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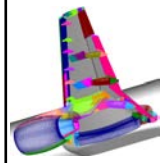

A CHIMERA GRID TOOLS TUTORIAL

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OVERVIEW

- Introduction
- Pre-processing
- Post-processing
- New features in version 2.2

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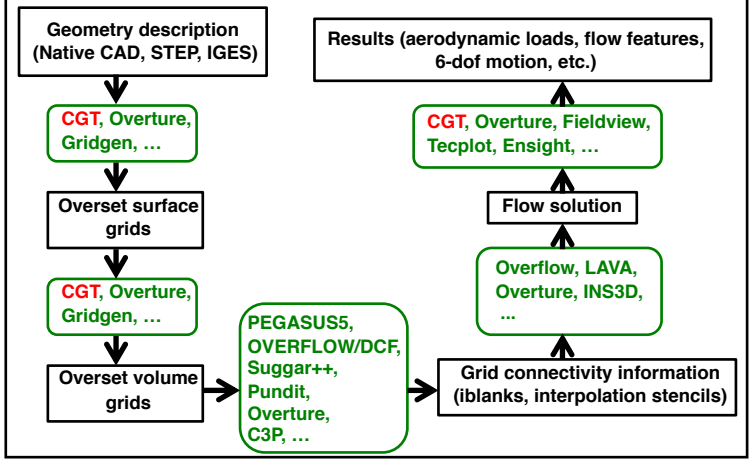
TYPICAL MODELING AND SIMULATION PROCESS USING OVERSET GRIDS



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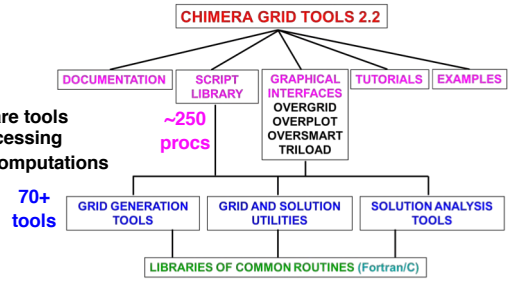

What is CGT

- A collection of software tools for pre- and post-processing of overset grid CFD computations

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Availability

NASA Software Catalog (https://software.nasa.gov/software/ARC-16025-1B)
- U.S. citizens/permanent residents working under U.S. organization in the U.S.
- Fill out and return Software Usage Agreement form
- Source (Linux, Unix, Mac OS-X)
- Version 2.2+ available for use by authors' associated projects

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INSTALLATION, DOCUMENTATION, TUTORIALS

Installation software requirements
- Fortran 90 compiler (ifort, gfortran 4.4+) : all
- C compiler (gcc 4.4+, icc) : all
- C++ compiler (g++ 4.4+, icc) : USURP
- OpenGL, X11, Tcl/Tk 8.6.8 or earlier : OVERGRID
- Python, swig, gnuplot : OVERSMART
- Tcl wish, xmgrace or gnuplot : OVERPLOT

Installation instructions
- chimera2.2/doc/{INSTALLATION.html, overgrid.html}

Supported platforms
- Linux, Mac OS-X, (Windows: workable, unsupported)

Documentation
- chimera2.2/doc/man.html -> *.html

Tutorials
- chimera2.2/tutorials/* contains tutorials for OVERGRID, Script Library, and various scripting exercises

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EXECUTABLES

Run configure script to generate Makefiles

configure -- help (get list of options)

Executables
- single precision set
- double precision set

File Attributes for I/O
- big/little endian
  - controlled by environment variable (ifort, gfortran)
  - controlled by compiler flag (pgf90)
- single/double precision and big/little endian auto-detected by FFIO enabled modules
- file conversion and attribute determination using overConvert

OVERGRID auto-detects single/double precision, big/little endian

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PRE-PROCESSING STEPS AND BEST PRACTICE

Task: Given complex geometry definition, create input files needed for overset grid CFD analysis
- Grid file containing overset volume grids and iblanks
- Connectivity file containing fringe points, donor stencils, interpolation coefficients
- Flow solver input file with boundary conditions for each grid
- Input file for performing forces and moments integration on components of interest
- Input files for coupled physics
  - Prescribed/6-DOF input files for relative motion problems
  - Species convection
  - Structural deformation

Best practice:
- Develop pre-processing script to create all input files needed above
- Use CGT's OVERGRID to check and visualize individual steps
- Use CGT's Script Library to record steps into script
- Check grid and connectivity quality using variety of tools

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PRE-PROCESSING USING CGT

Geometry Creation and Manipulation

Surface Grid Generation
- on STEP, IGES, CAD via discretized surface geometry descriptions (triangulation and structured patches)
- algebraic, hyperbolic

Volume Grid Generation
- near-body curvilinear (hyperbolic)
- off-body Cartesian

Domain Connectivity Inputs
- Xray map creation and hole-cut instructions
- PEGASUS5
- C3P

Flow Solver Inputs (OVERFLOW)
- boundary conditions
- component hierarchy and prescribed/6-DOF dynamics
- prescribed dynamics animation (OVERGRID)

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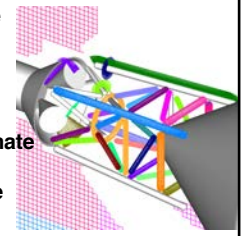
GEOMETRY CREATION

Script Library has macros to create

- Points
- Straight lines
- Analytic curves
- Cylinders
- Spheres
- Frustums
- Cartesian boxes
- Airfoil shapes
- > NACA 4 and 5 digit series
- > PARSEC

Combine with basic macros to generate more complex shapes

- Translate
- Scale
- Rotate
- Mirror
- Extract
- Concatenate
- Revolve
- Duplicate



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GEOMETRY INPUT

STEP, IGES via Engineering Sketch Pad (ESP)

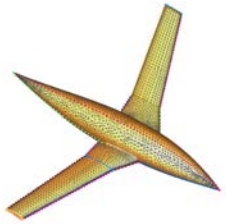
- Boundary Representation (BRep) solids
- Use EGADS2SRF module to generate discrete representations
- Open source

Native CAD (Pro-E, Catia V5, Parasolid, OpenCASCADE, SolidWorks, UniGraphics, FELISA) via CAPRI library from CADNexus

- Use CAD2SRF module to generate surface triangulations
- Need CAD license and CAPRI users license
- Not tested under CGT 2.2

Surface Triangulation

- CART3D (.tri, .triq, .trix)
- UCD (.ucd)
- STL (.stl)
- FRO (.fro)
- FAST (.fst)



Structured Surface Patches

- PLOT3D format

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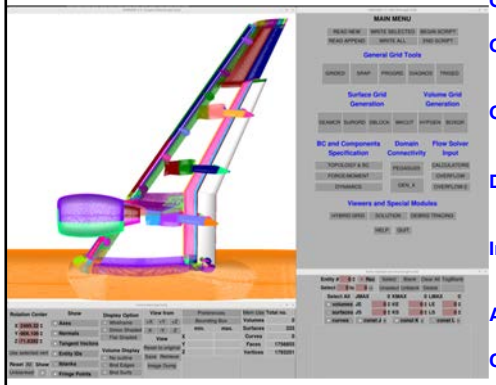
OVERGRID



