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INTRODUCTION TO OPENFOAM

open Field Operation And Manipulation

C++ libraries



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OpenFOAM		Equations		Solvers		How to use/code		Examples		Conclusions		
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OpenFOAM – what it is

SOLVE PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (PDE)

RESOLUTION OF CURRENT “ENGINEERING” CHALLENGES

USE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY



OpenFOAM – what it is

OpenFOAM is a powerful tool that allows the

→ numerical solution of differential equations

→ **easily code specific problem based on differential equations** (continuum mechanics)

OpenFOAM is a software toolbox licensed under the [GNU General Public License](#) trusted by many thousands of engineers and scientists in industry and academia worldwide.

OpenFOAM is an open source C++ library, prepared to simple or parallel computing to create executable applications (solvers & utilities) in

solvers designed to solve a **specific problem** in continuum mechanics

utilities designed to **perform tasks** that involve data manipulation.

OPENSOURCE, FREE, OPEN CODE, CONTINUOUS EVOLUTION



OpenFOAM – how can be used

- Users can **use** and **write simple to complex solver** with only few lines (depending of the knowledge in physics and programming techniques)
- Users can change the **existing solvers**, and, use them as the start point for the creation of a new solver - The **complete source of the code is available!**
- Users can profit from the numeric tools to solve EDPs, laplacian, gradient, divergent ...

≠ Terms

≠ Equations

≠ Set of Equations

→ ≠ solvers

OpenFOAM applications

Multi disciplinary

Mechanics of Fluids, Turbulence, Heat Transfers, Chemical Reactions, Electromagnetism, Financial

Besides...

→ in hydraulic and CFD Fields ...

- Aero and hydro dynamics of objects (vehicles, greenhouses, wind towers);
- Dimensioning of hydraulic structures;
- Optimization and design of river and maritime structures;
- Dimensioning of heat transfer devices;
- Influence of wind on structures;
- Propagation of polluting feathers;
- Simulation of sediment transport and location of erosion zones.

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Different versions of OpenFOAM

http://openfoamwiki.net/index.php/Forks_and_Variants#Definitions

- **Fork**
The idea behind *forking* is that when **several changes to the code are made**, the distribution of the modified group of changes should use a **different name from the original project**, to avoid confusion, and should follow the policies and guidelines mentioned above. [Fork \(software development\)](#)
- **Variant**
This is the denomination mostly used when the **changes to the complete source code package don't seem substantial enough** to require a fully dedicated source code branch for supporting the changes made. This usually occurs for situations where the changes are done only a few times for a particular version of a software or even when the changes are only provided as *patch* files. Nonetheless, these variants must still abide to the policies and guidelines mentioned above.

Different versions of OpenFOAM

FORKS - [number of different flavours of OpenFOAM](#) that are all based on the original FOAM-code.

- **OpenFOAM (Foundation)** OpenFOAM by the [OpenFOAM foundation](#)
- **OpenFOAM+** OpenFOAM+ by the [ESI-OpenCFD](#)
- **Foam-extend** [Foam-extend](#) has a number of additional community-contributed features.
- **Other**
 - [Caelus-CML](#) - version 5.10 (October 2015), it's officially a fork of OpenFOAM 2.1.1 - Hybrid commercial model, made available freely to the public.
 - [ENGYS' own builds of OpenFOAM](#) - Available for customers only/ Strictly commercial.
 - [FreeFOAM](#) - Completely open to the general public. Currently [distributed with Debia](#)
 - [iconCFD](#) - Strictly commercial.
 - [RapidCFD](#) and [RapidCFD @ Sim-Flow](#)- fork of OpenFOAM that has been specifically designed to be built with CUDA. Current version is a fork from OpenFOAM 2.3.1
 - [RheologicRemix](#)

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Different versions of OpenFOAM

VERSIONS

- Latest **OpenFOAM** version: [6](#) (10th of July 2018)
- Latest Foam-Extend version: [4.0](#) (22nd of December 2016)
- Latest **OpenFOAM+** version: [v1812](#) (20th December 2018)

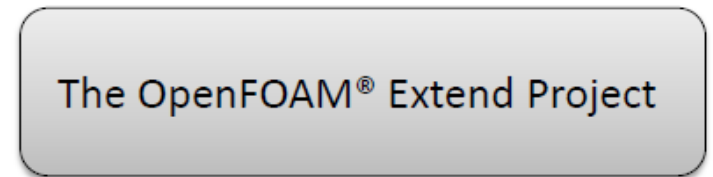
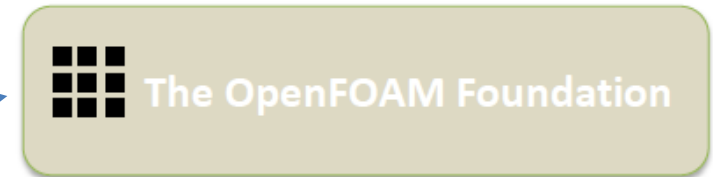
- OpenFOAM Release

Notes: [6](#) | [5.0](#) | [4.1](#) | [4.0](#) | [3.0.1](#) | [3.0.0](#) | [2.4.0](#) | [2.3.1](#) | [2.3.0](#) | [2.2.2](#) | [2.2.1](#) | [2.2.0](#) | [2.1.1](#) | [2.1.0](#) | [2.0.1](#) | [2.0.0](#) | [1.7.1](#) | [1.7.0](#) | [1.6](#) | [1.5](#) | [1.4.1](#) | [1.4](#) | [1.3](#) | [1.2](#) | [1.1](#) | [1.0](#)

- Foam-extend Release Notes: [4.0](#) | [3.2](#) | [3.1](#) | [3.0](#)

- OpenFOAM+ Release Notes: [v1812](#) | [v1806](#) | [v1712](#) | [v1706](#) | [v1612+](#) | [v1606+](#) | [v3.0+](#)

http://openfoamwiki.net/index.php/Main_Page



Different versions of OpenFOAM - Installation

- Linux - Ubuntu
- [Windows](#)
- [Mac OS](#)

OpenFOAM+ version: [v1812](#)

Installation

Instructions for installing OpenFOAM can be found below:

- [Linux binary](#)
- [Mac binary](#)
- [Windows binary](#)
- [Windows 10 source and binary \(native\)](#)
- [Source](#)

OpenFOAM

Ubuntu Linux

Packaged installation for Ubuntu Linux **released on 10th July 2018**. A simple installation option for OpenFOAM, native to Ubuntu Linux.

[Install on Ubuntu](#)

Run on Windows 10

OpenFOAM packages for Ubuntu can be installed directly on Microsoft Windows 10 using Bash on Ubuntu on Windows

[OpenFOAM on Windows 10](#)

Other Linux

Run on other Linux distributions, including RHEL, CentOS, Fedora, SLES and openSuSE, using Docker. Another simple installation option.

[Install on Other Linux](#)

Run on a Virtual Machine (VM)

OpenFOAM is created for the GNU/Linux operating system and can run on the Windows operating system using virtualization.

[OpenFOAM on a Virtual Machine](#)

macOS

Run on macOS Desktop v10.10.3+, using the Docker container system. Another simple installation option.

[Install on macOS](#)

blueCFD®-Core

Public, open source software from blueCAPE Lda, providing OpenFOAM for updated Windows 64 bit OS, versions 7 to 10.

[Download blueCFD-Core](#)

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OpenFOAM - Structure

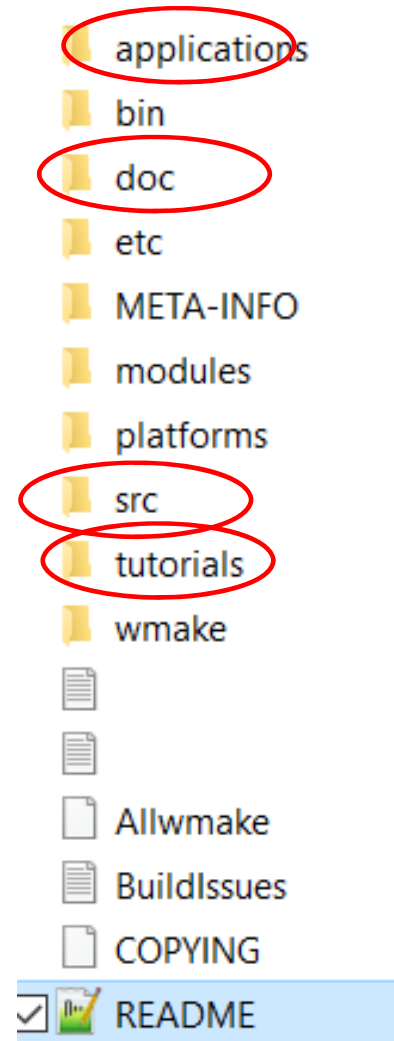
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src: the core OpenFOAM source code;

applications: collections of library functionality wrapped up into applications, such as solvers and utilities;

tutorials: a suite of test cases that highlight a broad cross-section of OpenFOAM's capabilities;

