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# (Electro) Magnetic Fields

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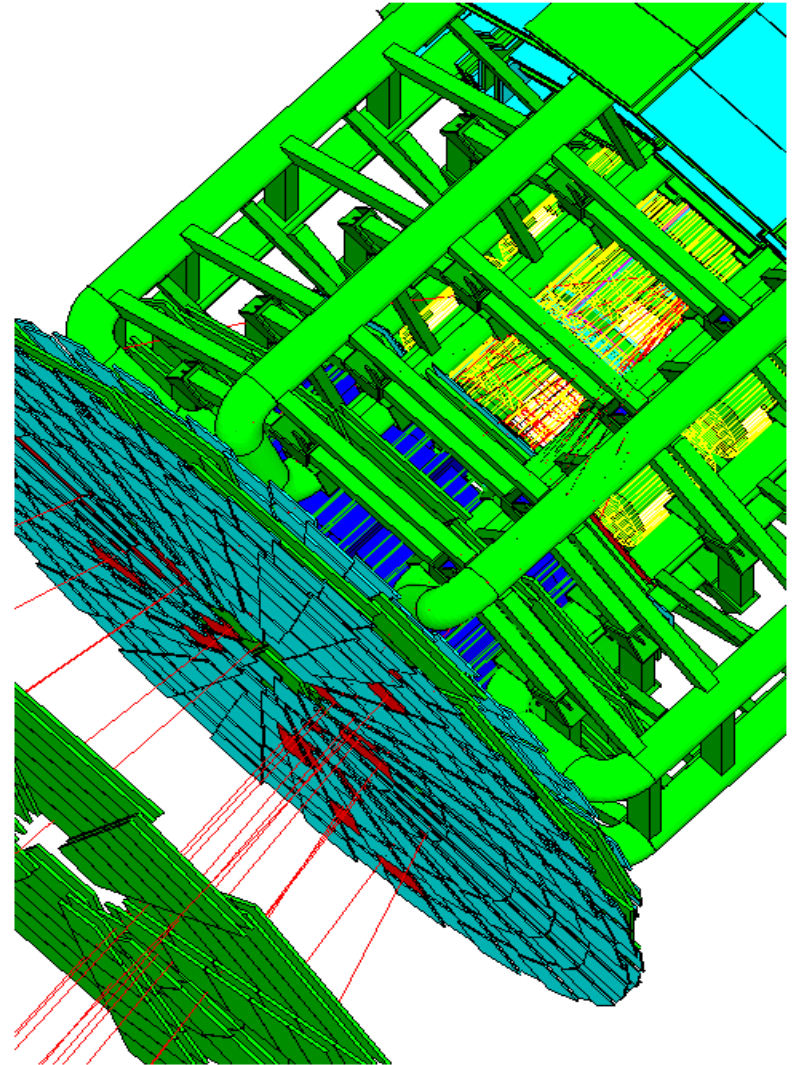


## Creating a setup

- Magnetic field
- Integration of trajectories in field
- Other types of field

## Taking control of integration

- Tuning accuracy
- Advanced integration methods



# DEFINING A MAGNETIC FIELD

# Basics 1: Defining a Magnetic field

- How to create a (magnetic) field ? Instantiate it in the *ConstructSDandField()* method of your *DetectorConstruction*

- Uniform field :

- Use an object of the G4UniformMagField class

```
G4MagneticField* magField =
```

```
    new G4UniformMagField(G4ThreeVector(1.*tesla,0.,0.));
```

- Non-uniform field :

- Create your own concrete class derived from G4MagneticField and implement *GetFieldValue* method.

```
void MyField::GetFieldValue (
```

```
    const double Point[4], double *field) const
```

- Point[0..2] are x,y,z **position in global coordinates**, Point[3] is **time**
- field[0..2] are output x,y,z components of magnetic field (in G4 units)

## Basics 2: How to assign a field to the whole detector

- The *global field manager* is the one associated with the 'world' volume
  - it already exists, before `G4VUserDetectorConstruction` is called,
  - it is created / set in `G4TransportationManager`.
- To associate your field with the world, you must obtain that global field manager:

```
auto tm = G4TransportationManager::GetTransportationManager();
```

```
G4Fieldmanager* globalFieldManager = tm->GetFieldManager();
```

- Then you assign the field to it

```
G4Field* field= new MyMagneticField(...); // B/E or other field  
globalFieldManager->SetDetectorField(field);
```

- The global field manager can also be assigned directly to the world volume if obtain in a different way. E.g.

```
G4VPhysicalVolume* fMyWorld; // In class declaration, e.g. MyDetectorConstruction.hh  
fMyWorld = new ... ; // In the Construct() method  
G4Fieldmanager* globalfieldManager = fMyWorld->GetFieldManager();
```

Note: In an (advanced) use case with parallel worlds only the primary geometry (the 'mass' geometry in which nearly all materials are assigned) matters - the *global field manager* and all others are associated only with this geometry.

- Other volumes can override a global field
  - An alternative field manager can be associated with any logical volume – or a ‘region’
    - The field must accept **position in global coordinates** and return the value of the **field in global coordinates**

```
auto localFieldManager = new G4FieldManager(myField) ;  
Region->setFieldManager(localFieldManager) ;
```

The region Field Manager overrides the global one (if any.)

```
logVolume->setFieldManager(localFieldManager, true) ;
```

The logical Volume’s Field Manager overrides the region and the global (if any.)

Note that the assignment affects also sub-volumes contained in `logVolume`:

- By default only sub-volumes that do not yet have a field manager.
- Using ‘**true**’ for the second argument asks it to push the field to all the sub-volumes, even if a daughter volume has its own field manager.

## How to Nullify the field in a (sub) volume

A null field pointer is interpreted as a zero magnetic field.

Here is an example.

Our geometry has 2 Calorimeters in the world volume, CAL1 and CAL2.

To create a “B=0” region or volume inside the volume “IN1” in “CAL1”:

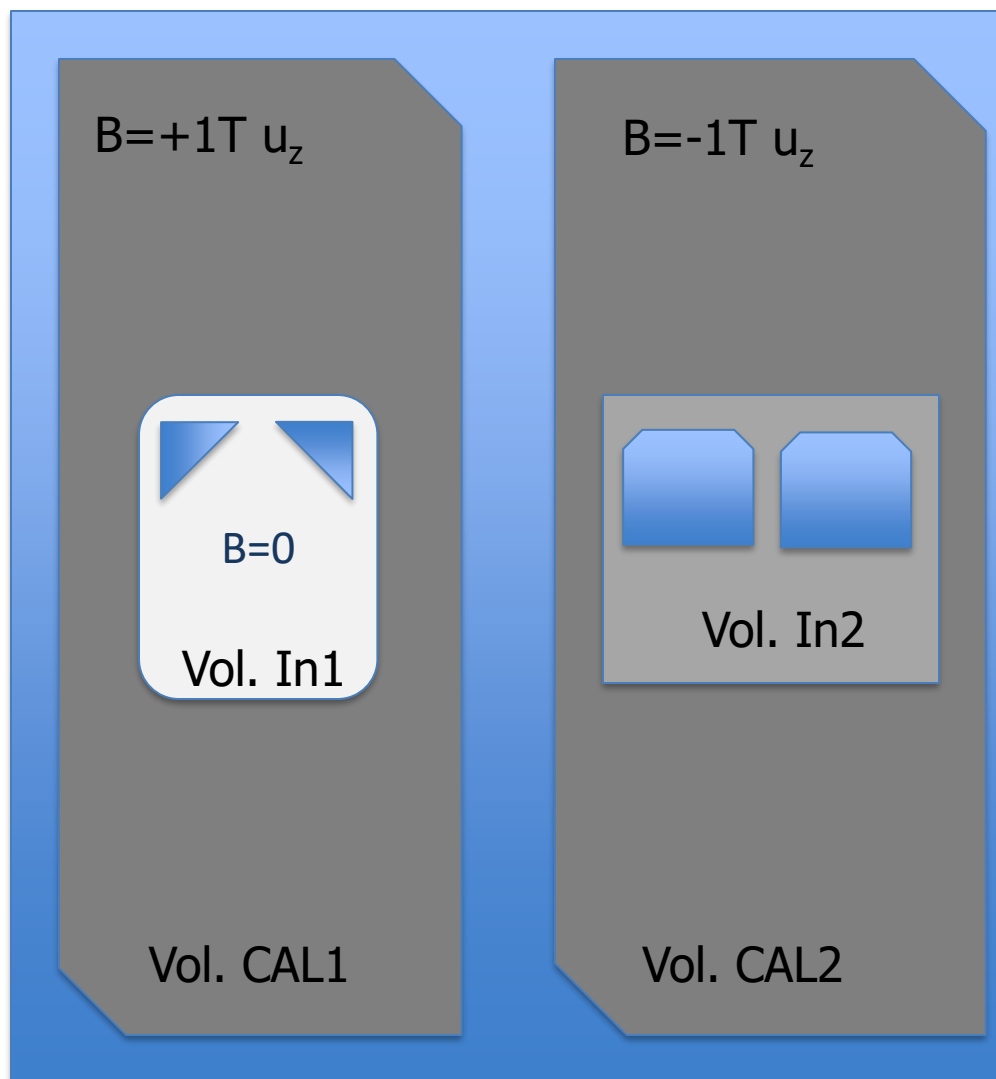
```
G4FieldManager zeroFieldMgr= new  
G4FieldManager( nullptr );
```

and we assign it to Volume “In1”:

```
volCal1->SetFieldManager(  
zeroFieldMgr );
```

This is **better** than creating a Uniform B field with value 0.

