



Geant4 10.7 Performance Report

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Hardware (1)

- Openlab machine (olhswep04.cern.ch)
- Dual socket Intel Xeon CPU E5-2698 v3 (Haswell, Q3 2014)
- 16 cores per socket, 2.3GHz base, 3.6GHz boost
- 64GB DRAM, 40MB L3, 4MB L2, 512K L1d/L1i
- Intel® SSD DC P3500 Series (NVMe)
- Hyperthreading disabled in BIOS
- This is the node in use unless indicated otherwise

Hardware (2)

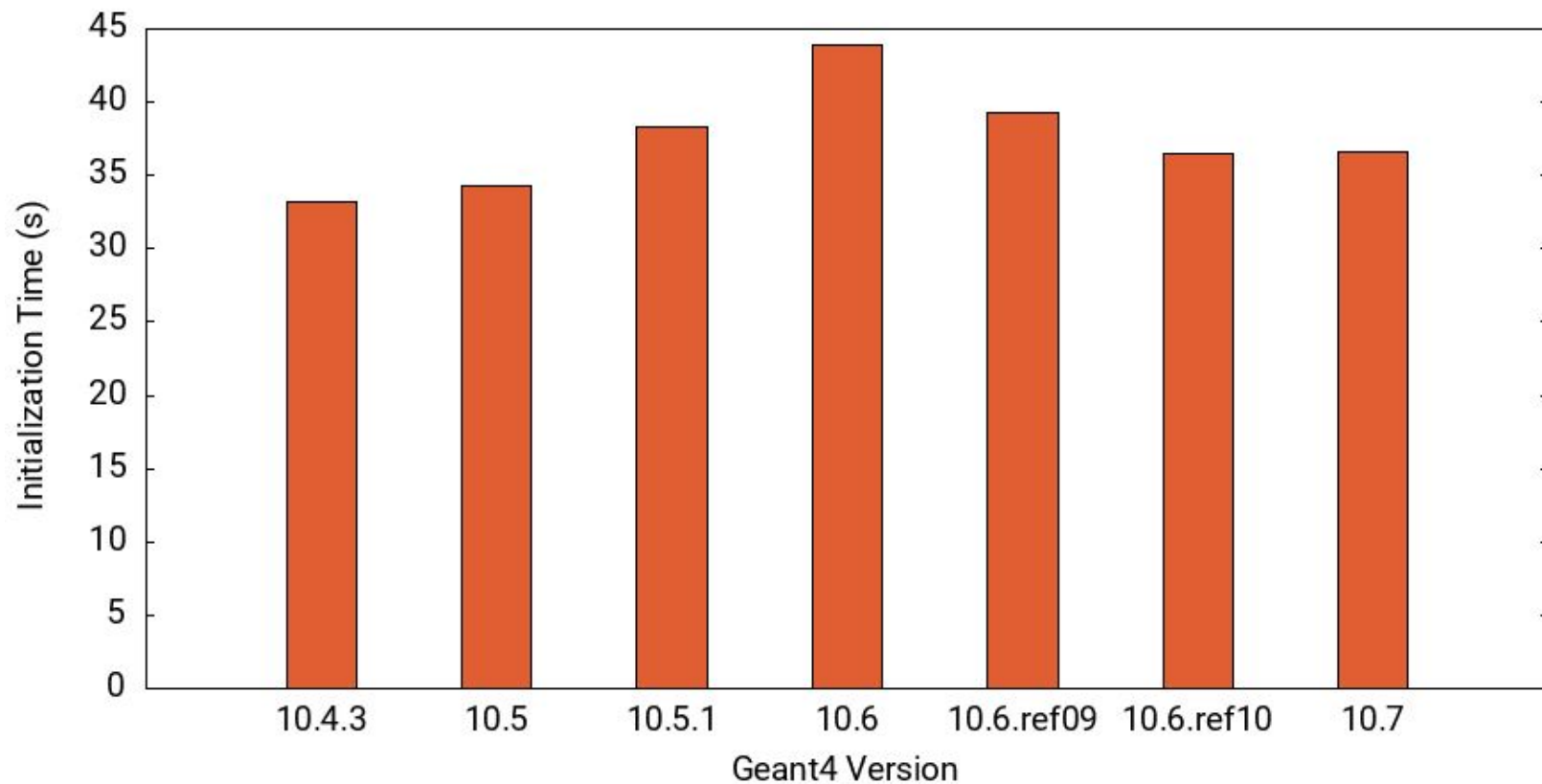
- Openlab machine (olsky-05.cern.ch)
- Dual socket Intel Xeon Silver 4110 (Skylake, Q3 2017)
- 8 cores per socket, 2.1GHz base, 3.0 GHz boost
- 64GB DRAM, 22MB L3, 16MB L2, 512K L1d/L1i
- Hyperthreading disabled in BIOS

Software

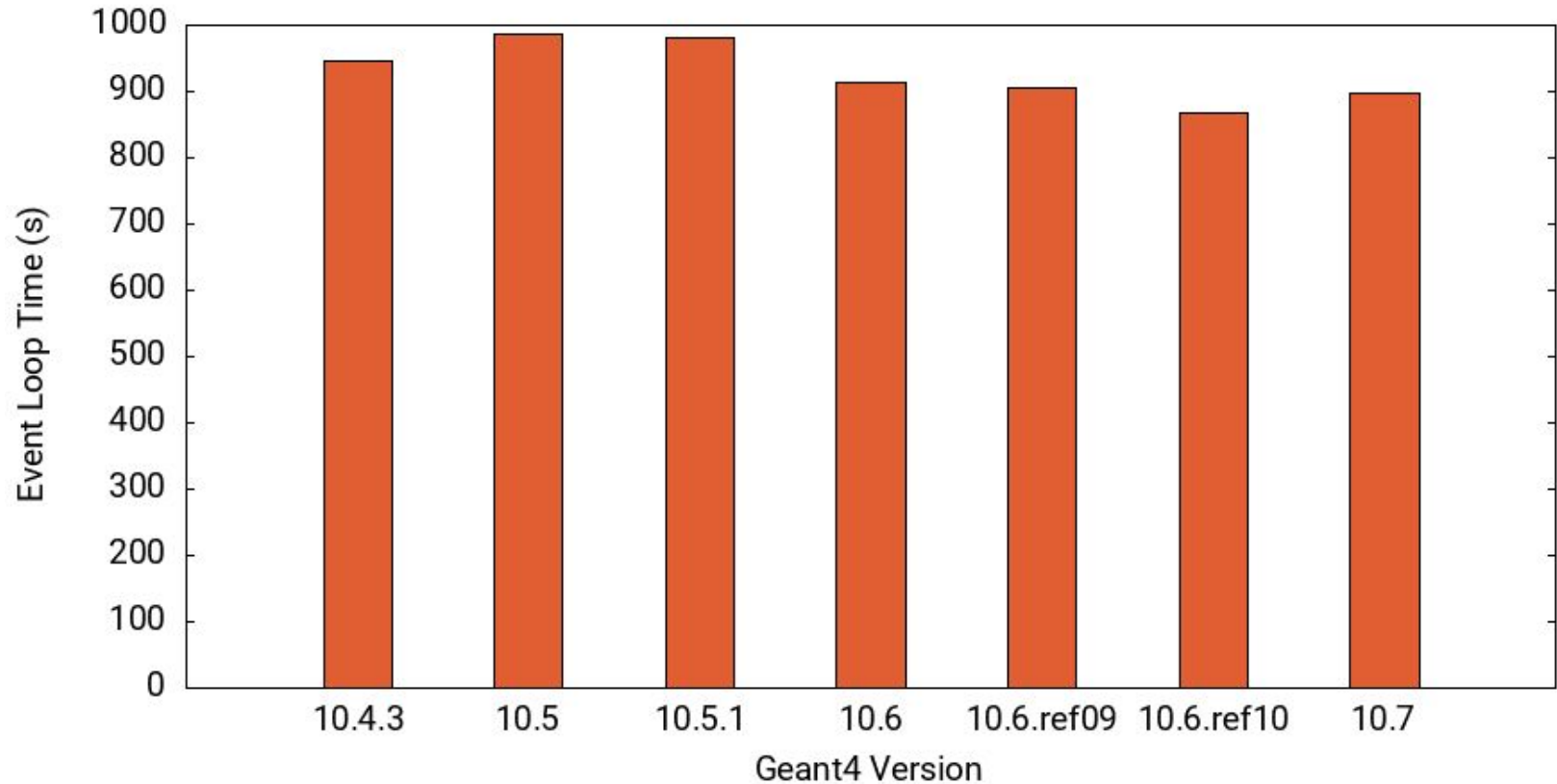
- CentOS 7.9.2009 / Linux 3.10.0-1160.6.1.el7.x86_64
- Toolchain and Geant4 dependencies from Gentoo Prefix
 - /cvmfs/sft.cern.ch/lcg/contrib/gentoo/linux/x86_64/startprefix
 - gcc-10.2.0, binutils-2.34, glibc-2.25 (limited by need to support kernel 2.6)
- Geant4 10.4 – 10.7 compiled locally, installed into SSD, data from CVMFS
 - Geant4 version is 10.7 unless indicated otherwise
 - CXXFLAGS: -O2 -std=c++11 -DNDEBUG -march=native -fno-omit-frame-pointer -g
- The benchmark
 - Simulation of 128 Pythia ttbar events at $E = 14$ TeV
 - CMS 2018 geometry, with $B_z = 4$ T (constant) and FTFP_BERT physics list
- Performance analysis with Intel VTune and perf

