

# User Documents and Examples

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# Outline

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  - Simple: trivial detector with non-interacting particles
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# User Documents

# Geant4 Web Pages

<http://geant4.cern.ch/>

Forum



The screenshot shows the Geant4 website homepage. At the top right, there are navigation links: [Download](#), [User Forum](#), [Gallery](#), and [Contact Us](#). Below these is a search bar labeled "Search Geant4".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Instructions about installation and manuals:** A callout box points to the "Getting started, guides and information for users and developers" section, which includes a globe icon.
- News on latest updates:** A callout box points to the "News" section, which lists recent updates like "Patch-02 to release 9.2" and "Release 9.3 BETA".
- Announcements for events:** A callout box points to the "Events" section, which lists upcoming events such as the "26th Technical Forum" and "Asia Simulation Conference".

Other sections visible include "Applications" with a satellite image, "Results & Publications" with a technical drawing, and "Who we are" with a group photo.

# *Official Installation Guides*

- Designed for use by software experts

<http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/InstallationGuide/html/index.html>

- List of required software
  - C++ compiler, CLHEP, GNU make, Geant4 toolkit
  - choices for visualization software
- How to install on Linux
- Tips for installing on Windows

# Other sites

- Twiki CERN GEANT4 Web
  - <https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Geant4/WebHome>
- Joseph Perl's Installation Guides
  - Installation
    - <http://geant4.slac.stanford.edu/installation>
      - Linux, Mac, Windows
  - Tutorials for 3 Most Commonly Used Visualization Systems
    - <http://geant4.slac.stanford.edu/Presentations/vis>
      - OpenGL, HepRApp, DAWN

# *Application Developers Guide*

- URL:
  - <http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/index.html>
  
- Introduces new users to the Geant4 toolkit
- Describes the most useful tools
- Describes how to set up and run a simulation application
- Intended as an overview of the toolkit, not an exhaustive treatment. For more details:
  - **Physics Reference Manual**
  - **Toolkit Developers Guide**

# Toolkit Developers Guide

- URL:
  - <http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/ForToolkitDeveloper/html/index.html>
  
- For developers and experienced users of Geant4
  - Already familiar with functionality of the Geant4 toolkit as explained in the “User’s Guide For Application Developers”.
  - A working knowledge of programming using C++ is assumed
  
- Describing
  - Object-oriented design of the Geant4 toolkit
  - Philosophy behind design choices
  - A guide for users who want to extend the functionality of Geant4; adding new solids, modifying the navigator, creating new fields, etc.

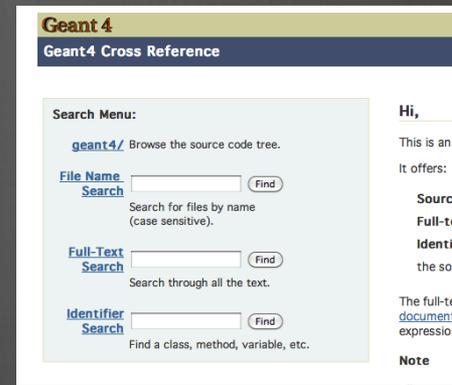
# *Physics Reference Manual*

- URL:
  - <http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/PhysicsReferenceManual/fo/PhysicsReferenceManual.pdf>
    - No more html version, only PDF version is available.
- A manual for
  - Presenting the theoretical formulations, models, or parameterisations of the physics interactions included in Geant4
  - Describing the probability of the occurrence of an interaction and the sampling mechanisms required for simulation.
  - Serving references for toolkit users and developers who wish to consult the underlying physics of interactions.
- Physics Reference Manual contains gaps in documentation which corresponding to un-implemented interactions. There are also a few sections in which documentation is slight.

# User Aids

# LXR Code Browser

- URL: <http://www-geant4.kek.jp/LXR/>  
(formally “the Linux Cross Referencer”)



