



# Advanced Geometry

FLUKA Beginner's Course

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# Geometry directives

Special commands enclosing body definition:

`$Start_xxx`

.....

`$End_xxx`

where "xxx" stands for  
"expansion", "translat" or "transform"

They provide respectively a coordinate **expansion/reduction**, a coordinate **translation** or a coordinate **roto-translation** of the bodies embedded between the starting and the ending directive lines.

<code>\$start_transform</code>	Trans:	▼		
<code>\$end_transform</code>				
<code>\$start_expansion</code>	f:			
<code>\$end_expansion</code>				
<code>\$start_translat</code>	dx:	dy:	dz:	
<code>\$end_translat</code>				

# Directives in geometry: expansion/reduction

➤ `$Start_expansion ... $End_expansion`

it provides a coordinate expansion (reduction) factor **f** for all bodies embedded within the directive

`$Start_expansion 10.0`

`SPH Sphere 5.0 7.0 8.0 50.0`

`$End_expansion`

<code>\$start_expansion</code>	<code>f:10.0</code>		
<code>SPH Sphere</code>	<code>x:5.0</code>	<code>y:7.0</code>	<code>z:8.0</code>
	<code>R:50.0</code>		
<code>\$end_expansion</code>			

transforms a sphere of radius 50 centered in (+5,+7,+8) into a sphere of radius 500 centered in (+50,+70,+80)

Putting the body in its quadric form

$$A_{xx} x^2 + A_{yy} y^2 + A_{zz} z^2 + A_{xy} xy + A_{xz} xz + A_{yz} yz + A_x x + A_y y + A_z z + A_0 = 0$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{xx} & A_{xy}/2 & A_{xz}/2 & A_x/2 \\ A_{xy}/2 & A_{yy} & A_{yz}/2 & A_y/2 \\ A_{xz}/2 & A_{yz}/2 & A_{zz} & A_z/2 \\ A_x/2 & A_y/2 & A_z/2 & A_0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{i.e. } \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{M}_{\text{QUA}} \mathbf{r} = 0$$

the expansion/reduction matrix is  $T =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the transformed body equation is  $\mathbf{r}^T (\mathbf{T}^{-1})^T \mathbf{M}_{\text{QUA}} \mathbf{T}^{-1} \mathbf{r} = 0$

# Directives in geometry: translation

➤ `$Start_translat ... $End_translat`


it provides a coordinate translation  $S_x, S_y, S_z$  for all bodies embedded within the directive

```
$Start_translat -5.0 -7.0 -8.0
```

```
SPH Sphere 5.0 7.0 8.0 50.0
```

```
$End_translat
```

transforms a sphere of radius 50 centered in (+5,+7,+8)  
into a sphere of radius 50 centered in (0,0,0)

<code>\$start_translat</code>	dx: -5.0	dy: -7.0	dz: -8.0
 <code>SPH Sphere</code>	x: 5.0 R: 50.0	y: 7.0	z: 8.0
<code>\$end_translat</code>			

the translation matrix is  $T =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & S_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & S_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & S_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Directives in geometry: roto-translation

➤ `$Start_transform ... $End_transform`

it applies a pre-defined (via **ROT-DEFI**) roto-translation to all bodies embedded within the directive

```
ROT-DEFI , 201.0, 0., +116.5650511770780, 0., 0., 0., cylrot
```

```
$Start_transform cylrot
```

```
QUA Cylinder 0.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 -4.0
```

```
$End_transform
```

transforms an infinite circular cylinder of radius 2 with axis  $\{x=-z, y=0\}$  into an infinite circular cylinder of radius 2 with axis  $\{x=z/3, y=0\}$  (**clockwise rotation**)

the roto-translation matrix is  $T = \begin{bmatrix} R & \begin{matrix} S_x \\ S_y \\ S_z \end{matrix} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & -(R^{-1}S)_x \\ R^{-1} & & & -(R^{-1}S)_y \\ & & & -(R^{-1}S)_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- it allows to rotate a **RPP** avoiding the use of the deprecated **BOX** !

