

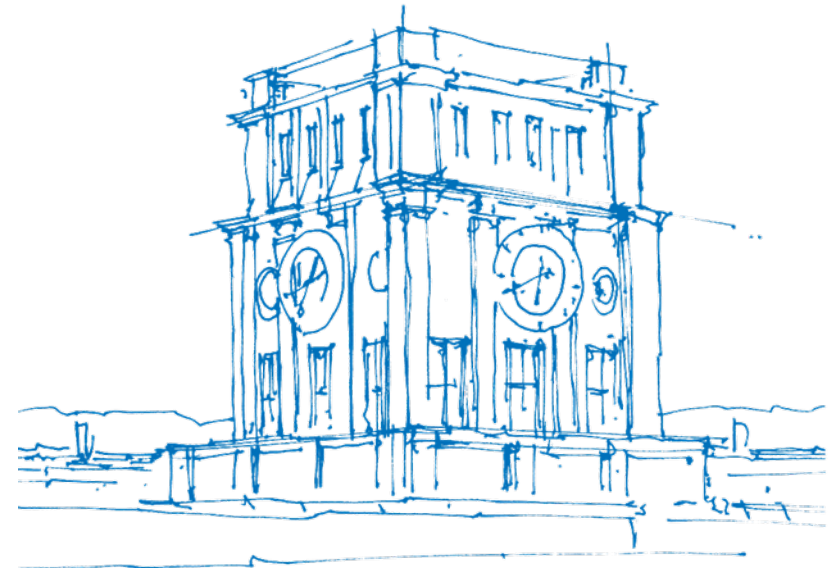
Coupling OpenFOAM to different solvers, physics, models, and dimensions using preCICE

