

Reverse Monte Carlo in Geant4 and GRAS

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Overview

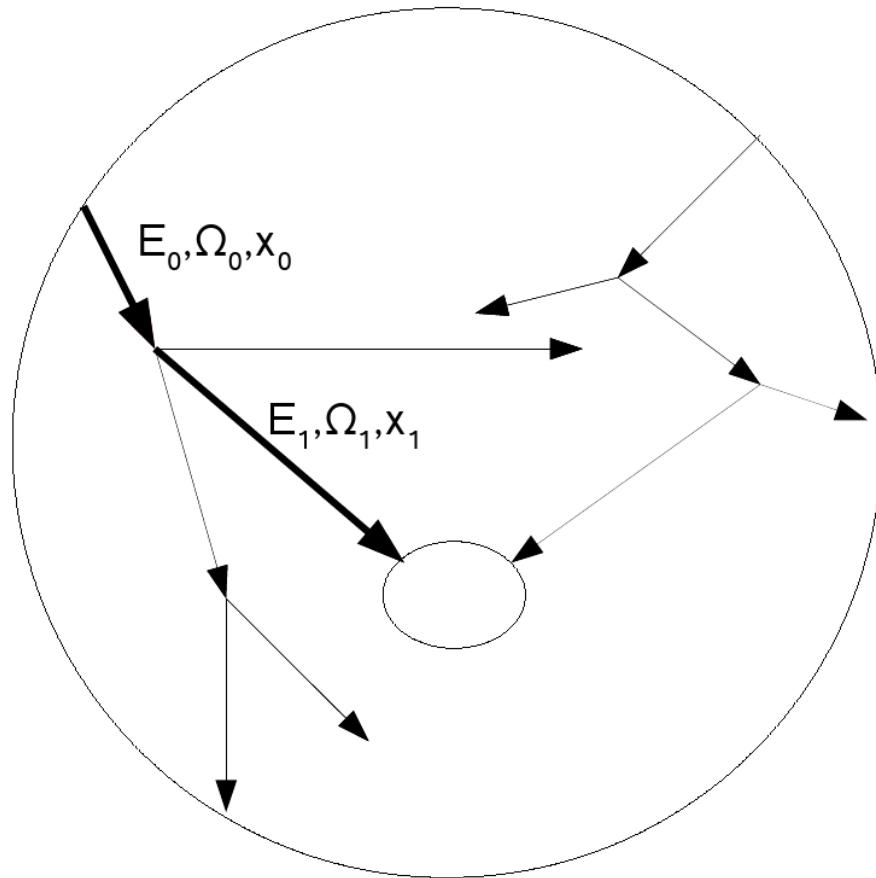
- **Motivations**
- **Definition of Reverse/Adjoint Monte Carlo(RMC) method**
- **RMC method in the Geant4 toolkit**
- **G4 example extended/biasing/ReverseMC01**
- **RMC method in GRAS with example**
- **Conclusions**

Motivations

- Monte Carlo codes as Geant4 are accurate but very computing time consuming
- Need of biasing methods or approximations to speed up these codes
- Reverse Monte Carlo is one of these biasing methods
- The Reverse Monte Carlo method has been implemented in Geant4 and GRAS

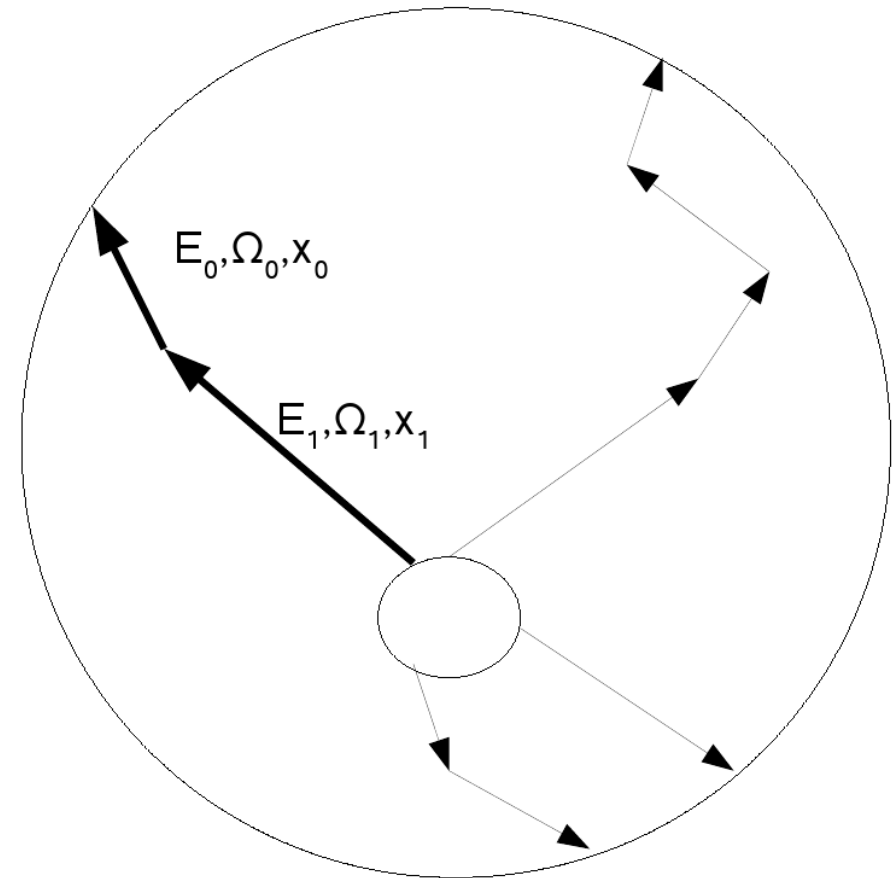
Reverse Monte Carlo method

Forward MC Mode



- **Start from the external source**
- **Wasted Computing time for tracks that do not reach the sensitive region**

Adjoint/Reverse MC Mode



- **Start from the sensitive region and compute reverse tracks till the external source**
- **Computing time focuses mainly on tracks that reach the sensitive region**
- **Much more rapid than forward MC for example to compute e-dose in tiny electronic components**
- **But tricky while all the physics (cross section, kinematic,..) need to be reversed!!!**

RMC method is available in Geant4 since the version G4.9.3

- Base adjoint classes and reverse processes distributed in the G4 toolkit
- Extended/biasing G4 example to illustrate the use of the RMC method in Geant4
- Documentation in the G4 user guide for application developer
- Publication in NIMA Desorgher et al., 2010

3.7. Event Biasing Techniques - Mozilla Firefox

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3.7.3. Adjoint/Reverse Monte Carlo

Another powerful biasing technique available in Geant4 is the Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC) method, also known as the Adjoint Monte Carlo method. In this method particles are generated on the external boundary of the sensitive part of the geometry and then are tracked backward in the geometry till they reach the external source surface, or exceed an energy threshold. By this way the computing time is focused only on particle tracks that are contributing to the tallies. The RMC method is much rapid than the Forward MC method when the sensitive part of the geometry is small compared to the rest of the geometry and to the external source, that has to be extensive and not beam like. At the moment the RMC method is implemented in Geant4 only for some electromagnetic processes (see [Section 3.7.3.1.3](#)). An example illustrating the use of the Reverse MC method in Geant4 is distributed within the Geant4 toolkit in [examples/extended/biasing/ReverseMC01](#).

3.7.3.1. Treatment of the Reverse MC method in Geant4

Different G4Adjoint classes have been implemented into the Geant4 toolkit in order to run an adjoint/reverse simulation in a Geant4 application. This implementation is illustrated in [Figure 3.3](#). An adjoint run is divided in a serie of alternative adjoint and forward tracking of adjoint and normal particles. One Geant4 event treats one of this tracking phase.

Reverse Tracking of adjoint particles from the Boundary of the sensitive region to the External source.

