# Introduction to Geant4 Visualization and User Interface, part II

(based on Geant4.10.4)

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# Initialize kernel
/run/initialize
userDetector->Construct() start.
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             Imean: 823.000 eV temperature: 293.15 K pressure: 1.00 atm
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     ---> Isotope: H1 Z = 1 N = 1 A = 1.01 g/mole abundance: 99.989 %
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## The /vis/viewer/... Commands

- Set view angles
  - /vis/viewer/set/viewpointThetaPhi <theta\_angle> <phi\_angle>
  - for example
    - /vis/viewer/set/viewpointThetaPhi 90. 0.
- Zoom
  - /vis/viewer/zoom <scale factor>
  - for example
    - /vis/viewer/zoom 2.
- Reset viewpoint
  - /vis/viewer/reset
- Set drawing style
  - /vis/viewer/set/style <style>
  - for example
    - /vis/viewer/set/style wireframe
    - /vis/viewer/set/style surface
  - but note that this will not affect volumes that have style explicitly forced by "setForceWireframe" or "setForceSolid" commands in the C++ code

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#### Add axes and hits

## Axes, Trajectories and Hits

- Axes
  - /vis/scene/add/axes <x\_origin> <y\_origin> <z\_origin> <size> <units>
  - for example
    - /vis/scene/add/axes 0 0 0 1 m
- Trajectories
  - /vis/scene/add/trajectories
  - By default, trajectories are redrawn at every event
    - /run/beamOn 1
- Hits
  - /vis/scene/add/hits
    - Note that not all examples contain code to create hits, so in some cases this command will add nothing to the display

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#### Visualizing step points



## **Visualizing Step Points**

- By default, the trajectory is drawn just as a line
- To also show the step points:
  - /vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByCharge
  - /vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setDrawStepPts true
  - /vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setStepPtsSize 2
  - This syntax is complicated because it actually supports many more options on how trajectories and step points should be modeled. See Geant4 documentation for more details
- Trajectories and step points can contain additional, non-displayed information
  - such as particle id, momentum, etc.
  - shown when you pick on the trajectory in some visualization drivers.
- This set of information can be made richer by specifying rich trajectories:
  - /vis/scene/add/trajectories rich

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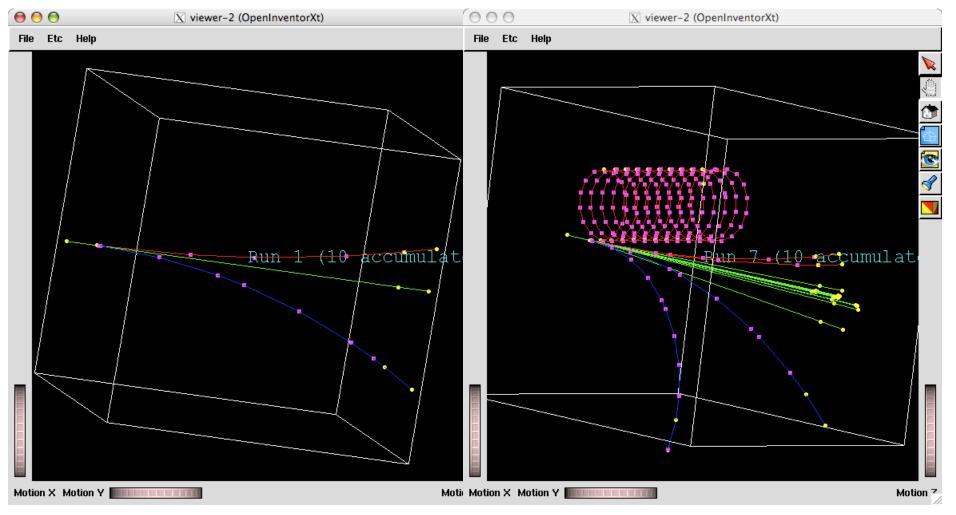
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#### **Smooth Trajectories**



# **Smooth Trajectory Makes Big Difference for Trajectories that Loop in a Magnetic Field**



- Yellow dots are the actual step points used by Geant4
- Magenta dots are auxiliary points added just for purposes of visualization

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#### Basic trajectory modeling



# **Basic Trajectory Modeling**

- By default, trajectories are color-coded by charge
  - positive = blue
  - neutral = green
  - negative = red
- But you can choose other modeling options, such as color by particle ID
  - /vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByParticleID
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- Right now, when you first turn on drawByParticleID, all particles are set to grey, and you then have to assign any colors you want.

