



Introduction to Geant4

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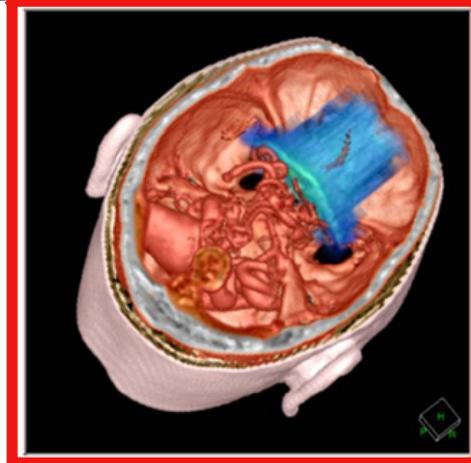
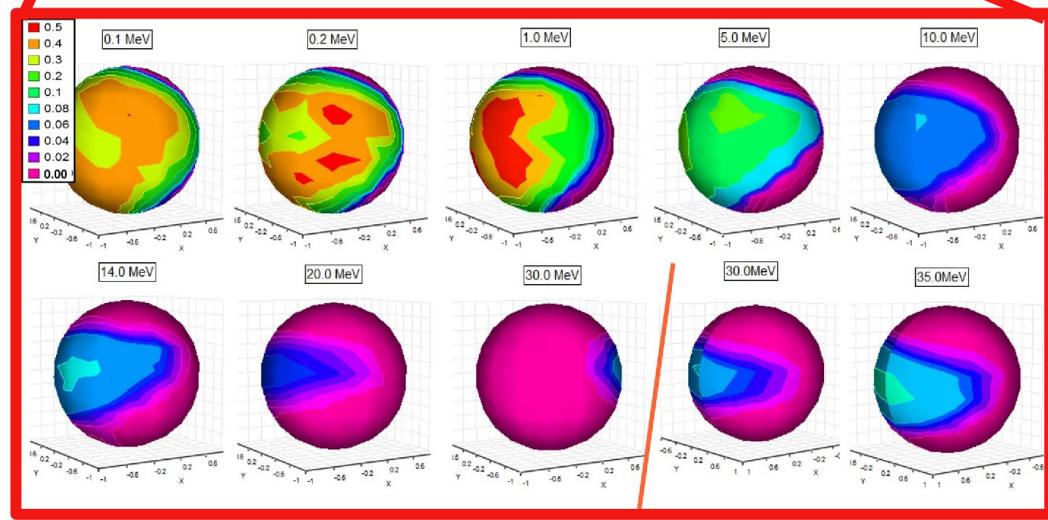
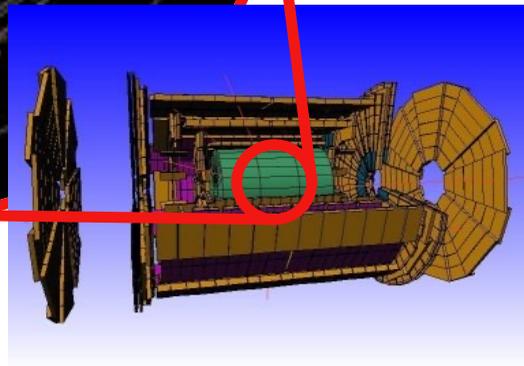
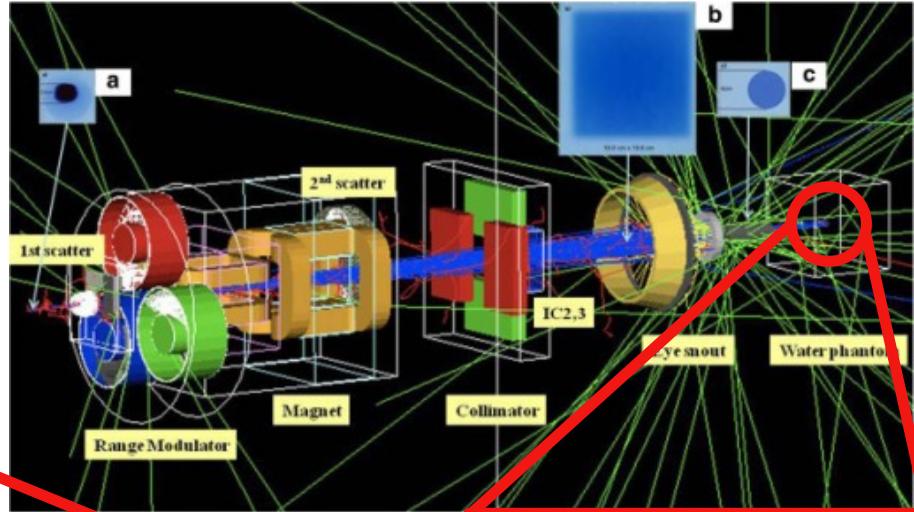
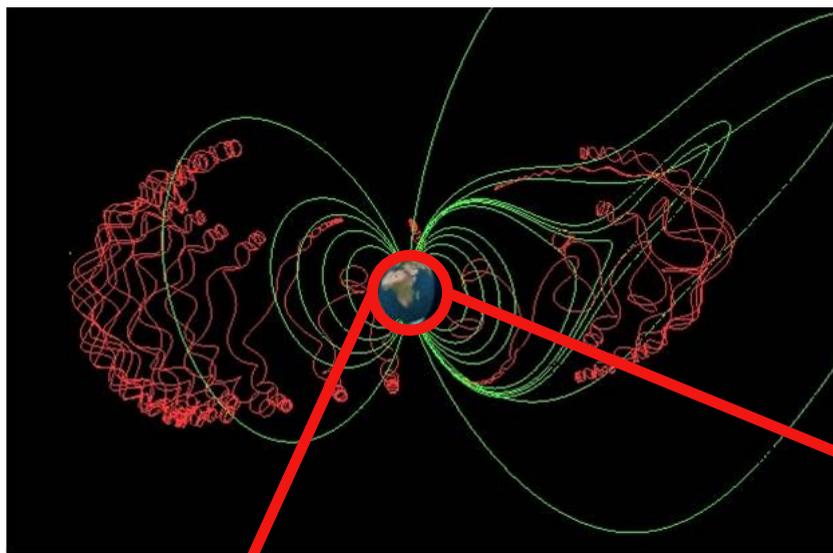
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Geometry ANd Tracking 4 (Geant4)



Aim of this lecture and note

- Geant4 is designed as a toolkit.
- Thus, Geant4 has very high scalability,
although the implementation could be a bit difficult.
- The aim of this lecture is to **understand the concept of the Geant4 simulations**.
- We explain only **basic**,
simple,
general,
and, **easy** things.

But, Geant4 provides numerous functionalities

which is not introduced in this lecture.

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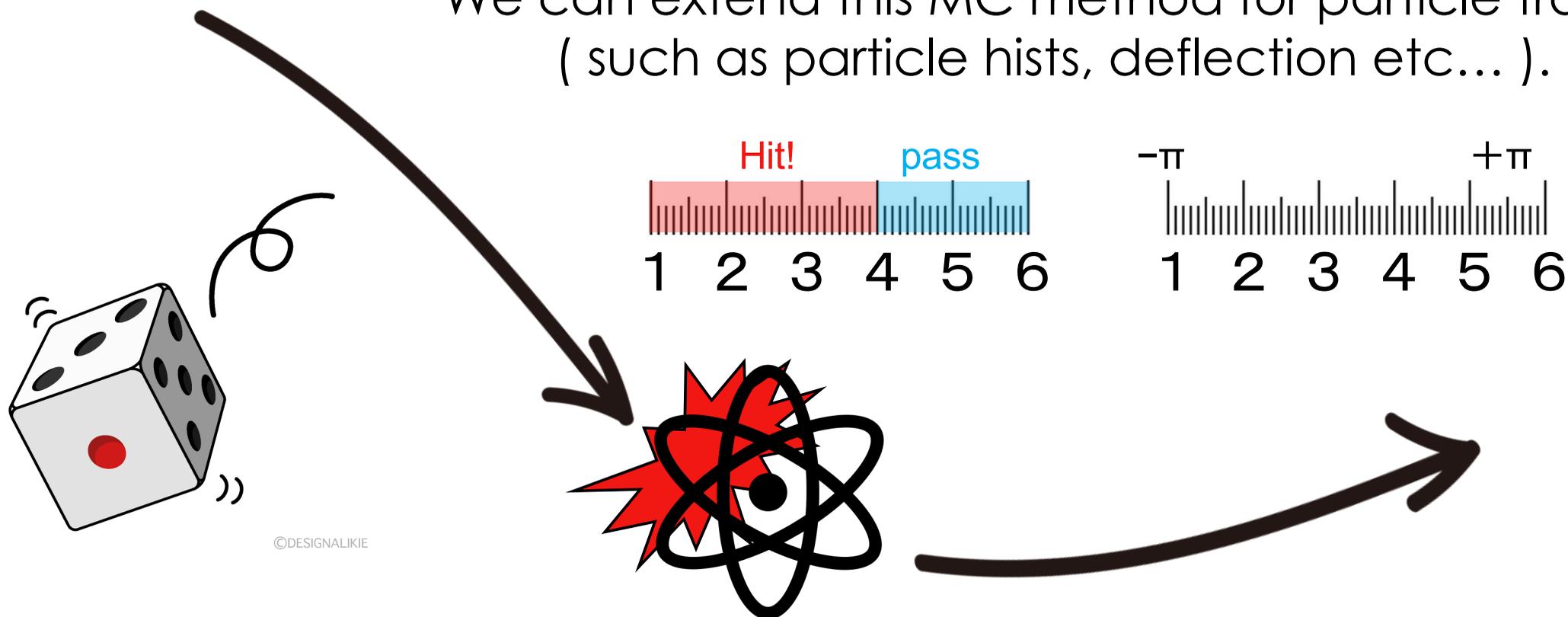
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Monte Carlo Methods in Particle Transport

Monte Carlo simulation:

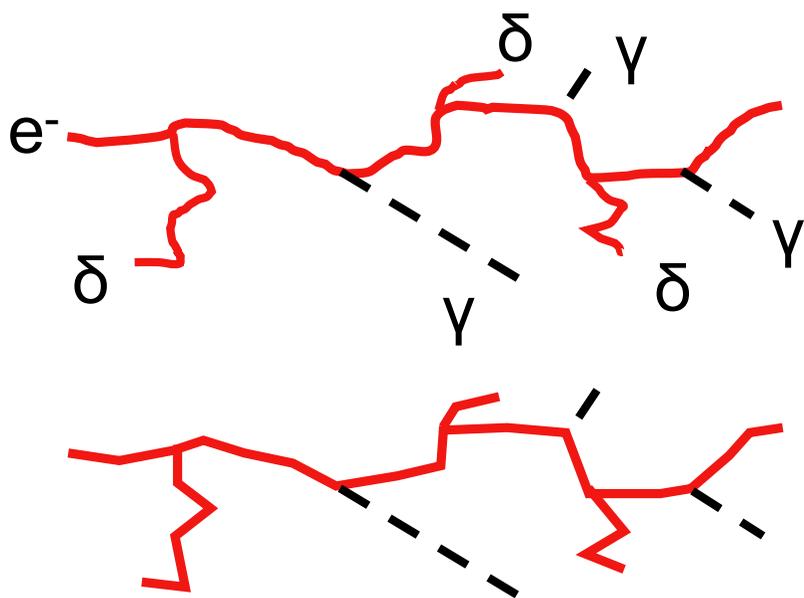
A method to predict the probability of various events when the potential for random variable is present .

