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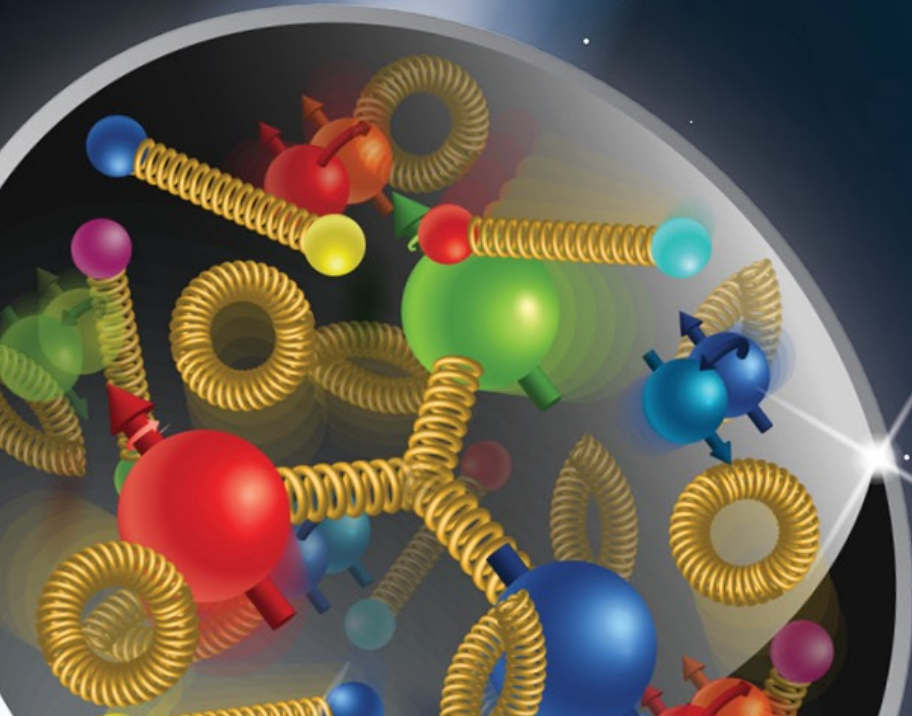


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# Geometry II

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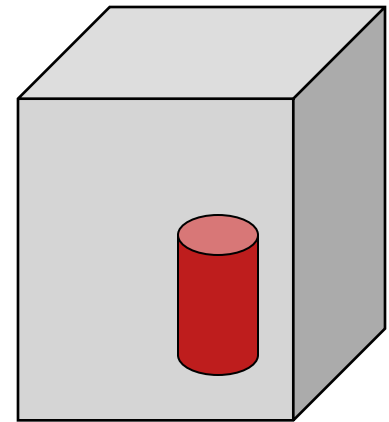
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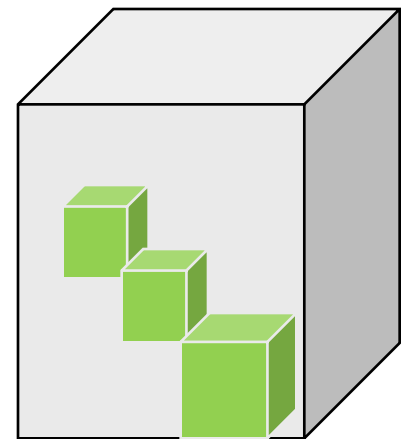


# Physical Volumes

- Placement volume : it is one positioned volume
  - One physical volume object represents one “real” volume.
- Repeated volume : a volume placed many times
  - One physical volume object represents any number of “real” volumes.
  - reduces use of memory.
  - Parameterised
    - repetition w.r.t. copy number
  - Replica and Division
    - simple repetition along one axis
- A mother volume can contain **either**
  - many placement volumes
  - **or**, one repeated volume



*placement*



*repeated*

# Physical volume

- **G4PVPlacement**            1 Placement = One **Placement Volume**
  - A volume instance positioned once in its mother volume
- **G4PVParameterised**       1 Parameterized = Many **Repeated Volumes**
  - Parameterized by the copy number
    - Shape, size, material, sensitivity, vis attributes, position and rotation can be parameterized by the **copy number**.
    - You have to implement a concrete class of **G4VPVParameterisation**.
  - Reduction of memory consumption
  - Currently: parameterization can be used only for volumes that either
    - a) have no further daughters, or
    - b) are identical in size & shape (so that grand-daughters are safely fit inside).
  - By implementing **G4PVNestedParameterisation** instead of **G4VPVParameterisation**, material, sensitivity and vis attributes can be parameterized by the copy numbers of ancestors.

# Physical volume

- **G4PVReplica**                      1 Replica = Many **Repeated Volumes**
  - Daughters of same shape are aligned along one axis
  - Daughters fill the mother completely without gap in between.
- **G4PVDivision**                      1 Division = Many **Repeated Volumes**
  - Daughters of same shape are aligned along one axis and fill the mother.
  - There can be gaps between mother wall and outmost daughters.
  - No gap in between daughters.
- **G4ReflectionFactory**              1 Placement = a **pair** of **Placement volumes**
  - generating placements of a volume and its reflected volume
  - Useful typically for end-cap calorimeter
- **G4AssemblyVolume**              1 Placement = a set of **Placement volumes**
  - Position a group of volumes

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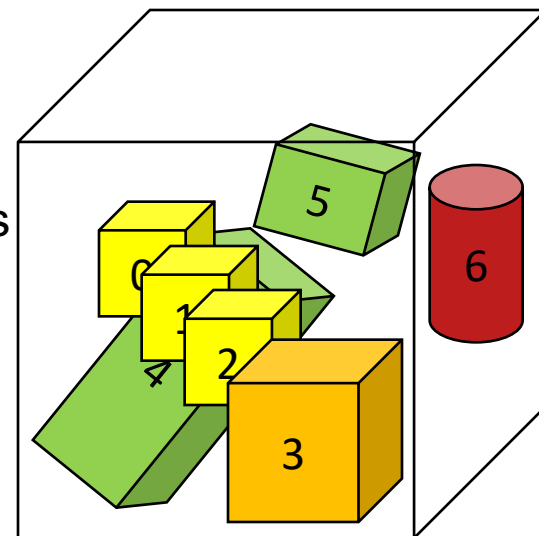
# G4PVParameterised

```
G4PVParameterised(const G4String& pName,  
                  G4LogicalVolume* pLogical,  
                  G4LogicalVolume* pMother,  
                  const EAxis pAxis,  
                  const G4int nReplicas,  
                  G4VPVParameterisation* pParam  
                  G4bool pSurfChk=false);
```