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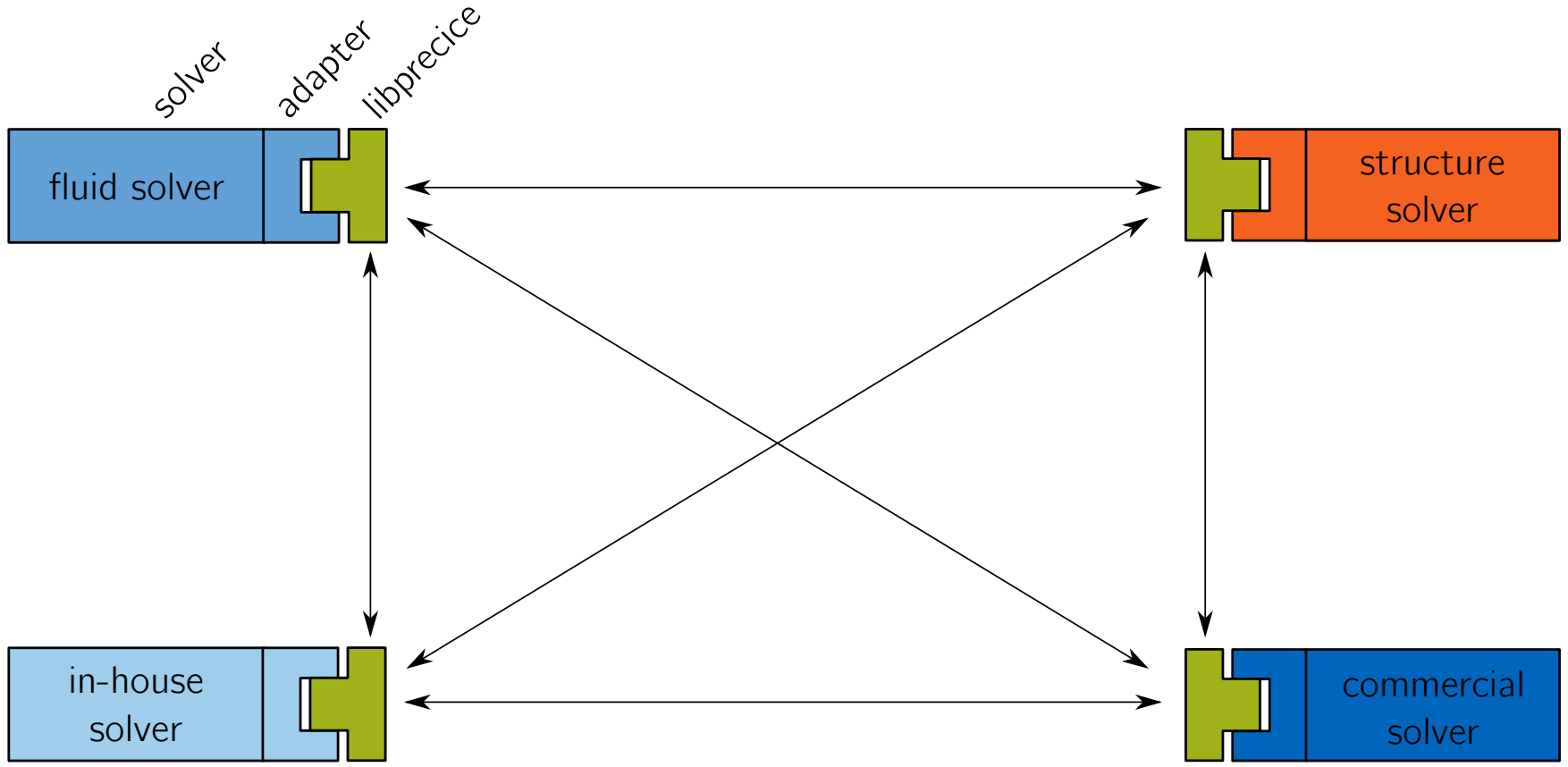
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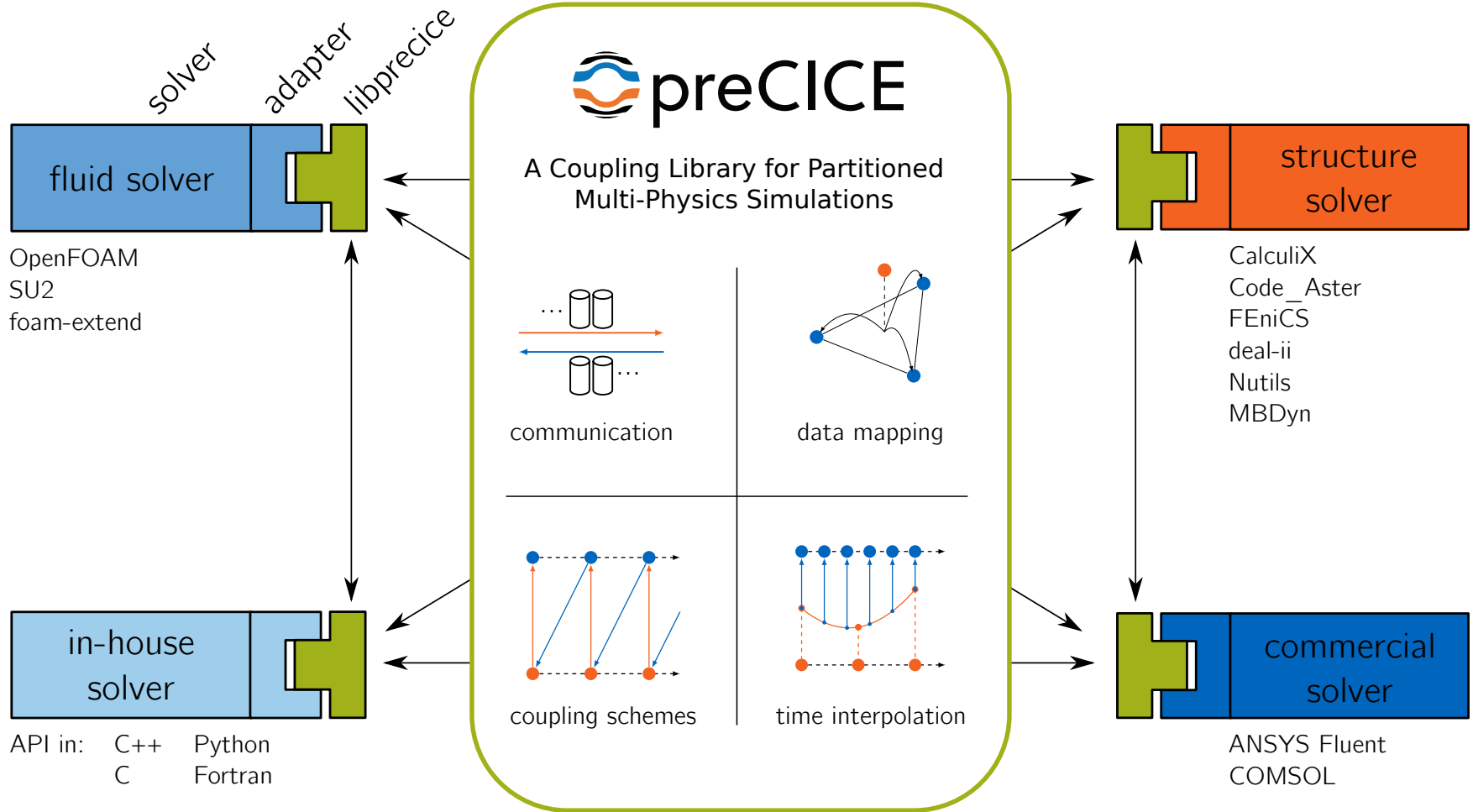
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What is an adapter?

