

A French initiative to support the RAMSES community... perhaps.

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Community codes such as RAMSES face similar challenges regarding maintenance, upgrades, documentation, and user support, as classical observing instruments. They further face the issue of rapidly evolving platforms (e.g. computer centres buying GPUs), and have to manage a posteriori community developments. The French RAMSES community has been lobbying for RAMSES (and simulation codes in general) to be recognised as a numerical instrument which deserves the same attention and support as classical observing instruments. This recognition would give easier access to engineer support, and would allow some form of recognition for researchers who spend a fraction of their time working for the community. There are finally signs suggesting that things may change rapidly and that France may soon (within a year?) support officially RAMSES. I would like to present the project that we have been pushing, and to exchange on how it can be improved and extended to the international RAMSES community.

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