



HPC SIMULATION AT EDF ENABLING ENERGY CHALLENGES

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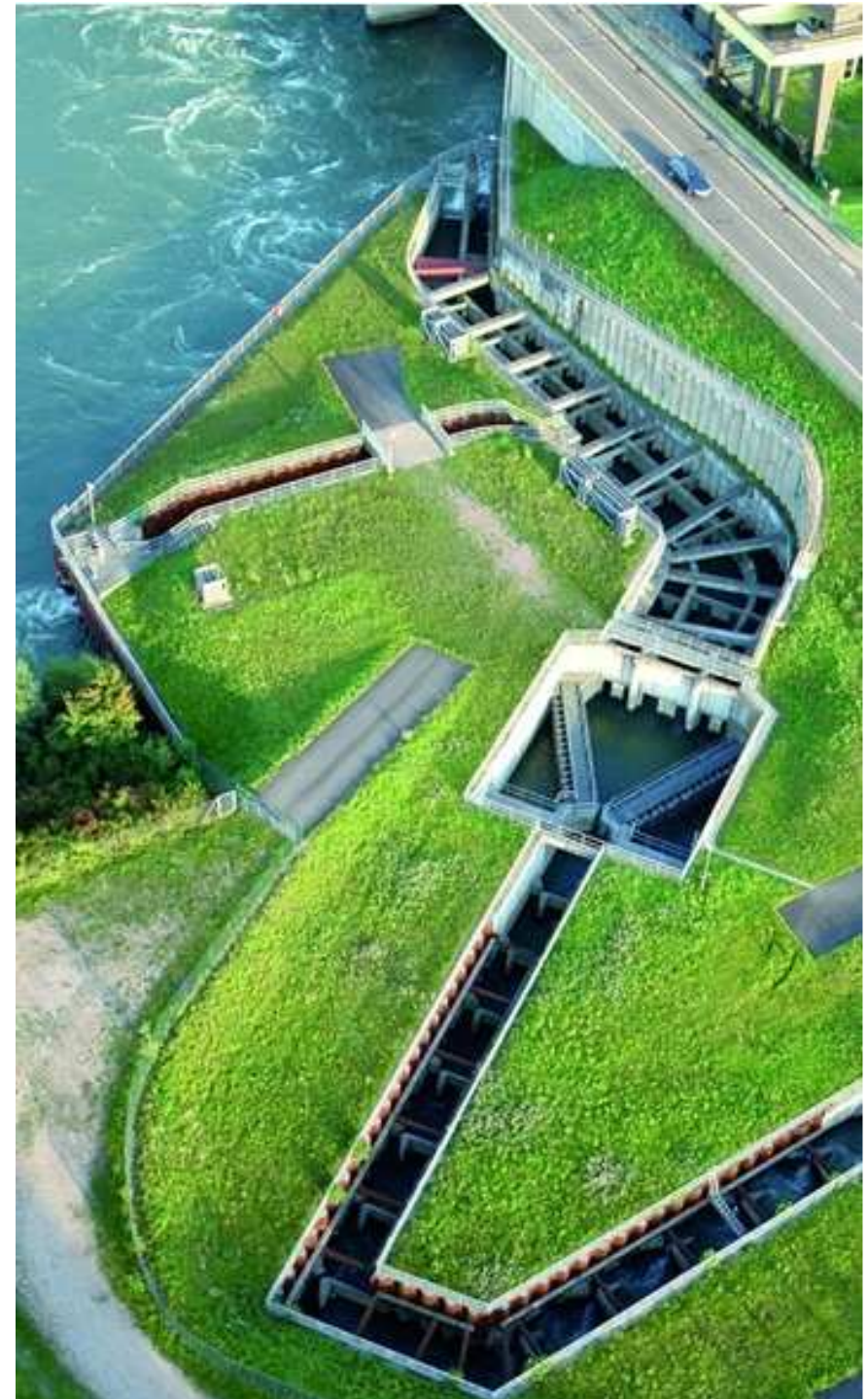
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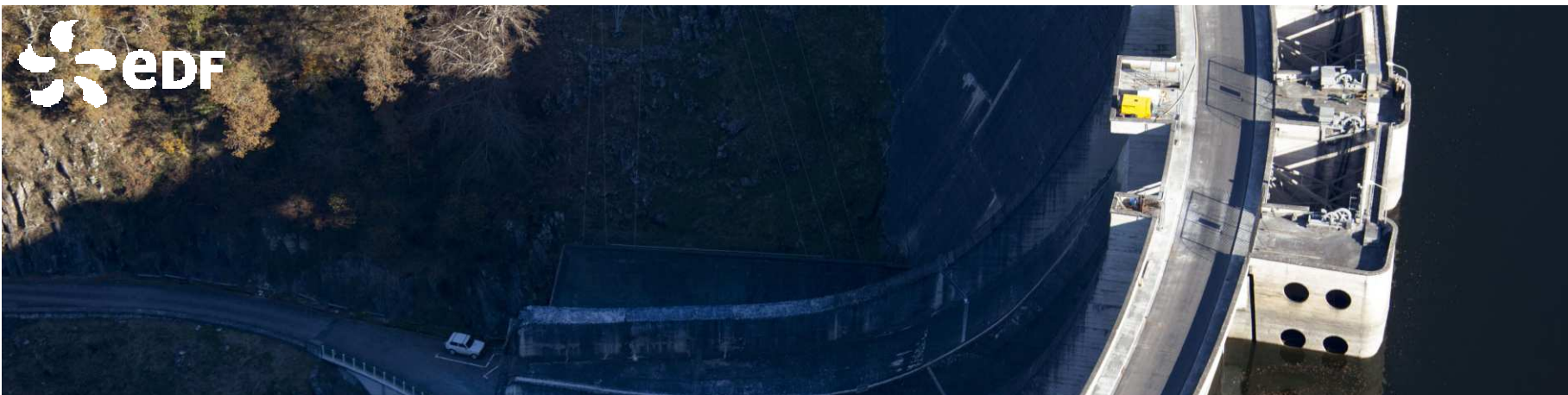
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ABOUT US

A global leader in electricity

- + Covering the entire business chain:
- + generation (from nuclear to renewables)
- + networks, sales & marketing, trading
- + Expanding in the gas chain, trading and energy services

An international group

- + rooted in Europe and committed for the long term
- + to partnerships and cooperation agreements
- + in high-growth countries

A responsible group

- + A Code of Ethics for the entire group
- + 11 commitments as a responsible industrial firm, employer and partner

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A GLOBAL LEADER IN ELECTRICITY

