

# Geometric Multi-Scale Coupling

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#### Overview

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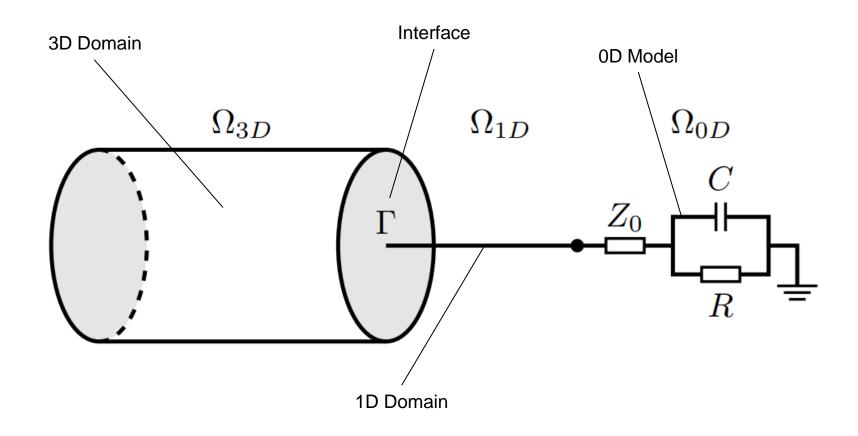


What is Geometric Multi-Scale Coupling?