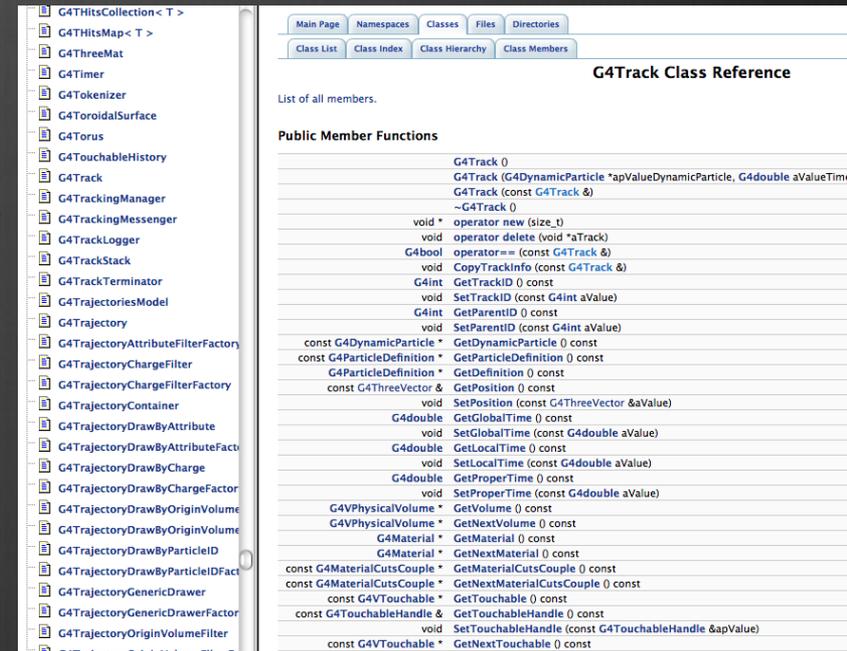
is a software toolset for indexing and presenting source code repositories that provides web-based browsing of source code with links to the definition and usage of any identifier.

- Interactive viewing and searching facility for the entire Geant4 source code tree by

- File name (e.g. G4Track.hh)
- Text
- Identifier

- Results are obtained for a source file fully hyper-linked to classes and methods

- Also have a doxygen version in <http://www-geant4.kek.jp/Reference>



# HyperNews User Forum

- URL: [hypernews.slac.stanford.edu/HyperNews/geant4/cindex](http://hypernews.slac.stanford.edu/HyperNews/geant4/cindex)
  - (see also top of Geant4 home page)

**HyperNews is a discussion management system** providing both the functionality of mailing list systems as well as the web interface of web forums; e.g. it bridges the use of e-mail and forums.

Discussions are organized into forums and threads.  
Each forum has an email gateway (if you subscribe).

## Access Restrictions:

- Anyone may read messages
- Anyone may add subscriptions for notification
- Anyone may register as new member
- Only members may add messages
  - To join: click on “New Member” at top of page and fill out form

# HyperNews User Forum

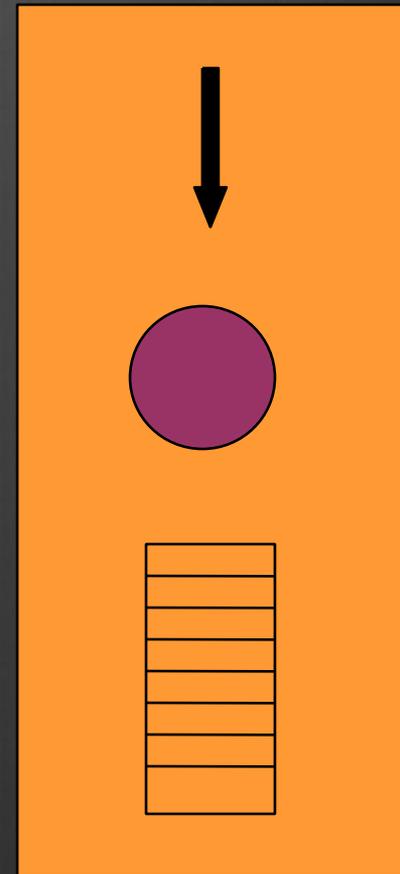
- Discuss problems with other users, post questions for experts, etc.
- 22 forums roughly based on Geant4 categories
- 4 forums for specific application areas
- New forums may be requested by users
- To join: click on “New Member” at top of page and fill out form

GEANT4 at <a href="http://hypernews.slac.stanford.edu">hypernews.slac.stanford.edu</a> Forum List by Category			
	<a href="#">Forums by Category</a>	<a href="#">Recent Postings</a>	<a href="#">Member Info</a>
	<a href="#">Forums by Time Order</a>	<a href="#">Search in Forums</a>	<a href="#">Members List</a>
	<a href="#">Request a New Forum</a>	<a href="#">Subscribe to Forums</a>	<a href="#">New Member</a>
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<b>Category: Applications</b>			
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<b>Category: Control of runs, events, tracks, particles</b>			
<a href="#">Event and Track Management</a>	<a href="#">Multithreading</a>	<a href="#">Particles</a>	<a href="#">Run Management</a>
<b>Category: Experimental Setup</b>			
<a href="#">Biasing and Scoring</a>	<a href="#">Fields: Magnetic and Otherwise</a>	<a href="#">Geometry</a>	<a href="#">Hits, Digitization and Pileup</a>
<b>Category: General matters</b>			
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<b>Category: Interfaces</b>			
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<b>Category: Physics</b>			
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<a href="#">Physics List</a>	<a href="#">Processes Involving Optical Photons</a>		
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# Geant4 examples