- Replicates the volume **nReplicas** times using the parameterization **pParam**, within the mother volume **pMother**
- **pAxis** is a “suggestion” to the navigator along which Cartesian axis replication of parameterized volumes dominates.
  - **kXAxis**, **kYAxis**, **kZAxis** : one-dimensional optimization
  - **kUndefined** : three-dimensional optimization

# Parameterized Physical Volumes

- User should implement a class derived from **G4VPVParameterisation** abstract base class and define following **as a function of copy number**
  - where it is positioned (transformation, rotation)
- Optional:
  - the size of the solid (dimensions)
  - the type of the solid, material, sensitivity, vis attributes
- All daughters must be fully contained in the mother.
- Daughters should not overlap to each other.
- Limitations:
  - Applies to simple CSG solids only
  - Granddaughter volumes allowed only for special cases
  - Consider parameterised volumes as “leaf” volumes
- Typical use-cases
  - Complex detectors
    - with large repetition of volumes, regular or irregular
  - Medical applications
    - the material in animal tissue is measured as cubes with varying material





# G4PVPParameterized : example

```
G4VSolid* solidChamber =  
    new G4Box("chamber", 100*cm, 100*cm, 10*cm);  
  
G4LogicalVolume* logicChamber =  
    new G4LogicalVolume  
    (solidChamber, ChamberMater, "Chamber", 0, 0, 0);  
  
G4VPVParameterisation* chamberParam =  
    new ChamberParameterisation();  
  
G4VPhysicalVolume* physChamber =  
    new G4PVPParameterised("Chamber", logicChamber,  
        logicMother, kZAxis, NbOfChambers, chamberParam);
```

# G4VPVParameterisation : example

```
class ChamberParameterisation : public G4VPVParameterisation
{
public:
    ChamberParameterisation();
    virtual ~ChamberParameterisation();
    virtual void ComputeTransformation // position, rotation
        (const G4int copyNo, G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol) const;
    virtual void ComputeDimensions // size
        (G4Box& trackerLayer, const G4int copyNo,
         const G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol) const;
    virtual G4VSolid* ComputeSolid // shape
        (const G4int copyNo, G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol);
    virtual G4Material* ComputeMaterial // material, sensitivity, etc.
        (const G4int copyNo, G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol,
         const G4VTouchable *parentTouch=0);
    // G4VTouchable should not be used for ordinary
    // parameterization
};
```



# G4VPVParameterisation : example

```
void ChamberParameterisation::ComputeTransformation
(const G4int copyNo, G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol) const
{
    G4double Xposition = ... // w.r.t. copyNo
    G4ThreeVector origin(Xposition,Yposition,Zposition);
    physVol->SetTranslation(origin);
    physVol->SetRotation(0);
}
```

```
void ChamberParameterisation::ComputeDimensions
(G4Box& trackerChamber, const G4int copyNo,
const G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol) const
{
    G4double XhalfLength = ... // w.r.t. copyNo
    trackerChamber.SetXHalfLength(XhalfLength);
    trackerChamber.SetYHalfLength(YhalfLength);
    trackerChamber.SetZHalfLength(ZhalfLength);
}
```

# G4VPVParameterisation : example

```
G4VSolid* ChamberParameterisation::ComputeSolid
    (const G4int copyNo, G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol)
{
    G4VSolid* solid;
    if(copyNo == ...) solid = myBox;
    else if(copyNo == ...) solid = myTubs;
    ...
    return solid;
}

G4Material* ComputeMaterial // material, sensitivity, visAtt
    (const G4int copyNo, G4VPhysicalVolume* physVol,
     const G4VTouchable *parentTouch=0);
{
    G4Material* mat;
    if(copyNo == ...) { mat = material1; }
    else if(copyNo == ...) { mat = material2; }
    return mat;
}
```



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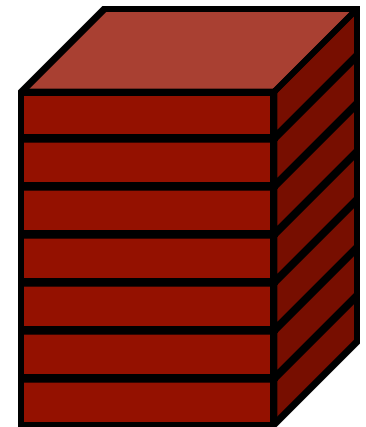


# Replicated Volumes

- The mother volume is **completely filled** with replicas, all of which are the **same size (width)** and **shape**.
- Replication may occur along:
  - Cartesian axes (X, Y, Z) – slices are considered perpendicular to the axis of replication
    - Coordinate system at the center of each replica
  - Radial axis (Rho) – cons/tubs sections centered on the origin and un-rotated
    - Coordinate system same as the mother
  - Phi axis (Phi) – phi sections or wedges, of cons/tubs form
    - Coordinate system rotated such as that the X axis bisects the angle made by each wedge