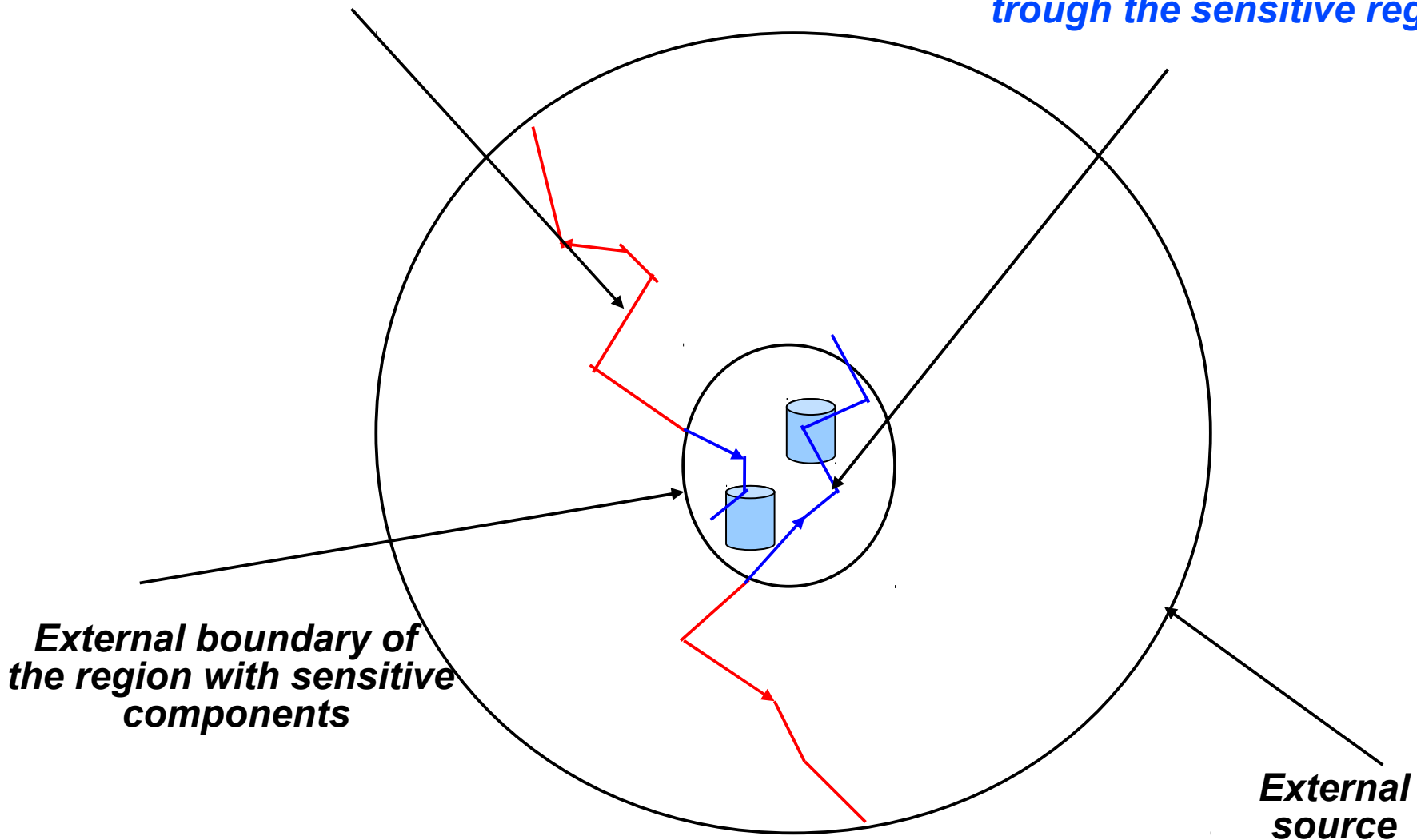
Forward Tracking of normal particles through the sensitive region from the same starting position than the reverse tracking.

Terminé

A reverse/adjoint run in Geant4 is a succession of **reverse** and **forward** trackings

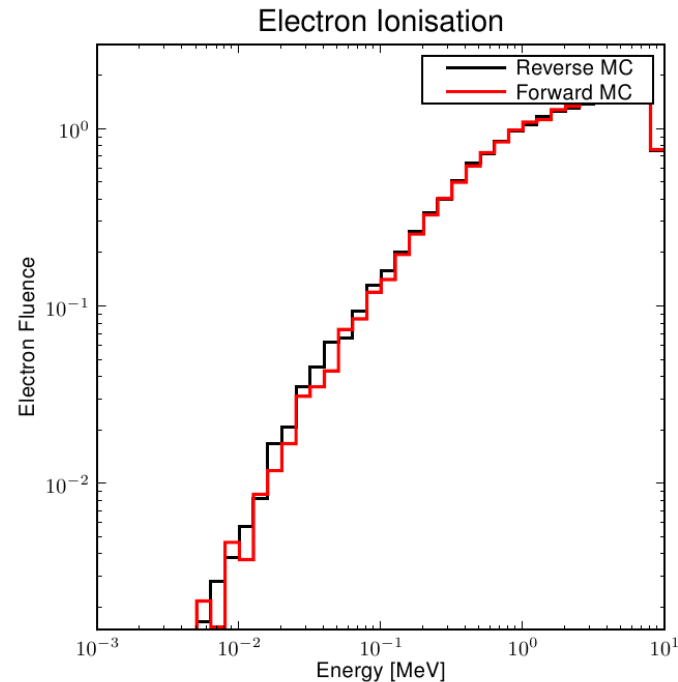
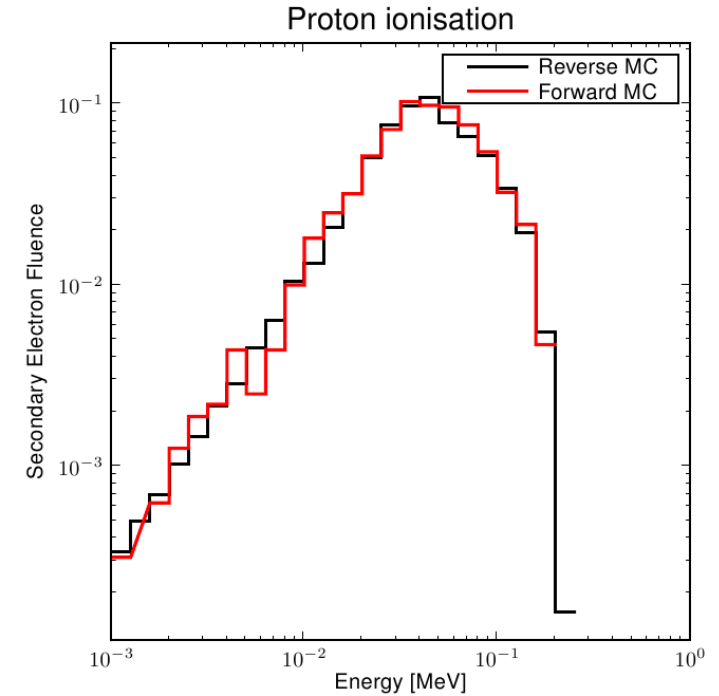
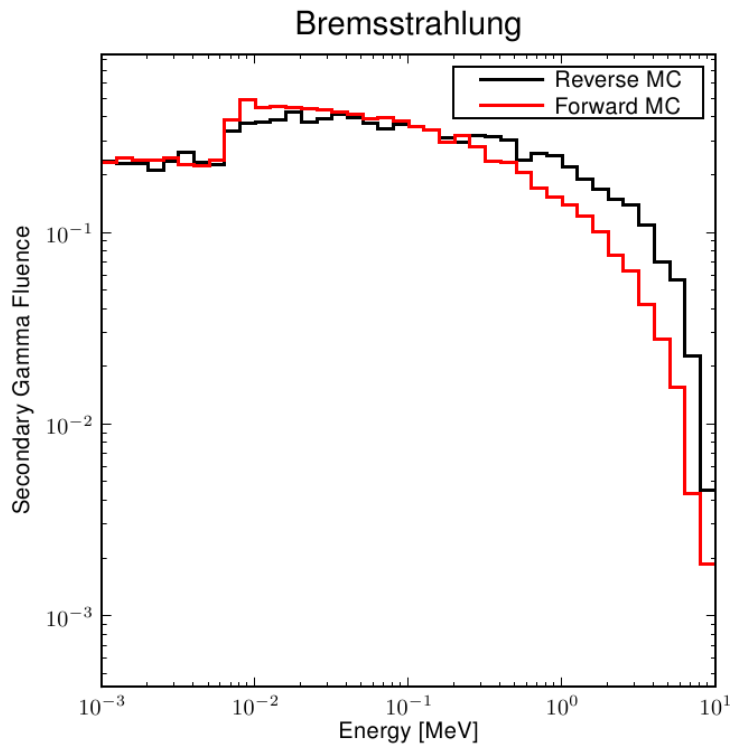
**Backward Tracking from the
Boundary of the sensitive region
to the External source**

