

# OpenFOAM Workshop

Programming session:

*from the C++ basics to the compilation of  
user libraries*

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# Presentation overview:

- C++ basics
  - main, declarations, types
  - memory management: references and pointers
  - Object orientation:
    - ▶ classes
    - ▶ inheritance
  - header and source files
- Compiling applications
  - make, wmake, wmake libso. Linking libraries.
- Writing simple applications in OpenFOAM
  - general structure (includes, skim between time-dirs...)
  - examples: divergence, INDT

30 m

15 m

# Presentation overview:

- Modifying existing libraries
  - overview of the force class
  - modifying the class
    - ▶ Change the source and modify the names
    - ▶ compile the library
    - ▶ call the library during the execution
- Adding classes
  - FSInterface class
  - Linking classes through pointers

20 m

25 m

# PART I

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## C++ basics

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# C++ basics

Hello world code... it only prints a message on screen

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    cout << "Hello world..! " <<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

# C++ basics

Declare variables, assign values and output the results

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int iA;
    float rB, rC;

    iA=10;
    rB=0.4;
    rC=0.7;

    cout << "iA= " <<iA<<endl;
    cout << "rB= " <<rB<<endl;
    cout << "rC= " <<rC<<endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# C++ basics

## Define and use of the functions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

//Declare functions BEFORE!!
float Add(float a, float b)
{
    float c;
    c=a+b;
    return c;
}

//Main code
int main()
{
    int iA;
    float rB, rC, ResAdd;

    iA=10;
    rB=0.4;
    rC=0.7;

    ResAdd = Add(rB,rC);

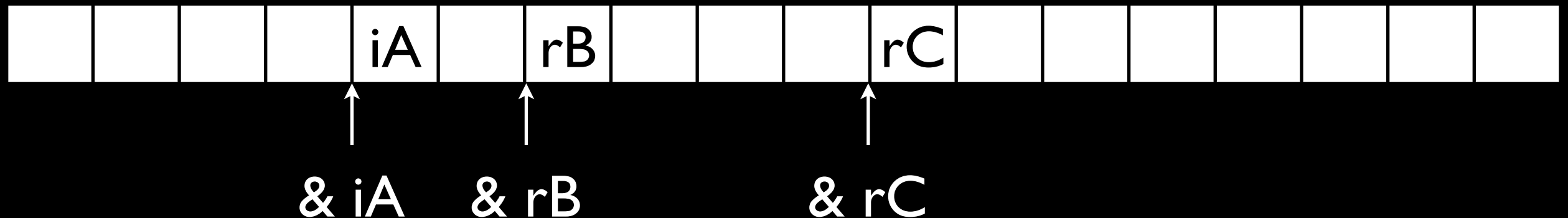
    cout<<"ResAdd= " <<ResAdd<<endl;

    return 0;
}
```

# C++ basics

## References and pointers

### Computer memory: sequential representation



- References ( & ) are the addresses of the variables in the computer memory. References are constant.
- The value of a reference (ex: 0x7fff5fbfb604) can be stored in a particular type of variable, called pointer.
- The pointer is a variable of the same type of the variable it points to. Integer pointer points to integer variable!



# C++ basics

Declaration

Assignment

`int * APtr = & iA`

`float * rPtr = & rB`

...

`rPtr = & rC` Re-Assignment

- Using references and pointers is convenient: it avoids the need of making copies when passing arguments to functions (for large arrays this is very convenient!)

**main**

```
float rB = 1.1;  
float rC = 0.6;  
ResAdd = Add(rB, rC);  
  
cout << ResAdd << endl;
```

Memory allocated for main



Memory allocated for function



**copy:** `a = rB`

**copy:** `b = rC`

**function**

```
float c = a + b;
```

**copy:** `ResAdd = c`

# C++ basics

- The dereferencing operator `*` restitutes the value of the variable pointed by the pointer. So:

Variable declaration and assignation:	<code>float rB = 1.1;</code>	
Pointer declaration and assignation:	<code>float * rPtr = &amp;rB</code>	
	<code>cout&lt;&lt; rB &lt;&lt;endl;</code>	<code>→ 1.1</code>
Pointer dereferencing:	<code>cout&lt;&lt; * rPtr &lt;&lt;endl;</code>	<code>→ 1.1</code>
	<code>cout&lt;&lt; &amp;rB&lt;&lt;endl;</code>	<code>→ 0x7fff5fbfb604</code>

Similar syntax, but very different meaning!!

# C++ basics

## Optimizing the function

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

//Declare functions BEFORE!!
float Add(float * a, float * b)
{
    return *a + *b;
}

//Main code
int main()
{
    int iA;
    float rB, rC, ResAdd;

    iA=10;
    rB=0.4;
    rC=0.7;

    ResAdd = Add(&rB,&rC);

    cout<<"ResAdd= " <<ResAdd<<endl;

    return 0;
}
```

2 Assign the pointer:  
float \* a = &rB

3 Deference and  
return therefore  
a float value

1 Pass references to  
the function  
(no copies!)

4 Assign the  
returned value to  
the float variable

# C++ basics

- CRectangle class

Class declaration

Private members

Public members  
and functions

Public function  
definition

Object declaration

Call the function  
member of the class

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// classes example (from cplusplus.com)
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class CRectangle {
    int x, y;
public:
    void set_values (int,int);
    int area () {return (x*y);}
};

void CRectangle::set_values (int a, int b) {
    x = a;
    y = b;
}

int main () {
    CRectangle rect;
    rect.set_values (3,4);
    cout << "area: " << rect.area()<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Declarations

Definition

# C++ basics

The function is called with the operator “.” : rect.setValues(3,4)

The function can also be called using a pointer:

```
CRectangle tria  
CRectangle * triaPtr
```

```
triaPtr = & tria;
```

```
cout << tria.area() << endl;
```

```
cout << * tria.area() << endl;
```

```
cout << triaPtr -> area() << endl
```

