

# Introduction to PyFR: A Scalable Open-Source CFD Flow Solver

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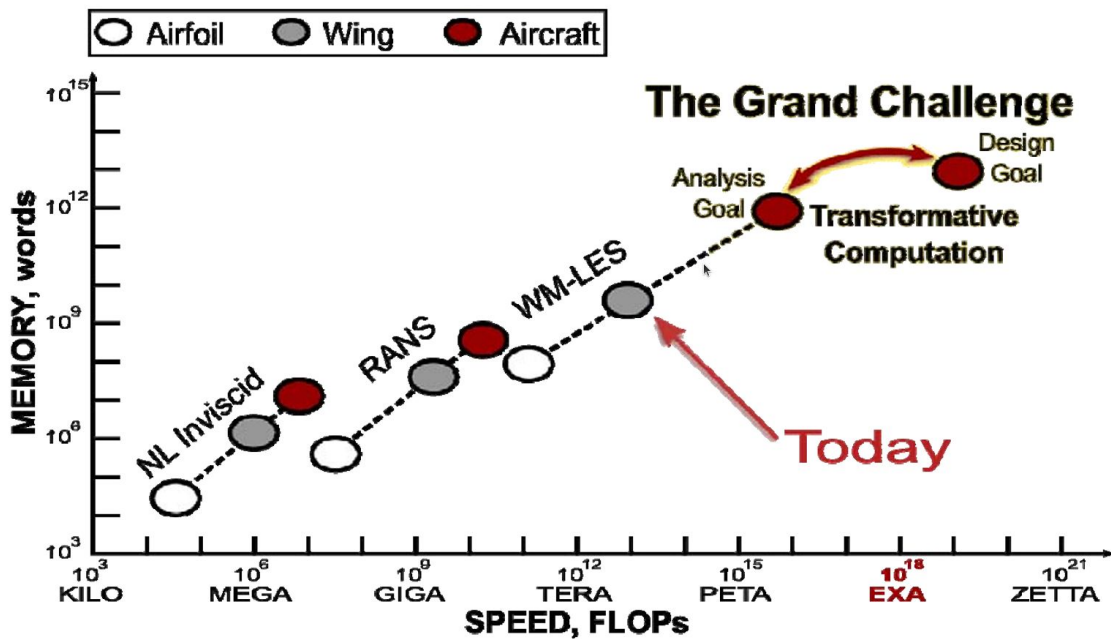
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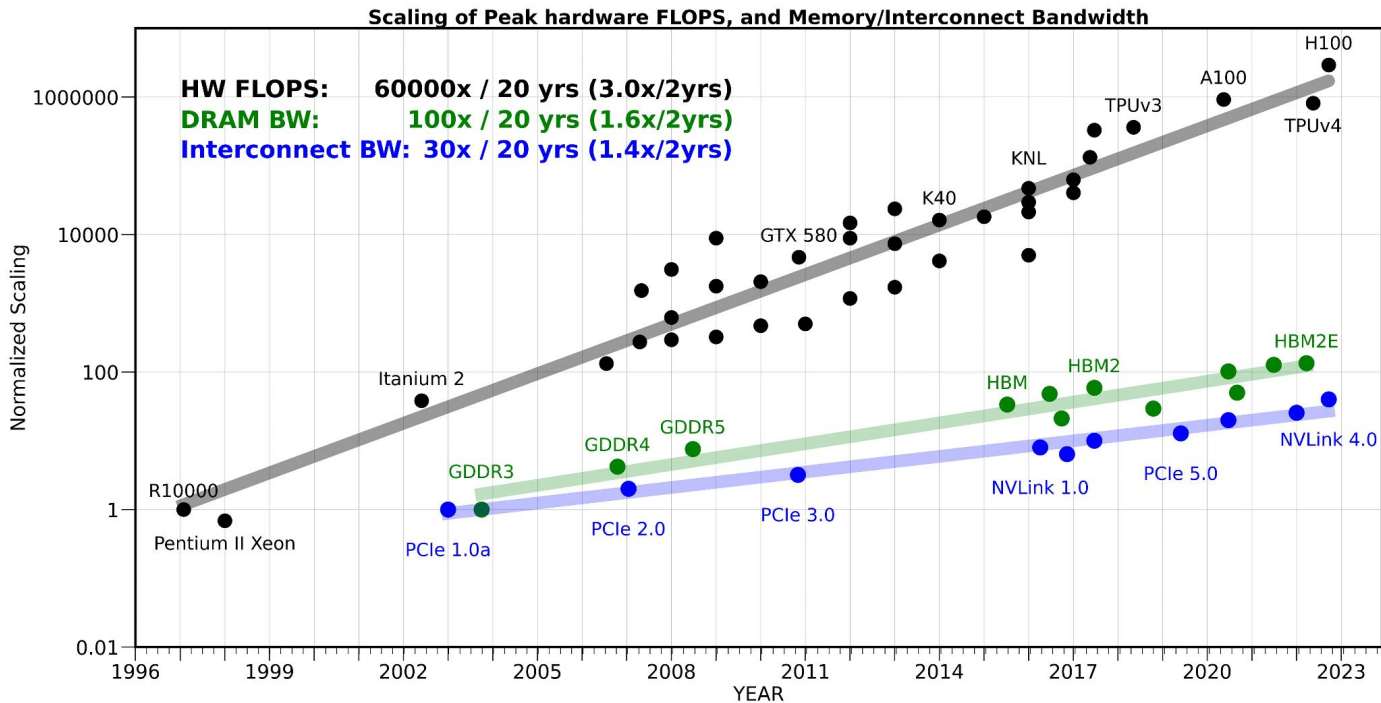
