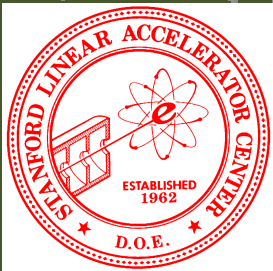


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# Detector Sensitivity

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# Sensitive detector and Hit

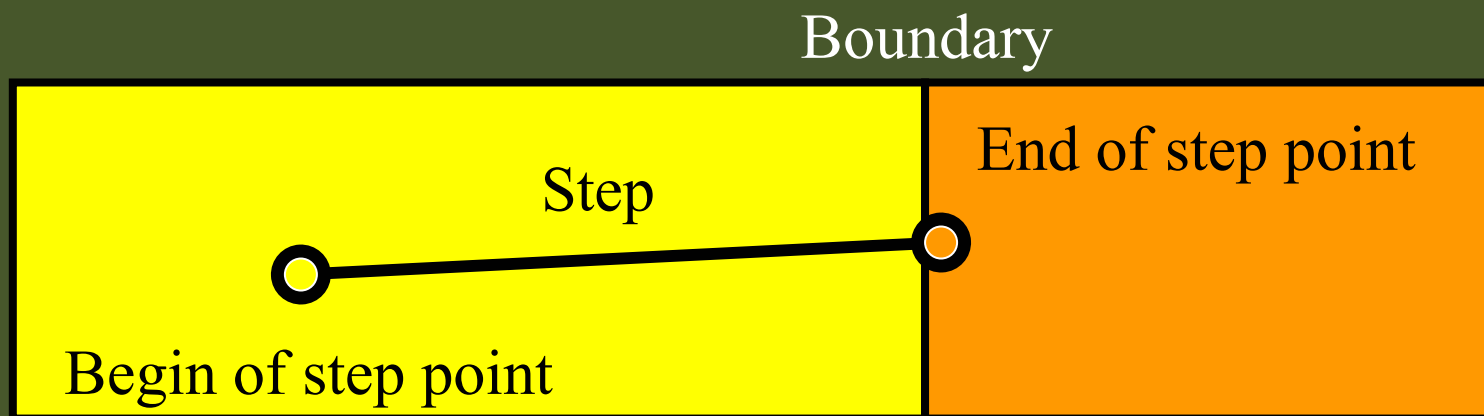
- ▶ Each Logical Volume can have a pointer to a sensitive detector.
  - ▶ Then this volume becomes **sensitive**.
- ▶ Hit is a snapshot of the physical interaction of a track or an accumulation of interactions of tracks in the sensitive region of your detector.
- ▶ A sensitive detector creates hit(s) using the information given in G4Step object. The user has to provide his/her own implementation of the detector response.
  - ▶ UserSteppingAction class **should NOT** do this.
- ▶ Hit objects, which are still the user's class objects, are collected in a G4Event object at the end of an event.

# Detector sensitivity

- ▶ A sensitive detector either
  - ▶ constructs one or more hit objects or
  - ▶ accumulates values to existing hits

using information given in a G4Step object.

- ▶ Note that you must get the volume information from the “PreStepPoint”.



# Digitizer module and digit

- ▶ Digit represents a detector output (e.g. ADC/TDC count, trigger signal, etc.).
- ▶ Digit is created with one or more hits and/or other digits by a user's concrete implementation derived from **G4VDigitizerModule**.
- ▶ In contradiction to the sensitive detector which should be assigned to a volume and is automatically accessed at tracking time, the digitize() method of each G4VDigitizerModule must be **explicitly invoked** by the user's code (e.g. at EventAction).
  - ▶ Geant4 kernel will not invoke G4VDigitizerModule by default.

