# Dynamic Mesh Adaptation of massive unstructured grids for the simulation of flame fronts and gas/liquid interfaces

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# Objectives

- To design a **dynamic mesh adaptation** method under constraints:
  - Based on **unstructured grids** for complex geometries
  - Tailored for distributed-memory system (10,000+ cores)
  - Efficient enough to be called every 10 fluid iterations
  - Compatible with the modeling approach (finite-volume + LES)
  - No remeshing at material interfaces to avoid interpolation errors
- Some choices
  - Isotropic mesh adaptation (for now)
  - Parallelism handled by the flow solver (interpolation, data transfer)
- A first check if these objectives are reachable for tets
  - Reduced computation cost of fluid solver: 30 to 500  $\mu$ s/iter/node
  - Adaptation of a distributed mesh with MMG: order of 100  $\mu s/node$





# A first attempt

January 2015: first use of MMG directly in YALES2





# High-performance dynamic mesh adaptation

• A combination of several kernels



Parallel edge-cutting

Parallel load-balancing



# High-performance dynamic mesh adaptation

- Full adaptation workflow
  - Example for 4 processors



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• Skewness is the main measure of the mesh quality



# Performance evolution for atomization problems



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# CFD platform

## The CFD platform



High performance

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# CFD platform: YALES2

- Features
  - Unstructured meshes and adaptive grid refinement
  - Low-Mach number Navier-Stokes equations (incompressible and variable density)
  - 4-level domain decomposition [3] and hybrid OpenMP/MPI communications
  - Highly efficient solvers for linear system inversion (PCG, DPCG) [4]
  - 4th-order central **finite-volume method** and 4th-order time integration
  - Two-phase flows (Lagrangian particles), **spray and atomization** (Levelset)
  - Combustion modeling (Tabulated or **finite-rate chemistry**, NOx model, ...)
  - Suited for massively parallel computing (>32 000 procs)



# The YALES2 network

- Developed by CORIA, the French Combustion Community and others
  - 600+ researchers/engineers trained at CORIA since 2009
  - 200+ articles (Google Scholar)
- A unique network to ease collaboration and disseminate numerics, algorithms and models to the community





### The YALES2 network











# A few applications

# DMA of spray combustion



- LES simulations with finite-rate chemistry using dynamic adaptive mesh refinement.
  - Chemistry: ARC for n-heptane (CERFACS), 25 species, 210 reactions
  - Spray: Lagrangian Particle with dynamic load balancing (Stock et al., IJNMF 2023)





#### DLR jet-in-cross-flow [1]





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• Flow topology analysis



• Eulerian/Lagrangian coupling in the works (I. El Yamani PhD thesis)



# Modeling of fire resistance tests for composite materials

- Kerosene spray burner
  - BFER mechanism for kerosene, 6 species, 2 reactions
- Coupling of 3 solvers
  - combustion, conduction, radiative heat transfer (Discrete Ordinate Method)





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# Wind turbines

- Impact of yaw on wake development behind offshore wind turbines
- Collaboration with SIEMENS/GAMESA Renewable Energies





## Simulations in the framework of the COVID pandemic







# **Performance optimization**

### Importance of memory accesses in unstructured FV codes

- Code performance on a CPU can be limited by:
  - Processor speed (compute bound)
  - Memory access speed (memory bound)
  - The roofline model



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# CPU: Parallel computation and domain decomposition

- Large problems can not be computed by a single process
- Domain decomposition to divide the problem amongst many processes





# MPI/OpenMP + cache-blocking: 3-level domain decomposition

MPI + OpenMP + in-thread domain decomposition

Full MPI [1]

- Cell groups for cache-blocking
- Cell group size ~ 2000
- Overhead: node duplication

Coarse-grain Hybrid OpenMP + MPI



- Threads substitute MPI ranks
- Fewer MPI ranks but thread-safety
- Overhead:
  - Threads must communicate
  - Node duplication

# Hierarchical domain decomposition in YALES2

• Explicit partitioning





# Dynamic load balancing for Euler/Lagrange models

- A difficult task which requires: mesh coloring, data movement, ...
- Balancing cells and particles requires 2-constraints optimization [1]







## Dynamic load balancing for Euler/Lagrange models





## **GPUs & APUs**

- Working on OpenACC port since 2017
  - Benefits from array objects (r1\_t, r2\_t, ..., i1\_t, i2\_t, ...)
  - GPU memory management in the data structures

```
if (acc_is_present(r2%val)) then
   !$acc update device(r2)
   !$acc enter data create(r2%val)
   !$acc parallel loop collapse(2) present(r2%val,r2_tmp) copyin(new_allocdim1,new_allocdim2)
   do j=1,new_allocdim2
      do i=1,new_allocdim1
        r2%val(i,j) = r2_tmp(i,j)
      end do
      end do
      !$acc exit data delete(r2_tmp) finalize
end if
```



## **GPUs & APUs**

- Status of OpenACC port in YALES2\_2024.04
- One solver is ported (SCS), two main solvers on-going (ICS, ECS)
- Supported on
  - NVIDIA, Jean-Zay with gfortran and nvfortran
- Support to come
  - Adastra AMD MI250: SCS port is done with cce17 but results are still wrong
  - AMD MI300A (APU): CPU port done during ECFD7 Jan. 2024



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- Data partitioning is the key of efficient unstructured adaptive mesh refinement.
- Many algorithms still need improvement
  - Multi-level contiguous parallel graph coloring
  - Collapse/face swap parallel kernels
- On-going work: anisotropic AMR





# Mesh generation

• Arbitrary STL mesh adaptation













