

# ACD Geometry

the XML description

- XML description fundamentals
- Description of ACD
- Restrictions and problems

# Geometry Document Structure

- Primary constants
  - material names
  - integer constants (counts)
  - floating point constants (dimensions, offsets)
- Derived constants (mostly offsets)
- Build and nest volumes
- Identifier constraints – not of interest here

# Constants

To see constants and their values, go to

[http://www-glast.slac.stanford.edu/software/detector\\_description/](http://www-glast.slac.stanford.edu/software/detector_description/)

and click on one of the links for combined all-subsystem constants, which will bring you to a page like [this one](#).

The list is divided into categories by **type** (**materials**, **integers**, **floating point**) **subsystem** (**TKR**, **CAL**, **ACD**, **NAD** – Not A Detector, and **global**) and **Primary** versus **Derived**.

# Building the geometry

- Define primitive (uniform material, simple shape) volumes
- Assemble into **stacks** along an axis *or*
- Position individually in a **composition** volume.
- Compositions always have an explicit envelope volume; stacks never do.
- May have arbitrary levels of nesting.
- Dimensions and offsets appearing in the source volume descriptions are ***always*** referred to by name as previously-defined primary or derived constants. Literal numeric constants are never used for dimensions or offsets (occasionally used for rotations of 90 and id field values).

# Typical volumes

Primitive volume (**box**). Has a name, material and dimensions. May also be marked as sensitive.

```
<box name="topTileRdefCedge"  
  XREF="topTileXEdge_l"  
  YREF="topTileYEdge_l"  
  ZREF="tileThickness"  
  materialREF="tileMat"  
  sensitive="posHit"  
  detectorTypeREF="eDTypeACDTile"  
>
```

# Typical volumes

**Stack** along z-axis. Since components are immediately adjacent and are all centered in transverse dimensions, no explicit offsets are required.

```
<stackZ name="ACDTopSupport" >  
  <axisPos volume="ACDTopSupportFace" />  
  <axisPos volume="ACDTopSupportCore" />  
  <axisPos volume="ACDTopSupportFace" />  
</stackZ>
```

Similarly, **stack** along x-axis to make a volume called ACDSideSupport which is replicated 4 times in the full model.

# Typical volumes

**Stack** along x-axis. This example also applies id fields (required for sensitive volumes) and specifies a gap between adjacent tiles.

```
<!-- Make rows for faces (2 & 3) with lesser trans. dimension first.   Side 2 rotated +90
      about Z is isomorphic to side 3. -->
<stackX name="sideTileRow0Face2" >
  <axisPos volume="sideTileR0EdgeLesser">
    <idField name="fCol" value="0" />
  </axisPos>
  <axisPos volume="sideTileR0Mid" gapREF="sideHorizontalGap" >
    <idField name="fCol" value="1" />
  </axisPos>
  <axisPos volume="sideTileR0Mid" gapREF="sideHorizontalGap" >
    <idField name="fCol" value="2" />
  </axisPos>
  <axisPos volume="sideTileR0Mid" gapREF="sideHorizontalGap" >
    <idField name="fCol" value="3" />
  </axisPos>
  <axisPos volume="sideTileR0EdgeGreater" gapREF="sideHorizontalGap" >
    <idField name="fCol" value="4" />
  </axisPos>
</stackX>
```

# Typical volumes

**Composition** of top tiles and ribbon (artificial) segments is too complicated to include fully here. Only the first two child volumes are shown.

```
<composition name="ACDTop" envelope="ACDTopEnv">
  <!-- Row 0. Has largest negative y displacement -->
  <posXYZ volume="topTileRdefCedge"
    XREF="topTileEdge_dxn" YREF="topTileEdge_dyn" ZREF="topTileEdge_dz">
    <idField name="fACDCmp" valueREF="eACDTile"/>
    <idField name="fRow" value="0" />
    <idField name="fCol" value="0" />
  </posXYZ>
  <posXYZ volume="topTileRdefCmid"
    XREF="topTileMid_dxn" YREF="topTileEdge_dyn" ZREF="topTileMid_dz" >
    <idField name="fACDCmp" valueREF="eACDTile" />
    <idField name="fRow" value="0" />
    <idField name="fCol" value="1" />
  </posXYZ>
```

.... (23 more tiles go here, followed by 4 long "x-ribbon" segments and 20 little "y-ribbon" segments)

```
</composition>
```



# ACD volumes

All geometry description source files can be found in the package xmlGeoDBs. Several physical files can be assembled into a single XML **document** (which is what the application sees) by using **external entities**.