# Hit class

- ▶ Hit is a user-defined class derived from **G4VHit**.
- ▶ You can store various types information by implementing your own concrete Hit class. For example:
  - ▶ Position and time of the step
  - ▶ Momentum and energy of the track
  - ▶ Energy deposition of the step
  - ▶ Geometrical information
  - ▶ or any combination of above
- ▶ Hit objects of a concrete hit class must be stored in a dedicated collection which is instantiated from **G4THitsCollection template class**.
- ▶ The collection will be associated to a G4Event object via **G4HCofThisEvent**.
- ▶ Hits collections are accessible
  - ▶ through G4Event at the end of event.
    - ▶ to be used for analyzing an event
  - ▶ through G4SDManager during processing an event.
    - ▶ to be used for event filtering.

# Implementation of Hit class

```
#include "G4VHit.hh"
class MyDriftChamberHit : public G4VHit
{
    public:
        MyDriftChamberHit(some_arguments);
        virtual ~MyDriftChamberHit();
        virtual void Draw();
        virtual void Print();
    private:
        // some data members
    public:
        // some set/get methods
};

#include "G4THitsCollection.hh"
typedef G4THitsCollection<MyDriftChamberHit>
    MyDriftChamberHitsCollection;
```

# Sensitive Detector class

- ▶ Sensitive detector is a user-defined class derived from G4VSensitiveDetector.

```
#include "G4VSensitiveDetector.hh"
#include "MyDriftChamberHit.hh"
class G4Step;
class G4HCofThisEvent;
class MyDriftChamber : public G4VSensitiveDetector
{
public:
    MyDriftChamber(G4String name);
    virtual ~MyDriftChamber();
    virtual void Initialize(G4HCofThisEvent*HCE);
    virtual G4bool ProcessHits(G4Step*aStep,
                               G4TouchableHistory*ROhist);
    virtual void EndOfEvent(G4HCofThisEvent*HCE);
private:
    MyDriftChamberHitsCollection * hitsCollection;
    G4int collectionID;
};
```



# Sensitive detector

- ▶ A **tracker** detector typically generates a **hit for every single step of every single (charged) track**.
  - ▶ A tracker hit typically contains
    - ▶ Position and time
    - ▶ Energy deposition of the step
    - ▶ Track ID
- ▶ A **calorimeter** detector typically generates a hit for every cell, and **accumulates energy deposition in each cell for all steps of all tracks**.
  - ▶ A calorimeter hit typically contains
    - ▶ Sum of deposited energy
    - ▶ Cell ID
- ▶ You can instantiate more than one objects for one sensitive detector class. Each object should have its unique detector name.
  - ▶ For example, each of two sets of drift chambers can have their dedicated sensitive detector objects. But, the functionalities of them are exactly the same to each other and thus they can share the same class. See [examples/extended/analysis/A01](#) as an example.

# Implementation of Sensitive Detector - 1

```
MyDriftChamber::MyDriftChamber(G4String detector_name)
    :G4VSensitiveDetector(detector_name),
    collectionID(-1)
{
    collectionName.insert("collection_name");
}
```

- ▶ In the constructor, define the name of the hits collection which is handled by this sensitive detector
- ▶ In case your sensitive detector generates more than one kinds of hits (e.g. anode and cathode hits separately), define all collection names.

# Implementation of Sensitive Detector - 2

```
void MyDriftChamber::Initialize(G4HCofThisEvent*HCE)
{
    if(collectionID<0) collectionID = GetCollectionID(0);
    hitsCollection = new MyDriftChamberHitsCollection
        (SensitiveDetectorName,collectionName[0]);
    HCE->AddHitsCollection(collectionID,hitsCollection);
}
```

- ▶ Initialize() method is invoked **at the beginning of each event**.
- ▶ Get the unique ID number for this collection.
  - ▶ GetCollectionID() is a heavy operation. It should not be used for every events.
  - ▶ GetCollectionID() is available after this sensitive detector object is registered to G4SDManager. Thus, this method **cannot** be used in the constructor of this detector class.
- ▶ Instantiate hits collection(s) and attach it/them to **G4HCofThisEvent** object given in the argument.
- ▶ In case of calorimeter-type detector, you may also want to instantiate hits for all calorimeter cells with zero energy depositions, and insert them to the collection.

