

# Introduction to OpenFOAM

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## Selected CFD codes



Open  FOAM

SU2  
The Open-Source CFD Code

# Topics to be covered today

- ❑ **OpenFOAM general overview**
- ❑ **Lid driven cavity example walk through**
  - Pre-processing OpenFOAM cases
  - OpenFOAM case configuration
  - Running OpenFOAM case
  - Post-processing OpenFOAM cases
- ❑ **Stress analysis of plateHole example**
- ❑ **Create custom solver**
  - Adding a transport equation to icoFoam

*Introduction to OpenFOAM*

# OpenFOAM General Overview

# OpenFOAM overview

- ❑ **Open Field of Operation And Manipulation (FOAM)**
- ❑ **Free, open source CFD software package**
  - The GNU Public License (GPL) gives freedom to contribute to any or all of these projects.
  - Open architecture—will be detailed later
  - Low(Zero)-cost CFD
  - Problem-independent numerics and discretization
  - Efficient environment for complex physics problems
- ❑ **C++ programming language**
- ❑ **A set of libraries for continuum mechanics**
- ❑ **Based on Finite Volume Method (FVM)**

# OpenFOAM History Review

## ❑ History of OpenFOAM:

- Original development started in the late 1980s at Imperial College, London (FORTRAN),
- Later changed to C++, OpenFOAM 1.0 released on 10/12/2004
- Major releases: 1.4-1.7.x, 2.0.x, 2.1.x-2.4.x, **v3.0.(1), v3.0+**
- Wikki Ltd. Extend-Project: 1.4-dev, 1.5-dev, 1.6-ext, **foam-extend-3.2**

# OpenFOAM and OpenFOAM+

## ❑ How does it compare to OpenFOAM and OpenFOAM+?

- The OpenFOAM project managed by the OpenFOAM Foundation is similar to RHEL.
- The OpenFOAM+ project managed by OpenCFD Limited (ESI Group) is similar to Fedora.

## ❑ How are OpenFOAM and OpenFOAM+ similar?

- OpenFOAM Foundation (<http://www.openfoam.org/>) is aiming to maintain versions that are meant to be of high quality standards, future-proof and easy to maintain.
- OpenCFD Limited (<http://www.openfoam.com/>) has its own development cycle and provides new features, while keeping as close as possible to the same standards, as announced: OpenCFD is pleased to announce the release of OpenFOAM-v3.0+OpenFOAM Foundation: (OpenFOAM-v3.0+)

## ❑ Which version/fork/variant to choose?

- Check the release notes of each one and compare with your needs.
- Or simply try them all without spending a single dime in licenses??

# OpenFOAM theoretical background

## ❑ Theoretical background

### ➤ Finite Volume Method (FVM)

➤ Unstructured grid

➤ Pressure correction methods (SIMPLE, PISO, and their combination PIMPLE), for more information about FVM, see:

❑ Partankar, S. V. (1980) *Numerical heat transfer and fluid flow*, McGraw-Hill.

❑ H. Versteeg and W. Malalasekra, (2007) *An Introduction to Computational Fluid Dynamics: The Finite Volume Method Approach*

❑ Ferziger, Joel H., Peric, Milovan, (2002) *Computational Methods for Fluid Dynamics*



# OpenFOAM features overview

## ❑ Physical Modeling Capability:

- **Basic:** Laplace, potential flow, passive scalar/vector/tensor transport
- **Incompressible and compressible flow:** segregated pressure-based algorithms
- **Heat transfer:** buoyancy-driven flows, conjugate heat transfer
- **Multiphase:** Euler-Euler, VOF free surface capturing and surface tracking
- Pre-mixed and Diesel combustion, spray and in-cylinder flows
- Stress analysis, fluid-structure interaction, electromagnetics, MHD, etc.

# OpenFOAM features overview

- Straightforward representation of partial differential equations (PDEs):

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

```

solve
(
    fvm::ddt(rho, U)
  + fvm::div(phi, U)
  - fvm::laplacian(mu, U)
  ==
  - fvc::grad(p)
);
    
```

# OpenFOAM toolbox overview

## ❑ Applications:

- **Utilities**: functional tools for pre- and post-processing, e.g. blockMesh, sampling tool
- **Solvers**: calculate the numerical solution of PDEs

## ❑ Standard libraries

- **General libraries**: those that provide general classes and associated functions;
- **Model libraries**: those that specify models used in computational continuum mechanics;

## ❑ Use the following commands to check:

- `cd $FOAM_APPBIN && ls`
- `cd $FOAM_LIBBIN && ls`

# OpenFOAM toolbox overview

## ❑ Standard Solvers

- “Basic” CFD codes: e.g. `laplacianFoam`, `potentialFoam`
- Incompressible flow: e.g. `icoFoam`, `simpleFoam`
- Compressible flow: e.g. `rhoSimpleFoam`, `sonicFoam`
- Multiphase flow: e.g. `interFoam`
- Direct numerical simulation (DNS) and large eddy simulation (LES)
- Combustion
- Particle-tracking flows (PIC): e.g. `DPMFoam`, `MPPICFoam`

# Mesh Generation

## ❑ blockMesh

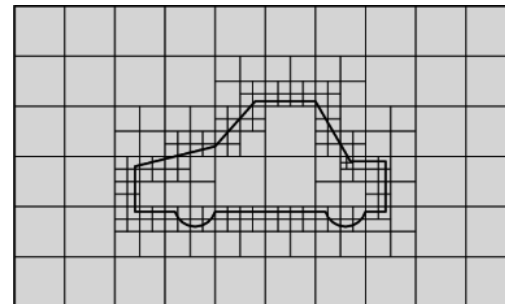
- For simple geometries, there is blockMesh, a multi-block mesh generator that generates meshes of hexahedra from a text configuration file.
- Look at the OpenFOAM distribution files which contains numerous example configuration files for blockMesh to generate meshes for flows around simple geometries, e.g. a cylinder, a wedge, etc.

## ❑ snappyHexMesh

- For complex geometries, meshes to surfaces from CAD
- Can run in parallel
- Automatic load balancing

## ❑ Other mesh generation tools

- extrudeMesh
- polyDualMesh



# Mesh Conversion

- From: <http://www.openfoam.org/features/mesh-conversion.php>

Part of the mesh converters	
<i>ansysToFoam</i>	Converts an <i>ANSYS</i> input mesh file, exported from <i>I-DEAS</i> , to OPENFOAM® format
<i>cfx4ToFoam</i>	Converts a <i>CFX 4</i> mesh to OPENFOAM® format
<i>datToFoam</i>	Reads in a <i>datToFoam</i> mesh file and outputs a points file. Used in conjunction with <i>blockMesh</i>
<i>fluent3DMeshToFoam</i>	Converts a <i>Fluent</i> mesh to OPENFOAM® format
<i>fluentMeshToFoam</i>	Converts a <i>Fluent</i> mesh to OPENFOAM® format including multiple region and region boundary handling
<i>foamMeshToFluent</i>	Writes out the OPENFOAM® mesh in <i>Fluent</i> mesh format
<i>foamToStarMesh</i>	Reads an OPENFOAM® mesh and writes a <i>PROSTAR</i> (v4) <i>bnd/cel/vrt</i> format
<i>foamToSurface</i>	Reads an OPENFOAM® mesh and writes the boundaries in a surface format
<i>gambitToFoam</i>	Converts a <i>GAMBIT</i> mesh to OPENFOAM® format
<i>gmshToFoam</i>	Reads <i>.msh</i> file as written by <i>Gmsh</i>
See <a href="http://www.openfoam.org/features/mesh-conversion.php">http://www.openfoam.org/features/mesh-conversion.php</a> for complete list	

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# Run OpenFOAM under HPC Environment

# Changes to your .soft file

❑ **Add the following keys to ~/.soft and then `resoft`**

➤ On SuperMike2:

`+Intel-13.0.0`

`+openmpi-1.6.3-Intel-13.0.0`

`+OpenFOAM-2.2.1-Intel-13.0-openmpi-1.6.3`

➤ On Eric:

