Special Topics in CFD

DAY 6

A day started with OpenFOAM

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OpenFOAM - Introduction

- OpenFOAM® stands for **Open Source Field Operation and Manipulation**.
- OpenFOAM® is first and foremost a C++ library used to solve partial differential equations (PDEs), and ordinary differential equations (ODEs).
- It comes with several ready-to-use or out-of-the-box solvers, pre-processing utilities and post-processing utilities.
- It is licensed under the GNU General Public License (GPL).That means it is freely available and distributed with the source code.
- OpenFOAM (Version v2412) is implemented in Ubuntu (version 24.04)
- ParaView (version 5.1.0) for post-processing.

OpenFOAM – Directory Structure

1. *constant*: This directory contains the information which remains constant throughout the simulation. It contains the following:

    1.1 *polymesh*: Contains all the mesh information including:

    (a) points → nodal positions

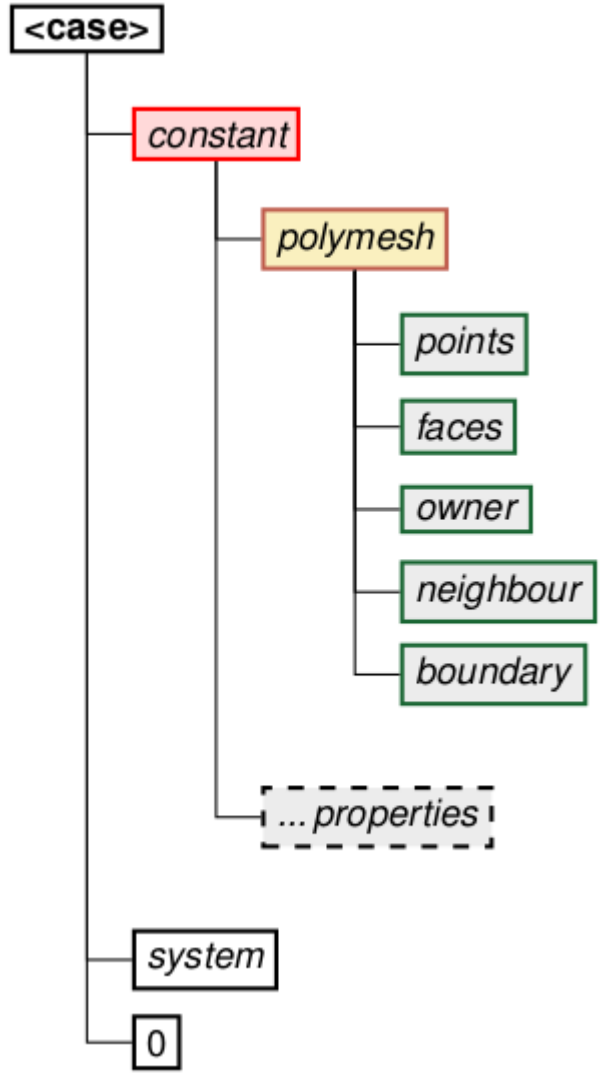
    (b) faces → face connectivity neighbor boundary

    (c) owner → owner cell labels

    (d) neighbor → neighbor cell labels

    (e) boundary → boundary information

    1.2 *properties*: Files which specify physical properties for a particular application. Eg: gravity, viscosity, thermal and transport properties etc.



OpenFOAM – Directory Structure

2. *system*: This directory contains all the parameters associated with the solution procedure. It contains at least the following files:

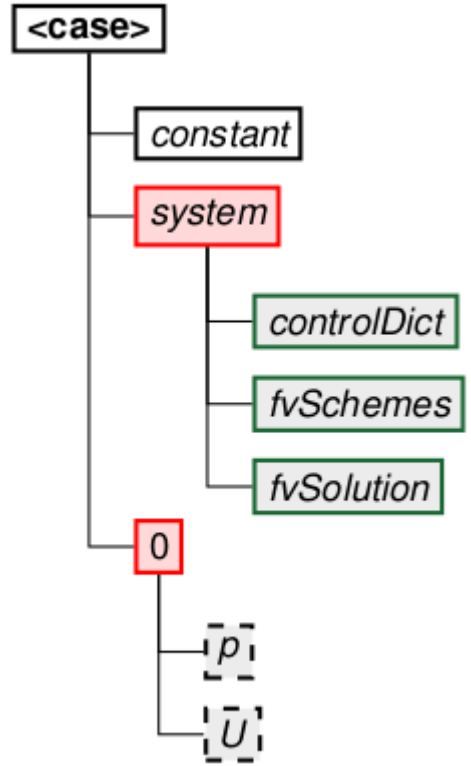
2.1 *blockmeshDict:*

The principle behind blockMesh is to **decompose the domain geometry** into a set of 1 or more three dimensional, hexahedral blocks. This section describes the **mesh generation utility**, blockMesh, supplied with **OpenFOAM**. The blockMesh utility creates parametric meshes with grading and curved edges. BlockMesh reads this dictionary, generates the mesh and writes out the mesh data to **points** and **faces**, **cells** and **boundary files** in the same directory.

2.2 *controlDict:* Specifies the run control parameters such as start/ end time, time step, write interval etc.

2.3 *fvSchemes:* Contains the finite volume discretization schemes used for the solution procedure such as spatial and temporal discretizations.

2.4 *fvSolution:* Contains equation solvers, algorithm controls and tolerances for the implicit solvers.



3. *0*: The '0' directory corresponds to zero time. It contains the initial and boundary conditions for variables (i.e. **pressure p**, **velocity U**) in individual files

CFD Developers

- Developers are the ones who write code on the back end.

- To make it simple for CFD amateur students, let's say ANSYS Fluent and Star CCM are written by developers (by writing code at the back end), so we could easily use them as black box (GUI) tools.

- Developers are the key to the development of technology.

Is it good to be a black box user or a developer ?

- A developer can handle anything from scratch. That brings confidence by capable of solving any puzzles.

- Understanding the logic is an art, so being a developer helps know exactly what and how to do.

