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Chapter 1

Features List

This chapter contains the list of the physical and interface features of Flow Simulation as they appear in the tutorial examples. If you need to find an example of a certain feature or function usage, look for the desired feature in the left column and in its row you can see in which tutorial examples this feature is used. Usually, the first entrance of the feature in the tutorial contains the most detailed description. The tutorial examples are listed in Features List by their respective numbers. All tutorial examples are divided in categories: e.g. First Steps, Intermediate, Advanced, HVAC and so forth. Some of the Tutorials require certain license modules which are marked at the beginning of the respective Tutorial.

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Description of Examples

The Tutorial examples are arranged in categories to support you doing a self paced training and learning different aspects of Flow Simulation.

In the **First Steps** examples you will learn the basic principles of the Flow Simulation structure and interface.

- A1 - Ball Valve Design
- A2 - Conjugate Heat Transfer
- A3 - Porous Media

On the **Intermediate** level you will learn how to solve engineering problems with Flow Simulation, using some of the most common tasks as examples.

- B1 - Determination of Hydraulic Loss
- B2 - Cylinder Drag Coefficient
- B3 - Heat Exchanger Efficiency
- B4 - Mesh Optimization

In the **Advanced** examples you can see how to use a wide variety of the Flow Simulation features to solve real-life engineering problems. It is assumed that you successfully completed all First Steps examples before.

- C1 - Application of EFD Zooming

- C2 - Textile Machine
- C3 - Non-Newtonian Flow in a Channel with Cylinders
- C4 - Radiative Heat Transfer
- C5 - Rotating Impeller
- C6 - CPU Cooler
- C7 - Oil Catch Can

In the examples for **HVAC module** you can see how to use additional capabilities of Flow Simulation to solve Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning tasks. *This functionality is available for the HVAC module users only.*

- D1 - 150W Halogen Floodlight
- D2 - Hospital Room
- D3 - Pollutant Dispersion in the Street Canyon

In the examples for **Electronics Cooling Module** you can see how to use an additional capabilities of the Flow Simulation to simulate a wide variety of electronic components. *This functionality is available for the Electronics Cooling module users only.*

- E1 - Electronic components

In the **Parametric Study** examples you can see how to use Flow Simulation to run variations of the current design to obtain a characteristic curve or find the optimal design.

- F1 - Design Optimization

Feature Description Table

Consult the table for an overview of the features covered in the respective examples.

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Dimensionality																			
2D flow					x														
3D flow	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Analysis type																			
External analysis					x						x		x			x		x	
Internal analysis	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x		x		x
Physical Features																			
Steady state analysis	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Time-dependent (transient) analysis					x													x	
Liquids	x			x	x	x				x					x				
Gases		x	x			x	x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Non-Newtonian liquids										x									
Multi-fluid analysis																			
• Mixed flows							x										x		
• Separated flows (as Fluid Subdomains)						x										x			
Conduction		x				x		x			x		x			x			x
No Fluid Flow											x								
Gravitational effects							x									x	x		x
Laminar only flow										x									
Porous media			x				x												
Radiation											x					x			
• <i>Absorption in solids</i>																x			
• <i>Spectrum</i>																x			
Roughness									x										
Two-phase flows (fluid flows with particles or droplets)									x					x					

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Rotation																			
• Global rotating reference frame													X						
• Local rotating regions														X					
Conditions																			
Computational domain					X			X			X		X			X		X	
Symmetry					X	X										X		X	
Initial and ambient conditions																			
• Velocity parameters					X														
• Dependency					X														
• Thermodynamic parameters						X							X				X		
• Turbulence parameters					X														
• Concentration							X										X		
• Solid parameters													X						
Boundary conditions																			
• Flow openings																			
• <i>Inlet mass flow</i>	X					X			X										
• <i>Inlet volume flow</i>							X			X		X		X	X		X		
• <i>Outlet volume flow</i>							X										X		
• <i>Inlet velocity</i>			X	X		X													
• Pressure openings																			
• <i>Static pressure</i>	X			X	X				X	X					X				
• <i>Environment pressure</i>		X				X	X	X				X					X		X

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
• Wall																			
• <i>Real wall</i>									x				x	x					
• Boundary condition parameters	x		x	x		x	x		x	x		x							
Transferred boundary conditions								x											
Fans		x						x											x
Thermal resistances																			x
Perforated plates																			x
Volume conditions																			
• Fluid Subdomain						x										x			
• Initial conditions																			
• <i>Velocity parameters</i>									x										
• <i>Dependency</i>									x										
• <i>Solid parameters</i>												x							
• Solid material		x				x		x			x		x			x			x
• <i>Semi-transparent</i>																x			
• Porous medium			x				x												
Heat sources																			
• Surface sources																			
• <i>Heat generation rate</i>								x			x						x		
• Volume sources																			
• <i>Temperature</i>		x														x			
• <i>Heat generation rate</i>		x						x					x						x
• Goal-dependent sources																x			

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Radiative conditions																			
• Radiation sources											x					x			
• Radiative surfaces											x					x			
Electronics module features (requires Electronics Cooling license)																			
• Two-resistor components																			x
• Heat pipe																			x
• Printed circuit board																			x
Tracers (requires HVAC license)																			
• Tracer Study Settings																		x	
• Surface sources																			
• <i>Mass Flow</i>																		x	
Project Definition																			
Wizard and Navigator	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x
From template			x		x														
Clone project	x		x	x	x			x	x	x	x								
General settings					x					x					x				
Copy project's features								x											
Goals																			
Global goal		x			x				x				x	x	x			x	x
Surface goal	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x	x
Volume goal		x				x		x	x		x					x			x
Point goal														x					
Equation goal			x		x					x		x	x	x	x				

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Mesh settings																			
Global mesh																			
• Automatic settings																			
• <i>Level of initial mesh</i>					X			X					X			X	X	X	
• <i>Minimum gap size</i>	X	X		X			X	X	X	X		X	X				X		
• Manual settings																			
• <i>Control planes</i>							X						X						X
• <i>Advanced refinement</i>											X		X						X
• <i>Channels</i>							X						X						
Local mesh																			
• <i>Refining cells</i>							X				X					X	X	X	X
• <i>Channels</i>							X	X							X			X	X
• <i>Equidistant Refinement</i>					X														
TOOLS																			
Dependency					X				X							X			
Custom units		X						X											
Engineering database																			
• User-defined items		X	X					X		X				X		X			X
Check geometry				X													X		
Gasdynamic calculator				X															
Toolbars						X													
Filter																			X
Component control							X	X			X	X	X				X		

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Calculation Control Options																			
Finish conditions																		x	
Solution adaptive mesh refinement					x										x				
Calculate comfort parameters																	x		
Running Calculation																			
Batch run					x			x			x								
Monitoring Calculation																			
Goal plot	x																		
Preview	x																		
Getting results																			
Cut plot	x	x		x		x	x	x	x							x	x	x	
Surface plot	x	x																	
Isosurfaces	x																x	x	
Flow trajectories	x	x	x			x			x						x			x	
Particle study									x						x				
XY plot	x																		
Surface parameters	x					x													
Volume parameters																	x		
Goal plot		x	x	x	x	x		x		x			x						x
Display parameters				x															
Results summary																	x		
Probe tool		x																	
Display mode																			
• Show/Hide model geometry				x		x	x												
• Transparency	x		x																
• Apply lighting	x																		

	First Steps			Inter--mediate				Advanced							P S	Modules			
	A 1	A 2	A 3	B 1	B 2	B 3	B 4	C 1	C 2	C 3	C 4	C 5	C 6	C 7	F 1	D 1	D 2	D 3	E 1
Options																			
Use CAD geometry							x												
Display mesh							x												

Chapter 2

First Steps

The First Steps examples presented below demonstrate the basic principles of the Flow Simulation structure and interface. Its strongly recommended to complete these tutorials examples first.

- A1 - Ball Valve Design
- A2 - Conjugate Heat Transfer
- A3 - Porous Media

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Ball Valve Design

This tutorial deals with the flow of water through a ball valve assembly before and after some design changes. The objective is to show how easy fluid flow simulation can be with Flow Simulation and how simple it is to analyze design variations. These two factors make Flow Simulation the perfect tool for engineers who want to test the impact of their design changes.

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Opening the Model

Open the model to begin.

Procedure

1. Copy the *A1 - Ball Valve* folder from the installation directory into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Click **File > Open**.
3. In the **Open** dialog box, browse to the *ball valve.sldasm* assembly located in the *A1 - Ball Valve* folder and click **Open**.

Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *ball valve.sldasm* file to an empty area of the SOLIDWORKS window.

Note



This is a ball valve. Turning the handle closes or opens the valve. The assembly mate angle controls the opening angle.

4. Make sure that the **default** configuration is the active one.
5. Highlight the **lids** by clicking the features in the flyout FeatureManager design tree (Lid <1> and Lid <2>).

Note



We utilize this model for the Flow Simulation simulation without any significant changes. The user simply closes the interior volume using extrusions that we call lids. In this example the lids are made semi-transparent so you may look into the valve.

Note



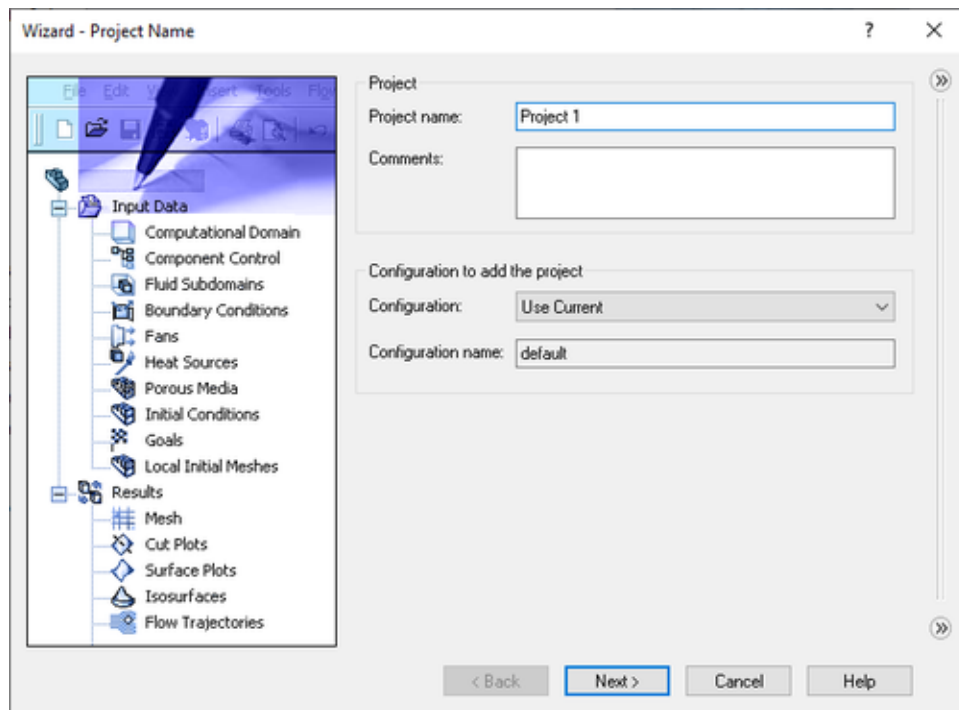
To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *ball valve.sldasm* model located in the *A1 - Ball Valve\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

You use a wizard to create a Flow Simulation project.

Procedure

1. In the main menu click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Wizard**.



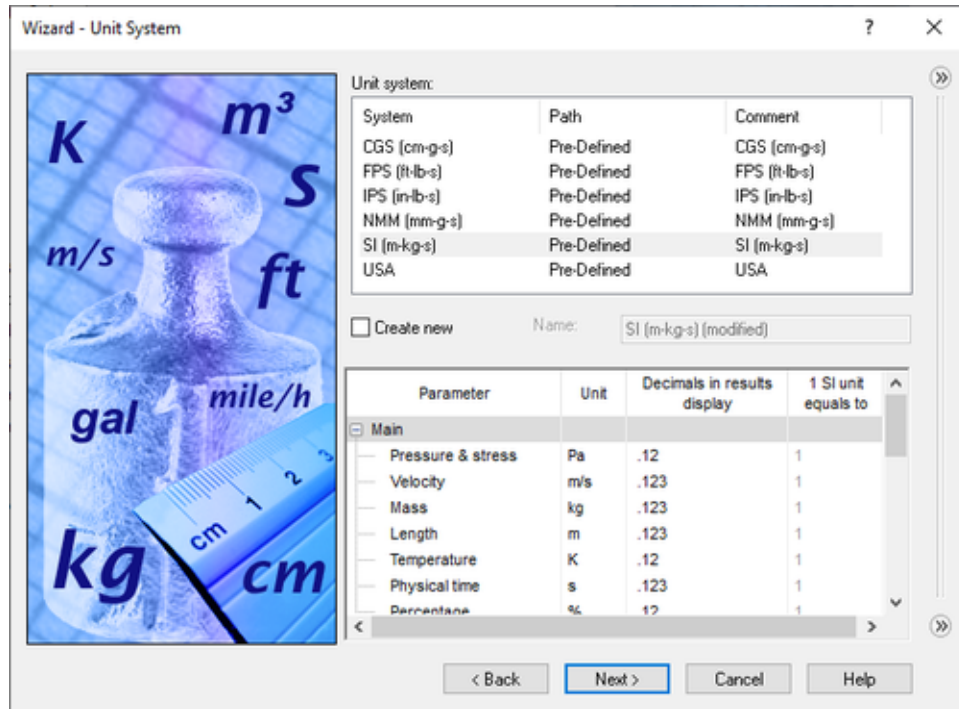
2. Once inside the Wizard, type a new Flow Simulation project name: **Project 1**.

Note

 Flow Simulation will create a new project and store all data in a new folder.

3. Click **Next**.

- Choose the system of units (**SI** for this project).



Keep in mind that after finishing the Wizard you can change the unit system at any time by clicking **Tools > Flow Simulation > Units**.

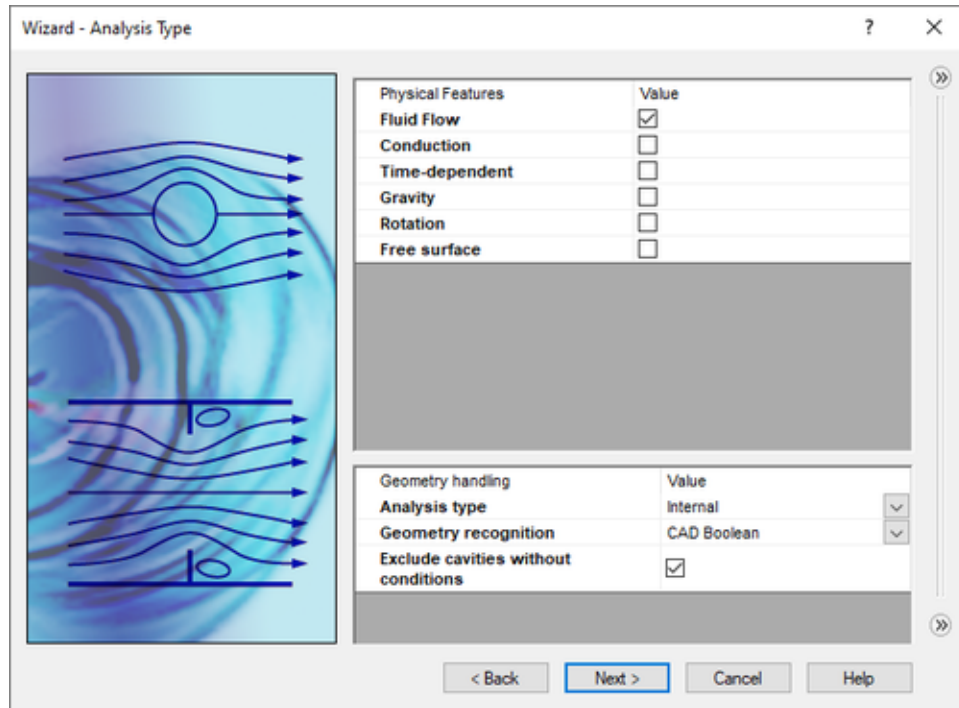
Note



Within Flow Simulation, there are several predefined systems of units. You can also define your own and switch between them at any time.

- Click **Next**.

- Keep the default option **Fluid Flow** under Physical Features and select **Internal** Analysis type under Geometry handling.



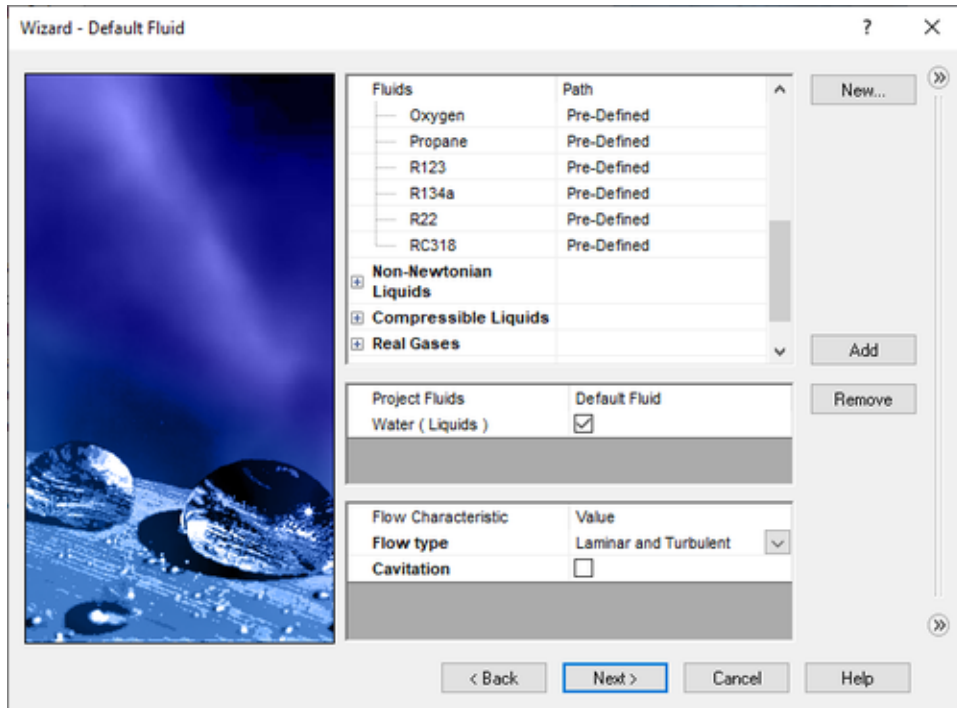
Note

 We want to analyze the flow **through** the structure. This is what we call an internal analysis. The alternative is an external analysis, which is the flow **around** an object. In this dialog box you can also choose to ignore cavities that are not relevant to the flow analysis, so that Flow Simulation will not waste memory and CPU resources to take them into account.

Not only will Flow Simulation calculate the fluid flow, but can also take into account heat conduction within the solid, including surface-to-surface radiation. Transient (time-dependent) analyses are also possible. Gravitational effects can be included for natural convection cases. Analysis of rotating equipment is one more option available. We skip all these features, as none of them is needed in this simple example.

- Click **Next**.

8. In the **Fluids** tree expand the **Liquids** item and choose **Water** as the fluid. You can either double-click **Water** or select the item in the tree and click **Add**.



Note

Flow Simulation is capable of calculating flow of fluids of different types in the same analysis, but fluids of different types must be separated by walls. A mixing of fluids may be considered only if the fluids are of the same type.

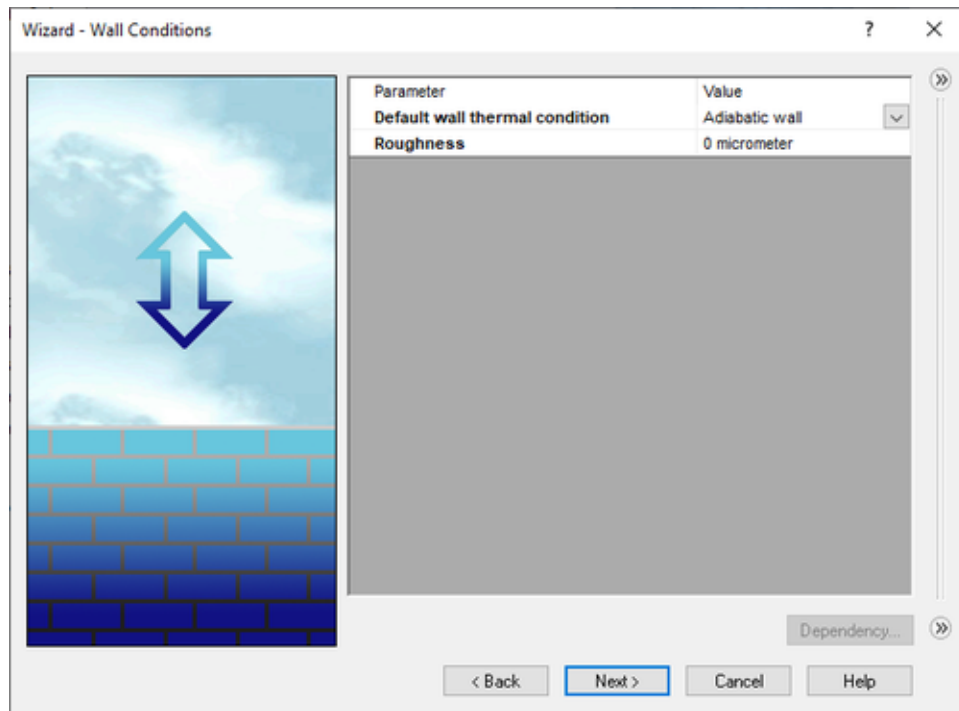
Flow Simulation has an integrated database containing properties of several liquids, gases and solids. Solids are used in conjugate heat conduction analyses. You can easily create your own materials. Up to ten liquids or gases can be chosen for each analysis run.

Note

Flow Simulation can analyze any flow type: Turbulent only, Laminar only or Laminar and Turbulent. The turbulent equations can be disregarded if the flow is entirely laminar. Flow Simulation can also handle low and high Mach number compressible flows for gases. For this demonstration we will perform a fluid flow simulation using a liquid and will keep the default flow characteristics.

9. Click **Next**.

10. Click **Next** accepting the default wall conditions.



Note

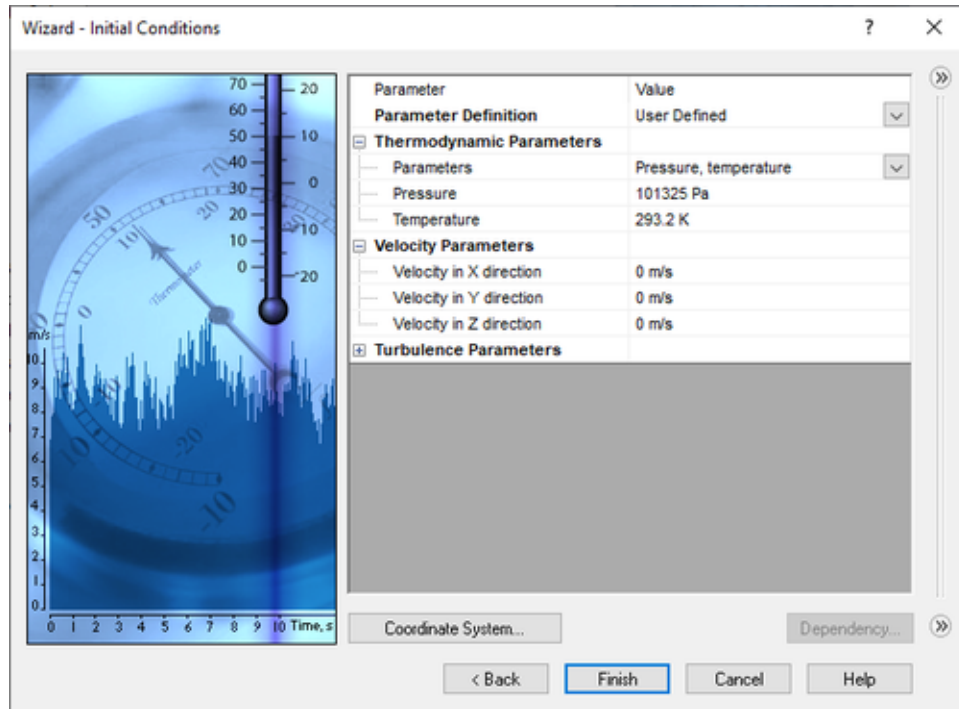
Since we did not choose to consider heat conduction in solids, we have an option to define a value of heat transfer for all surfaces of the model being in contact with the fluid. Keep the default **Adiabatic wall** to specify that the walls are perfectly insulated.

You can also specify a wall roughness value applied by default to all model walls. The specified roughness value is the R_z value.

Note

To set a heat transfer or roughness value for a specific wall, you can define a **Real Wall** boundary condition.

11. Keep the default settings for the initial conditions.



Note

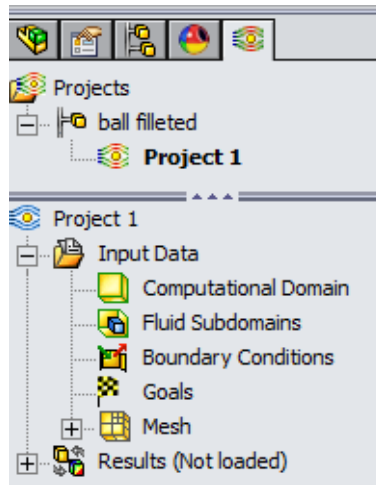
On this step we can change the default settings for pressure, temperature and velocity. The closer these values to the final values determined in the analysis, the quicker the analysis will finish. Since we do not have any knowledge of the expected final values, we will not modify them for this demonstration.

12. Click **Finish**.

Results

Now Flow Simulation creates a new project with the Flow Simulation data attached.

The **Flow Simulation Projects** tree and the **Flow Simulation Analysis tree** appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tab of the Manager Pane.



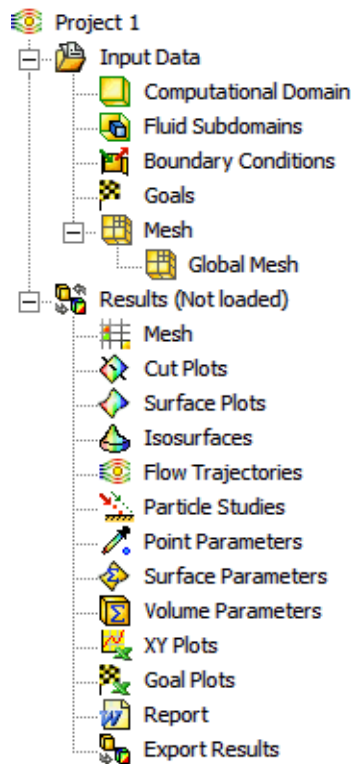
Notice that the new project has the name that you entered in the Wizard.

Go to the Flow Simulation Analysis tab and expand all the items in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

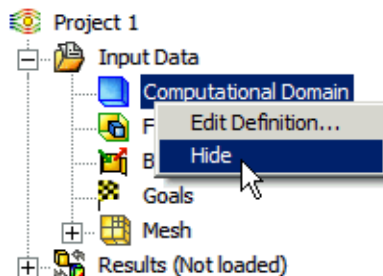
Click  to hide the Flow Simulation projects tree.

Note

We will use the Flow Simulation Analysis tree to define our analysis, just as you use the flyout FeatureManager design tree to design your models. The Flow Simulation Analysis tree is fully customizable; anytime you can select which folders are shown and which folders are hidden. A hidden folder becomes visible when you add a new feature of the corresponding type. The folder remains visible until the last feature of this type is deleted.



Right-click the **Computational Domain** icon and select **Hide** to hide the wireframe box.



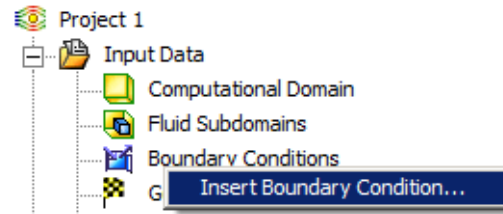
The Computational Domain icon is used to modify the size of the volume being analyzed. The wireframe box enveloping the model is the visualization of the limits of the computational domain.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

A **boundary condition** is required where fluid enters or exits the model and can be specified as a Pressure, Mass Flow Rate, Volume Flow Rate or Velocity.

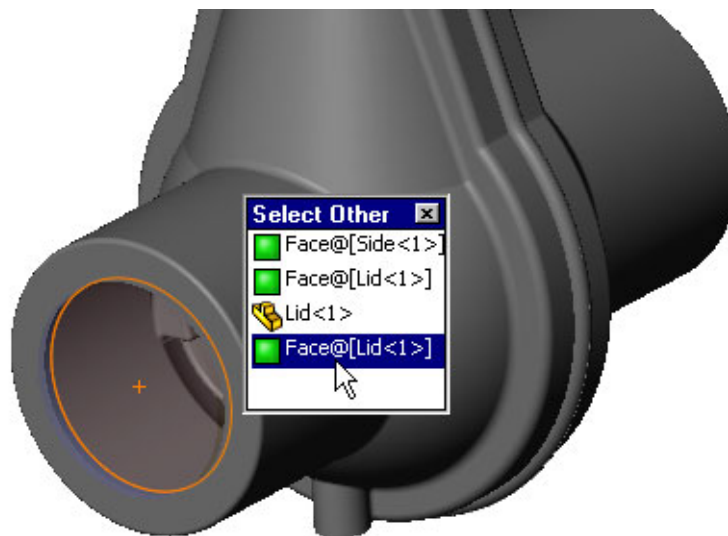
Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.

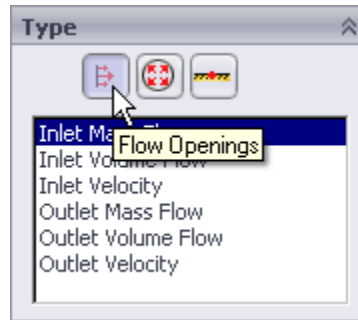


2. Select the **inner** face of the **Lid <1>** part as shown.

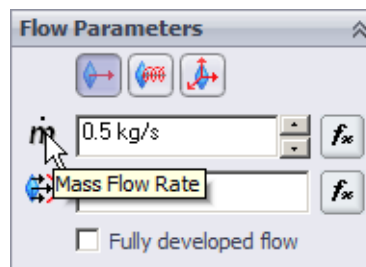
To access the inner face, right-click the **Lid <1>** in the graphics area and choose **Select Other** , move the mouse pointer over items in the list until the inner face is highlighted, then click the left mouse button.



3. Select **Flow Openings**  and **Inlet Mass Flow**.

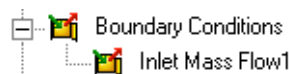


4. Set the **Mass Flow Rate** $\dot{m}$ to **0.5 kg/s**.



5. Click **OK** .

The new **Inlet Mass Flow 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



Note

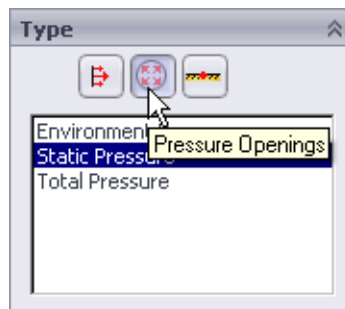
With the definition just made, we told Flow Simulation that at this opening 0.5 kilogram of water per second is flowing into the valve. Within this dialog we can also specify swirling of the flow, a non-uniform profile and time-dependent properties of the flow. The mass flow rate at the outlet does not need to be specified due to the conservation of mass; inlet mass flow rate equals outlet mass flow rate. Therefore, a different condition must be specified, such as outlet pressure.

6. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.
7. Select the **inner** face of the **Lid <2>** part as shown.

To access the inner face, right-click the **Lid <2>** in the graphics area and choose **Select Other** , move the mouse pointer over items in the list until the inner face is highlighted, then click the left mouse button.

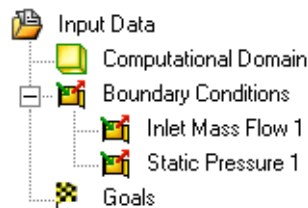


8. Select **Pressure Openings**  and **Static Pressure**.



9. Keep the defaults under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, **Turbulence Parameters**, **Boundary Layer** and **Options**.
10. Click **OK** .

The new **Static Pressure 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



Note

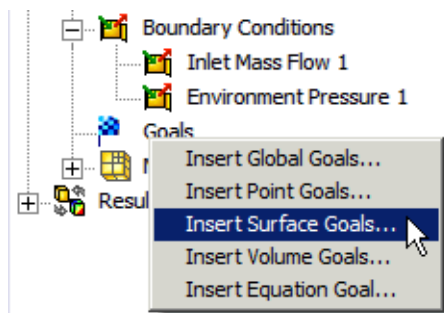
 With the definition just made, we told Flow Simulation that at this opening the fluid exits the model to an area of static atmospheric pressure. Within this dialog we can also set a time-dependent properties pressure.

Specifying the Engineering Goal

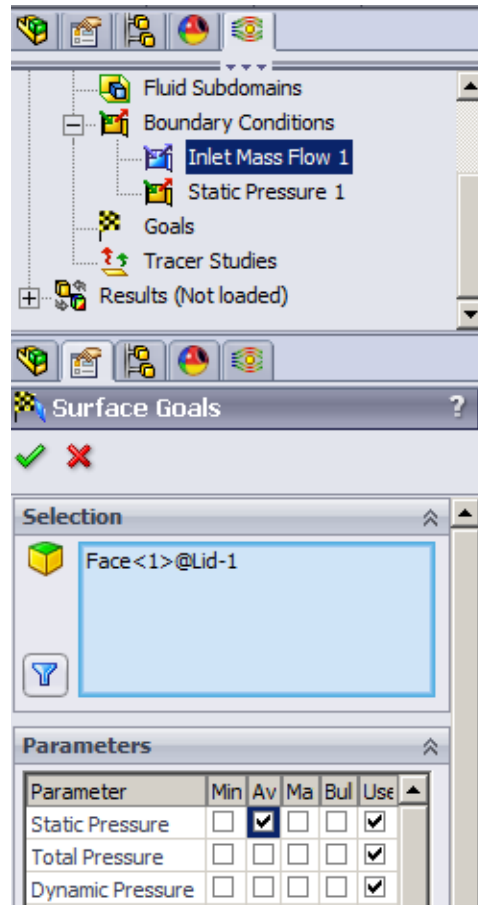
Specify the engineering goal as part of your workflow.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Goals** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Surface Goals**.



2. Click the **Inlet Mass Flow 1** item to select the face where the goal is going to be applied.



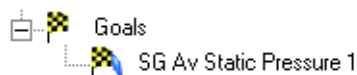
3. In the **Parameter** table, select the **Av** check box in the **Static Pressure** row. The already selected **Use for Conv.** check box means that the created goal will be used for convergence control.

Note

If the **Use for Conv.** (Use for Convergence Control) check box is not selected, the goal will not influence the calculation stopping criteria. Such goals can be used as monitoring parameters to give you additional information about processes in your model without influencing the other results and the total calculation time.

4. Click **OK** .

The new **SG Av Static Pressure 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



Note

Engineering goals are the parameters of interest. Setting goals is a way of conveying to Flow Simulation what you are trying to get out of the analysis, as well as a way to reduce the time Flow Simulation needs to reach a solution. By setting a parameter as a project goal you give Flow Simulation information about parameters that are important to converge upon (the parameters selected as goals) and parameters that can be computed with less accuracy (the parameters not selected as goals) in the interest of the calculation time. Goals can be set throughout the entire domain (Global Goals), within a selected volume (Volume Goals), for a selected surface area (Surface Goals), or at given point (Point Goals). Furthermore, Flow Simulation can consider the average value, the minimum value or the maximum value of the goal. You can also define an Equation Goal that is a goal defined by an equation involving basic mathematical functions with existing goals and input data parameters as variables. The equation goal allows you to calculate the parameter of interest (e.g., pressure drop) and keeps this information in the project for later reference.

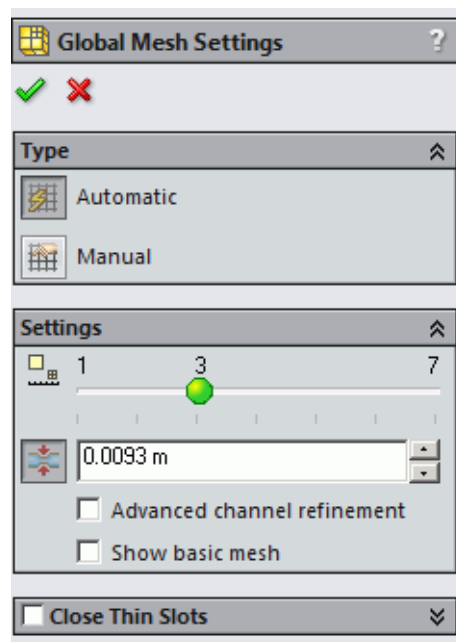
5. Choose **File > Save**.

Specifying Mesh Settings

You can specify the mesh settings as part of your workflow.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Keep the default **Automatic**  type.



- Under **Settings**, accept the default for the **Level of initial mesh** .
- Click **Minimum Gap Size** . Type the value of 0.0093 m for the **Minimum Gap Size**.

Note



The Level of initial mesh is a measure of the desired level of accuracy of the results. It controls the resolution of the geometry by the mesh. The higher the Level of initial mesh, the finer the mesh will be. Entering the value for the minimum gap size is important when you have small features. Accurately setting this value ensures that the small features of the model will not be “passed over” by the mesh. For our model we type the value of the minimum flow passage as the minimum gap size.

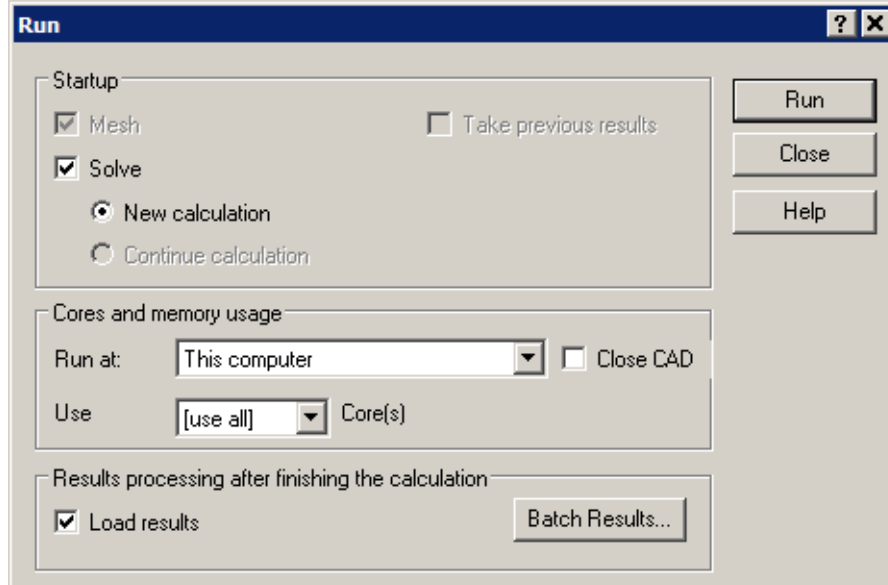
- Click **OK** .

Running the Calculation

Run the calculation.

Procedure

- Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.



Note



The already selected **Load results** check box means that the results will be automatically loaded after finishing the calculation.

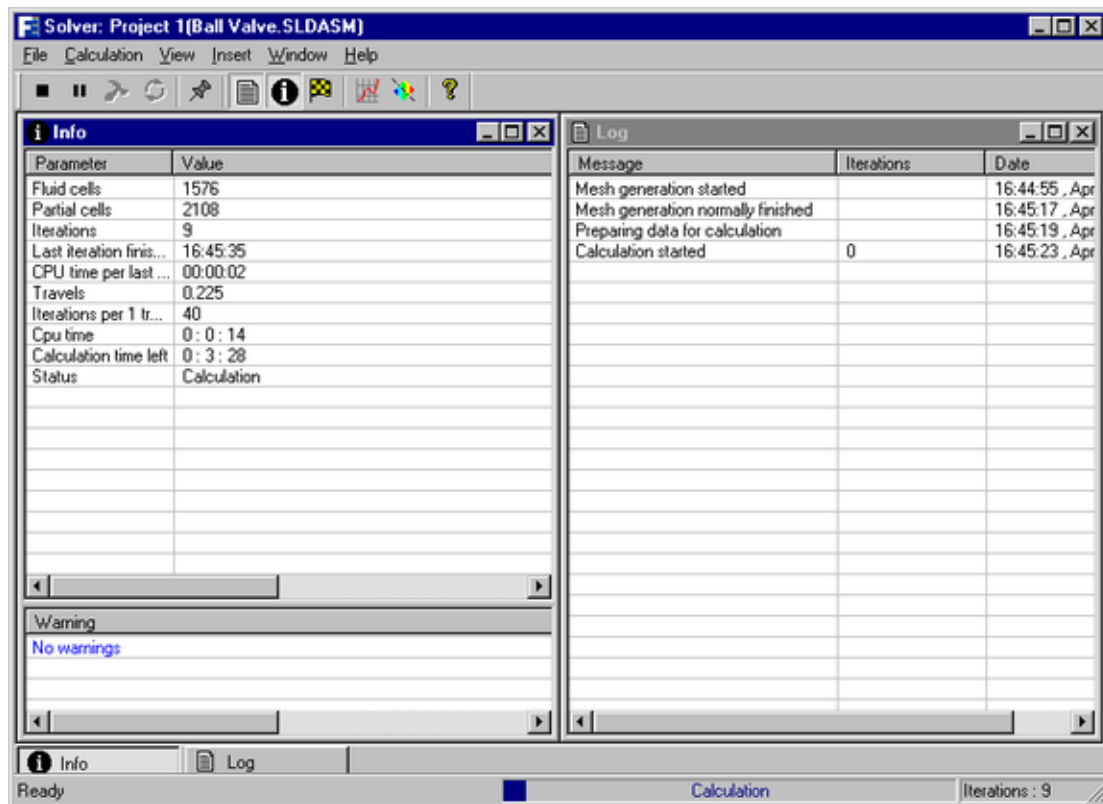
- Click **Run**.

Note

The solver takes less than a minute to run on a typical PC.

Monitoring the Solver

This is the solver monitor dialog box. By default, the *Info* dialog box, which displays all mesh and solution information, including warnings or errors, and the *Log* dialog box, which lists each step of the solution process, are displayed. Do not be surprised when the error message “A vortex crosses the pressure opening” appears. We will explain this later during the demonstration.



Procedure

1. After the calculation has started and several first iterations has passed (keep your eye on the **Iterations** line in the **Info** window), click the **Suspend**  button on the **Solver** toolbar.

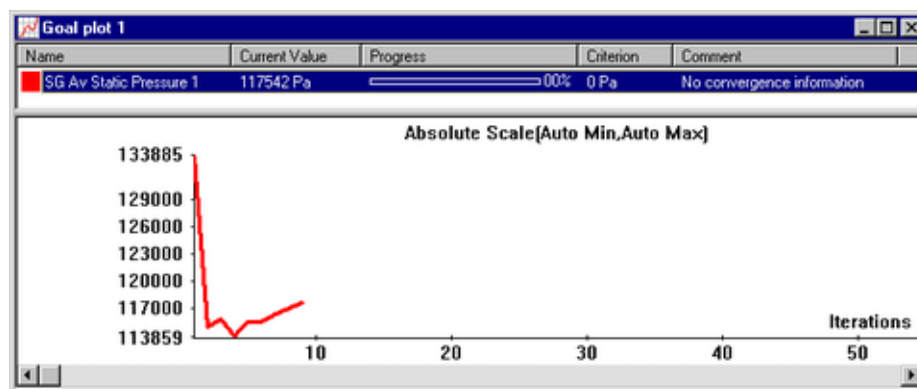
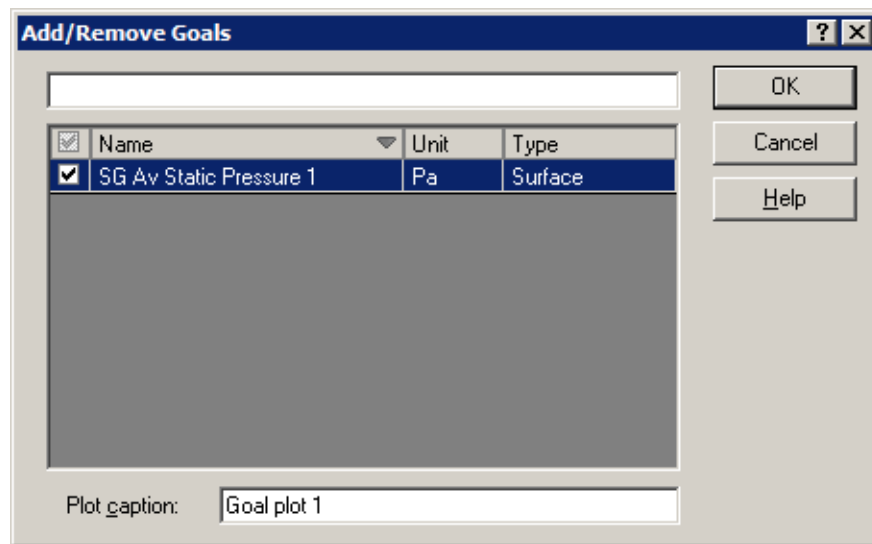
Note

 We employ the Suspend option only due to extreme simplicity of the current example, which otherwise could be calculated too fast, leaving you not enough time to perform the subsequent steps of monitoring. Normally you can use the monitoring tools without suspending the calculation.

2. Click **Insert Goal Plot**  on the **Solver** toolbar.

The Add/Remove Goals dialog box appears.

3. Select the **SG Average Static Pressure 1** in the **Select goals** list and click **OK**.

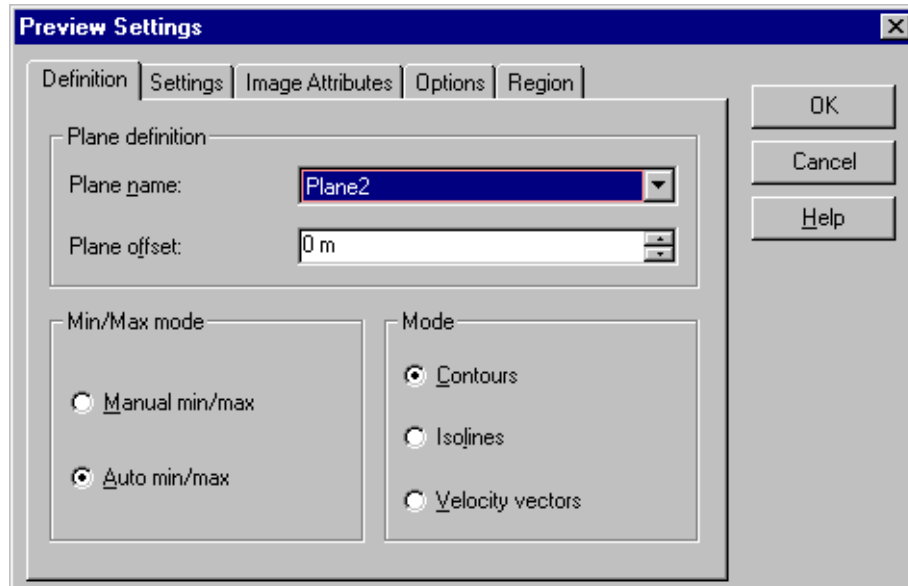


Note

 This is the Goals dialog box and each goal created earlier is listed in the table at top. Here you can see the current value and graph for each goal as well as the current progress towards completion given as a percentage. The progress value is only an estimate and the rate of progress generally increases with time.

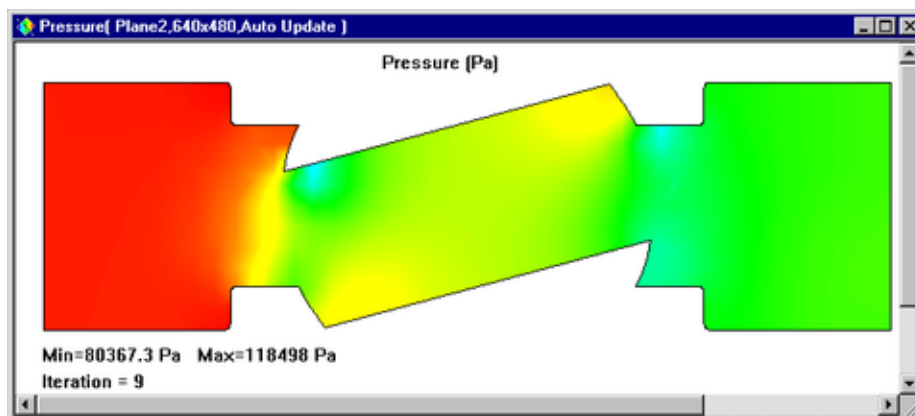
- Click **Insert Preview**  on the **Solver** toolbar.

The Preview Settings dialog box appears.



- To create a preview plot, you can select any plane from the **Plane name** list and then press **OK**.

For this model, **Plane2** can be a good choice.



Note

The preview allows you to look at the results while the calculation is still running. This helps to determine if all the boundary conditions are correctly defined and gives the user an idea of how the solution will look even at this early stage. At the start of the run the results might look odd or change abruptly. However, as the run progresses these changes will lessen and the results will settle in on a converged solution. The result can be displayed either in contour-, isoline- or vector-representation.

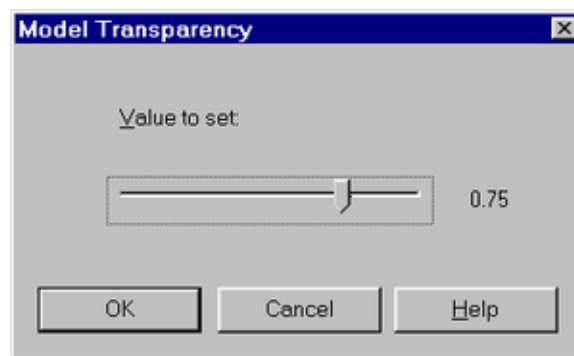
6. Click the **Suspend**  button again to let the solver go on.
7. When the solver is finished, close the monitor by clicking **File > Close**.

Adjusting Model Transparency

You can adjust the model transparency.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Display > Transparency** and set the model transparency to 0.75.



2. Click **OK** .

Note

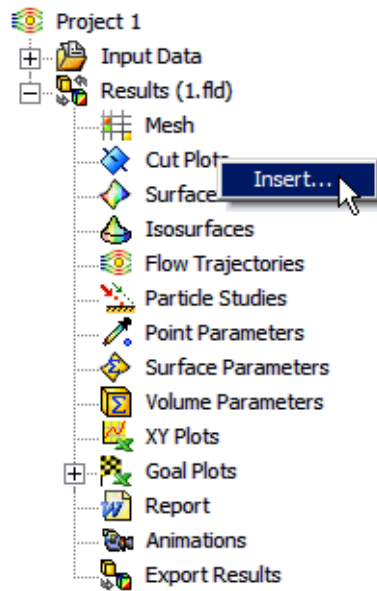
 The first step for results processing is to create a transparent view of the geometry, a 'glass-body'. This way you can easily see where cut planes etc. are located with respect to the geometry.

Viewing Cut Plots

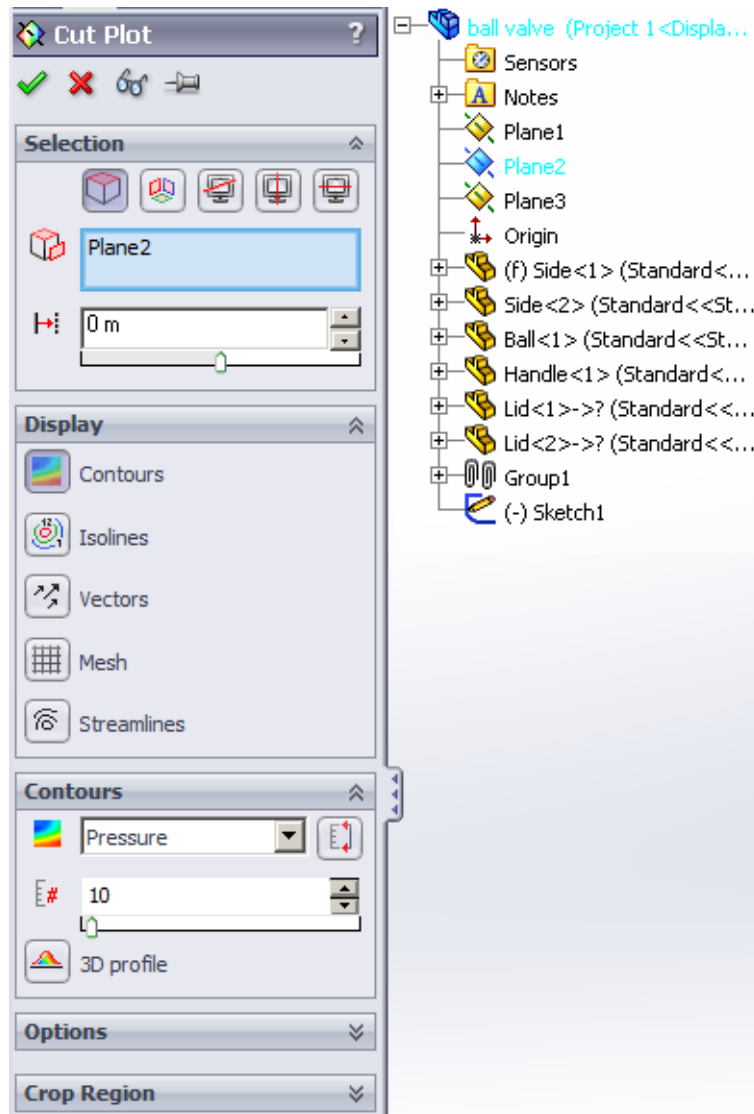
A cut plot displays the distribution of the selected parameter on a certain plane. It can be represented as a contour plot, isolines, vectors, or as arbitrary combination of the above (e.g. contours with overlaid vectors).

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Cut Plots** icon and select **Insert**.

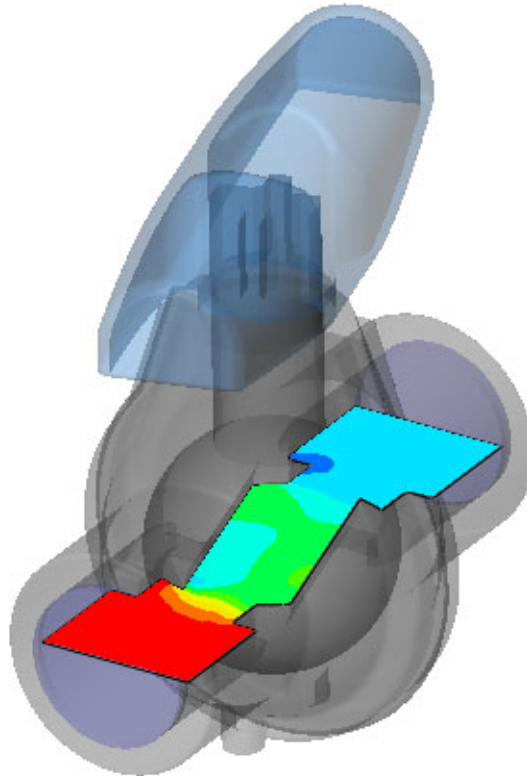


2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select **Plane 2**.



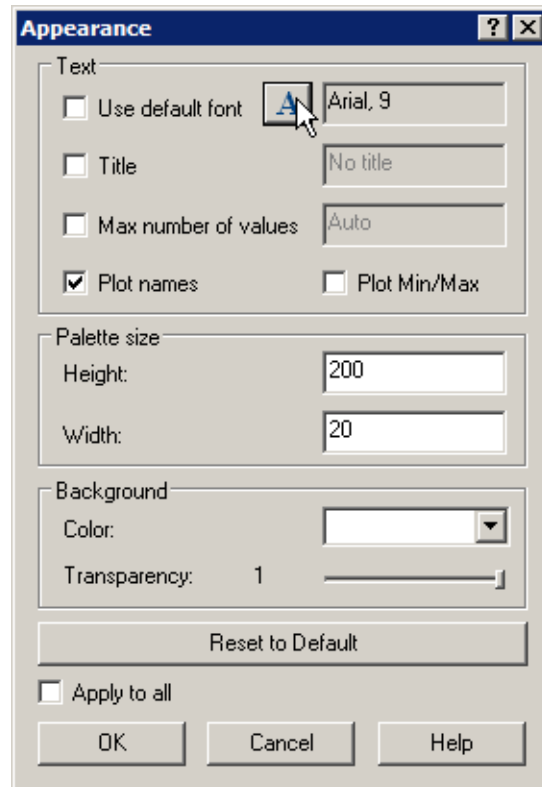
3. Click **OK** .

You will see the plot like the one shown below.



Note

 If you want to set up the color bar display options (change the color bar font, background, etc.), right-click the color bar and select **Appearance**. To change the color bar font, deselect **Use default font** and click . Then in the font dialog, select the desired font, its size and color and click **OK**. Click **OK** in the appearance dialog.

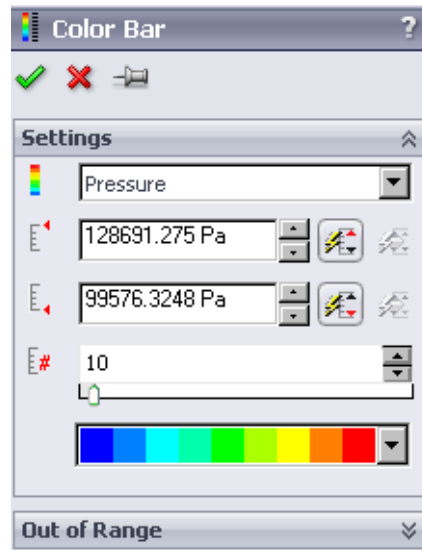


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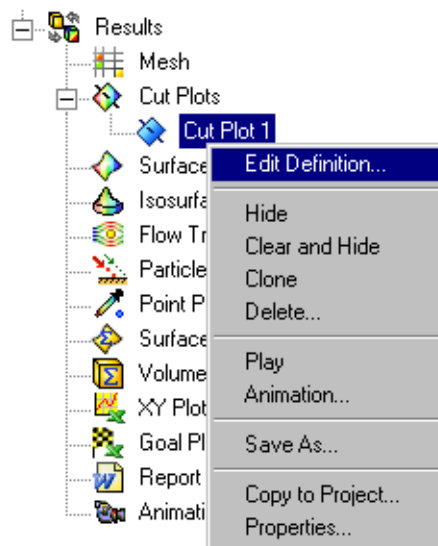
 You can set up the callout display options in the same way as the color bar appearance.

Note

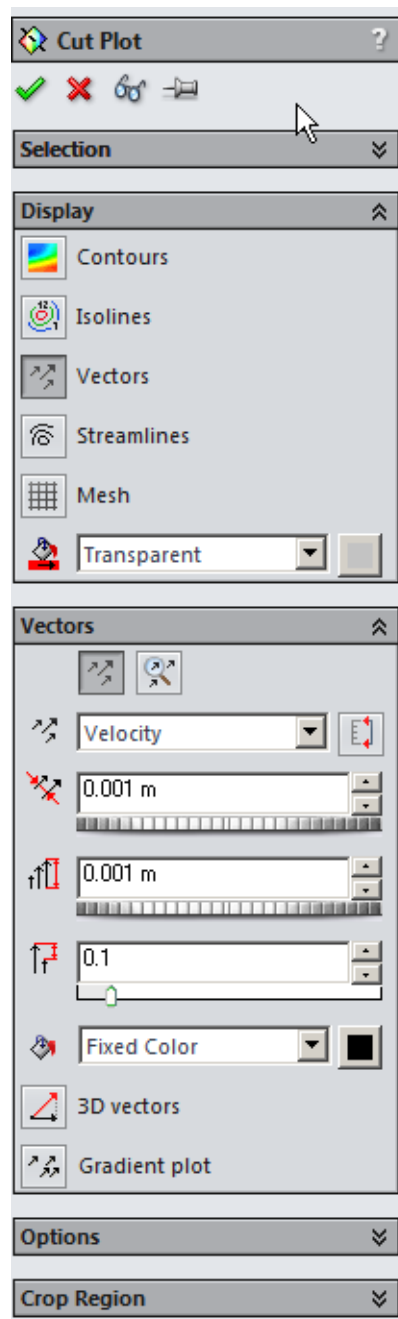
If you want to access additional options for this and other plots, you can double-click on the color bar. Some options available here include changing the displayed parameter as well as changing the min/max plot values. The best way to learn each of these options is thorough experimentation.



4. Change the contour cut plot to a vector cut plot. To do this, right-click the **Cut Plot 1** icon and select **Edit Definition**.



5. Under **Display**, clear **Contours**  and select **Vectors** .



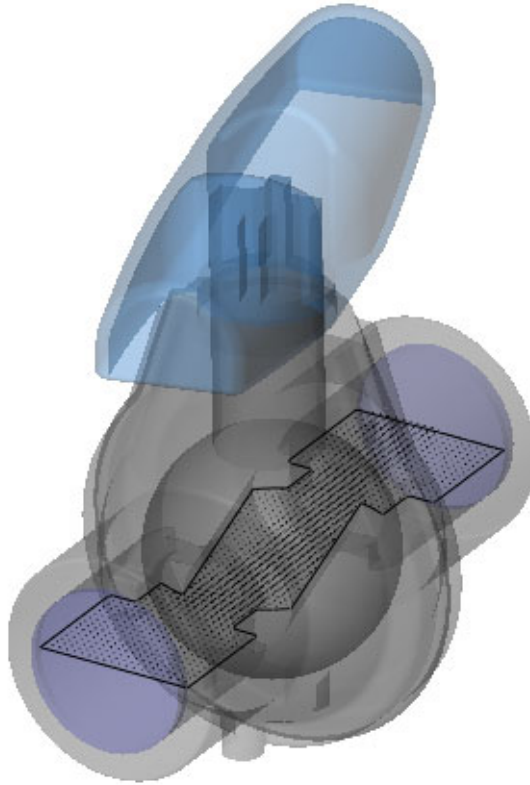
6. Under **Vectors**, select **Static Vectors** .

Note

 The vectors size and spacing can be controlled under **Vectors**.

7. Click **OK** .

You will see the plot like the one shown below.