`+gcc-4.7.0`

`+openmpi-1.6.3-gcc-4.7.0`

`+OpenFOAM-2.2.2-gcc-4.7.0-openmpi-1.6.3`

➤ On SuperMIC or QB2:

`module load openfoam/2.3.0/INTEL-140-MVAPICH2-2.0`

❑ **Start an interactive session:**

`qsub -I -l nodes=1:ppn=16,walltime=02:00:00 -A your_allocation_name`



# Run First OpenFOAM case

## ❑ Steps of running first OF case on Mike:

```
$ mkdir -p /work/$USER/foam_run
```

```
$ cd /work/$USER/foam_run
```

```
$ wget http://www.hpc.lsu.edu/training/weekly-materials/Downloads/intro_of.tar.gz
```

```
$ tar xzf intro_of.tar.gz
```

```
$ cd /work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/cavity
```

```
$ blockMesh (generate mesh information)
```

```
$ icoFoam (running the PISO solver)
```

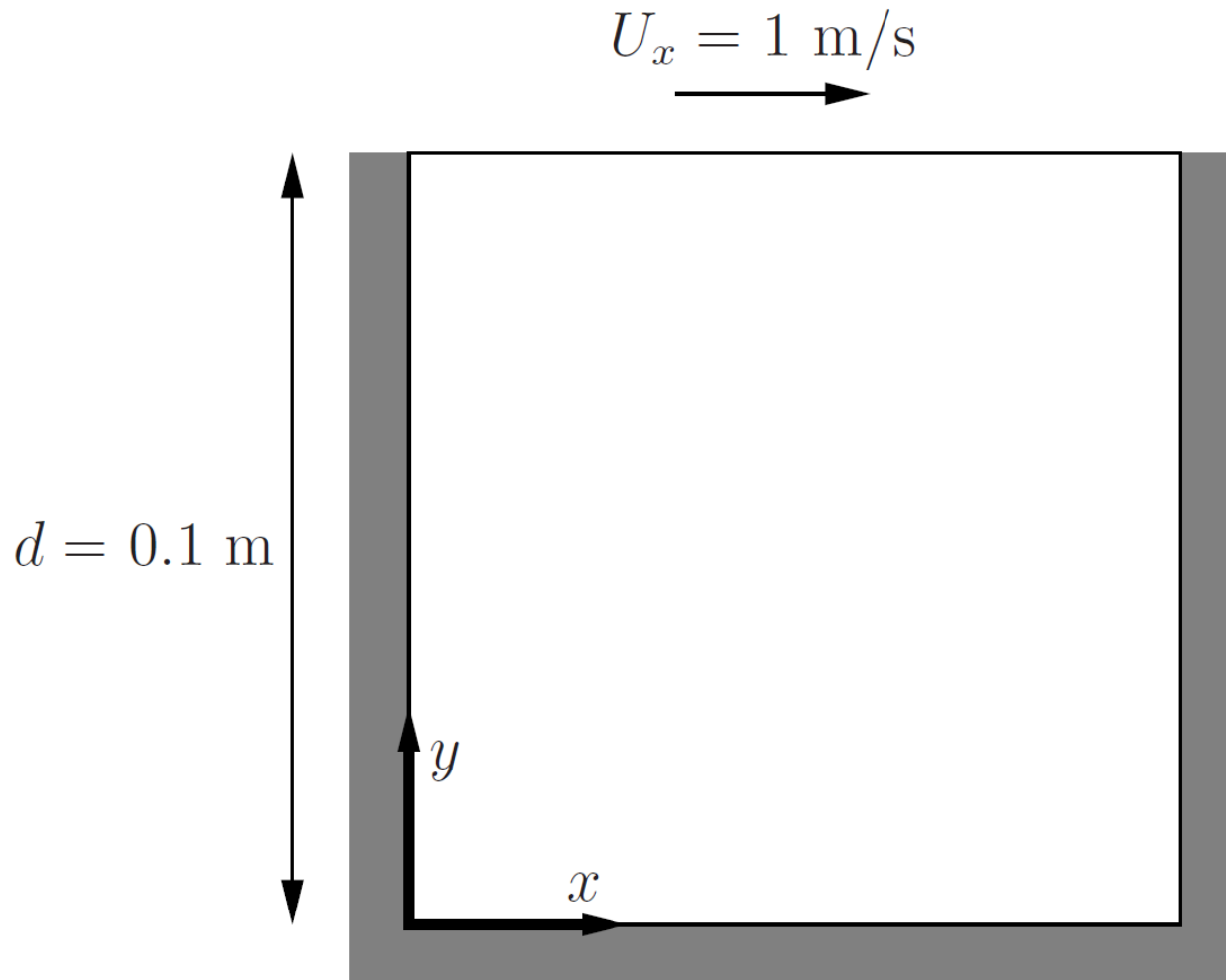
```
$ foamToVTK (convert to VTK format, optional)
```

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# First case: Lid-driven cavity flow

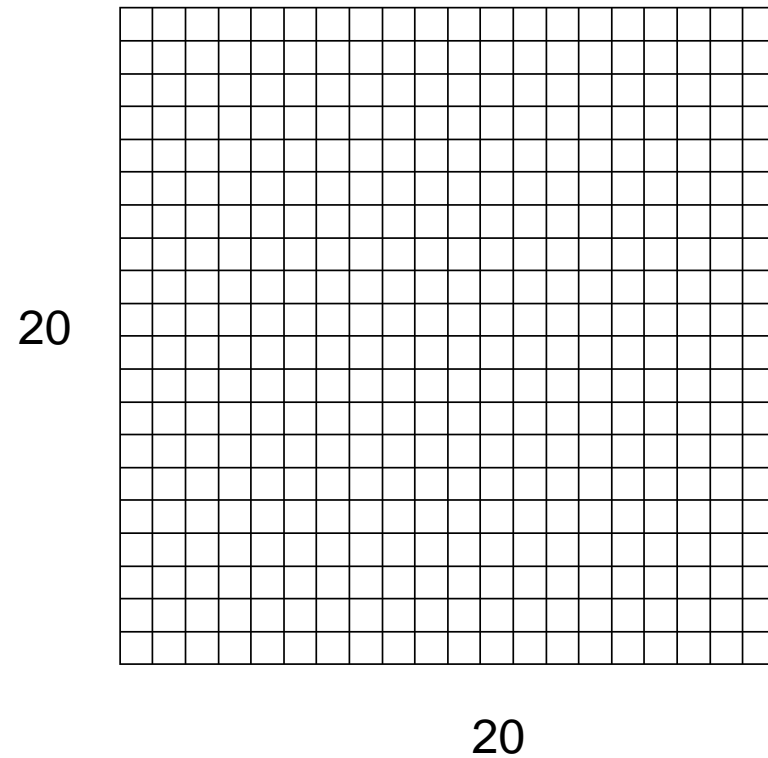
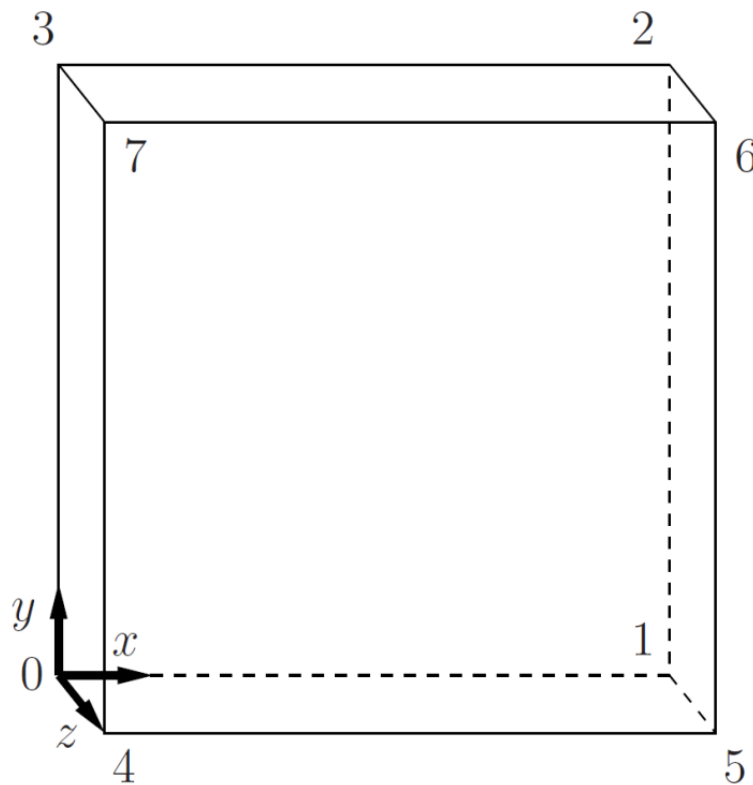
# First OpenFOAM case overview

