

# Physics in **GEANT4** – part 2

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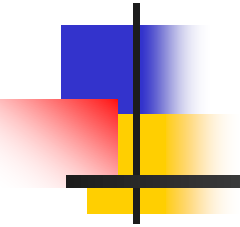
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# Mixed Monte Carlo: tracking cuts and cut-in- range



# Solution: the mixed MC

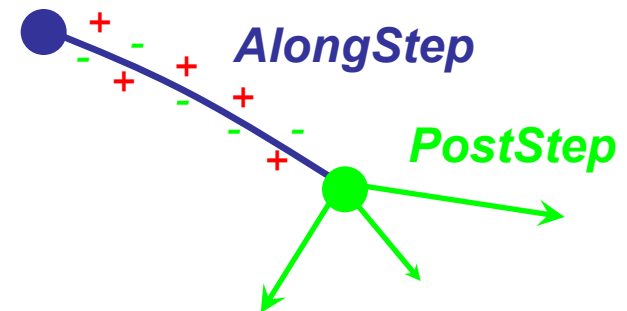


- Simulate **explicitly** (i.e. force step) interactions **only if** energy loss (or change of direction) is **above threshold  $W_0$** 
  - **Detailed** simulation
  - **"hard"** interaction (like  $\gamma$  interactions)
- The effect of **all sub-threshold interactions** is described **statistically**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

