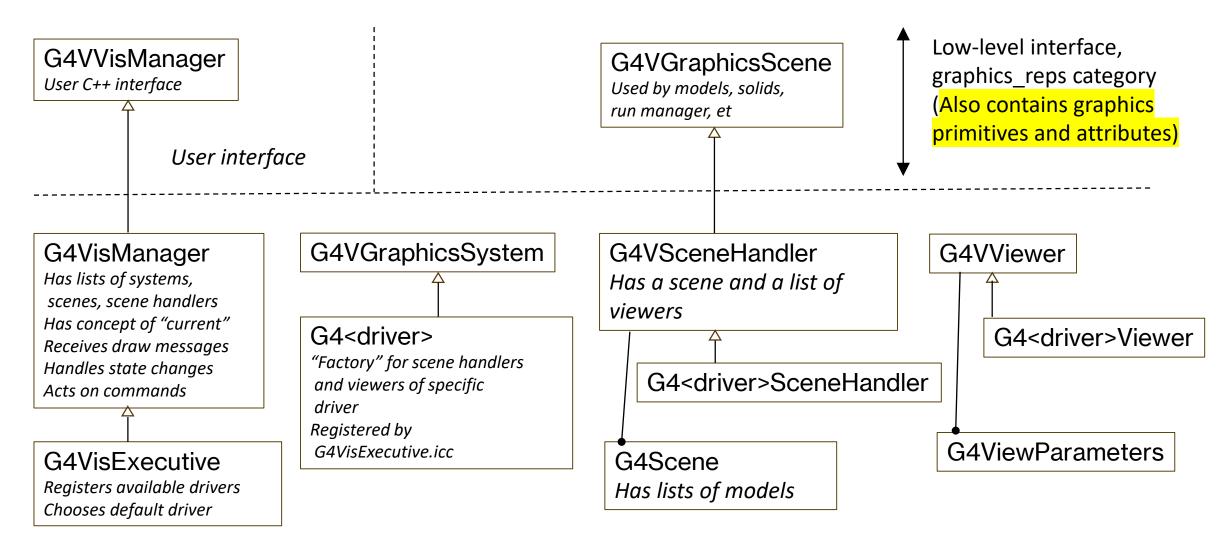


Geant4 Visualisation: Concepts and Commands

Class Diagram
Scenes, models and all that

Commands

Class diagram



visualization category

Scenes, models and all that

- A scene (G4Scene) consists of models representing Geant4 entities
 - A model converts the entity into graphics primitives
 - polyhedron, polyline, circle,...
 - 3 types: run-duration (e.g., detector), end-of-event, or end-of-run
 - At least one model must have an extent (bounding box)
 - The scene has an extent that is the accumulation of the extents of the models
 - The centre of the scene is the standard target point
 - There are some explicit models (see list)
 - G4CallbackModel is a generic way of writing a model
 - Models are added with /vis/scene/add/ commands
- A model knows how to describe itself to a scene handler
 - G4PhysicalVolumeModel sends representations (G4Polyhedron) of touchables (leaves of the geometry hierarchy tree) to chosen depth
 - The scene handler turns the primitives into graphics-system-specific information for the viewer
 - Smart scene handlers accumulate a graphical database for GPU rendering
- You can instantiate multiple scene handlers of the same or different type of driver, and multiple viewers of each driver
 - /vis/viewer/list to see, change current viewer with /vis/viewer/select
- All visualisable Geant4 objects have vis attributes (G4VisAttributes) (next slides)
 - E.g., geometry volumes (in G4LogicalVolume), G4Polyhedron, G4Circle,...
- Each viewer has its own view parameters (G4ViewParamaters) and standard view (next slides)

