







# Summary of Geometry Parallel Session 4A

09:00	<b>Navigation Engines for GPUs</b> <i>Andrei Gheata et al.</i> 
	<i>TD1</i> 09:00 - 09:35
10:00	<b>Symplectic integration - GSoC project update</b> <i>divyansh tiwari</i> 
	<i>TD1</i> 09:35 - 09:50
	<b>Integration of QSS in Geant4 - an update</b> <i>Lucio Santi et al.</i> 
	<i>TD1</i> 09:50 - 10:05
	<b>BVH Navigation - integration in Geant4</b> <i>Dr Guilherme Amadio</i> 
	<i>TD1</i> 10:05 - 10:15
	<b>Computation of cubic volume and surface area</b> <i>Evgueni Tcherniaev</i> 
	<i>TD1</i> 10:15 - 10:25
	<b>Review of open tickets</b> 
	<i>TD1</i> 10:25 - 10:30

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# R&D on Surface-based Modellers for Performant Navigation on GPU

Orange

- intersections using unbounded surfaces, aided by Bounding Boxes

VecGeom extention

- intersections using bounded surfaces (surfaces with outlines – masks.)

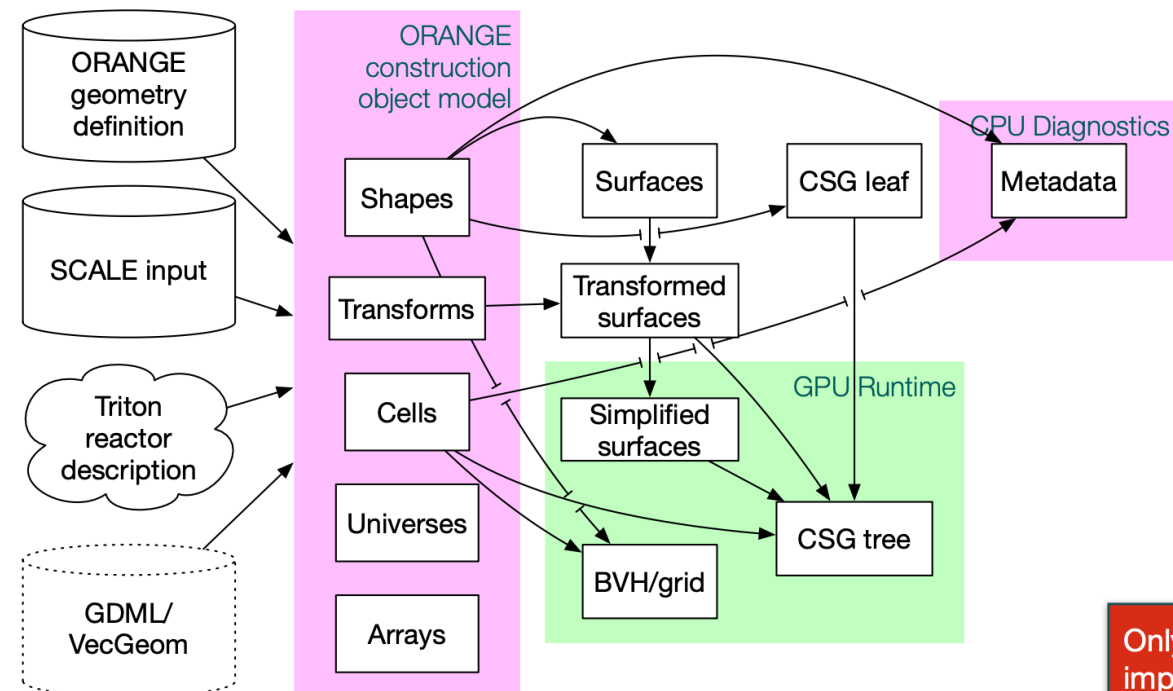
