

# Salome\_CFD user meeting 2019

# Salome\_CFD Highlights

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## 1 Introduction

## 2 Main news in version V6.0 and upcoming perspectives

-  Pre- and postprocessing

-  User settings and GUI

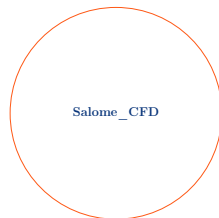
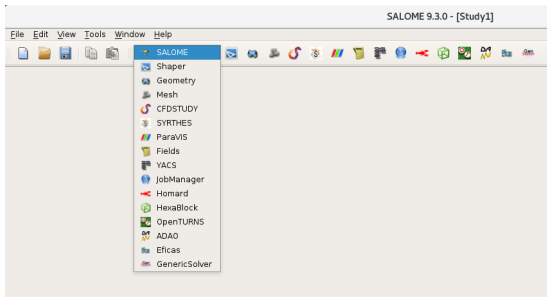
-  Physical modelling

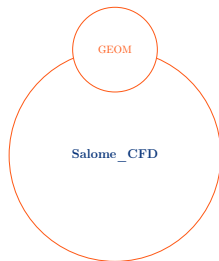
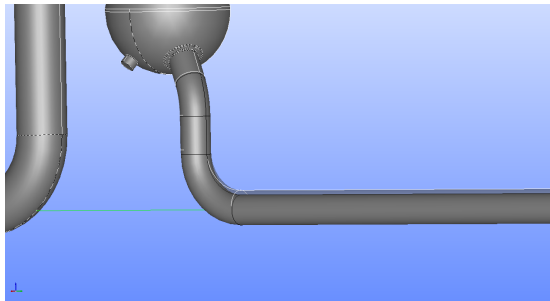
-  Numerics

-  Interoperability

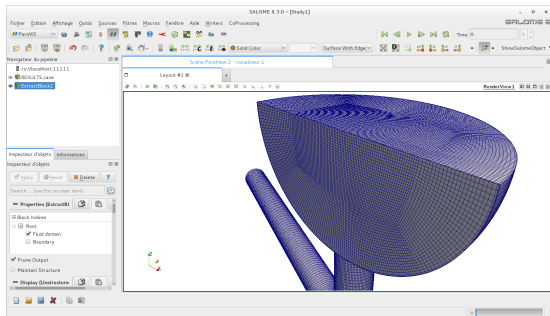
## 3 Conclusion and discussion

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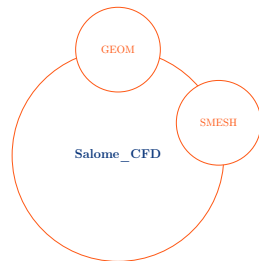




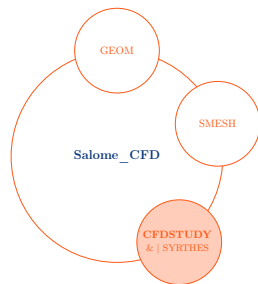
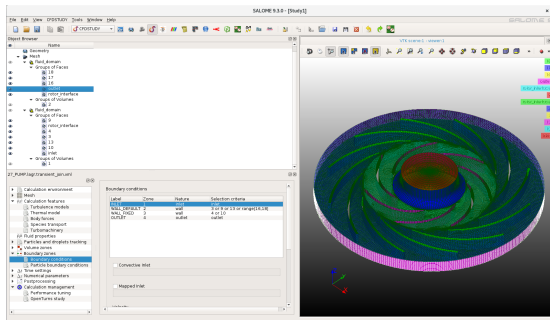
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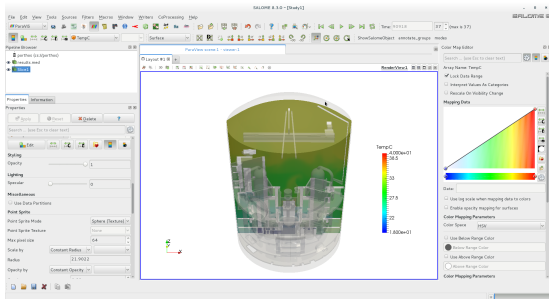


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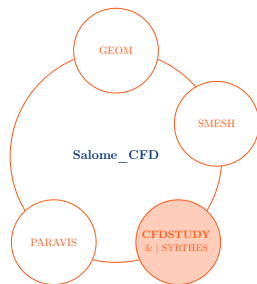


Single-phase solver *Code\_Saturne*  
Multi-phase solver NEPTUNE\_CFD

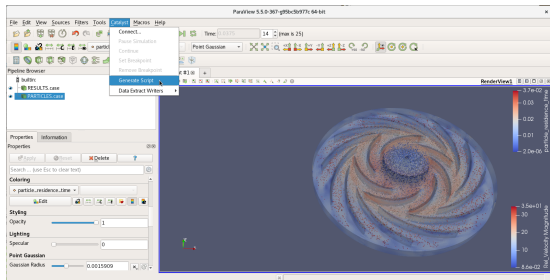
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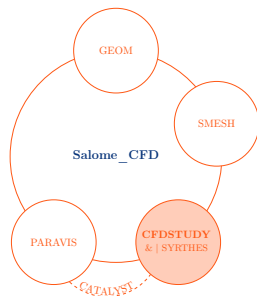
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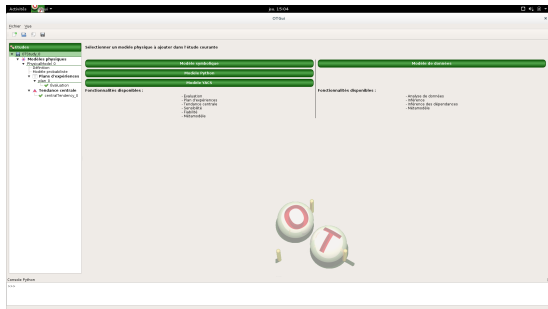


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In-situ and live visualization

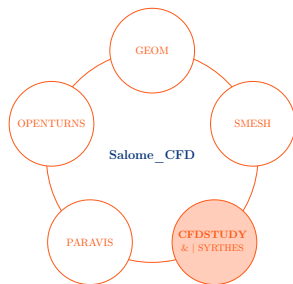




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UQ studies  
Design

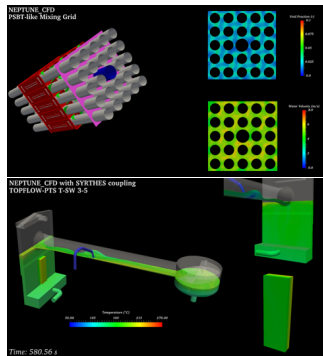


# Multiphase solver developed in the NEPTUNE project (EDF, Framatome, CEA, IRSN): NEPTUNE\_CFD

- Multi-fluid, Eulerian model (one-pressure, "Ishii" class of models)
- Dedicated sets of physical models to tackle **a wide range of two-phase flows with different topologies (stratified, dispersed, etc.)**
- Inherits **many capabilities from Code\_Saturne**: HPC, pre/post-processing, GUI, linear algebra, data structures..
- Not open-source

Some target nuclear applications:

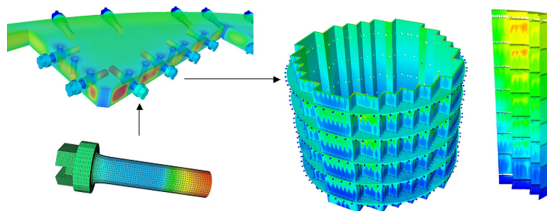
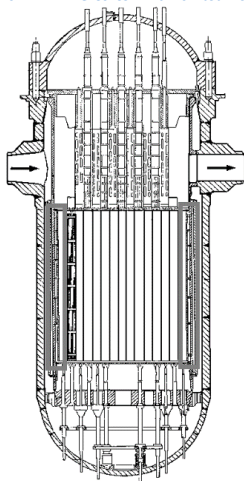
- Departure from Nuclear Boiling (DNB)
- Two-phase Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS)
- Containment flows (with aspersion and condensation)
- Gas transport in pipes
- Downcomer during a LOCA
- Spent-fuel pool in case of accident
- In-vessel corium retention



# Thermal diffusion in solids and radiative transfer solver: SYRTHES

Thermal load of 1000 bolts in 900 PWR internals

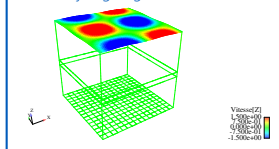
1h30 on 2048 BG cores - 1 billion tet mesh



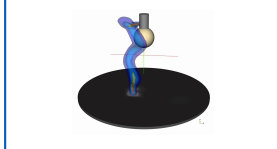
Solid coupled to fluid (*Code\_Saturne*)

# Multiphysics solvers gathered in *Code\_Saturne*

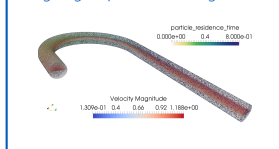
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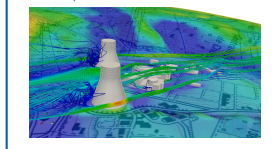
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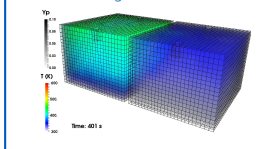
## Lagrangian particle tracking



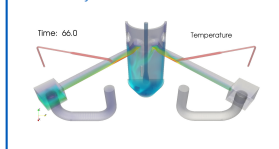
## Atmospheric flows



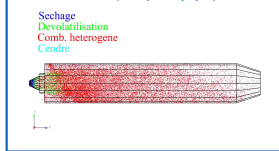
## Fire modelling



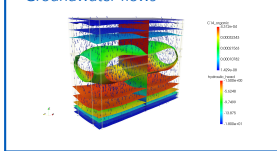
## Thermohydraulics for nuclear



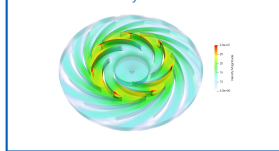
## Combustion (coal, fuel, gas)



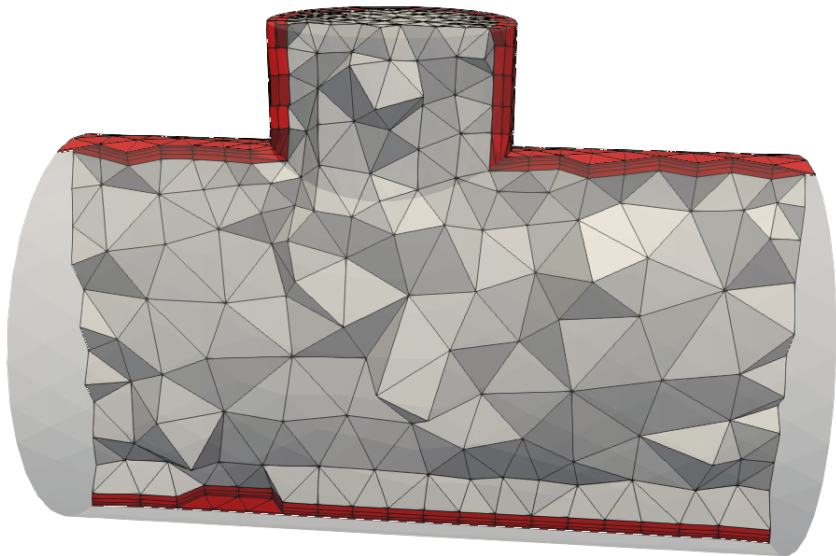
## Groundwater flows



## Turbomachinery

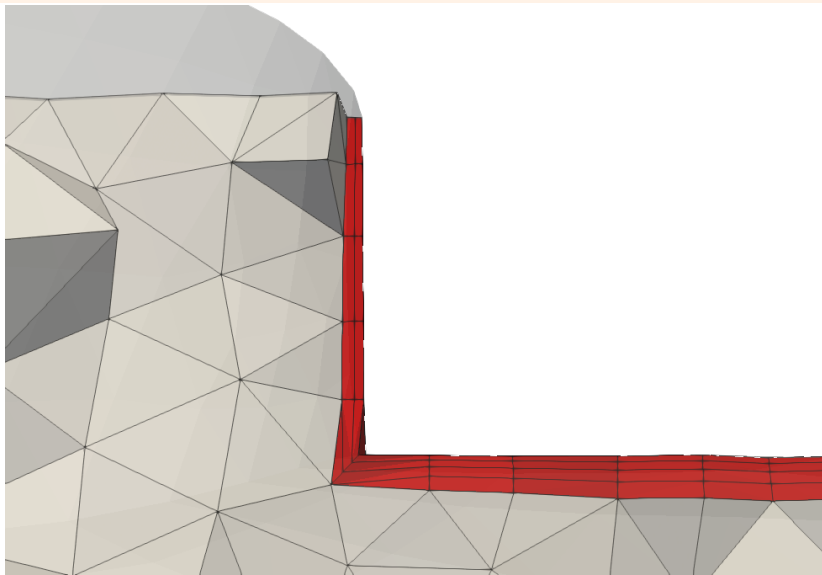


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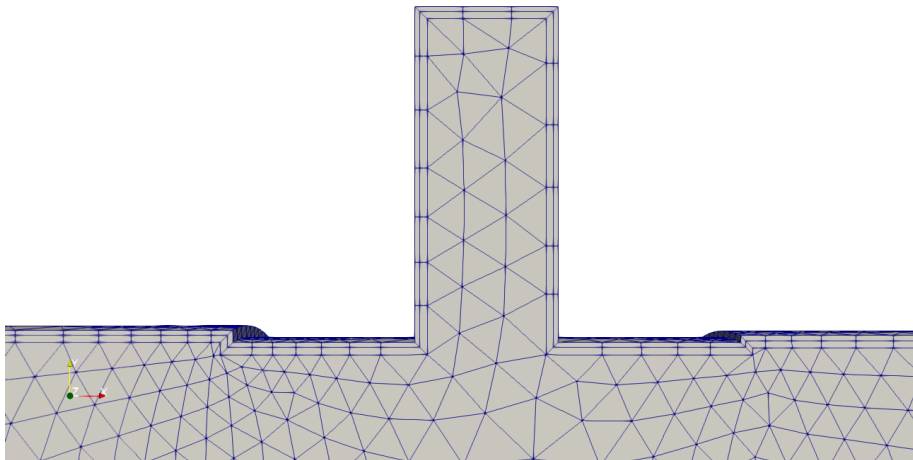