G4ArrowModel.hh G4AxesModel.hh G4CallbackModel.hh G4DigiModel.hh G4ElectricFieldModel.hh G4GPSModel.hh G4HitsModel.hh G4LogicalVolumeModel.hh G4MagneticFieldModel.hh G4NullModel.hh G4PSHitsModel.hh G4PhysicalVolumeModel.hh G4PlotterModel.hh G4TextModel.hh G4TrajectoriesModel.hh G4VFieldModel.hh G4VModel.hh G4VTrajectoryModel.hh

scene add arrow arrow2D axes date digis electricField eventID extent frame gps hits line line2D localAxes logicalVolume logo logo2D magneticField plotter psHits scale text text2D trajectories

userAction

volume

Kernel visit

- Most drivers build a graphical database
 - Exploits GPU
 - Rotate, zoom, etc., is very fast
- Some operations require a rebuild
 - Each viewer decides...and then initiates a "kernel visit"
 - G4 objects are re-visited and the models re-interpret them
- Viewers without a graphical database initiate a kernel visit for every operation
 - E.g., OGLI, most file-writing drivers
 - It does not consume memory (it used to be a problem)
 - Rotation, etc., is slow

Vis attributes

 Every visualisable Geant4 object, including every geometry logical volume, has a vis attributes pointer (G4VisAttributes*)

```
void SetVisibility
                             (G4bool = true);
void SetDaughtersInvisible (G4bool = true);
void SetColour
                             (const G4Colour&);
void SetColor
                             (const G4Color&);
                             (G4double red, G4double green, G4double blue,
void SetColour
                             G4double alpha = 1.);
void SetColor
                             (G4double red, G4double green, G4double blue,
                             G4double alpha = 1.);
void SetLineStyle
                             (LineStyle);
void SetLineWidth
                             (G4double);
void SetForceWireframe
                             (G4bool = true);
void SetForceSolid
                             (G4bool = true);
void SetForceCloud
                             (G4bool = true);
void SetForceNumberOfCloudPoints (G4int nPoints);
// nPoints <= 0 means under control of viewer</pre>
void SetForceAuxEdgeVisible (G4bool = true);
void SetForceLineSegmentsPerCircle (G4int nSegments);
// Allows choice of circle approximation. A circle of 360 degrees
// will be composed of nSegments line segments. If your solid has
// curves of D degrees that you need to divide into N segments,
// specify nSegments = N * 360 / D.
void SetStartTime
                             (G4double);
void SetEndTime
                             (G4double);
void SetAttValues
                             (const std::vector<G4AttValue>*);
void SetAttDefs
                             (const std::map<G4String,G4AttDef>*);
```

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View parameters and standard view

- Each viewer has its own view parameters (G4ViewParameters)
- The standard view is based on the scene's extent and the view parameters
- On instantiation, a viewer points to the standard target point and its field of view covers the scene
 - Thus, by default, your detector is always centre of the field of view
 - See G4ViewParameters.hh for an extensive description of these concepts
- View parameters are set only by commands there is no user interface.
 - Except some that are overridden by vis attributes
 - E.g., SetForceWireframe, etc

COMMAND-BASED VISUALIZATION

Over 200 vis commands, with extensive guidance

Plus many more driver specific, modeling and filtering commands

The command guidance is our documentation

Use "Is", "help" or the GUI help tree to see commands and their guidance

To echo or monitor: /control/verbose 2

Common commands

Scene editing

G4Atts (G4AttDef and G4AttValue)

Trajectory modeling and filtering

Event keeping and reviewing

Viewer control

Saving, replaying and interpolating views

Making movies

Touchables

Viewing meshes

Geometry overlaps and other useful things

Plotting

Driver-specific commands

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Common commands

- To echo commands: /control/verbose 2
- Adjust verbosity: /vis/verbose [verbosity]
 - E.g., /vis/verbose confirmations

```
Simple graded message scheme - digit or string (1st character defines):

0) quiet, // Nothing is printed.

1) startup, // Startup and endup messages are printed...

2) errors, // ...and errors...

3) warnings, // ...and warnings...

4) confirmations, // ...and confirming messages...

5) parameters, // ...and parameters of scenes and views...

6) all // ...and everything available.
```