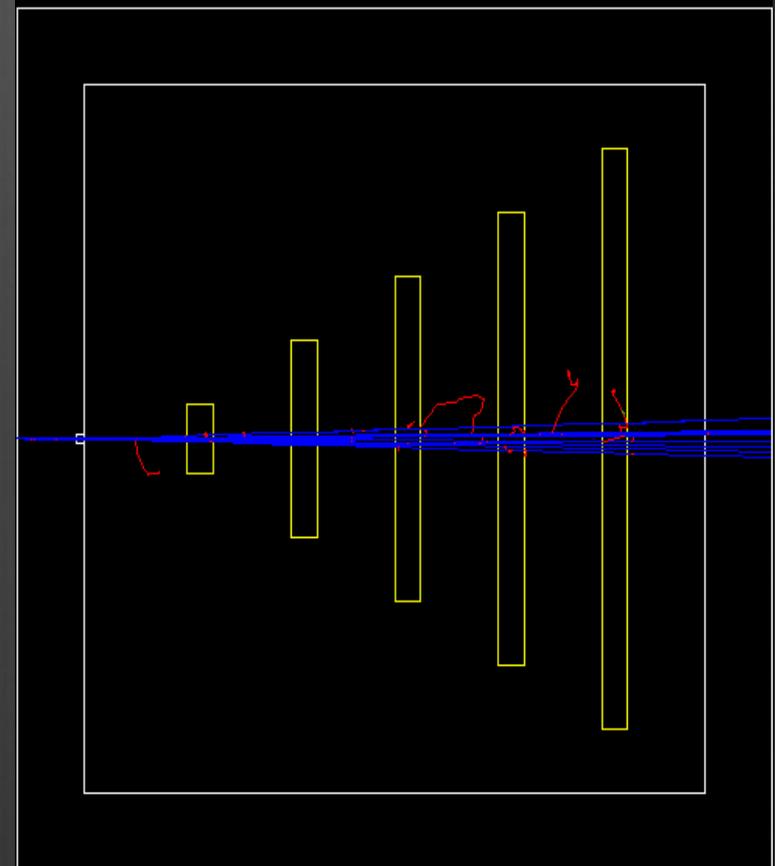
# Novice Example N01

- hard coded batch, only mandatory user classes
- single element material, fixed geometry (GSG solids, G4PVPlacement without rotation)
- incident particle is a geantino
- only Transportation and no physics interactions, *G4ParticleGun*
- no magnetic field