→ declare the variable

→ declare the pointer

→ assign the pointer

→ call fcn using object

→ call fcn using object, by  
de-referencing pointer

→ call fcn using pointer

# C++ basics

- The constructor is a class-member function called when the object is initially build
- Dual of the Constructor is the Destructor
- As for every function, different arguments define different constructors; the constructor can also call other functions

```
// classes example (from cplusplus.com)
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class CRectangle {
    int x, y;
public:
    //constructor
    CRectangle(); //default constructor
    CRectangle(int,int);
    //destructor
    ~CRectangle ();
    //member functions
    int area (void);
};
```

```
CRectangle::CRectangle ()
{
    x = 1;
    y = 1;
}
```

```
CRectangle::CRectangle (int a, int b)
{
    x = a;
    y = b;
}
```

```
CRectangle::~~CRectangle ()
{
    //do nothing
}
```

```
int CRectangle::area()
{
    return (x*y);
}
```

```
int main () {
    CRectangle rect;
    CRectangle rect2(3,4)

    cout << "area1: " << rect.area()<<endl;
    cout << "area2: " << rect2.area()<<endl;

    return 0;
}
```

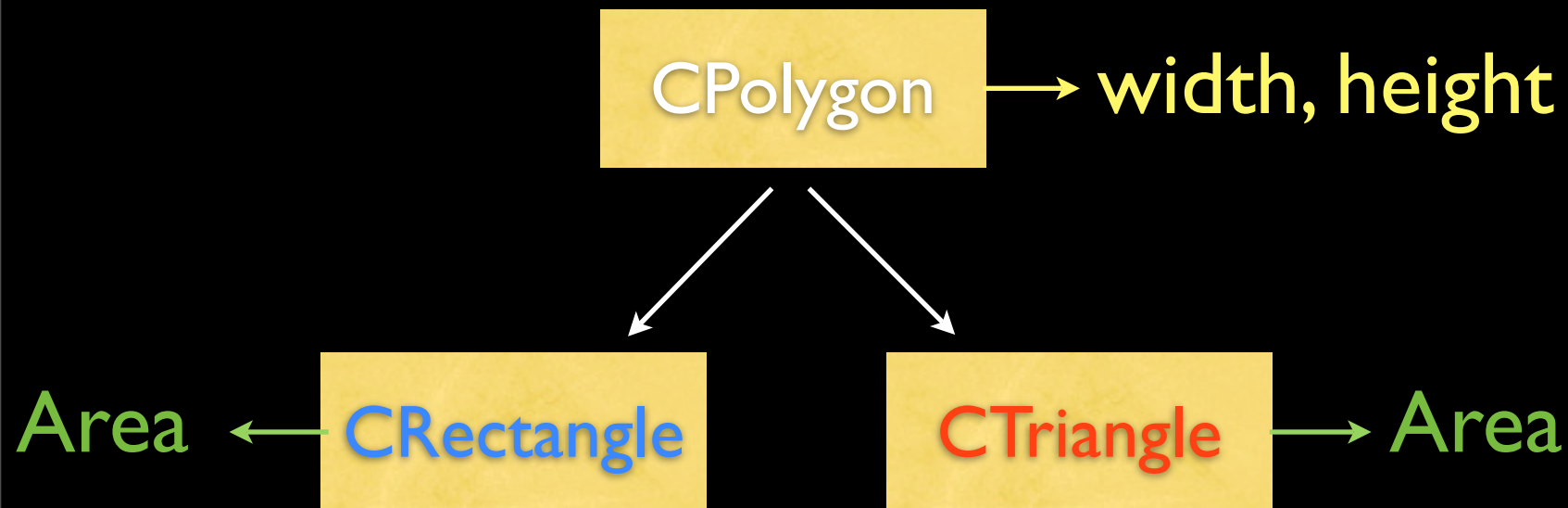
```
CRectangle::CRectangle (int a, int b)
:
x(a),
y(b)
{
    //do nothing
}
```

Standard syntax for the constructor



# C++ basics

- Inheritance: Cpolygon class



Inherited class:

`class CRectangle : public CPolygon`

... is a ...

!!

```
// derived classes. From cplusplus.com
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class CPolygon {
protected:
    int width, height;
public:
    void set_values (int a, int b)
        { width=a; height=b;}
};

class CRectangle: public CPolygon {
public:
    int area ()
        { return (width * height); }
};

class CTriangle: public CPolygon {
public:
    int area ()
        { return (width * height / 2); }
};

int main () {
    CRectangle rect;
    CTriangle trgl;
    rect.set_values (4,5);
    trgl.set_values (4,5);
    cout << rect.area() << endl;
    cout << trgl.area() << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Every object has its own function definition. The function behaves differently accordingly to the type of the object

# C++ basics

- Main (.cpp; .C), Header (.H) and Source (.C) files

Main code  
.cpp, .C file

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

// classes example (from cplusplus.com)
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

class CRectangle {
    int x, y;
public:
    void set_values (int,int);
    int area () {return (x*y);}
};

void CRectangle::set_values (int a, int b) {
    x = a;
    y = b;
}

int main () {
    CRectangle rect;
    rect.set_values (3,4);
    cout << "area: " << rect.area()<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Declarations  
.H file

Definition  
.C file



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Main code  
.cpp, .C file

```
// classes example (from cplusplus.com)
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

#include "CRectangle.H"

int main () {
    CRectangle rect;
    rect.set_values (3,4);
    cout << "area: " << rect.area()<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Declarations  
.H file

```
#ifndef CRectangle_H
#define CRectangle_H

class CRectangle {
    int x, y;
public:
    void set_values (int,int);
    int area () {return (x*y);}
};

#include "CRectangle.C"
#endif
```

Definition  
.C file

```
void CRectangle::set_values (int a, int b) {
    x = a;
    y = b;
}
```

# C++ basics

- Compiling applications: passing from human readable instructions to binaries
- Unix environment: call makefile trough “make”