Supported platforms – Linux, Mac OS-X

Geometry
- interface via ESP

Grid
- processing, redistribution, projection

Generators
- surface grids, volume grids, hole-cutters

Diagnostics
- grid & connectivity quality

Input preparation
- flow solver b.c. & params, debris trajectory

Animation
- multi-comp. dynamics

Calculators
- Standard atmosphere, mass properties, 6-dof

Viewers
- solution, force/moment components, strand mesh

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CGT SCRIPT LIBRARY

Tcl macros -10x more compact scripts, > 3x faster development time

Low – Mid Level

- File manipulation (e.g., combine files, format conversion,…)
- Geometry creation (e.g., points, lines, analytic curves, cylinders,...)
- Grid information (e.g., interrogate grid dimensions, coordinates, arc lengths, formats,…)
- Grid editing (e.g., extract, concatenate, split, duplicate, swap/ reverse indices, scale, translate, rotate, mirror, revolve, …)
- Grid redistribution
- Surface grid generation (TFI and hyperbolic)
- Volume grid generation (hyperbolic and Cartesian)
- X-ray hole cutter generation and hole cut instructions creation
- Pegasus5 and C3P input preparation
- Force/moments computation inputs
- OVERFLOW boundary conditions inputs and namelist i/o

Top Level

- Grid-based approach (Configuration Management Scripts, PEG5)
- Component-based approach (duplicated/moving comp., X-rays)

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PRE-PROCESSING STRATEGY USING SCRIPTS

Scripting approach
- rapid replay of all steps
- easy to parameterize inputs (e.g., grid stretching, spacings, etc.)
- easy to make small changes
- recommended even for one-of-a-kind cases
- modification needed if surface topology changes

Surface Grid Generation
- generate grids from
  - surface triangulation
  - surface feature curves

} Derived from STEP / IGES / CAD, or supplied

Volume Grid Generation
- near-body hyperbolic grids, off-body Cartesian grids

Domain Connectivity, Force/Moments Computation, Flow Solver Inputs
- construct and store common database in script (boundary conditions, component definitions, etc.)

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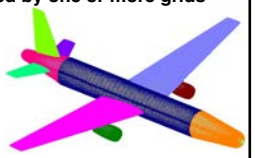
DISTRIBUTED TEAM-BASED SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

- Identify components of a complex configuration
- A component is a geometric part and may be modeled by one or more grids
- Create stand-alone script for each component
  - generation of surface and volume grids
  - domain connectivity inputs (X-ray maps)
  - solver boundary conditions
  - forces and moments integration inputs



- Each component script can be created by different developers
- Use file repository system to update script so that each team member can get most up-to-date version of each script
- Share global parameters file (e.g., wall spacing, global spacing, str. ratio, etc.)
- Each developer is responsible for grid connectivity of individual component
- Create master script to call component scripts, assemble final grid system, generate input files for domain connectivity, force/ moment integration, flow solver

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POST-PROCESSING USING CGT

Forces and Moments Computation (mixsur/overint, usurp)

Solution Convergence Analysis
- solution/turb. model residuals, forces/moments
- one page overview (oversmart)
- individual plots (overplot)

Flow Visualization (overgrid)
- scalar and vector functions
- turb. model dependent variables, species partial densities
- unsteady 2-D solution animation

Component Line Loads (triload)
- sectional and cumulative line loads
- Cp on plane cuts

Dynamics Animation (overgrid)
- 6-DOF dynamics output from flow solver

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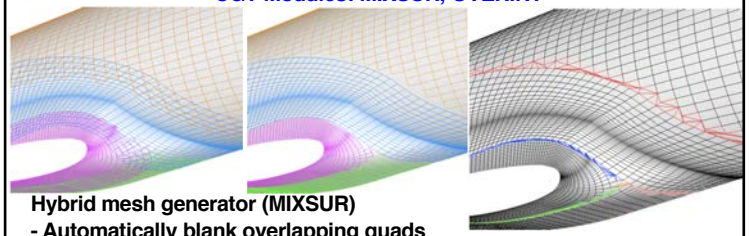
FORCES/MOMENTS INTEGRATION APPROACH 1 – INTEGRATE ON HYBRID SURFACE MESH
CGT Modules: MIXSUR, OVERINT



Hybrid mesh generator (MIXSUR)
- Automatically blank overlapping quads
- Automatically fill narrow gap with triangles
- Very fast but may sometimes contain a few bad triangles (200 surface grids, 2 million+ surface pts, 22 sec., 1 proc.)

Integration tool (OVERINT)
- Integrates on non-overlapping quads and triangles
- Integrates linear function exactly

Chan, W. M., Enhancements to the Hybrid Mesh Approach to Surface Loads Integration On Overset Structured Grids, AIAA Paper 2009-3990

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OVERINT OUTPUT FILES

- Surface triangulation solution file derived from hybrid surface mesh generated by MIXSUR (.triq)

- Surface distributions of local forces and moments

  - Four unstructured surface triangulation files, each with cell-centered scalar variables (extended CART3D .i.tri format)

    (1) Cell ΔF
    (2) Cell ΔF / Cell area
    (3) Cell ΔM
    (4) Cell ΔM / Cell area

- Scalars: X, Y, Z components of forces/moments
  total magnitude, pressure, viscous, momentum contributions
  local cell area

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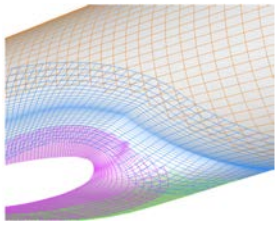
FORCES/MOMENTS INTEGRATION APPROACH 2 – INTEGRATE ON WEIGHTED QUADS
CGT Module: USURP



Polygon subtraction in 3-D

A_Q = Area of quadrilateral
A_{OV} = Area of overlap

Quad panel weights calculator and integrator (USURP)
- Automatically computes panel weight for each quad
- Always returns a result by integrating over all quads
- No hybrid mesh => no visual checks
- Does not integrate linear function exactly
- Also has standalone and OVERFLOW modes

Boger, D. and Dreyer, J., Prediction of Hydrodynamic Forces and Moments for Underwater Vehicles Using Overset Grids, AIAA Paper 2006-1148

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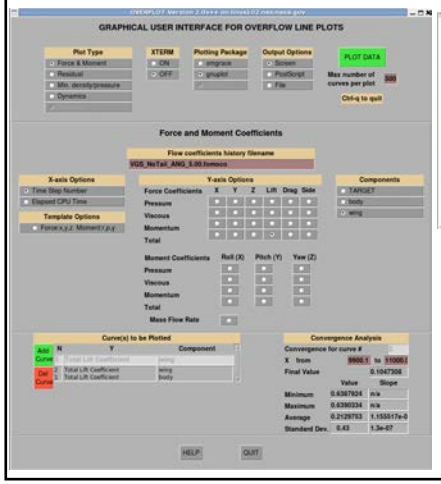
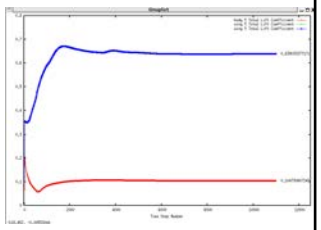
SOLUTION CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS: OVERPLOT
Forces/Moments Panel (.fomoco)





- Single coef. plot with option to add more coefs.