We can extend this MC method for particle transport (such as particle hists, deflection etc...).

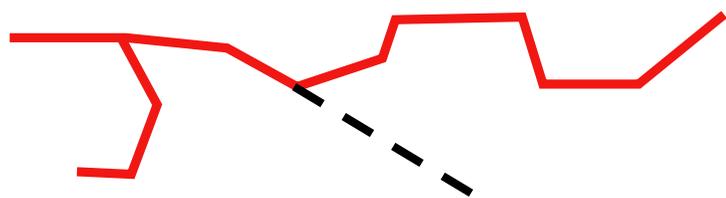


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Charged Particle Transport in Geant4



High accuracy/Slow computing



Low accuracy / **Fast computing**

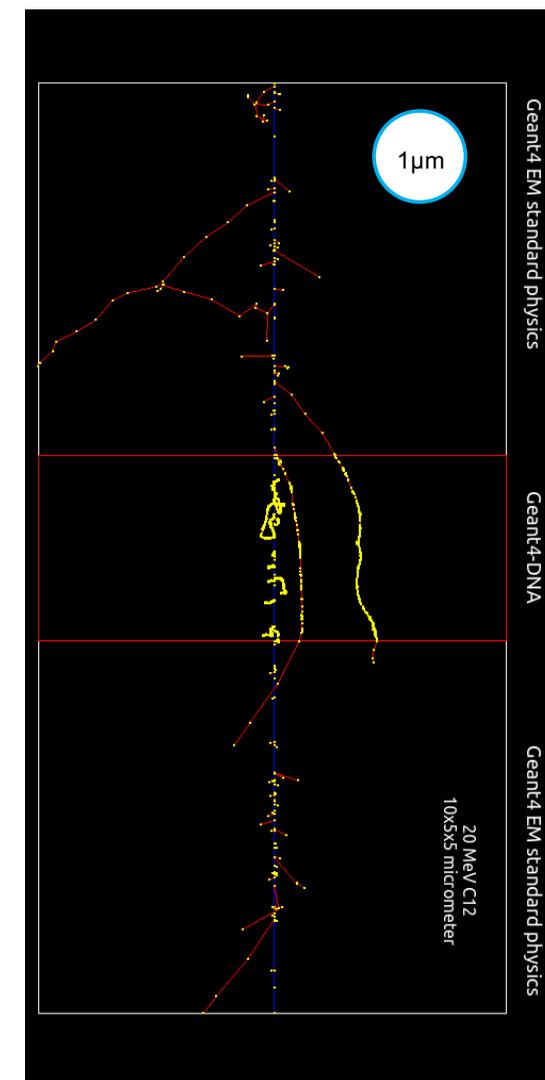
Trajectory in real world

Track-Structure approach

- Sequential interaction calculation
[Geant4-DNA, PARTRAC, RITRACKS, TRACION, KURBUC, PHITS(-TS)]

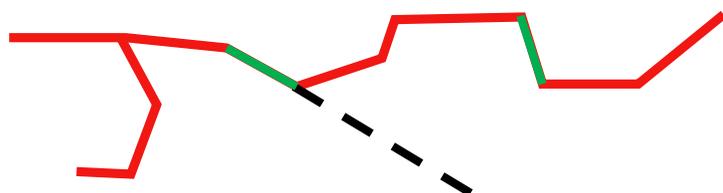
Condensed-History approach

- Multiple-scattering approximation
- Continuous slowing down approximation
[**Geant4**, PHITS, EGS]



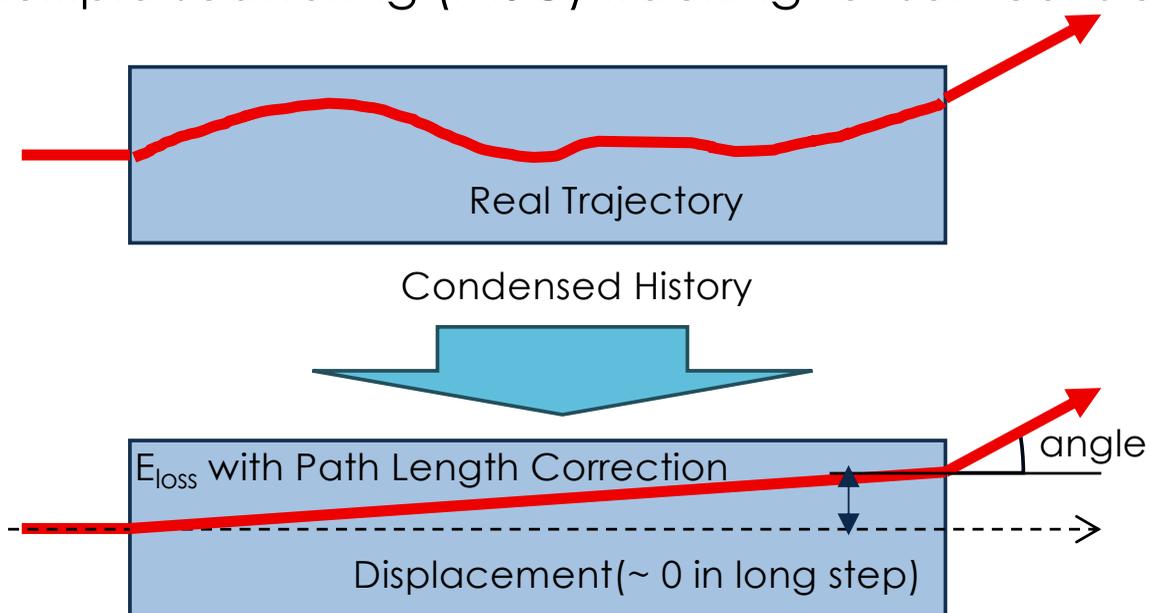
Condensed History Tracking for charged particles

Geant4 tracking



- MSC step
- Discrete step (ionization/bremsstrahlung...)
- - Secondary particle

Multiple scattering (MSC) tracking for soft collisions



CH tracking handles 3 types of interactions

Soft collision

Typically, charged particle interacts $10^3 - 10^5$ times with Coulomb effects (Elastic/semi-elastic) in 1 mm. Scattering angle of each interaction is very small. This type of interactions are model as a multiple scattering. Basically, continuous (restricted; neglect energy loss by hard collisions) energy loss and multiple scattering angle are sampled in the step.

Hard collision

It is inelastic collisional interaction. Such as ionization and nuclear fragmentation are categorized into hard collisions. This process needs to be modeled in a discrete manner.

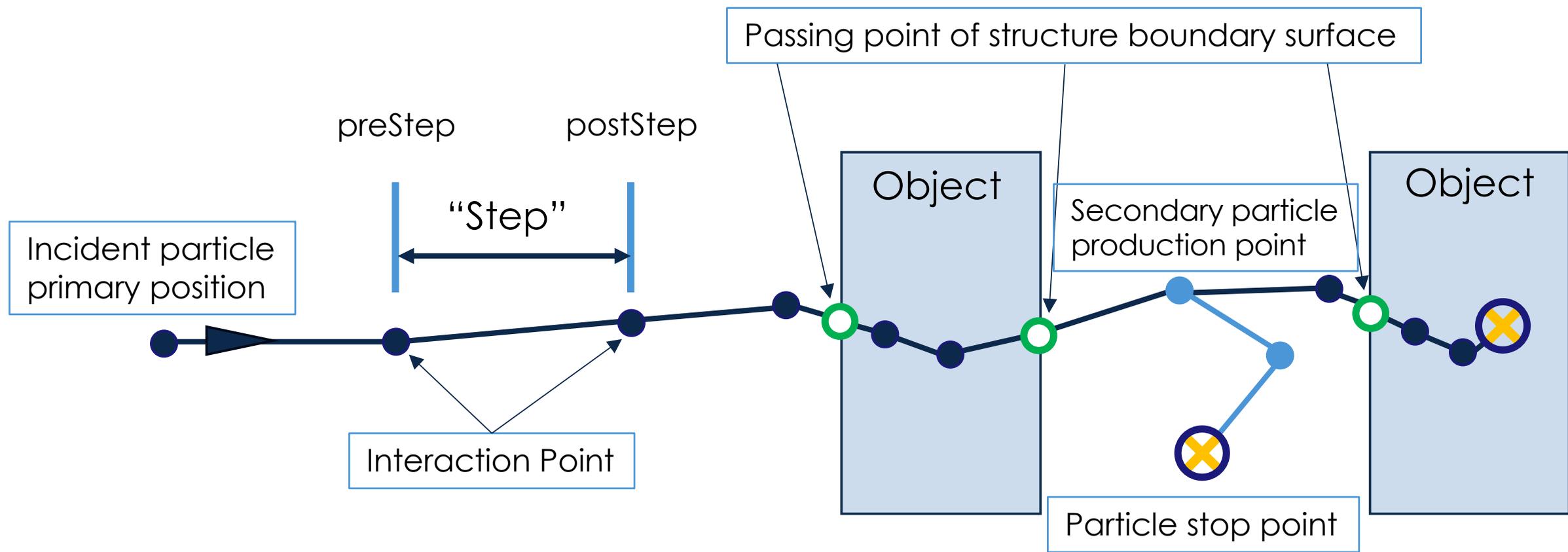
Radiation

Charged particles lose energy via emission of radiation while interacting with electromagnetic or color fields in a medium (e.g., Bremsstrahlung). This process needs to be modeled in a discrete manner.

Geant4 Particle Transport

Sketch of particle transports in one "Event"

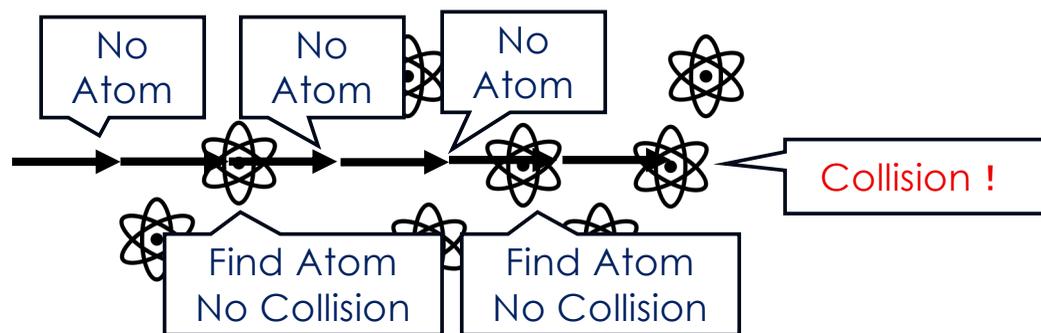
○ ● : step edge (prestep/poststep)



The kinetic energy of the particle is not remaining

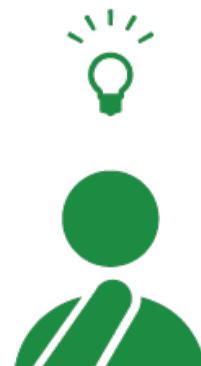
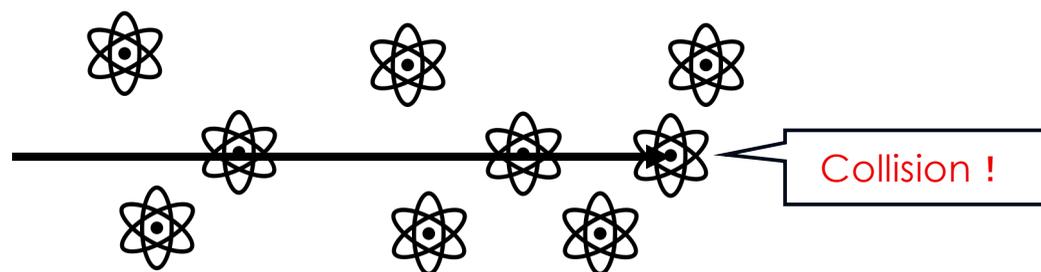
How manage “step”?