Set the compiler

Compiler options

Compiler Flags;  
external libraries

Source files

Executable

```
CC=g++
CFLAGS=-c -Wall
LDFLAGS=

#-----
SOURCES=main.cpp
#-----

OBJECTS=$(SOURCES:.cpp=.o)

#-----
EXECUTABLE=program
#-----

all: $(SOURCES) $(EXECUTABLE)
$(EXECUTABLE): $(OBJECTS)
    $(CC) $(LDFLAGS) $(OBJECTS) -o $@

.cpp.o:
    $(CC) $(CFLAGS) $< -o $@
```

- The “make” command is overwritten in OpenFOAM by “wmake” and “wmake libso”

# References

Several books are available on C++. For example:

Deitel, Deitel C++, How to program ed. Prentice Hall
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A book is generally better (expecially for C++)...  
but on-line useful guidance can be also found:

<http://www.cplusplus.com/doc/tutorial/>

# PART 2

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## Writing simple applications in OpenFOAM

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# General structure of an OpenFOAM application

```
# include "fvCFD.H"

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    # include "setRootCase.H"
    # include "createTime.H"
    # include "createMesh.H"
    # include "createFields.H"

    ...A lot of nice code...

    return(0);
}
```

src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/include/fvCFD.H  
several other include: classes for time,  
mesh, geometry, math constants...

src/OpenFOAM/include/createTime.H  
Declares runTime, object of the class  
Foam::Time.

Constructor defined in  
src/OpenFOAM/db/Time/Time.H, line 193

```
//
// createTime.H
// ~~~~~

Foam::Info<< "Create time\n" << Foam::endl;

Foam::Time runTime
(
    Foam::Time::controlDictName,
    args.rootPath(),
    args.caseName()
);
```

```
//- Construct given dictionary, rootPath and casePath
Time
(
    const dictionary& dict,
    const fileName& rootPath,
    const fileName& caseName,
    const word& systemName = "system",
    const word& constantName = "constant"
);
```

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    # include "createFields.H"

    ...A lot of nice code...

    return(0);
}
```

File in the source directory  
Declares a VolScalarField called *divergence* to be written in every time-step folder

```
volScalarField divergence
(
    IOobject
    (
        "divergence",
        runtime.timeName(),
        mesh,
        IOobject::READ_IF_PRESENT,
        IOobject::AUTO_WRITE
    ),
    mesh
);
```

# Calculating the divergence $\nabla \cdot$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x_3} = \delta_{ik} v_{i,k}$$

```
instantList timeDirs = timeSelector::select0(runTime, args);
forAll(timeDirs, timeI)
{
    runTime.setTime(timeDirs[timeI], timeI);

    Info<< "Time = " << runTime.timeName() << endl;

    Info<< "Reading field U\n" << endl;

    //Reading field
    volVectorField U
    (
        IOobject
        (
            "U",
            runTime.timeName(),
            mesh,
            IOobject::MUST_READ,
            IOobject::AUTO_WRITE
        ),
        mesh
    );

    divergence=fvc::div(U);
    divergence.write();
}
```

Check for existing time dirs  
OpenFOAM version of the  
for loop. Equivalent to:

```
for(int timeI=0; i<timeDirs.size(); timeI++)
{...}
```

Declares and reads the  
field U from the selected  
time directory

calculates the field

# Compiling the application

## Working directory:

SolutionDivergence.C

createFields.H

Make

files

options

solutionDivergence.C

EXE = \$(FOAM\_USER\_APPBIN)/DivU

EXE\_INC = \

-I\$(LIB\_SRC)/finiteVolume/InInclude

EXE\_LIBS = -lfiniteVolume

Source file

Compile application

include headers for FV

include FV library

The application is compiled typing at terminal the command: *wmake*



# Calculating the Normalised invariant of the deformation tensor

$$D = \frac{S_{ij}S_{ij} - W_{ij}W_{ij}}{S_{ij}S_{ij} + W_{ij}W_{ij}}; S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}; W_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} - \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i}$$

## CreateFields.h

```
volScalarField D
(
    IOobject
    (
        "D",
        runTime.timeName(),
        mesh,
        IOobject::READ_IF_PRESENT,
        IOobject::AUTO_WRITE
    ),
    mesh
);
```

## Core of the main code

```
volTensorField gradU = fvc::grad(U);

volSymmTensorField S = 0.5*symm(gradU); // symmetric part of tensor
volTensorField W = 0.5*skew(gradU); // anti-symmetric part

volScalarField SS = S&&S;
volScalarField WW = W&&W;

volScalarField D
(
    IOobject
    (
        "D",
        runTime.timeName(),
        mesh,
        IOobject::NO_READ,
        IOobject::NO_WRITE
    ),
    (SS - WW) / (WW + SS)
);

D.write();
```

Double inner product operator,  
see Programmer guide P23

# PART 3

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## Modifying existing libraries

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# Constructor of the class forces

Path:

[OpenFOAM/src/postProcessing/functionObjects/forces/forces/Force.C](#)

```
Foam::forces::forces
(
    const word& name,
    const objectRegistry& obr,
    const dictionary& dict,
    const bool loadFromFiles
)
:
    name_(name),
    obr_(obr),
    active_(true),
    log_(false),
    patchSet_(),
    pName_(word::null),
    UName_(word::null),
    rhoName_(word::null),
    directForceDensity_(false),
    fDName_(""),
    rhoRef_(VGREAT),
    pRef_(0),
    CofR_(vector::zero),
    forcesFilePtr_(NULL)
{
    ...
    read(dict);
}
```

Reference to the Object Registry. This is a list of the entities pertaining to an object

Reference to the controlDict

Call the member function forces::read  
Read the entries in the controlDict

# Reading entries from the controlDict

```
void Foam::forces::read(const dictionary& dict)
{
    log_ = dict.lookupOrDefault<Switch>("log", false);
    const fvMesh& mesh = refCast<const fvMesh>(obr_);
    patchSet_ =
        mesh.boundaryMesh().patchSet(wordList(dict.lookup("patches")));

    ...