**Forward Tracking
through the sensitive region.**



Implemented Reverse processes in Geant4

- ionisation (discrete and continuous) for e-, proton and ion
- multiple scattering
- bremsstrahlung
- Compton scattering
- photo-electric effect



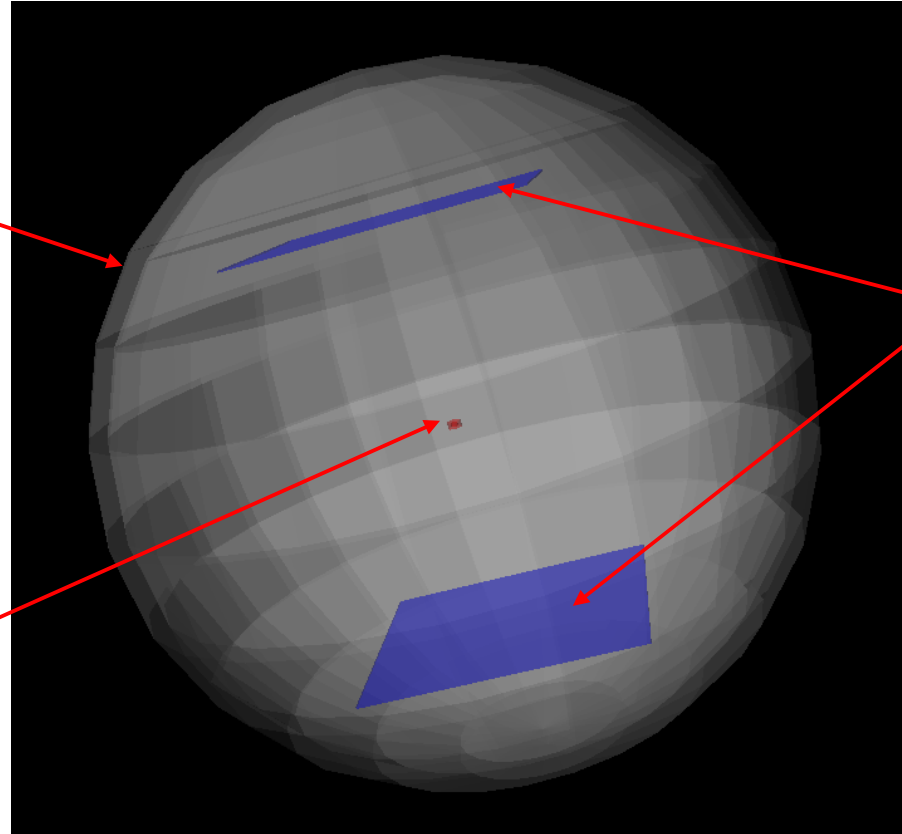
How to update a G4 application to use the Reverse MC method

- Create an instance of G4AdjointSimManager in the main code
- Add adjoint particles and adjoint processes in the physics list
 - See physics list in extended G4 example biasing/ReverseMC01
- Normalisation of tallies computed in the forward phase
 - Weight of the last adjoint track computed by the G4 adjoint machinery
 $w = \text{theAdjointSimManager} \rightarrow \text{GetWeightAtEndOfLastAdjoinTrack}()$
 - tallies computed by your code during the forward phase
 T
 - Differential, directional primary flux
 f
 - Normalised tallies for response functions to register vs primary e_{kin} , *direction*, ...
 $R_m = w.T$
 - Normalisation of tallies to external flux
 $T_{norm} = w.T.f$

For more informations look at the
advanced G4 example biasing/ReverseMC01

Geant4 example extended/biasing/ReverseMC1

Spherical Al shielding
Radius 10 cm
User defined
Thickness



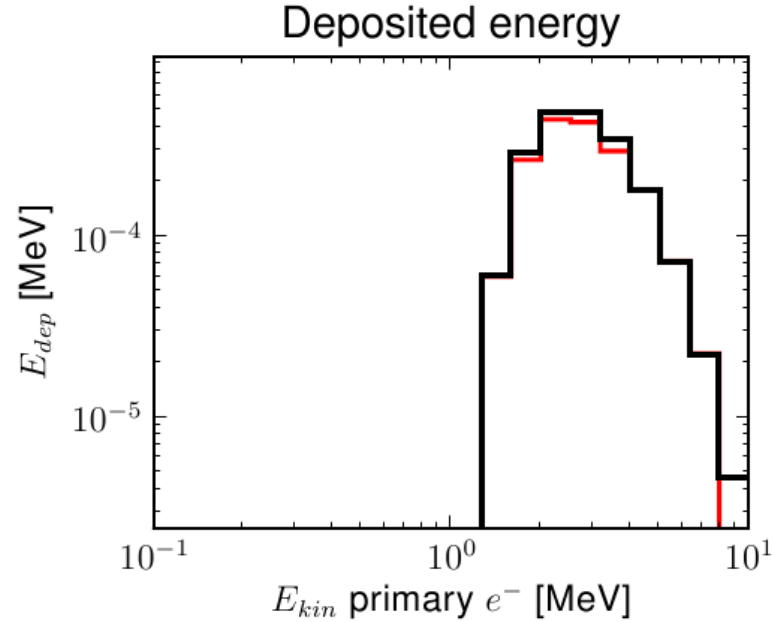
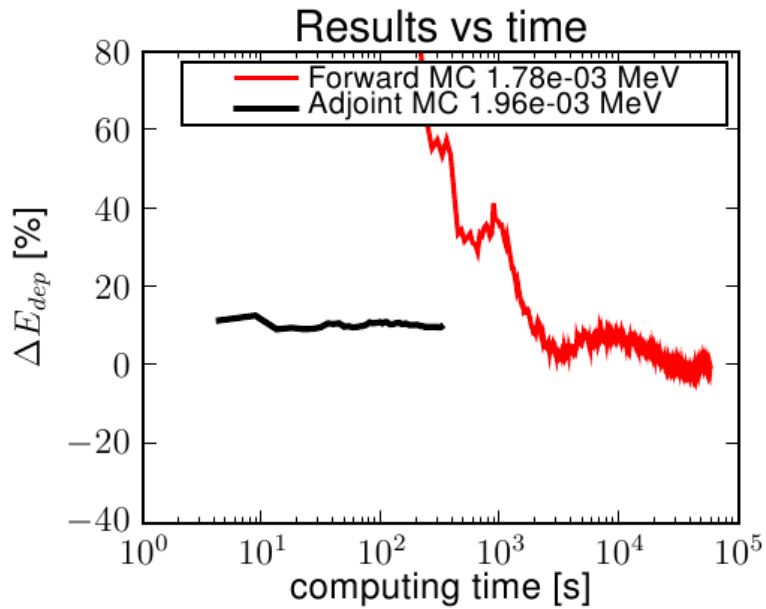
Tantalum plates
0.5mm Thick

