

Geant4: A Simulation toolkit

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With many thanks to the Geant 4 community !!!!

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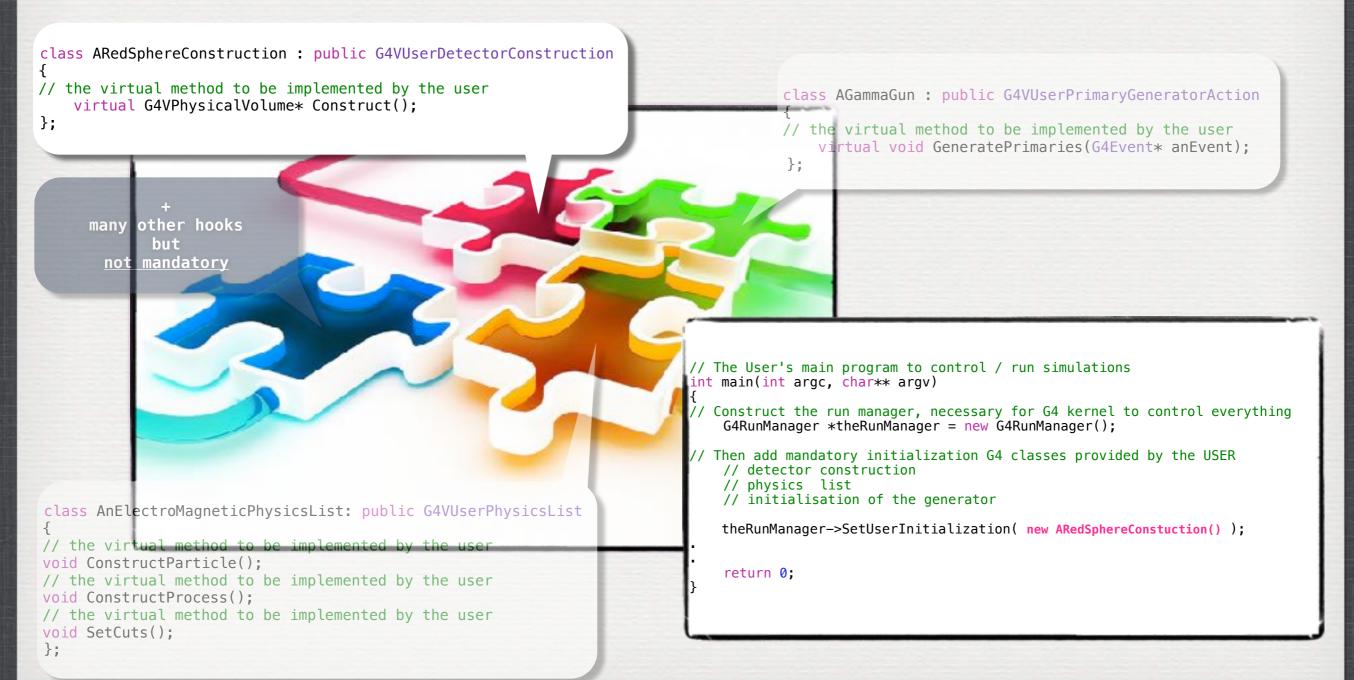
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More technical view of the content of an application



The user's application

Building an application requires to put together 3 mandatory bricks* the detector construction - the description of the physics - the primary generator



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The user's application

A detector geometry is made of a number of volumes

Requirements to write the method Construct() i.e. the full setup of the simulation

- Construct all necessary materials
- Define shapes/solids
- Define logical volumes
- Place volumes of your detector geometry
- Associate (magnetic) field to geometry (optional)
- Instantiate sensitive detectors/scorers, set them some logical volumes (optional)
- Define visualization attributes for the detector elements (optional)
- Define regions (optional)

Not covered in this lecture

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see workshop #4



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G4LogicalVolume contains:

G4Material [composition] G4VSolid [shape] G4VisAttributes [color]

G4RotationMatrix R

copy#

G4ThreeVector T

G4VPhysicalVolume contains:

mother referential

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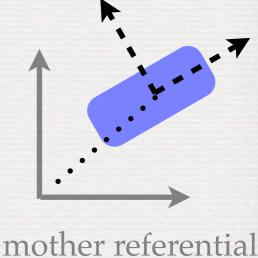
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list of physical volumes