Performance Trends

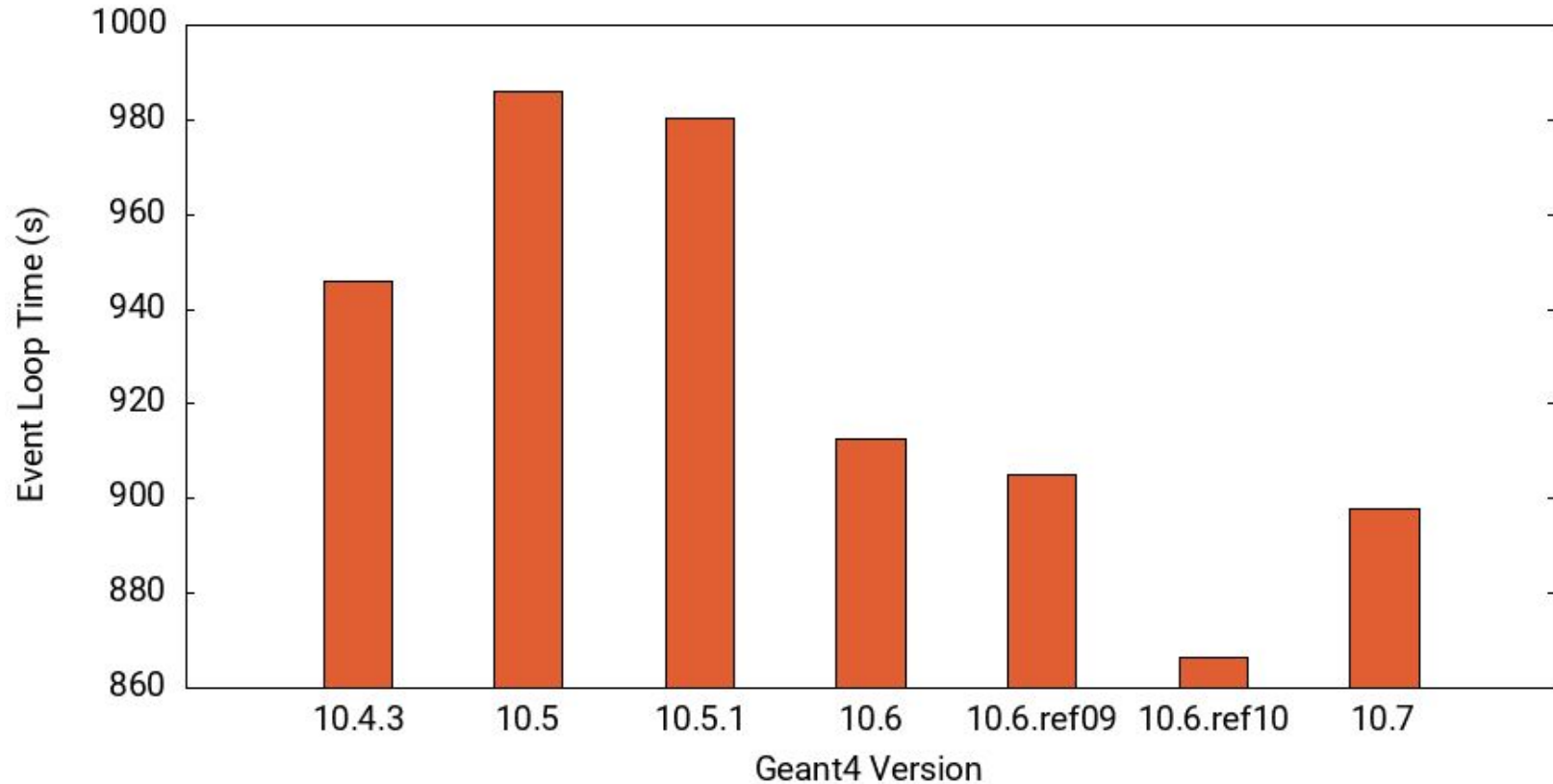
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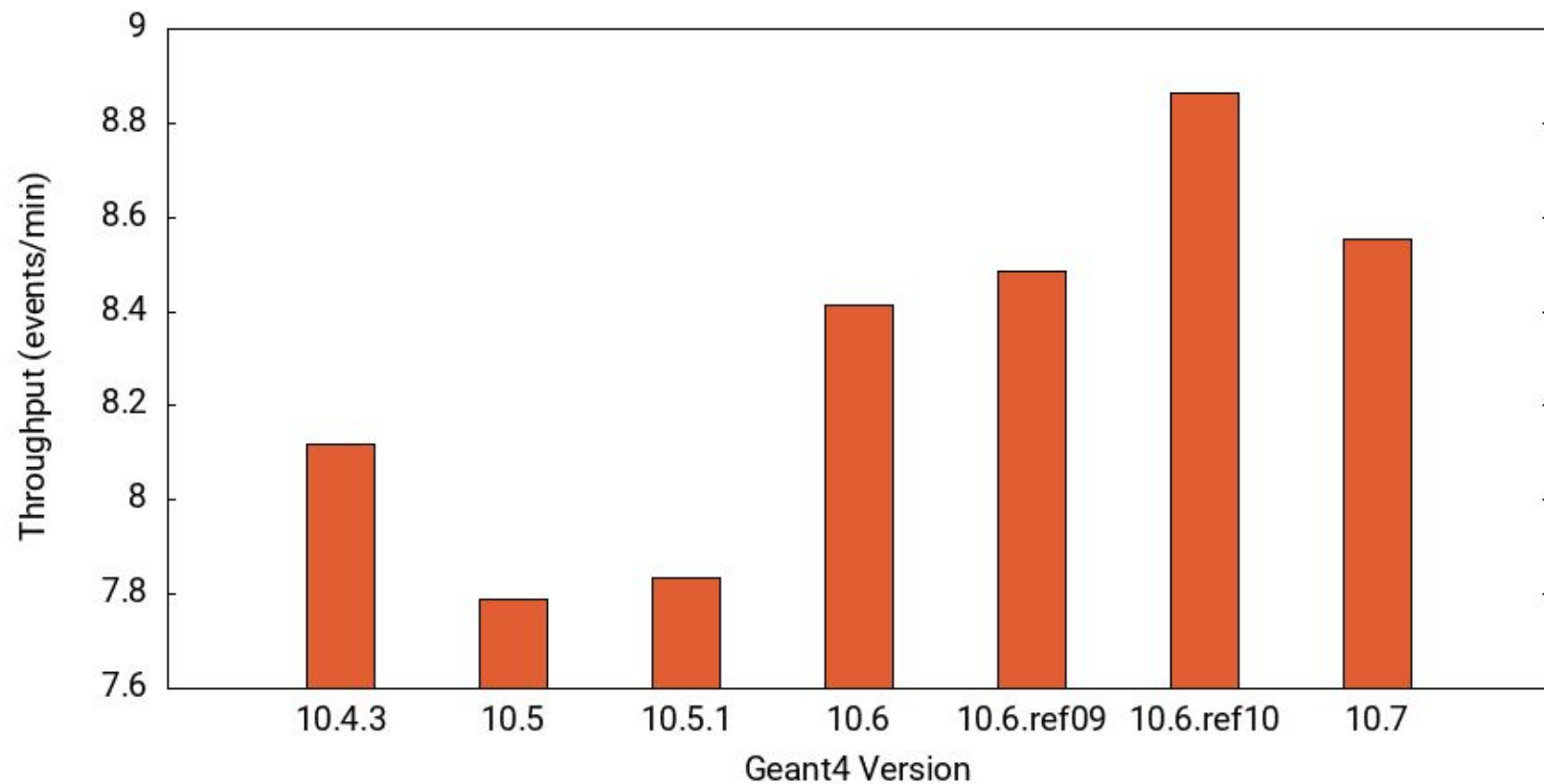
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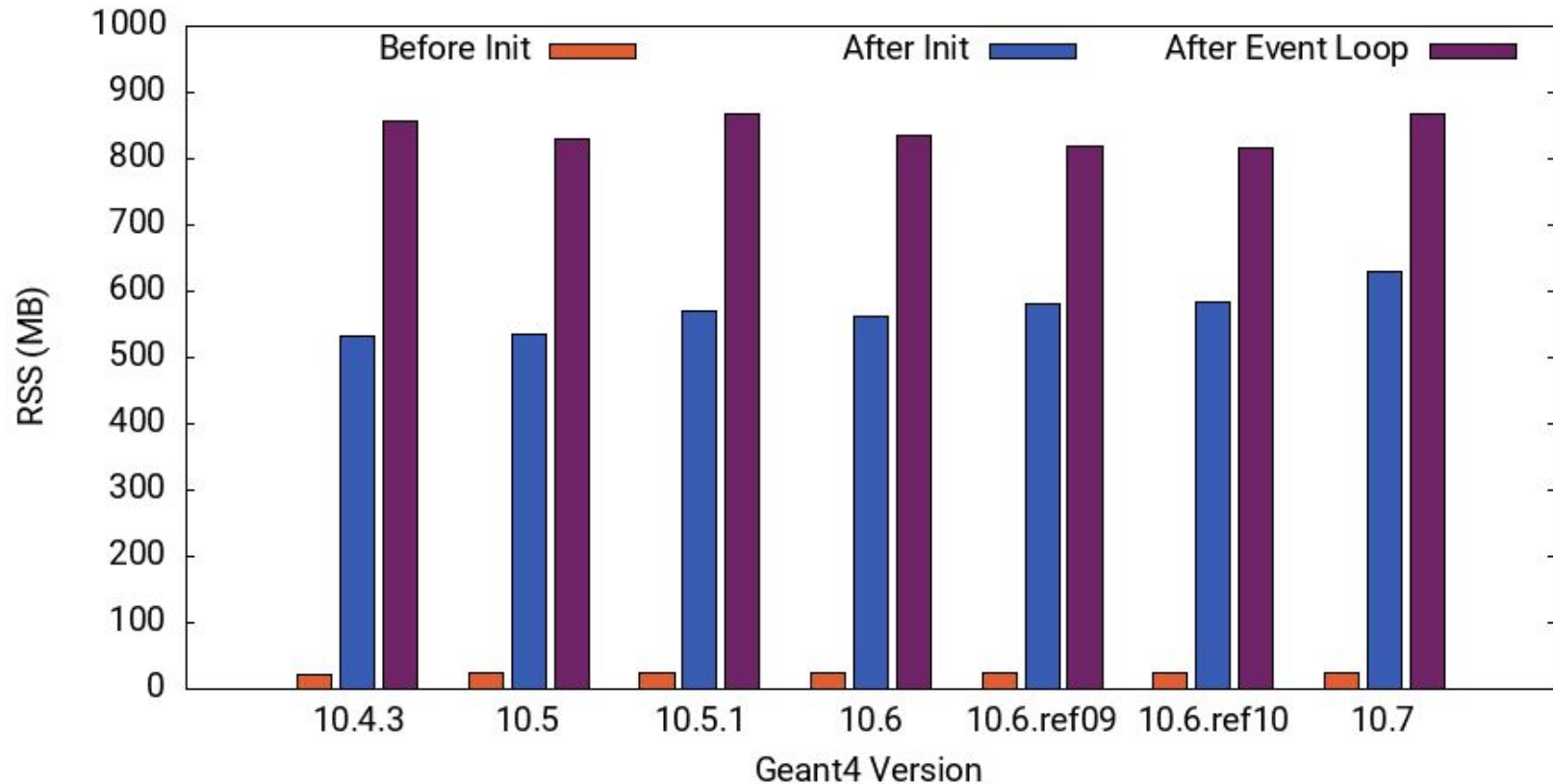
Geant4 Event Loop Time (reduced range)