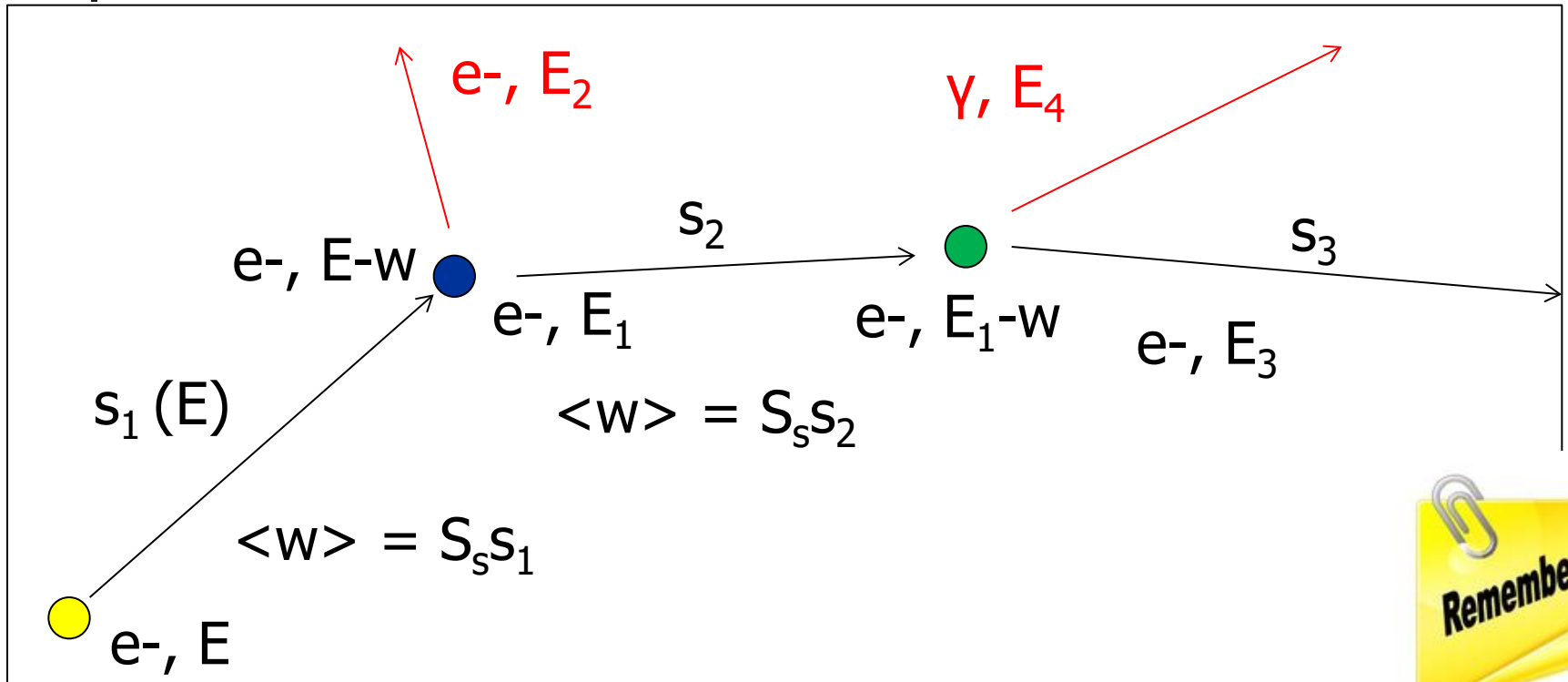
# The G4VProcess



- 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**

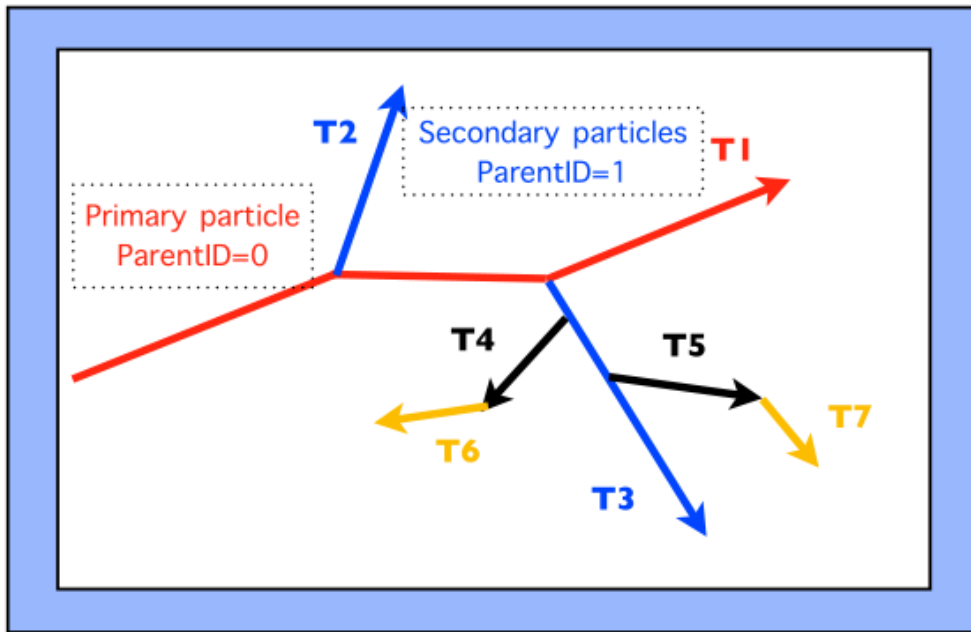


# Particle tracking: mixed recipe



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

# Geant4 way of tracking



- **Force step** at geometry boundaries
- All **AlongStep** processes **co-work**, the **PostStep** **complete** (= only one selected)
- Call **AtRest** actions for particles at rest

- 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	55.6	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



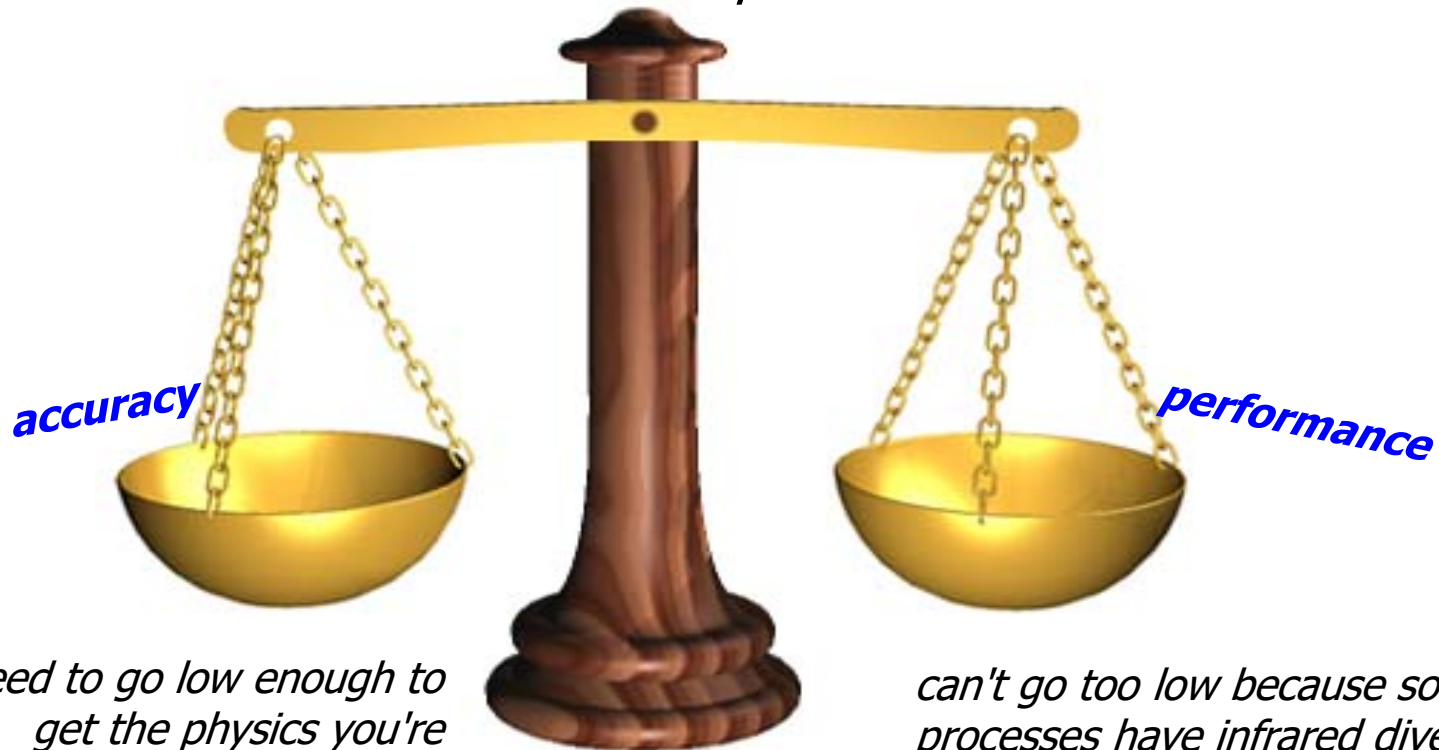
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- Geant4 solution: set a **"range" production threshold**
  - this threshold is a **distance**, not an energy
  - default = **1 mm**
  - Particles unable to travel at least the range cut value are **not produced**
    - They contribute to the AlongStep!
- **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  $W_0$**

