

# A customized workflow for indoor BC dispersions analysis in subway stations

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# Summary

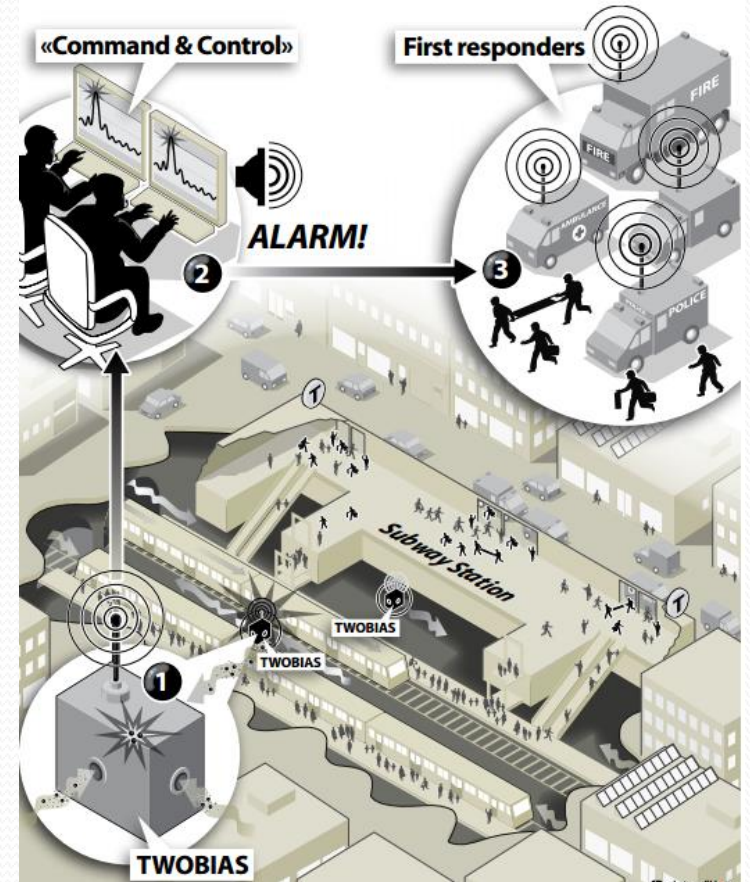
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# Context



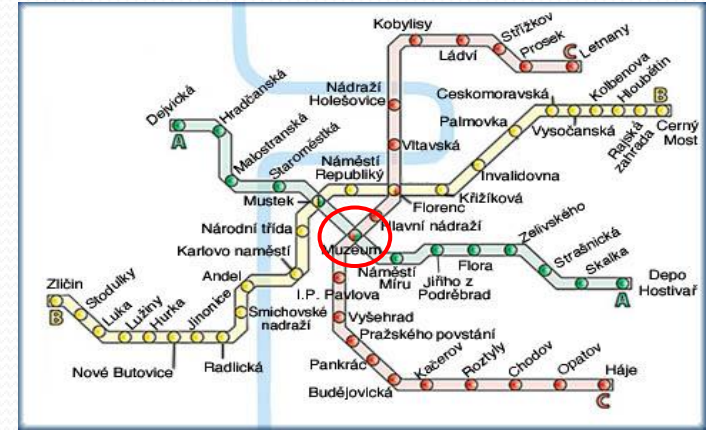
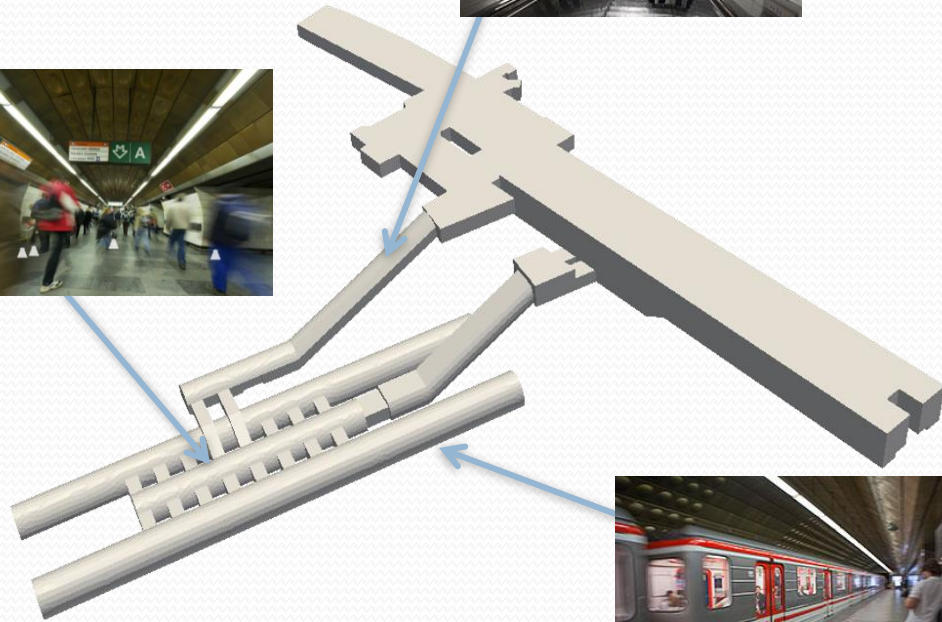
- FP7-security EU-project
- “aims for enhancing security among civilians at public places regarded as targets for a bioterrorist attack by increasing first responders effectiveness as response time is reduced”

