OpenMC Module: Detailed Geometry Specification and Visualization

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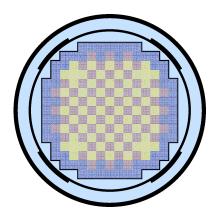
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Building Complex Models is Straightforward

- Universes
- Lattices
- Building a full-core model
- Visualizing geometry



It's Easy to Hierarchically Build Models with Universes

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<geometry>
 <!-- Fuel Rod Pincell Universe -->
 <surface id="1" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.39218"/>
                                                          <!-- fuel OR
 <surface id="2" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.40005"/>
                                                          <!-- gap OR
 <surface id="3" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.45720"/>
                                                          <!-- clad OR
 <cell id="21" universe="2" material="2" surfaces=" -1"/>
                                                          <!-- fuel -->
 <cell id="23" universe="2" material="1" surfaces="</pre>
                                               2"/>
                                                         <!-- water -->
</geometry>
```

- Instead of using a material, cells can be filled with a universe
- By default universes share the same global coordinate system
 - Can be translated and rotated e.g. in lattices
- Universes must be defined for all space
 - Or you may encounter particle tracking errors!
- Provides the easiest way to define multiple pincells, lattices, and more complicated structures

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                                                             <!-- clad OR
                                                                           -->
 <cell id="21" universe="2" material="2" surfaces=" -1"/>
                                                             <!-- fuel -->
 <cell id="23" universe="2" material="1" surfaces=" 2"/>
                                                          <!-- water -->
 <!-- Main Universe -->
 <surface id="4" type="x-plane" coeffs="-0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="5" type="x-plane" coeffs=" 0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="6" type="y-plane" coeffs="-0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="7" type="y-plane" coeffs=" 0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="8" type="z-plane" coeffs="-5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="9" type="z-plane" coeffs=" 5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
 <cell id="1" universe="0" fill="2" surfaces="4 -5 6 -7 8 -9" />
</geometry>
```



Filled by Universe 2

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
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  <surface id="1" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.39218"/>
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                                                                  <!-- clad OR
                                                                                 -->
  <cell id="21" universe="2" material="2" surfaces=" -1"/>
                                                                  <!-- fuel -->
  <cell id="22" universe="2" material="3" surfaces="1 -2"/>
                                                                <!-- clad -->
  <cell id="23" universe="2" material="1" surfaces=" 2"/>
                                                                <!-- water -->
  <!-- Main Universe -->
  <surface id="4" type="x-plane" coeffs="-0.0"</pre>
                                                  boundary="reflective"/>
  <surface id="5" type="x-plane" coeffs=" 0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
  <surface id="6" type="y-plane" coeffs="-0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
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```



Smaller cells clip universes

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                                                                <!-- clad -->
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                                                               <!-- water -->
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                                                  boundary="reflective"/>
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 <surface id="9" type="z-plane" coeffs=" 5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
  <cell id="1" universe="0" fill="2" surfaces="4 -5 6 -7 8 -9"</pre>
                                    translation="0.31496 0.0 0.0" />
</geometry>
```



Fills can be translated

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<geometry>
  <!-- Fuel Rod Pincell Universe -->
  <surface id="1" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.39218"/>
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                                                                <!-- clad -->
  <cell id="23" universe="2" material="1" surfaces=" 2"/>
                                                                <!-- water -->
  <!-- Main Universe -->
  <surface id="4" type="x-plane" coeffs="-0.0"</pre>
                                                   boundary="reflective"/>
  <surface id="5" type="x-plane" coeffs=" 0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
  <surface id="6" type="y-plane" coeffs="-0.62992" boundary="reflective"/>
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  <surface id="8" type="z-plane" coeffs="-5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="9" type="z-plane" coeffs=" 5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
  <cell id="1" universe="0" fill="2" surfaces="4 -5 6 -7 8 -9"</pre>
                                    translation="0.31496 0.0 0.0"
                                    rotation="90.0 0.0 0.0" />
</geometry>
```



Fills can

Rotation is always first!

