



# Physics I: Physics Lists

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#### **Outline**

- Introduction
- The G4VUserPhysicsList class
- Modular physics lists
- Pre-packaged or reference physics lists



# Introduction

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- > It is one of the three mandatory classes that must exist in your simulation:
  - Remember, the two other ones are
    - > detector construction and
    - primary generation action.



#### Why Do We Need a Physics List?

- > Physics is physics: shouldn't Geant4 provide, as a default, a complete set of physics processes that everyone can use?
- > No, as we can only deal with models:
  - there are many different physics models and approximations
    - very much the case for hadronic physics
    - > but also true for electromagnetic physics
  - "finite" computation speed is an issue
    - > You have to balance computation speed against physics details
  - a given application is only interested in some "physics range":
    - Most medical applications do not want multi-GeV physics
    - > HEP applications do not care about details of atomic shells
- > Physics lists are meant to "compose" consistent sets of physics models to respond to well defined use cases.



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- > They cover most of the "use cases", and are part of the routine testing and validation of Geant4 (more on Friday, session X)
  - Reference physics lists are the most tested
  - Some of them are used in (heavy) production by experiments
  - More on this Friday, session X
- > But often users (you) want to customize their physics lists
  - And this is possible in Geant4
- > This customization is possible at various levels of granularity
- And for this, you need to know about "physics list".



#### The G4VUserPhysicsList class

The fundamental class



#### **G4VUserPhysicsList**

- > G4VUserPhysicsList is the base class for physics list
- > It defines three mandatory (pure virtual) methods:
  - ConstructParticle():
    - > choose all the particles you need in your simulation
  - ConstructProcess():
    - for each particle, assign all the physics processes needed in your simulation
    - > What's a process ?
      - a class that implements how a particle interacts with matter
      - more on this later
  - SetCuts():
    - > set the range cuts for secondary production
    - > What's a range cut ?
      - a production threshold for secondary particles
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- > These methods are called by the "run manager".

#### G4VUserPhysicsList: an example

Your physics list header hence looks like:

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```
#include "G4vUserPhysicsList.hh"

class MyPhysicsList: public G4vUserPhysicsList
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- Let's look at these method implementations
- and possible variations on these.

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## ConstructParticle() (1/2)

- You have several ways to implement this method.
- > The most granular approach:

```
void MyPhysicsList::ConstructParticle()
{
    G4Electron::ElectronDefinition();
    G4Proton::ProtonDefinition();
    G4Neutron::NeutronDefinition();
    G4Gamma::GammaDefinition();
    Eg:mandatory call to make the « gamma » particle type existing in memory
```

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       delete baryonConstructor;
       G4BosonConstructor* bosonConstructor =
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## ConstructProcess()

- > Process construction can also be made in several ways
  - Not showing everything here

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> For convenience here, we split ConstructProcess() as:

#### ConstructProcess(): ConstructEM()

```
void MyPhysicsList::ConstructEM()
  G4PhysicsListHelper* ph = G4PhysicsListHelper::GetPhysicsListHelper();
  theParticleIterator->reset():
  while( (*theParticleIterator)() )
     G4ParticleDefinition* particle = theParticleIterator->value();
        (particle == G4Gamma::Gamma() )
          ph->RegisterProcess(new G4GammaConversion(), particle);
          .... // add more processes
     ... // do electrons, positrons, etc.
}
```

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```
This is an helper tool: you can go even
void MyPhysicsList::ConstructEM()
                                              more granular, specifying the ordering
                                              execution of process methods.
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Be careful to do "new G4ProcessXXX" calls in ConstructProcess() or in methods called by it (ie, don't do "new" calls in physics list constructor, keeping pointers: this will crash in Multi-Threading mode!)

#### ConstructProcess(): ConstructGeneral()

```
void MyPhysicsList::ConstructGeneral()
{
  G4PhysicsListHelper* ph = G4PhysicsListHelper::GetPhysicsListHelper();
  // Add decay process
  G4Decay* theDecayProcess = new G4Decay();
  theParticleIterator->reset();
  while( (*theParticleIterator)() )
      G4ParticleDefinition* particle = theParticleIterator->value();
         (theDecayProcess->IsApplicable(*particle) )
          ph->RegisterProcess(theDecayProcess, particle);
  // Add other physics
}
```

#### ConstructProcess(): SetCuts()

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```
void MyPhysicsList::SetCuts()
  defaultCutValue = 0.7*mm;
  SetCutValue(defaultCutValue, "gamma");
  SetCutValue(defaultCutValue, "e-");
  SetCutValue(defaultCutValue, "e+");
  SetCutValue(defaultCutValue, "proton");
 //
 // These are the production cuts you need to set
 // - not required for any other particle
```



# Modular physics lists

Building physics lists by "physics modules"



# From flat list to "physics blocks"

- A realistic physics list has many particles and physics processes
  - Writing such a physics list as a "flat list" makes it long,
  - Complicated, hard to read,
  - And hard to maintain!
- Geant4 adopted a "modular physics list" approach:
  - Physics is organized by "physics modules"
    - EM physics, hadronic physics, optical physics, etc.
  - And you register the physics modules your are interested in in your "modular physics list"
- Still:
  - Starting from the base class G4VUserPhysicsList remains possible
  - You are free to use or not these functionalities
  - Again: this is a "toolkit" approach



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- > The "physics module" class itself is:

#### **G4VPhysicsConstructor**

- Which defines two methods:
  - virtual void ConstructParticle();
    - > As with G4VUserPhysicsList: it is to declare the particle types used
  - virtual void ConstructProcess();
    - > As with G4VUserPhysicsList: it is to associate processes to above particles
- AddTransportation() automatically called for all registered particles

#### **Example: FTFP\_BERT\_HP constructor**

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G4DataQuestionaire it(photon, neutron);
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 // Hadron Elastic scattering
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```
void G4EmExtraPhysics::ConstructProcess()
 void G4EmExtraPhysics::ConstructParticle()
  G4Gamma::Gamma();
  G4Electron::Electron();
                                                   if (synchOn)
                                                                    BuildSynch();
  G4Positron::Positron();
                                                   if (gammNucOn) BuildGammaNuclear();
  G4MuonPlus::MuonPlus();
                                                   if (muNucOn)
                                                                   BuildMuonNuclear();
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            pManager = G4Electron::Electron()->GetProcessManager();
            G4SynchrotronRadiation* theElectronSynch = new G4SynchrotronRadiation();
            pManager->AddDiscreteProcess(theElectronSynch);
```