# Orange – unbounded volume modeller

## ORANGE: surface-based GPU geometry

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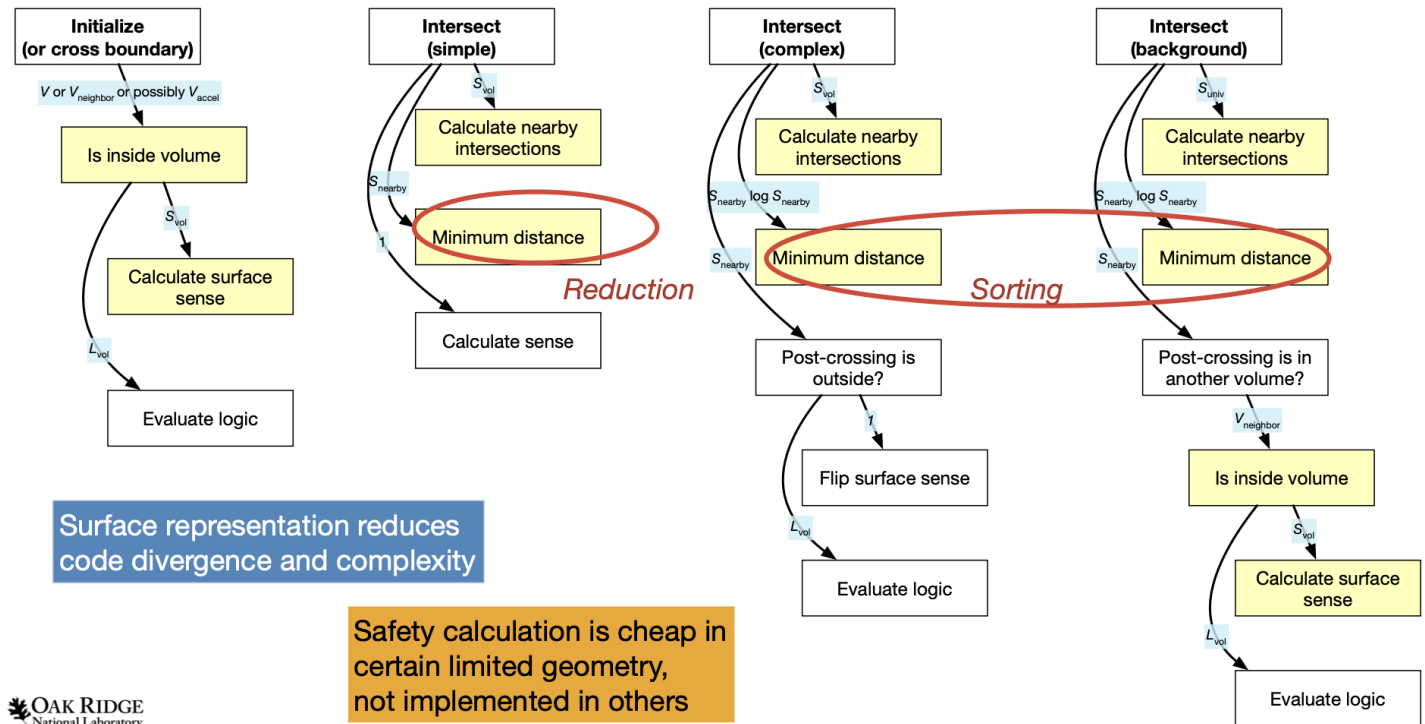
## ORANGE surface/volume construction



Only partially  
implemented in  
Celeritas ORANGE

# Orange – bounded volume modeller

## Key tracking algorithms



# Orange – unbounded volume modeller

## Memory requirements (geometry model/parameters)

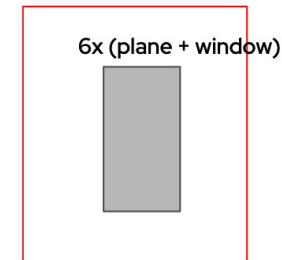
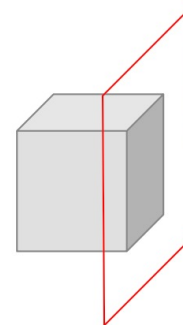
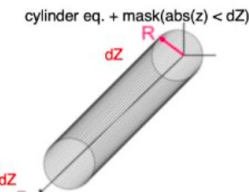
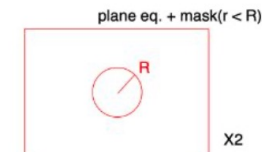
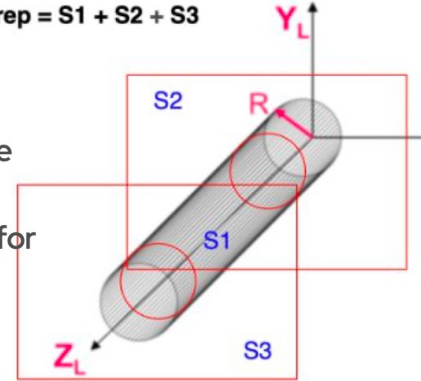
- Surfaces: type (byte), representation (1–10 reals)
  - *Must* be deduplicated across multiple adjacent shapes
  - *Can* be reused across multiple universes
- Volumes: linearized CSG tree ( $2-4 \times \text{\#faces} \times \text{ints}$ ) and surface IDs
- Surface→volume connectivity
- Acceleration structures (BVH, “voxelized” grid, etc.)

