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Elegent (ELastic Event GENeraTor)

Elegent (Elastic Event GENeraTor) is a Monte-Carlo generator of (anti-)proton-proton elastic collisions, based on a number of theoretical/phenomenological models.

Up to CMSSW version 4.2.4, Elegent was developed within the TOTEM offline software. This old version is described here. Since CMSSW version 6.2.0, Elegent became a standalone project, see its web page. Although it has forked off, it can still be seamlessly used in TOTEM offline software - see the IOMC/Elegent module.

The recommended usage of ElegentSource

As for every energy there is one preferred/default ROOT file with CDFs, the ElegentSource_cfi.py includes function ElegentDefaultFileName(energy) which returns the default filename for the given energy (string parameter). Hence a recommended usage is as follows

energy = "3500"
...
import IOMC.Elegent.ElegentSource_cfi
process.generator = IOMC.Elegent.ElegentSource_cfi.generator
process.generator.fileName = IOMC.Elegent.ElegentSource_cfi.ElegentDefaultFileName(energy)
process.generator.verbosity = ...
...

Physics models

The physics model can be set by

process.generator.model = cms.string('<your choice here>')

The list of available models can be retrieved by calling

ElegentTDistributionSampler -model-list

Further information is available in Elegent documentation.

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