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Different kinds of materials can be defined:

- isotopes ⇔ **G4Isotope**
- elements → G4Element
- molecules + G4Material
- compounds and mixtures G4Material
- → Attributes associated: temperature, pressure, state, density
- **G4Isotope** and **G4Element** describe *microscopic* properties of the *atoms*:
 - → Atomic number, number of nucleons, mass of a mole, shell energies, cross-sections per atoms ...
- **G4Material** describes the *macroscopic* properties of the *matter*:
 - ⇒temperature, pressure, state, density
 - ⇒Radiation length, absorption length, etc...
- **G4Material** is the only class used and visible to the toolkit:
- it is used by tracking, geometry and physics



Isotopes can be assembled into ...

G4Isotope (const G4String& name,

G4int z, /* atomic number */

G4int n, /* number of nucleons */

G4double a); /*mass of mole*/

... elements

G4element (const G4String& name, const G4String& symbol, /*element symbol*/ G4int nIso); /*n. of isotopes*/

```
// Germanium isotopes
G4Isotope* Ge70 = new G4Isotope(name="Ge70", 32, 70, 69.9242*g/mole);
G4Isotope* Ge72 = new G4Isotope(name="Ge72", 32, 72, 71.9221*g/mole);
G4Isotope* Ge73 = new G4Isotope(name="Ge73", 32, 73, 72.9235*g/mole);
G4Isotope* Ge74 = new G4Isotope(name="Ge74", 32, 74, 73.9212*g/mole);
G4Isotope* Ge76 = new G4Isotope(name="Ge76", 32, 76, 75.9214*g/mole);
// germanium defined via its isotopes
G4Element* elGe = new G4Element(name="Germanium",symbol="Ge", 5);
elGe->AddIsotope(Ge70, 0.2123);
elGe->AddIsotope(Ge72, 0.2766);
elGe->AddIsotope(Ge74, 0.3594);
elGe->AddIsotope(Ge76, 0.0744);
Fraction of atoms per volumes
```



... elements into materials ...

single element material

```
density = 2.7*g/cm3;
a = 26.98*g/mole;
G4Material *al = new G4Material(name="Aluminium",z=13.,a,density);
```

Example of materials filled with gas

composition of compound materials

```
G4Element *c = ...  // carbone element
G4Material *quartz = ...  // quartz material
G4Material *water = ...  // water material

density = 0.200*g/cm3;
nel = 3;
G4Material *aerogel = new G4Material(name="Aerogel",density,nel);
aerogel->AddMaterial(quartz, natoms = 1);
aerogel->AddMaterial(water, natoms = 1);
aerogel->AddElement(c, natoms = 1);
```

A material made of several elements (composition by number of atoms)

```
a=22.99*g/mole;
G4Element *na = new G4Element(name="Sodium",symbol="Na",z=11.,a);
a=126.90477*g/mole;
G4Element *i = new G4Element(name="Iodine",symbol="I",z=53.,a);
density = 3.67*g/cm3;
nel = 2;
G4Material *mix = new G4Material(name="NaI",density,nel);
mix->AddElement(na, natoms = 1);
mix->AddElement(i, natoms = 1);
```

A material made of several elements (composition by of mass)

```
a=14.01*g/mole;
G4Element *n = new G4Element(name="Nitrogen", symbol="N", z=7.,a);
a=16.00*g/mole
G4Element *o = new G4Element(name="0xygen", symbol="0", z=8.,a);

density = 1.29*mg/cm3;
nel = 2;
G4Material *air = new G4Material(name="Air", density, nel);
mix->AddElement(n, 0.7);
mix->AddElement(o, 0.3);
```



Geant4 provides defaults based on the NIST database*

ZAm error (%) A_{eff}

14 Si 22 22.03453 (22) 23 23.02552 (21) 24 24.011546 (21) 25 25.004107 (11) 26 25.992330 (3) 27 26.98670476 (17) 28 27.9769265327 (20) 29 28.97649472 (3) 30 29.97377022 (5) 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)

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Z	Name	density(g/cm^3)	I(eV)
1	 G4_H	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	0.0011652	82
8	G4_0	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	2.699	166
14	G4_Si	2.33	173
15	G4_P	2.2	173
16	G4_S	2	180
17	G4_Cl	0.00299473	174
18	G4_Ar	0.00166201	188