Adapted standard solver (example: CalculiX, SU2)

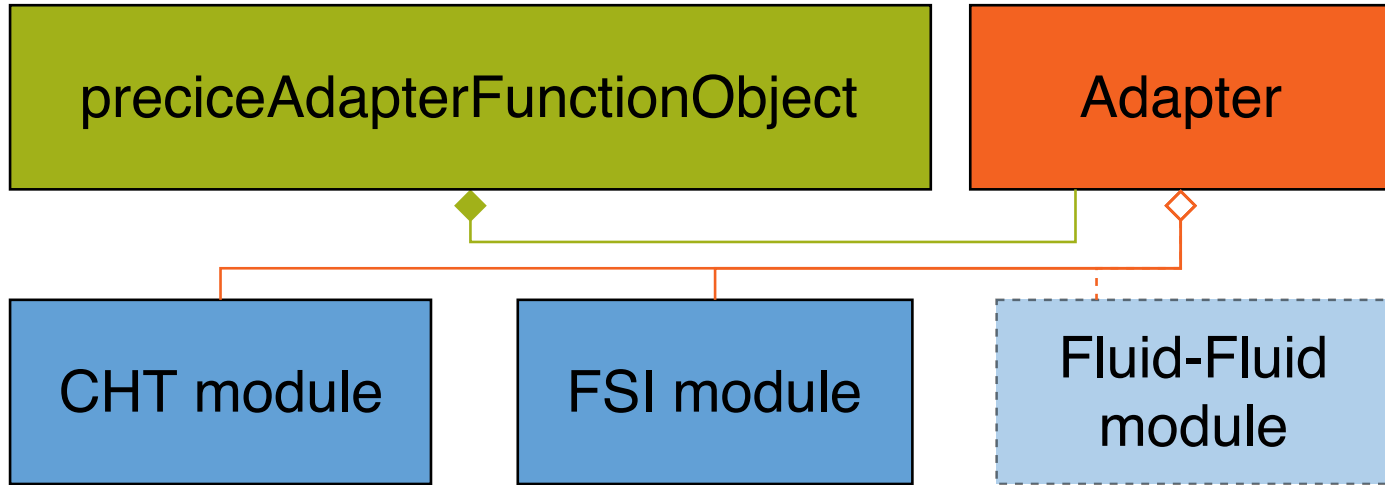
```
int main()
{
    /* Start the solver */

    while (runTime.run())
    {
        solve_equations();

        // Additional lines:
        precice.writeBlockVectorData( U );
        precice.advance();
        precice.readBlockScalarData( grad_p );
    }
}
```

OpenFOAM adapter: **plug-in**
(function object)

One adapter, multiple physics

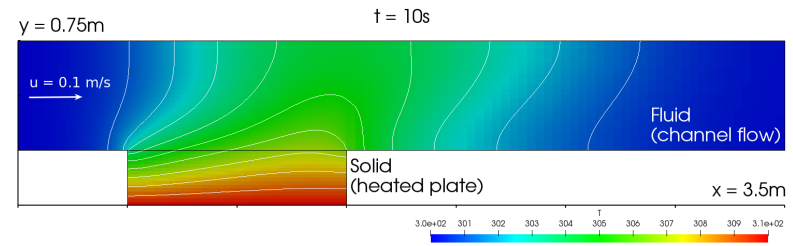


Conjugate heat transfer

Tutorials on www.precice.org/resources (step-by-step):

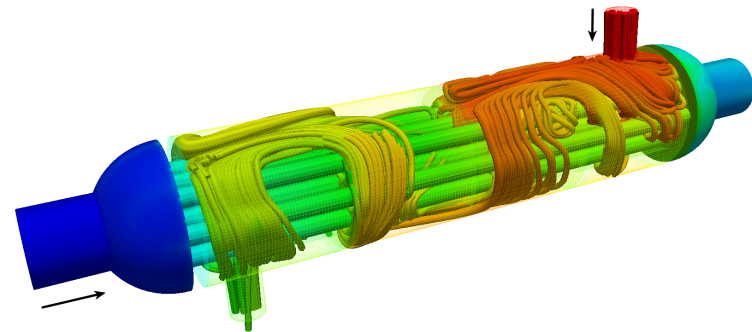
Flow above a heated plate

- Demo case, bundled with the adapter
- buoyantPimpleFoam + laplacianFoam
- Also: buoyantPimpleFoam + FEniCS
- Learn how to use the OpenFOAM adapter



Shell-and-Tube Heat Exchanger

- Larger case, in `precice/tutorials`
- buoyantSimpleFoam (x2) + CalculiX
- Learn how to do multi-coupling

