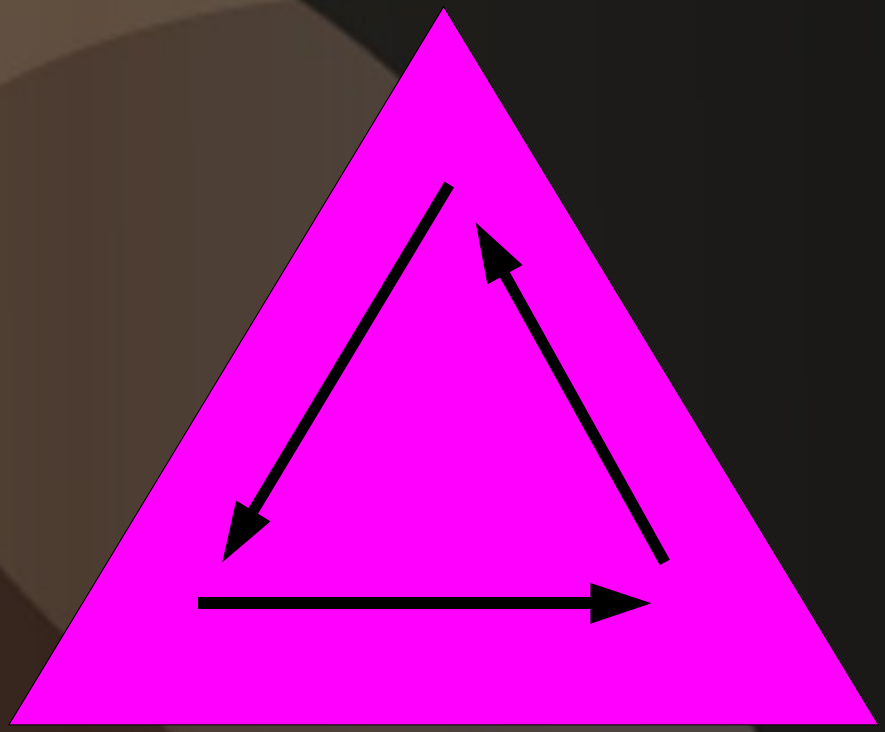
High Energy Physics Analysis

Prototyping
(design)



Execution
(steering)

Verification

High Energy Physics Analysis

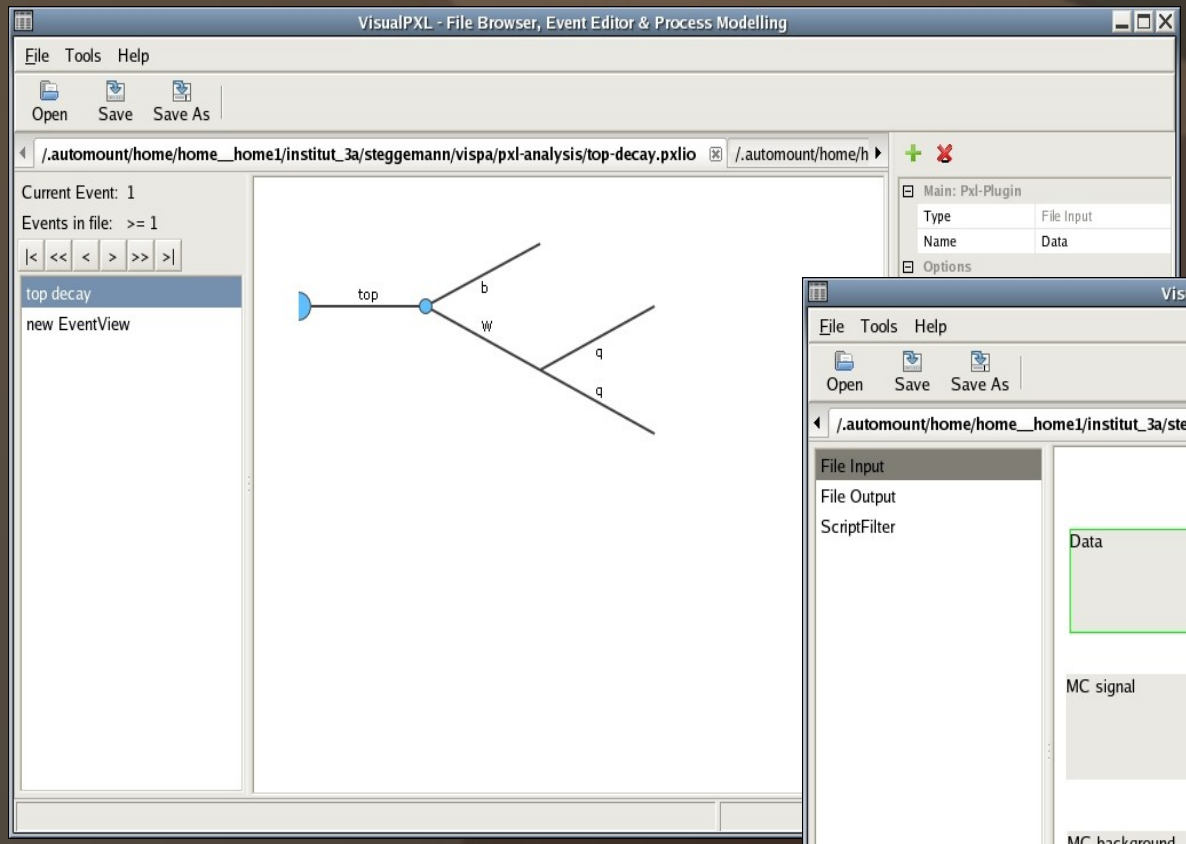
- During last years big achievements have been done in developing analysis software for the experiments
- Experiments have different software frameworks e.g. **H1OO** in H1, **CMSSW** in CMS etc.
- On top of them more analysis specific software has been developed and used (e.g. **H1Lt** and **Marana** in H1 which work with Mods/Hat and user trees)
  - Analysis specific
  - Reusable, require less time for start
  - The outputs are smaller, more analysis specific
  - Reduce time for making analysis

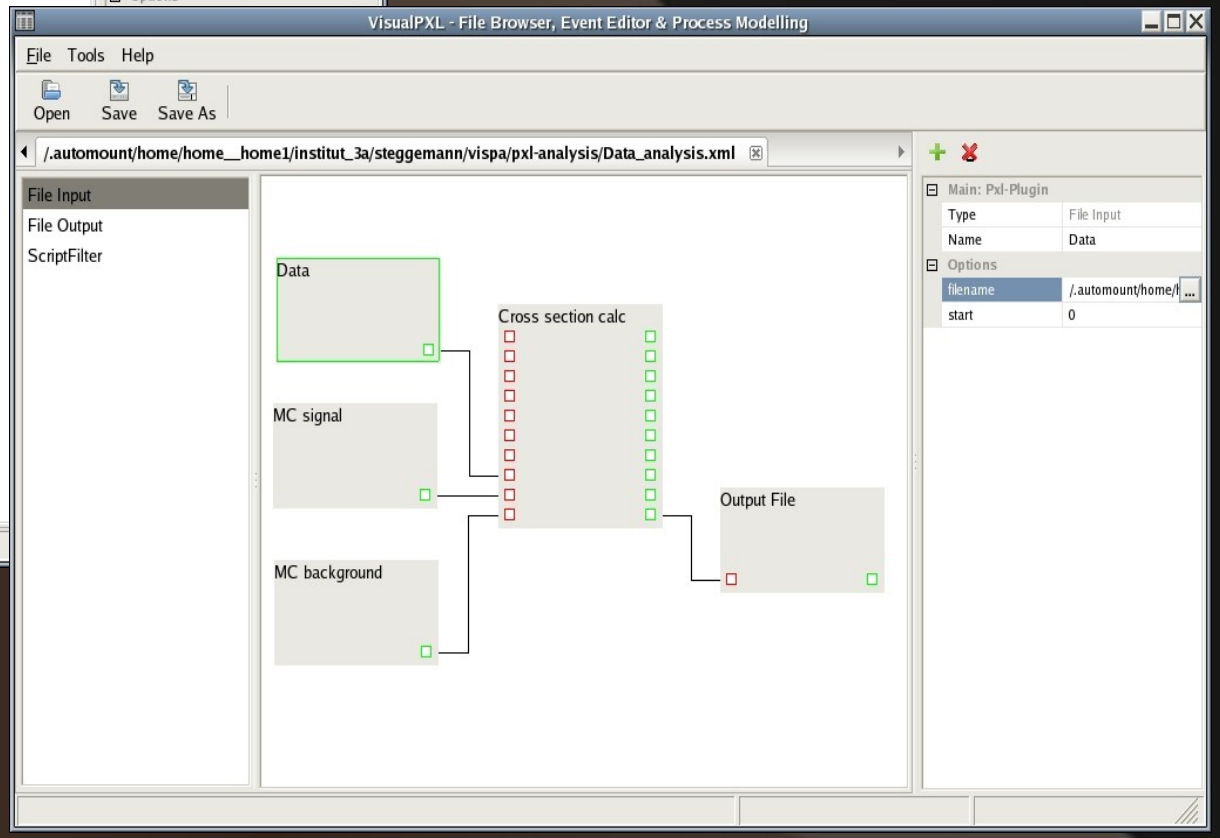
The wish list of the analyser

- To have an easy way to develop analysis
- To start fast
- To dedicate minimal time for learning
- To have modular structure of the software
- To have many reusable components
- To have small ntuples
- To have clear picture of what you are doing
- To transmit your knowledge to other people

VISPA: Visual Physics Analysis

Novel Concept of making physics analysis





Mixture of graphical and textual work (like LabView)

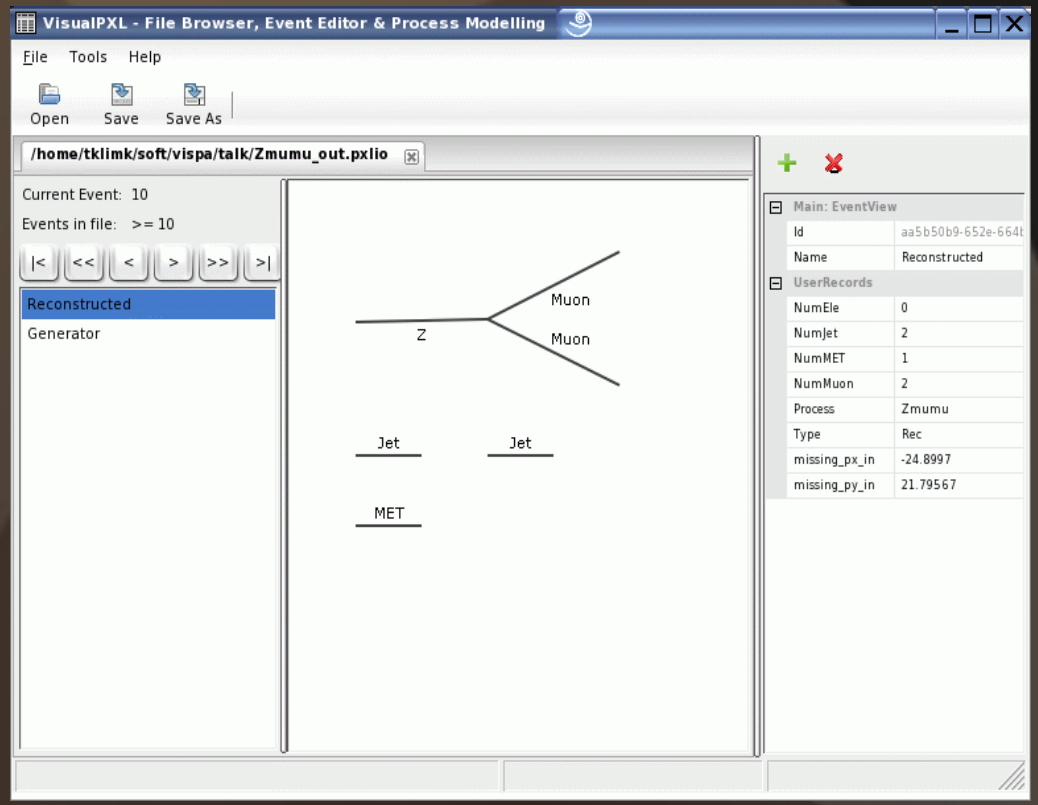
VISPA: Main Features

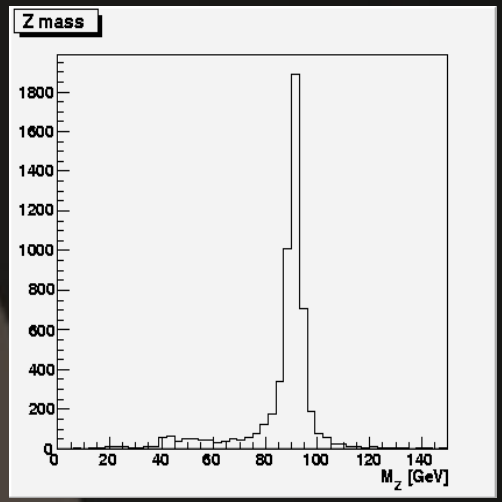
Development environment for HEP analyses (first prototype)

