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# Current Status and Prospects

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**Geant4 Physics & Applications**

A Monte Carlo toolkit for passage of particles through matter

**Geant4 Hadronic Physics**

Hadronic interactions involve three main regimes: high energy, with string models (Quark Gluon String (QGS), Fritiof (FRITIO), intermediate energy, with intra-nuclear cascade models (Bertini (BERT), Binary (BIC), and low energy, with precompound, Fermi break-up, fission/evaporation, capture at rest models and radioactive decays. From 20 MeV down to thermal energy neutrons are handled by means of cross-section databases, with the High Precision (HP) package.

**HEP Applications**

High Energy Physics has been the first domain to use Geant4 in production, with the BaBar experiment. LHC experiments have been using Geant4 in detector design and are using it in physics analysis. Geant4 is also the simulation engine choice of the next generation of electron machines.

**Space Applications**

Applications of Geant4 in space cover planetary scale simulation for soil level media activation studies, soil composition through X-ray re-emission, space ship simulation for radiation protection and electronic single event upset predictions, electronic chip scale simulation for accurate understanding of single event upset generation. It includes also underground, ground level or satellite cosmic ray experiments simulation.

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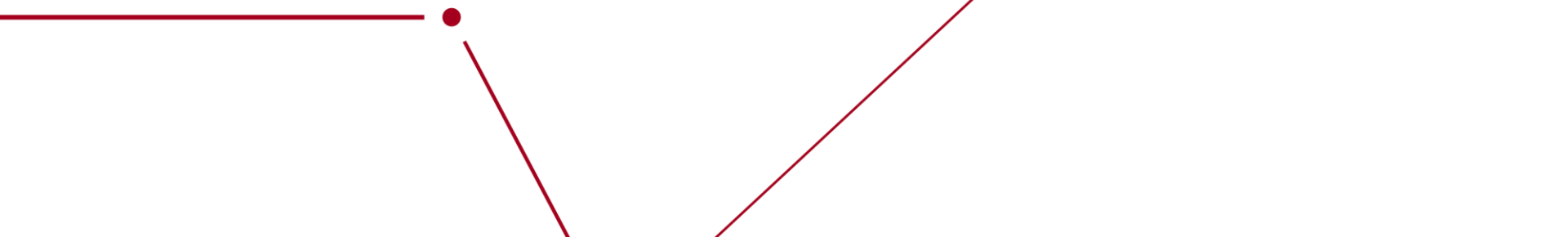
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Recent developments



- Early discussions, for example at CHEP 1994 @ San Francisco
- Dec '94 – R&D project start
- Apr '97 - First alpha release
- Jul '98 - First beta release
- Dec '98 - First Geant4 public release - version 1.0
  
- Several major architectural revisions
  - E.g. STL migration, “cuts per region”, parallel worlds, **multithreading**
  
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, '17 – Geant4 version 10.4 release
  - Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, '19 - Geant4 10.4-patch03 release ← **Retroactive patch release**
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, '18 – Geant4 version 10.5 release
  - Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, '19 - Geant4 10.5-patch01 release ← **Current version**
  
- We currently provide one public release every year.
  - Next scheduled release – Geant4 10.6 on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, '19

R&D  
phase  
(RD44)

Production phase



# 10.4 came with new user's guides and new logo

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- Introduction
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This screenshot shows a sidebar menu for the Geant4 Physics Reference Manual. It lists various sections and subsections, including 'Getting Started', 'Building and Installing', 'Postinstall Setup', 'How to Use the Geant4', 'How to Make an Execut', 'CMake for Geant4 Deve', 'Introduction', 'Getting Started with Geant4', 'Simple Example', 'Toolkit Fundamentals', 'Detector Definition and Res', 'Tracking and Physics', 'User Actions', 'Control', 'Visualization', 'Analysis', 'Examples', and 'Bibliography'.



## Physics Reference Manual

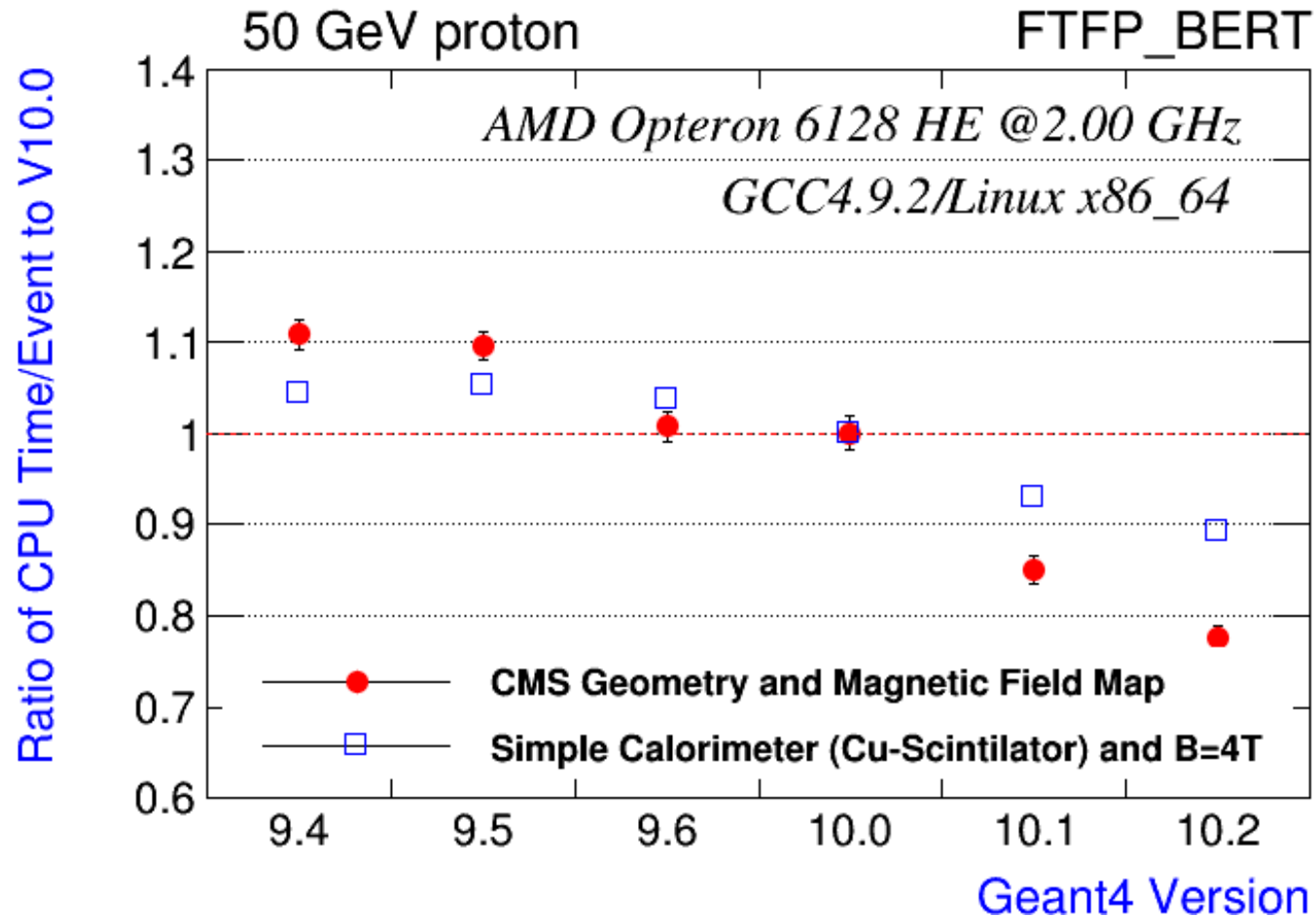
*Release 10.4*

- The release in 2013 was a major release.
  - Geant4 version 10 – release date : Dec. 6, 2013
- The highlight is its **multi-threading capability**.
  - The world first large-scale physics software fully multithreaded
- Geant4 version 10 series will be evolving.
  - Performance improvements (both in physics and computing)
  - Missing functionalities yet to be migrated to multithreading,
  - Additional APIs
  - Additional functionalities
  - New physics

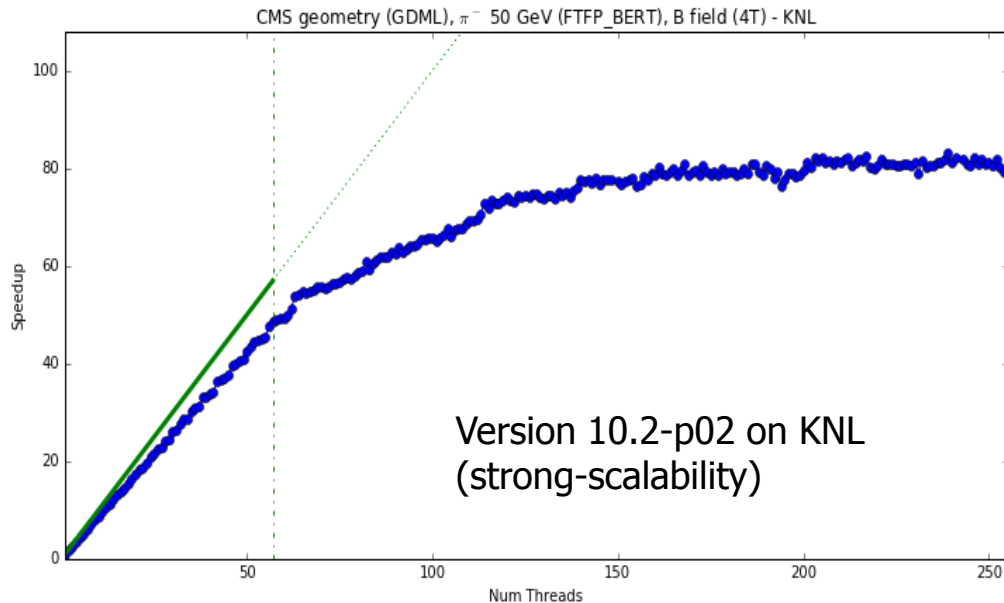


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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof of principle</li><li>• Identify objects to be shared</li><li>• First testing</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MT code integrated into G4</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• API re-design</li><li>• Example migration</li><li>• Further testing</li><li>• First optimizations</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Production ready</li><li>• Public release</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Further refinements</li></ul> |
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We are making it faster!



ATLAS : “The 10% CPU improvement we gain from the move from G4 9.6 to 10.1 is invaluable to the collaboration.”



- For three years we have provided support for running Geant4 on KNC.
  - ATLAS, CMS successfully multithreaded
- We will soon extend our support to KNL.
  - With KNL, thanks to x86 binary compatibility including the use of gcc, work-flow is tremendously simplified.

System	Time to completion (5k events)
Xeon E5-2620 @ 2.1 GHz (12 cores, 24 threads)	570 s
KNC (31s1P) @ 1.0 GHz (228 threads)	1000 s
KNL (7210, quadrant mode, MCDRAM only) @ 1.3 GHz (255 threads)	378 s (x3 improvement w.r.t. KNC)
KNL (shared library)	480 s (25% slower than static library)

# More memory-efficient, more HPC friendly



Version	Intercept	Memory/thread
9.6 (seq.)	113 MB	(113 MB)
10.0.p02-seq	170 MB	(170 MB)
10.0.p02-MT	151 MB	28 MB
10.3.beta-MT	148 MB	9 MB

Memory space required for Intel Xeon Phi 3120A  
 Full-CMS geometry (GDML), 4 Tesla field, 50 GeV pi- (FTFP\_BERT)

# of CPU	# of threads	Speed-up factor	efficiency
10	80	79	98.8%
20	160	158	98.8%
40	320	317	99.0%
80	640	626	97.8%
160	1280	1251	97.7%
320	2560	2297	89.7%
640	5120	3555	69.4%

Tachyon-2 supercomputer @ KISTI (South Korea)  
 FTFP\_BERT physics validation benchmark

- Geant4 has successfully run with a combination of MT and MPI on Mira Bluegene/Q Supercomputer (@ANL) with **all of its 3 million threads**
  - Full-CMS geometry & field
- I/O is the limiting factor to scale large concurrent threads:
  - Granular input data files, output data/histograms, etc.
  - 2017 work item
  - Targeting also Cori @ NERSC

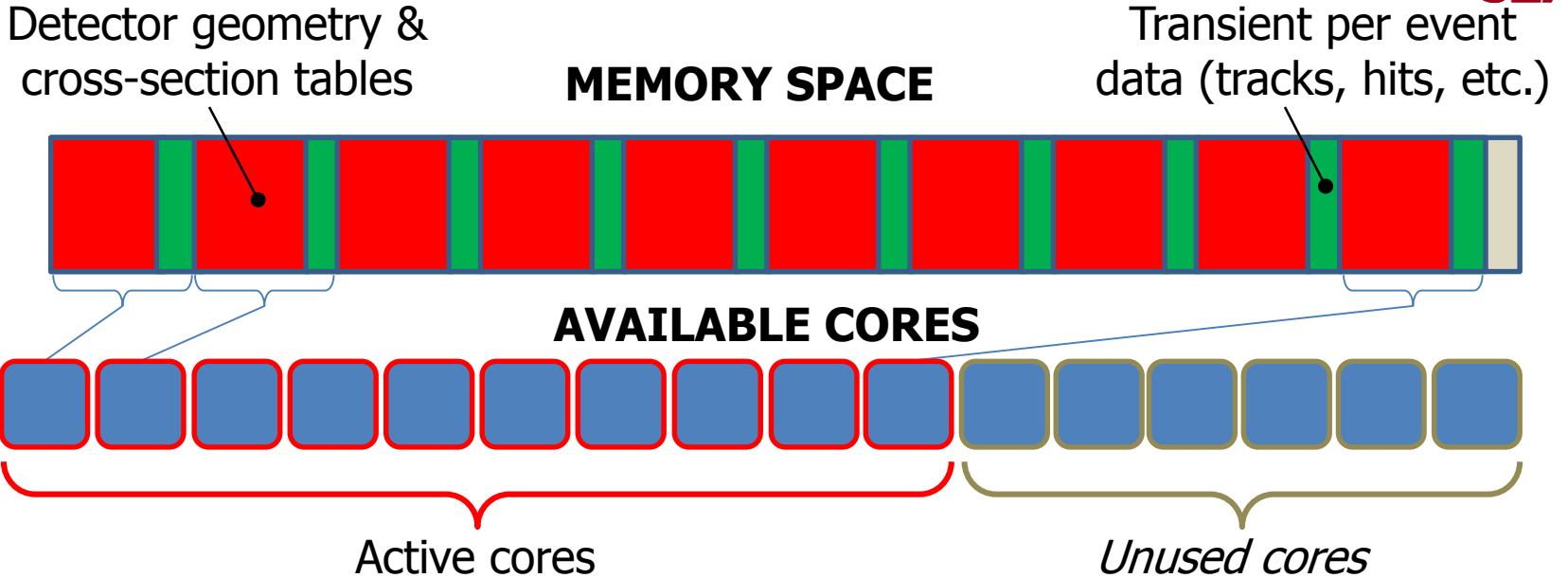
The screenshot displays the 'Mira Activity' page from Argonne National Laboratory. It features a grid of resource usage for nodes R00 through R2F, organized by rack (R0, R1, R2). Below the grid, there is a 'Running Jobs' section with a table showing job details:

Job Id	Project	Run Time	Walltime	Location	Queue	Nodes	Mode
EnergyFEC_2		00:00:26	01:00:00	MIR-00000-7BFF1-49152	prod-capability	49152	scrip

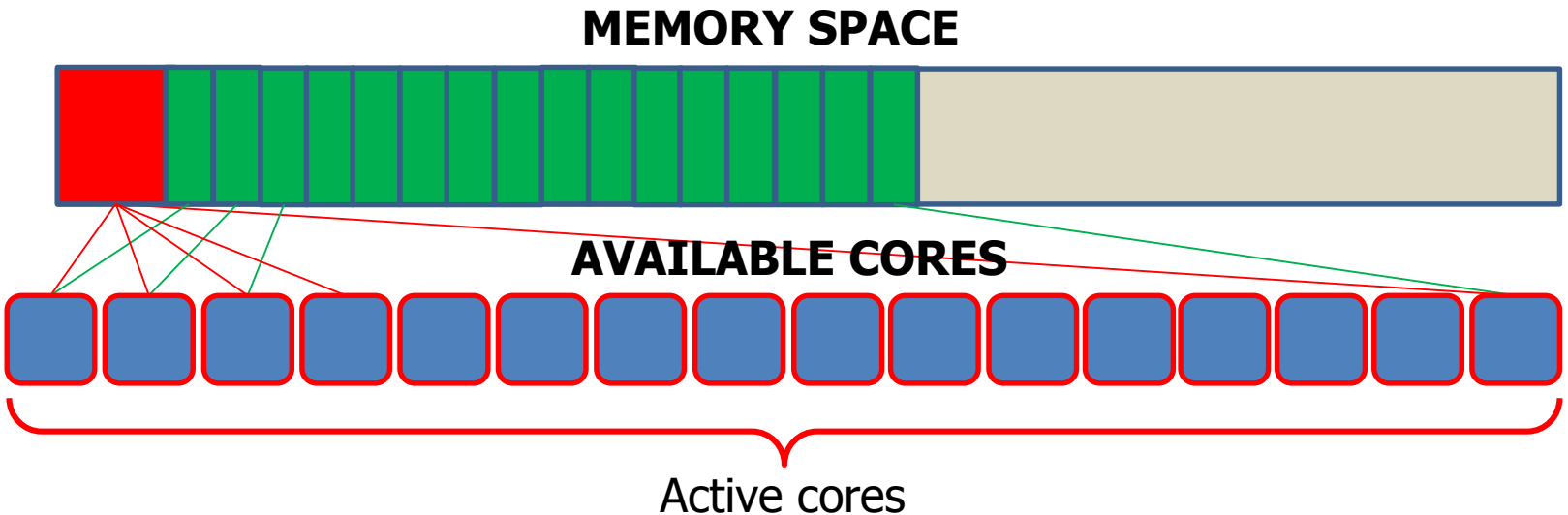




Without MT

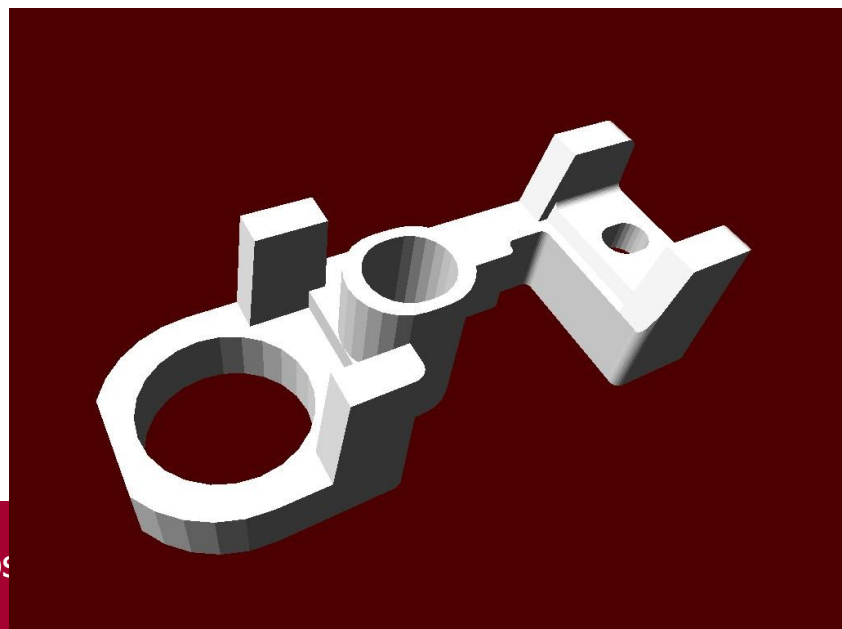


With MT



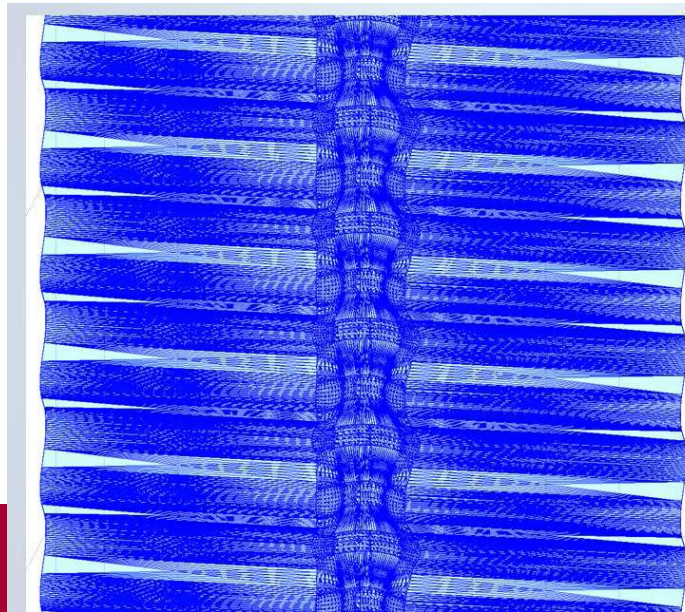
- If you have a running code with version 9.6 and you want to stick to sequential mode, you do not need to migrate. It should run with version 10.0.
  - Except for a few obsolete interfaces that you had already seen warning messages in v9.6.
- Migration of user's code to multi-threading mode of Geant4 version 10.0 should be fairly easy and straightforward.
  - Migration guide is available.
  - Geant4 users guides are updated with multi-threading features.
  - Most examples have been migrated to multi-threading.
  - Geant4 tutorials based on version 10.0 has already started.
- G4MTRunManager collects run objects from worker threads and “reduces”.
- Toughest part of the migration is making user's code thread-safe.
  - It is always a good idea to clearly identify which class objects are thread-local.
- Every file I/O for local thread is a challenge
  - Input : primary events : examples are offered in the migration guide.
  - Output : event-by-event hits, trajectories, histograms

- **G4TessellatedSolid**
  - Generic solid defined by a number of facets (**G4VFacet**)
    - Facets can be triangular (**G4TriangularFacet**) or quadrangular (**G4QuadrangularFacet**)
  - Constructs especially important for conversion of complex geometrical shapes imported from CAD systems
  - But can also be explicitly defined:
    - By providing the vertices of the facets in *anti-clock wise* order, in *absolute* or *relative* reference frame
  - GDML binding
- **G4ExtrudedSolid** is re-implemented to internally use **G4TessellatedSolid**.