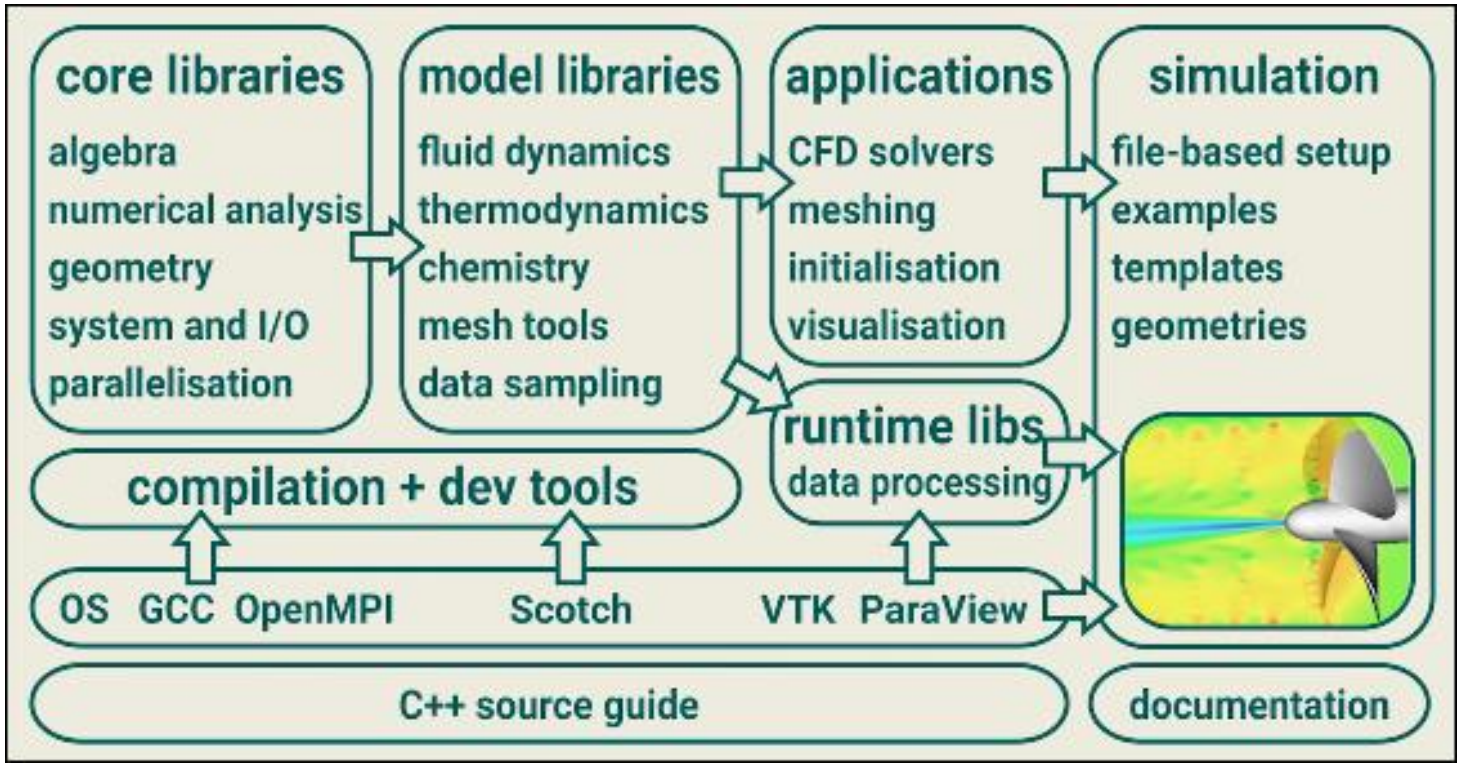
- It's good to be a black box user in the beginning to understand the basic ideas/physics, but in order to route your future, trust me, developers can handle it better.

How to grow as a developer ?

- Work with passion
- Face the hurdles and don’t get tired of it
- Never lose the joy of programming
- Test your skills in open-source projects
- Read code and do code reviews
- Learn from your colleagues and mentors
- Share your knowledge

How to grow as a developer ? → OpenFOAM

- OpenFOAM is a software framework (or toolbox) that you can use to develop Finite Volume Method based solvers for general continuum mechanics problems mostly for fluid flow and heat transfer.

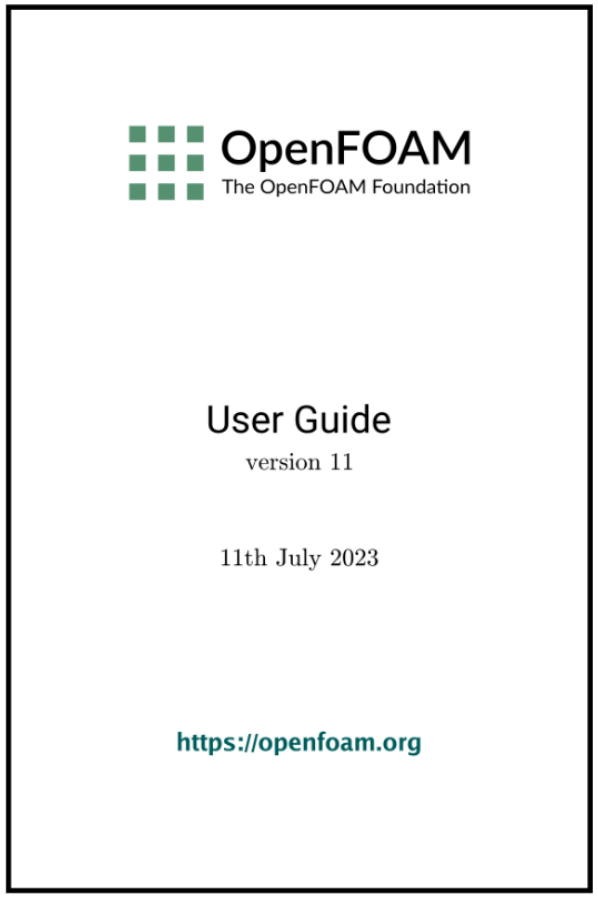


- It is a huge library of about 1.5 million lines of C++ code located in hundreds of files.

- You can use this toolbox to develop Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) solvers.

OpenFOAM User GUIDE

The OpenFOAM User Guide provides an introduction to OpenFOAM, through some basic tutorials, and some details about the general operation of OpenFOAM. OpenFOAM is a collection of approximately 150 applications built upon a collection of approximately 150 software libraries (modules).



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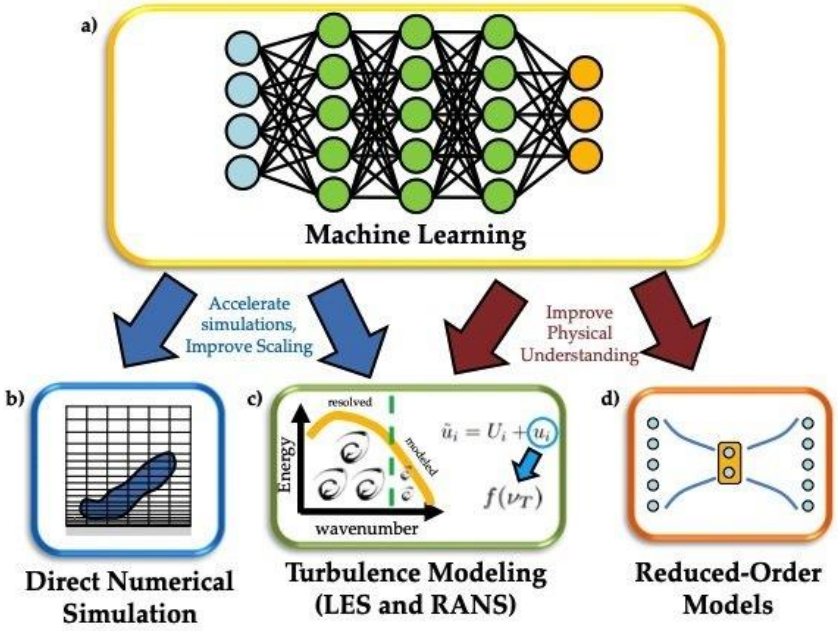
Machine Learning in CFD

By definition, machine learning is a branch of artificial intelligence (AI) and computer science that focuses on the use of data and algorithms to imitate the way that humans learn, gradually improving its accuracy.