# VecGeom – bounded surfaces

## Addressing the problem: surface models

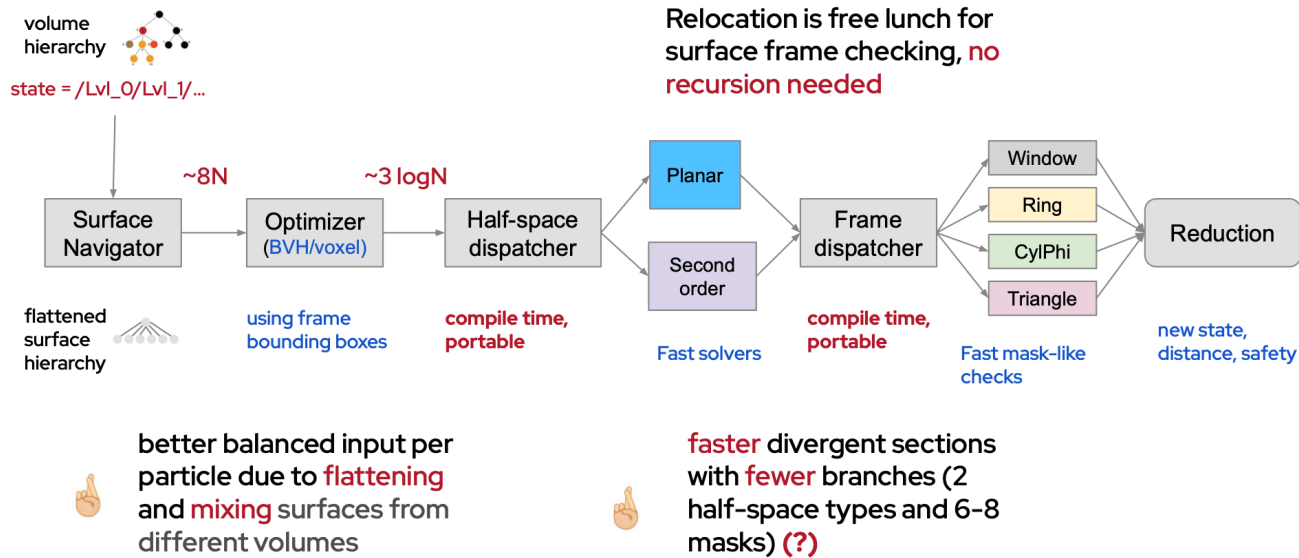
- Rationale: factoring the navigation problem at lower level
  - More simple and uniform code, even if code path is sometimes longer
  - Less branching for primitive surfaces than for primitive solids
  - Allow reducing the number and size of divergent critical sections
- Each face of a solid described as half-space + frame = **FramedSurface**
  - Same functionality as triangles in a tessellation, but providing **accurate modelling**
  - Box: 6 x (plane + window frame)

$$b\_rep = S1 + S2 + S3$$



# Navigation for a bounded surface model

## VecGeom bounded surface model



## Next steps

- Ready for implementing GPU awareness
  - Header-only implementation, POD types with indices to be transferred
  - No additional code should be needed except function annotations & copy to GPU
  - The data store is percolated through interfaces
- Comparative test of performance in AdePT for increasing geometry complexity
  - Plug-in into geometry-agnostic examples comparing with the volume approach
- If successful, expand the model and implement the missing features
  - Evolving the model to support more solids now much easier
  - Challenges foreseen for the Boolean solid implementation, which may need to map into a volume-based approach

# Draft summary of discussion

- Agree(d) the set of benchmark geometries (with increasing complexity)
- Obtain initial benchmarks of the different approaches
- Evaluate the potential of each approach
- Clarify what remains to be implemented & estimate effort
- Estimated Timescale for first comparisons: 2-3 months

# New methods for integration of tracks in magnetic fields

1. Symplectic integration for energy & phase space volume conservation
2. QSS method integration update

# Symplectic Integration

Maintaining energy, phase space volume during integration for 'many turns' in accelerator applications, muon (g-2)