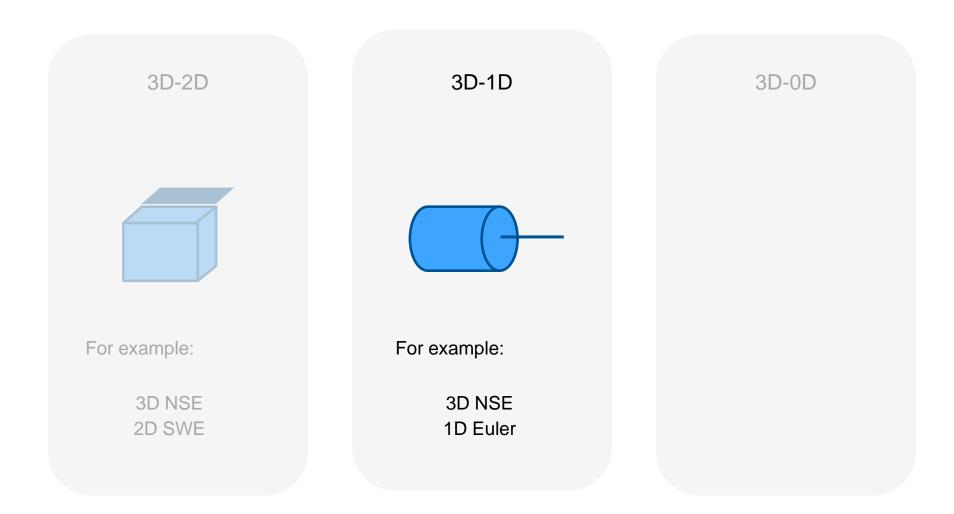
#### Geometric Multi-Scale Coupling



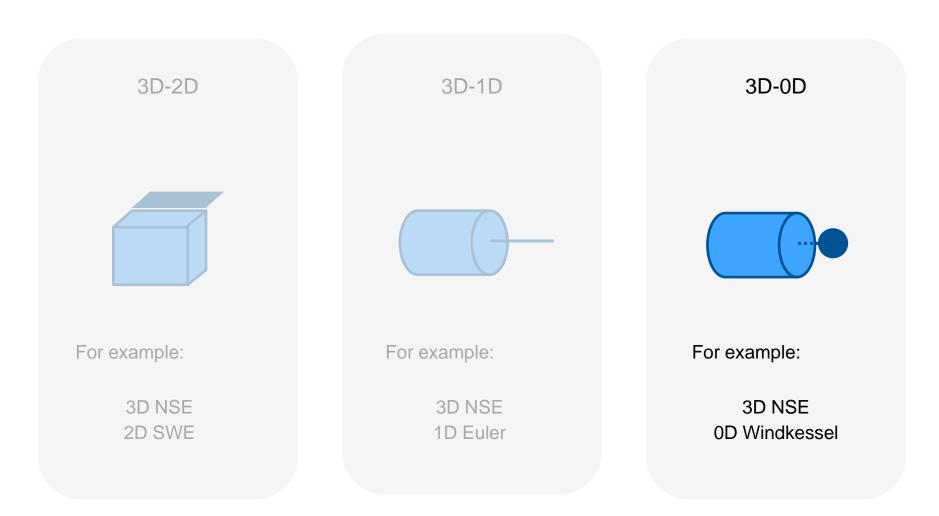








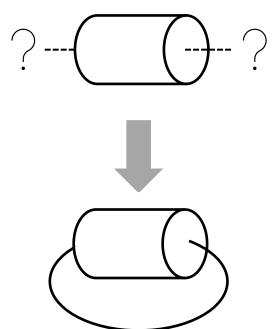






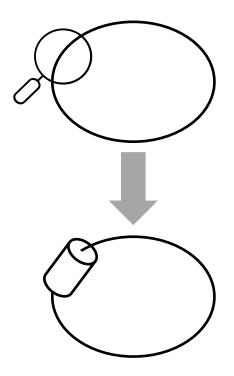
#### Two Different Approaches

Top-Down Approach



Computing correct boundary conditions for non-physical boundaries

Bottom-Up Approach



Refining the model at specific regions of interest

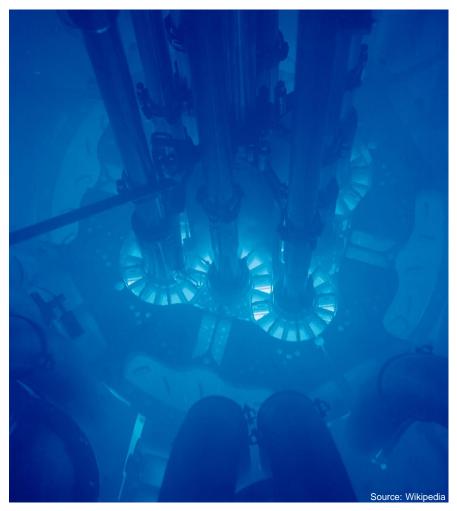


How are Geometric Multi-Scale Models used?





#### **Nuclear Reactor Simulations**



Power plants can be simulated using systemthermal-hydraulic (STH) solvers

STH codes mostly 1D

Areas with 3D effects (e.g., circulating flow) can be modeled using CFD ("bottom-up")

→ Increased fidelity of simulation results for safety margins



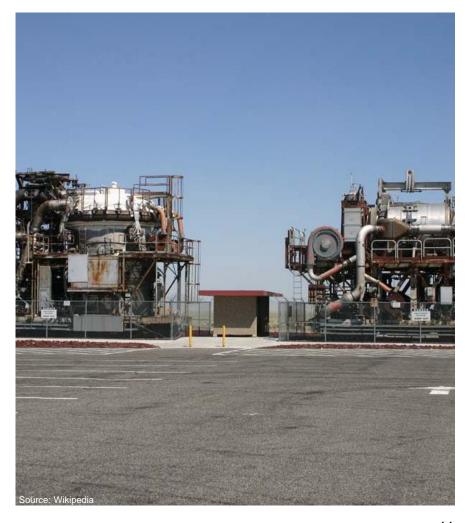
### Example: Molten Salt Reactor [1]

Reactor type that circulates molten fuel

Simulation of reactor core "top-down"

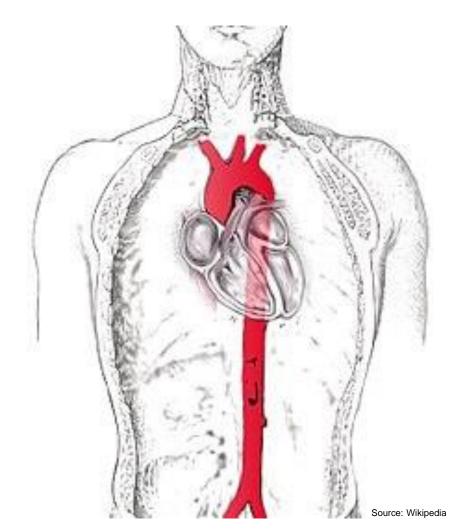
**Reactor core**: 3D model for heat transport, fluid dynamics and delayed neutron precursor convection

**Out-of-core components**: 0D models that provide boundary conditions





#### Example: Patient-specific aorta model [2]



Simulation of patient's aorta before and after surgical procedure — very useful, but computationally costly

