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# McStas Union components

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# Session overview

- Introduction of concentric keyword for sample environment simulation
- Introduction to the Union components for advanced sample environment simulation
- Exercise where you build sample environment
- Talk on understanding of Union results and showcase of possibilities
- Exercise on adding loggers to your sample environment
- Last talk with showcase on full instrument simulation

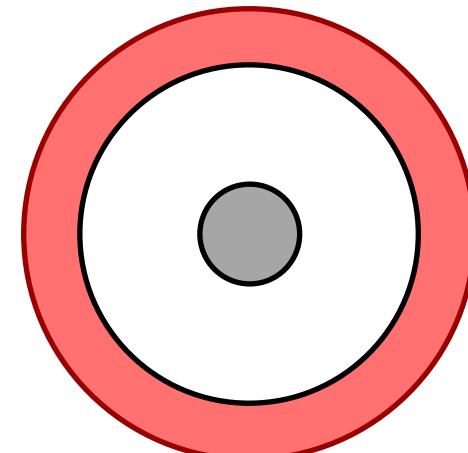
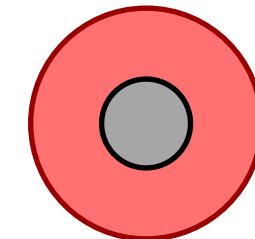
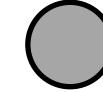
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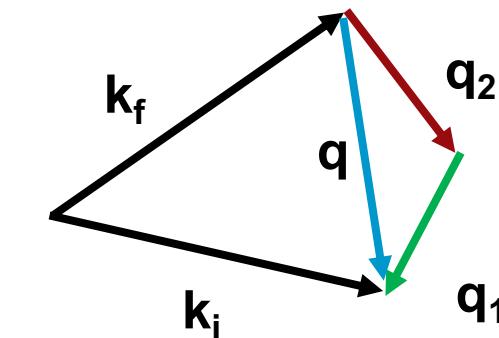
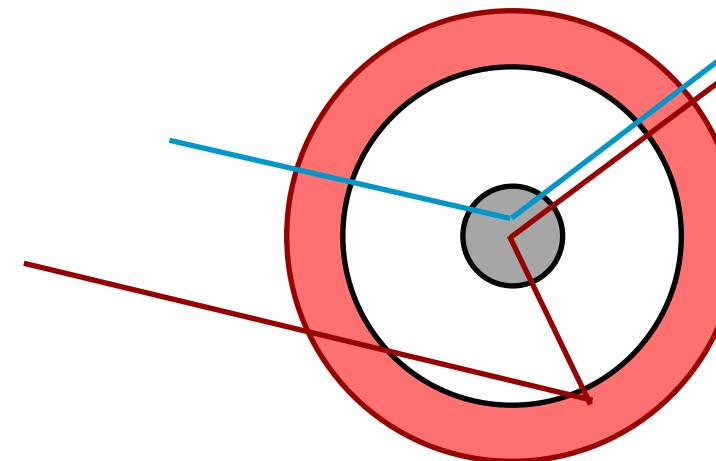
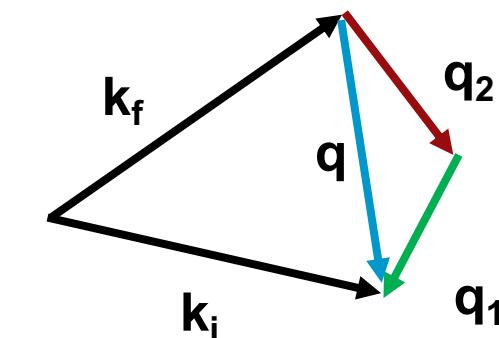
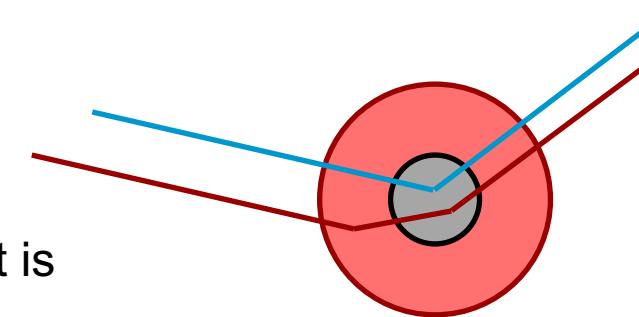
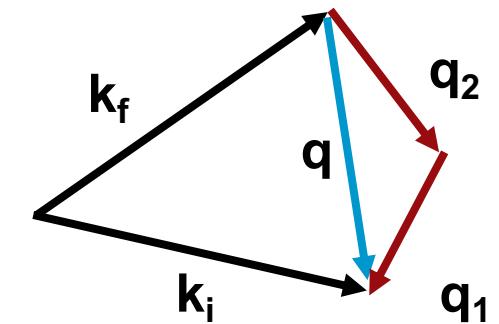
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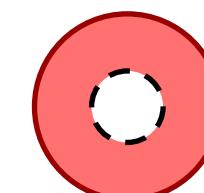
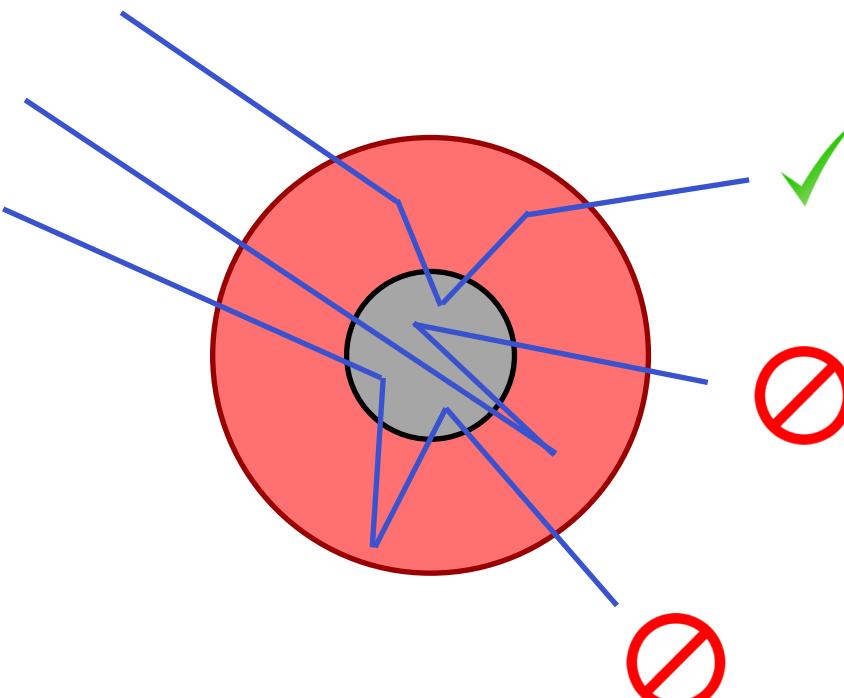
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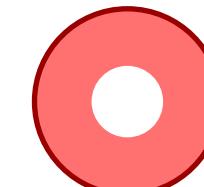
- Simple sample container
- Available in PowderN and Isotropic\_sqw