€75.6

billion in sales

39.1

million customers

158,467

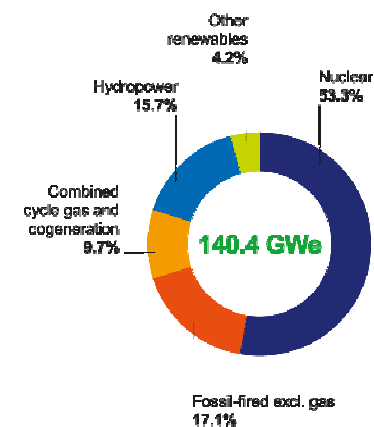
employees worldwide

85.1%

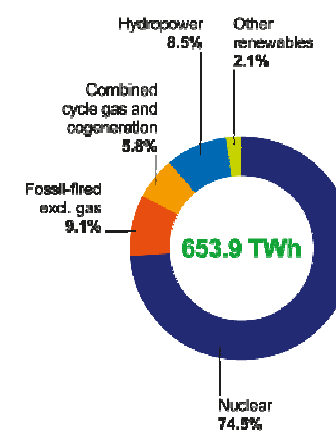
generation without CO₂



INSTALLED CAPACITY



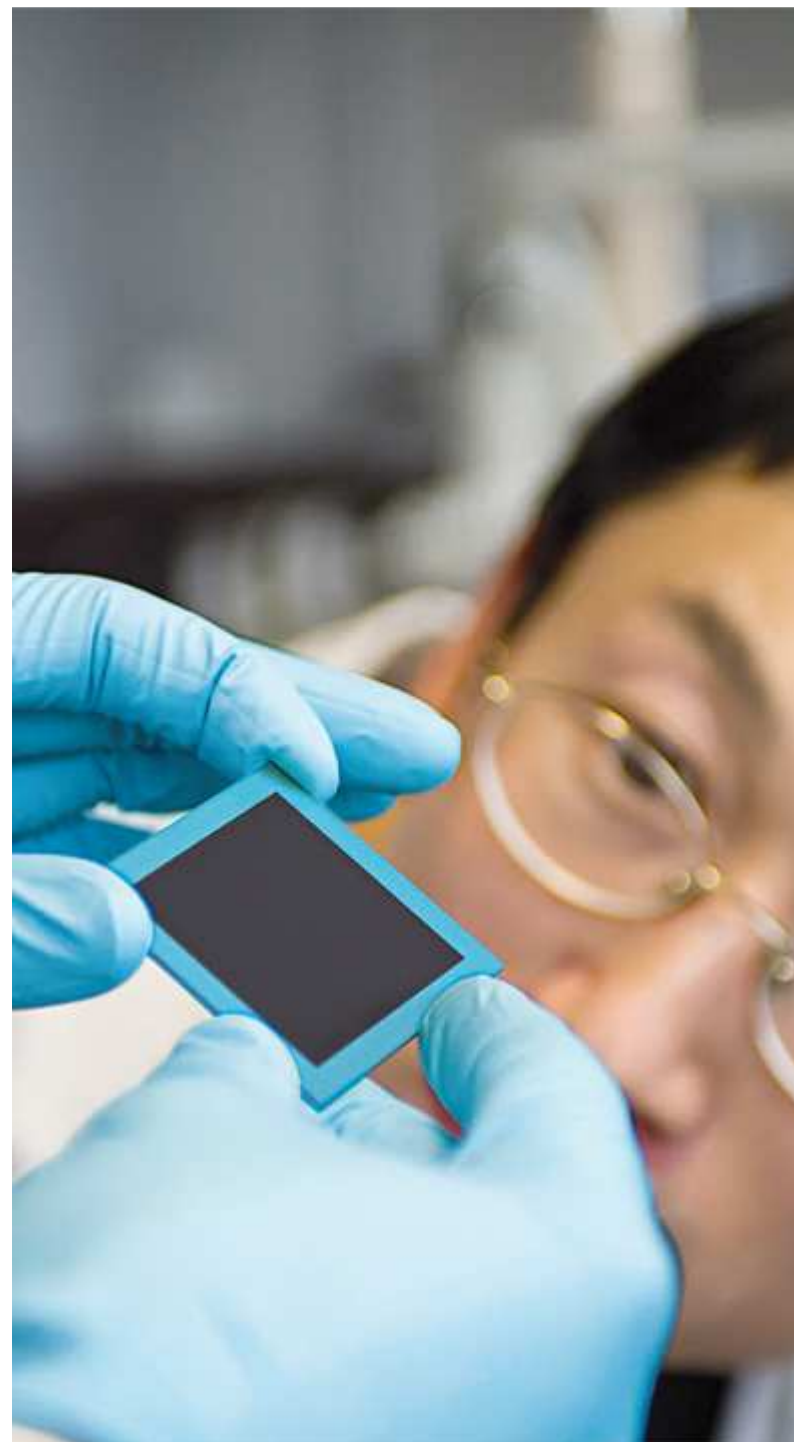
GENERATION





RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

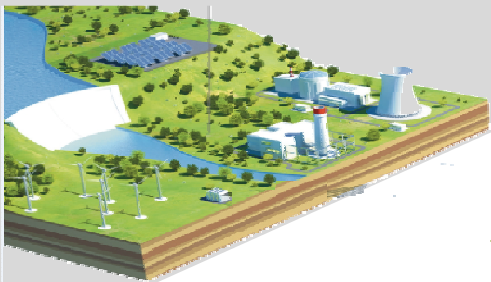
PERFORMANCE
INNOVATION
ENVIRONMENT



PRIORITIES FOR INNOVATING IN ELECTRICITY

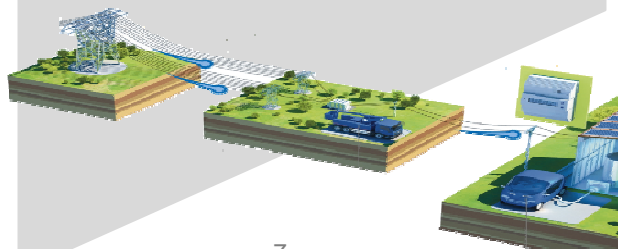
To consolidate and develop a competitive and low-carbon production mix

- To consolidate the group's nuclear asset and prepare its future
- To contribute to the success of renewable energy projects and prepare tomorrow's technologies
- To control and anticipate environmental impacts



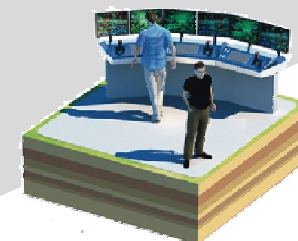
To prepare the electrical systems of tomorrow

- To optimize the lifespan of network infrastructures
- To contribute to the success of smart meter projects
- To develop the advanced management tools of electrical systems
- To anticipate the increase in the intermittent production connected to the network
- To design territorial energy solutions and integrate them into the global system

