STATUS OF THE UNIFIED SOLIDS LIBRARY

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Motivations for a common solids library

- Optimize and guarantee better long-term maintenance of ROOT and Geant4 solids libraries
- Create a single high quality library to replace solid libraries in Geant4 and ROOT
 - Starting from what exists today in Geant4 and ROOT
 - Adopt a single type for each shape
 - Significantly optimize (Multi-Union, Tessellated Solid, Polyhedra, Polycone)
 - Reach complete conformance to GDML solids schema
- Create extensive testing suite

Solids implemented so far

- Box
- Orb
- Trapezoid
- Sphere (+ sphere section)
- Tube (+ cylindrical section)
- Cone (+ conical section)
- Generic trapezoid
- Tetrahedron
- Arbitrary Trapezoid (ongoing).
- Multi-Union
- Tessellated Solid
- Polycone
- Polyhedra
- Extruded solid (ongoing)





New Ordinary Polycone

- Special optimization for common cases, where Z sections can only increase (big majority of real cases)
- New implementation based on composition of separate instances of cones, tubes (or their sections)
 - With spatial optimisation over Z
 - Helping for more readable, more compact and faster code
 - Excellent scalability over the number of Z sections
 - Significant performance improvement

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Ordinary Polycone performance 3 Z-sections

 Speedup factor 3.3x vs. Geant4, 7.6x vs. ROOT for most performance critical methods, i.e.:



Ordinary Polycone performance 10 z sections

Speedup factor 8.3x vs. Geant4, 7.9x vs. ROOT for most performance critical methods



NOTE: Geant4 poor performance scalability (high number of Z sections) due to absence of spatial optimization

Generic Polycone

- Case in which either the outer or the inner surface has more than one cone or tube section over a finite interval of Z values
 - Using voxelization on generalized surface facet model
 - Performance improvement over Geant4 (generic polycone exists only in Geant4)
 - Performance improvement depends on the number of sections and is slightly worse than in case of ordinary polycone
 - Scalability is as excellent as for the ordinary polycone case
 - Tested and measured on original Geant4 test cases of solids
 - Values are 100% numerically coincident with Geant4



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Ordinary vs. Generic Polycone



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Polyhedra

New Polyhedra implementation

- Similar methodology adopted as for the Generic Polycone
 - Spatial optimisation for Z sections
 - Works for both ordinary and generic polyhedra
 - Provides improvement of performance and scalability
- Values are 100% numerical coincident with Geant4





Example: DistanceToIn() scalability

Similar figures for the other key functions



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Arbitrary Trap

- Implemented first version of Arbitrary Trap
- Optimization is done for main methods
 - Still some methods to optimise:

SurfaceNormal(), SafetyFromInside()





Performance for UGenericTrap with twist

Extruded Solid

- Implemented first version of ExtrudedSolid based on TessellatedSolid
- Scalability studies show that this shape can be more optimized. Work in progress...



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Scalability for DistanceToOut() in UExtrudedSolid

Current Status & Plans

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Status of USolids library

- Review of secondary functions and tools for all implemented primitives has been completed
- Library in the current form (excluding few primitives) distributed as optional module in latest Geant4 release 10.0
 - Expecting a lot of useful feedback !
 - Validation of available shapes on realistic detector geometries is ongoing
- Testing suite further extended for performance measurements and exact comparisons to Geant4 and ROOT
- Code available in the AIDA SVN repository
 - Using standard AIDA CMake setup for build/installation
- Documentation available from AIDA WP2 web
 - http://aidasoft.web.cern.ch/USolids

USolids plan of work

- Short term (by end 2014)
 - Complete implementation for missing shapes
 - Cut Tube, Torus, Ellipsoid, Hypeboloid, Paraboloid, Elliptical Tube, Elliptical Cone
 - Provide ability to perform Boolean operations
 - Simple Union, Subtraction, Intersection
- Medium/Long term (AIDA2 proposal)
 - Extend signatures of classes to enable use of vectorisation
 - SIMD instructions
 - Review algorithms on all developed shapes to efficiently apply vectorisation and strong code specialization
 - Define proper interfaces for use in Geant4, ROOT and Vector prototype