# Geometry updates – New solid library

- An important effort was begun in the last few years to write a new solid library, reviewing at the algorithmic level most of the primitives and provides an enhanced, optimized and well-tested implementation to be shared among software packages.
- In most cases considerable performance improvement was achieved.
  - For example, the time required to compute intersections with the tessellated solid was dramatically reduced with the adoption of spatial partitioning for composing facets into a 3D grid of voxels.
- Such techniques allow speedup factors of a few thousand for relatively complex structures having of order 100k to millions of facets, which is typical for geometry descriptions imported from CAD drawings.
  - Consequently, it is now possible to use tessellated geometries for tuning the precision in simulation by increasing the mesh resolution, something that was not possible before.



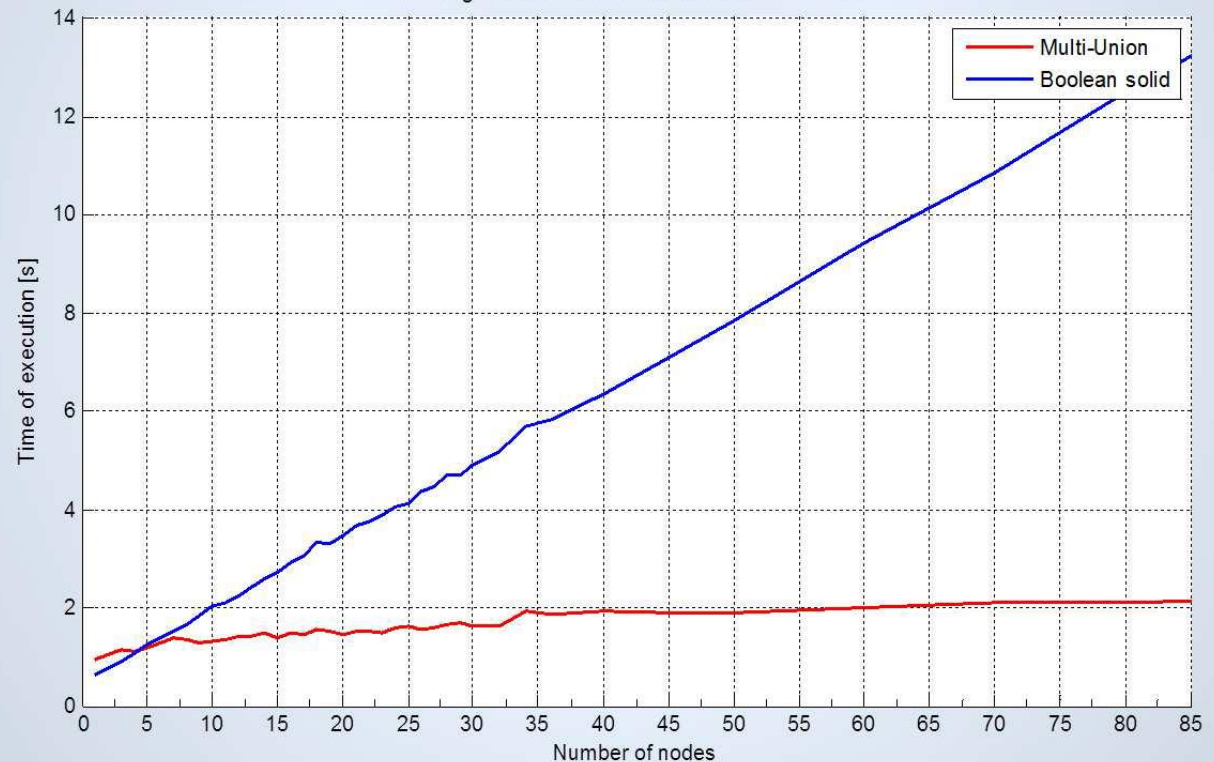
Method	Speedup
Inside	2423x
DistanceToIn	1334x
DistanceToOut	1976x
Information	Value
Number of facets	164.149
Number of voxels	100.000
Memory saved compared with original Geant4	22% (51MB)

**New in  
v10.4**

# New “multi-union” solid

- In addition to a full set of highly optimized primitives and a tessellated solid, the library includes a new "multi-union" structure implementing a composite set of many solids to be placed in 3D space.
- This differs from the simple technique based on Boolean unions, with the aim of providing excellent scalability on the number of constituent solids.
- The multi-union adopts a similar voxelization technique to partition 3D space, allowing dramatically improved speed and scalability over the original implementation based on Boolean unions.

Scaling of Multi-Union inside method with boxes



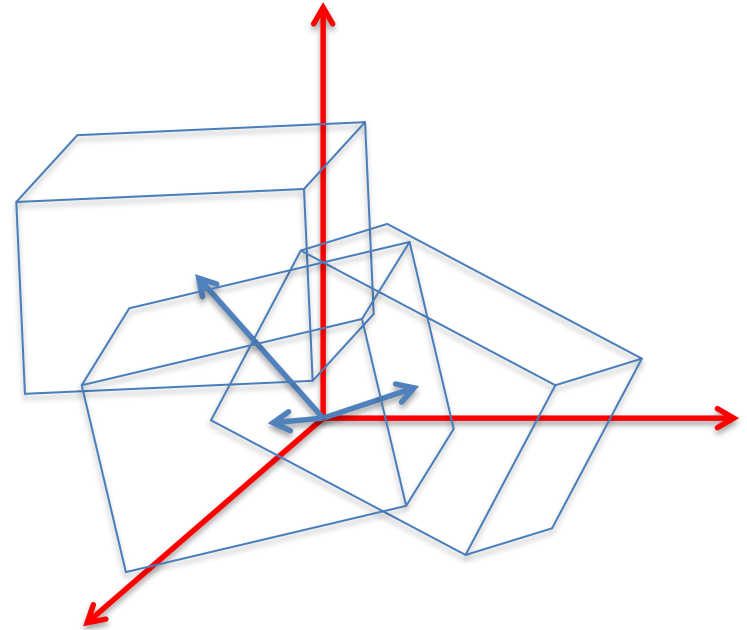
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G4MultiUnion* munion_solid = new G4MultiUnion("UnitedBoxes");
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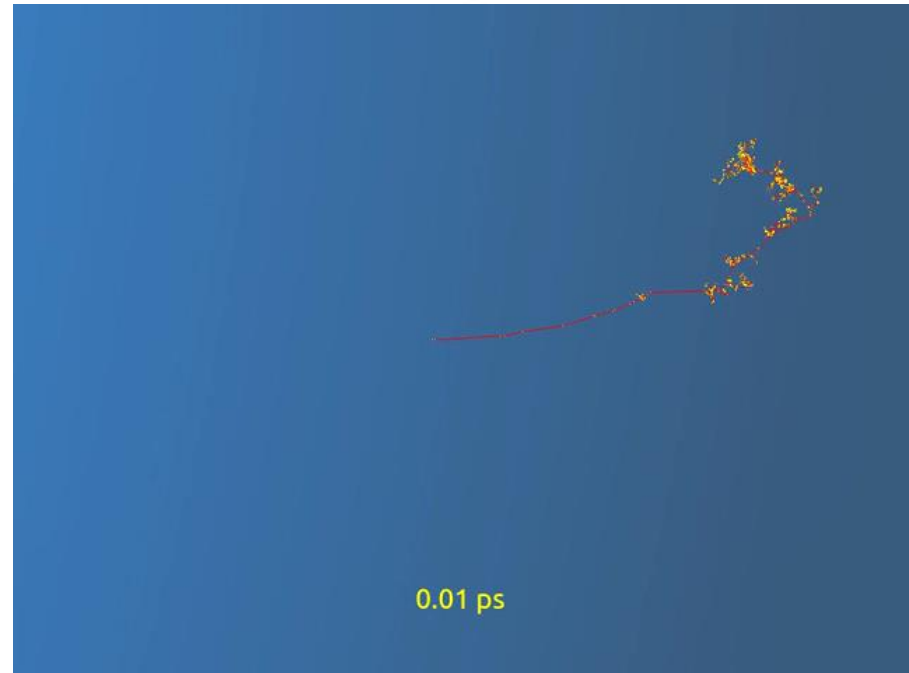
```
for( int i=0 ; i < nNode ; i++)  
{  
  G4Box* aBox = new G4Box(...);  
  G4ThreeVector pos = G4ThreeVector(...);  
  G4RotationMatrix rot = G4ThreeVector(...);  
  G4Transform3D tr = G4Transform3D(rot, pos);  
  munion_solid -> AddNode( *aBox, tr );  
}
```

```
munion_solid -> Voxelize();
```

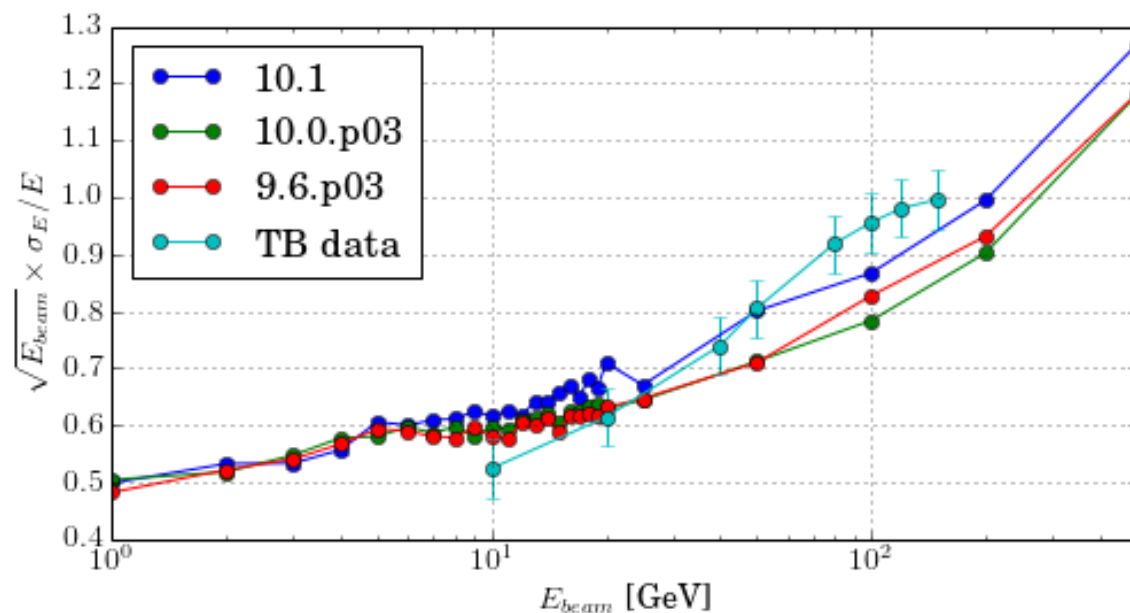


Note : G4MultiUnion is a solid. Use it to create a logical volume.

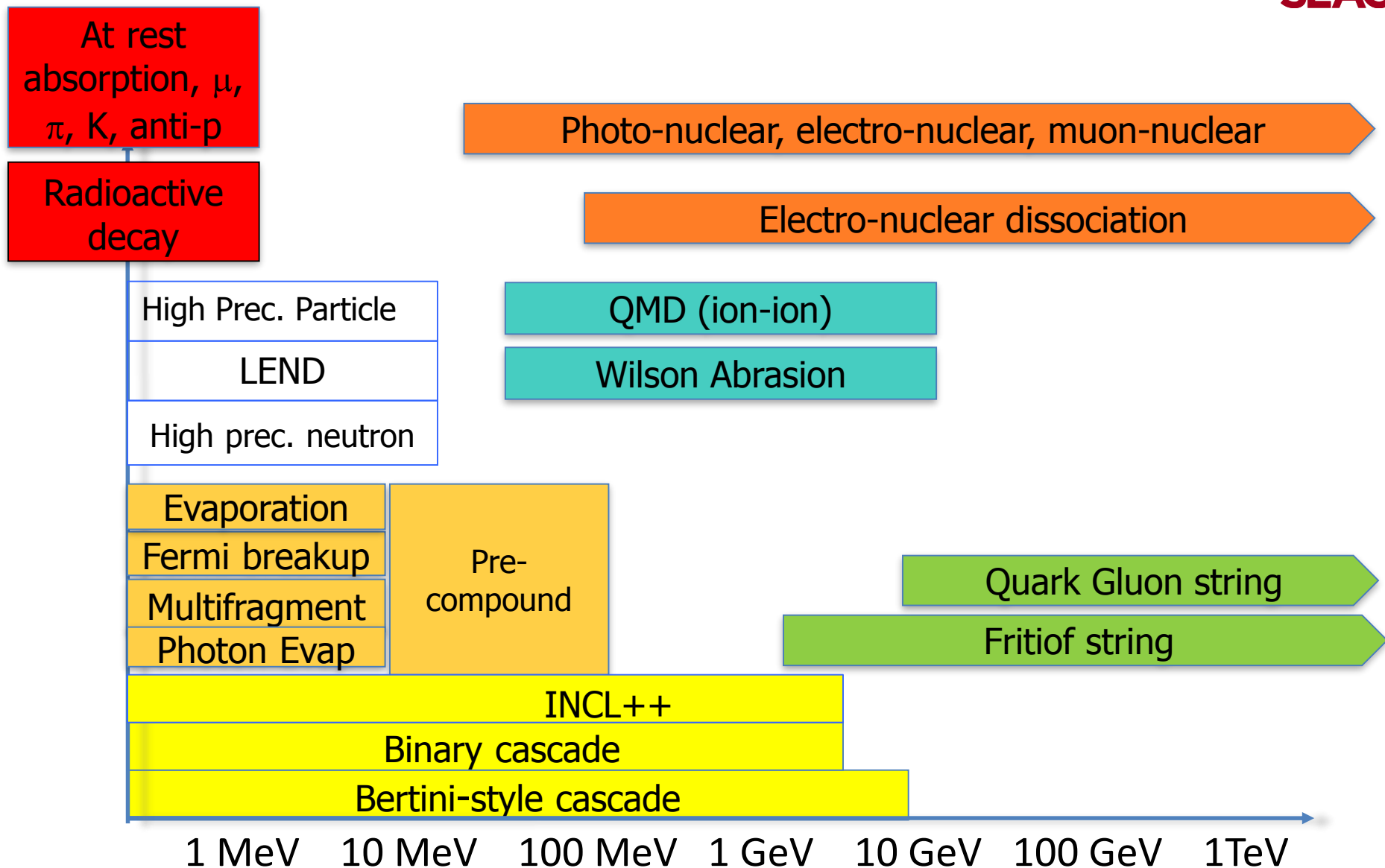
- Multiple/single scattering
  - Introduction of optional displacement on geometrical boundary
  - New G4LowEWenzalVIModel for low-energy applications
- Gamma processes
  - Photo-effect and Compton cross-sections at low-energy integrated
- High-energy models
  - Improvements in gamma->muons, positron->hadrons and positron->muons
  - Synchrotron radiation for all particle types
- Atomic de-excitation
  - New alternative fluorescence dataset (Bearden)
- New radiolysis process for water and silicon
  - Physics stage followed by physico-chemical and chemical stage
- Introduction of phonon transport with a new concept of crystal
- Channeling effect in straight and bent crystal
- Lots of code refinements along with MT



- FTFP\_BERT is now the recommended physics list for most of high-energy use-cases
- Generation of Isomer (a.k.a. metastable nuclides)
  - by default lifetime > 1 nsec
- Neutron\_HP is extended to Particle\_HP to cover p, d, t,  $\alpha$
- Alternative low-energy neutron model with GND (Generalized Nuclear Data) format
- Liege intra-nuclear cascade model (INCLXX) extended up to 20 GeV
- FTF model extended to nucleus-nucleus and antinucleus-nucleus interactions
- Radioactive decay redesigned with rare decay channels
- New hadron stopping models based on Bertini
- Decommission of LHEP and CHIPS models

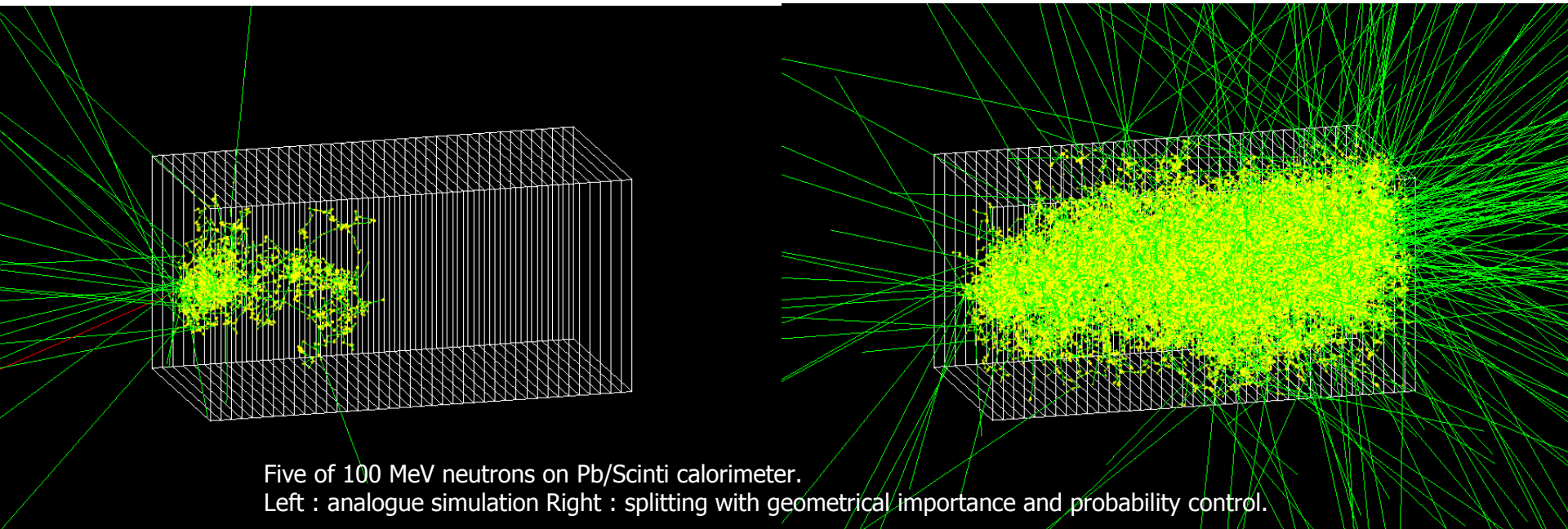


# Hadronic Model Inventory



# New biasing scheme

- Event biasing (a.k.a. variance reduction) scheme has been fully revised at version 10.
- It allows treating many biasing options in coherent manner.
- Such options include:
  - Physics process biasing : alters physics process
    - Cross-section biasing, forced interaction, forced passage, etc.
    - Biasing final products of an interaction, e.g. distribution
  - Non-physics biasing : alters the transportation of particle
    - Geometrical importance, splitting / Russian roulette, weight window, etc.
- Easily extensible to new (or user-defined) options
- Well-integrated with built-in scoring functionalities.
- New examples are available.



