Geometry I

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Geant4 Tutorial Course
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Solid: shape and size
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    pBoxMaterial, "aBoxLog", 0, 0, 0);
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Logical volume :
+ material, sensitivity, etc.
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  G4VPhysicalVolume* aBoxPhys =
  new G4PVPlacement( pRotation,
                     G4ThreeVector(posX, posY, posZ),
                     pBoxLog, "aBoxPhys", pMotherLog,
                     0, copyNo);

• A volume is placed in its mother volume. Position and rotation of the daughter volume is described with respect to the local coordinate system of the mother volume. The origin of mother volume’s local coordinate system is at the center of the mother volume.
  – Daughter volume cannot protrude from mother volume.
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- The world volume must be a unique physical volume which fully contains all the other volumes.
  - 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 the global coordinate system.
G4VUserDetectorConstruction
User classes

• main()
  – Geant4 does not provide *main*().
  Note: classes written in red are mandatory.

• Initialization classes
  – Use G4RunManager::SetUserInitialization() to define.
  – Invoked at the initialization
    • G4VUserDetectorConstruction
    • G4VUserPhysicsList

• Action classes
  – Use G4RunManager::SetUserAction() to define.
  – Invoked during an event loop
    • G4VUserPrimaryGeneratorAction
    • G4UserRunAction
    • G4UserEventAction
    • G4UserStackingAction
    • G4UserTrackingAction
    • G4UserSteppingAction
Construct() should return the pointer of the world physical volume. The world physical volume represents all of your geometry setup.
#ifndef MyDetectorConstruction_h
#define MyDetectorConstruction_h 1
#include "G4VUserDetectorConstruction.hh"

class MyDetectorConstruction
  : public G4VUserDetectorConstruction
{
  public:
    G4VUserDetectorConstruction();
    virtual ~G4VUserDetectorConstruction();
    virtual G4VPhysicalVolume* Construct();
  public:
    // set/get methods if needed
  private:
    // granular private methods if needed
    // data members if needed
};
#endif
Describe your detector

- Derive your own concrete class from `G4VUserDetectorConstruction` abstract base class.
- Implement the method `Construct()`
  1) Construct all necessary materials
  2) Define shapes/solids
  3) Define logical volumes
  4) Place volumes of your detector geometry
  5) Associate (magnetic) field to geometry (optional)
  6) Instantiate sensitive detectors / scorers and set them to corresponding logical volumes (optional)
  7) Define visualization attributes for the detector elements (optional)
  8) Define regions (optional)
- Set your construction class to `G4RunManager`
- It is suggested to modularize `Construct()` method w.r.t. each component or sub-detector for easier maintenance of your code.
Solid and shape
G4VSolid

- Abstract class. All solids in Geant4 are derived from it.
- It defines but does not implement all functions required to:
  - compute distances between the shape and a given point
  - check whether a point is inside the shape
  - compute the extent of the shape
  - compute the surface normal to the shape at a given point
- User can create his/her own solid class.
Solids defined in Geant4:

- CSG (Constructed Solid Geometry) solids
  - G4Box, G4Tubs, G4Cons, G4Trd, ...
  - Analogous to simple GEANT3 CSG solids
- Specific solids (CSG like)
  - G4Polycone, G4Polyhedra, G4Hype, ...
- BREP (Boundary REPresented) solids
  - G4BREPSolidPolycone, G4BSplineSurface, ...
  - Any order surface
- Boolean solids
  - G4UnionSolid, G4SubtractionSolid, ...
CSG: G4Box, G4Tubs

G4Box(const G4String &pname, // name
    G4double half_x, // X half size
    G4double half_y, // Y half size
    G4double half_z); // Z half size

G4Tubs(const G4String &pname, // name
    G4double pRmin, // inner radius
    G4double pRmax, // outer radius
    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 to Section 4.1.2 of Geant4 Application Developers Guide for all available shapes.
Specific CSG Solids: G4Polycone

G4Polycone(const G4String& pName,
            G4double phiStart,
            G4double phiTotal,
            G4int numRZ,
            const G4double r[],
            const G4double z[]);

- numRZ - numbers of corners in the r,z space
- r, z - coordinates of corners
Other Specific CSG solids