Energy deposited
In Small Si Sensitive
Cylinder
With variable size

External Spherical source
Radius 10 cm
Primary Particles e^- , and proton

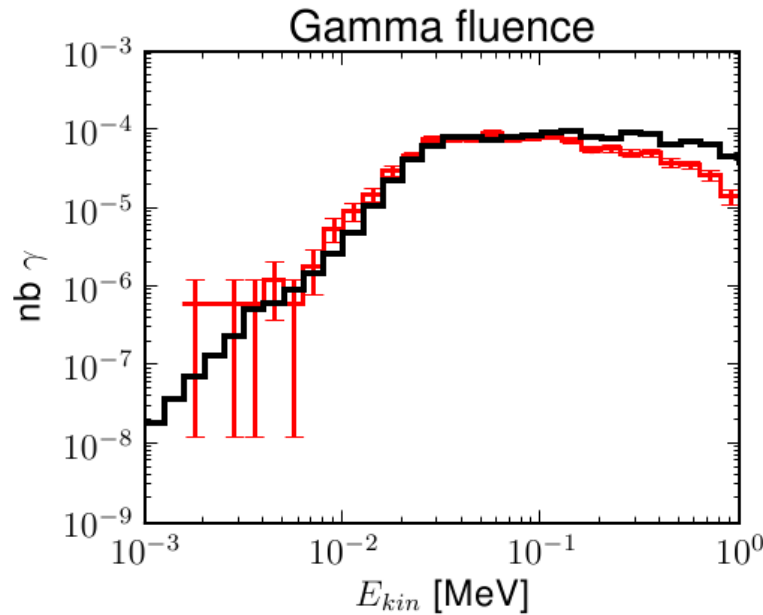
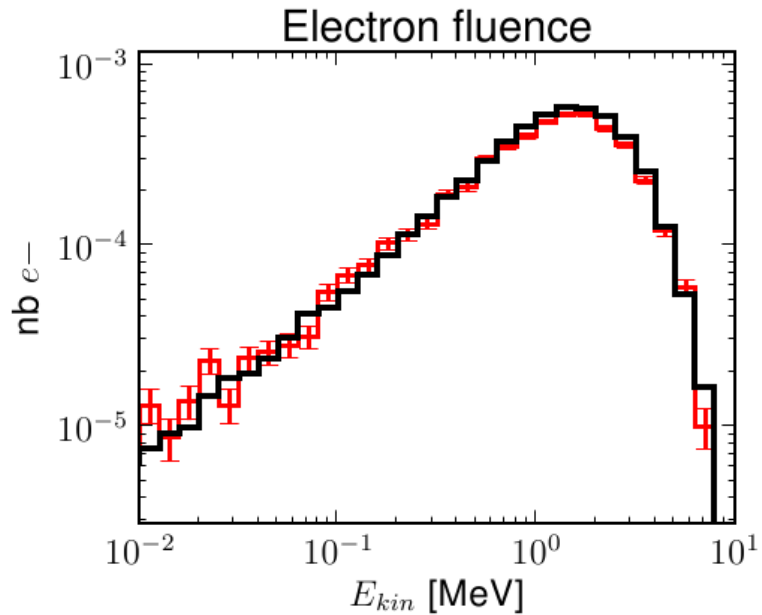
- Comparisons forward and reverse computations
- Illustrates what changes are needed in a G4 application to use the Reverse MC mode
- Introduce the use of few new G4 macro commands relative to adjoint simulation

Comparison Reverse and **Forward** MC simulation

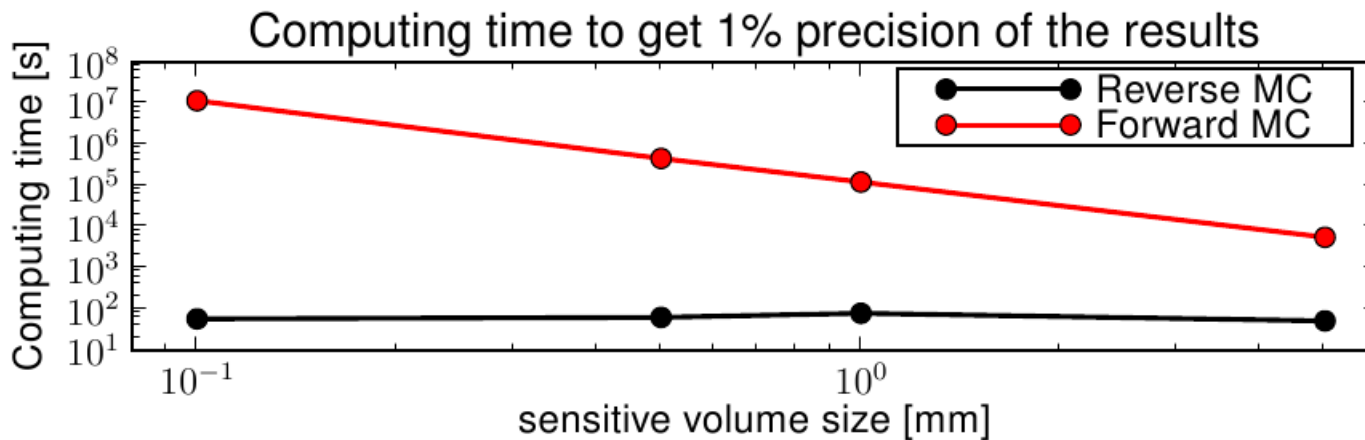
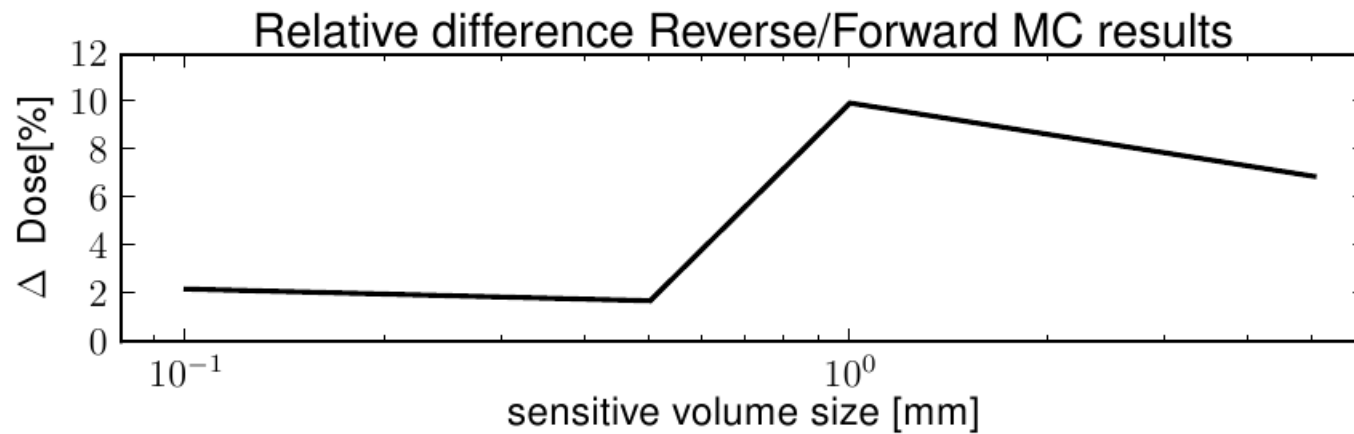
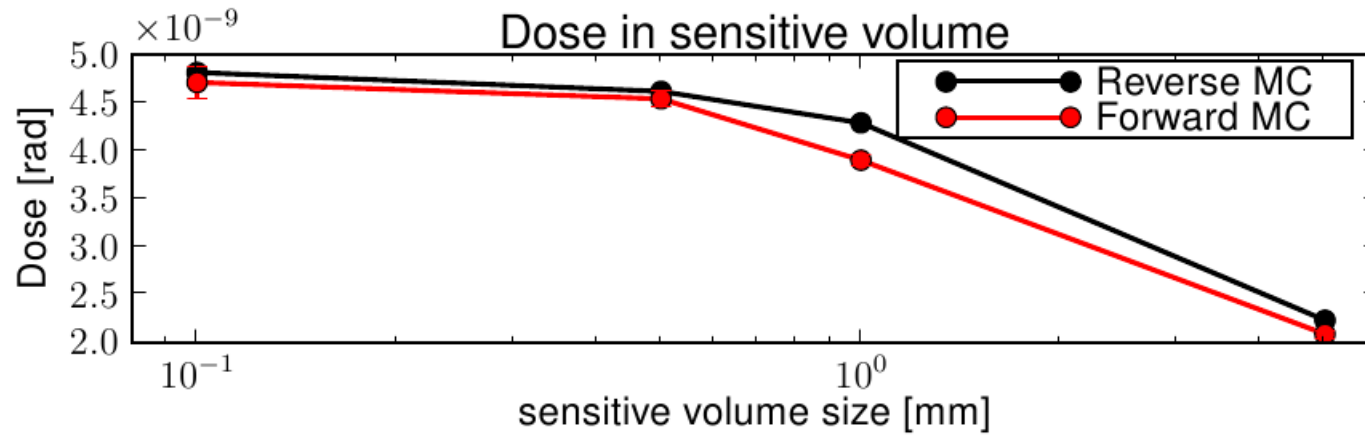


