Geant4: A Simulation toolkit

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With many thanks to the Geant4 community !!!!

The roadmap of the lecture

W1: installation / running a G4 application

W2: Primary generator, GPS, physics list

W3: Geometries !

W4: Sensitive detectors / user's actions

More technical view of the content of an application

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

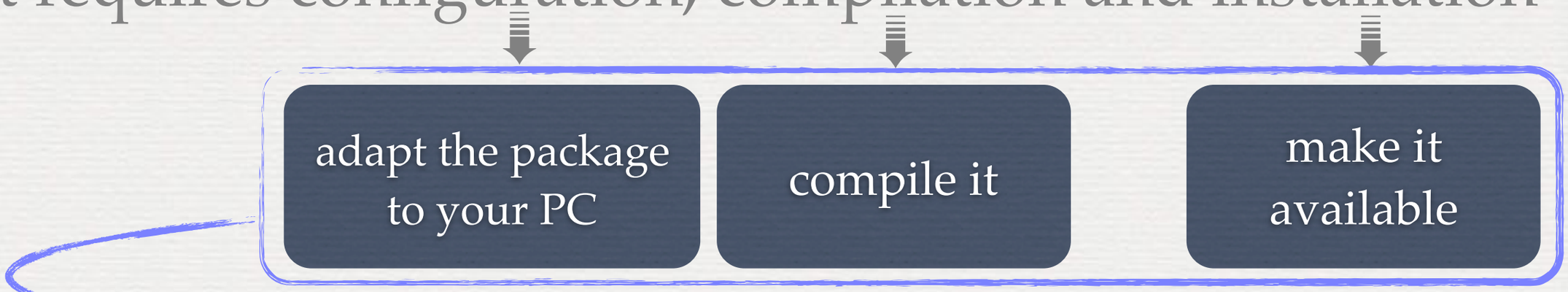
  Geant4 has also been successfully compiled on Mac OS X 10.6.8 (Snow Leopard) with gcc 4.2.1 (Apple), (not officially supported)

- **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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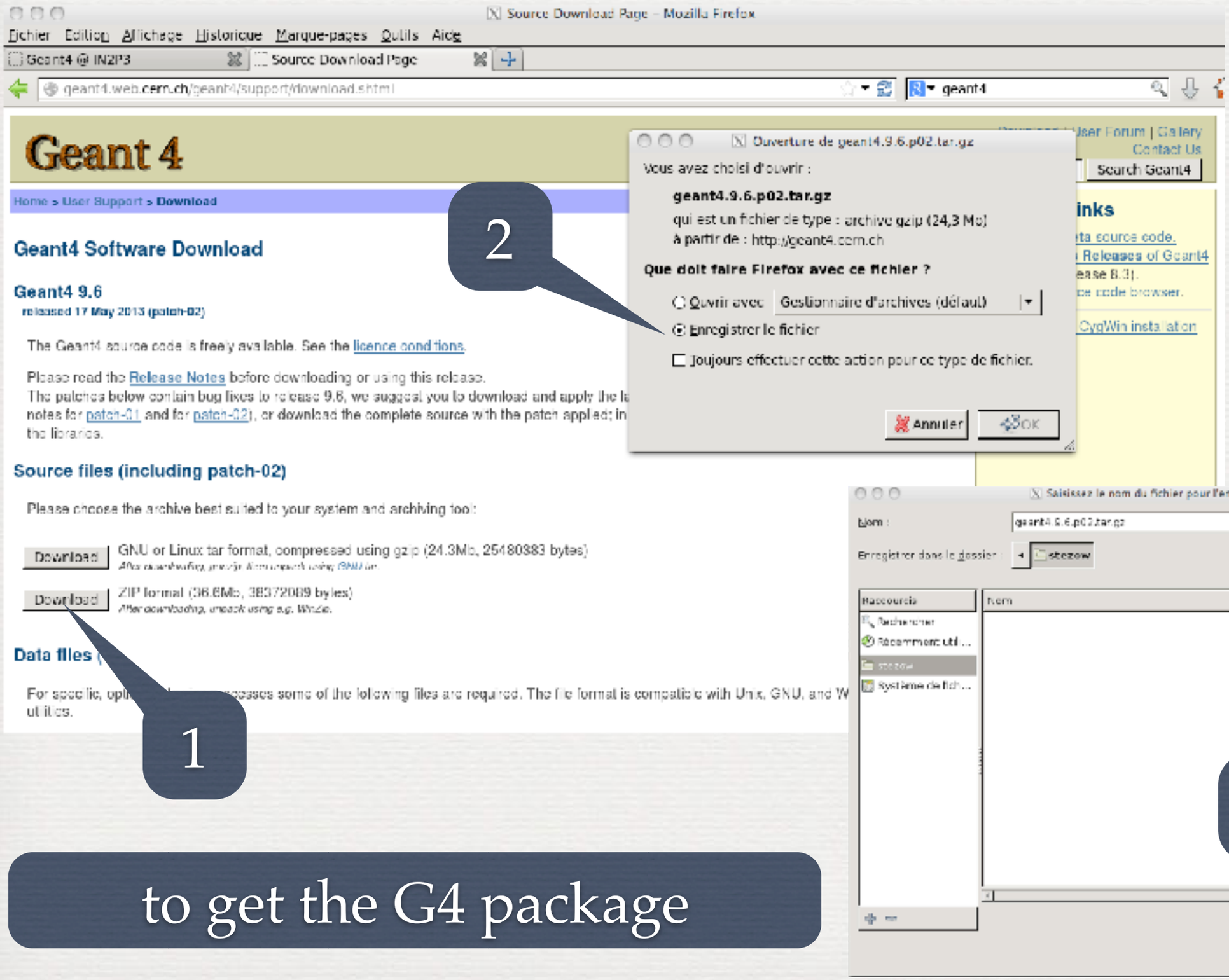

