

Code_Saturne: latest news and prospects

Code_Saturne development team



Code_Saturne practical information

◉ Distribution of *Code_Saturne*

- ◉ Under GPL license (LGPL for BFT and FVM libraries)
- ◉ New website url: <http://www.code-saturne.org/>
- ◉ Downloadable versions (released end of November):
 - Production version 1.3.3 – validated under EDF quality assurance
 - Development version 1.4.0 – beta version, partially tested
- ◉ **Open-source release of SYRTHES** for transient thermal simulation in solid
 - Downloadable at <http://rd.edf.com/syrthes/>
- ◉ **Source CD available at the *Code_Saturne* user meeting**

◉ Contact and support around *Code_Saturne*

- ◉ Contact and support address: saturne-support@edf.fr
- ◉ For specific information on SYRTHES, please contact syrthes-support@edf.fr
- ◉ Forum and bug-tracker still under construction, but available soon!
- ◉ Annual user club meeting in Chatou
- ◉ Initial training sessions in March and November in Chatou

Code_Saturne general information

- ◉ *Code_Saturne* « gold award » in Computational Fluid Dynamics
 - ◉ UK HPCx supercomputer, located at Daresbury Laboratory
 - ◉ *Code_Saturne* was 1.82x faster on 1024 processors than on 512 processors (a factor 1.7 was required to obtain a gold award)



- ◉ For more information:

- <http://www.hpcx.ac.uk/support/documentation/capability.html/>

- ◉ See also talk of C. Moulinec, from Daresbury Labs

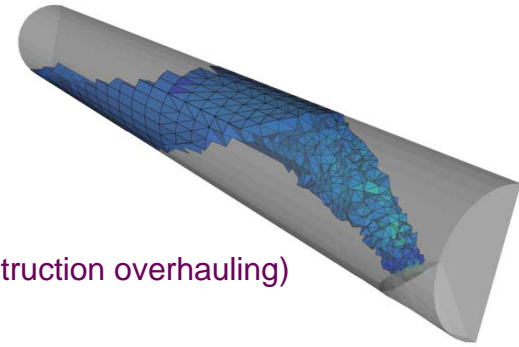
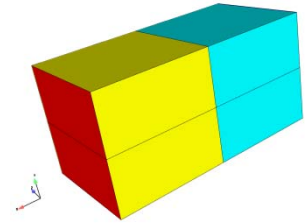
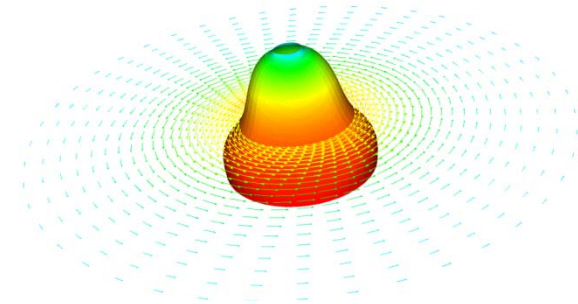
Latest production version

Code_Saturne version 1.3



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- Fully validated under EDF's Quality Assurance!
 - July – October 2007: 1st phase – validation of version 1.3.0
 - 29 test cases
 - more than 200 calculations for first phase (1.3.0)
 - wide range of mesh sizes (4 to 2 000 000 cells) and mesh types
 - wide range of calculation size
 - validation of new features and non-regression tests
 - tests on every available computer architecture
 - tests on every available specific physics
 - November 2007 – March 2008: 2nd phase – validation of corrected version 1.3.1
 - all configurations tested again
 - all cases showing problems with 1.3.0 retested
 - several non-regression cases retested
 - April 2008: release of validated version 1.3.2
 - latest corrections accounted for (mainly due to the halos construction overhauling)





Corrective version 1.3.3

⦿ Corrections:

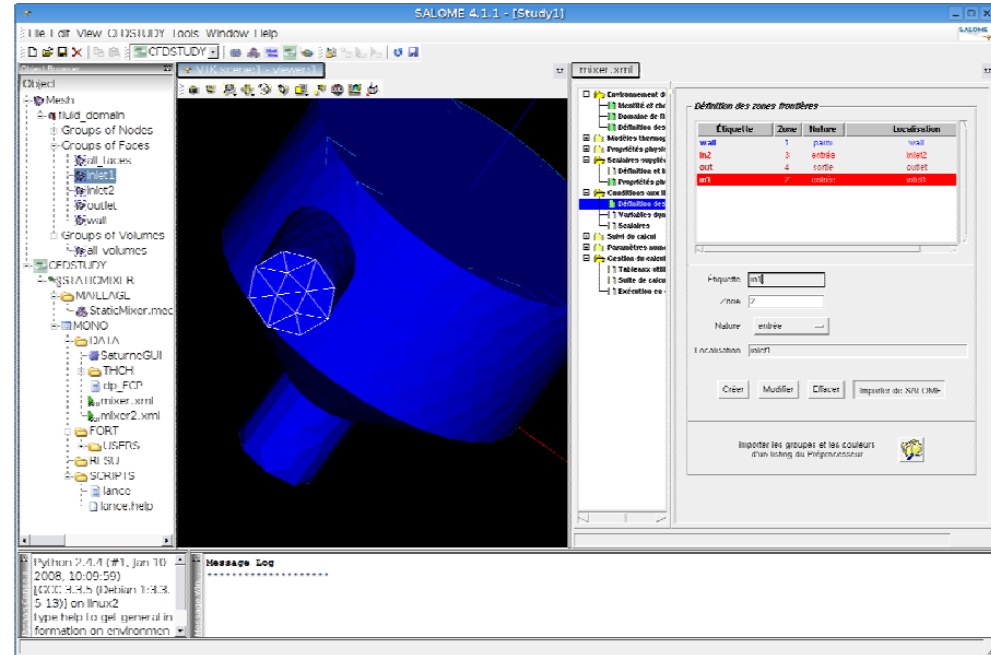
- ⦿ Inconsistent arguments in the heavy fuel combustion module
- ⦿ GUI related corrections:
 - Wall roughness
 - Scalar boundary conditions (when exchange coefficient is specified)
 - Specific numerical model parameters for pressure
- ⦿ Periodicity related corrections:
 - Rotation handling in the Lagrangian module
 - Improvement in mesh coherency tests
 - Ghost cell treatment for rotation periodicity
- ⦿ For details, see the ChangeLog files

⦿ Improvements:

- ⦿ **Integrated within the SALOME Platform** (as of version 4.3.1)
- ⦿ Linked with newest BFT and FVM version (resp. 1.0.8 and 0.1.20)
- ⦿ Porting to BlueGene/P super-computers
- ⦿ Coupling with SYRTHES 3.4.2 (compliant with larger mesh size)
- ⦿ Partial English translation of Kernel messages
- ⦿ Partial English translation of the theory documentation
- ⦿ No more CPU time per iteration sensitivity when post-processing is activated (on HPC systems like the CCRT)

Integrated in the SALOME platform

- In SALOME version 4.1.3
 - Not yet publicly released
 - Available in the MFEE department
 - Type: `/home/salome/runSalome`
- Extends the GUI features
 - Integrated access to *Code_Saturne* GUI
 - Boundary zones selection
 - *Code_Saturne* simulations can be launched and stopped directly from SALOME
 - Virtual results and drafts directory for an easier user files management
- See next talk of A. Douce for a demonstration



Latest development version

Code_Saturne version 1.4





Code_Saturne version 1.4

- ◎ Intermediate release of stable *Code_Saturne* development version 1.4.0
 - Partially tested, **but not validated under EDF quality assurance!**
 - Will remain accessible until release of next fully validated version
 - To enable new features to be tested
 - To have a better feedback from users
 - To provide test users with the more stable environment
 - Corrective patched versions will be released if needed
- ◎ Release of version 1.4.0, end of November 2008, for the User Meeting
 - Make sure to re-generate your studies, some user files being incompatible between versions 1.3 and 1.4, likewise for the XML files!

