

# Physics in Geant4 – part 2

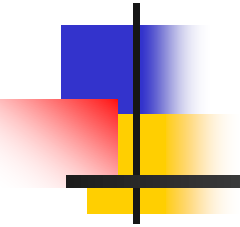
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# Mixed Monte Carlo: tracking cuts and cut-in- range



# Solution: the mixed MC

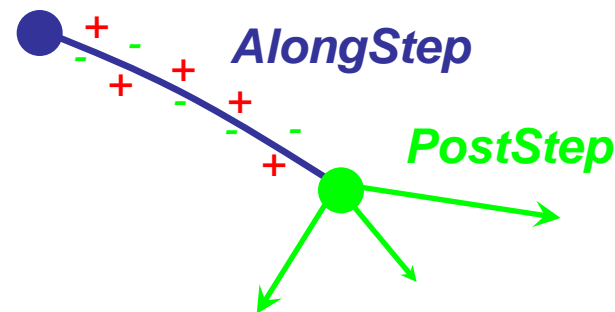


- Simulate **explicitly** (i.e. force step) interactions **only if** energy loss (or change of direction) is **above threshold  $W_0$** 
  - **Detailed** simulation
  - "**hard**" interaction (like  $\gamma$  interactions)
- The effect of **all sub-threshold interactions** is described **cumulatively**
  - **Condensed** simulation
  - "**soft**" interactions
- **Hard interactions** occur **much less frequently** than soft interactions
  - Fully detailed simulation **restored** for  **$W_0=0$**

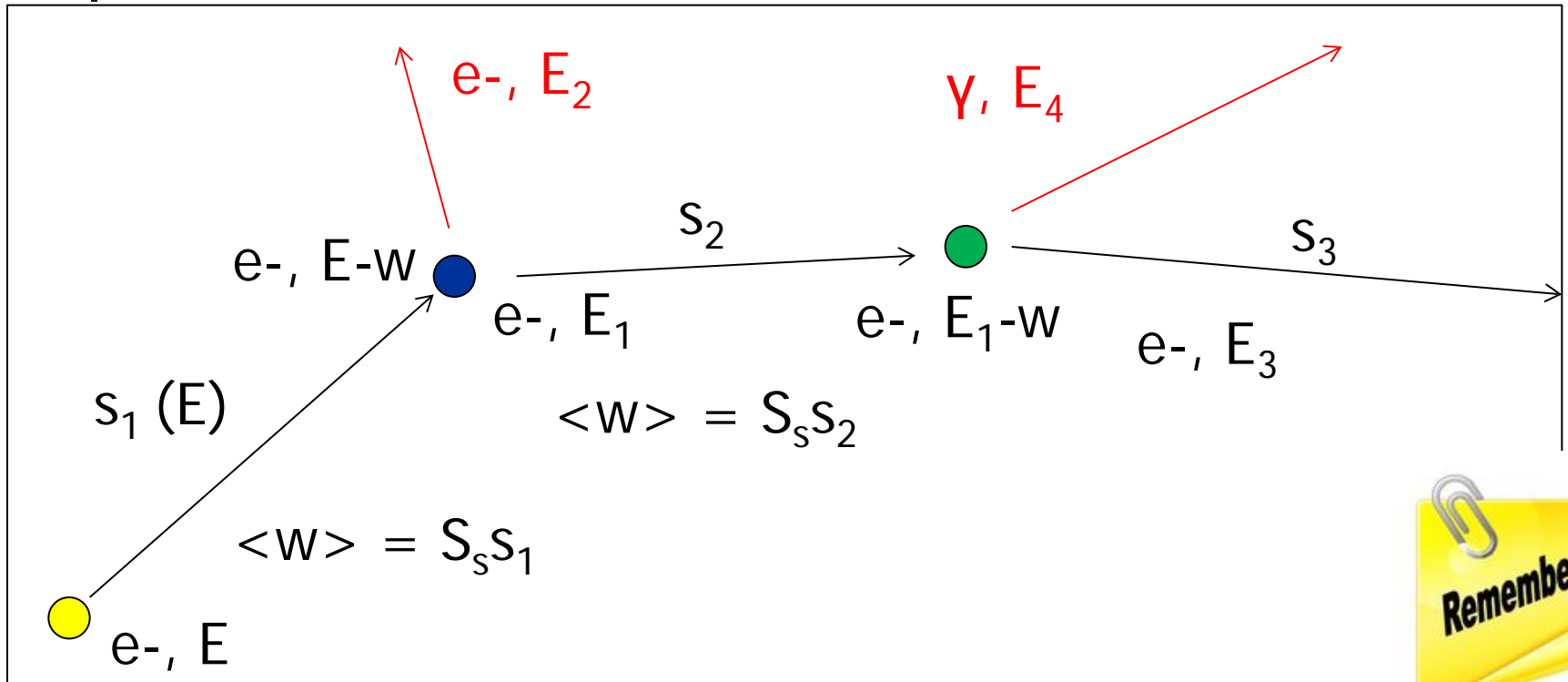
# The G4VProcess



- Physics processes are derived from the **G4VProcess** base class
- Abstract class defining the **common interface** of all processes in Geant4, used by **all physics processes**
- Three kinds of "actions":
  - **AtRest** actions
    - Decays,  $e^+$  annihilation
  - **AlongStep** actions
    - To describe continuous (inter)actions, occurring along the path of the particle, i.e. **"soft" interactions**
  - **PostStep** actions
    - To describe the point-like (inter)actions, like decay in flight, hadronic interactions, i.e. **"hard" interactions**

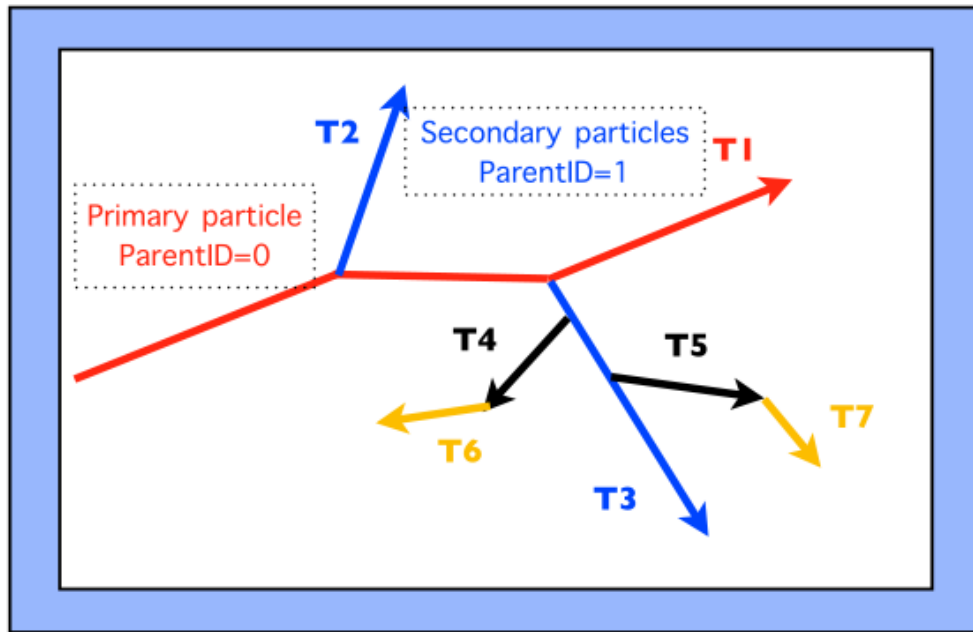


# Particle tracking: mixed recipe



- Follow **all secondaries**, until absorbed or leave volume

# Geant4 way of tracking



- **Force step** at geometry **boundaries**
  - All **AlongStep** processes **co-work**, the **PostStep** **compete** (= only **one** selected)
  - Call **AtRest** actions for particles at rest
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- Secondaries saved at the top of the stack: tracking order follows '**last in first out**' rule:  
**T1** → **T3** → **T5** → **T7** → **T4** → **T6** → **T2**

# Tracking verbosity

UI command: `/tracking/verbose 1`

Primary  $\gamma$

```
*****
* G4Track Information: Particle = gamma, Track ID = 1, Parent ID = 0
*****
```

| Step#          | X(mm) | Y(mm) | Z(mm) | KinE(MeV) | dE(MeV) | StepLeng | TrackLeng | NextVolume | ProcName |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 0              | 47.4  | -53   | -150  | 6         | 0       | 0        | 0         | Envelope   | initStep |
| 1              | 47.4  | -53   | -58   | 0.844     | 0       | 92       | 92        | Envelope   | compt    |
| 2              | -46   | 15.9  | 5.55  | 0.47      | 0       | 132      | 224       | Envelope   | compt    |
| 3              | -100  | 6.37  | -3.62 | 0.47      | 0       | 55.5     | 280       | World      |          |
| Transportation |       |       |       |           |         |          |           |            |          |
| 4              | -120  | 2.84  | -7.02 | 0.47      | 0       | 20.6     | 301       | OutOfWorld |          |
| Transportation |       |       |       |           |         |          |           |            |          |