Viewing Surface Plots

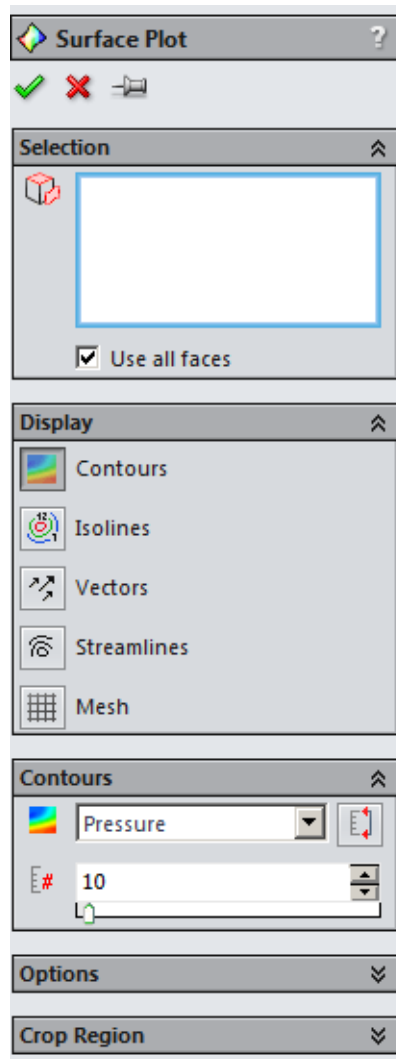
You can view surface plots.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Cut Plot 1** icon and select **Hide**.
2. Right-click the **Surface Plots** icon and select **Insert**.



3. Select the **Use all faces** check box.

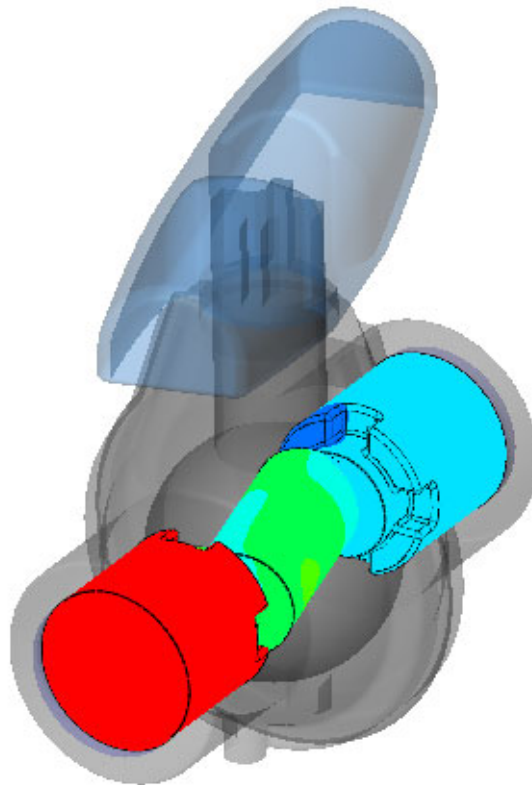


Note

 The same basic options are available for Surface Plots as for Cut Plots. Feel free to experiment with different combinations on your own.

4. Click **OK** .

You will see the plot like the one shown below.



Note

 This plot shows the pressure (or other parameter selected) distribution on all faces of the valve in contact with the fluid. You can also select one or more single surfaces for this plot, which do not have to be planar.

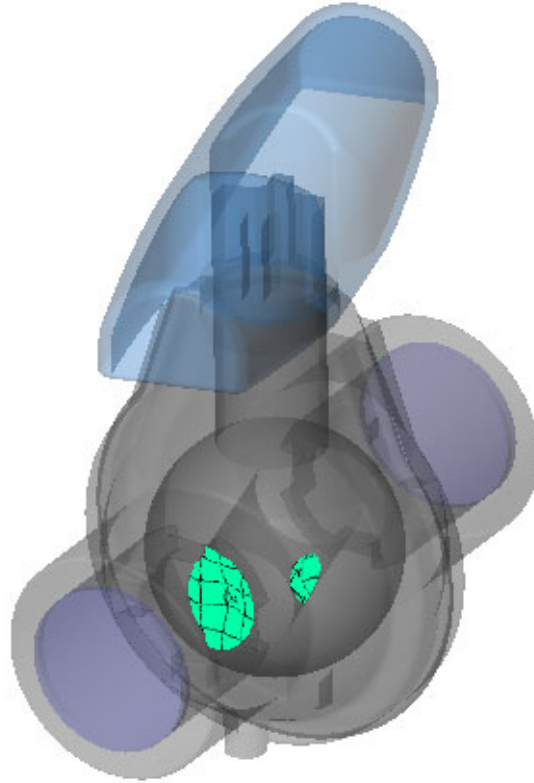
Viewing Isosurface Plots

You can view isosurface plots.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Surface Plot 1** icon and select **Hide**.
2. Right-click the **Isosurfaces** icon and select **Insert**.
3. Keep the default value under **Value 1**.

4. Under **Appearance**, select **Grid**  and click **OK** .



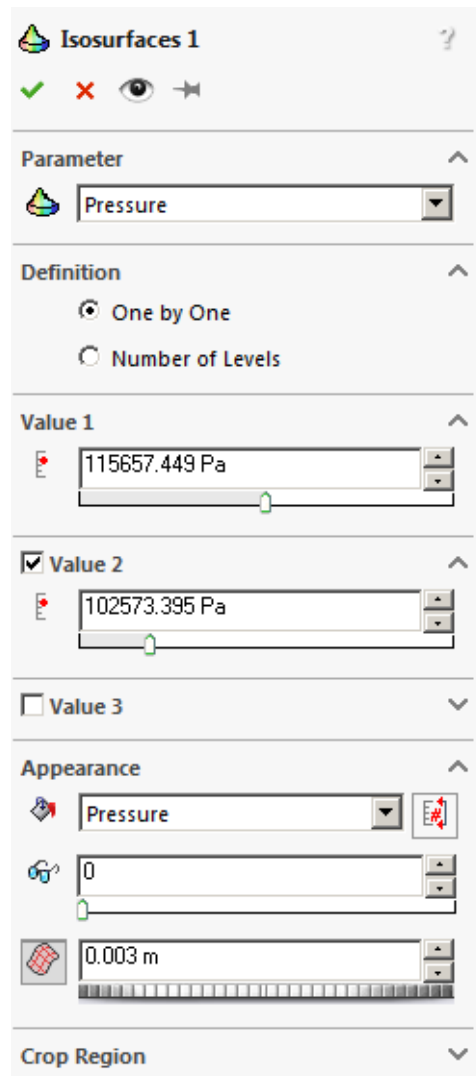
You will see the isosurface like the one shown in the picture above.

Note

 The Isosurface is a 3-Dimensional surface created by Flow Simulation at a constant value for a specific variable.

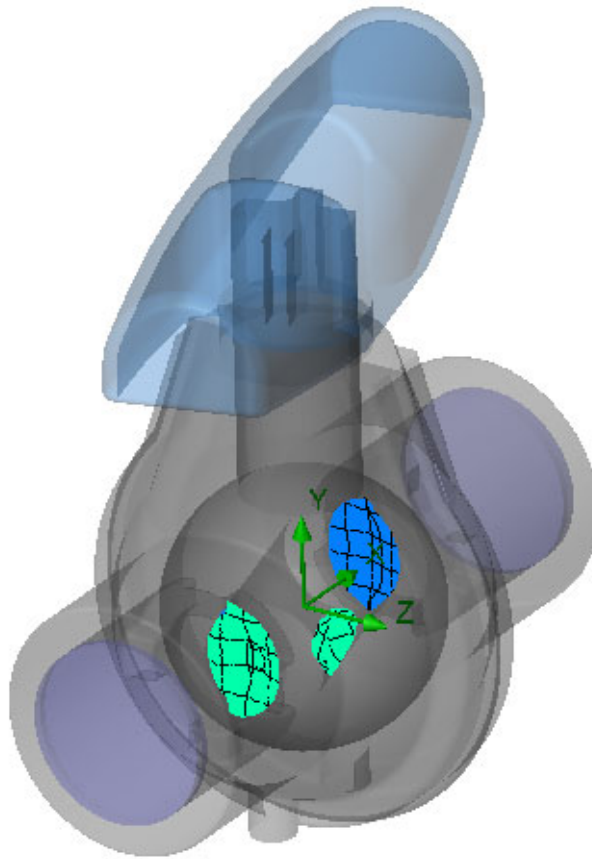
5. Right-click the **Isosurface 1** icon and select **Edit Definition**.

6. Enable **Value 2** and specify some value in the appeared box that is different to the **Value 1**.



7. Click **OK** .

You will see the isosurfaces like the ones shown below.



Note

 The isosurface is a useful way of determining the exact 3D area, where the flow reaches a certain value of pressure, velocity or other parameter.

Viewing Flow Trajectories

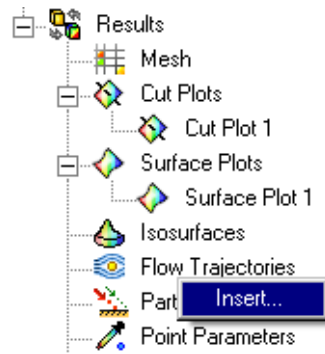
Using Flow trajectories you can show the flow streamlines. Flow trajectories provide a very good image of the 3D fluid flow. You can also see how parameters change along each trajectory by exporting data into Microsoft® Excel®.

Additionally, you can save trajectories as SOLIDWORKS reference curves.

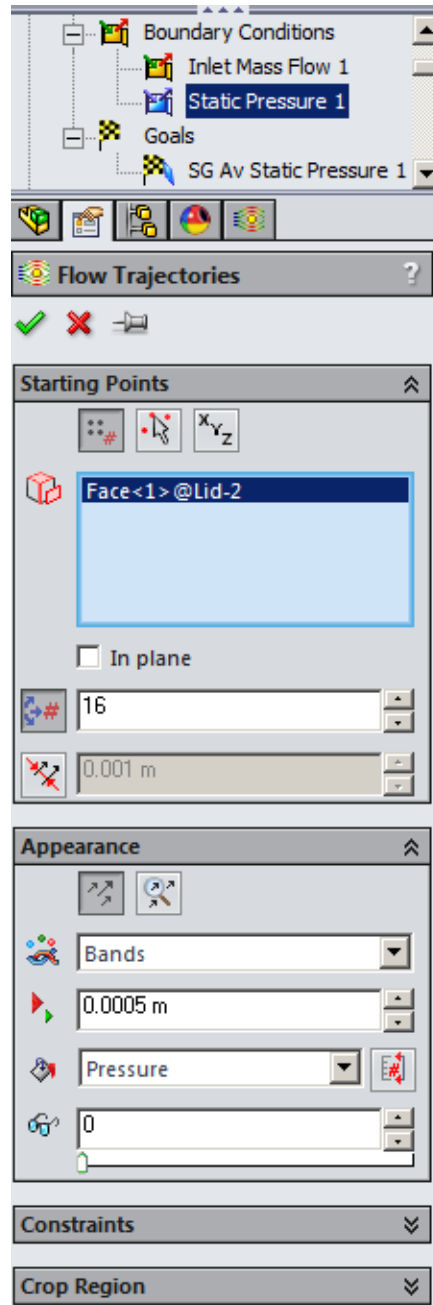
Procedure

1. Right-click the **Isosurfaces** icon and select **Hide**.

2. Right-click the **Flow Trajectories** icon and select **Insert**.

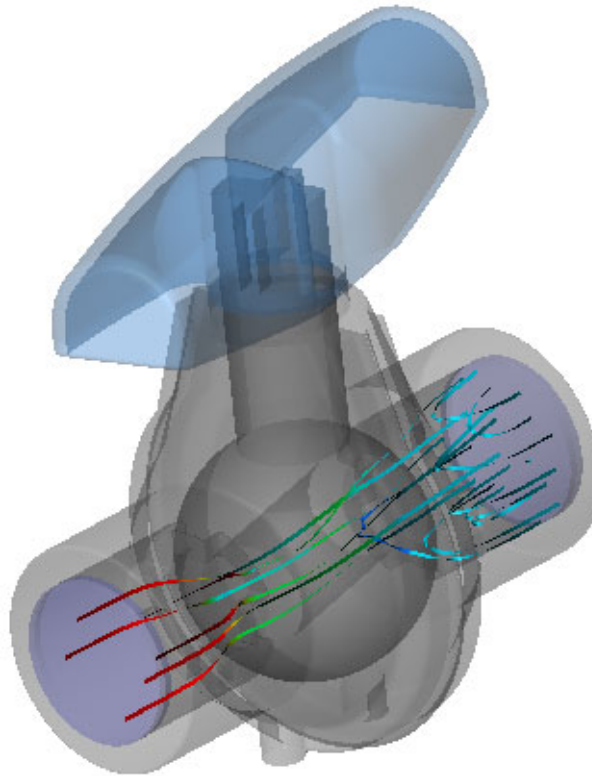


3. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tab click the **Static Pressure 1** item to select the inner face of the **Lid <2>**.



4. Set the **Number of Points**  to 16.
5. Under **Appearance**, select **Static Trajectories**  and set **Draw Trajectories As**  to **Bands**.
6. Click **OK** .

You get flow trajectories like the ones shown in the picture below.



Note

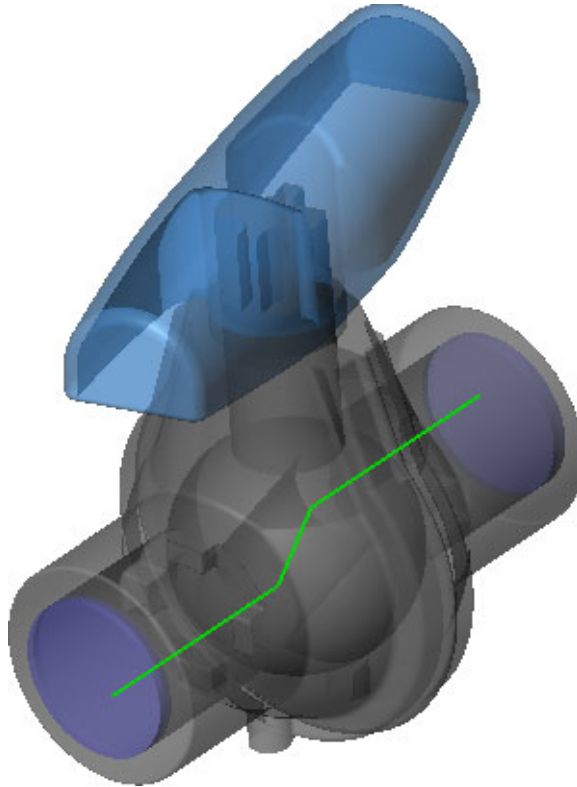
 For this plot we selected the outlet lid (any flat face or sketch can be selected) and therefore every trajectory crosses that selected face. Notice the trajectories that are entering and exiting through the exit lid. This is the reason for the warning we received during the calculation. Flow Simulation warns us of inappropriate analysis conditions so that we do not need to be CFD experts. When flow both enters and exits the same opening, the accuracy of the results will worsen. In a case like this, one would typically add the next component to the model (say, a pipe extending the computational domain) so that the vortex does not occur at opening.

Viewing XY Plots

You can view XY plots.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Flow Trajectories 1** icon and select **Hide**.

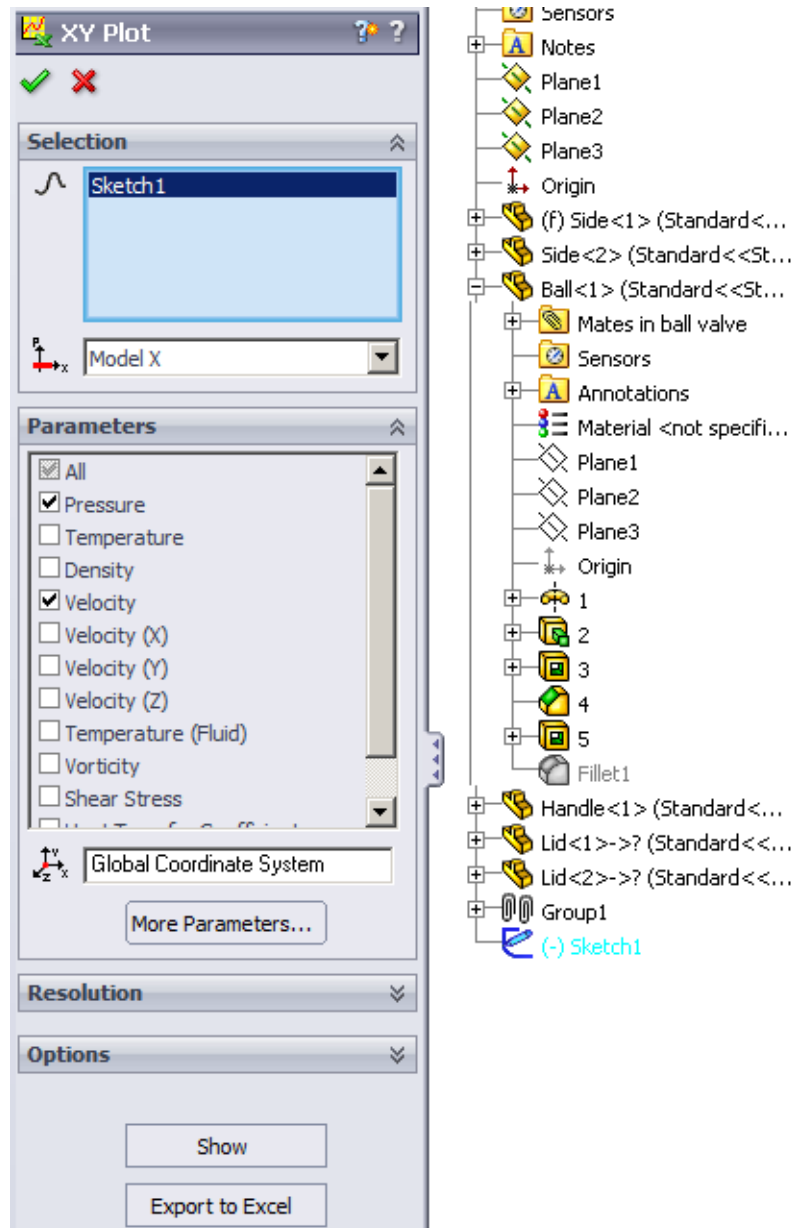


We will plot velocity and pressure distributions along the valve using the already created SOLIDWORKS sketch containing several lines.

This sketch work does not have to be done ahead of time and your sketch lines can be created after the calculation is finished.

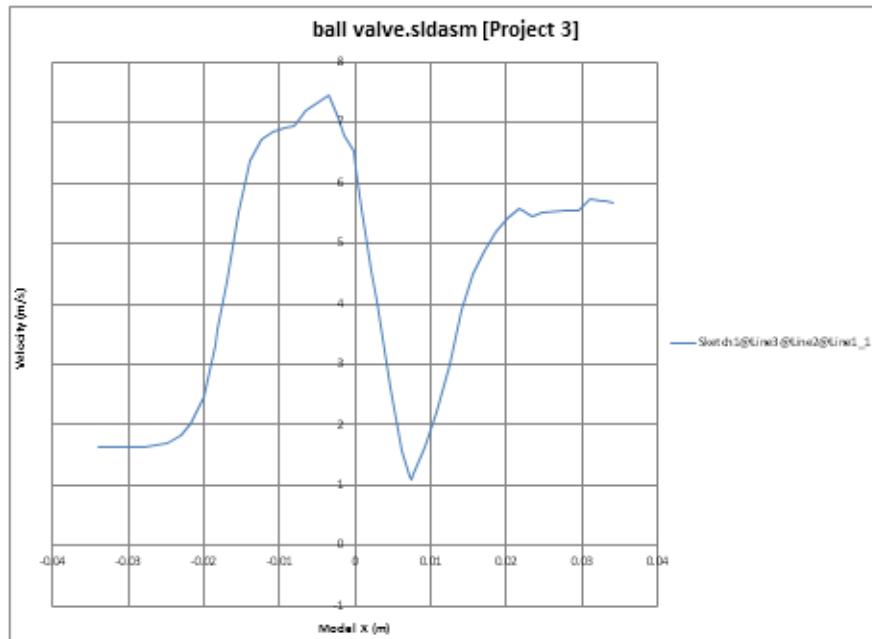
Take a look at *Sketch_1* in the flyout FeatureManager design tree.

2. Right-click the **XY Plots** icon and select **Insert**.



3. Select **Sketch1** from the flyout FeatureManager design tree.
4. Under **Selection**, select **Model X** as abscissa.
5. Under **Parameters**, choose **Velocity** and **Pressure** as **Parameters**.
Leave all other options as defaults.
6. Click **Export to Excel**.

Excel will open and generate two columns of data points together with two charts for Velocity and for Pressure, respectively. One of these charts is shown below. You will need to toggle between different sheets in Excel to view each chart.



7. Click **OK** .

Note

 The XY Plot allows you to view any result along sketched lines. The data is put directly into Excel or displayed as images in the bottom pane.

Viewing Surface Parameters

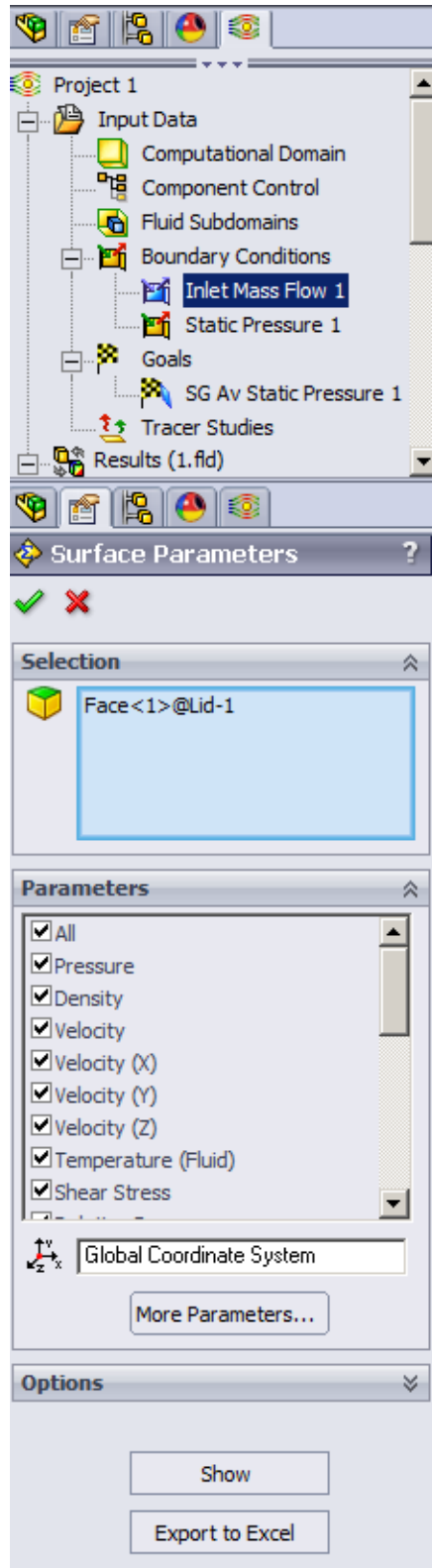
Surface Parameters is a feature used to determine the values of pressure, forces, heat fluxes as well as many other variables on any face in your model contacting the fluid. For this type of analysis, a calculation of the average static pressure drop from the valve inlet to outlet would probably be of some interest.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Surface Parameters** icon and select **Insert**.



2. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tab click the **Inlet Mass Flow 1** item to select the inner face of the **Lid <1>**.



3. Under **Parameters**, select **All**.
4. Click **Show**.

The calculated parameters values are displayed on the pane at the bottom of the screen. Local parameters are displayed at the left side of the bottom pane, while integral parameters are displayed at the right side.

5. Take a look at the local parameters.

Local Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Bulk Average	Surface Area [m ²]
Pressure [Pa]	135436	135612	135517	135517	0.0003
Density [kg/m ³]	997.6	997.6	997.6	997.6	0.0003
Velocity [m/s]	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0003
Velocity (X) [m/s]	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0003
Velocity (Y) [m/s]	0	0	0	0	0.0003
Velocity (Z) [m/s]	5.7e-015	5.7e-015	5.7e-015	5.7e-015	0.0003
Temperature (Fluid) [K]	293.2	293.2	293.2	293.2	0.0003

The average static pressure at the inlet face is shown to be about 135500 Pa. We already know that the outlet static pressure is 101325 Pa since we have specified it previously as a boundary condition. So, the average static pressure drop through the valve is about 34000 Pa.

6. Close the **Surface Parameters** dialog.

Analyzing a Design Variant in the Ball part

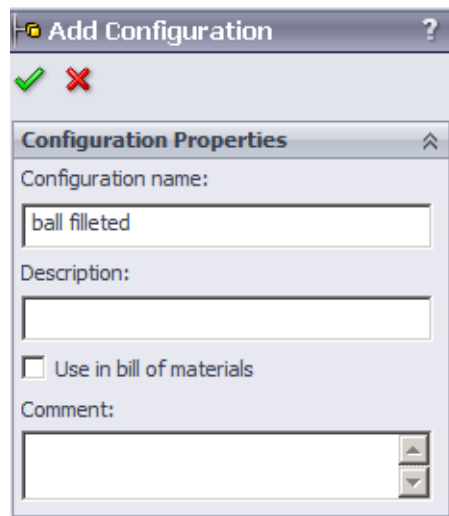
This section is intended to show you how easy it is to analyze design variations. The variations can be different geometric dimensions, new features, new parts in an assembly – whatever! This is the heart of Flow Simulation and this allows design engineers to quickly and easily determine which designs have promise, and which designs are unlikely to be successful. For this example, we will see how filleting two sharp edges will influence the pressure drop through the valve. If there is no improvement, it will not be worth the extra manufacturing costs.

Create a new configuration using the SOLIDWORKS Configuration Manager tree.

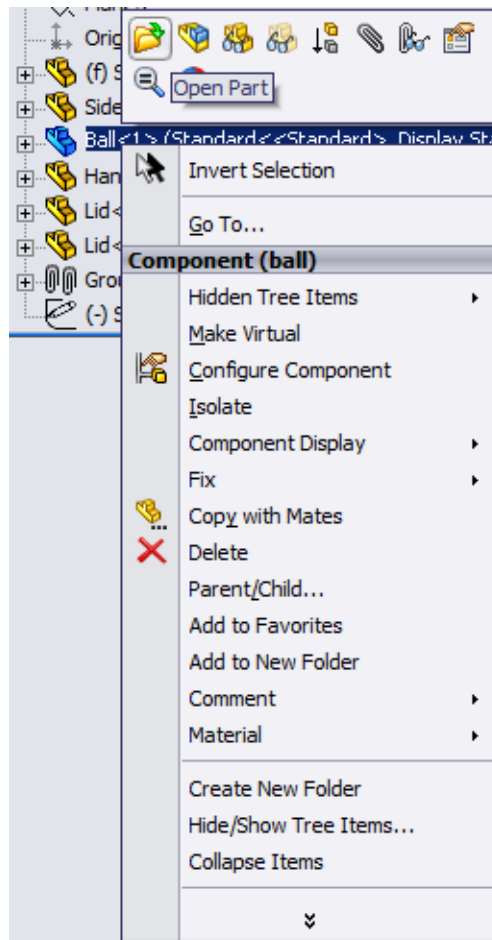
Procedure

1. Right-click the root item in the **SOLIDWORKS Configuration Manager** and select **Add Configuration**.

2. In the **Configuration Name** box type *ball filleted*.



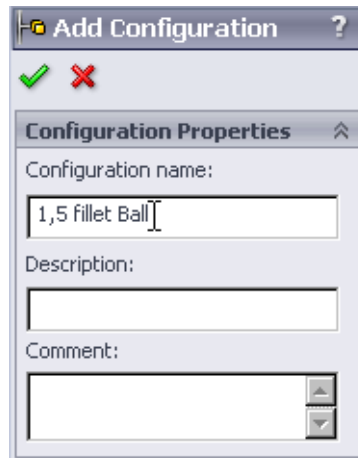
3. Click **OK**.
4. Go to FeatureManager design tree, right-click the **Ball** item and select **Open Part** .



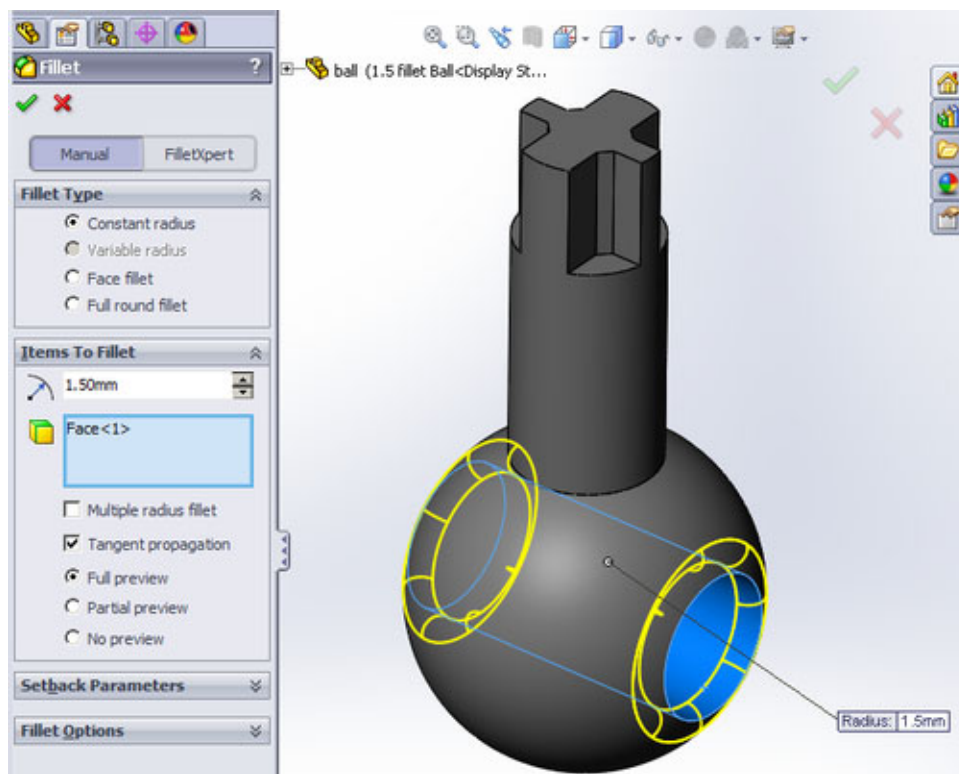
A new window **Ball.sldprt** appears.

Create a new configuration using the SOLIDWORKS Configuration Manager tree.

5. Right-click the root item in the **SOLIDWORKS Configuration Manager** and select **Add Configuration**.
6. Name the new configuration as *1,5 fillet Ball*.



7. Click OK .
8. Add a 1,5 mm fillet to the shown face.

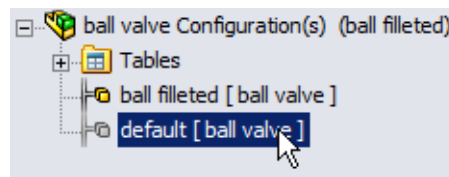


9. Switch back to the assembly window and select **Yes** in the message dialog box that appears. In the FeatureManager design tree right-click the **Ball** item and select **Configure Component** .
10. In the **Modify Configuration** dialog box select the cell of the **Configuration** column belonging to the **ball filleted** row and change the configuration of the **Ball** part to the new **1.5 fillet Ball** one.
11. Click **OK** to confirm and close the dialog.