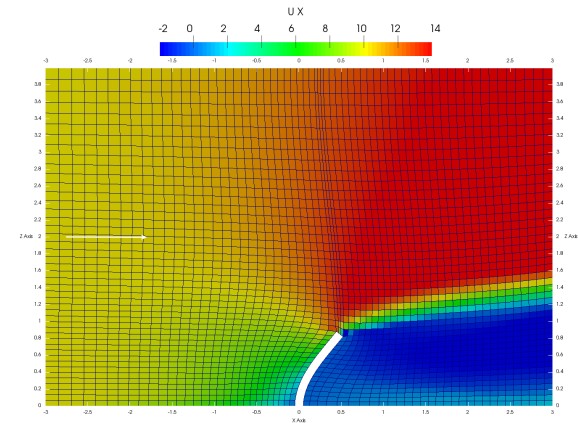


Fluid-structure interaction

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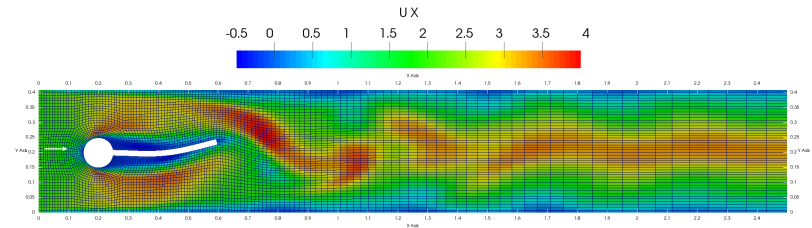
Flow in a channel with a perpendicular flap

- Quick simulation to get started
- Variant 1: pimpleFoam + CalculiX (non-linear)
- Variant 2: pimpleFoam + deal.II (linear)



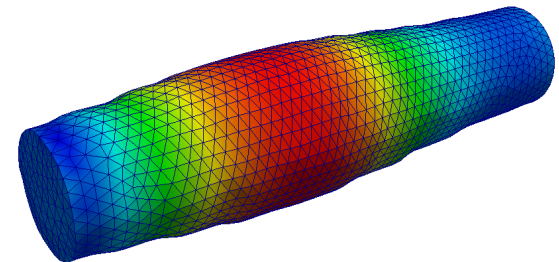
Turek & Hron cylinder + flap

- Larger case
- pimpleFoam + CalculiX (non-linear)
- Soon: pimpleFoam + FEniCS (non-linear)



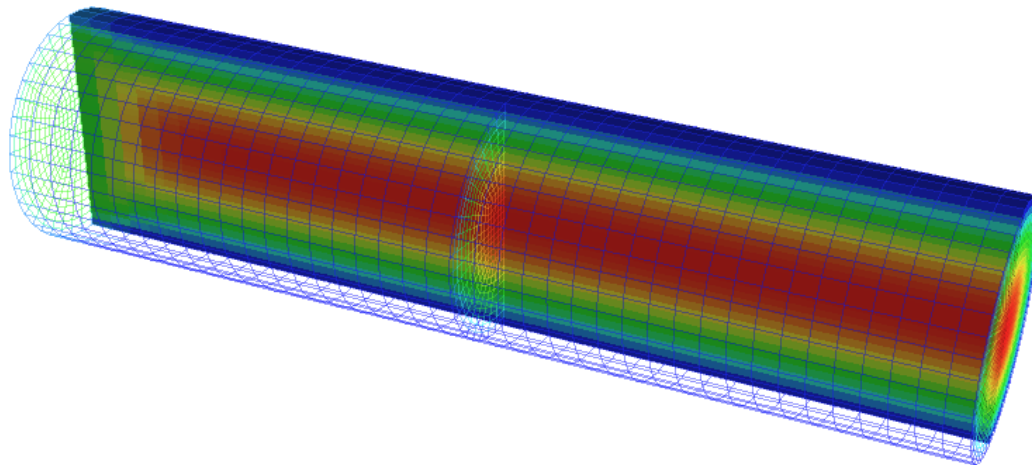
Flexible 3D tube

- Nearest-projection mapping
- pimpleFoam + CalculiX (non-linear)



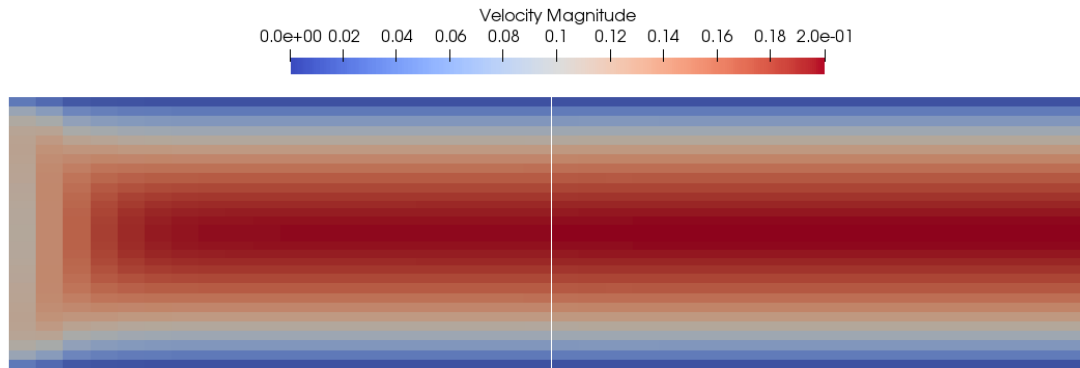
Fluid-fluid coupling

- Experimental (branch FF)
- Currently supports:
 - Velocity
 - Pressure
 - Velocity gradient
 - Pressure gradient
- Both incompressible and compressible
- No exchange of turbulence/multiphase fields