- Six coef. matrix plot (Fx, Fy, Fz, Mx, My, Mz)

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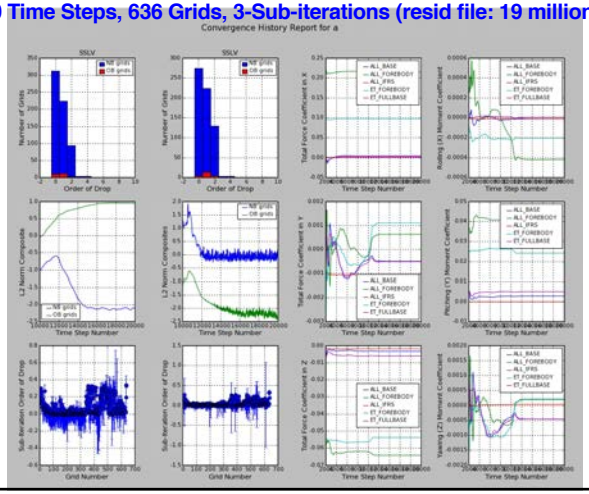
SOLUTION CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS: OVERSMART SUMMARY PAGE
Space Shuttle Launch Vehicle
10,000 Time Steps, 636 Grids, 3-Sub-iterations (resid file: 19 million lines)



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SOLUTION VISUALIZATION

- Flow variables
  - Surface triangulations
    - vertex and cell-centered scalars (.tri, .triq, .trix)
  - Overset structured surface and volume grids
    - steady (scalars and vectors)
    - unsteady (scalars)
    - 2-D moving body with adaptive grids (scalars)
- 6-DOF component trajectories

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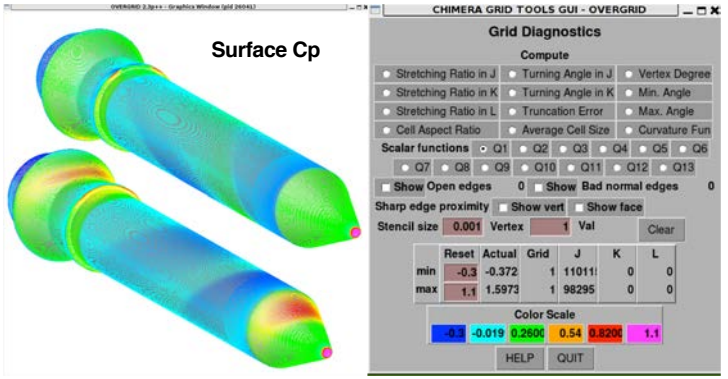
VISUALIZATION OF VERTEX-CENTERED DATA ON SURFACE TRIANGULATIONS

Standard CART3D triq file



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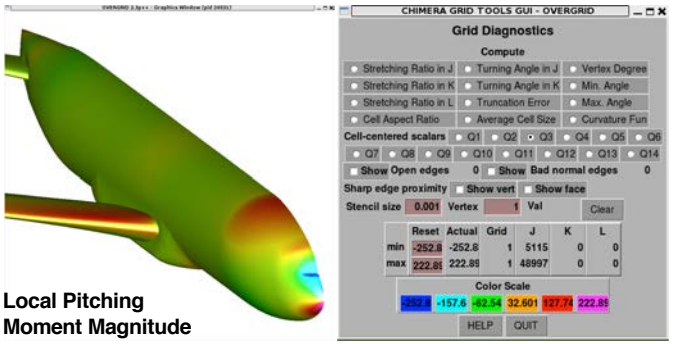
VISUALIZATION OF CELL-CENTERED DATA ON SURFACE TRIANGULATIONS

Extended CART3D tri file with cell-centered scalars
Local forces/moments tri file output from OVERINT



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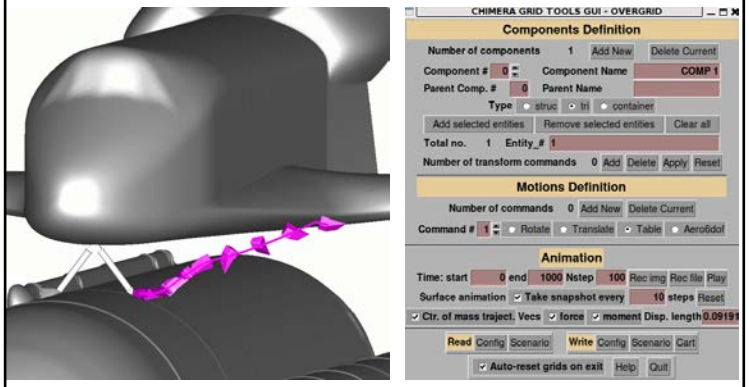
COMPONENT TRAJECTORIES VISUALIZATION FROM SIX-DOF COMPUTATIONS



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MAIN NEW FEATURES IN CGT 2.2

- Geometry interface for STEP and IGES files via Engineering Sketch Pad (ESP) (EGADS2SRF, SRF2EGADS, OVERGRID)
- Diagnostics for grid quality, domain connectivity (GRIDINF, INTCHK, OVERGRID)
- Visualization of
  - cut planes for curvilinear grids/solutions (OVERGRID)
  - components defined for forces/moments computation (OVERGRID)
- Command-line options for image dump (OVERGRID)
- Auto-determination/conversion of file types/attributes (FFIO Lib., overConvert)
- Multi-threaded Tcl script execution for volume mesh generation (Script Library)
- Residual history plots for components (OVERPLOT)
- Line loads computation (TRILOAD)
- Tutorial for script development for complete overset CFD pre-processing tasks
- See chimera2.2/doc/cgt2.2.txt for more details

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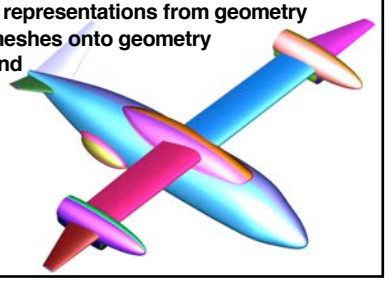
GEOMETRY INTERFACE

- Engineering Sketch Pad (ESP) open source library from MIT
  - Parametric geometry creation and processing
- Geometry formats allowed
  - Boundary Representation (BRep) solids in STEP or IGES files
  - Engineering Geometry Aircraft Design System (EGADS) geometry files
- CGT modules
  - EGADS2SRF generates discrete representations from geometry
  - SRF2EGADS projects discrete meshes onto geometry
  - OVERGRID provides GUI front end



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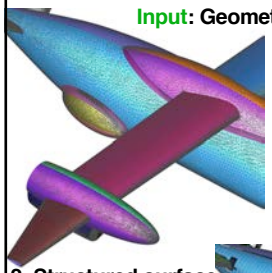
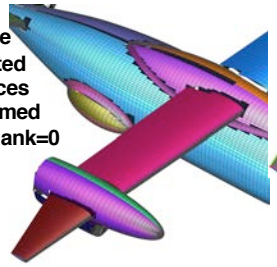
EGADS2SRF

Input: Geometry from STEP, IGES, or EGADS files



Output

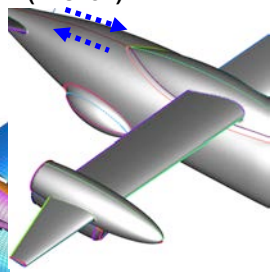
1. Surface triangulation on tessellated trimmed BRep faces (CART3D)