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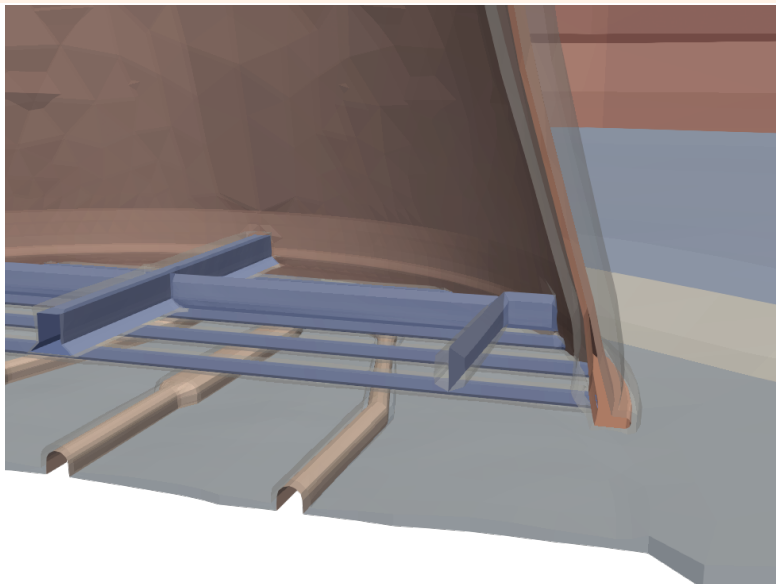


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see user source file [cs\\_user\\_mesh-modify.c](#).

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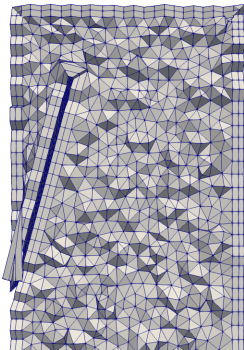




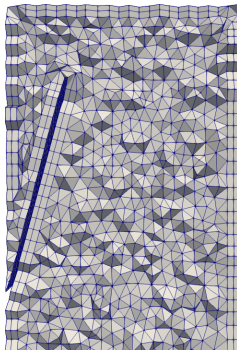
# Preprocessing: automatic insertion of wall-layer cells

## Fix features in sharp angles

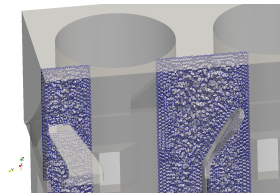
A solution is to test for negative volumes while deforming the mesh, and locally limit the extrusion on adjacent boundaries (removing one extrusion layer at vertices of those cells). This is done iteratively until no negative volume cells are produced.



before



after

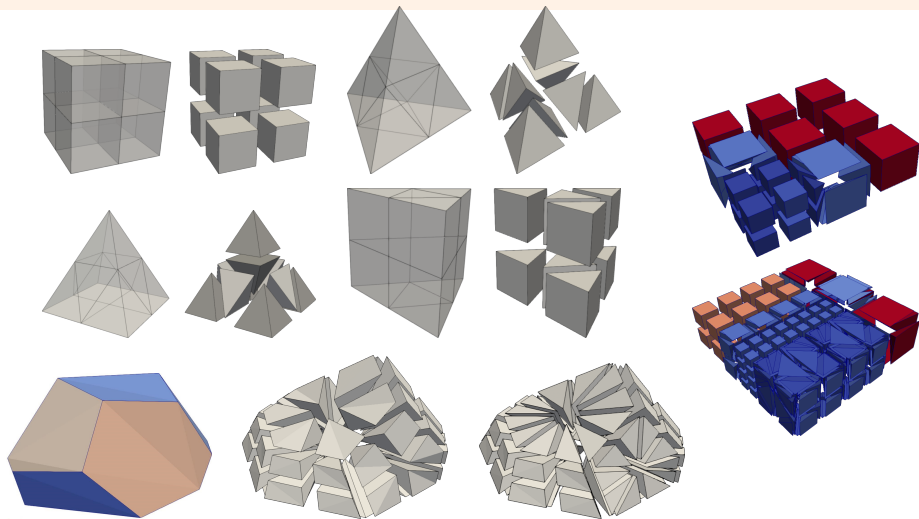


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Also add optional cell volume ratio limiter to reduce the extrusion near cells that would be excessively flattened or entangled.

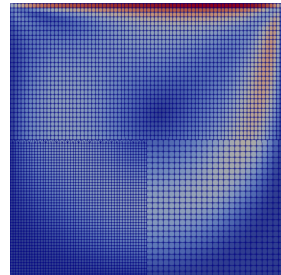
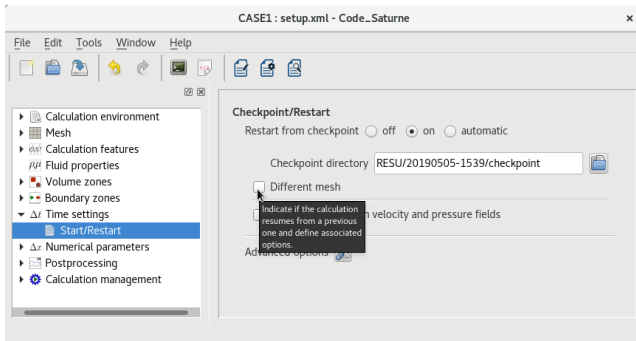
# Preprocessing: Add mesh refinement engine

for any polyhedral, load balancing currently handled through complete repartitioning, in collaboration with STFC



see function `cs_user_mesh-modify.c`.

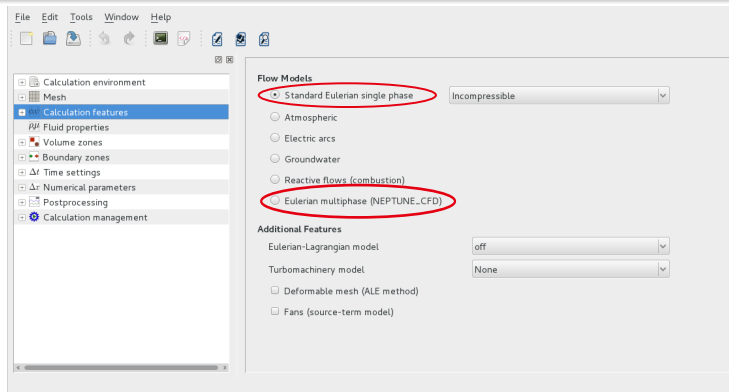
# Add restart function to allow mapping restarts from computation using a different mesh