Geant4 Throughput



Geant4 Memory Consumption

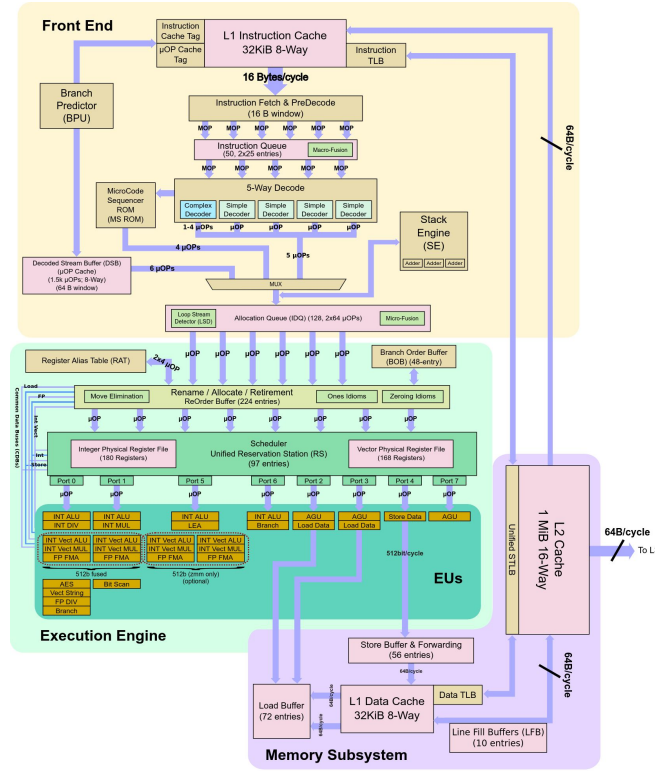


Top-down Microarchitecture Analysis

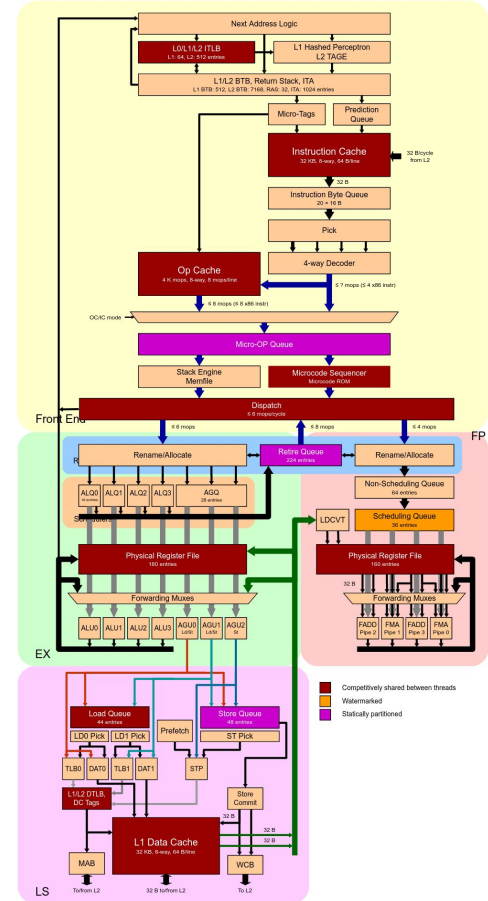
Intel and AMD Microarchitectures

- Front End
 - Instruction Fetch and Decode
 - Branch Predictor Unit
 - L1 Instruction Cache
 - Instruction TLB
- Back End
 - Execution Engine
 - Register Renaming
 - Move Elimination
 - Memory Subsystem
 - Load/Store Units
 - L1 Data Cache
 - L2 Shared Cache
 - Data TLB

Intel Skylake



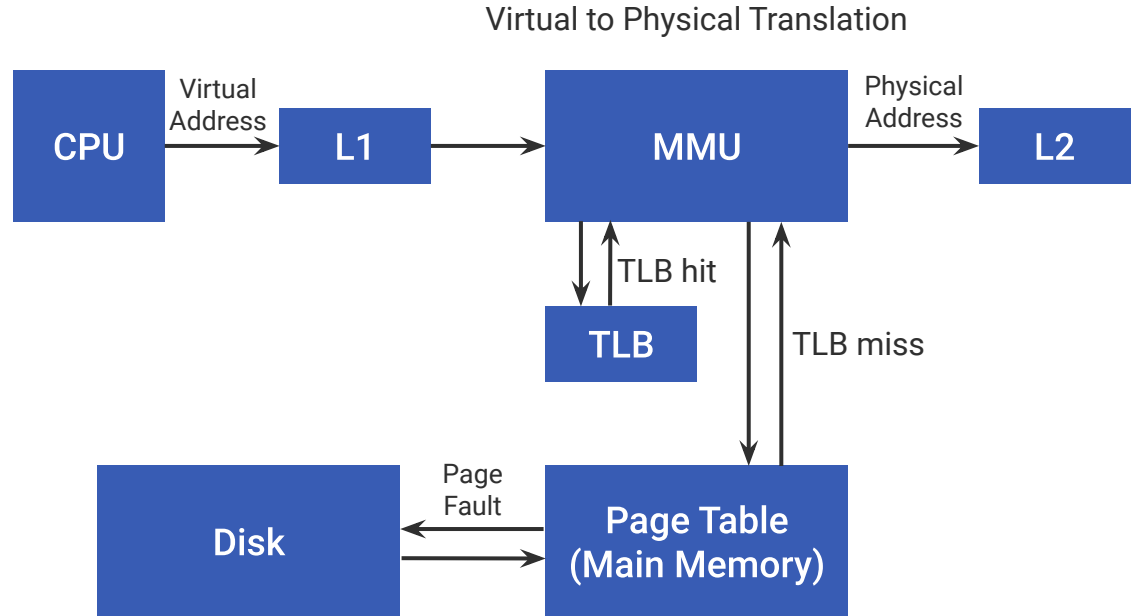
AMD Zen 2



source: <https://en.wikichip.org>

The Translation Lookaside Buffer

“A translation lookaside buffer (TLB) is a memory cache that is used to reduce the time taken to access a user memory location. It is a part of the chip's memory management unit (MMU). The TLB stores the recent translations of virtual memory to physical memory and can be called an address-translation cache.”

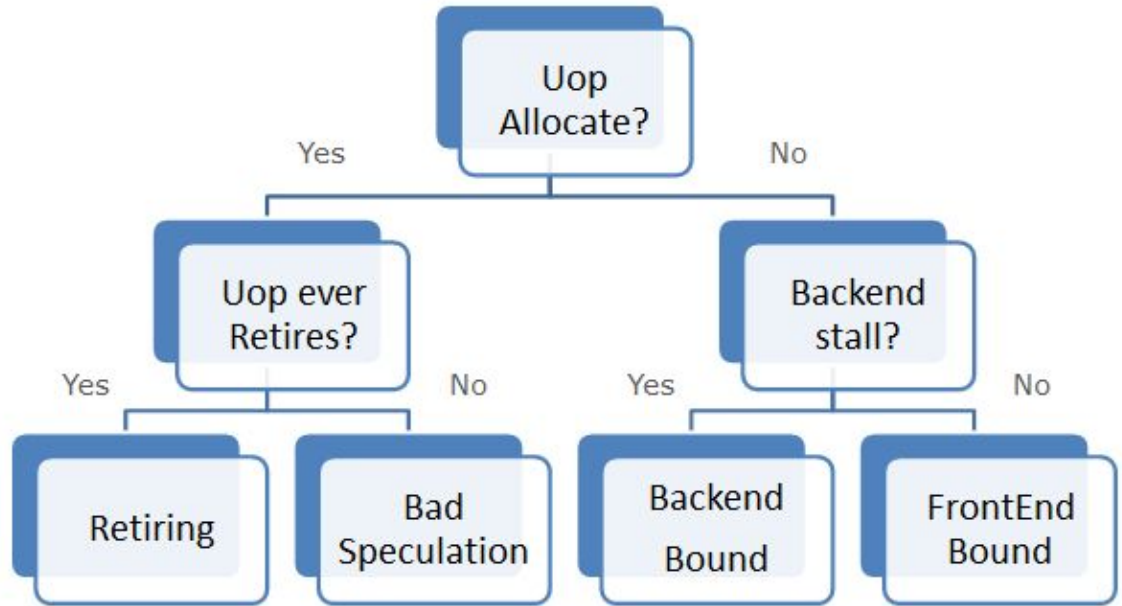


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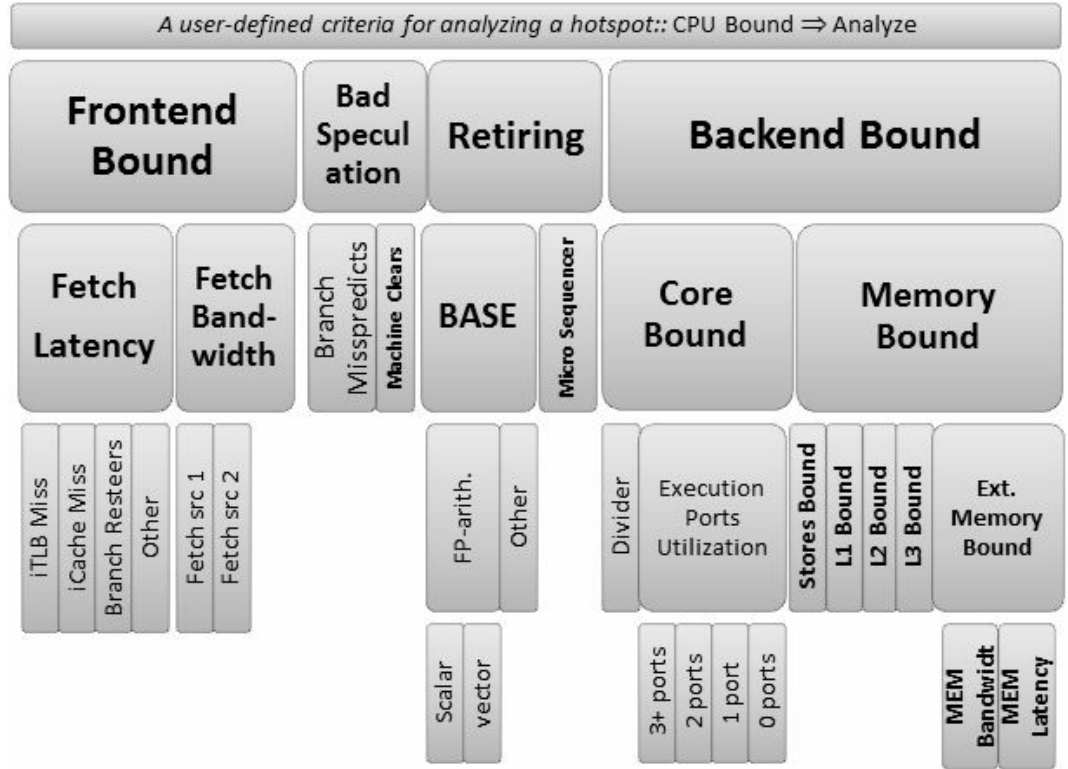