Fluid-fluid coupling: validation

- Pipe-pipe coupling (pimpleFoam)
- Implicit, bi-directional coupling
- z-axis symmetry, 40 m long, 10 m wide
- $v = 10 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, $\rho = 1 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$



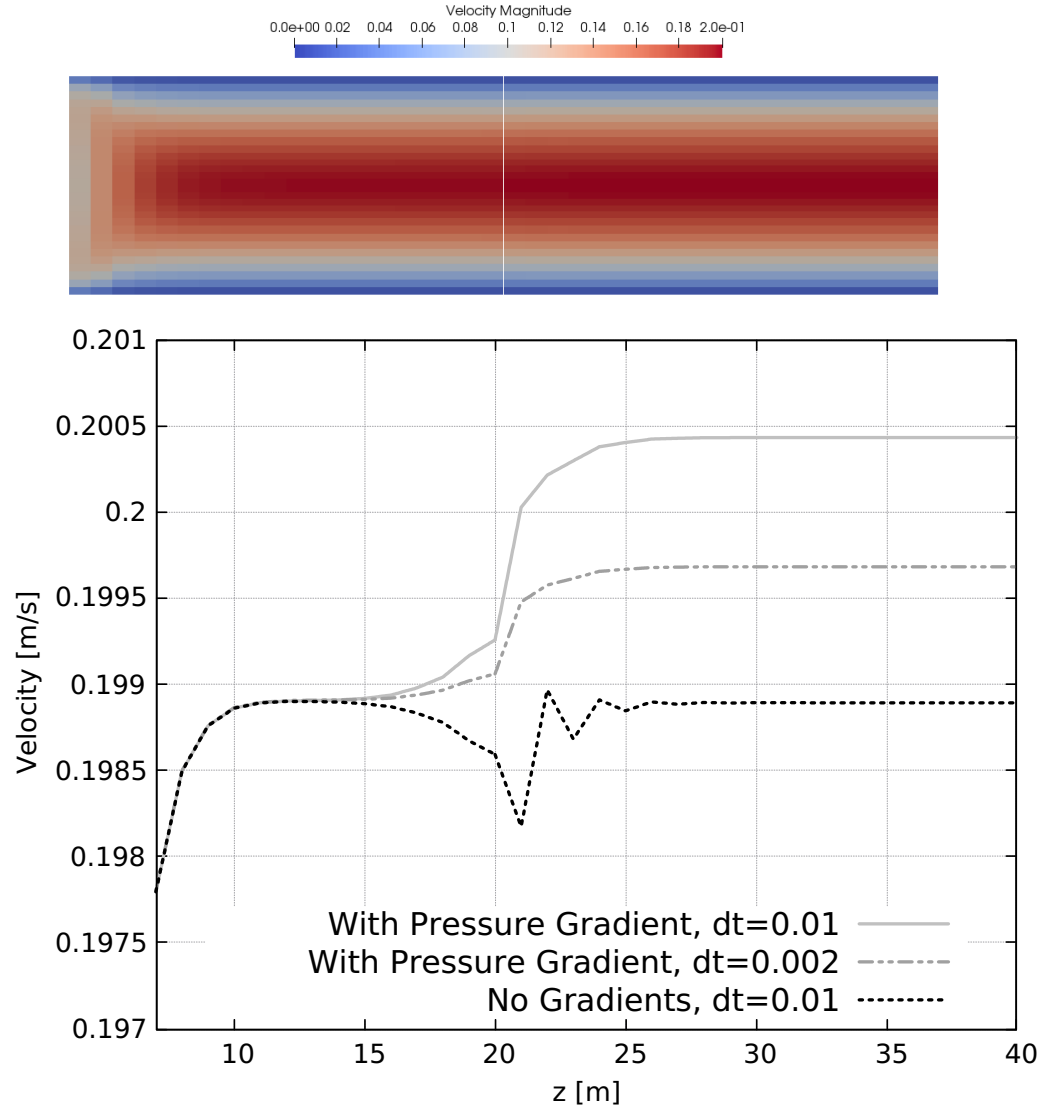
Left pipe:

- Inlet: $U = 0.1 \text{ m}/\text{s}$, $\nabla p = 0$
- Outlet: $\nabla U = 0$, $p = 0$ (coupled)
- Writes: velocity [, pressure gradient]
- Reads: pressure

Right pipe:

- Inlet: $U = 0$, $\nabla p = 0$ (coupled)
- Outlet: $\nabla U = 0$, $p = 0$
- Writes: pressure
- Reads: velocity [, pressure gradient]

Fluid-fluid coupling: looking closer



Reading & writing pressure values

```
p->boundaryFieldRef()[patchID][i]  
=  
buffer[bufferIndex++];
```

```
buffer[bufferIndex++]  
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p->boundaryFieldRef()[patchID][i];
```

Reading & writing pressure gradients

```

scalarField & gradientPatch
=
refCast<fixedGradientFvPatchScalarField>
(
    p->boundaryFieldRef()[patchID]
).gradient();

