

# Hands-On on geometries

« pdb4dna »

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# pdb4dna

- We are going to study the **pdb4dna** extended example which shows how to implement

Protein Data Bank (PDB) geometries for direct DNA damage quantification in realistic geometries of macro-molecules

- This is an extended example and it is located in  
`$G4INSTALL/examples/extended/electromagnetic/dna`
- Developed by Emmanuel Delage and Yann Perrot, LPC Clermont-Ferrand, France

# 1) Scope of « pdb4dna »

# Protein Data Bank

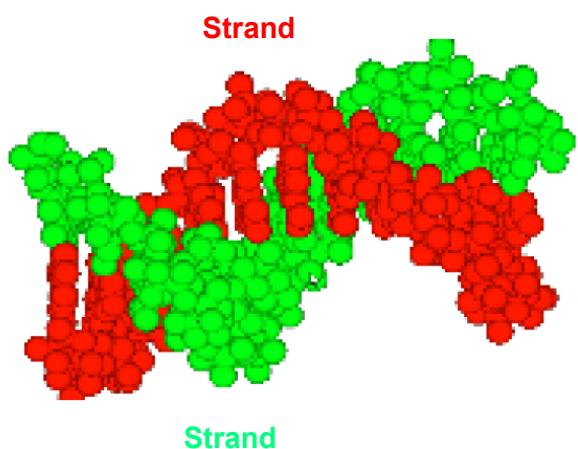
<http://www.rcsb.org/>

- Protein Data Bank files
  - A way to **store and exchange** polyatomic structures (proteins, **DNA**)
  - File describing the **3D structural information** of molecules
  - A **worldwide free access** to files obtained experimentally by crystallography techniques or computed with geometry optimization codes:

- File format
  - ASCII file '.pdb'
  - We mainly extract information from **ATOM** keyword

```
HEADER TRANSFERASE 19-APR-13 4BJP
TITLE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF E. COLI PENICILLIN BINDING PROTEIN 3
...
JRNL DOI 10.1371/JOURNAL.PONE.0098042
...
REMARK 200 EXPERIMENT TYPE : X-RAY DIFFRACTION
...
ATOM 265 C ASP A 149 -38.902 78.078 31.778 C
ATOM 266 O ASP A 149 -39.587 78.804 32.500 O
ATOM 267 CB ASP A 149 -36.407 78.326 31.747 C
...
TER 3106 ALA A 567
...
END
```

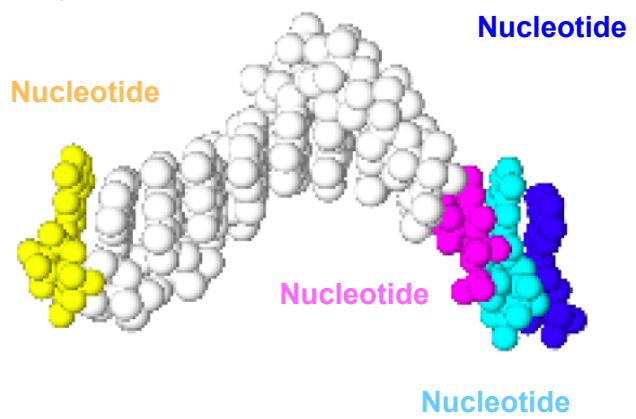
# 10 base pairs: two whole DNA strands



HEADER DNA  
...  
MODEL 1  
  
ATOM 1 O5' A 1 9.256 -9.769 4.573 O  
ATOM 2 C5' A 1 10.679 -9.579 4.526 C  
...  
ATOM 33 OP1 A 2 12.795 -8.381 9.736 O  
...  
ATOM 65 P A 3 11.850 -2.418 12.300 P  
...  
ATOM 445 O5' A 10 1.100 5.570 32.583 O  
TER 445 A 10  
  
ATOM 446 O5' B 14 -9.356 10.980 33.794 O  
...  
ATOM 688 C4 B 20 2.805 3.343 8.223 C  
TER 688 B 20  
  
ENDMDL

} This file encodes DNA molecule  
} Start molecule  
} Atom coordinates – first strand (A)  
} Atom coordinates – second strand (B)  
} End molecule

# 10 base pairs: individual nucleotides



HEADER DNA

...

MODEL 1

ATOM 1 O5' A 1 9.256 -9.769 4.573 O  
ATOM 2 C5' A 1 10.679 -9.579 4.526 C

...