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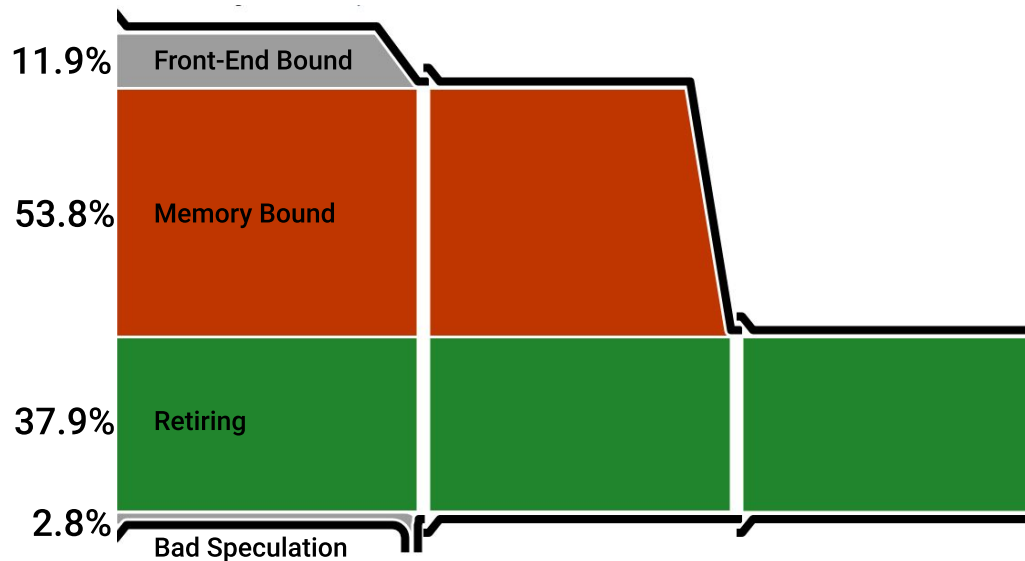
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Table 7: Intel's implementation of Top-Down Metrics

| Metric Name | Intel Core™ events |
|---------------------------|--|
| Clocks | <code>CPU_CLK_UNHALTED.THREAD</code> |
| Slots | $4 * \text{Clocks}$ |
| Frontend Bound | <code>IDQ_UOPS_NOT_DELIVERED.CORE / Slots</code> |
| Bad Speculation | $(\text{UOPS_ISSUED.ANY} - \text{UOPS_RETIRED.RETIRE_SLOTS} + 4 * \text{INT_MISC.RECOVERY_CYCLES}) / \text{Slots}$ |
| Retiring | <code>UOPS_RETIRED.RETIRE_SLOTS / Slots</code> |
| Frontend Latency Bound | <code>IDQ_UOPS_NOT_DELIVERED.CORE: [≥ 4] / Clocks</code> |
| <i>#BrMispredFraction</i> | $\frac{\text{BR_MISP_RETIRED.ALL_BRANCHES}}{\text{BR_MISP_RETIRED.ALL_BRANCHES} + \text{MACHINE_CLEARS.COUNT}}$ |
| MicroSequencer | $\# \text{RetireUopFraction} * \text{IDQ.MS_UOPS} / \text{Slots}$ |
| <i>#ExecutionStalls</i> | $\frac{(\text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.CYCLES_NO_EXECUTE_RS_EVENTS.EMPTY_CYCLES} + \text{UOPS_EXECUTED.THREAD: [≥ 1]} - \text{UOPS_EXECUTED.THREAD: [≥ 2]})}{\text{Clocks}}$ |
| Memory Bound | $(\text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_MEM_ANY} + \text{RESOURCE_STALLS.SB}) / \text{Clocks}$ |
| L1 Bound | $(\text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_MEM_ANY} - \text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_L1D_MISS}) / \text{Clocks}$ |
| L2 Bound | $(\text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_L1D_MISS} - \text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_L2_MISS}) / \text{Clocks}$ |
| <i>#L3HitFraction</i> | $\frac{\text{MEM_LOAD_UOPS_RETIRED.LLC_HIT}}{\text{MEM_LOAD_UOPS_RETIRED.LLC_HIT} + 7 * \text{MEM_LOAD_UOPS_RETIRED.LLC_MISS}}$ |
| L3 Bound | $(1 - \# \text{L3HitFraction}) * \text{CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_L2_MISS} / \text{Clocks}$ |
| Ext. Memory Bound | <code>CYCLE_ACTIVITY.STALLS_MEM_ANY</code> |
| MEM Bandwidth | <code>UNC_ARB_TRK_OCCUPANCY.ALL: [≥ 28] / UNC_CLOCK.SOCKET</code> |
| MEM Latency | $(\text{UNC_ARB_TRK_OCCUPANCY.ALL: [≥ 1]} - \text{UNC_ARB_TRK_OCCUPANCY.ALL: [≥ 28]}) / \text{UNC_CLOCK.SOCKET}$ |

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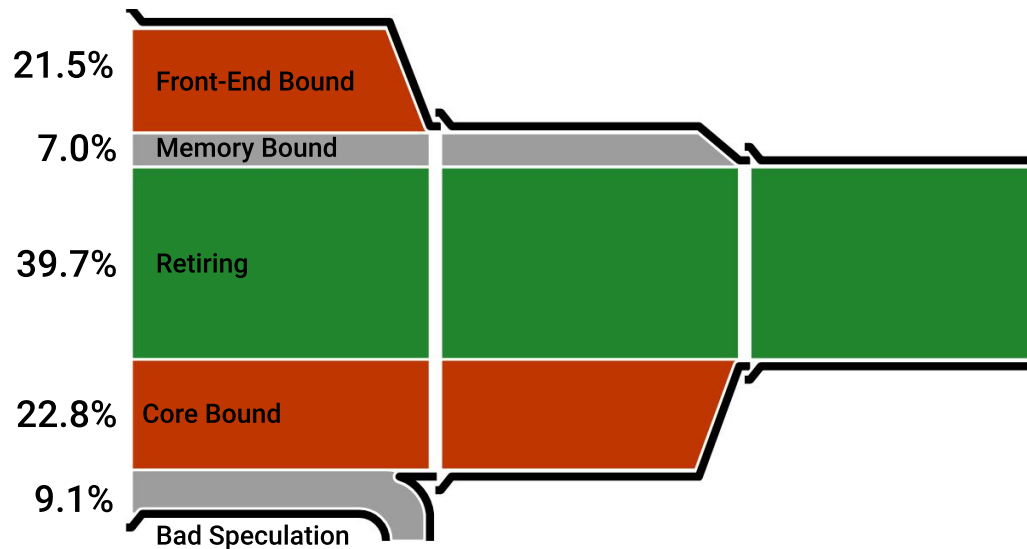
Microarchitecture Usage on Haswell



| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Retiring: | 37.9% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Front-End Bound: | 11.9% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Bad Speculation: | 2.8% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Back-End Bound: | 47.3% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Memory Bound: | 53.8% | of Pipeline Slots |
| L1 Bound: | 48.9% | of Clockticks |
| DTLB Overhead: | 13.3% | of Clockticks |
| Loads Blocked by Store Forwarding: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| Lock Latency: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| Split Loads: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| 4K Aliasing: | 0.3% | of Clockticks |
| FB Full: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| L2 Bound: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| L3 Bound: | 5.6% | of Clockticks |
| Contested Accesses: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| Data Sharing: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| L3 Latency: | 6.9% | of Clockticks |
| SQ Full: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| DRAM Bound: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| Store Bound: | 0.0% | of Clockticks |
| Core Bound: | 0.0% | of Pipeline Slots |

Mostly memory bound on Haswell

Microarchitecture Usage on Skylake



| | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Retiring: | 39.7% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Front-End Bound: | 21.5% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Bad Speculation: | 9.1% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Back-End Bound: | 29.8% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Memory Bound: | 7.0% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Core Bound: | 22.8% | of Pipeline Slots |
| Divider: | 10.3% | of Clockticks |
| Port Utilization: | 24.5% | of Clockticks |
| Cycles of 0 Ports Utilized: | 1.9% | of Clockticks |
| Cycles of 1 Port Utilized: | 17.1% | of Clockticks |
| Cycles of 2 Ports Utilized: | 18.7% | of Clockticks |
| Cycles of 3+ Ports Utilized: | 38.5% | of Clockticks |
| Vector Capacity Usage (FPU): | 12.5% | |

Mostly frontend and core bound on Skylake, quite different than Haswell

Top 20 functions measured with VTune on Haswell

| Source Function | CPU Time ▼ | Instructions Retired | CPI Rate | Retiring ⌵ | Front-End Round ⌵ | Bad Speculation ⌵ | Back-End Bound ⌵ | |
|--|------------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | Memory Bound ⌵ | Core Bound ⌵ |
| <u>_ieee754_atan2_avx</u> | 4.9% | 5.1% | 0.713 | 0.379 | 11.9% | 2.8% | 53.8% | 0.0% |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection | 2.7% | 3.5% | 0.568 | 0.494 | 13.5% | 8.7% | 52.0% | 0.0% |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetIsoCrossSection | 2.2% | 3.7% | 0.435 | 0.536 | 15.2% | 2.7% | 26.5% | 2.0% |
| G4Log | 1.9% | 1.2% | 1.221 | 0.232 | 26.4% | 12.7% | 49.3% | 0.0% |
| std::min<double> | 1.8% | 1.8% | 0.741 | 0.402 | 7.7% | 7.9% | 68.4% | 0.0% |
| G4PhysicsVector::Interpolation | 1.7% | 1.1% | 1.134 | 0.225 | 8.4% | 17.3% | 62.9% | 0.0% |
| G4PolyhedraSide::DistanceAway | 1.5% | 1.5% | 0.741 | 0.335 | 4.3% | 34.1% | 84.2% | 0.0% |
| G4PolyPhiFace::InsideEdges | 1.5% | 2.1% | 0.511 | 0.485 | 18.0% | 7.9% | 23.3% | 2.2% |
| std::max<double> | 1.4% | 1.1% | 0.952 | 0.305 | 5.8% | 9.0% | 73.6% | 0.0% |
| G4Exp | 1.3% | 0.9% | 1.158 | 0.263 | 13.2% | 13.5% | 54.5% | 0.0% |
| CLHEP::operator- | 1.3% | 1.5% | 0.626 | 0.400 | 6.3% | 0.0% | 66.1% | 0.0% |
| CLHEP::Hep3Vector::operator[] | 1.2% | 1.3% | 0.667 | 0.379 | 22.3% | 9.8% | 51.7% | 0.0% |
| G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength | 1.1% | 0.9% | 0.887 | 0.291 | 23.3% | 14.9% | 46.3% | 0.0% |
| CLHEP::Hep3Vector::dot | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.884 | 0.437 | 10.3% | 0.0% | 65.1% | 0.0% |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::ComputeCrossSection | 0.8% | 1.0% | 0.579 | 0.434 | 26.7% | 3.3% | 42.2% | 0.0% |
| G4VCSGfaceted::Inside | 0.8% | 0.5% | 1.042 | 0.244 | 11.9% | 41.1% | 39.4% | 0.0% |
| G4PolyhedraSide::PhiSegment | 0.8% | 1.6% | 0.352 | 0.668 | 7.0% | 0.0% | 39.9% | 9.1% |
| CLHEP::MixMaxRng::iterate | 0.8% | 1.1% | 0.492 | 0.421 | 49.3% | 10.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| G4PolyhedraSide::Inside | 0.8% | 0.7% | 0.801 | 0.319 | 8.4% | 27.8% | 66.1% | 0.0% |
| G4VEmProcess::PostStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength | 0.7% | 0.5% | 1.212 | 0.191 | 15.5% | 14.6% | 62.9% | 0.0% |

