

# **The Application of the FDEM Program Package with Error Estimate to Industrial Problems**

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## Motivation

Numerical solution of non-linear systems of Partial Differential Equations (PDEs)

- Finite Difference Method (FDM)
- Finite Element Method (FEM)
- Finite Volume Method (FVM)

## Finite Difference Element Method (FDEM)

Combination of advantages of FDM and FEM:  
FDM on unstructured FEM grid

## Objectives

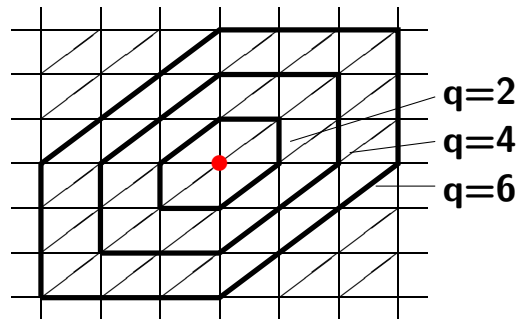
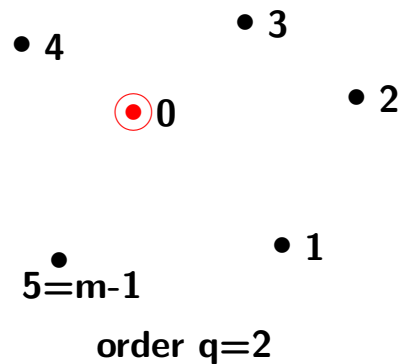
- Elliptic and parabolic non-linear systems of PDEs
- 2-D and 3-D with arbitrary geometry
- Arbitrary non-linear boundary conditions (BCs)
- Subdomains with different PDEs
- Robustness
- Black-box (PDEs/BCs and domain)
- Error estimate
- Order control/Mesh refinement
- Efficient parallelization (on distributed memory parallel computers)

## Difference formulas of order q on unstructured grid

Polynomial approach of order q (m coefficients)

$$2\text{-D: } m = (q+1)(q+2)/2$$

$$3\text{-D: } m = (q+1)(q+2)(q+3)/6$$



$$\text{Influence polynomial } P_{q,i} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{node } i \\ 0, & \text{other nodes} \end{cases} \rightarrow u_d, u_{x,d}, u_{y,d}, u_{xx,d}, u_{yy,d}, u_{xy,d}$$

Search for nodes in rings (up to order  $q+\Delta q$ )  $\rightarrow$   $m+r$  nodes

Selection of m appropriate nodes by special sophisticated algorithm

## Discretization error estimate

e.g. for  $u_x$ :  $u_x = u_{x,d,q} + \bar{d}_{x,q} = u_{x,d,q+2} + \bar{d}_{x,q+2}$   
 $\rightarrow d_{x,q} = u_{x,d,q+2} - u_{x,d,q} \{ + \bar{d}_{x,q+2} \}$

## Error equation

$$Pu \equiv P(t, x, y, u, u_t, u_x, u_y, u_{xx}, u_{yy}, u_{xy})$$

Linearization by Newton-Raphson

Discretization with error estimates  $d_t, d_x, \dots$  and linearization in  $d_t, d_x, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \Delta u_d &= \Delta u_{Pu} + \Delta u_{D_t} + \Delta u_{D_x} + \Delta u_{D_y} + \Delta u_{D_{xy}} = && \text{(level of solution)} \\ &= Q_d^{-1} \cdot [(Pu)_d + D_t + \{D_x + D_y + D_{xy}\}] && \text{(level of equation)} \end{aligned}$$

Only apply Newton correction  $\Delta u_{Pu}$ :

$$\rightarrow Q_d \cdot \Delta u_{Pu} = (Pu)_d \quad \text{(computed by LINSOL, Univ. of Karlsruhe, >95\% of computation time)}$$

Other errors for error control and error estimate

## Numerical Simulation of a Microreactor

Solution domain: Main channel/side channel

Variables: Flow velocities in x- and y-direction, pressure, chemical components

Nonlinear system of 6 PDEs (3 PDEs for flow + 3 PDEs for chemical components)

Rectangular uniform grids:  $2561 \times 641$  in main channel  $\Rightarrow$  1 641 601 nodes, 3 276 800 elements