- note that also the **inverse** transformation can be used  $T^{-1}$

```
$Start_transform -cylrot
```

# ROT-DEFIni

The **ROT-DEFIni** card defines roto-translations that can be applied, in addition to bodies, to i. **USRBIN & EVENTBIN** and ii. **LATTICE**. It transforms the position of the tracked particle i. before scoring with respect to the defined binning or ii. into the prototype with the order:

- First applies the **translation**
- followed by the rotation on the **azimuthal angle**
- and finally by the rotation on the **polar angle**.

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{polar}} \times \mathbf{M}_{\text{az}} \times (\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{T})$$

**WHAT(1):** assigns a **transformation index** and the corresponding rotation axis **I + J \***  
**100** or **I \* 1000 + J**

I = index of rotation (**WARNING: NOTE THE SWAP OF VARIABLES**)

J = rotation with respect to axis (1=X, 2=Y, 3=Z)

**WHAT(2):** **Polar angle** of the rotation ( $0 \leq \vartheta \leq 180^\circ$  degrees)

**WHAT(3):** **Azimuthal angle** of the rotation ( $-180 \leq \varphi \leq 180^\circ$  degrees)

**WHAT(4), WHAT(5), WHAT(6)** = X, Y, Z offset for the **translation**

**SDUM:** **Optional** (but recommended) name for the transformation

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**ROT-DEFI**

Id: 1

Axis: Z ▼

Name: 1tra

Polar: 0.0

Azm:

Δx:

Δy:

Δz: -10.0

# Directives in geometry: warnings

- `$Start_expansion` and `$Start_translat` are applied when reading the geometry → no CPU penalty (the concerned bodies are transformed once for ever at initialization)

`$Start_transform` is applied runtime → some CPU penalty

- One can **nest** the different directives (*at most one per type!*) but, no matter the input order, the adopted sequence is always the following:

```
$Start_transform StupiRot
```

```
$Start_translat -5.0 -7.0 -8.0
```

```
$Start_expansion 10.0
```

```
QUA WhatIsIt +1.0 +1.0 +1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 -10.0 -14.0 -16.0 -2362.0
```

```
$End_expansion
```

```
$End_translat
```

```
$End_transform
```

- Directives are not case sensitive (whereas roto-translation names are)

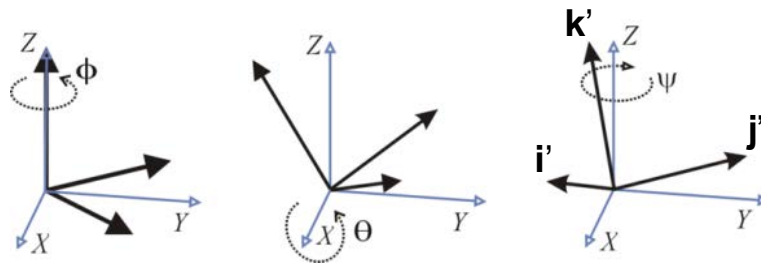


# Identifying rotation angles

Let's define the orientation of a body in the space by a system of 3 orthogonal vectors  $\mathbf{i}'$ ,  $\mathbf{j}'$ ,  $\mathbf{k}'$ , whose coordinates are expressed with respect to the fixed reference frame  $X, Y, Z$

$$\text{Then } [\mathbf{i}' \ \mathbf{j}' \ \mathbf{k}'] = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 c_3 - c_2 s_1 s_3 & -c_1 s_3 - c_3 c_2 s_1 & s_2 s_1 \\ c_2 c_1 s_3 + c_3 s_1 & c_1 c_2 c_3 - s_1 s_3 & -c_1 s_2 \\ s_3 s_2 & c_3 s_2 & c_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \text{ (in the ZXZ convention)}$$

where  $c_1 = \cos(\psi)$   $c_2 = \cos(\theta)$   $c_3 = \cos(\Phi)$   $s_1 = \sin(\psi)$   $s_2 = \sin(\theta)$   $s_3 = \sin(\Phi)$



here  $\Phi = 45^\circ$   $\theta = 30^\circ$   $\psi = -60^\circ$

The obtained Euler angles can be input as azimuthal angle of three consecutive rotations (**ROT-DEFI**)

# Lattice

FLUKA geometry has *replication* (lattice) capabilities

*Only one level is implemented* (no nested lattices are allowed)

- The user defines lattice positions in the geometry and provides transformation rules from the lattice to the prototype region:
  1. in the input with the ROT-DEFI card
  2. in a subroutine (`latic.f`)

The lattice identification is available for scoring

Transformations include:

Translation, Rotation and Mirroring (the last only through routine).

