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# Computational thermo-fluid dynamics

## Course overview

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## Background

**Fluid flow and heat transfer phenomena** are omnipresent in industrial processes and products

**Modeling and simulation** are increasingly widespread as complementary design and verification tools

**Digital engineers** should be able to construct digital models based on:

- Deep **understanding** of modelling techniques and of the underlying physics
- Suitable **coding** capabilities for the development, modification or integration of digital models
- Conscious and **competent use** of simulation tools

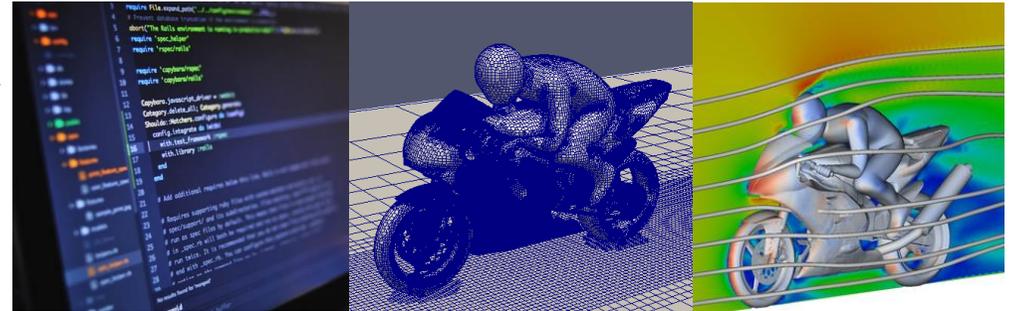
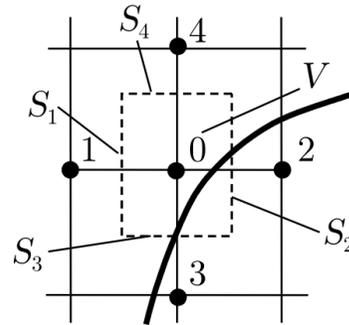


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## Objectives

Developing a deep knowledge of:

- numerical methods
- discretization techniques
- implementation strategies
- simulation tools



for the analysis of **flow and heat transfer problems at different scales.**

The **CTFD** course is linked with the **Multiphysics Flow Modeling** course (Prof. Luca Montorsi), where advanced physical modeling approaches (e.g. turbulence, multiphase flow, etc.) and applications will be covered in detail.

Throughout both courses, the student is provided with a complete set of skills on the simulation and modeling of transport phenomena.

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## Contents

### Theoretical classes (about 3 ECTS):

- Governing equations of fluid flow and energy conservation
- Discretization schemes, Finite Difference and Finite Volume Methods
- Pressure-velocity coupling in incompressible flows and solution algorithms
- Integration of the equations on 2D/3D grids and on 0D/1D (oriented networks)

### Practical (laboratory) classes (about 3 ECTS):

- Simulation of 2D/3D problems, using the open source **OpenFOAM** toolbox
- Implementation of 0D/1D models in **Python**

Open  FOAM®



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## Practical information

### Contacts

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Student reception: by appointment only (via e-mail)

Face-to-face reception at **Pad. Morselli** / **Tecnopolo** (HEATECH Lab.)

Online reception on MS **Teams**

### Course materials

- Slides/handouts
- Practical instructions for software installation / ready-made utilities
- Tutorials and exercises carried out in the lab sessions (with solutions)
- Additional material (papers, video tutorials, real-world examples, examples former student presentations, ...)

will be made available on the **Moodle** page of the course (<https://moodle.unimore.it>) and/or on **Teams**

### Textbooks

- C.A.. Fletcher, Computational Techniques for Fluid Dynamics vol. 1 & 2, Springer
- R.B. Bird, W.E. Stewart, E.N. Lightfoot, Transport Phenomena, Wiley