- /vis/disable
 - Good to turn off trajectory storing as well: /tracking/storeTrajectory 0
- Useful commands: /vis/list, /vis/viewer/list, /vis/scene/list
- /vis/open [<driver>]
 - There is a default driver (OGL at present)
 - The default can be changed by environment or ~/.g4session
 - /vis/open is actually /vis/sceneHandler/create + /vis/viewer/create
 - You can open multiple drivers of the same or different type, and multiple viewers of each driver
- /vis/drawVolume [<physical-volume-name>]
 - Actually /vis/scene/create + /vis/scene/add/volume + /vis/sceneHandler/attach
- /vis/scene/add/trajectories [rich] [smooth]
 - Adjust presentation with /vis/modeling/..., selection with /vis/filtering/... see Section 2.4
- /vis/scene/add/axes, et (see examples/basic/B1/vis.mac)

Scene editing

- Adding specific volumes (the extents are accumulated so the standard view changes each time you add a volume so that everything is within the field of view)
 - /vis/scene/create
 - /vis/scene/add/volume A
 - /vis/scene/add/volume B
 - ...
 - /vis/sceneHandler/attach
- Adding trajectories (also hits or digis, if Draw methods implemented)
 - /vis/scene/add/trajectories [rich] [smooth] see Section 2.4
- Event display and keeping behaviour (similarly for run)
 - /vis/scene/endOfEventAction <refresh|accumulate> [number-of-events-to-be-kept]
- Activate and de-activate models with /vis/scene/activateModel

Scene editing (contd)

- Changing a vis attribute with /vis/geometry
 - E.g., /vis/geometry/set/colour <logical-vol-name> <colour>
 - Changes the vis attributes in the actual logical volume
 - So it changes them for all touchables that have that logical volume
 - Restore original vis attributes with /vis/geometry/restore

Note:

- To change the vis attributes of a specific touchable, use /vis/set/touchable and /vis/touchable/set
 - These are really viewer commands see View Control

G4Atts (G4AttDef and G4AttValue)

- These are string-based objects
 - G4AttDef defines ID, type, description,...
 - G4AttValue contains an ID and value as a string, interpreted by referring to the corresponding
 G4AttDef
 - The idea is that you have one set of **G4AttDef** objects, with multiple economical **G4AttValues**
 - An object typically has methods GetAttDefs and GetAttValues
 - The user must take care to delete the G4AttValues
 - Based on the HepRep concept by Joseph Perl see http://heprep.freehep.org
- In principle can be used to add accessible values to any type of object without introducing dependencies
- You can add G4Atts to any visualizable object (primitives, logical volume,...) via
 G4VisAttributes
- They a "zero weight" they do not add to the object itself but are created on demand in user space by (virtual) methods of the object

Trajectory modeling and filtering

- /vis/scene/add/trajectories [rich] [smooth]
 - Default (no parameters): basic G4Atts
 - smooth: includes field interpolation points
 - A G4Step has only the start and end points, which can miss several turns of the spiral a charged particle experiences in a field. The default trajectory can look jagged – specify smooth to get a nice curved trajectory
 - rich: extended G4Atts (next slide)
 - Includes smooth
 - The G4Atts are printed at startup
 - They are available for modeling and filtering

```
G4TrajectoriesModel:
  Event ID (EventID): G4int
  Run ID (RunID): G4int
G4Trajectory:
  Charge (Ch): unit: e+ (G4double)
  Track ID (ID): G4int
  Initial kinetic energy (IKE):
    G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Initial momentum magnitude (IMag):
    G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Initial momentum (IMom):
    G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
 No. of points (NTP): G4int
  PDG Encoding (PDG): G4int
  Parent ID (PID): G4int
  Particle Name (PN): G4String
G4TrajectoryPoint:
  Position (Pos):
    G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
```