# Implementation of Sensitive Detector - 3

```
G4bool MyDriftChamber::ProcessHits
(G4Step*aStep,G4TouchableHistory*ROhist)
{
  MyDriftChamberHit* aHit = new MyDriftChamberHit();
  ...
  // some set methods
  ...
  hitsCollection->insert(aHit);
  return true;
}
```

- ▶ This ProcessHits() method is invoked **for every steps** in the volume(s) where this sensitive detector is assigned.
- ▶ In this method, generate a hit corresponding to the current step (for tracking detector), or accumulate the energy deposition of the current step to the existing hit object where the current step belongs to (for calorimeter detector).
- ▶ Don't forget to collect geometry information (e.g. copy number) from **"PreStepPoint"**.
- ▶ Currently, returning boolean value is not used.

# Implementation of Sensitive Detector - 4

```
void MyDriftChamber::EndOfEvent(G4HCofThisEvent *HCE)
{;}
```

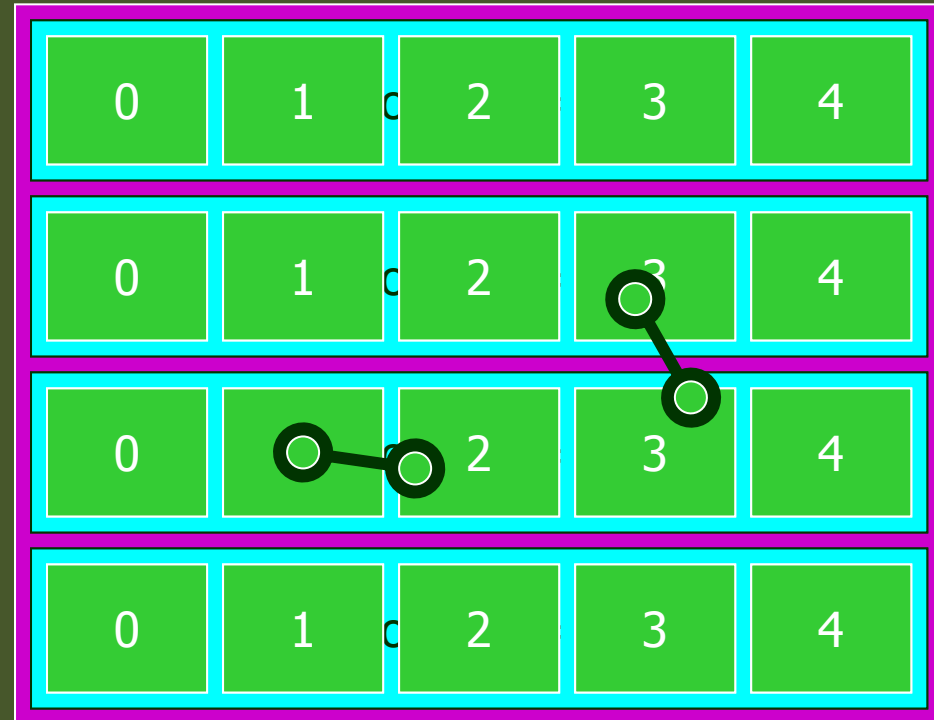
- ▶ This method is invoked at the end of processing an event.
  - ▶ It is invoked even if the event is aborted.
  - ▶ It is invoked before UserEndOfEventAction.

# Step point and touchable

- ▶ As mentioned already, G4Step has two G4StepPoint objects as its starting and ending points. All the geometrical information of the particular step should be taken from “PreStepPoint”.
  - ▶ Geometrical information associated with G4Track is basically same as “PostStepPoint”.
- ▶ Each G4StepPoint object has
  - ▶ Position in world coordinate system
  - ▶ Global and local time
  - ▶ Material
  - ▶ G4TouchableHistory for geometrical information
- ▶ G4TouchableHistory object is a vector of information for each geometrical hierarchy.
  - ▶ copy number
  - ▶ transformation / rotation to its mother
- ▶ Since release 4.0, *handles* (or *smart-pointers*) to touchables are intrinsically used. Touchables are reference counted.

