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Subject: shape of a volume

Posted by [Olaf Hartmann](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2010 10:49:38 GMT

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Hi all,

I see a somewhat strange behaviour from the following lines of code:

```
if (!gGeoManager) GetGeoManager();
TGeoVolume* actVolume = gGeoManager->GetCurrentVolume();
TGeoShape* actShape = actVolume->GetShape();
const char* fShapeName = actShape->GetName();
```

```
cout << "Volume is " << fShapeName << endl;
```

Instead of the shape name I get always the volume name in the output. Interactively, at the ROOT prompt, it works:

```
Quote:root [1] TGeoVolume* actVolume = gGeoManager->GetVolume("FscAbsorber")
root [2] TGeoShape* actShape = actVolume->GetShape();
root [3] actShape->GetName();
root [4] actShape->GetName()
(const char* 0x2cfa898)"TGeoBBox"
```

I wonder how to get the shape name inside the code?

Cheers  
Olaf.

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Subject: Re: problem gone

Posted by [Olaf Hartmann](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2010 14:44:06 GMT

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The problem is gone. I don't know why since I did not change the code ...

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Subject: Re: shape of a volume - always TGeoBBox ?

Posted by [Olaf Hartmann](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2010 15:39:09 GMT

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Dear all,

I just realized that asking the GeoManager about the shape of a volume he always answers TGeoBBox, which is a bounding box of each of the volumes, even if they're originally of type

e.g. TGeoTube.

Quote:root [2] gGeoManager->GetVolume(1211)->GetShape()->InspectShape()

```
*** Shape stt01wire1880: TGeoTube ***
```

```
Rmin = 0.00000
```

```
Rmax = 0.00100
```

```
dz = 31.80215
```

Bounding box:

```
*** Shape stt01wire1880: TGeoBBox ***
```

```
dX = 0.00100
```

```
dY = 0.00100
```

```
dZ = 31.80215
```

```
origin: x= 0.00000 y= 0.00000 z= 0.00000
```

As I wrote in the earlier mail, I tried to access the dimensions of the physical volumes:

```
TGeoVolume* actVolume = gGeoManager->GetVolume(fVolumeID);  
TGeoShape* actShape = actVolume->GetShape();  
const char* fShapeName = actShape->GetName();
```

fShapeName is always TGeoBBox. How can I arrive to the underlying shape (e.g. TGeoTube) ?

Cheers

Olaf.

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Subject: Re: shape of a volume - always TGeoBBox ?  
Posted by [Lia Lavezzi](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2010 15:53:39 GMT  
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Hi Olaf,

in stt/PndSttMapCreator.cxx I retrieve the geometry of the TGeoTube, but the very starting point is the list of FairGeoNodes from the PndGeoSttPar...

The code does:

```
FairGeoNode *pnode = (FairGeoNode*) geoPassNodes->FindObject(tubename);
```

```
...
```

```
TGeoVolume* rootvol = pnode->getRootVolume();
```

```
TGeoTube *tube = (TGeoTube*) rootvol->GetShape();
```

...I don't know if this may be helpful...

Lia.

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Subject: Re: shape of a volume - always TGeoBBox ?

Posted by [Olaf Hartmann](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2010 16:09:59 GMT

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Ciao Lia,

Lia Lavezzi wrote on Mon, 13 December 2010 16:53Hi Olaf,  
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The code does:

```
FairGeoNode *pnode = (FairGeoNode*) geoPassNodes->FindObject(tubename);
```

```
...
```

```
TGeoVolume* rootvol = pnode->getRootVolume();
```

```
TGeoTube *tube = (TGeoTube*) rootvol->GetShape();
```

...I don't know if this may be helpful...

Lia.

As I read, this is specific for STT (I need something general) ... and in your example it seems that you already know that you're looking for a tube. So I wonder if

```
TGeoVolume* rootvol = pnode->getRootVolume();
```

```
TGeoShape* volshape = rootvol->GetShape();
```

would work in your case, giving TGeoTube as shape name?

Thanks

Olaf.

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**Subject: Re: shape of a volume - always TGeoBBox ?**

Posted by [Lia Lavezzi](#) on Mon, 13 Dec 2010 16:34:26 GMT

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Quote:As I read, this is specific for STT (I need something general)

Yes, this was written for the tubes, but also the other detectors fill the passive/active node list... maybe it could be generalized.

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No, I just tried and it gives me "stt01tube", but InspectShape works and recognizes it as a TGeoTube.

Ciao,

Lia.

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