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# Tutorial Lagrangian Particle Tracking

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# OUTLINE

- **Introduction to Lagrangian particle tracking**
- **LPT in OpenFOAM**
- **Improvement**
- **Test case**



# LPT

Euler frame: the flow field  
( $U$ ,  $\rho$ , density, viscosity...)

Lagrangian frame: the particles  
(velocity, position, diameter, density,...)



## Eulerian frame

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial t} + \rho(\mathbf{U} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{U}) = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{U} + \rho g - \sum_N \mathbf{f}_P$$

```
fvVectorMatrix UEqn
(
    fvm::ddt(rho, U)
  + fvm::div(phi, U)
  + turbulence->divDevRhoReff(U)
  ==
    rho*g
  + dieselSpray.momentumSource()
);

if (momentumPredictor)
{
    solve(UEqn == -fvc::grad(p));
}
```



## Lagrangian frame

$$\mathbf{f}_P = \frac{m_P}{\Delta V} \frac{(\mathbf{U}_P)_{t_{out}} - (\mathbf{U}_P)_{t_{in}}}{t_{out} - t_{in}}$$

```
vector oMom = m()*U();  
// update the parcel properties (U, T, D)  
updateParcelProperties(dt,sDB,celli,face());  
vector nMom = m()*U();  
// Update the Spray Source Terms  
sDB.sms()[celli] += oMom - nMom;
```

```
tsource().internalField() = sms_/runTime_.deltaT().value()/mesh_.V();
```



## Lagrangian frame

$$m_p \frac{d\mathbf{U}_P}{dt} = \mathbf{F}_D + m_p \mathbf{g} = -m_p \frac{\mathbf{U}_P - \mathbf{U}}{\tau_P} + m_p \mathbf{g}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{U}_P^{\Delta t+1} = \frac{\mathbf{U}_P^{\Delta t} + \mathbf{U}_{@P} \frac{dt}{\tau_p} + \mathbf{g} dt}{1 + \frac{dt}{\tau_p}}$$

```
vector Up = sDB.UInterpolator().interpolate(position(), celli, facei)+ Uturb();  
scalar timeRatio = dt/tauMomentum;  
U() = (U() + timeRatio*Up + sDB.g()*dt)/(1.0 + timeRatio);
```



## Lagrangian frame

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_P}{dt} = \mathbf{U}_P$$

```
// set the lagrangian time-step
  scalar dt = min(dtMax, tEnd);
// Track and adjust the time step if the trajectory is not completed
  dt *= trackToFace(position() + dt*U_, sDB);
// Decrement the end-time according to how much time the track took
  tEnd -= dt;
// Set the current time-step fraction.
  stepFraction() = 1.0 - tEnd/deltaT;
```



# LPT in OpenFOAM

DieselFoam : solver for diesel spray and combustion

- evaporation, collision...
- parcel (computational particles)

IcoLagrangianFoam : simplified version of dieselFoam,

- no evaporation, no collision...
- wrong drag model

SolidParticle : new library for one way coupling LPT





# Improvement

- Injection of several particles per time step
- Volume fraction of particles (volScalarField)
  - we don't need to save the properties of each particle



# Injector of particles

```
void Foam::solidParticleCloud::inject(solidParticle::trackData &td) {
    for (label nbP=1; nbP<=td.spc().nbInjByDt(); nbP++) {
        vector tmp=(random().vector01()- vector(0.5,0.5,0.5))*2;
        vector center=td.spc().center();
        vector r0=td.spc().r0();
        scalar posx=tmp.x()*r0.x();
        scalar posy=tmp.y()*r0.y();
        scalar posz=tmp.z()*r0.z();
        vector pos=center+vector(posx,posy,posz);
        vector tmpv=
vector(random().GaussNormal(),random().GaussNormal(),random().GaussNormal())/sqrt(3.);
        vector vel=tmpv*td.spc().velprime()+td.spc().vel();
        label cellI=mesh_.findCell(pos);
        if(cellI>=0)
        {
            solidParticle* ptr= new solidParticle(*this,pos,cellI,td.spc().d(),vel);
            Cloud<solidParticle>::addParticle(ptr);
        }
    }
}
```