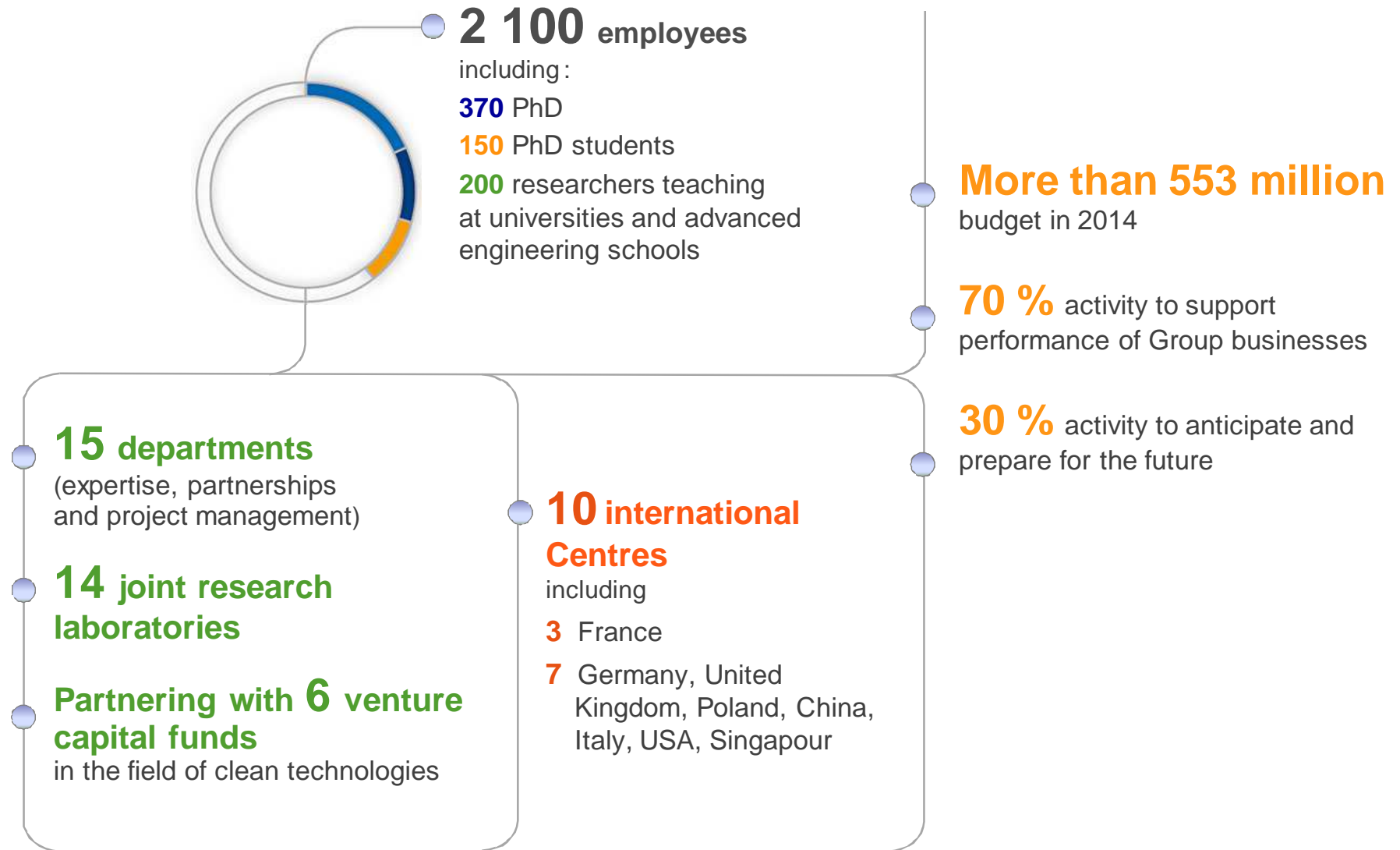


To develop and try out new energy services for customers

- To improve knowledge of customers starting from data to create new offers
- To promote new electricity uses
- To develop the services of energy efficiency
- To develop offers for cities and territories



R&D: KEY FIGURES



R&D PARTNERS

A co-development and expertise sharing approach

AMERICA

CANADA



UNITED STATES



BRAZIL



- International academic support
- Major international partners
- Common Laboratories & Institutes
- National research organisms

OTHERS TYPES OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

- **European projects**
- **KIC (Knowledge and Innovation Communities)** :
Climate, Inno Energy
- **European Industrial Associations** :
Nugénia, EASE, E2BA, SEDC, ETI
- **European Technology Platforms & European Industrial Initiatives** :
CO2 emission, Smart Grids, Nuclear, Industrial Safety, Construction, Wind
- **Energy European Research Alliance**

EUROPE

	POLAND	FRANCE	UNITED-KINGDOM
 GERMANY Fraunhofer	Consortium d'Universités Polonaises 		Imperial College London MANCHESTER 1824 University of BRISTOL energy technologies institute UCL University of Strathclyde Glasgow University of OXFORD
	SWITZERLAND 		
ITALY 	NORWAY 		



ASIA

CHINA



JAPON



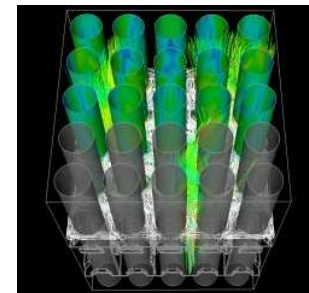
EDF : A leading french player in the energy market, active in **all areas** of electricity from **generation** to **trading** and **network management**.

Some contextual elements :

- ▶ Plants operated over 40 – 100 years
 - guarantee safety, minimize environmental footprint
 - maintain assets
- ▶ Fast changing operating conditions
 - more competitive markets,
 - tougher regulations, ageing, environment
- ▶ New business models and services
 - Smart meter
 - Cloud computing
 - Open Data



Figure 2 : Emprise et bathymétrie du modèle 3D.



WHAT DO WE DO WITH HPC ?

INTENSIVE NUMERICAL SIMULATION

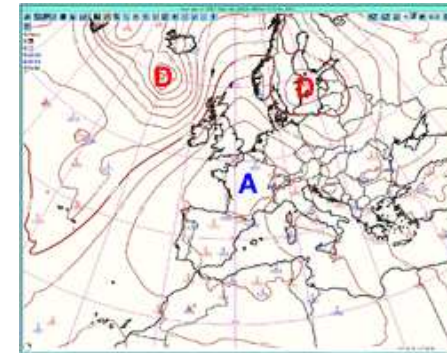
Because :

- An experimental mock up is not always easy/feasible (technical problems, metrology difficulties, scale effect, high cost)
- We cannot measure everything we want/need



One returns to the laws and parameters for :

- Modelize
- (Numerically) Simulate
- Compute
- Analyse



But do not forget : Numerical simulation and experimental simulation are complementary

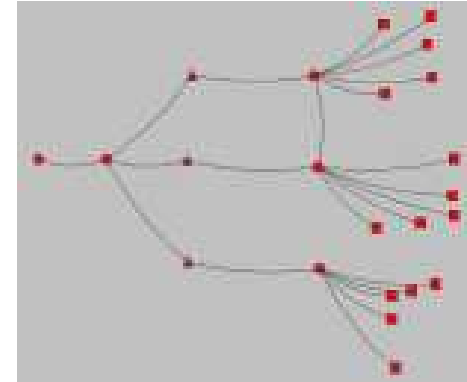


HPC ENABLES US

To simulate and then to understand

..to have a better understanding of system's complexity in order

- To comply to new regulations
- To find optimization opportunities



To simulate and then to decide

..to obtain more predictive, more reliable & more trusted simulations of complex real systems in order

- To find new margins
- To help for decision making & business value



To simulate and then to innovate

..to get more and more refined information in order

- To open up new areas, new products and services
- To improve methods and methodologies (studies)
- To improve our in-house tools (most of them are Open-Source) : numerical methods, algorithms, models

MAIN DOMAINS OF HPC APPLICATIONS (1/2)

ENERGY PRODUCTION

□ Nuclear

- lifespan of power plants
- Safety studies
- Fuel management

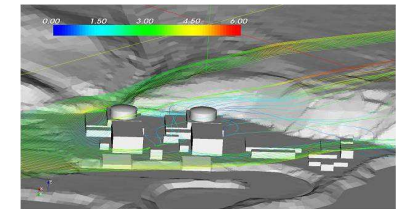
□ Hydraulics

- Behavior of engineering structures
- Optimisation of operations
- Sediment transport



□ Thermal

- Environmental performance
- Modelisation of combustion



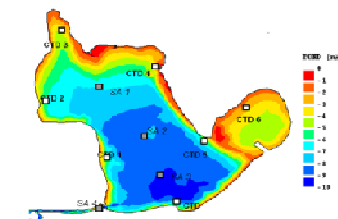
□ Renewable

- Wind power potential (InShore, Offshore)
- Photovoltaic process



□ Environment

- Quality of water
- Qualité of air
- Natural risks management



MAIN DOMAINS OF HPC APPLICATIONS (2/2)

■ Network / Smarties

- Smart Grids : Impact of distributed and intermittent power generation on our networks
- Smart-Cities : Optimization of power ressources, water, waste, ...