- **Combines graphical and textual steering**
- **Module steering**
- **Works for every experiment**

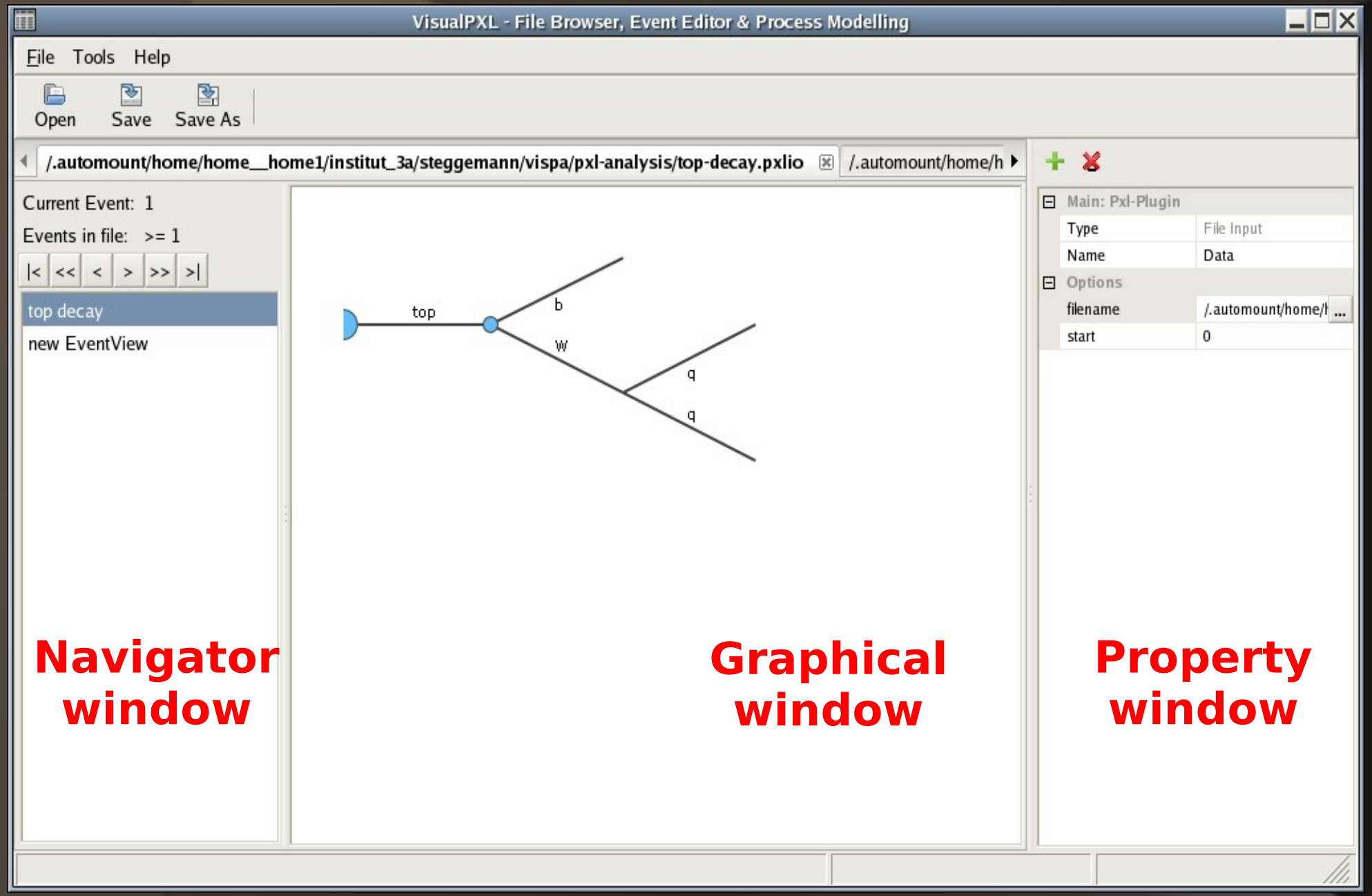
Structure of Physics Analysis

Data input → **Data selection** → **Advanced analysis** → **Histograms**





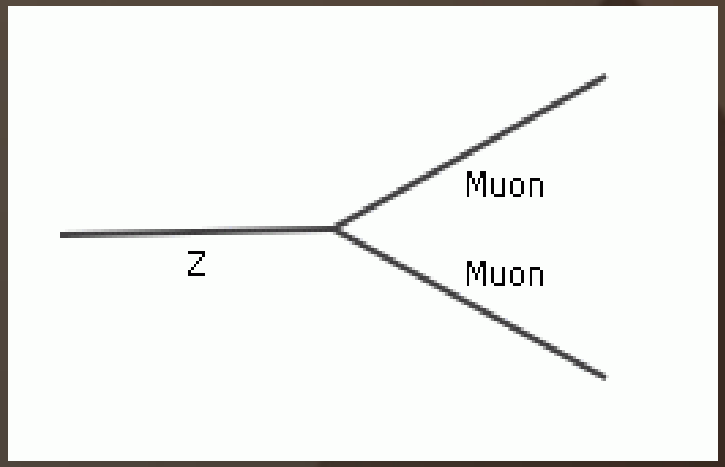
Multipurpose Window



Closer consideration:

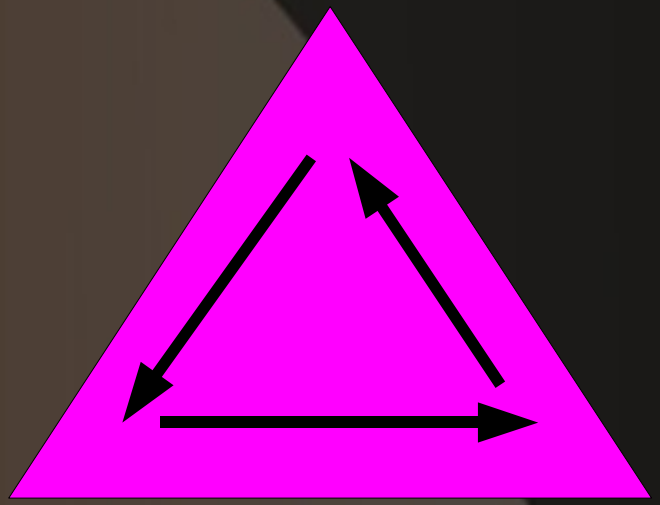
Very simple example analysis

Z --> mu mu



Sample at LHC energies (in pxlio format)

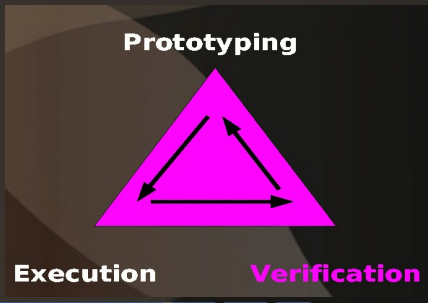
Prototyping



Execution

Verification

Z boson reconstruction from muons
First step: inspect an input file



VisualPXL - File Browser, Event Editor & Process Modelling

File Tools Help

Open Save Save As

/home/tklimk/soft/vispa/vispa_files/Zmumu_sample.pxlio

Current Event: 1

Events in file: >= 3

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Reconstructed

Generator

Muon Muon

Jet Jet

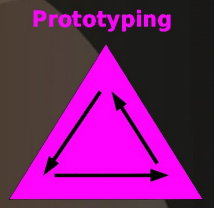
Jet MET

Main: Particle	
Id	92c558db-019f-564
Name	Muon
Charge	0
ParticleId	0
Vector	
Energy	38.837048
Px	-6.692826
Py	-29.411932
Pz	-24.463226
Pt	30.163814
Mass	0.10565
Phi	-1.794541
Eta	-0.741244
UserRecords	
caloIso	0.664851
ecalIso	0
hcalIso	0.664851
leptonID	0
resolutionA	0.011726
resolutionB	0.009914
resolutionC	0.005066
resolutionD	0.011744
resolutionEt	0.356284
resolutionEta	0.000351
resolutionPhi	0.000182
resolutionTheta	0.000265
trackIso	2.385159

Reconstructed and generated levels

Properties

Use GUI to add Modules



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File Tools Help

Open Save Save As

new analysis

File Input
File Output
ScriptFilter

Input file

File Input0

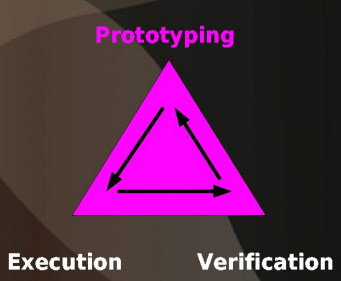
Main: Pxl-Plugin
Type File Input
Name File Input0
Options
filename
start 0

