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acts Geometry Developments

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Geometry - Surfaces

Surface class is the base component of all geometry objects

- Layers (may be dropped, see tomorrow) have approach surfaces
- Volumes are composed as set of boundary surfaces

This is a key element of the conceptual design:

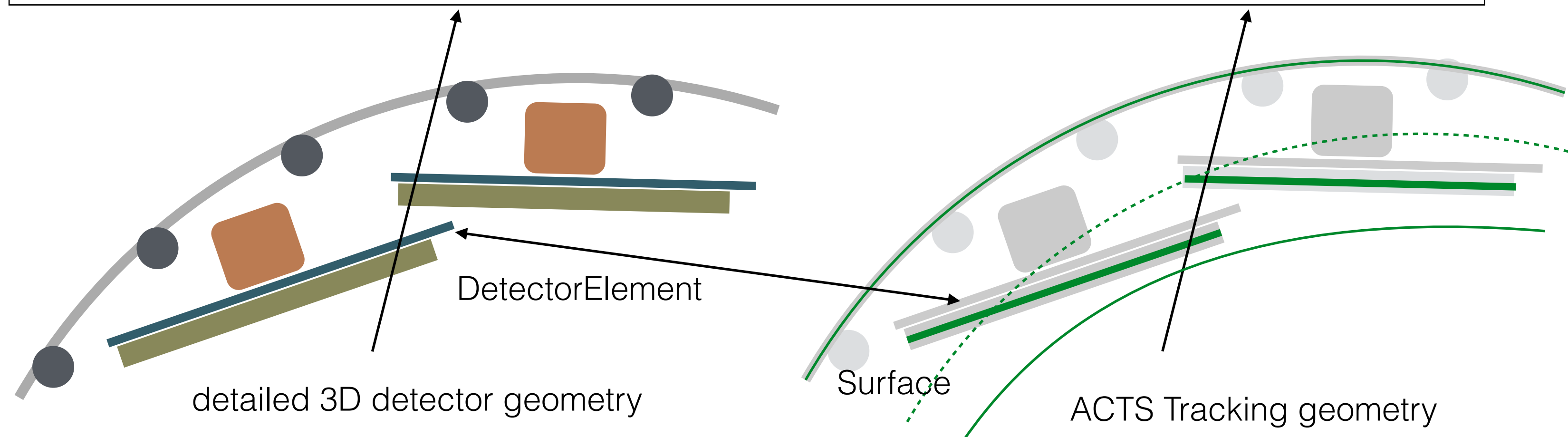
- makes all geometry objects compatible with the central Propagator module
- Bound surfaces act as measurement reference surfaces but also as navigation hooks and boundary surfaces (portals)

Geometry - DetElementBase

Binding the ACTS geometry to an existing Geometry model is done via declaration of a `Acts::DetectorElementBase` object

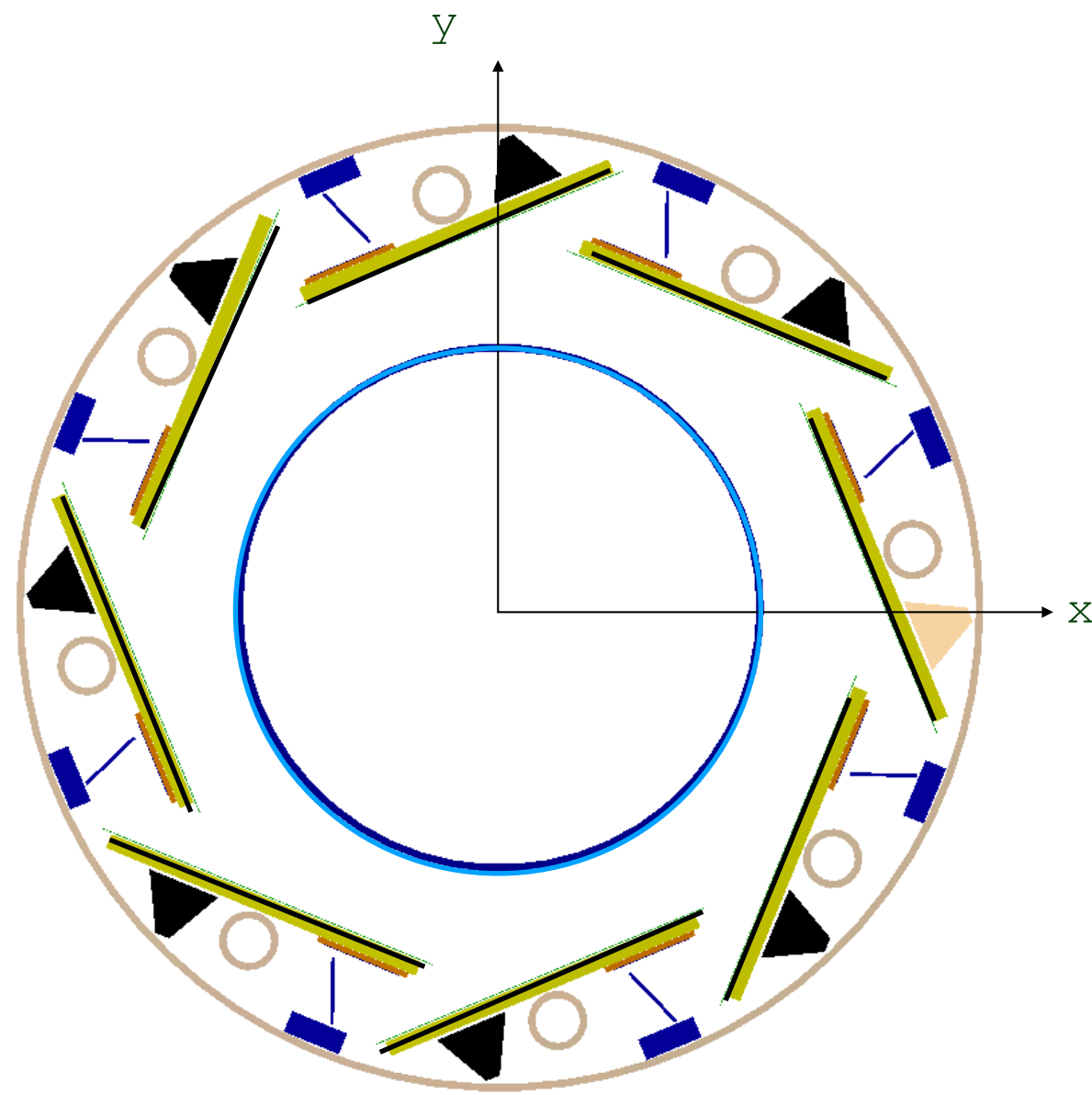
```
namespace Acts {  
  /// doxygen documentation  
  class DetectorElementBase {  
    /// the according represented surface  
    virtual const Surface& associatedSurface() const = 0;  
  };  
}
```

```
class MyDetectorElement {  
  /// @copydoc DetectorElementBase::associatedSurface  
  const PlaneSurface& associatedSurface() const;  
};
```