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Ncomp	Name	den	sity(g/cm^3)	I(eV)
6	1 6 7 8 9	O_TISSUE 0.101327 0.7755 0.035057 0.0523159 0.017422 0.018378	1.127	65.1
3	6	ONE 0.104122 0.620405 0.275473	0.7899	64.2
2		YLENE 0.077418 0.922582	0.0010967	58.2
3	6	INE 0.037294 0.44443 0.518276	1.35	71.4

Many elements defined

Many materials provided

natural isotope compositions more than 3000 isotope masses

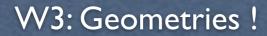
C++

G4NistManager* man = G4NistManager::Instance();
G4Material *air = man->FindOrBuildMaterial("G4_AIR");

/material/nist/printElement
/material/nist/listMaterials

G4

^{*} https://www.nist.gov/pml/atomic-spectra-database



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All kind of shapes in G4 inherits from G4VSolid It does not include the material There are different ways to define a 3D shape

- CSG (Constructed Solid Geometry) solids
- G4Box, G4Tubs, G4Cons, G4Trd, ...
- Specific solids (CSG like)
- G4Polycone, G4Polyhedra, G4Hype, ...
- BREP (Boundary REPresented) solids
- G4BREPSolidPolycone, G4BSplineSurface, ...

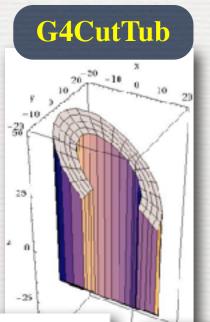
Any order surface

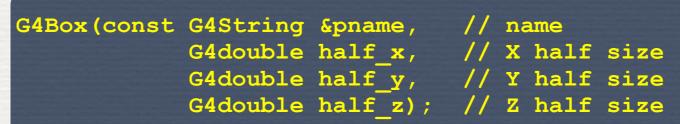
Boolean solids

G4UnionSolid, G4SubtractionSolid, ...

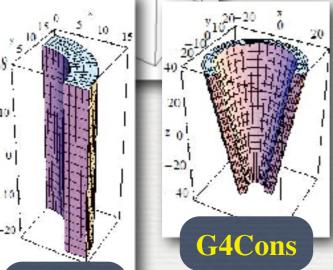


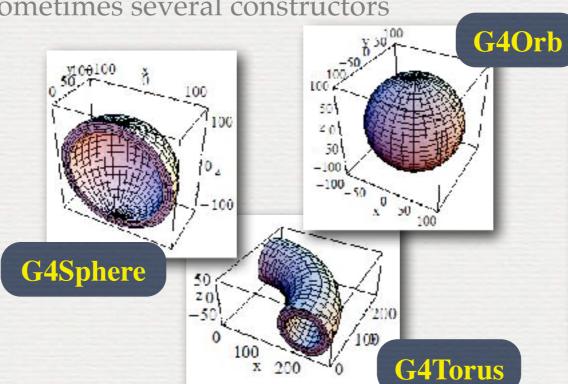
Constructed Solid Geometry (CSG) Solids

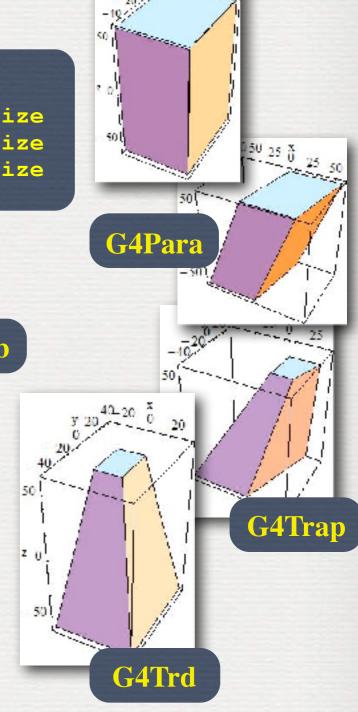




- sometimes center at 0 or not
- be careful for exportation ...
- sometimes several constructors







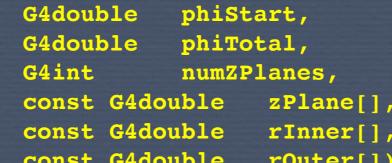


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G4VSolid to define the shape