# Code\_Saturne & NEPTUNE\_CFD now in the same GUI

## Switch between *Code\_Saturne* and NEPTUNE\_CFD solvers

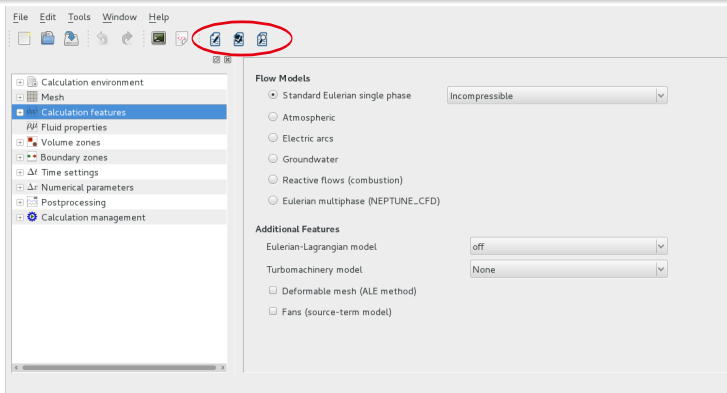
It is now possible to easily switch between the *Code\_Saturne* solver (Standard Eulerian single-phase) and NEPTUNE\_CFD solver (Eulerian Multiphase) using the GUI:



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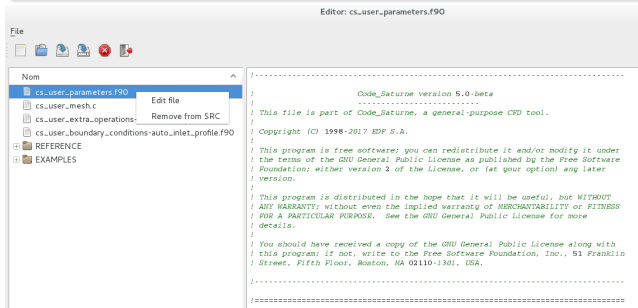
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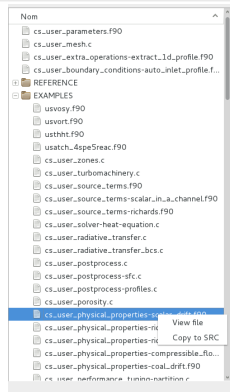
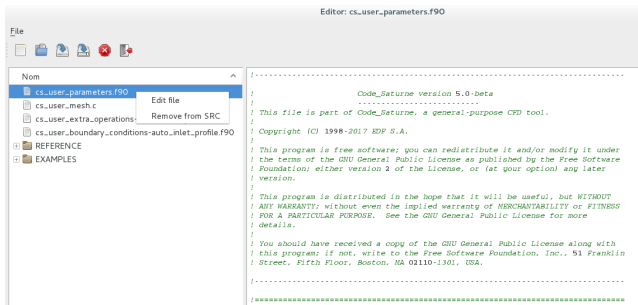
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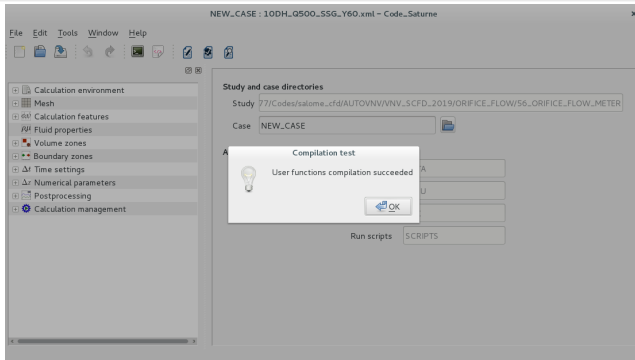
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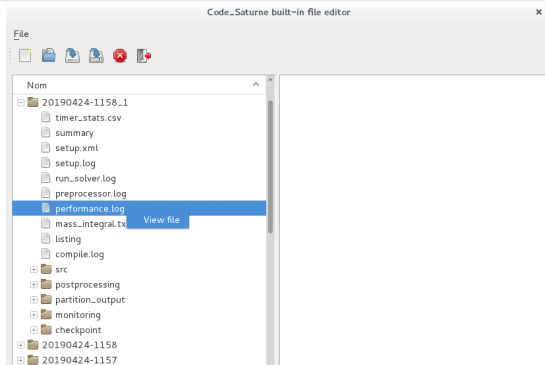




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# Coupled NEPTUNE\_CFD/CATHARE2 cases

## Creating a coupled NEPTUNE\_CFD/CATHARE2 case

```
neptune_cfd create -c NEPTUNE -cathare CATHARE
```

## Case parameters handling

Coupling can be handled using GUI and coupling\_parameters.py file

Activate coupling ▾

fluid phases to couple  Main continuous phase  All phases

NEPTUNE\_CFD INSTANCE

CATHARE2 INSTANCE

Cathare data file

Coupling name

Cathare initialize time

Coupling time to simulate

CFD/SYSTEM Coupling : NEPTUNE\_CFD/CATHARE

Cathare Element	First cell	Last cell	Neptune BC	Neptune 1D volume
TUBE1	1	2	Pipe_inlet	$x < 0.1$
TUBE2	1	2	Pipe_exit	$x > 0.9$

Add

Delete

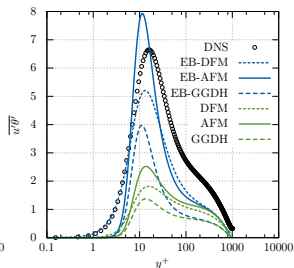
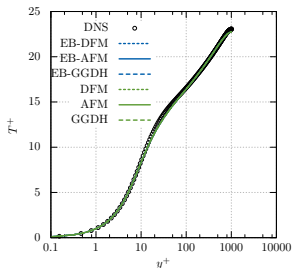
# Turbulence heat flux modelling

- **Elliptic Blending Differential Flux Models for scalars** (EBDFM `ityturt = 31`)
  - Give very good results, especially wall bounded and flow with buoyancy

Similarly to EB-RSM the **scrambling/dissipation** terms  $\Phi_{ij}^*/\epsilon_{ij}$  are computed *via* the parameter  $\alpha_\theta$  ( $\alpha_\theta \in [0, 1]$ ). It is used to **blend the fully turbulent and the viscous regions** (DFM  $\iff \alpha_\theta = 1$ )

$$(\Phi_{i\theta}^* - \epsilon_{i\theta}) = (1 - \alpha_\theta)(\Phi_{i\theta}^w - \epsilon_{i\theta}^w) + \alpha_\theta(\Phi_{i\theta}^h - \epsilon_{i\theta}^h)$$

- **Elliptic Blending version of GGDH and AFM** (EBGGDH `ityturt = 11` and EBAFM `ityturt = 21`)



→ 1D channel flow (Dirichlet on  $T$ )

Major **improvement** for the prediction of **fluctuations** and **temperature variance** compared to **standard models**

# Changes and new turbulence models

## Changes in the $k$ - $\omega$ -SST model

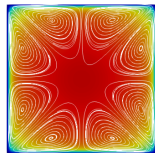
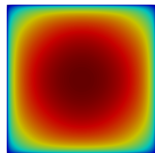
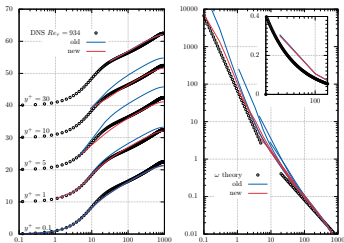
- In the near wall region (see Menter):  
Dirichlet on  $\omega_f = 10 \times \frac{6\nu}{\beta d}$ , with  $d$  the cell center to cell face distance.
- Now, to be coherent with other models and Menter:  $\omega_f = \frac{5u_k^2}{\sqrt{C_{\mu}k\nu y^+}}$  back to the previous BC with `ikwcln = 0`.

