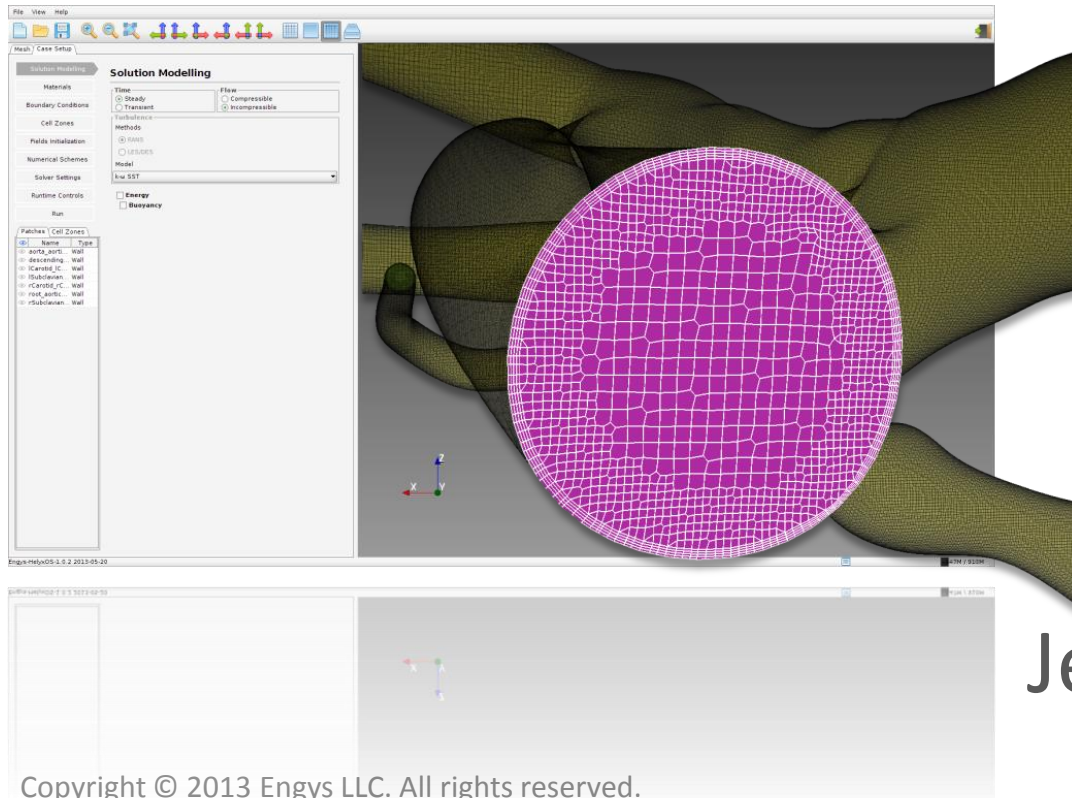


# A Concise Introduction to Pre-Processing, Meshing, and Running OpenFOAM® Cases with HELYX-OS



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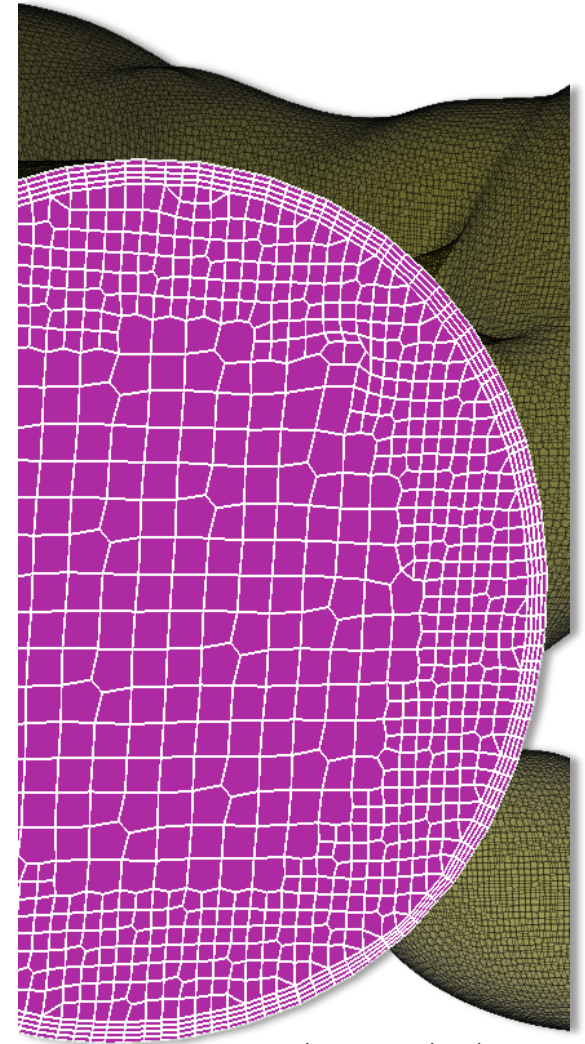
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Mesh generated with HELYX™

# Before we Begin

To take part in hands-on portion of training

- Must have HELYX-OS installed (Already on workshot virtual Machine)
- Download patch and training material from <https://sourceforge.net/projects/helyx-os/files>

- Material includes presentations “Training\_material.zip”
- Install patch where directory “Engys/HelyxOS/v1.0.2” is located with

```
tar xvjf 20130610-Engys-HelyxOS-1.0.2-linux-x86_64-PATCH.tar.bz2
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**Enjoy!**

# HELYX-OS | Capability Overview

## What is HELYX-OS?

An Open Source pre-processor for:

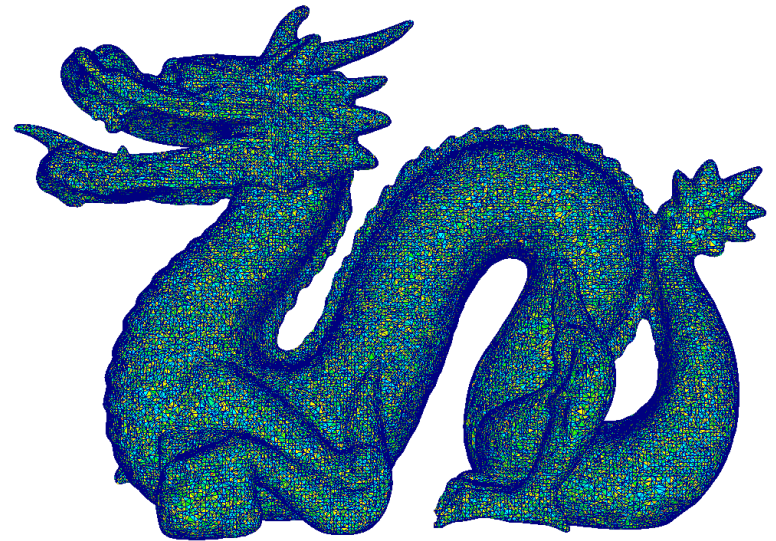
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Creating Meshes

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Running Solvers

Geometries in  
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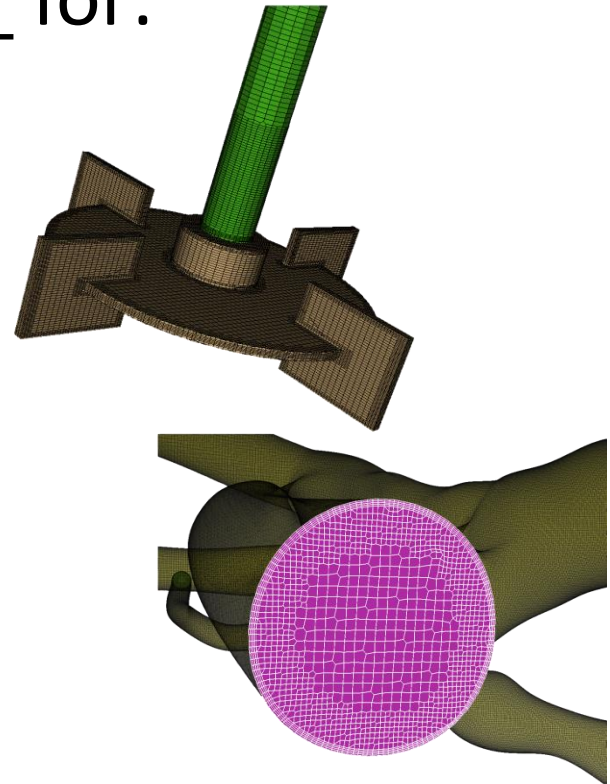
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Using the `snappyHexMesh` utility

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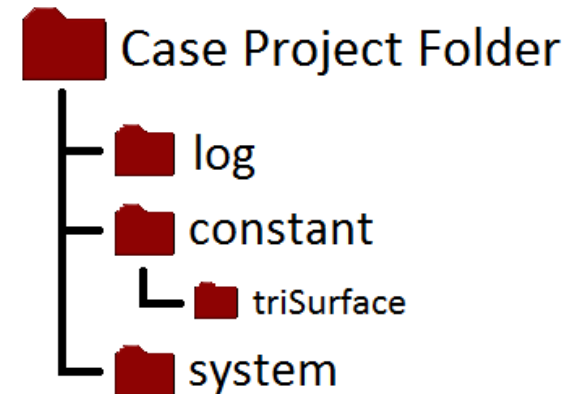
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Setup file structure and dictionaries



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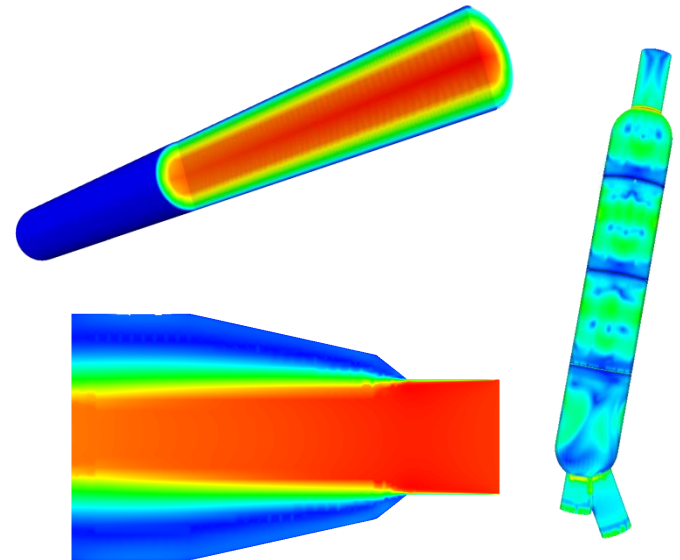
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**Running Solvers**



RANS, LES, Thermal, MRF, Porous...



# HELYX-OS | Capability Overview

## -Details and Compatibility-

- Written in Java, leveraging VTK
  - Provided in compiled 64 bit versions
- Currently in v1.0.2
  - Support for OpenFOAM® version 2.2.x
  - Available for free download on Sourceforge
- Derived from HELYX™ and Related to ELEMENTS™



- ✓ Enhanced Solvers + BCs
- ✓ Enhanced Meshing
- ✓ More Functionality
- ✓ Full User Support
- ✓ Documentation



- ✓ Specifically for Automotive
- ✓ Meshing + simulation best practices
- ✓ Full Suite of tools
- ✓ Full User Support



# HELYX-OS | Capability Overview - Physics

## Solvers supported for specific flow types

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### Incompressible

`simpleFoam` and `pimpleFoam` with `fvOptions` for MRF and porous flows, `pisoFoam`

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### Compressible

`rhoSimpleFoam` and `rhoPimpleFoam` with `fvOptions` for MRF and porous flows

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### Heat Transfer and Bouyancy Driven

`buoyantBoussinesqSimpleFoam`, `buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam`, and `buoyantSimpleFoam` or `buoyantPimpleFoam` with `fvOptions` for MRF and porous flows

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# HELYX-OS | Capability Overview - Physics

## Reynolds Average Simulations

### Incompressible

Standard ke

K- $\omega$  SST

Spalart-Allmaras

Realizable k- $\epsilon$

RNG k- $\epsilon$

Non-linear Shih k- $\epsilon$

Lien Cubic k- $\epsilon$

Launder-Sharma k- $\epsilon$

Lam Bremhorst k- $\epsilon$

Lien Cubic Low Re k- $\epsilon$

Lien-Leschziner Low Re k- $\epsilon$

qZeta

V2f

laminar

### Compressible

Standard k- $\epsilon$

K- $\omega$  SST

Spalart-Allmaras

Realizable k- $\epsilon$

RNG k-epsilon

Launder-Sharma k- $\epsilon$

laminar

## LES and DES Simulations

### Incompressible

Spalart-Allmaras (DES, DDES, IDES)

Smagorinsky (variants)

K-Equation (variants)

### Compressible

Spalart-Allmaras (DES)

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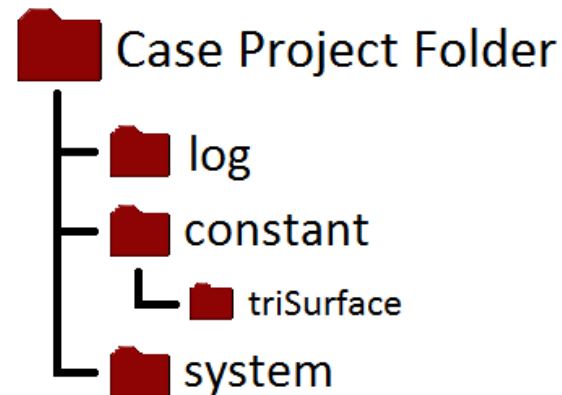
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# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

## Create the Case

## Meshing

- Parent folder definition and case directories are setup.
- Dictionaries are defined



# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

## Meshing

Create the Case

**Define a Base Mesh**

- A blockMeshDict is created to provide a base mesh for snappyHexMesh

# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

## Meshing

Create the Case

Define a Base Mesh

**Advanced Settings**

- Geometries are imported
- Refinement surface and layer addition controls defined
- `snappyHexMesh` is setup and run

# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

## Import the Mesh

## Case Setup

- The mesh just created is imported and ready for setup
- Cannot go back to redo the mesh at this point



# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

Import the Mesh

Physics

Case Setup

- The state of the simulation is set
  - Turbulent (RANS or LES)
  - Energy
  - Steady-state or Transient

# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

**Import the Mesh**

**Physics**

**Boundary  
Conditions**

## Case Setup

- The boundary conditions are set for each patch
  - Predetermined list
  - Some are set by HELYX-OS

# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

**Import the Mesh**

**Physics**

**Boundary  
Conditions**

**Numerical**

## Case Setup

- Divergence schemes are set
  - Time and gradient schemes are set by HELYX-OS
- Initial conditions are set

# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

**Import the Mesh**

**Physics**

**Boundary  
Conditions**

**Numerical**

**Control**

## Case Setup

- Solution control is set
  - Time steps
  - Write steps
  - Courant Number
  - Write precision

# HELYX-OS | Workflow Walkthrough

## Case Setup

**Import the Mesh**

**Physics**

**Boundary  
Conditions**

**Numerical**

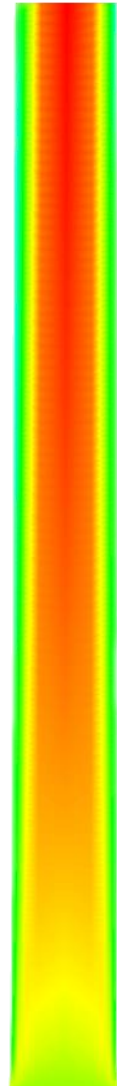
**Control**

**Run**

- The solver based on the physics selected is run automatically

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# Hands-On Examples

## Before you begin....

- Read from left to right, top to bottom
- Later cases leave out introductory material
- Meshes are left under-resolved and thus will poorly converge
- Cases are meant give you the ability to run simulations, but “inspire” you to pursue further
- We will go through the first tutorial and then you are left on your own to choose one of the other two for the duration.