New Graphical User Interface

- Fully re-written in PyQt 4

- For a better integration in SALOME

- Natively supported on GNU/Linux, MacOS X and Windows systems

- Drag'n drop feature for time average and profile definitions

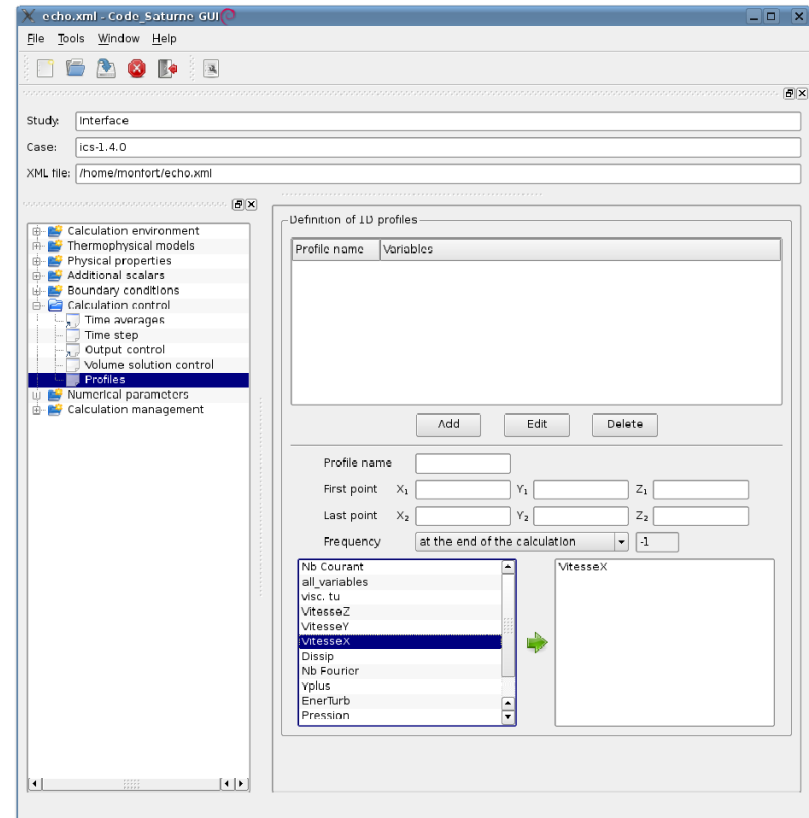
- Unsupported features (yet) within the new Graphical User Interface:

- Coal combustion

- Conjugate heat transfer

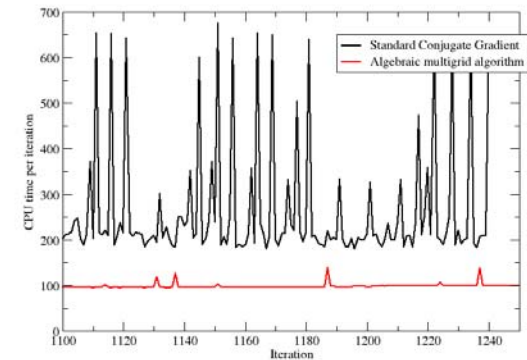
- Verification mode a.k.a. « stand-alone preprocessor »