Aorta: 3D finite-element model

**Heart**: 0D model, provides inflow boundary conditions

**Downstream circulation**: 0D Windkessel model

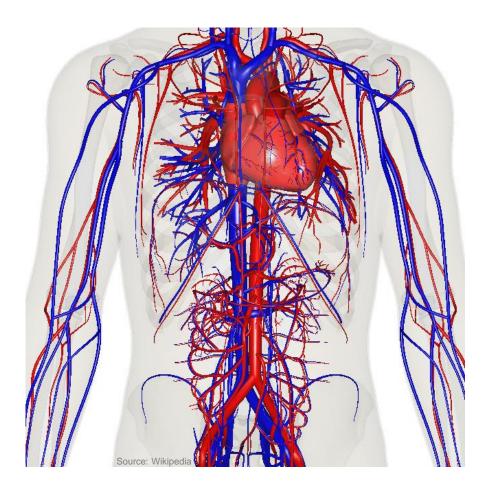


## Example: Including the Baroreceptor Reflex [3]

Problem of simulating surgical procedures: Local changes induce global changes of the blood flow

Including a 0D model of the baroreflex mechanism (i.e., the physiological homeostatic regulation reflex) enables model to self-regulate

→ Complete model of the human circulatory system with high level of realism





What numerical aspects need to be considered?





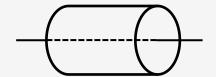
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Domain-Decomposition



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Domain-Overlapping



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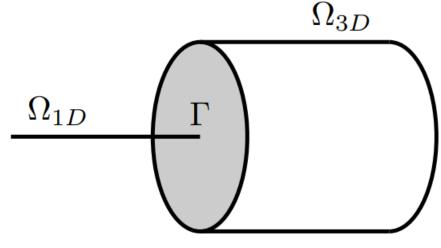
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#### Continuity on the Interface



$$A_{1D}^{\Gamma} = A_{3D}^{\Gamma}$$

Area

$$ar{p}_{1D}^{\Gamma} = ar{p}_{3D}^{\Gamma}$$

Mean Pressure

$$Q_{1D}^{\Gamma} = Q_{3D}^{\Gamma}$$

Flux

$$\bar{p}_{1D_{2}}^{\Gamma}u_{1D}^{2} = \bar{p}_{3D}^{\Gamma} + \frac{1}{2}u_{3D}^{2}$$

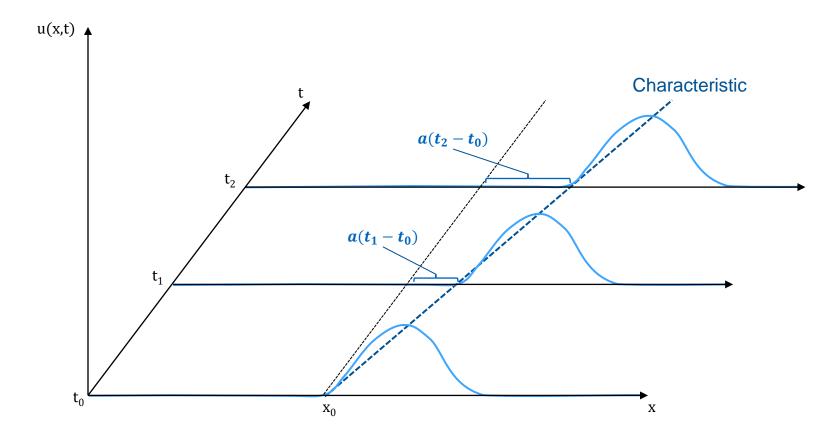
Mean Total Pressure

Incoming Characteristic Variable



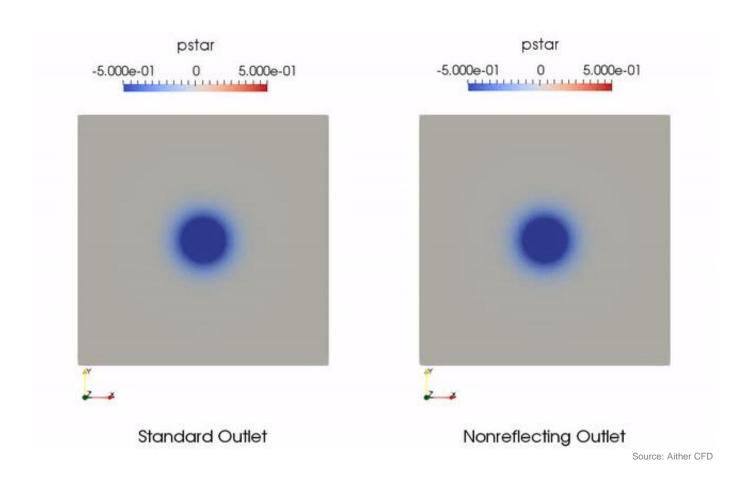
#### Characteristics or Riemann Variables