- Text in **red** are meant to be “actions”
- Text in **Courier Font** are applications to be run in the terminal or names of applications



# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

## Overall Goal

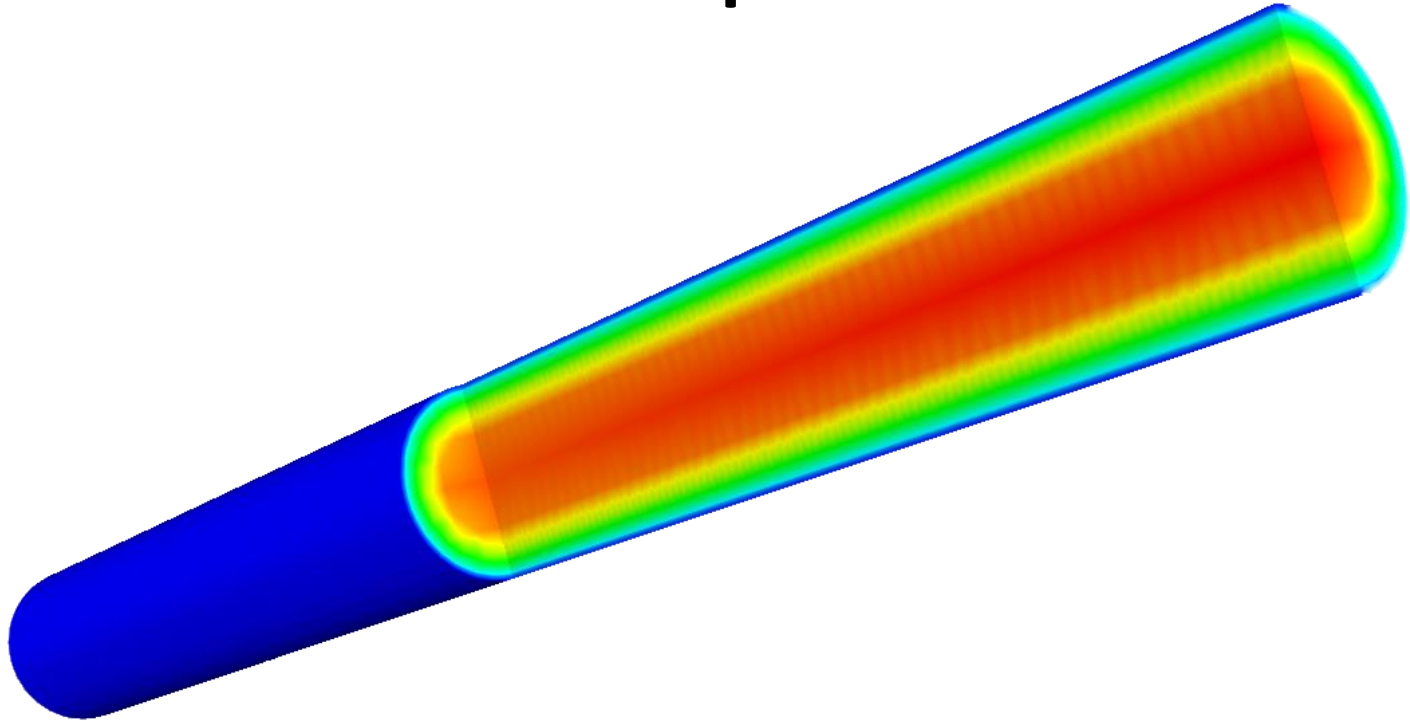
- To introduce basic HELYX-OS workflow
- Model incompressible laminar pipe flow

## Skills Obtained

- ✓ Defining mesh primitives
- ✓ Configuring meshing parameters
- ✓ Defining properties and incompressible laminar physics
- ✓ Defining boundary conditions and solution control
- ✓ Meshing a geometry and executing a solver

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

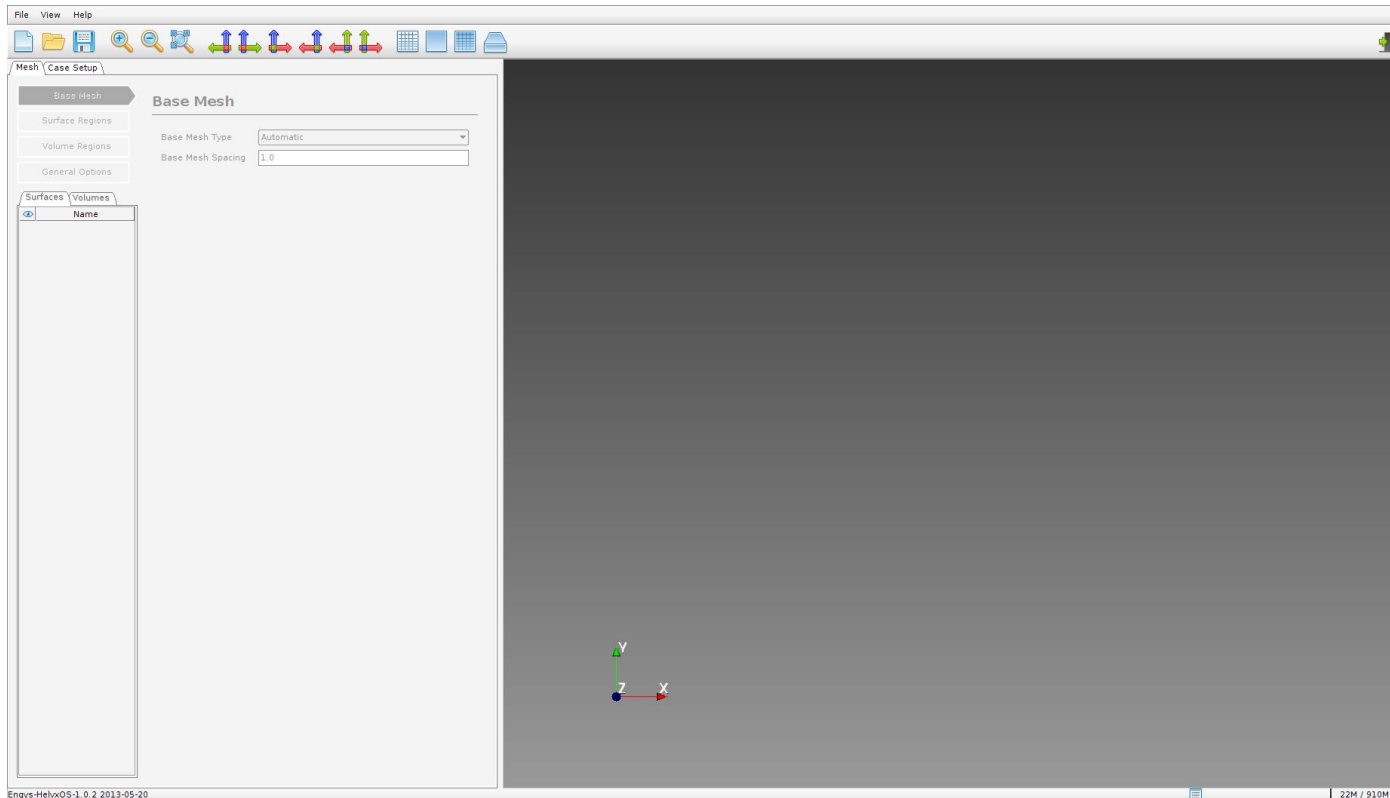
## Laminar Pipe Flow



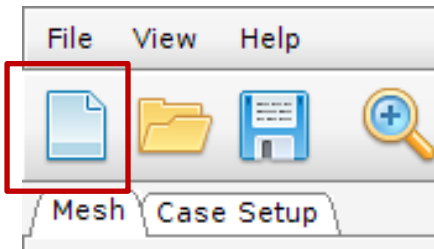
**We want to create the geometry directly in HELYX-OS, mesh the tube and execute a solver**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

1. Open a terminal (control + alt + t)
2. Type `helixOS . sh` in the shell command line



# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



**3. Click the “blank paper” icon to create a new case**

## Parallel Cases

A dialog box for setting up a parallel case. It contains the following fields: 'Case Name' with the text 'pipeFlow'; 'Parent Folder' with the path '/home/dcombest/OpenFOAM/dcomb' and a browse button; 'Parallel' with a checked checkbox; 'Processors' with the value '4'; and 'Hierarchy' with three sub-fields for 'x', 'y', and 'z' containing the values '2', '2', and '1' respectively. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. Red arrows point from the explanatory text to the 'Parent Folder', 'Parallel' checkbox, and 'Processors' fields.

Select the parent folder for the cases.

Possible to select “parallel”, number of processors, and simple decomposition parameters

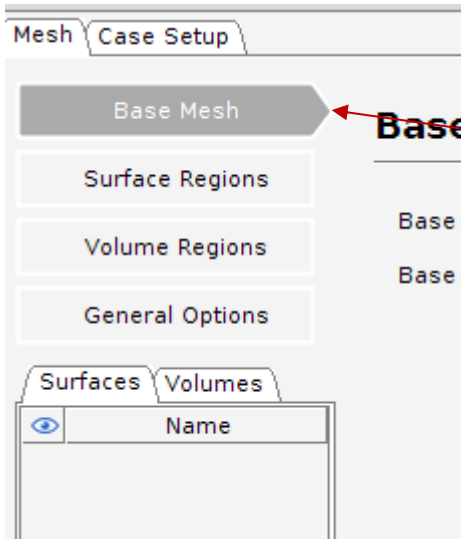
## Serial Cases

A dialog box for setting up a serial case. It contains the following fields: 'Case Name' with the text 'pipeFlow' (highlighted with a blue selection box); 'Parent Folder' with the path '/home/dcombest/OpenFOAM/dcomb' and a browse button; 'Parallel' with an unchecked checkbox; 'Processors' with the value '1'; and 'Hierarchy' with three sub-fields for 'x', 'y', and 'z' containing the values '1', '1', and '1' respectively. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. A red arrow points from the explanatory text to the 'Case Name' field.

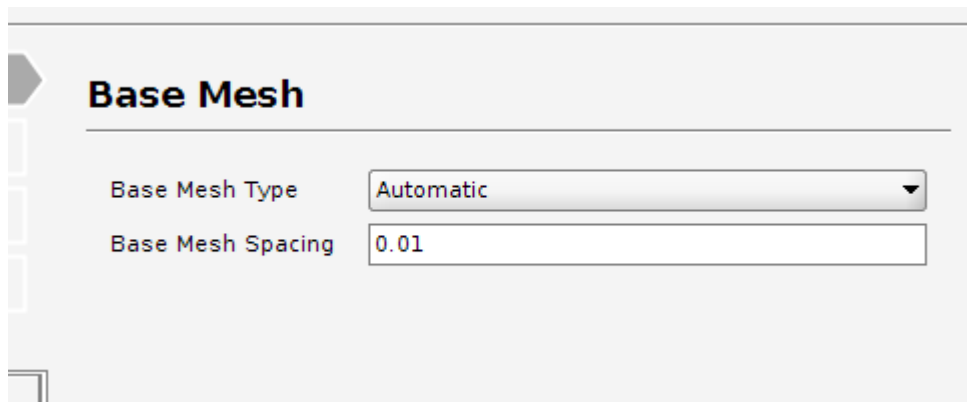
**4. Call the case “pipeFlow” and select a Parent folder.**

**5. Leave the case as serial and Click “OK”**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



The “Base Mesh” tab is where we define the base mesh used by snappyHexMesh to create a geometry and is selected by default when a case is defined



By default, the method is set to automatic and HELYX-OS generates a blockMeshDict for you.

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

**Base Mesh**

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Base Mesh Type:

	X	Y	Z
Min	<input type="text" value="-0.2"/>	<input type="text" value="0.25"/>	<input type="text" value="-0.2"/>
Max	<input type="text" value="0.2"/>	<input type="text" value="2.25"/>	<input type="text" value="0.2"/>
Number of Elements	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/>

You may also define a base mesh bounding box with intervals in the x, y, and z-direction.

**6. Select “User Defined” and enter these setting for this case**

- Ideally, create a mesh where cells are perfect cubes i.e.

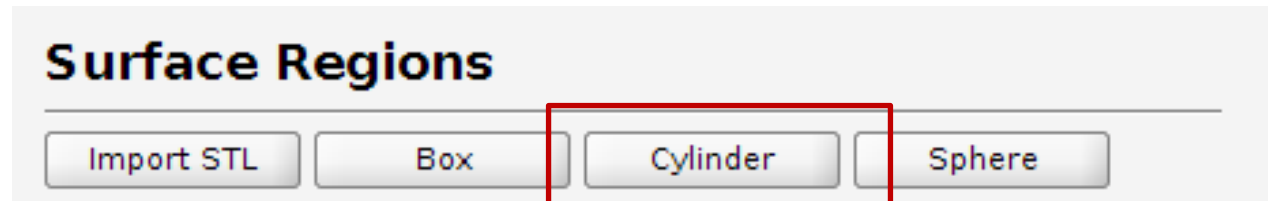
$$\frac{|maxX - minX|}{n_x} = \frac{|maxY - minY|}{n_y} = \frac{|maxZ - minZ|}{n_z}$$

- snappyHexMesh will yield better meshes

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



**7. Select the “Surface Regions” tab**



We are interested in creating a pipe geometry and internal mesh. **8. Select the “cylinder” primitive shape**

**Cylinder**

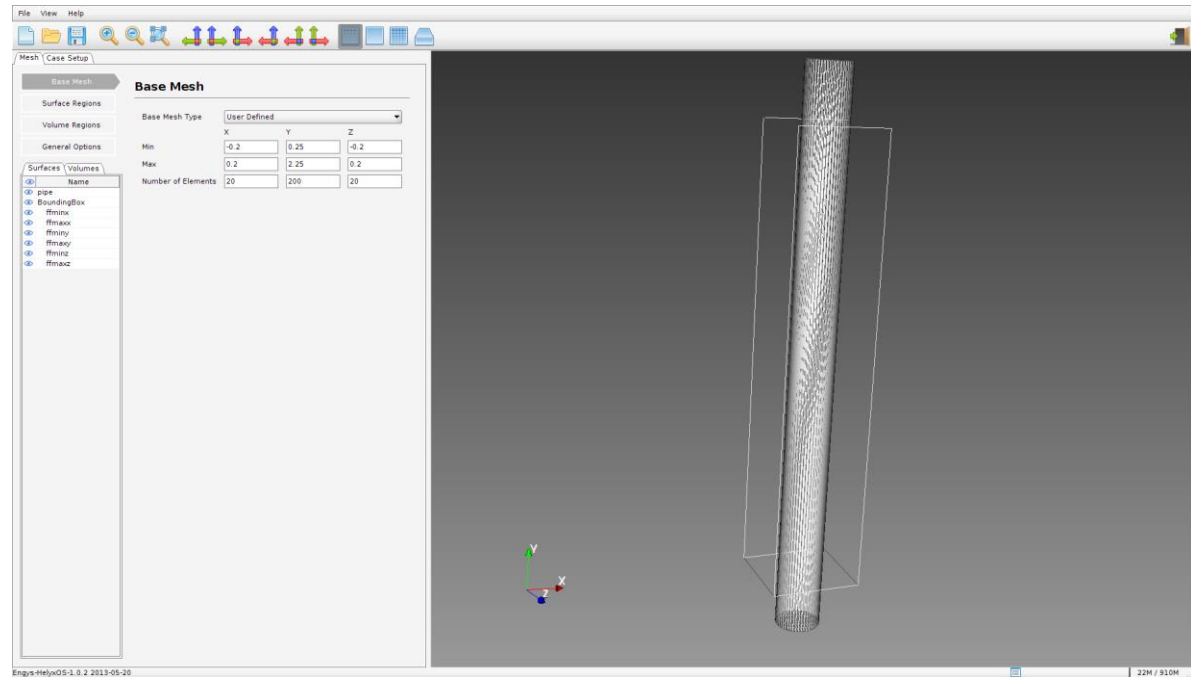
Cylinder Name

	X	Y	Z
Point 1	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>
Point 2	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	<input type="text" value="2.5"/>	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>
Radius	<input type="text" value="0.1"/>		

**9. Define the pipe geometry with a length of 2.5 m in the y-direction and a radius of 0.1 m**

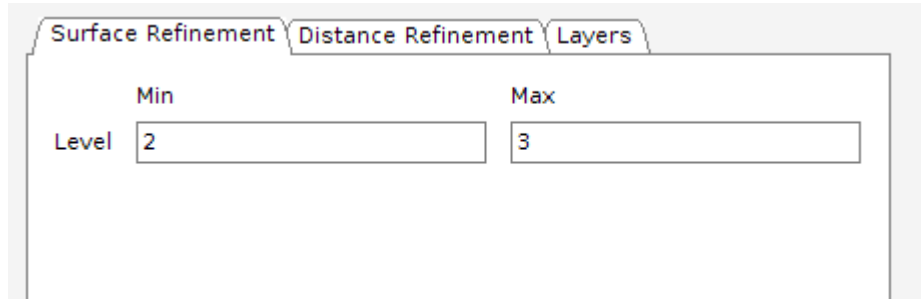


# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



- Both surface geometry and base mesh box should appear
- We “cut off” the geometry so snappy creates multiple BCs
- Allows use of primitive shapes

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



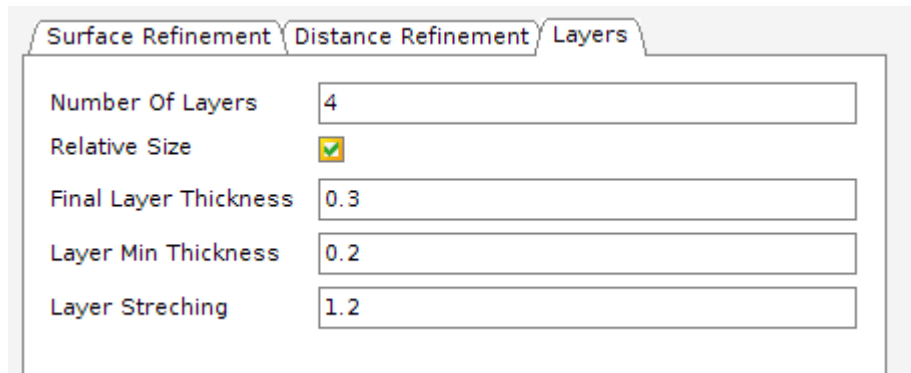
Surface Refinement Distance Refinement Layers

Min Max

Level 2 3

Below the “Surface Regions” definition for the cylinder, is the “surface refinement” tab. This defines how much refinement is performed with respect to the base mesh and “feature angle”. A higher number results in a finer mesh around a feature.

