

Code_Saturne: latest news and prospects

Code_Saturne development team

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Recent releases of *Code_Saturne*

Recent releases and validation

Code_Saturne version 1.2 (stable and validated)

- may 2007: release of version 1.2.4
 - identical to version 1.2.3
 - porting on Itanium architecture (Platine cluster of CCRT)

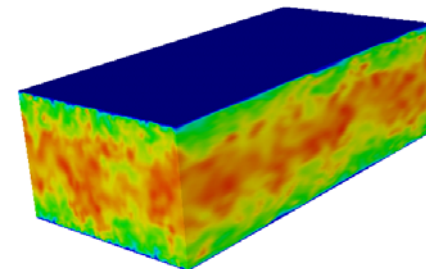
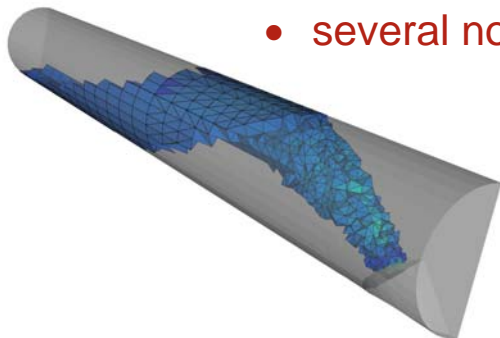
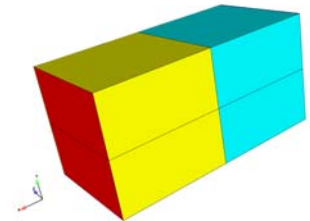
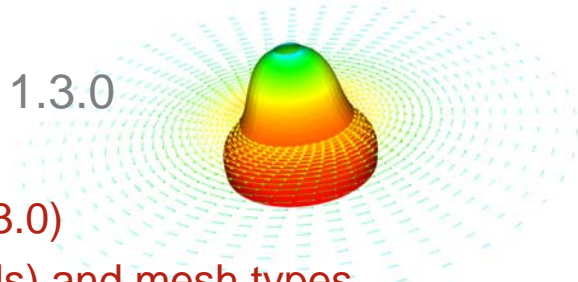
Code_Saturne version 1.3 (development version)

- march 2007: release of development version 1.3.f
 - downloadable from the EDF website
- july 2007: tagging of development version 1.3.0
 - start of comprehensive validation campaign
 - unstable version not posted on the internet
- november 2007: tagging of development version 1.3.1
 - no new features with respect to version 1.3.0
 - correction of problems detected during first phase of validation
 - start of second phase of validation
 - to be posted on the internet as “beta” version
 - **source CD available at the *Code_Saturne* Users Meeting**
- february 2008: scheduled release of fully validated version 1.3.2

Validation campaign

Validation of *Code_Saturne* version 1.3 (9 man.month!)

- 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: start of 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



Code_Saturne open source practical info

Distribution of Code_Saturne

- **GPL licence**, LGPL for auxiliary libraries (BFT and FVM)
- download page http://rd.edf.com/code_saturne
- downloadable versions:
 - 1.3.f beta version currently available
 - 1.3.1 on website in december 2007
 - 1.3.2 fully validated version in february 2008

Contact and support around Code_Saturne

- contact and support address saturne-support@edf.fr
- **forum and bug tracker** under development for plugging for new website
- annual Users Club meeting in Chatou
- mailing list: 174 members outside EDF in november 2007
- **initial training sessions** in march and november

External development integration

- any useful external contribution welcome
- any contribution given for integration will be under EDF's copyright
- contributors will be clearly mentioned in the author's list
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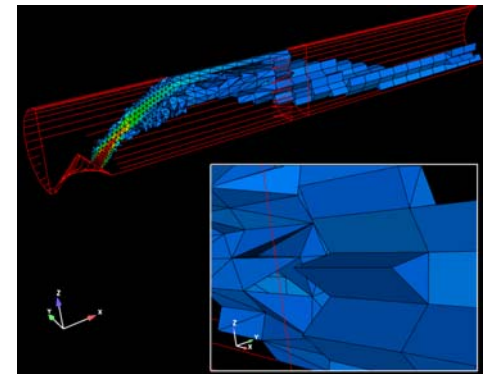
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New features in *Code_Saturne* 1.3