→ CFD tool for “smart” positioning of sensors



# Context

“Museum” subway station (Prague, Czech Rep.)



- Main inputs
  - Simplified 3D geometry of station
  - Global HVAC flow rates
  - Traffic data
  - Sensors characteristics
- Requested outputs
  - Flow directions and velocity
  - Evolution of bio agent's cloud
  - Concentrations on virtual sensors

# Goal

Build a tool with these features :

- Modeling of air flows in infrastructures e.g. airports, subway stations, ...
- Simulation of Biological (aerosols) or Chemical (gas) dispersion
- Modeling of BC sensors
- Play “What if” scenarios (efficiency of counter-measures)
- Easy-to-use i.e. automatic handling of geometry, mesh, setup of solver and post-processing of relevant results
- Designed for a (powerful) laptop → need a fast tool

**→ Design of an automated CFD workflow dedicated to BC dispersion in critical infrastructures**

**→ One task / One tool**

# Needs

What we mainly need :

- An unstructured mesher
- A fast CFD solver for moderate Re incompressible flows
- A post-processing tool

+ Scriptable tools

+ High level of customization

**Is there a solution in open-source world ?**



# Design

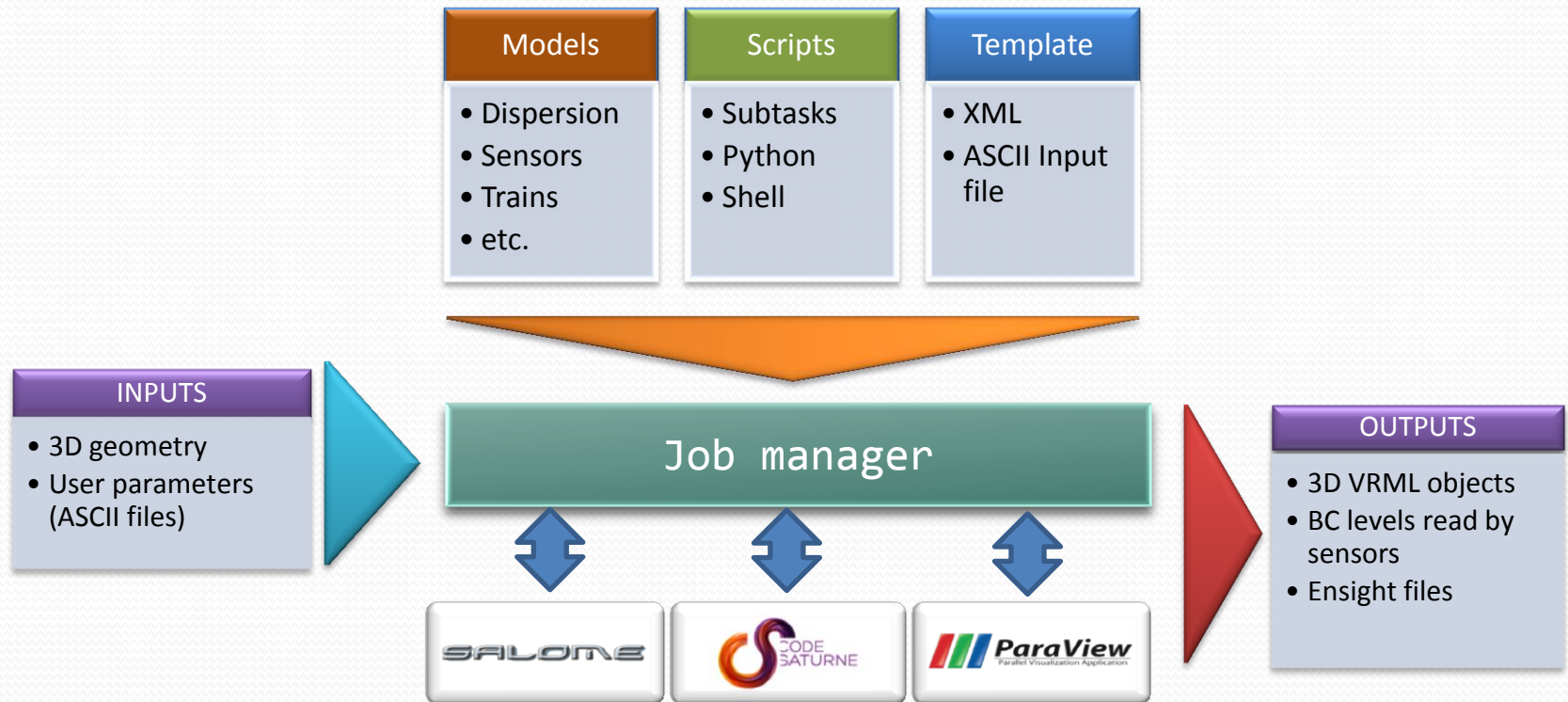
## Choice of open-source components

- **Code\_Saturne** : implicit unsteady solver is quite robust
- **Salome platform** : geometry treatments, tetrahedral meshing (MED format)
- **Paraview** : post-processing of Enight results files, creation of VRML files



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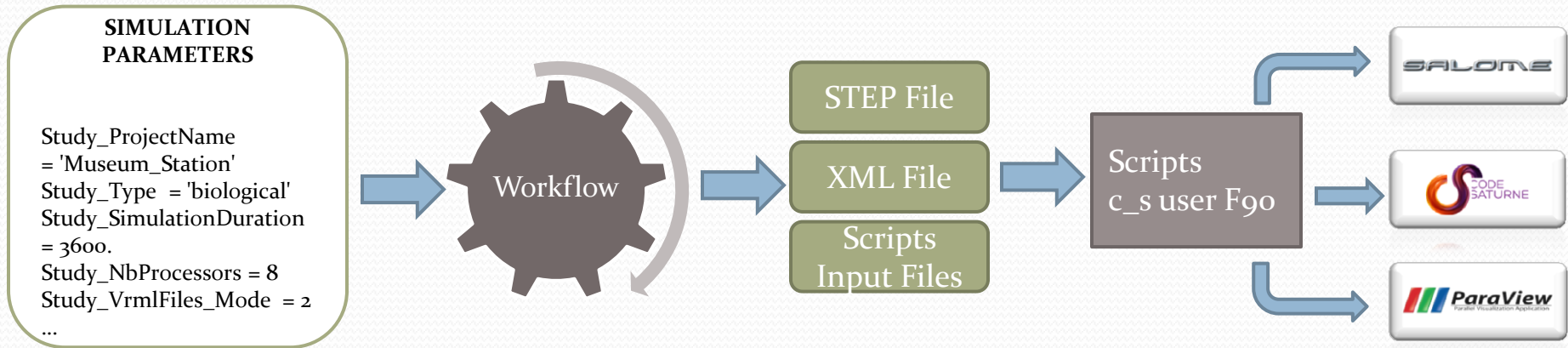
## Global workflow architecture