#### main.cc

// Create and initialise visualization manager
G4VisManager\* visManager = new G4VisExecutive;
visManager->Initialize();

- Instantiate model
- Configure model
- Register with visualization manager

```
// Create new drawByParticleID model
G4TrajectoryDrawByParticleID* model =
   new G4TrajectoryDrawByParticleID;
```

```
// Configure model
model->SetDefault("cyan");
model->Set("gamma", "green");
model->Set("e+", "magenta");
model->Set("e-", G4Color(0.3, 0.3, 0.3));

//Register model with visualization manager
visManager->RegisterModel(model);
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#### Accumulating trajectories and hits

### **Accumulating Trajectories and Hits**

- By default, you will get a drawing after each event. To instead get just one drawing with all of the accumulated events from that run
  - /vis/scene/endOfEventAction accumulate
- This overrides the default
  - /vis/scene/endOfEventAction refresh
- To even suppress that one drawing from the end of the /run/beamOn, use
  - /vis/scene/endOfRunAction accumulate
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- When you actually want to draw, you then have to explicitly issue the command
  - /vis/viewer/flush

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/vis/scene/add/hits

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/create/particleFilter

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/add gamma

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/invert true

#/vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByParticleID

#/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByParticleID-0/set e- blue

#/vis/scene/endOfEventAction accumulate

/vis/viewer/set/autoRefresh true

/vis/verbose warnings

#/vis/viewer/flush

#### Filtering Trajectories



### **Filtering Trajectories**

- By default, all trajectories are drawn
- You apply a filter so that only certain trajectories are drawn:
  - /vis/filtering/trajectories/create/particleFilter
  - /vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/add gamma
- The above adds a filter that only allows gammas to draw
- To instead do the opposite, drawing everying except gammas, include the above, but also add the following:
  - /vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/invert true
- We'll cover more details on this in a later presentation (including how to filter hits)

#### /vis/open OGL 600x600-0+0

#/vis/open DAWNFILE

vis/viewer/set/autoRefresh false

/vis/verbose errors

/vis/drawVolume

/vis/viewer/set/viewpointThetaPhi 90. 0.

/vis/viewer/set/style wireframe

/vis/scene/add/axes 0 0 0 1 m

/vis/scene/add/trajectories smooth

/vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByCharge

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setDrawStepPts true

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setStepPtsSize 2

/vis/scene/add/hits

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/create/particleFilter

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/add gamma

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/invert true

#/vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByParticleID

#/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByParticleID-0/set e- blue

#/vis/scene/endOfEventAction accumulate

/vis/viewer/set/autoRefresh true

/vis/verbose warnings

#/vis/viewer/flush



reset to «true»

To force output of a new file

/vis/open OGL 600x600-0+0

#/vis/open DAWNFILE

vis/viewer/set/autoRefresh false

/vis/verbose errors

/vis/drawVolume

/vis/viewer/set/viewpointThetaPhi 90. 0.

/vis/viewer/set/style wireframe

/vis/scene/add/axes 0 0 0 1 m

/vis/scene/add/trajectories smooth

/vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByCharge

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setDrawStepPts true

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setStepPtsSize 2

/vis/scene/add/hits

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/create/particleFilter

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/add gamma

#/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/invert true

#/vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByParticleID

#/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByParticleID-0/set e- blue

#/vis/scene/endOfEventAction accumulate

/vis/viewer/set/autoRefresh true

/vis/verbose warnings

#/vis/viewer/flush

To turn off unwanted visualization messages on the console

## To Turn off Unwanted Visualization Messages

- You can control how many messages visualization puts on the console by:
  - /vis/verbose <level>
  - 0) quiet, // Nothing is printed.
    1) startup, // Startup and endup messages are printed...
  - 2) errors, // ...and errors...
  - 3) warnings, // ...and warnings...
  - 4) confirmations, // ...and confirming messages...
  - 5) parameters, // ...and parameters of scenes and views...
  - 6) all // ...and everything available.

## **Complete List of Commands**

- This presentation has shown only a very small subset of Geant4 vis commands. Even for those commands shown, only a few of the options have been presented.
- Each visualization driver may have its own set of additional commands.
