

GEANT-4 GPU Port:

Design Document

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of GEANT4-GPU is to reduce the computation times of particle simulations.

1.2 Description

The project aims to improve the computation times of GEANT4 particle simulations by running simulations on the GPU. GEANT4-GPU will allow users to build GEANT4 with an enable GPU acceleration option. Our implementation will be available on Mac, Linux and Windows operating systems with NVIDIA graphics cards. GEANT4-GPU must be able to do particle simulations much faster than running the simulations on a GEANT4 build that runs entirely on the CPU.

1.3 Scope

The scope of GEANT4-GPU will be limited to Engineering Physics simulations; particularly those that make use of the NeutronHPVector class.

Revision History

All major edits to this document will be recorded in the table below.

Table 1: Revision History

Description of Changes	Author	Date
Set up sections and filled out Introduction section	Matthew	2015-12-15

2 Anticipated and unlikely changes

2.1 Likely Changes

2.2 Unlikely Changes

3 Module Hierarchy

4 Connection between requirements and design

5 Traceability matrices

6 MIS of NeutronHPVector

6.1 Interface Syntax

6.2 Exported Access Programs

6.3 Interface Semantics

6.3.1 State Variables

6.3.2 Environment Variables

There are no environment variables for this Module.

6.3.3 Assumption

6.3.4 Access Program Semantics

7 MIS of CMake Files

7.1 Interface Syntax

7.2 Exported Access Programs

7.3 Interface Semantics

7.3.1 State Variables

useCuda : Bool

7.3.2 Environment Variables

NeutronHPVectorGPU.cu : cuda file with GPU code

7.3.3 Assumption

7.3.4 Access Program Semantics