To understand certain critical parameters in any physical phenomenon, data optimisation can be implemented by machine learning algorithms.

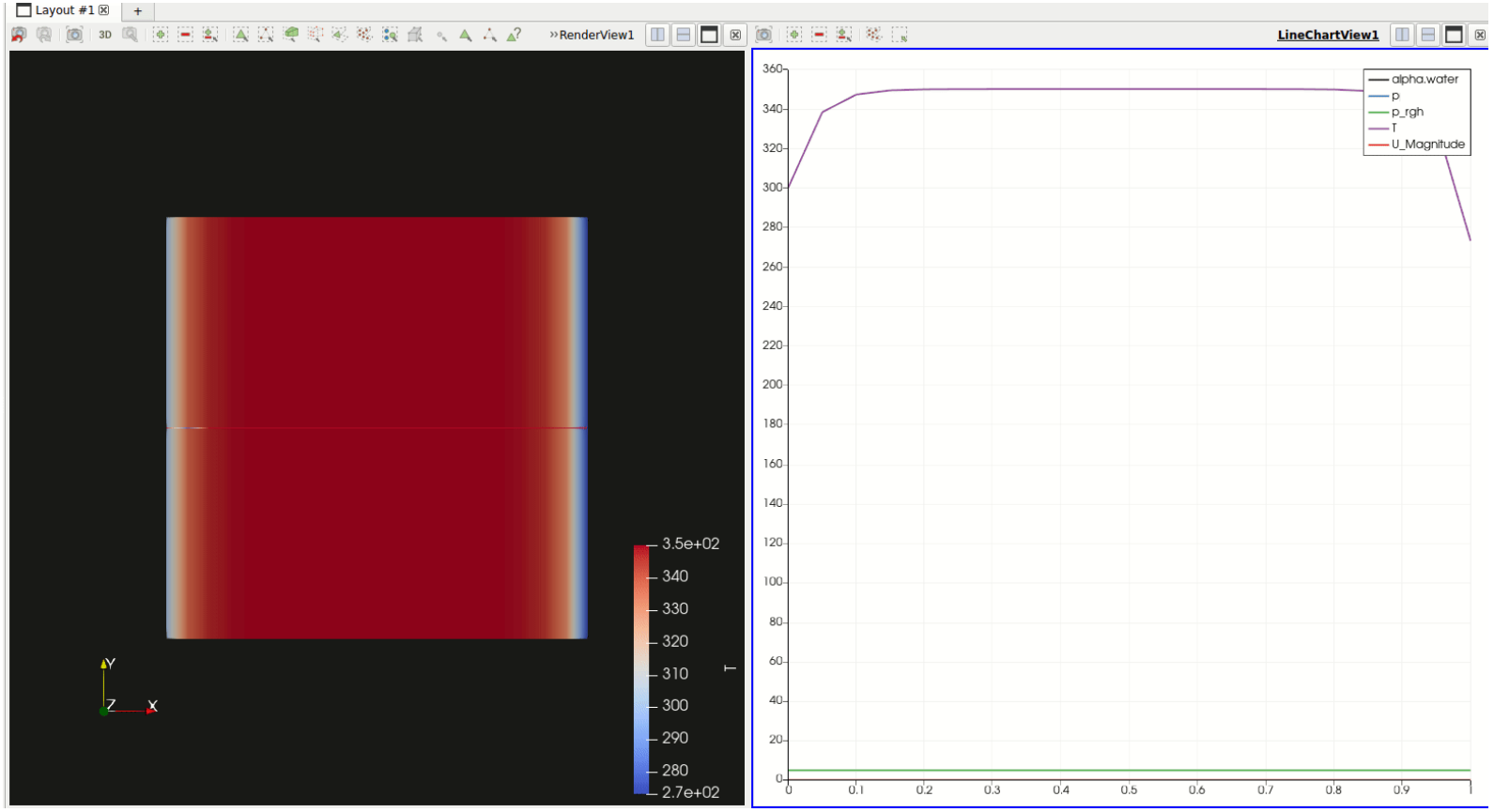
The data optimisation saves simulation time to interpret the phenomenon by improving accuracy. This is in the current developing stage of this technology world.

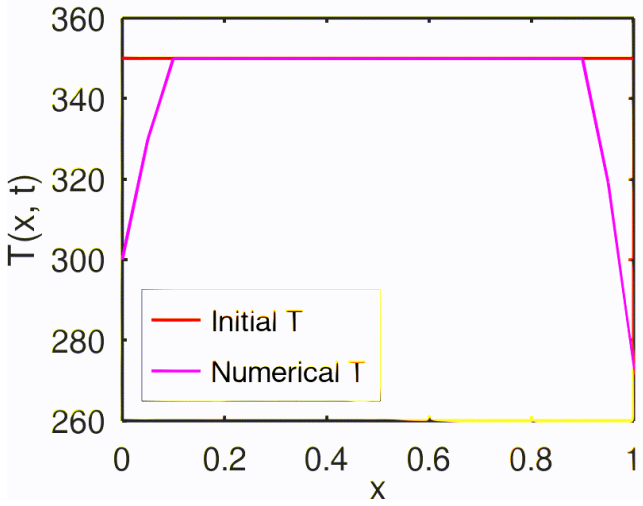
This improvisation will assist steel industry technologies in prospering and creating a better future.