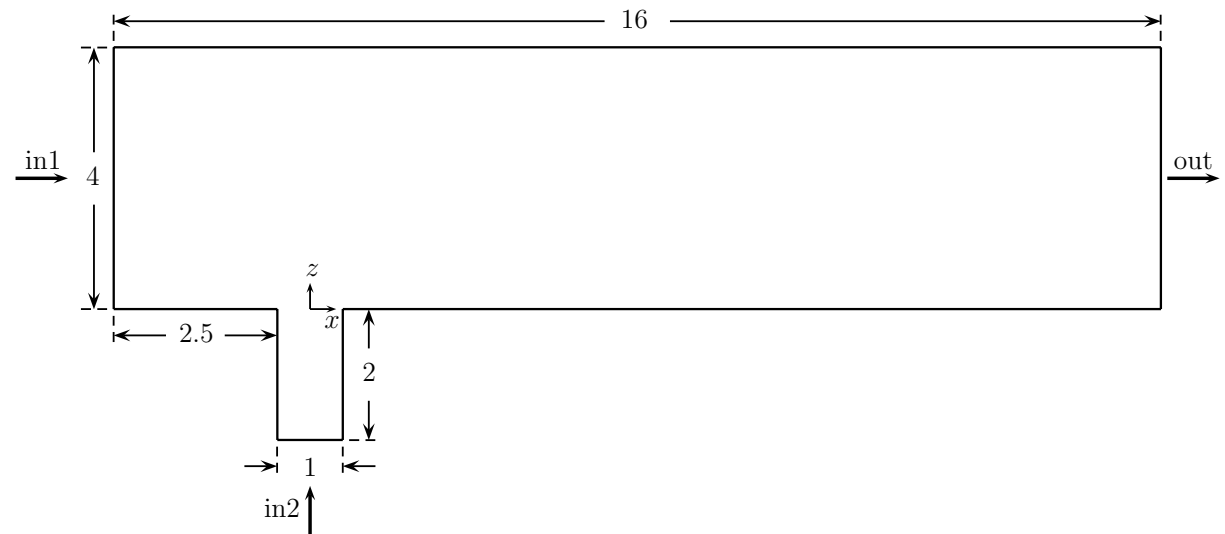
$161 \times 320$  in side channel  $\Rightarrow$  51 520 nodes, 102 400 elements

total: 1 693 121 nodes, 3 379 200 elements

Chemical components enter through  
main and side channel  $\Rightarrow$  reaction

Nondimensional equations,  $Re=25$

Consistency order 4



## Numerical Simulation of a Microreactor (continued)

Equation of continuity

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = 0$$

2 Navier-Stokes equations of type

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \mu \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

2 Continuity equations for chemical components a, b of type

$$\rho \left( u \frac{\partial Y_A}{\partial x} + w \frac{\partial Y_A}{\partial z} \right) = \rho \Gamma_A \left( \frac{\partial^2 Y_A}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 Y_A}{\partial z^2} \right) - D_a Y_A Y_B$$

Dalton's law

$$Y_Q = 1 - Y_A - Y_B$$

( $Y_A$ ,  $Y_B$ ,  $Y_Q$ : mass fractions of chemical components a, b, q)