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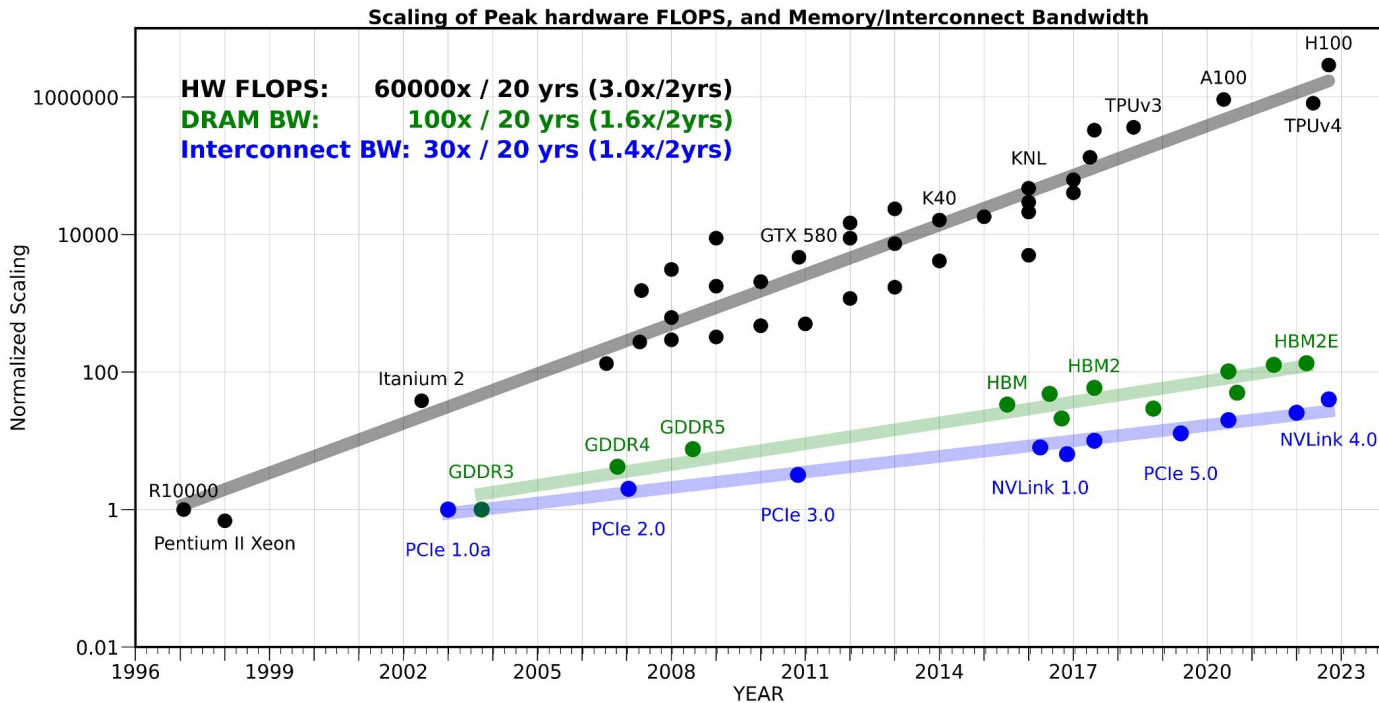
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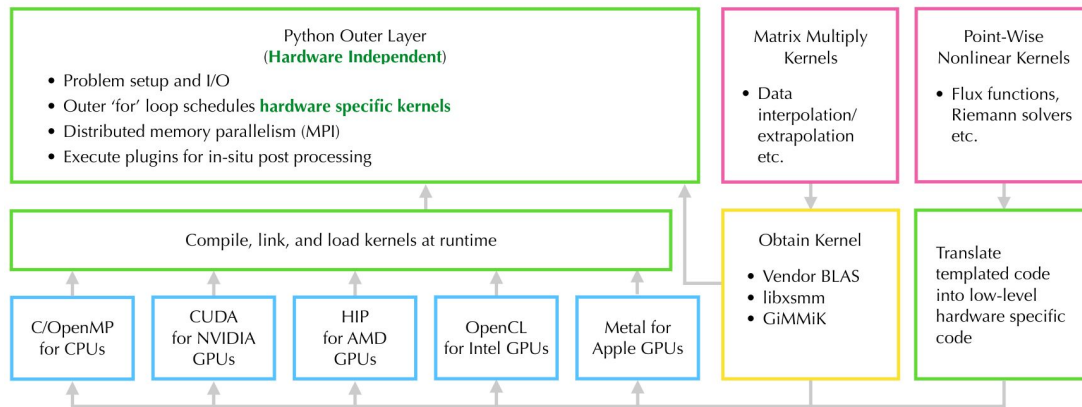




