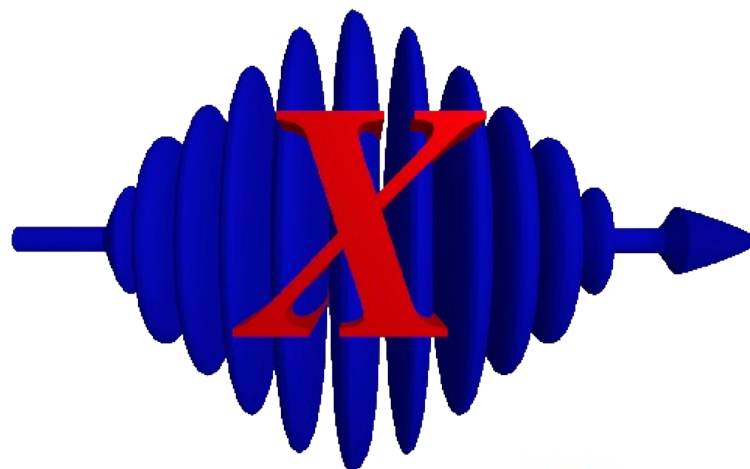


McXtrace



Advanced grammar

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All of this can be considered "variance reduction" or biasing

At the computing/execution level

- Use **MPI** parallelisation - included in macOS install, easy to get on Linux...
- The **Intel C** compiler is known to give ~factor of 2 wrt. gcc in most cases
- Use **GPU's** (McXtrace 3.x) with Nvidia compiler.
- Still consider if you are asking the right question if runtimes reach days/weeks...

- Advanced language features:

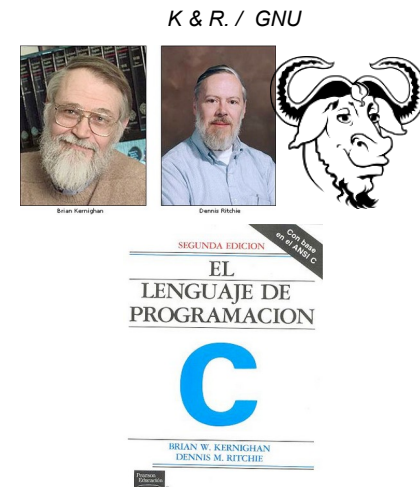
Tips and tricks for your instrument



```
{SPLIT} COMPONENT name = comp(parameters) {WHEN condition}
  AT (...) [RELATIVE [reference|PREVIOUS] | ABSOLUTE]
  {ROTATED {RELATIVE [reference|PREVIOUS] | ABSOLUTE} }
  {GROUP group_name}
  {EXTEND C_code}
  {JUMP [reference|PREVIOUS|MYSELF|NEXT] [ITERATE number_of_times
| WHEN condition] }
```



- Use the **DECLARE** section to define user variables and functions
 - DECLARE %{
 - double myvar;
 - %}
- Use **INITIALIZE** for initialization of user variables and calculations.
 - INITIALIZE %{
 - myvar = sqrt(PI*input_var)*rand01();
 - %}
- Both use normal **c-syntax**.
- **BEWARE:** (example) What you do in the c-style areas is c-standard, e.g. trigonometric functions from math.h use radians! - McXtrace placement specifiers work in degrees, etc...





Useful physics constants:

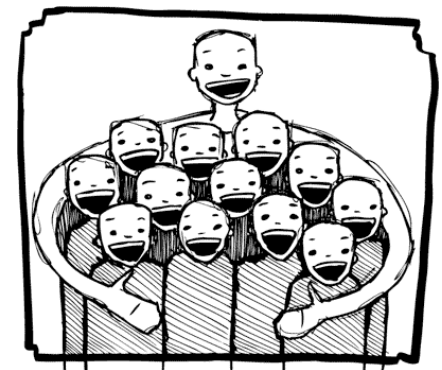
```
#define CELE      1.602176487e-19  /* [C] Elementary charge CODATA 2006*/
#define M_C       299792458        /* [m/s] speed of light CODATA 2006*/
#define E2K       0.506773091264796 /* Convert k[1/AA] to E [keV] (CELE/(HBAR*M_C)*1e-10)*1e3 */
#define K2E       1.97326972808327 /*Convert E[keV] to k[1/AA] (1e10*M_C*HBAR/CELE)/1e3 */
#define RE        2.8179402894e-5   /*[AA] Thomson scattering length*/
```

