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# Multiphysics coupling algorithms for black box solvers in a HPC framework

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# Brief CV

- 2021-2024: Engineering school **SeaTech** (Toulon).
  - Applied mathematics;
  - Computational Mechanics: solids and fluids.
- 2024 (mar-sept): **CEA internship:** Evaluate the consequences of a Severe Accident on a Sodium-cooled Fast Reactor.

Chaining two Scientific Calculation Tools.

  - *SIMMER*: Melting of the core.
  - *EuroPleXus*: Mechanical response of the structure.

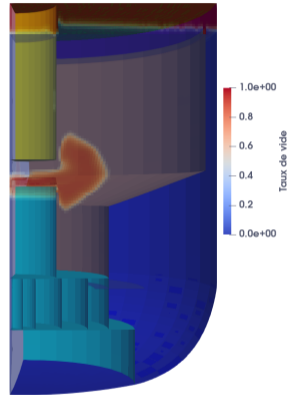


Figure 1: EuroPleXus calculation with SIMMER input (gaz bubble) data.

# Multiphysics problems: context and challenges

**PhD subject:** Multiphysics coupling algorithms for black-box solvers in a HPC framework.

- **Directors:** H el ene Barucq (INRIA Makutu) and Isabelle Rami ere (CEA).
- **Co-supervisor:** Rapha el Prat (CEA).
- **Beginning:** 4rth November 2024.

## Multiphysics problems:

- Characterized by the interdependence of different physical phenomena.
- Requiring robust mathematical formulations and numerical methods

## Numerical methods for multiphysics:

- **Monolithic methods:**
  - Use an unique solver to deal with the global system incorporating all physics.
  - Accurate when converging (often physical simplification).
  - Inherently intrusive.
  - Scalability often limited (cf. direct solvers).
- **Partitioned methods:**
  - Use independent solvers for each physical model.
  - Requiring efficient coupling algorithms for convergence.
  - Seems suited for HPC (asynchronous call of solvers).

# PhD thesis objectives

## Objective of the thesis

- Develop a **generic method** for solving multiphysics problems using black-box solvers.

- ⇒ Focus on **partitioned approaches** to maximize performance and scalability in a **HPC framework**.
- ⇒ **MFEM** software environment (natively HPC-optimized, hybrid CPU + GPU) to solve the multiphysics problem of interest
- Thermo-mechanical (CEA);
  - Electromagnetic-acoustic (INRIA).

## Main steps

1. Develop efficient, robust, and scalable **fixed-point convergence acceleration methods**.
2. Propose a proof of concept:
  - Coupling convergence and verification;
  - Compare the proposed strategy with
    - **Jacobian-Free Newton Krylov approach** (MOOSE);
    - **Monolithic approaches** (INRIA).
  - Scalability (if time ...).

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