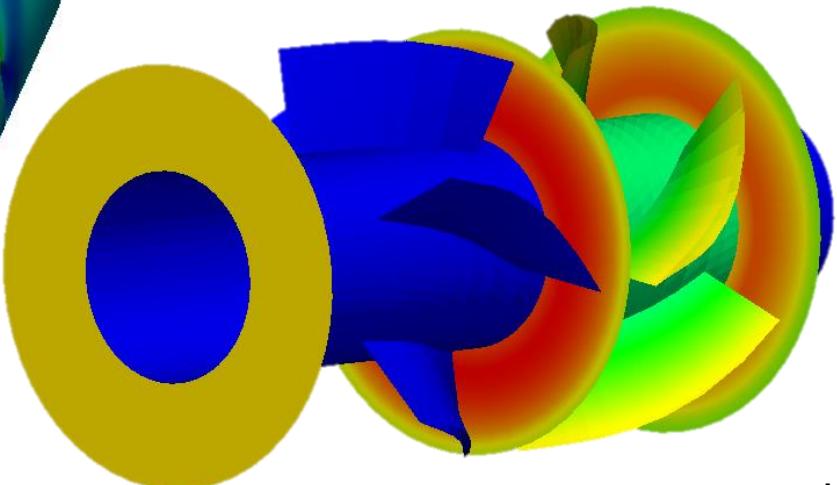
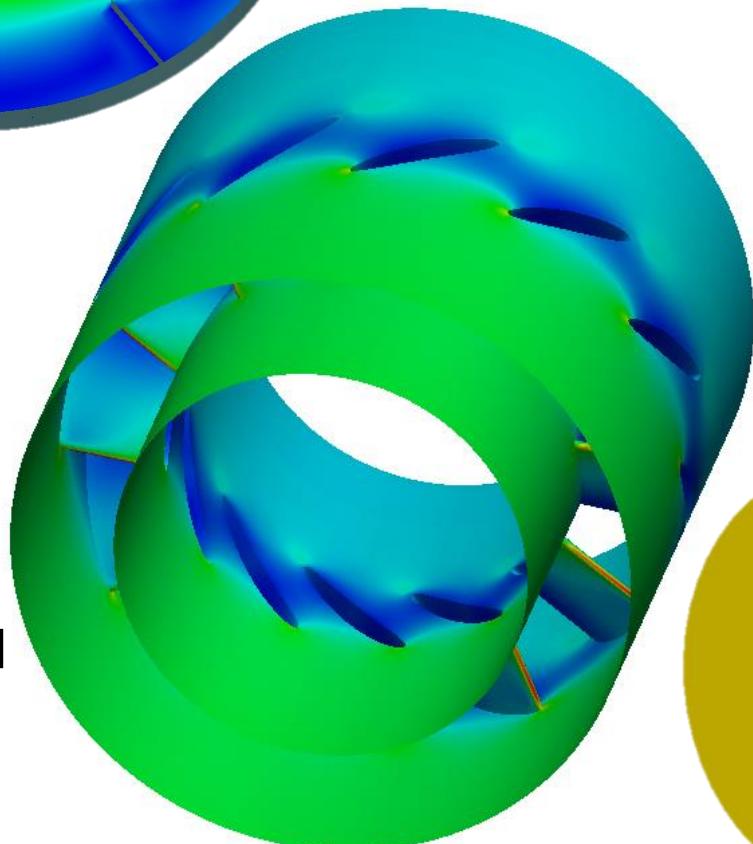
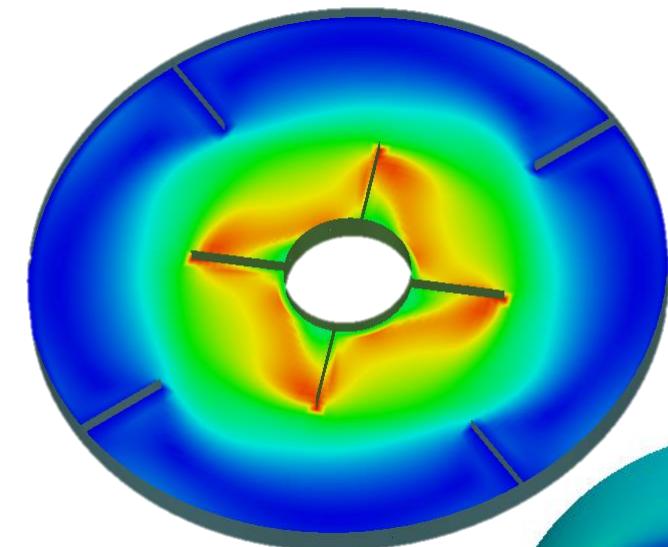


CFD for Rotating Machinery

OpenFOAM v2.3 and 2.4
foam-extend-3.1



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- cyclicAMI
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This document covers

how to set up CFD simulation for a rotating machinery
using OpenFOAM.

In particular,

- **Single Rotating Frame (SRF)**
- **Multiple Reference Frame (MRF)**
- **Arbitrally Mesh Interface (AMI)**

are and will be described in detail.

Chapter 1 Introduction

In this chapter we shall describe the classification of the methods for solving a flow around a rotating machinery using OpenFOAM.



What we need to decide

Our simulation begins with deciding the following conditions:

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2. Time Dependency

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Does our model include some **stationary** regions or not?

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Which do we want to obtain, a **steady** or **transient** solution?

1. Computational Domain

2. Time Dependency

	Only Rotating Region	Include Stationary Region(s)
Steady	SRFSimpleFoam Chapter 2	SimpleFoam + fvOptions Chapter 3
Transient	SRFPimpleFoam Chapter 2	pimpleDyMFoam Chapter 4

Chapter 2 Single Rotating Frame

In this chapter we shall describe how to set up the solvers

SRFSimpleFoam

and

SRFPimpleFoam

to simulate an incompressible flow field
in a single rotating frame.



The Single Rotating Frame (SRF) model computes fluid flow in a rotating frame of reference that is adhere to a rotating machinery.

- Steady-state solutions are possible
- Without any mesh motion

OpenFOAM solvers using
Single Rotating Frame (SRF) model

Steady-state solver

SRFSimpleFoam

Transient solver

SRFPimpleFoam



Governing equations

➤ Governing Equations of SRFSimpleFoam

Coriolis force Centrifugal force

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_R) + \boxed{2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R} + \boxed{\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\nu_{eff} (\nabla \mathbf{u}_R + (\nabla \mathbf{u}_R)^T)) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

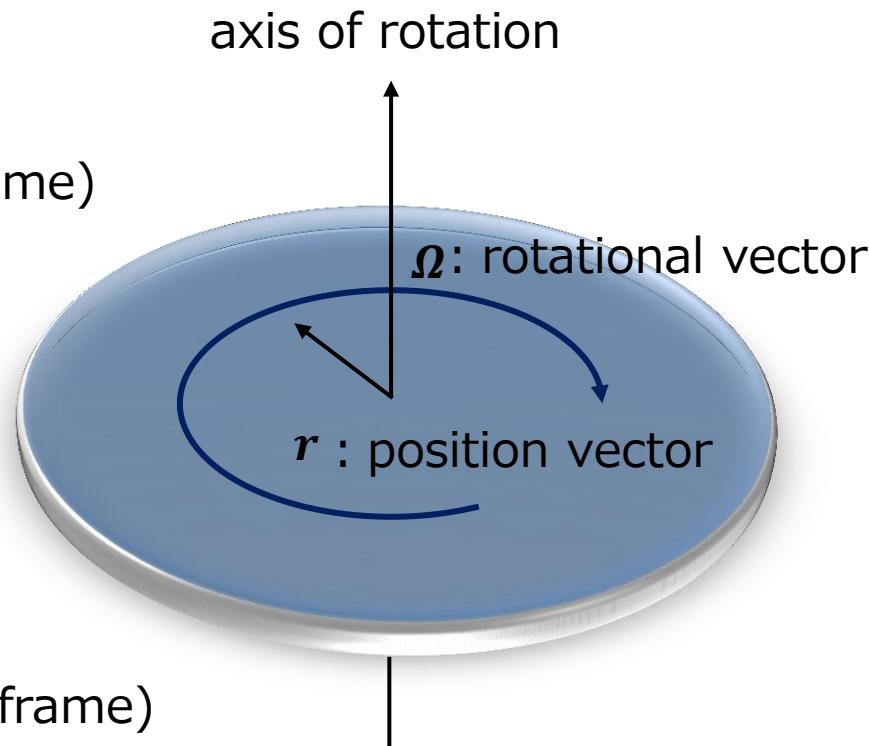
Relative velocity

(the velocity viewed from the rotating frame)

$$\mathbf{u}_I = \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}$$

Absolute velocity

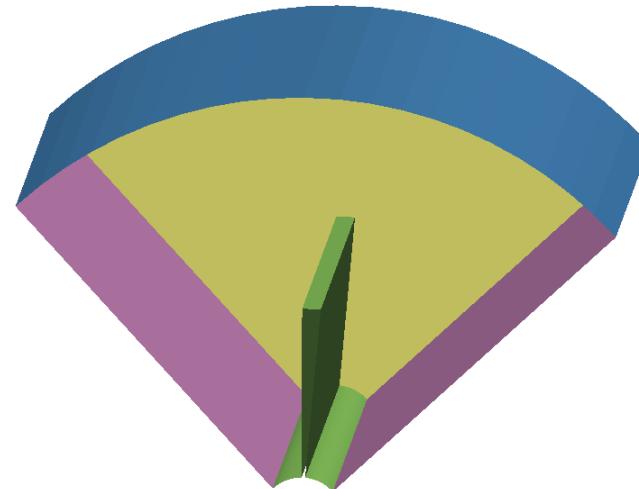
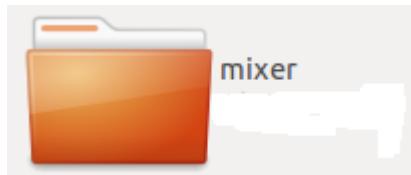
(the velocity viewed from the stationary frame)



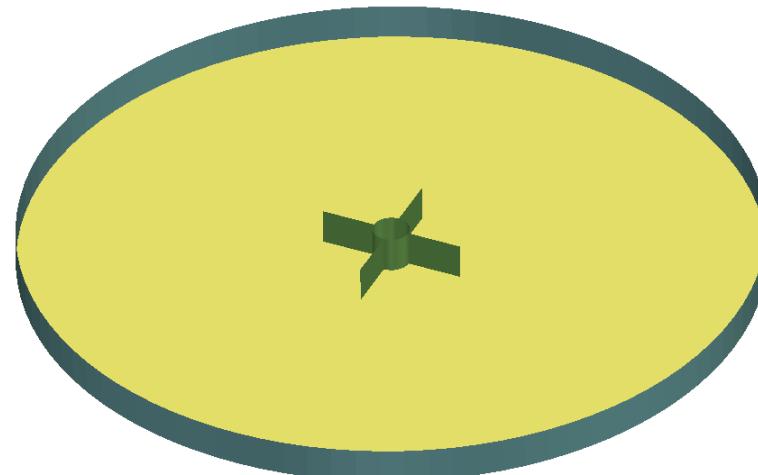
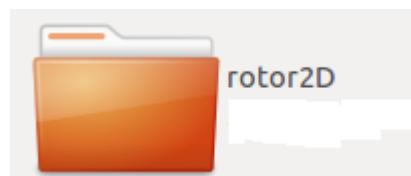
Let's run the tutorials

➤ Tutorials of SRFSimpleFoam and SRFPimpleFoam

- SRFSimpleFoam

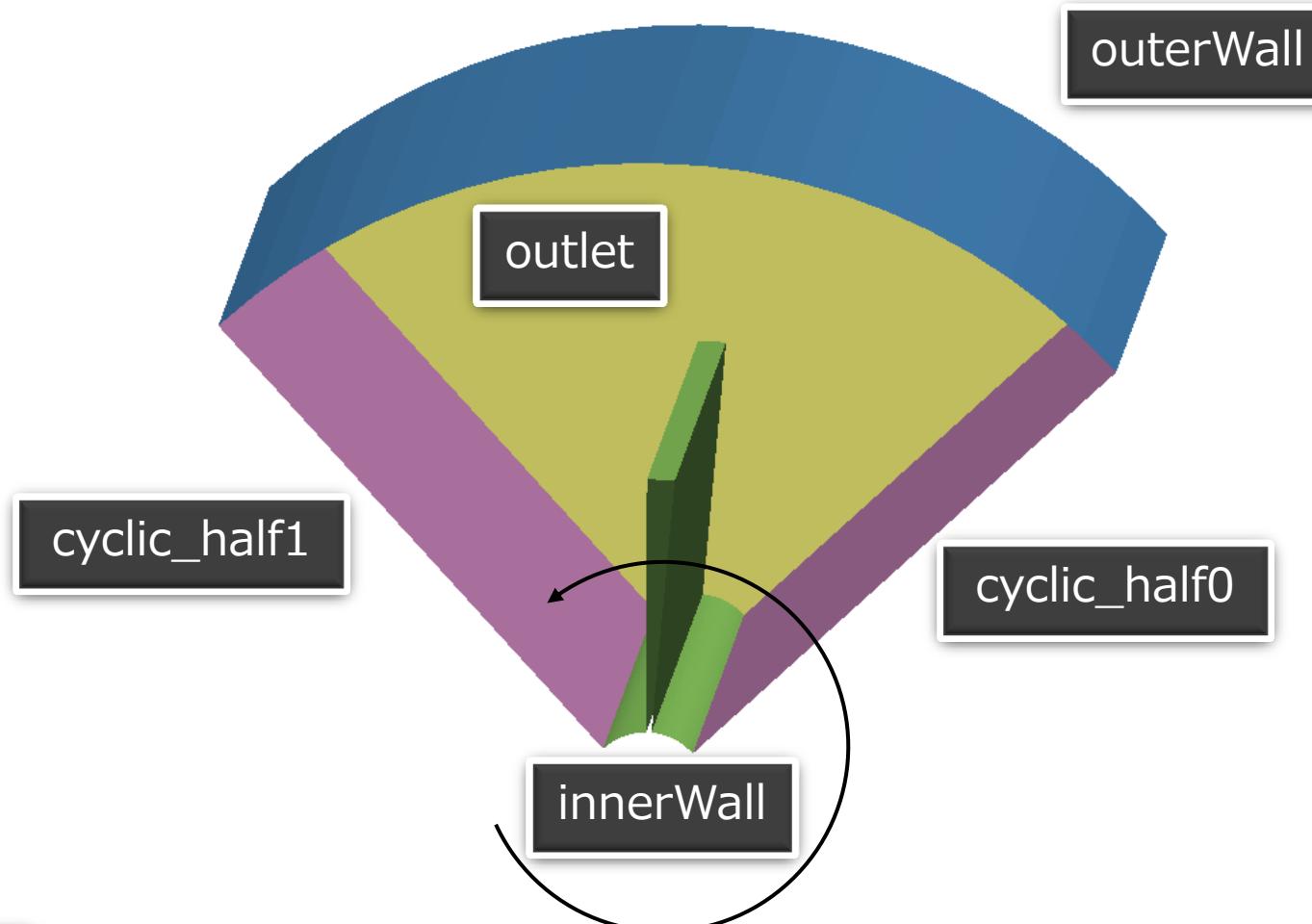


- SRFPimpleFoam



➤ `tutorials/incompressible/SRFSimpleFoam/mixer`

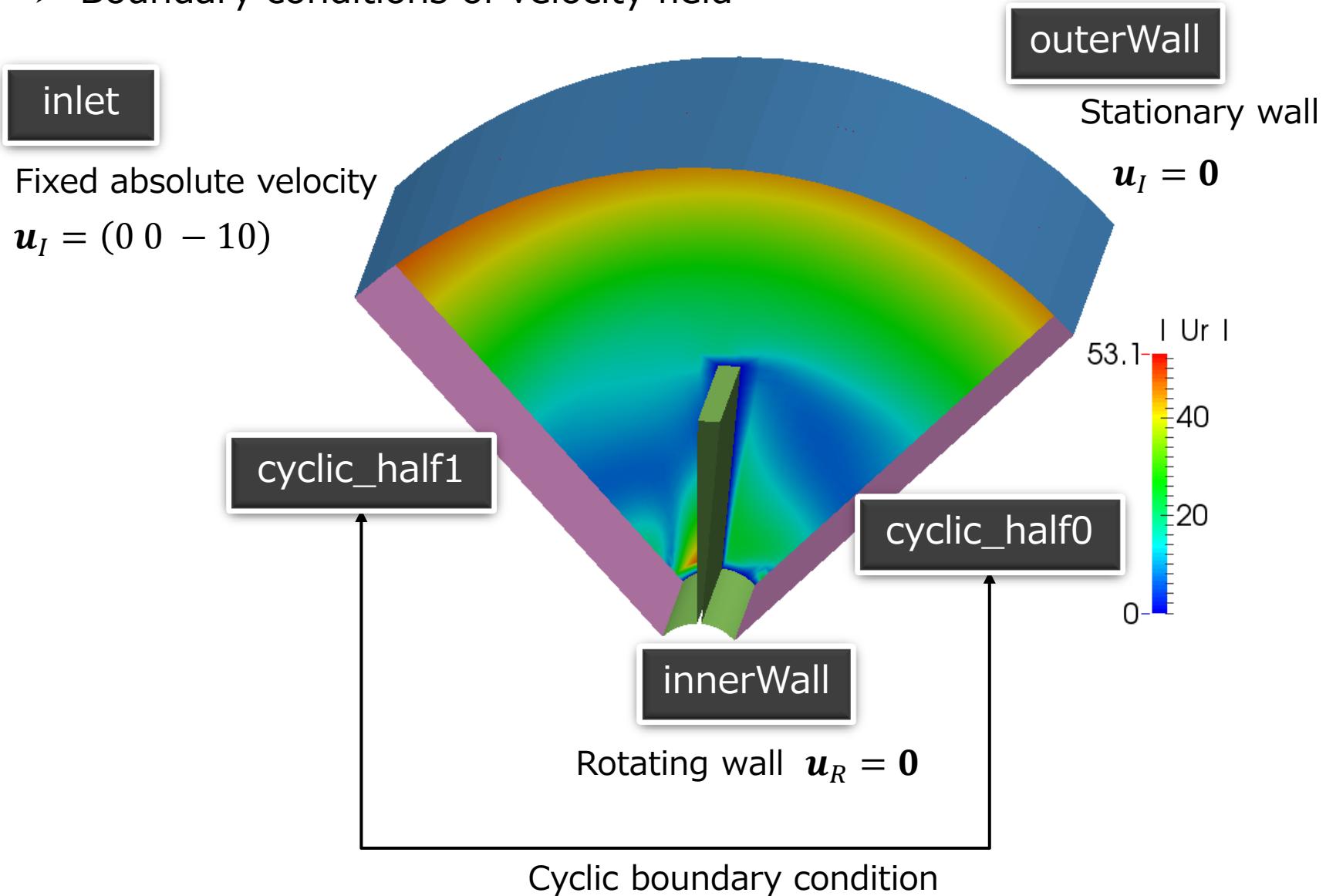
A blade named “innerWall” is rotating counterclockwise at 5000 rpm.

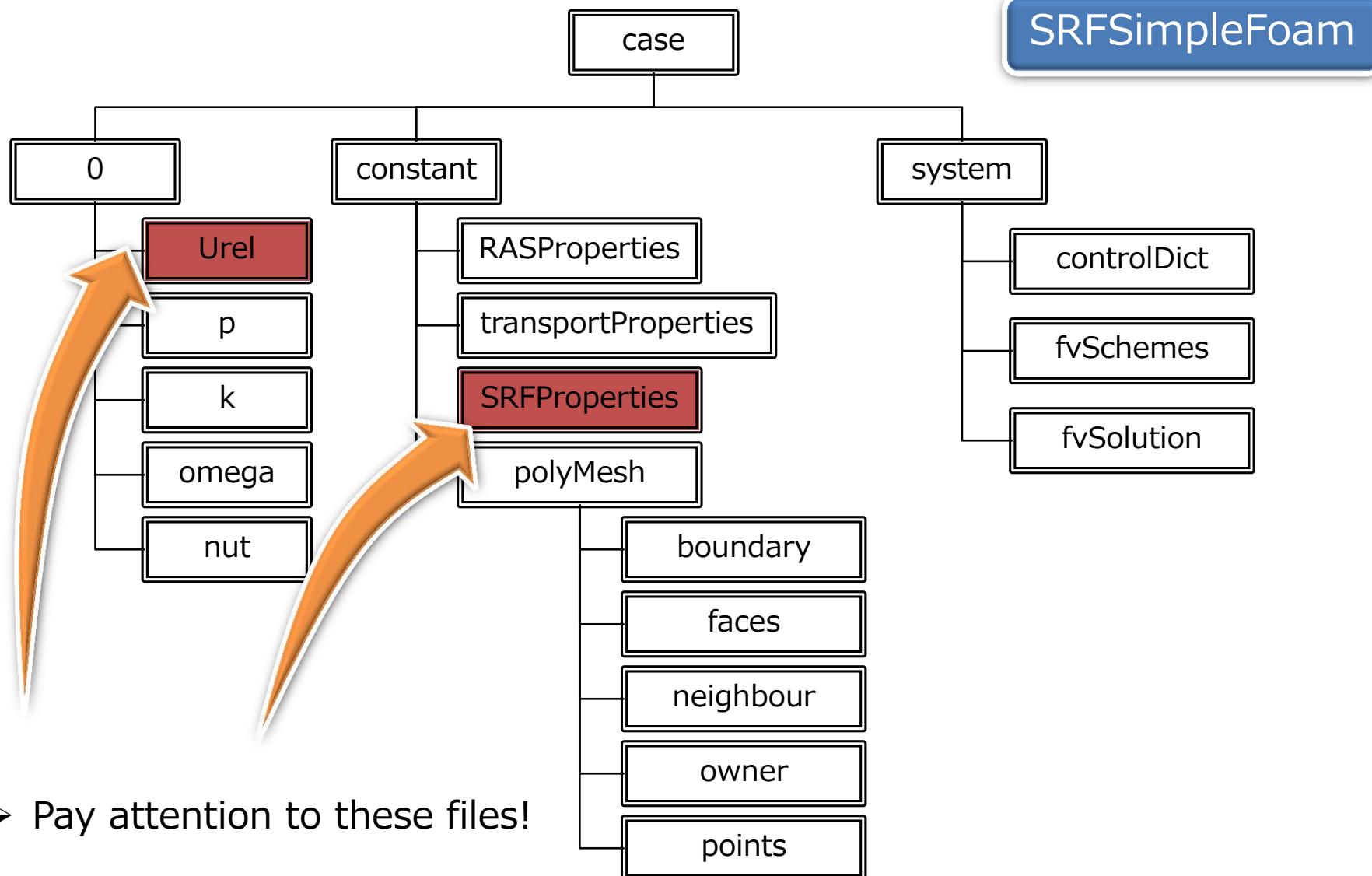


inlet

patch is hidden for facilitating visualization.

➤ Boundary conditions of velocity field





➤ Pay attention to these files!

- ***Urel*** represents the relative velocity field
- Rotating velocity condition is described in ***SRFProperties*** file

SRFProperties

- Angular velocity condition is described in ***SRFProperties*** file.

```
/*-----* C++ -----*/
| ===== | |
| ¥¥ / F ield | OpenFOAM: The Open Source CFD Toolbox |
| ¥¥ / O peration | Version: 2.3.0 |
| ¥¥ / A nd | Web: www.OpenFOAM.org |
| ¥¥/ M anipulation | |
/*-----*/
FoamFile
{
    version 2.0;
    format ascii;
    class dictionary;
    location "constant";
    object SRFProperties;
}
// * * * * * > Angular velocity is specified
// * * * * * in terms of revolutions-per-minute [rpm]
SRFModel rpm;
axis ( 0 0 1 );
rpmCoeffs
{
    rpm 5000;
}
// **** ----- //
```

Axis of rotation

$$5000 \text{ rpm} \Rightarrow 5000 * 2\pi/60 = 523.6 \text{ [rad/s]}$$

Rotational direction

When the axis vector points to you

- $\text{rpm} > 0 \Rightarrow$ rotation in **counterclockwise** direction
- $\text{rpm} < 0 \Rightarrow$ rotation in **clockwise** direction

- In this tutorial, ***SRFVelocity*** boundary condition is used on inlet and outerWall boundaries.