**WARNING:**

Do not use scaling or any deformation of the coordinate system

# Lattice

- The regions which constitute the **elementary cell** (*prototype*) to be replicated, have to be defined in detail
- The **Lattices** (*replicas/containers*) have to be defined as “empty” regions in their correct location.  
**WARNING:** The lattice region **should map exactly** the outer surface definition of the elementary cell.
- The lattice regions are declared as such with a **LATTICE** card at the end of the geometry input
- In the **LATTICE** card, the user also **assigns lattice names/numbers to the lattices**. These names/numbers will identify the replicas in all FLUKA routines and scoring
- Several basic cells and associated lattices can be defined within the same geometry, one **LATTICE** card will be needed for each set
- **Non-replicas carry the lattice number 0**
- Lattices and plain regions can coexist in the same problem

# LATTICE card

After the Regions definition and before the GEOEND card the user can insert the LATTICE cards

- WHAT(1), WHAT(2), WHAT(3)  
Container region range (from, to, step)
- WHAT(4), WHAT(5), WHAT(6)  
Name/number(s) of the lattice(s)
- SDUM  
 blank           to use the transformation from the **lattic** routine  
 ROT#nn       to use a **ROT-DEFI** rotation/translation from input  
 name           the same as above but identifying the roto-translation by the name  
                  assigned in the **ROT-DEFI** SDUM (any alphanumeric string you like)

## Example

```

LATTICE                   Reg: TARGR1 ▼           to Reg: ▼           Step:
          Id: 1tra ▼           Lat: 1.0           to Lat: 1.0           Step: 1.0
*...+...1...+...2...+...3...+...4...+...5...+...6...+...7...+...
LATTICE           6.00000   19.00000                   101.0000   114.00
  