2. Structured surface patches on tessellated untrimmed BRep faces with vertices in trimmed region tagged by iblank=0 (PLOT3D)

Control: maximum
- dihedral angle
- cell size
- chordal deviation

3. Structured curves on tessellated BRep edges (PLOT3D)



4. Topology data: BRep edge sense and adjacent faces (ASCII)

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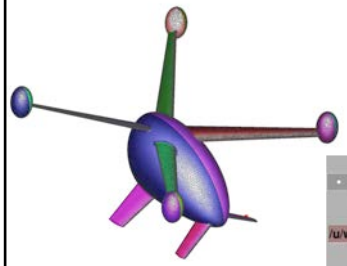
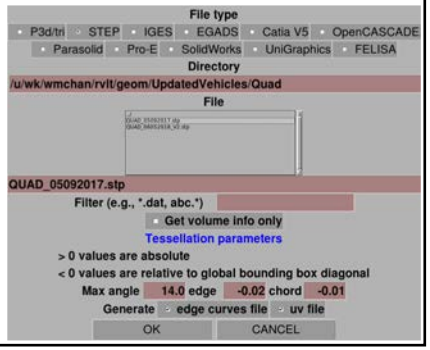
OVERGRID: VISUALIZATION OF STEP AND IGES FILES



- Type "overgrid" on command line to launch window below
- Select STEP or IGES
- Auto call to egads2srf
- Auto load triangulation file

Control: maximum
- dihedral angle
- cell size
- chordal deviation



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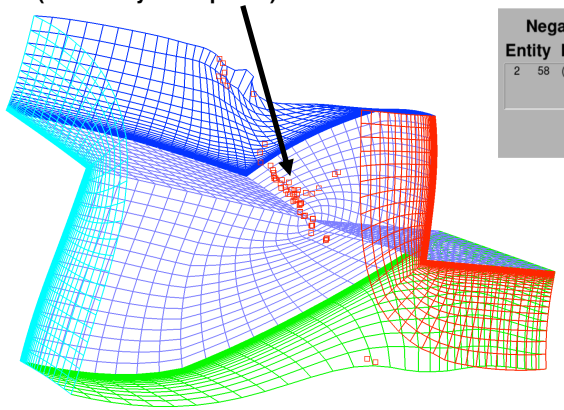
GRID QUALITY CHECKS (1)
Must-Pass: Jacobians (OVERGRID, MINMAX)

Jacobian computed using same subroutine as in target flow solver (marked by red squares)



Negative Jacobians

Entity	Number	(J,K,L)
2	58	(17,10,30)...

OK

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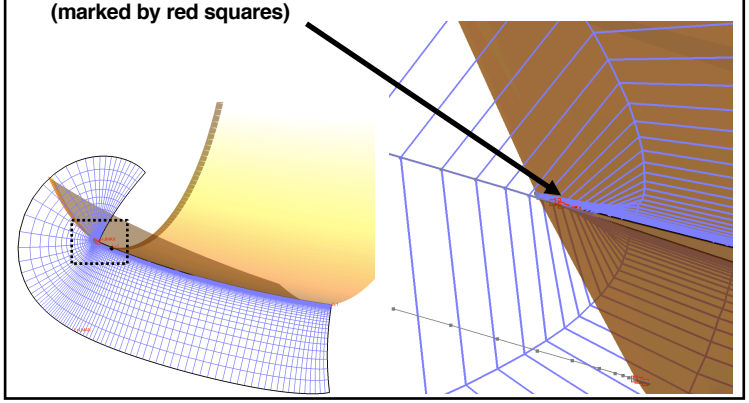
GRID QUALITY CHECKS (2)
Must-Pass: Self-Intersections (OVERGRID, GRIDED)

Self-intersection of volume grid points against surface grid (marked by red squares)



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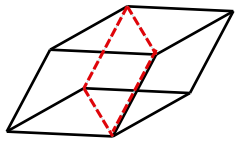
OVERGRID: GRID QUALITY CHECKS (2)
Mostly-Pass: Cell Volumes

Cell volume computed by hexahedral decomposition into 6 tetrahedrons

OVERGRID Diagnostic



- Cut into 2 prisms
- Cut each prism into 3 tets
- Bad cell if
  1. any tet volume < 0
  2. sum of 6 tet volumes < 0

Cell Volume Check

	Sum 6 tets		One or more tets	
	Negative sum		Negative vol	
Entity	# Cells	(J,K,L) Min Vol	# Cells	Min Tet Vol
1	0			
2	0			
3	0	2.526e-04	9	-2.719e-06
4	0			
5	0	9.463e-04	186	-2.195e-04
6	0			
7	0	4.672e-04	59	-2.892e-04
8	0	3.594e-05	12	-4.785e-07
9	0	5.191e-04	6	-1.232e-07
10	1	(26,38,28) -1.567e-03	216	-1.884e-03
11	0			
12	0			

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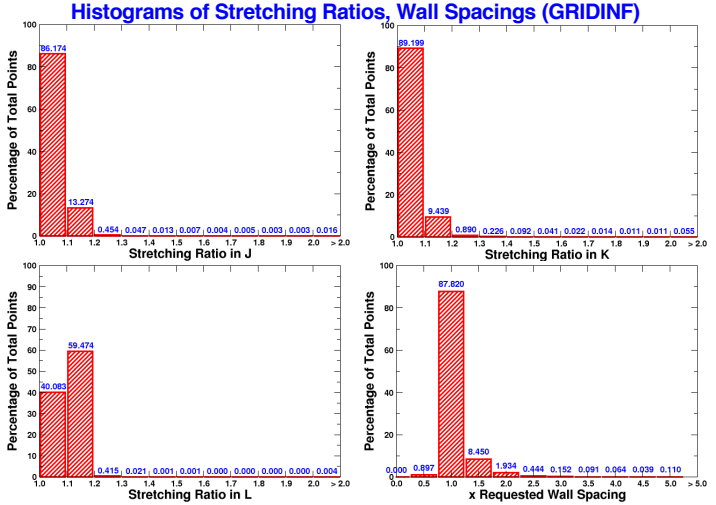
GRID QUALITY CHECKS (3)
Histograms of Stretching Ratios, Wall Spacings (GRIDINF)



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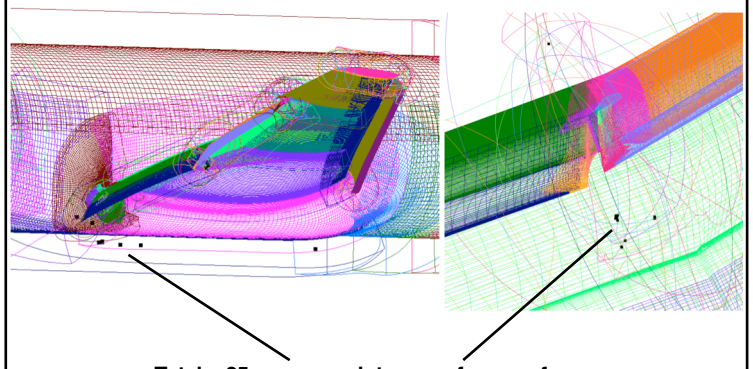
DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY QUALITY CHECKS (1)
Total number, location, and spread of orphan points (OVERGRID)



