

# Elmer Basic Course 25.5.

- 9.00-9.30 Registration & Coffee
- 9.30 I Session
  - Welcome (all)
  - Overview of Elmer
  - Demonstration of ElmerGUI
  - Instructions for the exercises
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12.15 II Session
  - Guided exercises with simple walk-through examples in heat transfer, fluid dynamics, structural mechanics, electromagnetics, and in glaciology.
- 14.00 Coffee
- 14.20 III Session
  - Using Elmer with other pre- and postprocessors (PR)
  - Exercises continue
  - Customizing ElmerGUI (ML)
- 16.30 End of day



# History of CSC

In 2008, officially named as *CSC – the IT center for science*



Technical support unit for Univac 1108

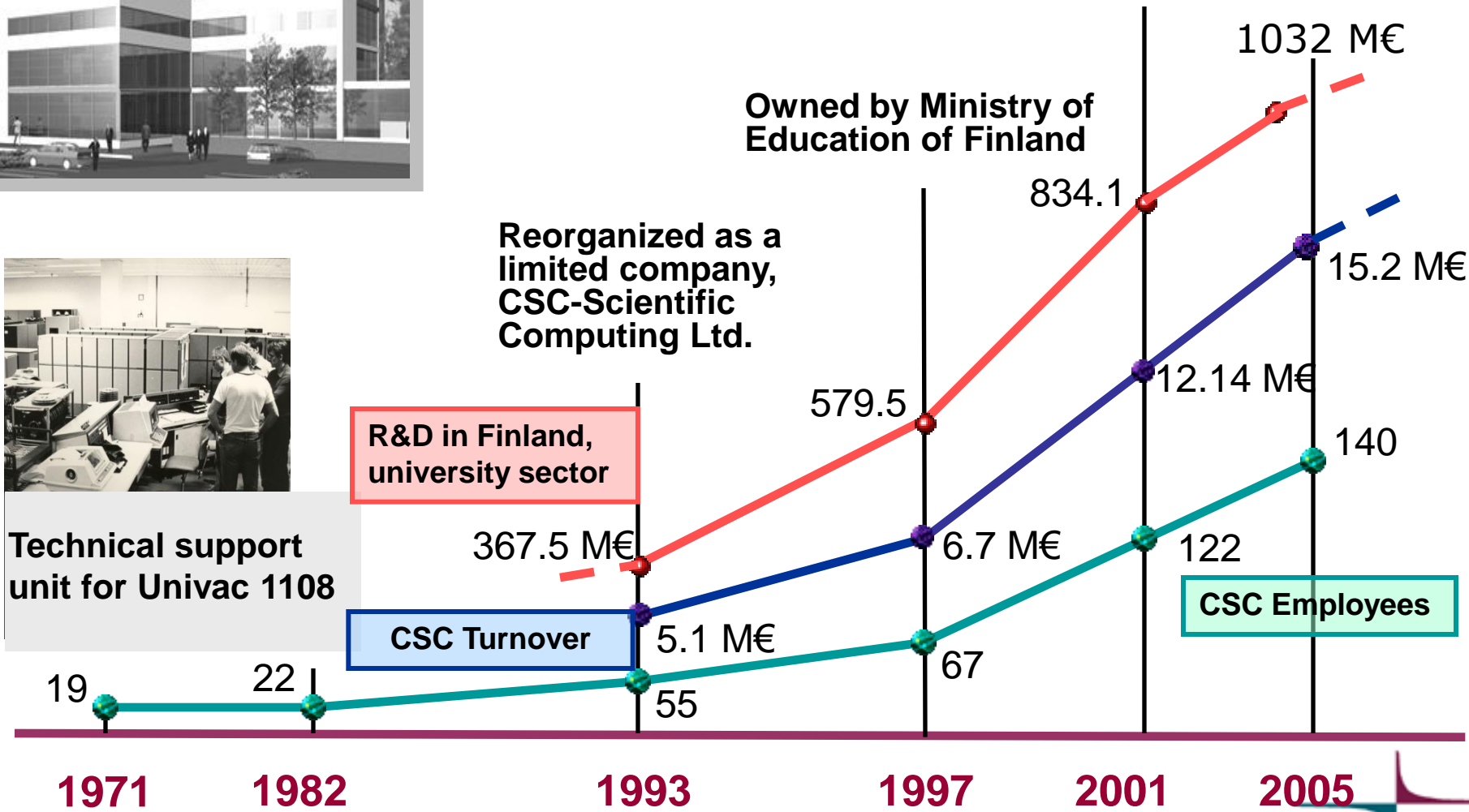
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R&D in Finland, university sector

CSC Turnover

Reorganized as a limited company, CSC-Scientific Computing Ltd.

Owned by Ministry of Education of Finland

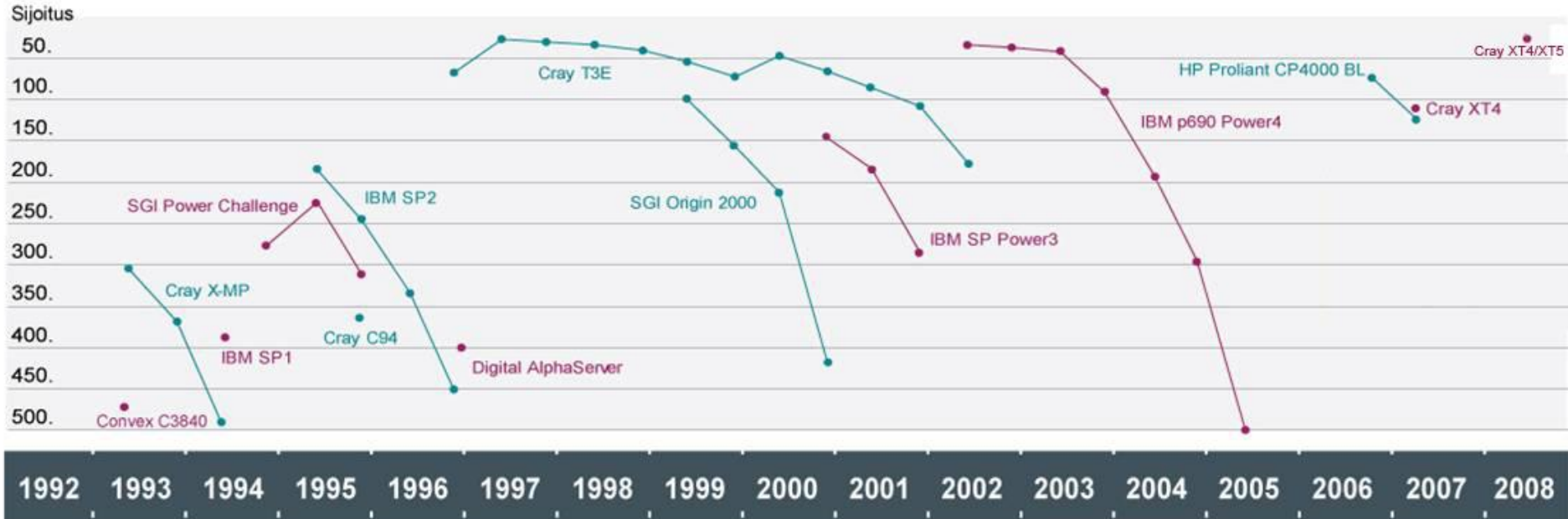




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 -huipputeho 0,093 Mflop/s  
 -oli aikanaan tehokas kone,  
 mutta sitä ei kutsuttu  
 supertietokoneeksi

1000 Mflop/s = 1 Gflop/s  
 1000 Gflop/s = 1 Tflop/s

# CSC's supercomputers at the top500 list



								
<b>Cray X-MP</b> -käyttöön 1989 -4 vektoriprosessoria -0,5 GB muistia -huipputeho 935 Mflop/s	<b>Cray C94</b> -käyttöön 1995 -4 vektoriprosessoria -2 GB muistia -huipputeho 4 Gflop/s	<b>CrayT3E</b> -käyttöön 1997 -544 prosessoria -64 GB muistia -huipputeho 384 Gflop/s	<b>SGI Origin 2000</b> -käyttöön 1998 -128 prosessoria -160 GB muistia -huipputeho 76,8 Gflop/s	<b>IBM SP Power3</b> -käyttöön 2000 -128 prosessoria -64 GB muistia -huipputeho 192 Gflop/s	<b>IBM p690 Power 4</b> -käyttöön 2002 -512 prosessoria -512 GB muistia -huipputeho 2,2 Tflop/s	<b>HP Proliant CP4000 BL</b> -käyttöön 2007 -1024 prosessoria -4096 GB muistia -huipputeho 10,6 Tflop/s	<b>Cray XT4</b> -käyttöön 2007 -1012 prosessoria -2024 GB muistia -huipputeho 10,5 Tflop/s	<b>Cray XT4/XT5</b> -käyttöön 2008 - 2356 prosessoria - 10,3 Tb muistia -huipputeho 88,7 Tflop/s

# Elmer – an Open Source Finite Element Software for Multiphysical Problems

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# Outline

- Introduction to Elmer
  - As a project
  - As a software
- Elmer & Multiphysics
- Examples on Elmer usage

# Elmer - Background

- Solution of partial differential equations by FEM
- Elmer development was started in 1995 as part of a national CFD program, also funded by Tekes
  - Collaboration with TKK, VTT, JyU, and Okmetic Ltd.
- After the initial phase the development has been driven by number of application projects
  - MIKSU (2000-2003) Tekes, VTI Technologies, Vaisala, NRC: MEMS
  - Collaboration with Nokia (2003->): acoustics
  - PIIMA (2004-2005) Tekes & silicon industry: MEMS, microfluidics, crystal growth
  - LSCFD (2008-2010) Tekes, Okmetic: Large Scale CFD
  - Others: composite structures, optical fiber manufacturing, crystal growth, blood flow, glaciology
  - Computational glaciology: international collaboration
  - Number of thesis projects in universities
- Elmer includes a large number of physical models and modern numerical methods

# Elmer goes Open Source

- 9/2005 Elmer published under GPL-license
- 10/2007 Elmer version control put under sourceforce.net
- Goals of the open source publication
  - Expand the Elmer community
  - New resources for code development
  - Improved verification process
  - No resources for a commercial spin-off
  - Free software good adverticiment for CSC
- Roughly 300 000 lines of code!
  - The whole IP of the software still owned by CSC
- Available at  
<http://www.csc.fi/elmer>  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/elmerfem>

# Fruits of Open Source publication

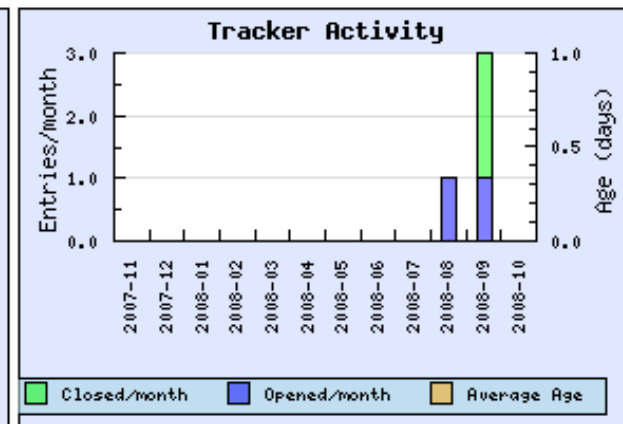
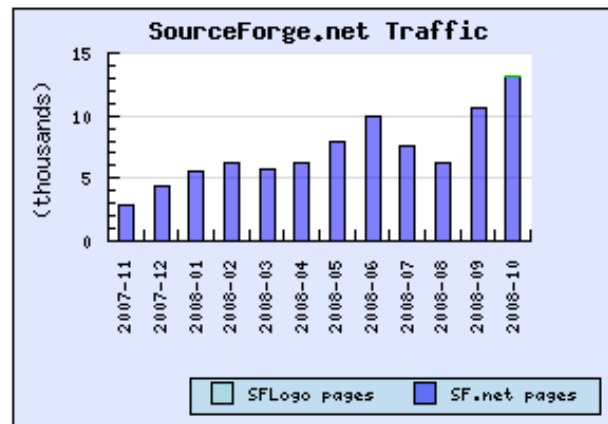
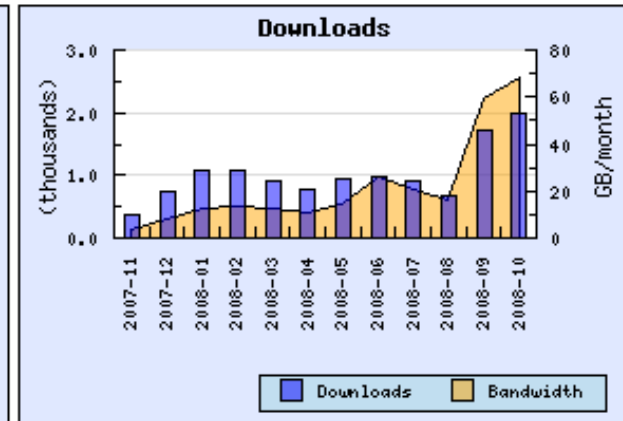
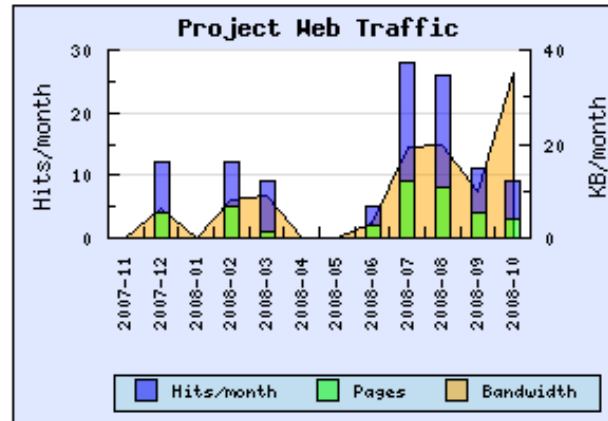
- Increased popularity
  - More than a thousand individual visitors on web-pages monthly
  - Significant number of serious users in different application areas, for example computational glasiology community.
- 2nd hand distribution
  - Several Linux distributions: Ubuntu, Debian and CAELinux
  - FreeBSD
  - Mac OS
  - Sun Grid (for a price of 1 e/h)
  - EGEE-grid
  - ...
- Increased popularity and visibility means new opportunities
  - Funding in national and EU-projects
  - Collaboration in different areas using Elmer as the platform