## New quadratic $k$ - $\varepsilon$ model from Baglietto et al.

**Theory of invariants** → generalized the idea of constitutive relation for the Reynolds stresses

It becomes  $\underline{\underline{R}} = \mathbf{f}(\underline{\underline{S}}, \underline{\underline{\Omega}})$  where  $\underline{\underline{R}}$  is the Reynolds stress tensor. When going to order 2 → quadratic models

- Reproduction of secondary flows due to anisotropy
- *E.g.* secondary flows in the square duct channel
- Can be activated by setting `iturb = 23`



# All $y^+$ treatment

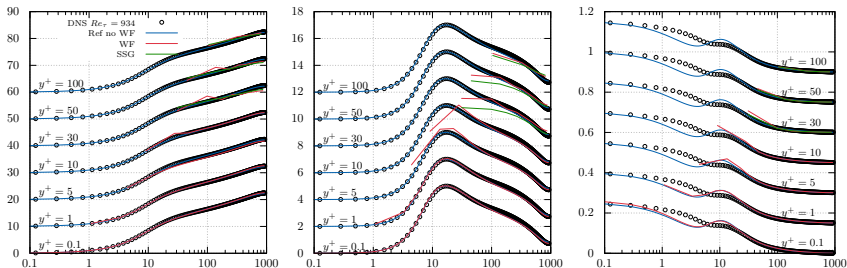
Wall functions for the EB-RSM are available with `iwallf = 7` and **activated as default**.

- Simplified version of J.F Wald PhD (2016)
- Ensure convergence towards standard EB-RSM when mesh is refined
- Degenerate in a SSG-like model on high Reynolds meshes

→ New continuous wall function on the velocity and the velocity gradient

→ Similarly to  $k - \omega$  SST model, in high Reynolds zones, we use  $\varepsilon_f = \varepsilon_I + d \left. \frac{d\varepsilon}{dy} \right|_{d/2}$  to impose appropriate BCs on  $\varepsilon$ . This is blended to the wall behaviour through a blending function  $f_\varepsilon(y^+)$ .

→ Homogeneous Neumann BC on Reynolds stresses, except  $R_{12} = C_\alpha \sqrt{R_{11} R_{22}}$ ,  $C_\alpha = 0.47$



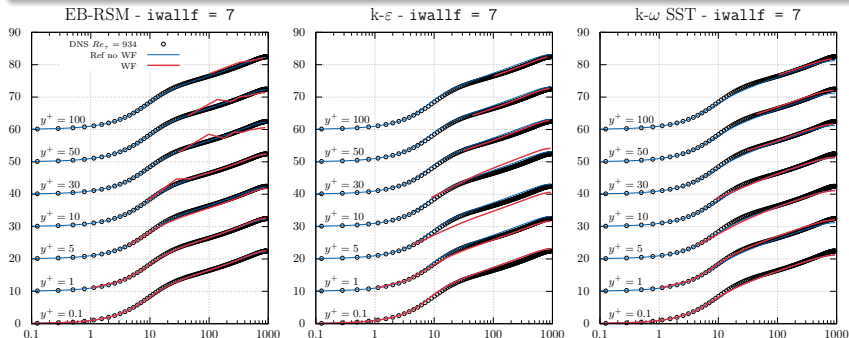
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New `iwallf = 7` can be activated with the  $k - \omega$  SST.

- Default wall functions (`iwallf = 3`), can also be used as an all  $y^+$  treatment
- Be careful to avoid buffer layer  $5 < y^+ < 20$

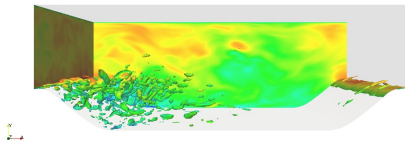
A low Reynolds  $k - \varepsilon$  model (Launder and Sharma, 1974) is available (`iturb = 22`).

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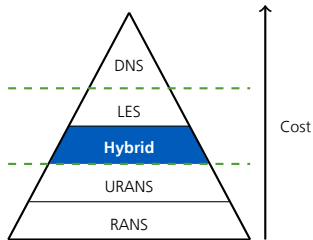
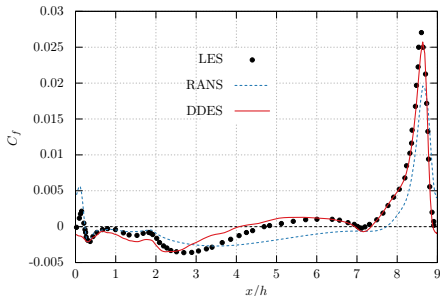


# Delayed Detached Eddy Simulation

- Hybrid RANS/LES model (Spalart 2006) for  $k-\omega$ -SST model
- **Mesh requirements between U-RANS and LES**



Mean skin friction coefficient



The turbulent length scale

$$\tilde{L} = f_d L_{LES} + (1 - f_d) L_{RANS}$$

is blended with  $f_d \in [0, 1]$

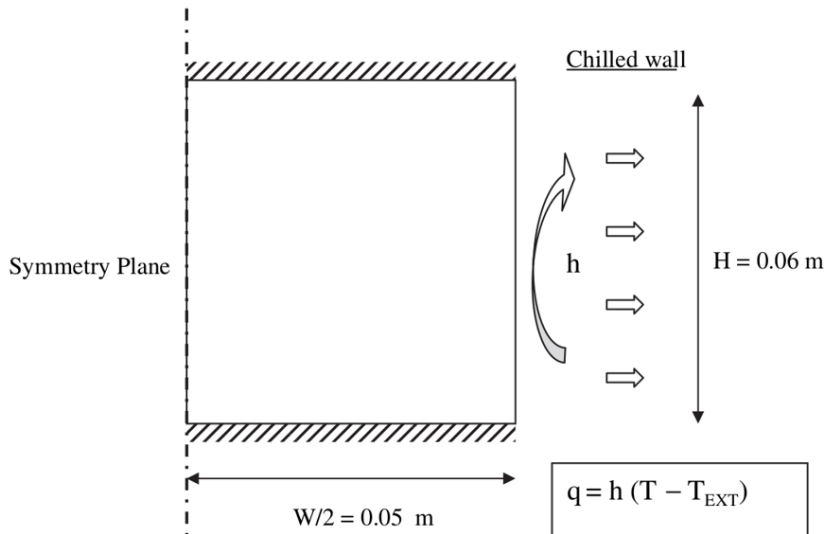
- Improvement in velocity predictions
- Better level of turbulent kinetic energy
- Reattachment point in agreement with LES





# Solidification modelling within *Code\_Saturne*

Validation testcase preview (versus SOLID)...