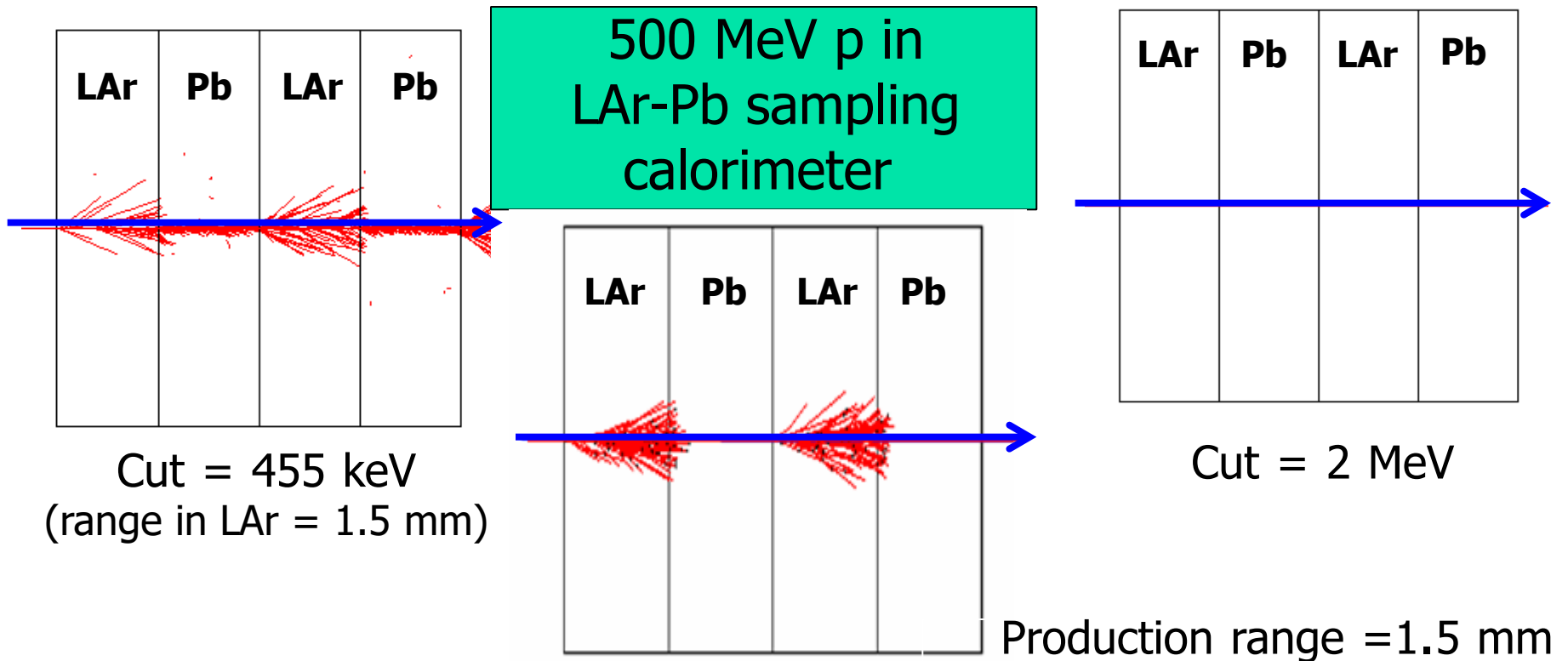
*the best compromise*



*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));
```

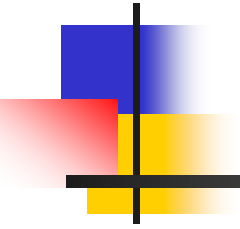
# Cuts per region

**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
G4PEEF fluoModel	1 keV	10 PeV	1
G4LivermorePhotoElectricModel	10 eV	10 PeV	1.1
G4PenelopePhotoElectricModel	10 eV	10 GeV	2.9

Similar situation for  $e^{\pm}$

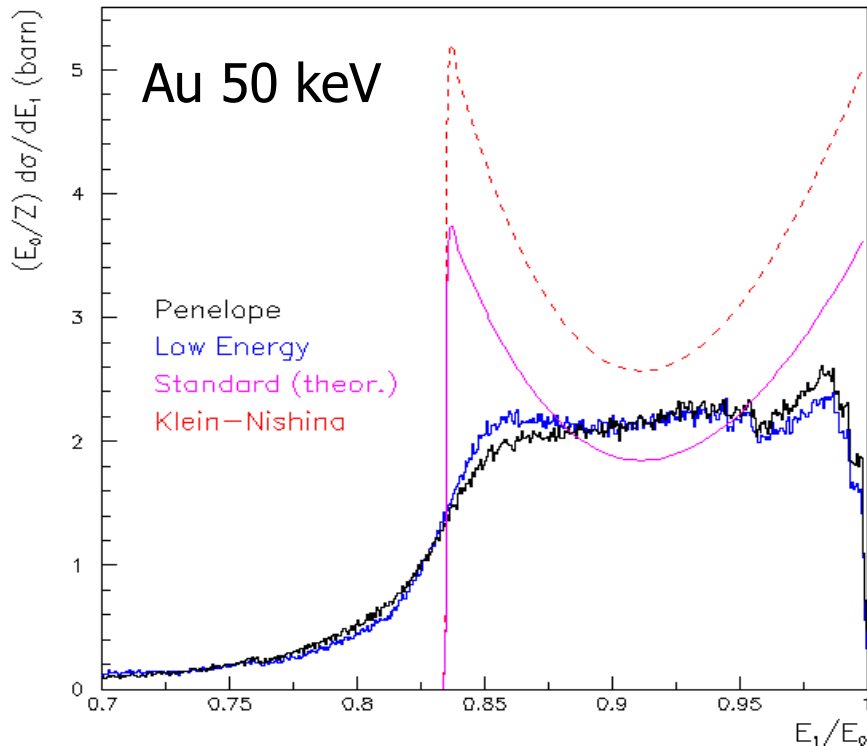


# EM concept

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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)

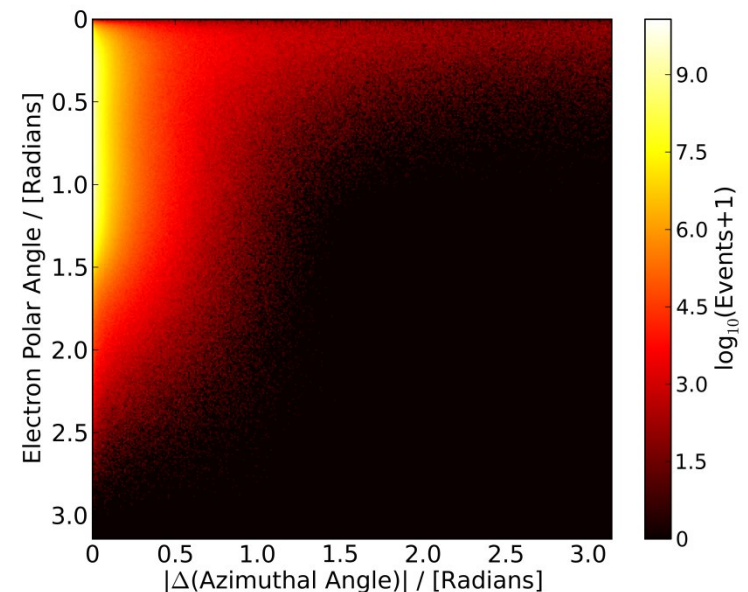
# For example: Compton scattering



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 $e^\pm$	<code>G4GammaConversion</code>
	Compton scattering	<code>G4ComptonScattering</code>
	Photoelectric effect	<code>G4PhotoElectricEffect</code>
	Rayleigh scattering	<code>G4RayleighScattering</code>
$e^\pm$	Ionisation	<code>G4eIonisation</code>
	Bremsstrahlung	<code>G4eBremsstrahlung</code>
	Multiple scattering	<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 10.5 - 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
- G4EmLowEPPhysics
- 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



# 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
```