Compton  $e^-$

```
*****
* G4Track Information: Particle = e-, Track ID = 3, Parent ID = 1
*****
```

| Step# | X(mm) | Y(mm) | Z(mm) | KinE(MeV) | dE(MeV) | StepLeng | TrackLeng | NextVolume | ProcName |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 0     | -46   | 15.9  | 5.55  | 0.375     | 0       | 0        | 0         | Envelope   | initStep |
| 1     | -46.1 | 16.4  | 5.98  | 0.0482    | 0.327   | 1.16     | 1.16      | Envelope   | eIoni    |
| 2     | -46.1 | 16.3  | 5.98  | 0         | 0.0482  | 0.0408   | 1.2       | Envelope   | eIoni    |



# Geant4 production cuts

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- The traditional Monte Carlo solution is to set a **tracking cut-off** in energy:
    - particles are **stopped** when this energy is reached and the **residual energy is deposited** at that point
    - May yield cause **imprecise stopping location** and deposition of energy
      - Particle and material dependence
  - **Geant4 does not have tracking cuts**
    - All tracks are followed **down to zero energy**
      - ..or until they leave the world volume or are destroyed in interactions
    - Could be implemented **manually** by the user
  - Geant4 uses only a **production cut** ( $\rightarrow W_0$ )
    - i.e. cuts deciding whether a **secondary** particle to be **produced** or not
      - AlongStep vs. PostStep
- Applies **only** to:  $\gamma$  from **bremsstrahlung**,  $e^-$  from **ionization** and low-energy **protons** from **hadronic elastic scattering**



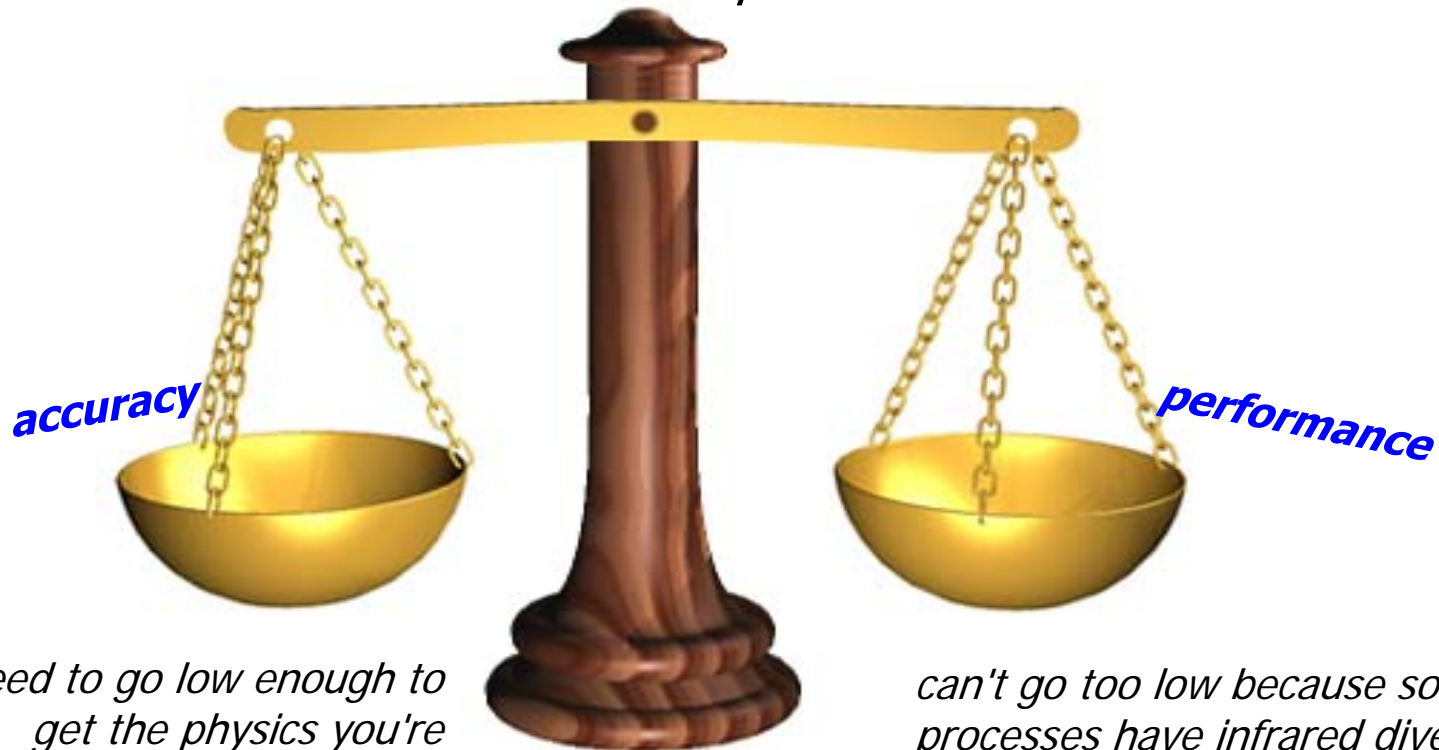
# Geant4 way of cuts: cut-in-range

- Geant4 solution: set a **"range" production threshold**
  - this threshold is a **distance**, not an energy
  - default = **1 mm**
  - Particles unable to travel at least the range cut value are **not produced**
    - They contribute to the AlongStep!
- **One production threshold** is uniformly set
  - Sets the **"spatial accuracy"** of the simulation
- Production threshold is **internally converted** to the **energy threshold  $W_0$** , depending on *particle* type and *material*
  - Effective energy threshold is **different** in each material

# Production cut

- Key ingredient of the mixed MC: energy threshold  $W_0$

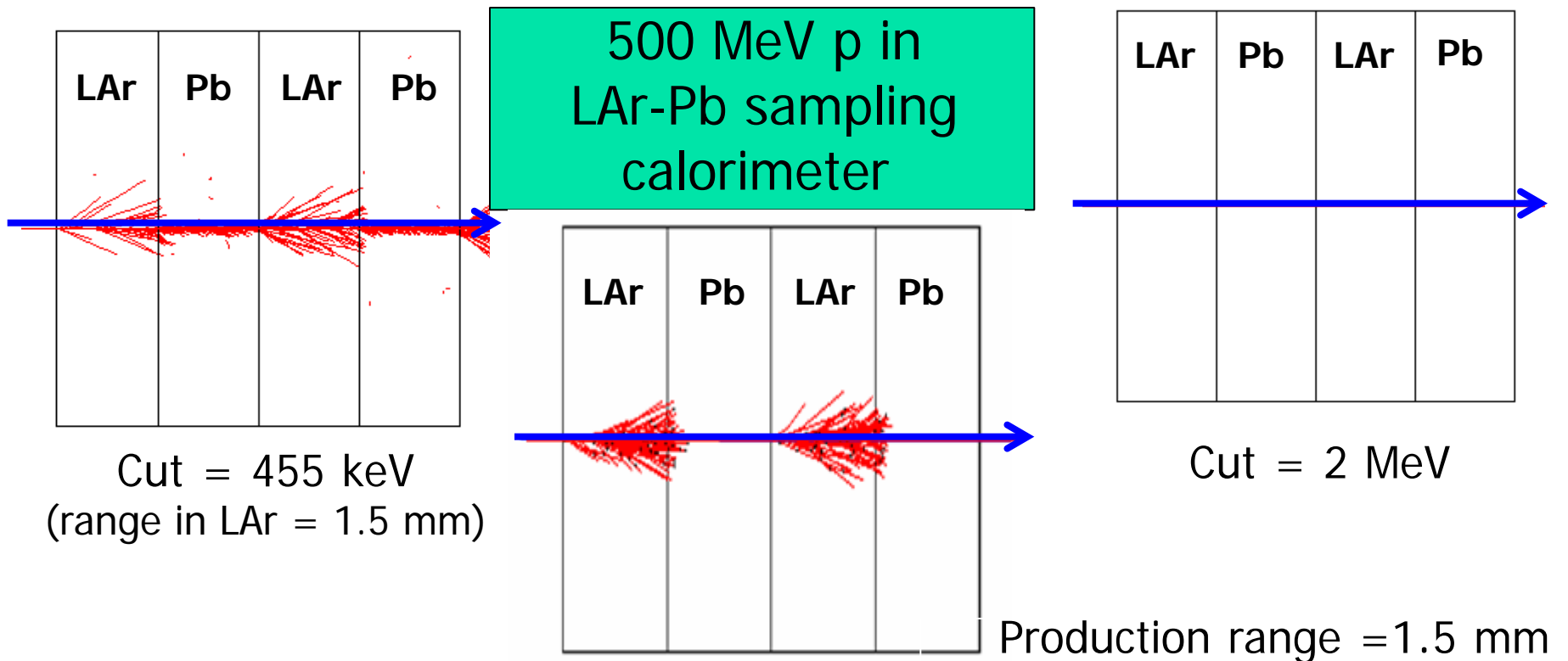
*the best compromise*



*need to go low enough to  
get the physics you're  
interested in*

*can't go too low because some  
processes have infrared divergence  
causing huge CPU time*

# Cut in range



Threshold in range: 1.5 mm

455 keV electron energy in liquid Ar  
2 MeV electron energy in Pb

# SetCuts()

- Define all **production** cuts for **gamma** and **electrons**
  - Lowest  $W_0$  is **990 eV** (but can be changed)
- Remember: this is a **production cut**, not a tracking cut

In **G4VUserPhysicsList** class

```
void MyPhysicsList::SetCuts()
{
    //G4VUserPhysicsList::SetCuts();
    defaultCutValue = 0.5 * mm;
    SetCutsWithDefault();

    SetCutValue(0.1 * mm, "gamma");
    SetCutValue(0.01 * mm, "e+");
    G4ProductionCutsTable::GetProductionCutsTable()
        ->SetEnergyRange(100*eV, 100.*GeV);
}
```

Default  
value:  
1.0 mm

Lower the possible  
 $W_0$  from 990 eV to  
**100 eV**



# Cuts – UI commands

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```
# Universal cut (whole world, all particles)
/run/setCut 10 mm

# Override low-energy limit
/cuts/setLowEdge 100 eV

# Set cut for a specific particle (whole world)
/run/setCutForAGivenParticle gamma 0.1 mm

# Set cut for a region (all particles)
/run/setCutForARegion myRegion 0.01 mm

# Print a summary of particles/regions/cuts
/run/dumpCouples
```

# G4StepLimiter



**HANDLE  
WITH CARE**

- Alternative to **define** the level of **tracking detail**
- Why?
  - you want to see the **exact track** of the particle
  - you **don't trust the chord finder** for your magnetic field
- How?
  - Include **G4StepLimiter** process in your **physics list**
    - **Formally** seen as a **physics process**, **competing** with all others: always proposing the same step length
    - Can be done by using the **Geant4 constructor G4StepLimiterPhysics** in a **modular physics list**

```
physicsList->RegisterPhysics(new G4StepLimiterPhysics());
```

- Set "user limits" for the logical volumes of interest:  
**SetUserLimits()**

```
logVol->SetUserLimits(new G4UserLimits(1.0 * mm));
```

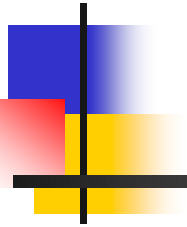
# Cuts per region

G4Region class

- Complex detector may contain **many different sub-detectors** involving:
  - finely segmented volumes
  - position-sensitive materials (e.g. Si trackers)
  - large, undivided volumes (e.g. calorimeters)
  - inert materials
- The **same cut** may **not be appropriate** for all of these
- User can define **regions** (independent of geometry hierarchy tree) and assign **different cuts for each region**
  - A region can contain a subset of the logical volumes



# Physics processes and models







# Philosophy

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- Provide a **general model framework** that allows the **implementation** of **complementary/alternative models** to **describe the same process** (e.g. Compton scattering)
  - A given **model** could work better in a certain **energy range**
- **Decouple** modeling of **cross sections** and of **final state generation**
- Provide **processes** containing
  - Many possible models and cross sections
  - Default cross sections for each model

**Models under continuous development**



# Electromagnetic physics

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# Inventory (and specs) of the models for $\gamma$ -rays

1 MeV  $\gamma$  in Al

- Many models available for each process
  - Plus one full set of polarized models
- Differ for energy range, precision and CPU speed
  - Final state generators
- Different mixtures available the Geant4 EM constructors

| Model                           | $E_{\min}$ | $E_{\max}$ | CPU |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|
| G4LivermoreRayleighModel        | 100 eV     | 10 PeV     | 1.2 |
| G4PenelopeRayleighModel         | 100 eV     | 10 GeV     | 0.9 |
| G4KleinNishinaCompton           | 100 eV     | 10 TeV     | 1.4 |
| G4KleinNishinaModel             | 100 eV     | 10 TeV     | 1.9 |
| G4LivermoreComptonModel         | 100 eV     | 10 TeV     | 2.8 |
| G4PenelopeComptonModel          | 10 keV     | 10 GeV     | 3.6 |
| G4LowEPComptonModel             | 100 eV     | 20 MeV     | 3.9 |
| G4BetheHeitlerModel             | 1.02 MeV   | 100 GeV    | 2.0 |
| G4PairProductionRelModel        | 10 MeV     | 10 PeV     | 1.9 |
| G4LivermoreGammaConversionModel | 1.02 MeV   | 100 GeV    | 2.1 |
| G4PenelopeGammaConversionModel  | 1.02 MeV   | 10 GeV     | 2.2 |
| G4PEEFluoModel                  | 1 keV      | 10 PeV     | 1   |
| G4LivermorePhotoElectricModel   | 10 eV      | 10 PeV     | 1.1 |
| G4PenelopePhotoElectricModel    | 10 eV      | 10 GeV     | 2.9 |

Similar situation for  $e^{\pm}$

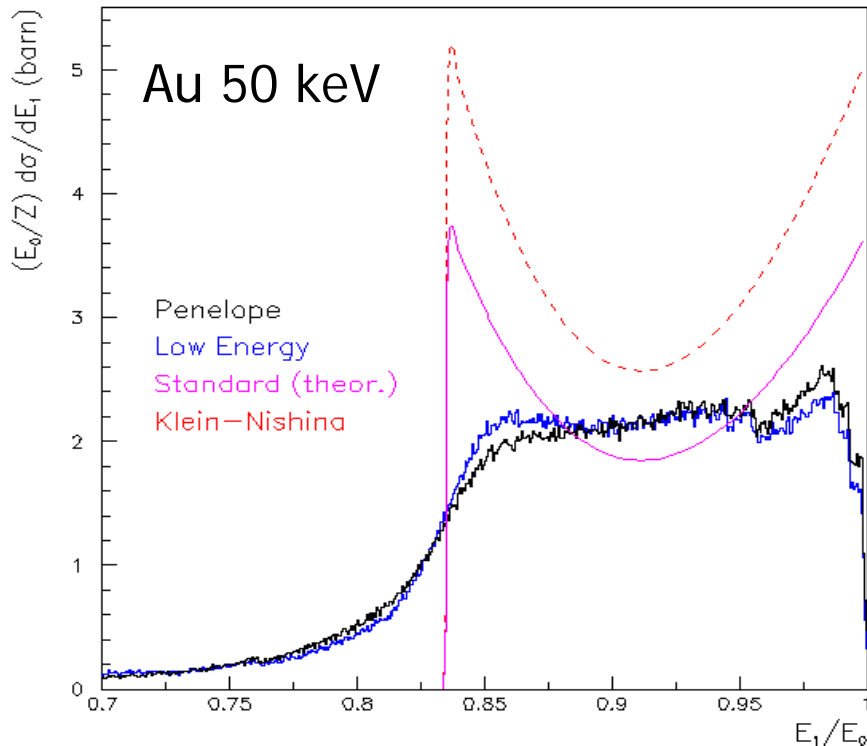


# EM concept

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- The **same physics processes** (e.g. Compton scattering) can be described by **different models**, that can be **alternative** or **complementary** in a given energy range
- For instance: **Compton scattering** can be described by
  - **G4KleinNishinaCompton**
  - **G4LivermoreComptonModel** (specialized low-energy, based on the Livermore database)
  - **G4PenelopeComptonModel** (specialized low-energy, based on the Penelope analytical model)
  - **G4LivermorePolarizedComptonModel** (specialized low-energy, Livermore database with polarization)
  - **G4PolarizedComptonModel** (Klein-Nishina with polarization)
  - **G4LowEPComptonModel** (full relativistic 3D simulation)
- Different models can be **combined**, so that the appropriate one is used in each given energy range (→ performance optimization)

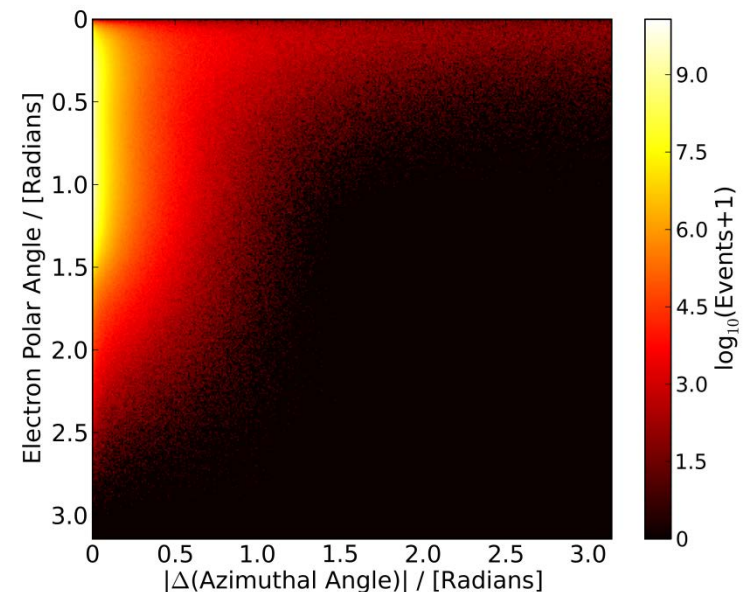
# For example: Compton scattering



250 keV  $\gamma$  Pb

CPU time is the **price to pay** for better precision

- **New model: G4LowEPComptonModel** (Monash U.)
  - Two-body relativistic **3-dim framework**
  - Relativistic impulse approximation
  - Bound atomic electrons
  - **Electron distribution** not uniform in  $\phi$  wrt **photon scattering plane**





# Packages overview

- Models and processes for the description of the EM interactions in Geant4 have been grouped in **several packages**

| Package      | Description   |
|--------------|---|
| Standard     | $\gamma$ -rays, $e^\pm$ up to 100 TeV, Hadrons, ions up to 100 TeV              |
| Muons        | Muons up to 1 PeV   |
| X-rays       | X-rays and optical photon production  |
| Optical      | Optical photons interactions  |
| High-Energy  | Processes at high energy ( $> 10$ GeV). Physics for exotic particles            |
| Low-Energy   | Specialized processes for low-energy (down to 250 eV), including atomic effects |
| Polarization | Simulation of polarized beams   |



# EM processes for $\gamma$ -rays, $e^\pm$

| Particle | Process  | G4Process   |
|----------|--|---|
| Photons  | Gamma Conversion in $e^\pm$<br>Compton scattering<br>Photoelectric effect<br>Rayleigh scattering | <code>G4GammaConversion</code><br><code>G4ComptonScattering</code><br><code>G4PhotoElectricEffect</code><br><code>G4RayleighScattering</code> |
| $e^\pm$  | Ionisation<br>Bremsstrahlung<br>Multiple scattering  | <code>G4eIonisation</code><br><code>G4eBremsstrahlung</code><br><code>G4eMultipleScattering</code>  |
