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# Geant 4

L'esperienza di 20 anni e l'orizzonte del 2020

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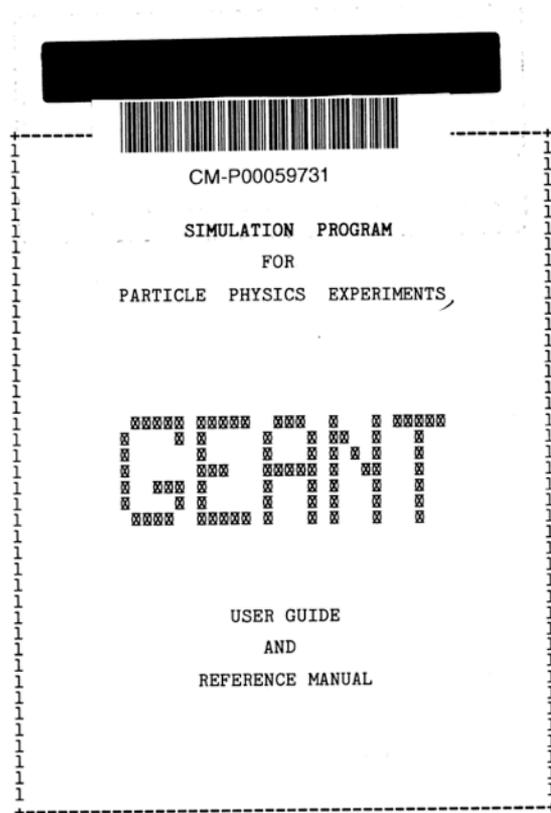
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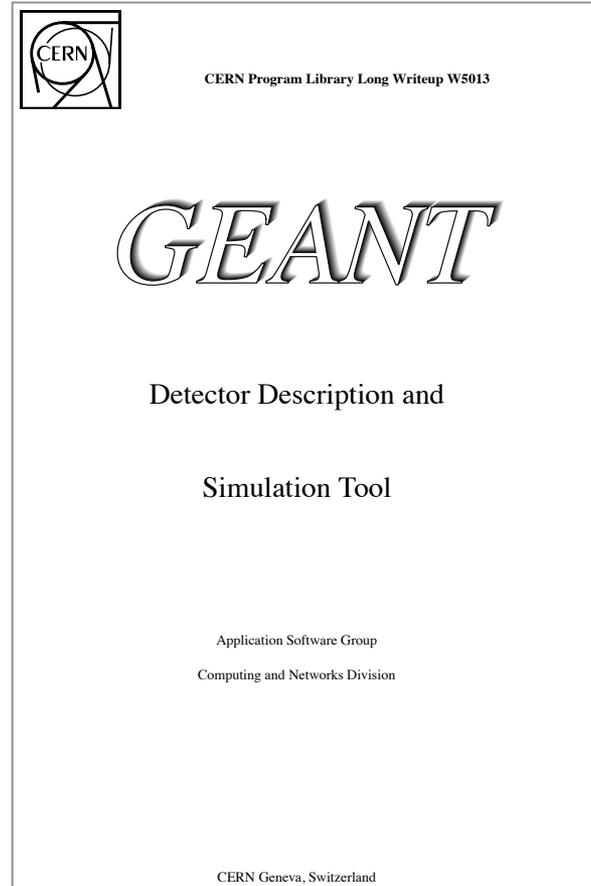
# 1974-1994

R. Brun  
R. Hagelberg  
M. Hansroul  
J.C. Lassalle

CERN - DATA HANDLING DIVISION  
DD/78/2  
January 1978



- GEANT, GEANT2: bare framework
  - GEANT 3: 1982
- EGS physics...



GEANT 3.21, March 1994  
+ GHEISHA, FLUKA, GCALOR

# 1993

**“The main problem with GEANT 3 was that no documentation on its program design was available. Only, say, ten people in the world knew how it worked.”**

Additionally, GEANT 3 was written in FORTRAN, which is a procedural programming language.

The extremely complicated nature of the simulation code, and the relative lack of structure inherent in most procedural languages, made it impossible for general users to add new components to the program.

*Takashi Sasaki, KEK*

*<http://legacy.kek.jp/intra-e/feature/2010/Geant4.html>*

*e.g. ~60 routines need to be modified in GEANT 3 to add a new geometrical shape*

# GEANT 3.20

CN Division  
Report, 1992

Together with this geometry, a new version of the graphics package has been developed which allows shadows, light processing and multiple light sources. All these developments will be introduced in GEANT version 3.20, which should be released at the end of 1993.

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## THE NEW GEOMETRICAL MODELLER OF GEANT 3.20

Jouko Vuoskoski

CERN, Geneva

June 29, 1993

### ABSTRACT

The new geometrical modeller in GEANT 3.20 is entirely new with respect to the previous versions of GEANT. The internal representation is constructed solid geometry (CSG) following the half-space approach. The half-spaces are bounded by polynomial surfaces limited to 2<sup>nd</sup> order. The user interface will also be extended. The new modeller allows users to construct more complicated and more accurate detector models. It offers also better possibilities to exchange geometrical information with CAD-systems.

## Applying STEP Principles to Product Models in High Energy Physics Research

M. Dach et al., Report TKK-F-A724

### 1.2 GEANT

GEANT is a detector simulation program used in the design of detectors used in High Energy Physics (HEP) experiments. The simulation program has been developed at CERN by the HEP community and it is now in use in more than 600 research institutions in over 50 countries. Its applications are not limited to physics, but range from space science to medical research.

The GEANT version 3.20 to be released sometime in the future will have a new geometric modeler [9] which uses a constructive solid geometry (CSG) [10] approach. The internal geometric representation consists of half spaces. In GEANT a *solid object* composing a part of a detector is called a *volume*. Internally a volume is represented by a union of *caves* and a cave is represented by an intersection of half-spaces.

GEANT 3.20  
was never released



# MC93 Conference

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## STATUS AND FUTURE TRENDS OF THE GEANT SYSTEM

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Switzerland

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### ABSTRACT

The GEANT simulation system is undergoing a constant development thanks to the feed-back and collaboration of its very large community of users. Version 3.15 has been released almost an year ago and it can be considered quite stable. Version 3.16 will be released soon and it will contain several improvements, both in the physics and in graphics and user interface. Little has been done in this version on the geometry and on the program structure, in order to preserve as much as possible backward compatibility.

In parallel with these developments, a completely new GEANT geometrical modeller has been developed and is now in an advanced testing phase. This will be released at the end of this year with GEANT Version 3.20. Following a series of discussions held at CERN on the evolution of the CERN Program Library in the LHC era, an experiment has been launched to evaluate C++ and Object Oriented languages for detector simulation.

### ABSTRACT

A project towards object-oriented design and implementation of GEANT (*ProdiG* project) is now under consideration and this is a brief report of current status. Viewing GEANT as a general purpose detector simulation package, motivations for making it object-oriented and possible issues for this end are discussed. Then, a preliminary attempt of analyzing and designing a detector simulation program is given. Also is discussed the possibility and necessity of the worldwide collaboration for it.

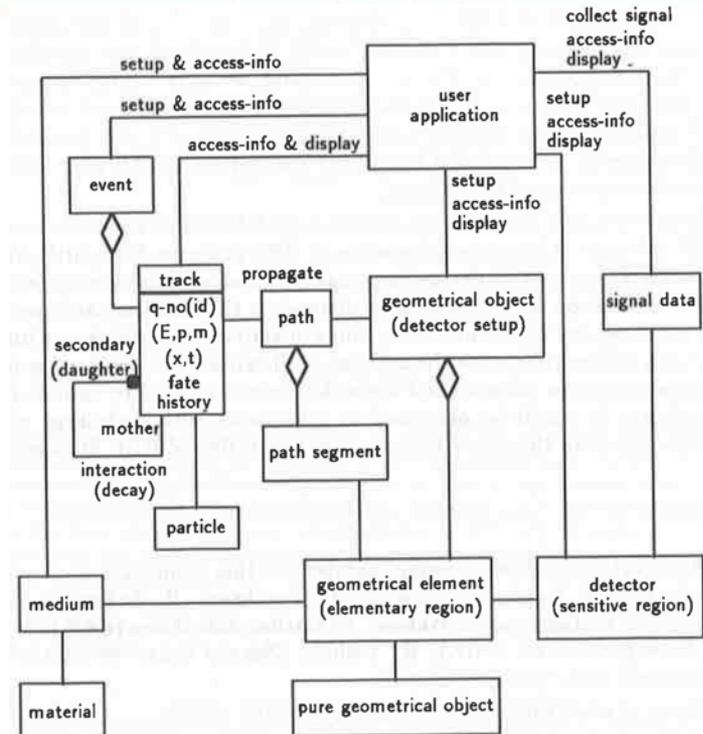


Figure 1: Class Diagram of Detector Simulation.

# Steps into the future

Indko Vasokoki  
27.08.1993

**MINI-WORKSHOP ON OBJECT ORIENTED GEANT**

Held 24-27 August 1993 at CERN/CN/AS

**SLIDES**

**SPEAKERS:**

Tuesday 24.08.1993

Katsuya Amako : The ProdiG project  
Yoshi Takahara : Introduction of KEK activities on OO-GEANT  
Fons Brun : The evolution of CERHLIS environment  
Federico Cardinatti : GEANT status and plans for the geometry

Wednesday 25.08.1993

Simone Ghazi : Investigation of class hierarchy for GEANT  
Alfred Nathaniel : General views on OOP. Ideas for I/O  
Fons Rademakers : C++ evolution  
Indko Vasokoki/  
Jarmo Saarala : An OO method for manipulating geometries

Thursday 26.08.1993

Demonstrations

Friday 27.08.1993

Wrap-up

ProdiG and investigation of class hierarchy for GEANT at CERN merged

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CERN LIBRARIES, GENEVA

DRDC/94-28



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Letter of intent to the DRDC

May 26, 1994

CERN-DRDC  
94-28

## Proposal to CERN Detector R&D Committee

EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH

CERN/DRDC/94-29

DRDC / P58

11 August 1994

**GEANT 4 : an Object-Oriented toolkit  
for simulation in HEP**

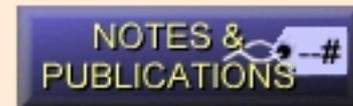
*29 people, 19 institutes, 9 countries*

# Geant 4

## R&D Project

### RD44 (GEANT4)

**GEANT 4: an Object-Oriented toolkit for simulation in HEP**



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**Experiment secretariat e-mail:** [Grey.Book@cern.ch](mailto:Grey.Book@cern.ch)

Beam:	
Approved:	24-11-1994
	07-12-1995
	01-07-1997
	21-10-1997
Completed	14-12-1998
Finished	14-12-2008
Status:	Finished

# Geant4 today

S. Agostinelli et al.

## Geant4: a simulation toolkit

*NIM A*, vol. 506, no. 3, pp. 250-303, 2003

**4597 citations**

Most cited publication in:	Total
Nuclear Science and Technology	626356
Instruments and Instrumentation	
Particle and Fields Physics	267891
Most cited <b>CERN</b> publication	26077
Most cited <b>INFN</b> publication	48779

*Many papers that use Geant4 do not cite it*

# ISI Nuclear Science & Technology WoS Instruments & Instrumentation

- 1. GEANT4-a simulation toolkit**

By: Agostinelli, S; Allison, J; Amako, K; et al.  
NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS & METHODS IN PHYSICS RESEARCH SECTION A-ACCELERATORS  
SPECTROMETERS DETECTORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT Volume: 506 Issue: 3 Pages: 250-303  
Published: JUL 1 2003

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*(from Web of Science Core Collection)*
- 2. A MONTE-CARLO COMPUTER-PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSPORT OF ENERGETIC IONS IN AMORPHOUS TARGETS**

By: BIERSACK, JP; HAGGMARK, LG  
NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS & METHODS Volume: 174 Issue: 1-2 Pages: 257-269 Published: 1980

[Full Text](#)

**Times Cited: 3,709**  
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- 3. ATHENA, ARTEMIS, HEPHAESTUS: data analysis for X-ray absorption spectroscopy using IFEFIT**

By: Ravel, B; Newville, M  
JOURNAL OF SYNCHROTRON RADIATION Volume: 12 Pages: 537-541 Part: 4 Published: JUL 2005

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- 4. ALGORITHMS FOR THE RAPID SIMULATION OF RUTHERFORD BACKSCATTERING SPECTRA**

By: DOOLITTLE, LR  
NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS & METHODS IN PHYSICS RESEARCH SECTION B-BEAM INTERACTIONS WITH MATERIALS AND ATOMS Volume: 9 Issue: 3 Pages: 344-351 Published: 1985

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- 5. WSXM: A software for scanning probe microscopy and a tool for nanotechnology**

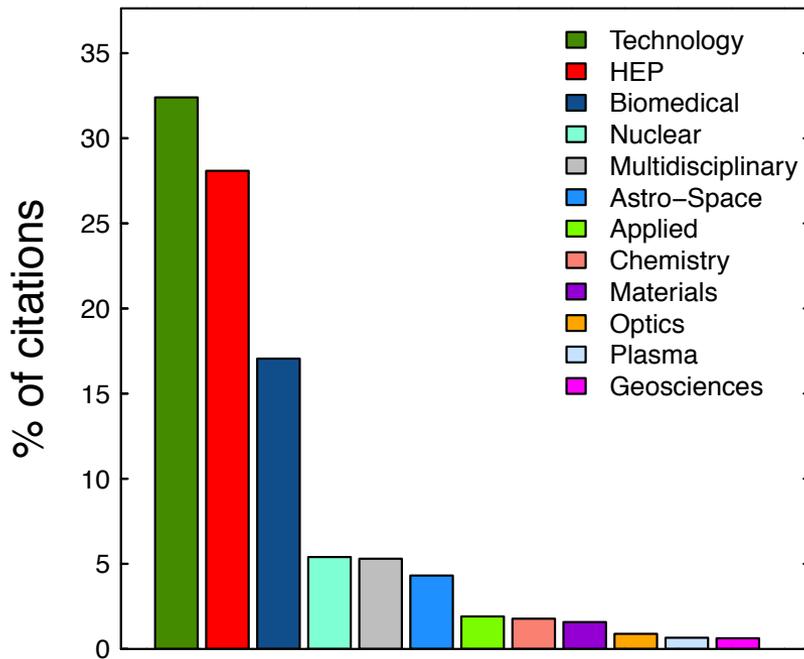
By: Horcas, I.; Fernandez, R.; Gomez-Rodriguez, J. M.; et al.  
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Software!

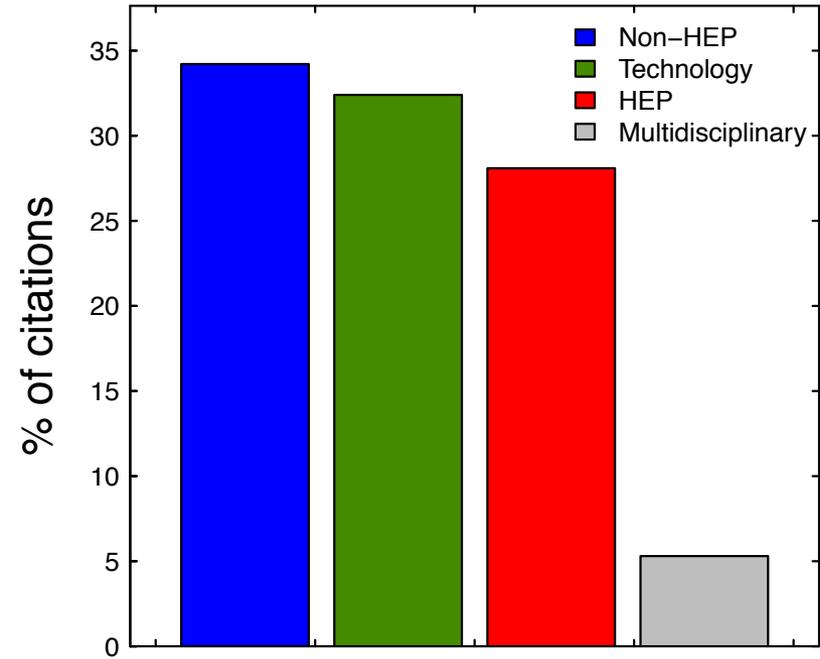
# Who uses Geant4?

Geant4 citations, October 2013



Source of citations

Geant4 citations, October 2013



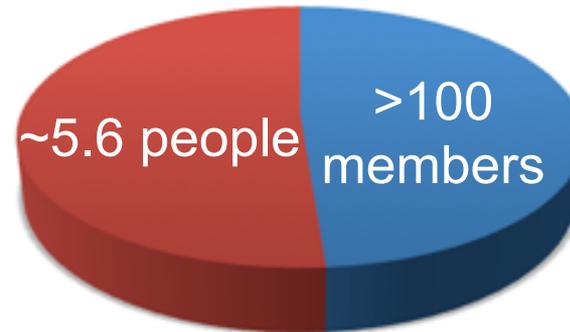
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*Based on Thomson-Reuters' Web of Science data*

# Geant4-related publications by Geant4 developers



## Publications



Geant4 core,  
excluding applications  
(early 2013 statistics)

■ Geant4 collaboration ■ Our team

<http://www.ge.infn.it/geant4/papers/>

Geant4 low energy electromagnetic physics

Geant4 advanced examples

Geant4 distributed simulation

Geant4 scientometrics

Uncertainty Quantification

Statistical Toolkit

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# Overview of Geant4 functionality

# What is Geant 4 ?

## OO Toolkit

for the simulation of next generation HEP detectors

*...of the current generation*

*...not only of HEP detectors*

Born from **RD44**, 1994 – 1998 (R&D phase)

1<sup>st</sup> release: 15 December 1998

1-2 new releases/year since then

RD44 was also an experiment of

- ▶ **distributed software production** and management
- ▶ application of rigorous **software engineering** methodologies
- ▶ introduction of the **object oriented technology** in the HEP environment

# RD44 strategic vision

## OO technology

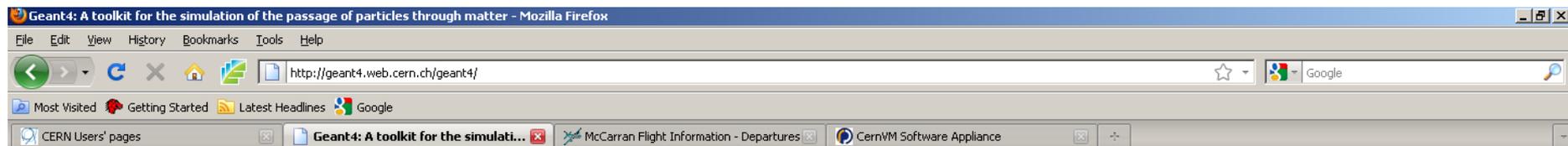
- Open to extension and evolution
  - new implementations can be added without changing existing code
- Robustness and ease of maintenance
  - protocols and well defined dependencies minimize coupling

## Toolkit

- A set of compatible components
  - each component is specialised for specific functionality
  - each component can be refined independently
- Components can cooperate at any degree of complexity
- Providing (and using) alternative components is easy
- User applications can be customised as needed

# Distribution

- Geant4 is **open-source**
- **Freely available**
  - Source code, libraries, associated data files and documentation can be downloaded from <http://cern.ch/geant4>
- User support provided on a best effort basis
  - User Forum: mutual support within the user community



## Geant 4

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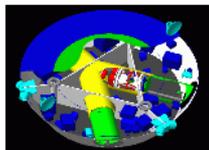
**Geant4** is a toolkit for the simulation of the passage of particles through matter. Its areas of application include high energy, nuclear and accelerator physics, as well as studies in medical and space science. The two main reference papers for Geant4 are published in *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A* [506 \(2003\) 250-303](#), and *IEEE Transactions on Nuclear Science* [53 No. 1 \(2006\) 270-278](#).

### Applications



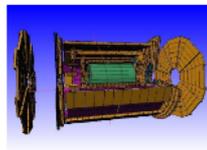
*A sampling of applications, technology transfer and other uses of Geant4*

### User Support



*Getting started, guides and information for users and developers*

### Results & Publications



*Validation of Geant4, results from experiments and publications*

### Collaboration



*Who we are: collaborating institutions, members, organization and legal information*

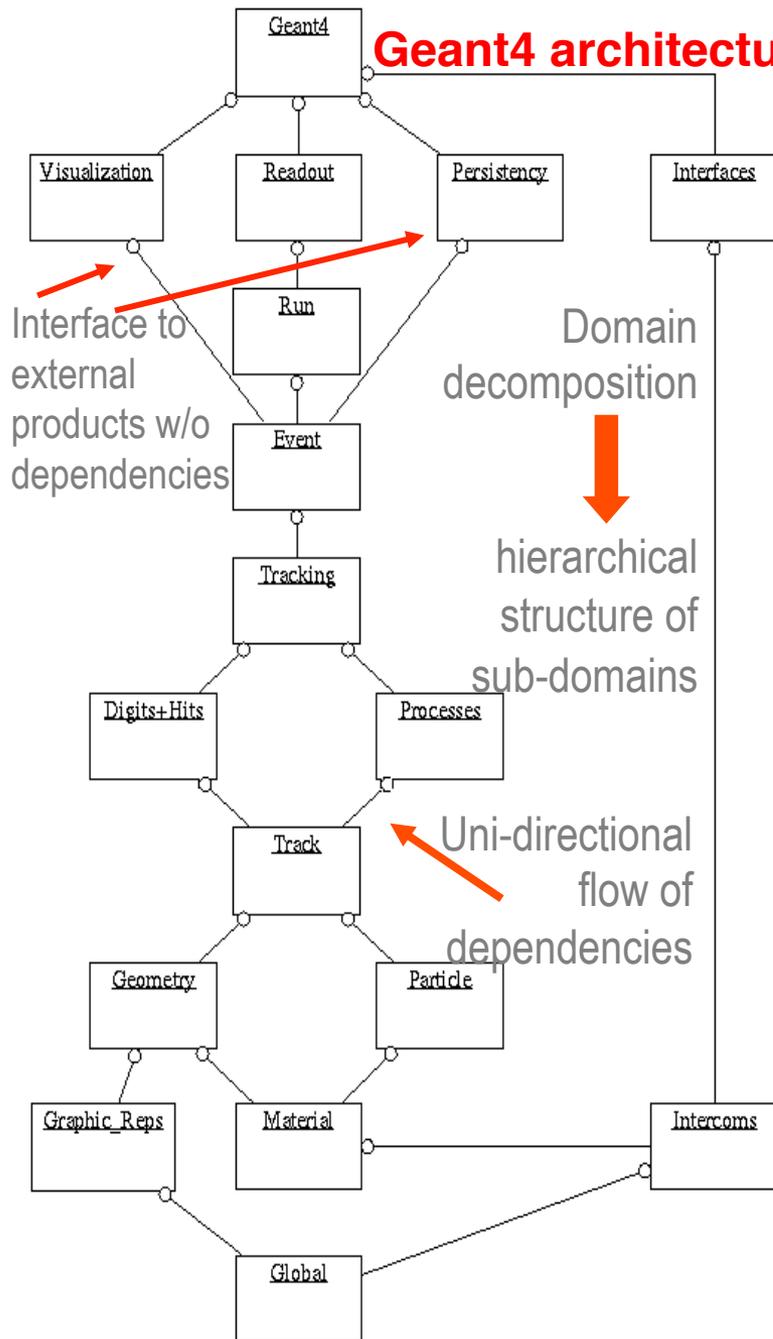
### News

- 24 September 2010 - **Patch-02 to release 9.3** is available from the [download](#) area.
- 24 September 2010 - **Patch-04 to release 9.2** is available from the [archive download](#) area.
- 25 June 2010 - **Release 9.4 BETA** is available from the [Beta download](#) area.
- 16 March 2010 - [2010 planned developments](#).

