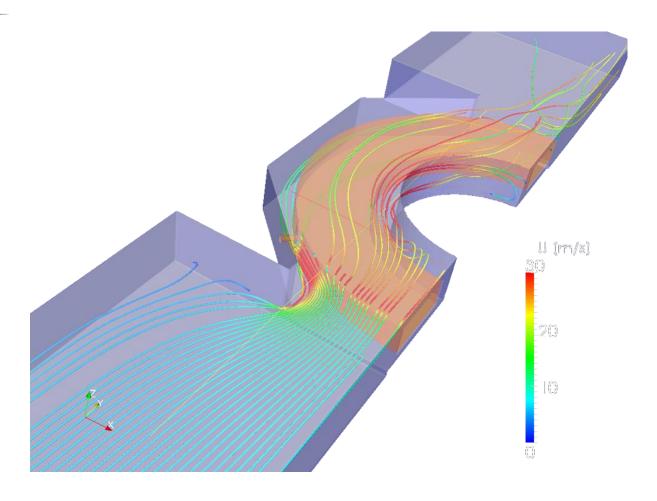




CFD team evolution at CERN







SUMMARY

- 1. High performance computing
- 2. Open source CFD software







Opportunities...

- PC speed and parallel calculation have reduced the numerical solution time (and cost)
- Meshing time (and cost) has dramatically decreased
- CFD is more and more integrated in the design tools
 - Automatic meshing
 - Model/surface importation
 - Subroutine facilities
 - CAD integration
- Interface more and more user friendly
- CFD more and more cheap... but:



The tool has an easy access and gives always a result...







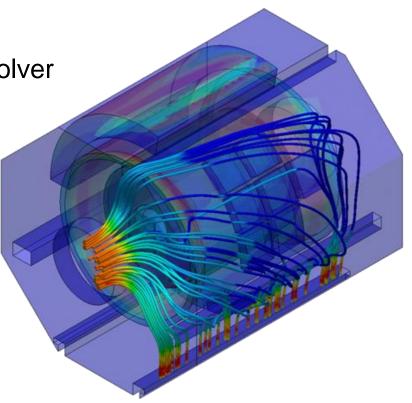
...specific knowledge is required

Efficiency to build the right model

Selection of the right numerical solver

Sensibility to result interpretation

- Training
- Experience
- Knowledge
- Problem sharing



CV group has a CFD team since 1993





RESOURCES



ENGINEERING BATCH CLUSTER

- 20 Viglen CPU servers
- 8 core Intel "Nehalem" L5520 chips
- 48Gb of memory
- Low-latency "Net Effect" 10Gb Ethernet
- Optimized for MPI applications under LSF
- Dedicated to CFD Team and BE users