Rich and smooth trajectories

```
G4TrajectoriesModel:
 Event ID (EventID): G4int
 Run ID (RunID): G4int
G4SmoothTrajectory:
 Charge (Ch): unit: e+ (G4double)
 Track ID (ID): G4int
 Initial kinetic energy (IKE): G4BestUnit (G4double)
 Initial momentum magnitude (IMag): G4BestUnit (G4double)
 Initial momentum (IMom): G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
 No. of points (NTP): G4int
 PDG Encoding (PDG): G4int
 Parent ID (PID): G4int
 Particle Name (PN): G4String
G4SmoothTrajectoryPoint:
 Auxiliary Point Position (Aux): G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
 Step Position (Pos): G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
```

```
G4TrajectoriesModel:
 Event ID (EventID): G4int
  Run ID (RunID): G4int
G4RichTrajectory:
  Creator Model ID (CMID): G4int
  Creator Model Name (CMN): G4String
  Creator Process Name (CPN): G4String
  Creator Process Type Name (CPTN): G4String
  Charge (Ch): unit: e+ (G4double)
  Ending Process Name (EPN): G4String
  Ending Process Type Name (EPTN): G4String
  Final kinetic energy (FKE): G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Final Next Volume Path (FNVPath): G4String
  Final Volume Path (FVPath): G4String
  Track ID (ID): G4int
  Initial kinetic energy (IKE): G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Initial momentum magnitude (IMag): G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Initial momentum (IMom): G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
  Initial Next Volume Path (INVPath): G4String
  Initial Volume Path (IVPath): G4String
  No. of points (NTP): G4int
  PDG Encoding (PDG): G4int
  Parent ID (PID): G4int
  Particle Name (PN): G4String
G4RichTrajectoryPoint:
  Auxiliary Point Position (Aux): G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
  Process Defined Step (PDS): G4String
  Process Type Defined Step (PTDS): G4String
  Position (Pos): G4BestUnit (G4ThreeVector)
  Post-step-point status (PostStatus): G4String
  Post-step-point global time (PostT): G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Post-step Volume Path (PostVPath): G4String
  Post-step-point weight (PostW): G4double
  Pre-step-point status (PreStatus): G4String
  Pre-step-point global time (PreT): G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Pre-step Volume Path (PreVPath): G4String
  Pre-step-point weight (PreW): G4double
  Remaining Energy (RE): G4BestUnit (G4double)
  Total Energy Deposit (TED): G4BestUnit (G4double)
```

Trajectory modeling and filtering (contd)

- The following model and filter factories are registered
- Typically, you create (instantiate) a
 model as below (see B1/vis.mac)
 - If you do not do this, the vis manager instantiates a **drawByCharge** model
- This creates a corresponding set of commands for customizing properties
 - Use help and guidance to see them

Registered model factories:
 generic
 drawByAttribute
 drawByCharge
 drawByOriginVolume
 drawByParticleID
 drawByEncounteredVolume

Registered filter factories:
 attributeFilter
 chargeFilter
 originVolumeFilter
 particleFilter
 encounteredVolumeFilter

G4VisManager: Using G4TrajectoryDrawByCharge as fallback trajectory model.

/vis/modeling/trajectories/create/drawByCharge
/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setDrawStepPts true
/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setStepPtsSize 2

Event keeping

- By default, the vis manager keeps 100 events
 - This default number can be changed with /vis/scene/endOfEventAction
 - They can be viewed at end of run
 - One by one: /vis/reviewKeptEvents
- If you want to keep your own events
 - For example, select a rare event in end-of-event action
 - /vis/drawOnlyToBeKeptEvents
 - This turns off event keeping by the vis manager
 - You can do this manually with /vis/scene/endOfEventAction accumulate 0
- Actually, the events are kept by the run manager
 - They are deleted at the start of the next run

```
auto evMan = G4EventManager::GetEventManager();
if (<selection-success>) {
    evMan->KeepTheCurrentEvent();
}

// From Geant4 11.3
    if (<selection-success>) {
        event->KeepTheEvent();
    }
```