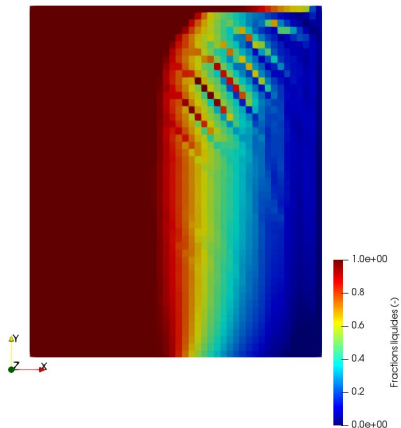
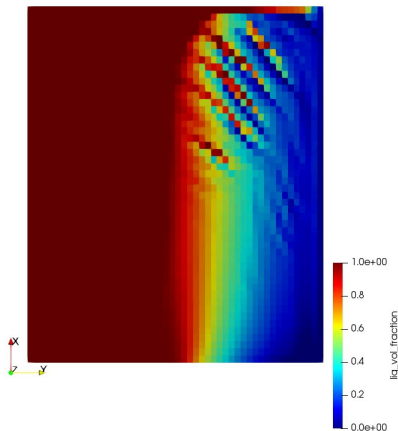


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Liquid fraction  $g_l$

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*Code\_Saturne*

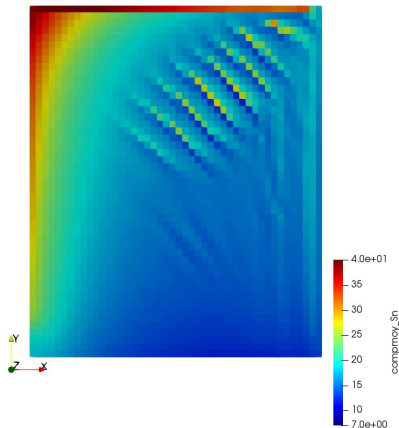
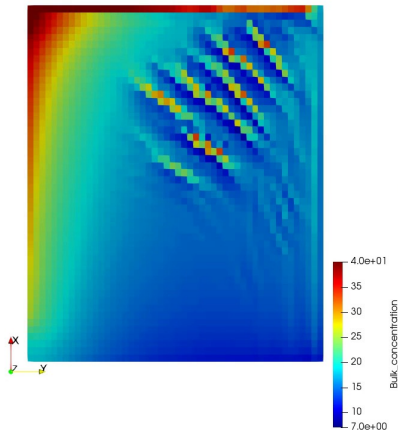
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Carbon C

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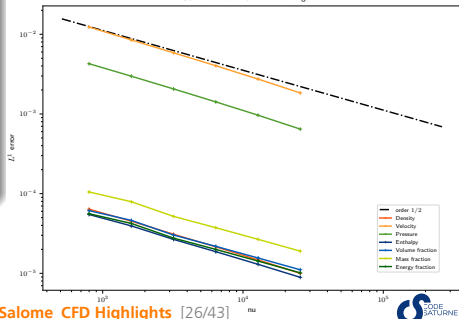
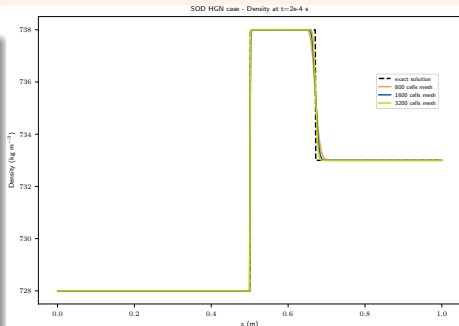
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# Add a compressible 2-phase homogeneous model

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- fractional step method sharing mass, momentum, energy balance steps with single phase compressible algorithm
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- thermodynamic of the mixture is generic
- each phase thermodynamics follows a stiffened gas EOS (parameters are at hand for the user)
- relaxation time scale of return to equilibrium also at hand for the user
- the model can be activated by setting to 2 the physical model parameter  
`cs_glob_physical_model[CS_COMPRESSIBLE]`

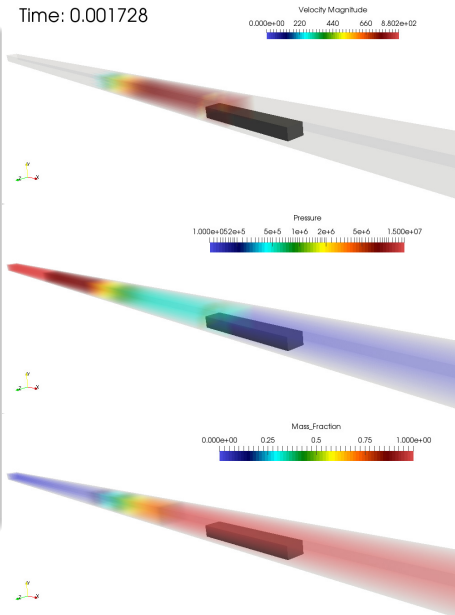


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- the model can be activated by setting to 2 the physical model parameter  
`cs_glob_physical_model[CS_COMPRESSIBLE]`

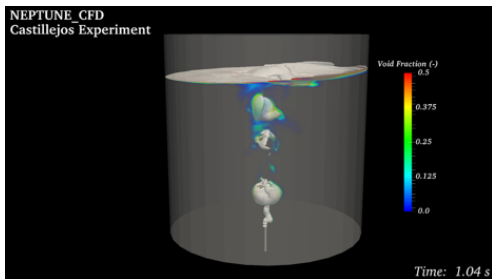
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# Two major modelling advances in NEPTUNE\_CFD

## Towards the modelling of two-phase flow regime transition

Generalized Large Interface Method (GLIM) available and validated on a collection of adiabatic two-phase flows with different regimes (see technical presentation)

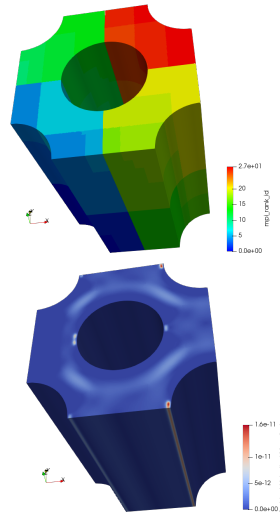


## Modelling the motion of solids in two-phase flows

An innovative method to simulate the motion of solid structures (user- or flow-imposed) is now available (see dedicated presentation + [demo](#))

# Changes in default option of linear solvers

- Default solver for convection-diffusion changed to symmetric Gauss-Seidel ⇒ **Performance gain** slightly less than 2 expected
- On BUNDLE benchmark case (12M cell variant), Pressure solution is unchanged at 202 seconds, velocity solution goes from 298 to 95 seconds, k from 115 to 43, epsilon from 31 to 12, **total elapsed time from 893 to 606 seconds.**
- BiCGStab alternatives are usually slower (except in cases where Jacobi convergence is slow, especially in the first iterations or for internal coupling).
- For internal coupling, Jacobi or Gauss-Seidel is not well adapted to resolution of systems with purely diffusive zones
  - BiCGStab or BiCGStab2 recommended in these zones
  - since occasional divergence of these solvers is observed (1 every 500 to 1500 time iterations), temporary fallback to slower, but more robust GMRES is applied automatically.