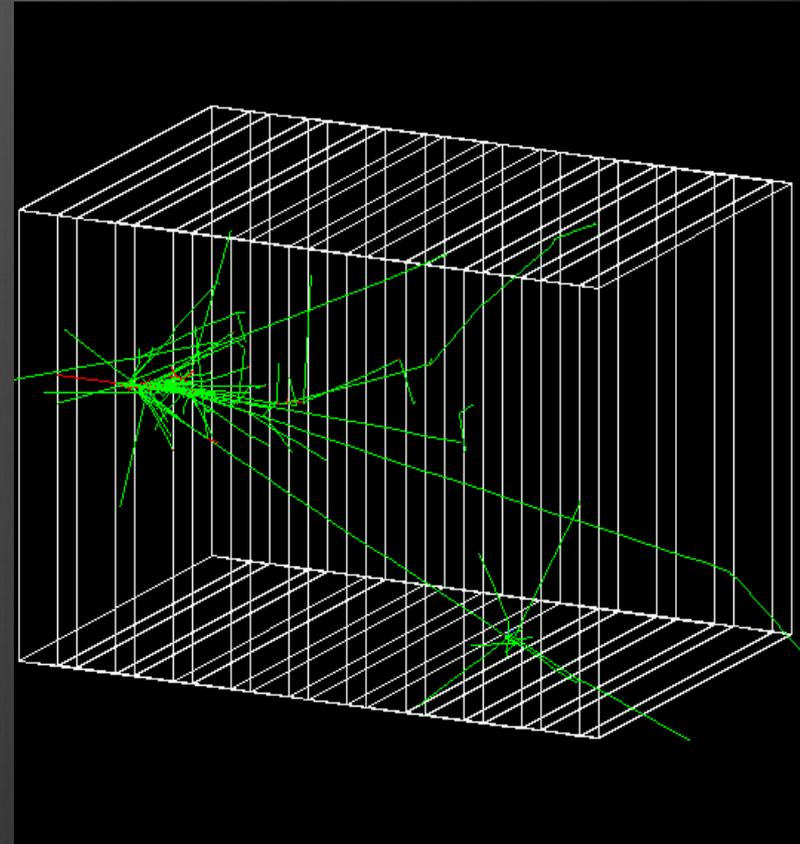
# Novice Example N02

- interactive/batch mode
- simplified tracker geometry (parameterized volumes), mixtures and compound elements
- all EM processes + decay included for  $\gamma$ , charged leptons and charged hadrons
- uniform magn. Field, stack control
- detector response (SD/Hits)
  - trajectories and chamber hit collections may be stored
- Visualization of detector and event
- Command interface introduced



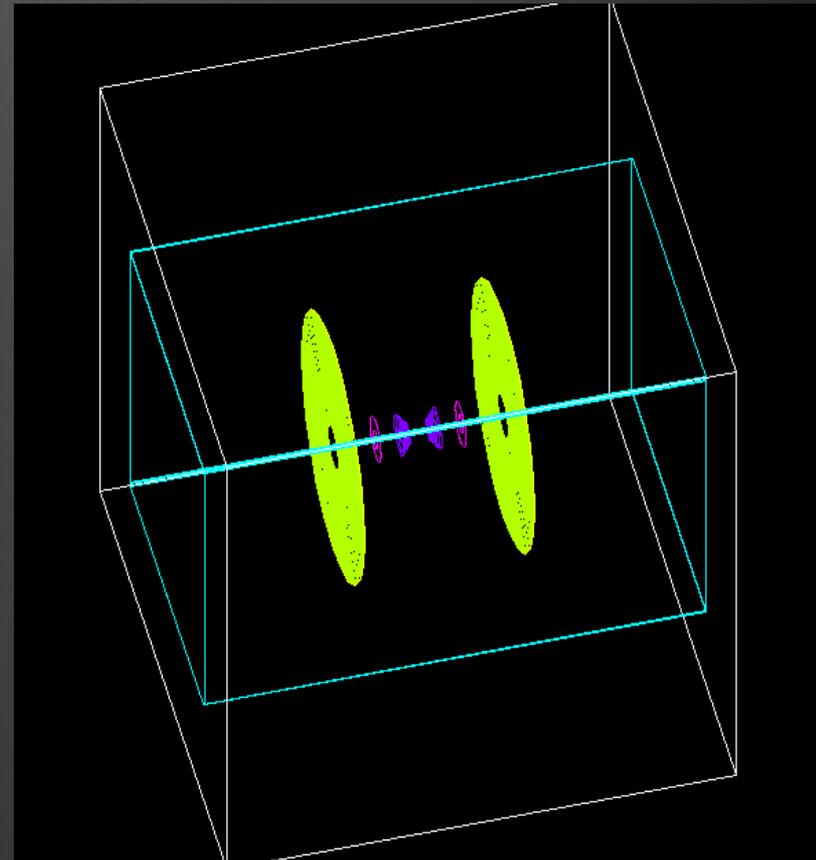
# Novice Example N03

- Sampling calorimeter with layers of Pb absorber and liquid Ar detection gaps (replicas)
- Automatic initialization of geometry via macro file (command interface)
- Exhaustive material definitions
- Randomization of incident beam
  
- All EM processes + decay, with separate production cuts for  $\gamma$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $e^-$  (use for shower studies)
- Detector response: E deposit, track length in absorber and gap
- **Visualization tutorial**
- **Random number seed handling**



# Novice Example N04

- simplified collider detector
  - all kinds of volume definitions
  - Readout geometry
- events from PYTHIA primary generator (HEPEvtInterface)
- full set of EM + hadronic processes
- non-uniform magn. field
- event filtering by using stacking mechanism
- defined user commands