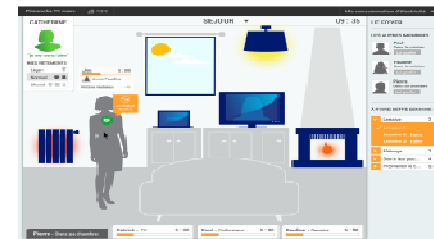
■ Marketing

- Knowledge of the load curve
- Customer behavior simulation
- Analysis of customer data



■ Energy Management

- Generation / consumption balance
 - Weekly forecast
- European Electrical System for 2020, 2030
- Weather and climate forecast adjustments



EDF COMPUTING FACILITIES

General computers for all scientific communities and for all codes



IVANOE
200 Tflops, x86



ATHOS & ASTER5
400 Tflops, x86



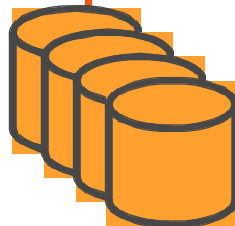
PORTHOS
600 Tflops, x86

Massively parallelized codes and "frontier" studies



ZUMBROTA
800 Tflops, Power Gene Q

High Speed Network, 10 Gb/s



TGVD
Mass Storage
1 POctets

Max 100 Mb/s



750 Linux WorkStations Calibre



CCRT
(4% of the power)
7 Tflops, x86 – CEA

SSS Mass Storage



CASANOVA
100 Tflops, x86

A MATURITY MODEL FOR HPC USE AT EDF-R&D

EDF R&D Road Map is based on different forecasts of usage of HPC :

Planned usages : simulation for daily studies

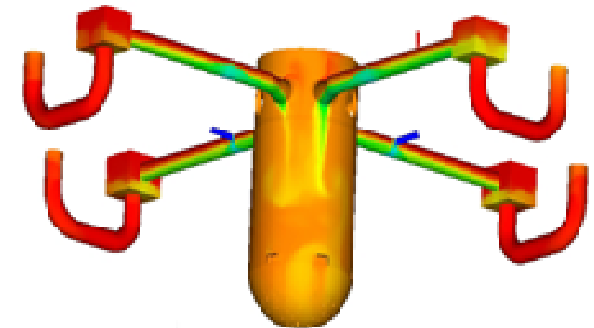
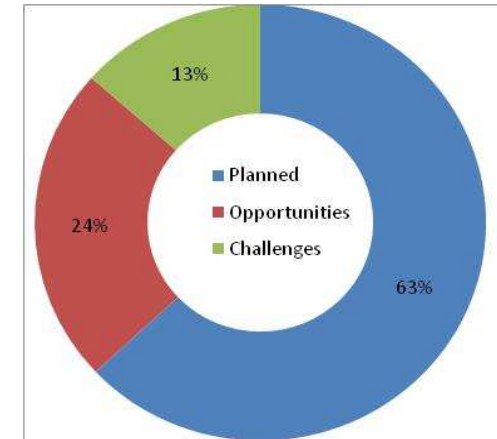
- Projects have already secure the use of HPC. **HPC is required as a necessary step** of the project.
 - Ex: Safety studies, process qualification of non destructive control Contrôle
 - Ex : CFD : 50 Millions cells calculation for a mixing grid of a fuel assembly

Opportunities : simulation to prepare for tomorrow

- HPC is part of the experimental framework of the project, **and HPC is contributing to short term or middle terms benefits**
 - Ex: Microscopic scale simulation of materials
 - Ex : CFD- 1 Billion cells calculation for a whole fuel assembly

Challenges: Simulation to explore new frontiers

- **HPC is part of a scientific research** and should contribute to make major breakthroughs
 - -Ex : CFD- 100 Billion cells calculation of a PWR reactor



HPC timeline – Capability (peak) examples

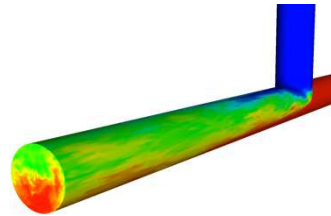
2003

Consecutive to the Civaux thermal fatigue event

Computations enable to better understand the wall thermal loading in an injection.

Knowing the root causes of the event \Rightarrow define a new design to avoid this problem.

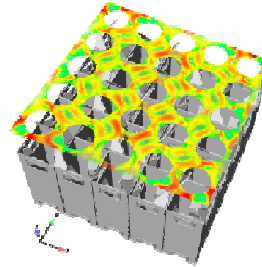
2006



Computation with an L.E.S. approach for turbulent modelling

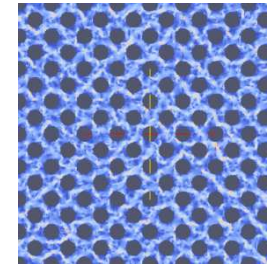
Refined mesh near the wall.

2007



Part of a fuel assembly
5x5 grid experimental mock-up

2013

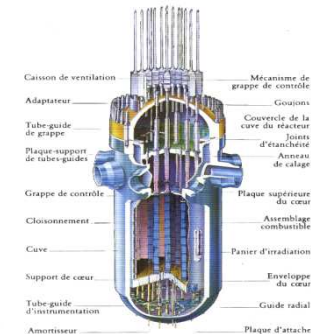


LES of tube bundle

2018

Complete reactor vessel

CUVE DU RÉACTEUR



**Computations with smaller and smaller scales in larger and larger geometries
 \Rightarrow a better understanding of physical phenomena \Rightarrow a more effective help for decision making**

10^6 cells

10^7 cells

10^8 cells

$3 \cdot 10^9$ cells

$5 \cdot 10^{10}$ cells

1 of 4 vector processors
2 month length computation

400 processors
9 days

8 000 processors
1 month

4 000 cores
short test (< 1day)

60 000 cores
1 month

1 Gb of storage
2 Gb of memory

15 Gb of storage
25 Gb of memory

200 Gb of storage
250 Gb of memory

5 Tb of storage
3 Tb of memory

100 Tb of storage
60 Tb of memory

Power of the computer

Pre-processing not parallelized
Power of the computer

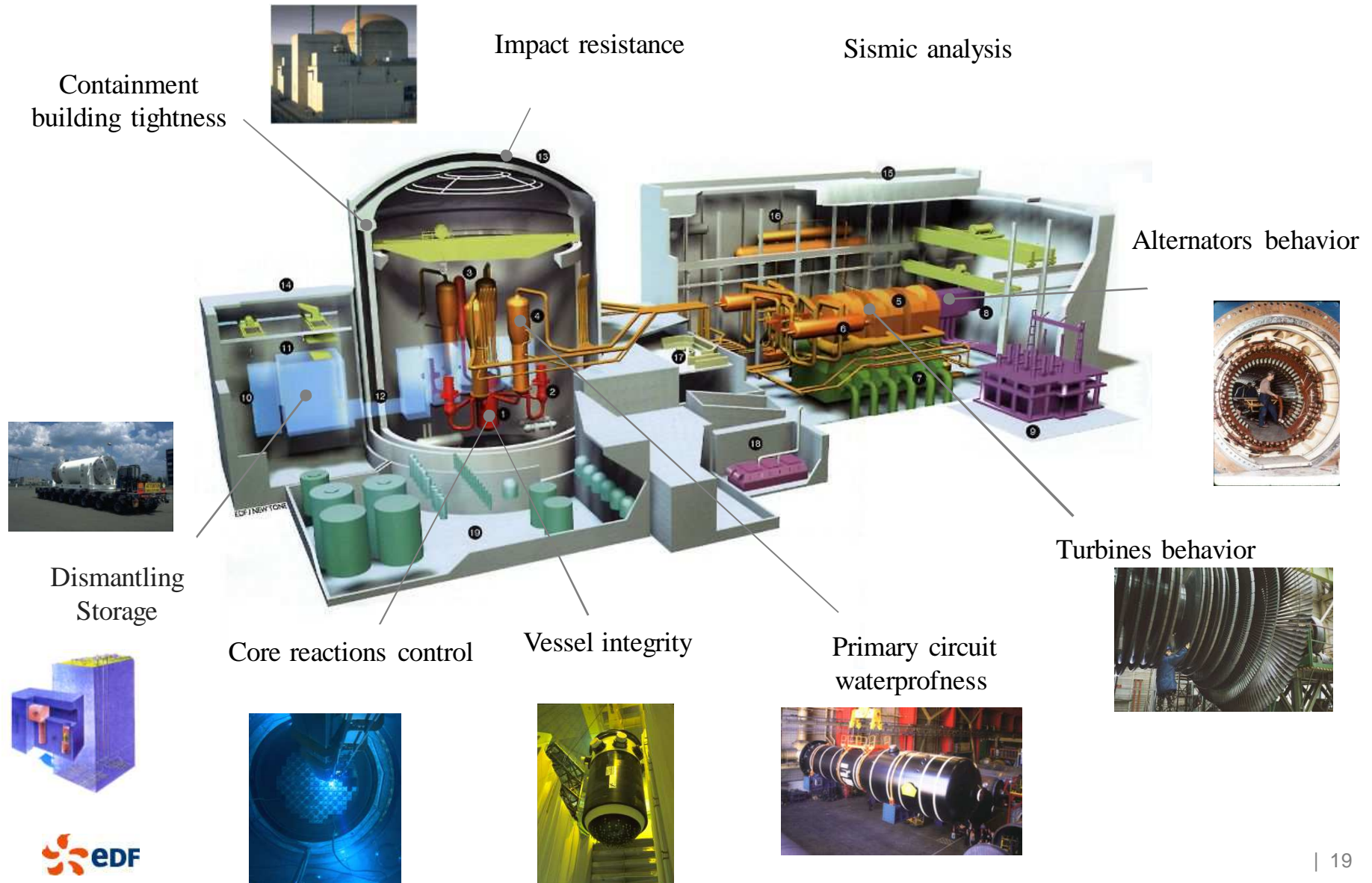
Pre-processing not parallelized
Mesh generation