# Software Engineering

played a fundamental role in RD44

## Geant4 architecture



## User Requirements

- formally collected
- systematically updated
- PSS-05 standard

## Software Process

- spiral iterative approach
- regular assessments and improvements (SPI process)
- monitored following the ISO 15504 model

## Object Oriented methods

- OOAD
- use of CASE tools
- openness to extension and evolution
- contribute to the transparency of physics
- interface to external software without dependencies

## Quality Assurance

- commercial tools
- code inspections
- automatic checks of coding guidelines
- testing procedures at unit and integration level
- dedicated testing team

## Use of Standards

- de jure and de facto

# Geant4 functionality

Geant4 provides tools for particle transport in matter:

● Run a collection of events that share the same detector conditions

● Event multiple events: pile-up

● Tracking decoupled from physics

no tracking cuts,  
but **secondary production thresholds**

● Particles

● Modeling experimental setups

- Geometry and materials
- Detector response

● Physics

● Visualisation

● User interface

● Persistency

● Parallel execution

No time to review all Geant4  
functionality in detail

# Geometry

- Role

- detailed detector description
- efficient navigation

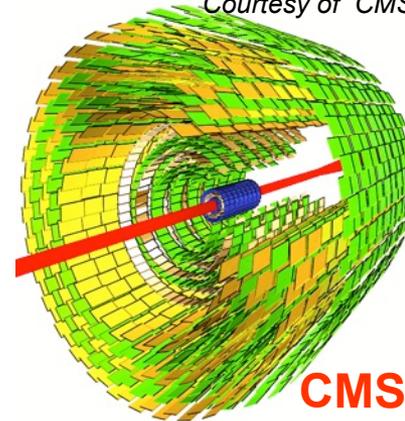
- Three conceptual layers

- **Solid**: shape, size
- **LogicalVolume**: material, sensitivity, daughter volumes, etc.
- **PhysicalVolume**: position, rotation

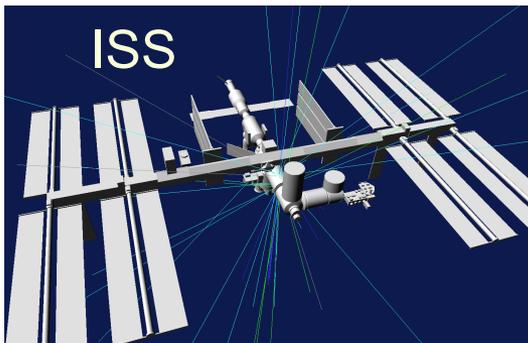
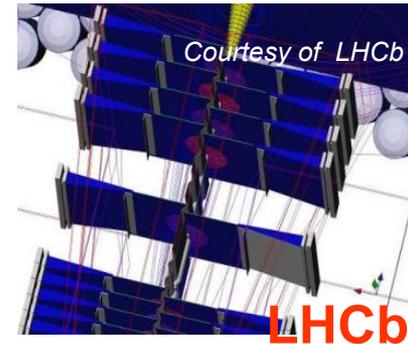
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Courtesy of CMS

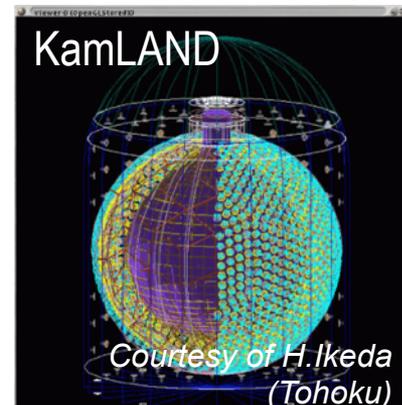


Courtesy of LHCb

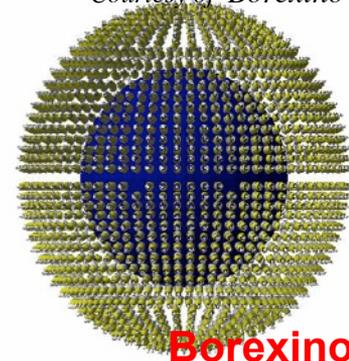


Courtesy T. Ersmark, KTH Stockholm

XMM-Newton



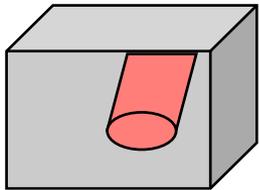
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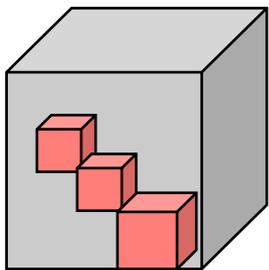
# Solids

- **CSG (Constructed Solid Geometries)**
  - simple solids
- **STEP extensions**
  - polyhedra, spheres, cylinders, cones, toroids, etc.
- **BREPS (Boundary REPresented Solids)**
  - volumes defined by boundary surfaces

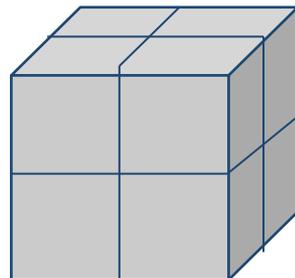
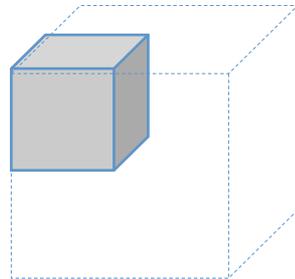
# Physical Volumes



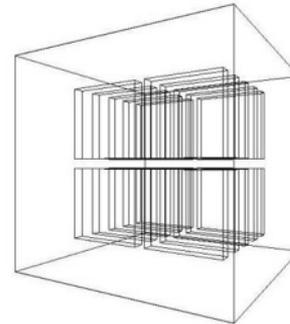
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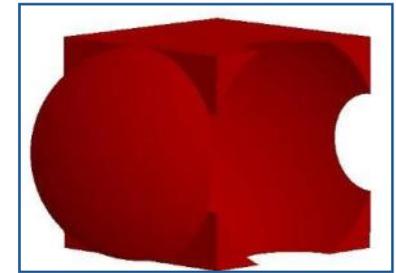
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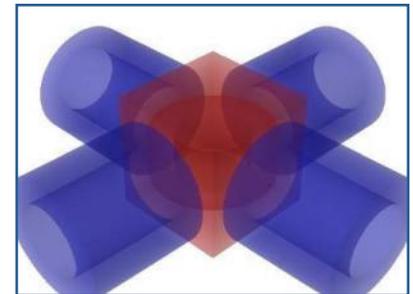
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assembled



Boolean operations



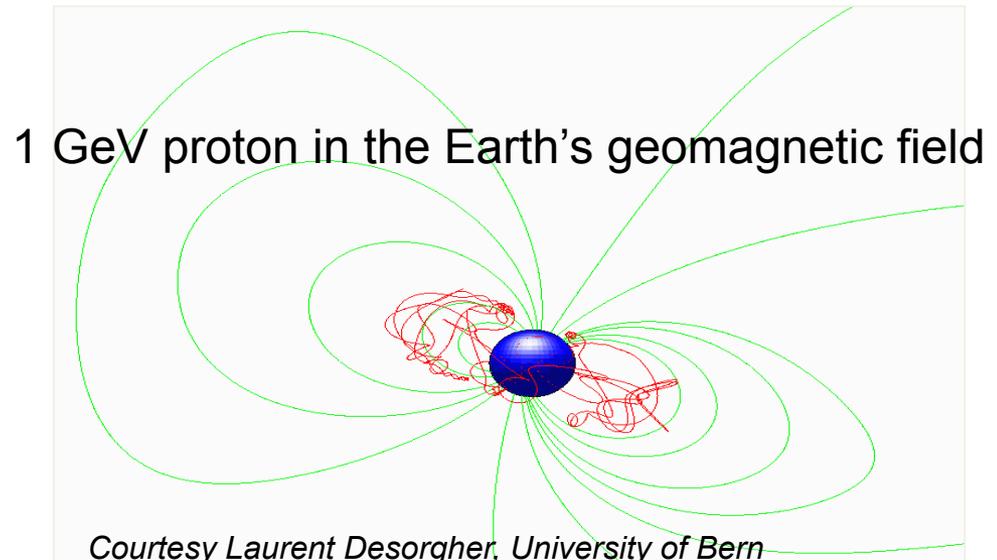
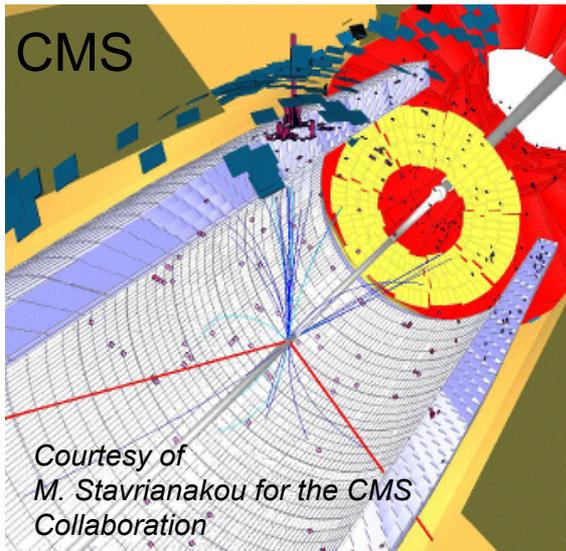
Transparent solids

# Materials

- Different kinds can be defined
  - isotopes
  - elements
  - molecules
  - compounds and mixtures
- Associated attributes:
  - temperature
  - pressure
  - state
  - density

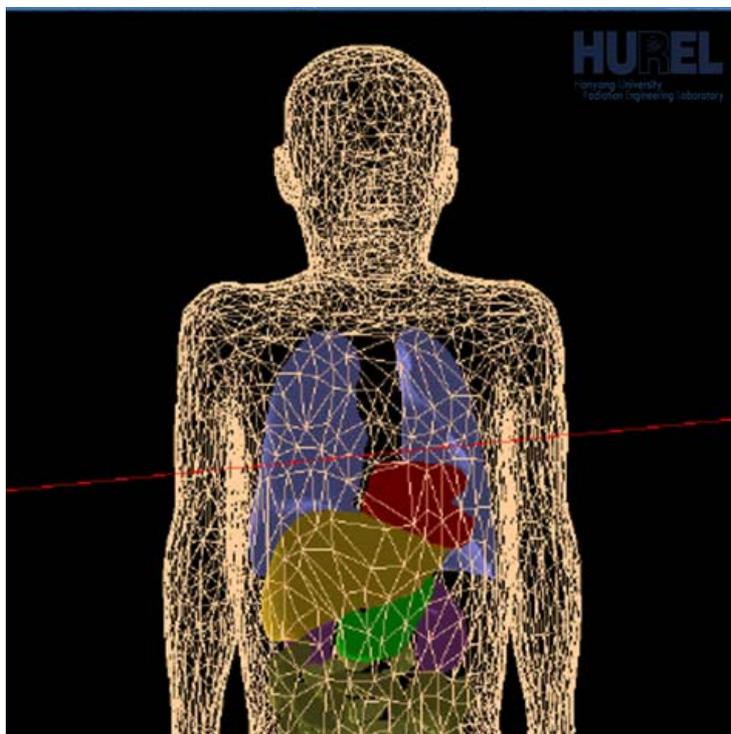
## Electric and magnetic fields

of variable non-uniformity and differentiability



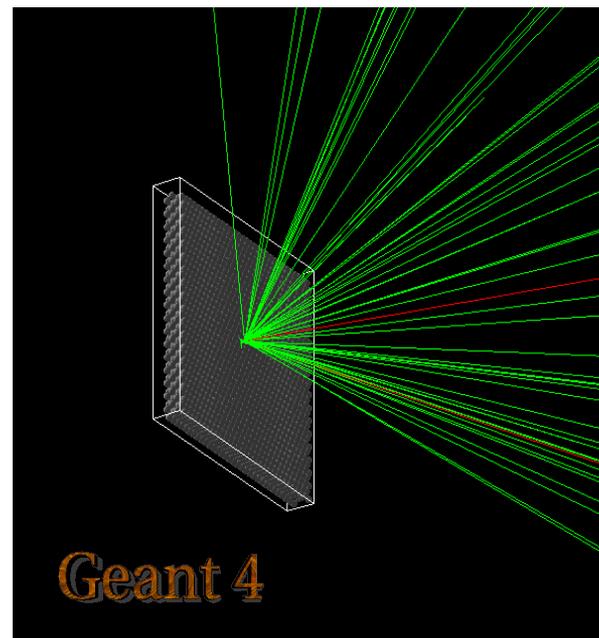
# Not only large scale, complex detectors...

anthropomorphic phantoms



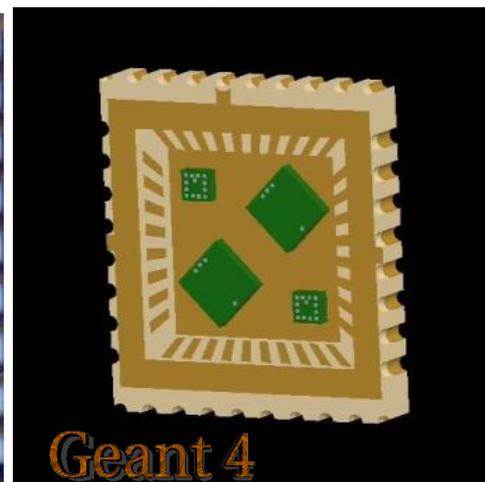
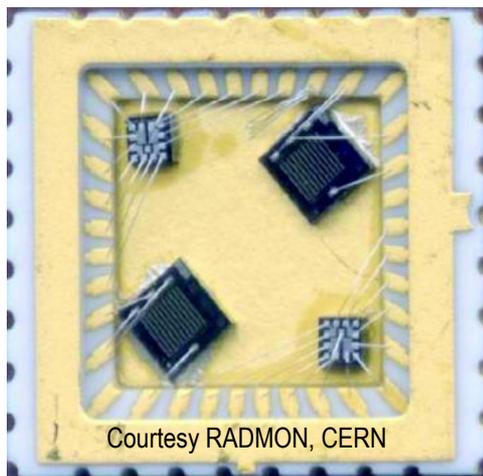
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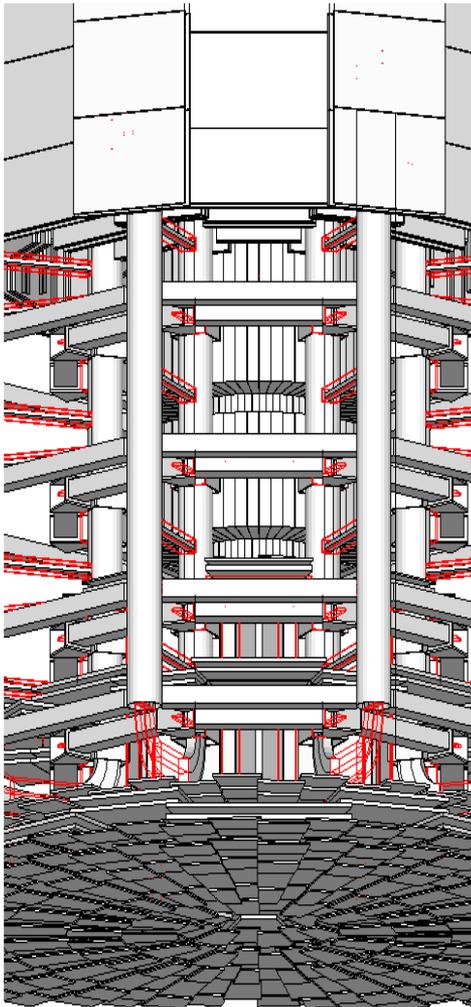


simple geometries

small scale components



# One may also do it wrong...



**DAVID**

## Tools to detect badly defined geometries

graphical indication of detected overlaps

red: mother  
blue: daughters

daughters are protruding their mother

NavigationHistories of points of overlap  
(including: info about translation, rotation, solid specs)