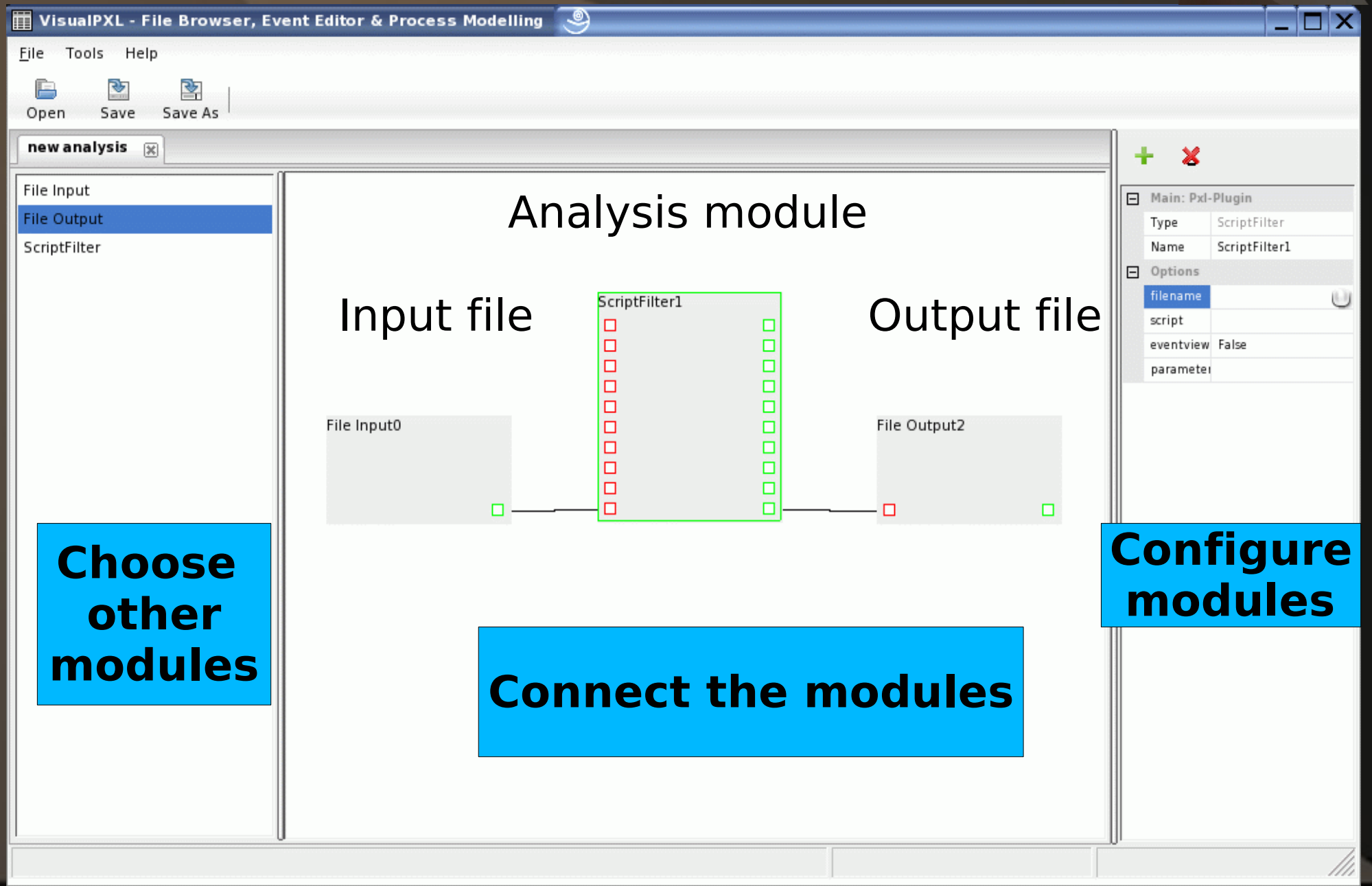
Choose module

Insert module

Configure module

Complete Analysis Design





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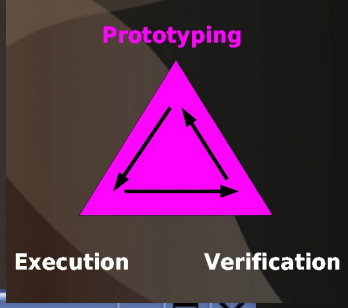

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File Tools Help

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new analysis

File Input
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ScriptFilter

Analysis module

Input file

Output file

ScriptFilter1

File Input0

File Output2

Edit user analysis

Main: Pxl-Plugin

Type	ScriptFilter
Name	ScriptFilter1

Options

filename	
script	
eventview	False
parameter	

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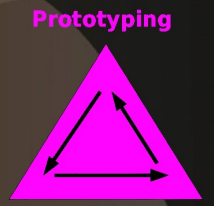