# Added features

## Automated setup of Code\_Saturne

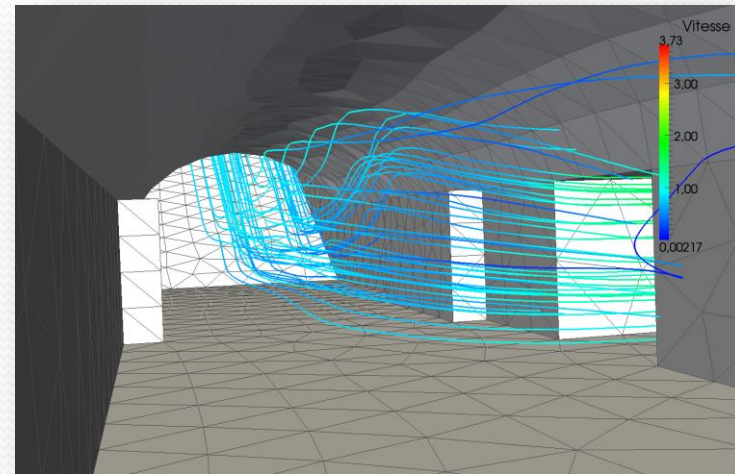
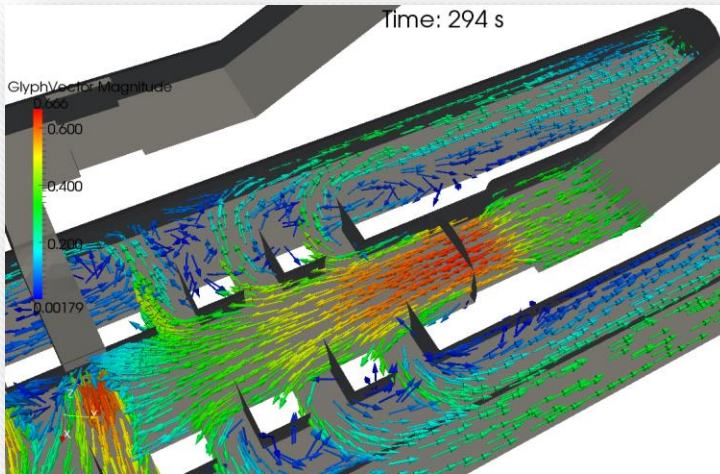
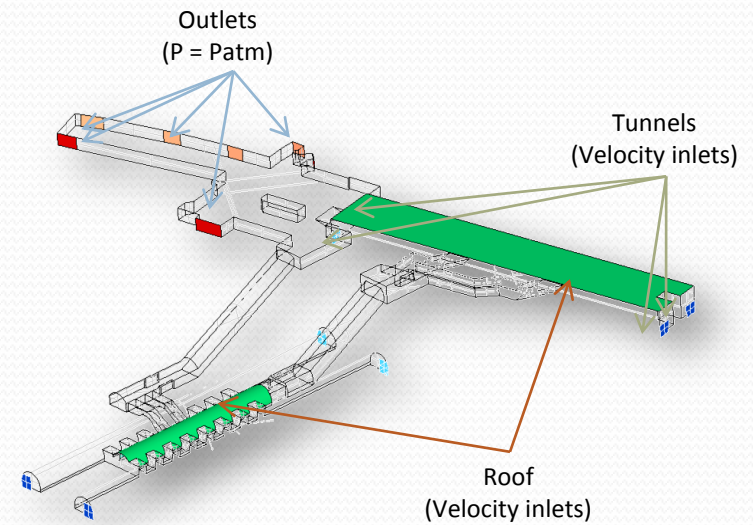


- Main parameters
  - Simulation duration
  - Bio or chemical dispersion
  - NRBC agent(s) properties
  - Sources characteristics
  - Threshold for cloud visualization
- Precision switch
  - Coarse / Fine mesh
  - High / Low CFL
- Some custom options
  - Add HVAC surfaces in the 3D geometry
  - Auto stop c\_s when station is empty of agent
  - Launch workflow through IP network