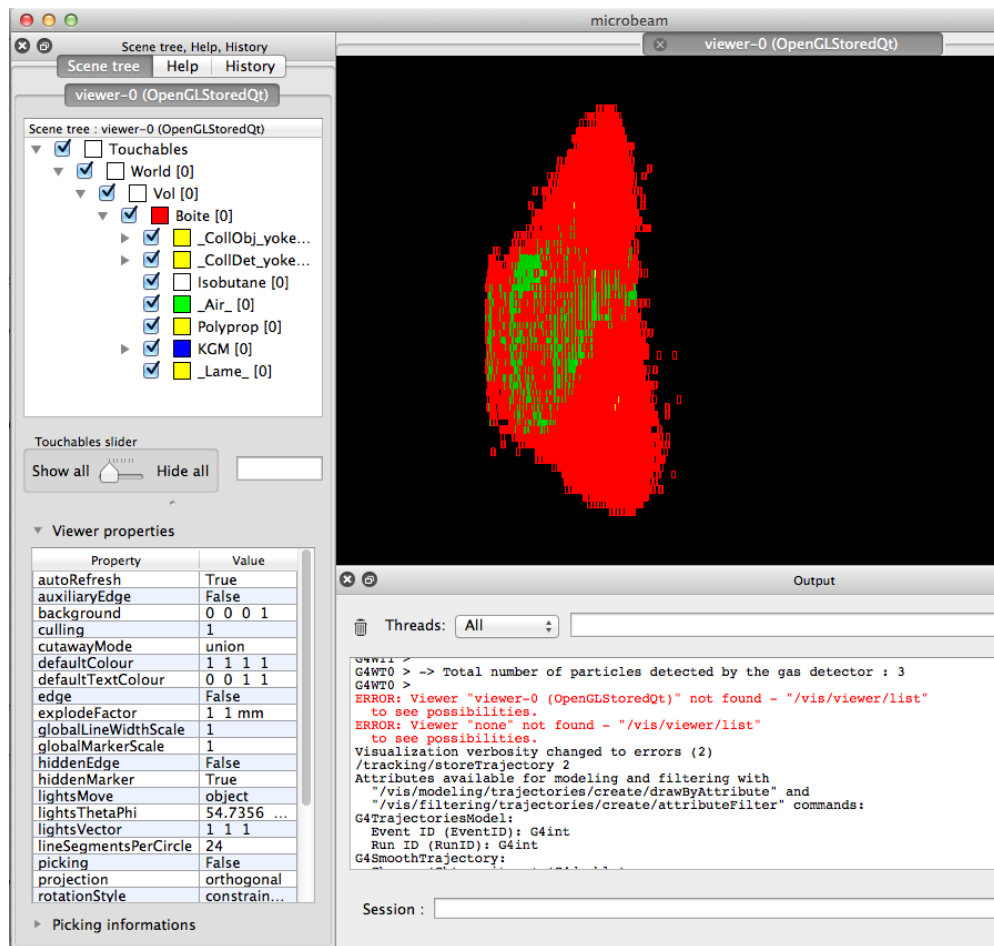
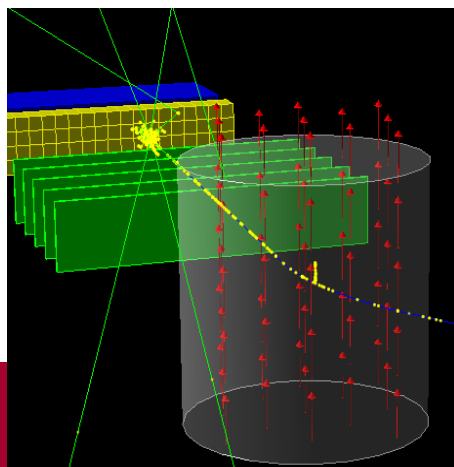
Five of 100 MeV neutrons on Pb/Scinti calorimeter.

Left : analogue simulation Right : splitting with geometrical importance and probability control.



# New features in analysis, GUI and visualization

- New built-in fully-multithreaded histogramming tool
  - 1-D and 2-D histograms and scatter plots, n-tuples
  - Data format compatible with ROOT, XML, AIDA, CSV
    - Extensible to other format
- GUI and visualization
  - New Qt driver with OpenGL
    - Viewer properties and picking panel, dock-able widgets
    - Multithread output filtering
  - More than 30% faster drawing on OpenGL
  - Magnetic field lines



# Geant4 – A Simulation Toolkit

# Geant 4



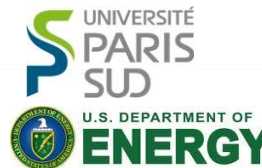
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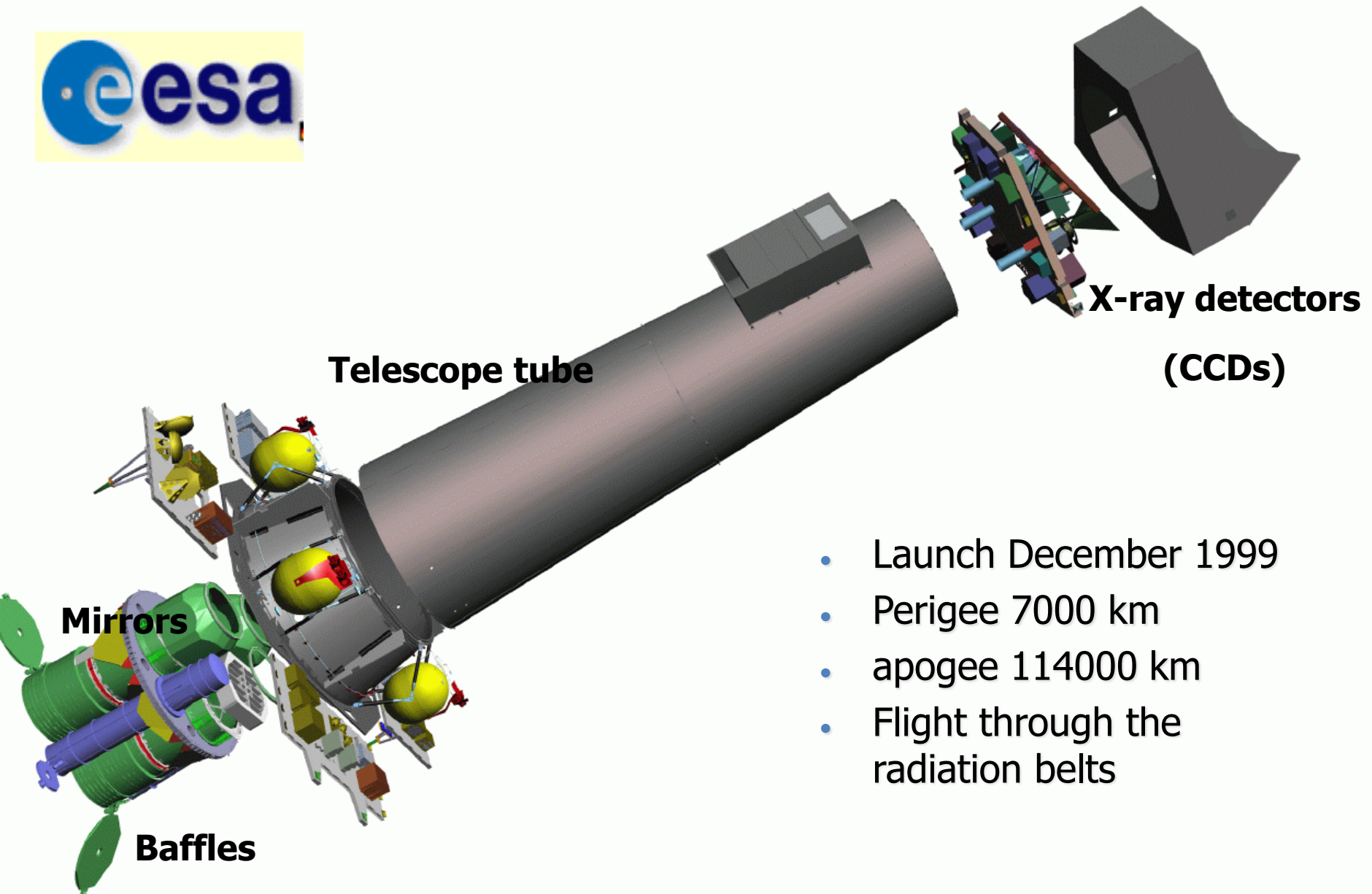




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# Highlights of Users Applications outside of HENP

To provide you some ideas how Geant4 would be utilized...



**Telescope tube**

**X-ray detectors  
(CCDs)**

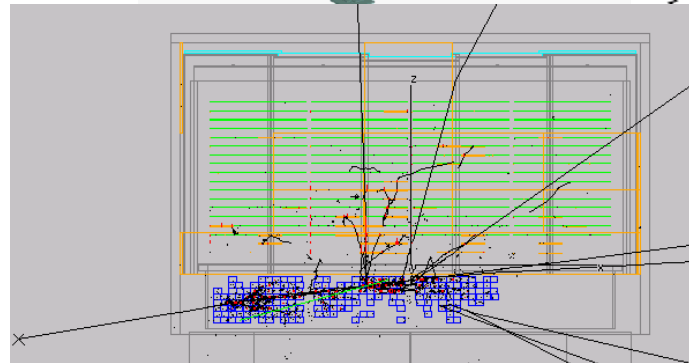
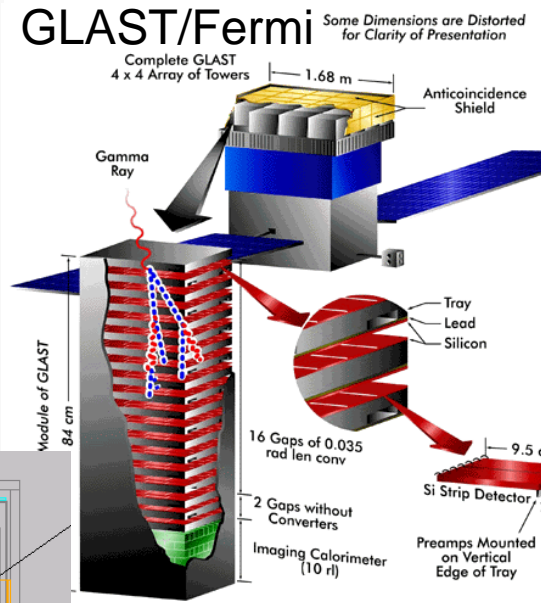
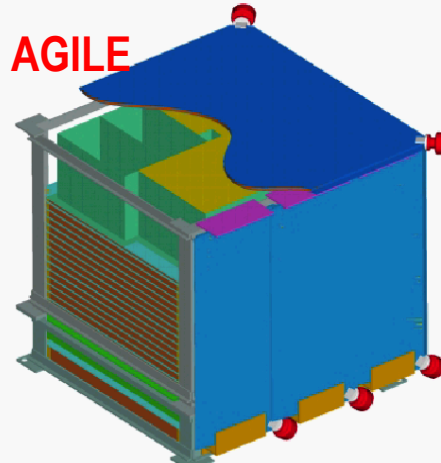
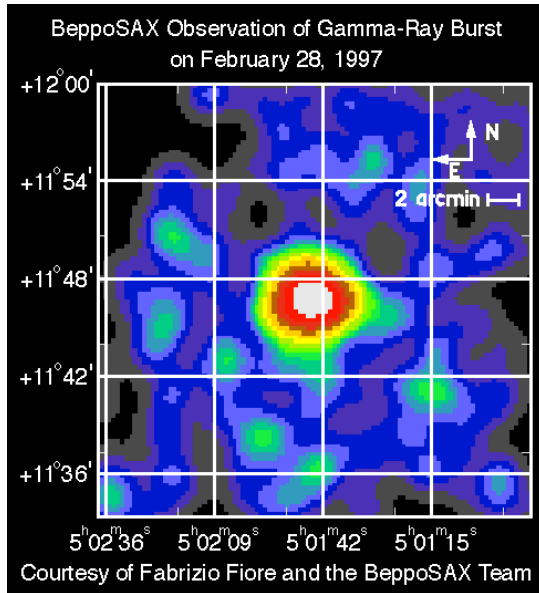
**Mirrors**

**Baffles**

- Launch December 1999
- Perigee 7000 km
- apogee 114000 km
- Flight through the radiation belts

# $\gamma$ astrophysics

## $\gamma$ -ray bursts

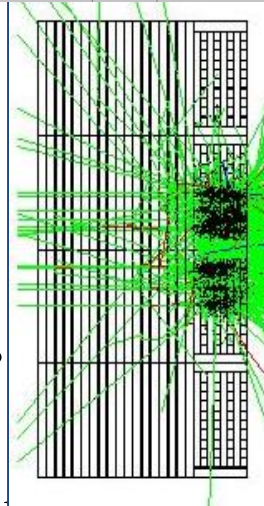


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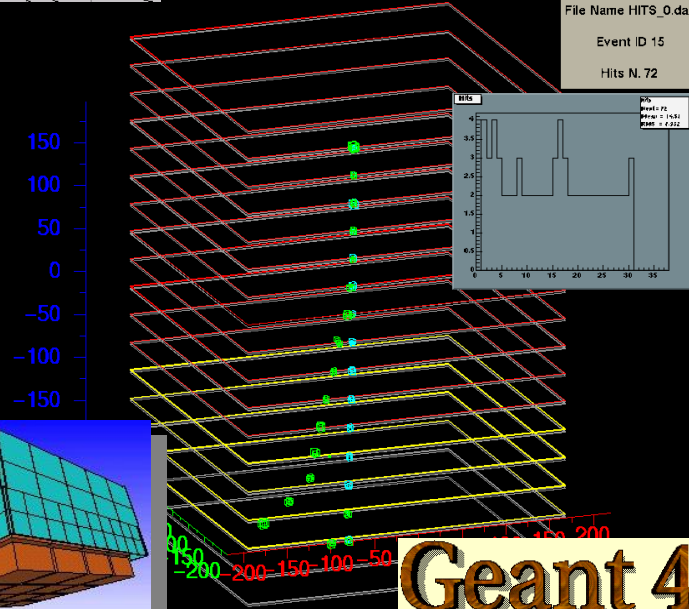
### GLAST Hits Display

Typical telescope:  
*Tracker*  
*Calorimeter*  
*Anticoincidence*

- $\gamma$  conversion
- electron interactions
- multiple scattering
- $\delta$ -ray production
- charged particle tracking



- Previous
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- Marker -
- Save as Gif
- View X3D

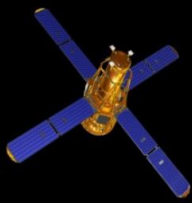




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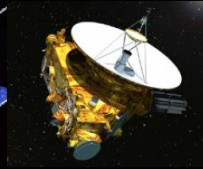
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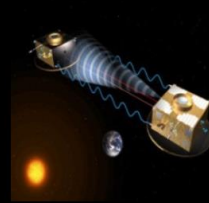
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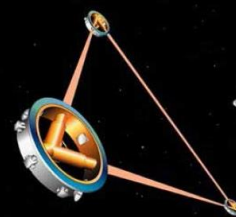
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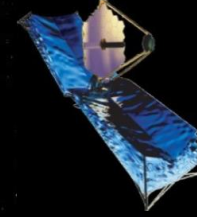
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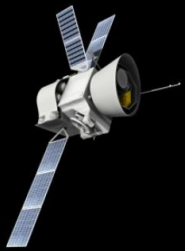
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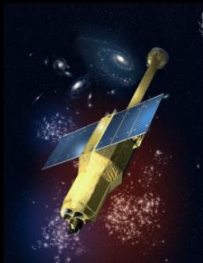
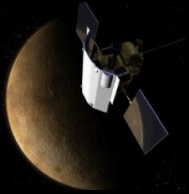


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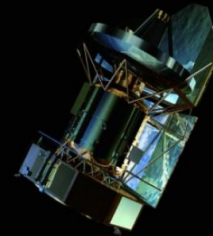


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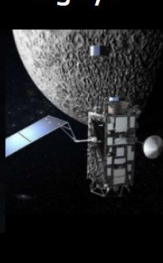
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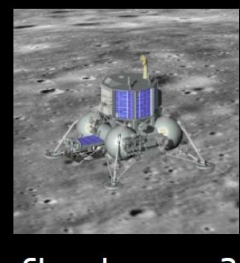
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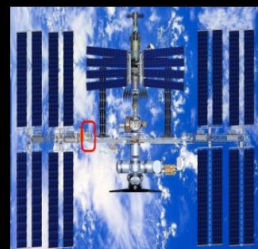
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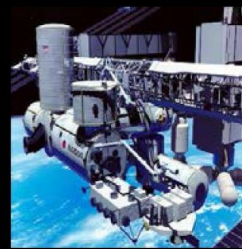
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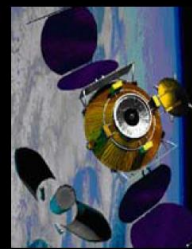
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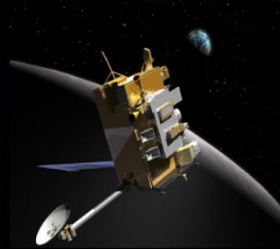
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# MSL Radiation Assessment Detector (RAD)



- RAD is a compact, highly capable radiation analyzer to characterize the full spectrum of space radiation (both charged & neutral particle).
- MSL RAD is currently characterizing the radiation environment on the surface of Mars.