ATOM 33 OP1 A 2 12.795 -8.381 9.736 O

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ATOM 65 P A 3 11.850 -2.418 12.300 P

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ATOM 445 O5' A 10 1.100 5.570 32.583 O  
TER 445 A 10

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ATOM 688 C4 B 20 2.805 3.343 8.223 C  
TER 688 B 20

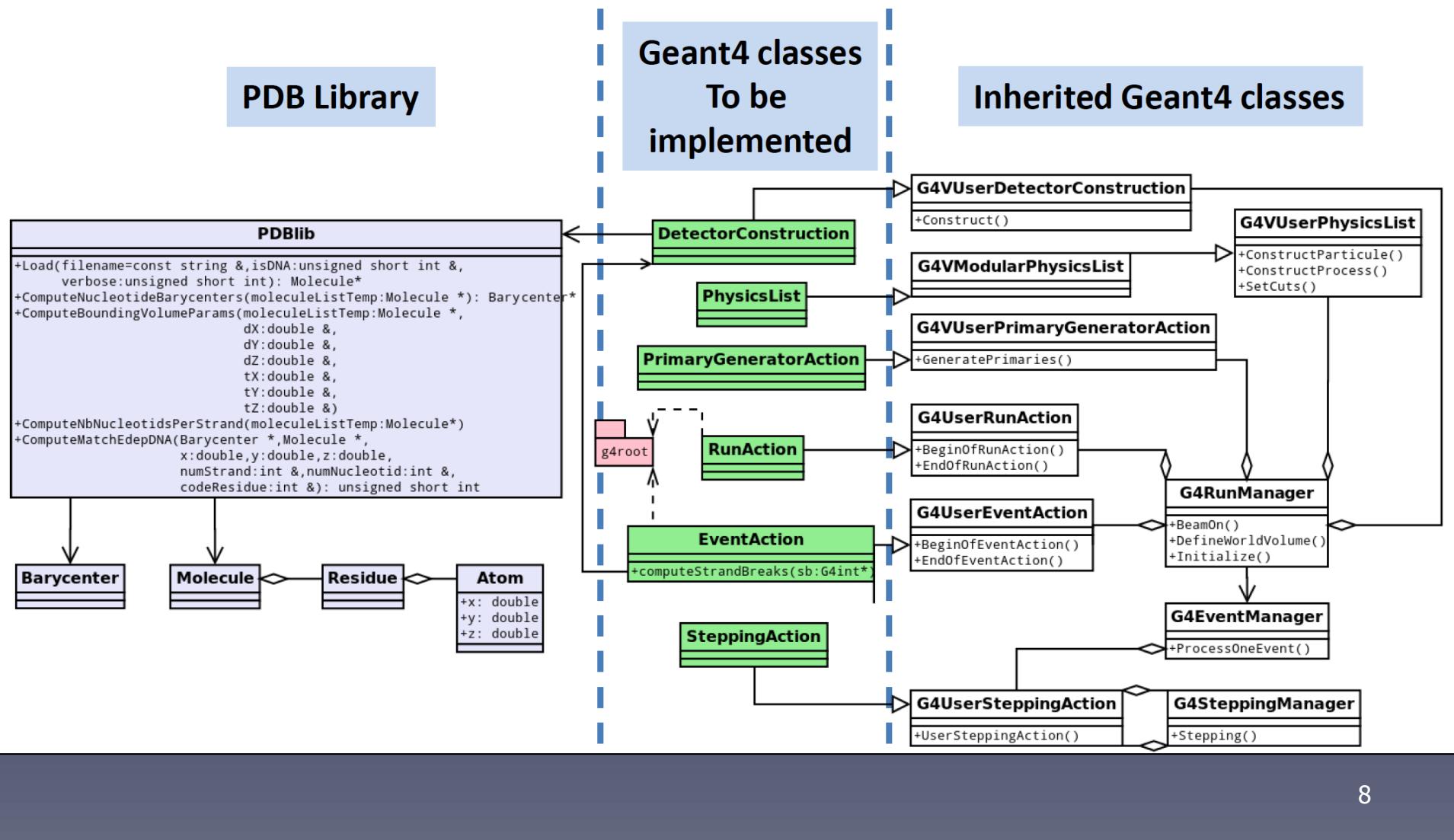
ENDMDL

10BP EXAMPLE

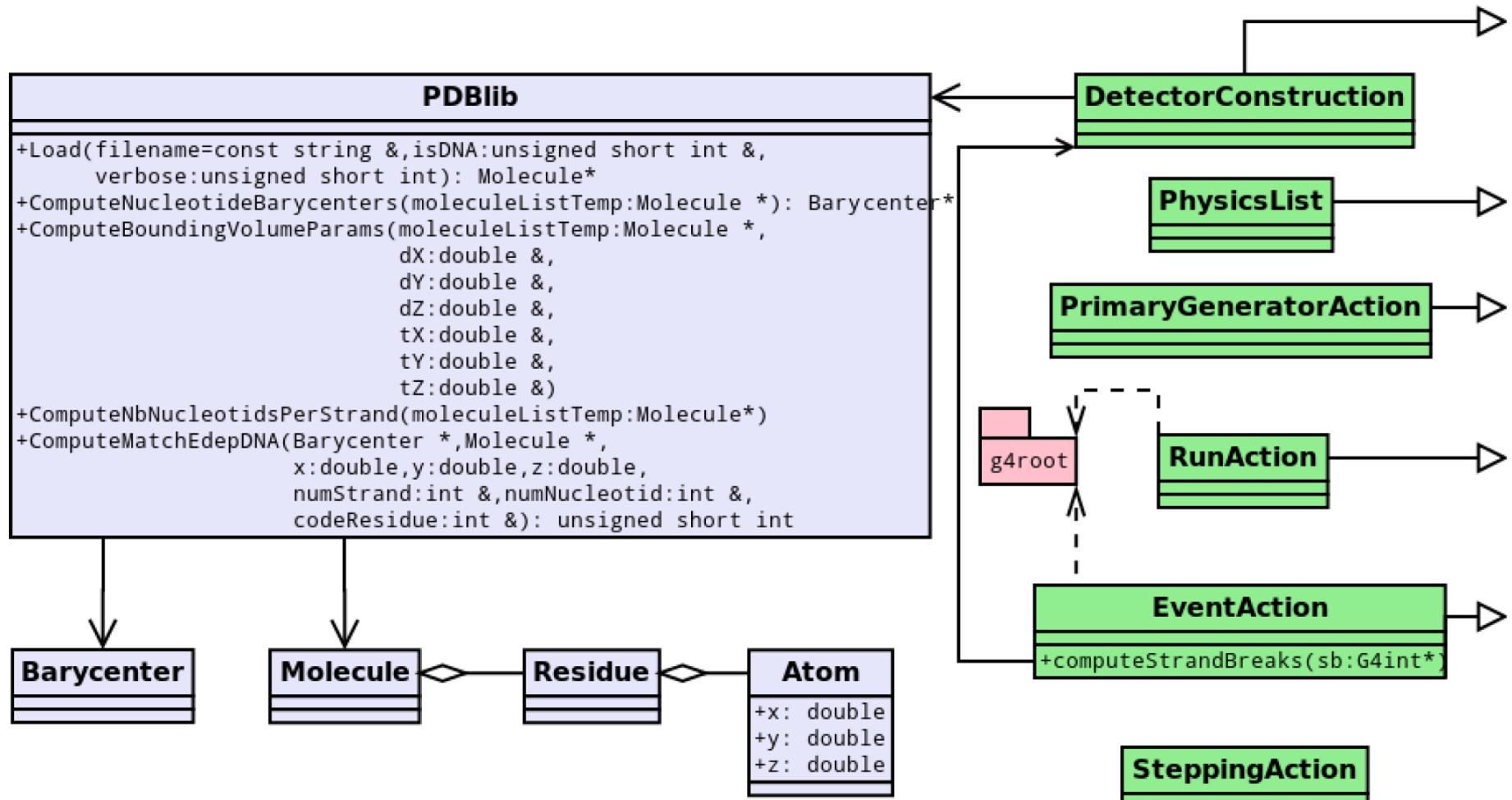
# 10 base pairs: atomistic content of nucleotides

Nucleotide structure	HEADER		DNA						10BP EXAMPLE					
	ATOM		65	P	DCA	3	11.850	-2.418	12.300	P	O	O	O	
Phosphate group	ATOM		66	OP1	DCA	3	15.242	-2.080	12.670	O	O	O	O	Phosphate group
	ATOM		67	OP2	DCA	3	11.107	-3.437	11.073					