- Lid-driven cavity flow using icoFoam



# Lid-driven cavity flow

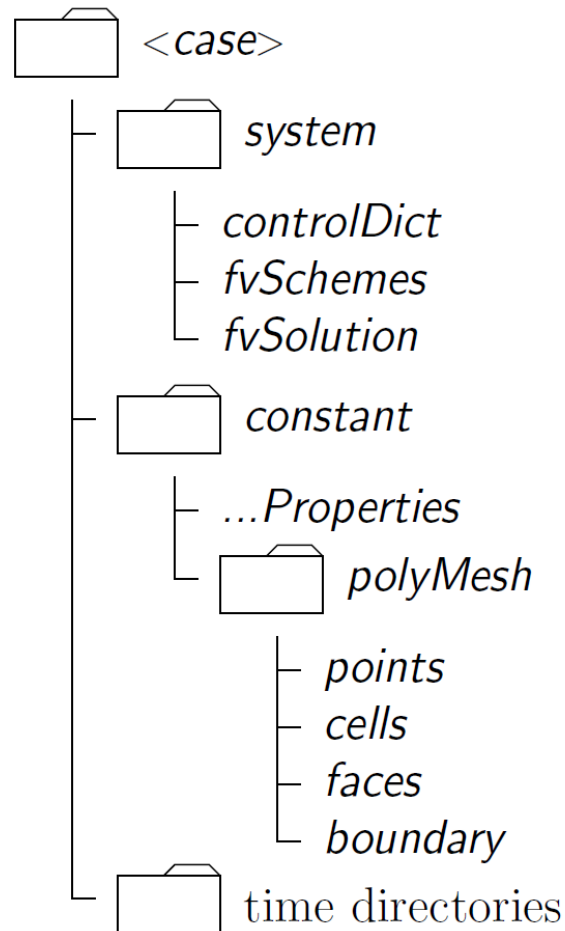
- The cavity domain consists of a square of side length  $d=0.1m$  in the  $x$ - $y$  plane. A uniform mesh of  $20 \times 20$  cells will be used initially.



# Inside case configuration

## ❑ File structure of OpenFOAM cases

```
$ ls -R /work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/cavity
```



# Inside case configuration

- ❑ **The minimum set of files required to run an OpenFOAM case**
  - constant directory:
    - description of the case mesh (geometry): e.g. `polyMesh`
    - physical properties files: e.g. `transportProperties`
  - system directory: solution procedure settings
    - `controlDict`
    - `fvSchemes`
    - `fvSolution`
  - “time” directories: ***U, p***
    - initial conditions (I.C.)
    - boundary conditions (B.C.)
    - Future result files (typically determined by `controlDict`)

# Inside case configuration

## ❑ constant directory:

### ➤ polyMesh

- `blockMeshDict`: *mesh description, will be detailed next few slides*
- `boundary`: list of patches with BCs definition
- `faces`: list of mesh faces (list of points)
- `neighbour`: list of neighboring cell labels
- `owner`: list of owning cell labels
- `points`: list of mesh points with their coordinates

can be generated using `blockMeshDict`

### ➤ transportProperties

- Physical/material properties: e.g. viscosity

# Edit blockMeshDict file (0)

## ❑ OpenFOAM file header:

```

/*-----* C++ *-----*/
|=====|
|  \ \ /  F i e l d      | OpenFOAM: The Open Source CFD Toolbox
|  \ \ /  O p e r a t i o n | Version: 2.2.1
|   \ \ /  A n d         | Web:      www.OpenFOAM.org
|    \ \ /  M a n i p u l a t i o n |
|-----*-----*/

```

```

FoamFile
{
    version      2.0;
    format       ascii;
    class        dictionary;
    object       blockMeshDict;
}

```

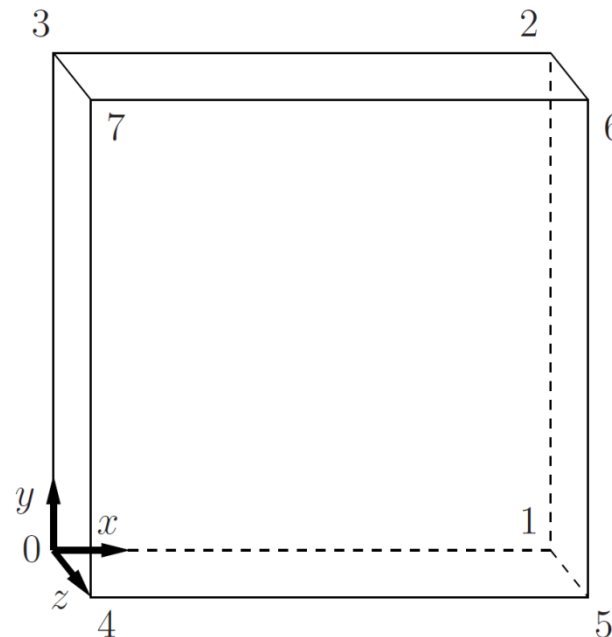


# Edit blockMeshDict file (1)

```

17  convertToMeters 0.1;
18
19  vertices
20  (
21      (0 0 0) //0
22      (1 0 0) //1
23      (1 1 0) //2
24      (0 1 0) //3
25      (0 0 0.1) //4
26      (1 0 0.1) //5
27      (1 1 0.1) //6
28      (0 1 0.1) //7
29  );

```



## Edit blockMeshDict file (2)

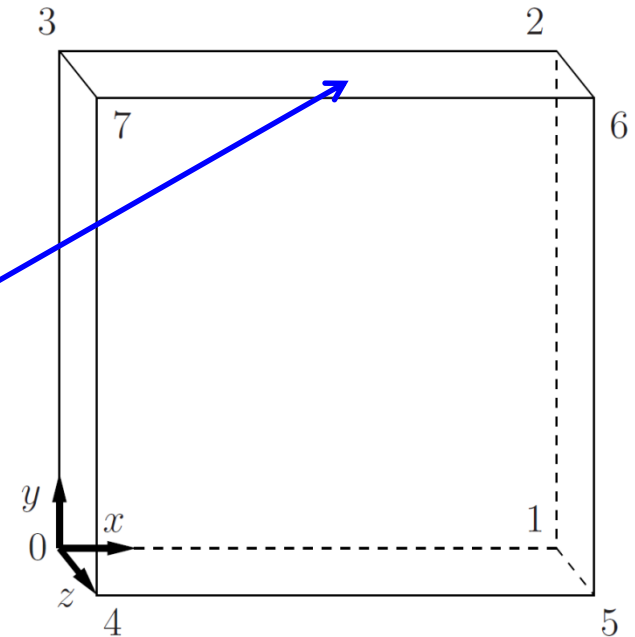
```
31 blocks
32 (
33     hex (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) (20 20 1) simpleGrading (1 1 1)
34 );
35
36 edges
37 (
38 );
```

# Edit blockMeshDict file (3)

```

40 boundary
41 (
42     movingWall
43     {
44         type wall;
45         faces
46         (
47             (3 7 6 2)
48         );
49     }