Last year's main « new features » in version 1.3

Plugging of *Code_Saturne* to the FVM library

- direct post-processing from the Kernel
 - fully parallel
 - optional discard/tessellation of polygons and polyhedra
 - advanced user defined post-processing
- direct coupling to SYRTHES from the Kernel
 - fully parallel
 - automatic post-processing of the interface mesh



Easier usage of *Code_Saturne*

- GUI extended to advanced numerical parameters
- unified launch script, install script
- simplified listing management
- optimisation to High Performance Computing and massively parallel
- automatic post-processing of hydrodynamic forces at the boundaries

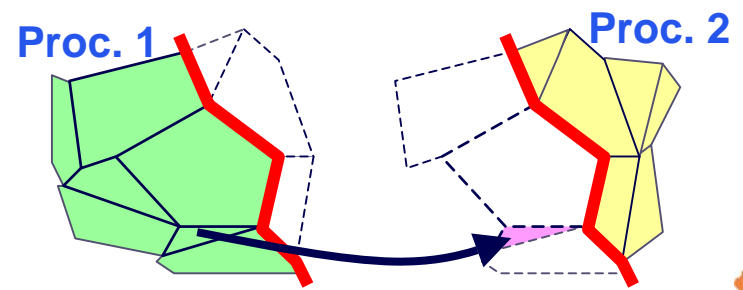
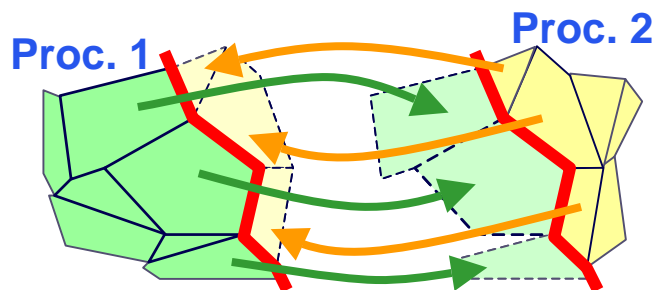
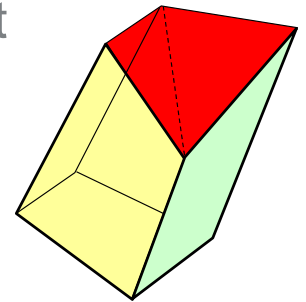
New methods and modules

- Matisse engineering module
- ALE method for deformable meshes, internal coupling for fluid/structure interaction

Software and structure characteristics

Preprocessor: the module formerly known as « Envelope »

- further elements transferred to FVM for parallel treatment
 - mesh quality measurements
 - tessellation of non-plane internal or boundary faces
 - creation of parallel/periodic halo cells
 - creation of extended neighbourhood connectivity
 - **50% decrease in memory size** with respect to version 1.2
- inner optimisation on integer management
 - current limit due to array indices: 130 000 000 cells (32 bit integers)



