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Fluidity Training

Running Fluidity and Visualising the Results

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Running Fluidity

Running source code:

```
[fluidity-directory]/fluidity my.flml
```

Running binary:

```
fluidity my.flml
fluidity -l my.flml
fluidity -l -v3 my.flml
```

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fluidity --help

```
Revision: fluidity/4.1
Compile date: Nov 20 2012 10:16:12
OpenMP Support no
Adaptivity support yes
...
FEMDEM support no
Hyperlight support no


Usage: fluidity [options ...] [simulation-file]

Options:
 -h, --help
Help! Prints this message.
 -l, --log
Create log file for each process (useful for non-interactive testing).
 -v <level>, --verbose
Verbose output to stdout, default level 0
 -p, --profile
Print profiling data at end of run
This provides aggregated elapsed time for coarse-level computation
(Turned on automatically if verbosity is at level 2 or above)
 -V, --version
Version
```

Copy “Top Hat” example

We’re going to copy and run a ready-made example to show you what the process looks like.

First, to prepare the files...

```
cp -rv /scratch/examples/top_hat .
cd top_hat
make clean
make preprocess
```

Run "Top Hat" example

If you type "`ls`" then you can see three sets of `.flml` files and three "`line.*`" files. These are the three separate set-up files and one (triangle) mesh, respectively.

```
fluidity -v3 -l top_hat_cg.flml &
```

This simulation is one-dimensional so will complete almost immediately. If you now type "`ls`" again you will see a whole string of vtu files containing results data.

Filetypes

There are **two** main filetypes:

- .stat file
- Unstructured VTK file (.vtu or .pvtu)

You may also have log files:

- fluidity.log.*
- fluidity.err.*

Tools

- Statplot
- Paraview
- Python
  - vtktools
  - fluidity.statparser

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The stat file

- Bespoke data file type
- Various tools to read and process these data
- Either ASCII or binary

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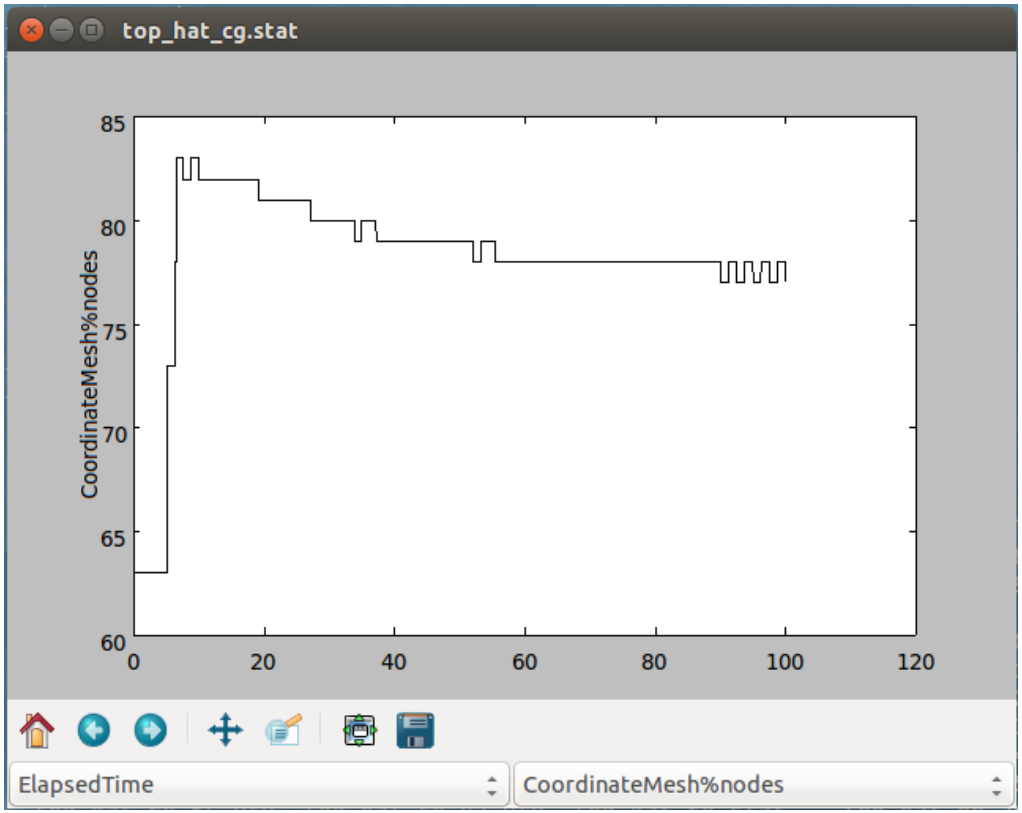
Statplot




```
statplot top_hat_cg.stat
```

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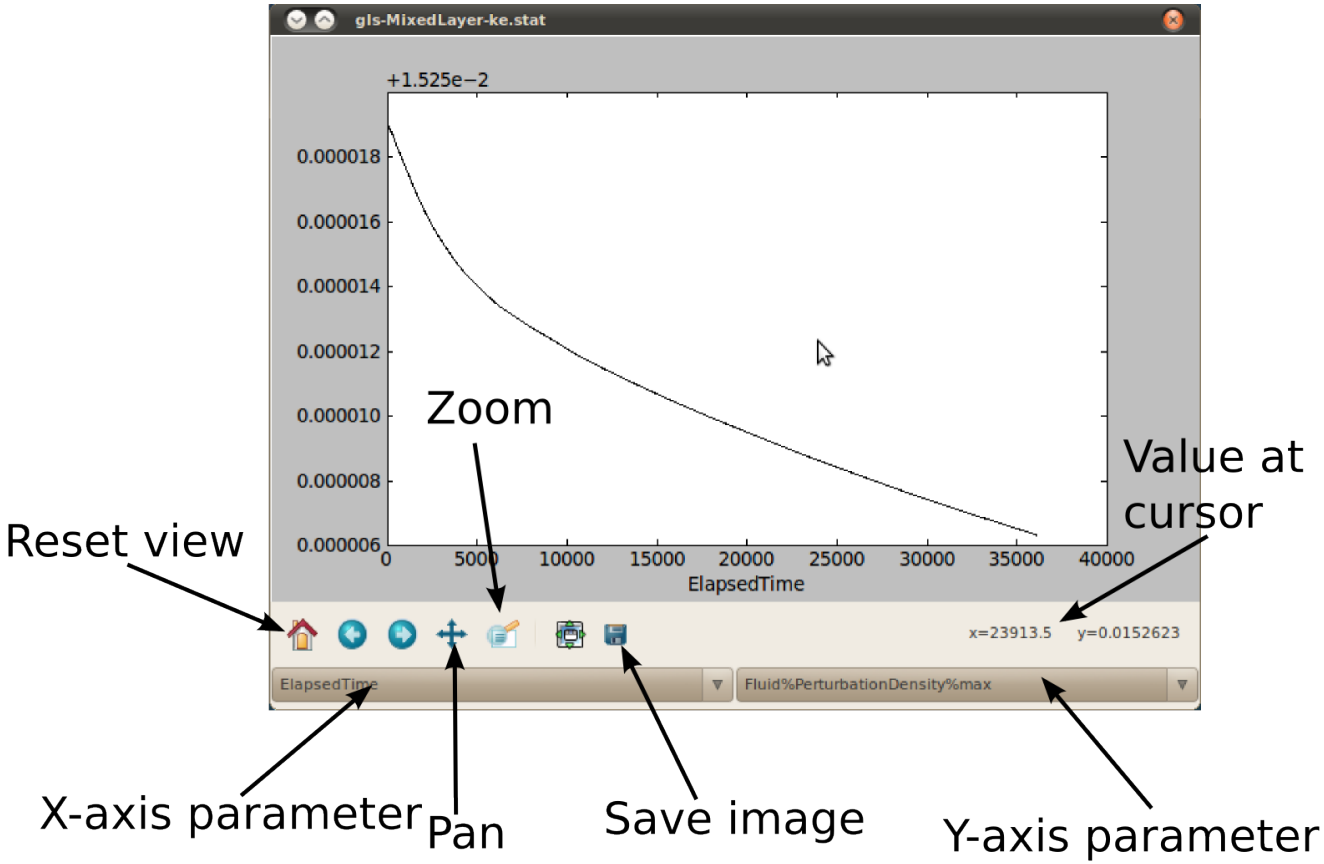
Statplot



Statplot keys

- s - scatter plot
- l - line plot
- r - refresh data
- R - refresh data, but keep current bounds
- x - switch x-axis from linear to log or vice versa
- y - switch y-axis from linear to log or vice versa
- q - quit (note: **no warnings!**)

Statplot example

Open the stat file at from your advection problem
Things to try:

- Switch between scatter plot and line plot views
- Change the graph to show the number of elements through the run
- Plot velocity magnitude minimum against velocity magnitude maximum
- Zoom in and save a small part of the plot to file

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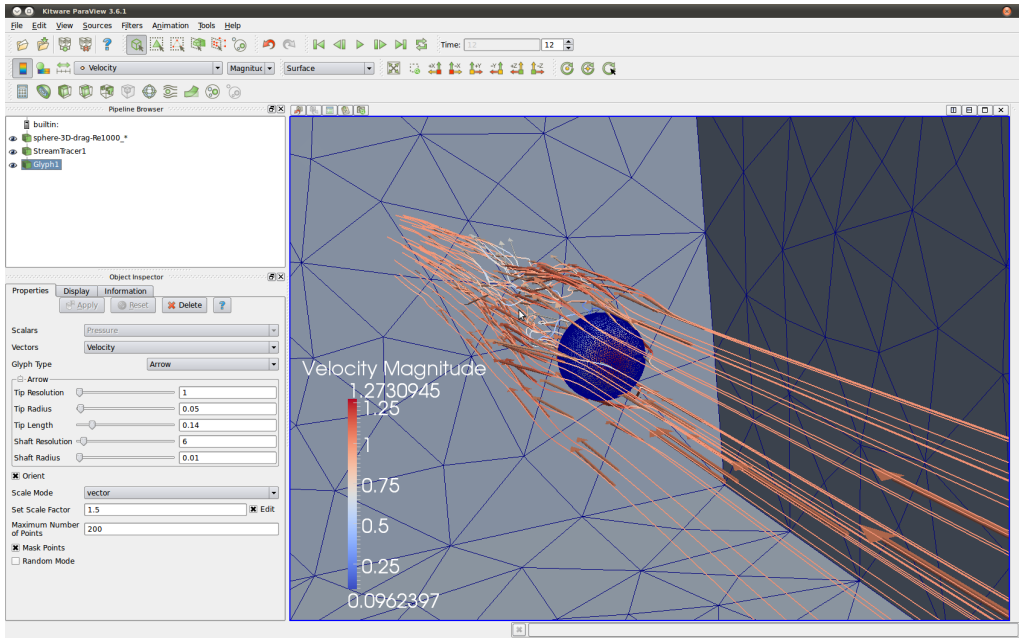
Paraview

Open-source scientific visualisation software from KitView



`sudo apt-get install paraview` <-- But not now

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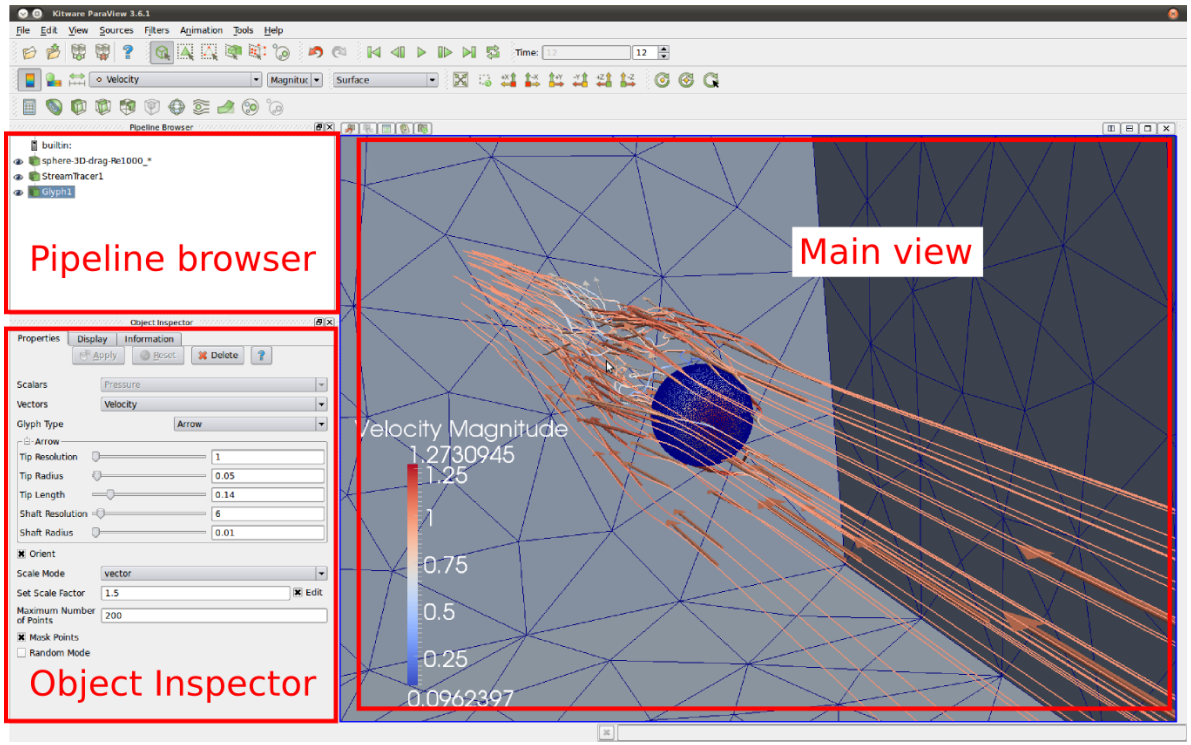
Paraview: main window

Launch by simply typing "`paraview &`"



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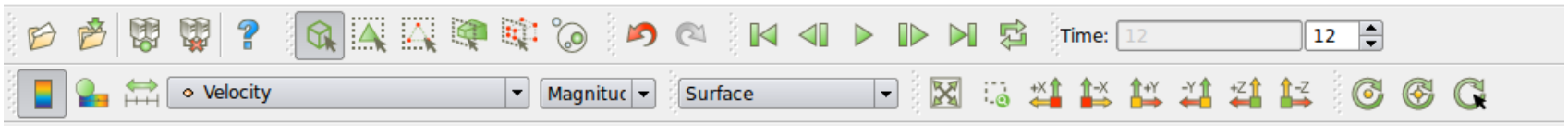
Paraview: main window



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Paraview: Copy data for visualisation

So we're going to copy across some ready-made data again to play around with.

```
cd ..
ls
cp -rv /scratch/examples/backward_facing_step_2d .
cd backward_facing_step_2d
ls
```

Paraview: Open files

- Click on “OPEN” icon
- Navigate into “backward_facing_step_2d” and then “kepsilon”
- Scroll to the bottom
- Double-click on “...pvtu” file

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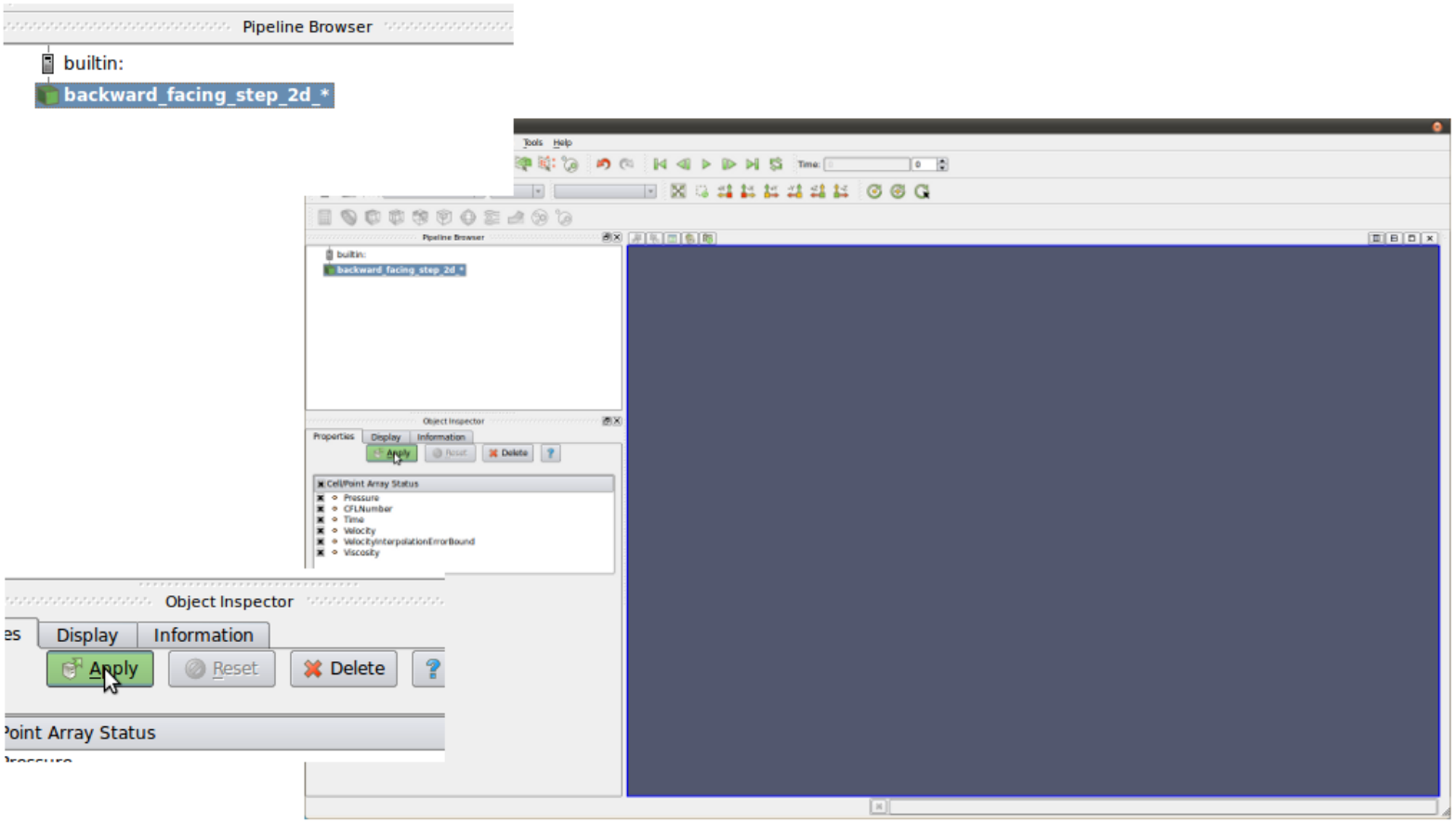
Paraview