# 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**

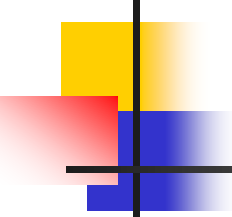


# Hadronic physics challenge

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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



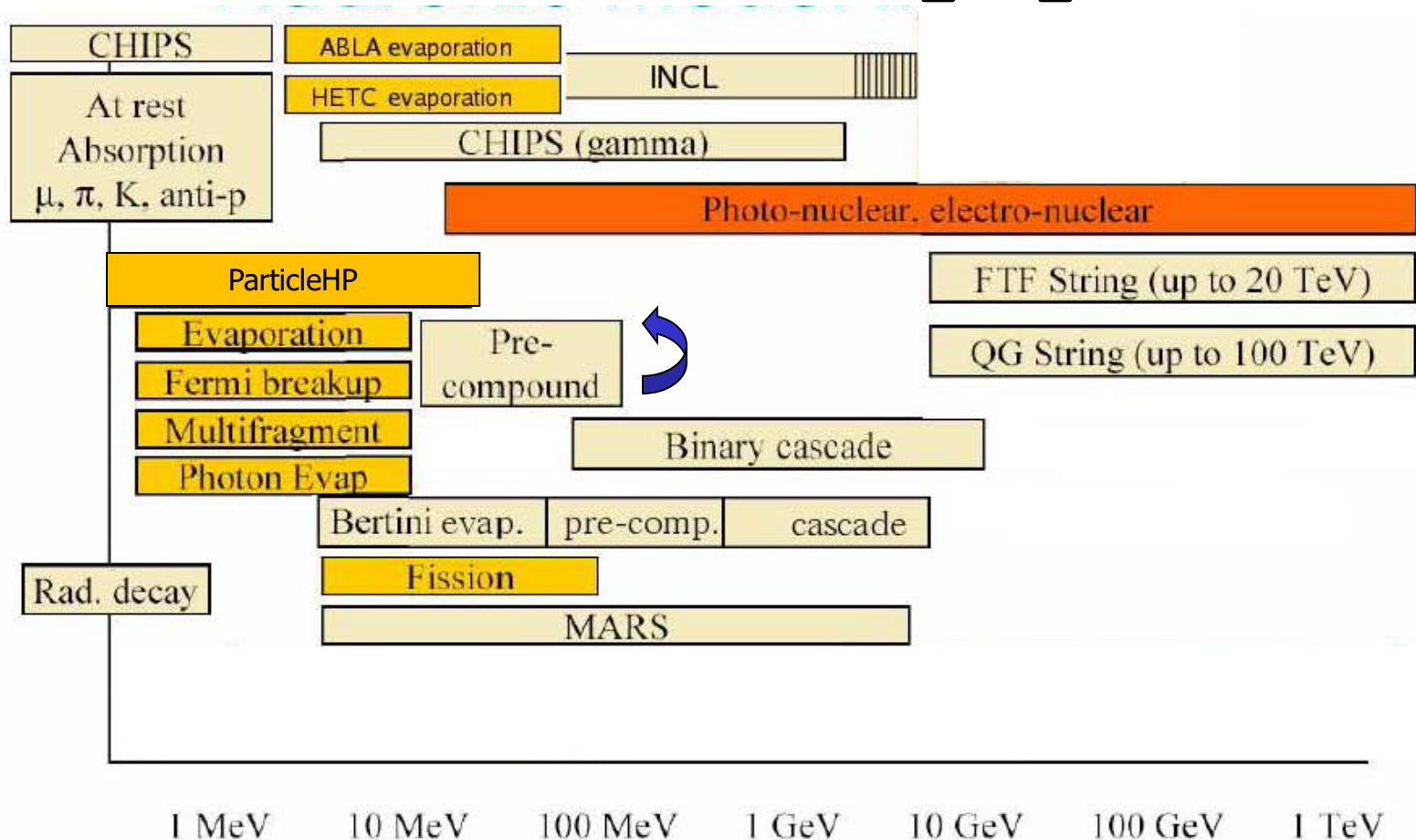
# ParticleHP Models



- 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)





# 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



# 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**

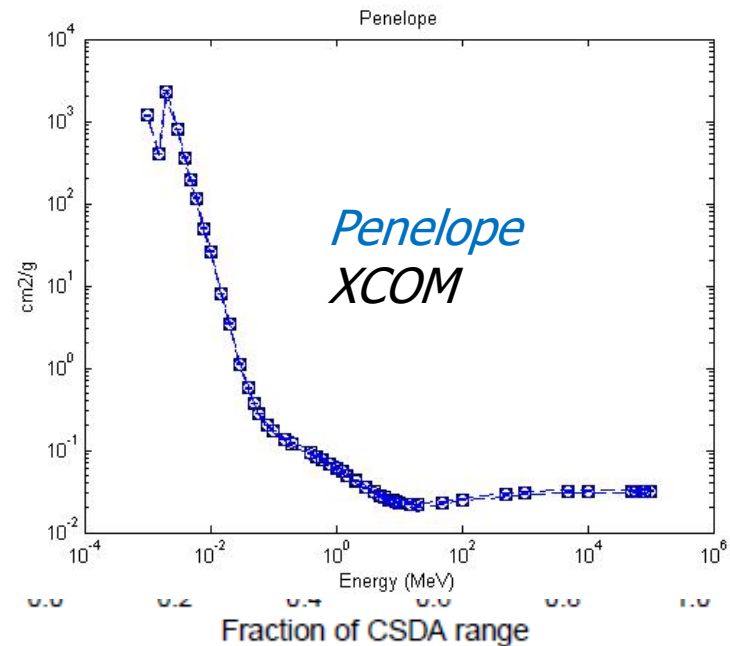
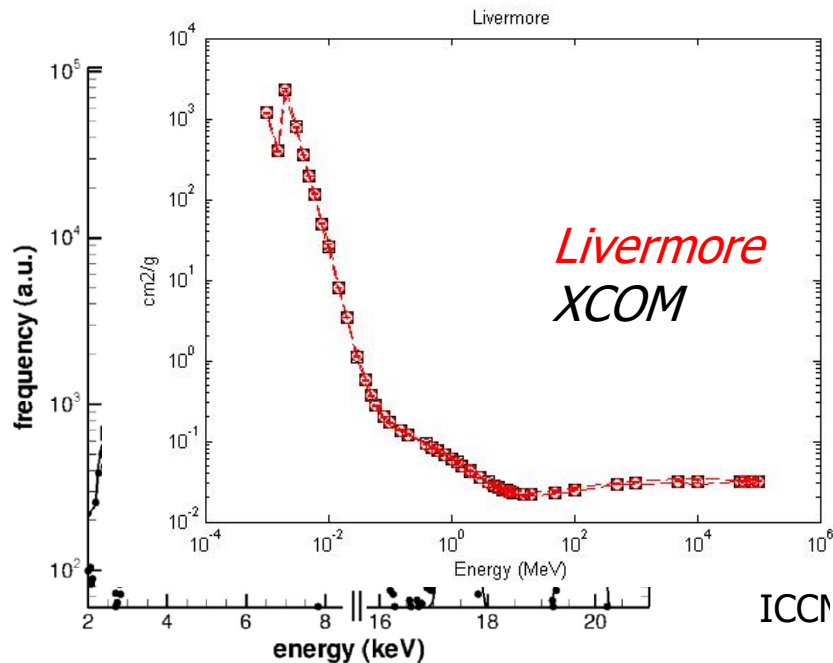


# Quick overview of validation

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# EM validation - 1

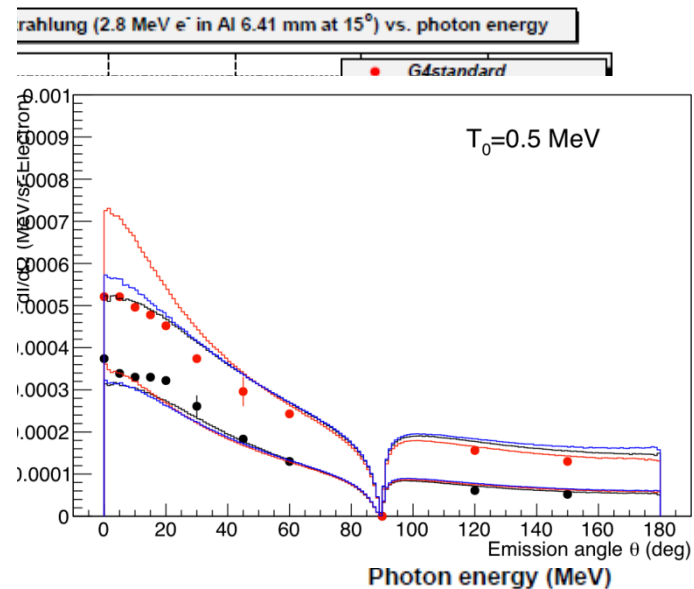
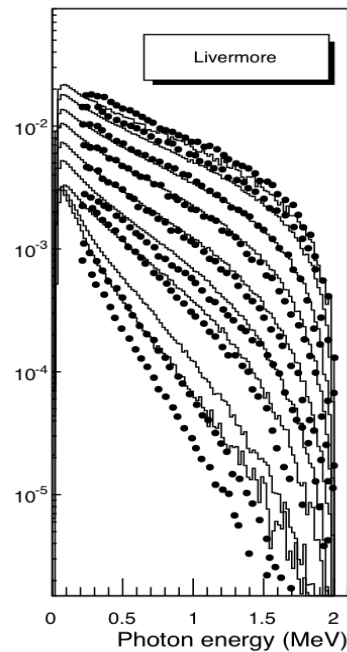
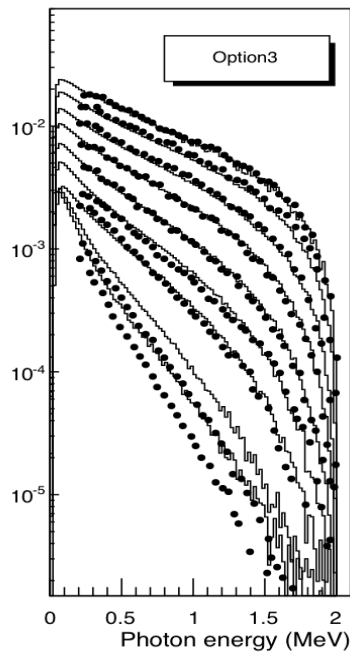
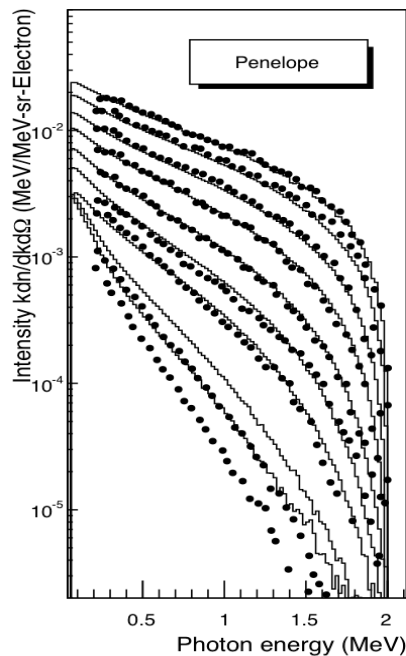
- Tens of papers and studies available
  - Geant4 Collaboration + User Community
- Results can depend on the specific observable/reference
  - Data selection and assessment critical



