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FLUKA Beginner's Course

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Aim of the exercise:

1- More geometry practice

2- Use of Conditional Directives

3- Run parallel cases

4- See FLUKA capabilities on low energy neutrons

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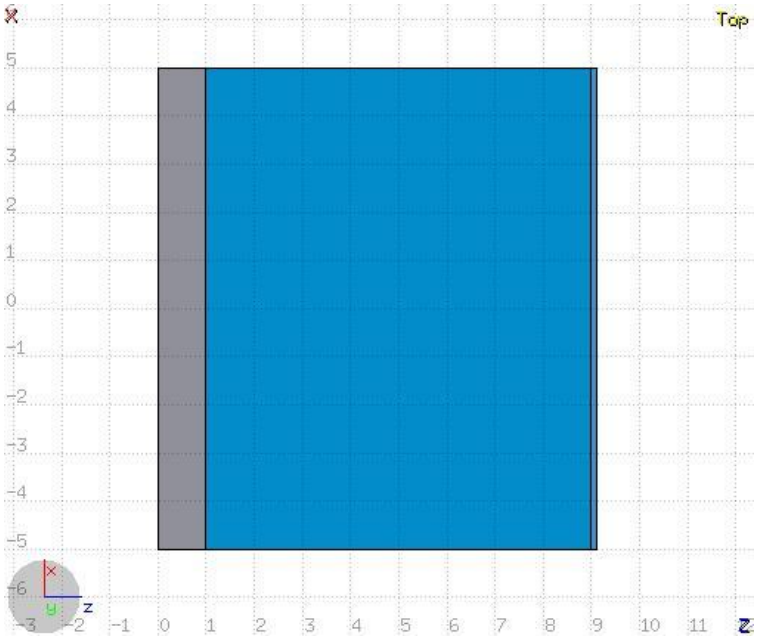
- Start from the solution of ex5 (copy both inp and flair files):

  mkdir ex9 ; cp ex5/ex5.* ex9/. ; cd ex9

- Geometry modifications:
  - Increase **TARGS2** size moving **T2seg** plane to **z=9 cm**
  - Squeeze **TARGS3** to 100 microns moving **ZThigh** to **z=9.01 cm**



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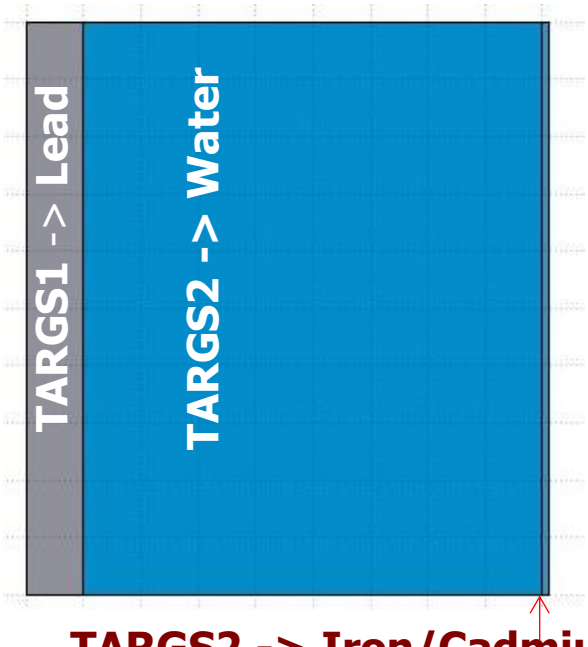
Material modifications:

- TARGS1 -> Lead
- TARGS2 -> Water
- TARGS3- > Iron/Cadmium

  (use #if … #else … #endif)
- NB: Cd is not a FLUKA predefined material

  MATERIAL cast must be defined

  (you can try to use Flair to add it)

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ASSIGNMA        Mat: CO2 ▼        Reg: INAIR ▼        to Reg: ▼
                Mat(Decay): ▼     Step:               Field: ▼

If Flag_IRON is set, then IRON is assigned to the TARGS3 region
otherwise Cadmium is assigned
#if             Flag_IRON ▼
    ASSIGNMA    Mat: IRON ▼       Reg: TARGS3 ▼       to Reg: ▼
                Mat(Decay): ▼     Step:               Field: ▼
#else
    ASSIGNMA    Mat: CADMIUM ▼    Reg: TARGS3 ▼       to Reg: ▼
                Mat(Decay): ▼     Step:               Field: ▼
#endif
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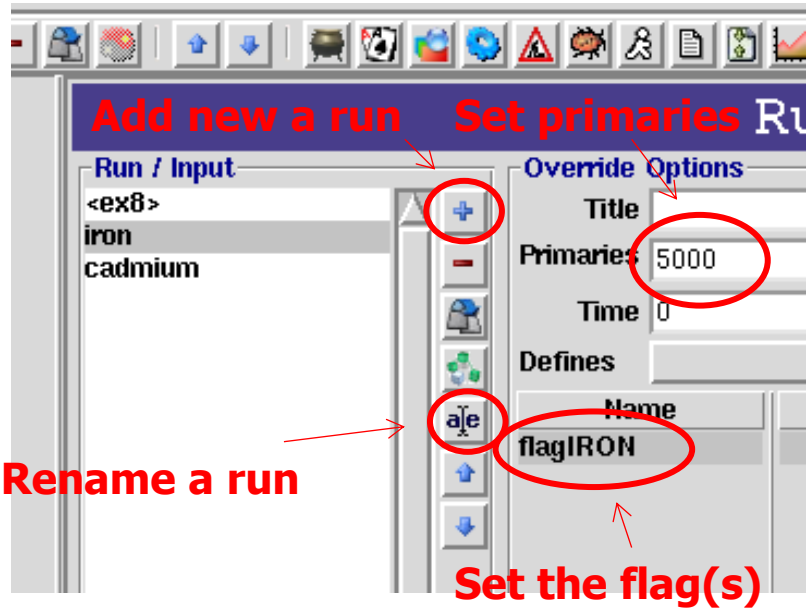
- Add boundary crossing scoring from TARGS3 to INAIR
  - Estimate neutron fluence (unformatted output on unit 53)
  - Use log energy binning down to the lowest energy group
- For both Fe and Cd: run 5 cycles, 20000 primaries each
- WARNING: do not overwrite results when running the 2nd case, create two runs in Flair and run them independently



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- Plot the results as a lethargy spectrum
  (x-axis: GeoMean, y-axis: Y*<Xgeo>, both log axis)

- For the **Iron** case:
  Identify the peak in thermal part of the spectrum
  Note the automatic matching of neutron group structure

- Compare with the results obtained in the **Cadmium** case