

# PyLith v3.0 Tutorial

## Quasi-static Simulations with No Fault

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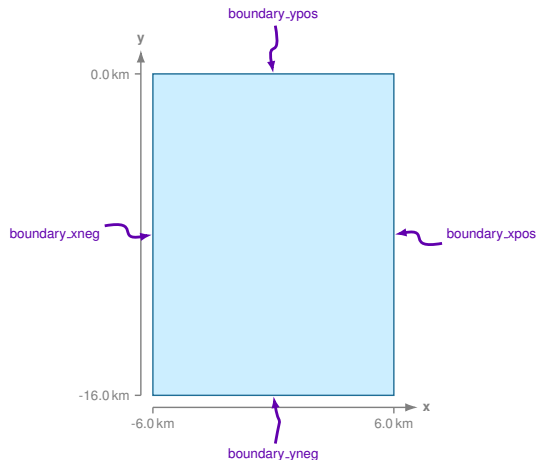


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# Axial and Shear Deformation of a 2D Box: examples/box-2d



Solve the static and quasistatic boundary elasticity equation in a 2D box with uniform material properties.

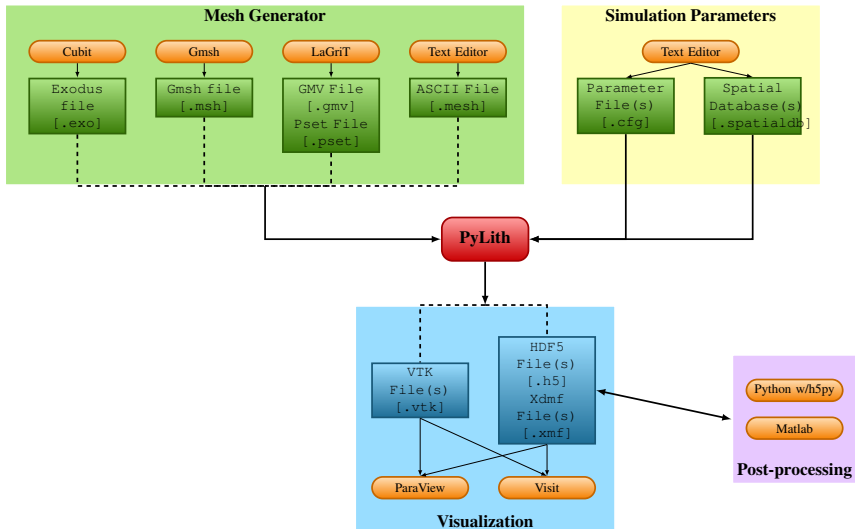
# Steps in example

- Step 1 **Axial extension with Dirichlet (displacement) boundary conditions**
- Step 2 **Shear deformation with Dirichlet (displacement) boundary conditions**
- Step 3 **Shear deformation with Dirichlet (displacement) and Neumann (traction) boundary conditions**
- Step 4 Same as Step 2 but with initial conditions equal to the analytical solution
- Step 5 Shear deformation with time-dependent Dirichlet (displacement) and Neumann (traction) boundary conditions

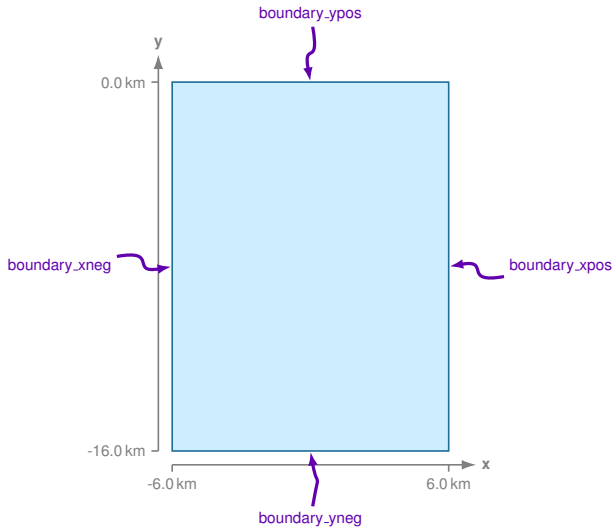
# Concepts covered

- Ingredients for a PyLith simulation
- PyLith `MeshIOAscii` mesh format
- PyLith `.cfg` paremeter files
- `ZeroDB`, `UniformDB`, and `SimpleDB` spatial databases
- Dirichlet (displacement) boundary conditions
- Neumann (traction) boundary conditions
- Running a simulation
- Visualization of simulation results using Paraview

