



ADVANCED EXAMPLES: UPDATES AND PLAN

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Advanced examples

Advanced examples are Users' applications that simulate a specific experimental setup

Wide experimental coverage:

- HEP (15%)
- Space science/astrophysics (20%)
- Medical physics and radiobiology (40%)
- Detector technologies and others (25%)

Wide Geant4 coverage:

- Geometry features
- Magnetic field
- Physics (EM and hadronic)
- Biological processes
- Hits & Digits
- Analysis
- Visualisation, UI

- Investigate, evaluate and demonstrate Geant4 capabilities in various experimental environments
- Provide guidance to Geant4 users in realistic experimental applications
- Provide connection between developers and users of GEANT4

Advanced examples WG – basic facts

coordinator: L. Pandola (INFN-LNS)

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- **15 members** (1.5 FTE in census 2016)
- **21 examples** (some examples moved to **extended**/ since 10.2)

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/Geant4/AdvancedExamples>

TWiki > ■ Geant4 Web > AdvancedExamples (2016-02-04, LucianoPandola)

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The Geant4 Advanced Examples Working Group

Welcome to the **official web site** of the **Geant4 collaboration Advanced Examples working group**.

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Purpose

The Advanced examples illustrate **realistic applications of Geant4** in typical experimental environments. They are developed in collaboration with user groups expert in the corresponding experimental domain. The examples code can be downloaded together with the Geant4 Toolkit in the directory `geant4/examples/advanced`

Examples, responsables and documentation

Examples and responsables (10.3.beta) – I

Example	Responsible	Description
air_shower	B.Tomè	Detection system for cosmic ray shower simulation
amsEcal	M.Maire	Simulation of an Electromagnetic calorimeter
brachytherapy	S.Guatelli	Dosimetry for endocavitary, interstitial and superficial brachytherapy
composite_calorimeter	A.Dotti	A composite electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeter
ChargeExchangeMC	A. Radkov	Simulation of charge exchange real experiment performed at the Petesburg Nuclear Physics Institute (PNPI, Russia)
eRosita	M.G.Pia, et el.	PIXE simulation with Geant4
gammaknife	F. Romano	A device for Stereotactic Radiosurgery with Co60 sources for treatment of cerebral diseases
gammaray_telescope	F.Longo	A simplified typical gamma-ray telescope (such as GLAST), with advanced description of the detector response
hadrontherapy	G.A.P.Cirrone, F. Romano	Simulation of a transport beam line for proton and ion therapy
human_phantom	S. Guatelli	Internal dosimetry

Examples and responsables (10.3.beta) – II

Example	Responsible	Description
lort_therapy	G.Russo	Simulation of a IORT device
IAR_Calorimeter	A.Dotti	Simulation of the Forward Liquid Argon Calorimeter of the ATLAS Detector at LHC
medical_linac	C.Andenna, et al.	A typical LINAC accelerator for IMRT,
microbeam	S.Incerti	Simulation of a cellular irradiation microbeam line using a high resolution cellular phantom
microelectronics	M. Raine	Simulation of tracks of few MeV protons in silicon
nanobeam	S.Incerti	Simulation of a nanobeam line facility
purging_magnet	J.Apostolakis	Electrons travelling through the magnetic field of a strong purging magnet in a radiotherapy treatment head
radioprotection	S.Guatelli, J. Davis	Microdosimetry with diamonds and silicium detectors for radioprotection in space missions
underground_physics	A.Howard	A simplified typical dark matter detector (such as the Boulby Mine experiment)
xray_fluerescence	A.Mantero	Elemental composition of material samples through X-ray fluorescence spectra
xray_telescope	G.Santin	A simplified typical X-ray telescope (such as XMM-Newton or Chandra)

