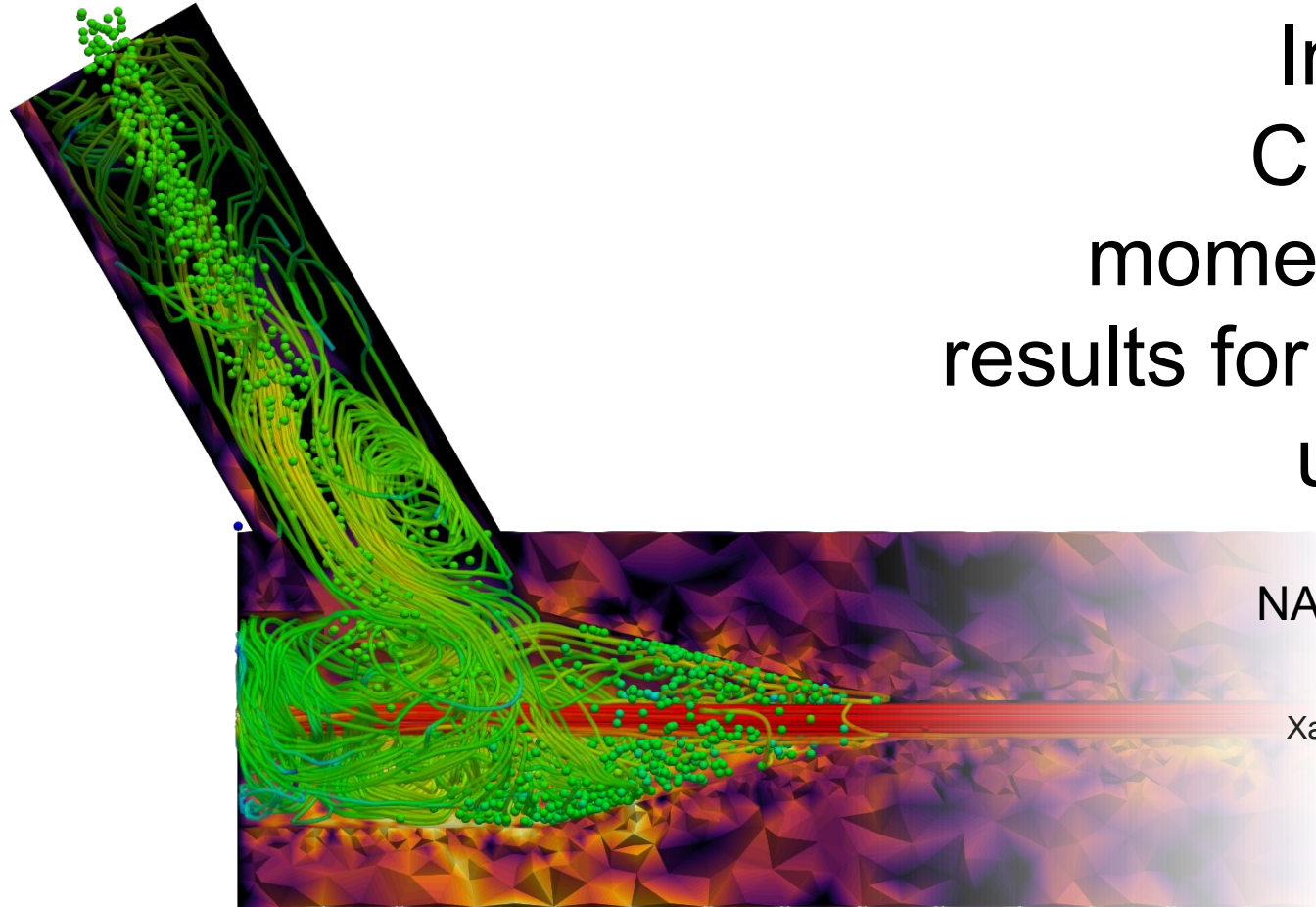


# Investigation of CFD-DEM-FEM momentum coupling results for AWJC Nozzle using preCICE

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# Introduction to eXtended Discrete Element Methods (XDEM)

- Dynamics
  - Particle Motion
  - Forces, and torques
- Conversion
  - Heat & Mass Transfer
  - Chemical Reactions
- AD-Hoc Coupling
  - CFD: OpenFOAM/Foam-Extend
  - FEM: Diffpack
- License/Usage:
  - Binaries/Source Code available on request  
([bernhard.peters@uni.lu](mailto:bernhard.peters@uni.lu))

# Why is Abrasive Water Jet Cutting (AWJC) important & relevant?

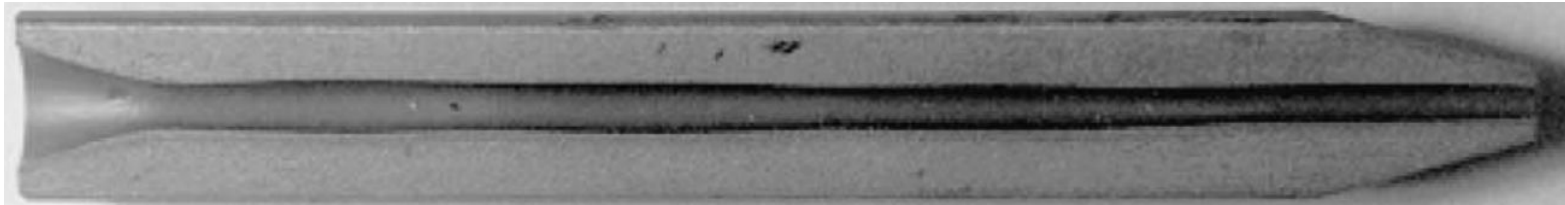
- Applications: **Aerospace, Automobile**, etc.
- No thermal residual stresses after cutting
- Does not affect the material microstructure
- Cuts as small as 0.076 mm (human hair)
- Cuts various materials (which traditional methods can't cut)
- Less scrap produced
- User not exposed to toxic gases as none produced

# Abrasive Water Jet Cutting (AWJC) in action



# Research Aim

- Development of multiphysics simulation environment
- Evaluation of erosion in AWJC Nozzle by CFD-DEM-FEM coupling
- Experiments record temporal data, displacements & vibrations<sup>[1]</sup>



[2] Sectioned Nozzle with erosion

[1] Copertaro, Edoardo, Francesco Perotti, and Massimiliano Annoni. "Operational vibration of a waterjet focuser as means for monitoring its wear progression." *The International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology* 116 (2021): 1937-1949.