(A) Short step approach with hit probability $\sim 33\%$: an average of one hit per three atoms



High computing cost...

(B) Calculate distance to a collision

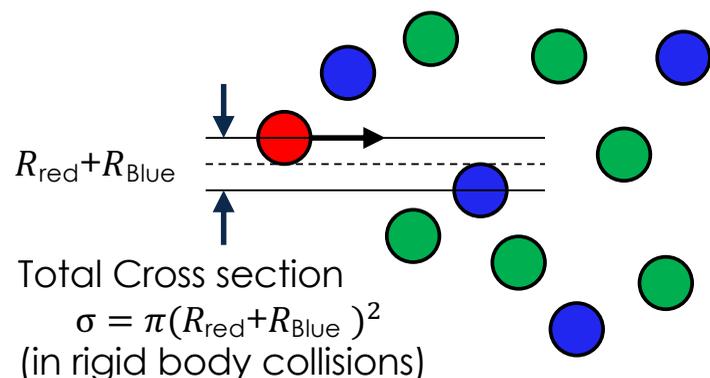


Low computing cost !

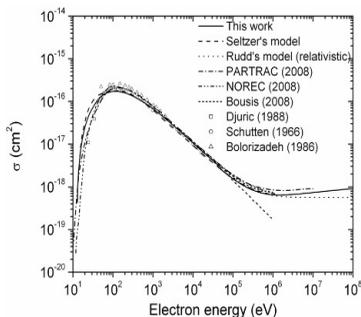
Sampling "Step" 1 : Cross Section and Mean Free Path

Geant4 samples step length based on mean free path (MFP) for each interaction.

Cross section (cm²): interaction probability



It depends on particle, energy, process...
 e.g.) Total electron ionization cross section
 for water



I. Plante et. al.
 2009 New J. Phys. 11 063047

The average of mean free path (MFP) is related
 by $\lambda(E) = 1/(n \cdot \sigma(E))$.

Thus, in general, MFP of processes can be calculated as
 follows,

$$\lambda(E) = \left(\sum_i [n_i \cdot \sigma_i(E)] \right)^{-1}$$

where, E is kinetic energy of incident particle, n_i is number of
 atoms per volume (i -th material: blue, green in the left sketch).

Let's think, the survival probability of the particle at x : $P(x)$

$$P(x + dx) = P(x)(1 - \lambda(E)^{-1} dx)$$

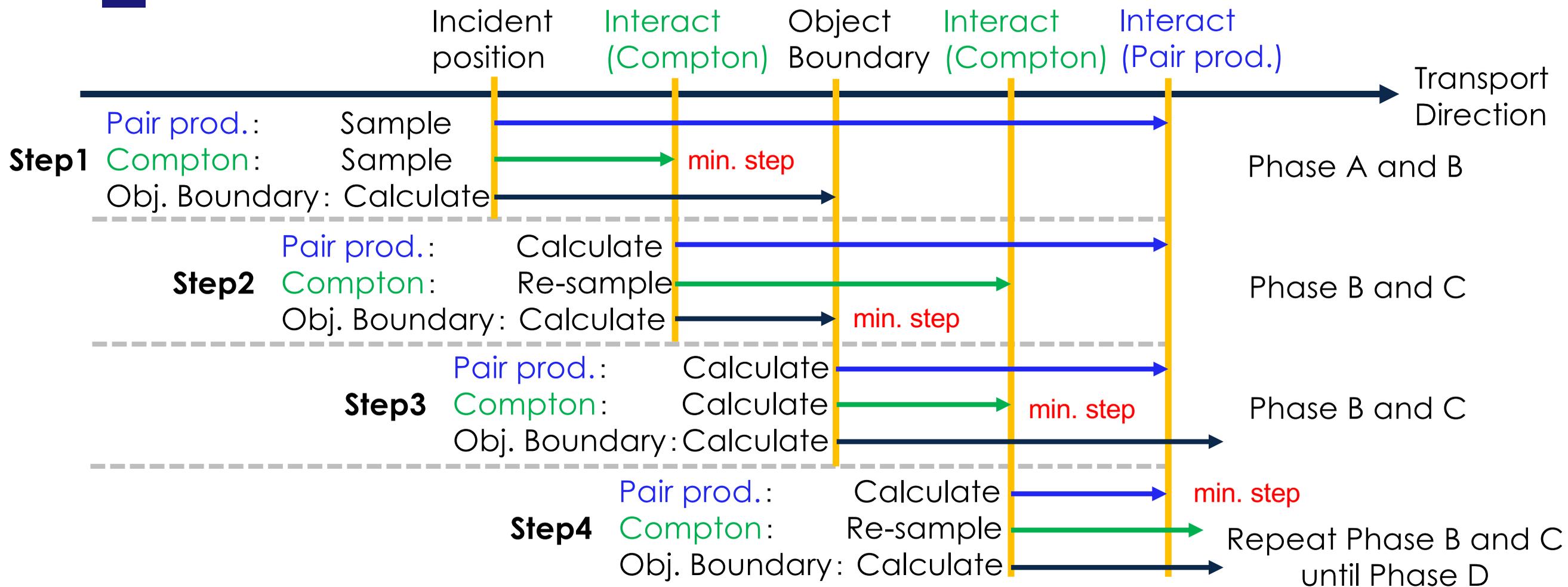
$P(x)$: prob. of no interaction until x

$(1 - \lambda^{-1} dx)$: prob. of no interaction until dx

$$P(x) = \exp(-x/\lambda(E)) \text{ number of MFP}$$

Geant4 samples number of MFP (x : step length) for each process

Sampling "Step" 2 : Step Selection Algorithm



Phase A: Sample step length for each process

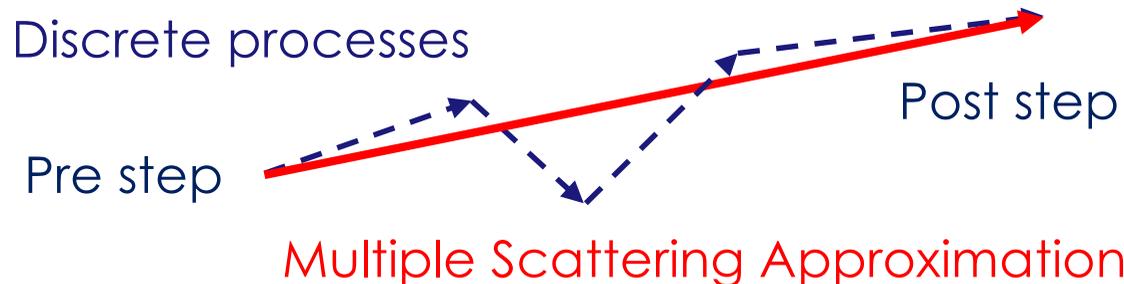
Phase B: Chose minimum step length one of the evaluated step lengths or distance to the object boundary.

Phase C: Re-sample step length for the selected interaction

Phase D: Stop calculation until either particle energy is zero or achieving to the end of "world"

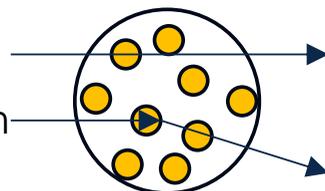
Interaction in "Step" 1 : Scattering Angle in Multiple Scattering

Multiple-scattering (MSC) approximation

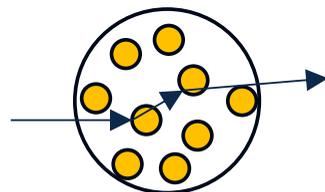


$\frac{x}{\lambda} < 1$: Single Scattering

1 MeV photon in water : $\lambda \sim 10$ cm
Geant4 transport photon in SS

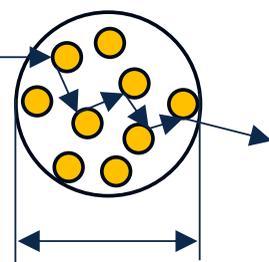


$1 < \frac{x}{\lambda} < 10$: Intermediate



$10 < \frac{x}{\lambda}$: Multiple Scattering

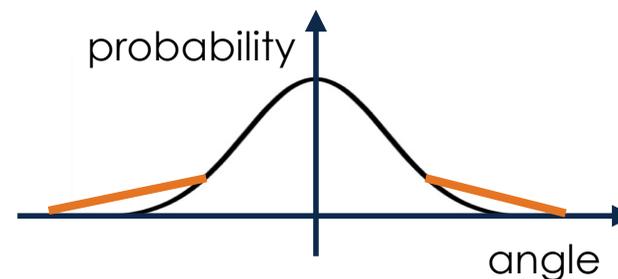
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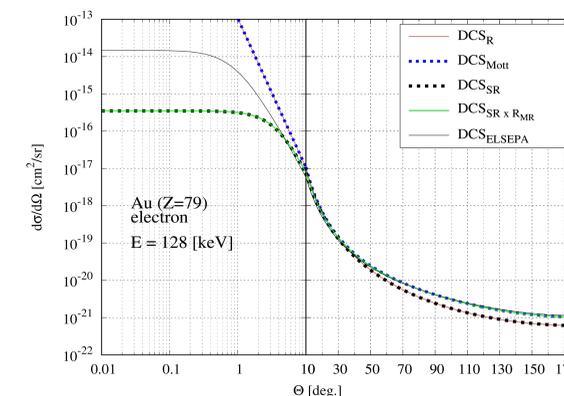
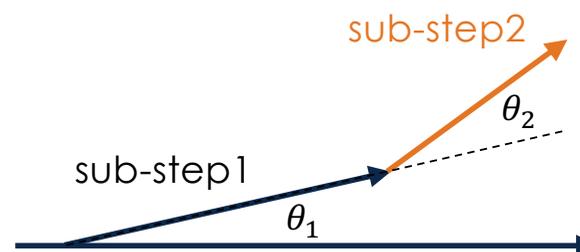
Number of MFP : $\frac{x}{\lambda}$