Geometry - Geometry building

(Current) geometry building follows a bottom up approach



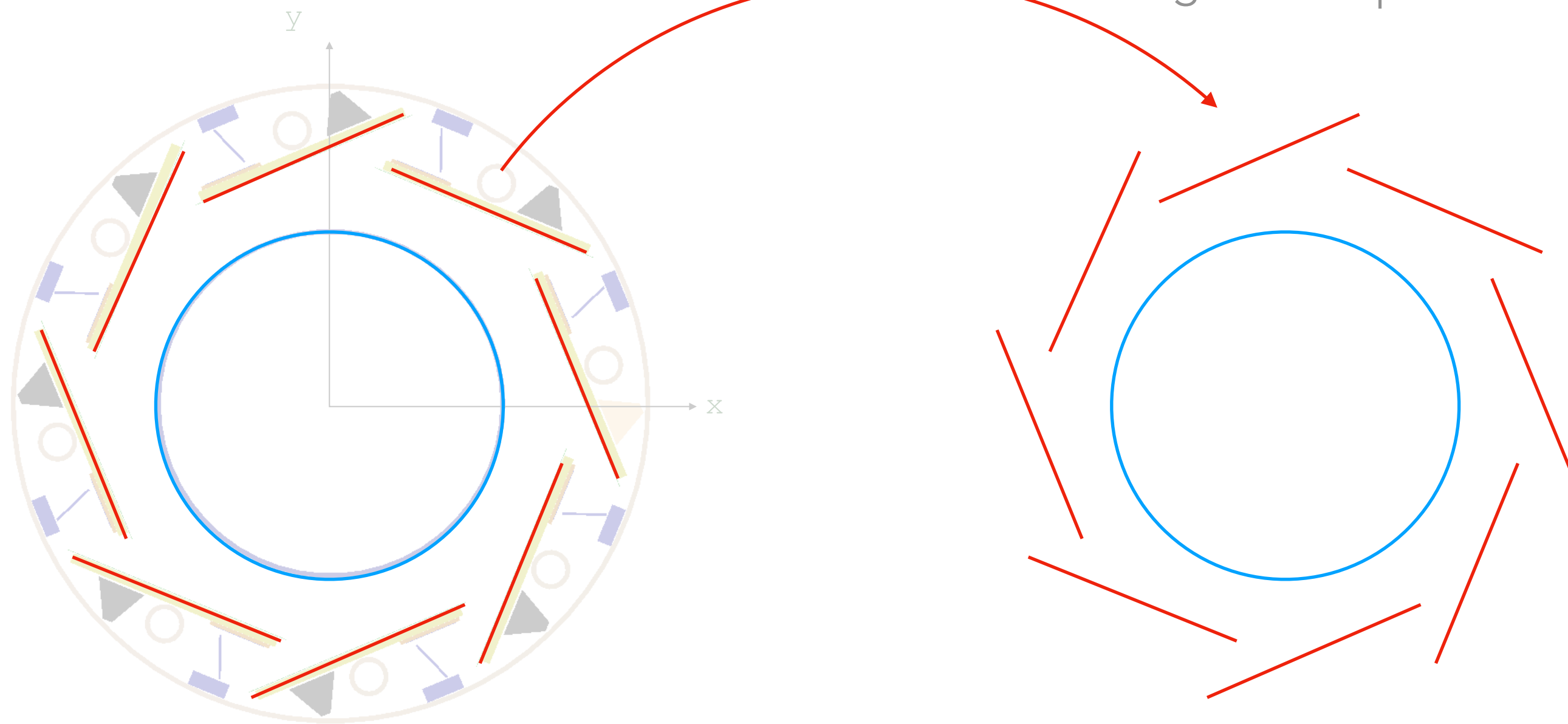
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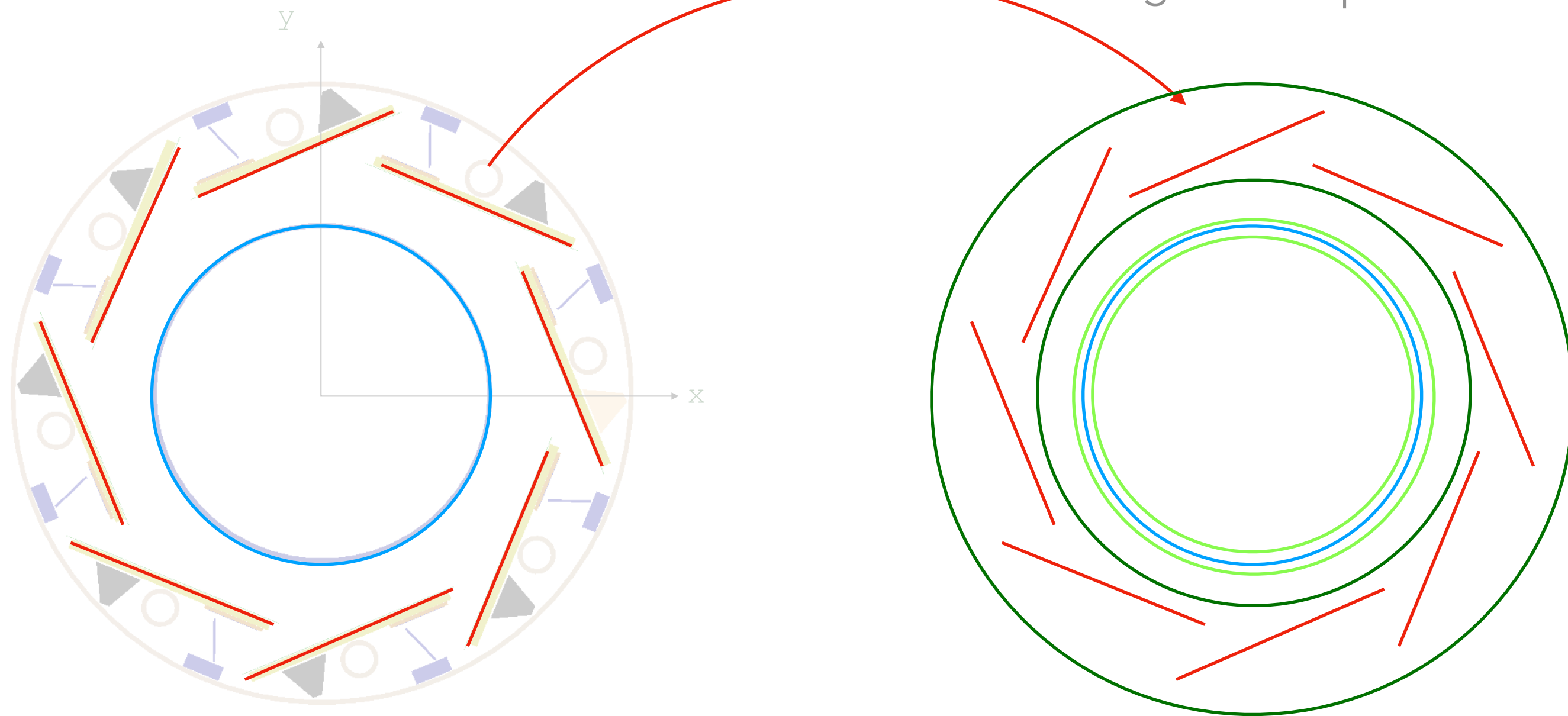
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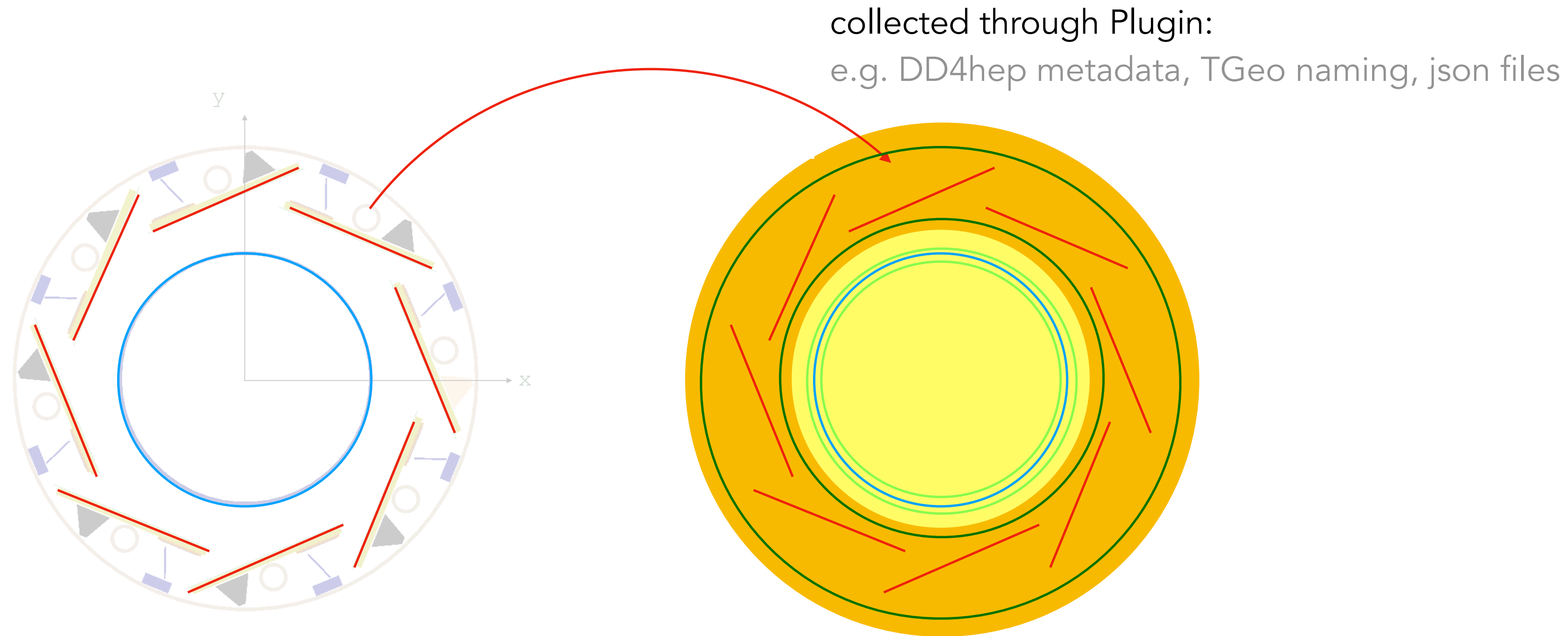