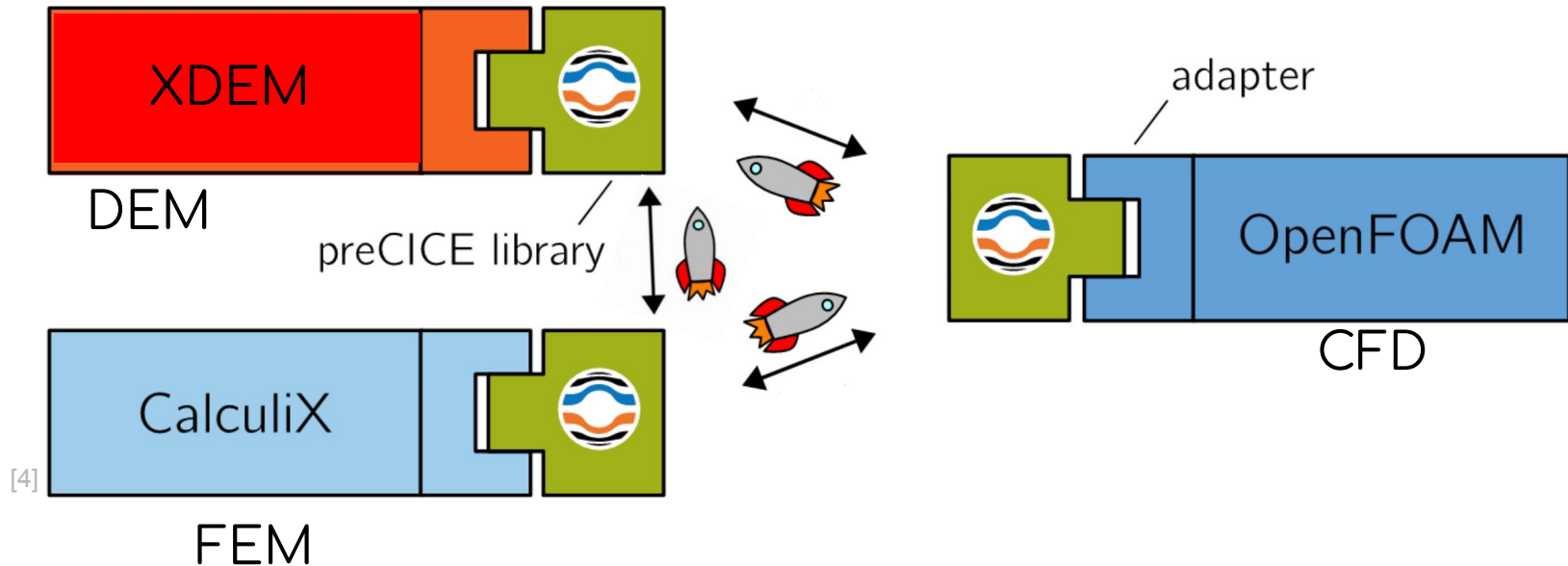
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# How is the Fluid - Structure - Particle coupling done?



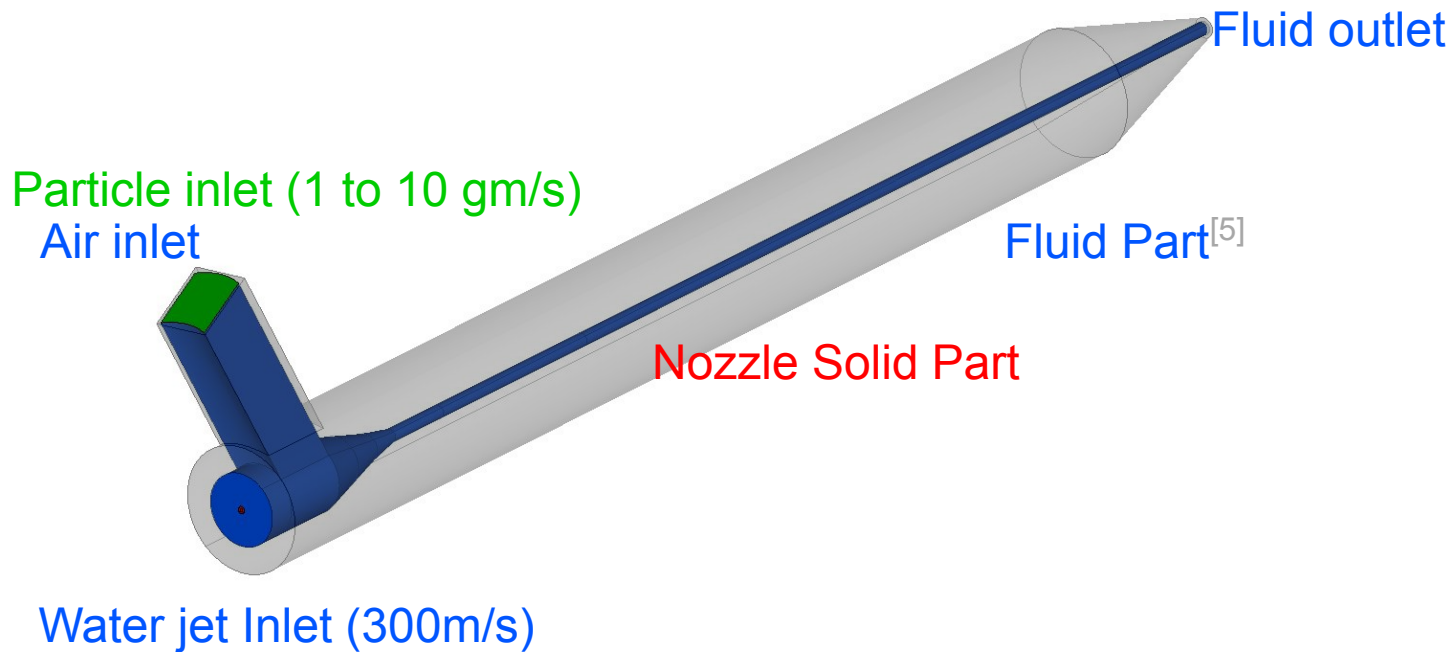
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# Nozzle set-up