$x = 1 \mu\text{m}$

- Conventional approach
Urban model: central (\sim gaussian) + tail correction



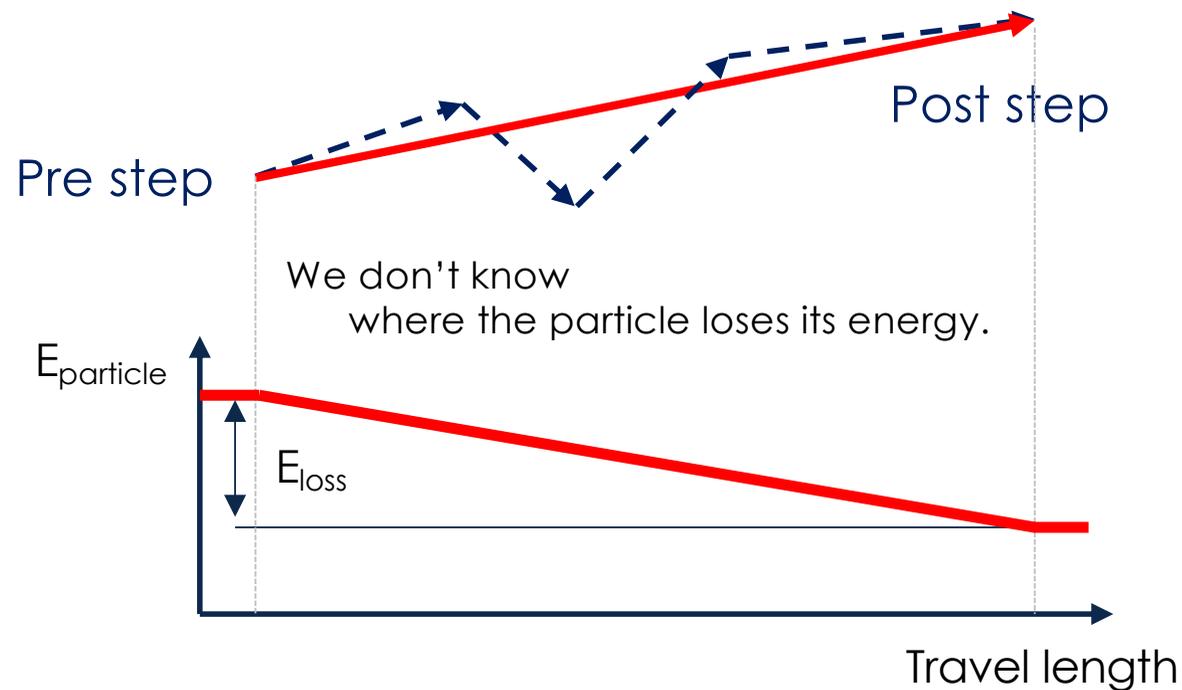
- Recent approach
Goudsmit-Saunders model:
Multiple elastic scattering approach



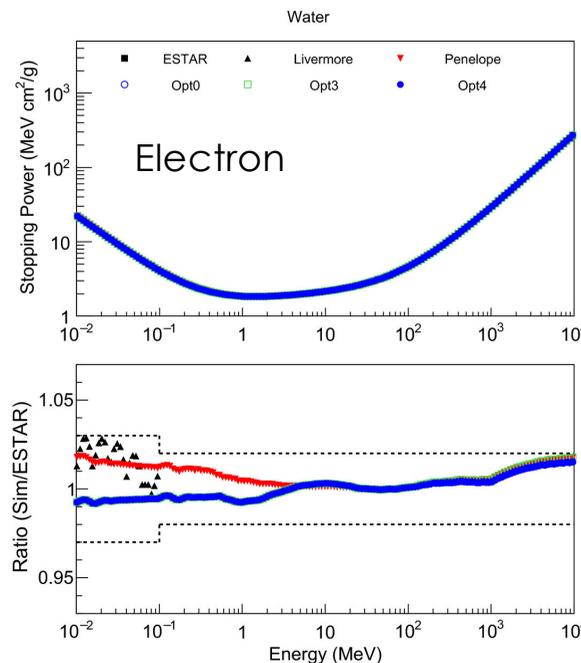
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Interaction in "Step" 2 : Energy Loss and Secondary Production

Continuous Slowing Down approximation



Energy loss is evaluated by energy loss table, based on either free-gas model, ICRU, or the Bethe-Bloch.



In naive, E_{loss} is calculated by

$$E_{\text{loss}} = \frac{dE}{dx} \Delta s$$

$\frac{dE}{dx}$: energy loss in unit length

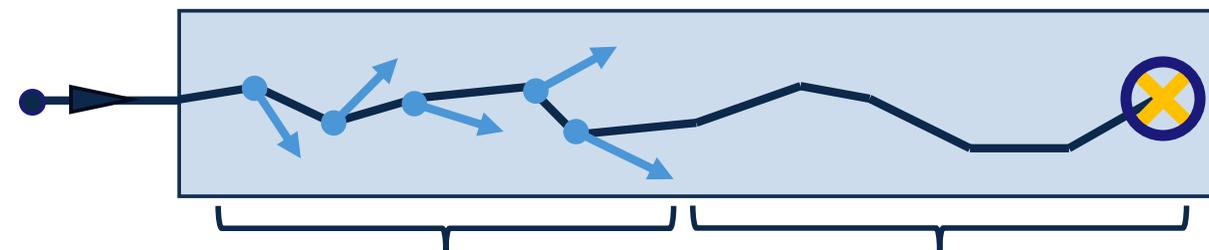
Δs : step size

If step size is large compared to range, the E_{loss} calculation will be less accurate. So, step size is automatically limited.

The E_{loss} is a stochastic quantity, therefore, the fluctuation is also sampled by one of the implemented models.

Ref: Med Phys. 2021 Jan;48(1):19-56

Geant4 controls the production of secondary particles using the *range cut*. This means that Geant4 does not generate secondary particles where its range is smaller than the cut-off value.



High energy particles creates sec. particle

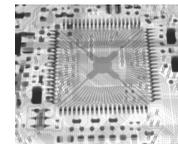
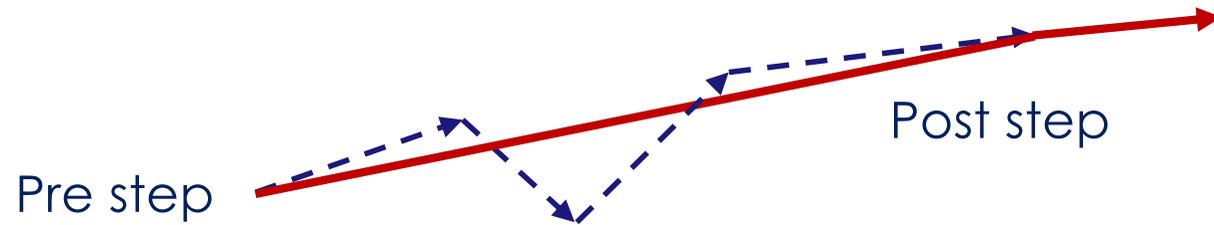
E_{loss} + secondary production

E_{loss} calculation only

Limitation of condensed history approach

~ Can we simulate with microscopic volumes? ~

Condensed-History approach



Micro-electronics
→ MicroElec extension



Biological applications
→ Geant4-DNA

$\frac{x}{\lambda} < 1$: Single Scattering

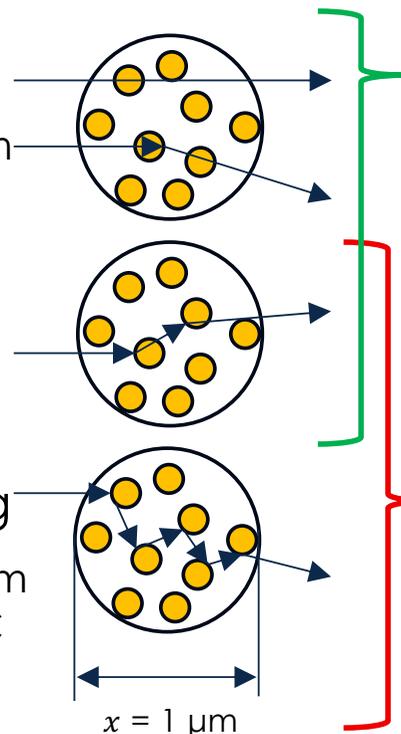
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Number of MFP : $\frac{x}{\lambda}$



Ag, Be, Fe, Si, W, Al,
Ge, C, Ti, Cu, Au, Ni,
BORON_NITRIDE
SILICON_DIOXIDE,
ALUMINUM_OXIDE,
KAPTON,
TITANIUM_NITRIDE

WATER, Au
Other density scaled water

Available materials are limited

Geant4 with track structure approach

Other Applications (1 μm or larger)

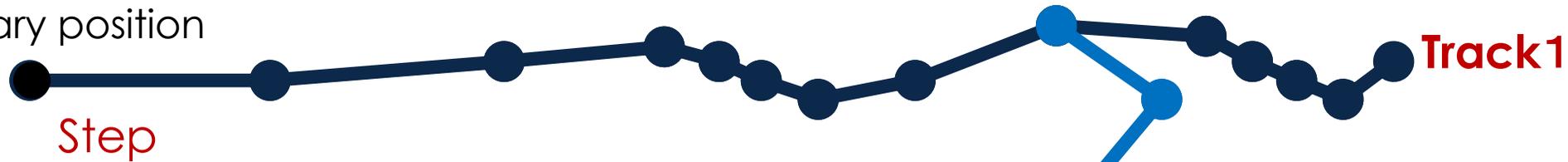
Geant4 with condensed history approach

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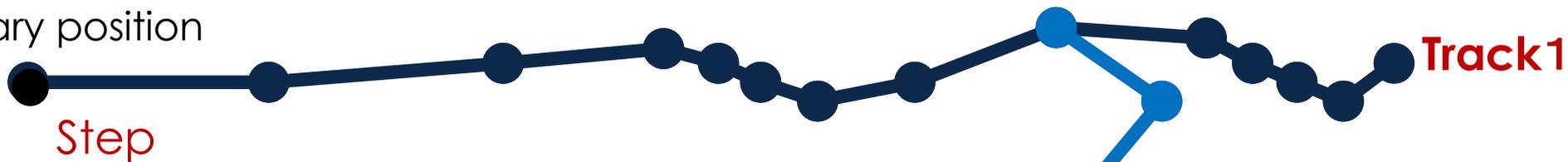
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Step, Track, Event, Run

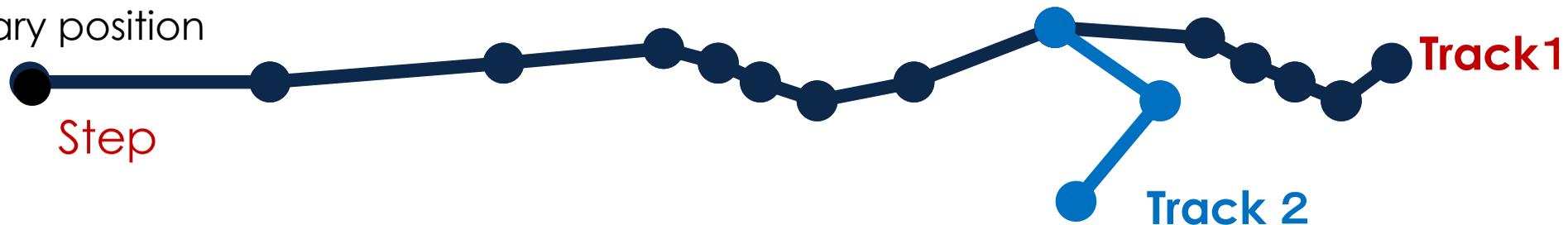
Incident particle
primary position



Incident particle
primary position



Incident particle
primary position



Event

Run

Essential information that required for simulations

PrimaryGeneratorAction

Incident particle
primary position

Particle type (e^- , γ , ...)
Energy
Direction, Distribution, ...