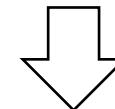
```
inlet
{
    type      SRFVelocity;
    inletValue uniform (0 0 -10);
    relative  no;
    value     uniform (0 0 0);
}
```

This means $\mathbf{u}_I = (0 \ 0 \ -10)$.

```
outerWall
{
    type      SRFVelocity;
    inletValue uniform (0 0 0);
    relative  no;
    value     uniform (0 0 0);
}
```

This means $\mathbf{u}_I = \mathbf{0}$ (a stationary wall).

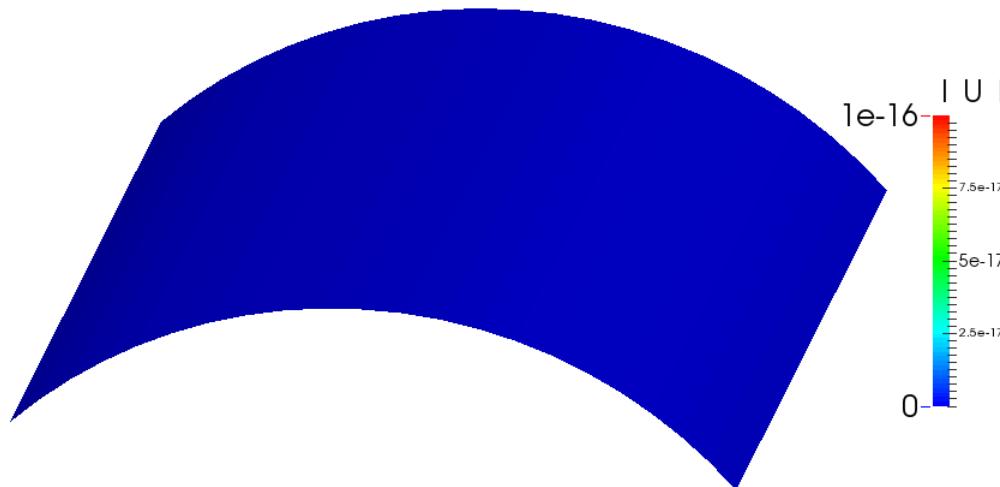
By setting ***relative*** up as ***no***



Boundary condition of the relative velocity \mathbf{u}_r (Urel) is able to be specified in terms of the absolute velocity.

Closer look at the velocity on outerWall

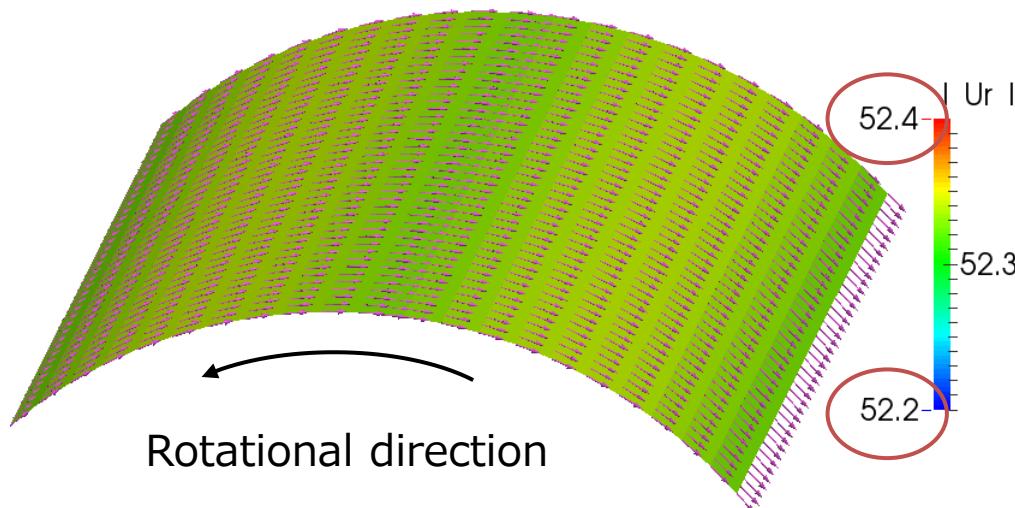
In the stationary coordinate system



$$\mathbf{u}_I = \mathbf{0}$$

In the rotating coordinate system

Vectors show \mathbf{u}_r



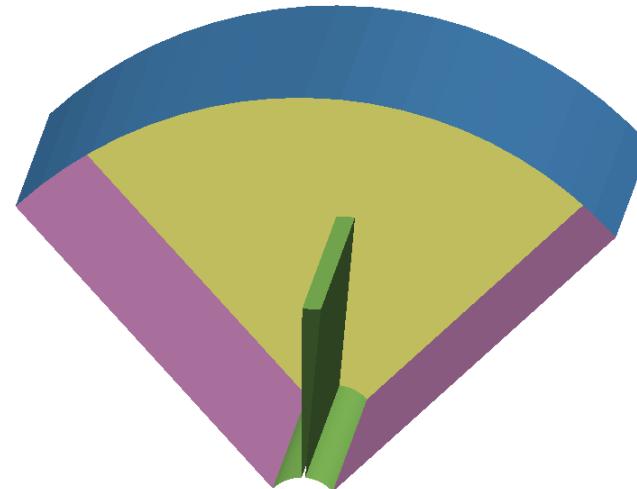
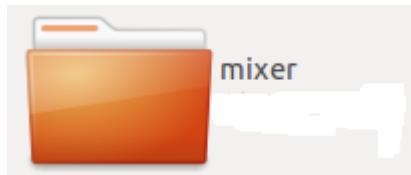
Radius of outerWall is 0.1 m

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{u}_r| &= |\mathbf{u}_I - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}| \\ &= 523.6 \cdot 0.1 = 52.36 \text{ [m/s]} \end{aligned}$$

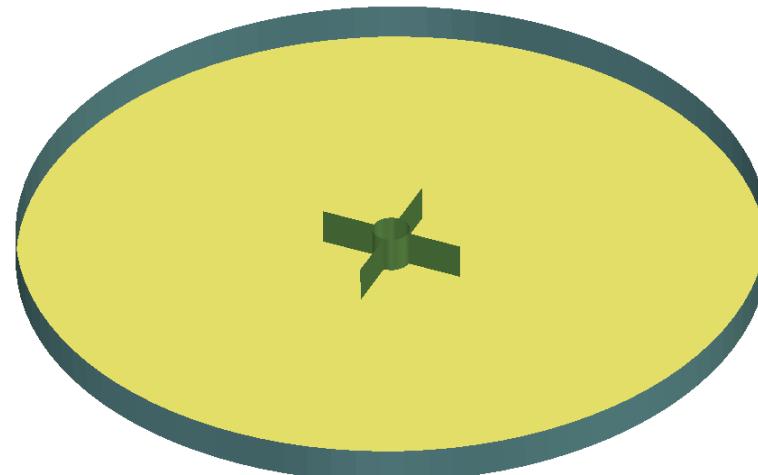
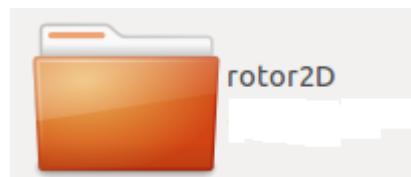
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- SRFSimpleFoam

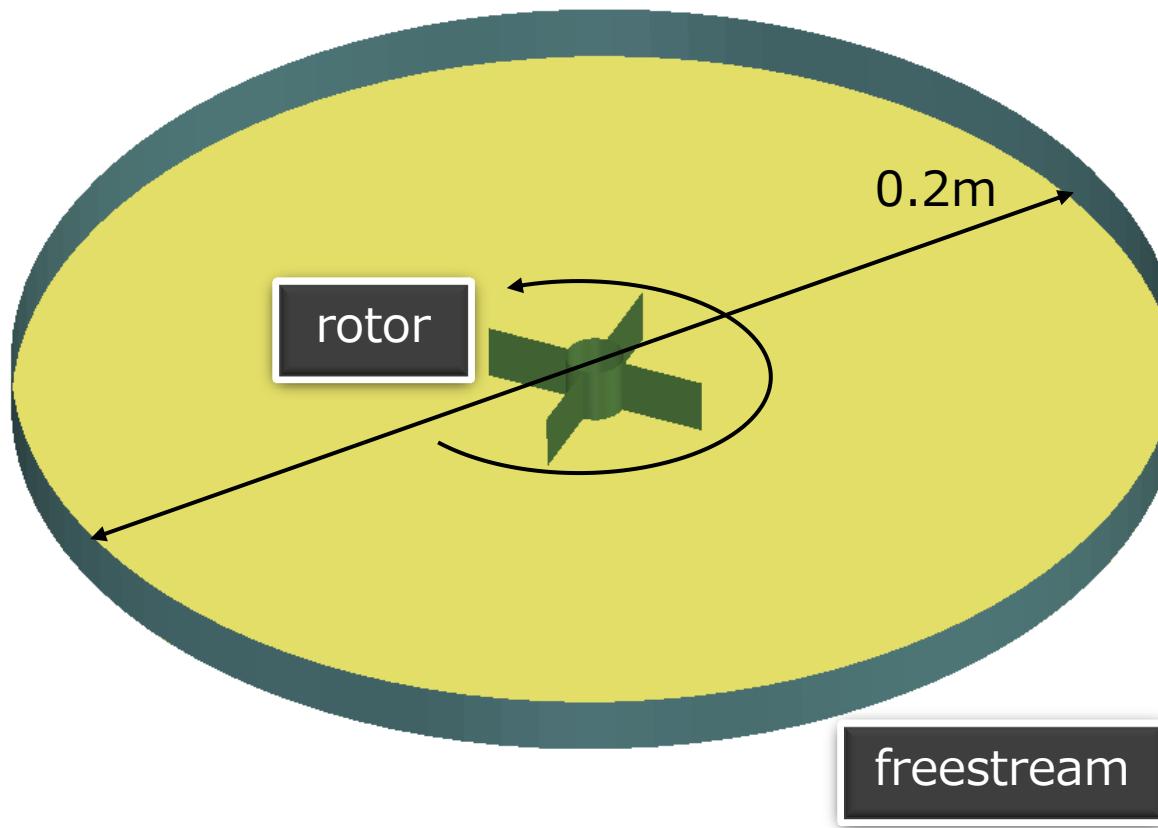


- SRFPimpleFoam

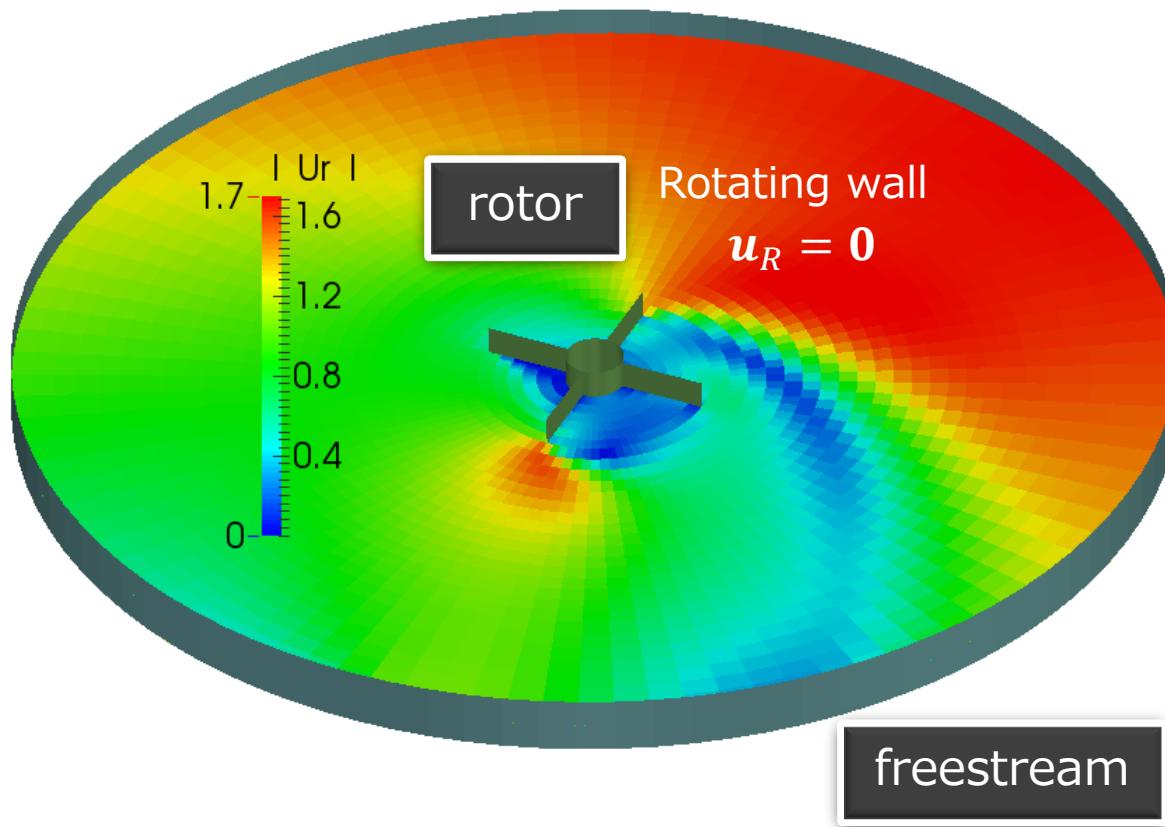


- `tutorials/incompressible/SRFPimpleFoam/rotor2D`

A wall named “rotor” is rotating counterclockwise at 60 rpm.

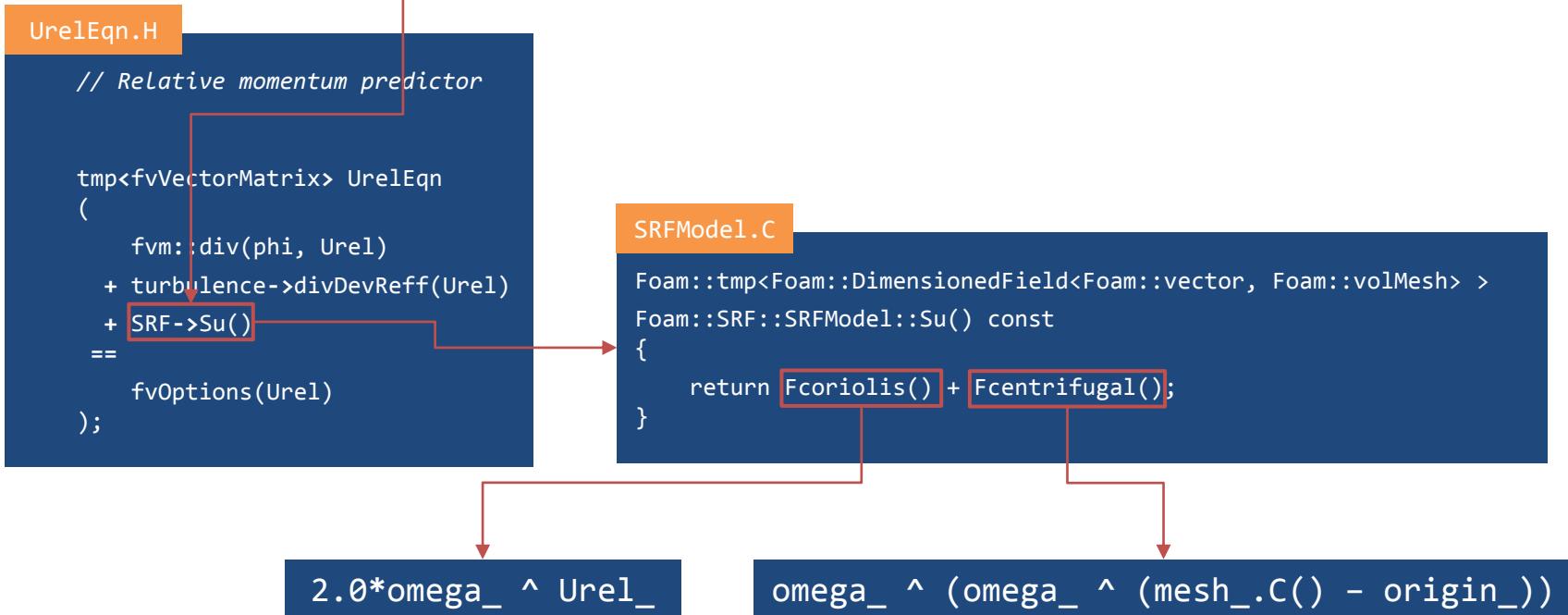


- Boundary conditions of velocity field



➤ Calculation of the additional force terms

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} (\mathbf{u}_R \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{u}_R + [2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})] &= -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\nu_{eff} (\nabla \mathbf{u}_R + (\nabla \mathbf{u}_R)^T)) \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R &= 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$



➤ Calculation of the absolute velocity (U_{abs})



Implementation | SRFVelocity

```
void Foam::SRFVelocityFvPatchVectorField::updateCoeffs()
{
    if (updated())
    {
        return;
    }
```

// If not relative to the SRF include the effect of the SRF

```
if (!relative_)
{
    // Get reference to the SRF model
    const SRF::SRFModel& srf =
        db().lookupObject<SRF::SRFModel>("SRFProperties");
```

// Determine patch velocity due to SRF

```
const vectorField SRFVelocity(srf.velocity(patch().cf()));
```

Calculate $\Omega \times r$

```
operator==(-SRFVelocity + inletValue_);
}
```

// If already relative to the SRF simply supply the inlet value as a fixed
// value

```
else
{
    operator==(inletValue_);
}
```

```
fixedValueFvPatchVectorField::updateCoeffs();
}
```

src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/SRF/
derivedFvPatchFields/SRFVelocityFvPatchVectorField/
SRFVelocityFvPatchVectorField.C

If "relative" is "no"

SRFModel.C l.60

If "relative" is "yes"

Chapter 3 Multiple Reference Frame

In this chapter we shall describe how to set up the multiple reference frame simulation in OpenFOAM. This model is activated using “fvOptions” functionality.



The Multiple Reference Frame (SRF) model computes fluid flow using both the rotating and stationary reference frames.

- Rotating zone is solved in the rotating frame
 - Stationary zone is solved in the stationary frame
- } Multiple frames

OpenFOAM solvers using
Multiple Reference Frame (MRF) model

Steady-state solver

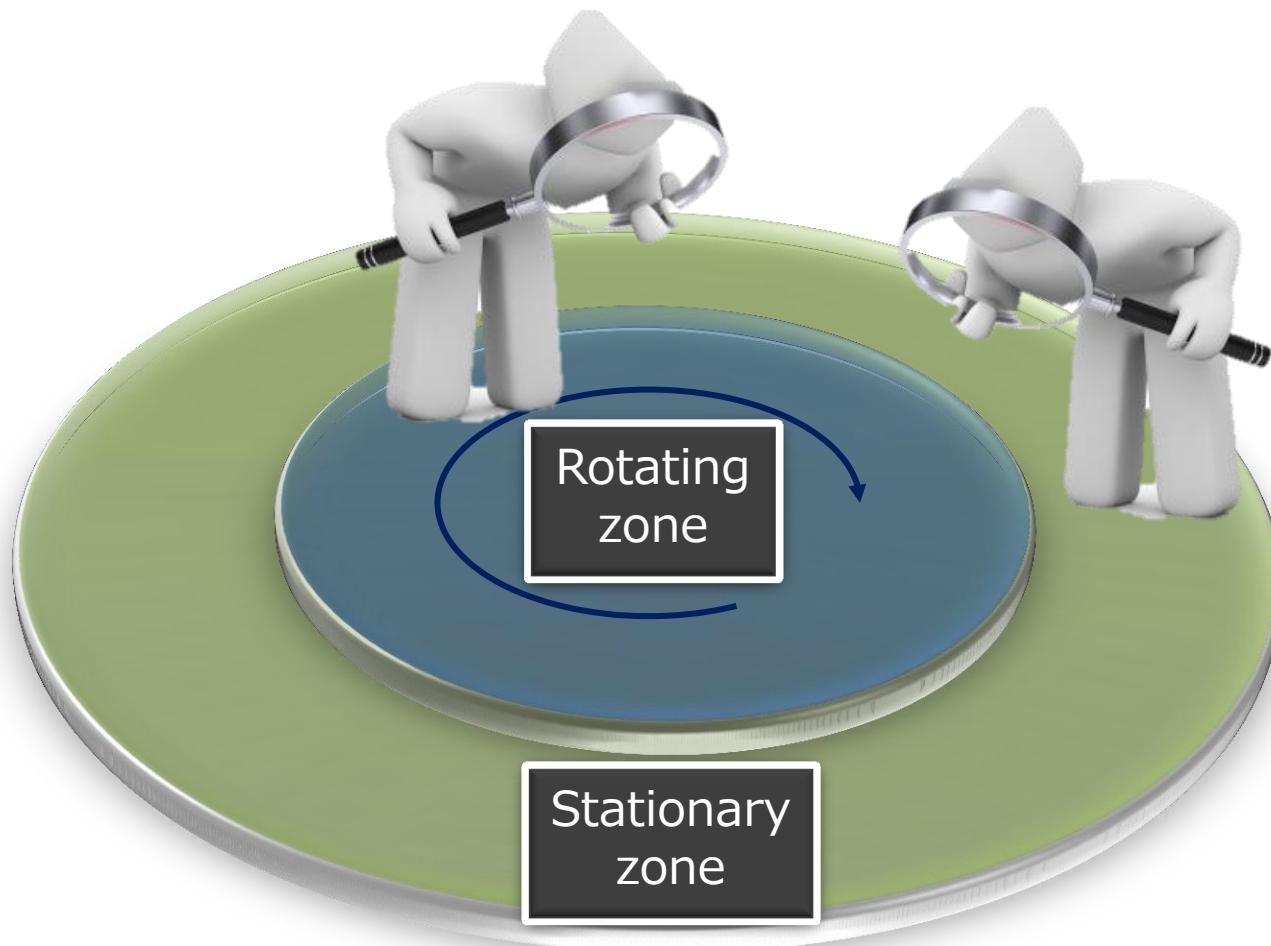
simpleFoam

fvOptions

+

MRFSource

Conceptual image



$$\boxed{\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_R)} = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) - \nabla \cdot \{ \mathbf{u}_R (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \}$$

Sometimes denoted

$$\mathbf{u}_R \otimes \mathbf{u}_R$$



$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \{ \mathbf{u}_R (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \} &= \nabla \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_{R_1}(\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) & u_{R_1}(\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) & u_{R_1}(\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \\ u_{R_2}(\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) & u_{R_2}(\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) & u_{R_2}(\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \\ u_{R_3}(\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) & u_{R_3}(\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) & u_{R_3}(\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \{ u_{R_1}(\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \{ u_{R_2}(\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \{ u_{R_3}(\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) \} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \{ u_{R_1}(\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \{ u_{R_2}(\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \{ u_{R_3}(\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) \} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \{ u_{R_1}(\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \{ u_{R_2}(\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \{ u_{R_3}(\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R \\ (\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R \\ (\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u}_R \cdot \nabla (\Omega_2 r_3 - \Omega_3 r_2) \\ \mathbf{u}_R \cdot \nabla (\Omega_3 r_1 - \Omega_1 r_3) \\ \mathbf{u}_R \cdot \nabla (\Omega_1 r_2 - \Omega_2 r_1) \end{pmatrix} = \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_R) = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R$$

