Software Presentation

KronosFlow is a unique software solution to produce 2D kinematic scenarios for basin and petroleum system modeling purposes. Starting from cross section present day drawing, KronosFlow features all required functionalities to restore its structural evolution through geological times while meeting basin modeling constraints. KronosFlow output is a series of paleo-sections sharing a single mesh continuously deformed, adapted to sedimentation, erosion, and basin shortening and/or extension.

Taking advantage of an intuitive and workflow-oriented interface, KronosFlow offers the following key steps:
- Present day section building
- Kinematic restoration
- Meshing

Combined with TemisFlow 2D Complex Tectonics and its new generation simulator able to handle this unique mesh, this technology allows not only accounting properly for structures geometries at present day and through time but also simulating faults impact on water and hydrocarbon flows with a rigorous approach. It is the mandatory tool for the exploration of complex regions where classic basin modeling solutions do not accurately manage the combination of lateral and vertical tectonic displacements.

Data Management

DATA IMPORT/EXPORT

The following formats are available:
- 2D section interpretations from LithoTect and Kine3D-2-XS
- Lithology libraries in .xml and .ltds formats
- Templates, preferences and color scales from OpenFlow
- Data exchange between OpenFlow Suite projects

DATABASE

- MySQL 5.5 or 5.6.X (with X superior to 22) or Oracle 11g or 12c
- User and project administration

OTHER PLATFORM FACILITIES

- Color scale & unit system management
- Online & contextual Help

Functionalities & Algorithms

DIGITIZATION

- Creation and digitization of geological features (horizons, faults, erosion surfaces, borders)
- Possibility to use a background image
- Lines editing tools (edit, cut, merge, erase)

• Automated lines QC and cleaning for 2D model creation
• Stratigraphic scale management
• User-friendly workspace (mouse-driven zoom and navigation)

SECTION PROPERTIES ASSIGNATION

• Automated stratigraphy assignation
• Lithology assignation with possible lateral variations

LITHOLOGY MANAGEMENT

- IFPen databank with reference lithologies
- Creation of user-defined or mixed lithologies
- Possibility to tune and define:
  - Depth-compaction curves
  - Mechanical parameters (Young’s modulus and Poisson’s ratio)
- Full compatibility with TemisFlow lithology library

STRUCTURAL RESTORATION

- Several deformation methods available
- Intuitive constraints definition
- Backward, forward, redrawing if necessary
- Erosion
- Moderate ductile deformation
- Decompaction
- QC Tools
- Undo/Redo available

DEFORMATION METHODS

- Geometry driven methods
  - Oriented shear
  - Flexural slip
  - Moving least square
- Mechanic driven method (finite elements)
- Manual edition of geometries:
  - Point by point
  - Within a radius of influence

ADVANCED CONSTRAINTS DEFINITION

- Several constraints application modes:
  - Bi-constraints (on fault and horizon)
  - Sliding (on faults and/or sliding horizons)
  - Multiple constraints (on points and/or lines)
  - Deformation guiding point (anchor)
  - Internal line selection
- Target line definition (pin line, paleobathymetry, or other)
- Lines grouping
- Automated selection and detection of sources and targets
- All mouse-driven
EROSION RESTORATION
- Manual drawing of eroded material
- Multiple layers management
- Automated detection of stratigraphy and lithology

SEDIMENT DECOMPACTION
- On demand at key stage creation
- Based on porosity-depth curves

GRAPHICAL AND QC TOOLS
- Viewing mode by Age, Facies or Fault Block
- Background grid pattern
- Background image
- Thumbnail visualization of key steps
- Distance and angle measuring tools
- Automated area variation QC along the restoration
- Key steps comparison
- Quality control on section geometry, contacts, and geological features consistency

KINEMATIC SCENARIO TREE
- Implicit tracking of all operations with a clear identification of key steps
- Easy testing of hypothesis and alternative scenarios
- Comparison of deformation methods and kinematic scenarios
- Easy go back and forth

MESHING
- Instantaneous meshing based on section topology
- Unstructured mesh precisely representing the geometry
- Continuously deformed through geological time
- User-defined grid refinement
- Automated mesh QC and feedback
- Manual edition and fixing if necessary

Results Analysis

RESTORATION QC
- Surface variations
- Length variations
- Contacts preservation

KINEMATICS
- Full kinematic scenarios
- Automated export of key steps to Microsoft Powerpoint

MESH
- Topology preservation through time [horizons, faults, top and bottom boundaries]
- Lagrangian mesh continuously deformed
- Adapted to basin simulation

Integrated Link to TemisFlow
- Automated initialization of a TemisFlow scenario for basin and petroleum system modeling with pre-defined:
  - Stratigraphy and ages
  - Lithologies
  - Faults
  - Paleo-geometries
- Shared lithology library

System Requirements
- Operating Systems:
  - Windows Seven 64 bits service Pack 1 and compatibility with Windows 10
  - Linux RedHat 6.6
- RAM: 16 Gb or more recommended, 8Gb minimum
- Minimum free disk space: 5 Gb (for installation)
- CPU: x86-64 processors (Opteron, CoreDuo, Core2Duo, Xeon & EMT64, Nehalem, Westmere, Sandy Bridge, Core i3, i5, i7)
- Dualcore or Quadcore: 2 GHz or more recommended
- Graphics board: NVIDIA (except Quadro FX 1000, Quadro FX 3500, Quadro NVS 110 M and Quadro NVS 280 SD) with recent driver [at least OpenGL 3.3 -driver 330 or later]
- Openmotif rpm package must be installed on Linux
- Database: MySQL 5.5 or 5.6.X (with X superior to 22) and Oracle 11g or 12c
- FlexLM 11.13.1.3 server for licensing