Top 20 functions measured with VTune on Skylake

| Source Function | CPU Time ▼ | Instructions Retired | CPI Rate | Retiring | Front-End Round | Bad Speculation | Back-End Bound | |
|--|------------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | | | | | Memory Bound | Core Bound |
| __ieee754_atan2_avx | 4.7% | 4.8% | 0.651 | 0.406 | 11.2% | 4.6% | 8.6% | 35.0% |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection | 2.9% | 3.8% | 0.500 | 0.557 | 12.0% | 9.3% | 4.3% | 18.8% |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetIsoCrossSection | 2.4% | 3.9% | 0.418 | 0.567 | 11.3% | 4.7% | 4.1% | 23.1% |
| G4PolyPhiFace::InsideEdges | 1.9% | 1.9% | 0.680 | 0.370 | 10.3% | 10.0% | 19.8% | 22.9% |
| G4Log | 1.8% | 1.1% | 1.062 | 0.261 | 24.5% | 24.0% | 4.4% | 21.0% |
| G4PhysicsVector::Interpolation | 1.8% | 1.1% | 1.058 | 0.270 | 9.2% | 11.4% | 11.5% | 40.9% |
| CLHEP::operator- | 1.6% | 1.4% | 0.771 | 0.468 | 7.9% | 0.0% | 15.6% | 33.3% |
| std::min<double> | 1.5% | 1.1% | 0.883 | 0.343 | 8.2% | 8.1% | 11.7% | 37.7% |
| std::max<double> | 1.5% | 1.3% | 0.760 | 0.371 | 7.5% | 11.0% | 10.6% | 33.8% |
| G4PolyhedraSide::DistanceAway | 1.4% | 1.5% | 0.662 | 0.389 | 6.7% | 35.4% | 3.6% | 15.5% |
| CLHEP::Hep3Vector::operator[] | 1.3% | 1.5% | 0.581 | 0.456 | 17.4% | 7.8% | 6.6% | 22.5% |
| G4Exp | 1.2% | 0.9% | 0.906 | 0.315 | 15.5% | 15.0% | 4.6% | 33.4% |
| G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength | 1.1% | 1.1% | 0.650 | 0.392 | 21.6% | 17.1% | 3.8% | 18.3% |
| G4VCSGfaceted::Inside | 1.0% | 0.6% | 1.126 | 0.229 | 10.1% | 24.9% | 21.5% | 20.5% |
| G4PhysicsVector::ComputeLogVectorBin | 1.0% | 1.0% | 0.691 | 0.418 | 10.0% | 5.8% | 10.8% | 31.5% |
| G4AffineTransform::TransformPoint | 0.9% | 0.8% | 0.771 | 0.361 | 12.9% | 12.8% | 11.6% | 26.6% |
| CLHEP::MixMaxRng::iterate | 0.9% | 1.1% | 0.513 | 0.658 | 42.4% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 3.1% |
| CLHEP::Hep3Vector::dot | 0.8% | 0.7% | 0.790 | 0.265 | 8.3% | 28.9% | 13.1% | 23.2% |
| G4VEmProcess::PostStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength | 0.8% | 0.5% | 1.098 | 0.230 | 18.2% | 15.4% | 13.9% | 29.5% |
| G4PolyhedraSide::Inside | 0.8% | 0.6% | 0.789 | 0.410 | 8.8% | 24.8% | 4.2% | 21.2% |

Differences between Geant4 10.6.ref10 and 10.7

Elapsed Time[®]: 951.254s - 938.336s = 12.918s

CPU Time[®]: 27478.941s - 27112.274s = 366.667s

Total Thread Count: Not changed, 182

Paused Time[®]: Not changed, 0s

Difference is (10.6.ref10 - 10.7)
10.7 was faster in VTune for this run

Top Hotspots

This section lists the most active functions in your application. Optimizing these hotspot functions typically results in improving overall application performance.

| Function | Module | CPU Time [®] |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| _jeee754_atan2_avx | libm-2.25.so | 1318.204s - 1328.819s = -10.615s |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection | libG4processes.so | 726.167s - 733.714s = -7.547s |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetIsoCrossSection | libG4processes.so | 601.880s - 588.710s = 13.170s |
| G4PolyhedraSide::DistanceAway | libG4geometry.so | 405.687s - 409.636s = -3.949s |
| G4PolyPhiFace::InsideEdges | libG4geometry.so | 394.732s - 403.532s = -8.800s |
| [Others] | N/A* | 24032.271s - 23647.863s = 384.408s |

*N/A is applied to non-summable metrics.

Top Hotspots by Difference

This section displays the performance difference between two selected results for the most active functions in your application.

| Function | Module | CPU Time, sorted by abs. difference |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| std::min<double> | libG4physicslists.so | 295.713s - 1.874s = 293.839s |
| std::min<double> | libG4physicslists.so | 54.195s - 311.139s = -256.943s |
| std::max<double> | libG4physicslists.so | 265.583s - 19.545s = 246.038s |
| std::max<double> | libG4physicslists.so | 28.766s - 263.970s = -235.203s |
| G4UniversalFluctuation::SampleFluctuations | libG4processes.so | 10.264s - 167.647s = -157.383s |
| [Others] | N/A* | 26824.419s - 26348.099s = 476.320s |

*N/A is applied to non-summable metrics.

Improvements in Geant4 10.7 vs 10.6.ref10

| Class | CPU Time: Difference ▼ | CPU Time: ³⁰ | CPU Time: ³⁰ | Instructions Retired: | Instructions Retired: | Instructions Retired: | CPI Rate: | CPI Rate: | CPI Rate: |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Effective Time ³⁰ | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | Difference | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | Difference |
| CLHEP::Hep3Vector | 200.764s | 1542.973s | 1342.210s | 5,749,034,000,000 | 5,385,036,000,000 | 363,998,000,000 | 0.715 | 0.670 | 0.045 |
| G4Navigator | 146.278s | 575.489s | 429.211s | 1,934,116,000,000 | 1,771,667,000,000 | 162,449,000,000 | 0.795 | 0.647 | 0.148 |
| G4ParticleChangeForTransport | 42.749s | 135.543s | 92.794s | 376,970,000,000 | 267,030,000,000 | 109,940,000,000 | 0.949 | 0.930 | 0.019 |
| G4AffineTransform | 37.867s | 468.783s | 430.915s | 1,726,932,000,000 | 1,707,060,000,000 | 19,872,000,000 | 0.732 | 0.676 | 0.056 |
| G4AllocatorPool | 33.788s | 119.145s | 85.357s | 292,169,000,000 | 240,787,000,000 | 51,382,000,000 | 1.089 | 0.944 | 0.145 |
| G4FieldManagerStore | 30.661s | 73.049s | 42.388s | 148,833,000,000 | 134,780,000,000 | 14,053,000,000 | 1.337 | 0.860 | 0.476 |
| G4Transportation | 30.120s | 377.382s | 347.262s | 1,454,819,000,000 | 1,457,510,000,000 | -2,691,000,000 | 0.690 | 0.640 | 0.051 |
| G4Track | 25.900s | 180.617s | 154.717s | 679,006,000,000 | 609,132,000,000 | 69,874,000,000 | 0.685 | 0.675 | 0.009 |
| G4PropagatorInField | 17.029s | 67.696s | 50.667s | 216,982,000,000 | 194,856,000,000 | 22,126,000,000 | 0.847 | 0.711 | 0.135 |
| CLHEP::MixMaxRng | 15.275s | 451.553s | 436.278s | 2,118,116,000,000 | 2,081,638,000,000 | 36,478,000,000 | 0.566 | 0.567 | -0.001 |
| G4PhysicsVector | 15.035s | 795.517s | 780.482s | 2,125,384,000,000 | 2,120,209,000,000 | 5,175,000,000 | 0.999 | 0.983 | 0.016 |
| G4VCrossSectionDataSet | 14.594s | 48.271s | 33.678s | 222,456,000,000 | 116,403,000,000 | 106,053,000,000 | 0.562 | 0.749 | -0.187 |
| G4StepPoint | 14.293s | 180.547s | 166.254s | 862,845,000,000 | 836,533,000,000 | 26,312,000,000 | 0.564 | 0.524 | 0.040 |
| G4LogicalVolume | 13.281s | 366.557s | 353.276s | 891,710,000,000 | 1,087,693,000,000 | -195,983,000,000 | 1.097 | 0.874 | 0.224 |
| G4VEmProcess | 12.268s | 439.996s | 427.728s | 1,056,620,000,000 | 1,022,120,000,000 | 34,500,000,000 | 1.112 | 1.121 | -0.008 |
| G4SteppingManager | 12.118s | 866.822s | 854.704s | 3,250,038,000,000 | 3,495,241,000,000 | -245,203,000,000 | 0.714 | 0.652 | 0.061 |
| std::vector<std::vector<G4NavigationLevel, std::allocator<G4 | 9.682s | 20.377s | 10.695s | 72,496,000,000 | 41,653,000,000 | 30,843,000,000 | 0.725 | 0.688 | 0.037 |
| G4KleinNishinaCompton | 9.452s | 73.670s | 64.218s | 107,571,000,000 | 106,421,000,000 | 1,150,000,000 | 1.791 | 1.594 | 0.197 |
| G4NavigationHistoryPool | 9.432s | 24.587s | 15.155s | 80,454,000,000 | 57,569,000,000 | 22,885,000,000 | 0.783 | 0.740 | 0.042 |
| G4FieldManager | 9.392s | 36.304s | 26.912s | 55,062,000,000 | 63,664,000,000 | -8,602,000,000 | 1.736 | 1.112 | 0.624 |
| G4NavigationHistory | 7.357s | 96.693s | 89.336s | 273,171,000,000 | 317,630,000,000 | -44,459,000,000 | 0.930 | 0.764 | 0.166 |
| CLHEP::RandGaussQ | 7.327s | 83.573s | 76.246s | 126,868,000,000 | 132,480,000,000 | -5,612,000,000 | 1.791 | 1.590 | 0.201 |
| G4ProductionCutsTable | 7.106s | 12.459s | 5.352s | 31,579,000,000 | 11,086,000,000 | 20,493,000,000 | 1.084 | 1.342 | -0.259 |
| G4PVPlacement | 6.986s | 46.447s | 39.461s | 57,477,000,000 | 66,240,000,000 | -8,763,000,000 | 2.140 | 1.575 | 0.565 |
| G4TouchableHistory | 6.856s | 256.071s | 249.216s | 863,489,000,000 | 830,622,000,000 | 32,867,000,000 | 0.796 | 0.804 | -0.008 |
| G4VParticleChange | 6.665s | 68.959s | 62.294s | 230,230,000,000 | 215,073,000,000 | 15,157,000,000 | 0.817 | 0.784 | 0.033 |
| G4PolyconeSide | 6.004s | 683.498s | 677.495s | 3,239,435,000,000 | 3,224,278,000,000 | 15,157,000,000 | 0.564 | 0.569 | -0.005 |
| G4Region | 5.803s | 111.167s | 105.363s | 165,715,000,000 | 205,022,000,000 | -39,307,000,000 | 1.794 | 1.374 | 0.420 |

