



Geant4: A Simulation toolkit

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With many thanks to the Geant4 community !!!!

The roadmap of the week

W1: installation / running a G4 application

W2: Primary generator, GPS, physics list

W3: Geometries !

W4: Sensitive detectors / user's actions

Do the one
you want to practice
on

NOW, HOW does it really work ?

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- **Linux systems**

- Scientific Linux CERN SLC5, with gcc 4.1.2 or 4.3.X, 32/64bit
- Scientific Linux CERN 6 with gcc 4.6.X, 64bit

Geant4 has also been successfully compiled on other Linux distributions, including Debian, Ubuntu and openSUSE (not officially supported)



- **MacOSX systems**

- Mac OS X 10.7 (Lion) and 10.8 (Mountain Lion) with gcc 4.2.1 (Apple), 64bit

Geant4 has also been successfully compiled on Mac OS X 10.6.8 (Snow Leopard) with gcc 4.2.1 (Apple), (not officially supported)



- **Windows systems**

- Windows 7 with Visual Studio 10 (VS2010).

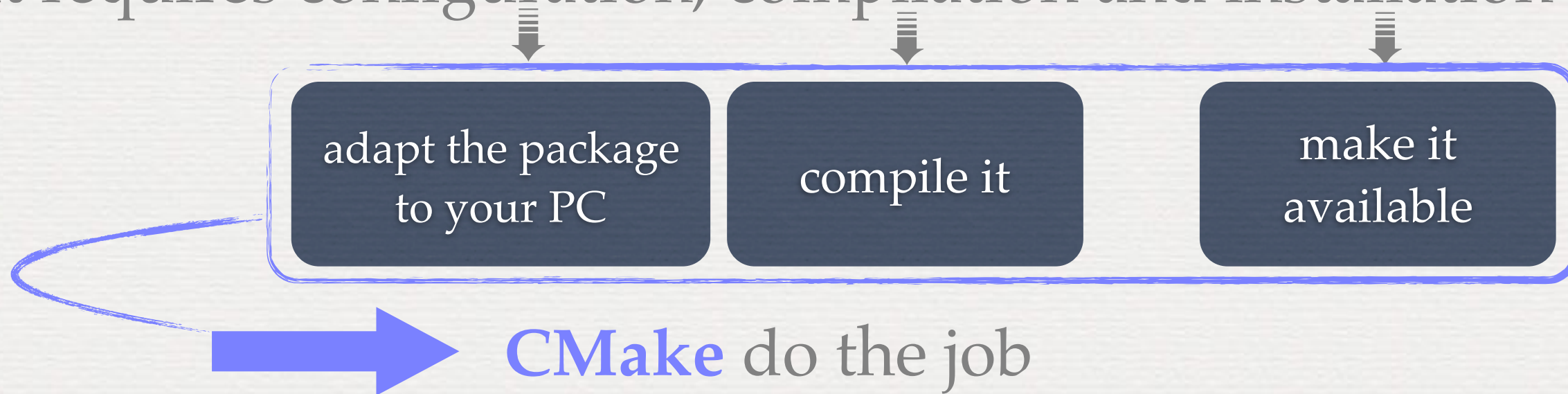




G4 installation, the cmake tool

Installation from sources*:

- no need to be super-user, root, admin → autonomy
- help to customize the installation to match needs
- it requires configuration, compilation and installation



CMake do the job

<http://www.cmake.org>

[G4 recommended and officially supported]

You have to have it installed on you machine !

* *pre-compiled package are also available on the G4 site*

not covered here



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to get the G4 package

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unzip, untar ... of course in /home/

```
stezow@lyofor01:~$ pwd
/home/formateurs/stezow
stezow@lyofor01:~$ ls
geant4.9.6.p02.tar.gz
stezow@lyofor01:~$ gunzip geant4.9.6.p02.tar.gz
stezow@lyofor01:~$ ls
geant4.9.6.p02.tar
stezow@lyofor01:~$ tar -xvf geant4.9.6.p02.tar
```

```
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_g3tog4.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_persistence.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxyfile_standalone
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/README
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_biasing.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/History
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_basic.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_field.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_analysis.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_hadronic.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_eventgenerator.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_common.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_new.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_runAndEvent.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/generate_standalone.sh
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_parameterisations.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymain.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_geometry.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_optical.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_parallel.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.README.HowToRun
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/History
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/README.HowToRun
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/GNUMakefile
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/CMakeLists.txt
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/README
geant4.9.6.p02/LICENSE
geant4.9.6.p02/CMakeLists.txt
stezow@lyofor01:~$
```

source files

this is the file CMake needs !