Software and structure characteristics

Optimisation for High Performance Computing

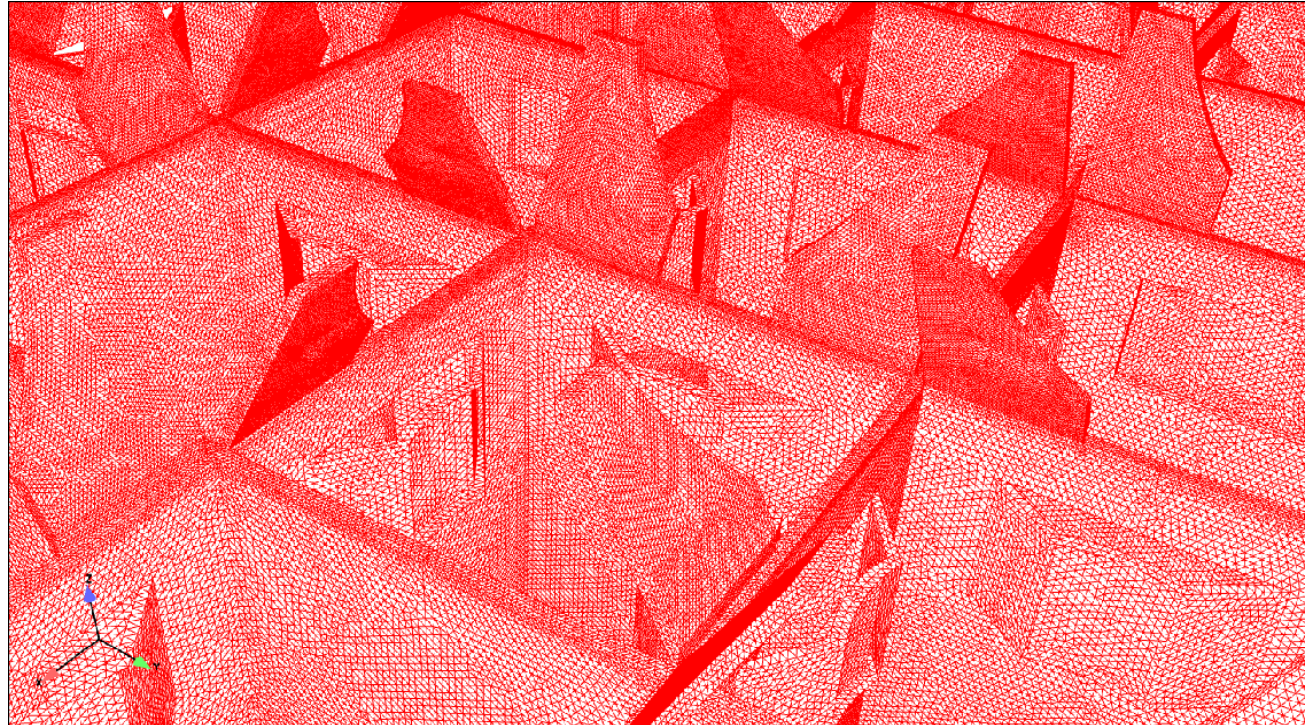
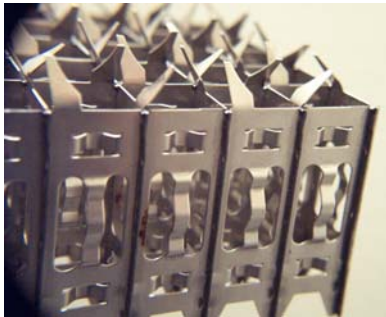
- compliance with BLAS libraries
 - easy link and automatic usage of BLAS libraries when available
- optimisation of communications
 - limitation and grouping of MPI commands
 - reorganised and optimised writing of restart files
- benchmark mode
 - automatic calculation of CPU time for basic operations
 - testing of BLAS libraries efficiency
- file management adapted to large number of processors
 - one listing per calculation by default
 - error files generated only by the processors that experience the error
 - « enveloppe_vers_solver* » files grouped in a sub-directory



Software and structure characteristics

Optimisation for High Performance Computing

- Current frontier (preprocessor): 130 000 000 cells
- Current highest computation: 100 000 000 cells (cf. dedicated presentation)



Software and structure characteristics

FVM selector capabilities

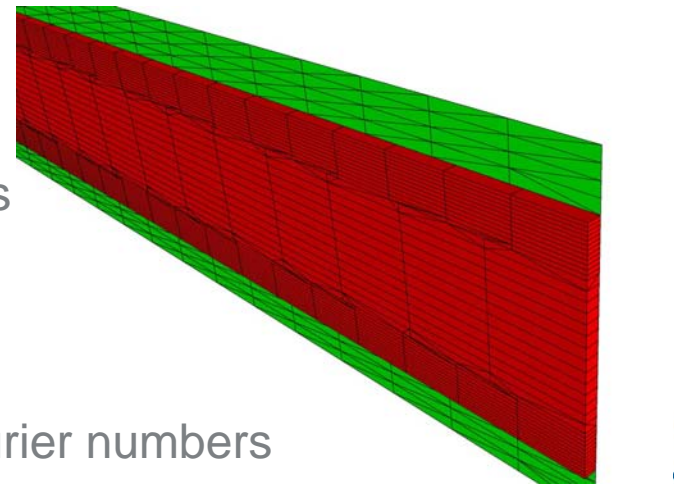
- easy selection of cells, internal faces or boundary faces
- integrated routines GETCEL, GETFAC, GETFBR
 - GETxxx(expression,NLELT,LSTELT) → list LSTELT of the NLELT elements satisfying the « expression »
 - expression = combination of colour references, group references and geometrical conditions, with « or », « and » and « not » operators
 - e.g.: **(1 or 2) and (not paroi6) and (X>=2 or Y<1)** → elements of colour 1 or 2, that do not belong to group « paroi6 » and with coordinates X larger than 2 and Y lower than 1

Coupling with SYRTHES

- full compliance with 2D SYRTHES calculations
- NB: **SYRTHES open source now!**