a daughter  
logical volume to  
be replicated



mother volume

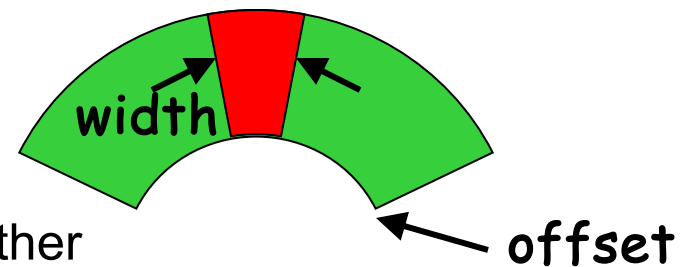
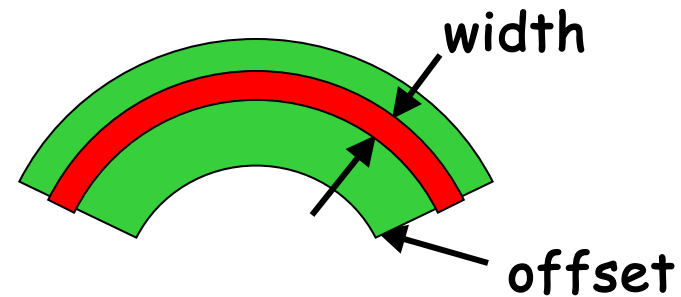
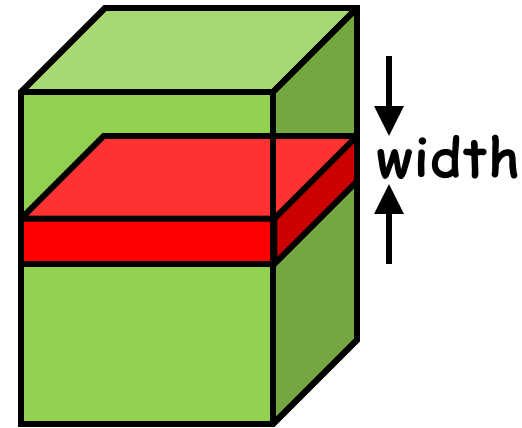
# G4PVReplica

```
G4PVReplica(const G4String &pName,  
            G4LogicalVolume *pLogical,  
            G4LogicalVolume *pMother,  
            const EAxis pAxis,  
            const G4int nReplicas,  
            const G4double width,  
            const G4double offset=0.);
```

- `offset` may be used only for tube/cone segment
- Features and restrictions:
  - Replicas can be placed inside other replicas
  - Normal placement volumes can be placed inside replicas, assuming no intersection/overlaps with the mother volume or with other replicas
  - No volume can be placed inside a **radial** replication
  - Parameterised volumes **cannot** be placed inside a replica

# Replica - axis, width, offset

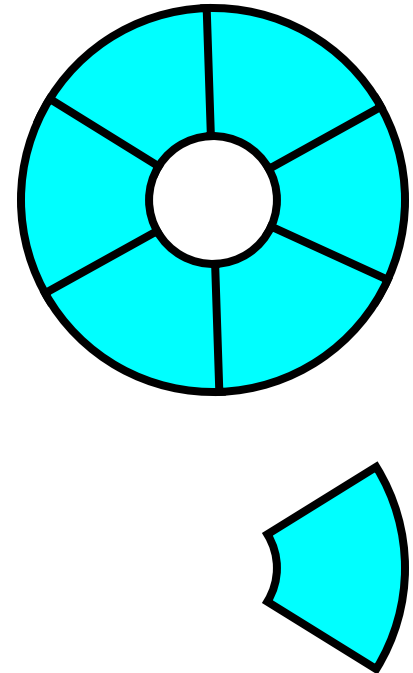
- Cartesian axes - **kXaxis**, **kYaxis**, **kZaxis**
  - Center of n-th daughter is given as  
$$-width * (nReplicas - 1) * 0.5 + n * width$$
  - Offset shall not be used
- Radial axis - **kRaxis**
  - Center of n-th daughter is given as  
$$width * (n + 0.5) + offset$$
  - Offset must be the inner radius of the mother
- Phi axis - **kPhi**
  - Center of n-th daughter is given as  
$$width * (n + 0.5) + offset$$
  - Offset must be the starting angle of the mother





# G4PVReplica : example

```
G4double tube_dPhi = 2.* M_PI * rad;
G4VSolid* tube =
    new G4Tubs("tube",20*cm,50*cm,30*cm,0.,tube_dPhi);
G4LogicalVolume * tube_log =
    new G4LogicalVolume(tube, Air, "tubeL", 0, 0, 0);
G4VPhysicalVolume* tube_phys =
    new G4PVPlacement(0,G4ThreeVector(-200.*cm,0.,0.),
        "tubeP", tube_log, world_phys, false, 0);
G4double divided_tube_dPhi = tube_dPhi/6.;
G4VSolid* div_tube =
    new G4Tubs("div_tube", 20*cm, 50*cm, 30*cm,
        -divided_tube_dPhi/2., divided_tube_dPhi);
G4LogicalVolume* div_tube_log =
    new G4LogicalVolume(div_tube,Pb,"div_tubeL",0,0,0);
G4VPhysicalVolume* div_tube_phys =
    new G4PVReplica("div_tube_phys", div_tube_log,
        tube_log, kPhi, 6, divided_tube_dPhi);
```



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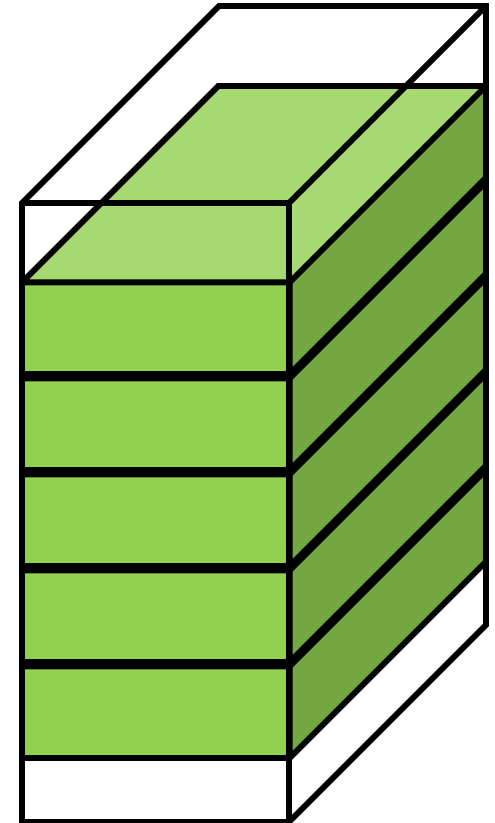


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# G4PVDivision

- G4PVDivision is a special kind of G4PVParameterised.
  - G4VPVParameterisation is **automatically generated** according to the parameters given in G4PVDivision.
- G4PVDivision is similar to G4PVReplica but
  - It **allows gaps in between** mother and daughter volumes
  - With G4ReplicatedSlice you can define gaps between daughters as well.
- **Shape of all daughter volumes must be same shape as the mother volume.**
  - G4VSolid (to be assigned to the daughter logical volume) must be the same type, but different object.
- **Replication must be aligned along one axis.**
- If your geometry does not have gaps, use **G4Replica**.
  - For identical geometry, navigation of G4Replica is faster.

