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# New Classes for Field Configuration

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# Motivation

- Geant4 is capable of describing and propagating in a variety of fields and a number of field integration methods can be used by users to tune their applications for best performances
  - The users can get inspired by the **FieldSetup** and **FieldMessenger** classes provided in the **extended field examples** category
    - These classes are however integrated within the examples codes
    - Each example demonstrates its use case (magnetic field, electric field, ...) with its own FieldSetup and FieldMessenger classes
      - In total ~ 2K lines of code in the first three field examples
    - Integration in the users applications requires some work
- In the Geant4 VMC framework, used in ALICE and other experiments, these classes were further developed in order to provide the user a possibility to configure the field with UI commands only
  - However they require a continuous maintenance and follow up with the code evolution in Geant4 (adding new steppers, changing the default parameters values)

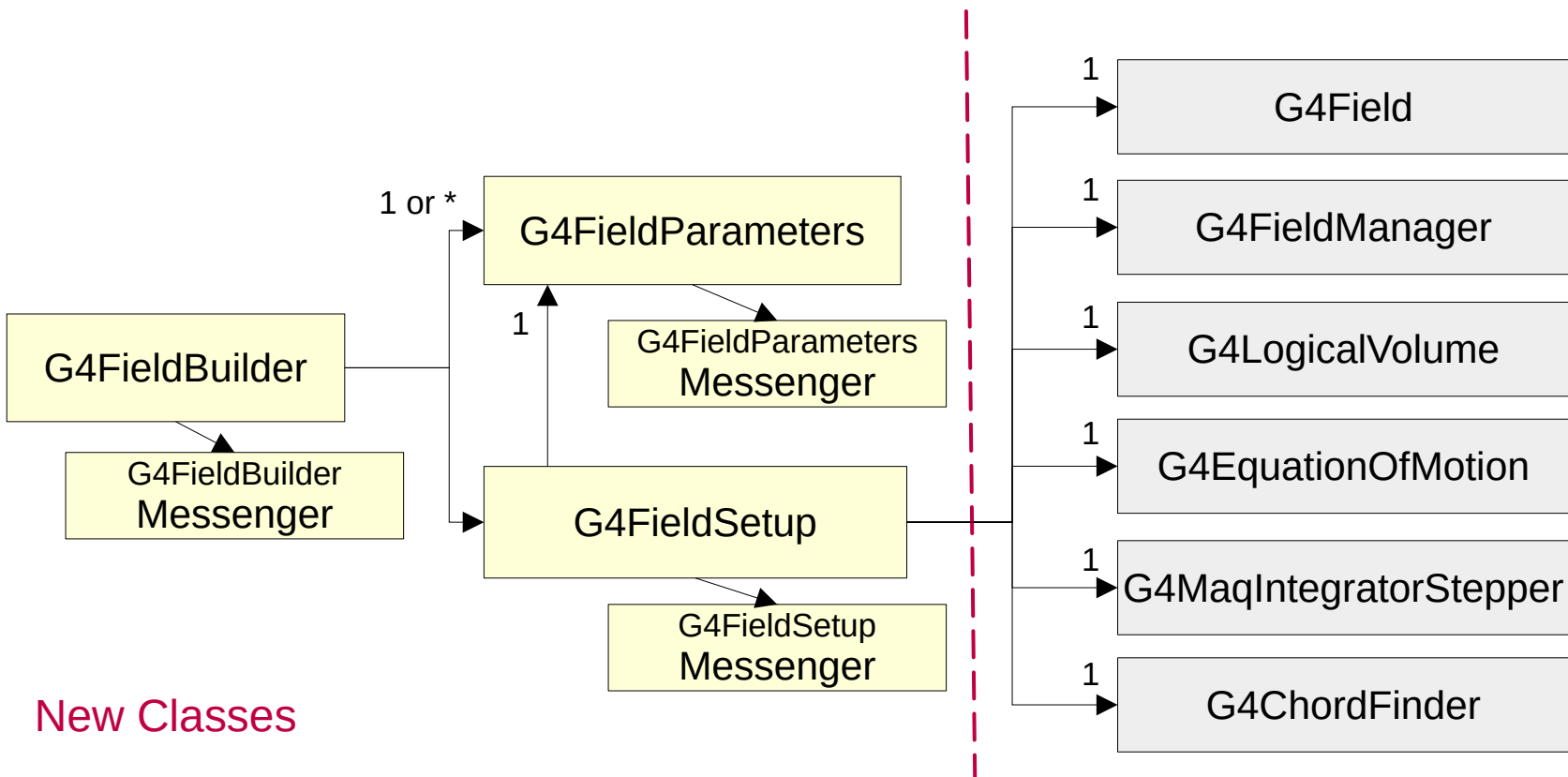
# Motivation - 2

- Refactoring the code from the Application framework to Geant4 can be beneficial for all Geant4 users and will move the maintenance to Geant4 field developers
  - The UI commands (now in Geant4) allow the users to change key parameters of field propagation (no user's messenger)
  - Removed code duplication between multiple examples/applications

# Key Capabilities

- A new class for building magnetic or other field using the configuration in field parameters is introduced
- It supports magnetic, electric and electromagnetic fields
- The fields can be global, local or both
- The fields can be cached
- The field parameters, including equation of motion and stepper types can be configured in the user code or via UI commands
  - If a parameter is not set, the default value is used
  - The list of supported features (steppers, equations) can be obtained with the UI commands help
- It covers the most common use cases; but cannot be used to create
  - Equations templated on the field type,