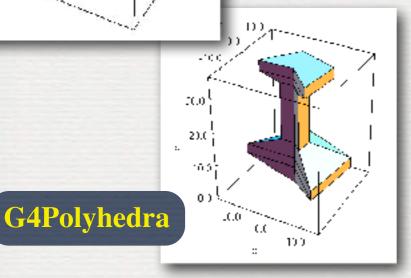
Constructed Solid Geometry (CSG) Solids

G4Polycone(const G4String& pName,

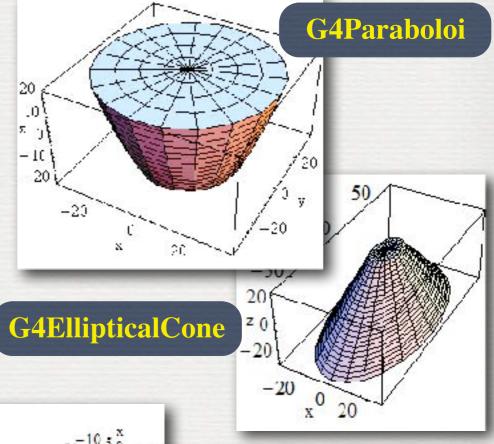


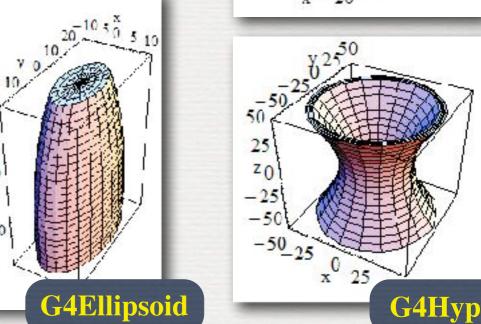
zPlane[], rInner[], const G4double rOuter[])

phiStart = 1/4*Pi, phiTotal = 3/2*Pi, numZPlanes = 9, rInner = $\{0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0\}$, rOuter = $\{0,10,10,5,5,10,10,2,2\}$, $z = \{5,7,9,11,25,27,29,31,35\}$



G4EllipticalTub



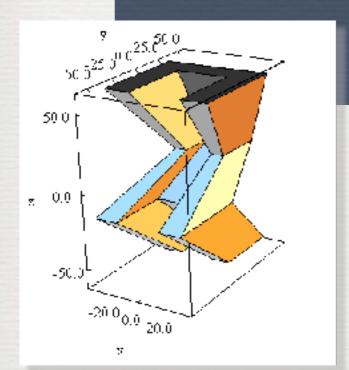




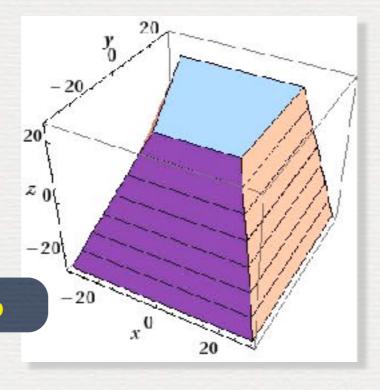
Constructed Solid Geometry (CSG) Solids

G4ExtrudedSolid(const G4String& pName,

std::vector<G4TwoVector> polygon,
std::vector<ZSection> zsections)

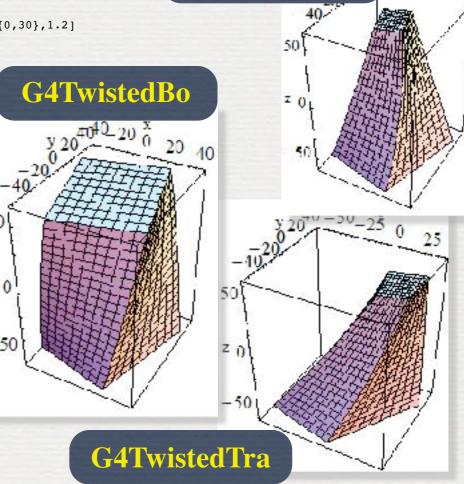


polygon={-30,-30},{-30,30},{30,30},{30,-30},{15,-30},{15,15},{-15,15},{-15,-30} zsections=[-60,{0,30},0.8],[-15,{0,-30},1.],[10,{0,0},0.6],[60,{0,30},1.2]