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```
for particle in particles:
    if particle.getName() == 'Muon':
        histo_muon_pt.Fill(particle.getPt() )
```

Rapid prototyping of the analysis

Run Analysis

Export the analysis (as XML or Python)
→ batch, GRID

VisualPXL - File Browser, Event Editor & Process Modelling

File Tools Help

Open Save Save As

analysis.xml

File Input
File Output
ScriptFilter

Analyse

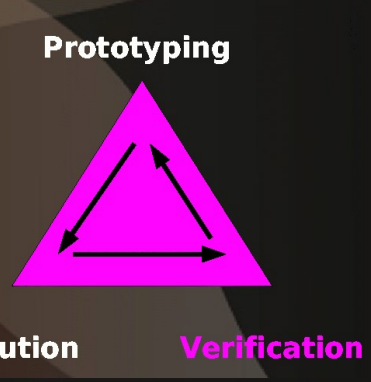
Analyse File: analysis.xml Select...

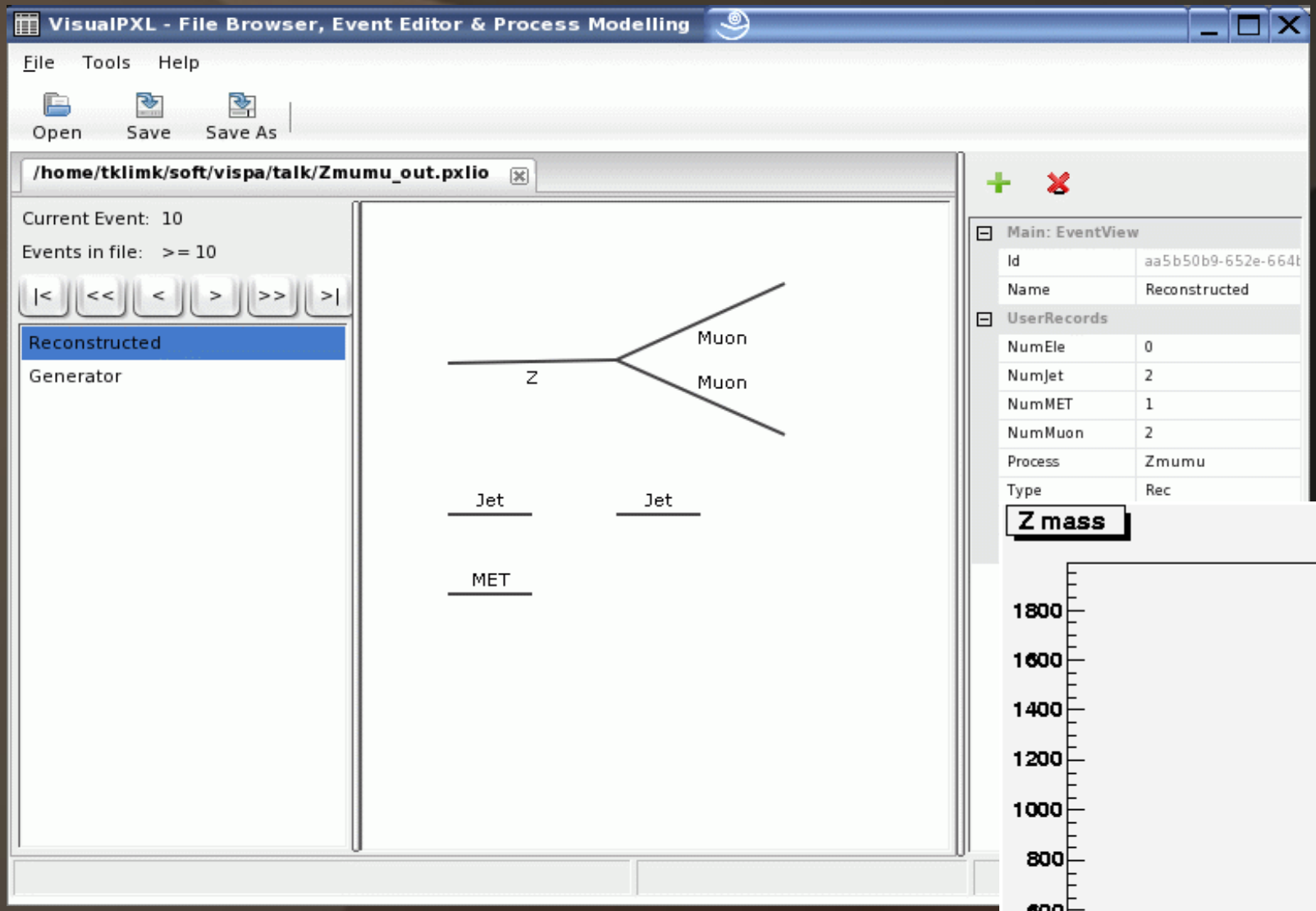
```
plugin /usr/local/libexec/pxl-plugins-2.0/scriptfilter-plugin.so loaded
plugin /usr/local/libexec/pxl-plugins-2.0/io-plugin.so loaded
::: initalize plugin 'File Input0' ...
::: initalize plugin 'ScriptFilter1' ...
*** starting analysis ***
::: initalize plugin 'File Output2' ...
plugins loaded...
connections established...
begin loop
end loop
File Input0: read 6000 Events.
File Output2: wrote 6000 Events.
Info in <TCanvas::Print>: ps file %mumu.ps has been created
*** finishing analysis
```

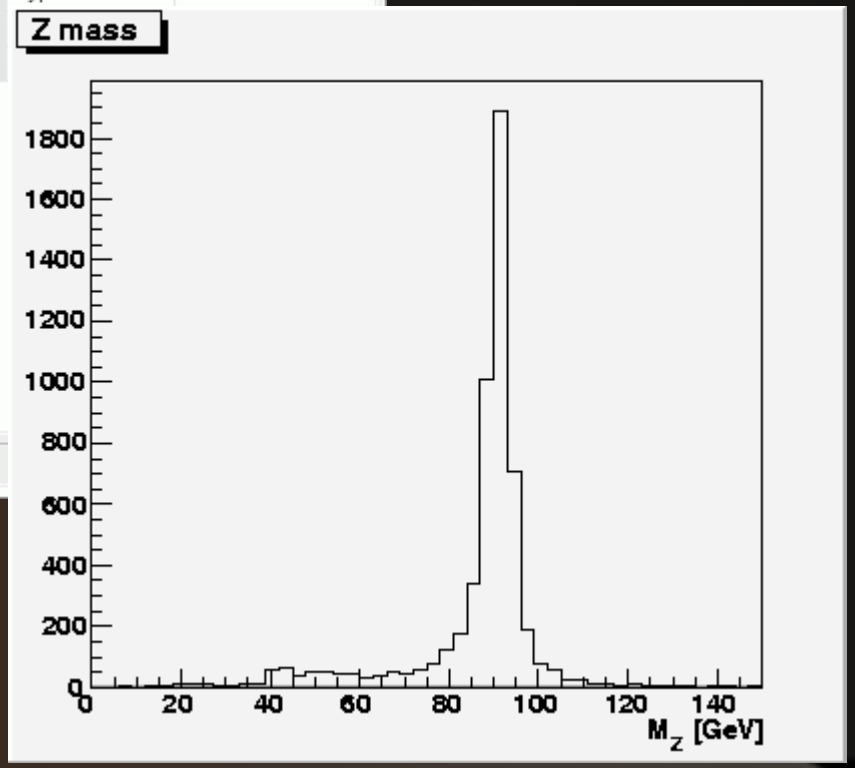
Or run the analysis interactively

Process Close

Verify the Analysis Output

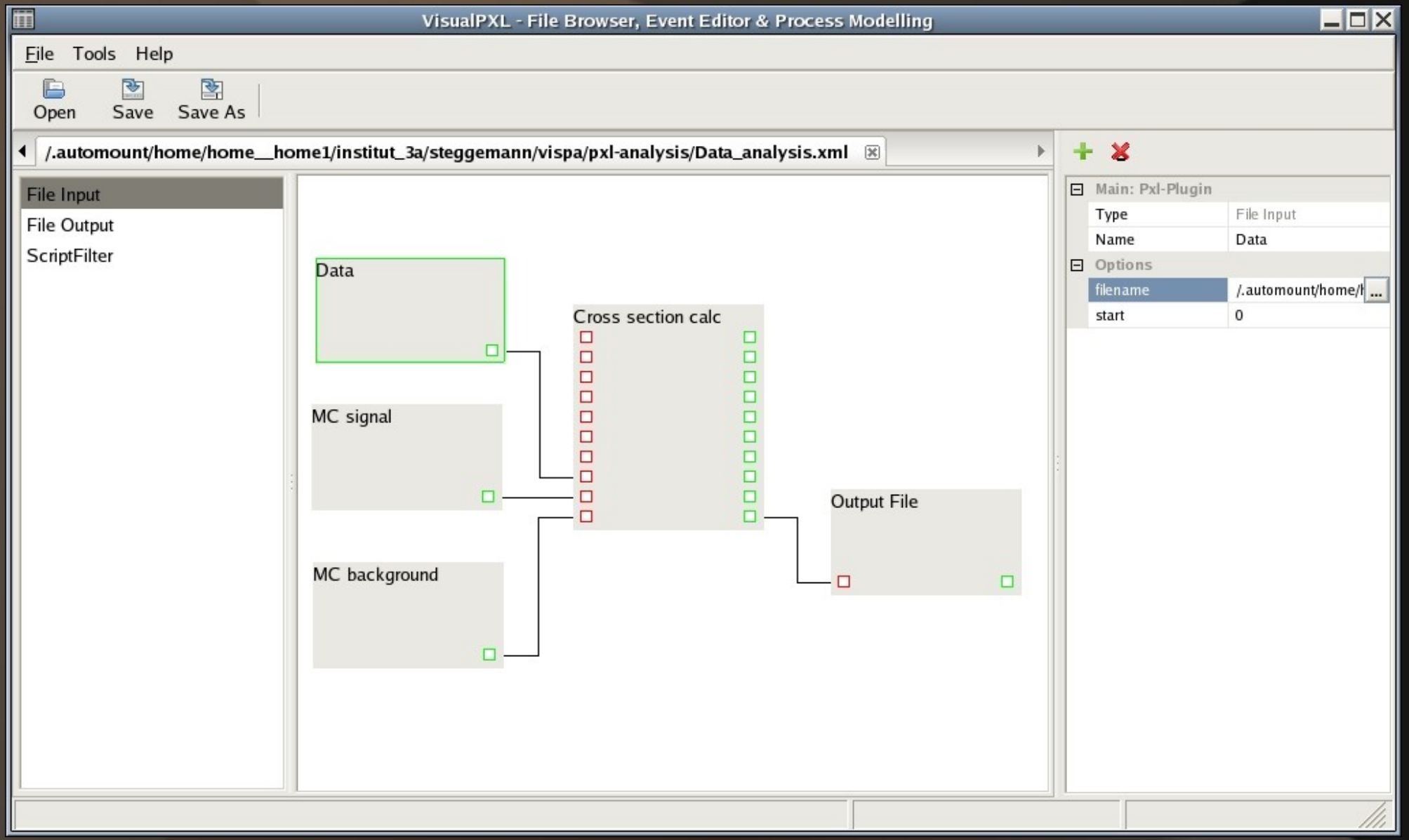


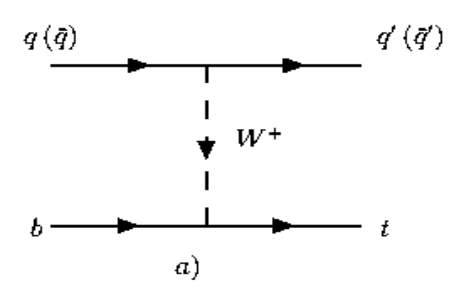




Create histogram using **PyROOT**
If needed repeat prototyping, execution, verification

More complex analysis





Single top quark analysis

DATA

In-file

Out-file

Out-file

Histo-gram

TMVA Ana

TMVA Read

Advanced statistical tools

MC Signal

In-file

Select

Split

Out-file

Out-file

TMVA Eval

TMVA Read

Histo-gram

MC BG

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Split

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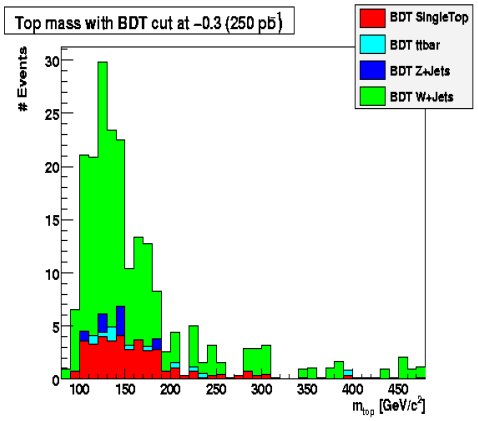
TMVA Fill

TMVA Train

BDT

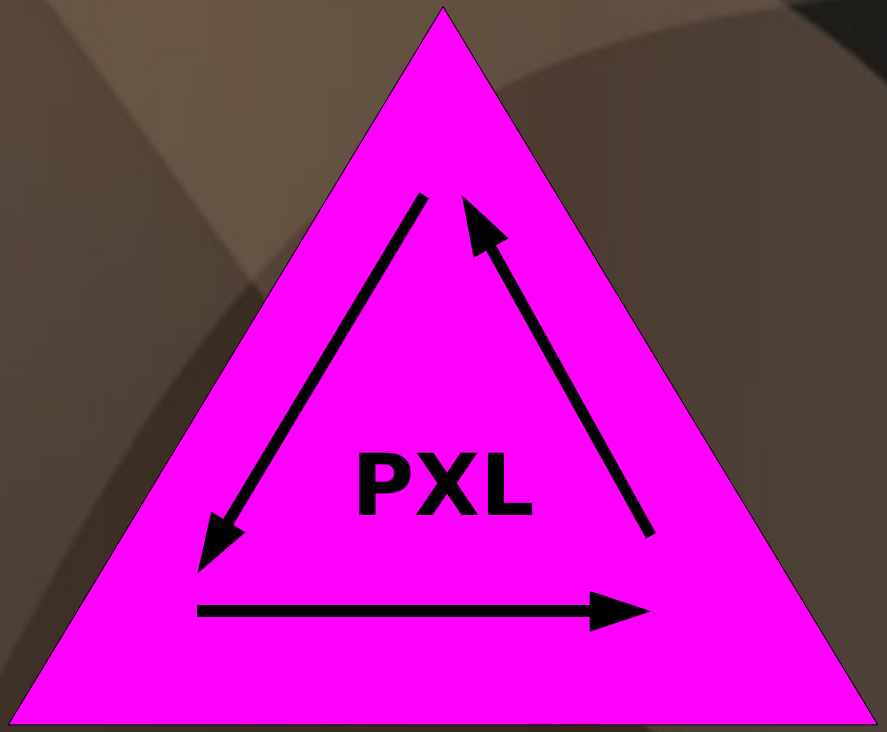
Out-file

Multiple data streams



Summary: Analysis flow with VISPA

Prototyping: Graphical platform
Analysis modules: Python or C++



Execution
(XML or Python steering)
(interactive or batch)

Verification
(Event Browser)
(ROOT histograms)

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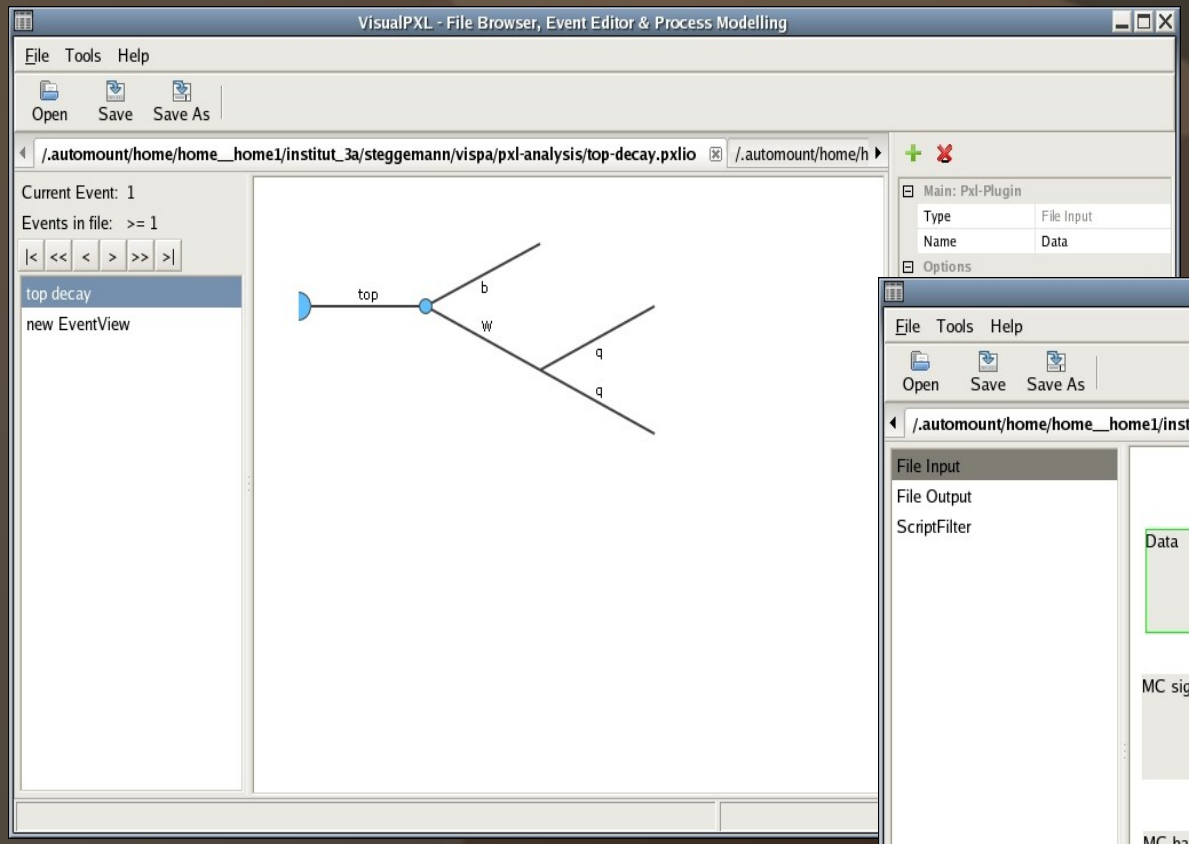

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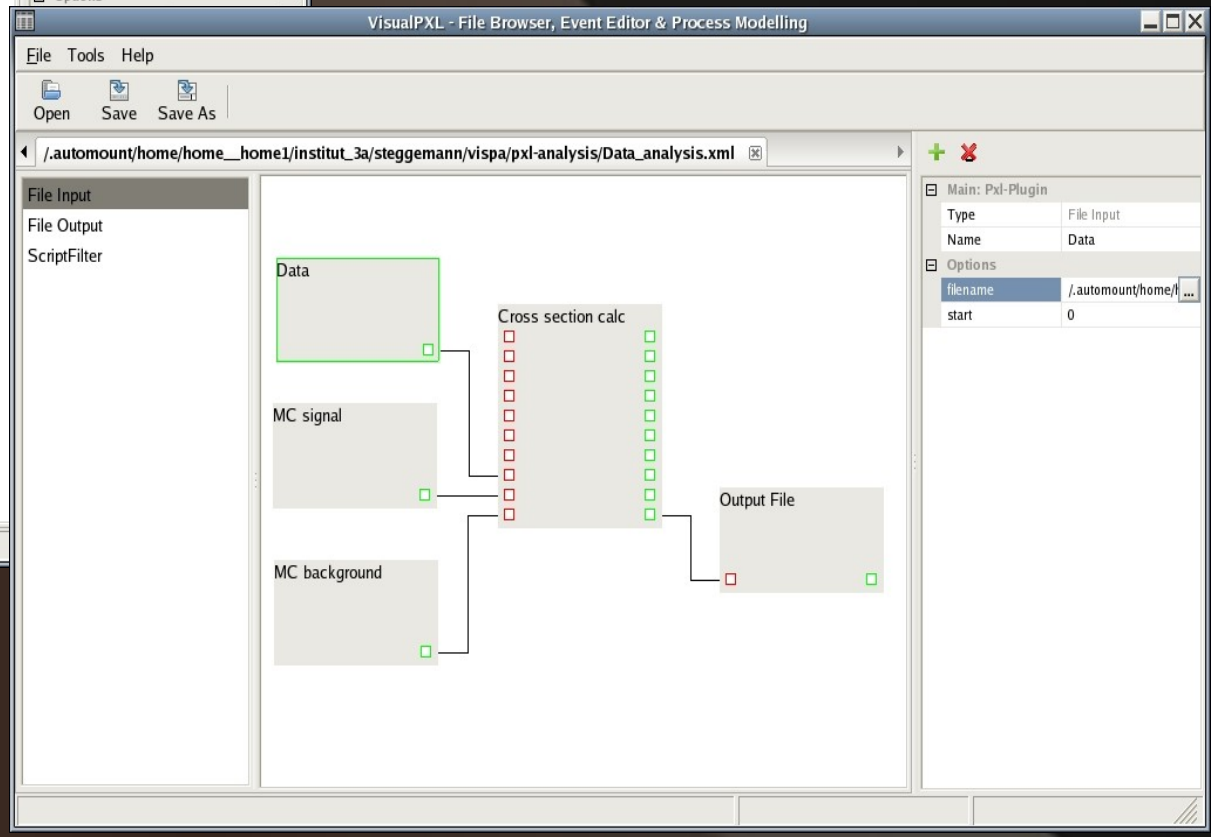


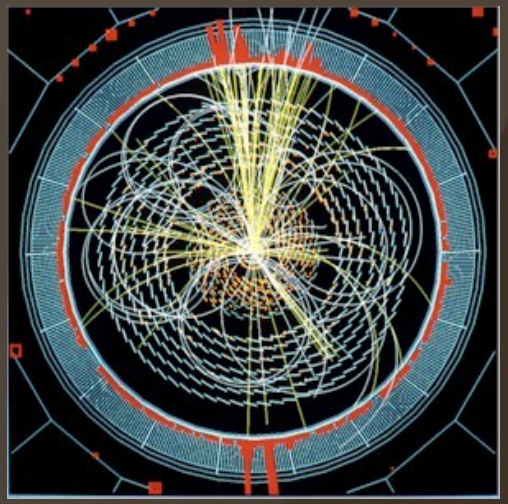
Till now was look & feel
Now: to the ingredients

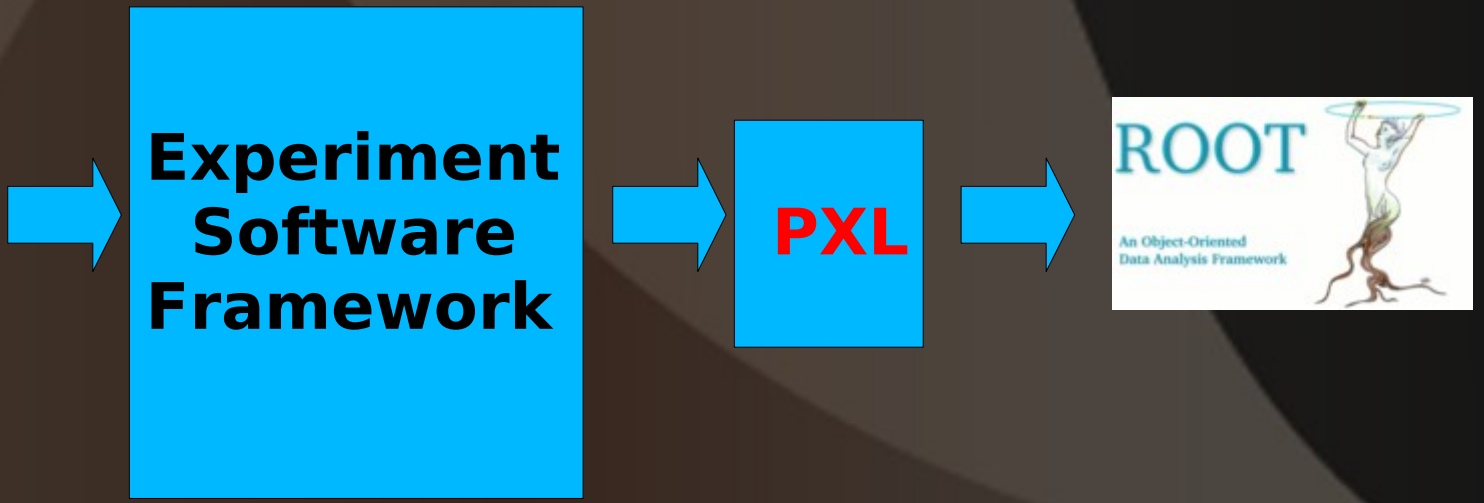
VISPA Packages

- **PXL**: C++ package providing underlying functionality
- **PyPXL**: Python interface to PXL
- **Module steering system**: XML or Python
- **Autolayout algorithm**
- **Autoprocess**: automatic decay chain reconstruction

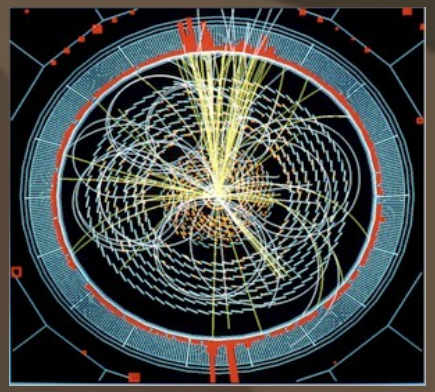
PXL (Physics eXtension Library)

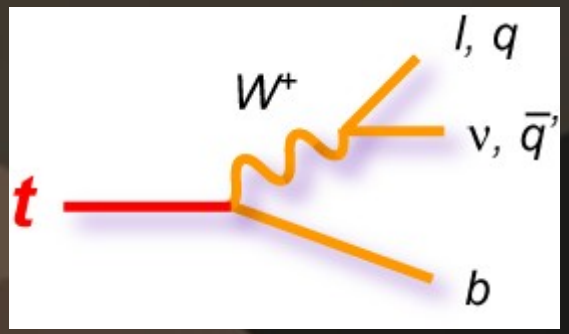
- C++ toolkit for high-level physics analysis
- Provides underlying functionality for Visual Physics Analysis (VISPA)
- Version 2.0 (2008)
- Successor of PAX (Physics Analysis Expert) (2002-2007)





PXL key components: Event Container





- Particles (pxl::Particle)
- Vertices (pxl::Vertex)
- Collisions (pxl::Collision)
- User data (pxl::UserRecord)
- Their **relations** and **roles**

Physics objects

Event View

pxl::EventViews

Event container pxl::Event can hold several **pxl::EventViews**

Allows **deep copies** (physics objects with redirected relations, data members, user records, arbitrary pointers)

PXL key components: UserRecord

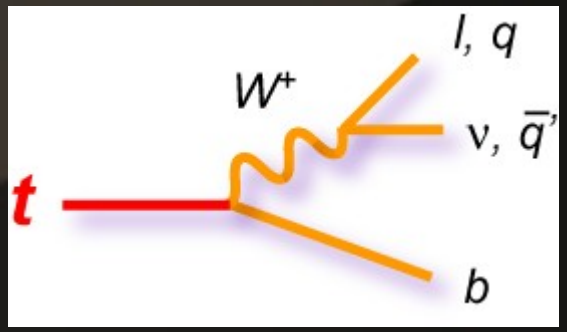
- PXL physics object is not only a fourvector
- PXL physics object has also a **UserRecord** where user data are stored:

  -- these are pairs of names and all basic C++ types (int, double, string)

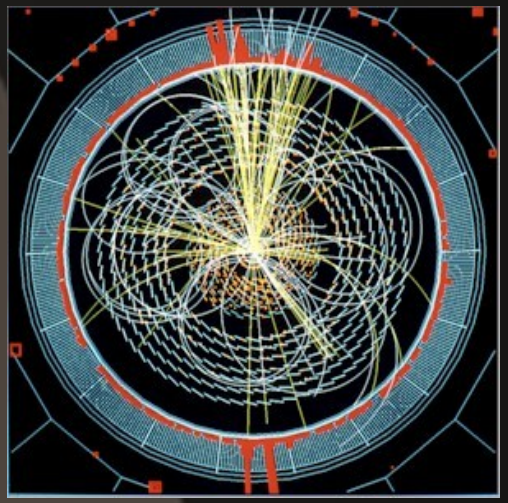
  -- it can be e.g. data from the condition databases etc.

- Deploys **Copy-On-Write** mechanism
- Flexible, extensible and simple extension of objects

PXL key components: Relation Management



- **"Hard" relations:**
  - **Mother, daughter, and flat relations**
  - **Between objects within the same event container**
  - **Safe removal in case of object deletion**



- **"Soft" relations:**
  - **Have an arbitrary name *(string)***
  - **Between any objects**
  - **Provided but not guaranteed**

Input / Output

- Main class **pxl::Serializable**
- **Fast,** Flexible
- **Small file size:** use **ZLIB** library for data compression
- **Information chunks to structure files:** The user has access to each event separately
- Each object knows how to stream itself
  - methods “serialize” and “deserialize”
- Simple inclusion of user classes into I/O scheme

PXL: Summary

- **PXL provides underlying functionalities for VISPA**
- **Powerful C++ tool with key ingredients as**
  - **event container**
  - **relation management**
  - **user record**
  - **fast I/O**
- **Works for any experiment**

Python interface to PXL: why Python?

- Less Python code compared to C++
- Dynamic type allocation
- Python has automatic memory management
- C++ is compiled to an executable, Python does not need compilation
- Python has an interactive mode for testing
- Python code is easy to read
- Both object oriented, work on multiple platforms
- Python is open source
- Use of SWIG for automatic transfer

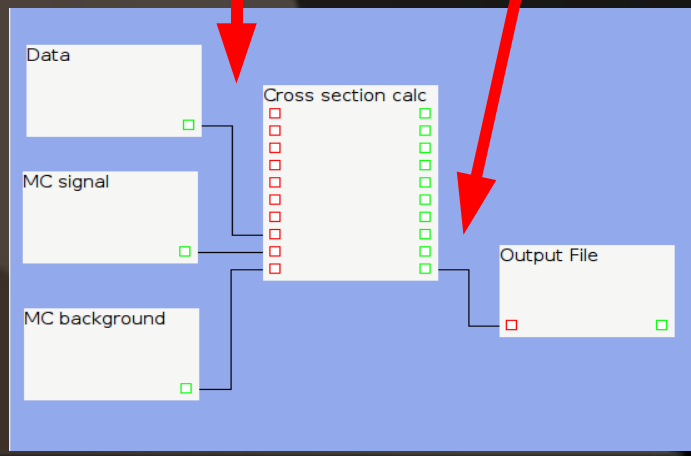
Python popularity in HEP

- Starts to be more popular for doing physics analyses
- Bender – LHCb Python-based physics analysis application
- Possible to perform analysis with Python in CMS
- Some use in D0

Module Steering System

- **Data flow**
  - ➔ each module has a number of sources and sinks
  - ➔ interface between modules: PXL event container
- **Modules**
  - ➔ plug-in mechanism
  - ➔ interactive creation of PYTHON modules
- **XML configuration**
  - ➔ exchange format
  - ➔ save and restore any state of the analysis
- **PYTHON configuration**
  - ➔ high flexibility
  - ➔ easy-to-read

Interface: Event Container



Graphical platform: autolayout algorithm

Hard to read text output

