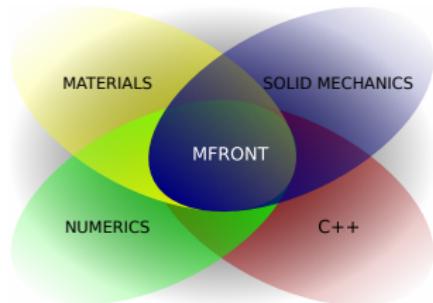


# Fast, Robust and Portable Implementations of Complex Mechanical Behaviours with the MFront Code Generator



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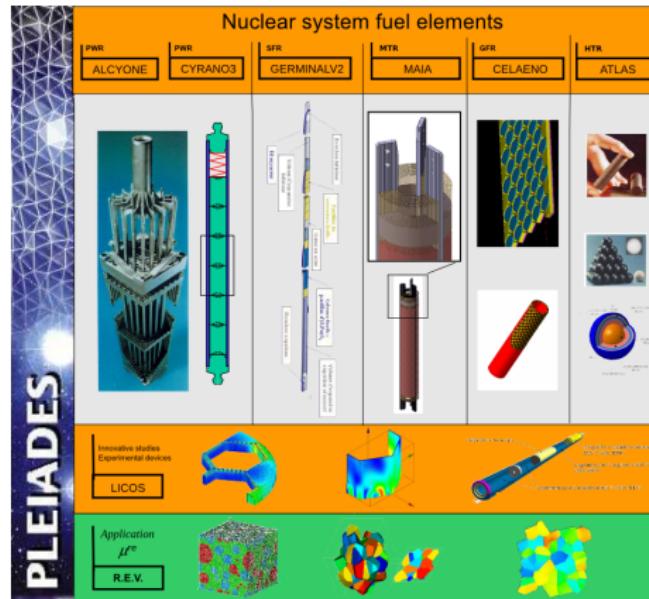
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# **Material knowledge management in nuclear simulations**

# The Pleiades platform



- A wide range of materials (ceramics, metals, composites).
- A wide range of mechanical phenomena and behaviours.
  - Creep, swelling, irradiation effects, phase transitions, etc..
- A wide range of mechanical loadings.

# Material knowledge management

- The need to guarantee the quality of engineering studies has never been so high and is constantly growing.
- Every part of a study must be covered by strict AQ procedures :
  - The finite element solver on the one hand (see the `Code_Aster` documentation and unit tests).
  - The material knowledge (material properties, **mechanical behaviours**) and experimental data on the other hand.
- **One must guarantee a complete consistency from experimental data to engineering studies**

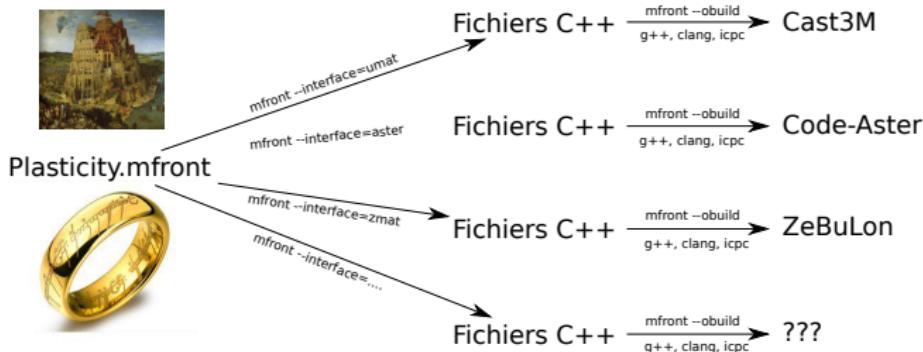
# The TFEL project and the MFront code generator

# Definitions

- **State variables** : the (thermodynamical) state of a material is assumed to be fully characterized by a set of state variables defined at each point of the material.
- **Model** : description of how the state variables of a set of materials evolves due to one or several physical phenomena :
  - Point-wise models
  - Equilibrium based models (heat transfer, mechanics, etc...)
- **Behaviours** : in equilibrium based models, a specific material is described by a behaviour which relates a gradient to the associated flux and makes the state variables evolves.
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# MFront goals



- TFEL is a project various libraries/softwares, including MFront.
- MFront is a code generation tool dedicated to material knowledge (material properties, mechanical behaviours, point-wise models) with focus on :
  - Numerical efficiency (see various benchmarks).
  - Portability (Cast3M, Cyrano, Code\_Aster, Europlexus, TMFTT, AMITEX\_FFTP, Abaqus, CalculiX, MTest).
  - Ease of use : *Longum iter est per pracepta, breve et efficax per exempla* (It's a long way by the rules, but short and efficient with examples).

