

MG5aMC tutorial; requirements

- Laptop PC (with internet connection)
- Terminal (for shell operation)
- Basic knowledge of shell commands;
e.g. `pwd`, `mkdir`, `cd`, `cp`, `mv`, `rm`, `tar`, `less`, `more`, ...
- python 2.6 or 2.7 / python3 from v2.8.0
- gfortran/gcc 4.6 or higher
- matplotlib (or ROOT) [for MadAnalysis5]

MG5aMC; start-up

- Download **MG5_aMC_vX.Y.Z.tar.gz** from the MadGraph5_aMC@NLO launchpad:
<https://launchpad.net/mg5amcnlo>
- At your working directory in a terminal, untar:
\$ tar zxvf MG5_aMC_vX.Y.Z.tar.gz
- Go into the MG5aMC directory:
\$ cd MG5_aMC_vX_Y_Z/
- Start MG5aMC:
\$./bin/mg5_aMC

MG5aMC; install other tools

- For plots:
MG5_aMC> install [MadAnalysis5](#)
- For parton-shower and hadronization:
MG5_aMC> install [pythia8](#)
- For detector simulation:
MG5_aMC> install [Delphes](#)
- For NLO calculations:
MG5_aMC> install [looptools](#)

MG5aMC; main 4 steps

- MG5_aMC> import model **MODEL** (e.g. 2HDM)
- MG5_aMC> generate **PROCESS** (e.g. $p p \rightarrow t t^{\sim}$)
- MG5_aMC> output (**myprocess**)
- MG5_aMC> launch
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- MG5_aMC> ...

MG5aMC; tips

- Use auto-completion by “tab (tab)”.
- MG5_aMC> help
- MG5_aMC> help **COMMAND** (e.g. generate)
- MG5_aMC> tutorial

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The foreground window is at `answers.launchpad.net` and displays the 'Ask a question' page for MadGraph5_aMC@NLO. The page includes a navigation menu (Overview, Code, Bugs, Blueprints, Translations, Answers), a form to ask a question with a language dropdown set to 'English (en)*', and a 'Continue' button. The background window is at `launchpad.net` and shows the project page for MadGraph5_aMC@NLO, featuring a 'Subscribe to bug mail' button and a 'Downloads' section with links to the latest version (2.6.x) and a beta version (3.0.1_beta). A red text overlay is positioned over the 'Ask a question' form.

One can directly communicate with the developers via Launchpad (ask questions, report bugs, etc).

EX-1; change parameters

- Semi-leptonic decays in top-pair production at the LHC:
`MG5_aMC>` generate $p p \rightarrow t \bar{t}, t \rightarrow b l \nu_l, \bar{t} \rightarrow \bar{b} j j$
- How can we change?
 - top mass
 - top width
 - W mass
 - beam energy
 - p_T cut on leptons

EX-2; process generation (coupling order)

- What is the difference?
 1. $>$ generate $p p \rightarrow t t^{\sim}$
 2. $>$ generate $p p \rightarrow t t^{\sim}$ QCD=0
 3. $>$ generate $p p \rightarrow t t^{\sim}$ QED=0
 4. $>$ generate $p p \rightarrow t t^{\sim}$ QED \leq 99
- Compare the cross sections.