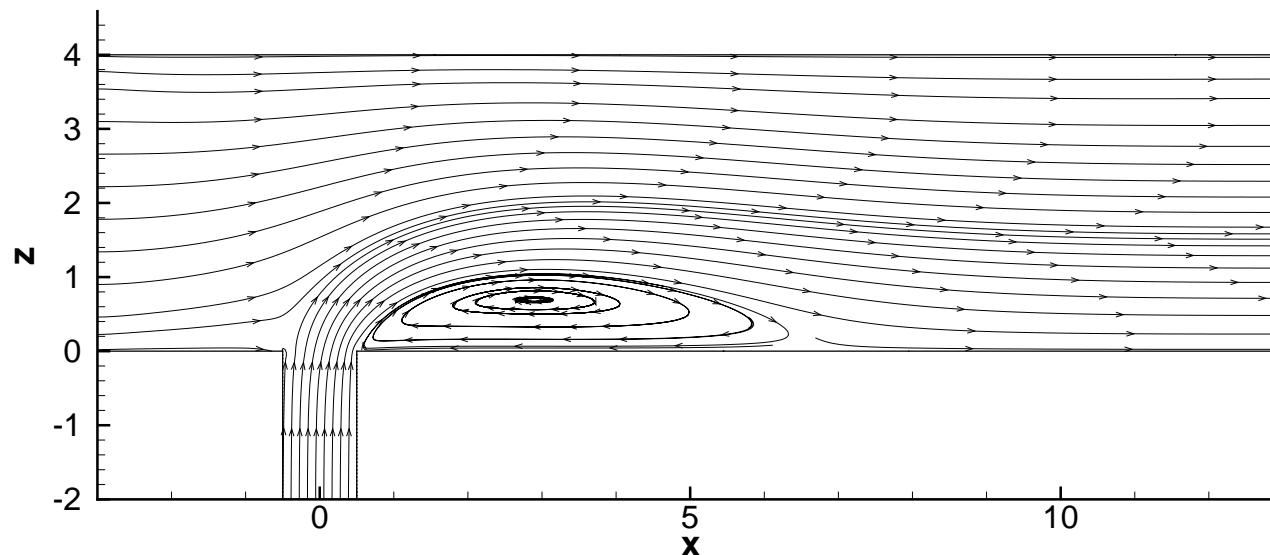


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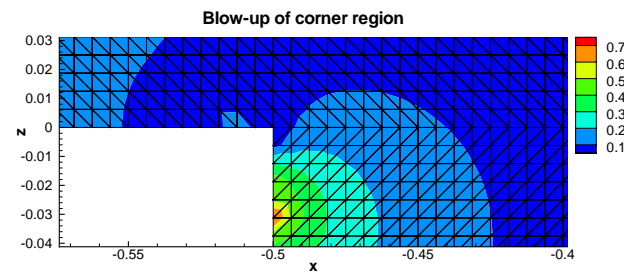
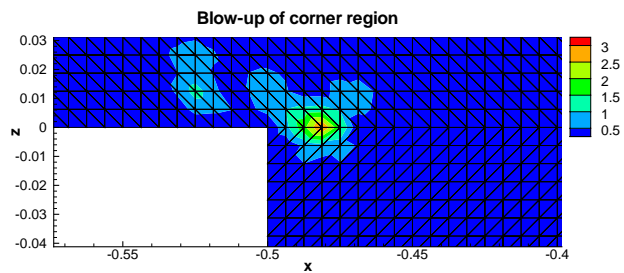
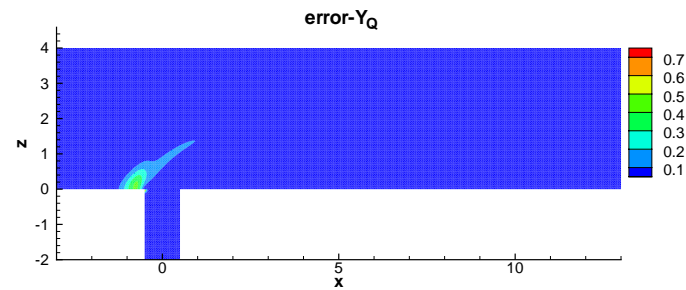
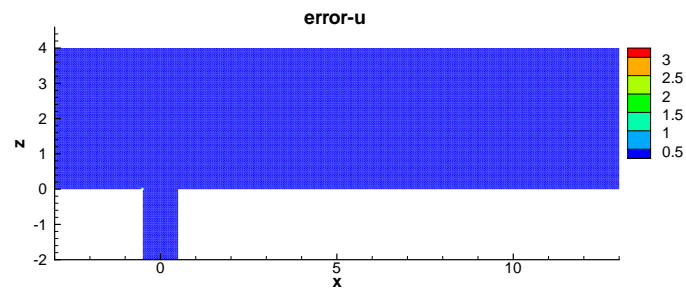
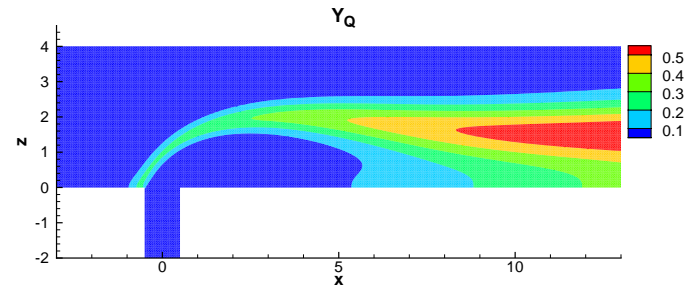
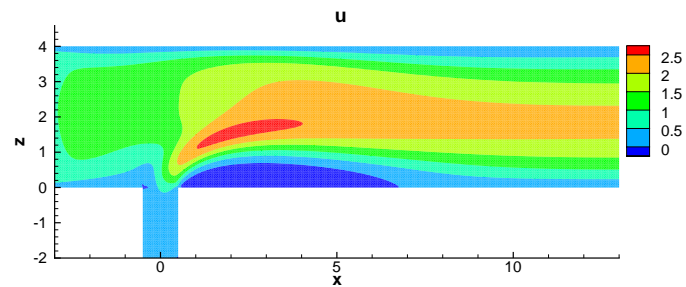
Var.	max. solution	global relat. estim. error	
		max.	mean
u	2.660	3.10	0.12E-01
w	3.013	1.96	0.46E-02
p	0.100E+06	0.42E-02	0.23E-02
Y <sub>A</sub>	1.000	1.23	0.12E-01
Y <sub>B</sub>	1.000	0.78	0.94E-02
Y <sub>Q</sub>	0.597	0.74	0.24E-01 → 2.4%

CPU time for master processor: 25.5 h  
HP XC4000 (Univ. Karlsruhe)  
128 proc., AMD Opteron 2.6 GHz  
InfiniBand 4X interconnect

Up to now nobody had solved such a problem with error estimate.