Recent updates and developments

- General **maintainance** and **cleaning** of obsolete methods/physics
 - Changed physics in `gammaray_telescope`, `composite_calorimeter` and `undeground_physics`
 - Minor revision of `hadrontherapy`
- Migration to **g4analysis** tools and **MT**
 - `iort_therapy` last to be migrated to g4tools
 - 18/21 examples have g4analysis tools
 - 16/21 examples support MT
- Recent/foreseen **specific updates** on
 - **C++11** specific features
 - Hadrontherapy
 - New round of **validation** with fresh dedicated data at >2 energies, within the **G4MSBG group**
 - **Code clean-up**, full implementation of RBE/LET
 - Brachytherapy
 - Validation against AAPM **Task Group 43** Report
 - **New source model** and data for intercomparison

Critical items

- Advanced examples are typically **complex** Geant4 applications
 - Maintenance and upgrade **not-so-easy** by people other than the original developer(s)
- Some examples are *de-facto* **orphans**
 - Still, some of them are "references" in the respective communities, so not viable to drop them from the release
 - Only a few examples actively developed
- The design is **old** and **not tailored to MT**
 - Migration possible (and done), but not straightforward/natural
- Demonstrate **g4analysis** and **C++11 features**
 - e.g. G4Parameter and g4tools, which also help MT-compliance
 - **Major upgrades** should be performed by original developer(s)
 - This is a problem for orphan examples, but also for others (people are usually overbooked).
 - **Minor things doable**: **override**, **auto**, etc. → still, manpower issue

Brachytherapy validation



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- D. Cutajar, S. Guatelli, J. Poder
- The **TG43 report** recommends the **dose rate for a cylindrical source** be expressed in 2D coordinates in terms of **separable functions**

$$D^*(r, \theta) = S_k \cdot \lambda \cdot [G(r, \theta) / G(r_0, \theta_0)] \cdot \overset{\text{Radial dose}}{\vec{g}(r)} \cdot \overset{\text{Anisotropy function}}{F(r, \theta)}$$

- **Implement calculation** in brachytherapy according to the recommendations
- **Compare** results from Geant4 against Granero data (2007) used for source consensus data for TG43 based dose planning systems (ESTRO.org)
 - Flexisource ¹⁹²Ir **Brachytherapy** Source 
 - **Reference data** and **ROOT macros** to compare Geant4 vs. data included in the release (radial dose and anisotropy) 

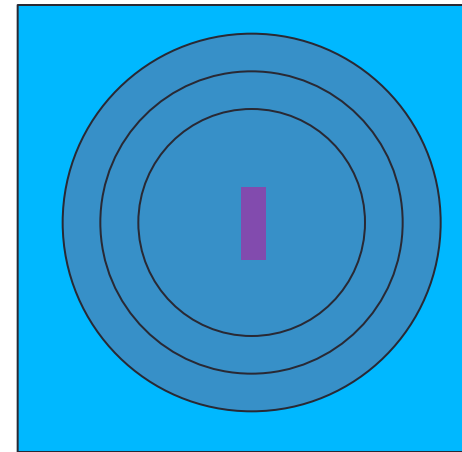
Brachytherapy MC simulation

- Source placed in the centre of an 80x80x80 cm³ **liquid water** phantom
- 200 concentric **scoring shells** surround the source
 - From 1 mm to 20 cm radius
 - Thickness: 0.1mm
- The user can switch different **EM physics lists**
 - Standard option 3, 4, Livermore, Penelope
- Energy deposition within the shells
- **Radial Dose Function** and **Anisotropy Function** data calculated from the dose deposition

