
ATLAS-Geant4 Collaboration
on
G4 Physics Comparison Projects

Geant4 Review
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Introduction

■ Geant4 Physics Validation

- This is a major milestone in ATLAS Simulation.
- The goal of the validation is to convince ourselves that we trust Geant4 at least as much as GEANT3, such that we can use Geant4 for our data production.
- The time scale of this activity was originally set by the end of 2001.
 - ← *However, it is certain that we need more time to reach the goal.*

■ Two activities for G4 physics validation in ATLAS

- ① Collaboration projects with the Geant4 team.
- ② ATLAS' own internal activity.

Collaboration projects with the Geant4 team

■ **Call for 'Expression of Intent' on collaboration to study G4 physics by the G4 team**

← *24th February, 2000.*

■ **ATLAS' EoI**

- Date of submission

← *28th March, 2000.*

- Detectors to be studied:

- EM barrel calorimeter (EMB)
- Hadronic endcap with forward calorimeter (HEC/FCAL)
- Hadronic barrel calorimeter (TileCal)

← *Limited only to the calorimeter type after discussion with the G4 team..*

- Type of physics to be studied and data to be used

- All physics processes related to these three detectors.
- Test beam data available for three detectors.

Kickoff of Atlas-G4 collaboration

■ Date of kickoff

← 28th June, 2000

■ Three project teams established

- EMB

G4: M. Maire, G. Cosmo, K. Amako (contact person)

Atlas: LAL-Orsay, Grenoble, BNL, Nevis

- HEC/FCal

G4: L. Urban, V. Grichine, F. Jones (contact person)

Atlas: Univ. of Montreal

- TileCal

G4: G.Folger, H.Fesefeldt, H.Krashige (contact person)

Atlas: IHEP, Barcelona

■ Some agreements

- Results of studies will be published.
- Code developed during the collaboration will be used by the Geant4 team in a standard test procedure to release new G4 codes.

ATLAS' Own Internal Studies

■ Issues of the ATLAS-Geant4 collaboration

- ATLAS needs to work on G4 physics validation not only on calorimeters but also on inner tracker, muon spectrometer, etc.
- For these studies ATLAS also needs a close contact with the G4 team.
- How to satisfy this need?

[Pragmatic solution]

- *To organize a regular joint meeting of ATLAS and Geant4.*
- *There we discuss not only the calorimeter related studies but also the inner trackers and muon spectrometers.*

■ Joint ATLAS-Geant4 regular meeting

- Monthly meeting participated by
 - *simulation people from **all ATLAS subsystem detectors**,*
 - *Geant4 team members especially from the physics category*
- So far we had 10 meetings including a 2-day workshop.
- More than 100 presentations on physics validation given so far.
 - *Quite a substantial effort by both ATLAS and G4 team.*
- These meetings provide
 - *an ideal place for close communication between ATLAS and G4,*
 - *seamless connection of all Geant4 related activities in ATLAS.*

Strategy of Validation

■ Strategy of studies

- Systematic studies, i.e. simple interaction to complicated one
 - muon → electron/gamma → hadrons
- Use simple but realistic geometry
 - ← test beam geometry is simple comparing to the ATALS full geometry and this makes comparison relatively easier.
- Four subsystem detector groups (IT, LiqAr, Tile, Muon) work in parallel and equally on
 - comparing Geant4 with test beam data,
 - comparing Geant4 with GEANT3 using the same geometry.

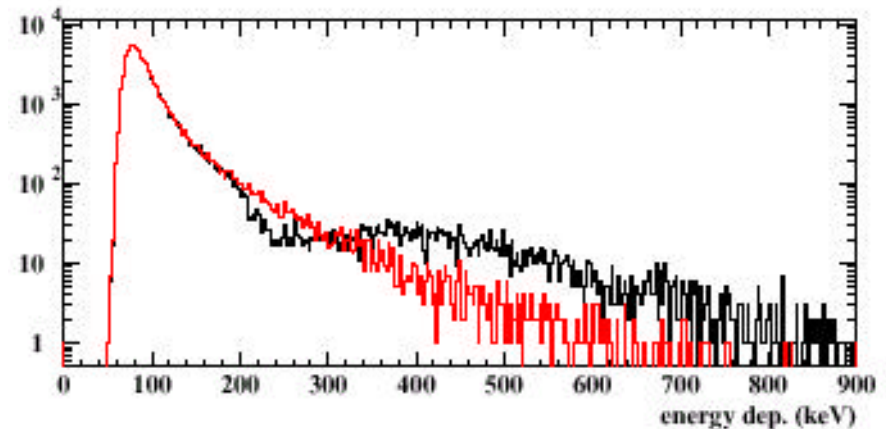
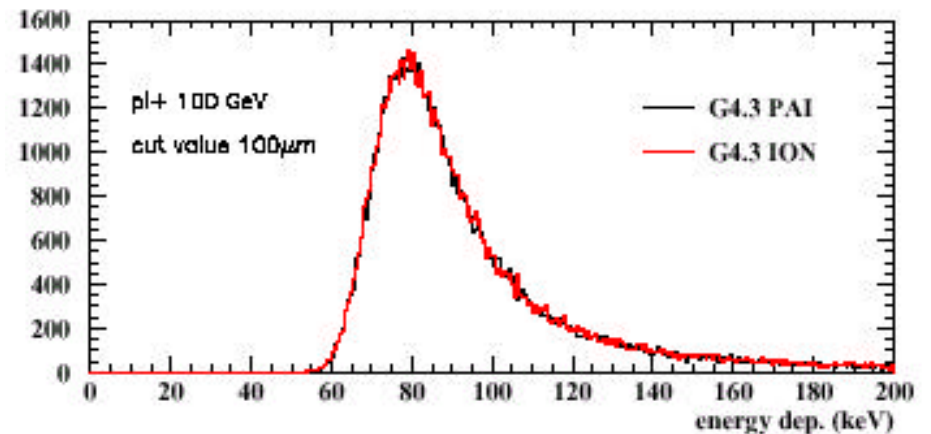
■ Presentations in this review