- In the rotating frame

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_R) + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \\
 = & \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) - \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \\
 = & \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \\
 = & \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \{\mathbf{u}_R + (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r})\} \\
 = & \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_I \quad 1
 \end{aligned}$$

- Governing equations of SRF can be rearranged in the following manner:

$$\left\{
 \begin{array}{l}
 \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_R) + 2\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_R + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\nu_{eff}(\nabla \mathbf{u}_R + (\nabla \mathbf{u}_R)^T)) \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R = 0
 \end{array}
 \right.$$



$$\left\{
 \begin{array}{l}
 \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}_R \mathbf{u}_I) + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}_I = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\nu_{eff}(\nabla \mathbf{u}_I + (\nabla \mathbf{u}_I)^T)) \\
 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_R = 0
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

➤ Governing equations [1]

Rotating zone

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot (\boxed{\boldsymbol{u}_R} \boldsymbol{u}_I) + \boxed{\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \boldsymbol{u}_I} = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\nu_{eff} (\nabla \boldsymbol{u}_I + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u}_I)^T)) \\ \nabla \cdot \boxed{\boldsymbol{u}_R} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

1

2

Stationary zone

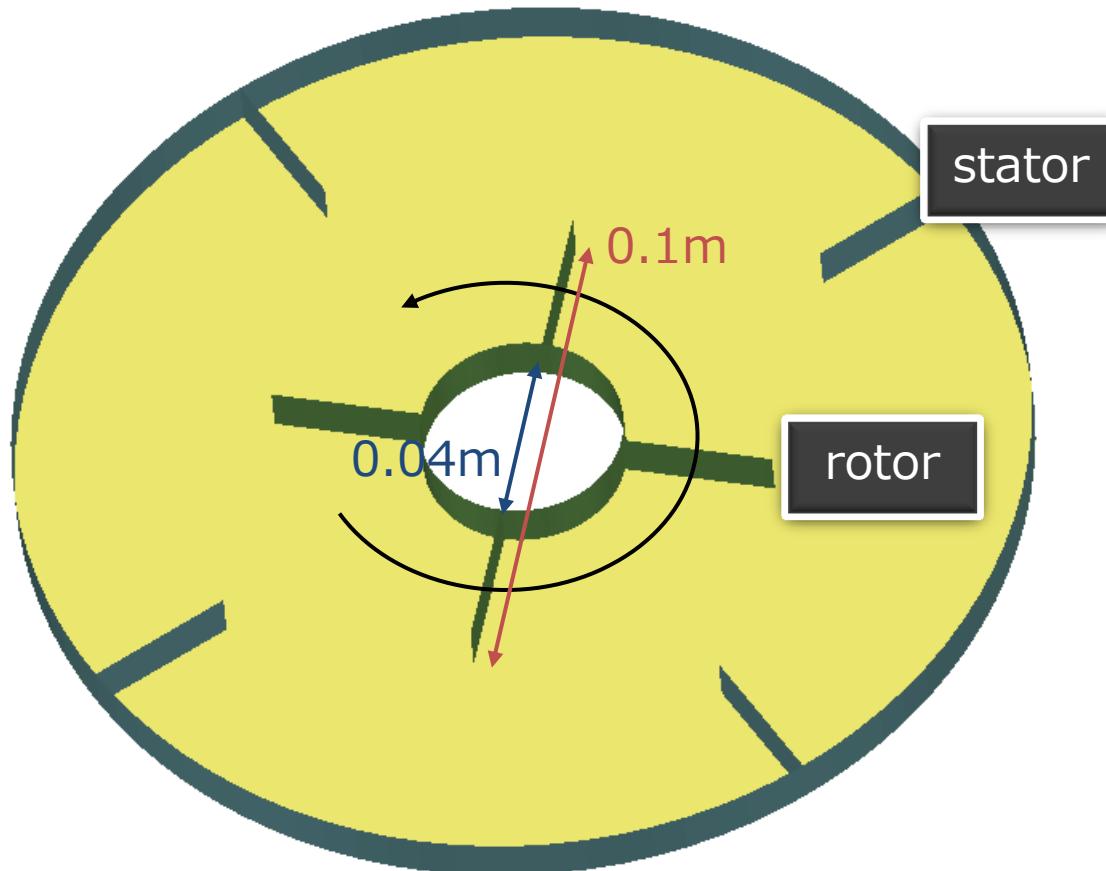
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{u}_I \boldsymbol{u}_I) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\nu_{eff} (\nabla \boldsymbol{u}_I + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u}_I)^T)) \\ \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{u}_I = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

➤ In each rotating zone

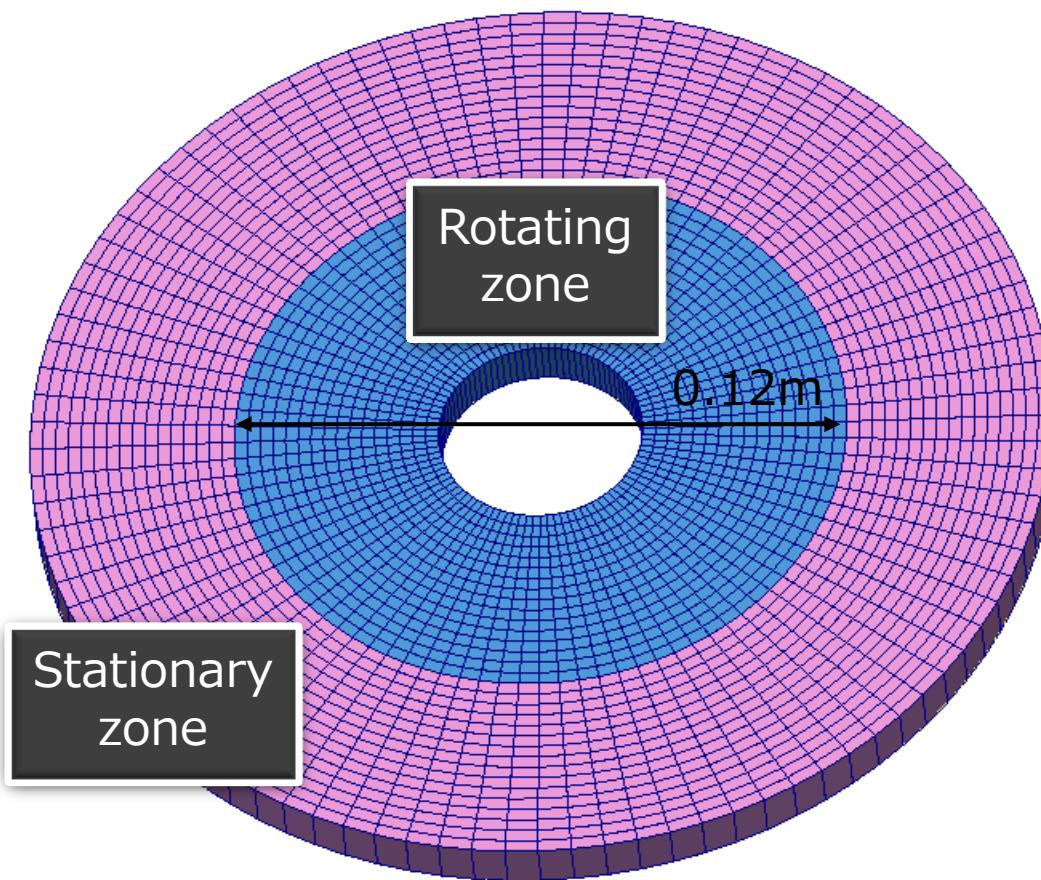
- 1 the Coriolis force is added to the governing equations
- 2 the flux is calculated from the relative velocity \boldsymbol{u}_R

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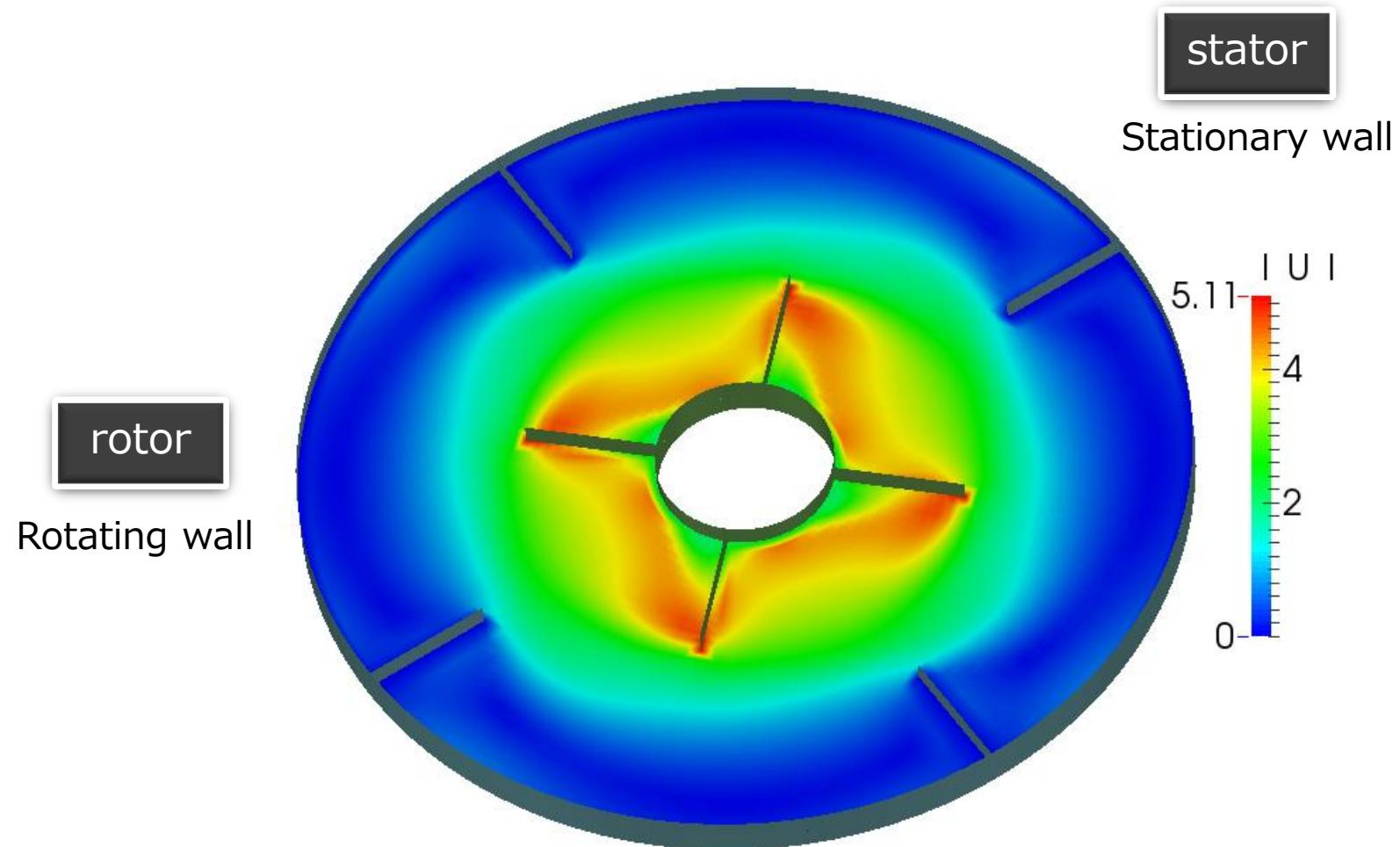
A wall named “rotor” is rotating counterclockwise at 104.72 rad/s.



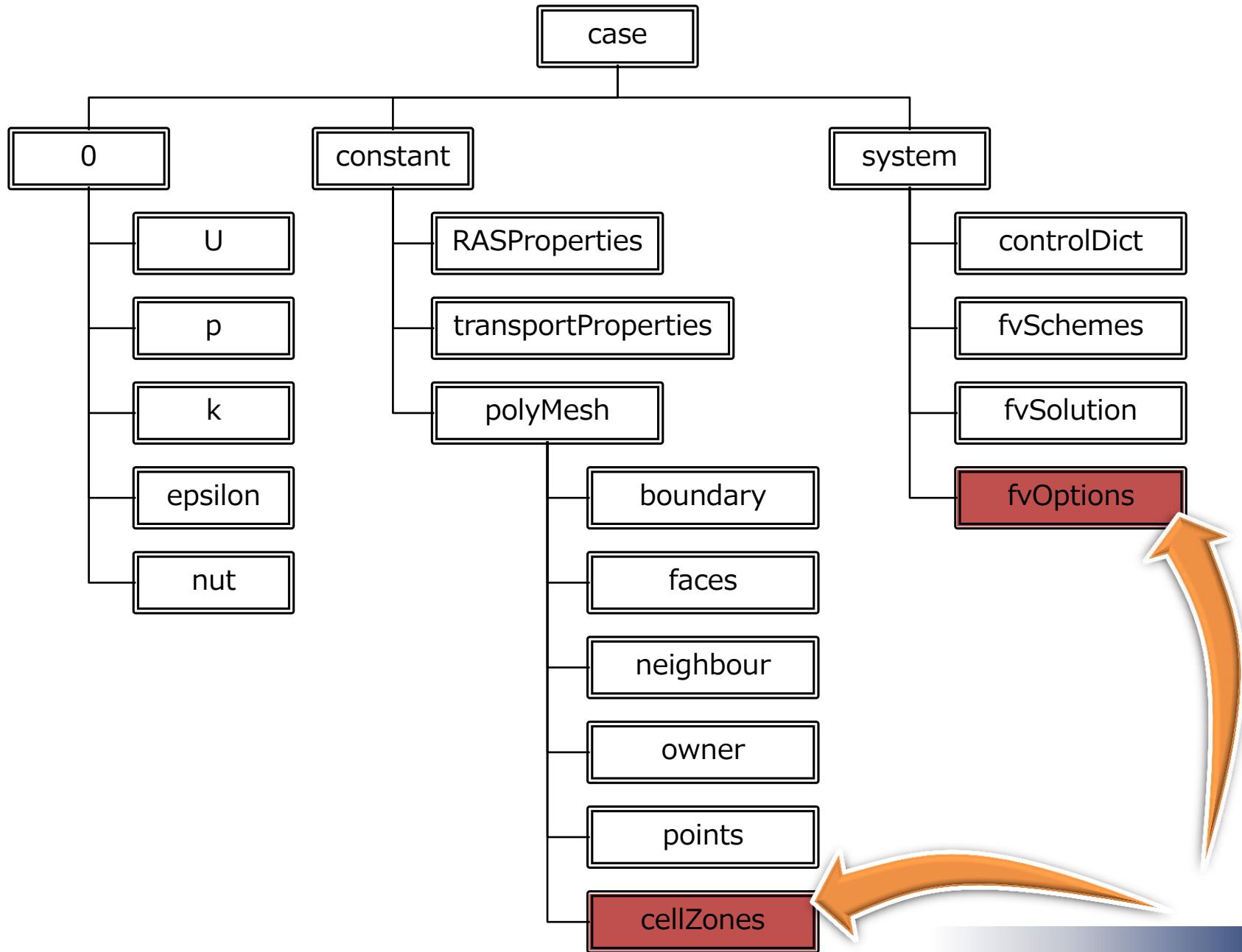
mixerVessel2D tutorial | Rotating zone



mixerVessel2D tutorial | Boundary condition



mixerVessel2D tutorial | Case structure



fvOptions Description

```
MRF1                                         system/fvOptions
{
    type          MRFSource;
    active        ture;
    selectionMode cellZone;
    cellZone      rotor;
```



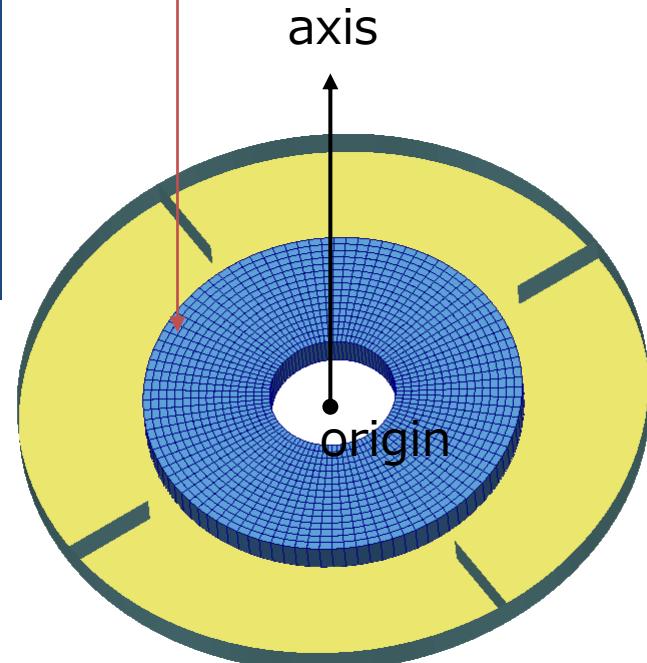
```
MRFSOURCECoeffs
{
    nonRotatingPatches ();
    origin         (0 0 0);
    axis           (0 0 1);
    omega          104.72;
}
```

Unit: [rad/s]

Following options are available for
“selectionMode”

- all
- cellSet
- cellZone
- mapRegion
- points

Specifying the rotating zone
by cellZone named rotor.



cellZones Description

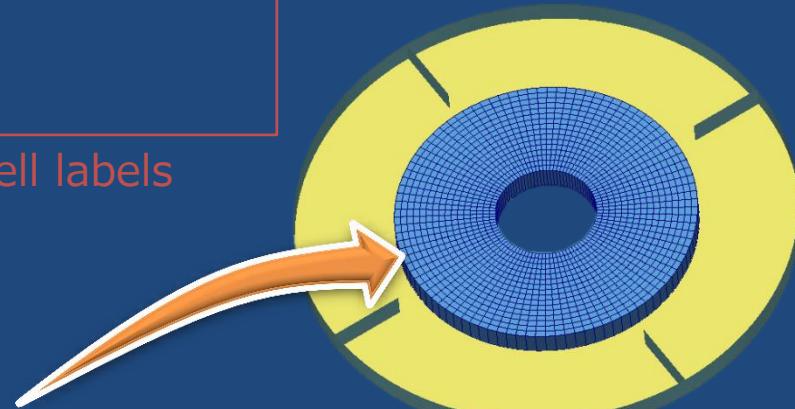
```
FoamFile
{
    version      2.0;
    format       ascii;
    class        regIOobject;
    location     "constant/polyMesh";
    object       cellZones;
}
// *****
1
(
    rotor
    {
        type cellZone;
        cellLabels List<label>
        1536
        (
            0
            1
            2
            3
            (snip)
            1533
            1534
            1535
        )
    ;
}
)
// *****
```

The number of cellZones

The name of cellZones

The number of cells that make up cellZones “rotor”

List of their cell labels



fvOptions Description | Keyword “nonRotatingPatches”

```
MRFSourceCoeffs
```

```
{
```

```
    nonRotatingPatches ();
```

```
    origin      (0 0 0);
```

```
    axis        (0 0 1);
```

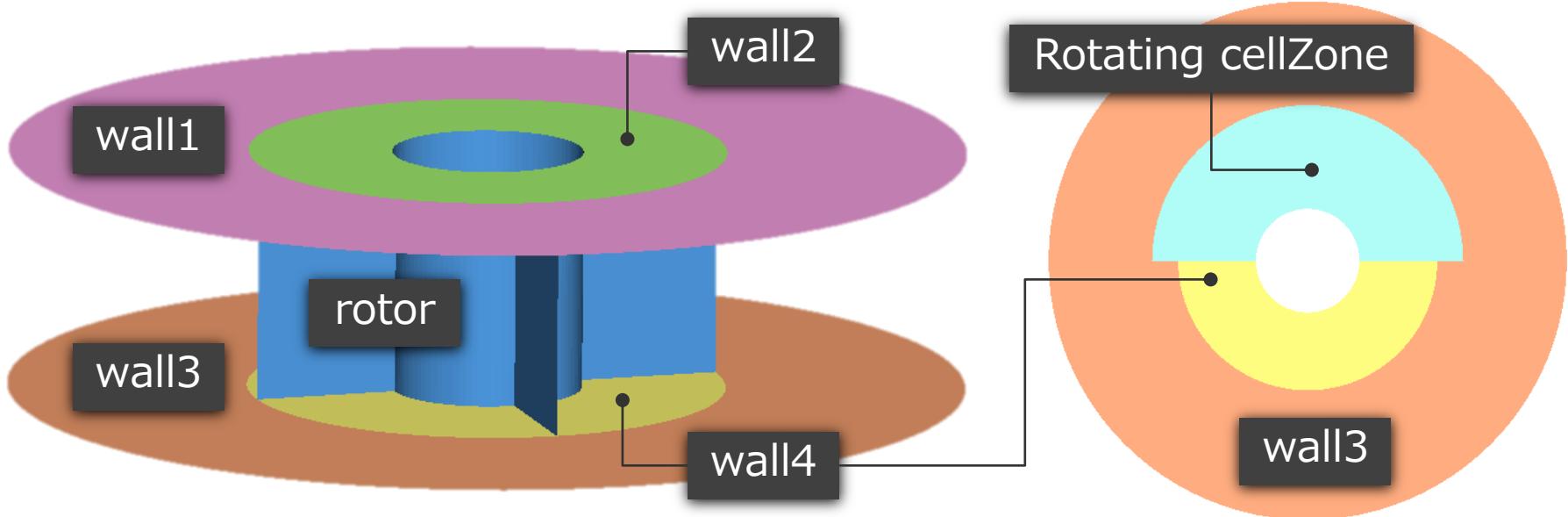
```
    omega       104.72;
```

```
}
```

stationary patches whose adjacent (owner) cell is in a rotating cell zone.