	ATOM		68	O5'	DCA	3	12.981	-1.059	12.299					
Sugar	ATOM		69	C5'	DCA	3	11.563	0.189	11.896	C	C	C	C	Sugar
	ATOM		70	C4'	DCA	3	12.527	1.314	11.875					
	ATOM		71	O4'	DCA	3	11.455	0.915	11.029	O	O	O	O	
	ATOM		72	C3'	DCA	3	11.954	1.427	11.278	C	C	C	C	
	ATOM		73	O3'	DCA	3	12.405	2.645	11.894	O	O	O	O	
	ATOM		74	C2'	DCA	3	10.453	1.552	11.042	C	C	C	C	
	ATOM		75	C1'	DCA	3	10.249	1.499	11.527	C	C	C	C	
Cytosine nucleotide	ATOM		76	N1	DCA	3	9.058	0.693	11.174	N	C	O	N	Base
	ATOM		77	C2	DCA	3	7.998	1.341	10.557					
	ATOM		78	O2	DCA	3	8.060	2.547	10.316					
	ATOM		79	N3	DCA	3	6.897	0.610	10.230					
	ATOM		80	C4	DCA	3	6.836	-0.699	10.496					
	ATOM		81	N4	DCA	3	5.745	-1.381	10.158					
	ATOM		82	C5	DCA	3	7.924	-1.372	11.112					
	ATOM		83	C6	DCA	3	9.008	-0.643	11.454					