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G4TwistedTrd



G4GenericTrap

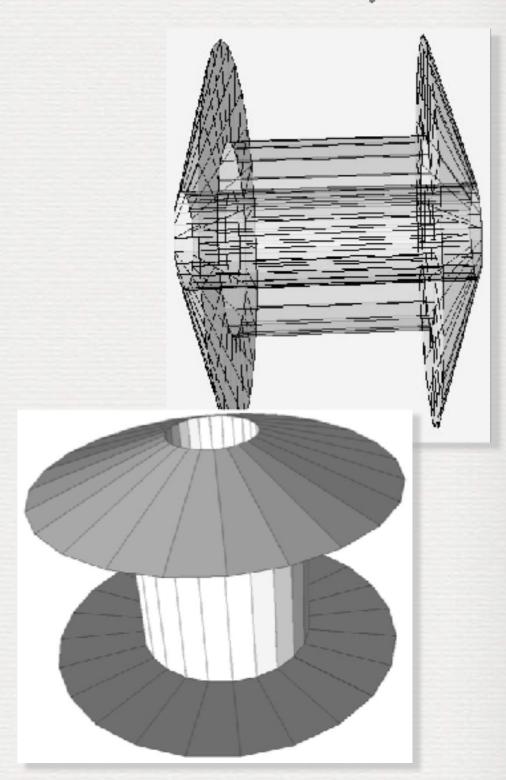


BREP (Boundary REPresented) Solids

- Listing all its surfaces specifies a solid e.g. 6 planes for a cube
- Surfaces can be

planar, 2nd 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:

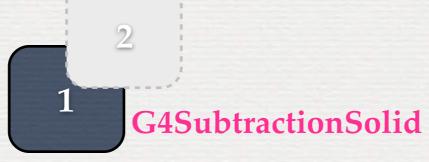
G4UnionSolid, G4SubtractionSolid, G4IntersectionSolid

- Requirements: 2 solids, 1 boolean operation, and an (optional) transformation for the 2nd solid
- → 2nd solid is positioned relative to the coordinate system of the 1st 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.

Note: tracking cost for the navigation in a complex Boolean solid is proportional to the number of constituent CSG solids





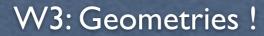




Boolean Solids

With all the possibilities proposed in Geant4 to build shapes there are probably several ways to define a complex geometry

be careful if you would like to export it! [see gdml section]



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How to define the World Volume

```
material
G4NistManager *man = G4NistManager::Instance();
G4PVPlacement *matWorld = man->FindOrBuildMaterial("G4_AIR");
                                                                Shape
// use a physical as a container to describe the detector
detWorld = new G4Box("BWorld", 10.*m, 10.*m, 50.*m);
detlogicWorld = new G4LogicalVolume(detWorld, matWorld, "LWorld", 0, 0, 0);
              → Logical world is a box made of air ... it is also hidden ...
detlogicWorld->SetVisAttributes(G4VisAttributes::Invisible); // hide the world
// Must place the World Physical volume unrotated at (0,0,0).
thePhysWorld = new G4PVPlacement(0,
                                            // no rotation
                         G4ThreeVector(), // no translation
                         Place the World,
                         "PWorld",
                                            // its name
                                            // its mother volume
      No mother,
                         0,
                                            // no boolean operations
                         false,
      No rotation
                         -1);
                                             // copy number
     No translation
```



Adding daughter volumes to the World

- A volume is placed in its mother volume
- Position, rotation of the daughter is described with respect to the local coordinate system of the mother
- The origin of the mother's local coordinate system is at the center of the mother volume
- ► Daughter volumes cannot protrude from the mother volume, Daughter volumes cannot overlap
 - User's responsibility to check this, some tools are provided
- graphical widows [hepRApp, Qt]
 - → dedicated commands

/vis/ASCIITree/verbose 11
/vis/drawTree

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

check 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 lots of CPU time!)

