Performance of CMS Geant4 Simulation

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Introduction

- CMS has integrated Geant4 9.5p01 in the developemt branch and faces visible slow down of simulation
- Urgent fixes are applied but CPU performance of 9.4 is not yet achieved
- This problem is general and is of concern for other LHC experiments and needs actions to improve the situation

CPU performance problem

- Significant CPU penalty have been identified after simple unit tests after 9.5p01 integration to CMSSW: depending on type of events up to 15%
  - Was confirmed by performance analysis of the FNAL group
- Analysis with igprof clearly identified a significant time spent in G4HadronicCrossSection class – GHEISHA cross section
  - The fix is in return back cash and to use G4Pow
  - The fix is in ref-07
- The private patch for CMSSW was provided using improved Geant4 classes included in ref-07
  - This reduces CPU penalty by factor 2
  - Still cross section methods are inside top list in the igprof report

Ttbar in Full CMS with Geant4 9.5p01

% total	Self	Function Before fix
7.29	203.52	G4HadronCrossSections::CalcScatteringCrossSections(G4DynamicParticle const*, int, int) [38]
4.81	134.17	G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection(G4DynamicParticle const*, G4Element const*, G4Material con) [31]
4.31	120.24	__ieee754_log [51]
2.91	81.39	G4Mag_UsualEqRhs::EvaluateRhsGivenB(double const*, double const*, double*) const [72]
2.13	59.59	G4Navigator::LocateGlobalPointAndSetup(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const*, bool,) [46]
1.85	51.57	__ieee754_exp [96]
1.84	51.39	G4PolyconeSide::DistanceAway(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, bool, double&, double*) [85]
1.84	51.30	_init [93]
1.65	45.98	G4ClassicalRK4::DumbStepper(double const*, double const*, double, double*) [45]
1.49	41.70	G4PhotoNuclearCrossSection::GetIsoCrossSection(G4DynamicParticle const*, int, int, G4Isotope const*, .. [104]
1.47	40.97	__ieee754_atan2 [114]
1.35	37.75	G4PhysicsVector::Value(double) [91]

% total	Self	Function After fix of GHEISHA x-section
5.46	348.91	G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection(G4DynamicParticle const*, G4Element const*, G4Material *) [32]
4.08	260.85	__ieee754_log [51]
2.68	171.25	G4Mag_UsualEqRhs::EvaluateRhsGivenB(double const*, double const*, double*) const [73]
2.57	164.13	G4HadronCrossSections::CalcScatteringCrossSections(G4DynamicParticle const*, int, int) [68]
2.24	143.02	_init [80]
2.06	131.57	G4Navigator::LocateGlobalPointAndSetup(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const*, bool) [45]
1.84	117.50	__ieee754_exp [97]
1.71	109.57	G4PolyconeSide::DistanceAway(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, bool, double&, double*) [85]
1.60	102.28	__ieee754_atan2 [107]
1.58	100.92	G4ClassicalRK4::DumbStepper(double const*, double const*, double, double*) [44]
1.49	95.24	G4PhotoNuclearCrossSection::GetIsoCrossSection(G4DynamicParticle const*, int, int, G4Isotope const*,….) [105]
1.47	94.02	G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetIsoCrossSection(G4DynamicParticle const*, int, int, G4Isotope const*….) [36]

Comments to IGPROF results for CMS

- At each step of a particle elastic and inelastic x-sections are computed
  - For GHEISHA (and some other) x-sections computation of elastic and inelastic are performed by call to the same private method CalcScatteringCrossSections
    - Usage of cash reduces number of such calls at least in 2 times
    - Usage of G4Pow reduce CPU required by this method
- After fix of GHEISHA x-section leading methods takes:
  - Geometry-navigation 14.6%
  - Hadronic cross sections take 12.8%
  - Math functions (EM, hadronics, geometry) 7.5%
  - EM physics takes 3.3%
  - Random generator 1.0 %

Recent FNAL Profiling Results

- Soon Yung Jun and Krzysztof Genser provided monthly report for ref-07
- About 5% CPU degradation in electron samples is observed
- Preliminary analysis of simple profiler results shows that extra methods appear in ref-07 in list of top CPU usage:
  - G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection 2%
  - Electro-nuclear x-section 1.4%
  - G4ParticleChange::CheckIt 1.5%
- Further analysis is needed
- The Sunday report for ref-08 shows that the problem of EM CPU degradation disappears, what is the reason?

CPU Performance Problems for Geant4 9.5 and 9.6

- In CMS profiling cross sections take more time than in SimplifiedCalo
- After fix of GHEISHA x-section G4HadronCrossSectionDataStore cashes were added in ref-07, results are problematic but in ref-08 are suddenly improved
- Is ref-08 (current) situation final for 9.6 or we can do better?
- What else can be done for cross sections?
  - These classes are concentrated in one library, so all fixes are compact
- We need to understand which particle cross sections really take majority of CPU
  - Is it neutron and/or other cross sections?
  - Why gamma-nuclear and electro-nuclear take too much CPU?
  - Is it only hadronic problem or EM may compute cross sections faster alsoll?
- One possible improvement is to use G4Pow whenever it is possible

- This problem is essential for all LHC applications both for 9.5 and 9.6!