## Google Summer of Code Symplectic Integrators

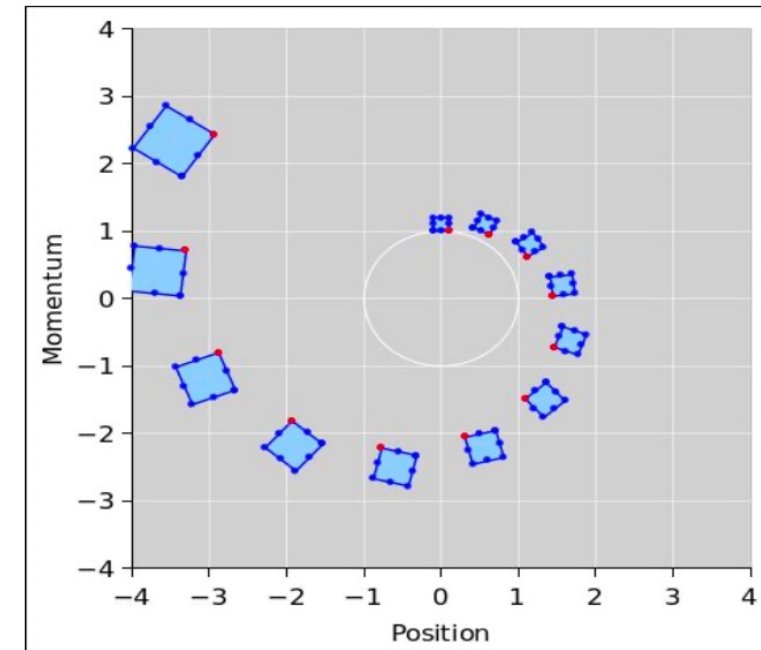
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$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_k}{\Delta t} = \mathbf{v}_{k+1/2},$$
$$\frac{\mathbf{v}_{k+1/2} - \mathbf{v}_{k-1/2}}{\Delta t} = \frac{q}{m} \left( \mathbf{E}_k + \frac{\mathbf{v}_{k+1/2} + \mathbf{v}_{k-1/2}}{2} \times \mathbf{B}_k \right)$$

### The Boris Method

- We decided that a good starting point will be the boris algorithm.
- Due to explicitness, it is fast and conserves energy to 2nd order.

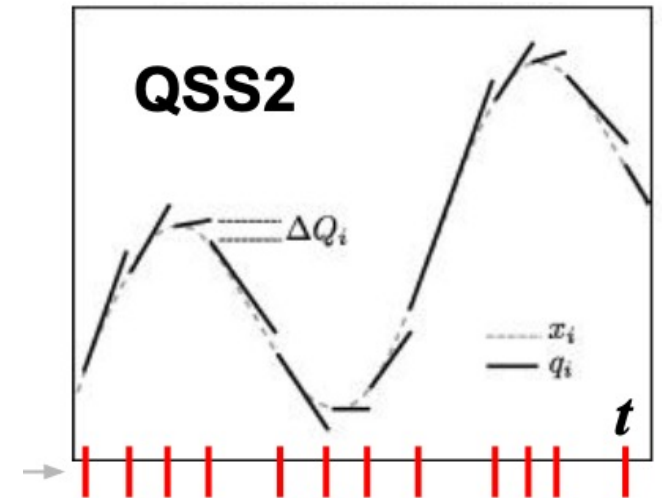


## Progress in adapting the QSS Stepper to the current version of Geant4 Testing and benchmark results

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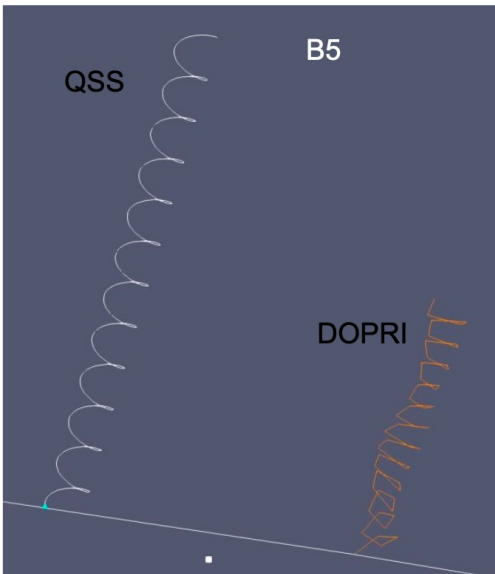
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1-st order quantizer  
2-nd order method: **QSS2**