Now we have replaced the old ball with our new 1.5_fillet Ball. All we need to do now is re-solve the assembly and compare the results of the two designs. In order to make the results comparable with the previous model, it would be necessary to adjust the valve angle to match the size of the flow passage of the first model. In this example, we will not do this.



12. Activate **default** configuration by using the **Configuration Manager** tree.



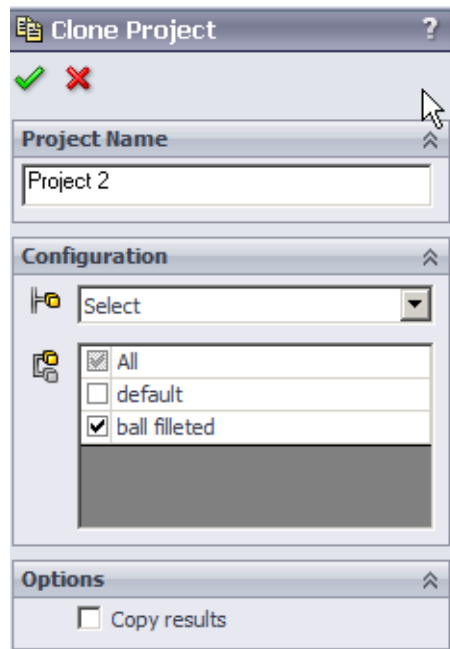
13. Select **Yes** for the message dialog box that appears.

Cloning the Project

Create a clone of the current project settings.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project**.



2. In the **Project Name**, type **Project 2**.
3. In the **Configuration to Add the Project**  list, select **Select**.
4. In the **Configuration**  list, select **ball filleted**.
5. Click **OK** .
6. Click **Yes** for each message dialog box that appears after you click **OK**.

Results

Now the Flow Simulation project we have chosen is added to the SOLIDWORKS project which contains the geometry that has been changed. All our input data are copied, so we do not need to define our openings or goals again. The Boundary Conditions can be changed, deleted or added. All changes to the geometry will only be applied to this new configuration, so the old results are still saved.

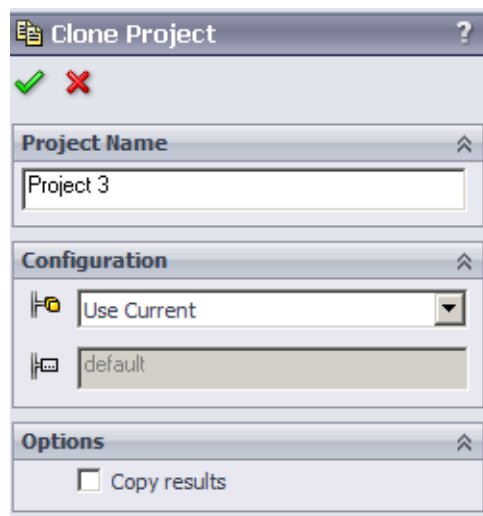
Follow the previously described steps for solving and for viewing the results.

Analyzing a Design Variant in the Flow Simulation Application

In the previous sections we examined how you could compare results from different geometries. You may also want to run the same geometry over a range of flow rates. This section shows how quick and easy it can be to do that kind of parametric study. Here we are going to change the mass flow to 0.75 kg/s.

Procedure

1. Activate the **Project 1** in the Flow Simulation Projects tree.
2. Create a copy of the **Project 1** project by clicking **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project**.



3. Type **Project 3** for the new project name and click **OK** .

Results

Flow Simulation now creates a new project. All our input data are copied, so we do not need to define our openings or goals again. The Boundary Conditions can be changed, deleted or added. All changes to the geometry will only be applied to this new configuration, so the old results remain valid. After changing the inlet flow rate value to 0.75 kg/s you would be ready to run again. Please follow the previously described steps for solving and for viewing the results.

Imagine being the designer of this ball valve. How would you make decisions concerning your design? If you had to determine whether the benefit of modifying the design as we have just done outweighed the extra costs, how would you do this? Engineers have to make decisions such as this every day, and Flow Simulation is a tool to help them make those decisions. Every engineer who is required to make design decisions involving fluid and heat transfer should use Flow Simulation to test their ideas, allowing for fewer prototypes and quicker design cycles.

Conjugate Heat Transfer

This tutorial covers the basic steps required to set up a flow analysis problem including heat conduction in solids. This example is particularly pertinent to users interested in analyzing flow and heat conduction within electronic devices, although the basic principles are applicable to all thermal problems.

It is assumed that you have already completed the [Ball Valve Design](#) tutorial since it teaches the basic principles of using Flow Simulation in greater detail.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

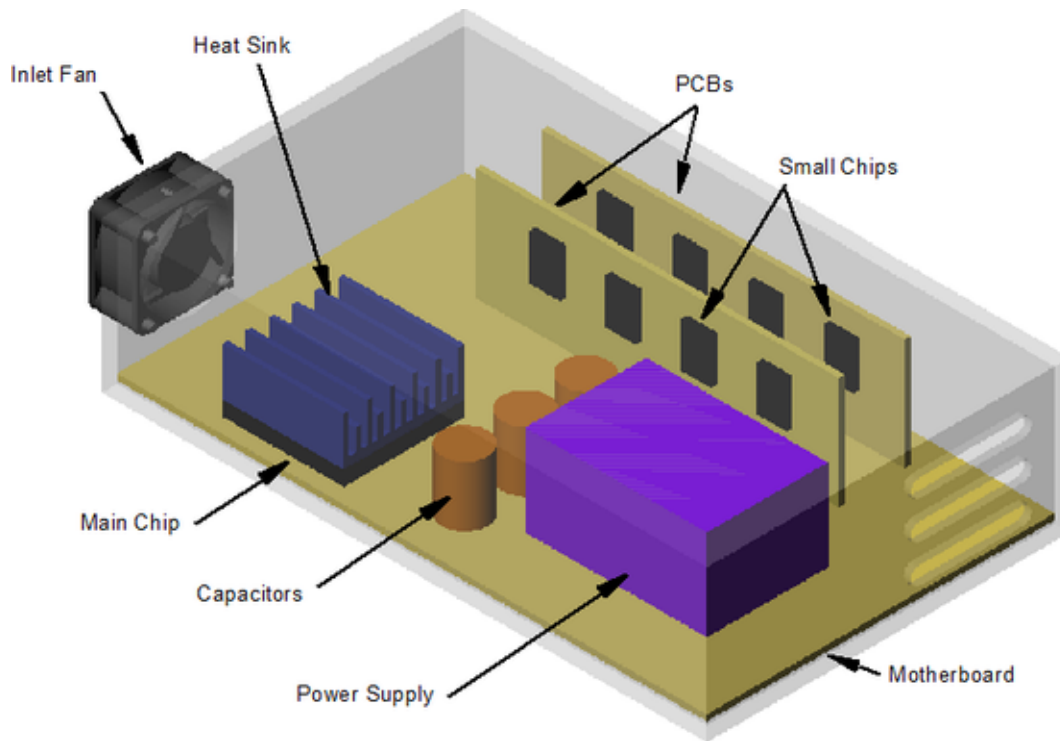
Procedure

1. Copy the *A2 - Conjugate HT* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Click **File > Open** to open the SOLIDWORKS model.
3. In the **Open** dialog box, browse to the *assembly.sldasm* assembly located in the *A2 - Conjugate HT* folder and click **Open**.

Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *assembly.sldasm* file to an empty area of SOLIDWORKS window.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *assembly.sldasm* model located in the *A2 - Conjugate HT\Ready* folder and run the project.



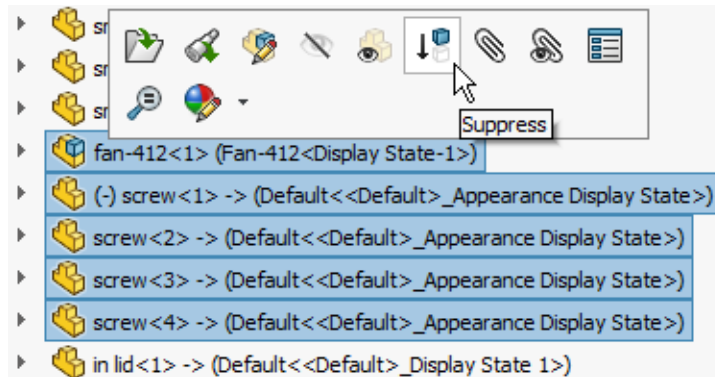
Preparing the Model

In a typical assembly there may be many features, parts or sub-assemblies that are not necessary for the analysis. Prior to creating a Flow Simulation project, it is a good practice to check the model to find components that can be removed from the analysis. Excluding these components reduces the computer resources and calculation time required for the analysis.

The assembly consists of the following components: enclosure, motherboard and two smaller PCBs, capacitors, power supply, heat sink, chips, fan, screws, fan housing, and lids. You can highlight these components by clicking them in the flyout FeatureManager design tree. In this tutorial we will simulate the fan by specifying a **Fan** boundary condition on the inner face of the inlet lid. The fan has a very complex geometry that may cause delays while rebuilding the model. Since it is outside the enclosure, we can exclude it by suppressing it.

Procedure

1. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **Fan-412**, and all **Screw** components (to select more than one component, hold down the **Ctrl** key while you select).



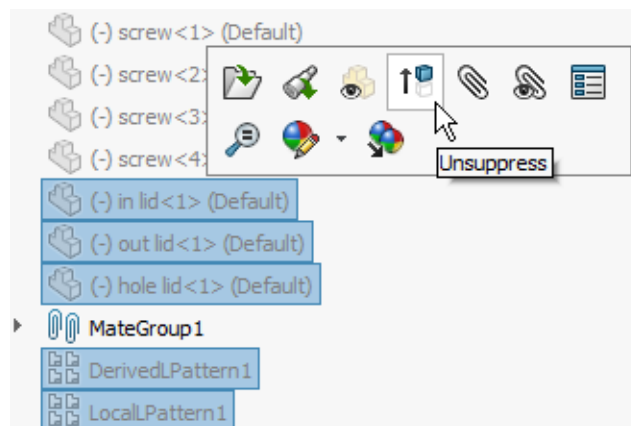
2. Right-click any of the selected components and select **Suppress** .

Suppressing fan and its screws leaves open five holes in the enclosure. Since we are going to perform an internal analysis, all the holes must be closed with lids.

To save your time, we created the lids and included them in this model.

You just need to unsuppress them.

3. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **In Lid**, **Out Lid** and **Hole Lid** components and patterns **DerivedLPattern1** and **LocalLPattern1** (these patterns contain cloned copies of the outlet and screw hole lids).



4. Right-click any of the selected components and select **Unsuppress** .

Results

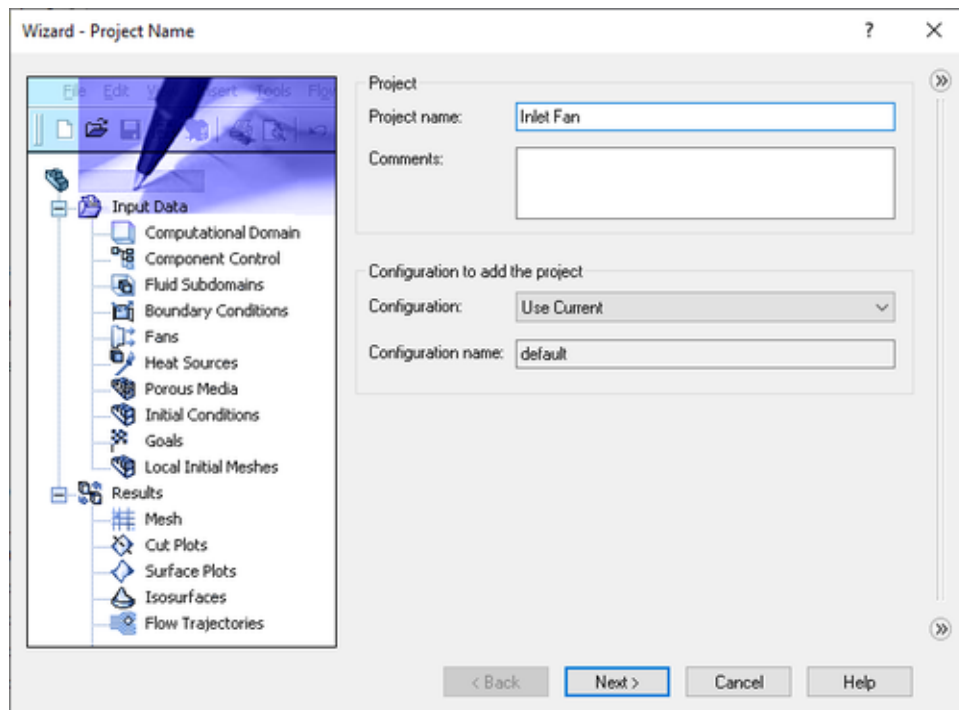
Now you can start with Flow Simulation.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

You can create a Flow Simulation project.

Procedure

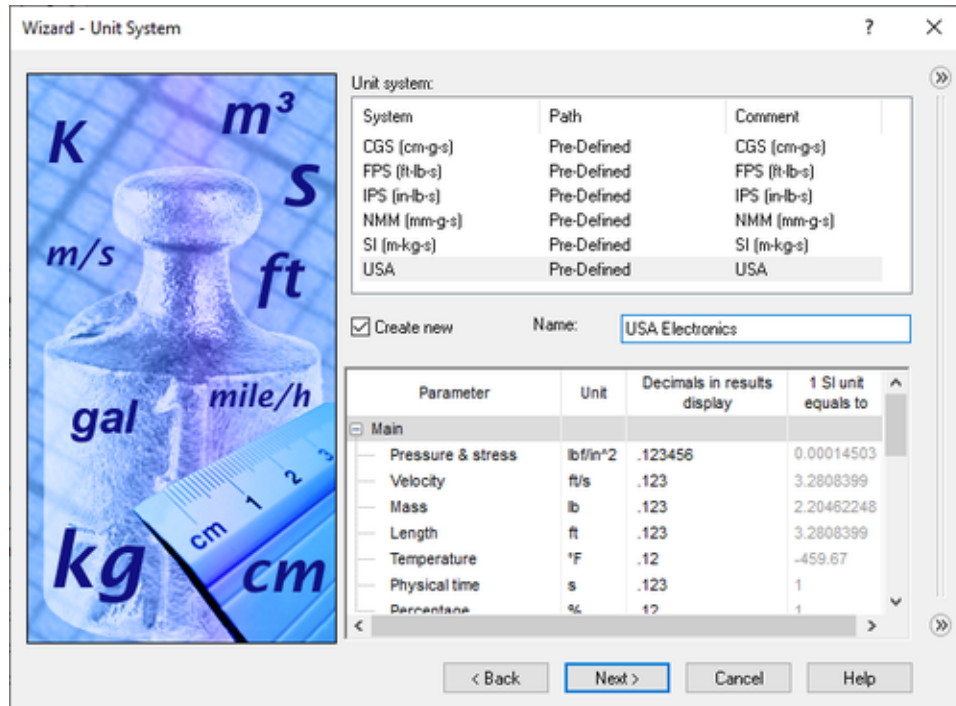
1. In the main menu click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Wizard**.
2. Once inside the **Wizard**, type a new Flow Simulation project name: **Inlet Fan**.



3. Click **Next**.

Now we will create a new system of units named *USA Electronics* that is better suited for our analysis.

4. In the **Unit system** list select the **USA** system of units. Select **Create new** to add a new system of units to the Engineering Database and name it **USA Electronics**.

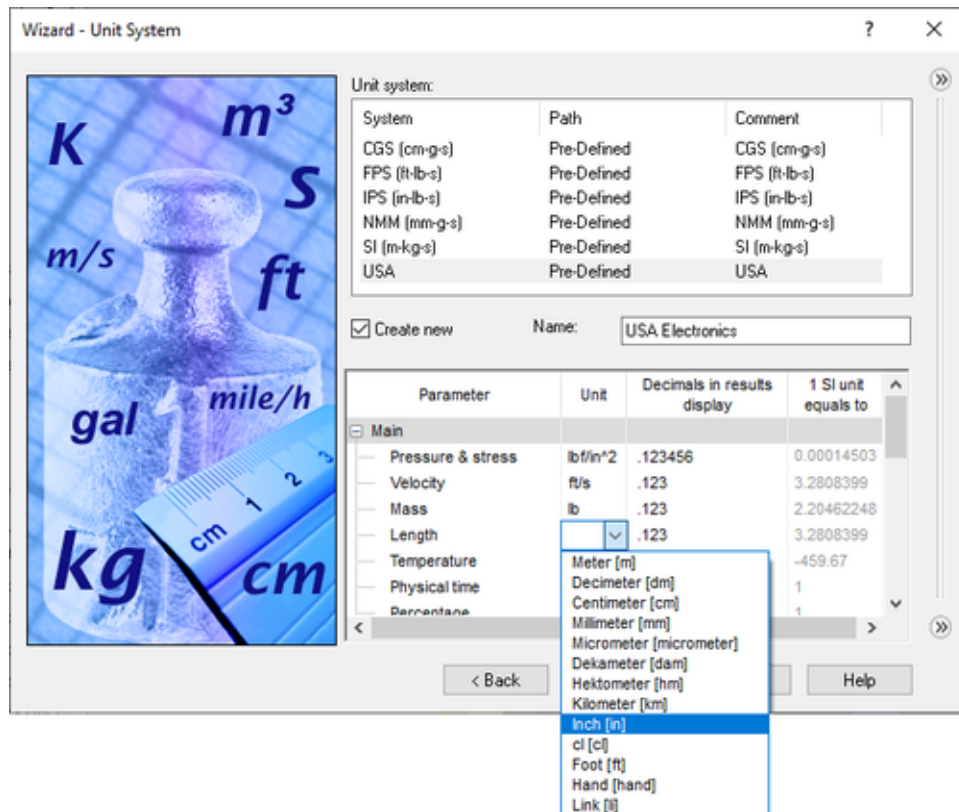


Note

 Flow Simulation allows you to work with several pre-defined unit systems but often it is more convenient to define your own custom unit system. Both pre-defined and custom unit systems are stored in the **Engineering Database**. You can create the desired system of units in the **Engineering Database** or in the **Wizard**.

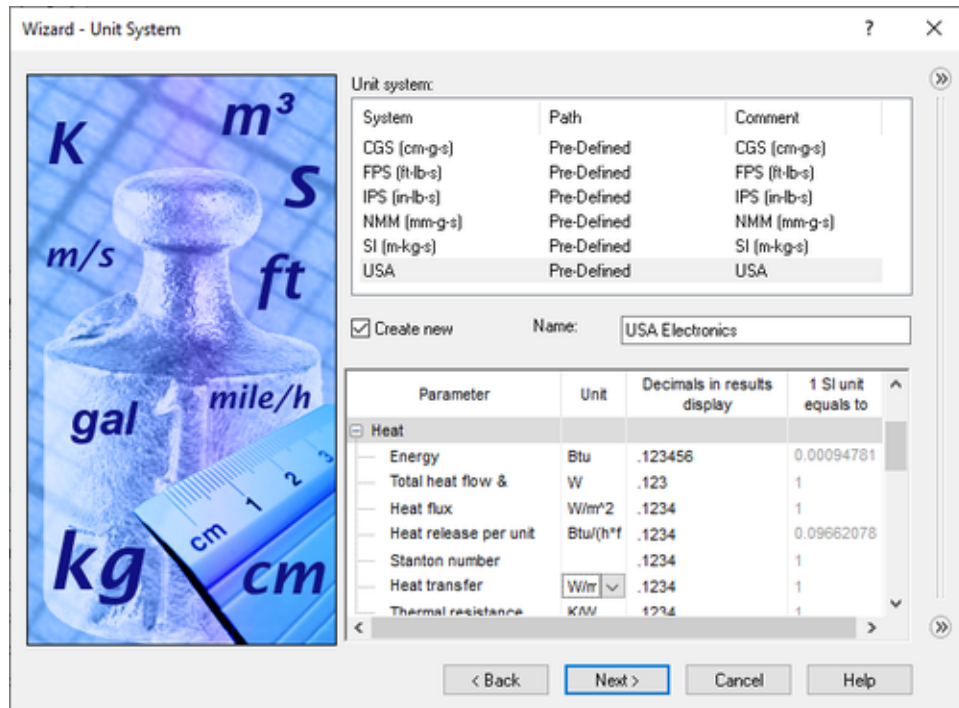
By scrolling through the different groups in the **Parameter** tree you can see the units selected for the parameters. Although most of the parameters have convenient units such as ft/s for velocity and CFM (cubic feet per minute) for volume flow rate we will change a couple of units to that are more convenient for this model. Since the physical size of the model may be relatively small it is more convenient to choose inches instead of feet as the length unit.

- For the **Length** entry, double-click its cell in the **Unit** column and select **Inch**.



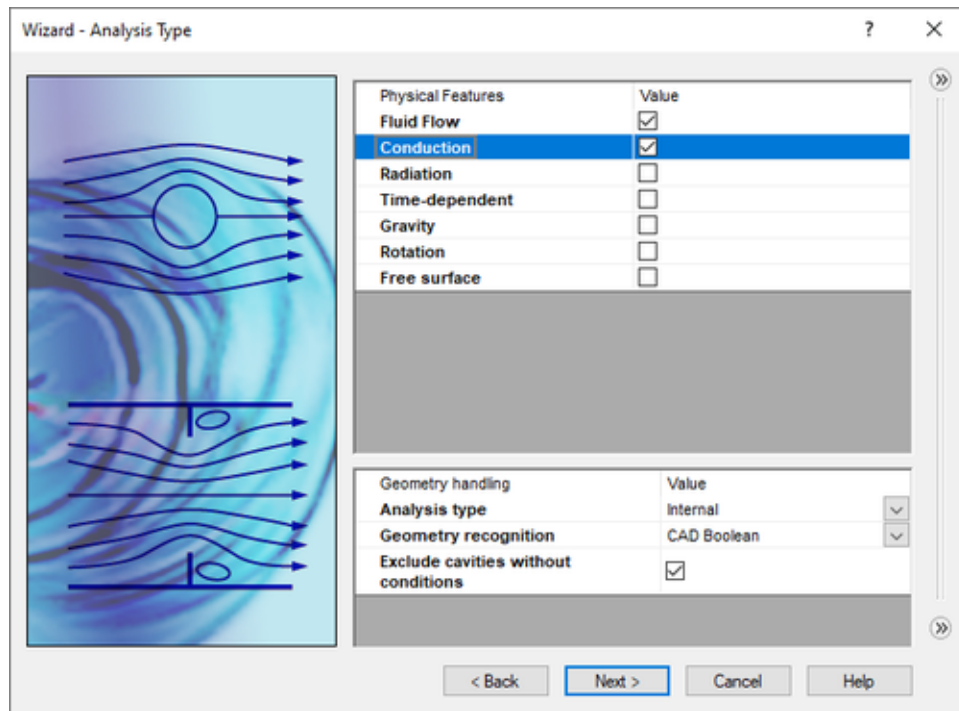
- Next expand the **Heat** group in the **Parameter** tree.

7. Select **Watt**, **Watt/meter²**, **Watt/meter²Kelvin** as the units for **Total heat flow** and **power**, **Heat flux** and **Heat transfer coefficient** respectively, because these units are more convenient when dealing with electronic components.



8. Click **Next**.
9. Under **Physical Features** select the **Conduction** check box in addition to the by default pre-selected **Fluid Flow** option.

Set the **Analysis type** under **Geometry handling** to **Internal** and click **Next**.

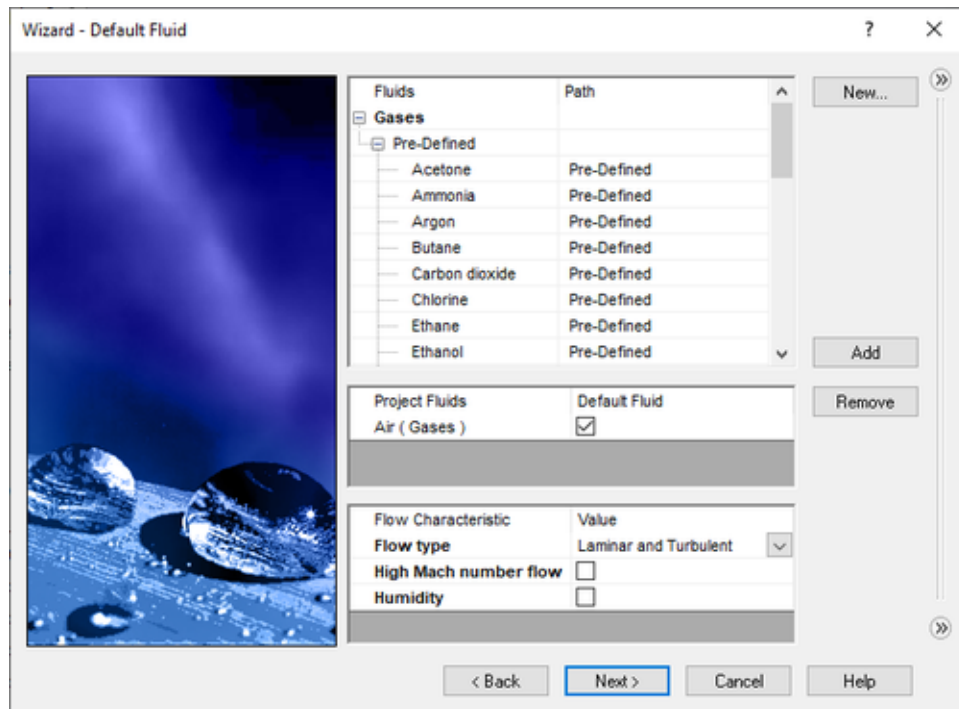


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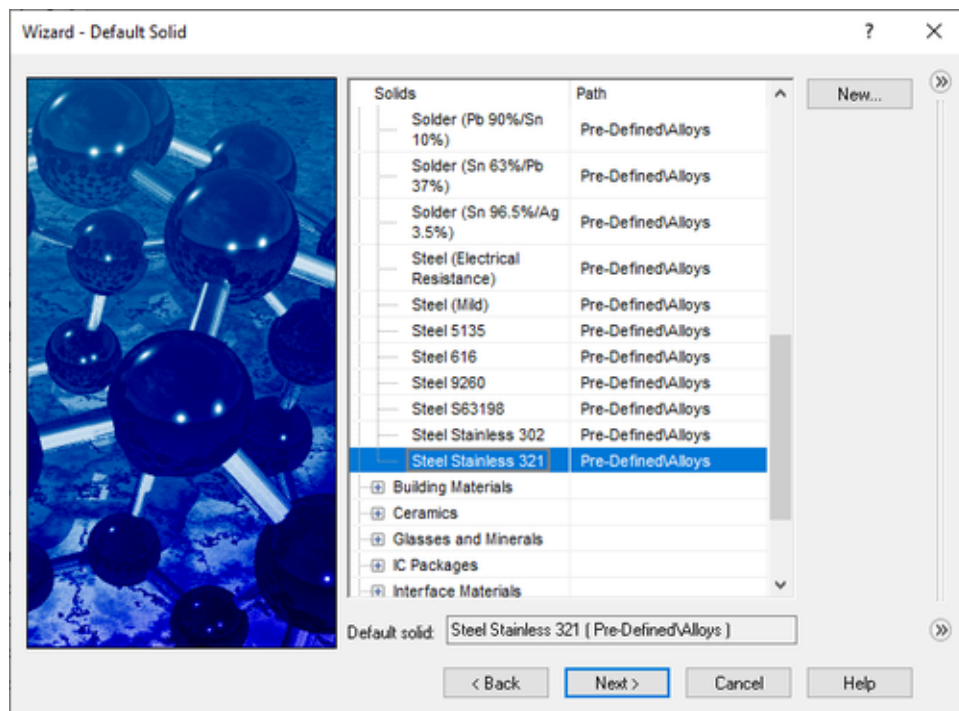
Conduction is selected because heat is generated by several electronics components and we are interested to see how the heat is dissipated through the heat sink and other solid parts and then out to the fluid.

10. Expand the **Gases** folder and double-click **Air**.

11. Keep the default **Flow Characteristics**.



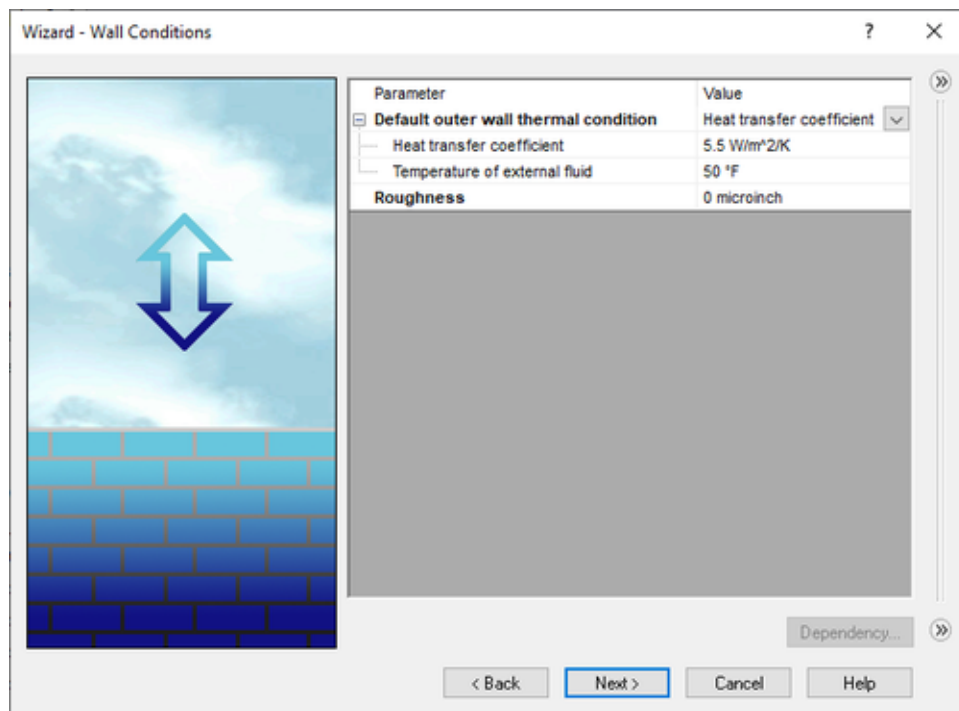
12. Click **Next**.
13. Expand the **Alloys** folder and click **Steel Stainless 321** to assign it as the **Default solid**.



Note

 In the **Wizard** you specify the default solid material applied to all solid components in the Flow Simulation project. To specify a different solid material for one or more components, you can define a **Solid Material** condition for these components after the project is created.

14. Click **Next**.
15. Select **Heat transfer coefficient** as **Default outer wall thermal condition** and specify the **Heat transfer coefficient** value of $5.5 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ and **Temperature of external fluid** of 50°F . The entered value of heat transfer coefficient is automatically converted to the selected system of units (USA Electronics).