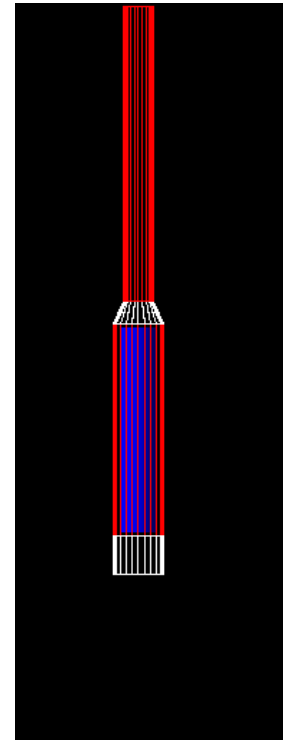
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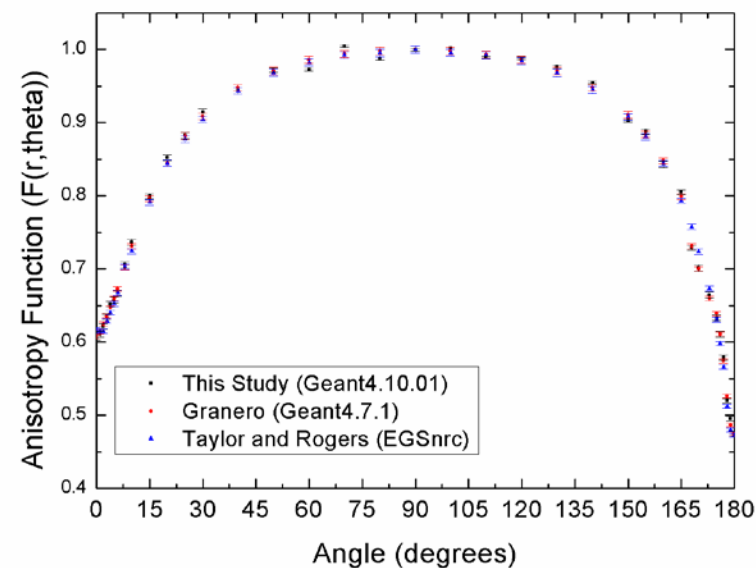
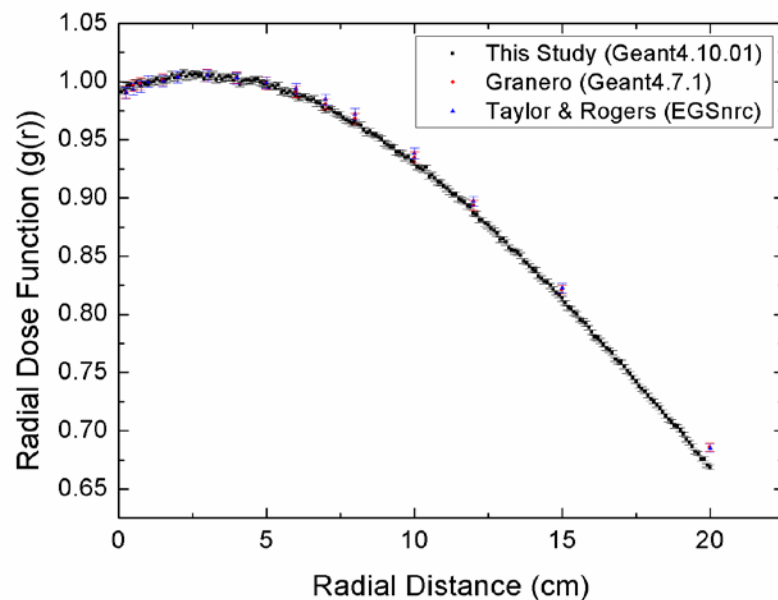
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Brachytherapy validation - results

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 - Max discrepancy beyond 0.7% at 20cm
- Anisotropy functions for 1cm radial distance
 - Largest errors at sharp angles (lower statistics)

