GEANT4/RADSRC Interface Manual

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Abstract

RADSRC is a library for calculating gamma ray distributions. An initial material specification is aged and the daughter isotopes calculated to create the complete spectrum. RADSRC can be linked into, initialized, and called from other programs. This document specifies how to do this in GEANT4.

1 Configuring GEANT4 to use RADSRC

The user will need to have access to a GEANT4 installation. It is assumed that the user can already run a GEANT4 job.

Download the RADSRC library to your computer. It can be found at http://nuclear.llnl.gov. In the src directory type gmake in order to create the libradsrc.a file. It is highly recommended that you determine what compiler the GEANT4 installation is using and modify the RADSRC Makefile to use the same compiler.

The g4 directory in the RADSRC release contains a sample GEANT4 job which accesses the radsrc library and runs a 10kg uranium ball problem. Type source setup to create the RADSRC environment variables needed by the Makefile and the code. If you have GEANT4 installed on your system and the GEANT4 environment variables are set then you should be able to type gmake to create an executable. An executable file called exampleN01 should be located in the bin directory.

Type bin//system type//exampleN01 example.in to run the program.

The GEANT4 GNU makefile has been modified to link in the RADSRC libraries through the addition of two line:

```
EXTRALIBS += -L$(RADSRCHOME)/lib/ -lradsrc
CPPFLAGS += -I$(RADSRCHOME)/src/libradsrc/
```

The environment variable RADSRCHOME is defined in the setup routine along with the variable RADSRC_LEGACYDATA which points to the RADSRC data files.

2 Calling RADSRC from within GEANT4

The RADSRC routines are called from within the ExN01PrimaryGeneratorAction class which handles event generation for the problem. In the header files we include the RADSRC header files:

```
#include "radsource.h"
#include "cpp_api.h"
```

and create some pointers variables that will point to instances of the RADSRC class,

```
radsrc::CRadSource* pRadSource;
radsrc::CRadSource* t1RadSource;
radsrc::CRadSource* t2RadSource;
```

the RADSRC routines live in the namespace radsrc:: in order to prevent conflicts with geant4 classes. To create a new instance of RADSRC one calls,

```
t1RadSource = radsrc::NewSource();
```

The instance of RADSRC must then be initialized with a problem definition. A number of ways to do that are provided. One way is to create a text file with the problem definition and pass the location of that file to the LoadConfig member function.

```
t1Good = radsrc::LoadConfig(t1RadSource, (const std::string) FileName);
```

If a NULL string is passed the program will look for the environment variable RADSRCCONFIG to find the input text file.

The text file must be in the form of,

```
U235 90.0
U238 10.0
AGE 20.0
```

where the fraction of each isotope is specified and should add up to 100%. To allow for problems with contamination the fractional sum can be slightly greater than 100%. The last line in the file should be an AGE card with the age given in years.

Additionally, the problem specification can be passed as input lines to the code,

```
radsrc::AddConfig(t2RadSource, ''U235 90.0'');
radsrc::AddConfig(t2RadSource, ''U238 10.0'');
radsrc::AddConfig(t2RadSource, ''AGE 20.0'');
t2Good = radsrc::SourceConfig(t2RadSource);
```

where the AddConfig member function accepts text lines of input and the SourceConfig processes the input and performs the RADSRC calculations and setup.

The RADSRC problem can also be specified from the GEANT4 command line through the commands defined in the ExN01PrimaryGeneratorMessenger class. They duplicate from the command line what is available in the code.

```
/radsrc/file './problem.in'
```

reads the problem definition from the specified file

```
/radsrc/file ''
```

will look for the environment variable RADSRCCONFIG to find the input text file. The complete problem specification can also be passed on the command line by using

```
/radsrc/input U235 90.0
/radsrc/input U238 10.0
/radsrc/input AGE 20.0
/radsrc/update
```

The GEANT4 code is set up so that the <code>ExN01PrimaryGeneratorAction</code> class will try to find a RADSRC input text file at instanciation. A constructor function is provided which passes a string which specifies the file location. See <code>exampleN01.cc</code> for an example. That definition can be overridden from the command line. If no problem definition is specified the program will terminate at the first event.