UI Updates

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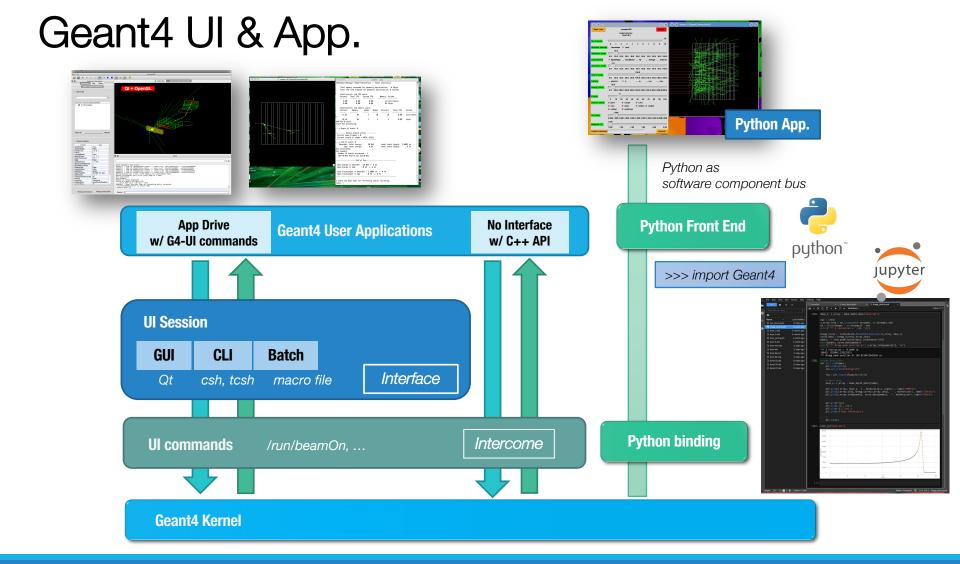
Dropping Compoments

- Momo will be dropped in the v11 release.
 - Java Front-end for G4 application builder
- Python2: End of life
 - Python2 became End of Life in Apr/2020.
 - Python2 codes will be dropped in the v11 release.
 - Only support Python3 codes



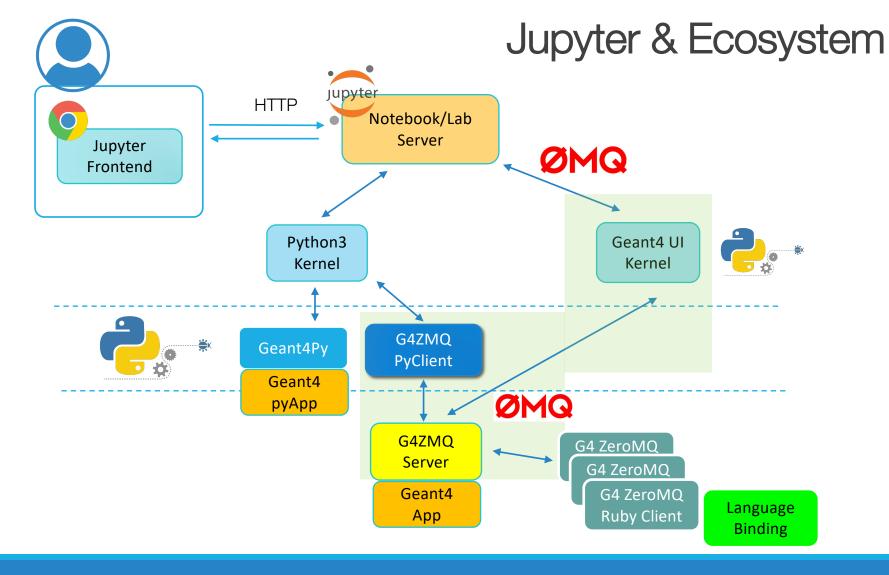
Python

- Python is more popular environment in science.
 - o important tool in data science
 - o packages: Anaconda (numpy, scipy, ...)
 - o data management : pandas.DataFrame
 - o plot tools: matplotlib, plotly, ...
 - Jupyter (JupyterLab, JupyterNotebook) ecosystem



