




# Gaetan Usage at Alcatel Space

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**What is the goal of this presentation?**

- ~~--> an exhaustive view of GAETAN~~
- ~~--> a training session on the software~~
- > a synthetic view of the advantages of a pre/post-processing tool
- > a global view of a daily usage

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## Which use for GAETAN?

--> Global environment for ESATAN -->Thermal analysis of Antennas and Payload

## What interest do we find in GAETAN?

--> Management of THERMICA computations and results

--> Pre- and post-processing of ESATAN

--> Automated multi-case computation with low risk of « human » error

--> A common architecture for each project to make it easy for any colleague to re-use the model and the results

--> An easy archiving process

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## Management of THERMICA computations and results --> gaetanflux module

Our need : to compute a great number of cases and to manage their results

--> use of a command file to do a sequence of THERMICA run

--> definition of a case name for each computation, to be reused in ESATAN run

--> storage of the GR.TAN and H.TAN files in pre-defined directories

--> possible translation of the H.TAN file in specific format

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Example of GAETAN command file for THERMICA :

```
#
##### case1 : winter solstice BOL
SCAS='WSbol'#

@GEOMETRIE='CDRBOL.SYSBAS'
@POINTAGE='nominal.PNTINP'
@TRAJECTOIRE='WSBOL.TRJINP'
@SIMULATION='WSBOL.THER'

#
##### case2 : Sun declination of -20° BOL
SCAS='m20bol'#

@GEOMETRIE='CDRBOL.SYSBAS'
@POINTAGE='nominal.PNTINP'
@TRAJECTOIRE='m20.TRJINP'
@SIMULATION='m20BOL.THER'

#
##### case3 : Sun declination of -20° EOL
SCAS='m20eol'#

@GEOMETRIE='CDREOL.SYSBAS'
@POINTAGE='nominal.PNTINP'
@TRAJECTOIRE='m20.TRJINP'
DTHETN = 144.
@SIMULATION='m20EOL.THER'

##### case4 : Sun declination of -20° EOL with more steps
SCAS='m20eolT144'#

@GEOMETRIE='CDREOL.SYSBAS'
@POINTAGE='nominal.PNTINP'
@TRAJECTOIRE='m20.TRJINP'
DTHETN = 144.
@SIMULATION='m20EOL.THER'
```

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**For us, what advantage of GAETAN command file for THERMICA ?**

Current use :

- two geometrical models (before and after deployment)
- two thermo-optical properties
- parametric study on sun declination to search dimensioning case
- sensitivity analysis on geometrical model

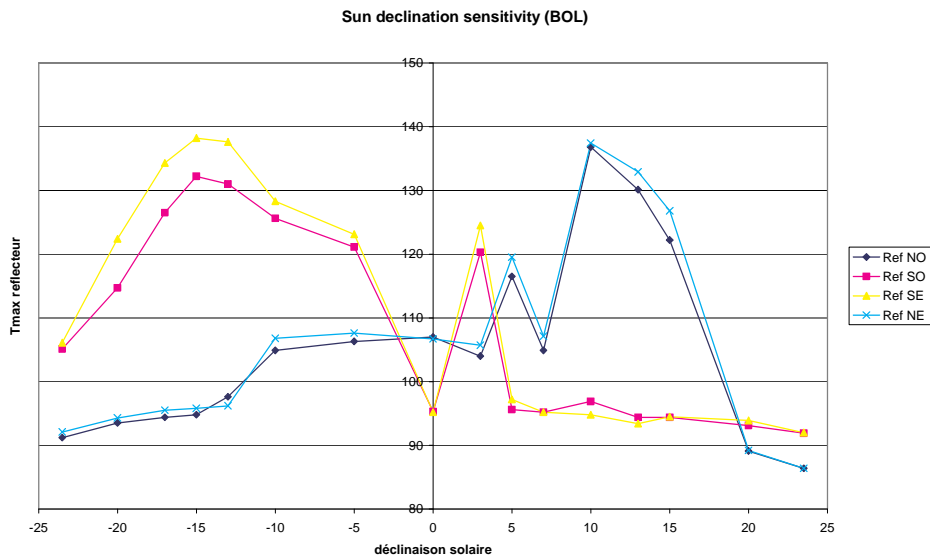
Specific use :

- steerable antenna (multiplication of geometrical models)
- global computation on life duration (parametric study on thermo-optical properties)

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An example of parametric study : maximum temperature according to sun declination



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## Pre-processing of ESATAN :