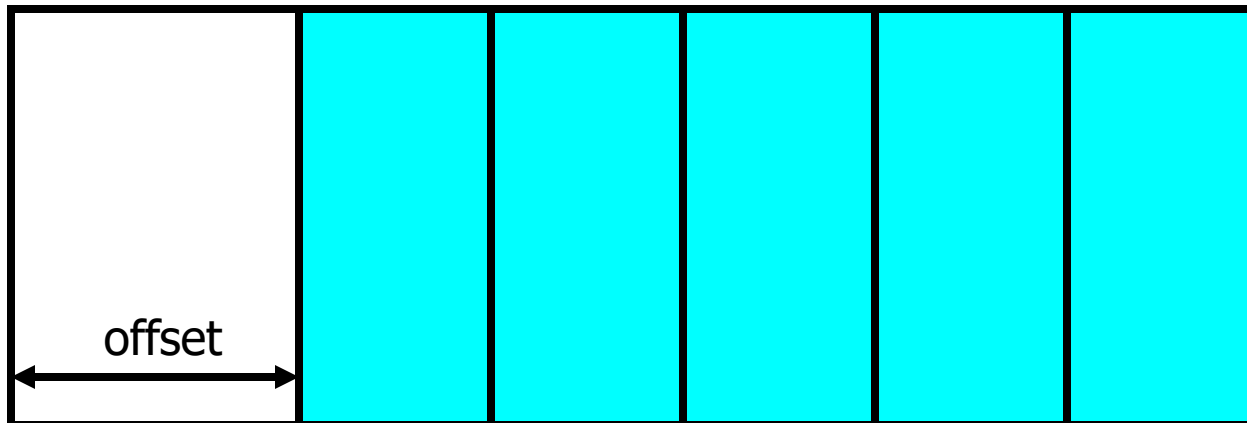


mother volume

# G4PVDivision - 1

```
G4PVDivision(const G4String& pName,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pDaughterLogical,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pMotherLogical,  
             const EAxis pAxis,  
             const G4int nDivisions, // number of division is given  
             const G4double offset);
```

- The size (width) of the daughter volume is calculated as  
 $(\text{size of mother} - \text{offset}) / \text{nDivisions}$

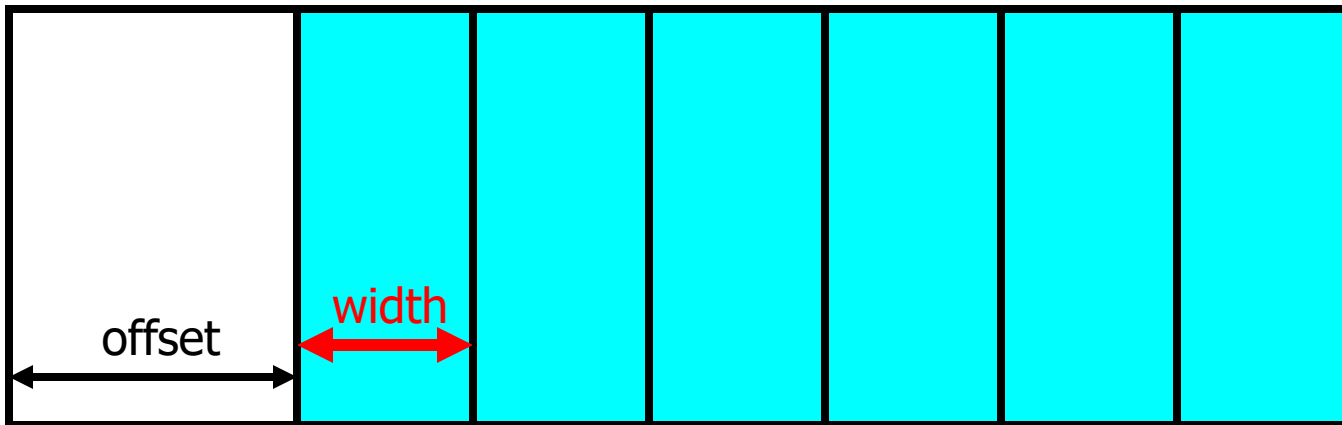




## G4PVDivision - 2

```
G4PVDivision(const G4String& pName,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pDaughterLogical,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pMotherLogical,  
             const EAxis pAxis,  
             const G4double width, // width of daughter volume is given  
             const G4double offset);
```

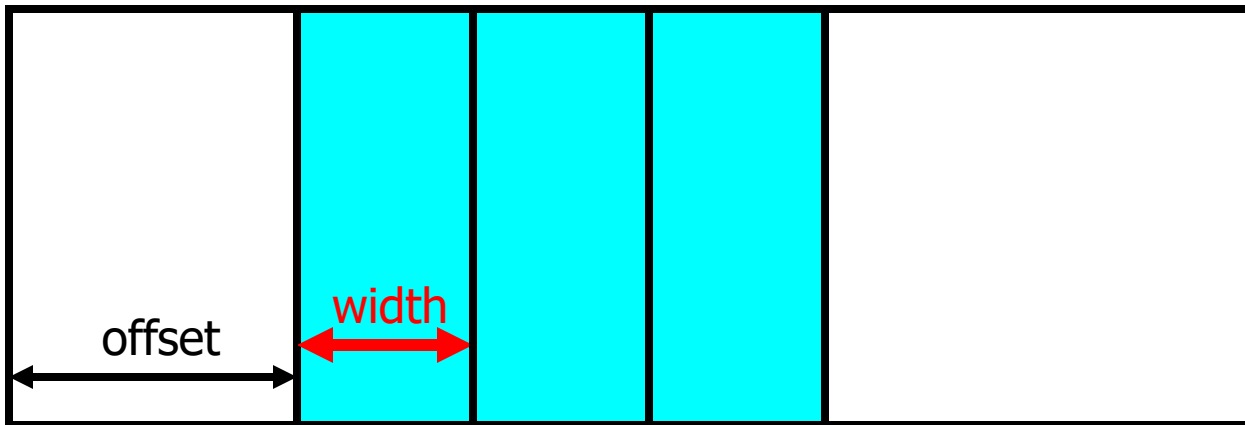
- The number of daughter volumes is calculated as  
 $\text{int}( ( \text{size of mother} ) - \text{offset} ) / \text{width} )$   
– As many daughters as width and offset allow