```

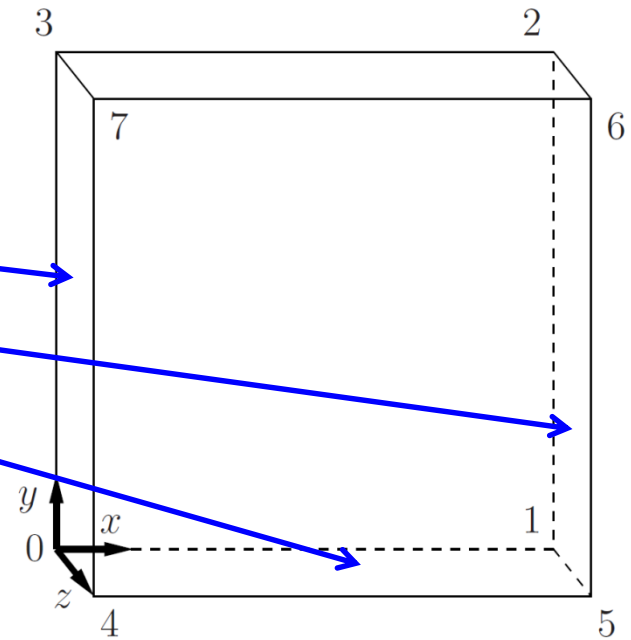


# Edit blockMeshDict file (4)

```

50     fixedWalls
51     {
52         type wall;
53         faces
54         (
55             (0 4 7 3)
56             (2 6 5 1)
57             (1 5 4 0)
58         );
59     }

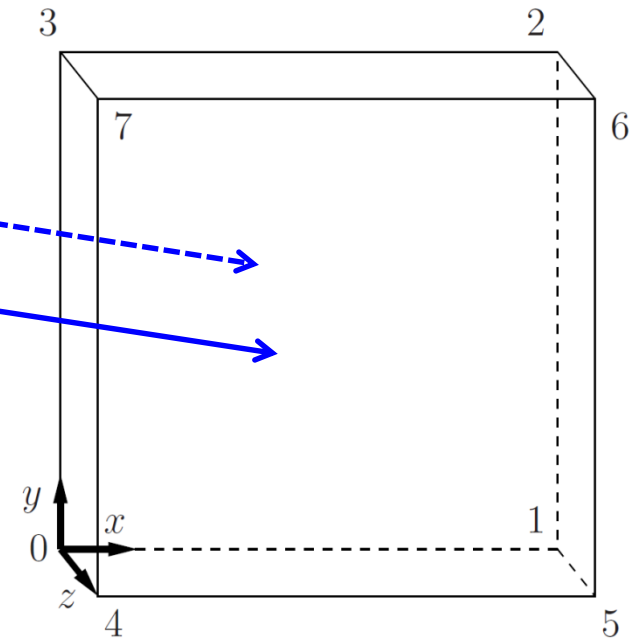
```



# Edit blockMeshDict file (5)

```

53     frontAndBack
54     {
55         type empty;
56         faces
57         (
58             (0 3 2 1)
59             (4 5 6 7)
60         );
61     }
62 );
63
64 mergePatchPairs
65 (
66 );
    
```



# Solver settings

- ❑ **constant directory may also contain:**
  - Files which define some mesh properties, e.g. `dynamicMeshDict`
  - Files which defines turbulent properties `RASProperties`

# Solver settings – constant directory

## ❑ dimensions/units in OpenFOAM

- Representation of SI system

```
//dimensions [kg m sec K mol A cd ];  
dimensions [0 2 -1 0 0 0 0];
```

- ❑ **Note:** for incompressible solvers it is not needed to specify density. Pressure is then represented as  $p/\rho$

## ❑ transportProperties-representation of SI system

```
transportModel Newtonian; //viscosity options: newtonian/non-newtonian  
nu nu [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 0.01; // kinematic viscosity
```

# Solver settings – system directory

## □ system directory contains:

- Files concerning solver parameters, as well as definition files for utility tools e.g.
  - `controlDict` – simulation control and parameters, additional libraries to load and extra functions
  - `fvSchemes` – definition of discretization schemes
  - `fvSolution` – definitions of solver type, tolerances, relaxation factors
  - `decomposeParDict` – for parallel domain decomposition



# Solver settings-controlDict

- ❑ **controlDict: (basic time step control, how your results are written, etc.)**

```

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;
  
```

# Solver settings - fvSchemes

## ❑ fvSchemes:

```
// time schemes (Euler , CrankNicholson,
backward, steadyState )
ddtSchemes
{
    default          Euler;
}
// gradient schemes (Gauss , leastSquares,
fourth, cellLimited, faceLimited )
gradSchemes
{
    default          Gauss linear;
    grad(p)          Gauss linear;
}
// convection and divergence schemes (
interpolation schemes used: linear,
skewLinear, cubicCorrected, upwind,
linearUpwind, QUICK, TVD, SFCD, NVD)
divSchemes
{
    default          none;
    div(phi,U)       Gauss linear;
}
}
```

```
laplacianSchemes
{
    default          none;
    laplacian(nu,U)  Gauss linear orthogonal;
    laplacian((1|A(U)),p) Gauss linear
orthogonal;
}
```

# Solver settings - fvSchemes

## □ fvSchemes:

```

// interpolation schemes to calculate
values on the faces (linear,
cubicCorrection, midPoint , upwind,
linearUpwind, skewLinear , QUICK, TVD,
limitedLinear , vanLeer , MUSCL,
limitedCubic, NVD, SFCO, Gamma )
interpolationSchemes
{
    default          linear;
    interpolate(HbyA) linear;
}
// schemes for surface normal gradient on
the faces ( corrected, uncorrected,
limited, bounded, fourth )
snGradSchemes
{
    default          orthogonal;
}
// lists the fields for which the flux is
generated in the application
fluxRequired
{
    default          no;
    p;
}

```

# Solver settings - solution control

## □ fvSolution:

```

solvers
{
    p
    {
        solver          PCG;
        preconditioner  DIC;
        tolerance       1e-06;
        relTol          0;
    }

    U
    {
        solver          PBiCG;
        preconditioner  DILU;
        tolerance       1e-05;
        relTol          0;
    }
}
// pressure - velocity coupling
// SIMPLE (Semi - Implicit Method for
// Pressure - Linked Equations )

```

```

// PISO ( Pressure Implicit with Splitting
// of Operators )
// PIMPLE ( Combination of SIMPLE and PISO
// )
PISO
{
    nCorrectors        2;
    nNonOrthogonalCorrectors 0;
    pRefCell           0;
    pRefValue          0;
}

```

<http://www.openfoam.org/docs/user/fvSolution.php>

# Solver settings-decomposeParDict

- ❑ **decomposeParDict: (Parameters for breaking up the geometry and fields for parallel processing)**

```
numberOfSubdomains 20;  
  
method            simple;  
  
simpleCoeffs  
{  
    n              ( 4 5 1 );  
    delta          0.001;  
}
```

# Solver settings-time directory

- ❑ Time directories contain field files (e.g. U, p, k, epsilon, omega, T etc.)
- ❑ Fields files store field solution values on all cells and boundary conditions on the computational domain
- ❑ 0 time directory is initial directory containing field files with **initial field values and boundary conditions**
- ❑ Common parts for all field files are:
  - header
  - dimensions
  - internalField
  - boundaryField

# Boundary Conditions (BCs)

- ❑ **base type (described purely in terms of geometry):**
  - patch, wall, empty, symmetry, cyclic
- ❑ **primitive type (base numerical patch condition assigned to a field variable on the patch):**
  - fixedValue, fixedGradient, zeroGradient, mixed, directionMixed, calculated
- ❑ **derived type (complex patch condition, derived from the primitive type, assigned to a field variable on the patch):**
  - inletOutlet

# Initial and Boundary conditions: Velocity

## □ U

```

dimensions      [0 1 -1 0 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;
    }
}

```



# Initial and Boundary conditions: Pressure

□ p

```

dimensions      [0 2 -2 0 0 0 0];
internalField   uniform 0;
boundaryField
{
    movingWall
    {
        type      zeroGradient;
    }

    fixedWalls
    {
        type      zeroGradient;
    }

    frontAndBack
    {
        type      empty;
    }
}