**10. Enter 2 and 3 for min and max**



Surface Refinement Distance Refinement Layers

Number Of Layers 4

Relative Size ☒

Final Layer Thickness 0.3

Layer Min Thickness 0.2

Layer Stretching 1.2

**11. Select the “Layers” tab**

This will allow us to define the number of surface layers to add and some characteristics of the layers.

**12. Enter exactly what is shown on the left**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

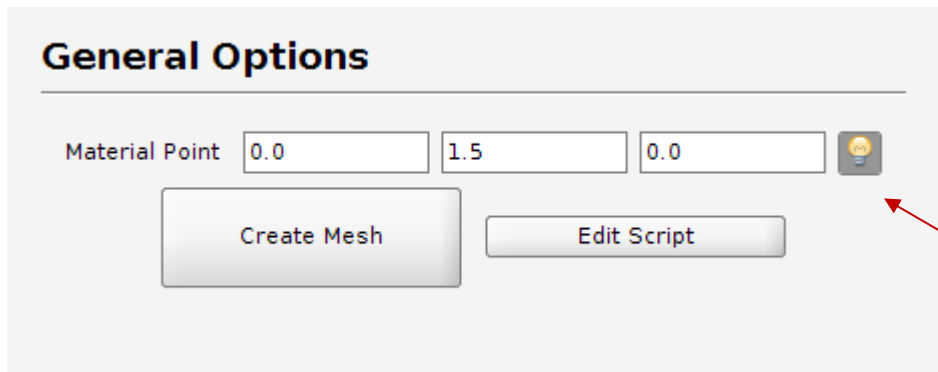


The “Volume Regions” tab is where we can define refinement regions and cellZones

**13. Nothing to do here**



**14. Select the “General Options” tab**

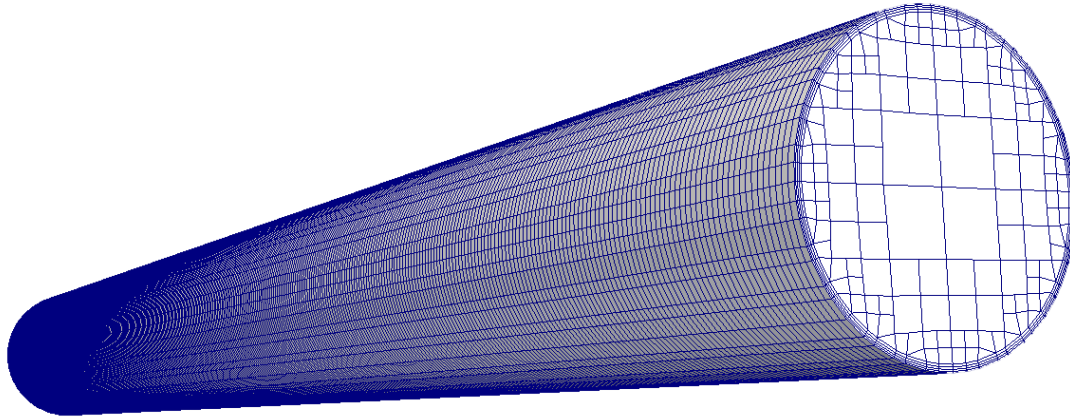


We must define a point where a mesh cell will exist. To do this, we need to select a point in space inside the pipe.

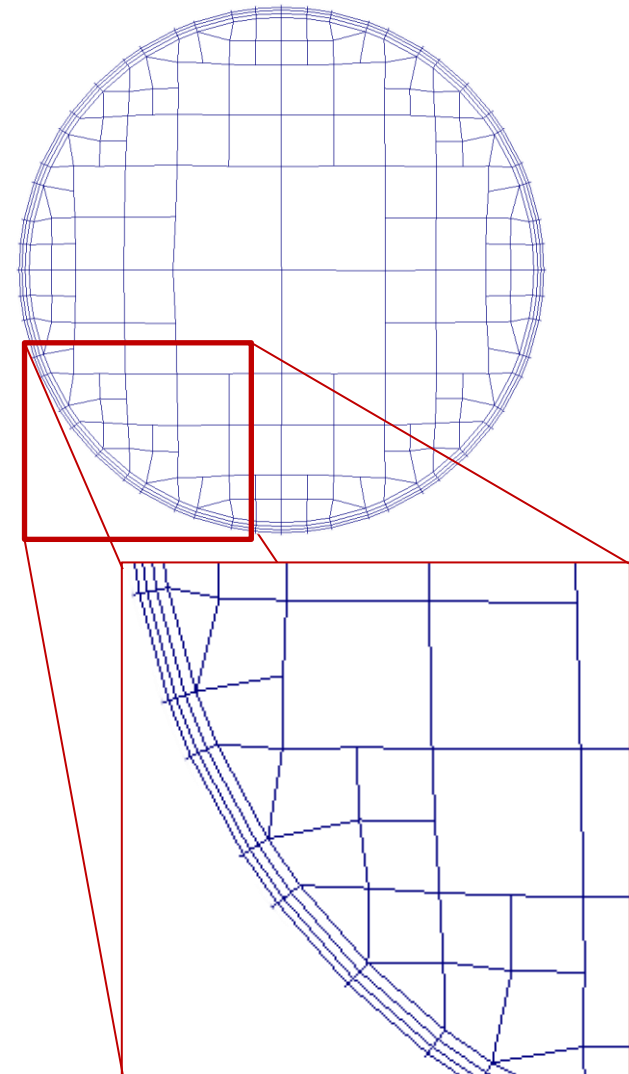
**Use the light bulb icon to visualize the current point**

**15. Enter (0, 1.5, 0) and hit “Create Mesh”**

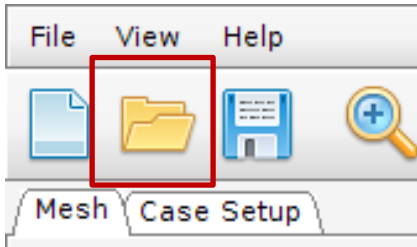
# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



- At this point, **HELYX-OS** will execute `blockMesh` and then `snappyHexMesh` based on values we entered, plus default values set by HELYX-OS.
- If we were to visualize this mesh, it would look similar to the one pictured.
- **Nice boundary layers cells!**

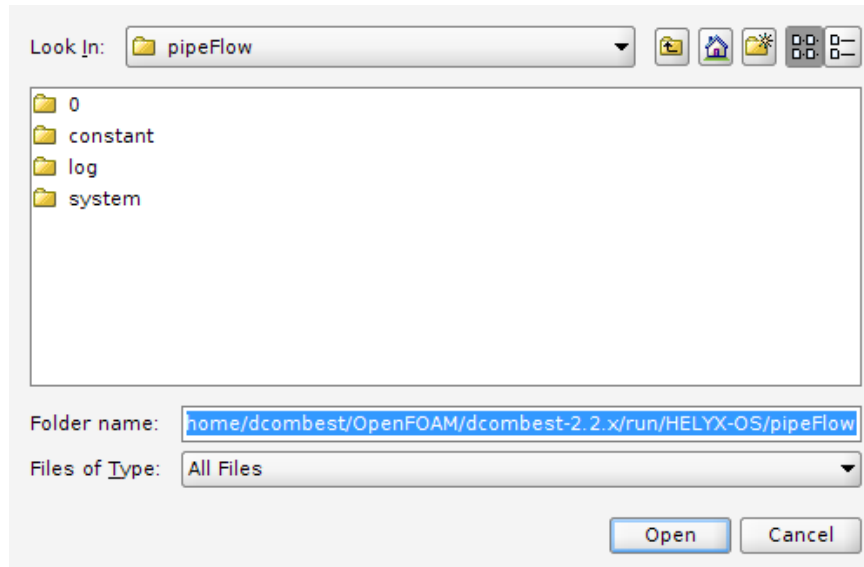


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We need to load our meshed case back into HELYX-OS to setup our physics and run a simulation

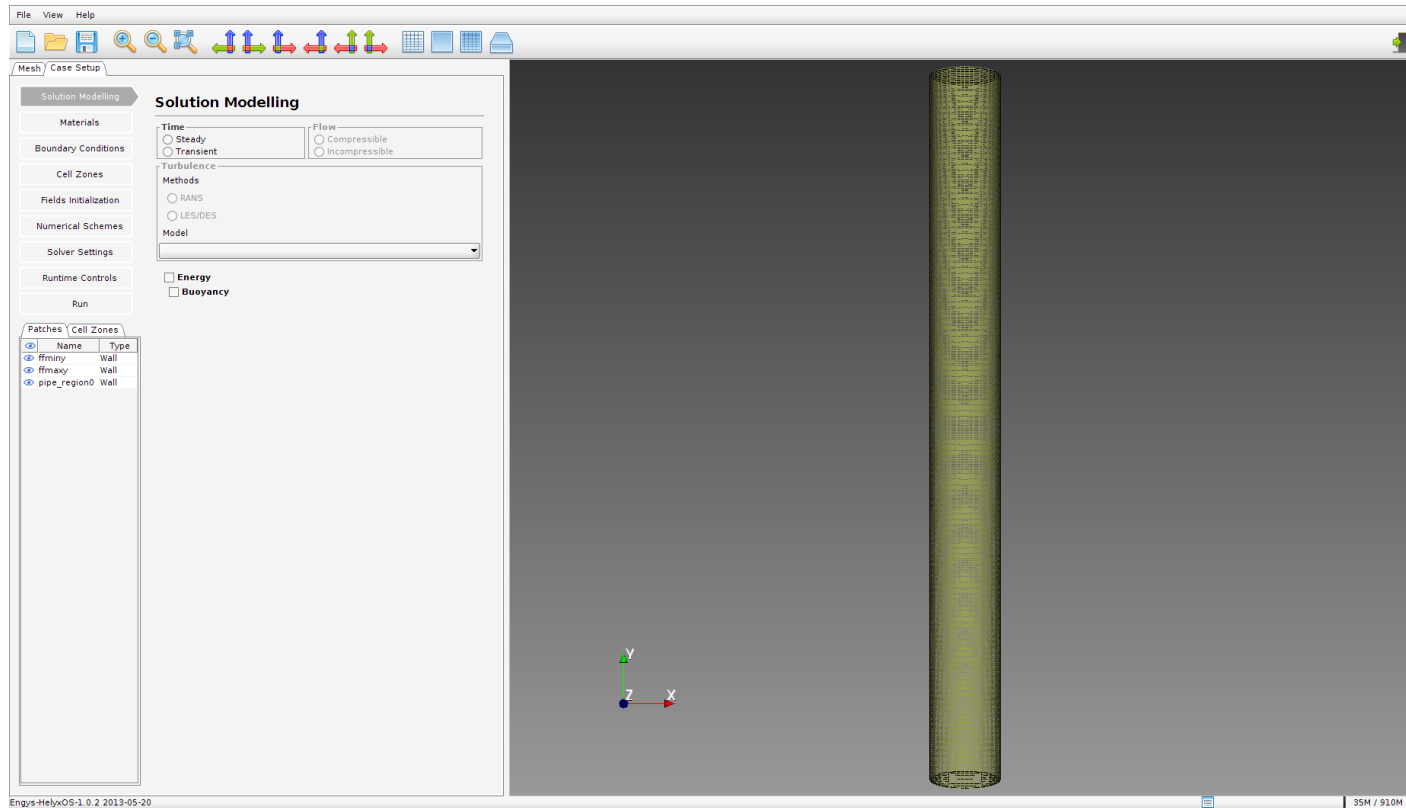
**16. Click the “Folder” icon to open a case**



The most recent case defined/run in HELYX-OS will be presented. A user can navigate to another case if desired.

**17. Select “Open”**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

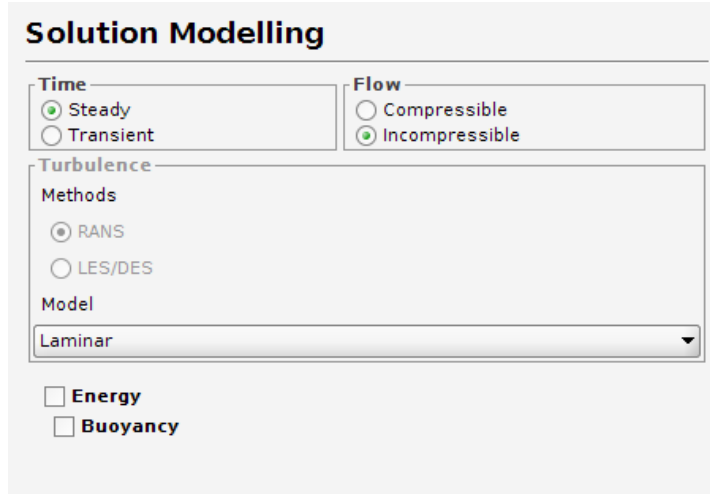


- The meshed case should be loaded at this point
- The “mesh tab” is now greyed out and the user may **not** go back and mesh

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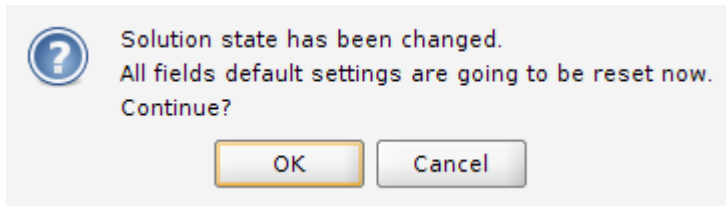


By default the “Solution Modeling” tab is selected.



