

# XIV Seminar on Software for Nuclear, Subnuclear and Applied Physics

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## Detector description: materials and geometry

Geant4 tutorial



# User classes (starting...)

## At initialization

**G4VUserDetectorConstruction**

**G4VUserPhysicsList**

**G4VUserActionInitialization**

**Global:** only one instance exists in memory, shared by **all threads**.

## At execution

**G4VUserPrimaryGeneratorAction**

*G4UserRunAction*

*G4UserEventAction*

*G4UserStackingAction*

*G4UserTrackingAction*

*G4UserSteppingAction*

**Thread-local:** an instance of each action class exists **for each thread**.

# Contents

- Units and materials
- Geometry construction
- Electromagnetic fields
- Repeated volumes
- CAD import and DICOM images

# Note: Geant4 basic types

- Aliases for the **primitive data types** to provide cross-platform compatibility:
  - `G4double`, `G4float`, `G4int`, `G4bool`, `G4long`
- Enhanced version of string called **G4String**
  - inherits from `std::string` ⇒ all methods and operators
  - several additional methods
- **G4ThreeVector** is a three-component class corresponding to a real physics vector (example later)

```
G4ThreeVector dimensions {1.0, 2.0, 3.0};
```

Please, use these types for best compatibility (e.g. `G4int` instead of `int`, etc., `G4ThreeVector` when it makes sense etc.)

# Part I: Units & materials

- System of units & constants
- Definition of elements
- Materials and mixtures
- NIST database

# Units in Geant4

- **Don't use default units!**
  - When specifying dimensions, always\* multiply by an appropriate unit:

```
G4double width = 12.5 * m;  
G4double density = 2.7 * g/cm3;
```
  - Most common units are defined in **CLHEP** library (included in Geant4):
    - **G4SystemOfUnits.hh**
    - **CLHEP/SystemOfUnits.hh**
  - You can define new units **(see backup slides)**
- Output data in terms of a specific unit:
  - **divide** a value by the unit:

```
G4cout << dE / MeV << " (MeV)" << G4endl;
```

# System of Units

nanosecond (**ns**)

unit charge (**eplus**)

**Basic units:**

megaelectronvolt (**MeV**)

**radian**

**kelvin**

millimetre (**mm**)

**candela**

**steradian**

- All other units derived from the basic ones.
- **Useful feature:** Geant4 can select the most appropriate unit to use
  - specify the *category* for the data (**Length**, **Time**, **Energy**, etc...):

```
G4cout << G4BestUnit(StepSize, "Length");
```

**StepSize** will be printed in **km**, **m**, **mm** or ... **fermi**, depending on its actual value

# Materials

- Different levels of material description:
  - isotopes → **G4Isotope**
  - elements → **G4Element**
  - molecules → **G4Material**
  - compounds and mixtures → **G4Material**
- Attributes associated:
  - temperature, pressure, state, density
- **G4Isotope** and **G4Element** describe properties of the *atoms*:
  - Atomic number, number of nucleons, mass of a mole, shell energies, cross-sections per atoms, etc...
- **G4Material** describes the *macroscopic* properties of the matter:
  - temperature, pressure, state, density
  - Radiation length, absorption length, etc...
- **G4Material** is used by tracking, geometry and physics

# Elements and isotopes

Isotopes...

```
G4Isotope(const G4String& name,  
          G4int      z,      // atomic number  
          G4int      n,      // number of nucleons  
          G4double   a );    // mass of mole
```

...can be assembled into elements as follows:

```
G4Element (const G4String& name,  
            const G4String& symbol,    // element symbol  
            G4int      nIso );     // n. of isotopes
```

```
G4Element::AddIsotope(G4Isotope* iso, // isotope  
                      G4double relAbund); // fraction of atoms
```

# Elements & compounds

Single-element material:

```
G4double z, a, density;  
density = 1.390*g/cm3;  
a = 39.95*g/mole;  
G4Material* lAr = new G4Material("liquidAr", z=18, a, density);
```

Molecule material (composition by number of atoms):

```
a = 1.01*g/mole;  
G4Element* elH = new G4Element("Hydrogen", symbol="H", z=1., a);  
  
a = 16.00*g/mole;  
G4Element* elO = new G4Element("Oxygen", symbol="O", z=8., a);  
  
density = 1.000*g/cm3;  
G4Material* H2O = new G4Material("Water", density, ncomponents=2);  
H2O->AddElement(elH, natoms=2);  
H2O->AddElement(elO, natoms=1);
```

# Mixtures

Composition by fraction of mass:

```
a = 14.01*g/mole;  
G4Element* elN = new G4Element(name="Nitrogen",symbol="N", z= 7., a);  
a = 16.00*g/mole;  
G4Element* elO = new G4Element(name="Oxygen",symbol="O", z= 8., a);  
density = 1.290*mg/cm3;  
G4Material* Air = new G4Material(name="Air", density, ncomponents=2);  
Air->AddElement(elN, 70.0*perCent);  
Air->AddElement(elO, 30.0*perCent);
```

Composition of mixtures:

```
G4Element* elC = ...; // define "carbon" element  
G4Material* SiO2 = ...; // define "quartz" material  
G4Material* H2O = ...; // define "water" material  
density = 0.200*g/cm3;  
  
G4Material* aerogel = new G4Material("Aerogel",  
                                     density, ncomponents=3);  
aerogel->AddMaterial(SiO2,fractionmass=62.5*perCent);  
aerogel->AddMaterial(H2O, fractionmass=37.4*perCent);  
aerogel->AddElement (elC, fractionmass= 0.1*perCent);
```

# Example: Gas

- It may be necessary to specify temperature and pressure
  - ( $\frac{dE}{dx}$  computation affected)

```
G4double density = 27. * mg/cm3;  
G4double temperature = 325. * kelvin;  
G4double pressure = 50. * atmosphere;  
  
G4Material* CO2 = new G4Material("CO2Gas", density,  
    ncomponents=2, kStateGas, temperature, pressure);  
CO2->AddElement(C, natoms = 1);  
CO2->AddElement(O, natoms = 2);
```

- Absolute vacuum does not exist: gas at very low density!
  - Cannot define materials composed of multiple elements through **Z** or **A**, or with  $p=0$

```
G4double atomicNumber = 1.;  
G4double massOfMole = 1.008*g/mole;  
G4double density = 1.e-25*g/cm3;  
G4double temperature = 2.73*kelvin;  
G4double pressure = 3.e-18*pascal;  
G4Material* Vacuum = new G4Material("interGalactic",  
    atomicNumber, massOfMole, density,  
    kStateGas,temperature, pressure);
```

# NIST material database

- No need to predefine elements and materials
- Retrieve materials from NIST manager:

```
G4NistManager* manager = G4NistManager::Instance();
G4Material* H2O = manager->FindOrBuildMaterial("G4_WATER");
G4Material* air = manager->FindOrBuildMaterial("G4_AIR");
G4Material* vacuum = manager->FindOrBuildMaterial("G4_Galactic");
```

- UI commands:

/material/nist/printElement

← print defined elements

/material/nist/listMaterials

← print defined materials

► G4NistManager.hh

# NIST material database

- NIST database for materials is imported inside Geant4  
<http://physics.nist.gov/PhysRefData>
- UI commands specific for handling materials
- The best accuracy for the most relevant parameters guaranteed:
  - Density
  - Mean excitation potential
  - Chemical bounds
  - Element composition
  - Isotope composition
  - Various corrections

Z	A	m	error	(%)	A <sub>eff</sub>
14	Si	22	22.03453	(22)	28.0855(3)
		23	23.02552	(21)	
		24	24.011546	(21)	
		25	25.004107	(11)	
		26	25.992330	(3)	
		27	26.98670476	(17)	
		28	27.9769265327	(20)	92.2297 (7)
		29	28.97649472	(3)	4.6832 (5)
		30	29.97377022	(5)	3.0872 (5)
		31	30.97536327	(7)	
		32	31.9741481	(23)	
		33	32.978001	(17)	
		34	33.978576	(15)	
		35	34.984580	(40)	
		36	35.98669	(11)	
		37	36.99300	(13)	
		38	37.99598	(29)	
		39	39.00230	(43)	
		40	40.00580	(54)	
		41	41.01270	(64)	
		42	42.01610	(75)	