RunManager

The class for managing
a whole simulation

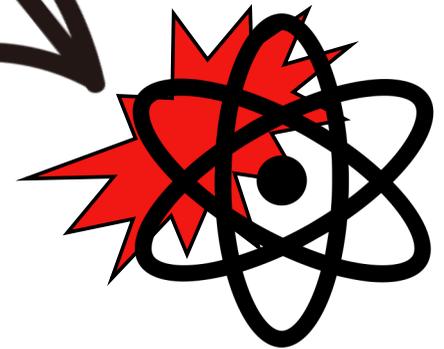
PhysicsList

Information of Interaction

Electromagnetic Interactions
Hadronic Interactions
Nuclear/Atomic Decay, optical, ...



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Object Property

DetectorConstruction

Object Shape
Atomic number
Density, ...

Simulation Management and Implementation

Geant4 manages the simulation

G4RunManager in main function

- Setup simulation configuration
- Manage simulation with multiple events

Definition of Object

Definition of Physics Processes

Definition of User Action Classes

Start simulation (produce inc. particle)

G4EventManager

- Management of Event

G4TrackingManager

- Management of Track

G4SteppingManager

- Management of Step

G4Run

- Hold info. of Run

DetectorConstruction

PhysicsList

ActionInitialization

G4Event

- Hold info. of Event

G4Track

- Hold info. of Track

G4Step

- Hold info. of Step

User needs to create

RunAction

Read/Edit Run information

XXXAction: class for user hook

Required Classes

PrimaryGeneratorAction

Read/Edit inc. particle info.

EventAction

Read/Edit Event information

TrackingAction

Read/Edit Track information

SteppingAction

Read/Edit Step information

Contents of Application (advanced/medical_linac)

see examples/advanced/medical_linac

Application descriptions

README
History

Setup file to compile

CMakeLists.txt

Main source

medical_linac.cc
src
include

Macro commands

run.mac
vis.mac

DetectorConstruction.hh/cc
DetectorMessenger.hh/cc

PhysicsList.hh/cc
PhysicsListMessenger.hh/cc

ActionInitialization.hh/cc
PrimaryGeneratorAction.hh/cc
PrimaryGeneratorMessenger.hh/cc

RunAction.hh/cc
SteppingAction.hh/cc
StackingAction.hh/cc
StepMax.hh/cc
StepMaxMessenger.hh/cc

macro command definition

Build/Execute Application

```
$ cp -r path/to/examples/advance/medical_linac .
```

```
$ cd medical_linac
```

```
$ mkdir build
```

```
$ cd build
```

```
$ cmake ../
```

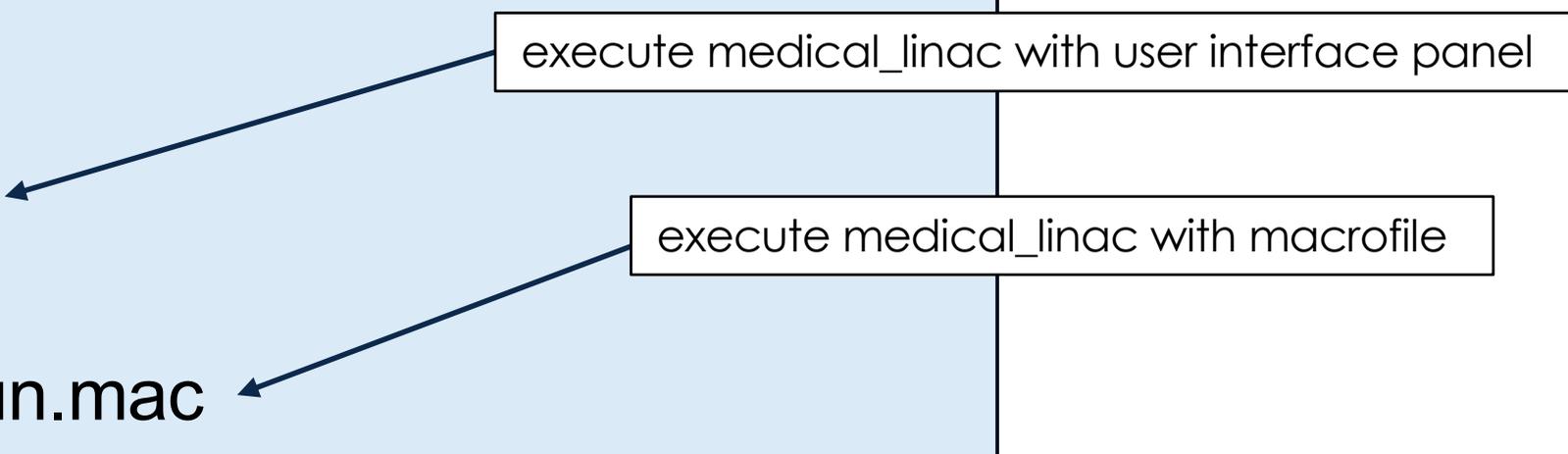
```
$ make
```

```
$ ./medical_linac
```

or

```
$ ./medical_linac run.mac
```

execute medical_linac with user interface panel



execute medical_linac with macrofile

Order of Execution ①

see examples/advanced/medical_linac/medical_linac.cc

```
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
  G4UIExecutive* ui = nullptr;
  if (argc == 1){
    ui = new G4UIExecutive(argc, argv);
  }

  //construct the run manager
  auto* runManager = G4RunManagerFactory::CreateRunManager();

  runManager -> SetUserInitialization(new PhysicsList());
  runManager -> SetUserInitialization(new DetectorConstruction());
  runManager -> SetUserInitialization(new ActionInitialization());
  G4ScoringManager::GetScoringManager();

  // Initialize visualization
  G4VisManager* visManager = new G4VisExecutive;
  visManager->Initialize();

  // Get the pointer to the User Interface manager
  G4UImanager* UImanager = G4UImanager::GetUIpointer();

  if ( ! ui ){
    // batch mode
    G4String command = "/control/execute ";
    G4String fileName = argv[1];
    UImanager->ApplyCommand(command+fileName);
  }else {
    // interactive mode
    UImanager->ApplyCommand("/control/execute vis.mac");
    ui->SessionStart();
    delete ui;
  }

  // Job termination
  delete visManager;
  delete runManager;
  return 0;
}
```

```
$ ./medical_linac :argc = 1
$ ./medical_linac run.mac :argc = 2
```

If argc==1, user interface window will be popped up

Create RunManager

Register PhysicList
 DetectorConstruction
 PrimaryGeneratorAction and the other action classes
 via ActionInitialization

Register built-in scoring class

Initialize visualization

Create User Interface (Command) Manager

if argc != 1 Execute "/control/execute XXX.xxx" by UI manager

if argc == 1 Execute "/control/execute vis.mac" by UI manager

Clean the job

Order of Execution ②

After /control/execute run.mac (see run.mac in medical_linac)

```
#### verboisities  
/control/verbose 1  
/material/verbose 0  
/run/verbose 0  
/process/em/verbose 0
```

Set verbose (log output) level

```
/run/numberOfThreads 4
```

Set number of threads for the job

```
/physics/addPhysics standard_opt3
```

Select EM physics

```
/run/initialize
```

Initialize run

G4RunManager::Initialize() will be called
→ G4RunManager::InitializeGeometry()
→ DetectorConstruction::Construct()
→ G4RunManager::InitializePhysics()
→ PhysicsList::Construct()

```
/score/create/boxMesh boxMesh_1  
/score/mesh/translate/xyz 0 0 130 mm  
/score/mesh/boxSize 127.5 127.5 127.5 mm # half dim  
/score/mesh/nBin 51 51 51  
/score/quantity/doseDeposit dDep  
/score/close  
/score/list
```

Setup Scoring (boxMesh_1)

G4Box: 255 mm × 255 mm × 255 mm (nbins 51 × 51 × 51)
Placed at (0 , 0 , 130 mm)
Dose deposit will be scored for each voxel

```
/run/printProgress 100000  
/run/beamOn 5000000
```

Run 5000000 events

```
#/score/drawProjection boxMesh_1 dDep  
/score/dumpQuantityToFile boxMesh_1 dDep dDep.txt
```

Save scored result in dDep.txt

Order of Execution ③

After /run/BeamOn

RunAction::GenerateRun()

RunAction::BeginOfRunAction

Loop of Event =====

PrimaryGeneratorAction::GeneratePrimaries

EventAction::BeginOfEventAction

Loop of Tracks =====

TrackingAction:: BeginOfTrackingAction

Loop of Steps =====

SteppingAction::BeginOfSteppingAction

SteppingAction:: EndOfSteppingAction

TrackingAction:: EndOfTrackingAction

EventAction::EndOfEventAction

RunAction:: EndOfRunAction

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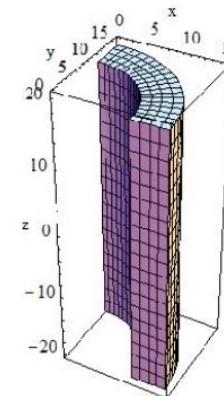
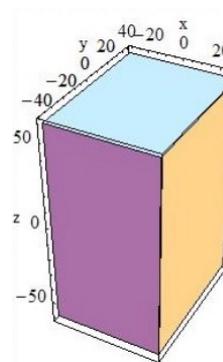
Geometry 1: Solid Geometry

- Catalog of Solid Geometry

CSG (Constructive Solid Geometry) classes

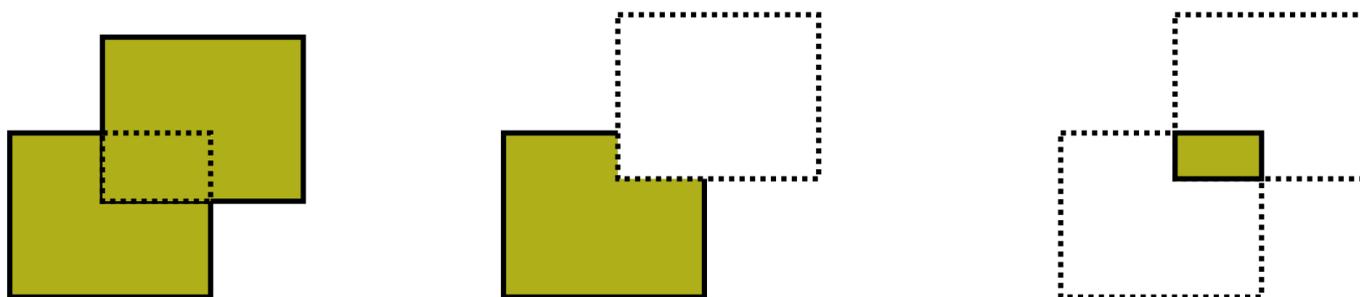
3D representation of simple shapes

(G4Box, G4Tubs, G4Sphere,...)