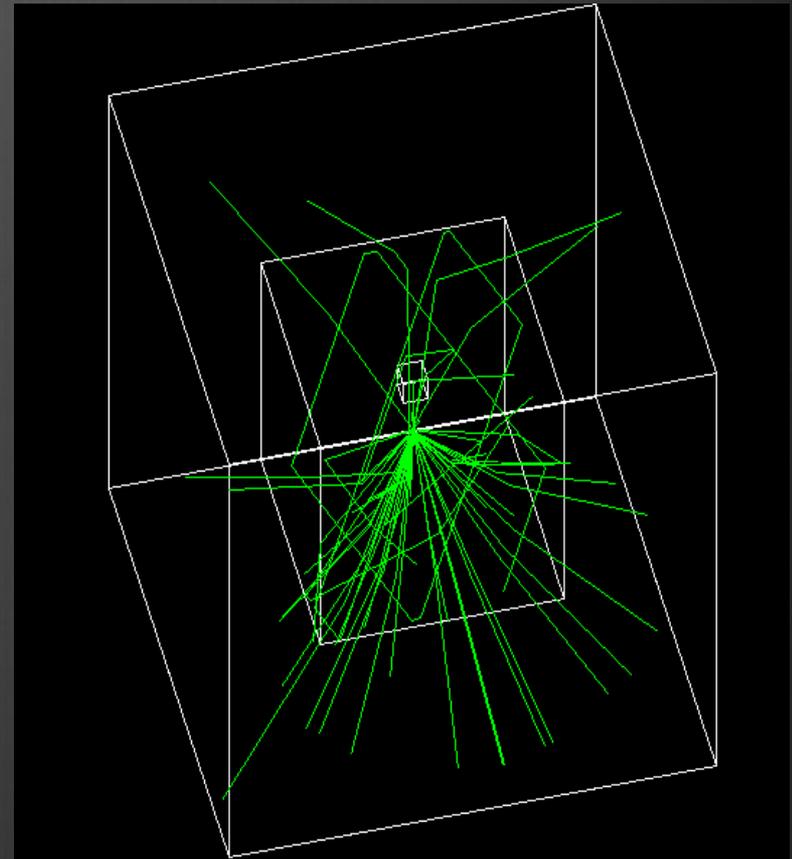


# *Novice Example N05*

- Fast simulation with parameterized showers
  - ghost volume for shower parametrisation
  - EM showers (derived from G4VFastSimulationModel)
- EM physics only
  - Use of G4FastSimulationManagerProcess
- simplified collider detector geometry
  - drift chamber
  - EM, hadronic calorimeter
- sensitive detector

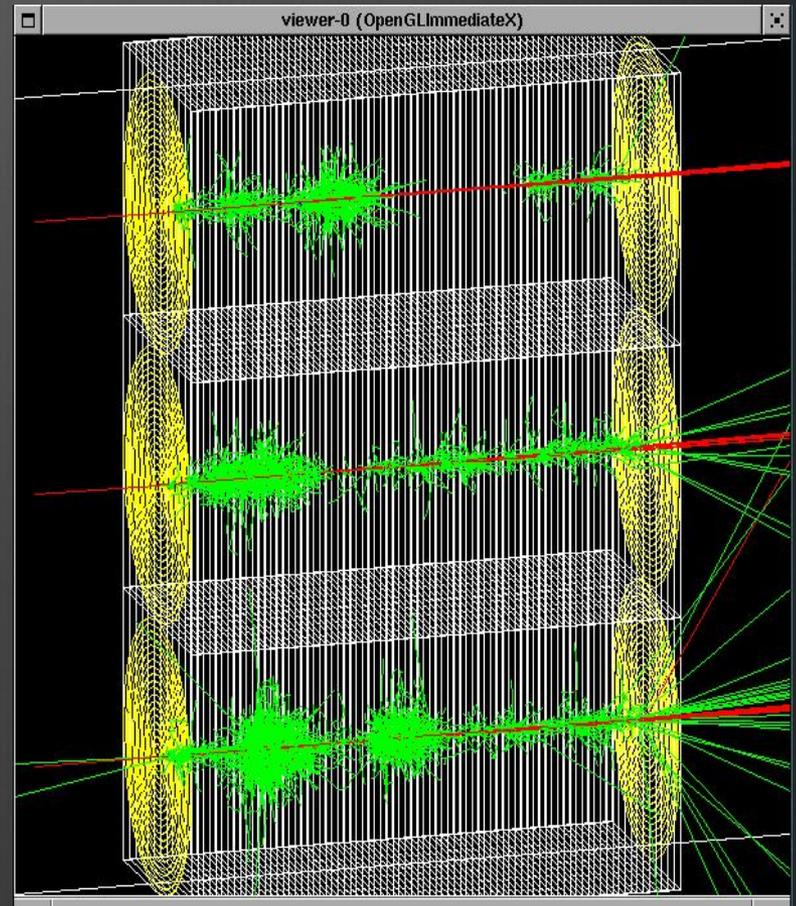
# Novice Example N06

- Water Cerenkov detector with air “bubble”
- Materials
  - **specification of optical properties**
  - **specification of scintillation spectra**
- Physics
  - **Optical processes**
  - Generation of Cerenkov radiation, energy loss collected to produce scintillation photons
- Random number engine