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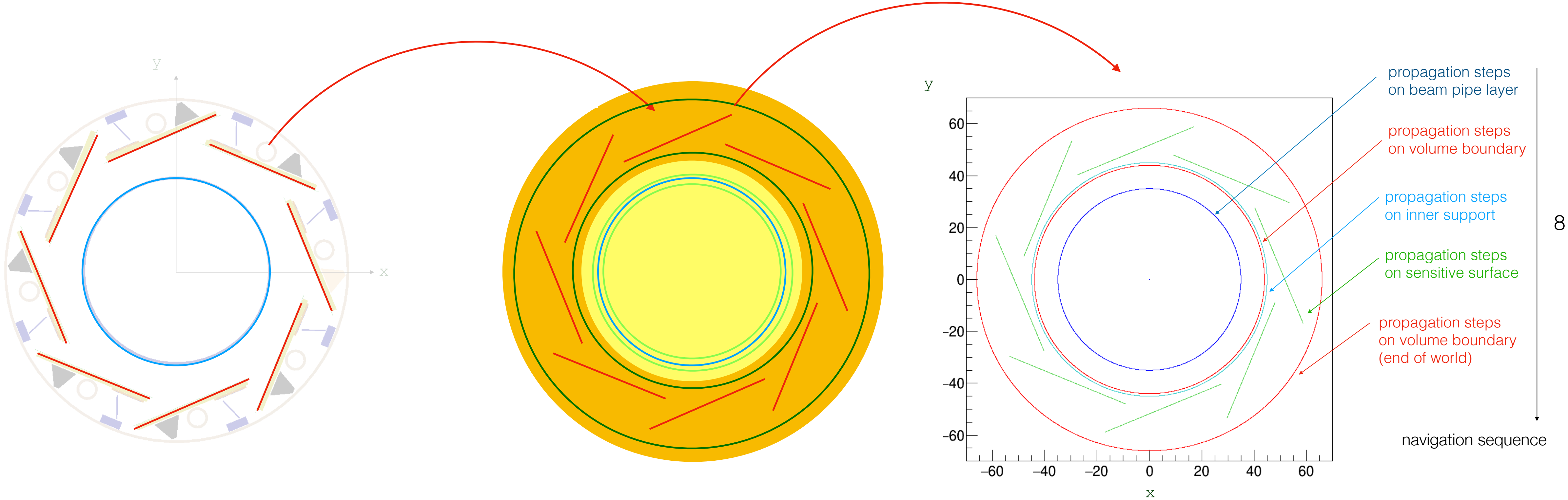
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Geometry - Navigation consequence

Navigator in ACTS (only for layer setup) is relatively complex

- It has to resolve a three-body system + edge cases

Test implementation without layers

- **saves 3/4** of the code lines
- With same functionality:
 - Sensitive, passive surfaces
 - Material integration possible