- *Natural isotope compositions*
- *More than 3000 isotope masses*

# NIST materials

===== ### Elementary Materials from the NIST Data Base =====				
Z	Name	ChFormula	density(g/cm^3)	I(eV)
1	G4_H	H_2	8.3748e-05	19.2
2	G4_He		0.000166322	41.8
3	G4_Li		0.534	40
4	G4_Be		1.848	63.7
5	G4_B		2.37	76
6	G4_C		2	81
7	G4_N	N_2	0.0011652	82
8	G4_O	O_2	0.00133151	95
9	G4_F		0.00158029	115
10	G4_Ne		0.000838505	137
11	G4_Na		0.971	149
12	G4_Mg		1.74	156
13	G4_Al		2.6989	166
14	G4_Si		2.33	173

## ===== ### Compound Materials from the NIST Data Base =====

N	Name	ChFormula	density(g/cm^3)	I(eV)
13	G4_Adipose_Tissue		0.92	63.2
1		0.119477		
6		0.63724		
7		0.00797		
8		0.232333		
11		0.0005		
12		2e-05		
15		0.00016		
16		0.00073		
17		0.00119		
19		0.00032		
20		2e-05		
26		2e-05		
30		2e-05		
4	G4_Air		0.00120479	85.7
6		0.000124		
7		0.755268		
8		0.231781		
18		0.012827		
2	G4_Csl		4.51	553.1
53		0.47692		
55		0.52308		

- NIST Elements:
  - H -> Cf ( Z = 1 -> 98 )
- NIST compounds:
  - e.g. “G4ADIPOSETISSUEIRCP”
- HEP and Nuclear materials:
  - e.g. Liquid Ar, PbWO
- It is possible to build mixtures of NIST and user-defined materials

# Part II: Geometry

- Basic concepts
- Implementation
  - Solids
  - Logical volumes
  - Physical volumes
  - Regions
- Tools for geometry checking

# Geometry – basic implementations

- Implement a class inheriting from the abstract base class

**G4VUserDetectorConstruction:**

```
class MyDetector : public G4VUserDetectorConstruction {  
public:  
    virtual G4VPhysicalVolume* Construct();           // required  
  
    virtual void ConstructSDAndField();               // optional  
    // ...  
};
```

- Create an instance in the main program:

```
MyDetector* detector = new MyDetector();  
runManager->SetUserInitialization(detector);
```

**Note:** Split the implementation into more classes & methods! (good programming practice)

- especially for complex geometries!

**Note:** you should not delete the **MyDetector** instance! Run manager does that automatically.

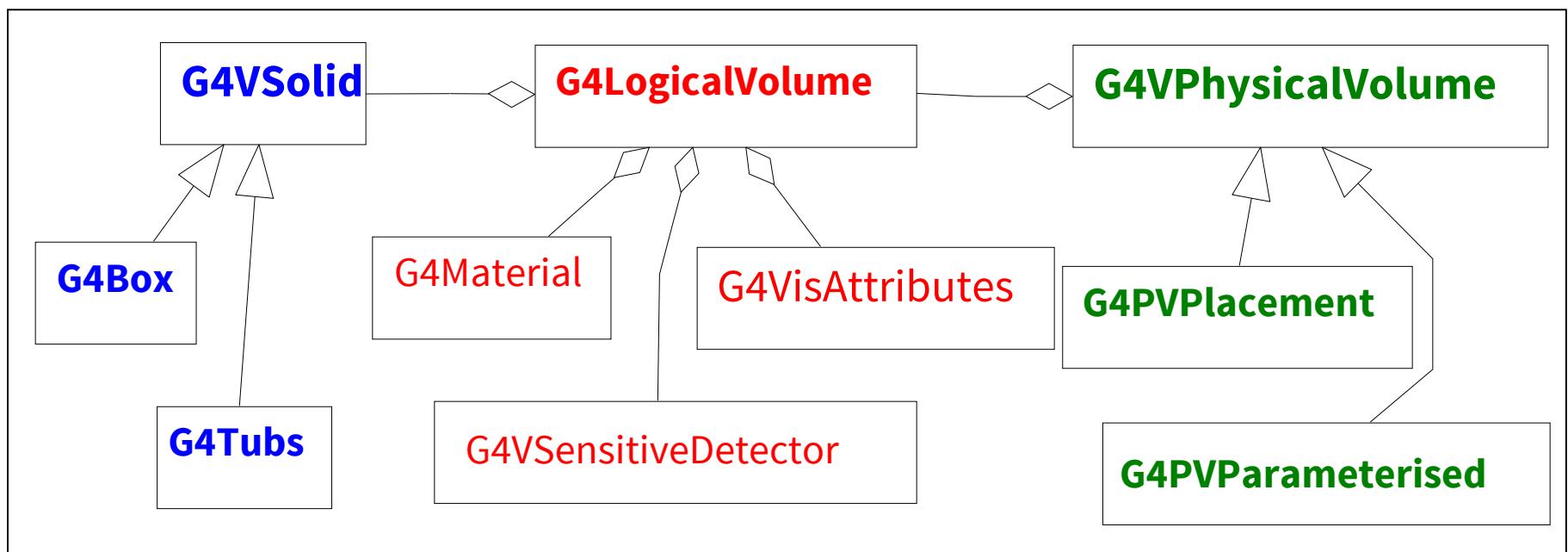
# G4VUserDetectorConstruction

- Method **Construct()**
  - Define materials
  - Define solids and volumes of the geometry
  - Build the tree hierarchy of volumes
  - Define visualization attributes
  - Return the world physical volume!
- Method **ConstructSDAndField()** MT
  - Assign magnetic field to volumes / regions
  - Define sensitive detectors and assing them to volumes

► G4VUserDetectorConstruction.hh

# Detector geometry components

- Three conceptual layers
  - **G4VSolid**: *shape, size*
  - **G4LogicalVolume**: *material, sensitivity, magnetic field, etc.*
  - **G4VPhysicalVolume**: *position, rotation*

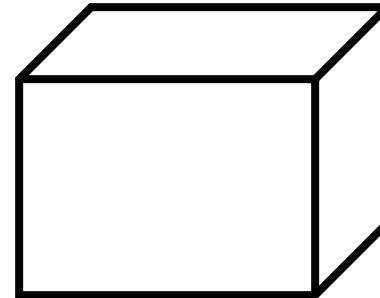


# Define detector geometry

- Basic strategy

```
G4VSolid* pBoxSolid =  
new G4Box("aBoxSolid",  
1.*m, 2.*m, 3.*m);
```

Solid : shape and size



**Step 1**  
Create the geom.  
object : box

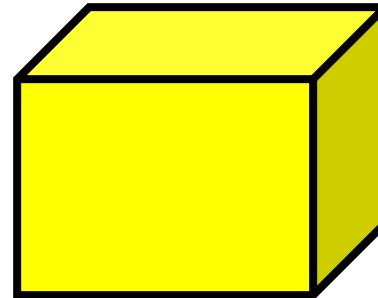
# Define detector geometry

- Basic strategy

```
G4VSolid* pBoxSolid =  
new G4Box("aBoxSolid",  
1.*m, 2.*m, 3.*m);
```

```
G4LogicalVolume* pBoxLog =  
new G4LogicalVolume( pBoxSolid,  
pBoxMaterial, "aBoxLog", 0, 0, 0);
```

Logical volume :  
+ material, sensitivity, etc.