doc: supporting documentation



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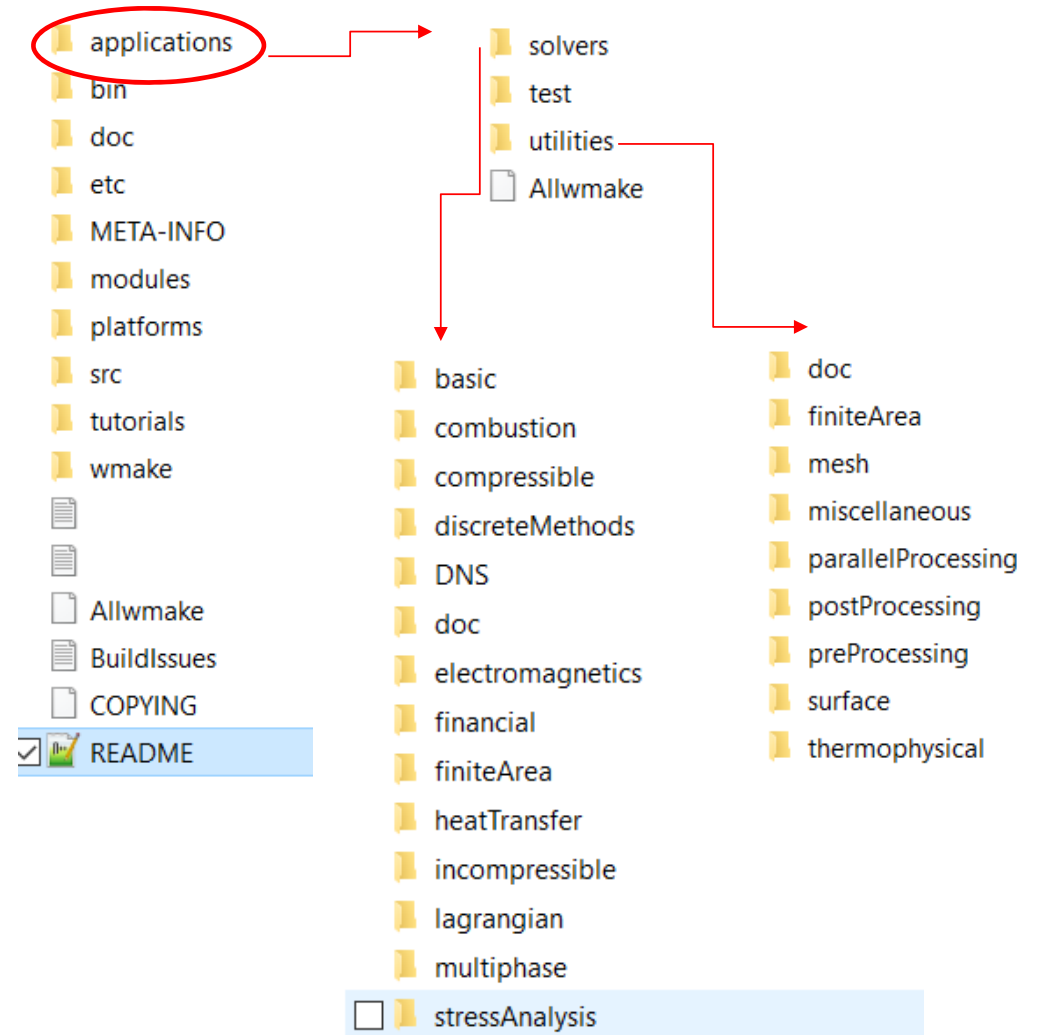
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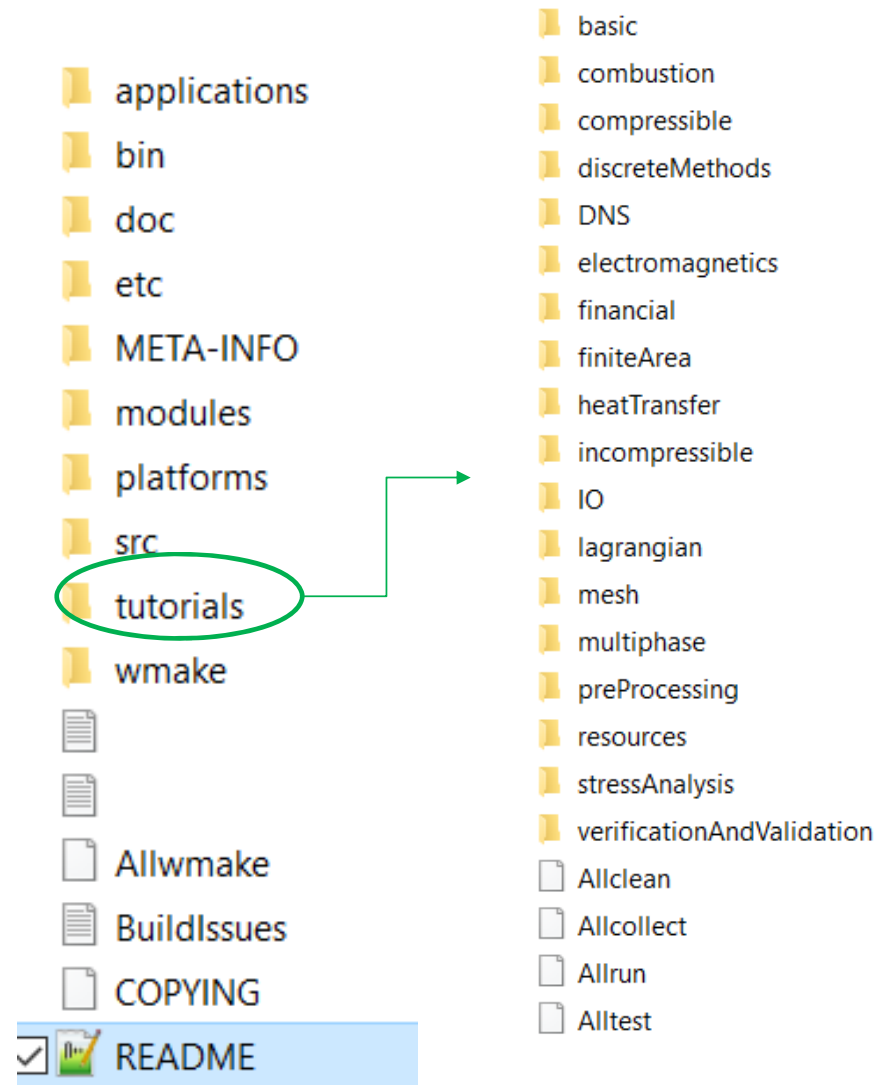
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OpenFOAM – Installation and use

Users want

A “black box” software that they can use with **complete confidence** for general problem classes without having to understand the fine algorithmic details.

to be able to **tune** data structures for a particular application, even if the software is not as reliable as that provided for general methods

to **use a large body of numerical software** freely available 24 hours a day via electronic services - there are already dozens of libraries, technical reports on various parallel computers and software, test data, facilities to automatically translate FORTRAN programs to C, bibliographies, names and addresses of scientists and mathematicians, and so on.

Users should

Know what they are using, what is behind software

Be sure that they can have **confidence** in models

Look at data, analyse it and be able to **decide if it is trustable**

Have an idea of what kind of **uncertainty** is possible in data

Understand why so different models, solvers, ...

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OpenFOAM - Notes

OpenFOAM contains a suite of **numerical tools** to solve a range of problems. To solve equations for a **continuum**, OpenFOAM uses a numerical approach with the following features:

1. Segregated, iterative solution:

system of equations governing our problem of interest →

separate matrix equations are created for **each equation**, and are solved within an **iterative sequence** (as opposed to created one, big matrix equation for the entire system of equations).

2. **Finite volume method**: Matrix equations are constructed using the finite volume method applied to arbitrary shaped cells (any number of faces, any number of edges).

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OpenFOAM - Notes

Physical approximations

Partial differential Equations, Initial and Boundary Conditions 3

CFD - Mass, momentum and energy conservation, inlet, outlet, walls,...

Depending of PDE – Physical phenomenon

Calculate **Position/Time**;

Variables: u, p, T, ϕ ; **Properties:** $\rho, \mu, k, \sigma, \Gamma, c$ → **definition** 2

Numerical solution techniques - Consideration of continuous material/domain represented by discrete particles - **Finite volumes**, finite elements → **Geometry and Meshing** - acceptable element sizes and shapes 1

→ accurate numerical approximations - Implicit Methods, precision, diffusion, relaxation and accuracy → **options** 4

CFD -Accurate treatment of momentum – advection term, coupling

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OpenFOAM - Notes

Differential Equations

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -\frac{t}{y}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = k \frac{y}{1+t}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{g}{l} \sin y$$

$$m \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = F(y, t)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 9y$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -b \frac{dy}{dt} - cy + w(t)$$

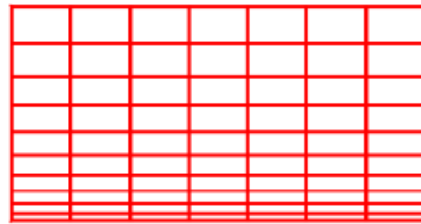
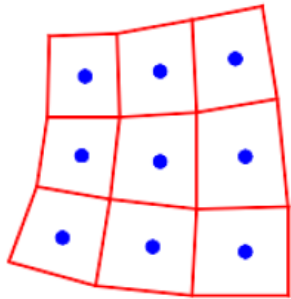
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{Q(L-x)}{EI}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_a)$$

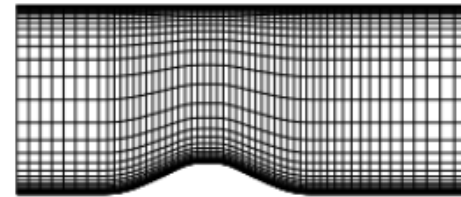
$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -A_0 \sqrt{2gh}$$

Involving:
Variables:
 dependent and independent, (x,t)
Properties

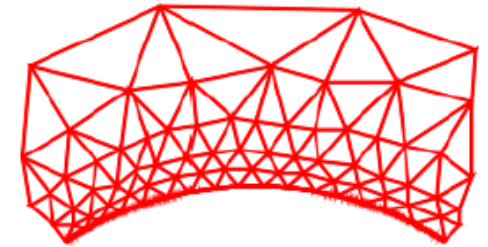
Domain / material represented as continuous and represented by discrete particles



single-block structured Cartesian mesh



single-block structured curvilinear mesh



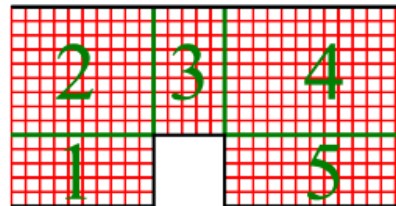
unstructured triangular mesh



tetrahedron



hexahedron



multi-block mesh

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OpenFOAM - Notes

To solve equations for a continuum, OpenFOAM uses a numerical approach with the following features:

- **Parallel computation** are easy to perform (reduction of the computational time);
- You can create **simple meshes** with the mesh generator that comes with OpenFOAM. Also, you can convert to the OpenFOAM format, **meshes created with another software** (check the user guide for the available formats);
- It comes with **several utilities**;
- All components implemented in library form for easy re-use.