## Numerical Simulation of a Microreactor (continued)



## Heat Conduction in a High Pressure Diesel Injection Pump

Solution domain consists of 3 subdomains: Housing, piston and lubrication gap

Dividing lines, coupling conditions, different PDEs

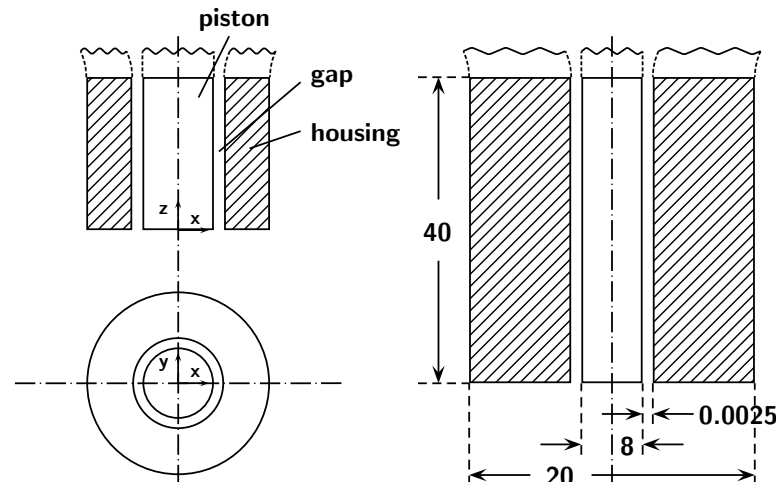
Variable: temperature  $T$

1 (non)linear PDE in housing, piston and gap

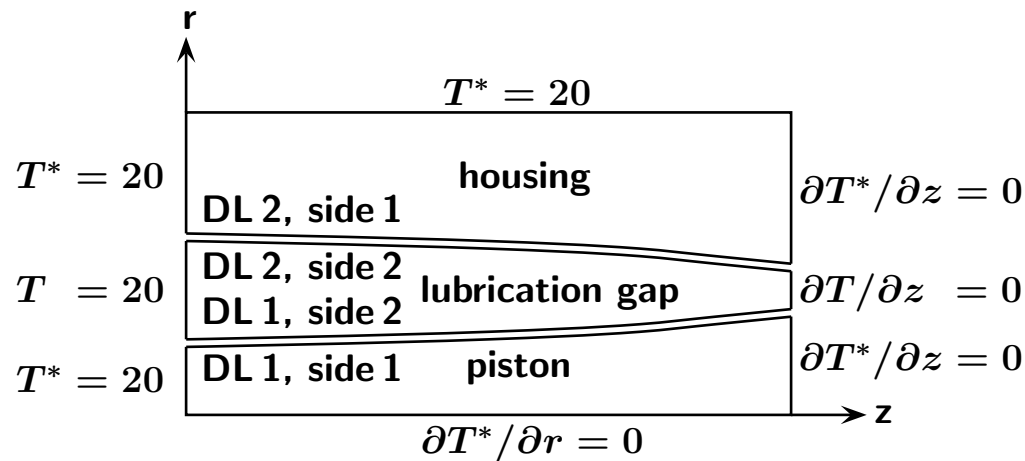
Rectangular grids:  $401 \times 80$  in housing  $\Rightarrow$  32 080 nodes, 63 200 elements  
 $401 \times 641$  in gap  $\Rightarrow$  257 041 nodes, 512 000 elements  
 $401 \times 40$  in piston  $\Rightarrow$  16 040 nodes, 31 200 elements

total: 305 161 nodes, 606 400 elements

Consistency order  $q=2$



Heat Conduction in a High Pressure Diesel Injection Pump (continued)



$T^*$ : piston and housing,  $T$ : fluid

DL, side 1:  $\lambda^* \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial r} = \lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial r}$

DL, side 2:  $T^* = T$

Heat equation for incompressible fluids in lubrication gap ( $u, w$  given from former research project):

$$u \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} = \kappa \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) + 2 \frac{\nu}{c_p} \hat{\varepsilon}^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\varepsilon}^2 = \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right)^2 + \frac{u^2}{r^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right)^2$$

Heat equation in piston and housing:

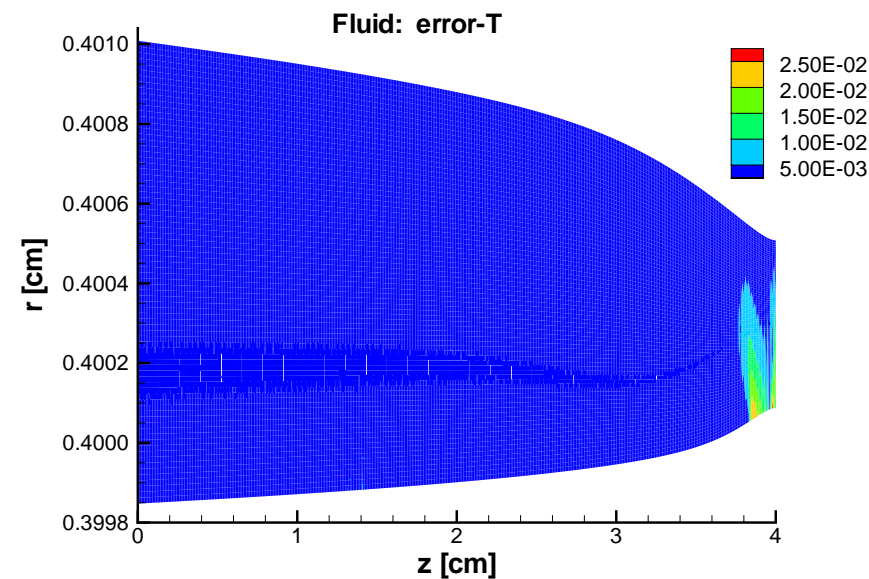
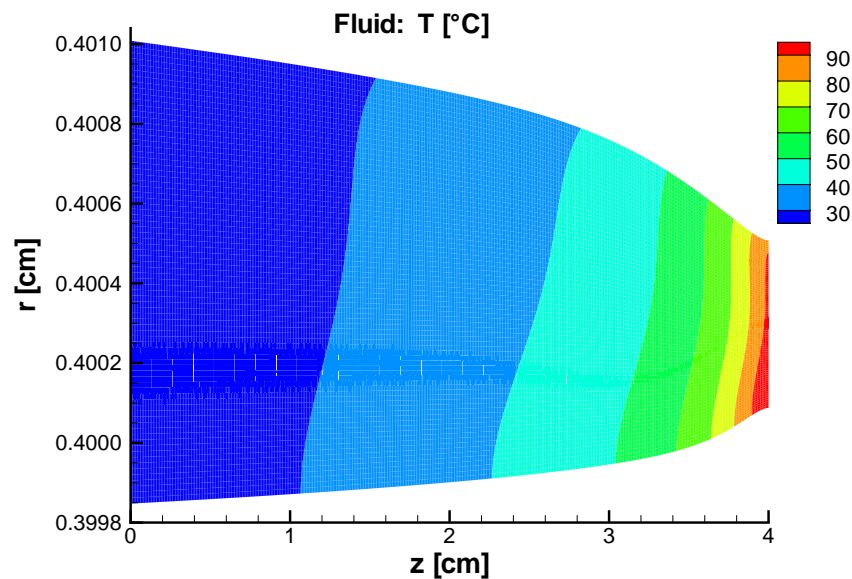
$$\frac{\partial^2 T^*}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 T^*}{\partial z^2} = 0$$

## Heat Conduction in a High Pressure Diesel Injection Pump (continued)

subdomain	$T_{\max}$ [°C]	max. rel. est. error	mean rel. est. error
piston	98.2	0.29E-01	0.46E-04
lubrication gap	98.9	0.29E-01	0.84E-03
housing	87.8	0.40E-02	0.24E-04

CPU time for master processor: 155 sec  
HP XC4000 (Univ. Karlsruhe)  
16 proc., AMD Opteron 2.6 GHz  
InfiniBand 4X interconnect

### Temperature T for 2000 bar and its error



## Heat Conduction in a Power Module with 6 Power Chips (3-D, time-dependent)

Thermal problem: simulation of a power semiconductor module

heat sources: MOSFET-devices on top surface of module

convective cooling on the bottom surface of the module

Question:

1. Same power dissipation ( $H=250W$ ) for all 6 chips. Temperature distribution on top of module after 50 sec.?
2. Chip 1-5 as above. Degraded array on 6<sup>th</sup> chip  $\Rightarrow$  total power of chip: 300W. Calculations as above.

Solution domain consists of 2 subdomains:

Chip subdomain:  $237 \times 117 \times 9 \Rightarrow 249\,561$  nodes,  $1\,314\,048$  elements

Remainder:  $119 \times 59 \times 9 \Rightarrow 63\,189$  nodes,  $328\,512$  elements

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total:  $312\,750$  nodes,  $1\,642\,560$  elements