- Matisse engineering module for nuclear waste storage



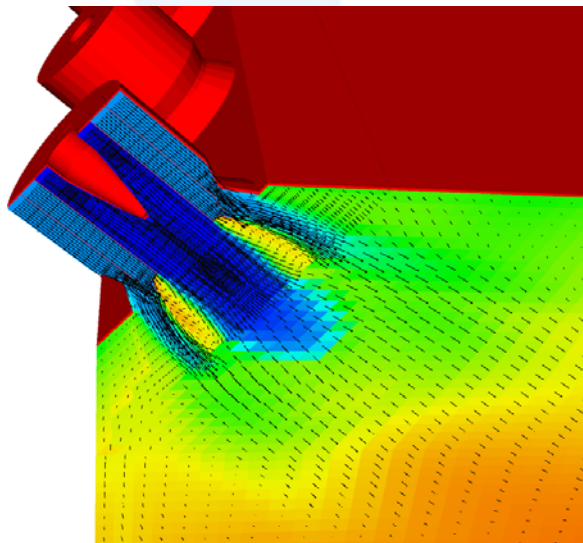
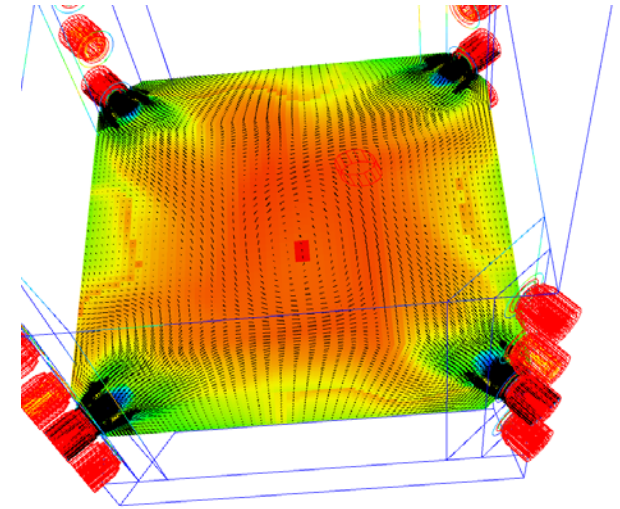
Numerical aspects

- New algebraic multigrid algorithm for Pressure
 - Compatible with parallelism and periodicity
 - Periodicity of translation and/or rotation are compatible
 - Scalable up to a large number of cells and/or processors
 - May leverage convergence issues on mesh of poor quality
 - Smoother evolution of CPU time per iteration than with standard Conjugate Gradient algorithm
 - Major improvement on the elapsed CPU
 - Up to 10x faster on the pressure resolution
 - Up to 3 or 4x faster on the global elapsed time!



Combustion modeling

- ⊙ Accounting for possible oxycombustion in coal combustion
 - See dedicated talk of J. Santamaria
- ⊙ Extension of the heavy fuel combustion
 - Possibly several initial droplets size
 - Not yet validated

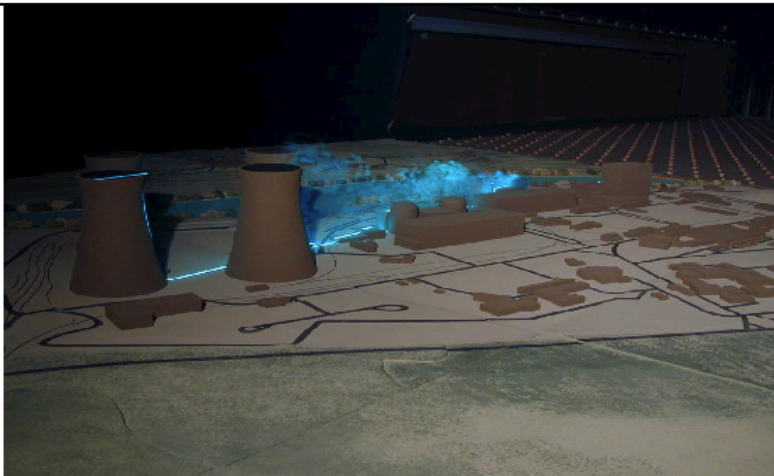


- ⊙ Coal combustion in Lagrangian formulation is now deprecated

- Not working since several releases
- No decision yet on whether it will be reactivated
- Lagrangian coal particles post-processing still available

Atmospheric flows modeling

- ⊙ Based on the code *Mercure_Saturne*
 - Step-by-step integration
 - At the moment, only neutral atmosphere modeling is available
- End-user setup:



- METEO_DATA: meteo files to be given in the `runcase` script
- `usppmo.F`: choice of the atmospheric modelling feature
- `usatin.F`: parameters initialization
- `usatcl.F`: boundary conditions setup
- `usativ.F`: variables initialization

Cooling tower simulation

⊙Based on former *N3S_Aeros*

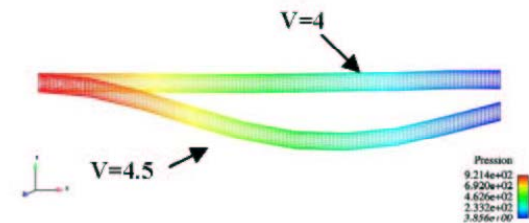
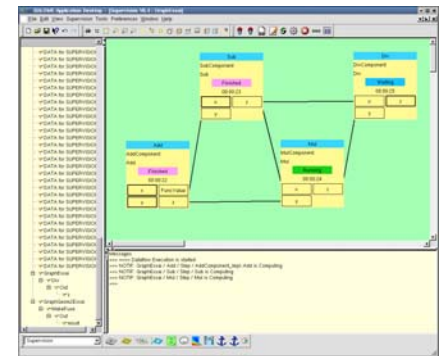
- Not fully integrated yet
- Missing features and some user files
- Poppe and Merkel models available
- Post-processing of exchange zones
- Contact the development team for more information
- See dedicated talk of F. David and H. Cordier

Saint-Laurent 2D simulation



Code coupling features

- *Code_Saturne* / SYRTHES coupling
 - Coupling with version 3.4.2 for larger mesh sizes.
 - Incompatible with former file format: no restarting with a calculation from SYRTHES 3.3 version
 - All codes are open-source (see *Code_Saturne* website)
- *Code_Saturne* / *Code_Aster* coupling
 - External fluid/structure interaction studies
 - Coupling in SALOME platform with YACS module
 - Still under development and validation
 - Final stage of integration in **standard version** of *Code_Saturne*, *Code_Aster* and SALOME
 - Contact the development team for more information
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Architectural changes

- Complete translation of user scripts and study directories structure
 - English translation of comments and variables
 - English translation of script names
 - `cree_sat` becomes `cs_create`
 - `info_cs` becomes `cs_info`
 - `lance` becomes `runcase`
 - English translation of study structure
 - `FORT` becomes `SRC`
 - `USERS` becomes `REFERENCE`
- Change in the MPI initialization
 - SYRTHES coupling is no more handle by the script but by a user file `ussyrc.F` (via criteria selection with the `GETFBR` function)



Architectural changes

- Change in the pre-processing phase

- A single file `preprocessor_output` is now generated by the Preprocessor
- A Partitionner reads the `preprocessor_output` file and generates a `domain_nXXXXXX` file for domain splitting

- New keywords

- `IMGR (IPR (IPHAS)) = 1` to activate the multigrid algorithm for the pressure
- `EPSRSM = 1.D-8` to control the precision of the right-hand side reconstruction (splitting of `EPSILO` in two variables)
- `NCKPDC` (size of the head-loss tensor) does not exist anymore, it is now supposed to be always equal to 6
 - `uskpdc.F` files have to be re-written
 - Pay attention to all user files that passed `NCPDC` as an argument of the subroutine!

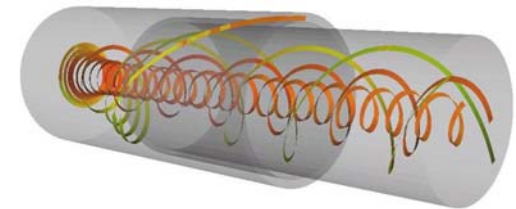


Prospects

Towards *Code_Saturne* version 2.0
and beyond...