## Results highlights

- 9 examples tested and verified successfully: **Basic** (B2a, B2b, B4c, B4d, B5) and **Extended** (with magnetic field: 01, 02, 03, 06)
- Benchmarks made against G4 (ver. 11.0.0-ref-02) default stepper (DOPRI with Interpolation Driver)
- In 5 cases *there exist QSS accuracy parameters* that can outperform DOPRI
  - However, the ratio of geometry intersections per G4 step remains below 19% in all tested examples (typically around 5%) => these are **not** "QSS-friendly" scenarios (not too many intersections per step)



## Summary of results: QSS vs. DOPRI

Example	Method	QSS accuracy parameters		% of Intersections per G4 Step	QSS Substeps per G4 Step	User Time (seg)	System Time (seg)	Real Time (seg)	Average Time per G4 Step (seg)	Speedup (QSS vs. DOPRI) Real Time
		dQrel	dQmin							
B2a	DOPRI	N/A	N/A	3.79%	N/A	2.052	0.175	2.614	1.3E-04	N/A
B2a	QSS	1.0E-02	1.0E-03	3.75%	10.191	2.067	0.176	2.654	1.3E-04	-1.53%
B2b	DOPRI	N/A	N/A	3.73%	N/A	2.081	0.178	2.651	1.3E-04	N/A
B2b	QSS	1.0E-02	1.0E-03	3.77%	10.209	2.107	0.178	2.680	1.3E-04	-1.09%
B4c	DOPRI	N/A	N/A	4.31%	N/A	1.623	0.180	2.202	1.1E-03	N/A
B4c	QSS	1.0E-02	1.0E-03	4.02%	2.517	1.603	0.182	2.170	2.1E-03	1.43%
B4d	DOPRI	N/A	N/A	4.31%	N/A	1.637	0.183	2.217	1.1E-03	N/A
B4d	QSS	1.0E-03	1.0E-04	4.19%	5.026	1.605	0.178	2.164	1.1E-03	2.39%
B5 SingleBeam	DOPRI	N/A	N/A	2.78%	N/A	3.442	0.257	4.004	1.1E-01	N/A
B5 SingleBeam	QSS	1.0E-03	1.0E-04	2.78%	1,494.940	3.259	0.245	3.841	1.1E-01	4.06%