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 AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE sample\_position



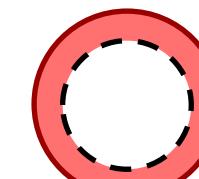
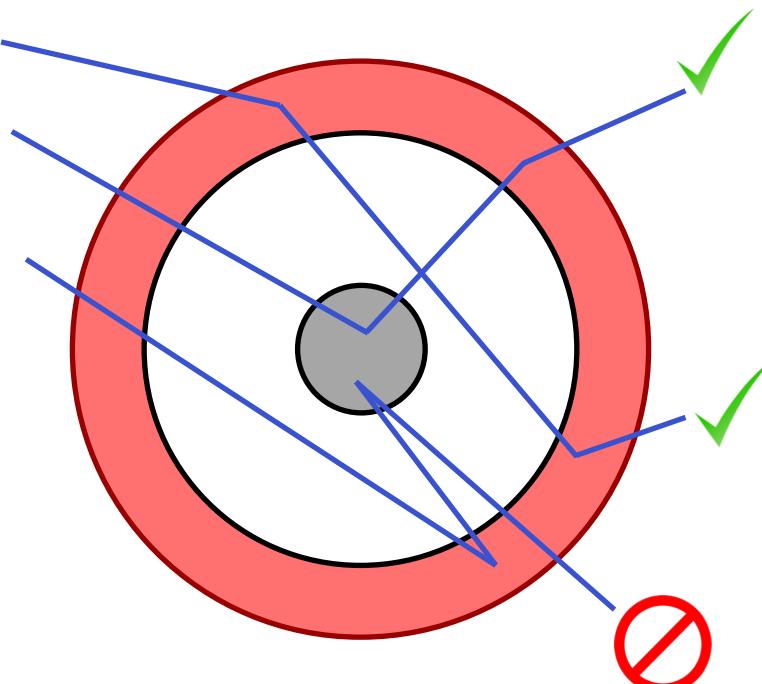
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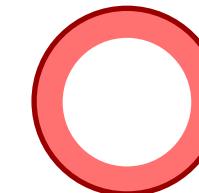
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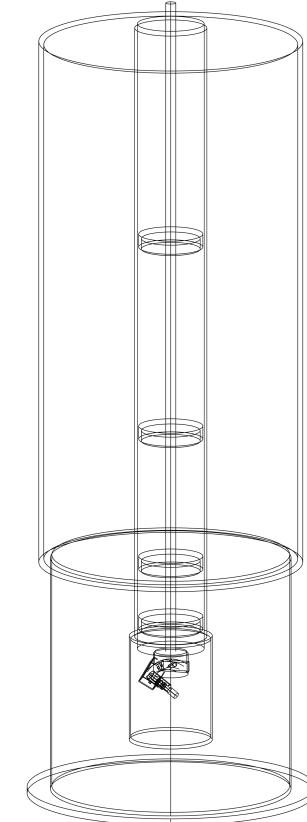


