Installing and running Geant4

Linux

Required tools and libraries

- Cmake
- G++
- Gcc
- Libx11-dev
- Libxmu-dev
- Libxi-dev
- Libgl-dev
- Libglu1-mesa-dev
- libexpat-dev
- Qtbase5-dev
- Qtchooser
- Qt5-qmake
- qtbase5-dev-tools

(Optional)

- cmake-cursed-gui

Use: **Sudo apt install <tool/lib>** To download each of these

Download and unzip Geant4

- Create a Geant4 directory
- Download source code at Download Geant4-11.3.1 Geant4
- Unzip into geant4 directory
- From here, create and go to a Geant4-build directory

Configure your project with the following commands:

cmake -DGEANT4_USE_QT=ON -DGEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11=ON -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=~/geant4-install ~/geant4/geant4-v11.3.1

cmake -DGEANT4_INSTALL_DATA=ON ~/geant4/geant4-v11.3.1

If Qt is giving hassle, you can also use GDML for visualization program.

Better method:

Use cmake-cursed-gui.

Use ccmake .. to configure

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CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE	Release
CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX	/home/path/to/geant4/geant4-v11.3.1-install
GEANT4_BUILD_MULTITHREADED	OFF
GEANT4_INSTALL_DATA	ON
GEANT4_INSTALL_DATADIR	
GEANT4_USE_G3T0G4	OFF
GEANT4_USE_GDML	OFF
GEANT4_USE_INVENTOR	OFF
GEANT4_USE_INVENTOR_QT	OFF
GEANT4_USE_OPENGL_X11	OFF
GEANT4_USE_QT	ON
GEANT4_USE_RAYTRACER_X11	ON
GEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_CLHEP	OFF
GEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_EXPAT	ON
GEANT4_USE_SYSTEM_ZLIB	OFF
GEANT4_USE_VTK	OFF
GEANT4_USE_XM	OFF
QT_DIR	/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/cmake/Qt5
Qt53DCore_DIR	Qt53DCore_DIR-NOTFOUND
Qt53DExtras_DIR	Qt53DExtras_DIR-NOTFOUND
Qt53DRender_DIR	Qt53DRender_DIR-NOTFOUND
Qt5Core_DIR	/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/cmake/Qt5Core
Qt5Gui_DIR	/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/cmake/Qt5Gui
CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE: Choose the typ	e of build, options are: None Release TestRelease MinSizeRel Debug Debug_FPE RelWithDebI
Keys: [enter] Edit an entry [d]	Delete an entry CMake Version 3.28.3
<pre>[1] Show log output [c]</pre>	Configure
[h] Help [q] Quit without generating	
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Generate, build, and install

Generate and build with:

make -j\$(nproc)

- Or replace nproc with number of thread your CPU have.

Install with:

make install

Source it, this must be done every new session:

source ~/geant4-install/bin/geant4.sh

Running example B1

Source and find B1

If starting a new session, source

source ~/geant4-install/bin/geant4.sh

Navigate to directory with example B1:

path/to/geant4-install/share/Geant4/examples/basic

Create a B1run directory and copy B1 directory to it:

cp -r B1 path/to/geant4/B1run

Go to B1run directory and create a build directory

From the build directory, configure with:

cmake ..

Generate and build, and run example

Generate and build with:

make -j\$(nproc)

Now, in the build directory, there should be an executable file called exampleB1, run with: ./exampleB1

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Run with hepmc (WIP)