- In the following slides, I highlight some results by the IT and Muon groups.
- Results from the other detectors will be presented by
 - Liq. Ar → J. Collot
 - TileCal → A. Solodkov

Silicon Tracker

■ Energy deposition in thin silicon layers

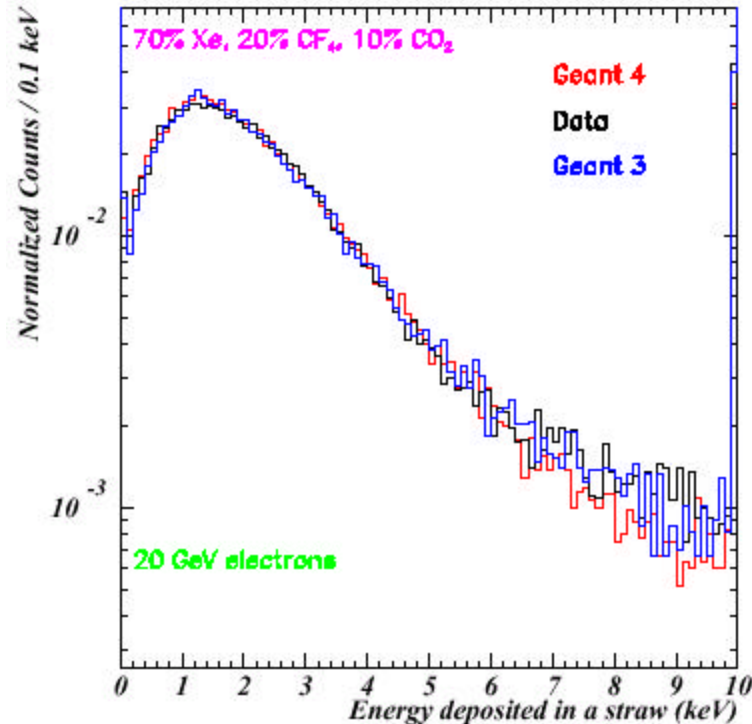
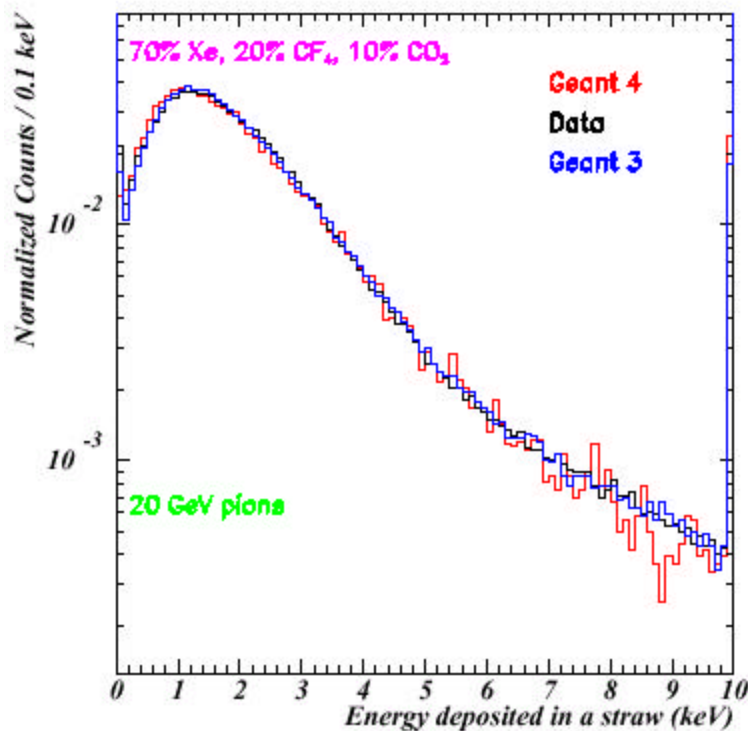
- Studies to compare the energy loss models in silicon detectors ($t=280\mu$)
 - G4 standard ionisation model vs. PAI model
- Gross features (peak, mean, width) are equivalent;
- PAI model has the funny shape in the Landau tail
 - ← Study continued by V. Grichine.