Regressions in Geant4 10.7 vs 10.6.ref10

| Class | CPU Time: Difference   | CPU Time:  | CPU Time:  | Instructions Retired: | Instructions Retired: | Instructions Retired: | CPI Rate: | CPI Rate: | CPI Rate: |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Effective Time  | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | Difference | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | Difference |
| G4VoxelNavigation | -55.518s | 416.281s | 471.800s | 744,510,000,000 | 885,040,000,000 | -140,530,000,000 | 1.485 | 1.413 | 0.071 |
| G4PolyhedraSide | -30.380s | 1408.122s | 1438.502s | 6,395,242,000,000 | 6,534,300,000,000 | -139,058,000,000 | 0.587 | 0.586 | 0.002 |
| std | -24.547s | 1033.336s | 1057.883s | 3,247,876,000,000 | 3,389,119,000,000 | -141,243,000,000 | 0.862 | 0.831 | 0.030 |
| G4ProcessManager | -21.620s | 218.685s | 240.305s | 898,357,000,000 | 967,426,000,000 | -69,069,000,000 | 0.654 | 0.662 | -0.008 |
| G4VEnergyLossProcess | -17.751s | 315.920s | 333.671s | 920,276,000,000 | 945,576,000,000 | -25,300,000,000 | 0.921 | 0.949 | -0.027 |
| G4NeutronInelasticXS | -16.949s | 109.082s | 126.031s | 660,146,000,000 | 702,351,000,000 | -42,205,000,000 | 0.449 | 0.491 | -0.042 |
| G4DynamicParticle | -15.506s | 493.660s | 509.166s | 1,920,937,000,000 | 2,050,979,000,000 | -130,042,000,000 | 0.693 | 0.659 | 0.034 |
| G4NeutronCaptureXS | -12.810s | 99.780s | 112.590s | 594,527,000,000 | 614,399,000,000 | -19,872,000,000 | 0.457 | 0.506 | -0.049 |
| G4UniversalFluctuation | -12.479s | 203.720s | 216.199s | 334,926,000,000 | 342,401,000,000 | -7,475,000,000 | 1.631 | 1.666 | -0.034 |
| G4VPhysicalVolume | -11.336s | 125.249s | 136.585s | 293,572,000,000 | 315,169,000,000 | -21,597,000,000 | 1.149 | 1.156 | -0.007 |
| G4Proton | -11.316s | 54.376s | 65.692s | 346,886,000,000 | 403,880,000,000 | -56,994,000,000 | 0.423 | 0.431 | -0.008 |
| G4ElementData | -10.785s | 60.420s | 71.204s | 530,518,000,000 | 585,557,000,000 | -55,039,000,000 | 0.311 | 0.320 | -0.009 |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore | -8.530s | 1547.774s | 1556.304s | 8,034,176,000,000 | 8,149,222,000,000 | -115,046,000,000 | 0.515 | 0.512 | 0.003 |
| G4VEmModel | -8.049s | 118.644s | 126.693s | 368,920,000,000 | 367,540,000,000 | 1,380,000,000 | 0.856 | 0.923 | -0.067 |
| G4UrbanMscModel | -7.598s | 344.606s | 352.203s | 657,202,000,000 | 665,896,000,000 | -8,694,000,000 | 1.402 | 1.406 | -0.004 |
| G4NormalNavigation | -6.966s | 172.178s | 179.144s | 560,694,000,000 | 607,384,000,000 | -46,690,000,000 | 0.810 | 0.785 | 0.025 |
| G4FieldTrack | -6.946s | 33.387s | 40.333s | 126,500,000,000 | 163,921,000,000 | -37,421,000,000 | 0.674 | 0.641 | 0.033 |
| G4CascadeRecoilMaker | -6.244s | 21.700s | 27.945s | 71,093,000,000 | 78,407,000,000 | -7,314,000,000 | 0.839 | 0.965 | -0.126 |
| G4VMultipleScattering | -6.234s | 86.249s | 92.484s | 227,631,000,000 | 278,185,000,000 | -50,554,000,000 | 1.013 | 0.903 | 0.110 |
| G4CollisionOutput | -5.453s | 50.667s | 56.120s | 180,297,000,000 | 179,170,000,000 | 1,127,000,000 | 0.747 | 0.831 | -0.084 |
| G4Tubs | -5.312s | 179.645s | 184.957s | 370,024,000,000 | 368,621,000,000 | 1,403,000,000 | 1.293 | 1.329 | -0.036 |
| G4CascadeFinalStateAlgorithm | -5.312s | 16.448s | 21.760s | 63,365,000,000 | 68,080,000,000 | -4,715,000,000 | 0.688 | 0.810 | -0.122 |
| G4MultiBodyMomentumDist | -5.242s | 9.382s | 14.624s | 24,587,000,000 | 27,071,000,000 | -2,484,000,000 | 0.949 | 1.397 | -0.447 |
| std::vector<G4SmartVoxelProxy*, std::allocator<G4SmartVoxel> | -5.222s | 44.112s | 49.334s | 75,256,000,000 | 80,638,000,000 | -5,382,000,000 | 1.627 | 1.683 | -0.057 |
| G4InuclParticle | -5.132s | 81.218s | 86.349s | 260,130,000,000 | 257,922,000,000 | 2,208,000,000 | 0.829 | 0.890 | -0.061 |
| G4NavigationLevelRep | -4.982s | 236.737s | 241.718s | 877,841,000,000 | 977,408,000,000 | -99,567,000,000 | 0.726 | 0.662 | 0.064 |
| G4VCSGfaceted | -4.901s | 382.032s | 386.934s | 1,094,294,000,000 | 1,109,658,000,000 | -15,364,000,000 | 0.923 | 0.929 | -0.006 |
| G4PolyPhiFace | -4.881s | 546.562s | 551.444s | 2,658,639,000,000 | 2,733,757,000,000 | -75,118,000,000 | 0.552 | 0.536 | 0.017 |
| std::vector<double, std::allocator<double>> | -4.771s | 230.051s | 234.822s | 659,939,000,000 | 669,645,000,000 | -9,706,000,000 | 0.922 | 0.930 | -0.009 |

Regressions sorted by increase in retired instructions

| Class | CPU Time: Difference | CPU Time: | CPU Time: | Instructions Retired: | Instructions Retired: | Instructions Retired: | CPI Rate: | CPI Rate: | CPI Rate: |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | Effective Time | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | Retired: Difference | 10.6.ref10 | 10.7 | Difference |
| G4PolyhedraSide | -42.248s | 2103.839s | 2146.086s | 9,103,814,000,000 | 9,335,148,000,000 | -231,334,000,000 | 0.616 | 0.614 | 0.002 |
| [Not part of any known object class] | 12.439s | 3314.324s | 3301.875s | 11,424,146,000,000 | 11,649,960,000,000 | -225,814,000,000 | 0.778 | 0.757 | 0.020 |
| G4LogicalVolume | 10.254s | 312.542s | 302.288s | 798,514,000,000 | 982,790,000,000 | -184,276,000,000 | 1.048 | 0.827 | 0.221 |
| G4Step | 16.638s | 237.358s | 220.720s | 1,108,209,000,000 | 1,261,734,000,000 | -153,525,000,000 | 0.574 | 0.464 | 0.109 |
| G4SteppingManager | 63.336s | 1468.942s | 1405.606s | 5,915,669,000,000 | 6,067,469,000,000 | -151,800,000,000 | 0.664 | 0.619 | 0.045 |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore | -7.016s | 1660.054s | 1667.070s | 8,626,012,000,000 | 8,742,277,000,000 | -116,265,000,000 | 0.514 | 0.513 | 0.002 |
| G4VMultipleScattering | 0.862s | 154.958s | 154.096s | 430,445,000,000 | 506,414,000,000 | -75,969,000,000 | 0.964 | 0.831 | 0.132 |
| G4PolyPhiFace | -5.693s | 602.672s | 608.365s | 2,939,400,000,000 | 3,007,917,000,000 | -68,517,000,000 | 0.552 | 0.535 | 0.017 |
| G4ElectroNuclearCrossSection | -6.856s | 162.014s | 168.870s | 546,250,000,000 | 614,330,000,000 | -68,080,000,000 | 0.798 | 0.736 | 0.062 |
| G4NeutronCaptureXS | -19.004s | 186.200s | 205.204s | 1,187,559,000,000 | 1,254,466,000,000 | -66,907,000,000 | 0.424 | 0.445 | -0.021 |
| G4Proton | -11.316s | 54.376s | 65.692s | 346,886,000,000 | 403,880,000,000 | -56,994,000,000 | 0.423 | 0.431 | -0.008 |
| G4ProcessManager | -25.850s | 261.975s | 287.825s | 1,068,327,000,000 | 1,123,711,000,000 | -55,384,000,000 | 0.658 | 0.683 | -0.025 |
| G4FieldTrack | 11.727s | 38.980s | 27.253s | 101,752,000,000 | 156,492,000,000 | -54,740,000,000 | 1.012 | 0.470 | 0.541 |
| G4PhysicsVector | 2.646s | 1609.718s | 1607.071s | 4,446,889,000,000 | 4,501,583,000,000 | -54,694,000,000 | 0.970 | 0.954 | 0.017 |
| G4NavigationLevel | 0.311s | 377.482s | 377.171s | 1,480,188,000,000 | 1,529,983,000,000 | -49,795,000,000 | 0.680 | 0.659 | 0.022 |
| G4NeutronInelasticXS | -17.500s | 129.940s | 147.441s | 845,756,000,000 | 891,020,000,000 | -45,264,000,000 | 0.420 | 0.451 | -0.031 |
| G4Box | -5.362s | 240.435s | 245.798s | 1,027,272,000,000 | 1,068,649,000,000 | -41,377,000,000 | 0.625 | 0.614 | 0.011 |
| G4VEnergyLossProcess | -35.602s | 456.534s | 492.137s | 1,382,737,000,000 | 1,422,481,000,000 | -39,744,000,000 | 0.885 | 0.926 | -0.041 |
| G4Region | 5.904s | 112.500s | 106.596s | 171,695,000,000 | 209,944,000,000 | -38,249,000,000 | 1.746 | 1.350 | 0.396 |
| G4DynamicParticle | -5.132s | 193.096s | 198.228s | 704,559,000,000 | 742,739,000,000 | -38,180,000,000 | 0.740 | 0.701 | 0.039 |
| G4PhotoNuclearCrossSection | -4.420s | 153.043s | 157.464s | 830,254,000,000 | 865,904,000,000 | -35,650,000,000 | 0.493 | 0.490 | 0.004 |
| G4StackManager | 5.102s | 74.873s | 69.771s | 183,563,000,000 | 217,764,000,000 | -34,201,000,000 | 1.103 | 0.844 | 0.259 |
| G4NormalNavigation | -0.020s | 203.069s | 203.089s | 795,731,000,000 | 826,436,000,000 | -30,705,000,000 | 0.673 | 0.660 | 0.013 |
| G4HadronElasticProcess | 1.373s | 42.729s | 41.356s | 109,963,000,000 | 138,184,000,000 | -28,221,000,000 | 1.029 | 0.773 | 0.256 |
| G4FieldManager | 3.268s | 22.923s | 19.655s | 30,797,000,000 | 57,293,000,000 | -26,496,000,000 | 1.960 | 0.882 | 1.078 |
| G4VDiscreteProcess | 0.952s | 240.776s | 239.824s | 324,829,000,000 | 349,508,000,000 | -24,679,000,000 | 1.965 | 1.858 | 0.107 |
| G4ParticleDefinition | -4.651s | 30.460s | 35.111s | 80,477,000,000 | 103,891,000,000 | -23,414,000,000 | 1.042 | 0.915 | 0.127 |