```

```

forAll(gradientPatch, i)
{
    gradientPatch[i]
    =
    buffer[bufferIndex++];
}

```

```

scalarField gradientPatch
=
refCast<fixedValueFvPatchScalarField>
(
    p->boundaryFieldRef()[patchID]
).snGrad();

```

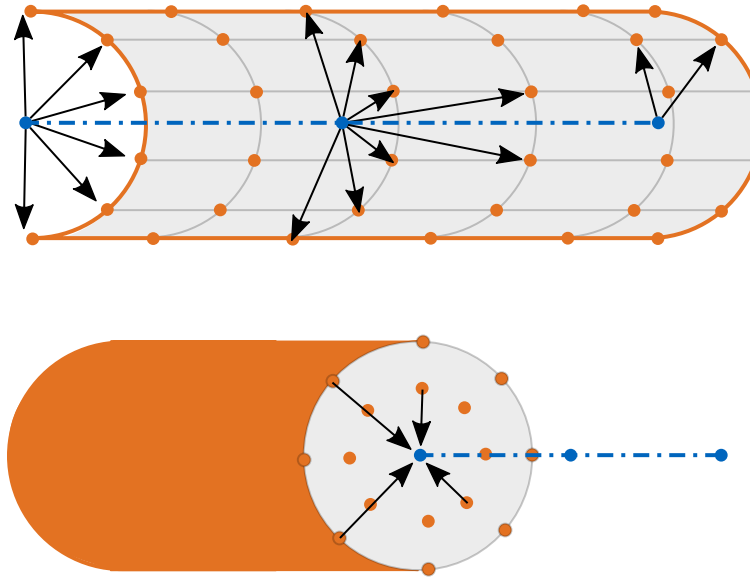
```

forAll(gradientPatch, i)
{
    buffer[bufferIndex++]
    =
    -gradientPatch[i];
}

```

Can you spot the bug? (if any here)

3D-1D mapping: terminology



$\{\text{axial, radial}\} \times \{\text{collect, spread}\} \times \{\text{consistent, conservative}\} = 8 \text{ combinations}$

axial-spread-consistent: $v_i^{3D} = v^{1D} \quad \forall i = 1 \dots n$

axial-collect-consistent: $v^{1D} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i^{3D}$

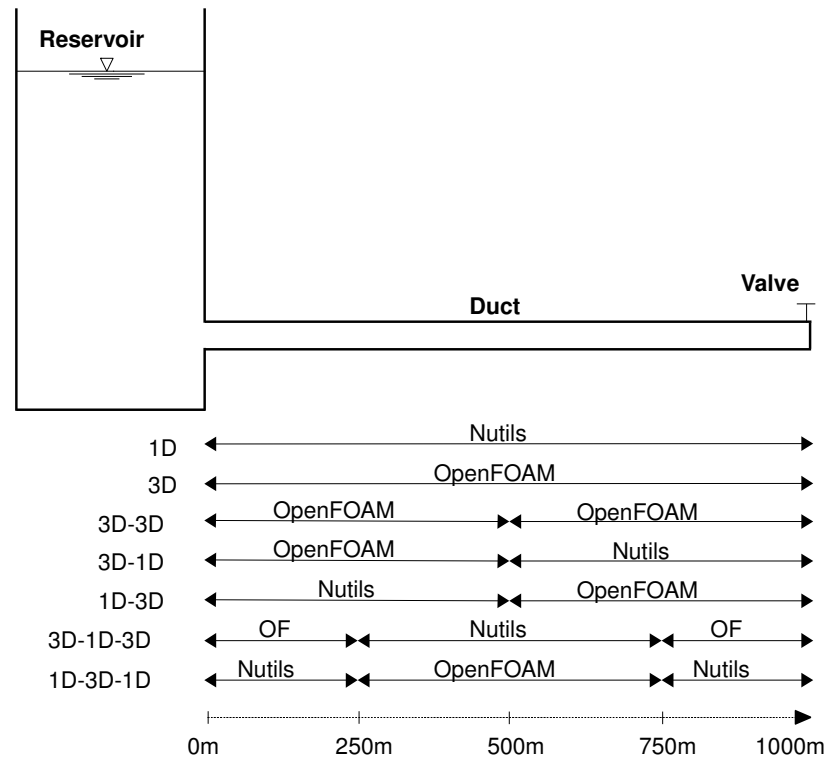
3D-1D: prototype in preCICE

```
<participant name="3D-Solver"> <!-- e.g. OpenFOAM -->
  <write-data name="Velocity" mesh="3D-Mesh"/>
  <read-data name="Pressure" mesh="3D-Mesh"/>

  <mapping:axial-geometric-multiscale
    type="spread" from="1D-Mesh" to="3D-Mesh" direction="read" constraint="consistent"/>
  <mapping:axial-geometric-multiscale
    type="collect" from="3D-Mesh" to="1D-Mesh" direction="write" constraint="consistent"/>
</participant>
```

Important: solvers themselves do not know whether they are coupled to a 1D or 3D partner!

