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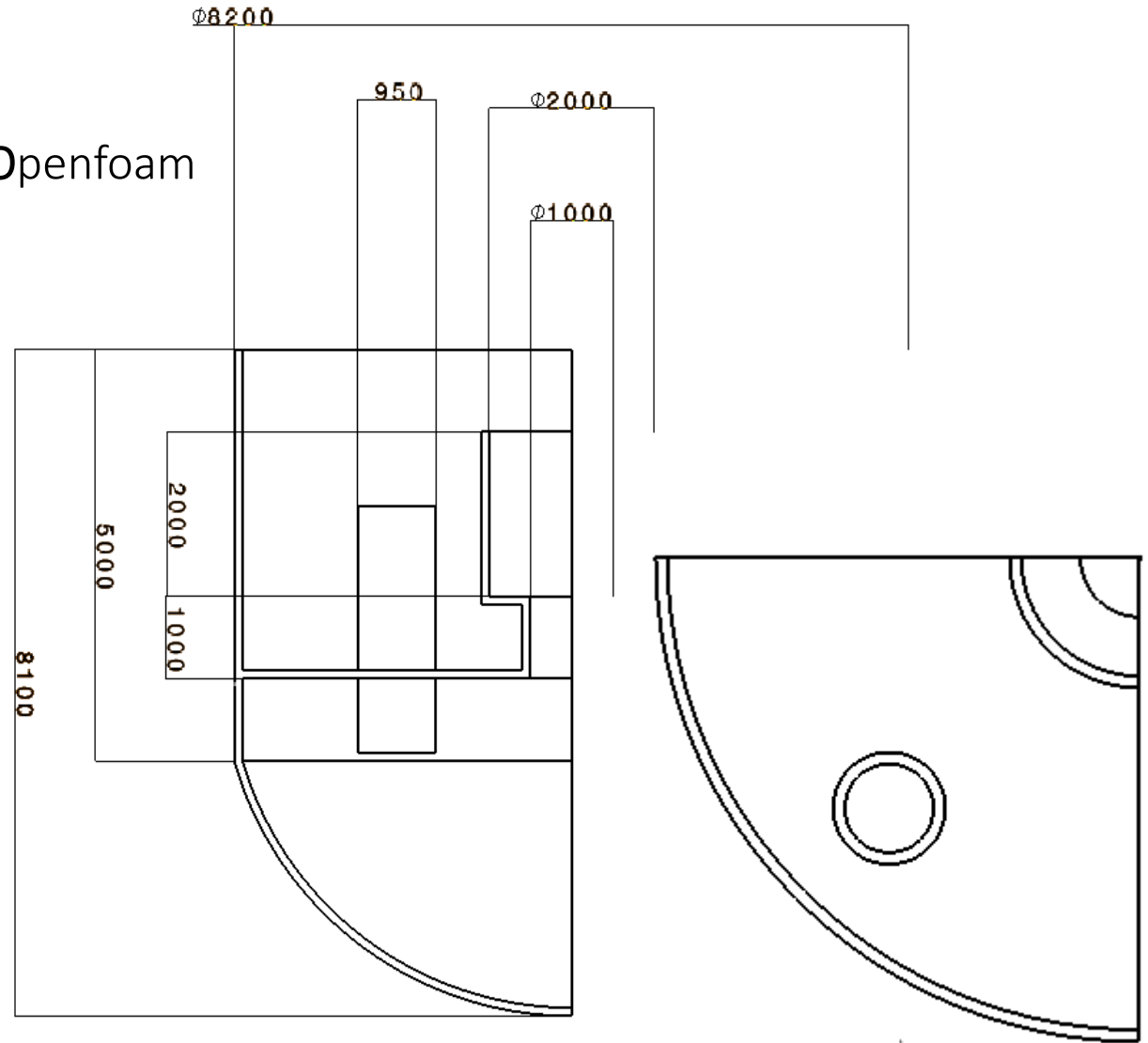
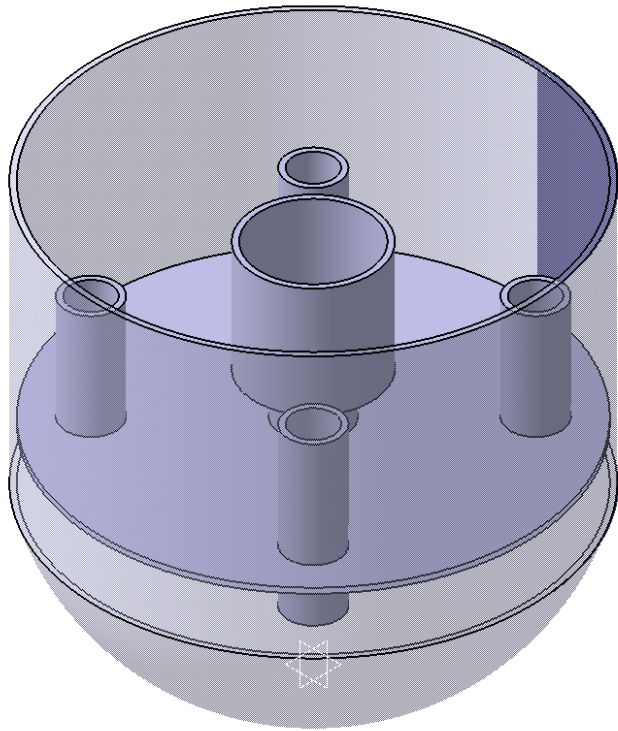
SIMULATING REACTOR THERMAL-HYDRAULICS IN OPENFOAM

The ESPRESSO test case

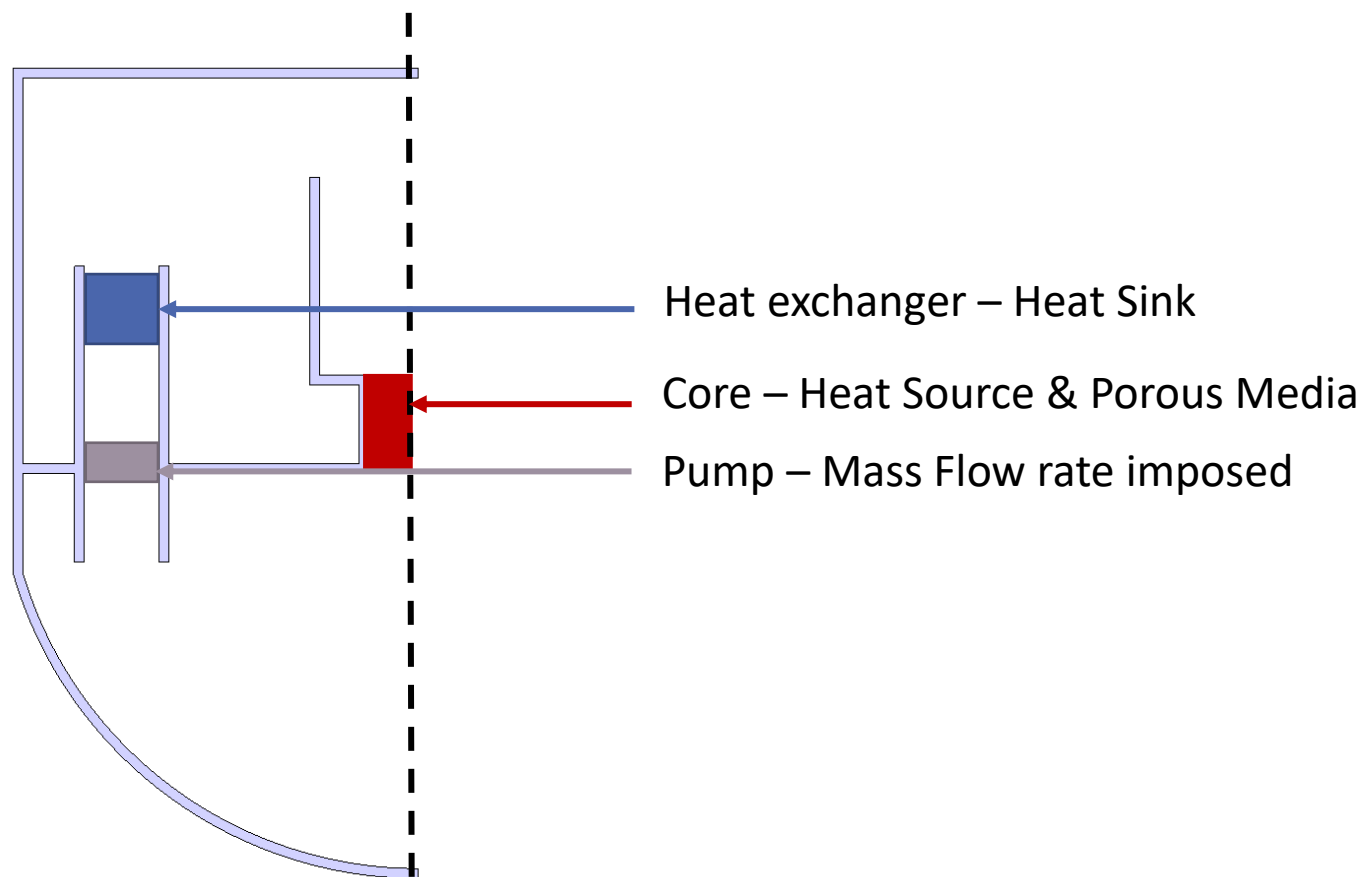
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Extremely SimPlied REactor Simulation uSing Openfoam



$\frac{1}{4}$ of the entire geometry is simulated, by employing the symmetry boundary conditions



Which are the basic features of the flow?

- Constant density fluid (liquid metal): **INCOMPRESSIBLE**
- Viscosity is important to correctly predict the flow: **VISCOUS**
- Gravity is considered, but assuming conditions of forced convection gravitational effects have limited influence
- Heat exchange is very important (energy generation in the core region/heat sink in the heat exchangers)
- No liquid/gas interfaces modeled: **SINGLE PHASE FLOW**
- Not interested in study the transient (nominal conditions): **STEADY state simulation**

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PROBLEM DESCRIPTION - ESPRESSO

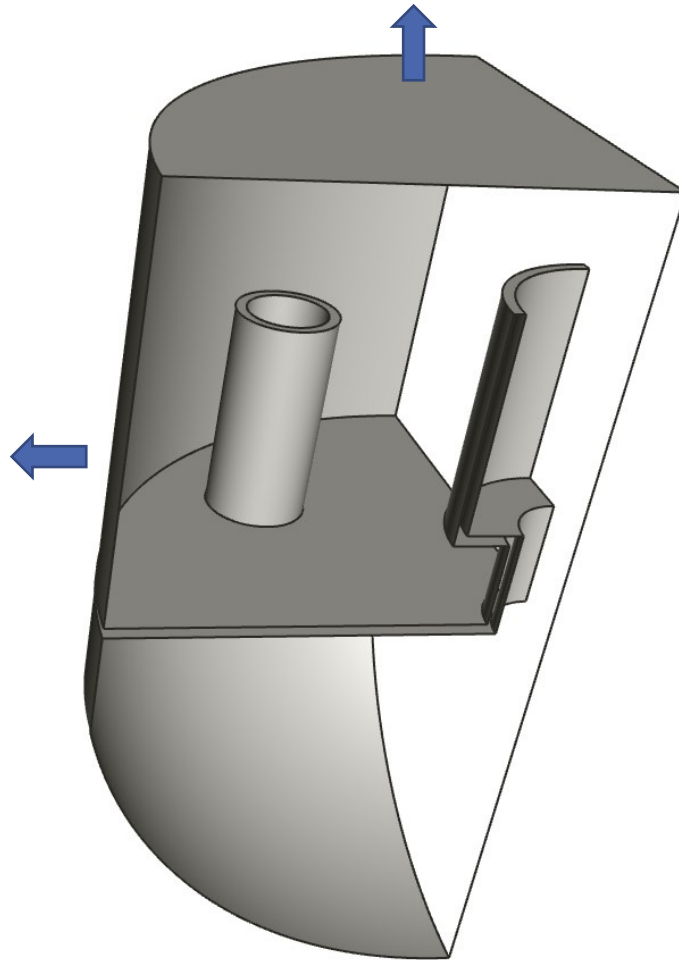
Heat transfer coefficient:

$$q = h(T - T_{out})$$
$$h = 10 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$$
$$T_{out} = 165^\circ\text{C}$$

We will show you how to consider the conduction through the cover without resolving it.

Explicit wall heat flux:

$$q = -150 \text{ W/m}^2$$



Pumps: effect on the fluid -> provides the massflow.