# Copy number

- ▶ Suppose a calorimeter is made of 4x5 cells.
  - ▶ and it is implemented by **two levels of replica**.
- ▶ In reality, there is **only one** physical volume **object** for each level. Its position is parameterized by its copy number.
- ▶ To get the copy number of each level, suppose what happens if a step belongs to two cells.



- ▶ Remember geometrical information in G4Track is identical to "PostStepPoint".
  - ▶ You **cannot** get the collect copy number for "PreStepPoint" if you directly access to the physical volume.
- ▶ **Use touchable** to get the proper copy number, transform matrix, etc.

# Touchable

- ▶ G4TouchableHistory has information of geometrical hierarchy of the point.

```
G4Step* aStep;

G4StepPoint* preStepPoint = aStep->GetPreStepPoint();

G4TouchableHistory* theTouchable =

    (G4TouchableHistory*)(preStepPoint->GetTouchable());

G4int copyNo = theTouchable->GetVolume()->GetCopyNo();

G4int motherCopyNo

    = theTouchable->GetVolume(1)->GetCopyNo();

G4int grandMotherCopyNo

    = theTouchable->GetVolume(2)->GetCopyNo();

G4ThreeVector worldPos = preStepPoint->GetPosition();

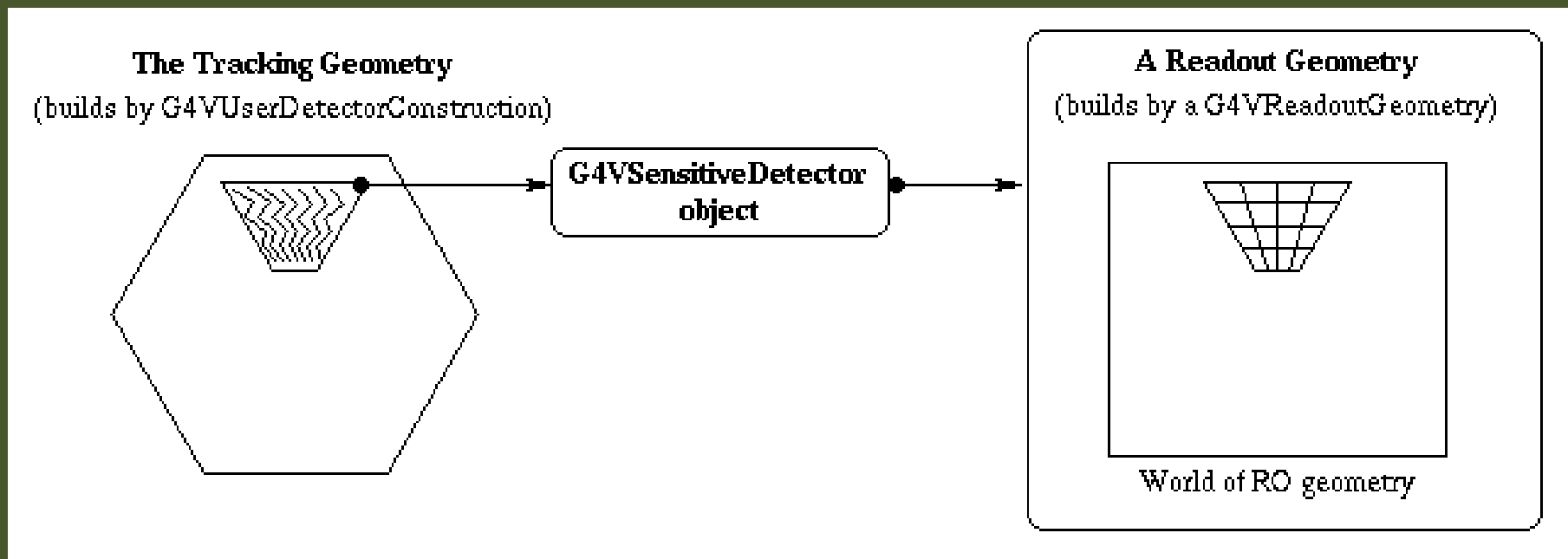
G4ThreeVector localPos = theTouchable->GetHistory()

    ->GetTopTransform().TransformPoint(worldPos);
```



