
Full Simulation: status and perspectives

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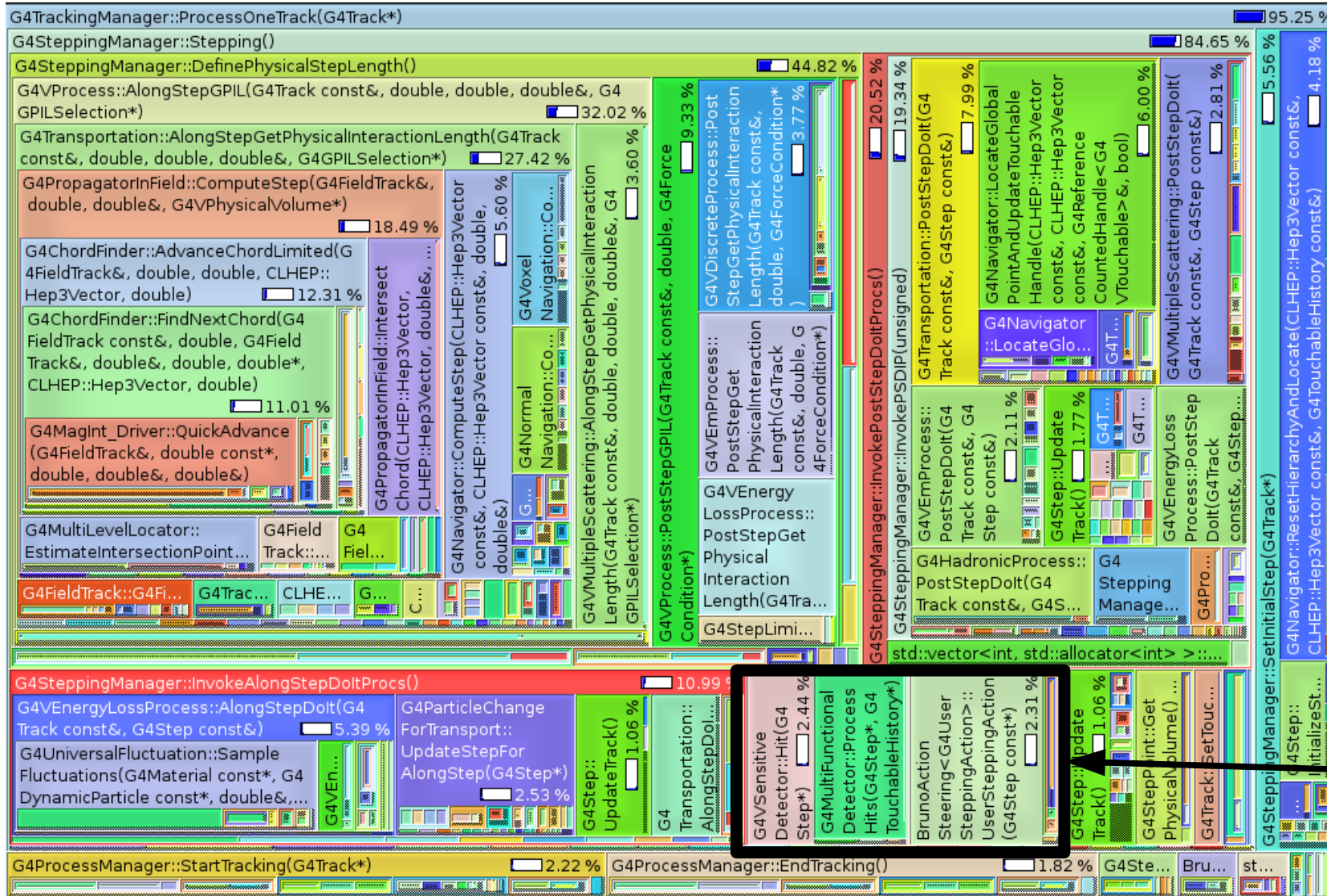
Bruno: status

- Bruno has been used in the last production
 - Very first “real life” use
- I think it is fair to say that it was a success
 - Both the basic operation modes (full-fast and full-full) extensively tested, with no big problems
 - In full-fast, a bug on the Bruno side caused some duplication of information, but the results have already been corrected offline
 - In full-full, a handful of jobs crashed due to navigation problems, which of course should be investigated, but honestly it's not really a major issue
 - Detectors have already provided feedback and requested new tunings to be applied to the next production

Bruno: profiling

- Started to have a look at the performance of Bruno from the software point of view
- Several very useful tools already existing
- Will show here something obtained with *callgrind*
 - A *valgrind* “flavour”, which tells you how the processing time is used, i.e. how much of it is being spent in each function
 - Extremely powerful
 - Extremely slow
- Results refer to single particle (electrons) simulation job
- Time counters are reset after the BeginOfRun, in order to discard the initialization time and focus on event processing

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Hit production, MCTruth processing

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- Most of the processing time goes into G4 internals (physics, geometry, magnetic field)
- Bruno's overhead is limited to ~5%
 - Basically only hit production and MCTruth recording
 - Remarkable, but to be checked with different events
- This can mean three things
 - We are not adding much to the basic G4 functionality (true)
 - What we are adding, we are adding carefully (*probably* true)
 - The physics part (production cuts) is not optimized yet, i.e. its fraction is somewhat overestimated, i.e. Bruno's impact is underestimated (true)

Future perspectives

- Tuning of *existing* functionality
 - MCTruth information: what is needed? What is useless?
 - Step length limitations: where? Why? How much? May require dedicated productions.
 - Production cuts
 - Can staged simulation help in some of these issues?
- Implementing what is *missing*
 - Are we happy with our EDM (the format of the output file)?
 - What about detector description?
 - Any hope of simulating something different from RadBhabha and single particles?
 - How to overlay events then?
 - AOB?

What about re-packaging?

- A longstanding issue...
- Basic package structure and build system already setup (thanks Roberto!)
 - Presently Bruno code splitted into two code packages and one “runtime” package containing macros and geometry
 - Compilation runs smoothly, and the resulting binary produces the same results as the non-splitted version
- Only limitation to complete re-packaging and final migration is manpower
 - Persons who should take take of it are pretty overloaded with other tasks

Bruno: tunings