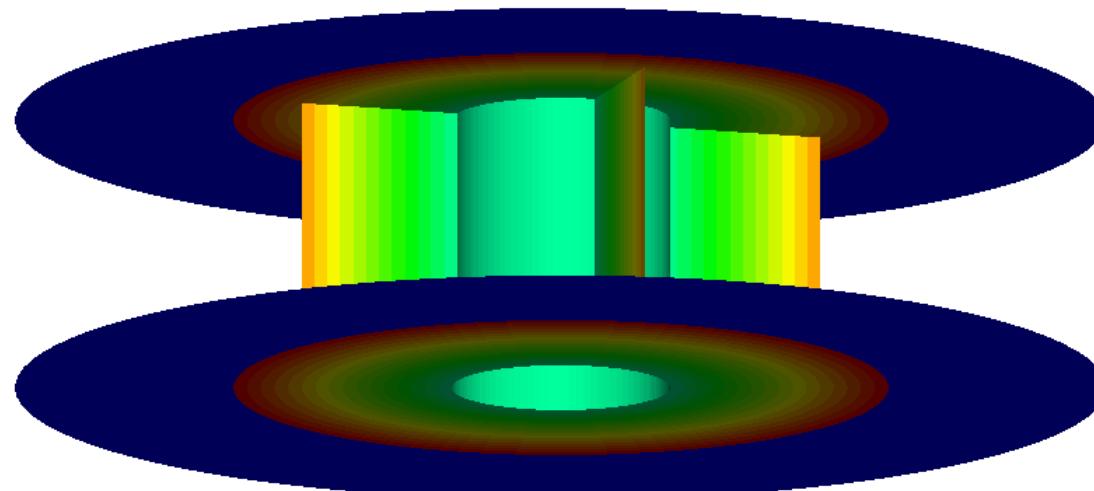
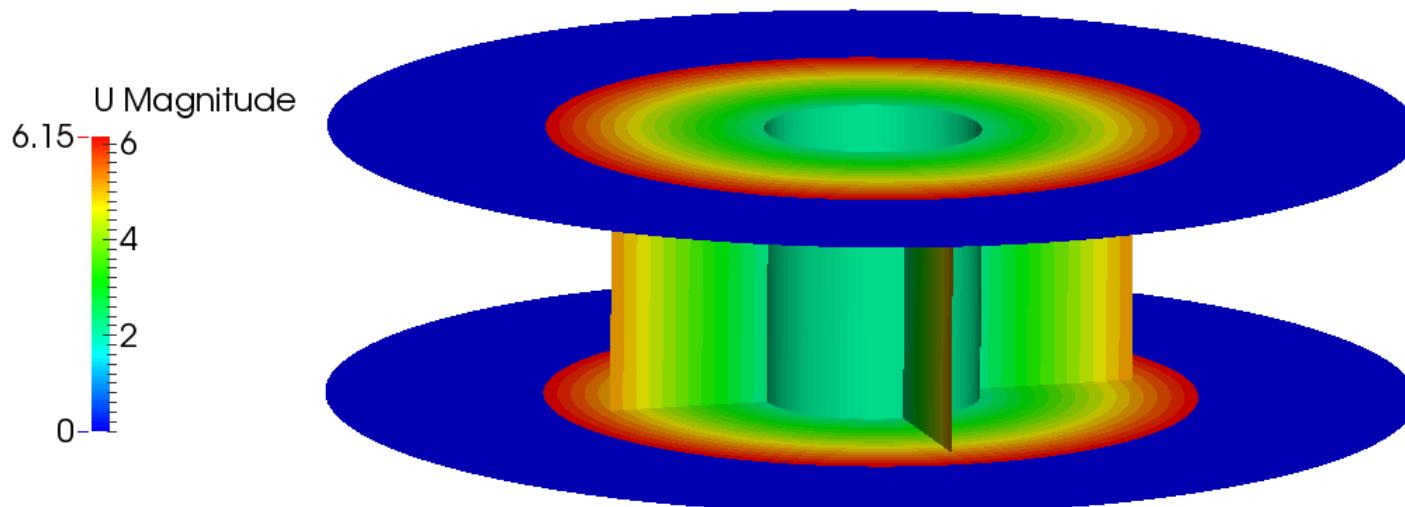
We'll compare the following two settings:

- Case1: nonRotatingPatches ();
- Case2: nonRotatingPatches (wall1 wall2 wall3);



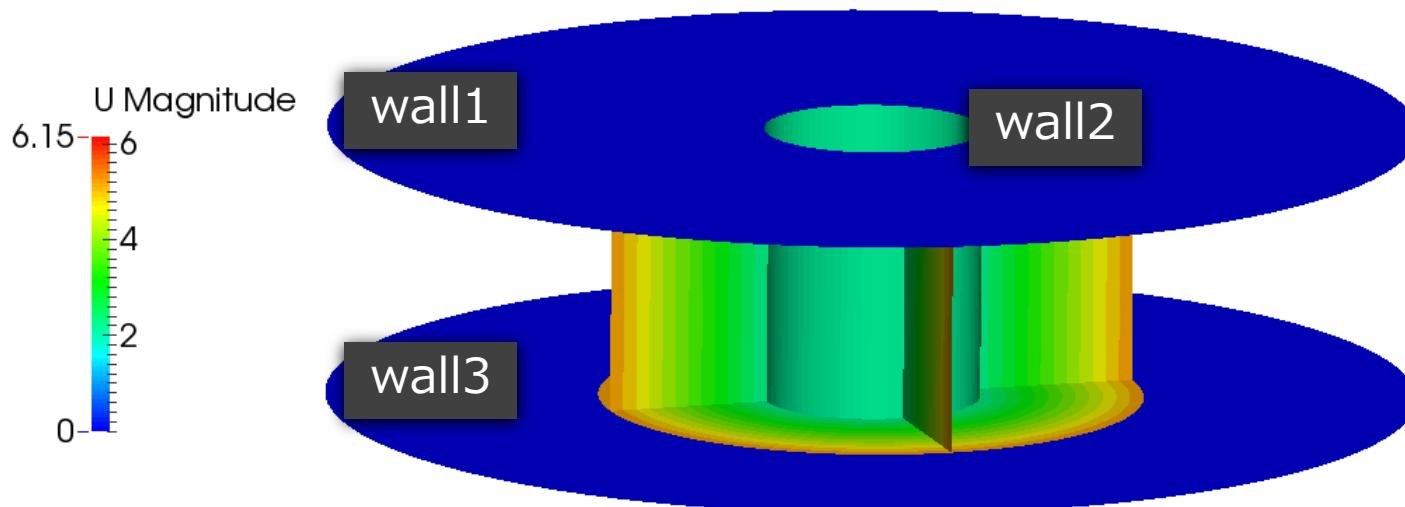
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Case1: nonRotatingPatches ();

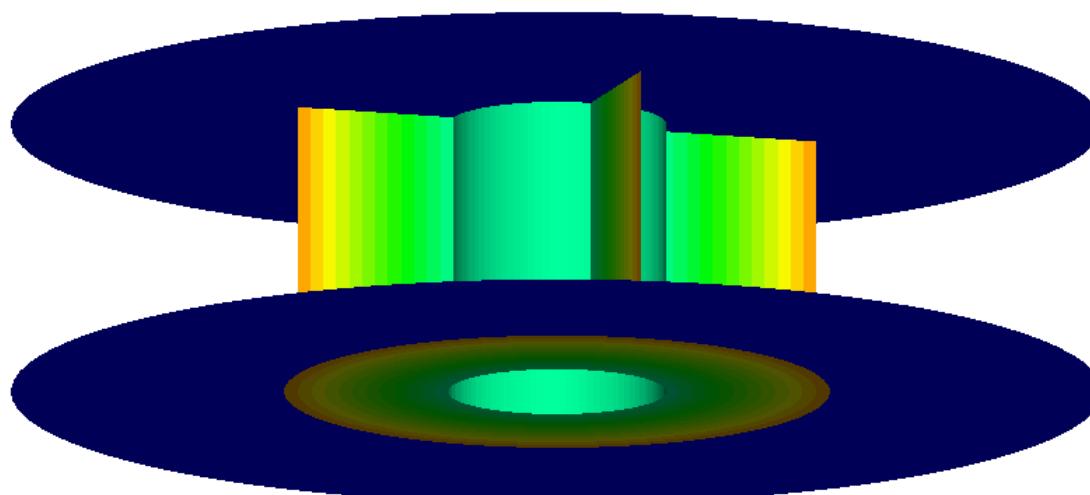


fvOptions Description | Keyword “nonRotatingPatches”

Case2: nonRotatingPatches (wall1 wall2 wall3);



wall1, wall2 and wall3 are treated as stationary patches.



- src/fvOptions/sources/derived/MRFSource
 - MRFSource.C
 - MRFSource.H
- src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF
 - IOMRFZoneList.C
 - IOMRFZoneList.H
 - MRFZone.C
 - MRFZone.H
 - MRFZoneI.H
 - MRFZoneList.C
 - MRFZoneList.H
 - MRFZoneTemplates.C



Implementation | Calculation of Coriolis force

- Add the Coriolis force to the right-hand side of the momentum equation

```
tmp<fvVectorMatrix> UEqn
(
    fvm::div(phi, U)
    + turbulence->divDevReff(U)
    ==
    fvOptions(U)
);
```

simpleFoam/UEqn.H

```
Foam::tmp<Foam::fvMatrix<Type> > Foam::fv::optionList::operator()
(
    GeometricField<Type, fvPatchField, volMesh>& fld,
    const word& fieldName
)
{
    (snip)
    source.addSup(mtx, fieldI);
    (snip)
}
```

```
void Foam::fv::MRFSource::addSup
(
    fvMatrix<vector>& eqn,
    const label fieldI
)
{
    // Update the velocity boundary conditions for changes in rotation speed
    mrfPtr_->correctBoundaryVelocity(const_cast<volVectorField&>(eqn.psi()));

    // Add to rhs of equation
    mrfPtr_->addCoriolis(eqn, true);
}
```

Implementation | Calculation of Coriolis force

src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF/MRFZone.C

```
void Foam::MRFZone::addCoriolis(fvVectorMatrix& UEqn, const bool rhs) const
{
    if (cellZoneID_ == -1)
    {
        return;
    }

    const labelList& cells = mesh_.cellZones()[cellZoneID_];
    const scalarField& V = mesh_.V();
    vectorField& Usource = UEqn.source();
    const vectorField& U = UEqn.psi();

    const vector Omega = this->Omega();

    if (rhs)
    {
        forAll(cells, i)
        {
            label celli = cells[i];
            Usource[celli] += V[celli]*(Omega ^ U[celli]);
        }
    }
    else
    {
        forAll(cells, i)
        {
            label celli = cells[i];
            Usource[celli] -= V[celli]*(Omega ^ U[celli]);
        }
    }
}
```

List of cell labels included in the cell zone

Adding the Coriolis force
 $-\Omega \times \mathbf{u}$ to the right-hand side as a source term

Implementation | Calculation of face flux

- Classify all faces into three groups (faceType = 0, 1, 2)

- For internal faces

```
void Foam::MRFZone::setMRFFaces()
{
    const polyBoundaryMesh& patches = mesh_.boundaryMesh();

    labelList faceType(mesh_.nFaces(), 0);

    const labelList& own = mesh_.faceOwner();
    const labelList& nei = mesh_.faceNeighbour();

    // Cells in zone
    boolList zoneCell(mesh_.nCells(), false);

    if (cellZoneID_ != -1)
    {
        const labelList& cellLabels = mesh_.cellZones()[cellZoneID_];
        forAll(cellLabels, i)
        {
            zoneCell[cellLabels[i]] = true;
        }
    }

    label nZoneFaces = 0;

    for (label faceI = 0; faceI < mesh_.nInternalFaces(); faceI++)
    {
        if (zoneCell[own[faceI]] || zoneCell[nei[faceI]])
        {
            faceType[faceI] = 1;
            nZoneFaces++;
        }
    }
}
```

src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF/MRFZone.C

faceType = 1

Either owner or neighbour cell is in the cell zone

Implementation | Calculation of face flux

- For boundary faces

```
labelHashSet excludedPatches(excludedPatchLabels_);  
  
forAll(patches, patchI)  
{  
    const polyPatch& pp = patches[patchI];  
  
    if (pp.coupled() || excludedPatches.found(patchI))  
    {  
        forAll(pp, i)  
        {  
            label faceI = pp.start()+i;  
  
            if (zoneCell[own[faceI]])  
            {  
                faceType[faceI] = 2;  
                nZoneFaces++;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
    else if (!isA<emptyPolyPatch>(pp))  
    {  
        forAll(pp, i)  
        {  
            label faceI = pp.start()+i;  
  
            if (zoneCell[own[faceI]])  
            {  
                faceType[faceI] = 1;  
                nZoneFaces++;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

faceType = 2

Coupled patch face
or excluded patch face
whose owner cell is
in the cell zone

faceType = 1

Normal patch face
whose owner cell is
in the cell zone

Implementation | Calculation of face flux

- Create two lists of face labels per patch

```
//- Outside faces (per patch) that move with the MRF  
labelListList includedFaces_;
```

```
//- Excluded faces (per patch) that do not move with the MRF  
labelListList excludedFaces_;
```

**includedFaces_[patchi][i] = local label of ith face whose faceType = 1
on the patchith patch**

**excludedFaces_[patchi][i] = local label of ith face whose faceType = 2
on the patchith patch**

```
forAll(patches, patchi)                                src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF/MRFZone.C  
{  
    const polyPatch& pp = patches[patchi];  
  
    forAll(pp, patchFacei)  
    {  
        label faceI = pp.start() + patchFacei;  
  
        if (faceType[faceI] == 1)  
        {  
            includedFaces_[patchi][nIncludedFaces[patchi]++] = patchFacei;  
        }  
        else if (faceType[faceI] == 2)  
        {  
            excludedFaces_[patchi][nExcludedFaces[patchi]++] = patchFacei;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Implementation | Calculation of face flux

➤ Modify the face flux field

```
surfaceScalarField phiHbyA("phiHbyA", fvc::interpolate(HbyA) & mesh.Sf());  
  
fvOptions.makeRelative(phiHbyA);  
  
adjustPhi(phiHbyA, U, p);
```

simpleFoam/pEqn.H

```
void Foam::fv::optionList::makeRelative(surfaceScalarField& phi) const  
{  
    forAll(*this, i)  
    {  
        this->operator[](i).makeRelative(phi);  
    }  
}
```

src/fvOptions/fvOptions/fvOptionList.C

```
void Foam::fv::MRFSource::makeRelative(surfaceScalarField& phi) const  
{  
    mrfPtr_->makeRelative(phi);  
}
```

src/fvOptions/sources/derived/MRFSource/MRFSource.C

```
void Foam::MRFZone::makeRelative(surfaceScalarField& phi) const  
{  
    makeRelativeRhoFlux(geometricOneField(), phi);  
}
```

src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF/MRFZone.C

Implementation | Calculation of face flux

```
src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF/MRFZoneTemplates.C
template<class RhoFieldType>
void Foam::MRFZone::makeRelativeRhoFlux
(
    const RhoFieldType& rho,
    surfaceScalarField& phi
) const
{
    const surfaceVectorField& Cf = mesh_.Cf();
    const surfaceVectorField& Sf = mesh_.Sf();

    const vector Omega = omega_->value(mesh_.time().timeOutputValue())*axis_;

    const vectorField& Cfi = Cf.internalField();
    const vectorField& Sfi = Sf.internalField();
    scalarField& phii = phi.internalField();
```

Modification of the internal face flux

```
// Internal faces
forAll(internalFaces_, i)
{
    label facei = internalFaces_[i];
    phii[facei] -= rho[facei]*(Omega ^ (Cfi[facei] - origin_)) & Sfi[facei];
}
```

Modification of the boundary face flux

```
}
```

- “internalFaces_” is a label list of the internal faces whose owner or neighbour cell is in the rotating cell zone.
- According to the governing equation, the face fluxes of these internal faces are modified by subtracting $(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_f$ from the absolute face fluxes:

$$\mathbf{u}_R \cdot \mathbf{S}_f = \mathbf{u}_I \cdot \mathbf{S}_f - (\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_f$$

Implementation | Calculation of face flux

```
template<class RhoFieldType> void Foam::MRFZone::makeRelativeRhoFlux()
{
    const RhoFieldType& rho,
    FieldField<fvPatchField, scalar>& phi
} const
{
    const surfaceVectorField& Cf = mesh_.Cf();
    const surfaceVectorField& Sf = mesh_.Sf();

    const vector Omega = omega_->value(mesh_.time().timeOutputValue())*axis_;

    // Included patches
    forAll(includedFaces_, patchi)
    {
        forAll(includedFaces_[patchi], i)
        {
            label patchFacei = includedFaces_[patchi][i];
            phi[patchi][patchFacei] = 0.0;
        }
    }

    // Excluded patches
    forAll(excludedFaces_, patchi)
    {
        forAll(excludedFaces_[patchi], i)
        {
            label patchFacei = excludedFaces_[patchi][i];
            phi[patchi][patchFacei] -=
                rho[patchi][patchFacei]
                * (Omega ^ (Cf.boundaryField()[patchi][patchFacei] - origin_))
                & Sf.boundaryField()[patchi][patchFacei];
        }
    }
}
```

src/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/MRF/MRFZoneTemplates.C

Relative face fluxes
on rotating patches are zero

$$\mathbf{u}_R \cdot \mathbf{S}_f = 0$$

Relative face fluxes
on stationary patches
in the rotating cell zone
is calculated by subtracting
 $(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{S}_f$ from the absolute
face fluxes

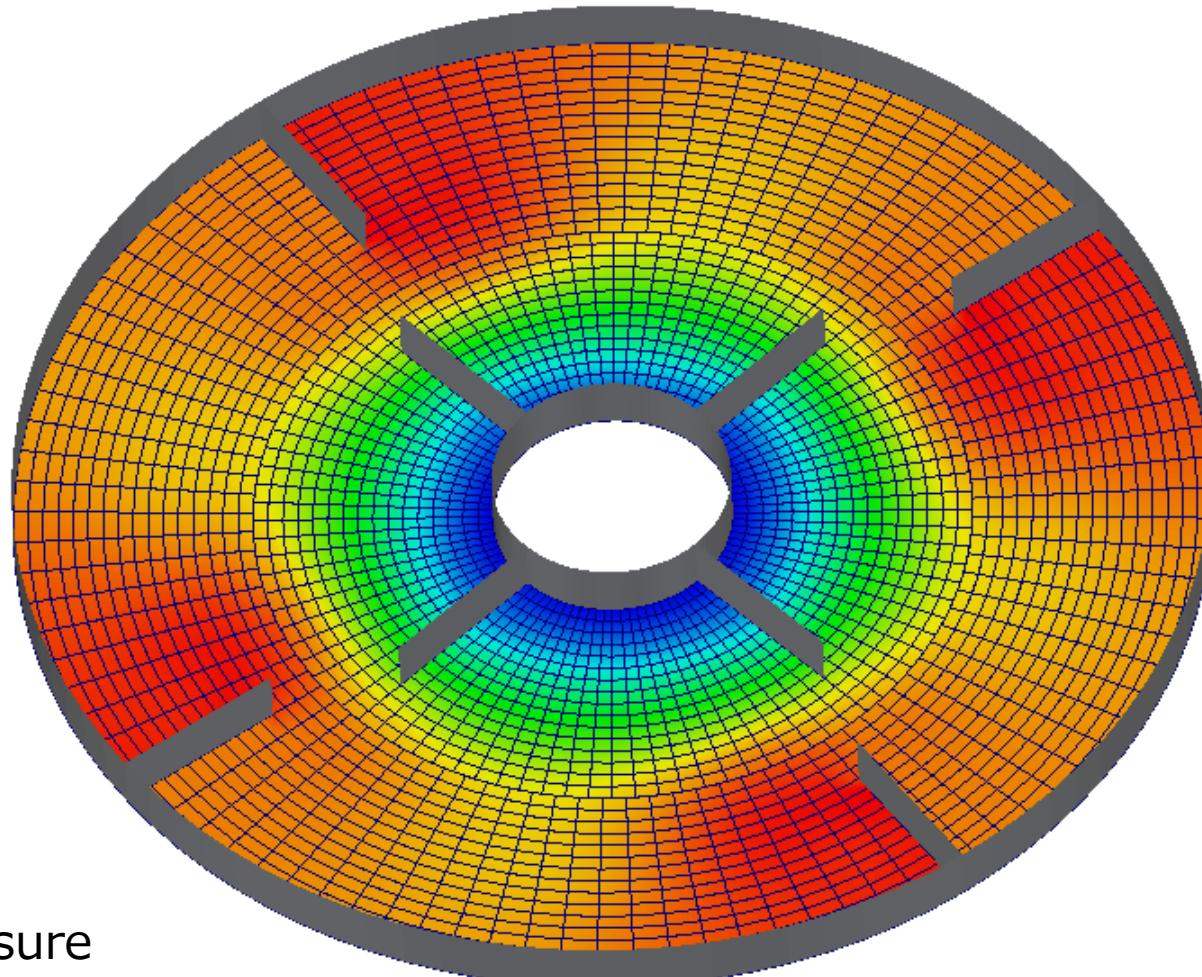
Chapter 4 Dynamic Mesh

In this chapter we shall describe how to set up
a transient simulation with mesh motion in OpenFOAM.



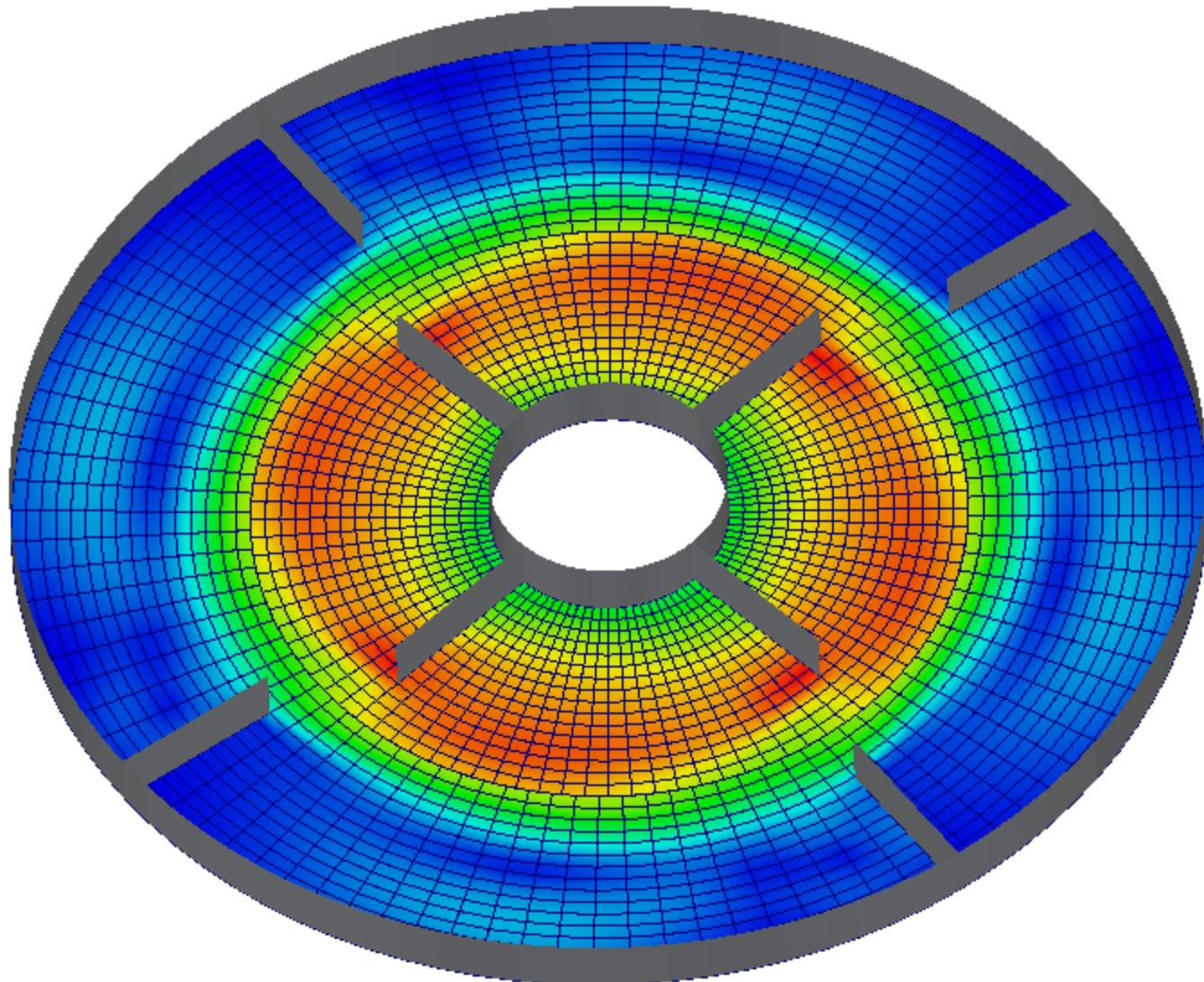
First run the tutorial and enjoy post-processing:

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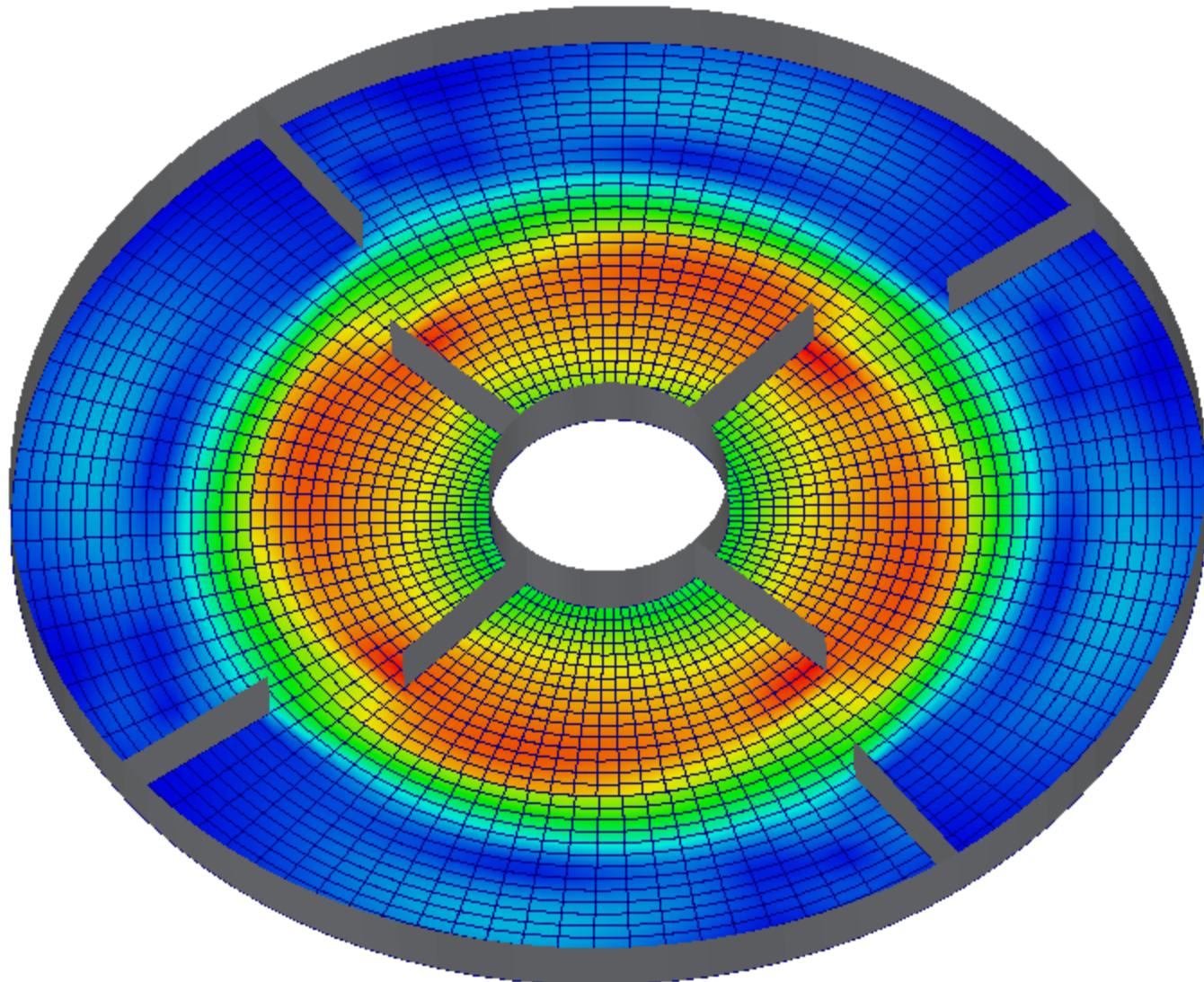
Static Pressure
 $t=5.90$ s

mixerVesselAMI2D tutorial | Results



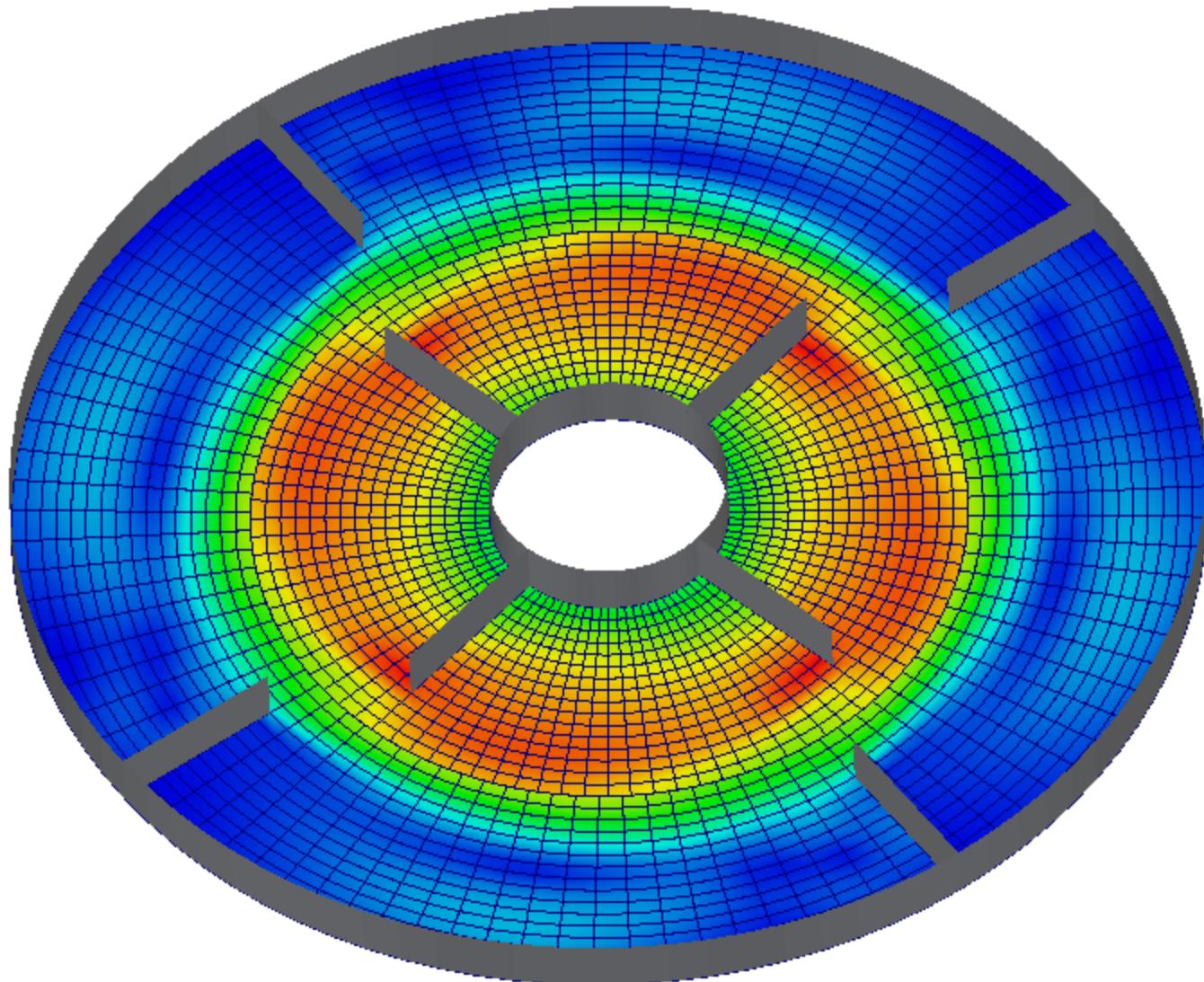
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t=5.90 s

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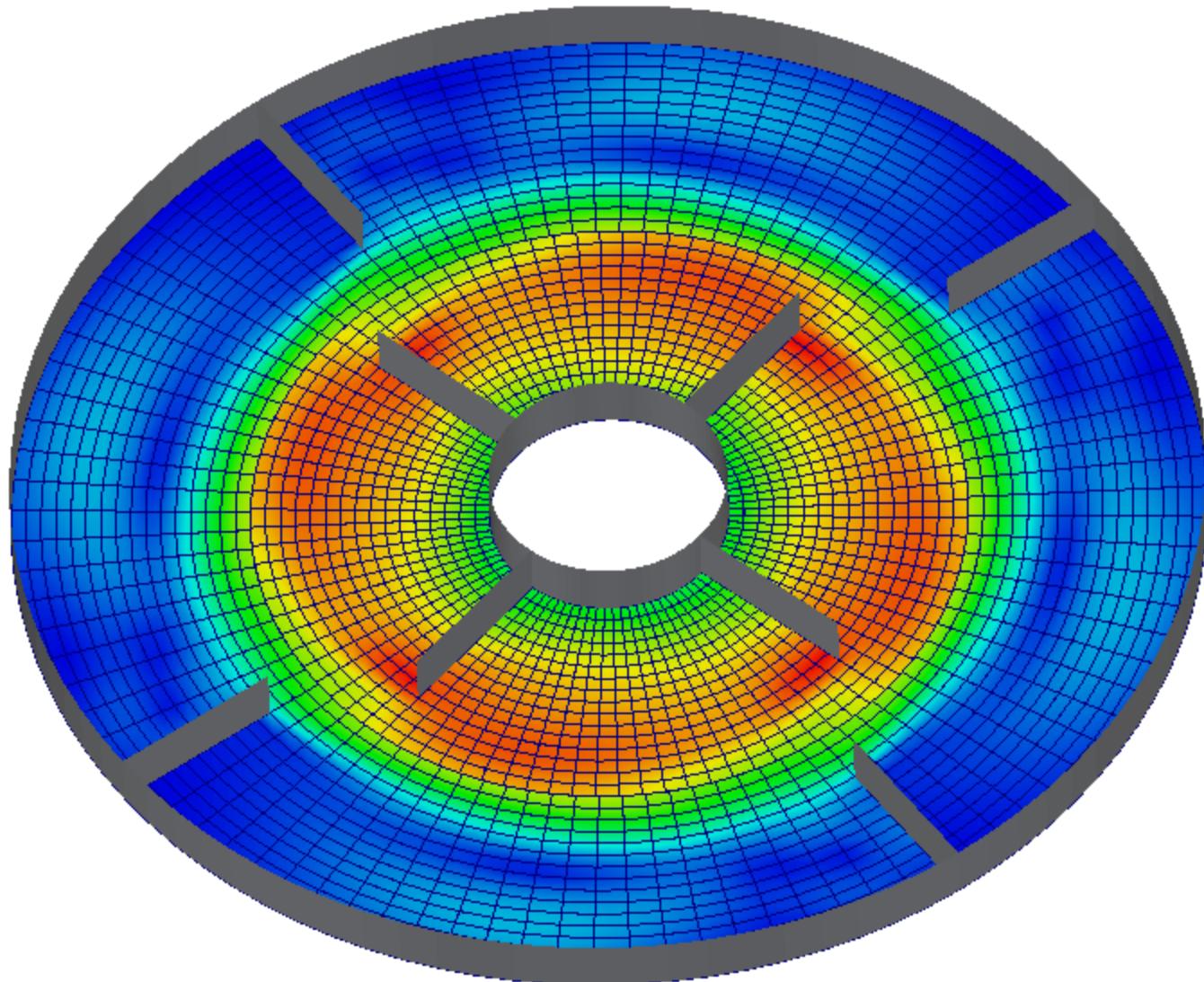
Velocity Magnitude
 $t=5.905$ s

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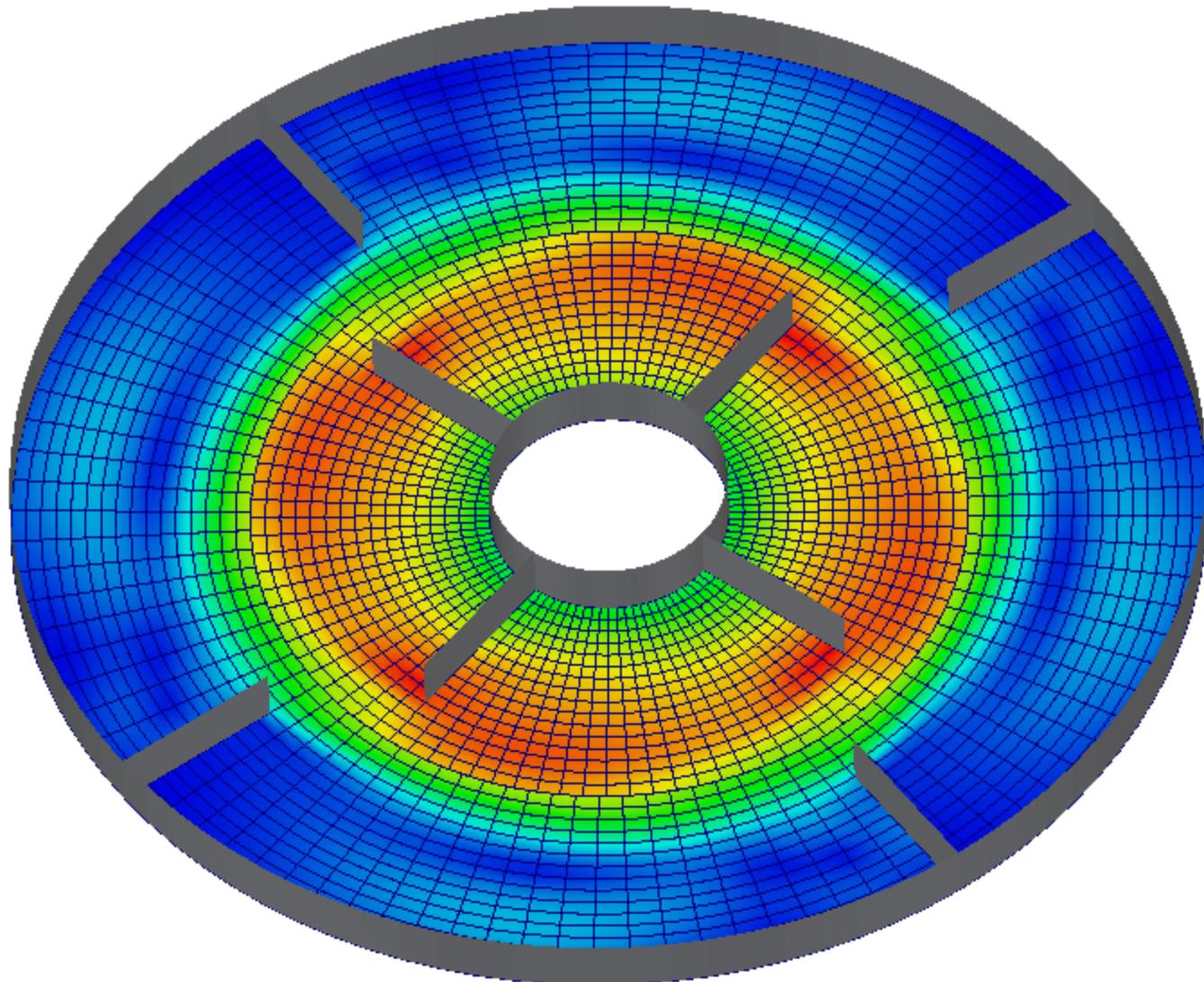
Velocity Magnitude
t=5.91 s

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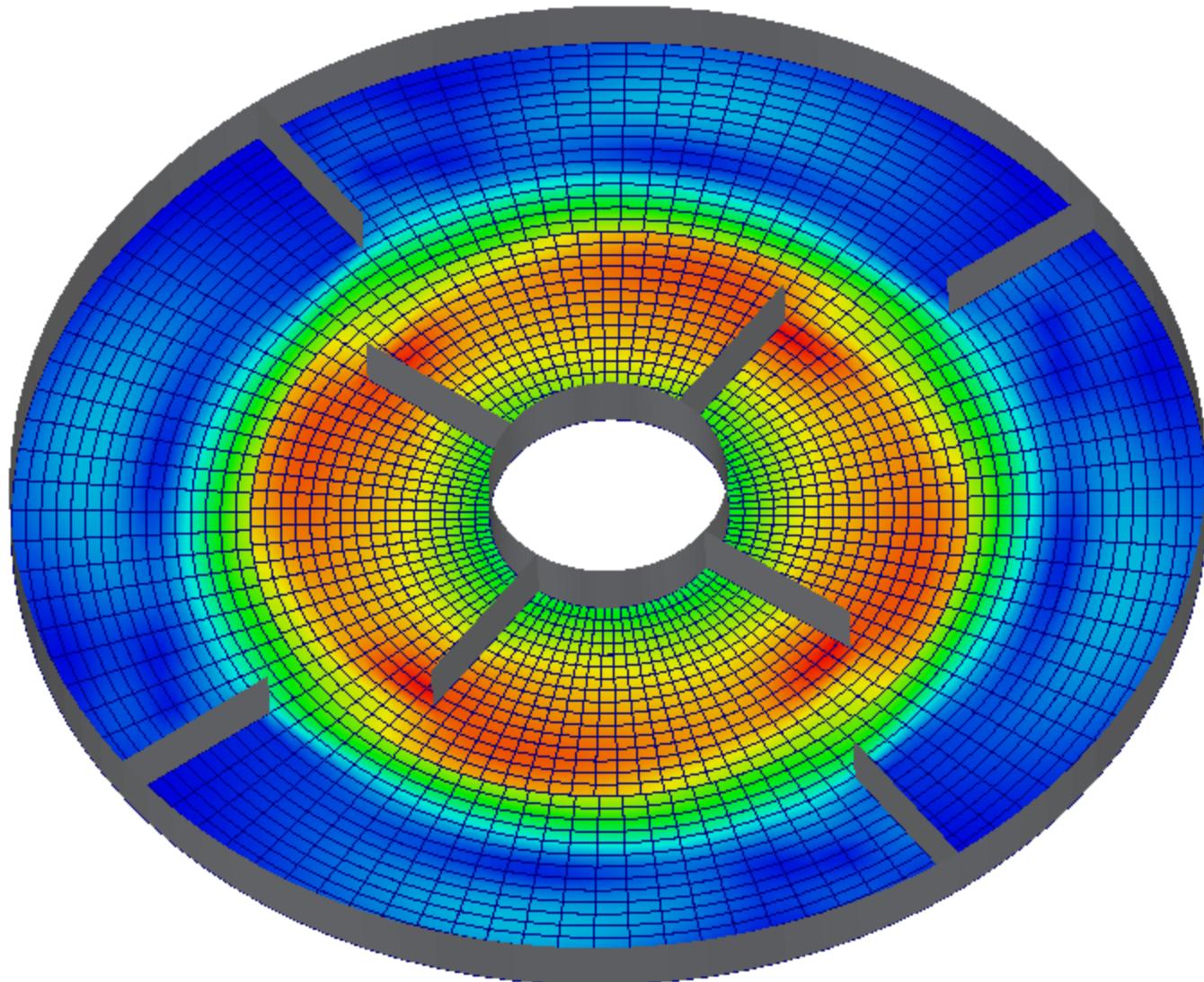
Velocity Magnitude
 $t=5.915 \text{ s}$

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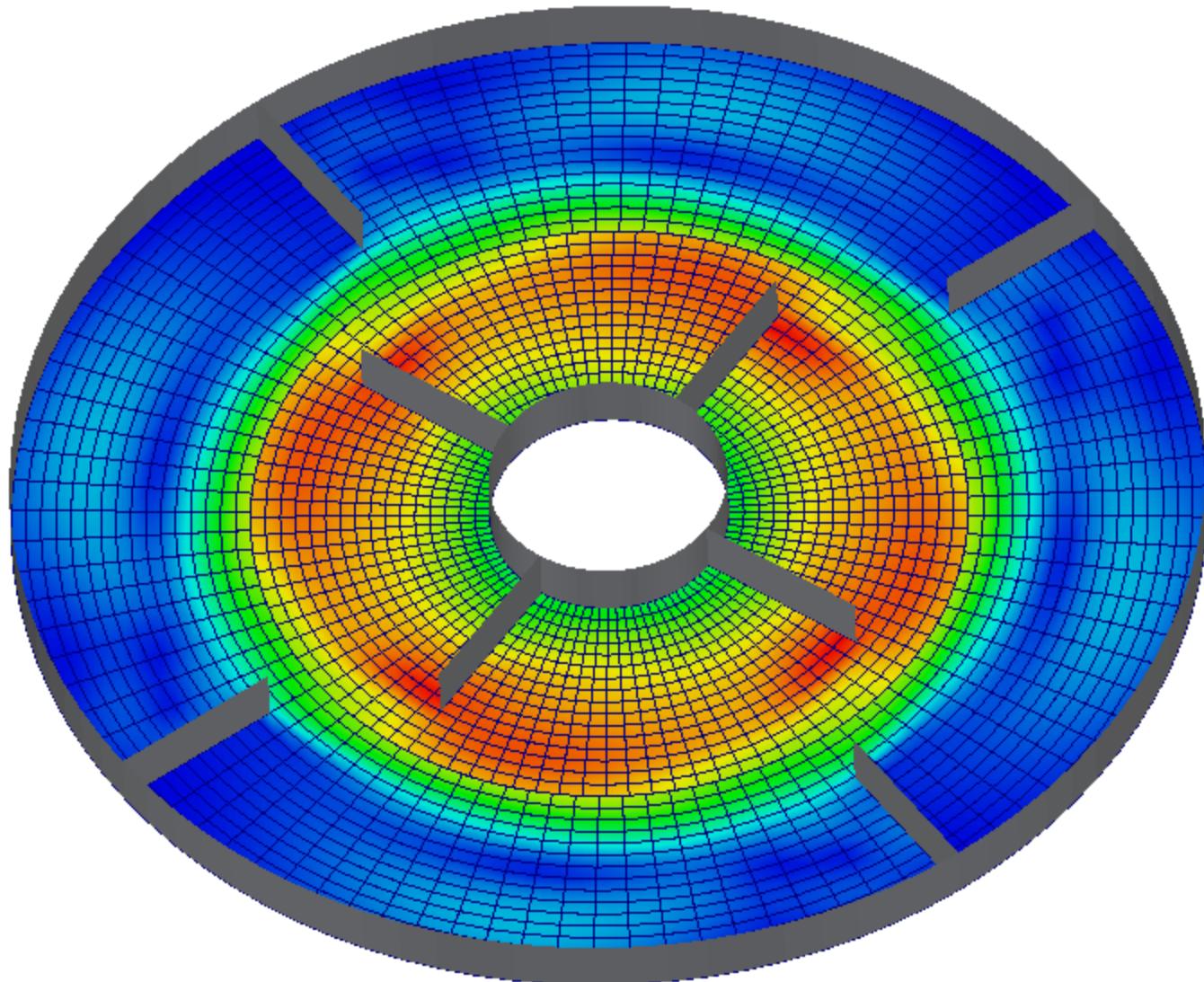
Velocity Magnitude
t=5.92 s