Mostly resolved
... ibid. ...
Scalability / Solver

resolved
... ibid. ...
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Visualisation

EXAMPLES OF HPC SIMULATIONS

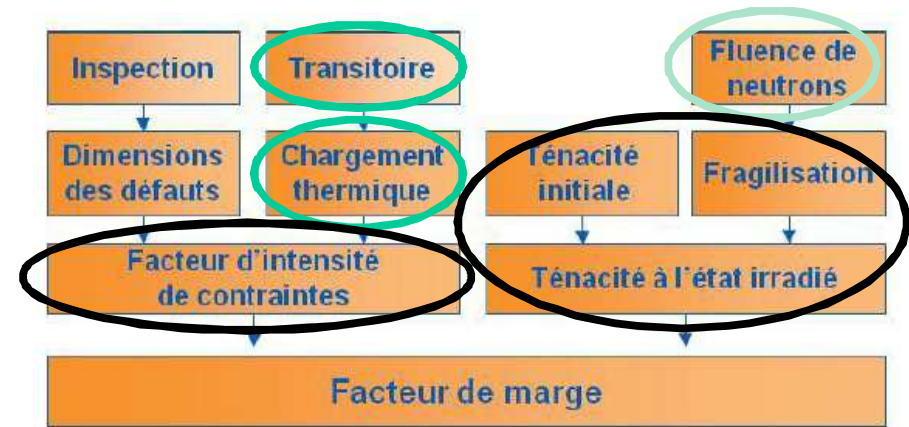
Nuclear power : a safety exploitation



PWR vessel life-time (1/2)

Extending the life of PWR power plants is conditioned by a good behavior of the vessel in service

Issue: Improve the quantification of margins demonstrating the strength of the vessel despite the aging steel embrittlement under irradiation



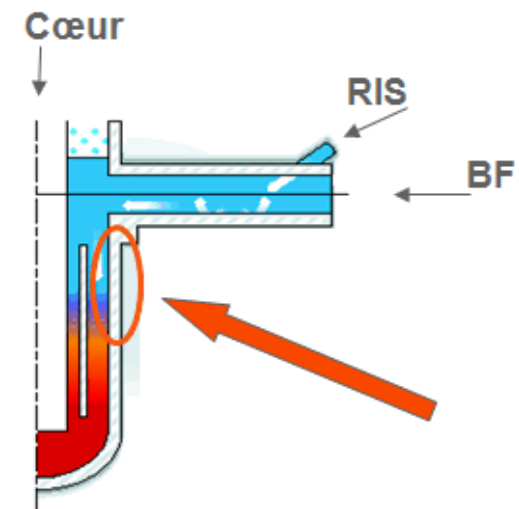
EDF justification Methodology and position of thermal-hydraulic
 — Thermal-hydraulics — neutronics — Mechanics — Materials

■ Contribution of thermal-hydraulic actions

1. Justifications for safety Authorities
2. **Advanced physical modelisations** in order to reach a better evaluation of the margins

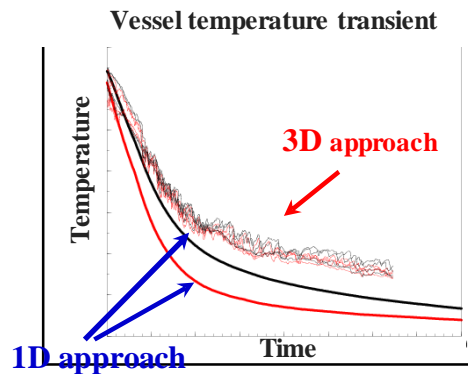
■ Declined by 4 lines of work

1. **Experimental Measurements** using HYBISCUS II facility
2. **CFD codes validation** (*Code_Saturne*, NEPTUNE_CFD)
3. « Expertise » computations in **real reactor configuration**
4. **Quantification of the uncertainties** of CFD codes

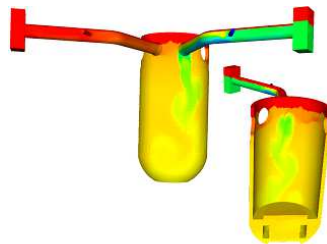
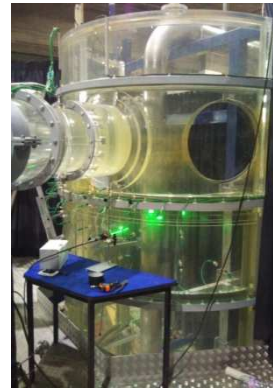


PWR vessel life-time(2/2)

Too much conservatism with 1D approaches



Experimental validation



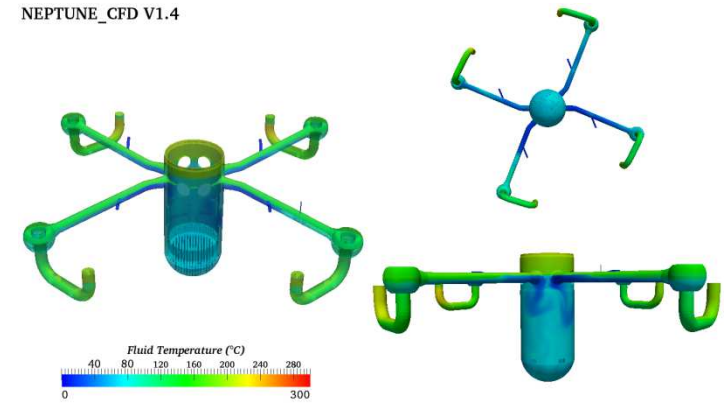
Perspectives

- ✓ Advances physical Modélisation :
Inclusion of condensation phenomenon
- ✓ Parametric calculations :
Estimation of uncertainties

Advanced simulation at the service of reliability

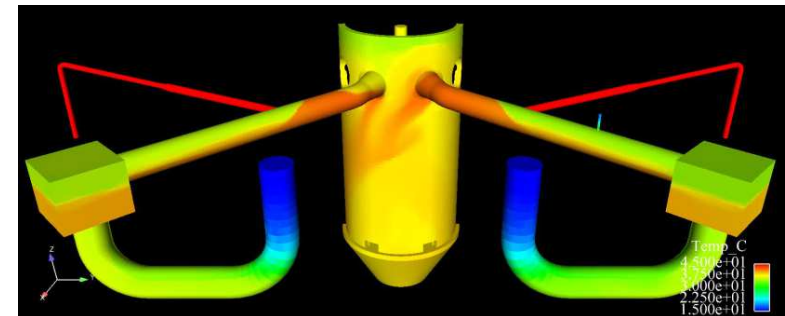
Reactor computation (expertise) (PWR vessel 1300 Mwe)