- To see the complete set of commands, use the interactive command guidance (i.e., type help and then type the appropriate number for "vis").
- Note that many of the command details are only loaded into the help system once you start using the given command
  - e.g., when you first look at the help for /vis/modeling, you will see only
    - /vis/modeling/trajectories/create
    - /vis/modeling/trajectories/list
  - But once you have done your first
    - /vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByParticleID
  - you will see many subcommands such as
    - /vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByParticleID-0/set
    - /vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByParticleID-0/setRGBA
    - etc.

## **Compound Commands**

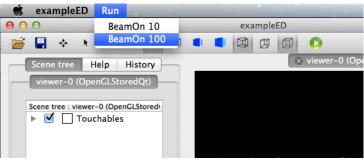
- To allow you to work quickly, Geant4 visualization lets you issue the equivalent of several common commands at one time by using a "compound command".
- Some of the commands you have already seen in this presentation are actually compound commands:
  - /vis/open
    - /vis/sceneHandler/create
    - /vis/viewer/create
  - /vis/drawVolume
    - /vis/scene/create
    - /vis/scene/add/volume
  - /vis/viewer/flush
    - /vis/viewer/refresh
    - /vis/viewer/update
- I mention this just so that you will understand other people's examples you see that may not contain the familiar /vis/open or /vis/drawVolume

## **Command Guidance**

- Complete guidance on all commands is available from the command line:
  - Idle> help
  - Command directory path : /
  - Sub-directories :
  - 1) /control/ UI control commands.
  - 2) /units/ Available units.
  - 3) /geometry/ Geometry control commands.
  - 4) /tracking/ TrackingManager and SteppingManager control commands.
  - 5) /event/ EventManager control commands.
  - 6) /run/ Run control commands.
  - 7) /random/ Random number status control commands.
  - 8) /particle/ Particle control commands.
  - 9) /process/ Process Table control commands.
  - 10) /vis/ Visualization commands.
  - 11) /mydet/ A01 detector setup control commands.
  - 12) /hits/ Sensitive detectors and Hits
  - 13) /gun/ Particle Gun control commands.
  - Commands :
  - Type the number ( 0:end, -n:n level back ) :
  - Guidance is hierarchical, providing full detail on all commands.

## Improve your GUI 1/2

- Add menus in your graphical user interface
  - /gui/addMenu Run Run
    /gui/addButton Run «BeamOn 10» «/run/beamOn 10»
    /gui/addButton Run «BeamOn 100» «/run/beamOn 100»

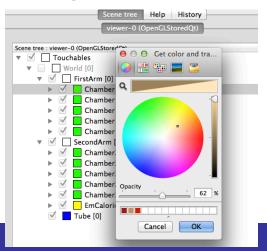


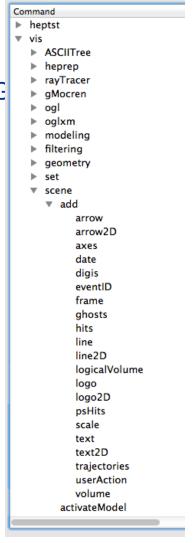
- Usually, commands setting GUI are grouped in a macro file called «gui.mac»
- Add icons in your GUI (available only for Qt driver):
  - /gui/addlcon
    - predefine icons: move, pick, zoom\_out, zoom\_in, rotate, hidden\_line\_removal, hidden\_line\_and\_surface\_removal, solid, wireframe, perspective, ortho
- User defined icons :
  - /gui/addlcon "Run beam on" user\_icon "/run/beamOn 1" run.png

## Improve your GUI 2/2

- Add extras :
  - Axes, Date, Scale, Text, Text2D...
- Export viewer in vectorial/non vectorial format (only for OpenG)
  - Change size up to 8192\*8192 (your max OpenGL card capacity)
  - /vis/ogl/export <name.format> <width> <height>
  - Available formats : eps/pdf/svg/ps, jpg, jp2, png, ...
- Change color on volumes
  - By GUI
  - By commands :

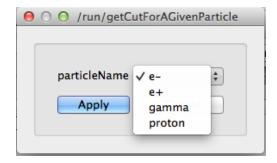
/vis/geometry/set/colour logical-volume-name depth red green blue opacity



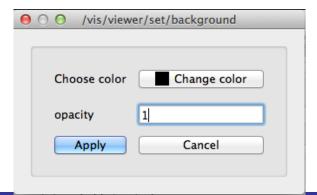


## Improve your GUI, Qt special

- /gui/addButton or /gui/addMenu without any parameters will open a popup to choose parameters
  - /gui/addButton Run "Set cuts for a given particle" "/run/ getCutForAGivenParticle"



/addButton Run "change background color" "/vis/viewer/set/background"



## Time slicing

Already in Geant4 since 2006! (By J. Allison)

- Activate instantiation of G4RichTrajectory
  - ExN03TrackingAction::PreUserTrackingAction
- exampleB4 visTutor/exN03Vis12.mac
  - a) Draw by charge with trajectory points
  - b) Draw by particle ID (remove γ's)
  - c) π-μ-e decay
- exampleB4 visTutor/exN03Vis13.mac
  - 10 GeV EM shower showing light front
  - Camera follows (pans) at speed of light

## Time slicing - Geant4 >=10.5

- /vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/ directory
- Guidance

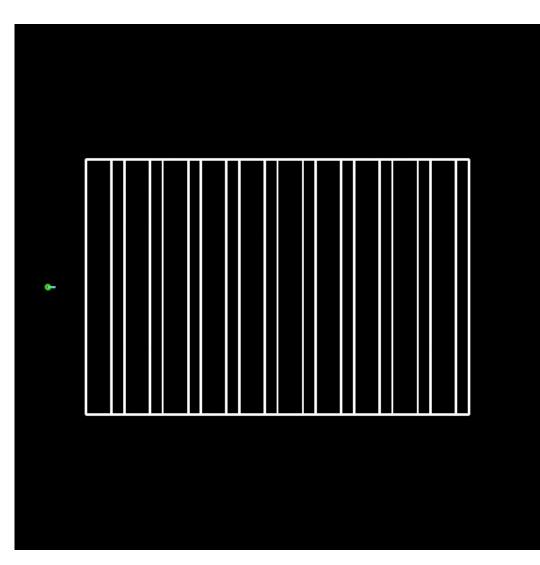
```
For these commands use 
/vis/scene/add/trajectories rich 
/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setTimeSliceInterval 0.01 ns 
then typically 
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/displayLightFront true 0 0 -50 cm -0.5 ns 
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/displayHeadTime true 
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/fadeFactor 1 
/run/beamOn # or several until you get a good event or events 
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/startTime 0 ns 1 ns 
/vis/viewer/save 
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/startTime 1 ns 1 ns 
then repeat with next start time, another view and a save, then try 
/vis/viewer/interpolate
```

# Time slicing - Geant4 <=10.4

- /vis/ogl/set/ directory
- Guidance