1 Sliding Dividing Line (SDL, non-matching grid), coupling conditions

Variable: temperature T

1 linear PDE, nonlinear BC on bottom surface of module

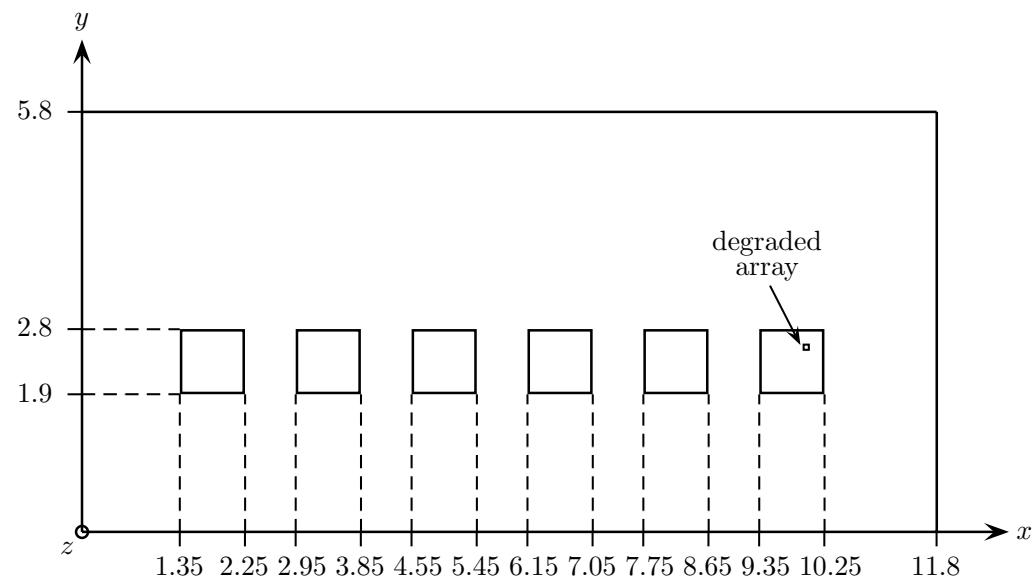
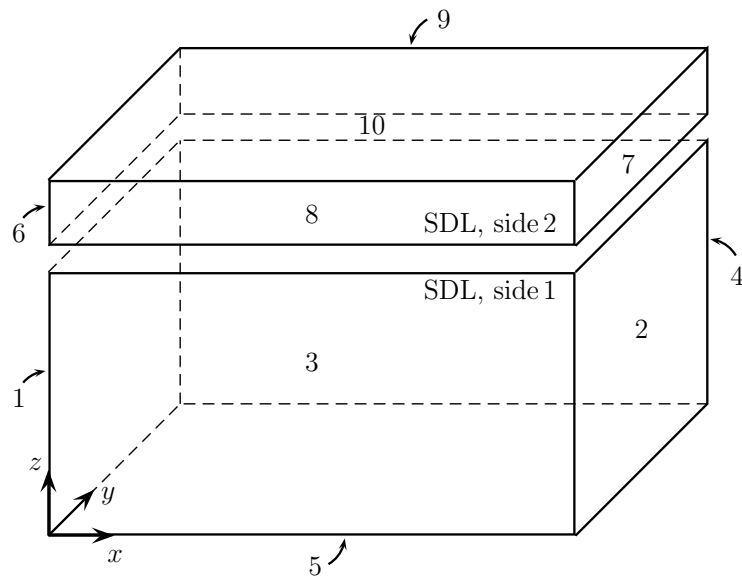
Consistency order  $q=2$  and  $q=4$

SGI Altix 4700 (LRZ Munich) with 32 processors, Itanium2 with 1.6 GHz, NUMAlink interconnect

## Heat Conduction in a Power Module with 6 Power Chips (continued)

$$\text{PDE: } \rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \lambda \left( \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} \right) - H = 0$$

Problem: thickness of chips: 0.02 cm, thickness of module: 0.5 cm, problem of scaling



$$\text{Bd. 5: } -\lambda \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + \sigma (T^4 - T_a^4) + a(T - T_a)^{5/4} = 0$$

$$\text{SDL, side 1: } \frac{\partial T_{lower}}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial T_{upper}}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{other boundaries: } \frac{\partial T}{\partial n} = 0$$

$$\text{SDL, side 2: } T_{upper} = T_{lower}$$

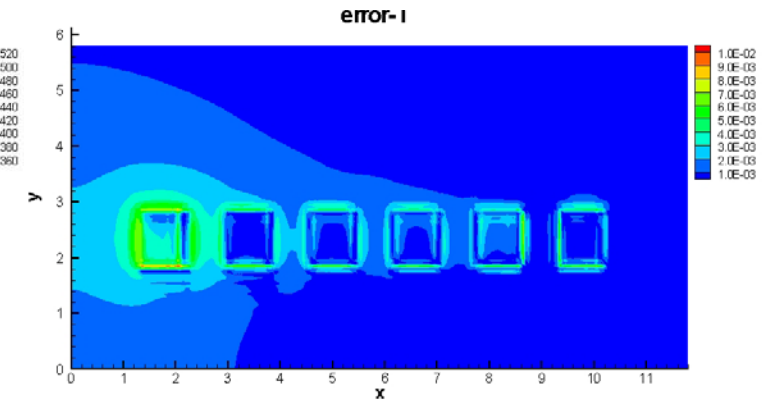
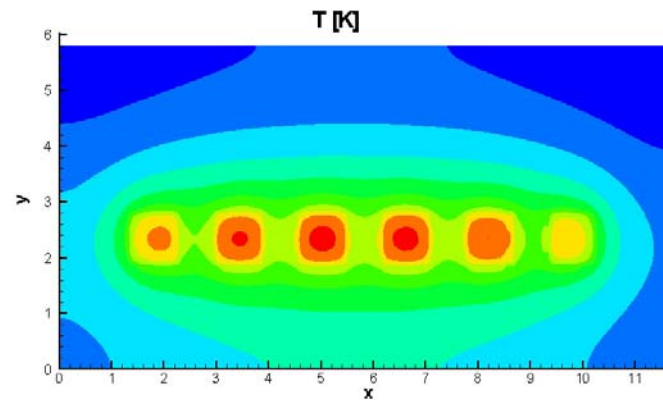
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Problem 1:  $H=250W$  for all 6 chips