Lattices Automate Filling of Repetitive Structures

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<geometry>
 <!-- Fuel Rod Pincell Universe -->
 <surface id="1" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.39218"/>
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                                                           <!-- gap OR
                                                                        -->
 <surface id="3" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.45720"/>
                                                           <!-- clad OR -->
 <cell id="21" universe="2" material="2" surfaces=" -1"/>
                                                           <!-- fuel -->
 <cell id="22" universe="2" material="3" surfaces="1 -2"/> <!-- clad -->
 <!-- Pin-Lattice -->
 <lattice id="100" type="rectangular" dimension="2 2">
   <le><lower left> -1.25984 -1.25984 </le>
   <width> 1.25984 1.25984 </width>
   <universes>
     2 2
     2 2
   </universes>
 </lattice>
 <surface id="99" type="sphere" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.0 400.0"/>
 <cell id="1000" universe="0" fill="100" surfaces="-99"/>
</geometry>
```

- Lattices set up a grid of cells filled by other universes, handling fill translation automatically
- Lattices are themselves very similar to universes to use them, other cells must be filled with them

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                                                                 <!-- fuel -->
  <cell id="22" universe="2" material="3" surfaces="1 -2"/> <!-- clad -->
  <cell id="23" universe="2" material="1" surfaces=" 2"/>
                                                                <!-- water -->
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    <width> 1.25984 1.25984 </width>
    <universes>
     2 2
     2 2
   </universes>
                                                         No boundary condition!
 </lattice>
  <surface id="99" type="sphere" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.0 400.0"/>
                                                           ← Bad!
  <cell id="1000" universe="0" fill="100" surfaces="-99"/>
                                                        There is undefined space!
</geometry>
```

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Lattice Example

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   <width> 1.25984 1.25984 </width>
   <universes>
     22
     2 2
   </universes>
 </lattice>
  <!-- Main Universe -->
 <surface id="4" type="x-plane" coeffs="-1.25984" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="5" type="x-plane" coeffs=" 1.25984" boundary="reflective"/>
  <surface id="6" type="y-plane" coeffs="-1.25984" boundary="reflective"/>
                                                                         Good!
 <surface id="7" type="v-plane" coeffs=" 1.25984" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="8" type="z-plane" coeffs="-5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
  <surface id="9"</pre>
                 type="z-plane" coeffs=" 5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
 <cell id="1" universe="0" fill="100" surfaces="4 -5 6 -7 8 -9"/>
</geometry>
```

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     2 2
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 </lattice>
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  <surface id="7" type="y-plane" coeffs=" 1.25984" boundary="reflective"/>
 <surface id="8" type="z-plane" coeffs="-5.00000" boundary="reflective"/>
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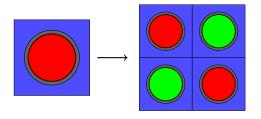
Now Let's Build a Core!

- Make all pincell universes
 - Fuel rod, control rod, burnable absorber, etc.



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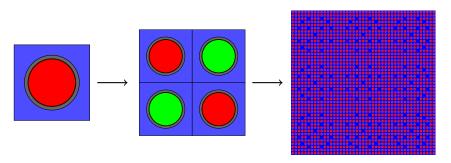
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- Make assembly pin-lattices
 - Different enrichment assemblies, different burnable absorber configurations, etc.



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 - Fuel rod, control rod, burnable absorber, etc.
- Make assembly pin-lattices
 - Different enrichment assemblies, different burnable absorber configurations, etc.
- Make core assembly-lattice

See input xml files in examples/demos/plotting



Pincells