/geometry/test/line_test

to shoot a line along a specified direction and position

- The logical volume of mother knows the daughter volumes it contains
 - It is uniquely defined to be their mother volume
- One logical volume can be placed more than once. One or more volumes can be placed in a mother volume
- The mother-daughter relationship is an information of G4LogicalVolume
- If the mother volume is placed more than once then all daughters by definition appear in each placed physical volume
- The world volume must be a unique physical volume, it fully contains (with margin) all the other volumes
- The world defines the global coordinate system, which origin is at the center of the world volume
- Position of a track is given with respect to the global coordinate system



a pair of volume, useful typically for end-cap calorimeter

Adding daughter volumes to the World

There are different ways to create physical (placed) volumes

A volume instance positioned once in its mother volume Daughters of same shape are aligned along one 'axis' Daughters fill the mother completely without gap in between. G4VPhysicalVolume G4PVReplica G4PVDivision G4PVPlacement Daughters of same shape are aligned along one 'axis' and fill the mother. There can be gaps between mother wall and outmost daughters. G4PVParameterised No gap in between daughters ... G4ReplicatedSlice ... + G4AssemblyVolume: **Reduction of memory consumption** to make snapshot of a complex volume at given position, rotation Currently: parameterization can be used only for volumes that either + G4ReflexionFactory:

- have no further daughters,

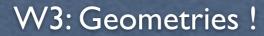
- are identical in size, shape (so that grand-daughters are safely fit inside)



Adding daughter volumes to the World

```
user's limits
// Now add a blue cube to the world
G4Box *asolidBox:
G4LogicalVolume *alogicBox;
G4VPhysicalVolume *aphysiBox;
                                                    magnetic fields
G4VisAttributes *visatt:
 asolidBox = new G4Box("BlueCube", Side/2., Side/2., Side/2.);
 alogicBox = new G4LogicalVolume(asolidBox, CubeMaterial, "LBlueCube", 0, 0, 0);
// the cube is blue
visatt = new G4VisAttributes( G4Colour(0.0, 0.0, 1.0) );
                                                               last workshop #4
visatt->SetVisibility(true);
alogicBox->SetVisAttributes( visatt );
 aphysiBox = new G4PVPlacement(
                                                            // no rotation
               0.
      G4ThreeVector(X_Center, Y_Center, Z_Center), // at (X_Center,Y_Center,Z_Center)
                                                        // the blue cube logical volume
           alogicBox,
       "PBlueCube",
                                                     // the physical blue cube name
                                                        // its mother volume
           logicWorld,
                                                        // no boolean operations
           false,
           0);
                                                        // copy number
```

last workshop #4



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- Geometries can be saved in XML (gdml) files
- XML is widely used in computer applications since:
 - it is human readable (html like)
 - it is structured, with ways to check the schema is correct
 - ⇒ the schema is defined consistently using xml language!
 - → GDML* is an extension for 3D geometries
- ➡ It is a format to exchange geometries between framework
- BUT it could also be used to define new geometries

human readable!

(without C++ knowledge)

GDML is also the bridge to import CAD files ...