```

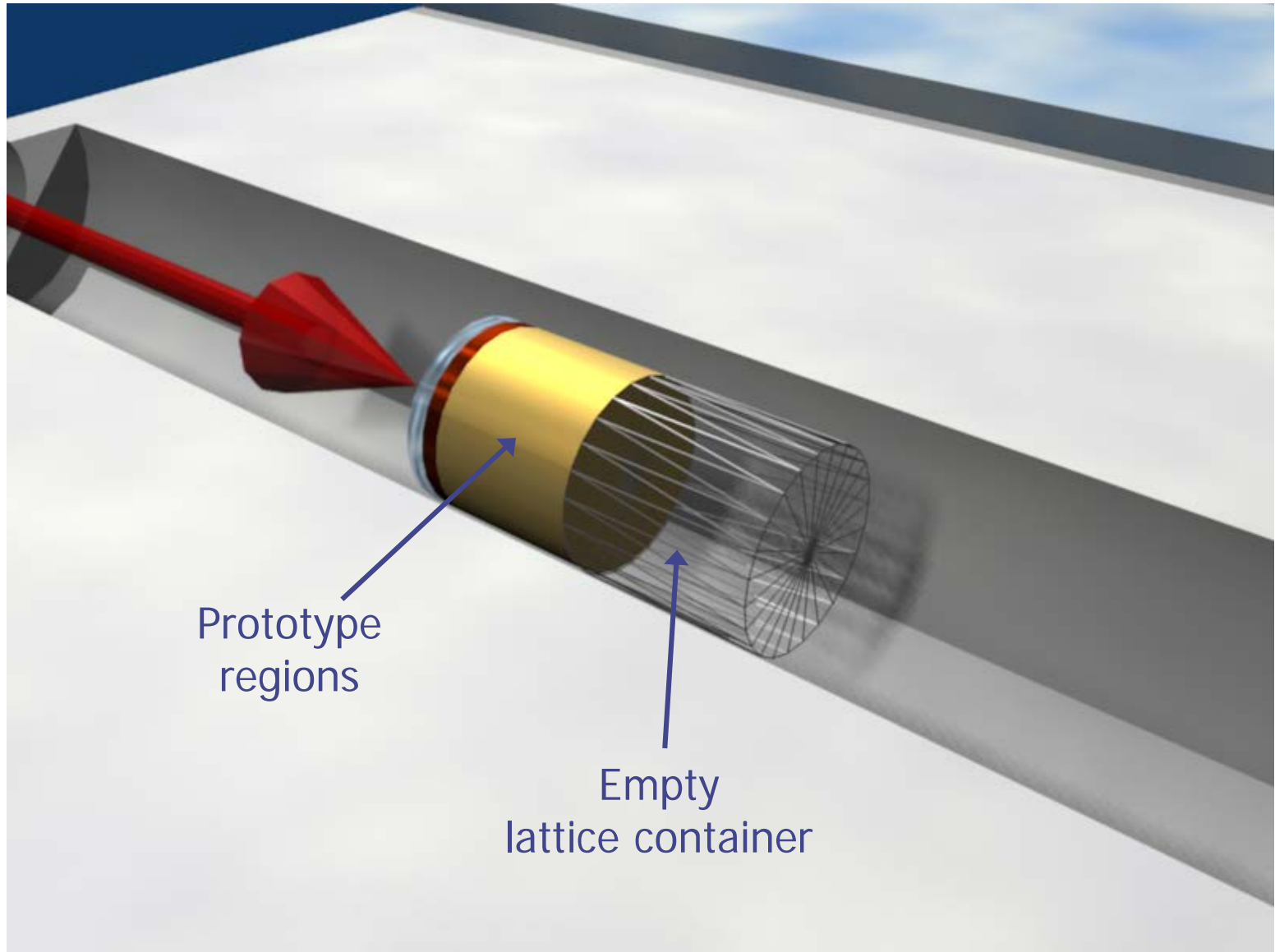
Region # 6 to 19 are the “placeholders” for the first set replicas. We assign to them lattice numbers from 101 to 114

```

LATTICE           TARGR1                                   TargRep                                   1tra
  