NEPTUNE_CFD V1.4

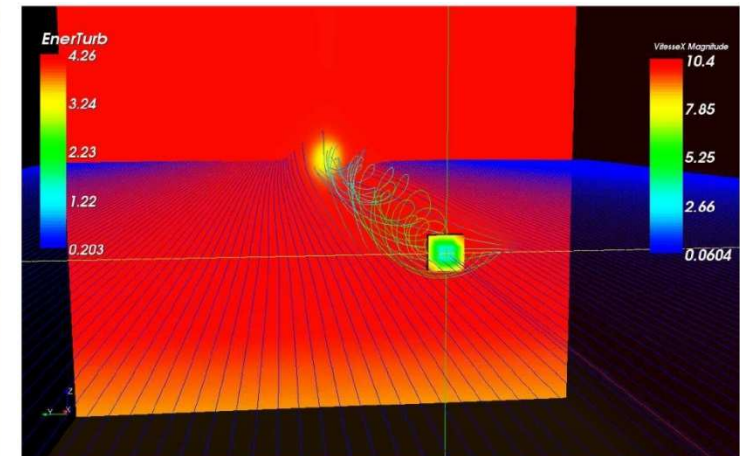


Time: 1085 s

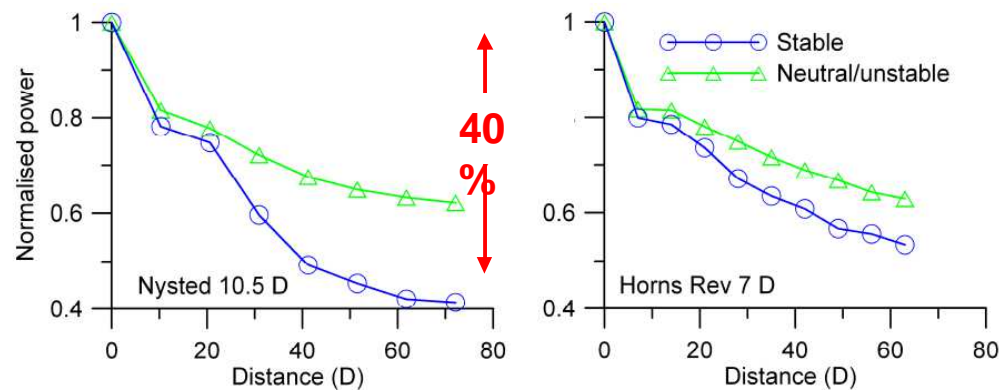
Ivanoé : 3 months.compt. for 1h of physical time
Fluid : 2 millions cells – 20 nodes (140 proc)
Solid : 1 millionscells – 1 nodes (12 proc)



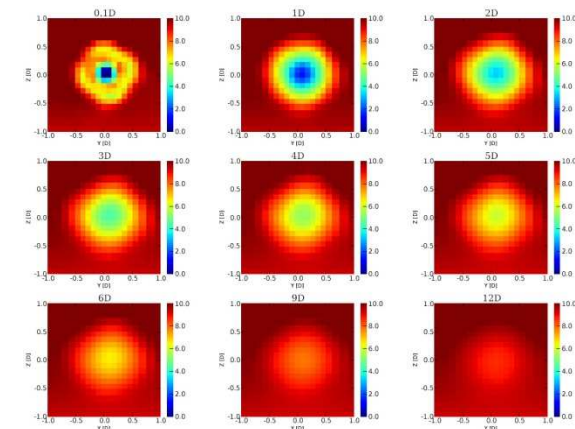
Optimize the placement of windturbines for an improved power production



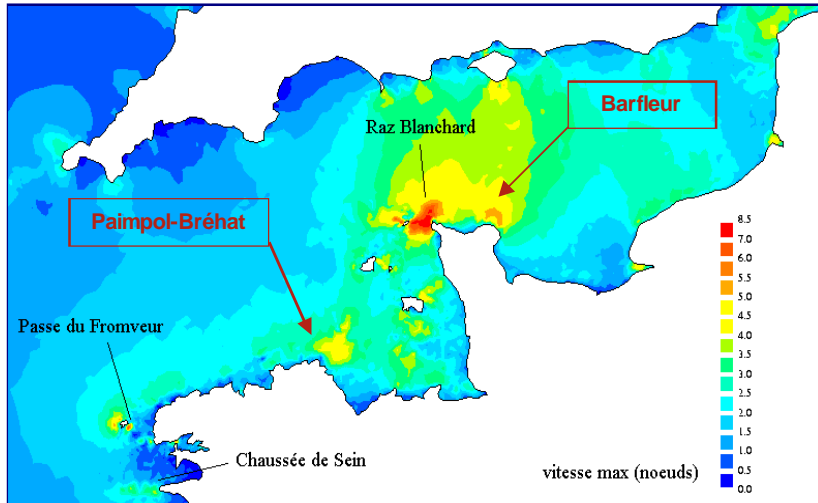
Aerodynamics calculation : loss of production (Code Saturne – EDF)



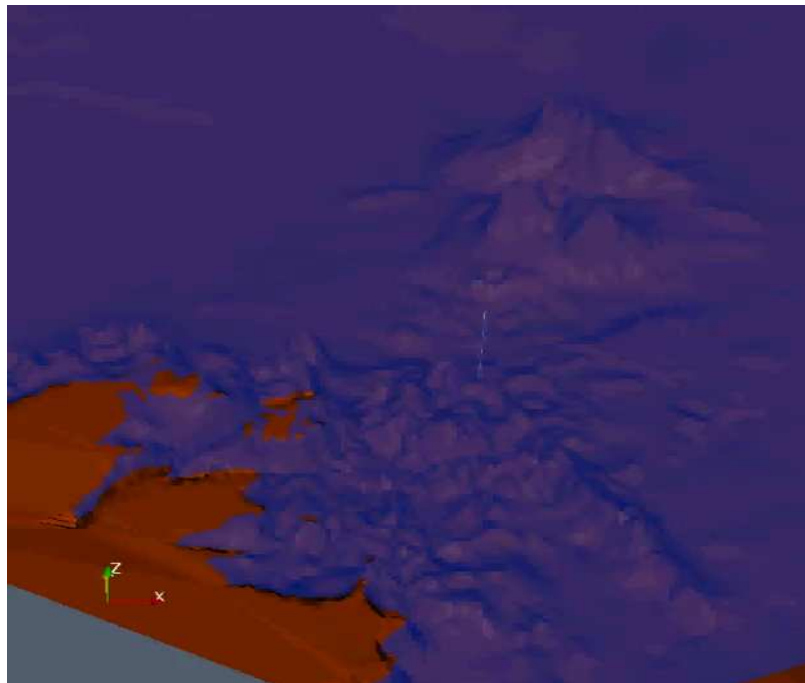
Decrease in production compared to the first machine facing the wind in a windturbines farm depending on weather conditions



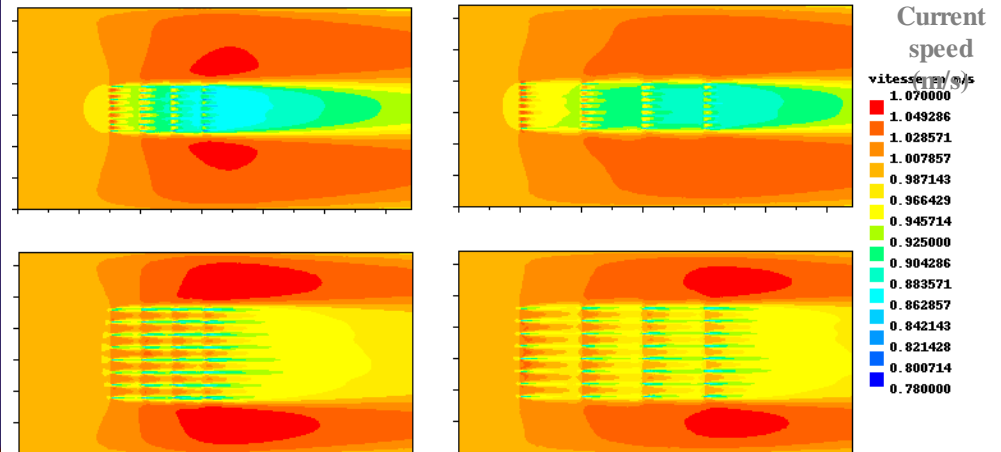
Optimize the placement of marine current turbines for an improved power production