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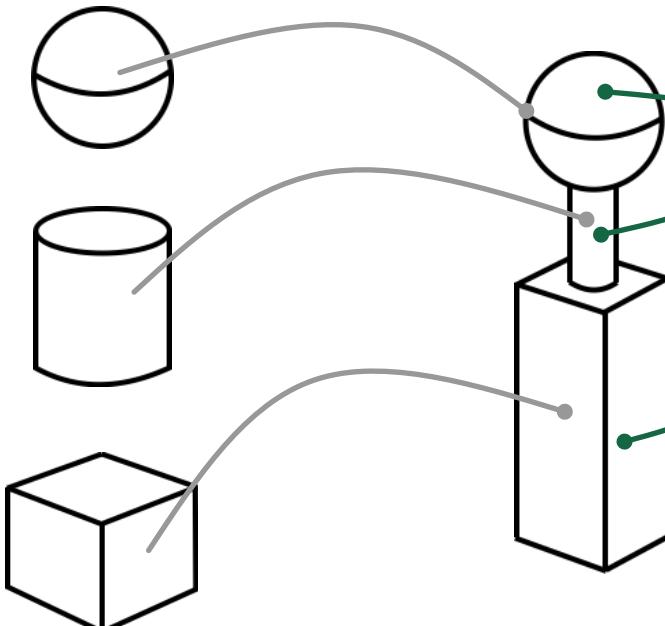
# Union introduction

- Modular geometry and physics
- Aims to simulate complex systems
- All trajectories allowed



# Union overview

Geometry



Materials

Aluminium

Nickel

Processes

Incoherent

Powder Bragg

Incoherent

Single crystal Bragg

Excitation

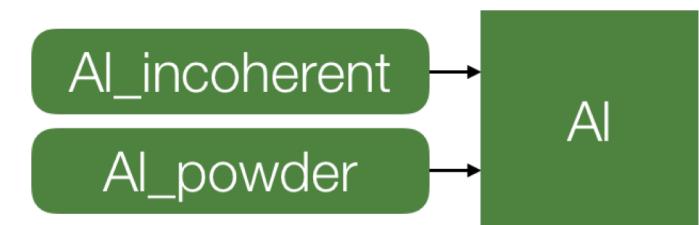
# Union process syntax

```
COMPONENT Al_incoherent = Incoherent_process(
    sigma=4*0.0082,packing_factor=1,
    unit_cell_volume=66.4)
AT (0,0,0) ABSOLUTE

COMPONENT Al_powder = Powder_process(
    reflections="Al.laz")
AT (0,0,0) ABSOLUTE

COMPONENT Al = Union_make_material(
    my_absorption=100*4*0.231/66.4,
    process_string="Al_incoherent,Al_powder")
AT (0,0,0) ABSOLUTE
```