**Geant4 Macro:**

```
/vis/scene/create  
/vis/sceneHandler/create VRML2FILE  
/vis/viewer/create  
/olap/goto ECalEnd  
/olap/grid 7 7 7  
/olap/trigger  
/vis/viewer/update
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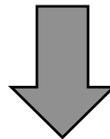
**Output:**

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vol 2: point=(560.513,1443.86,-141.4)  
A -> B:  
[0]: ins=[2] PVName=[NewWorld:0] Type=[N] ...  
[1]: ins=[0] PVName=[ECalEndcap:0] Type=[N] ..  
[2]: ins=[1] PVName=[ECalEndcap07:38] Type=[N]  
B -> A:  
[0]: ins=[2] PVName=[NewWorld:0] Type=[N] ...
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# Physics

“It was noted that experiments have requirements for **independent, alternative physics models**. In Geant4 these models, *differently from the concept of packages*, allow the user to **understand** how the results are produced, and hence improve the **physics validation**. Geant4 is developed with a modular architecture and is the ideal framework where existing components are integrated and new models continue to be developed.”

*Minutes of LCB (LHCC Computing Board) meeting, 21/10/1997*



## RD44 physics vision and design

# RD44 physics vision and design

- Ample variety of physics functionality
- **Abstract interface** to physics processes
  - Tracking **independent** from physics
- Open system
  - Users can easily create and use their own models
- Distinction between **processes** and **models**
  - often multiple models for the same physics process
  - complementary/alternative

# Electromagnetic physics

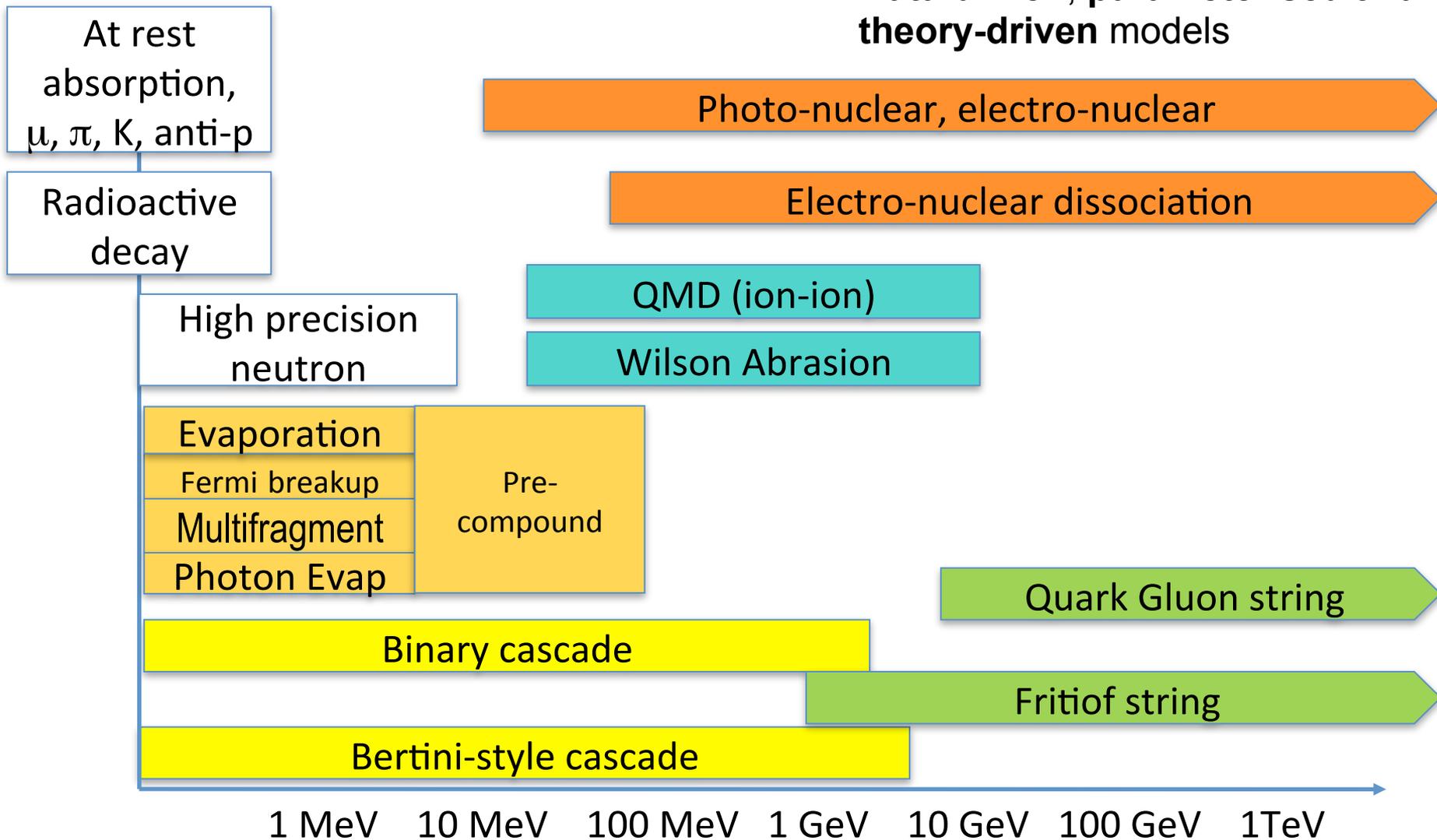
- electrons and positrons
  - photons (*including optical photons*)
  - muons
  - charged hadrons
  - ions
- Comparable to GEANT 3 already in 1997  $\alpha$  release
  - Further extensions facilitated by OO technology
  - **High energy** extensions
    - Motivated by LHC experiments, cosmic ray experiments...
  - **Low energy** extensions
    - motivated by space and medical applications, dark matter and  $\nu$  experiments, antimatter spectroscopy, radiation effects on components etc.
  - Alternative models for the same process

- Multiple scattering
- Bremsstrahlung
- Ionisation
- Annihilation
- Photoelectric effect
- Compton scattering
- Rayleigh scattering
- $\gamma$  conversion
- Synchrotron radiation
- Transition radiation
- Cherenkov
- Refraction
- Reflection
- Absorption
- Scintillation
- Fluorescence
- Auger emission

# Hadronic physics

## Ample variety of models

- Alternative/complementary
- **Data-driven, parameterised and theory-driven models**



# Other features

- **Primary event generation**

- some general purpose tools provided in the toolkit

- **Particles**

- all PDG data and more for specific Geant4 use, like ions

- **Hits & Digitization**

- to describe detector response

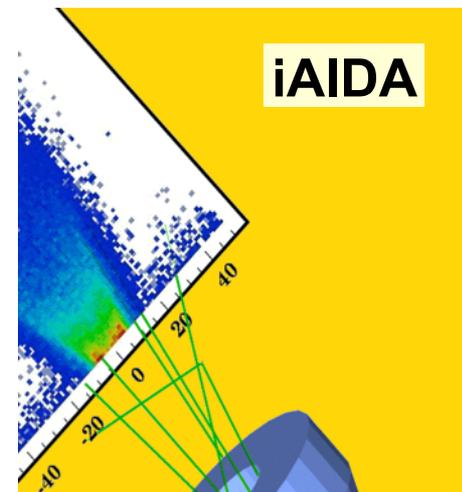
- **Event biasing**

- **Fast simulation**

- **Persistency**

*No time to review them in detail*

# Interface to external tools



Through abstract interfaces (when they exist...)

→ No dependency

Similar approach

- Visualisation
- (G)UI
- Persistency
- [Analysis]

## Visualisation

- Detector geometry
- Particle trajectories
- Hits in detectors

### Drivers

- OpenGL
- OpenInventor
- Postscript
- DAWN
- OPACS
- HepRep
- VRML...

## User interface

- Several implementations
- Command-line
  - batch and terminal
- GUIs
  - X11/Motif, GAG, MOMO, OPACS...
- Automatic code generation for geometry and physics through a GUI
  - GGE (Geant4 Geometry Editor)
  - GPE (Geant4 Physics Editor)

# Toolkit + User application



- Geant4 is a **toolkit**
  - i.e. one cannot “run” Geant4 out of the box
  - One must write an application, which uses Geant4 tools
- Consequences
  - There is no such concept as “**Geant4 defaults**”
  - One must provide the necessary information to configure one’s simulation
- The user must **choose** which Geant4 tools to use
  - To describe the experimental scenario
  - To input primary particles
  - To select physics processes and models, to set secondary production thresholds
- Geant4 tools for user interaction are **base classes**
  - **Abstract base classes** (detector construction, physics, primary generation)
  - **Concrete base classes** (with *virtual* dummy methods) for optional actions
- Guidance: **examples** are distributed with Geant4



# GATE

Simulations of Preclinical and Clinical Scans in Emission Tomography, Transmission Tomography and Radiation Therapy



# GAMOS

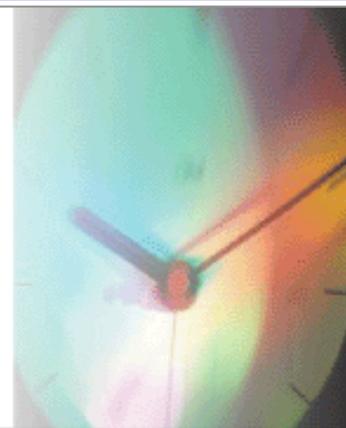
Geant4-based Architecture for Medicine-Oriented Simulations

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「シミュレーション技術の革新と実用化基盤の構築」研究領域

## 高度放射線医療のためのシミュレーション基盤の開発

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## GRAS – Geant4 Radiation Analysis for Space

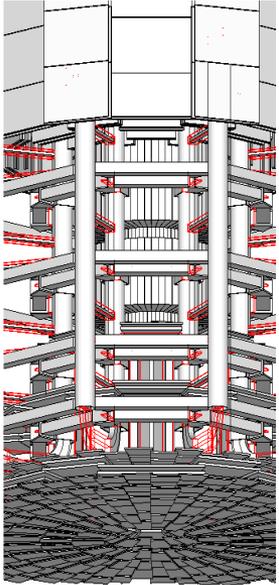
### Introduction

GRAS is a Geant4-based tool that deals with common radiation analyses types (TID, NIEL, fluence, SEE, path length, charge deposit, dose equivalent, equivalent dose, ...) in generic 3D geometry models.



QinetiQ

Multi-Layered Shielding Simulation Software (MULASSIS)



The user must implement a class derived from  
**G4VUserPhysicsList**  
to configure the physics for his/her application

## No DAVID for physics!

- ▶ Automated tools to detect badly defined geometries
- ▶ No such tools to detect badly defined physics!

Knowledge of the **capabilities** and **accuracy** of Geant4 physics options is essential to select the most appropriate ones for an experimental application

**Geant4 physics validation**

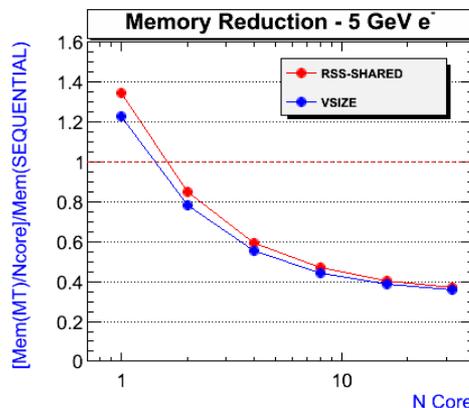


# Parallel execution

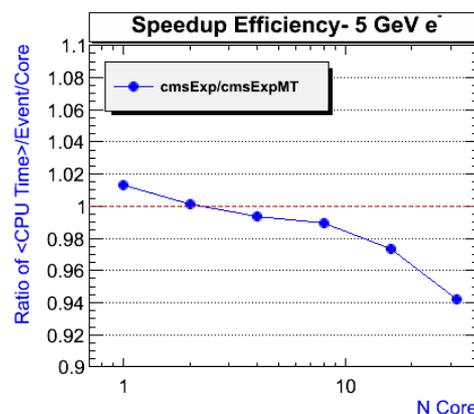
- Activity since early Geant4 releases
- Multi-threading released in Geant4 10.0
  - Event-level parallelism

Each worker thread proceeds independently

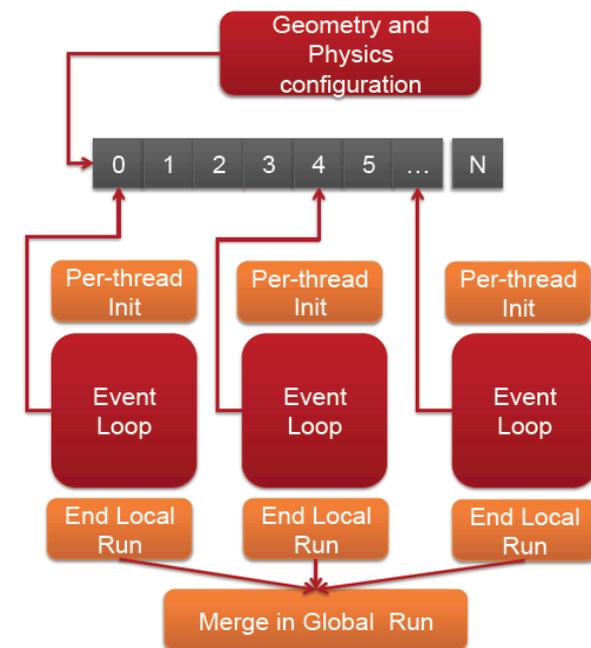
- Initializes its state from a master thread
- Identifies its part of the work (events)
- Generates hits in its own hits-collection
- Uses thread-private objects and state
- Shares read-only data structures (e.g. geometry, cross-sections, ...)
- Has its own read-write part in a few 'shared/split' objects



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Thanks to G. Cosmo for material borrowed from his CHEP 2013 talk!



No time to show detailed results  
**Further benchmarks  
 would be useful**

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# Perspectives

# All done?

Perspectives for the next 20 years...

- **Reviving sound software methods**
  - **Geant4 validation**
  - **Detector simulation**
  - **New experimental challenges**
    - Beyond IPA and IA
    - Multi-scale simulation
  - **Computational resources**
  - **Uncertainty Quantification**
    - Predictive simulation
- largely  
inter-related**

# Software

**If it stinks, change it.**

*Grandma Beck, discussing child-rearing philosophy*

# Post-RD44 electromagnetic software

## Coupling

total cross section  
whether a process occurs

final state generation  
how a process occurs

## Dependencies

on other parts of the software

One needs a geometry  
