Geant4: Electromagnetic Processes 2

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•Geant4 cuts •Stopping powers and ranges •Hadron and Ion ionization •Fluctuations •Multiple scattering •G4 validation

Introduction remarks

- Energy spectrum of δ -electrons ~ $1/T^2$
- Energy spectrum of Bremsstahlung ~ $1/\omega$
- Huge number of low energy e- and gammas cannot be tracked by any Monte Carlo
- Cuts should be used



Geant4 cuts

- No tracking cuts, only production thresholds
- Cuts can be established now only for gamma, electrons, and positrons
- Thresholds for production of secondaries are expressed in range, universal for all media,
 - Range 10 keV gamma in Si ~ 2 cm
 - Range of 10 keV electron in Si ~ 2 microns
- Energy thresholds for a material is calculated from this cut in range.
- From G4 5.1 a possibility to set a cut by G4Region have been implemented

G4 cuts

- For a typical process G4Ionisation production threshold T_c subdivides continues and discrete part of energy loss:
- Energy loss
- δ-electron production

- $\frac{dE}{dx} = n \int_{0}^{T_{c}} t \frac{d\sigma(t)}{dt} dt$
- By default energy is deposited at the step
- Energy loss can be used optionally for d^{t} generation of δ -electrons under the threshold (subcutoff) and for fluorescence and Augerelectrons emission

G3/G4 cuts in Pb/Ar calorimeter



Remarks about G4 cuts

- The use of production threshold is mandatory only for ionization and bremsstahlung processes
- Other processes can use or ignore G4 cuts
- Alternative mechanism is UserLimits, which can be defined in a given G4LogicalVolume:
 - Maximum step size
 - Maximum track length
 - Maximum track time
 - Minimun kinetic energy
 - Minimum range

Energy loss and range tables

- 2 processes contribute to e⁺ or e⁻ continues energy loss:
 - Ionization
 - Bremsstrahlung
- 3 process for μ^{\pm} energy loss:
 - Ionization
 - Bremsstrahlung
 - e⁺e⁻ pair production
- To achieve CPU performance dE/dx tables are calculated as a sum of all contributed losses
- Range and inverse range tables are calculated from dE/dx tables



Stopping powers and ranges

- At initialization stage dE/dx, R(E), and E(R) tables are calculated for all materials and basic particles e⁻, e⁺, μ⁻, μ⁺, p, pbar
- For heavy particles ionization is a function of only velocity, so scaling relation is applicable
- At run time dE/dx, R(T), T(R) for hadrons and ions are calculated using scaling T_p=T·m_p/m



Stopping powers and ranges

- Scaling is applicable to all types of ions
- Initialization should be redone if run conditions are changed:
 - New basic particle
 - New material
 - New cut



Straggling

- At each step of charged particle after calculation of average energy deposition the sampling of energy is performed
- Two fluctuation models
 are used
 - Bohr fluctuations for "thick" absorber regime
 - Urban fluctuations for "thin" absorber regime
- Small cut Bohr fluctuations



Multiple Scattering

- Long evolution from G4 3.2 to G4 5.2
- L.Urban is developing a combine model which applicable for case of big scattering angles
- Both multiple Coulomb scattering and hard Rutherford scattering
- Boundary algorithm for backscattering







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Multiple Scattering

- Provides step limit near the boundary of the volume
- Sample transverse displacement at end point of the step
- Sample scattering
 angle



Electron ionization in media Geant4/Sandia data

- Backscattering and energy deposition profiles in semi-infinite media are directly connected
- Correct energy profile and backscattering are achieved when boundary algorithm is applied



G3/G4 data comparisons

- From the beginning of G4 the comparisons G3/G4 have been doing permanently
- Usually G4 is close to the data or is close to G3 predictions
- Currently focus on comparison with the data



Geant4 electron response in ATLAS calorimetry

- Geant4 reproduces the average electron signal in all ATLAS calorimeters very well (±1%)
- Signal fluctuations are very well simulated
- stochastic term: G4 and data similar



Conclusion remarks

- Geant4 electromagnetic model based on new conception: *universal cut in range*
- Geant4 is not a frozen program it is a free toolkit, which allows to implement any new model or alternative process
- Geant4 electromagnetic physics is well tested and demonstrates a good quality for HEP applications
- In some cases Geant4 provide physics which is absent in Geant3, in others – more precise models