# G4PVDivision - 3

```
G4PVDivision(const G4String& pName,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pDaughterLogical,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pMotherLogical,  
             const EAxis pAxis,  
             const G4int nDivisions,  
             const G4double width, // both number of division and width are given  
             const G4double offset);
```

- *nDivisions* daughters of *width* thickness



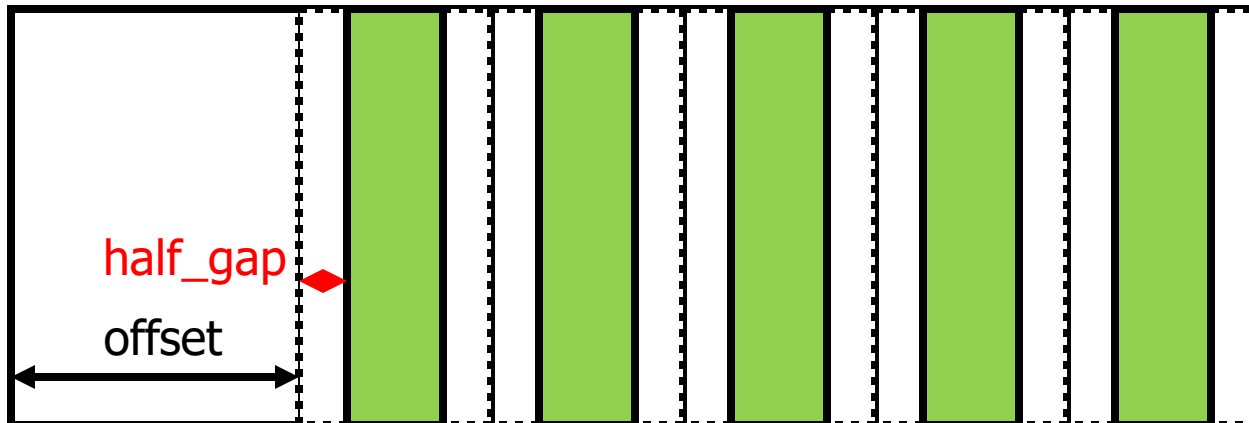
# G4PVDivision

- G4PVDivision currently supports following shapes / axes.
  - G4Box : kXAxis, kYAxis, kZAxis
  - G4Tubs : kRho, kPhi, kZAxis
  - G4Cons : kRho, kPhi, kZAxis
  - G4Trd : kXAxis, kYAxis, kZAxis
  - G4Para : kXAxis, kYAxis, kZAxis
  - G4Polycone : kRho, kPhi, kZAxis
    - kZAxis - the number of divisions has to be the same as solid sections, (i.e. numZPlanes-1), the width will **not** be taken into account.
  - G4Polyhedra : kRho, kPhi, kZAxis
    - kPhi - the number of divisions has to be the same as solid sides, (i.e. numSides), the width will **not** be taken into account.
    - kZAxis - the number of divisions has to be the same as solid sections, (i.e. numZPlanes-1), the width will **not** be taken into account.
- In the case of division along kRho of G4Cons, G4Polycone, G4Polyhedra, if width is provided, it is taken as the width at the -Z radius; the width at other radii will be scaled to this one.

# G4ReplicatedSlice

- New extension of G4Division introduced with version 9.4.
- It allows gaps in between divided volumes.

```
G4PVDivision(const G4String& pName, G4LogicalVolume* pDaughterLogical,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pMotherLogical, const EAxis pAxis,  
             const G4int nDivisions, const G4double half_gap, const G4double offset);  
G4PVDivision(const G4String& pName, G4LogicalVolume* pDaughterLogical,  
             G4LogicalVolume* pMotherLogical, const EAxis pAxis,  
             const G4double width, const G4double half_gap, const G4double offset);  
G4PVDivision(const G4String& pName, G4LogicalVolume* pDaughterLogical,  
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             const G4double half_gap, const G4double offset);
```



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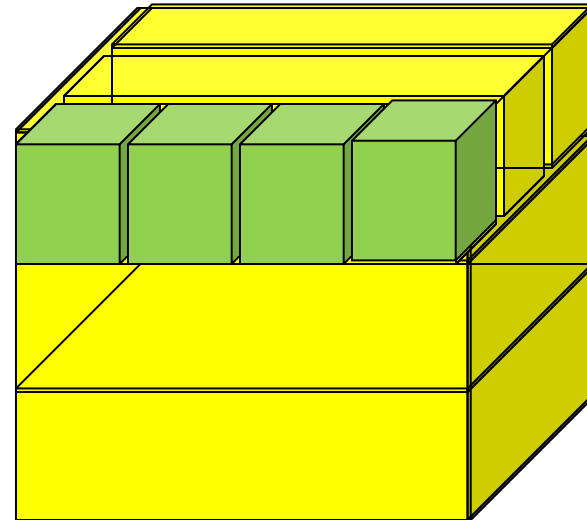
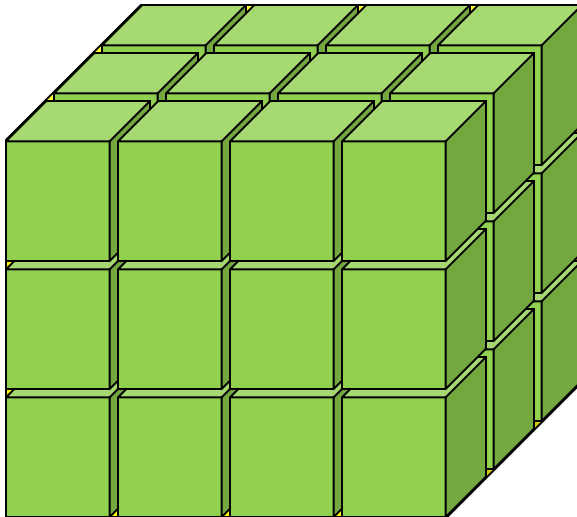
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# Nested parameterization