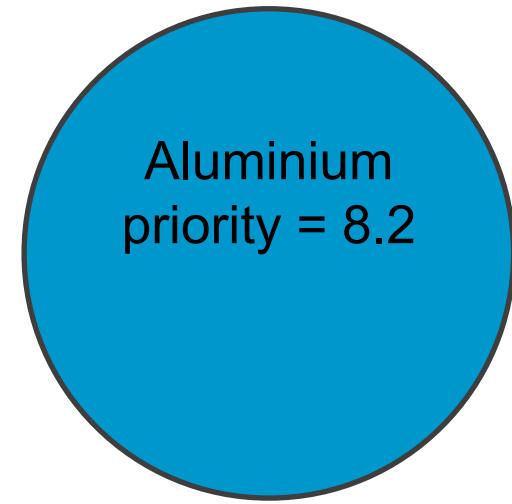
sigma in [barns]  
unit\_cell\_volume in  $\text{\AA}^3$



my [1/m] = cross section per unit cell / unit cell volume

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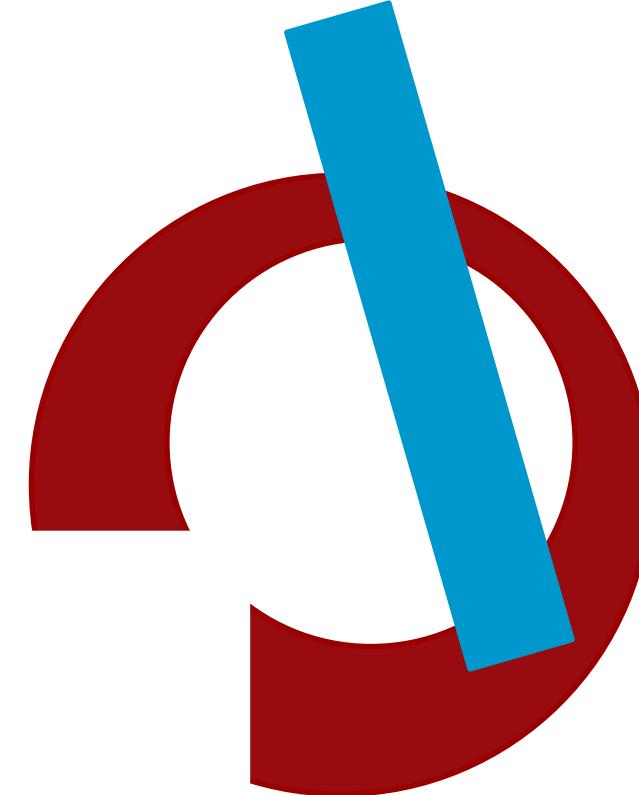
Aluminium  
priority = 8.2



Vanadium  
priority = 5.1

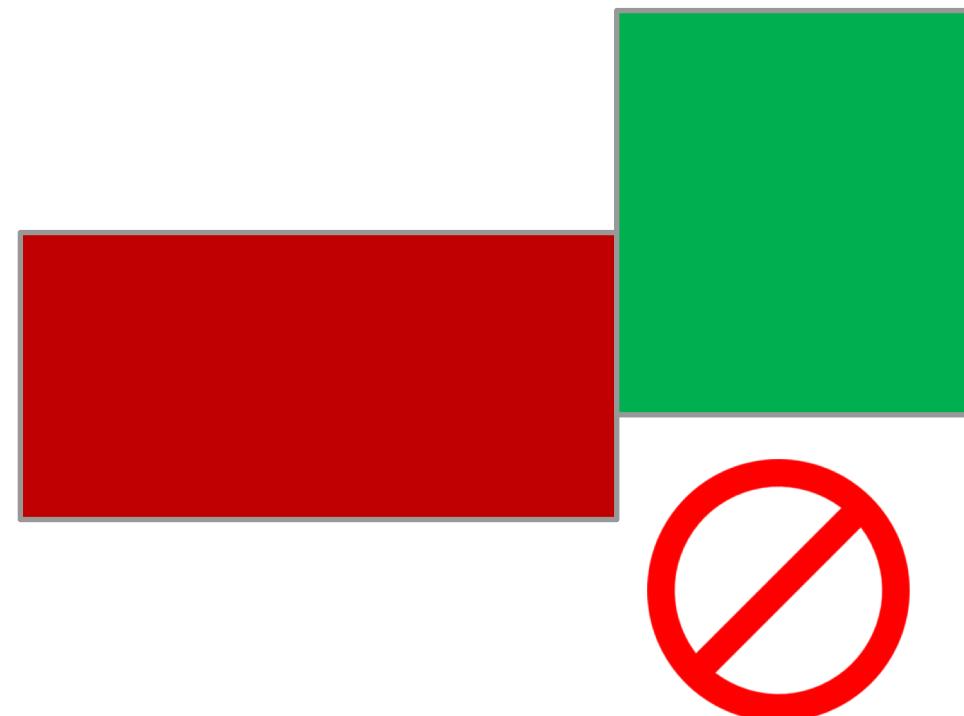
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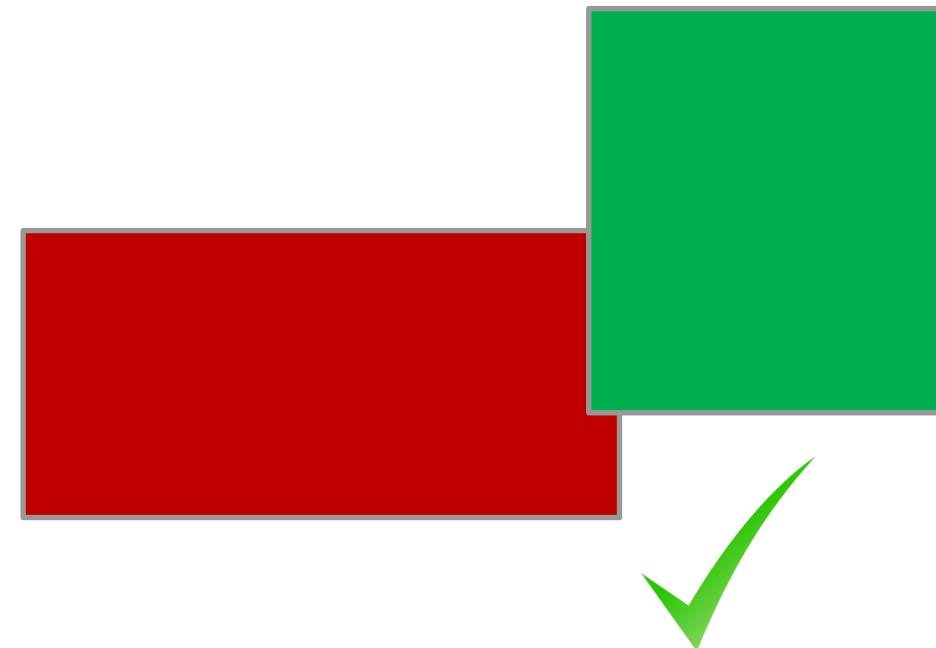
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- Problem: Sides can not be tangennts
- Solution: A few micrometers is plenty