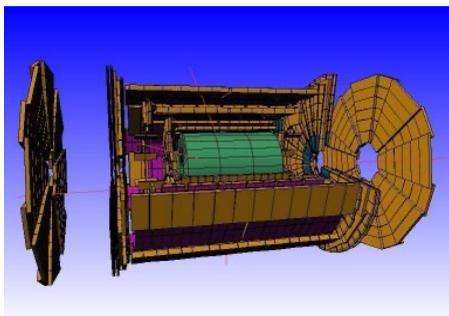


- Boolean operation

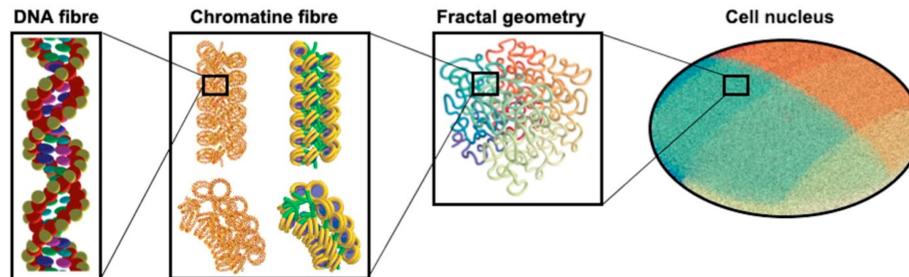
G4UnionSolid, G4SubtractionSolid, G4IntersectionSolid



- Example



ATLAS detector @ LHC



DNA and cell nucleus (available in molecularDNA)

Geometry 2: Material – NIST Database

You can call the material information from NIST database

□ Simple Materials (Elements)

| Z | Name | density(g/cm ³) | I (eV): mean excitation energy |
|---|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | G4_H | 8.3748e-05 | 19.2 |
| 2 | G4_He | 0.000166322 | 41.8 |
| 3 | G4_Li | 0.534 | 40 |

Bethe-Bloch formula

$$-\left\langle \frac{dE}{dx} \right\rangle = \frac{4\pi}{m_e c^2} \cdot \frac{nz^2}{\beta^2} \cdot \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 \cdot \left[\ln \left(\frac{2m_e c^2 \beta^2}{I \cdot (1 - \beta^2)} \right) - \beta^2 \right]$$

□ NIST Compounds

Gas: G4_AIR, G4_Galactic, G4_ETHANE

Liquid: G4_WATER, G4_ETHYL_ALCOHOL

Plastic: G4_KAPTON, G4_NYLON-8062, G4_MYLAR, G4_TEFLON

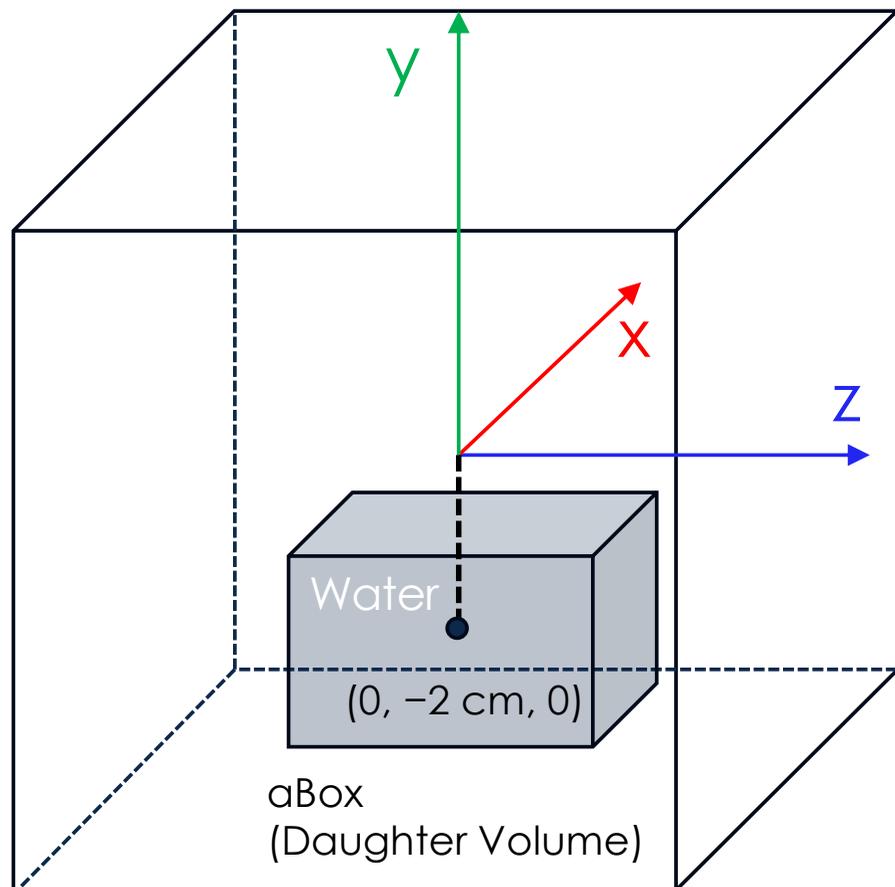
Tissue: G4_ADIPOSE_TISSUE_ICRP, G4_LUNG_ICRP

DNA: G4_DNA_ADENINE, G4_DNA_MONOPHOSPHATE

see more detail: <https://geant4-userdoc.web.cern.ch/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/Appendix/materialNames.html>

Geometry 3: Definition of Geometry (in DetectorConstruction)

The most outside volume:
world (Mother Volume)



Global coordinate system
(Right handed coordinate of world volume)

How to define geometry

- Procedure 1 : Define *Solid* (set shape and size)
Select/combine shape from the catalog of volumes
ex) one Box, 2 cm × 2 cm × 5 cm half lengths

```
G4VSolid* pBoxSolid = new G4Box("aBoxSolid", 1.*cm, 1.*cm, 2.5 *cm);
```

- Procedure 2 : Define *Logical Volume* (set material info.)
Select/combine shape from the catalog of volumes
ex) H₂O (liquid), density 1g/cm³ (standard given by NIST database)

```
G4NistManager* nistMan = G4NistManager::Instance();  
G4Material* pWater = nistMan->FindOrBuildMaterial( "G4_WATER" );  
G4LogicalVolume* pBoxLog =  
    new G4LogicalVolume(pBoxSolid, pWater, "aBoxLog", 0, 0, 0);
```

- Procedure 3 : Define *Physical Volume* (place volume)
Place Logical Volume with position and rotation information
ex) place pBoxLog in mother volume (world) at (0, -2 cm, 0) without rotation

```
G4ThreeVector boxPos = {0., - 2*cm, 0.};  
G4VPhysicalVolume* pBoxPhys =  
    new G4PVPlacement(nullptr, boxPos, pBoxLog,  
        "aboxPhys", pMotherLog,0,0);
```

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Physics

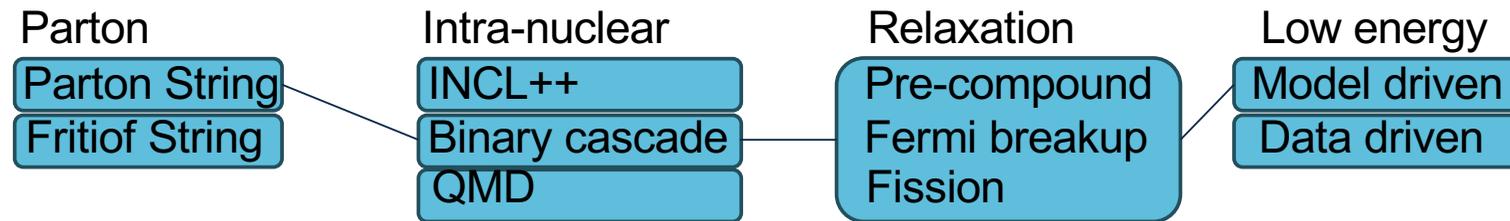
□ Electromagnetic Physics

Geant4 provides physics model sets (constructors) for each target energy range

e.g.) G4EmStandardPhysics_option4 : e-msc e-ioni e-brems phot-elec photo-Comp ...
G4EmLivermorePhysics (low energy) : e-msc e-ioni e-brems phot-elec photo-Comp ...
G4EmDNAPhysics_option4 (down to a few eV) : e-elast e-ioni e-excit e-solv e-brems phot-elec ...

□ Hadronic Physics

Geant4 provides models for each process, and user select a combination



How to chose?
→ Reference Physics List
(see later slide)

□ Decay Physics

Geant4 provides models for particle decay, radioactive decay, positronium decay

□ Optical Physics

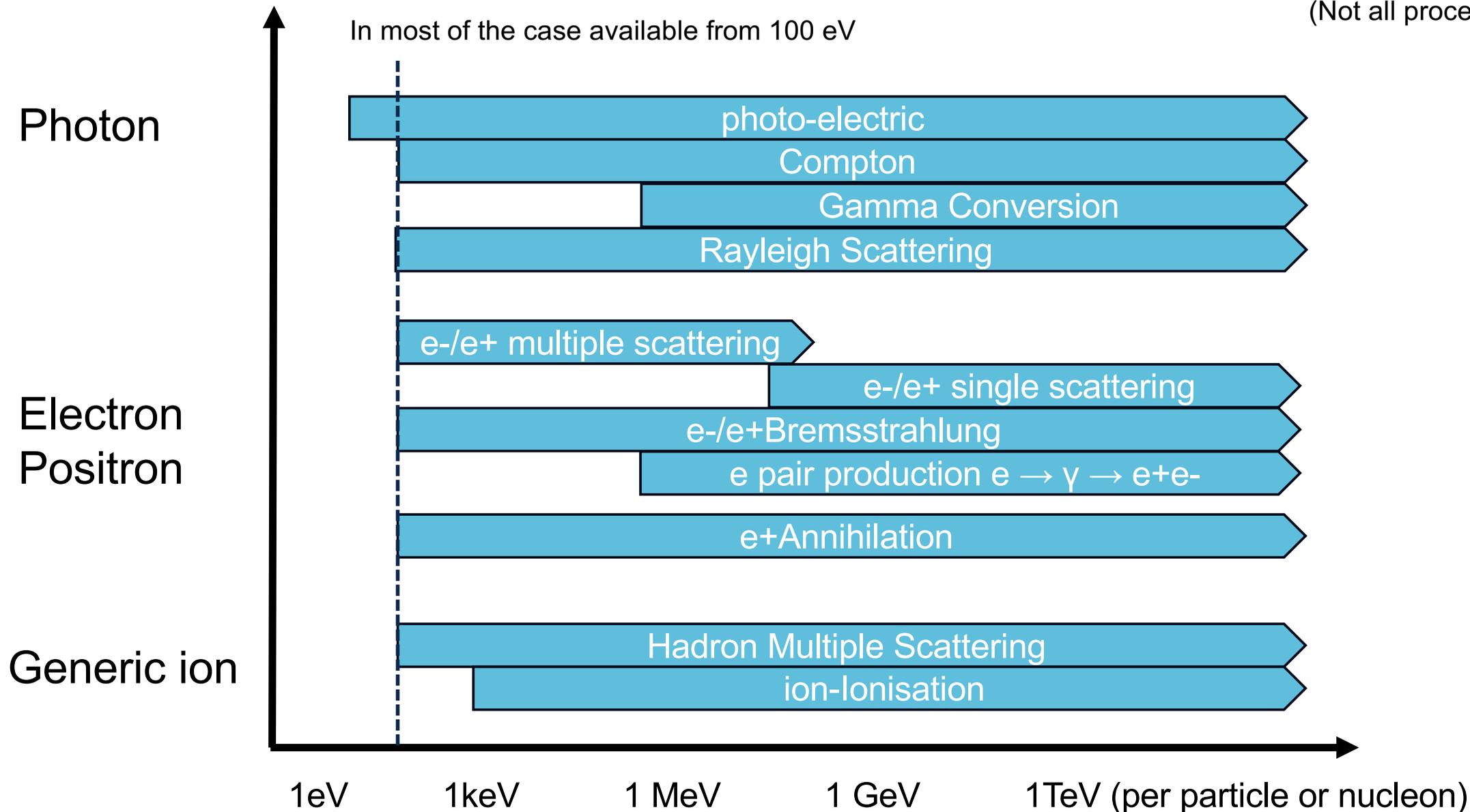
Geant4 provides models for scintillation emission, wavelength shift, reflection, refraction etc.