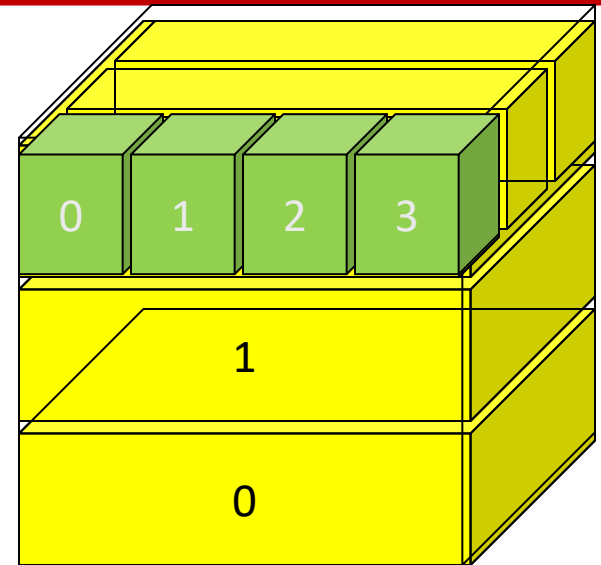
- ▶ Suppose your geometry has three-dimensional regular repetition of same shape and size of volumes without gap between volumes. And material of such volumes are changing according to the position.
  - ▶ E.g. voxels made by CT Scan data (DICOM)
- ▶ Instead of direct three-dimensional parameterized volume, use replicas for the first and second axes sequentially, and then use one-dimensional parameterization along the third axis.



- ▶ It requires much less memory for geometry optimization and gives much faster navigation for ultra-large number of voxels.

# Nested parameterization

- ▶ Given geometry is defined as two sequential replicas and then one-dimensional parameterization,
  - ▶ Material of a voxel must be parameterized not only by the copy number of the voxel, but also by the copy numbers of ancestors.
  - ▶ Material is indexed by three indices.
- ▶ **G4VNestedParameterisation** is a special parameterization class derived from G4VPVParameterisation base class.
  - ▶ ComputeMaterial() method of **G4VNestedParameterisation** has a touchable object of the **parent** physical volume, in addition to the copy number of the voxel.
    - ▶ Index of first axis = theTouchable->GetCopyNumber(**1**);
    - ▶ Index of second axis = theTouchable->GetCopyNumber(**0**);
    - ▶ Index of third axis = copy number



# G4VNestedParameterisation

- G4VNestedParameterisation is derived from G4VPVParameterization.
- G4VNestedParameterisation class has three **pure virtual** methods you have to implement,
  - in addition to ComputeTransformation() method, which is mandatory for all G4VPVParameterization classes.

```
virtual G4Material* ComputeMaterial(G4VPhysicalVolume *currentVol,  
    const G4int repNo, const G4VTouchable *parentTouch=0)=0;
```

- Return a material pointer w.r.t. copy numbers of itself and ancestors.
- Must cope with parentTouch=0 for navigator's sake. Typically, return a default material if parentTouch=0.

```
virtual G4int GetNumberOfMaterials() const=0;
```

- Return total number of materials which may appear as the return value of ComputeMaterial() method.

```
virtual G4Material* GetMaterial(G4int idx) const=0;
```

- Return idx-th material.
- “idx” is not a copy number. idx = [0, nMaterial-1]

# G4VNestedParameterisation

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- G4VNestedParameterisation is a kind of G4VPVParameterization.
  - It can be used as an argument of G4PVPParameterised.
  - All other arguments of G4PVPParameterised are unaffected.
- Nested parameterization of placement volume is **not** supported.
  - All levels used as indices of material must be **repeated volume**.  
There cannot be a level of placement volume in between.

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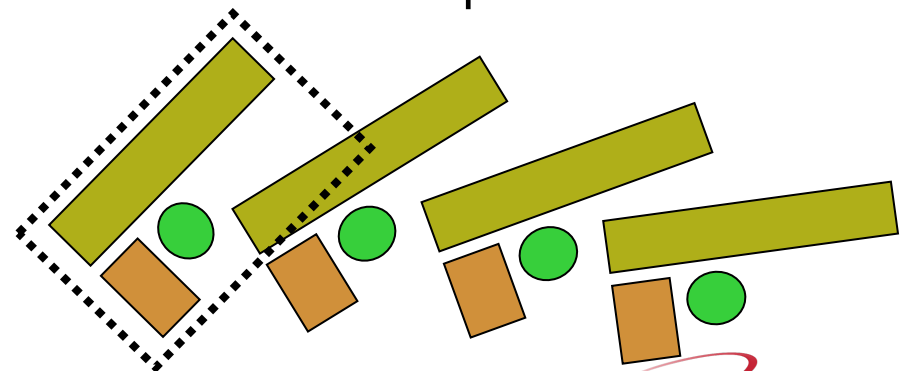
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# Grouping volumes

- To represent a regular pattern of positioned volumes, composing a more or less complex structure
  - structures which are hard to describe with simple replicas or parameterised volumes
  - structures which may consist of different shapes
  - Too densely positioned to utilize a mother volume
- Assembly volume
  - acts as an *envelope* for its daughter volumes
  - its role is over once its logical volume has been placed
  - daughter physical volumes become independent copies in the final structure
- Participating daughter logical volumes are treated as triplets
  - logical volume
  - translation w.r.t. envelop
  - rotation w.r.t. envelop