# Integration into Geant4 (1/2)



# Integration into Geant4 (2/2)



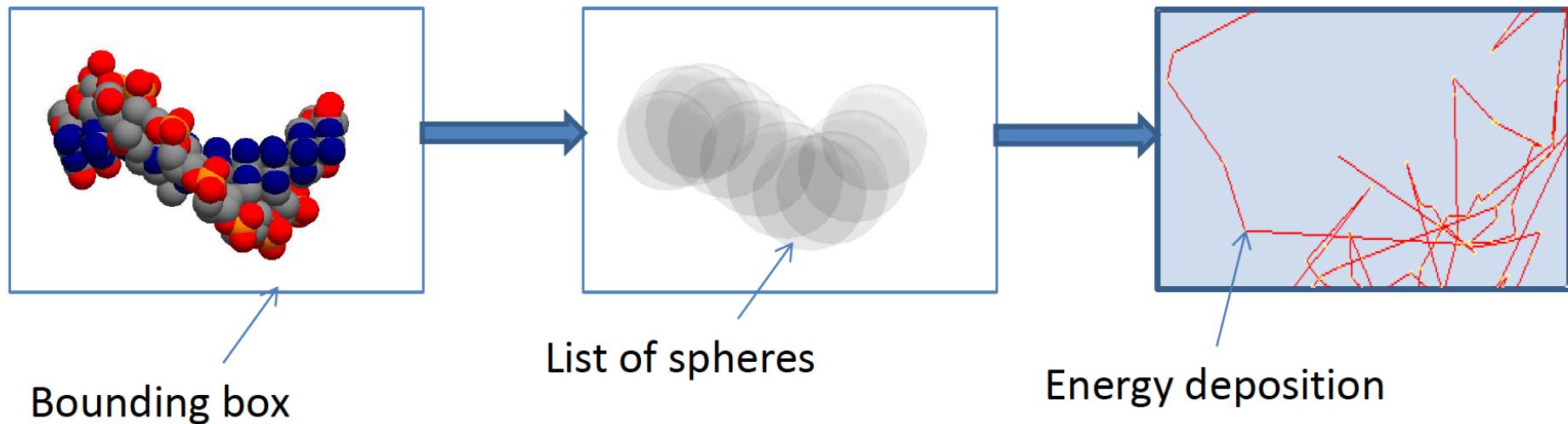
- **DetectorConstruction** call PDBlib to construct molecule geometry
- **EventAction** compute match between Edep and DNA via Detector construction

# Algorithm to find the closest atom (1/2)

**GOAL** : allocate energy depositions to a geometrical element

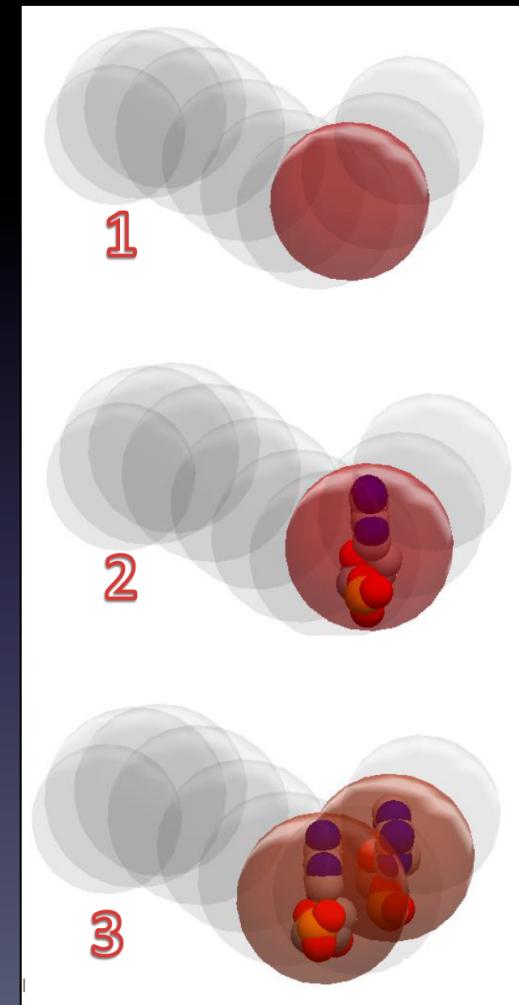
[sugar, phosphate, base] of nucleotides and then deduce SSB and DSB

- A bounding box is calculated with atoms coordinates
- No other Geant4 solid is needed for simulation
- We consider that a sphere is a good approximation to englobe a nucleotide.  
A list of spheres representing nucleotides is calculated
- DNA specific



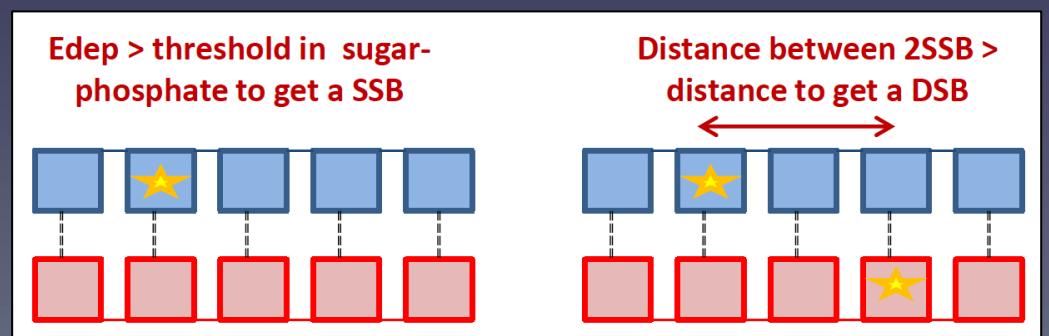
## Algorithm to find the closest atom (2/2)

1. Find the **closest nucleotide** from the energy deposition inside the two strands
2. Find the **closest atom** from the energy deposition
  - atom by atom inside the selected nucleotide
  - considering Van der Waals radii
3. Due to sphere overlapping, **find a better match** in the next two nucleotides in the list
4. Return algorithm response:
  - No DNA hit
  - or DNA hit, return **nucleotide ID, DNA strand, group type** (sugar, phosphate or base)