```

# Running cavity in parallel

- ❑ `cd /work/fchen14/foam_run/intro_of/cavity_parallel_is`
- ❑ `decomposePar //specify the parallel run params`
- ❑ `mpirun --hostfile <machines> -np <nProcs>`  
`<foamExec> <otherArgs> -parallel > log`
  - Examples on Mike:  
`mpirun --hostfile $PBS_NODEFILE -np 16 icoFoam -parallel > log`
  - Examples on Eric:  
`mpirun --hostfile $PBS_NODEFILE -np 8 icoFoam -parallel > log`
- ❑ `reconstructPar //merge time directories sets from each processor`
- ❑ See:  
`/work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/cavity_parallel_is`  
`/work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/cavity_parallel`

# Running cavity in parallel

## ❑ On interactive session:

```
$ cd /work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/cavity_parallel_is  
$ blockMesh  
$ vi system/decomposeParDict  
$ decomposePar  
$ mpirun --hostfile $PBS_NODEFILE -np 16 icoFoam -parallel  
$ reconstructPar
```

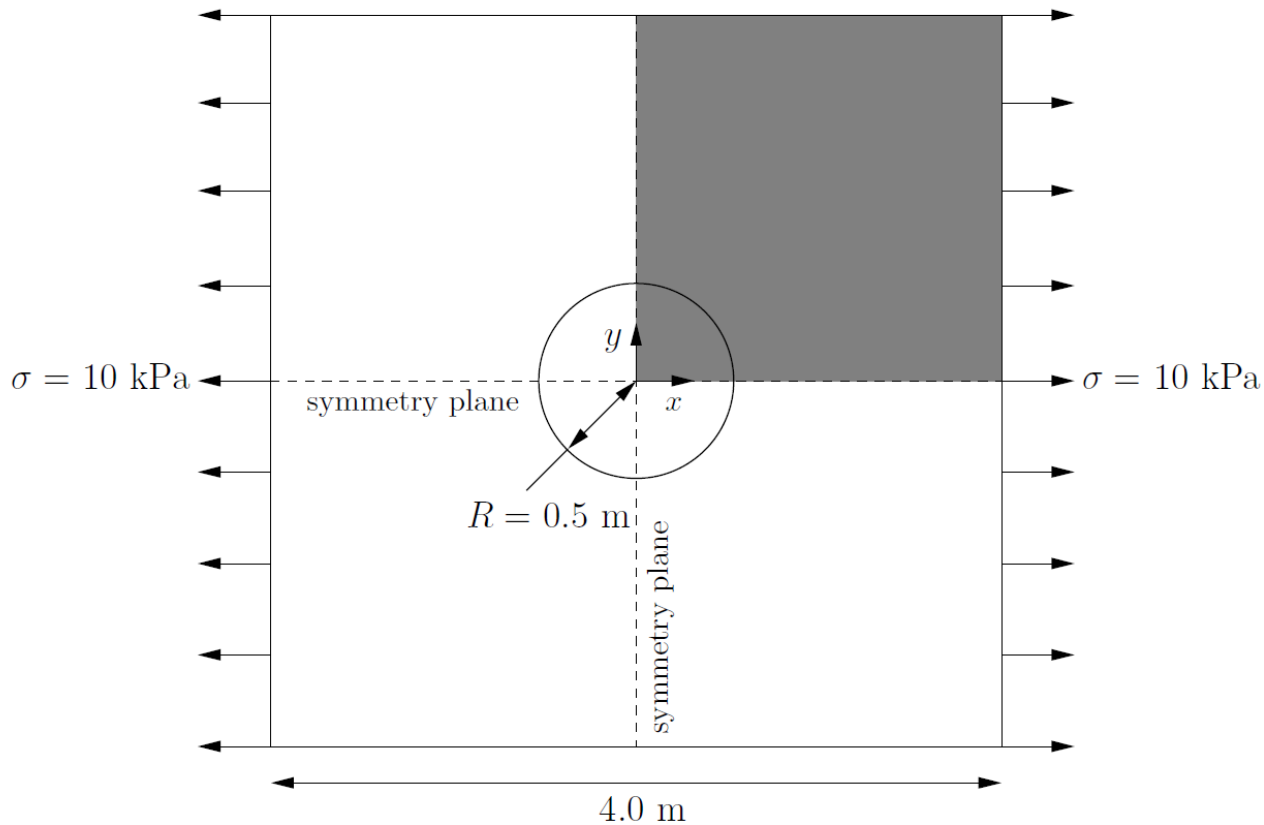
## ❑ Via batch mode:

```
$ cd /work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of  
$ ./cavity_parallel_run.sh
```

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# Second case: stress analysis of plateHole

# Stress analysis of plateHole



**Analytical Solution:**

$$(\sigma_{xx})_{x=0} = \begin{cases} \sigma \left( 1 + \frac{R^2}{2y^2} + \frac{3R^4}{2y^4} \right) & \text{for } |y| \geq R \\ 0 & \text{for } |y| < R \end{cases}$$

# Part of the solidDisplacementFoam code

```

do // loop for residual and iterations
{
    if (thermalStress)
    {
        volScalarField& T = Tptr();
        solve
        (
            fvm::ddt(T) == fvm::laplacian(DT, T)
        );
    }

    {
        fvVectorMatrix DEqn // not a N-S equation
        (
            fvm::d2dt2(D)
            ==
            fvm::laplacian(2*mu + lambda, D, "laplacian(DD,D)")
            + divSigmaExp
        );
    }

    ...
} while (initialResidual > convergenceTolerance && ++iCorr < nCorr);

```

# Run stress analysis case

## □ Steps of running plateHole on Mike:

```
$ cd /work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/plateHole
$ blockMesh #generate geometry
$ checkMesh #tool for checking the mesh quality
$ solidDisplacementFoam #running the stress analysis solver
$ foamToVTK #convert VTK format, optional
$ paraFoam #post-processing
```

# Post-processing

- ❑ Most used post-processing software for OpenFOAM data visualization is *Paraview*
- ❑ paraFoam – script for automatic import of OpenFOAM results into Paraview
- ❑ OpenFOAM Data transformation in other formats: e.g. foamToVTK (Results can also be used by Paraview)



# Post-processing

- ❑ ***sample*** – utility used for sampling
- ❑ **Sample setups are defined in system/sampleDict**
- ❑ **Sample data are stored in the new (automatically) created subdirectory sets**
- ❑ **Example:**