to get the G4 package

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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
```

1. Shell

New Info Customize Close Execute

```
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_g3tog4.h
geant4.9.6.p02/examples/.doxygen/Doxymodules_persistency.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)
  G4PII (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 ccmake 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 | Customize | Close | Execute

```
Shell | Shell

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/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@lyofor01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$
stezow@lyofor01:~/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)
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-- 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

```
stezow@lyofor01:~/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'
```

3. Installation

NOT mandatory, the building directory could be enough

```
[100%] Building CXX object source/physics_lists/CMakeFiles/G4physicslists.dir/list
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Linking CXX shared library ../../outputs/library/Linux-g++/libG4physicslists.so
[100%] Built target G4physicslists
stezow@lyofor01:~/geant4.9.6.p02-build$ make install
```

Note: Modules are also shared libraries

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

include file

VBase.hh

```
#ifndef _VBase_hh
#define _VBase_hh

class VBase
{
protected:
    float _X;
    float _Y;
    AnObject _O;

public:
    VBase(float x, float y, AnObject o);
    virtual ~VBase();

    //! Reset VBase
    virtual void Reset();

    //! pure virtual method, HAS to be implemented
    virtual void Transform(float xnew, float ynew) = 0;
};

#endif
```

data members

constructor, to init

methods to change data values

inherits from

MyBase.hh

```
#ifndef _MyBase_hh
#define _MyBase_hh

#include "VBase.hh"

class MyBase : public VBase
{
protected:
    AnotherObject _OO;

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

    // Reset MyBase
    virtual void Reset();

    // Really do the job of transforming _O into _OO
    // moving it at a different position
    virtual void Transform(float xnew, float ynew);
};

#endif
```

source file

VBase.cc

```
#include "VBase.hh"

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

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

MyBase.cc

```
#include MyBase.hh"

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

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

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

    _O  = _OO;
    _OO = o_tmp;

    _X = xnew; _Y = ynew;

    // ... something like _O.Show() and _OO.Hide()
}
```

- 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();
};
```

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

+
many other hooks
but
not mandatory