The top file usually used for LAT geometry is

[xmlGeoDBs/xml/flight/flightSegVols.xml](#)

ACD volumes such as the examples on previous slides are defined in the file

[xmlGeoDBs/xml/flight/flightACDAcd.xml](#)

# ACD volumes (2)

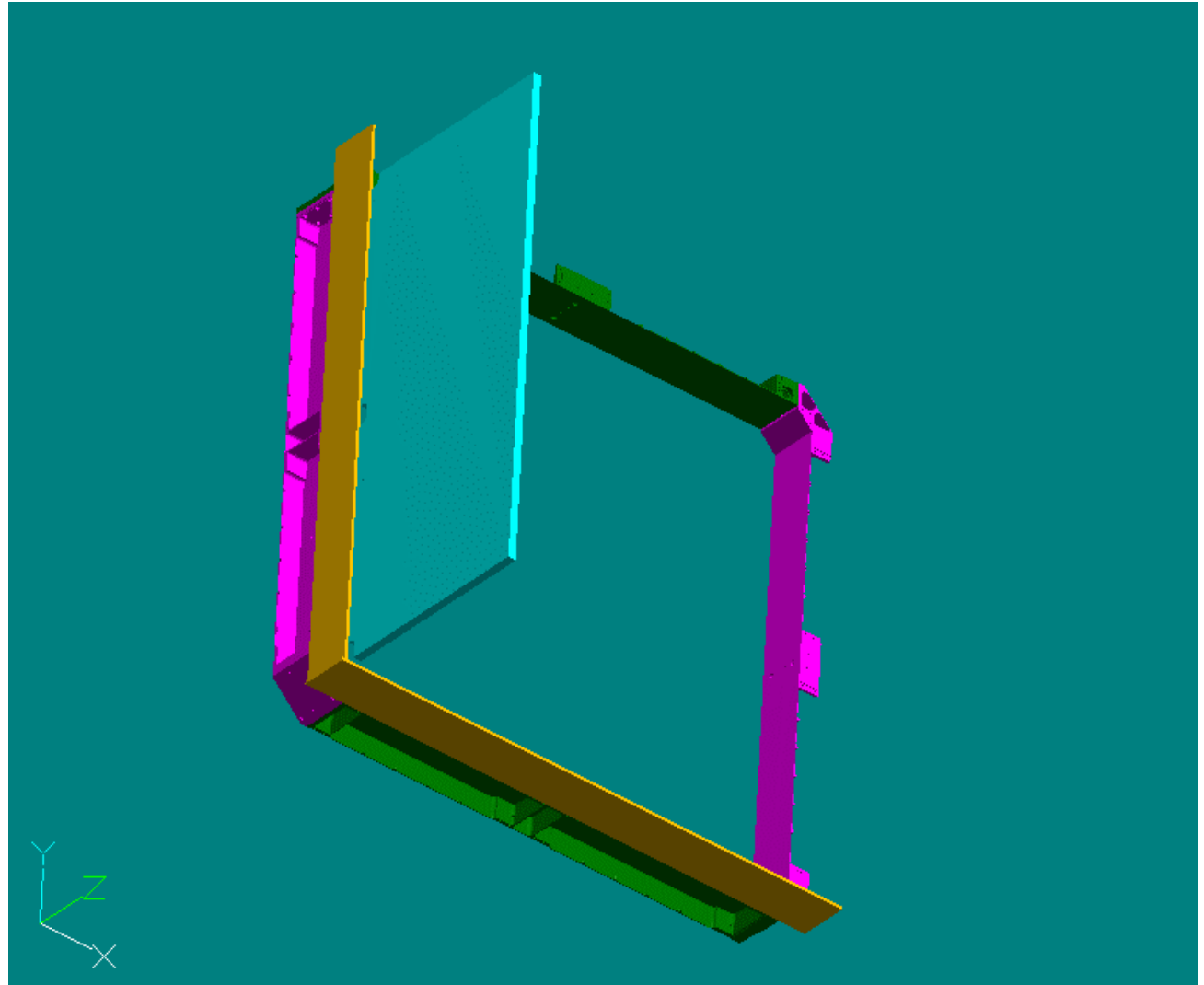
Current XML description includes

- top and side supports, modeled as core with face sheets
- tiles
- ribbons

It does *not* include any of the many small volumes (clips and so forth) used to hold the ribbons in place, nor does it include the substantial-looking "channels".