    // Optional entries U and p
    pName_ = dict.lookupOrDefault<word>("pName", "p");
    UName_ = dict.lookupOrDefault<word>("UName", "U");
    rhoName_ = dict.lookupOrDefault<word>("rhoName", "rho");

    ...

    // Reference density needed for incompressible calculations
    rhoRef_ = readScalar(dict.lookup("rhoInf"));

    // Reference pressure, 0 by default
    pRef_ = dict.lookupOrDefault<scalar>("pRef", 0.0);

    // Centre of rotation for moment calculations
    CofR_ = dict.lookup("CofR");
}
```

patches on which forces  
will be integrated

system/controlDict:

functions

```
(
    forces
    {
        type forces;
        functionObjectLibs ("libforces.dylib");
        outputControl outputTime;
        patches (wing);
        pName p;
        Uname U;
        rhoName rhoInf;
        rhoInf 1.2; //Reference density
        pRef 0;
        CofR (0 0 0); //Origin for moments
    }
)
```

# Calculating the forces

The **virtual** function `write()` is called during the execution. This calls `forces::calcForcesMoment()`, where the calculation is performed

```
forAllConstIter(labelHashSet, patchSet_, iter)
{
    label patchi = iter.key();

    vectorField Md = mesh.C().boundaryField()[patchi] - CofR_;

    vectorField pf = Sfb[patchi]*(p.boundaryField()[patchi] - pRef);

    fm.first().first() += rho(p)*sum(pf);
    fm.second().first() += rho(p)*sum(Md ^ pf);

    vectorField vf = Sfb[patchi] & devRhoRefffb[patchi];

    fm.first().second() += sum(vf);
    fm.second().second() += sum(Md ^ vf);
}
```

OpenFOAM iterator.  
it corresponds to a for  
cycle

mesh is object of the class `fvMesh`  
The expression returns a vector  
with the cell centres of the chosen  
patch

```
const DimensionedField< scalar,
                        volMesh > & V00 () const
    Return old-old-time cell volumes.

const surfaceVectorField & Sf () const
    Return cell face area vectors.

const surfaceScalarField & magSf () const
    Return cell face area magnitudes.

const surfaceScalarField & phi () const
    Return cell face motion fluxes.

const volVectorField & C () const
    Return cell centres as volVectorField.

const surfaceVectorField & Cf () const
```



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    vectorField vf = Sfb[patchi] & devRhoRefffb[patchi];

    fm.first().second() += sum(vf);
    fm.second().second() += sum(Md ^ vf);
}
```

`Sfb` is the (reference to) the face area vector

It is here multiplied for the pressure boundaryField => `pf` returns the vector of forces on the chosen patch

$$F = \rho \int p dA = \rho \sum p_i A_i$$

$$M = F \times r = \rho \sum f_i \times r_i$$

# Re-compiling the forces library

The basic idea of the openFOAM environment is:  
find something similar and modify it as you like, but  
DO NOT TOUCH THE ORIGINAL SOURCES!

**STEP 1:** copy the forces directory from the original location into another directory

**STEP 2:** copy also the Make folder

**STEP 3:** substitute strings and modify (all) the file names  
( sed 's/forces/Myforces/g' forces.C > Myforces.C )

**STEP 4:** modify the local functionObject.H file (add the new class to the list of loadable functions )

```
#include "Myforces.H"
...
namespace Foam
{
    typedef OutputFilterFunctionObject<Myforces>forcesFunctionObject;
}
...
```

# Re-compiling the forces library

**STEP 4:** Modify the Make/files:

```
Myforces.C
```

```
forcesFunctionObject.C
```

```
LIB = $(FOAM_USER_LIBBIN)/LibMyforces
```

**STEP 5:** modify the Make/options file:

```
EXE_INC = \
```

```
.... all what was already there ...
```

```
-I$(LIB_SRC)/postProcessing/functionObjects/forces/lnInclude
```



include all what was needed by the original library!

**STEP 6:** compile with wmake libso



# Re-compiling the forces library

**STEP 7:** Add the entries in the controlDict, in order for the library to be loaded and used:

```
libs ( "libMyforces.dylib" );  
  
functions  
(  
  Myforces  
  {  
    type Myforces;  
    functionObjectLibs ("libMyforces.dylib");  
    outputControl outputTime;  
    patches (BottWall);  
    pName p;  
    Uname U;  
    rhoName rhoInf;  
    rhoInf 1.0;  
    pRef 0;  
    CofR (0 0 0);  
  }  
);
```

← Load the library (.dylib on MAC; .so on Linux)

Search in the library for the entry called

Use the library

# References

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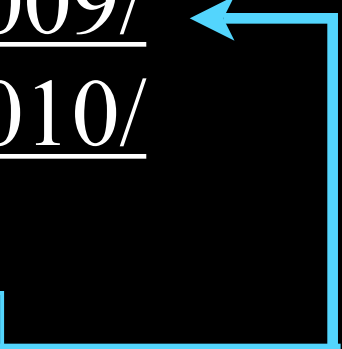
Several examples can be found on-line:

[http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS\\_CFD\\_2007/](http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS_CFD_2007/)

[http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS\\_CFD\\_2008/](http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS_CFD_2008/)

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See for example the work of A. Gonzales.  
But have a deep look at the whole web-site,  
there's a lot of enlightening material!!