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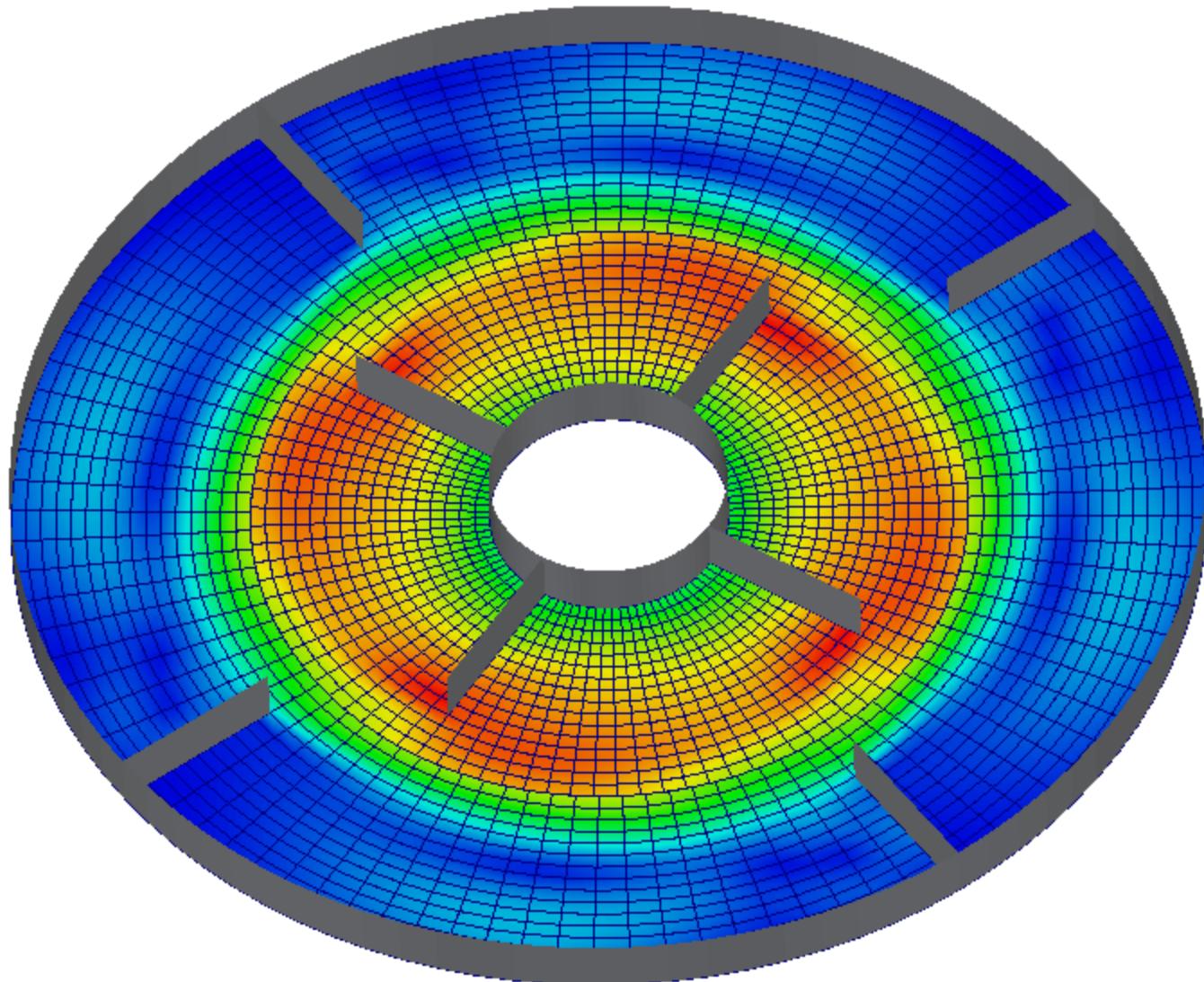
Velocity Magnitude
 $t=5.925 \text{ s}$

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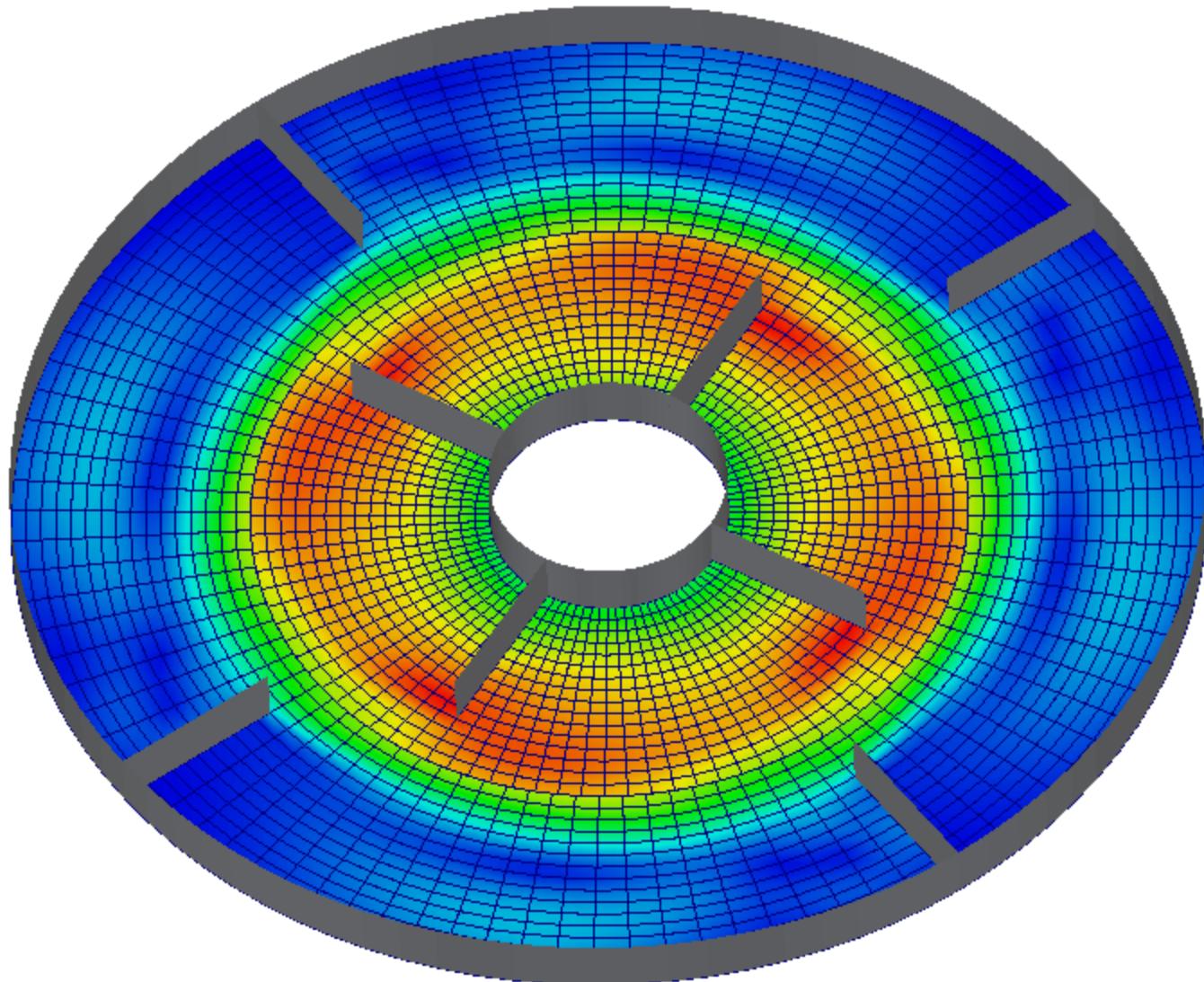
Velocity Magnitude
t=5.93 s

mixerVesselAMI2D tutorial | Results



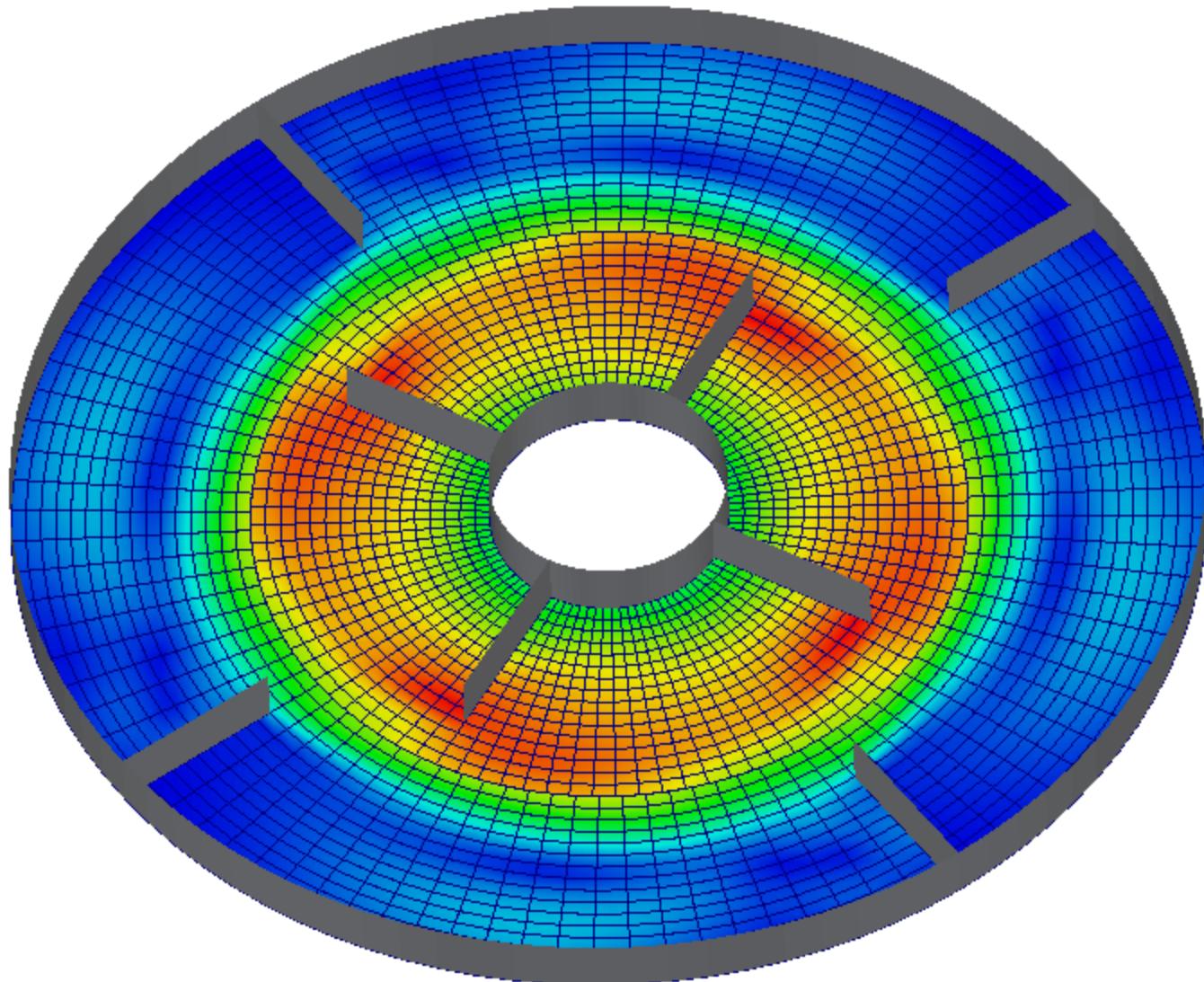
Velocity Magnitude
 $t=5.935 \text{ s}$

mixerVesselAMI2D tutorial | Results



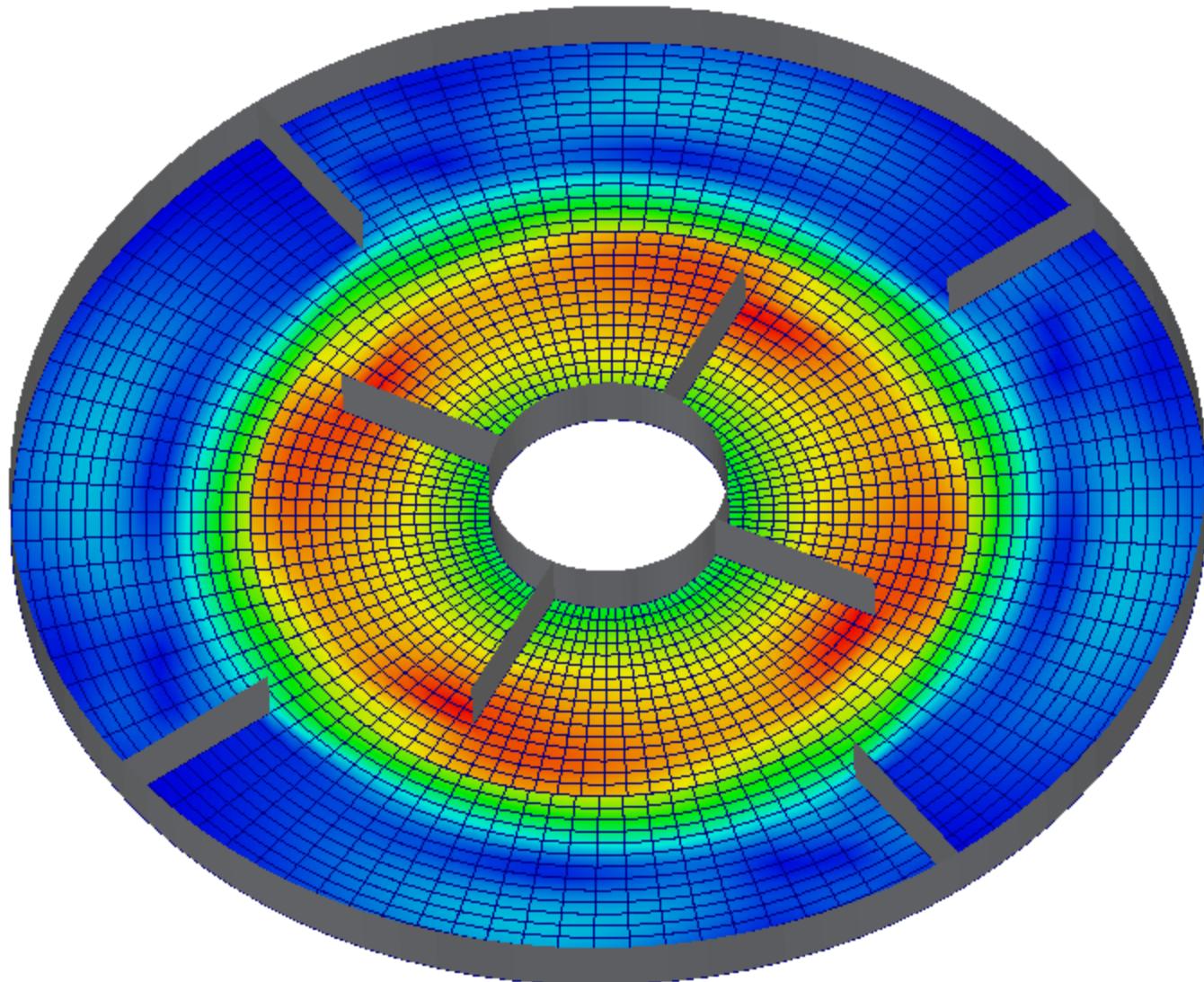
Velocity Magnitude
t=5.94 s

mixerVesselAMI2D tutorial | Results

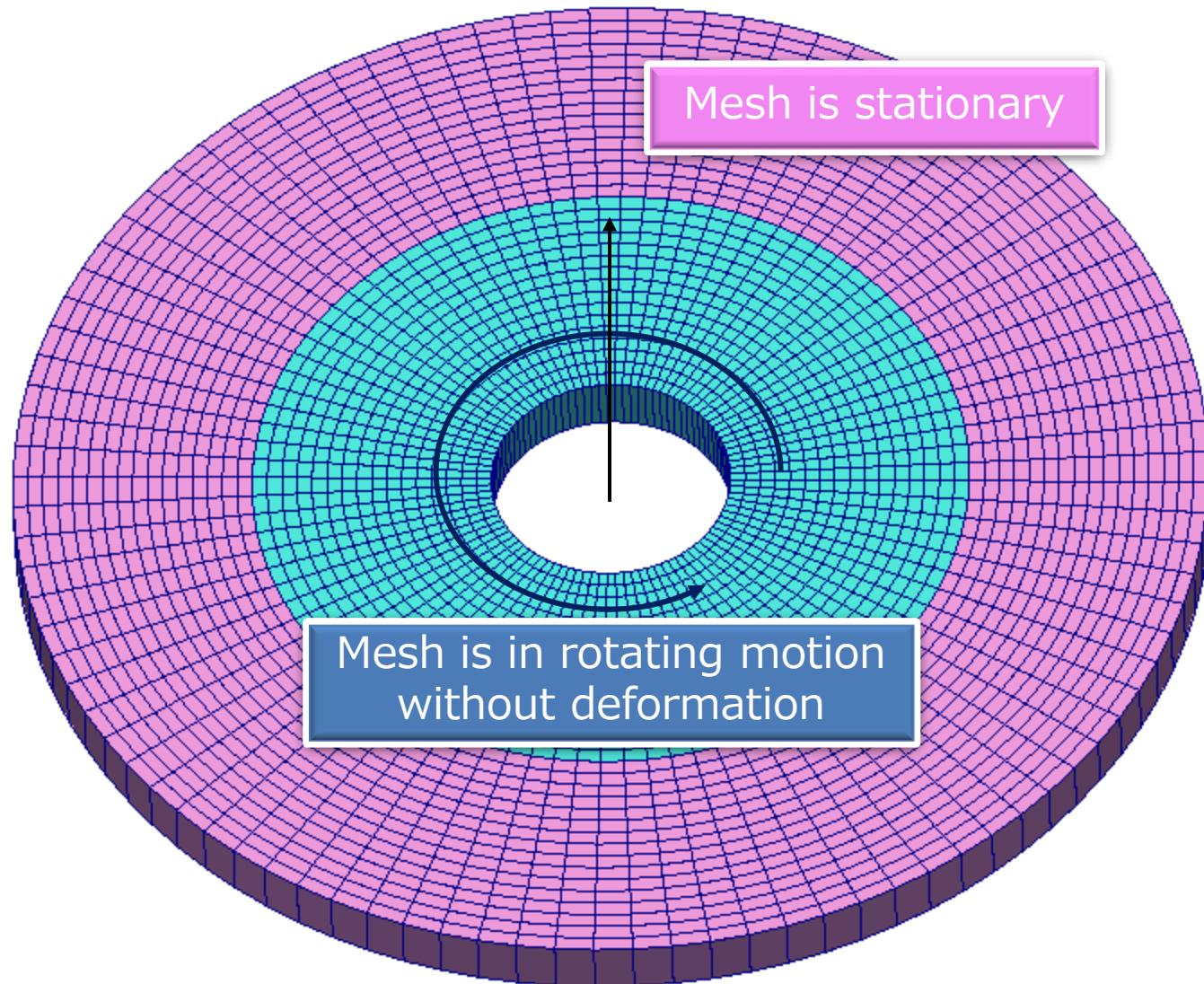


Velocity Magnitude
t=5.945 s

mixerVesselAMI2D tutorial | Results



Velocity Magnitude
t=5.95 s



Settings are in the next page.

dynamicMeshDict

- Settings of dynamic mesh are specified in **dynamicMeshDict** file

```
FoamFile
{
    version      2.0;
    format       ascii;
    class        dictionary;
    location     "constant";
    object       dynamicMeshDict;
}

// * * * * *
dynamicFvMesh   solidBodyMotionFvMesh;

motionSolverLibs ( "libfvMotionSolvers.so" );

solidBodyMotionFvMeshCoeffs
{
    cellZone      rotor;

    solidBodyMotionFunction  rotatingMotion;
    rotatingMotionCoeffs
    {
        origin      (0 0 0);
        axis        (0 0 1);
        omega       6.2832; // rad/s
    }
}
```

constant/dynamicMeshDict

The diagram shows a cross-section of a cylinder divided into several concentric rings. The innermost ring is blue and contains a fine grid of small squares, representing the mesh. An orange arrow points from the left towards this central region, indicating the direction of rotation. The word "rotor" is written in white text inside a black rectangular box positioned above the cylinder's center.

The cellZone “rotor” is rotating counterclockwise at 6.2832 rad/s about the origin.

solidBodyMotionFvMesh deals with mesh motions without deformations such as translational and rotational motions.

`solidBodyMotionFvMesh`

- The following motions (***solidBodyMotionFunction***) are available for ***solidBodyMotionFvMesh***

Translational motion

- `linearMotion`
- `oscillatingLinearMotion`

Rotational motion

- `rotatingMotion`
- `axisRotationMotion`
- `oscillatingRotatingMotion`

Ship Design Analysis

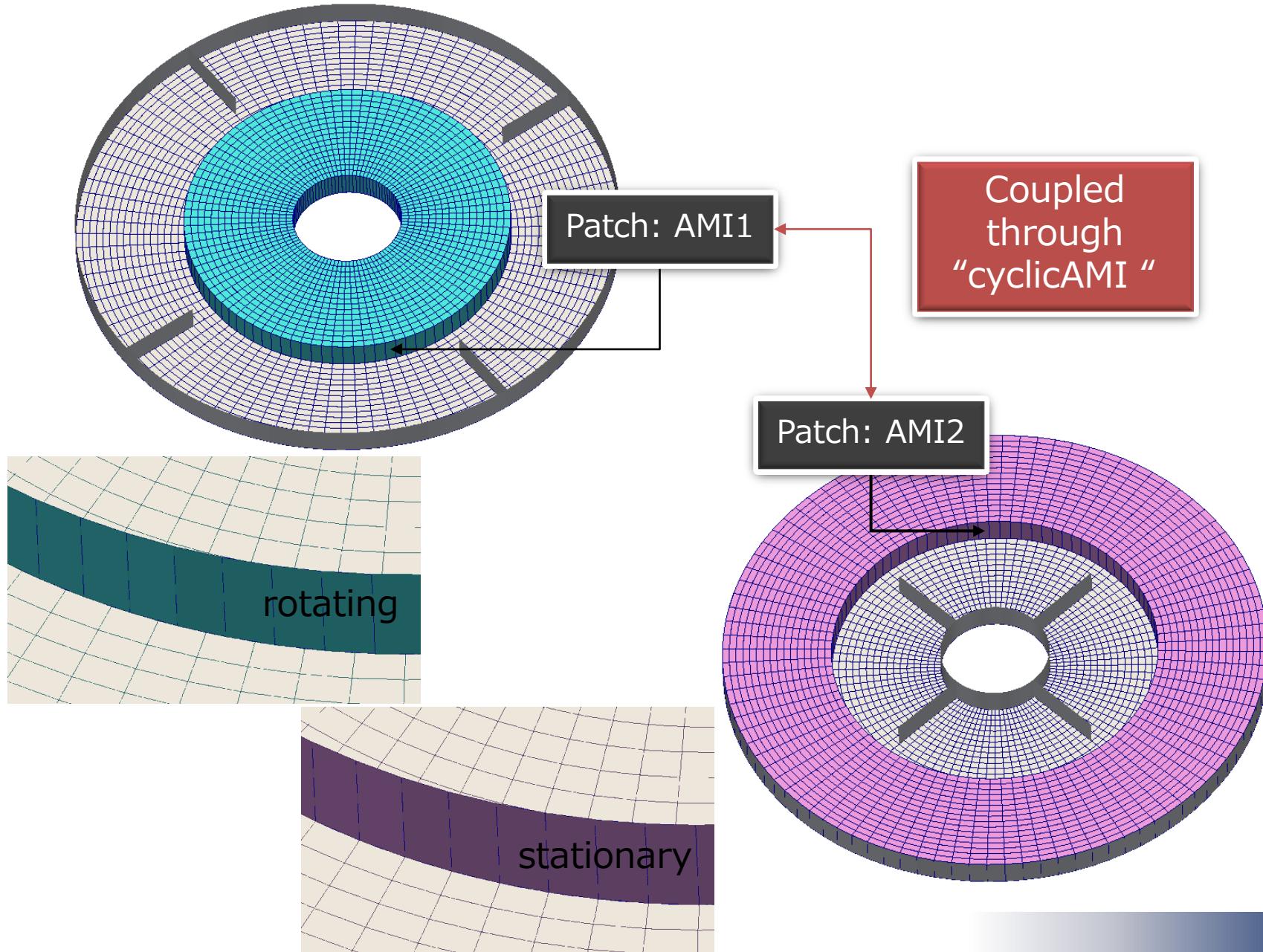
- SDA [4]

Combination of the above motions

- `multiMotion`

- Code: `src/dynamicFvMesh/solidBodyMotionFvMesh/solidBodyMotionFunctions`

Sliding interface capability using cyclicAMI



Sliding interface capability using cyclicAMI

```
constant/polyMesh/boundary

    nFaces          192;
    startFace      6048;

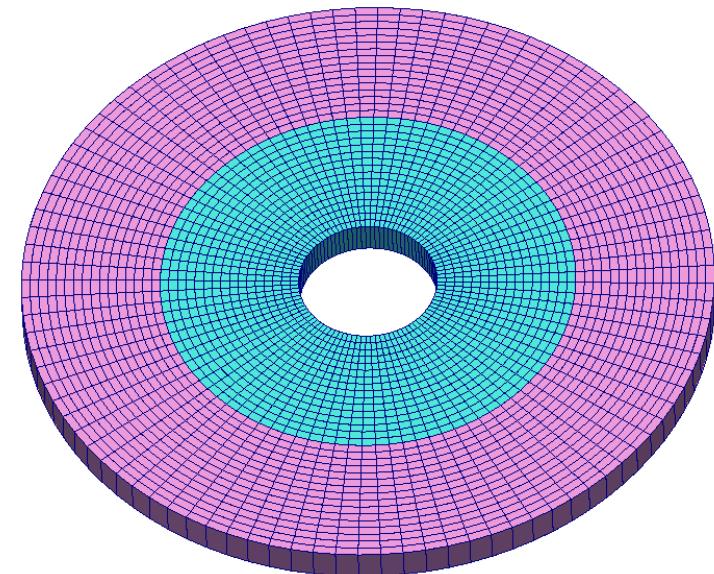
}

AMI1
{
    type           cyclicAMI;
    inGroups       1(cyclicAMI);
    nFaces         96;
    startFace     6240;
    matchTolerance 0.0001;
    transform      noOrdering;
    neighbourPatch AMI2;
}

AMI2
{
    type           cyclicAMI;
    inGroups       1(cyclicAMI);
    nFaces         96;
    startFace     6336;
    matchTolerance 0.0001;
    transform      noOrdering;
    neighbourPatch AMI1;
}

front
{
    type           empty;
    inGroups       1(empty);
```

- Sliding interface capability , e.g. for rotating machinery is available using **cyclicAMI** boundary patch class.
- In “**neighbourPatch**”, the coupled patch name is specified.