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And now, full G4 installation in three steps

1. Configuration

Out of source building

- keep sources clean
- allows several installations

```
Shell Shell
*WARNING*
Geant4 has been pre-configured to look for datasets
in the directory:

/home/formateurs/stezow/geant4.9.6.p02-install/share/Geant4-9.6.2/data

but the following datasets are NOT present on disk at
that location:

G4NDL (4.2)
G4EMLOW (6.32)
PhotonEvaporation (2.3)
RadioactiveDecay (3.6)
G4NEUTRONXS (1.2)
G4PIT (1.3)
RealSurface (1.0)
G4SAIDDATA (1.1)

If you want to have these datasets installed automatically
simply re-run cmake and set the GEANT4_INSTALL_DATA
variable to ON. This will configure the build to download
and install these datasets for you. For example, on the
command line, do:

cmake -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON

The variable can also be toggled in cmake or cmake-gui.
If you're running on a Windows system, this is the best
solution as CMake will unpack the datasets for you
```

G4 is made of modules!

Data needed @ running time

```
New Info Custom ze Close
Shell Shell
stezow@lyofor01:~$ pwd
/home/formateurs/stezow
stezow@lyofor01:~$ ls
geant4.9.6.p02 geant4.9.6.p02.tar utilities
stezow@lyofor01:~$ mkdir geant4.9.6.p02-build
stezow@lyofor01:~$ cd geant4.9.6.p02-build
stezow@lyofor01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$ cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/home/formateurs/stezow/geant4.9.6.p02-install ../geant4.9.6.p02
```





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-DOPTION=VALUE

-DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON

-DGEANT4_USE_QT=ON ...

Additional modules:
options [external packages]

Core components:
all needed and built

```

stezow@lyofar01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$
stezow@lyofar01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$ cmake -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/home/formateurs/stezow/geant4.9.6.p02-install -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON ../geant4.9.6.p02
-- Configuring download of missing dataset G4NDL (4.2)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset G4EMLOW (6.32)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset PhotonEvaporation (2.3)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset RadioactiveDecay (3.6)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset G4NEUTRONXS (1.2)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset G4PII (1.3)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset RealSurface (1.0)
-- Configuring download of missing dataset G4SAIDDATA (1.1)
-- The following Geant4 features are enabled:
GEANT4_BUILD_CXXSTD: Compiling against C++ Standard 'c++98'
GEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_EXPAT: Use system EXPAT library

```

2. Compilation

3. Installation

NOT mandatory, the building directory could be enough

```

stezow@lyofar01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$ make -j2
Scanning dependencies of target G4EMLOW
Scanning dependencies of target G4NDL
[ 0%] Creating directories for 'G4EMLOW'
[ 0%] Creating directories for 'G4NDL'
[ 0%] Performing download step (download, verify and extract) for 'G4EMLOW'
[ 0%] -- downloading...
src='http://geant4.cern.ch/support/source/G4EMLOW.6.32.tar.gz'
dst='/home/formateurs/stezow/geant4.9.6.p02-build/Externals/G4EMLOW-6.32/src/G4EMLOW.6.32.tar.gz'
timeout='1500 seconds'

```

```

[100%] Building CXX object source/physics_lists/MakeFiles/G4physicslists.dir/list
[100%] Building CXX object source/physics_lists/MakeFiles/G4physicslists.dir/list
[100%] Building CXX object source/physics_lists/MakeFiles/G4physicslists.dir/list
[100%] Building CXX object source/physics_lists/MakeFiles/G4physicslists.dir/list
[100%] Building CXX object source/physics_lists/MakeFiles/G4physicslists.dir/list
Linking CXX shared library ../../outputs/library/Linux-g++/libG4physicslists.so
[100%] Built target G4physicslists
stezow@lyofar01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$ make install

```

Note: Modules are also shared libraries



For this workshop, 2 versions installed

The command used to build G4 in standard locations of the local machine is :

```
cmake -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON -DGEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11=ON -DGEANT4_USE_GDML=ON -DGEANT4_USE_QT=ON ../geant4.10.4.2
```

The directory where it is installed in :

```
/usr/local/share/Geant4-10.4.2
```

The command used to build G4 in a directory specific to this practical session is :

```
cmake -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON -DGEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11=ON ../geant4.10.4.2
```

The directory where it is installed in :

```
/group/formateurs/stezowski/geant4.10.04.p02-build-core/
```

At the end of the cmake command you should have a summary of the options

```
cmake -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON -DGEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11=ON -DGEANT4_USE_RAYTRACER_X11=ON  
-DGEANT4_USE_GDML=ON -DGEANT4_USE_QT=ON ../geant4.10.4.2
```

...