```

TARGR1 is the container region using transformation *1tra*

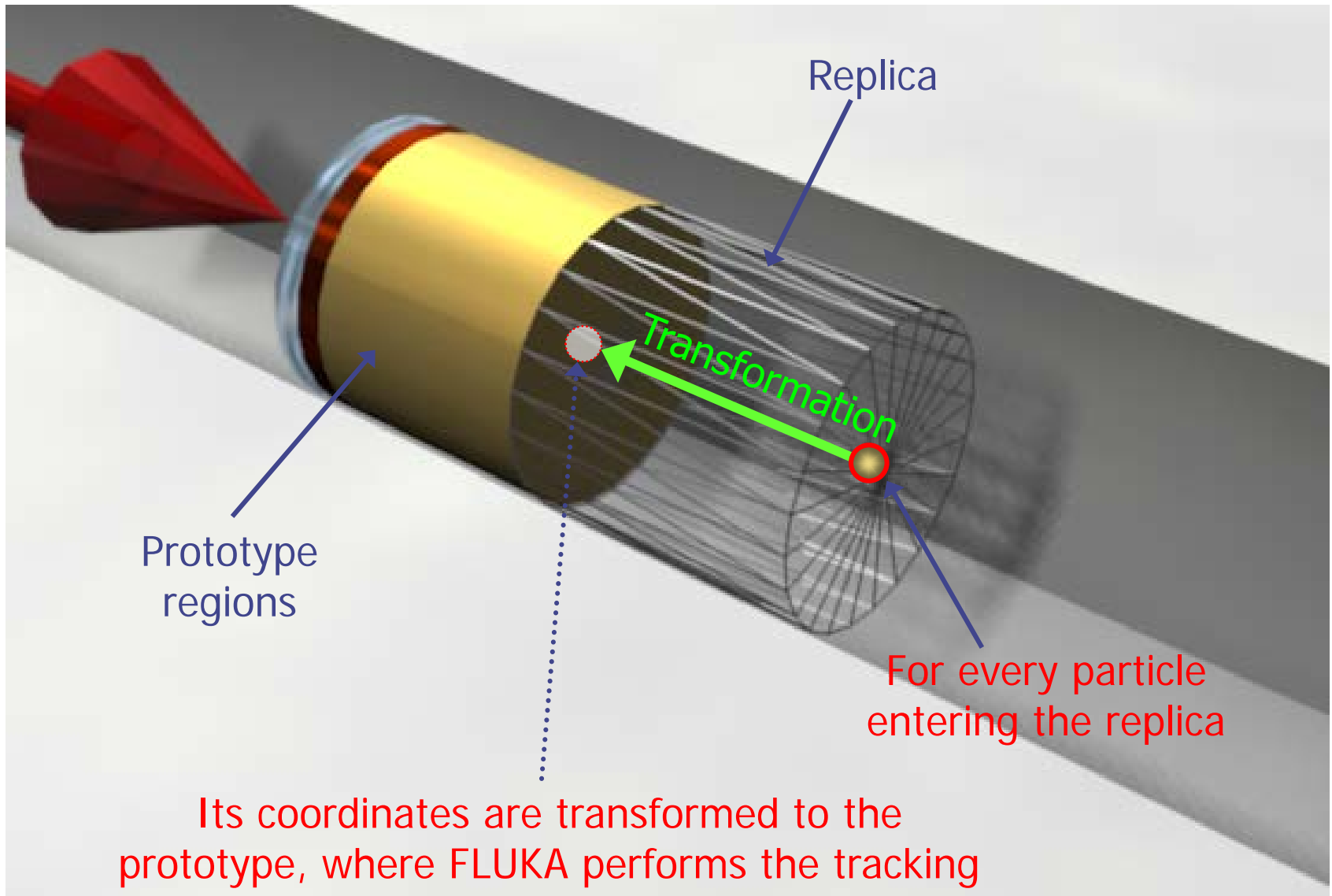
# Example



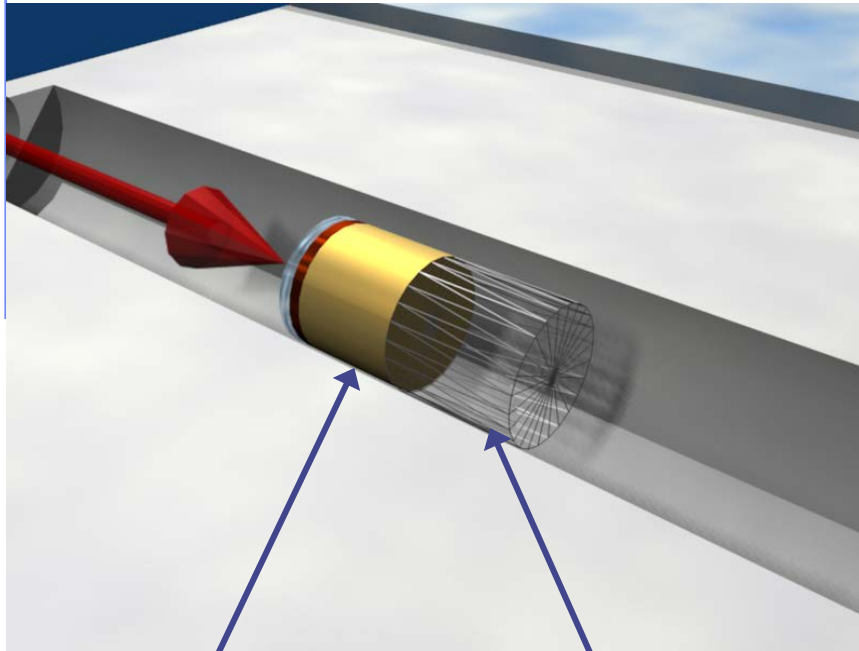
Prototype  
regions

Empty  
lattice  
container

# Example

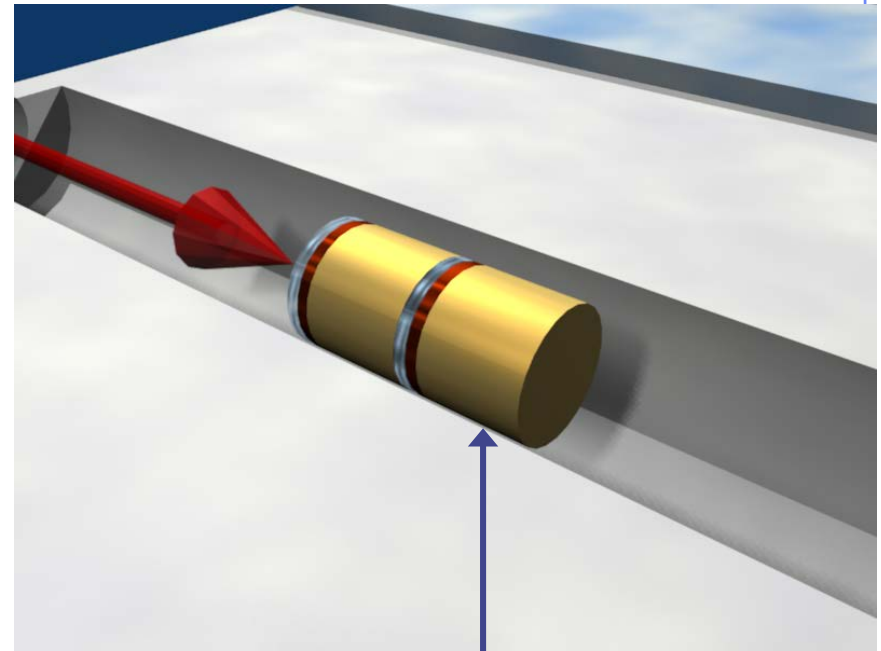


# Example



Prototype  
cell

Empty  
lattice cell



Final  
replica

# Transformation by input

- Rotations/Translations can be defined with the **ROT-DEFIni** card