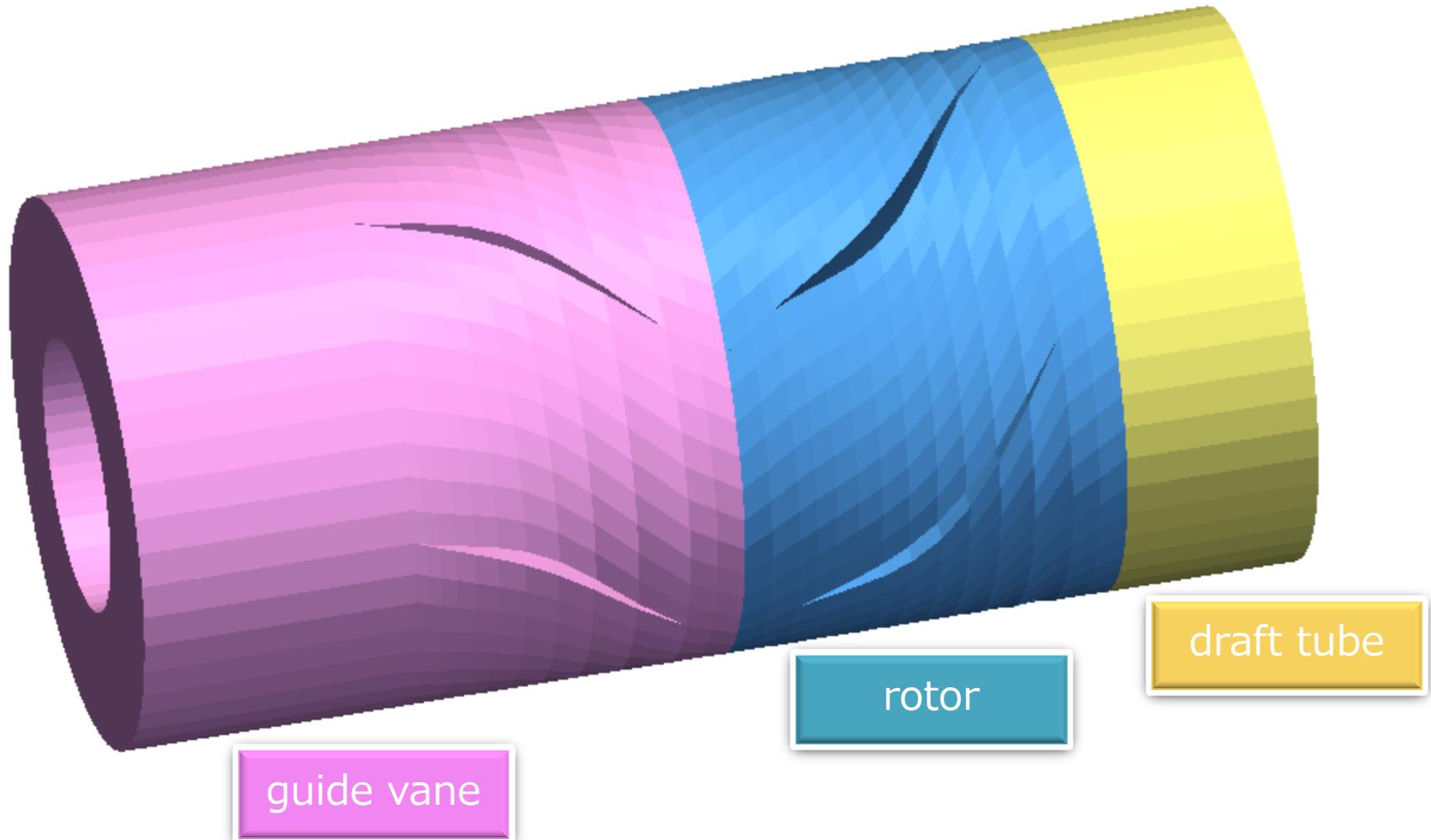
Chapter 5 Mixing plane interface

In this chapter we shall describe how to use the mixing plane interface in OpenFOAM extend version, the community-driven version.

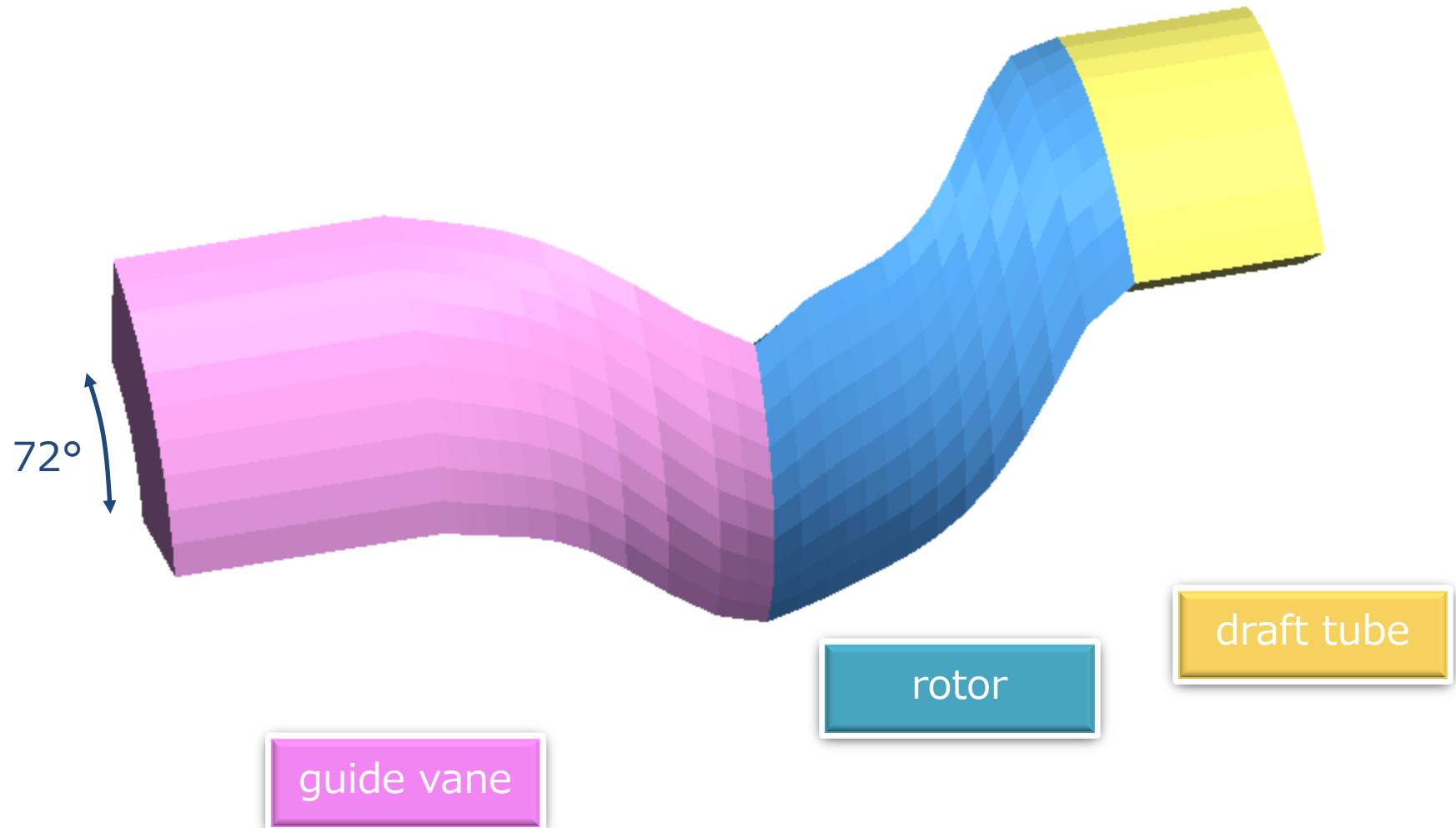


axialTurbine_mixingPlane tutorial | Full geometry

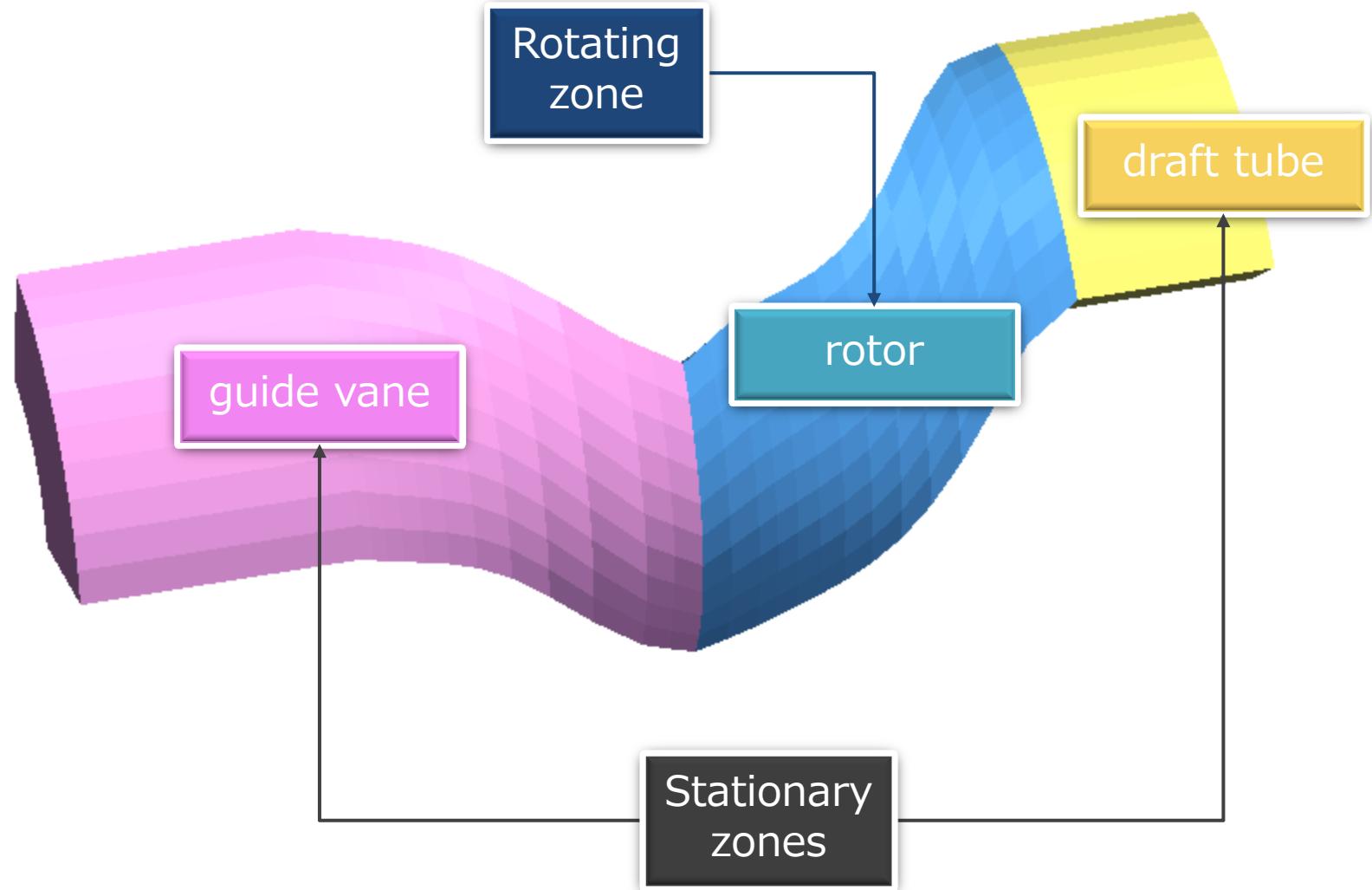
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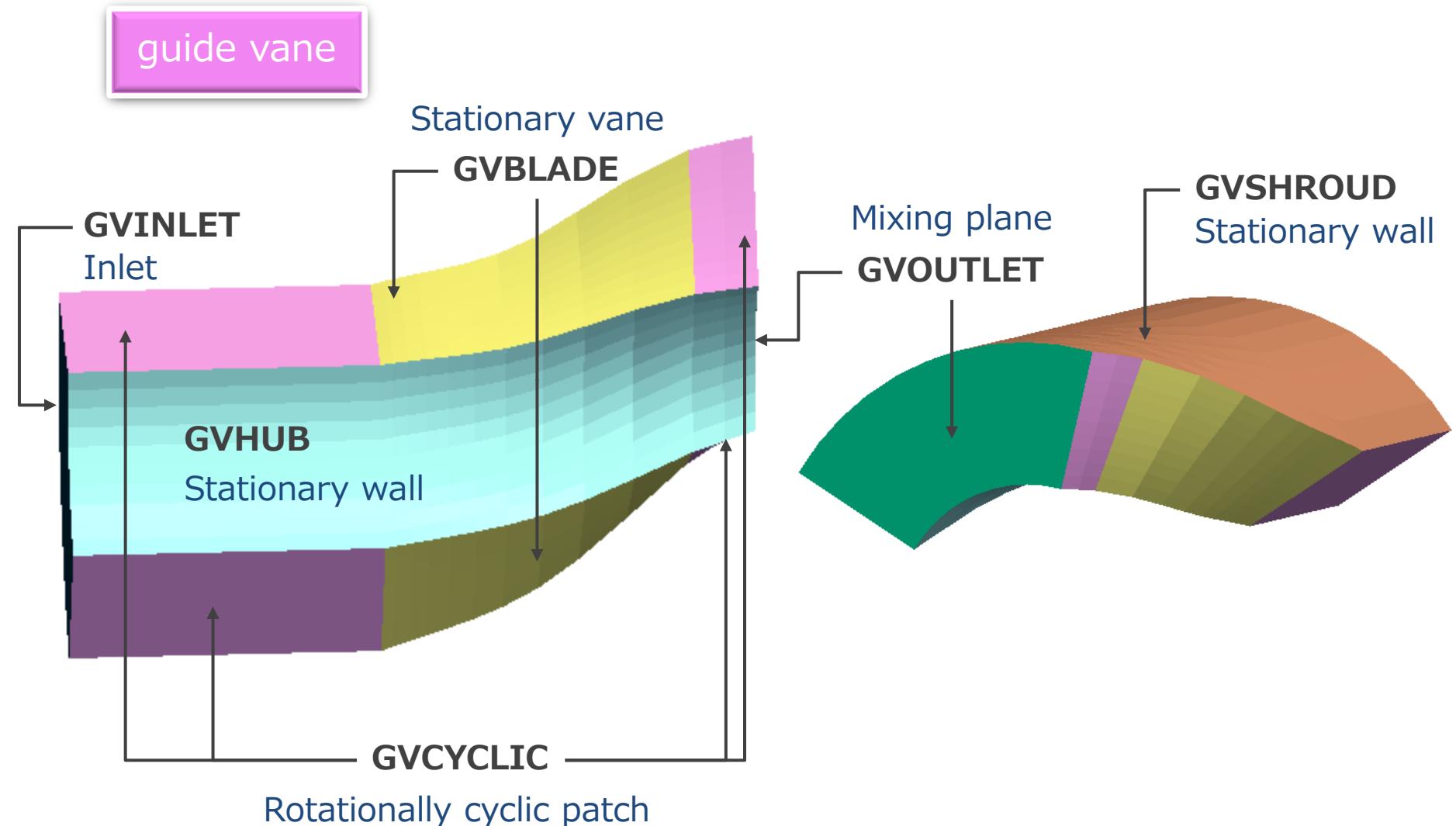


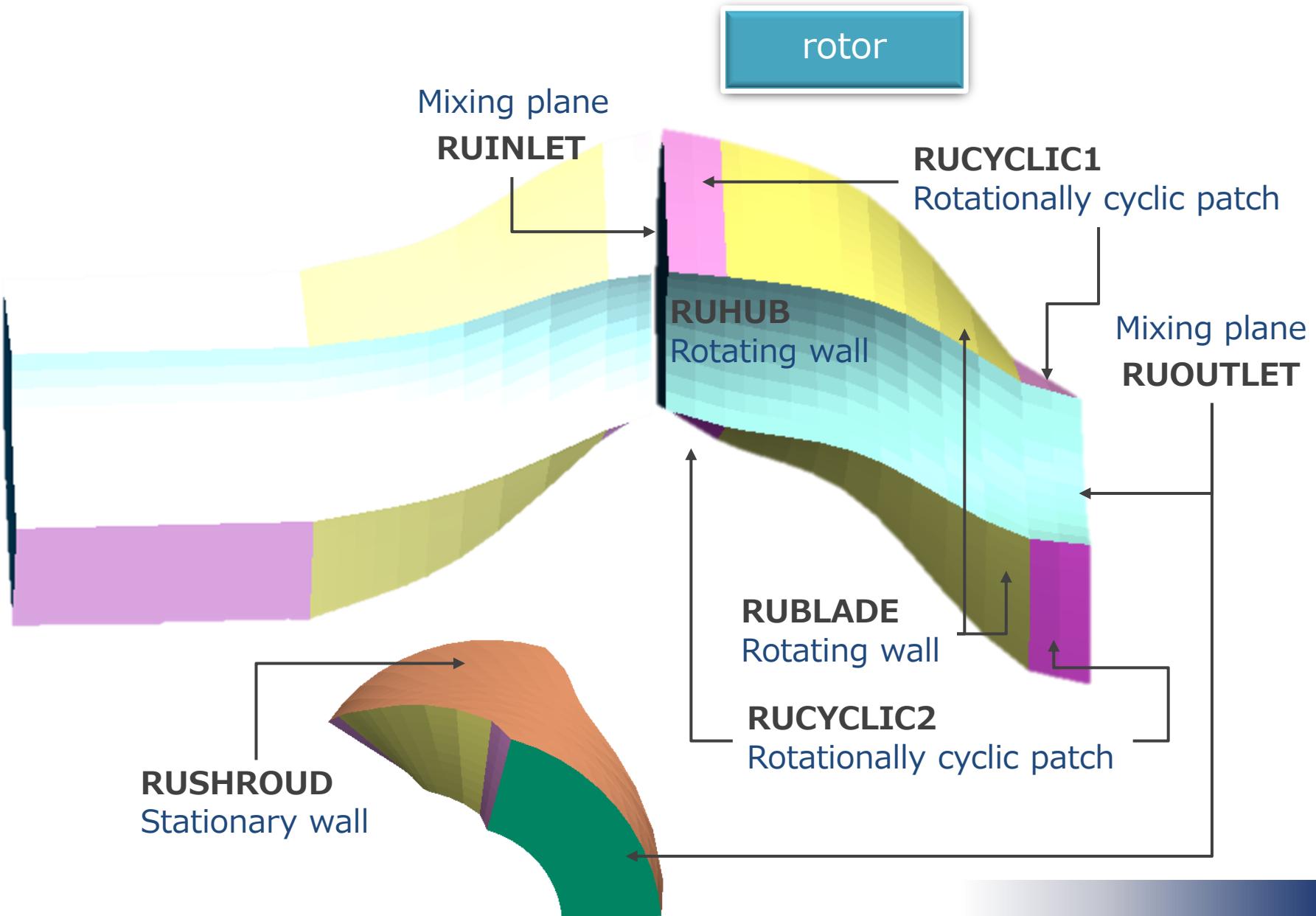
- Only **fifth** part of the geometry is computed by making use of the rotational periodicity



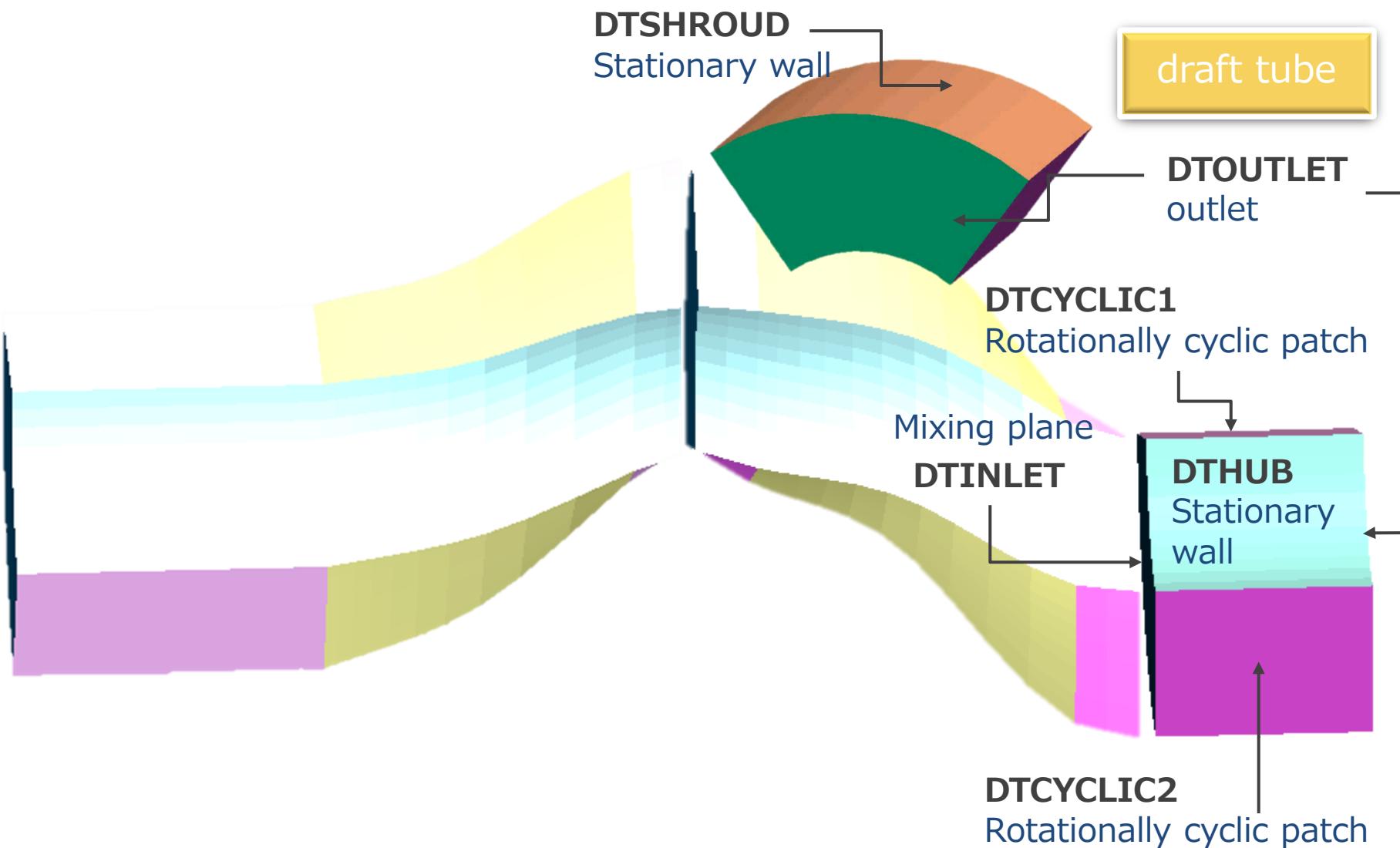
axialTurbine_mixingPlane tutorial | Rotating zone







axialTurbine_mixingPlane tutorial | Boundary conditions



➤ Specifying the mixing plane in ***boundary*** file

```

GVOUTLET
{
    type           mixingPlane;
    nFaces         100;
    startFace      11840;
    shadowPatch   RUINLET;
    zone          GVOUTLETZone;
    coordinateSystem
    {
        type           cylindrical;
        name           mixingCS;
        origin         (0 0 0);
        e1             (1 0 0);
        e3             (0 0 1);
        inDegrees      true;
    }
    ribbonPatch
    {
        sweepAxis     Theta;
        stackAxis      R;
        discretisation bothPatches;
    }
}
RUINLET
{
    type           mixingPlane;
    nFaces         100;
    startFace      12820;
    shadowPatch   GVOUTLET;
    zone          RUINLETZone;
}