OpenFOAM - Notes

OpenFOAM contains a suite of **numerical tools** to solve a range of problems. It includes **methods to solve problems where matter is represented as a continuum and where it is represented by discrete particles.**

To solve equations for a continuum, OpenFOAM uses numerical approaches

CFD - We replace the actual molecular structure by a **hypothetical continuous medium**, which at a point has the mean properties of the molecules surrounding the point - "**fluid particle**" - **control volume** - *imaginary region* in which dynamic forces are in equilibrium - we look at the forces in external surface of the control volume → integral form of equations/ differential.

→ we choose the most convenient in each case

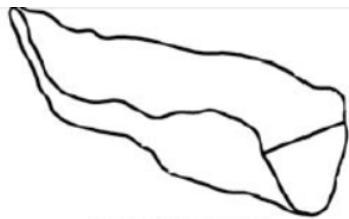
OpenFOAM - Notes

Differential Equations CFD

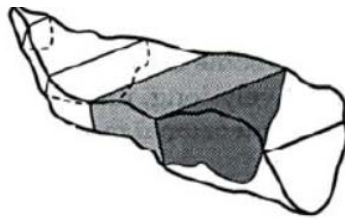
$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \rho u_j \frac{\partial (u_i)}{\partial x_j} = \rho g_i - \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ji}}{\partial x_j}$$

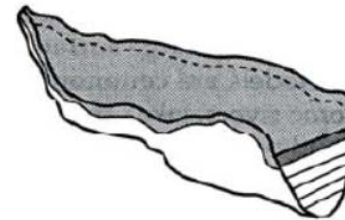
Domain / material represented as continuous and represented by discrete particles



Zero-Dimensional

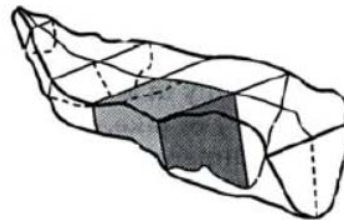


1-D Longitudinal

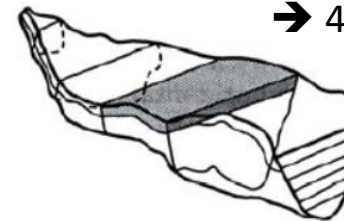


1-D Vertical

→ 2 BC

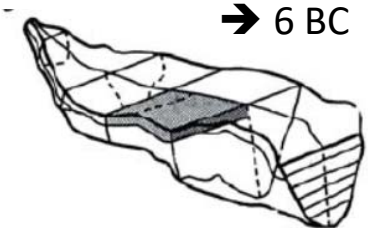


2-D Longitudinal-Lateral



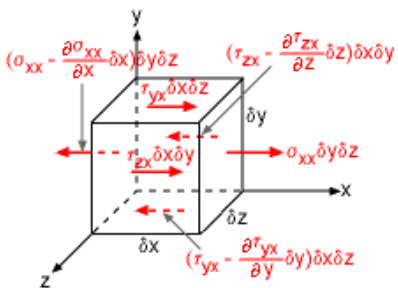
2-D Longitudinal-Vertical

→ 4 BC



3-D

→ 6 BC



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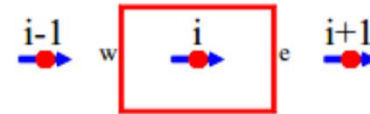


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OpenFOAM - Notes

To solve equations for a continuum, OpenFOAM uses a numerical approach with the following features:

Collocated variables: The solution variable for each matrix equation is defined at cell centres.



Different discretization schemes It uses second order schemes for the approximation of the different operators, but, many schemes are available, including high order schemes;

Equation coupling: The coupling between equations, particularly pressure and velocity is performed using adapted versions of well-known algorithms such as *e.g.* PISO and SIMPLE → PIMPLE

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OpenFOAM - Notes

We assume the fluid is continuous, the continuum hypothesis represented by discrete volumes with average **Properties**

Density

Surface Tension

Bulk modulus / Compressibility

Diffusivity coefficient (spontaneous spreading of matter)

Viscosity (random motion comes from the molecular natures of the constituents)

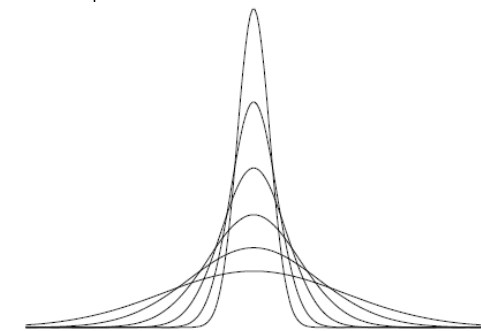
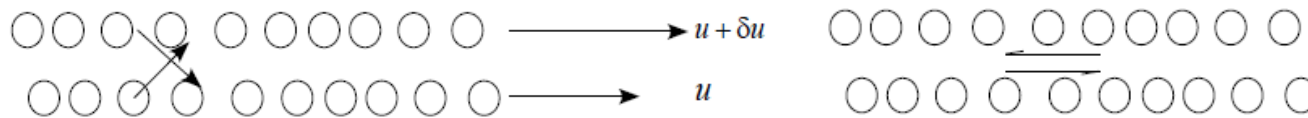
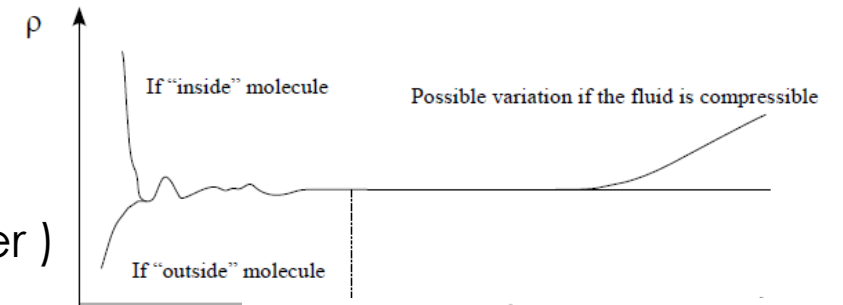
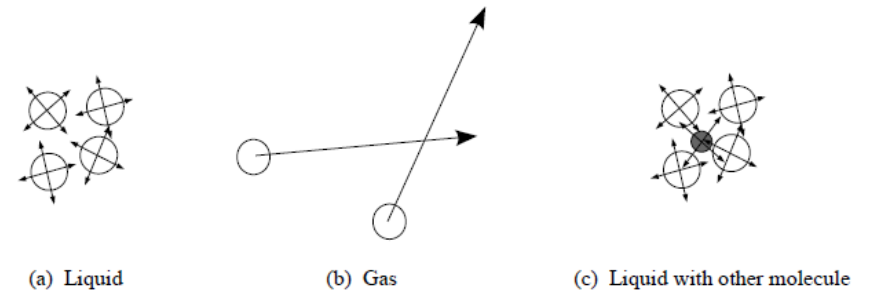


Figure 1-3. Typical behaviour of diffusion of an initial point concentration

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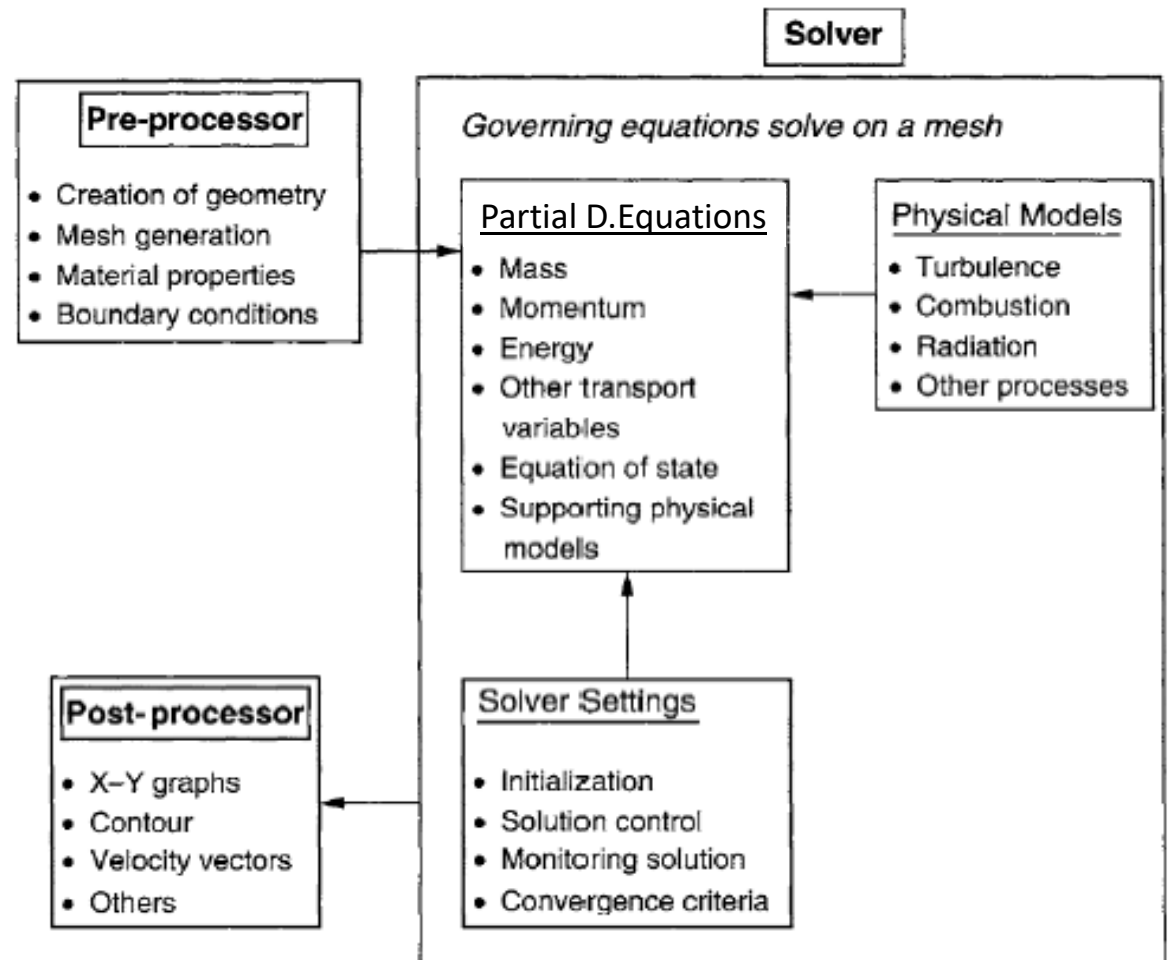
General Equations – PDE - OpenFoam