```
g
+ -> t
|     + -> W
|     |     + -> e
|     |     + -> nu
|     + -> b
+ -> t
      + -> W
      |     + -> mu
      |     + -> nu
      + -> b
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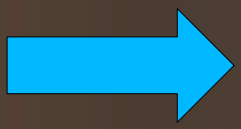
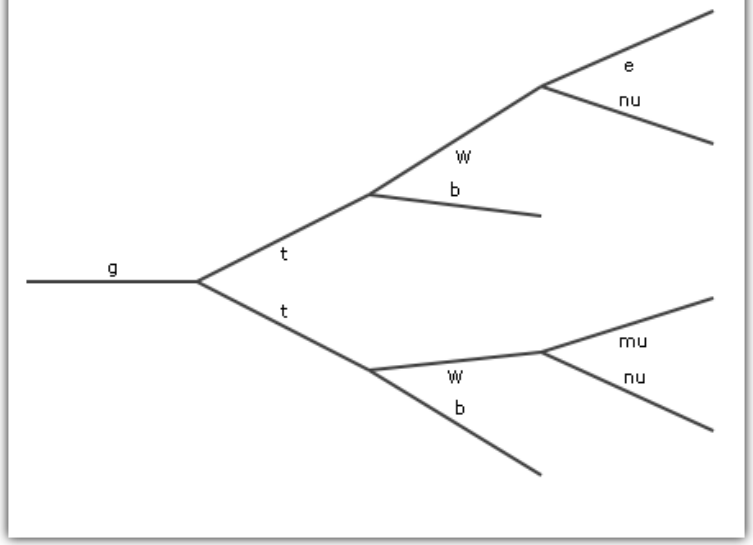
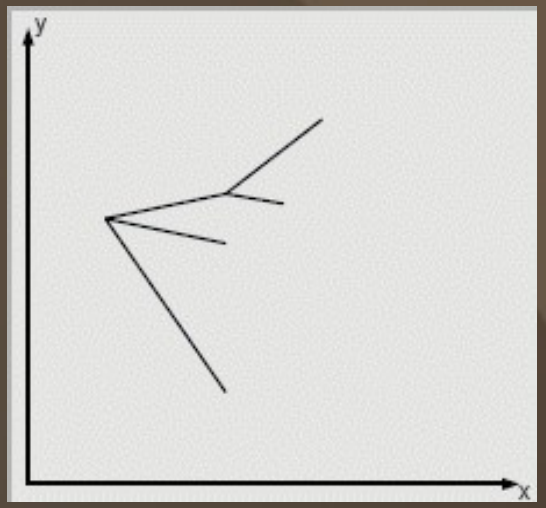
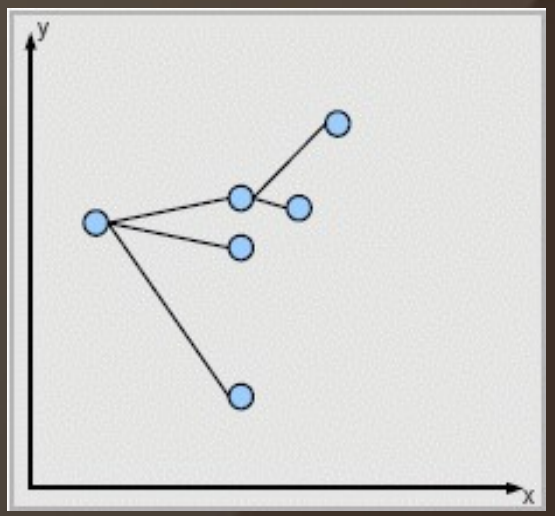


