Building Cantera 1.5.4 from Source Code on a Windows PC

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This presentation covers...

How to build the Cantera kernel from the source code using Visual C++ / Visual Fortran

How to build the Cantera Python interface

How to build the Cantera MATLAB toolbox

Before we start... are you *sure* you want to build Cantera from source code?

Do you only want to use Cantera from Python or Matlab?

If so, you can use the binary installer for Windows. Just download and run Cantera154.msi, and skip everything described here!

But if you want to use Cantera from Visual C++ or Fortran on a Windows PC, continue to the next slide...

Getting Ready...

Things you will need before you start

A PC with Windows XP or 2000

Compilers

- Microsoft Visual C++ 6.0
- Compaq Digital Fortran 6.0
- other compilers may work too but have not been tested

Free downloads

- The cygwin unix-like environment for Windows
- Python
- Numeric Extensions for Python (NumPy)

Why is cygwin needed?

- Cantera is designed to work on multiple platforms, including linux, unix, and Mac OS X
- On the other platforms, the GNU 'make' utility is used to build Cantera
- Impractical to maintain an entirely separate build procedure for Windows
- By installing cygwin, Windows PCs can use standard unix-like command-line tools, including `make'

Why is Python needed?

- Python is an easy-to-use, cross-platform scripting language
 - much more powerful than DOS or `cmd.exe'
 - much easier to use than 'sh' or 'perl'

The Cantera build procedure writes and runs some Python scripts

 Cantera also uses Python during operation to parse Cantera input files ('CTI Files')

 (If you take an hour or so to learn Python, you'll find lots of uses for it too)

Why is NumPy needed?

Adds fast MATLAB-like array functions to Python

Required only if you want to use Cantera from Python

Not needed if you only plan to use Python to process .cti files

Installing cygwin

Get it from <u>http://www.cygwin.com</u> by running setup.exe

When asked whether you want DOS or unix files, choose DOS

You only need a minimal installation
make, sed, and bash are required
everything else is optional

Installing Python

Information about Python is at http://www.python.org

Run this to install Python: <u>http://www.python.org/ftp/python/2.3.4/Python-</u> <u>2.3.4.exe</u>

Installing NumPy

Go to <u>http://sourceforge.net/projects/numpy</u>

Under "latest file releases," select numpy

Download and run Numeric-23.1.win32py2.3.exe (or the latest version available)

Get the Cantera source code

Go to <u>http://sourceforge.net/projects/cantera</u>

Under "latest file releases," select package cantera

Get file cantera-1.5.4-src.zip

Extract its contents somewhere other than where you plan to install Cantera (e.g., not in c:\cantera)

Configuring the Installation

- Double-click the cygwin icon on the desktop to open a cygwin shell window
- `cd' to the directory where you extracted the Cantera source code, and type 'configure' to run the configuration script

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Choosing the Installation Directory

Sy default, Cantera will be installed in c:\cantera

To change this default, edit the configure script before running it

 Change variable CANTERA_INSTALL_DIR to the desired installation location

Now open the Cantera Visual Studio project file

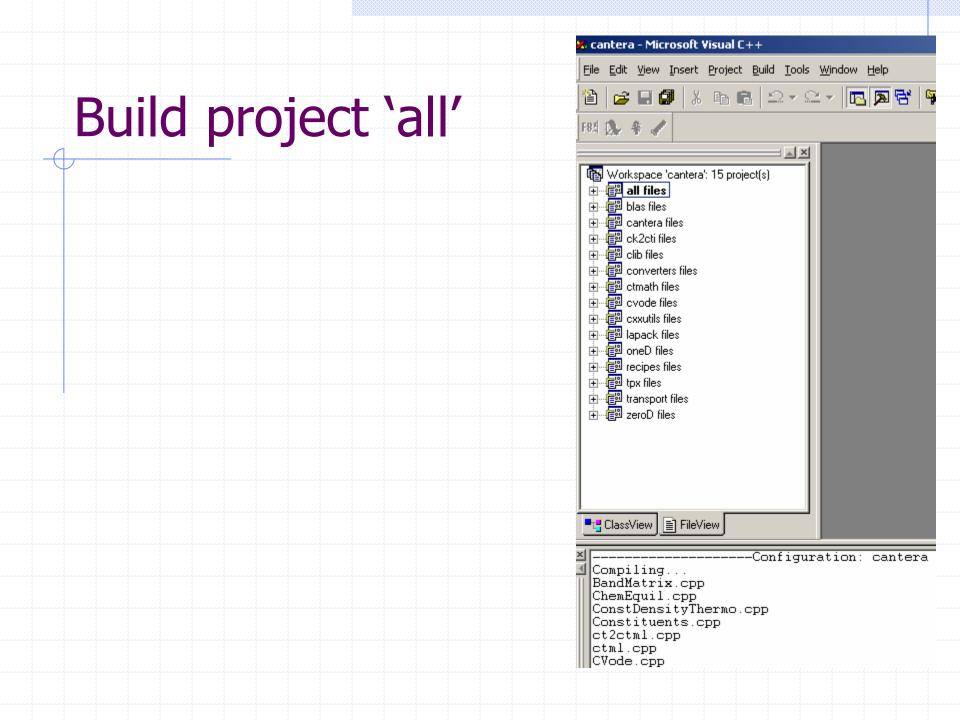


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Finish the Installation

When the build of project 'all' finishes, return to the cygwin window

type 'make win' to build the Python interface and MATLAB toolbox

type `make win-install' to install everything

you should now have a functional Cantera installation

The installation directory should look like this when 'make win-install' finishes