Note

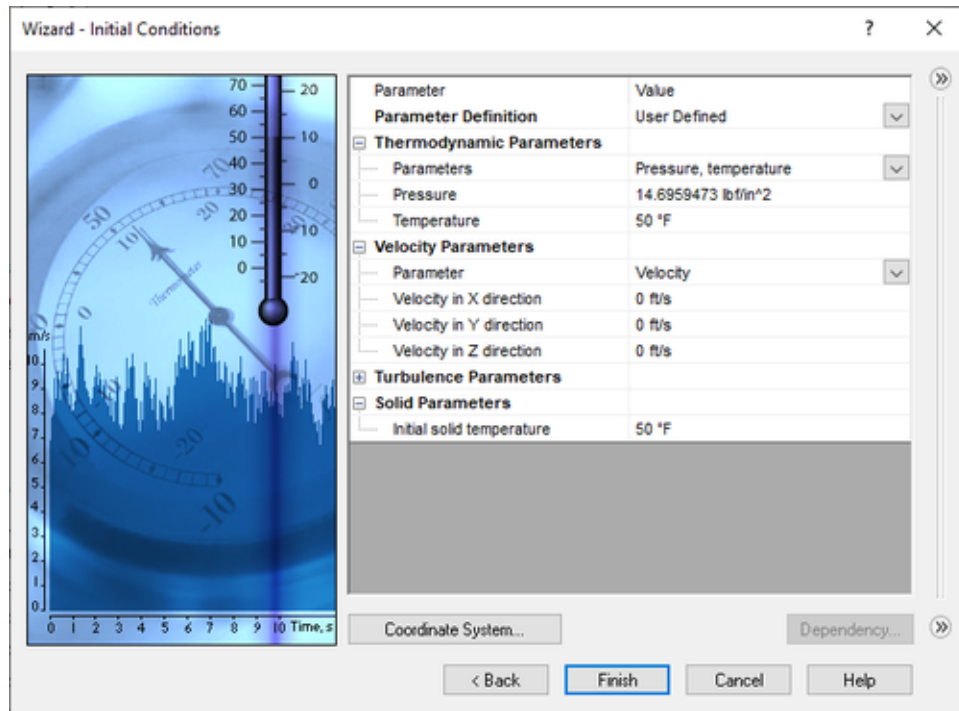
 In the **Wall Conditions** dialog box of the **Wizard** you specify the default conditions at the model walls. When **Conduction** is enabled in an internal analysis, the **Default outer wall thermal condition** parameter allows you to simulate heat exchange between the outer model walls and surrounding environment. In our case the box is located in an air-conditioned room with the air temperature of 50°F and heat transfer through the outer walls of the enclosure due to the convection in the room can significantly contribute to the enclosure cooling.

16. Click **Next**.

Although the initial temperature is more important for transient calculations to see how much time it takes to reach a certain temperature, in a steady-state analysis it is useful to

set the initial temperature close to the expected final solution to speed up convergence. In this case we will set the initial air temperature and the initial temperature of the stainless steel (which represents the material of enclosure) to 50°F because the box is located in an air-conditioned room.

17. Set the initial fluid **Temperature** and the **Initial solid temperature** (under **Solid Parameters**) to 50°F.



18. Click **Finish**.

Results

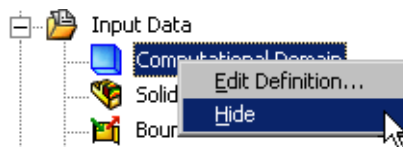
Now Flow Simulation creates a new project with the Flow Simulation data attached.

Click  to hide the Flow Simulation projects tree.

Note

 We will use the Flow Simulation Analysis tree to define our analysis, just as you use the flyout FeatureManager design tree to design your models.

Right-click the **Computational Domain** icon and select **Hide** to hide the wireframe box.



Specifying the Fan

A Fan is one of the types of boundary condition that defines the flow. You can specify **Fans** on the surfaces, free of **Boundary Conditions** and **Heat Sources**. At model openings closed by lids you can specify **Inlet** or **Outlet Fans**. You can also specify fans on any faces within the flow region as **Internal Fans**. A Fan is considered as an ideal device creating a flow with a certain volume (or mass) flow rate, which depends on the difference between the inlet and outlet pressures on the selected faces.

If you analyze a model with a fan, you should be familiar with the fan characteristics. In this example, we use one of the Pre-Defined Fans available in the **Engineering Database**. If you cannot find an appropriate Fan in the Engineering Database, you can define your own Fan in accordance with the fan specifications.

Procedure

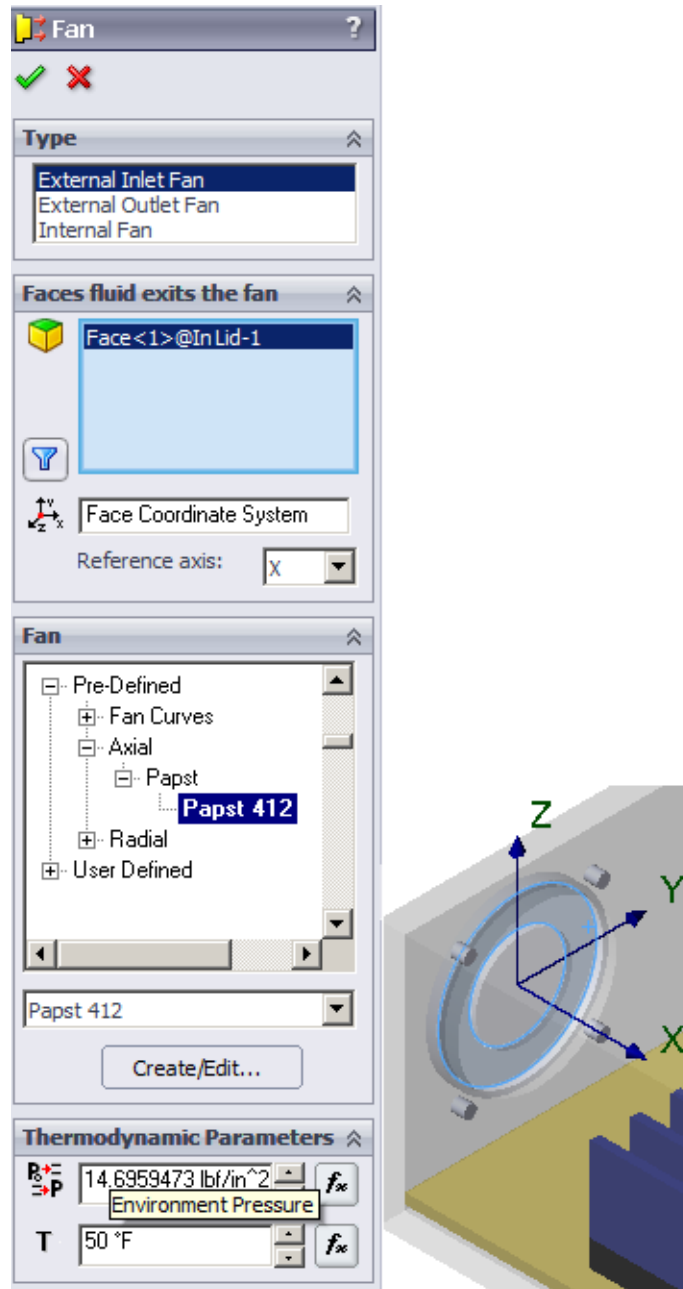
1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Fan**.

The Fan dialog box appears.

2. Select the inner face of the **In Lid** part as shown.

Note

To access the inner face, right-click the **In Lid** in the graphics area and choose **Select Other**, move the pointer over items in the list of features until the inner face is highlighted, then click the left mouse button.



3. Under **Type**, select **External Inlet Fan**.
4. In the **Fan** list, under **Pre-Defined / Axial / Papst**, select the **Papst 412** item.

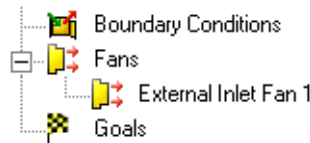
5. Under **Thermodynamic Parameters** check that the **Environment Pressure**  corresponds to the atmospheric pressure.
6. Accept **Face Coordinate System** as the reference **Coordinate system**  and **X** as the **Reference axis**.

Note

 **Face coordinate system** is created automatically in the center of a planar face when you select this face as the face to apply the boundary condition or fan. The **X** axis of this coordinate system is normal to the face. The **Face coordinate system** is created only when one planar face is selected.

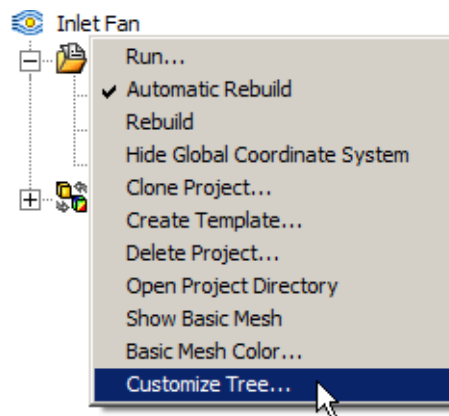
7. Click **OK** .

The new **Fans** folder and the **External Inlet Fan 1** item appear in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



Note

 Now you can edit the **External Inlet Fan 1** item or add a new fan using Flow Simulation Analysis tree. This folder remains visible until the last feature of this type is deleted. You can also make a feature folder to be initially available in the tree. Right-click the project name item and select **Customize Tree** to add or remove folders.



Note

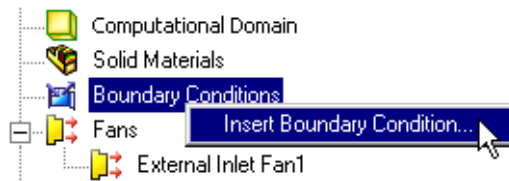
 Since the outlet lids of the enclosure are at ambient atmospheric pressure, the pressure rise produced by the fan is equal to the pressure drop through the electronics enclosure.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

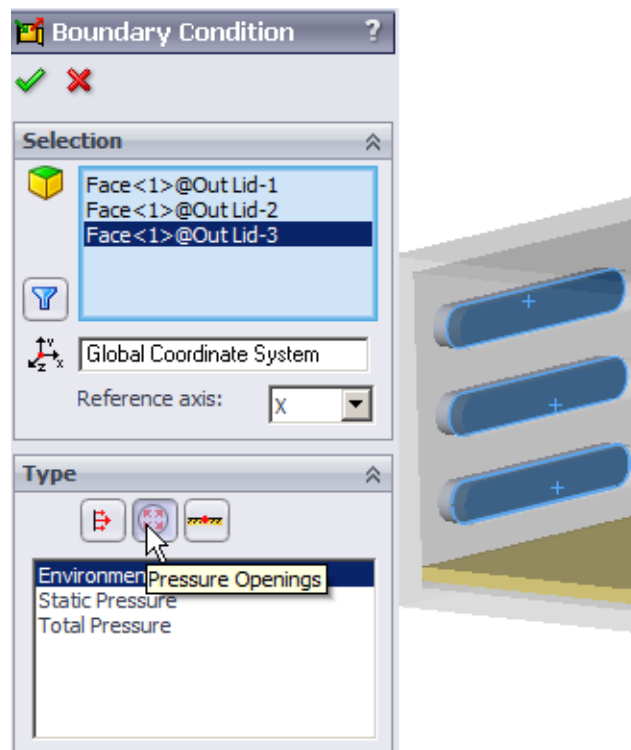
A boundary condition is required in any place where fluid enters or exits the model, excluding openings where a fan is specified. A boundary condition can be set in form of **Pressure**, **Mass Flow Rate**, **Volume Flow Rate** or **Velocity**. You can also use the **Boundary Condition** dialog for specifying an **Ideal Wall** condition that is an adiabatic, frictionless wall or a **Real Wall** condition to set the wall roughness and/or temperature and/or heat conduction coefficient at the selected model surfaces. For internal analyses with **Conduction** enabled, you can also set thermal wall condition on outer model walls by specifying an **Outer Wall** condition.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition...**



2. Select the inner faces of all outlet lids as shown.



3. Select **Pressure Openings** and **Environment Pressure**.

Note



The **Environment Pressure** condition is interpreted as a static pressure for outgoing flows and as a total pressure for incoming flows.

4. Keep the defaults under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, **Turbulence Parameters**, **Boundary Layer** and **Options**.

Click **OK** .

The new **Environment Pressure 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

Specifying Heat Sources

You can specify the heat sources.

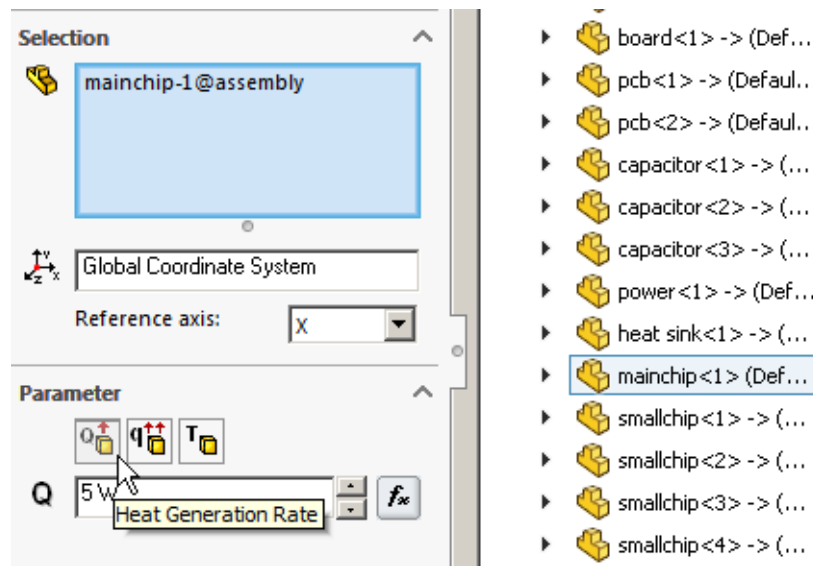
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Define the Power Loss of the Main Chip

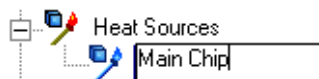
You can define the power loss of the main chip.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Volume Source**.
2. Select the **mainchip** from the flyout FeatureManager design tree to add it to the **Components to Apply the Volume Source**  list.



3. Select the **Heat Generation Rate**  as **Parameter**.
4. Enter 5 W in the **Heat Generation Rate**  box.
5. Click **OK** .
6. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, click-pause-click the new **VS Heat Generation Rate 1** item and rename it to **Main Chip**.



Note

 Volume Heat Sources allow you to specify the heat generation rate (e.g. in Watts) or the volumetric heat generation rate (e.g. in Watts per volume) or a constant temperature boundary condition for a volume. It is also possible to specify Surface Heat Sources in terms of heat transfer rate (e.g. in Watts) or heat flux (e.g. in Watts per area).

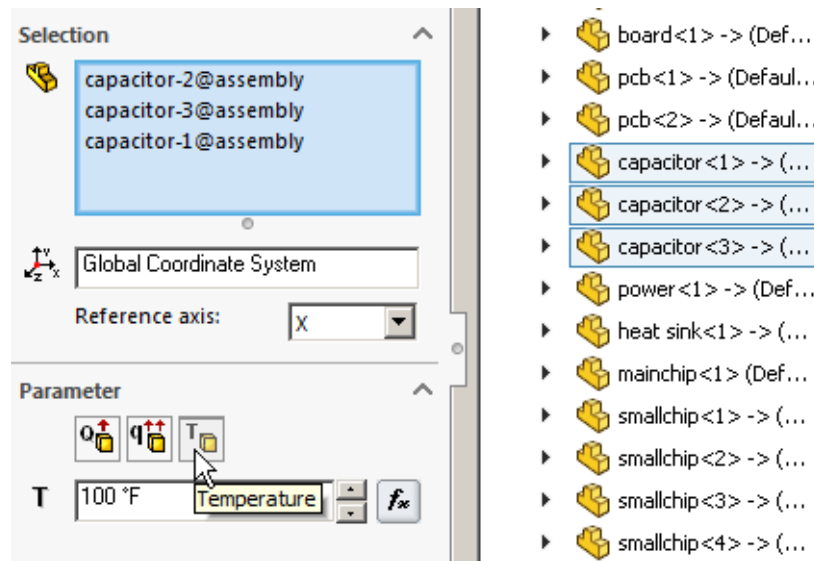
7. (Optional) Click anywhere in the graphic area to clear the selection.

Define the Thermal Characteristics of the Capacitors

You can define the thermal characteristics of the capacitors.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Heat Sources** icon and select **Insert Volume Source**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select all three **capacitor** components.



3. Select the **Temperature**  as **Parameter** and enter 100°F in the **Temperature** **T** box.
4. Click **OK** .
5. Click-pause-click the new **VS Temperature 1** item and rename it to Capacitors.
6. (Optional) Click anywhere in the graphic area to clear the selection.

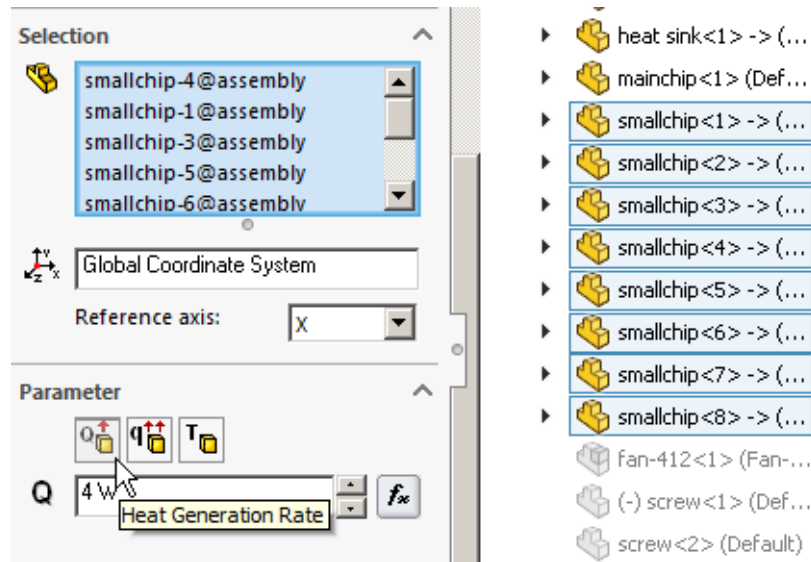
Define the Thermal Characteristics of the Small Chips and the Power Supply

You can define the thermal characteristics of the small chips and the power supply.

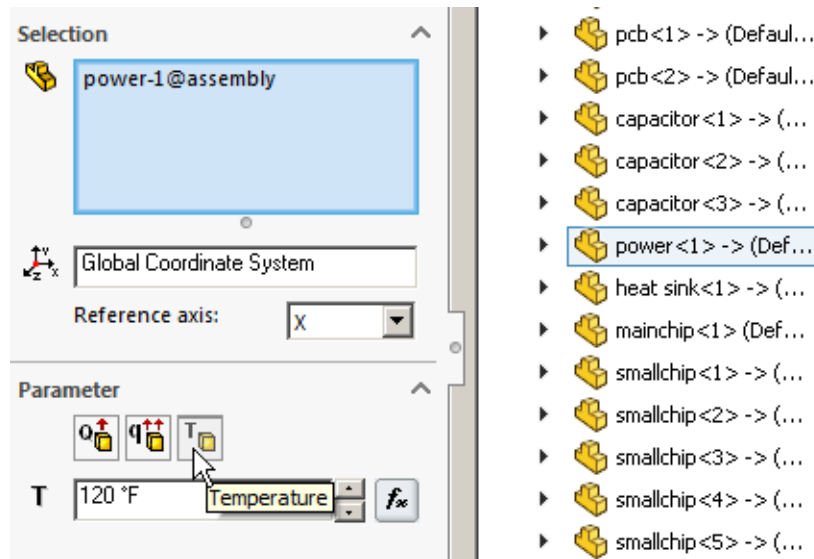
Procedure

1. Following the same procedure as described above, specify the other volume heat sources as follows:

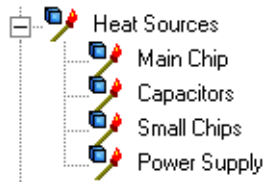
All chips on PCBs (**Small Chip** components) with the total heat generation rate of **4 W**,



Power with the temperature of **120°F**.



2. Rename the heat source applied to the chips to **Small Chips** and the heat source for the power supply to **Power Supply**.



3. Click **File > Save**.

Creating Solid Materials in the Engineering Database

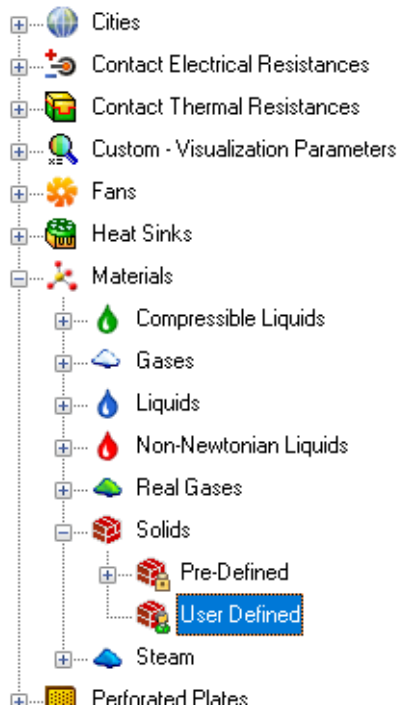
The real PCBs are made of laminate materials consisting of several layers of thin metal conductor interleaved with layers of epoxy resin dielectric. As for most laminate materials, the properties of a typical PCB material can vary greatly depending on the direction - along or across the layers, i.e. it is anisotropic. The Engineering Database contains some predefined PCB materials with anisotropic thermal conductivity.

In this tutorial example anisotropic thermal conductivity of PCBs does not affect the overall cooling performance much, so we will create a PCB material having the same thermal conductivity in all directions to learn how to add a new material to the Engineering Database and assign it to a part.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.

2. In the **Database tree** select **Materials / Solids / User Defined**.



3. Click **New Item**  on the toolbar.
The blank Item Properties tab appears.
4. Double-click the empty cells to set the corresponding properties values.
5. Specify the material properties as follows:

Name = Tutorial PCB,
Comments = Isotropic PCB,
Density = 1120 kg/m³,
Specific heat = 1400 J/(kg*K),
Conductivity type = Isotropic,

Thermal conductivity = 10 W/(m*K),
Melting temperature = 390 K.

Property	Value
Name	Tutorial PCB
Comments	Isotropic PCB ...
Density	1120 kg/m ³
Specific heat	1400 J/(kg*K) ...
Conductivity type	Isotropic ▾
Thermal conductivity	10 W/(m*K) ...
Electrical conductivity	Dielectric ▾
Radiation properties	☐
☒ Melting temperature	☒
Temperature	390 K

We also need to add a new material simulating thermal conductivity and other thermal properties of electronic components.

- Switch to the **Items** tab and click **New Item**  on the toolbar.
- Specify the properties of the chips material:

Name = Tutorial component package,
Comments = Component package,
Density = 2000 kg/m³,
Specific heat = 120 J/(kg*K),
Conductivity type = Isotropic,
Thermal conductivity = 0.4 W/(m*K),
Melting temperature = 390 K.

Property	Value
Name	Tutorial component package
Comments	Component package ...
Density	2000 kg/m ³
Specific heat	120 J/(kg*K) ...
Conductivity type	Isotropic ▾
Thermal conductivity	0.4 W/(m*K) ...
Electrical conductivity	Dielectric ▾
Radiation properties	☐
☒ Melting temperature	☒
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- Click **Save** .
- Click **File > Exit** to exit the database.

Note

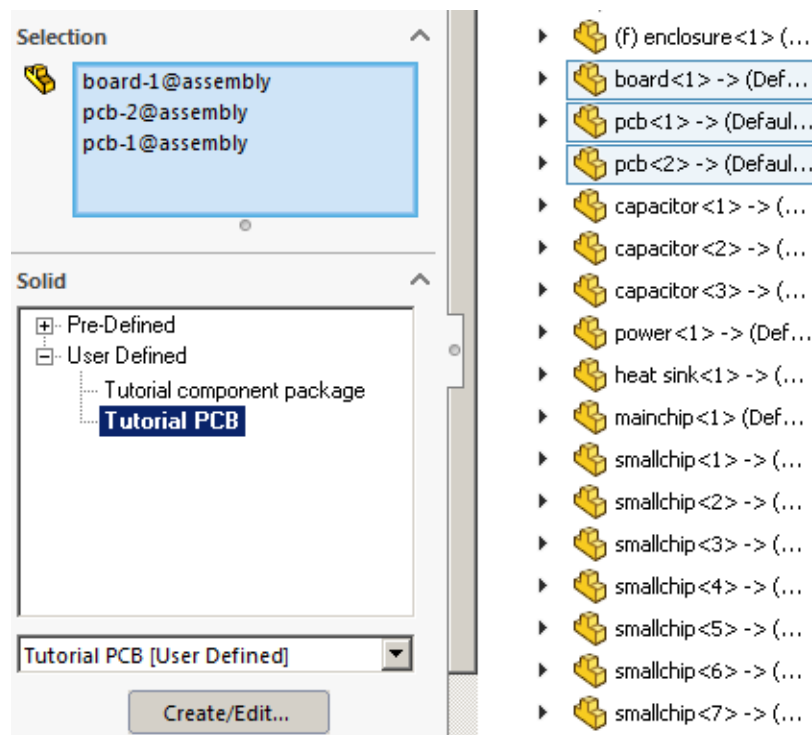
 You can enter the material properties in any unit system you want by typing the unit name after the value and Flow Simulation will automatically convert the entered value to the SI system of units. You can also specify temperature-dependent material properties using the **Tables and Curves** tab.

Specifying Solid Materials

The **Solid Material** feature is used to specify the material for solid parts in the assembly.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Solid Materials** icon and select **Insert Solid Material**.
2. In the flyout **FeatureManager design tree**, select the **Board**, and both **PCB <1>** and **PCB <2>** components.



3. In the **Solid** list, expand **User Defined** and select **Tutorial PCB**.
4. Click **OK** .
5. Following the same procedure, specify solid materials for other components:
 - for the **Main Chip** and all **Small Chips** assign the new **Tutorial component package** material (available under **User Defined**);

- the **Heat Sink** is made of **Aluminum** (available under **Pre-Defined / Metals**);
- the lids (**In Lid**, **Out Lid**, **Hole Lid** and all lids in both the **DerivedLPattern1** and **LocalLPattern1** patterns) are made of the **Insulator** material (available under **Pre-Defined / Glasses and Minerals**).

To select a part, click it in the flyout FeatureManager design tree or SOLIDWORKS graphics area.

6. Click **File > Save**.

Specifying Engineering Goals

The **Goals** feature defines the desired parameters and allows the system to reduce the analysis time if possible. These also provide monitor points during calculation.

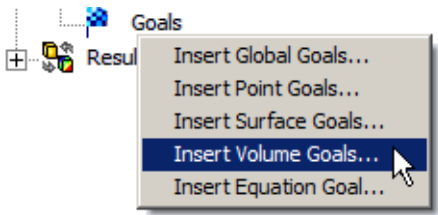
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Specifying Volume Goals

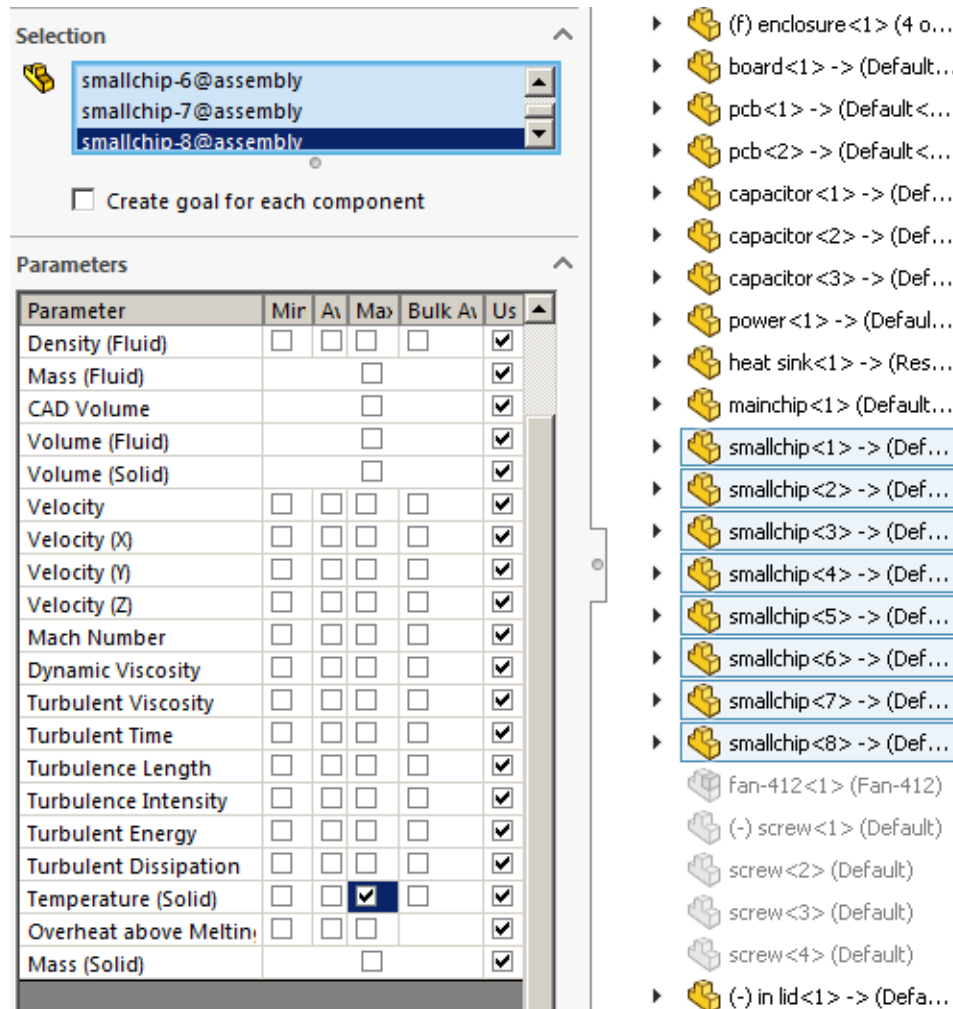
You can specify volume goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Volume Goals**.

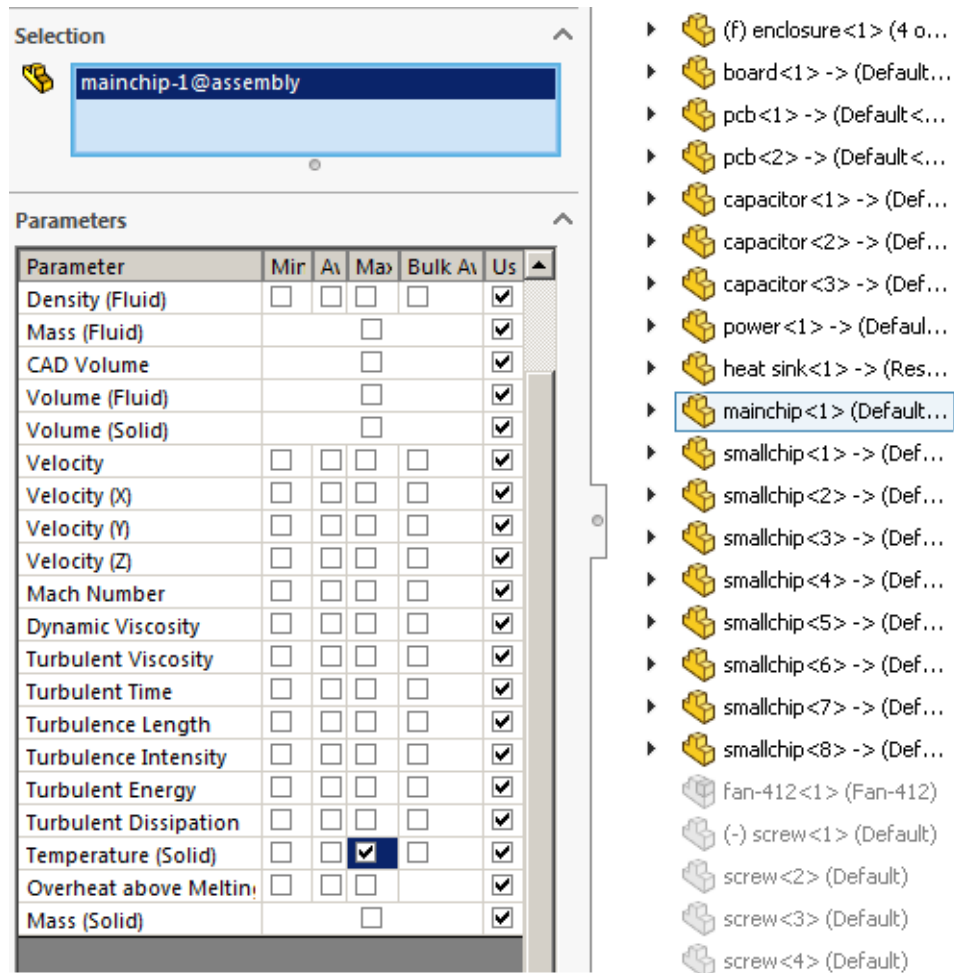


- In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select all **smallchip** components.



- In the **Parameter** table, select the **Max** check box in the **Temperature (Solid)** row.
 - Accept selected **Use for Conv. (Use for Convergence Control)** check box to use this goal for convergence control.
 - Click **OK**.
- The new **VG Max Temperature (Solid) 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
- Change the name of the new item to **VG Small Chips Max Temperature**.
 - In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Volume Goals**.

8. Select the **mainchip** item in the Flow Simulation flyout FeatureManager design tree.



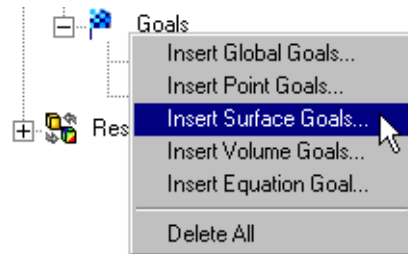
9. In the **Parameter** table, select the **Max** check box in the **Temperature (Solid)** row.
10. Click **OK** .
11. Rename the new **VG Max Temperature (Solid) 1** item to **VG Chip Max Temperature**.
12. (Optional) Click anywhere in the graphic area to clear the selection.

Specifying Surface Goals

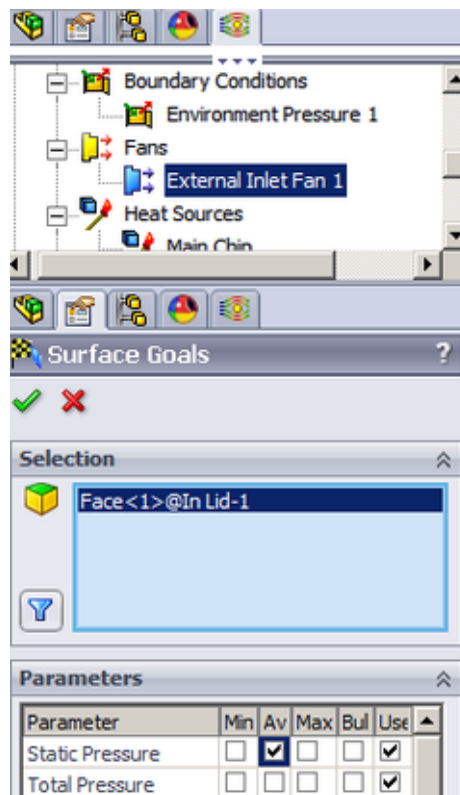
You can specify surface goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.



2. Click the Flow Simulation Analysis tab and click the **External Inlet Fan 1** item to select the face where the goal is going to be applied.



3. Click the **External Inlet Fan 1** item to select the face where the goal is going to be applied.
4. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check box in the **Static Pressure** row.
5. Accept selected **Use for Conv. (Use for Convergence Control)** check box to use this goal for convergence control.

Note

 Notice the X(Y, Z) - Component of Force and X(Y, Z) - Component of Torque surface goals. For these you can select the Coordinate system, in which these goals will be calculated.

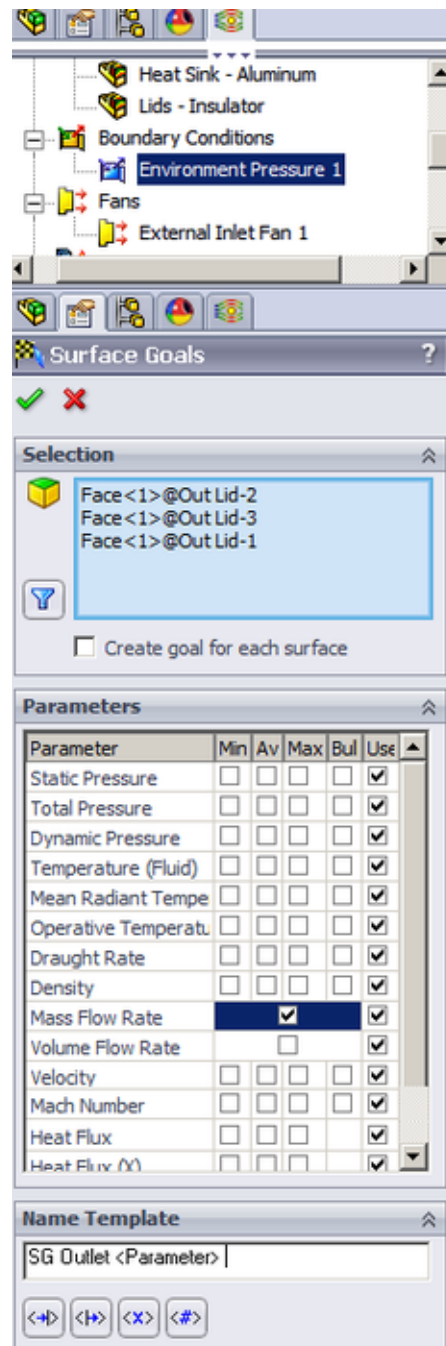
6. Under **Name Template**, located at the bottom of the PropertyManager, click **Inlet**  and then remove the <Number> field from the **Name Template** box.

7. Click **OK** .

The new **SG Inlet Av Static Pressure** goal appears.

8. (Optional) Click anywhere in the graphic area to clear the selection.
9. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.

10. Click the **Environment Pressure 1** item to select the faces where the goal is going to be applied.



11. In the **Parameter** table select the first check box in the **Mass Flow Rate** row.
12. Accept selected **Use for Conv. (Use for Convergence Control)** check box to use this goal for convergence control.

13. Under **Name Template**, located at the bottom of the PropertyManager, click **Outlet**  and then remove the <Number> field from the **Name Template**.
14. Click **OK** .

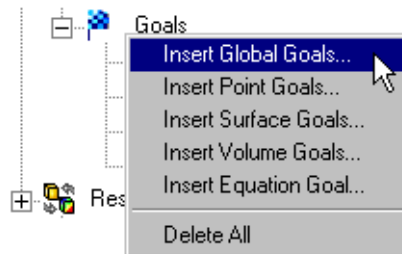
The **SG Outlet Mass Flow Rate** goal appears.

Specifying Global Goals

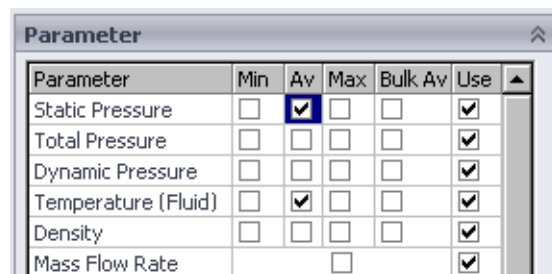
You can specify global goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Global Goals**.



2. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check boxes in the **Static Pressure** and **Temperature (Fluid)** rows and accept selected **Use for Conv. (Use for Convergence Control)** check box to use these goals for convergence control.



Parameter	Min	Av	Max	Bulk Av	Use
Static Pressure	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
Total Pressure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
Dynamic Pressure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
Temperature (Fluid)	☐	☒	☐	☐	☒
Density	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
Mass Flow Rate			☐		☒

3. Remove the <Number> field from the **Name Template** and click **OK** .

The **GG Av Static Pressure** and **GG Av Temperature (Fluid)** goals appear.



In this tutorial, the engineering goals are set to determine the maximum temperature of the heat generating components, the temperature rise in air and the pressure drop and mass flow rate through the enclosure.

4. Click **File > Save**.

Results

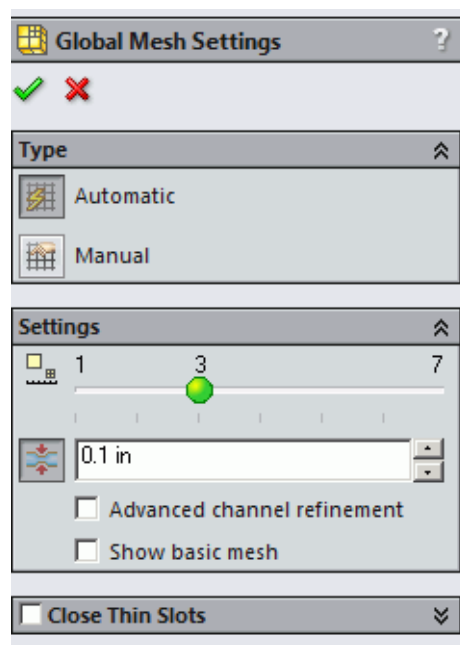
Next let us check the automatically defined geometry resolution settings for this project.

Specifying Mesh Settings

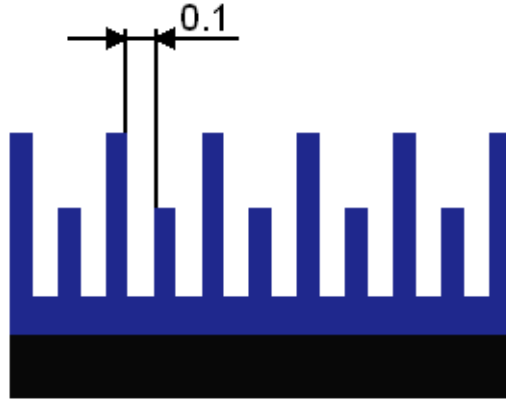
You can specify mesh settings.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Keep the default **Automatic**  type.



3. Under **Settings**, accept the default for the **Level of initial mesh** .
4. Click **Minimum Gap Size**  and enter 0.1 in for the **Minimum Gap Size** (i.e. passage between the fins of the heat sink).



Note

 Entering values for the minimum gap size and minimum wall thickness is important when you have small features. Setting these values accurately ensures that the small features are not "passed over" by the mesh. The minimum wall thickness should be specified only if there are fluid cells on either side of a small solid feature. In case of internal analyses, there are no fluid cells in the ambient space outside of the enclosure. Therefore boundaries between internal flow and ambient space are always resolved properly. That is why you should not take into account the walls of the steel cabinet. Both the **minimum gap size** and the **minimum wall thickness** are tools that help you to create a model-adaptive mesh resulting in increased accuracy. However, the minimum gap size setting is the more powerful one. The fact is that the Flow Simulation mesh is constructed so that the specified **Level of initial mesh** controls the minimum number of mesh cells per **minimum gap size**. And this number is equal to or greater than the number of mesh cells generated per **minimum wall thickness**. That's why even if you have a thin solid feature inside the flow region it is not necessary to specify minimum wall thickness if it is greater than or equal to the minimum gap size. Specifying the minimum wall thickness is necessary if you want to resolve thin walls smaller than the smallest gap.

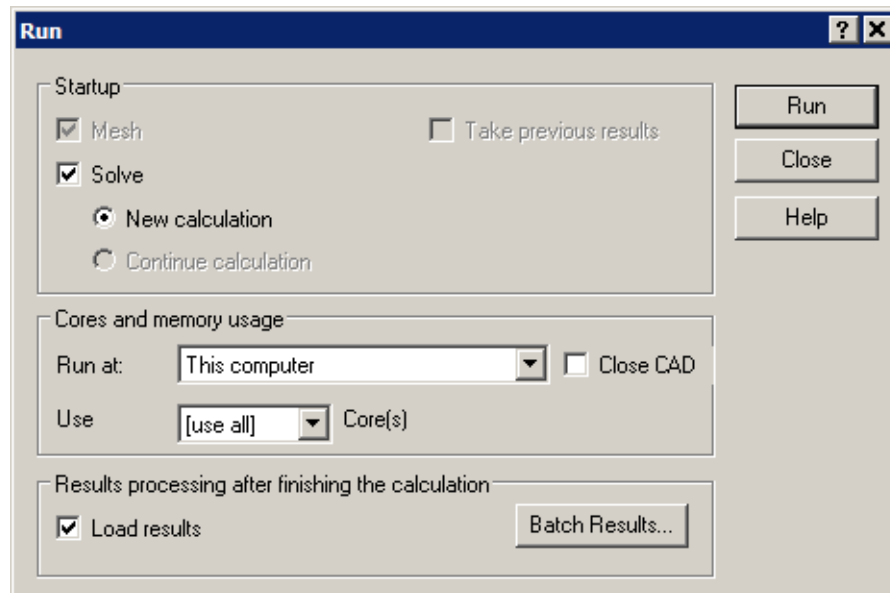
5. Click **OK** .

Running the Calculation

You can run the calculation.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.



2. Click **Run**.

It will take a few minutes to calculate this problem on a typical PC.

Note

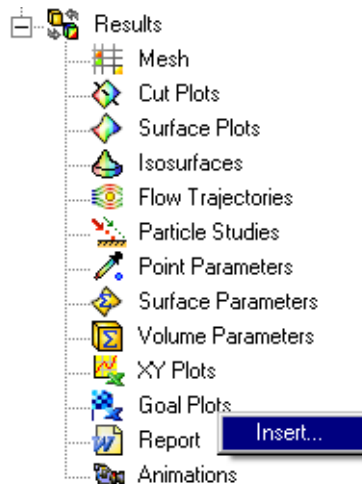
You may notice that different goals take different number of iterations to converge. The goal-oriented philosophy of Flow Simulation allows you to get the answers you need in the shortest amount of time. For example, if you were only interested in the temperature of fluid in the enclosure, Flow Simulation would have provided the result more quickly than if the solver was allowed to fully converge on all of the parameters.

Viewing the Goals

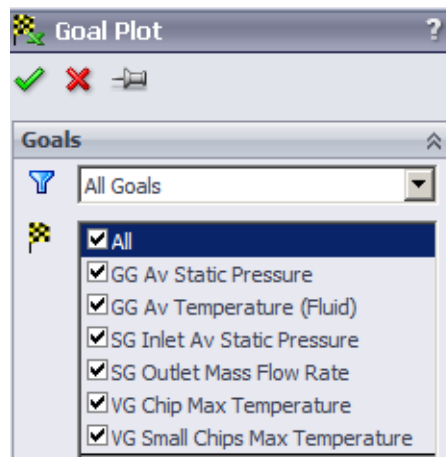
You can view the goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** under **Results**, right-click the **Goal Plots** icon and select **Insert**.



2. In the **Goals** dialog, select **All**.



3. Click **Export to Excel**.

An Excel spreadsheet with the goal results will be open. The first sheet will show a table summarizing the goals.

Click **OK**.

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Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
GG Av Static Pressure	[lbf/in^2]	14.6968233	14.69681983	14.69681366	14.6968233
SG Inlet Av Static Pressure	[lbf/in^2]	14.69652943	14.69652842	14.69652457	14.69653159
GG Av Temperature of Fluid	[°F]	60.96909274	60.85853697	60.7394792	60.98322376
SG Outlet Mass Flow Rate	[lb/s]	-0.007198853	-0.00719956	-0.007202107	-0.007197722
VG Small Chips Max Temp	[°F]	86.98115557	86.90565865	86.3595926	87.13962246
VG Chip Max Temperature	[°F]	88.46975564	88.24520891	87.88016106	88.50827141

Results

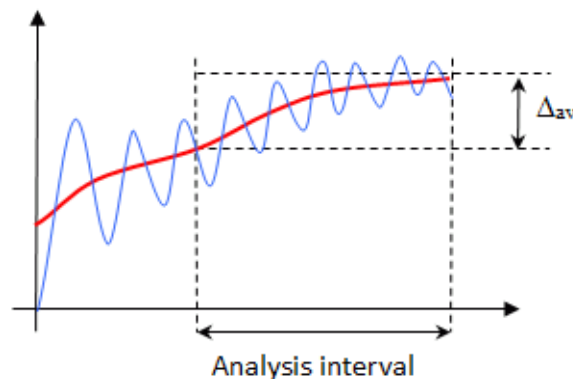
You can see that the maximum temperature in the main chip is about 88.5 °F, and the maximum temperature over the small chips is about 87 °F.

Goal's Progress Bar

The Goal's progress bar is a qualitative and quantitative characteristic of the goal's convergence process.

When Flow Simulation analyzes the goal's convergence, it calculates the goal's amplitude excursion (Delta) over the analysis interval reckoned from the last iteration and compares the calculated Delta with the goal's convergence Criterion, either specified by you or automatically determined by Flow Simulation.

In this case the Delta is calculated as the minimum value from Δ_{cur} and Δ_{av} where Δ_{av} is the difference between the maximum and minimum values of averaged values over the analysis interval reckoned from the last iteration.



The automatic Criterion is calculated using the following procedure:

- Over the whole interval from the iteration 3 to travel 1, the automatic criterion (Cr_0) is calculated as the percentage V_{cr} from Δ_{cur} where Δ_{cur} is the difference between the maximum and minimum values of current values over the analysis interval. In most

cases, the percentage V_{cr} is set to 3%, but it can be corrected (increased up to 15%) in the model cases.

- Also on each step starting from the first travel, the current criterion (Cr_i) is calculated as the percentage V_{cr} from Δ_{cur} estimated over the interval from the previous travel to the current one and then the average criterion (Cr_{av}) is calculated as a simple average from all Cr_i values.
- The Resulting Criterion is calculated as the maximum value from Cr_{av} and Cr_0 .

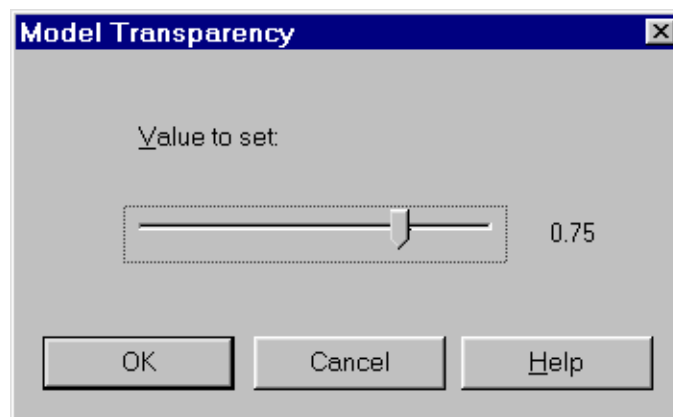
The percentage of the goal's convergence Criterion to the goal's Delta over the analysis interval is named Progress value and shown in the goal's convergence progress bar (when the goal's real Delta becomes equal or smaller than the goal's convergence Criterion, the progress bar is replaced by the word "Achieved"). Naturally, if the goal's real Delta oscillates, the progress bar oscillates. Moreover, when a hard problem is solved, it can noticeably regress, in particular from the "achieved" level. The calculation can finish if the iterations (in travels) required for finishing the calculation have been performed, as well as if the goals' convergence criteria are satisfied before performing the required number of iterations. You can specify other finishing conditions at your discretion.

Adjusting Model Transparency

You can adjust model transparency.

Procedure

Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Display > Transparency** and set the model transparency to 0.75.



Results

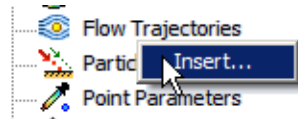
The first step for results processing is to create a transparent view of the geometry, a 'glass-body'. This way you can easily see where cut planes etc. are located with respect to the geometry.

Viewing Flow Trajectories

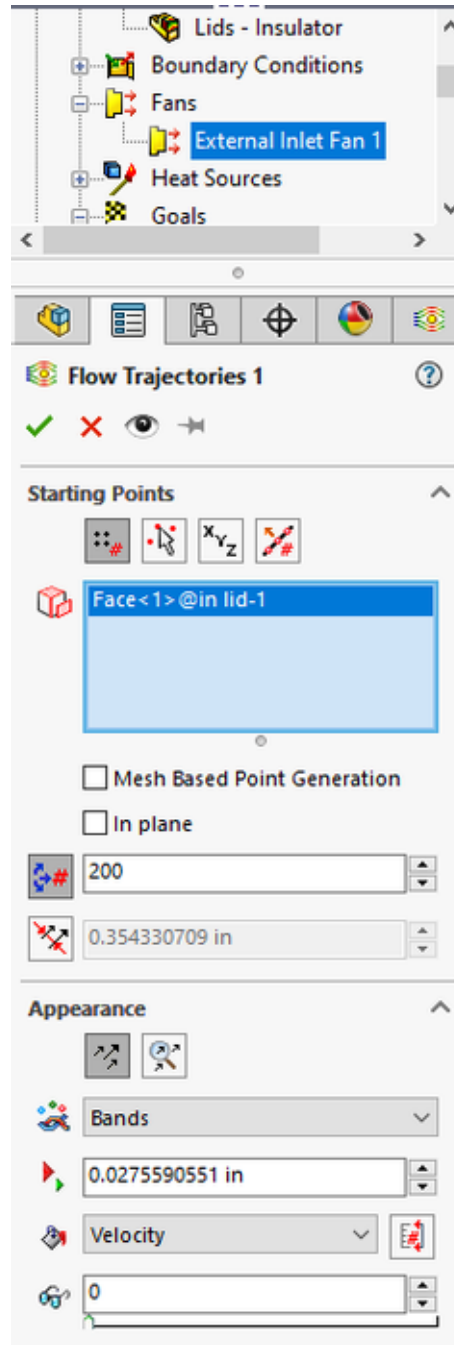
To analyze the results in more detail let us use the various Flow Simulation results processing tools. The best method for the visualization of how the fluid flows inside the enclosure is to create flow trajectories.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Flow Trajectories** icon and select **Insert**.



2. To select the inner face of the **In Lid**, click the **External Inlet Fan 1** item in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



3. Set the **Number of Points**  to 200.
4. Under **Appearance**, set **Draw Trajectories as**  to **Bands**.
5. From the **Color by**  list select **Velocity**.

Note

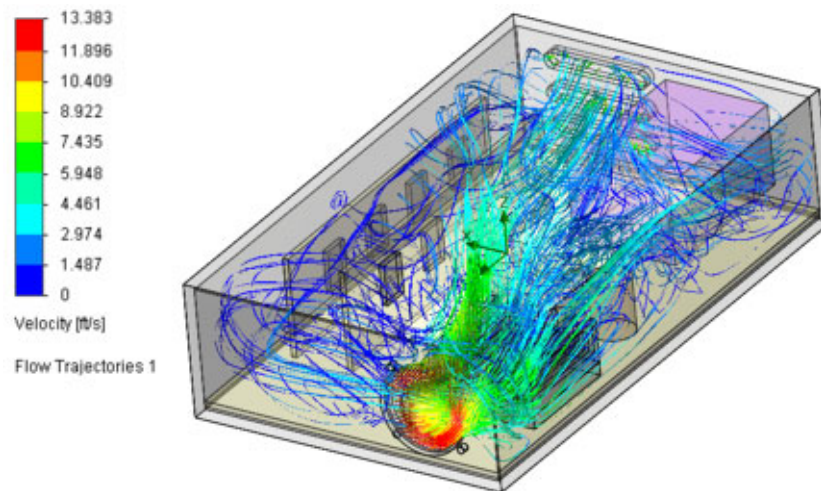
If a parameter is selected in **Color by** list, then the trajectories are colored in accordance with the distribution of the parameter specified. If you select **Fixed Color** then all flow trajectories will have a fixed color specified by you.

6. Click **OK**.

Results

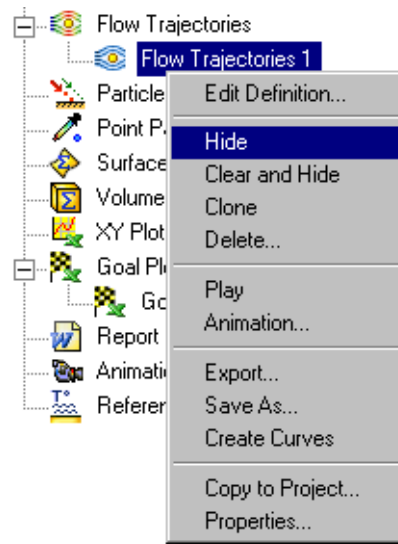
The new **Flow Trajectories 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

This is the picture you should see.



Notice that there are only a few trajectories along the adjacent to the wall **PCB<2>** and this may cause problems with cooling of the chips placed on this PCB. Additionally the blue color indicates low velocity in front of this **PCB<2>**.

Right-click the **Flow Trajectories 1** item and select **Hide**.



Click anywhere in the graphic area to clear the selection.

Let us now examine the velocity distribution in more detail.

Viewing Cut Plots

You can view cut plots.

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Define a New Cut Plot

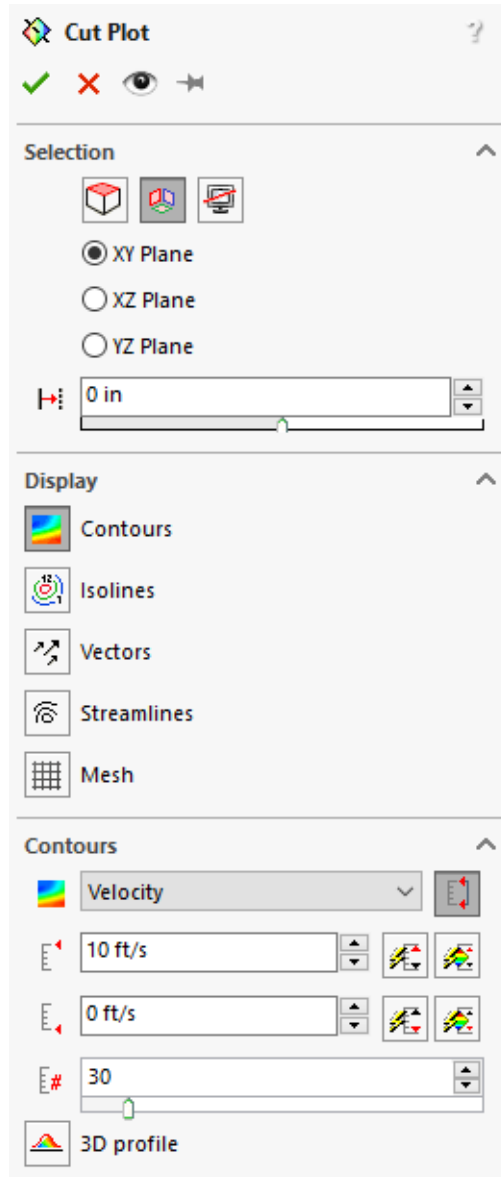
You can define a new cut plot.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Cut Plots** icon and select **Insert**.



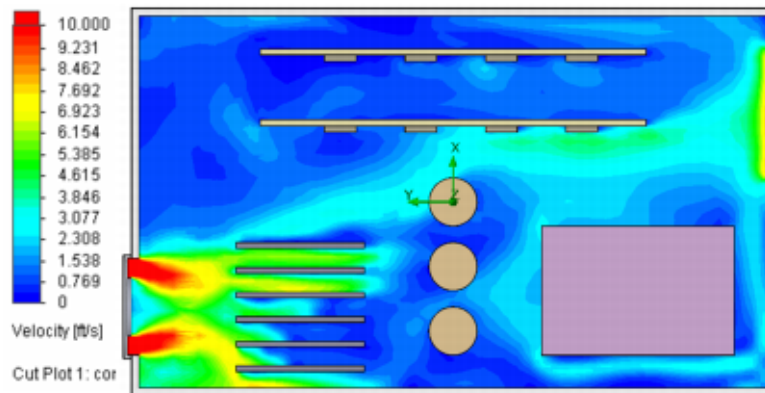
2. Under **Selection**, select **XYZ Planes**  mode and then select **XY Plane** as the section plane.



3. Under **Contours**, change the parameter to **Velocity**, then select **Adjust Minimum and Maximum** .
4. Change the **Min** and **Max** values to 0 and 10 ft/s respectively. The specified values produce a palette where it is easier to determine the value.
5. Set the **Number of levels**  to 30.
6. Click **OK**.

Results

The new **Cut Plot 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



Edit an Existing Cut Plot

You can edit an existing cut plot.

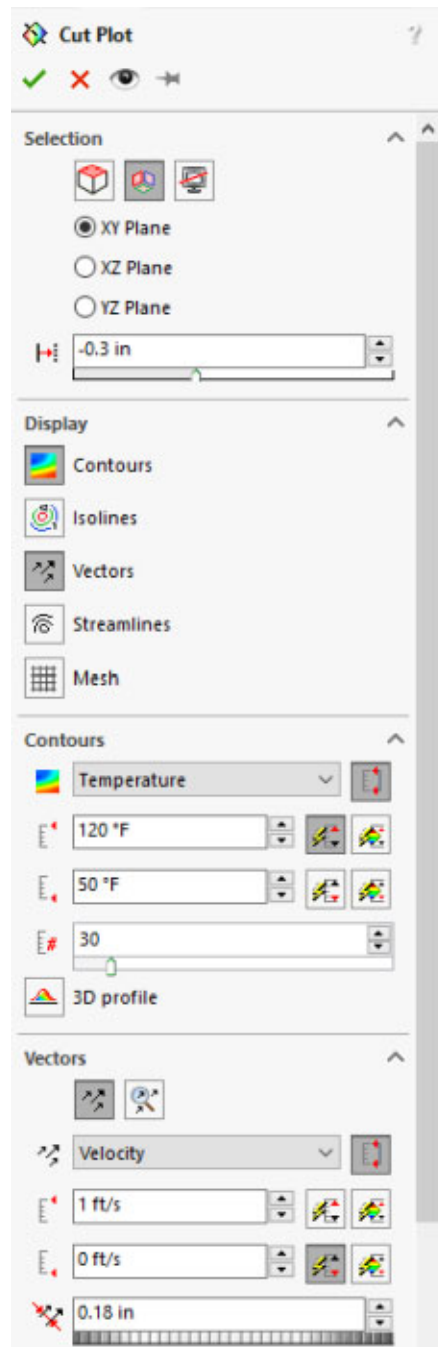
Let us now look at the fluid temperature.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Cut Plot 1** icon and select **Edit Definition**.