Solution modeling lets the user select the “Solution State” through selecting time frame, flow type, turbulence parameters, and additional physics

## 18. Select steady, incompressible, and laminar for this case



When a state has changed, a warning is issued

## 19a. Select “OK”



# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



The materials tab allows for physiochemical property definitions

**19. Select the “materials” tab**

Material Parameters	
Name	air
Density [kg/m³]	1.205
Dynamic Viscosity [Pa·s]	0.000019137
Kinematic Viscosity [m²/s]	0.0000158813
Specific Heat Capacity [J/kg·K]	1.006.0
Laminar Prandtl Number	0.9
Turbulent Prandtl Number	0.85
Thermal Conductivity [W/m·K]	0.024
Reference (absolute) Pressure [Pa]	101.325.0
Thermal Expansion Coefficient [K⁻¹]	0.00333
Reference Temperature [K]	300.0

Air is the default material

**20. Select the “database” button**

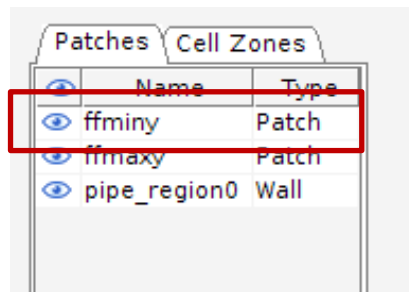
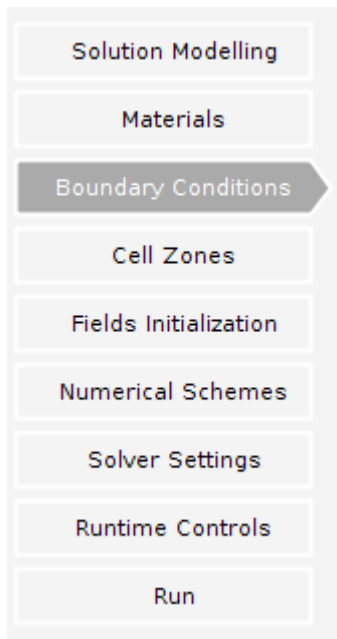
Material Parameters	
Name	water
Density [kg/m³]	998.2
Dynamic Viscosity [Pa·s]	0.001002
Kinematic Viscosity [m²/s]	0.0000010038
Specific Heat Capacity [J/kg·K]	4.187.0
Laminar Prandtl Number	0.9
Turbulent Prandtl Number	0.9
Thermal Conductivity [W/m·K]	0.5985
Reference (absolute) Pressure [Pa]	0.0
Thermal Expansion Coefficient [K⁻¹]	0.0207
Reference Temperature [K]	293.0

We can define a new Newtonian fluid in this database or select an existing component

**21. Select “water” from the list and select “OK”**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

## 22. Selecting the “Boundary Conditions” tab



## 23. Select our inlet patch “ffminy”

**Boundary Conditions**

Name:

Type:

**Momentum** **Turbulence** **Thermal**

**Velocity**

Type:

Velocity (m/s):

**Pressure**

Type:

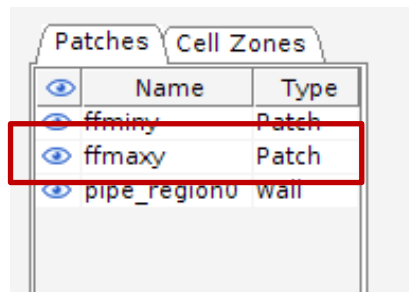
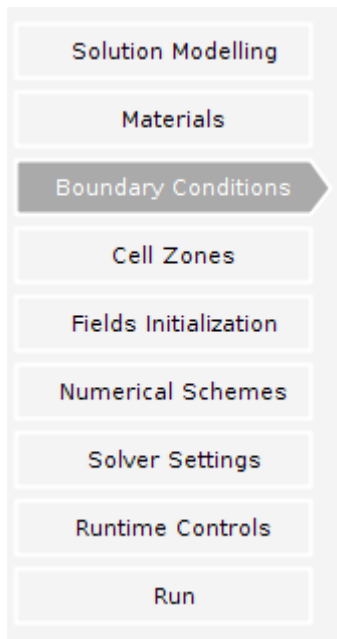
We can define the patch type and boundary condition type for our variables

## 24. Select type “patch”

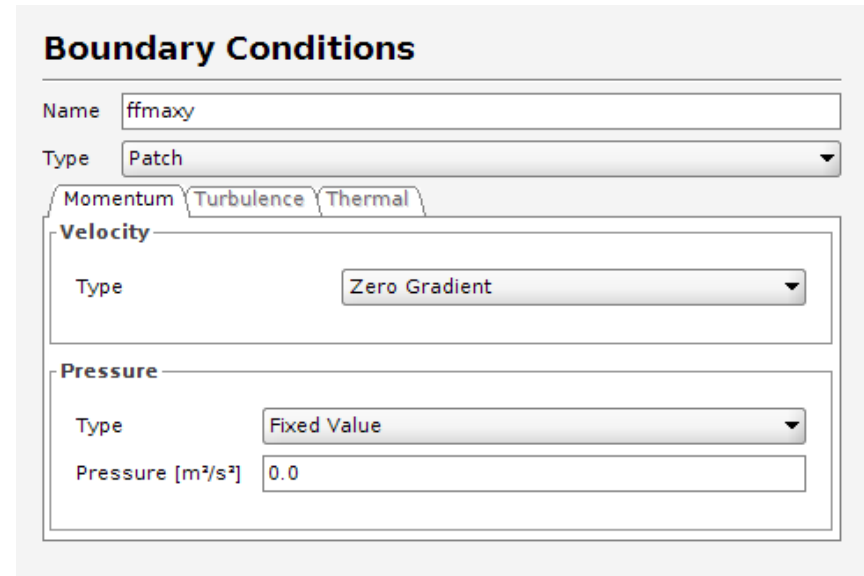
## 25. For velocity, make our inlet a “fixedValue” boundary condition and set it to (0,0.0040152, 0)

## 26. Set pressure to “zeroGradient”

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



**27. Select our outlet patch “ffmaxy”**

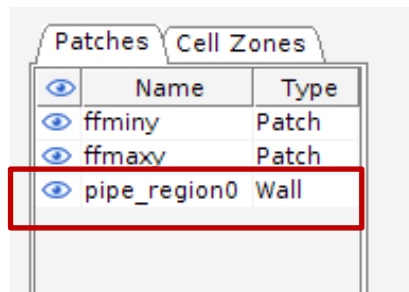
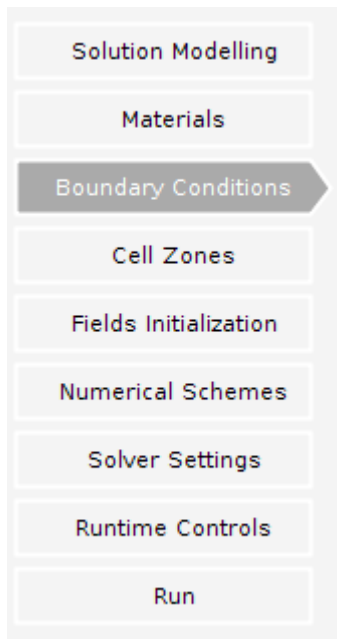


**28. Select type “patch”**

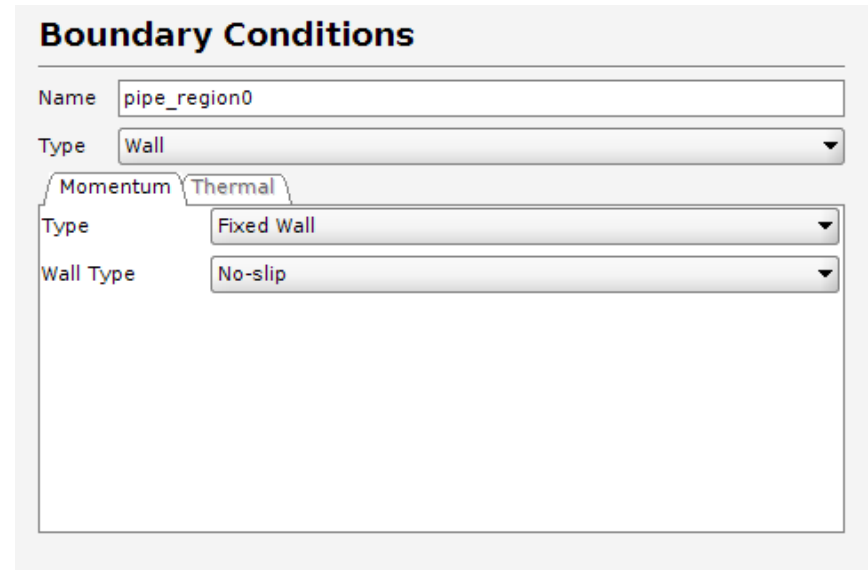
**29. For velocity, make our outlet a “zero Gradient”**

**30. Set pressure to “fixed Value” with a value of 0**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



**31. Select our wall patch “pipe\_”**



**32. Select type “patch”**

**33. For velocity, set the boundary condition type to “fixed wall”**

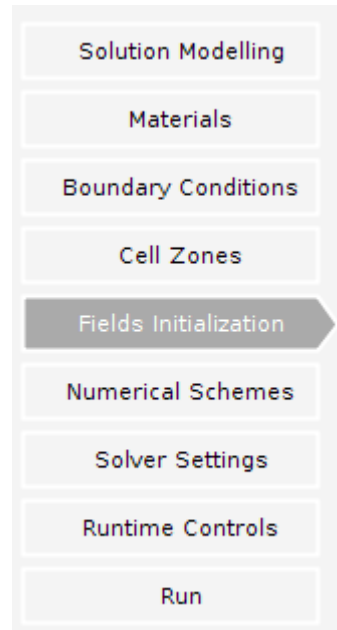
**34. Set wall type to “no-slip”**

**The remaining pressure BC will be set automatically to zeroGradient**

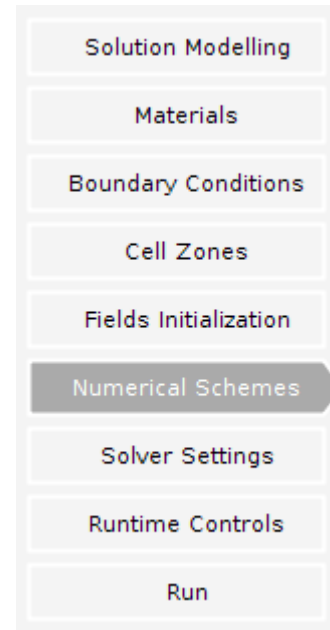
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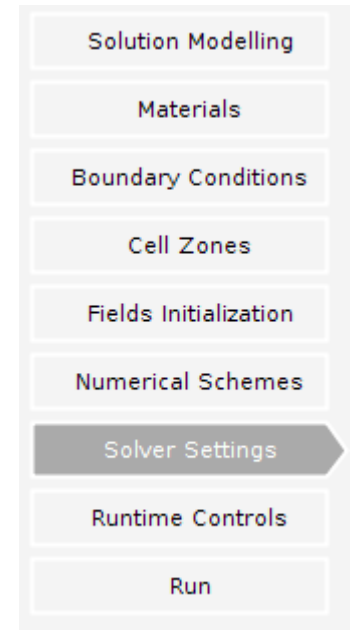
Used to define  
MRF or Porous  
Zones



Used to set  
constant initial  
values for fields



Used to set  
divergence  
discretization  
schemes



Used to set non-  
orthogonal  
correctors and  
Laplacian  
settings

**For this case, we will not adjust these defaults**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



We can set the simulation duration, write steps, and other pertinent simulation settings

## 35. Select the “runtime controls” tab

**Runtime Controls**

**Time Settings**

Start From: Start Time 0.0

End Time: 250.0

$\Delta t(s)$ : 1.0

Adjustable Time Step: ☐

Max Courant Number:

Max Time Step:

**Data Writing**

Write Control: Time Step 250.0

Purge Write: 0

Write Format: ASCII

Write Precision: 10

Write Compression: Uncompressed

Time Format: General

Time Precision: 6

Graph Format: Raw

**Data Reading**

Runtime Modifiable: ☒

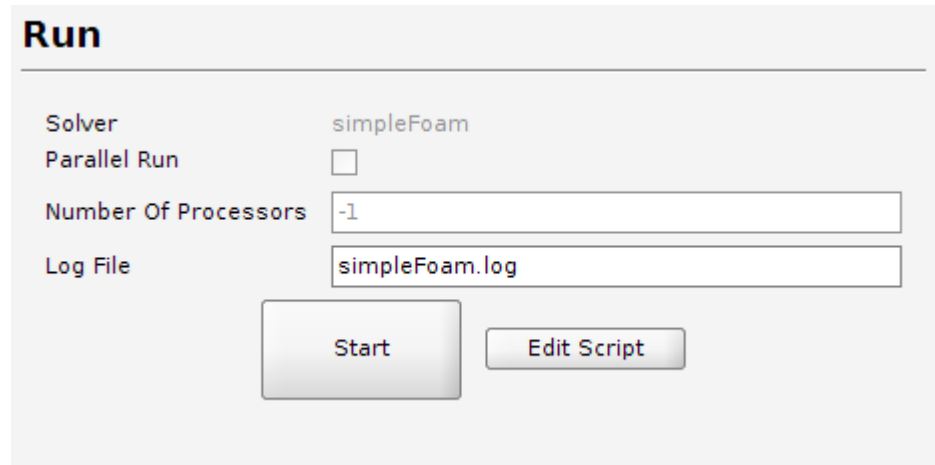
## 36. Set variables identical to values to the left

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



The last step is to start the simulation

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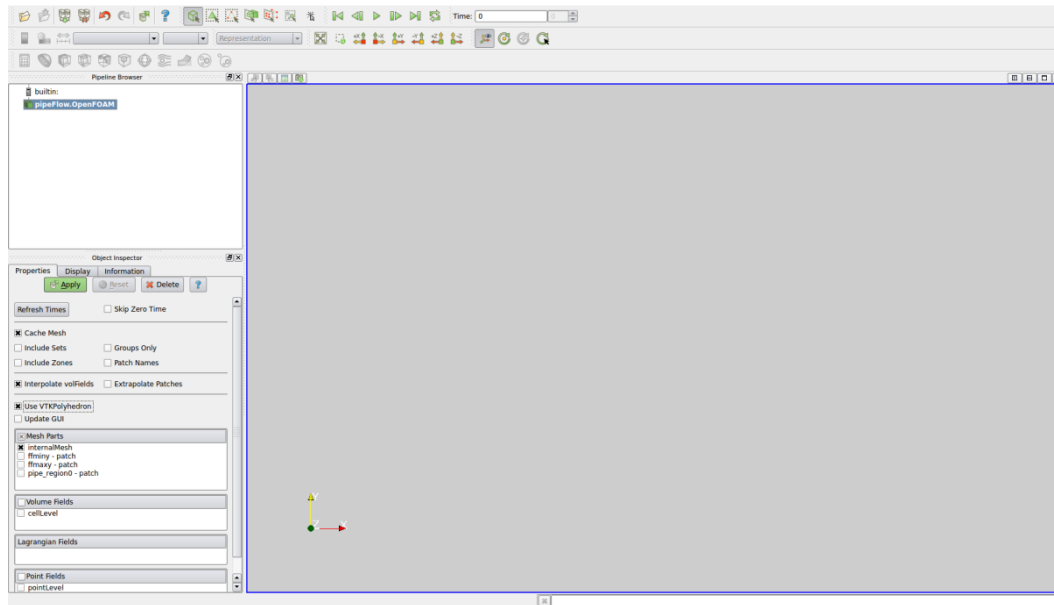
## HELYX-OS Has...

- ✓ Assembled file structure, dictionaries, and properties needed by OpenFOAM
  - controlDict, fvSchemes, snappyHexMeshDict, fvSolution, blockMeshDict, etc.