| $e^+$    | Annihilation   | <code>G4eplusAnnihilation</code>  |



# EM processes muons

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| Particle  | Process                 | G4Process                           |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\mu^\pm$ | Ionisation              | <code>G4MuIonisation</code>         |
|           | Bremsstrahlung          | <code>G4MuBremsstrahlung</code>     |
|           | Multiple scattering     | <code>G4MuMultipleScattering</code> |
|           | $e^\pm$ pair production | <code>G4MuPairProduction</code>     |

Only **one model available** for these processes (but in principle users may write *their own* models, if needed)





# Standard models

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- Complete set of models for  $e^\pm$ ,  $\gamma$ , ions, hadrons,  $\mu^\pm$
- Tailored to requirements from HEP applications
  - "Cheaper" in terms of CPU
  - Include high-energy corrections (e.g. LPM), assumptions made in the low-energy regime
- Theoretical or phenomenological models
  - Bethe-Bloch, corrected Klein-Nishina, ...
  - Photoabsorption Ionization (PAI)
    - ionization energy loss of a relativistic charged particle in matter
- Specific high-energy extensions available
  - Extra processes, as  $\gamma \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$
- Dedicated sub-library for optical photons
  - Produced by scintillation or Cherenkov effect



# Livermore (& polarized) models

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- Based on publicly available **evaluated data tables** from the **Livermore** data library:  $e^-$ ,  $\gamma$ 
  - EADL : Evaluated Atomic Data Library, EEDL : Evaluated Electrons Data Library, EPDL97 : Evaluated Photons Data Library, Binding energies: Scofield
  - Mixture of **experiments** and **theories**
  - In principle, tables go down to  **$\sim 10$  eV**
- Applications: medical, underground and rare events, space
- **Polarized** models
  - Same calculation of the cross section, **different** way to produce the **final state**
  - Describe in detail the kinematics of **polarized photon interactions**
  - Application: space missions for the detection of polarized photons



# Penelope models

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- Geant4 includes the low-energy models for electrons, positrons and photons from the **Monte Carlo code PENELOPE** (PENetration and Energy LOSS of Positrons and Electrons)
  - Nucl. Instr. Meth. B 207 (2003) 107
  - Geant4 implements **v2008 of Penelope**
- Physics models **specifically developed** by the group of F. Salvat et al.
  - Great care dedicated to the **low-energy description**
  - Atomic effects, fluorescence, Doppler broadening...
- **Mixed approach**: analytical, parameterized and database-driven
  - Applicability energy range: **100 eV** – 1 GeV
- Include **positrons**
  - Not described by Livermore models

# When/why to use Low Energy Models



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- **Use** Low-Energy models (Livermore or Penelope), as an *alternative* to Standard models, when you:
  - need **precise treatment** of EM showers and interactions at **low-energy** (keV scale)
  - are interested in **atomic effects**, as fluorescence x-rays, Doppler broadening, etc.
  - can afford a more **CPU-intensive** simulation
  - want to **cross-check** an other simulation (e.g. with a different model)
- **Do not use** when you are interested in EM physics **> MeV**
  - same results as Standard EM models, **performance penalty**

# EM Physics Constructors for Geant4 10.2 - ready-for-the-use

- G4EmStandardPhysics – default
- G4EmStandardPhysics\_option1 – HEP fast but not precise
- G4EmStandardPhysics\_option2 – Experimental
- G4EmStandardPhysics\_option3 – medical, space
- G4EmStandardPhysics\_option4 – optimal mixture for precision
- G4EmLivermorePhysics
- G4EmLivermorePolarizedPhysics
- G4EmPenelopePhysics
- G4EmLowEPPysics
- G4EmDNAPhysics\_option...

Combined Physics  
Standard > 1 GeV  
**LowEnergy < 1 GeV**

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- Advantage of using of these classes – they are tested on regular basis and are used for regular validation



# Optical physics

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(some more slides than in my usual  
Geant4 beginner courses)



# Optical photons

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- Dedicated particle in Geant4: **G4OpticalPhoton**
  - Different from **G4Gamma**
  - No smooth transition between them
  - Polarization information included
- Handling of optical photons in Geant4 requires:
  - Processes able to **produce** optical photons (G4Scintillation, G4Cerenkov, etc.)
  - Processes to **describe** the **interaction** of optical photons
    - *Bulk* processes (absorption, elastic scattering, wls)
    - *Boundary* processes (reflection, refraction, etc.)
    - According to the **laws of optics**
- Same concept applies to **G4Phonon** (and other exotic)



# OpPhoton tracking

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- Typically many 1000's of photons per MeV