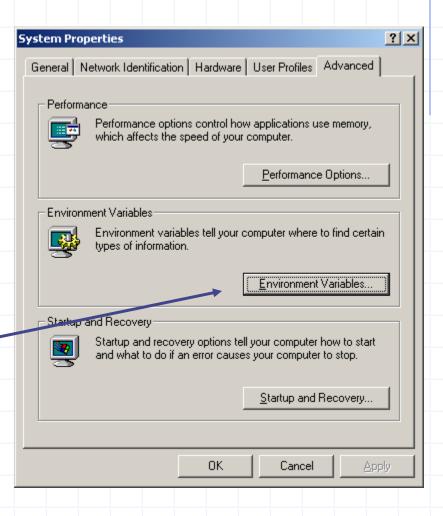
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Finishing Up

Cantera needs to know where to find the Python interpreter, since it uses Python to process '.cti' input files

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Press the 'Environment Variables' button



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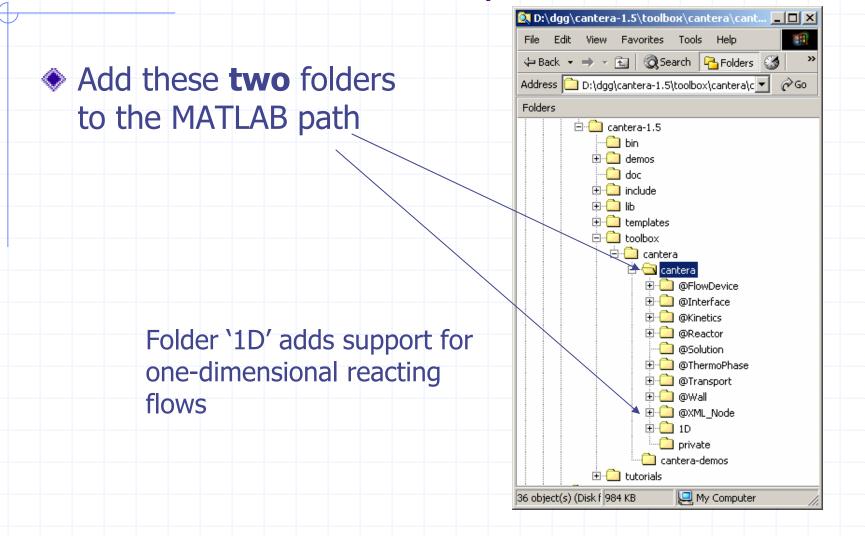
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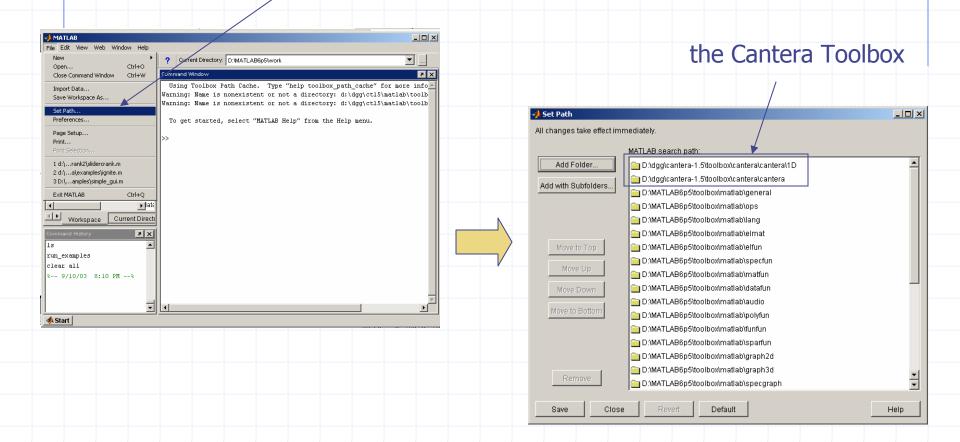
 Use a semicolon between paths

If you will use MATLAB, put the Cantera Toolbox on the MATLAB path



Setting the Path in Matlab

choose 'Set Path...' on the File menu



If desired, the Cantera toolbox can be moved to the folder containing other toolboxes (or anywhere else)

Now try it out!

If you have done everything described here, you should have a functioning Cantera 1.5.4 installation! (Congratulations.)

 Running the Python and MATLAB demonstration scripts is a good way to test your installation