Post-processing

- automatic post-processing of Courant and Fourier numbers



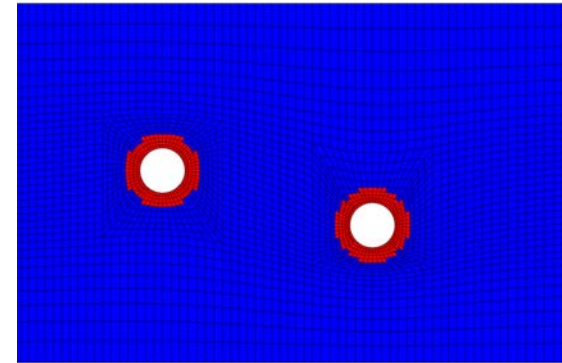
Algorithmic features

Steady-state algorithm

- **faster convergence** for steady-state cases
- no dependence of solution on time step
- use with caution in presence of strong gravity effects

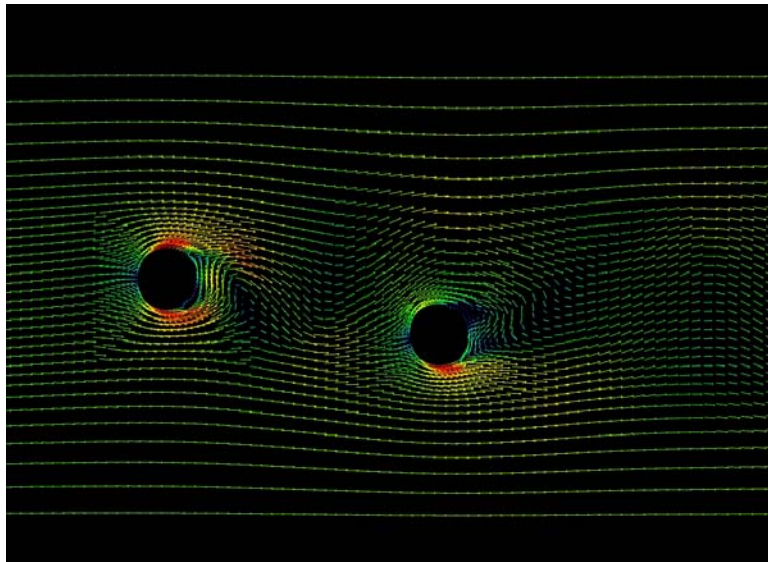
Internal coupling with moving solid structures

- **stabilised Newmark scheme** for structure displacement
- **extrapolated displacement prediction** (explicit synchronous or asynchronous)
- compliance with **second order in time** and velocity/pressure sub-iterations (useful for LES)
- **orthotropic mesh viscosity** to limit mesh distortion
- automatic writing of time evolution of force, displacement, velocity and acceleration for each structure