# Novice Example N07

- 3 simplified sandwich calorimeters
- Derived run class and run action
- cylindrical ghost volume for scoring (**primitive scorer and filters**)
- Run-based (as opposed to event-based) hit accumulation
- changing geometries without rebuilding world (dynamic geometry setups between runs)
- setting different secondary production cuts for each geometrical region using **G4Region**



# *Novice Examples Documentation*

WebPages

(UsersGuide Chapter 9.1)

<http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/ch09.html>

# Extended Examples

Testing and validation of process and tracking

Demonstration of Geant4 tools, and extending the functionality of Geant4.

- **Analysis:**

- A01 - hit-scoring and histogramming using the AIDA interface

- **Electromagnetic Physics**

- TestEm0: how to print cross-section and stopping power used in input by standard EM package
- TestEm1: how to activate/inactivate processes, survey the range of charged particles, how to define a maximum step size
- TestEm02: shower development in an homogeneous material, longitudinal and lateral profiles

# *Extended Examples*

- **Electromagnetic Physics**
  - TestEm3: shower development in a sampling calorimeter, collect energy deposited, survey energy flow and print stopping power
  - TestEm4: 9MeV point like photon source, plot spectrum of energy deposited in a single media
  - TestEm5: how to study transmission, absorption and reflection of particles through a single thin or thick layer
  - TestEm6: physics list for rare, high energy EM processes
  - TestEm7: how to produce a Bragg curve in water phantom, how to compute dose in tallies
  - TestEm8: test of photo-absorption-ionisation (PAI) model in thin absorbers, and transition radiation
  - TestEm9: shower development in a crystal calorimeter, cut per region

# *Extended Examples*

- **Electromagnetic Physics**
  - TestEm10: XTR transition radiation model, investigation of ionisation in thin absorbers
  - TestEm11+12: how to plot a depth dose profile
  - TestEm13: how to compute cross sections of EM processes from rate of transmission coefficient
  - TestEm14: how to compute cross sections of EM processes from direct evaluation of the mean-free path
  - TestEM15: compute and plot final state of Multiple Scattering as an isolated process
  - TestEm16: simulation of synchrotron radiation
  - TestEm17: check the cross sections of high energy muon processes
  - TestEm18: energy lost by a charged particle in a single layer, due to ionization and bremsstrahlung

# Extended Examples

- **Error Propagation**
  - **Geant4E**
- **Event Biasing**
  - **Reverse Monte Carlo**
- **Event Generator**
  - **HepMCEx01**: simplified collider detector using HepMC interface and stacking
  - **exgps**: illustrates the usage of the G4GeneralParticleSource utility
  - **pythia**: illustrates the usage of Pythia as MC event generator, interfaced with Geant4 and shows how to implement external decayer

# Extended Examples

## □ Fields:

- **field01:** tracking in a magnetic field
- **field02:** tracking in an electric field
- **field03:** tracking in a magn. field but where the field is associated with a selected logical volume
- **field04:** definition of overlapping fields; magnetic, electric or both
- **field05:** spin-tracking - demonstration of 'spin-frozen' condition, how to cancel the muon g-2 precession by applying an electric field

## □ Geometry:

- **OLAP:** debugging tool for overlapping geometries

## □ Hadronic:

- **Hadr00:** example demonstrating the usage of G4PhysListFactory to build physics list and usage of G4HadronicProcessStore to access the cross sections

# Extended Examples

## □ **Medical Applications:**

- **DICOM:** geometry set-up using the G4 interface to DICOM image format
- **fanoCavity:** radioactive dose deposition inside cavity from gamma beam (Fano Theorem)
- **fanoCavity2:** same as above but for an electron beam

## □ **Optical Photons:**

- **wls:** application simulating the propagation of photons inside a wave length shifting (WLS) fiber

## □ **Parameterisations:**

- **Gflash:** demonstrates the use of the GFLASH parameterisation library to parameterise EM showers in matter

## □ **Persistency:**

- **GDML:** example set illustrating import and export of a detector geometry with GDML
- **P01:** storing calorimeter hits using reflection mechanism with ROOT