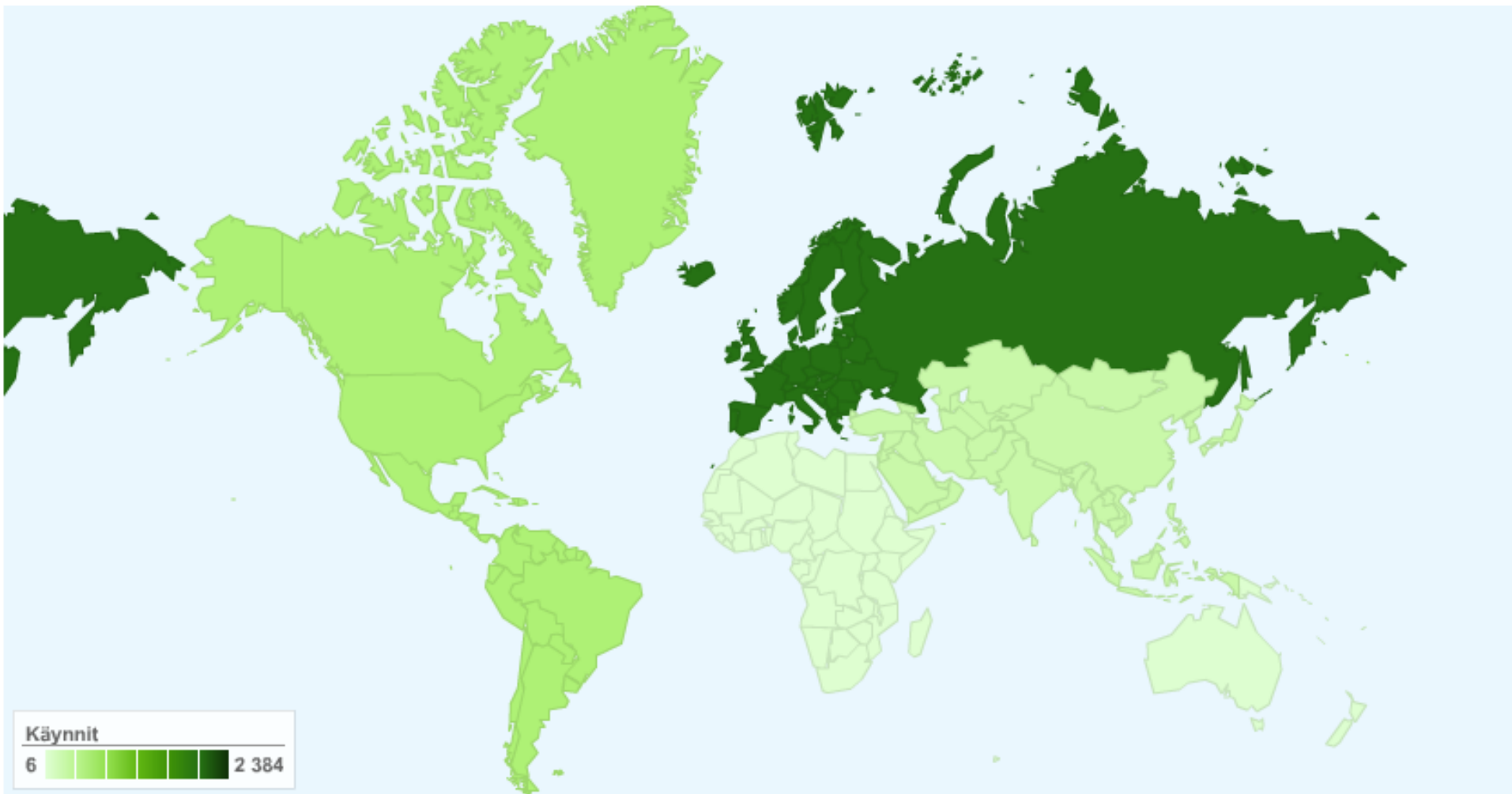
# Elmer @sf

- Rank  
~1000
- Downloads  
~1000 / month

Usage Statistics For Elmer-fem



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# elmerfem.org statistics 3/2010: continents

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Sivua/käyntikerta  
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Sivuston keskiarvo: 5,47  
(0,00 %)



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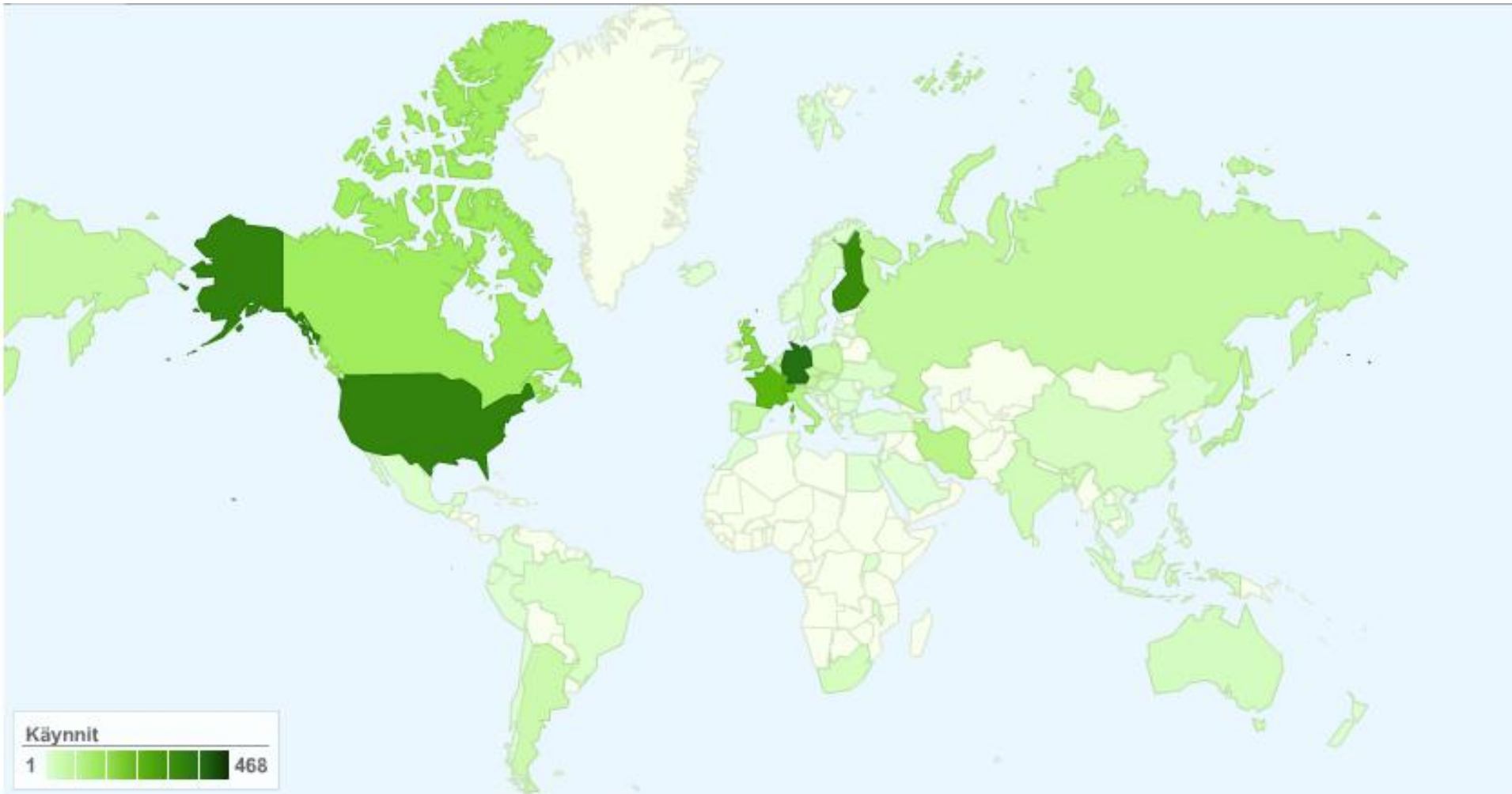
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Sivuston keskiarvo:  
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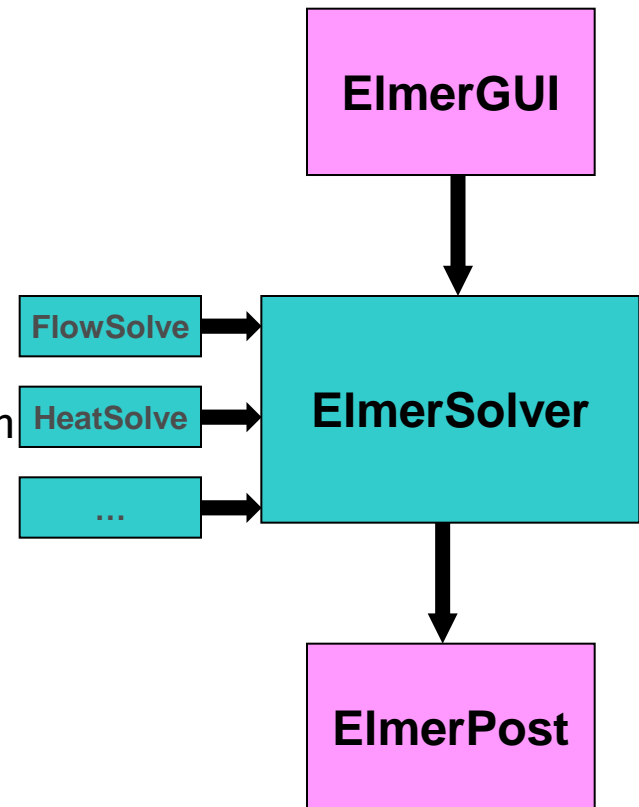


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5.	France	287	3,67	00:02:58
6.	United Kingdom	198	6,42	00:05:23
7.	Canada	162	6,13	00:05:22
8.	Italy	107	4,72	00:03:40
9.	Iran	101	4,04	00:03:11
10.	Russia	73	3,34	00:03:24
11.	Czech Republic	73	3,27	00:02:11
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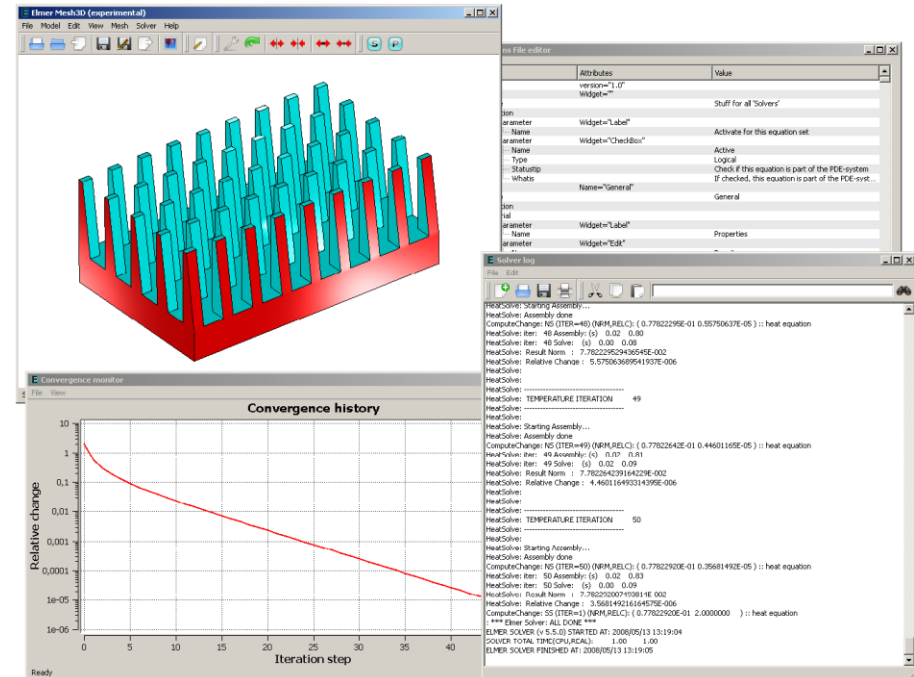
# Components of Elmer software suite

- Elmer is actually a suite of several programs
- You may use many of the components independently
- ElmerGUI - Pre- and Postprocessing
- ElmerSolver - Solution
- ElmerPost - Postprocessing
- Others
  - ElmerFront: the old preprocessor
  - Mesh2D: Delaunay mesher usable through ElmerFront
  - MATC: library for on-the-fly arithmetics
  - ElmerGrid as a stand-alone tool
  - ElmerParam: black-box interfacing of ascii-file based simulations



# ElmerGUI

- Graphical user interface of Elmer
  - Based on the Qt library (GPL)
  - Developed at CSC since 2/2008
- Mesh generation
  - Plugins for Tetgen, Netgen, and ElmerGrid
  - CAD interface based on OpenCascade
- Easiest tool for case specification
  - Even educational use
  - Parallel computation
- New solvers easily supported through GUI
  - XML based menu definition
- Also postprocessing with VTK



# ElmerSolver

- Assembly and solution of the finite element equations
- Parallelization by MPI
- Note: When we talk of Elmer we mainly mean ElmerSolver

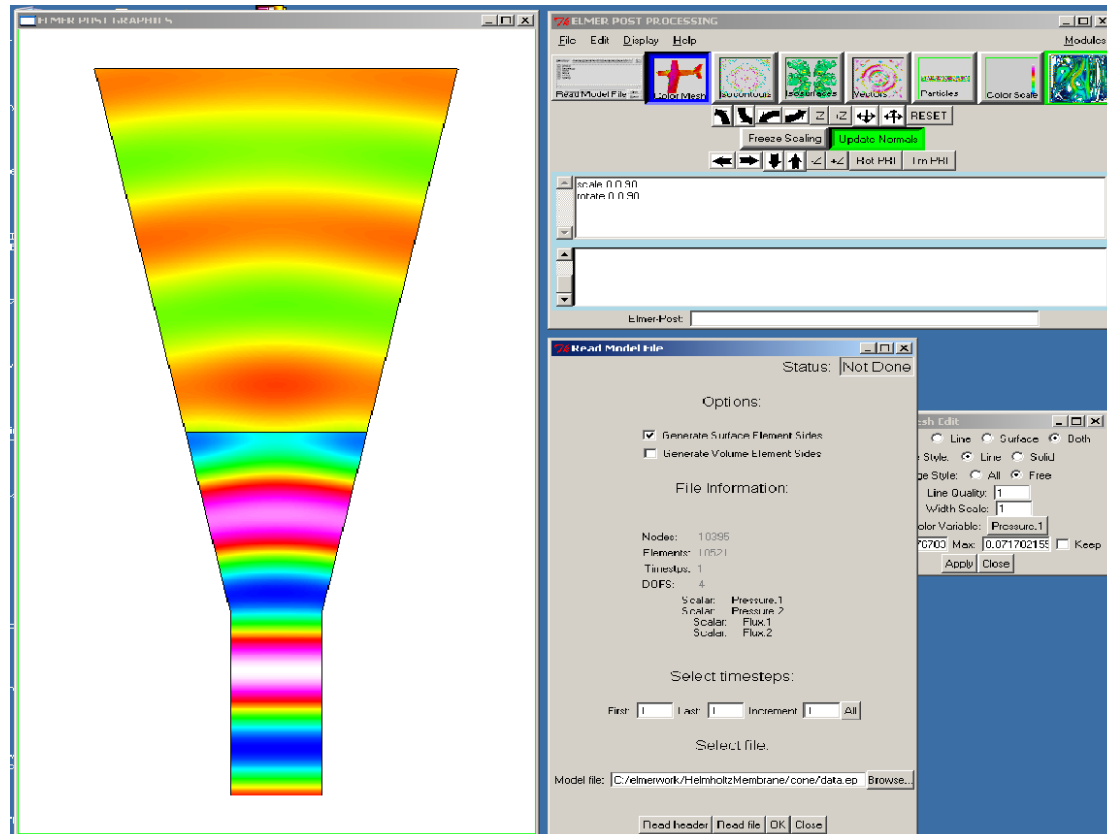
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MAIN:
MAIN: -----
MAIN: Reading Model ...
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SolveEquations: (NRM,RELC): ( 0.34864185 0.88621713E-06 ) :: navier-stokes
: *** Elmer Solver: ALL DONE ***
SOLVER TOTAL TIME(CPU,REAL):          1.54          1.58
ELMER SOLVER FINISHED AT: 2007/10/31 13:36:30
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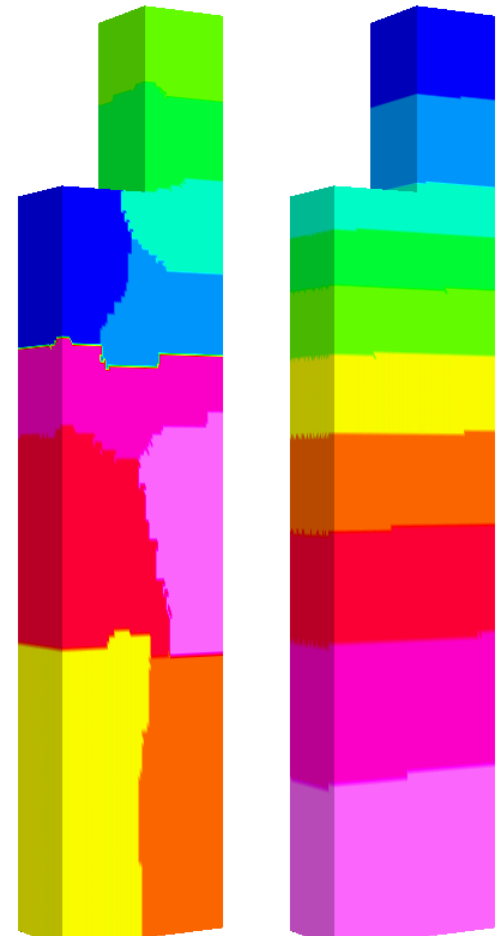
# ElmerPost