# Readout geometry

- ▶ In some cases of most complicated geometries, it is not easy to define volume boundaries corresponding to the readout segmentation.
- ▶ Readout geometry is a **virtual** and **artificial** geometry which can be defined **in parallel to the real** detector geometry.
- ▶ Readout geometry is optional. May have more than one.
  - ▶ Each one should be associated to a sensitive detector.
- ▶ Note that a step is **not** limited by the boundary of readout geometry.



# Defining a sensitive detector

- ▶ Basic strategy

```
G4LogicalVolume* myLogCalor = .....;

G4VSensitiveDetector* pSensitivePart =
    new MyCalorimeter("/mydet/calorimeter1");

G4SDManager* SDMan = G4SDManager::GetSDMpointer();

SDMan->AddNewDetector(pSensitivePart);

myLogCalor->SetSensitiveDetector(pSensitivePart);
```

- ▶ Each detector **object** must have a unique name.
  - ▶ Some logical volumes can share one detector object.
  - ▶ More than one detector objects can be made from one detector class with different detector name.
  - ▶ One logical volume cannot have more than one detector objects. But, one detector object can generate more than one kinds of hits.
    - ▶ e.g. a drift chamber class may generate anode and cathode hits separately.

# G4HCofThisEvent

- ▶ A G4Event object has a **G4HCofThisEvent** object at the end of (successful) event processing. G4HCofThisEvent object stores all hits collections made within the event.
  - ▶ Pointer(s) to the collections may be NULL if collections are not created in the particular event.
  - ▶ Hits collections are stored by pointers of G4VHitsCollection base class. Thus, you have to **cast** them to types of individual concrete classes.
  - ▶ The index number of a Hits collection is unique and unchanged for a run. The index number can be obtained by  
`G4SDManager::GetCollectionID("detName/colName");`
    - ▶ The index table is also stored in G4Run.

# Usage of G4HCofThisEvent

```
static int CHCID = -1;
If(CHCID<0) CHCID = G4SDManager::GetSDMpointer()
    ->GetCollectionID("myDet/calorimeter1/collection1");
G4HCofThisEvent* HCE = evt->GetHCofThisEvent();
MyCalorimeterHitsCollection* CHC = 0;
if(HCE)
    {CHC = (MyCalorimeterHitsCollection*) (HCE->GetHC(CHCID));}
if(CHC)
    { int n_hit = CHC->entries();
      G4cout<<"Calorimeter has "<<n_hit<<" hits."<<G4endl;
      for(int i1=0;i1<n_hit;i1++)
        { MyCalorimeterHit* aHit = (*CHC)[i1];
          aHit->Print(); }
    }
```

- ▶ This scheme can be adapted also for Digitization.

# When to invoke GetCollectionID()?

- ▶ Which is the better place to invoke `G4SDManager::GetCollectionID()` in a user event action class, in its constructor or in the `BeginOfEventAction()`?
- ▶ It actually depends on the user's application.
  - ▶ Note that construction of sensitive detectors (and thus registration of their hits collections to `SDManager`) takes place when the user issues `RunManager::Initialize()`, and thus the user's geometry is constructed.
- ▶ In case user's `EventAction` class should be instantiated before `RunManager::Initialize()`, `GetCollectionID()` should **not** be in the constructor of `EventAction`.
- ▶ While, if the user has nothing to do to Geant4 before `RunManager::Initialize()`, this initialize method can be hard-coded in the `main()` before the instantiation of `EventAction` (e.g. `exampleA01`), so that `GetCollectionID()` could be in the constructor.