In our case prescribed as velocity magnitude in the pumps equivalent to **0.384m/s**.

HXs: effect on the fluid -> cools down the fluid after heated up by the core.

In our case constant heat sink of **10MW**, each.

Core: effect on the fluid -> heats up the fluid and strong pressure drop of dense structures.

In our case constant heat source of **10MW**.
Pressure drop modelled by Darcy-Forchheimer law.

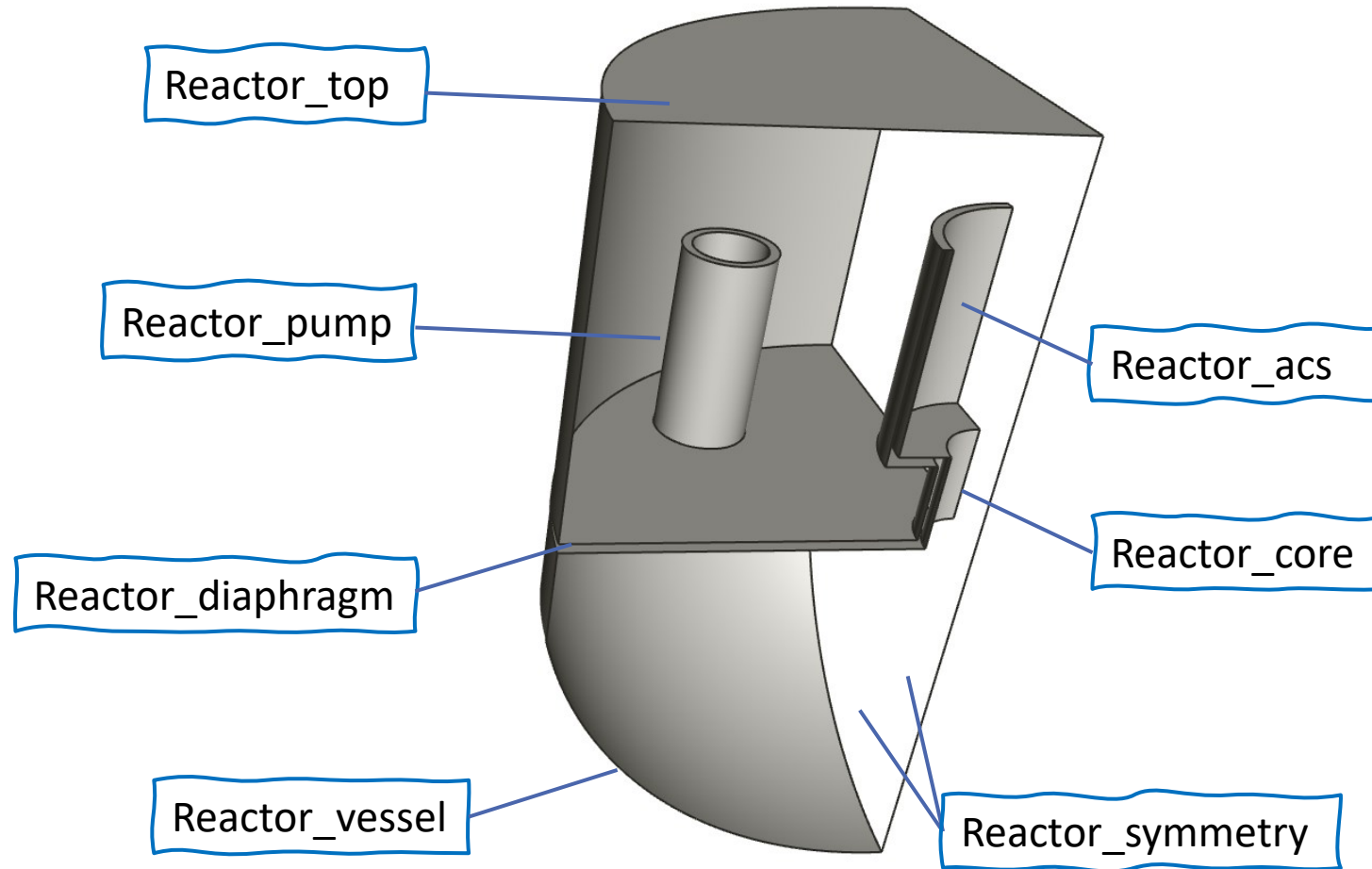
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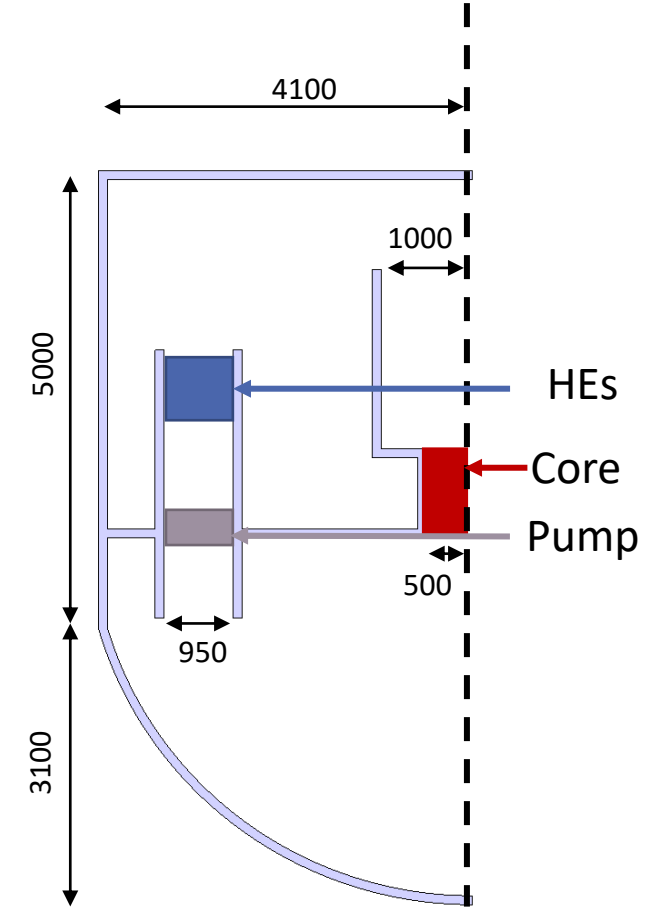
GEOMETRY

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Reactor Boundaries



Cell regions



WHAT IS SNAPPYHEXMESH?

- Generation of 3-dimensional meshes containing hexahedra
- Zonal meshing for support of porous media and MRF

STARTING FROM A TUTORIAL DIRECTORY

- Go to the directory dedicated to run OpenFOAM simulations.

```
cd $FOAM_RUN
```

- Create a directory named as river

```
mkdir ESPRESSO
```

- Enter to this directory

```
cd ESPRESSO
```

- Copy the snappyHexMesh/motorBike tutorial directory in your river directory

```
cp -r $FOAM_TUTORIALS/mesh/snappyHexMesh/motorBike/motorbike/* ./
```

```
git clone git@github.com:ofcourse-VKI/ofseminar.git  
cd ofseminar/of_seminar_ESPRESSO/tutorial
```

CLEAN TUTORIAL AND COPY NEW GEOMETRY

- Clean the tutorial by removing useless files

```
rm -r constant/geometry/* 0/ Allclean Allrun
```

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- Check that the .stl CAD files are in the geometry directory

- reactor_named.stl
- core_region.stl
- pump_region.stl
- hx_region.stl

```
cp ../results/constant/geometry/* ./constant/geometry/
```

reactor_named.stl is already separated in different surfaces

STL FILES

- Visualize the geometry in paraview

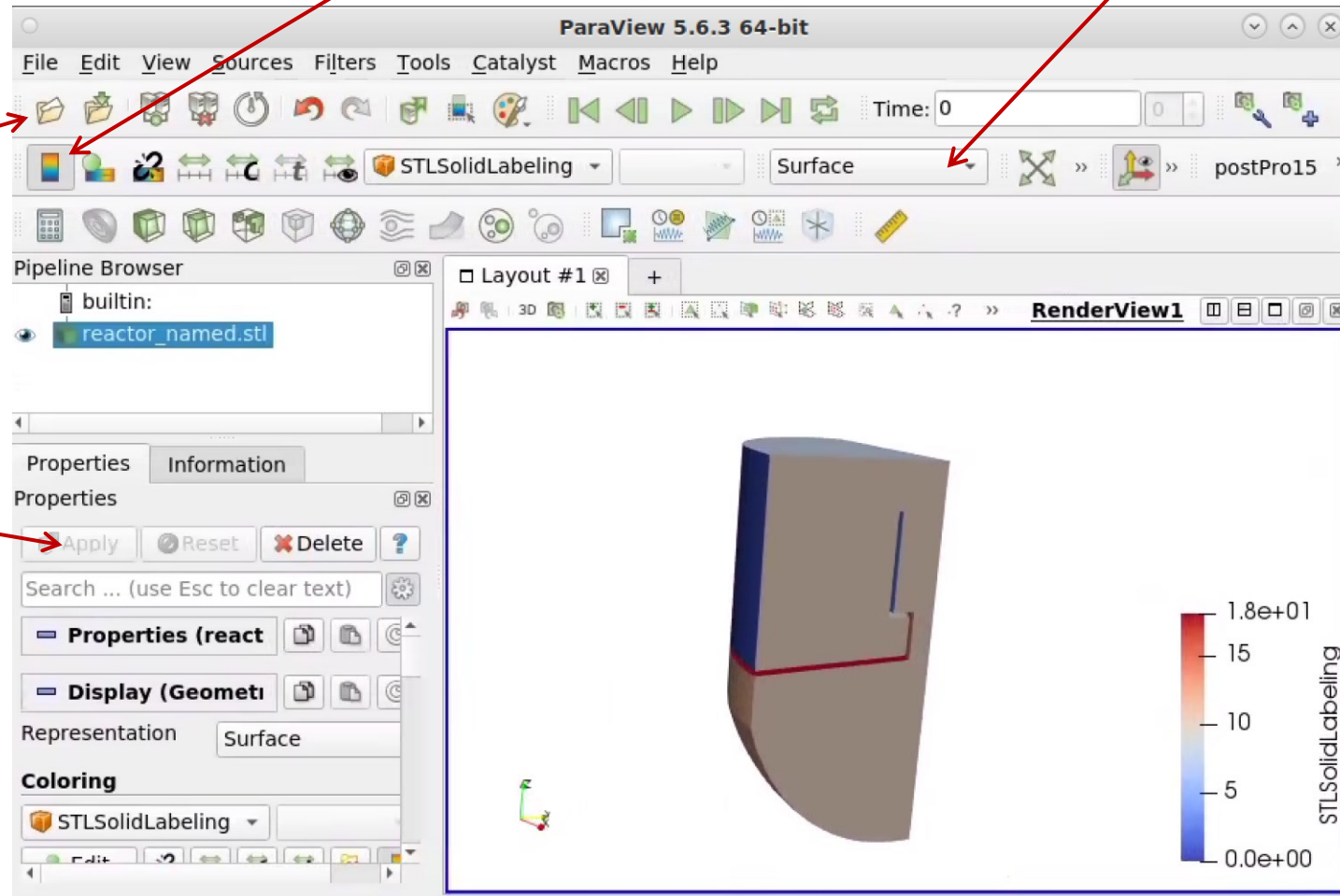
paraview &

1. file/open and select the reactor_named.stl in the constant/geometry directory

2. Apply

3. Activate the color legend

You can change to *Surface With Edge* (to visualize the triangulated stl mesh)



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The color level corresponds to the number of the geometry surfaces