-- The following Geant4 features are enabled:

GEANT4_BUILD_CXXSTD: Compiling against C++ Standard 'c++11'

GEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_EXPAT: Use system EXPAT library

GEANT4_USE_GDML: Build Geant4 with GDML support

GEANT4_USE_QT: Build Geant4 with Qt support

GEANT4_USE_RAYTRACER_X11: Build RayTracer driver with X11 support

GEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11: Build Geant4 OpenGL driver with X11 support



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TODO List

Install Geant4 the same way in your home directory !

do not install data files

- first, the 10.4.2 'core' version (i.e. no option)
- then the 10.4.2 + Qt, more complete one*

*see here for a full description of the available options <http://geant4-userdoc.web.cern.ch/geant4-userdoc/UsersGuides/InstallationGuide/html/installguide.html>

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C++ (Object Oriented) into the game - *ex: classes that transform objects*

include file

```
#ifndef _VBase_hh
#define _VBase_hh

class VBase
{
protected:
    float _X;
    float _Y;
    AnObject _0;
} data members

public:
    VBase(float x, float y, AnObject o);
    virtual ~VBase();
} constructor, to init

    virtual void Reset();
} methods to change data values

    virtual void Transform(float xnew, float ynew) = 0;
};

#endif
```

VBase.hh

source file

```
#include "VBase.hh"

VBase::VBase(float x, float y, AnObject o)
{
    _X = x;
    _Y = y;
    _0 = o;
}

void VBase::Reset()
{
    _X = _Y = 0;
    _0 = 0;
}
```

VBase.cc

inherits from

```
#ifndef _MyBase_hh
#define _MyBase_hh

#include "VBase.hh"

class MyBase : public VBase
{
protected:
    AnotherObject _00;
}

public:
    MyBase(float x, float y, AnObject o, AnotherObject oo);
    virtual ~MyBase();

    virtual void Reset();

    virtual void Transform(float xnew, float ynew);
};

#endif
```

MyBase.hh

```
#include MyBase.hh"

MyBase::MyBase(float x, float y, AnObject o, AnotherObject oo) :
VBase(x,y,o)
{
    _00 = oo;
}

void MyBase::Reset()
{
    VBase::Reset(); _00 = 0;
}

void MyBase::Transform(float xnew, float ynew)
{
    AnObject o_tmp = _0;

    _0 = _00;
    _00 = o_tmp;

    _X = xnew; _Y = ynew;

    // ... something like _0.Show() and _00.Hide()
}
```

MyBase.cc

- Knowing VBase interface enough to play with all kind of objects inheriting from VBase
- At running time the 'right' methods are called



The user's application

Building an application requires to put together 3 mandatory bricks*

the detector construction - the description of the physics - the primary generator

```
class ARedSphereConstruction : public G4VUserDetectorConstruction
{
// the virtual method to be implemented by the user
  virtual G4VPhysicalVolume* Construct();
};
```

+
many other hooks
but
not mandatory

```
class AGammaGun : public G4VUserPrimaryGeneratorAction
{
// the virtual method to be implemented by the user
  virtual void GeneratePrimaries(G4Event* anEvent);
};
```

```
class AnElectroMagneticPhysicsList: public G4VUserPhysicsList
{
// the virtual method to be implemented by the user
  void ConstructParticle();
// the virtual method to be implemented by the user
  void ConstructProcess();
// the virtual method to be implemented by the user
  void SetCuts();
};
```

```
// The User's main program to control / run simulations
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
// Construct the run manager, necessary for G4 kernel to control everything
  G4RunManager *theRunManager = new G4RunManager();

// Then add mandatory initialization G4 classes provided by the USER
  // detector construction
  // physics list
  // initialisation of the generator

  theRunManager->SetUserInitialization( new ARedSphereConstuction() );
  theRunManager->SetUserInitialization( new AnElectroMagneticPhysicsList() );
  theRunManager->SetUserAction( new AGammaGun() );

  .
  .

  return 0;
}
```


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your CMakeLists.txt

```
# Setup the project
project(W1_LI0)

#-----
# Find Geant4 package, activating all available UI and Vis drivers by default
# You can set WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS to OFF via the command line or ccmake/cmake-gui
# to build a batch mode only executable
option(WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS "Build example with Geant4 UI and Vis drivers" ON)
if(WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS)
  find_package(Geant4 REQUIRED ui_all vis_all)
else()
  find_package(Geant4 REQUIRED)
endif()

#-----
# Setup Geant4 include directories and compile definitions
include(${Geant4_USE_FILE})
include_directories(${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/csrc)

#-----
# Locate sources and headers for this project.

set(PROJECT_SRC
  )
set(PROJECT_HEADER
  )

#-----
# Add the executable, and link it to the Geant4 libraries
add_executable(LI0_W1 LI0_W1.cc ${PROJECT_SRC} ${PROJECT_HEADER})
#
target_link_libraries(LI0_W1 ${Geant4_LIBRARIES} ${EXTRA_LIB})

#-----
# Install the executable to 'bin' directory under CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX
#
install(TARGETS LI0_W1 DESTINATION bin)
```

your application's name

to be sure what is installed
is enough to build
your application

where is the G4 version used

this is the place where
you tell cmake what files are
part of your application

it fully defines the main/exe

place to install your
application (if required)