□ Transportation

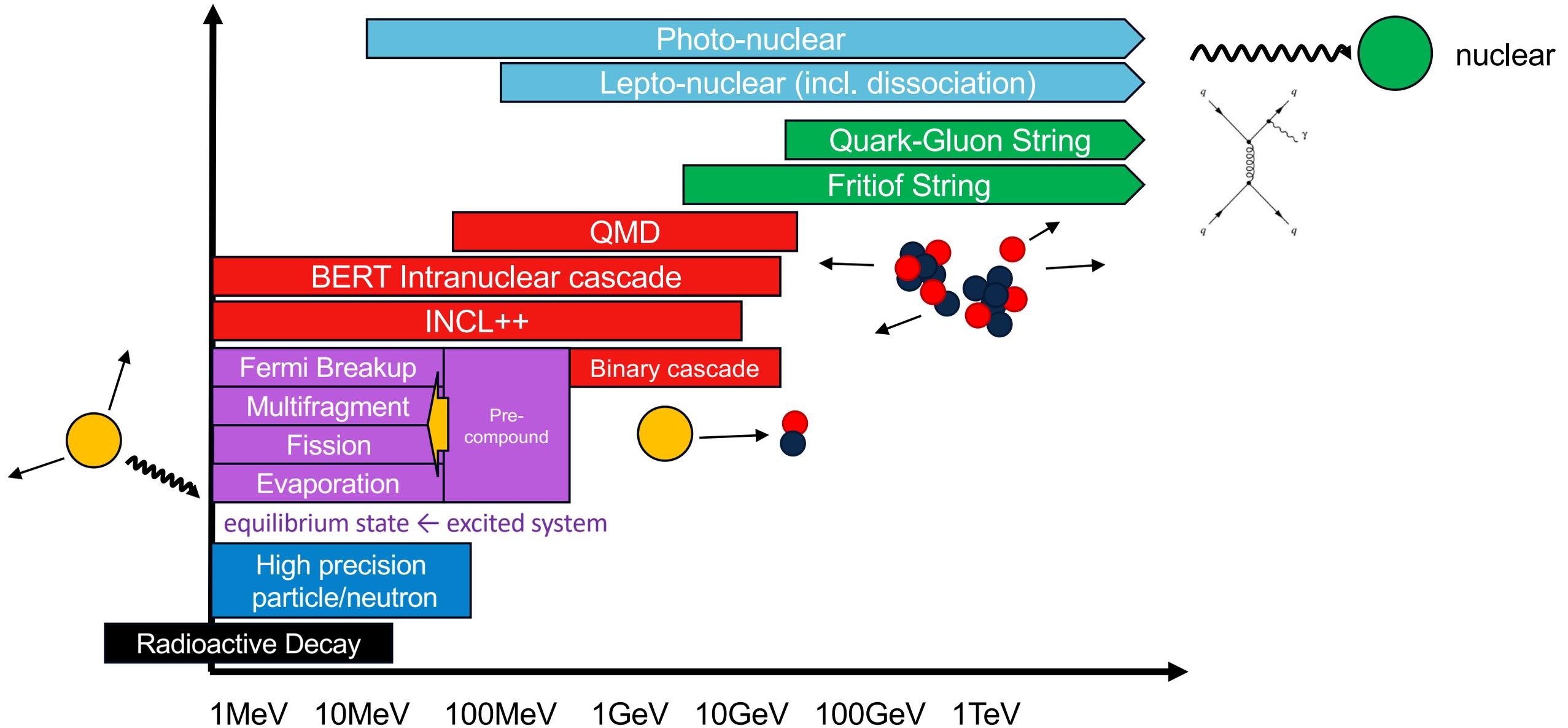
Geant4 also simulates particle transport to object boundary, and transportation in magnetic field, etc.

Geant4 Electromagnetic Physics Overview (G4EmStandard_option3)

(Not all process shown)



Geant4 Hadronic Physics Overview



Reference Physics List

Name scheme of the hadronic physics in Reference Physics List

| | | |
|--------|--|----------------------|
| FTF | → Fritiof Parton String Model: | $4 \text{ GeV} < E$ |
| QGS | → Quark Gluon String Model: | $12 \text{ GeV} < E$ |
| BERT | → Bertini Intranuclear Cascade Model: | $E < 10 \text{ GeV}$ |
| BIC | → Binary Intranuclear Cascade Model: | $E < 10 \text{ GeV}$ |
| INCLXX | → Liege Intranuclear Cascade Model (INCL): | $E < 10 \text{ GeV}$ |
| P | → Precompound Model (Nuclear relaxation after string interaction, e.g; FTFP, QGSP) | |
| HP | → Neutron High Precision Model: | $E < 20 \text{ MeV}$ |

Name scheme of the electromagnetic physics in Reference Physics List

| | |
|------------|---|
| _EM0 | → Standard EM physics (G4EmStandardPhysics) |
| _EMV, _EMX | → Standard EM physics Option 1, 2 (High computing speed etc.) |
| _EMY, _EMZ | → Standard EM physics Option 3, 4 (High accuracy models) |
| _LIV, _PEN | → Low energy EM physics (Livermore, Penelope) |

Recommended Physics List for Medical Applications and Radiation Protection

For $E < 200 \text{ MeV}$, **QGSP_BIC_EMY** or **QGSP_BIC_HP_EMZ** are well validated.

Example of Physics List

Implementation for reference physics list in main function (or in PhysicsList.cc)

```
....  
#include "G4PhysListFactory.hh"  
int main( int argc,char** argv )  
{  
  
// Select Physics List  
G4PhysListFactory factory;  
G4VModularPhysicsList* physic =  
    factory.ReferencePhysList("QGSP_BIC_EMY");  
runManager->SetUserInitialization( physic );  
....  
....
```

Include header file for G4PhysicsFactory

Create an object for G4PhysicsFactory

Select "QGSP_BIC_EMY" from reference PhysList

Set the PhysList to RunManager

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Generate Primary(incident) Particle

2 methods implementation for PrimaryGeneratorAction

Method 1

Implement user specific own
PrimaryGeneratorAction

Advantage:

High flexibility

Disadvantage:

Effort required

Method 2

Implement by means of build-in class
G4ParticleGun

G4GeneralParticleSource (GPS)

Advantage:

Easy implementation

Disadvantage:

Medium scalability

G4GeneralParticleSource (GPS)

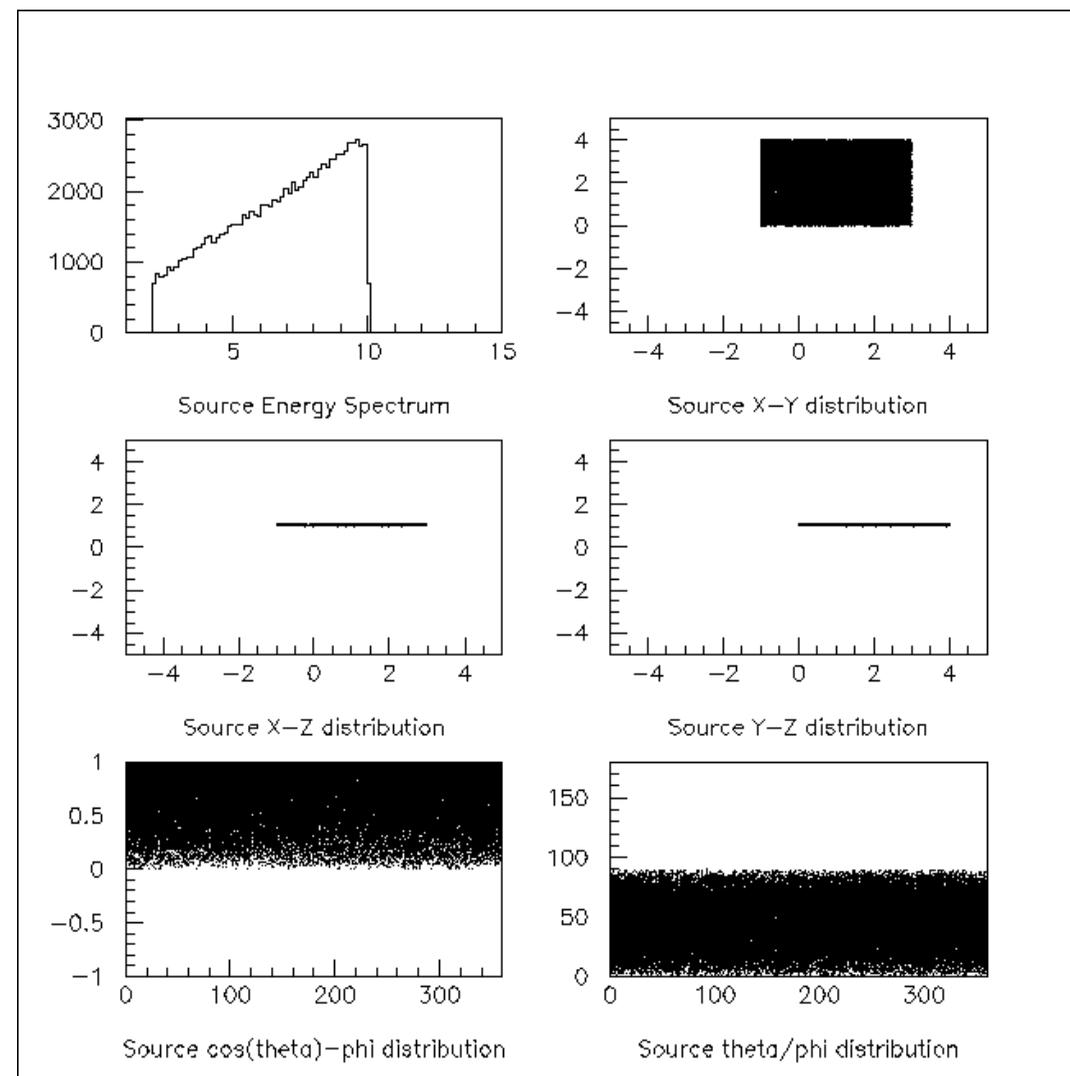
Implementation for GPS in PrimaryGeneratorAction.cc

```
PrimaryGenerator::PrimaryGenerator() {  
    fpGPS = new G4GeneralParticleSource();  
}  
  
void PrimaryGenerator::GeneratePrimaries(G4Event* anEvent) {  
    fpGPS-> GeneratePrimaryVertex(anEvent);  
}
```

fpGPS need to be defined as a member of PrimaryGenerator class

GPS Macro Commands

```
/gps/particle gamma  
/gps/pos/type Plane  
/gps/pos/shape Square  
/gps/pos/centre 1 2 1 cm  
/gps/pos/halfx 2 cm  
/gps/pos/halfy 2 cm  
/gps/ang/type cos  
/gps/ene/type Lin  
/gps/ene/min 2 MeV  
/gps/ene/max 10 MeV  
/gps/ene/gradient 1  
/gps/ene/intercept 1  
/run/beamOn 10000
```



see [examples/extended/eventgenerator/exgps/macros](https://geant4-userdoc.web.cern.ch/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/GettingStarted/generalParticleSource.html) **38 examples available!**

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Scoring and User hook

Scoring is the most complex part of Geant4 implementation

Basically. 3 ways implementation

Command Based Scoring

Advantage:

Easy
manage via macro command

Disadvantage

Only simple voxel shape
Score each run (not each event, step)

Easy and Simple

Run level scoring only
Only for simple voxel

User Hook via Action classes

Advantage:

Intuitively easy for scoring
Score in any level (run, event, step...)