Total = 25, sparse points away from surface

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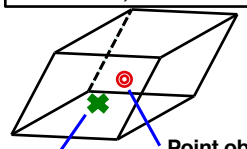
DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY QUALITY CHECKS (2)
Fringe Point Donor Stencil Accuracy (OVERGRID, INTCHK)

Histogram of distance between fringe point and vertex obtained by donor stencil interpolation (intchk)

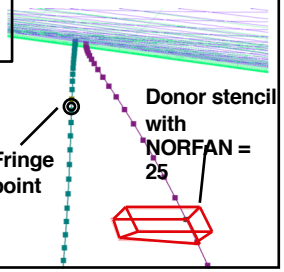
Distance	Number of pts	% Total
d < 0.0001,	2592370,	89.207
0.0001 <= d < 0.001,	127886,	4.401
0.001 <= d < 0.01,	128241,	4.413
0.01 <= d < 0.1,	47312,	1.628
0.1 <= d < 1.0,	10167,	0.350
1.0 <= d < 10.0,	49,	1.7E-03
10.0 <= d,	0,	0.0



Fringe point

Point obtained using interpolation coefficients on 8 corners of donor cell

Set NORFAN carefully in OVERFLOW for viscous stencil repair



Fringe point

Donor stencil with NORFAN = 25

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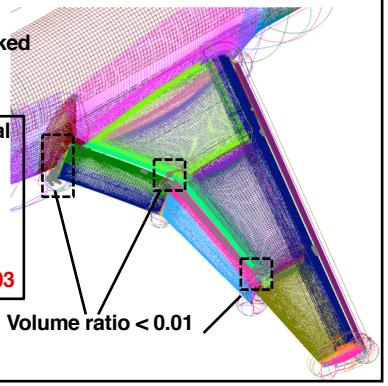
DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY QUALITY CHECKS (3)
Donor Stencil Attributes Compatibility (OVERGRID, INTCHK)

Compatibility of cell attributes between fringe point and donor stencil
- Cell volume ratio histogram table (intchk) and location map (OVERGRID)
- Bad ratio => gradients cannot be transferred accurately between grids

Other attributes that could be checked
- Cell aspect ratio, orientation

Volume ratio	# Pts.	% Total
0.5 <= C <= 1.0	2714268	48.26
0.2 <= C < 0.5	1705036	30.32
0.1 <= C < 0.2	670232	11.92
0.01 <= C < 0.1	525048	9.34
0.001 <= C < 0.01	9631	0.17
C < 0.001	21	0.37E-03



Volume ratio < 0.01

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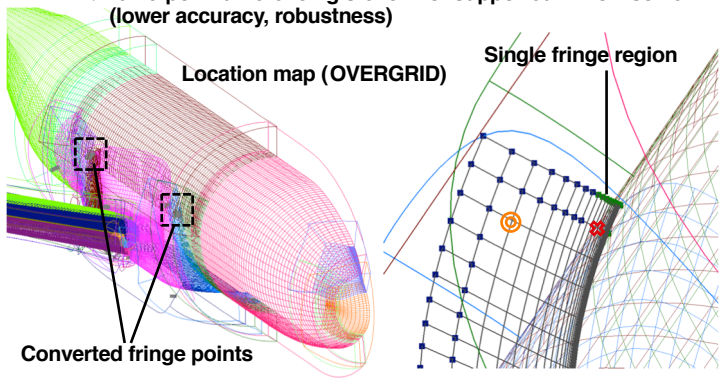
DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY QUALITY CHECKS (4)
Conversion to Lower Fringe Layers (OVERGRID, INTCHK)

- Insufficient grid overlap to support double fringe locally
- Option to convert from double fringe to single fringe
  => full 5-point differencing stencil not supported in flow solver (lower accuracy, robustness)



Location map (OVERGRID)

Single fringe region

Converted fringe points

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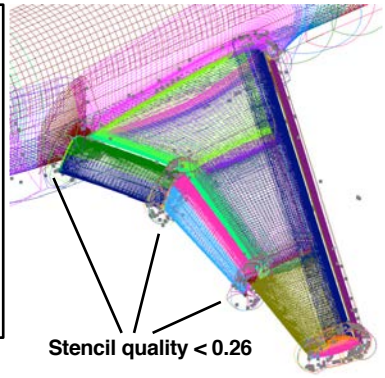
DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY QUALITY CHECKS (5)
Donor Stencil Quality (OVERGRID, INTCHK)

Histogram table (intchk) and location map (OVERGRID)

Stencil Quality	Number	% Total
Q = 0.0	0	0.0000
0.0< Q < 0.1	0	0.0000
0.1<= Q < 0.2	0	0.0000
0.2<= Q < 0.3	4858	0.1672
0.3<= Q < 0.4	12120	0.4171
0.4<= Q < 0.5	14660	0.5045
0.5<= Q < 0.6	14054	0.4836
0.6<= Q < 0.7	19504	0.6712
0.7<= Q < 0.8	24788	0.8530
0.8<= Q < 0.9	23280	0.8011
0.9<= Q < 1.0	45317	1.5594
Q = 1.0	2573858	88.5697



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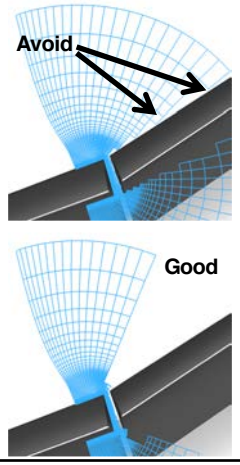
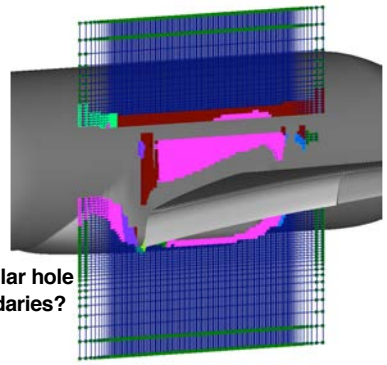
DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY QUALITY CHECKS (6)
Hole Boundary Location & Smoothness (OVERGRID)





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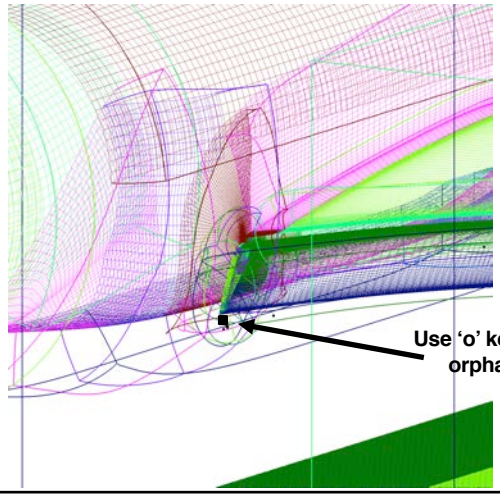
ORPHAN POINTS REDUCTION / ELIMINATION IN OVERGRID (1)