# EM validation – 2

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

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

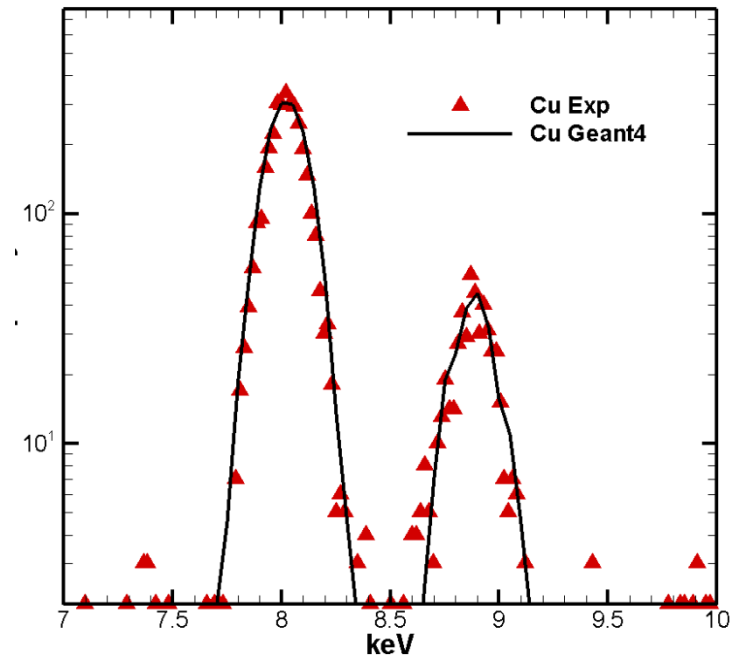
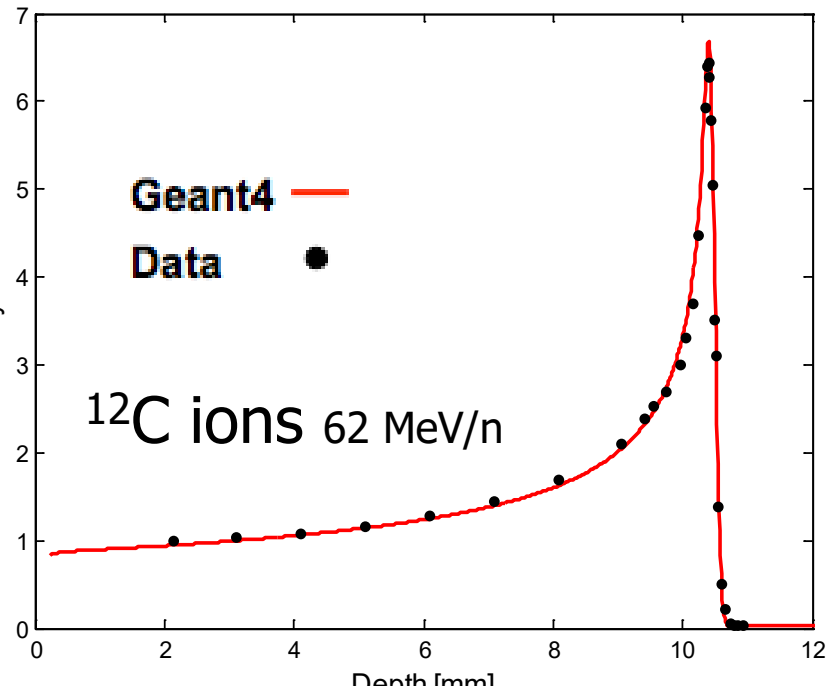
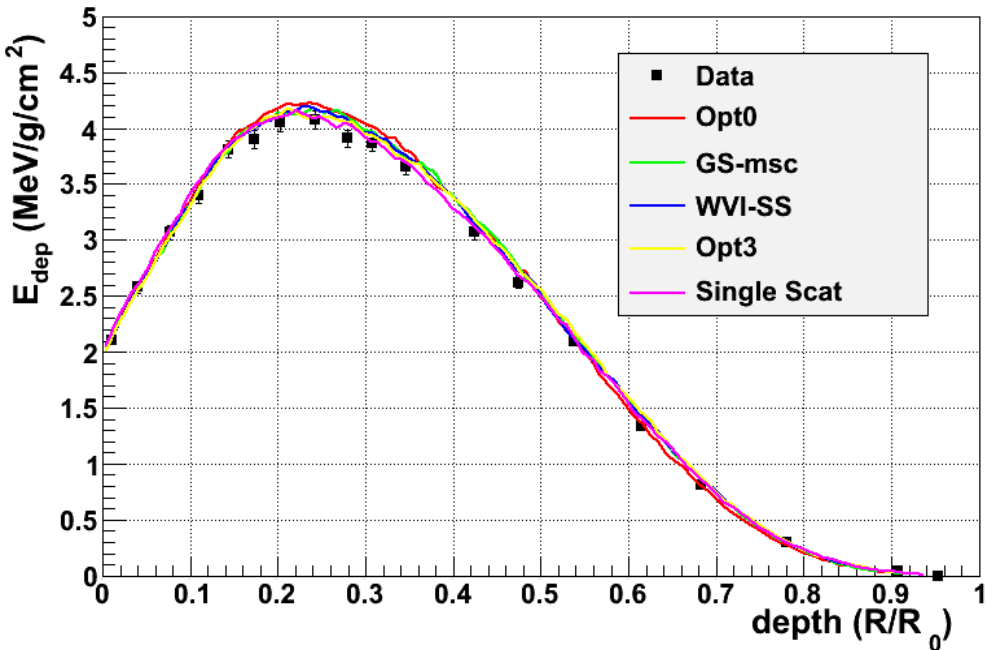