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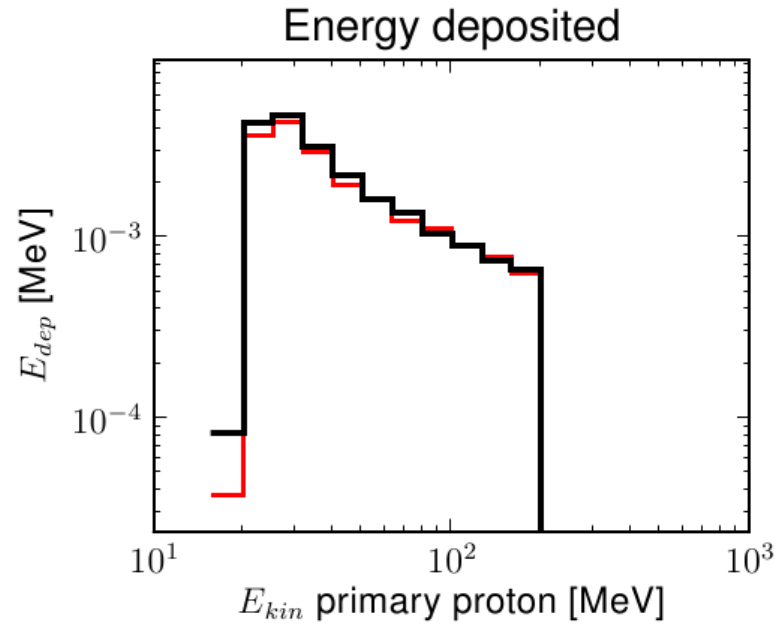
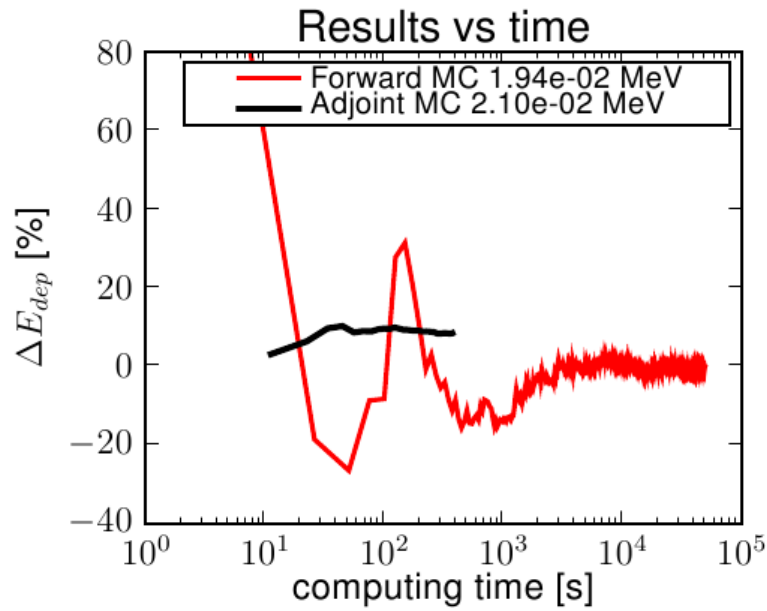
- Electrons
- [1 keV, 10 MeV]
- spectrum $\exp(-E/MeV)$



Scaling of the results with the size of the sensitive volume

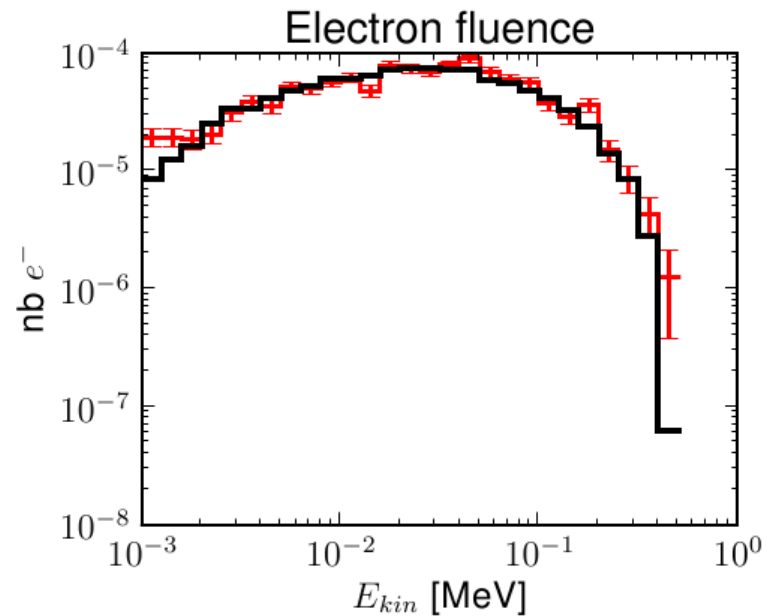
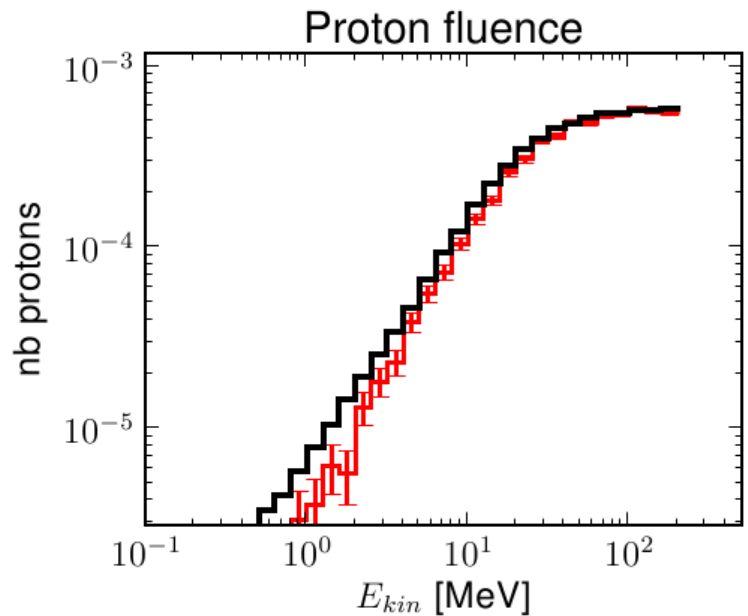


Comparison Reverse and *Forward* MC simulation



Primary source

- Protons
- [0.1keV, 200MeV]
- spectrum E^{-1}



GRAS and Reverse MC

- GRAS- Geant4 Radiation Analysis for Space
- GRAS Simplifies the access of Geant4 for space radiation analysis
- Availability of analyse modules for common radiation analysis
- GRAS has been updated to use the Reverse MC mode available in Geant4

