



**PPS 2024**

30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol · Spain

## Introduction to OpenFOAM® Computational Library and Viscoelastic Fluid Flow Simulation

# P2 - Mesh Generation and Post-Processing

This presentation was adapted from Wagner Galuppo's and Gabriel Wagner's Foam@Iberia 2023 Beginner Course C2  
[https://github.com/Computational-Rheology/Foam\\_Iberia\\_2023/blob/main/Beginner/C2/](https://github.com/Computational-Rheology/Foam_Iberia_2023/blob/main/Beginner/C2/)

**Mohammadreza Aali & J. Miguel Nóbrega**

[mohammadreza.aali@jku.at](mailto:mohammadreza.aali@jku.at) & [mnobrega@dep.uminho.pt](mailto:mnobrega@dep.uminho.pt)



**IPC**  
INSTITUTE FOR  
POLYMERS AND COMPOSITES

**JKU** IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation  
**JKU** JOHANNES KEPLER  
UNIVERSITY LINZ

# Outline

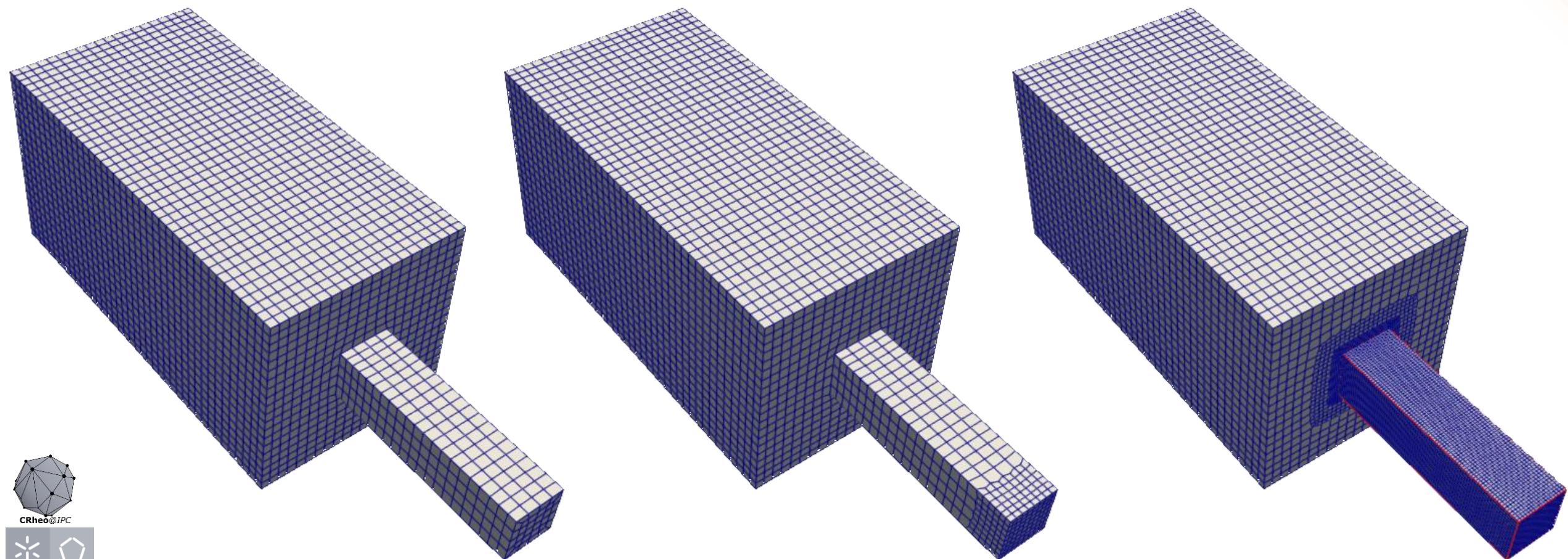
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Introduction to OpenFOAM (P1)</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Mesh generation and post-processing (P2)</b>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:30	<b>Case studies: Single- and two-phase flow solvers (P3)</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Case studies: Viscoelastic fluid flow solvers (P4)</b>



CRheo@IPC



# Mesh Generation



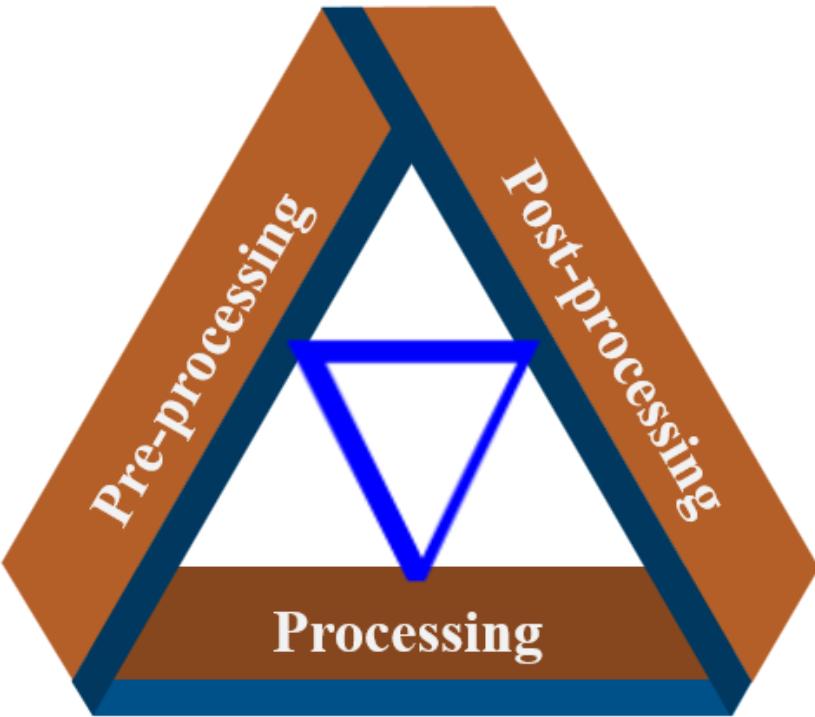
 PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

 IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Introduction

- Geometry Creation
- Meshing Creation
- Meshing Tools
- Material Properties Setup
- Boundaries Definitions
- Convergence Checks
- ...

OpenFOAM®



- Data Retrieval and Visualization
- Derived Data Generation
- Trend Analysis
- Improving user's readability of calculated numerical data.
- A wise linkage that leads to enhance productive science for decision support and communication

(1.0 2.0 3.0)  
(4.0 5.0 6.0)  
(7.0 8.0 9.0)  
(10.0 11.0 12.0)  
(13.0 14.0 15.0)  
(16.0 17.0 18.0)  
(19.0 20.0 21.0)  
(22.0 23.0 24.0)  
(25.0 26.0 27.0)  
(28.0 29.0 30.0)



Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Introduction

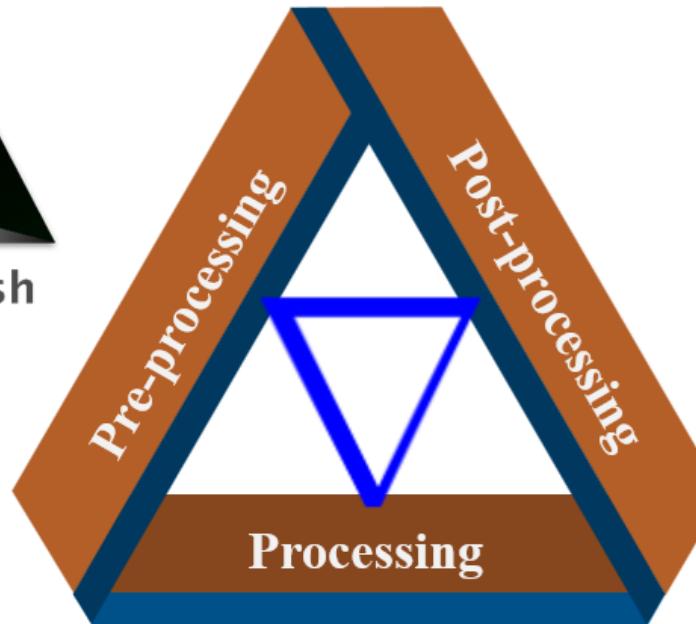
Open $\nabla$ FOAM®

blender®

python™



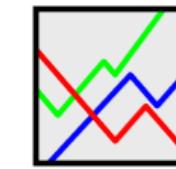
Gmsh



Open $\nabla$ FOAM®

Paraview

tecplot®



python™

blender®



IPC

PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

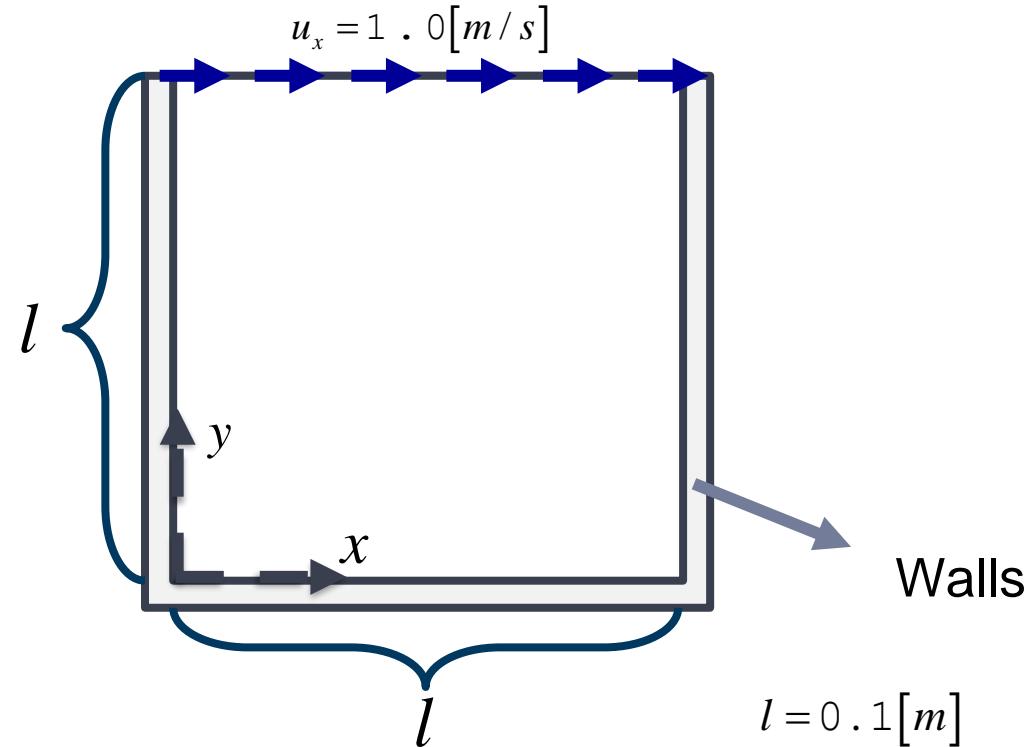
# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

1. Open WSL
2. >> of2206
3. >> run
4. >> cd case21
5. >> code . ## Open Vscode
6. Visualize blockMeshDict file ##in the System folder



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Physical Problem: (Cavity tutorial)



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# • blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

## BlockMesh Dictionary case21/system/blockMeshDict

```
..//C2/tutorials/case01/system/blockMeshDict

/*-----* C++ -----*/
/ ====== / Field | OpenFOAM: The Open Source CFD Toolbox
/ \ \ / Operation | Version: v2306
/ \ \ / And | Website: www.openfoam.com
/ \ \ \ / Manipulation |
\*-----*/

FoamFile
{
    version      2.0;
    format       ascii;
    class        dictionary;
    object       blockMeshDict;
}
// * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * // 

// convertToMeters 0.1;
scale 0.1;

vertices
(
    (0 0 0)
    (1 0 0)
    (1 1 0)
    (0 1 0)
    (0 0 0.1)
    (1 0 0.1)
    (1 1 0.1)
    (0 1 0.1)
);

```



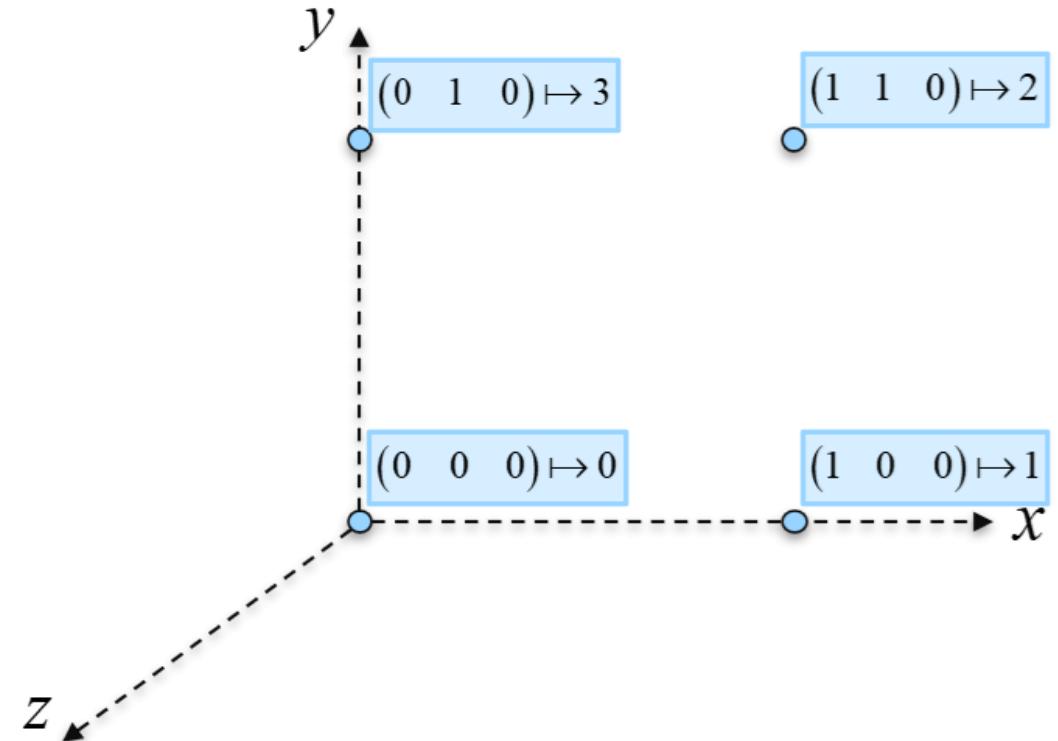
PPS 2024  
30 Sept - 03 Oct | Ferrol, Spain

**JKU** IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Generating Vertices

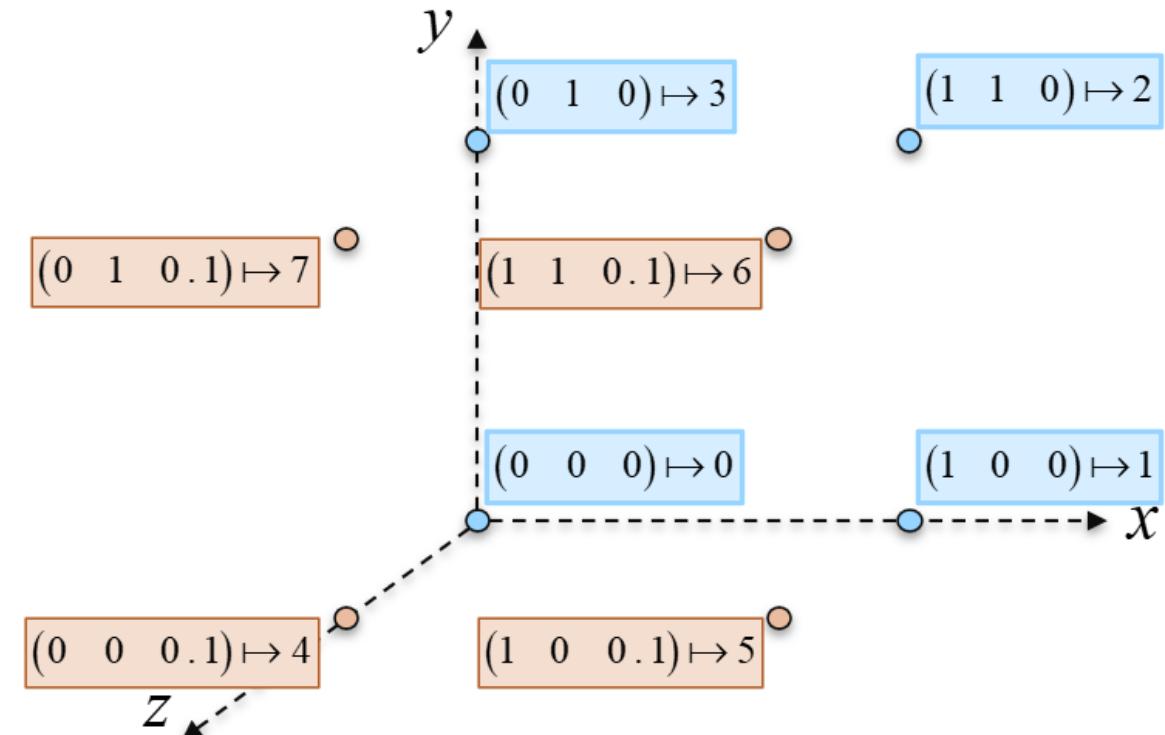
```
..//case01/system/blockMeshDict
17. scale 0.1;
18.
19. vertices
20. (
21.     (0 0 0)    // id: 0
22.     (1 0 0)    // id: 1
23.     (1 1 0)    // id: 2
24.     (0 1 0)    // id: 3
25.     (0 0 0.1)  // id: 4
26.     (1 0 0.1)  // id: 5
27.     (1 1 0.1)  // id: 6
28.     (0 1 0.1)  // id: 7
29. );
```



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Generating Vertices

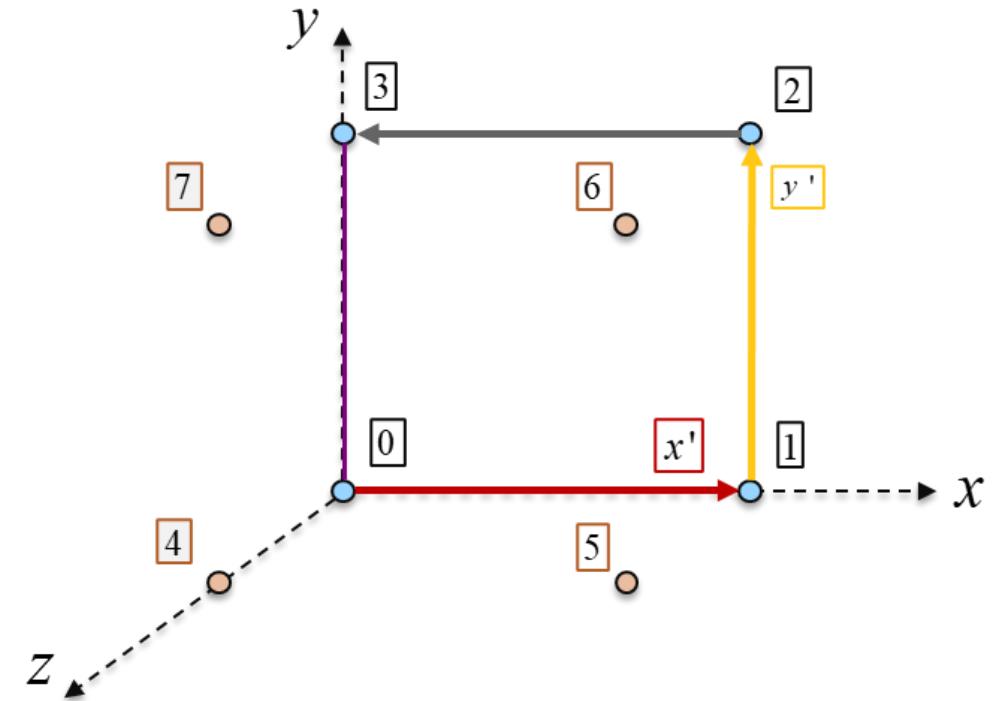
```
.../case01/system/blockMeshDict  
17. scale 0.1;  
18.  
19. vertices  
20. (  
21.     (0 0 0)    // id: 0  
22.     (1 0 0)    // id: 1  
23.     (1 1 0)    // id: 2  
24.     (0 1 0)    // id: 3  
25.     (0 0 0.1)   // id: 4  
26.     (1 0 0.1)   // id: 5  
27.     (1 1 0.1)   // id: 6  
28.     (0 1 0.1)   // id: 7  
29. );
```



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Generating Vertices

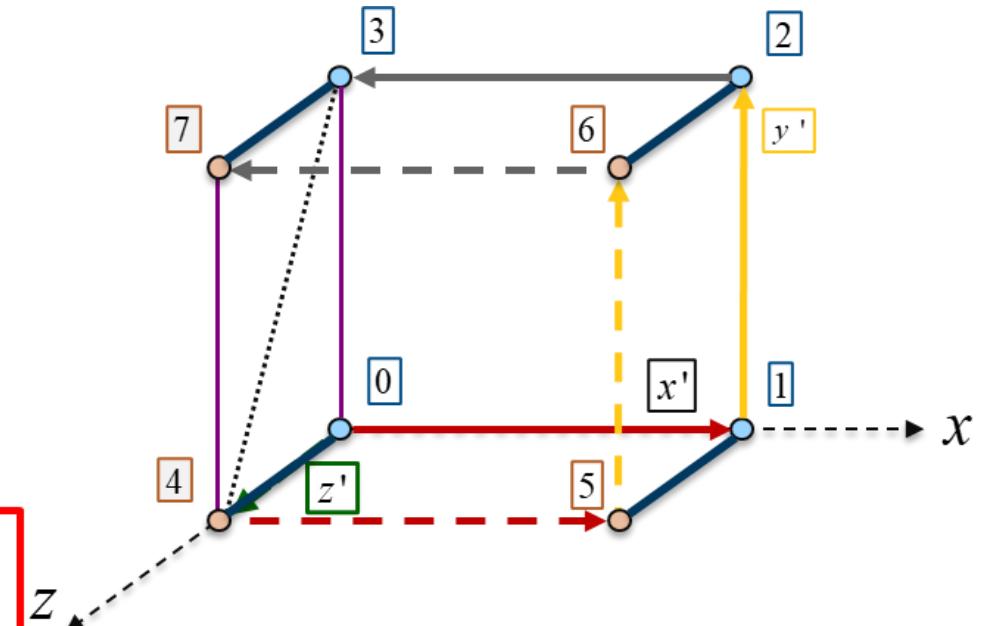
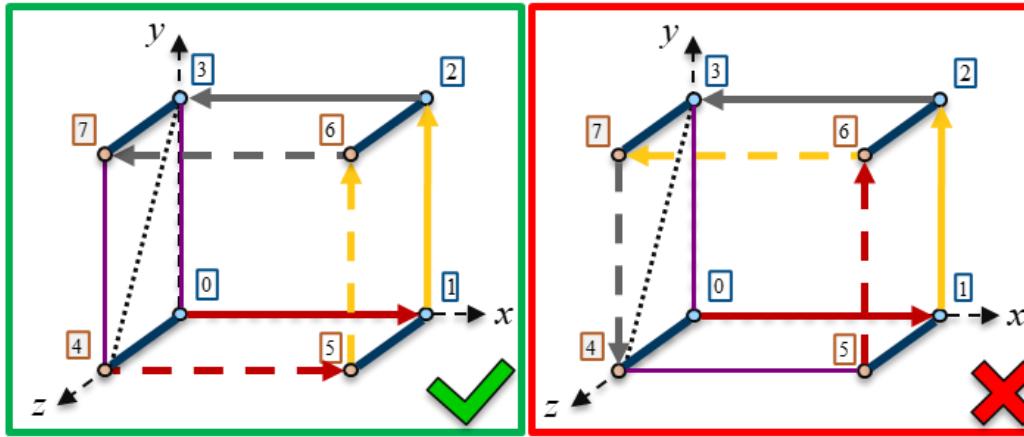
```
./case01/system/blockMeshDict
31. blocks
32. (
33.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34. );
```



# • blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Generating Vertices

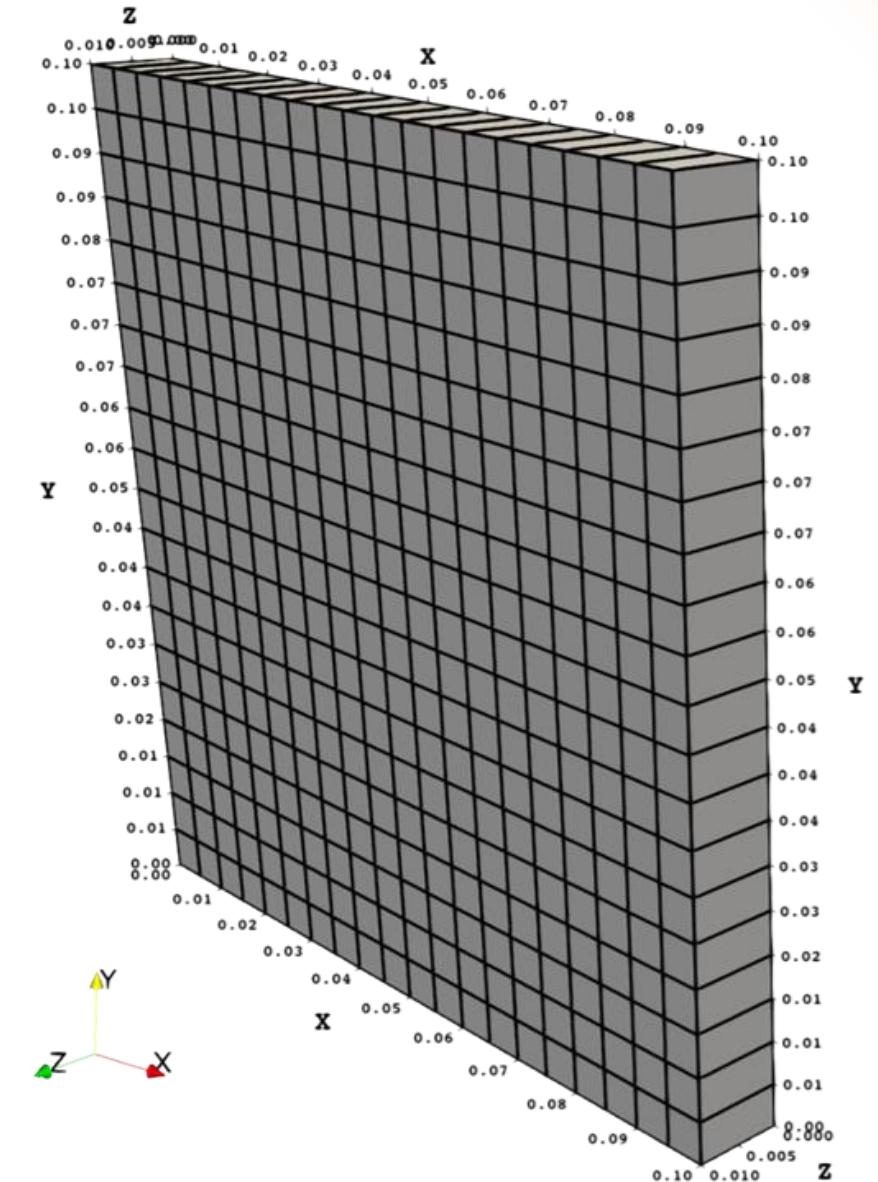
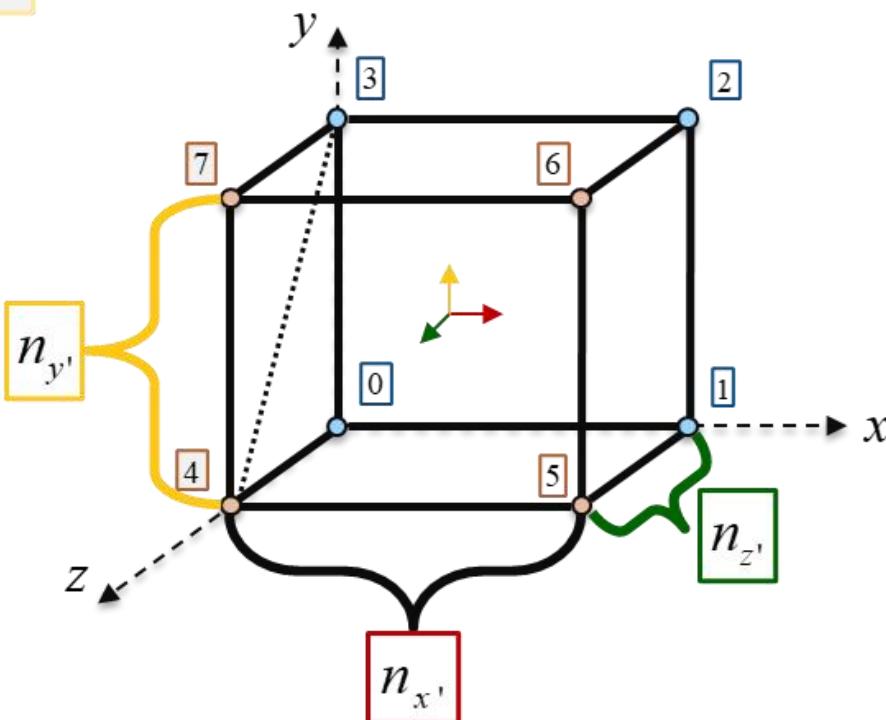
```
31. blocks  
32. (  
33.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (1 1 1)  
34. );
```



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

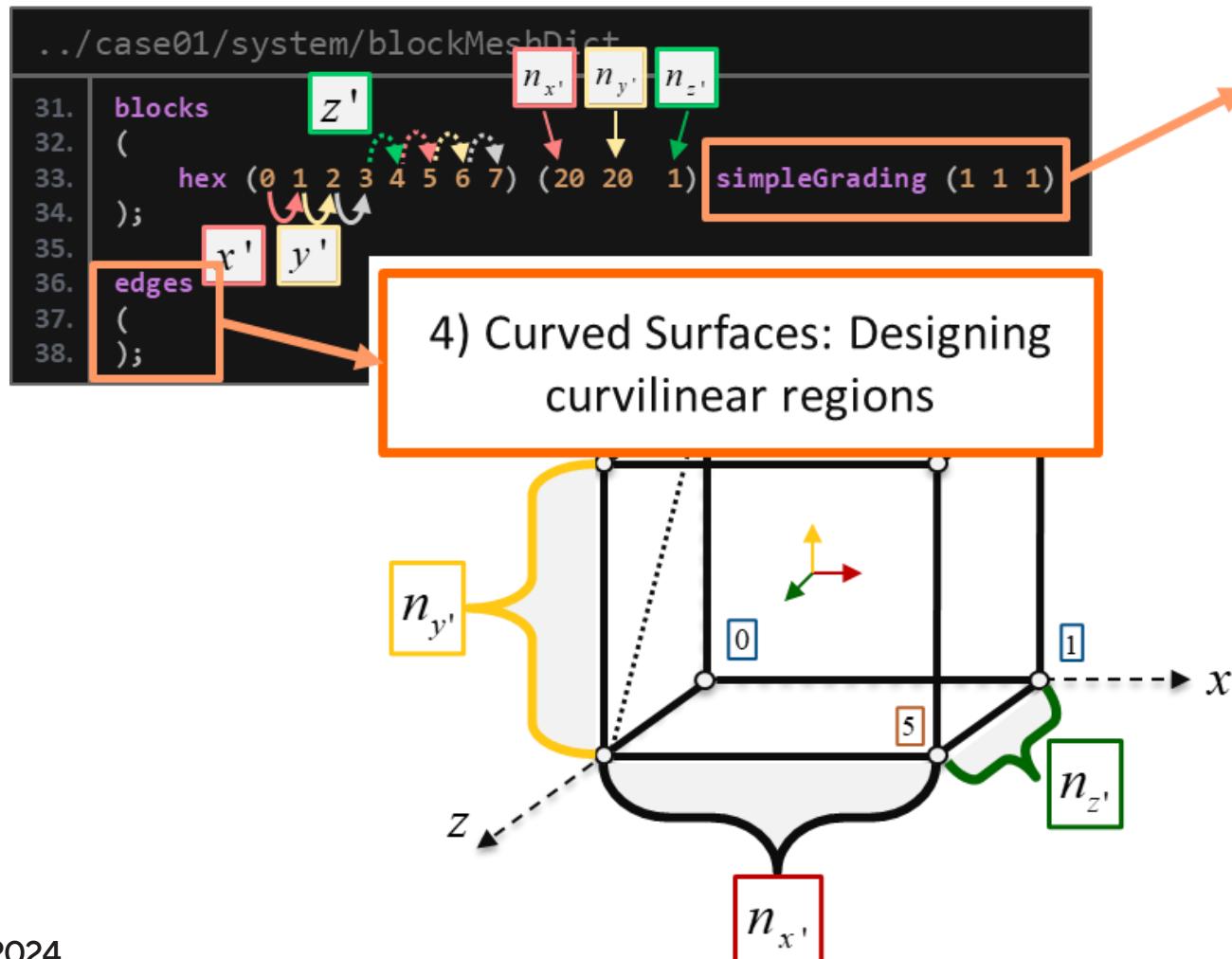
- Slicing block

```
..../case01/system/blockMeshDict
31. blocks
32. (
33.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34. );
```

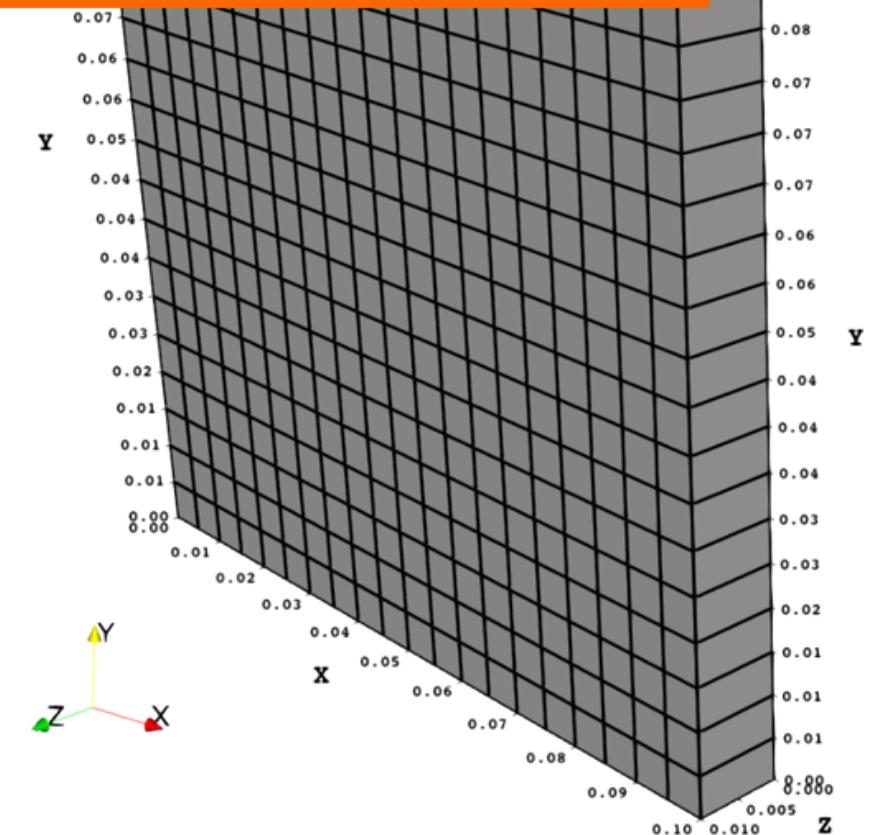


# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Extra Functionalities



2) Mesh Refinement Control:  
case02 - Mesh grading



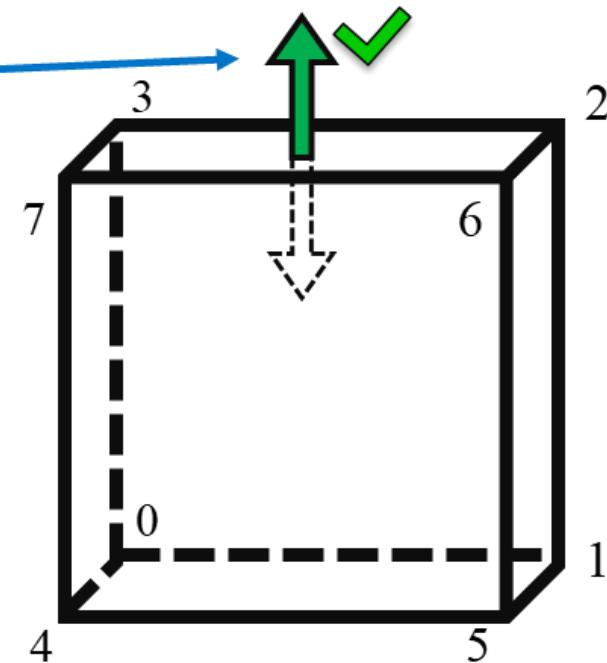
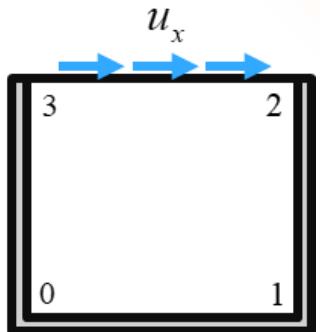
# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Naming and Predefining Boundaries

```
..../case01/system/blockMeshDict
17. boundary
18.
19. {
20.     movingWall
21.     {
22.         type wall;
23.         faces
24.         (
25.             (3 7 6 2)
26.         );
27.     }
28.     fixedWalls
29.     {
30.         type wall;
31.         faces
32.         (
33.             (0 4 7 3)
34.             (2 6 5 1)
35.             (1 5 4 0)
36.         );
37.     }
38.     frontAndBack
39.     {
40.         type empty;
41.         faces
42.         (
43.             (0 3 2 1)
44.             (4 5 6 7)
45.         );
46.     };
47. }
```

User input name for the followed face(s)

Base type boundary condition



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

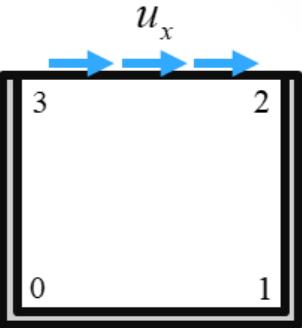
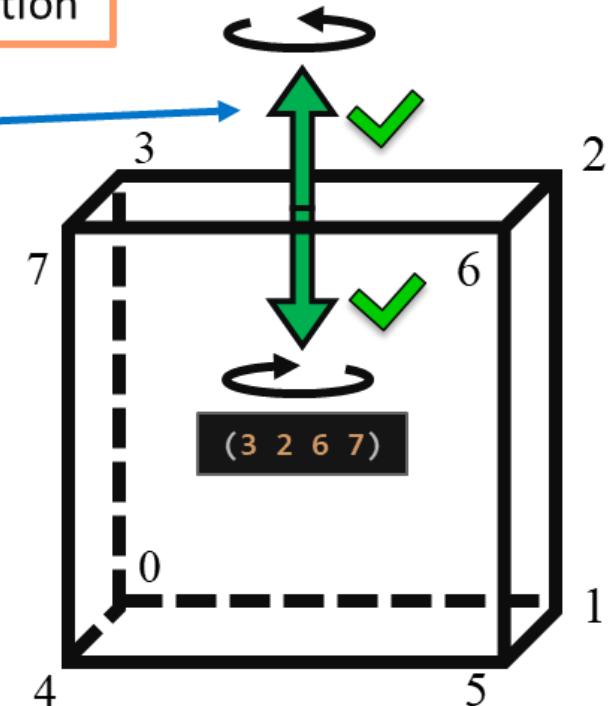
# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Naming and Predefining Boundaries

```
..../case01/system/blockMeshDict  
17. boundary  
18. {  
19.     movingWall  
20.     {  
21.         type wall;  
22.         faces  
23.         {  
24.             (3 7 6 2)  
25.         };  
26.     }  
27.     fixedWalls  
28.     {  
29.         type wall;  
30.         faces  
31.         {  
32.             (0 4 7 3)  
33.             (2 6 5 1)  
34.             (1 5 4 0)  
35.         };  
36.     }  
37.     frontAndBack  
38.     {  
39.         type empty;  
40.         faces  
41.         {  
42.             (0 3 2 1)  
43.             (4 5 6 7)  
44.         };  
45.     }  
46. };
```

User input name for the followed face(s)

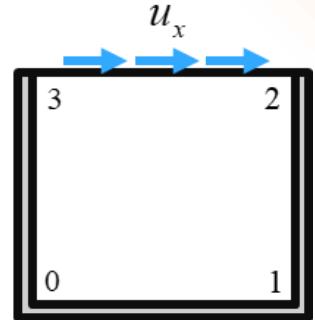
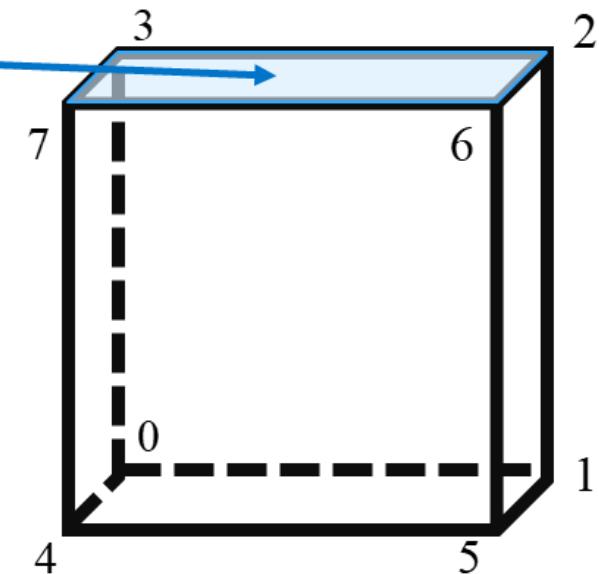
Base type boundary condition



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Naming and Predefining Boundaries

```
./case01/system/blockMeshDict
17. boundary
18. (
19.     movingWall
20.     {
21.         type wall;
22.         faces
23.         (
24.             (3 7 6 2)
25.         );
26.     }
27.     fixedWalls
28.     {
29.         type wall;
30.         faces
31.         (
32.             (0 4 7 3)
33.             (2 6 5 1)
34.             (1 5 4 0)
35.         );
36.     }
37.     frontAndBack
38.     {
39.         type empty;
40.         faces
41.         (
42.             (0 3 2 1)
43.             (4 5 6 7)
44.         );
45.     }
46. );
```



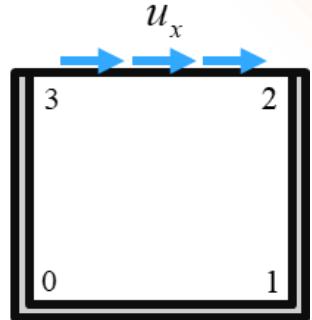
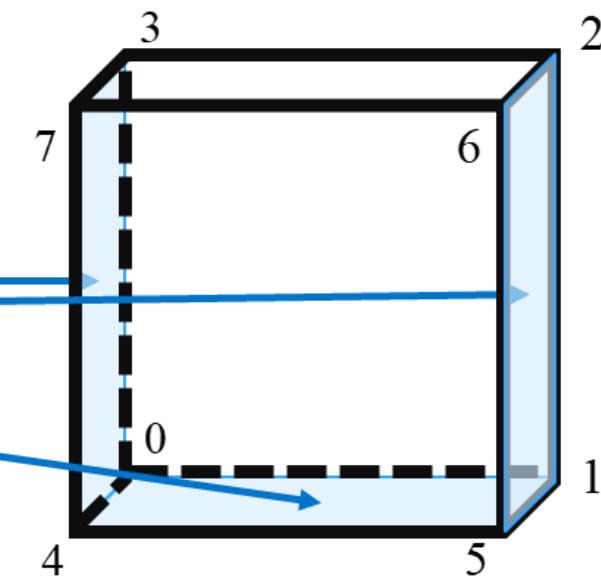
PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU iPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Naming and Predefining Boundaries

```
./case01/system/blockMeshDict
17. boundary
18. (
19.     movingWall
20.     {
21.         type wall;
22.         faces
23.         (
24.             (3 7 6 2)
25.         );
26.     }
27.     fixedWalls
28.     {
29.         type wall;
30.         faces
31.         (
32.             (0 4 7 3)
33.             (2 6 5 1)
34.             (1 5 4 0)
35.         );
36.     }
37.     frontAndBack
38.     {
39.         type empty;
40.         faces
41.         (
42.             (0 3 2 1)
43.             (4 5 6 7)
44.         );
45.     }
46. );
```



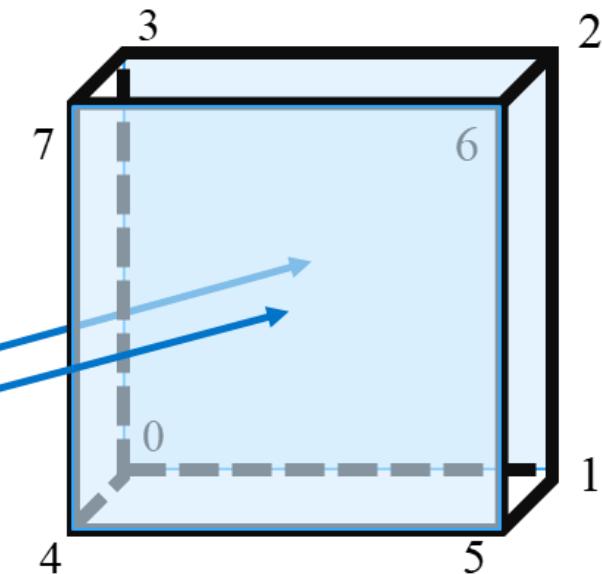
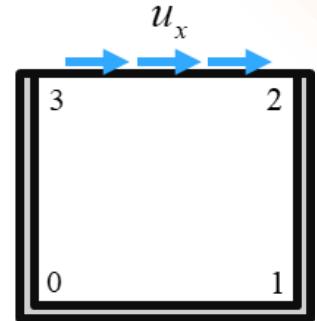
PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

- Naming and Predefining Boundaries

```
./case01/system/blockMeshDict
17. boundary
18. (
19.     movingWall
20.     {
21.         type wall;
22.         faces
23.         (
24.             (3 7 6 2)
25.         );
26.     }
27.     fixedWalls
28.     {
29.         type wall;
30.         faces
31.         (
32.             (0 4 7 3)
33.             (2 6 5 1)
34.             (1 5 4 0)
35.         );
36.     }
37.     frontAndBack
38.     {
39.         type empty;
40.         faces
41.         (
42.             (0 3 2 1)
43.             (4 5 6 7)
44.         );
45.     }
46. );
```



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity - Mesh Grading)

1. >> blockMesh
2. Check results in Paraview

## Hands on (change and visualize)

1. Number of cells
2. Block height from 1 dm to 2 dm



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity - Mesh Grading)

1. >> run
2. >> cd case21/grading/
3. Visualize blockMeshDict file in VSCode



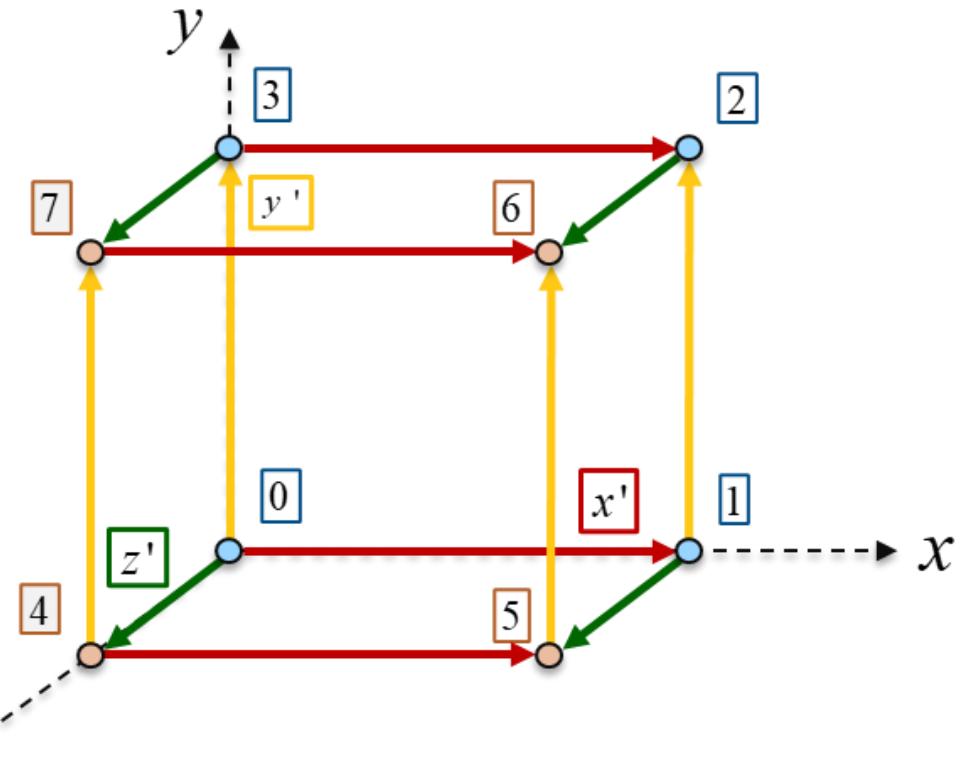
# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity - Mesh Grading)

- Mesh grading for stretching the mesh towards one or more Planes.
- cavity Cavity case

```
./case01/system/blockMeshDict
31. blocks
32. (
33.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 1 1 1)
34. );
```

**simpleGrading** = edges' cells expansion ratios

$$f_i = \frac{l_i^n}{l_i^0} \quad f_{x'} = \frac{l_{x'}^n}{l_{x'}^0}$$



PPS 2024

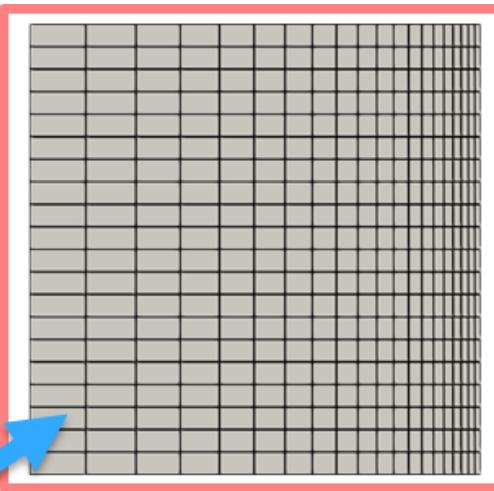
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

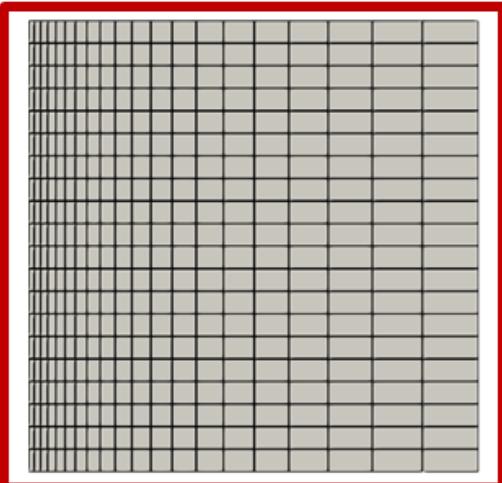
# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity - Mesh Grading)

..../case02/system/blockMeshDict

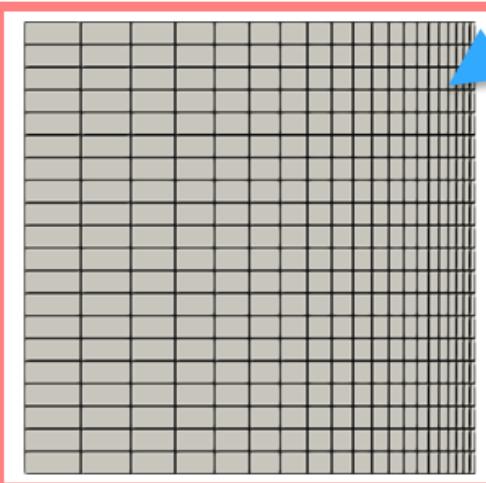
```
31. blocks
32. (
...
44.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 1.0 1.0 1.0 ) // original
45.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (10.0 1.0 1.0 ) // Fig. A
46.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 0.1 1.0 1.0 ) // Fig. B
47.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 0.1 0.1 1.0 ) // Fig. C
48.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 0.1 10.0 1.0 ) // Fig. D
49.
50. // Compare the setup of the following block with Fig. A
51.
52.     hex (1 2 3 0 5 6 7 4) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 1.0 10.0 1.0 ) // Fig. E
```



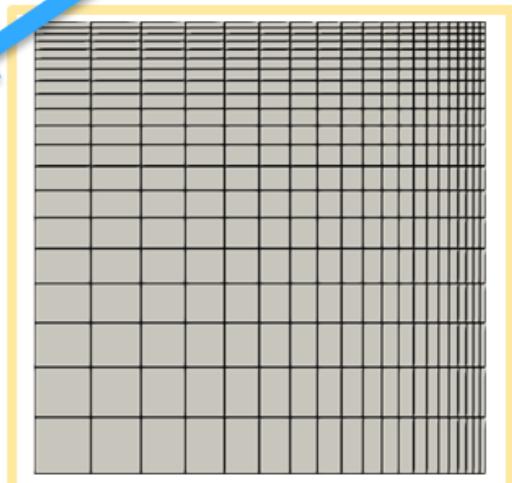
**Fig.E**



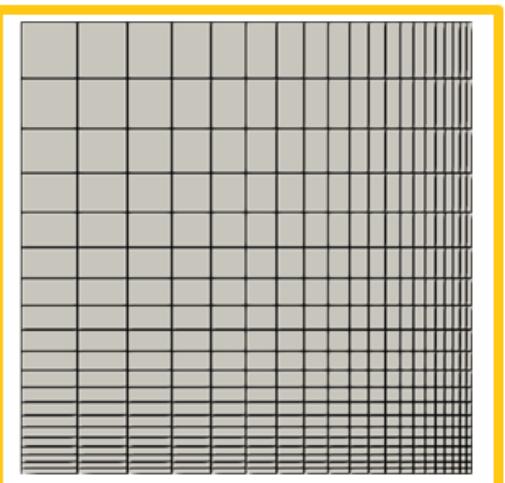
**Fig.A**



**Fig.B**



**Fig.C**



**Fig.D**



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

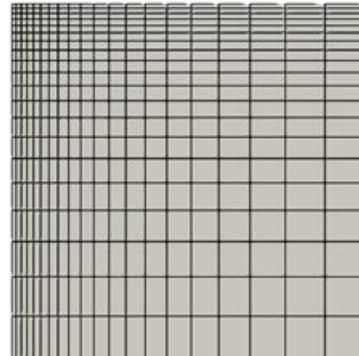
JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity - Mesh Grading)

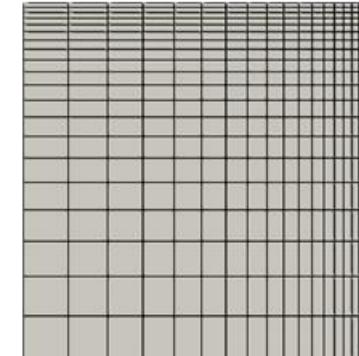
```
./case02/system/blockMeshDict
```

```
31. blocks
32. (
33.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (10.0 0.1 1.0) // Block 0
34.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 0.1 0.1 1.0) // Block 1
35.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (10.0 10.0 1.0) // Block 2
36.     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading ( 0.1 10.0 1.0) // Block 3
37.
```

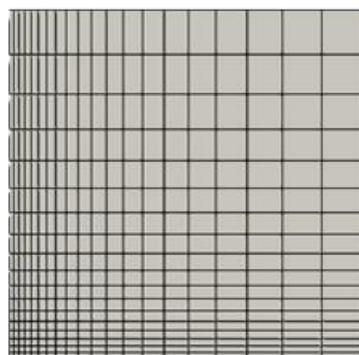
**Block 0**



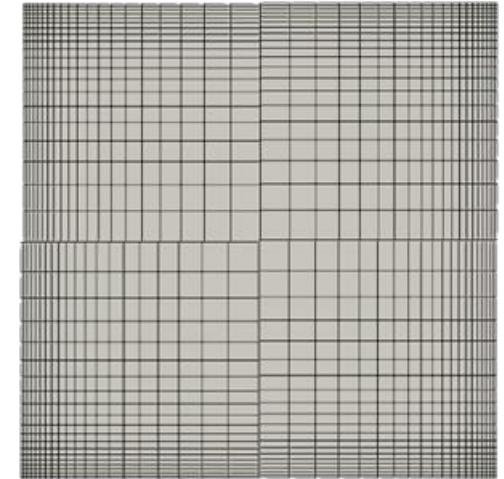
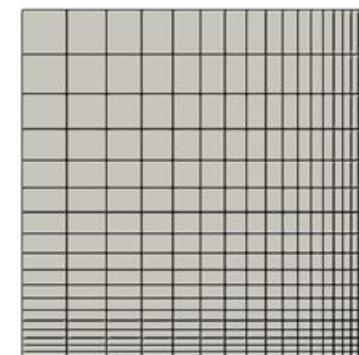
**Block 1**



**Block 2**



**Block 3**



# blockMesh – Case 21 (cavity)

1. >> blockMesh
2. Check results in Paraview

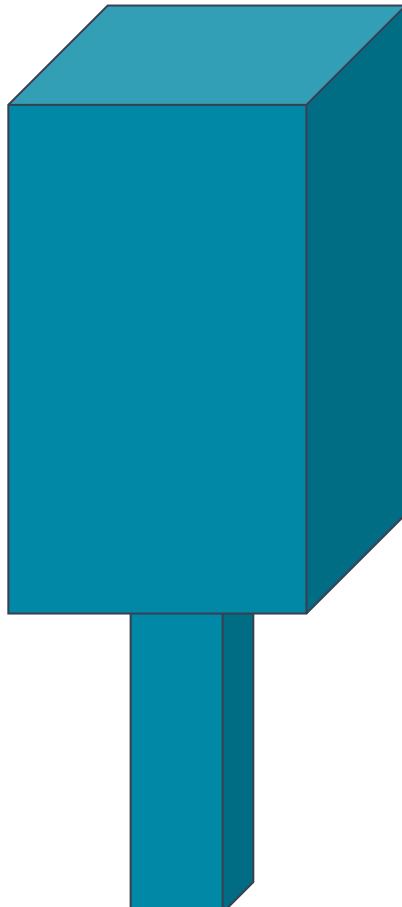
## Hands on (change and visualize)

1. Test the different mesh grading configurations

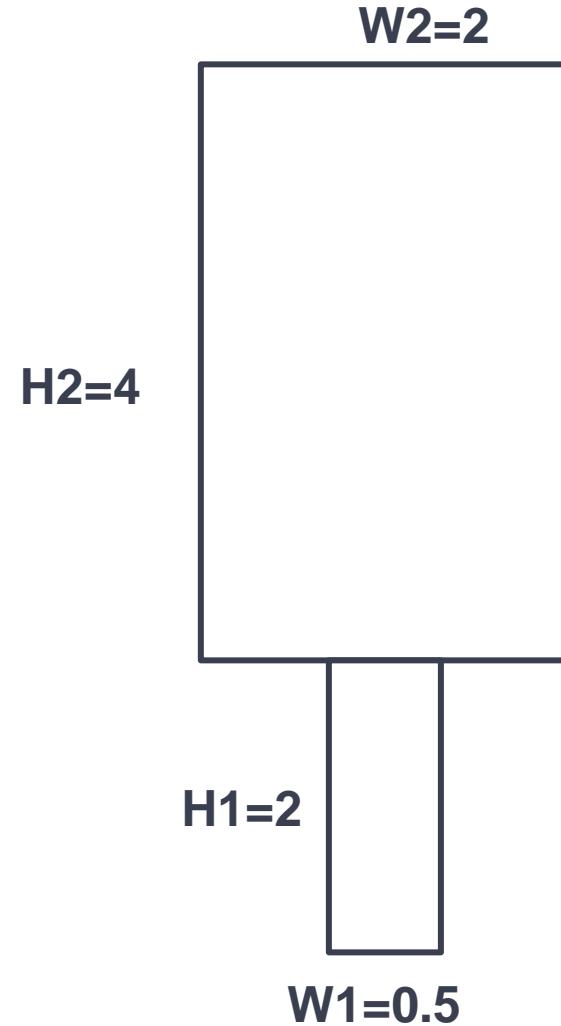


# blockMesh – Case 22 (General)

## Geometry



Dimensions (in m)



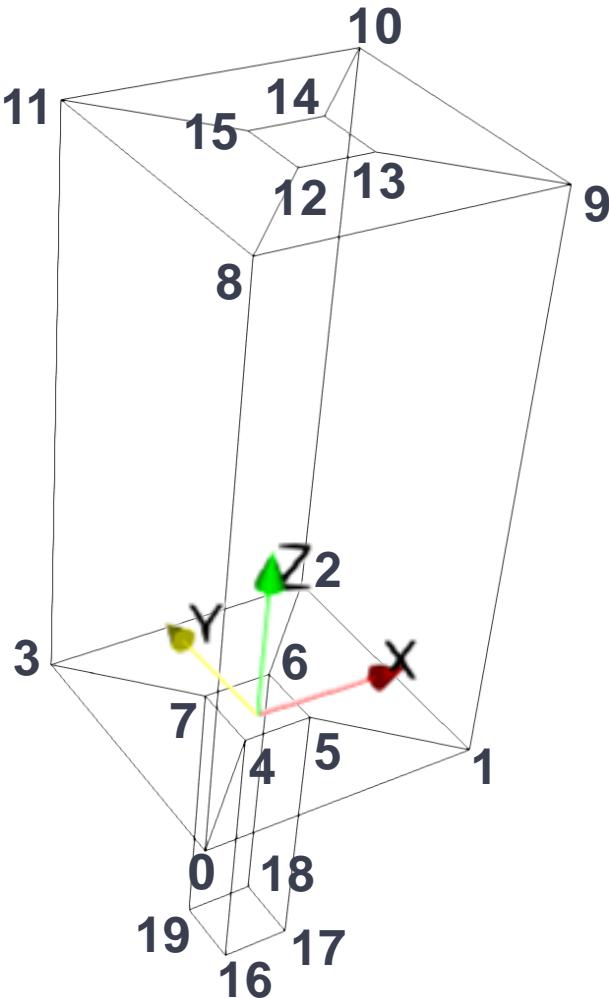
PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

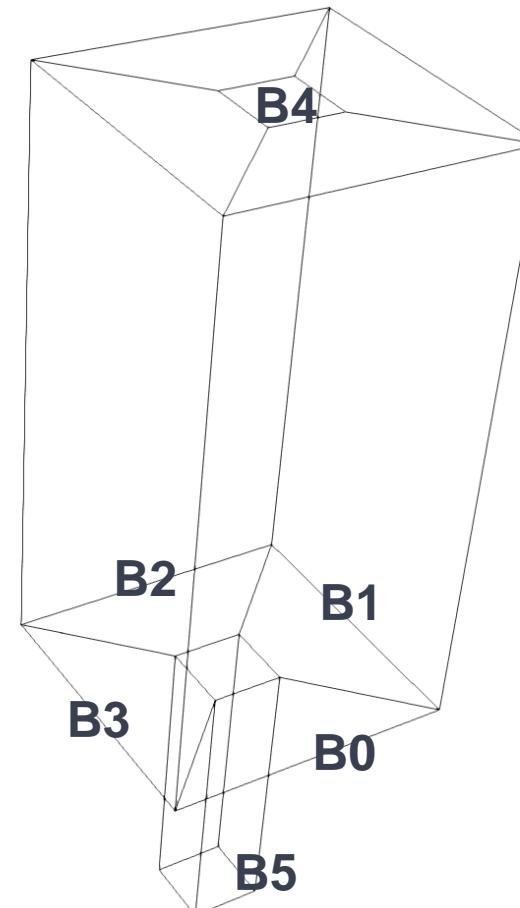
# blockMesh – Case 22 (General)

## Geometry

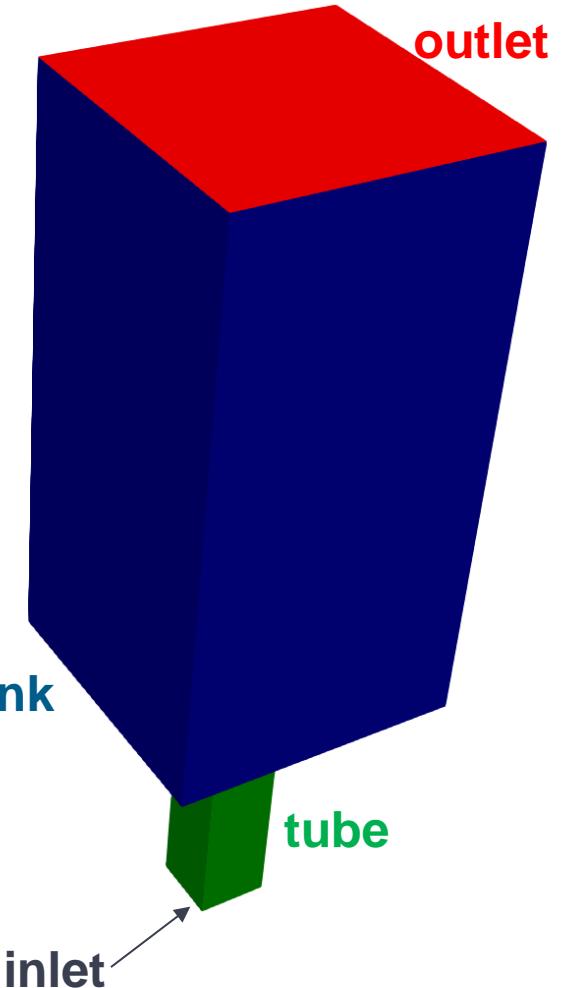
Vertices



Blocks



Patches



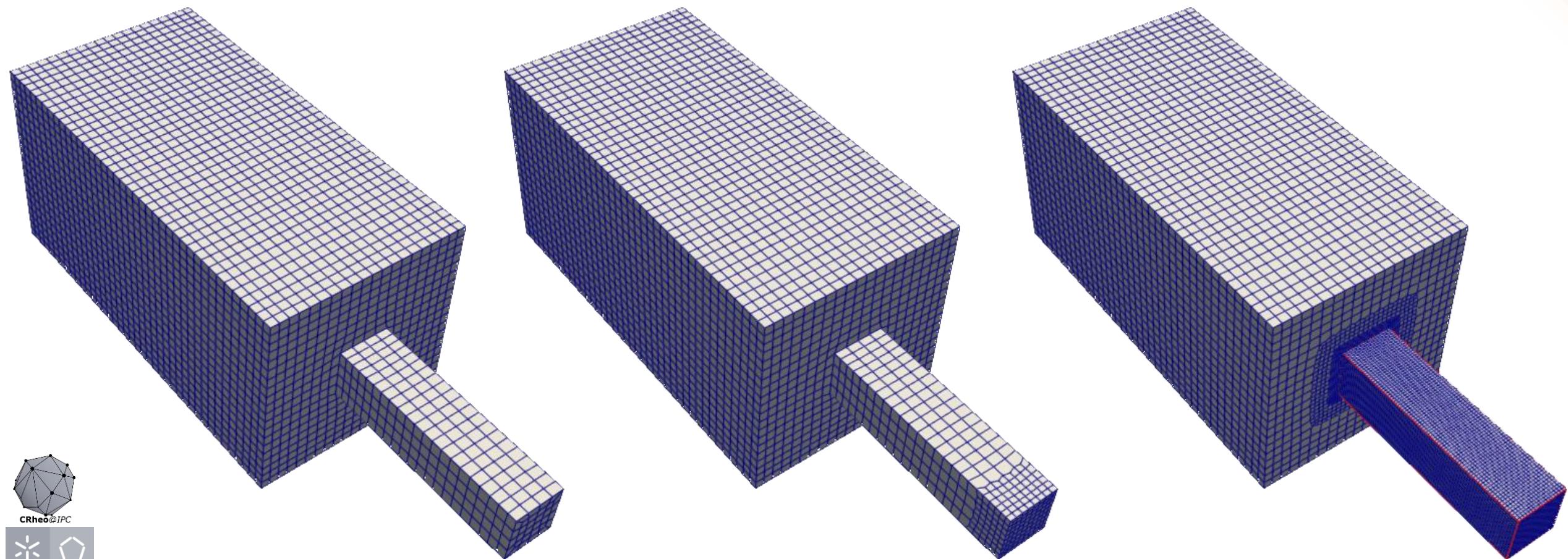
IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 22 (General)

1. >> run
2. >> cd case22/general
3. Visualize blockMeshDict file in VSCode
4. >> blockMesh
5. Visualize the Mesh in paraview



# cfMesh – Case22 (Parameterized Meshing)



**JYU** IPP Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

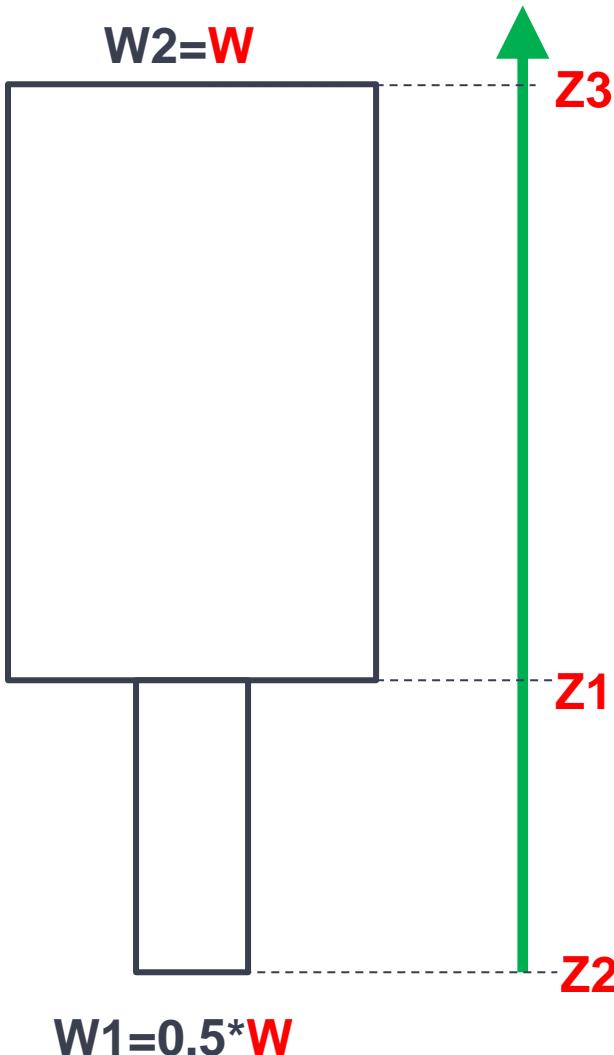
**Coarse Mesh without Refinement**

**Local Refinement at the Inlet**

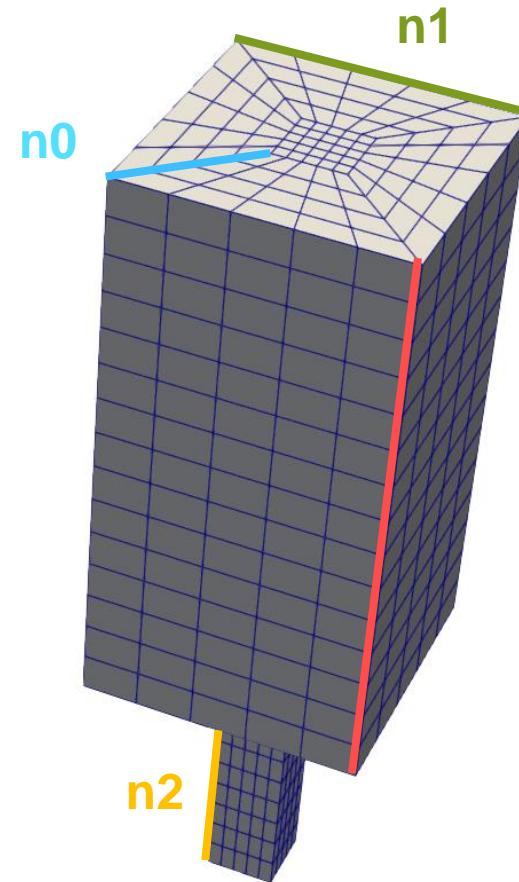
**Object Refinement as a box**

# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized) Geometry & Mesh

Dimensions



Number of cells



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized)

1. >> run
2. >> cd case22/parametrized/
3. Visualize blockMeshDict file in VSCode



# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized)

- Parameterized Geometry and Mesh Generation

```
//Parameters
    W 2;
    Z1 0;
    Z2 -2.0;
    Z3 4.0;

    n0 4;
    n1 5;
    n2 10;
    n3 15;
```

```
// Calculations
    X0      #calc "-0.5*$W";
    Y0      #calc "1*$X0";
    X1      #calc "-1*$X0";
    Y1      #calc "1*$X0";
    X2      #calc "-1*$X0";
    Y2      #calc "-1*$X0";
    X3      #calc "1*$X0";
    Y3      #calc "-1*$Y0";

    X4      #calc "0.25*$X0";
    Y4      #calc "0.25*$X0";
    X5      #calc "-0.25*$X0";
    Y5      #calc "0.25*$X0";
    X6      #calc "-0.25*$X0";
    Y6      #calc "-0.25*$X0";
    X7      #calc "0.25*$X0";
    Y7      #calc "-0.25*$X0";
```



# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized)

- Parameterized Geometry and Mesh Generation

```
vertices
(
    (-1 -1 0) //0
    (1 -1 0) //1
    (1 1 0) //2
    (-1 1 0) //3
    (-0.25 -0.25 0) //4
    (0.25 -0.25 0) //5
    (0.25 0.25 0) //6
    (-0.25 0.25 0) //7
    (-1 -1 4) //8
    (1 -1 4) //9
    (1 1 4) //10
    (-1 1 4) //11
    (-0.25 -0.25 4) //12
    (0.25 -0.25 4) //13
    (0.25 0.25 4) //14
    (-0.25 0.25 4) //15
    (-0.25 -0.25 -2) //16
    (0.25 -0.25 -2) //17
    (0.25 0.25 -2) //18
    (-0.25 0.25 -2) //19
```



Normal Configuration of blockMeshDict

```
($X0 $Y0 $Z1) //0
($X1 $Y1 $Z1)//1
($X2 $Y2 $Z1)//2
($X3 $Y3 $Z1) //3
($X4 $Y4 $Z1)//4
($X5 $Y5 $Z1)//5
($X6 $Y6 $Z1) //6
($X7 $Y7 $Z1) //7

($X0 $Y0 $Z3) //8
($X1 $Y1 $Z3)//9
($X2 $Y2 $Z3)//10
($X3 $Y3 $Z3) //11
($X4 $Y4 $Z3)//12
($X5 $Y5 $Z3)//13
($X6 $Y6 $Z3) //14
($X7 $Y7 $Z3) //15

($X4 $Y4 $Z2)//16
($X5 $Y5 $Z2)//17
($X6 $Y6 $Z2) //18
($X7 $Y7 $Z2) //19
```

Parameterized Configuration of blockMeshDict

# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized)

- Parameterized Geometry and Mesh Generation

```
blocks
(
    hex (0 1 5 4 8 9 13 12) (5 4 15) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B0
    hex (5 1 2 6 13 9 10 14) (4 5 15) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B1
    hex (7 6 2 3 15 14 10 11) (5 4 15) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B2
    hex (0 4 7 3 8 12 15 11) (4 5 15) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B3
    hex (4 5 6 7 12 13 14 15) (5 5 15) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B4
    hex (16 17 18 19 4 5 6 7) (5 5 10) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B5
)
blocks
(
    hex (0 1 5 4 8 9 13 12) ($n1 $n0 $n3) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B0
    hex (5 1 2 6 13 9 10 14) ($n0 $n1 $n3) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B1
    hex (7 6 2 3 15 14 10 11) ($n1 $n0 $n3) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B2
    hex (0 4 7 3 8 12 15 11) ($n0 $n1 $n3) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B3
    hex (4 5 6 7 12 13 14 15) ($n1 $n1 $n3) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B4
    hex (16 17 18 19 4 5 6 7) ($n1 $n1 $n2) simpleGrading (1 1 1) //B5
);
```

n0	4;
n1	5;
n2	10;
n3	15;



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized)

- Parameterized Geometry and Mesh Generation

No changes for the boundaries

```
boundary
(
    inlet
    {
        type patch;
        faces
        (
            (16 17 18 19)
        );
    }
    outlet
    {
        type patch;
        faces
        (
            (8 9 13 12)
            (13 9 10 14)
            (15 14 10 11)
            (8 12 15 11)
            (12 13 14 15)
        );
    }
    tube
    {
        type wall;
        faces
        (
            (16 17 5 4)
            (17 18 6 5)
            (19 7 6 18)
            (19 16 4 7)
        );
    }
    tank
    {
        type wall;
        faces
        (
            (0 1 5 4)
            (5 1 2 6)
            (7 6 2 3)
            (0 4 7 3)
            (0 1 9 8)
            (1 2 10 9)
            (2 3 11 10)
            (3 0 8 11)
        );
    }
);
```



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# blockMesh – Case 22 (Parameterized)

1. >> blockMesh
2. Visualize the Mesh in paraview

## Hands on (change and visualize)

1. Change the parameters and check the result in paraview



# cfMesh – Case 22 (STL based Meshing)

1. >> run
2. >> cd case22/cfMesh/
3. >> code .
4. >> cd STLBuilder
5. In VSCode check file myList contents
6. Open all the individual stl files in paraview
7. >> ./joinSTL.x
8. Open the total.stl file in paraview
9. >> cp total.fms ../ ## copy total.fms to the problem root folder
10. >> cd .. ##return to the problem root folder
11. In VSCode check file system/meshDict contents

outlet  
inlet  
tank  
tube



# cfMesh – Case 22 (STL based Meshing)

```
surfaceFile "total.fms";  
  
maxCellSize 0.1;  
  
//boundaryCellSize 0.8;  
  
//minCellSize 0.01;  
  
/*localRefinement  
{  
    inlet  
    {  
        cellSize 0.05;  
        //additionalRefinementLevels 1;  
        refinementThickness 0.01;  
    }  
}*/
```

The file created from STLs

Maximum Cell size

Refine part of the domain near a patch

For refining part of the domain  
inside a box

```
/*objectRefinements  
{  
    Box  
    {  
        type      box;  
        cellSize 0.05;  
        centre   (0 0 -1);  
        lengthX  0.5;  
        lengthY  0.5;  
        lengthZ  2;  
    }  
}*/
```



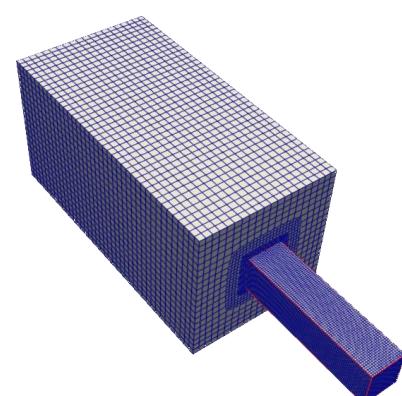
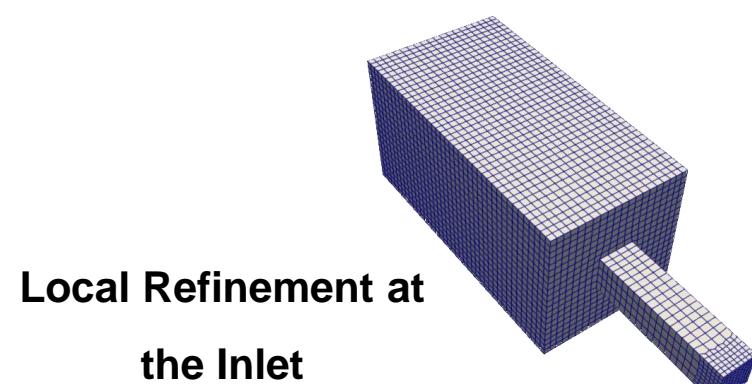
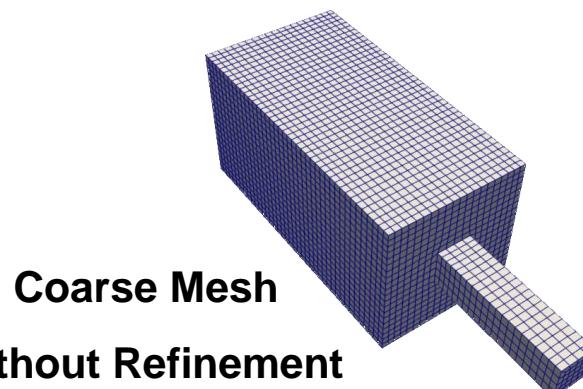
IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# cfMesh – Case 22 (STL based Meshing)

1. >> run #Return to the case root
2. >> cartesianMesh
3. Visualize the results in Paraview

## Hands on (change and visualize)

1. Uncomment the 2 mesh refinement level methods, in meshDict file, and check the result in paraview
2. Change the parameters in meshDict file and check the results in paraview



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

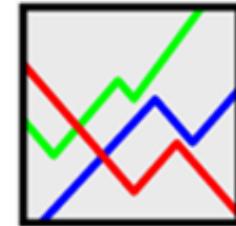
JYU IPP Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Post-processing

OpenVFOAM®

 *ParaView*

 tecplot®



 python™

 **blender**®



# Post-processing

## Introduction

ParaView's overview

## Post processing

Data visualization

## User Interface

Tools and features

## Saving progress

Images, animations, states

## Basic usage

Sources and filters



# Post-processing - Introduction

1. What is ParaView?
2. Basics of visualization
3. Why is it important for OpenFoam users?



# Post-processing - Introduction

1. What is ParaView?
2. Basics of visualization
3. Why is it important for OpenFoam users?



- An open-source application for visualizing two and three dimensional data sets.
  - It is designed to handle complex scientific and engineering data.
    - Offers a flexible and intuitive graphical user interface.
  - Widely used by many academic, government and commercial institutions.
    - Downloaded roughly 100.000 times every year.
    - Developed and maintained by Kitware Inc.



# Post-processing - Introduction

1. What is ParaView?
2. Basics of visualization
3. Why is it important for OpenFoam users?

3 basic steps to visualize your data

Reading > Filtering > Rendering

Firstly, data must be read in Paraview.

Next, you may apply any number of filters that process the data to generate extract or derive features from the data.

Finally, a viewable image is rendered from the data.



# Post-processing - Introduction

1. What is ParaView?
2. Basics of visualization
3. Why is it important for OpenFoam users?

**Data Visualization:** Allows the visualization of complex simulations in OpenFOAM, making it easier to understand and explore data results.

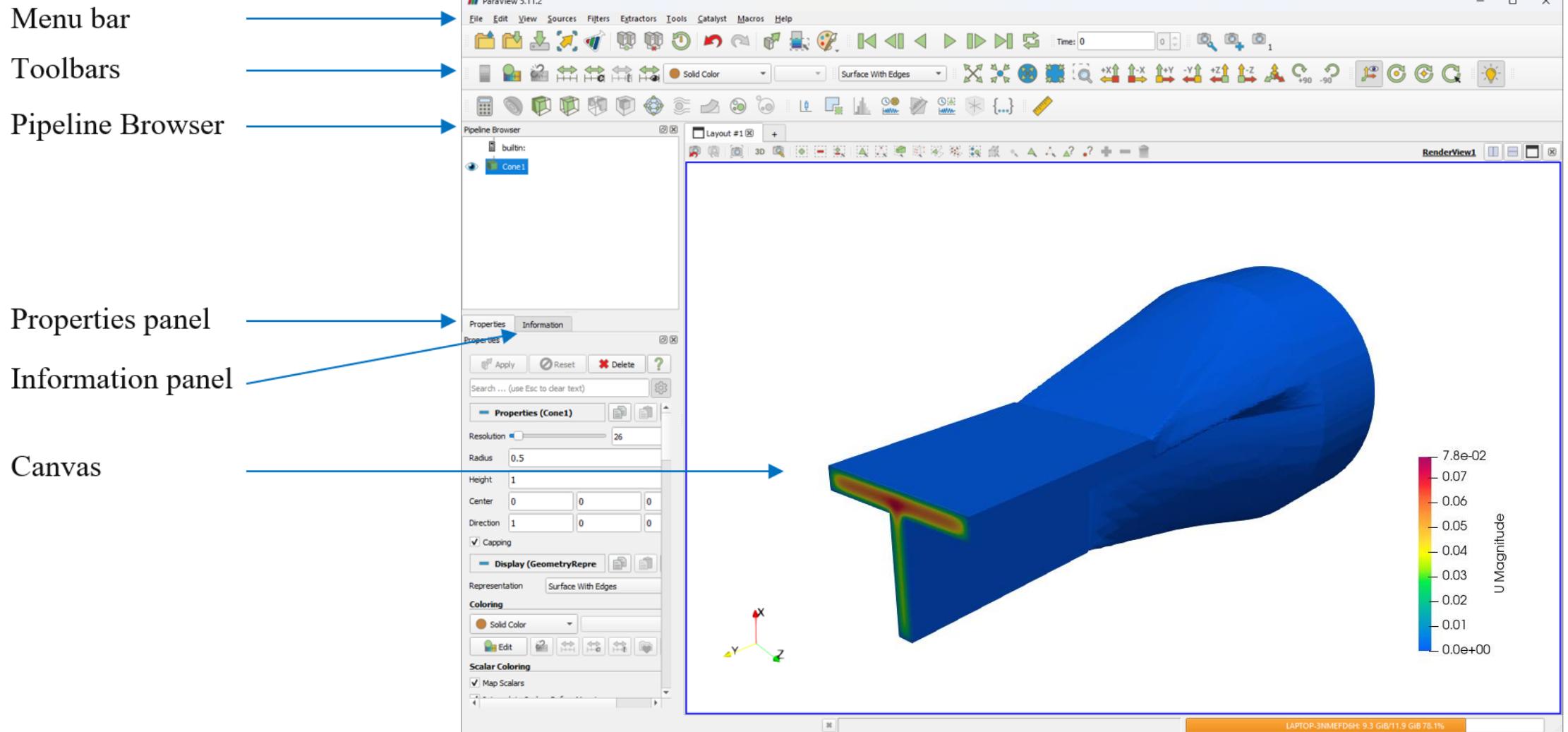
**Advanced Analysis:** It offers a wide range of filters and tools to perform in-depth analysis, extract insights, and validate simulations.

**Customization:** Scripting capabilities allow users to create custom workflows, automate tasks, and integrate with OpenFOAM simulations.

**Efficiency:** It accelerates the post-processing workflow, saving time and resources.



# Post-processing – User Interface | Overview

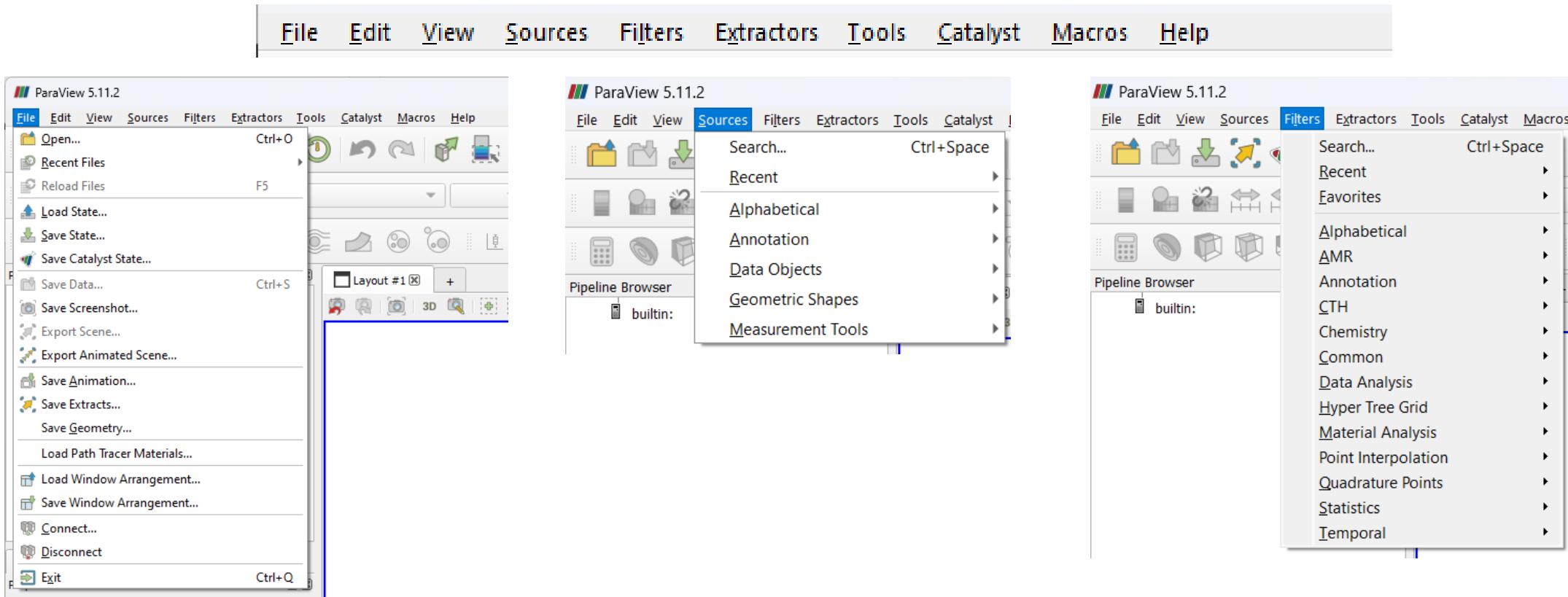


PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Post-processing – User Interface | Menu Bar

The menu bar allows you to access the majority of tools and features, dividing it into sections.

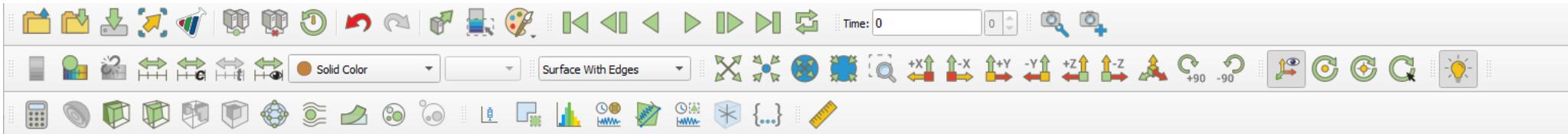


PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

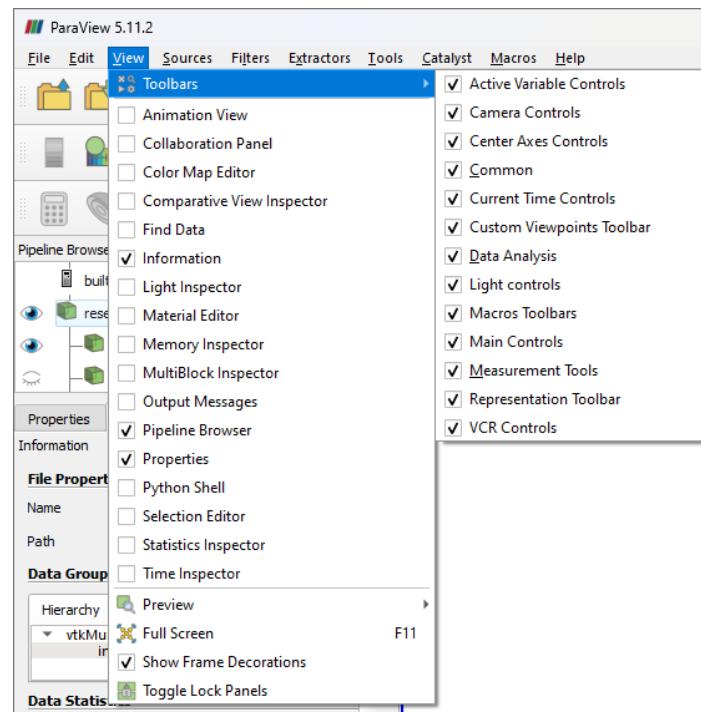
# Post-processing – User Interface | Toolbars

The toolbars provide shortcuts to some features and tools.



Toolbars are customized by hiding/showing what you desire.

Menu bar View - Toolbars



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol · Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Post-processing – User Interface | Toolbars



Main Controls



VCR Controls



Current Time Controls



Custom Viewpoints Toolbar



Representation Toolbar



Active Variable Controls



Camera controls



Center Axes Controls



Common Filters



Data Analysis Toolbar



CRheo@IPC



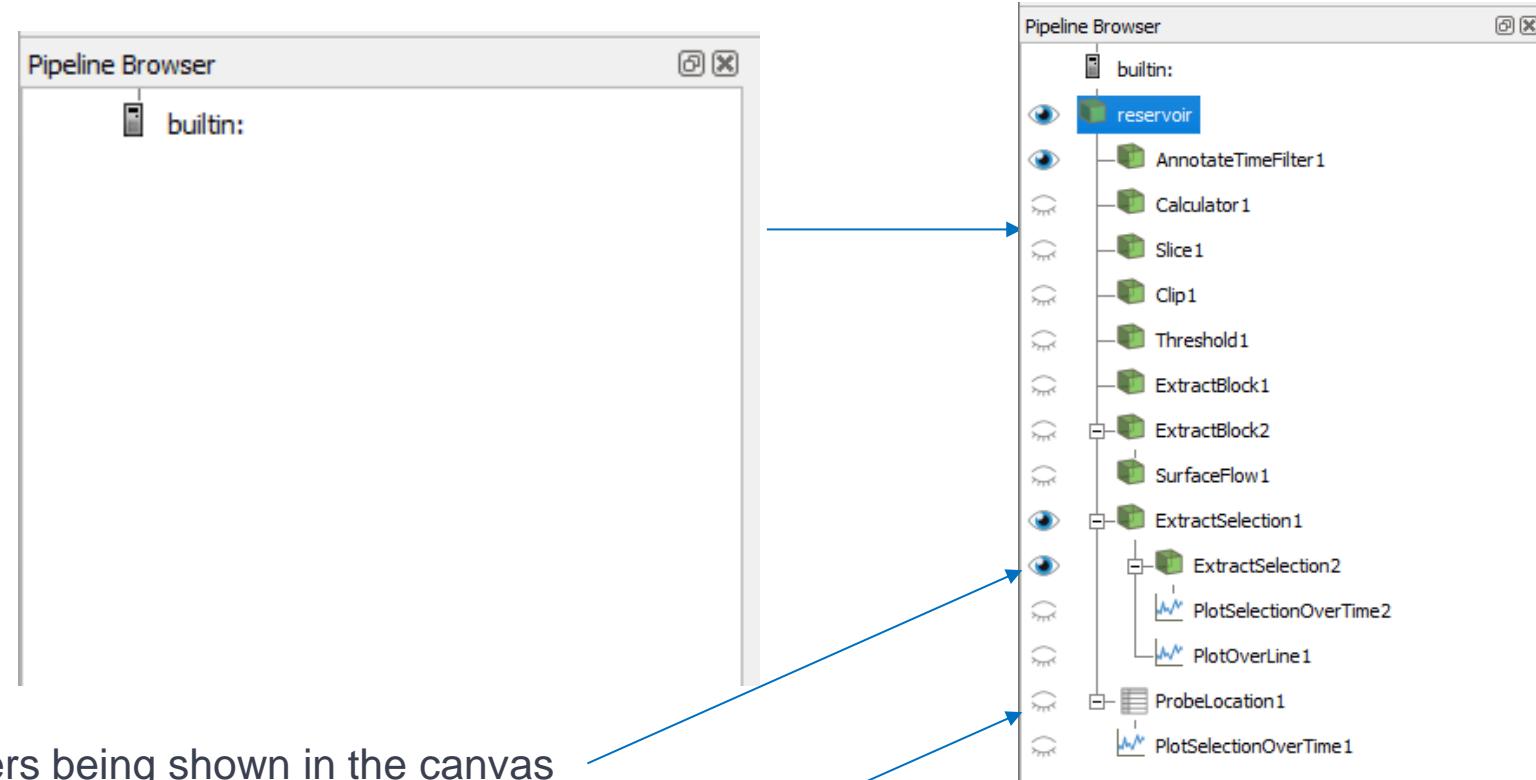
PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Post-processing – User Interface

## Pipeline browser

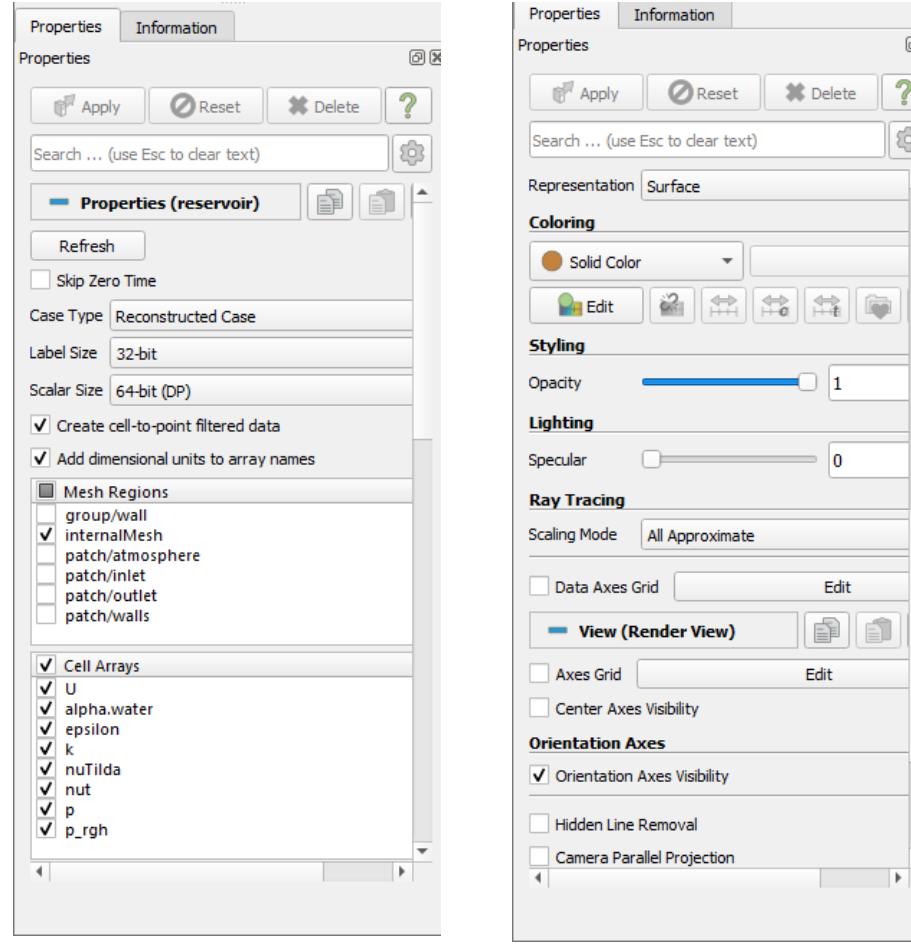
The pipeline browser shows the pipeline structure, providing the objects being post processed and its correspondent applied filters.



# Post-processing – User Interface

## Properties panel

The properties panel allows you to view and modify some parameters of the selected pipeline object/filter.



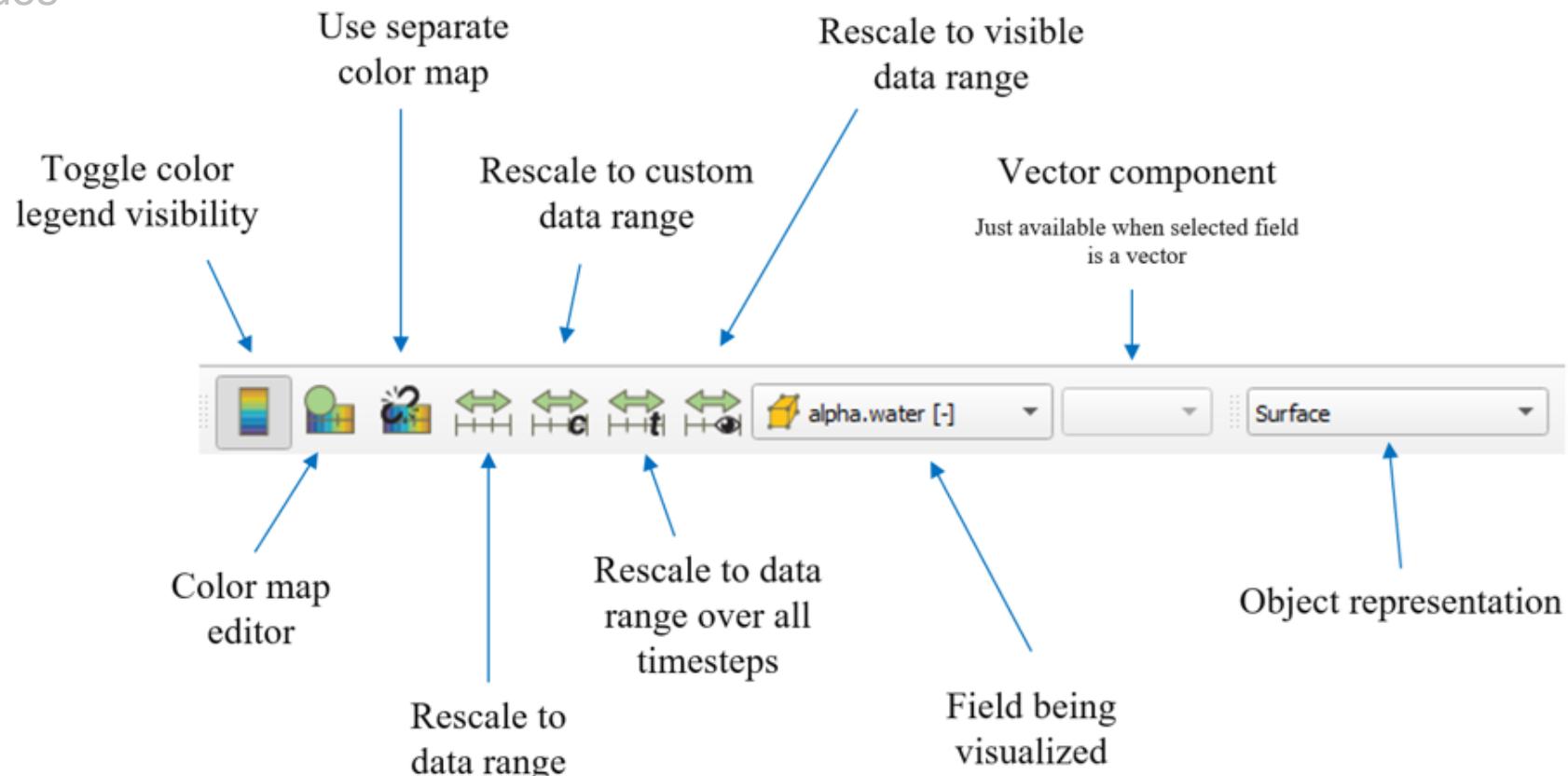
# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time



# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time



PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

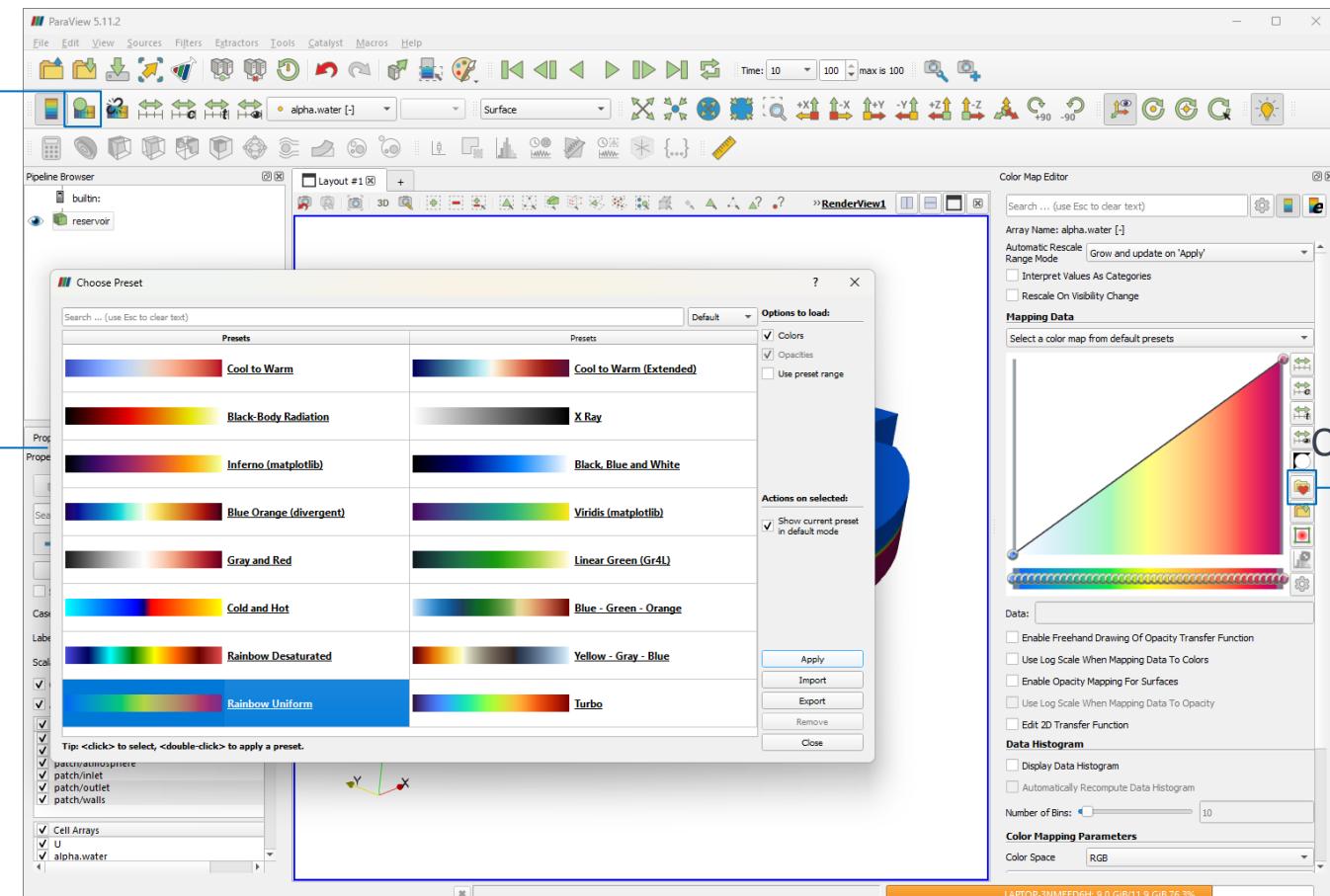
**JYU** IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

1 – click on  
Edit color map

3 – select the  
color map and  
click Apply



2 – click on  
Choose Preset



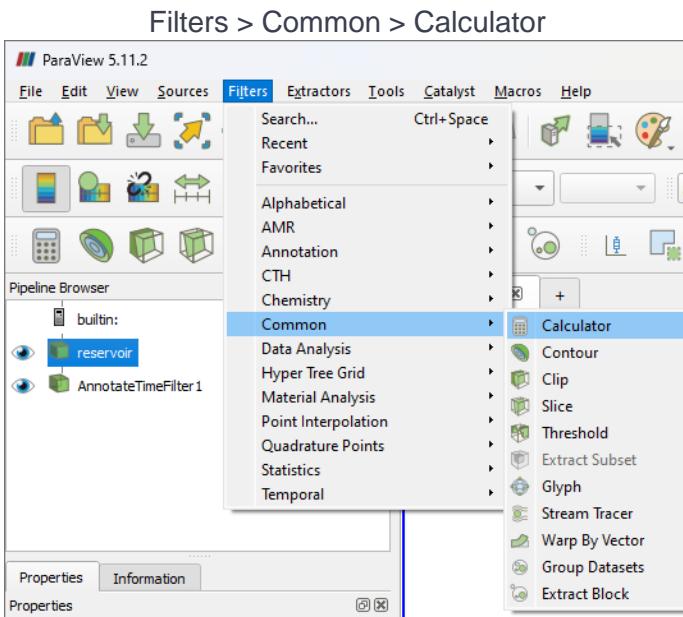
PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol · Spain

JYU IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

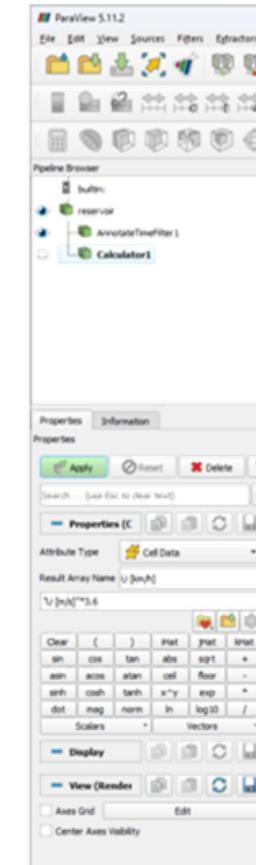
1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

- Select the reservoir object in the pipeline browser
- Select the Calculator filter in the menu bar



## Calculator

Creates an variable field according to an expression



Define if it is point data or cell data

Name – U [km/h]

Equation

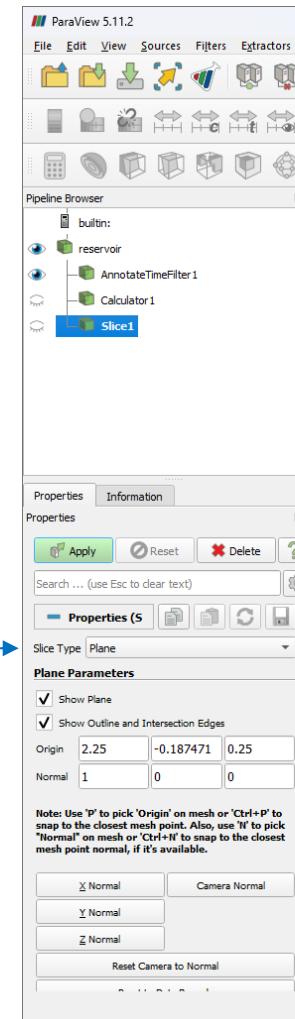
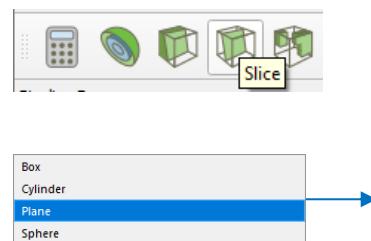


PPS 2024  
30 Sept.-03 Oct. | Ferrol - Spain

IPPD Institute of  
Polymer Processing and  
Digital Transformation

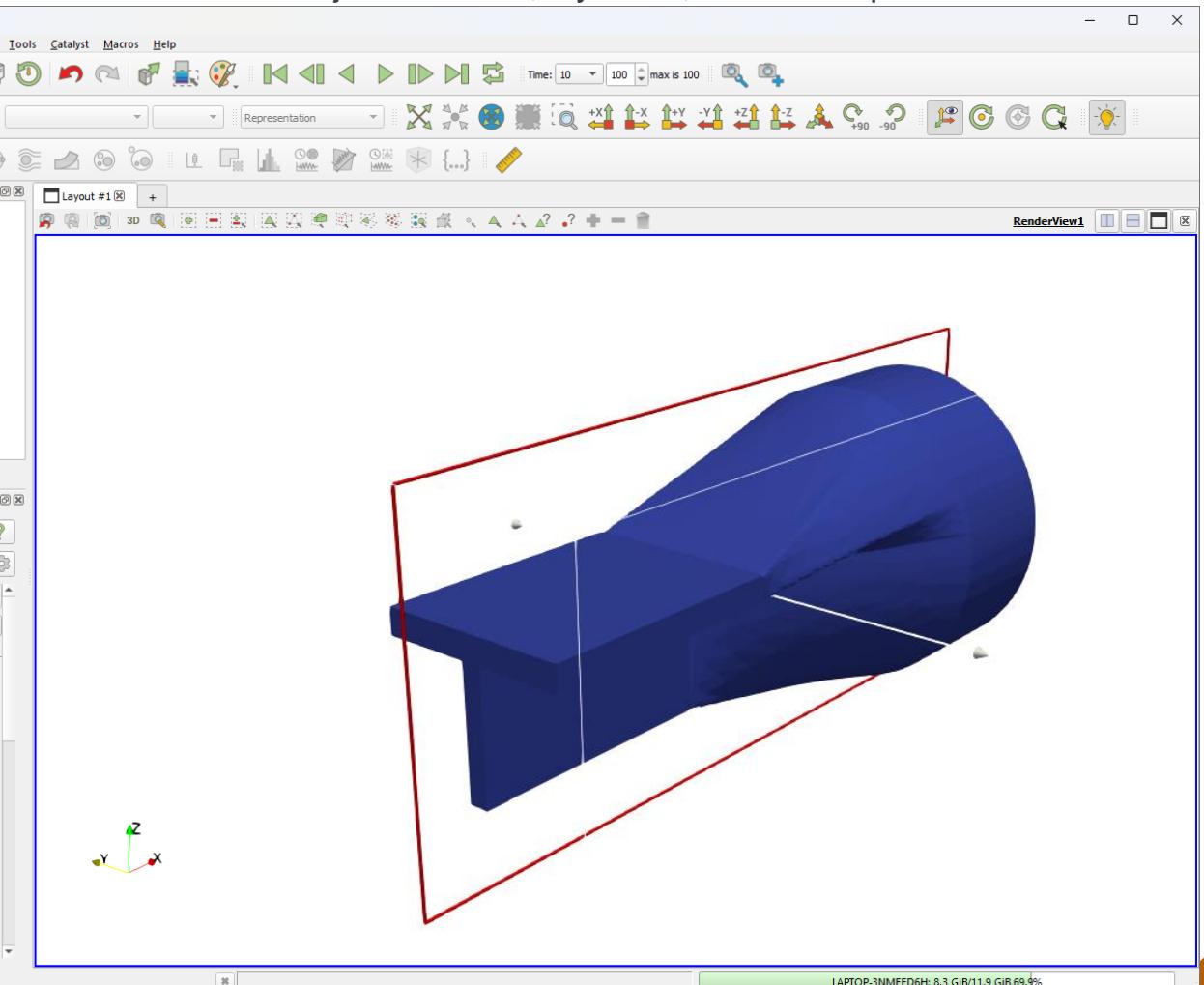
# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time



## Slice

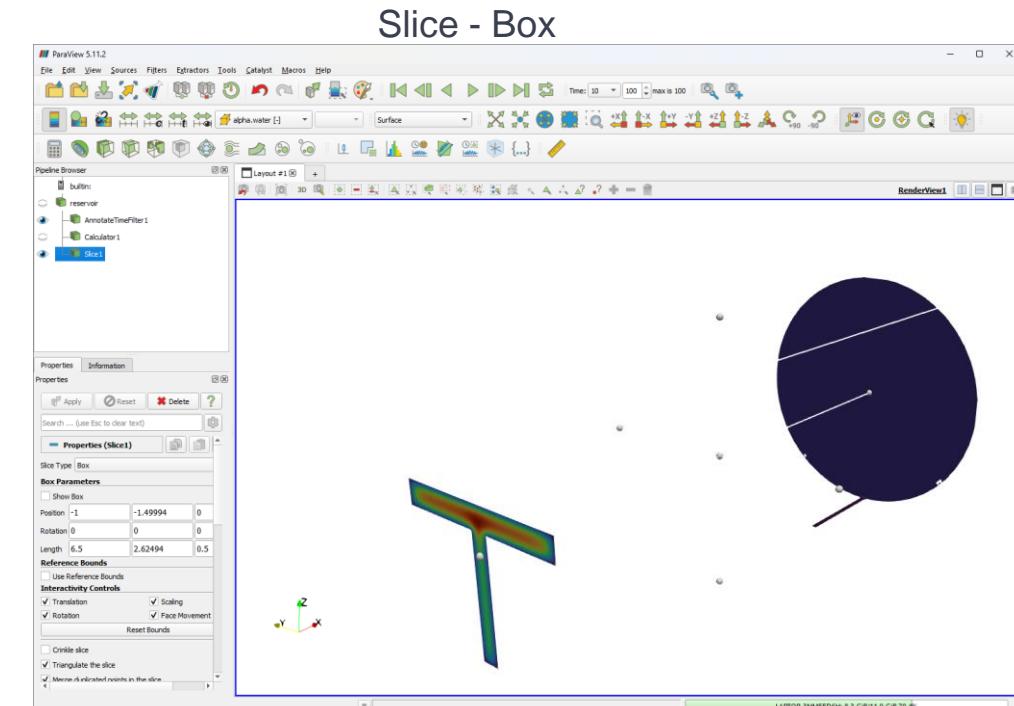
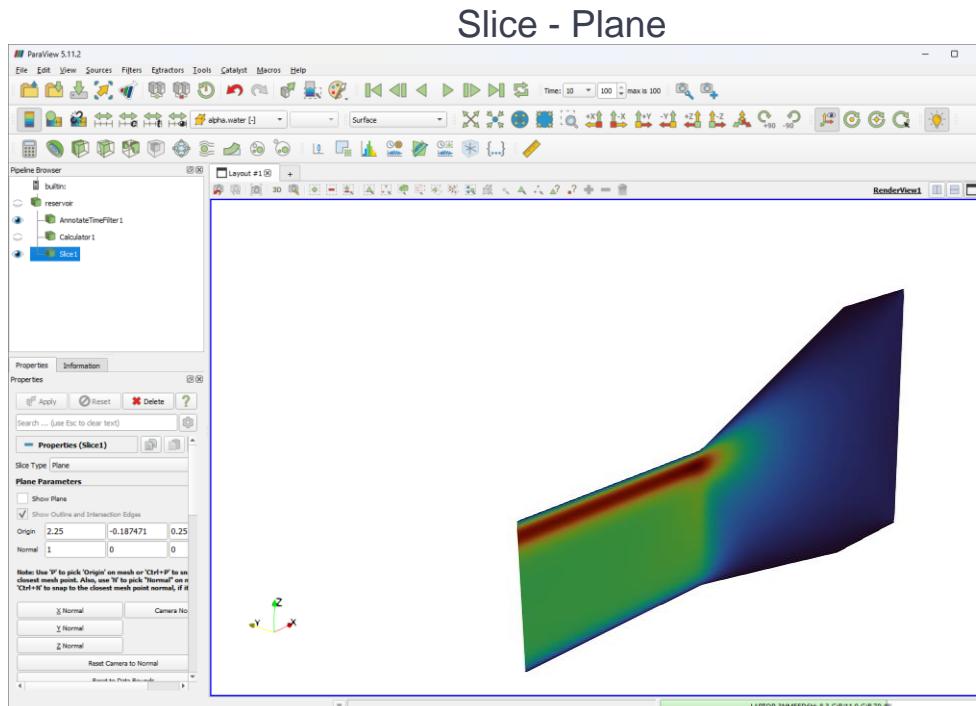
Slices the object in a Box, Cylinder, Plane or Sphere



# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

## Slice

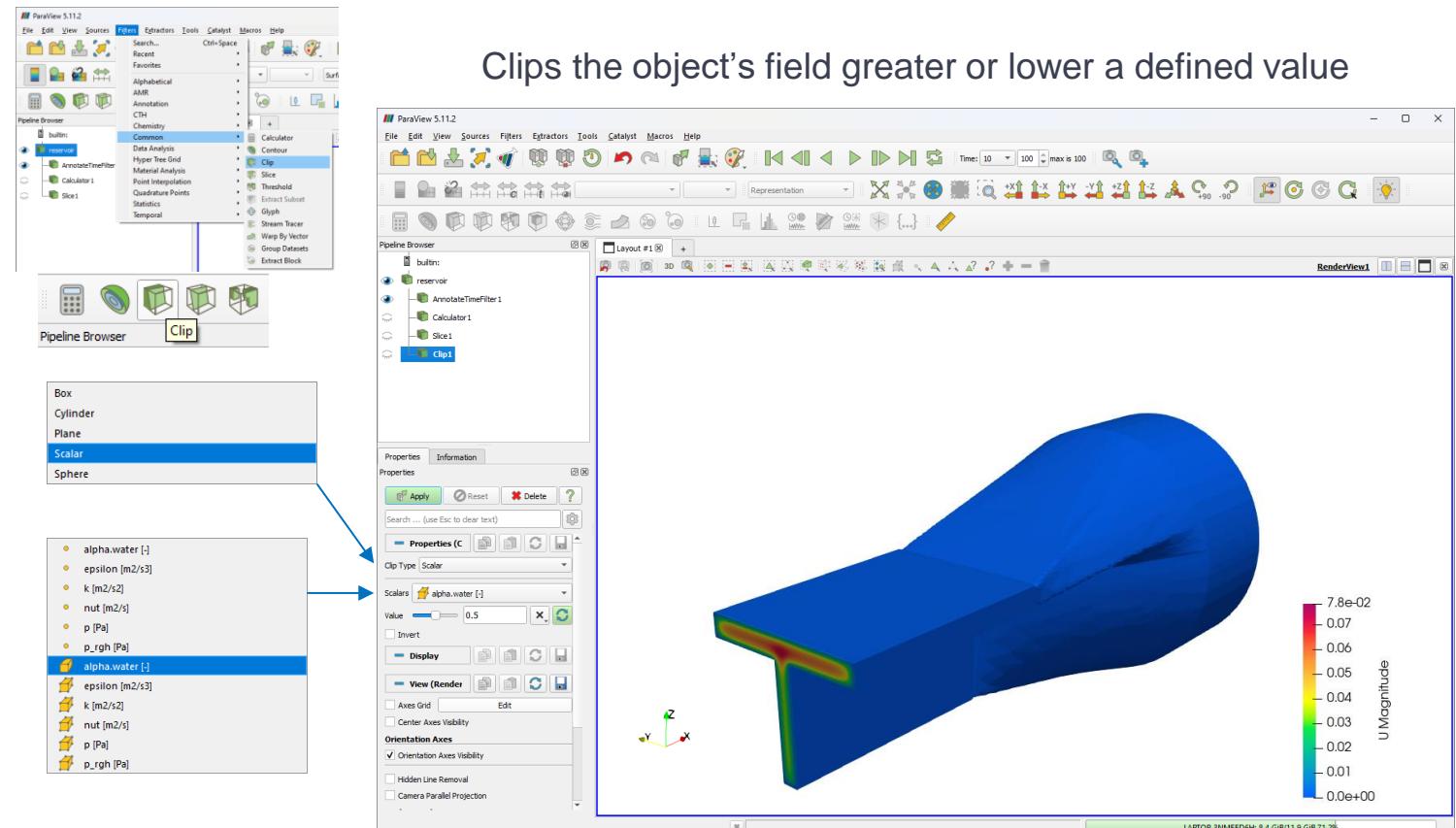


# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

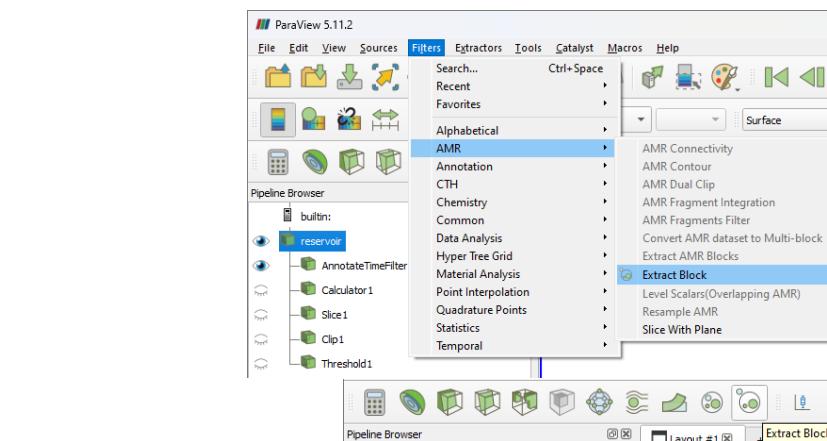
## Clip

Clips the object's field greater or lower a defined value

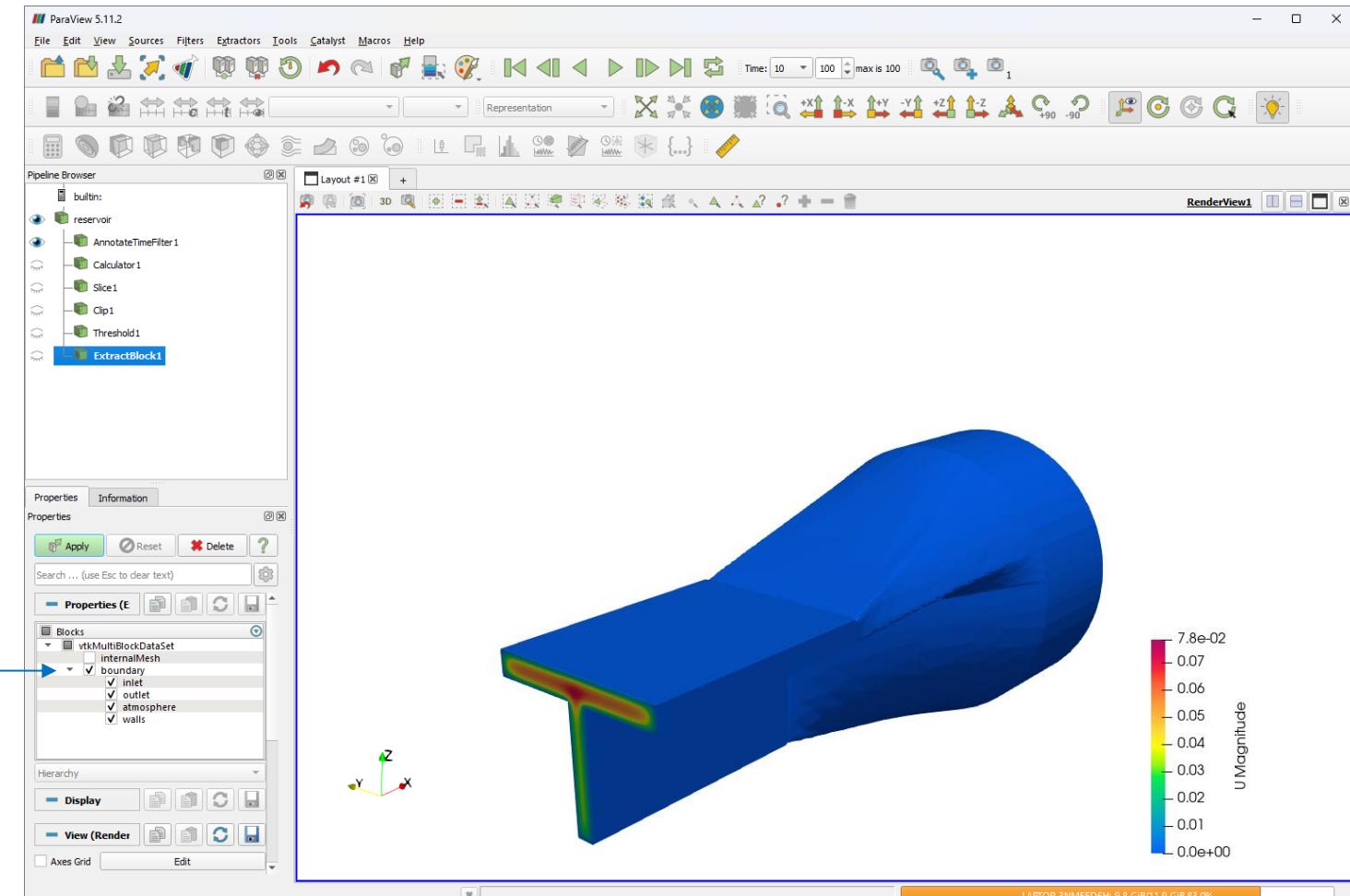


# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time



Select boundary and click

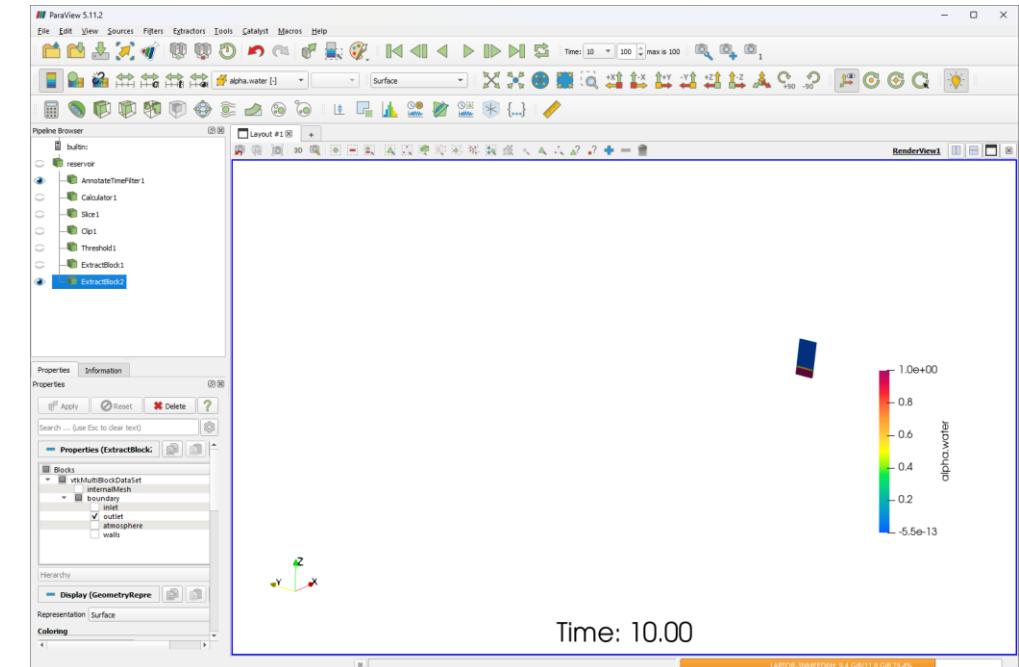
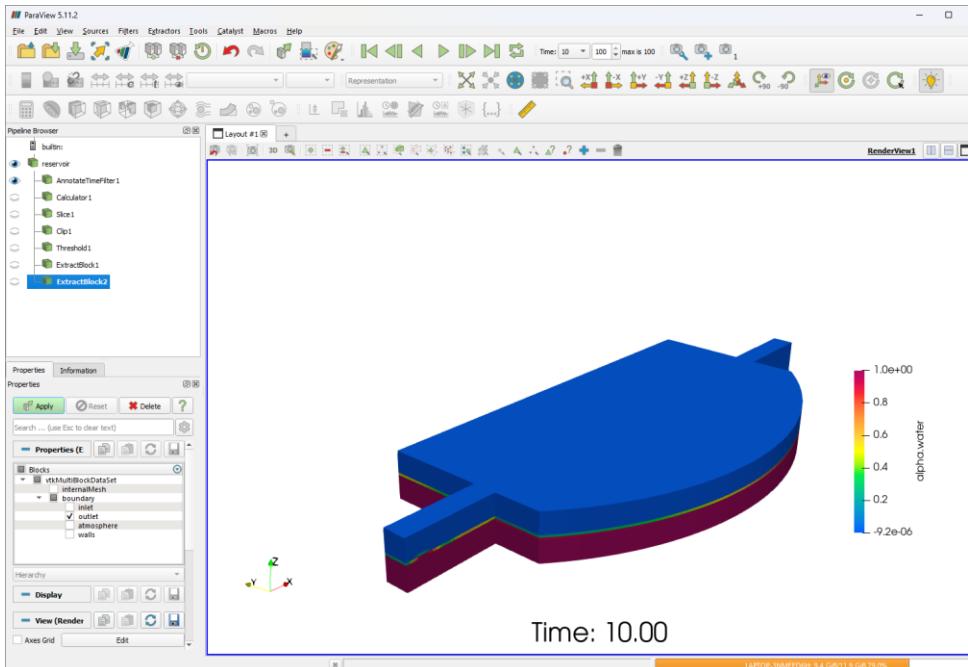


# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

## Extract block

Create new extract block just with the Outlet patch to analyze it

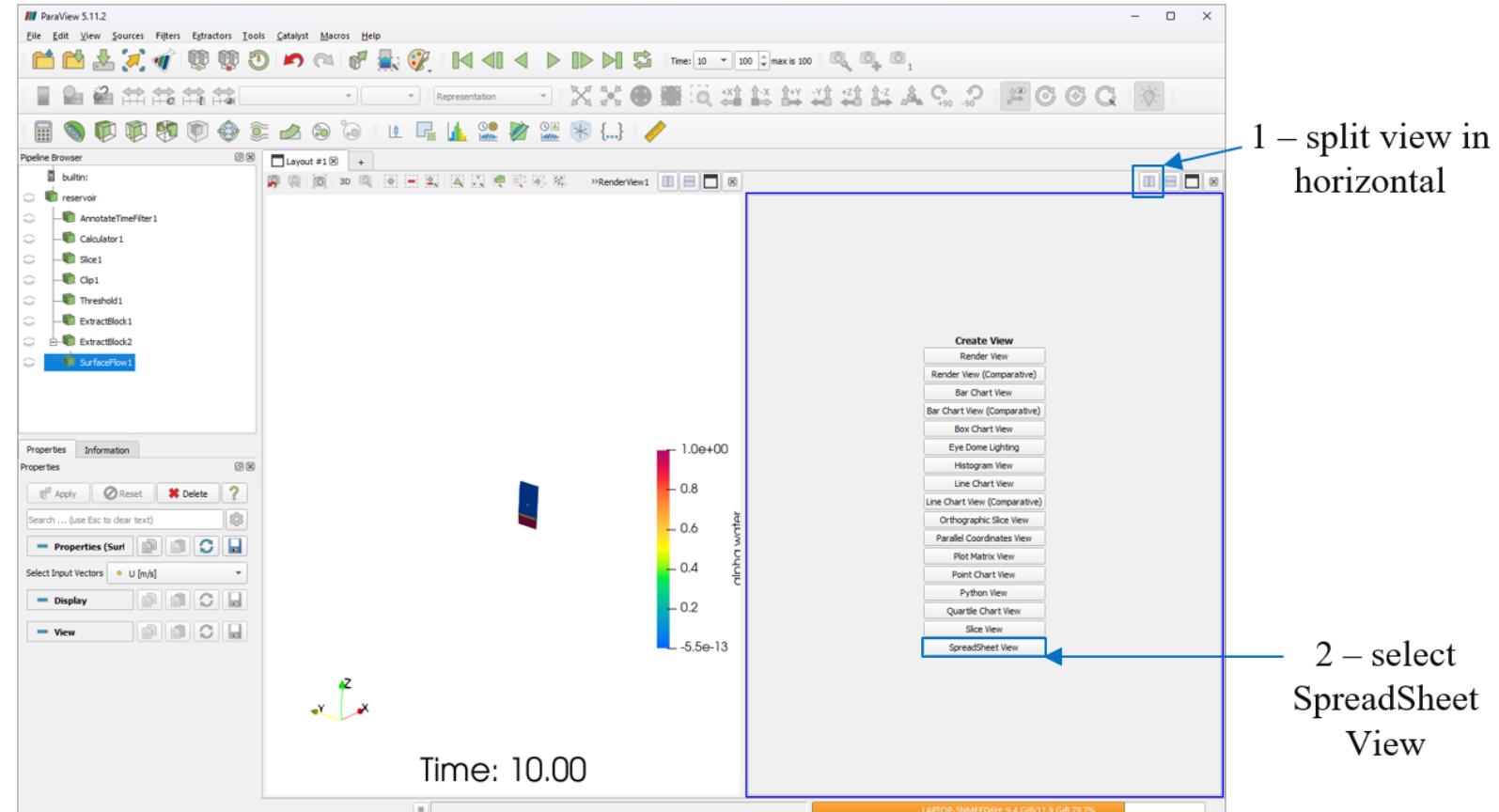


# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

## Extract block

Use the Surface Flow filter in the ExtractBlock2 and open it in a SpreadSheet view

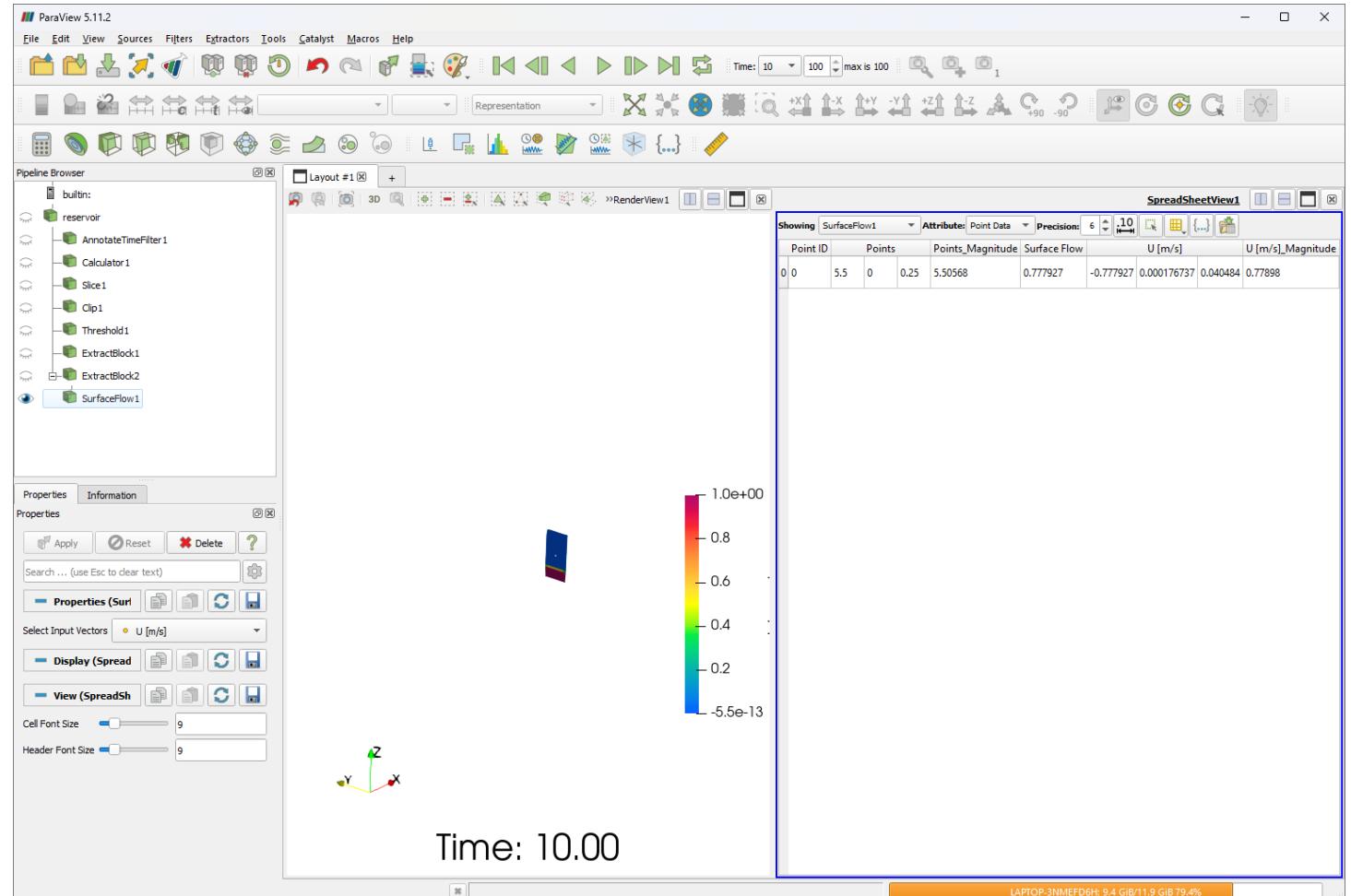


# Post-processing – Data Visualizing

1. Displaying scalar and vector fields
2. Adjusting colors, data range and labels
3. Applying Common Filters
4. Select cells and show values
5. Plot over line
6. Probe location
7. Plot selection over time

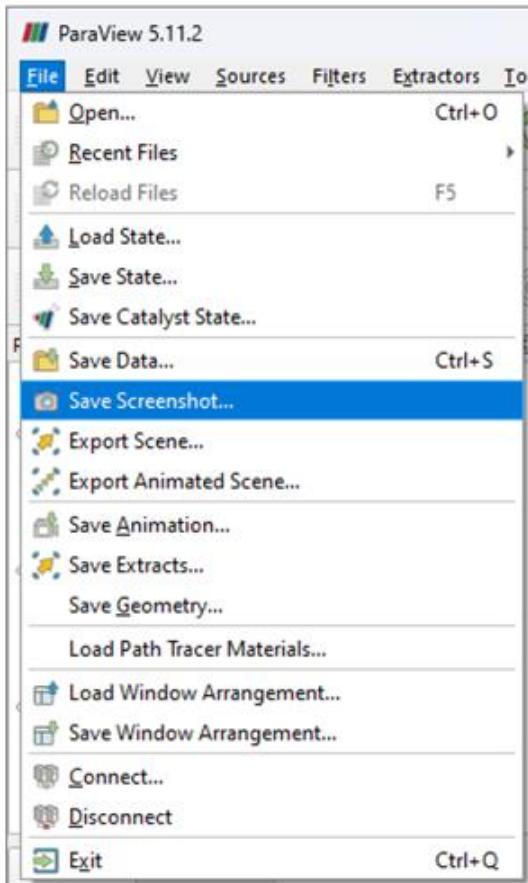
## Extract block

Move forward or backward in time to visualize data for all instants of time



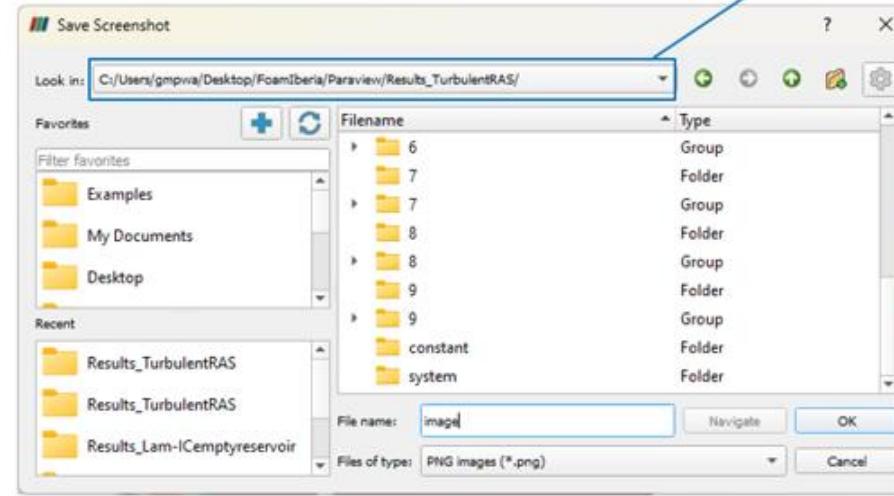
# Post-processing – Saving Progress

(1)



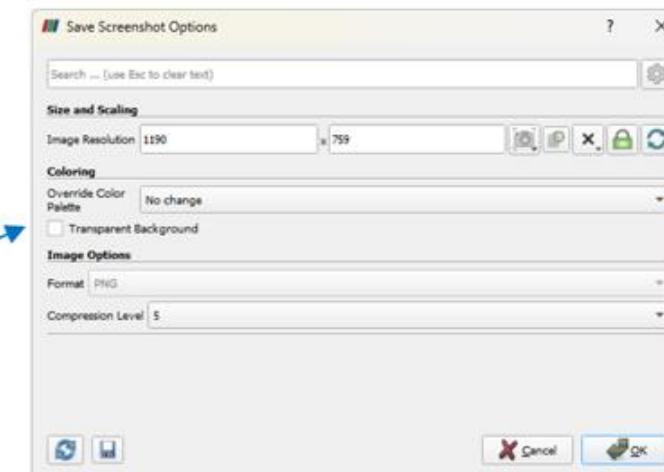
background

(2)



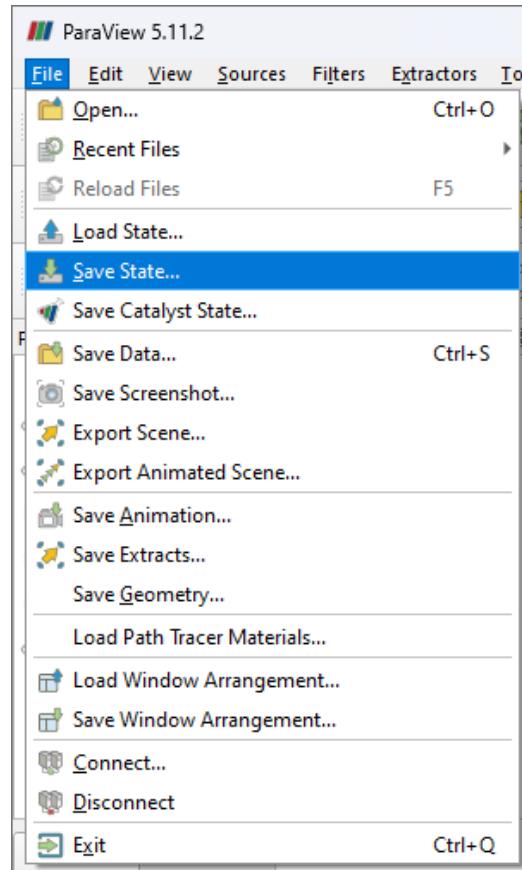
Saving location

(3)

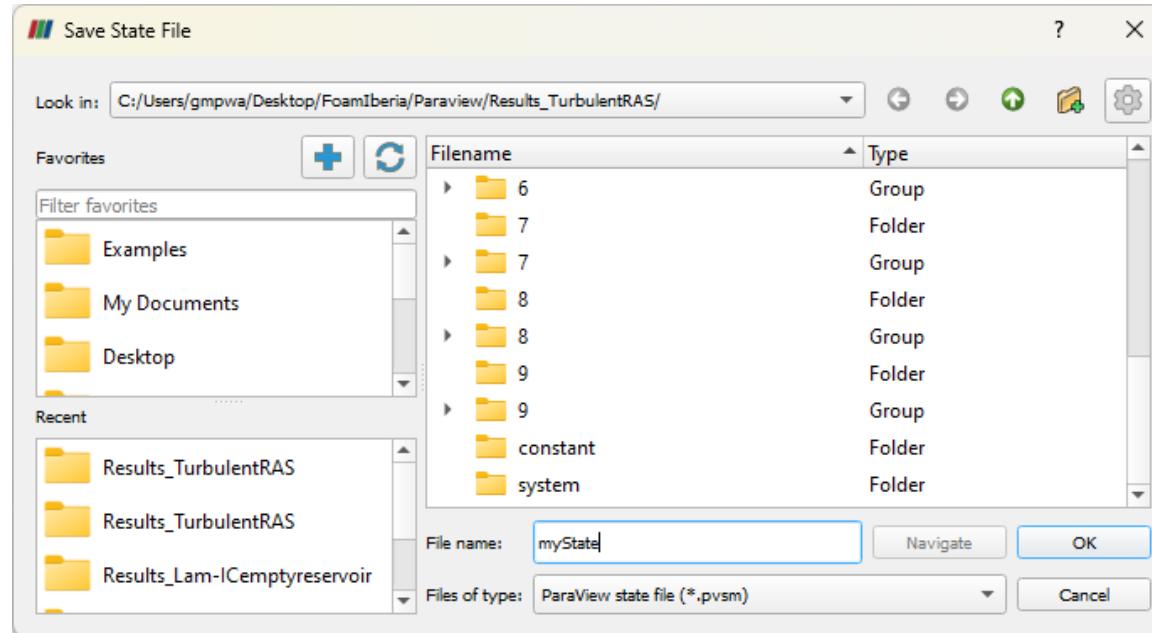


# Post-processing – Saving Progress

(1)



(2)



Saving a state allow you to reproduce your visualization settings and view without applying post-processing steps again.

It will save all your progress and it will work as a macro:  
once you load it, you will open your Paraview  
visualization the same way you saved it.