**Step 1**  
Create the geom.  
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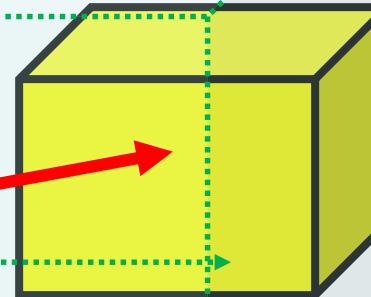
**Step 2**  
Assign properties  
to object : material

# Define detector geometry

- Basic strategy

```
G4VSolid* pBoxSolid =  
new G4Box("aBoxSolid",  
1.*m, 2.*m, 3.*m);  
  
G4LogicalVolume* pBoxLog =  
new G4LogicalVolume( pBoxSolid,  
pBoxMaterial, "aBoxLog", 0, 0, 0);  
  
G4VPhysicalVolume* aBoxPhys =  
new G4PVPlacement(pRotation,  
G4ThreeVector(posX, posY, posZ), pBoxLog,  
"aBoxPhys", pMotherLog, 0, copyNo);
```

Physical volume :  
+ rotation and position



**Step 1**  
Create the geom.  
object : box

**Step 2**  
Assign properties  
to object : material

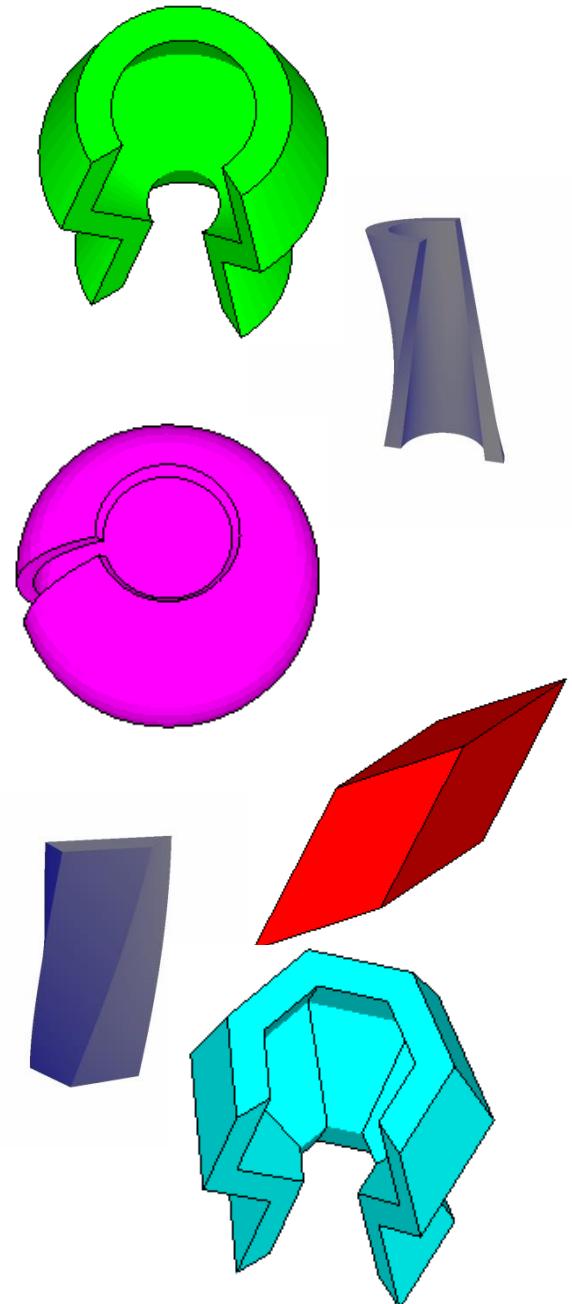
**Step 3**  
Place it in the  
coordinate system  
of mother volume

- A unique physical volume which represents the experimental area must exist and fully contains all other components

➤ The world volume

# Solids

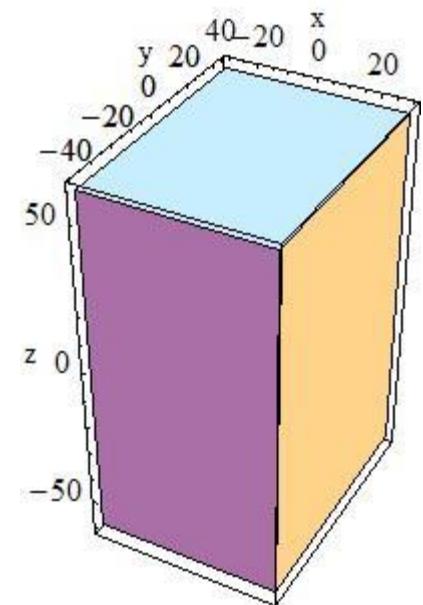
- Solids defined in Geant4:
  - CSG (Constructed Solid Geometry) solids
    - `G4Box`, `G4Tubs`, `G4Cons`, `G4Trd`, ...
  - Specific solids (CSG like)
    - `G4Polycone`, `G4Polyhedra`, `G4Hype`, ...
    - `G4TwistedTubs`, `G4TwistedTrap`, ...
  - BREP (Boundary REPresented) solids
    - `G4BREPSolidPolycone`, `G4BSplineSurface`
    - Any order surface
  - Boolean solids
    - `G4UnionSolid`, `G4SubtractionSolid`, ...



# CSG: G4Box

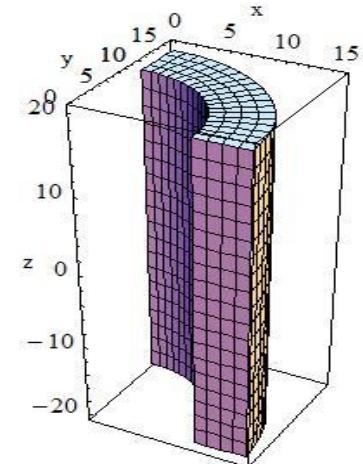
```
G4Box(const G4String& pname, // name  
       G4double pX, // half-length in X  
       G4double pY, // half-length in Y  
       G4double pZ, // half-length in Z);
```

Note the half-length!

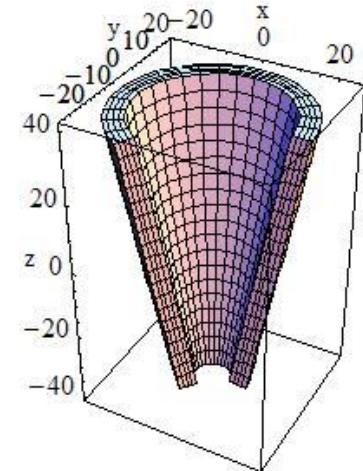


# CSG: G4Tubs, G4Cons

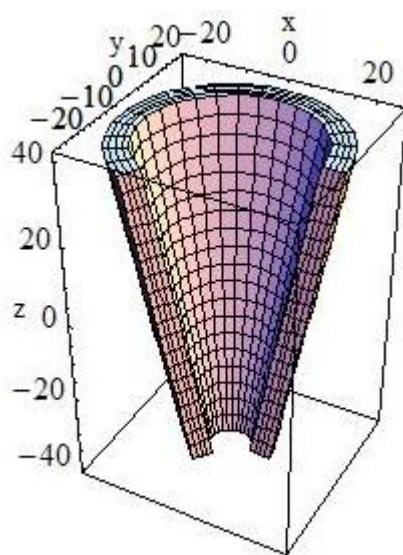
```
G4Tubs(const G4String& pname, // name  
        G4double pRmin, // inner radius (0)  
        G4double pRmax, // outer radius  
        G4double pDz, // Z half! length  
        G4double pSphi, // starting Phi (0)  
        G4double pDphi); // segment angle (twopi)
```



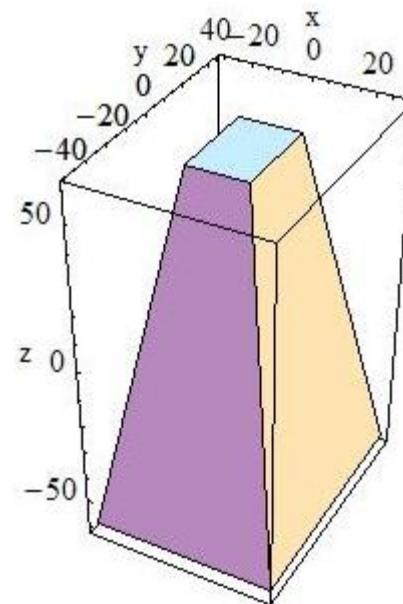
```
G4Cons(const G4String& pname, // name  
        G4double pRmin1, // inner radius -pDz  
        G4double pRmax1, // outer radius -pDz  
        G4double pRmin2, // inner radius +pDz  
        G4double pRmax2, // outer radius +pDz  
        G4double pDz, // Z half length  
        G4double pSphi, // starting Phi  
        G4double pDphi); // segment angle
```