```
<!-- Blank Water Universe -->
<surface id="99" type="sphere" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.0 400.0"/> <!-- dummy -->
<cell id="11" universe="1" material="1" surfaces="-99"/>
<cell id="12" universe="1" material="1" surfaces=" 99"/>
<!-- Fuel Rod -->
<surface id="1" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.514858"/> <!-- fuel OR -->
<surface id="2" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.602996"/>
                                                              <!-- fuel clad OR -->
<cell id="21" universe="2" material="2" surfaces=" -1"/>
                                                              <!-- fuel -->
<cell id="22" universe="2" material="3" surfaces="1 -2"/>
                                                              <!-- clad -->
<cell id="23" universe="2" material="1" surfaces=" 2"/>
                                                              <!-- water -->
<!-- Control Rod -->
<surface id="3" type="z-cylinder" coeffs="0.0 0.0 0.585000"/>
                                                              <!-- pyrex OR -->
<cell id="31" universe="3" material="4" surfaces=" -3"/>
                                                              <!-- pyrex -->
<cell id="32" universe="3" material="1" surfaces=" 3"/>
                                                              <!-- water -->
```

Pin-Lattices

Central Fuel Assembly

```
<!-- Central Fuel Assembly -->
<lattice id="11" type="rectangular" dimension="15 15">
 <lower left> -12.2682 -12.2682 </lower left>
 <width>
           1.63576 1.63576 </width>
 <universes>
   22222
   </universes>
</lattice>
<cell id="111" universe="111" fill="11" surfaces=""/>
```

Pin-Lattices

North, South, East, and West Assemblies

```
<!-- North Fuel Assembly -->
<lattice id="22" type="rectangular" dimension="15 15">
  <lower left> -12.2682 -12.2682 </lower left>
  <width>
           1.63576 1.63576 </width>
  <universes>
   2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
   2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
  </universes>
</lattice>
<cell id="222" universe="222" fill="22" surfaces=""/>
                                                                       <!-- north -->
<cell id="444" universe="444" fill="222" surfaces="" rotation="0 0 90"/> <!-- west -->
<cell id="555" universe="555" fill="222" surfaces="" rotation="0 0 180"/> <!-- south -->
<cell id="666" universe="666" fill="222" surfaces="" rotation="0 0 270"/> <!-- east -->
```

Pin-Lattices

Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest Assemblies

```
<!-- Northeast Fuel Assembly -->
<lattice id="33" type="rectangular" dimension="15 15">
  <lower left> -12.2682 -12.2682 </lower left>
 <width>
           1.63576 1.63576 </width>
  <universes>
   2 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2
   2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
   2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
  </universes>
</lattice>
<cell id="333" universe="333" fill="33" surfaces=""/>
                                                                   <!-- NE -->
<cell id="777" universe="777" fill="333" surfaces="" rotation="0 0 90"/> <!-- NW -->
<cell id="888" universe="888" fill="333" surfaces="" rotation="0 0 180"/> <!-- SE -->
<cell id="999" universe="999" fill="333" surfaces="" rotation="0 0 270"/> <!-- SW -->
```

Core-Lattice and Main Universe

Done!

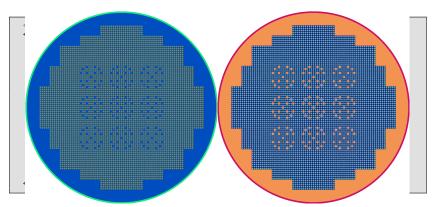
```
<!-- Core lattice -->
<lattice id="99" type="rectangular" dimension="3 3">
  <lr><lower_left> -36.8046 -36.8046 </lower_left>
  <width> 24.5364 24.5364 </width>
  <universes>
    777 222 333
   444 111 666
    888 555 999
  </mniverses>
</lattice>
<!-- Main Universe -->
<surface id="10" type="x-plane" coeffs="-36.8046" boundary="vacuum"/>
<surface id="20" type="x-plane" coeffs=" 36.8046" boundary="vacuum"/>
<surface id="30" type="y-plane" coeffs="-36.8046" boundary="vacuum"/>
<surface id="40" type="y-plane" coeffs=" 36.8046" boundary="vacuum"/>
<surface id="50" type="z-plane" coeffs="-80.0000" boundary="vacuum"/>
<surface id="60" type="z-plane" coeffs=" 80.0000" boundary="vacuum"/>
<cell id="1000" universe="0" fill="99" surfaces="10 -20 30 -40 50 -60"/>
```

Visualizing The Geometry

- Any number of plots can be specified in plots.xml
- Plots are slices along the xy, xz, or yz planes
 - The user specifies the extents of the plotting window
 - The user specified the pixel resolution of the plot
- OpenMC generates a ppm image can be converted into png to reduce size

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<plots>
  <plot id="1" type="slice" basis="xv" color="mat">
    <filename>material_coloring</filename>
    <origin>0 0 0</origin>
    <width>155 155</width>
    <pixels>1000 1000</pixels>
  </plot>
  <plot id="2" type="slice" basis="xy" color="cell">
    <filename>cell_coloring</filename>
    <origin>0 0 0</origin>
    <width>155 155</width>
    <pixels>1000 1000</pixels>
  </plot>
</plots>
```