# G4AssemblyVolume

## `G4AssemblyVolume::AddPlacedVolume`

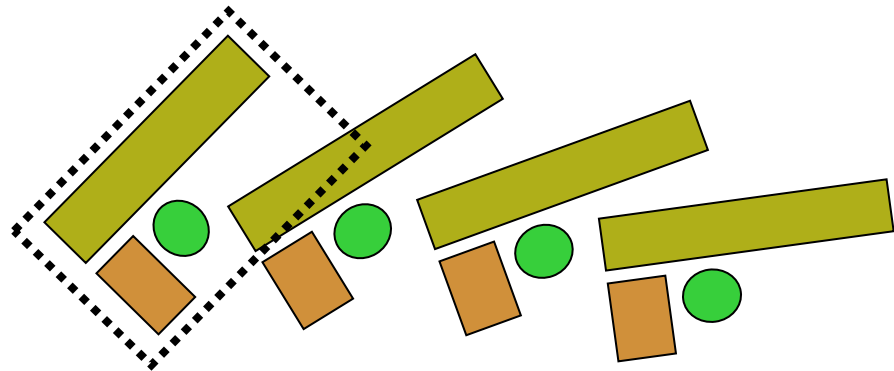
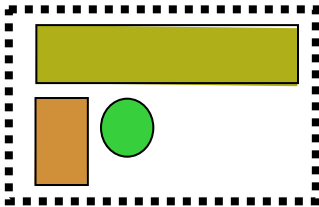
```
( G4LogicalVolume* volume,  
  G4ThreeVector& translation,  
  G4RotationMatrix* rotation );
```

- Helper class to combine daughter logical volumes in arbitrary way
  - Imprints of the assembly volume are made inside a mother logical volume through `G4AssemblyVolume::MakeImprint(...)`
  - Each physical volume name is generated automatically
    - Format: `av_www_impr_xxx_yyy_zzz`
      - `www` – assembly volume instance number
      - `xxx` – assembly volume imprint number
      - `yyy` – name of the placed logical volume in the assembly
      - `zzz` – index of the associated logical volume
  - Generated physical volumes (and related transformations) are automatically managed (creation and destruction)

# G4AssemblyVolume : example

```
G4AssemblyVolume* assembly = new G4AssemblyVolume();
G4RotationMatrix Ra;
G4ThreeVector Ta;
Ta.setX(...); Ta.setY(...); Ta.setZ(...);
assembly->AddPlacedVolume( plateLV, Ta, Ra );
... // repeat placement for each daughter

for( unsigned int i = 0; i < layers; i++ ) {
    G4RotationMatrix Rm(...);
    G4ThreeVector Tm(...);
    assembly->MakeImprint( worldLV, Tm, Rm );
}
```



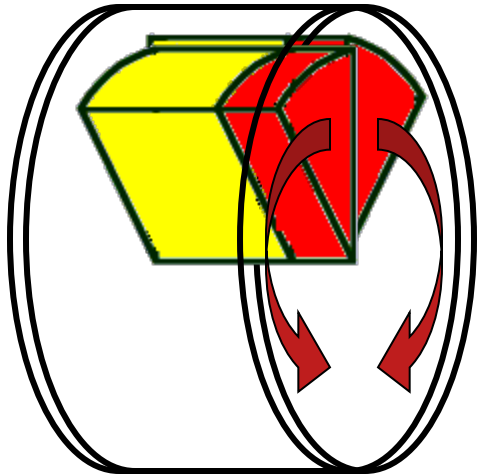
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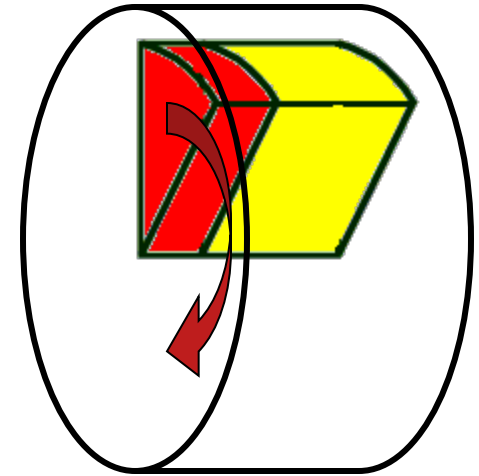
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# Reflecting solids



- ▶ Let's take an example of a pair of mirror symmetric volumes.
- ▶ Such geometry cannot be made by parallel transformation or 180 degree rotation.



- **G4ReflectedSolid** (derived from G4VSolid)
  - Utility class representing a solid shifted from its original reference frame to a new **mirror symmetric** one
  - The reflection (G4Reflect[X/Y/Z]3D) is applied as a decomposition into rotation and translation
- **G4ReflectionFactory**
  - Singleton object using G4ReflectedSolid for generating placements of reflected volumes
- Reflections are currently limited to simple CSG solids.
  - will be extended soon to all solids



# Reflecting hierarchies of volumes - 1

## **G4PhysicalVolumesPair G4ReflectionFactory::Place**

```
(const G4Transform3D& transform3D, // the transformation
 const G4String& name,           // the name
 G4LogicalVolume* LV,           // the logical volume
 G4LogicalVolume* motherLV,     // the mother volume
 G4bool noBool,                 // currently unused
 G4int copyNo)                  // optional copy number
```

- Used for normal placements:
  - i. Performs the transformation decomposition
  - ii. Generates a new reflected solid and logical volume
    - Retrieves it from a map if the reflected object is already created
  - iii. Transforms any daughter and places them in the given mother
  - iv. Returns a pair of physical volumes, the second being a placement in the reflected mother
- **G4PhysicalVolumesPair** is `std::map<G4VPhysicalVolume*, G4VPhysicalVolume*>`

# Reflecting hierarchies of volumes - 2

## G4PhysicalVolumesPair G4ReflectionFactory::Replicate

```
(const G4String& name, // the actual name
G4LogicalVolume* LV, // the logical volume
G4LogicalVolume* motherLV, // the mother volume
Eaxis axis // axis of replication
G4int replicaNo // number of replicas
G4int width, // width of single replica
G4int offset=0) // optional mother offset
```

- Creates replicas in the given mother volume
- Returns a pair of physical volumes, the second being a replica in the reflected mother

