

Facets Applied Mathematics Group Meetings: Focus on core transport and coupling

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We have discussed various topics with impact on code in FACETS

- ▶ **Kruger**. Core equations including momentum transport and dynamic equilibrium
- ▶ **Ammar**. Tutorial on how to write FACETS input files
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- ▶ **Brendan**. Exploring various explicit/implicit coupling schemes for model problems. Done in Matlab, now moving to FACETS
- ▶ **Pletzer**. Errors due to sudden grid resolution changes across core-edge interface
- ▶ **Mike**. Use of Petsc Time-Stepper (TS) layer to write solvers and coupling schemes
- ▶ **Ammar**. Overview of improved core solver input files

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