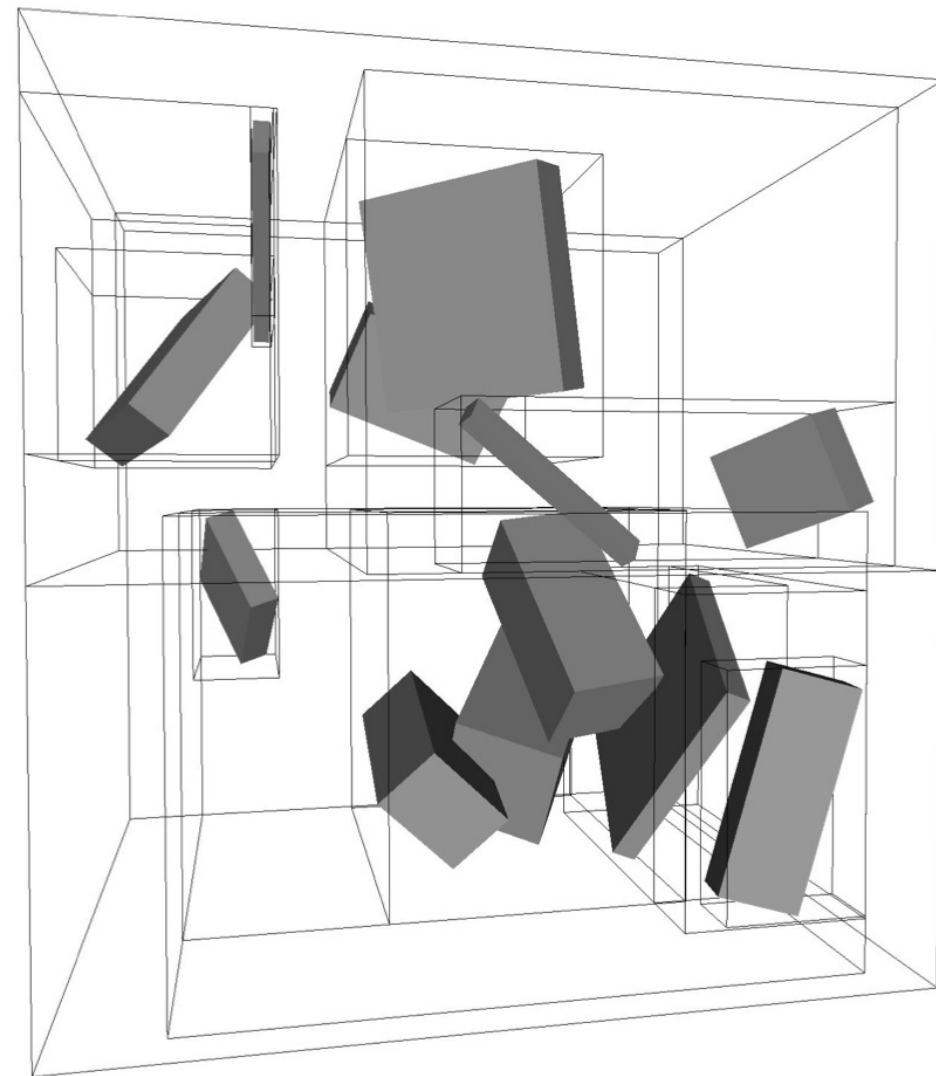
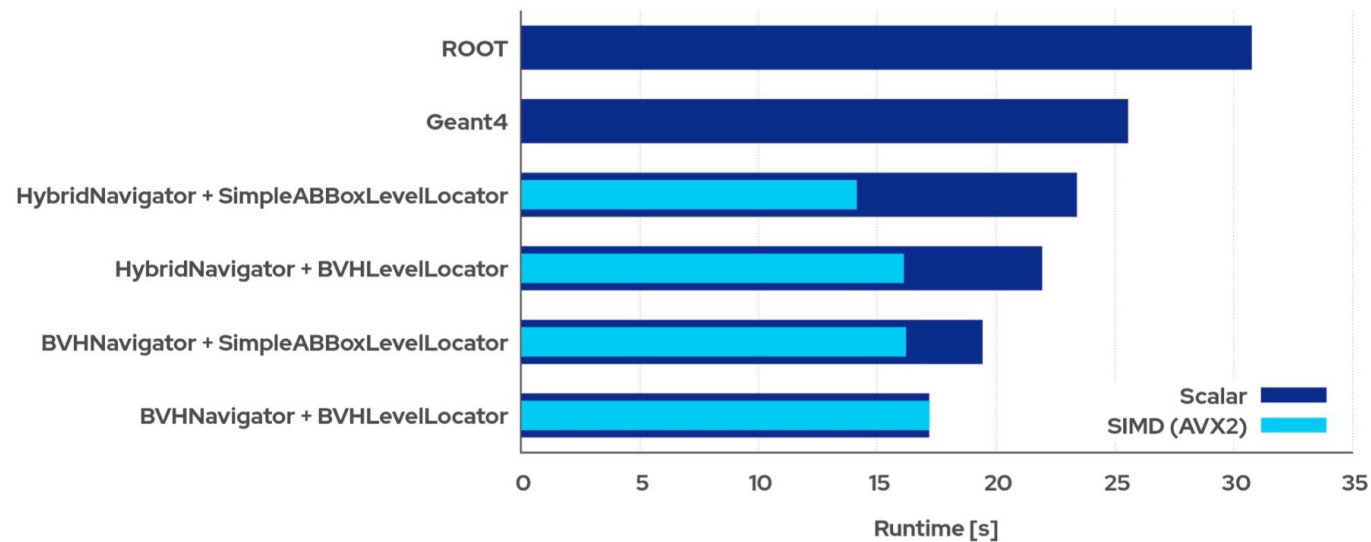
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# Bounding Volume Hierarchy Acceleration in Geant4

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## Performance of BVH Navigator in VecGeom



# Bounding Volume Hierarchy Acceleration in Geant4

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## G4Navigation needs Code Refactoring

This is screaming for an abstract base class, but due to this sort of switch statement appearing in several places in Geant4 geometry with slight variations, so it's not easy to refactor the code without invasive changes.