# Extended Examples

- **Polarisation**
  - **Pol01**: interaction of polarized beam (e.g. circularly polarized photons) with polarized target
- **Radioactive Decay**
  - **Exrdm**: decays of radioactive isotopes as well as induced radioactivity resulted from nuclear interactions
- **Run & Event**
  - **RE01**: information between primary particles and hits and usage of user-information classes
  - **RE02**: demonstration of primitive scorers
  - **RE03**: use of UI-command based scoring; showing how to create parallel world(s) for defining scoring mesh(es)

# *Extended Examples Documentation*

WebPages

(UsersGuide Chapter 9.2)

<http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/ch09s02.html>

# Advanced examples

realistic applications of Geant4 in typical experimental environments.

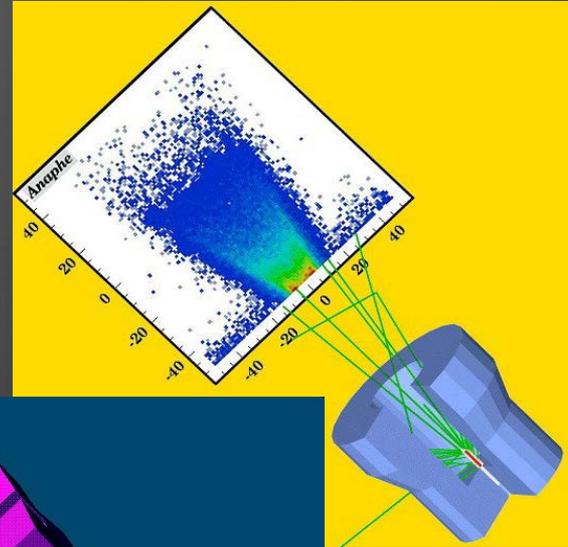
Most of them also show the usage of analysis tools ,  
various visualization features and advanced user interface facilities

**Note:** Maintenance and updates of the code is under the responsibility of the authors. These applications are therefore not subject to regular system testing and no guarantee can be provided.

- Located in [\\$G4INSTALL/examples/advanced](#)
  
- **Medical:** brachytherapy, hadrontherapy, nanobeam, microdosimetry
- **Space/Astrophysics:** xray\_telescope
- **High Energy Physics (HEP):** lAr\_calorimeter (the Forward Liquid Argon Calorimeter - FCAL - of the ATLAS detector at the LHC)
  
- **Physics**
  - **xray\_fluorescence:** illustrating the emission of X-ray fluorescence and PIXE
  - **Rich:** simulating the test beam setup of the Rich detector at the LHCb experiment, testing the performance of the aerogel radiator (Cerenkov)

# Examples in the bio-medical physics field

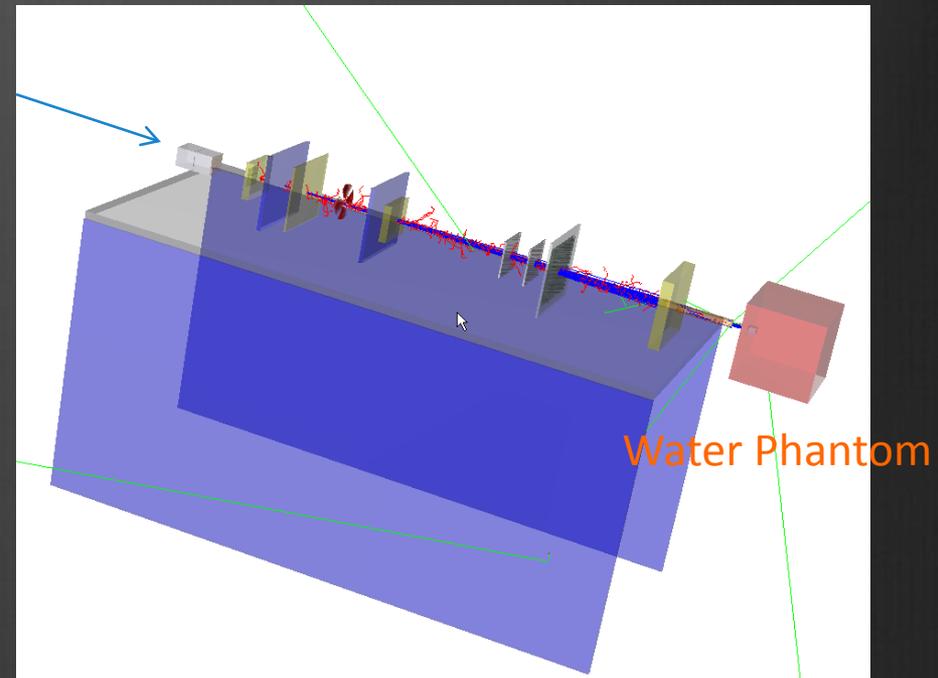
- Brachytherapy
- Hadrontherapy
- Human\_phantom
- Medical\_linac
- Purging\_magnet
- Microbeam
- Microdosimetry
- Nanobeam