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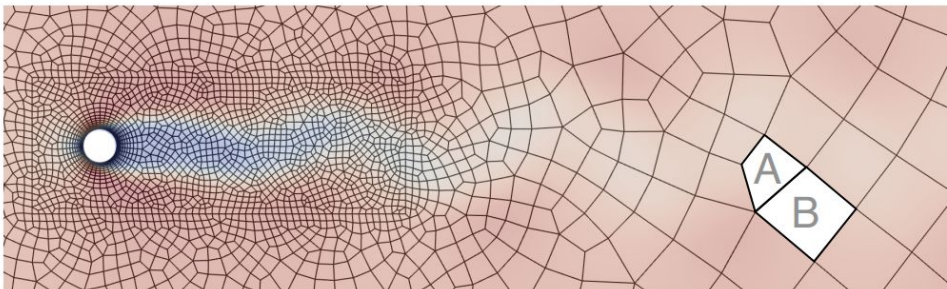
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- computation-communication overlap

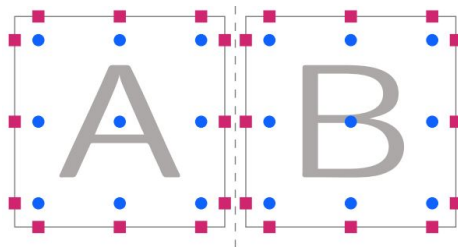
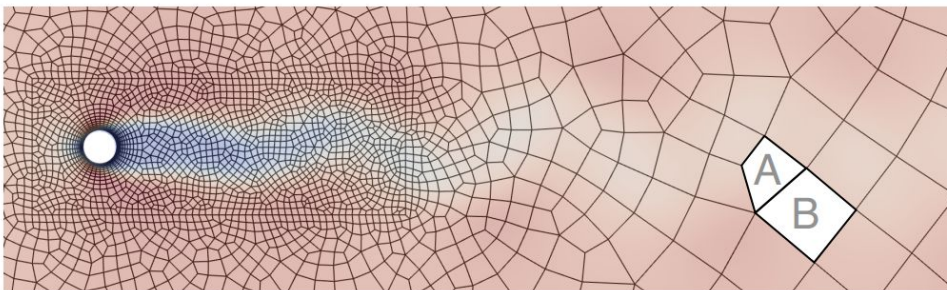