# Concrete sensitivity classes

- ▶ Up to the current version (7.1), Geant4 provides only an abstract base class (**G4VSensitiveDetector**) for the user to define his/her detector sensitivity.
  - ▶ Various example detector classes are provided.
    - ▶ This is enough for HEP experiments, since their interest is mostly storing hits in their detectors.
    - ▶ But not convenient for space and medical applications.
      - ▶ Their interest is mainly scoring dose/flux.
- ▶ We will introduce **G4MultiFunctionalDetector** (concrete class derived from G4VSensitiveDetector) that allows the user to **register** concrete class objects of **G4VPrimitiveSensitivity** to build a scoring detector of his/her needs.
  - ▶ **G4PSEnergyDeposit**, **G4PSFlatSurfaceFlux**, **G4PSDoseDeposit**, **G4PSTrackLength**, etc. (class names are still preliminary) will be provided.
  - ▶ We will continue working for additional primitive sensitivity concrete classes.



# Concrete sensitivity classes

- ▶ Each G4VPrimitiveSensitivity class generates **one** hits collection per event. By registering more than one classes of G4VPrimitiveSensitivity, G4MultiFunctionalDetector generates more than one collections.
- ▶ New class **G4VSDFilter** will be introduced. It can be attached to G4VSensitiveDetector and/or G4VPrimitiveSensitivity to define which kinds of tracks are to be scored.
  - ▶ E.g., surface flux of protons of more than 1 GeV/c can be scored by **G4PSFlatSurfaceFlux** with a filter.
- ▶ Current G4Scorer and its related classes will become obsolete, but they will be kept with limited functionalities for a while for backward compatibility sake.



# G4THitsMap

- ▶ **G4THitsMap** template class (an alternative to **G4THitsCollection**) will be introduced. It is also a derived class of **G4VHitsCollection**.
  - ▶ It is more convenient for scoring purposes. It does NOT mandate G4VHit concrete class to be stored, but for example a simple double value can be mapped with a copy number.
  - ▶ All new primitive sensitivity classes use G4THitsMap.





# For example...

```
MyDetectorConstruction::Construct()
```

```
{ ... G4LogicalVolume* myCellLog = new G4LogicalVolume(...);  
      G4VPhysicalVolume* myCellPhys = new G4PVParametrised(...);  
      G4MultiFunctionalDetector* myScorer = new G4MultiFunctionalDetector("myCellScorer");  
      G4SDManager::GetSDMpointer()->AddNewDetector(myScorer);  
      myCellLog->SetSensitiveDetector(myScorer);  
      G4VPrimitiveSensitivity* totalSurfFlux = new G4PSFlatSurfaceFlux("TotalSurfFlux");  
      myScorer->Register(totalSurfFlux);  
      G4VPrimitiveSensitivity* protonSurfFlux = new G4PSFlatSurfaceFlux("ProtonSurfFlux");  
      G4VSDFilter* protonFilter = new G4SDParticleFilter("protonFilter");  
      protonFilter->Add("proton");  
      protonSurfFlux->SetFilter(protonFilter);  
      myScorer->Register(protonSurfFlux);  
      G4VPrimitiveSensitivity* totalDose = new G4PSDoseDeposit("TotalDose");  
      myScorer->Register(totalDose);  
}
```