Boost.python to Pybind11

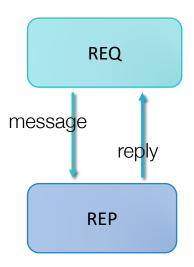
- Backend tools for C++ binding to Python
- pybind11
 - o https://github.com/pybind/pybind11
 - Seamless operability between C++11 and Python
 - header only
 - o C++11 (modern C++) support
 - STL container support
 - o wrapper approach is very similar to boost.python
- reviewing binding Geant4 classes/methods
- new example using Jupyter-lab and save as ipynb file
 - Anaconda: CSV data + pandas + matplotlib -> full chain of simulation and analysis
 - VTK (paraview) + Jupyter / WebGL (gITF) + Jupyter



ZeroMQ Message Backend

- light-weight socket API
 - o very popular tool: stable, easy to install
- support different message patterns
 - REQ REP (Request Reply model)
 - o send a message from client to sever
 - o reply a message from sever to client
 - 0 ...
- Many language bindings
 - o C/C++, Python, Ruby, PHP, Perl, Java, ...





G4ZMQServer

- An alternative UI session like
 - UI terminal, Qt session, Batch session,
 - /environments/zmq

```
auto zmq_session = new G4ZMQServer();
zmq_session-> SetEndpoint(endpoint);
// endpoint is like tcp://127.0.0.1:5555
zmq_session -> SessionStart();
```

Waiting a message / Receive a message /
 Execute UI (primitive) commands / Send back an output

ZeroMQ client

- Clients can be in any languages that ZeroMQ is bound.
- Simple pyclient module : *g4zmq* (written in Python)

```
>>> import g4zmq
>>> g4zmq.connect()
>>> g4zmq.ls("/run")
>>> g4zmq.help("/run/beamOn")
>>> g4zmq.apply("/run/beamOn 10")
```

- Language bindings:
 - o Python, Julia, Ruby, Perl, PHP, JAVA, ...
 - http://zeromq.org/bindings: start

Notes on ZMQ interface

- ZMQ interface is an alternative of UI session.
- You can drive Geant4 app in the same way as UI terminal.
 - send a UI command, execute, get a response (output)
 - more friendly for scripting
- **CANNOT** directly access to Geant4 objects like **native** Python interface approach (Geant4Py).

IGeant4

Geant4 UI Kernel for Jupyter

https://github.com/koichi-murakami/igeant4

jupyter console --kernel geant4

You can do:

- connect to G4 zmq server
- execute UI / shell commands
- completion
- history
- shell (bash) exec (ex. %shell Is)



MPI Issue

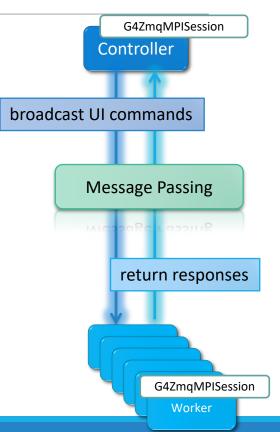
MPI: A Message-Passing Interface Standard Version 3.1 Message Passing Interface Forum says

"The C++ bindings were deprecated as of MPI-2.2. The C++ bindings are removed in MPI-3.0. The namespace is still reserved, however, and bindings may only be provided by an implementation as described in the MPI-2.2 standard. "

- The situation does not change in the 2019 draft specification, hoeplessly in MPI-4
- openMPI v1.10.1 is the latest version of MPI-2, that supports C++ binding.
 - The software status is 'retired'.