- Based on the FUNCS program
  - written in late 80's and early 90's by Juha Ruokolainen
- All basic presentation types
  - Colored surfaces and meshes
  - Contours, isosurfaces, vectors, particles
  - Animations
- Includes MATC language
  - Data manipulation
  - Derived quantities
- Output formats
  - ps, ppm, jpg, mpg
  - animations



# ElmerGrid

- Creation of 2D and 3D structured meshes
  - Rectangular basic topology
  - Extrusion, rotation
  - Simple mapping algorithms
- Mesh Import
  - About ten different formats:  
Ansys, Abaqus, Fidap, Comsol, Gmsh,...
- Mesh manipulation
  - Increase/decrease order
  - Scale, rotate, translate
- Partitioning
  - Simple geometry based partitioning
  - Metis partitioning  
Example: `> ElmerGrid 1 2 step -metis 10`
- Usable via ElmerGUI
  - All features not accessible (partitioning, discontin. BC,...)



# Elmer - Physical Models

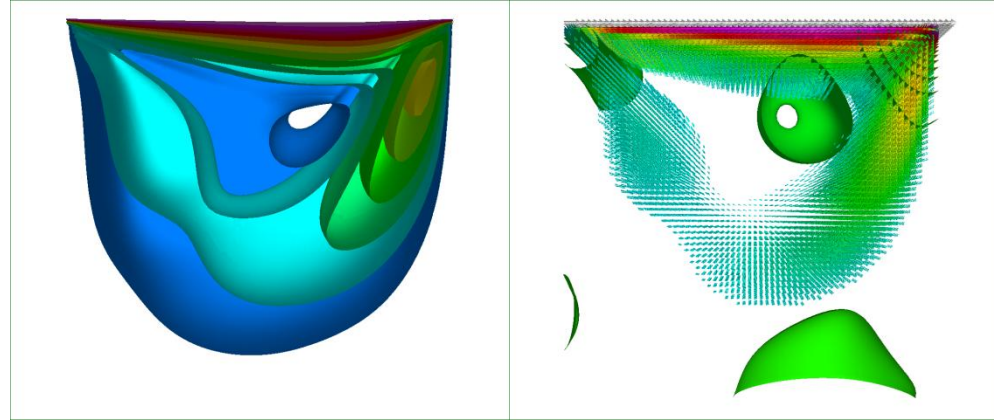
- Heat transfer
  - Heat equation
  - Radiation with view factors
  - convection and phase change
- Fluid mechanics
  - Navies-Stokes (2D & 3D)
  - Turbulence models:  $k-\varepsilon$ ,  $v^2-f$ ,  $VMS$
  - Reynolds (2D)
- Structural mechanics
  - Elasticity (anisotropic, lin & nonlin)
  - Plate, Shell
- Free surface problems
  - Lagrangian techniques
  - Level set method (2D)
- Mesh movement
  - Extending displacements in coupled problems
  - ALE formulation
- Acoustics
  - Helmholtz
  - Linearized time-harmonic N-S
- Species transport
  - Generic convection-diffusion equation
- Electromagnetics
  - Mainly steady-state and harmonic analysis
  - Edge-element formulation
- Electrokinetics
  - Poisson-Boltzmann
  - Poisson-Nernst-Planck
- Quantum mechanics
  - DFT (Kohn Sham)
- ....

# Elmer – Numerical Methods

- Time-dependency
  - Static, transient, eigenmode, scanning
- Discretization
  - Galerkin, Discontinuous Galerkin (DG)
  - Stabilization: SUPG, bubbles
  - Lagrange, edge, face, and p-elements
- Matrix equation solvers
  - Direct: Lapack, Umfpack, (SuperLU, Mumps, Pardiso)
  - Iterative Krylov space methods (own & Hypre)
  - multigrid solvers (GMG & AMG) for “easy” equations (own & Hypre)
  - Preconditioners: ILU, Parasails, multigrid, SGS, Jacobi,...
- Parallellism
  - Parallel assembly and solution (vector-matrix product)
- Adaptivity
  - For selected equations, works well in 2D

# Parallel performance

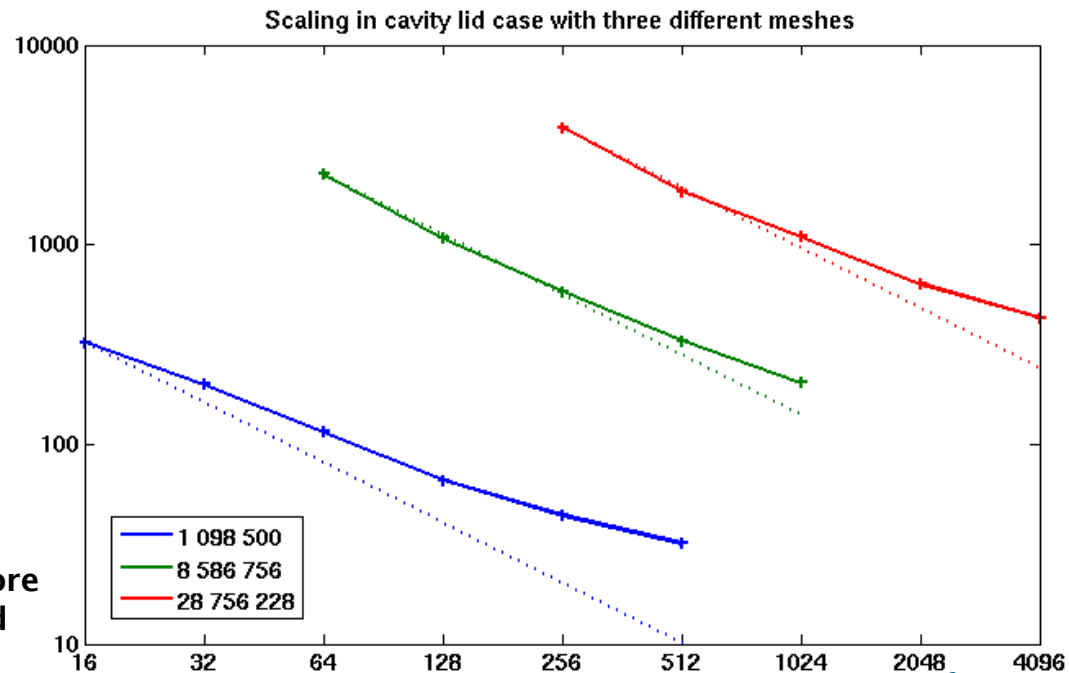
- Partitioning by Metis or simple geometric division
- Parallel assembly and solution by GMG or Krylov subspace methods.
- Parallel performance may scale up to thousands of cores
- Simulation with over one billion unknowns has been performed



Scaling of wall clock time with dofs in the cavity lid case using GMRES+ILU0. Simulation Juha Ruokolainen, CSC, visualization Matti Gröhn, CSC .



Louhi: Cray XT4/XT5 with 2.3 GHz 4-core AMD Opteron. All-in-all 9424 cores and Peak power of 86.7 Tflops.



# Coupling of physical phenomena

- Equations are inherently coupled and the coupling is explicitly shown in the equations
  - $E$  and  $B$  in Maxwell's eq.,  $\rho$  and  $\nu$  in Navier-Stokes eq.
- The different energy domains are coupled by a source or drain
  - viscous dissipation of kinetic energy to heat
- Coupling by material law
  - $\nu$  and  $T$  by temperature dependent density
- Implicit coupling by the shape of the computational domain
  - large displacements and fluid flow
- ...

# Some possible multiphysical combinations

Equation	Field	$T$	$v$	$E, B$	$c$	$u$
Energy	Temperature, $T$	-				
Navier-Stokes	Velocity, $v$	1	-			
Maxwell's	Electric & magnetic, $E, B$	2	3	-		
Diffusion, Reaction	Concentration, $c$	4	5	6	-	
Elasticity	Displacement, $u$	7	8	9	10	-

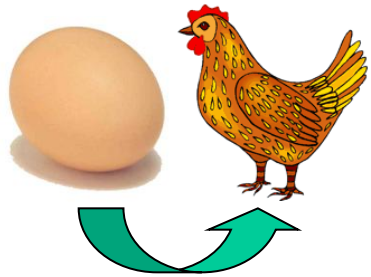
- 1) Thermal flow: natural convection
- 2) Thermal-electrical: Heating by induction
- 3) Magnetohydrodynamics, Electrokinetics
- 4) Temperature dependent chemical reactions and diffusion
- 5) Reactive flow: CFD, combustion
- 6) Electrochemistry: batteries, electrodes, surface treatment
- 7) Thermoelasticity and -plasticity
- 8) Fluid-structure interaction: hemodynamics
- 9) Electro-mechanical: MEMS, piezoelectricity
- 10) Growth phenomena

# Nature of coupling

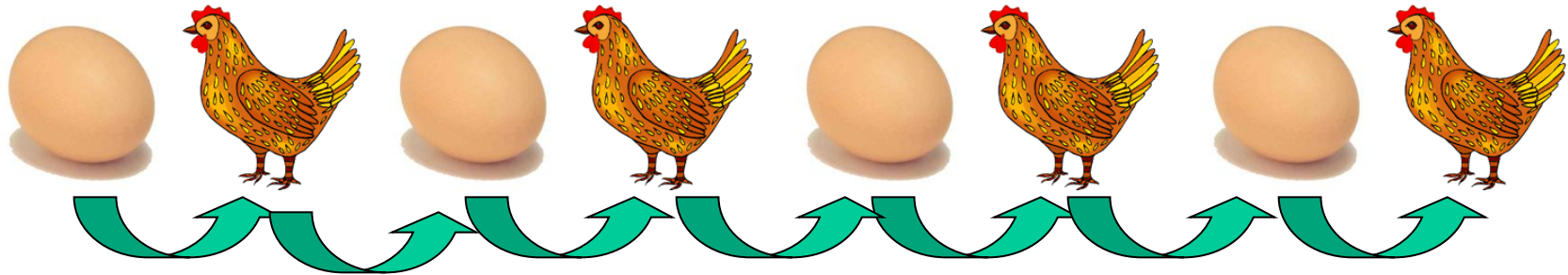
- The mathematical analysis does not give strict guidelines for the solution methods of coupled problems
  - Even uniqueness of solution is difficult to show
  - Heuristic approach: if the method works, use it
- Computational cost of coupled problems is often significantly larger than the combined solution time of individual problems
- The strength of coupling of individual phenomena is reflected in the difficulty of solution
  - One-directional coupling -> hierarchical solution
  - Weak coupling easy -> iterative solution
  - Strong coupling difficult -> monolithic solution



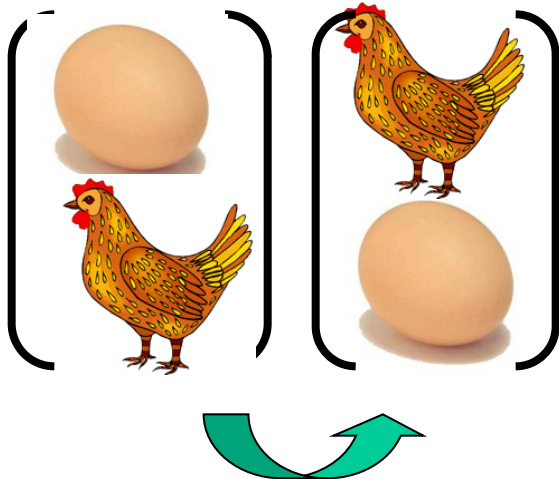
# Solution strategies for coupled problems



Hierarchical solution



Iterative solution



Monolithic solution

# Solution strategies for coupled problems

Assume phenomena  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  that both depend on field variables  $x$  and  $y$ .  
Solution is obtained from a system of equations,  $f(x, y) = 0$  and  $g(y, x) = 0$ .

**one-directional coupling  $\Rightarrow$  hierarchical solution**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow g(y_1, x_1) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**weak coupling  $\Rightarrow$  iterative or segregated solution**

$$\begin{cases} f(x_{m+1}, y_m) = 0 \\ g(y_{m+1}, x_{m+1}) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**strong coupling  $\Rightarrow$  monolithic solution**

$$\begin{bmatrix} f(x_{m+1}, y_{m+1}) \\ g(y_{m+1}, x_{m+1}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Monolithic approach requires iteration if either  $f$  or  $g$  is nonlinear.