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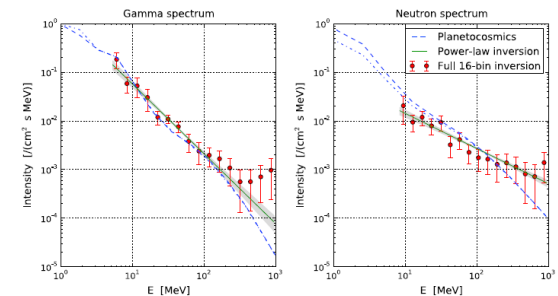
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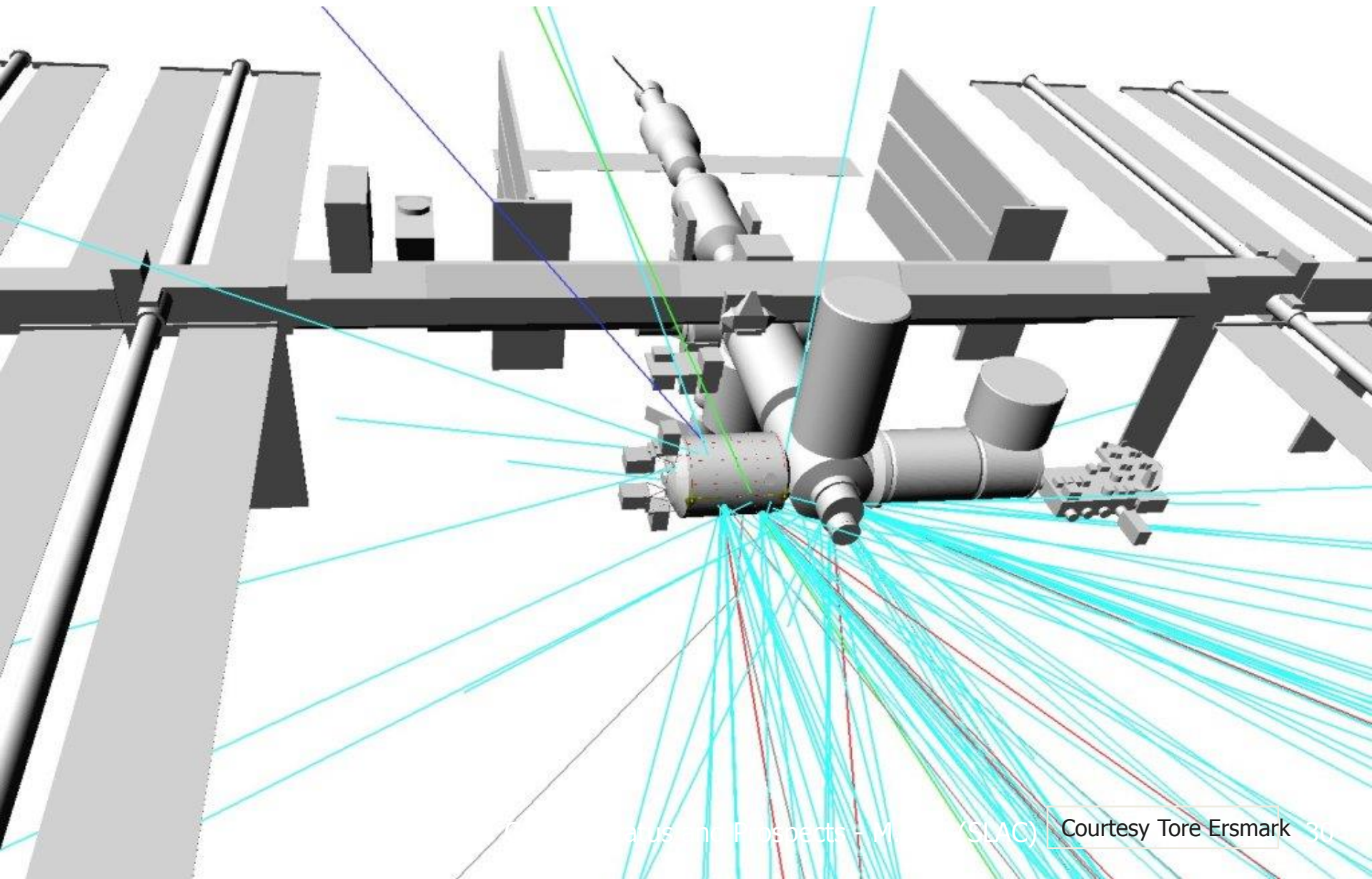
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Mass = 1.56 kg  
Power = 4.2 W









# PlanetoCosmics

## Geant4 simulation of Cosmic Rays in planetary Atmo-/Magneto- spheres

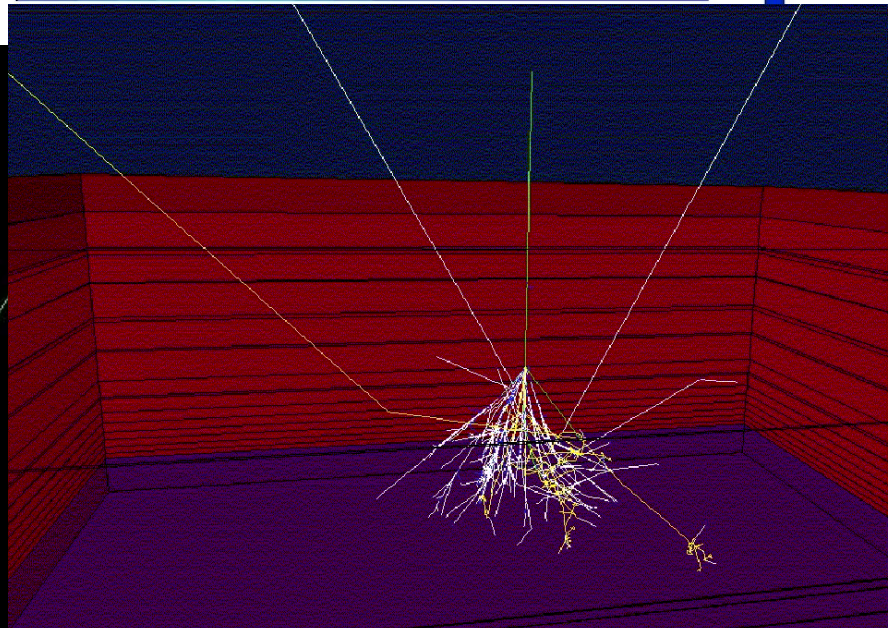
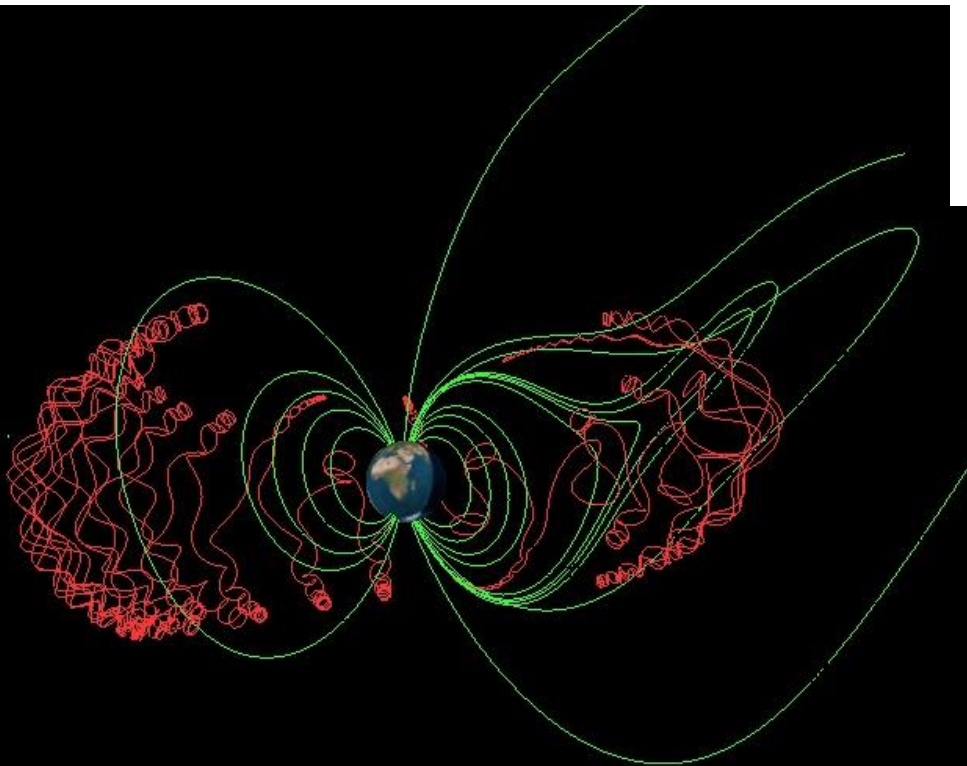
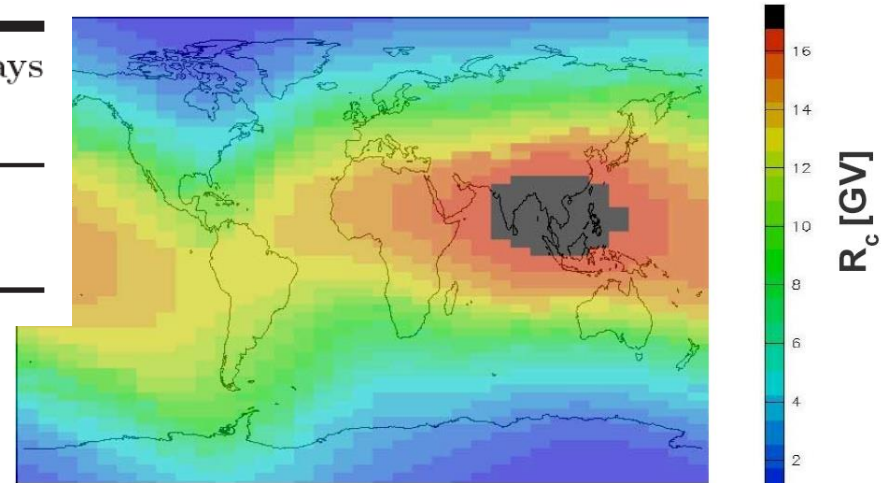
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### Cutoff Rigidities vs position

#### Geant4 Simulation of the Propagation of Cosmic Rays through the Earth's Atmosphere

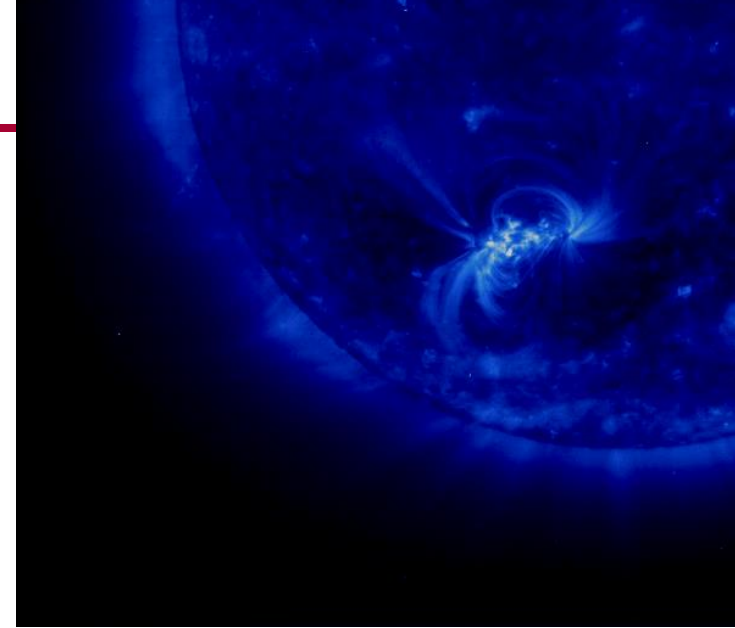
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# Solar event gamma-rays

- Electron Bremsstrahlung – induced gammas in solar flares
- Compton back-scattering
  - ✍ observable gamma-ray spectrum much softer than predicted by simple analytic calculations



## Effects of Compton scattering on the Gamma Ray Spectra of Solar flares

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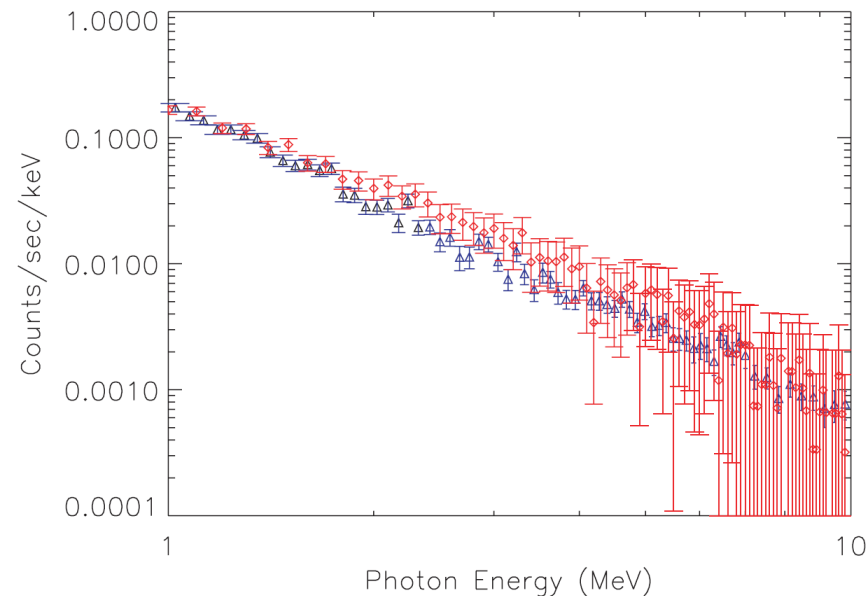
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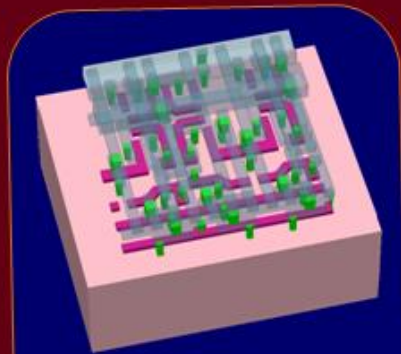
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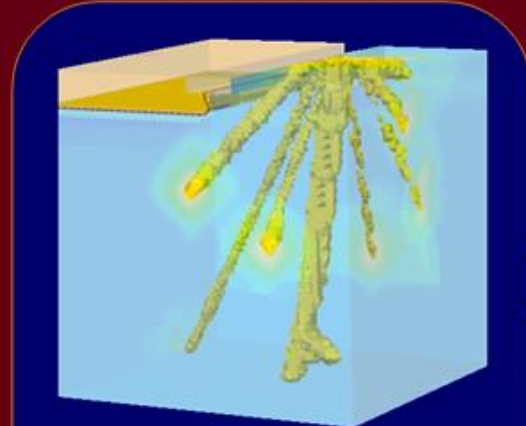
Using fully relativistic GEANT4 simulation tool kit, the transport of energetic electrons generated in solar flares was Monte-Carlo simulated, and resultant bremsstrahlung gamma-ray spectra were calculated. The solar atmosphere was ap-



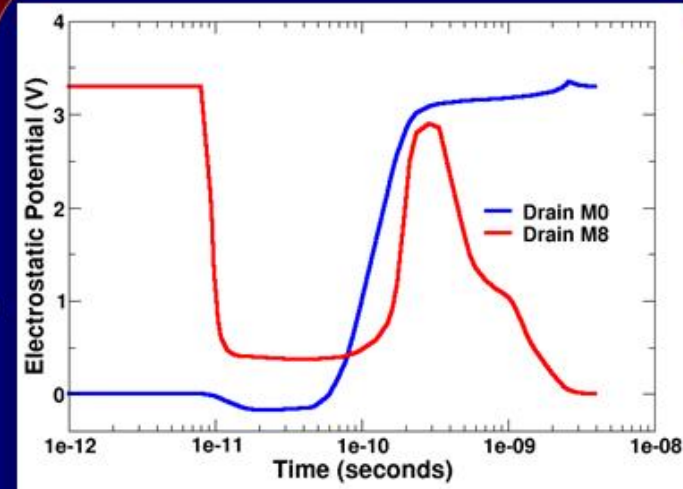
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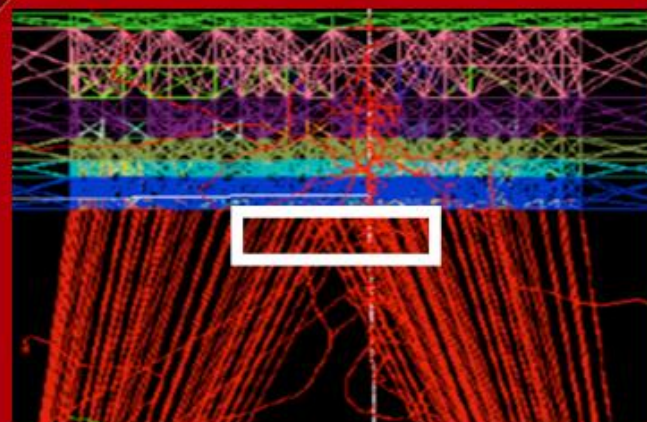
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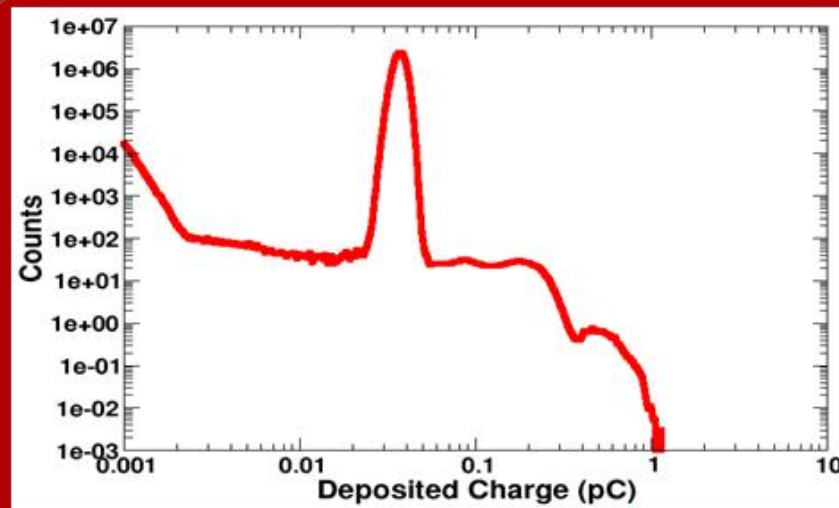
**Single Charge Deposition in TCAD: Ne+W Event**