- Key-words to do parametric study --> notion of « case »
  - to choose the files to read
  - to choose Thermica results
  - to choose boundary conditions or electrical conditions
  - to define any other condition
- High level study
  - a unique file with the description of all these cases
  - the possibility to launch different GAETAN run in sequence, in specified order

## What interest for the user?

- > ONE single ESATAN model
- > ONE single command file easy to re-find and to re-run

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## Management of ESATAN computation :

- ESATAN run parameters
  - to choose ESATAN sub-routine and all associated parameters
  - to give initial conditions issued from tables (given by GAETAN from a previous run)
  - to do several computations (with initial conditions for following run issued automatically from the previous one)
- Iterative process for cyclic computation
  - to pilot a transient analysis on an orbit
    - A first transient run
      - > final temperature and initial one are compared for each node
      - > the highest difference must be under a user-defined value
      - > if not, a new run is done, taking final temperature as new initial one
- The user defines the success criteria and the maximum number of cycle
- A file to follow in real time computation progress

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*An example of ESATAN run parameters : thermal balance test with 3 different heating power*

```
$RUN_ESATAN

@TRANSIENT
  CALCULATION_CASE_NAME = 'COLD OP';
  CHARGE_CASE_NAME = COLD OP;
  CHRONOLOGY_INITIAL_TIME = 36001.;
  CHRONOLOGY_FINAL_TIME = 72000.;
  TIME_STEP = 300.;
  ESATAN_SOLUTION_ROUTINE_NAME = 'SLFWBK';
  ESATAN_CONTROL_CONSTANT = 'RELXCA = 0.0006';
  ESATAN_CONTROL_CONSTANT = 'NLOOP = 30000';

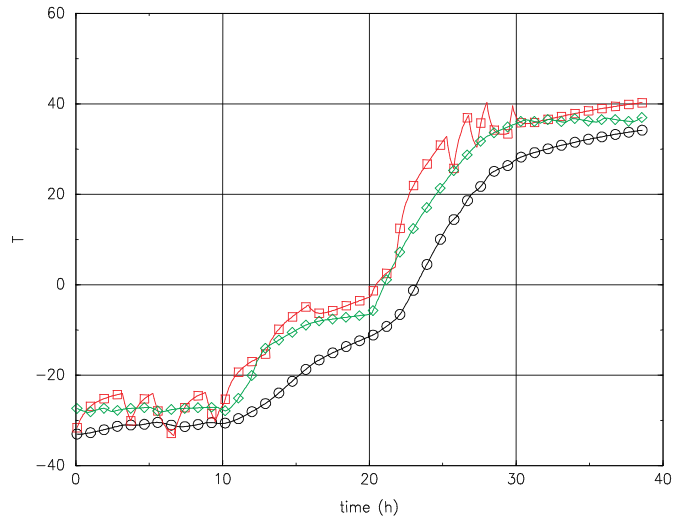
@TRANSIENT
  CALCULATION_CASE_NAME = 'TRANS';
  CHARGE_CASE_NAME = 'TRANS';
  CHRONOLOGY_INITIAL_TIME = 72001.;
  CHRONOLOGY_FINAL_TIME = 91800.;
  TIME_STEP = 300.;
  ESATAN_SOLUTION_ROUTINE_NAME = 'SLFWBK';
  ESATAN_CONTROL_CONSTANT = 'RELXCA = 0.0006';
  ESATAN_CONTROL_CONSTANT = 'NLOOP = 30000';

@TRANSIENT
  CALCULATION_CASE_NAME = 'HOT OP';
  CHARGE_CASE_NAME = 'HOT OP';
  CHRONOLOGY_INITIAL_TIME = 91801.;
  CHRONOLOGY_FINAL_TIME = 144000.;
  TIME_STEP = 300.;
  ESATAN_SOLUTION_ROUTINE_NAME = 'SLFWBK';
  ESATAN_CONTROL_CONSTANT = 'RELXCA = 0.0006';
  ESATAN_CONTROL_CONSTANT = 'NLOOP = 30000';
```

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An example of ESATAN run sequence : thermal balance test with 3 different heating power



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An example of convergence file : to follow in real time the computation in progress