STL FILES

- Create a clip in paraview to visualize the interior of the reactor

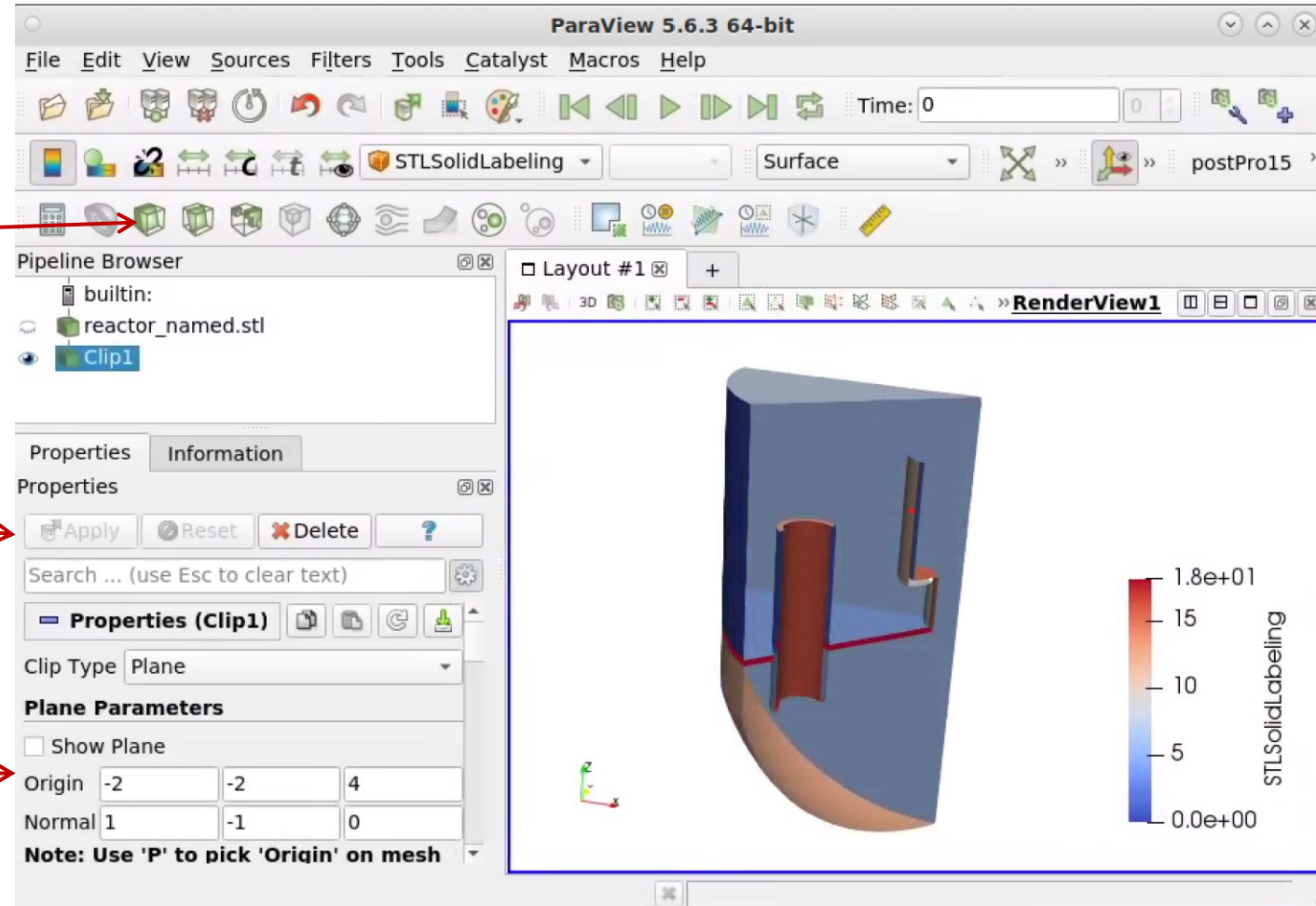
paraview &

1. Click on Clip

4. Click Apply

3. Un-toggle
show Plane

2. Set the
Origin and
Normal



STL UTILITIES

```
cp -r $FOAM_ETC/caseDicts/surface/surfaceFeaturesDict ./system/
```

- Edit the surfaceFeaturesDict in system directory

```
surfaces
(
    "reactor_named.stl" "core_region.stl" "hx_region.stl" "pump_region.stl"
);
// Identify edges when angle between faces < includedAngle
includedAngle      150;
// Include region boundaries as features
geometricTestOnly  no;
subsetFeatures
{
    // Include nonManifold edges (edges with >2 connected faces)
    nonManifoldEdges    no;
    // Include open edges (edges with 1 connected face)
    openEdges           yes;
}
// Write features to obj format for visualisation
writeObj            yes;
verboseObj          no;
```

- Run the edge extraction

```
surfaceFeatures
```

- This is creating a file “reactor_named.eMesh” in the “constant/geometry” directory

- The STL surface can be first checked using surfaceCheck utility :

```
surfaceCheck constant/geometry/reactor_named.stl >log.surfaceCheck
```

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- Open the output file

```
vi log.surfaceCheck
```

or use grep to extract informations :

```
grep 'Bounding Box' log.surfaceCheck
```

```
Bounding Box : (-4 -4 0) (2.4349e-16 0 8)
```

This information is used later to define the
background mesh size
Can be also obtained by loading the mesh in
paraview

- Edit the *blockMeshDict* in system/

Bounding Box : (-4 -4 0) (2.4349e-16 0 8)

```
convertToMeters 1;

vertices
(
    (-4.2          -4.2          -0.2)
    (0.2           -4.2          -0.2)
    (0.2           0.2           -0.2)
    (-4.2          0.2           -0.2)
    (-4.2          -4.2          8.1)
    (0.2           -4.2          8.1)
    (0.2           0.2           8.1)
    (-4.2          0.2           8.1)
);

blocks
(
    hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (44 44 83) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
);
edges
(
);
defaultPatch
{
    name      sides;
    type      patch;
}
boundary
(
);
```

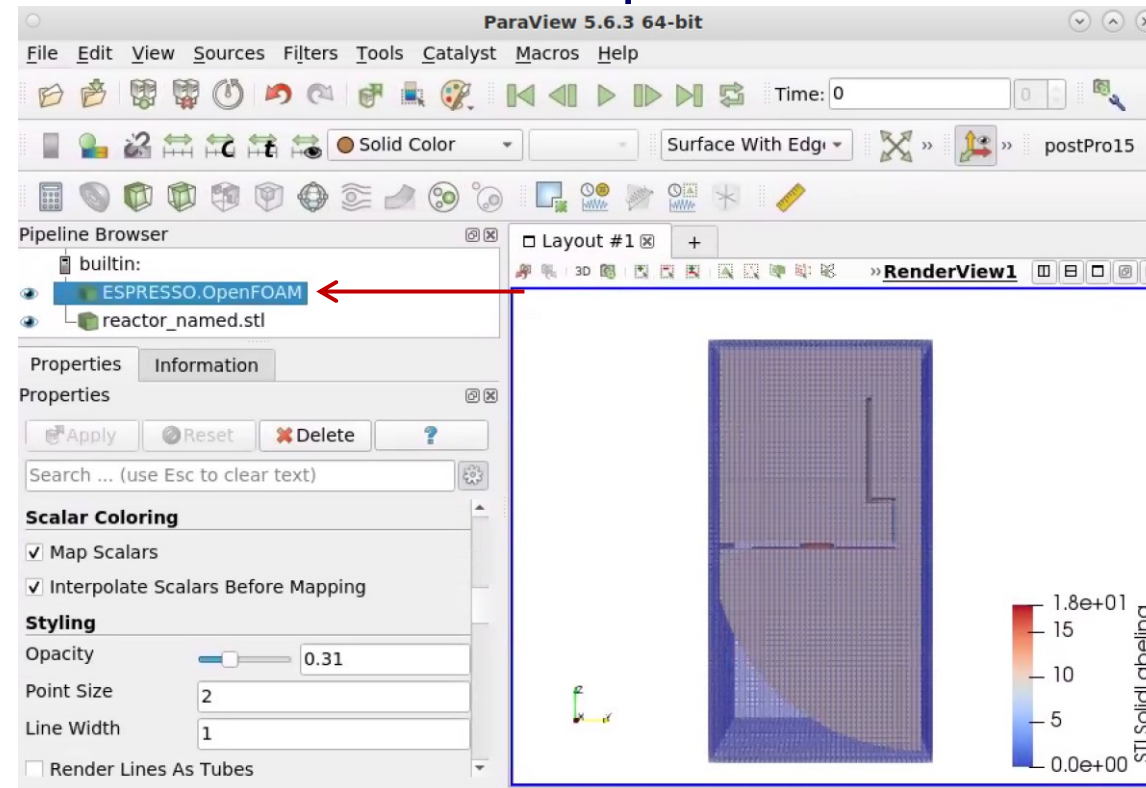
Remove all the boundaries that they are
all defined in the stl file

- Run blockMesh :

blockMesh

- Visualize the background mesh to check correspondence with CAD file

paraFoam &



SNAPPYHEXMESHDict- GEOMETRY CONTROLS SECTION

- Open and Edit the snappyHexMeshDict

gedit system/snappyHexMeshDict &

```
FoamFile
{
    format    ascii;
    class     dictionary;
    object    snappyHexMeshDict;
}
castellatedMesh true;
snap         true;
addLayers     false;

geometry
{
    reactor
    {
        type triSurfaceMesh;
        file "reactor_named.stl";
    }
    ...
}
```

```
core_region
{
    type triSurfaceMesh;
    file "core_region.stl";
}

pump_region
{
    type triSurfaceMesh;
    file "pump_region.stl";
}

hx_region
{
    type triSurfaceMesh;
    file "hx_region.stl";
}
...
```

```
refinementCylinderP
{
    type searchableCylinder;
    point1 (-2.1 -2.1 3);
    point2 (-2.1 -2.1 6.3);
    radius 0.5;
}
refinementCylinderC
{
    type searchableCylinder;
    point1 (0.0 0.0 3.2);
    point2 (0.0 0.0 5.1);
    radius 0.65;
}
refinementCylinderA
{
    type searchableCylinder;
    point1 (0.0 0.0 5.1);
    point2 (0.0 0.0 8.0);
    radius 1.2;
}
refinementCylinderL
{
    type searchableCylinder;
    point1 (0.0 0.0 0);
    point2 (0.0 0.0 4);
    radius 4.1;
}
};
```



SNAPPYHEXMESHDict- GENERAL MESH CONTROL

```
castellatedMeshControls
{
    maxLocalCells 100000;

    maxGlobalCells 2000000;

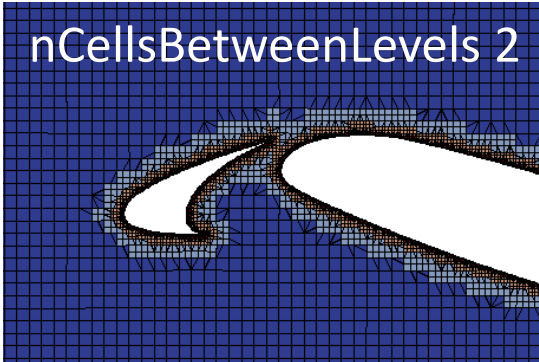
    minRefinementCells 10;

    maxLoadUnbalance 0.1;

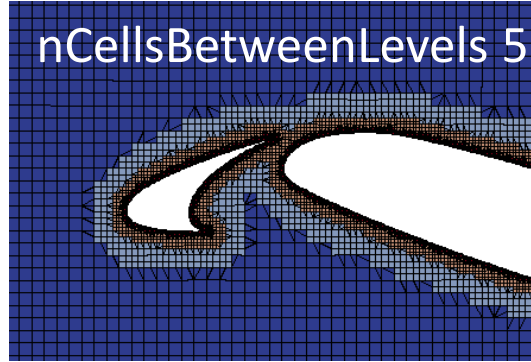
    nCellsBetweenLevels 4;
```

```
features
(
    {
        file "reactor_named.eMesh";
        level 0;
    }
    {
        file "hx_region.eMesh";
        level 2;
    }
    {
        file "core_region.eMesh";
        level 2;
    }
    {
        file "pump_region.eMesh";
        level 2;
    }
);
```

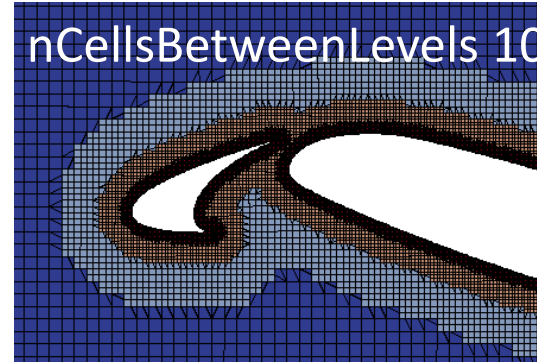
nCellsBetweenLevels 2



nCellsBetweenLevels 5



nCellsBetweenLevels 10



SNAPPYHEXMESHDict-SURFACE REFINEMENT

```
refinementSurfaces
{
    reactor
    {
        level (0 0);
        regions
        {
            "symmetry.*"
            {
                level (0 0);
            }
            "diaph.*"
            {
                level (1 1);
            }
            "core.*"
            {
                level (3 3);
            }
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