**SRAM Cell Upset**



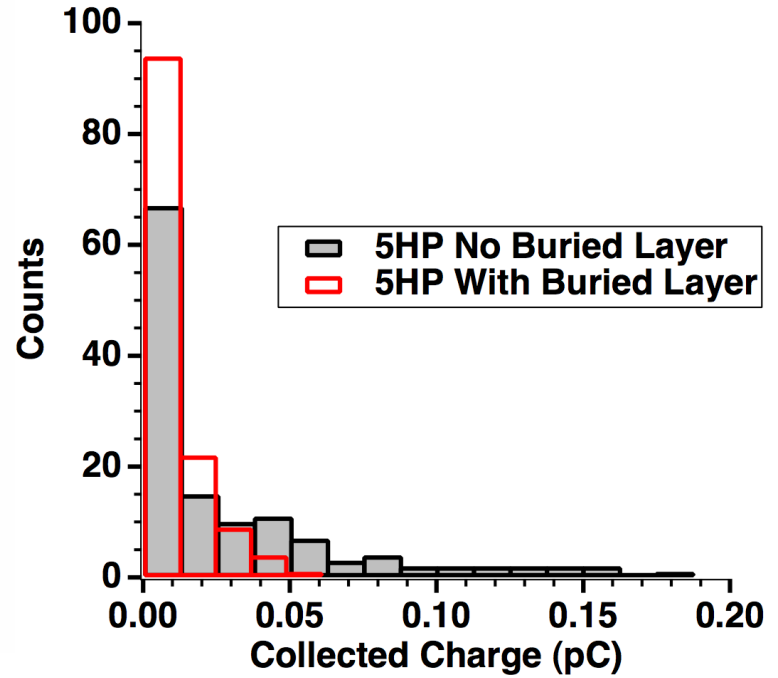
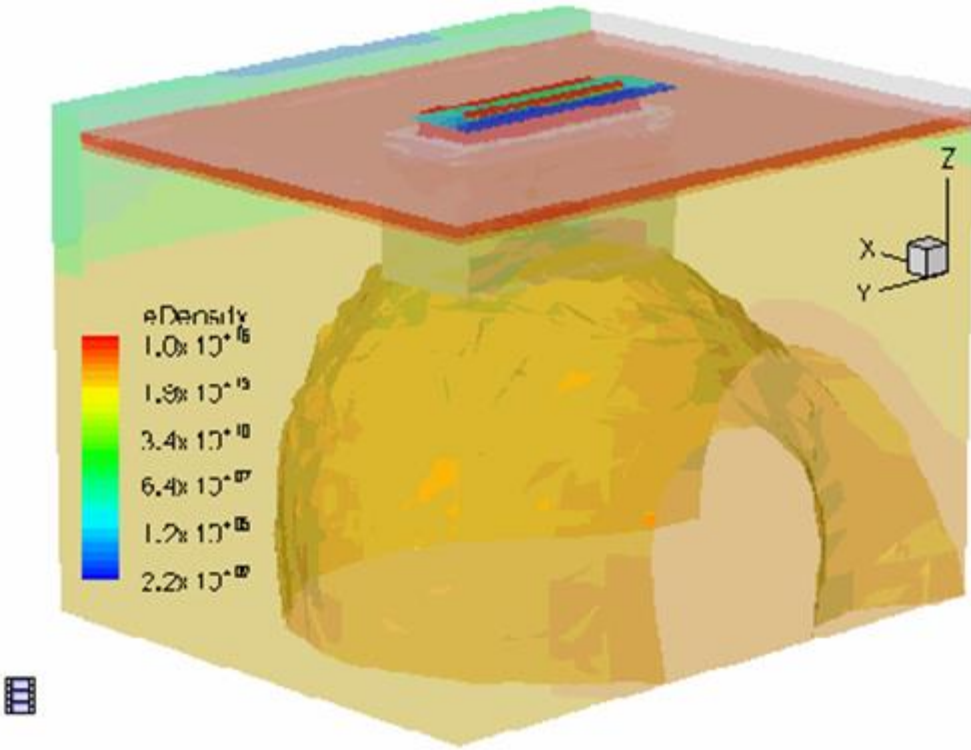
**Geant4 Geometry and 523 MeV Neon Event**



**MRED Energy Deposition for 10<sup>8</sup> Events**

# Simulation of Radiation Events

- 63-MeV proton incident on a SiGe Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor (HBT)
- Iso-charge surfaces following a nuclear reaction

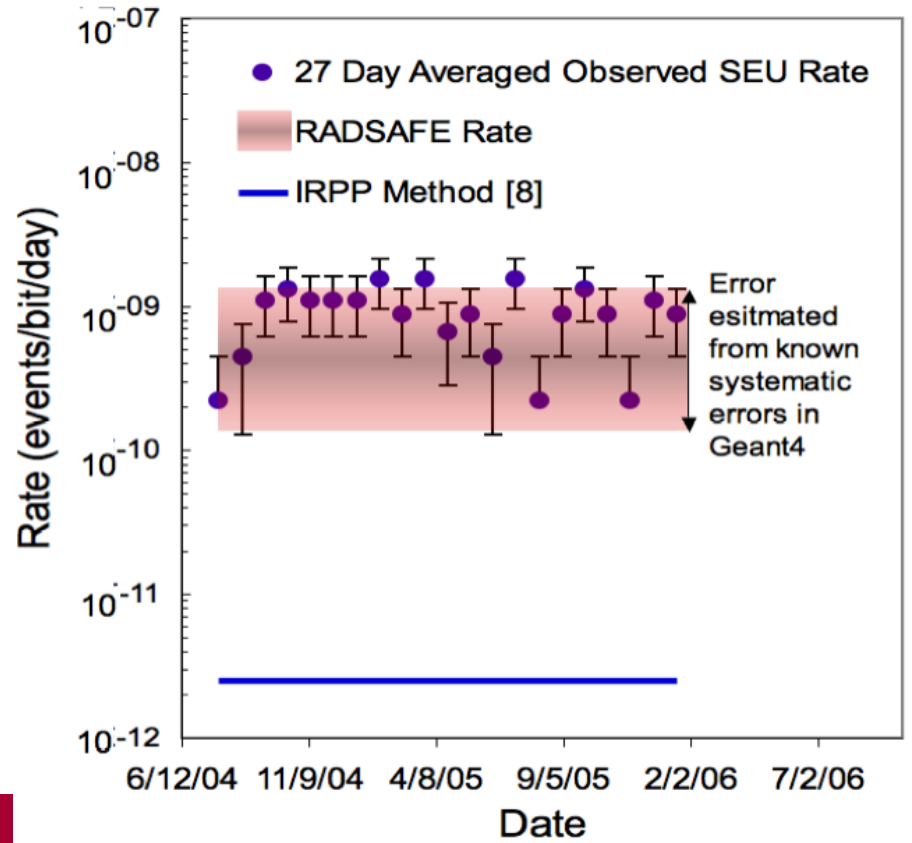
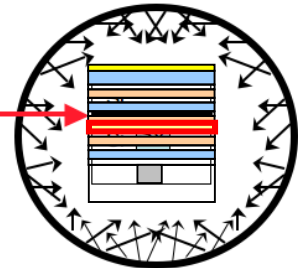


Courtesy of R.Reed (Vanderbilt U.)

# Observed and Predicted SEU Rate for an SRAM

- SRAM used on NASA Messenger spacecraft
- Observed Average SEU Rate:
  - $1 \times 10^{-9}$  Events/Bit/Day
- Vendor predicted rate using CREME96:
  - $2 \times 10^{-12}$  Events/Bit/Day
  - Classical Method nearly a factor 500 lower than observed rate
- MRED rate (includes reaction products):
  - Between  $1.3 \times 10^{-10}$  and  $1.3 \times 10^{-9}$  Errors/Bit/Day

Multi-layered Stack



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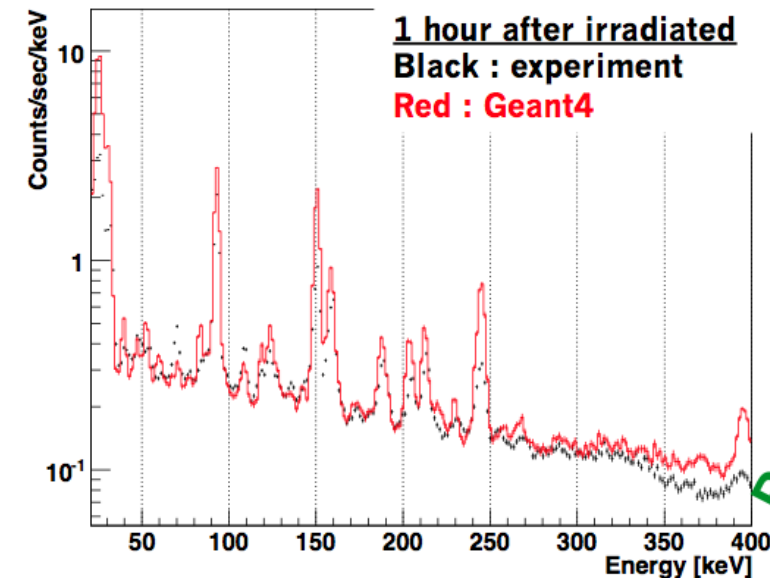




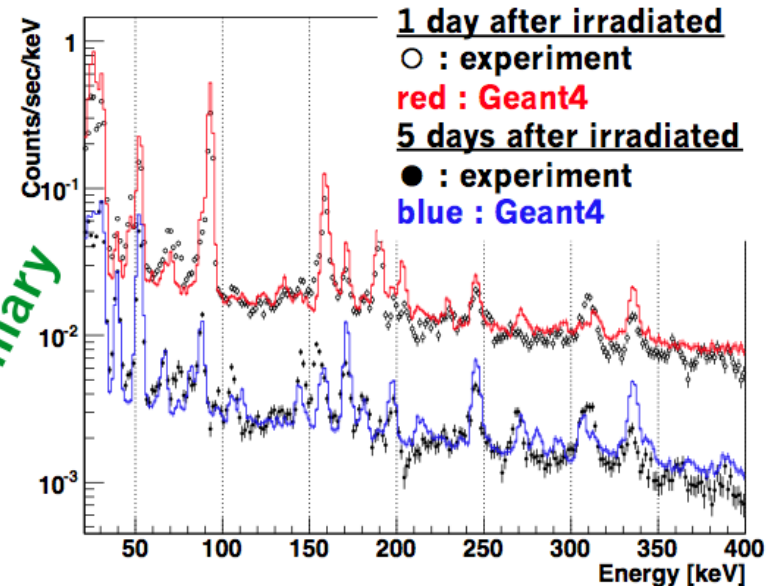
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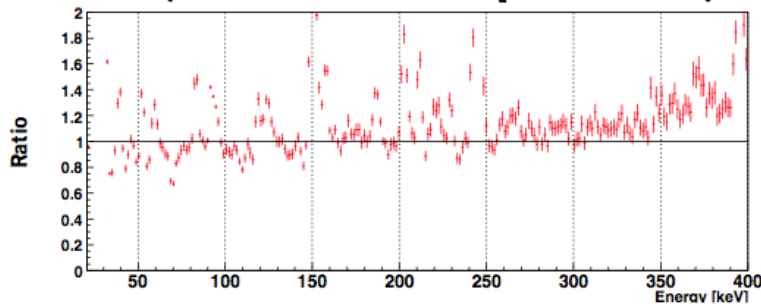
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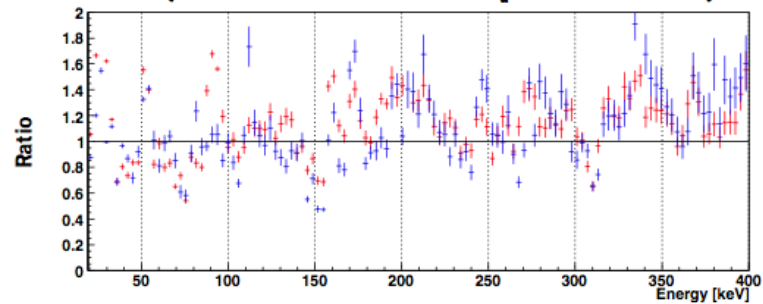
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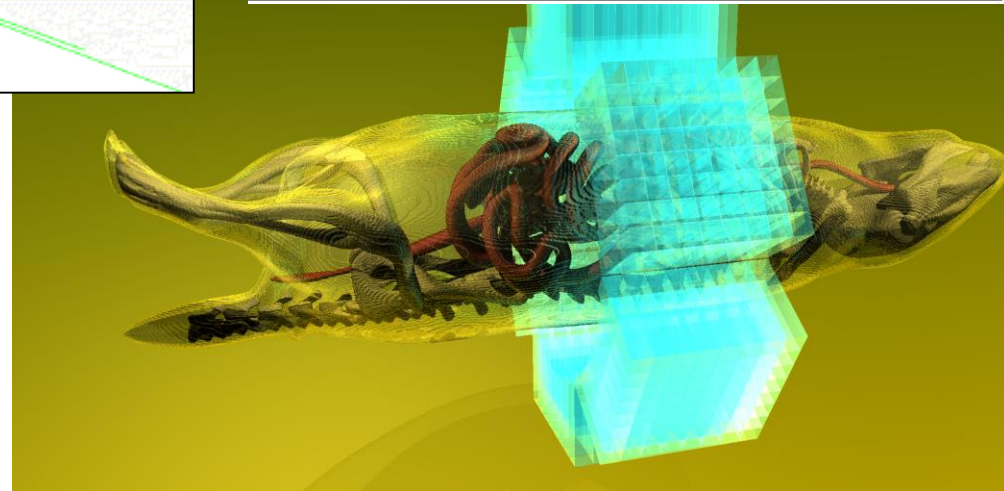
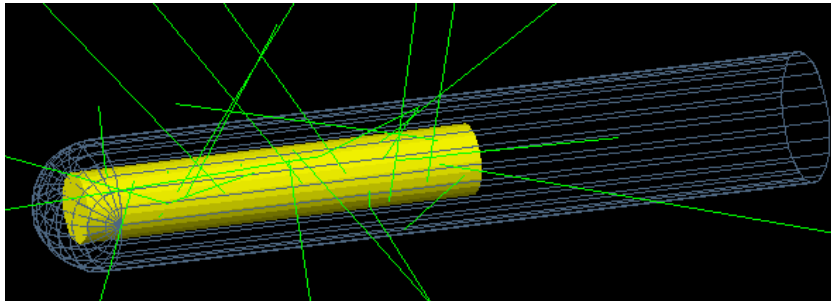
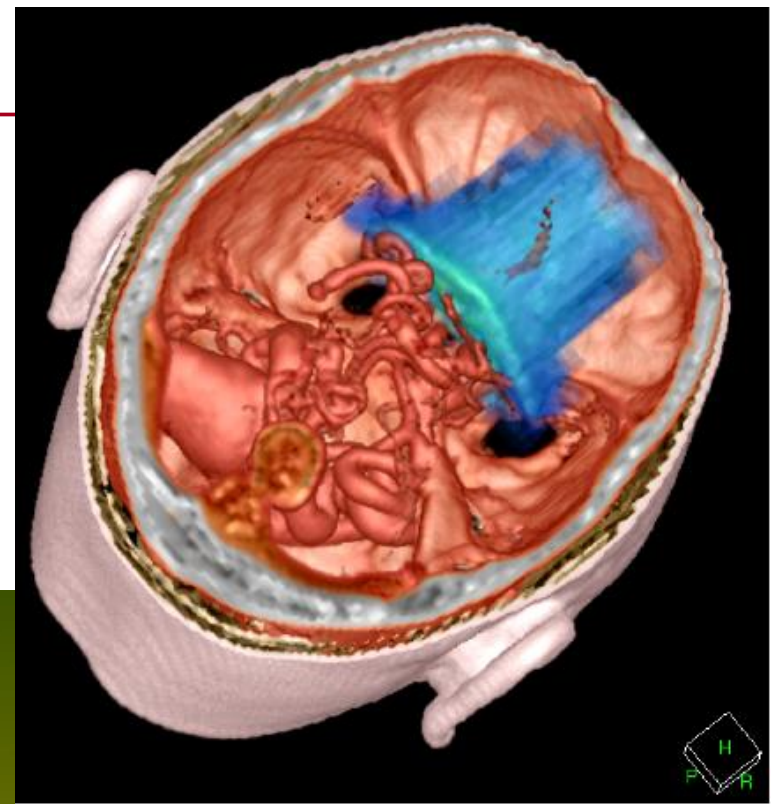
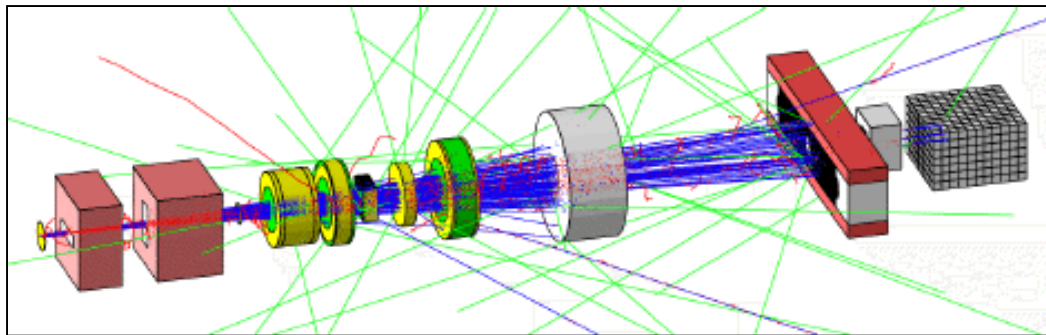
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❖ Simulation results agrees with experimental data within a factor of two in terms of the line intensities

# Geant4 @ Medical Science

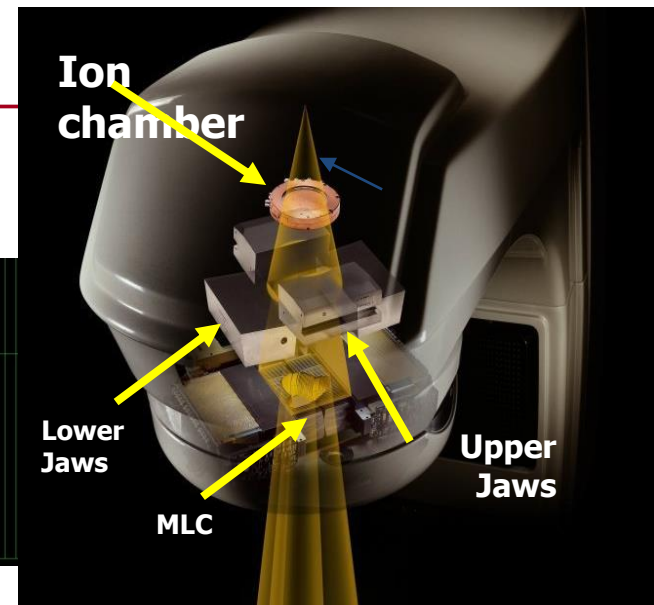
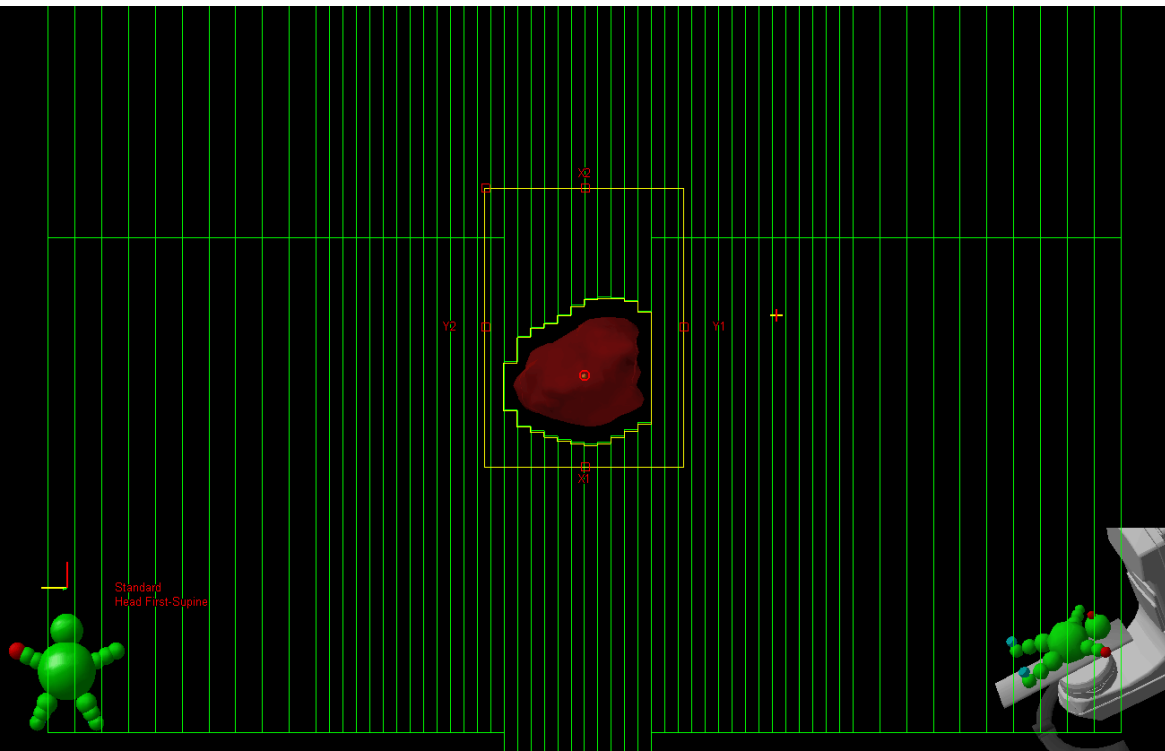
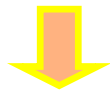
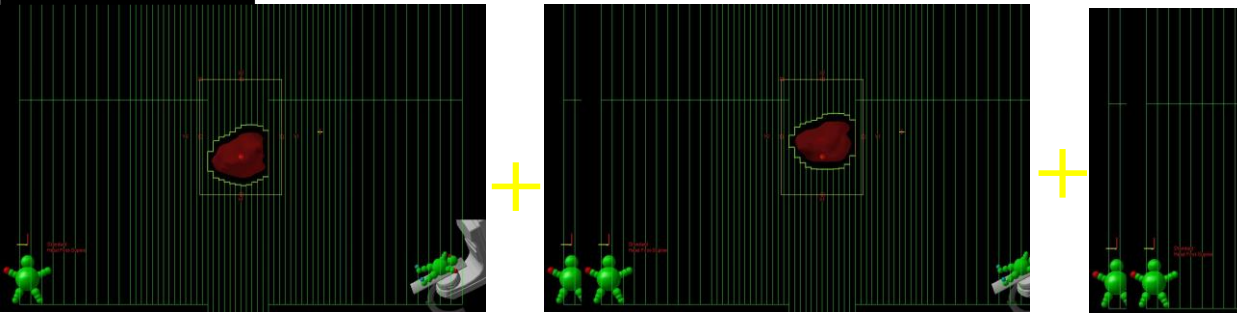
- Four major use cases
  - Beam therapy
  - Brachytherapy
  - Imaging
  - Irradiation study