Disadvantage:

Messy implementation required
in very complex geometry

Step level Scoring

Difficult handing
in complex geometry

Sensitive Detector

Advantage:

Relatively easy scoring in very complex geometry
Similar to SteppingAction

Disadvantage:

User need to make relation
between sensitivity and geometry

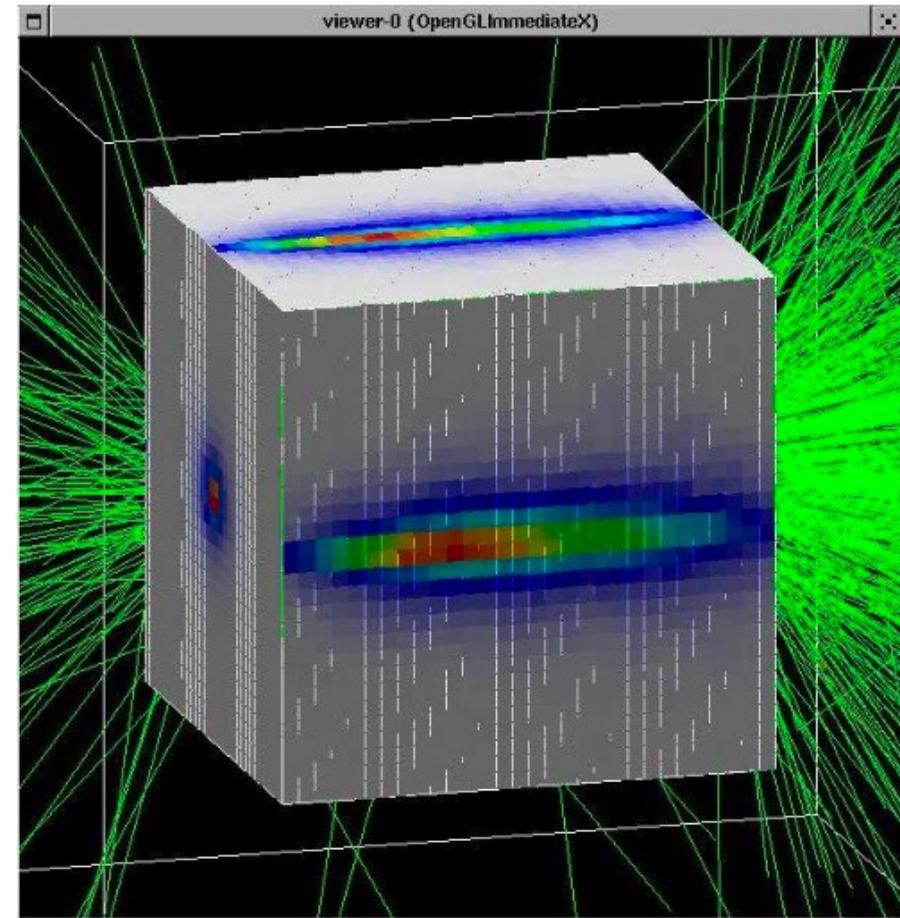
Relatively easy handling in complex geometry

Need effort for implementation
of geometry sensitivity

Command Based Scoring

```
#include "G4RunManager.hh"  
#include "G4ScoringManager.hh"  
int main(int argc, char** argv)  
{  
  G4RunManager* runManager = new G4RunManager();  
  G4ScoringManager::GetScoringManager();  
  ...  
}
```

```
/score/create/boxMesh boxMesh_1  
/score/mesh/translate/xyz 0 0 130 mm  
/score/mesh/boxSize 127.5 127.5 127.5 mm # half dim  
/score/mesh/nBin 51 51 51  
/score/quantity/doseDeposit dDep  
/score/close  
/score/list  
  
#/score/drawProjection boxMesh_1 dDep  
/score/dumpQuantityToFile boxMesh_1 dDep dDep.txt
```



from examples/extended/runAndEvent/RE3

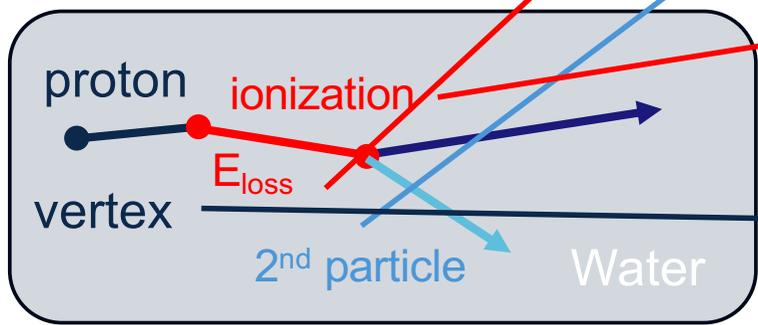
User Hook via Action Classes

Action classes for user hook

- RunAction
Read/Edit Run information
- EventAction
Read/Edit Event information
- TrackingAction
Read/Edit Track information
- SteppingAction
Read/Edit Step information

```
void SteppingAction::UserSteppingAction(const G4Step* aStep)
{
  G4double edep = aStep->GetTotalEnergyDeposit();
  ....
}
```

- G4Step:** Useful function to hook step information
 - GetTrack () : get track information include this step
 - GetPreStepPoint () : get pre/post step point
 - GetPostStepPoint () : step point holds more detail information
 - GetStepLength ()
 - GetSecondaryInCurrentStep ()
- G4StepPoint:** Useful function to hook step information
 - GetKineticEnergy () : get KE of particle at the point
 - GetMaterial () : get Material information at the point
 - GetProcessDefinedStep () : get physics process at the point
- G4Track:** Useful function to hook step information
 - GetTrackID () : get track ID
 - GetDefinition () : get particle definition of the track
 - GetVertexPosition () : get vertex position



See class references for G4Step, G4StepPoint, G4Track,

User need to understand the information structure in Geant4 simulations

Sensitive Detector

Procedure 1: Implement SensitiveDetector class

Initialize() : called begin of event

EndOfEvent: called end of event

ProcessHits: called each step only in registered sensitive volume

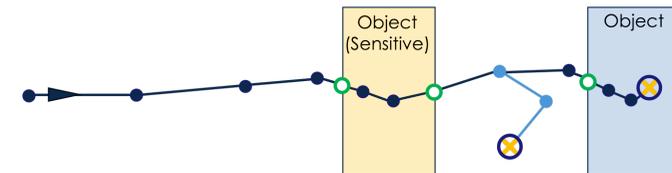
```
class SensitiveDetector : public G4VSensitiveDetector
{
public:
    SensitiveDetector(const G4String &name);
    ~SensitiveDetector() = default;

    void Initialize(G4HCofThisEvent *aHCE) override;
    void EndOfEvent(G4HCofThisEvent *aHCE) override;
    G4bool ProcessHits(G4Step *aStep, G4TouchableHistory *aTouchable)
    override;

private:
    G4double fEdep;
}
```

```
G4bool SensitiveDetector::ProcessHits(G4Step *aStep, G4TouchableHistory* ) {
    G4double edep = aStep->GetTotalEnergy()
    if ( edep <= 0 ) {
        return false;
    }
    fEdep += eDep;
    return true;
};
```

ProcessHits is called for only step in **registered sensitive volume**



Procedure 2: Register logical volume as a SensitiveDetector

```
void DetectorConstruction::Construct( )
{
    auto aSD = new SensitiveDetector{};
    auto sm = G4SDManager::GetSDMpointer();
    sm->AddNewDetector(aSD);

    logicalvolume -> SetSensitiveDetector( aSD );
}
```

Save the Results with Action Classes or SensitiveDetector

1. Define a file for saving results in `UserRunAction::BeginOfRun()`

- Geant4 support several file types for saving result
- ROOT, csv, xml

2. Score and Save results

- You can score what ever you want, but you must transfer the information to `RunAction` by yourself to save the results.
- Alternatively, using **AnalysisManager**, Geant4 can transfer to anywhere.
(call `G4AnalysisManager::Instance()`)

3. Write the results to the save file in `UserRunAction::EndOfRunAction()`

```
void RunAction::BeginOfRunAction(const G4Run* aRun) {
    auto am = G4AnalysisManager::Instance();
    am->SetFileName("output.root");
    am->SetHistDirectoryName("hist");
    am->CreateH1("h1", "Edep in detector", 100, 0., 10.);
    // 1d hist id =0, name = "h1", title = "Edep in detector"
    // number of bins 100, minimum = 0, maximum = 10

    am->OpenFile();
}
```

```
void SteppingAction::UserSteppingAction(const G4Step* aStep)
{
    auto am = G4AnalysisManager::Instance();

    G4double edep = aStep->GetTotalEnergyDeposit();

    am->Fillh1(0, edep); // 1d hist id = 0, fill edep
}
```

```
void RunAction::EndOfRunAction(const G4Run* aRun) {
    auto am = G4AnalysisManager::Instance();
    am->Write();
    am->CloseFile();
}
```

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Tips for Development

To start application development: Find proper application in Geant4 examples!

Geant4 Forum

<https://geant4-forum.web.cern.ch/>

Users guide for application developer

<https://geant4-userdoc.web.cern.ch/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/index.html>

Class reference

<https://geant4.kek.jp/Reference/>

Physics reference manual

<https://geant4-userdoc.web.cern.ch/UsersGuides/PhysicsReferenceManual/html/index.html>

Backup

If you don't have internet access

```
g4vm:/local1 < 63 > nmcli device
DEVICE  TYPE      STATE      CONNECTION
lo      loopback  connected  (externally)  lo
enp2s0  ethernet  disconnected --
```

This is your network device name.

```
g4vm:/local1 < 87 > nmcli connection up enp2s0
Error: unknown connection 'enp2s0'.
g4vm:/local1 < 88 > nmcli connection show
NAME      UUID                                     TYPE      DEVICE
lo        a36a4b2f-f1ac-4dd4-8335-d15dfa929ac6  loopback  lo
ens160    7f871b38-1f33-39cb-bab8-4eda0a5ac240  ethernet  --
```

If you don't have the same device name here.
Please try following commands!

```
g4vm:/local1 < 100 > sudo nmcli connection delete ens160
Connection 'ens160' (7f871b38-1f33-39cb-bab8-4eda0a5ac240) successfully deleted.
g4vm:/local1 < 101 > sudo nmcli connection add type ethernet ifname enp2s0 con-name enp2s0 ipv4.method auto ipv6.method auto
Connection 'enp2s0' (0f5bb16d-2e3b-4cc9-b68e-67a7f23c8b21) successfully added.
g4vm:/local1 < 102 > nmcli connection up enp2s0
Connection successfully activated (D-BUS active path: /org/freedesktop/NetworkManager/ActiveConnection/3)
g4vm:/local1 < 103 >
g4vm:/local1 < 103 > ping 8.8.8.8
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=111 time=10.6 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=111 time=14.7 ms
```