- ✓ Created a mesh for our pipe using **snappyHexMesh**
  - Mesh is located in polyMesh
- ✓ Allowed the user to setup an incompressible solver for a steady-state laminar flow (**simpleFoam**)
- ✓ Executed the **simpleFoam** solver for a predetermined amount of time
- ✓ When the simulation has stopped, we can post-process in Paraview

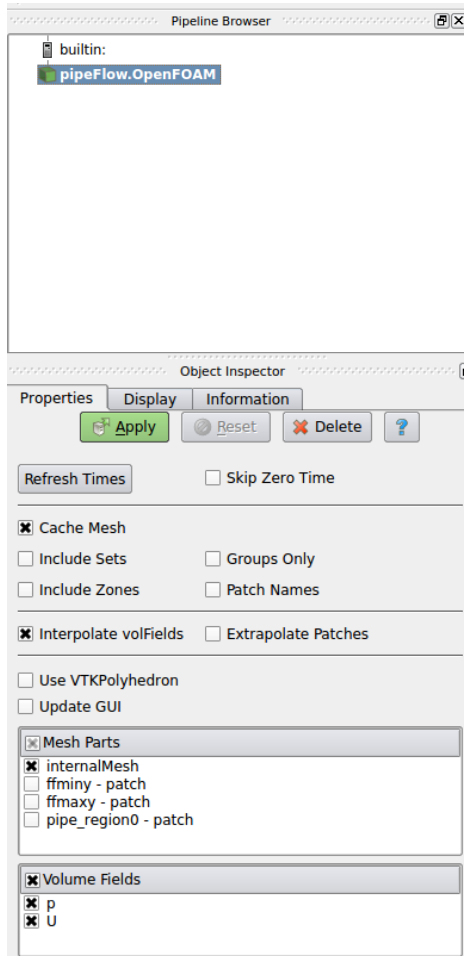


# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

- If you ran in parallel, in the case directory execute **reconstructParMesh -constant**
- In the case directory, launch Paraview with **paraFoam**



# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



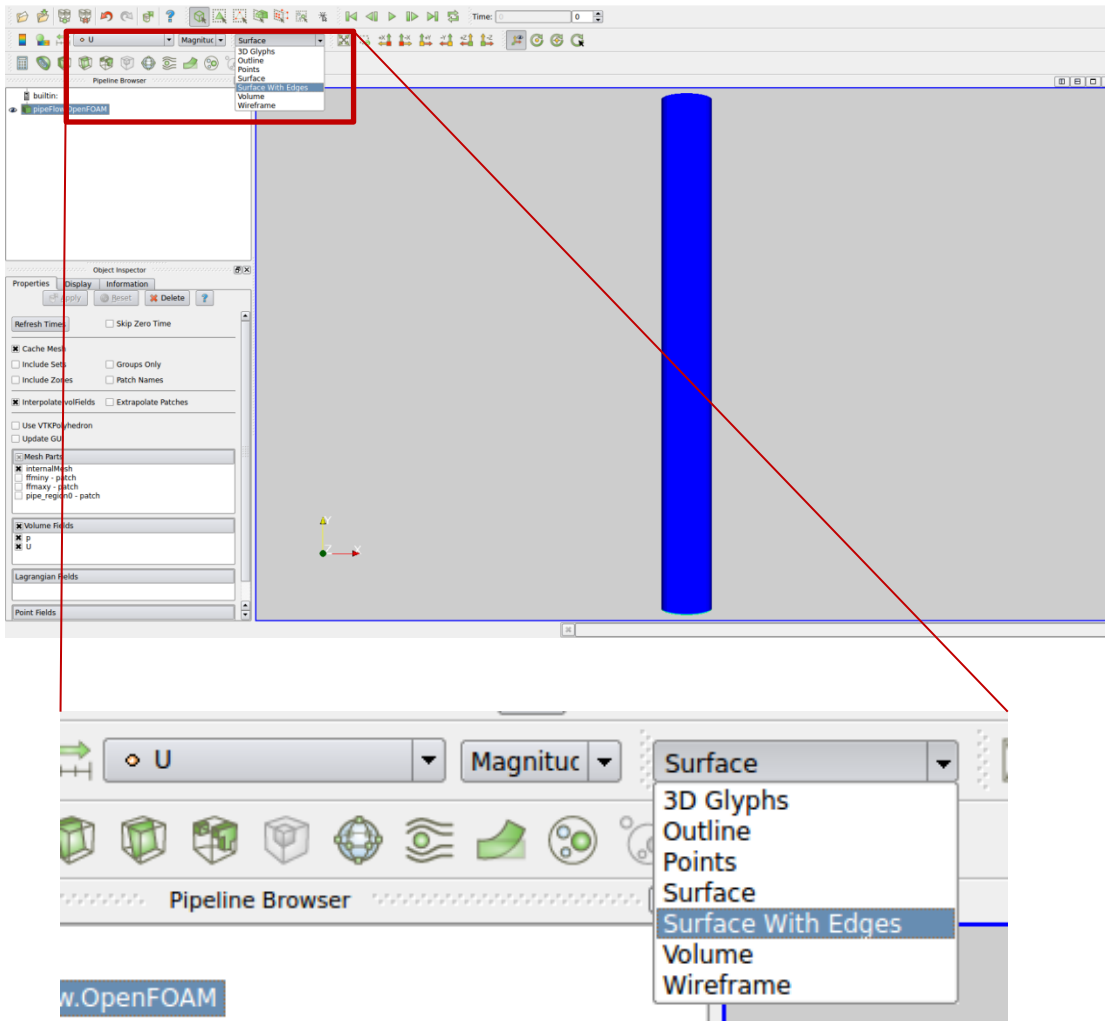
**40. In the pipeline browser, make sure to have the object highlighted**

**41. In the object inspector, make sure select**

- internal mesh
- Volume Fields

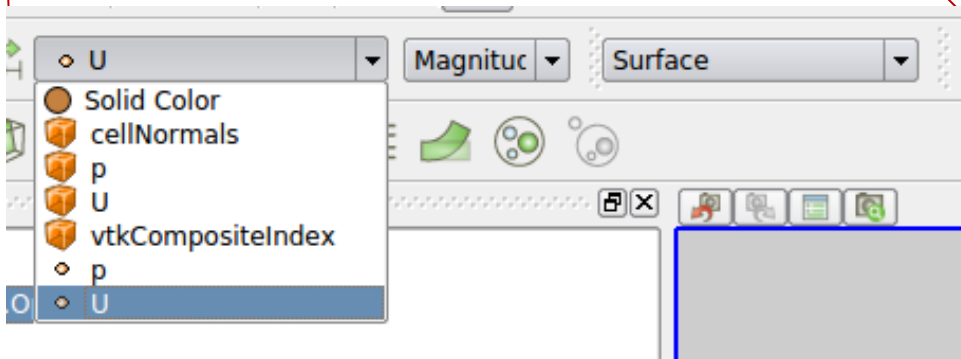
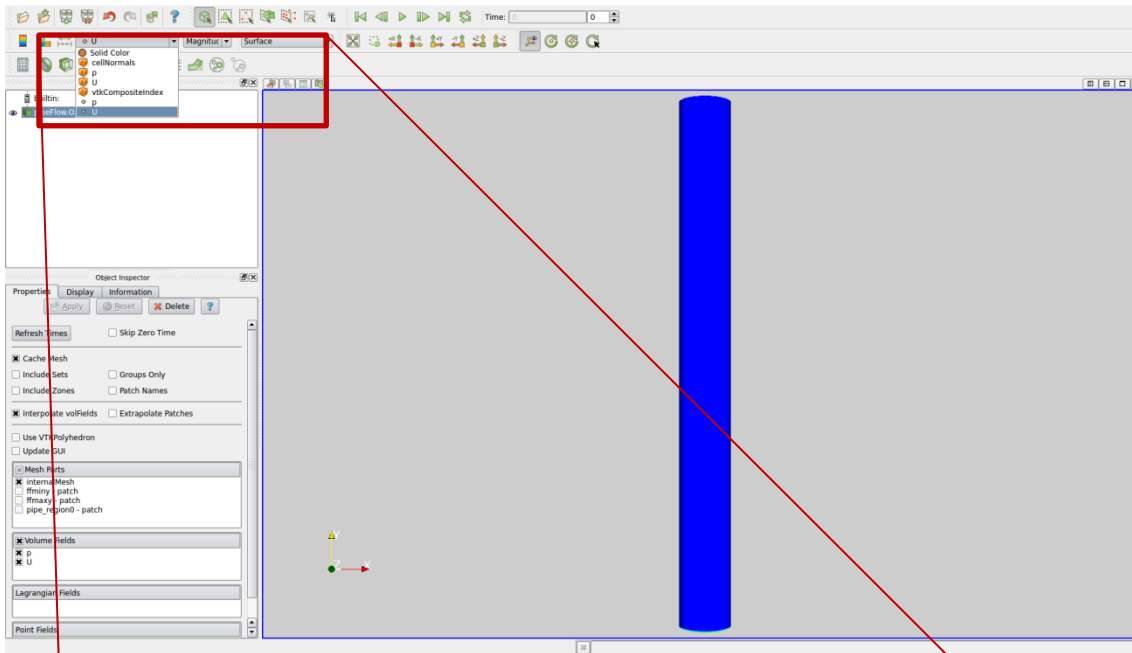
**42. Hit “apply”**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



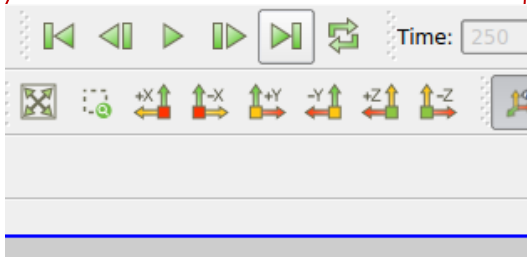
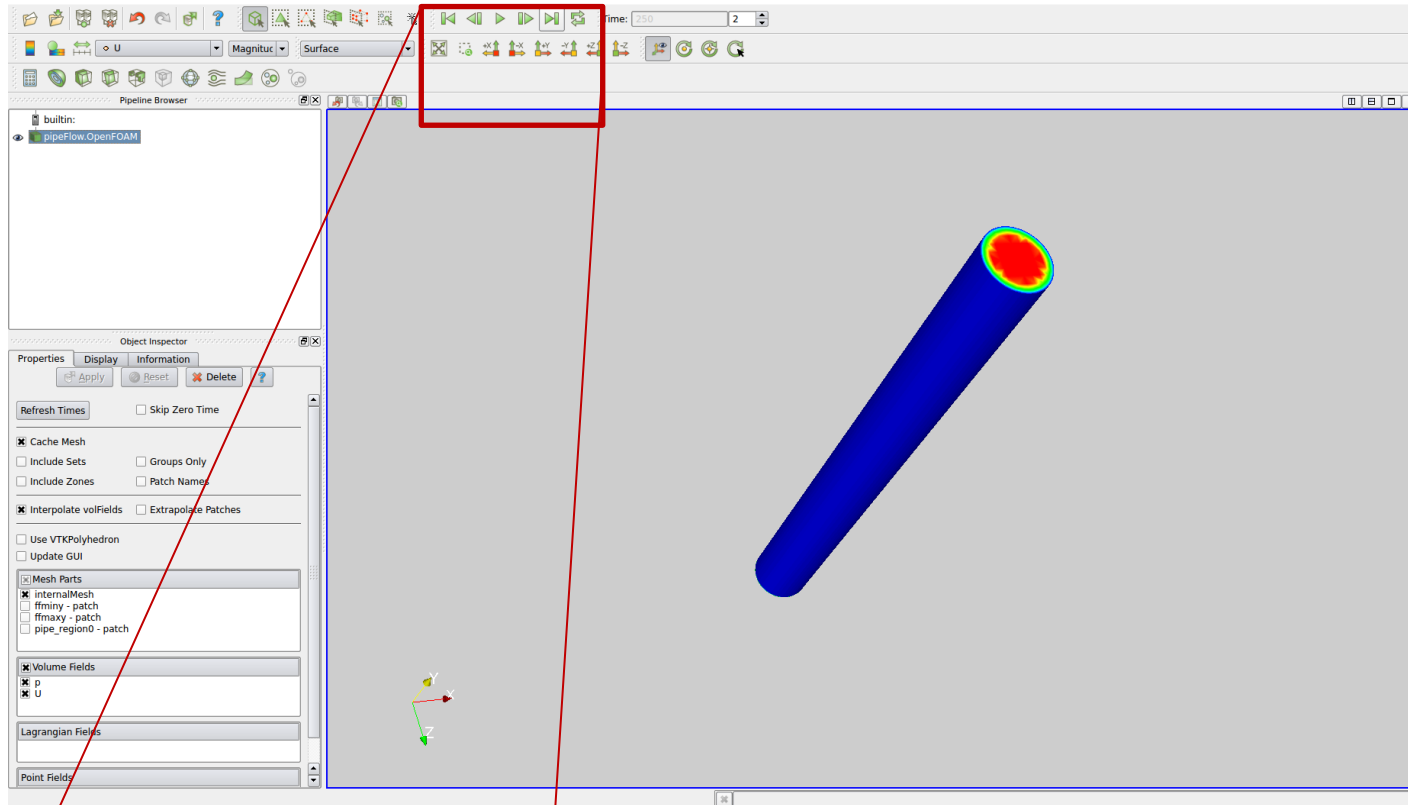
**43. Select “Surface” to see a surface field or “Surface With Edges” to see the mesh**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



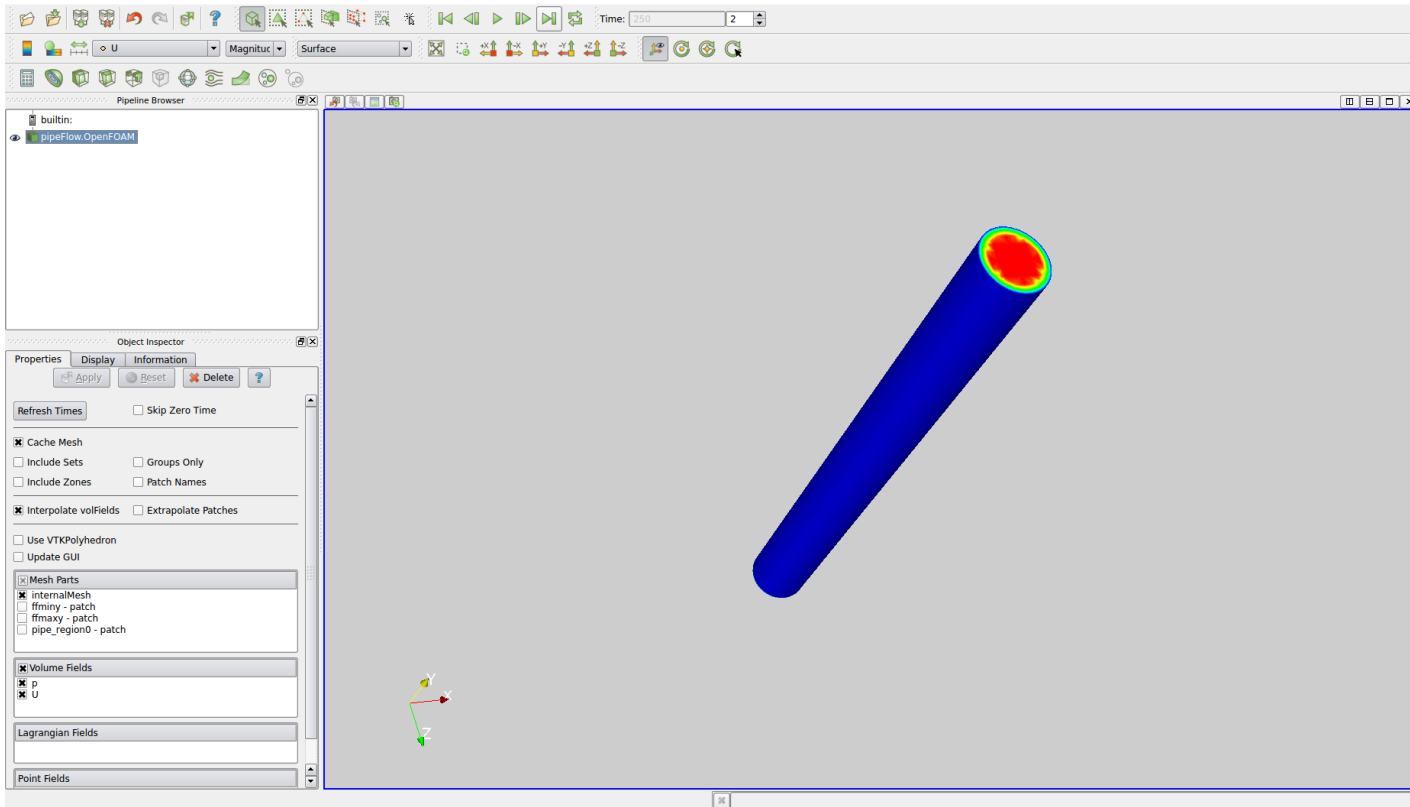
**44. Select variable “U” to see a surface field of velocity**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

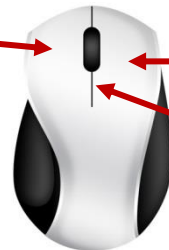


**45. fast-forward to the last time step (250)**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

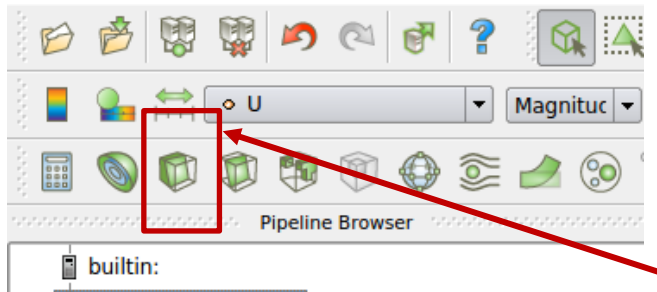


Hold left mouse button  
and move mouse to  
rotate geometry



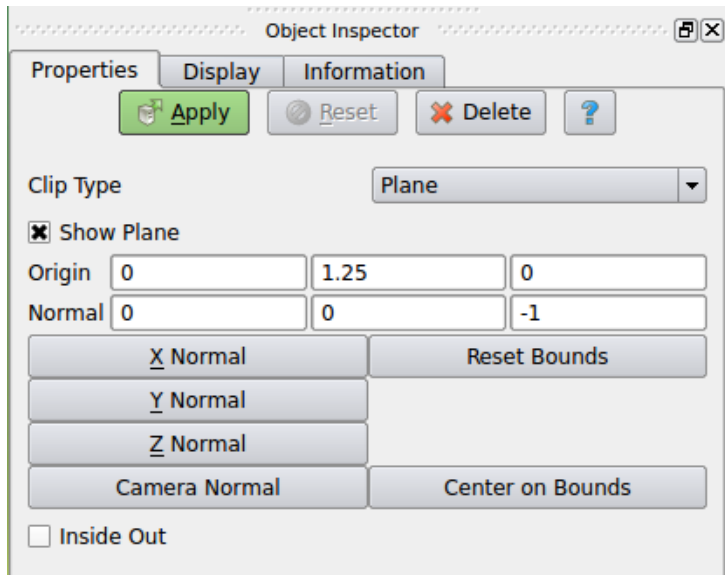
Hold right mouse  
button and move  
mouse to zoom or roll  
center wheel

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



Paraview uses filters to aid in the post-processing of data from our OpenFOAM simulation

**46. Select the “Clip” filter**

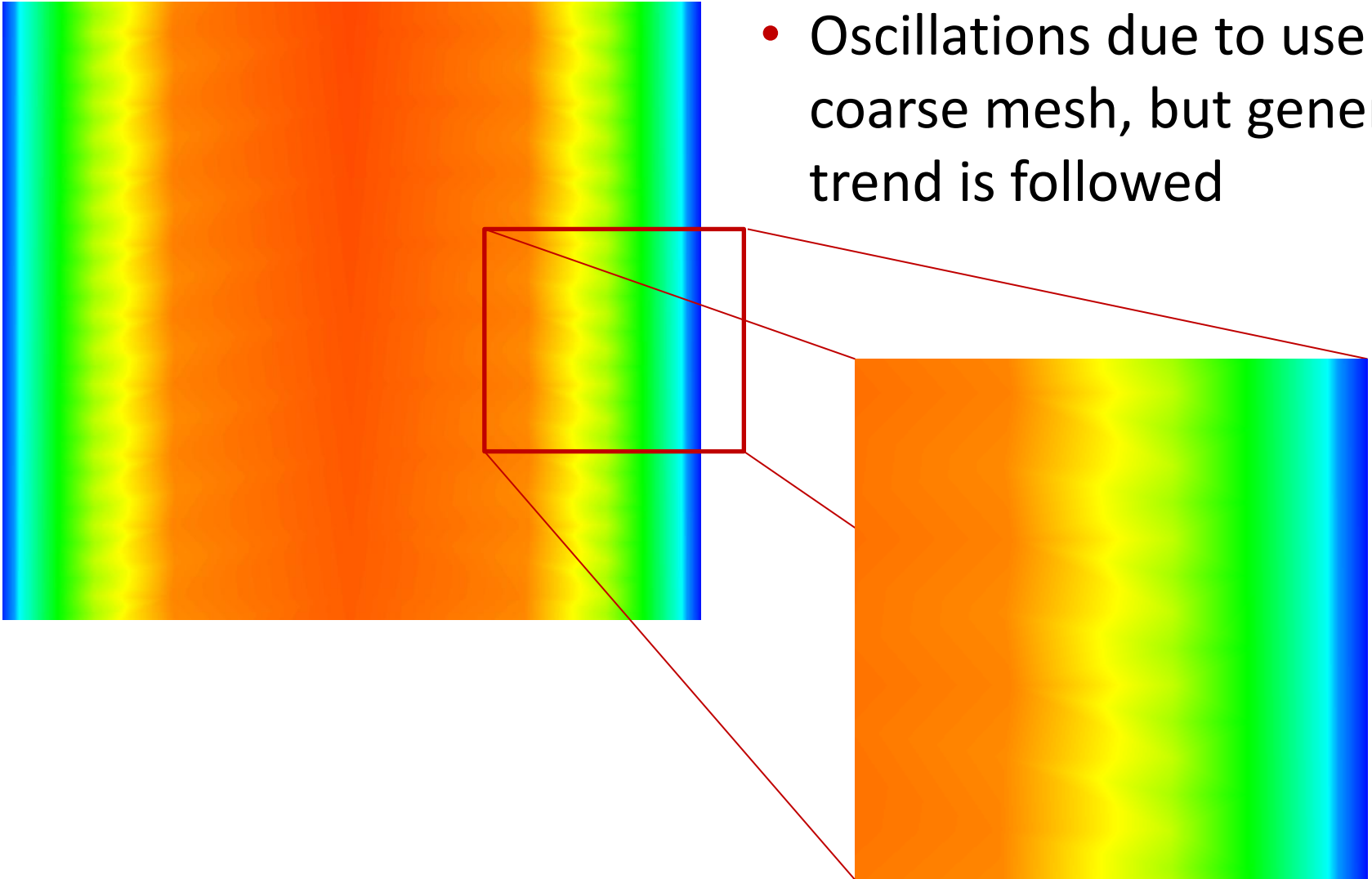


Create a clip such that half of the domain is removed so the interior of the domain can be viewed

**47. Enter in the values from below into the Clip object**

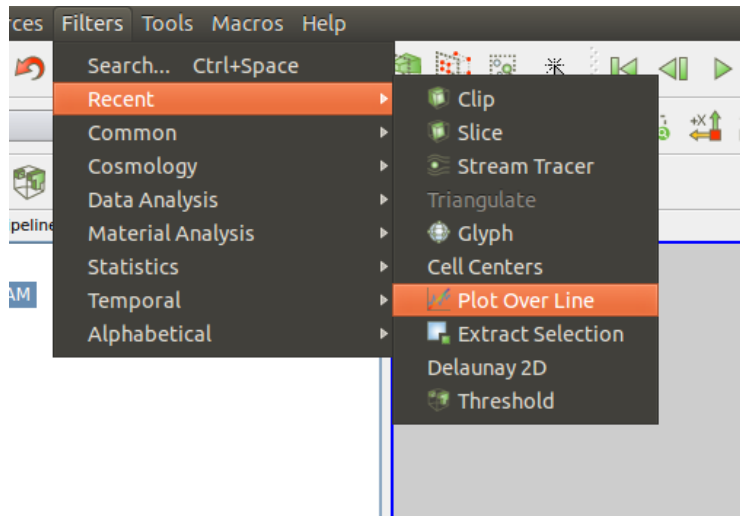
# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

- Oscillations due to use of coarse mesh, but general trend is followed



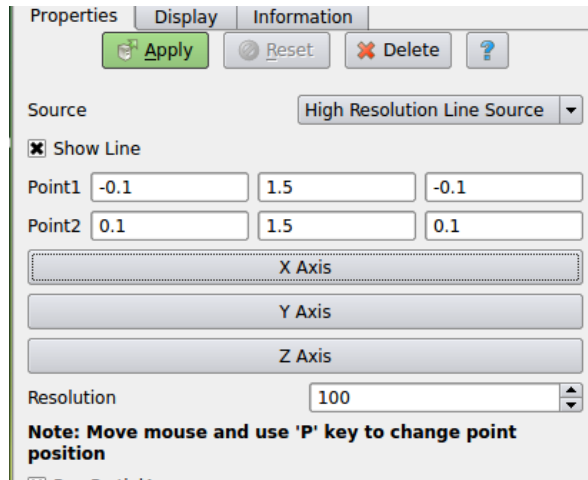


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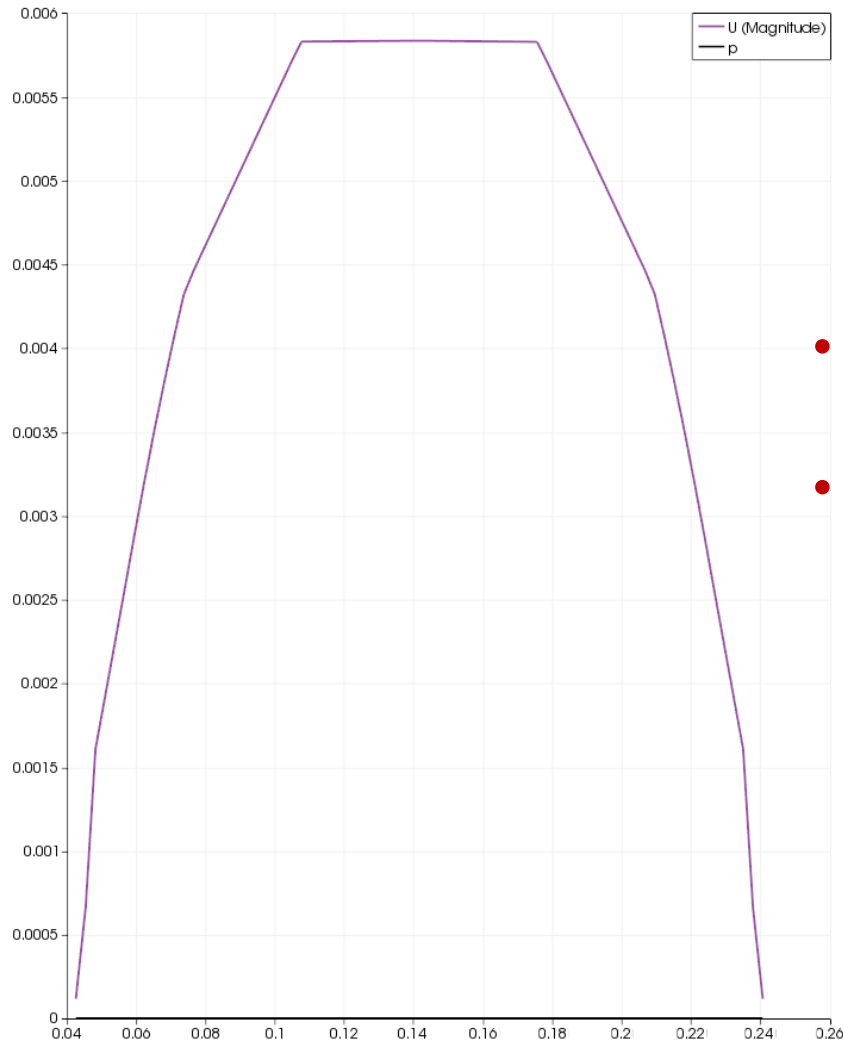
We can visualize the velocity profile by using the “plot over line” filter

**48. Select plot-over-line through the Filters menu. Alphabetical > plot over line or you can select through Recent > Plot Over line**



**49. Enter the starting and ending points of the line, along with the resolution as show to the left.**

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow



- You will see a low resolution parabola of the velocity magnitude.