## Summary

- BVH implementation from VecGeom is working inside Geant4
  - Uses native Geant4 navigation functionality
  - G4BVHNavigator needs further work to support replicas and parameterized volumes
  - Can use BVH for normal volumes and voxel navigator for the rest with current implementation
  - Proper integration needs more code refactoring of core geometry classes
- Performance is comparable to G4VoxelNavigator for a full detector simulation
  - Not worth investing a lot of time for a small gain in performance
  - Performance benefit of BVH more visible with volumes with lots of children
  - Detector geometries have many logical volumes with only a few children, which limits benefit

G4Navigator.cc

```
449 do
450 {
451     // Determine 'type' of current mother volume
452     //
453     targetPhysical = fHistory.GetTopVolume();
454     if (targetPhysical) { break; }
455     targetLogical = targetPhysical->GetLogicalVolume();
456     switch( CharacteriseDaughters(targetLogical) )
457     {
458     case kNormal:
459         if(targetLogical->GetNbDaughters() > 2)
460         {
461             noResult = fBVHNav.LevelLocate(fHistory, fBlockedPhysicalVolume, fBlockedReplicaNo,
462                 globalPoint, pGlobalDirection, considerDirection,
463                 localPoint);
464         }
465         else
466         {
467             noResult = fNormalNav.LevelLocate(
468                 fHistory, fBlockedPhysicalVolume, fBlockedReplicaNo, globalPoint,
469                 pGlobalDirection, considerDirection, localPoint);
470         }
471         break;
472     case kReplica:
473         noResult = fReplicaNav.LevelLocate(fHistory,
474             fBlockedPhysicalVolume,
475             fBlockedReplicaNo,
476             globalPoint,
477             pGlobalDirection,
478             considerDirection,
479             localPoint);
480         break;
481     case kParameterised:
482         if( GetDaughtersRegularStructureId(targetLogical) != -1 )
483         {
484             noResult = fParamNav.LevelLocate(fHistory,
485                 fBlockedPhysicalVolume,
486                 fBlockedReplicaNo,
487                 globalPoint,
488                 pGlobalDirection,
489                 considerDirection,
490                 localPoint);
491         }
492         else // Regular structure
493         {
494             noResult = fRegularNav.LevelLocate(fHistory,
495                 fBlockedPhysicalVolume,
496                 fBlockedReplicaNo,
497                 globalPoint,
498                 pGlobalDirection,
499                 considerDirection,
500                 localPoint);
501         }
502     }
503 }
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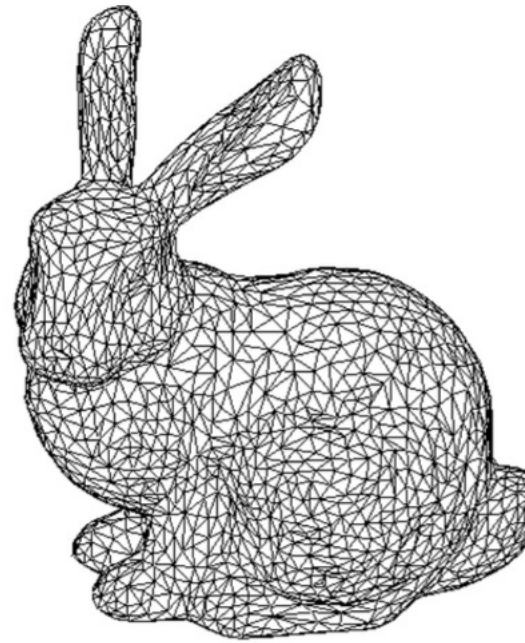
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```
508 void
509 G4Navigator::LocateGlobalPointWithinVolume(const G4ThreeVector& pGlobalPoint)
510 {
511     #ifndef G4DEBUG_NAVIGATION
512     assert( !WasLimitedByGeometry() );
513     // Check: Either step was not limited by a boundary or
514     // else the full step is no longer being taken
515     #endif
516     fLastLocatedPointLocal = ComputeLocalPoint(pGlobalPoint);
517     fLastTriedStepComputation = false;
518     fChangedGrandMotherRefFrame = false; // Frame for Exit Normal
519     // For the case of Voxel (or Parameterised) volume the respective
520     // Navigator must be messaged to update its voxel information etc
521     // Update the state of the Sub Navigators
522     // - In particular any voxel information they store/cache
523     //
524     G4PhysicalVolume* motherPhysical = fHistory.GetTopVolume();
525     G4LogicalVolume* motherLogical = motherPhysical->GetLogicalVolume();
526     switch( CharacteriseDaughters(motherLogical) )
527     {
528     case kNormal:
529         break;
530     case kParameterised:
531         if( GetDaughtersRegularStructureId(motherLogical) != -1 )
532         {
533             // Resets state & returns voxel node
534             G4SmartVoxelHeader* pVoxelHeader = motherLogical->GetVoxelHeader();
535             fParamNav.ParamVoxelLocate( pVoxelHeader, fLastLocatedPointLocal );
536         }
537         break;
538     case kReplica:
539         // Nothing to do
540         break;
541     case kExternal:
542         fExternalNav->RelocateWithinVolume( motherPhysical,
543             fLastLocatedPointLocal );
544         break;
545     }
546     // Reset the state variables
547     // - which would have been affected
548     // - by the 'equivalent' call to LocateGlobalPointAndSetup
549     // - who's values have been invalidated by the 'move'.
550     //
551     fBlockedPhysicalVolume = nullptr;
552     fBlockedReplicaNo = -1;
553     fEntered = false;
554     fEnteredDaughter = false; // Boundary not encountered, did not enter
```