(and a full scale application)  
to test a cross section

Difficult to test → no testing  
often

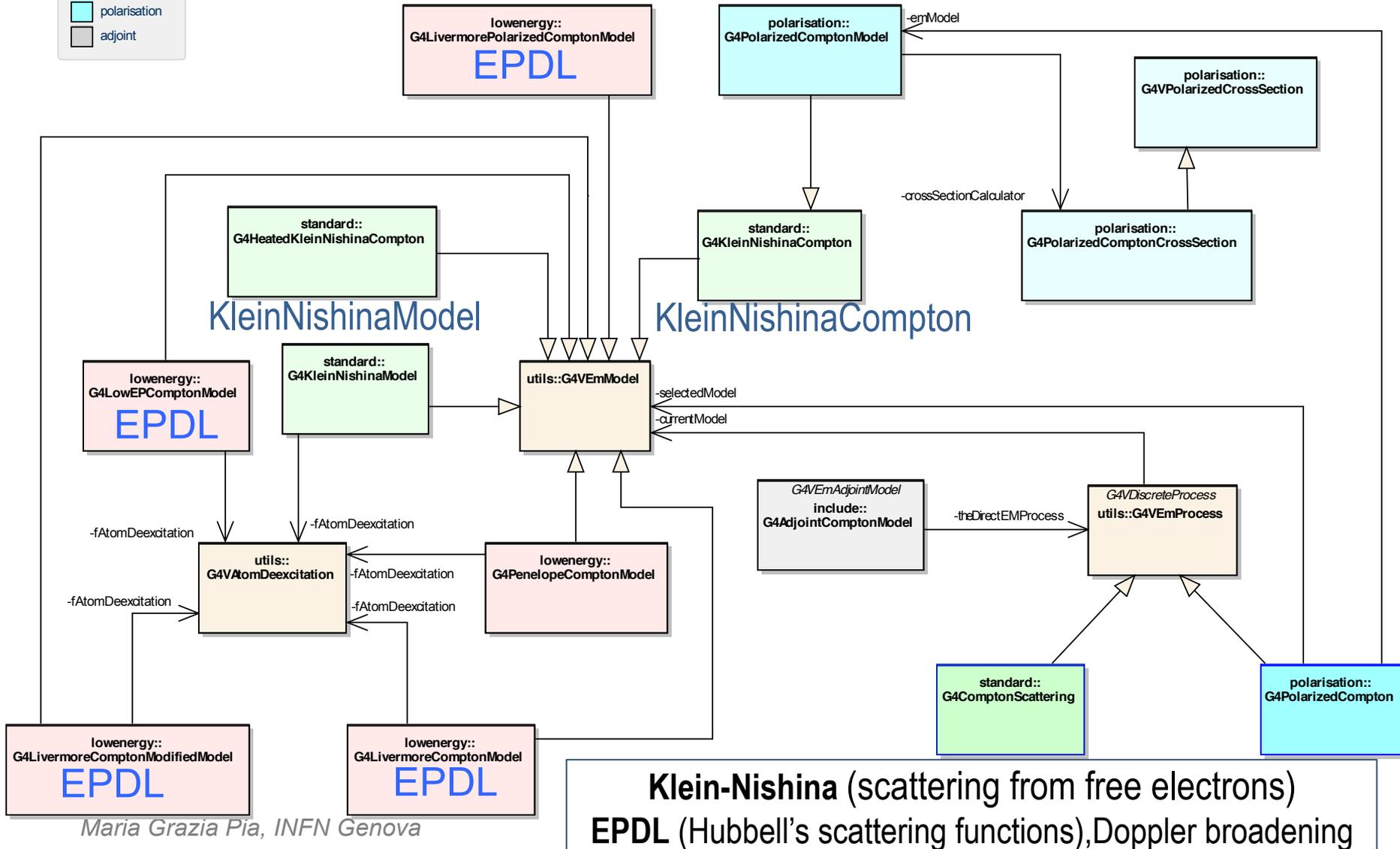


Reverse engineered

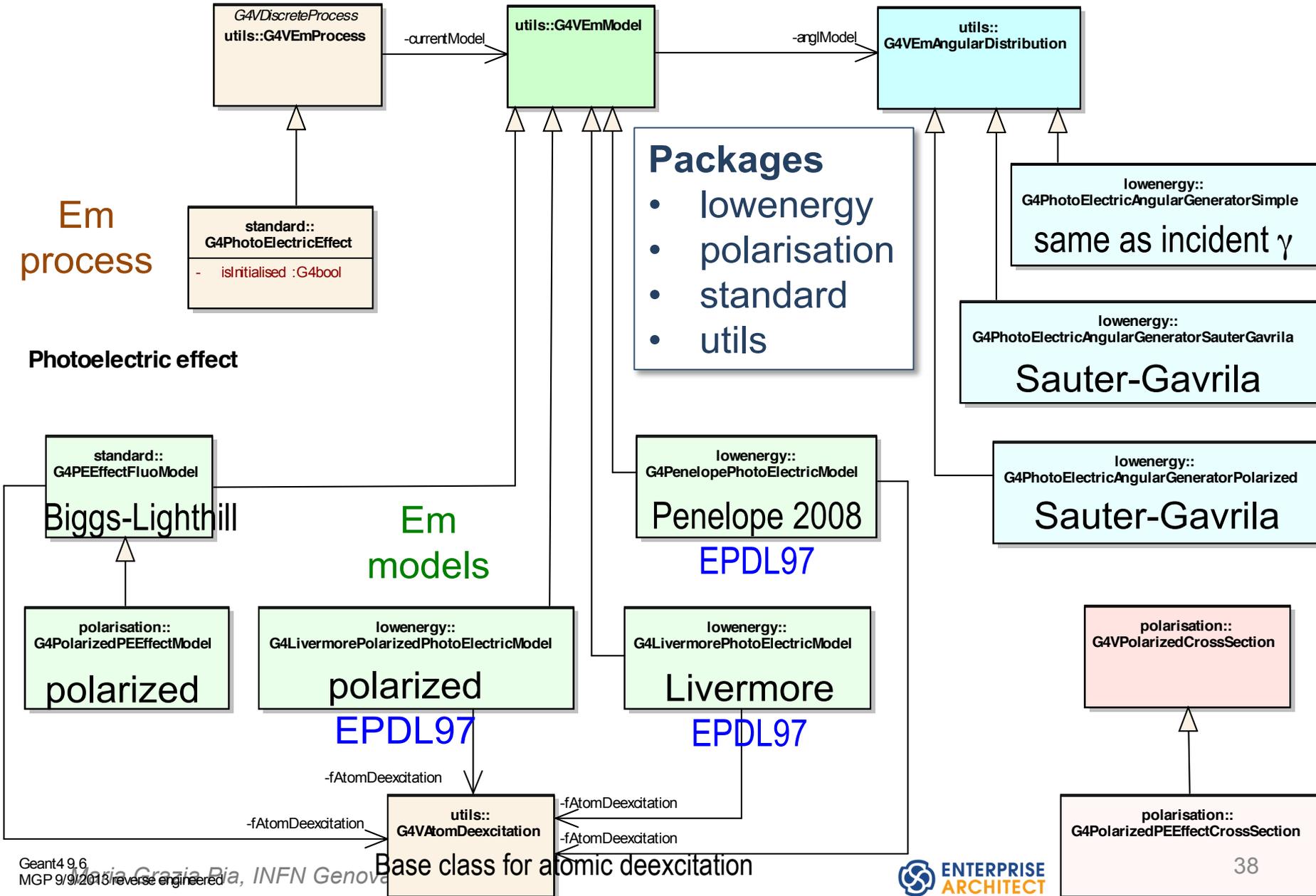
No UML diagrams exist

No design peer reviews

# Compton scattering in Geant4 9.6



# Photoelectric effect in Geant4 9.6

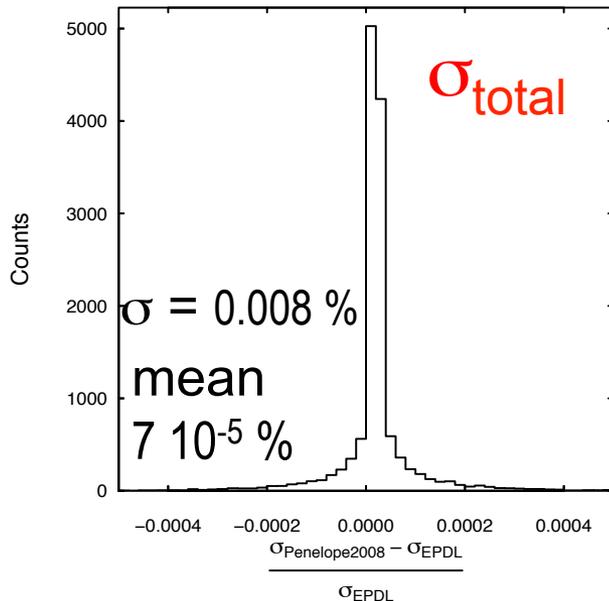


# Duplication

Number one in the stink parade is duplicated ~~code~~ physics

Two Geant4 models:  
different code, identical underlying physics content  
*(it used to be different physics)*

## Photon elastic scattering total cross section



“Livermore”	Penelope
EPDL97	EPDL97
$0.38 \pm 0.06$	$0.38 \pm 0.06$

← Efficiency w.r.t. experiment

### Code bloat

Burden on

- Software design
- Maintenance
- User support

Unnecessary complexity

# Duplication

Number one in the stink parade is duplicated code numbers

1. Bearden & Burr (1967)
2. Carlson
3. EADL
4. Sevier
5. Tol 1978 (Shirley)
6. Tol 1996 (Larkins)
7. Williams

## Atomic binding energies

Geant 4 { Carlson + Williams  
EADL

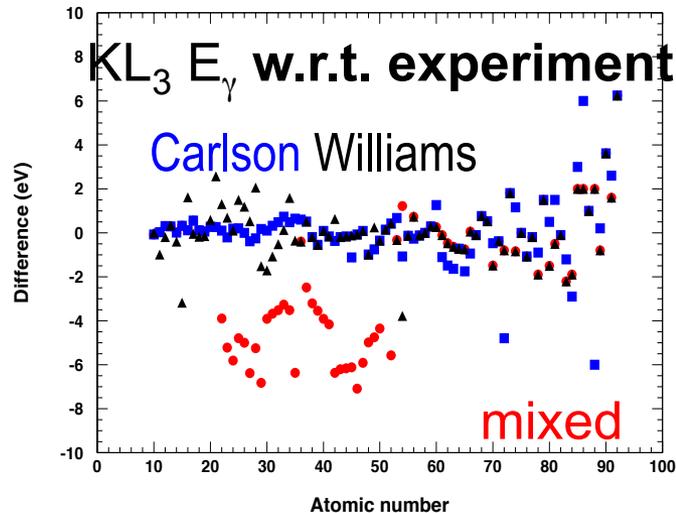
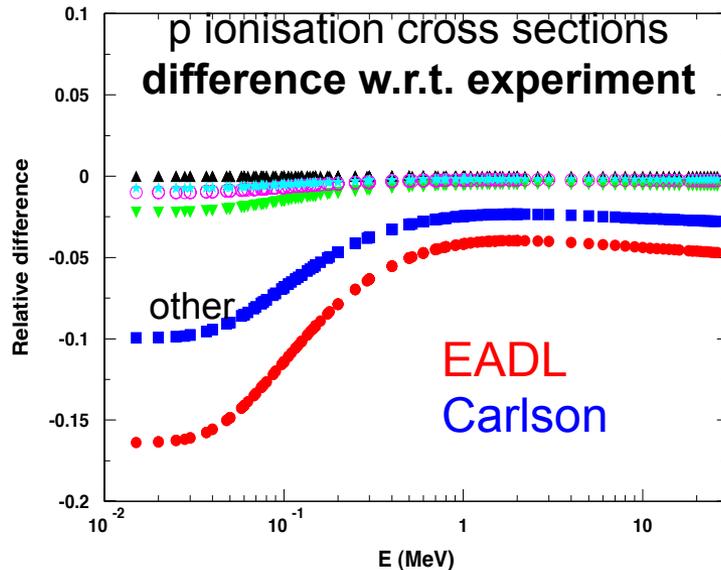
Vacuum  
Fermi level

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 58, NO. 6, DECEMBER 2011

### Evaluation of Atomic Electron Binding Energies for Monte Carlo Particle Transport

Maria Grazia Pia, Hee Seo, Matej Batic, Marcia Begalli, Chan Hyeong Kim, Lina Quintieri, and Paolo Saracco

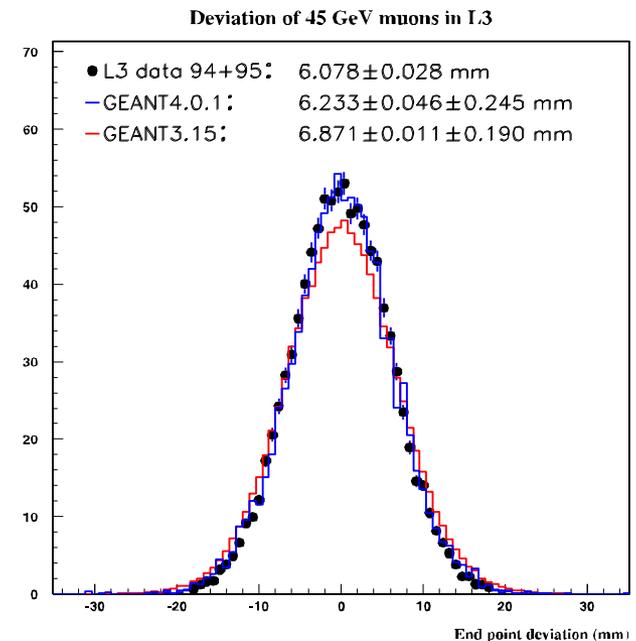
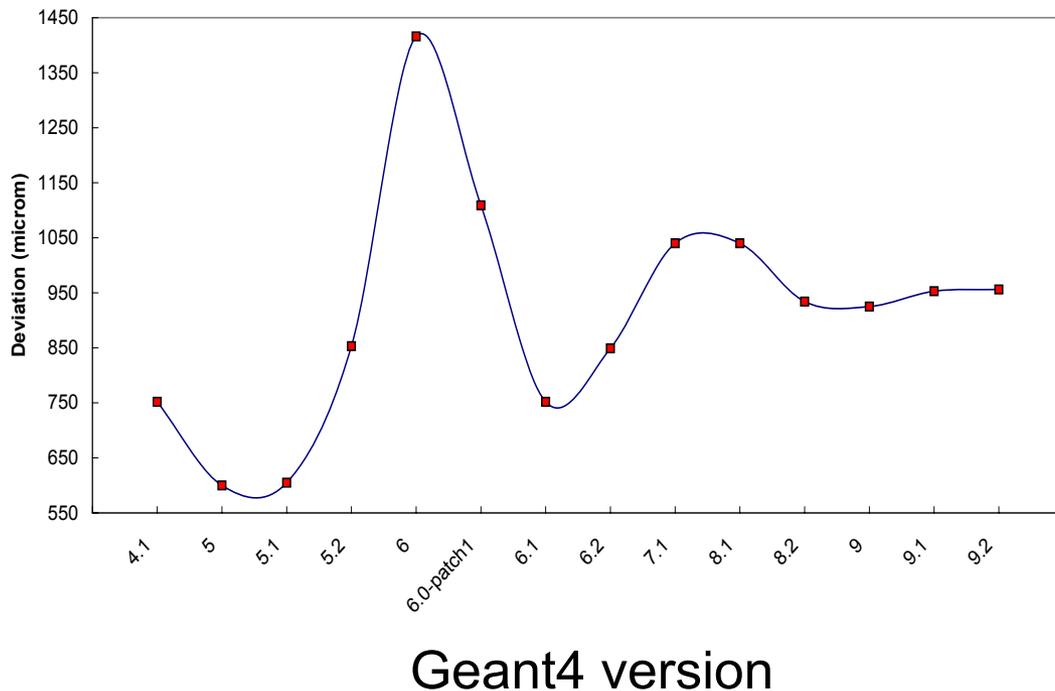


XRF

# Change management

## Traceability Test

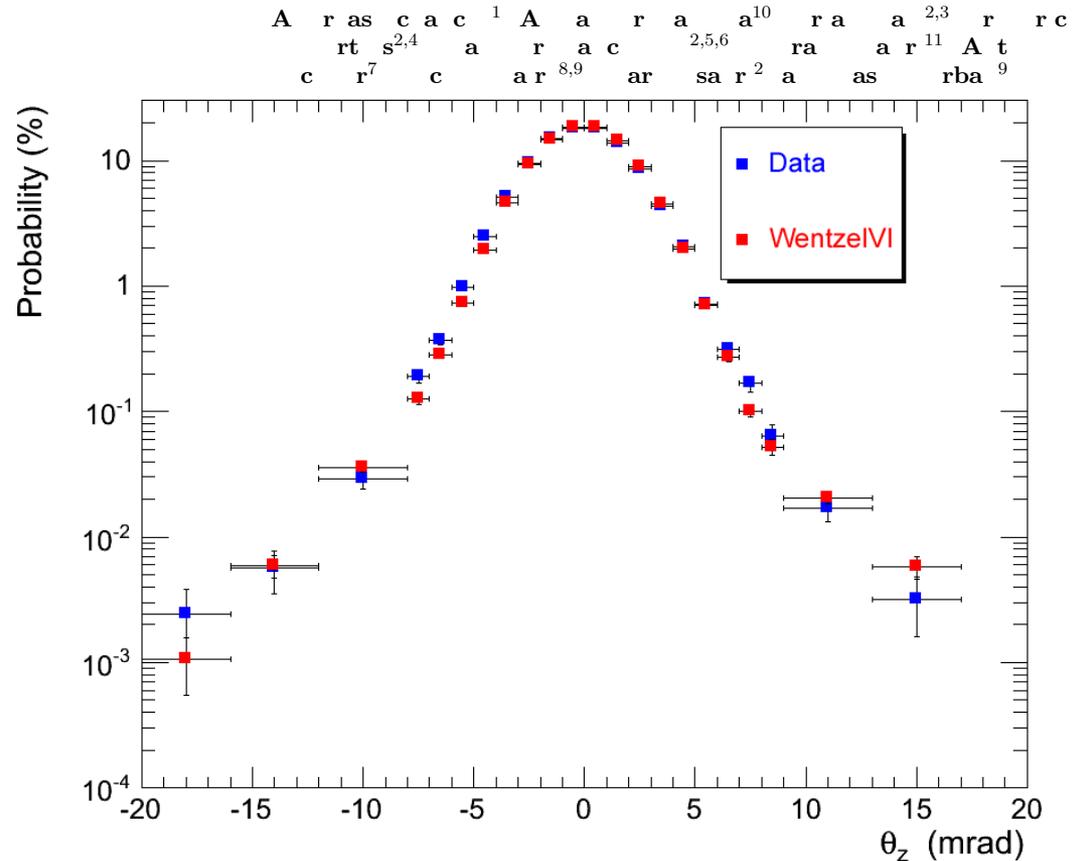
100 GeV muons, 1 m thick iron  
Lateral deviation at end point



P. Arce and M. Wadhwa, Deviation in matter of 45 GeV muons in GEANT3 and GEANT4. A comparison with L3 data. CMS Note 2000/16, 2000

# Muons

Muon scattering angular distribution for 7.3 GeV/c muon on a copper target (1 radiation length thick) in comparison with the **Wentzel-VI** MSC model.



Comparison with experimental data limited to stopping power in two materials

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 53, NO. 2, APRIL 2006

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## Geant4 Simulation of Production and Interaction of Muons

A. G. Bogdanov, H. Burkhardt, V. N. Ivanchenko, S. R. Kelner, R. P. Kokoulin, M. Maire, A. M. Rybin, and L. Urban

High energy extensions based on theoretical models (**PeV** scale): data?

# What you validated yesterday, is still valid today?

<sup>398</sup> Best Student paper, IEEE NSS 2007

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 56, NO. 2, APRIL 2009

## Validation of Geant4 Low Energy Electromagnetic Processes Against Precision Measurements of Electron Energy Deposition

Anton Lechner, Maria Grazia Pia, and Manju Sudhakar

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 60, NO. 4, AUGUST 2013

## Validation of Geant4 Simulation of Electron Energy Deposition

Matej Batič, Gabriela Hoff, Maria Grazia Pia, Paolo Saracco, and Georg Weidenspointner

**How does it look like 4 years later?**

# Geant4 physics validation

# What is what

- **Verification**
- **Validation**
- **Calibration**

IEEE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION 

IEEE Standard for System and Software Verification and Validation

**IEEE Standard 1012**

IEEE Computer Society

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Systems and Software Engineering  
– System Life Cycle Processes
- **ISO/IEC 12207** (IEEE Std 12207)  
Systems and Software Engineering  
– Software Life Cycle Processes
- **IEEE Std 1074**  
IEEE Standard for Developing a  
Software Project Life Cycle Process

# Verification

- A. The process of evaluating a system or component to determine whether the products of a given development phase satisfy the conditions imposed at the start of that phase.
- B. The process of providing objective evidence that the system, software, or hardware and its associated products **conform to requirements** (*e.g., for correctness, completeness, consistency, and accuracy*) for all life cycle activities during each life cycle process (acquisition, supply, development, operation, and maintenance); satisfy standards, practices, and conventions during life cycle processes; and successfully complete each life cycle activity and satisfy all the criteria for initiating succeeding life cycle activities.

e.g. in the context of Monte Carlo simulation

## Requirement:

Compton scattering cross section shall be described by the Klein-Nishina formula

**Verification:** the software calculates

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{KN}}(\theta)}{d\Omega} = \frac{r_e^2}{2} [1 + k(1 - \cos \theta)]^{-2} \left[ 1 + \cos^2 \theta + \frac{k^2(1 - \cos \theta)^2}{1 + k(1 - \cos \theta)} \right]$$

consistently, correctly,  
with adequate numerical precision...

# Validation

- A. The process of evaluating a system or component during or at the end of the development process to determine whether it satisfies specified requirements.
- B. The process of providing evidence that the system, software, or hardware and its associated products satisfy requirements allocated to it at the end of each life cycle activity, **solve the right problem** (*e.g., correctly model physical laws, implement business rules, and use the proper system assumptions*), and **satisfy intended use and user needs**.

In the context of Monte Carlo simulation

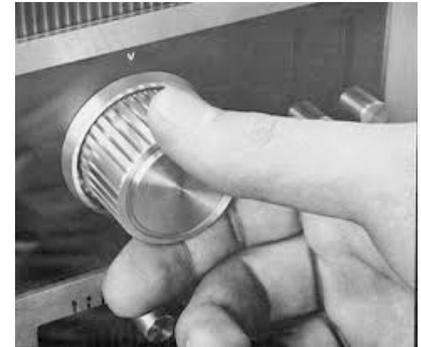
**validation** = consistency with experimental measurements

e.g. does the Klein-Nishina formula reproduce measured differential cross sections of photon inelastic scattering?

# Calibration

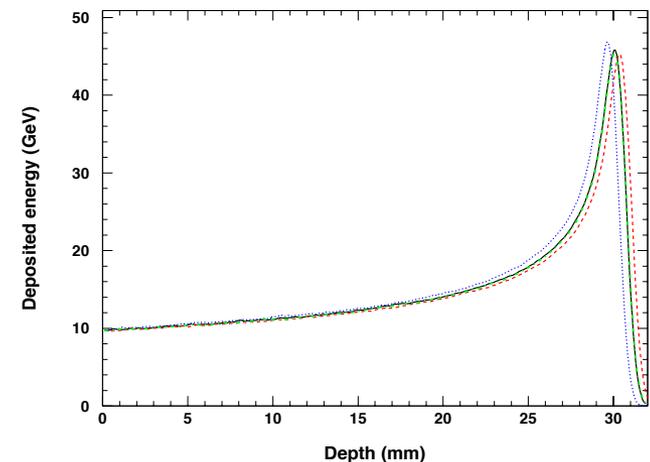
AKA “tuning”

- The process of **improving the agreement** of a code calculation with respect to a chosen set of benchmarks through the **adjustment of parameters** implemented in the code
- Calibration **is not** validation
  - Validation is the process of confirming that the predictions of a code adequately represent measured physical phenomena



T. G. Trucano et al., **Calibration, validation, and sensitivity analysis: What's what**, *Reliability Eng. & System Safety*, vol. 91, no. 10-11, pp. 1331-1357, 2006

M. G. Pia et al, **Physics-related epistemic uncertainties of proton depth dose simulation**, *IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci.*, vol. 57, no. 5, pp. 2805-2830, 2010



# What is NOT validation

- Comparison of simulations with different Monte Carlo codes
  - Or comparison of different physics models in the same Monte Carlo system
- Comparison of simulation with theory
- Comparison with non-pertinent experimental data
- Calibration

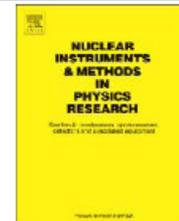
## Oenology



*Maria Grazia Pia, INFN Genova*

## Mozart opera





**Validation** of the Geant4 electromagnetic photon cross-sections for elements and compounds

G.A.P. Cirrone<sup>a</sup>, G. Cuttone<sup>a</sup>, F. Di Rosa<sup>a</sup>, L. Pandola<sup>b,\*</sup>, F. Romano<sup>a</sup>, Q. Zhang<sup>a,c,\*\*</sup>

**Comparison to theoretical data libraries  
NOT validation!**

cited in