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## Notable achievements

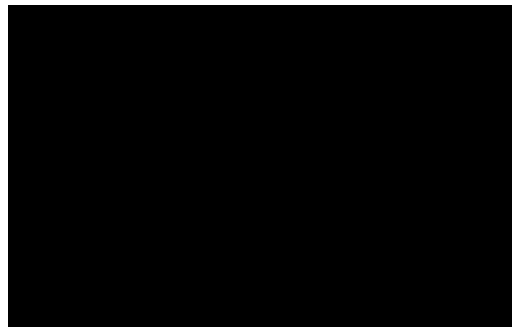
- scale to a large number of GPUs
  - strong-scaled up to 18,000 NVIDIA K20X Titan GPUs [1]
  - currently performing a 48,000 GPUs run on Frontier
- heterogeneous computing across CPUs and GPUs
  - ran a simulation with OpenMP backend on CPU, OpenCL backend on AMD W9100 GPU and CUDA backend on NVIDIA K40c GPU [2]
- Finalist for the 2016 ACM Gordon Bell Prize for Supercomputing

[1] <https://doi.org/10.1109/SC.2016.1>

[2] <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compfluid.2015.07.016>



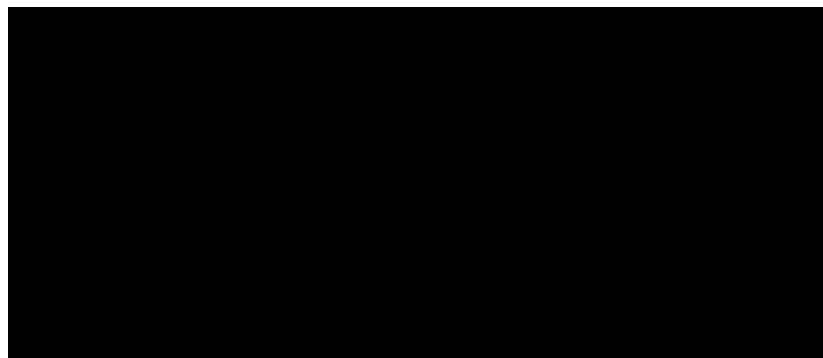
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Incompressible flow past submarine [1]



Flow past airfoil for Martian helicopters [2]



Triple-point shock interaction,  
animation provided by Tarik Dzanic

[1] <https://doi.org/10.52843/cassyni.v2hggy>

[2] <https://doi.org/10.52843/cassyni.6r5ry1>



# PyFR v2.0.0

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**END OF PART 1**

# 10 minutes break

# 10:00

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**PART 2**  
**Setting up of PyFR on the ACES testbed**



# PyFR setup

Log on to access portal for ACES



If you had an XSEDE account, please enter your XSEDE username and password for ACCESS login.

**ACCESS Username**

**ACCESS Password**

**LOGIN**

[Register for an ACCESS ID](#)

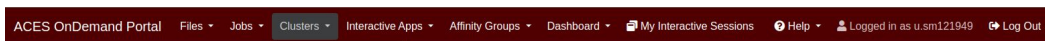
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[Need Help?](#)



# PyFR setup

Open terminal on ACES: Clusters → aces Shell Access



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OnDemand provides an integrated, single access point for all of your HPC resources.



# PyFR setup

Run `source /scratch/training/pyfr/.local/setup_script`

```
Host: login.aces
[2024-03-25 18:12:07][u.sm121949@alagin3 ~]$ source /scratch/training/pyfr/.local/setup_script
=====
Welcome to the Introduction to PyFR Short Course!
=====

This script is designed to streamline your setup and get you started with PyFR, a powerful CFD solver.

=====
For a comprehensive understanding of PyFR and its capabilities, refer to the official documentation:
https://pyfr.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html
=====

Use this script to support your learning and exploration of PyFR. It's here to help!

=====

Available Commands:
  setup_all: This will install all required software and dependencies for the course.
  test_all:  Performs a quick simulation test using the Taylor-Green Vortex case to ensure everything is set up correctly.

For detailed instructions and more information on each step of the setup, view the script directly:
  cat /setup_script
=====
To visualize your simulation results, you'll need ParaView. Install it locally from the link below:
https://www.paraview.org/download/
=====
Enjoy your journey into computational fluid dynamics with PyFR. Let's dive in!
=====
Run pyfr_help to see all available functions
Run pyfr_cleanup all to clean up all paths and directories created by the functions
[2024-03-25 18:12:24][u.sm121949@alagin3 ~]$
```