# 4D RT Treatment Plan

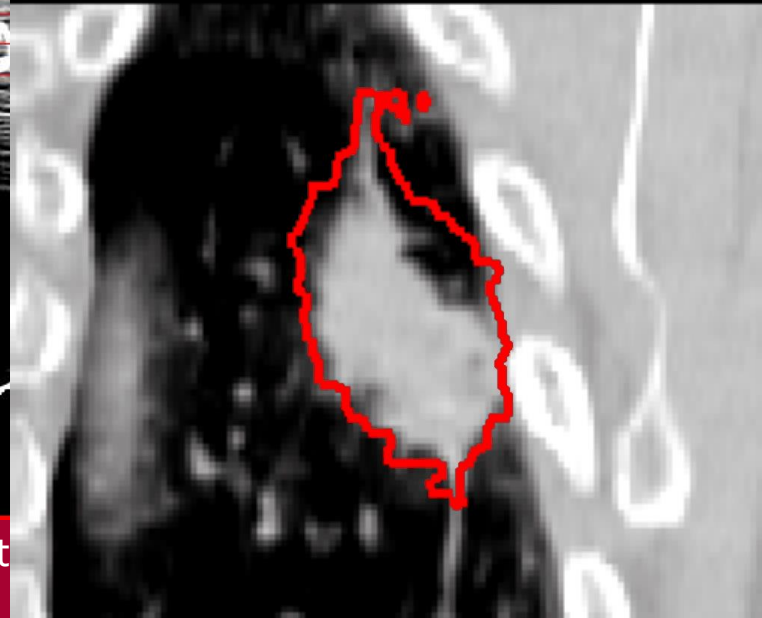
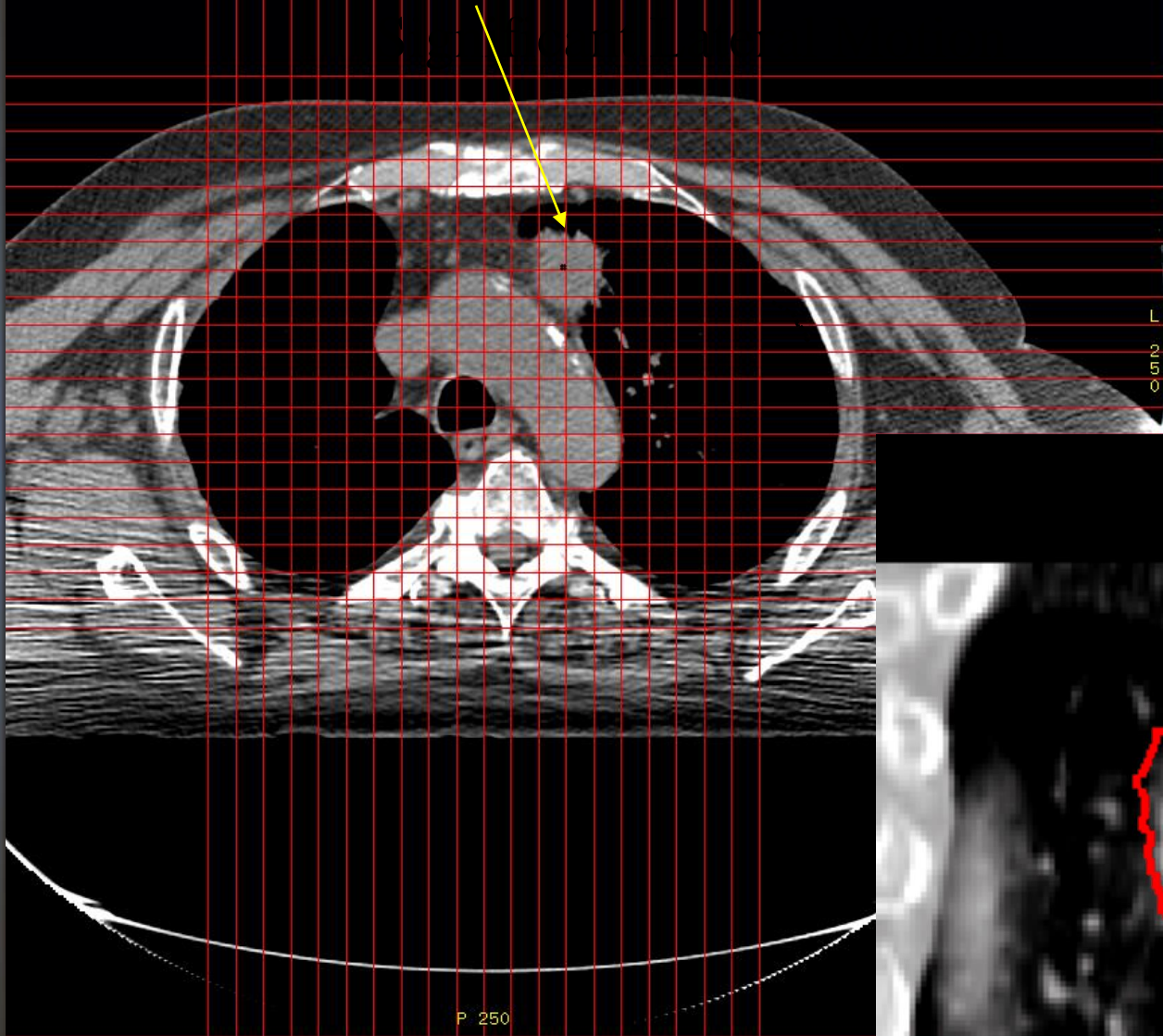
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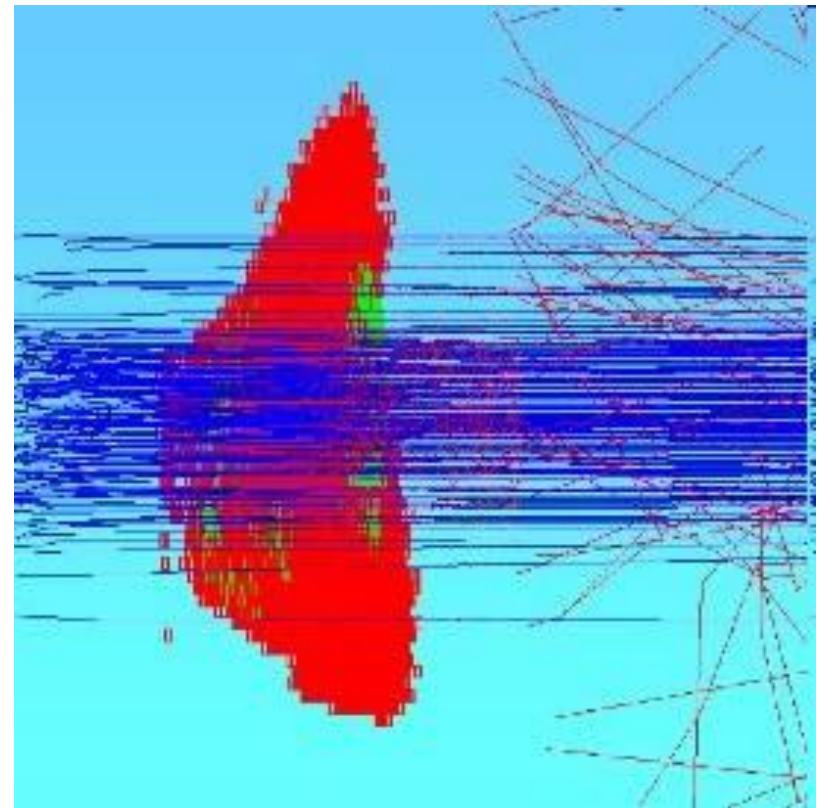
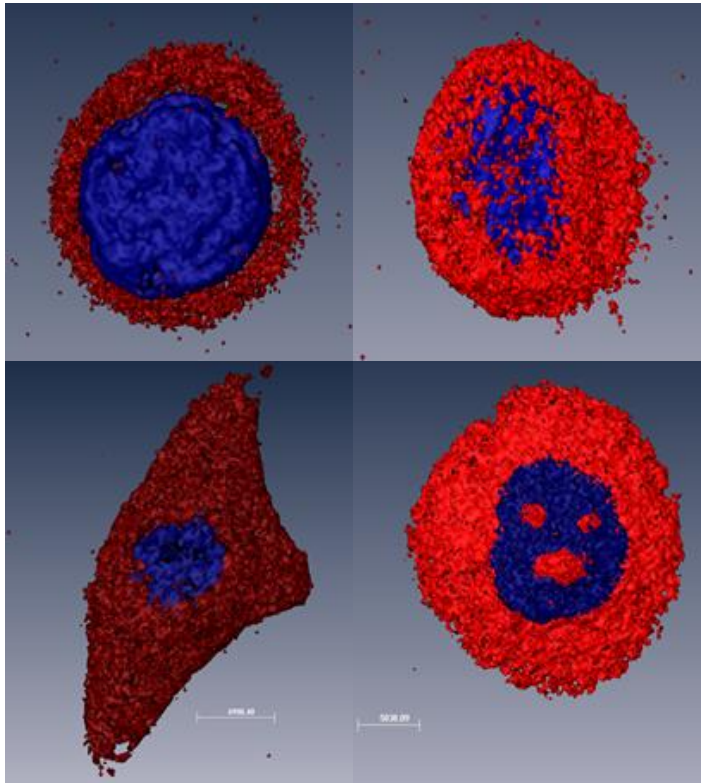


# Lateral Motion of Lung Tumor



# Single cell irradiation

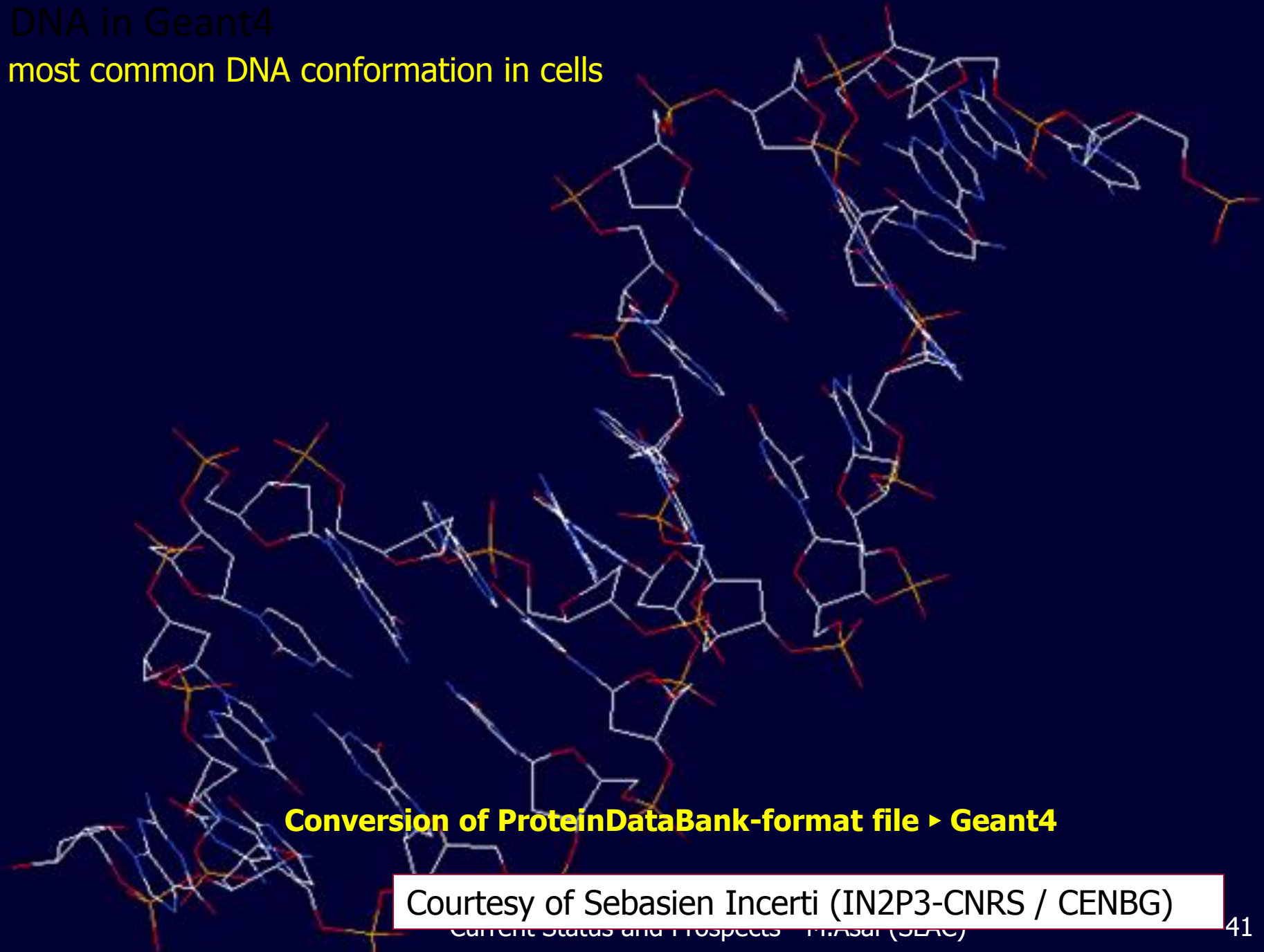
- Example of single cell irradiation by 3 MeV alpha particles in a high-resolution cellular phantom
  - 4h or 24h incubated cell
  - 64 x 64 x 60 resolution
  - 0.36 x 0.36 x 0.16  $\mu\text{m}^3$  voxel size
- Full CENBG microbeam irradiation setup simulated



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# DNA in Geant4

most common DNA conformation in cells



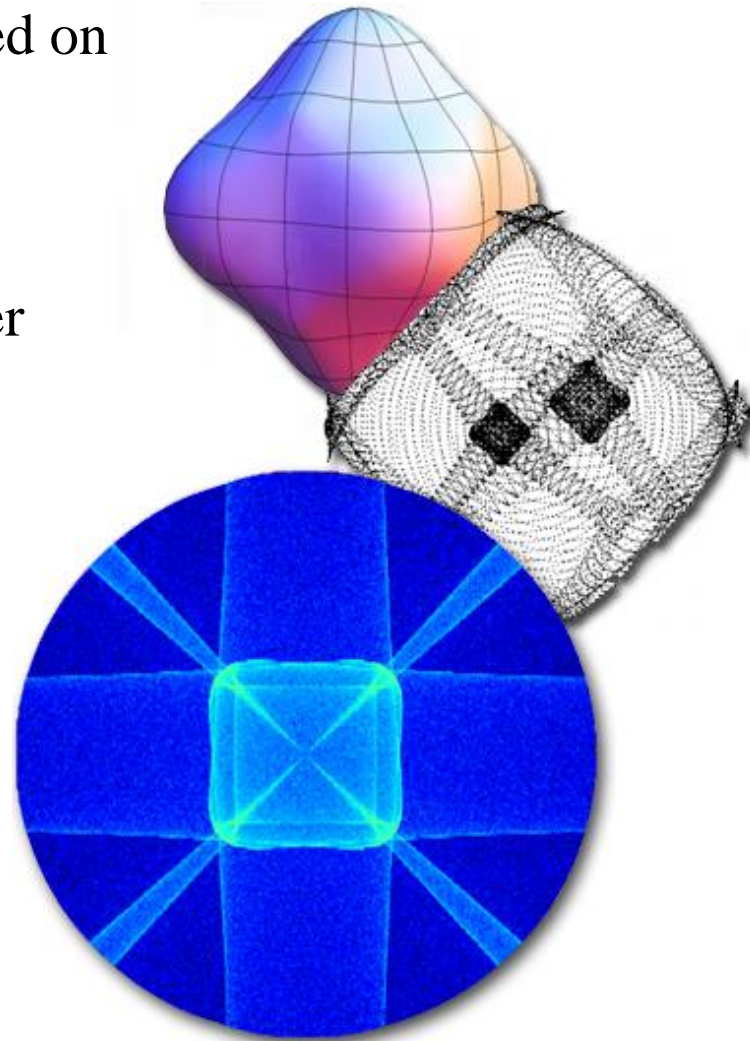
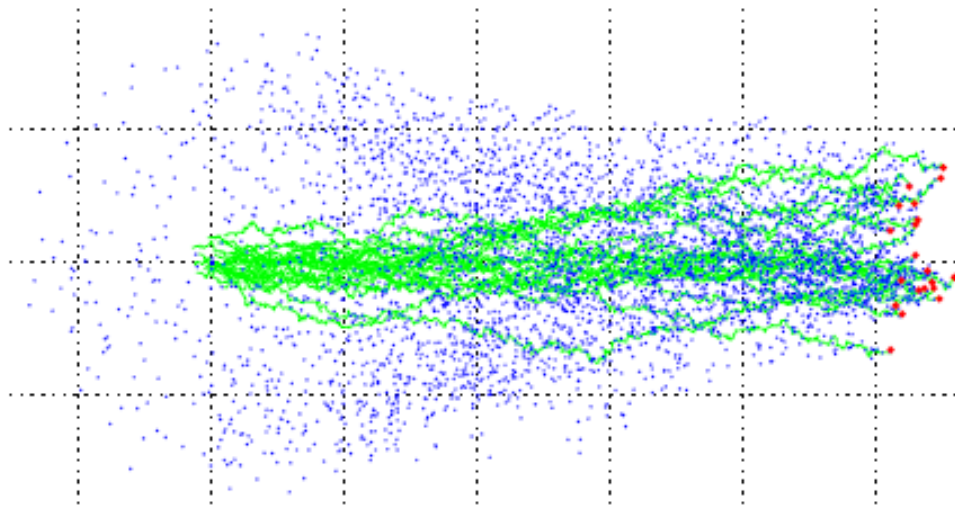
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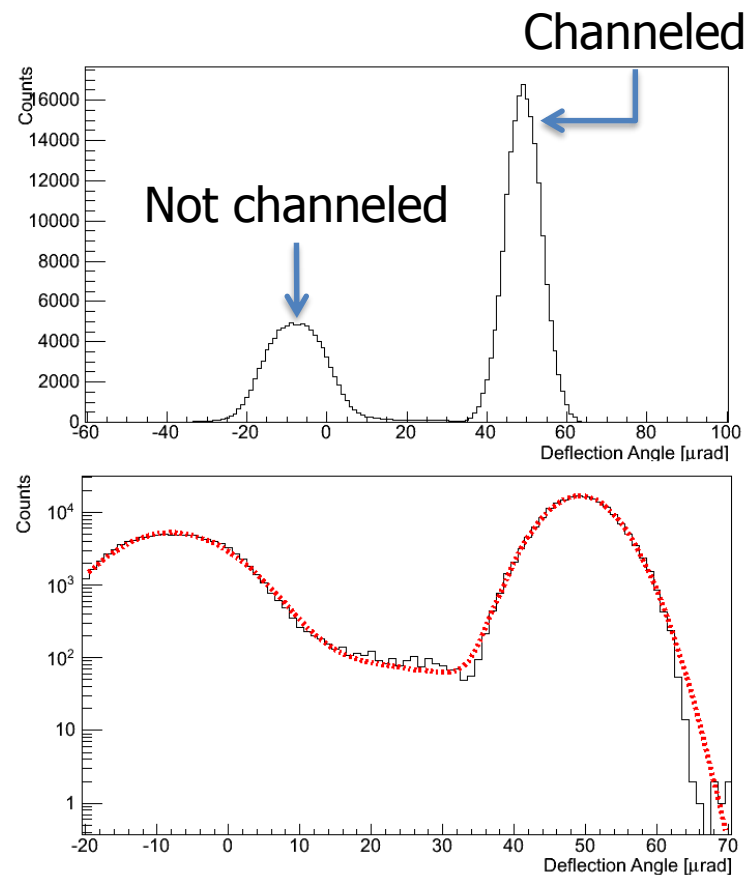
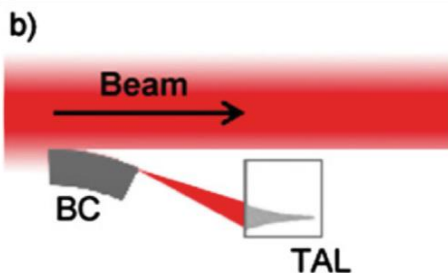
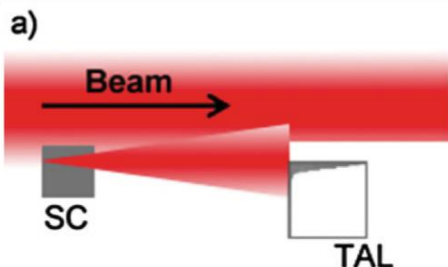
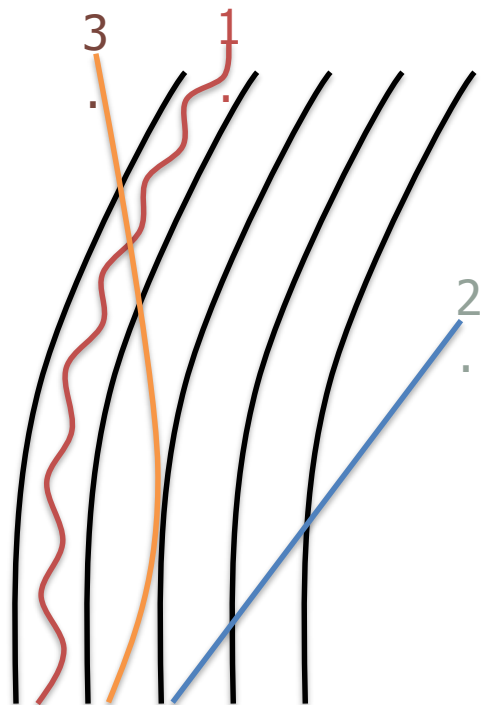


- Phonon propagation, including focusing based on elasticity tensor (right)
- e-/h+ transport, including conduction band anisotropy and Luke-Neganov emission, under development (below)



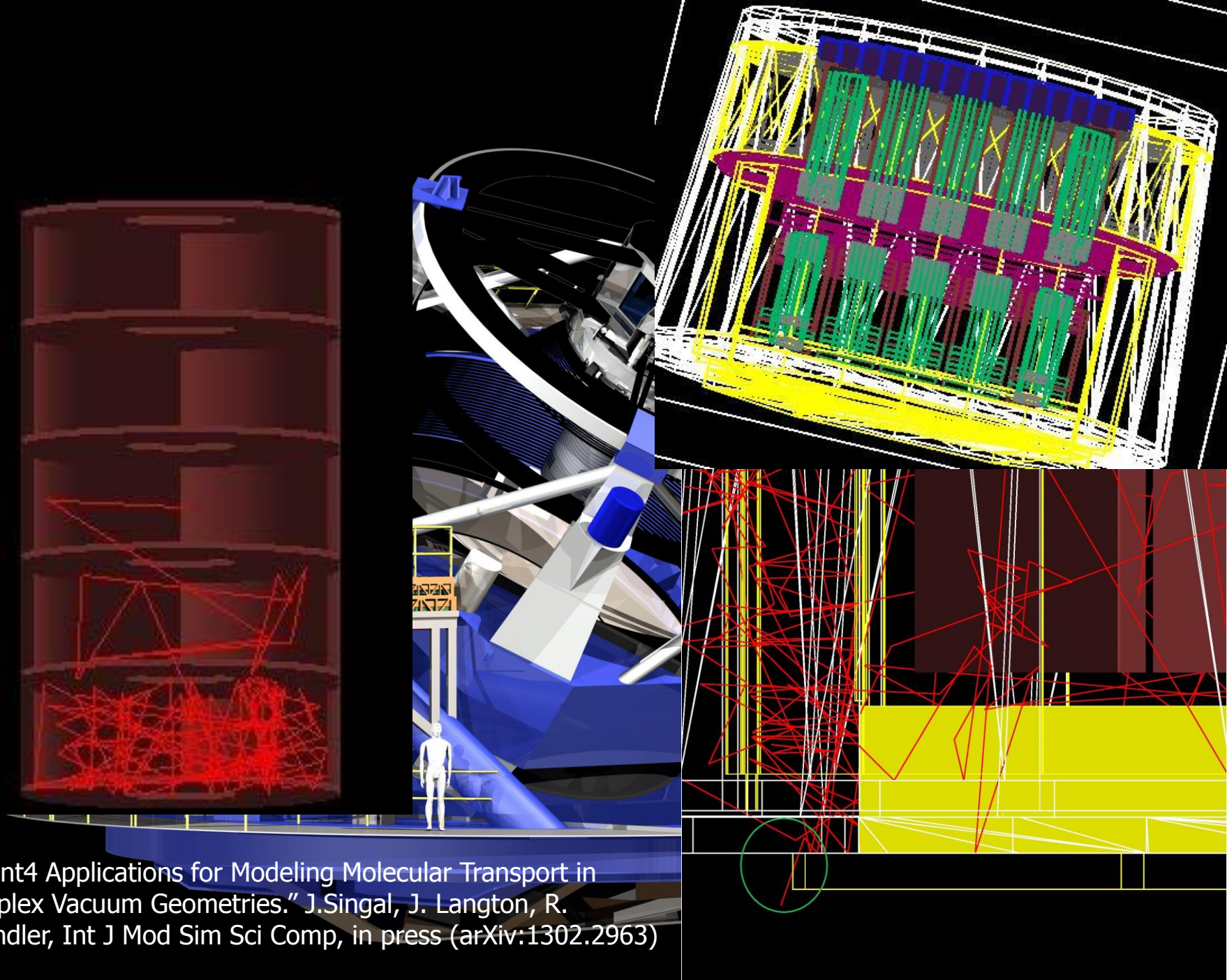
# Bent crystal as a collimator

- Bent crystal can be used as a collimator to deflect particles of beam halo.
- This study will be extended for T-513 experiment at SLAC LCLS ESTB



Enrico Bagli (INFN/Ferrara)

- W. Scandale et al., Phys. Lett. B 680 (2009) 129

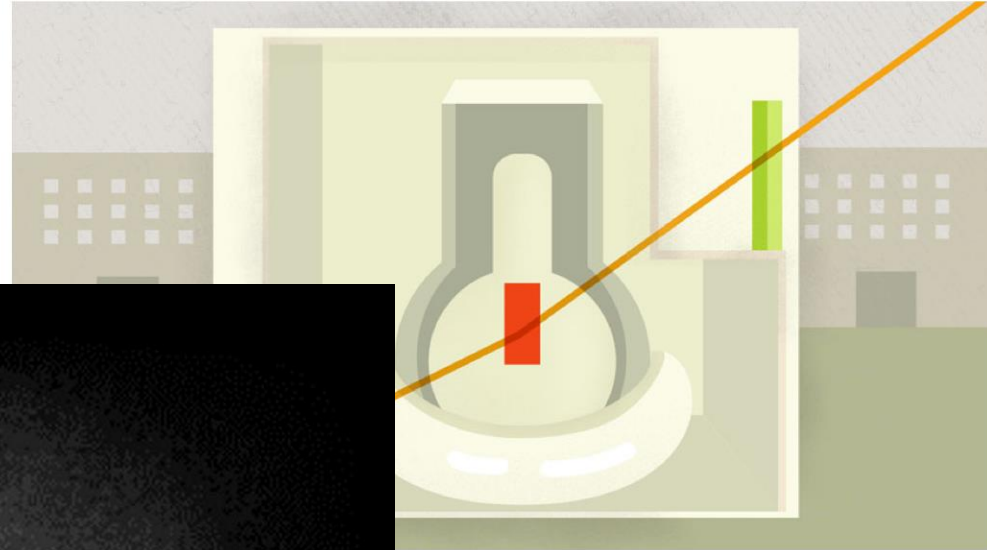


"Geant4 Applications for Modeling Molecular Transport in Complex Vacuum Geometries." J.Singal, J. Langton, R. Schindler, Int J Mod Sim Sci Comp, in press (arXiv:1302.2963)



Those exterior walls, made of concrete 10 feet thick, offer their own challenge. Based on computer simulations run with the particle physics software [GEANT4](#), the walls are expected to reduce the resolution to about 30 centimeters.

In addition, the team must also prepare for the high radiation levels present just outside of the reactor units.



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As time ticks down to the restart of the Large Hadron Collider, scientists are making sure their detectors run like clockwork.

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# Evaluating remediation of radionuclide contaminated forest near Iwaki, Japan, using radiometric methods

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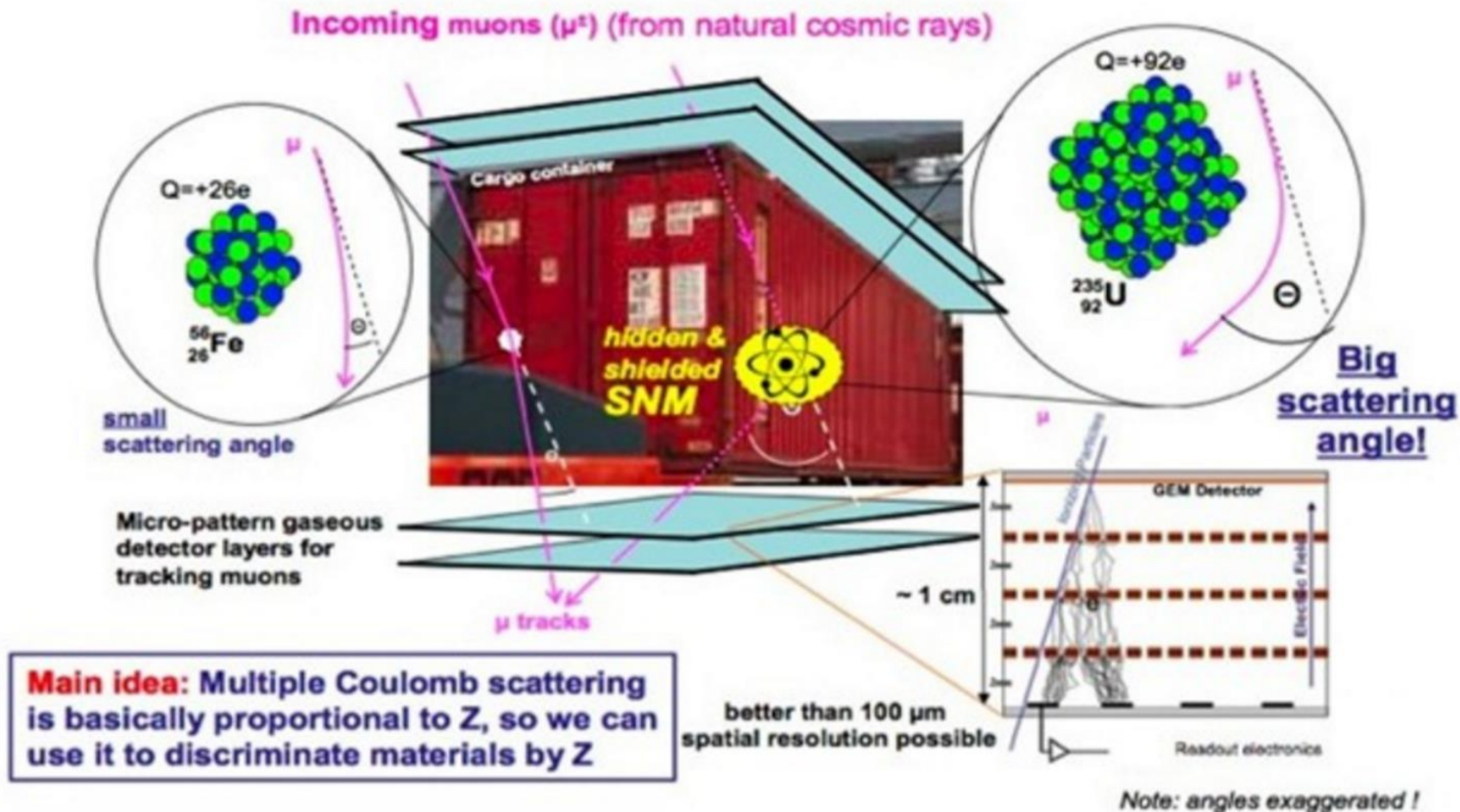
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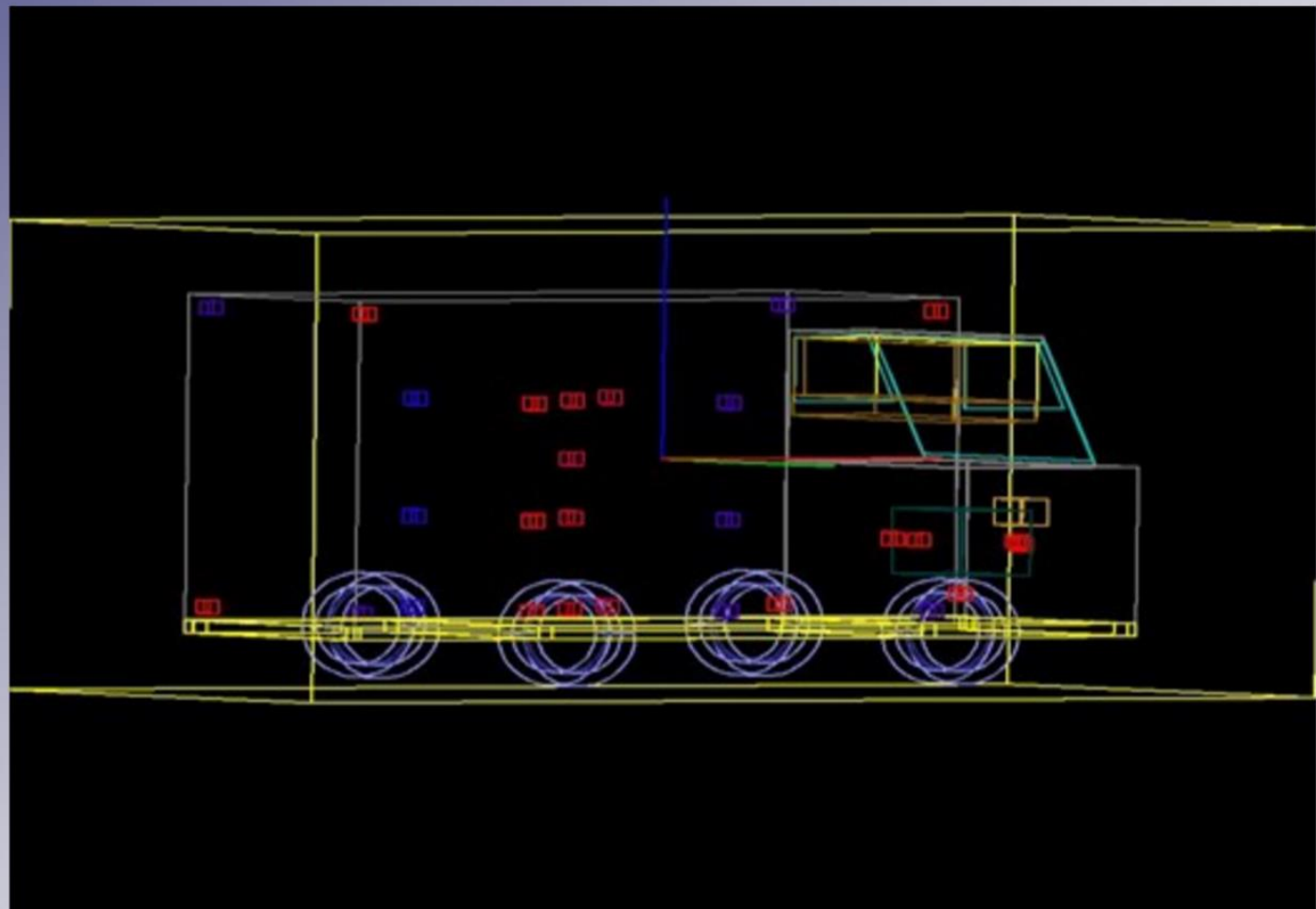
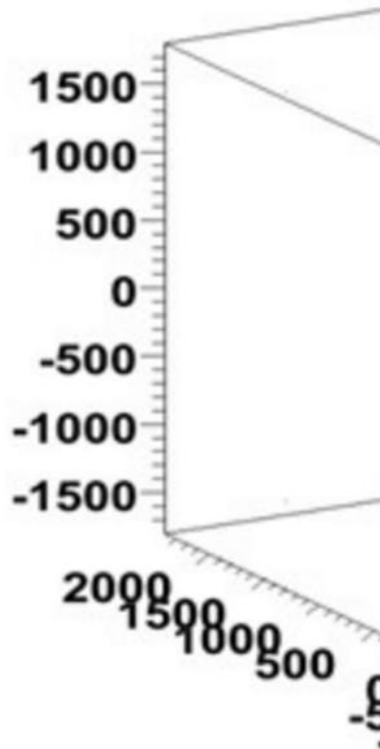
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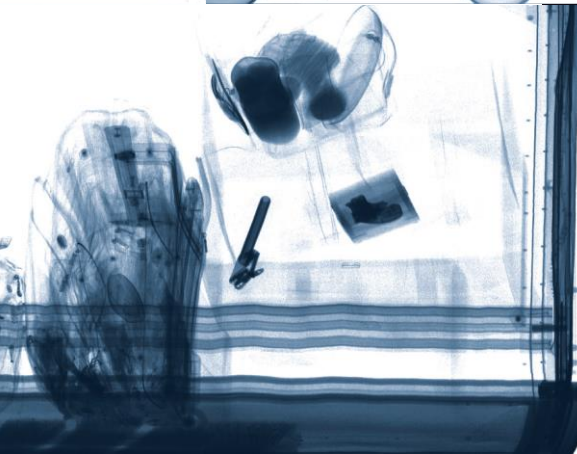
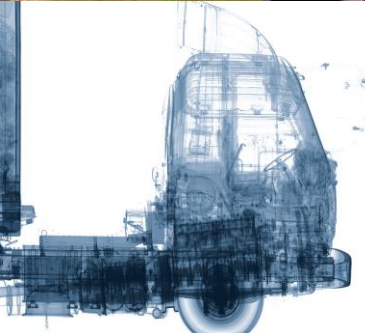
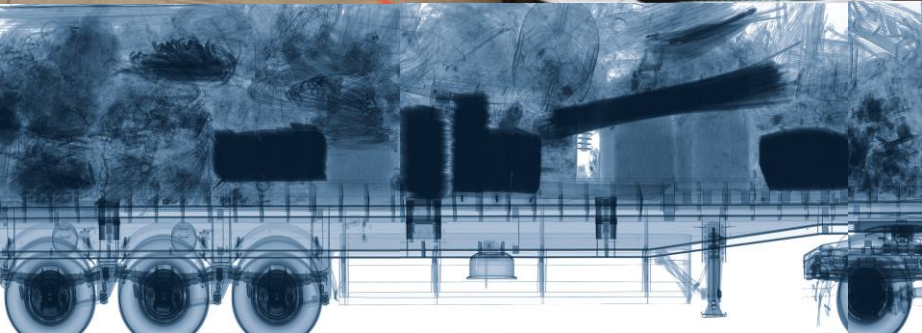