- This curve should approach a parabola as our radial mesh density increases.

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

## Further Study

- Increase mesh density
- Increase flow rate and add turbulence model
- Add energy with temperature differences at wall and inlet
- Explore other boundary conditions
- Look at velocity profile at different y-values
- Do more complex cuts (combine multiple cuts)

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Overall Goal of Session

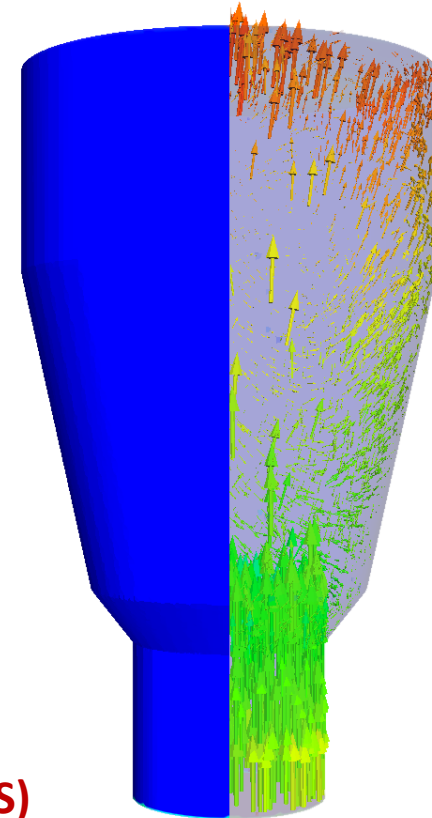
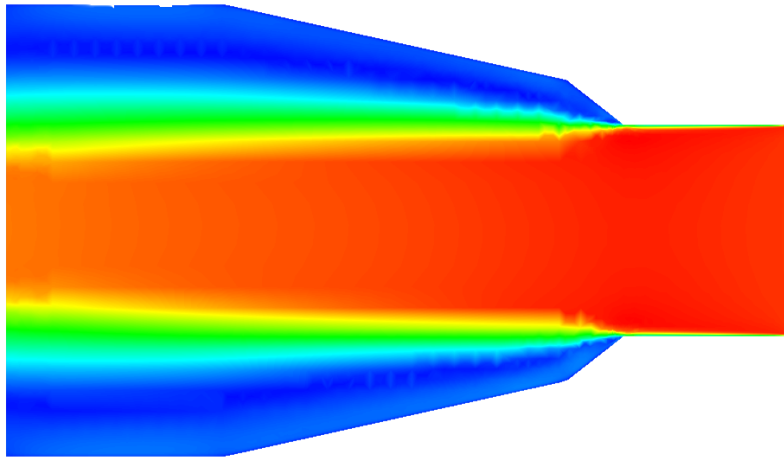
- To familiarize users with configuring and running cases that use turbulence (RANS)

## Skills Obtained

- ✓ Importing STL surfaces into HELYX-OS
- ✓ Import eMesh files to resolve edges explicitly
- ✓ Defining, mesh, and run solvers through HELYX-OS
- ✓ Visualize a result in Paraview with stream tracers and tubes

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

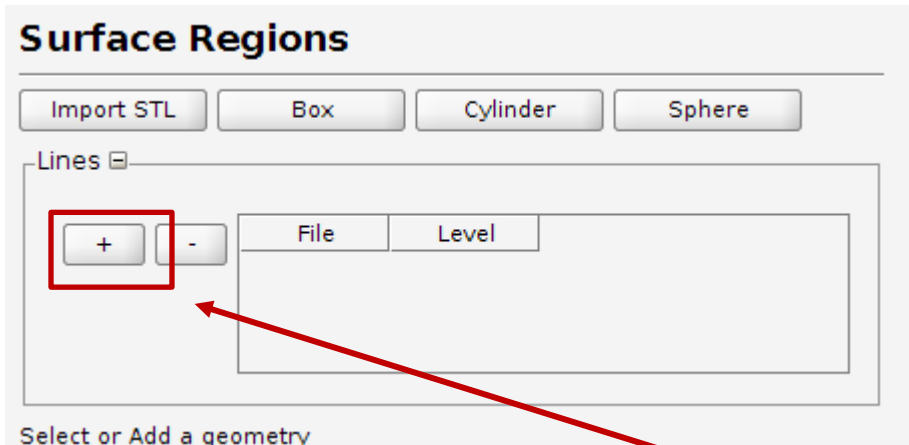
## Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes Modeling of Diffuser



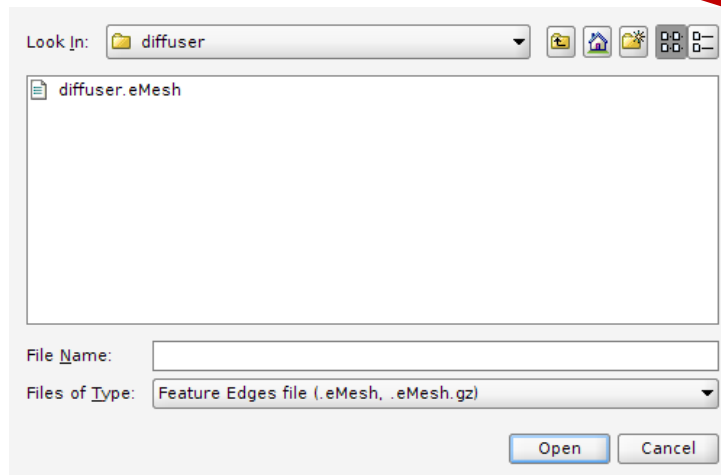
1. Create a new case and call it diffuser in the your favorite parent directory (e.g. \$FOAM\_RUN/HELYX-OS)

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Surface Region::Lines



We want to further define the edges of the object using an eMesh file, created using `surfaceFeatureExtract` utility



2. Click the “+” button
3. Navigate to the `diffuser.eMesh` file in the geometry folder and click “Open”
4. Set the refinement level to 2 for edge

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Base Mesh

**Base Mesh**

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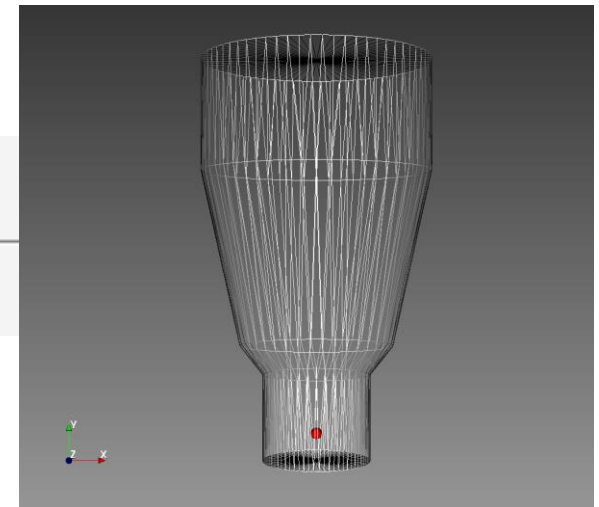
Base Mesh Type

Base Mesh Spacing

**5. Create a base mesh using the automatic functionality with a spacing of 0.004**

## Surface Region::Import STL

**Surface Regions**



- 5. Navigate to the “Surface Regions” tab**
- 6. Import the diffuser.stl geometry**
- 7. Go through and set the refinement and layer control for each surface according to table on net slide**

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Surface Regions :: Surface Refinement

Region	Min	Max
Inlet	1	2
Outlet	1	2
Walls	2	3

## Surface Regions :: Layers

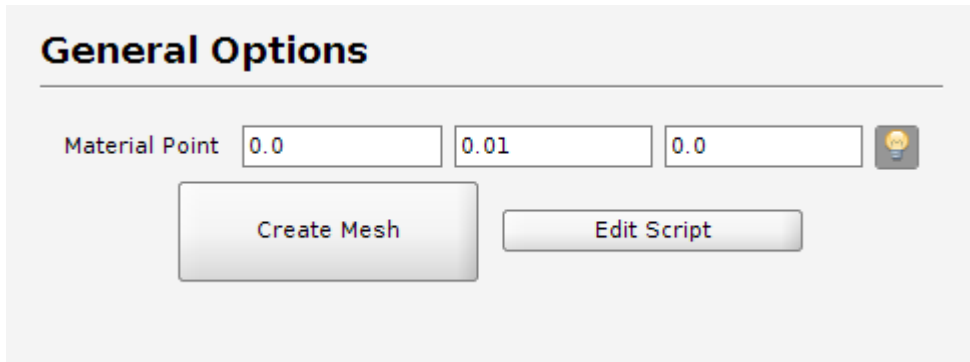
Region	Number of Layers	Relative Size	Final Thickness	Layer Min Thickness	Layer Stretching
Inlet	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Outlet	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Walls	3	Yes	0.33	0.22	0.101




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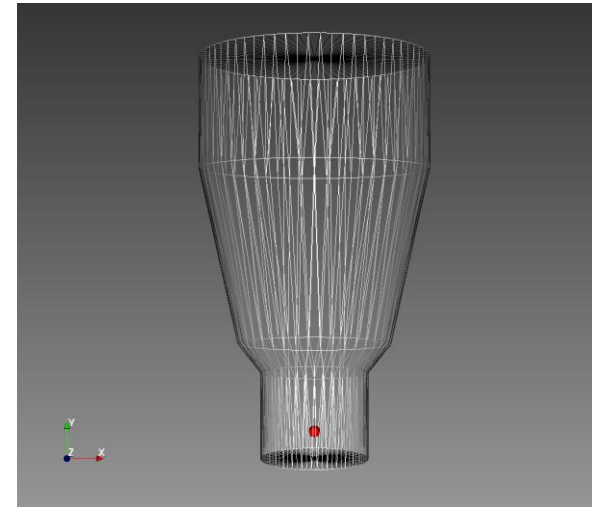
## Material Point

### 8. Navigate to the “General Options” tab



**General Options**

Material Point    

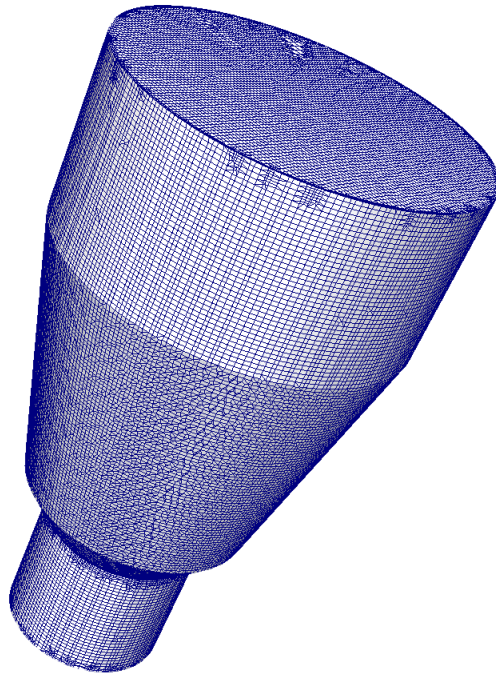


We must define a point where a mesh cell will exist. To do this, we need to select a point in space inside the pipe.

