CONVERSION OF COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN (CAD) OUTPUT FILES TO MONTE CARLO N-PARTICLE (MCNP) INPUT FILES

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Overview

Export 2D Drawing eXchange Format (DXF) files from CAD

- Convert to MCNP using the MCNP Visual Editor
- Export 3D Standard ACIS Text (SAT) files from CAD

Convert to MCNP using the MCNP Visual Editor

Complete Interface for MCNP

MCNP Visual Editor Version 17 - Vised25

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The Visual Editor Graphical User Interface for MCNP

Display Geometries with 2D views Create geometries Universes, fills, lattices Some support for data cards Materials, transformations, importances Plot particle tracks SDEF Source generation points Collision points KCODE source point generation 3D plots Normal, Radiograph, Transparent

Tally plots

How the Visual Editor works

- Visual C++ code is linked to the MCNP Fortran code.
- The Visual Editor Fortran modifications are now a part of the LANL Version 5 Fortran code.
- The C++ and Fortran share data and memory.

Visual Editor Capabilites Lattice Display/Creation

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Visual Editor Capabilites 3D Ray Traced Imaging

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Visual Editor Capabilites 3D Plots of Lattice Geometries



Visual Editor Capabilites Collision Plots



2D CAD conversion Generate in CAD Export as a DXF File



2D CAD conversion Read 2D dxf File into Visual Editor



2D CAD conversion Removed Unwanted Surfaces



2D CAD conversion Segment the surfaces



2D CAD conversion Convert to MCNP



2D CAD conversion Limitations

- Can not convert intersecting circles/ellipses
- All geometries are extruded axially
- Different geometries have same axial cross section
 - Axial cross section of a cylinder converts to a box.
 - Spheres convert to cylinders.

3D CAD conversion Generate in CAD Export as a SAT file



3D CAD conversion Read SAT File into Visual Editor **3D View of CAD Geometry Displayed**

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3D CAD conversion Convert to MCNP



3D CAD conversion View MCNP Geometry in 3D

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3D CAD conversion Two Different Modes

Use CAD to Create the MCNP geometry.

- Define the geometry without using subtractions or unions
- Conversion program will determine the subtractions and unions.
- Read an already existing fully defined geometry
 - All space must be defined
 - May need to simplify overly complex cells

Example 3D CAD conversion Building

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Request for Test Geometries

 Test 2D and 3D conversion on complex geometries.
 – Send geometries to Randy Schwarz www.mcnpvised.com