# PART 4

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## Adding new classes in OpenFOAM the FSInterface class

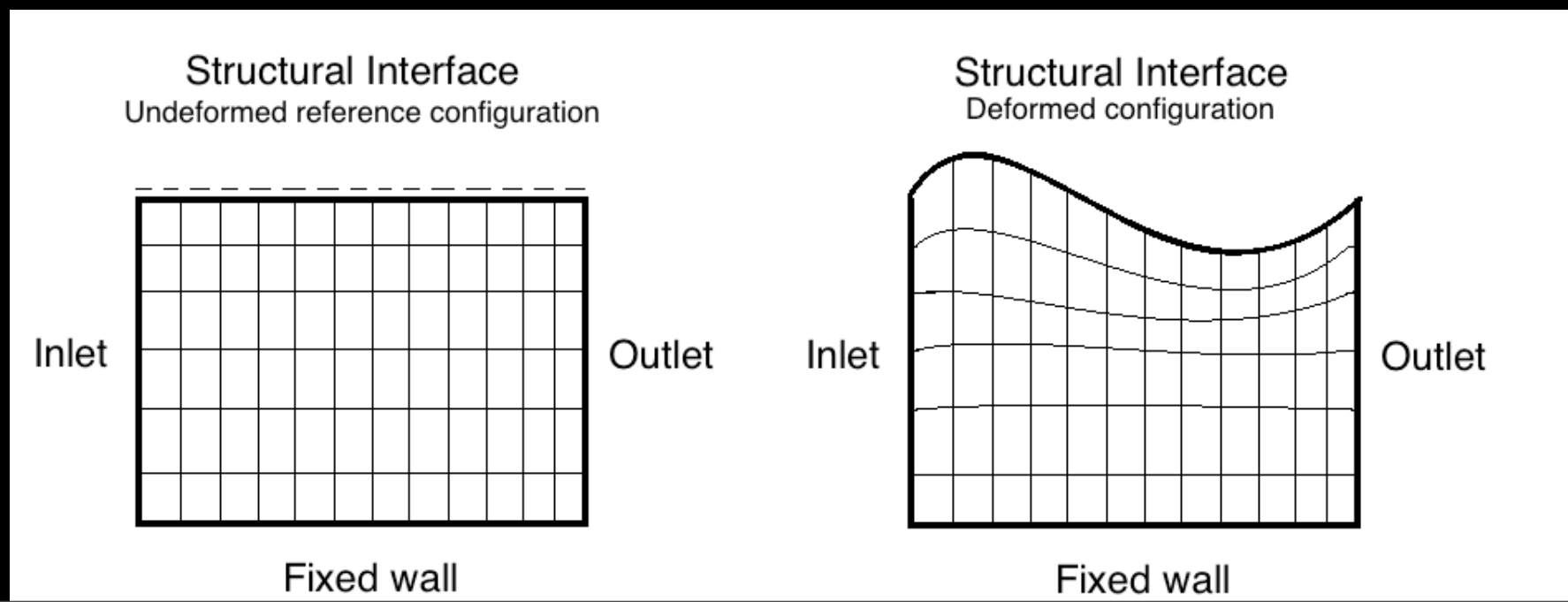
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# Scope of this class

- The class is designed to manage the mesh motions. It is used in the main of the solver pimpleDyMFOAM:
- establish the communication (if needed) with the external solver through MPI
- send pressure data and retrieve mesh displacement data
- communicate with the AitkenControl class, in charge for calculating the dynamic relaxation factor:

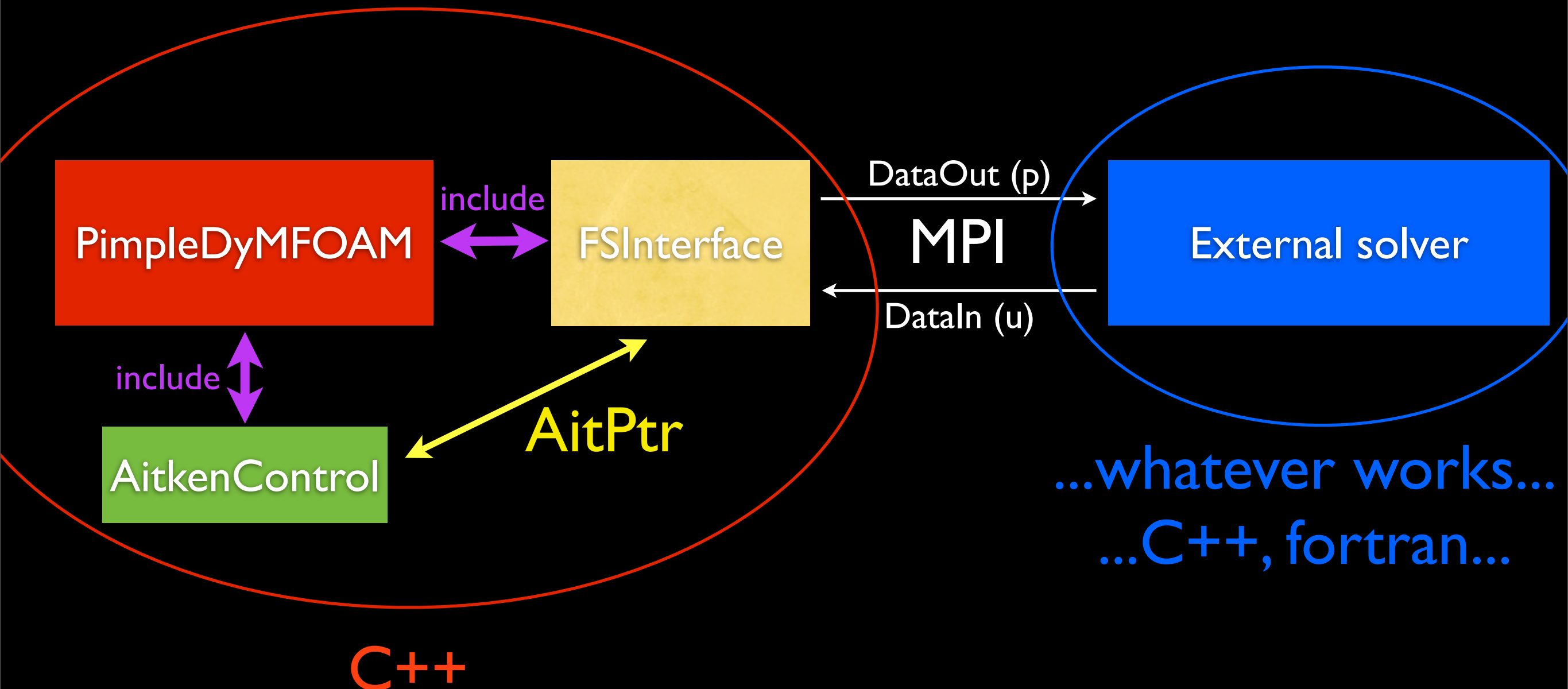
$$u_{k+1} = \omega_k \tilde{u}_{k+1} + (1 - \omega_k) u_k$$