Simple Example: Linear Advection





#### Characteristics and Spurious Effects





#### Possible Interface Boundary Conditions

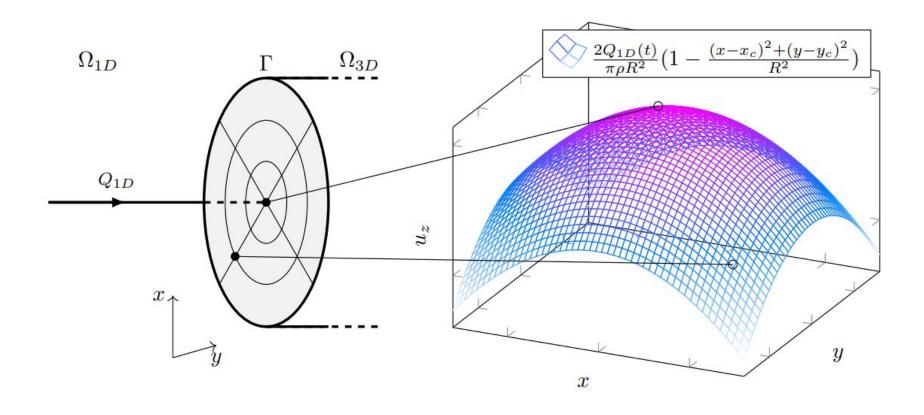
Both sides of the interface need to be well-posed

Conditions are not fully independent

Boils down to ~6 combinations, also depends on the system



## Velocity Profile





## Simulation results: 1D-3D partitioned pipe



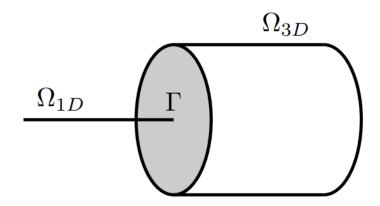


#### Partitioned Pipe Model

**1D Model**: Simplified Euler Equations
Discretized by finite differences in Python

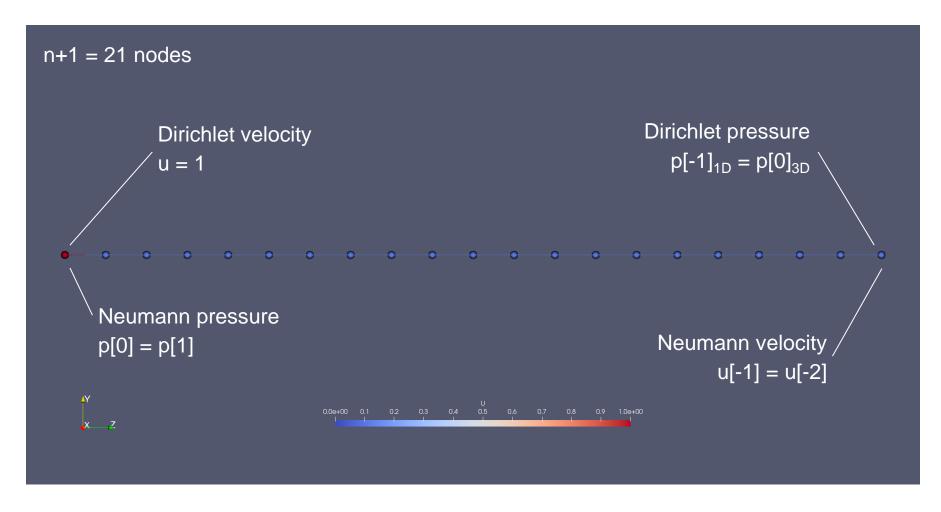
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = 0$$