Desired, easy to read decay tree



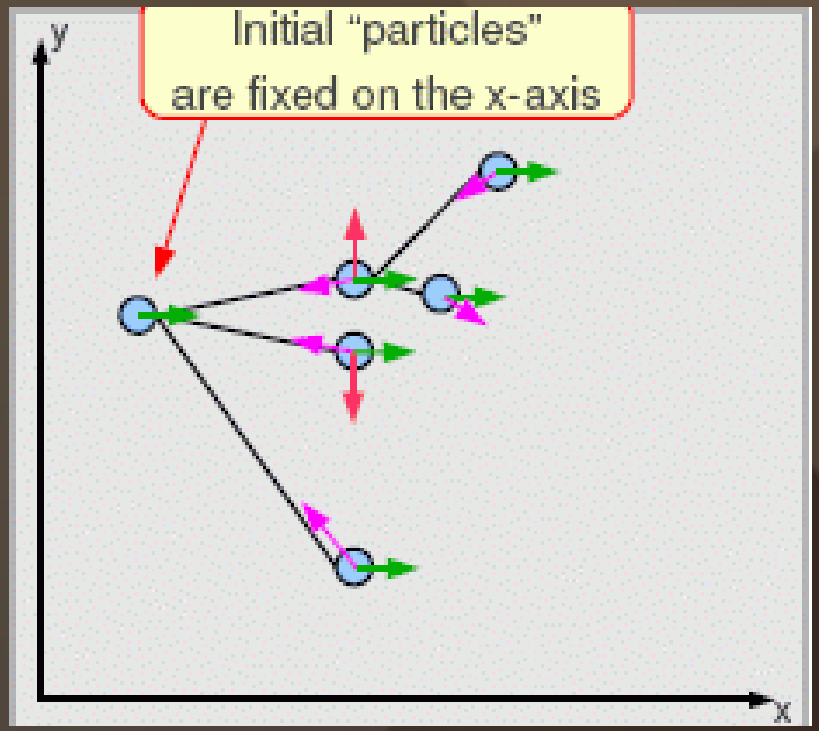
Autolayout algorithm





- Simple particle decay chain in a random initial layout
- Create nodes with the following properties: mass, position, velocity, applied forces

Autolayout algorithm based on model forces



- **Constant forces** to all nodes
- **Repelling forces** between close node
- **Spring forces** to all daughter nodes
- **Friction forces** to all moving nodes

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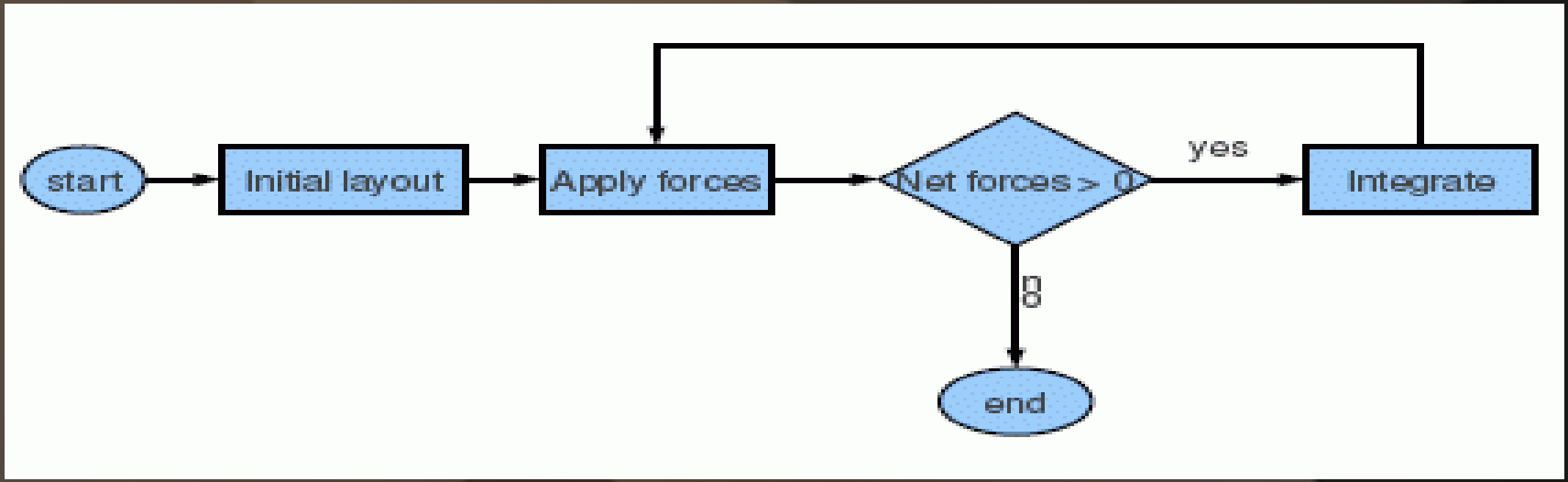
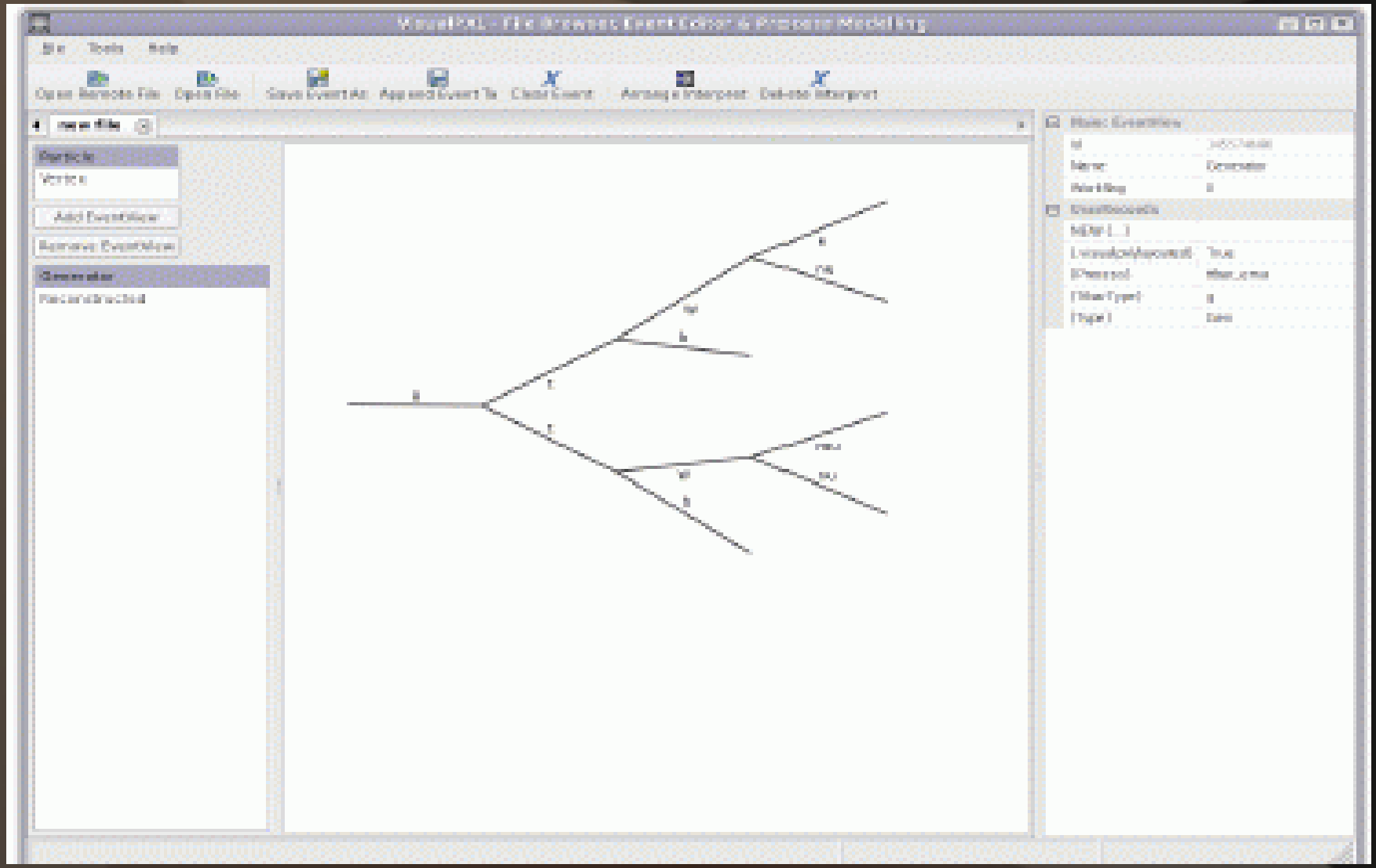


After some iterations all nodes moved into the positions where all forces on the node cancel each other out. After this the system is in stable state