# Added features

## Automated HVAC simulation

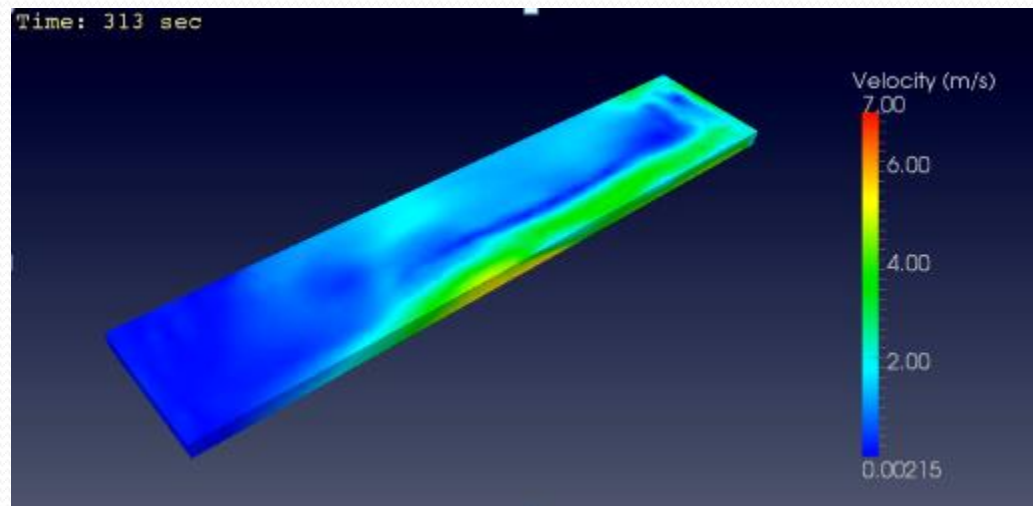
- Turbulence : isothermal unsteady RANS (k- $\epsilon$  model)
- Boundary conditions based on HVAC data (user files)
- Mean mesh size is about 1 m
- Simple definition
- Fast compute



# Added features

## Perturbations of flow by moving train

- Airflows are strongly affected by moving trains
- Use of a fast “penalization method” through a source term on momentum equations
  - no change in mesh
  - source term is varying in (x,t)
- Implicit C\_S solver quite robust on such problems



Effects of two moving objects in a simple box

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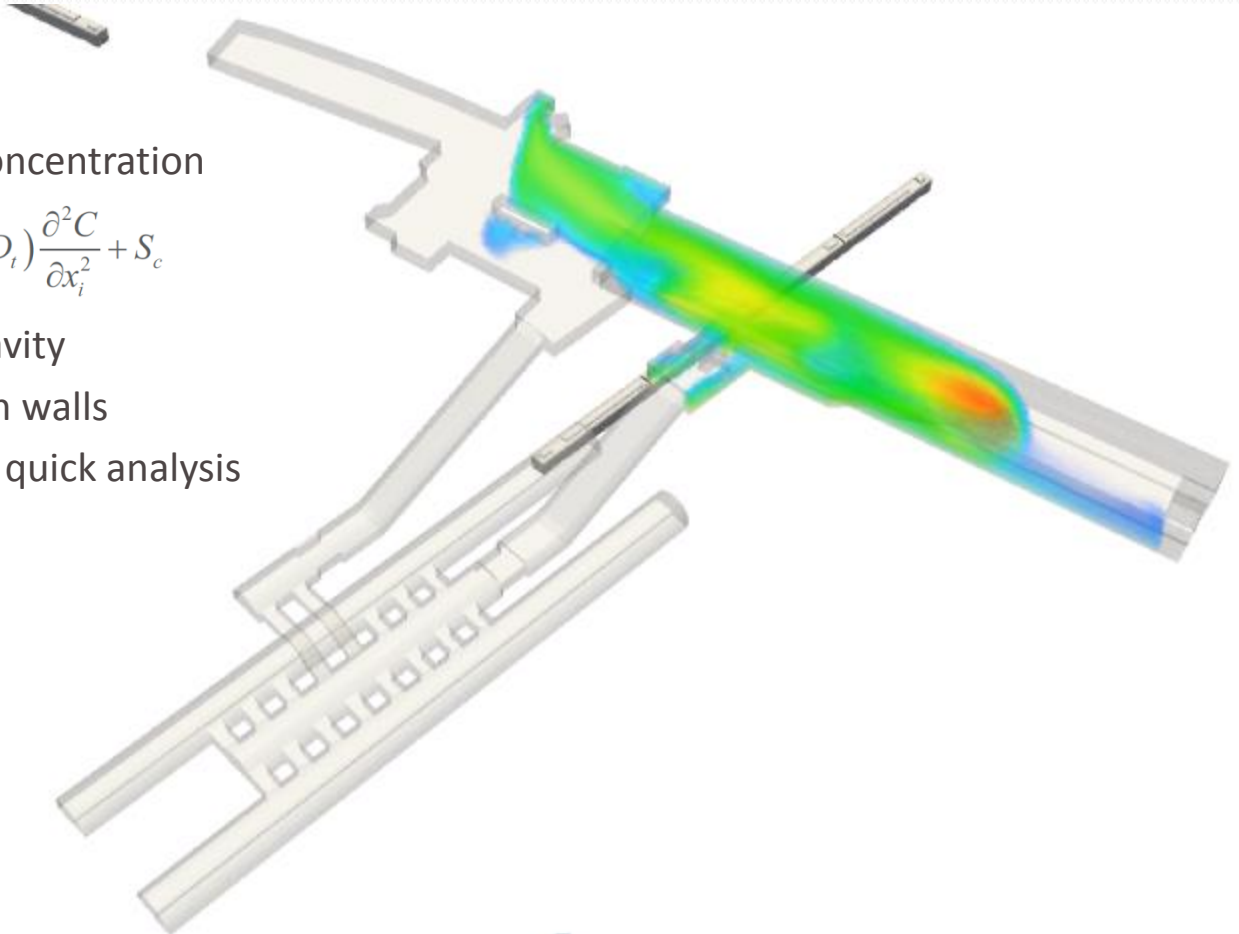
## Dispersion of biological agent