3D-1D: validation setup

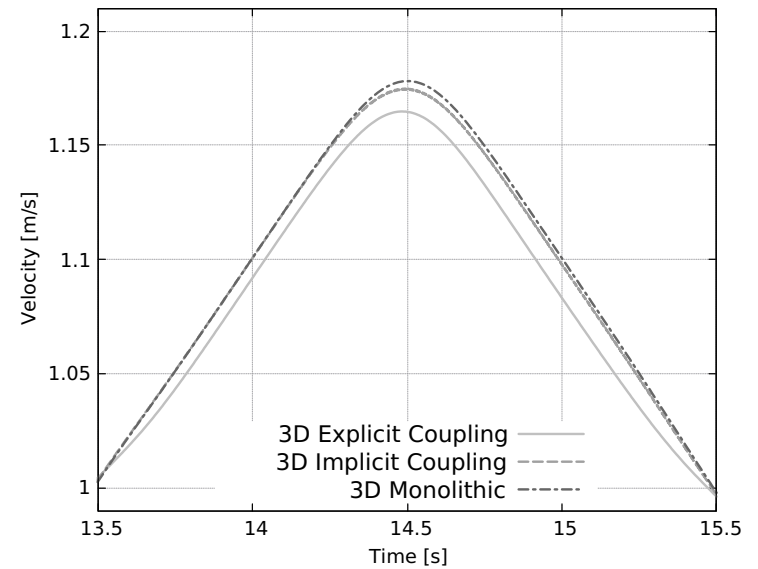
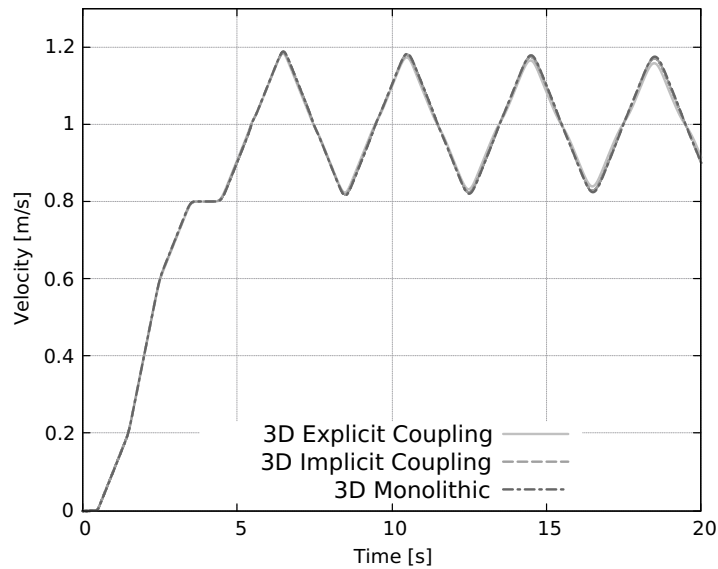
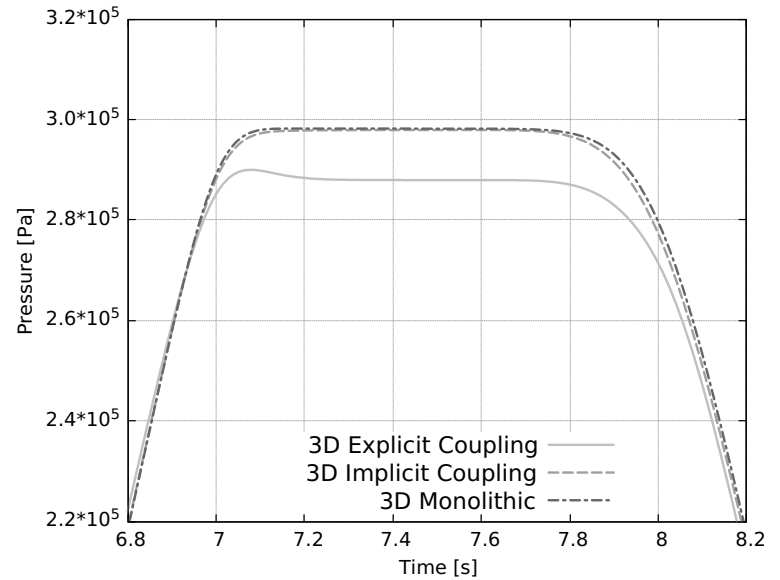
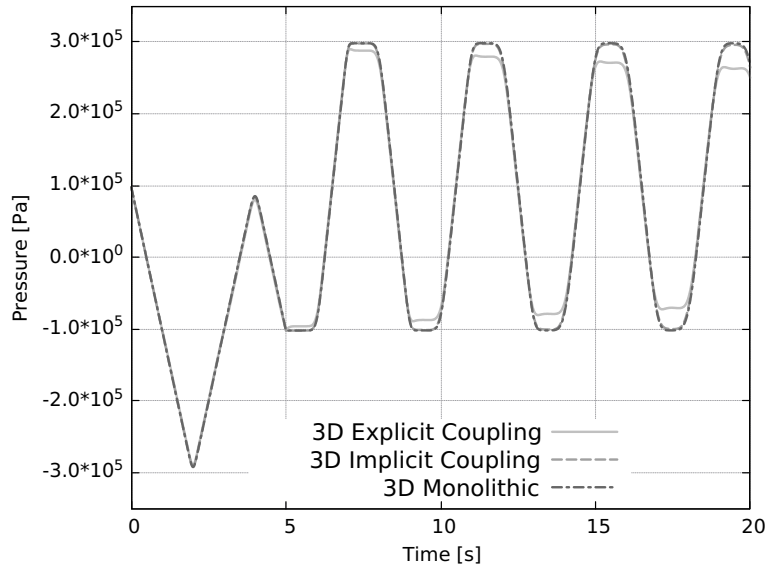