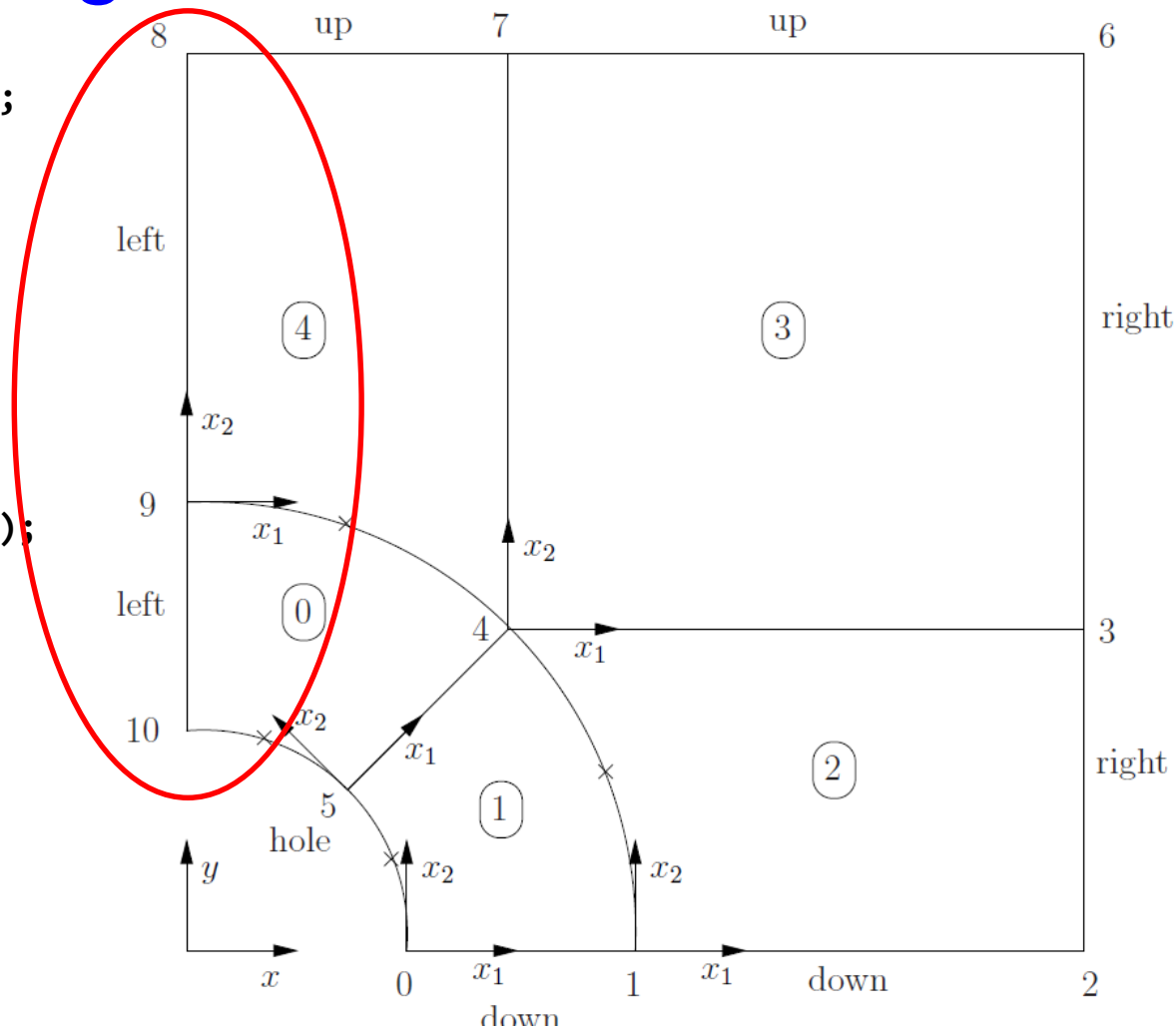
```
$ cd /work/$USER/foam_run/intro_of/plateHole
$ foamCalc components sigma #calculates new fields from existing ones.
$ sample
```

# sampleDict for the plateHole case along the left line

```

/*OpenFOAM file header*/
interpolationScheme cellPoint;
setFormat      raw;
sets
(
    leftPatch
    {
        type      uniform;
        axis      y;
        start     ( 0 0.5 0.25 );
        end       ( 0 2 0.25 );
        nPoints   100;
    }
);
fields
( sigmaxx );

```

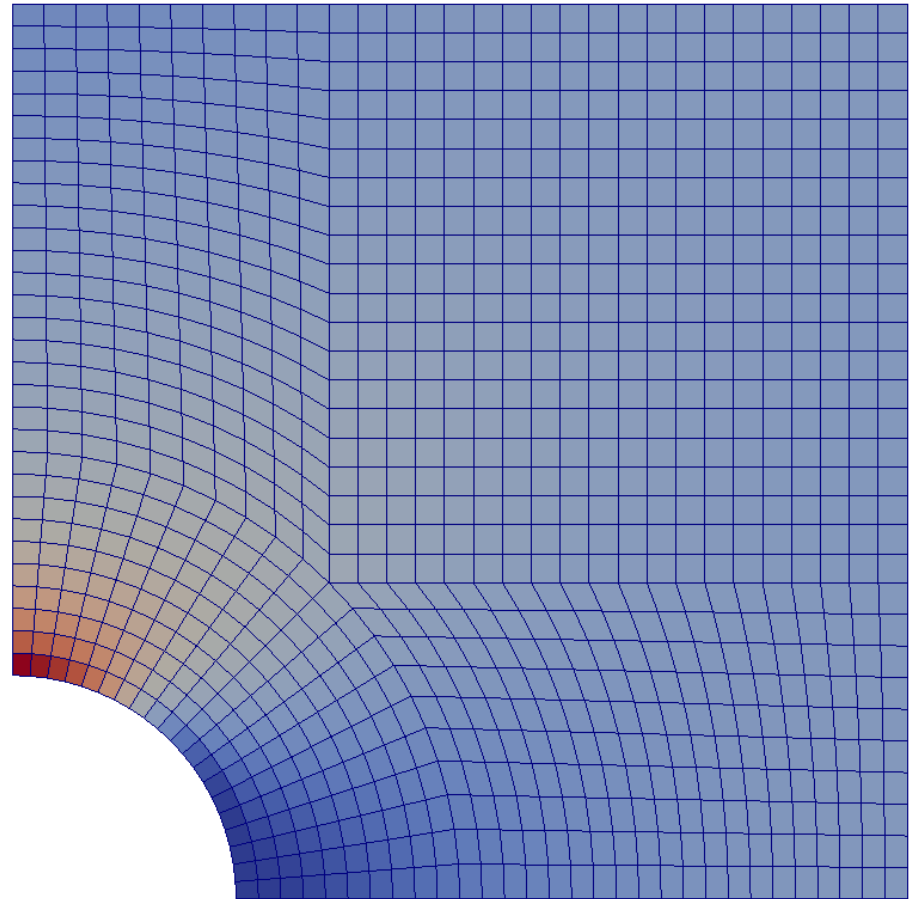


# sampleDict for the plateHole case for the entire surface

```

/*OpenFOAM file header*/
interpolationScheme cellPoint;
surfaceFormat vtk;
surfaces
(
    sigmaxx
    {
        type plane;
        basePoint ( 0 0 0.25 );
        normalVector ( 0 0 1 );
    }
);
fields ( sigmaxx );

```



# Exercise

- ❑ **Run the cavity case and sample:**
  1. along middle-y axis
  2. surface

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# Create customized OpenFOAM solver

# Before trying to develop your own solver...

- ❑ Understand the background, e.g. go through commented icoFoam PISO solver, see <http://openfoamwiki.net/index.php/IcoFoam>

```
//set up the linear algebra for the momentum equation. The flux of U, phi, is treated explicitly
//using the last known value of U.

fvVectorMatrix UEqn
(
    fvm::ddt(U)
    + fvm::div(phi, U)
    - fvm::laplacian(nu, U)
);

// solve using the last known value of p on the RHS. This gives us a velocity field that is
// not divergence free, but approximately satisfies momentum. See Eqn. 7.31 of Ferziger & Peric
solve(UEqn == -fvc::grad(p));

// --- PISO loop---- take nCorr corrector steps

for (int corr=0; corr<nCorr; corr++)
{
    // from the last solution of velocity, extract the diag. term from the matrix and store the reciprocal
    // note that the matrix coefficients are functions of U due to the non-linearity of convection.
    volScalarField rUA = 1.0/UEqn.A();

    // take a Jacobi pass and update U. See Hrv Jasak's thesis eqn. 3.137 and Henrik Rusche's thesis, eqn. 2.43
    // UEqn.H is the right-hand side of the UEqn minus the product of (the off-diagonal terms and U).
```

# Simple tutorial on customizing the solver

- ❑ **Overview of the OpenFOAM code structure**
- ❑ **A look at icoFoam**
- ❑ **Customizing an application**
- ❑ **Implementing a transport equation in a new application**

# OpenFOAM Code Structure

- **The OpenFOAM code is structures as follows (type `foam` and then `ls`).**
  - **applications:** source files of all the executables:
    - solvers
    - utilities
    - bin
    - test
  - **bin:** basic executable scripts.
  - **doc:** pdf and Doxygen documentation.
    - Doxygen
    - Guides-a4
  - **lib:** compiled libraries.
  - **src:** source library files.
  - **test:** library test source files.
  - **tutorials:** tutorial cases.
  - **wmake:** compiler settings.