With no field pointer means the charged particles’ motion will be **straight** between interactions.



# FIELD PROPAGATION

Choosing an appropriate integration method for your field

Setting precision parameters



# Basics 3: Ensuring the Magnetic field deflects charged particles

In the DetectorConstruction's *ConstructSDandField()* method, after creating a field

```
G4MagneticField* fMyField = new MyMagneticField();  
G4Fieldmanager* fieldManager = new G4FieldManager();  
fieldManager->SetDetectorField(fMyField);
```

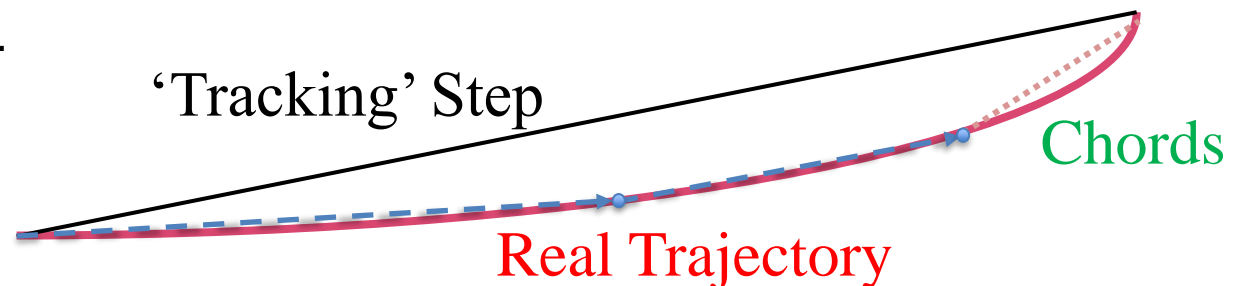
a user must create an integration method. There is a very easy way – only for pure magnetic fields:

```
fieldManager->CreateChordFinder(fMyField); //Use default method  
G4bool pushToContained = true;  
myLogicalVol->SetFieldManager(fieldManager, pushToContained);  
// This overwrites existing field managers in daughter volumes  
// Register the field and its manager for deleting at the end  
G4AutoDelete::Register(fMField);  
G4AutoDelete::Register(fieldManager);
```

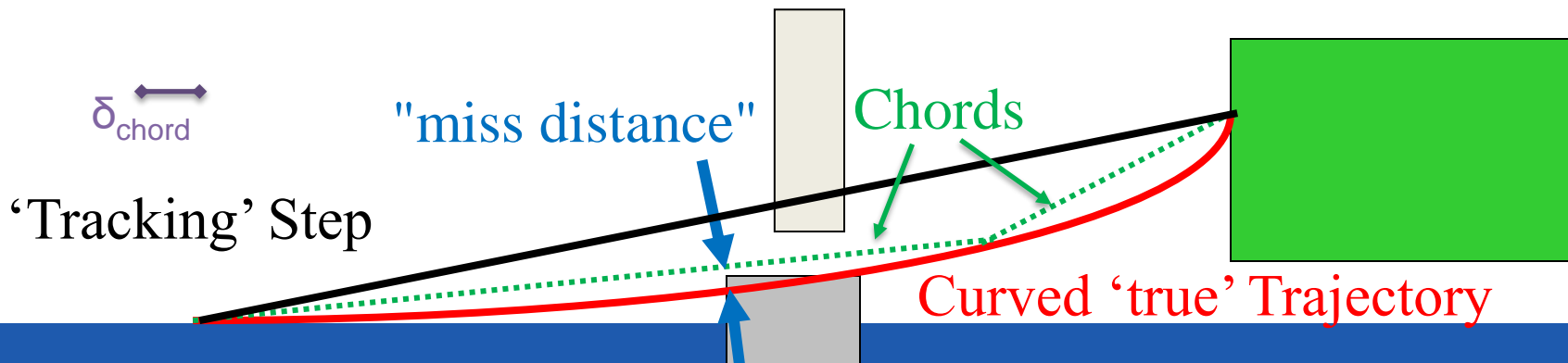
- `/example/basic/B5` is a good starting point

# Field integration: overview of Geant4 approach

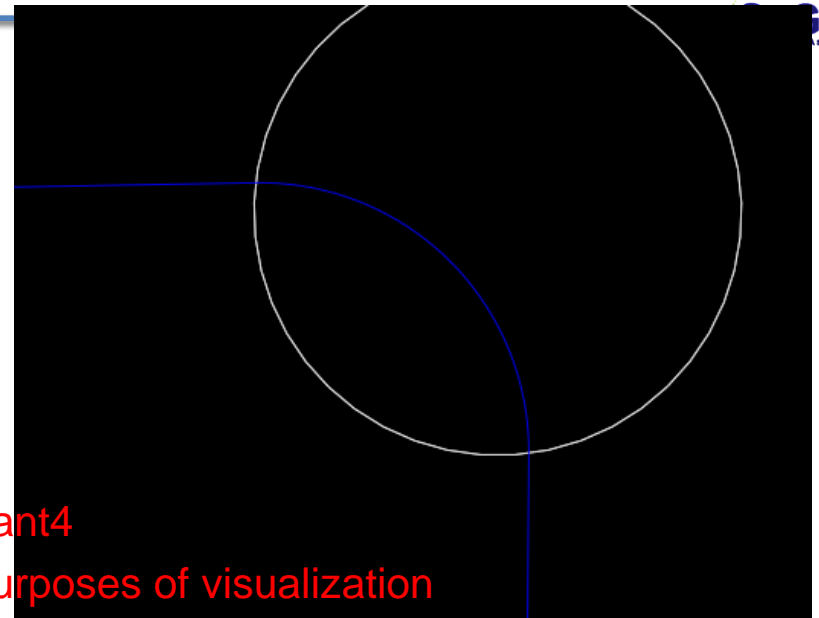
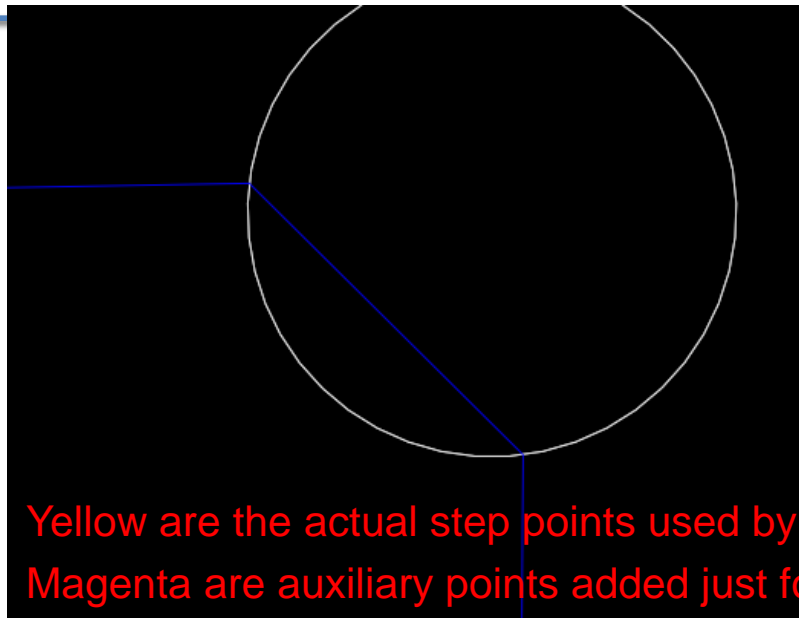
- To propagate a particle in an external field (magnetic, electric, both or other), we integrate numerically its **equation of motion**.
- We use Runge-Kutta integration as default method for the ordinary differential equations
  - Several Runge-Kutta methods ('steppers') are available.
- In specific cases other integration methods can also be used:
  - In a uniform field, using the analytical solution – a helix (*G4ExactHelix*).
  - In a smooth but varying field, with RK+helix.
  - An alternative multi-step integration method, Bulirsch-Stoer.
- As it calculates the track's motion in a field, Geant4 breaks up its curved path into linear chord segments.
  - Choosing chord segments so that they approximate the curved path within a given tolerance.



