

Geant4 with External Geometry Model

Just the ideas ...

I. Hrivnacova IPN, Orsay

VMC Workshop, CERN 29-30 November 2004

Motivation

Why to marry Geant4 with Root?

- Root geometrical modeller has been highly optimised for performance
 - Let's see what it gives in the context of Geant4
- Root modeller has some features not available in Geant4
 - Marriage with Geant4 will make them available here, too
- Root supports G3 features that are problematic to be put in Geant4 - "MANY" positions
 - ALICE has still one detector which geometry is not possible to be converted via G3toG4 due to too many MANY

First ideas

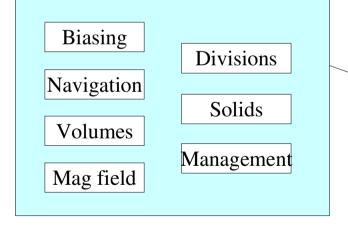
- Already discussed (a very little) in ALICE
 - Start from the key class G4Navigator
 - Override it with some TGeoG4Navigator
 - Wrapping of some G4 geometry classes will be necessary
- "Extreme" programming approach
 - Progressing rapidly at the beginning
 - As not much discussions and agreements needed
 - But leading to problems in a long time scale
 - Strong dependence on the concrete Geant4 classes would require adapting code for each change here

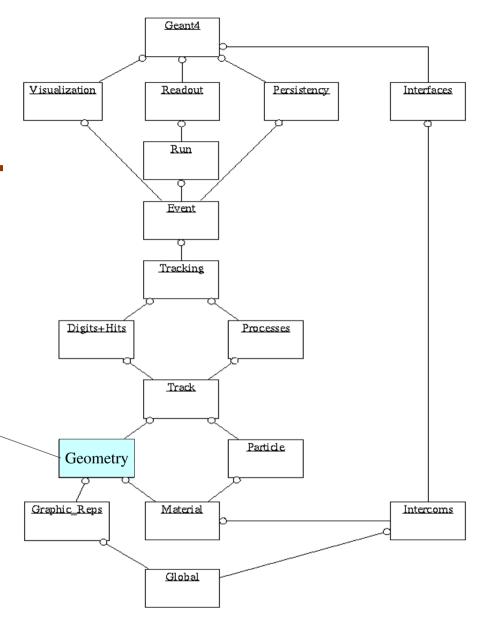
Objective

- NOT to interface Geant4 to Root geometry model
- BUT to interface Geant4 to an external geometry model
 - Identifying the requirements of such interface will then guide the implementation of the interface for Root modeller

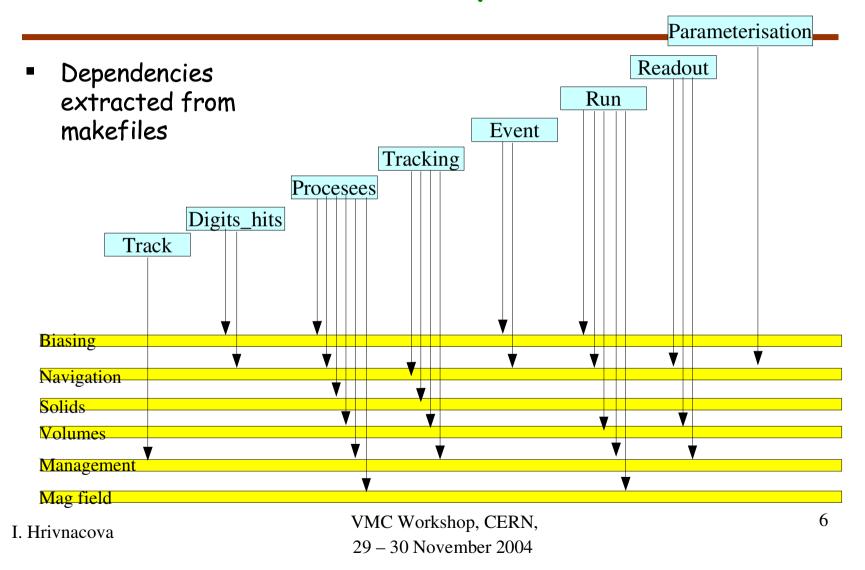
Geant4 Class Categories

What would it mean to replace the geometry box with something else?

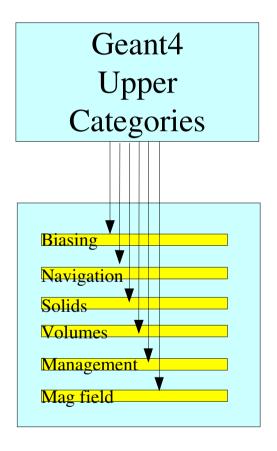




Use of Geometry



Use of geometry



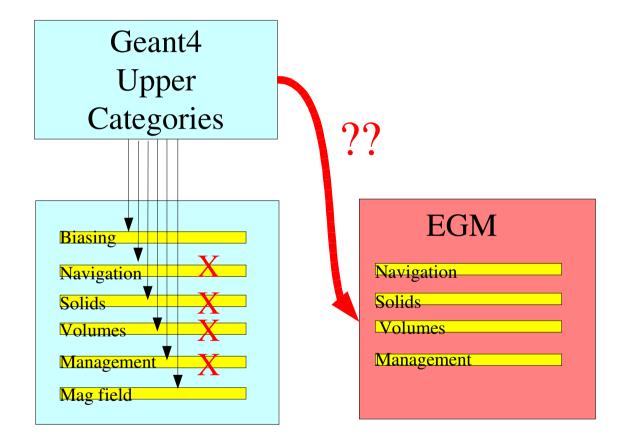
External Geometry Model



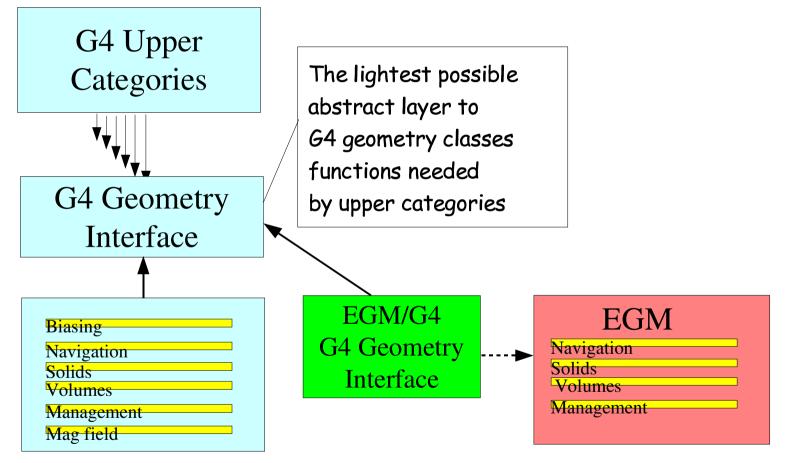
EGM	
Biasing	??
Navigation	??
Solids	
Volumes	777
Management	-??
Mag field	•••

- Functions of which categories can be covered by EGM?
- In case of Root probably all except for Mag field, Biasing (?)

External Geometry Model



Geant4 Geometry Interface



I. Hrivnacova

VMC Workshop, CERN, 29 – 30 November 2004

Possible Solution

Steps

- 1) Agreement on the interface approach (as the geometry interface will have to go to Geant4)
- 2) Revision of use of geometry in the upper categories
- 3) Definition of the Geant4 geometry interface + refactoring of Geant4 to use of the interface
- 4) Implementation of the interface for Root geometry model