# EM validation -

# 3

e- showers, longitudinal profiles



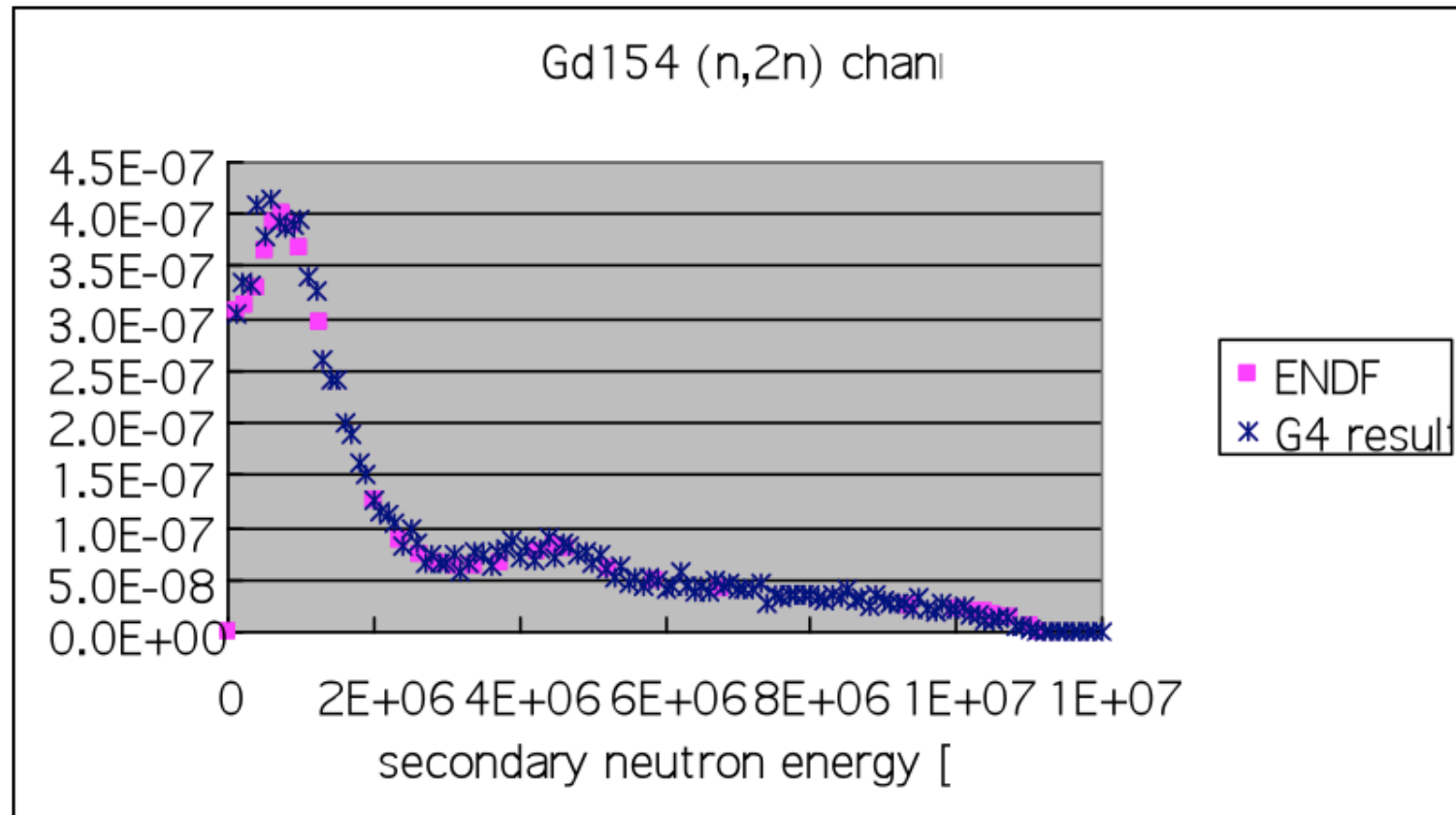


# Hadronic validation

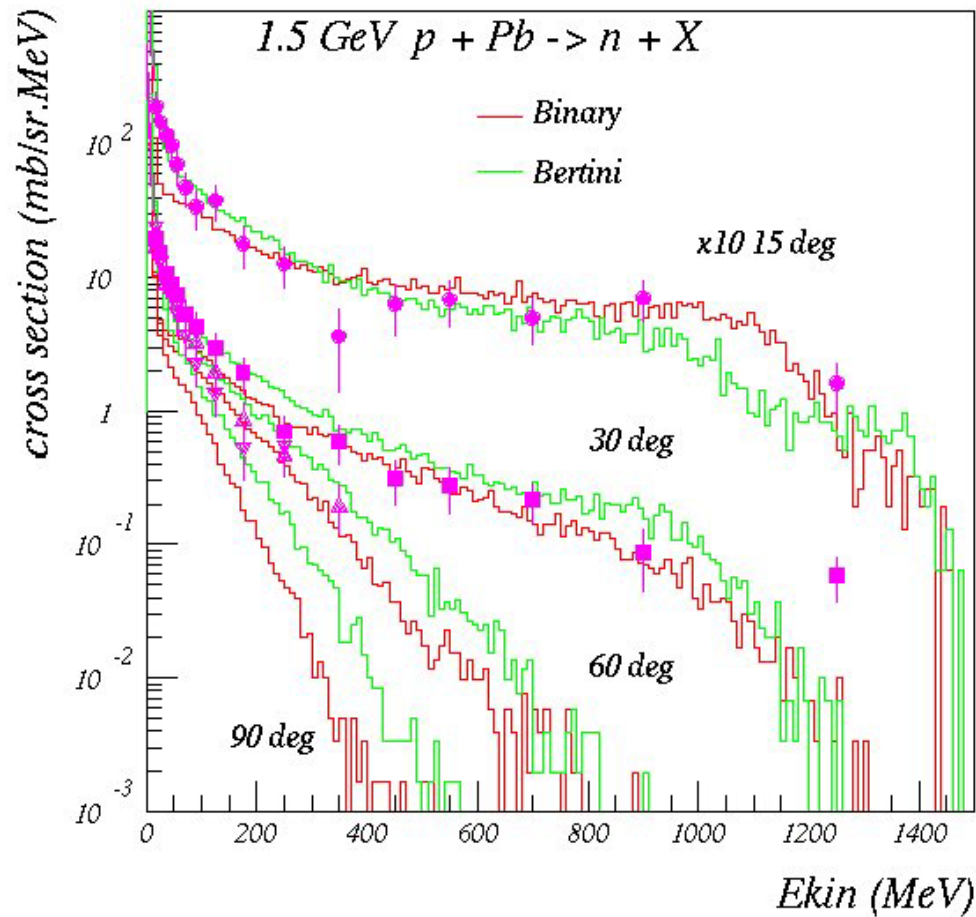
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- A **website** is available to collect relevant **information** for validation of **Geant4 hadronic models** (plots, tables, references to data and to models, etc.)  
`http://geant4.cern.ch/results/validation\_plots.htm`  
`http://g4validation.fnal.gov:8080/G4ValidationWebApp/`
- 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

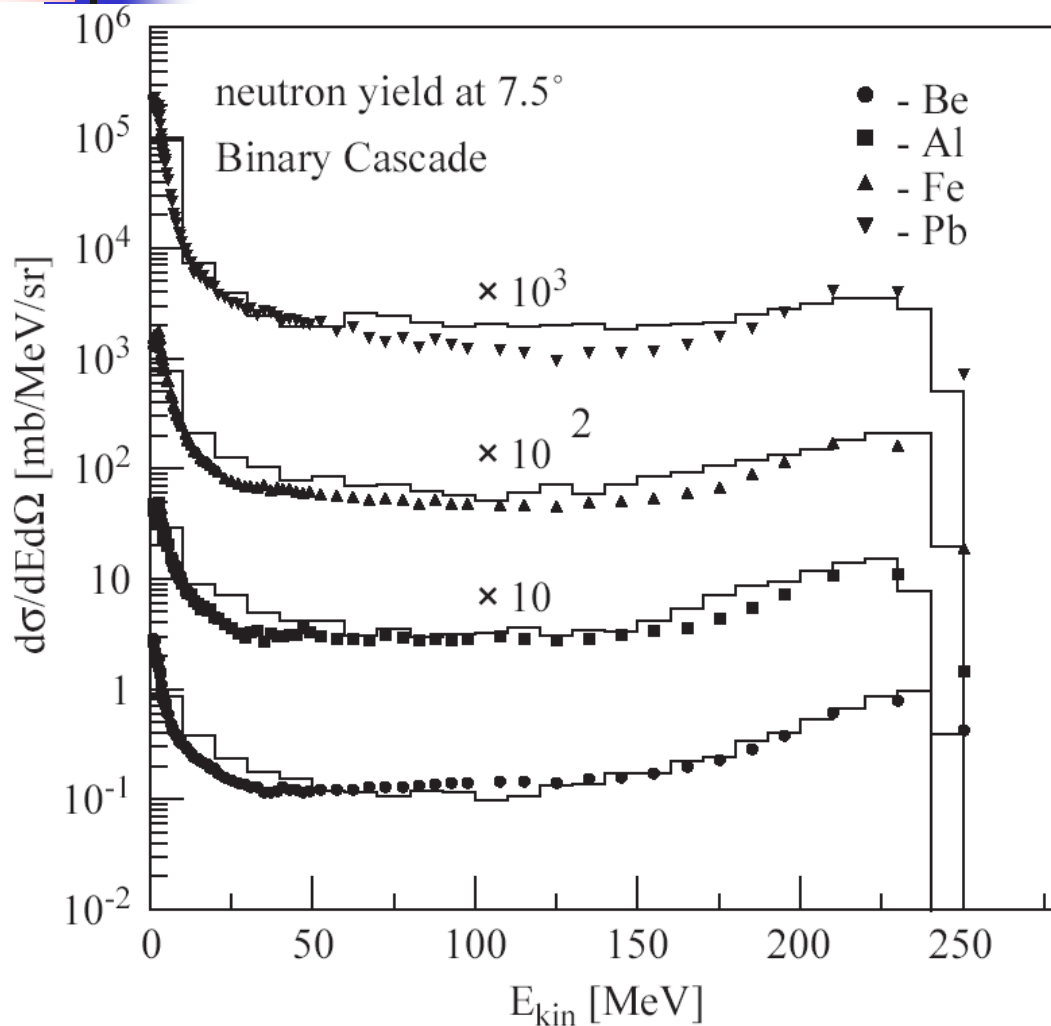


# Nuclear fragmentation



**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://202.122.35.42/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





# 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)

```
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
```

gets the **FTF model** from 4 GeV

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

*registers model to the process*

Model 1

Model 2

# Example: PhysicsList, $\gamma$ -rays

```
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**)



# 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/)