# Union geometry syntax

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COMPONENT cryostat_shell = Union_cylinder(  
    radius=0.15,height=0.4,  
    priority=10,material_string="Al")
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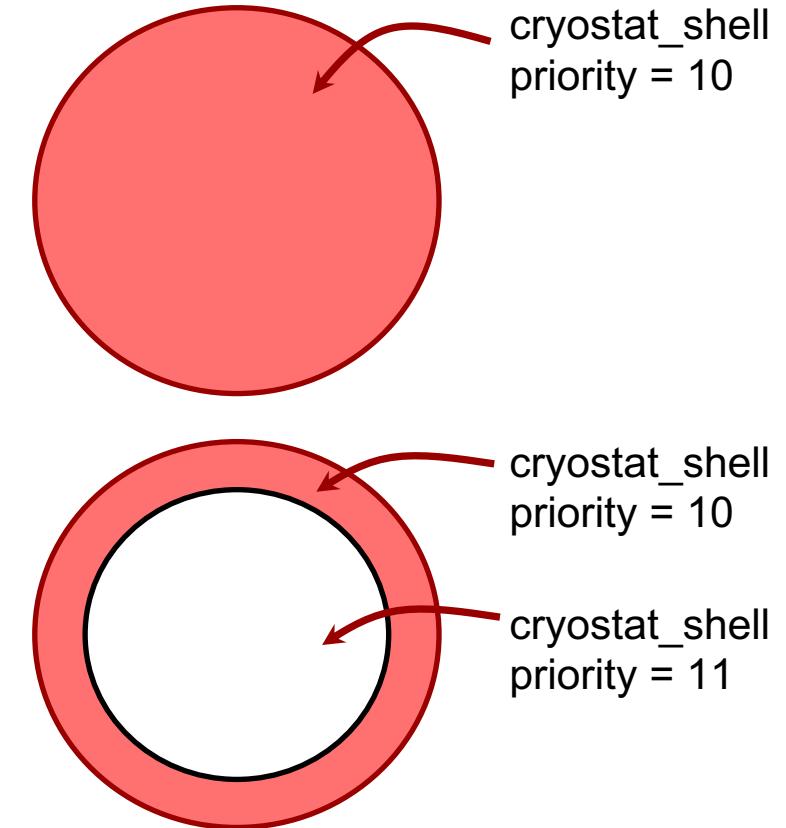
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ROTATED (0,0,0) RELATIVE target