OpenFOAM: Numerical Solution to Diffusion Equation

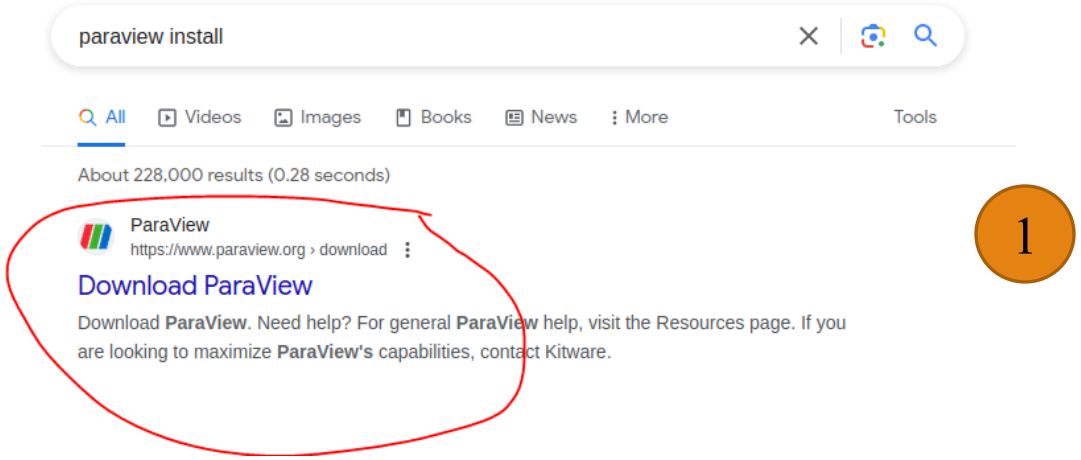
Paraview – Post Processing tool in OpenFOAM





$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

Install “Paraview”



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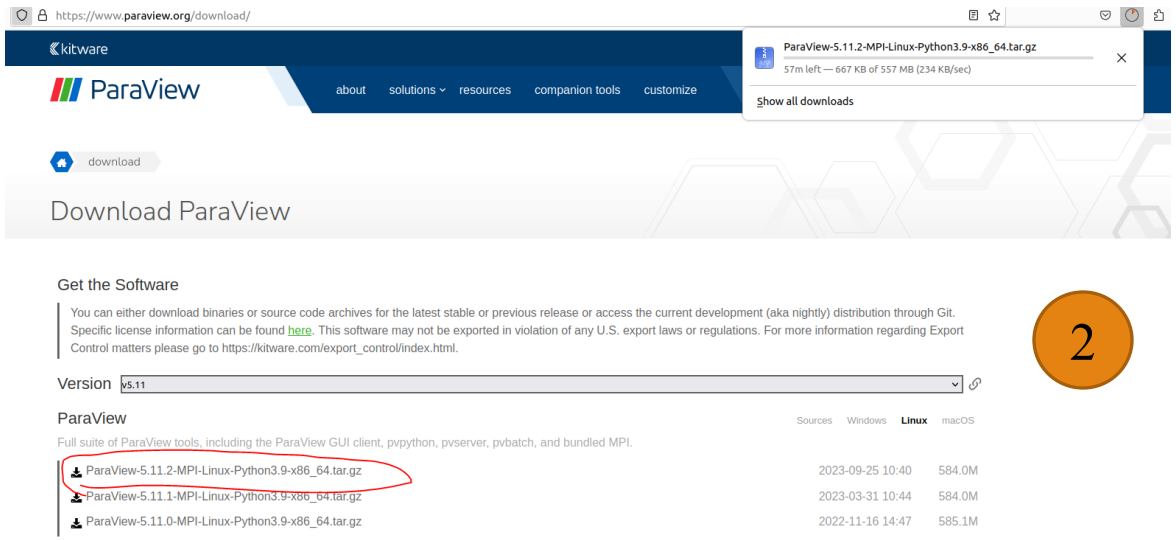

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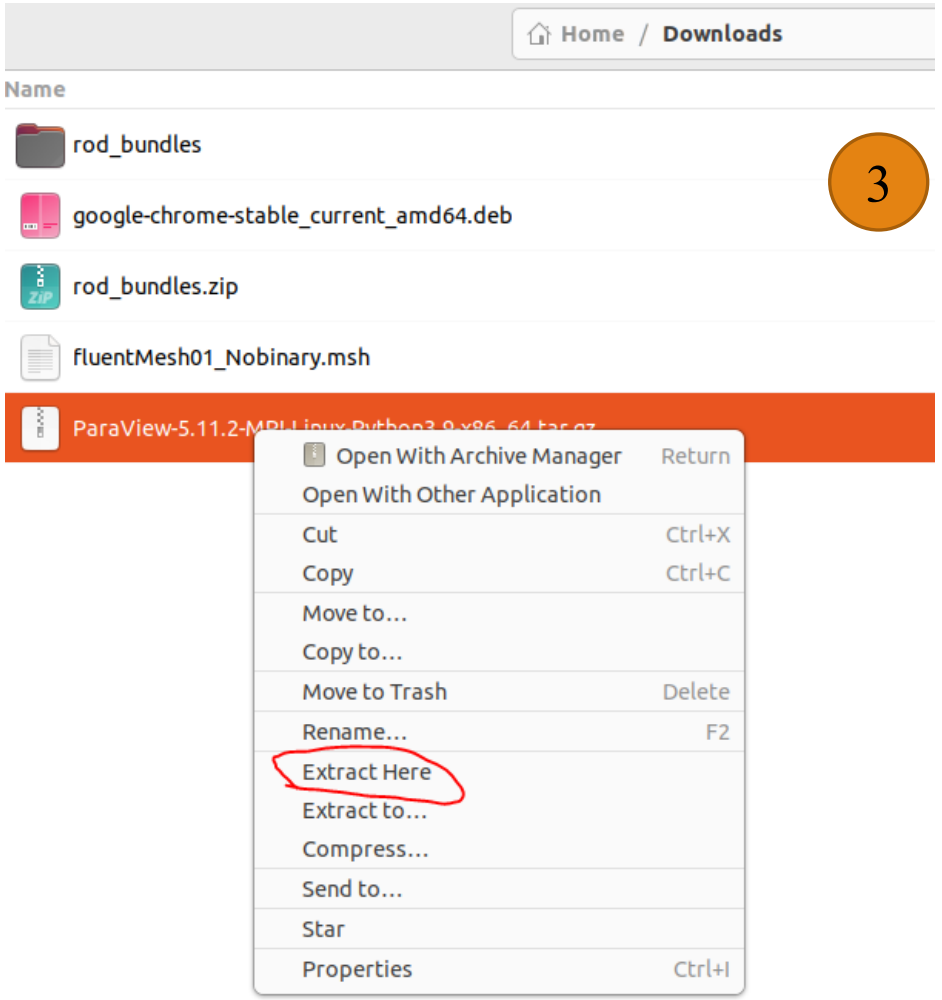