Viewer control

- /vis/viewer/zoom, /vis/viewer/set/viewpointThetaPhi, etc
 - Or, of course, interactively, with interactive systems
- /vis/viewer/set/[wireframe|solid|cloud]
 - Can be overridden by G4VisAttributes::SetForceSolid, et, or VAMs (later slides)
- Most graphical viewers are auto-refresh, but file-writing viewers need /vis/viewer/refresh
- The viewer is refreshed, either automatically or by hand, and it may decide to rebuild its graphical database (if any) from the Geant4 kernel
 - E.g., a change from wireframe to solid triggers a rebuild
 - A simple change of viewpoint does not normally require a kernel visit
 - So moving and rotating are very fast for viewers with a graphical database
- /vis/viewer/rebuild if in doubt
- It's a good idea to disable auto-refresh while establishing the scene and the scene see examples/basic/B1/vis.mac

Viewer commands

viewer set default timeWindow hiddenEdge displayHeadTime displayLightFront style endTime set fadeFactor addCutawayPlane startTime centreAndZoomInOn all centreOn autoRefresh auxiliaryEdge changeCutawayPlane background clear culling clearCutawayPlanes cutawayMode clearTransients defaultColour clearVisAttributesModifiers defaultTextColour edge clone explodeFactor colourByDensity globalLineWidthScale copyViewFrom globalMarkerScale create hiddenEdge dolly hiddenMarker lightsMove dollyTo lightsThetaPhi flush lightsVector interpolate lineSegmentsPerCircle list lineWidth numberOfCloudPoints pan picking panTo projection rebuild rotationStyle refresh sectionPlane reset specialMeshRendering resetCameraParameters specialMeshRenderingOption specialMeshVolumes save style scale targetPoint scaleTo upThetaPhi select upVector viewpointThetaPhi update viewpointVector zoom zoomTo

Touchables

- Touchables are the leaves of the geometry hierarchy tree
- To print the tree: /vis/drawTree
 - Various verbosity options: /vis/ASCIITree/verbose
- To find the path to a touchable
 - /vis/touchable/findPath <physical-vol-name>
- Then, with information supplied, /vis/set/touchable
- Then /vis/touchable/set/colour (other options!!)
- Also /vis/touchable/twinkle (and other fancy options!!)
- This is all achieved using Vis Attribute Modifiers (VAMs)
 - see **How do we do that**?
 - VAMs belong to the viewer, and may be copied with /vis/viewer/clone or /vis/open + /vis/viewer/copyViewFrom
 - So they can be different for different views of the same scene

```
touchable
set
      colour
      daughtersInvisible
      forceAuxEdgeVisible
      forceCloud
      forceSolid
      forceWireframe
      lineSegmentsPerCircle
      lineStyle
      lineWidth
      numberOfCloudPoints
      visibility
   centreAndZoomInOn
   centreOn
   draw
   dump
   extentForField
   findPath
   localAxes
   showExtent
   twinkle
   volumeForField
```

Saving, replaying and interpolating views

- /vis/viewer/save [filename.g4view]
 - By default, saves to g4_00.g4view, g4_01.g4view,...
- Then, to get the view again
 - /control/execute g4_00.g4view
- Or interpolate to get an animation
 - /vis/viewer/interpolate
 - For how to save to file and make a movie, see 2.8
- This extends to time-slicing next slide...

Time-slicing

See examples/extended/visualization/movies

```
/vis/scene/add/trajectories rich
/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setTimeSliceInterval 0.01 ns
# Optionally add features (see guidance on /vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/)
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/displayLightFront true 0 0 -20 cm -0.01 ns
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/displayHeadTime true
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/fadeFactor 1
/run/beamOn
# Then set a time window and save
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/startTime 0 ns .1 ns
/vis/viewer/save
# Then zoom, pan etc to a view of interest
# Then set the next time window and save
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/startTime .5 ns .1 ns
/vis/viewer/save
# Then zoom, pan etc to a view of interest
# Then set the next time window and save
/vis/viewer/set/timeWindow/startTime 1 ns .1 ns
/vis/viewer/save
# Then another view, the next time window, and a save...
# ...repeat a few more times
# Then try
/vis/viewer/interpolate
```