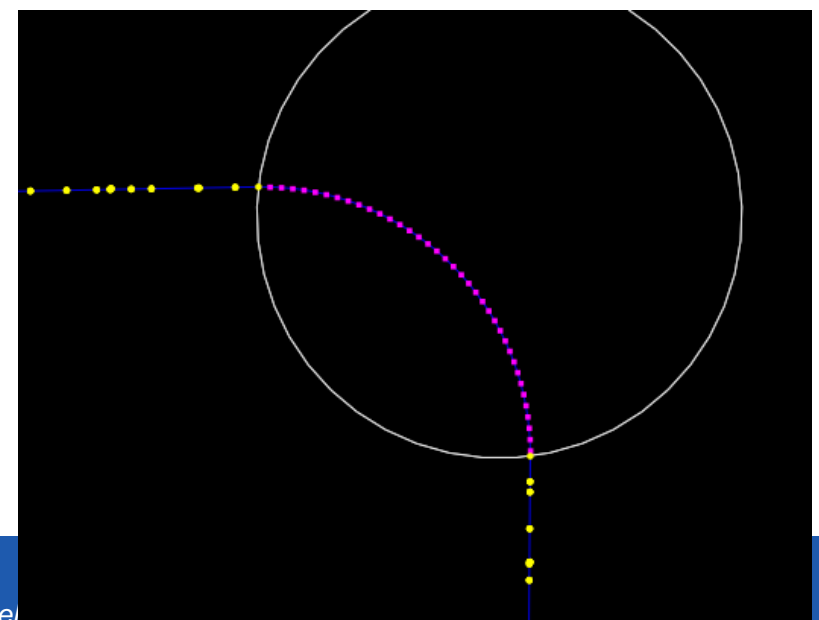
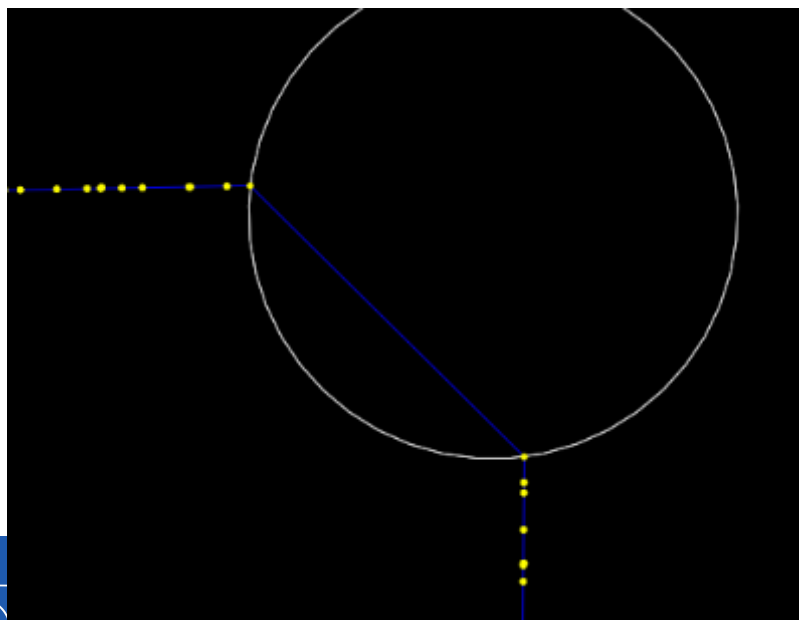
- The chords are used to interrogate the **G4Navigator**, to check whether/where a track has crossed a volume boundary.
- One physics/tracking step can create several chords.
  - In gases or vacuum, a ‘physics’ step can span several helix turns.
- The user controls the accuracy of the volume intersection,
  - By setting a parameter  $\delta_{\text{chord}}$  to limit the “miss distance” It is the
    - maximum acceptable error in approximating the curved track by chords,
    - maximum depth inside a volume that a curved track could enter and yet the volume is still missed (not crossed by the series of chords.)
  - It is quite expensive in CPU performance to set a (very) small “miss distance”.



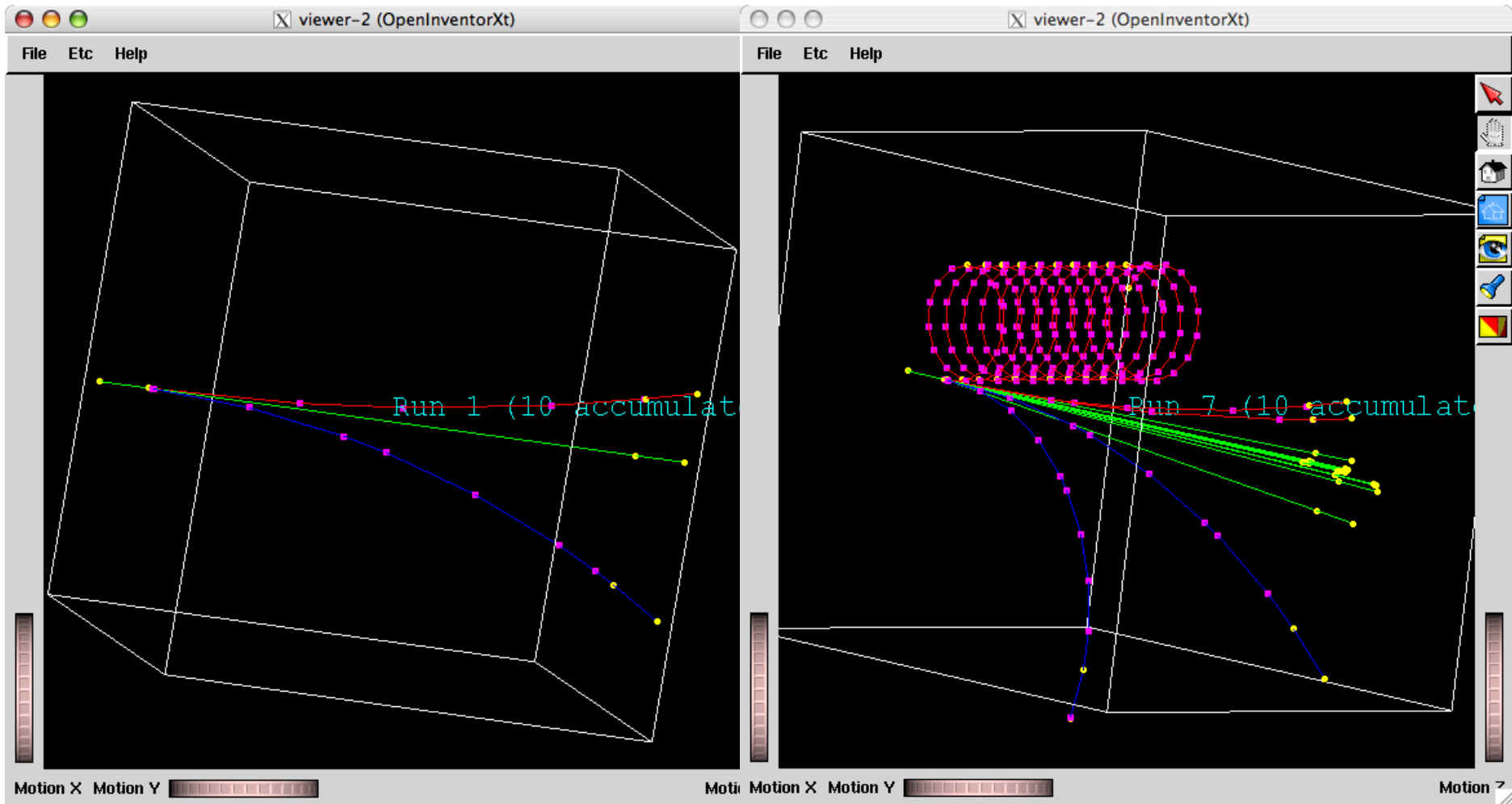
# Regular versus Smooth Trajectory



Yellow are the actual step points used by Geant4  
Magenta are auxiliary points added just for purposes of visualization