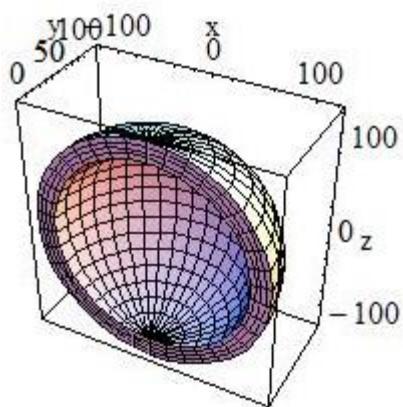
# Other CSG solids



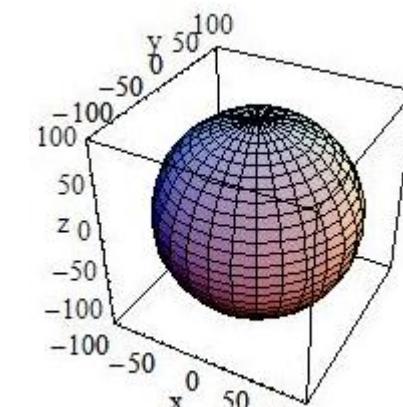
G4Cons



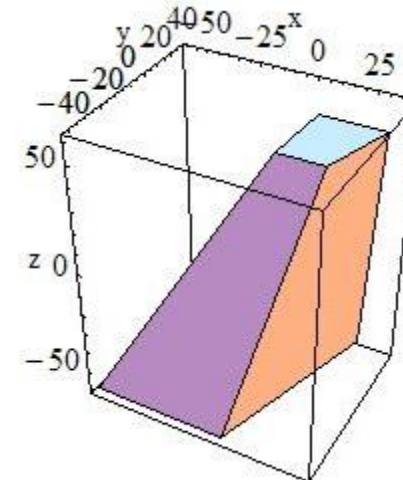
G4Trd



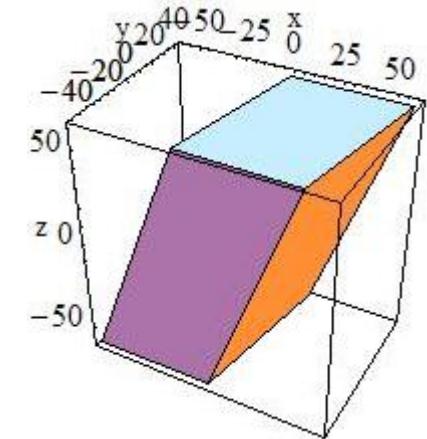
G4Sphere



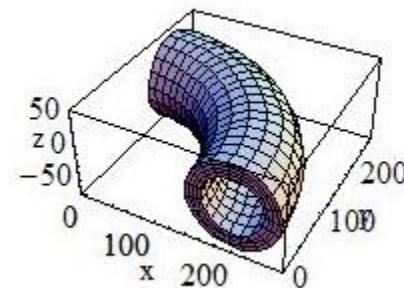
G4Orb  
(full solid sphere)



G4Trap



G4Para  
(parallelepiped)



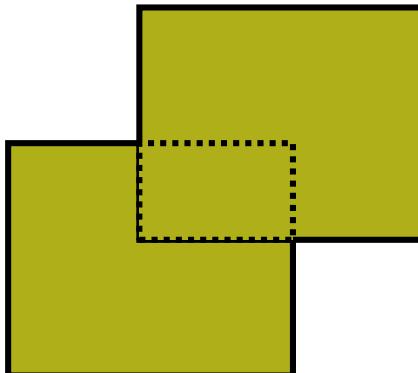
G4Torus

Consult [Section 4.1.2 of Geant4 Application Developers Guide](#) for all available shapes.

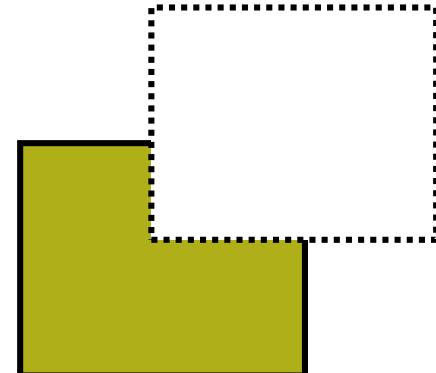
# Boolean Solids

- ▶ Solids can be combined using boolean operations:
  - ▶ **G4UnionSolid, G4SubtractionSolid, G4IntersectionSolid**
  - ▶ Requires: 2 solids, 1 boolean operation, and an (optional) transformation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> solid
  - ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> solid is positioned relative to the coordinate system of the 1<sup>st</sup> solid
  - ▶ Result of boolean operation becomes a solid. Thus a third solid can be combined with the resulting solid of first operation.
- ▶ Solids to be combined can be either CSG or other Boolean solids.
- ▶ **Note:** tracking cost for the navigation in a complex Boolean solid is proportional to the number of constituent CSG solids

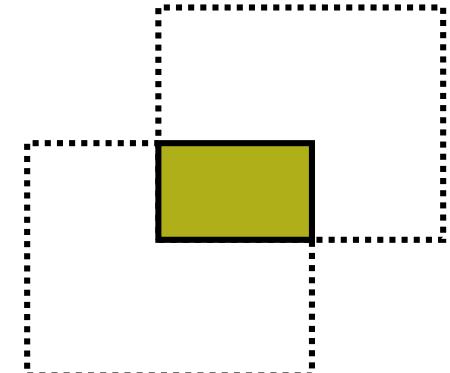
**G4UnionSolid**



**G4SubtractionSolid**



**G4IntersectionSolid**



# Boolean Solids - example

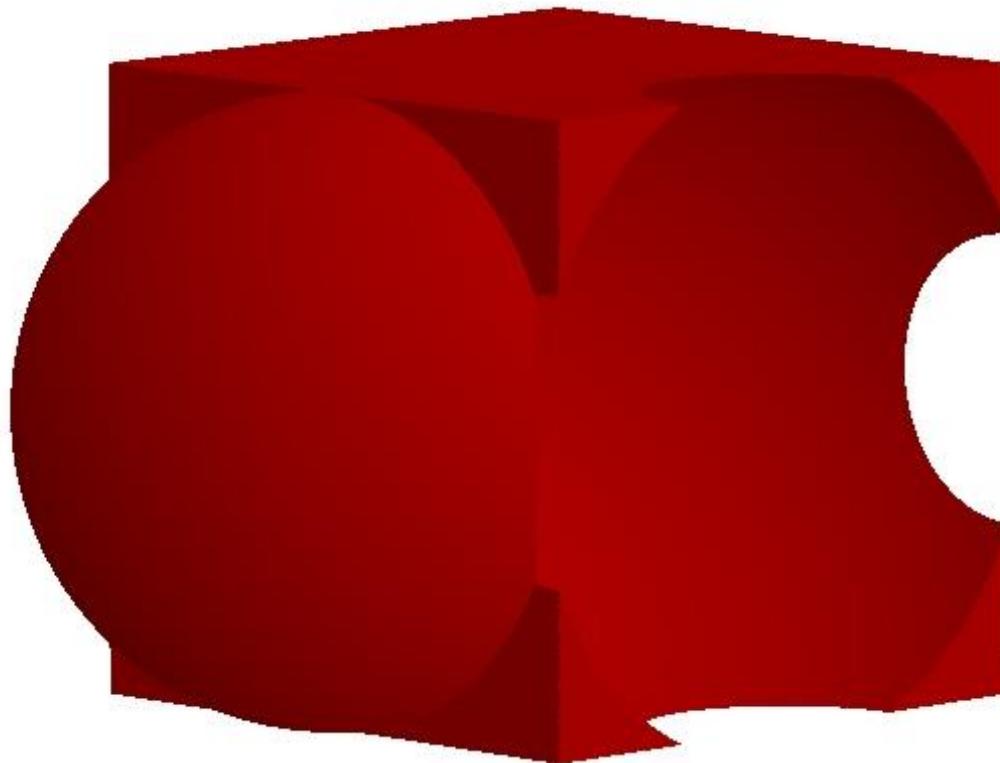
```
G4VSolid* box = new G4Box("Box",50*cm,60*cm,40*cm);
G4VSolid* cylinder =
    new G4Tubs("Cylinder",0.,50.*cm,50.*cm,0.,2*M_PI*rad);

G4VSolid* union =
    new G4UnionSolid("Box+Cylinder", box, cylinder);

G4VSolid* subtract =
    new G4SubtractionSolid("Box-Cylinder", box, cylinder,
    0, G4ThreeVector(30.*cm,0.,0.));

G4RotationMatrix* rm = new G4RotationMatrix();
rm->RotateX(30.*deg);
G4VSolid* intersect =
    new G4IntersectionSolid("Box&&Cylinder",
    box, cylinder, rm, G4ThreeVector(0.,0.,0.));
```