  - CPU-intensive
  - Track op-photons *immediately*, to avoid the stack overflow. Specific setting in the parent process(es), e.g.
    - `CerenkovProcess->SetTrackSecondaryFirst(true);`
- Good tracking requires the *accurate knowledge* of bulk and surface *optical properties*
  - Not always available (especially for boundaries)
  - So, *tuning* from the *data*
- **Make sure that you really need it (!)**
- Good *examples* to start with:
  - `examples/extended/optical`





# Processes to create opPhotons

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- Optical photons are **produced** by :
  - **G4Cerenkov**
  - **G4Scintillation**
  - **G4TransitionRadiation**
  - Warning: these processes generate optical photons **without energy conservation**
- Pure "**AlongStep**" processes
  - **Average** number according to  $\Delta E$  in the step: actual number sampled from **Poisson distribution**
  - Still can limit the step in special cases (e.g. refraction index drops below Cerenkov threshold)
- Emission position sampled **uniformly along** the **step**
- **Scintillation yield, spectrum and time** can be set from the user
  - slow/fast component, different yields per particles

# Processes to handle opPhotons



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- Optical photons are **handled** by :
  - bulk **absorption** (**G4OpAbsorption**)
  - **Rayleigh** scattering (**G4OpRayleigh**)
  - **wavelength shifting** (**G4OpWLS**)
  - refraction and reflection at **medium boundaries** (**G4OpBoundary**)
  - All "**discrete**" processes
- Geant4 keeps track of **polarization**
  - but not overall phase → **no interference**
- User can supply
  - WLS **emission spectrum** and decay **time**
  - Reflectivity, **surface properties** (roughness, specular, metal vs. dielectric, etc.) of all boundaries
  - **Mean free path** for Rayleigh and absorption



# Optical properties

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- Bulk properties stored as **G4MaterialPropertiesTable** and attached to **G4Material**
  - Refraction index, absorption length, Rayleigh mfp vs.  $\lambda$
  - Scintillation yield, spectra and time constants
  - WLS properties
- Boundary properties stored as **G4MaterialPropertiesTable** attached to **G4OpticalSurface**, which in turn belongs to
  - **G4LogicalBorderSurface** (ordered pair of logical volumes)
  - **G4LogicalSkinSurface** (skin of a logical volume)
  - Include reflectivity and absorbance (vs.  $\lambda$ ), surface polishing (polished or rough), dielectric vs. metal, specular lobe vs. spike reflectivity, rms roughness, ...
- Typical case: properties are unknown (esp. surface) and have to be tuned from data



# Hadronic physics

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(a very quick overview)



# Hadronic Physics

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- Data-driven models
- Parametrised models
- Theory-driven models



# Hadronic processes

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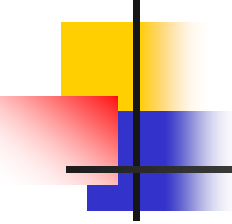
- **At rest**
  - Stopped muon, pion, kaon, anti-proton
  - Radioactive decay
  - Particle decay (decay-in-flight is PostStep)
- **Elastic**
  - **Same process** to handle all long-lived hadrons (multiple models available)
- **Inelastic**
  - **Different processes** for each hadron (possibly with multiple models vs. energy)
  - Photo-nuclear, electro-nuclear, mu-nuclear
- **Capture**
  - Pion- and kaon- in flight, neutron
- **Fission**



# Hadronic physics challenge

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- Three energy regimes
  - $< 100$  MeV
  - resonance and cascade region (100 MeV - 10 GeV)
  - $> 20$  GeV (QCD strings)
- Within each regime there are several models
- Many of these are phenomenological



# Reference physics lists for Hadronic interactions

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- **Two families** of builders for the high-energy part
  - **QGS**, or list based on a model that use **the Quark Gluon String model** for high energy hadronic interactions of protons, neutrons, pions and kaons
  - **FTF**, based on the FTF (FRITIOF like string model) for protons, neutrons, pions and kaons
- **Three families** for the **cascade** energy range
  - **BIC**, binary cascade
  - **BERT**, Bertini cascade
  - **INCLXX**, Liege Intranuclear cascade model





# ParticleHP Models

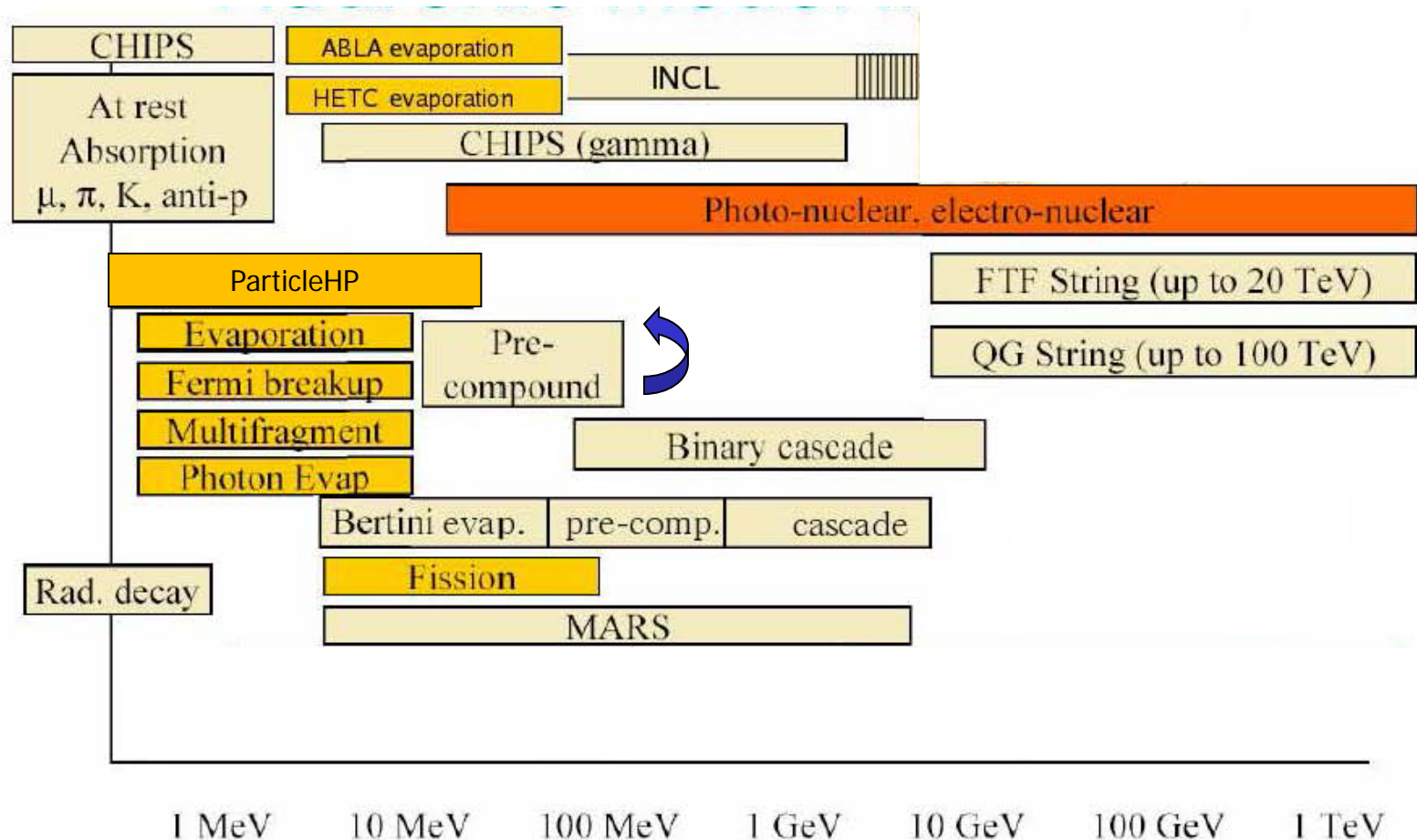
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- Since Geant4 10.2 → **ParticleHP**
  - Data-driven approach for *inelastic* reactions for **n** (in place since many years, named **NeutronHP**) **p**, **d**, **t**, **<sup>3</sup>He** and **α**
  - Data based on **TENDL-2014** (charged particles) and **ENDFVII.r1** (neutrons). Compressed binary files
    - For neutrons, includes **information** for *elastic* and *inelastic scattering*, *capture*, *fission* and *isotope production*
  - Range of **applicability**: from **thermal energies** up to **20 MeV**
  - Very **precise** tracking, but also very **slow**
  - Use it with care: thermal neutron tracking is very CPU-demanding
    - A thermal neutron can have 100's of thermal scatterings before being captures
    - **No cut** applied on low-energy **protons** from **elastic scattering**
- **NeutronHP** fully **merged** with **ParticleHP** since **10.3**
  - **NeutronHP headers** are still **included the release 10.3** for backwards compatibility, but **they will be removed**
- Neutron models debugged since a long while, but it is a **fresh development** for the other particles

# Hadronic model inventory


[http://geant4.cern.ch/support/proc\\_mod\\_catalog/models](http://geant4.cern.ch/support/proc_mod_catalog/models)





# Geant4 extensions / exotic

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- The tracking implemented in Geant4 is **very general and transparent**
  - Possible to accommodate for **custom particles** and **processes**
  - Possible to accommodate for **alternative models**, also to be used together with the Geant4 ones
- Recent development: add the possibility to simulate **solid state effects** (e.g. channeling) 
  - Extension of the **G4Material** to include **lattice properties**
    - E.g. unit cell
  - Framework generic enough to include **other kinds of auxiliary material properties**
- See **examples/extended/exoticphysics**

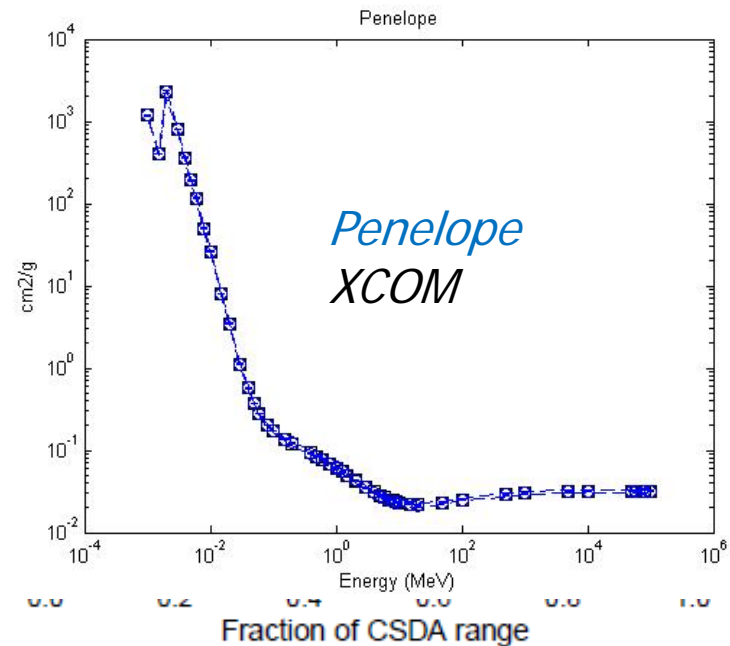
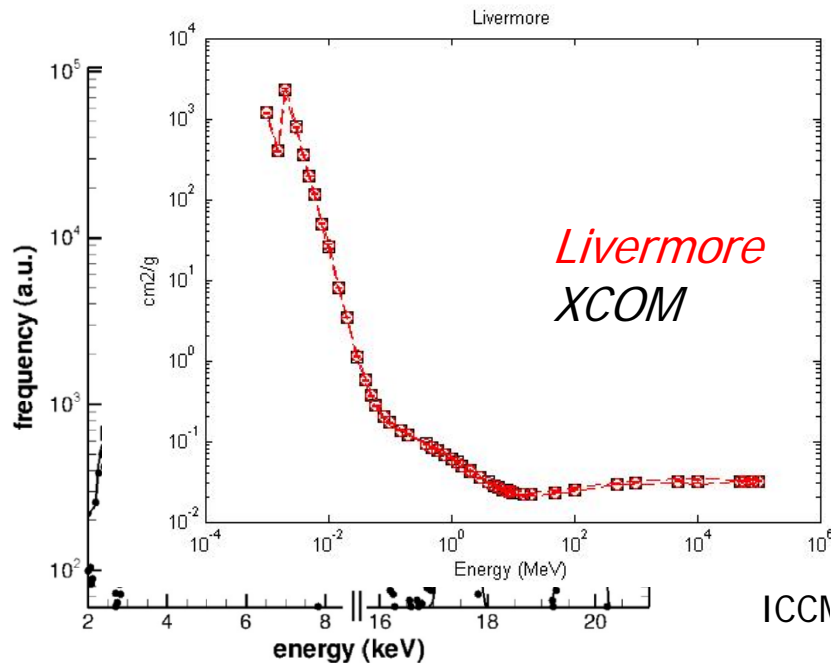


# Quick overview of validation

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# EM validation - 1

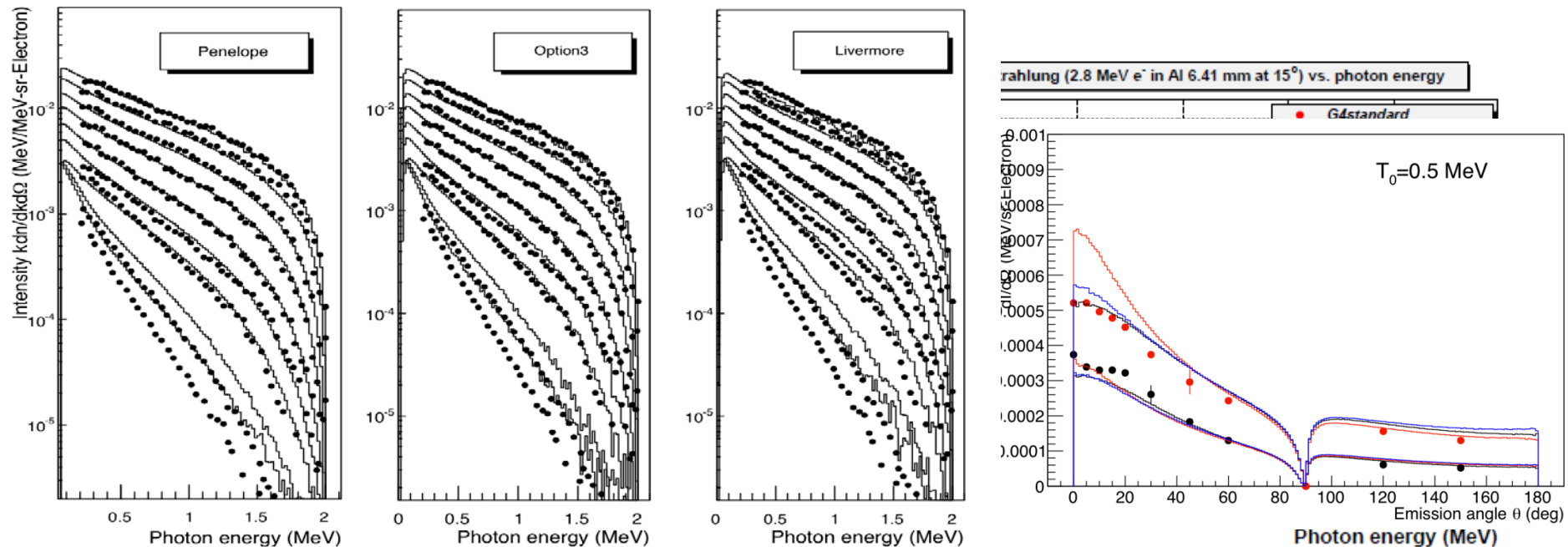
- Tens of papers and studies available
  - Geant4 Collaboration + User Community
- Results can depend on the specific observable/reference
  - Data selection and assessment critical



# EM validation – 2

- In general satisfactory agreement
- Validation/verification repository available on web

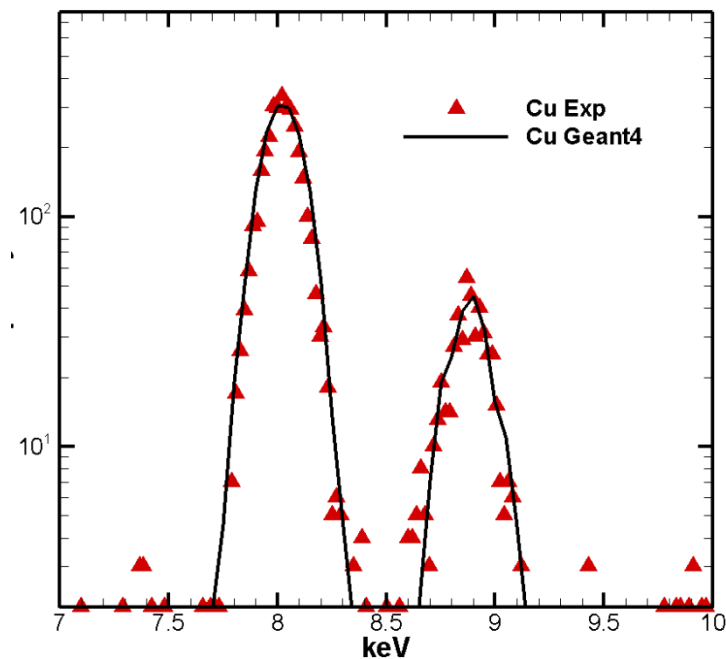
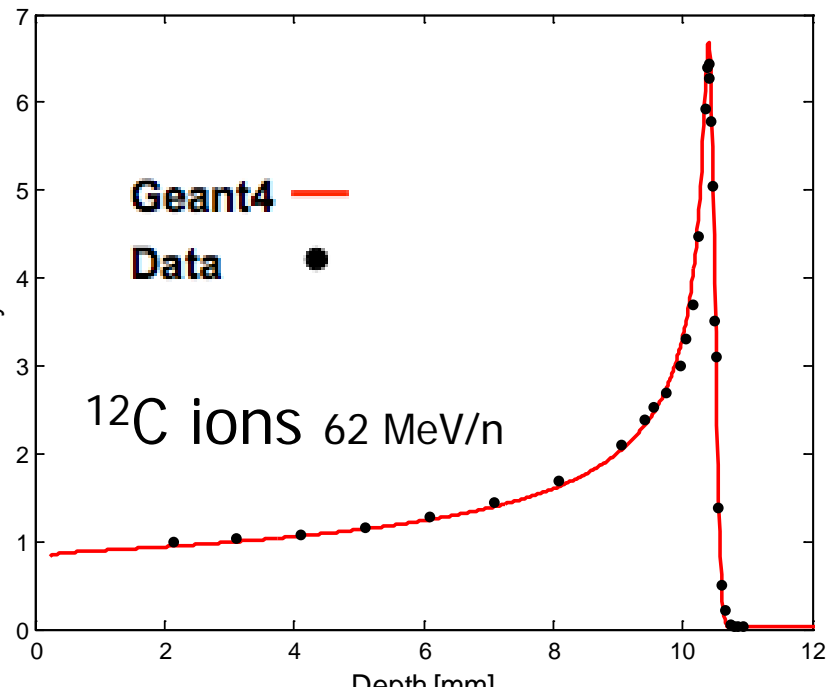
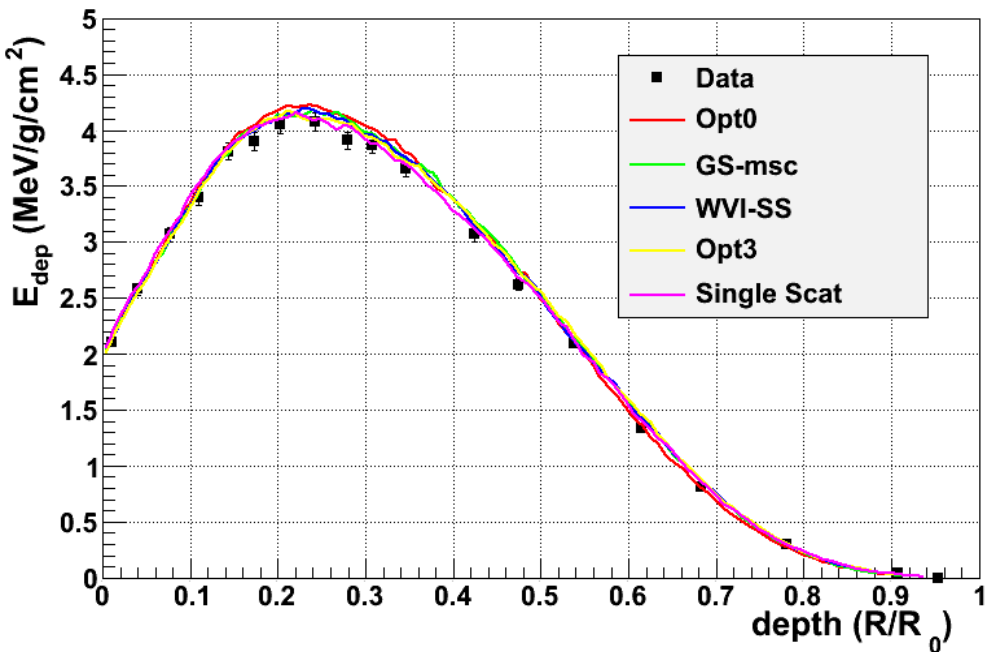
<http://cern.ch/vnivanch/verification/verification/electromagnetic/>



# EM validation -

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e- showers, longitudinal profiles





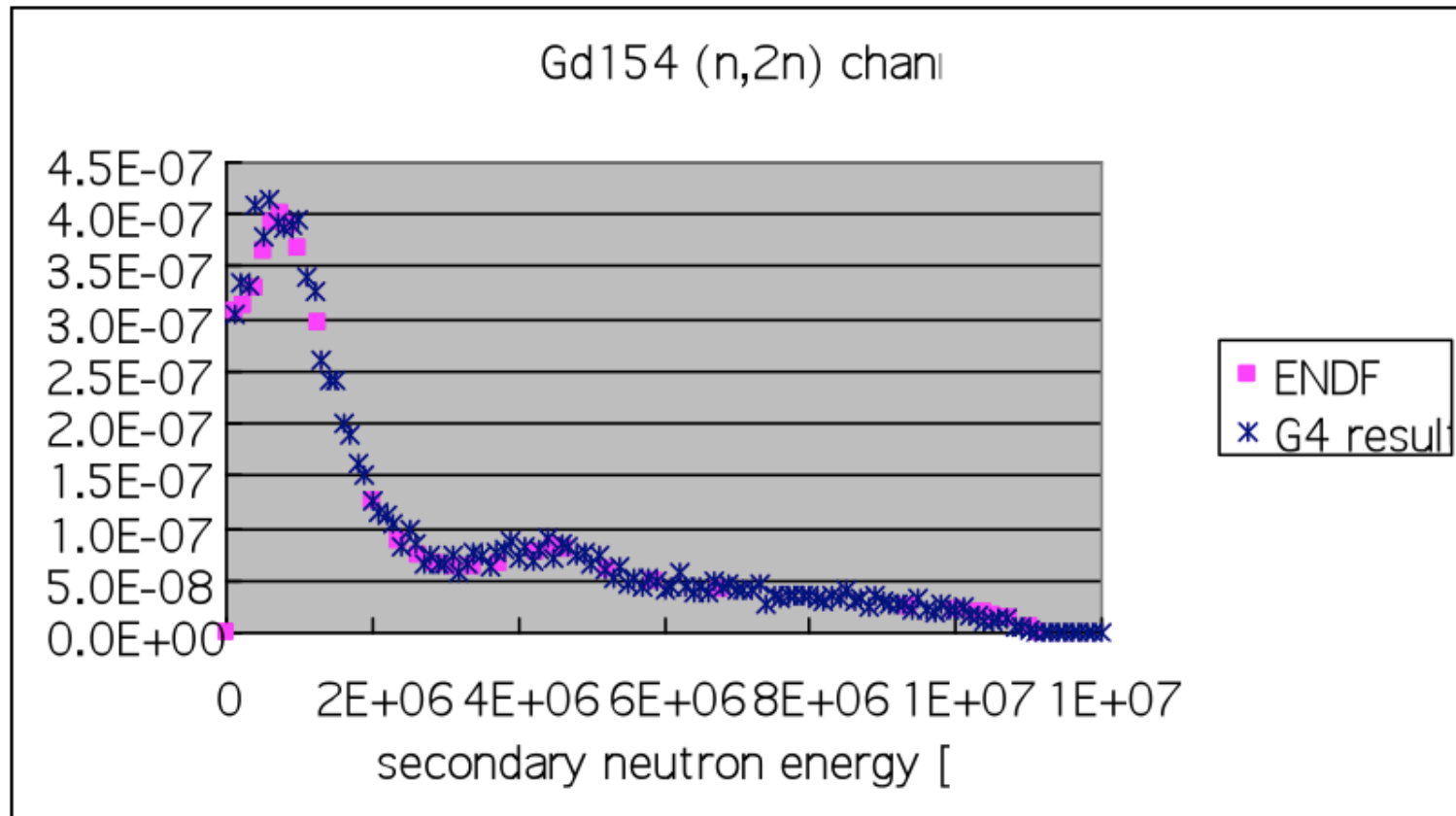
# Hadronic validation

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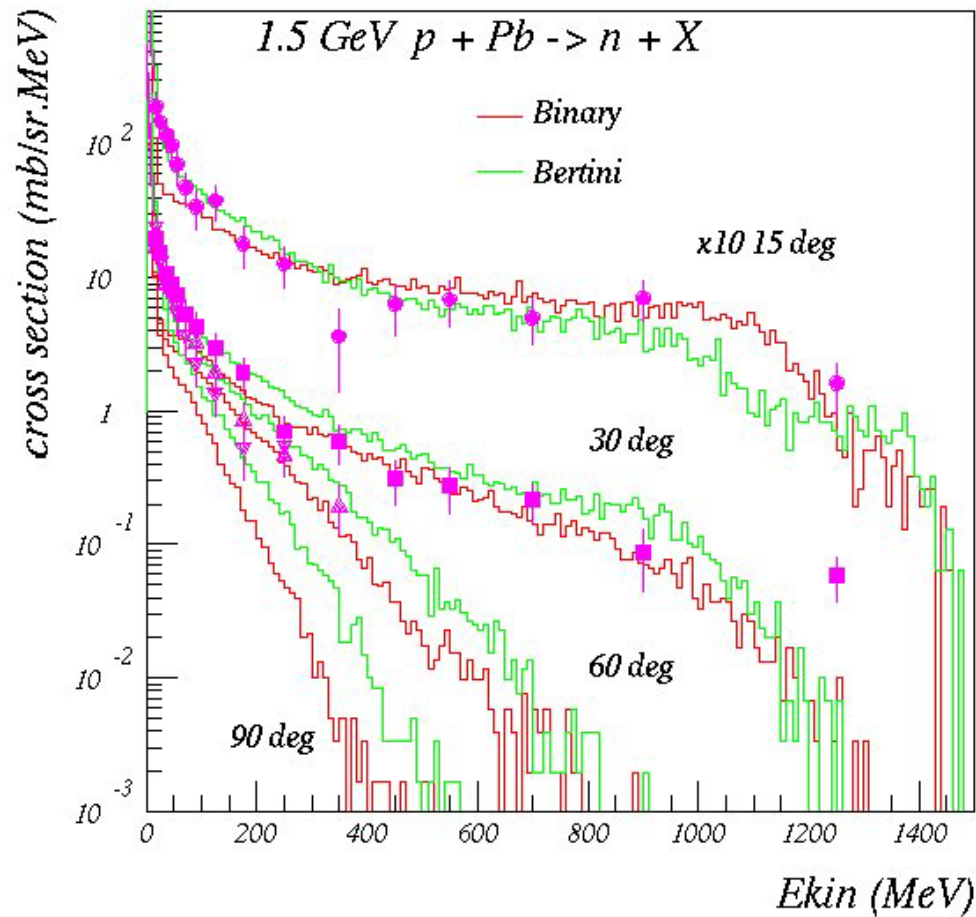
- A [website](#) is available to collect relevant [information](#) for validation of [Geant4 hadronic models](#) (plots, tables, references to data and to models, etc.)  
[http://geant4.cern.ch/results/validation\\_plots.htm](http://geant4.cern.ch/results/validation_plots.htm)  
<http://g4validation.fnal.gov:8080/G4ValidationWebApp/>
- Several [physics lists](#) and several [use-cases](#) have been considered (e.g. thick target, stopped particles, low-energy)
- Includes [final states](#) and [cross sections](#)



# Some verification: secondary energy spectrum

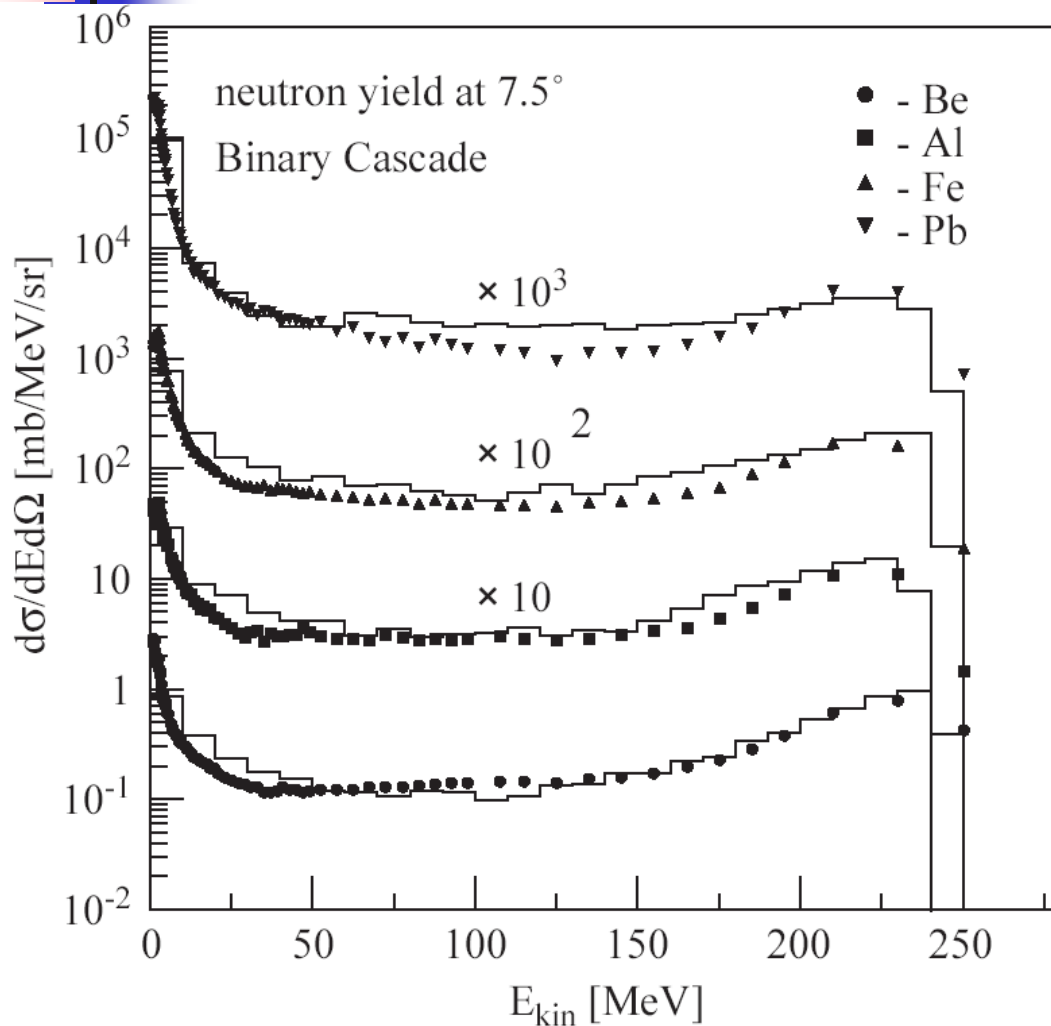


# Nuclear fragmentation



**Bertini** and **Binary**  
**cascade** models:  
neutron production vs.  
angle from 1.5 GeV  
protons on Lead

# Neutron production by protons



Binary cascade model:  
double differential  
cross-section for  
neutrons produced  
by 256 MeV protons  
impinging on different  
targets



# Hands-on session

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- Task3c
- <http://202.122.35.46/geant/task3>



# Backup

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# EM concept - 2

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- A **physical interaction** or **process** is described by a process class
  - Naming scheme : « G4ProcessName »
  - Eg. : « G4Compton » for photon Compton scattering
- A physical process can be simulated according to **several models**, each model being described by a model class
  - The usual naming scheme is: « G4ModelNameProcessNameModel »
  - Eg. : « G4LivermoreComptonModel » for the Livermore Compton model
  - Models can be alternative and/or complementary on certain energy ranges
  - Refer to the Geant4 manual for the full list of available models



# Cross sections

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- **Default cross section sets** are provided for each type of hadronic process:
  - Fission, capture, elastic, inelastic
- Can be **overridden** or **completely replaced**
- **Different types** of cross section sets:
  - Some contain only a few numbers to **parameterize** cross section
  - Some represent large **databases** (data driven models)
- Cross section management
  - `GetCrossSection( )` → sees last set loaded for energy range



# NeutronHP Models

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- Dedicated **NeutronHP** models in Geant4 since many years
  - HP = **high-precision**
- Cross sections and final state information based on **ENDF/BVII.1 tabulated data** (G4LEND)
  - Includes **information** for *elastic* and *inelastic scattering*, *capture*, *fission* and *isotope production*
- Applicable from **thermal energies** to **20 MeV**
  - Very **precise** tracking, but also very **slow**
  - Use it with care: thermal neutron tracking is very CPU-demanding
    - A thermal neutron can have 100's of thermal scatterings before being captures
- Included in all physics lists ending with **\_HP** and **Shielding**



# Cuts per region - C++ code

```
void MyPhysicsList::SetCuts()  
{  
    // default production thresholds for the world volume  
    SetCutsWithDefault();  
  
    // Same cuts for all particle types  
    G4Region* region = G4RegionStore::GetInstance()->GetRegion("myRegion1");  
    G4ProductionCuts* cuts = new G4ProductionCuts;  
    cuts->SetProductionCut(0.01*mm); // same cuts for gamma, e-  
    region->SetProductionCuts(cuts);  
  
    // individual production thresholds for different particles  
    region = G4RegionStore::GetInstance()->GetRegion("myRegion2");  
    cuts = new G4ProductionCuts;  
    cuts->SetProductionCut(1 * mm, "gamma");  
    cuts->SetProductionCut(0.1 * mm, "e-");  
    region->SetProductionCuts(cuts);  
  
    // ... or (simpler)  
    SetCuts(0.01 * mm, "gamma", "absorber");  
}
```



# Code Example (1/2)

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```
G4ParticleDefinition* neutron=  
    G4Neutron::NeutronDefinition();  
G4ProcessManager* protonProcessManager =  
    proton->GetProcessManager();
```

} retrieve the  
process  
manager for  
neutron

// **Elastic scattering**

```
G4HadronElasticProcess* neutronElasticProcess =  
    new G4HadronElasticProcess();
```

} create the  
process for  
elastic scattering

```
G4NeutronHPElastic* neutronElasticModel =  
    new G4NeutronHlastic();  
neutronElasticModel->SetMaxEnergy(20.*MeV);
```

} get the **HP model** for  
elastic scattering

```
neutronElasticProcess->  
    RegisterMe(neutronElasticModel);
```

} **register** the model to the  
process

```
neutronProcessManager->  
    AddDiscreteProcess(protonElasticProcess);
```

} attach the process to  
neutron

# Code example (2/2)

```
// Inelastic scattering
```

```
G4ProtonInelasticProcess* protonInelasticProcess  
= new G4ProtonInelasticProcess();
```

creates the  
**process** for  
inelastic  
scattering

```
G4BinaryCascade* protonInelasticModel1  
= new G4BinaryCascade();
```

```
protonInelasticModel1->SetMaxEnergy(4*GeV);
```

```
protonInelasticProcess->
```

```
RegisterMe(protonInelasticModel1);
```

gets the **Binary  
model** up to 4 GeV

*registers model to the  
process*

```
G4TheoFSGenerator* protonInelasticModel2 =  
new G4TheoFSGenerator("FTFB");
```

```
protonInelasticModel2->SetHighEnergyGenerator(  
new G4FTFModel);
```

```
protonInelasticModel2->SetMinEnergy(4.0*GeV);
```

```
protonInelasticProcess
```

```
->RegisterMe(protonInelasticModel2);
```

gets the **FTF  
model** from 4  
GeV

*registers model to the  
process*

Model 1


Model 2



# Example: PhysicsList, $\gamma$ -rays

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```
G4ProcessManager* pmanager =
    G4Gamma::GetProcessManager();
pmanager->AddDiscreteProcess(new G4PhotoElectricEffect);
pmanager->AddDiscreteProcess(new G4ComptonScattering);
pmanager->AddDiscreteProcess(new G4GammaConversion);
pmanager->AddDiscreteProcess(new G4RayleighScattering);
```



Only PostStep

- Use **AddDiscreteProcess** because  $\gamma$ -rays processes have **only PostStep** actions
- For each process, the **default model** is used among all the available ones (e.g. **G4KleinNishinaCompton** for **G4ComptonScattering**)



# How to extract Physics ?

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- Possible to **retrieve physics quantities** via **G4EmCalculator** or directly from the **physics models**
  - Physics List should be initialized
- Example for retrieving the **total cross section** ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of a process with name *procName*: for particle *partName* and material *matName*

```
G4EmCalculator emCalculator;  
G4Material* material =  
    G4NistManager::Instance()->FindOrBuildMaterial("matName");  
G4double massSigma = emCalculator.ComputeCrossSectionPerVolume  
    (energy,particle,procName,material);  
G4cout << G4BestUnit(massSigma, "Surface/Volume") << G4endl;
```

A good example:

```
$G4INSTALL/examples/extended/electromagnetic/  
TestEm14
```



# Alternative cross sections

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- To be used for specific applications, or for a **given particle** in a **given energy range**, for instance:
- Low energy neutrons
  - **elastic, inelastic, fission** and **capture** ( $< 20$  MeV)
- Neutron and proton inelastic cross sections
  - $20 \text{ MeV} < E < 20 \text{ GeV}$
- Ion-nucleus reaction cross sections (several models)
  - Good for  $E/A < 1 \text{ GeV}$
- Isotope production data
  - $E < 100 \text{ MeV}$
- Photo-nuclear cross sections

Information on the available cross sections at  
[http://geant4.cern.ch/support/proc\\_mod\\_catalog/cross\\_sections/](http://geant4.cern.ch/support/proc_mod_catalog/cross_sections/)