# Volume fraction of particles

$$volfrac = nbP.V_p / \Delta V;$$

In `solParticle.C`, at the end of the function `move`

```
if (td.keepParticle)
{
    label cellnew = cell();
    td.spc().nbPVp()[cellnew] += (4/3*3.14*pow(d_,3)/8);
}
```

In `solidParticleFoam.C`, call the function `volFrac()`

```
particles.move(g);
volfrac= particles.volFrac(); //added
runTime.write();
```

The function `volFrac()` returns `nbPVp_/mesh_.V()`;



# Test case

1- Copy and compile the solver  
mySolidParticleSimpleFoam

2- Copy the tutorial pitzDaily

3- Add the file 0/volFrac.org  
(cp 0/p 0/volFrac.org and change dimension to [ 0 0 0... ] )

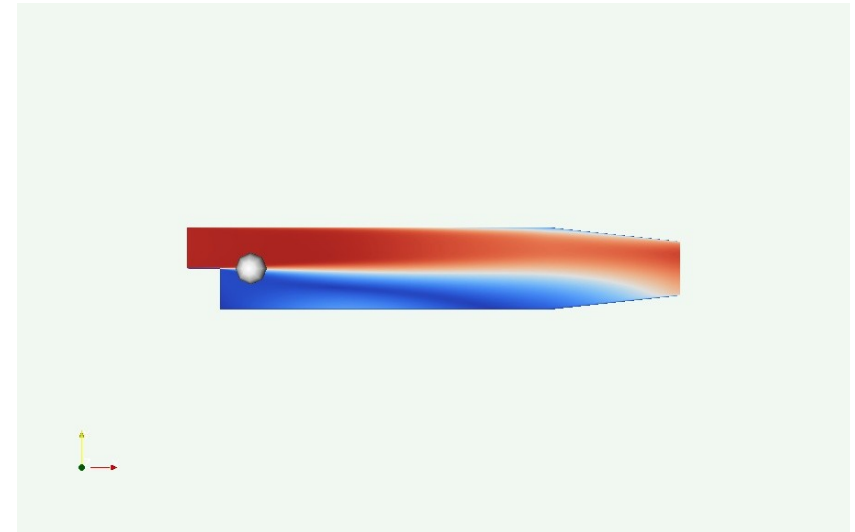
4- Add the file constant/g

```
dimensions      [0 1 -2 0 0 0 0];  
value           ( 0 0 0 );
```

5- Add density in the file constant/transportProperties

```
rho             rho [ 1 -3 0 0 0 0 0 ] 1000;
```

6- Add the file constant/particleProperties





$\Delta x = 0.311$   
 $\max(U_x) = 10.1$   
 $\rightarrow$  a particle can go through in 0.03s

## constant/particleProperties

```

rhop rhop [ 1 -3 0 0 0 0 0 ] 1000;
e e [ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ] 0.8;
mu mu [ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ] 0.2;
nbInjByDt nbInjByDt [ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ] 500;
center center [ 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 ] (0.02 0.0 0.0);
r0 r0 [ 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 ] (0.01 0.01 0.0);
d d [ 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 ] 0.01; //5e-5;
vel vel [ 0 1 -1 0 0 0 0 ] (0 0 0);
velprime velprime [ 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ] 0;
tInjStart tInjStart [ 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 ] 1e-5;
tInjEnd tInjEnd [ 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 ] 5000;
  