# Boolean Solids



# G4LogicalVolume

```
G4LogicalVolume(G4VSolid* pSolid,  
                 G4Material* pMaterial,  
                 const G4String& name,  
                 G4FieldManager* pFieldMgr=0,  
                 G4VSensitiveDetector* pSDetector=0,  
                 G4UserLimits* pULimits=0,  
                 G4bool optimise=true);
```

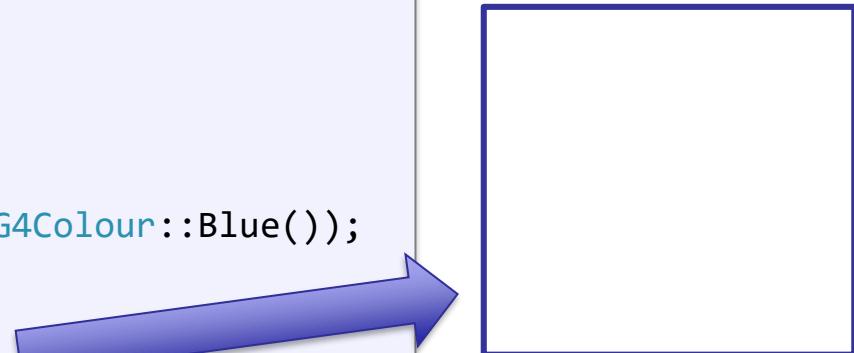
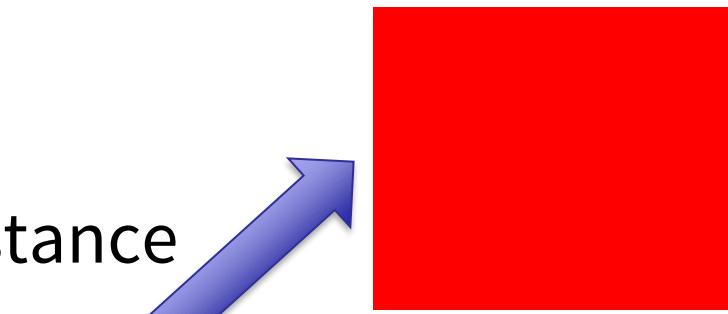
- Contains all information of volume except position:
  - Shape and dimension (G4VSolid, see *above*)
  - Material, sensitivity, visualization attributes
  - Position of daughter volumes
  - Magnetic field, User limits
- Physical volumes of same type can share a logical volume.
- The pointers to solid and material must not be null!

# Visualization attributes

- Instance of **G4VisAttributes** class assigned to a logical volume
  - visible / invisible
  - colour as **G4Colour** instance
  - solid / wireframe

```
// ...
G4LogicalVolume* myLog = new G4LogicalVolume(...);
G4VisAttributes* red = new G4VisAttributes(G4Colour::Red());
red->SetVisibility(true);
red->SetForceSolid(true);
myLog->SetVisAttributes(red);
//...

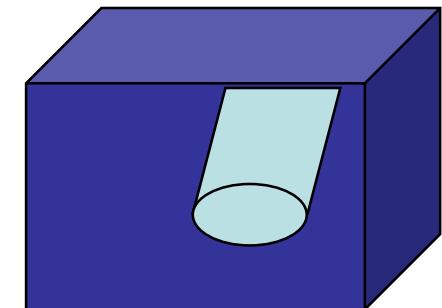
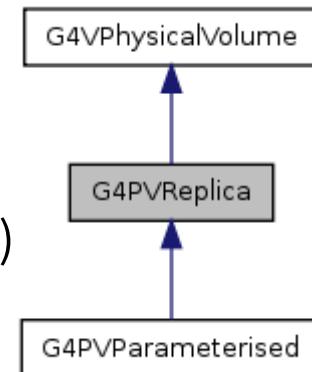
G4VisAttributes* blue = new G4VisAttributes(G4Colour::Blue());
blue->SetVisibility(true);
blue->SetForceWireframe(true);
myLog->SetVisAttributes(blue);
```



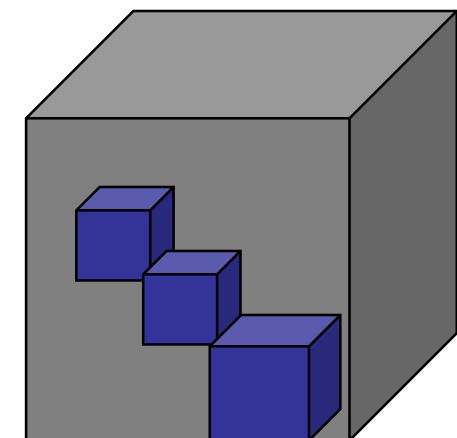
# Physical Volumes

A physical volume is a positioned instance of a logical volume inside another logical volume (the mother volume).

- **G4PVPlacement:** a single **positioned volume**  
Note that a Placement Volume can still represent multiple detector elements, if several copies exist of the mother logical volume
- **Repeated Volumes:** a volume placed many **times** within its mother volume
  - Reduce use of memory
  - **G4PVReplica** (= simple repetition)
  - **G4PVParameterised** (= more complex)



**G4PVPlacement**



**G4PVParameterised**

# G4PVPlacement

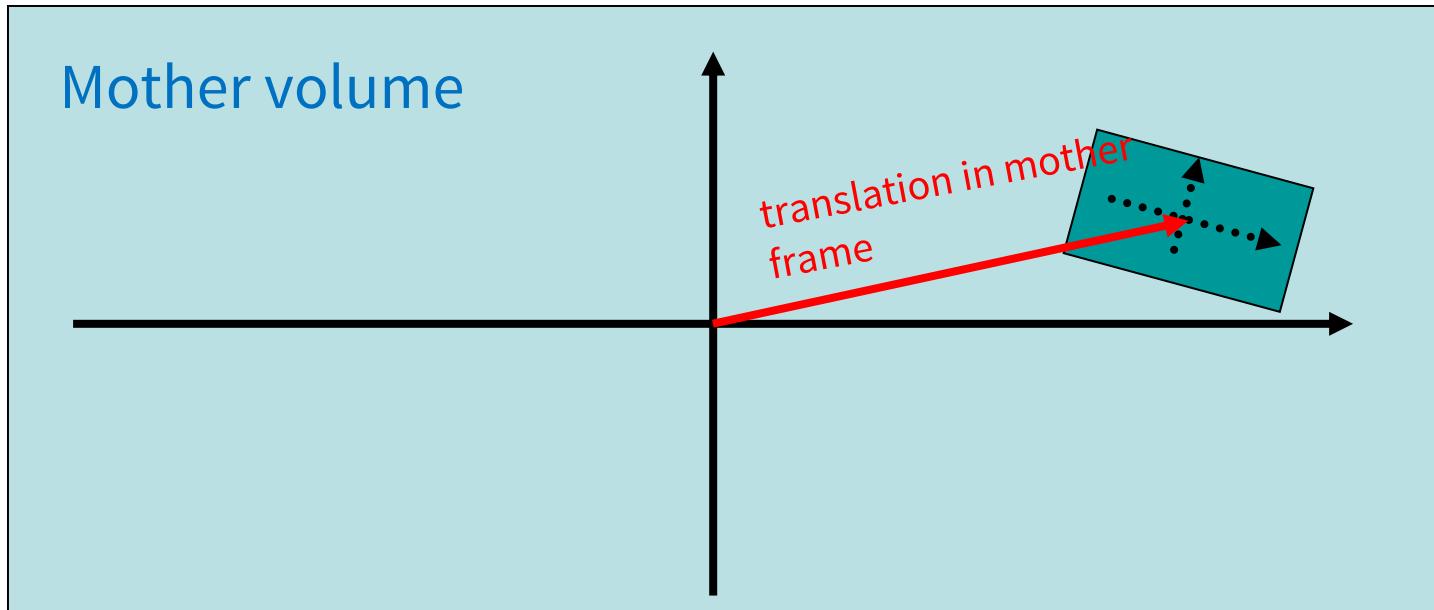
- Single volume positioned relatively to the mother volume
  - In a frame rotated and translated relative to the coordinate system of the mother volume
- Four constructors:
  - **logical** OR **physical** volume as mother
  - **active** OR **passive** transformation of the coordinate system