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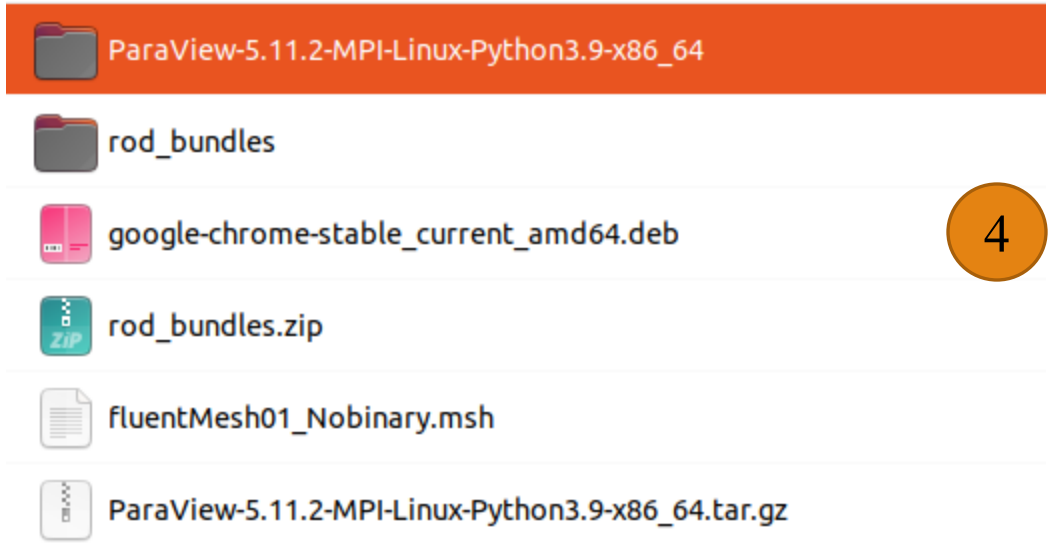

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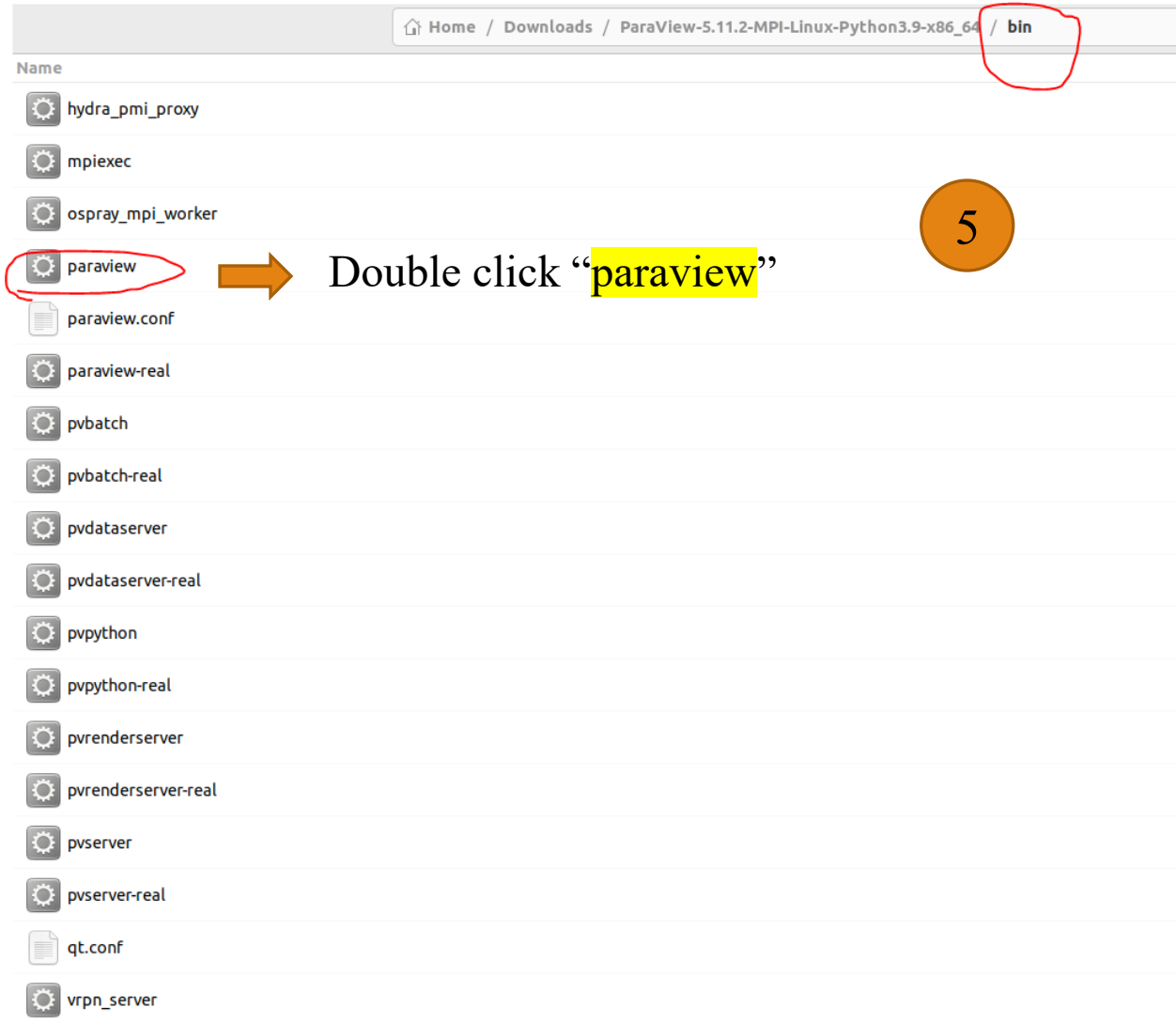

Double click “paraview”