```
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

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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 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(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)
```

your application's name

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

where is the G4 version used

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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*

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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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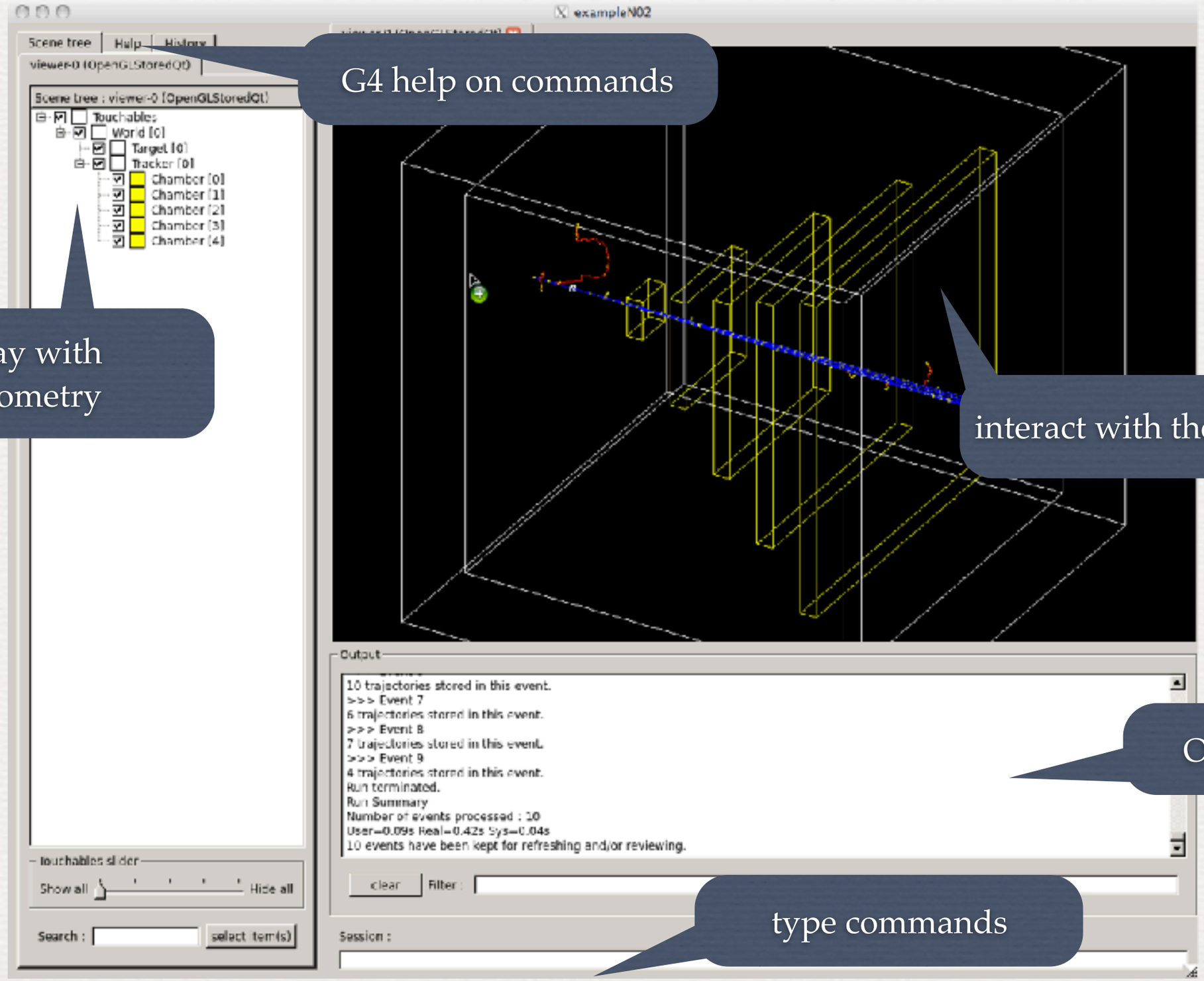


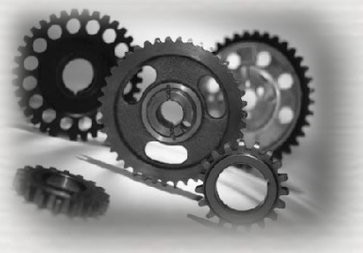
G4 help on commands

Play with geometry

interact with the geometry

Output G4

type commands



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