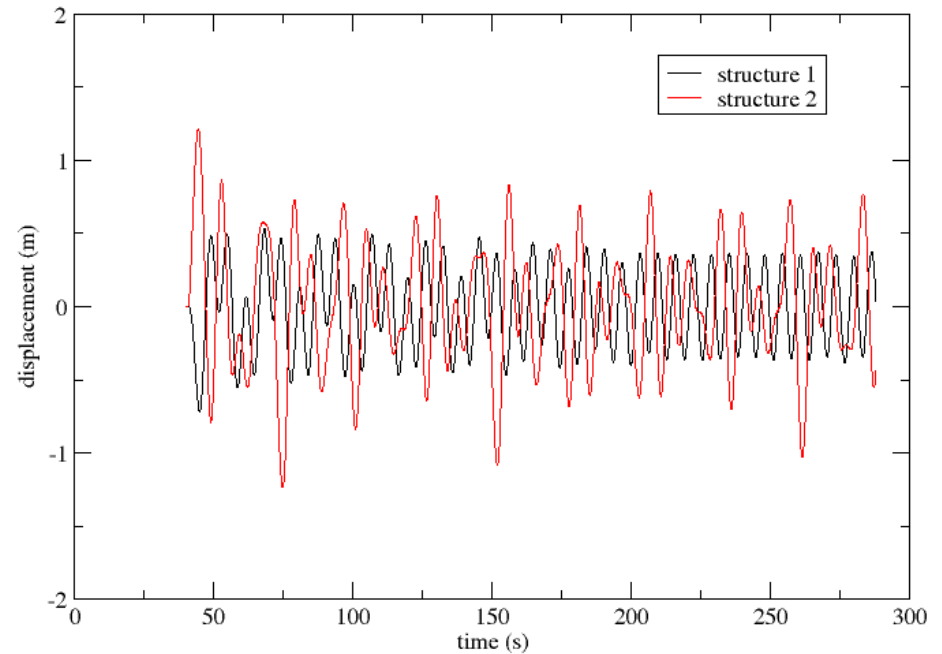


Algorithmic features

Channel flow with two oscillating cylinders



STRUCTURE DISPLACEMENT



Physical models

Heavy fuel oil combustion

- integrated but not validated

Pulverised coal combustion

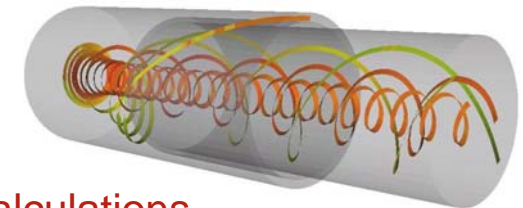
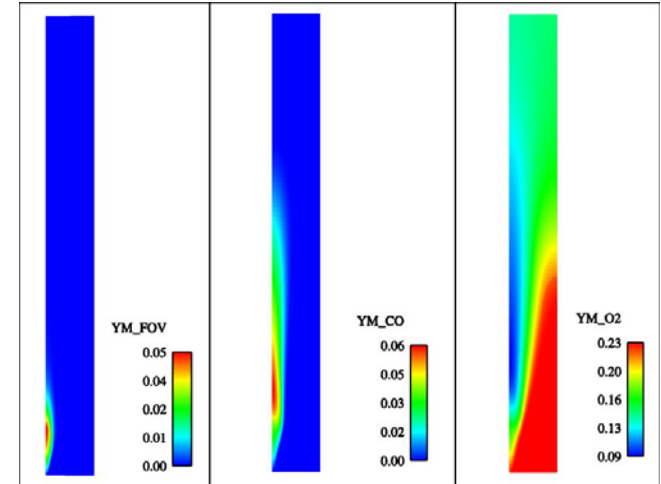
- restructured
- coal humidity taken into account

Lagrangian particle tracking

- compliant with periodic boundary conditions
- advanced particle/wall interaction
 - van der Waals forces
 - particle slugging
- easier statistics control
 - prepared averages and root mean squares calculations

Other models

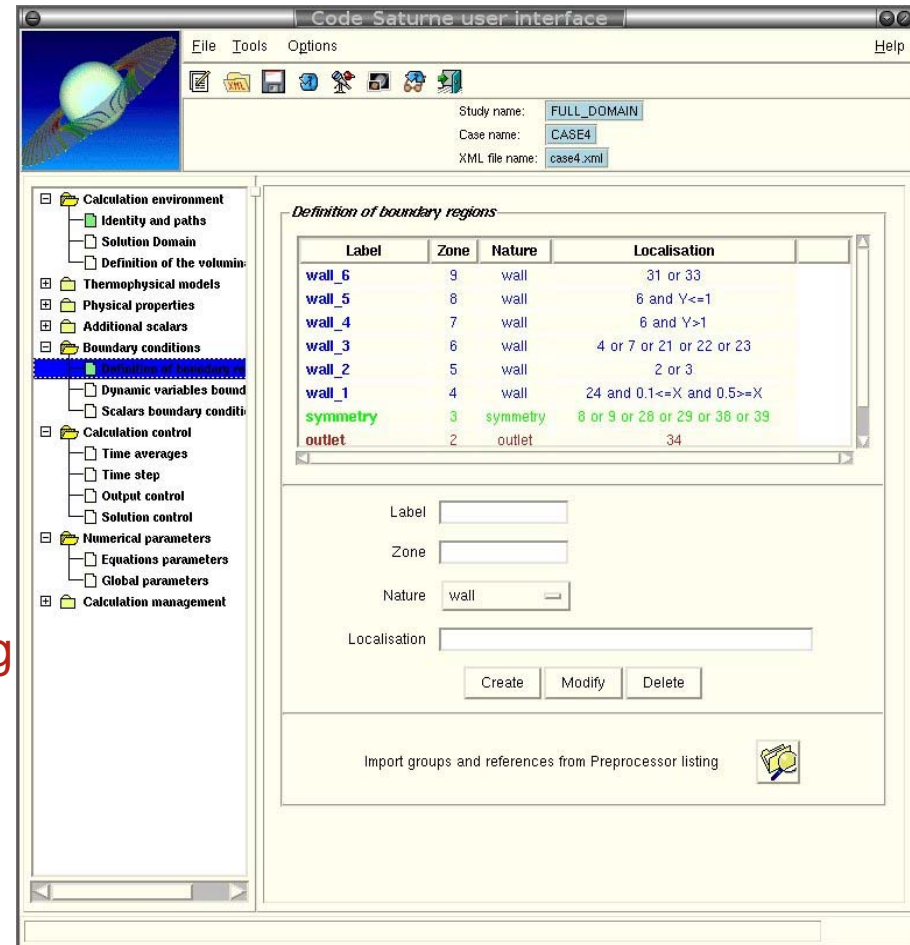
- stabilised v2f turbulence model
- rough wall boundary conditions (especially for atmospheric flows)