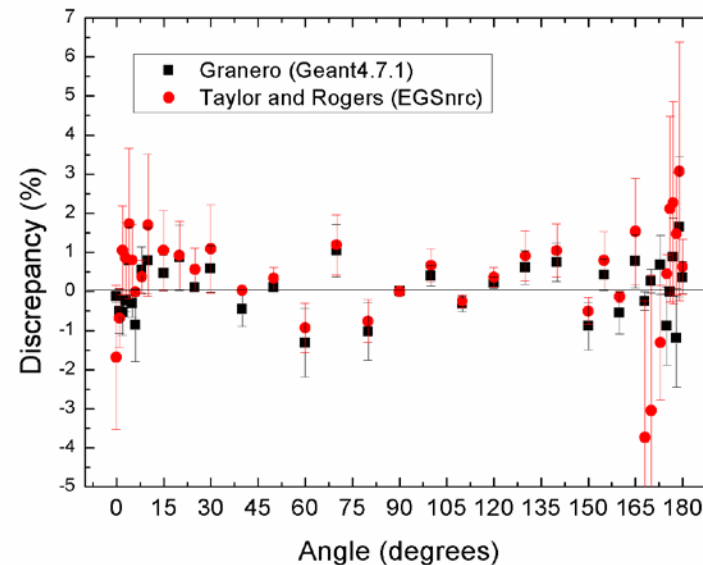
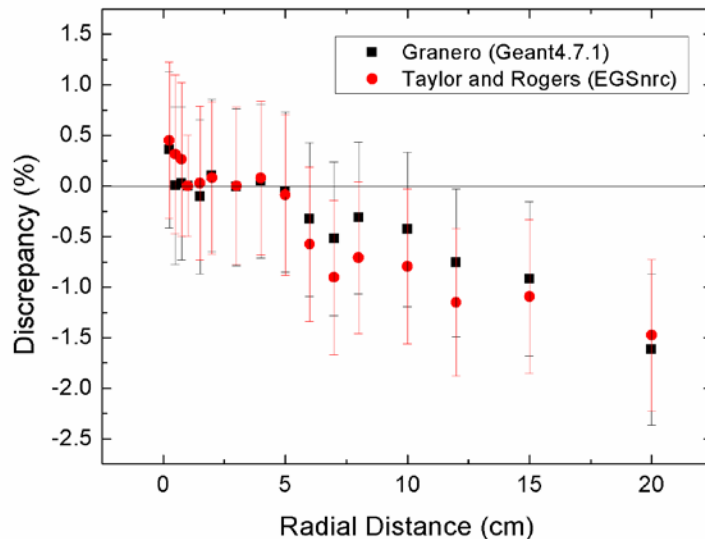
Geant4 10.1
 10^{10} histories



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Worplan for 2016

- Maintenance and bug fix (1,2)
- Introduction of some C++11 specific features/utilities in the examples (2) [*]
- Validation and implementation in hadrontherapy of the LTE/RBE modeling derived by experimental measurements (2)
- Testing suite against the TG43 reference by using the brachytherapy advanced example (2)
- Introduction of the Polarized physics list in the GammaRayTel example, to build an experiment for polarised gamma detection (2)
- Include a specific nuclear medicine use-case within the example human phantom (2) [*]

Summary and conclusions

- Situation a bit **too much *static***, also due to many **orphan** examples
 - Only a **few examples** are **regularly followed** by the original developers
- **Major work performed** in the past few years with **g4analysis** and **MT** migrations
 - The **vast majority** of the examples have now **g4tools** and are **MT-compliant**
 - Next steps will be a **basic demonstration of C++11 functionalities** and a better integration of g4analysis tools (in the MT perspective)
- **Basic maintainance** and **bug fixing** are performed and guaranteed
- **Difficult to plan major upgrades**, especially for the orphans

BACKUP

Migration to g4tools (2016)

air_shower	lort_therapy
ams_Ecal	lAr_Calorimeter
brachytherapy	medical_linac
composite_calorimeter	microbeam
ChargeExchangeMC	
	nanobeam
eRosita	purging_magnet
gammaknife	radioprotection
gammaray_telescope	underground_physics
hadrontherapy	xray_fluorescence
human_phantom	xray_telescope
	microelectronics

Migration to MT (2016)

air_shower	lort_therapy
ams_Ecal	lAr_Calorimeter
brachytherapy	medical_linac
composite_calorimeter	microbeam
ChargeExchangeMC	
	nanobeam
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	microelectronics

Summary and conclusions

- General review of the code and maintenance
- Bug fixes
- New developments have been carried out
- New Twiki web page available
- More than 75% of the examples migrated both to G4tools and MT (just a few still remaining)