```
"acs.*"
{
    level (2 2);
}
"acs5*"
{
    level (3 3);
}
"vessel.*"
{
    level (0 0);
}
"top.*"
{
    level (0 0);
}
"pump.*"
{
    level (2 2);
}
...
}
```

```
core_region
{
    level (2 2);
    faceZone core_region;
    cellZone core_region;
    cellZoneInside inside;
}

pump_region
{
    level (1 1);
    faceZone pump_region;
    cellZone pump_region;
    cellZoneInside inside;
}

hx_region
{
    level (1 1);
    faceZone hx_region;
    cellZone hx_region;
    cellZoneInside inside;
}

// Resolve sharp angles
resolveFeatureAngle 30;
```

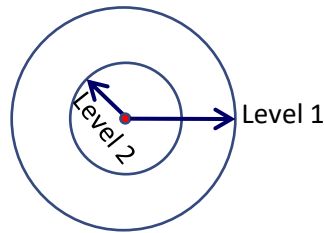
SNAPPYHEXMESHDict-REGION REFINEMENT

```
refinementRegions
{
    refinementCylinderP
    {
        mode inside;
        levels ((1E15 1));
    }
    refinementCylinderC
    {
        mode inside;
        levels ((1E15 2));
    }
    refinementCylinderA
    {
        mode inside;
        levels ((1E15 2));
    }
    refinementCylinderL
    {
        mode inside;
        levels ((1E15 1));
    }
}
locationInMesh (-1 -1 5);
allowFreeStandingZoneFaces true;
```

Level of refinement can
also be defined by
specifying the distance
around the edge that will
take the level of
refinement

levels ((0.1 2) (0.2 1));

Distance in meter



```
snapControls
{
    nSmoothPatch 3;
    tolerance 2.0;
    nSolveIter 30;
    nRelaxIter 5;
    nFeatureSnapIter 10;
    implicitFeatureSnap false;
    explicitFeatureSnap true;
    multiRegionFeatureSnap false;
}
```

CREATE THE MESH WITH SHM

- Run snappyHexMesh in the case directory

```
snappyHexMesh -overwrite
```

- Check the quality of the mesh

```
checkMesh
```

- Before visualize the mesh, we will create the boundary conditions

CREATE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

- Create patches out of selected boundary faces and change name and type of the boundaries

```
cp $FOAM_ETC/caseDicts/mesh/manipulation/patches/createPatchDict ./system
```

- Edit *system/createPatchDict*

```
patches
(
{
    name diaph;
    patchInfo
    {
        type wall;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_diaph.*");
}

{
    name acs;
    patchInfo
    {
        type wall;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_acs.*");
}
```

```
{
    name core;
    patchInfo
    {
        type wall;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_core.*");
}

{
    name vessel;
    patchInfo
    {
        type wall;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_vessel.*");
}
```

```
{
    name pump;
    patchInfo
    {
        type wall;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_pump.*");
}

{
    name top;
    patchInfo
    {
        type wall;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_top.*");
}
```

```
{
    name symmetry1;
    patchInfo
    {
        type symmetry;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_symmetry1");
}

{
    name symmetry2;
    patchInfo
    {
        type symmetry;
    }
    constructFrom patches;
    patches ("reactor_symmetry2");
}
);
```

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CREATE BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

- Run *createPatch* to create the new BC

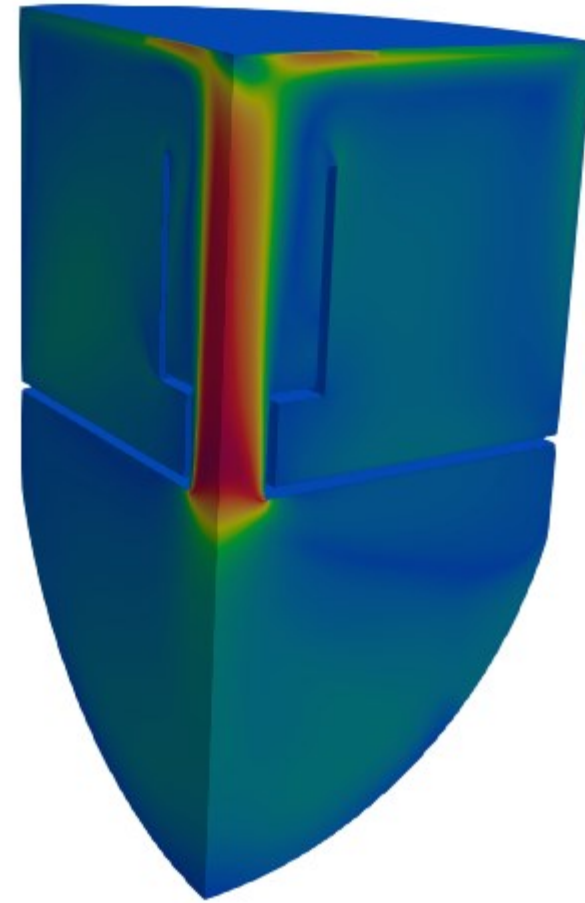
```
createPatch -overwrite
```

- Visualize in paraFoam

```
paraFoam
```


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CHOICE OF THE SOLVER BASED ON THE EQUATIONS

The RANS module for non-isothermal (buoyant) flows in OpenFoam 11 is called

fluid

And it is approximating this set of equations:

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad \text{Mass}$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{g} + \nabla \cdot (2\mu_{eff} D(\mathbf{u})) - \nabla \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3} \mu_{eff} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u}) \right) \quad \text{Momentum}$$

Many of these terms will be nil in our case as a result of the **incompressibility**

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} h) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} K) = \rho (\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_{eff} \nabla h) \quad \text{Energy}$$

STARTING FROM A TUTORIAL DIRECTORY

- Go to the directory dedicated to run OpenFOAM simulations.

```
cd $FOAM_RUN
```

- Create a directory named as ESPRESSO setup

```
mkdir ESPRESSO_setup
```

- Enter to this directory

```
cd ESPRESSO_setup
```

- Copy the buoyantCavity tutorial directory in your directory

```
cp -r $FOAM_TUTORIALS/fluid/buoyantCavity/* ./
```

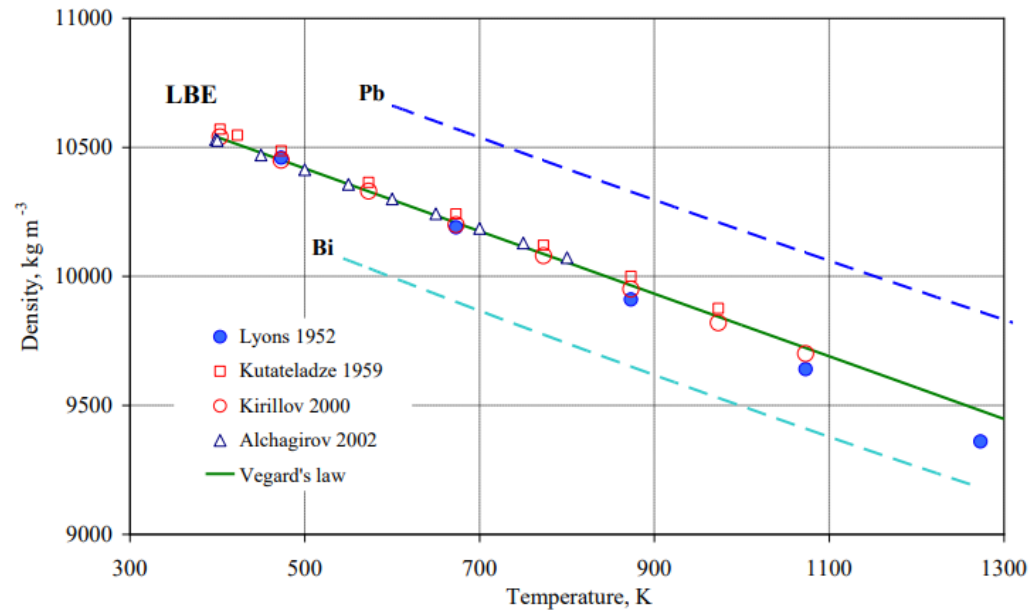
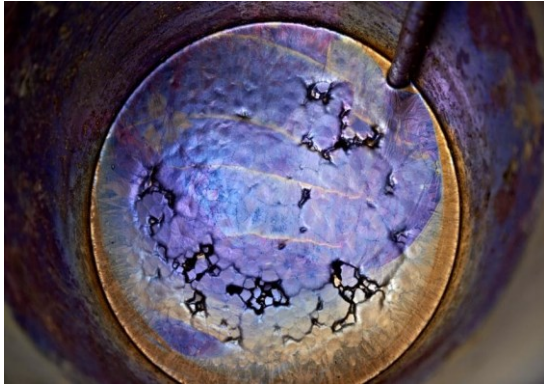
- Copy the mesh created previously in your directory

```
cp -r ../ESPRESSO/constant/polyMesh/ ./constant/
```

```
mv 0.orig 0
```

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

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```
thermoType
{
    type            heRhoThermo;
    mixture          pureMixture;
    transport        polynomial;
    thermo           hPolynomial;
    equationOfState  icoPolynomial;
    specie           specie;
    energy           sensibleEnthalpy;
}
```

```
mixture
```

```
{
    specie
    {
        molWeight 208.98;
    }
    thermodynamics
    {
        Hf          0;
        Sf          0;
        CpCoeffs<8> ( 159 0.0272 7.12e-6 0 0 0 0 0 );
    }
    equationOfState
    {
        rhoCoeffs<8> ( 11096 -1.3326 0 0 0 0 0 0 );
    }
    transport
    {
        muCoeffs<8> ( 0.0056 -1e-5 5e-9 0 0 0 0 0 );
        kappaCoeffs<8> ( 3.61 1.517e-2 1.741e-6 0 0 0 0 0 );
    }
}
```

In case you want to account for variable transport properties, you can specify the **coefficients of polynomial laws**

Property	Formula
Density(ρ) [kg m^3]	$11096 - 1.3326T$
Heat capacity (cp) [$\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$]	$159 - 2.72 \cdot 10^{-2}T + 7.12 \cdot 10^{-6}T^2$
Th. conductivity (λ) [$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$]	$3.61 + 1.517 \cdot 10^{-2}T - 1.741 \cdot 10^{-6}T^2$
Cinematic Viscosity (μ) [$\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$]	$4.94 \cdot 10^{-4} \exp(754.1/T)$
Prandtl number (Pr) [-]	$c_p \mu \lambda^{-1}$

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TURBULENCE MODELS

Several turbulence models are available in OpenFoam.

```
../ESPRESSO
├── 0/
│   ├── U
│   ├── p
│   ├── k
│   └── nuSgs
├── constant/
│   ├── polyMesh/
│   │   └── boundary
│   │   └── ....
│   ├── thermoPhysicalProperties
│   └── momentumProperties
└── system/
    ├── controlDict
    ├── fvSchemes
    ├── fvSolution
    └── decomposeParDict
```

```
simulationType RAS;

RAS
{
    model          kOmegaSST;

    turbulence      on;

    printCoeffs     on;
}
```

laminar

uses no turbulence models;

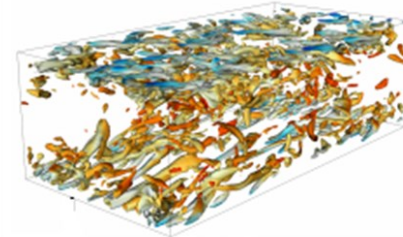
RAS

uses Reynolds-averaged simulation (RAS) modelling;

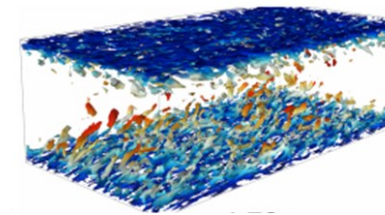
LES

uses large-eddy simulation (LES) modelling.