“After the migration to common design a new **validation** of photon cross sections versus various databases was published<sup>26)</sup> which demonstrated general good agreement with the data for both the Standard and Low-energy models.”

Progress in NUCLEAR SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY, Vol. 2, pp.898-903 (2011)

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# Comparisons of Monte Carlo codes

Phys. Med. Biol. **56** (2011) 811–827

doi:10.1088/0031-9155/56/3/017

**Comparison of GATE/GEANT4 with EGSnrc and MCNP for electron dose calculations at energies between 15 keV and 20 MeV**

Phys. Med. Biol. **57** (2012) 1231–1250

doi:10.1088/0031-9155/57/5/1231

**Comparison of nanodosimetric parameters of track structure calculated by the Monte Carlo codes Geant4-DNA and PTRa**

Phys. Med. Biol. **57** (2012) 6381–6393

doi:10.1088/0031-9155/57/20/6381

**Comparison of MCNPX and Geant4 proton energy deposition predictions for clinical use**

Applied Radiation and Isotopes **83** (2014) 137–141

Dose point kernels in liquid water: An intra-comparison between GEANT4-DNA and a variety of Monte Carlo codes

C. Champion<sup>a\*</sup>, S. Incerti<sup>a</sup>, Y. Perrot<sup>b</sup>, R. Delorme<sup>c</sup>, M.C. Bordage<sup>d</sup>, M. Bardies<sup>e</sup>, B. Mascialino<sup>f</sup>, H.N. Tran<sup>a</sup>, V. Ivanchenko<sup>g</sup>, M. Bernal<sup>h</sup>, Z. Francis<sup>i</sup>, J.-E. Groetz<sup>j</sup>, M. Fromm<sup>j</sup>, L. Campos<sup>k</sup>

## Comparison of



## and



**Comparison of GEANT4 very low energy cross section models with experimental data in water**

S. Incerti, A. Ivanchenko, M. Karamitros, A. Mantero, P. Moretto, H. N. Tran, B. Mascialino, C. Champion, V. N. Ivanchenko, M. A. Bernal, Z. Francis, C. Villagrasa, G. Baldacchino, P. Guèye, R. Capra, P. Nieminen, and C. Zacharatou

Citation: *Medical Physics* **37**, 4692 (2010); doi: 10.1118/1.3476457

Simulation models: **liquid water**  
Experimental data: **water vapour**

# Validation is holistic

One has to validate the entire calculation system

Including:



- User
- Computer system
- Problem setup
- Running
- Results analysis



An inexperienced user can easily get wrong answers out of a good code in a valid régime

## Columbia Space Shuttle disaster

The Columbia Space Shuttle wing failed during re-entry due to hot gases entering a portion of the wing damaged by a piece of foam that broke off during launch



— NASA Columbia Shuttle Accident Report

Boeing did an analysis with the CRATER code (designed to study the effects of micrometeorite impacts, validated only for projectiles less than 1/400 the size and mass of the piece of foam that struck the wing), did not use a code like LS-DYNA that was the industry standard for assessing impact damage

# What is validated

- Validation of the “**ingredients**” of Geant4
  - Foundation of Geant4 physics models
  - Cross sections (total, partial, differential)
    - angular distributions, secondary particle energy spectra etc.
  - Modeling assumptions
- Validation of **simulated observables in use cases**
  - Largely represented in the literature
  - Often **qualitative** only
  - Resulting from **Geant4 + user application**
  - Often lacking traceability (*e.g. no configuration documentation*)

**very limited coverage!**

# Establishing validity



Agreement  
Good agreement  
Excellent agreement  
Satisfactory agreement  
...

- Comparison of simulation and experimental data in the literature mainly rests on
  - qualitative visual appraisal of figures
  - indicators (%) deprived of any statistical relevance
- **Statistics** is the mathematical foundation of Monte Carlo validation
- Rigorous statistical methods assess
  - Whether a **simulation model is consistent with nature**
  - Whether different simulation models produce (or do not produce) equivalent results in terms of compatibility with experiment

# Conference papers

- J. Apostolakis et al., Recent Progress of Geant4 Electromagnetic Physics and Readiness for the LHC Start, *XII Workshop Advanced Computing and Analysis Techniques in Physics Research (ACAT)*, 2008
- J. Apostolakis et al., Validation and verification of Geant4 standard electromagnetic physics, *J. Phys.: Conf. Series* 219 (2010) 032044 (CHEP 2009)
- A. Schälicke et al., Geant4 electromagnetic physics for the LHC and other HEP applications, *J. Phys.: Conf. Series* 331 (2011) 032029 (CHEP 2010)
- V. Ivanchenko et al., Recent Improvements in Geant4 Electromagnetic Physics Models and Interfaces, *Progr. Nucl. Sci. Technol.*, 2 (2011) 898-903 (SNA+Monte Carlo 2010)
- J. Allison et al., Geant4 electromagnetic physics for high statistic simulation of LHC experiment, *J. Phys.: Conf. Series*, 396 (2012) 022013 (CHEP 2012)

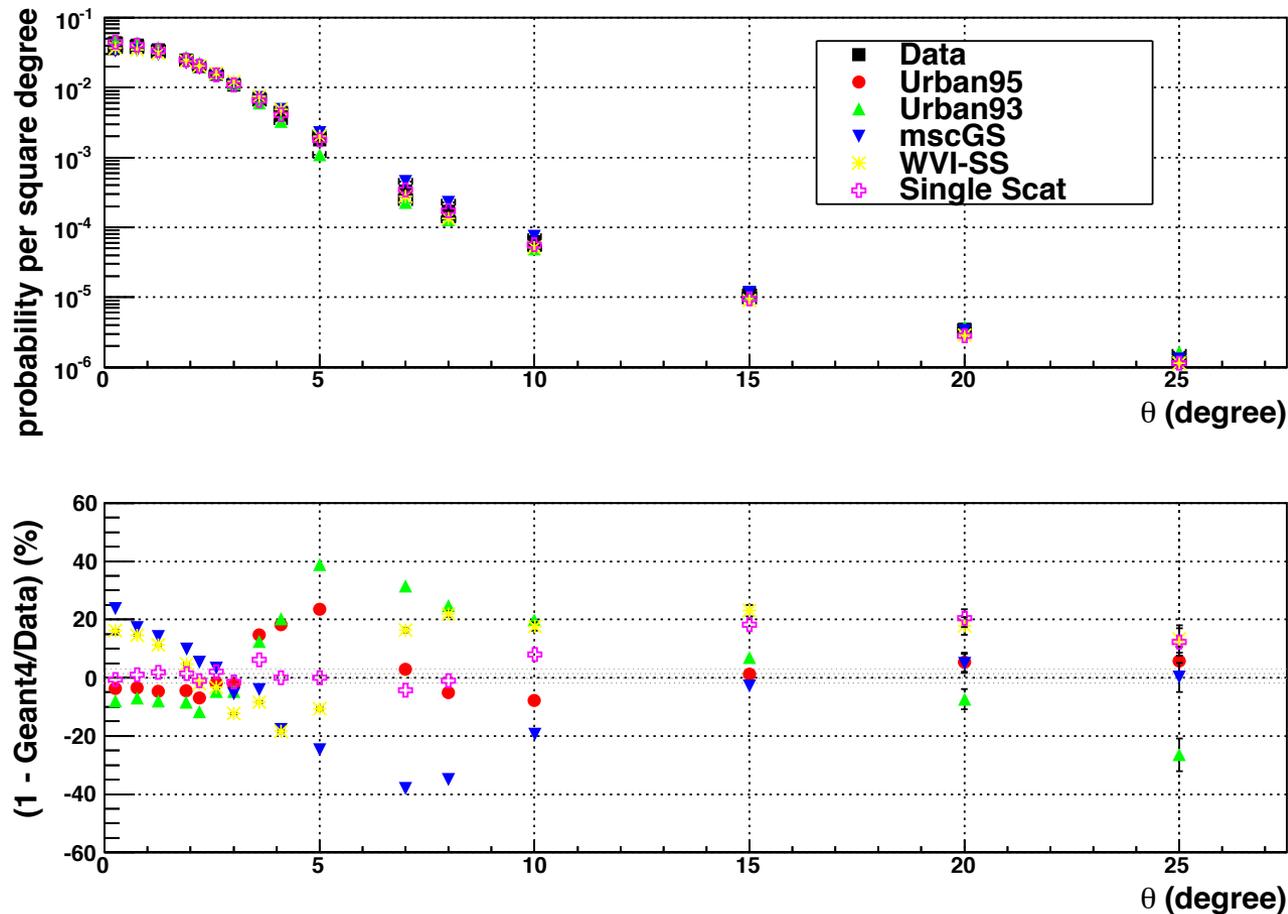
...etc.

An example:

*“The Urban93 MSC model was introduced and **validated** within Geant4 release 9.3 and made default in Geant4 release 9.4. With this model simulation results for low Z materials **have improved**. In general the accuracy of the Urban model is **of the order of a few percent, sufficient** for most HEP applications.”*

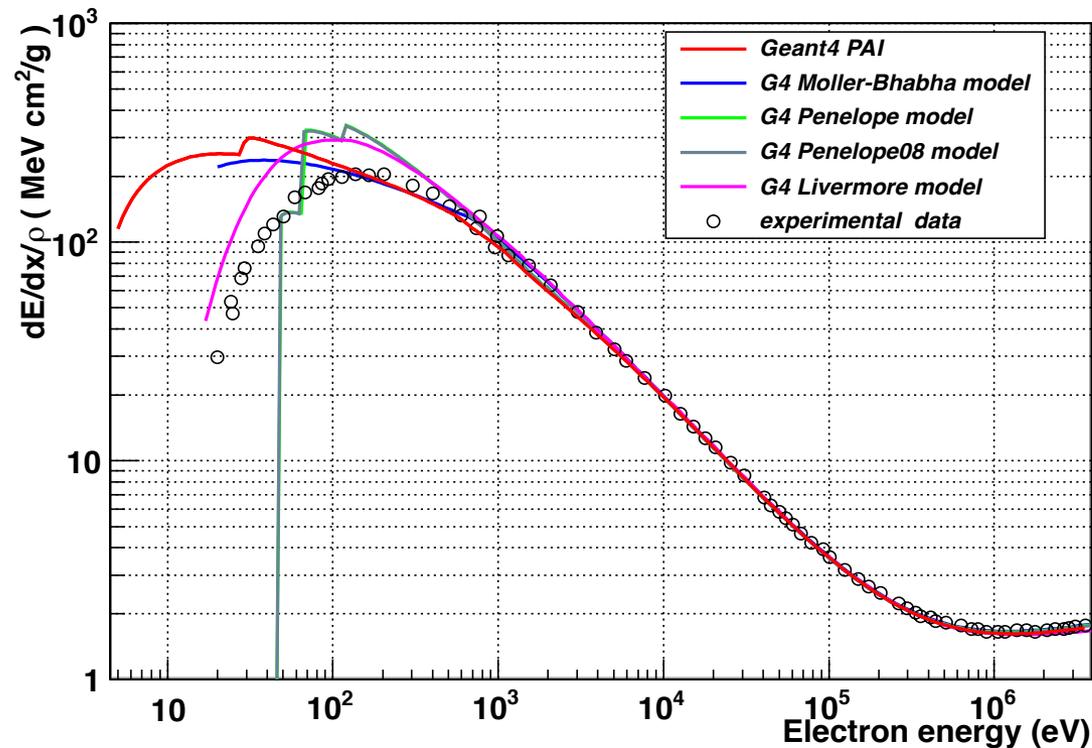
# Multiple scattering

J. Allison et al., Geant4 electromagnetic physics for high statistic simulation of LHC experiment, *J. Phys.: Conf. Series*, 396 (2012) 022013



**Figure 4.** Comparison of different Geant4 MSC model predictions and experimental data [23] for 15.7 MeV electrons scattering off 9.68  $\mu\text{m}$  Gold foil: angular distribution (top); Monte Carlo over data (bottom). Urban model 95 and the single scattering model provides overall better agreement with the data.

# Electron energy loss



**Figure 5.** Electron mean energy loss in CO<sub>2</sub> vs. electron energy: points are data [30], solid lines - different Geant4 models. Moller-Bhabha and PAI model follow the data down to 100 eV. Below 200 eV Penelope and Livermore models show effects caused by the treatment of atomic shell effects.

V. Ivanchenko et al., Recent **Progress** of Geant4  
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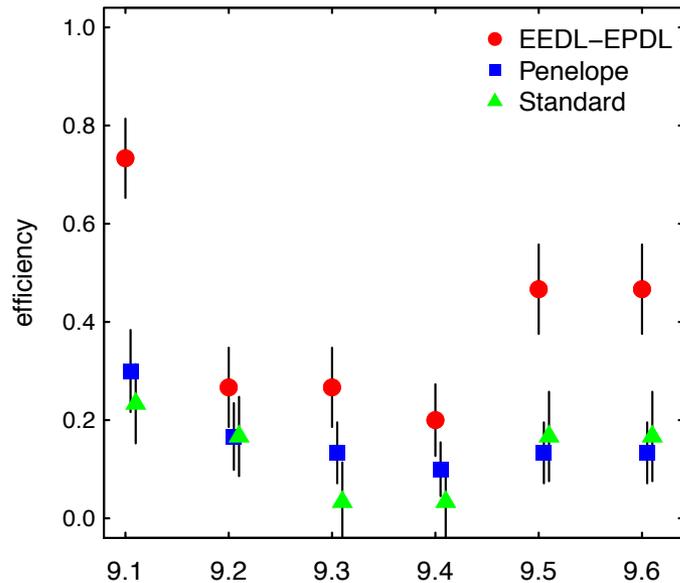
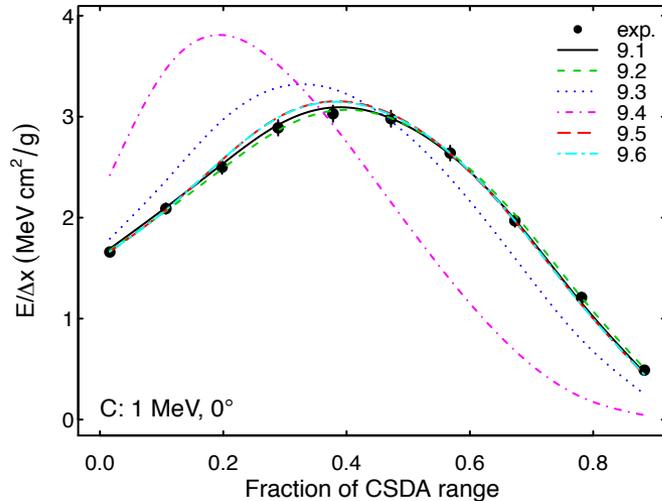
## New Geant4 Model and Interface Developments for **Improved** Space Electron Transport Simulations: First results

John Allison, Juan Cueto, Vladimir Grichine, Alexander Howard, Sergio Ibarria, Vladimir Ivanchenko, Michel Maire, Giovanni Santin and Laszlo Urban

Improvements



# Negative improvements



Target	Z	E (kev)	angle (degrees)	Geant4 version					
				9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6
Be	4	58	0	0.071	0.014	0.124	0.311	0.149	0.156
Be	4	109	0	0.021	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.015	0.013
Be	4	314	0	0.015	0.764	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.013	0.014
Be	4	521	0	0.092	0.967	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.832	0.793
Be	4	1033	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
C	6	1000	0	0.917	0.994	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.290	0.346
Al	13	314	0	0.182	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	0.007
