Status on making GEMC compatible with LCSim

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Goals

The goal is to eventually be able to do tracking with gemc output. Why?

- provides an excellent test of software
- extends the functionality of gemc and makes it available as an alternative simulation
- gives me an oppertunity to familiarize myself with lcsim tracking



Filling up the SimTrackerHits

Right now I can fill everything in a SimTrackerHit except for an MCParticle.

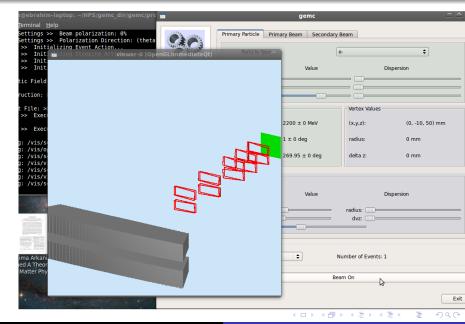
- Not straight-forward because the information gemc extracts from a G4Event is different from SLIC
- You can tell gemc how to behave each event by writing a custom hit_process class
- GEMC output for tracker hits now identical to SLIC output.

Importing Detector Geometry from LCSim

It's important to ensure that the detector geometry in gemc is identical to the one lcsim knows about.

- Wrote a script that reads an LCDD file and writes its contents to a gemc database table
- preserves all information except magnetic fields
- performs rotation to gemc coordinates
- Now we can simulate with identical geometries

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Current status

Now that we have the same geometry and (almost) the same output, we can try to do tracking with gemc.

- We could try to work around using MCParticles in Icsim (seed tracking driver)
- Maybe it would be easier to get gemc to keep track of the MCParticle Tree.

Conclusion

- If it's worth moving forward with this project, I need to figure out in which direction I'm going to take it.
- If not, the LCDD-GEMC conversion will probably prove useful anyway.