- Mesh Pre - processor
- Properties
- Initial and Boundary Conditions
- Parameters, controls and options

- Solve the equation Solver
- Gradients/divergents/ laplacians/interpolation

- Results analysis Post- processor

<http://www.cfd-online.com/>
<http://www.openfoam.com/>

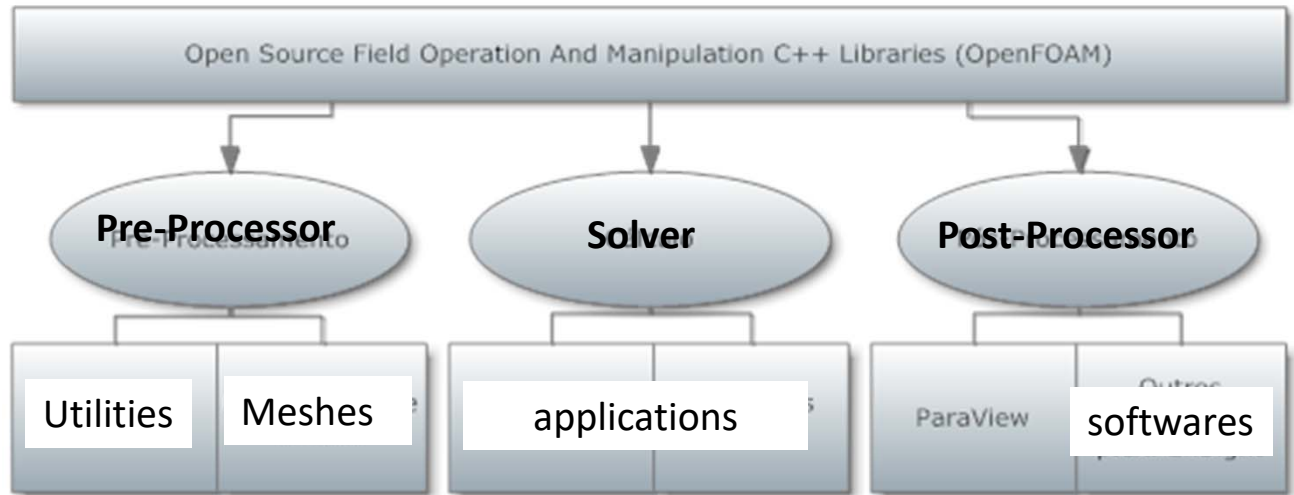


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OpenFOAM - Use

- ▼ OpenFOAM
 - ▼ OpenFOAM-v1812
 - > applications
 - > bin
 - > doc
 - > etc
 - META-INFO
 - > modules
 - > platforms
 - > src
 - ▼ tutorials
 - ▼ basic
 - ▼ laplacianFoam
 - ▼ flange
 - 0 ←
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 - system ←
 - > overLaplacianDyMFoam
 - > overPotentialFoam
 - > potentialFoam
 - > scalarTransportFoam



- **Pre-Processor**

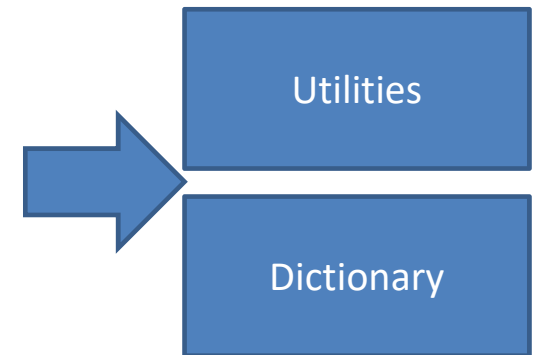
Mesh

IC + BC

Properties & parameters

- **Solver**

- **Post-Processor**



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OpenFOAM - Equations

Equations in a solver

$$\frac{\partial \rho U}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \phi U - \nabla \cdot \mu \nabla U = -\nabla p$$

Ex: Solve (

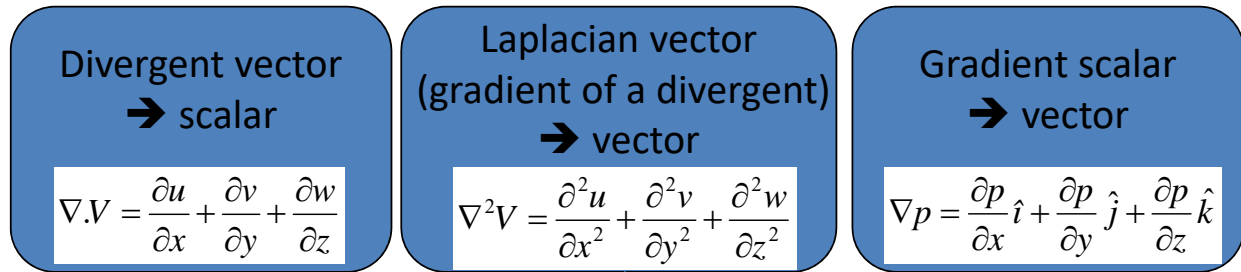
fvm::ddt(rho, U)

+ fvm::div(phi, U)

- fvm::laplacian(miu, U)

== - fvc::grad(p)

);



it is fundamentally a tool for solving partial differential equations rather than a CFD package in the traditional sense

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OpenFOAM - Solvers

Basic' solvers

laplacianFoam/ overLaplacianDyMFoam Solves a simple Laplace equation, e.g. for thermal diffusion in a solid

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\alpha \nabla T) + \frac{q}{\rho c_p}, \quad \alpha = \frac{k}{\rho c_p}$$

$\dot{T} = \alpha \nabla^2 T$ thermal diffusivity α is represented by DT

→ Initial and BC

ddtSchemes

laplacianSchemes

→ fvSolution, fvSchemes

interpolationSchemes

gradSchemes, divSchemes, snGradSchemes

Laplacian vector
(gradient of a divergent)
→ vector

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2}$$

```
fvScalarMatrix TEqn  
(  
    fvm::ddt(T) -  
  
    fvm::laplacian(DT, T)  
    ==  
    fvOptions(T)  
);
```

T[K] is the absolute temperature field,
 ρ [kg/m³] is the density field, q[W/m³] is the rate of energy generation per unit volume, α [m²/s] is the thermal diffusivity, k[W/(m·K)] is the thermal conductivity and c_p [J/(kg·K)] is the specific heat at constant pressure

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- flange
- 0
- constant
- system

Pre-Processor

T: internal and boundary field;
transportProperties: DT 4e-05;
ControlDict, fvSchemes, fvSolution

Mesh and Solver

ansysToFoam (create polyMesh in constant)... laplacianFoam

Post-Processor: paraView

Laplacian vector
(gradient of a divergent)
→ vector

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ofv6:

```
./opt/OpenFOAM/of6_envvars.sh
```

v1812:

```
./opt/foam/of+1812_envvars.sh
```

Lookfor:

```
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/
```

```
./laplacianFoam/flange
```

See: 0, constant, system

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OpenFOAM - Notes

Basic' solvers

scalarTransportFoam Solves a transport equation for a passive scalar (scalar convection-diffusion problem on a given velocity field.)

ex:pitzDaily

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot (\phi T) + \nabla \cdot (\alpha \nabla T) + S$$

IBC - Mandatory fields:

- U: velocity [m/s] = ϕ
- T: scalar [-]

```
solve ( fvm::ddt(T) +  
fvm::div(phi, T) -  
fvm::laplacian(DT, T)  
);
```

Pre-Processor

0: U, T

constant: transportProperties

System: blockMeshDict,
controlDict,
fvSchemes, fvSolution

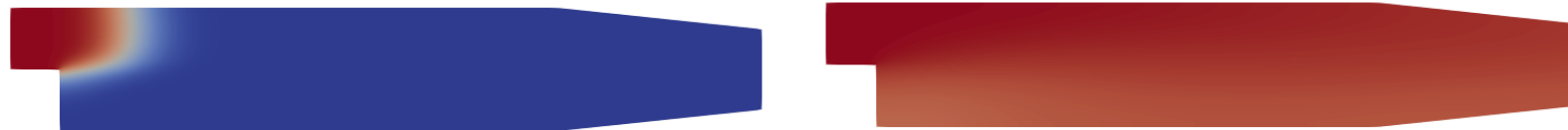
Mesh

blockMesh (blockMeshDict)

Solver: scalarTransportFoam

Post-Processor: paraView

potentialFoam Simple potential flow solver which can be used to generate starting fields for full Navier-Stokes codes;



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OpenFOAM - Notes

Solvers capabilities

Incompressible

Compressible

Multiphase

Combustion

DNS and LES

lagrangian

Particle-tracking flows

[Conjugate](#) Heat transfer ...

[Buoyancy-driven flows](#)

Particle methods (DEM, [DSMC](#), [MD](#))

Other ([Solid dynamics](#), [electromagnetics](#))

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OpenFOAM - Notes

Standard Solvers

Incompressible flow

adjointShapeOptimizationFoam
boundaryFoam
channelFoam
icoFoam
MRFSimpleFoam
nonNewtonianIcoFoam
pimpleDyMFoam
pimpleFoam
 pisoFoam
porousSimpleFoam
shallowWaterFoam
simpleFoam
SRFSimpleFoam
windSimpleFoam

Compressible flow

rhoCentralFoam
rhoCentralDyMFoam
rhoPimpleFoam
rhoPorousMRFLTSPimpleFoam
rhoPorousMRFSimpleFoam
rhoPorousMRFPimpleFoam
rhoSimplecFoam
rhoSimpleFoam
sonicDyMFoam
sonicFoam
sonicLiquidFoam

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OpenFOAM - Notes

Standard Solvers multiphase flow

bubbleFoam
cavitatingFoam
compressibleInterFoam
interFoam
interDyMFoam
interMixingFoam
interPhaseChangeFoam
LTSInterFoam
MRFInterFoam
MRFMultiphaseInterFoam
multiphaseInterFoam
porousInterFoam
settlingFoam
twoLiquidMixingFoam
twoPhaseEulerFoam

combustion

chemFoam
coldEngineFoam
dieselEngineFoam
dieselFoam
engineFoam
fireFoam
PDRFoam
reactingFoam
rhoReactingFoam
XiFoam

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Standard Solvers

Particle-tracking flow

coalChemistryFoam

icoUncoupledKinematicParcelDyMFoam

icoUncoupledKinematicParcelFoam

LTSReactingParcelFoam

porousExplicitSourceReactingParcelFoam

reactingParcelFilmFoam

reactingParcelFoam

uncoupledKinematicParcelFoam

Direct simulation Monte Carlo methods

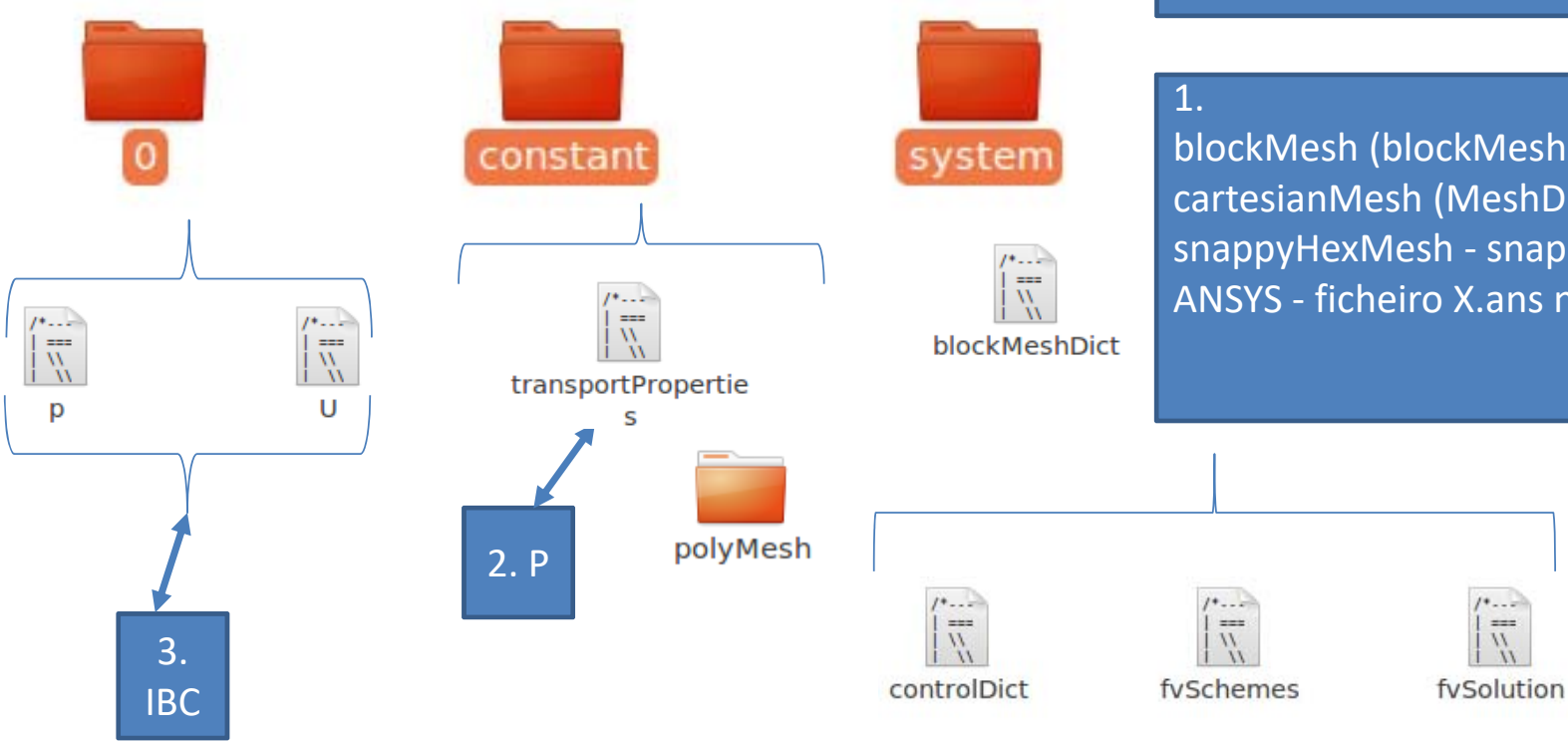
dsmcFoam

Direct simulation Monte Carlo (DSMC) solver for 3D, transient, multi-species flows



OpenFOAM - Use

- files



Pre-Processor:
 Mesh (1), IC (3) +BC(1),Prop (2),
 Parameters (4)
 Solver → choice

1.
 blockMesh (blockMeshDict in system folder)
 cartesianMesh (MeshDict in system folder+stl in example)
 snappyHexMesh - snappyHexMeshDict in system folder
 ANSYS - ficheiro X.ans na pasta + ansysToFoam → polyMesh

4. Parameters, Solver

OpenFOAM - Use

CFD – Open-Foam

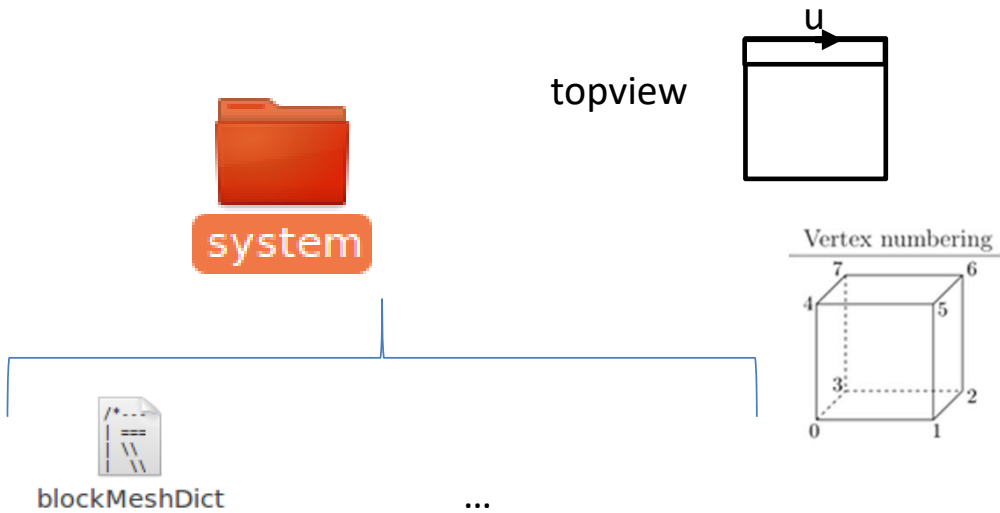
Follow an example - laminar incompressible cavity

→ Change to directory of the example data

→ dictionary **blockMeshDict**– **blockMesh**

```
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/incompressible/icoFoam/cavity
blockMesh
icoFoam
paraFoam
```

1. blockMesh (blockMeshDict in system folder)



```
blockMeshDict
convertToMeters 0.1;

vertices
(
  (0 0 0)
  (1 0 0)
  (1 1 0)
  (0 1 0)
  (0 0 0.1)
  (1 0 0.1)
  (1 1 0.1)
  (0 1 0.1)
);

blocks
(
  hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1)
  simpleGrading (1 1 1)
);

edges
(
);

boundary
(
  movingWall
  {
    type wall;
    faces
    (
      (3 7 6 2)
    );
  }
  fixedWalls
  {
    type wall;
    faces
    (
      (0 4 7 3)
      (2 6 5 1)
      (1 5 4 0)
    );
  }
  frontAndBack
  {
    type empty;
    faces
    (
      (0 3 2 1)
      (4 5 6 7)
    );
  }
);
```

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```
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/incompressible/icoFoam/cavity
```

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CFD – Open-Foam

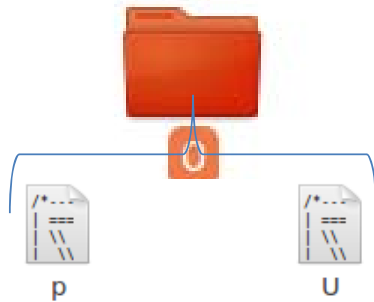
Follow an example - laminar incompressible cavity

- Change to directory of the example data
 - dictionary blockMeshDict– blockMesh
 - verify other files if needed:

Properties (depend from solver) and choice of parameters and solvers (icoFoam)

IBC

3.
IBC



2. P

constant

```
transportProperties *//
nu [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 ] 0.01;
```

```
p *//
dimensions [0 2 -2 0 0 0];
internalField uniform 0;
boundaryField
{
  movingWall
  {
    type zeroGradient;
  }
  fixedWalls
  {
    type zeroGradient;
  }
  frontAndBack
  {
    type empty;
  }
}
```

```
U *//
dimensions [0 1 -1 0 0 0];
internalField uniform (0 0 0);
boundaryField
{
  movingWall
  {
    type fixedValue;
    value uniform (1 0 0);
  }
  fixedWalls
  {
    type fixedValue;
    value uniform (0 0 0);
  }
  frontAndBack
  {
    type empty;
  }
}
```

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```
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/incompressible/icoFoam/cavity
```