```

constant/polyMesh/boundary

Circumferential averaging

➤ Specifying the mixing plane in ***boundary*** file

```

RUOUTLET
{
    type           mixingPlane;
    nFaces         100;
    startFace      12920;
    shadowPatch    DTINLET;
    zone           RUOUTLETZone;
    coordinateSystem
    {
        type           cylindrical;
        name           mixingCS;
        origin         (0 0 0);
        e1             (1 0 0);
        e3             (0 0 1);
        inDegrees      true;
    }
    ribbonPatch
    {
        sweepAxis     Theta;
        stackAxis      R;
        discretisation bothPatches;
    }
}
DTINLET
{
    type           mixingPlane;
    nFaces         100;
    startFace      13580;
    shadowPatch    RUOUTLET;
    zone           DTINLETZone;
}

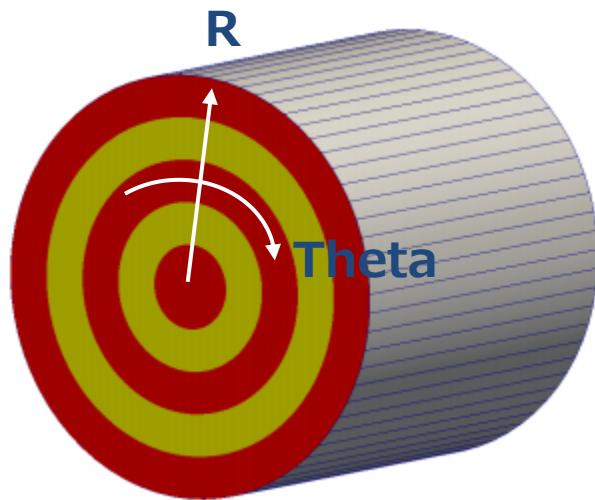
```

constant/polyMesh/boundary

Circumferential averaging

- What is the **ribbonPatch**? [5]

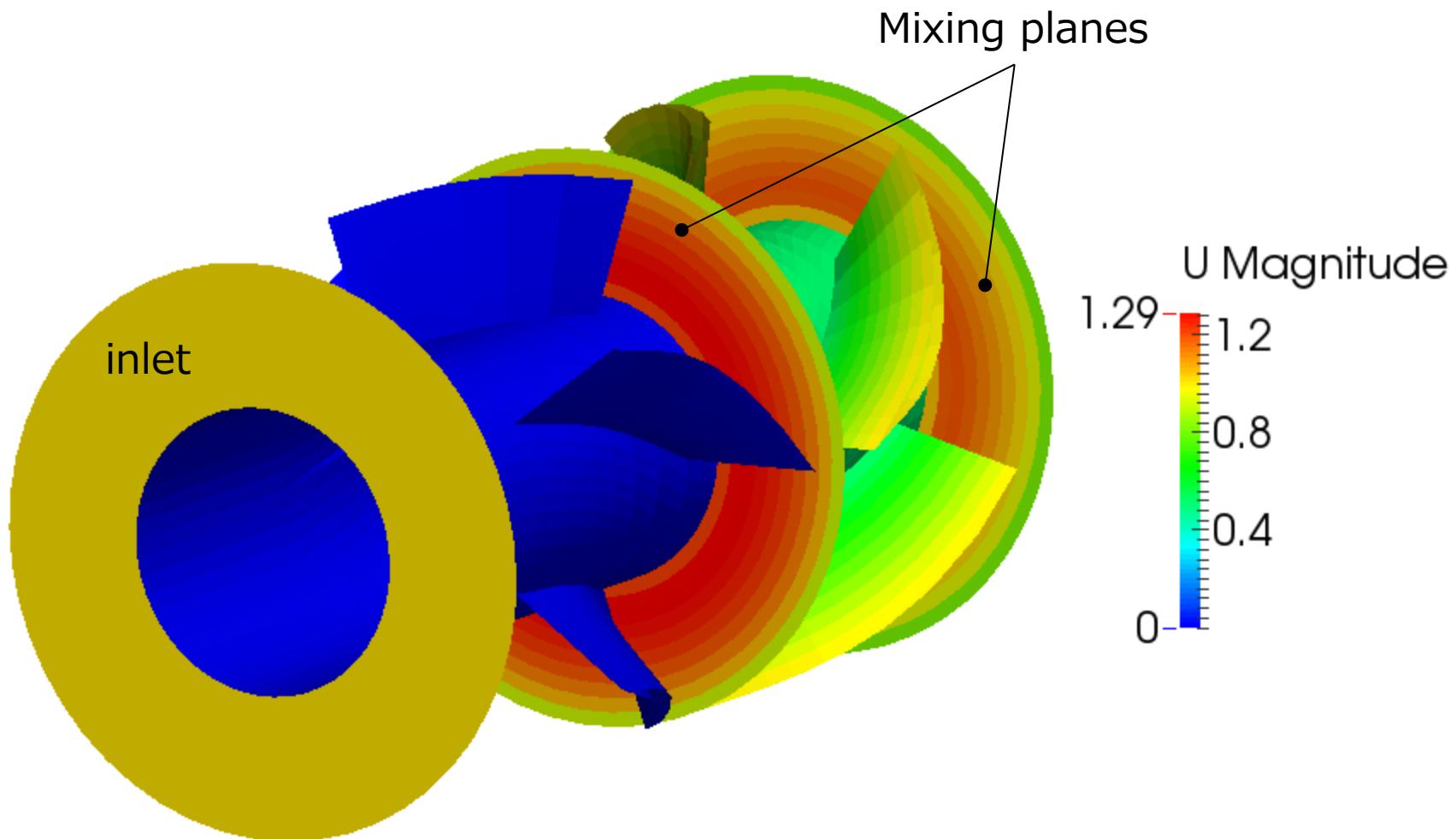
```
ribbonPatch
{
    sweepAxis      Theta;
    stackAxis      R;
    discretisation bothPatches;
}
```



stackAxis = R
sweepAxis = Theta

- According to [6]
the ribbon patch will specify the direction in which it will perform the average (**sweepAxis**) and in which direction it will stack the cells (**stackAxis**).

axialTurbine_mixingPlane tutorial | Velocity field

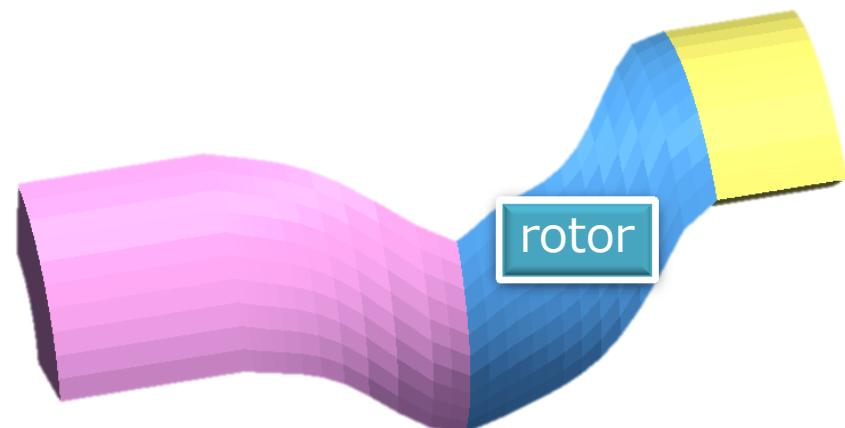


➤ Specifying the rotating zone in **MRFZones** file

```
1  
(  
    rotor  Name of rotating cellZones  
    {  
        // Fixed patches (by default they 'move' with the MRF zone)  
        nonRotatingPatches ( RUSHROUD );  
  
        origin      origin [0 1 0 0 0 0]  (0 0 0);  
        axis        axis   [0 0 0 0 0 0]  (0 0 1);  
        omega       omega  [0 0 -1 0 0 0 0] -10;  
    }  
)
```

constant/MRFZones

The absolute velocity on the
“*nonRotatingPatches*” is **0**.



History of development

➤ [7]

4.1. The RC1 version

The first implementation of the `mixingPlane`, dubbed the *RC1* version, laid out the basic infrastructure necessary for this kind of coupling interface [12]. This initial design is reusing the generalized grid interface (GGI) as the underlying area-weighted interpolator and introduced a novel mesh-driven discretization algorithm for the determination of the circumferential interpolation bands. This first basic `mixingPlane` interpolation scheme is called *areaAveraging*. Still, extensive validation tests of this initial design have shown the limitations of an area-weighted-only interpolator for the circumferential averaging of flow fields. In the presence of large flow gradients very close to the interface, it was shown that the `mixingPlane` interface was still mass-conservative, but at the expense of disturbances of the flow fields in the vicinity of the interface, mostly for the pressure field [13]. The behaviour of the `mixingPlane` was demonstrated using a synthetic 2D test case named `domAdomB` [14], in which two stationary flow passages are artificially coupled by a `mixingPlane`. The test case was published and documented in details [13] [14] [15] to illustrate the current limitations of the RC1 design, and to help in the validation and improvement of this development.

4.2. The RC2 version

A major improvement to the `mixingPlane` code came in 2013, shortly before the 8th OpenFOAM Workshop held in Jeju, South Korea, thanks to the help and sound advices of the Turbomachinery Working Group members. For this RC2 version, a mass-flow averaging interpolator was introduced in order to complement the area-weighted interpolator algorithm. Additional `mixingPlane` interpolation schemes were introduced in this version, namely the *fluxAveraging* and *zeroGradient* `mixingPlane` schemes. Using various `mixingPlane` specific schemes or "mixing recipes", it was now possible for example to apply the mass-flow averaging interpolator only to the velocity field, while still using the area-averaging interpolator for the other fields.

Using the same `domAdomB` 2D test case, we were able to show that the use of the mass-flow interpolator for the velocity field greatly diminishes the disturbances observed close to the `mixingPlane` interface, but at the expense of a significant mass-flow loss at the interface. Basically, the RC2 version of the `mixingPlane` was no longer mass conservative when using the mass-flow averaging interpolator for the velocity field.

4.3. The RC3 version

Based on the results obtained with the RC1 and RC2 versions of the `mixingPlane` interface, a new RC3 version was designed shortly after the Jeju OpenFOAM Workshop. The RC3 version basically combines the mass conservation quality of the RC1 version with the mass-flow averaging algorithm of the RC2 version.

- src/finiteVolume/fields/fvPatchFields/constraint/mixingPlane
 - mixingPlaneFvPatchField.C
 - mixingPlaneFvPatchField.H
 - mixingPlaneFvPatchFields.C
 - mixingPlaneFvPatchFields.H
 - mixingPlaneFvPatchFieldsFwd.H
- src/finiteVolume/fields/fvsPatchFields/constraint/mixingPlane
 - mixingPlaneFvsPatchField.C
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Appendix

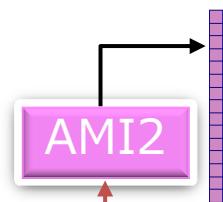
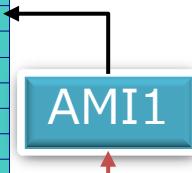
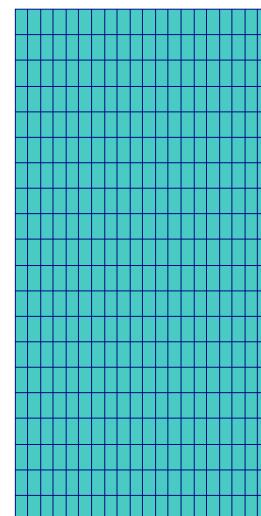
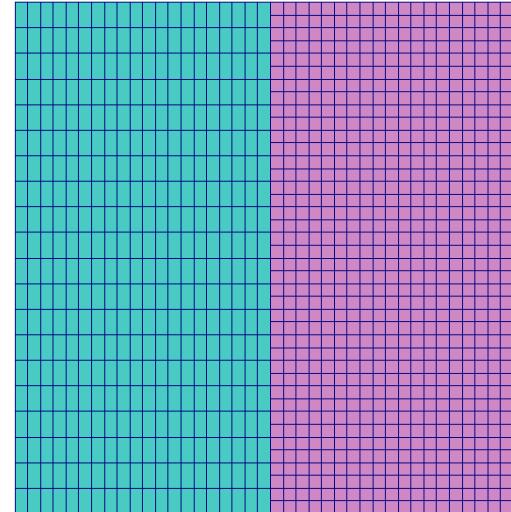


AMI1

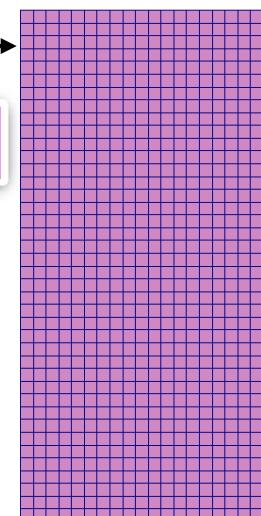
```
{  
    type          cyclicAMI;  
    inGroups      1 (cyclicAMI);  
    nFaces        20;  
    startFace     2440;  
    neighbourPatch AMI2;  
    transform     noOrdering;  
}
```

AMI2

```
{  
    type          cyclicAMI;  
    inGroups      1 (cyclicAMI);  
    nFaces        40;  
    startFace     2460;  
    neighbourPatch AMI1;  
    transform     noOrdering;  
}
```



Coupled
through
“cyclicAMI ”



Let's check the weights!

AMI: Creating addressing and weights between 20 source faces and 40 target faces
AMI: Patch **source** sum(weights) min/max/average = 1, 1, 1
AMI: Patch **target** sum(weights) min/max/average = 1, 1, 1

sum(weights)=1 is the ideal value.

This means the patches conform perfectly.

AMI1

```
{  
    type          cyclicAMI;  
    inGroups      1 (cyclicAMI);  
    nFaces        20;  
    startFace     2440;  
    neighbourPatch AMI2;  
    transform     noOrdering;  
}
```

source patch

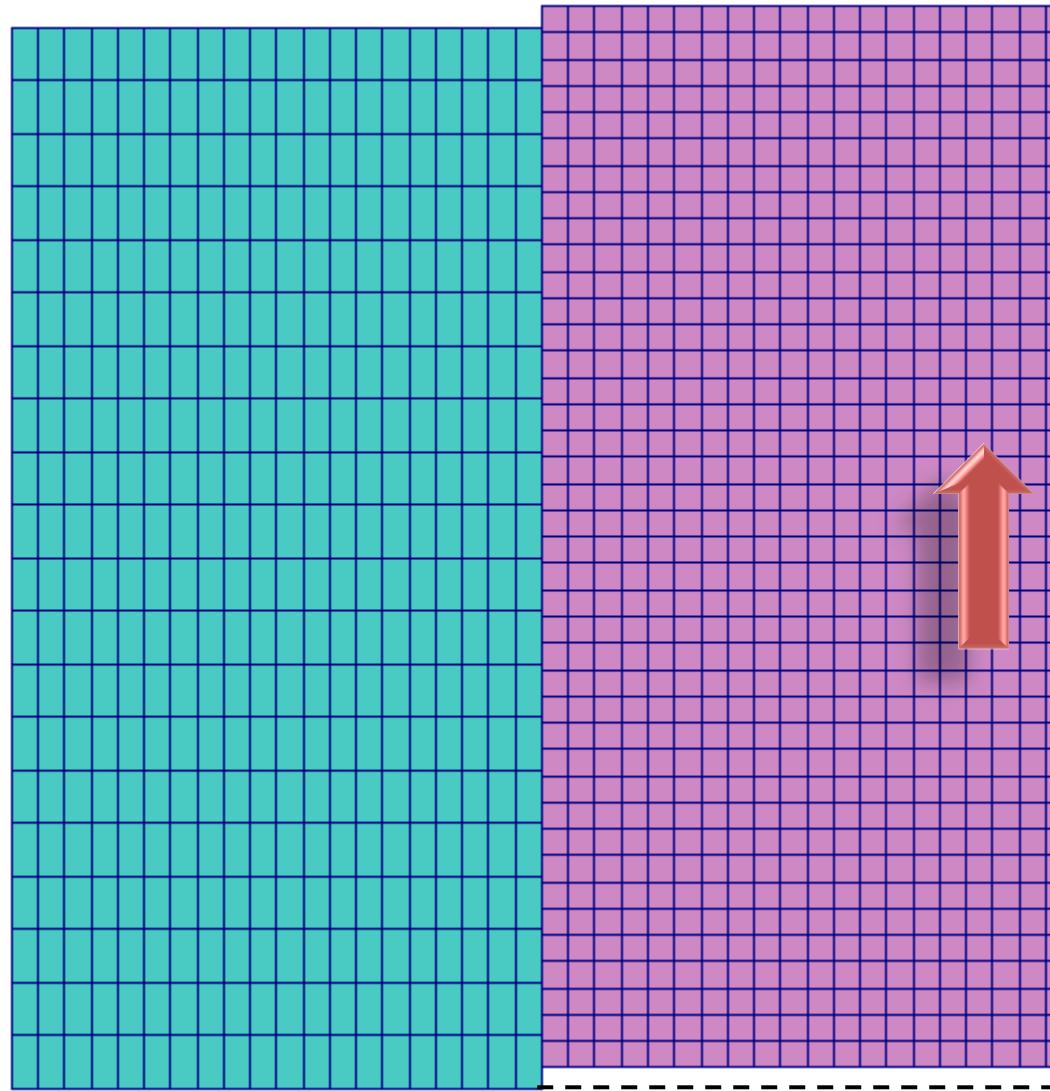
Appearing first
in "boundary" file

AMI2

```
{  
    type          cyclicAMI;  
    inGroups      1 (cyclicAMI);  
    nFaces        40;  
    startFace     2460;  
    neighbourPatch AMI1;  
    transform     noOrdering;  
}
```

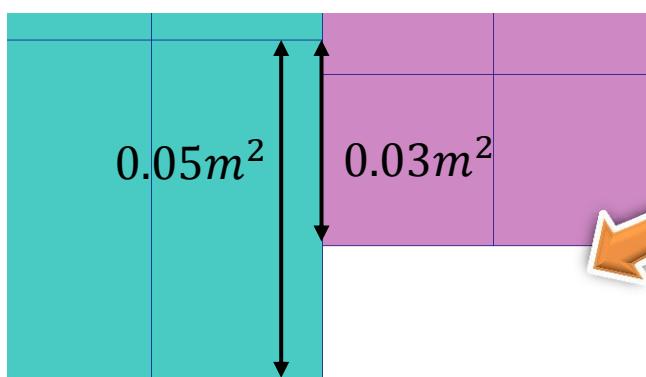
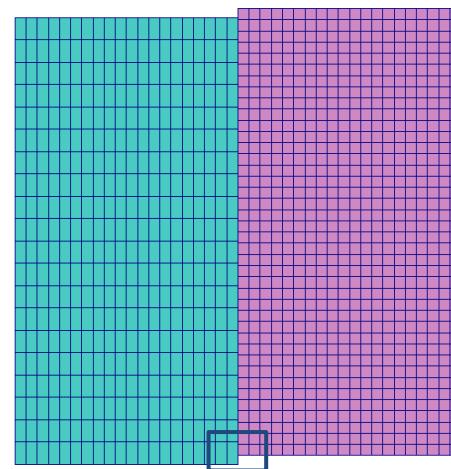
target patch

Translate the pink-colored volume upward by 0.02m



Let's recheck the weights!

AMI: Creating addressing and weights between 20 source faces and 40 target faces
AMI: Patch source sum(weights) min/max/average = 0.6, 1, 0.98
AMI: Patch target sum(weights) min/max/average = 0.2, 1, 0.98



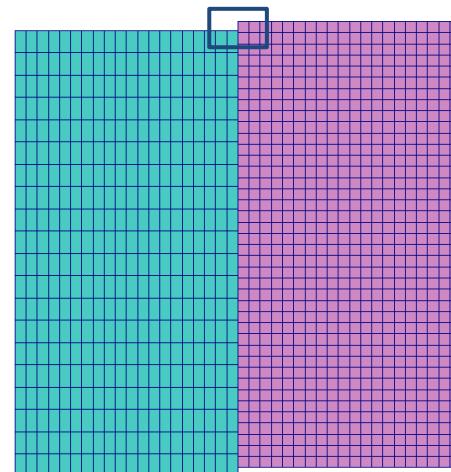
Fraction of
the intersecting areas

$$\text{sum(weights)} = \frac{0.03}{0.05} = 0.6$$

0.6

Let's recheck the weights!

AMI: Creating addressing and weights between 20 source faces and 40 target faces
AMI: Patch source sum(weights) min/max/average = 0.6, 1, 0.98
AMI: Patch target sum(weights) min/max/average = 0.2, 1, 0.98



$$weight = \frac{0.005}{0.025} = 0.2$$

[Release note Version2.3.0](#)

OpenFOAM® v2.3.0: Arbitrary Mesh Interface

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Non-Conforming AMI Patches

The arbitrary mesh interface (AMI) was introduced in OpenFOAM v2.1.0 to enable simulation across disconnected, adjacent, mesh domains. It is particularly useful for rotating geometries. Those cases require separate meshes for rotating and/or static regions of geometry, which are coupled at patch boundaries through the `cyclicAMI` boundary condition.

In previous versions of OpenFOAM, there was a requirement that the patches conform fairly closely to one another. For complex geometries, this places demands on the meshing process, especially around features, e.g. cylindrical end-caps. In the AMI procedure, each face accepts contributions from partially overlapping faces from the neighbour patch, with the `weights` defining the contribution as a fraction of the intersecting areas. For each face, the sum of the weights (contributions) should equal 1. Where the patch geometries are not well matched, conservation errors are introduced and the sum of weights deviates from 1. Since errors are localised to particular faces, which are often few in number, this deviation should not cause the method to fail.

Therefore, in version 2.3.0 a zero-gradient condition can be applied to patch faces whose weights are below a user-specified threshold. This is controlled by the optional `lowWeightCorrection` keyword in the mesh `boundary` file.

```
AMIPatch
{
    type      cyclicAMI;
    ...
    lowWeightCorrection 0.2;   User specified threshold for sum(weights)
}
```



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You!

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