* Geometry Description Markup Language



define gdml schema

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no" ?>
<qdml xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation</pre>
        ="http://service-spi.web.cern.ch/service-spi/app/releases/GDML/schema/gdml.xsd">
 <define/>
 <materials> cm </materials>
                                                                          Shape
 <solids>
   <box lunit="mm" name="LaBr3" x="50.8" y="50.8" z="50.8"/>
   <br/>
<box lunit="mm" name="NaI" x="50.8" y="50.8" z="152.4"/>
   <box lunit="mm" name="ParisPW_2-bare" x="200" y="200" z="1000"/>
  </solids>
                                         LogicalVolume
 <structure>
   <volume name="PW:0">
     <materialref ref="LaBr3"/>
     <solidref ref="LaBr3"/>
   </volume>
   <volume name="PW:1">
     <materialref ref="NaI"/>
     <solidref ref="NaI"/>
   </volume>
   <volume name="ParisPW_2-bare">
     <materialref ref="Air"/>
                                                          PhysicalVolume
     <solidref ref="ParisPW_2-bare"/>
     <physvol name="PW:0">
       <volumeref ref="PW:0"/>
       <position name="PW:0_pos" unit="mm" x="0" y="0" z="25.9"/>
     </physvol>
     <physvol name="PW:1">
       <volumeref ref="PW:1"/>
       </physvol>
   </volume>
  </structure>
                                                Translation, rotation if any
 <setup name="Default" version="1.0">
   <world ref="ParisPW_2-bare"/>
 </setup>
                                      the top volume, the World!
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define gdml schema

```
-8" standalone="no" ?>
 <materials>
                                  g/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation
  <isotope N="138" Z="57" name="La138">
                                 .cern.ch/service-spi/app/releases/GDML/schema/gdml.xsd">
    <atom unit="g/mole" value="137.907"/>
  </isotope>
  <isotope N="139" Z="57" name="La139">
    <atom unit="g/mole" value="138.906"/>
  </isotope>
                                                                              Shape
  <element name="Lanthanum">
                                  x="50.8" y="50.8" z="50.8"/>
    <fraction n="0.0009" ref="La138"/>
                                 "50.8" y="50.8" z="152.4"/>
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http://lcgapp.cern.ch/project/simu/framework/GDML/doc/GDMLmanual.pdf



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export the world from G4 into a gdml file

import the world into G4 from a gdml file

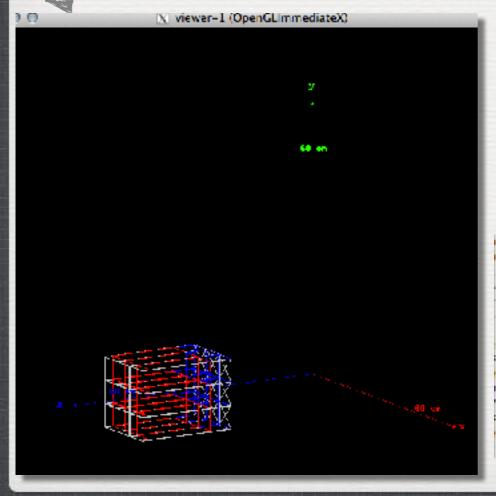
```
#include "G4GDMLParser.hh"
...
G4VPhysicalVolume *world; // this is the world
...
G4GDMLParser parser;
// write
parser.Write("myGDML.gdml",world,false);
```

```
#include "G4GDMLParser.hh"
...
G4VPhysicalVolume *world; // this is the world
G4GDMLParser parser;
parser.Read("myGDML.gdml",false);
world = parser.GetWorldVolume();
```

It requires
Geant4
GDML module!

(4)

Attributes (colors, sensitivity ...) are not saved in gdml files ... there are way to pass the information



ROOT reads GDML files only if gdml module is compiled

CINT/ROOT C/C++ Interpreter version 5.18.98, July 2, 2010 Type 7 for help. Commands must be C++ statements. Enclose multiple statements between []. root [0] TGeoManager::Import["DetectorFactory/Scintillators/CParisFM_2.gdml") Info in <TGeoManager::Import>: Reading geometry from file: Detector*actory/Sci
Info in <TGeoManager::TGeoManager>: Geometry COMMITmourt, Geometry imported for Info in ≺TCeoManager::SetTepVelume*: Top velume is CParisPW_2. Master velume : Info in <TGeoNavigator::BuildCache>: --- Maximum geometry depth set to 188 Info in <TGeoManager::CheckGeometry>: Fixing runtime shapes... Info in ⊲TGcoManager::CheckGeometry⊁: ...Nothing to fix Info in <TCeoManager::CloseGeemetry>: Counting modes... Info in <1GeoManager::Voxelize>: Voxelizing... Info in <1GeoManager;;CloseGeometry>; Building cache... Info in <TGcoMenager::Countlevels>: max level = 1, max placements = 27 Info in ≠TCeoManager::CloseGeometry>: 28 nodes/ 4 volume UIO's in Coemetry imp Info in <TGeoManager::CloseGeometry>: -----modeler ready--(class TGecManager*)0x7(99e1869e00 root [1] g@coManager->GetTopVolume()->Draw("ogl") Info in <TCanvas::MakeDefCanvas:: ereated default TCanvas with mane of



Conclusions of W3

We have seen:

- how to build a geometry
 - → from isotopes to materials
 - from shapes by logical volumes to physical volumes
- how to use check the geometry validity
 - ⇒ command line
 - using Graphical tools including export / import
- More information could be added to geometries
 - one can make some sensitive
 - copy number is important

see last workshop!