# PyFR setup

Run `setup_all`

```
[2024-03-26 07:40:13][u.sm121949@login3 ~]$ setup_all
=====
Cleaning up all environment paths to ensure no path clashes on ACES test bed.
We clean up the following paths: PATH, CPATH, CPPATH, LD_LIBRARY_PATH, LIBRARY_PATH, LD_LIBRARY_PATH, PKG_CONFIG_PATH
The following directories shall be used for installations not available as modules:
  DOWNLOAD_LOC=/scratch/training/pyfr/.local/downloads
  LOCAL_LOC=/scratch/training/pyfr/.local/install
=====
The following modules have been loaded:
=====
Currently Loaded Modules:
  1) CUDA/12.3.0      7) XZ/5.4.2          13) UCX/1.14.1       19) FlexiBLAS/3.3.1  25) libreadline/8.2  31) cryptography/41.0.1
  2) GCCcore/12.3.0  8) libxml2/2.11.4   14) libfabric/1.18.0 20) FFTW/3.3.10     26) Tcl/8.6.13      32) virtualenv/20.23.1
  3) zlib/1.2.13     9) libpdaaccess/0.17 15) Pthreads/4.2.4   21) FFTW-MPI/3.3.10 27) SQLite/3.42.0   33) Python-bundle-PyPI/2023.06
  4) binutils/2.40   10) hwloc/2.9.1     16) UCCL/2.0         22) ScalAPACK/2.2.0-fb 28) libffi/3.4.4    34) Cython/3.0.7
  5) GCC/12.3.0     11) OpenSSL/1.1     17) OpenMPI/4.1.5   23) bzip2/1.0.8     29) Python/3.11.3   35) numpy/1.26.4
  6) numactl/2.0.16 12) libevent/2.1.12 18) OpenBLAS/0.3.23 24) ncurses/6.4     30) cffi/1.15.1    36) PyFR/2.0.0
=====
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=====
The Ascent in-situ visualization library has been set up.
We have added Ascent to the path as follows:
export PYFR_ASCENT_MPI_LIBRARY_PATH=/scratch/training/pyfr/.local/downloads/ascent/0.9.2/scripts/build_ascent/install/ascent-develop/lib/libascent_mpi.so
=====
The METIS partitioning software has been set up.
We have added METIS to the path as PYFR_METIS_LIBRARY_PATH as follows:
export PYFR_METIS_LIBRARY_PATH=/scratch/training/pyfr/.local/install/metis/lib/libmetis.so
=====
The libxsmm library has been set up.
We have added libxsmm to the path as PYFR_XSM_LIBRARY_PATH as follows:
export PYFR_XSM_LIBRARY_PATH=/scratch/training/pyfr/.local/downloads/libxsmm/lib/libxsmm.so
=====
Cloning into 'PyFR-Test-Cases'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 72, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (43/43), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (28/28), done.
remote: Total 72 (delta 20), reused 23 (delta 15), pack-reused 29
Receiving objects: 100% (72/72), 2.65 MiB | 13.69 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (25/25), done.
Test cases for PyFR have been set up.
Commands used:
rm -rf /scratch/user/u.sm121949/short-course/pyfr/01_introduction/
mkdir -p /scratch/user/u.sm121949/short-course/pyfr/01_introduction/
cd /scratch/user/u.sm121949/short-course/pyfr/01_introduction/
export case_name=taylor-green
ml WebProxy
git clone https://github.com/PyFR/PyFR-Test-Cases.git
cd /scratch/user/u.sm121949/short-course/pyfr/01_introduction/PyFR-Test-Cases/3d-taylor-green
=====
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# PyFR setup

If confused, look into `pyfr_help`

```
[2024-03-26 07:47:12][u.sm121949@alagin3 3d-taylor-green]$ pyfr_help
=====
Available Commands:
pyfr_srun_help: Provides commands for setting up an interactive bash session on a compute node.
setup_all: This will install all required software and dependencies for the course.
  setup_base: Sets up the base directories for downloads and installations.
  setup_modules: Loads the required modules for the course.
  setup_ascent: Installs the Ascent in-situ visualization library.
  setupmetis: Installs the METIS partitioning software.
  setup_libxsmm: Installs the libxsmm library.
  setup_tests_for_pyfr: Sets up the PyFR test cases.
test_all: Performs a quick simulation test using the Taylor-Green Vortex case to ensure everything is set up correctly.
pyfr_decompress_and_import: Decompresses and imports the Taylor-Green Vortex mesh file.
quick_test: Runs a quick simulation test using the Taylor-Green Vortex case.
  quick_test_one_nvidia_gpu: Runs a quick simulation test using the Taylor-Green Vortex case on a single NVIDIA GPU.
  quick_test_one_max_gpu: Runs a quick simulation test using the Taylor-Green Vortex case on a single GPU.
  quick_test_one_cpu: Runs a quick simulation test using the Taylor-Green Vortex case on a single CPU core.
make_a_tgv_video: Creates a video of the Taylor-Green Vortex simulation from Ascent PNG files.
[2024-03-26 07:47:14][u.sm121949@alagin3 3d-taylor-green]$
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If the scripts do not run as expected, close the terminal window and rerun the two commands