Graphical User Interface

Extension to new numerical features of version 1.3

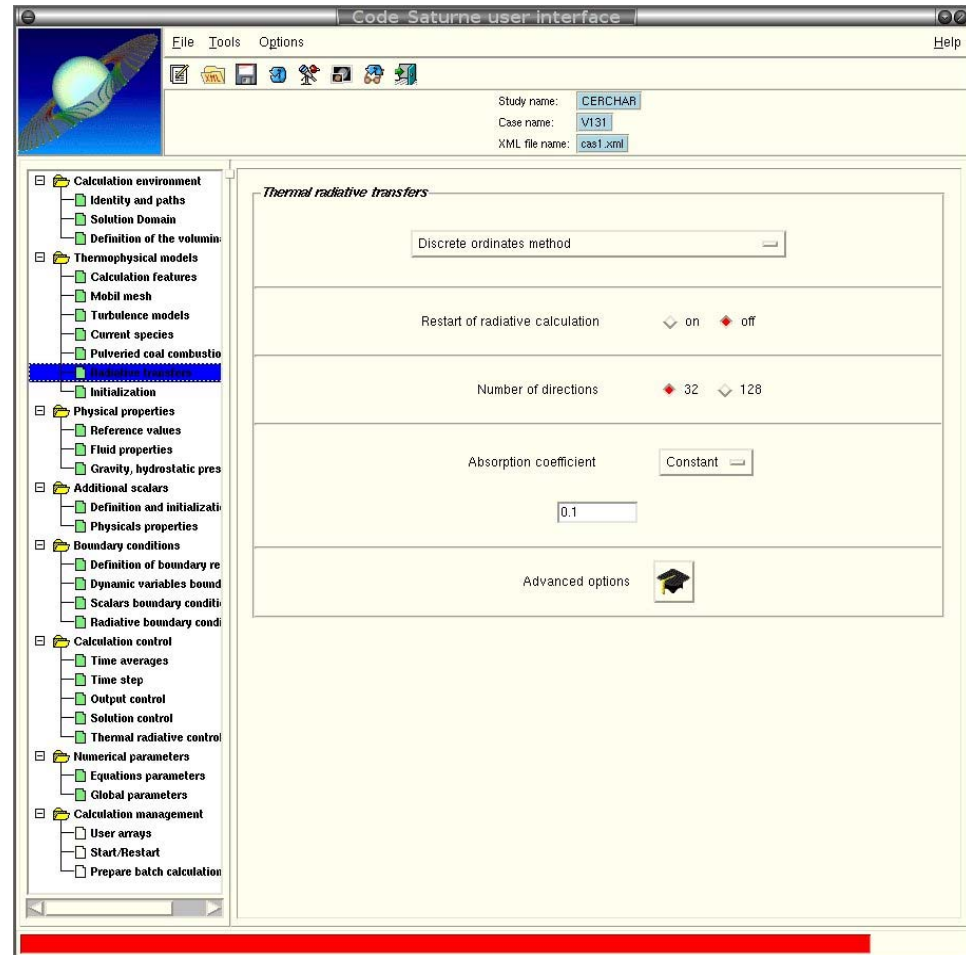
- steady-state algorithm
- ALE method
- FVM advanced output control
 - CGNS and MED output formats
 - divide/discard polyhedra
 - SYRTHES post-processing
- advanced elements selection features for initialisation and boundary conditions
- time averages



Graphical User Interface

More specific physics

- pulverised coal combustion
 - adapted to latest features
- radiative heat transfers
 - DOM and P1 models
 - stand-alone or combined with coal combustion