The user's application



```
# Setup the project
project(W1_LIO)

#-----
# Find Geant4 package, activating all available UI and Vis drivers by default
# You can set WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS to OFF via the command line or cmake/cmake-gui
# to build a batch mode only executable
option(WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS "Build example with Geant4 UI and Vis drivers" ON)
if(WITH_GEANT4_UIVIS)
  find_package(Geant4 REQUIRED ui_all vis_all)
else()
  find_package(Geant4 REQUIRED)
endif()

#-----
# Setup Geant4 include directories and compile definitions
include(${Geant4_USE_FILE})
include_directories(${PROJECT_SOURCE_DIR}/csrc)

#-----
# Locate sources and headers for this project.

set(PROJECT_SRC
  )
  + add the source files

set(PROJECT_HEADER
  )
  + add the header files

#-----
# Add the executable, and link it to the Geant4 libraries
add_executable(LIO_W1 LIO_W1.cc ${PROJECT_SRC} ${PROJECT_HEADER})
#
target_link_libraries(LIO_W1 ${Geant4_LIBRARIES} ${EXTRA_LIB})

#-----
# Install the executable to 'bin' directory under CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX
#
install(TARGETS LIO_W1 DESTINATION bin)
```

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The user's application

To build your application

```
mkdir build
```

```
cd build
```

```
cmake -DGeant4_DIR=/path/to/the/G4buildingDirYouWant(*) ../
```

```
make -j2
```

```
cd ..
```

To run it

```
source /path/to/the/G4buildingDirYouWant/geant4make/geant4make.sh
```

```
./build/the_exe_you_have_defined_its_name
```

(*) */usr/local/share/Geant4-10.4.2* or */group/formateurs/stezowski/geant4.10.04.p02-build-core*



The user's application

TODO List

Copy the first example in your directory

```
cp -r /group/formateurs/stezowski/LIO_W1 LIO_W1_MyWork
```

Have a look in the directory, identify the various files

Build the application [*in a sub-directory called build**]:

- you may need to modify some files !
- run a GeantinoGun in a Red Sphere [./*build/LIO_W1*]
- run a GammaGun in a Red Sphere
- run a ProtonGun in a Blue Cube

(*) You can have several of such directory depending of the geant4 version you are using. EX :

build-core in case you a building using `-DGeant4_DIR= /group/formateurs/stezowski/geant4.10.04.p02-build-core`

build-gdml-qt in case you a building using `-DGeant4_DIR= /usr/local/share/Geant4-10.4.2`

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Play with the simulation using the interface:

- run the application and type help
- have a look at the commands, try for instance:

/units/list

/process/list and */process/dump* -

/run/setCut 0.1 mm and */run/setCutForAGivenParticle e- 10 um*

/material/g4/printElement and */material/g4/printMaterial*

/particle/list and */gun/List*

...

- check geometry with */vis/drawTree*
- all commands could be in a file - see *visGL.mac*
- run it with */control/execute visGL.mac*
- to start a run with 100 particles */run/beamOn 100*



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The screenshot shows the G4 user application interface. On the left is a scene tree with a hierarchy: Touchables, World (0), Target (0), Tracker (0), and five Chambers (0-4). The main window displays a 3D scene with a blue trajectory line and a red trajectory line. Below the scene is an output window showing event logs and a run summary. At the bottom, there is a search bar and a session input field.

G4 help on commands

Play with geometry

interact with the geometry

Output G4

type commands



The user's application

Advanced features to check geometry, see and interact

TODO List

- try also with G4 standard examples:

ExampleN05

Simplified BaBar calorimeter with EM shower parametrisation
run and execute in Qt vis.mac

ExampleB3

Schematic Positron Emitted Tomography system + Radioactive source
run + /run/beamOn 10

extended/optical/Lxe

examples of generic optical processes simulation setups
/run/initialize then /run/beamOn 10

....



Conclusions of W1

We have seen

- How to install G4 using CMake
- How to customize / build / run the user's application
- The commands called C++ methods using Messengers
 - ↳ see W2 to know how to do it