Al	13	521	0	0.574	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.091	0.089
Al	13	1033	0	0.484	0.123	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Al	13	314	60	0.396	0.596	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.002
Al	13	521	60	0.137	0.011	0.001	< 0.001	0.056	0.086
Al	13	1033	60	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Fe	26	300	0	0.832	< 0.001	0.351	0.741	0.787	0.742
Fe	26	500	0	0.055	< 0.001	0.314	0.003	0.814	0.808
Fe	26	1000	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.169	0.003	< 0.001	< 0.001
Cu	29	300	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Cu	29	500	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mo	42	100	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mo	42	300	0	0.062	< 0.001	0.001	< 0.001	0.008	0.002
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Mo	42	300	60	0.023	0.002	0.049	0.043	0.029	0.022
Mo	42	500	60	0.022	< 0.001	0.011	0.006	0.003	0.007
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Ta	73	500	0	0.025	0.003	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.012	0.019
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Ta	73	500	60	0.011	0.003	0.040	0.042	0.010	0.007
Ta	73	1000	60	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Ta	73	500	30	0.034	0.005	0.004	0.006	0.020	0.017

# CMS simulation



## Full Simulation Results for CMS Calorimeters



### Outline

- Validation using Test Beam Data
  - Electromagnetic Shower Shape
  - Hadronic Response, Shower Shape, ..
- Validation using Collision Data
  - Electromagnetic Showers
  - Jets and Missing Energy
  - Isolated Hadrons
- Summary

LHC Detector Simulations  
October 6, 2011

Sunanda Banerjee  
(On behalf of CMS collaboration)

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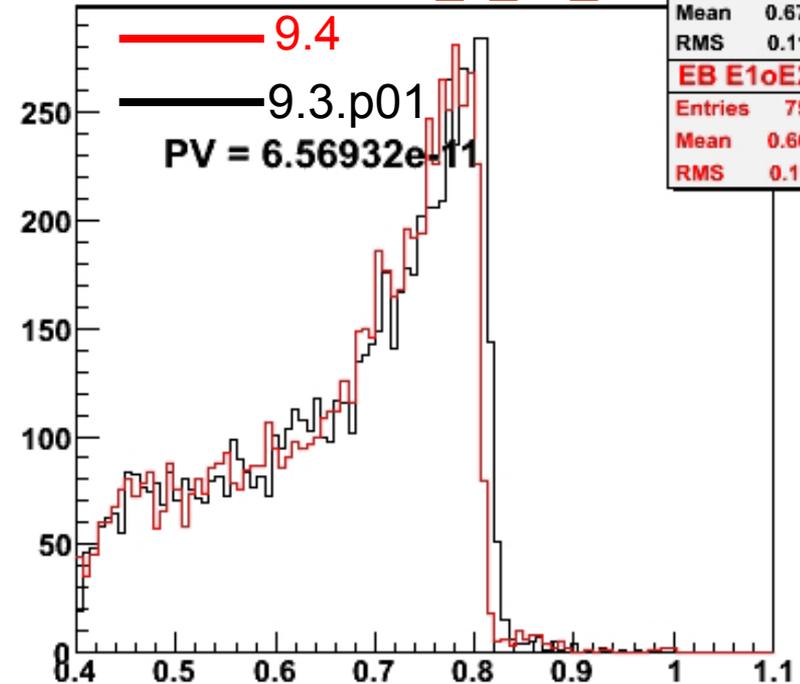
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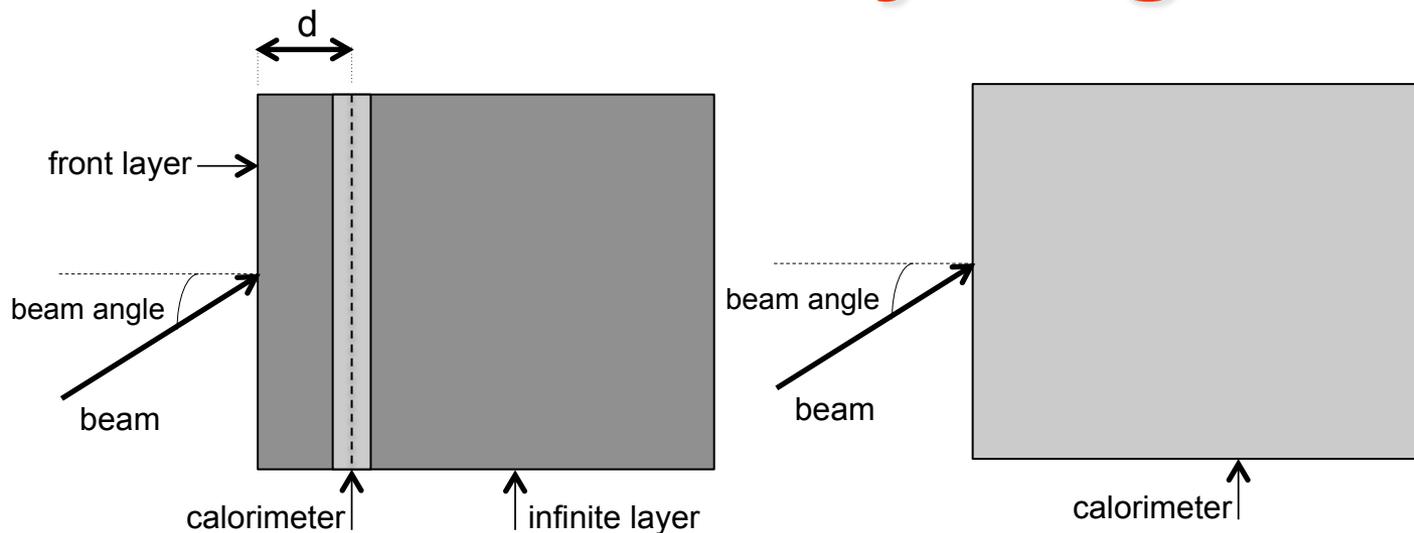
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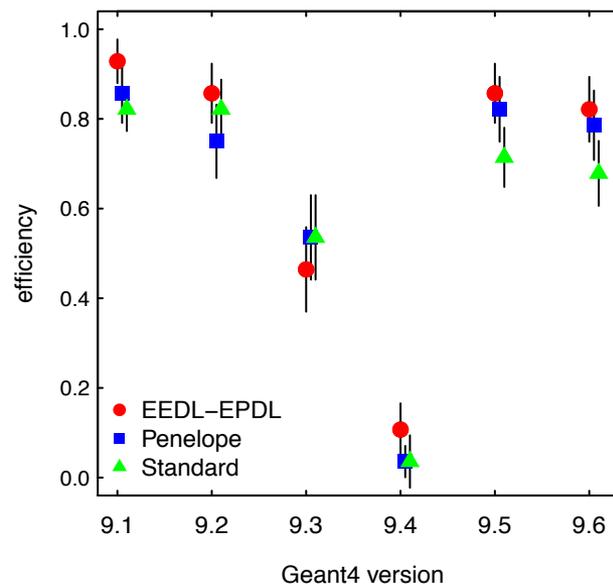
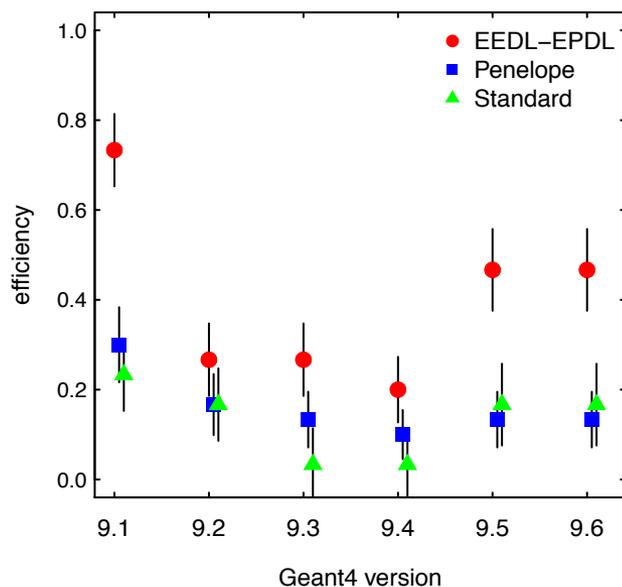
- The lateral shower profile for photons (and  $e^\pm$ ) is changing with the Geant4 version from 9.3.p01 to 9.4 to 9.4.p02. This is not yet understood and we need some help to get some of the key distributions agreeing better with the data.

# What is bad may be good

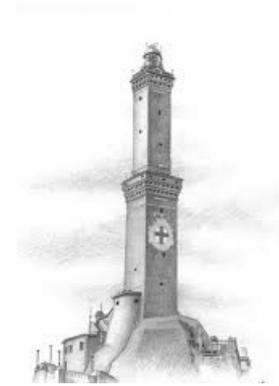


## IEEE Standard 1012

**validation: (A)** [...] **(B)** The process of providing evidence that the system, software, or hardware and its associated products satisfy requirements allocated to it at the end of each life cycle activity, solve the right problem (e.g., correctly model physical laws, implement business rules, and use the proper system assumptions), and **satisfy intended use and user needs.**



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# Hadronic physics validation

15 years' activity

Validation database at FNAL

(<http://g4validation.fnal.gov:8080/G4ValidationWebApp/index.jsp>),

LCG Simulation Validation Project,

Geant4 Collaboration's Validation Task Force...

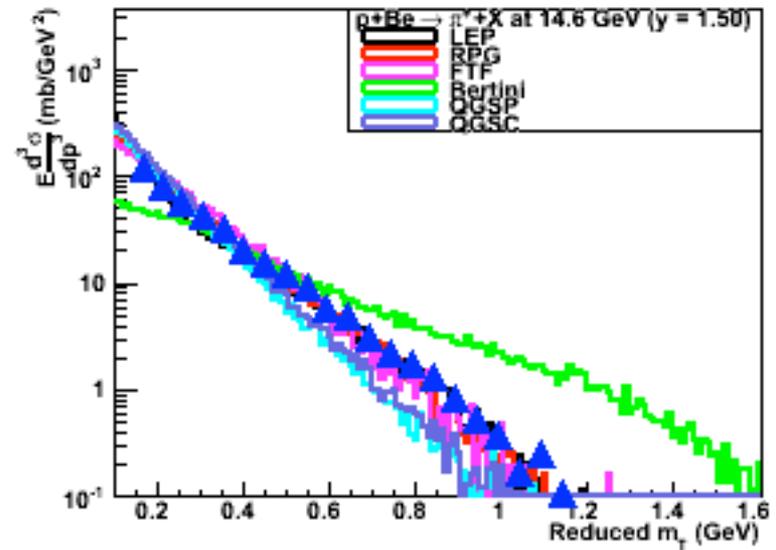
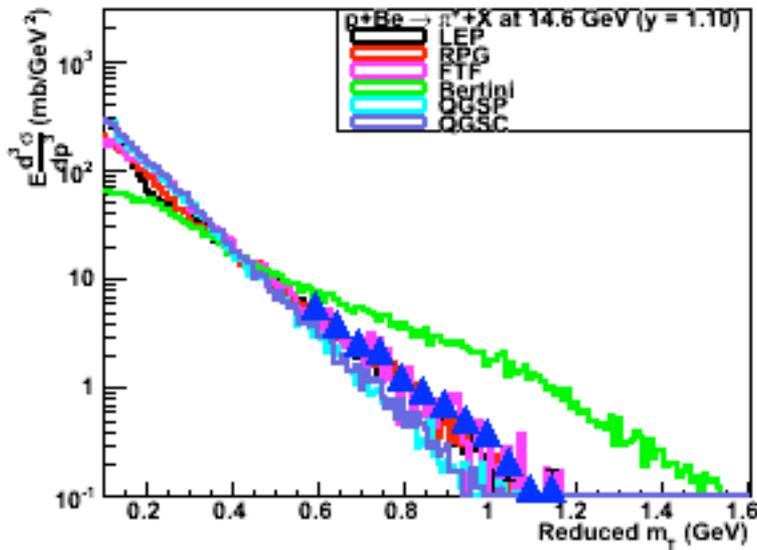


List of Tests

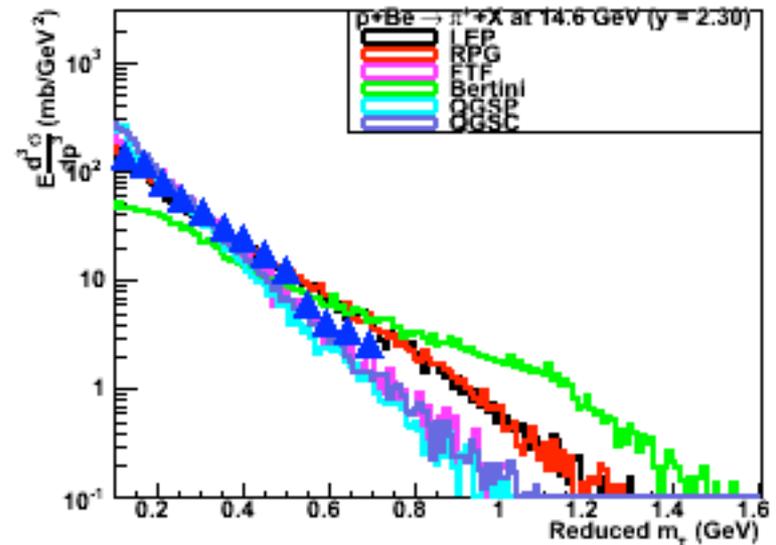
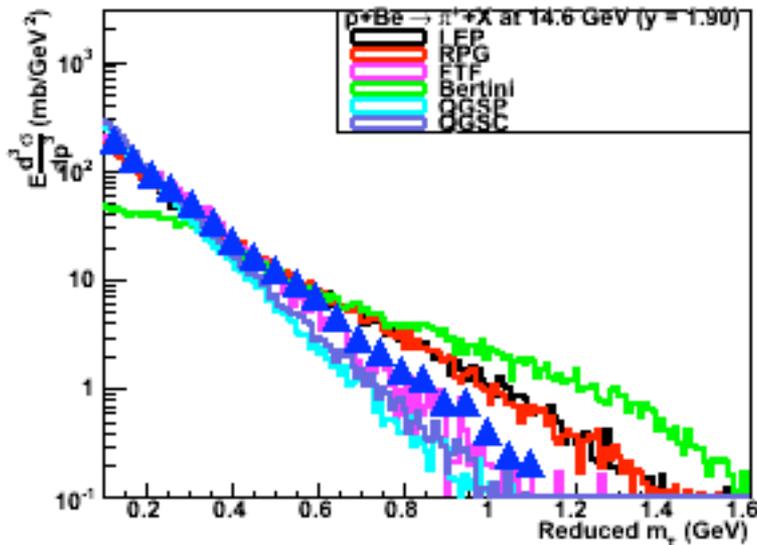
Name	Description	Working Group
ATLAS	shower characteristics of ATLAS Calorimeters	LHC-feedback
CMS	shower characteristics of CMS Calorimeters	LHC-feedback
Hadrlon	Test of Physics Lists (thick targets, ion beams)	hadronic
HadrXS	Test of Physics Lists (cross sections)	hadronic
Hadrcap	is an analogous to Hadr00, with advanced features.	hadronic
IAEA	IAEA Benchmark of Nuclear Spallation Models	hadronic
Ndata	Test concerning developments of new nXS, it is calling HP XS as well as HPW XS.	hadronic
Testfragm	Test of hadronic generators (thin targets, ion beams)	hadronic
atlasbar	Test of ALTAS barrel type em calorimeter, determines response, resolution, and CPU performance	electromagnetic
placeholder	Dummy testdes	hadronic
simplifiedCalo	Test of Shower shapes using selected simplified calorimeter setups.	hadronic
test19	High energy test, provides comparison with NA61 (31 GeV/c proton beam) and NA49 (158 GeV/c proton beam) data sets.	hadronic
test22	Testing of the FTF model and comparison with experimental data for a wide energy region	hadronic
test30	Test of hadronic generators of inelastic processes	hadronic
test35	Test of hadronic generators of inelastic processes, based on results of HARP collaboration, Experiment PS214 at CERN.	hadronic
test37	Test against Sandia data, electron beam in semi-infinite media.	electromagnetic
test41	Comparison with MUSCAT experiment for multiple scattering validation	electromagnetic
test45	Test of hadronic generators of inelastic processes on thick targets.	hadronic
test47	Intermediate energy validation is done by comparing Monte Carlo predictions vs experimental data.	hadronic
test48	Stopping particle test Monte Carlo predictions are compared to experimental data.	hadronic
test75	Test of gamma-nuclear interactions	hadronic

A sample of results, impossible to show all!

## Inclusive $\pi^+$ production in 14.6 GeV/c p-Be interactions

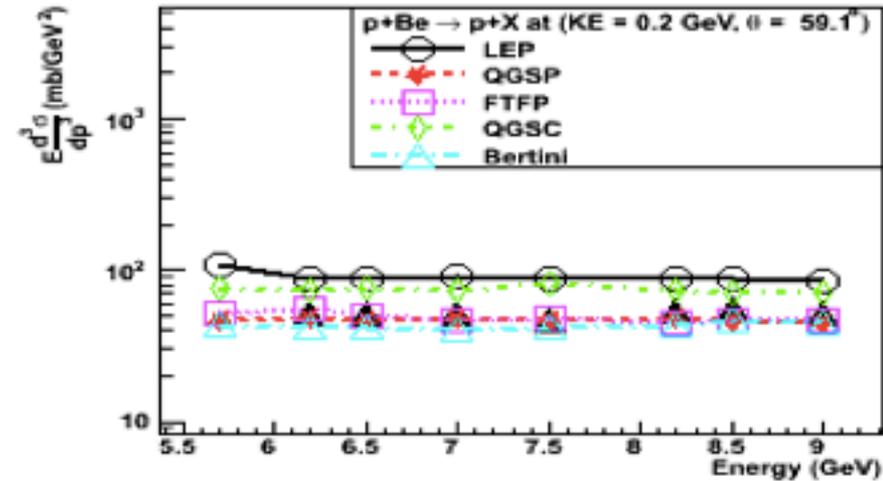
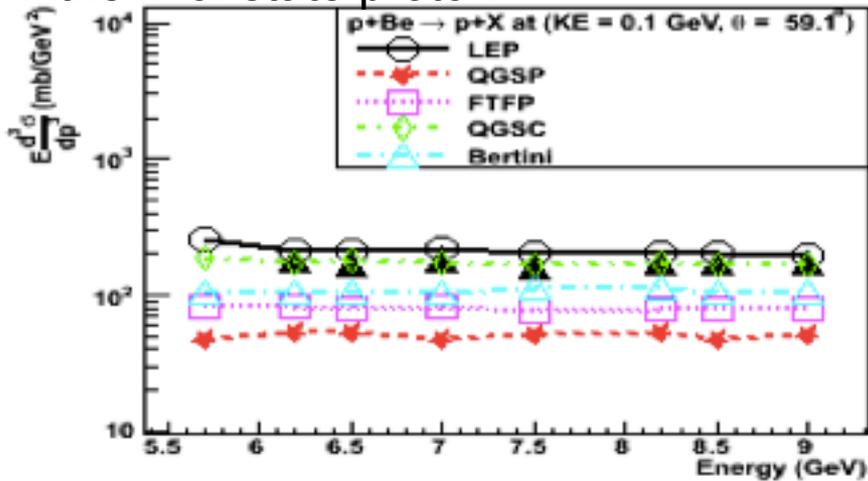


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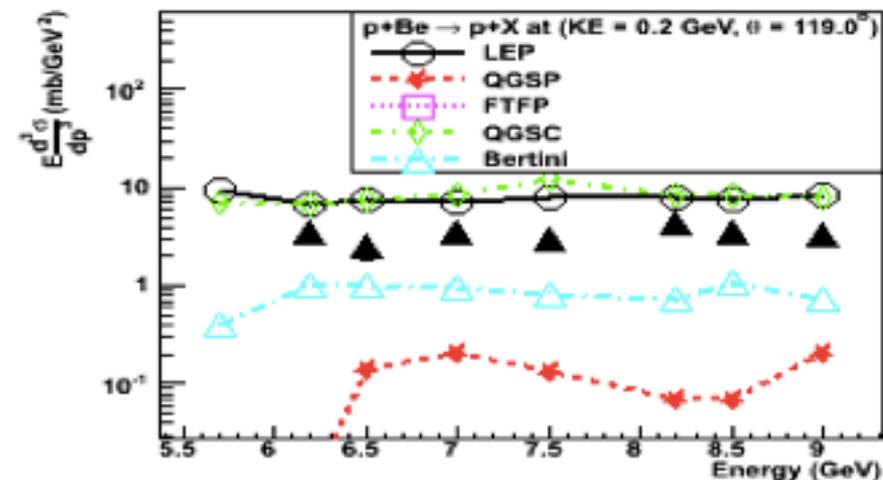
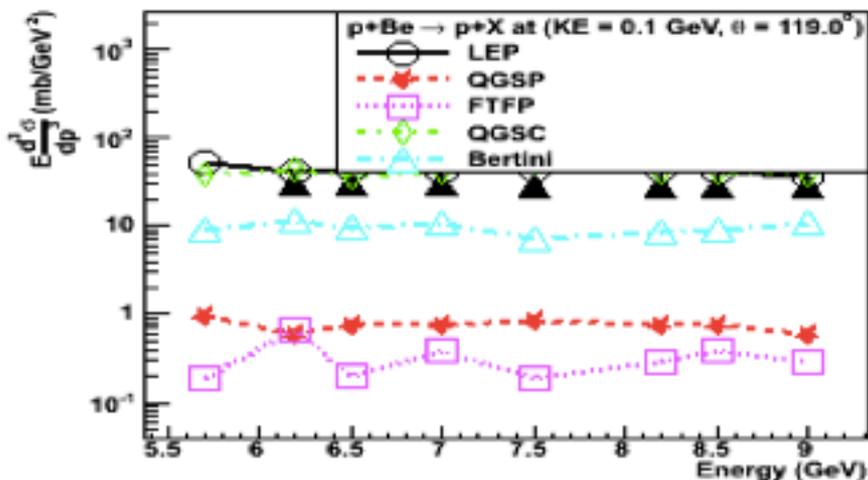


# Inclusive proton production

Differential cross-section of the inclusive proton production in proton-Be interactions as a function of beam energy, in 2 kinetic energy bins and for 2 different angles of the final state proton



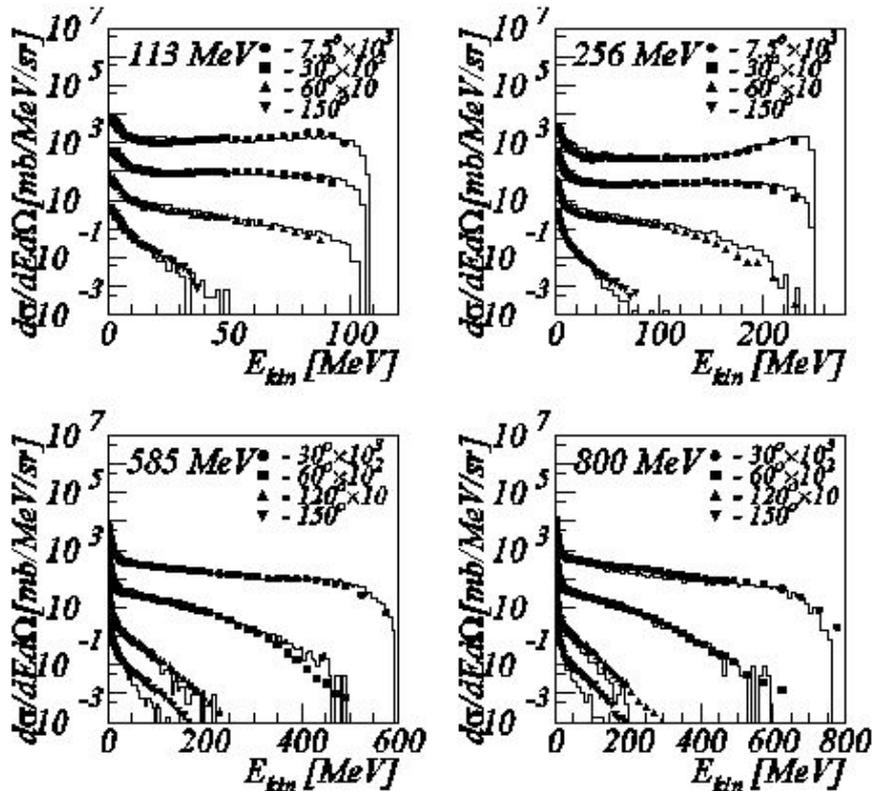
Geant4 9.0.p01



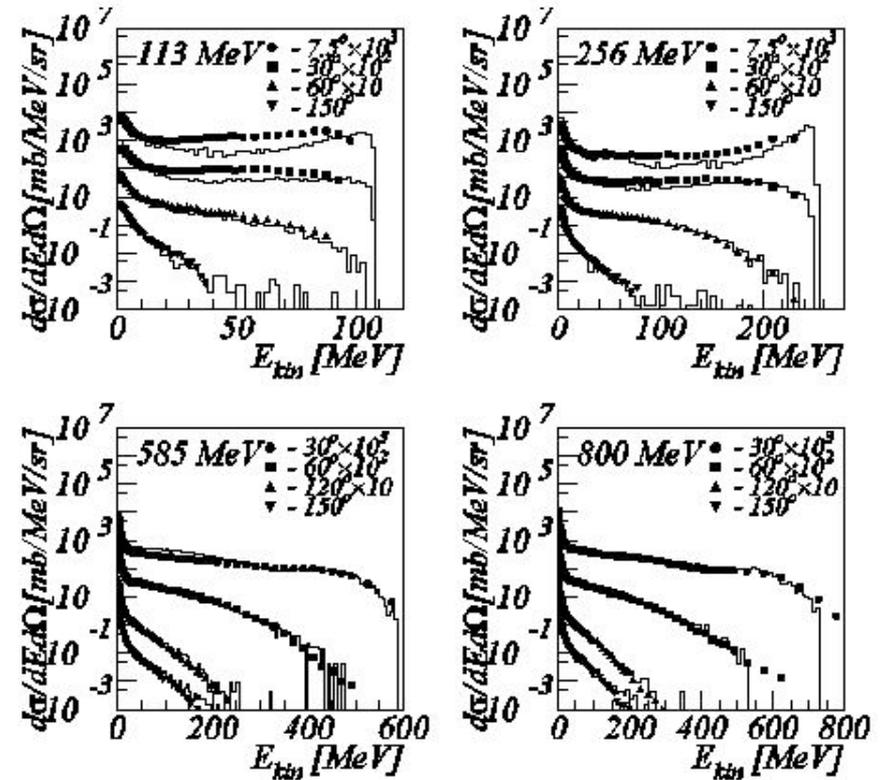
# A sample of results

Impossible to show all!

Al(p,n) Binary cascade



Al(p,n) Bertini cascade

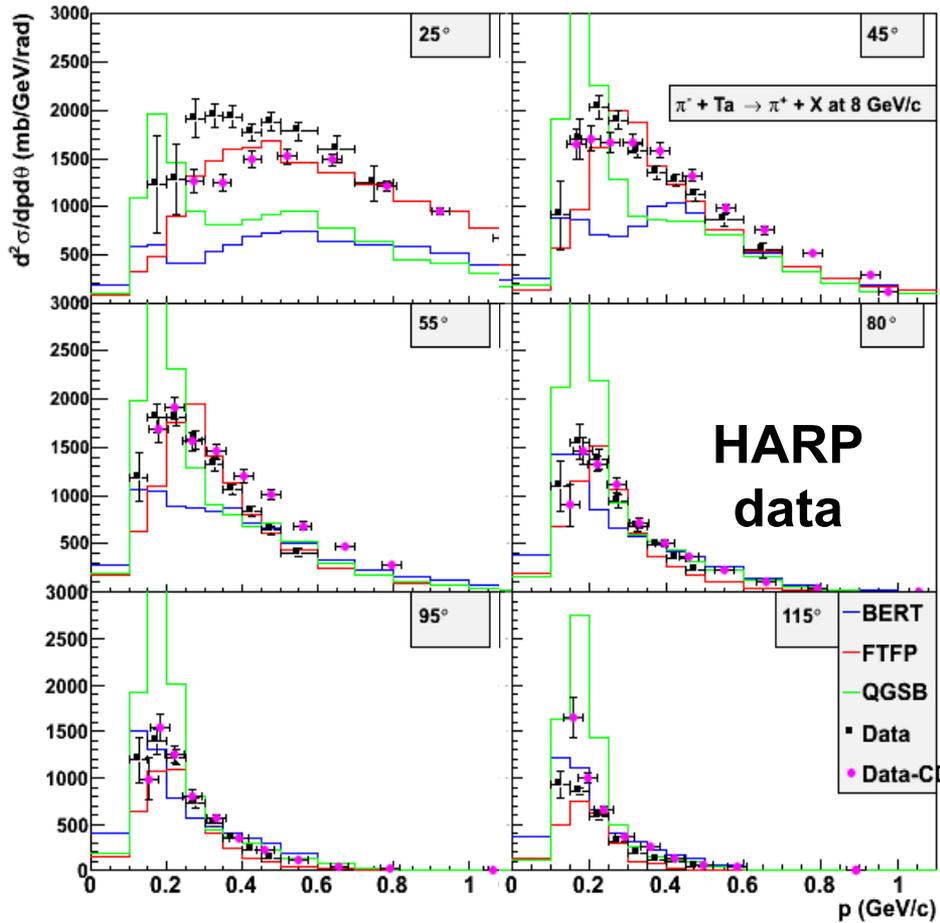


What does one evince from these plots?

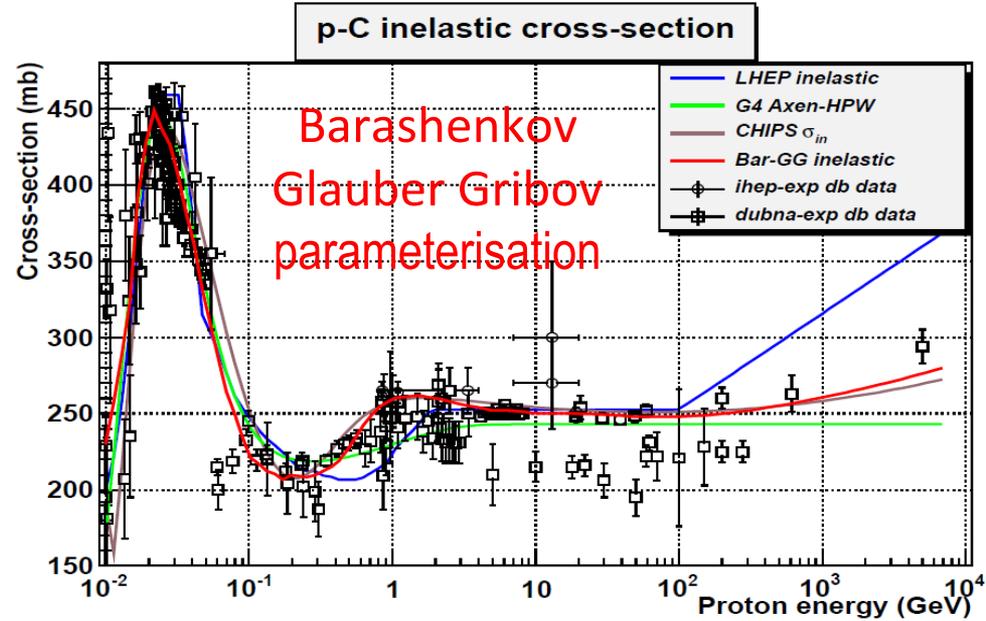
Quantification? Meta-analysis? Changes in the code?

# Recent developments

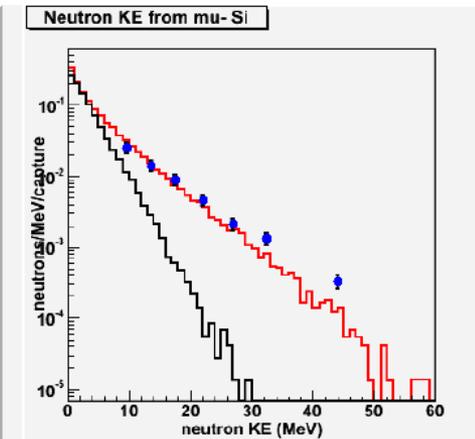
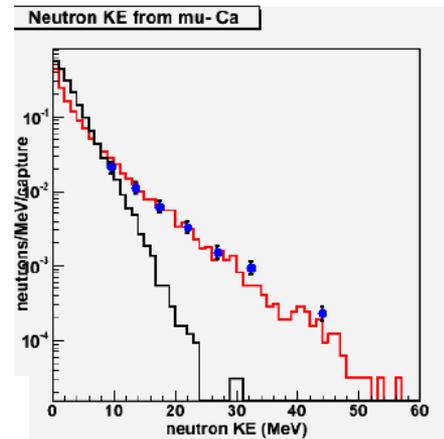
G. Folger et al.,  
IEEE NSS 2013



**Evolutions in Bertini cascade**



**Evolutions in cross sections**

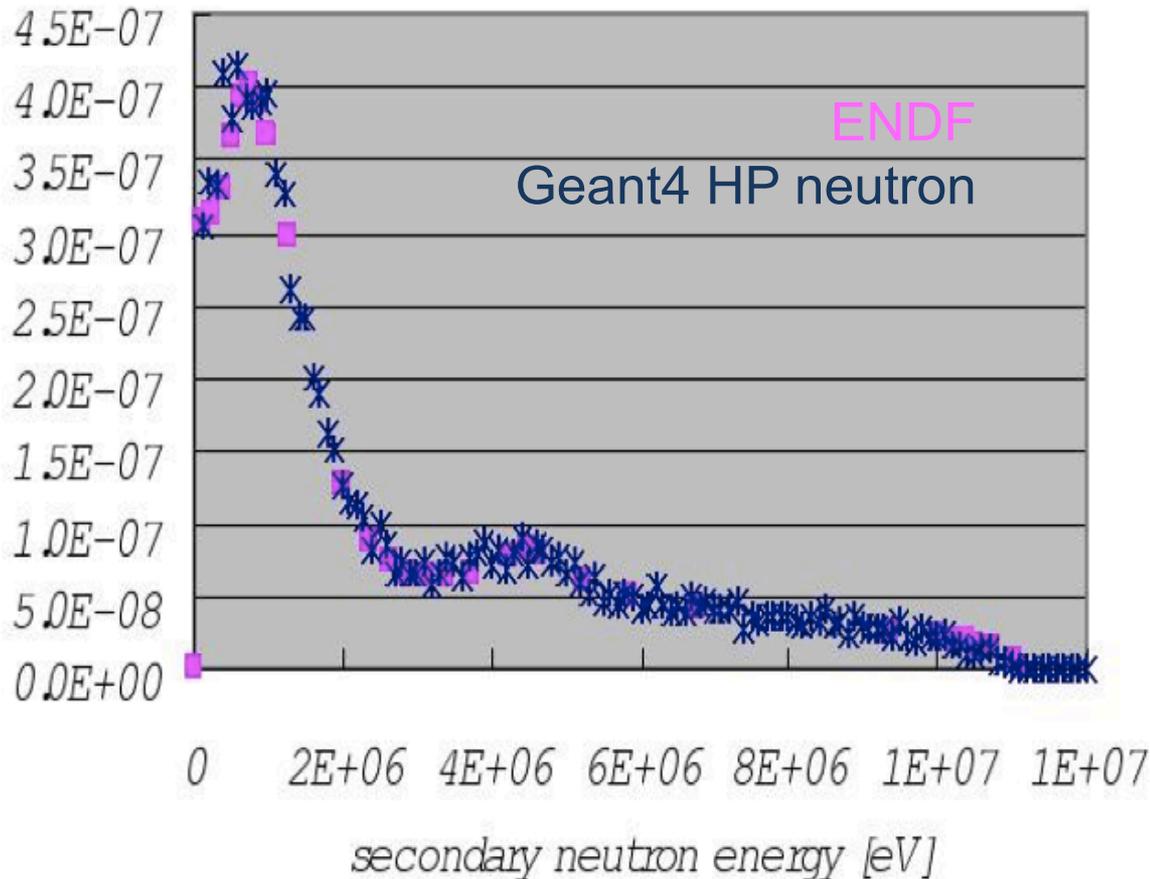


# HP neutrons

Reference: ENDF/B-VI  
Release 8, Tape162

Geant4 version: 8.1

Gd154 (n,2n) channel



## Data-driven model

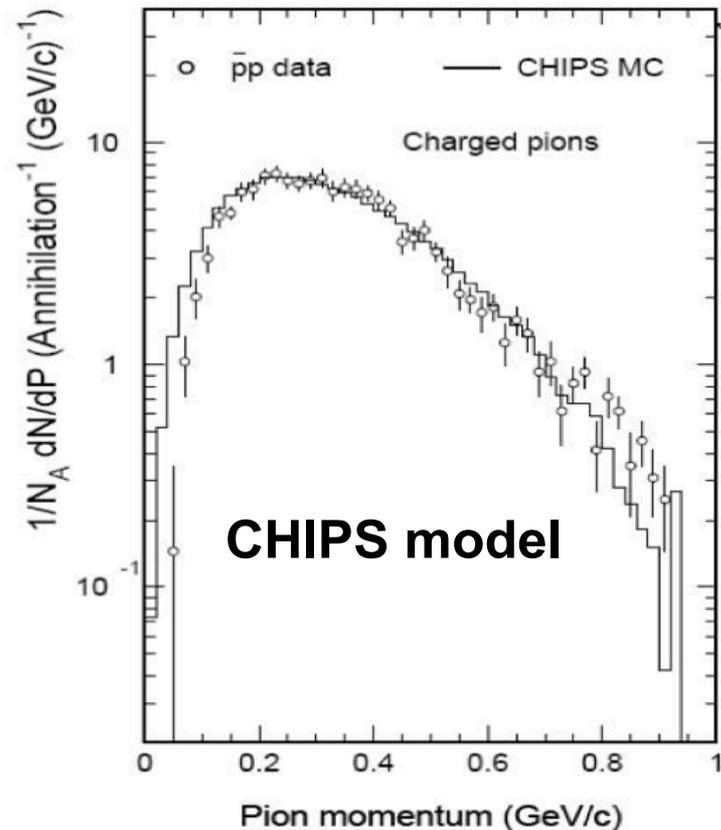
*The model is as good as the data on which it is based*

Systematics of evaluated data compilations

# Stopped particles

antiprotons  
stopping in H:  
**charged pion  
production**

Geant4 **CHIPS** model  
**deleted** in  
Geant4 10.0 version



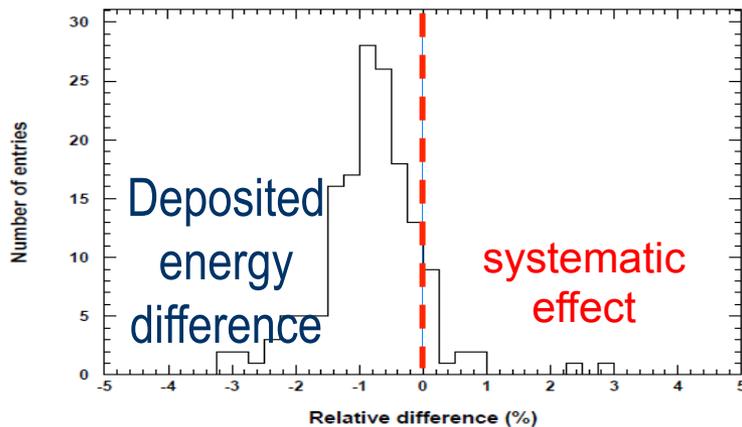
# Can we quantify our ignorance?

Simulation codes usually contain parameters or model assumptions, which are not validated (because of lack of experimental data, or conflicting data)

Or we may not have a complete understanding of some physics processes

Or we may use a simulation model outside the range where it has been validated

These are sources of **epistemic uncertainties**, which in turn can be sources of **systematic effects**



**Geant4 Precompound model**  
activated through **Binary Cascade**  