Main functionalities of GRAS Reverse MC are the same than in GRAS forward

Same geometry definition

GDML, C++, Mulassis

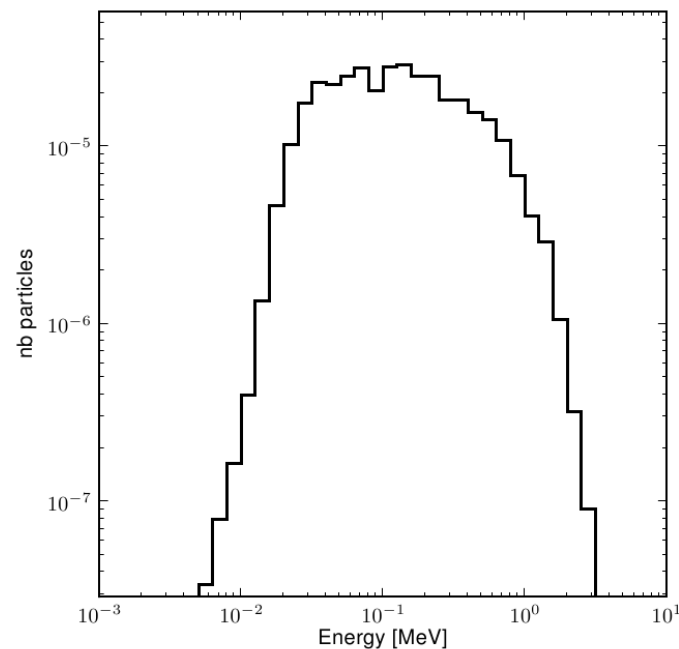
Same definition of analysis modules

TID, particle spectra, LET, NIEL ...

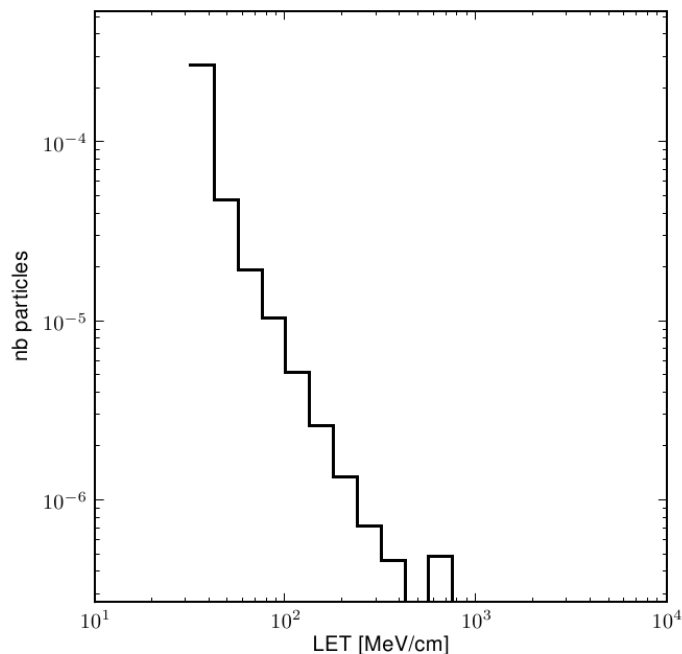
Common Output format

Scalars and 1D Histo in CSV and ROOT

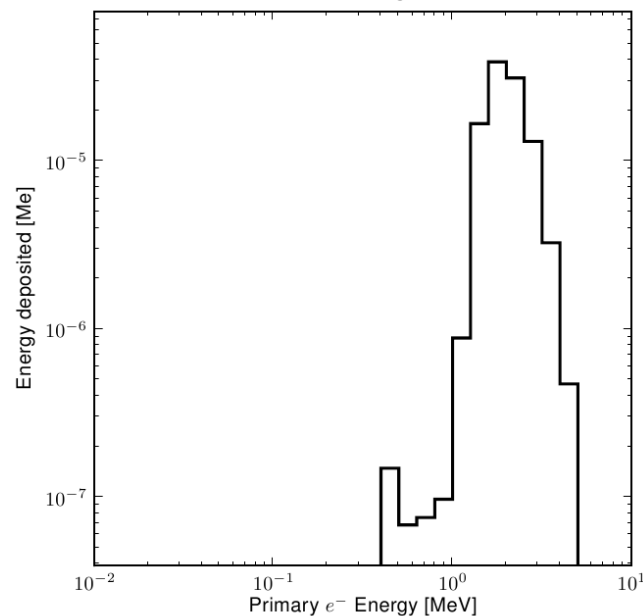
Gamma fluence



LET Spectrum on the sensitive volume



Total Ionising Dose



New functionalities of GRAS RMC compare to GRAS forward

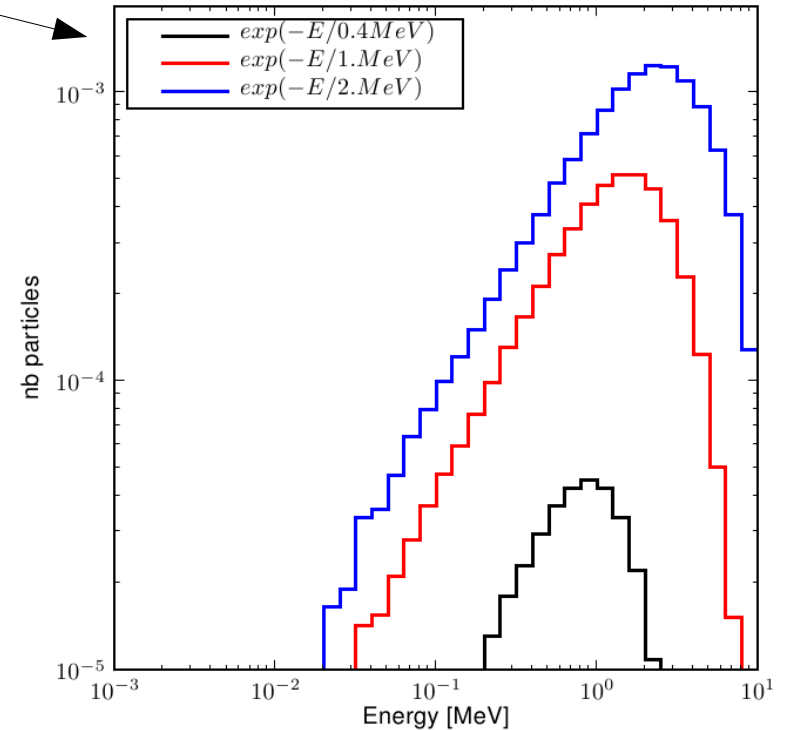
Direct normalisation to # primary spectra
exponential, power law, histograms

Convergence of simulation results

File registering the computed energy deposited
with precision in function of computing time