- Scalar transport equation for concentration

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} [(U_i + V_{s,i})C] = (D_b + D_i) \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x_i^2} + S_c$$

- Sedimentation effect due to gravity
- Deposition and resuspension on walls
- Multiple uncoupled sources for quick analysis
  - different agents
  - different start instants
  - different quantities
  - different locations

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# Added features

## Dispersion of chemical agent

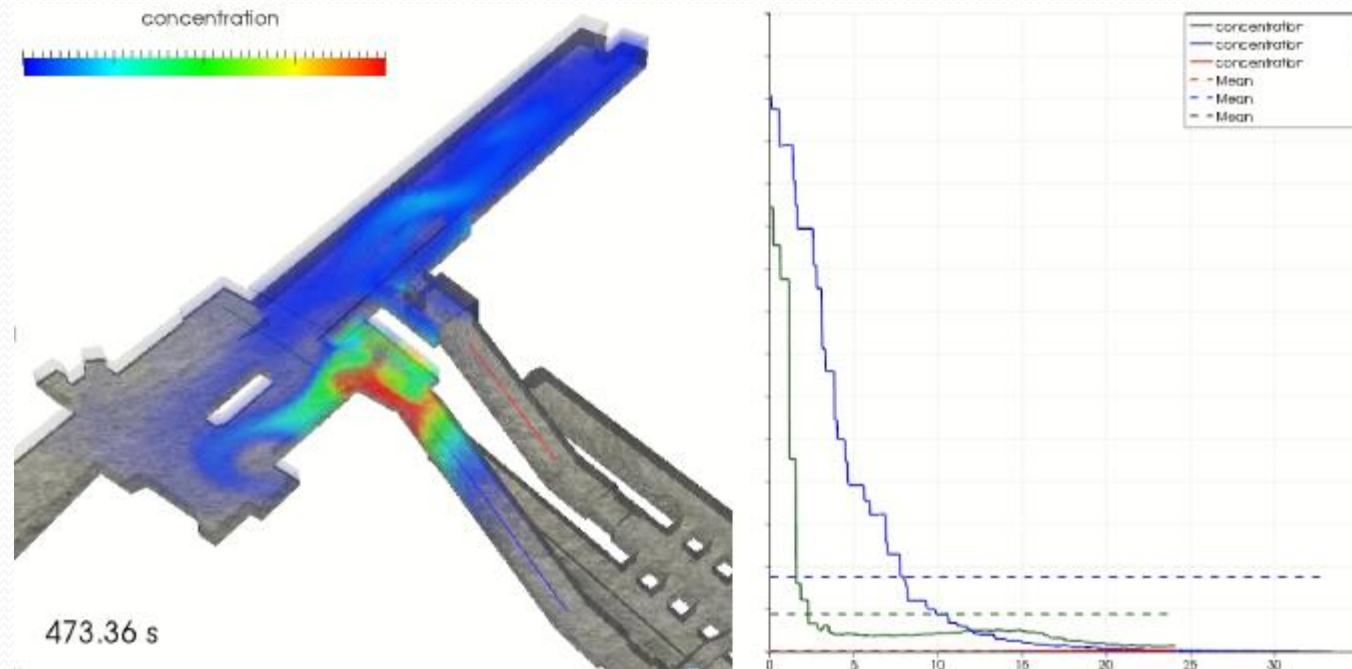
- Scalar transport equation for concentration
- Light or heavy gases : buoyancy effect through modification of mixing density
- Evaporating puddle
  - gas flux computed from local conditions ( $u^*$ ,  $T$ )
- Multiple coupled sources
  - single agent
  - different start instant
  - different quantities
  - different locations



# Added features

## Sensors

- Different type of sensors
  - Concentration Probes
  - IR or UV barrier
  - FTIR camera
- Sensor parameters
  - Location
  - Type
  - Activation threshold
  - H/V angles



Example : IR barriers in Museum station (Prague, Czech Rep.)