# Iterative vs. monolithic solution (analogy)

Let's assume that the equations are solved using Newton-Raphson iteration

## Iterative solution

$$\begin{cases} f_x dx^{(m+1)} &= -f(x^{(m)}, y^{(m)}) \\ g_y dy^{(m+1)} &= -g(y^{(m)}, x^{(m+1)}) \end{cases}$$

## Monolithic solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_x & f_y \\ g_x & g_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dx^{(m+1)} \\ dy^{(m+1)} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} f(x^{(m)}, y^{(m)}) \\ g(y^{(m)}, x^{(m)}) \end{bmatrix}$$

- If the coupling is weak ( $|f_x||g_y| \gg |f_y||g_x|$ ) the iteration method converges well
- The cross derivatives  $f_y$  and  $g_x$  may often be tricky determine.  
(for example, sensitivity of fluid flow to deformation)

# Considerations on the iteration method

- Iteration method can easily be used when there are separate solvers for all equations
- Verification is straight-forward
  - Show consistency (verify separate solvers) and reach convergence of coupled system
- Convergence may be poor
  - Under-relaxation may be used to improve convergence
  - Many new parameters to play with
- Often only conditionally stable (with respect to time-step)
- For simple equations it's much easier to design robust scalable methods
  - Multigrid

# Considerations on the monolithic method

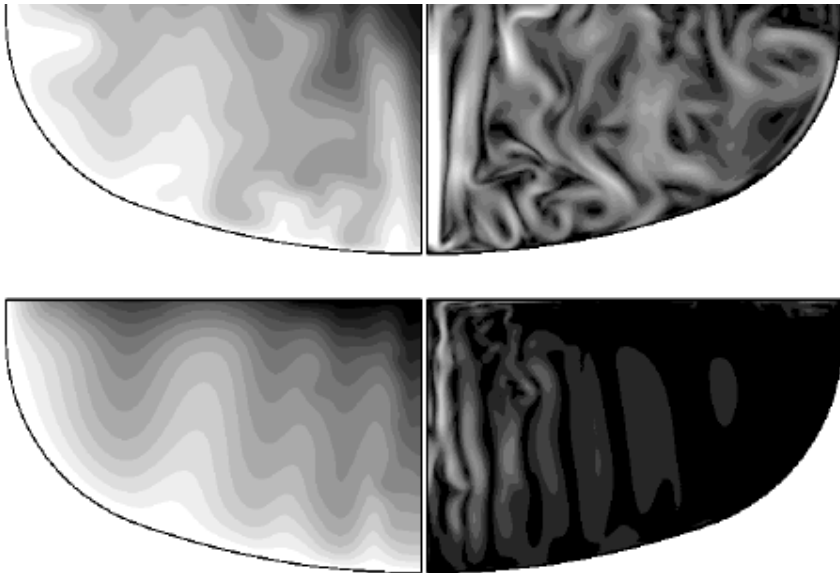
- Often difficult to implement
  - Implicit cross terms...
- Verification more tedious
- Ideal convergence
- Often real memory hogs
- Its difficult to find scalable linear algebra methods for the linear systems
  - Situation is manifested in parallel computing
  - Recent development: block preconditioners

# Elmer - Multiphysics capabilities

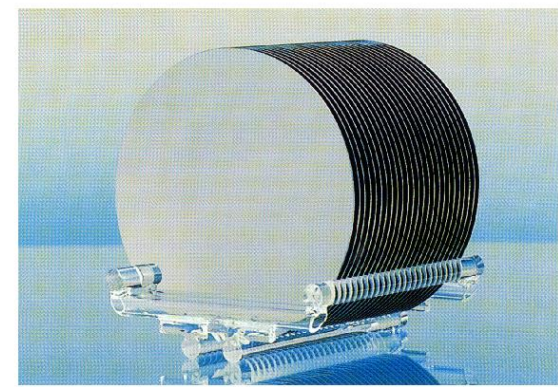
- About 20 different physical models
- Iteration method is mainly used
  - Consistency of solution is ensured by nested iterations
- Monolithic approach is used for some inherently coupled problems
  - Linearized time-harmonic Navier-Stokes
- For some special problems using iterative coupling convergence has been improved by consistent manipulation of the equations
  - Fluid-structure interaction
  - Pull-in analysis
- High level of abstraction ensures flexibility in implementation and simulation
  - Each model is an external module with standard interfaces to the main program
  - All models may basically be coupled in any way
  - Different models may occupy different computational domains
  - Different models may use different meshes and the results are mapped between them

# Czochralski Crystal Growth

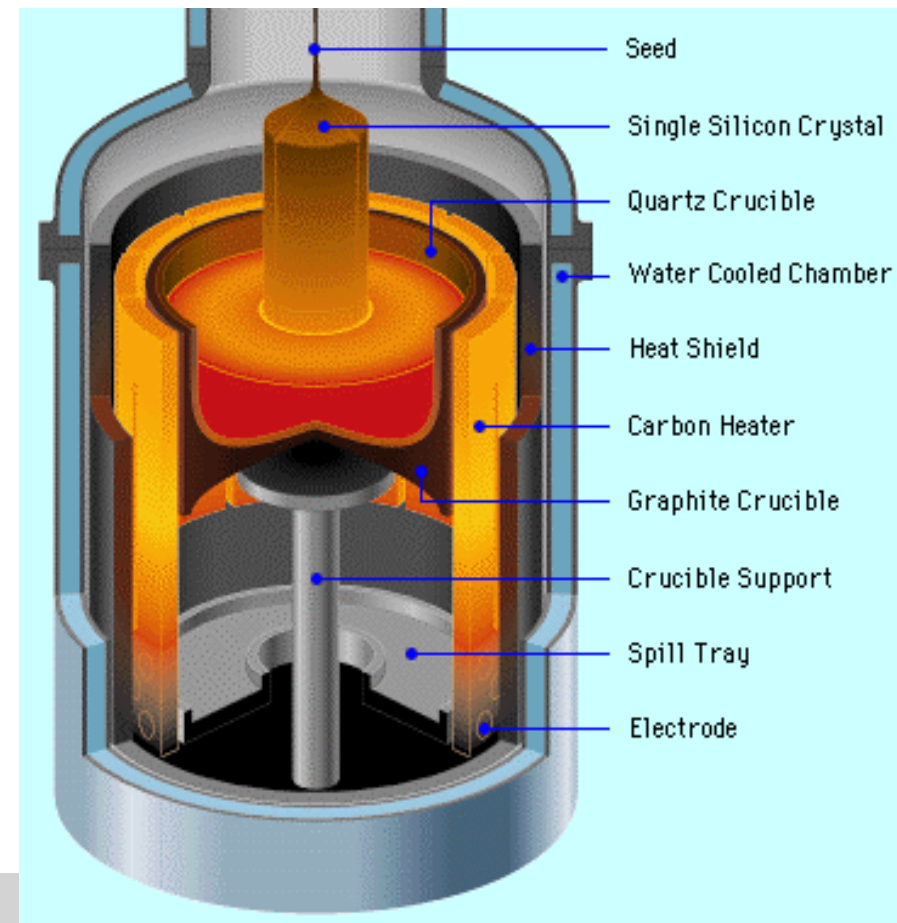
- Most crystalline silicon is grown by the Czochralski (CZ) method
- One of the key applications when Elmer development was started in 1995



V. Savolainen et al., *Simulation of large-scale silicon melt flow in magnetic Czochralski growth*, J. Crystal Growth 243 (2002), 243-260.



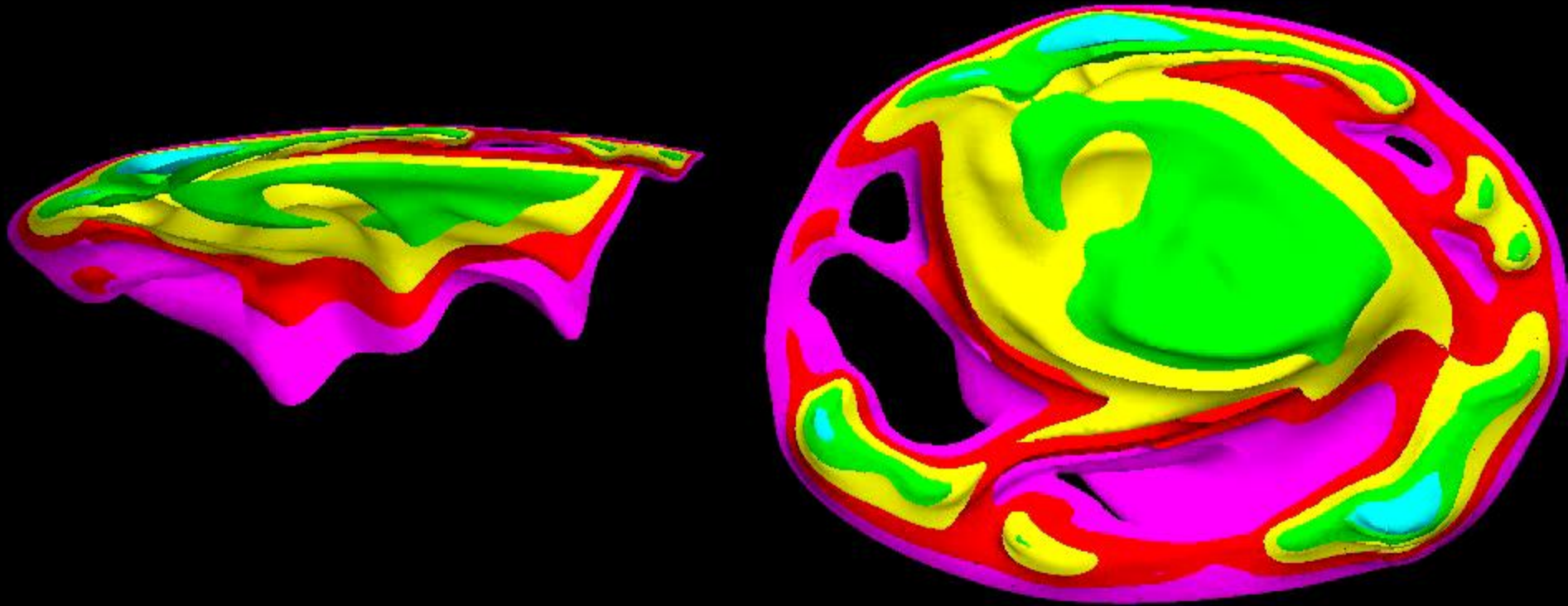
Figures by Okmetic Ltd.



# CZ-growth: Transient simulation

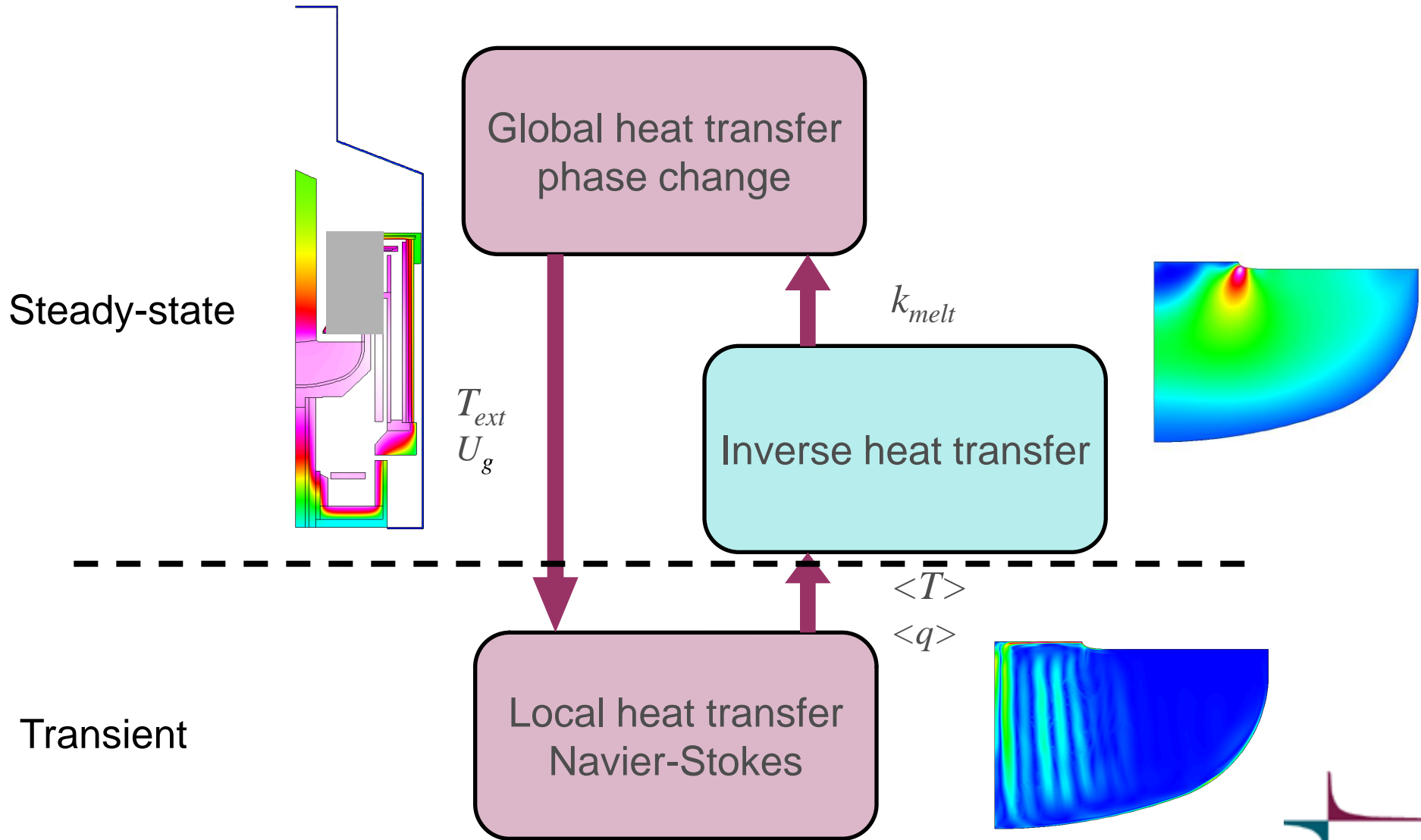
Parallel simulation of silicon meltflows using stabilized finite element method (5.4 million elements).