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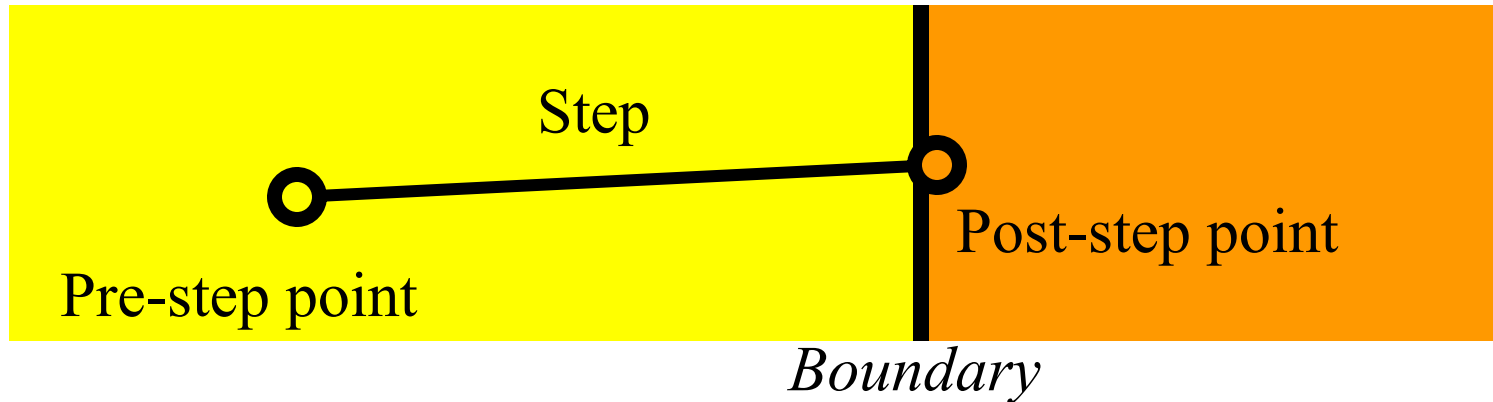


- Various ways of defining physical volume
  - Parameterized volume
  - Replicated volume
  - Divided volume
  - Nested parameterization
  - Assembly volume
  - Reflection volume
- Touchable



# Step in Geant4

- Step has two points and also “delta” information of a particle (energy loss on the step, time-of-flight spent by the step, etc.).
- Each point knows the volume (and material). In case a step is limited by a volume boundary, the end point physically stands on the boundary, and it **logically belongs to the next volume**.
  - Because one step knows materials of two volumes, boundary processes such as transition radiation or refraction could be simulated.



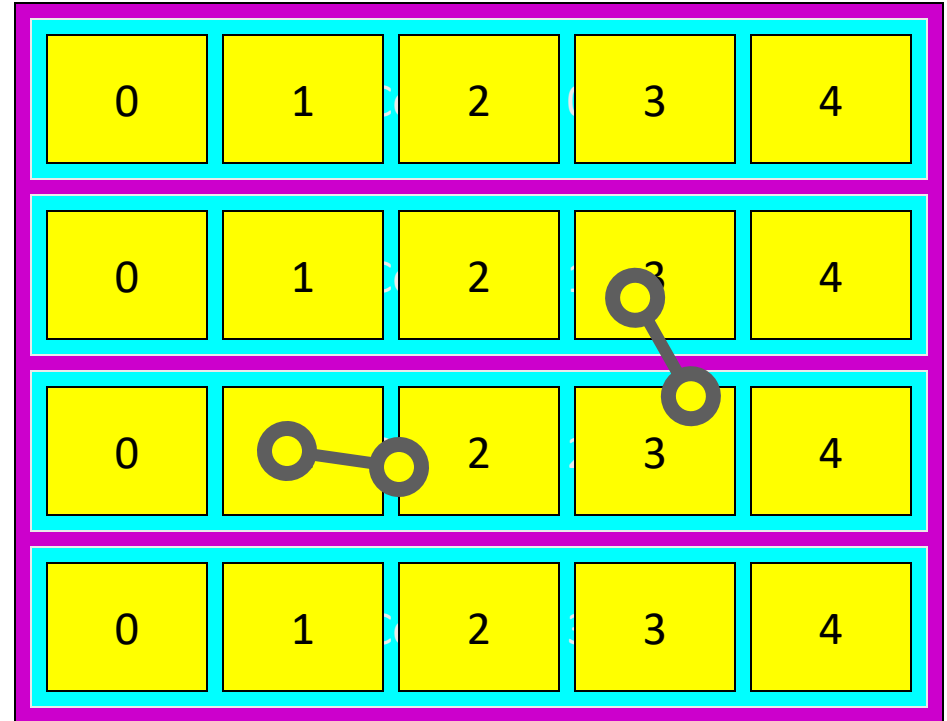
# Step point and touchable

- As mentioned in the previous slide, G4Step has two G4StepPoint objects as its starting and ending points. All the geometrical information of the particular step should be taken from “PreStepPoint”.
  - Geometrical information associated with G4Track is identical to “PostStepPoint”.
- Each G4StepPoint object has
  - Position in world coordinate system
  - Global and local time
  - Material
  - G4TouchableHistory for geometrical information
- G4TouchableHistory object is a vector of information for each geometrical hierarchy.
  - copy number
  - transformation / rotation to its mother



# Copy number

- Suppose a calorimeter is made of 4x5 cells.
  - and it is implemented **by two levels of replica**.
- In reality, there is **only one** physical volume **object** for each level. Its position is parameterized by its copy number.
- To get the copy number of each level, suppose what happens if a step belongs to two cells.
  - ▶ Remember geometrical information in G4Track is identical to "PostStepPoint".
  - ▶ You **cannot** get the correct copy number for "PreStepPoint" if you directly access to the physical volume.
  - ▶ **Use touchable** to get the proper copy number, transform matrix, etc.



# Touchable

- G4TouchableHistory has information of geometrical hierarchy of the point.

```
G4Step* aStep;
```

```
G4StepPoint* preStepPoint = aStep->GetPreStepPoint();
```

```
G4TouchableHistory* theTouchable
```

```
    = preStepPoint->GetTouchable();
```

```
G4int copyNo = theTouchable->GetVolume()->GetCopyNo();
```

```
G4int motherCopyNo
```

```
    = theTouchable->GetVolume(1)->GetCopyNo();
```

```
G4int grandMotherCopyNo
```

```
    = theTouchable->GetVolume(2)->GetCopyNo();
```

```
G4ThreeVector worldPos = preStepPoint->GetPosition();
```

```
G4ThreeVector localPos = theTouchable->GetHistory()
```

```
    ->GetTopTransform().TransformPoint(worldPos);
```