# Channels 'n more

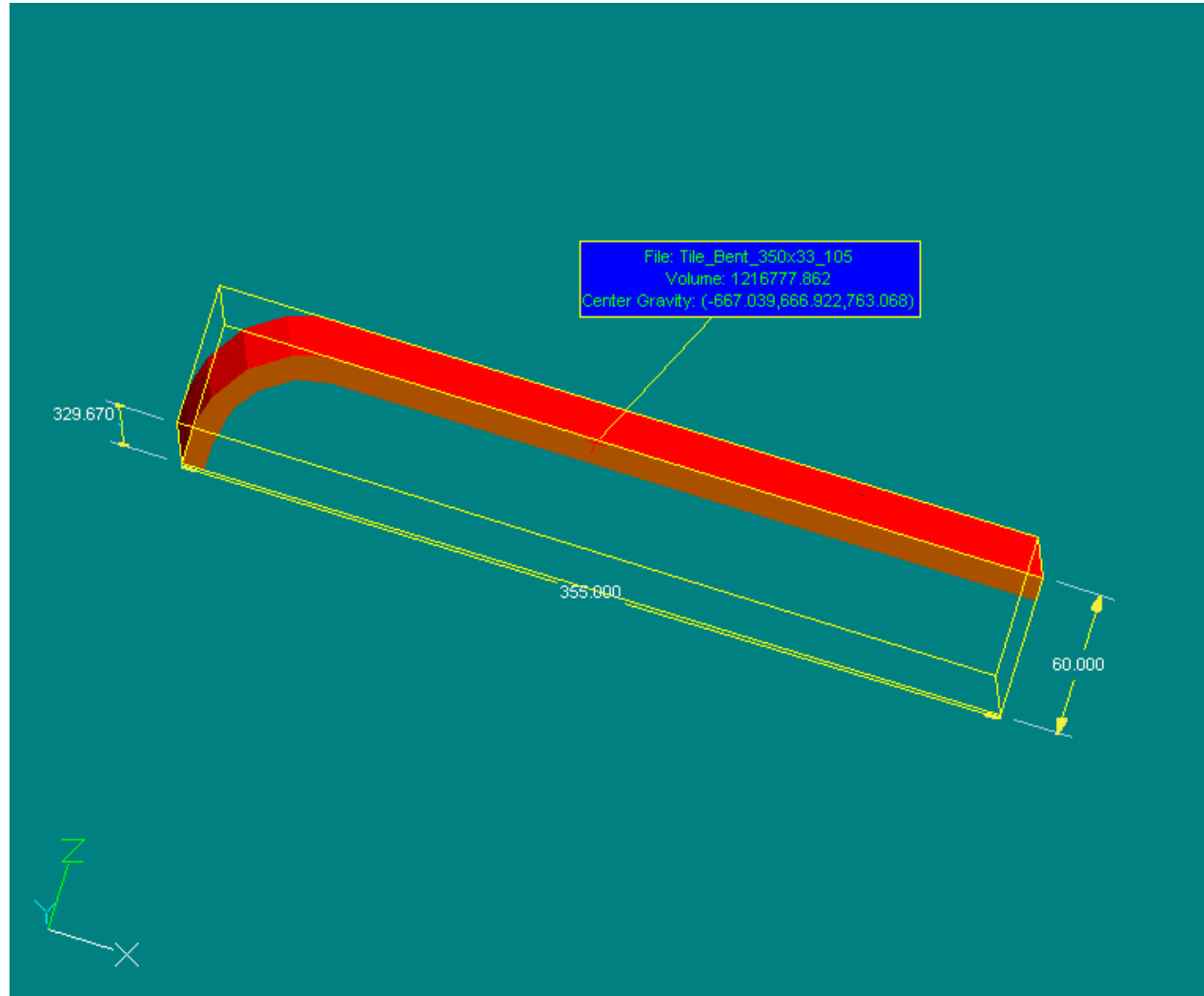
- 4 channels
- 2 bottom side tiles
- 1 side support (core)