G4EllipticalTube  G4Ellipsoid

G4EllipticalCone  G4TwistedBox  G4TwistedTubs

G4Polyhedra  G4Tet (tetrahedra)  G4Hype

G4TwistedTrap  G4TwistedTrd

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BREP Solids

- **BREP = Boundary REPresented Solid**
- Listing all its surfaces specifies a solid
  - e.g. 6 planes for a cube
- Surfaces can be
  - planar, 2\textsuperscript{nd} or higher order
    - elementary BREPS
  - Splines, B-Splines,
    NURBS (Non-Uniform B-Splines)
    - advanced BREPS
- Few elementary BREPS pre-defined
  - box, cons, tubs, sphere, torus, polycone, polyhedra
- Advanced BREPS built through CAD systems
Boolean Solids

- Solids can be combined using boolean operations:
  - \texttt{G4UnionSolid}, \texttt{G4SubtractionSolid}, \texttt{G4IntersectionSolid}
  - Requires: 2 solids, 1 boolean operation, and an (optional) transformation for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} solid
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} solid is positioned relative to the coordinate system of the 1\textsuperscript{st} solid
  - Result of boolean operation becomes a solid. Thus the third solid can be combined to the resulting solid of first operation.

- Solids to be combined can be either CSG or other Boolean solids.
- \textbf{Note:} tracking cost for the navigation in a complex Boolean solid is proportional to the number of constituent CSG solids
Boolean solid
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.));

- The origin and the coordinates of the combined solid are the same as those of the first solid.
Tessellated solids

- **G4TessellatedSolid** (since 8.1)
  - Generic solid defined by a number of facets (**G4VFacet**)
    - Facets can be triangular (**G4TriangularFacet**) or quadrangular (**G4QuadrangularFacet**)
  - Constructs especially important for conversion of complex geometrical shapes imported from CAD systems
  - But can also be explicitly defined:
    - By providing the vertices of the facets in *anti-clock wise* order, in *absolute* or *relative* reference frame
  - GDML binding
A CAD imported assembly with tessellated solids - release 8.1
G4LogicalVolume
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G4LogicalVolume(G4VSolid* pSolid,
           G4Material* pMaterial,
           const G4String &name,
           G4FieldManager* pFieldMgr=0,
           G4VSensitiveDetector* pSDetector=0,
           G4UserLimits* pULimits=0);

- Contains all information of volume except position and rotation
  - Shape and dimension (G4VSolid)
  - Material, sensitivity, visualization attributes
  - Position of daughter volumes
  - Magnetic field, User limits, Region
- Physical volumes of same type can share the common logical volume object.
- The pointers to solid must NOT be null.
- The pointers to material must NOT be null for tracking geometry.
- It is not meant to act as a base class.
Computing volumes and weights

- Geometrical volume of a generic solid or boolean composition can be computed from the `solid`:
  ```
  G4double GetCubicVolume();
  ```
  - Exact volume is deterministically calculated for most of CSG solids, while estimation based on Monte Carlo integration is given for other solids.

- Overall weight of a geometry setup (sub-geometry) can be computed from the `logical volume`:
  ```
  G4double GetMass(G4bool forced=false, G4bool propagate=true, G4Material* pMaterial=0);
  ```
  - The computation may require a considerable amount of time, depending on the complexity of the geometry.
  - The return value is cached and reused until `forced=true`.
  - Daughter volumes will be neglected if `propagate=false`. 
Region

- A region may have its unique
  - Production thresholds (cuts)
    - If a region in the mass geometry does not have its own production thresholds, those of the default region are used (i.e., may not be those of the parent region).
  - User limits
    - Artificial limits affecting to the tracking, e.g. max step length, max number of steps, min kinetic energy left, etc.
    - You can set user limits directly to logical volume as well. If both logical volume and associated region have user limits, those of logical volume wins.
  - User region information
    - E.g. to implement a fast Boolean method to identify the nature of the region.
  - Fast simulation manager
  - Regional user stepping action
  - Field manager

- Please note:
  - World logical volume is recognized as the default region. User is not allowed to define a region to the world logical volume.
Root logical volume

- A logical volume can be a region. More than one logical volumes may belong to a region.

- A region is a part of the geometrical hierarchy, i.e. a set of geometry volumes, typically of a sub-system.