Autolayout algorithm based on model forces: final result



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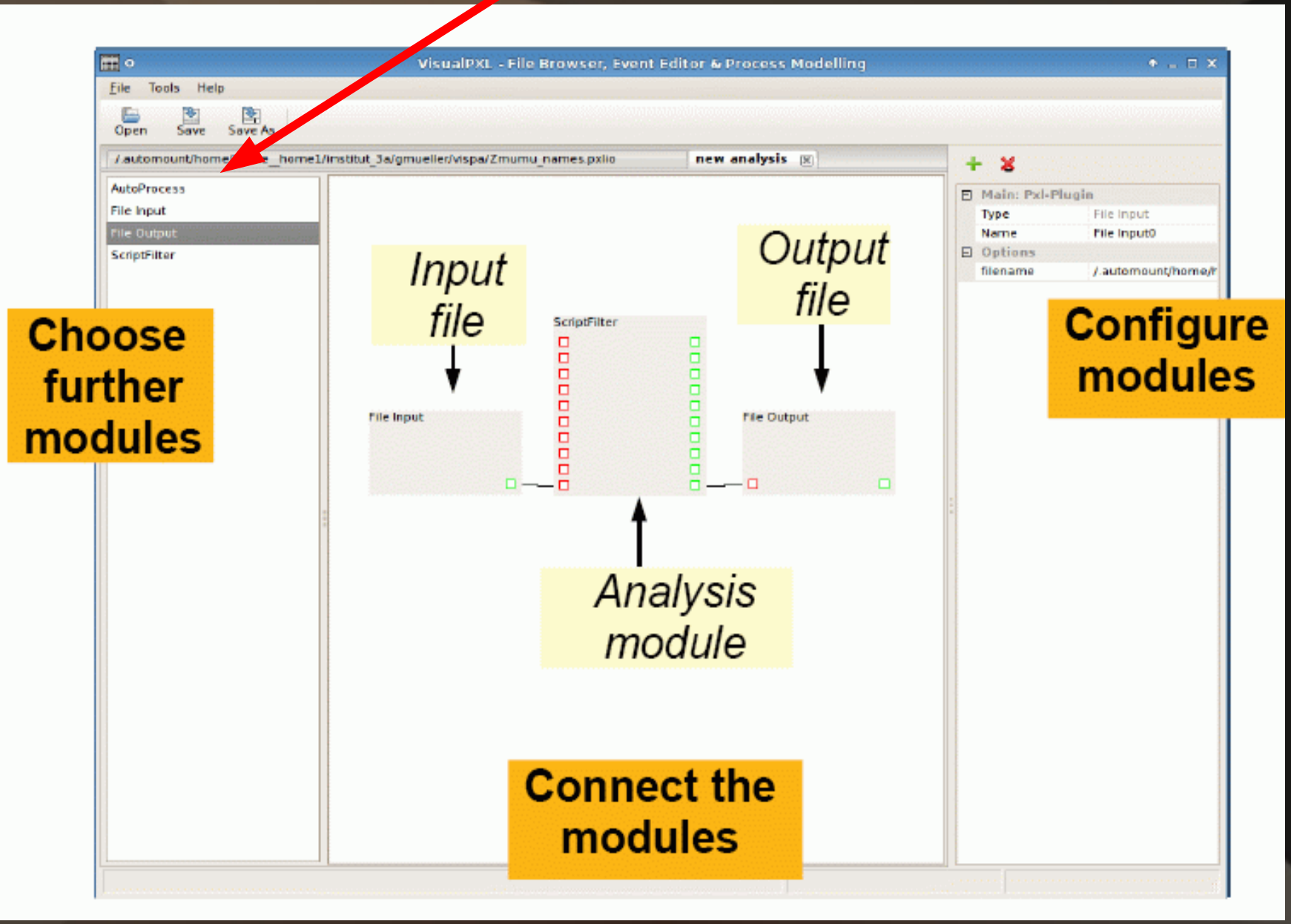
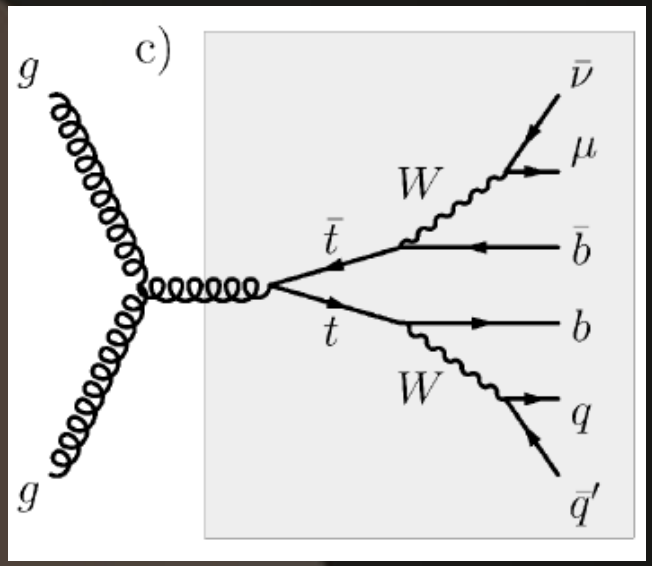


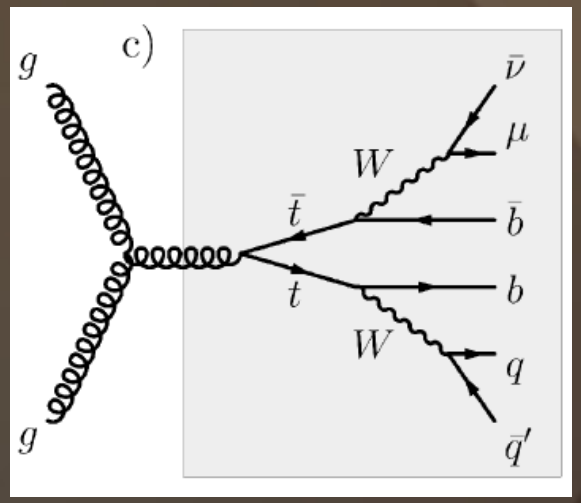
Autoprocess

- In some physics analysis (Top, Higgs, SUSY) a reconstruction of the whole decay chain often needed
- Several possible configurations need to be built
- Autoprocess is an algorithm for automated reconstruction of particle cascades
- Avoid programming reconstruction code for every physics process individually



Autoprocess

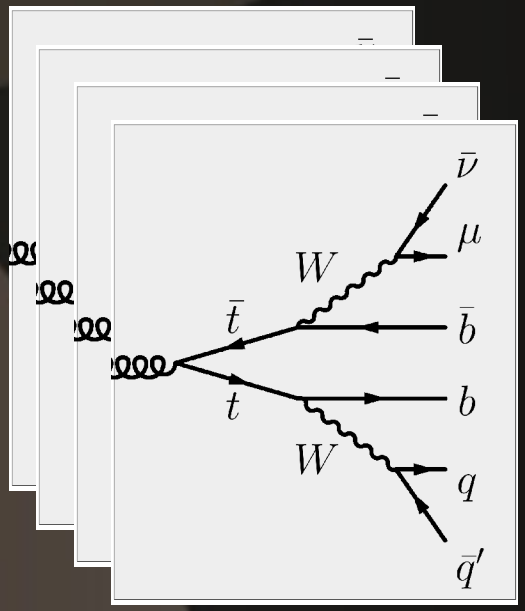
Steering event container



Data event container

Jets
Muons
MET

Output event containers



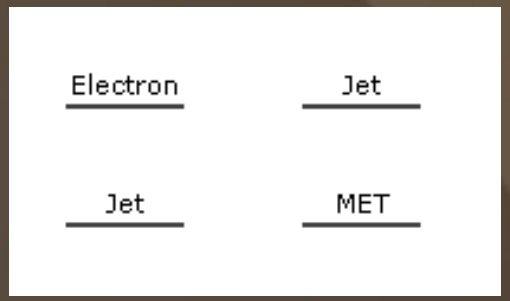
Autoprocess algorithm

- **Steering by an event container* holding (part of a) Feynman diagram**
- **Intuitive for physicist**

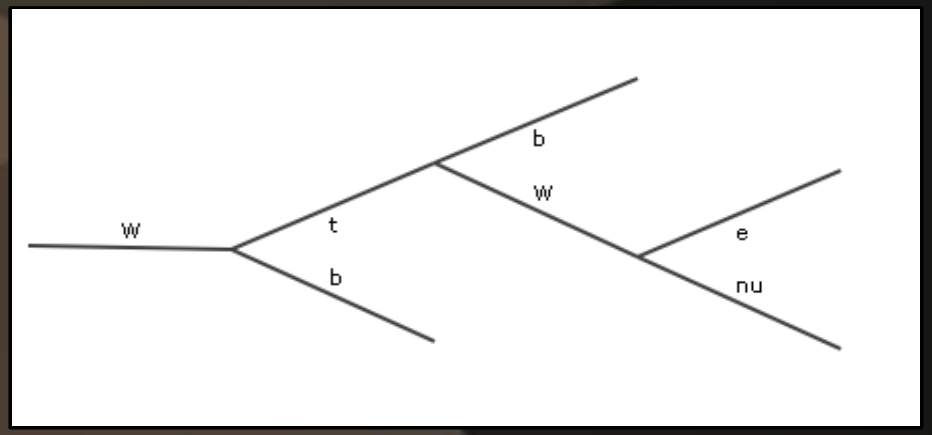
*PXL event container and particles (including relations)

Example: top decay

Reconstructed particles



Steering template

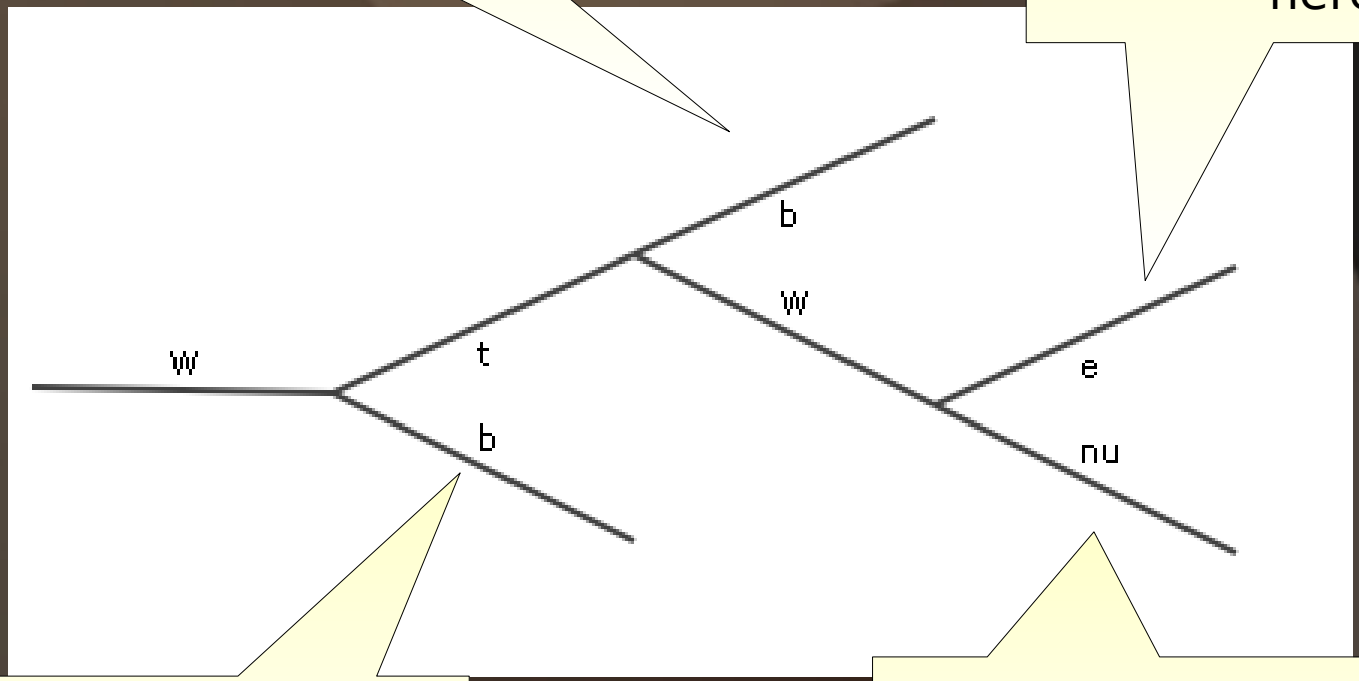


- **First step: “design” the event template of a physics process**

Designing the event template

Place particles with the name “Jet” here

Place reconstructed particles with the names “Electron” or “Muon” here



Place particles with the name “Jet” here

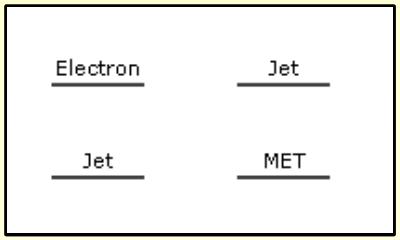
Use the MET for this particle and calculate the Pz-Solutions using a W-mass of “80 GeV”

Do it in Python, can apply cuts...