plus e.g. DEG2RAD, RAD2DEG, and these math constants

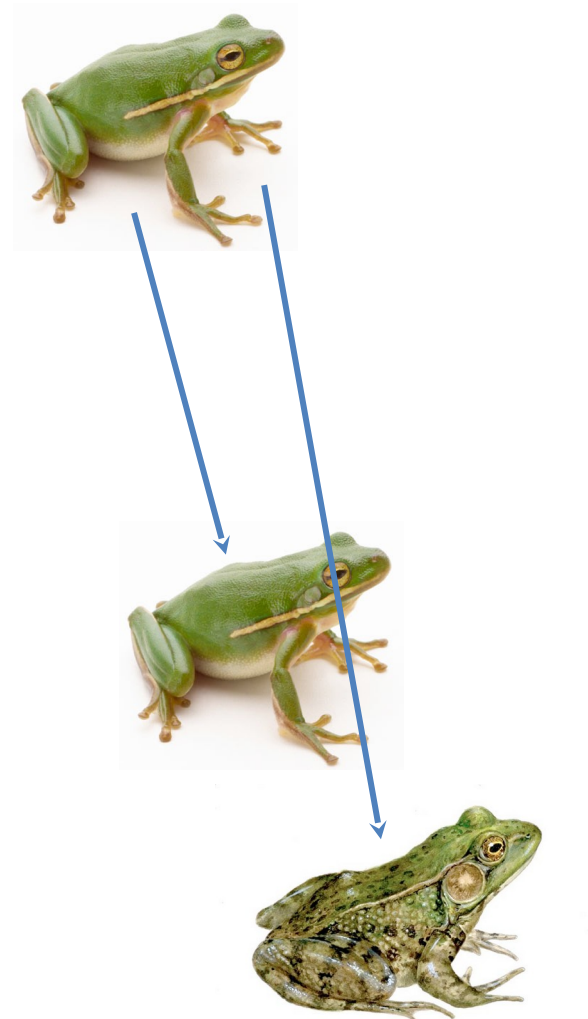
```
( # define PI 3.14159265358979323846 )
# define M_PI PI
# define M_PI_2 M_PI/2.0
# define M_PI_4 M_PI/4.0
# define M_1_PI 1.0/M_PI
# define M_2_PI 2*M_1_PI
# define M_2_SQRTPI 2/sqrt(M_PI)
# define M_SQRT2 sqrt(2)
# define M_SQRT1_2 sqrt(1/2)
# endif
```

plus anything you can imagine in terms of trigonometric functions from C <math.h>
(beware, these take radians as input - as opposed to our ROTATED statements)

- Instrumentfiles can include external c-code or other instrumentfiles... (These are examples from McStas)
- ILL_H15_IN6.instr:%include "monitor_nd-lib"
- ILL_H16_IN5.instr:%include "ILL_H16.instr"
- ILL_H25_IN22.instr:%include "ILL_H25.instr"
- ILL_H25_IN22.instr:%include "templateTAS.instr"
- Used in the DECLARE section



- In instruments: (see e.g. ILL_H25.instr)
- COMPONENT H25_1 = Guide_gravity(
 - $w1=0.03$, $h1=0.2$, $w2=0.03$, $h2=0.2$, $l=L_H25_1$,
 - $R0=gR0$, $Qc=gQc$, $\alpha=g\alpha$, $m=m$, $W=gW$)
 - AT (0,0,Al_Thickness+gGap) RELATIVE PREVIOUS
 - ROTATED (0,Rh_H25_1,0) RELATIVE PREVIOUS
- COMPONENT **MYcopy** = **COPY**(H25_1)
 - AT (0,0,L_H25_1+gGap) RELATIVE PREVIOUS
 - ROTATED (0,Rh_H25_1,0) RELATIVE PREVIOUS
- COMPONENT **COPY**(H25_1) = **COPY**(H25_1)($W=2*gW$)
 - AT (0,0,L_H25_1+gGap) RELATIVE PREVIOUS
 - ROTATED (0,Rh_H25_1,0) RELATIVE PREVIOUS





COMPONENT Mono1 = Monochromator_curved(...)
*AT (0,0,-LMM) RELATIVE Cradle ROTATED (0,A1/2,0) RELATIVE
Cradle*

GROUP IN6Monoks

COMPONENT Mono2 = Monochromator_curved(...)
*AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE Cradle ROTATED (0,A2/2,0) RELATIVE
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- One comp after the particle is “tried” in sequential order until the it becomes SCATTERED.



- Syntax:

COMPONENT Mine = Yours(blah, blah)

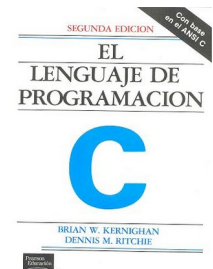
WHEN (c-expression) AT (....)