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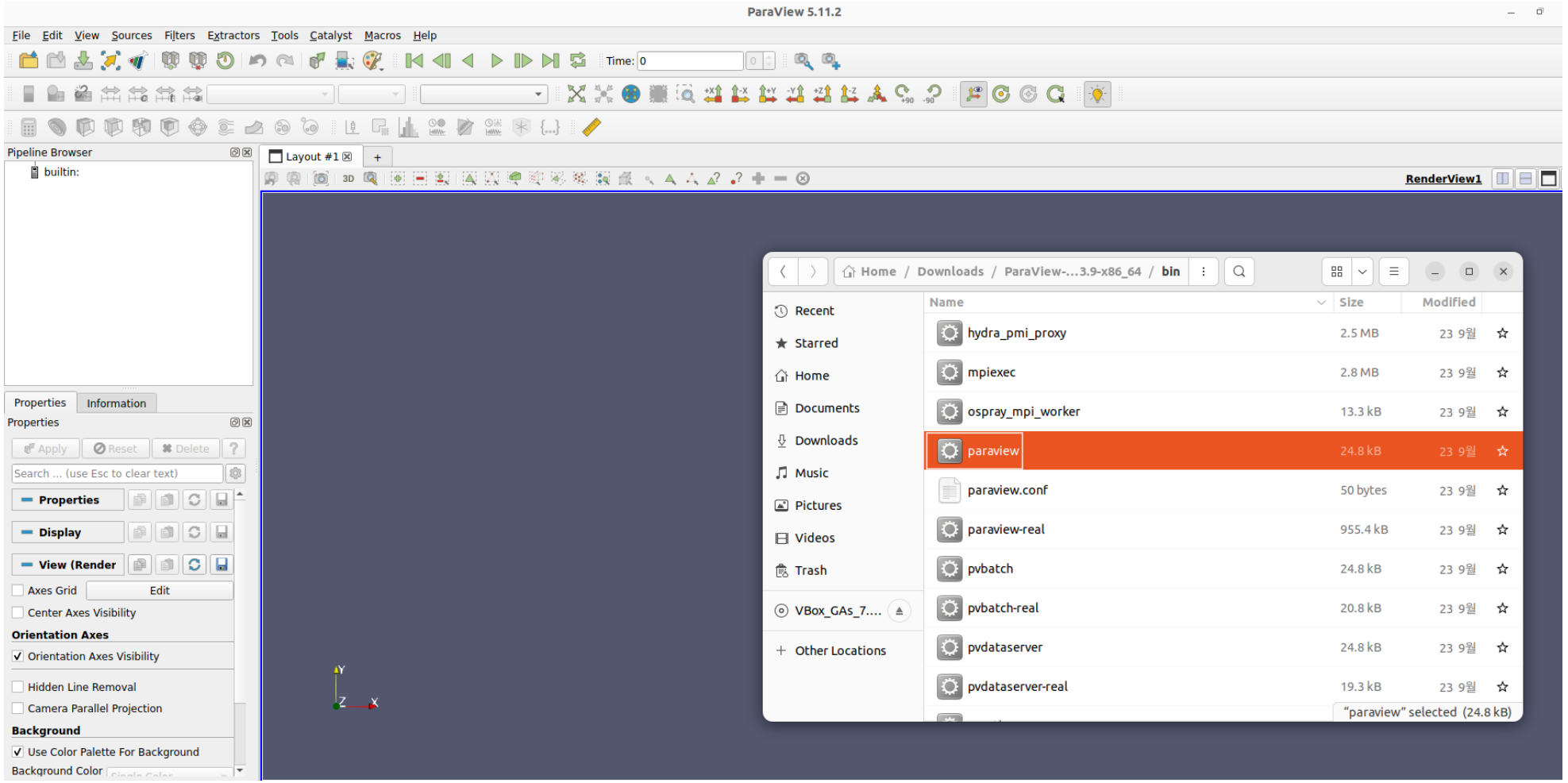
Open “Paraview” ➡ Used for post-processing your results



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DAY6_CFD.pptx	PPT and setup files
Readme.md	Create Readme.md

Readme.md

Project - 1: #7

solver file ➔ diffusionFoam/createFields.H

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

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Code | Blame | 49 lines (43 loc) · 846 Bytes | Code 55% faster with GitHub Copilot

```
1   Info<< "Reading field T\n" << endl;
2
3   volScalarField T
4   (
5       IOobject
6       (
7           "T",
8           runTime.timeName(),
9           mesh,
10          IOobject::MUST_READ,
11          IOobject::AUTO_WRITE
12      ),
13      mesh
14  );
15
16
17  Info<< "Reading diffusivity DT\n" << endl;
18
19  volScalarField DT
20  (
21      IOobject
22      (
23          "DT",
24          runTime.timeName(),
25          mesh,
26          IOobject::READ_IF_PRESENT,
27          IOobject::AUTO_WRITE
28      ),
29      mesh,
30      dimensionedScalar(dimViscosity, Zero)
31  );
```

Temperature “T” field is created

Diffusivity as a field created

solver file ➔ diffusionFoam/diffusionFoam.C

```
#include "fvCFD.H"
#include "fvOptions.H"
#include "simpleControl.H"

// * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * //

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    argList::addNote
    (
        "Laplace equation solver for a scalar quantity."
    );

    #include "postProcess.H"

    #include "addCheckCaseOptions.H"
    #include "setRootCaseLists.H"
    #include "createTime.H"
    #include "createMesh.H"

    simpleControl simple(mesh);

    #include "createFields.H"

    // * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * //

    Info<< "\nCalculating temperature distribution\n" << endl;

    while (simple.loop())
    {
        Info<< "Time = " << runTime.timeName() << nl << endl;

        while (simple.correctNonOrthogonal())
        {
            fvScalarMatrix TEqn
            (
                fvm::ddt(T) - fvm::laplacian(DT, T)
             ==
                fvOptions(T)
            );

            fvOptions.constrain(TEqn);
            TEqn.solve();
            fvOptions.correct(T);
        }

        //#include "write.H"
        runTime.write();

        runTime.printExecutionTime(Info);
    }

    Info<< "End\n" << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Necessary “header” files

Matrix is created to solve “FVM”

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

Compile diffusionFoam “solver”

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

```
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openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation$ ls
CASE1_diffusionFOAM  diffusionFoam
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openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation$ cd diffusionFoam/
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/diffusionFoam$
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/diffusionFoam$
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/diffusionFoam$ wmake
Making dependencies: diffusionFoam.C
g++ -std=c++11 -m64 -pthread -DOPENFOAM=2306 -DWM_DP -DWM_LABEL_SIZE=32 -Wall -Wextra -Wold-style-cast -Wnon-virtual-dtor -Wno-unused-parameter -Wno-invalid-offsetof -Wno-attributes -Wno-unknown-pragmas -
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    -lfiniteVolume -lfvOptions -lmeshTools -lOpenFOAM -ldl  \
    -lm -o /home/openfoam/OpenFOAM/openfoam-v2306/platforms/linux64GccDPInt32Opt/bin/diffusionFoam
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/diffusionFoam$
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Compiled “diffusionFoam“ solver

