



Exercise 9: Low Energy Neutrons

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

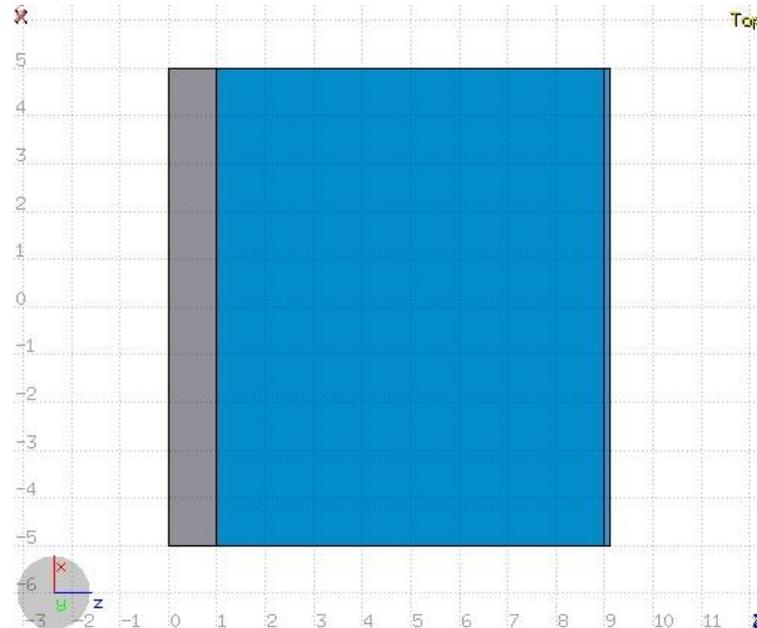
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- Start from the solution of ex5 (copy both inp and flair files):

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mkdir ex9 ; cp ex5/ex5.* ex9/. ; cd ex9
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- Geometry modifications:

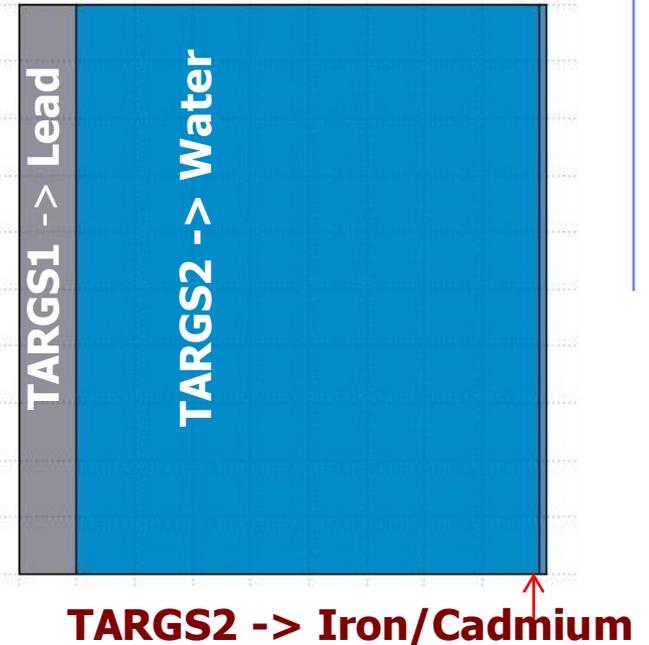
- Increase **TARGS2** size moving **T2seg** plane to **z=9 cm**
- Squeeze **TARGS3** to 100 microns moving **ZThigh** to **z=9.01 cm**



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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)

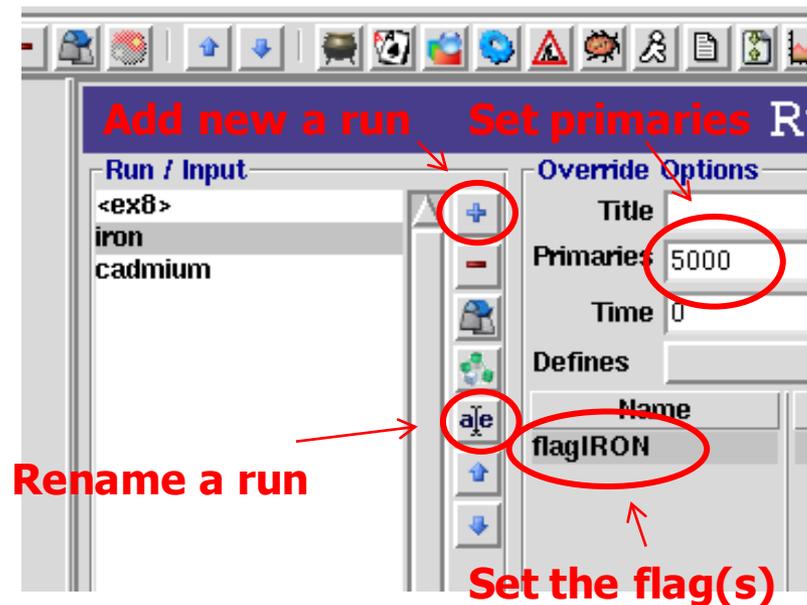


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ASSIGNMA                               Mat: CO2 ▼                               Reg: INAIR ▼                               to Reg: ▼
                                         Mat(Decay): ▼                               Step:                               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: $Y^* \langle X_{\text{geo}} \rangle$, 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