- move the fluid mesh (ALE framework)



# Scope of this class

Multiple Program Multiple Data type environment, the external solver is “spawned” during the execution time. This generates a communicator we can use for exchanging data (white arrows)



# Use of the class

In the main solver: Include and declare

```
#include "FSInterface.H"
#include "AitkenControl.H"

#include "pointMesh.H"
#include "pointFields.H"
#include "volPointInterpolation.H"

#include "mpi.h"

// * * * * *

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
#   include "setRootCase.H"

#   include "createTime.H"
#   include "createDynamicFvMesh.H"
#   include "readPIMPLEControls.H"
#   include "initContinuityErrs.H"
#   include "createFields.H"
#   include "readTimeControls.H"

// * * * * *

AitkenControl alfa2(mesh, runTime);
FSInterface interface(mesh,p,U,rhoFluid,runTime,alfa2);
```

new classes definition

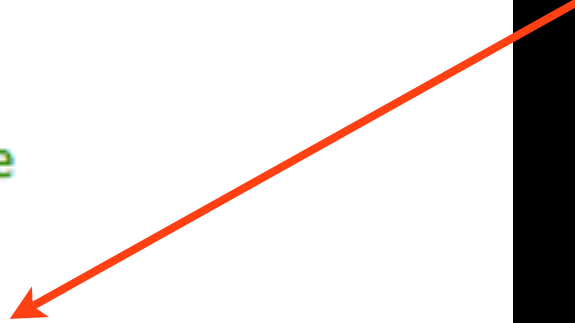
Foam classes needed for the  
mesh motion

Declare the new objects  
using the right arguments!

# Constructor of FSInterface:

## header (.H) file

```
namespace Foam
{
    class FSInterface
    {
        //private data
        dynamicFvMesh& mesh;
        volScalarField& p;
        volVectorField& U;
        dimensionedScalar& rhoFluid;
    };
}
```



References are constant: they **MUST** be initialised at the creation. In this case this is done by passing the values to the constructor

... a lot of other stuff...

```
// Constructor from components
FSInterface(dynamicFvMesh &mesh,
            volScalarField &p,
            volVectorField &U,
            dimensionedScalar &rhoFluid,
            Time &runTime,
            AitkenControl & alfa);
```

## source (.C) file

```
//- Constructor from components
FSInterface::FSInterface(dynamicFvMesh &mesh_,
                        volScalarField &p_,
                        volVectorField &U_,
                        dimensionedScalar &rhoFluid_,
                        Time &runTime_,
                        AitkenControl & alfa_)
:
    mesh(mesh_),
    p(p_),
    U(U_),
    rhoFluid(rhoFluid_),
    runTime(runTime_),
    alfa2(alfa_)
{
    initialize();
}
```

Arguments passed to the class

Assign values to the class members

Execute other fcn's



## linking to the AitkenControl class:

An object of the type AitkenControl is created right before the object FSInterface. A reference to this object is passed to the constructor. This reference is stored in a pointer main code:

```
AitkenControl alfa2(mesh, runTime);  
FSInterface interface(mesh,p,U,rhoFluid,runTime,alfa2);
```

alfa2 is instantiated in the constructor, the pointer is referenced also in the constructor:

```
FSInterface::FSInterface(dynamicFvMesh &mesh_,  
                        volScalarField &p_,  
                        volVectorField &U_,  
                        dimensionedScalar &rhoFluid_,  
                        Time &runTime_,  
                        AitkenControl & alfa_)  
:  
mesh(mesh_),  
p(p_),  
U(U_),  
rhoFluid(rhoFluid_),  
runTime(runTime_),  
alfa2(alfa_)  
{  
    AitPtr = & alfa2; //Pointer points to the object  
}
```