case file

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

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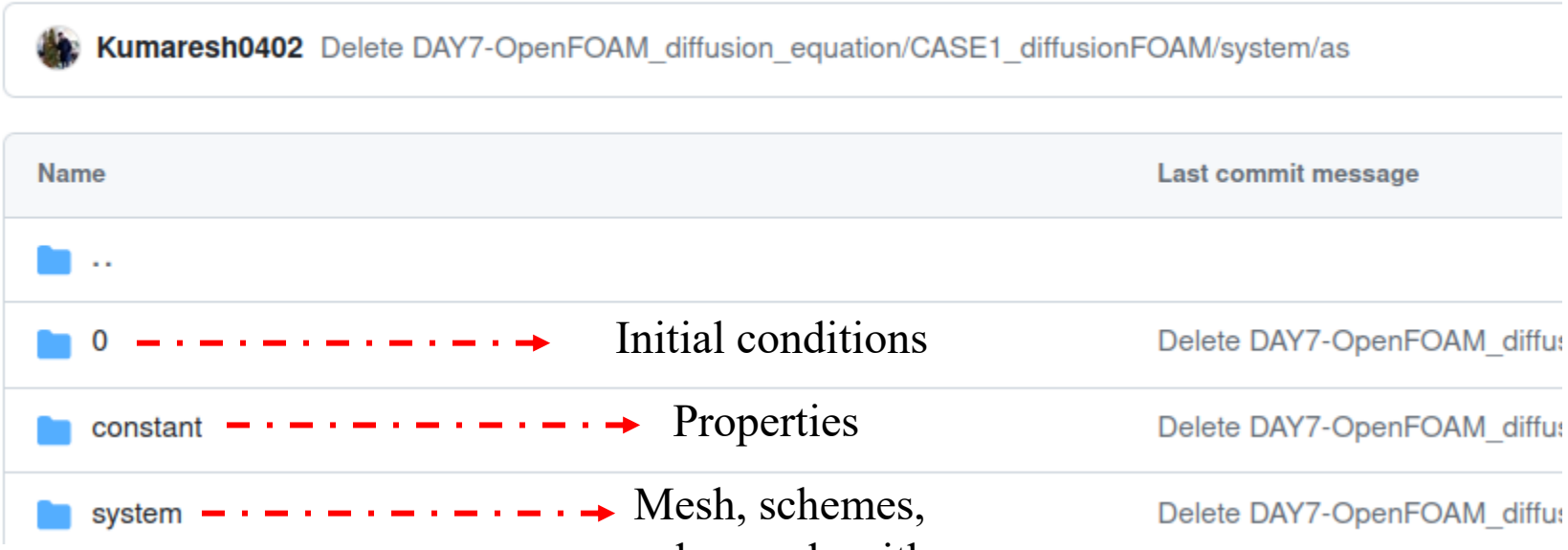

Compile the “case” file named – **CASE1_diffusionFOAM**

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openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/CASE1_diffusionFOAM$ blockMesh
/*---------------------------------------------------------------------------*\
| =========                 |                                                 |
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|  \\    /   O peration     | Version:  2306                                  |
|   \\  /    A nd           | Website:  www.openfoam.com                      |
|    \\/     M anipulation  |                                                 |
\*---------------------------------------------------------------------------*/
Build  : a6e826bd55-20230630 OPENFOAM=2306 version=v2306
Arch   : "LSB;label=32;scalar=64"
Exec   : blockMesh
Date   : Oct 23 2023
Time   : 16:04:30
Host   : openfoam
PID    : 80174
I/O    : uncollated
Case   : /home/openfoam/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/CASE1_diffusionFOAM
nProcs : 1
trapFpe: Floating point exception trapping enabled (FOAM_SIGFPE).
fileModificationChecking : Monitoring run-time modified files using timeStampMaster (fileModificationSkew 5, maxFileModificationPolls 20)
allowSystemOperations : Allowing user-supplied system call operations

// * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * //
Create time

Creating block mesh from "system/blockMeshDict"
Creating block edges
No non-planar block faces defined
Creating topology blocks