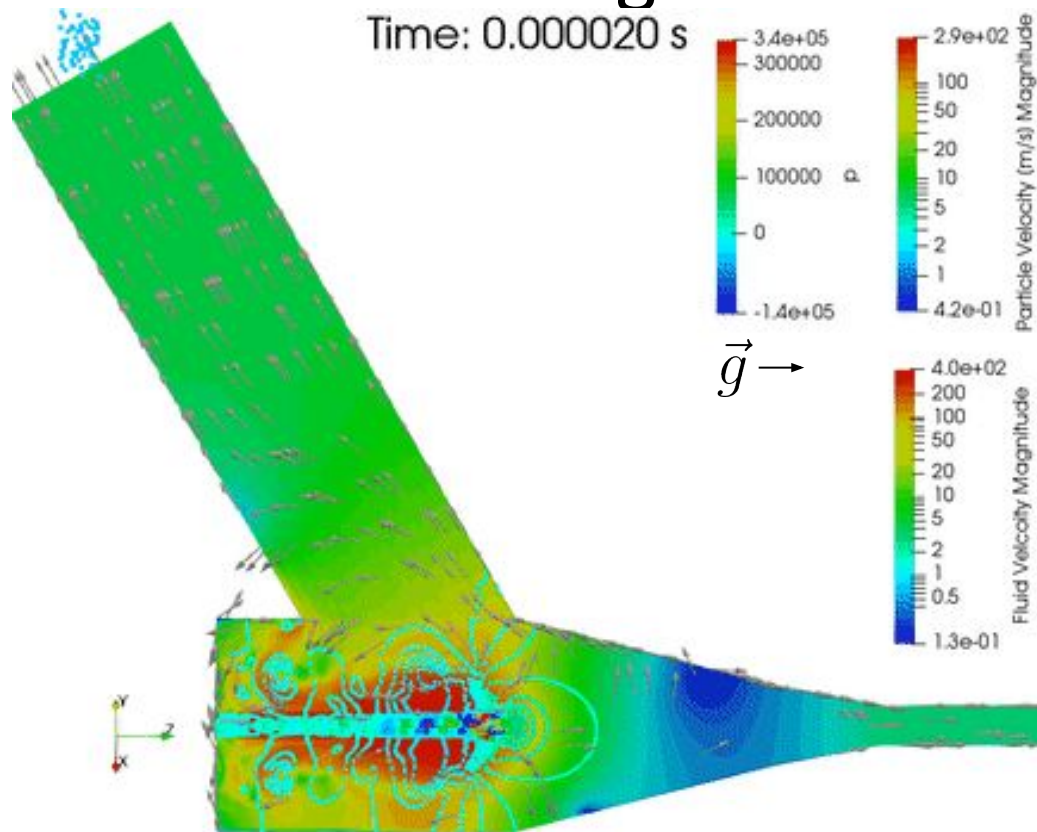


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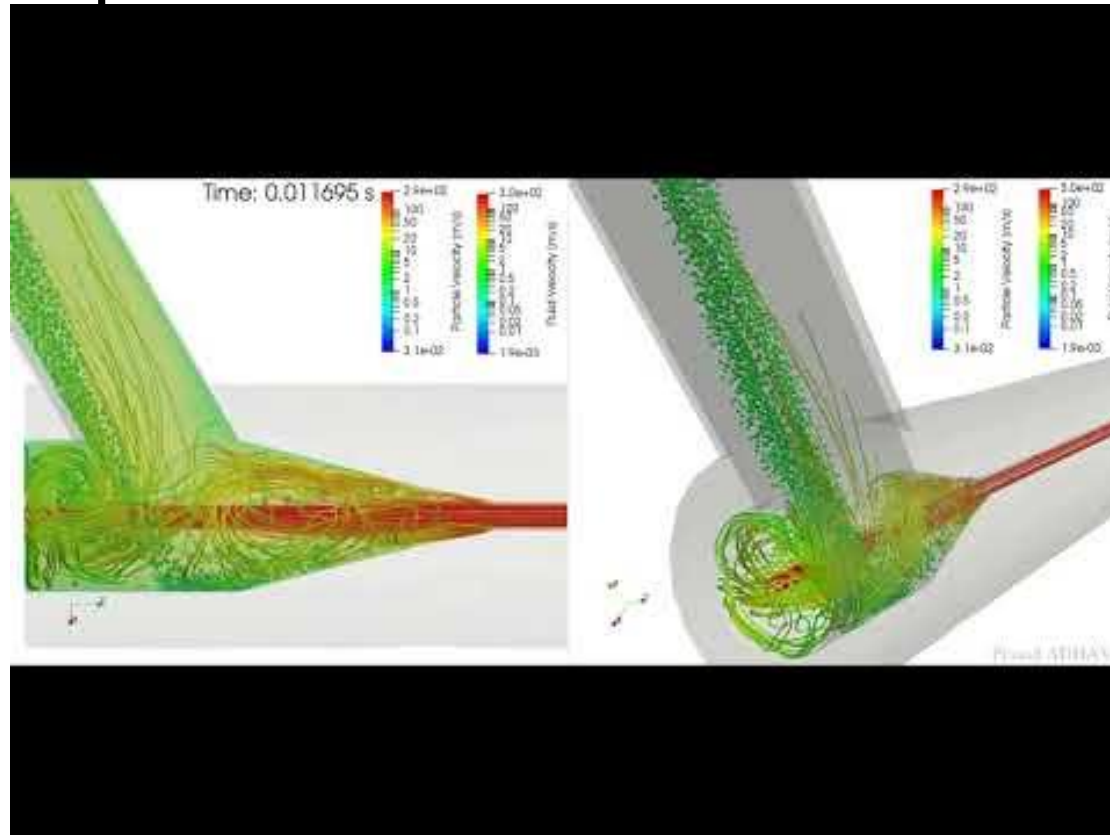
# CFD