# G4PVPlacement

## Rotation of mother frame ...

```
G4PVPlacement(G4RotationMatrix* pRot,           // rotation of mother frame
               const G4ThreeVector& tlate,      // position in mother frame
               G4LogicalVolume* pCurrentLogical,
               const G4String& pName,
               G4LogicalVolume* pMotherLogical,
               G4bool pMany,                  // not used. Set it to false...
               G4int pCopyNo,                // unique arbitrary index
               G4bool pSurfChk=false ); // optional overlap check
```

- Single volume positioned relatively to the mother volume (passive transformation)

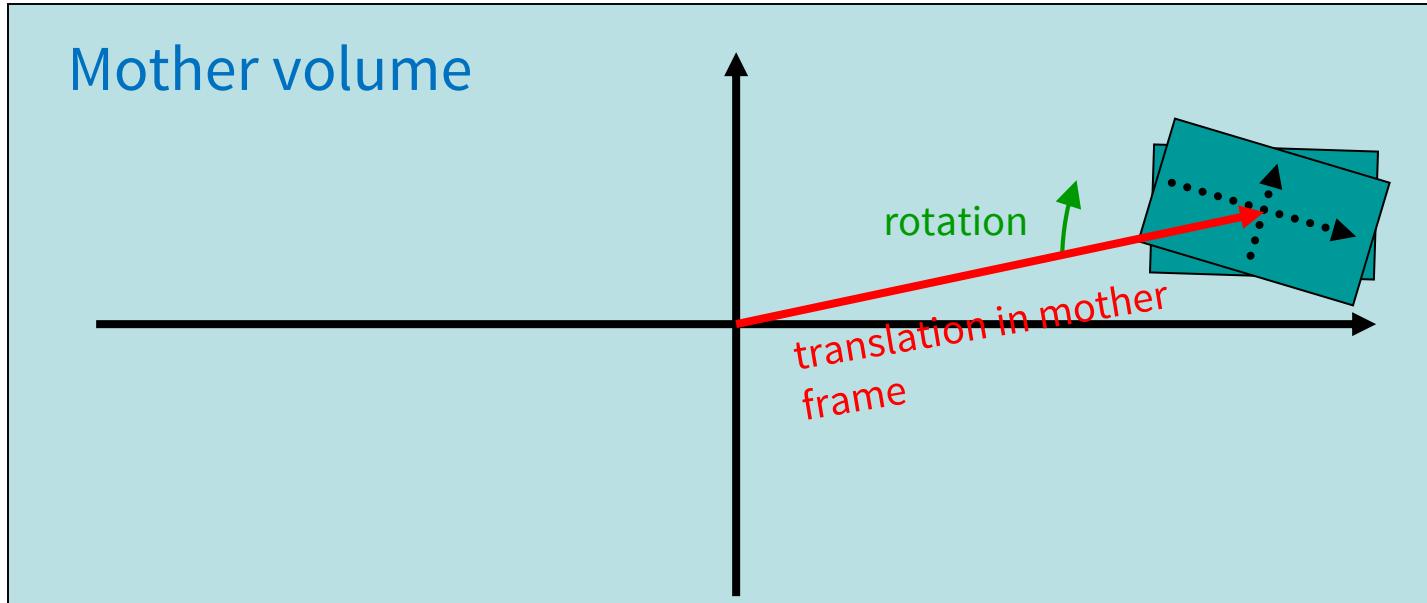


# G4PVPlacement

## Rotation in mother frame ...

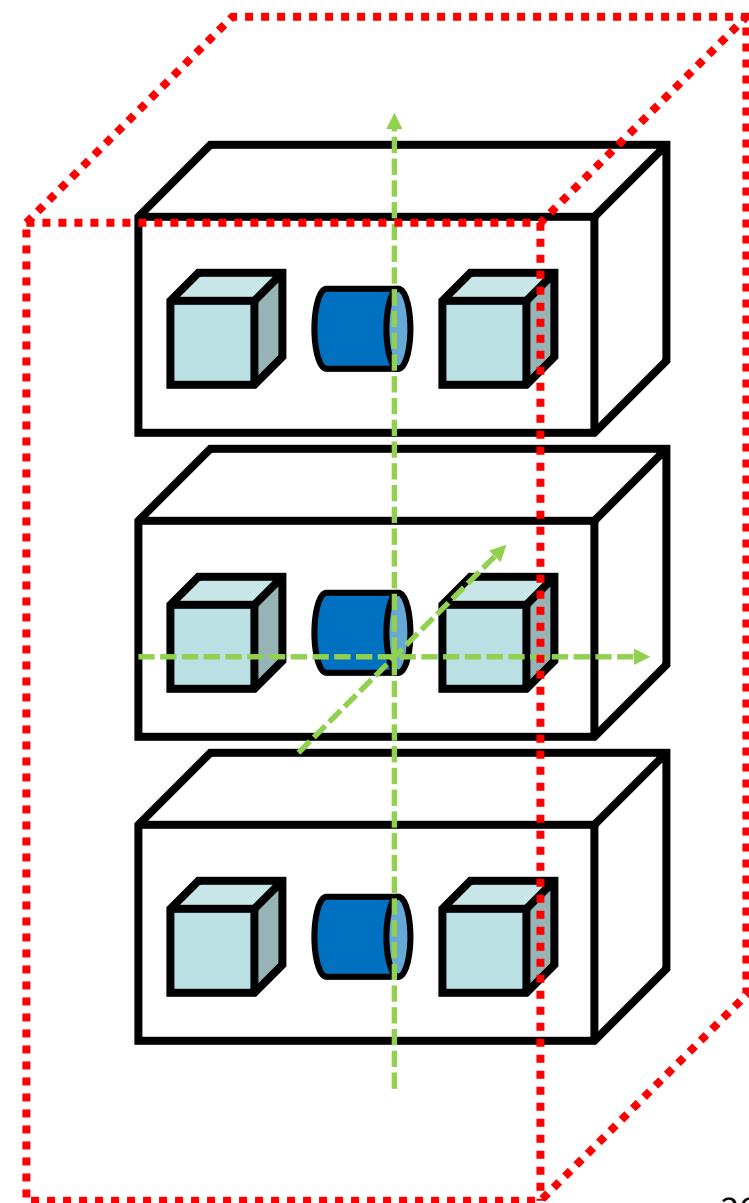
```
G4PVPlacement(G4Transform3D(  
    G4RotationMatrix &pRot,           // rotation in daughter frame  
    const G4ThreeVector &tlate),     // position in mother frame  
    G4LogicalVolume *pDaughterLogical,  
    const G4String &pName,  
    G4LogicalVolume *pMotherLogical,  
    G4bool pMany,                  // not used, set it to false...  
    G4int pCopyNo,                // unique arbitrary integer  
    G4bool pSurfChk=false );       // optional overlap check
```

- Single volume positioned relatively to the mother volume (active transformation)

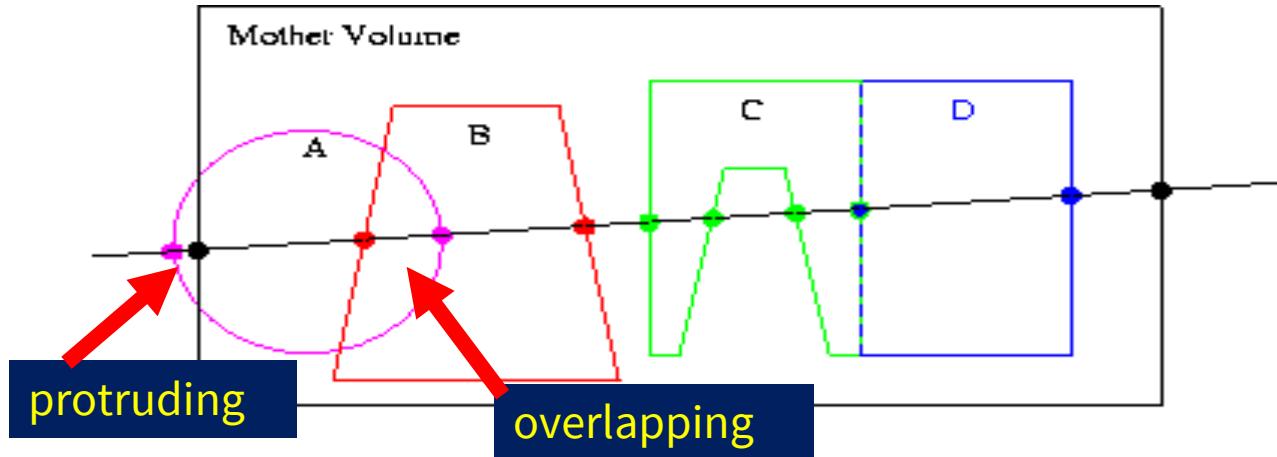


# Geometrical hierarchy

- It forms a **tree**.
- There is just one physical **world volume** forming a root of the tree:
  - The world volume defines the **global coordinate system**. The origin of the global coordinate system is at the **center of the world volume**
  - Position of a track is given with respect to this coordinate system
  - It **contains all other volumes** (with no protruding!)
- **One logical volume** can be placed **more than once**.
- **One or more volumes** can be placed **in one mother volume**.
- There must be **no overlapping** or protrusion.
- **G4LogicalVolume** carries the information about daughter volumes
  - => if it is placed more than once, all daughters by definition appear in each physical instance