# Navigating the OpenFOAM source code

- ❑ **Some useful commands to navigate inside the OpenFOAM sources:**
  - `app` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications`
  - `sol` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/solvers`
  - `util` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/utilities`
  - `src` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/src`
- ❑ **Environment variables:**
  - `$FOAM_APP` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications`
  - `$FOAM_SOLVERS` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/solvers`
  - `$FOAM_UTILITIES` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/utilities`
  - `$FOAM_SRC` = `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/src`
- ❑ **OpenFOAM source code serves two functions:**
  - Efficient and customized top-level solver for class of physics. Ready to run in a manner of commercial CFD software
    - `ls $WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/solvers`
  - Examples showing the usage of OpenFOAM classes and library functions
    - `ls $WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/test`

# Simple solver walk-through: icoFoam

## □ Types of files

### ➤ Header files

- Located before the entry line of the executable  

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
```
- Contain various class definitions
- Grouped together for easier use

### ➤ Include files

- Often repeated code snippets, e.g. mesh creation, Courant number calculation and similar
- Held centrally for easier maintenance
- Enforce consistent naming between executables, e.g. mesh, runTime

### ➤ Local implementation files

- Main code, named consistently with the executable, e.g.:  

```
createFields.H
```

# Walk through icoFoam: file organization

- ❑ `sol -> cd incompressible -> cd icoFoam`
- ❑ The **icoFoam** directory consists of what follows (type `ls`):
  - `createFields.H icoFoam.C icoFoam.dep Make/`
- ❑ The **Make** directory contains instructions for the `wmake` compilation command.
- ❑ `icoFoam.C` is the main file, while `createFields.H` is included by `icoFoam.C`.
- ❑ The file `fvCFD.H`, included by `icoFoam.C`, contains all the class definitions which are needed by `icoFoam`. See the file `Make/options` to understand where `fvCFD.H` is included from:
  - `$FOAM_SRC/finiteVolume/lnInclude/fvCFD.H`, symbolic link to:
  - `$FOAM_SRC/finiteVolume/cfdTools/general/include/fvCFD.H`
- ❑ Use the command `find PATH -iname "*LETTERSINFILENAME*"` to find where in `PATH` a file name containing `LETTERSFILENAME` in its file name is located.
- ❑ Example: `find $WM_PROJECT_DIR -iname "*fvCFD.H*"`

# Walk through icoFoam: A look into icoFoam.C

## ❑ case setup and variable initialization

- icoFoam starts with

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])  
// where int argc and char *argv[] are the number of parameters  
// and the actual parameters used when running icoFoam.
```

- The case is initialized by:

```
# include "setRootCase.H"  
# include "createTime.H"  
# include "createMesh.H"  
# include "createFields.H"  
# include "initContinuityErrs.H"
```

where all the included files except **createFields.H** are in  
`$FOAM_SRC/finiteVolume/lnInclude`.

- **createFields.H** is located in the **icoFoam** directory. It initializes all the variables used in **icoFoam**. Have a look inside it and see how variables are created.

# Walk through icoFoam:

## A look into icoFoam.C – the time loop code

```

while (runTime.loop()) {
    Info<< "Time = " << runTime.timeName() << nl << endl;
    #include "readPISOControls.H"
    #include "CourantNo.H"
    fvVectorMatrix UEqn // Note the equation representation
    (
        fvm::ddt(U)
        + fvm::div(phi, U)
        - fvm::laplacian(nu, U)
    );
    solve(UEqn == -fvc::grad(p));
    // --- PISO loop
    for (int corr=0; corr<nCorr; corr++)
    {
        volScalarField rAU(1.0/UEqn.A());
        ...
    }
}

```

# Walk through icoFoam: A look into icoFoam.C

## ❑ time-loop code

- The time-loop starts by:

```
while (runTime.loop()) // and the rest is done at each time-step
```

- The fvSolution subdictionary PISO is read, and the Courant Number is calculated and written to the screen by (use the find command):

```
#include "readPISOControls.H"
```

```
#include "CourantNo.H"
```

- The momentum equations are defined and a velocity predictor is solved by:

```
fvVectorMatrix UEqn
```

```
(
```

```
    fvm::ddt(U)
```

```
    + fvm::div(phi, U)
```

```
    - fvm::laplacian(nu, U)
```

```
);
```

```
solve(UEqn == -fvc::grad(p));
```

# Walk through icoFoam: A look into icoFoam.C

## ❑ the PISO loop

- A PISO corrector loop is initialized by:

```
// --- PISO for loop
for (int corr=0; corr<nCorr; corr++)
// Or a while loop (newer versions)
while (runTime.loop())
```

- The PISO algorithm uses these member functions:

- A() returns the central coefficients of an `fvVectorMatrix`
- H() returns the H operation source of an `fvVectorMatrix`
- Sf() returns cell face area vector of an `fvMesh`
- flux() returns the face flux field from an `fvScalarMatrix`
- `correctBoundaryConditions()` corrects the boundary fields of a `volVectorField`

- Identify the object types (classes) and use the OpenFOAM Doxygen (<http://foam.sourceforge.net/doc/Doxygen/html>) or the OpenFOAM wiki to better understand what they do.

# Walk through icoFoam: A look into icoFoam.C

## ❑ write statements

- At the end of icoFoam there are some write statements

```
runTime.write();
```

```
Info<< "ExecutionTime = " << runTime.elapsedCpuTime() << " s"
      << "   ClockTime = " << runTime.elapsedClockTime() << " s"
      << nl << endl;
```

- `write()` makes sure that all the variables that were defined as an loobject with `IObject::AUTO_WRITE` are written to the time directory according to the settings in the `$FOAM_CASE/system/controlDict` file.
- `elapsedCPUTime()` is the elapsed CPU time.
- `elapsedClockTime()` is the elapsed wall clock time.



# OpenFOAM work space General information

- ❑ **OpenFOAM is a library of tools, not a monolithic single-executable**
- ❑ **Most changes do not require surgery on the library level: code is developed in local work space for results and custom executables**
- ❑ **Environment variables and library structure control the location of the library, external packages (e.g. gcc, Paraview) and work space**
- ❑ **For model development, start by copying a model and changing its name: library functionality is unaffected**
- ❑ **Local workspace:**
  - Run directory: `$FOAM_RUN`. Ready-to-run cases and results, test loop etc. May contain case-specific setup tools, solvers and utilities.
  - Local work space: `$WM_PROJECT_USER_DIR`. Contains applications, libraries and personal library and executable space.

```
[fchen14@qb1 ~]$ echo $FOAM_RUN
/home/fchen14/OpenFOAM/fchen14-2.3.0/run
[fchen14@qb1 ~]$ echo $WM_PROJECT_USER_DIR
/home/fchen14/OpenFOAM/fchen14-2.3.0
```

# Creating your own OpenFOAM applications

## □ General steps:

1. Find appropriate code in OpenFOAM which is closest to the new use or provides a starting point
2. Copy into local work space and rename
3. Change file name and location of library/executable: Make/files
4. Environment variables point to local work space applications and libraries:  
`$FOAM_PROJECT_USER_DIR`, `$FOAM_USER_APPBIN` and  
`$FOAM_USER_LIBBIN`
5. Change the code to fit your needs

# Creating your OpenFOAM applications

- ❑ **Creating the application icoScalarTransportFoam. It is an incompressible solver with a scalar transport equation (species mass fraction, temperature, . . . ).**
- ❑ **To do this, we need to create a new application based on the icoFoam code.**

# Setting up new solver directory and compile

- ❑ **The applications are located in `$WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications`**
  - `cd $WM_PROJECT_DIR/applications/solvers/incompressible`
- ❑ **Copy the icoFoam solver and put it in the `$WM_PROJECT_USER_DIR/applications` directory**
  - `cp -r icoFoam $WM_PROJECT_USER_DIR/applications`
- ❑ **Rename the directory and the source file name, clean all the dependencies and**
  - `mv icoFoam icoScalarTransportFoam`
  - `cd icoFoam`
  - `mv icoFoam.C icoScalarTransportFoam.C`
  - `wclean`
- ❑ **Go the Make directory and change files as follows:**

```
icoScalarTransportFoam.C
EXE = $(FOAM_USER_APPBIN)/icoScalarTransportFoam
```
- ❑ **Now compile the application with `wmake` in the `icoScalarTransportFoam` directory.**

# icoScalarTransportFoam

## □ Physical/numerical model modeling

- We want to solve the following transport equation for the scalar field  $T$
- It is an unsteady, convection-diffusion transport equation.  $\nu$  is the thermal diffusion constant.