Acts::Experimental::Navigator
LOC: 170

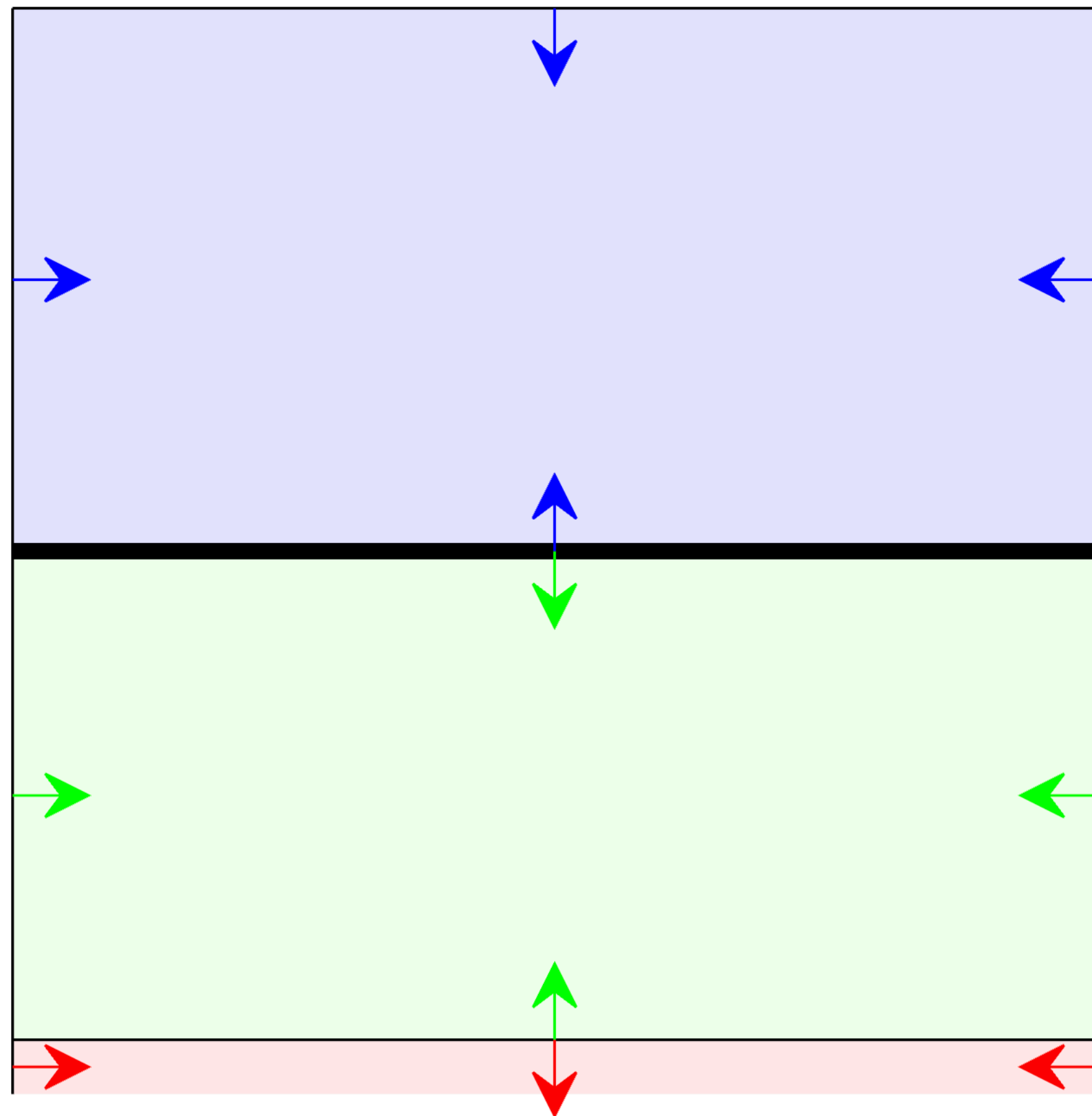


Acts::Navigator
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Geometry - Navigation proposal

- Instead of one navigator having to deal with different setups
- delegate to volumes (literally using the Delegate class)



visualisation of prototype using actsvg

```
/// It has a Surface representation for navigation and propagat  
/// and guides from one volume to the next.  
///  
/// The surface can carry material to allow mapping onto  
/// portal positions if required.  
///  
class Portal : public std::enable_shared_from_this<Portal> {  
  
protected:  
    /// Constructor from surface w/o portal links  
    ///  
    /// @param surface is the representing surface  
    Portal(std::shared_ptr<Surface> surface);  
  
private:  
    /// The surface representation of this portal  
    std::shared_ptr<Surface> m_surface;  
  
    /// The portal targets along/opposite the normal vector  
    std::array<ManagedDetectorVolumeLink, 2> m_volumeLinks;  
  
};
```

Geometry - VolumeLink + ManagedVolumeLink

- Delegate to update a `Experimental::NavigationState` struct (that is used by the `Experimental::Navigator`)

```
/// Base class for all link implementations that need class structure
class INavigationDelegate {
public:
    virtual ~INavigationDelegate() {}
};

/// Memory managed delegate to guarantee the lifetime
/// of eventual underlying delegate memory and the
/// delegate function
///
template <typename deletage_type>
struct ManagedDelegate {
public:
    deletage_type delegate;
    std::shared_ptr<INavigationDelegate> implementation = nullptr;
};
```

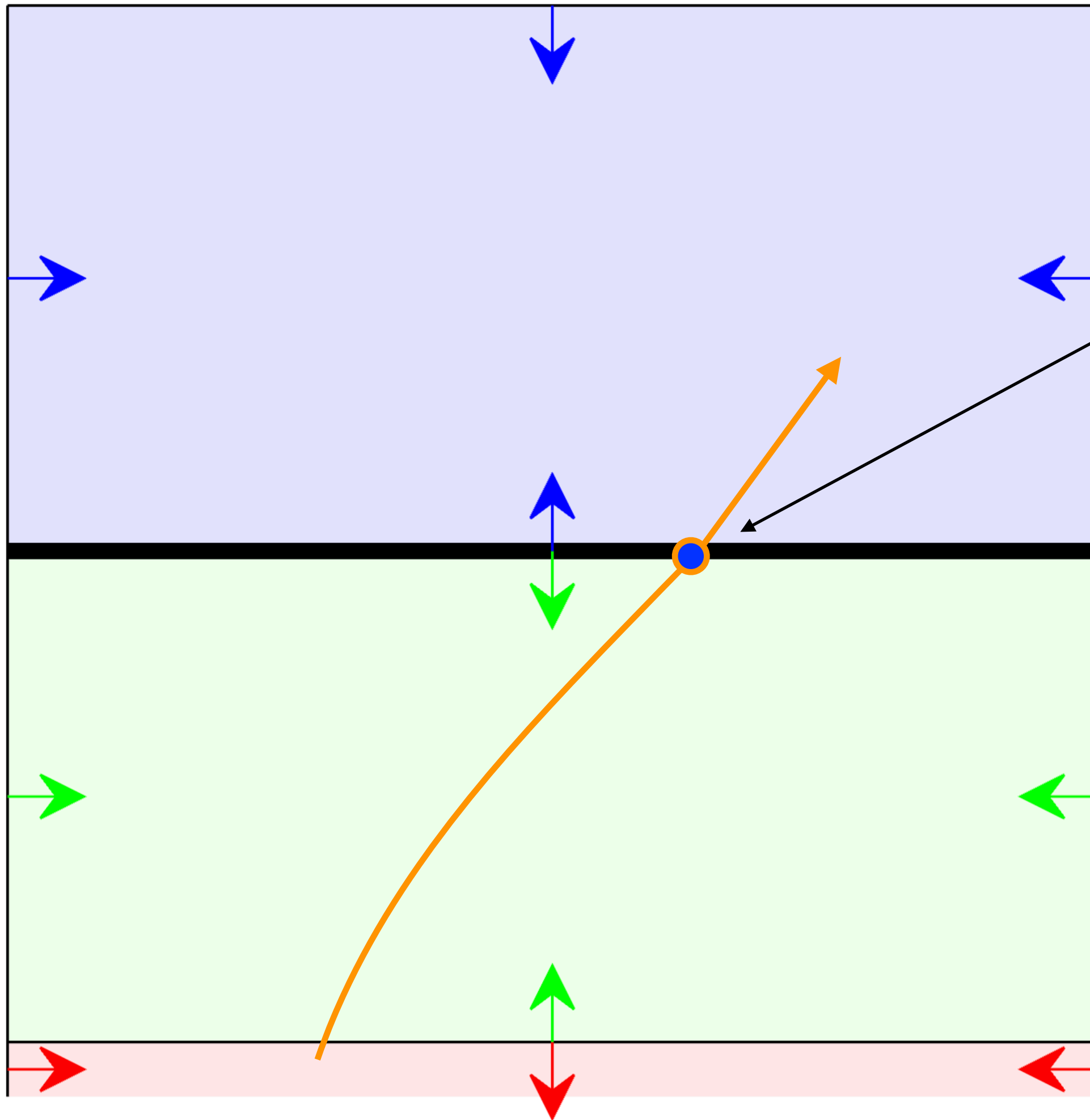
```
/// Memory managed navigation state updator
using ManagedNavigationStateUpdator =
    std::tuple<NavigationStateUpdator, NavigationStateUpdatorStore>;

/// Declare a Detector Volume Switching delegate
///
/// @param gctx is the current geometry context
/// @param position is the position at the query
/// @param direction is the direction at the query
///
/// @return the new DetectorVolume into which one changes at this switch
using DetectorVolumeLink = Delegate<const DetectorVolume*(
    const GeometryContext& gctx, const Vector3& position,
    const Vector3& direction)>;

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using ManagedDetectorVolumeLink = ManagedDelegate<DetectorVolumeLink>;
```