- Can be assigned to a lattice by **name** or with **ROT#nnn** SDUM in the **LATTICE** card
- **ROT-DEFIni** cards can be consecutive (using the same **index** or **name**) to define complex transformations

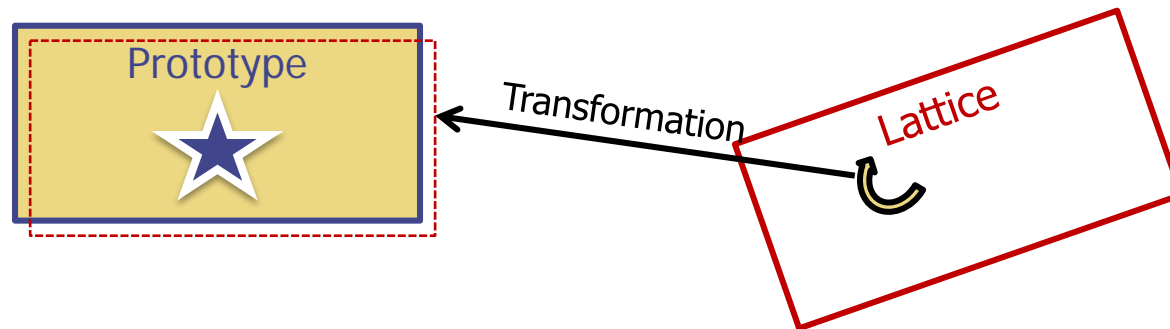
## WARNING:

Since matrix multiplication is not commutative the **order** of the Rotation/Translation operations in 3D is important.