# Added features

## Alerts & Countermeasures

- Complex logic condition for a set of sensors

Condition = (Probe1 **OR** Barrier2) **AND** (Barrier1 **OR** Camera3)

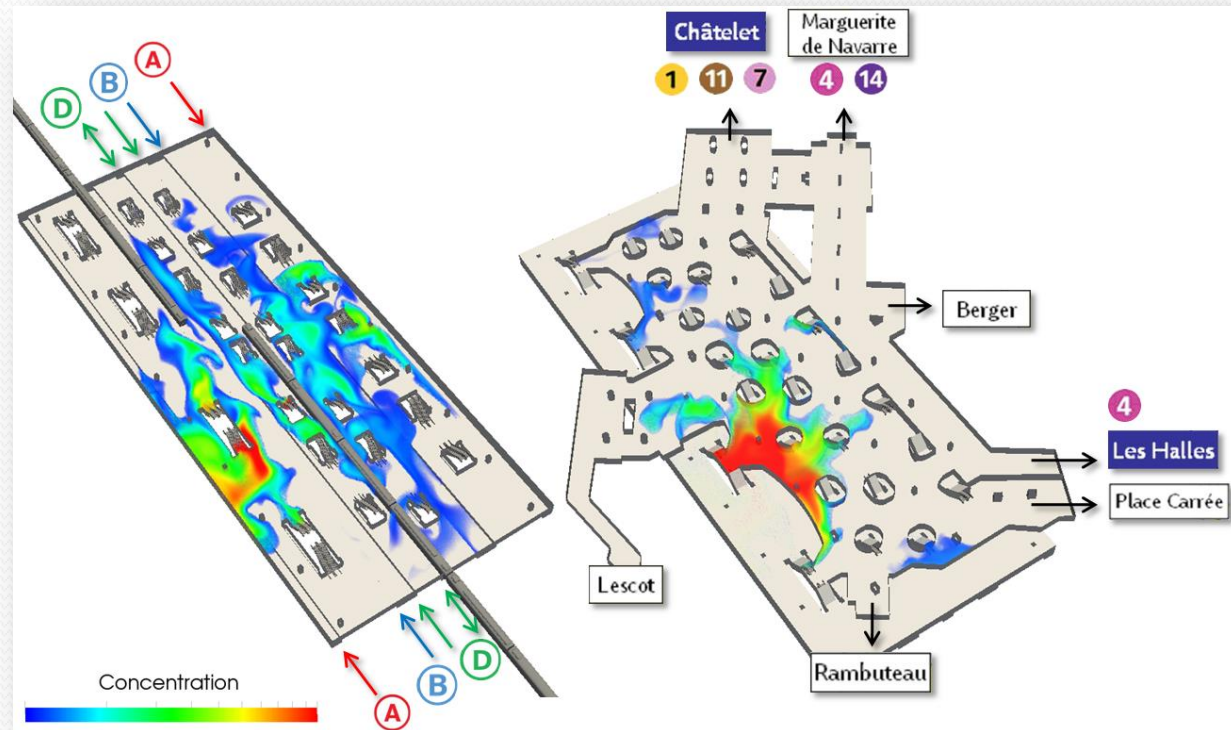
- Condition == TRUE → launch of countermeasures during calculation
  - Stop train traffic
  - Change HVAC boundary conditions e.g.
    - inverse flow directions (extract)
    - increase or decrease flow rates
  - Open more outlets
  - Open/Close internal walls

→ **Possibility to compare effectiveness of different set of countermeasures**

# Demo case

RER station «Chatelet-les-halles », Paris, Fr.

- In-house demo case « for play »
- Test of robustness on a larger infrastructure
- Use of realistic data for
  - geometry,
  - HVAC,
  - Trains.
- Play “what if scenarios” by easy changes of parameters
- **Example** : transfer of a bio agent between levels





*Thank you for your attention !*

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