Results showing influences of fluid flow on particles movement

# Negative fluid pressures in the focusing tube pull particles in the mixing chamber



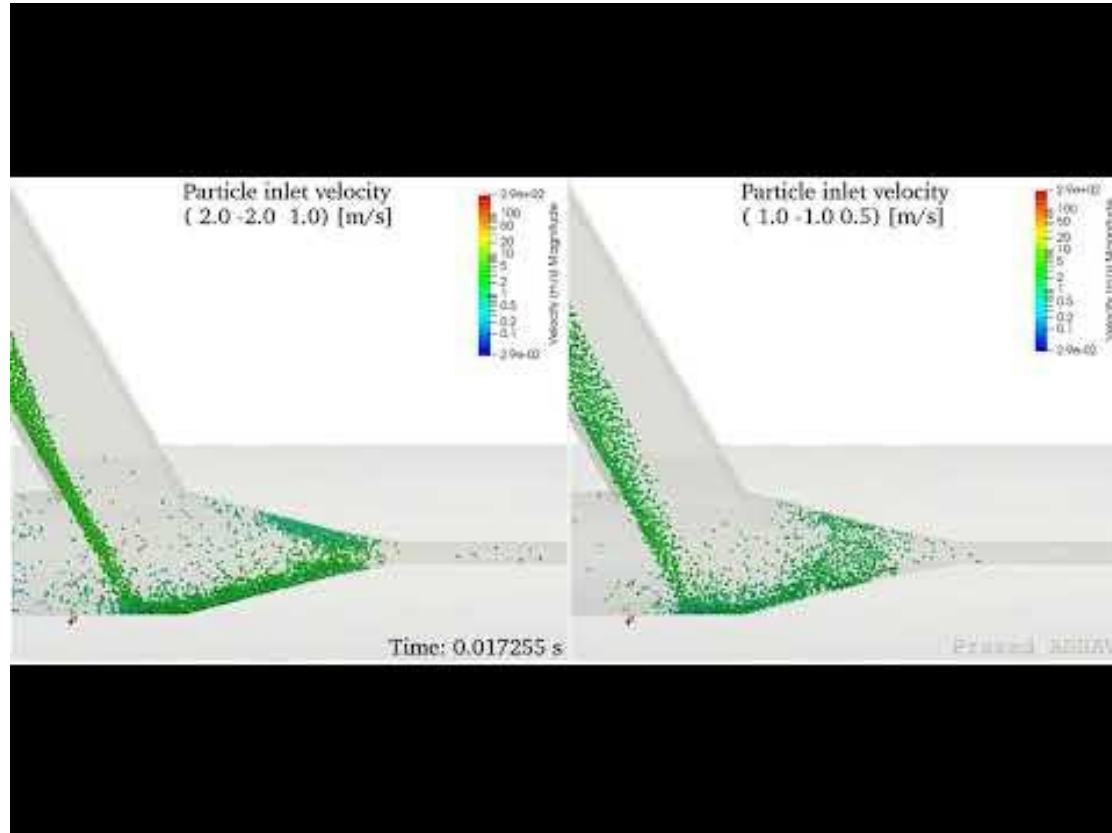
# Streamlines to illustrating interaction between particles & turbulent flow



# DEM

Effect of particle initial conditions

# Comparison of different particle inlet velocities & it's effects on flow

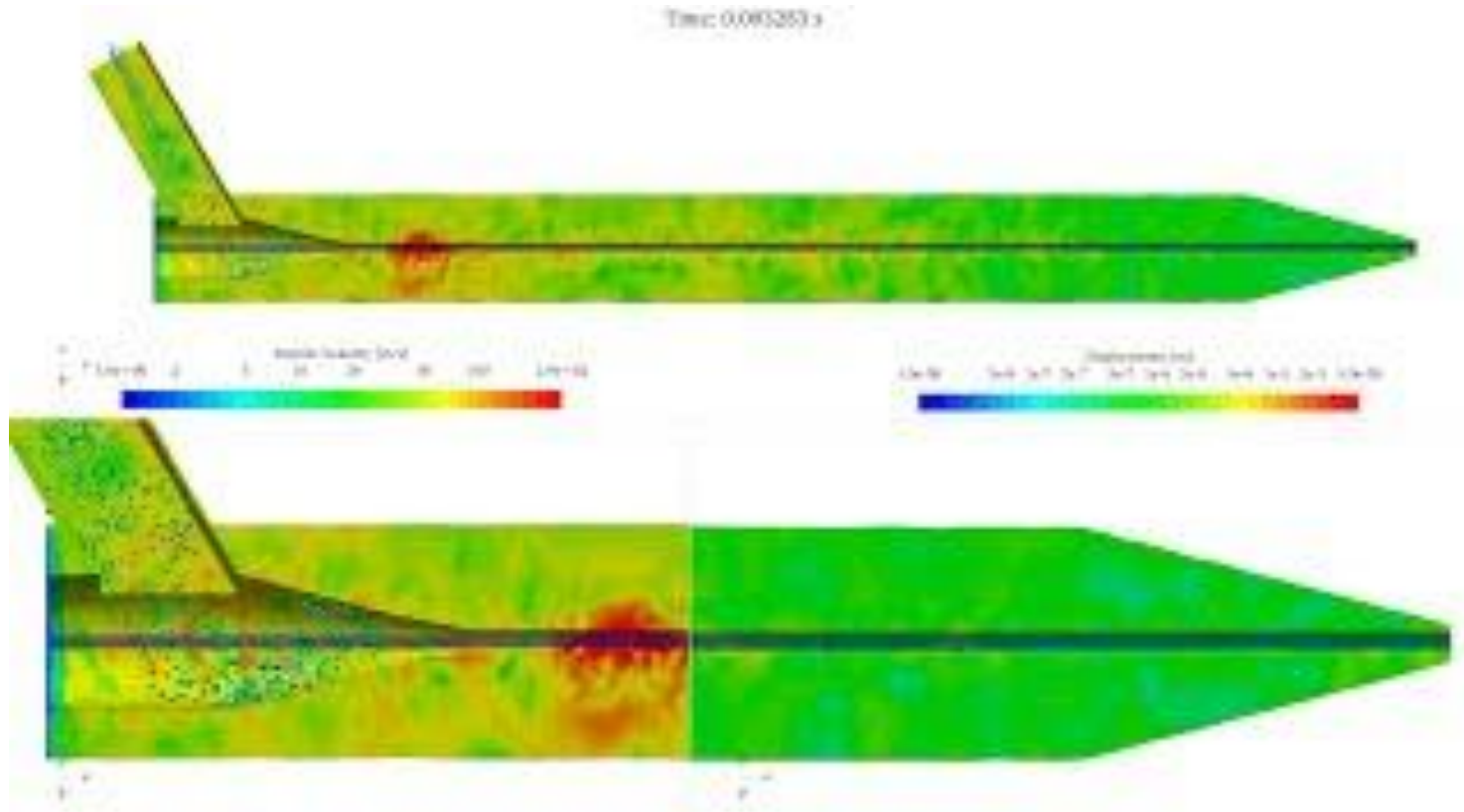




# FEM

Particle impacts on the Nozzle

# Nozzle displacements due particle impacts



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# Particle laden flow characteristics in Nozzle same as the literature<sup>[5]</sup>

- Simulate different operating conditions
- Monitor nozzle tip displacements
- Restart simulation for longer simulated time<sup>[6]</sup>
- WIP: Performance analysis for Nozzle case
- WIP: Vibrational response of nozzle
- Future work: Compare results with experimental observations