Message Passing Scheme

- Geant4-MPI interface is based on simple scatter/gather model.
 - o Implemented in "interface" layer.
 - Isolated from G4kernel
 - Broadcasting UI commands (from controller to workers)
 - No intercommunications between worker nodes
- ZeroMQ can be used as a backend of message passing.
 - o plan to release in v11 (experimental)
 - o message distributor is reusable.
 - additional functionalities of controller (node config, remote shell...)
 - o communication model of efficient reduce for large scale computing



New proposal for JSON config

```
18 lines (18 sloc) 478 Bytes
  1 // - G4Bench config file written in JSON5
  2
       // Run Configuration
       Run : {
       Seed: 123456789,
       SeedOnce : false,
        G4DATA: "/opt/geant4/data"
 10
       // Primary setting (Generic)
 11
 12
       Primary : {
         particle : "e-",
 13
         energy : 1000.0, // MeV
 14
         position : [ 0., 0., -45. ], // cm
 15
         direction : [ 0., 0., 1.],
 16
 17
 18 }
```

- Use a JSON as configuration file
 - This example is written in JSON5
 - So far, no association with G4 UI commands

How to use

```
195
         // load config
196
         auto jparser = JsonParser::GetJsonParser();
197
         bool gload = jparser-> LoadFile(config file);
      double pkin = ::jparser-> GetDoubleValue("Primary/energy");
75
      gun-> SetParticleEnergy(pkin*MeV);
76
77
      std::vector<double> dvec;
78
      if (::jparser-> Contains("Primary/direction") ) {
79
        dvec.clear();
80
        ::jparser-> GetDoubleArray("Primary/direction", dvec);
81
        G4ThreeVector pvec(dvec[0], dvec[1], dvec[2]);
82
83
        gun-> SetParticleMomentumDirection(pvec);
84
```

- JsonParser class as a parser
 - PicoJSON is used as JSON parser.
 - o nlohmann/json is too strict for some expressions
 - JSON / JSON5
 - o namespace feature for multile files
- JSON-pointer-like access
 - o "Primary/energy"
 - o "Primary/direction"
- Currently 100% user code
- Can associate G4UI commands as pre-loader

What about this?: G4 Data

```
std::string kG4ENV_LIST [] =
25
26
      "G4ABLADATA",
      "G4LEDATA",
27
      "G4ENSDFSTATEDATA",
      "G4INCLDATA",
29
      "G4NEUTRONHPDATA",
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31
      "G4PARTICLEXSDATA",
32
      "G4PIIDATA",
      "G4SAIDXSDATA",
34
      "G4LEVELGAMMADATA",
      "G4RADIOACTIVEDATA",
36
      "G4REALSURFACEDATA"
37
38
    std::string kG4ENV_PREFIX_LSIT [] =
40
      "G4ABLA",
41
      "G4EMLOW",
      "G4ENSDFSTATE",
      "G4INCL",
45
      "G4NDL",
      "G4PARTICLEXS",
47
      "G4PII",
      "G4SAIDDATA",
49
      "PhotonEvaporation",
      "RadioactiveDecay"
51
       "RealSurface"
52
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    std::map<int, std::string> kVer_G4ABLADATA =
55
      {1020, "3.0"}, {1021, "3.0"}, {1022, "3.0"}, {1023, "3.0"},
      {1030, "3.0"}, {1031, "3.0"}, {1032, "3.0"}, {1033, "3.0"},
      {1040, "3.1"}, {1041, "3.1"}, {1042, "3.1"}, {1043, "3.1"},
      {1050, "3.1"}, {1051, "3.1"},
       {1060, "3.1"}, {1061, "3.1"}, {1062, "3.1"}, {1063, "3.1"},
61
       {1070, "3.1"}, {1071, "3.1"}, {1072, "3.1"}
62 };
63
```

- No need to be bothered by environment variables.
- If G4 environment variables are not set, try to use these values. (check for each)
 - if G4 envs are set, then use them
 - fully compatible with conventional way
 - stil need to specify where G4 data is located (top directory for data)
 - setenv() is not POSIX (concern)
 - use _putenv_s() for MSVS

Summary

- Dropping / Changing features
 - Momo
 - Python v2 codes
 - o pybind11: tool change for python-C++ binding
- ZeroMQ as message passing backend
 - o G4 ZeroMQ Server as a UI session. -> Allows to interface with any languages
 - Geant4 UI language kernel for Jupyter
 - Alternative backend for MPI-like Message Passing Interface