Simulation Juha Ruokolainen, animation Matti Gröhn, CSC





# Multi-scale algorithm for Cz growth



Transient

Steady-state

Global heat transfer  
phase change

Inverse heat transfer

Local heat transfer  
Navier-Stokes

$k_{melt}$

$T_{ext}$   
 $U_g$

$\langle T \rangle$   
 $\langle q \rangle$

# Motivation for multi-scale approach

- The primary point of interest is the shape of the growth interface
  - The most relevant piece of information available
- The growth interface is a result of many time-scales
  - Global heat transfer has a time-scale of  $\sim 1$  h
  - Local velocity fluctuations have a stable time-scale of  $< 1$  s
- Robust heating control only available in steady-state
  - In transient cases melting point is set
- Velocity fluctuations may not be accurately modeled with RANS models
  - Typically only a few convection rolls present
- We strive to combine the steady-state global heat transfer with ensemble averaged transient melt flow
  - **Multi-scale approach**

# MEMS: Inertial sensor

- MEMS provides an ideal field for multi-physical simulation software
- Electrostatics, elasticity and fluid flow are often inherently coupled
- Example shows the effect of holes in the motion of an accelerometer prototype

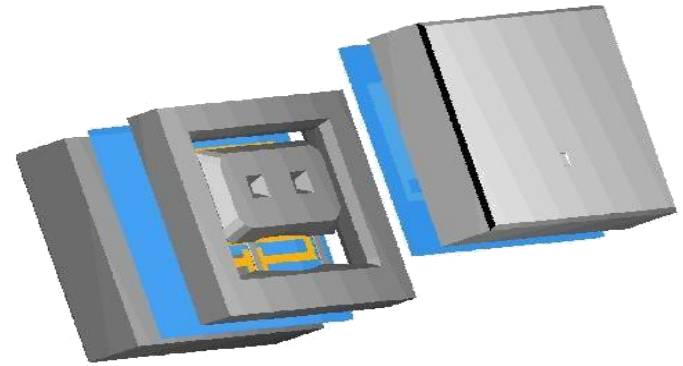
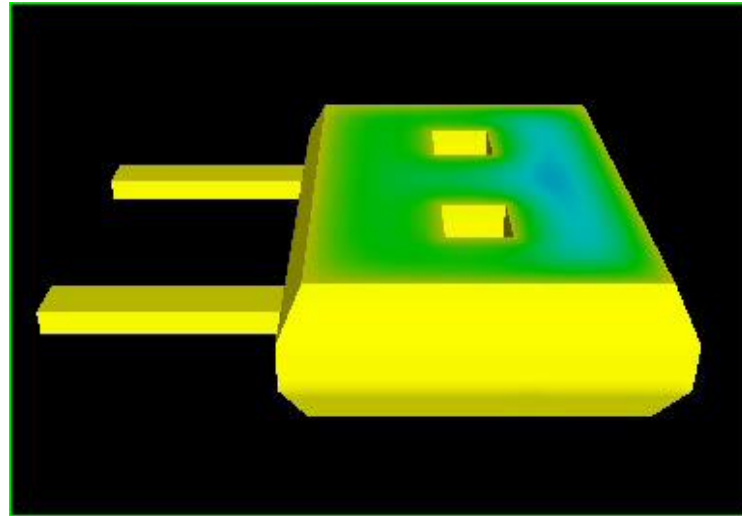
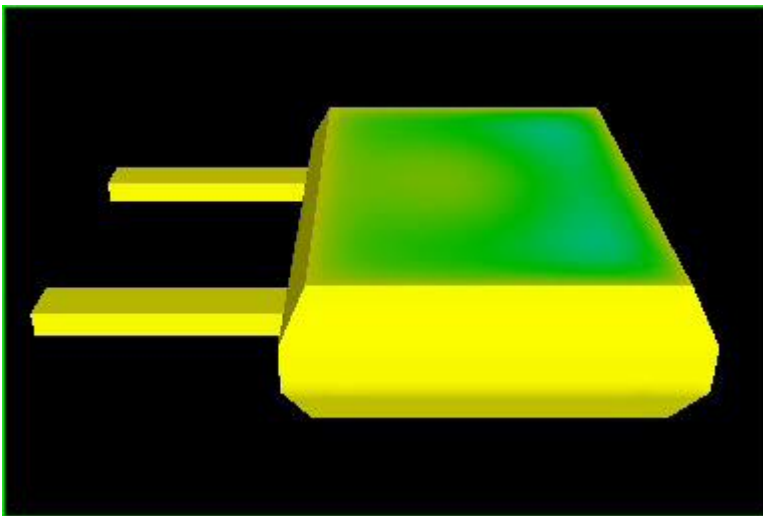


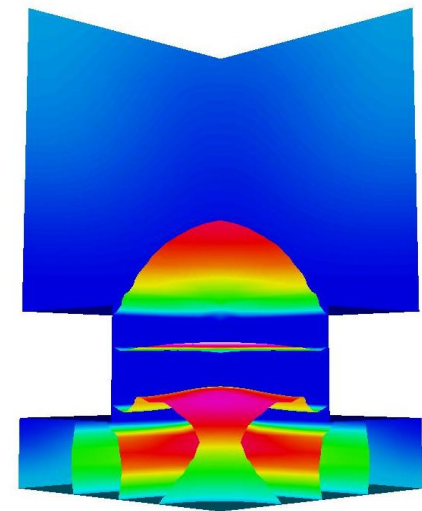
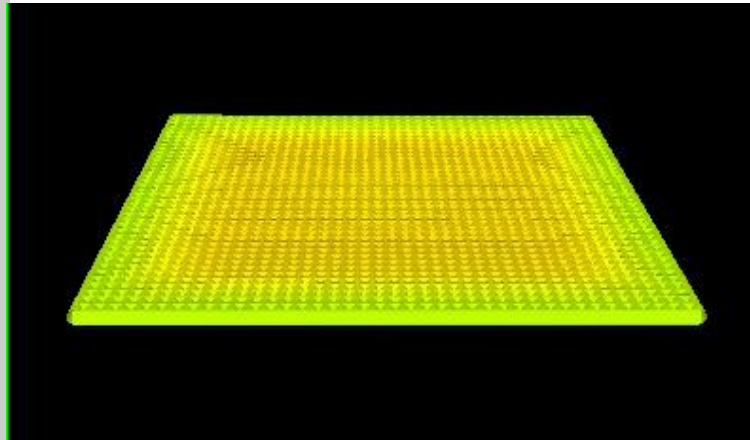
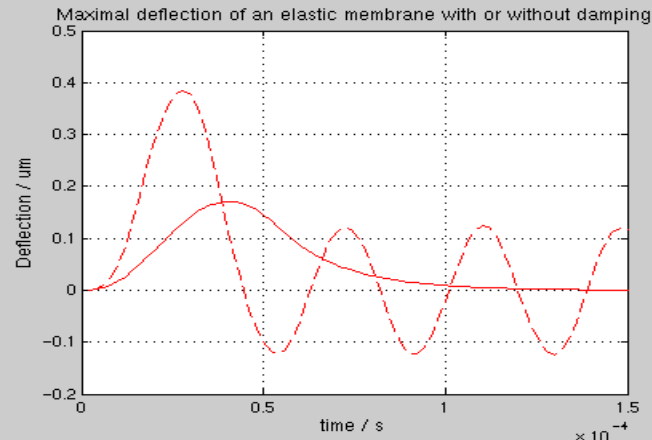
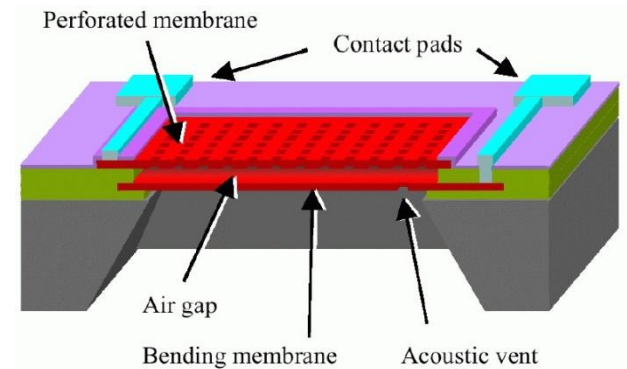
Figure by VTI Technologies



A. Pursula, P. Råback, S. Lähteenmäki and J. Lahdenperä, *Coupled FEM simulations of accelerometers including nonlinear gas damping with comparison to measurements*, J. Micromech. Microeng. **16** (2006), 2345-2354.

# MEMS: Microphone membrane

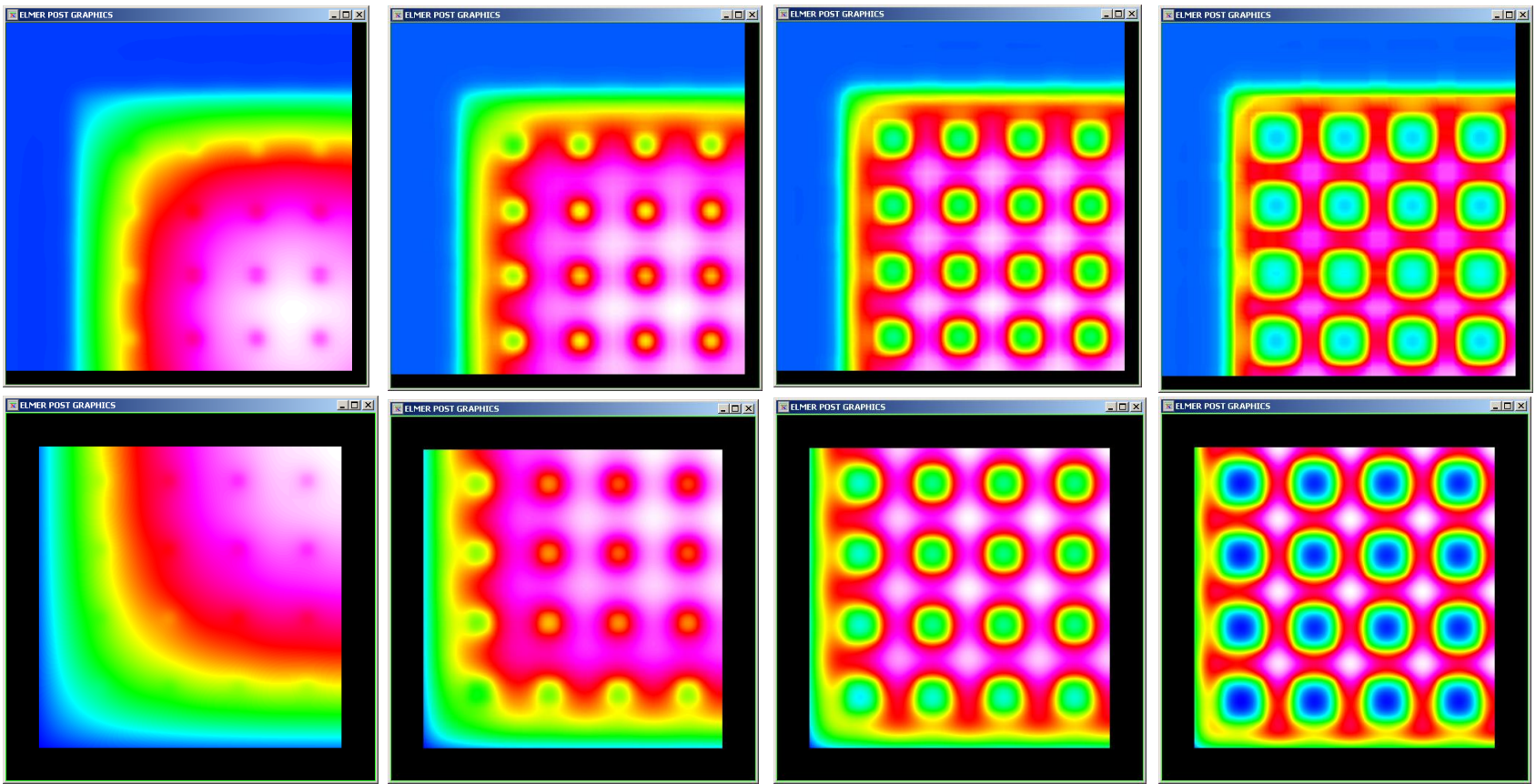
- MEMS includes often geometrical features that may be modeled with homogenization techniques
- Simulation shows the damping oscillations of a perforated micromechanical membrane



P. Råback et al., *Hierarchical finite element simulation of perforated plates with arbitrary hole geometries*, MSM 2003.

# MEMS – Perforated plates

- Modified Reynolds equations may be used to model squeezed film pressure under perforated plates
- Comparison with very heavy 3D computations show good agreement (see figure)

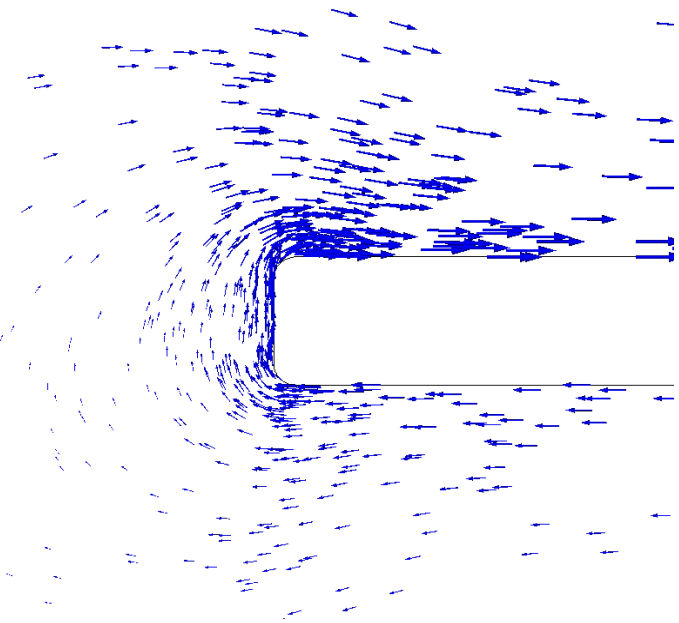


# Thermal creep in light mills

- Glass container in a very low pressure  $< 10$  Pa
- Each vane has a black and silver side
- When hit by light the light mill rotates with silver side ahead
- The physical explanation of the light mills requires consideration of rarefied gases and thermal creep
- These were studied in the thesis project of Moritz Nadler, University of Tübingen, 2008



# Thermal creep in light mills



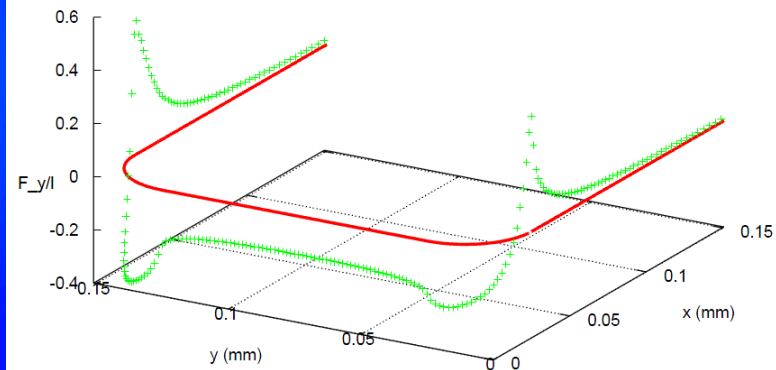
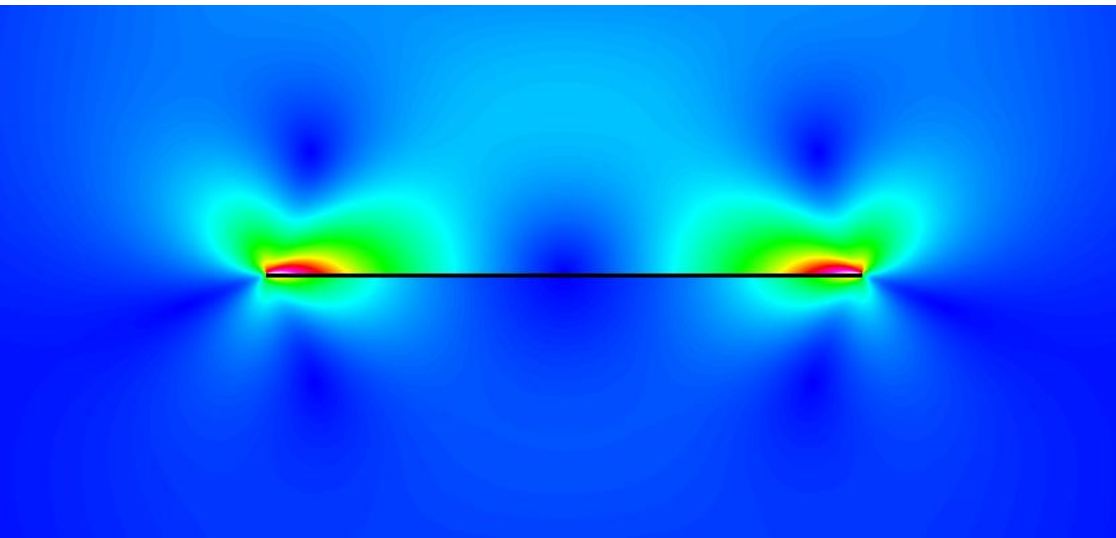
2D compressible Navier-Stokes eq. with heat eq. plus two rarefied gas effects:

- Maxwell's wall slip and thermal transpiration

$$u_x(\Gamma) = \frac{2 - \sigma}{\sigma} \lambda \left( \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial n} + \frac{\partial u_n}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{3\mu}{4\rho T} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$

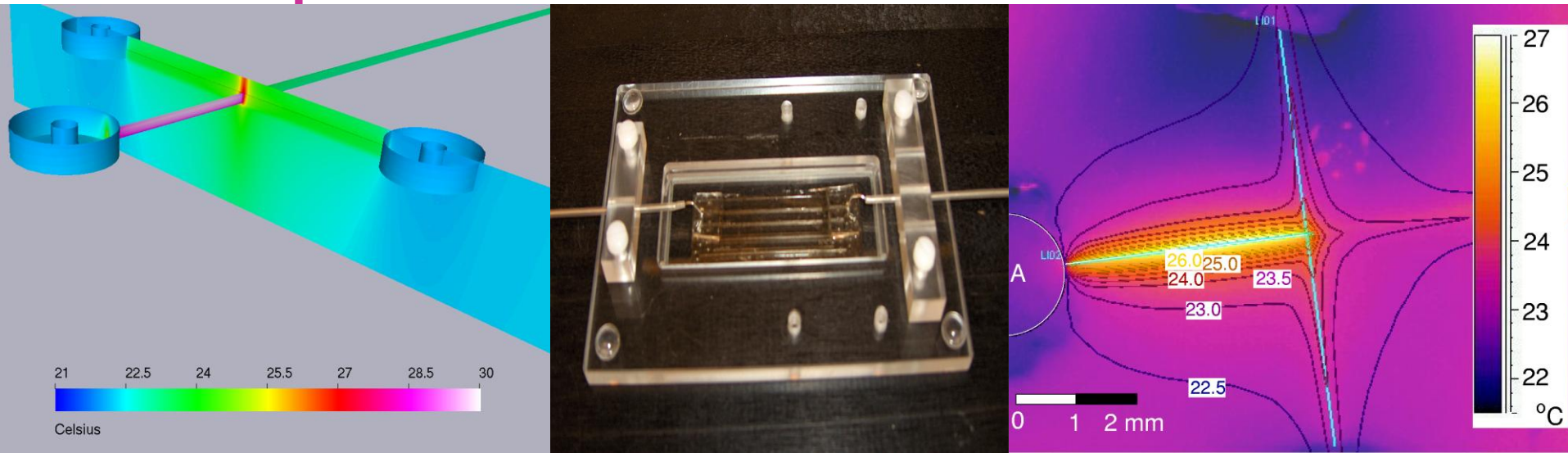
- Smoluchowski's temperature jump

$$T_G - T_W = \frac{2 - \sigma_T}{\sigma_T} \frac{2\gamma}{\gamma + 1} \frac{\lambda}{Pr} \frac{\partial T}{\partial n}$$

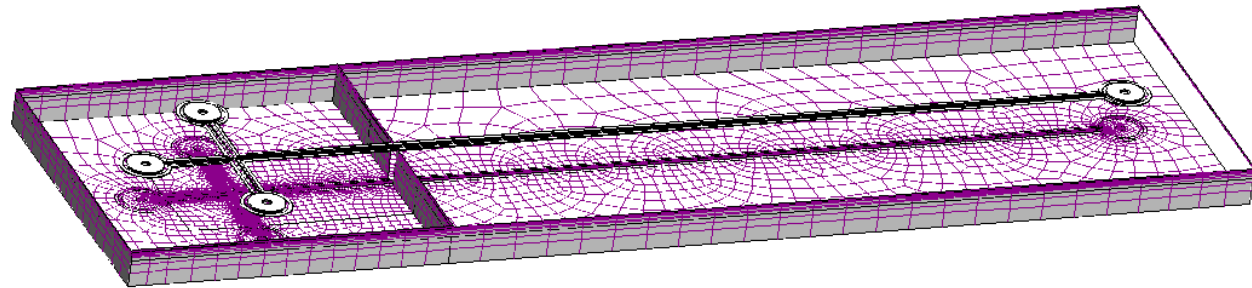


Simulation Moritz Nadler, 2008

# Microfluidics: Flow and heat transfer in a microchip



- Electrokinetically driven flow
- Joule heating
- Heat Transfer influences performance
- Elmer as a tool for prototyping
- Complex geometry
- Complex simulation setup

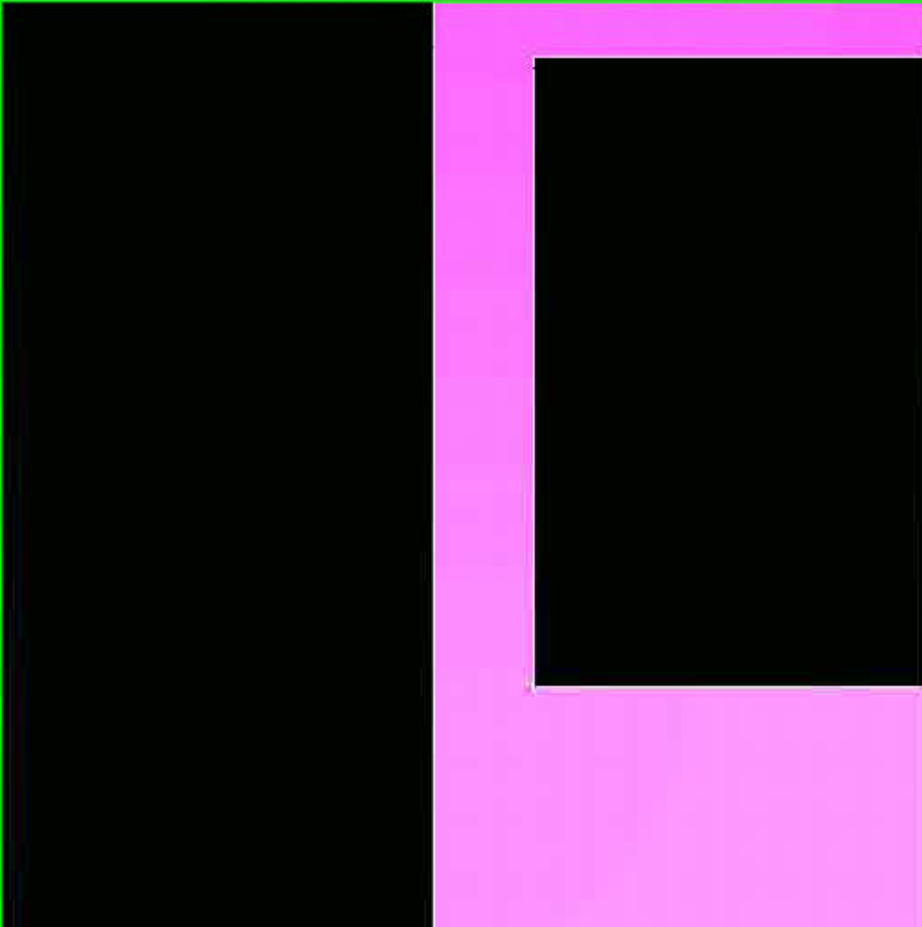


T. Sikanen, T. Zwinger, S. Tuomikoski, S. Franssila, R. Lehtiniemi, C.-M. Fager, T. Kotiaho and A. Pursula, *Microfluidics and Nanofluidics* (2008)