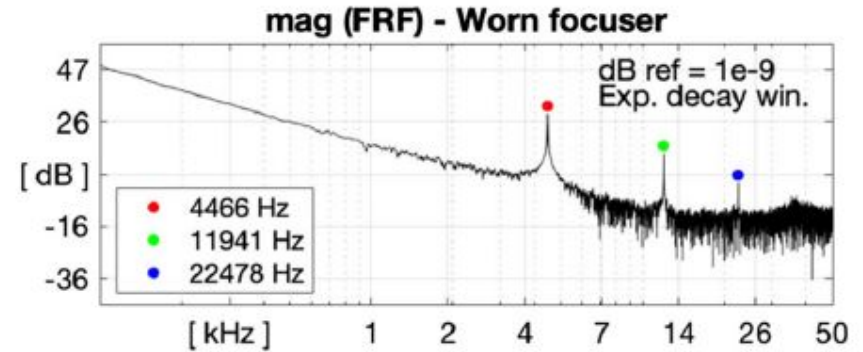
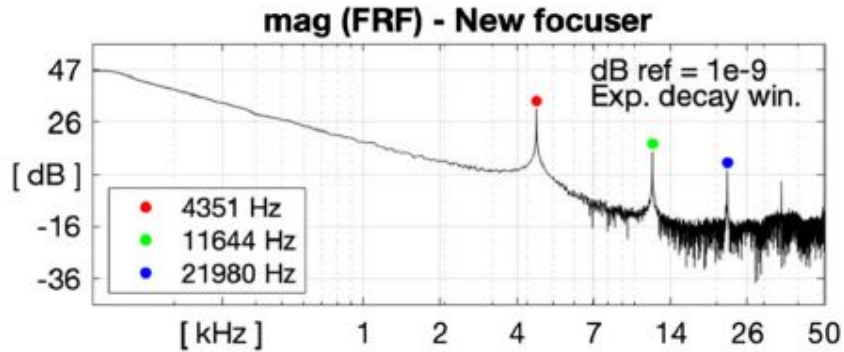
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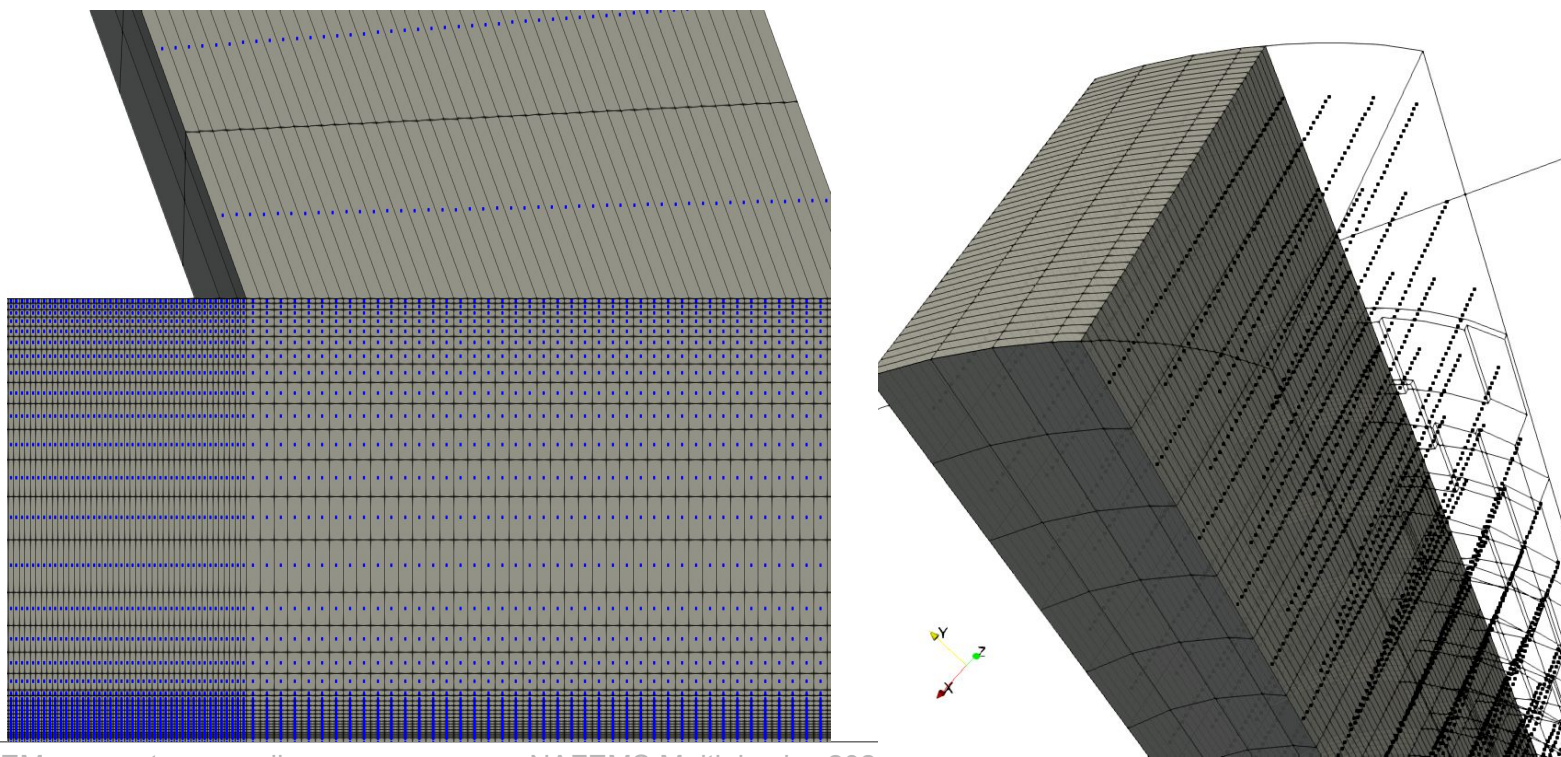
[6] Paweł Łojek, Resuming FSI simulations with OpenFOAM/CalculiX:

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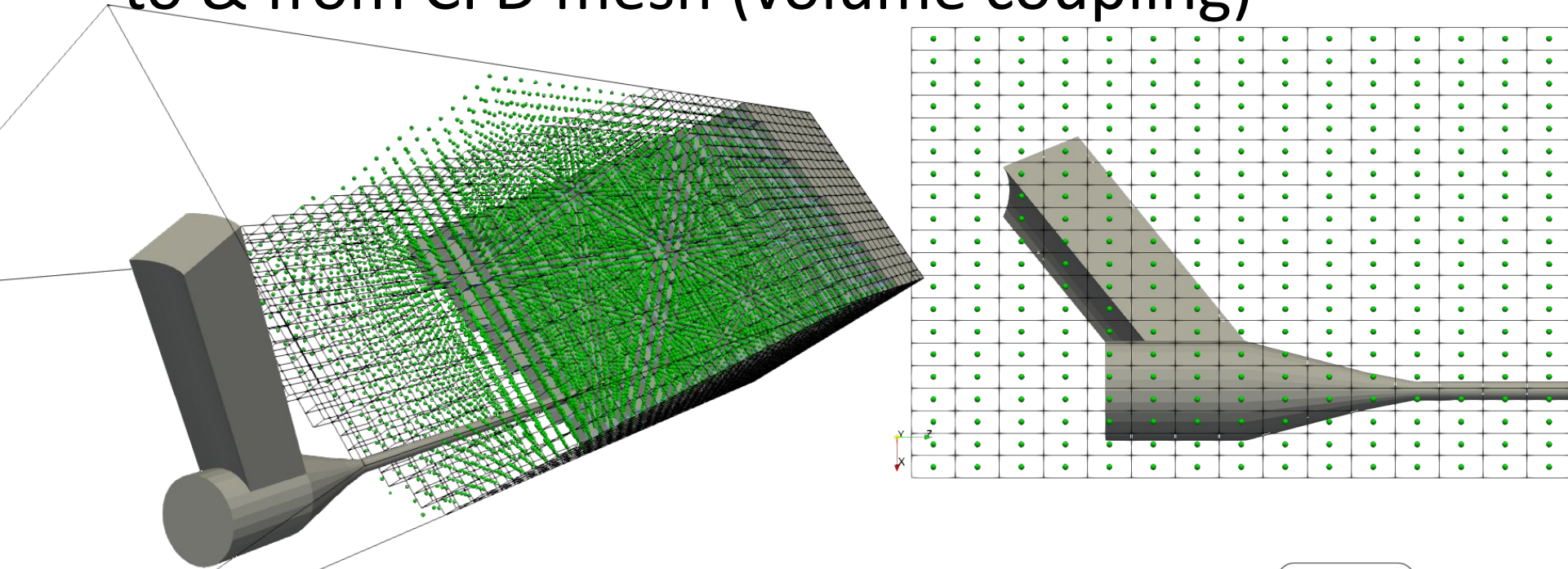
# Change in frequenc response before & after wear<sup>[1]</sup>



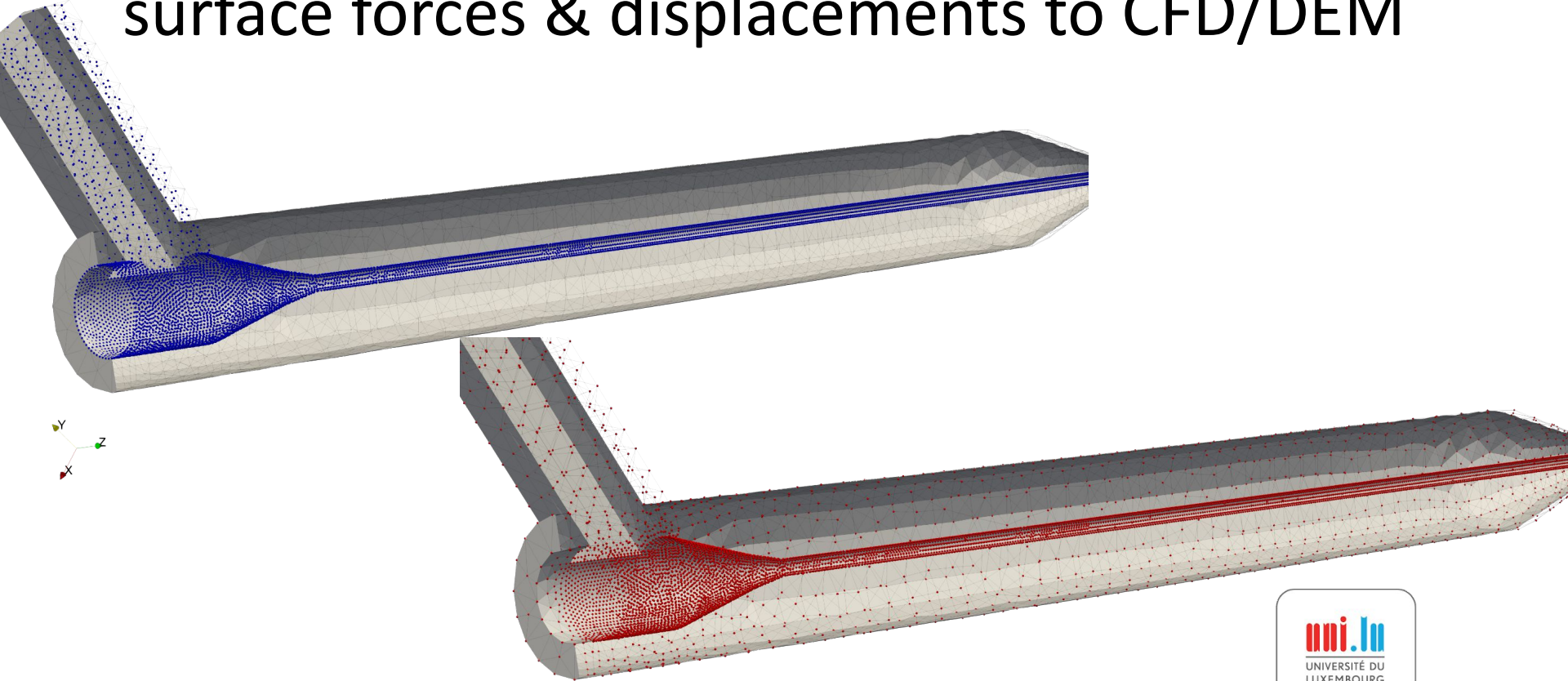
# Data from XDEM mapped to CFD cell centers