**No need of implementing  
sensitive detector !**

# Accumulating event data

- ▶ For scoring purposes, you need to accumulate a physical quantity (e.g. energy deposition of a step) for entire run of many events. In such a case, do **NOT** add up individual energy deposition of each step directly to a variable for entire run.
  - ▶ Compared to the total sum for entire run, energy deposition of single step is too tiny. Rounding error problem may easily happen.
    - ▶ Total energy deposition of 1 million events of 1 GeV incident particle ends up to 1 PeV ( $10^{15}$  eV), while energy deposition of each single step is O(1 keV) or even smaller.
- ▶ Create your own Run class derived from G4Run, and implement **RecordEvent(const G4Event\*)** virtual method. Here you can get all output of the event so that you can accumulate the sum of an event to a variable for entire run.
  - ▶ **RecordEvent(const G4Event\*)** is automatically invoked by G4RunManager.
  - ▶ Your run class object should be instantiated in **GenerateRun()** method of your UserRunAction.
- ▶ In particular with newly introducing G4VPrimitiveSensitivity concrete classes, this is the simplest and most widely applicable way.

# Customized run class

```
#include "G4Run.hh"
#include "G4Event.hh"
#include "G4THitsMap.hh"
Class MyRun : public G4Run
{
public:
    MyRun();
    virtual ~MyRun();
    virtual void RecordEvent(const G4Event*);
private:
    G4int nEvent;
    G4int totalSurfFluxID, protonSurfFluxID, totalDoseID;
    G4THitsMap<G4double> totalSurfFlux;
    G4THitsMap<G4double> protonSurfFlux;
    G4THitsMap<G4double> totalDose;
    G4THitsMap<G4double>* eventTotalSurfFlux;
    G4THitsMap<G4double>* eventProtonSurfFlux;
    G4THitsMap<G4double>* eventTotalDose;
public:
    ... access methods ...
};
```

**Note :**

**This sample code uses newly introducing concrete sensitivity classes.**

**Implement how you accumulate event data**



# Customized run class

```
MyRun::MyRun() : nEvent(0)
```

**name of G4MultiFunctionalDetector object**



```
{  
  G4SDManager* SDM = G4SDManager::GetSDMpointer();  
  totalSurfFluxID = SDM->GetCollectionID("myCellScorer/TotalSurfFlux");  
  protonSurfFluxID = SDM->GetCollectionID("myCellScorer/ProtonSurfFlux");  
  totalDoseID = SDM->GetCollectionID("myCellScorer/TotalDose");  
}
```

**name of G4VPrimitiveSensitivity object**



```
void MyRun::RecordEvent(const G4Event* evt)
```

```
{  
  nEvent++;  
  G4HCofThisEvent* HCE = evt->GetHCofThisEvent();  
  eventTotalSurfFlux = (G4THitsMap<G4double>*)(HCE->GetHC(totalSurfFluxID));  
  eventProtonSurfFlux = (G4THitsMap<G4double>*)(HCE->GetHC(protonSurfFluxID));  
  eventTotalDose = (G4THitsMap<G4double>*)(HCE->GetHC(totalDose));  
  totalSurfFlux += *eventTotalSurfFlux;  
  protonSurfFlux += *eventProtonSurfFlux;  
  totalDose += *eventTotalDose;
```

**No need of loops.  
+= operator is provided !**

```
}
```

# RunAction with customized run

```
G4Run* MyRunAction::GenerateRun()
{ return (new MyRun()); }
void MyRunAction::EndOfRunAction(const G4Run* aRun)
{
  MyRun* theRun = (MyRun*)aRun;
  // ... analyze / record / print-out your run summary
  // MyRun object has everything you need ...
}
```

- ▶ As you have seen, to accumulate event data, you do **NOT** need
  - ▶ Event / tracking / stepping action classes
- ▶ All you need are your **Run and RunAction** classes.
- ▶ With newly introducing concrete sensitivity classes, you do **NOT** even need
  - ▶ Sensitive detector implementation

# In summary

- ▶ SensitiveDetector is the class to be associated to G4LogicalVolume.
- ▶ In case you want to store hits of each event,
  - ▶ Implement hit, sensitive detector and event action classes.
- ▶ In case you want to accumulate event data and to get the run summary,
  - ▶ Use newly introduced concrete sensitivity classes and,
  - ▶ Implement run and run action classes.