# Strand breaks

- Begin of Event
  - A map for each strand is created to store nucleotide ID and associated energy deposition
- For each step
  - If the step is in the bounding volume, increment energy deposition per event
  - Ask to PDBlib to check the step position
    - If the step is in a sugar or a phosphate: get nucleotide ID, strand number, energy deposit, update the map (ID, Edep+=StepEdep)
- End of Event
  - Compute and store strand breaks
  - Store energy deposit in the bounding volume



## 2) « pdb4dna » hands-on

# Directory content

11 \$G4EXAMPLES/extended/medical/dna/pdb4dna/

2266137 Jun 26 12:11 1ZBB.pdb	PDB file
1380 Jun 26 12:11 analysis.C	ROOT macro file
2222 Jun 26 12:11 CMakeLists.txt	
420 Jun 26 12:11 GNUmakefile	
1819 Jun 26 12:11 gui.mac	
2197 Jun 26 12:11 History	
4096 Jun 29 09:16 include/	
201 Jun 26 12:11 init.mac	
197 Jun 26 12:11 init_vis.mac	
8202 Jun 26 12:11 pdb4dna.cc	
341 Jun 26 12:11 pdb4dna.in	Macro to run in batch mode
11786 Jun 26 12:11 pdb4dna.out	
4744 Jun 26 12:11 README	
274 Jun 26 12:11 runInGUI.mac	
4096 Jun 29 09:16 src/	
2722 Jun 26 12:11 vis.mac	

Jun 26 12:11 ActionInitialization.hh
Jun 26 12:11 Analysis.hh
Jun 26 12:11 CommandLineParser.hh
Jun 26 12:11 DetectorConstruction.hh
Jun 26 12:11 DetectorMessenger.hh
Jun 26 12:11 EventAction.hh
Jun 26 12:11 EventActionMessenger.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PDBatom.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PDBbarycenter.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PDBlib.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PDBmolecule.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PDBresidue.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PhysicsList.hh
Jun 26 12:11 PrimaryGeneratorAction.hh
Jun 26 12:11 RunAction.hh
Jun 26 12:11 RunInitObserver.hh
Jun 26 12:11 SteppingAction.hh

# Compile the application

```
cd
```

```
cp -R $G4EXAMPLES/extended/medical/dna/pdb4dna/ .
```

```
mkdir build-pdb4dna
```

```
cd build-pdb4dna
```

```
cmake ../pdb4dna
```

```
make -j2
```

```
localhost.localdomain:/build-pdb4dna < 482 >make -j2
Scanning dependencies of target pdb4dna
[ 5%] [ 11%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/pdb4dna.cc.o
Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/RunInitObserver.cc.o
[ 17%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/ActionInitialization.cc.o
[ 23%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PDBMolecule.cc.o
[ 29%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PDBAtom.cc.o
[ 35%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/CommandLineParser.cc.o
[ 41%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PrimaryGeneratorAction.cc.o
[ 47%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/DetectorMessenger.cc.o
[ 52%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/SteppingAction.cc.o
[ 58%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PhysicsList.cc.o
[ 64%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PDBResidue.cc.o
[ 70%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/RunAction.cc.o
[ 76%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PDBbarycenter.cc.o
[ 82%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/DetectorConstruction.cc.o
[ 88%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/EventActionMessenger.cc.o
[ 94%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/EventAction.cc.o
[100%] Building CXX object CMakeFiles/pdb4dna.dir/src/PDBLib.cc.o
Linking CXX executable pdb4dna
[100%] Built target pdb4dna
localhost.localdomain:/build-pdb4dna < 483 >
```

# Preparation before run (1/2)

Visit PDB web site <http://www.rcsb.org>

The screenshot shows the RCSB PDB homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Deposit, Search, Visualize, Analyze, Download, Learn, More, and MyPDB Login. Below the navigation bar is the RCSB PDB logo and a search bar with the placeholder "Search by PDB ID, author, macromolecule, sequence, or ligand". There are also links for Advanced Search and Browse by Annotations. The main content area features a "Welcome" sidebar with links for Deposit, Search, Visualize, Analyze, Download, and Learn. The main content area includes a section titled "A Structural View of Biology" with a description of the resource's purpose and a link to the 2015 High School Video Challenge Awards. To the right, there is a section titled "August Molecule of the Month" featuring three molecular structures labeled GTPCH, PTPS, and SR, with a caption about Tetrahydrobiopterin Biosynthesis. At the bottom right is a "Feedback" link.

# Preparation before run (2/2)

The screenshot shows the RCSB PDB website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Deposit, Search, Visualize, Analyze, Download, Learn, and More. Below the navigation bar is the RCSB PDB logo and a banner stating "An Information Portal to 111241 Biological Macromolecular Structures". The main search bar contains the placeholder "Search by PDB ID, author, macromolecule, sequence, or keyword". A red arrow points from a text box labeled "Search for 1ZBB = dinucleosome" to the search bar. Another red arrow points from a text box labeled "Search for 1ZFX = 12bp of DNA" to the search bar.