- A logical volume becomes a root logical volume once a region is assigned to it.
  - All daughter volumes belonging to the root logical volume share the same region, unless a daughter volume itself becomes to another root.

- Important restriction:
  - No logical volume can be shared by more than one regions, regardless of root volume or not.
G4Region

- A region is instantiated and defined by
  
  ```cpp
  G4Region* aRegion = new G4Region("region_name");
  aRegion->AddRootLogicalVolume(aLogicalVolume);
  ```
  
  - Region propagates down to all geometrical hierarchy until the bottom or another root logical volume.

- Production thresholds (cuts) can be assigned to a region by
  
  ```cpp
  G4Region* aRegion
  
  = G4RegionStore::GetInstance()->GetRegion("region_name");
  G4ProductionCuts* cuts = new G4ProductionCuts;
  cuts->SetProductionCut(cutValue);
  aRegion->SetProductionCuts(cuts);
  ```
G4Region class

- G4Region class may take following quantities.
  - void SetProductionCuts(G4ProductionCuts* cut);
  - void SetUserInformation(G4VUserRegionInformation* uri);
  - void SetUserLimits(G4UserLimits* ul);
  - void SetFastSimulationManager(G4FastSimulationManager* fsm);
  - void SetRegionalSteppingAction(G4UserSteppingAction* rusa);
  - void SetFieldManager(G4FieldManager* fm);

- Please note:
  - If any of the above properties are not set for a region, properties of the world volume (i.e. default region) are used. Properties of mother region do not propagate to daughter region.
Physical volume
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Physical Volumes

- Placement volume: it is one positioned volume
  - One physical volume object represents one “real” volume.
- Repeated volume: a volume placed many times
  - One physical volume object represents any number of “real” volumes.
  - reduces use of memory.
  - Parameterised
    - repetition w.r.t. copy number
  - Replica and Division
    - simple repetition along one axis
- A mother volume can contain either
  - many placement volumes
  - or, one repeated volume
Physical volume

- **G4PVPlacement**  
  1 Placement = One Placement Volume  
  - A volume instance positioned once in its mother volume

- **G4PVParameterised**  
  1 Parameterized = Many Repeated Volumes  
  - Parameterized by the copy number
    - Shape, size, material, sensitivity, vis attributes, position and rotation can be parameterized by the copy number.
    - You have to implement a concrete class of G4VPVParameterisation.
  - Reduction of memory consumption
  - Currently: parameterization can be used only for volumes that either
    a) have no further daughters, or
    b) are identical in size & shape (so that grand-daughters are safely fit inside).
  - By implementing G4PVNestedParameterisation instead of G4VPVParameterisation, material, sensitivity and vis attributes can be parameterized by the copy numbers of ancestors.
Physical volume

- **G4PVReplica**  
  1 Replica = Many Repeated Volumes  
  - Daughters of same shape are aligned along one axis  
  - Daughters fill the mother completely without gap in between.

- **G4PVDivision**  
  1 Division = Many Repeated Volumes  
  - Daughters of same shape are aligned along one axis and fill the mother.  
  - There can be gaps between mother wall and outmost daughters.  
  - No gap in between daughters.

- **G4ReflectionFactory**  
  1 Placement = a pair of Placement volumes  
  - generating placements of a volume and its reflected volume  
  - Useful typically for end-cap calorimeter

- **G4AssemblyVolume**  
  1 Placement = a set of Placement volumes  
  - Position a group of volumes
G4PVPlacement
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G4PVPlacement(
    G4Transform3D(G4RotationMatrix &pRot, // rotation of daughter volume
                  const G4ThreeVector &tlate), // position in mother frame
    G4LogicalVolume *pDaughterLogical,
    const G4String &pName,
    G4LogicalVolume *pMotherLogical,
    G4bool pMany, // ‘true’ is not supported yet...
    G4int pCopyNo, // unique arbitrary integer
    G4bool pSurfChk=false); // optional boundary check

- Single volume positioned relatively to the mother volume.
Alternative G4PVPlacement

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Note:

• This G4PVPlacement is identical to the previous one if there is no rotation.
  • Previous one is much easier to understand.

• The advantage of this second constructor is setting the pointer of the rotation
  matrix rather than providing the values of the matrix.
  • You may change the matrix without accessing to the physical volume.

• This is for power-users, though.