

Negative improvements, relative validity and elusive goodness

Food for thought for Monte Carlo simulation users and developers

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Aging

- Our Monte Carlo codes are getting old
- (Monte Carlo) simulation gets more and more popular in experimental practice



Monte Carlo OR simulation



Revisiting old successes

2007 IEEE Nuclear Science Symposium Conference Record

Best Student paper, IEEE NSS 2007 Validation of Geant4 low energy physics models against electron energy deposition and backscattering data

Anton Lechner, Student Member, IEEE, Maria Grazia Pia and Manju Sudhakar



³⁹⁸ TNS, 2009

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 56, NO. 2, APRIL 2009

Validation of Geant4 Low Energy Electromagnetic Processes Against Precision Measurements of Electron Energy Deposition

Anton Lechner, Maria Grazia Pia, and Manju Sudhakar

How does it look like a few years later?

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V. Ivanchenko et al., Recent **Progress** of Geant4 Electromagnetic Physics and Readiness for the LHC Start, XII Advanced Computing and Analysis Techniques in *Physics Research, Erice, Italy, 3-7 November 2008*

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Recent Improvements in Geant4 Electromagnetic Physics Models and Interfaces

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REVIEW

New Geant4 Model and Interface Developments for Improved Space Electron Transport Simulations: First results

John Allison, Juan Cueto, Vladimir Grichine, Alexander Howard, Sergio Ibarmia, Vladimir Ivanchenko, Michel Maire, Giovanni Santin and Laszlo Urban



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Negative improvements



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Validation of Geant4 Simulation of Electron Energy Deposition

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Target	Z	Е	angle	Geant4 version					
		(kev)	(degrees)	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6
Be	4	58	0	0.071	0.014	0.124	0.311	0.149	0.156
Be	4	109	0	0.021	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.015	0.013
Be	4	314	0	0.015	0.764	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.013	0.014
Be	4	521	0	0.092	0.967	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.832	0.793
Be	4	1033	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
С	6	1000	0	0.917	0.994	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.290	0.346
Al	13	314	0	0.182	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	0.007
Al	13	521	0	0.574	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.091	0.089
Al	13	1033	0	0.484	0.123	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Al	13	314	60	0.396	0.596	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.002
Al	13	521	60	0.137	0.011	0.001	< 0.001	0.056	0.086
Al	13	1033	60	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Fe	26	300	0	0.832	< 0.001	0.351	0.741	0.787	0.742
Fe	26	500	0	0.055	< 0.001	0.314	0.003	0.814	0.808
Fe	26	1000	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.169	0.003	< 0.001	< 0.001
Cu	29	300	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Cu	29	500	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mo	42	100	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mo	42	300	0	0.062	< 0.001	0.001	< 0.001	0.008	0.002
Mo	42	500	0	0.020	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.128	0.115
Mo	42	1000	0	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mo	42	300	60	0.023	0.002	0.049	0.043	0.029	0.022
Mo	42	500	60	0.022	< 0.001	0.011	0.006	0.003	0.007
Mo	42	1000	60	0.037	< 0.001	0.010	0.028	0.001	0.002
Та	73	300	0	0.043	0.511	0.242	0.272	0.364	0.294
Та	73	500	0	0.025	0.003	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.012	0.019
Та	73	1000	0	0.030	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.002	0.001
Ta	73	500	60	0.011	0.003	0.040	0.042	0.010	0.007
Та	73	1000	60	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Та	73	500	30	0.034	0.005	0.004	0.006	0.020	0.017

How to facilitate negative improvements



What is bad may be good



IEEE Standard 1012

validation: (A) [...] (B) The process of providing evidence that the system, software, or hardware and its associated products satisfy requirements allocated to it at the end of each life cycle activity, solve the right problem (e.g., correctly model physical laws, implement business rules, and use the proper system assumptions), and satisfy intended use and user needs

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How good?

- Hardly any systematic, comprehensive, quantitative validation of the "ingredients" of Monte Carlo simulation codes is documented in the literature
- Comparison of simulation results and experimental data in use cases mainly rests on visual appraisal of figures or indicators (%) deprived of any statistical relevance



Agreement Good agreement Excellent agreement Satisfactory agreement



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Positive improvements



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Evaluation of Atomic Electron Binding Energies for Monte Carlo Particle Transport

Maria Grazia Pia, Hee Seo, Matej Batic, Marcia Begalli, Chan Hyeong Kim, Lina Quintieri, and Paolo Saracco IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 59, NO. 4, AUGUST 2012



Photon Elastic Scattering Simulation: Validation and Improvements to Geant4

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...and more Geant4 collaboration

Validation of Geant4-Based Radioactive Decay Simulation

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Publications

Validation of Proton Ionization Cross Section Generators for Monte Carlo Particle Transport

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Supporting tools → Monte Carlo simulation as quantitative science

Enabling quantitative validation of Monte Carlo codes

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A Goodness-of-Fit Statistical Toolkit

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New Developments of the Goodness-of-Fit Statistical Toolkit

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Monte Carlo simulation as a science

A collaborative effort across different Monte Carlo codes for the validation of



the "bricks" would be beneficial to the experimental community

A paradigm shift

The scientific community needs a paradigm shift with regard to validation experiments. Experimenters and funding agencies understand the value of experiments designed to explore new scientific phenomena, test theories, or examine the performance of design components. But few

appreciate the value of experiments explicitly conducted for code validation. Even when experimenters are interested in validating a code, few mechanisms exist for funding such an experiment. It's essential that the scientific community provide support for code-validation experiments. Software for experiments Experiments for software

Computational Science Demands a New Paradigm

Douglass E. Post and Lawrence G. Votta

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