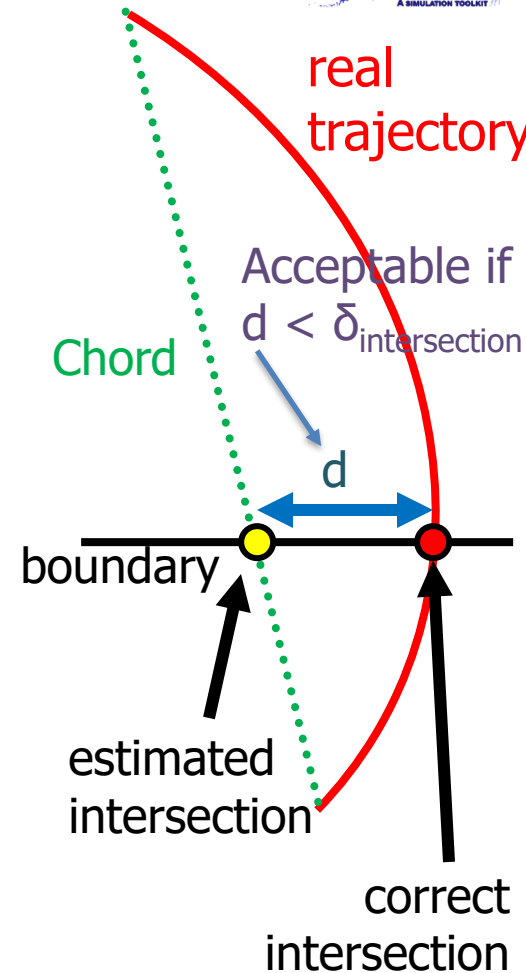
# Smooth Trajectory Makes Big Difference for Trajectories that Loop in a Magnetic Field



- Yellow dots are the actual step points used by Geant4
- Magenta dots are auxiliary points added just for the purpose of visualization

# Tunable parameters

- In addition to the “miss distance” there are two more parameters which the user can set in order to adjust the accuracy (and performance) of tracking in a field.
  - These parameters govern the accuracy of the intersection with a volume boundary and the accuracy of the integration of other steps.
- The “delta intersection” parameter is the accuracy to which an intersection with a volume boundary is calculated.
  - **Important:** it is used to **limit the bias** that our algorithm (for boundary crossing in a field) exhibits: the intersection point is always on the 'inside' of the curve.
  - Set its **value** much **smaller** than your acceptable error, to limit the cumulative effect of this bias (after the total number of volume crossings in the track's path) especially for important tracks, such as muons.



- The most important accuracy parameter is the **maximum relative tolerance**  $\epsilon_{\max}$  for the integration error
  - $\epsilon_{\max}$  limits the estimated error for large steps:  $|\Delta x| < \epsilon_{\max} s$  and  $|\Delta p| < \epsilon_{\max} |p|$
- The **“delta one step”** parameter is accuracy for endpoint of integration steps that do **not intersect** a volume boundary.
  - It also limits on the estimated error of the endpoint of each physics step (essentially it is  $< 1000 \delta_{1 \text{ step}}$ )
  - Values of  $\delta_{\text{intersection}}$  and  $\delta_{1 \text{ step}}$  should be within one order of magnitude.
- These tunable parameters can be set by

```
ptrChordFinder->SetDeltaChord( missDistance );
ptrFieldManager->SetDeltaIntersection( deltaIntersection );
ptrFieldManager->SetDeltaOneStep( deltaOneStep );
ptrFieldManager->SetEpsilonMax( epsilonMax );
ptrFieldManager->SetEpsilonMin( 0.1 * epsilonMax );
```
- Further details are described in **Section 4.3 (Electromagnetic Field)** of the Geant4 **Application Developers Guide**.

# ADDITIONAL FIELDS & INTEGRATION METHODS

Field integration – usual and custom methods  
Alternative types of field



## Other types of field – using an Electric or combined E-B field



- For pure electric field, Geant4 has **G4ElectricField** (base) and the simple **G4UniformElectricField** (concrete) classes.
- **G4ElectroMagneticField** is the base class for combined electro-magnetic fields.
  - the *equation of motion* class for it is **G4EqMagElectricField**
- An example:

```
G4ElectricField* EMfield
```

```
= new G4UniformElectricField( G4ThreeVector(0., 1.0e5*kilovolt/cm, 0.) );
```

```
// Assign it in the relevant field manager
```

```
fieldManager->SetDetectorField( EMfield );
```

```
// Enable integration for EM field
```

```
auto equation = new G4EqMagElectricField(EMfield);
```

```
const int nvar=6;
```

```
auto stepper = new G4DormandPrince745( equation, nvar );
```

```
auto integrDriver= new G4IntegrationDriver( fMinStep, stepper, nvar );
```

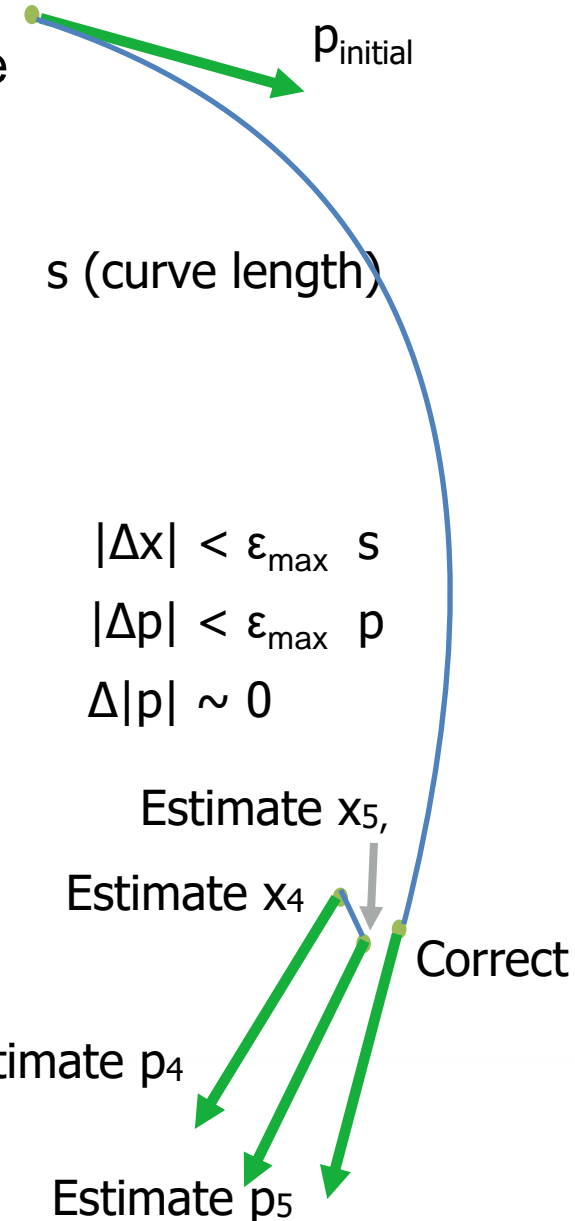
```
fieldManager->SetChordFinder(new G4ChordFinder(integrDriver) );
```

- *Notes:*

1. *In a combined EM field the return values of the `GetFieldValue` following the convention that `fieldVal[0]` to `[2]` are  $B_x$ ,  $B_y$ ,  $B_z$  and `fieldVal[3]` to `[5]` are  $E_x$ ,  $E_y$ ,  $E_z$*
2. *A user can create their own type of field, inheriting from `G4VField`, and must create a corresponding `Equation of Motion` class (that inherits from `G4EqRhs`)*
3. *It is the user's responsibility to pair a field with the correct Equation of motion*
  - *In future we will work to ensure it, but such help does not exist today*
4. *Note that the field object is set both in the Field Manager and in the Equation of motion*
  - *This is fragile – make sure to keep these consistent!*
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# Integrating efficiently

- Given a detector's field  $B(x,y,z)$  [or  $B+E$ ] we need to integrate the trajectory of each track, taking care
  - to stay within the relative accuracy  $\epsilon_{\max}$
  - to be fast – use the fewest 'expensive' calls to the field evaluation method - typically these need many (slow) memory operations – plus an interpolation ( or a function evaluation)
- Typically choose Runge-Kutta methods
  - No memory / previous history needed – it “self starts”
  - Adjusts easily to change(s) of momentum after (frequent) collisions / interactions
  - Ability to adjust step size



- Runge-Kutta (RK) integration is used to compute the motion of a charged track in a any type of field: magnetic, electric, combined EM, gravitational or a mix.
- There are two kinds of RK steppers are available in Geant4:
  - **General-purpose** steppers, applicable to any field type, usable for any ODE.
  - **Specialized** steppers, applicable only to charged particle motion in **pure magnetic** fields.
- RK steppers are categorized by the order of the Taylor expansion from which they derive:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> order are considered ‘low-order’ steppers – with one field evaluation per stage (e.g. 1 initial + 2 other evaluations for 3<sup>rd</sup> order method).
  - 4<sup>th</sup> order (4 stages = evaluations/step) & 5<sup>th</sup> order (6 or 7 stages) are the typical ‘sweet’ spot
  - higher order require many more stages (evaluations) per step – their increased accuracy is relevant only for very high accuracy or specialized applications.
- An integration method must estimate both an end state (position, momentum, maybe polarisation) and an integration error for each state variable
  - Old (pre 1967) ‘simple’ methods estimated error by having the step