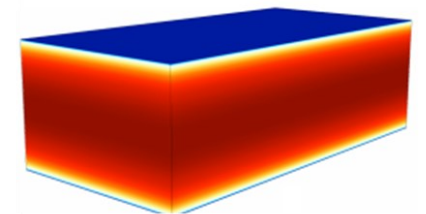
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DNS
(Direct Navier-Stokes
simulation)



LES



RANS
(Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes
simulation)

THERMAL TURBULENCE MODELS

```
cp -r $FOAM_TUTORIALS/fluid/cavity/constant/thermophysicalTransport constant/
```

../ESPRESSO

- 0/
 - U
 - p
 - k
 - nuSgs
- constant/
 - polyMesh/
 - boundary
 -
 - thermoPhysicalProperties
 - thermoPhysicalTransport**
- system/
 - controlDict
 - fvSchemes
 - fvSolution
 - decomposeParDict

```
RAS
{
    model    eddyDiffusivity;

    Prt      2;
}
```

The value of $P_{r,T} = 0.85$ is the default one, but for forced convection in liquid metals the value of $P_{r,T} = 2.0$ is recommended

The **Reynolds' Analogy** is the only thermal turbulence model currently implemented in the released version of OpenFoam 9

$$q_{T,j} = -\alpha_T \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_j} \quad \alpha_T = \frac{\nu_T}{P_{r,T}}$$

For liquid metal turbulent simulations, we implemented other thermal turbulence models (*ThermophysicalTransportModels* library): Kays Correlation, Manservigi $k_\theta - \varepsilon_\theta$, etc.

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SOURCE TERMS

```
cp -r $FOAM_ETC/caseDicts/fvConstraints/fvConstraints system/
```

../ESPRESSO

0/

U

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k

nuSgs

constant/

polyMesh/

boundary

....

thermoPhysicalProperties

thermoPhysicalTransport

system/

controlDict

fvSchemes

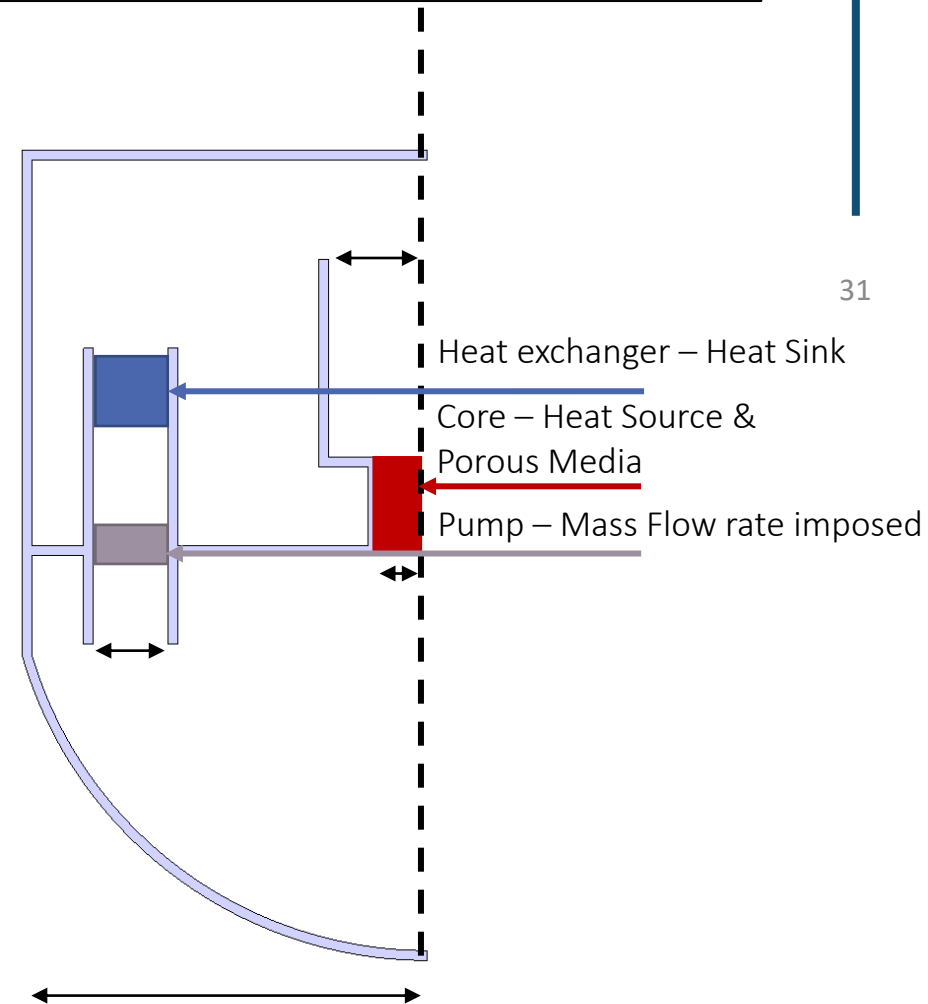
fvSolution

fvConstraints

```
Pump1
{
    type meanVelocityForce;

    meanVelocityForceCoeffs
    {
        selectionMode cellZone;
        cellZone pump_region;
        fields (U);
        Ubar (0 0 -0.384);
    }
}
```

Each source terms is specified
for a particular **cellZone**



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SOURCE TERMS

```
cp -r $FOAM_ETC/caseDicts/fvModels/fvModels constant/
```

../ESPRESSO

0/

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fvConstraint

```
porosity
{
    type          explicitPorositySource;

    explicitPorositySourceCoeffs
    {
        selectionMode    cellZone;
        cellZone          core_region;

        type              DarcyForchheimer;
        d      (1e7 1e7 0);
        f      (0 0 75);
        coordinateSystem {
            type          cartesian;
            origin        (0 0 0);
            coordinateRotation
            {
                type      axesRotation;
                e1      (1 0 0);
                e2      (0 1 0);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

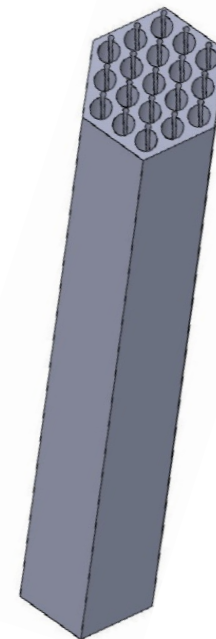
The flow through the fuel assemblies is modelled as a **porous medium**

Darcy-Forchheimer Law

$$\nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \mathbf{S}_m$$

$$\mathbf{S}_m = - \left(\mu \mathbf{D} + \frac{1}{2} \rho \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{I}) \mathbf{F} \right) \mathbf{u}$$

We must specify the coefficients **D** and **F** (directional dependent)



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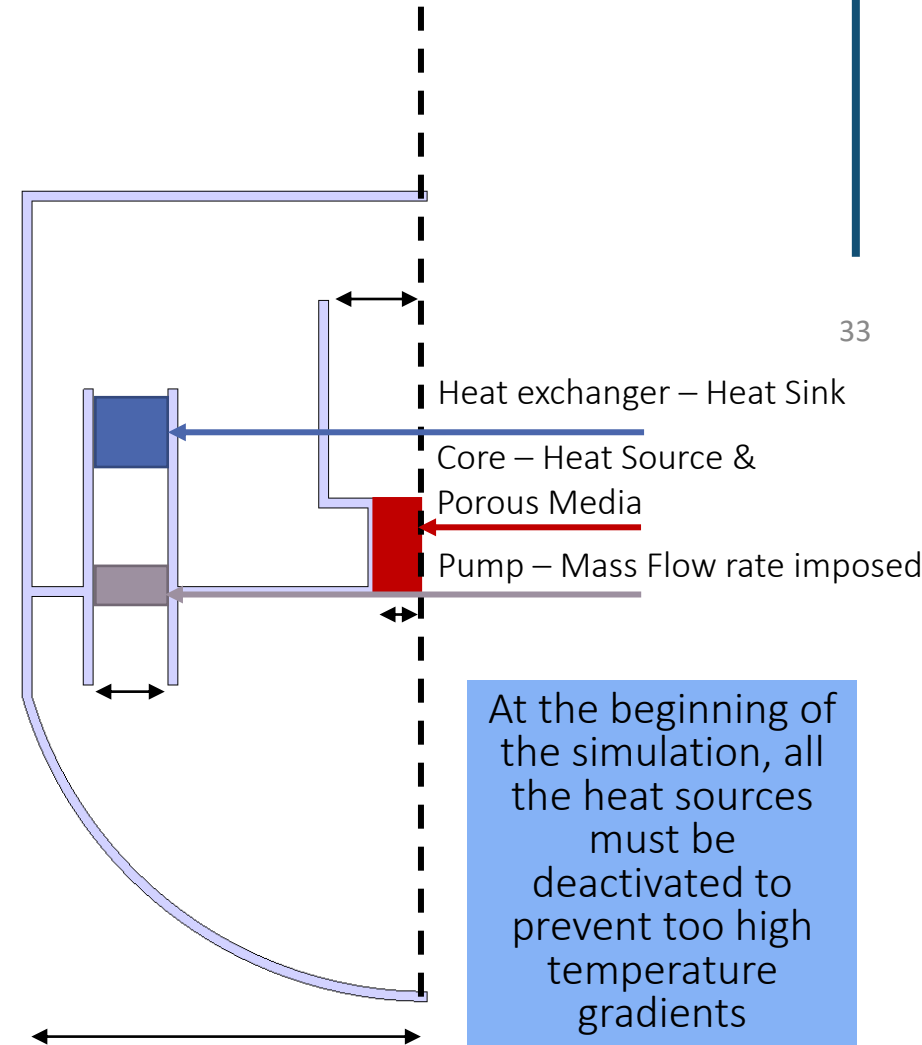
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Core_heat

```
{  
    type semiImplicitSource;  
    selectionMode cellZone;  
    cellZone core_region;  
  
    volumeMode absolute;  
  
    sources  
    {  
        h  
        {  
            explicit 1e7;  
            implicit 0;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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```
HX_heat
{
```

```
    type semiImplicitSource;
    selectionMode cellZone;
    cellZone hx_region;
```

```
    volumeMode absolute;
```

```
    sources
```

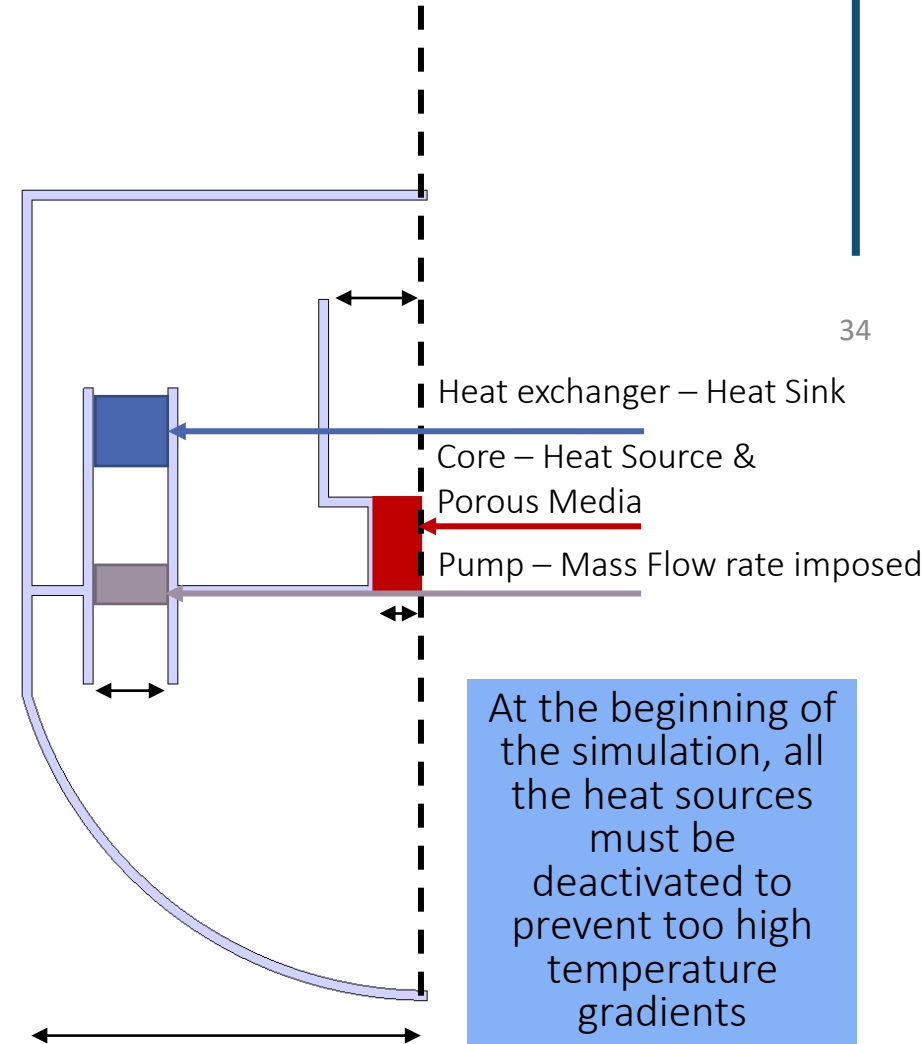
```
    {
```

```
        h
```

```
        {
            explicit -1e7;
            implicit 0;
        }
    }
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