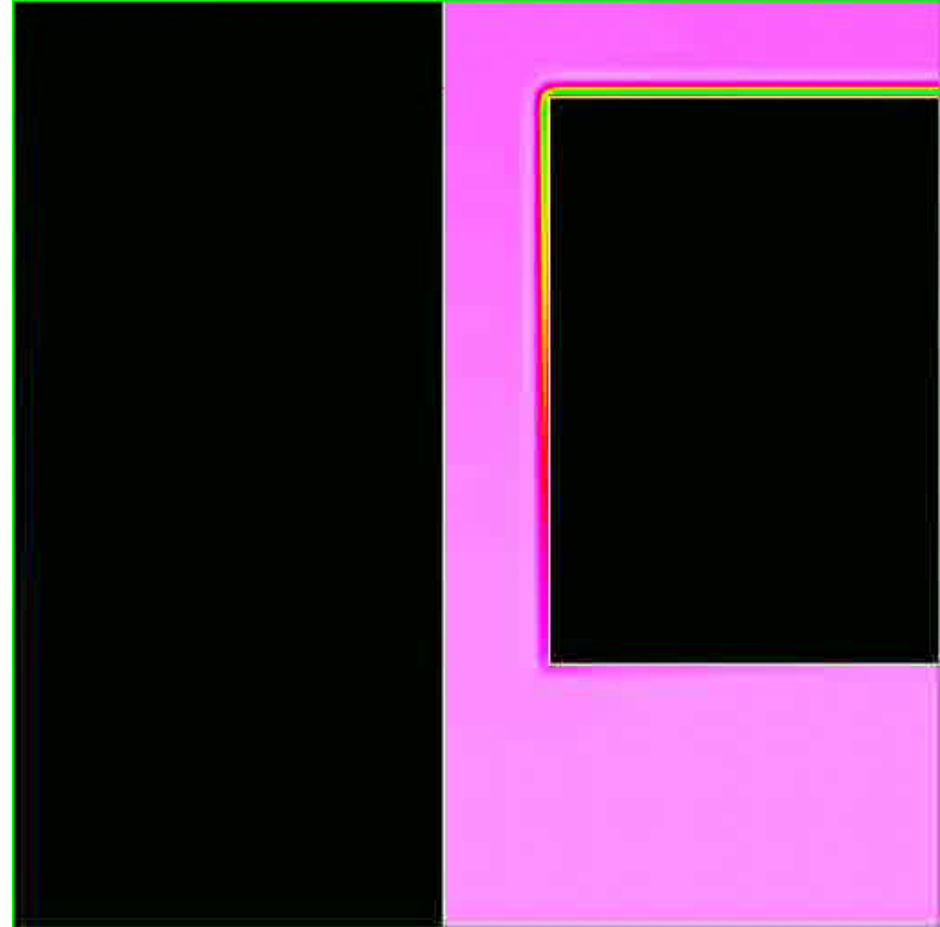


# Acoustics: Losses in small cavities

Temperature waves resulting from the Helmholtz equation



Temperature waves computed from the linearized Navier-Stokes equation

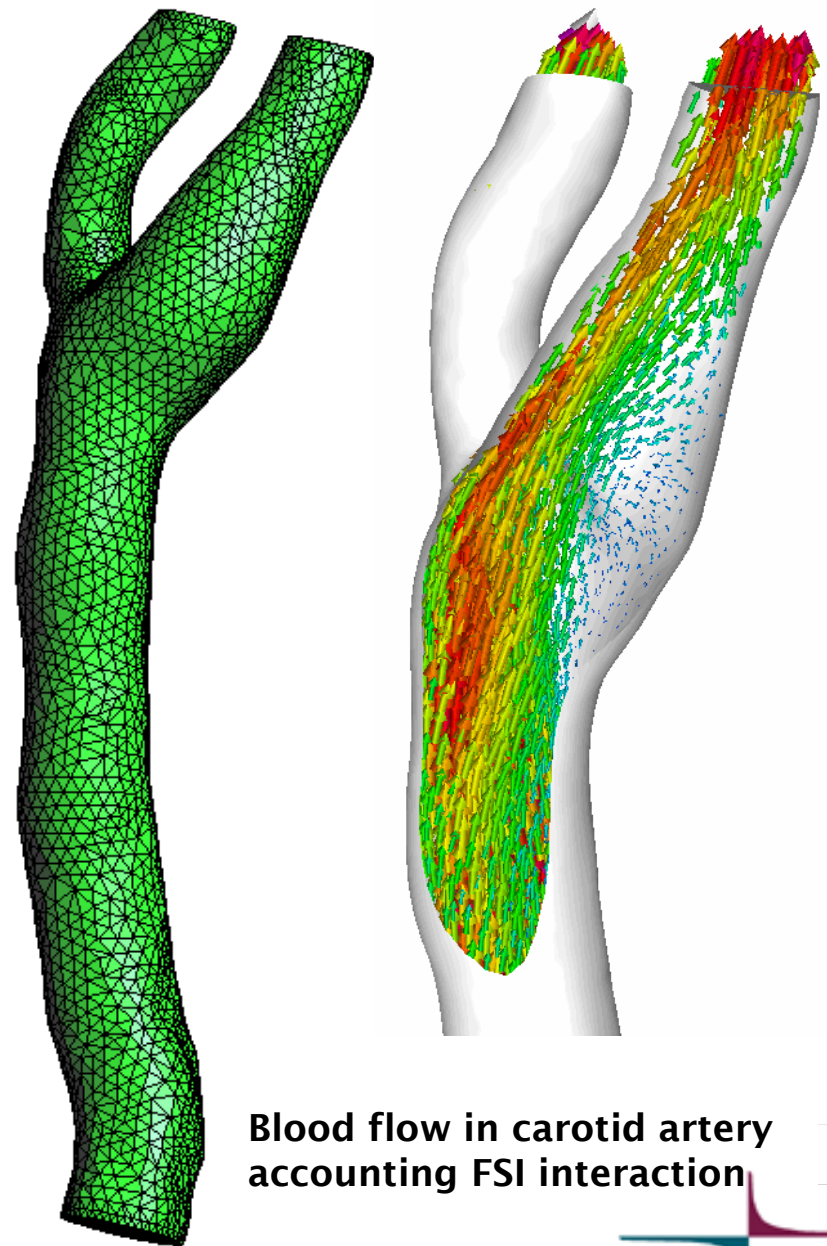


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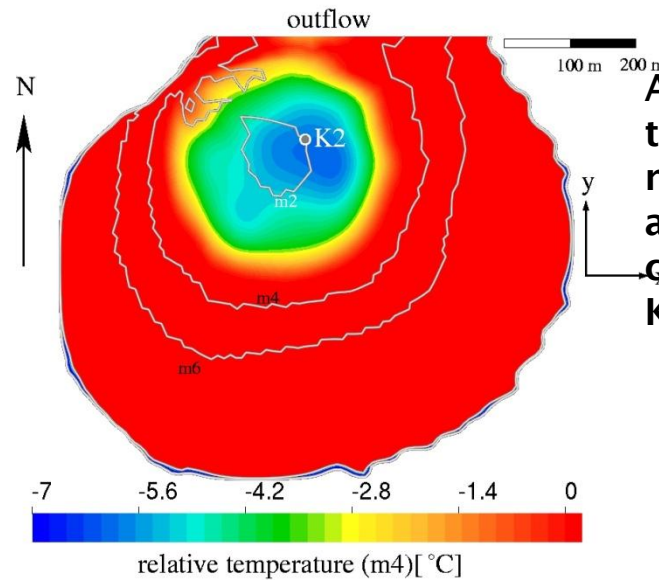
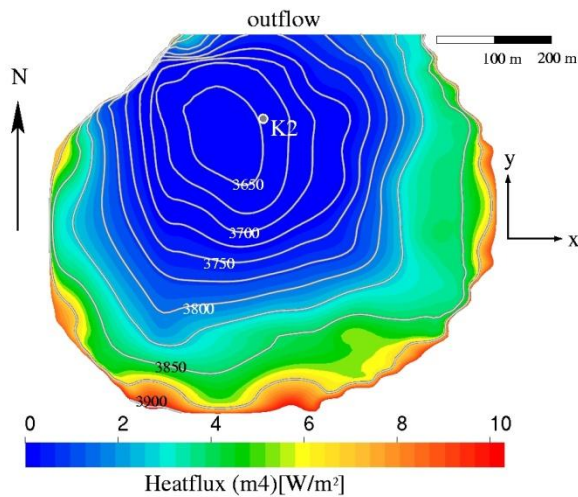
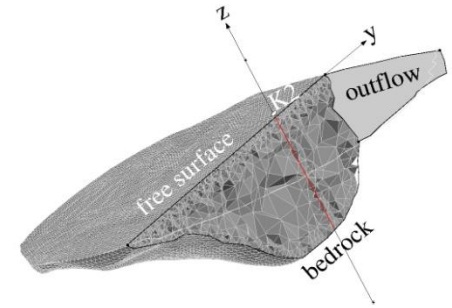
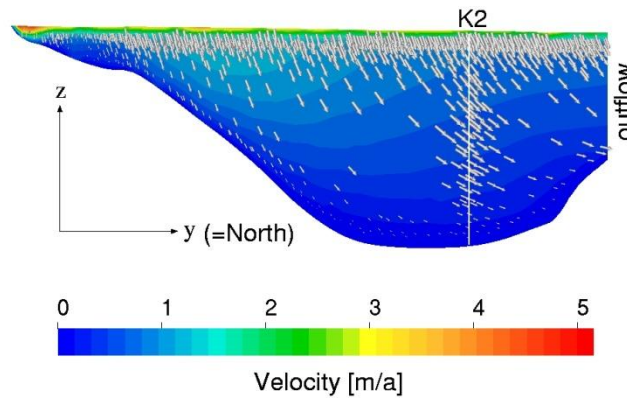
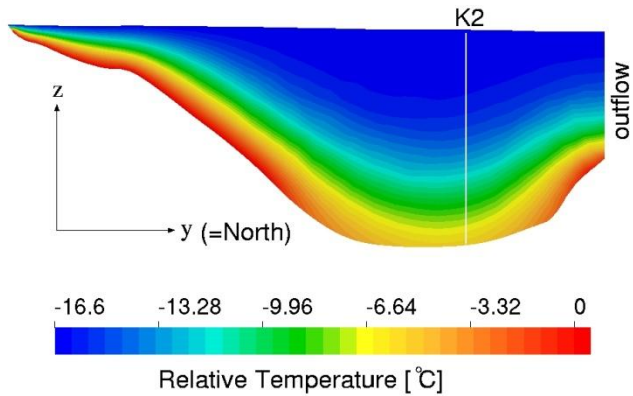
# Computational Hemodynamics

- Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of deaths in western countries
- Calcification reduces elasticity of arteries
- Modeling of blood flow poses a challenging case of fluid-structure-interaction
- Artificial compressibility is used to enhance the convergence of FSI coupling

E. Järvinen, P. Råback, M. Lyly, J. Salonius. *A method for partitioned fluid-structure interaction computation of flow in arteries. Medical Eng. & Physics*, **30** (2008), 917-923



# Glaciology: 3D Stokes of glaciers

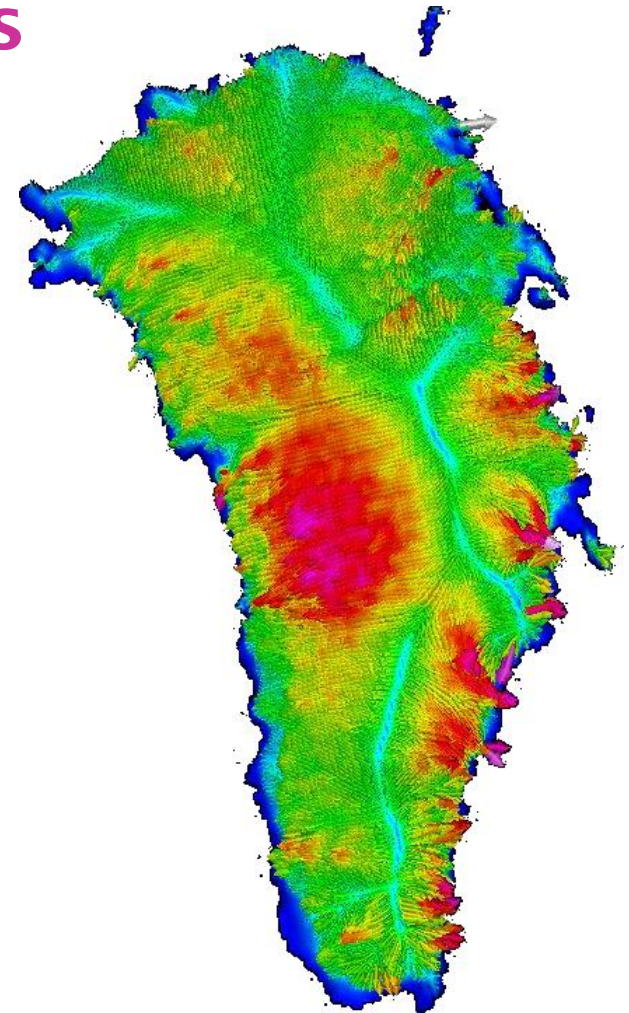


**A full Stokes-flow thermo-mechanical model for firn and ice applied to the Gorshkov crater glacier, Kamchatka**

Zwinger, Greve, Gagliardini, Shiraiwa and Lylly  
*Annals of Glaciology* 45 (2007)

# Glaciology: Grand challenges

- Elmer uses full Stokes equation to model the flow of ice
- Currently the mostly used tool in the area
  - British Antarctic Survey
  - University of Grenoble
  - University of Sapporo
- Simulations of continental ice sheets very demanding
- Global warming makes the simulations very important

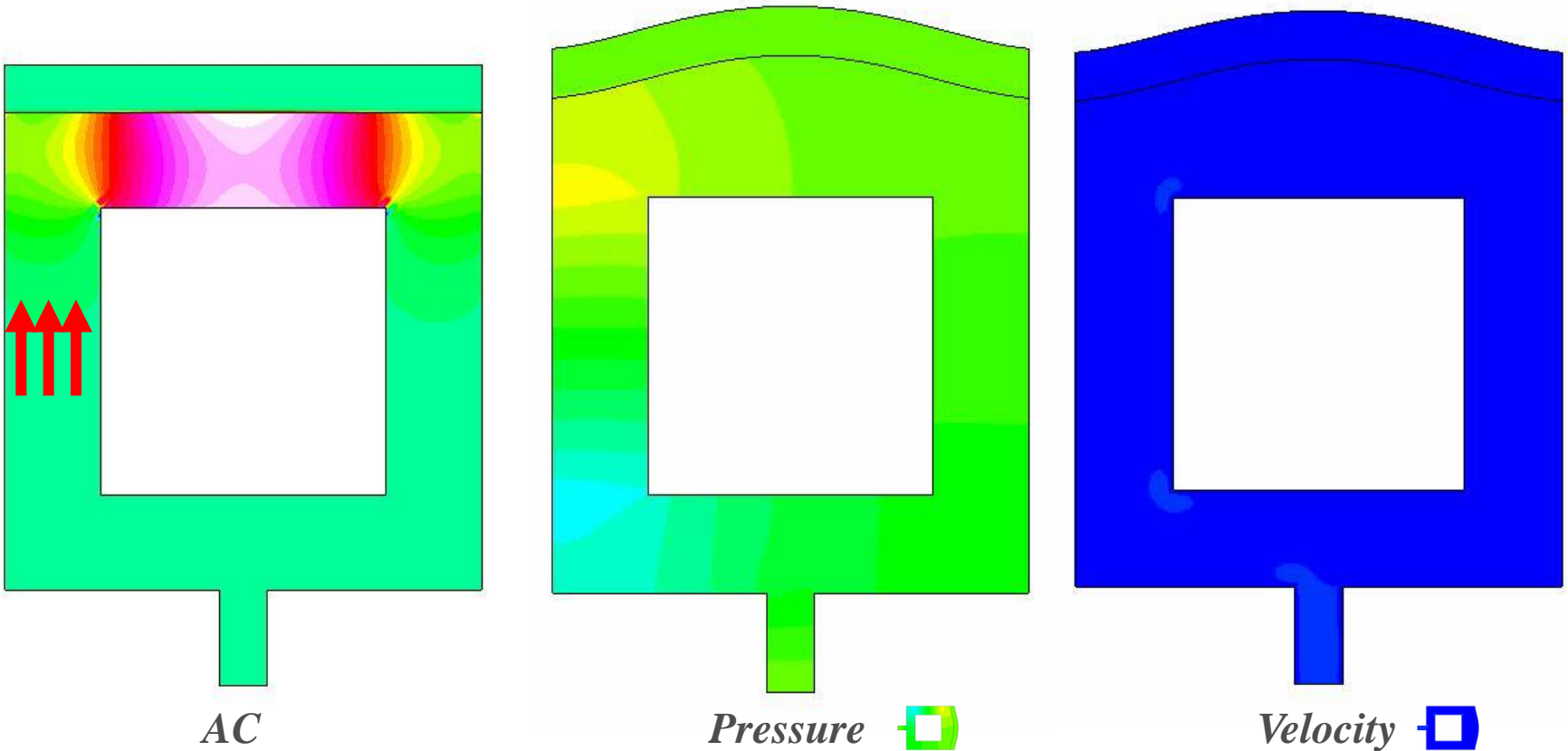


Simulation T. Zwinger, CSC



# FSI with artificial compressibility

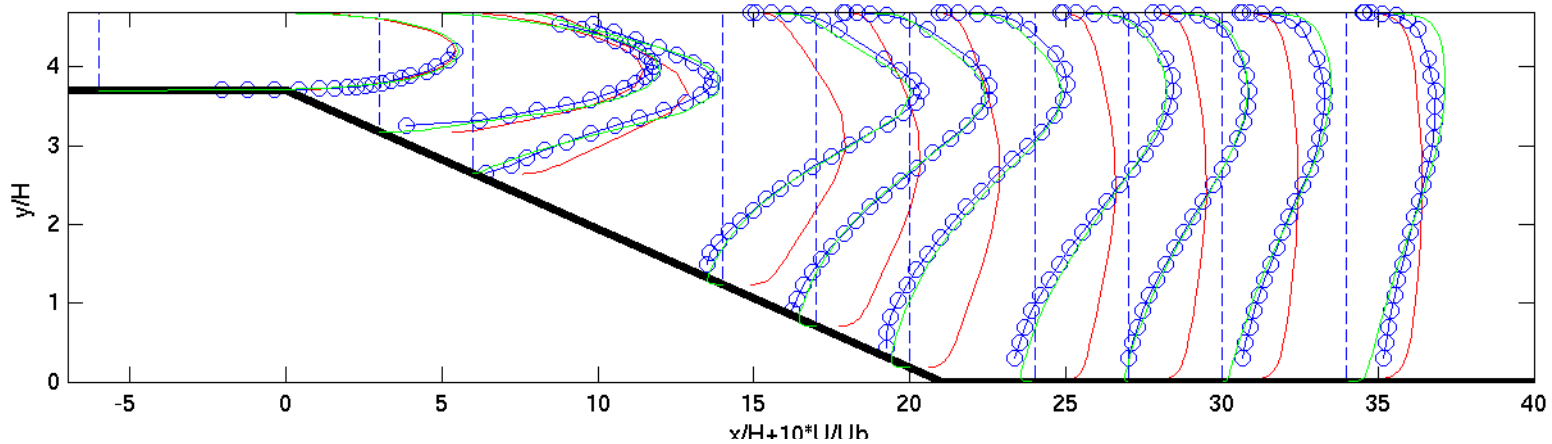
- Flow is initiated by a constant body force at the left channel
- Natural boundary condition is used to allow change in mass balance
- An optimal artificial compressibility field is used to speed up the convergence of loosely coupled FSI iteration



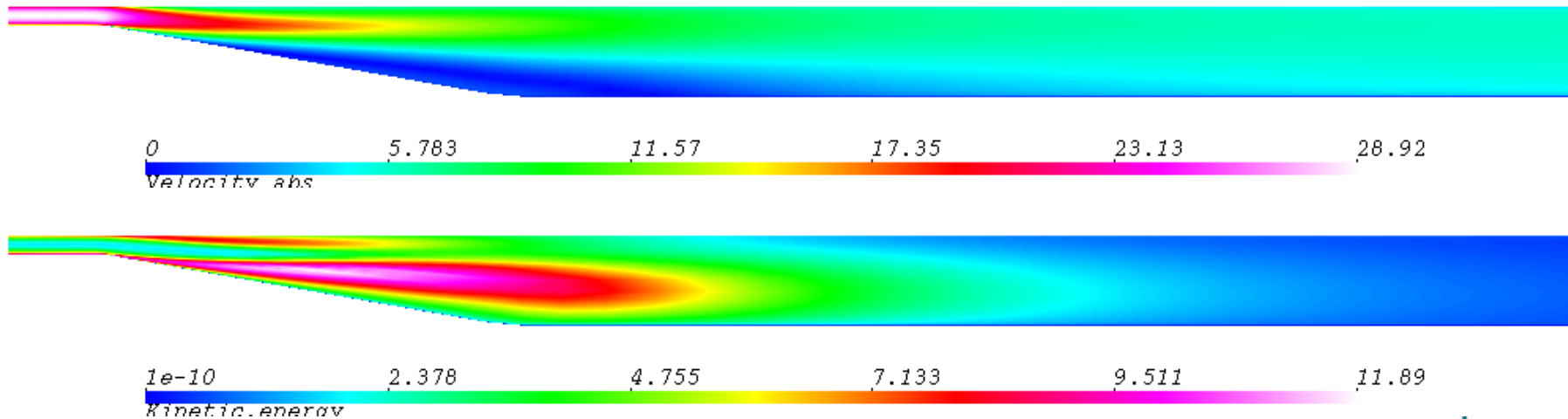
P. Råback, E. Järvinen, J. Ruokolainen, *Computing the Artificial Compressibility Field for Partitioned Fluid-Structure Interaction Simulations*, ECCOMAS 2008

# RANS turbulence modeling

Comparison of  $k-\varepsilon$  vs.  $v^2-f$ -turbulence models (red & green line)