**Structure of the 4\_601\_167 Tetranucleosome**

**1ZBB**

**Primary Citation**

X-ray structure of a tetranucleosome and its implications for the chromatin fibre.  
Schalch, T., Duda, S., Sargent, D.F., Richmond, T.J.

Journal: (2005) Nature 436: 138-141  
PubMed: 16001076 DOI: 10.1038/nature03686

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**Biological Assembly**

Download file

FASTA Sequence  
PDB File (Text)  
PDB File (gz)  
PDBx/mmCIF File  
PDBx/mmCIF File (gz)  
PDBML/XML File  
PDBML/XML File (gz)  
Structure Factor (Text)  
Structure Factor (gz)  
Biological Assembly (gz) (A)

View

3D View: J  
More Info  
Symmetry: D2  
Stoichiometry: Hetero 32-mer - A8B8C8D8

**Molecular Description**

Classification: Structural Protein/dna

Hide

Feedback

# Running with GUI

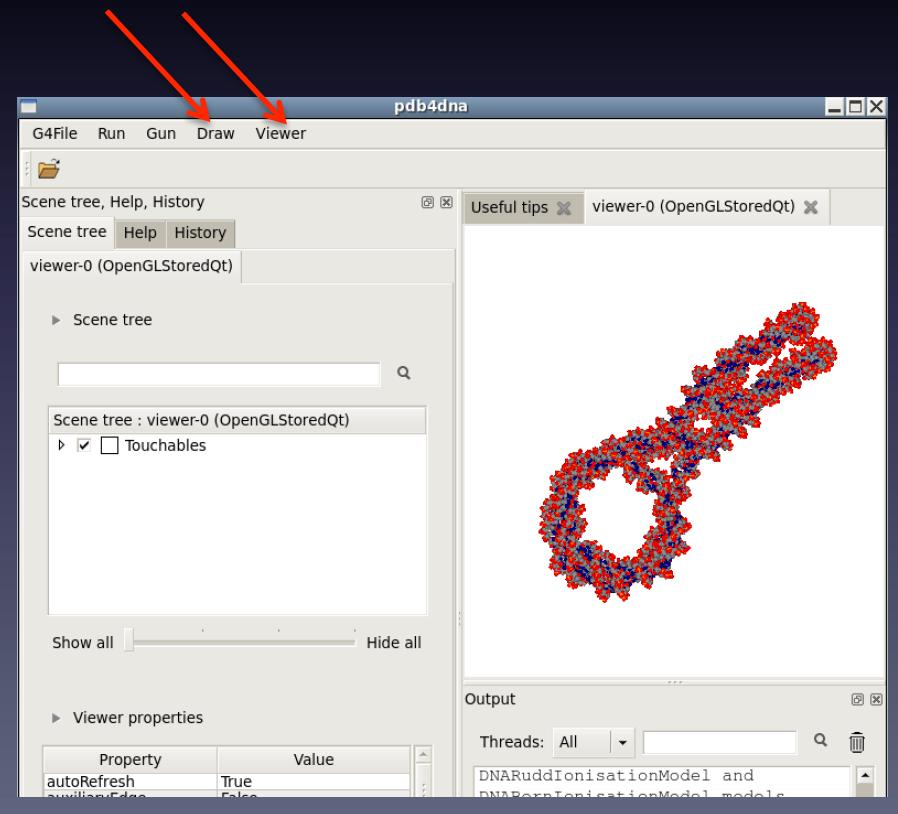
- Rename your PDB file (extension « pdb ») as a macro file (« mac » extension)

```
mv 1ZBB.pdb 1ZBB.mac
```

- Open GUI

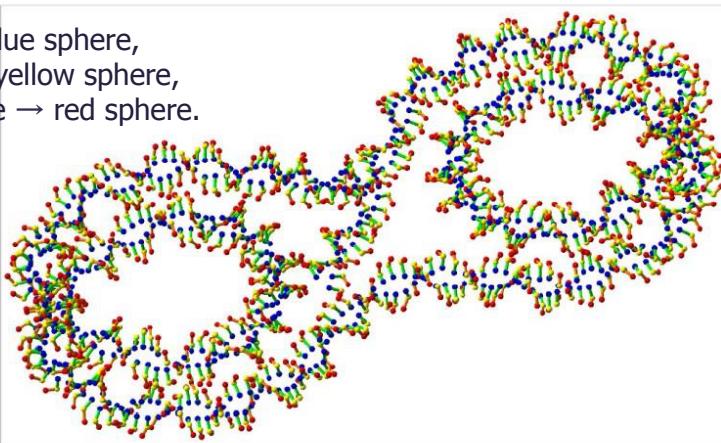
```
./pdb4dna -gui
```

- Open the 1ZBB.mac file
- Click on **Viewer** → **Set style surface**
- Click on **Draw** and try different options...