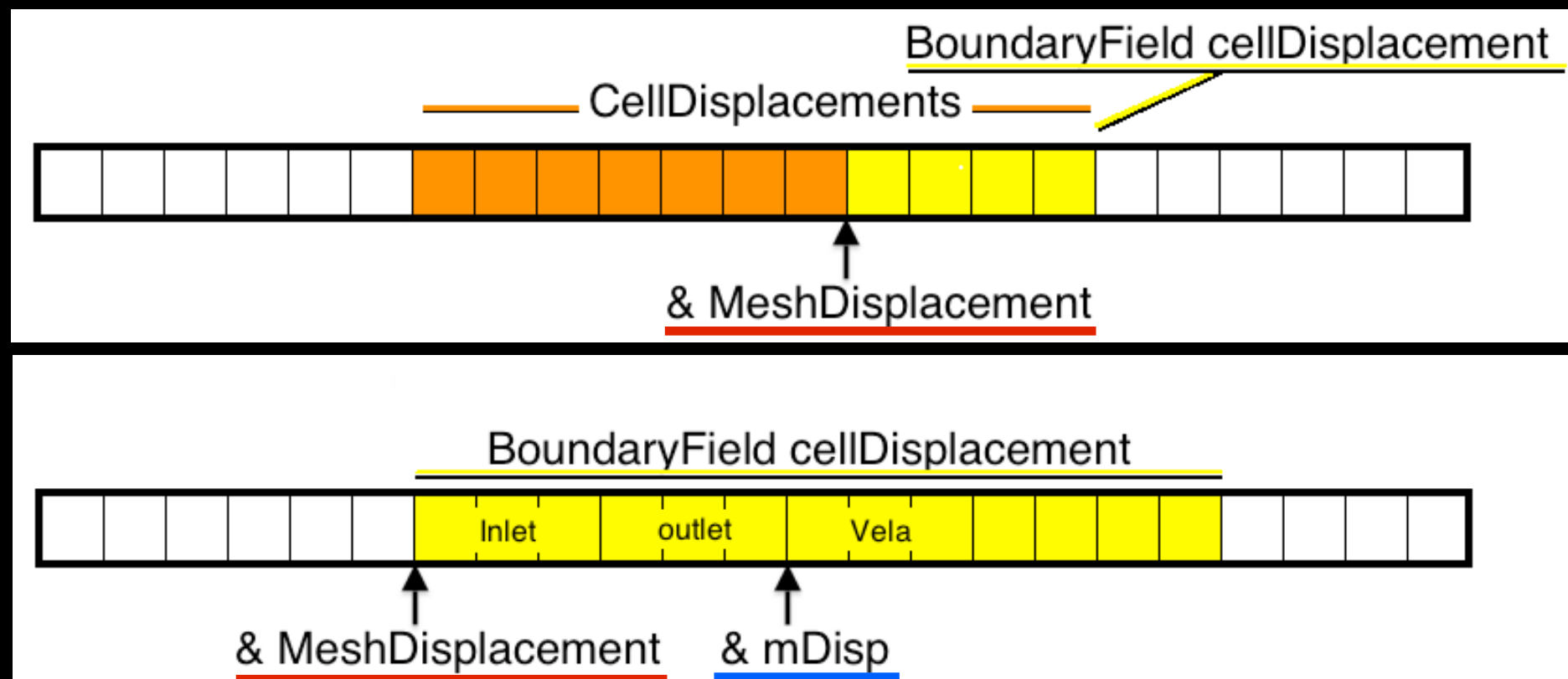


# Searching the mesh motion entries

Depending upon the motion solver, the mesh motion is stored in a field “pointDisplacements”, “cellDisplacement” or “motionU”.

A field in OpenFOAM is defined as: internalField + boundaryField

Imposing the motion of a boundary means writing the motion in the correspondent entry of the boundaryField. For example, “&MeshDisplacement” is the address of the BoundaryField, while “&mDisp” is the address of the mesh interface we want to move



# Searching the mesh motion entries

IOdictionary couplingDict

```
(  
    IObject  
    (  
        "CouplingDict",  
        runTime.constant(),  
        mesh,  
        IObject::MUST_READ,  
        IObject::NO_WRITE  
    )  
);
```

Opens the FOAM dictionary named “couplingDict”, to be read only. The dict must be placed in the folder constant

```
word temp(couplingDict.lookup("fluidPatch"))  
word interface = temp;
```

Searches and reads the entry “fluidPatch” in CouplingDict

```
label fluidPatchID = mesh.boundaryMesh().findPatchID(interface);
```

Searches the the entry “fluidPatchName” in the mesh boundaryField. Returns a (integer) label: the id of the patch in the mesh order

# Searching the mesh motion entries

We need now to find the references to the mesh motion boundaryField. Using displacementLaplacian...

```
pointVectorField & PointDisplacement =  
    const_cast<pointVectorField&>(mesh.objectRegistry::  
        lookupObject<pointVectorField>("pointDisplacement"));  
pDispPtr = & ( refCast<vectorField>(PointDisplacement.boundaryField()[fluidPatchID]));
```

Search in the objectRegistry of the mesh an object of the type: pointVectorField called pointDisplacement. Whatever its type, impose (const\_cast) to be a reference of the type PointVectorField

The entry number “fluidPatchID” is the reference to the interface mesh motion. Store this reference into a pointer

The mesh motion is imposed using the surcharged operator == :

```
PointDisplacement.boundaryField()[ fluidSidel ] == U_kpI
```

# Searching the mesh motion entries

We need now to find the references to the mesh motion boundaryField. Using laplaceFaceDecomposition...

```
const fvMesh& motionMesh =  
    runTime.objectRegistry::lookupObject<fvMesh>(movingRegionName);  
  
tetPointVectorField& motionU =  
    const_cast<tetPointVectorField&>  
    ( motionMesh.objectRegistry::lookupObject<tetPointVectorField>("motionU") );  
  
tetPolyMesh& tetMesh = const_cast<tetPolyMesh&>(motionU.mesh());  
  
motionUFluidPatchPtr = &  
    refCast<fixedValueTetPolyPatchVectorField>  
    ( motionU.boundaryField()[fluidPatchID] );
```

The mesh motion is imposed using the surcharged operator == :

```
* motionUFluidPatchPtr == ( U_kp1 - U_old ) / runTime.deltaT().value();
```

# Scheme of the class

FSInterface (dynamicFvMesh & mesh, volScalarField & p, volVectorField & U, dimensionedScalar & rhoFluid, Time & runTime)

Constructor

Assign arguments:

mesh\_, p\_, U\_, Rho\_, time\_

Initialize

readCouplingProperties

initMeshMovement

fluidPatchName

movingRegionName

rhoFluidRef

const fvMesh & motionMesh = ...

tetPointVectorField & MotionU = ...

tetPolyMesh & tetMesh = ...

nPoints = ...

const vectorField & interfacePoints =

tetMesh.boundary()[fluidPatchID].localPoints();

solidNodeLoc = solidPts()

fluidVertexToSolidNodeInd = ...

moveFluidMesh

const fvMesh & motionMesh = ...

tetPointVectorField & motionU = ...

fixedValueTetPolyPatchVectorField &

motionUFluidPatch = ...

fluidPatchPreviousDispl = Displ;

Displ = ...