CFD SOFTWARE

- STAR-CCM+
- STAR-CD (80 licenses)
- OpenFOAM 1.7.1

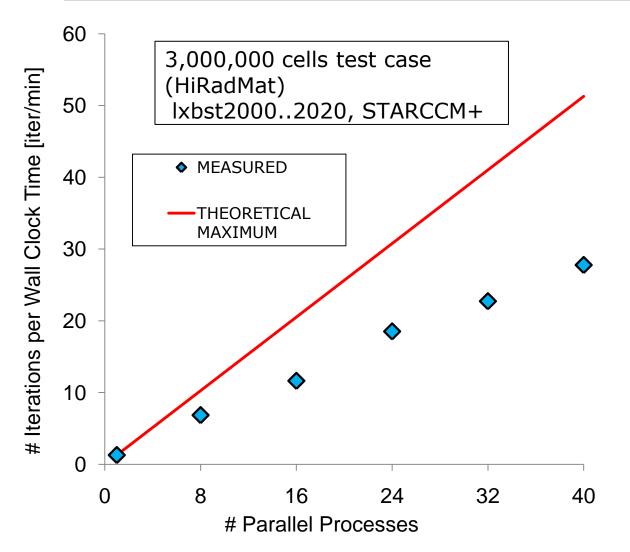


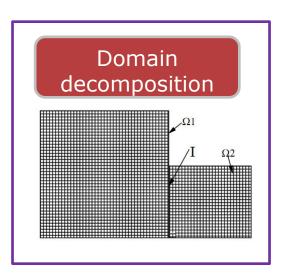




PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 1/3







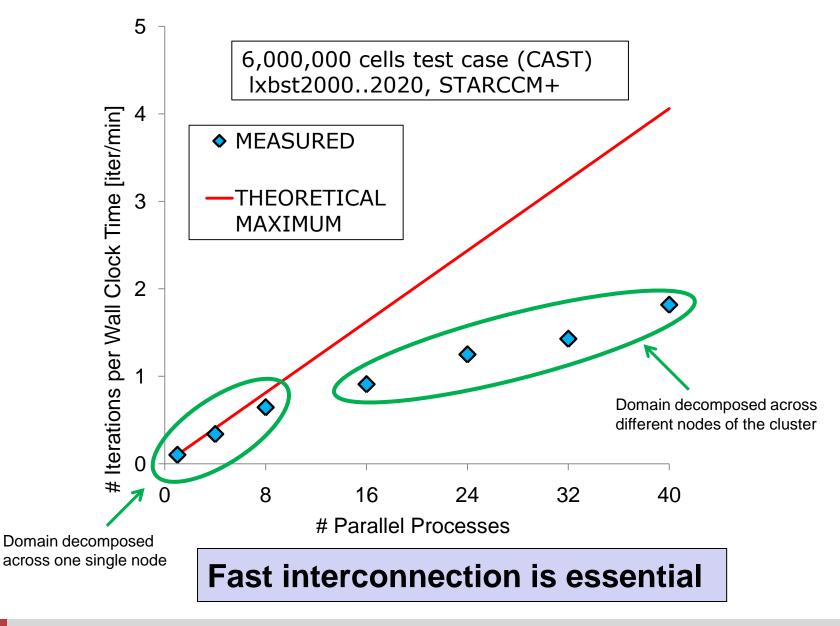
Parallel computing speeds up CFD





PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 2/3



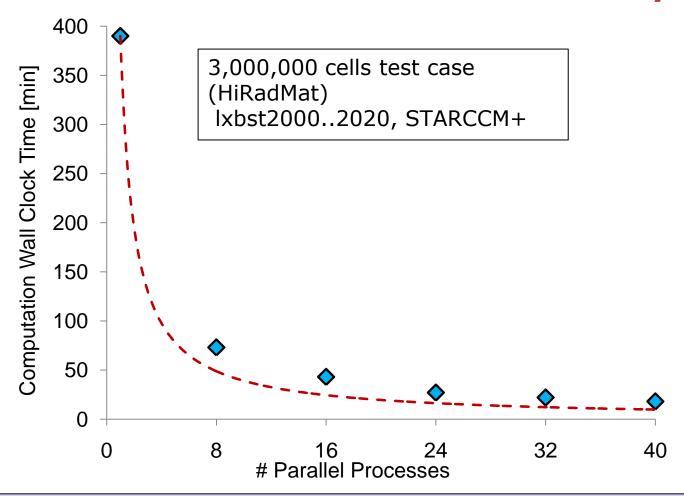






PERFORMANCE EVALUATION 3/3





- Reducing computational time
- Solving more complex problems/geometries
- Solving different versions of the same case







OpenFOAM 1.7.1

(Open Field Operation And Manipulation)

- Open source toolbox
- Meshing, Solving & Post-processing work in parallel
- No licenses constraint
- Conversion to/from major commercial codes formats



- Higher flexibility
- Better exploitation of the computational resources

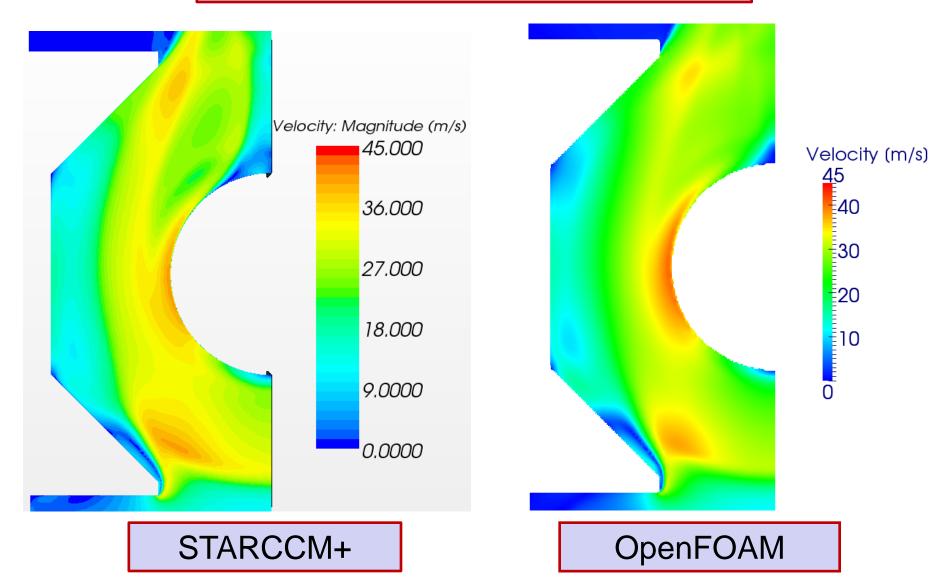




CFD team VALIDATION 1/2: VELOCITY FIELD



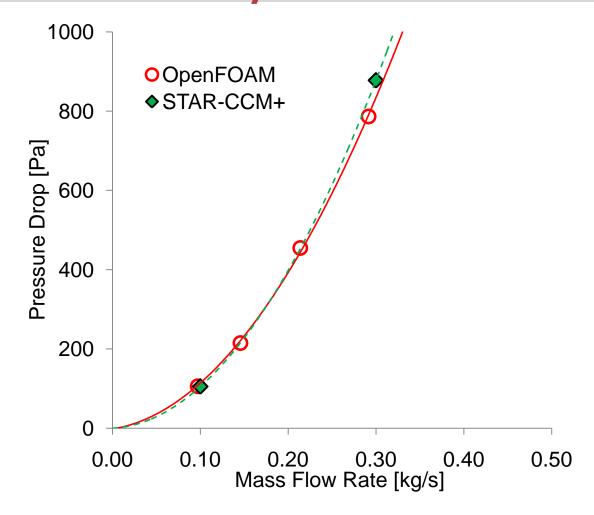
Radio Frequency Cavity, Mass Flow Rate 0.3 kg/s





CFD team VALIDATION 2/2: PRESSURE DROP





OpenFOAM and STAR-CCM+ predicted the same pressure drop values







CONCLUSIONS

- 1. CFD is very useful at CERN (design speed up, insight analysis, ...)
- 2. Large computing resources available at CERN allows to perform fast and complex CFD analysis
- 3. The CFD Team of EN/CV has the specific knowledge required
- 4. CFD Team is enlarging the CFD tools available in order to better use the resources and increase flexibility







THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION