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Rigid motion applied to a Family for a set of Zones

The proposal is a modification of the $Family_t$ node. The modification re-use existing CGNS structures, but it implies some constraints to $Zone_t$ node and sub-nodes. For time dependent data, this extension is also related with extension 'Modification of BaseIterativeData and ZoneIterativeData for reference frame and family motion'.

First, we propose to allow the <code>RigidGridMotion_t</code> node under the <code>Family_t</code> node. The application of the motion is distributed on each zone having a <code>FamilyName_t</code> FamilyName value corresponding to the <code>Family t</code> node name.

Side-effect:

We require that if motion is specified in Family_t, that each Zone_t which is a member of the family should have a FamilyName_t attribute named FamilyRigidMotionName which points back to the FamilyRigidMotion node. When an application has to determine wether there is a FamilyRigidMotion or not, this application only needs to check for the existence of a FamilyRigidMotionName attribute using a per-Zone loop, instead of parsing all families and making the match with zones.

Remarks:

- 1- It is the responsibility of the user application to find if the Zone has a Family with time iterative data or not. In the case of a time-dependant rigid motion declared at the Family_t level, no <code>RigidGridMotionPointers</code> would be found at the <code>Zone_t</code> level, only the <code>Family_t</code> attribute which points to the Family motion.
- 2- The use of a Family rigid motion in at least one Family of a CGNSBase_t implies no Motion node in all Zone_t of this CGNSBase_t (i.e. no rigid or arbitrary motion). The RigidMotion for the zone_t is instead defined by the FamilyRigidMotion_t.