# Numerical Precision

- Due to the nature of the floating point operations in CPU, even if the transformation looks correct the end result could be problematic



This small misalignment between lattice/transformation/prototype could lead to geometry errors

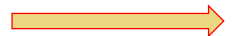
- Use as many digits as possible to describe correctly the prototype and lattice cells as well as the transformation.

**It is mandatory that the transformation applied to the container makes the latter EXACTLY corresponding to the prototype**

- One can use a **FREE** and **FIXED** card before and after the **ROT-DEFI** to input more than 9 digits
- **GEOBEGIN WHAT(2)** allows to relax the accuracy in boundary identification (**USE WITH CAUTION**)

# Lattice: Important remarks

- Materials and other properties have to be assigned only to the regions constituting the prototype.
- In all (user) routines the **region number** refers to the corresponding one in the prototype.
- The **SCORE** summary in the **.out** file and the scoring by regions add together the contributions of the prototype region as well as of all its replicas!
- The lattice identity can be recovered runtime by the *lattice number*, as set in the **LATTICE** card, or available through the GEON2L routine if is defined by name
- In particular, the **LUSRBL** user routine allows to manage the scoring on lattices in the special **USRBIN/EVENTBIN** structure.



# The USRBIN/EVENTBIN special binning

**EVENTBIN** or **USRBIN** with **WHAT(1)=8** :

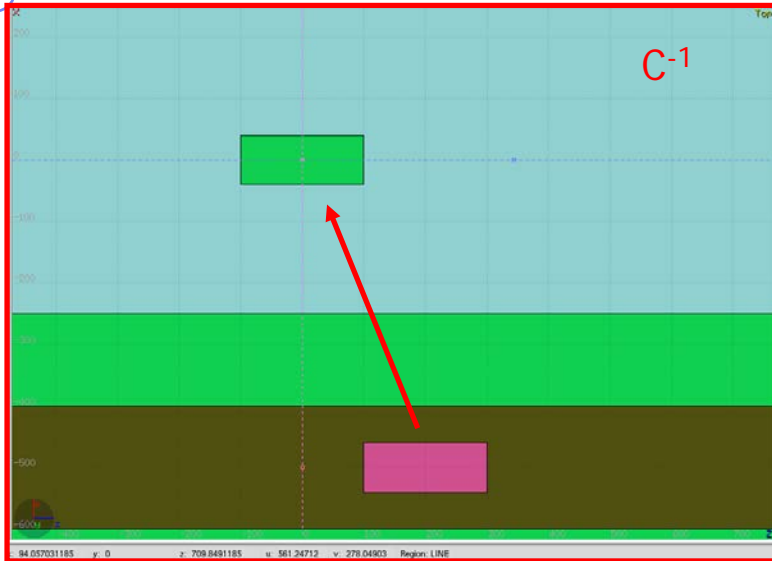
Special user-defined 3D binning. Two variables are discontinuous (e.g. region number), the third one is continuous, but not necessarily a space coordinate.

Variable	Type	Default	Override Routine
1 <sup>st</sup>	integer	region number	MUSRBR
2 <sup>nd</sup>	integer	lattice cell number	LUSRBL
3 <sup>rd</sup>	float	zero	FUSRBV

# Tips & Tricks

- Always remember that the transformation must bring the container onto the prototype and not viceversa!
- You can always divide a transformation into many **ROT-DEFI** cards for easier manipulation.
- Rotations are always around the origin of the geometry, and not the center of the object.
  - To rotate an object, first translate the object to the origin of the axes
  - Perform the rotation
  - Move it by a final translation to the requested position.  
Of course with the inverse order since everything should apply to the replica
- In order to define the replica body, you can clone the body enclosing the prototype (assigning it a new name!) and apply to it the `$Start_transform` directive with the inverse of the respective **ROT-DEFI** transformation.

# Tips & Tricks



GEOBEGIN

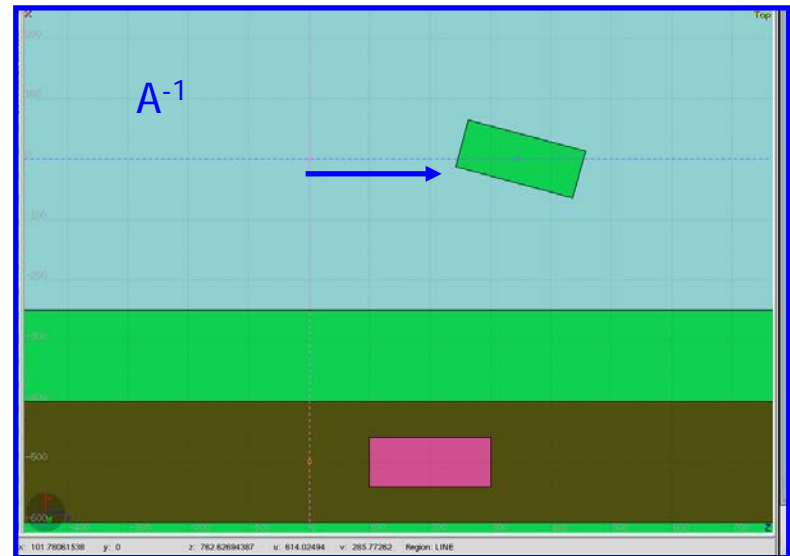
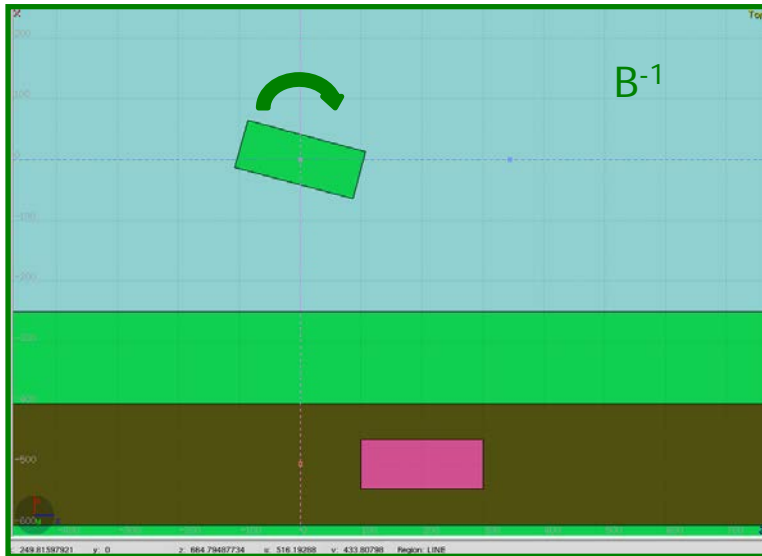
```
...
RPP CollProt -540.0 -460.0 -20.0 20.0 100.0 300.0
$start_transform -rotColl *
RPP CollRepl -540.0 -460.0 -20.0 20.0 100.0 300.0
$end_transform
```

...

GEOEND

```
ROT-DEFI, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -350.0, rotColl [A]
ROT-DEFI, 201.0, 0.0, -15.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, rotColl [B]
ROT-DEFI, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, -500.0, 0.0, 200.0, rotColl [C]
```

\* Remember: if  $R=CBA$ , then  $R^{-1}=A^{-1}B^{-1}C^{-1}$



# Tips & Tricks

- The **Geometry transformation editor in flair** can read and write **ROT-DEFI** cards with the transformation requested
- An easy way of creating a replica and the associated transformation is the following:
  1. Select the body defining the outer cell of the prototype
  2. Clone it with (**Ctrl-D**) and change the name of the clones. Click on “**No**” when you are prompted to change all references to the original name.
  3. Open the Geometry transformation dialog (**Ctrl-T**)
  4. Enter the transformation of the object in the listbox
  5. Click on “**Transform**” to perform the transformation on the clone bodies
  6. Click on “**Invert**” button to invert the order of the transformation
  7. Enter a name on the “**ROT-DEFIni**” field and click “**Add to Input**” to create the **ROT-DEFIni** cards
  8. Now you have to create manually the needed **regions** and the **LATTICE** cards