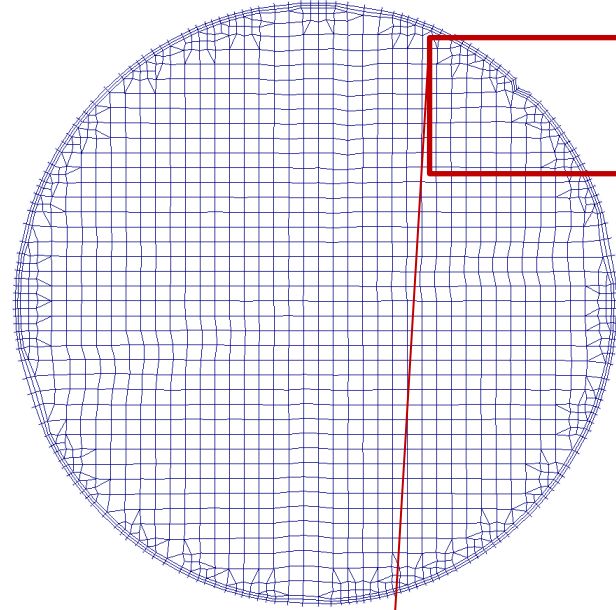
**Use the light bulb icon to visualize the current point as a red dot**

### 9. Enter (0, 0.01, 0) and hit “Create Mesh”

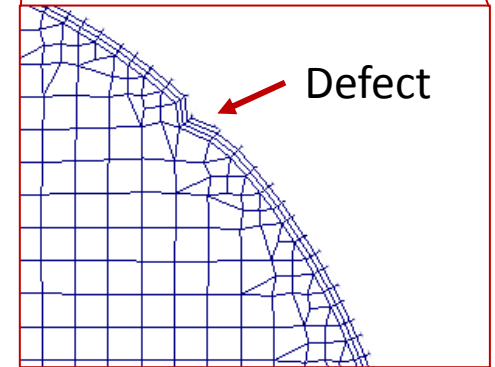
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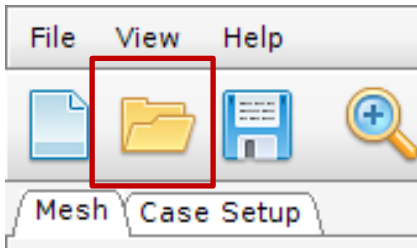
Inlet Patch



- At this point, **HELYX-OS** will execute `blockMesh` and then `snappyHexMesh` based on values we entered, plus default values set by HELYX-OS.
- If we were to visualize this mesh, it would look similar to the one pictured.
- **A smaller base mesh would reduce mesh defects**



# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow



We need to load our meshed case back into HELYX-OS to setup our physics and run a simulation

**10. Click the “Folder” icon to open a case**

The most recent case defined/run in HELYX-OS will be presented. A user can navigate to another case if desired.

**11. Select “Open”**

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Solution Modeling

**Solution Modelling**

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**Time**

☒ Steady  
☐ Transient

**Flow**

☐ Compressible  
☒ Incompressible

**Turbulence**

Methods

☒ RANS  
☐ LES/DES

Model

Standard high-Re k- $\epsilon$

☐ Energy  
☐ Buoyancy

We are interested in a **RANS** simulation of the diffuser.

**12. Select “Steady”**

**13. Select “Incompressible”**

**14. Select the “Standard high-Re k-epsilon” model**

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Materials

**Materials**

Database

**Material Parameters**

Name	air
Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.205
Dynamic Viscosity [Pa·s]	0.000019137
Kinematic Viscosity [m <sup>2</sup> /s]	0.0000158813
Specific Heat Capacity [J/kg·K]	1,006.0
Laminar Prandtl Number	0.9
Turbulent Prandtl Number	0.85
Thermal Conductivity [W/m·K]	0.024
Reference (absolute) Pressure [Pa]	101,325.0
Thermal Expansion Coefficient [K <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.00333
Reference Temperature [K]	300.0

We want to take it easy and model “Air”.  
Air is the default material

- 15. Click on the “materials tab”
- 16. Check that “air” is the material for the simulation
- 17. Move to the “Boundary Conditions” tab

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Boundary Conditions

- **Remember:** Both Momentum and Turbulent variables must be defined at each boundary

**Boundary Conditions**

Name:

Type:

**Momentum** | Turbulence | Thermal

**Velocity**

Type:

Velocity (m/s):

**Pressure**

Type:

**Boundary Conditions**

Name:

Type:

**Momentum** | **Turbulence** | Thermal

Type:

K Turbulence Intensity:

Epsilon Mixing Length [m]:

18. Click on the `diffuser_inlet` patch

19. Set the type to “patch”

20. In the momentum tab, set velocity to fixed value (0, 10, 0) and pressure to zeroGradient

21. In the Turbulence tab, set the BC type to “By turbulent intensity and mixing length”

22. Set  $k = 0.01$  and the epsilon mixing length to 0.002

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Boundary Conditions

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**Boundary Conditions**

Name:

Type:

Momentum | Turbulence | Thermal

**Velocity**

Type:

**Pressure**

Type:

Pressure [m<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup>]:

**Boundary Conditions**

Name:

Type:

Momentum | Turbulence | Thermal

Type:

23. Click on the `diffuser_outlet` patch

24. Set the type to “patch”

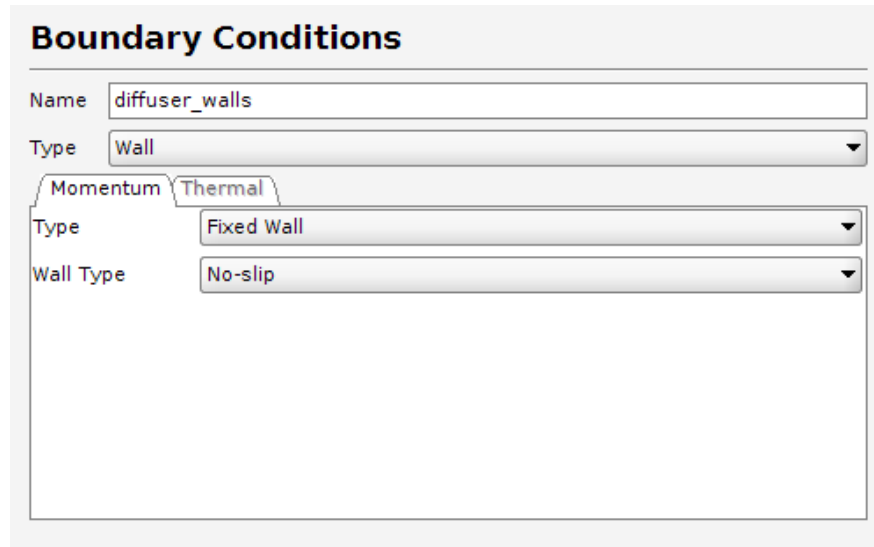
25. In the momentum tab, set velocity to “zeroGradient” and pressure to “total pressure” 0

26. In the Turbulence tab, set the BC type to “Zero Gradient”

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Boundary Conditions

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The screenshot shows a 'Boundary Conditions' dialog box. The 'Name' field is set to 'diffuser\_walls'. The 'Type' dropdown is set to 'Wall'. Below this, there are two tabs: 'Momentum' and 'Thermal'. The 'Momentum' tab is active, showing a 'Type' dropdown set to 'Fixed Wall' and a 'Wall Type' dropdown set to 'No-slip'.

27. Click on the `diffuser_walls`

28. Set to patch type “wall”

29. Set the momentum boundary condition type to “fixed wall” and “no-slip”



# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Initialization

- We can define initial conditions or leave them as defaults

**Fields Initialization**

U [m/s]	Fixed Value ▼	0.0	10.0	0.0
p [m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ]	Default ▼			
k [m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ]	Default ▼			
epsilon [m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ]	Default ▼			

**30. Set the velocity field U to (0, 10, 0) and leave the rest as “default”**

**HELYX-OS will set the remaining variables to a sensible default value**

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Numerical Schemes

- We can also change the default divergence schemes using a drop-down menu

**Numerical Schemes**

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**Advection**

U	Linear Upwind - 2nd Order ▼
k	Upwind - 1st Order ▼
epsilon	Upwind - 1st Order ▼

**Laplacian**

Non-orthogonal Correction	0.333
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**31. Set U to a 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear upwind scheme and change k and epsilon to 1<sup>st</sup> order schemes**

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Solver Settings

**Runtime Controls**

**Time Settings**

Start From: Start Time 0.0

End Time: 500.0

$\Delta t(s)$ : 1.0

Adjustable Time Step: ☐

Max Courant Number:

Max Time Step:

**Data Writing**

Write Control: Time Step 250.0

Purge Write: 0

Write Format: ASCII

Write Precision: 10

Write Compression: Uncompressed

Time Format: General

Time Precision: 6

Graph Format: Raw

**Data Reading**

Runtime Modifiable: ☒

We should set the simulation time controls so that we write out a solution periodically and provide enough time for the solution to converge relatively well.