IORB	TIMEO	TIMEM	TIMEN	TIM1	DTIMEI	DTIMEU	NLOOP	LOOPCT	NBALA	NBALR	
V1	1	0.0	150.0	300.0	150.0	300.0	300.0	30000	0	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	0.0	150.0	300.0	150.0	300.0	300.0	30000	1	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	0.0	150.0	300.0	150.0	300.0	300.0	30000	635	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	300.0	450.0	600.0	450.0	300.0	300.0	30000	635	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	300.0	450.0	600.0	450.0	300.0	300.0	30000	629	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	600.0	750.0	900.0	750.0	300.0	300.0	30000	629	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	600.0	750.0	900.0	750.0	300.0	300.0	30000	669	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	900.0	1050.0	1200.0	1050.0	300.0	300.0	30000	669	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	900.0	1050.0	1200.0	1050.0	300.0	300.0	30000	665	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	1200.0	1350.0	1500.0	1350.0	300.0	300.0	30000	665	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	1200.0	1350.0	1500.0	1350.0	300.0	300.0	30000	691	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	1500.0	1650.0	1800.0	1650.0	300.0	300.0	30000	691	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	1500.0	1650.0	1800.0	1650.0	300.0	300.0	30000	681	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	1800.0	1950.0	2100.0	1950.0	300.0	300.0	30000	681	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	1800.0	1950.0	2100.0	1950.0	300.0	300.0	30000	703	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	2100.0	2250.0	2400.0	2250.0	300.0	300.0	30000	703	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	2100.0	2250.0	2400.0	2250.0	300.0	300.0	30000	692	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	2400.0	2550.0	2700.0	2550.0	300.0	300.0	30000	692	0.0000	0.0000
V2	1	2400.0	2550.0	2700.0	2550.0	300.0	300.0	30000	711	0.0000	0.0000
V1	1	2700.0	2850.0	3000.0	2850.0	300.0	300.0	30000	711	0.0000	0.0000

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## Post-processing of ESATAN results :

### Management :

- an exhaustive data-base is available for further treatment by different module
- command file make it easy to run and re-run post-processing

### Computation :

- management of groups of nodes
- heat flow exchange between nodes and/or groups of nodes (including towards boundary node)
- min/max values (temperature and heat flow exchange)
- maximum gradient in a group of node, or between groups of nodes
- storage of temperature/flux results to use them further as initial conditions

### Outputs :

- tables to sum up all these results
- specific file for thermo-elastic analysis (formatted file to be delivered at mechanical engineers)
- specific file for 3-D visualisation (formatted for THERMICA)
- curves

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## Post-processing of ESATAN and THERMICA results :

### Gaetangraph module developed for Alcatel :

- > use of xmgr tool
- > a command file to define a list of curves and to re-run them without effort (nor errors!)
- > several thermal analysis results on the same curve

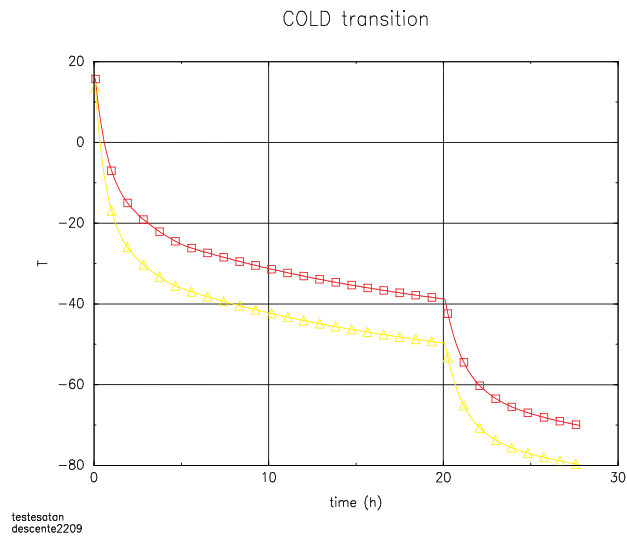
### Available curves :

- all node attribute (T, QI, QR, QS, etc...)
- min/max temperature for a group of nodes
- average temperature, gradient in a group of nodes or between two groups of nodes
- heat flow exchange

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An example of curve : temperature of the same node for two different computations



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## CONCLUSION

### Which advantage of a General Automated Environment for Alcatel?

--> *technical advantages*

- to run and re-run lot of cases
- to extract the relevant results
- to make a powerful presentation to our customer

--> *human advantages*

- to limit errors
- to run the colleague 's model
- to exchange model with our sub-contractor



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**As thermal engineers, we always need more fonctionnalités in pre/pro aspects.**

Pre-pro aspects : GAETAN advantages are numerous, we ask for improvements

Post-pro aspects : additional computations are useful, but new functionalities are welcome;  
specific demand on visualisation are developed in an extra-module

*Ask to the users and they will demand more!*