Unused cache in G4CrossSectionDS

- Cross section calculated for a given material, particle and element combination each time
- Loops over elements and/or isotopes and computes cross section for each one
- Current element or isotope therefore always changes between calls and the cache is never hit
- Also abundance in material description should be always larger than zero
- Fixed in master branch already

| Source | Clockticks | Instructions Retired | CPI Rate | Locators | | | |
|---|------------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | | Retiring | Front-End Bound | Bad Speculation | Back-End Bound |
| G4double | | | | | | | |
| G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection(const G4DynamicParticle* part, const G4Element* elm, const G4Material* mat) | | | | | | | |
| { | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.440 | 4.1% | 0.9% | 0.4% | 1.8% |
| if(mat == elmMaterial && elm == currentElement && part->GetDefinition() == elmParticle && part->GetKineticEnergy() == elmKinEnergy) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.577 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| { return elmCrossSection; } | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.568 | 0.9% | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.6% |
| elmMaterial = mat; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.298 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| currentElement = elm; | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.265 | 0.6% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.5% |
| elmParticle = part->GetDefinition(); | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.619 | 0.7% | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.4% |
| elmKinEnergy = part->GetKineticEnergy(); | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.330 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| elmCrossSection = 0.0; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.317 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| G4int i = nDataSetList-1; | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.583 | 4.3% | 1.7% | 1.4% | 2.2% |
| G4int Z = elm->GetZasInt(); | | | | | | | |
| if (elm->GetNaturalAbundanceFlag() && dataSetList[i]->IsElementApplicable(part, Z, mat)) { | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.676 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| // element wise cross section | | | | | | | |
| elmCrossSection = dataSetList[i]->GetElementCrossSection(part, Z, mat); | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.878 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| //G4cout << "Element wise " << elmParticle->GetParticleName() | | | | | | | |
| // << " xsec(barn)= " << elmCrossSection/barn | | | | | | | |
| // << " E(MeV)= " << elmKinEnergy/MeV | | | | | | | |
| // << " Z= " << Z << " AbundFlag= " << elm->GetNaturalAbundancesFlag() | | | | | | | |
| // <<G4endl; | | | | | | | |
| } else { | | | | | | | |
| // isotope wise cross section | | | | | | | |
| size_t nIso = elm->GetNumberOfIsotopes(); | | | | | | | |
| // user-defined isotope abundances | | | | | | | |
| const G4double* abundVector = elm->GetRelativeAbundanceVector(); | | | | | | | |
| for (size_t j=0; j<nIso; ++j) { | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.447 | 3.0% | 0.6% | 0.3% | 1.1% |
| if(abundVector[j] > 0.0) { | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.609 | 8.1% | 2.1% | 0.9% | 4.5% |
| const G4Isotope* iso = elm->GetIsotope(j); | | | | | | | |
| elmCrossSection += abundVector[j]* | 0.5% | 0.5% | 0.706 | 8.7% | 1.8% | 1.0% | 5.6% |
| GetIsoCrossSection(part, Z, iso->GetN(), iso, elm, mat, i); | 0.9% | 1.2% | 0.570 | 15.0% | 4.6% | 4.0% | 9.2% |
| //G4cout << "Isotope wise " << elmParticle->GetParticleName() | | | | | | | |
| // << " xsec(barn)= " << elmCrossSection/barn | | | | | | | |
| // << " E(MeV)= " << elmKinEnergy/MeV | | | | | | | |
| // << " Z= " << Z << " A= " << iso->GetN() << " j= " << j << G4endl; | | | | | | | |
| } | | | | | | | |
| } | | | | | | | |
| //G4cout << " E(MeV)= " << elmKinEnergy/MeV | | | | | | | |
| // << "xsec(barn)= " << elmCrossSection/barn <<G4endl; | | | | | | | |
| return elmCrossSection; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.725 | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.4% |
| } | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.514 | 3.0% | 0.7% | 0.3% | 1.8% |

Bad Speculation in G4PhysicsVector::Interpolation()

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--|------|-----------------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| 186 | inline G4double G4PhysicsVector::Interpolation(const std::size_t idx, | | | | | | | |
| 187 | const G4double e) const | | | | | | | |
| 188 | { | | | | | | | |
| 189 | // perform the interpolation | | | | | | | |
| 190 | const G4double x1 = binVector[idx]; | 0.0% | 31,487,000,000 | 0.363 | 0.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% |
| 191 | const G4double dl = binVector[idx + 1] - x1; | 0.1% | 95,749,000,000 | 0.531 | 2.0% | 0.3% | 0.4% | 1.6% |
| 192 | // note: all corner cases of the previous methods are covered and eventually | | | | | | | |
| 193 | // gives b=0/1 that results in $y=y_0 \setminus y_{\{N-1\}}$ if $e \leq x[0] / e \geq x[N-1]$ or | | | | | | | |
| 194 | // $y = y_i / y_{\{i+1\}}$ if $e < x[i] / e > x[i+1]$ due to small numerical errors | | | | | | | |
| 195 | const G4double b = std::max(0., std::min(1., (e - x1) / dl)); | 0.2% | 223,652,000,000 | 0.754 | 4.4% | 0.7% | 3.3% | 5.6% |
| 196 | G4double res; | | | | | | | |
| 197 | if(useSpline) // spline interpolation | 0.1% | 99,268,000,000 | 0.697 | 1.9% | 0.4% | 0.8% | 2.6% |
| 198 | { | | | | | | | |
| 199 | const G4double os = 0.166666666667; // 1./6. | | | | | | | |
| 200 | const G4double a = 1.0 - b; | 0.0% | 6,624,000,000 | 0.573 | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% |
| 201 | const G4double c0 = (a * a * a - a) * secDerivative[idx]; | 0.0% | 5,658,000,000 | 0.760 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% |
| 202 | const G4double c1 = (b * b * b - b) * secDerivative[idx + 1]; | 0.9% | 511,313,000,000 | 1.312 | 11.5% | 5.2% | 8.6% | 30.6% |
| 203 | res = | | | | | | | |
| 204 | a * dataVector[idx] + b * dataVector[idx + 1] + (c0 + c1) * dl * dl * os; | 0.3% | 79,189,000,000 | 2.420 | 1.6% | 1.5% | 3.8% | 9.1% |
| 205 | } | | | | | | | |
| 206 | else // linear interpolation | | | | | | | |
| 207 | { | | | | | | | |
| 208 | const G4double y1 = dataVector[idx]; | | | | | | | |
| 209 | const G4double y2 = dataVector[idx + 1]; | | | | | | | |
| 210 | res = y1 + b * (y2 - y1); | 0.0% | 2,967,000,000 | 2.822 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.5% |
| 211 | } | | | | | | | |
| 212 | return res; | 0.0% | 3,634,000,000 | 6.095 | 0.2% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 1.1% |
| 213 | } | | | | | | | |

Problem is likely due to `if(useSpline) { ... }`. Recommendation: make useSpline a template parameter.

Bad Speculation in G4PolyhedraSide::Inside() (1)

| Source | 🔥 Clockticks | Instructions Retired | CPI Rate | Locators | | | |
|---|--------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | Retiring [x] | Front-End Bound [x] | Bad Speculation [x] | Back-End Bound [x] |
| // Inside | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| EInside G4PolyhedraSide::Inside(const G4ThreeVector& p, G4double tolerance, G4double* bestDistance) | | | | | | | |
| { | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.703 | 11.3% | 2.5% | 7.5% | 8.8% |
| // | | | | | | | |
| // Which phi segment is closest to this point? | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| G4int iPhi = ClosestPhiSegment(GetPhi(p)); | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.354 | 1.6% | 0.1% | 0.7% | 1.5% |
| | | | | | | | |
| G4double norm; | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| // Get distance to this segment | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| *bestDistance = DistanceToOneSide(p, vecs[iPhi], &norm); | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.449 | 14.3% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 7.5% |
| | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| // Use distance along normal to decide return value | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| if ((std::fabs(norm) < tolerance) && (*bestDistance < 2.0*tolerance)) | 0.1% | 0.0% | 1.111 | 2.7% | 5.1% | 4.1% | 2.0% |
| return kSurface; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.565 | 1.5% | 0.0% | 1.6% | 0.9% |
| else if (norm < 0) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.102 | 0.4% | 0.6% | 1.2% | 0.3% |
| return kInside; | | | | | | | |
| else | | | | | | | |
| return kOutside; | 0.1% | 0.1% | 1.076 | 4.9% | 0.0% | 4.4% | 2.3% |
| } | 0.1% | 0.1% | 1.395 | 4.3% | 0.0% | 8.9% | 2.2% |

Maybe it would be better to rework (avoid branching) or reorder the conditions from most to least probable.