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INITIAL CONDITIONS

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Initialization with constant values

```
object      alphasat;  
}  
// ***** //  
  
dimensions      [1 -1 -1 0 0 0 0];  
  
internalField    uniform 0;
```

$$\alpha_t = 0.0$$

$$v_t = 0.0$$

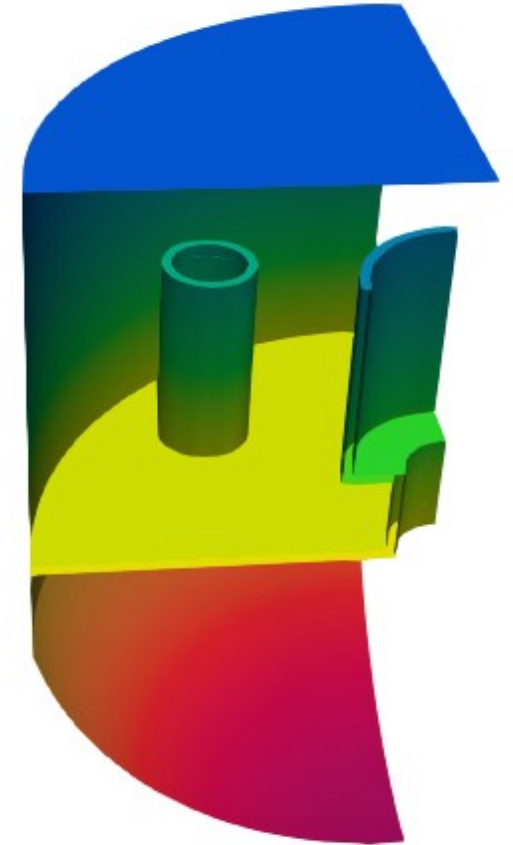
$$k = 0.000375$$

$$\omega = 0.12$$

$$p = 1 \cdot 10^5$$

$$\mathbf{u} = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0]$$

$$p_{rgh} = 1 \cdot 10^5 \quad T = 493$$



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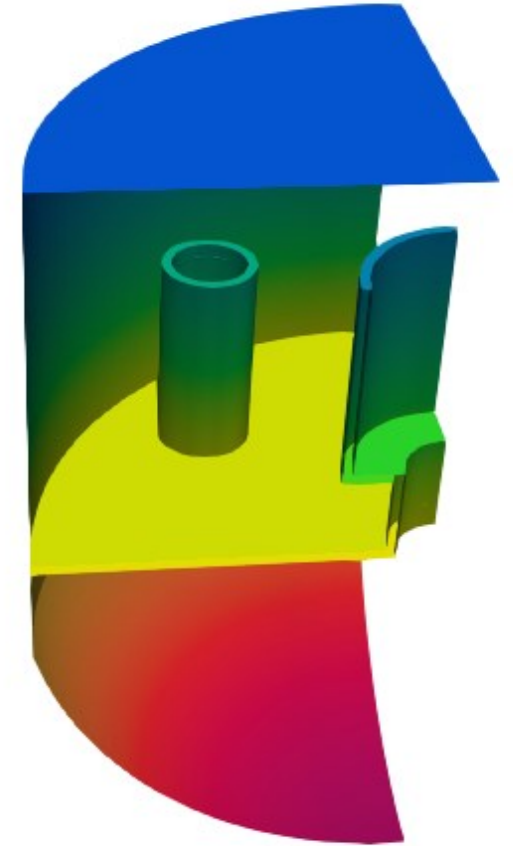
fvSchemes

fvSolution

fvConstraint

```
boundaryField
{
    "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump)"
    {
        type                noSlip;
    }

    "symmetry.*"
    {
        type                symmetry;
    }
}
```



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fvConstraint

```
boundaryField
{
    "(diaph|core|acs|pump)"
        {
            type                zeroGradient;
        }
    vessel
        {
            type                externalWallHeatFluxTemperature;
            mode                flux;
            q                    uniform -150.0;
            value                $internalField;
        }
    top
        {
            type                externalWallHeatFluxTemperature;
            mode                coefficient;
            Ta                   constant 450.0;
            h                    uniform 10.0;
            thicknessLayers      (0.1);
            kappaLayers          (45);
            value                $internalField;
        }
    "symmetry.*"
        {
            type                symmetry;
        }
}
```

- fixed power: supply Q
- fixed heat flux: supply q
- fixed heat transfer
coefficient: supply h and
Ta

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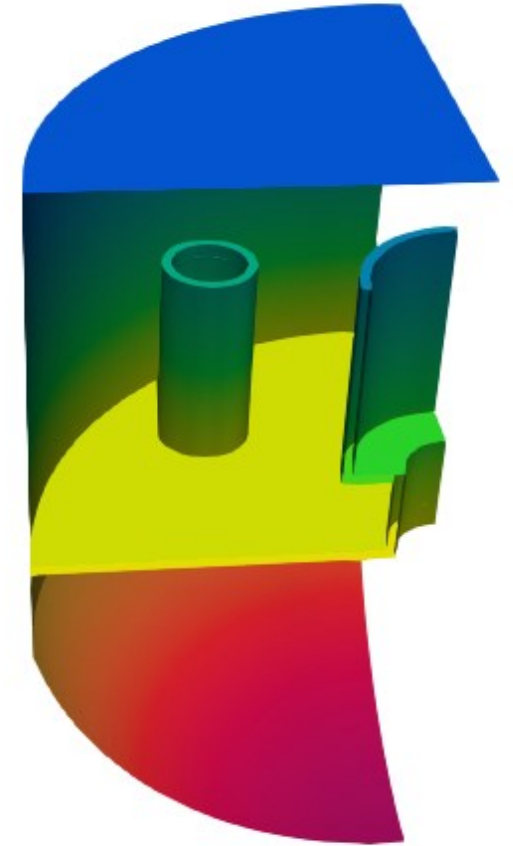
controlDict

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fvConstraint

```
boundaryField
{
  "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump)"
  {
    type          kqRWallFunction;
    value         uniform 3.75e-04;
  }
  "symmetry.*"
  {
    type          symmetry;
  }
}
```



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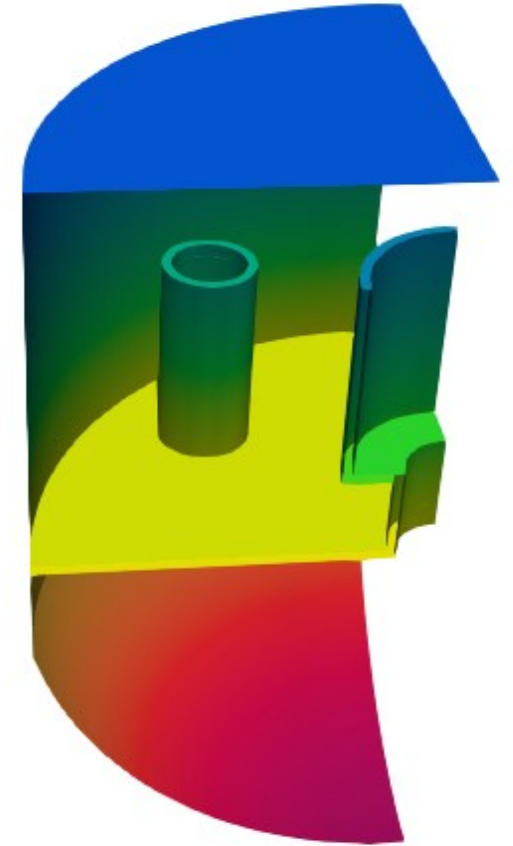
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fvConstraint

```
boundaryField
{
    "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump)"
    {
        type            omegaWallFunction;
        value            uniform 0.12;
    }
    "symmetry.*"
    {
        type            symmetry;
    }
}
```



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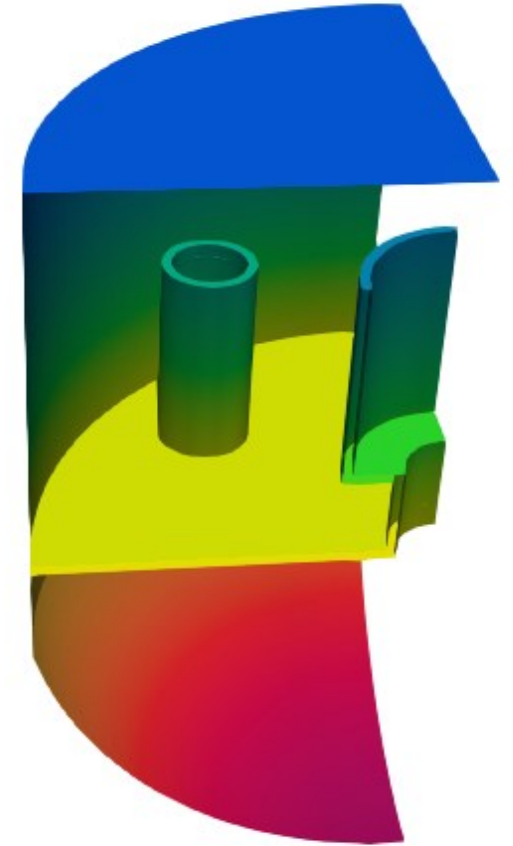
controlDict

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fvConstraint

```
boundaryField
{
    "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump)"
    {
        type            nutkWallFunction;
        value            uniform 0.12;
    }
    "symmetry.*"
    {
        type            symmetry;
    }
}
```



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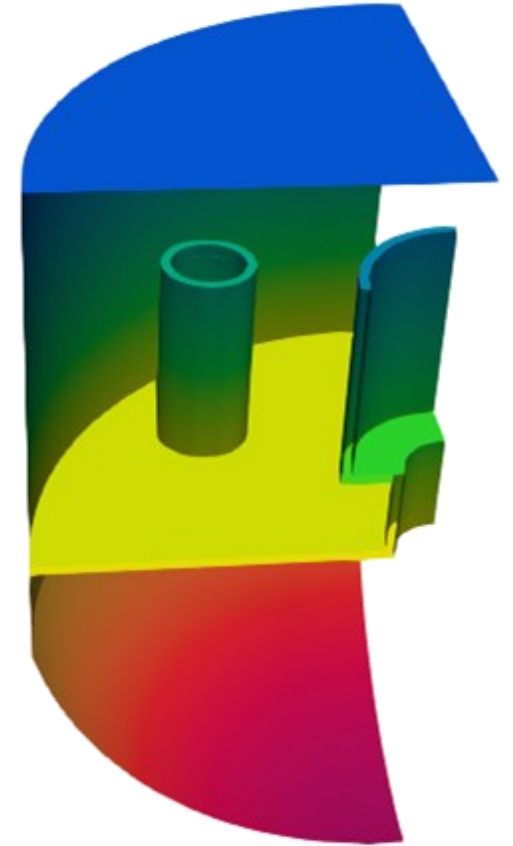
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```
boundaryField
{
    "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump)"
    {
        type            compressible:alphatWallFunction;
        value            uniform 0.12;
    }
    "symmetry.*"
    {
        type            symmetry;
    }
}
```



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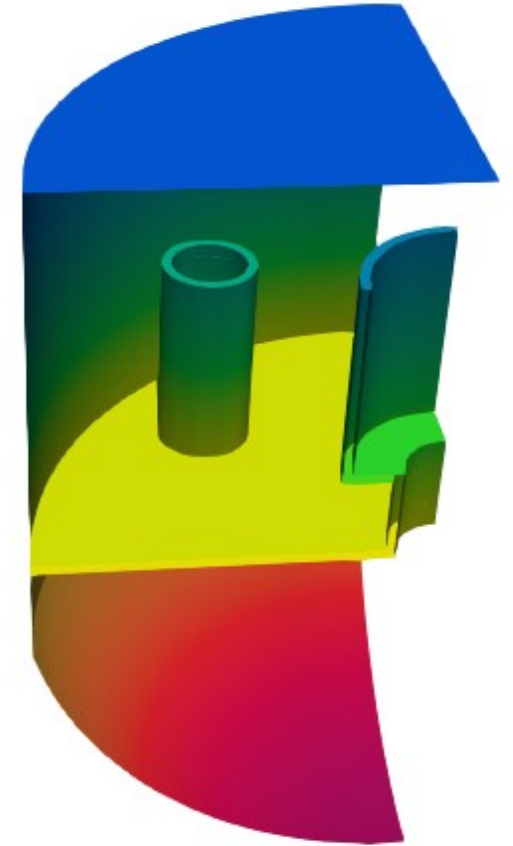
fvSolution

fvConstraint

p_{rgh}

