

Parallel 8B

Towards Reengineering Geant4

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CLHEP in Geant4 9.5

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Ideas for G4 re-engineering

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A new general framework

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Improvements of Physics Vector : ref-08

- ✘ Cached variables are confined in a class of G4PhysicsVectorCache
 - + G4PhysicsVector has a pointer to the object
- ✘ Remove creation of physics vector in event loop
 - + New scheme of calculation of velocity
- ✘ Review and Clean up source code of G4PhysicsVector and derived class to have same object size
 - + No variable is added in derived classes
 - + Use G4Allocator for PhysicsVector and PhysicsVectorCache

Other developments : Physics List

- ✘ Physics List : → See my talk in plenary 7
 - + OrderingParameterTable
 - ✘ Default ordering parameters used by G4PhysicsListHelper
 - ✘ New Method of ***RegisterProcess()***
 - + Default implementation of SetCuts
 - ✘ G4VUserPhysicsList::SetCuts method becomes ***Non-Virtual***
 - + Changing PhysicsConstructor
 - ✘ Replace a PhysicsConstructor in an existing Physics List
 - ✘ New Method of ***ReplacePhysics ()***
in G4VModularPhysicsList

These modification improve code maintenance and readabilities of Physics Lists

Other developments : Tracking Flag

- ✘ Review of ForcedCondition in tracking
 - + NotForced : default
 - + StronglyForced : G4Scintillation
 - + Forced : Event Biasing
 - + ExclusivelyForced : Fast Simulation
 - + **Conditionally** → will be removed



Usage status in Geant4

- CLHEP 2.1.0.1 supported
 - Since 9.4 release series
 - New release 2.1.1.0 foreseen for release 9.5 (minor fixes, no migration required)
- Limited set of CLHEP classes used in Geant4
 - Physics vector (3-vectors, 4-vectors, simple rotations)
 - Geometrical vectors and transformations (3D-vectors, 3D-points, etc...)
 - Random numbers and evaluator
 - System of units and constants
 - Other minor uses of CLHEP are restricted to examples

CLHEP classes in Geant4 ...

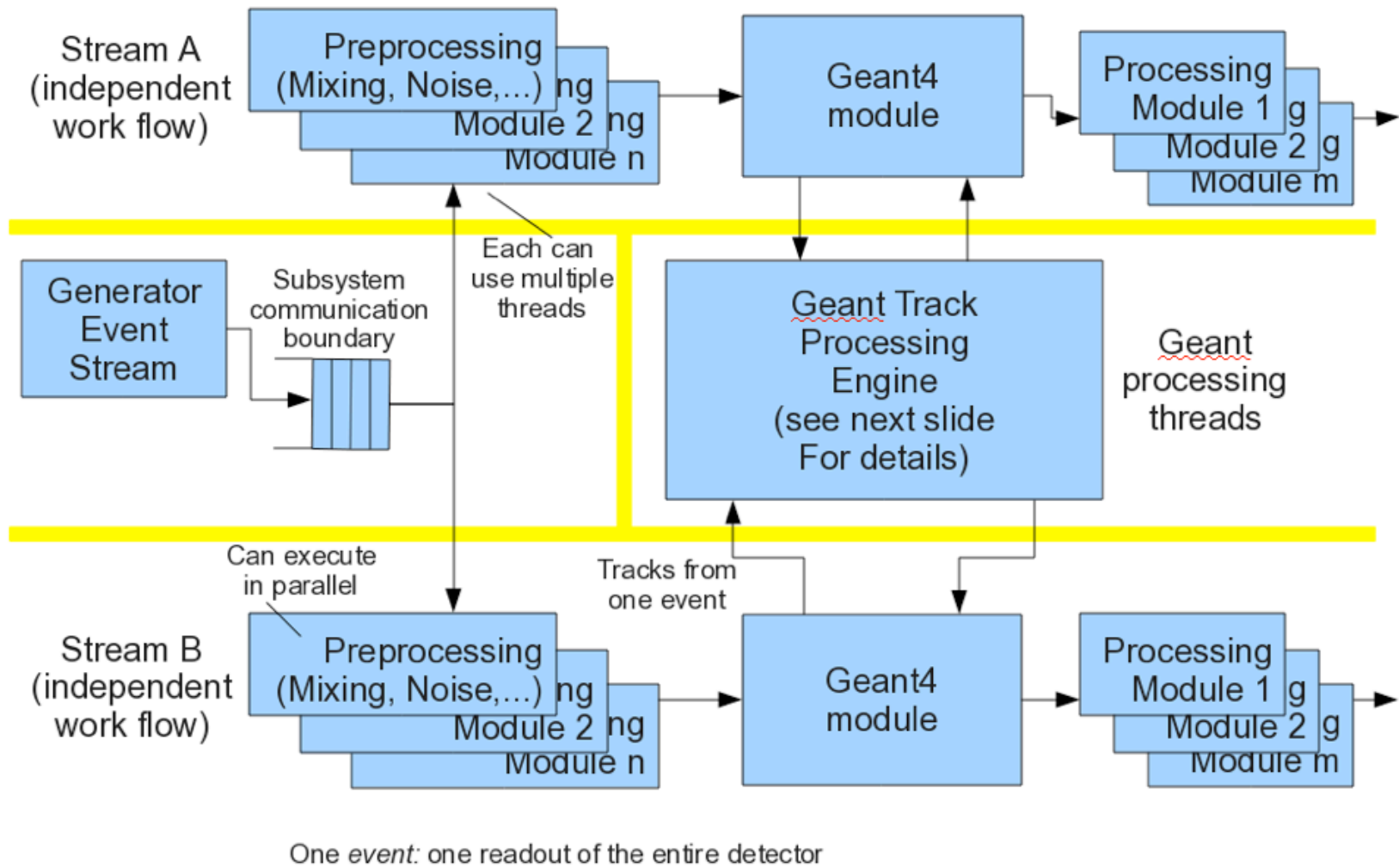
- Integration strategy proposed and discussed since Geant4 Workshop in Lisbon, 2006
 - Now realised since release 9.5-Beta
- New module “externals” introduced
 - Aimed to include any embedded external package
 - Currently including: clhep, expat
 - Planning to move therein also: zlib, glzps (from visualization)
- Limited set of CLHEP packages included
 - Evaluator, Geometry, Random, Units, Utility, Vector
 - Excluded obsolete random engines
 - Removed ZOOM exceptions from code
 - Coherent adoption of std namespace
 - Added support for DLL library build (identified relevant symbols to be exported)
 - Integrated with standard Geant4 build system