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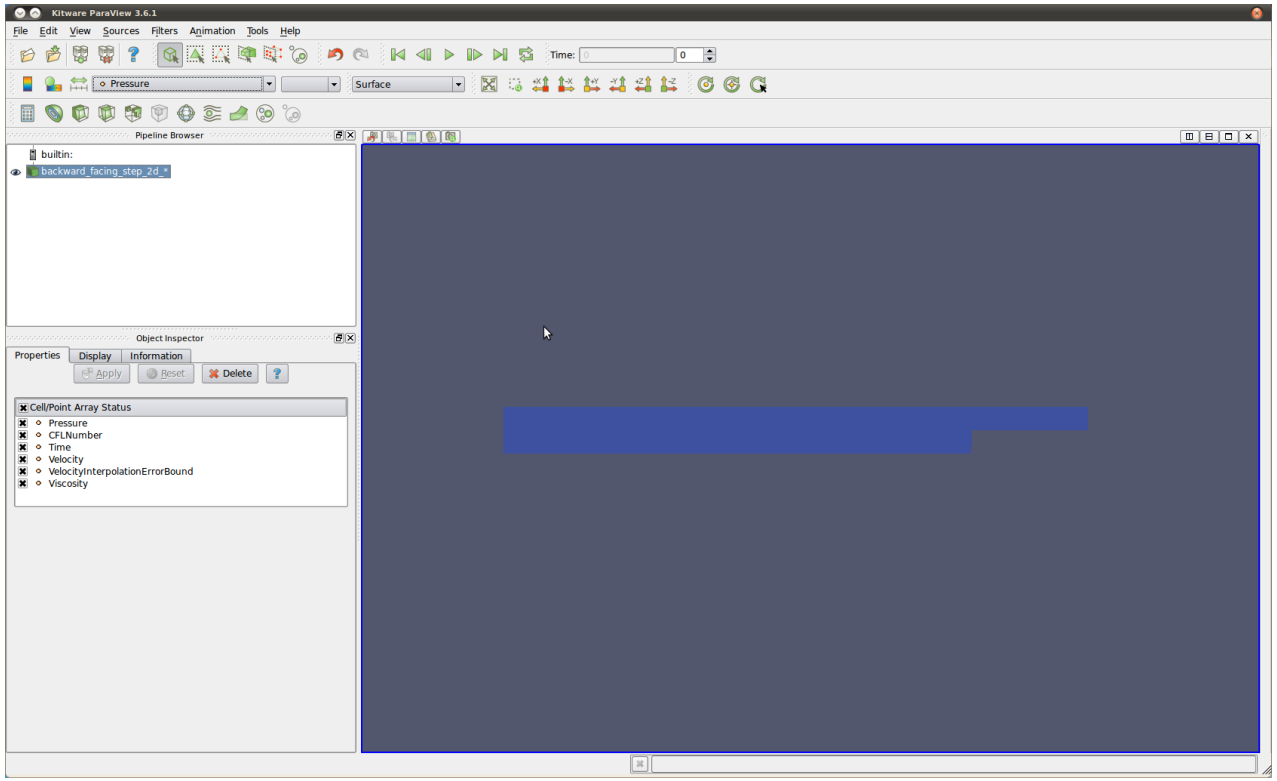
Paraview



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Paraview

- Right click: Zoom-in and out
- Left-click: rotate
- Middle-button: move
- Use the drop-down menu to change field
- Use the green arrow keys to change the timestep

You are likely to use Paraview a lot for visualisation of data and learning to use it well is a whole training course in itself. Please consult the Paraview tutorials for further practice and worked examples:

`www.paraview.org/Wiki/The_ParaView_Tutorial`

Python tools

- vtktools - read vtu files
- statparser - read stat files

Useful python modules

- numpy - numerical package, including arrays
- stats - linear regression, etc
- matplotlib - plotting 2- and 3-D

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Post-processing Python script

We have some read-made post-processing script to analyse the data we've copied locally.

To view the script, type "`gedit postprocessor_2d.py &`"

If you don't know Python very well, don't worry, it's a very popular and easy language to pick-up.

To run the script, type:

```
make postprocess TYPE=reference
```