```
For these commands use 
/vis/scene/add/trajectories rich 
/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setTimeSliceInterval 0.01 ns 
then typically 
/vis/ogl/set/displayLightFront true 0 0 -50 cm -0.5 ns 
/vis/ogl/set/displayHeadTime true 
/vis/ogl/set/fade 1 
/run/beamOn # or several until you get a good event or events 
/vis/ogl/set/startTime 0 ns 1 ns 
/vis/ogl/set/startTime 1 ns 1 ns 
/vis/ogl/set/startTime 1 ns 1 ns 
/vis/ogl/export 
... 
then repeat with next start time, another view and a save...
```

## Time slicing



N04 hadronic physics

Interacts early (potential confusion with EM shower)

Produces EM shower, presumably via charge exchange to  $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ 

Neutrons also produced

 $\pi^+$  magenta

π- cyan

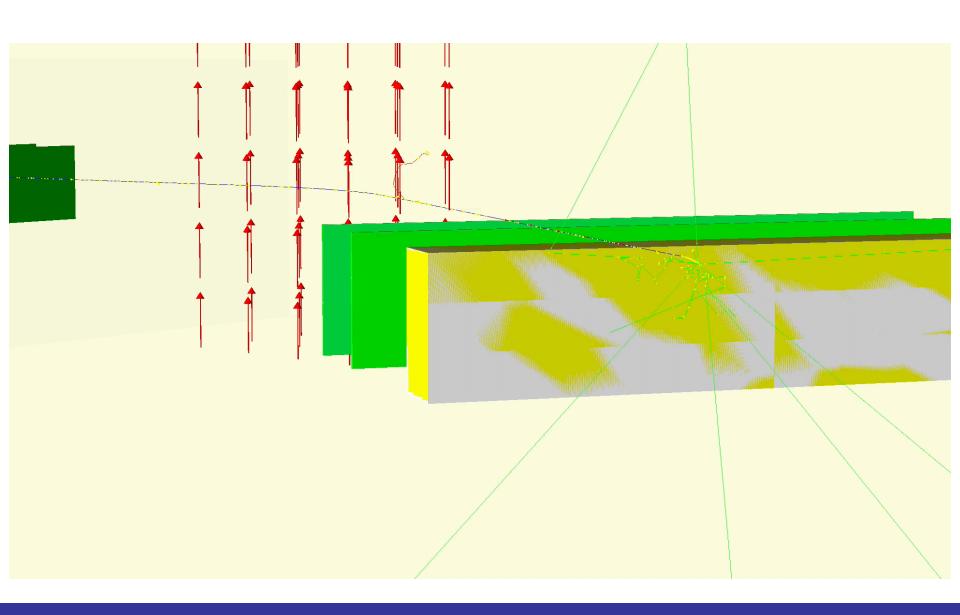
n yellow

ν green

Others grey Duration 2 ns

## Interpolation of saved views

- Save a sequence of views
  - with or without events (trajectories)
  - for each view: /vis/viewer/save
  - view parameters are saved to a sequence of files
    - g4\_00.view, g4\_01.view, etc.
- /vis/viewer/interpolate
  - with or without the same or different events
- /vis/viewer/interpolate!!!! export
  - produces G4OpenGL\_viewer-0\_nnnn.pdf (default 50 per saved view)
  - make a movie with iMovie, for example
    - set "duration" of each file to 0.1 s (this seems to be the minimum)
    - play it back at ×2 or ×4



## References

Geant4 Qt User Interface tutorial <a href="http://geant4.in2p3.fr/spip.php?article84&lang=en">http://geant4.in2p3.fr/spip.php?article84&lang=en</a>