# Problems in geometry



- Geant4 does not allow malformed geometries, neither protruding nor overlapping.
  - The behavior of navigation is unpredictable for such cases!
- Overlaps become an important issue in complex geometries.
- There are tools for detecting wrong positioning:
  - Optional checks at construction
  - Kernel run-time commands
  - Graphical tools (DAVID, OLAP)

# Tools for geometry checking

- Constructors of `G4PVPlacement` and `G4PVParameterised` have an optional argument “`pSurfChk`”.

```
G4PVPlacement(G4RotationMatrix* pRot,  
              const G4ThreeVector &tlate,  
              G4LogicalVolume *pDaughterLogical,  
              const G4String &pName,  
              G4LogicalVolume *pMotherLogical,  
              G4bool pMany, G4int pCopyNo,  
              G4bool pSurfChk=false);
```

If this flag is true, overlap check is done at the construction:

- some number of points are randomly sampled on the surface of creating volume.

*This check requires lots of CPU time, but it is worth to try at least once.*

- Built-in run-time commands to activate verification tests for the user geometry:

`/geometry/test/run` or `/geometry/test/grid_test`

*to start verification of geometry for overlapping regions based on a standard grid setup, limited to the first depth level*

`/geometry/test/recursive_test`

*applies the grid test to all depth levels (may require lot of CPU time!)*

`/geometry/test/line_test`

*to shoot a line along a specified direction and position*

# Tools for geometry checking

```
void MyDetectorConstruction::CheckOverlaps()
{
    G4PhysicalVolumeStore* thePVStore = G4PhysicalVolumeStore::GetInstance();
    G4cout << thePVStore->size() << " physical volumes are defined" << G4endl;
    G4bool overlapFlag = false;
    G4int res = 1000;
    G4double tol = 0.;           // tolerance
    for (size_t i=0; i<thePVStore->size(); i++)
    {
        overlapFlag = (*thePVStore)[i]->CheckOverlaps(res,tol,fCheckOverlapsVerbosity)
                      | overlapFlag;
    }
    if (overlapFlag)
        G4cout << "Check: there are overlapping volumes" << G4endl;
}
```

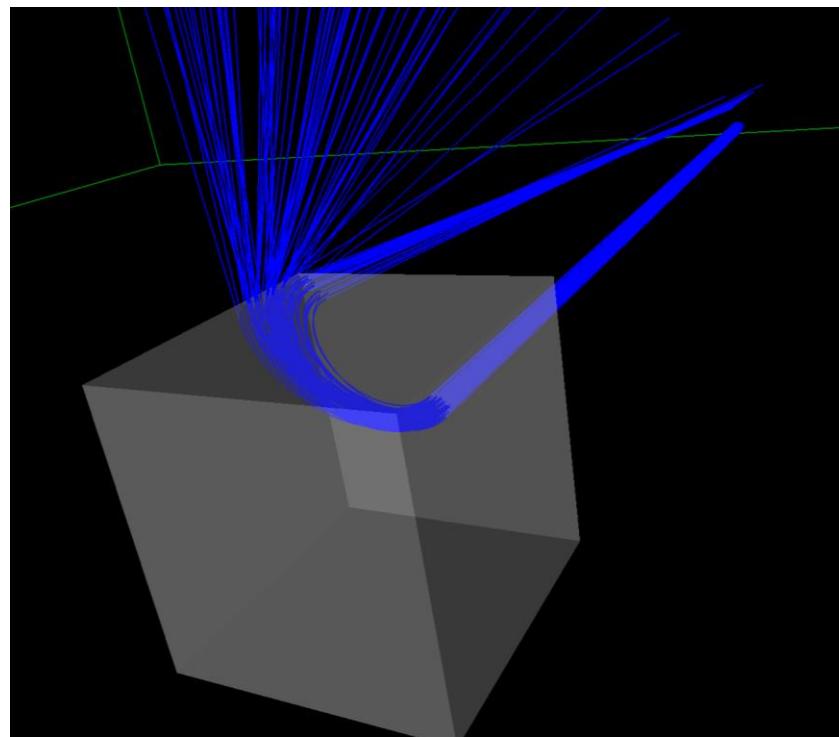
Source

```
Checking overlaps for volume BeamLineSupport ... OK!
Checking overlaps for volume BeamLineCover ... OK!
Checking overlaps for volume BeamLineCover2 ... OK!
Checking overlaps for volume VacuumZone ... OK!
Checking overlaps for volume FirstScatteringFoil ... OK!
```

Output

```
.....  
----- WWW ----- G4Exception-START ----- WWW -  
*** G4Exception : GeomVol1002 issued by : G4PVPlacement::CheckOverlaps()  
Overlap with volume already placed !  
    Overlap is detected for volume BrassTube2  
    with HoleNozzleSupport volume's  
    local point (12.6381,12.8171,-25.1867), overlapping by at least: 3.5 mm  
*** This is just a warning message. ***  
----- WWW ----- ( This method can be called at any point after run->Initialize());  
...
```

# EM fields



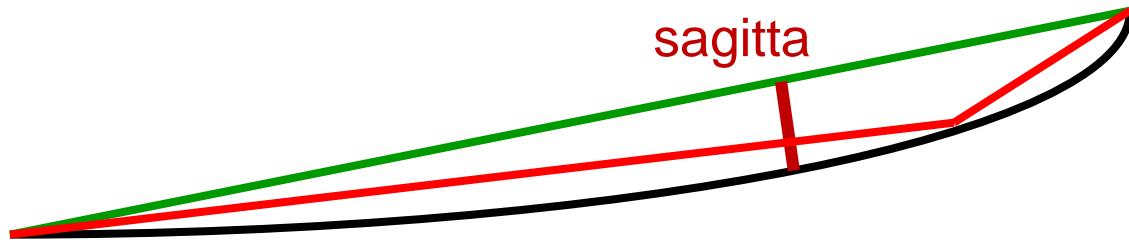
# EM fields – Tracking in fields



- Divide the trajectory of the particle in "**steps**"
  - **Straight free-flight tracks** between consecutive physics interactions
- In presence of EM fields, the **free-flight** part between interactions is **not straight**
  - Change of *direction* (B-field) or *energy* (E-field)
  - Effect of fields must be incorporated into the **tracking** algorithm → **CPU-demanding**
- Notice: most codes handle only **weak fields**
  - An  $e^-$  at rest will not accelerate, no synchrotron radiation, **no avalanche**