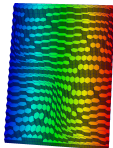


Jacobi

# CDO roadmap (See Groundwater flow pres. by J. Bonelle & R. Lamouroux)

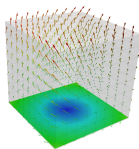
Bonelle's PhD  
Diffusion and Stokes in  
curl curl formulation

2011–2014



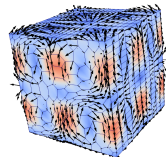
Cantin's PhD  
Transport equations

2013–2016



Milani's PhD  
Stokes & Navier–Stokes equations

2017–2020



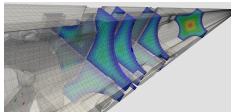
Diffusion

Ground-  
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flows

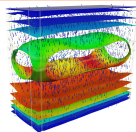
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Laminar  
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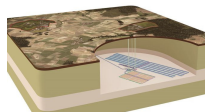
Turbulent  
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Wall distance



First industrial study

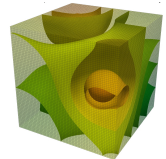
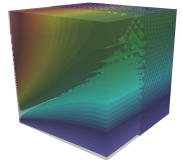
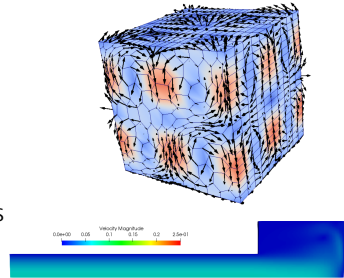


CIGEO industrial study

Grand challenge



- ↳ **Stokes** for Face-based schemes
  - Towards (Navier-)Stokes
  - Fully coupled (Velocity-Pressure) algorithm
  - Steady-state algorithm available
- ↳ **Vector-valued Laplacian** in Vertex-based schemes
  - ALE module - See dedicated presentation by [J. Harris](#) (ENPC)
- ↳ Adding more **general boundary conditions**
  - Robin and sliding boundary conditions
- ↳ **Volumetric interpolation**
  - Enforcement of values inside the domain

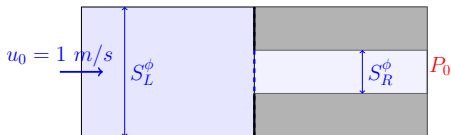


# Porous modelling

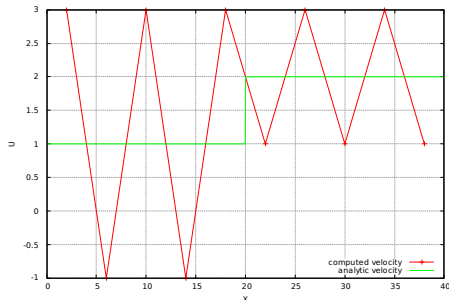
Work done in C. Colas PhD - see his [poster](#) for more on the integral formulation

- Model a fluid section jump in an incompressible flow.
- Tools: integral formulation `cs_glob_porous_model = 3` with discontinuous porosity.

→ **Situation before:** incorrect result due to linear interpolation of cell values to compute interface values (valid for  $C^1$  fields).



Channel with constriction

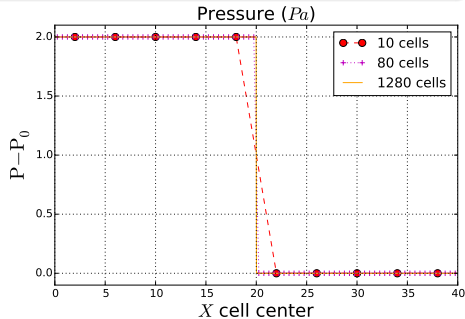
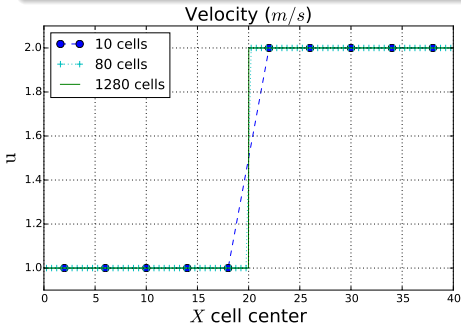


# Porous modelling

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→ **Solution**: modified interpolation for interface values (field not differentiable) using a **local steady balance on the dual sub-cells**.

→ **Situation after**: the piecewise constant velocity and pressure fields are recovered with the solver precision.

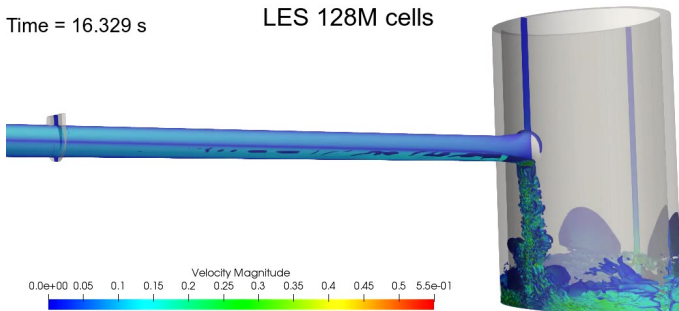


*N.B.* Rhie & Chow filter should be used and adapted when solving the pressure to avoid spatial oscillations.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> order time scheme for variable density flow

- Major changes in time stepping to ensure 2<sup>nd</sup> order in time for variable density flow if 2<sup>nd</sup> order time scheme is enabled. Scheme is similar to (C. Pierce, 2000).
- Buoyant scalars and density update can be included in velocity-pressure loop. To enable it, use `is_buoyant` field key word.
  - The momentum equation is **staggered in time**, i.e. when 2<sup>nd</sup> order is enabled, velocity is solved from time  $n - \frac{1}{2}$  to  $n + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Work done in collaboration with C. Flageul.

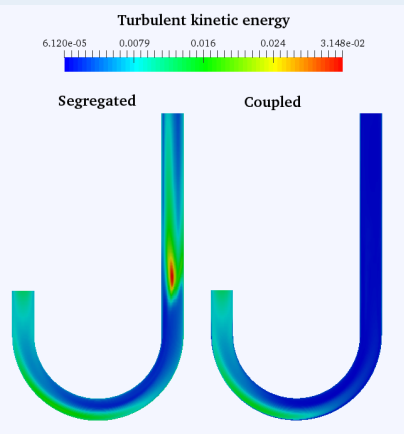


OECD Cold Leg Mixing CFD-UQ benchmark - R. Camy (EDF/DT).

# Coupled solver for DRSM turbulence models (default)

→ Goal: increase linear solver robustness, and ensure realisability of  $\underline{R}$ .

## Comparison between segregated and coupled versions



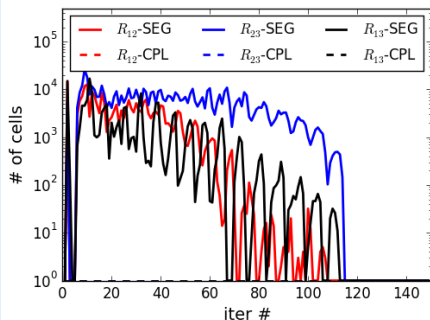
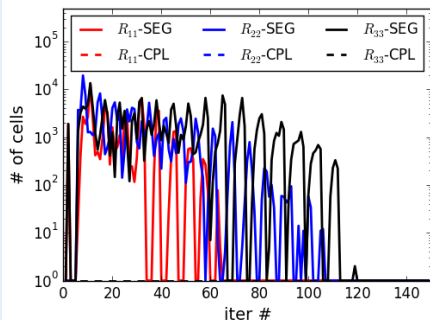
→ New time scheme allowed by the coupled solver in which more terms are made **implicit**.