Making movies

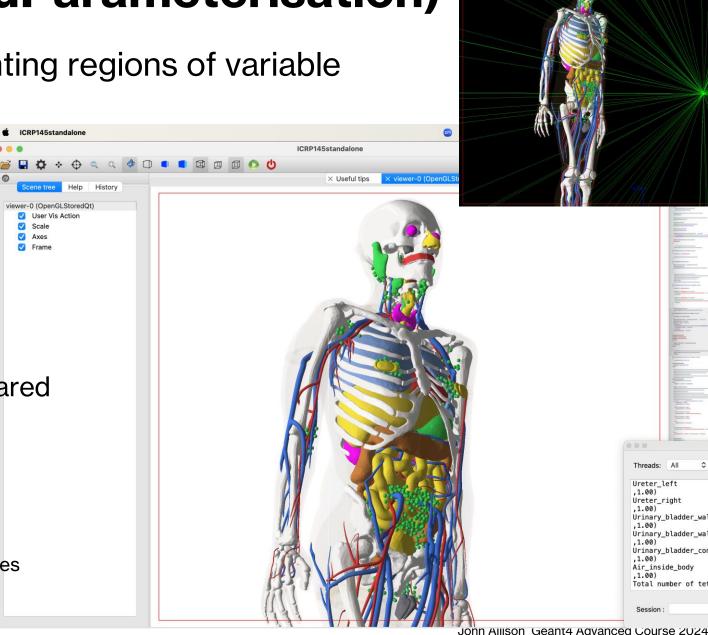
- On MacOS, QuickTime has a "Screen recording" feature
 - Just run your app
 - To record sound: on the small control panel: Options/Microphone and select
 - To stop recording, there's a button on the top bar
- Alternatively, export images using /vis/viewer/interpolate (OpenGL only)
 - /vis/viewer/interpolate!!!!export
 - This produces lots of files
 - You can change export format with (for example)
 - /vis/ogl/set/exportFormat jpg
 - Then import them into your favourite movie maker see <u>Making a movie</u>

Meshes (G4VNestedParameterisation)

Typically used for representing regions of variable material

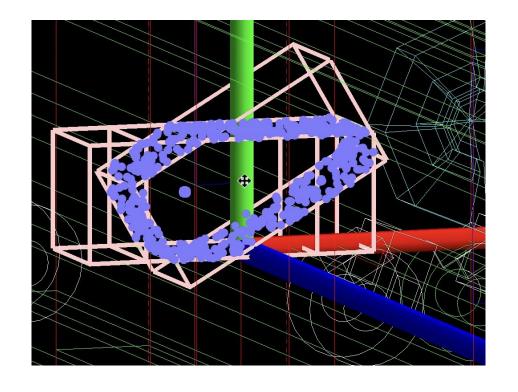
- E.g., human phantom,
 examples/advanced/
 ICRP145_HumanPhantoms
- Only rectangular and tetrahedral at present
 - Clever algorithm to remove shared surfaces (E. Tchernaiev)
- Dots or surfaces

Draw geometry:
/vis/viewer/set/specialMeshRendering
/vis/viewer/set/specialMeshRenderingOption surfaces
/vis/drawVolume



Geometry overlaps and other useful things

- /vis/drawLogicalVolume < log-vol-name>
 - Boolean components
 - Geometry voxels
 - Local axes
 - Geometry overlaps
 - Demo



```
Command /vis/drawLogicalVolume
Guidance :
Draws logical volume with additional components.
Synonymous with "/vis/specify".
Creates a scene consisting of this logical volume and asks the current viewer to draw it. The scene becomes current.
Adds a logical volume to the current scene,
Shows boolean components (if any), voxels (if any), readout geometry (if any), local axes and overlaps (if any), under control of the appropriate flag.
Note: voxels are not constructed until start of run -
"/run/beamOn". (For voxels without a run, "/run/beamOn 0".)
```

Plotting

- If you have histograms registered with the Analysis Manager you can plot them at end of run
 - Only simple 1D and 2D with boxes for now
- At the end of run, the run manager prints
- Only with ToolsSG (TSG) viewer
 - For best results, build with GEANT4_USE_FREETYPE=ON
 - Choice of styles see guidance
 - From Geant4 11.3 (December 2024)
- Try basic example B5
 - /run/beam 100
 - /vis/plot h1 0

100 events have been kept for refreshing and/or reviewing.

