

Overview of TFEL 4.2 and MGIS 2.2 and perspectives for TFEL 5.0

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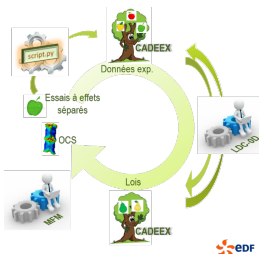
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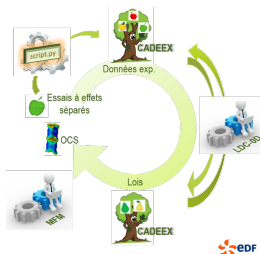
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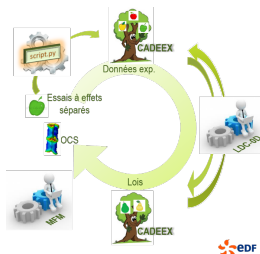
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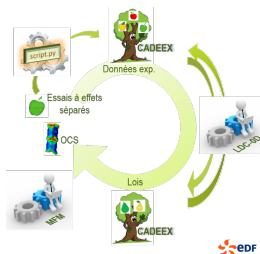
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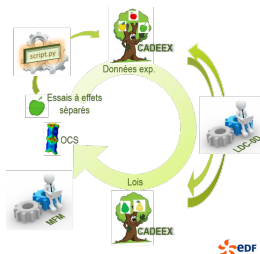
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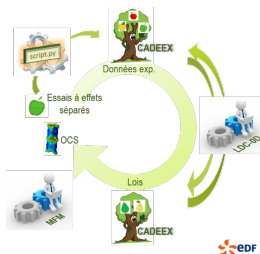
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- 3 training sessions are actually planned:
 - 2 training sessions associated in the context of the MECANUM project at EDF Lab Saclay:
 - November 2023 and early 2024 (February or March).
 - Mostly for engineers at EDF, CEA and Naval Group
 - 1 training session at Cadarache in the context of the Opera HPC European project:
 - Mostly target nuclear engineers from EPFL, VTT, CEA, etc.
- Training sessions are organized **on demand**: typically spanned over two days by groups of around 12 people. The requester must provide rooms, computers, and ~~beer~~ meals, etc...



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Current state of the TFEL 4.x branch

- The TFEL 4.x branch is maturing and starts being used in production.
- TFEL 4.1.x is delivered with:
 - unstable version of `code_aster`.
 - the upcoming Version 2024 of `Cast3M` (maybe TFEL 4.2.x).
- Currently, 17 publications based on `MFront` in 2023 [[14](#), [5](#), [4](#), [10](#), [7](#), [16](#), [1](#), [12](#), [11](#), [2](#), [8](#), [20](#), [18](#), [12](#), [19](#), [15](#), [17](#)].



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Early experiments on GPUs

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Port to C++ -23

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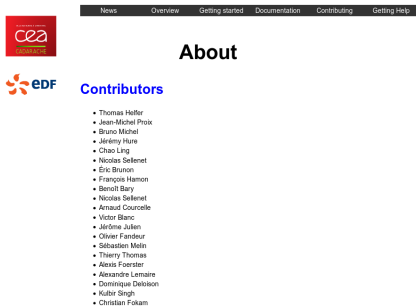
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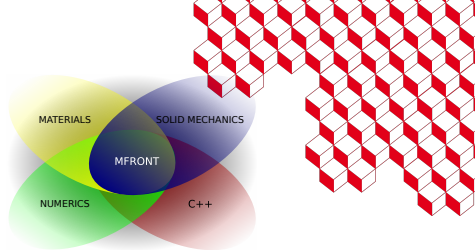


Conclusions

How to contribute



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Thanks for you attention ! Any questions?

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```
$ mfront --list-dsl-options=RungeKutta
```

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```
$ mfront --obuild --interface=generic \
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  --behaviour-dsl-options-file=options.json \
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where the file `options.json` file may look like:

```
overriding_parameters : {T : 293.15, dT : 0},
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```

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