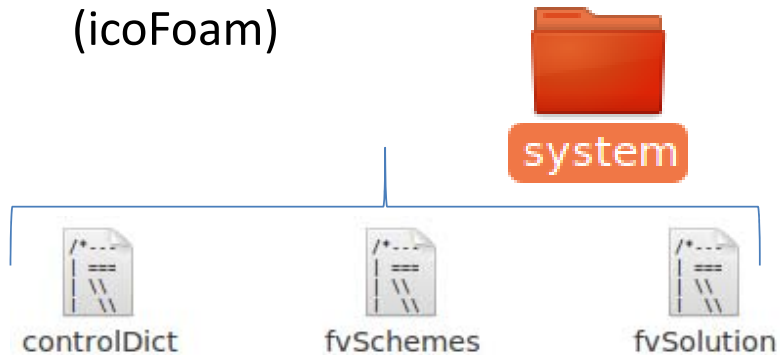
OpenFOAM - Use

4. Parameters, Solver

CFD – Open-Foam

Follow an example - laminar incompressible cavity

- Change to directory of the example data
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 - verify other files if needed: **IBC Properties** (depend from solver) and choice of parameters and solvers (icoFoam)



```
controlDict
application icoFoam;
startFrom   startTime;
startTime   0;
stopAt      endTime;
endTime     0.5;
deltaT      0.005;

writeControl  timeStep;
writeInterval 20;
purgeWrite    0;
writeFormat   ascii;
writePrecision 6;
writeCompression off;
timeFormat    general;
timePrecision 6;
runTimeModifiable true;

fvSolution
solvers
{
  p
  {
    solver          PCG;
    preconditioner  DIC;
    tolerance       1e-06;
    relTol          0;
  }
  U
  {
    solver          PBiCG;
    preconditioner  DILU;
    tolerance       1e-05;
    relTol          0;
  }
}
PISO
{
  nCorrectors          2;
  nNonOrthogonalCorrectors 0;
  pRefCell              0;
  pRefValue              0;
}

ddtSchemes
{
  default Euler;
}
gradSchemes
{
  default Gauss linear;
  grad(p) Gauss linear;
}
divSchemes
{
  default none;
  div(phi,U) Gauss linear;
}
laplacianSchemes
{
  default none;
  laplacian(nu,U) Gauss linear corrected;
  laplacian((1|A(U)),p) Gauss linear corrected;
}
interpolationSchemes
{
  default linear;
  interpolate(HbyA) linear;
}
snGradSchemes
{
  default corrected;
}
fluxRequired
{
  default no;
  p ;
}
```

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OpenFOAM - Use

- Create a new example
 - New folder with 3 subfolders



```

mkdir (nome do problema)
cd (nome do problema)
mkdir 0
mkdir constant
mkdir system
cd constant
cp -r ...
    
```

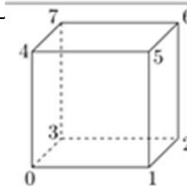
- Through home folder use copy paste for the chosen solver - interFoam

1. blockMesh (blockMeshDict in system folder)

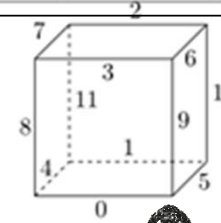
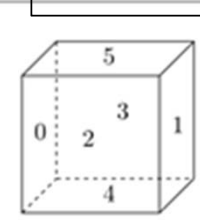
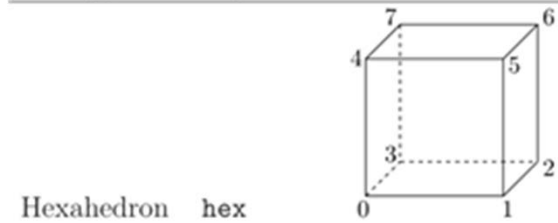
- Always 3D
- First in OpenFOAM is "0" and not "1"
- ConvertToMeters/ vertices / blocks / ...

convertToMeters 0.001;

Vertex numbering



Cell type	Keyword	Vertex numbering	Face numbering	Edge numbering
Hexahedron	hex			



vertices

```

(
  (0 0 0)
  (1 0 0)
  (1 1 0)
  (0 1 0)
  ...
)
    
```

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OpenFOAM - Use

- Create a new example
 - New folder with 3 subfolders

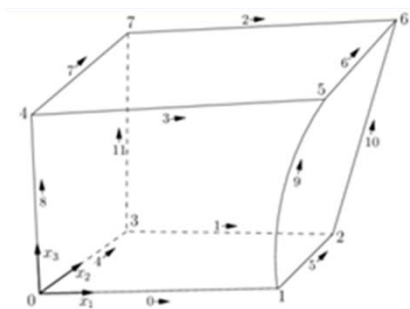


- blocks
- .../ edges (linear edges can be omitted) -

NOTA: non linear edge defined by 2 vertices followed by 2 or more interpolation points

```
edges
(
  Arc 1 5 (2.0 -1.0 0.2)
);
```

- Arc (arc center),
- simpleSpline (int.p.)
- polyLine (int.p.)
- polySpline (int.p.)
- Line (0)



1. blockMesh (blockMeshDict in system folder)

Cell type	Keyword	Vertex numbering	Face numbering	Edge numbering
Hexahedron	hex			

```
blocks
(
  hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (100 50
  25) simpleGrading (1 2 3)
);
```

```
simpleGrading (1 2 3)
```

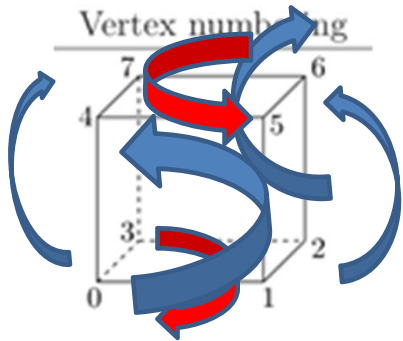
```
edgeGrading (1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 3 3 3 3)
```

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OpenFOAM - Use

- Create a new example
 - New folder with 3 subfolders



Base type



- symmetry
- empty
- wedge
- cyclic
- processor

- .../patch

```
inlet (0 4 7 3); outlet(1 2 6 5);
walls (0 1 5 4),(0 3 2 1),(3 7 6 2),(4 5 6 7)
```

```
patches
( patch inlet ( (0 3 7 4))
  patch outlet ( (1 5 6 2))
  wall wall ( (0 1 2 3) (0 4 5 1) (2 6 7 3) (4 7 6 5));
mergePatchPairs();
```

1. blockMesh (blockMeshDict in system folder)

```
patches
(
  left
  {
    type cyclic;
    neighbourPatch right;
    faces ((0 4 7 3));
  }
  right
  {
    type cyclic;
    neighbourPatch left;
    faces ((1 5 6 2));
  }
);
```

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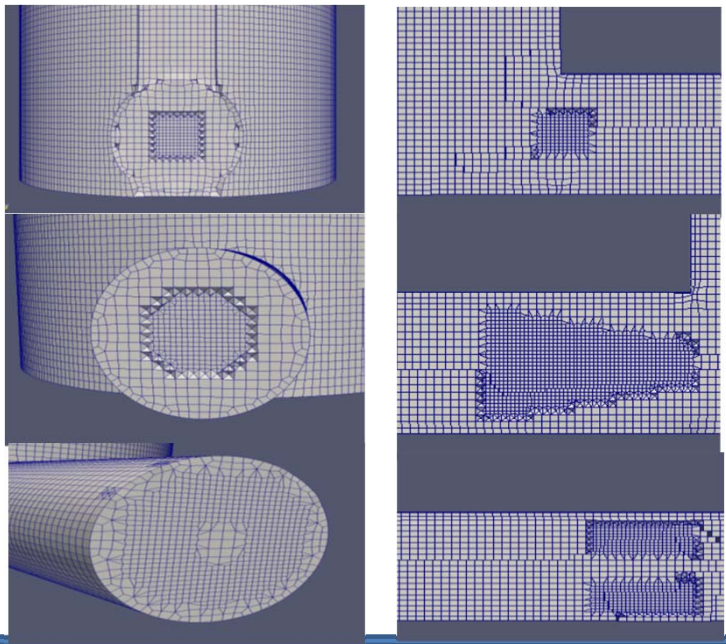
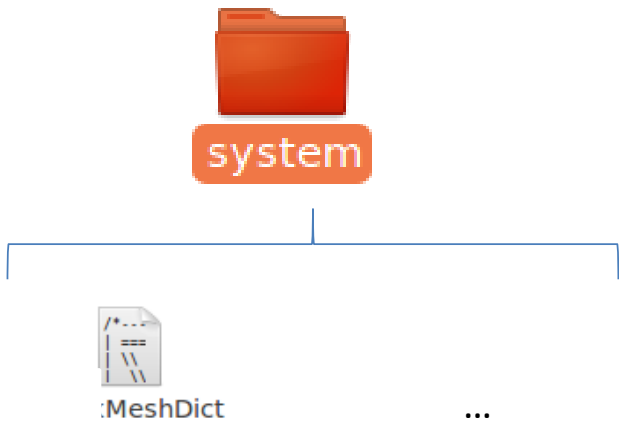
Follow an example - laminar incompressible cavity

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→ dictionary **blockMeshDict**– **blockMesh**

```
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/incompressible/icoFoam/cavity
blockMesh
icoFoam
paraFoam
```

1. Salome to do the geometry and stl files
Use **surfaceFeatureEdges** and **MeshDict**



```
objectRefinements
{
  inlet_connection_box
  {
    cellSize 0.0022; //cellSize 0.002;
    type box;
    centre (0.1175 0 0.0375);
    lengthX 0.02;
    lengthY 0.02;
    lengthZ 0.02;
  }
  outlet_connection_cone
  {
    cellSize 0.0022; //cellSize 0.002;
    type cone;
    p0 (-0.1175 0 0.0375);
    p1 (-0.2175 0 0.0375);
    radius0 0.01;
    radius1 0.03;
  }
  inlet_pipe_hollow_cone
  {
    cellSize 0.0022; //cellSize 0.002;
    type hollowCone;
    p0 (0.25 0 0.0375);
    p1 (0.3 0 0.0375);
    radius0_Inner 0.01;
    radius0_Outer 0.03;
    radius1_Inner 0.01;
    radius1_Outer 0.03;
  }
}
```