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- Intel MAX 1100 GPU node

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Make sure you are within a compute node: `[2024-03-26 08:31:50] [u.sm121949@ac073 3d-taylor-green] $`

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```

1 [backend]
2 precision = single
3
4 [constants]
5 gamma = 1.4
6 mu = 6.25e-4
7 Pr = 0.71
8 Ps = 111.607
9
10 [solver]
11 system = navier-stokes
12 order = 3
13
14 [solver-time-integrator]
15 scheme = rk34
16 controller = pi
17 tstart = 0
18 tend = 10 ; 20
19 dt = 5e-4
20 dt-max = 2e-3
21 atol = 0.00001
22 rtol = 0.00001
23 errest-norm = uniform
24 safety-fact = 0.9
25 min-fact = 0.3
26 max-fact = 2.5
27
28 [solver-interfaces]
29 riemann-solver = rusanov
30 ldg-beta = 0.5
31 ldg-tau = 0.1
32
33 [solver-interfaces-quad]
34 flux-pts = gauss-legendre
35
36 [solver-elements-hex]
37 soln-pts = gauss-legendre
38

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32
33 [solver-interfaces-quad]
34 flux-pts = gauss-legendre
35
36 [solver-elements-hex]
37 soln-pts = gauss-legendre
38
39 [soln-plugin-integrate]
40 nsteps = 500
41 ffile = integral.csv
42 header = true
43
44 int-vol = 1
45
46 ; vor1 = (grad_w_y - grad_v_z)
47 ; vor2 = (grad_u_x - grad_w_x)
48 ; vor3 = (grad_v_x - grad_u_y)
49
50 ; int-E = rho*(u*u + v*v + w*w)
51 ; int-ens = rho*(vor1)*s*(vor1)s + *(vor2)*s*(vor2)s + *(vor3)*s*(vor3)s
52
53 [soln-plugin-writer]
54 dt-out = 1
55 basedir = .
56 basename = taylor-green-{:t}.zff
57
58 [soln-plugin-dtstats]
59 flushsteps = 1000
60 ffile = dtstats.csv
61 header = true
62
63 [soln-lcs]
64 rho = 1 + (1.0/(16.0*Ps))*(cos(2*x) + cos(2*y))*(cos(2*z) + 2)
65 u = sin(x)*cos(y)*cos(z)
66 v = -cos(x)*sin(y)*cos(z)
67 w = 0
68 p = Ps + (1.0/16.0)*(cos(2*x) + cos(2*y))*(cos(2*z) + 2)
69

```

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# Running a simulation on ACES

## Preprocess

- Uncompress mesh file: `unxz ${MESH_MSH_XZ} ${MESH_MSH}`
- Import to PyFR format: `pyfr import ${MESH_MSH} ${MESH_PYFRM}`
- Set up the configuration file.

```

1 [backend]
2 precision = single
3
4 [constants]
5 gamma = 1.4
6 mu = 6.25e-4
7 Pr = 0.71
8 Ps = 111.607
9
10 [solver]
11 system = navier-stokes
12 order = 3
13
14 [solver-time-integrator]
15 scheme = rk34
16 controller = pi
17 tstart = 0
18 tend = 10 ; 20
19 dt = 5e-4
20 dt-max = 2e-3
21 atol = 0.00001
22 rtol = 0.00001
23 errest-norm = uniform
24 safety-fact = 0.9
25 min-fact = 0.3
26 max-fact = 2.5
27
28 [solver-interfaces]
29 riemann-solver = rusanov
30 ldg-beta = 0.5
31 ldg-tau = 0.1
32
33 [solver-interfaces-quad]
34 flux-pts = gauss-legendre
35
36 [solver-elements-hex]
37 soln-pts = gauss-legendre
38

```