#### **Physics Constructors Catalogue Overview**

Defined in geant4/source/physics\_lists/constructors

#### Physics constructors directories:

- decay
  - > Decay physics, radioactive decay
- electromagnetic
  - » « standard » & low energy EM, optical,DNA
- gamma\_lepto\_nuclear
  - > Gamma and lepto-nuclear + synchrotron
- hadron elastic
  - > Elastic hadronic physics, includes ions
- hadron\_inelastic
  - > Inelastics hadronic physics options
- ions
  - > Inelastic hadronic physics for ions
- stopping
  - At rest absorption physics

#### « Technical » constructors directory:

- limiters
  - Constructors to add special functionalities to physics lists
  - > Special cuts:
    - Add process to kill tracks by max time, min E kin, with a dedicated constructor for neutrons
  - > Biasing:
    - Options to add biasing processes or to bias physics processes
  - > Parallel world:
    - Activate simultaneous navigation in different & parallel geometries
  - Fast simulation:
    - Activate shortcut to standard tracking for fast simulation

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<u>Home</u> > <u>User Support</u> > <u>Process/model catalog</u> > <u>Physics Lists</u> > <u>Reference Physics Lists</u>

#### **Reference Physics Lists**

A web page recommending physics lists according to the use case is under construction. The previous version of physics list web pages referring to 'are still available.

#### String model based physics lists

These Physics lists apply a **string model** for the modeling of interactions of high energy hadrons, i.e. for protons, neutrons, pions and kaons above ~(5-25) GeV depending on the exact physics list. Interactions at lower energies are handled by one of the intranuclear cascade models or the precompound model. Nuclear capture of negative particles and neutrons at rest is handled using either the Chiral Invariant Phase Space (CHIPS) model or the Bertini intranuclear cascade. Hadronic inelastic interactions use:

- a tabulation of the Barashenkov pion cross sections
- · the Axen-Wellisch parameterization of the proton and neutron cross sections

The physics lists are:

#### QGSP and QGSP\_EMV

QGSP is the basic physics list applying the quark gluon string model for high energy interactions of protons, neutrons, pions, and Kaons and nuclei. The high energy interaction creates an exited nucleus, which is passed to the precompound model modeling the nuclear de-excitation.

QGSP EMV is identical to QGSP, but parameters of electromagnetic processes tuned to yield better cpu performance with only slightly less precision.

#### OGSC and OGSC EMV

As QGSP except applying CHIPS modeling for the nuclear de-excitation. In comparison to thin target experiments, this improves simulation of the nuclear de-excitation part of the interaction, resulting in slightly increased production of relatively low energy secondary protons (and neutrons).

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#### QGSP\_EFLOW

This variant of QGSC uses a different algorithm setting up the excited nucleus created by the high energy interaction resulting in a good description of target fragmentation products; comparisons to thin target data well reproduce the proton production rate in the nuclear fragmentation region.

#### QGSP\_BERT and QGSP\_BERT\_EMV

Like QGSP, but using Geant4 Bertini cascade for primary protons, neutrons, pions and Kaons below ~10GeV. In comparison to experimental data we find improved agreement to data compared to QGSP which uses the low energy parameterised (LEP) model for all particles at these energies. The Bertini model produces more secondary neutrons and protons than the LEP model, yielding a better agreement to experimental data.

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#### • <u>Be critical</u>:

- These lists are provided as a "best guess" of the physics needed in a given use case
- They receive quite feed-back from users helping in improving them
- Stay critical however: you are responsible for validating the physics for your own application!
- You may have to come to modify/adapt such a reference physics list for your dedicated application

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  - QGSP\_BIC, QGSP\_BIC\_HP, QGSP\_BIC\_AllHP
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Physics list factory

Shielding INCLXX

QGSP\_BIC\_HP

QGSP\_BERT

QGSP\_FTFP\_BERT



# Physics lists and the physics list factory

- > To make use of existing physics lists, you have two choices
- > You can instantiate the physics list, and set it to the run manager:

```
#include "FTFP_BERT.hh"
...
G4VModularPhysicsList* physicsList = new FTFP_BERT;
runManager->SetUserInitialization(physicsList);
```

- > Or you can use the "physics list factory" utility either:
  - Getting the physics list by name:

You can (and should) check before if this physics list name exists, with:

```
physListFactory.IsReferencePhysList("FTFP_BERT");
```

Or getting the physics from the environment variable PHYSLIST:

```
physicsList = physListFactory.ReferencePhysList();
```



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- All the particles, physics processes and production cuts needed for an application must go into a physics list
  - And you pass this physics list to the run manager
- Two kinds of physics list classes are available for users to derive from
  - G4VUserPhysicsList for relatively simple physics lists
  - G4VModularPhysicsList for advanced physics lists
- Pre-packaged physics lists are provided by Geant4
  - Electromagnetic physics lists
  - Electromagnetic + hadronic physics lists
  - ... and other options
  - These can be used as starting point in dedicated cases
  - You must be critical in choosing the physics to use