- Embedded methods (invented by [Felhberg](#)) provide built-in error estimates by comparing estimators of 2 different orders (that share evaluation points!)
  - [G4 Dormand Prince 745](#) (DoPri5), is the most widely used method provides stability and performance. It's the default in MATLAB, GNU Octave (“ode45”), and many other packages/applications.
    - It evaluates the field values and derivatives at the final point (with  $p_{\text{final}}$ ), called FSAL, ready for use in next step ( $\rightarrow$  1 less evaluation)
  - [Cash-Karp](#) (1990) – early method with six stages = 6 evaluations of derivative/field (*and could abort early – not used.*) . Not FSAL, no interpolation
  - Alternatives 5<sup>th</sup> order FSAL methods (with interpolation formulas) to consider:
    - G4Bogacki-Shampine45
    - G4TsitourasRK45

*FSAL = First Same As Last*

# How does an explicit Runge-Kutta method work?

- “Integrate”  $dy/dx = F(x, y)$  from  $x_0$  to  $x_0+h$
- Uses evaluations of  $F(x, y)$ 
  - $f_i = F(x_0 + a_i h, y_0 + h \sum_{j<i} b_{ij} f_j)$
  - $y_{\text{estim}}(x_0 + h) = \sum_i c_i f_i$
- Each method has a ‘Butcher tableau’ made up of the coefficients  $a_i, b_{ij}, c_i, c'_i$
- Key Parameters of an RK method:
  - Number of ‘stages’ = number of evaluations of the derivative  $F()$
  - ‘Order’  $N$ : the expected scaling of the errors  $\sim h^N$
  - Embedded method = 2nd ‘line’ to estimate error

$$f_1 = F(x_0, y_0)$$

$$f_2 = F(x_0 + a_2 h, y_0 + h b_{21} f_1)$$

$$f_3 = F(x_0 + a_3 h, y_0 + h b_{31} f_1 + h b_{32} f_2)$$

$a_i$	0	$b_{ij}$
	$a_{12}$	$a_{13}$
	0	$a_{23}$
$c_j$	1	$c'_j$

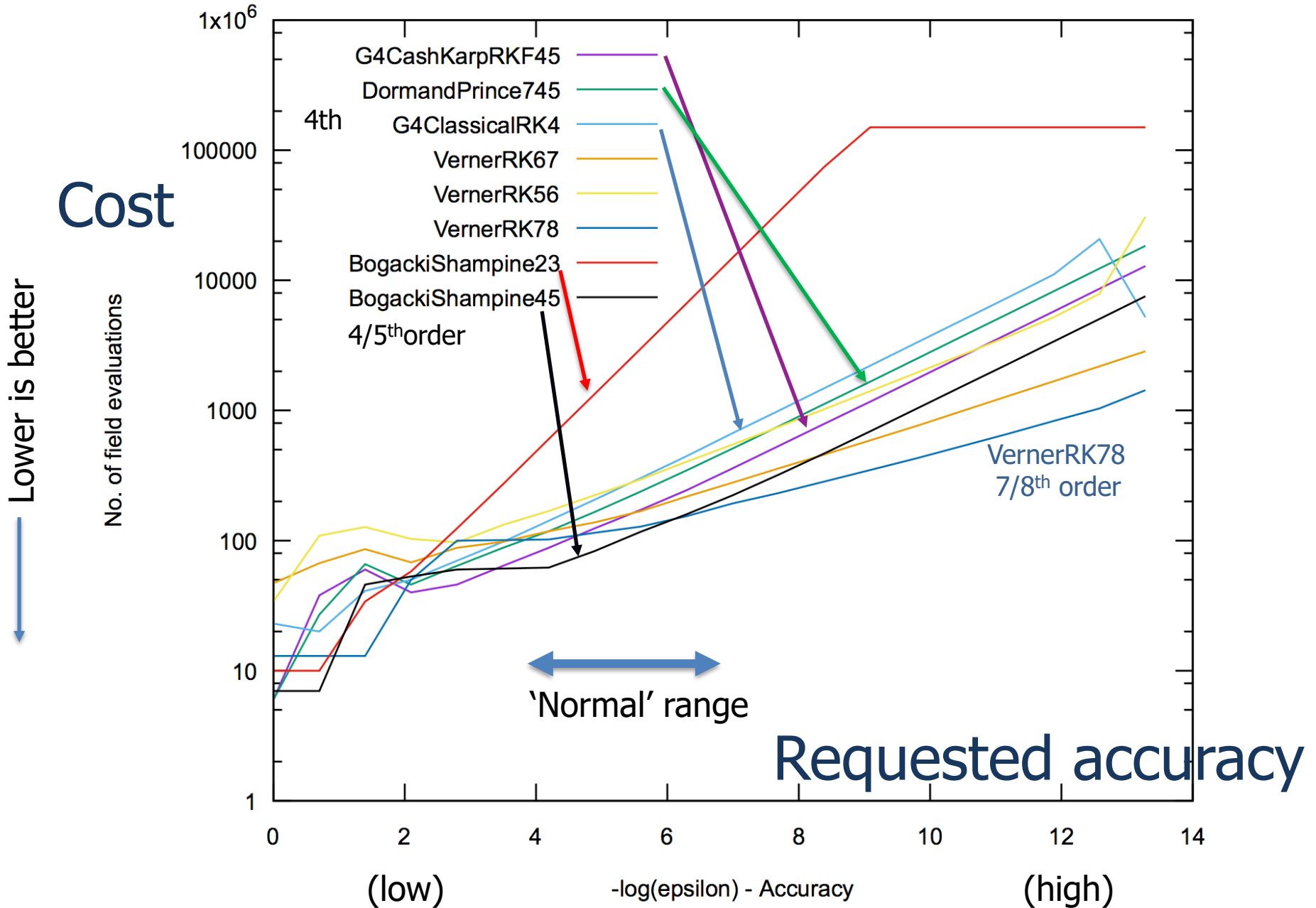
$$y_{\text{RBS3}} = 2f_1/9 + f_2/3 + 4f_3/9$$

$$c'_j \quad \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{2}{9} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{4}{9} \end{array} \right.$$

$$y'(x_0 + h) = \sum_i c'_i f_i$$

$$\Delta y = \sum_i (c'_i - c_i) f_i$$

Thanks to Somanth Banerjee (Google Summer of Code student 2015)



- Runge-Kutta (RK) integration is used to compute the motion of a charged track in a any type of field: magnetic, electric, combined EM, gravitational or a mix. Geant4 offers
  - Many general-purpose steppers that can be applied for any equation / field.
  - Some specialized steppers, applicable only to pure magnetic fields.
- Default in G4 is the general purpose [G4DormandPrince745](#) an embedded 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> order RK stepper. ( Embedded = compares 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> order to estimate error.)
  - It typically uses 6 field evaluation per integration, as it provides the derivative at the endpoint (avoids need to calculate it at the start of the next step.)
  - Earlier Geant4 versions (<10.4) had [G4ClassicalRK4](#) as default – robust but needs 11 field evaluations per integration step.
- If the field is unusual, e.g. very rough or smooth, explore different lower or higher order steppers to seek results of same quality using fewer computing cycles.
  - High order (6+) steppers for high accuracy in very smooth fields
  - Low order (2-3) steppers for badly measured or poorly interpolated fields.



- Specialised steppers for pure magnetic fields:
  - Helix (**G4ExactHelix**) - for constant field
  - AtlasRK4/NystromRK4: 3 field evaluations + evaluation of error using numerical estimate of 4th derivative
  - Experimental hybrid Helix / RK methods that use helix as baseline (G4HelixSimpleRunge)
- 'Classical RK4' = was default in
  - It was the original 4th order method
  - Needed 11 evaluations – its error estimate comes from breaking step in two => 1(initial)+10 extra evaluations per step
  - General, robust, and expensive in CPU cycles.
- Lower order RK methods for short steps, and/or lower accuracy  
*FSAL = First Same As Last*

# Choices of Runge-Kutta methods (steppers)

- The default is the general purpose **G4DormandPrinceRKF45** an embedded 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> order RK stepper. ( Embedded = compares 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> order to estimate error.)
  - If the field is very smooth, you may consider higher order steppers
  - of most potential interest in large volumes filled with gas or vacuum.
- If the field is rough, 3<sup>rd</sup> order steppers could obtain the results of same quality using fewer computing cycles
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> order stepper(s): **G4SimpleHeum**, **G4BogackiShampine23** (FSAL)
- For reasonably smooth (or not very rough) fields, the choice between 3<sup>rd</sup> , 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> order steppers should be made by trial and error.
- For the 'roughest' field map, consider a robust 2<sup>nd</sup> order RK (**G4SimpleRunga**)
- The less smooth the field is, we would expect that a lower the order of the stepper would be more robust (but no lower than 2<sup>nd</sup> order.)
- However the relative performance depends on many factors, and benchmarking is recommended to identify the best performing stepper.