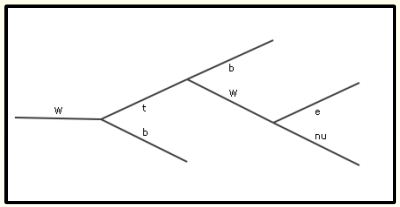
Example

Input:

Reconstructed particles



Steering template



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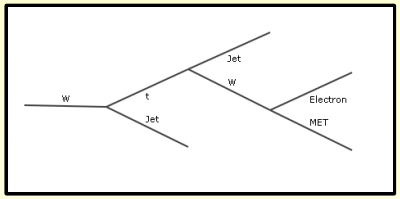
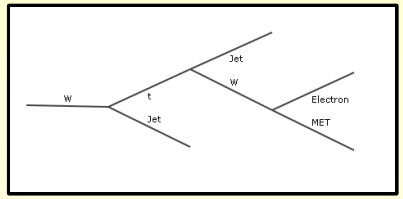
Output:

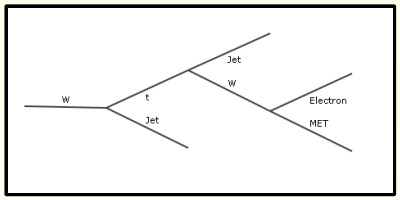
m_top = 187 GeV



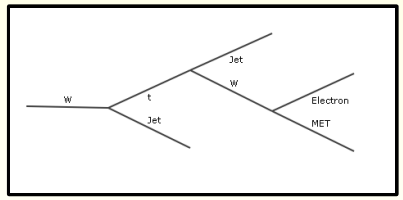
m_top = 215 GeV



m_top = 246 GeV

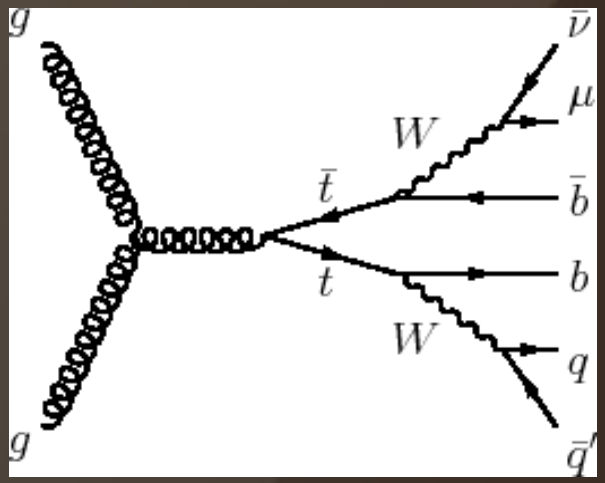


m_top = 173 GeV

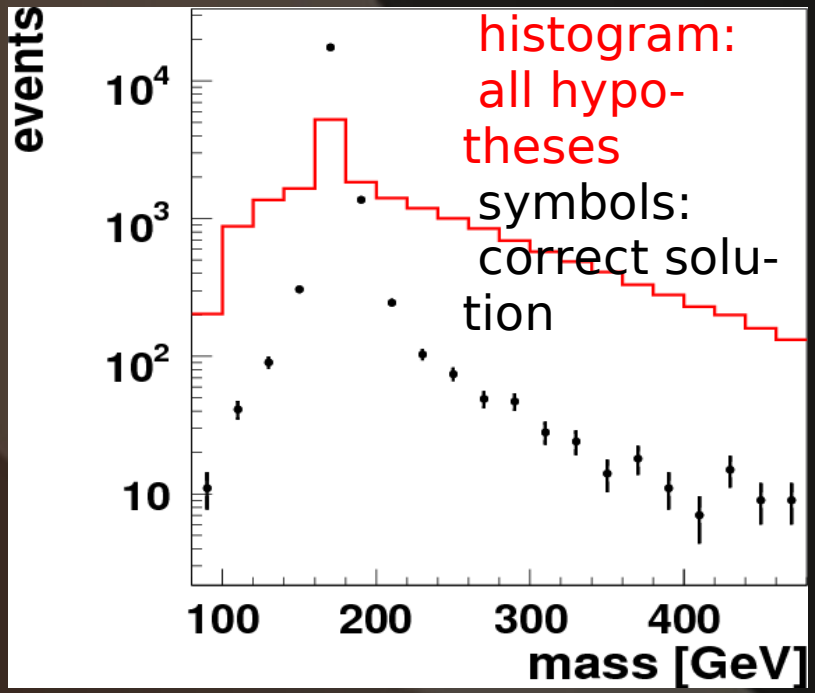


Autoprocess: summary

- Tool for automatic calculation of all event configurations (hypotheses)
- Well suited for e.g. top physics
- Good performance in **CPU time** and **memory consumption**



24 hypotheses



Summary

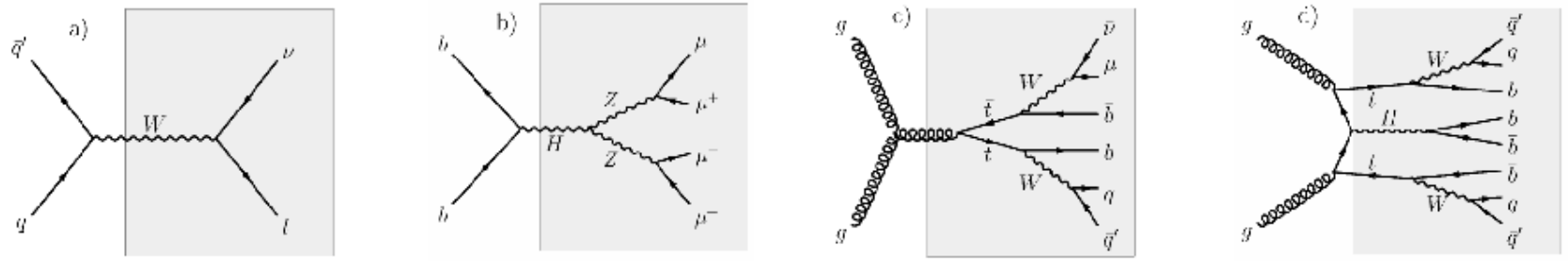
- VISPA is a novel graphical analysis design package for high energy physics analyses
  - Combines visual and textual programming
  - Allows fast prototyping, execution, and verification of an analysis
  - First applications for CMS analysis
- PXL provides underlying functionalities for VISPA
  - Powerful C++ tool with key ingredients as event container, relation management, user record and fast I/O
- Autolayout algorithm
- Autoprocess: powerful tool for automatic calculation of particle cascades

Summary II

- All software is continuously maintained
- Fully documented:
  - Manual for PXL:
    http://pxl.sourceforge.net/manual.pdf
  - Doxygen
- Available online at http://pxl.sourceforge.net
- Look & feel version for MAC is provided
- Publications:
  http://arxiv.org/abs/0810.3609
  http://arxiv.org/abs/0801.1302v2

Backup

Autoprocess: performance

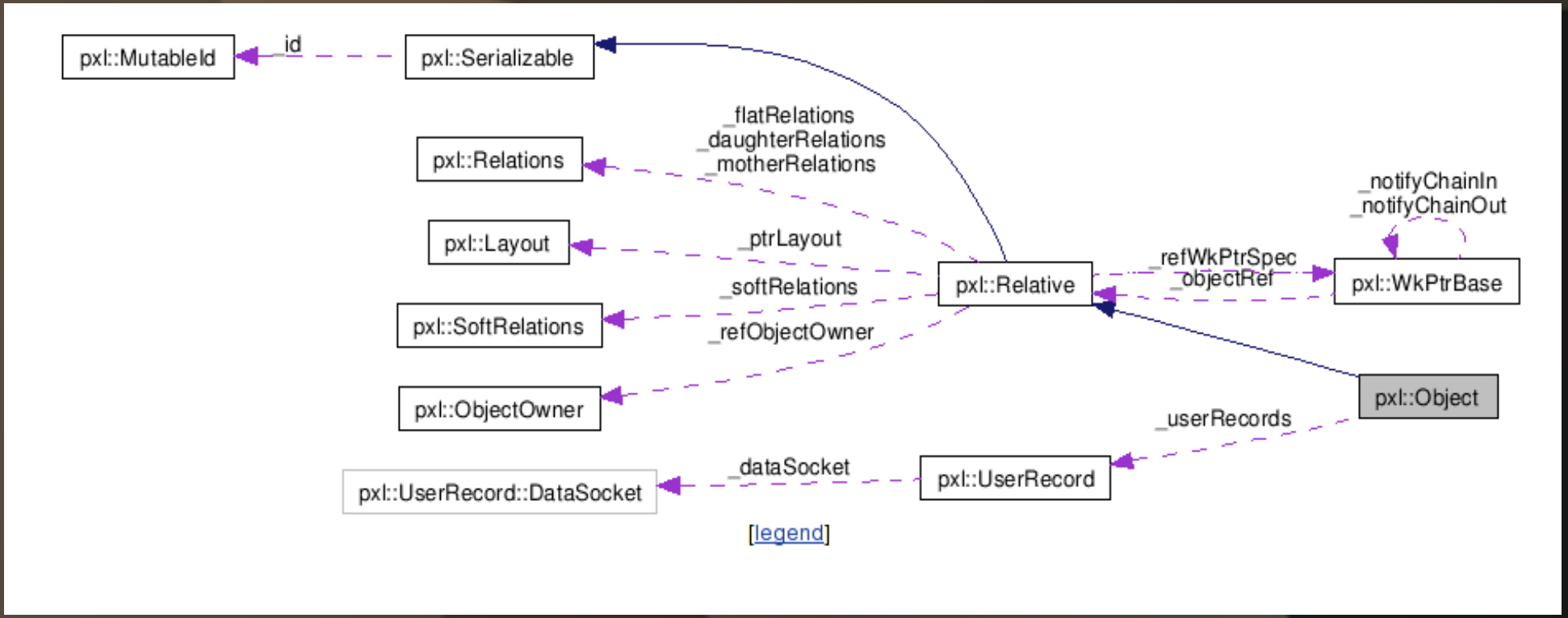


Physics process	number of particles	number of vertices	number of configurations	Time/event [ms]	Mem. alloc. [MByte]
$W \to l\nu$	3	1	2	0.06	< 1
$H \to 4\mu$	7	3	3	0.4	< 1
$t\bar{t} \to \mu\nu 4j$	11	5	24	2.3	< 1
$Ht\bar{t} \to 8j$	13	5	5040	411	36

on a standard personal computer:

- ~20 μs per reconstructed decay vertex
- ~0.6 kByte per reconstructed particle in the decay trees

PXL Objects Structure



- **Inheritance and composition**
  - **I/O** ***(pxl::Serializable)***
  - **relations** ***(pxl::Relative)***
  - **User data** ***(pxl::Object)***
  - **Object container** ***(pxl::ObjectManager)***