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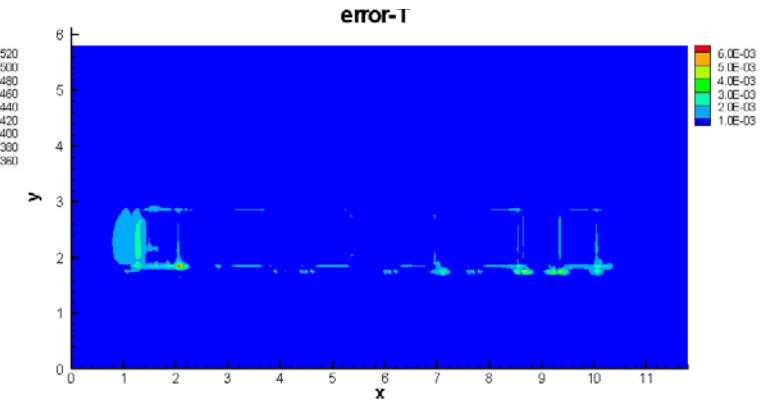
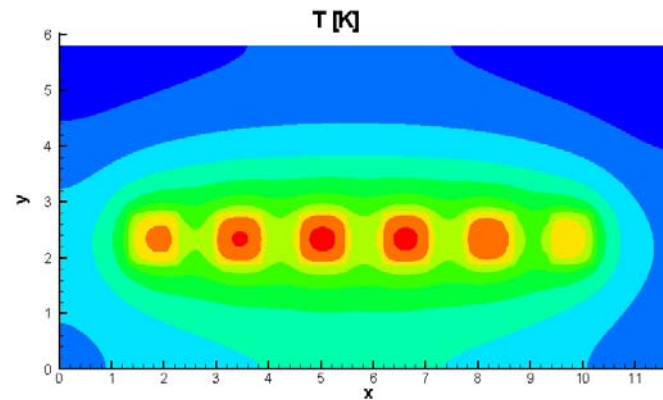
Consistency order  $q=2$  (CPU time: 7.0 h, Solve  $173 \times$  linear system of equations with 312 750 unknowns)

$T_{\max}$ upper [K]	526.4
$T_{\max}$ lower [K]	524.2
error upper, max	0.11E-01
mean	0.81E-03
error lower, max	0.69E-02
mean	0.17E-03



Consistency order  $q=4$  (CPU time: 42.0 h, Solve  $184 \times$  linear system of equations with 312 750 unknowns)

$T_{\max}$ upper [K]	526.2
$T_{\max}$ lower [K]	524.1
error upper, max	0.78E-02
mean	0.17E-03
error lower, max	0.22E-02
mean	0.35E-04





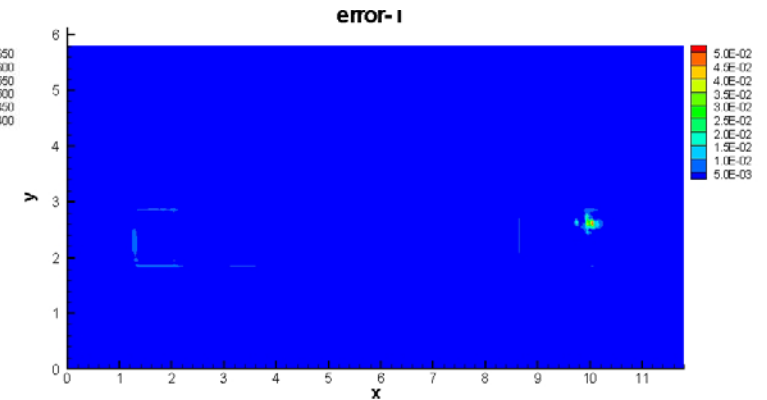
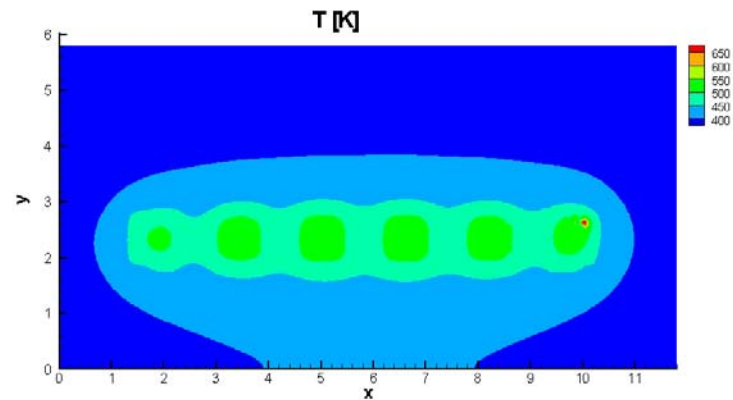
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Problem 2:  $H=250W$  for chip 1–5, degraded array on chip 6

