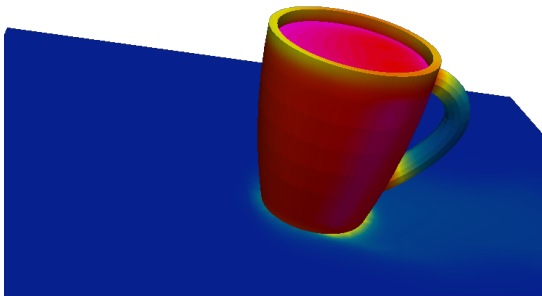


Heat transfer in OpenFOAM

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Classification

| Solver

| Conduction

| Convection

| CHT

| Radiation

Classification

Solver

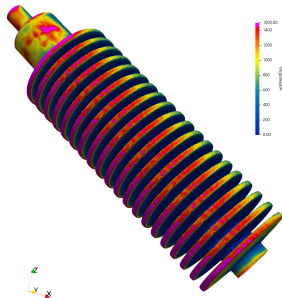
Conduction

Convection

CHT

Radiation

1. Heat conduction
 2. Heat convection
 3. Heat radiation
- ▶ steady, transient
 - ▶ compressible, incompressible
 - ▶ ...



Overview of OpenFOAM solvers for heat transfer analysis

- ▶ **laplacianFoam:**

Transient, incompressible, thermal diffusion according to Fourier's law

- ▶ **scalarTransportFoam:**

Steady-state, incompressible, laminar, passive scalar e.g. temperature for a given velocity field

- ▶ **buoyantBoussinesqSimpleFoam:**

Steady-state, thermal, natural convection, incompressible, Boussinesq's approximation

- ▶ **buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam:**

Transient, thermal, natural convection, incompressible, Boussinesq's approximation

Overview of OpenFOAM solvers for heat transfer analysis

- ▶ **buoyantSimpleFoam:**
Steady-state, natural convection, compressible (sub-sonic), including radiation
- ▶ **buoyantPimpleFoam:**
transient, natural convection, compressible(sub-sonic), including radiation
- ▶ **rhoSimpleFoam:**
Steady-state, thermal, compressible(sub-sonic)
- ▶ **rhoSimplecFoam:**
Steady-state, thermal, compressible(sub-sonic) -Pressure under relaxation =1
- ▶ **rhoPimpleFoam:**
Transient, thermal, compressible(sub-sonic)

Overview of OpenFOAM solvers for heat transfer analysis

- ▶ **chtMultiRegionFoam:**
Transient, compressible, conjugate heat transfer between solid and fluid
- ▶ **chtMultiRegionSimpleFoam:**
Steady-state, compressible, conjugate heat transfer between solid and fluid
- ▶ **thermoFoam:**
Transient, evolves the thermophysical properties for a frozen velocity field

Basic solver: laplacianFoam

- ▶ Simple heat conduction equation according to Fourier's law

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\lambda}{\rho c_p} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Take a look at the solver
 - ▶ `cd $FOAM_SOLVERS or sol`
 - ▶ `cd basic/laplacian`
 - ▶ `gedit laplacianFoam.C`

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

Basic solver: laplacianFoam

- ▶ Define the heat diffusivity DT :
 - ▶ `gedit constant/transportProperties`

```
//DT = heat diffusivity
```

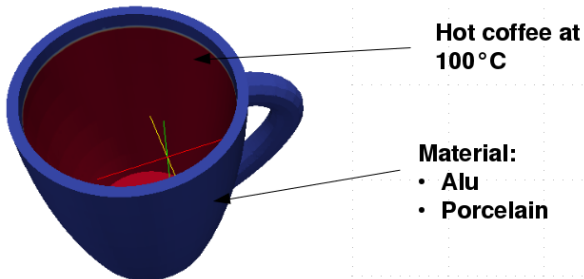
```
DT DT [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 1.6667e-05; //air
```

```
//DT DT [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 0.144e-06; //water
```

```
//DT DT [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 9.3e-05; //alu
```


Example coffee cup

- ▶ Using `laplacianFoam` to simulation usual problems
- ▶ Let's try to analyze the temperature distribution in our coffee cup
- ▶ Question: Can you touch the cup without any pain?



Example coffee cup

- ▶ Setting the boundary conditions
- ▶ gedit 0/T

```
internalField uniform 273;
boundaryField
{
    sideWalls
    {
        type zeroGradient; //adiabatic
    }
    coffee
    {
        type fixedValue; // fixed Temperature b.c.
        value uniform 373;
    }
}
```

Example coffee cup

- ▶ Setting the boundary conditions
- ▶ gedit 0/T

```
internalField uniform 273;
boundaryField
{
    sideWalls
    {
        type zeroGradient; //adiabatic
    }
    coffee
    {
        type fixedGradient; //fixed heat flux b.c.
        gradient 10000;
        value uniform 373;
    }
}
```

Example coffee cup

- ▶ Define the heat diffusivity DT for **alu**:

- ▶ `gedit constant/transportProperties`

```
//DT = heat diffusivity
```

```
//DT DT [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 1.6667e-05; //air
```

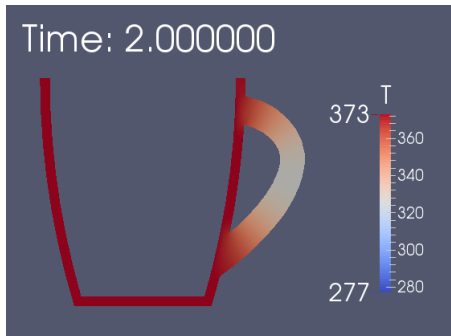
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```

```
DT DT [ 0 2 -1 0 0 0 0 ] 9.3e-05; //alu
```

- ▶ `decomposePar`
 - ▶ `foamJob -parallel laplacianFoam`
 - ▶ `tail -f log`

Example coffee cup

- ▶ Take a look at the temperature after 2.0sec for our **alu** cup



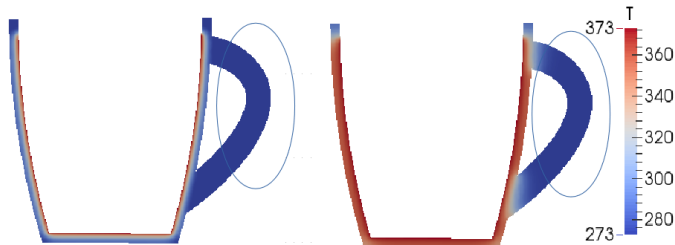
- ▶ The **alu** gives pretty **hot** fingers after 2.0sec 😊

Example coffee cup

- ▶ Comparison to a usual porcelain cup

Time: 2.000000s

Time: 10.000000s



- ▶ The **porcelain** cup gives us **cool** fingers fingers after 2.0sec and 10.0sec (-:

Outcome

- ▶ Laplacian solver gives a fairly good overview for simple heat conduction problems
- ▶ Always the first choice for simple heat conduction solutions
- ▶ First step: Think about which results you expect
- ▶ Important to avoid nonphysical solutions ... :-)
- ▶ Always take a look at the residuals
- ▶ Always remember that the mesh resolution influences the results in case of heat transfer dramatically!
- ▶ A Priori: Which boundary conditions should be applied?
- ▶ Be careful with the constant heat flux boundary condition

Which solvers can we use?

- ▶ **scalarTransportFoam** for laminar, unsteady/steady flows
- ▶ **buoyantBoussinesqSimpleFoam**:
Steady-state, thermal, natural convection, incompressible, Boussinesq's approximation
- ▶ **buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam**:
Transient, thermal, natural convection, incompressible, Boussinesq's approximation

→ Set the gravitation to Zero for simple passive scalar flows

Wich equation is solved?

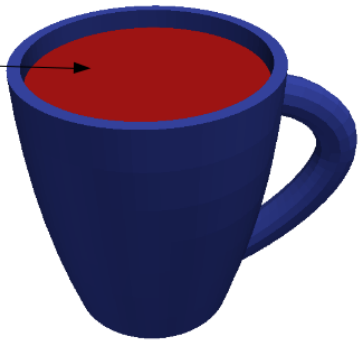
```
volScalarField alphaEff("alphaEff", turbulence->nu()/Pr
+ alphas);
```

```
fvScalarMatrix TEqn
(
    fvm::div(phi, T)
  - fvm::laplacian(alphaEff, T)
  ==
    radiation->ST(rhoCpRef, T)
  + fvOptions(T)
);
```

Let's take a look at our cup!

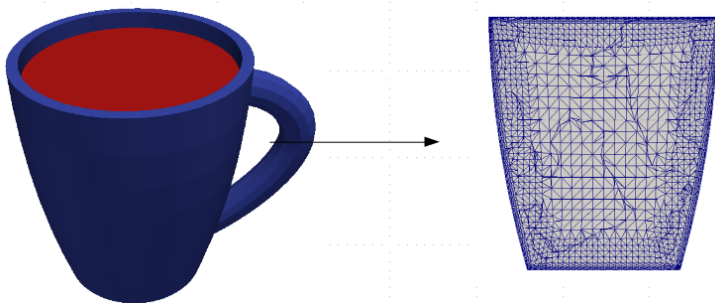
- ▶ **Question:** How much is the coffee cooled down when you hold the cup in the cold wind of 0°C and a wind speed of 1.0m/s

$U=1.0\text{m/s}$



Let's take a look at our cup!

- ▶ Only the fluid is treated first



Let's take a look at our cup!

- ▶ Do we need turbulence?

$$\text{Re} = \frac{U \cdot L}{\nu} = \frac{1\text{m/s} \cdot 0.05\text{m}}{0.3 \cdot 10^{-06}\text{m}^2/\text{s}} = 16666 \quad (2)$$

- ▶ Yes we need turbulence.
- ▶ Turbulence model → kOmegaSST (wallbounded)
- ▶ `gedit constant/RASProperties`

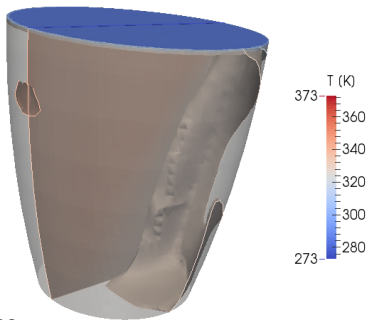
```
simulationType RAS;  
RAS  
{  
  RASModel kOmegaSST;  
  turbulence on;  
  printCoeffs on;  
}
```

Let's take a look at our cup!

- ▶ We need Prandtl numbers for coffee
- ▶ Assuming hot water at 373K
 - ▶ $Pr = 1.75$
 - ▶ Turbulent Prandtl number Pr_t ?
 - ▶ Normally a dynamic calculation!
 - ▶ Here: fixed at $Pr_t = 0.9$
- ▶ Please remember: turbulent Prandtl number is not a constant
- ▶ Varies through the boundary layer!
- ▶ Set the value in `constant/transportProperties`

Get the simulation started!

- ▶ `foamJob -parallel buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam`
- ▶ Result after 10sec

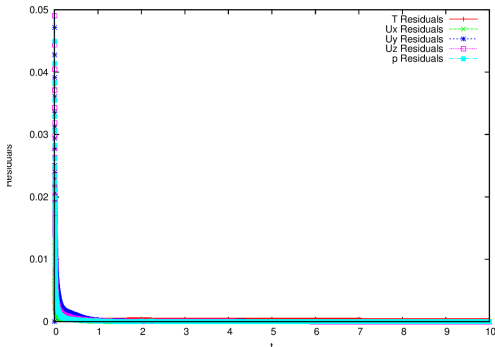


Time: 10.000s

- ▶ Mean temperature using paraview volume integration 62.4°C

Analyze your results

- ▶ Mistakes may occur. Any ideas?
- ▶ Look at the residuals



- ▶ Ok, high residuals within the first time step! Smaller timesteps at the beginning of the simulation!

Analyze your results

- ▶ Mistakes may occur. Any ideas?
- ▶ Look at the mesh resolution for heat transfer analysis
- ▶ Remember the theory of a flat plate

$$\text{Re}_l = \frac{U \cdot L}{\nu} = \frac{1 \text{ m/s} \cdot 0.025 \text{ m}}{0.3 \cdot 10^{-06} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}} = 16666 \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\delta_h}{L} = 5.0 \text{Re}_l = 0.0173 \text{ m} \quad (4)$$

$$\delta_h = 0.4 \cdot 10^{-03} \text{ m} \quad (5)$$

- ▶ Let's check our mesh!

Analyze your results

- ▶ `buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam -postProcess -func yPlus -latestTime`

Patch 0 named `cup_fluid_surface`, wall-function
`nutLowReWallFunction`, y^+ : min: 8.21955 max:
 15.8498 average: 13.0949

Patch 1 named `cup_fluid_wall`, wall-function
`nutLowReWallFunction`, y^+ : min: 0.287126 max:
 7.86749 average: 3.2015

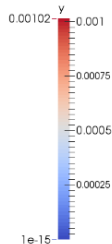
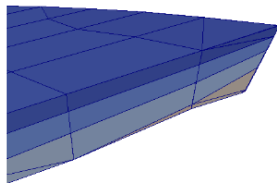
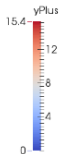
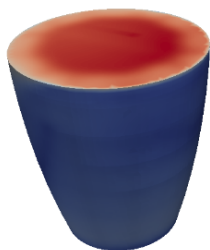
- ▶ Not good, we need to generate a finer mesh!
- ▶ Also remember the correlation of thermal and hydraulic boundary layer

$$\frac{\delta_h}{\delta_t} = \text{Pr}^{1/3} \quad (6)$$

- ▶ We need to be finer at the coffee surface!
- ▶ Fields of y and $yPlus$ are written to the time folder

Analyze your results

- ▶ Mesh resolution



- ▶ Mesh is too coarse near the wall!

Analyze your results

- ▶ Now you have the choice:
 1. Generate a finer mesh.
 2. Application of wall functions.
- ▶ OpenFOAM gives us a wallfunction called `alphaTJayatillekeWallFunction`
- ▶ Application of the wallfunction to obtain the turbulent thermal conductivity at the wall to ensure realistic heat flux

$$\alpha_t = \frac{\nu}{Pr} + \frac{\nu_t}{Pr_t} \quad (7)$$

Analyze your results

- ▶ OpenFOAM gives us a wallfunction called `alphatJayatillekeWallFunction`
- ▶ `cup_fluid_surface`

```
{  
    type alphatJayatillekeWallFunction;  
    Prt 0.9;  
    value uniform 0;  
}
```
- `cup_fluid_wall`

```
{  
    type alphatJayatillekeWallFunction;  
    Prt 0.9;  
    value uniform 0;  
}
```

Get back starting the simulation

- ▶ `foamJob -parallel buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam`
- ▶ Result after 10sec
- ▶ Mean temperature using paraview volume integration is now 58.4°C compared to previous 62.4°C
- ▶ Higher temperature gradients need to be captured using a finer mesh or by application of wallfunctions.

Remember

- ▶ a) Residuals
- ▶ b) Mesh resolution
- ▶ c) turbulent boundary conditions
- ▶ d) upwind schemes for velocity and temperature are too diffusiv!
(see `system/fvSchemes`)
- ▶ application of finer and high quality meshes allow us to use second order schemes like `Gauss linear` or `linearUpwind` or blended schemes like `Gauss linearLimited`

Including buoyant forces

- ▶ Calculate temperature profiles in case of natural convection problems using Boussinesq approximation for density changing in stratified flows

$$\rho_{eff} = 1 - \beta(T - T_{ref}) \quad (8)$$

- ▶ where

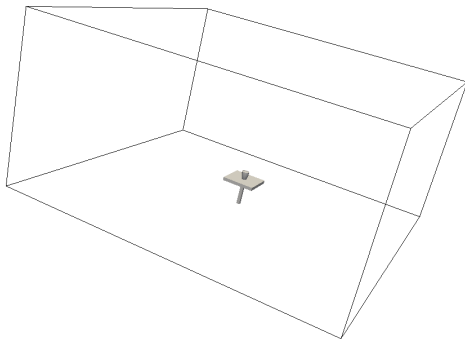
ρ_{eff}	effective driving density
β	thermal expansion coefficient
T	temperature
T_{ref}	reference temperature

- ▶ **Note:**

- ▶ Boussinesq approximation is only valid for $\beta(T - T_{ref}) \ll 1.0$
- ▶ According to *Peric* the failure is below 1% for temperature differences of max. **2K** for water and **15K** for air

Including buoyant forces

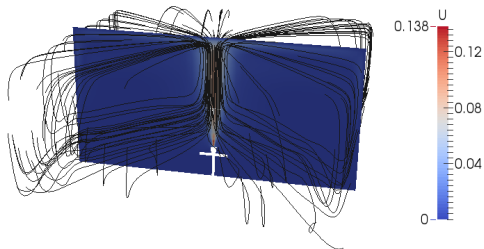
- ▶ Let's place our cup in a room on a small table



- ▶ `foamJob -parallel buoyantBoussinesqSimpleFoam`

Including buoyant forces

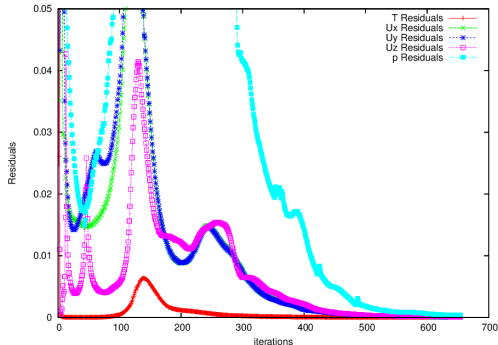
- ▶ Look at the results:



- ▶ Streamlines seems to be physically reasonable

Including buoyant forces

- ▶ But, take a look at the residuals!



- ▶ Seems to be ok, but remember that the convergence of steady simulations using Boussinesq approximation is hard to get.

Including buoyant forces

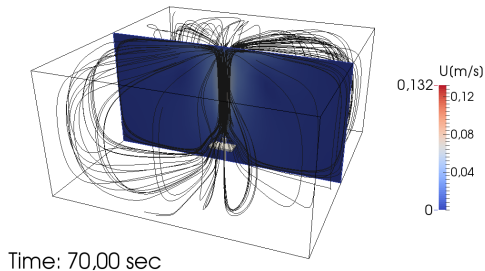
- ▶ Remember, that we have a temperature difference about 100K, Boussinesq approximation is not guilty!
max 15K for air
- ▶ I have used upwind to get convergence.
The applied interpolation schemes are too diffusive → temperature disappears in the solution after a short range better use bounded Gauss `linearUpwind grad(U)`
- ▶ Better divergence schemes show no convergence for this case :-)
- ▶ Use `buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam` if possible!

Including buoyant forces

- ▶ Run `foamJob buoyantBoussinesqPimpleFoam`
- ▶ Trying to get convergence for each timestep → good for initial heat transfer calculations
- ▶ `gedit log`
DILUPBiCG: Solving for T, Initial residual = 2.04079e-06, Final residual = 2.53797e-08, No Iterations 1
DICPCG: Solving for p_rgh, Initial residual = 0.0287143, Final residual = 0.000274784, No Iterations 33
DICPCG: Solving for p_rgh, Initial residual = 0.00027785, Final residual = 2.6717e-06, No Iterations 53

Including buoyant forces

- ▶ Here is the result after 70sec of realtime



Compressible buoyant forces

- ▶ Since our coffee is too hot for the Boussinesq approximation we have to include the variation of material properties through pressure and temperature Relevant solvers are
- ▶ `buoyantSimpleFoam`:
Steady-state, natural convection, compressible (sub-sonic), including radiation
- ▶ `buoyantPimpleFoam`:
transient, natural convection, compressible(sub-sonic), including radiation

Compressible buoyant forces

- ▶ Changing of material properties requires underlying thermophysics of the fluids
- ▶ Generally the thermophysics within OpenFOAM are a little bit of a mysterium since it is not well documented
- ▶ Let's bring light into the darkness
- ▶ Thermophysical properties for each case are defined in `constant/thermophysicalProperties`
- ▶ All models are located under `$FOAM_SRC/thermophysicalModels`
 - ▶ Fluid and solid properties (water, air)
 - ▶ Mixture and pre-definitions for combustion (really complicated)

Thermophysical models

- ▶ Thermomodels are the basis for determination of all material quantities
- ▶ Most of the models are implemented for combustion simulations since the temperature and pressure variations are enormously
- ▶ Models needed for heavy reactions are based on compressibility
- ▶ For heat transfer analysis **density** based models are preferable
- ▶ Otherwise phase changing is present which requires VOF methods including a fast interface capturing (see Level Set methods, big pain for unstructured meshes ...)

Thermophysical models

- ▶ `gedit constant/thermophysicalProperties`

```
thermoType
{
    type heRhoThermo;
    mixture pureMixture;
    transport const;
    thermo hConst;
    equationOfState perfectGas;
    specie specie;
    energy sensibleEnthalpy;
}
```

Thermophysical models

► Types of thermo class

hePsiThermo General thermophysical model calculation based on compressibility $\psi = 1/(RT)$
Only gas

hRhoThermo General thermophysical model calculation based on density ρ
Gas, liquid, solids

hSolidThermo Only solids

Thermophysical models

- ▶ Let's look for the air
- ▶ `gedit constant/thermophysicalProperties`

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

Thermophysical models

- ▶ Let's look for the air

- ▶ `gedit constant/thermophysicalProperties`

```
mixture
```

```
{
```

```
// coefficients for air
```

```
specie
```

```
{
```

```
nMoles 1;
```

```
molWeight 28.85;
```

```
}
```

```
equationOfState
```

```
{
```

```
rhoCoeffs<8> ( 4.0097 -0.016954 3.3057e-05
```

```
-3.0042e-08 1.0286e-11 0 0 0 );
```

```
}
```

Thermophysical models

- ▶ Let's look for the air

- ▶ `gedit constant/thermophysicalProperties`

```
thermodynamics
```

```
{
```

```
  Hf 0;
```

```
  Sf 0;
```

```
  CpCoeffs<8> ( 948.76 0.39171 -0.00095999 1.393e-06  
-6.2029e-10 0 0 0 );
```

```
}
```

```
transport
```

```
{
```

```
  muCoeffs<8> ( 1.5061e-06 6.16e-08 -1.819e-11 0 0 0 0  
0 );
```

```
  kappaCoeffs<8> ( 0.0025219 8.506e-05 -1.312e-08 0 0  
0 0 0 );
```

```
}
```

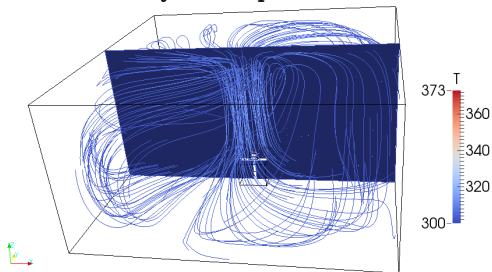
Thermophysical models

- ▶ Just make a small mistake to see which combination is possible!

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

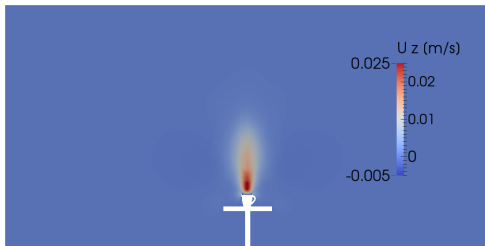
Run the compressible case

- ▶ Now we are able to run the simulation with changing material parameters
- ▶ `foamJob -parallel buoyantSimpleFoam`



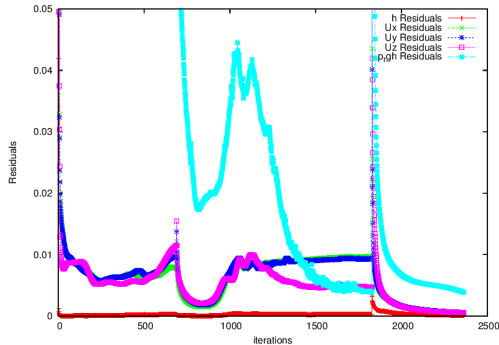
Run the compressible case

- ▶ Now we are able to run the simulation with changing material parameters
- ▶ `foamJob -parallel buoyantSimpleFoam`



Run the compressible case

- ▶ Keep care of the residuals



- ▶ Large residuals → hard to get convergence for steady simulations.
- ▶ Better use unsteady solver `buoyantPimpleFoam`

Case Setup

- ▶ Let's get to interesting stuff
- ▶ Including solids and more fluids in the analysis
- ▶ Names of the regions are defined in the file `constant/regionProperties`

- ▶ For our case:

```
regions
(
    fluid (air coffee)
    solid (cup)
);
```

Case Setup

- ▶ Each region properties are defined separately in the folders
`0, constant, system`
- ▶ All other parameters for each region are defined in the region folders
(e.g. `ls system/air`)
- ▶ A useful tool to setup the simulations: `changeDictionaryDict`
- ▶ Initialize the start fields for e.g. the region air
`changeDictionary -region air`
- ▶ However be careful, empty fields are required

Case setup

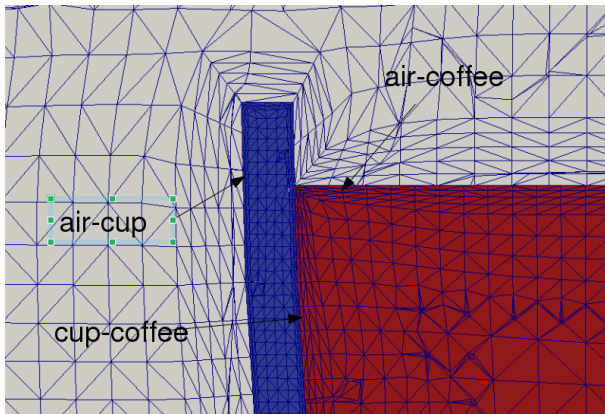
- ▶

```
gedit 0/air/T
air_cup
{
    type
compressible::turbulentTemperatureCoupledBaffleMixed;
    Tnbr T;
    kappa fluidThermo;
    kappaName none;
    value uniform 300;
}
```
- ▶ Additional multiple layers with different thermal resistances can be specified at the interface:

```
thicknessLayers (1e-3);
kappaLayers (5e-4);
```

Case setup

- ▶ Lets's look at our interfaces:



Edit mesh setup

- ▶ Entry in the `snappyHexMeshDict`
- ▶ Example: `refinementSurfaces`

```
zone1
{
  level (0 0);
  faceZone faceZone1;
  cellZone cellZone1;
  cellZoneInside inside;
  boundary internal;
}
```

Case setup

- ▶ Coupling is based on nearest neighbor search!
- ▶ So please be careful to couple meshes with totally different mesh resolutions at the wall
- ▶ Otherwise the interpolation will give bad results
- ▶ Also remember, that the heat fluxes are not strictly conservative
- ▶ Too strong differences in the mesh resolution will induce heat sinks or heat source at the coupled patches

Case setup

```
▶ gedit constant/air/polyMesh/boundary
air_cup
{
    type mappedWall;
    sampleMode nearestPatchFace;
    sampleRegion cup;
    samplePatch cup_air;
    nFaces 3307;
    startFace 616900;
}
```


Run the CHT Case

- ▶ After the long road of setting up the case
- ▶ `decomposePar -allRegions`
`foamJob -parallel chtMultiRegionFoam`
- ▶ After finish the simulation
- ▶ `paraFoam -touchAll`
- ▶ `paraview`

Analyze the results

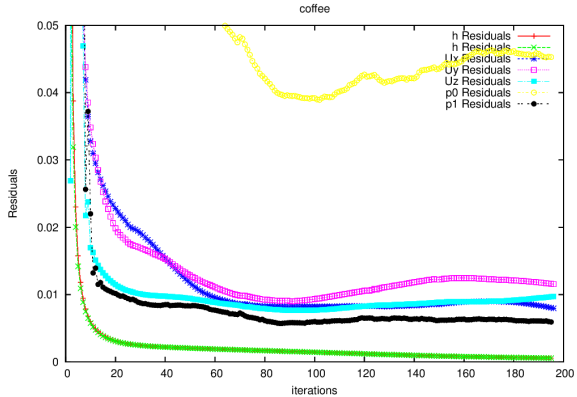
- ▶ Let's have look what our alu cup says



- ▶ Your hand will be quite hot after 1 sec :-)

Analyze the results

- ▶ Check the residuals!



- ▶ Not good for the coffee fluid.

Analyze the results

- ▶ Use `potentialFoam` to get initial flow fields
- ▶ Use strong under relaxation for p_rgh and h
- ▶ Especially for heat transfer the temperature range is enlarged for in areas of bad cells or high velocity gradients
- ▶ Easy way to limit the temperature range is to use the very comfortable `fvOptions` method
- ▶ `fvOptions` can be added individually to the solver (e.g. porosity, ..)
- ▶ No need to recompile and adopt solver properties
- ▶ Located `$FOAM_SRC/fvOptions`

Stabilize the results

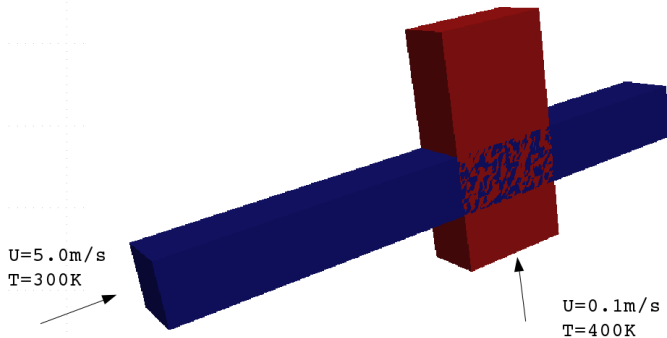
```
▶ gedit system/air/fvOptions
temperature_corrections
{
    type limitTemperature;
    active yes;
    selectionMode all;
    Tmin 300;
    Tmax 373;
}
```

Using fvOptions

- ▶ OpenFOAM gives us the following possibilities
 - ▶ `constantHeatTransfer`
Constant heat transfer coefficient, need Area to Volume ratio (AoV)
 - ▶ `variableHeatTransfer`
Calculates heat transfer coefficient using Nusselt number correlation
 $Nu = a * pow(Re, b) * pow(Pr, c)$
 - ▶ `tabulatedHeatTransfer`
Calculates heat transfer coefficient using a predefined 2D table for heat transfer coefficient and velocity
- ▶ Interpolation of enthalpy h between each fluid region

Using fvOptions

- ▶ Let's solve the heat exchange between two cross streams of water and air



Using fvOptions

- ▶ The coupling is defined in `system/air/fvOptions`

- ▶ `gedit system/air/fvOptions`

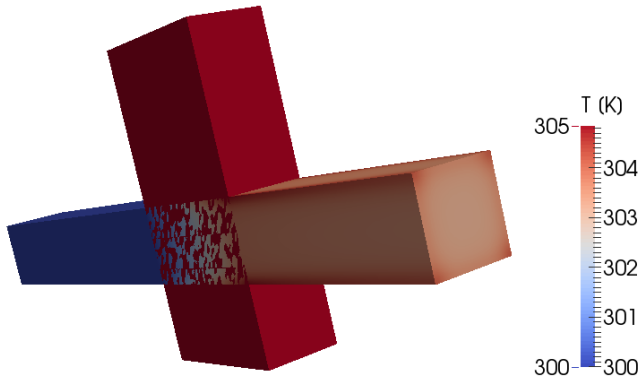
```
air_water
{
    type constantHeatTransfer;
    active on;
    selectionMode mapRegion;
    interpolationMethod cellVolumeWeight;
    nbrRegionName water;
    master true
    ...
```


Using fvOptions

- ▶ We have to provide the Area of Volume ratio (AoV)
- ▶ `gedit 0/air/AoV`
- ▶ And the constant heat transfer coefficient
- ▶ `gedit 0/air/htcConst`
- ▶ `foamJob chtMultiRegionSimpleFoam`

Using fvOptions

- ▶ Look at the results



Using fvOptions

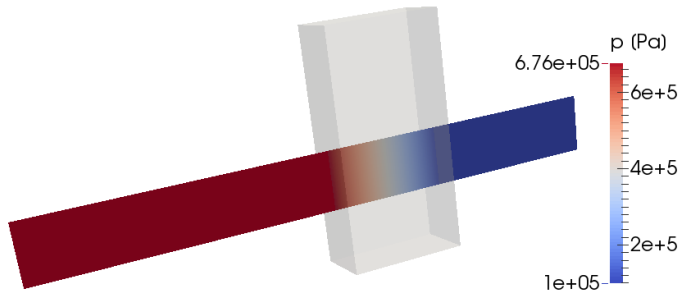
- ▶ However, the regions do not only interact through heat transfer
- ▶ Flow resistance due to e.g. heat exchanger pipes is present inducing a pressure drop
- ▶ Without modeling each pipe the flow resistance is included using porosity models
- ▶ OpenFOAM uses Darcy-Forchheimer law to calculate pressure drop

$$S_i = -[\mu d_i + 0.5\rho|u_i|f_i]u_i \quad (9)$$

- ▶ Please note, that the porosity can be defined for a cellZone (explicitPorositySource) or a region (interRegionExplicitPorositySource)

Using fvOptions

- ▶ If we add the porosity we get pretty physical results inside complex heat exchangers



- ▶ There are more fvOptions available
- ▶ see `$FOAM_SRC/fvOptions`

Basic background

- ▶ Radiation is very important and is often not considered
- ▶ Interaction of different devices in respect of thermal radiation is basis of thermal problems
- ▶ Throw radiation heat transfer beside will often lead to wrong physical results a
- ▶ Radiation heat transfer takes place in form of electromagnetic waves
- ▶ Wave length for heat transfer: $0.8 - 400\mu m$ (ultrared)
- ▶ At higher temperatures, the amount of visible radiation is larger and can be seen e.g. lightning bulb

Basic background

- ▶ With increasing temperatures the intensity of heat radiation increases e.g. the human body radiates continuously about 1000W in a vacuum
- ▶ (note: no media is required for thermal radiation)
- ▶ From surrounding walls the human adsorbs thermal energy of about 900W
- ▶ So the typical loss of a non-working human is about 100W
- ▶ Electromagnetic waves can be adsorbed, reflected or transmitted according to the surface properties

$$\epsilon + \tau + \rho = 1 \quad (10)$$

- ▶ Coefficients depend also on wave length

Basic background

- ▶ For simplification a black body is introduced
 - ▶ All waves are adsorbed
 - ▶ Waves are emitted with maximum of intensity
- ▶ Emission coefficient for a black body is $\epsilon = 1$
- ▶ Law of Kirchhoff $\epsilon = \alpha$

Basic background

- ▶ The emission for a black body is independent of the wave length and solid angle
- ▶ Stephan-Boltzmann-law for hemispheric thermal radiation

$$Q/A = \epsilon\sigma T^4 \quad \sigma = 5.6696 \cdot 10^{-8} W/m^2 K^4 \quad (11)$$

- ▶ Remember: include radiative heat transfer when the radiant heat flux, is large compared to the heat transfer rate due to convection or conduction

$$q_{rad} = \sigma(T_{max}^4 - T_{min}^4) \quad (12)$$

Basic background

- ▶ OpenFOAM gives us three radiation models to calculate the heat fluxes
 - ▶ P1 model
 - ▶ fvDOM (finite volume discrete ordinates model)
 - ▶ viewFactor model
- ▶ We don't have time to review the models!
- ▶ But let us take a closer look

Decision of radiation model

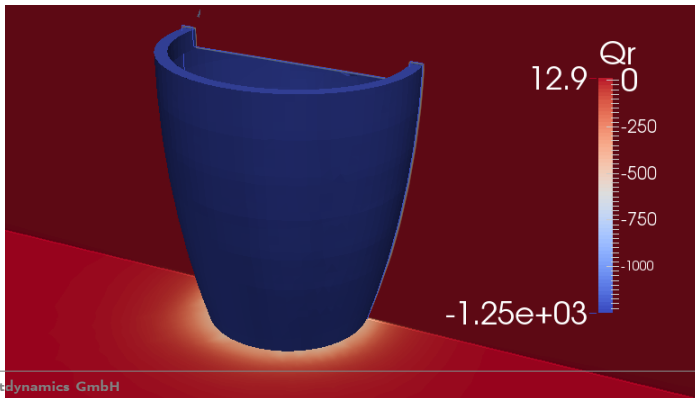
- ▶ Indicator is the optical length $a * L$ where L is typical length scale and a absorption coefficient
- ▶ If $a * L \gg 1$ then use P1 model
- ▶ Otherwise if $a * L < 1$ use fvDOM
- ▶ Since fvDOM also captures the large optical length scales it is the most accurate model
- ▶ P1 model tends to overpredict the heat flux
- ▶ fvDOM consumes a lot of CPU power since it solves the transport equation for each direction
- ▶ fvDOM can handle non gray surfaces (dependence of the solid angle is included)
- ▶ viewFactor is used if non participating mediums are present (space craft, solar radiation)

Get the case started

```
► gedit constant/radiationProperties
radiation on;
radiationModel P1;
// Number of flow iterations per radiation iteration
solverFreq 1;
absorptionEmissionModel constantAbsorptionEmission;
constantAbsorptionEmissionCoeffs
{
  absorptivity absorptivity [  $m^{-1}$  ] 0.5;
  emissivity emissivity [  $m^{-1}$  ] 0.5;
  E E [  $kgm^{-1}s^{-3}$  ] 0;
}
scatterModel none;
sootModel none;
```

Get the case started

- ▶ We have to define the incident radiation field G for the P1 model
- ▶ And the field for radiation intensity I in case of the fvDOM model
- ▶ Let's look at the radiative heat flux Q_r for the P1 model



Get the case started

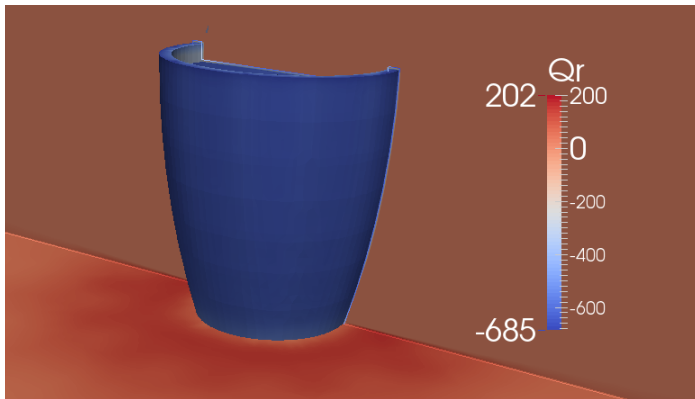
- ▶ Properties for the fvDOM

```
nPhi 3; // azimuthal angles in PI/2 on X-Y.(from Y to X)
nTheta 4; // polar angles in PI (from Z to X-Y plane)
convergence 1e-3; // convergence criteria for radiation
iteration
maxIter 10; // maximum number of iterations
cacheDiv false; //only for upwind schemes
```

- ▶ Hence for 4 Octants this gives us 48 equations for the intensity
- ▶ To get a numerical stable solution, a maximum iteration of 10 is defined
- ▶ Very time consuming: 480 Iterations per timeStep
- ▶ Thus only every 10 iterations the number of equations are solved (solverFreq 10)

Get the case started

- ▶ Radiative heat flux for the fvDOM



Outcome

- ▶ FvDOM model much more physical
- ▶ P1 model overpredict heat flux at cup and table surface
- ▶ Remember the optical length $a \cdot L$!
- ▶ Radiative heat transfer from the hot cup to cold table has a fairly small
- ▶ length scale \rightarrow small optical length \rightarrow fvDOM
- ▶ FvDOM requires large CPU resources

Thank you very much!

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