hint

# Cubic volume and Surface area Computation

Evgueni Tcherniaev



$$V = \frac{1}{3} \left| \sum_F (P_F \cdot N_F) \text{area}(F) \right|$$

where the sum is over faces  $F$  of the solid  
 $P_F$  is a point on face  $F$   
 $N_F$  is a normal to  $F$  pointing outside of the solid  
The dot  $(\cdot)$  is the dot product

## Geant4 Solids

- **Solids bounded by planes**

G4Box, G4Para, G4Trd, G4Trap, G4Tet, G4Polyhedra, G4ExtrudedSolid, G4TessellatedSolid  
- no problem with analytical expressions

- **Solids with curved surfaces**

- a) G4Orb, G4Sphere, G4Tubs, G4Cons, G4Polycone, G4GenericPolycone, G4Torus  
- analytical expressions for these solids are well known or easy to derive
- b) G4CutTubs  
- special case
- c) G4EllipticalTube, G4EllipticalCone, G4Paraboloid, G4Hype, G4TwistedTube, G4TwistedBox, G4TwistedTrd  
- analytical expressions these solids are less known, or not so easy to derive on your own
- d) G4TwistedTrap, G4GenericTrap, G4Ellipsoid  
- no analytical expressions

- **Composite solids**

**Boolean solids:** G4UnionSolid, G4SubtractionSolid, G4IntersectionSolid, G4MultiUnion;  
G4ScaledSolid, G4ReflectedSolid, G4DisplacedSolid  
- the MC method is used for the Boolean solids and for the computation of the surface area of G4ScaledSolid

A comprehensive walkthrough & review of the topic of 'cubic volume' and surface area.

New analytical results, new methods.

# Cubic volume and Surface area Computation

**G4Hype(name, r<sub>in</sub>, r<sub>out</sub>, stereo<sub>in</sub>, stereo<sub>out</sub>, z)**

The computation of the Cubic volume and Surface area is based on the expressions for One-Sheeted Hyperboloid:

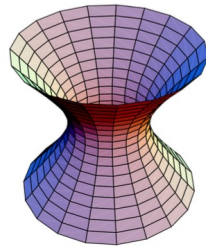
<https://mathworld.wolfram.com/One-SheetedHyperboloid.html>

Cartesian equation:  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$

Volume:  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi h(2a^2 + R^2)$

Surface area:  $S = 2\pi a \left[ \frac{h\sqrt{\cancel{a^2+c^2}}[4c^4+(a^2+c^2)h^2]}{4c^2} + \frac{c^2 \sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{h\sqrt{a^2+c^2}}{2c^2}\right)}{\sqrt{a^2+c^2}} \right]$

radius at  $z = 0$ ,  $h$  – full height,  $R$  – radius at the top cross section



Note: There is a mistake in the expression for the Surface area (see crossed term), that is still present on the referred page despite being reported several months ago

## Fast numerical integration

- Very often a 3D surface can be represented in a parametric form:

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}(s, t)$$

- The surface area can be computed with the following double integral:

$$S = \int_c^d \int_a^b \left| \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial t} \right| ds dt$$

- If the double integral cannot be found analytically, then we can evaluate it by numerical integration - the surface is divided into small quadrangles (e.g. 100x100) and the surface area is calculated as a sum of the areas of the quadrangles.
- We can try to also do something better – try to find an analytical expression for the inner integral, and then evaluate the outer integral numerically, the evaluation will be faster and more precise:

$$S = \int_c^d F(t) dt$$

- For comparison:
  - The MC method – 1 M random points, precision  $10^{-2}$
  - Ordinary numerical integration – 100x100 steps along two parameters, precision  $10^{-4}$
  - Fast numerical integration – 1000 steps along one parameter, precision  $10^{-6}$