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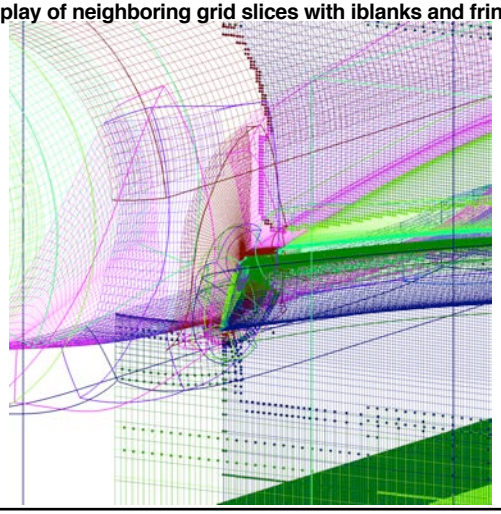
ORPHAN POINTS REDUCTION / ELIMINATION IN OVERGRID (2)

Auto display of neighboring grid slices with iblanks and fringe points



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ORPHAN POINTS REDUCTION / ELIMINATION IN OVERGRID (3)

Widgets for toggling display of all neighboring grid slices that may contain selected orphan point

Neighboring Slices Display

	Grid #	J	Jmax	K	Kmax	L	Lmax
Orphan point	26	1	235	9	54	97	99
Orphan grid	26	1	235	9	54	97	99
Neighboring grid	9	40	125	18	19	53	59
	27	95	116	7	73	98	99
	68	282	533	21	45	18	91
	69	217	299	2	153	16	117
	72	200	381	13	181	41	115

Hide All Slices

OK

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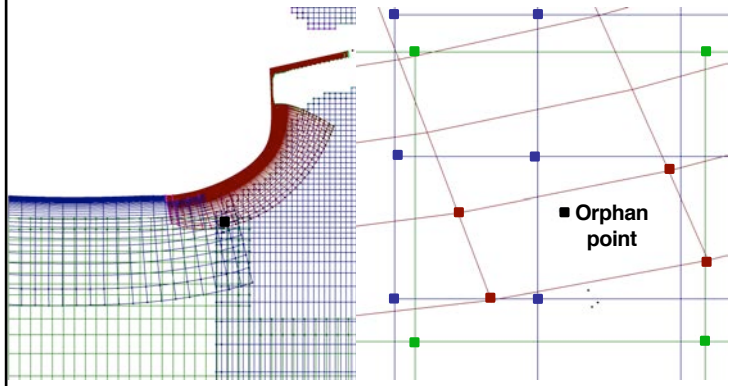
ORPHAN POINTS REDUCTION / ELIMINATION IN OVERGRID (4)

Zoomed-in view

Even more zoomed-in view showing fringe point locations of neighboring slices



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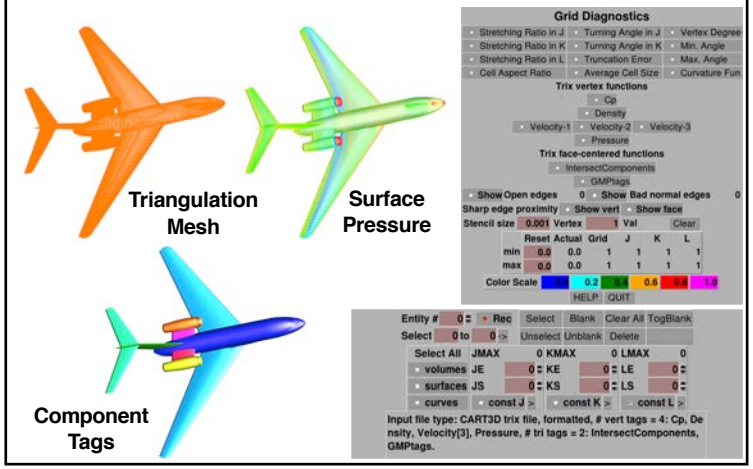
VISUALIZATION OF SURFACE TRIANGULATIONS IN .TRIX FORMAT IN OVERGRID

CART3D trix file with vertex-centered and cell-centered scalars



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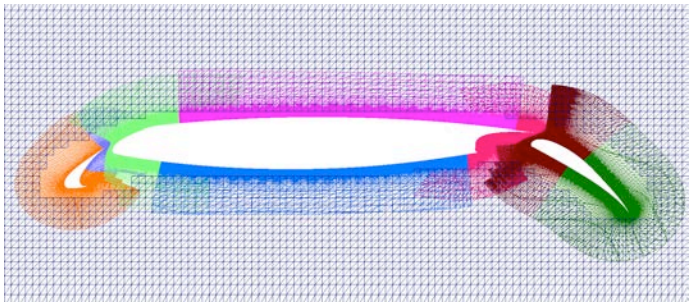
CUT PLANE GENERATION IN CVA

- Generate cut plane through multiple structured overset curvilinear grid and solution file -> .triq file
- Cut
  - constant x/y/z
  - arbitrary defined by Ax + By + Cz + D = 0
- Command line mode and scriptable
- Long term goal of performing control volume analysis



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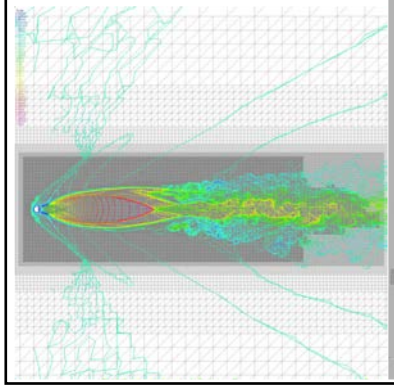
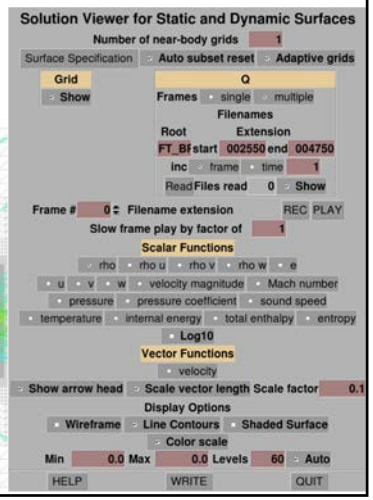
CUT PLANE VISUALIZATION IN OVERGRID (LINE CONTOURS)

Visualize single or multiple frames of .triq files generated by
- cut-plane option in OVERFLOW
- external sources (read from files)





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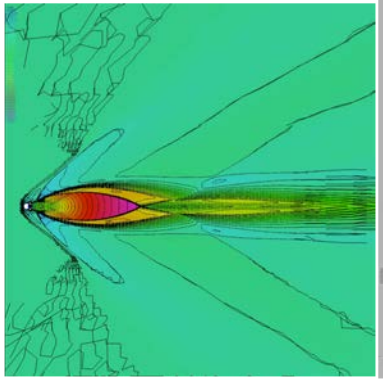
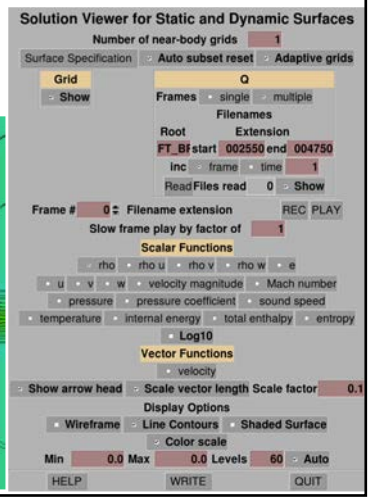
CUT PLANE VISUALIZATION IN OVERGRID (SHADED CONTOURS)