# 3 visualizations

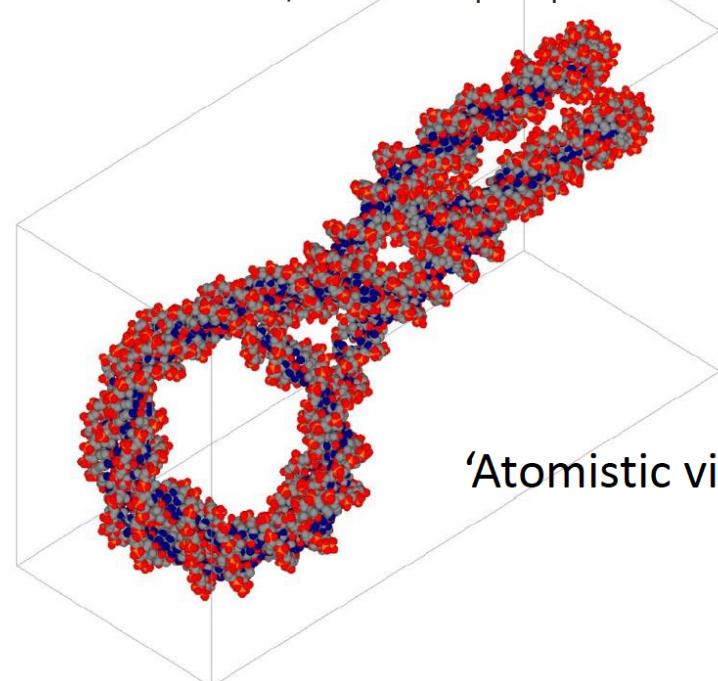
- Base → blue sphere,
- Sugar → yellow sphere,
- Phosphate → red sphere.



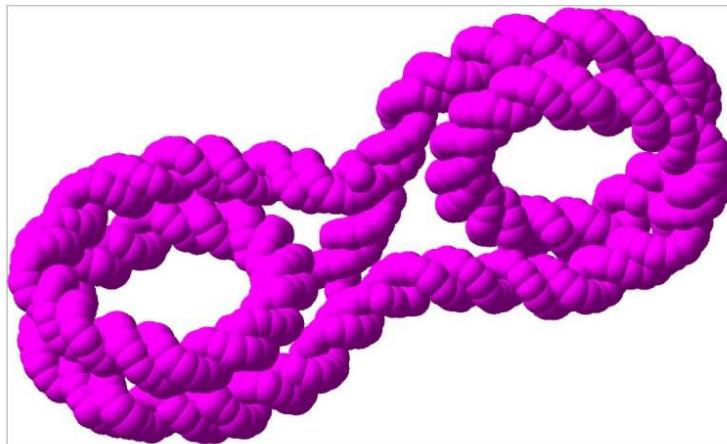
'Residue view'

CPK coloring

- Hydrogen(H) → white sphere,
- Carbon(C) → gray sphere,
- Oxygen(O) → red sphere,
- Nitrogen(N) → dark blue sphere,
- Sulfur(S) → yellow sphere,
- Phosphorus(P) → orange sphere,
- others/undefined → pink sphere



'Atomistic view'

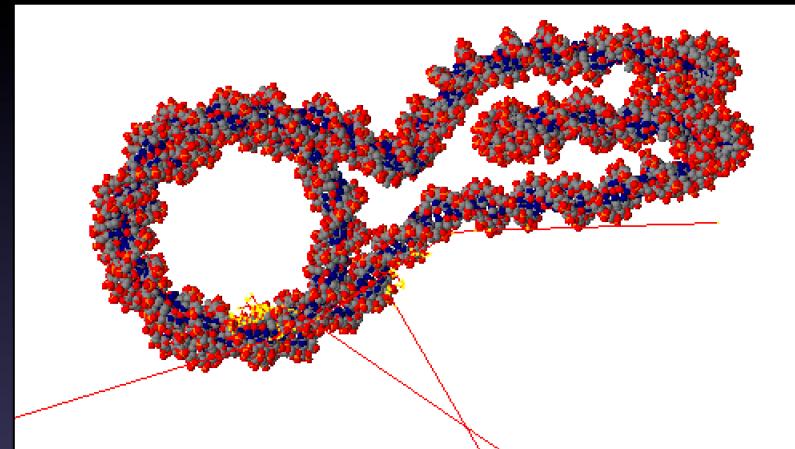


'Barycenter view'

# Running with GUI

- Once you have loaded your PDB file, go to the Session window and enter:

```
/gun/particle e-  
/gun/energy 1 keV  
/run/initialize  
/run/beamOn 1
```



- Might be a bit slow with visualization
- Nice for visualization, but switch to batch mode for energy deposition scoring...