2. Change the **Offset**  to **-0.3 in**.



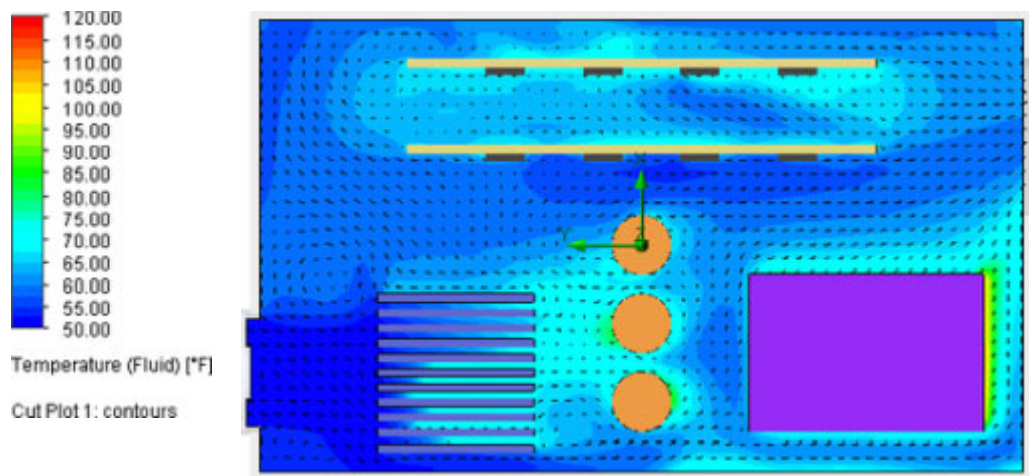
3. Change the **Parameter** under **Contours** from **Velocity** to **Temperature (Fluid)**.
4. Change the **Min** and **Max** values to **50** and **120 °F** respectively.
5. Under **Display**, select **Vectors** .

- Under the appeared **Vectors** tab, make sure that **Static Vectors**  is selected and the **Parameter** is set to **Velocity**, then select **Adjust Minimum and Maximum** .
- Set the **Max** value to **1 ft/s**.

Note

 By specifying the custom **Min** and **Max** values you can control the vector length. The vectors whose velocity exceeds the specified Max value will have the same length as the vectors whose velocity is equal to Max. Likewise, the vectors whose velocity is less than the specified Min value will have the same length as the vectors whose velocity is equal to Min. We have set 1 ft/s in order to display areas of low velocity.

- Change the **Spacing**  to **0.18 in**.
- Click **OK** .



Results

The adjusted Cut Plot is displayed.

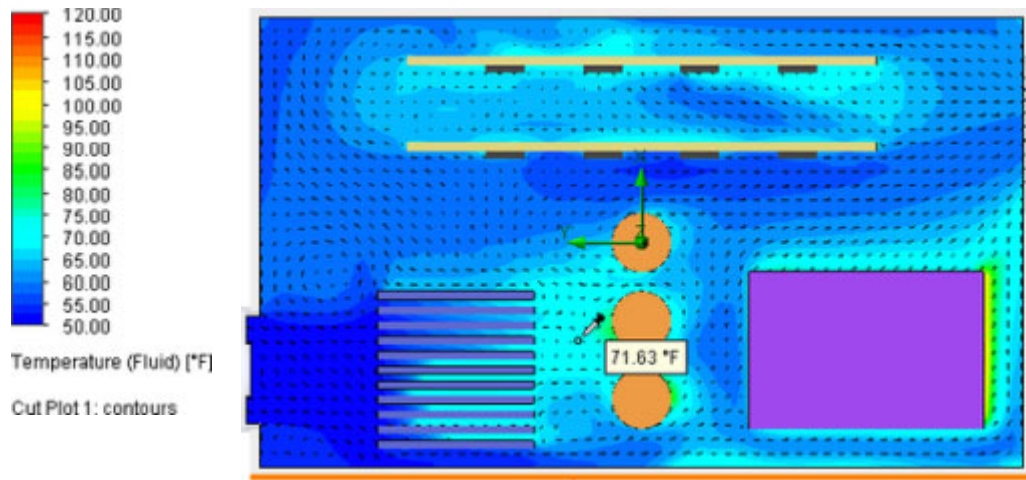
Using the Probe Tool

You can utilize the **Probe** tool to display result values dynamically under the mouse pointer or add **Probes** by clicking on the desired result plot in the graphics display.

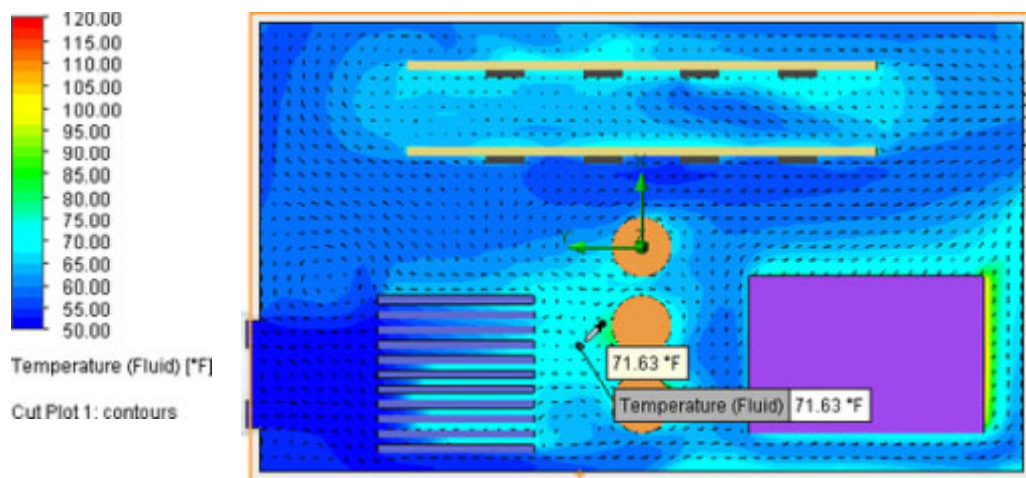
Procedure

- In the main menu click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Probe Mode > Probe**.

2. Move the mouse pointer across the result display to dynamically show the current result value at this location.



3. By clicking on the plot a **Probe** tag is created with the current value.



Multiple **Probes** can be created in different locations.

By right-clicking a probe tag additional parameters can be selected and other settings about the tag display can be adjusted.

Results

Probes are a helpful post-processing functionality to investigate the displayed result plots in specific areas.

To hide all Probes click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Probe Mode > Display Probe** in the main menu.

Right-click the **Cut Plot 1** item and select **Hide**.

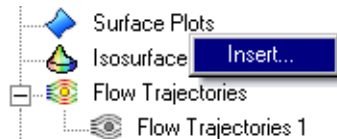
Let us now display the temperature in solid.

Viewing Surface Plots

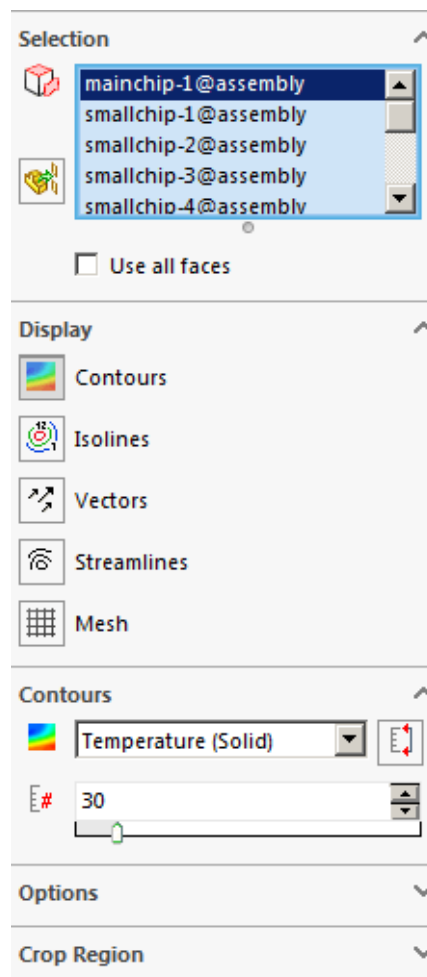
You can view surface plots.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Surface Plots** item and select **Insert**.

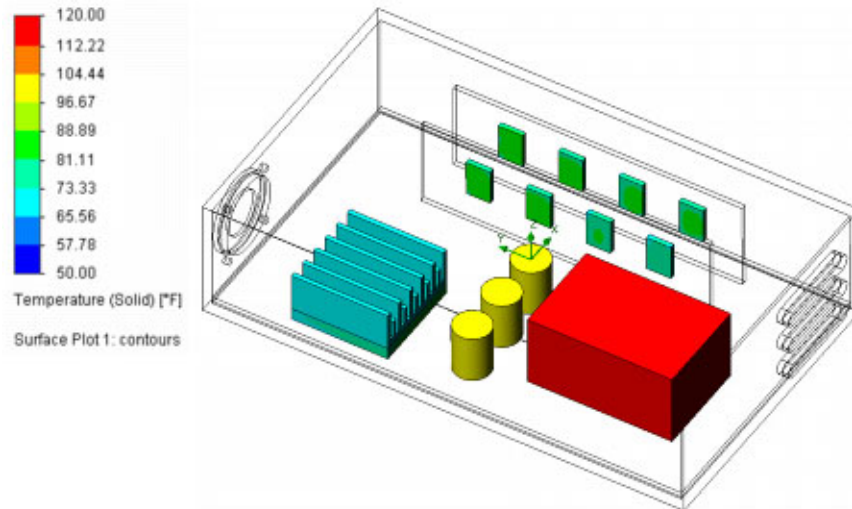


2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree click the **Main Chip**, **Heat Sink** and all **Small Chip** components to select their surfaces.



3. Under **Contours**, change the **Parameter** to **Temperature (Solid)**.

4. Change the **Min** and **Max** values to **50** and **120 °F** respectively.
5. Click **OK** .
6. Repeat steps 1 and 2 and select the **Power Supply** and all **Capacitor** components, then click **OK** .
7. Click **Wireframe**  on the Heads-Up View toolbar to show only the face outlines.



Results

You can view and analyze the results further with the post-processing tools that were shown in the [Ball Valve Design](#) tutorial. Flow Simulation allows you to quickly and easily investigate your design both quantitatively and qualitatively. Quantitative results such as the maximum temperature in the component, pressure drop through the cabinet, and air temperature rise will allow you to determine whether the design is acceptable or not. By viewing qualitative results such as air flow patterns, and heat conduction patterns in the solid, Flow Simulation gives you the necessary insight to locate problem areas or weaknesses in your design and provides guidance on how to improve or optimize the design.

Porous Media

In this tutorial we consider flow in a section of an automobile exhaust pipe, whose exhaust flow is resisted by two porous bodies serving as catalysts for transforming harmful carbon monoxide into carbon dioxide. When designing an automobile catalytic converter, the engineer faces a compromise between minimizing the catalyst's resistance to the exhaust flow while maximizing the catalyst's internal surface area and duration that the exhaust gases are in contact with that surface area. Therefore, a more uniform distribution of the exhaust mass flow rate over the catalyst's cross sections favors its serviceability.

The porous media capabilities of Flow Simulation are used to simulate each catalyst, which allows you to model the volume that the catalyst occupies as a distributed resistance instead of discretely modeling all of the individual passages within the catalyst, which would be impractical or even impossible. Here, as a Flow Simulation tutorial example we consider the influence of the catalysts' porous medium permeability type (isotropic and unidirectional media of the same resistance to flow) on the exhaust mass flow rate distribution over the catalysts' cross sections. We will observe the latter through the behavior of the exhaust gas flow trajectories distributed uniformly over the model's inlet and passing through the porous catalysts. Additionally, by coloring the flow trajectories by the flow velocity the exhaust gas residence time in the porous catalysts can be estimated, which is also important from the catalyst effectiveness viewpoint.

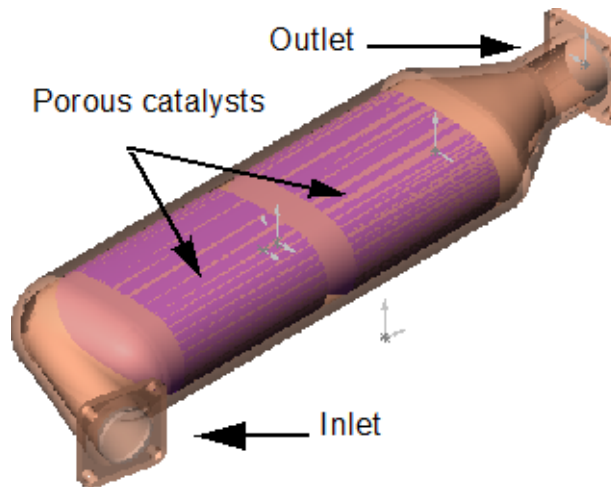
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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *A3 - Porous Media* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Click **File > Open**.
3. In the **Open** dialog box, browse to the *catalyst.sldasm* assembly located in the *A3 - Porous Media* folder and click **Open** (or double-click the assembly).



Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *catalyst.sldasm* file to an empty area of SOLIDWORKS window.

Note

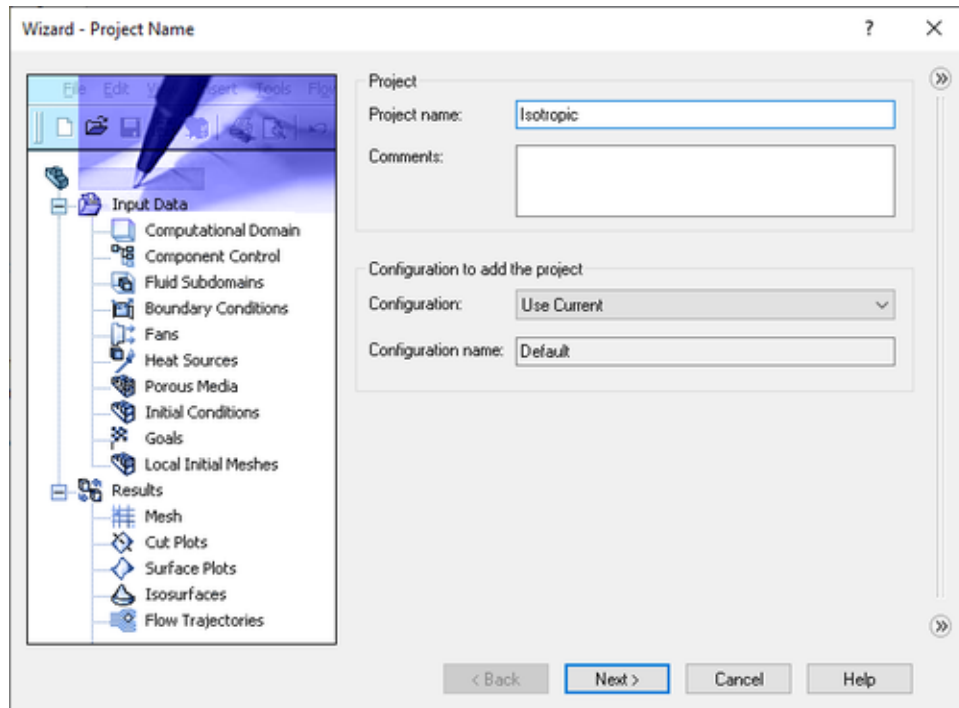
 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *catalyst.sldasm* model located in the *A3 - Porous Media\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

You can create a Flow Simulation project.

Procedure

1. In the main menu click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Wizard**.



2. Once inside the **Wizard**, type a project name: **Isotropic**.
3. Under **Configuration to add the project**, keep **Use Current**.

Note

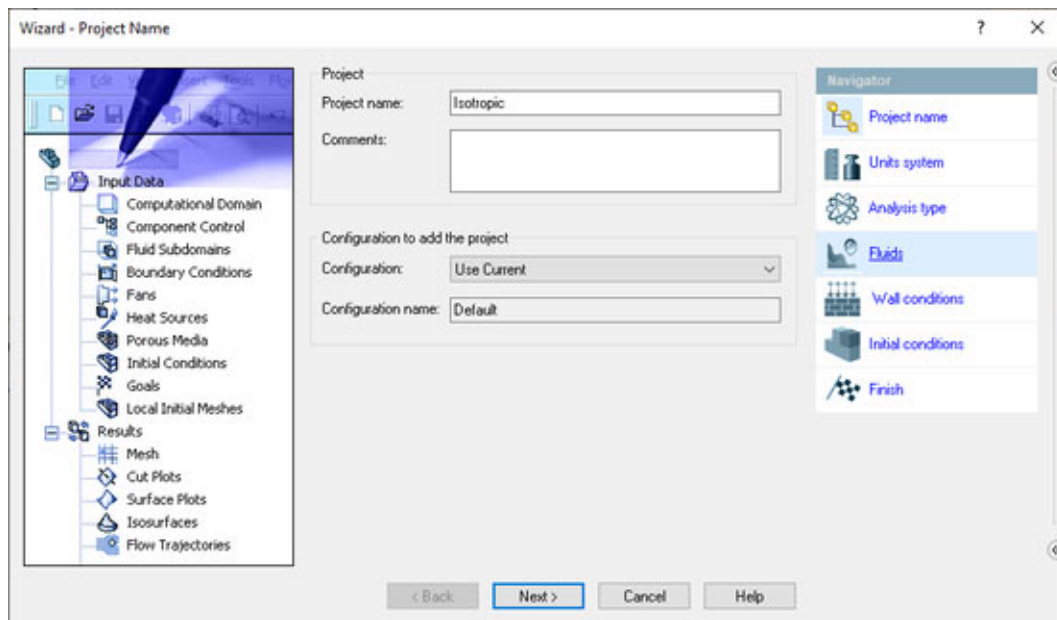
The project Wizard guides you through the definition of the project's properties step-by-step. Except for two steps (steps to define the project fluids and default solid), each step has some pre-defined values, so you can either accept these values (skipping the step by clicking **Next**) or modify them to your needs. These pre-defined settings are:

- unit system – SI,
- analysis type – external, physical features – fluid flow,
- wall condition – adiabatic wall,
- initial conditions – pressure – 101325 Pa, temperature – 293.2 K.

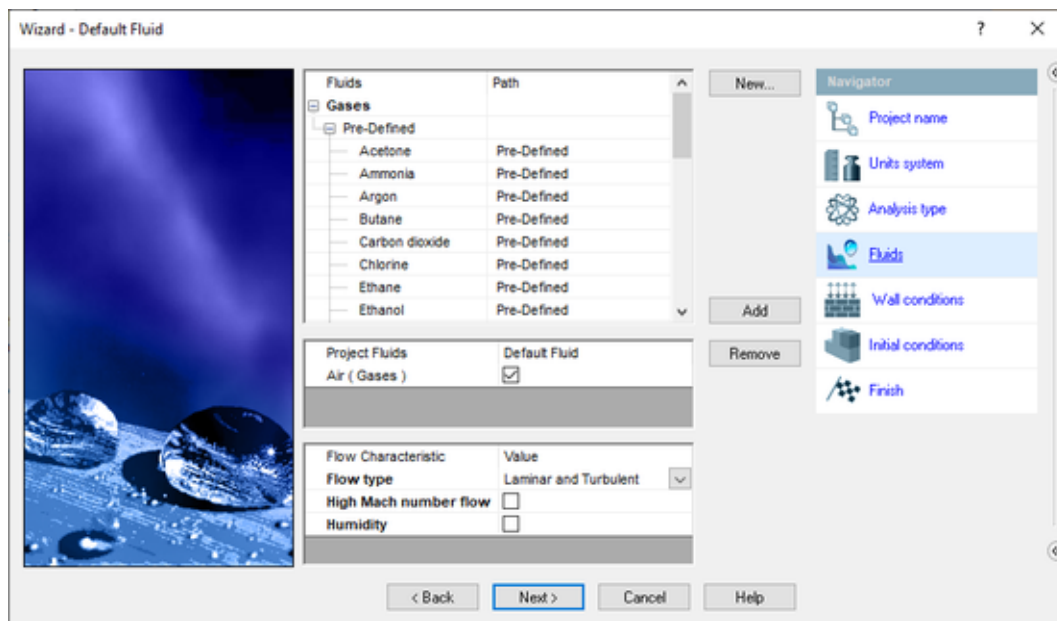
Note

For this project these default settings suit perfectly and all what we need to do is just to select Air as the project fluid. To avoid passing through all steps we will use **Navigator** pane that provides a quick access to the Wizard's pages.

- Click the arrow  at the right.
- In the **Navigator** pane click **Fluids**.

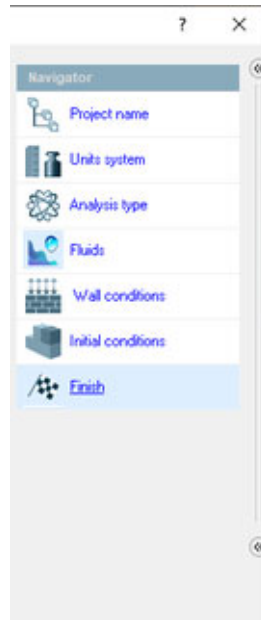


- Open the **Gases** folder, click **Air**, then click **Add**.



- Since we do not need to change other properties we can close the Wizard.

- Click **Finish** in the Navigator panel.



Note

You can click Finish at any moment, but if you attempt to close Wizard without specifying all obligatory properties (such as project fluids), the Wizard will not close and the page where you need to define a missing property will be marked by the exclamation icon .

Results

Now Flow Simulation creates a new project with the Flow Simulation data attached.

Right-click the **Computational Domain** icon and select **Hide** to hide the wireframe box.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

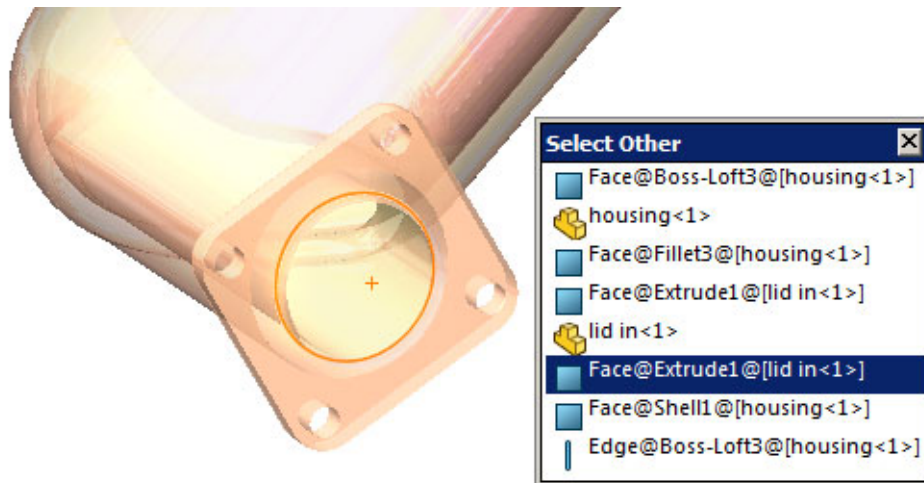
You can specify boundary conditions.

Procedure

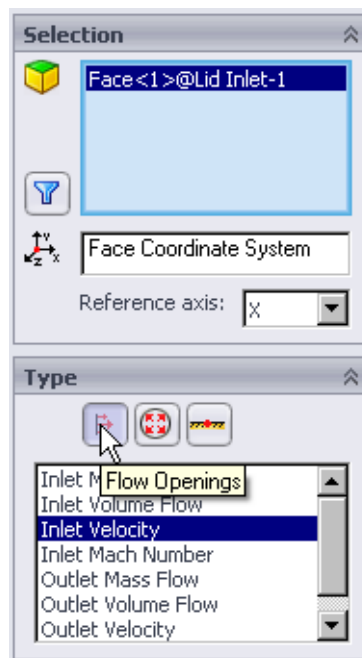
- In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.



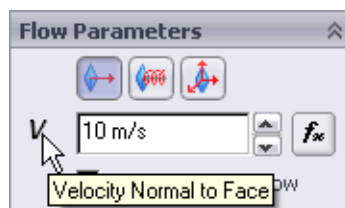
2. Select the inner face of the inlet lid as shown.



3. Select **Flow Openings**  and **Inlet Velocity**.



4. Set the **Velocity Normal to Face**  to 10 m/s.

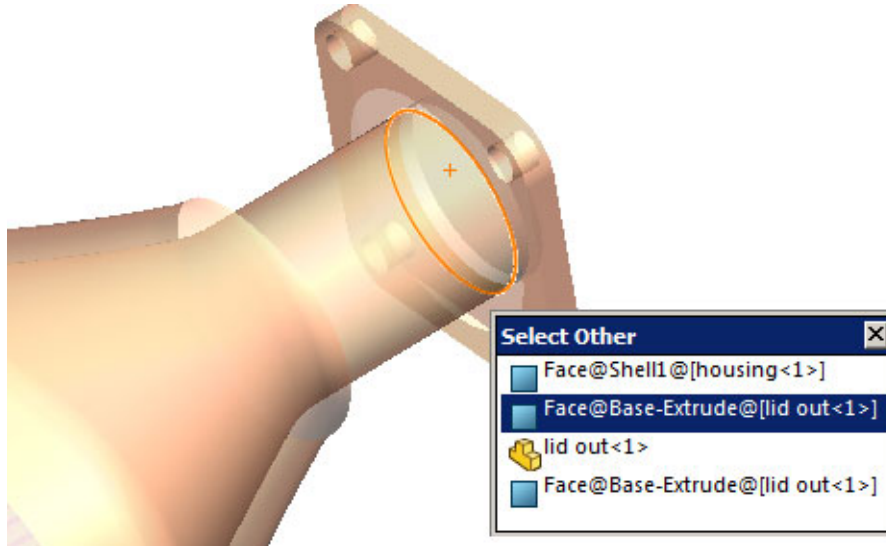


5. Click **OK** .

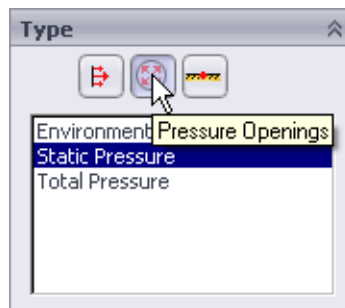
Note

 With the definition just made, we told Flow Simulation that at this opening air is flowing into the catalyst with a velocity of 10 m/s.

6. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**. Select the inner face of the outlet lid as shown.



7. Select **Pressure Openings**  and **Static Pressure**.



8. Keep the defaults under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, **Turbulence Parameters**, **Boundary Layer** and **Options**.

9. Click **OK** .

Note

 With the definition just made, we told Flow Simulation that at this opening the fluid exits the model to an area of static atmospheric pressure.

Results

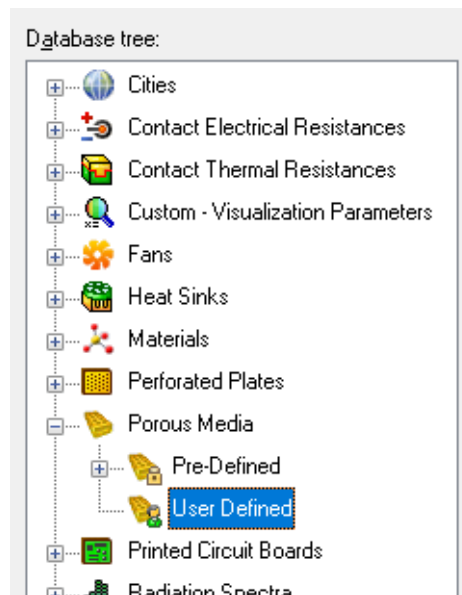
Now we can specify porous media in this project. To do this, first we need to specify the porous medium's properties (porosity, permeability type, and so on,) in the **Engineering Database** and then apply this feature to the components in the assembly.

Creating Isotropic Porous Medium in the Engineering Database

The material you are going to create is already defined in the Engineering Database under the Pre-Defined folder. You can skip the definition of porous material and select the pre-defined "Isotropic" material from the Engineering database when you will assign the porous material to a component later in this tutorial.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.
2. In the **Database tree** select **Porous Media / User Defined**.



3. Click **New Item**  on the toolbar.

The blank Item Properties tab appears.

Double-click the empty cells to set the corresponding property values.

4. Name the new porous medium Isotropic.
5. Under **Comment**, click the  button and type the desired comments for this porous medium. The **Comment** property is optional, you can leave this field blank.

6. Set the medium's **Porosity** to 0.5.

Note

 Porosity is the effective porosity of the porous medium, defined as the volume fraction of the interconnected pores with respect to the total porous medium volume; here, the porosity is equal to 0.5. The porosity will govern the exhaust flow velocity in the porous medium channels, which, in turn, governs the exhaust gas residence in the porous catalyst and, therefore, the catalyst efficiency.

7. Choose **Isotropic** as the **Permeability type**.

Note

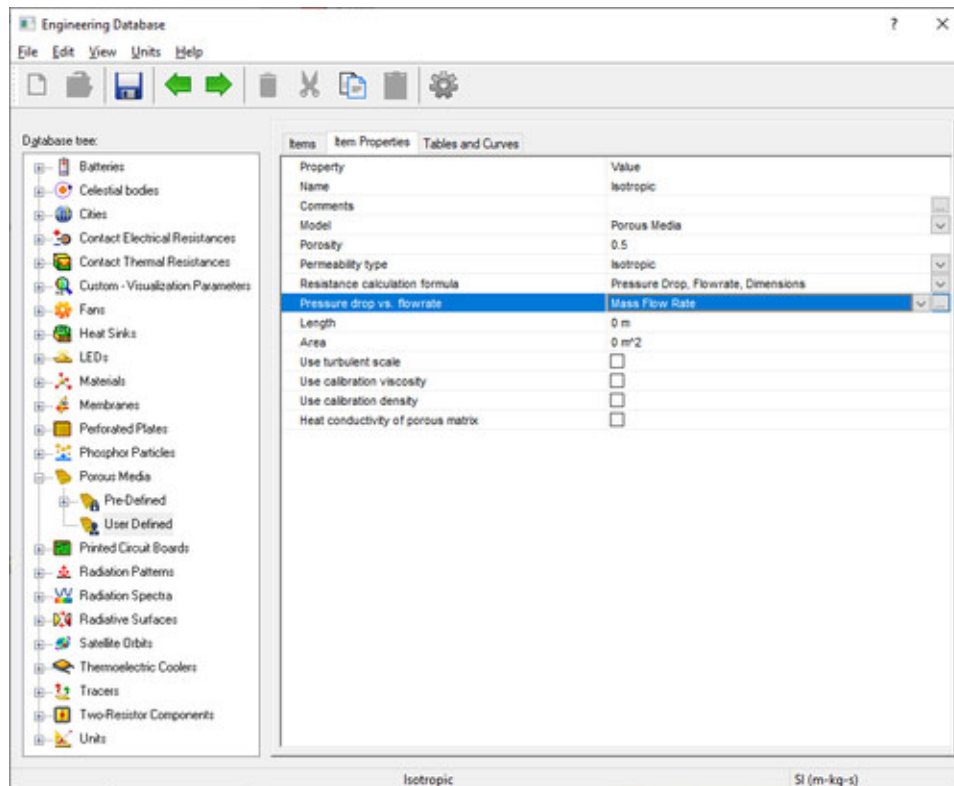
 First of all let us consider an **Isotropic** permeability, i.e., a medium with permeability not depending on the direction within the medium. Then, as an alternative, we will consider a **Unidirectional** permeability, i.e., the medium permeable in one direction only.