- Can color by cell ID
 - Repeated cells in lattices and fill cells have the same color
- Can color by material ID



- Can color by cell ID
 - Repeated cells in lattices and fill cells have the same color
- Can color by material ID

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<plots>
<plot id="4" type="slice" color="mat">
  <filename>col spec</filename>
  <origin>0 0 0</origin>
  <width>155 155</width>
  <basis>xy</basis>
  <pixels>2000 2000</pixels>
  <!-- Change background color to black -->
  <!-- This is the color used where no cell is found -->
  <background>0 0 0</background>
  <!-- Specify material colors -->
  <col_spec id="1" rgb="0 0 255"/> <!-- Water: blue -->
  <col_spec id="2" rgb="255 0 0"/> <!-- Fuel: red -->
<col_spec id="3" rgb="160 160 160"/> <!-- Clad: gray -->
  <!--The remaining material colors will be randomly selected -->
</plot>
</plots>
```

• Can specify colors for cells or materials manually

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<plots>
<plot id="4" type="slice" color="mat">
  <filename>col_spec</filename>
  <origin>0 0 0</origin>
  <width>155 155</width>
  <basis>xy</basis>
  <pixels>2000 2000</pixels>
  <!-- Change background color to black
  <!-- This is the color used where no cell
  <background>0 0 0</background>
  <!-- Specify material colors -->
  <col_spec id="1" rgb="0 0 255"/>
                                         < 1
  <col_spec id="2" rgb="255 0 0"/>
  <col_spec id="3" rgb="160 160 160"/>
  <!--The remaining material colors will be
</plot>
</plots>
```

• Can specify colors for cells or materials manually

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<plots>
 <!-- Use a mask to plot only specific cells -->
 <plot id="5" type="slice" color="cell">
   <filename>col_spec</filename>
   <origin>0 0 0</origin>
   <width>155 155</width>
   <basis>xy</basis>
   <pixels>2000 2000</pixels>
   <!-- Here we plot only cells 31 and 1112, coloring all other cells white -->
   <mask components="31 1112" background="255 255 255"/>
   <!-- We can still set specific colors while using a mask -->
   <!-- we can still set the background color when using a mash -->
   <background>0 255 255</background>
 </plot>
</plots>
```

• Use a mask to isolate features of interest

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<plots>
  <!-- Use a mask to plot only specific cel
  <plot id="5" type="slice" color="cell">
    <filename>col_spec</filename>
    <origin>0 0 0</origin>
    <width>155 155</width>
    <basis>xy</basis>
    <pixels>2000 2000</pixels>
    <!-- Here we plot only cells 31 and 111
    <mask components="31 1112" background="
    <!-- We can still set specific colors w
    <col_spec id="31" rgb="0 255 0"/>
    <col_spec id="1112" rgb="0 0 0"/>
    <!-- we can still set the background co
    <background>0 255 255</background>
  </plot>
</plots>
```

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Questions?

Now you can model anything with OpenMC!

User's Guide: http://mit-crpg.github.com/openmc/