**3D Model**: OpenFOAM (pimpleFoam) Transient, incompressible flow



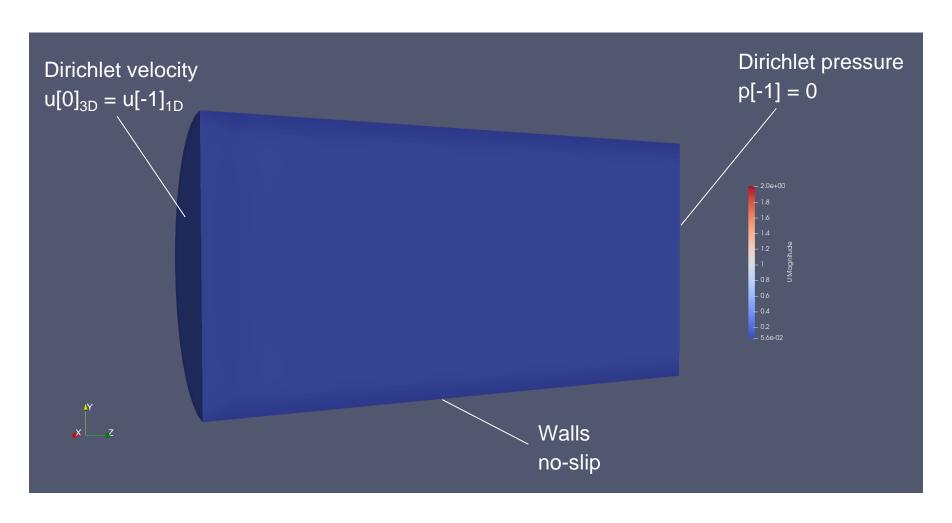


#### 1D Model





#### 3D Model

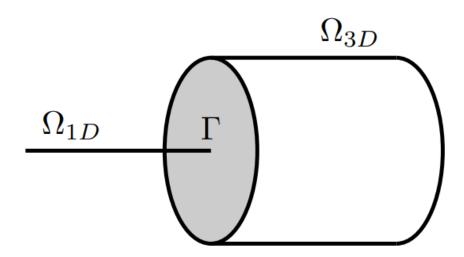




Serial-Implicit Coupling

**Quasi-Newton Acceleration** 

Consistent Nearest-Neighbor Mapping





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Implicit Explicit

Both solvers Solvers do not iterate until necessarily convergence (up to tolerance) Converge and do not "wait"  $\Omega_{3D}$ 

Consistent Nearest-Neighbor Mapping



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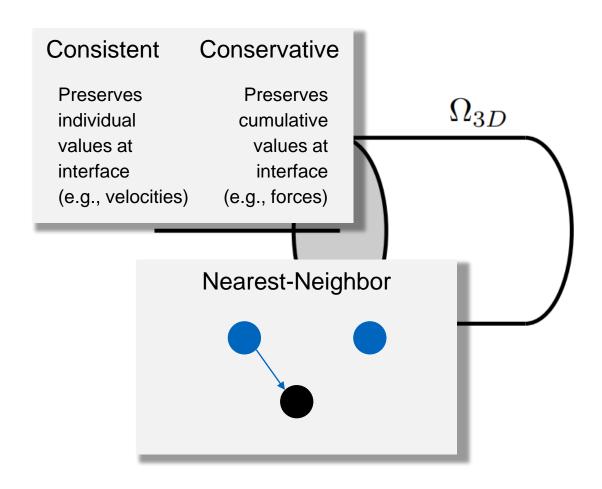
# Acceleration Implicit coupling leads to fixed-point equations at the interface. Acceleration techniques stabilize and speed-up the iterative process.