Geometry - Navigation proposal

Portal leads to new volume, volume gives access to local navigation



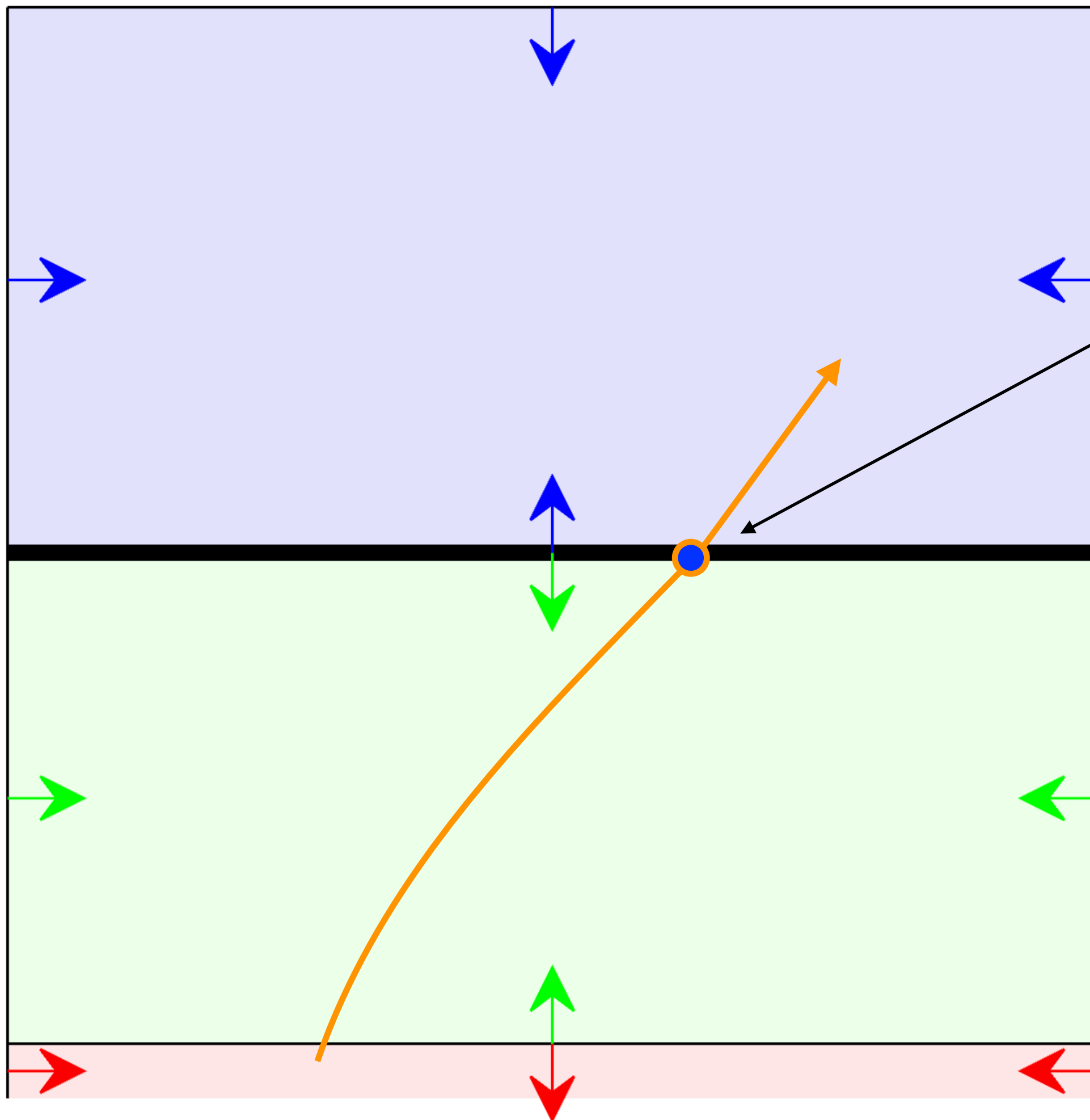
This can be implemented using straight line, frustum, blind search, whatever ...