  - Steppers/drivers templated on the equation and field types.

# Class Design



New Classes

# G4FieldBuilder

- The top class for building magnetic or other field using the configuration in field parameters
- Purpose: Provide a single 'place' to configure field & integration
- The instance of the field builder creates a [G4FieldParameters](#) object and the UI commands for customisation of the field default configuration

```
#include "G4FieldBuilder.hh"
```

DetectorConstruction.cc

```
DetectorConstruction::DetectorConstruction()  
{  
    // Create field builder  
    // this will create commands for field configuration  
    G4FieldBuilder::Instance();  
    // G4FieldBuilder::Instance()->SetVerboseLevel(2);  
}
```

# G4FieldParameters

- The class to define the field configuration:
  - The field type, the type of equation of motion of a particle in a field and the integration method, as well as other accuracy parameters.
  - The default values correspond to the defaults set in Geant4 field classes
- Includes new enumerations `G4FieldType`, `G4EquationType`, `G4StepperType` and static functions for conversion between enum value and a meaningful name
  - These names are then used in the messenger for building UI commands and the list of commands candidates



# UI Commands

- After the `G4FieldBuilder` instantiation, the following commands are available to users:

```
/field/fieldType fieldType  
      fieldType = Magnetic | ElectroMagnetic | Gravity
```

```
/field/equationType eqType  
      eqType = MagUsualEqRhs | MagSpinEqRhs | EqMagElectric |  
              EMfieldwithSpin | EqEMfieldwithEDM
```

- The existing names, derived from the Geant4 equation class names, will be replaced with better names:

```
eqType = EqMagnetic | EqMagneticWithSpin | EqElectroMagnetic |  
          EqEMfieldwithSpin | EqEMfieldwithEDM
```

# UI Commands -2

- The commands for stepper type selection:

```
/field/stepperType stepperType  
    stepperType = CashKarpRK45 | ClassicalRK4 | ExplicitEuler |  
    ImplicitEuler | SimpleHeum | SimpleRunge | ConstRK4 |  
    ExactHelixStepper | HelixExplicitEuler | HelixHeum |  
    HelixImplicitEuler | HelixMixedStepper | HelixSimpleRunge |  
    NystromRK4 | RKG3Stepper
```