```

## system/controlDict

```

startFrom      startTime;
startTime      1000;

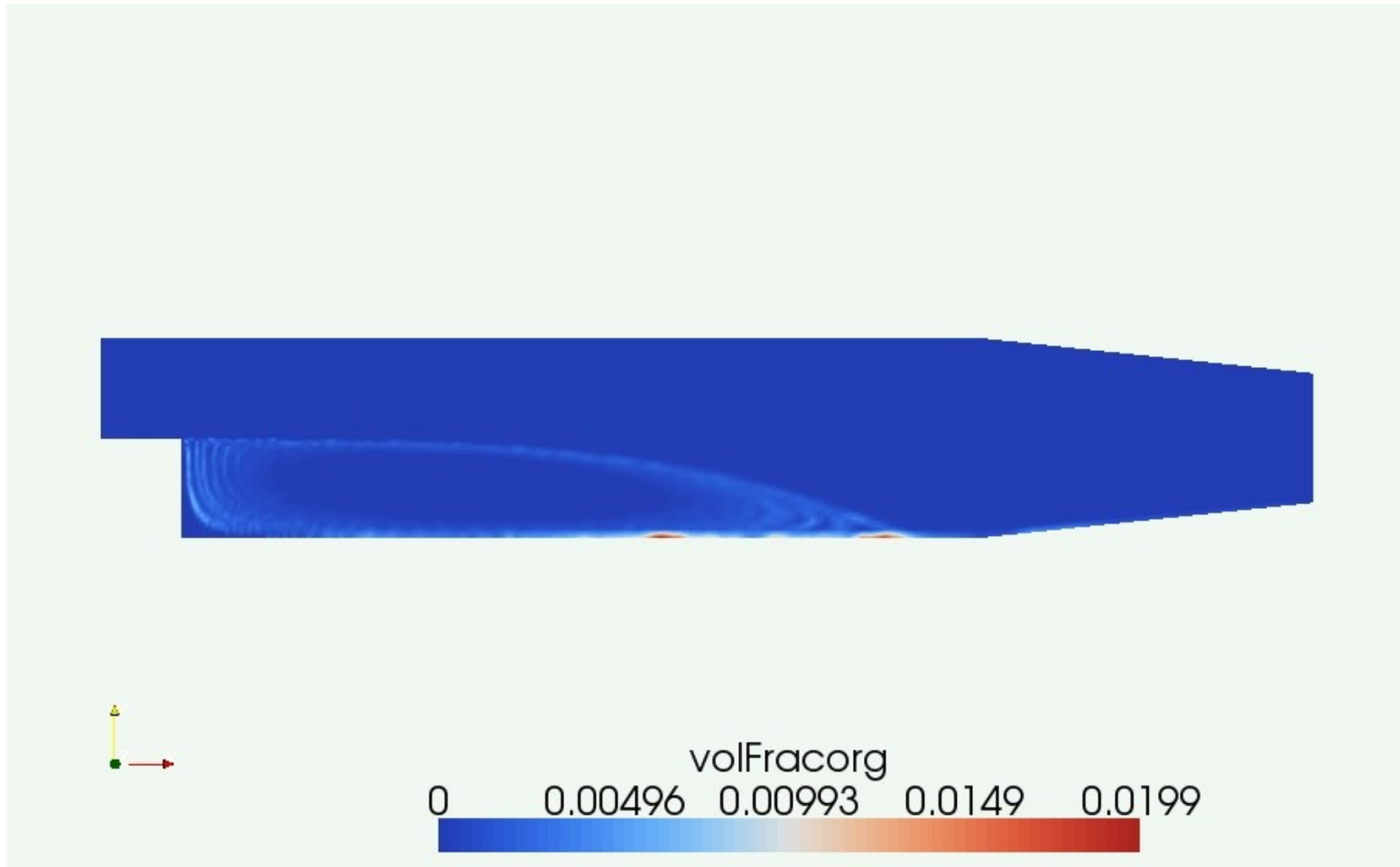
stopAt         endTime;
endTime        1001;

deltaT         0.003;

writeControl   timeStep;

writeInterval  1;
  
```





Distribution of the volume fraction of particles at  $t=1001$



**Thank you**