```

32
33 [solver-interfaces-quad]
34 flux-pts = gauss-legendre
35
36 [solver-elements-hex]
37 soln-pts = gauss-legendre
38
39 [soln-plugin-integrate]
40 nsteps = 500
41 ffile = integral.csv
42 header = true
43
44 int-vol = 1
45
46 ; vor1 = (grad_w_y - grad_v_z)
47 ; vor2 = (grad_u_x - grad_w_x)
48 ; vor3 = (grad_v_x - grad_u_y)
49
50 ; int-E = rho*(u*u + v*v + w*w)
51 ; int-ens = rho*(vor1)*s*(vor1)s + *(vor2)s*(vor2)s + *(vor3)s*(vor3)s
52
53 [soln-plugin-writer]
54 dt-out = 1
55 basedir = .
56 basename = taylor-green-{:t}.zfp
57
58 [soln-plugin-dtstats]
59 flushsteps = 1000
60 ffile = dtstats.csv
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62
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Q: What does this do?

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# Running a simulation on ACES

## Partition (if simulation is too slow, or memory requirements are too big)

- On a CPU node
  - Check available physical cores
- On a GPU node
  - Check available devices

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- On a CPU node
  - Check available physical cores: `lscpu`
- On a GPU node
  - Check available devices: `clinfo -l`
- Partition mesh

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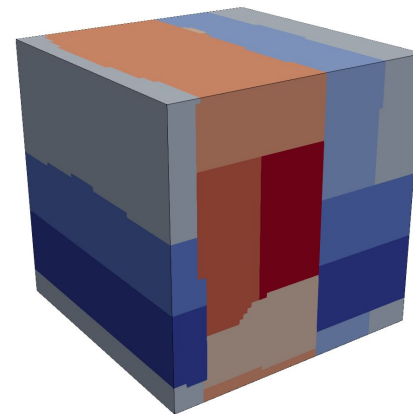
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# Running a simulation on ACES

## Run

- Run simulation

<https://www.open-mpi.org/doc/v4.1/man1/mpirun.1.php>  
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# Running a simulation on ACES

## Run

- Run simulation: `mpirun -n ${NRANKS} pyfr --progress run --backend ${BACKEND} ${MESH_PYFRM} ${CONFIG_INI}`

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0.3% [>
```

```
[2024-03-26 08:43:02][u.sm121949@ac052 3d-taylor-green]$ mpirun -mca btl ^ofi -n 2 pyfr --progress run -b cuda ${case_name}.pyfrm ${case_name}-ascent.ini  
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```

```
[2024-03-26 08:47:23][u.sm121949@ac051 3d-taylor-green]$ mpirun -mca btl ^ofi -n 2 pyfr --progress run -b opencl ${case_name}.pyfrm ${case_name}-ascent.ini  
2.6% [==>
```

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  - on NVIDIA H100 GPU node: `nvidia-smi`
  - on Intel MAX GPU node: `sysmon`

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0.3% [> ] 0.06/20.00 ela: 00:00:08 rem: 00:49:52
```

```
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2.7% [==> ] 0.55/20.00 ela: 00:00:04 rem: 00:02:42
```

```
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2.6% [==> ] 0.52/20.00 ela: 00:00:07 rem: 00:04:23
```

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- Ensure that all output files are being appropriately created

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# 10 minutes break

# 10:00

## Any questions?

Please install Paraview for the final part: <https://www.paraview.org/download/>

- PyFR Homepage: <https://www.pyfr.org/>
- PyFR usage documentation: <https://pyfr.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html>
- PyFR community: <https://pyfr.discourse.group/>
- All scripts and case files are available at `/scratch/training/pyfr`

**PART 4**

**Viewing results and post-processing**



# Tutorial outline

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~~**BREAK:** [[Q&A session]]~~

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# Running a simulation on ACES

## Postprocess

- (Optional) Run `make_a_tgv_video.`

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## Postprocess

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```
m1 FFmpeg/6.0
```

```
ffmpeg -framerate 10 -pattern_type glob -i 'taylor-green-*.png' -c:v libx264 -r 30 -pix_fmt yuv420p  
output.mp4
```

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- Open Paraview.

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# Wish to repeat the simulation?

1. `source /scratch/training/pyfr/.local/setup_script`
2. `setup_all`
3. `test_all`



# User support

1. Research-level implementation of PyFR:
  - Literature search for PyFR papers
  - All presentations of researchers using PyFR: <https://cassyni.com/s/pyfr>
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4. PyFR community: <https://pyfr.discourse.group/>

Participants can reach out to me for help (creating unstructured mesh files, set up SBATCH scripts etc.)



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