- Trying a few different types of steppers for a particular field or application is suggested, if maximum performance is a goal.
  - What is the most performant option may also be different in different regions – e.g. depending on whether the field is varying greatly.
- Specialized steppers for pure magnetic fields are available. Some assume that a local trajectory in a slowly varying field will resemble a helix.
  - Combining this in with a variation, the Runge-Kutta method can provide higher accuracy at lower computational cost when large steps are possible
  - Suggested are [G4HelixSimpleRunge](#) and [G4HelixSimpleHeum](#)
- To change the stepper reliably you must create a new integration driver for it

```
auto driver= new G4IntegrationDriver (...);
theChordFinder->SetIntegrationDriver (driver);
```

For the full code see the next slide (new)
- Further details are described in [Section 4.3 \(Electromagnetic Field\) of the Application Developers Manual](#).

# Creating a different Stepper - and support classes

- **To exercise full control** you can choose to create your chosen stepper and driver
  - This ‘chain’ of classes also must be created when using fields which are not pure magnetic fields (next slide)
- First the header files and the field

```
#include "G4UniformMagneticField.hh"
#include "G4DormandPrince745.hh"
#include " G4IntegrationDriver.hh"
#include "G4ChordFinder.hh"
// #include "G4MagIntegratorDriver.hh" // - for G4MagInt_Driver
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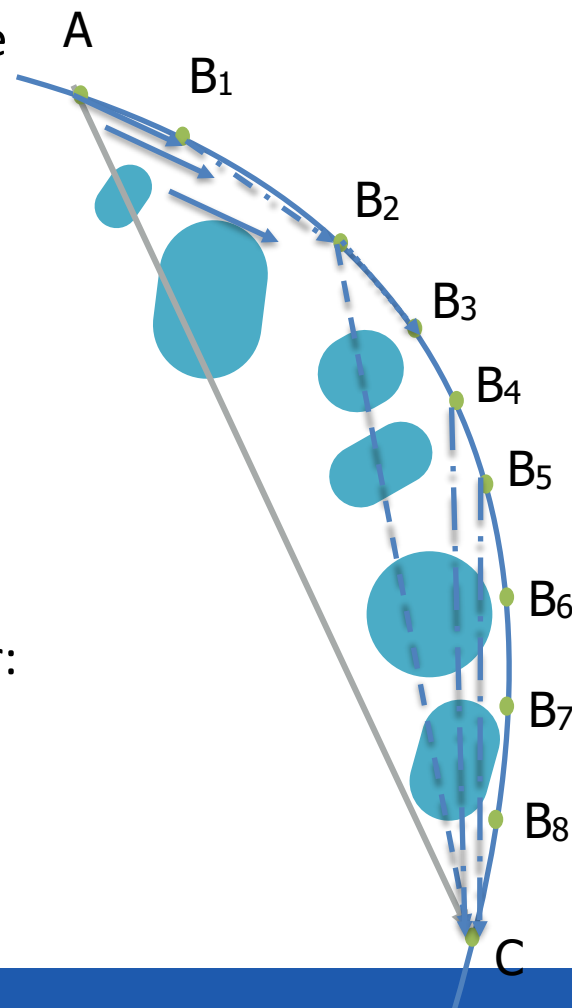
**G4MagneticField\* Bfield= new G4UniformMagneticField( G4ThreeVector(0., 0., 1.0e5\*kilogauss) );**
- Next the *equation of motion* – and the class for G4MagneticField is **G4Mag\_UsualEqRhs**  
**auto equation = new G4Mag\_UsualEqRhs(Bfield);**
- The stepper:

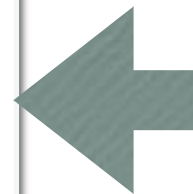
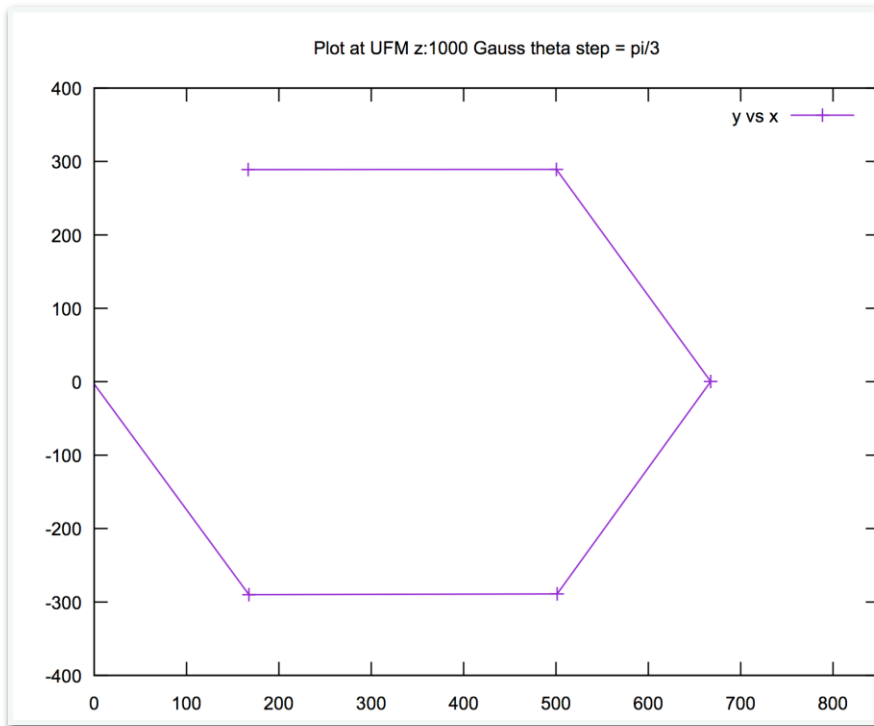
```
const int nvar=6;
auto stepper = new G4DormandPrince745( equation, nvar ); // the default is 6 already: x,y,z, px,py,pz
```
- Now we create the integration driver, which manages the error control:  
**auto integrDriver= new G4IntegrationDriver( fMinStep, stepper, nvar ); // New way**  
*// = new G4MagInt\_Driver( fMinStep, stepper, stepper->GetNumberOfVariables() ); // Old way*
- Finally, we can create the chord finder, and set the field manager