Simulation And Many Cores

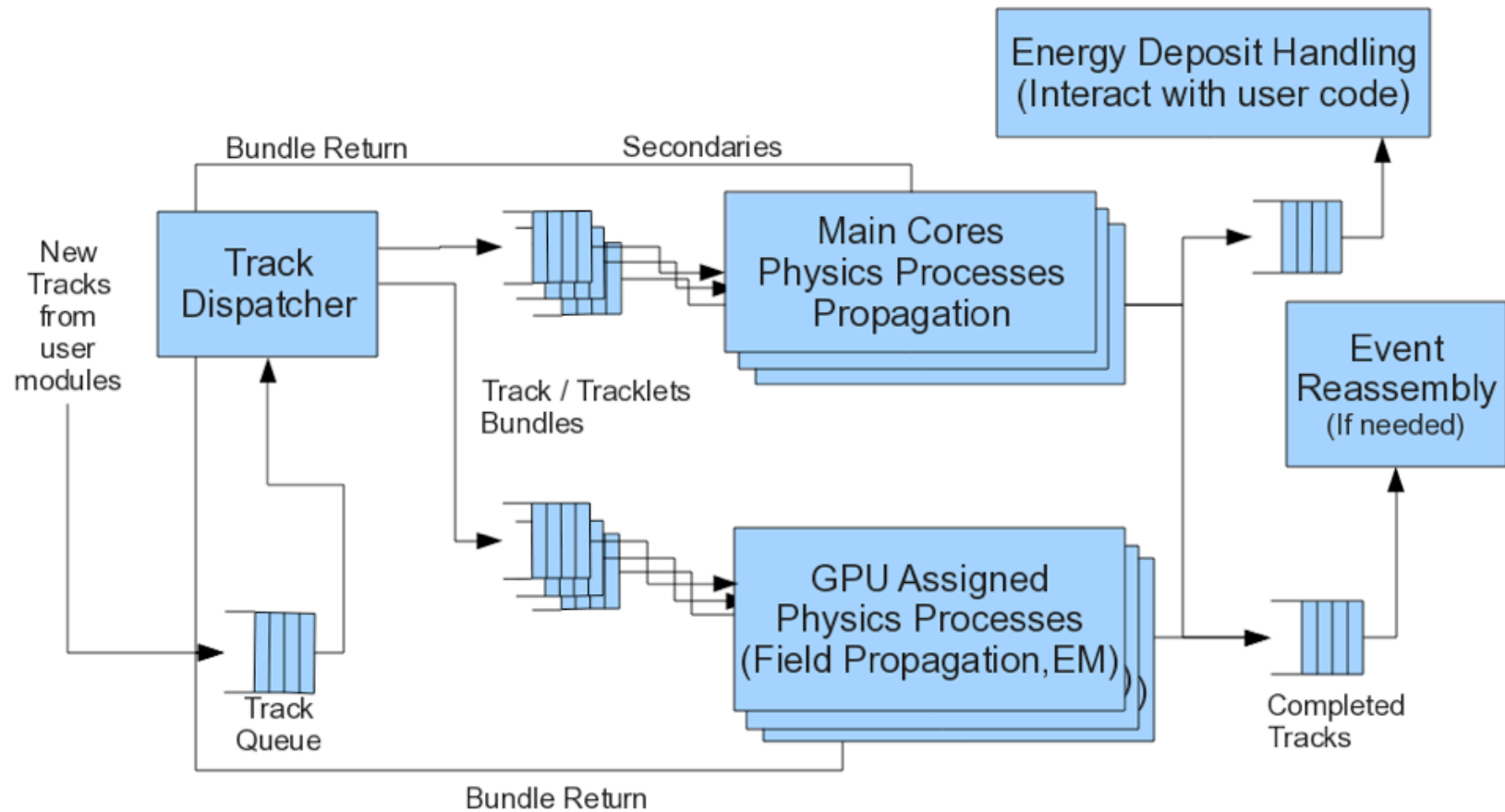
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Design Directions