# Simplifications

- Missing volumes (see above).
- Each top curved tile is modeled as a simple box of the correct x- and y- extent, thickness = 10 mm.
  - could improve this by adding a box in the y-z plane. Would require a more complicated scheme for tile id's and changes to software to interpret properly.
- Side tiles as modeled have no slant. All side tiles for one side lie in a box aligned with axes. Thickness = tile thickness. Height has been adjusted so that there is zero gap between rows.
  - would be tedious but straightforward to add to xml description. Code handling rotations hasn't been exercised in quite this way to date.
- Ribbons are modeled as segments (boxes) which are always aligned with the axes. Since side tiles have been simplified, only need one segment for each ribbon along each side.
- Ribbons are not sensitive
  - easy to modify xml to make them sensitive.

# Curved tile

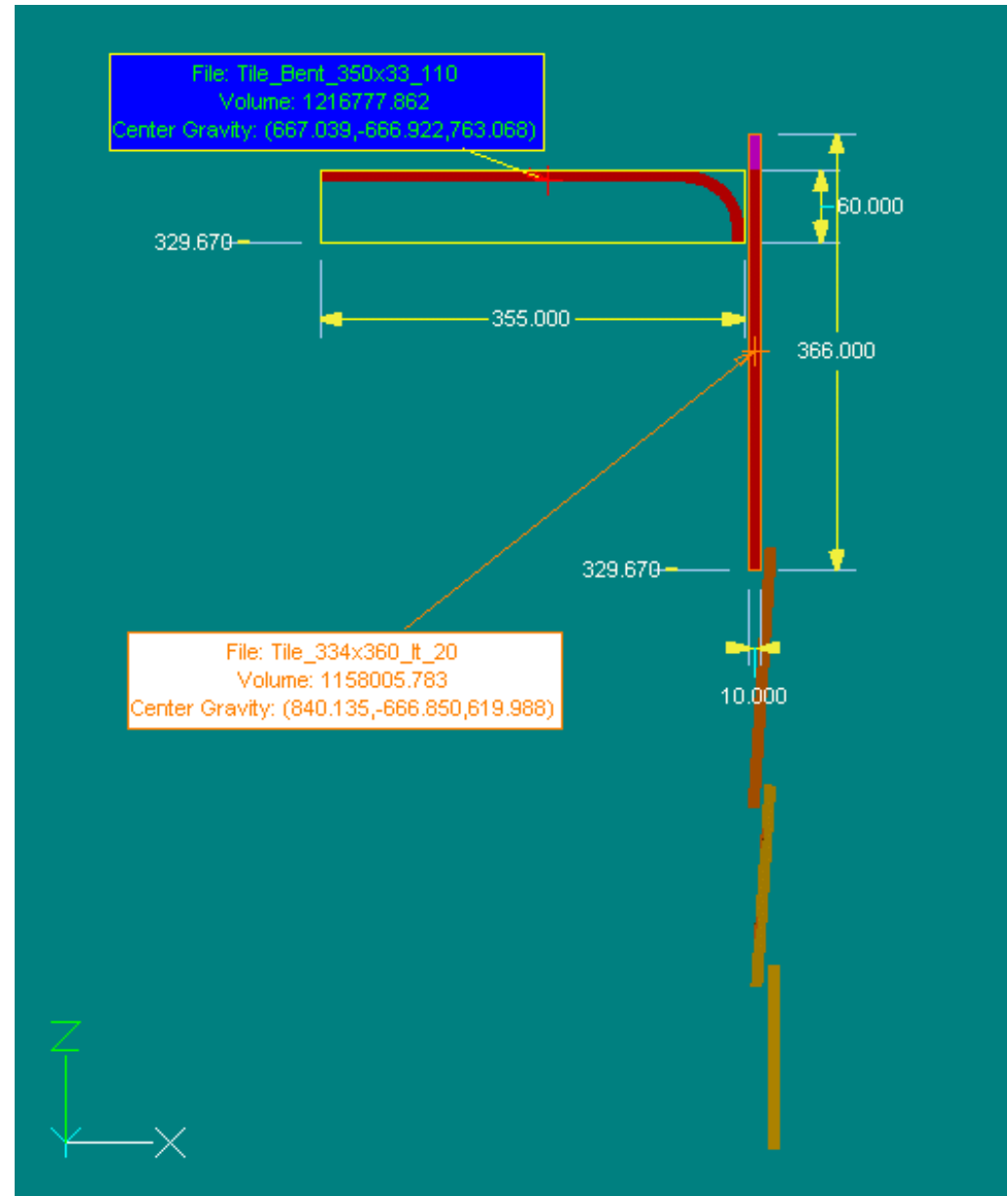


# Curved tiles & vicinity

The gap in x (3-d model or simulated) from curved top tile to nearest side is about 4 mm.