- Is very powerful when combined with EXTEND and user variables, or as a method to let input parameters select if certain components are active.
- Example: Use EXTEND to flag if X-ray was scattered on one monochromator blade or another. Then later use WHEN to only show contribution from blade N at sample position?

COMPONENT Mon = PSD_monitor(...)

WHEN (myvar==1) AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE Sample



- Enrich component behaviour using EXTEND:

```
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```

```
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```

```
GROUP IN6Monoks
```

```
EXTEND %{
```

```
  if (SCATTERED) { myvar = 1; }
```

```
%}
```

```
...
```

```
COMPONENT Mono2 = Monochromator_curved(...)
```

```
AT (0,0, 0) RELATIVE Cradle ROTATED (0,A2/2,0) RELATIVE Cradle
```

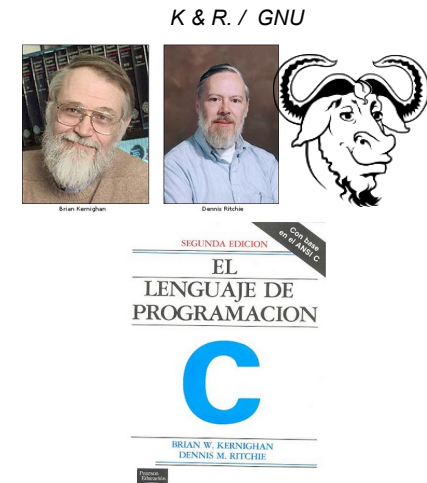
```
GROUP IN6Monoks
```

```
EXTEND
```

```
%{
```

```
  if (SCATTERED) { myvar = 2 ;}
```

```
%}
```



Combined example: Decompose multiple scattering from Single_crystal



```

DECLARE %{
double multiple_scatt;
%}

...

COMPONENT Crystal = Single_crystal(... order=0 ...)
AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE somewhere

EXTEND %{
multiple_scatt=SCATTERED;
%}

...

COMPONENT PSD_single=PSD_monitor(...)

WHEN (multiple_scatt==1) AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE somewhere_else

COMPONENT PSD_multiple=PSD_monitor(...)

WHEN (multiple_scatt > 1) AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE somewhere_else
    
```

A goto. Be careful. Can be used in two situations:

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- **JUMP** to an Arm
- **No coordinate transformations are applied...** (Meaning that if the Arms you JUMP between do not coincide you will “move” / “reorient” the X-rays...)

Syntaxes:

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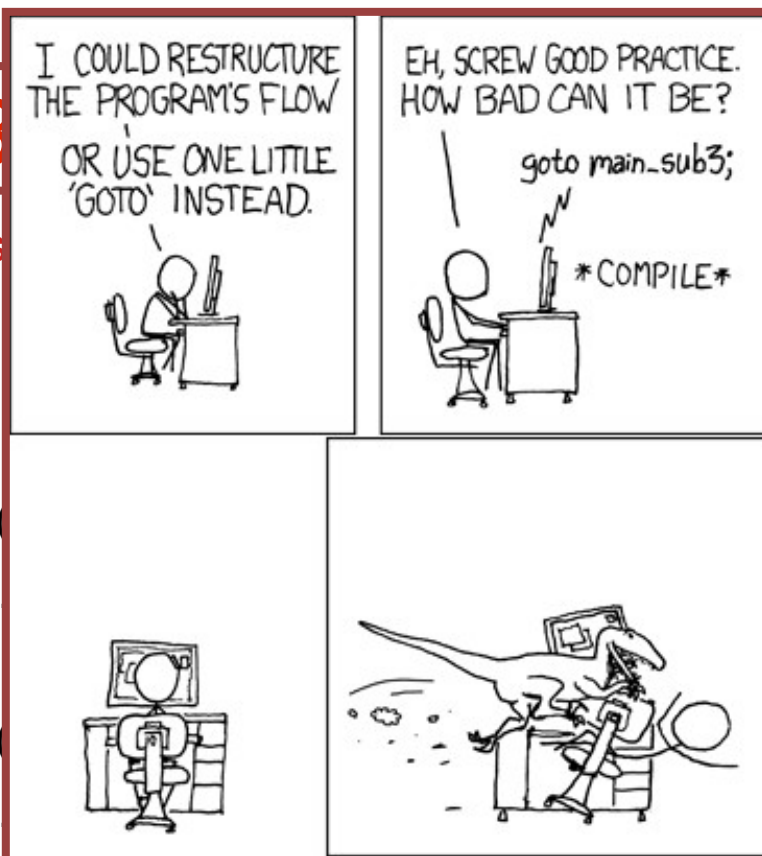
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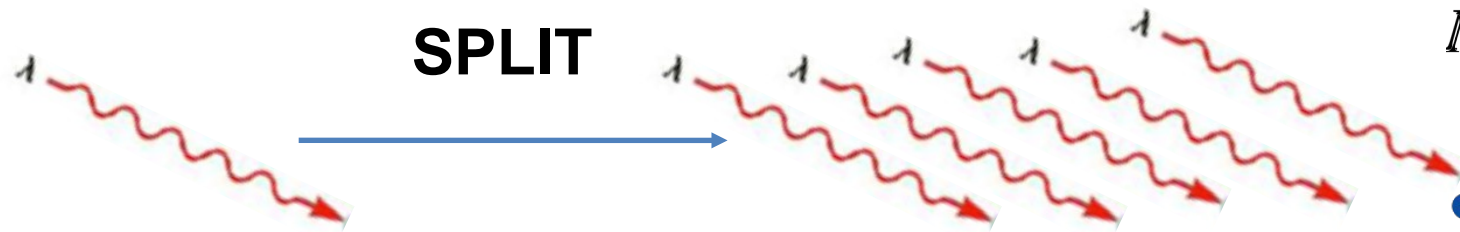
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- **WHEN** (expr) AT (..