# Overview of a PyLith simulation

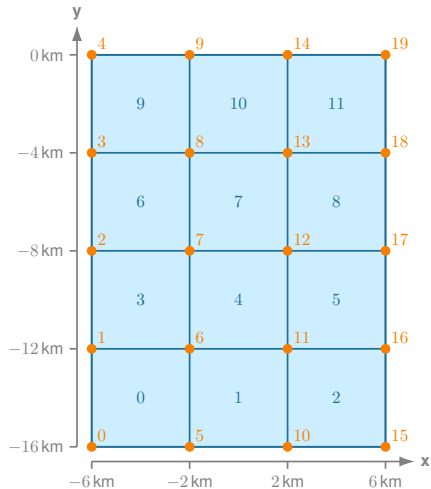


# Geometry



# Creating the finite-element mesh

For this very simple example, we create the mesh by hand



# Files used in simulations

Files are in directory `examples/box-2d`

**README.md** Brief description of the various examples

**\*.cfg** PyLith parameter files

**\*.mesh** Finite-element mesh file generated manually using a text editor

**\*.spatialdb** Spatial database files

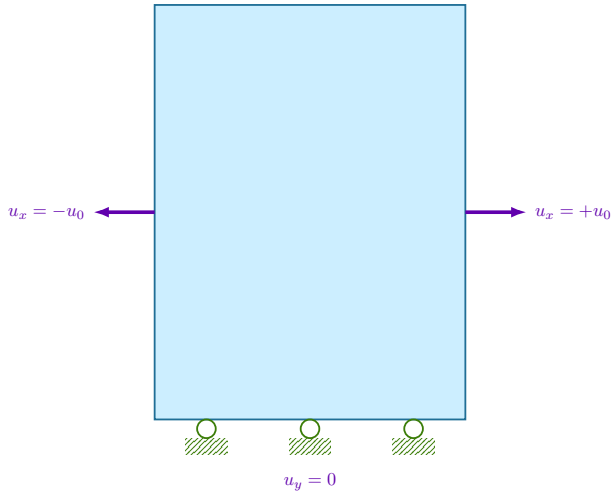
**viz** Directory containing ParaView Python scripts and other files for visualizing results

**output** Directory containing simulation output; created automatically when running the simulations



# Step 1: Overview

Axial extension in the x direction



# Step 1: Physics

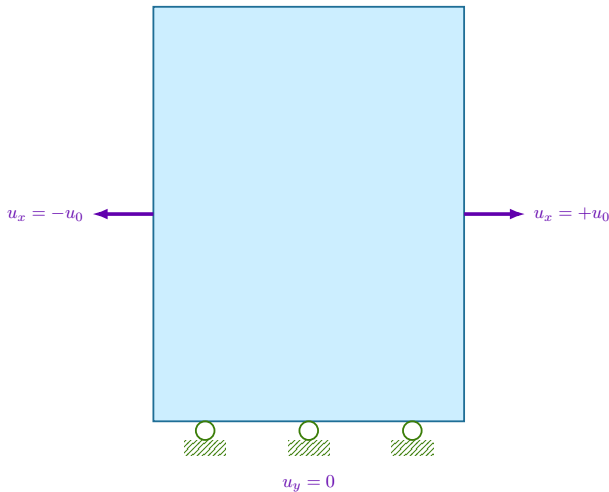
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bc.bc_yneg = pylith.bc.DirichletTimeDependent

[pylithapp.problem.bc.bc_xpos]
constrained_dof = [0]
label = boundary_xpos
...
```



## Step 1: Input files

`quad.mesh` Finite-element mesh as a text file

`pylithapp.cfg` PyLith parameter file common to all steps

`step01_axialdisp.cfg` PyLith parameter file

# Step 1: Run the simulation