Code_Saturne documentation

New Code_Saturne tutorial

- 5 test cases
 - **basic calculation features**
 - mesh pasting
 - time dependent boundary conditions (usclim.F)
 - temperature dependent physical characteristics (usphyv.F)
 - head loss (uskpdc.F)
 - advanced post-processing (usproj.F, usdpst.F, usmpst.F, usvpst.F)
 - **step by step solution description**
 - **pre-filled corresponding user routines**
- corresponds to the programme of the *Code_Saturne* initial training sessions

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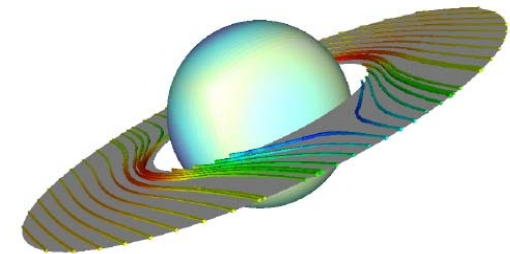
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Code_Saturne version 1.3.1 tutorial

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Current and future developments in *Code_Saturne*

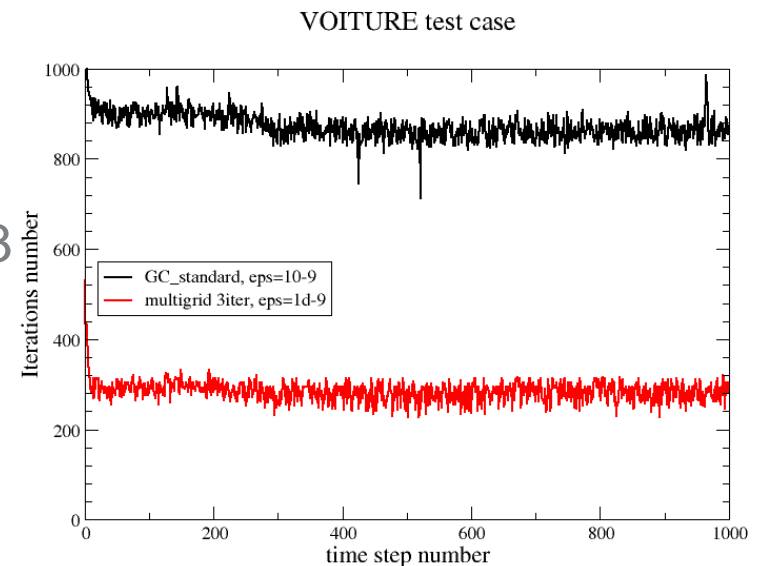
Further work on algorithmic

High Performance Computing

- further optimisation of communications
- further transfer to Kernel and parallelisation of Preprocessor

Multi-grid linear solver

- linear algebra limiting for very large systems
- current prototype based on version 1.3
 - promising results on prototype tests
 - further work needed on industrialisation and parallel treatment

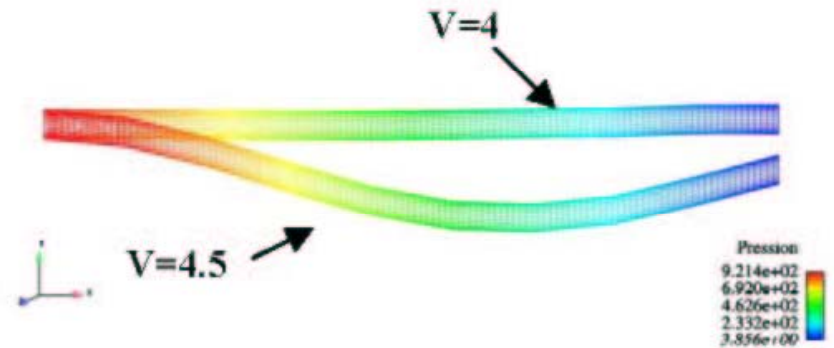
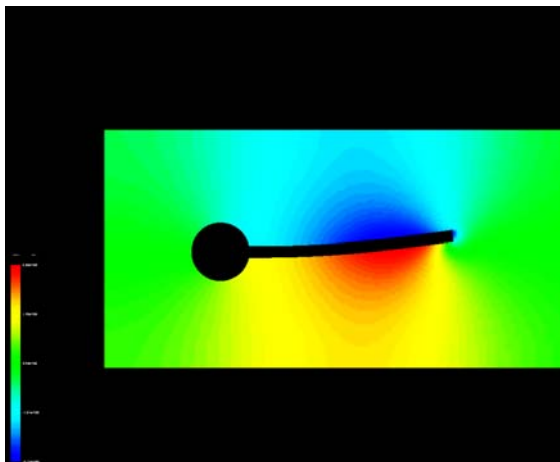
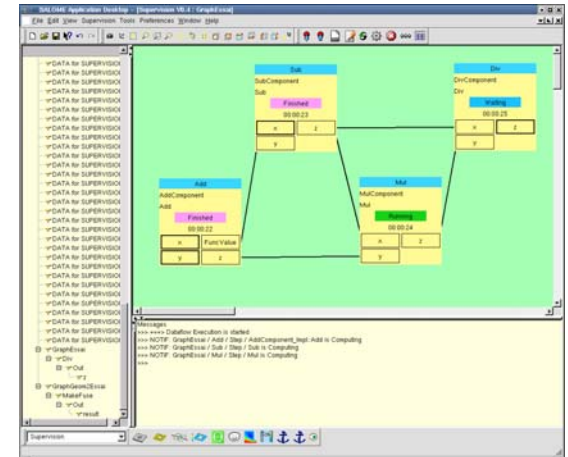