Transition Radiation Tracker

■ Ionization in TRT straws

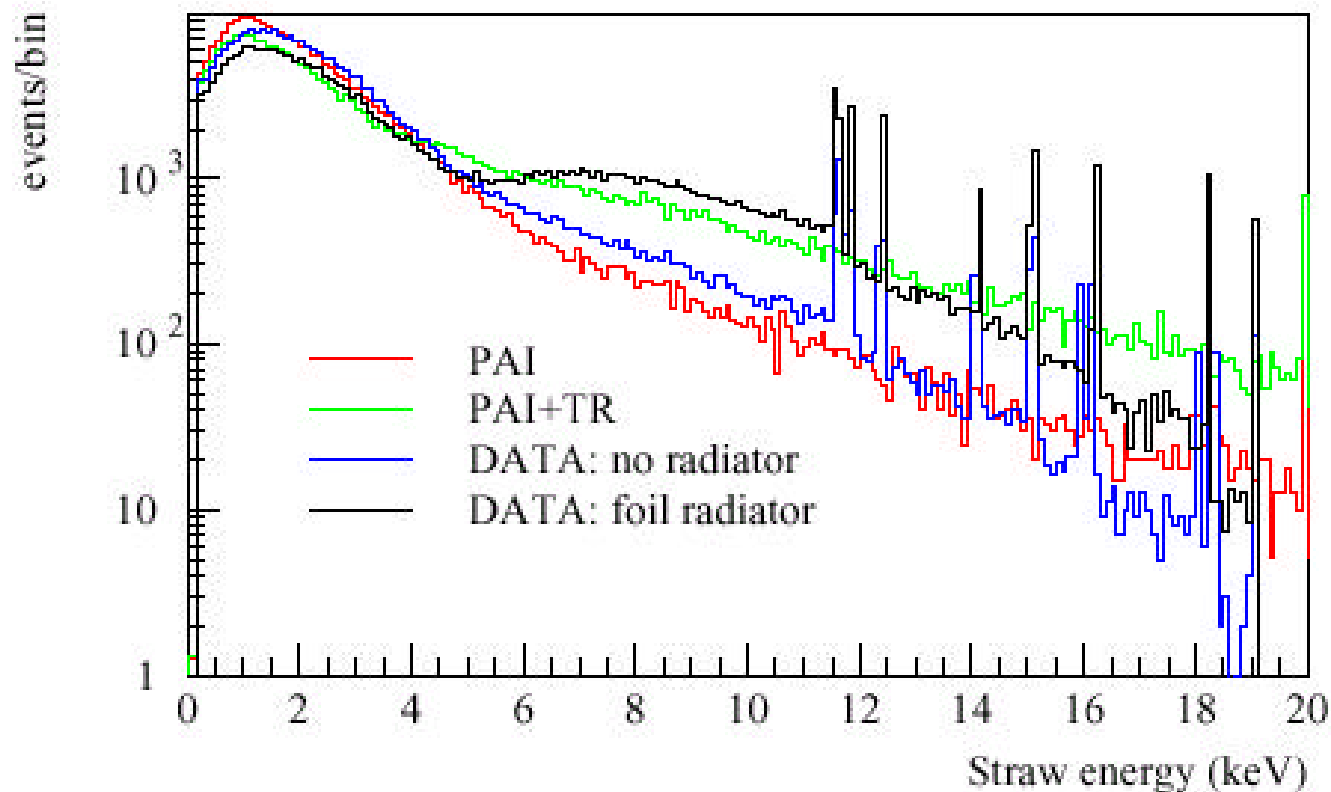
- Studies of the energy loss models in the TRT straws
 - PAI model in standard G4 PhysicsList vs. Parametrised model
- The cluster energy distribution is important in the study. Two models have identical cluster energy distribution, but # of clusters has a long tail for standard G4 process
 - ➔ treatment of d-rays from straw walls and central wire.
- However, this difference is not important in energy distribution in straw. After including detector effects (energy smearing), spectra for total deposited energy agree:



Transition Radiation Tracker

■ Transition radiation in TRT straws

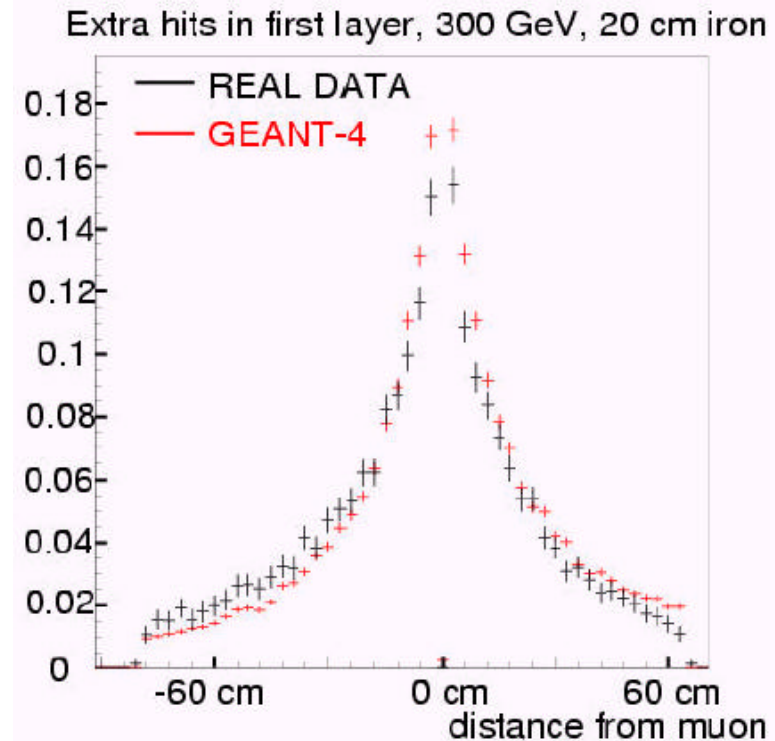
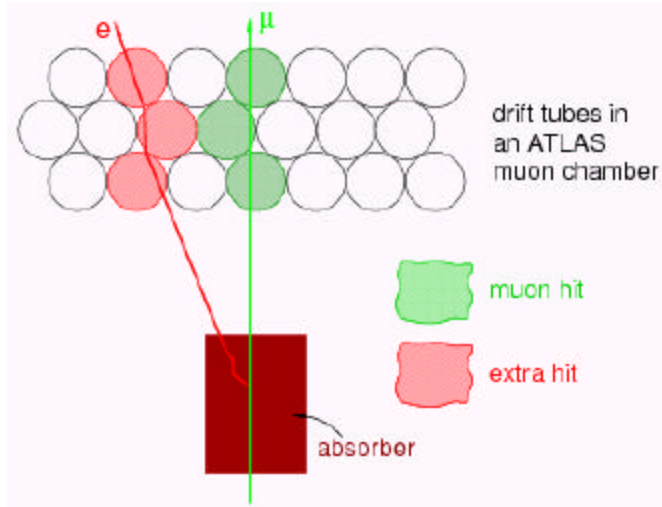
- Studies of energy deposition in TRT straws
 - Parametrised model is used.
- Agreement to data is not too good yet.
 - More work is needed to understand the differences and the inputs used in the model.:



Muon Spectrometer

■ Shower production by muons

- Studies the production of extra particles from muon-induced electromagnetic showers in absorbers placed in front of the muon chambers and compares to test beam data:
- Gross features are fairly reproduced (at the 10% level) for light absorber material (Al), less so for heavier material (Fe):



Remarks

- What I have shown is really a small portion of what we have done so far by the IT/Muon groups.
 - ← They have already accumulated a quite amount of comparison data. I simply couldn't show them because there is not enough time.
 - ← You can find slides of most presentations given in regular ATLAS-Geant4 meetings and minutes under the following web page:
<http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/GROUPS/SOFTWARE/OO/domains/simulation/G4PhysicsStudies/index.html>
- In parallel to the work of G4 physics validation, ATLAS already spent a quite huge amount of efforts to make use of G4 for serious simulation. These include
 - developing and optimizing subsystem geometry codes,
 - developing the ATLAS G4 simulation framework,
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 - ← *ATLAS as the whole already made a serious commitment to G4.*

Conclusions

- Monthly joint meetings by ATLAS and the G4 team provides an ideal place for close communication.
- Two activities in ATLAS, i.e.
 - official collaboration projects with the Geant4 team
 - ATLAS' own internal activities

are discussed equally in the meeting. This makes all Geant4 related works in ATLAS coherent, and practically the distinction between above two activities is “zero”.

- Study of electromagnetic processes
 - Large progress in understanding them since the beginning of the project.
 - However, there are still a lot of issues remain to be solved.
- Study of hadronic processes
 - Now we started to focus on this subject.
 - We expect it is much harder than the electromagnetic case.
 - ➔ *We need more time to reach the original goal.*