# Timeline : more than 10 years of development

- 2006 : first line of codes :
  - Mainly focused on the Cast3M finite solver.
- 2009 : officially part of the PLEIADES project :
  - Development of the Cyrano interface.
- 2013 : first contact with the Code\_Aster team.
- 2014 : TFEL-2.0 is released as an open-source project :
  - Officially co-developed by CEA and ÉDF.
  - Implementing an interface to ZMAT.
- 2015 : Officially part of Code\_Aster/Salomé-Méca.
- 2016 : TFEL-3.0 is released :
  - Support of Europlexus, Abaqus/Standard, Abaqus/Explicit
  - StandardElasticity brick
  - ≈ 250 000 lines of codes
- 2017 : TFEL-3.1 is released :
  - CalculiX native interface, experimental support of Ansys APDL
- 2018 : TFEL-3.2 will be released :
  - Full support of Ansys and LS-DYNA, generic 'MFront' behaviour.
  - The StandardElastoViscoplasticity brick

# Licences : Open-source (again) !

- To meet CEA and EDF needs, TFEL 2.0 is released under a multi-licensing scheme :
  - Open-source licences :
    - GNU Public License : This licence is used by the Code\_Aster finite element solver.
    - CECILL-A : License developed by CEA, EDF and INRIA, compatible with the GNU Public License and designed for conformity with the French law.
  - CEA and EDF are free to distribute TFEL under custom licences : Mandatory for the PLEIADES platform.

- TFEL 3.x is based on the C++ 11 standard.
- TFEL 3.x can be compiled with various C++ compilers :
  - gcc, from version 4.7 to version 8.1
  - clang, from version 3.5 to version 5.0
  - icc, version 2016, 2017 and 2018.
  - Visual Studio, version 15 and 17.
- TFEL is mainly developed on LiNuX.
- ports have been made to various POSIX systems, Mac Os, FreeBSD, OpenSolaris, cygwin, Windows Subsystem for LiNuX, Haiku etc... and Windows !

- Very stringent compilers warnings :

- g++ -Wall -Wextra -pedantic  
-Wdisabled-optimization -Wlong-long -Winline  
-Wswitch -Wsequence-point -Wignored-qualifiers  
-Wzero-as-null-pointer-constant  
-Wvector-operation-performance -Wtrampolines  
-Wstrict-null-sentinel -Wsign-promo  
-Wsign-conversion -Wold-style-cast -Wnoexcept  
-Wmissing/include-dirs -Wmissing-declarations  
-Wlogical-op -Winit-self ...

- Documentation.

- Continuous integration based on Jenkins

- More than 10 000 tests :

- Most of them are based on mtest

- More tests inside PLEIADES applications.

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Overview

Getting started

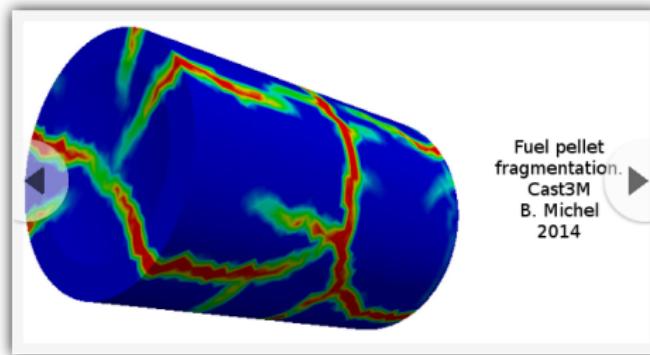
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## MFront: a code generation tool dedicated to material knowledge