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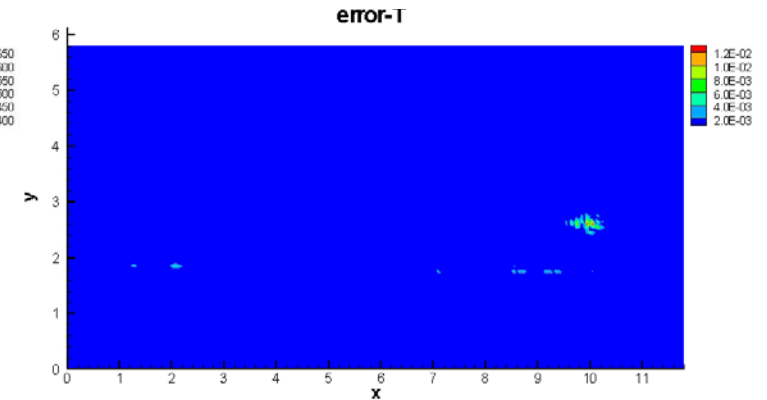
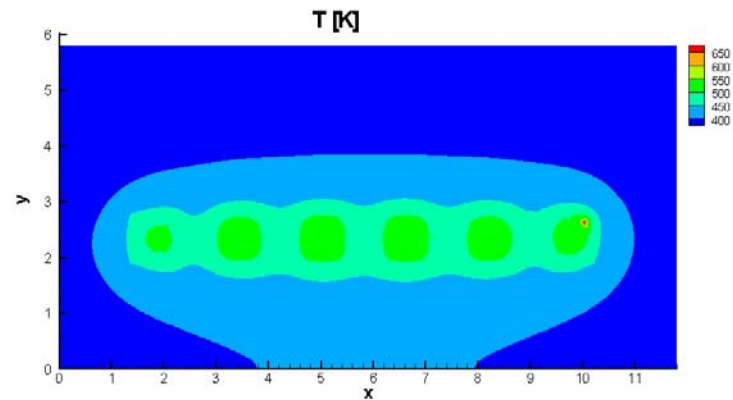
Consistency order  $q=2$  (CPU time: 6.6 h, Solve  $172 \times$  linear system of equations with 312 750 unknowns)

$T_{\max}$ upper [K]	706.3
$T_{\max}$ lower [K]	632.7
error upper, max	0.56E-01
mean	0.62E-03
error lower, max	0.32E-01
mean	0.14E-03



Consistency order  $q=4$  (CPU time: 40.5 h, Solve  $193 \times$  linear system of equations with 312 750 unknowns)

$T_{\max}$ upper [K]	677.6
$T_{\max}$ lower [K]	614.3
error upper, max	0.15E-01
mean	0.13E-03
error lower, max	0.73E-02
mean	0.26E-04



## Conclusion

- Black-box PDE solver **FDEM**  
(URL: <http://www.rz.uni-karlsruhe.de/rz/docs/FDEM/Literatur>)
- User input: any PDE system, any domain, 2-D and 3-D
- Domain may consist of several subdomains with different PDEs → Dividing lines
- Unique feature: error estimate
- Efficient parallelization with MPI

Up to now nobody has solved such problems with the knowledge of the error.

This knowledge forces a very fine grid for a 1% error. So we need supercomputers for seemingly simple problems.

We offer a service to solve the PDEs of cooperation partners.

For discussion: Scalability tests for heat conduction in power module

Problem 2,  $q=4$ ,  $n=312\,750$ :

No. of proc.	CPU time [h]	
	HP XC4000	SGI Altix 4700
32	40.53	18.55
64	23.29	10.34
128	10.65	7.00
256	5.69	5.96
512	6.25	6.15

Problem 2,  $q=4$ ,  $n=2\,344\,946$ , 1<sup>st</sup> Newton step:

No. of proc.	CPU time [h]	
	HP XC4000	SGI Altix 4700
128	3.13	2.64
256	1.41	1.19
512	0.88	0.75

HP XC4000 (Univ. of Karlsruhe) with AMD Opteron processors, 2.6 GHz, InfiniBand 4X interconnect

SGI Altix 4700 (LRZ Munich) with Intel Itanium2 Montecito Dual Core processors, 1.6 GHz, NUMALink interconnect