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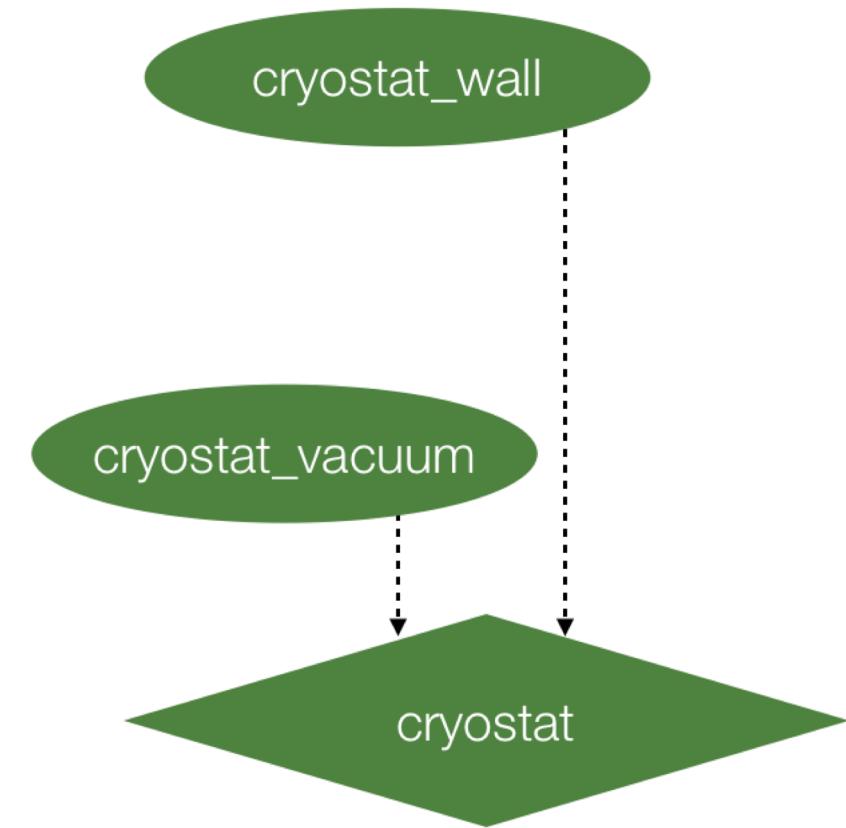
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```
COMPONENT cryostat = Union_master()
```

AT (0,0,0) RELATIVE target

ROTATED (0,0,0) RELATIVE target



# Union components working together

Processes

Al\_incoherent  
Al\_powder

Cu\_incoherent  
Cu\_powder

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# What can you make?

- Easy assembly of complex geometries
- Rich materials for each geometry

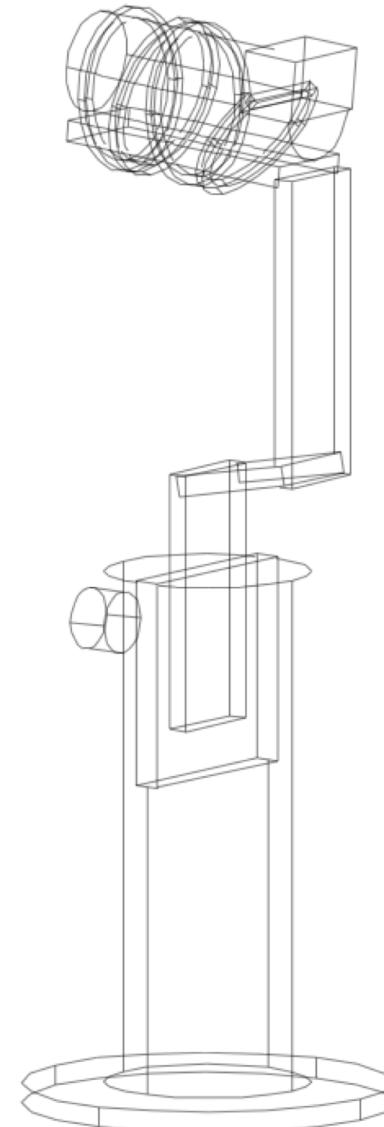


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# Exercise

- open\_exercise.instr contains material definitions, source, Union sample and monitors
- Expand to include some sample environment!
- Exercise text on github with further help
- This exercise will continue after the next lecture

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