<http://tfel.sourceforge.net>

<http://tfel.sourceforge.net/about.html>

**<http://tfel.sourceforge.net/gallery.html>**

# Mechanical behaviours

# An very simple example

```

@DSL      Implicit ;
@Behaviour Norton;
@Brick StandardElasticity;

@MaterialProperty stress young;
@MaterialProperty real nu,A,E;
young.setGlossaryName("YoungModulus");
nu.setGlossaryName("PoissonRatio");
A.setEntryName("NortonCoefficient");
E.setEntryName("NortonExponent");

@StateVariable strain p;
p.setGlossaryName("EquivalentViscoplasticStrain");

@Integrator{
    const real eps = 1.e-12;
    const auto mu = computeMu(young,nu);
    const auto seq = sigmaeq(sig);
    const auto tmp = A*pow(seq,E-1.);
    const auto df_dseq = E*tmp;
    const auto iseq = 1/max(seq,eps*young);
    const Stensor n = 3*deviator(sig)*iseq/2;
    // implicit system
    // the StandardElasticity already set feel to deel-det
    feel += dp*n;
    // by default, fp is initialized to dp
    fp -= tmp*seq*dt;
    // jacobian
    dfeel_ddeel += 2*mu*theta*dp*iseq*(Stensor4::M()-(n^n));
    dfeel_ddp   = n;
    dfp_ddeel  = -2*mu*theta*df_dseq*dt*n;
} // end of @Integrator

```

- Implicit integration.
- Implicit system :

$$\begin{cases} f_{\underline{\epsilon}^{el}} = \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^{el} - \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^{to} + \Delta p \underline{n} \\ f_p = \Delta p - A \sigma_{eq}^n \end{cases}$$

- Jacobian :

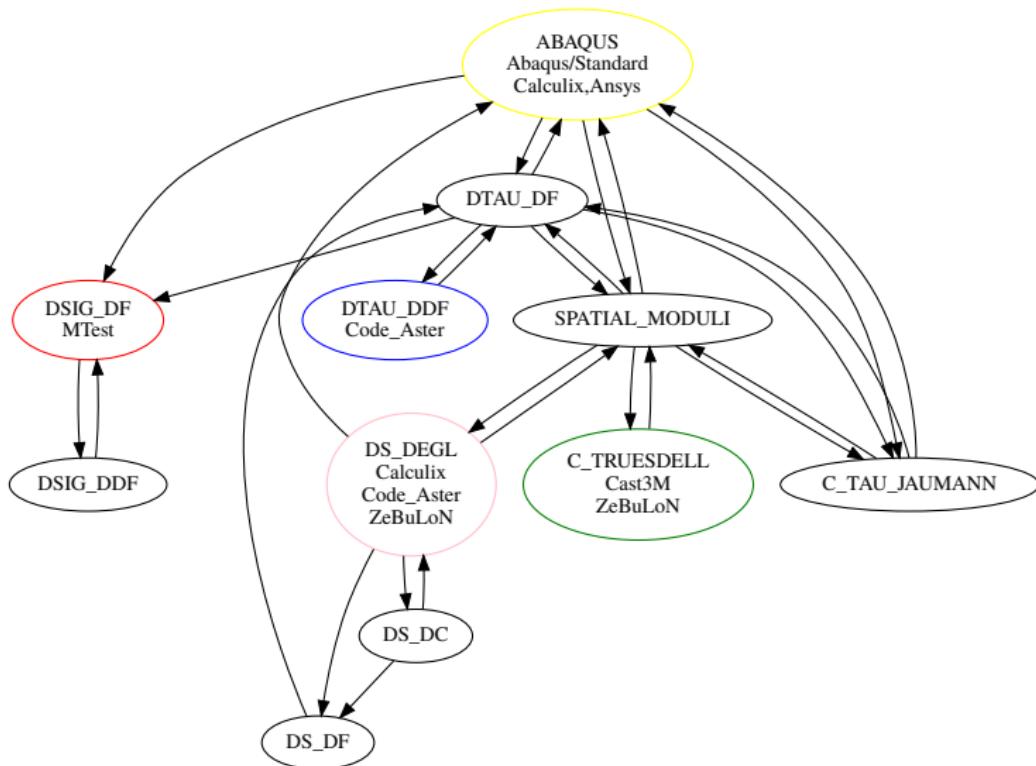
$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial f_{\underline{\epsilon}^{el}}}{\partial \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^{el}} = \underline{I} + \frac{2 \mu \theta \Delta p}{\sigma_{eq}} (\underline{M} - \underline{n} \otimes \underline{n}) \\ \frac{\partial f_{\underline{\epsilon}^{el}}}{\partial \Delta p} = \underline{n} \\ \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial \Delta \underline{\epsilon}^{el}} = -2 \mu \theta A n \sigma_{eq}^{n-1} \Delta t \underline{n} \end{cases}$$

- All programming and numerical details are hidden (by default).

# Other functions of the mechanical behaviour

- Provide a estimation of the next time step for time step automatic adaptation
- Check bounds :
  - Physical bounds
  - Standard bounds
- Clear error messages
- Parameters
  - It is all about AQ !
  - Parametric studies, identification, etc. . .
- Generate 'MTest' files on integration failures
- Generated example of usage :
  - Generation of MODELISER/MATERIAU instructions (Cast3M)
  - Input file for Abaqus, Ansys
- Provide information for dynamic resolution of inputs (MTest/Aster/Europlexus) :
  - Numbers Types (scalar, tensors, symmetric tensors)
  - Entry names /Glossary names. . .

# Example of portability issue : tangent operator for finite strain behaviours



# Performances

# Benchmarks with Code\_Aster (Jean-Michel Proix, EDF)

Description	Algorithme	Temps CPU total (Aster vs MFront )	Illustration
Visco-plastic and damaging for steel (Mustata and Hayhurst 2005; EDF 2012)	Implcit	17mn43s vs 7mn58s	
Damaging for concrete (Mazars and Hamon; EDF 2013a)	Default	45mn vs 63mn	
Generic Single crystal viscoplasticity (Méric and Cailletaud 1991; EDF 2013b)	Implcit	28mn vs 24mn	

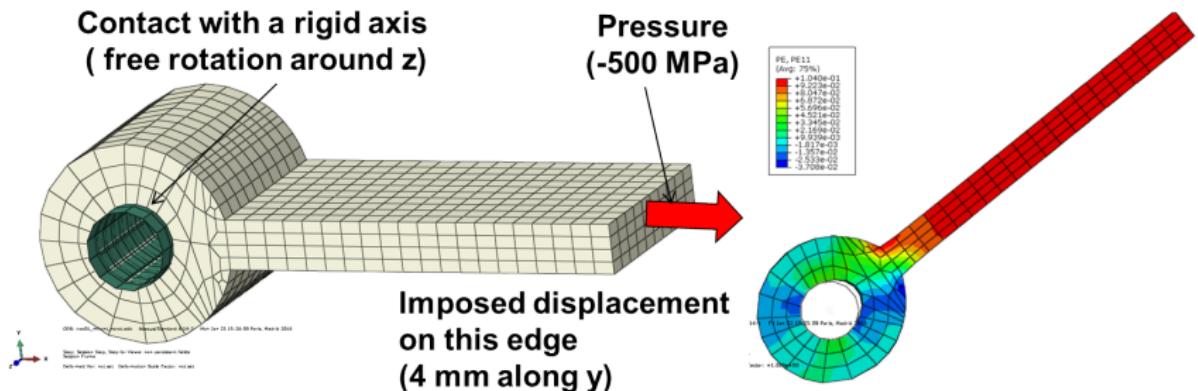
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FCC single crystal viscoplasticity (Monnet, Naamane, and Devincre 2011 EDF (2013b))	Inoplasticit	33m54s vs 29m30s	
FCC homogenized polycrystals 30 grains (Berveiller and Zaoui 1978; EDF 2013b)	Runge-Kutta 4/5	9s67 vs 8s22	
Anisotropic creep with phase transformation (EDF 2013c)	Inoplasticit	180s vs 171s	

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# Benchmarks with Abaqus/Standard (D. Deloison, ArianeGroup)



	CPU Time (s)	Difference	Number of increments	Difference
ABAQUS	192	-	52	-
ABAQUS/UMAT(*)	1200	525%	295	467%
ABAQUS/MFRONT	201	5%	52	0%

(\*) Numerical Jacobian

# The StandardElasto-ViscoPlasticity brick

# Simple plastic behaviour based on the Hosford criterion

```
@DSL Implicit;  
@Behaviour Hosford;  
  
@ModellingHypotheses {"."};  
@Epsilon 1.e-16;  
@IterMax 100;  
@Theta 1;  
  
@Brick "StandardElastoViscoPlasticity" {  
    stress_potential : "Hooke" {  
        young_modulus : 160e9,  
        poisson_ratio : 0.3  
    },  
    inelastic_flow : "Plastic" {  
        criterion : "Hosford" {a : 6},  
        isotropic_hardening : "Linear" {R0 : 120e6}  
    }  
};
```

- <http://tfel.sourceforge.net/StandardElastoViscoPlasticityBrick.html>
- This brick provides a way to implement complex elasto-viscoplastic behaviours in a declarative way.
- Plane stress support and computation of the consistent tangent operator are automatically provided.

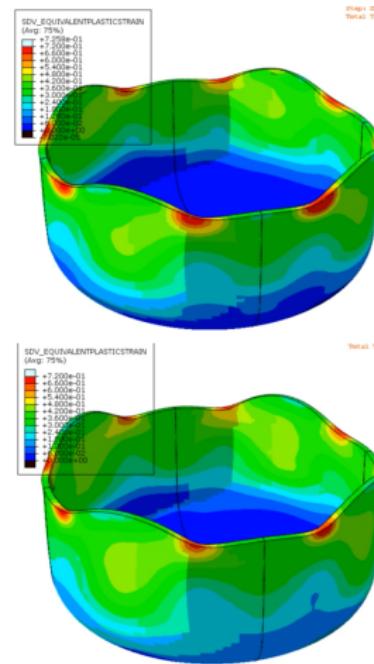
# Deep drawing simulation (Computations by D. Deloison from ArianeGroup)

```

@DSL      Implicit ;
@Behaviour Barlat2090T3;

@AbaqusFiniteStrainStrategy[abaqus,abaqusexplicit] Native;
@ModellingHypotheses {"+"};
@OrthotropicBehaviour<Plate>;
@Epsilon 1.e-16;
@Theta 1;

@Brick StandardElastoViscoPlasticity{
    stress_potential : "Hooke" {
        young_modulus : 150e9,
        poisson_ratio : 0.3,
        inelastic_flow : "Plastic" {
            criterion : "Barlat" {
                a : 8,
                I1 : {-0.069888, 0.079143, 0.936408, 0.524741,
                       1.00306, 1.36318, 0.954322, 1.06906, 1.02377},
                I2 : {0.981171, 0.575316, 0.476741, 1.14501,
                       0.866827, -0.079294, 1.40462, 1.1471, 1.05166}
            },
            isotropic_hardening : "Linear" {R0 : 150e6}
        }
    }
};
```



- Prediction of six or eight ears in a drawn cup... Yoon et Al.
- **Same results in** Abaqus/Standard **and** Abaqus/Explicit.

# Conclusions

# On going efforts

- MFront is a building block for the material knowledge management strategy of EDF and the PLEIADES plateform :
  - Focused of software quality and numerical performances.
- There are ongoing efforts on defining open tools to ensure a fully-consistent strategy encompassing all the steps up to engineering studies :
  - Experimental data.
  - Identification procedures.
  - Behaviour implementations.
  - Unit testing.
  - Documentation.

# Future works

- Documentation :
  - Better code documentation.
  - New entries in the gallery.
- Numerical stability tests based on the CADNA library :
  - [www.lip6.fr/cadna](http://www.lip6.fr/cadna)
  - <https://github.com/thelfer/cadna>
- Support of units :
  - Compile-time checks without any runtime overhead.
- More work on implicit algorithms :
  - Trust-region algorithms.
  - Homotopy methods.
- Generalised behaviours.
- New interfaces (ANSYS, LSDYNA).
- Generic MFront interface
- An official Debian/Ubuntu package.
- **The fourth MFront user days !**

# A huge technical depth





# How to contribute

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## About

- Citations and illustrations
- Feed-backs, feed-backs, and feed-backs !
  - Please use the forum.
  - Enhancement suggestions (code, documentation, algorithm, etc...)
- Submit new behaviours implementation and tests.
- Submit pages to the gallery.
- Code (for the braves)

# Thank you for your attention.

## Time for discussion !

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