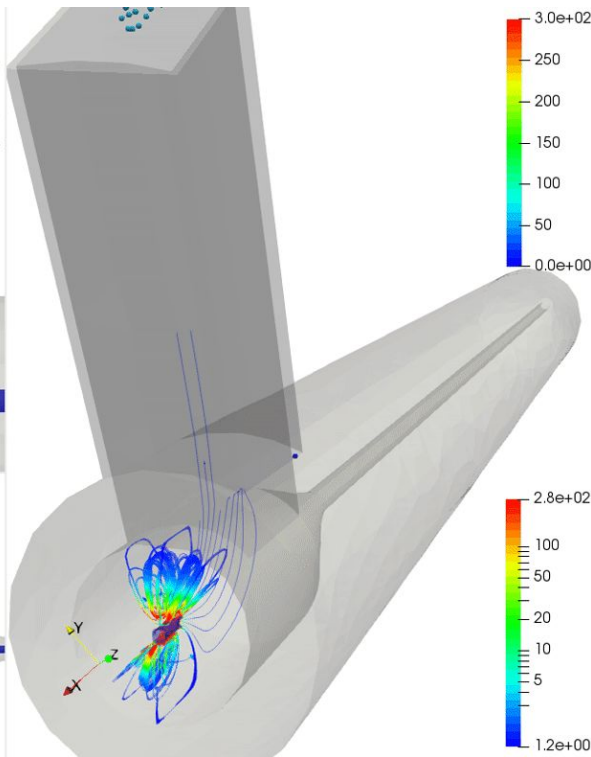
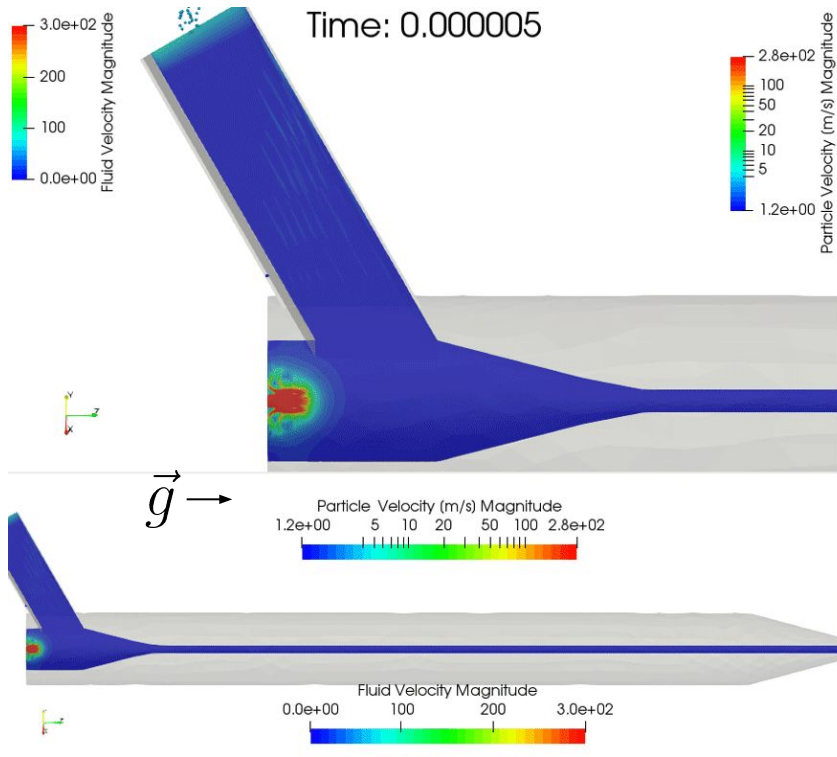
# XDEM cell centers used mapping data to & from CFD mesh (volume coupling)