## *Simulated Truck Red Boxes are Uranium Blue are Lower Z Materials*





# Simulating x-ray cargo radiography





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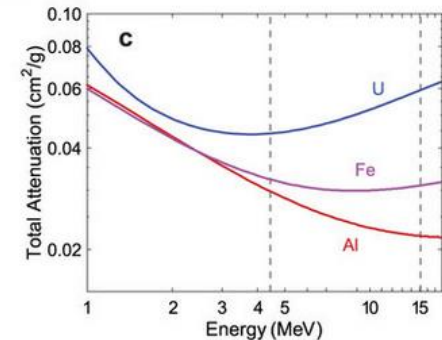
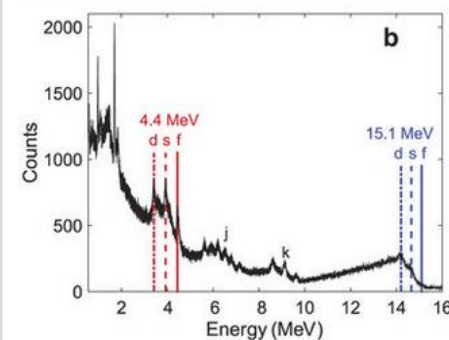
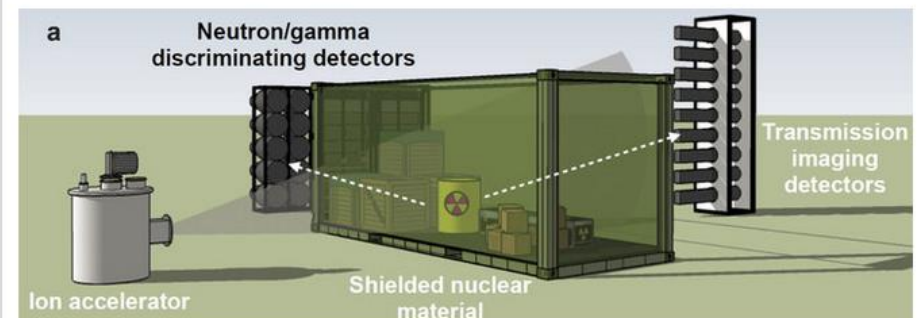
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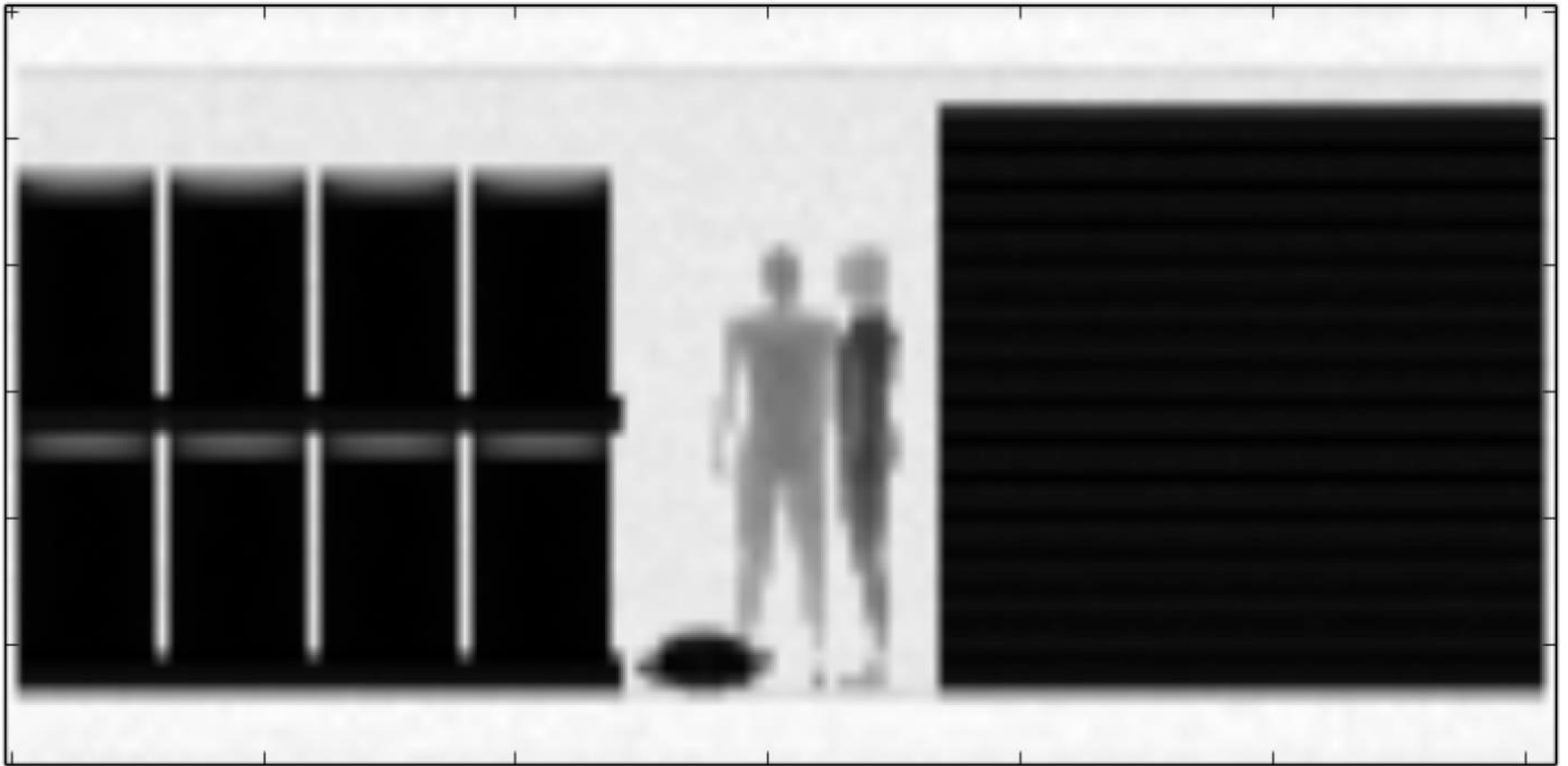
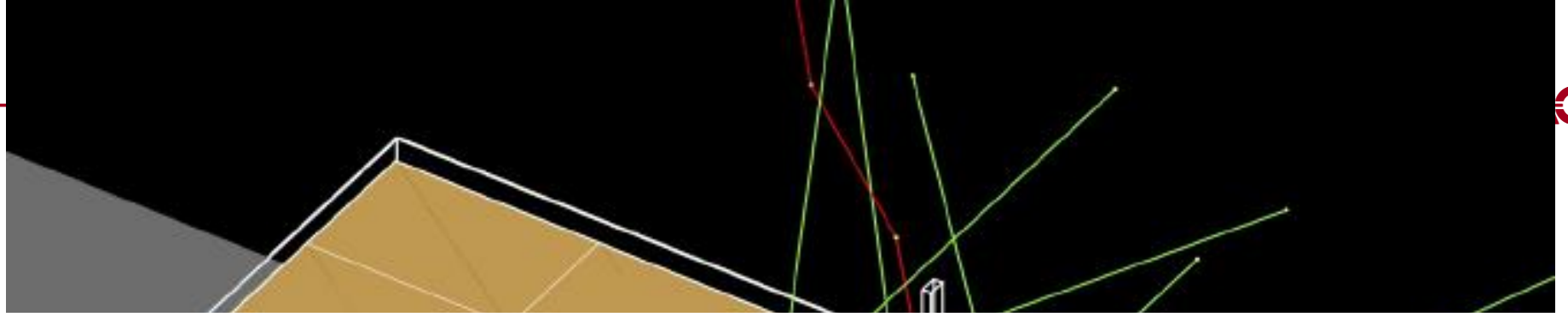
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Figure 1: Illustration of the imaging method using a low-energy nuclear reaction radiation source.









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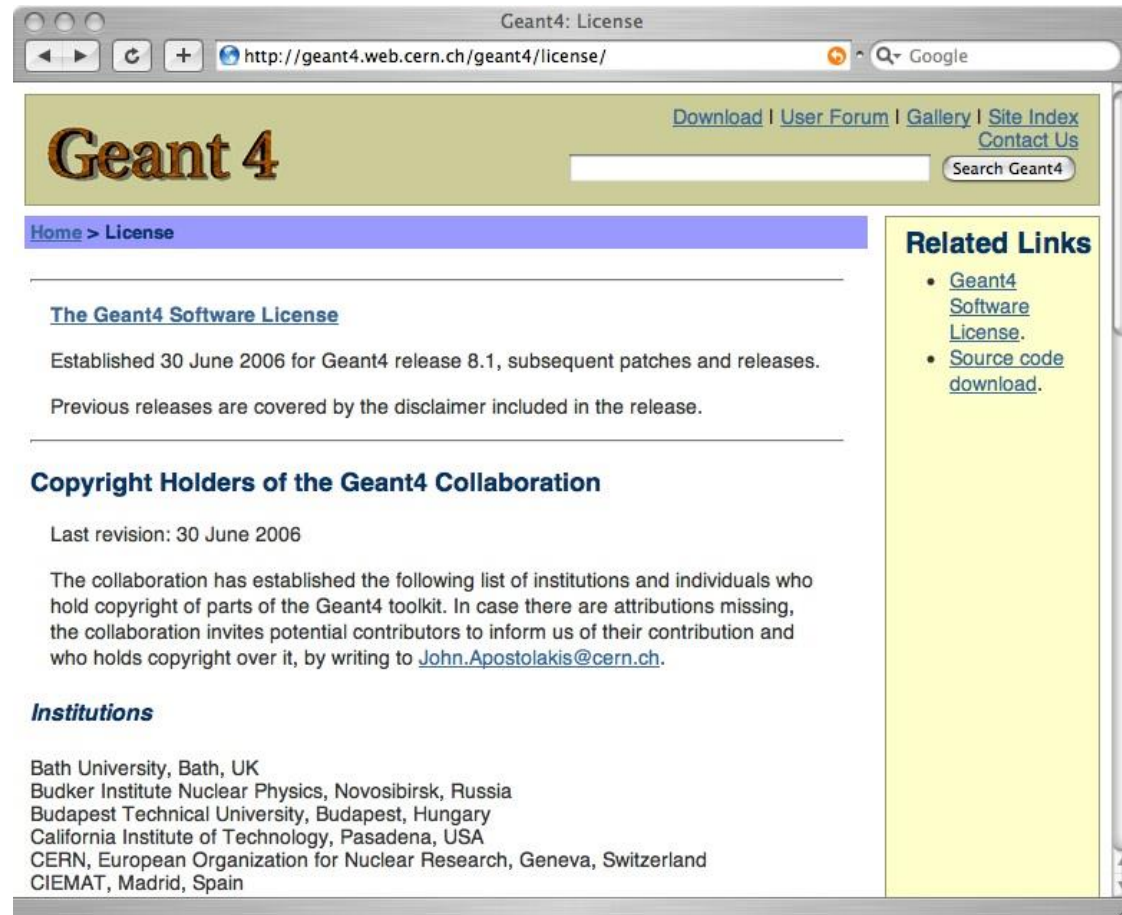
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  - Next Technical Forum will be held at Jefferson Lab (VA. U.S.) in September where **Nuclear Physics requirements/priorities will be highlighted.**
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# Geant4 – the Future



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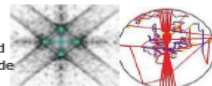
## Geant4 Software

### Introduction

Geant4 is being used in many different fields where simulation of radiation passing through and interacting with matter is critical. User domains include: high energy and nuclear physics, medical physics and space engineering, shielding protection and more. Its abstract layers based on robust OO design enables flexibility and extensibility of the code, and its open-source code and open collaboration have allowed substantial extensions of the code. New features are constantly added to the code, while increasing attention is paid to improving software performance and robustness by employing cutting-edge software engineering technologies.

### New physics

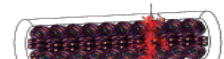
The flexibility and extensibility of Geant4 design allows it to be applied to new physics domains. These include the physics of condensed matter (phonon transportation in crystals, drift of electrons and holes in semiconductors) and processes for bio-chemical substances and DNA.



SuperCDMS Cryogenic Dark Matter Search seeks to directly detect dark matter. Geant4 models the caustic pattern in a Ge crystal (left) by tracking individual phonons (right)

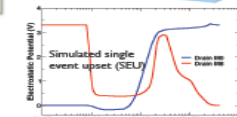
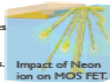
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H <sup>+</sup> + H <sub>2</sub> → H <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	1.20
H <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> + e <sup>-</sup> → H <sub>2</sub>	4.17 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup> + OH <sup>-</sup> → OH + H <sub>2</sub>	2.40
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup> + e <sup>-</sup> → H <sub>2</sub> O	2.11
H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup> + OH <sup>-</sup> → 2H <sub>2</sub> O	14.3
OH <sup>•</sup> + e <sup>-</sup> → OH <sup>-</sup>	2.95
OH <sup>•</sup> + OH <sup>-</sup> → OH <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.44
e <sup>-</sup> + e <sup>-</sup> → 2e <sup>-</sup> + γ	0.93

Reactions of radicals available in Geant4.



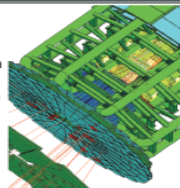
Energy depositions in DNA structure.

Geant4 performs mission critical studies of radiation and charging effects on spacecraft electronics.



### Geometry

The flexibility and extensibility of Geant4 design also enables handling rich collection of shapes including CSG (Constructed Solid Geometry), Boolean operation, Tessellated solid, etc. and the user can easily add new shapes. Geant4 geometry navigation can deal with setups up to billions of volumes with automatic optimization. In addition, geometry models can be 'dynamic', i.e. changing the setup at run-time, e.g. "moving objects".



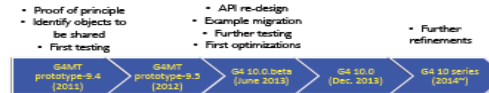
### Software quality assurance

Geant4 uses modern tools to manage the code and improve code quality: from handling issues with JIRA to continuous testing integration with CTest/CDash, profiler based optimizations, Quality/Assurance (Coverity, Valgrind, etc.), and IDE integration (Xcode, Eclipse, VisualStudio).

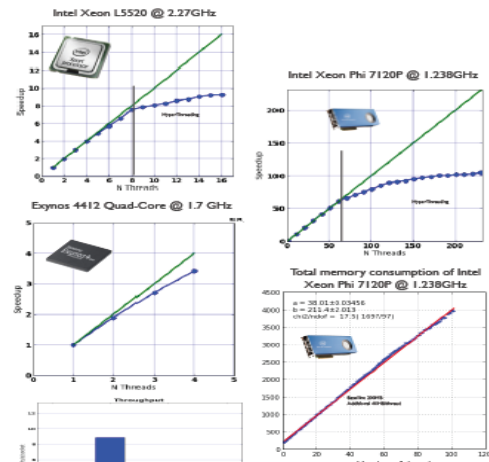


### New era - Geant4 version 10 series

The new release of Geant4 – Version 10.0 (December 2013) include event-level parallelism via multi-threading. To efficiently use new computing architectures the workload of a single job is sub-divided to many worker threads each responsible for the simulation of one or more events. Version 10.0 has already shown good scalability on a number of different architectures: Intel Xeon servers, Intel Xeon Phi co-processors and low-power ARM processors

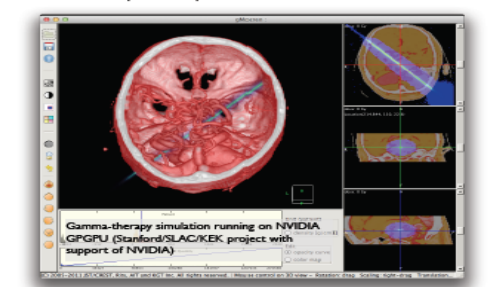


- Proof of principle
- Identify objects to be shared
- First testing
- API re-design
- Example migration
- Further testing
- First optimizations
- Further refinements
- Production ready
- Public release



### Investments for the future

Geant4 collaboration members are participating in various explorations of emerging technologies. These technologies include GPU/CUDA, OpenCL, OpenACC, vectorization, DSL, etc.



- Physics of O(100TeV)
  - Specialized EM model for noble liquid (e.g. liq.Xe)
  - Neutrino interactions
    - Should come with enriched event biasing options
  - Electron/hole drift in semiconductor
  - More phonon physics
  - Channeling effects and physics with crystal structure in general
    - X-ray diffraction, neutron scattering in crystal
  - Single atom irradiation
  - Target material polarization
  - Chemical reactions of radicals in DNA-scale
  - New domains ?
- Note : Geant4 kernel is robust enough over 20 years of evolution. This stability enables risk-free extensions to new physics.

- HPC and cloud friendliness
  - Seamlessly combining MPI and MT
  - Smart data collection from millions of threads
- Code re-engineering
  - Solid library, EM physics
  - Splitting transportation process
  - Sub-event level parallelization
- GPU as a co-processor
  - Off-loading some calculations to GPU, e.g. EM physics, thermal neutron physics, DNA physics and chemical processes, etc.
  
- Will be integrated into Geant4 with (hopefully) minimum API changes

## To sum up

- Geant4 is a general purpose Monte Carlo simulation tool for elementary particles passing through and interacting with matter. It finds quite a wide variety of user domains including high energy and nuclear physics, space engineering, medical applications, material science, radiation protection and security.
- 2019 is the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Geant4 public releases. After 20 years with several architectural evolutions, Geant4 is still steadily evolving.
  - Latest major evolution was Geant4 version 10.0 released in December 2013 that is the first fully multithreaded general-purpose large-scale physics software in the world.
  - New physics models for coming experiments, e.g. hadronic model for multi-TeV regime, neutrino physics model, physics with crystal structure.
  - Given Geant4 is nowadays mission-critical for many users in all of above-mentioned domains, Geant4 is to be kept maintained and still evolving for at least next decade.