# Hadron Therapy

- Specifically developed to address typical needs related to the proton and ion therapy
- Proton passive beam line
- Geometry for the IAEA benchmark
- Physics Process
  - Reference Physics Lists
  - Specific 'local' physics list for the ion-ion interactions

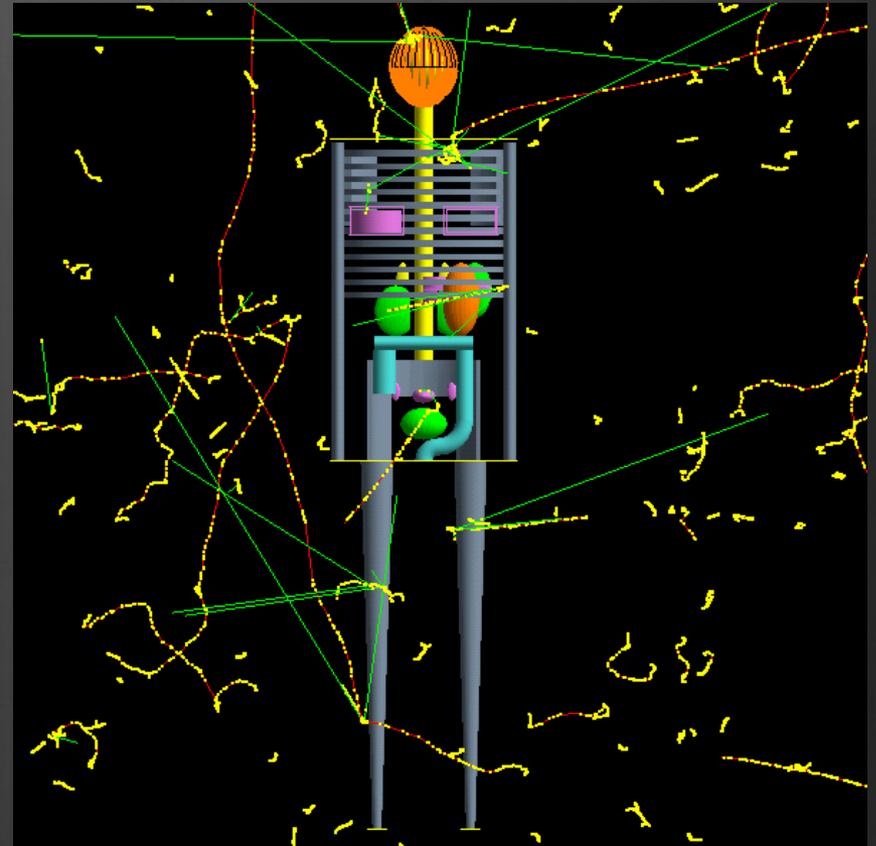
Proton beam line for eye-treatments installed at the INFN-LNS facility in Catania



# Human Phantom

- Anthropomorphic phantoms for Geant4 simulations
- Two models are available
  - MIRD and ORNL
  - Male and Female for each model
- Some geometries are implemented through GDML
- Physics Processes
  - Standard EM processes

MIRD Female Phantom with particle tracks



# *Advanced Examples Documentation*

WebPages

(UsersGuide Chapter 9.3)

<http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/ch09s03.html>

# *Advanced Examples Documentation*

**Advanced Examples Working Group Page:**

[http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/collaboration/working\\_groups/advanced\\_examples/](http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/collaboration/working_groups/advanced_examples/)

**Advanced Examples Twiki Pages:**

<http://geant4advancedexampleswg.wikispaces.com/>

**Advanced Examples Documentation:**

<http://geant4advancedexampleswg.wikispaces.com/ExamplesDocumentation>

# Summary

- Installation and Application Developers Guides tell you how to get started building and running a simulation
- There are 7 novice examples ranging from very easy to complex
  - Can use these as templates for your application
  - A cross reference browser (LXR) is available for studying source code (also doxygen)
  - A user forum is available for sharing ideas, asking questions