```
G4FieldManager* fieldManager = G4TransportationManager::GetTransportationManager()-> GetFieldManager(); // field
manager for 'world' volume
fieldManager->SetDetectorField( Bfield );
fieldManager->SetChordFinder( new G4ChordFinder(integrDriver) );
```
- *Note: A user-defined field type can be time-dependent (its value can change with time). In GetFieldValue( G4double posTim[4], G4double fieldVal[] ) the parameter posTim[3] is time*

# NEWEST METHODS

- ▶ Selected RK methods offer capability of estimating any intermediate point given its 'distance' along the curve
  - ▶ One-time cost of a few extra field evaluations
- ▶ Reduced cost of evaluating intermediate points (vs new integration)
  - ▶ Enable faster location of intersection point with surface boundary
- ▶ Enabled using a new type of (G4V)IntegrationDriver:  
**G4InterpolationDriver**

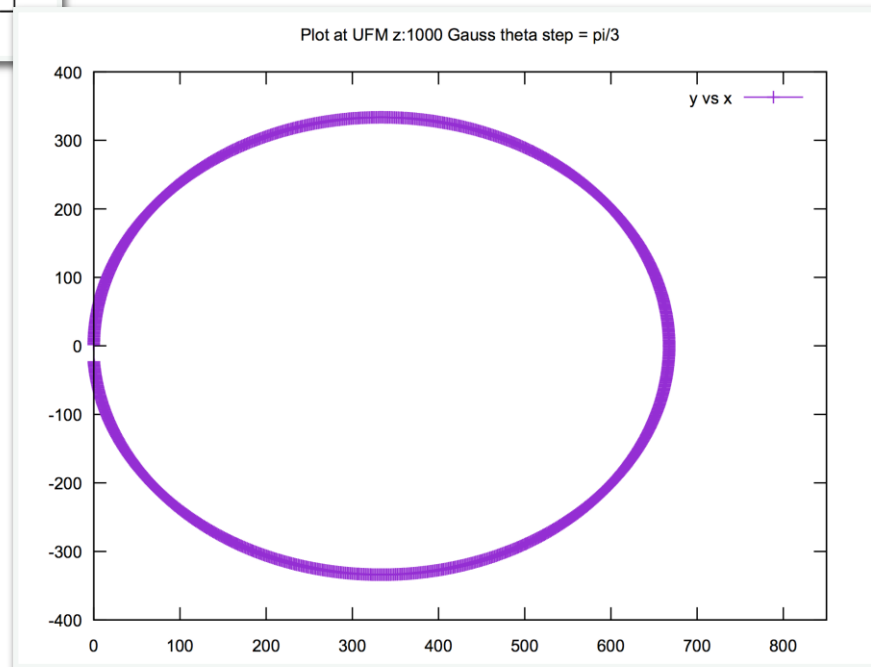




6 computed points in a circular trajectory

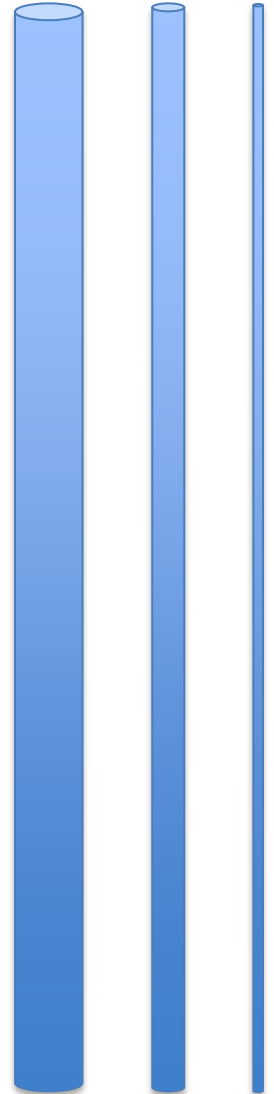
Calling 100 times between each pair of points, to give "Dense" output

Interpolated result



# Dealing with looping particles (1/4)

- In volumes with magnetic field and vacuum or gas as material some tracks can need a large ( $>10^4$ ) number of integration steps
  - This can be a major sink of CPU time
- So within a physics step there is a limit of 1,000 integration steps (tunable.)
  - When a track reaches this limit, it is marked as ‘looping’. It is now a candidate for being killed.
- Geant4 will kill particles found to be looping:
  - If  $E < E_{\text{warning}}$  a track is killed immediately without warning
  - If  $E_{\text{warning}} < E < E_{\text{important}}$  the track is killed, and a small warning is printed (to cout in Geant4 versions  $< 10.5$  )
  - If  $E > E_{\text{important}}$  the track is given an extra number of chances (by default 10) before being killed.
- Their values can be changed using methods of G4Transportation. Default values are (chosen for collider HEP experiments):
  - $E_{\text{warning}} = 100 \text{ MeV}$
  - $E_{\text{important}} = 250 \text{ MeV}$





- To control the killing of looping particles it is possible to set global parameters for all charged particles
- Since release 11.1 you can do this **by** creating an instance of **G4TransportationParameters**:

```
auto transportParams= G4TransportationParameters::Instance();
transportParams->SetWarningEnergy( warningE );
transportParams->SetImportantEnergy( importantE );
transportParams->SetNumberOfTrials( numTrials );
G4cout << "Using G4TransportationParameters to set looper parameters."
<< G4endl;
```
- Note: if you create this object, you must assign all its values. They will overwrite other methods

# Dealing with looping particles (3/4): for one particle type only

- These values can be changed using G4Transportation's methods:

```
SetThresholdWarningEnergy( G4double );  
SetThresholdImportantEnergy( G4double );  
SetThresholdTrials( G4int maxTrials );
```

First you must find the G4Transportation process for a particular process (after ensuring it has a separate one)

```
#include "G4Proton.hh"  
#include "G4ParticleDefinition.hh"  
#include "G4Transportation.hh"  
  
G4ParticleDefinition particleDef= G4Proton::G4Proton();  
G4VProcess procTr = particleDef->GetProcessManager()  
                    ->GetProcess("Transportation");  
G4Transportation* protonTransport =  
    dynamic_cast<G4Transportation*>(procTr);
```

Then you can change its properties:

```
if( protonTransport )  
    protonTransport->SetThresholdWarningEnergy(10.0*CLHEP::keV);
```

- In Geant4 10.5 several changes were implemented:
  - only stable particles are killed
  - each particle with energy above the warning energy which is killed **generates a detailed warning** (using G4Exception) with location, volume, material, particle momentum and energy.
  - for the first 5 tracks killed a detailed description is printed that describes the criteria and parameters used to decide what tracks are killed, and guidance.
- Guidance regarding how to ‘save’ tracks:
  - by changing the values of thresholds or
  - by adopting different integration methods.

# EXAMPLES AND TAKEAWAYS

- [examples/basic/B2](#)
  - Use G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger to create a global, uniform magnetic field
- [examples/basic/B5](#)
  - Creating a custom magnetic field & assigning it to a field
- [examples/extended/field](#)
  - field01: exploring integration methods
  - field02: a combined E+B field : Electric+Magnetic
  - field03: local field defined in a volume
  - field04: overlapping field elements
  - field05: tracking of polarization and spin-frozen condition
  - field06: ultra cold neutrons and gravity field
  - Blinetracer: visualize B-field lines

- Runge-Kutta (RK) integration is used to compute the motion of a charged track in a any type of field: magnetic, electric, combined EM, gravitational or a mix.
  - Many general steppers are available applicable to any equation / field
  - A few specialised steppers can be used only for pure magnetic fields.
- Default is the general purpose [G4DormandPrinceRKF45](#) stepper
  - is an embedded 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> order & uses 6 (extra) field evaluations per step
  - it provides the end derivative ('FSAL') and provides interpolation.
- If the field has very rough or smooth, consider lower or higher order steppers
  - Expect same quality using fewer computing cycles,
  - Try a different stepper (or two) to see whether it improves CPU time.
- RK steppers with interpolation will reduce the number of field calls for each intersection boundary
  - Currently optional, with plans to introduce them as default in 2019.
- Different types of fields available, and user can create their own
  - A field must be accompanied by its corresponding equation of motion.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

The Bulirsch Stoer method is a multi-step method, alternative to Runge-Kutta:

```
G4BulirschStoer* pBSstepper =  
    new G4BulirschStoer( fEquation, nVar, epsilon );  
auto pDriver = new G4IntegrationDriver<G4BulirschStoer>( stepMinimum,  
                                                         pBSstepper, nVar );
```

A variety of promising Runge-Kutta methods, seeking improvements in

- ▶ efficiency - accuracy of error estimation (fewer 'bad' steps)
- ▶ accuracy of solution - extending it further (larger steps)
- ▶ speed - reduce number of evaluations of derivative/field, e.g. reuse derivatives
- ▶ **interpolation**: obtain the state (x,p,..) at any intermediate point



These promising Runge-Kutta methods can be explicitly created as follows:

- ▶ Interpolation via the `G4InterpolationDriver` class and a compatible stepper:

```
#include "G4InterpolationDriver.hh"  
  
...  
auto stepper= new G4DormandPrince745( equation, nvar );  
auto interpolationDriver= new G4InterpolationDriver(fMinStep, stepper, nvar );
```

Note that this is now used default for pure magnetic fields.

- ▶ The FSAL property of a stepper signifies that the tableau/method calculates the derivative at the final point – avoiding the need to do this at the start of the next step. It is available in a few additional steppers for use via an alternative ‘Driver’ class:

```
#include "G4RK547FEq1.hh"  
#include "G4FSALIntegrationDriver.hh"  
  
..  
auto stepper1 = new G4RK547FEq1( equation );  
auto fsalDriver = new G4FSALIntegrationDriver<G4RK547FEq1>( fMinStep, stepper1 );
```

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- Some accelerator applications require methods which conserve the energy and phase space volume exactly
- A first symplectic method is available in Geant4
- It is second order, so deviations from conservation occur at 3rd order in length of the step

```
#include "G4BorisScheme.hh"
```

```
#include "G4BorisDriver.hh"
```

```
void CreateBorisDriver(G4EquationOfMotion* equation,  
                      G4FieldManager* fieldManager, G4double minimumStep ) {
```