Points = Points\_0 //Set the right integration const

motionUFluidPatch == (Displ-OldDispl)

/runTime.deltaT().value();

solidPts

//Returns a pointField with the corner

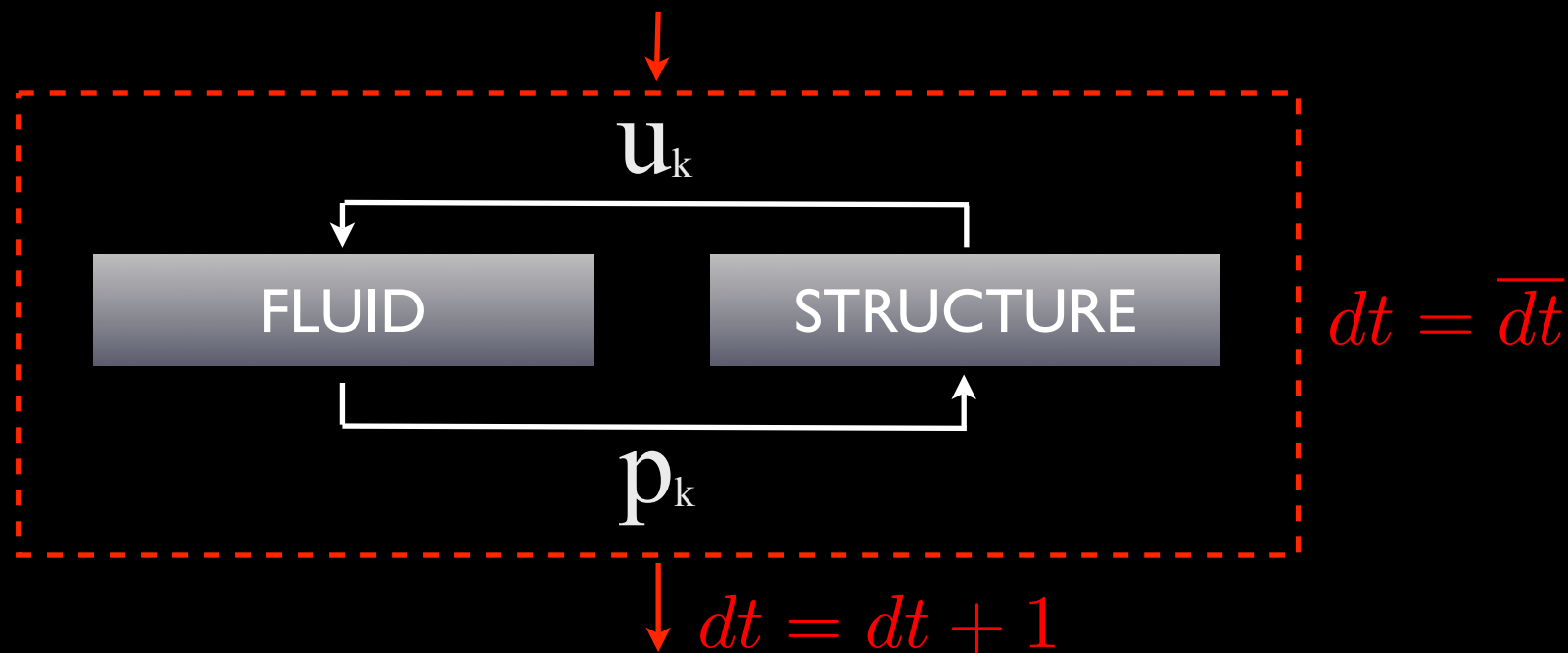
// points only: do not consider the

// additional points added by the

// TET class

# Algorithm

Implicit coupling: the equilibrium within the time-step is verified using a fixed-point between the fluid and the structural solver. Although this algorithm is computationally expensive, it is unconditionally stable



This is realised in OpenFOAM using a while loop within the time-step. The convergence criterion is verified by a function of the class FSInterface

# Algorithm (main)

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    # include "setRootCase.H"

    ...
    AitkenControl alfa2(mesh, runTime);
    FSInterface interface(mesh,p,U,rhoFluid,runTime,alfa2);
    while (runTime.run())
    {
        ...
        runTime++;
        interface.MPISpawn(); //this is called the first time only!
        int iterCnt=0, advance=0;
        do{
            iterCnt++;
            if (iterCnt == 1 )
            {advance=0;}
            interface.setCntr(iterCnt);
            if(runTime.value() > interface.FSI_init )
            {
                interface.sendPressures();
                interface.moveFluidMesh(); //CAREFUL: IT MUST BE BEFORE
                //THE FLUID CALCULATION
            }
            else
            {advance=1;}
            ... // --- PIMPLE loop
            ... // --- PISO loop
            if(runTime.value() > interface.FSI_init )
            { advance = interface.AdvContrl(); }
        }while(advance==0);
        runTime.write();
    }
    Info<< "End\n" << endl;
    interface.makeClean();
}
```

time loop

Aitken iterations loop

Launch the structural solver

Send the number of iteration to the interface (different calculations if iterCntr == 1)

Send the pressures, retrieve the displacements

Convergence is checked by interface



# Compiling

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As for every FOAM application, we need to edit:

Make/files:

```
FSIf fluidFOAMtet.C
```

→ Source file

```
EXE = $(FOAM_USER_APPBIN)/FSIf fluidFOAMtetMPI
```

→ Name and path of the  
compiled application

Make/options:

```
include $(RULES)/mplib$(WWM_MPLIB)
```

```
EXE_INC = \
```

...all remains as in the original file...

```
EXE_LIBS = \
```

...all remains as in the original file, but add:

```
-lmpi \
```

```
$(WWM_DECOMP_LIBS)
```



# And finally some results!

FLUID DENSITY	FLUID VISCOSITY	STRUCTURE's THICKNESS	STRUCTURE's DENSITY	STRUCTURE's POISSON RATTIO	STRUCTURE's YOUNG'S MODULUS
$\rho_f$	$\nu_f$	$t_s$	$\rho_s$	$\nu_s$	$E_s$
Kg/m <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> /s	m	Kg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	N/m <sup>2</sup>
1.0	0.01	0.002	500	0	250

$$u = 1 - \cos(2\pi t/5)$$