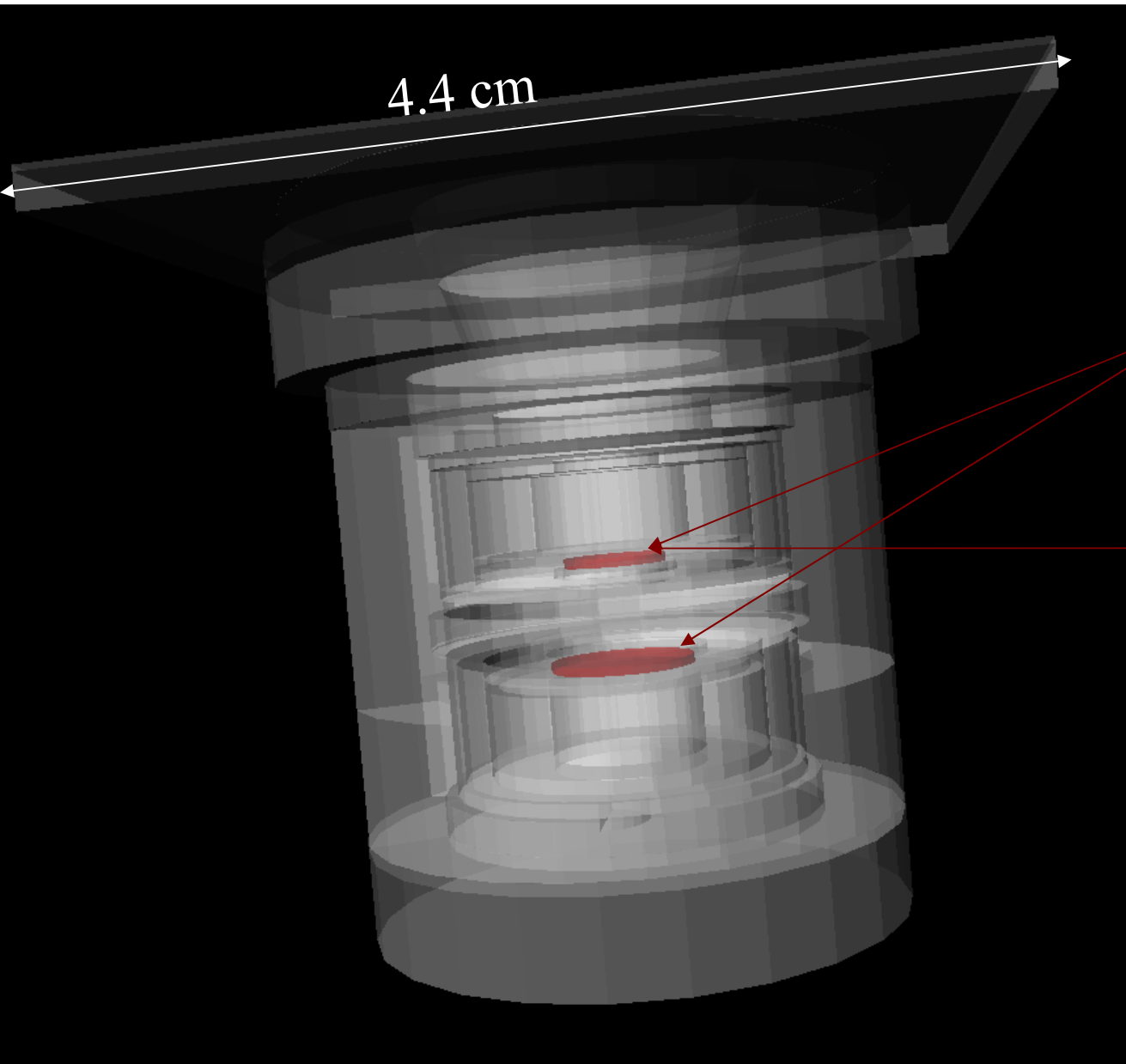
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1.095371e-04	1.475086e-05	1.346654e+01	2.120000e+00
1.076673e-04	1.240530e-05	1.152188e+01	2.830000e+00
1.110131e-04	1.109077e-05	9.990506e+00	3.530000e+00
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1.067215e-04	5.797705e-06	5.432557e+00	1.056000e+01
1.056946e-04	5.562687e-06	5.262980e+00	1.127000e+01
1.062925e-04	5.409596e-06	5.089349e+00	1.197000e+01
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Secondary Electron fluence
for different Primary e^- Spectra



Automatic stop of the simulation when
a user defined precision of the computed deposited
energy is reached

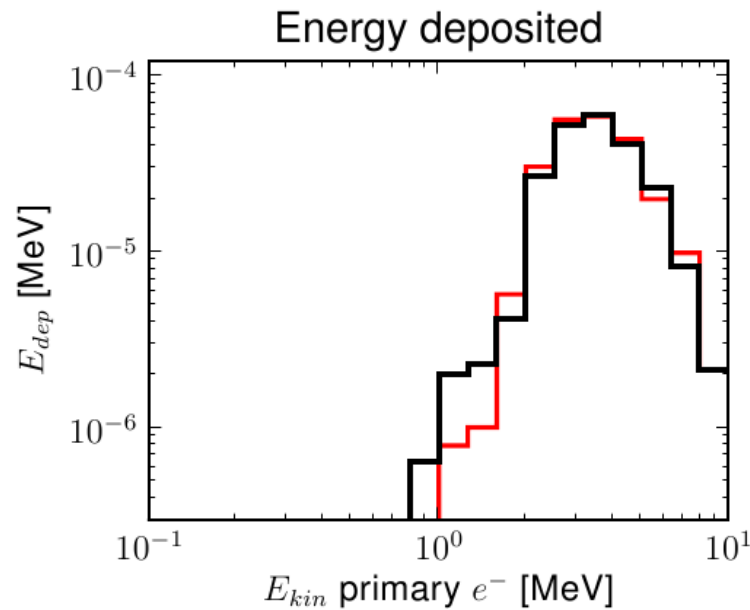
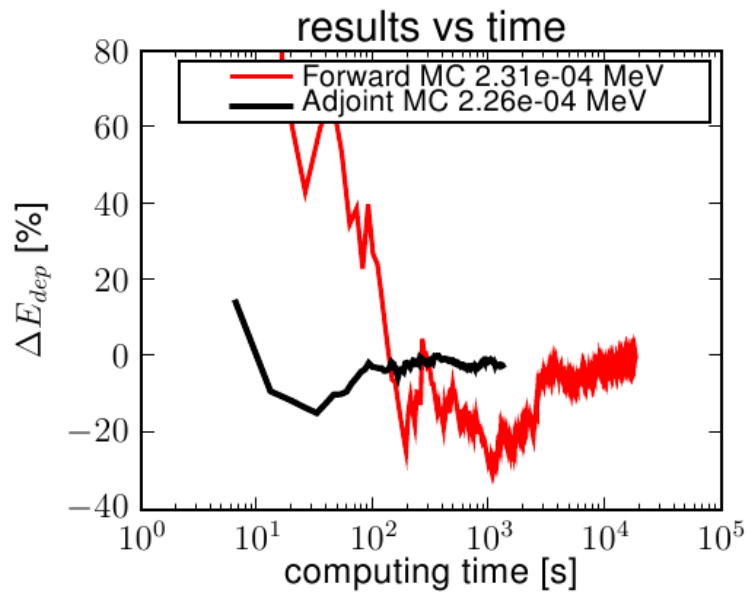
Test of GRAS/RMC with part of the ESA SREM Detector



Silicium diodes surrounded
by Al and Ta shielding

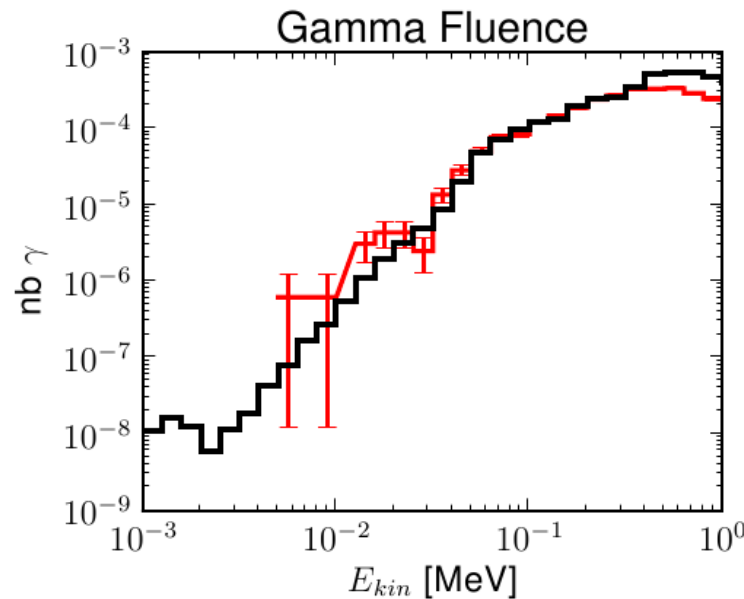
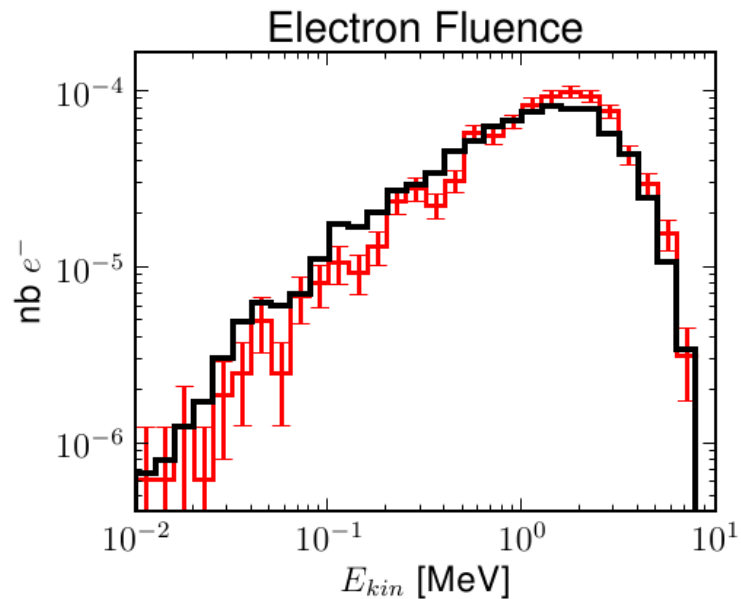
In this example we compute
the dose in the top diode
the flux of secondaries
on the top diode