File produced by Nazmul Beg

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OpenFOAM - Use

2. P

- Create a new exemple:

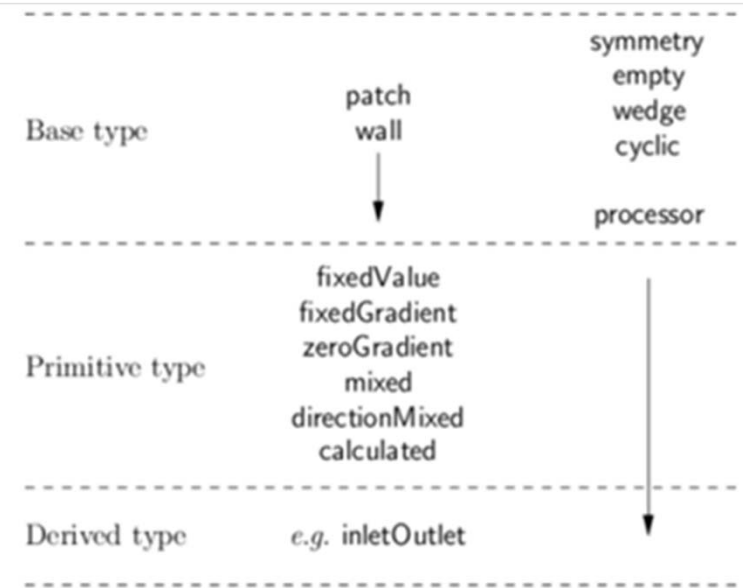


3. IBC

0 – Define BC – boundaries should be defined by patch accordingly physical properties

Properties (depends from solver)

- g
- transportProperties
- turbulenceProperties
- RASProperties
- LESProperties
- environmentalProperties
- waveProperties
- MRFZones



```
cd $FOAM_RUN/tutorials/incompressible/icoFoam/cavity
```

OpenFOAM - Use

CFD – Open-Foam

Follow an example - laminar incompressible cavity

- Change to directory of the example data
 - dictionary blockMeshDict– blockMesh
 - verify other files if needed:

Properties (depend from solver) and choice of parameters and solvers (icoFoam)

IBC – Initial conditions through setFields

3. IBC

```
7
8 defaultFieldValues
9 (
10     volScalarFieldValue alpha.water 0
11     volVectorFieldValue U (0 0 0)
12 );
13
14 regions
15 (
16     .....
17     cylinderToCell
18     {
19         p1      (0.0 0.0 0.5); // start point on cylinder axis
20         p2      (1.5 0.0 0.5); // end point on cylinder axis
21         radius  0.01856;
22         fieldValues
23         (
24             .....
25             volScalarFieldValue alpha.water 1
26             volVectorFieldValue U (4.6 0 0)
27         );
28     }
29 }
```

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4. Parameters, Solver

OpenFOAM - Use

- Create a new exemple:



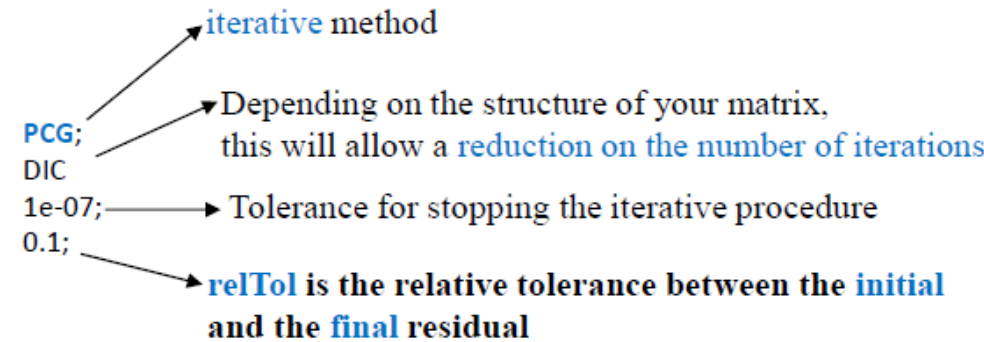
- fvScheme - Define the approximations for the operators
- fvSolution - Define how to solve the system of equations

```

object    fvSolution;
}
// ***** //

solvers
{
    T
    {
        solver
        preconditioner
        tolerance
        relTol
    }
}

SIMPLE
{
    nNonOrthogonalCorrectors 2;
}
    
```



PCG : Solving for T, Initial residual = 0.584235, Final residual = 1.0582e-07, No Iterations 3

$$r = \|AT_0 - B\|$$

$$r = \|AT_{final} - B\|$$

solver

number of iterations

4. Parameters, Solver

OpenFOAM - Use

- Create a new exemple:



→ controlDict

libs (

"libswakFunctionObjects.so"

"libsimpleFunctionObjects.so"

"libgroovyBC.so"

);

- Other functions to include variable boundaries:
swak4foam

Others dictionaries

- » controlDict
- » setFieldsDict
- » topoSetDict
- » refinemeshDict
- » decomposeParDict

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OpenFOAM - Use

CFD – Open-Foam

Follow an example - laminar incompressible cavity

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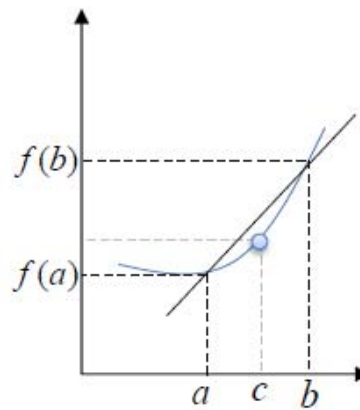
→ dictionary blockMeshDict–blockMesh

→ verify other files if needed: **Properties** (depend from solver) and choice of parameters and solvers (icoFoam)

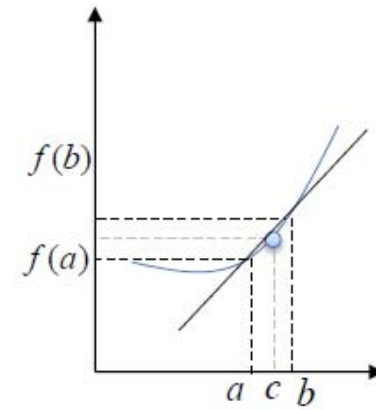
IBC – Initial conditions through setFields