Currents calculation

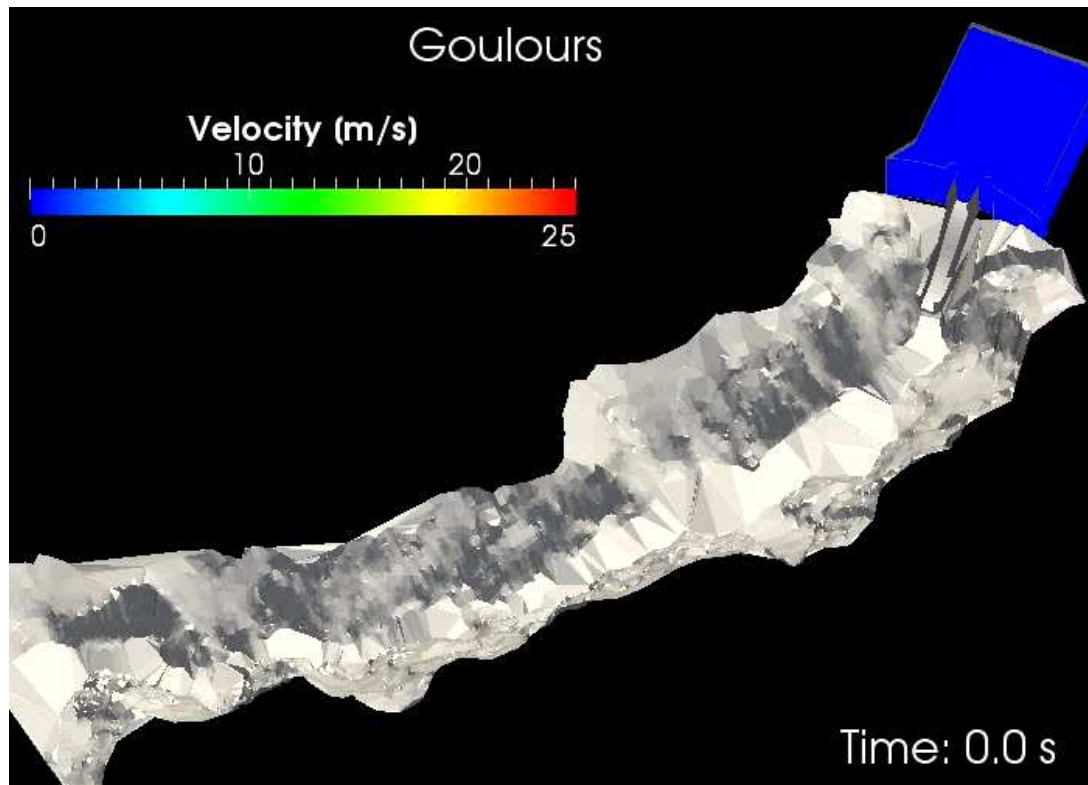


Hydrodynamic study
(spacing of turbines)

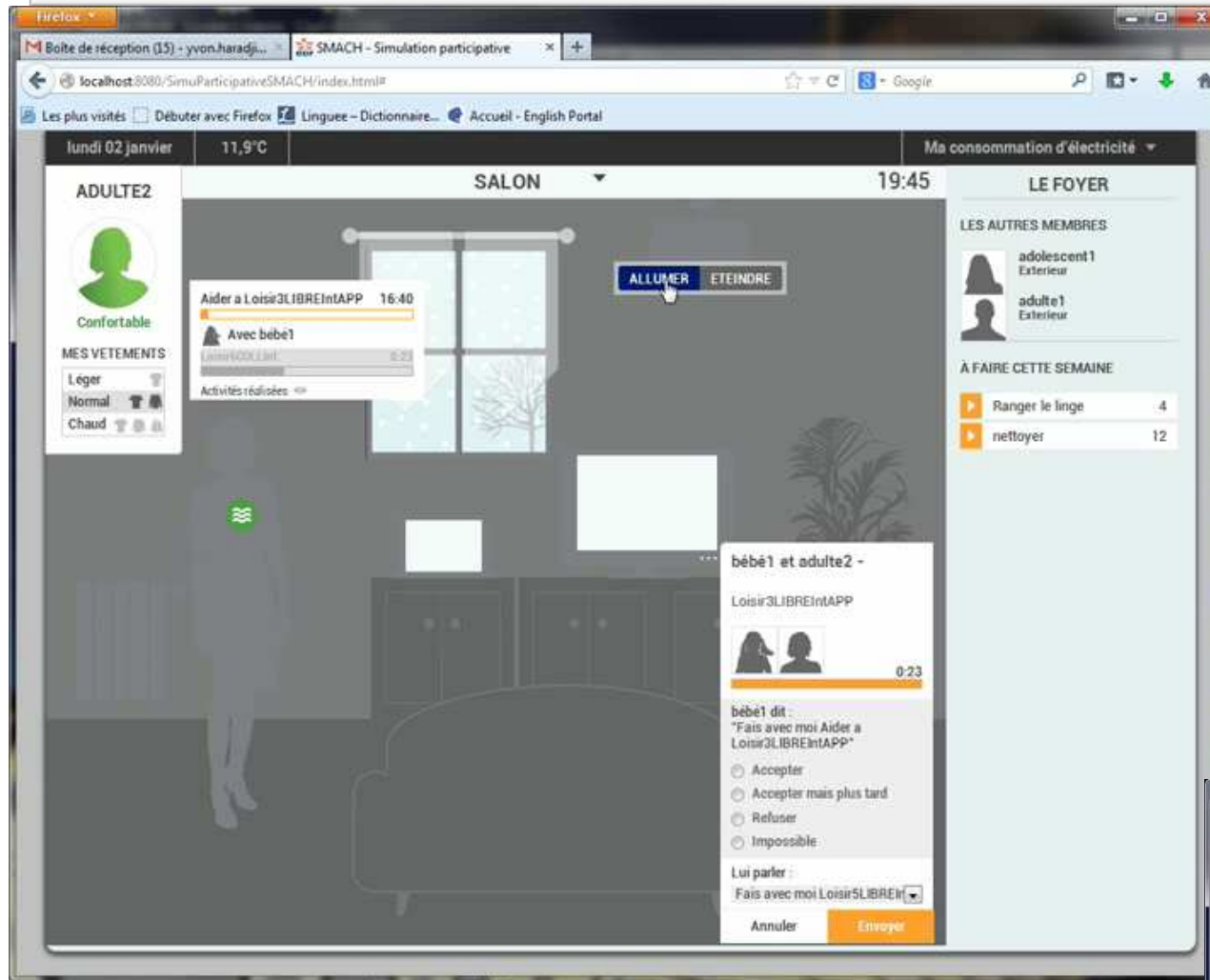


Hydraulics : SPH Simulation

Study of a floodwater spillway:
Numerical simulation and experimental
simulation complementary

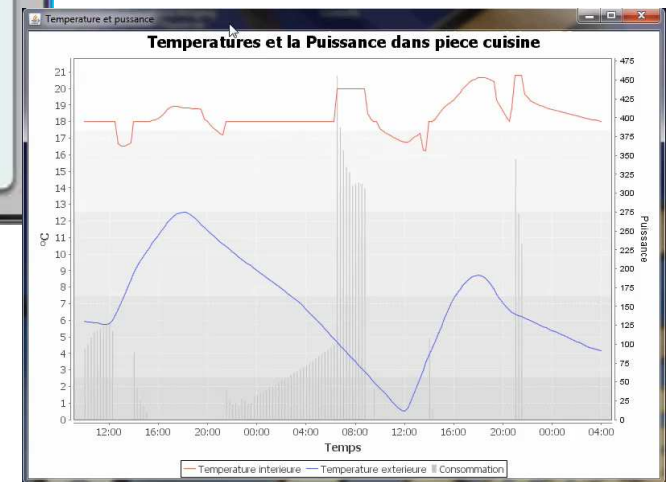


Energy and human behavior



Evaluation of the impact of human behavior to the energy consumption using a multi-agent method