"/vis/reviewKeptEvents" to review one by one.

To see accumulated, "/vis/enable", then

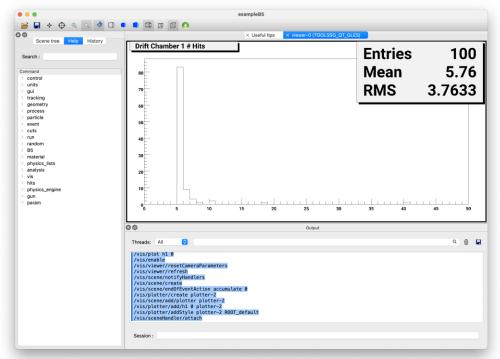
"/vis/viewer/flush" or "/vis/viewer/rebuild".

There are histograms that can be viewed with visualization:

- 2 h1 histograms(s)
- 2 h2 histograms(s)

List them with "/analysis/list".

View them immediately with "/vis/plot" or "/vis/reviewPlots".



Driver specific options and commands

- Ogl/export
- TSG export, oscreen
- OI beam history
- VTK cutting, clipping and export
 - /vis/vtk/export FORMAT FILENAME
 - /vis/vtk/set/clipper 1
 - /vis/vtk/set/cutter 1

Back-up slides

Models and filters

- Models and filters come with a fertile and versatile set of commands
 - Well documented for <u>models</u> and <u>filters</u>, but in-app guidance is somewhat cryptic
- Creating a model creates its specific commands
 - E.g., /vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/set 0 pink
 - The commands are created "on the fly" for each model or filter
- Also, every model has a set of "defaults"
 - This creates a corresponding set of commands for customisation
 - Use help and guidance to see them
 - Of particular interest is setTimeSliceInterval see Section 2.7
 - · Needs rich trajectories

/vis/scene/add/trajectories rich
/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByCharge-0/default/setTimeSliceInterval 0.01 ns

- modeling
 - trajectories
 - > create list select
 - drawByCharge-0
 - default

setAuxPtsColour setAuxPtsColourRGBA setAuxPtsFillStyle setAuxPtsSize setAuxPtsSizeType setAuxPtsType setAuxPtsVisible setDrawAuxPts setDrawLine setDrawStepPts setLineColour setLineColourRGBA setLineVisible setLineWidth setStepPtsColour setStepPtsColourRGBA setStepPtsFillStyle setStepPtsSize

setStepPtsSizeType

setStepPtsType

setStepPtsVisible setTimeSliceInterval

Filters

Similarly, create a filter

```
# To draw only gammas:
/vis/filtering/trajectories/create/particleFilter
/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/add gamma
```

Or its inverse

```
# To draw all except gammas
/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/invert true
```

Filters can be chained

More on modeling and filtering – Back-up slides

```
filtering
> digi
  hits
  trajectories
   create
         attributeFilter
         chargeFilter
         encounteredVolumeFilter
         originVolumeFilter
         particleFilter
      list
      mode
      particleFilter-0
         active
          add
         invert
         reset
         verbose
   attributeFilter-0
         active
         addInterval
         addValue
         invert
         reset
         setAttribute
         verbose
```

Drawing and filtering by attribute

drawByAttribute

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByAttribute-1/interval1/setLineColourRGBA 0.8 0 0.8 1

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByAttribute-1/addInterval interval2 2.5 MeV 5 MeV

/vis/modeling/trajectories/drawByAttribute-1/interval2/setLineColour pink

attributeFilter

/vis/filtering/trajectories/create/particleFilter Filter out gammas
/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/add gamma
/vis/filtering/trajectories/particleFilter-0/invert true

/vis/filtering/trajectories/create/attributeFilter/
/vis/filtering/trajectories/attributeFilter-0/setAttribute Imag
/vis/filtering/trajectories/attributeFilter-0/addInterval 2.5 MeV 1000 MeV

Creator Process Name – see list of

Bremsstrahlung

G4Atts