Bad Speculation in G4PolyhedraSide::Inside() (2)

| Source | 🔥 Clockticks | Instructions Retired | CPI Rate | Locators | | | |
|--|--------------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | | | Retiring > | Front-End Bound > | Bad Speculation > | Back-End Bound > |
| // | | | | | | | |
| G4bool G4PolyPhiFace::InsideEdges(G4double r, G4double z, | | | | | | | |
| G4double* bestDist2, | | | | | | | |
| G4PolyPhiFaceVertex** base3Dnorm, | | | | | | | |
| G4ThreeVector** head3Dnorm) | | | | | | | |
| { | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.395 | 1.2% | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.4% |
| G4double bestDistance2 = kInfinity; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| G4bool answer = false; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.000 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| | | | | | | | |
| G4PolyPhiFaceEdge* edge = edges; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.397 | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.4% |
| do // Loop checking, 13.08.2015, G.Cosmo | | | | | | | |
| { | | | | | | | |
| G4PolyPhiFaceVertex* testMe; | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| // Get distance perpendicular to the edge | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| G4double dr = (r-edge->v0->r), dz = (z-edge->v0->z); | 0.4% | 0.3% | 1.125 | 5.0% | 0.1% | 1.9% | 13.3% |
| | | | | | | | |
| G4double distOut = dr*edge->tz - dz*edge->tr; | 0.5% | 0.3% | 1.063 | 6.6% | 0.4% | 2.2% | 17.3% |
| G4double distance2 = distOut*distOut; | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.473 | 2.4% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 1.6% |
| if (distance2 > bestDistance2) continue; // No hope! | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.461 | 5.4% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 2.1% |
| | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| // Check to see if normal intersects edge within the edge's boundary | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| G4double q = dr*edge->tr + dz*edge->tz; | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.491 | 2.5% | 1.9% | 0.4% | 0.9% |

Indirections are expensive. Recommendation: Reconsider the data structures storing properties to avoid pointers.

Indirection in G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength()

| Source | 🔥 Clockticks | Instructions Retired | CPI Rate | Locators | | | |
|---|--------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | Retiring <small>⌘</small> | Front-End Bound <small>⌘</small> | Bad Speculation <small>⌘</small> | Back-End Bound <small>⌘</small> |
| //////////////////////////////////// | | | | | | | |
| void G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength() | | | | | | | |
| //////////////////////////////////// | | | | | | | |
| { | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.561 | 2.2% | 3.0% | 0.8% | 1.0% |
| // ReSet the counter etc. | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| PhysicalStep = DBL_MAX; // Initialize by a huge number | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.333 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| physIntLength = DBL_MAX; // Initialize by a huge number | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.424 | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 0.1% |
| | | | | | | | |
| #ifdef G4VERBOSE | | | | | | | |
| if(verboseLevel>0) fVerbose->DPSLStarted(); | | | | | | | |
| #endif | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| // GPIL for PostStep | | | | | | | |
| // | | | | | | | |
| fPostStepDoItProcTriggered = MAXofPostStepLoops; | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.769 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| | | | | | | | |
| for(std::size_t np=0; np<MAXofPostStepLoops; ++np) | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.760 | 1.8% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 1.0% |
| { | | | | | | | |
| fCurrentProcess = (*fPostStepGetPhysIntVector)(np); | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.581 | 6.8% | 0.0% | 3.6% | 1.9% |
| if (fCurrentProcess == nullptr) | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.601 | 1.4% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 1.3% |
| { | | | | | | | |
| (*fSelectedPostStepDoItVector)[np] = InActivated; | | | | | | | |
| continue; | | | | | | | |
| } // NULL means the process is inactivated by a user on fly | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| physIntLength = fCurrentProcess->PostStepGPIL(*fTrack, | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.789 | 0.3% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.3% |
| fPreviousStepSize, &fCondition); | | | | | | | |

Indirection cannot be removed, but if tracks could be processed in bulk, this line would need to be run less frequently.

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Top functions by self time

| Total % | Self | Symbol name |
|---------|--------|---|
| 13.41 | 477.13 | G4PolyhedraSide::Intersect(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, bool, double, double&, double&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector&, bool&) |
| 4.89 | 173.91 | __ieee754_atan2_avx |
| 4.25 | 151.28 | G4Navigator::LocateGlobalPointAndSetup(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const*, bool, bool) |
| 3.02 | 107.31 | G4VEmProcess::PostStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength(G4Track const&, double, G4ForceCondition*) |
| 2.24 | 79.67 | G4PolyhedraSide::Distance(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, bool) |
| 2.08 | 73.95 | G4PolyhedraSide::DistanceAway(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, G4PolyhedraSide::sG4PolyhedraSideVec const&, double*) |
| 1.73 | 61.51 | G4PolyhedraSide::DistanceToOneSide(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, G4PolyhedraSide::sG4PolyhedraSideVec const&, double*) |
| 1.71 | 60.77 | G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength() |
| 1.43 | 51.04 | __tls_get_addr |
| 1.40 | 49.70 | G4DormandPrince745::Stepper(double const*, double const*, double, double*, double*) |
| 1.37 | 48.83 | G4UniversalFluctuation::SampleFluctuations(G4MaterialCutsCouple const*, G4DynamicParticle const*, double, double, double) |
| 1.36 | 48.45 | G4Mag UsualEqRhs::EvaluateRhsGivenB(double const*, double const*, double*) const |
| 1.32 | 47.08 | G4PolyhedraSide::PhiSegment(double) |
| 1.30 | 46.39 | G4UrbanMscModel::SampleCosineTheta(double, double) |
| 1.20 | 42.66 | G4TouchableHistory::GetVolume(int) const |
| 1.18 | 41.92 | G4Navigator::ComputeStep(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, double, double&) |
| 1.14 | 40.41 | G4NavigationLevel::operator=(G4NavigationLevel const&) |
| 1.08 | 38.31 | __sin_avx |
| 0.90 | 32.06 | G4PolyhedraSide::GetPhi(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&) |
| 0.86 | 30.48 | G4CrossSectionDataStore::GetCrossSection(G4DynamicParticle const*, G4Element const*, G4Material const*) |
| 0.85 | 30.21 | G4SteppingManager::Stepping() |
| 0.80 | 28.35 | G4Transportation::PostStepDoIt(G4Track const&, G4Step const&) |
| 0.76 | 27.15 | G4Transportation::AlongStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength(G4Track const&, double, double, double&, G4GPILSelection*) |

Full report available at https://dpiparo.web.cern.ch/dpiparo/cgi-bin/igprof-navigator/sim_phase2_g4_107.pp/self

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| Rank | % total | Counts | | Paths | | Symbol name |
|------|---------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| | | to / from this | Total | Including child / parent | Total | |
| | 93.18 | 3,314.81 | 3,466.01 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4TrackingManager::ProcessOneTrack(G4Track*)</u> |
| [22] | 93.18 | 30.21 | 3,284.60 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4SteppingManager::Stepping()</u> |
| | 53.33 | 1,897.10 | 1,897.10 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength()</u> |
| | 23.62 | 840.44 | 840.44 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4SteppingManager::InvokePostStepDoItProcs()</u> |
| | 9.96 | 354.31 | 354.31 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4SteppingManager::InvokeAlongStepDoItProcs()</u> |
| | 2.02 | 71.89 | 71.89 | 1 | 1 | <u>SteppingAction::UserSteppingAction(G4Step const*)</u> |
| | 1.59 | 56.44 | 56.44 | 1 | 1 | <u>CaloSD::ProcessHits(G4Step*, G4TouchableHistory*)</u> |
| | 0.53 | 18.69 | 42.66 | 1 | 15 | <u>G4TouchableHistory::GetVolume(int) const</u> |
| | 0.36 | 12.78 | 12.78 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4Region::GetRegionalSteppingAction() const</u> |
| | 0.29 | 10.15 | 10.15 | 1 | 1 | <u>G4SteppingManager::InvokeAtRestDoItProcs()</u> |
| | 0.21 | 7.47 | 9.48 | 1 | 4 | <u>G4TouchableHistory::~G4TouchableHistory()</u> |
| | 0.17 | 5.92 | 7.25 | 1 | 2 | <u>G4StepPoint::operator=(G4StepPoint const&)</u> |
| | 0.15 | 5.44 | 5.44 | 1 | 1 | <u>TkAccumulatingSensitiveDetector::ProcessHits(G4Step*, G4TouchableHistory*)</u> |
| | 0.08 | 2.96 | 2.96 | 1 | 1 | <u>TimingSD::ProcessHits(G4Step*, G4TouchableHistory*)</u> |
| | 0.03 | 0.96 | 3.24 | 1 | 3 | <u>aCountedObjectAllocator()</u> |
| | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 1 | 1 | <u>CaloTrkProcessing::ProcessHits(G4Step*, G4TouchableHistory*)</u> |
| | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 1 | 1 | <u>MuonSensitiveDetector::ProcessHits(G4Step*, G4TouchableHistory*)</u> |

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| Rank | % total | Counts | | Paths | | Symbol name |
|------|---------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|-------|---|
| | | to / from this | Total | Including child / parent | Total | |
| | 38.69 | 1,376.20 | 1,897.10 | 1 | 1 | G4SteppingManager::DefinePhysicalStepLength(). |
| [24] | 38.69 | 27.15 | 1,349.06 | 1 | 1 | G4Transportation::AlongStepGetPhysicalInteractionLength(G4Track const&, double, double, double&, G4GPILSelection*) |
| | 22.48 | 799.57 | 1,021.33 | 1 | 4 | G4Navigator::ComputeStep(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, double, double&). |
| | 14.61 | 519.72 | 519.72 | 1 | 1 | G4PropagatorInField::ComputeStep(G4FieldTrack&, double, double&, G4VPhysicalVolume*, bool). |
| | 0.45 | 15.88 | 92.52 | 1 | 4 | G4Navigator::ComputeSafety(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, double, bool). |
| | 0.12 | 4.17 | 4.17 | 1 | 1 | G4PropagatorInField::FindAndSetFieldManager(G4VPhysicalVolume*). |
| | 0.08 | 2.92 | 2.92 | 1 | 1 | CMSFieldManager::ConfigureForTrack(G4Track const*). |
| | 0.06 | 2.27 | 2.27 | 1 | 1 | G4RKIntegrationDriver<G4MagIntegratorStepper>::GetEquationOfMotion(). |
| | 0.05 | 1.62 | 1.62 | 1 | 1 | G4Mag_UsualEqRhs::SetChargeMomentumMass(G4ChargeState, double, double). |
| | 0.04 | 1.45 | 42.66 | 1 | 15 | G4TouchableHistory::GetVolume(int) const |
| | 0.04 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1 | 1 | G4FieldTrack::G4FieldTrack(CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, double, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&, double, double, double, CLHEP::Hep3Vector const&). |
| | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 1 | 1 | CMSFieldManager::setDefaultChordFinder(). |
| | 0.00 | 0.04 | 23.22 | 1 | 474 | _init |
| | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 1 | 1 | CMSFieldManager::setChordFinderForVacuum(). |
| | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 1 | 1 | CMSFieldManager::setChordFinderForTracker(). |

It seems that CMS might benefit from a thorough look into optimizations directly in the GDML description of the detector. **Need to understand role of G4PolyhedraSide, and optimize it carefully in Geant4 and/or VecGeom.**