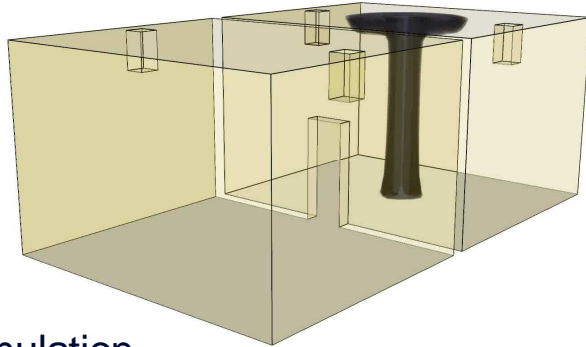
Example : transient use of energy by a whole family



NUMERICAL SIMULATION AND EXPERIMENTAL SIMULATION COMPLEMENTARY : CODE VALIDATION (EX : *Code-Saturne* CFD CODE)

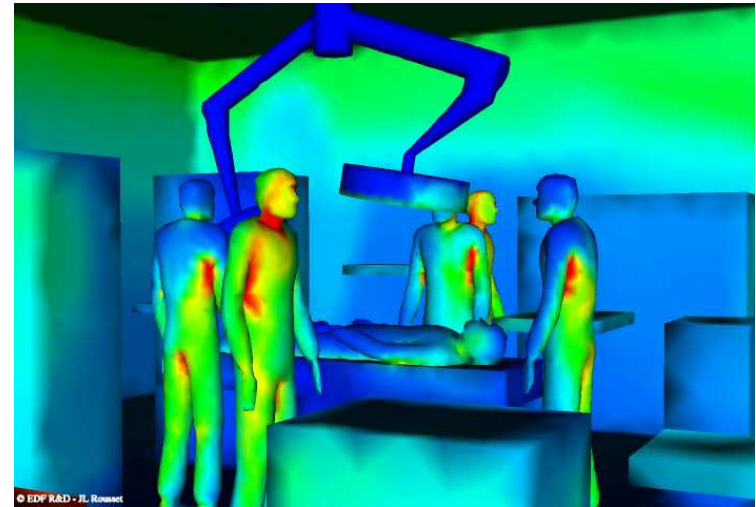


OTHERS APPLICATIONS

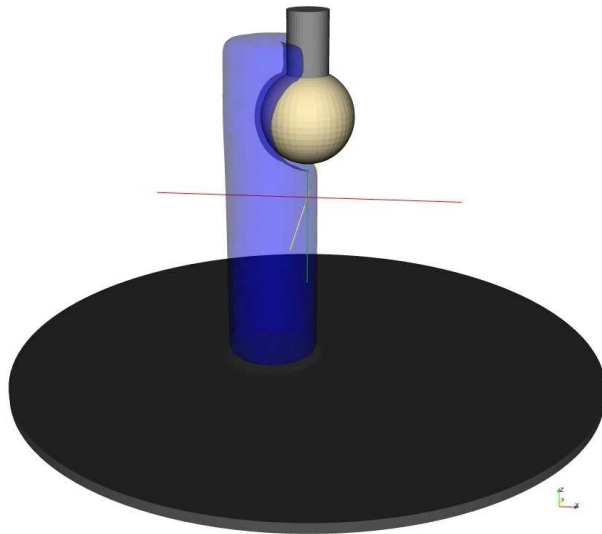


Fire simulation

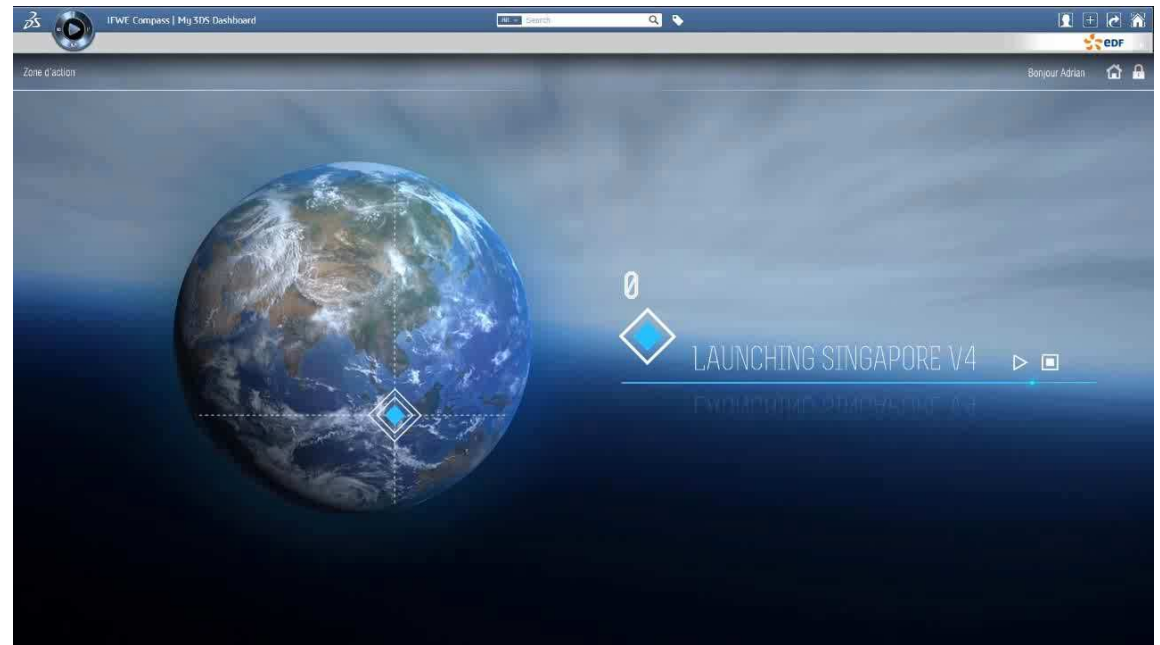
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Hospital : air flow simulation



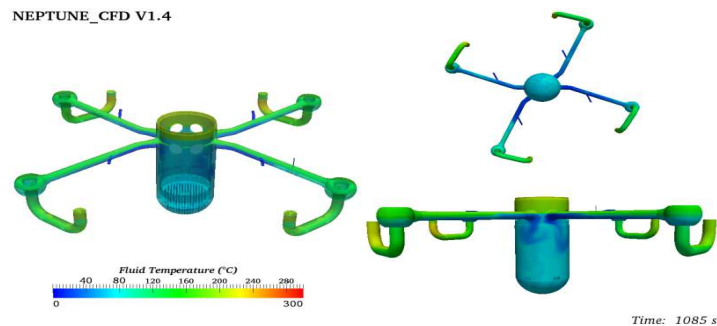
Electric arc simulation



Smart city

SOME FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR SIMULATION (1/2)

- Simulation of multi-scales and/or multi-physics phenomena
 - Ex : simulation of flow behaviour inside a PWR core vessel and its consequences : Thermal-Hydraulic + Neutronic + Mechanics
 - Ex : simulation of a whole primary circuit of a nuclear power plant (vessel, steam generator, pressurizer,...) : Thermal-Hydraulic + Mechanics + Chemistry
- Probabilistic simulation : the use of uncertainties / calibration / assimilation methods
 - Ex : evaluation of seismic fragility curves of nuclear components
 - Ex : impact of intermittency on the network
 - Can lead to a factor 10 to 1000 of needed computing resources



SOME FUTURE CHALLENGES FOR SIMULATION (2/2)

- Pre-processing of input data and post-processing of simulation results
 - What future tools to mesh complex geometries in a refined and simple way?
 - What future tools to visualize a deluge of results (including uncertainties)?
- Connection between HPC and Big Data (Data Analytics)
 - Real time calculation and analysis
 - Analysis of significant data
 - Ex: Smart meter data (Linky)



Thank You