In simulation the top tile extends in x and y to fill the yellow bounding box but has constant thickness of 10 mm (same as real tile, excluding curved portion).

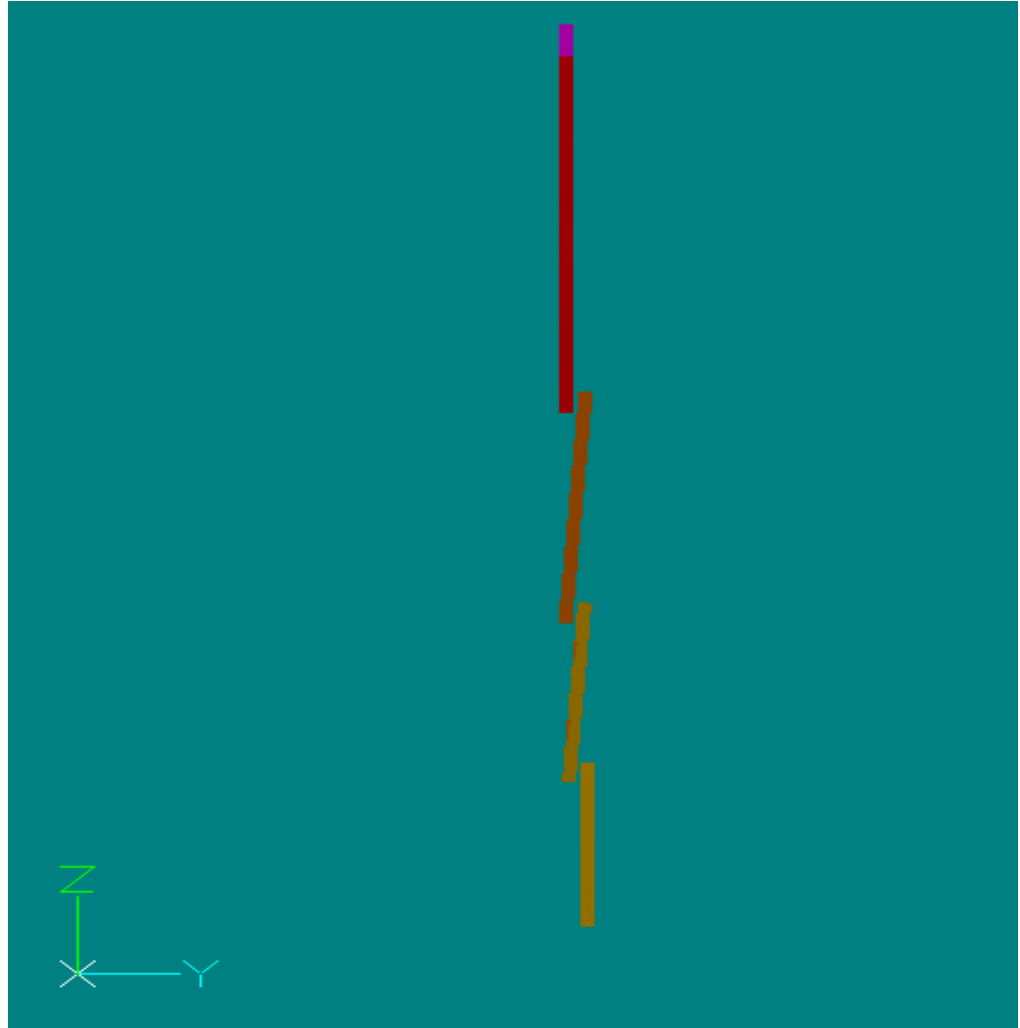
Proposed enhancement, if needed, would be to add a vertically-oriented box for each curved tile which would extend down 50 mm from the main horizontal piece; that is, as far as the actual curved tile does.



# Slanted side tiles

Tiles from the +Y side,  
projected along x-axis.

XML description aligns  
them all along standard  
axes, adjusting lengths  
so they just fit with no  
gaps.



# Ribbons

