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#### Motivation

• After a Monte Carlo simulation, we get an answer. However how to estimate quality of the answer.

What we must remember is

- Large number of history does not valid result of simulation.
- Small Relative Error does not valid result of simulation



## Motivation (Cont.)

• To provide "statistical information to assist establishing valid confidence intervals for Monte Carlo results" for users, something like MCNPs did.



## Subject of this study

- Precision of the Monte Carlo simulation
- Accuracy of the result is NOT a subject of this study

At first we have to define Precision and Accuracy of simulations





# Subject of this study (Cont.)

- Precision of the Monte Carlo simulation is subject of this study.
- To state accuracy of simulations, we should consider details of simulation, i.e., uncertainties of physical data, modeling of physical processes, variance reduction techniques and so on.
- To make a generalized tool, we have to limit subjects only for precision.



Accuracy is a subject for most of presentations in this workshop.

## Principal of this study is Central Limit Theorem



## Central Limit Theorem

- Every data which are influenced by many small and unrelated random effects has normally distribution.
- The estimated mean will appear to be sampled from normal distribution with a KNOWN standard deviation  $(\sigma/\sqrt{N})$ when N approaches infinity.



## Central Limit Theorem (Cont.)

- Therefore, We have to check that N have approached infinity in the sense of the CLT, or not.
- This corresponds to the checking the complete sampling of interested phase space has occurred, or not.



This is not a simple static test but check of results from nature of Monte Carlo simulations



 $\overline{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i$ 

 $S^{2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{i} - \overline{x})^{2}}{N - 1}$ 

 $VOV = \frac{S^2(S_{\overline{x}})}{S_{\overline{x}}^4}$ 

 $R = \frac{S_{\overline{x}}^2}{\overline{x}}$ , where  $S_{\overline{x}}^2 = \frac{S^2}{N}$ 

- Mean
- Variance and Standard Deviation
- Relative error



## Checking Values (Cont.)

- Figure of Merit
- $FOM = \frac{1}{R^2 T}$

 $SHIFT = \sum \left( x_i - \overline{x} \right)^3 / \left( 2S^2 N \right)$ 

- Scoring Efficiency  $R_{intrinsic}$  and  $R_{efficiency}$   $q = \frac{number of NON ZERO histories}{N}$
- Shift
- SLOPE

Fit to the Largest history scores



#### What we check?

- Behavior of MEAN
- Values of R
- Time profile of R
- Values of VOV
- Time profile of VOV
- Time profile of FOM
- Behavior of FOM
- Value of SLOPE
- Value of SHIFT



- Effect of the largest history score occurs on the next history.
  - MEAN
  - R (R<sub>intrinsic</sub> and R<sub>efficiency)</sub>
  - VOV
  - FOM
  - SHIFT

Numeric Answer

#### Of cause, Boolean check is carried out mathematically (statistically)

value behavior time profile



## For behaviors and time profiles check

- Derive Pearson's r from data (results and theoretical values)
  - r=1(-1), perfect positive (negative) correlation
  - r=0, uncorrelated
- null hypothesis is set to uncorrelated
- Then,  $t = r\sqrt{N-2/1-r^2}$  follows student t distribution of degree of freedom  $\nu = N-2$
- Checking significance of r with null hypothesis.
- Rejection level of null hypothesis is 68.28% (1  $\sigma$  )





#### Example 100 histories



Does not pass most of Boolean tests



### How to apply Energy Spectrum estimation etc.



- Checking each confidence level of P1, P2, P3, P4,,,,
- Of course, scoring efficiency becomes low.

Unfortunately, this tool does not work well with some deterministic variance reduction techniques. This is come from limitation of CLT (means some variance are required for distribution), so that we can not over come. And some simulations becomes deterministic without awaking of users. Please check your simulation carefully.



#### Current Status of Development

- Most part of developments has been done.
- Following items are remained under development.
  - Output of testing result
  - Class or function for minimization of multi dimensional functions



We want to include this tool in Geant4 but what category is suite for this tool?

Run, SD, Hits and its collections, Tally??

#### Summary

- We have successfully developed a general assistant tool for the checking the results from Monte Carlo simulations like MCNPs.
- Through this tool, users easily know the confidence intervals for Monte Carlo results.