# Running in batch mode (1/2)

1. Prepare your macro file using an editor (nedit, geany)
  - You can alternatively use `pdb4dna.in`

```
localhost.localdomain:/build-pdb4dna < 540 >more pdb4dna.in
#/control/execute vis.mac

/run/initialize

/tracking/verbose 0

/PDB4DNA/det/loadPDB 1ZBB.pdb → Select your PDB file
/PDB4DNA/det/buildBoundingV → Construct bounding volume

/PDB4DNA/event/setEnergyThres 8.22 eV #default value: 8.22 eV
/PDB4DNA/event/setDistanceThres 10    #default value: 10 } Set thresholds for strand breaks: energy, distance

/gun/particle e- } Primaries
/gun/energy 100 keV

/run/initialize }

/run/printProgress 100 } Run control

/run/beamOn 10000

localhost.localdomain:/build-pdb4dna < 541 >
```

# Running in batch mode (2/2)

2. Run the simulation

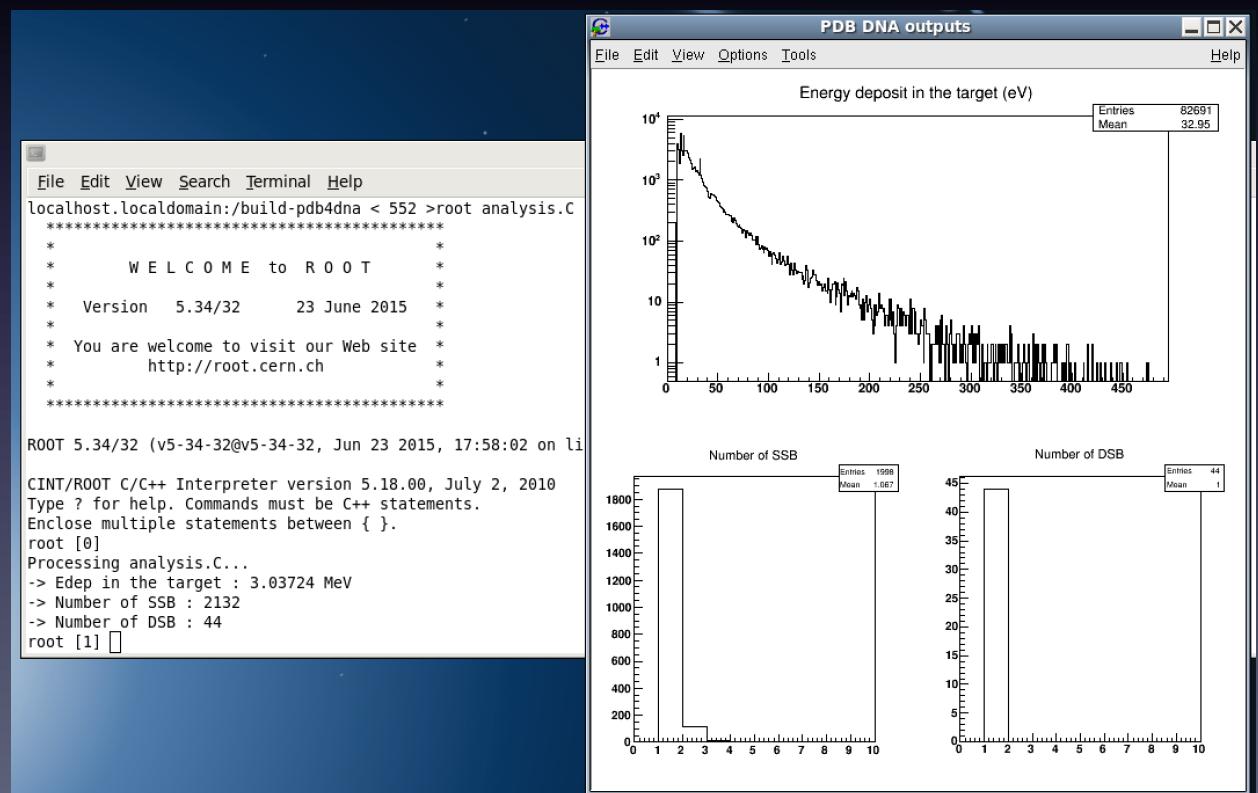
```
./pdb4dna --mac pdb4dna.in --mt 2
```

Macro file

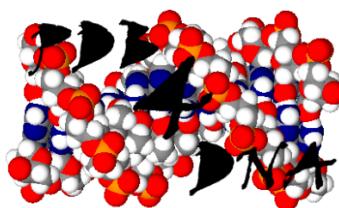
Number of  
threads

# Analysis of results

- All results are stores in the file `pdb4dna_output.root`
- A ROOT macro file is provided for easy analysis: 3 histograms
  - For each event
    - energy deposits in the bounding volume
    - # SSB
    - # DSB
- Do  
`root analysis.C`



# Dedicated web site



Geant 4

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[Examples & tutorials](#) from Geant4-DNA

The **pdb4dna** example can be found in 'extended/medical/dna' Geant4 10.1 example directory.

It simulates energy deposits in a target volume generated from a PDB file representing DNA geometry.

Position of energy deposits are used to compute strand breaks in the DNA geometry. Geant4-DNA physical processes and models are used.

Authors: Emmanuel Delage, Yann Perrot, Quang Trung Pham.

- Download the package [here](#) or preferably with whole Geant4 package,
- [PDB4DNA: Implementation of DNA geometry from the Protein Data Bank \(PDB\) description for Geant4-DNA Monte-Carlo simulations](#) Computer Physics Communications,
- Limitations: this example works only with Geant4.10.0 and later,
- Download whole [Geant4](#) package including pdb4dna.
- License: [Geant4](#).

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