w.r.t. standalone Precompound model  
*Maria Grazia Pia, INFN Genova*

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**Physics-Related Epistemic Uncertainties in Proton  
Depth Dose Simulation**  
Maria Grazia Pia, Marcia Begalli, Anton Lechner, Lina Quintieri, and Paolo Saracco

No generally  
accepted method of  
measuring epistemic  
uncertainties

**Interval analysis**

**Dempster-Shafer  
theory of evidence**

# Data for software validation

Passive observations of physical events  
*(e.g. supernovae explosions or the weather)*

Experiments designed to elucidate a general physics principle or law  
*(e.g. typical HEP experiments)*

Experiments designed to certify a detector  
*(e.g. test beams)*

Experiments **specifically designed** to **validate a software** system/component

## We need a paradigm shift...

- Scientists and funding agencies understand the value of experiments designed
  - to **explore new scientific phenomena**
  - to **test theories**
  - to **examine the performance of design components**
- Few appreciate the value of experiments explicitly conducted for **software validation**
- Gain of consciousness in some fields *(e.g. NASA, military projects)*

# Things change...

In 1998, when it was first developed, Geant4 low energy package based on EADL-EEDL-EPDL was an advanced simulation tool

When it was first re-engineered into Geant4, Penelope adopted a different modeling approach w.r.t. using EEDL/EPDL

## 15 years later...

**The state-of-the-art has evolved**

Rethink Geant4 low energy electromagnetic domain

[geant4/electromagnetic/pii/](#)

# Electromagnetic physics revisited

- Wide scope project to assess **quantitatively** the **state-of-the-art** of electromagnetic physics modeling for Monte Carlo particle transport
  - Implementation and evaluation of many physics modeling methods
  - Extension of current Geant4 low energy coverage
  - Comparisons with large experimental data samples of various origin
  - Statistical data analysis

Current status

## • Photons

- **Elastic scattering**: published
- **Compton scattering, photoionisation**: in progress
- **Pair production**: early stage

## • Electrons

- **Ionisation** at low energies (challenge IPA and isolated atom assumption)

## • Protons

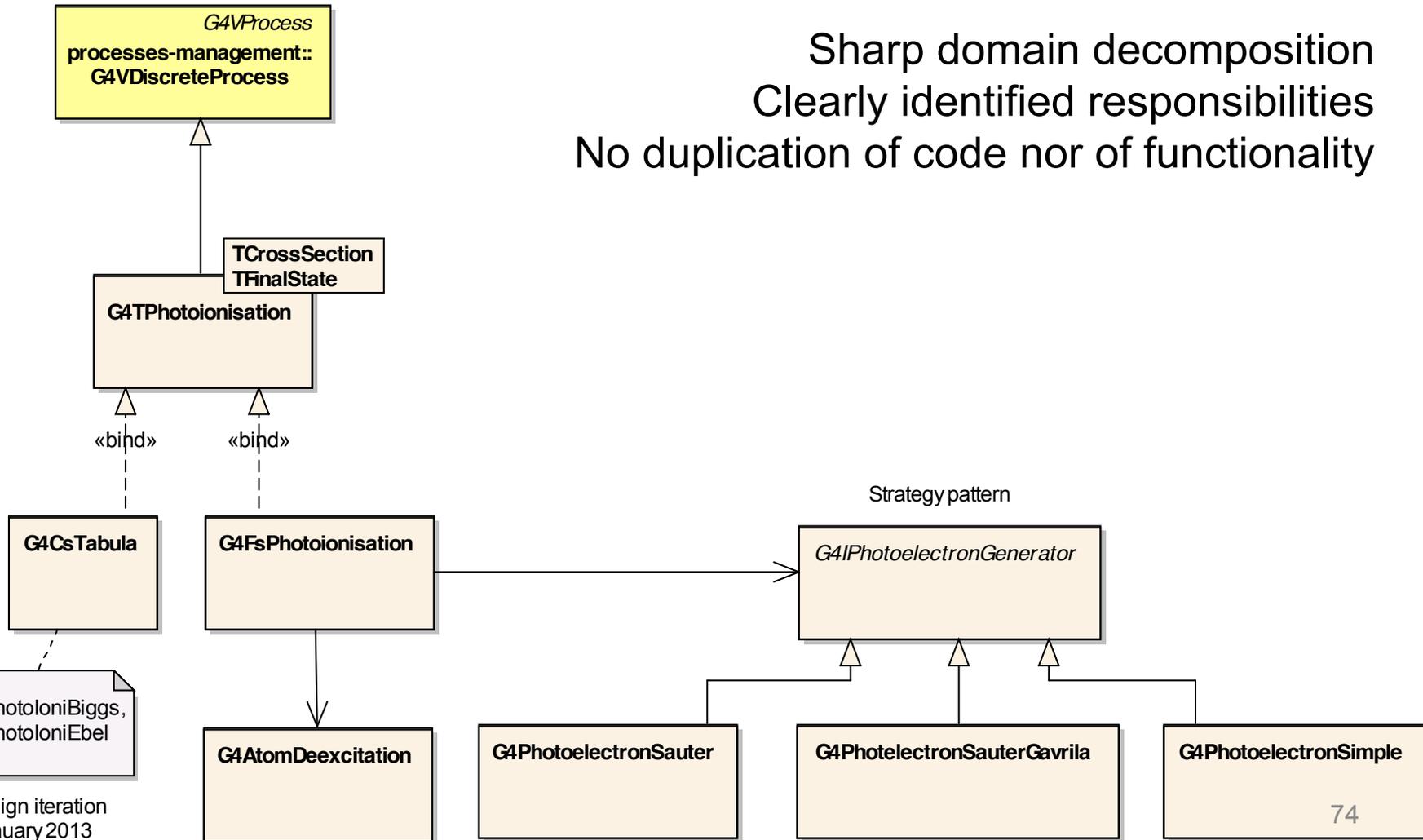
- **Ionisation** cross sections, PIXE

**...more to come**

# Sound software process

Streamlined software design consistent with Geant4 kernel

Sharp domain decomposition  
Clearly identified responsibilities  
No duplication of code nor of functionality



First design iteration  
MGP January 2013

# Photon elastic scattering

## Form factor approximation:

non relativistic, relativistic,  
modified + anomalous scattering factors

## 2<sup>nd</sup> order S-matrix calculations

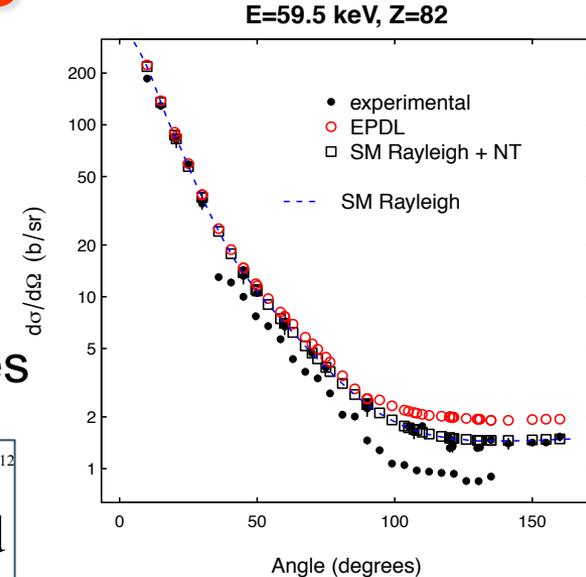
recent calculations, not yet used in Monte Carlo codes

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## Photon Elastic Scattering Simulation: Validation and Improvements to Geant4

Matej Batič, Gabriela Hoff, Maria Grazia Pia, and Paolo Saracco



## Differential cross sections

	Penelope 2001	Penelope 2008	EPDL	Relativ. FF	Non-Rel. FF	Modified FF	MFF ASF	RFF ASF	SM NT
$\epsilon$	0.27	0.38	0.38	0.25	0.35	0.49	0.52	0.48	0.77
error	±0.05	±0.06	±0.06	±0.05	±0.06	±0.06	±0.06	±0.06	±0.05

$\epsilon$  = fraction of test cases compatible with experiment, 0.01 significance

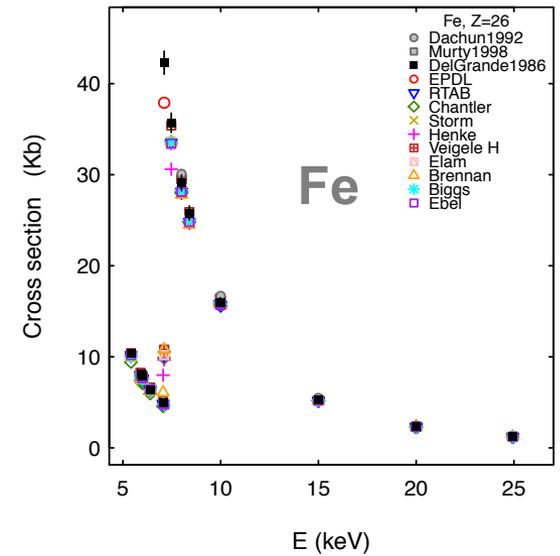
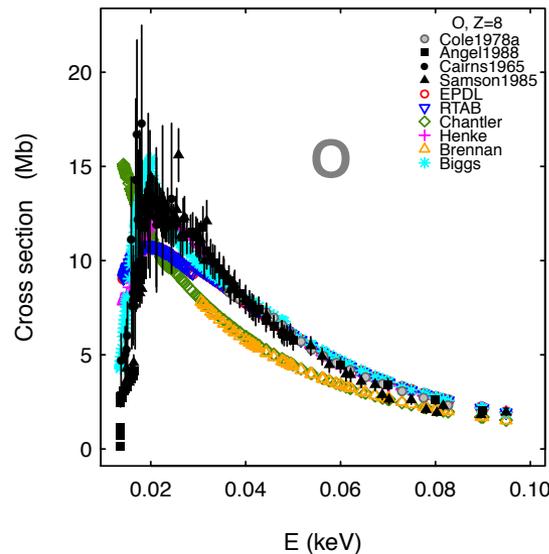
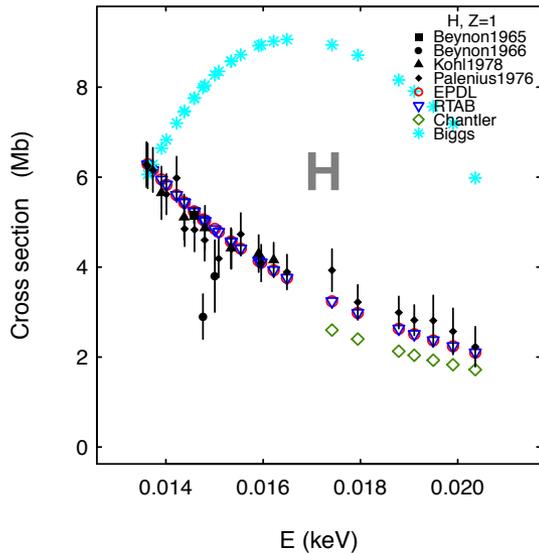
# Photoionisation total cross sections

Year	Compilation	Energy	Z	(sub)Shell	Method
1967-1988	<b>Biggs-Lighthill</b>	10 eV – 100 GeV	1-100	-	parameterised
1992	<b>Brennan-Cowan</b>	30 eV – 700 keV	3-92	-	tabulated
2000	<b>Chantler</b>	10 eV – 433 keV	1-92	K	tabulated
2003	<b>Ebel</b>	1 keV – 300 keV	1-92	all	parameterised
2002	<b>Elam</b>	100 eV – 1 MeV	1-98	-	tabulated
1997	<b>EPDL97</b> ( <i>Scofield</i> )	10 eV – 100 GeV	1-100	all	tabulated
1982-1993	<b>Henke</b>	10 eV – 30 keV	1-92	-	tabulated
1970-2006	<b>McMaster/Shaltout</b>	1 keV – 700 keV	1-94	-	tabulated
1989	<b>PHOTX</b> ( <i>Scofield</i> )	1 keV – 100 MeV	1-100		tabulated
2001	<b>RTAB</b>	10 eV – 30 keV	1-99	all	tabulated
1973	<b>Scofield</b>	1 keV – 1.5 MeV	1-100	all	tabulated
1970	<b>Storm-Israel</b>	1 keV – 100 GeV	1-100	-	tabulated
1973	<b>Veigele</b>	100 eV – 100 MeV	1-94	-	tabulated
1987-2010	<b>XCOM</b> ( <i>Scofield</i> )	1 keV – 100 GeV	1-100	-	tabulated

**Different methods  
and calculations**

*e.g. Chantler's exchange potential in his DHF calculation is different from Scofield's*

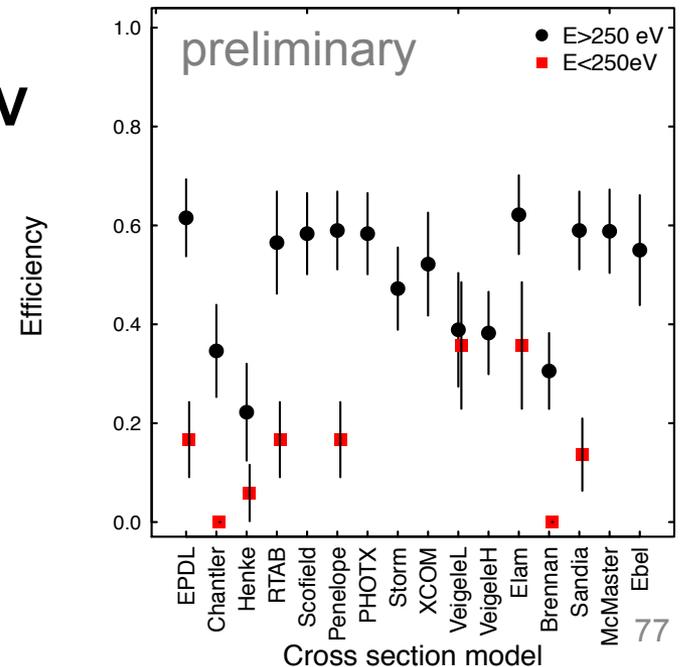
# Total photoionisation cross sections



- Most calculation methods exhibit similar compatibility with experiment for **E > 250 eV**
  - Chantler, Brennan-Cowan look worse
- Degraded accuracy below ~250 eV

## Analysis of contingency tables

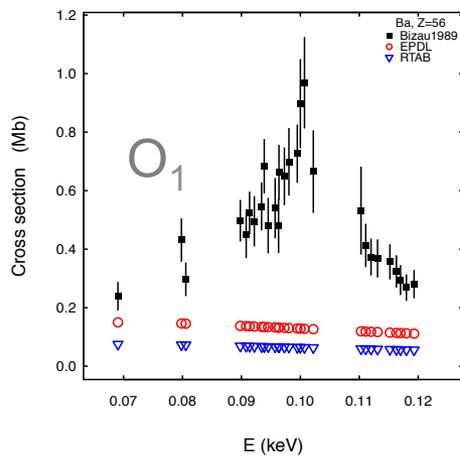
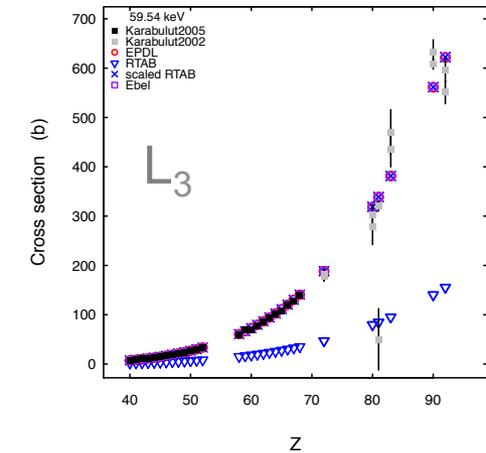
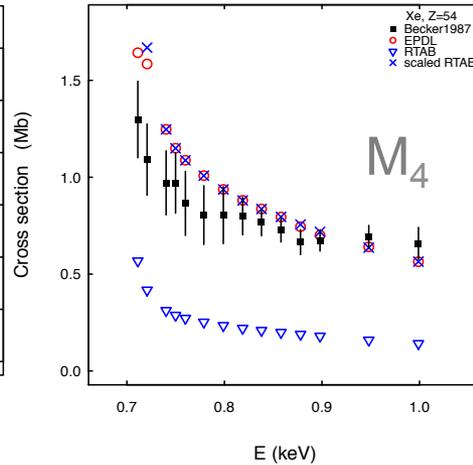
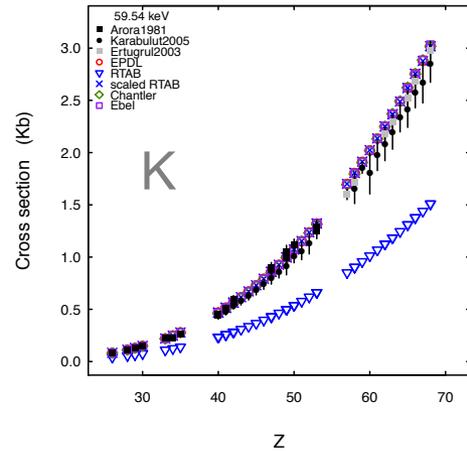
	EPDL Chantler	EPDL Brennan-Cowan
Fisher	0.044	0.011
Pearson $\chi^2$	0.033	0.007
Barnard	0.035	0.007



# Shell cross sections

Calculated **inner shell** cross sections compatible with experiment

**Outer shell** cross sections inconsistent with experimental data  
*Beware: small data sample, limited experimental sources*



## p-value $\chi^2$ test

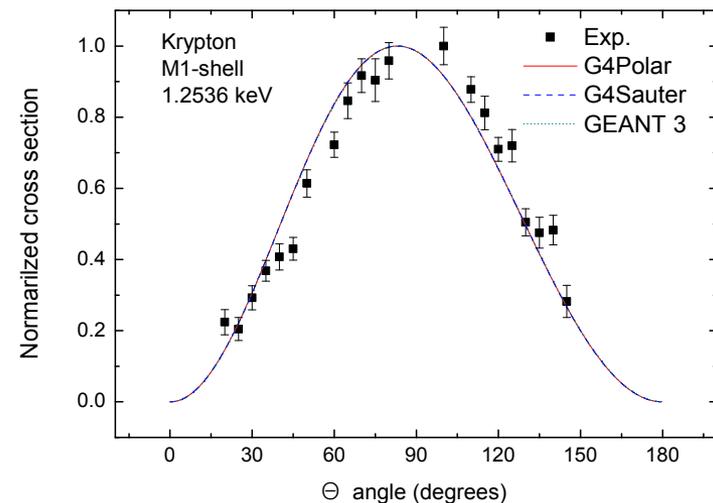
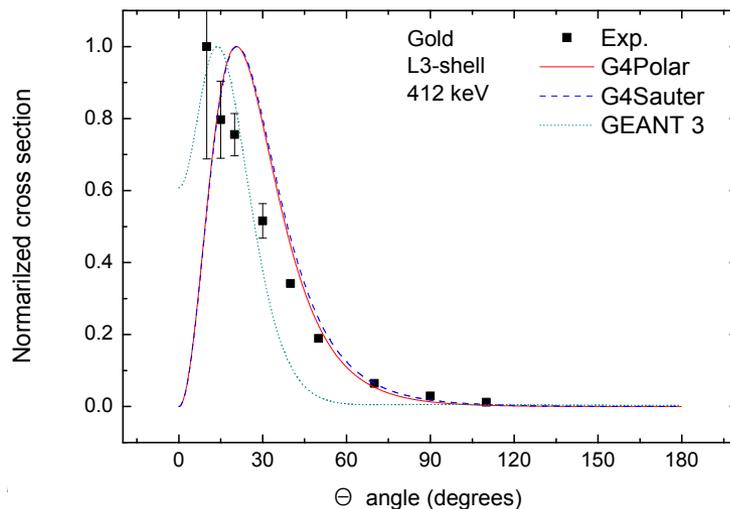
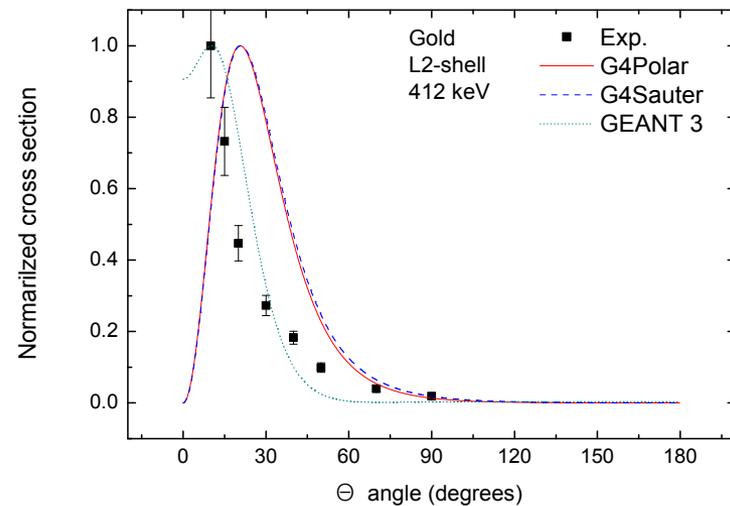
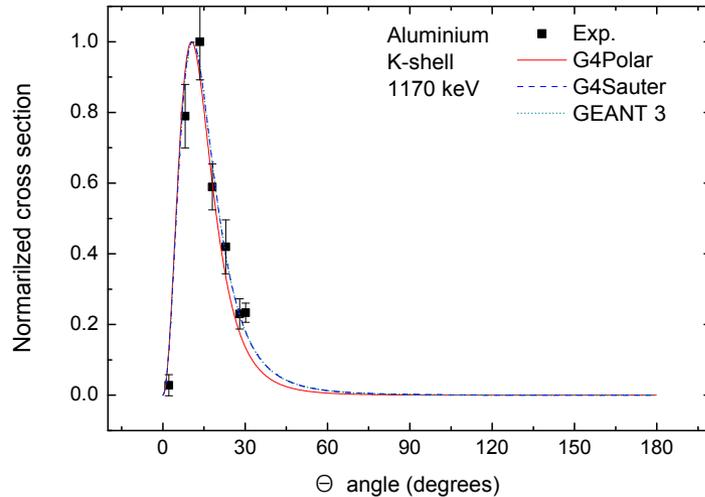
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<b>L1</b>	0.075		<0.001	0.069	0.964
<b>L2</b>	0.339		<0.001	0.299	0.154
<b>L3</b>	1		<0.001	1	1
<b>M1</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	
<b>M4</b>	0.031		<0.001	<0.001	
<b>M5</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	
<b>N1</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	
<b>N6</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<b>N7</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<b>O1</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<b>O2</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<b>O3</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
<b>P1</b>	<0.001		<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

Systematic effect observed with RTAB shell cross sections (presumably a missing factor in the calculation)

# Photoelectron angular distribution

Qualitative appraisal  
Limited experimental sample  
Experimental systematic effects  
(corrected/uncorrected data)

Option à la **GEANT 3** (Sauter) evaluated along with other Geant4 options



# Differential Compton scattering cross section

$$\left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{inc}} = \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right]_{\text{KN}} S(x, Z)$$

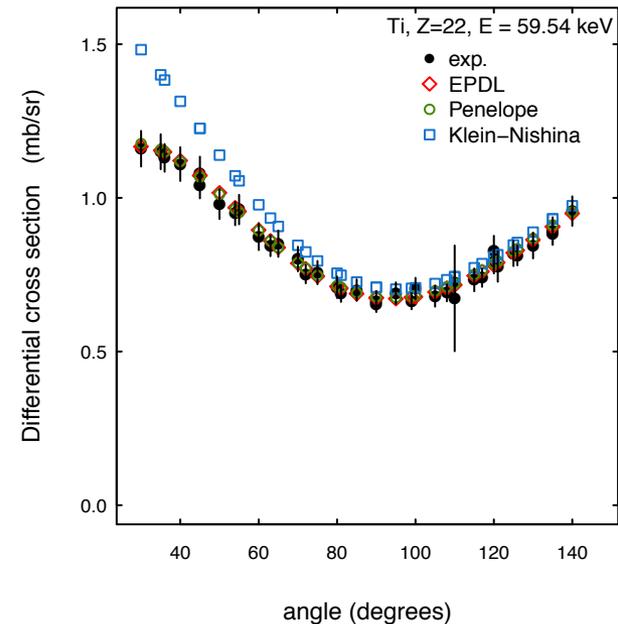
>2300 experimental data

Work in progress!

Scattering functions	Efficiency	Error
EPDL	0.82	0.02
Penelope	0.82	0.02
Klein-Nishina	0.54	0.03
Brusa	0.84	0.02
BrusaF	0.84	0.02
PenBrusa	0.84	0.02
PenBrusaF	0.84	0.02
Biggs	0.84	0.02