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (UT) - \nabla \cdot (\nu \nabla T) = 0$$

- What to do:
  - Create the geometric field  $T$  in the `createFields.H` file
  - Solve the transport equation for  $T$  in the `icoScalarTransportFoam.C` file after the PISO correction loop.

# icoScalarTransportFoam: Creating field $T$

- ❑ **Modify createFields.H adding this volScalarField constructor for T:**

```
// Adding the Temperature field ...
Info<< "Reading field T\n" <<endl;
    volScalarField T
    (
        IObject
        (
            "T",
            runTime.timeName(),
            mesh,
            IObject::MUST_READ,
            IObject::AUTO_WRITE
        ),
        mesh
    );
```

# icoScalarTransportFoam: Creating field $T$

- ❑ **Modify createFields.H, adding the thermal diffusion constant DT after nu:**

```
//Add here...  
dimensionedScalar DT  
(  
    transportProperties.lookup("DT")  
);  
//Done for now...
```

# icoScalarTransportFoam: Creating field $T$

- ❑ **We have created a volScalarField object called T.**
  - T is created by reading a file (`IOobject::MUST_READ`) called T in the `runTime.timeName()` directory. At the beginning of the simulation, `runTime.timeName()` is the `startTime` value specified in the `controlDict` file.
  - T will be automatically written (`IOobject::AUTO_WRITE`) in the `runTime.timeName()` directory according to what is specified in the `controlDict` file of the case.
  - T is defined on the computational mesh (`mesh` object):
    - It has as many internal values (`internalField`) as the number of mesh cells
    - It needs as many boundary conditions (`boundaryField`) as the mesh boundaries specified in the `constant/polyMesh/boundary` file of the case.



# icoScalarTransportFoam

## Solving the transport equation for $T$

- ❑ Create a new empty file, TEqn.H:

```
echo > TEqn.H
```

- ❑ Include it in `icoScalarTransportFoam.C` at the end of the PISO loop:

```
...
#include "continuityErrs.H"
    U = HbyA - rAU*fvc::grad(p);
    U.correctBoundaryConditions();
}
//add TEqn to the time loop
#include "TEqn.H"
runTime.write();
```

- ❑ Now we will implement the scalar transport equation for  $T$  in `icoScalarTransportFoam...`

# icoScalarTransportFoam

## Solving the transport equation for T

- ❑ This the transport equation:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (UT) - \nabla \cdot (\nu \nabla T) = 0$$

- ❑ This is how we implement and solve it in `TEqn.H` after the PISO correction loop:

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

- ❑ Now compile the application with `wmake` in the `icoScalarTransportFoam` directory.

# icoScalarTransportFoam: setting up the case

- ❑ Copy the cavity tutorial case in your `$FOAM_RUN` directory and rename it:

```
cp -r $FOAM_TUTORIALS/icoFoam/cavity $FOAM_RUN  
mv cavity cavityScalarTransport
```

- ❑ Introduce the field `T` in `cavityScalarTransport/0` directory:

```
cp p T
```

# icoScalarTransportFoam: case setup

## □ **startTime**

➤ modify **T** as follows:

```

dimensions      [0 0 0 1 0 0 0];
internalField   uniform 300;
boundaryField {
    movingWall
    {
        type      fixedValue;
        value     uniform 350;
    }
    fixedWalls
    {
        type      fixedValue;
        value     uniform 300;
    }
    frontAndBack
    {
        type      empty;
    }
}

```

# icoScalarTransportFoam case setup

## ❑ system/fvSchemes

- Modify the subdictionary divSchemes, introducing the discretization scheme for `div(phi,T)`

```
divSchemes
```

```
{
```

```
    default    none;
```

```
    div(phi,U) Gauss linear;
```

```
    div(phi,T) Gauss upwind;
```

```
} //NOTICE: there is no space between the comma and the variables
```

# icoScalarTransportFoam case setup

## ❑ system/fvSolution

- Introduce the settings for T in the solvers subdictionary

```
T
{
    solver          BICCG;
    preconditioner  DILU;
    tolerance       1e-7;
    relTol          0;
}
```

# icoScalarTransportFoam case setup

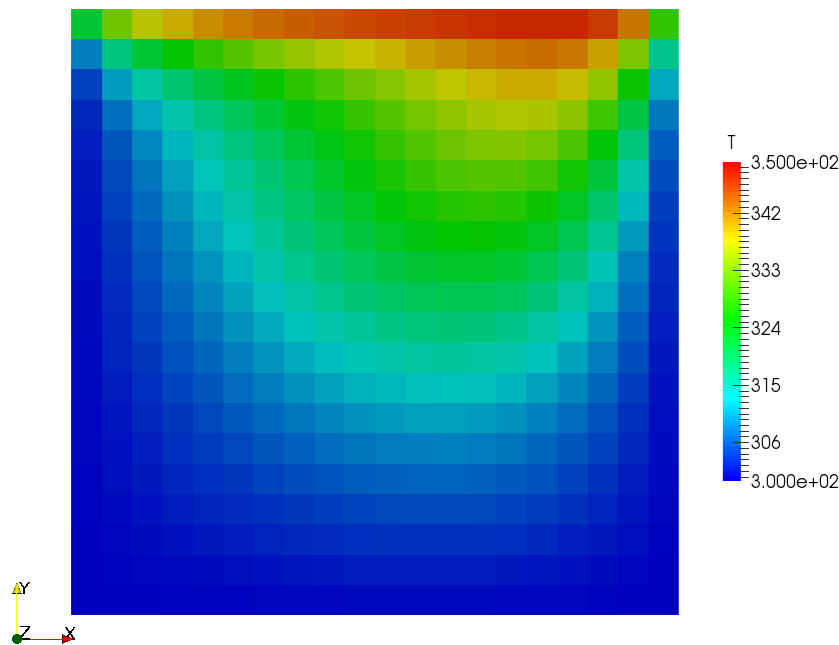
## ❑ constant/transportProperties

- add the following line under the definition of nu:

```
DT [0 2 -1 0 0 0 0] 0.002;
```

# icoScalarTransportFoam Run and Post-processing

- ❑ **Run the case:**
  - `icoScalarTransportFoam -case cavityScalarTransport`
- ❑ **Post-processing**
  - `foamToVTK -case cavityScalarTransport`
  - Render results in Paraview (on local machine)





# icoScalarTransportFoam

## Run in Parallel

- ❑ The modified icoScalarTransportFoam is capable of running in parallel without additional change to the source code

- ❑ need to edit `cavityScalarTransport/system/decomposeParDict`:

```
//part of decomposeParDict
numberOfSubdomains 20;
method             simple;
simpleCoeffs
{
    n                ( 4 5 1 );
    delta            0.001;
}
```

- ❑ Then run the solver by using the following commands:

- `cd cavityScalarTransport`
- `decomposePar`
- `mpirun -np 20 icoScalarTransportFoam -parallel`
- `reconstructPar`

# Documentation and Help

- ❑ **OpenFOAM course:** [http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS\\_CFD/](http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS_CFD/)
- ❑ **OpenFOAM homepage:** [www.openfoam.com](http://www.openfoam.com)
- ❑ **OpenFOAM User Guide, Programmers Guide, Doxygen**
- ❑ **OpenFOAM Wiki:** [www.openfoamwiki.net](http://www.openfoamwiki.net)
- ❑ **OpenFOAM-extend:**
  - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/openfoam-extend/>,
  - <http://www.foam-extend.org>
  - <http://extend-project.de>
- ❑ **OpenFOAM Forum:** <http://www.cfd-online.com/Forums/openfoam/>
- ❑ **OpenFOAM workshop:** [www.openfoamworkshop.org](http://www.openfoamworkshop.org)
- ❑ **CoCoons project:** <http://www.cocoons-project.org/>
  
- ❑ **User forum:**
  - <http://www.cfd-online.com/Forums/openfoam/>

**Thank you for your attention!**  
**Any questions?**