```
boundaryField
{
    "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump) "
    {
        type            fixedFluxPressure;
        value            $internalField;
    }

    "symmetry.*"
    {
        type            symmetry;
    }
}
```



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BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

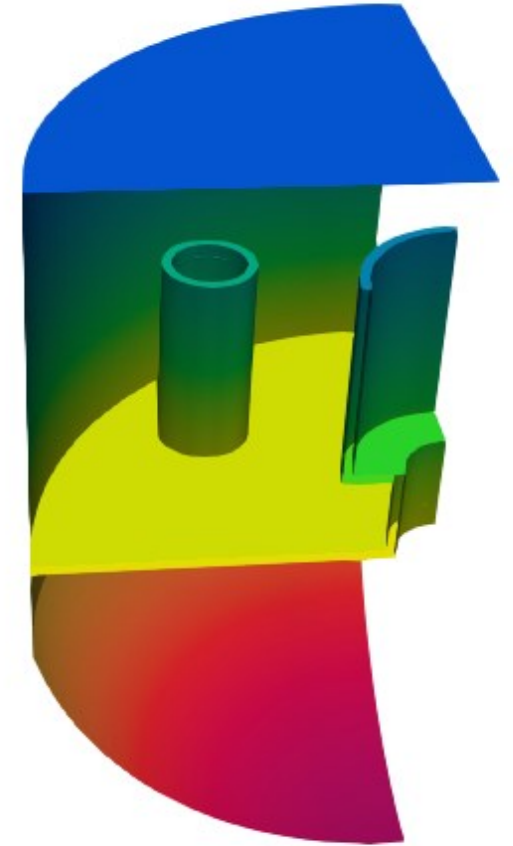
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 - fvSolution
 - fvConstraint

p

```
boundaryField
{
    "(top|diaph|core|acs|vessel|pump)"
    {
        type            calculated;
        value            $internalField;
    }

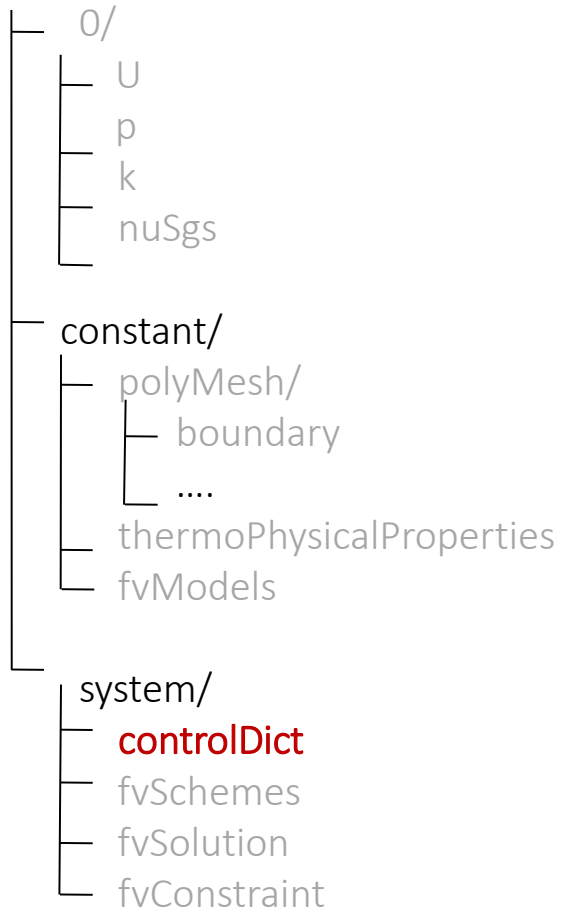
    "symmetry.*"
    {
        type            symmetry;
    }
}
```



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SIMULATION CONTROLS

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```
application      foamRun;

solver           fluid;

startFrom        startTime;

startTime        0;

stopAt           endTime;

endTime          10000;

deltaT           1;

writeControl     timeStep;

writeInterval    100;

purgeWrite       2;

writeFormat      ascii;

writePrecision   8;

writeCompression off;

timeFormat       general;

timePrecision    6;

runTimeModifiable true;
```

PARALLEL COMPUTATION

```
cp -r $FOAM_ETC/caseDicts/preProcessing/decomposeParDict system/
```

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```
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├── constant/
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│   │   ├── boundary
│   │   └── ....
│   ├── thermoPhysicalProperties
│   └── fvModels
├── system/
│   ├── controlDict
│   ├── fvSchemes
│   ├── fvSolution
│   └── decomposeParDict
```

```
numberOfSubdomains 2;

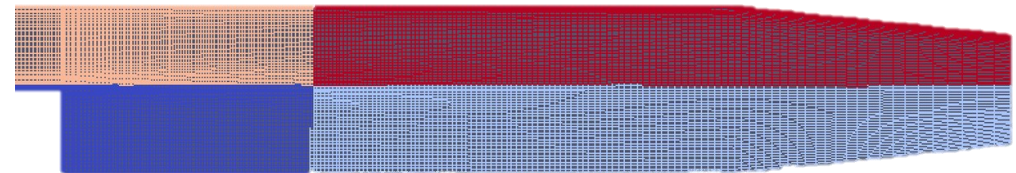
method              scotch;
// method           hierarchical;
// method           simple;
// method           manual;

simpleCoeffs
{
    n                (2 1 1);
    delta            0.001;
}

hierarchicalCoeffs
{
    n                (2 1 1);
    delta            0.001;
    order            xyz;
}
```

Decomposition methods:

- **Simple:** split in equal parts along directions
- **Hierarchical:** same as simple, but with specified order of directions
- **Manual:** each cell is assigned to a processor
- **Scotch:** minimizes the communication between processors



RUNNING THE SOLVER

In serial, run the case by typing on the terminal:

```
foamRun >log &
```

And visualize the output file evolution with:

```
tail -f log
```

```
tail -n 200 log
```

To run in parallel, you should first decompose the case (*decomposeParDict* specifies 2 processors)

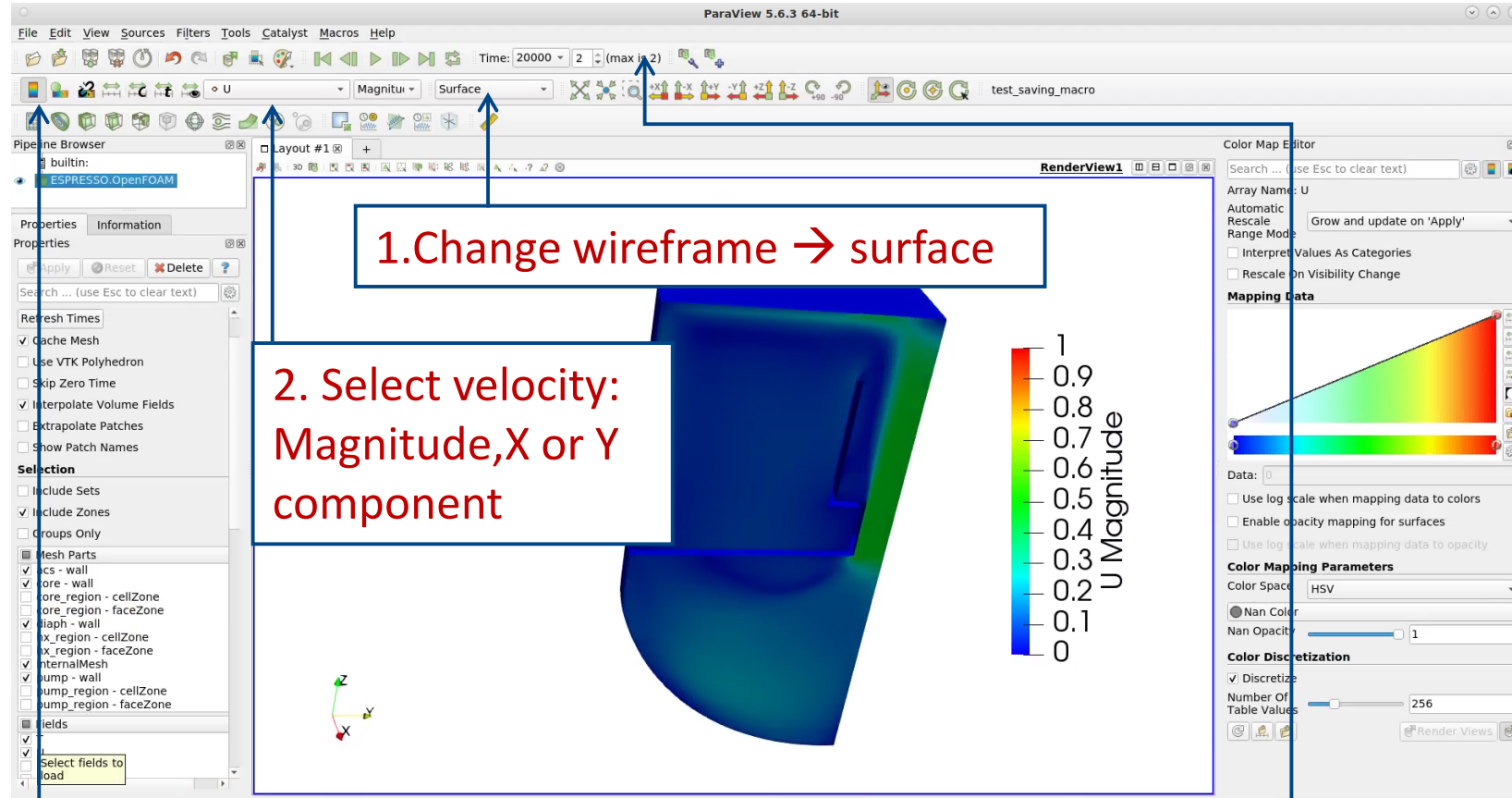
```
decomposePar -force
```

Then you run the decomposed case by using:

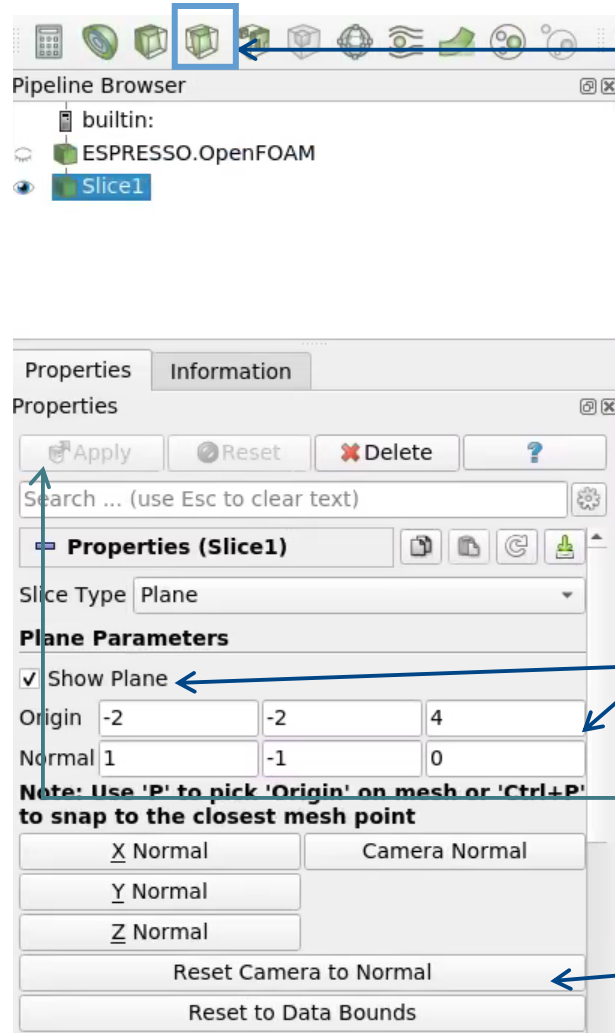
```
mpirun -np 2 foamRun -parallel >log &
```

For this particular test case, you should first run the first **100 iterations** with inactive heat sources (by commenting the corresponding lines in the *fvModels* file). Then you active the heat sources and continue the run until reaching **10000 iterations**

PARAFOAM – PLOT VELOCITY CONTOUR



PARAFOAM – 2D SLICE



1. Create Slice

This action is automatically creating an object in the pipeline browser

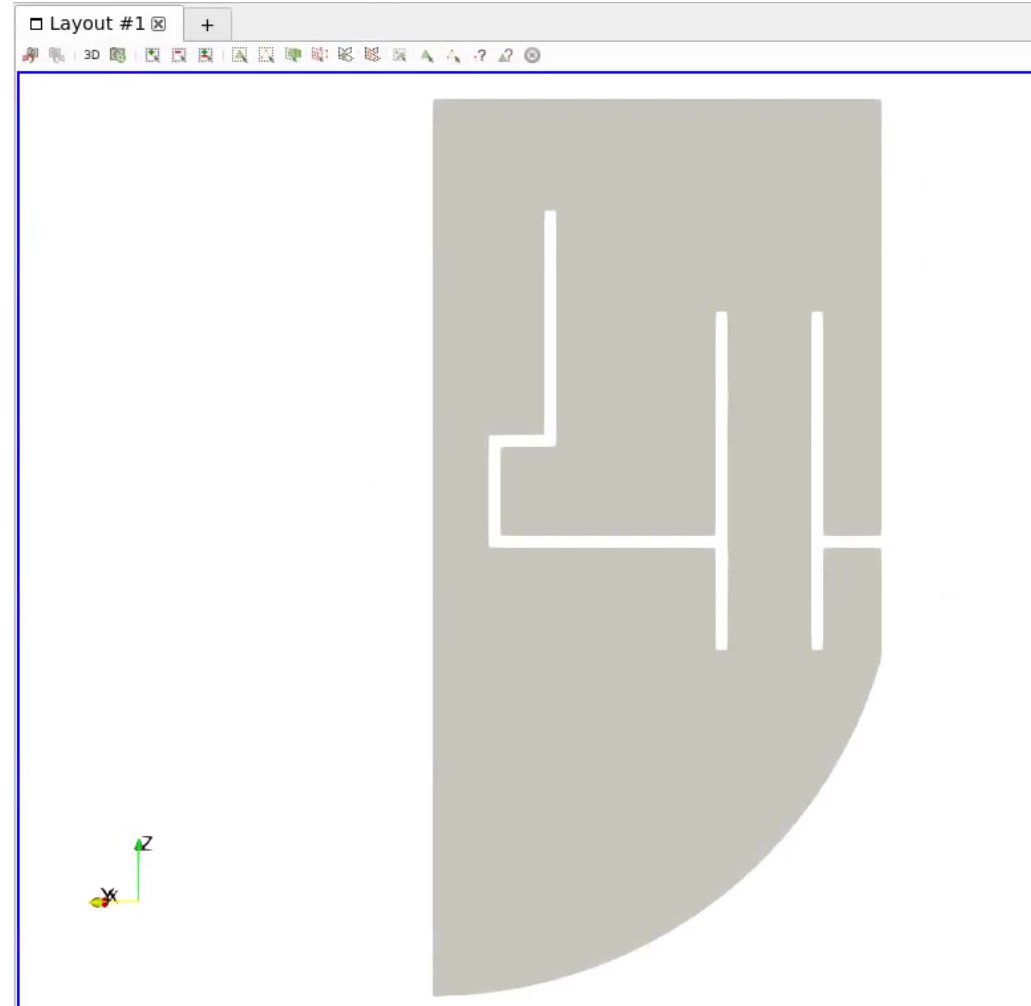
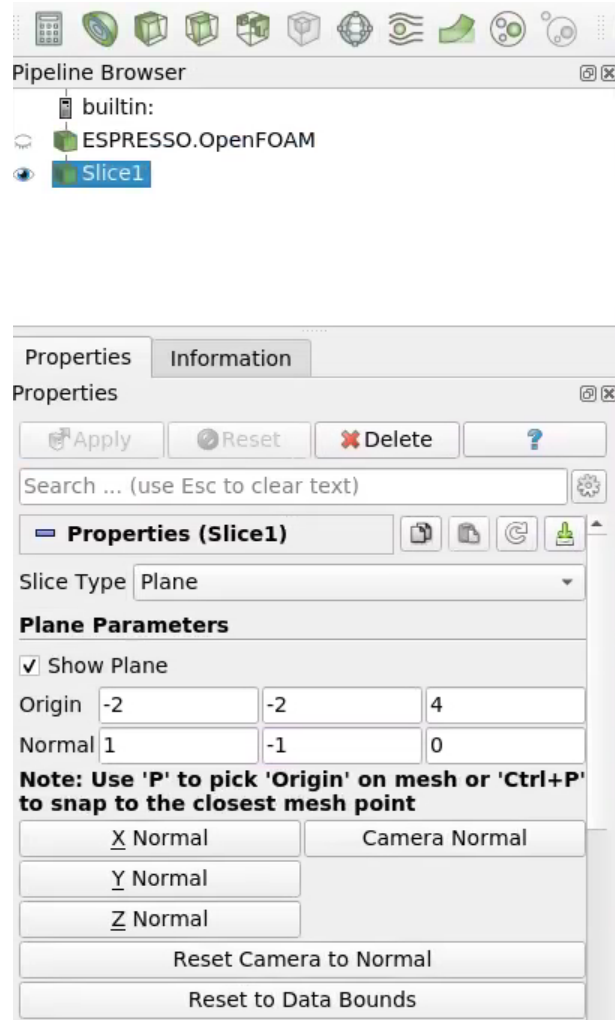
2. Change the origin and Normal

3. Unselect Show plane

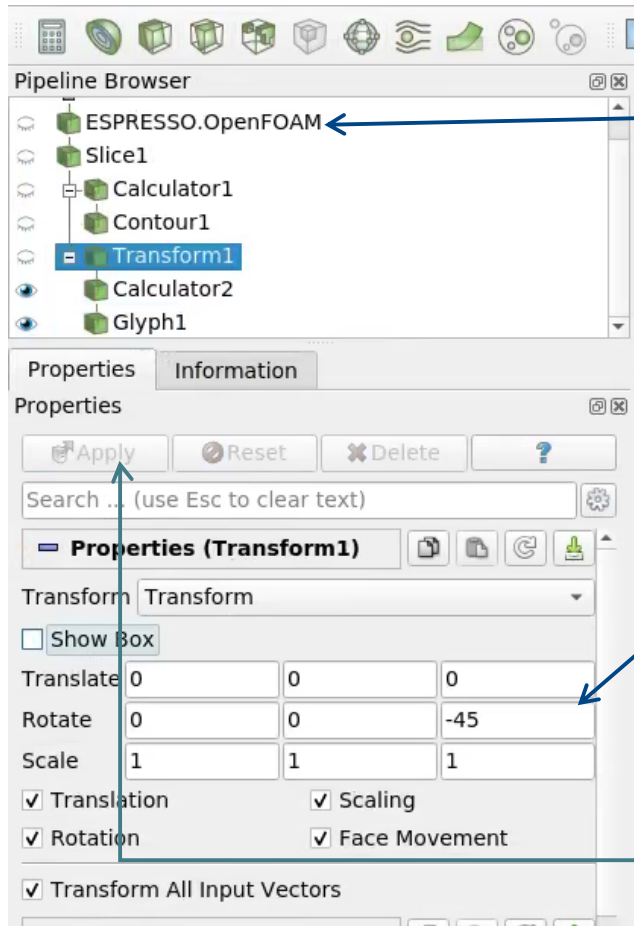
4. Click on Apply

5. Adjust the 3D view

PARAFOAM – 2D SLICE



PARAFOAM – PLOT VECTORS



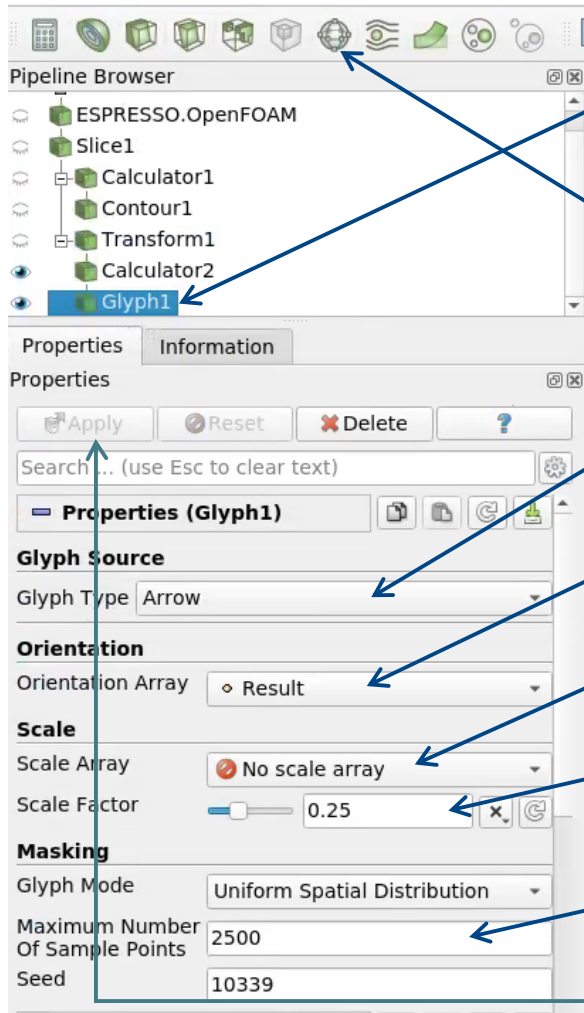
1. Hide all objects and select the root
"ESPRESSO.Openfoam"

2. Create Transform object in the main menu filters → alphabetical → Transform

Then select Rotate of -45 degrees around z-axis

3. Apply

PARAFOAM – PLOT VECTORS



1. Create new field with the projected velocity on the slice with Calculator with the formula
 $U_X*iHat+U_Z*kHat+0*jHat$

2. Create a Glyph object

3. Select Arrow

4. Select the new field

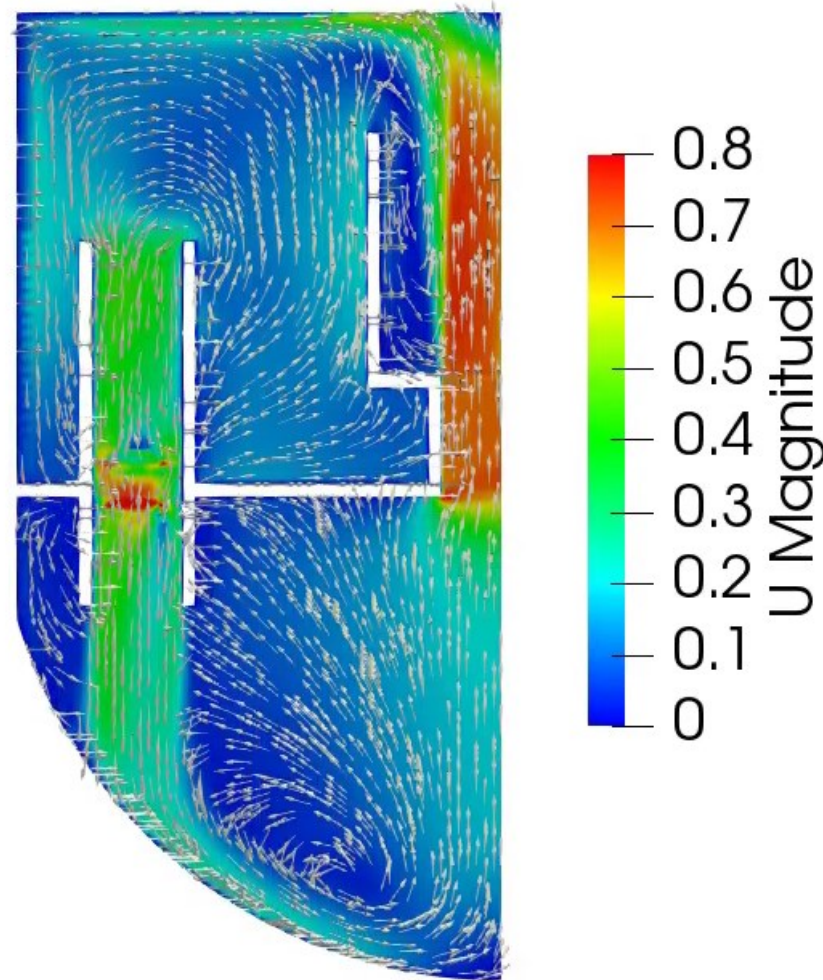
5. Select “No scale array”

6. Change scale factor to 0.25

7. Change number of points

8. Apply

PARAFOAM – PLOT VECTORS



Questions?