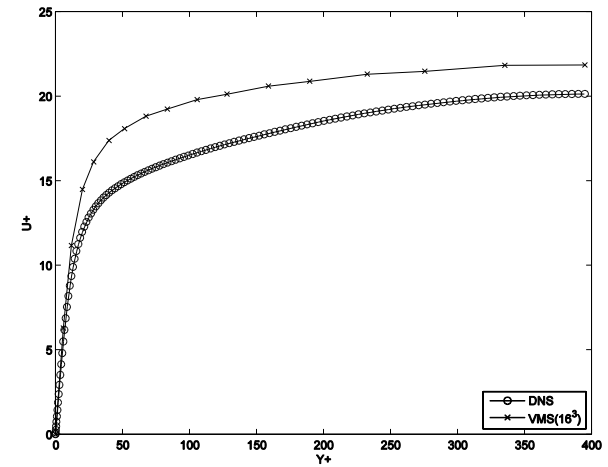


Simulation J. Ruokolainen, CSC

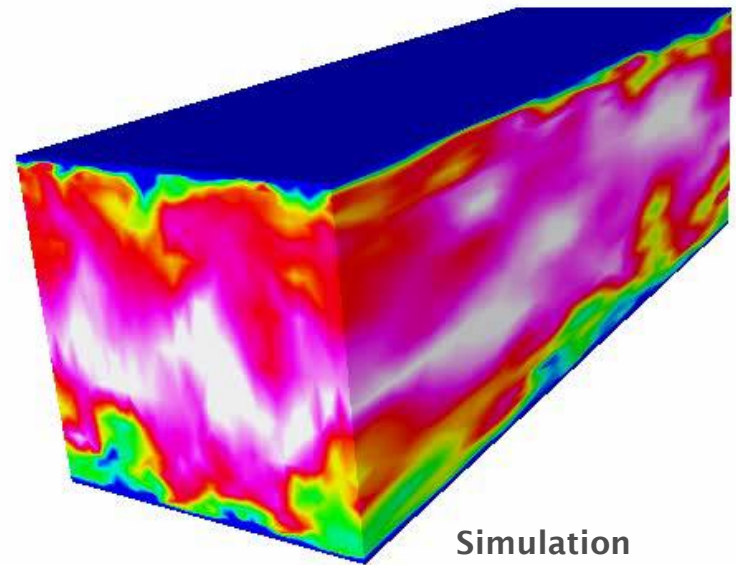


# VMS turbulence modeling

- Large eddy simulation (LES) provides the most accurate presentation of turbulence without the cost of DNS
- Requires transient simulation where physical quantities are averaged over a period of time
- Variational multiscale method (VMS) by Hughes et al. Is a variant of LES particularly suitable for FEM
- Interaction between fine (unresolved) and coarse (resolved) scales is estimated numerically
- No ad'hoc parameters



Plane flow with  $Re_\tau=395$



Simulation  
J. Ruokolainen, CSC

# VMS – Kelvin-Helmholtz instability

- Instability occurring between flow layers
- Animation shows the development of the instability
- Computations carried out with the VMS model of Elmer
- Animation with two interfaces:



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# VMS – Rayleigh-Benard convection

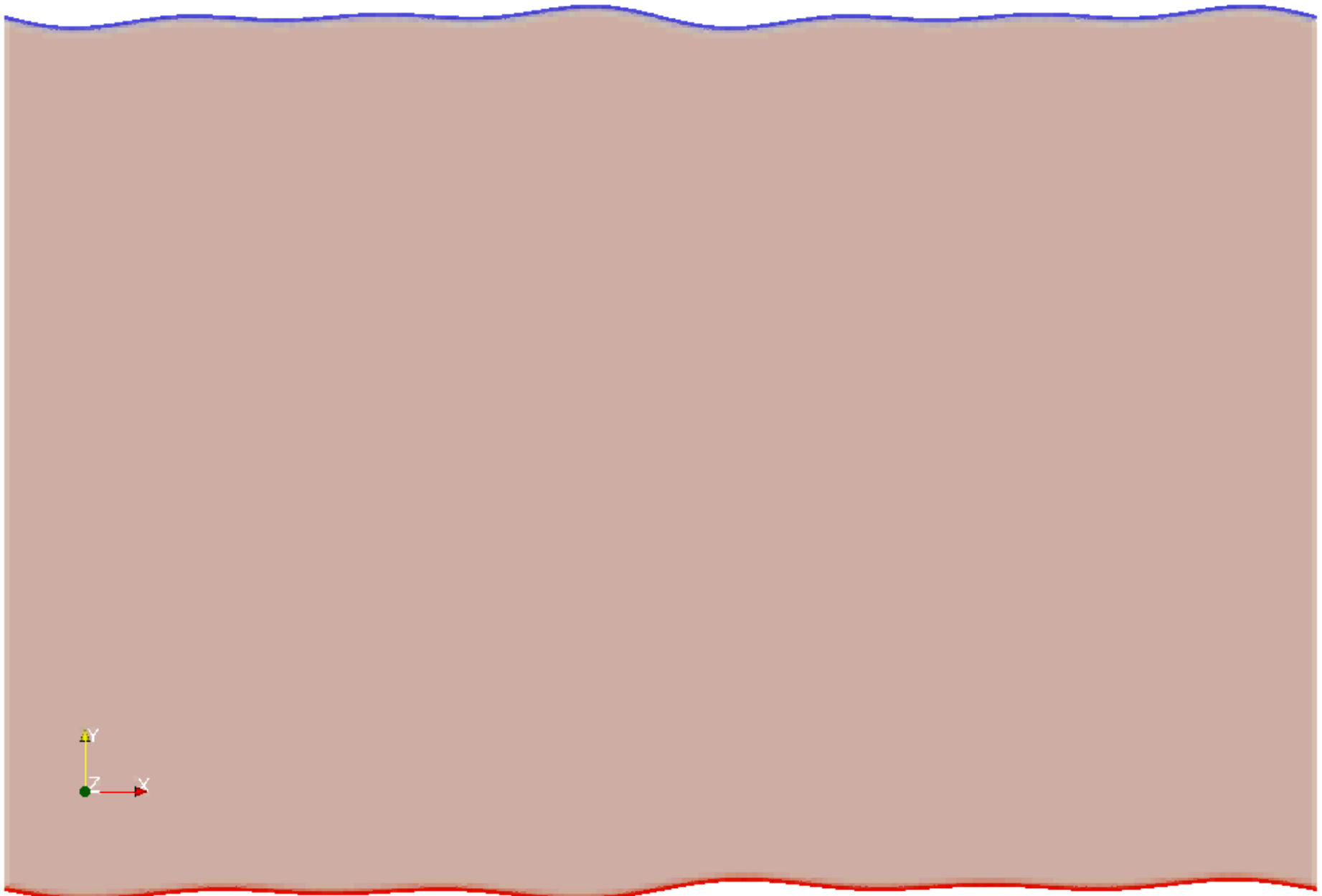
- Instability initiated by a temperature difference
- Number of convection rolls is defined by the Rayleigh number
- With high enough Rayleigh numbers the flow is fully chaotic



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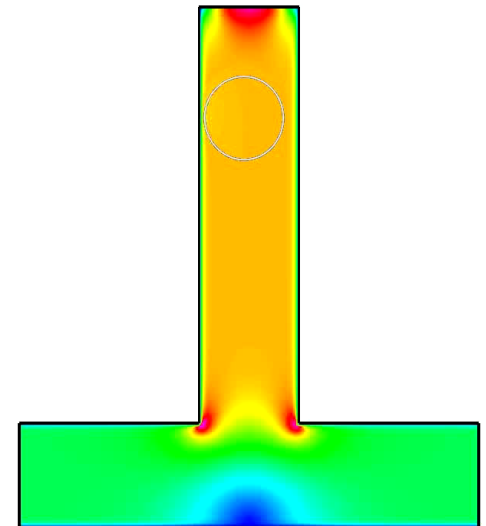
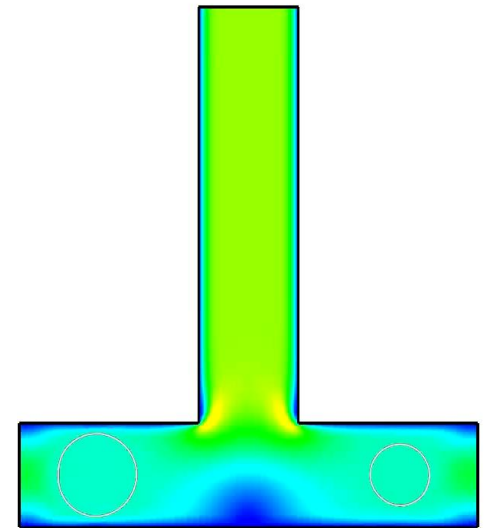
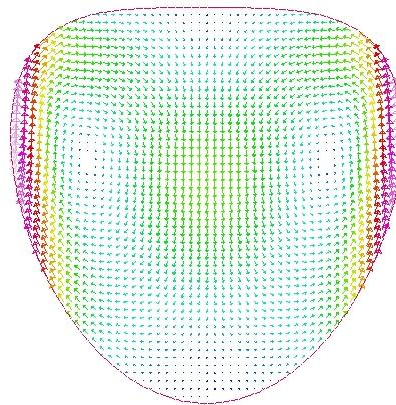
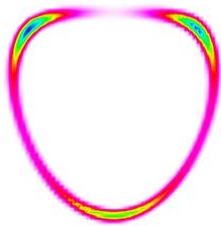
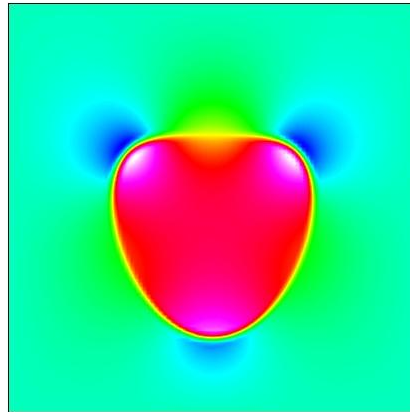
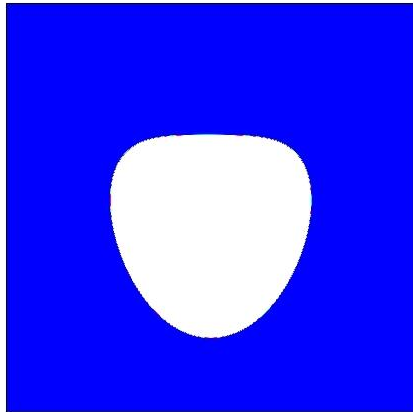


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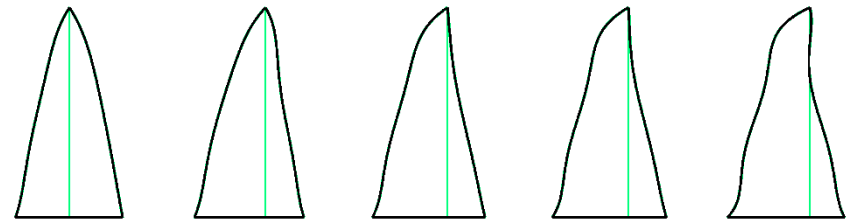
# Levelset method

- 2D levelset of a falling bubble

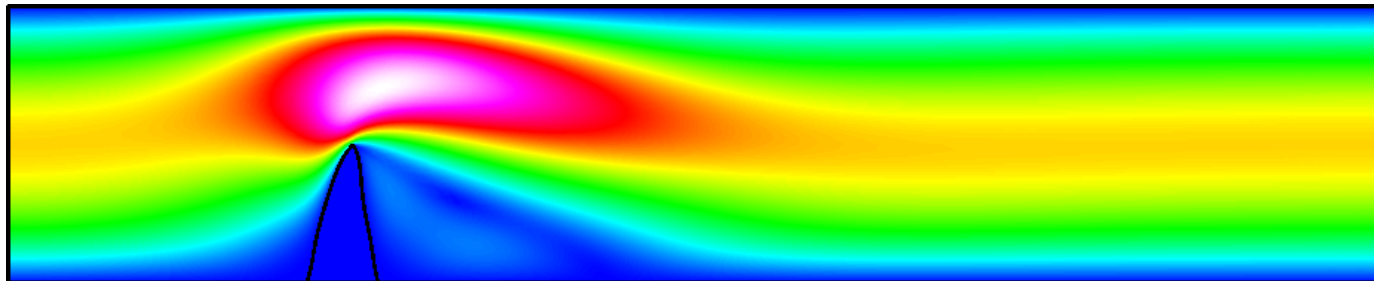


# Optimization in FSI

- Elmer includes some tools that help in the solution of optimization problems
- Profile of the beam is optimized so that the beam bends as little as possible under flow forces



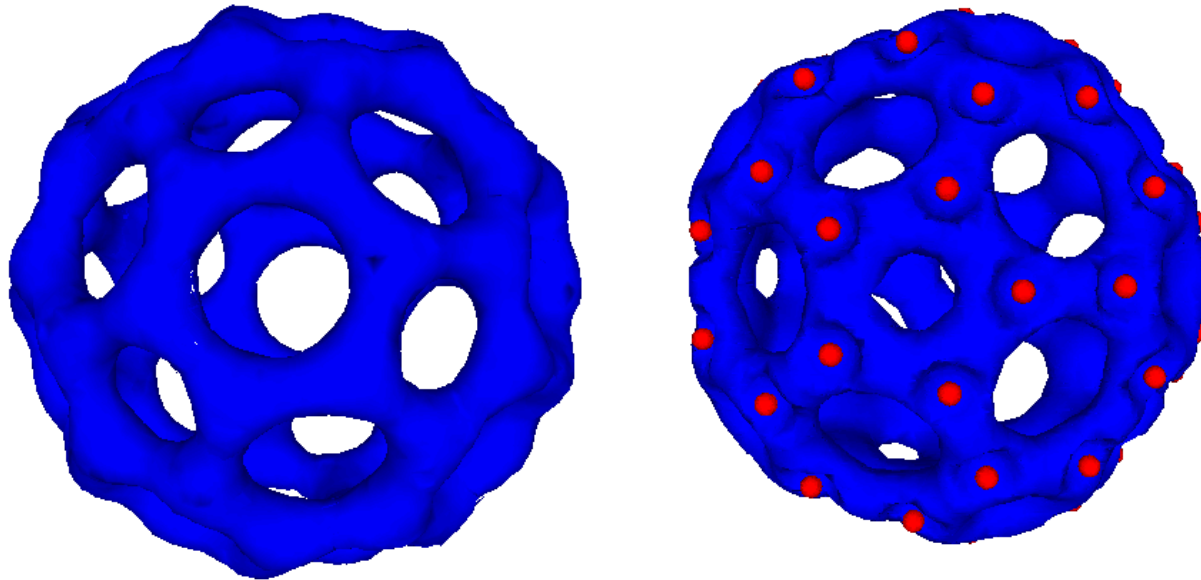
Optimized profiles for  $Re=\{0,10,50,100,200\}$



Pressure and velocity distribution with  $Re=10$

# Quantum Mechanics

- Finite element method is used to solve the Kohn-Sham equations of density functional theory (DFT)
- Charge density and wave function of the 61st eigenmode of fullerene C60
- All electron computations using 300 000 quadratic tets and 400 000 dofs



Simulation Mikko Lyly, CSC

# Most important Elmer resources

- <http://www.csc.fi/elmer>
  - Official Homepage of Elmer
  - Overview, examples, compilation, ...
  - pointers to other sources of information
- <http://sourceforge.net/projects/elmerfem/>
  - Version control system: svn
  - Binaries
- [www.elmerfem.org](http://www.elmerfem.org)
  - Discussion forum & wiki
- [Mikko.Lyly@csc.fi](mailto:Mikko.Lyly@csc.fi) & [Peter.Raback@csc.fi](mailto:Peter.Raback@csc.fi)
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