- *Replace the looping mechanism from handling one single element at a time to handling multiple elements (vectors)*
 - *Reduce the number of decisions and thus the number of incorrect branch predictions*
 - *Reduce the number of overall functions calls*
 - *Reduce the number of calculations*
 - *For example if several tracks are in the same volume, lookup/calculate/use parametrization only once*
 - *Improve memory locality for example by having collections of light weight objects*



Track Processing



Next Generation of Event Data Processing Frameworks

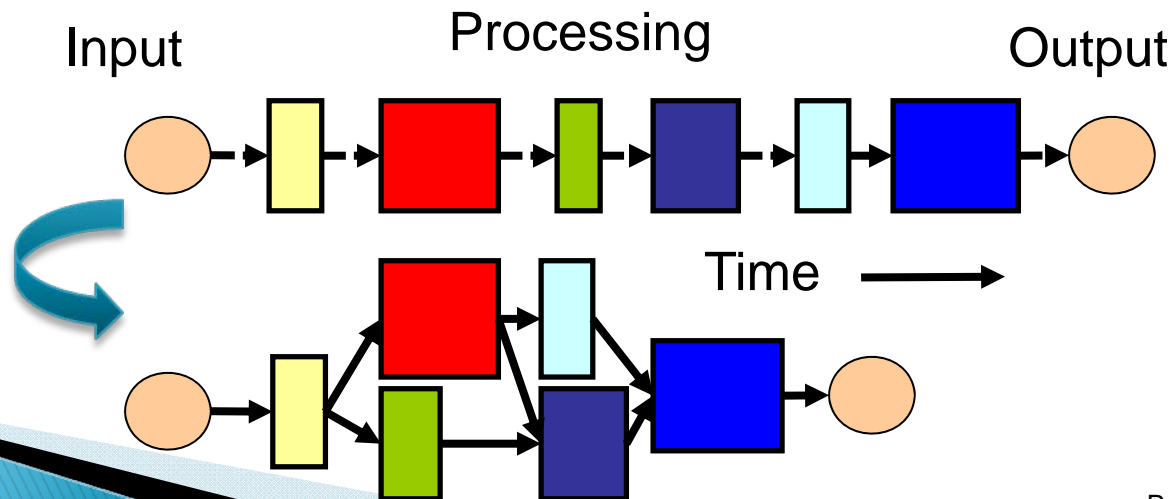
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Concurrent 'chunk' processing

- ▶ Framework with the ability to schedule concurrent tasks
 - Full data dependency analysis would be required (no global data or hidden dependencies)
 - Need to resolve the DAGs (Direct Acyclic Graphs)
- ▶ Not much gain expected with today's designed 'chunks'
 - See CMS estimates at CHEP'10 (*)
 - Algorithm decomposition can be influenced by the framework capabilities
- ▶ 'Chunks' could be processed by different hardware/software
 - CPU, GPU, threads, process, etc.



Re-engineering Geant4

- ▶ Geant4 [core] is a toolkit and should continue to be
 - Facilitates the integration in existing applications/frameworks
- ▶ However Geant4 applications should be based on a new and more modern framework
 - Configuration, proper scripting, interactivity, I/O, analysis, etc.
 - Plugins based (physics process/models, visualization drivers, etc.)
 - Ability to run full and fast MC together using common infrastructure (e.g. geometry, conditions, etc.)
 - E.g. today's frameworks allow to run different 'tacking algorithms' in the same program
 - Defining clearly the input and output types
- ▶ Make use of the common set of foundation packages (math, vectors, utility classes, etc.)

Straw man Project Timeline