SPLIT



Increase statistics beyond this point in the instrumentfile

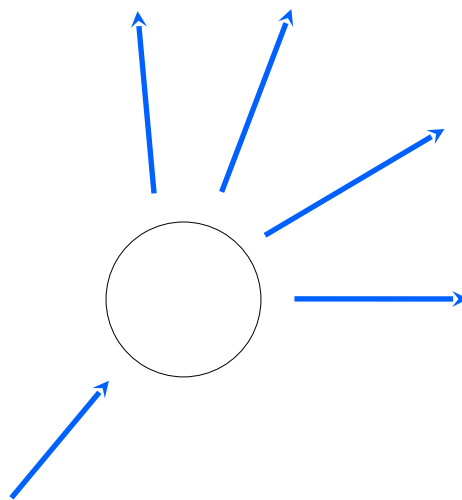
- **SPLIT** n MyArm = Arm()
- AT somewhere

will “formulate an if-statement”:

for j=1:n

- comp1
- comp2
- comp3
- ...

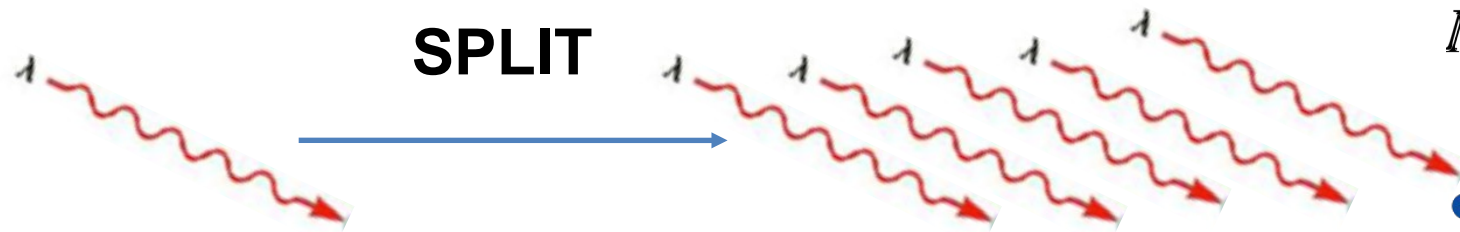
end (of instrument)



ONLY meaningful in case of Monte Carlo choices after SPLIT point...



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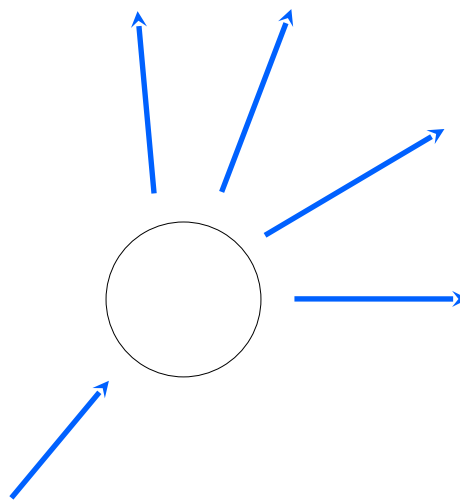
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Works very well together with e.g. monochromators, Single_crystal, PowderN

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