BiggsF	0.85	0.02
Hubbell	0.82	0.02
Kahane	0.72	0.02

← Geant4 lowenergy

← Geant4 standard



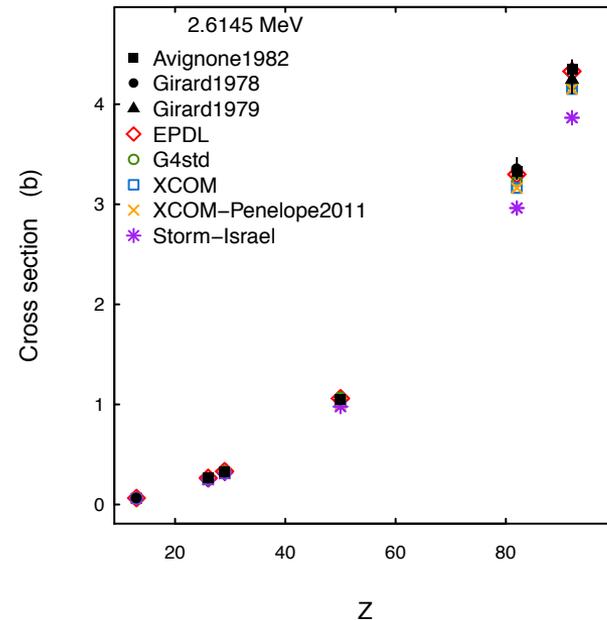
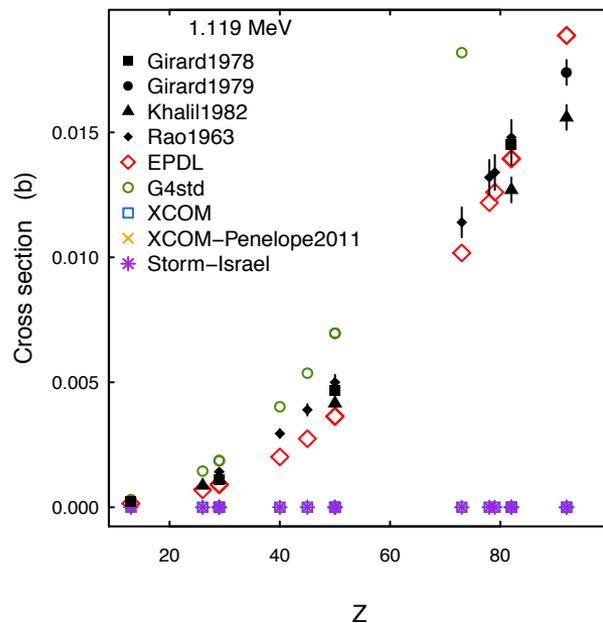
# $e^+e^-$ pair production

Work in progress!

- Total cross section: Bethe-Heitler with corrections (*Hubbell, Gimm, Overbo*)
- First tests near threshold

$E > 1.119$  MeV

	Geant4 standard	EPDL	XCOM
<b>p-value</b>	<0.001	<b>0.982</b>	<0.001

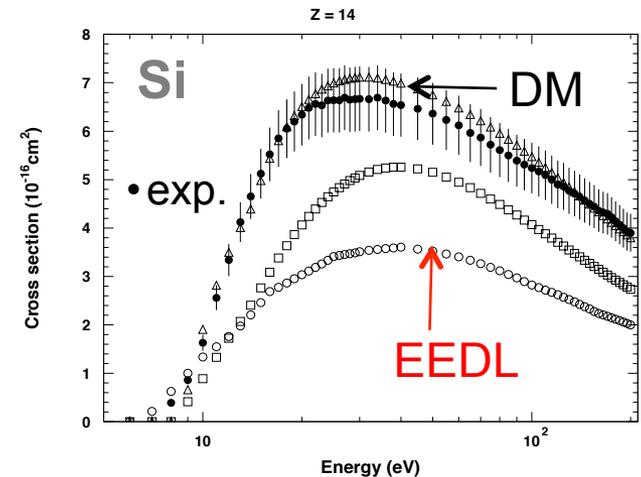
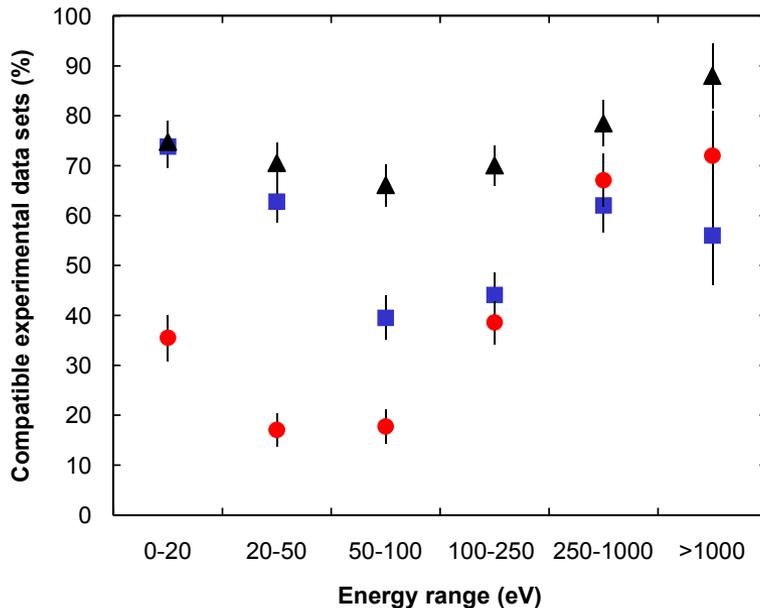


# Electron impact ionisation

Extension down to ~tens eV for **atoms**  
(*BEB also applicable to molecules*)

**Validated** over 181 experimental data samples, 57 elements

- **EEDL** currently in *Geant4* low energy package
  - **Binary-Encounter-Bethe BEB**
  - **Deutsch-Märk DM**
- } new models



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Ionization Cross Sections for Low Energy  
Electron Transport

Hee Seo, Maria Grazia Pia, Paolo Saracco, and Chan Hyeong Kim

2013: inner shell ionisation cross sections  
New models + validation  
Paper in preparation

# Proton impact ionisation

SUMMARY OF  $\chi^2$  TEST RESULTS OF L SUBSHELL IONIZATION CROSS SECTIONS BY PROTON IMPACT

3614 IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 56, NO. 6, DECEMBER 2009

**36 pages**

## PIXE Simulation With Geant4

Maria Grazia Pia, Georg Weidenspointner, Mauro Augelli, Lina Quintieri, Paolo Saracco, Manju Sudhakar, and Andreas Zoglauer

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 58, NO. 6, DECEMBER 2011

## Validation of Proton Ionization Cross Section Generators for Monte Carlo Particle Transport

Matej Batič, Maria Grazia Pia, and Paolo Saracco

	ISICS 2011		ERCS08	LIO
	ECPSSR	ECPSSR-UA	Default	Default
$L_1$	Elements	28	28	28
	Pass	19	19	18
	Fail	9	9	10
	Efficiency	$0.53 \pm 0.09$	$0.53 \pm 0.09$	$0.48 \pm 0.09$
$L_2$	Elements	28	28	28
	Pass	19	22	20
	Fail	9	6	8
	Efficiency	$0.68 \pm 0.09$	$0.79 \pm 0.08$	$0.71 \pm 0.09$
$L_3$	Elements	28	28	28
	Pass	25	25	26
	Fail	3	3	2
	Efficiency	$0.89 \pm 0.06$	$0.89 \pm 0.06$	$0.93 \pm 0.05$
$L$	Elements	84	84	84
	Pass	63	66	64
	Fail	21	18	20
	Efficiency	$0.75 \pm 0.05$	$0.79 \pm 0.04$	$0.76 \pm 0.59$

**Theoretical and empirical** models for proton ionisation cross sections  
**PWBA, ECPSSR** (in various flavours), **Paul-Sacher, Kahoul, Miyagawa, Orlic, Sow**

SUMMARY OF THE  $\chi^2$  TEST RESULTS OF K SHELL IONIZATION CROSS SECTIONS BY PROTON IMPACT

	ISICS 2011					ERCS08	KIO
	ECPSSR	ECPSSR-HS	ECPSSR-UA	ECPSSR-HE	ECPSSR-HS-UA	Default	Default
Tested elements	66	66	66	66	66	66	66
Pass	44	51	44	46	51	51	47
Fail	22	15	22	20	15	15	19
Efficiency	$0.67 \pm 0.06$	$0.77 \pm 0.05$	$0.67 \pm 0.06$	$0.70 \pm 0.06$	$0.77 \pm 0.05$	$0.77 \pm 0.05$	$0.71 \pm 0.06$

Proton ionisation + Atomic relaxation = PIXE

**Conceptual challenge for condensed transport!**

# Radioactive decay

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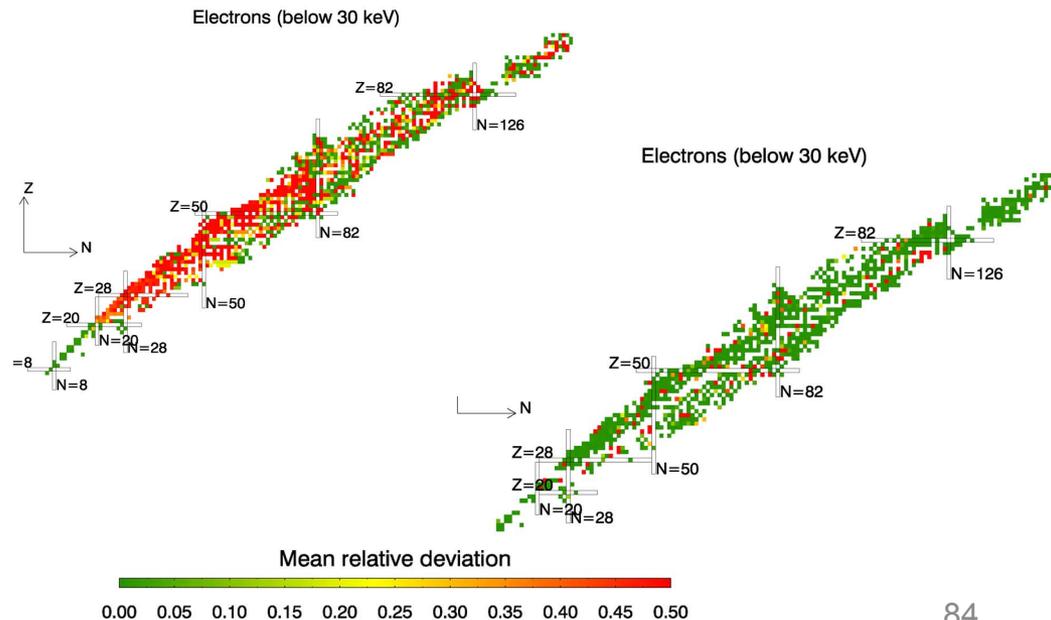
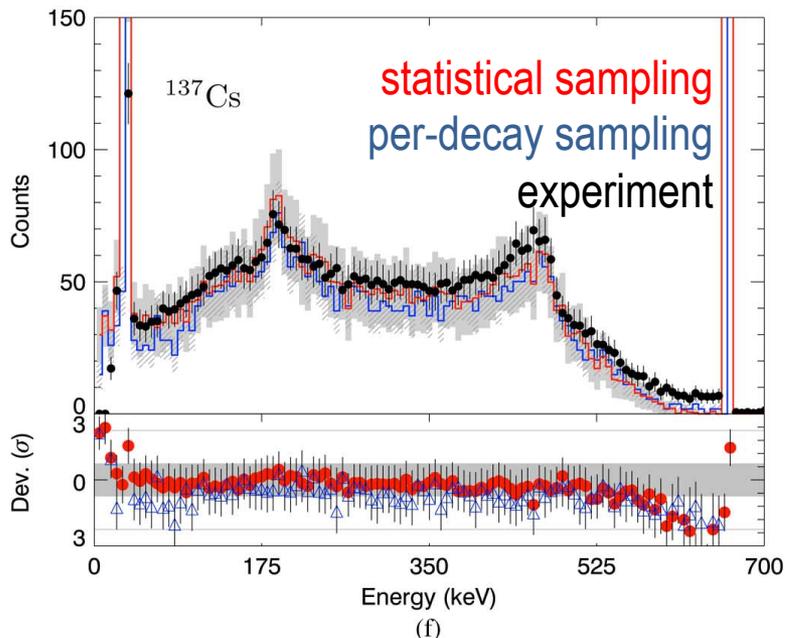
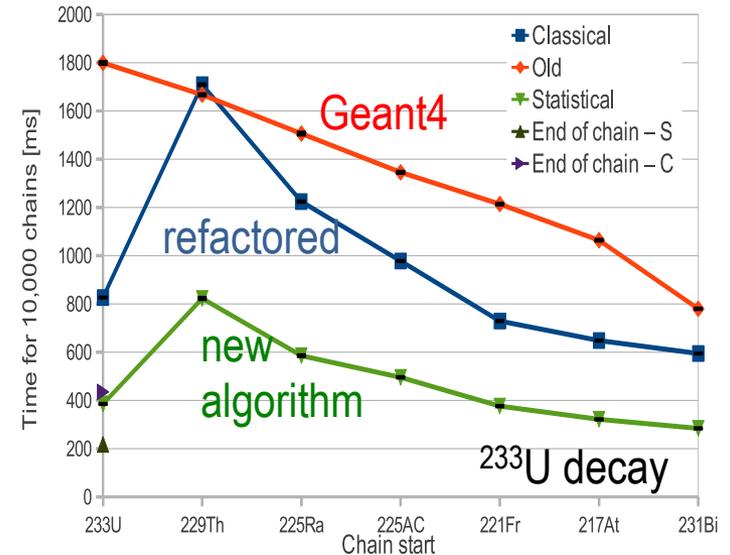
## Radioactive Decays in Geant4

Steffen Hauf, Markus Kuster, Matej Batič, Zane W. Bell, Dieter H. H. Hoffmann, Philipp M. Lang, Stephan Neff, Maria Grazia Pia, Georg Weidenspointner, and Andreas Zoglauer

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## Validation of Geant4-Based Radioactive Decay Simulation

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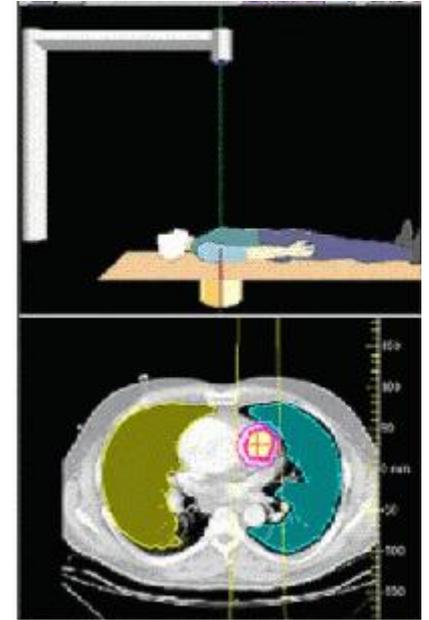
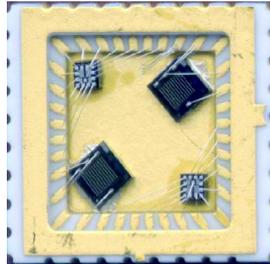
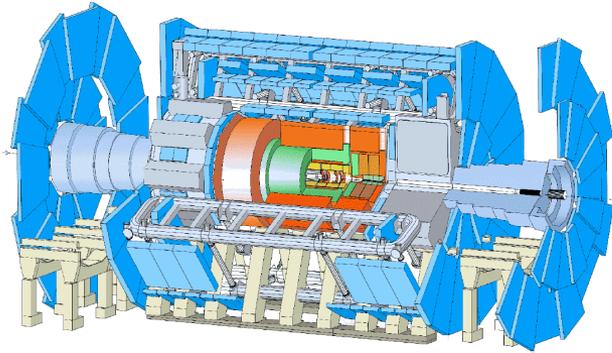
# This is only the first step...

- Deployment: make it usable
  - Integration testing
  - Examples
  - Web documentation
  - etc.
- Lessons learned
  - Interplay with change management
- Make, release and maintain new data libraries
- Charged particles
- Condensed transport

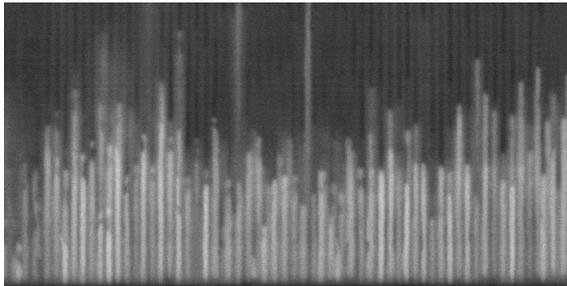
**etc.**

# Challenges

# Condensed and discrete transport

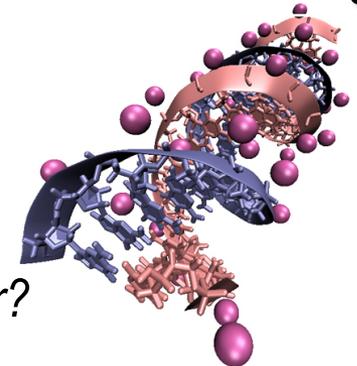


How does one estimate radiation effects on components exposed to LHC + detector environment?



And what about nanotechnology-based detectors for HEP?

How does one relate dosimetry to radiation biology?



*And tracking in a gaseous detector?*

*And plasma facing material in a fusion reactor?*

# IPA and IA assumption

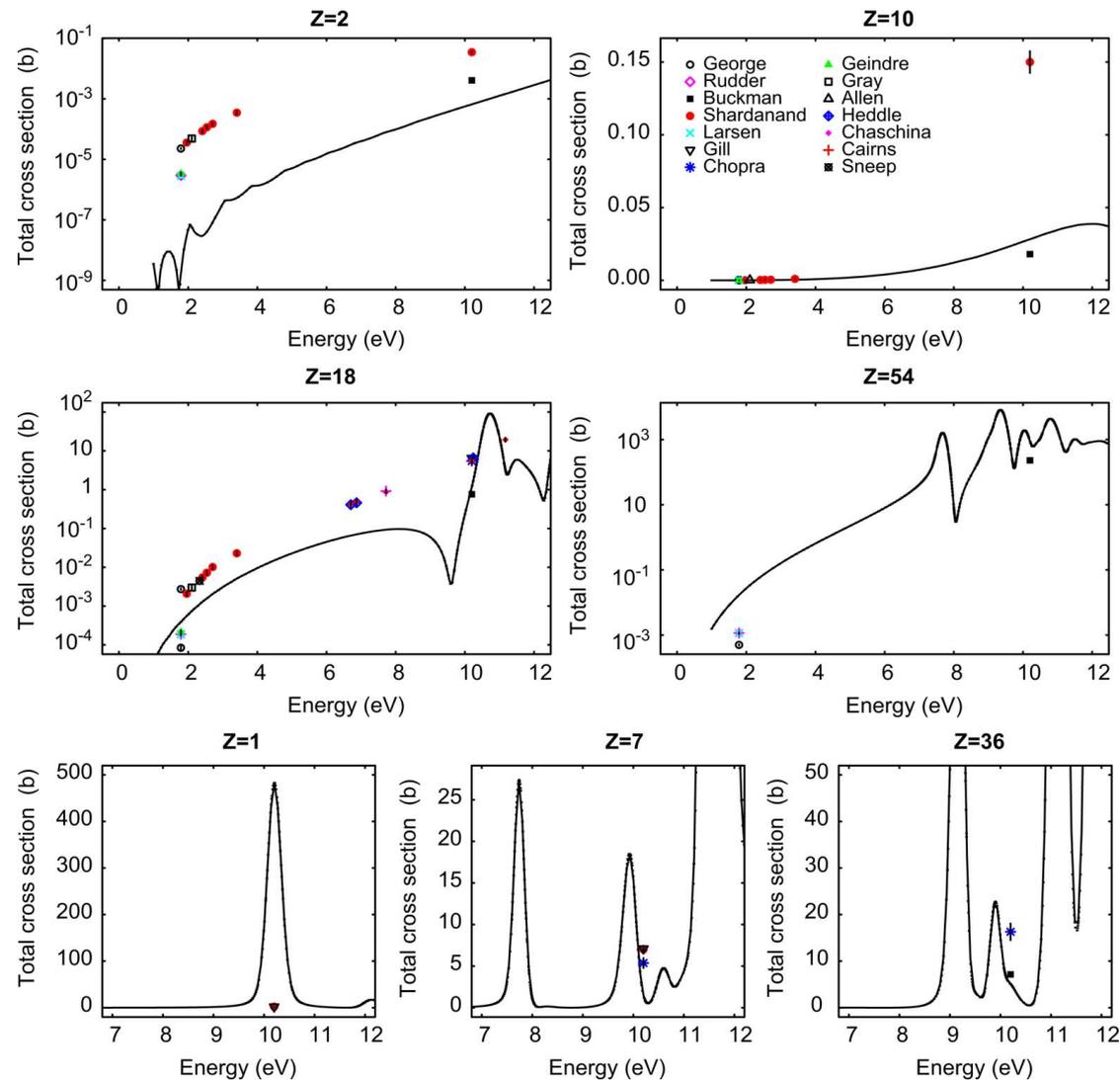
Micro/nano-dosimetry  
Radiation effects

IPA (Independent Particle Approximation) and IA (Isolated Atom) assumption are the foundation of all “general purpose” Monte Carlo codes

In what conditions do they break?  
Down to what energy are they valid?

Monte Carlo particle transport beyond IPA and IA?

## Photon elastic scattering



# Detectors

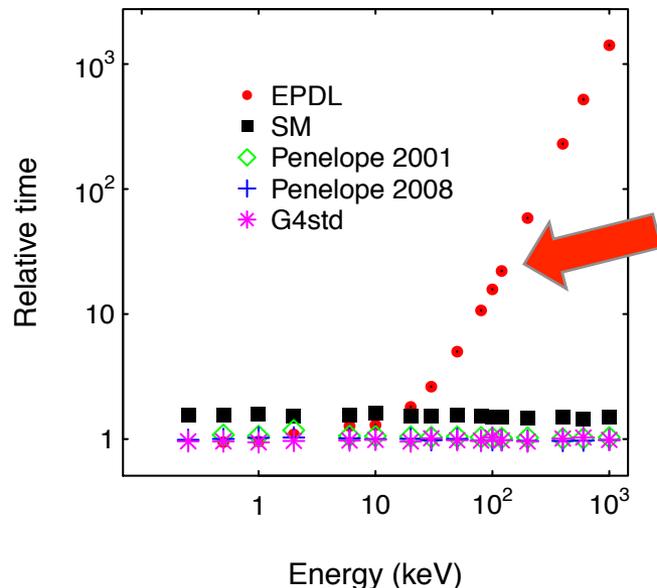
*Still the same vision  
as 40 years ago!*

- Detector simulation in Geant4 and other general purpose Monte Carlo codes is limited to phenomena described in IPA and matter treated in IA
- What about interactions with solids?
- Crystals, organic and inorganic scintillators
- Semiconductor detectors
- Nanotechnology-based detectors
- Home-made simulation codes for detector R&D
  - Usually not publicly available
- An environment for these studies in a Monte Carlo toolkit?

**Synergy of complementary competence**  
*Detector, physics, software*

# Computational performance

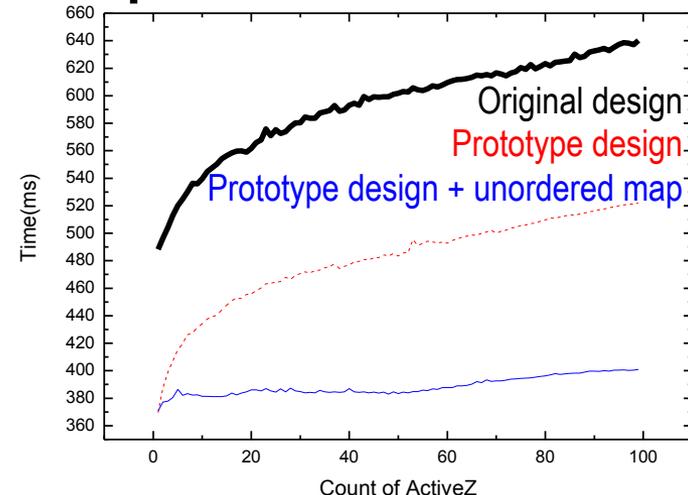
- Not only a matter of fancy techniques
  - Multi-threading, vectorization, GPUs etc.
- Software quality, efficient algorithms, smart ideas
  - ...and also user application code!



## Photon elastic scattering

Computational performance improvement as a by-product of refactoring/testing

## Pair production cross sections



**time (ms) to retrieve data**  
vs. number of elements present in the experimental set-up

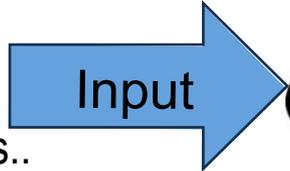
# The fastest algorithm

**no algorithm at all**

Shift modeling from algorithms to data

# Uncertainty quantification

cross sections,  
branching ratios,  
physics models,  
physics parameters..



Input

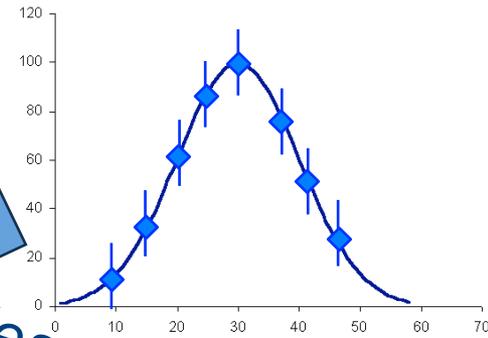
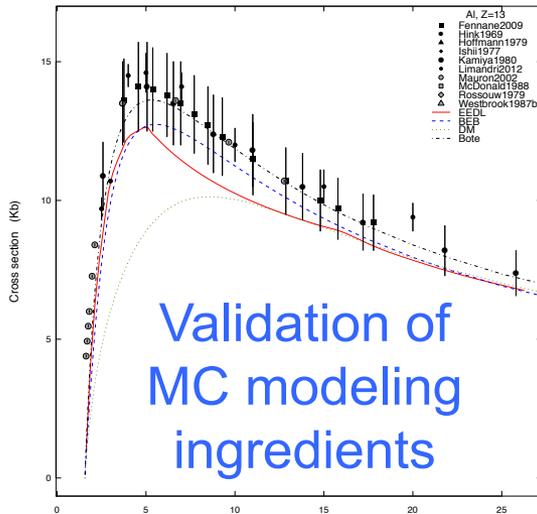


Monte Carlo method  
Statistical uncertainty

**Geant 4**



observable  
with uncertainties



$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\Sigma_S f(\Sigma_S) \delta(x - x_0(\Sigma_S)) = \left. \frac{d\Sigma_S(x_0)}{dx_0} \right|_{x_0=x} f(\Sigma_S(x))$$

P. Saracco, M.G. Pia, M. Batic, Theoretical ground for the propagation of uncertainties in Monte Carlo particle transport, TNS Feb. 2014

Uncertainty quantification is the ground for predictive Monte Carlo simulation

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# Meditation

# Food for thought

- Geant4 is a rich and powerful tool for experimental research
- **Validation** is ongoing
- Software evolution since RD44

“The main problem with GEANT 3 was that no documentation on its program design was available. Only, say, ten people in the world knew how it worked.”

- Detector R&D
- Beyond IPA and IA
- New application domains
- Multi-scale simulation
- Computational environment
- Uncertainty Quantification

**In my end is my beginning.**

*T. S. Eliot, Four Quartets (East Coker)*