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/// Declare a navigation state updator
///
/// This delegate dispatches the local navigation action
/// to a dedicated struct or function that is optimised for
/// the given environment.
///
/// @param nState is the navigation state to be updated
/// @param volume is the volume for which this should be called
/// @param gctx is the current geometry context
/// @param position is the position at the query
/// @param direction is the direction at the query
/// @param absMomentum is the absolute momentum at query
/// @param charge is the charge to be used for the intersection
///
using NavigationStateUpdater = Delegate<void(
    NavigationState& nState, const DetectorVolume& volume,
    const GeometryContext& gctx, const Vector3& position,
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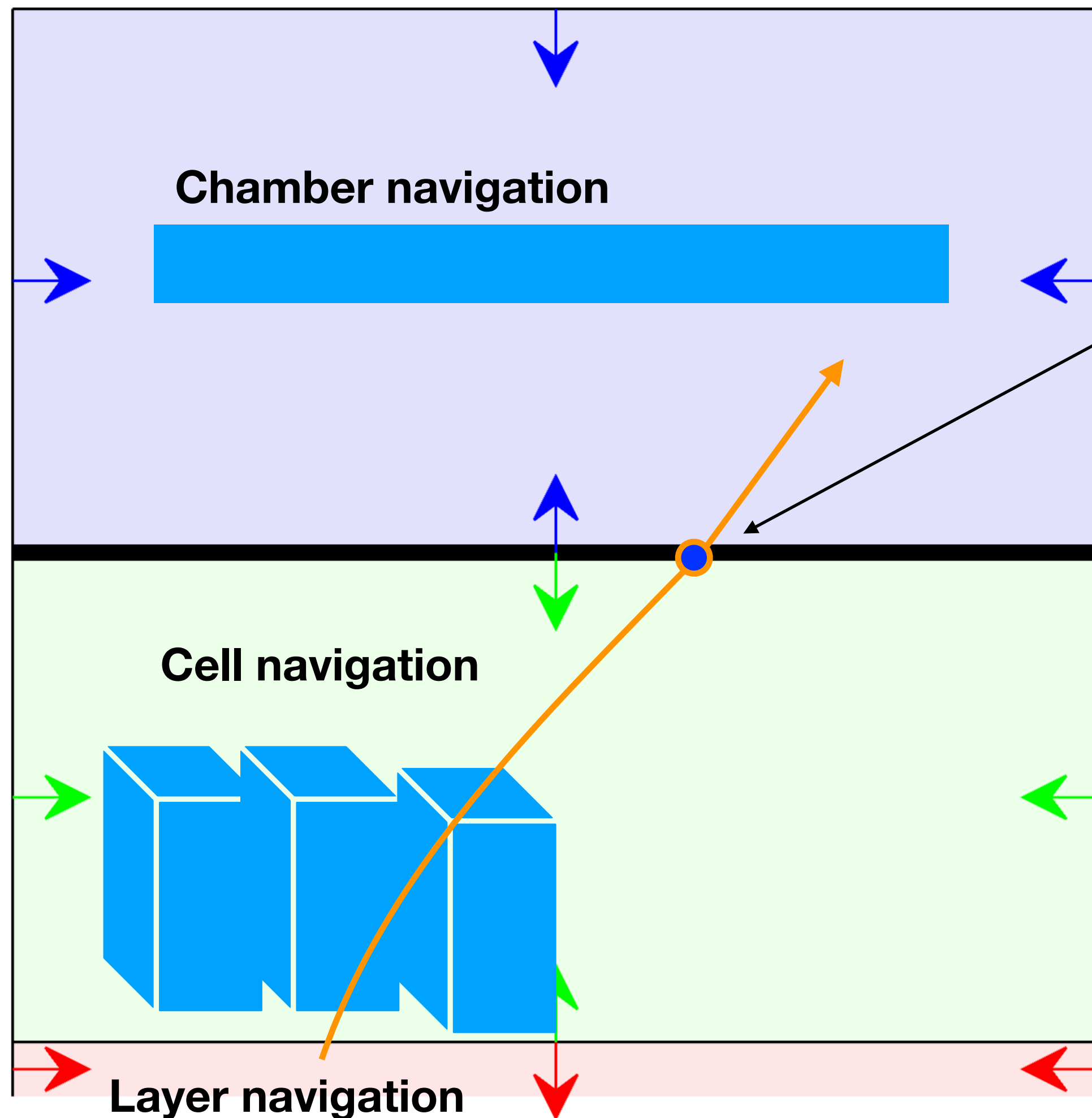
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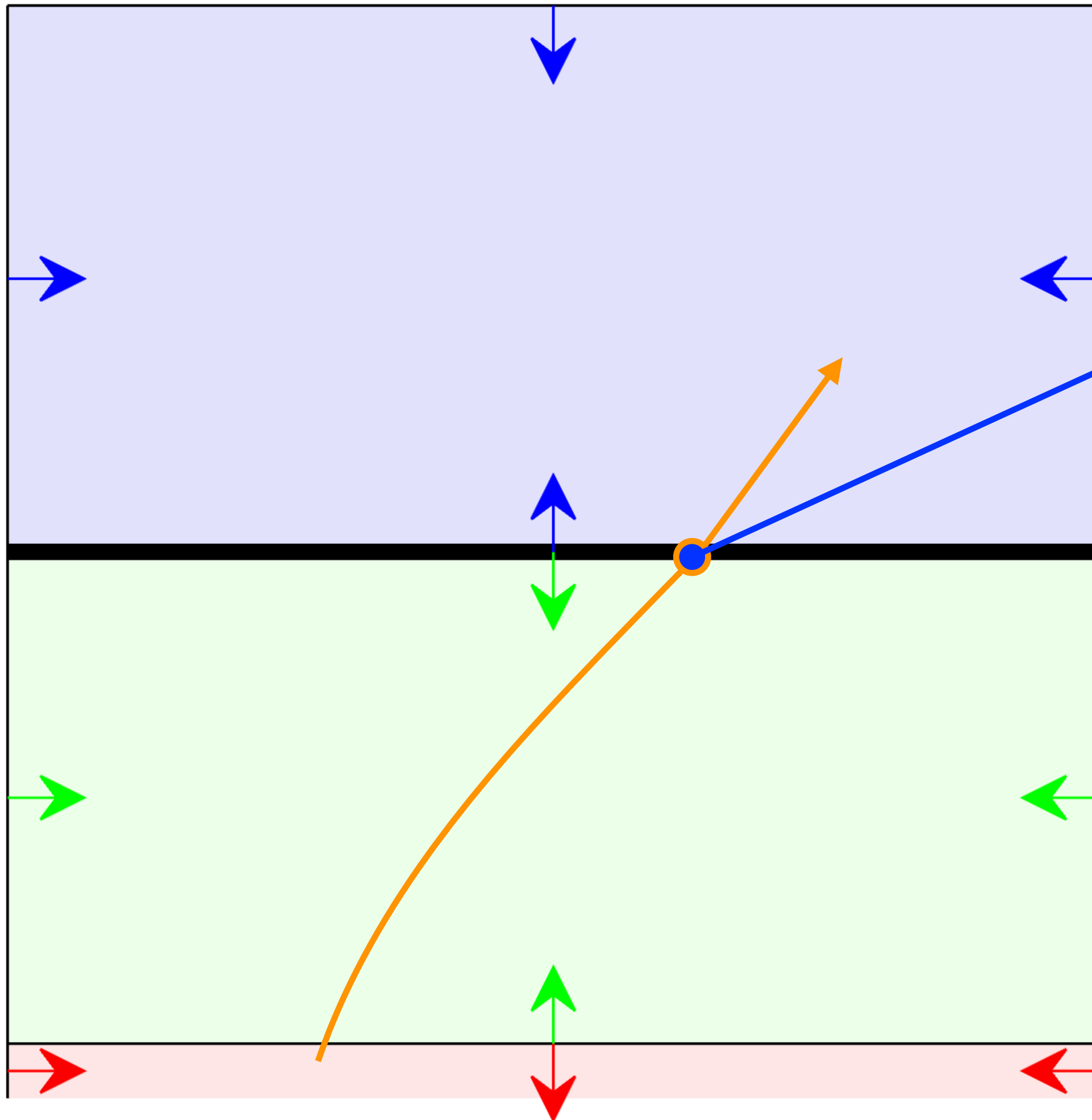
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Geometry - Navigation proposal

New volume updates navigation state



```
/// @brief A navigation state holding the current information
/// about volume, surfaces, and portals
struct NavigationState {
    /// @brief A surface candidate and its intersection
    struct SurfaceCandidate {
        /// A candidate intersection, in Surface view
        ObjectIntersection<Surface> objectIntersection;
        /// A candidate is either a detector Surface
        const Surface* surface = nullptr;
        /// Or a portal
        const Portal* portal = nullptr;
        /// The boundary check used for these
        BoundaryCheck bCheck = true;
    };

    using SurfaceCandidates =
        boost::container::small_vector<SurfaceCandidate, 16u>;

    /// The current volume in processing
    const DetectorVolume* currentVolume = nullptr;

    /// The current surface, i.e the track is on surface
    const Surface* currentSurface = nullptr;

    /// That are the candidate surfaces to process
    SurfaceCandidates surfaceCandidates = {};
    SurfaceCandidates::iterator surfaceCandidate = surfaceCandidates.end();



    /// Boundary directives for surfaces
    BoundaryCheck surfaceBoundaryCheck = true;





    /// An overstep tolerance
    ActsScalar overstepTolerance = -0.1;




    /// Auxilliary attached information
    std::any auxilliary;
};
```

Geometry - Current status (1)

feat: experimental geometry - surfaces, portals and volumes #1465

 Open asalzburger wants to merge 8 commits into `acts-project:main` from `asalzburger:feat-exp-portals-and-volumes` 

 Conversation 1  Commits 8  Checks 6  Files changed 54

 asalzburger commented on 24 Aug · edited Member  

This PR is introducing an attempt of an alternative geometry, which is built only from