```
pylith step01_axialdisp.cfg

# Output
>> /software/unix/py39-venv/pylith-debug/lib/python3.9/site-packages/pylith/meshio/MeshIOObj.py:44:read
-- meshioascii(info)
-- Reading finite-element mesh
>> /src/cig/pylith/libsrc/pylith/meshio/MeshIO.cc:94:void pylith::meshio::MeshIO::read(topology::Mesh *)
-- meshioascii(info)
-- Component 'reader': Domain bounding box:
  (-6000, 6000)
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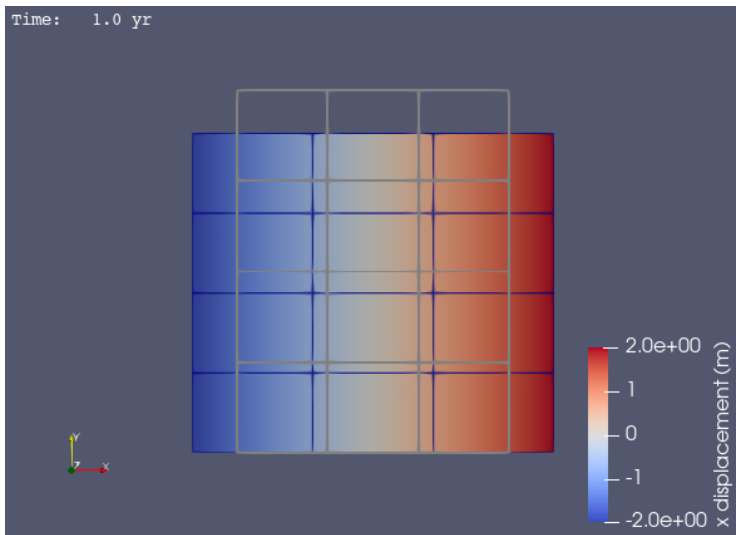
# -- many lines omitted --

-- Solving problem.
0 TS dt 0.01 time 0.
  0 SNES Function norm 1.245882095312e-02
  Linear solve converged due to CONVERGED_ATOL iterations 1
  1 SNES Function norm 6.738354969624e-18
  Nonlinear solve converged due to CONVERGED_FNORM_ABS iterations 1
1 TS dt 0.01 time 0.01
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-- timedependent(info)
-- Finalizing problem.
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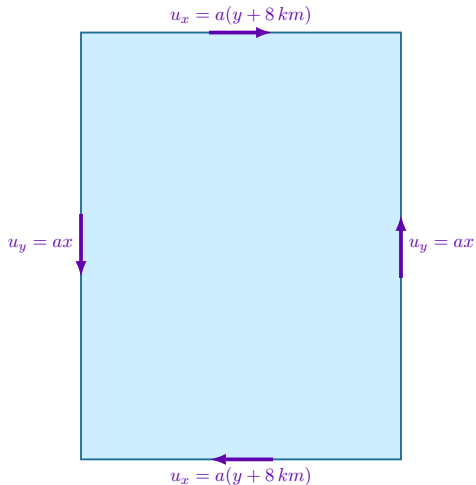
# Step 1: Visualize results

Run the `viz/plot_dispwrap.py` Python script from within ParaView



## Step 2: Overview

Simple shear deformation using Dirichlet (displacement) boundary conditions



## Step 2: Physics

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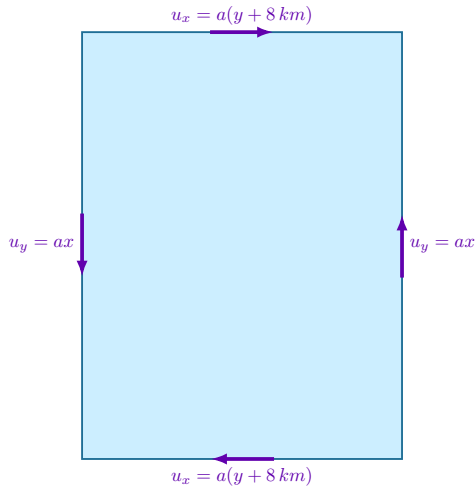
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bc.bc_xpos = pylith.bc.DirichletTimeDependent
bc.bc_ypos = pylith.bc.DirichletTimeDependent
```

```
[pylithapp.problem.bc.bc_xpos]
constrained_dof = [1]
label = boundary_xpos
...
```



## Step 2: Input files

- `quad.mesh` Finite-element mesh as a text file
- `pylithapp.cfg` PyLith parameter file common to all steps
- `step02_sheardisp.cfg` PyLith parameter file
- `sheardisp_bc_xneg.spatialdb` Displacement field on boundary\_xneg
- `sheardisp_bc_xpos.spatialdb` Displacement field on boundary\_xpos
- `sheardisp_bc_yneg.spatialdb` Displacement field on boundary\_yneg
- `sheardisp_bc_ypos.spatialdb` Displacement field on boundary\_ypos



## Step 2: Run the simulation