→ Try to change mesh – look at results and parameters

4. Run diferente meshes – usually 3



$$f'(c) \approx \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$



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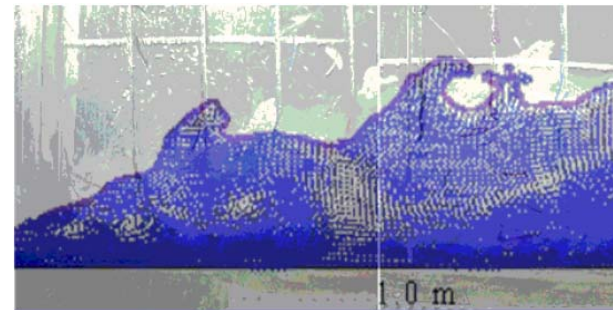
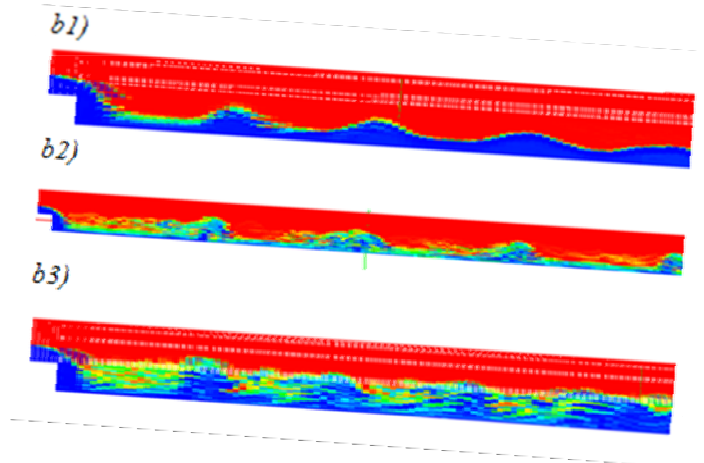
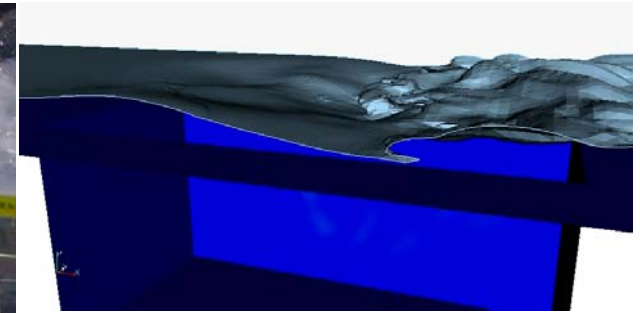
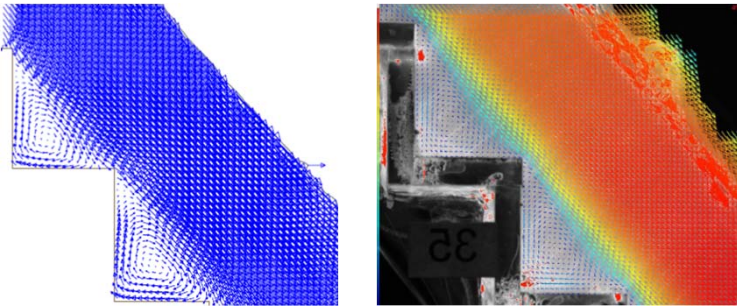
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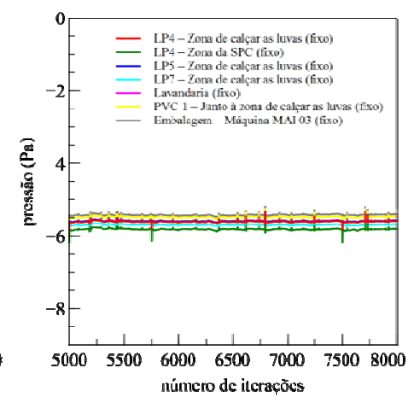
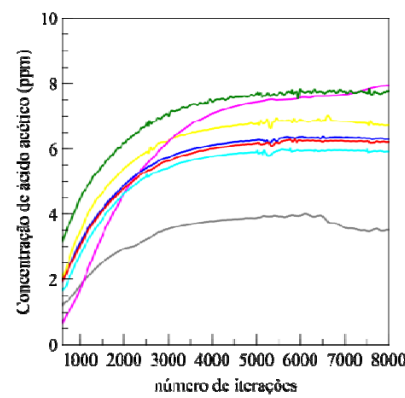
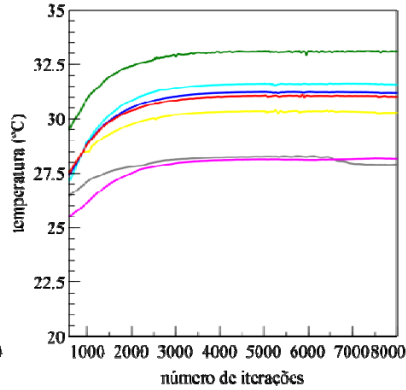
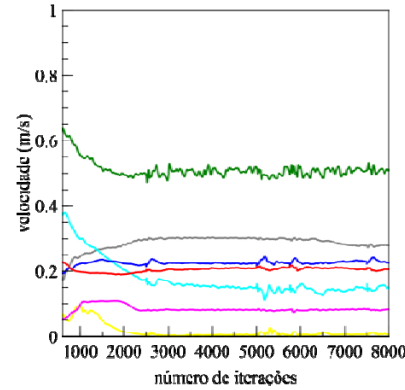
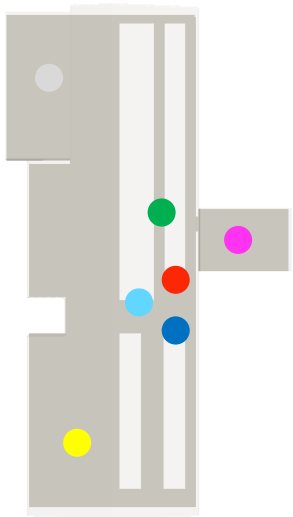
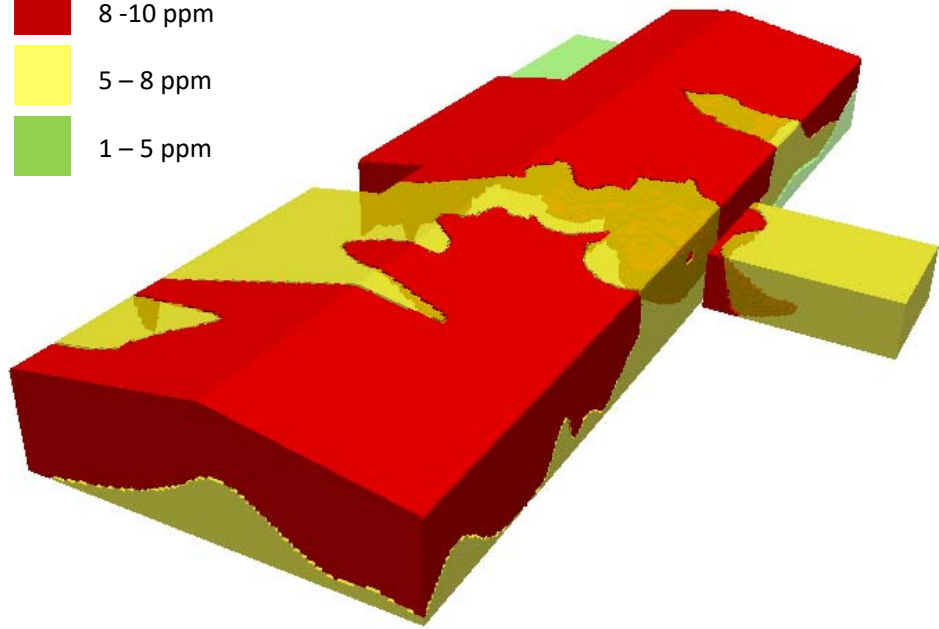


EXAMPLES: Roughness Channel / Hydraulic Jump



EXAMPLE: Industrial building

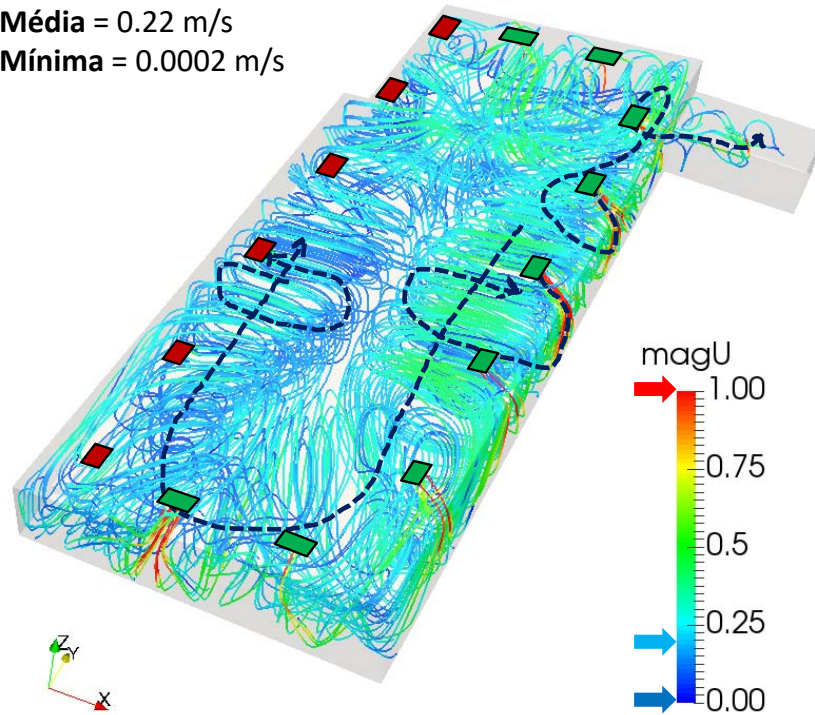
Concentração de químico



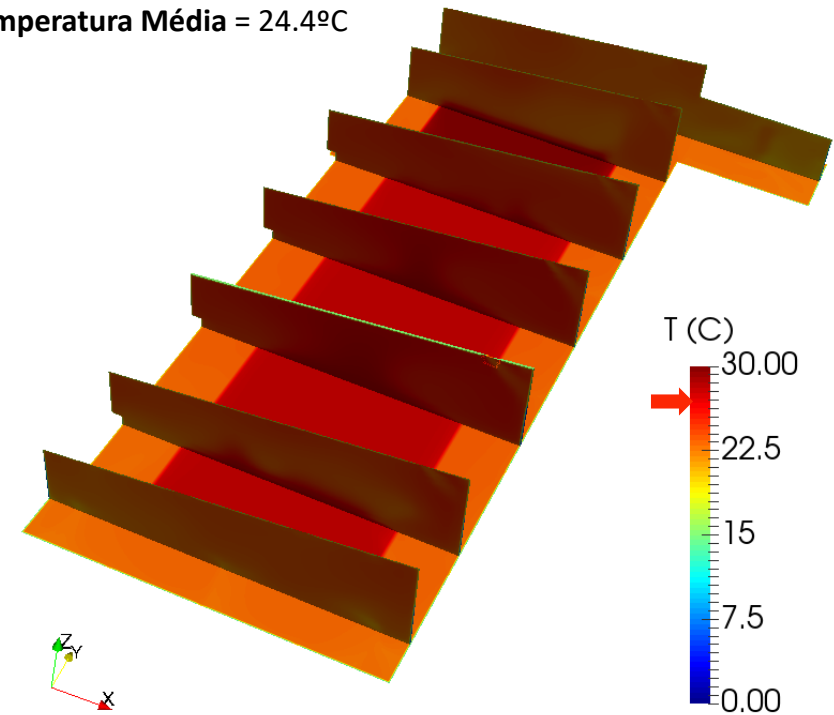
Model constructed by Pedro Lopes

EXAMPLE: Municipal swimming-pool

- ➔ Velocidade Máxima = 3.43 m/s
- ➔ Velocidade Média = 0.22 m/s
- ➔ Velocidade Mínima = 0.0002 m/s



- ➔ Temperatura Média = 24.4°C



Model constructed by Pedro Lopes

EXAMPLE: Other hydraulic applications

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJBsgdNTRDw&list=PL6BfJWHH53_pLUOzU8uuzXgvrhR6uBAR6&index=4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6XyTrhaGxc&list=PL6BfJWHH53_pLUOzU8uuzXgvrhR6uBAR6&index=7
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Wc2IJ4N-2s&list=PL6BfJWHH53_pLUOzU8uuzXgvrhR6uBAR6&index=9
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Wc2IJ4N-2s&list=PL6BfJWHH53_pLUOzU8uuzXgvrhR6uBAR6&index=9
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bR3ruICQS08&list=PL6BfJWHH53_pLUOzU8uuzXgvrhR6uBAR6&index=11

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OH0I5CkY_aY
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ky7Ksdf9ihs>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCQL57wHVq4&index=4&list=PL6BfJWHH53_pNtHuG0JAEGsW7WzteQbsL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhkGla8J9b0>

OpenFOAM – Conclusions

What is openFoam

Applications

Current Forks and versions

Structure and Organization

what is behind software

**Main Characteristics, from equations to Pre-processing mesh, properties, options,
choose a solver and see results**

Equations in a Solver and code

Basic Solvers: LaplacianFoam, scalarTransportFoam

Other Solvers

Prepare a case: ideas of mesh construction; properties, IBC, options

**Understand the importance of fvScheme (approximations for the operators) and
fvSolution (solve the system of equations)**

Understand the importance of study a mesh

Examples and Potential of OpenFoam

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OpenFOAM – Next Basic Courses

Basic Meshing Wagner Galuppo (11:30-13:00)

Post-processing Célio Fernandes (14-15:30)

Multi-phase flows József Nagy (16-17:30)

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