Parallel treatment of Lagrangian modelling

Fluid-structure interaction

Code_Saturne/Code_Aster coupling

- coupling *via* the Salomé platform
 - based on the YACS coupler module
 - successful test calculations in may 2007 using latest versions of *Code_Saturne* and *Code_Aster*
 - more work needed to achieve clean and industrial integration in both codes



Integration of development versions

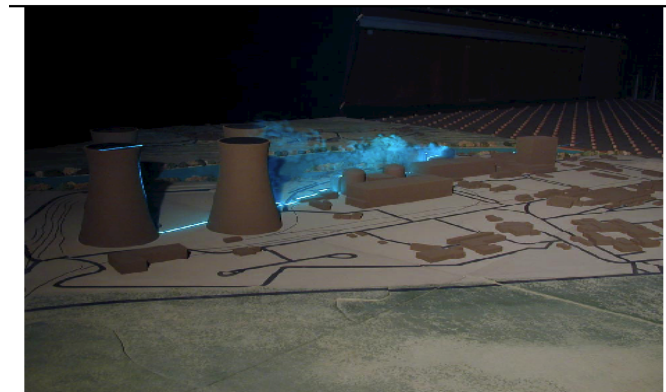
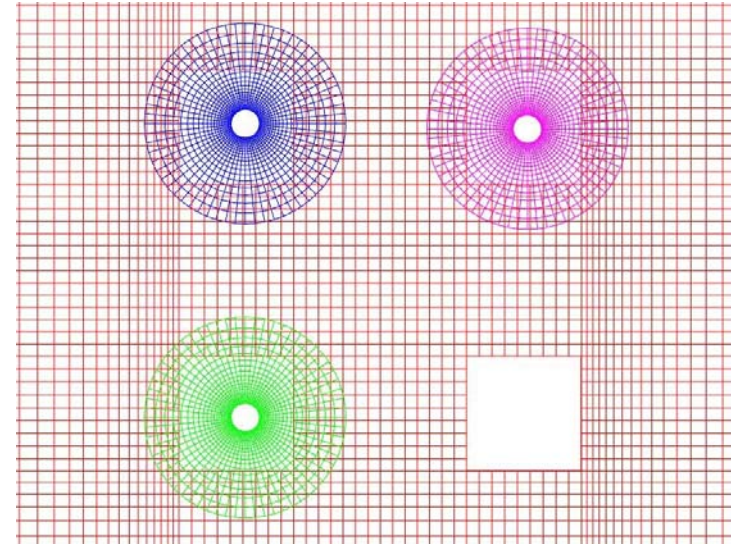
Code_Saturne/Code_Saturne coupling

- RANS/LES
- Chimera moving meshes
- Fluid Structure Interaction combining ALE local deformation and Chimera global movement

Mercure_Saturne atmospheric version

- step by step integration of physical capabilities

Cooling towers engineering module



Perspectives in future developments

Progress in algorithms

- opportunity of velocity/pressure coupled solver
- pseudo-compressible scheme for dilatable flows
- optimised relative precision of solvers for faster calculations

Physical modelling

- ionic mobility
- opportunity of specific module for fire-driven flows (cf. dedicated presentation)
- adaptation to simulation of flows in industrial pumps

Treatment on uncertainties

- test plugging of OpenTurns platform (open source) to *Code_Saturne*
- if convenient, triggering from *Code_Saturne* GUI