Stabilization of 1.4 features

- Add missing features to the new GUI (coal combustion, radiative transfer, ...)
- Finalization of the *Code_Aster* coupling
- Finalization of the cooling tower module
 - Enabling the restarting capabilities
 - Test the parallelism computation
- Further integration of atmospheric module
 - Potential temperature for non-neutral atmosphere
- Continue the improvement on the linear solver
 - Scalability of the multigrid algorithm for the pressure
- Make *Code_Saturne* still more efficient on HPC systems
 - Parallelize the non-conforming joining algorithm
 - Parallelize the Lagrangian modelling





Architecture improvements

- ⊙ Smooth transition to Fortran 95
 - Fortran 77 shows some limits in terms of code complexity and maintenance
 - Use of limited new features in first step: dynamic allocations, data structure, function prototypes, ...
- ⊙ Switch to autotools for Kernel building
 - Keep the coherency with other module (Enveloppe, BFT, FVM)
 - Installation should be easier for the end-user
- ⊙ Provide some binary packages for Linux distributions
 - Already available for FreeBSD systems
 - Work on progress for Debian systems
- ⊙ Provide some binary packages for Windows
 - **Not planned at EDF**, all external contributions would be welcome!



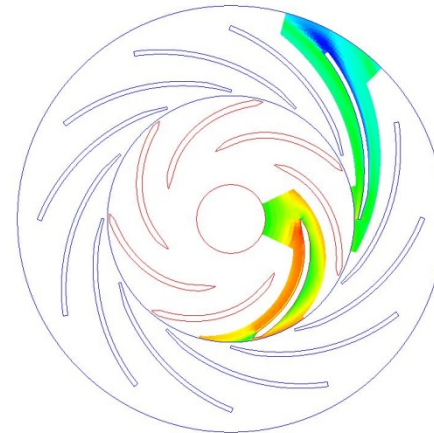
Perspective in further developments

- ◎ Progress in algorithms
 - Opportunity of velocity-pressure coupled solver
 - Pseudo-compressible solver scheme for dilatable flows
 - Optimized relative precision of solvers for faster calculations
- ◎ Physical modeling
 - Ionic mobility
 - Opportunity of specific module for fire-driven flows
 - Adaptation to simulation of flows in pumps
- ◎ *Code_Saturne* / *Code_Saturne* coupling
 - Work in progress
- ◎ Treatment of uncertainties
 - Test of plugging of OpenTurns platform (open source) to *Code_Saturne*
 - If convenient, triggering from *Code_Saturne* GUI

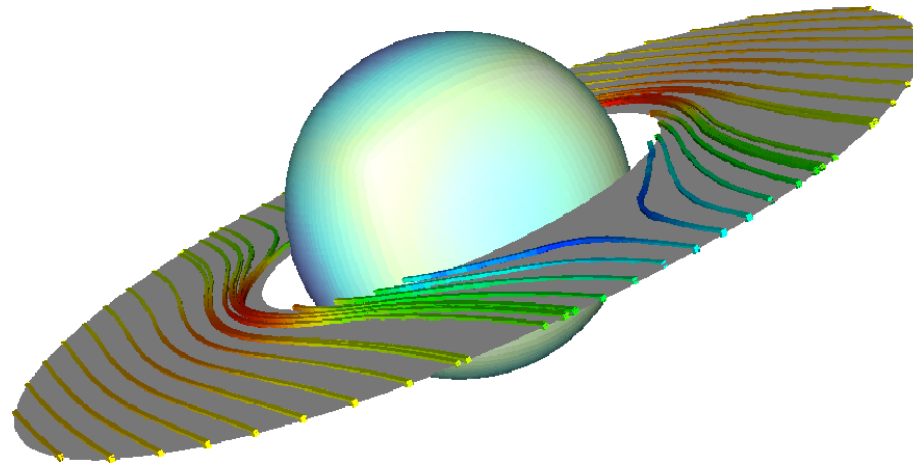
Focus: pumps modelling

- Only for incompressible flows
- First step: development of a steady method
 - So-called « mixing plane » method
 - Based on code/code coupling feature
 - A non-conservative method by design
 - Mass-flux loss < 1% in most tests

Still under development!



Thank you for your attention!



And a special thank for every *Code_Saturne* user and developer for their contribution!