Creating topology patches - from boundary section
```

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```
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/CASE1_diffusionFOAM$ diffusionFoam
/*---------------------------------------------------------------------------*\
| =========                 |                                                 |
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|  \\    /   O peration     | Version:  2306                                  |
|   \\  /    A nd           | Website:  www.openfoam.com                      |
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Exec   : diffusionFoam
Date   : Oct 23 2023
Time   : 16:06:31
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PID    : 80220
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nProcs : 1
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// * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * //
Create time

Create mesh for time = 0


SIMPLE: no convergence criteria found. Calculations will run for 0.1 steps.

Reading field T

Reading diffusivity DT

No finite volume options present

Calculating temperature distribution

Time = 0.001

DICPCG:  Solving for T, Initial residual = 1, Final residual = 1.90148e-16, No Iterations 1
DICPCG:  Solving for T, Initial residual = 3.21798e-15, Final residual = 3.21798e-15, No Iterations 0
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openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/CASE1_diffusionFOAM$ ls
0      0.004  0.008  0.012  0.016  0.02   0.024  0.028  0.032  0.036  0.04   0.044  0.048  0.052  0.056  0.06   0.064  0.068  0.072  0.076  0.08   0.084  0.088  0.092  0.096  0.1
0.001  0.005  0.009  0.013  0.017  0.021  0.025  0.029  0.033  0.037  0.041  0.045  0.049  0.053  0.057  0.061  0.065  0.069  0.073  0.077  0.081  0.085  0.089  0.093  0.097  constant
0.002  0.006  0.01   0.014  0.018  0.022  0.026  0.03   0.034  0.038  0.042  0.046  0.05   0.054  0.058  0.062  0.066  0.07   0.074  0.078  0.082  0.086  0.09   0.094  0.098  diffusion.foam
0.003  0.007  0.011  0.015  0.019  0.023  0.027  0.031  0.035  0.039  0.043  0.047  0.051  0.055  0.059  0.063  0.067  0.071  0.075  0.079  0.083  0.087  0.091  0.095  0.099  system
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/CASE1_diffusionFOAM$
openfoam@openfoam:~/Downloads/ComputationalThermalEngineering-main/DAY7-OpenFOAM_diffusion_equation/CASE1_diffusionFOAM$
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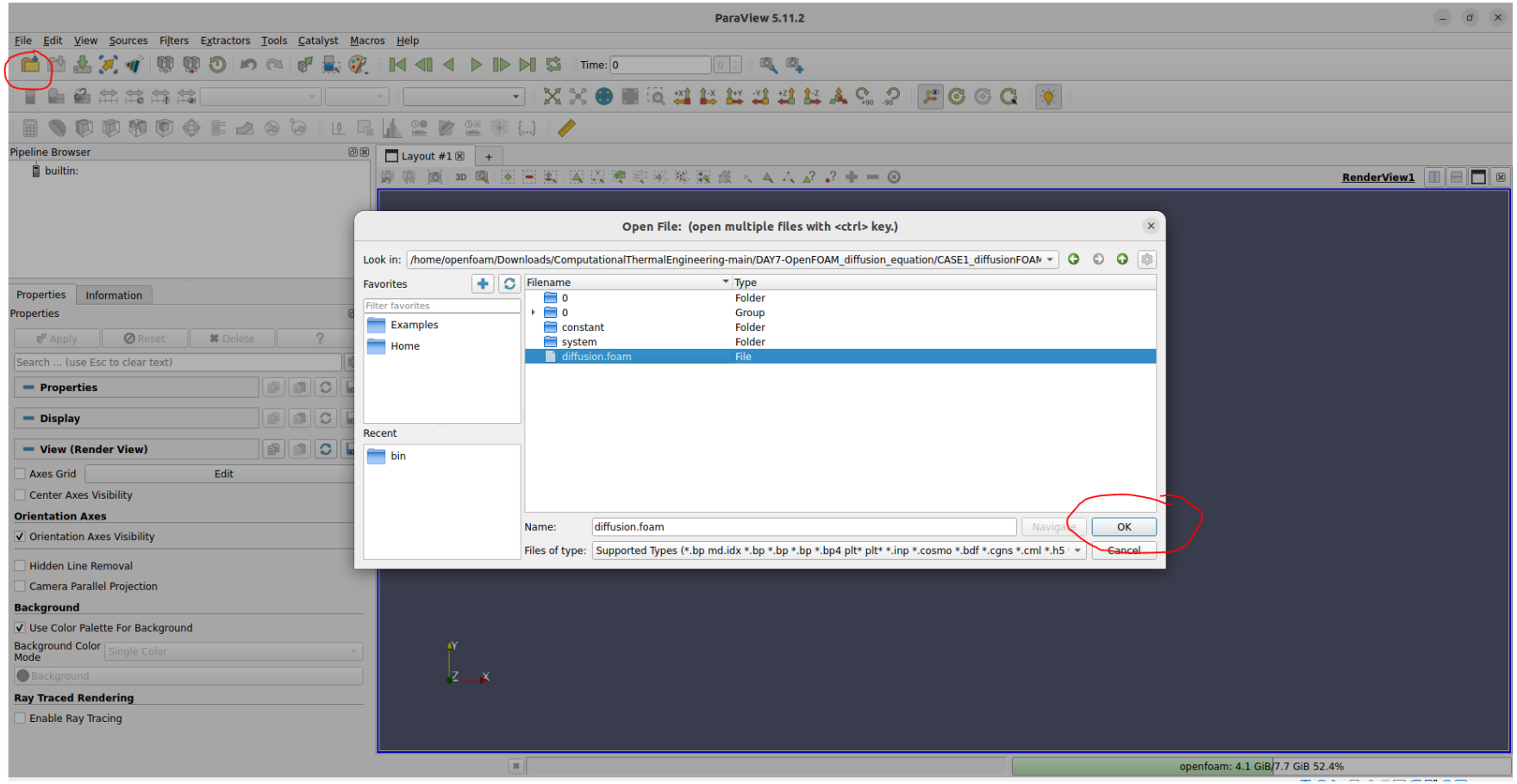
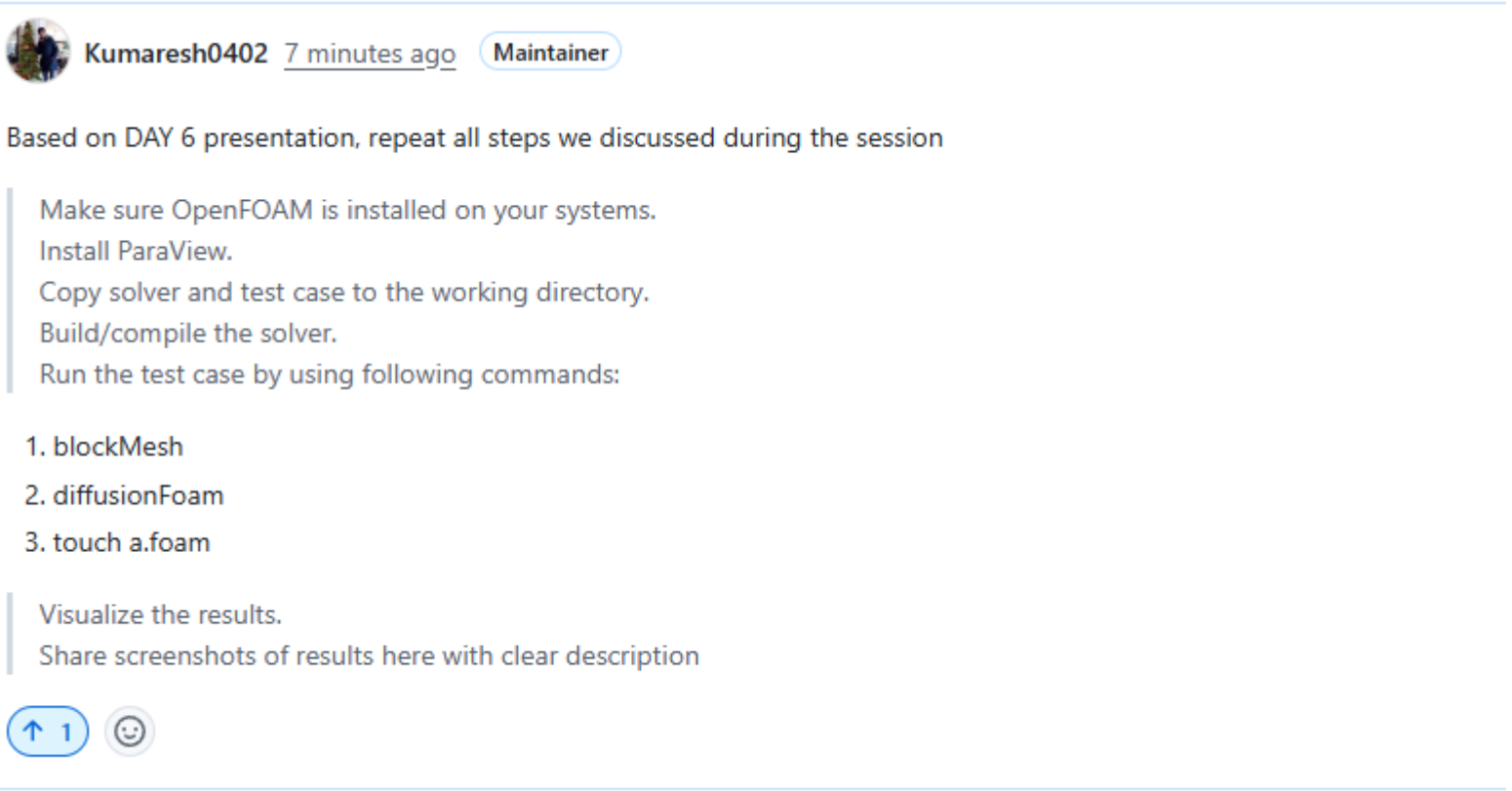
Open the “case” in paraview



Project – 1 (Diffusion Equation using OpenFOAM)

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \alpha \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$



Kumaresh0402 7 minutes ago **Maintainer**

Based on DAY 6 presentation, repeat all steps we discussed during the session

> Make sure OpenFOAM is installed on your systems.
> Install ParaView.
> Copy solver and test case to the working directory.
> Build/compile the solver.
> Run the test case by using following commands:

1. blockMesh
2. diffusionFoam
3. touch a.foam

> Visualize the results.
> Share screenshots of results here with clear description

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