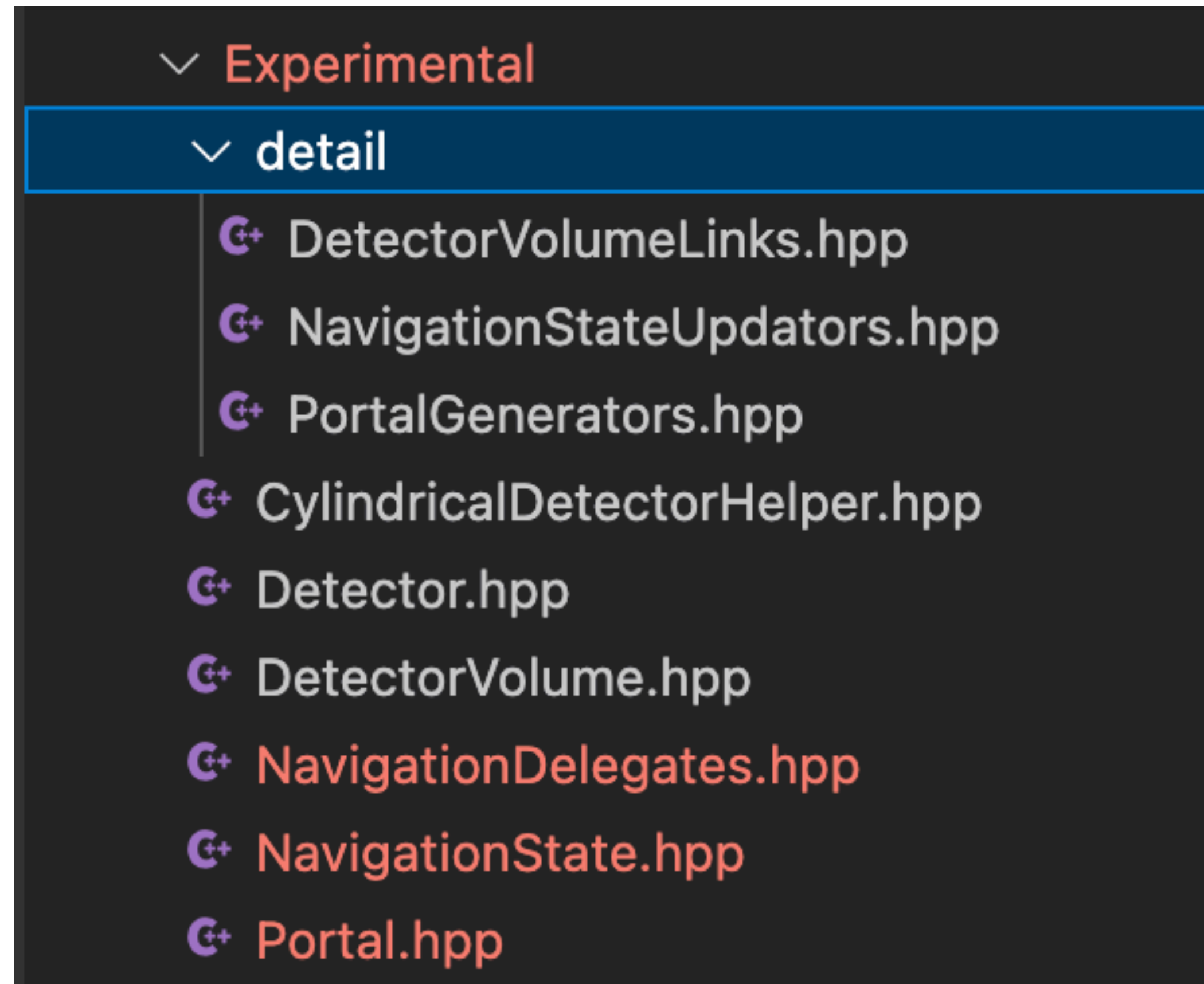
- surface objects
- portals (containing surface objects)
- detector volumes

It uses the `Delegate<>` mechanism to delegate the local navigation to user-definable functions. The code is so far all concentrated in an `Experimental` folder. There's only a tiny modification needed in the `VolumeBounds` class in order to return `non-const` surfaces.

This geometry building also implements a strict `non-cost` at construction and `const` at runtime policy.

Geometry - Current status (2)

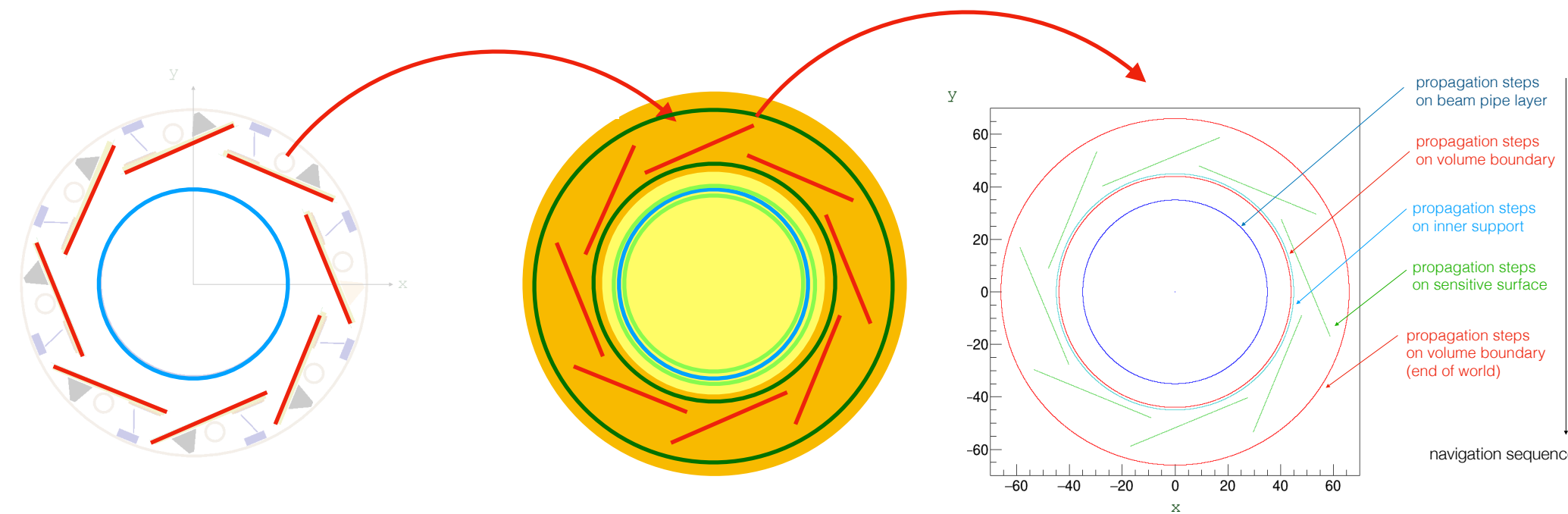
All new code in `Experimental` folder and namespace, can be deployed in parallel



Almost complete setup:
Way less code/classes than in
Geometry.