Example: 100 iterations for each case from same initial state:

→ Faster convergence for the coupled version.

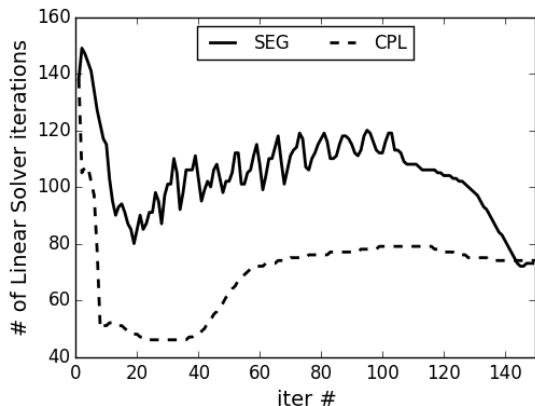
# Coupled solver for DRSM turbulence models (default)

Improvement of the linear solver efficiency: **no clipping** at all for any of the components (dashed lines).



Number of clipped cells for each component of  $\underline{\underline{R}}$ .  
Total number of cells  $\approx 110\,000$ .

## Improvement of the linear solver efficiency: a better convergence of the linear solver

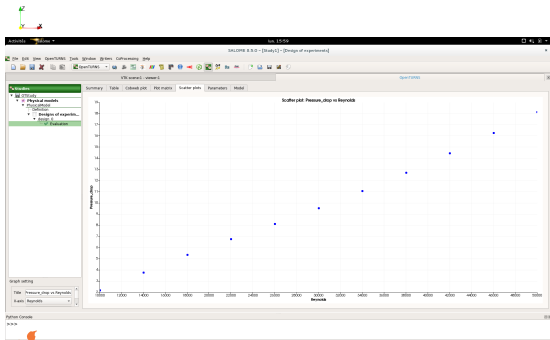
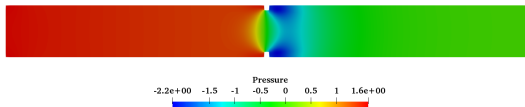
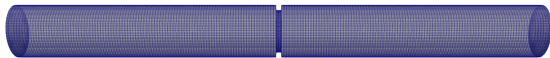


- Number of required iterations divided by 2
- Smooth evolution of the number of iterations

# OpenTURNS– Code\_Saturne workflow

1<sup>st</sup> version of full integration into Salome\_CFD workbench

workflow example: compute  $C_d = \frac{\Delta P}{\rho U^2}$  on an orifice plate model.



- 1 define input ( $Re$ ) and output ( $\Delta P$ ) inside *Code\_Saturne's* GUI
- 2 switch to **OpenTURNS mode** available in *Code\_Saturne's* GUI in Salome\_CFD
- 3 define computational resources (desktop, **distant HPC cluster**) for a unitary run
- 4 switch to OpenTURNS module and for example, define a DOE, here a set of  $Re$  values
- 5 run all evaluations
- 6 postprocess results inside OpenTURNS, here  $C_d$ .



# MEDCoupling support

## MEDCoupling:

A library which is co-developed by EDF and CEA within the SALOME project. It is centered around mesh and fields manipulation, including interpolation.

Offers powerful functionalities such as 3D/3D, 2D/2D or 3D/1D interpolation tools.

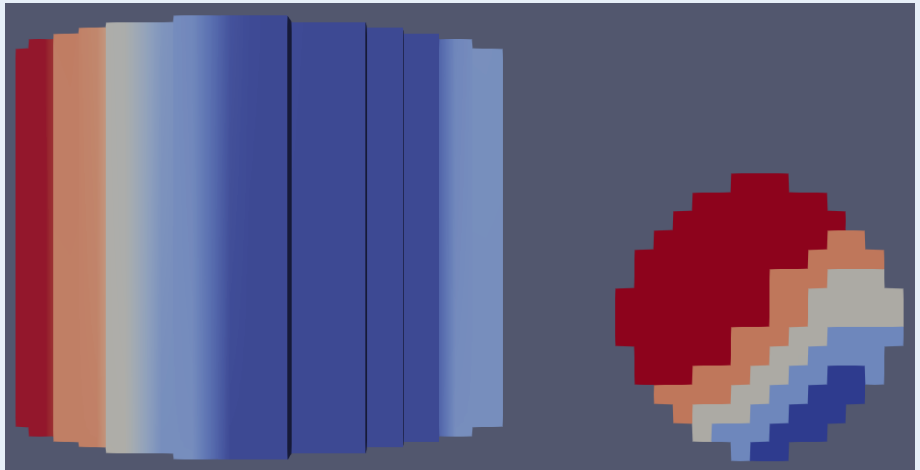
What is implemented:

- Sequential and Parallel remapping
- Parallel (MPI-based) code coupling

# MEDCoupling support

## Example 1: 2D fields

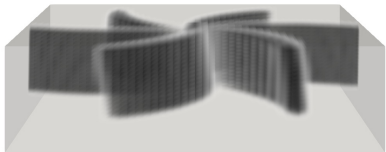
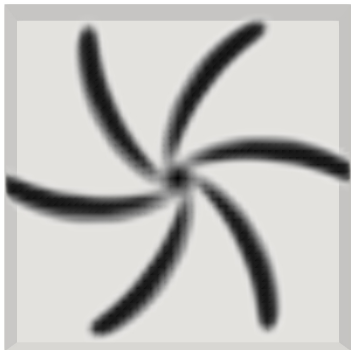
Imposing a temperature field at an inlet



# MEDCoupling support

## Example 2: 3D fields

### Time and space dependent porosity field



- Configuration: a rotor in a fluid domain
- On the fly computation of the fluid volume during the simulation.

# Get sources or binaries fitting your needs!

## Git repository

- Internal repository on PAM GitLab forge:  
[https://gitlab.pleiade.edf.fr/salome\\_cfd](https://gitlab.pleiade.edf.fr/salome_cfd) and subprojects.
- development tab on [code-saturne.org](https://code-saturne.org) now links to [https://github.com/code-saturne/code\\_saturne](https://github.com/code-saturne/code_saturne) public git mirror.
  - Bug reports and feature requests on matching issues section.
  - for confidential data or issues, use of the PAM GitLab issue tracker or saturne-support e-mail is possible.
- GitHub also provides a Wiki (to be populated).

## Get Salome\_CFD binaries

- on *Code\_Saturne* website  
<https://www.code-saturne.org/cms/salome-cfd>

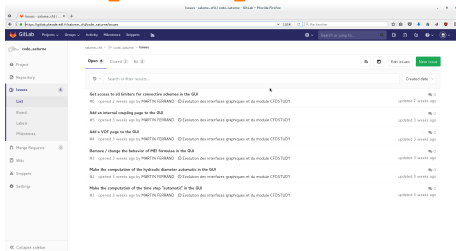


# Conclusion messages

*Code\_Saturne* is NOT a black-box!  
Ask what you want! Merci pour  
toutes ces années d'utilisation !



*internal issue tracker (EDF users)*  
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