A reservoir-duct-valve system. A similar figure is already used by Wang et al.¹

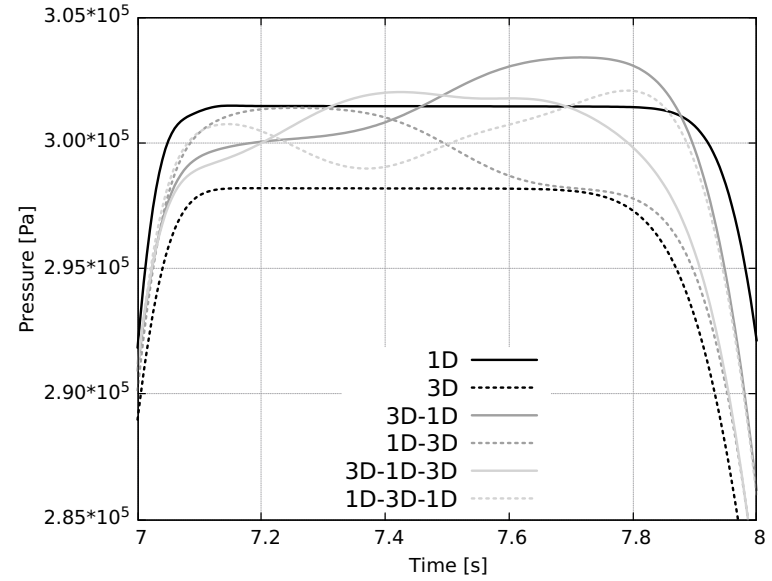
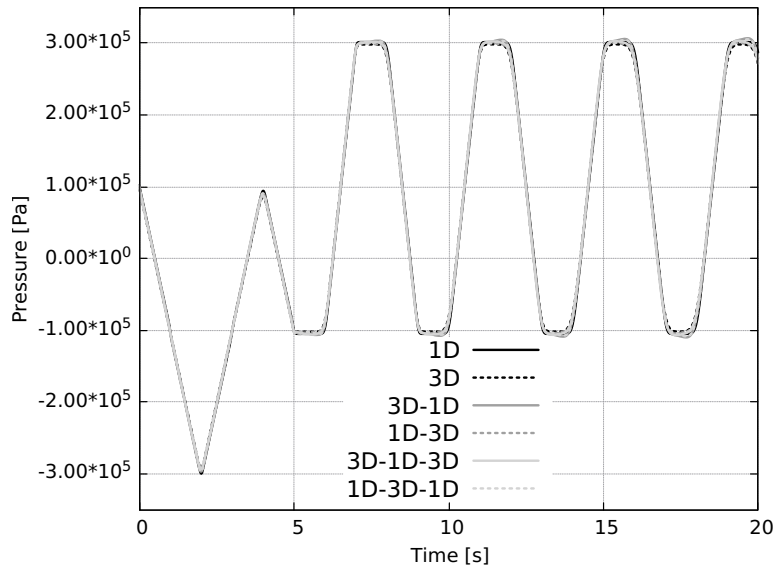
- barotropic, laminar, compressible fluid (sonicLiquidFoam)
- constant pressure at inlet of tube (infinite reservoir)
- increasing outlet velocity (opening valve)

¹C. Wang, H. Nilsson, J. Yang and O. Petit 1D-3D coupling for hydraulic system transient simulations. Computer Physics Communications, 210:1–9, 2017.

3D-3D: Explicit vs implicit coupling



3D-1D-3D: comparison of setups



Further functionality

- Modifying the time step size
- Storing checkpoints (complete state & time)
- Restoring checkpoints (complete state & time)
- FSI: Moving the mesh

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Preview of doughnuts that will be served in the preCICE Workshop 2020 (February 17-18, Munich).

Backup: fvSchemes

```
gradSchemes
```

```
{  
    default          Gauss linear;  
}
```

```
snGradSchemes
```

```
{  
    default          corrected;  
}
```