```
pylith step02_sheardisp.cfg

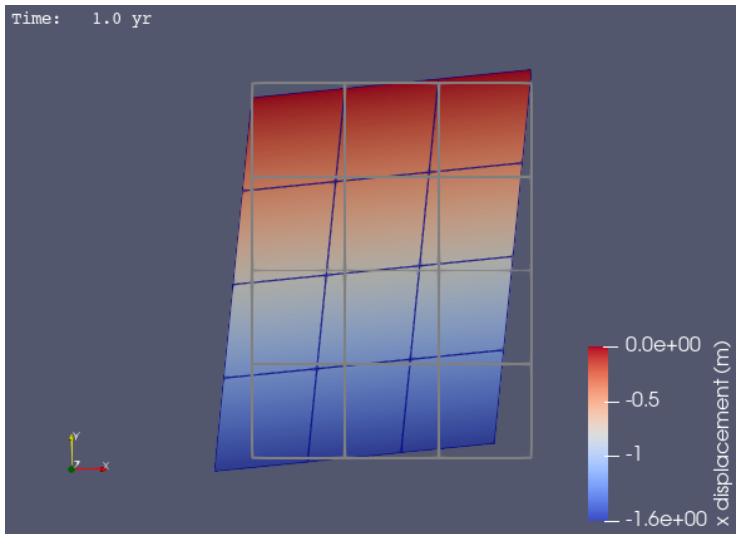
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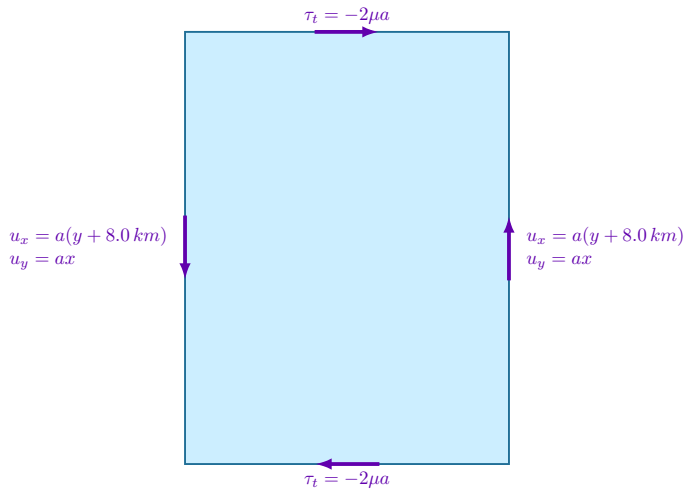
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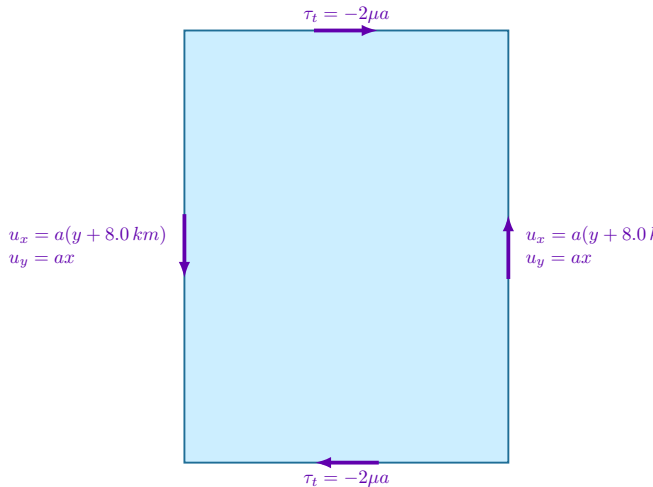
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$$\tau_t = -2\mu a \text{ on boundary\_yneg}$$

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constrained_dof = [0, 1]
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...
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`step03_sheardispract.cfg` PyLith parameter file

`sheardisp_bc_xneg.spatialdb` Displacement field on boundary\_xneg

`sheardisp_bc_xpos.spatialdb` Displacement field on boundary\_xpos

## Step 3: Run the simulation

```
pylith step03_sheardispract.cfg
```

```
# Output
```

```
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