# UI Commands - 3

- The UI commands to set parameters used in field propagation and general commands

```
/field/setMinimumStep value  
/field/setDeltaChord value  
/field/setDeltaOneStep value  
/field/setDeltaIntersection value  
/field/setMinimumEpsilonStep value  
/field/setMaximumEpsilonStep value  
/field/setConstDistance value  
# general commands  
/field/update  
/field/printParameters  
/field/verboseLevel value
```

# Field Construction

- Users create their field as before in `DetectorConstruction::ConstructSDandField()` and let `G4FieldBuilder` create all Geant4 objects for field propagation:

```
void DetectorConstruction::ConstructSDandField()
{
    // Create user detector field
    auto magField = new G4UniformMagField(fFieldVector);

    // Set field to the field builder
    auto fieldBuilder = G4FieldBuilder::Instance();
    fieldBuilder->SetGlobalField(magField);

    // Construct all Geant4 field objects
    fieldBuilder->ConstructFieldSetup();
}
```

# Local Field(s)

- To create a new set of parameters (configuration) for a local field, users should call the `G4FieldBuilder` function `CreateFieldParameters` with the local field root logical volume name as parameter
  - New commands will be located in the `/field/volumeName` directory

```
#include "G4FieldBuilder.hh"
```

DetectorConstruction.cc

```
DetectorConstruction::DetectorConstruction()
```

```
{
```

```
    // Create field builder
```

```
    // this will create commands for global field configuration
```

```
    G4FieldBuilder::Instance();
```

```
    // Create new configuration for a local field in
```

```
    // logical volume "Radiator"
```

```
    G4FieldBuilder::Instance()->CreateFieldParameters("Radiator");
```

```
}
```

# Local Field Construction

- Users create the local field in `DetectorConstruction::ConstructSDandField()` and let `G4FieldBuilder` create all field objects

```
void DetectorConstruction::ConstructSDandField()
{
    // Create user detector fields
    auto globalMagField = new G4UniformMagField(fGlobalFieldVector);
    → auto localMagField = new G4UniformMagField(fLocalFieldVector);

    // Set fields to the field builder
    auto fieldBuilder = G4FieldBuilder::Instance();
    → fieldBuilder->SetGlobalField(globalMagField);
    fieldBuilder->SetLocalField(localMagField, fRadiatorLV);

    // Construct all Geant4 field objects
    fieldBuilder->ConstructFieldSetup();
}
```

# Field Examples Update

- The extended examples **field01**, **field02** and **field03** were updated with usage of new [G4FieldBuilder](#)
  - **field01**: demonstration of tracking in magnetic field
  - **field02**: demonstration of tracking in electric field
  - **field03**: demonstration of tracking in global and/or local magnetic fields
- The [\\*FieldSetup](#) and [\\*FieldMessenger](#) classes were removed from the examples code
  - This functionality is now available by new classes in [Geant4](#)
- Setting the field value was refactored from the field setup and messenger classes (now removed) into the detector construction and its messenger classes (kept)
- The examples macros were updated with usage of new UI commands
  
- New classes and the examples update was included in Geant4 11.3.beta: we have time to incorporate *\*quick\** feedback into Release 11.3

# Possible Further Integration

- Currently the Geant4 field classes are fully independent from newly added ones
  - The field parameters defaults are hardcoded in the Geant4 code
  - No methods to access the defaults from the user code
- Further changes are envisaged to ensure keeping the builder up to date with the field classes modification
  - Use the `G4FieldParameters` defaults in the Geant4 field classes so that users get the same behavior whether they create their field configuration from scratch or via the builder
  - Provide the new enum values in the Geant4 field classes implemented in Geant4:

```
virtual G4FieldType G4Field::GetFieldType() const = 0;  
virtual G4StepperType G4MagIntegrator::GetStepperType() const = 0;  
virtual G4EquationType G4EquationOfMotion::GetEquationType() const = 0;
```

- This would guarantee that the enumerations would not be forgotten in the builder when a new stepper or an equation is added into the system