Comparison Reverse and *Forward* MC simulation

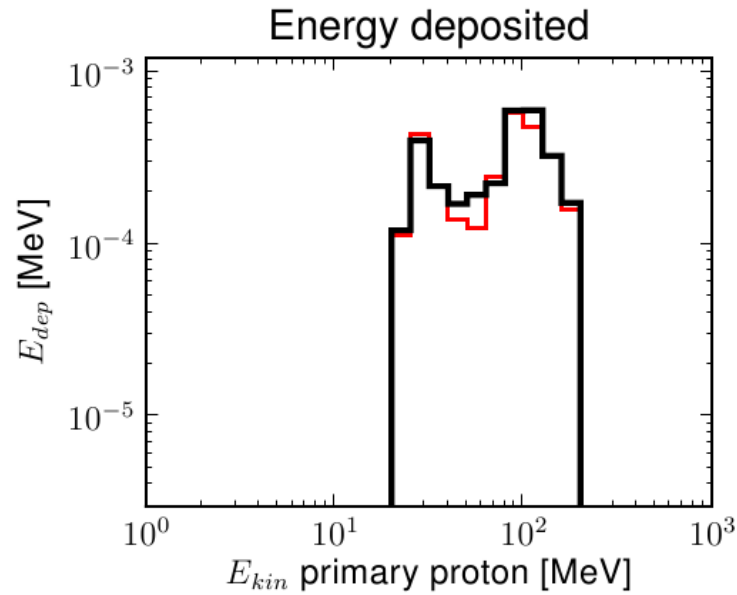
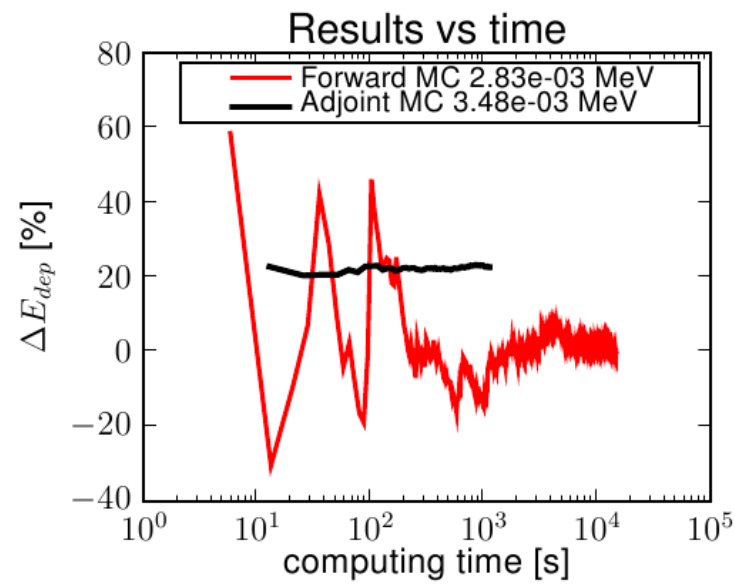


Primary source

- Electrons
- [1 keV, 10 MeV]
- spectrum $\exp(-E/MeV)$

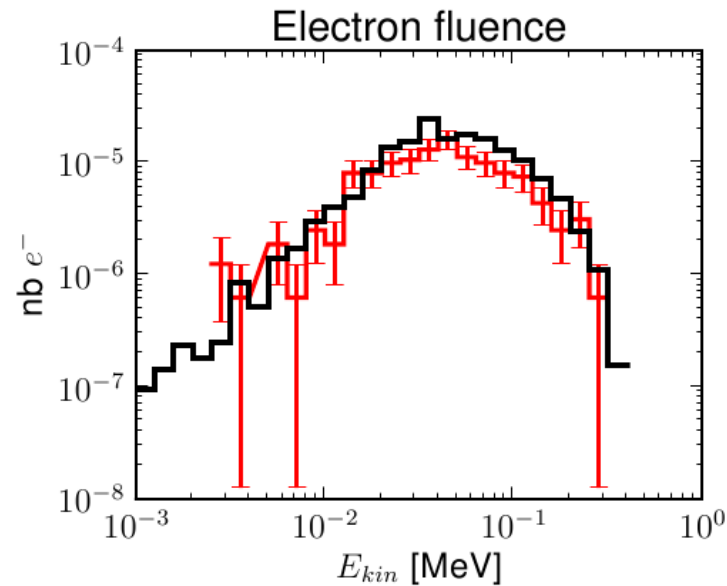
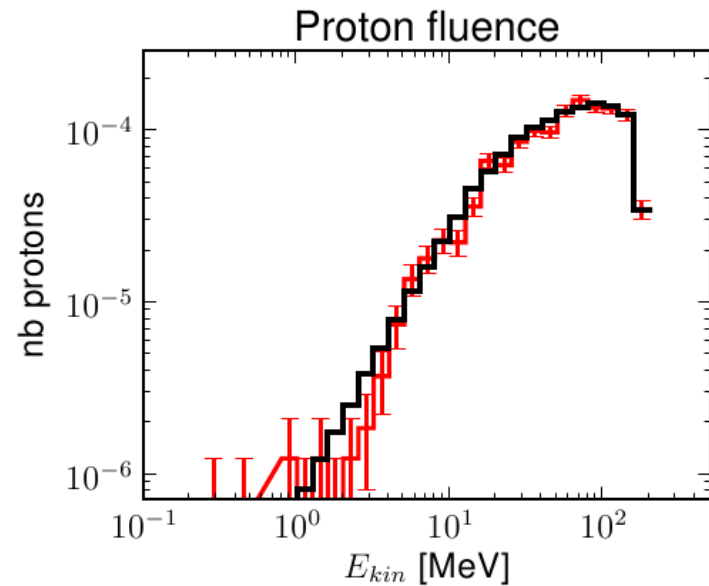


Comparison Reverse and *Forward* MC simulation



Primary source

- Protons
- [0.1keV, 200MeV]
- spectrum E^{-2}



Conclusions and Future work

- The Reverse MC method is available in Geant4 since the 9.3 release
- GRAS has been updated to use the G4 RMC mode. It will be available with the next GRAS release.
- The following reverse processes have been considered
 - Ionisation and multiple scattering for e⁻, protons and ions
 - Bremsstrahlung, Compton and photo-electric effects for e⁻
- The reverse MC method reaches precise results much more rapidly than the forward MC method
- The maximal discrepancy between the RMC and forward computed total dose is ~ 10-20 %
- Improvement of the bremsstrahlung and multiple scattering is under investigation to decrease the discrepancies
- Implementation of point-like detector concept is under development

More informations?

- Documentation in the G4 user guide for application developer. Section 3.7
<http://geant4.web.cern.ch/geant4/UserDocumentation/UsersGuides/ForApplicationDeveloper/html/>
- G4 example extended/biasing/ReverseMC01.
- Publication
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