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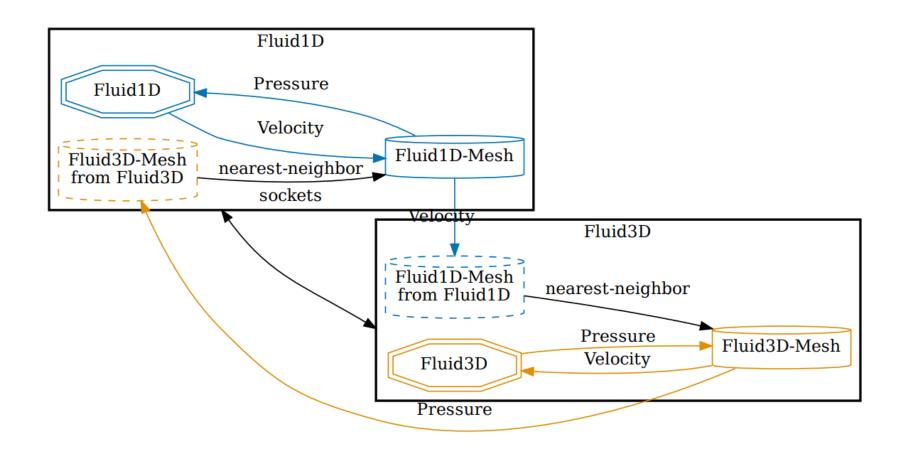
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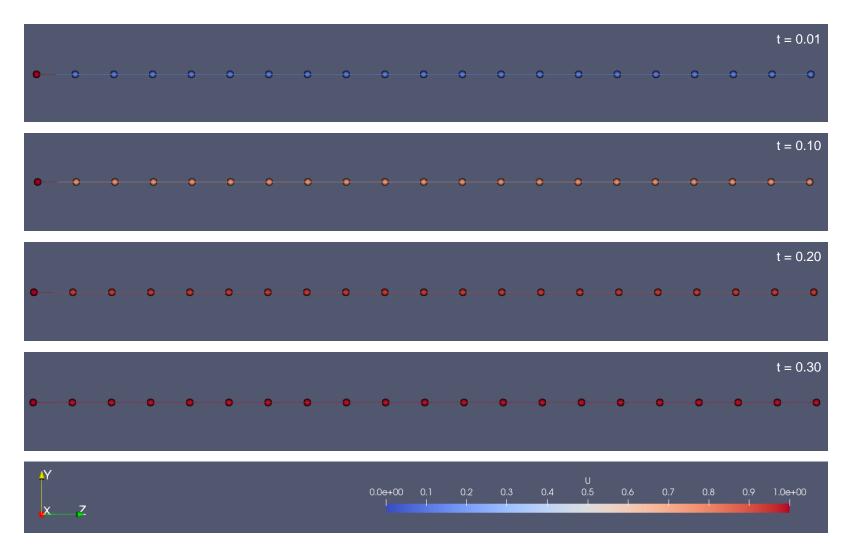




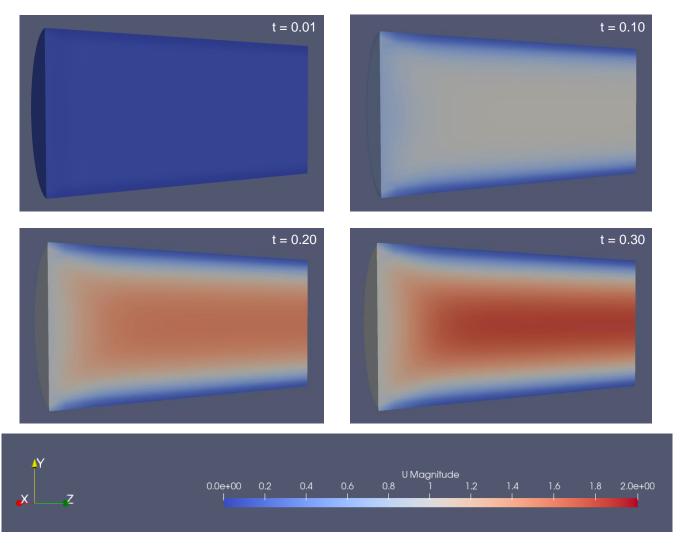
#### Visualization of preCICE Configuration