Geometry - Other problems/Issues

(Current) geometry building follows a bottom up approach



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This setup can be quite brittle:

- potential overlap of volumes (often caused by actual extent + clearance envelopes)

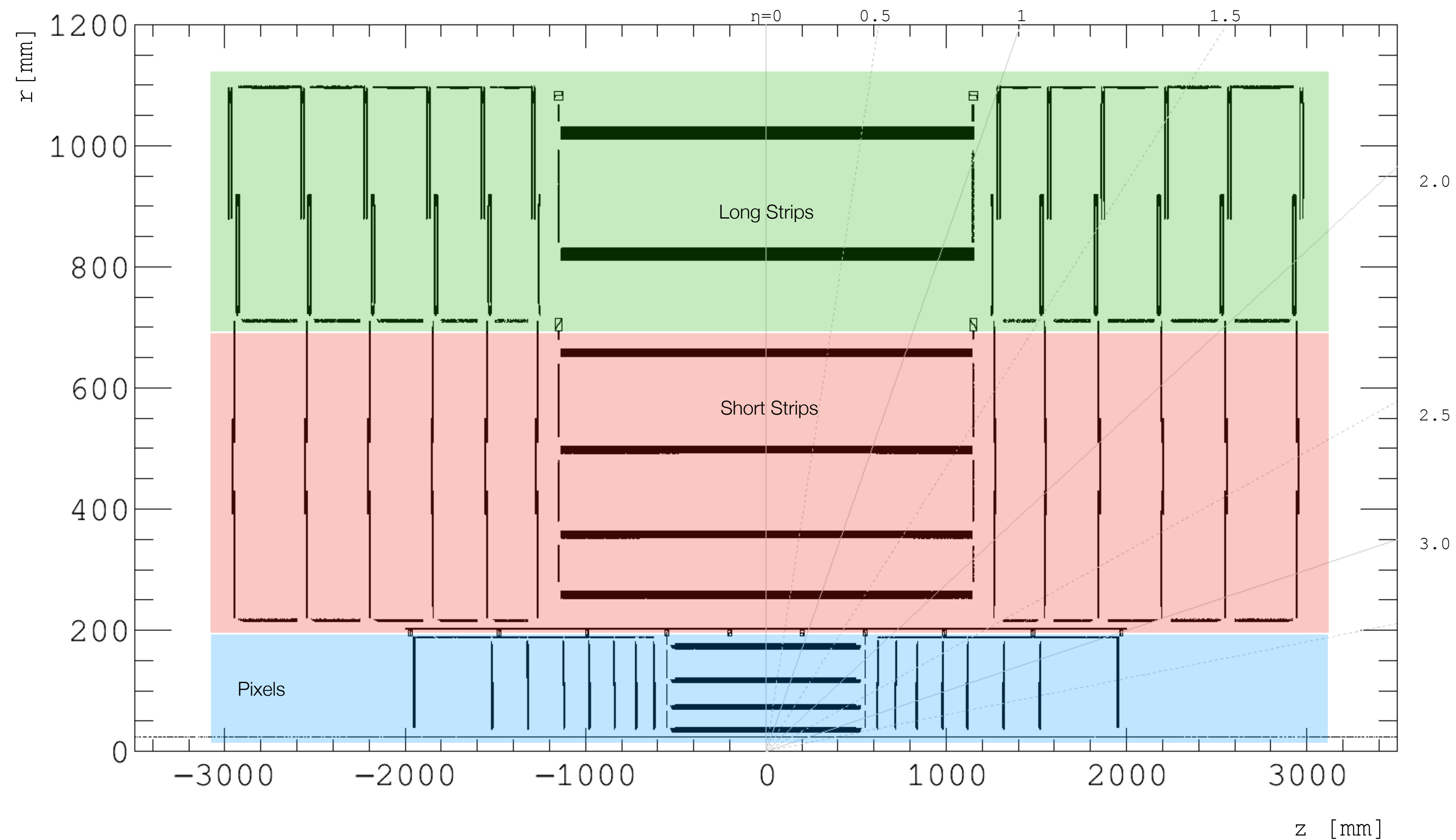
Often 1000s of surfaces are parsed to construct a fixed global skeleton of volumes

- Only few volumes are actually needed

Shall we **reverse** the logic?

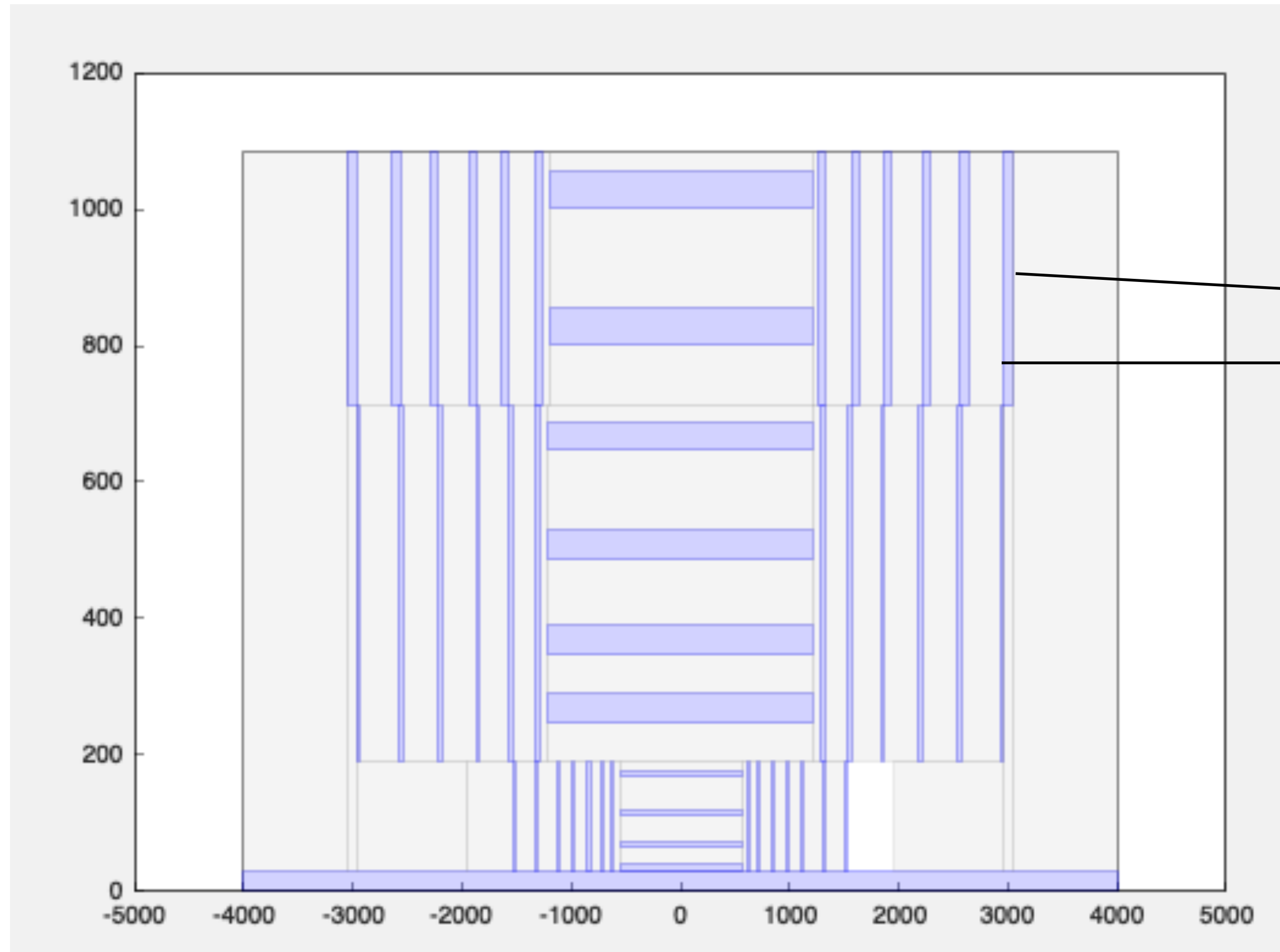
Geometry - Reverse building (1)

Current approach: sensitive modules parsed & ordered to estimate layer dimensions and subsequently volume dimensions:



Geometry - Reverse building (2)

We could give a very light-weight way to build a volume frame first and then “fill” it with local navigation delegates.



“Fillers” that create a substructure delegate.