# EM fields – Tracking in fields

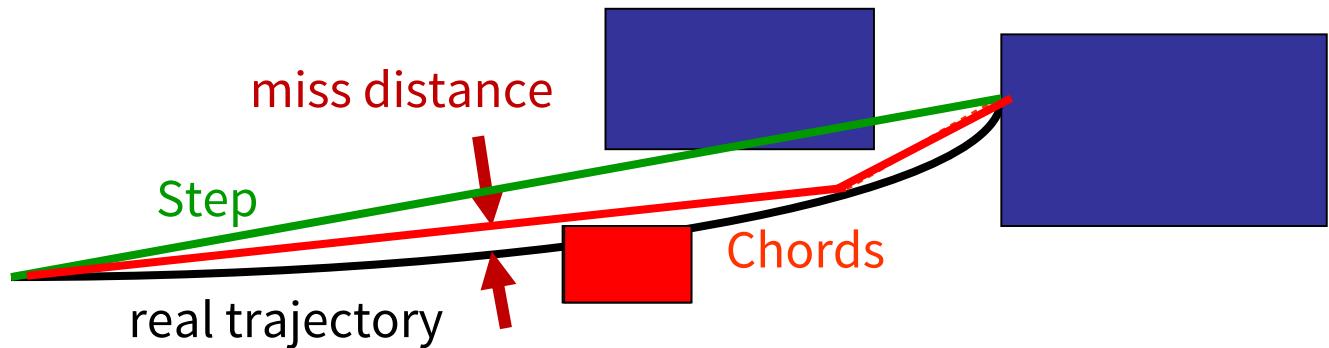
- In order to propagate a particle inside a field the **equation of motion** of the particle in the field is **integrated numerically**
- In general this is best done using a **Runge-Kutta (RK)** method for the integration of ordinary differential equations
  - Other methods are also available
- Once the curved path is calculated, Geant4 breaks it up into **linear chord segments**



The **chord segments** are determined to closely approximate the curved path

# EM fields – Customization

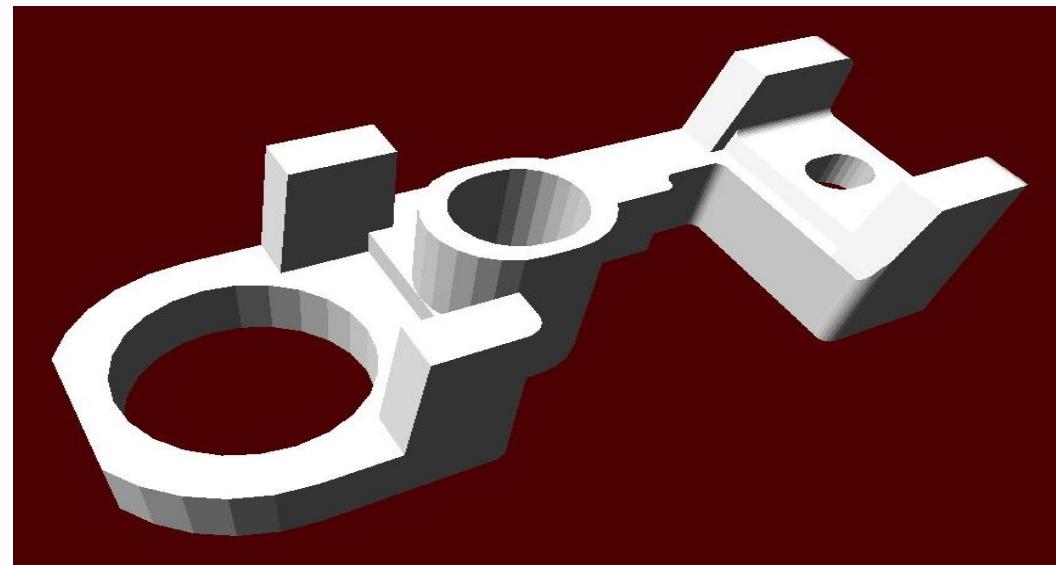
- A few parameters to customize the precision of the tracking in EM fields. Most critical: "miss distance"
  - Upper bound for the value of the sagitta (default: 3 mm)
  - May be highly CPU consuming



- Integration calculated by 4<sup>th</sup>-order Runge-Kutta (**G4ClassicalRK4**), robust and general purpose
  - If the field is **not smooth** (e.g. field map), **lower-order** (and faster) integrators can be appropriate
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> order **G4SimpleHeum**, 2<sup>nd</sup> order **G4ImplicitEuler**, 1<sup>st</sup> order **G4ExplicitEuler**

# CAD import

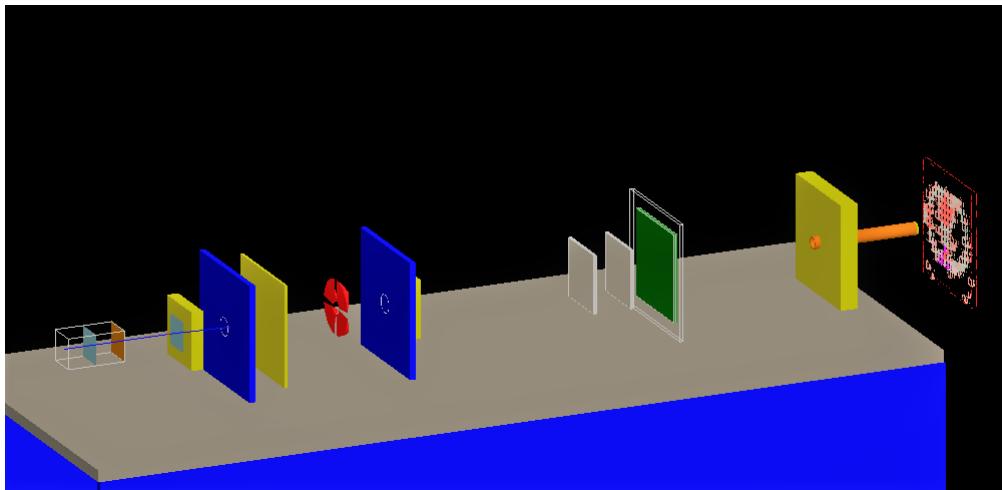
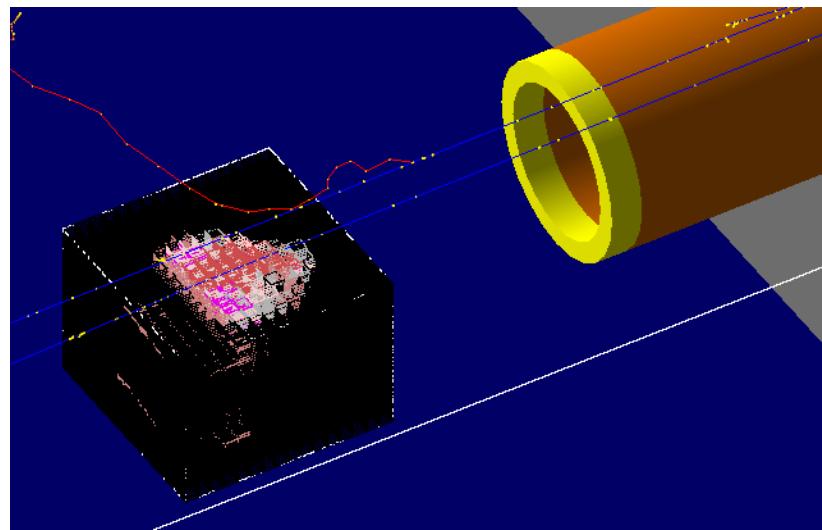
- Typical request: import **CAD technical drawings** as Geant4 geometries
- Difficulties:
  - Proprietary, undocumented or changing CAD formats
  - Usually no connection between **geometry** and materials
  - CAD is never as easy as you might think
- Possible solution (a lot of work!)
  - Convert **CAD into STEP** (no material information)
  - Convert **STEP into GDML** and restore manually material information
    - Needs **special software** (ST-viewer, FastRAD)



# DICOM import

It is possible to import **every kind** of DICOM images.

- Convert **HU** into **physical density**;
- Associate **physical density** to **tissue or organs composition**.



```
#####
#      Density Range          Material #
#-----#
#      mg/cm3                -
#-----#
# [ 0.     , 0.207 )           Air      #
# [ 0.207   , 0.481 )         Lungs (inhale) #
# [ 0.481   , 0.919 )         Lungs (exhale) #
# [ 0.919   , 0.979 )        Adipose   #
# [ 0.979   , 1.004 )        Breast    #
# [ 1.004   , 1.043 )        Phantom   #
# [ 1.043   , 1.109 )        Liver     #
# [ 1.109   , 1.113 )        Muscle    #
# [ 1.113   , 1.496 )        Trabecular Bone#
# [ 1.496   , 1.654 ]        Dense Bone  #
#####
```

# Conclusion

Geant4 has very broad range of capabilities for geometry description:

- extensible set of **units**
- complex hierarchy of **volumes**
- many types of **solids** and their combinations
- **material** description down to isotope level
- **CAD & DICOM** importing geometry