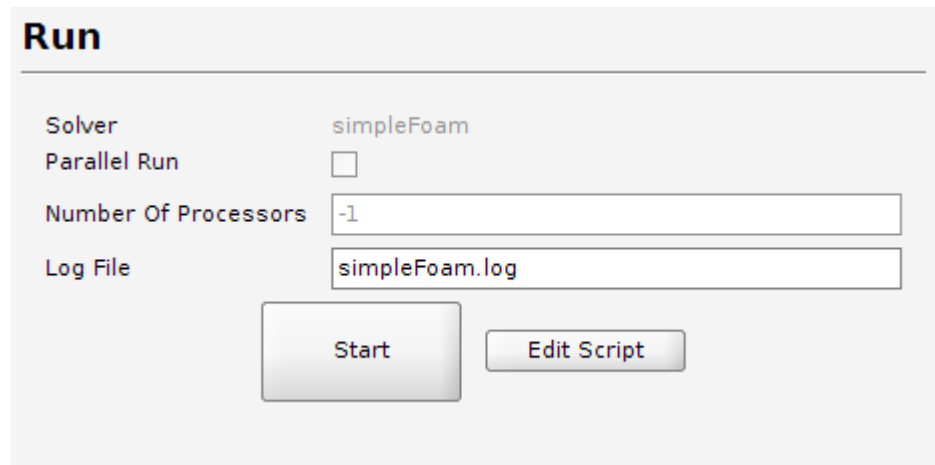
**32. Set the application to run for a total of 500 iterations while writing every 250 steps.**

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow



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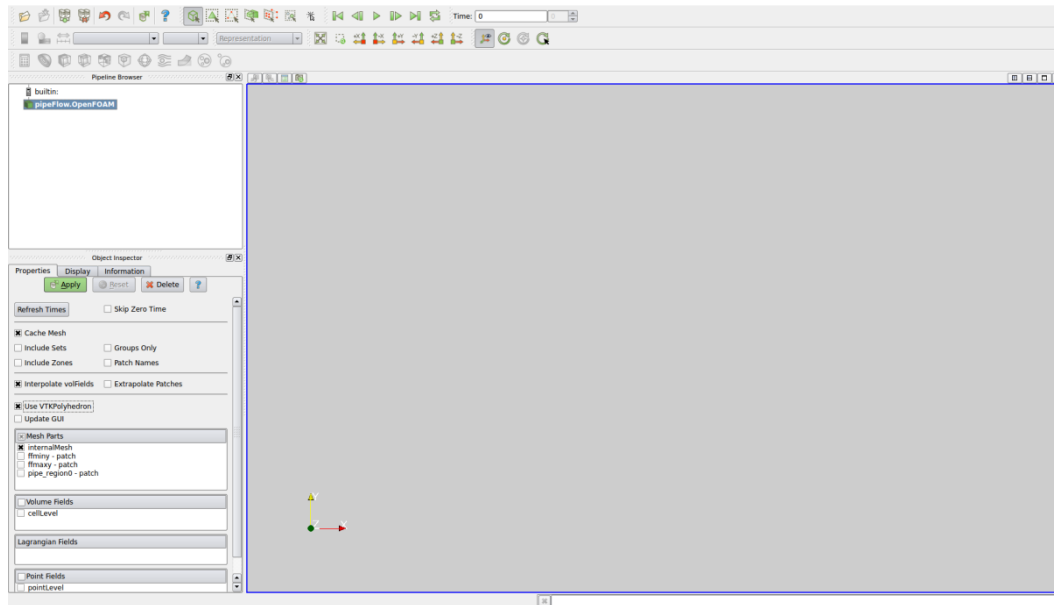
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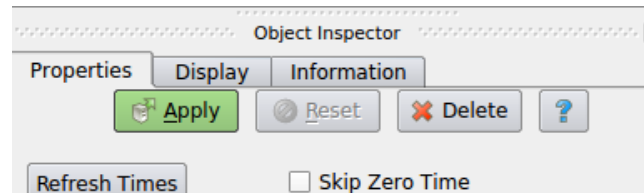


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## Using what we learned from the first tutorial

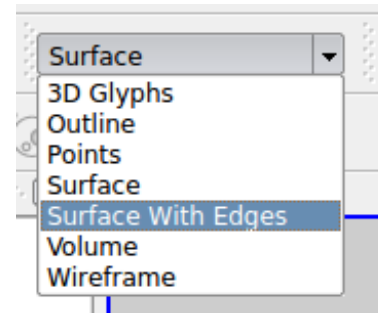
### 37. Load the mesh in Paraview

Hint



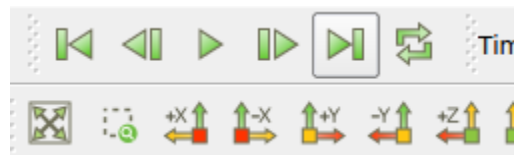
### 38. Select the surface view and variable U

Hint



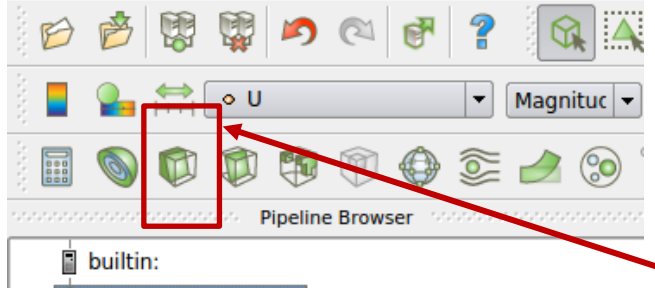
### 39. Skip to the last time (500)

Hint



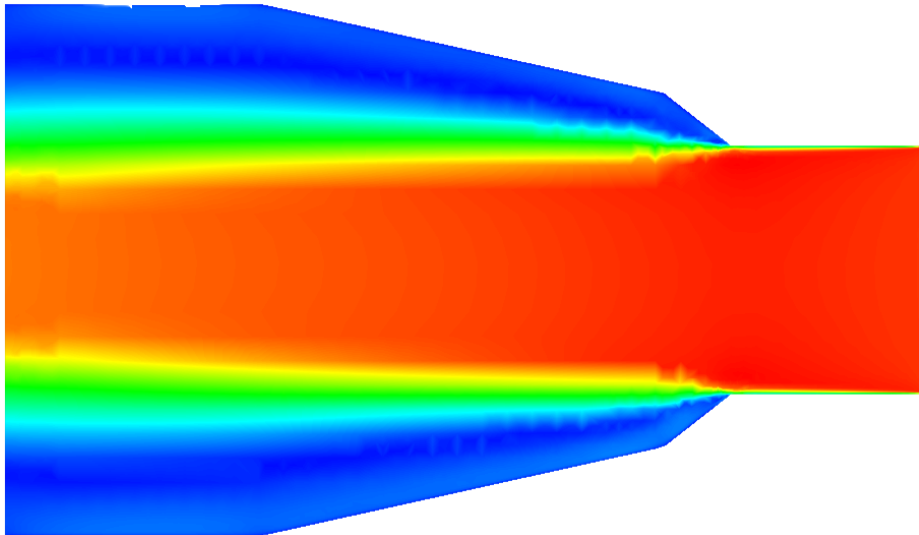
# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

## Using a cut plane



Paraview uses filters to aid in the post-processing of data from our OpenFOAM simulation

**40. Select the “Clip” filter and accept the default settings**





# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

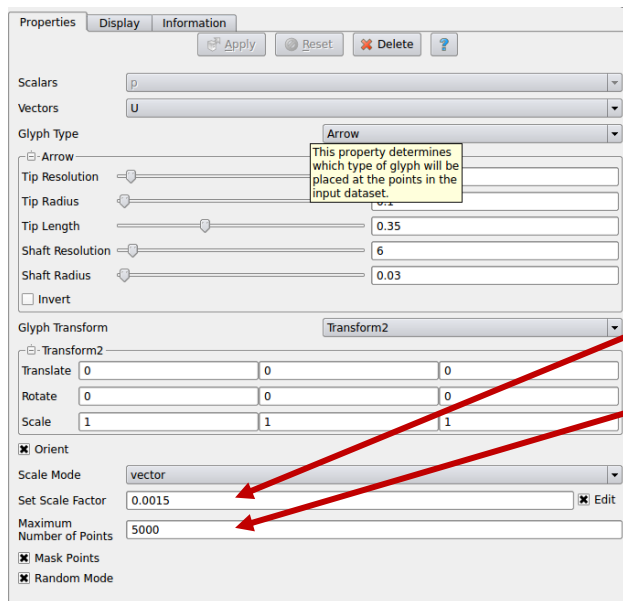
## Using Glyphs

- To use glyphs, we must first use the “cell-centers” filter

41. Un-hide the original dataset in the pipeline browser

42. Run the “filters>alphabetical>cell-centers” filter

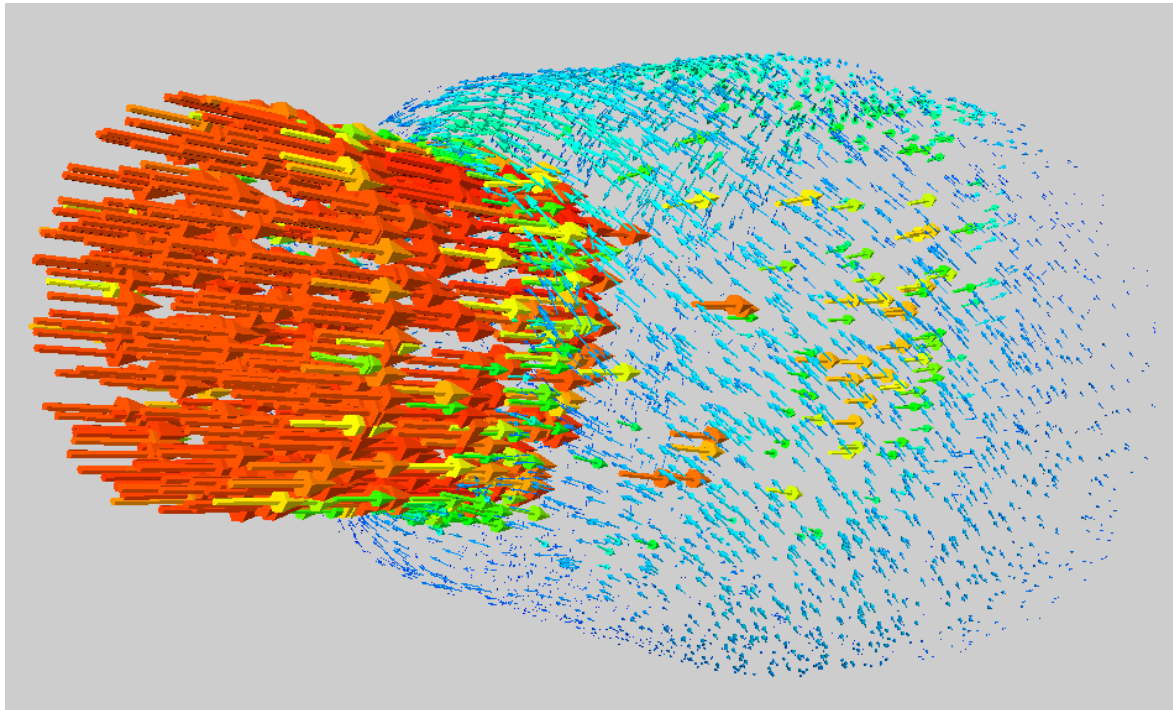
43. Run the “filters>alphabetical>glyphs” filter



Feel free to adjust the “scale factor” and “maximum number” of points to adjust the size and number of the vectors

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

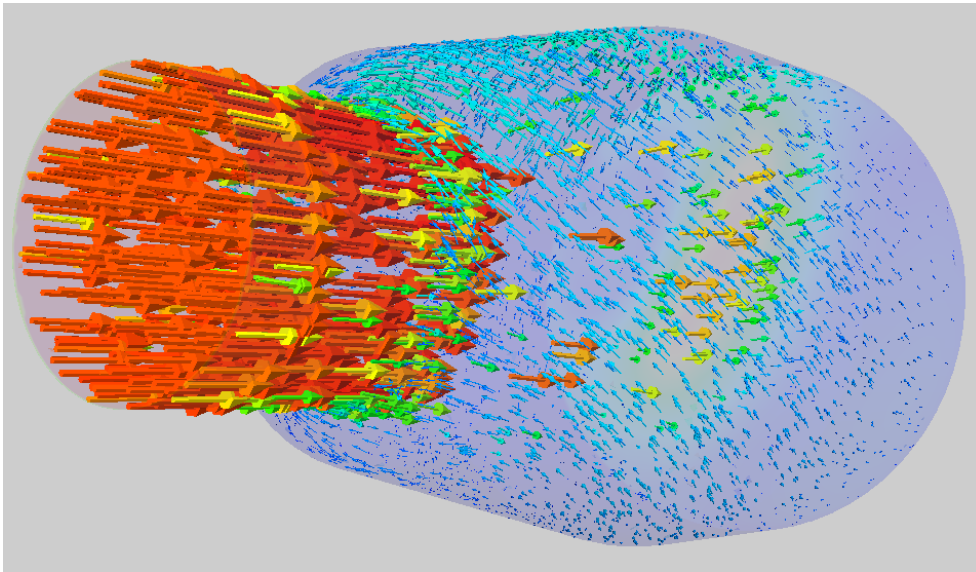
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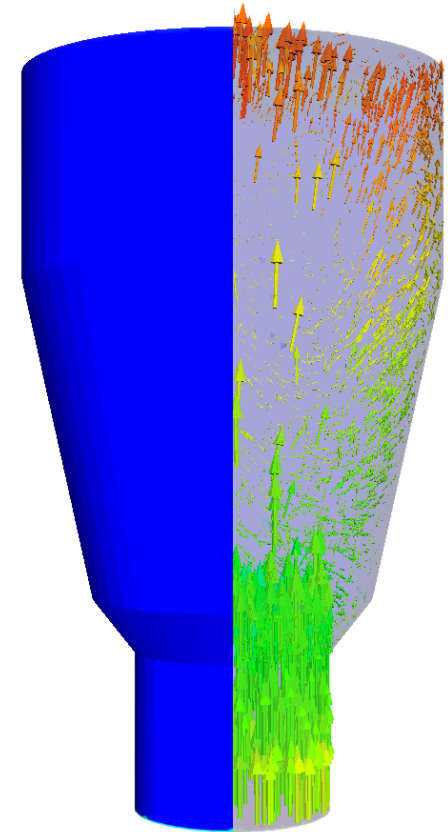
Scaling the vectors and adjusting the count will change how the vector field appears and will bring out finer flow structure

# Hands-On Session | Turbulent Flow

Combine Multiple filters and adjust view settings



Glyphs + Opacity adjustment (0.1)



Cut plane after glyphs have been created

# Hands-On Session | Incompressible Flow

## Further Study

- Increase mesh density
- Add energy with temperature differences at wall and inlet
- Try different turbulence models to see any influence of model on the flow solution
- Try the “stream-tracer” filter and test out the point or line source options

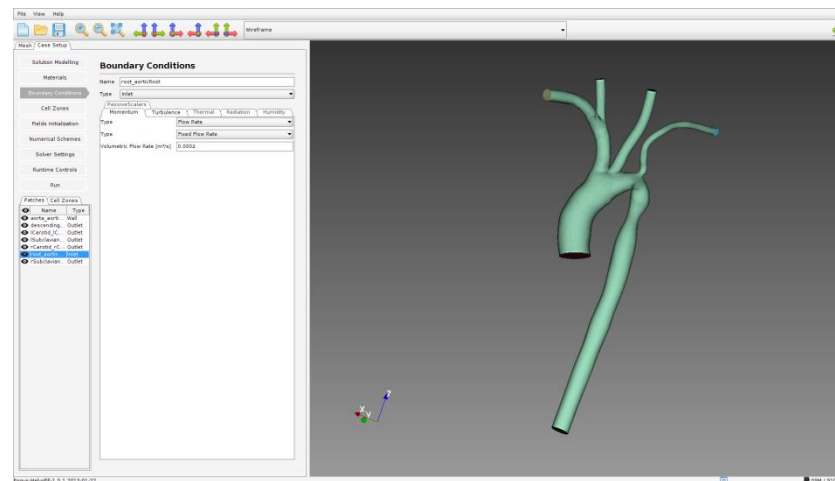
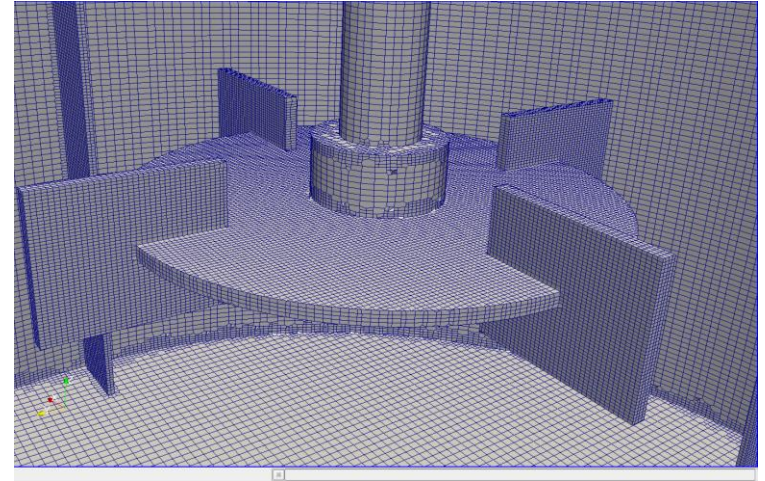
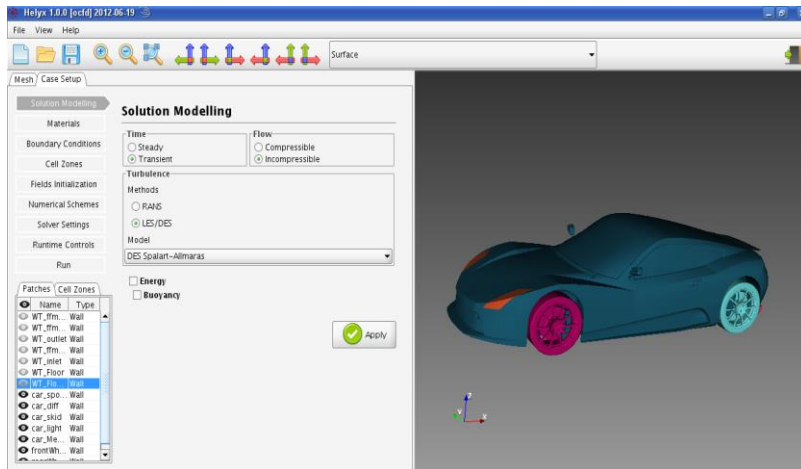
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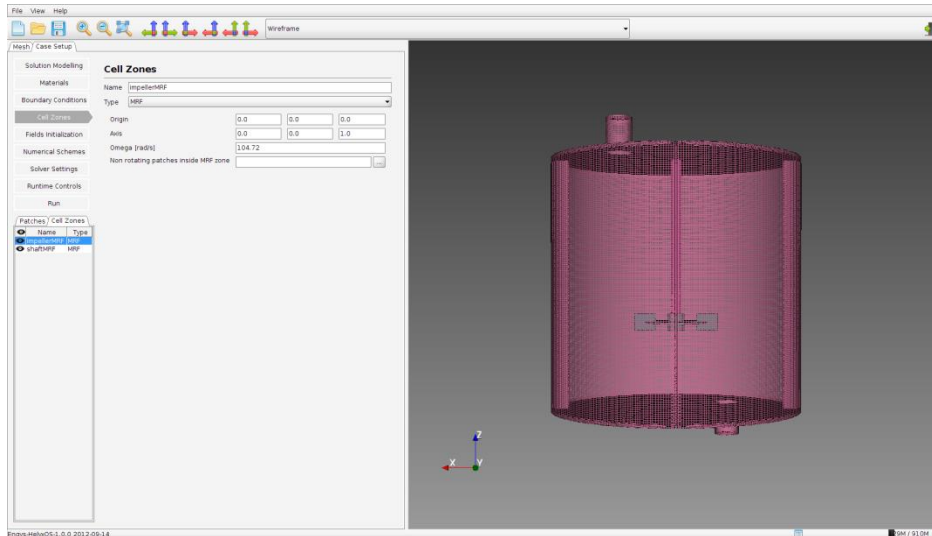
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5 SNAPPY_LOG=$CASE/log/snappyHexMesh.log
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7 blockMesh -dict system/blockMeshDict -case $CASE | tee $BLOCK_LOG
8 snappyHexMesh -overwrite -case $CASE | tee $SNAPPY_LOG
9 $SHELL
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# Closing Remarks

- HELYX-OS has been used for aerospace, automotive, biomedical, chemical, HVAC, applications.
- More functionality that wasn't covered in this tutorial
  - Multiple Reference Frame Modeling
  - Porous Media Flow Modeling
  - Advanced Scripting within HELYX-OS
- HELYX-OS functionality is developing quickly
  - Testing and feedback from users is key
  - Use cfd-online and sourceforge for discussion
- Go to [www.engys.com/products](http://www.engys.com/products)
- Download at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/helyx-os/>
- Come to the next session on **snappyHexMesh**

Questions?

Thank You  
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