Visualize single or multiple frames of .triq files generated by
- cut-plane option in OVERFLOW
- any other means





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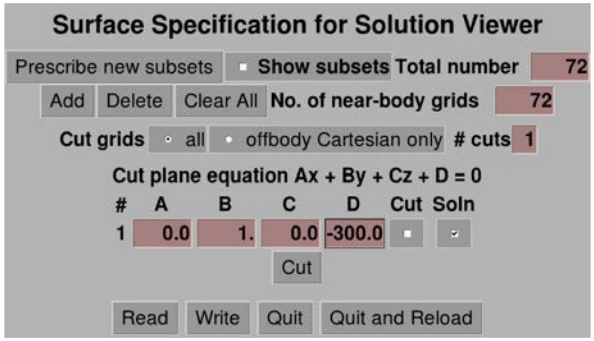
CUT PLANE GENERATION AND VISUALIZATION IN OVERGRID (1)

Generate cut planes through multiple structured overset meshes from GUI



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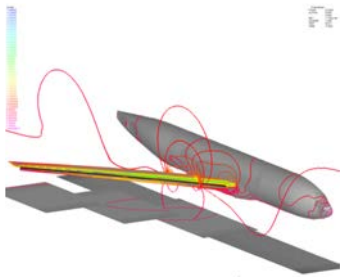
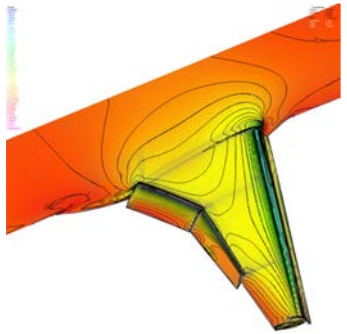
CUT PLANE GENERATION AND VISUALIZATION IN OVERGRID (2)



Colored line contours on L=1 surfaces and cut planes



Shaded colored contours with overlayed line contours

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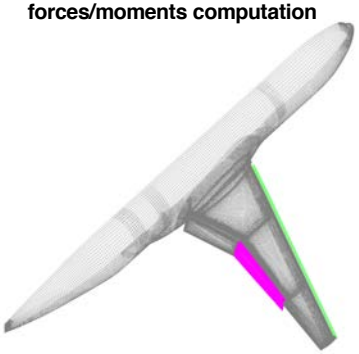
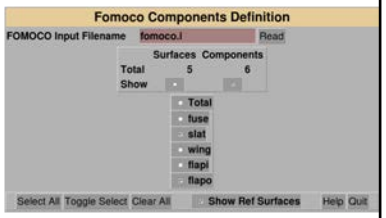
OVERGRID: VISUALIZATION OF COMPONENTS DEFINED FOR FORCES/MOMENTS COMPUTATION

- Recent complex configuration applications: 100+ components, each component may contain from a few to 100+ surface subsets
- Need visual check of grid indices used to define components for forces/moments computation





Toggle display of each component in different colors

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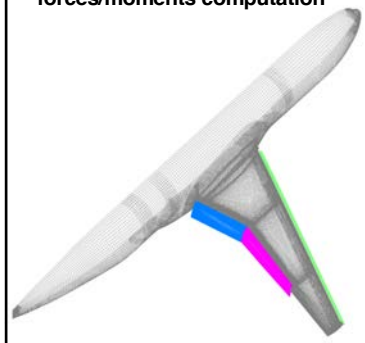

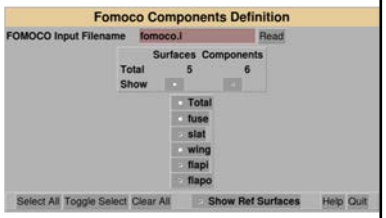

Toggle display of each component in different colors

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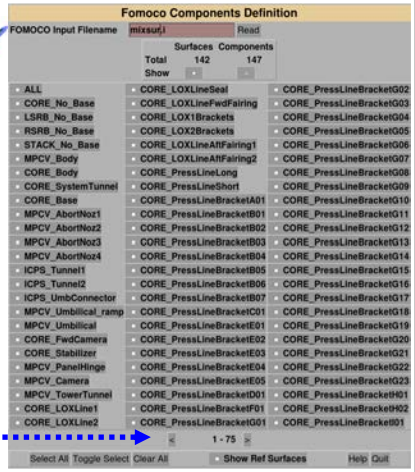
OVERGRID: VISUALIZATION OF COMPONENTS DEFINED FOR FORCES/MOMENTS COMPUTATION (BIG CASE)



Click to second panel to see components 76-147

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OVERGRID: COMMAND LINE OPTIONS

Scripted dumping of image files in non-interactive mode enabled by command line options

-2 : dual screen
-l/-r : location of smaller screen for horizontal stack (l=left, r=right)
+x/+y : x and y shifts for window placement
-cmd : read command line arguments from specified file
-cntrfun/-shadfun/-wirefun : 0/1 turn off or on contour/shaded/wireframe display for solution function
-dp : use double precision mode to read ascii structured grid files
-fun : plot function *fun_name* in solution viewer, valid *fun_name* include q1,q2,...,u,v,w,velocity magnitude,Mach number,pressure,Cp, sound speed,temperature,internal energy,total enthalpy,entropy
-img : dump image to specified filename (non-interactive mode)
-maxval/-minval : set max/min value of contours to specified value
-nlevel : set number of contour levels
-noax/-nogrid : do not display axis/grid wireframe
-nolog : do not write *overgrid.log* file
-qfile : load structured grid solution from specified *solution* file
-sub : load solution subsets from specified *subsets* file
-vp : load view point from specified *viewpoint* file

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FORTRAN FILE I/O (FFIO) LIBRARY AND OVERCONVERT

Auto detection of type and attributes of files encountered in overset CFD analysis process using number and size of record markers

File types
- PLOT3D grid, solution, and function
- OVERFLOW solution (one or two time levels)
- CART3D grid and solution files (.tri, .i.tri, .triq)
- X-ray map
- Interpolation stencil data (INTOUT/XINTOUT)

File attributes
- ASCII / unformatted single / unformatted double
- Big / little endian
- PLOT3D grid (single/multiple grid, with/without iblanks, 2D/3D)
- Solution (PLOT3D/OVERFLOW, with/without 2nd order restart)

Commonly used FFIO enabled CGT modules
- GRIDED, TRIGED, SRAP, SURGRD, HYPGEN, BOXGR, GEN_X, GRIDINF MINMAX, LSECT, COMBINEMX, COMBINEMQ, TRILOADCMV, QINFO

Use overConvert to report/check file type and attributes, and to convert between different attributes