```
    // 1. Create Scheme and Driver
```

```
    auto borisScheme = new G4BorisScheme(equation);
```

```
    auto driver = new G4BorisDriver(minimumStep, borisScheme);
```

```
    // 2. Create ChordFinder
```

```
    auto chordFinder = new G4ChordFinder( driver );
```

```
    // 3. Updating Field Manager (with ChordFinder, field)
```

```
    fieldManager->SetChordFinder( chordFinder );
```

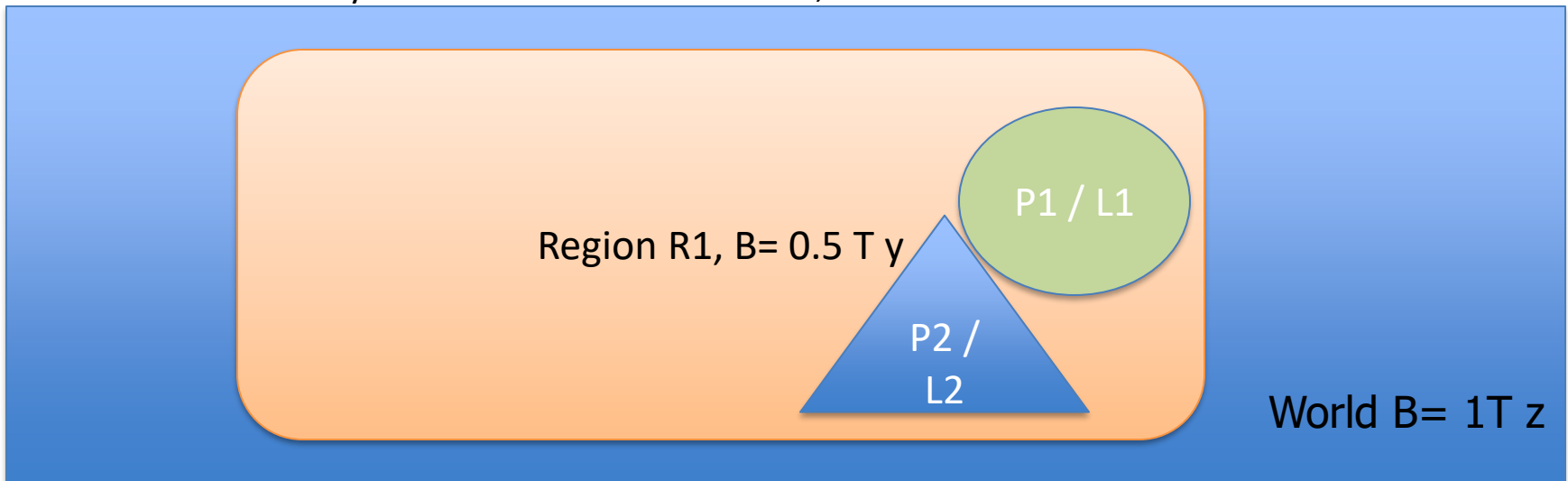
```
}
```

- This method is experimental – higher order methods will likely be needed for most applications.

# EXERCISES (HOMEWORK)

# Homework Exercise 1 – Theoretical

- A setup contains three magnetic field:
  - the global field manager contains a field  $B=1T z$ ,
  - the region R1's field manager  $B= 0.5 T y$ ,
  - the current physical volume P2's logical L2 volume  $B= 0.1 T z$ .
- What value will a tracks see if it is:
  - i. Inside a physical volume P2 whose logical volume is L2;
  - ii. Inside a physical volume P1 that is contained in R1, but whose logical volume is not L2;
  - iii. At the boundary between volumes P1 and P2;



# Homework Exercise 2

1. Examine examples/basic/B5
  - A. How does it create its magnetic field – what method & code ?
  - B. Where is its magnetic field class defined ?
  - C. What method creates the classes needed to integrate the trajectory ( Stepper, Driver, ChordFinder) ?
2. Copy it to another directory (e.g. B5-variant)
3. Set stringent **integration accuracy** requirement
  1. Change the maximum ‘one step’ integration error to 0.01 mm
  2. Change the maximum relative integration error to 1.0e-04
  3. Change the minimum relative integration error to 1.0e-05

Hint: Examine the G4FieldManager class to find relevant methods.
4. Examine the ‘extended’ field example in examples/field/field01
  1. Look for code that creates an Equation of Motion ( G4UsualEq\_Rhs )
  2. Look for the code which creates a G4DormandPrince745 stepper
  3. Look for the code that creates an Integration Driver
  4. Find where a G4ChordFinder is created

- Continuing with 'B5-Variant'. Now change the integration method
  - A. Try to comment out and replace the 'easy' way to define the integration method  

```
fFieldMgr->CreateChordFinder(fMagneticField);
```
  - B. First create an equation of motion for a magnetic field – G4UsualEq\_Rhs
  - C. Next create a Stepper – an embedded Runge-Kutta 'stepper' class that does an integration and returns its result and estimated integration error
    - A. Create the (default) G4DormandPrinceRK745 stepper – 7 stages, 4/5th order
  - D. Experiment with using a low(er) order method instead
    - A. Create a low(er) embedded Runge-Kutta method for integration (e.g. G4BogackiShampine23)
  - E. Experiment with alternative methods of similar or high order
    - A. A different 4th/5th order embedded Runge-Kutta method such as G4TsitourasRK45
    - B. You could also use a high order embedded Runge-Kutta method for integration such as G4TsitourasRK45 (4th/5th order) or G4DormandPrinceRK56 (5th/6th order).

# Homework Exercise 4 – alternative

- A. Examine examples/basic/B2/B2a
  - i. How does it create its magnetic field – what method & code in DetectorConstruction.cc ?
  - ii. Check the relevant class in the [documentation](#) – where ? ( hint: [UGAD](#) )
- B. Set stringent **integration accuracy** requirement
  - i. Change the maximum 'one step' integration error to 0.01 mm
  - ii. Change the maximum relative integration error to 1.0e-04
  - iii. Change the minimum relative integration error to 1.0e-05
  - iv. Hint: Examine the G4FieldManager class to find relevant methods

# HINTS & BACKGROUND



```
class G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger : public G4UIcommand
{
public: // with description

    G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger(const G4ThreeVector& value = G4ThreeVector());
    virtual ~G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger();

    virtual void SetNewValue(G4UIcommand*, G4String);

    void SetFieldValue(const G4ThreeVector& value);
    G4ThreeVector GetFieldValue() const;

    inline void SetVerboseLevel(G4int verboseLevel);
    inline G4int GetVerboseLevel() const;
};
```

```
// _____  
  
G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger::G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger(const G4ThreeVector& value)  
: G4UImessenger()  
{  
    fDirectory = new G4UIDirectory("/globalField/");  
    fDirectory->SetGuidance("Global uniform magnetic field UI commands");  
  
    fSetValueCmd = new G4UICmdWith3VectorAndUnit("/globalField/setValue",this);  
    fSetValueCmd->SetGuidance("Set uniform magnetic field value.");  
    fSetValueCmd->SetParameterName("Bx", "By", "By", false);  
    fSetValueCmd->SetUnitCategory("Magnetic flux density");  
    fSetValueCmd->AvailableForStates(G4State_PreInit,G4State_Idle);  
  
    fSetVerboseCmd = new G4UICmdWithAnInteger("/globalField/verbose",this);  
    fSetVerboseCmd->SetGuidance("Set verbose level: ");  
    fSetVerboseCmd->SetGuidance(" 0: no output");  
    fSetVerboseCmd->SetGuidance(" 1: printing new field value");  
    fSetVerboseCmd->SetParameterName("globalFieldVerbose", false);  
    fSetVerboseCmd->SetRange("globalFieldVerbose>=0");  
    fSetVerboseCmd->AvailableForStates(G4State_PreInit,G4State_Idle);  
  
    // Create field  
    fMagField = new G4UniformMagField(value);  
  
    // Set field value (the field is not activated if value is zero)  
    SetField(value, "G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger::G4GlobalMagFieldMessenger");  
}
```

```
class G4ChordFinder
{
public: // with description

    explicit G4ChordFinder( G4VIntegrationDriver* pIntegrationDriver );
    // The most flexible constructor, which allows the user to specify
    // any type of field, equation, stepper and integration driver.

    G4ChordFinder( G4MagneticField* itsMagField,
                  G4double          stepMinimum = 1.0e-2, // * mm
                  G4MagIntegratorStepper* pItsStepper = nullptr,
                  // G4bool          useHigherEfficiencyStepper = true,
                  G4int             stepperDriverChoice = 2 );
    // A constructor that creates defaults for all "children" classes.
    //
    // The type of equation of motion is fixed.
    // A default type of stepper (Dormand Prince since release 10.4) is used,
    // and the corresponding integration driver.
    // Except if 'useFSAL' is set (true), which provides a FSAL stepper
    // and its corresponding specialised (templated) driver.
```