# Surface nodes on FEM model used to couple surface forces & displacements to CFD/DEM





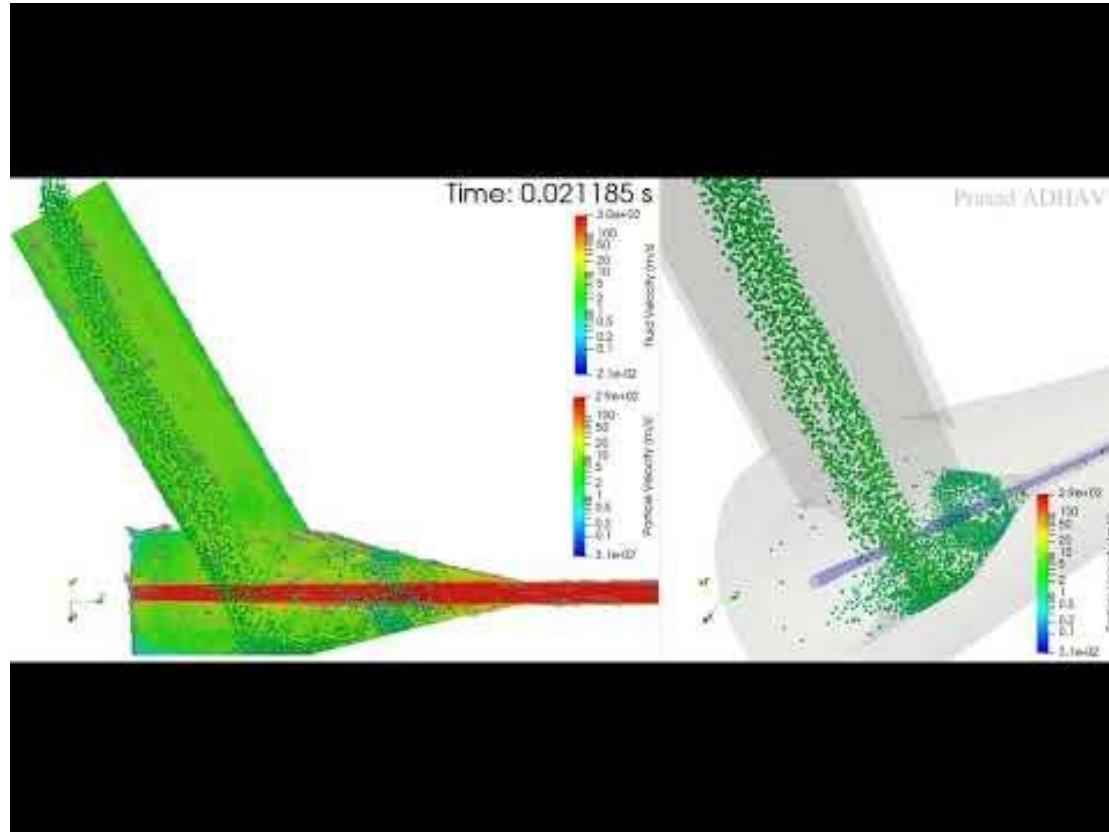


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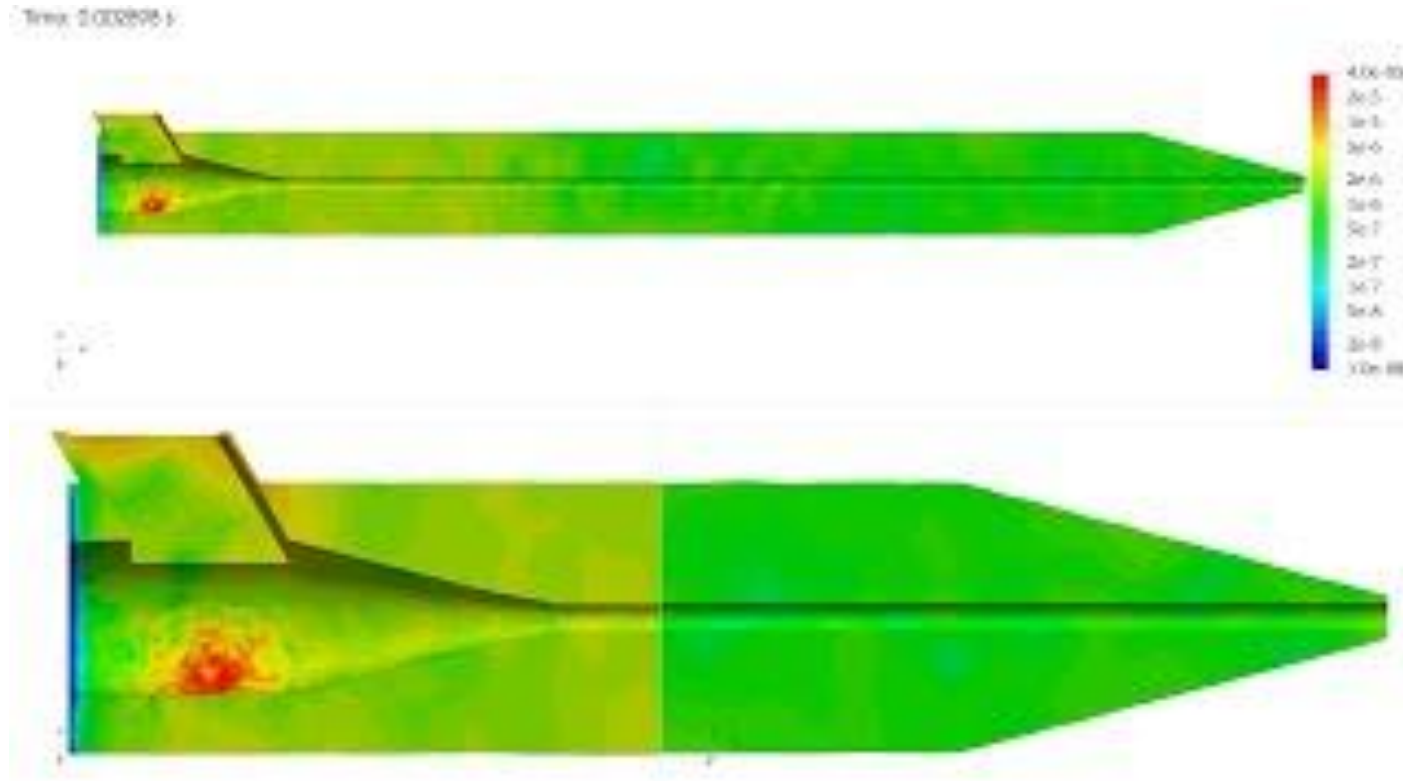
Particle Velocity (m/s) Magnitude

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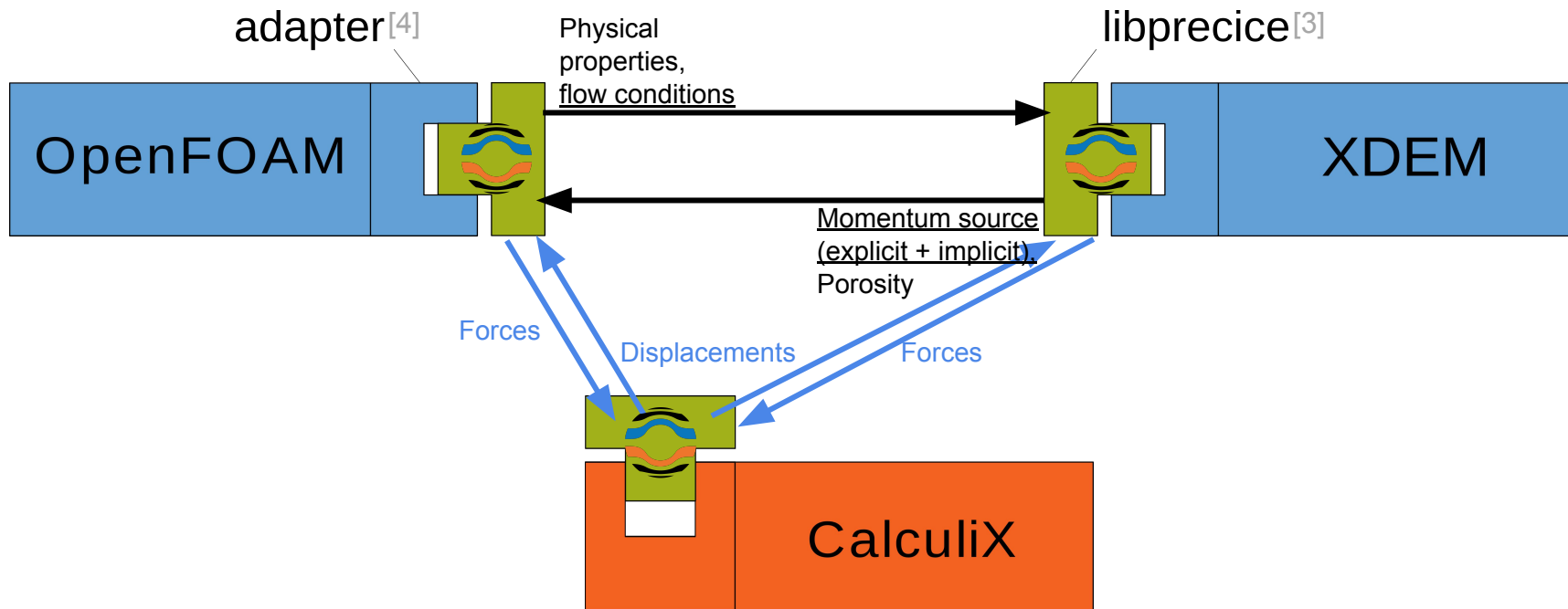
# Particle flow and interaction with waterjet



# Nozzle displacements due particle impacts



# 6-way CFD-DEM-FEM Momentum coupling summary



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