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OVERCONVERT SAMPLE OUTPUT

overConvert -i filename -v -h -s

```
unformatted file
Machine is Little Endian
File is Big Endian
74 records found in input file
Number of Grids in multiple grid file: 72
Double Precision, no IBlanks
Data is 3D

Grid 3: 15x27x59 (23.9K Points)
Grid 25: 17x41x54 (37.6K Points)
Grid 13: 35x19x59 (39.2K Points)
Grid 20: 17x43x54 (39.5K Points)
...
Grid 69: 289x159x117 (5.4M Points)
Grid 58: 386x153x98 (5.8M Points)
Grid 72: 381x181x115 (7.9M Points)
Grid 30: 215x538x97 (11.2M Points)

Total points in file: 72.92M
Total cells in file: 70.93M
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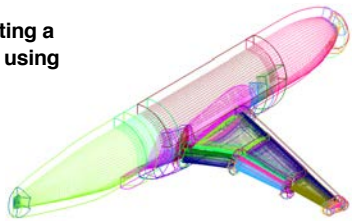
MULTI-THREADED TCL SCRIPT FOR VOLUME MESH GENERATION

Script library procedure for generating a system of hyperbolic volume grids using multiple Tcl threads



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GenHypVolThread  [list grid1.sur grid1.vol $strlist1 $bclist1 $smulist1] \
                 [list grid2.sur grid2.vol $strlist2 $bclist2 $smulist2] \
                 ...
                 [list gridN.sur gridN.vol $strlistN $bclistN $smulistN]
```

where
- grid{i}.sur = input surface grid filename
- grid{i}.vol = output volume grid filename
- strlist{i} = stretching function parameters list
- bclist{i} = boundary conditions parameters list
- smulist{i} = smoothing parameters list

} Inputs for grid{i}

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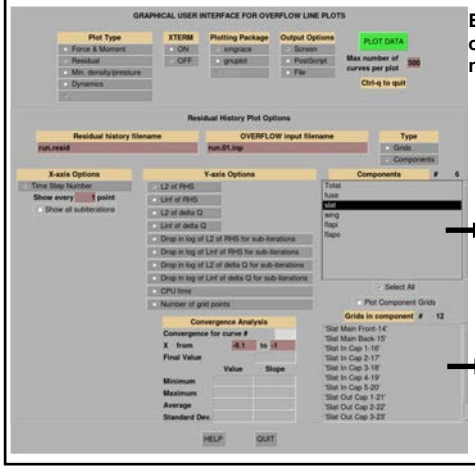
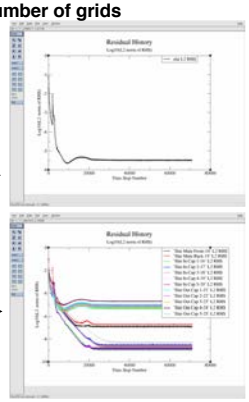
OVERPLOT: SOLUTION CONVERGENCE DIAGNOSTICS

Residual history plots for components defined for forces/moments computation



Easier to analyze convergence of grid systems with large number of grids



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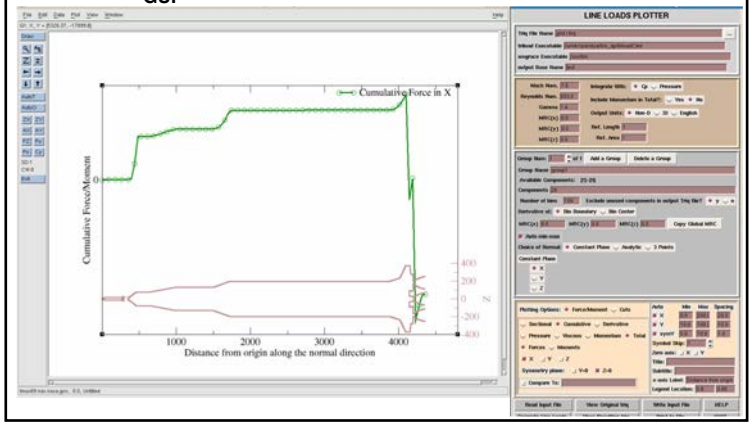
LINE LOADS COMPUTATION AND Cp CUTS IN TRILOAD (1)

- Computation of sectional loads and Cp along specified cuts
- Modes of operation
  - command line
  - GUI



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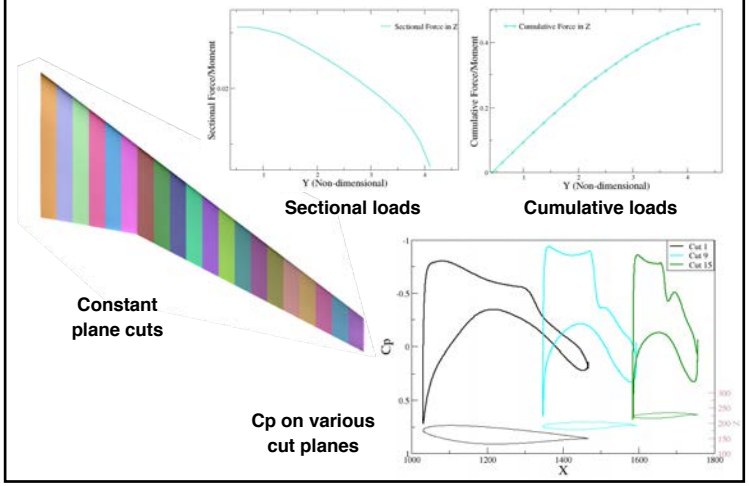
LINE LOADS COMPUTATION AND Cp CUTS IN TRILOAD (2)



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MISCELLANEOUS NEW FEATURES FROM DIFFERENT MODULES

DIFFXQ – compute differences between two structured mesh files in
- grid coordinates
- solution values
- iblank values (connectivity)

TRIGED – triangulation editing tool
- read .stl, .fro files (in addition to .tri, .triq, .ucd, .fst)
- report bounding box and edge length statistics
- fast search for duplicated vertices
- perturb vertices along local surface normal by specified distance
- compute differences between two .triq files (different nvert, ntri)

QINFO - solution file header info tool
- report min/max of each Q

QED – perform editing of solution files
- swap J/K, K/L, J/L indices
- reverse J, K, K indices
- mirror velocity vector about x/y/z=0 plane
- rotate velocity vector

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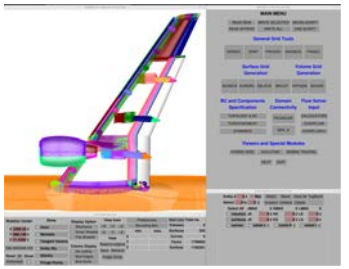
TUTORIALS IN CGT 2.2: OVERGRID

- Under chimera2.2/tutorials/gui

- Updated for OVERGRID version 2.4



A detailed OVERGRID demo is available at:
The OVERGRID Graphical User Interface in Chimera Grid Tools (Parts 1, 2, 3)
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http://www.nas.nasa.gov/publications/ams/2014/05-20-14.html
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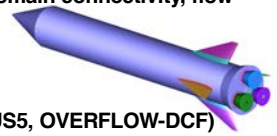
TUTORIALS IN CGT 2.2: SCRIPTING

- General Script Library procedures (chimera2.2/tutorials/scriptlib)

- Script development using the configuration (Build) scripts (chimera2.2/tutorials/scripts)

- James' rocket (JCLV) scripting example (chimera2.2/tutorials/jclv)

  - Complete process includes geometry creation, surface and volume mesh generation, input preparation for domain connectivity, flow solution, forces/moments computation



  - Grid-centric approach (Build scripts)
    - Each grid file contains 1 grid
    - Domain connectivity options (PEGASUS5, OVERFLOW-DCF)

  - Component-centric approach
    - Each grid file contains all grids for 1 component
    - Domain connectivity options (OVERFLOW-DCF, PEGASUS5, C3P)

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