

# CombLayer: Towards a simple MCNP beamline builder

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## Target / Reflector / Moderator Assembly / Beamlines

 Neutron instrument are dense, complex systems made of many high scattering materials.





- We have traditionally modeled them as simple objects.
- This is NOT a choice! Driven by the effort required to model.



#### MCNP is a nightmare

#### All of the following cause modelling difficult:

- Every volume needs to be described with individual quadratic surfaces.
- Volume needs to be completely described
- Surfaces like torus can only be on an axis
- The code is less readable than assembly code



#### MCNP is a nightmare

All of the following *help* to the modeler are incomplete in the geometric algebra space and normally result in runtime penalty.

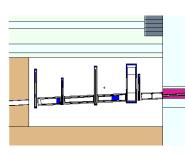
- Complementary cells
- Universes require full computation of objects within
- Transform cards / Lattice cards
- Macrobodies
- Boolean invariances



# Requirement for CombLayer

#### **Geometry:**





- Build a model out of complex components [like McStas]
- Build complex components without needing to consider anything bigger.
- Have a toolbox of gadgets to help build our complex components



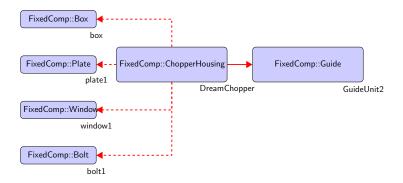
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#### Model:

- Output should be good to run
- A system of naming that allows construction without referring to numbers
- Tally/Variance reduction system that can use the CombLayer model



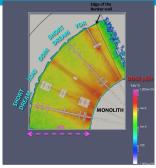
#### Geometry: Origins/Axis/Common surfaces

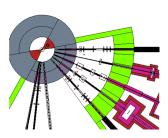


LOCAL origin and axis space
LOCAL surface map
EXPORTS origin and axis space and link points + axes



#### Multile Direction linkage

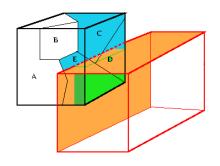




- Linkage **followed** by Rotation/Offset
- Start point End Point linkage system



## Evolution of object/object intersection

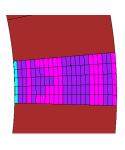


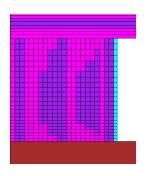
- Consider an Region of objects that needs to overlap and exclude a portion of another region of objects.
- The overlap region is defined in green.
- CombLayer adds union of orange surfaces to blue cells

Improves runtime by  $\sim (NSurf_{orange} / NIter)^2$ 



### Bunker Wall Layout





- Have the ability to make any cell discrete (3D)
- The material for each cell/cells are then read from an XML file
- Division allows cell-bases variance reduction

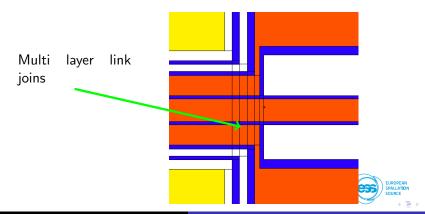


#### BunkerWall code

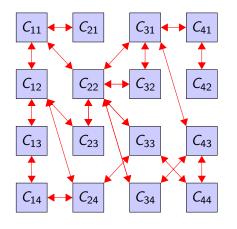
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void Bunker::createMainWall(Simulation& System)
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3
     ELog::RegMethod RegA("Bunker", "createMainWall");
 4
     size_t AS=activeSegment; // binary system
5
     for(size t i=0:AS && i<nSectors:i++)
6
7
         const std::string CName="Sector"+StrFunc::makeString(i);
8
         if (AS & 1)
9
           {
10
             const int CN=getCell("frontWall",i);
11
             ModelSupport::LaverDivide3D LD3(kevName+"MainWall"+
12
                                               StrFunc::makeString(i)):
13
14
             LD3.setSurfPair(0.SMap.realSurf(bnkIndex+1001+static cast<int>(i)).
15
                              SMap.realSurf(bnkIndex+1002+static cast<int>(i)));
16
17
             LD3.setSurfPair(1,SMap.realSurf(bnkIndex+5),
18
             SMap.realSurf(bnkIndex+6)):
19
             LD3.setSurfPair(2,SMap.realSurf(bnkIndex+7),
20
             SMap.realSurf(bnkIndex+17));
21
             LD3.setFractions(0,segDivide);
22
             LD3.setFractions(1.vertFrac):
23
             LD3.setFractions(2,wallFrac);
24
25
             LD3.setMaterialXML(keyName+"Def.xml","WallMat",keyName+".xml",
26
                                 ModelSupport::EvalMatString(wallMat));
             LD3.divideCell(System,CN);
             removeCell("frontWall",i):
29
             addSurfs(CName, LD3.getSurfs());
30
             addCells(CName,LD3.getCells());
31
32
         AS>>=1:
33
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# Specialized Link Units: Pipework

- CombLayer allows pipework using object that have links and free points
- Any convex profile is acceptable
- Multi-layer joins done for all object inherited from LayerComp



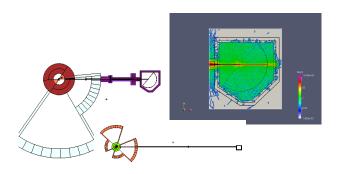
#### Variance reduction: Semi-Adjoint processing



- Create the object connections
- Calculate the attenuation and 1/r<sup>w</sup> from cell centre to cell centre for each
- Evolve the Markov Chain cell interaction probability
- Use result as w<sub>ij</sub> component.



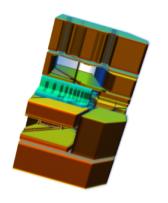
## Variance reduction: Long beamlins

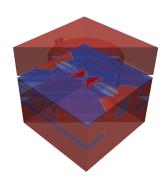


- Long beamline need to exploit angular biasing
- Auto-determined ext card on a cell/cell level
- Benefits from LD3 splitting



#### Conclusions





- We have tools to process complex geometries
- In a position to offer fast target to sample calculations
- Code/Build your model at a level away from MCNP

Download https://gitbug.com/SAnsell/CombLayer

