



Module	Computational Fluid Dynamics
Responsibility	Dr.-Ing. G. Janiga, G. Fru
Goals	<p>Students participating in this course will get both a solid theoretical knowledge of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) as well as a practical experience of problem-solving on the computer. Best-practice guidelines for CFD are discussed extensively. CFD-code properties and structure are described and the students first realize the own, simple CFD-code, before considering different existing industrial codes with advantages and drawbacks. At the end of the module, the students are able to use CFD in an autonomous manner for solving a realistic test-case, including a critical check of the obtained solution.</p>
Contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduction and organization. Historical development of CFD. Importance of CFD. Main methods (finite-differences, -volumes, -elements) for discretization.</li><li>2. Vector- and parallel computing. Introduction to Linux, main instructions, account structuration, FTP transfer.</li><li>3. How to use supercomputers, optimal computing loop, validation procedure, Best Practice Guidelines. Detailed introduction to Matlab, presentation and practical use of all main instructions.</li><li>4. Linear systems of equations. Iterative solution methods. Examples and applications. Tridiagonal systems. ADI methods. Realization of a Matlab-Script for the solution of a simple flow in a cavity (Poisson equation), with Dirichlet-Neumann boundary conditions.</li><li>5. Practical solution of unsteady problems. Explicit and implicit methods. Stability considerations. CFL and Fourier criteria. Choice of convergence criteria and tests. Grid independency. Impact on the solution.</li><li>6. Introduction to finite elements on the basis of Femlab. Introduction to Femlab and practical use based on a simple example.</li><li>7. Carrying out CFD: CAD, grid generation and solution. Importance of gridding. Best Practice (ERCOFTAC). Introduction to Gambit, production of CAD-data and grids. Grid quality. Production of simple and complex (3D burner) grids.</li><li>8. Physical models available in Fluent. Importance of these models for obtaining a good solution. Introduction to Fluent. Practical solution using Fluent. Influence of grid and convergence criteria. First- and second-order discretization. Grid-dependency.</li><li>9. Properties and computation of turbulent flows. Turbulence modeling, k-<math>\epsilon</math> models, Reynolds-Stress-models. Research methods (LES, DNS). Use of Fluent to compute a turbulent flow behind a backward-facing step, using best practice instructions. Comparison with experiments. Limits of CFD.</li></ol>

10. Non-newtonian flows, importance and computation. Use of Fluent to compute a problem involving a non-newtonian flow (medical application), using best practice guidelines. Analysis of results. Limits of CFD.
11. Multi-phase flows, importance and computation. Lagrangian and Eulerian approaches. Modeling multi-phase flows. Use of Fluent to compute expansion of solid particles in an industrial furnace, using best practice guidelines. Comparison with experiments. Limits of CFD.
12. -14 Summary of the lectures. Short theoretical questionnaire. Dispatching subjects for the final CFD-project, begin of work under supervision. Students work on their project during the last weeks, using also free-time. In the second half of the last lecture, oral presentations by the students of the results they have obtained for their project, with intensive questions concerning methods and results.

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Requirements Bachelor, fluid mechanics

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Teaching Lecture and computer exercises

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Work Load Time of attendance  
Lecture / Exercises: 3 h / week  
Autonomous work: post processing of lectures, preparation of exercises, project and exam

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Examination written test and presentation of the project

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Credits 5 Credit Points

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Duration one term

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