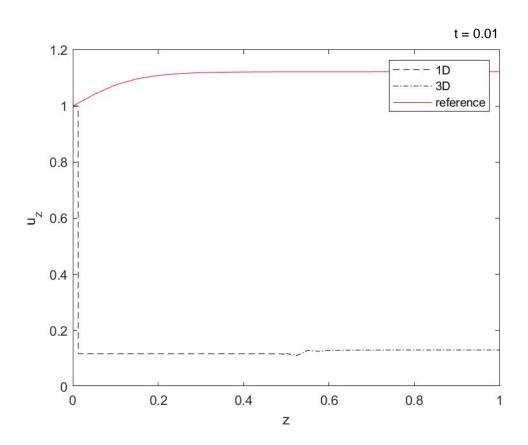


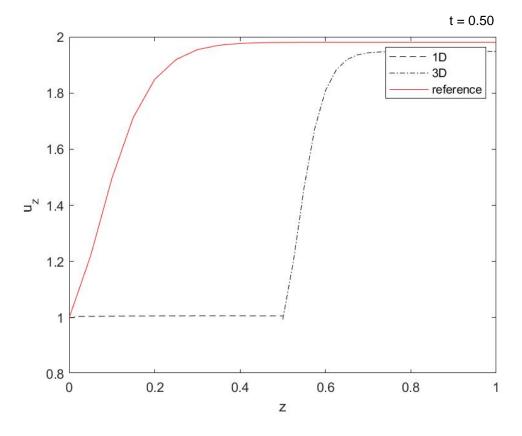




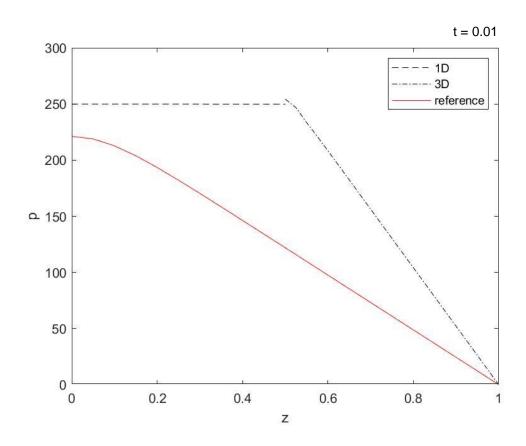


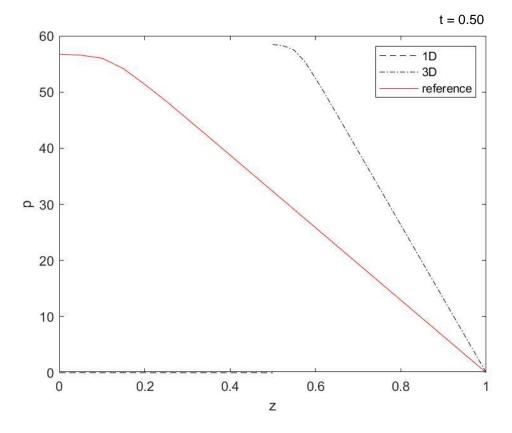










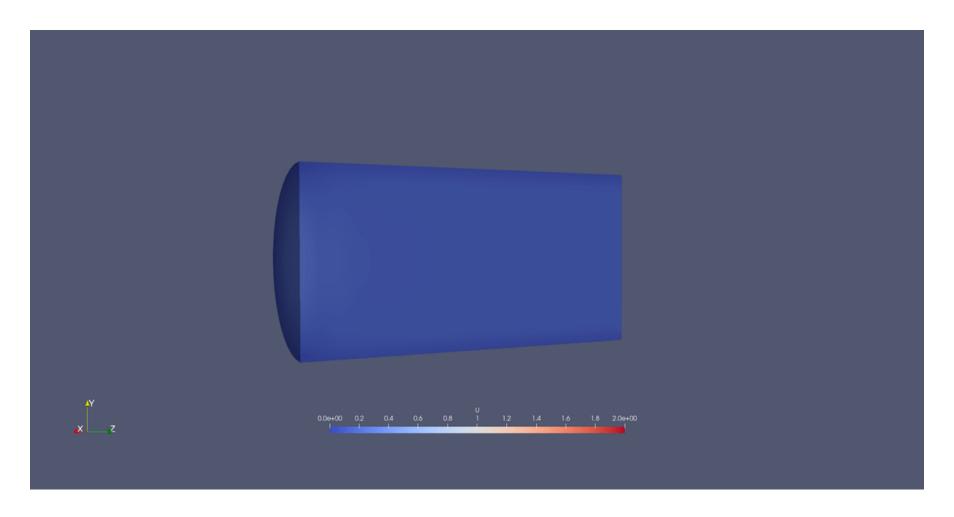




# Potential Improvements?



#### Transforming 1D Data — Velocity Profile





## Conclusion





- + reduce computational complexity
- + very flexible
- + fairly easy black-box coupling

- reduced models are bottleneck to overall results
- which parts are regions of interest, which parts can be reduced? → expert knowledge
- introduces lots of non-physical boundaries



Thank you for your attention!



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