8. Choose **Pressure drop, Flowrate, Dimensions** as the **Resistance calculation formula**.

Note

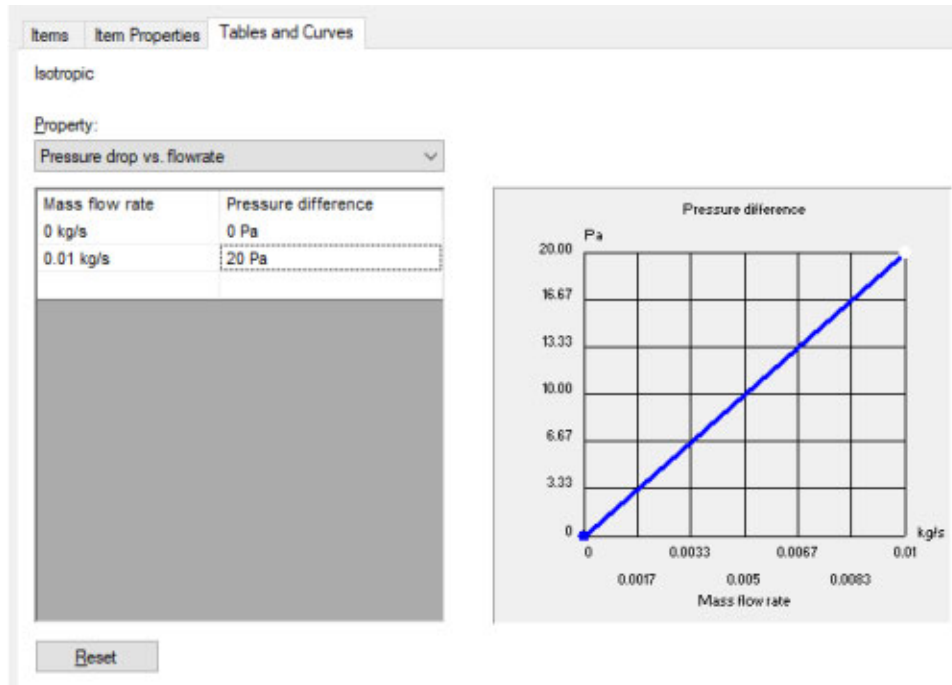
 For our media we select the **Pressure Drop, Flowrate, Dimensions** medium resistance to flow, i.e., specify the porous medium resistance as $k = \Delta P \times S / (m \times L)$ (in units of s^{-1}), where the right-side parameters are referred to a tested parallelepiped sample of the porous medium, having the cross-sectional area S and the length L in the selected sample direction, in which the mass flow rate through the sample is equal to m under the pressure difference of ΔP between the sample opposite sides in this direction. In this project we will specify $\Delta P = 20$ Pa at $m = 0.01$ kg/s (and $\Delta P = 0$ Pa at $m = 0$ kg/s), $S = 0.01$ m², $L = 0.1$ m. Therefore, $k = 200$ s⁻¹. Knowing S and L of the catalyst inserted into the model and m of the flow through it, you can approximately estimate the pressure loss at the model catalyst from $\Delta P = k \times m \times L / S$.

9. For the **Pressure drop vs. flowrate** choose **Mass Flow Rate**.



10. Click the  button to switch to the **Tables and Curves** tab.

11. In the **Property** table specify the linear dependency of pressure drop vs. mass flow rate as shown in the picture below.



12. Go back to the **Item Properties** tab.
13. Set **Length** to 0.1 m and **Area** to 0.01 m².

Property	Value
Name	Isotropic
Comments	
Model	Porous Media
Porosity	0.5
Permeability type	Isotropic
Resistance calculation formula	Pressure Drop, Flowrate, Dimensions
Pressure drop vs. flowrate	Mass Flow Rate
Length	0.1 m
Area	0.01 m ²
Use turbulent scale	☐
Use calibration viscosity	☐
Use calibration density	☐
Heat conductivity of porous matrix	☐

14. Click **Save** .
15. Choose **File > Exit** to exit the database.

Results

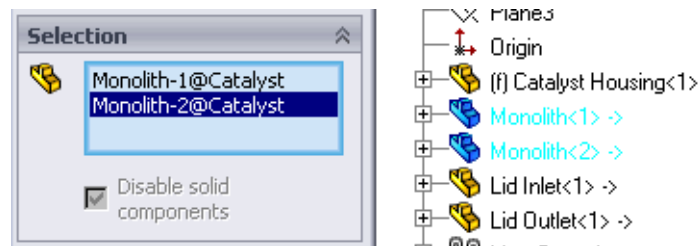
Now we will apply the specified porous medium to the model components representing the porous bodies.

Specifying Porous Medium

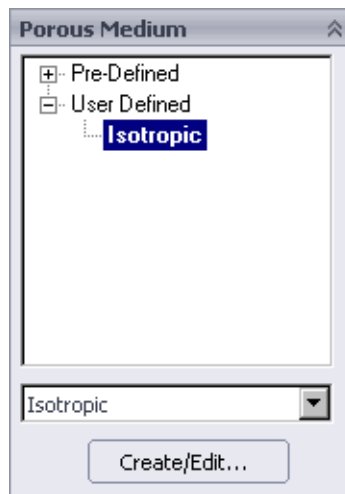
A porous medium is applied only to a component that is not treated by Flow Simulation as a solid body. By default, all the components in the assembly considered are treated as solids. If there is a component that is not supposed to be treated as solid, you have to disable it in the **Component Control** dialog box. Components are automatically disabled when you assign a porous media to them by creating the **Porous Medium** condition, so you do not need to disable them manually.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Porous Medium**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select both of the **Monolith** components.



3. Expand the list of the **User Defined** porous media and select **Isotropic**. If you skipped the definition of porous medium, use the **Isotropic** material available under **Pre-Defined**.



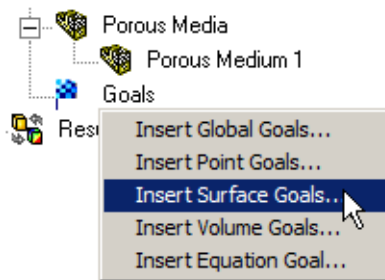
4. Click **OK** .

Specifying Surface Goals

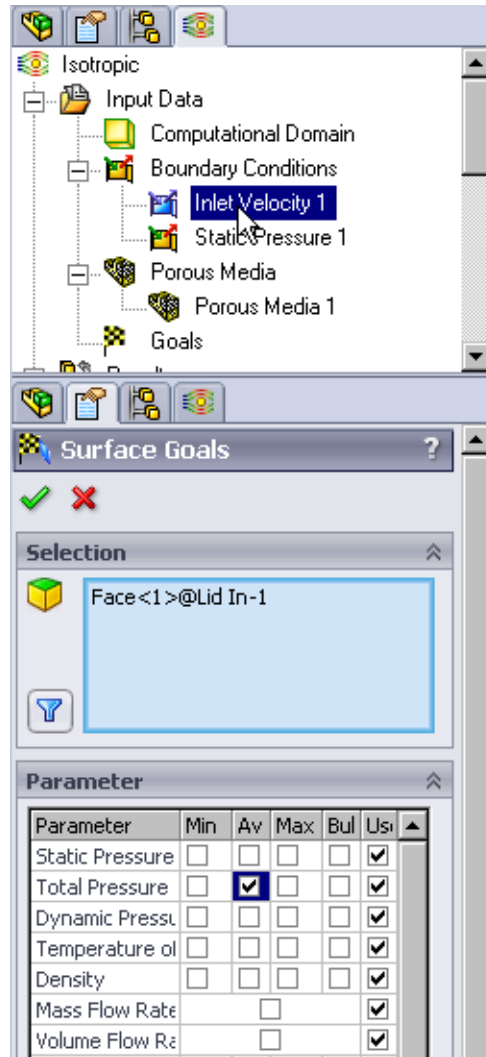
To obtain the total pressure drop between the model inlet and outlet, you can specify an **Equation Goal** based on two **Surface Goals**.

Procedure

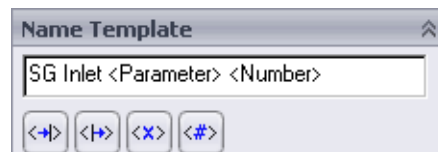
1. Right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.



2. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, click the **Inlet Velocity 1** item to select the inner face of the inlet lid.



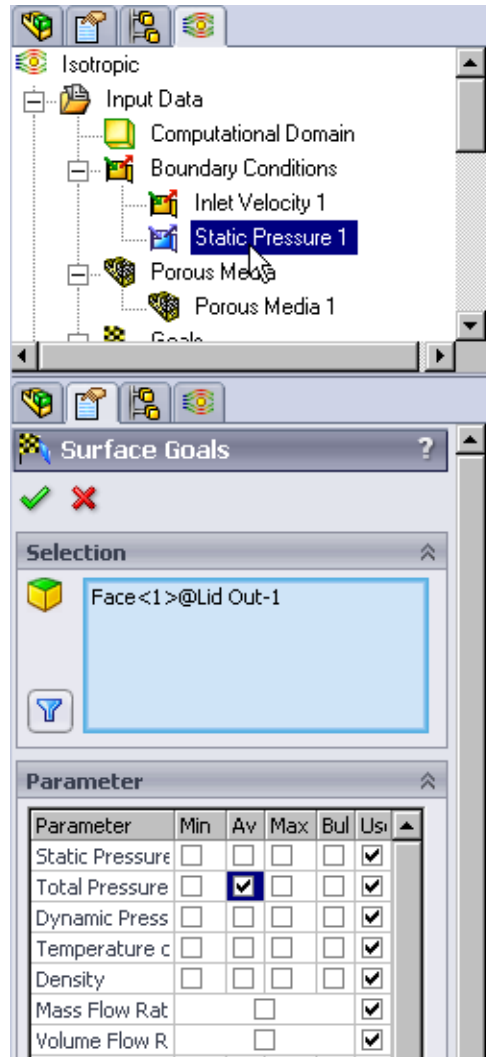
3. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check box in the **Total Pressure** row.
4. Accept the selected **Use for Conv.** check box to use this goal for convergence control.
5. Under **Name Template**, located at the bottom of the PropertyManager, click **Inlet** .



6. Click **OK** .

The new **SG Inlet Av Total Pressure 1** goal appears.

7. Right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.
8. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, click the **Static Pressure 1** item to select the inner face of the outlet lid.



9. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check box in the **Total Pressure** row.
10. Accept the selected **Use for Conv.** check box to use this goal for convergence control.
11. Under **Name Template**, located at the bottom of the PropertyManager, click **Outlet**



12. Click **OK** .

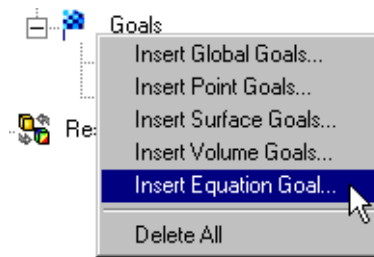
The new **SG Outlet Av Total Pressure 1** goal appears.

Specifying the Equation Goal

Equation Goal is a goal defined by an analytical function of the existing goals and/or parameters of input data conditions. This goal can be viewed as equation goal during the calculation and while displaying results in the same way as the other goals. As variables, you can use any of the specified goals, including another equation goals, except for goals that are dependent on other equation goals, and parameters of the specified project's input data features (general initial or ambient conditions, boundary conditions, fans, heat sources, local initial conditions). You can also use constants in the definition of the equation goal.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Equation Goal**.

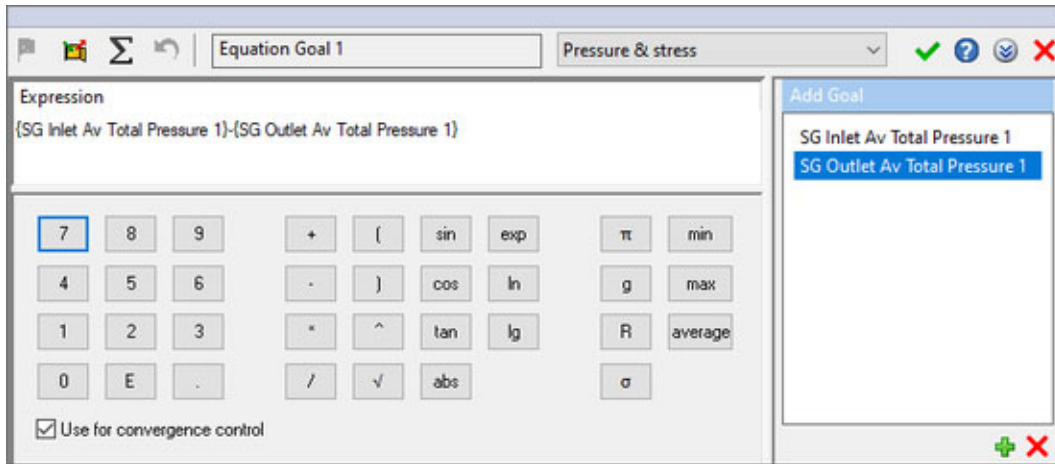


2. On the pane in the bottom of the screen click **Add Goal** .
3. From the **Add Goal** list select the **SG Inlet Av Total Pressure 1** goal and click **Add** .

It appears in the Expression box.

4. Click the minus "-" button in the calculator.
5. From the **Add Goal** list select the **SG Outlet Av Total Pressure 1** goal and click **Add** .

In the Expression box the resulting expression appears.



Note

You can use goals (including previously specified Equation Goals), parameters of input data conditions and constants in the expression defining an Equation Goal. If the constants in the expression represent some physical parameters (i.e. length, area, etc.), make sure that they are specified in the project's system of units. Flow Simulation has no information about the physical meaning of the constants you use, so you need to specify the Equation Goal dimensionality by yourself.

Note

To add an area or a volume of the model items (faces, components, etc.) as a variable, previously create a corresponding goal on the desired surfaces or components by using one of the following parameters: Area (Fluid), Area (Solid), Volume (Fluid), Volume (Solid) and then add the created goal as a variable.

6. Make sure that **Pressure & stress** is selected in the **Dimensionality** list.
7. Click **OK** .

The new **Equation Goal 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

Specifying Mesh Settings

You can specify mesh settings.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Keep the default **Automatic**  type.

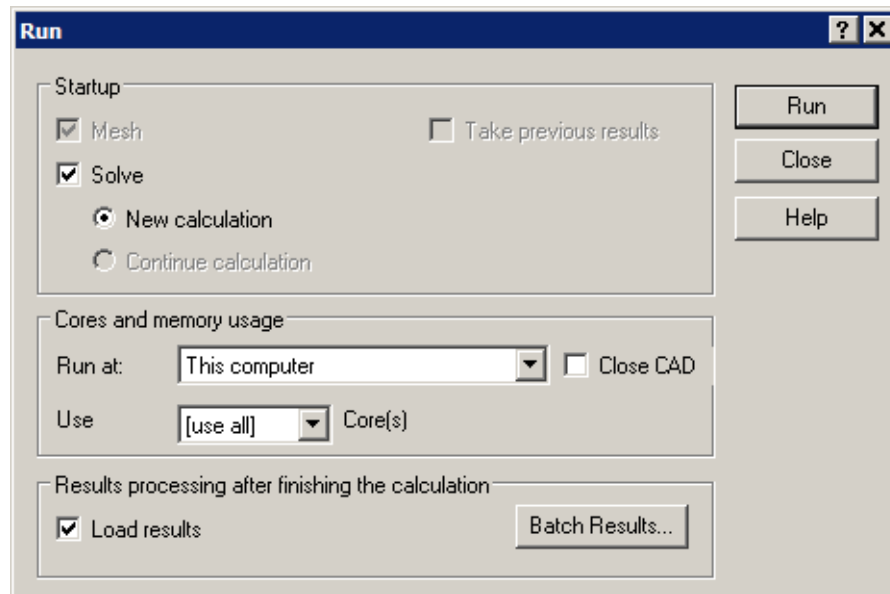
- Under **Settings**, accept the default for the **Level of initial mesh**  and the **Minimum Gap Size** .
- Click **Show basic mesh** to see the default basic mesh.
- Click **OK** .

Running the Calculation

You can run the calculation.

Procedure

- Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.



- Click **Run**.

Results

After the calculation has finished, close the **Monitor** dialog box and start to examine the results.

Viewing the Goals

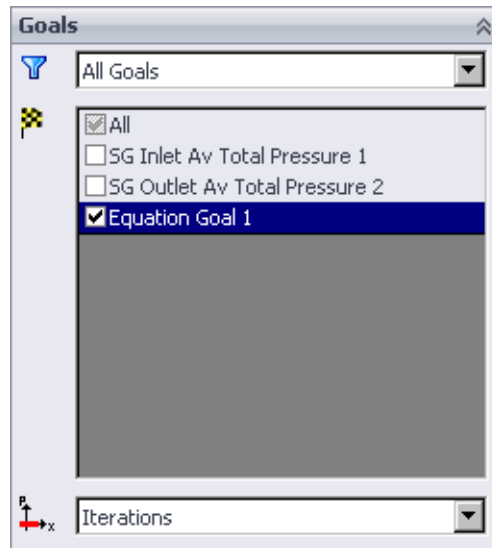
You can view the goals.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Goal Plots** icon under **Results** and select **Insert**.



2. Select the **Equation Goal 1** in the **Goals** dialog box.



3. Click **Export to Excel**.

An Excel spreadsheet with the goal results will open. The first sheet will contain a table presenting the final values of the goal.

Results

You can see that the total pressure drop is about 120 Pa.

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Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Inlet Av Total Pressure	[Pa]	101506.4363	101507.7309	101505.5665	101512.5447
SG Outlet Av Total Pressure	[Pa]	101382.9041	101383.1845	101382.9041	101383.7624
Equation Goal 1	[Pa]	123.5321503	124.546383	122.5939074	128.7823036

To see the non-uniformity of the mass flow rate distribution over a catalyst's cross section, we will display flow trajectories with start points distributed uniformly across the inlet.

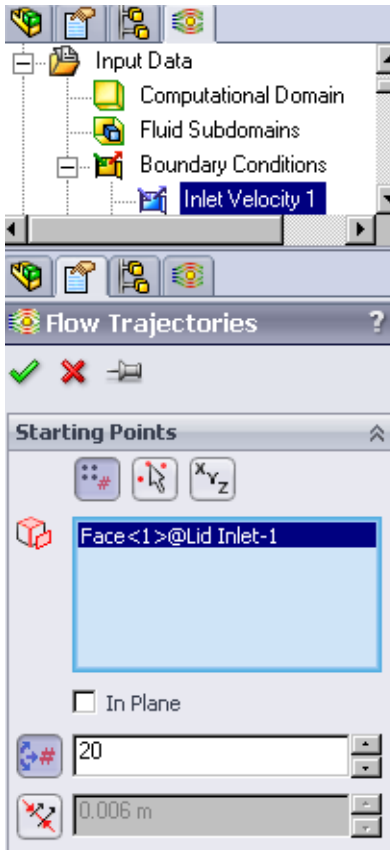
Viewing Flow Trajectories

You can view flow trajectories.

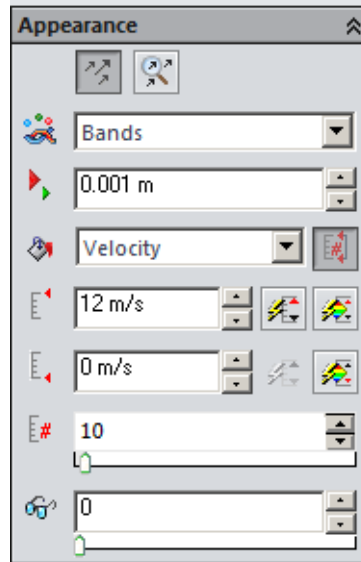
Procedure

1. Right-click the **Flow Trajectories** icon and select **Insert**.
2. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** click the **Inlet Velocity 1** item.

This selects the inner face of the inlet lid.



- Under **Appearance**, from the **Color by**  list select **Velocity**.



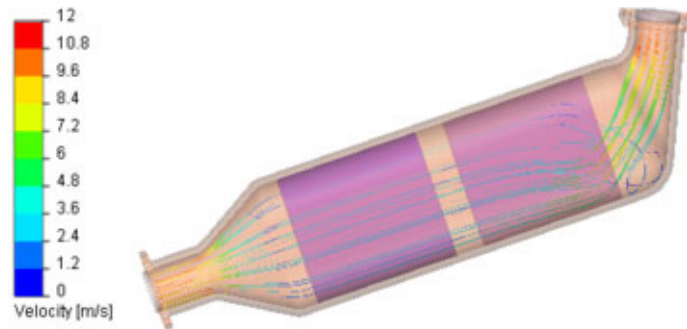
- Click **Adjust Minimum/Maximum and Number of Levels**  and set the **Max** value to **12 m/s**.
- Click **OK** .
- To see trajectories inside the porous media we will apply some transparency to the model.

Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Display > Transparency** and set its value to **0.175**.



Results

This is the picture you will see.



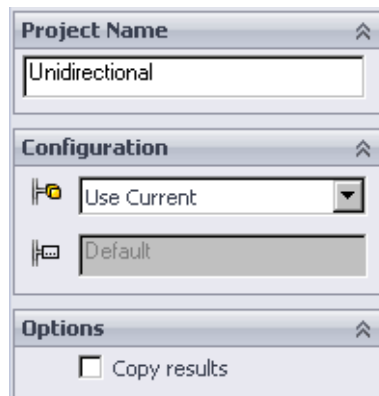
To compare the effectiveness of a unidirectional porous catalyst to an isotropic catalyst, let us calculate the project with a porous medium of unidirectional type.

Cloning the Project

You can clone the project.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project**.



2. Enter Unidirectional as the **Project name**.
3. Click **OK** .

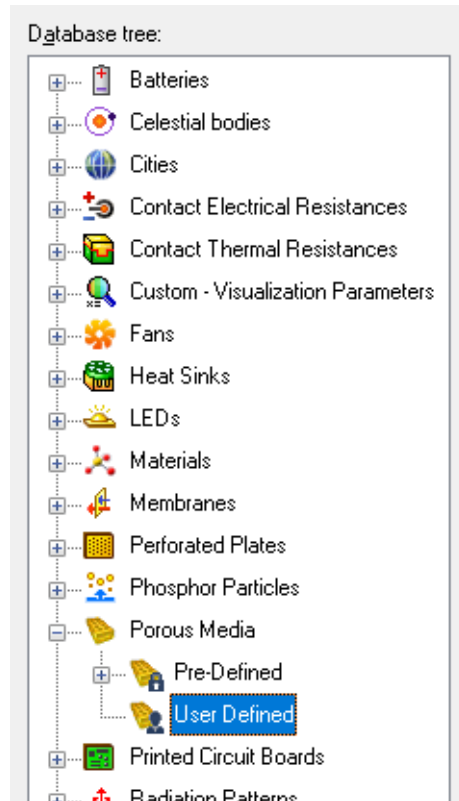
Creating Unidirectional Porous Medium in the Engineering Database

The material you are going to create now is already defined in the **Engineering Database** under the **Pre-Defined** folder. You can skip this step and select the pre-defined "Unidirectional"

material from the Engineering database when assigning the porous material to a component later in this tutorial.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.



2. In the **Database tree** select **Porous Media / User Defined**.
3. On the **Items** tab select the **Isotropic** item.

4. Click **Copy** .

5. Click **Paste** .

The new **Copy of Isotropic (1)** item appears in the list.

6. Select the **Copy of Isotropic (1)** item and click the **Item Properties** tab.
7. Rename the item to **Unidirectional**.

8. Change the **Permeability type** to **Unidirectional**.

Property	Value	
Name	Unidirectional	
Comments		...
Model	Porous Media	▼
Porosity	0.5	
Permeability type	Unidirectional	▼
Resistance calculation formula	Pressure Drop, Flowrate, Dimensions	▼
Pressure drop vs. flowrate	Mass Flow Rate	...
Length	0.1 m	
Area	0.01 m ²	
Use turbulent scale	☐	
Use calibration viscosity	☐	
Use calibration density	☐	
Heat conductivity of porous matrix	☐	

9. **Save** the database and exit.

Results

Now we can apply the new porous medium to the monoliths.

Specifying the Porous Medium - Unidirectional Type

You can specify the porous medium.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Isotropic 1** icon and select **Edit Definition**.

- Expand the list of **User Defined** porous medium and select **Unidirectional**.



Note

 If you skipped the definition of the unidirectional porous medium, use the **Unidirectional** material available under **Pre-Defined**.

- In the **Direction**, select the **Z** axis of the **Global Coordinate System**.

Note

 For porous media having unidirectional permeability, we must specify the permeability direction as an axis of the selected coordinate system (axis Z of the Global coordinate system in our case).

- Click **OK** .

Results

Since all other conditions and goals remain the same, we can start the calculation immediately.

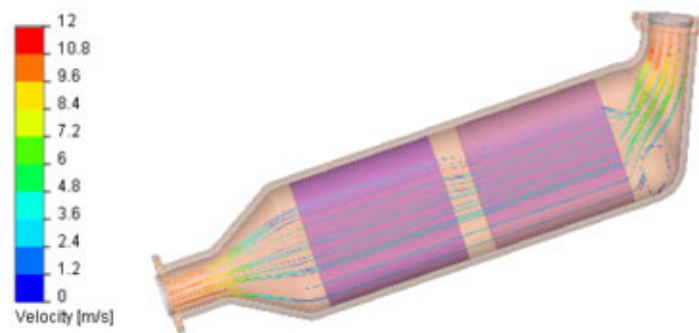
Comparing the Isotropic and Unidirectional Catalysts

When the calculation is finished, create the goal plot for the **Equation Goal 1**.

catalyst.sldasm [Unidirectional]

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Inlet Av Total Pressure	[Pa]	101501.903	101504.6104	101501.903	101509.5779
SG Outlet Av Total Pressure	[Pa]	101382.8965	101383.1617	101382.8965	101383.7941
Equation Goal 1	[Pa]	119,0064498	121,4487616	119,0064498	125,7838239

Display flow trajectories as described above.



Comparing the trajectories passing through the isotropic and unidirectional porous catalysts installed in the tube, we can summarize:

Due to the asymmetric position of the inlet tube with respect to the larger tube in which the catalyst bodies are installed, the incoming flow is non-uniform. Since the incoming flow is non-uniform, the flow inside the first catalyst body is non-uniform also. It is seen that the catalyst type (isotropic or unidirectional) affects both the incoming flow non-uniformity (slightly) and, more substantially, the flow within the catalysts (especially the first catalyst body). In both the cases the gas stream mainly enters the first catalyst body-closer to the wall opposite to the inlet tube. For the isotropic case, the gas flows into the first body nearer to the wall than for the case of the unidirectional catalyst. As a result, the flow in the initial (about one-third of the body length) portion of the first catalyst body is noticeably more non-uniform in the isotropic catalyst. Nevertheless, due to the isotropic permeability, the main gas stream expands in the isotropic catalyst and occupies a larger volume in the next part of the body than in the unidirectional catalyst, which, due to its unidirectional permeability, prevents the stream from expanding. So, the flow in the last two-thirds of the first catalyst body is less non-uniform in the isotropic catalyst. Since the distance between the two porous bodies installed in the tube is rather small, the gas stream has no time to become more uniform in the volume between the catalyst bodies, although in the unidirectional case a certain motion towards uniformity is perceptible. As a result, the flow non-uniformity occurring at the first catalyst body's exit passes to the second catalyst body. Then, it is seen that the flow non-uniformity does not change within the second catalyst body.

Let us now consider the flow velocity inside the catalyst. This is easy to do since the flow trajectories' colors indicate the flow velocity value in accordance with the specified palette. To create the same conditions for comparing the flow velocities in the isotropic and unidirectional catalysts, we have to specify the same velocity range for the palette in both the cases, since the maximum flow velocity governing the value range for the palette by default is somewhat different in these cases. It is seen that, considering the catalyst on the whole, the flow velocities in the isotropic and unidirectional catalysts are practically the same. Therefore, from the viewpoint of gas residence in the catalyst, there is no difference between the isotropic and unidirectional catalysts.

We can conclude that the isotropic catalyst is more effective than the unidirectional catalyst (of the same resistance to uniform flows), since the flow in it, as a whole, is more uniform. In spite of specifying the same resistance of the catalysts to flow, the overall pressure loss is lower by about 2% in the case of employing the unidirectional catalyst. This difference is due to the different flow non-uniformity both in the catalyst bodies and out of them.

Chapter 3

Intermediate Examples

The Intermediate Examples presented below demonstrate how to solve engineering problems with Flow Simulation, using some of the most common tasks as examples.

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Determination of Hydraulic Loss

In engineering practice the hydraulic loss of pressure head in any piping system is traditionally split into two components: the loss due to friction along straight pipe sections and the local loss due to local pipe features, such as bends, T-pipes, various cocks, valves, throttles, etc. Being determined, these losses are summed to form the total hydraulic loss. Generally, there are no problems in engineering practice to determine the friction loss in a piping system since relatively simple formulae based on theoretical and experimental investigations exist.

The other matter is the local hydraulic loss (or so-called local drag). Here usually only experimental data are available, which are always restricted due to their nature, especially taking into account the wide variety of pipe shapes (not only existing, but also advanced) and devices, as well as the substantially complicated flow patterns in them. Flow Simulation presents an alternative approach to the traditional problems associated with determining this kind of local drag, allowing you to predict computationally almost any local drag in a piping system within good accuracy.

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Opening the Model

Copy the *BI - Hydraulic Loss* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.

Procedure

1. Click **File > Open**.
2. In the **Open** dialog box, browse to the *valve.sldprt* model located in the *B1 - Hydraulic Loss* folder and click **Open** (or double-click the part).

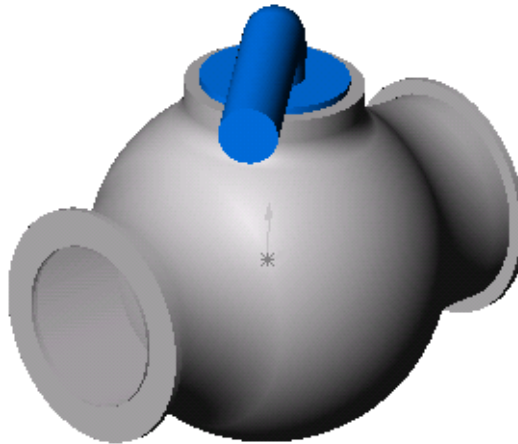
Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *valve.sldprt* file to an empty area of the SOLIDWORKS window.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *valve.sldprt* model located in the *B1 - Hydraulic Loss\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Model Description

This is a ball valve. Turning the handle closes or opens the valve.



The local hydraulic loss (or drag) produced by a ball valve installed in a piping system depends on the valve turning angle or on the minimum flow passage area governed by it. The latter depends also on a ball valve geometrical parameter, which is the ball-to-pipe diameter ratio governing the handle angle at which the valve becomes closed:

$$\theta = \arcsin \left[2 \frac{D_{ball}}{D_{pipe}} \right]$$

The standard engineering convention for determining local drag is by calculating the difference between the fluid dynamic heads measured upstream of the local pipe feature (ball valve in our case) and far downstream of it, where the flow has become uniform (undisturbed) again. In order to extract the pure local drag the hydraulic friction loss in the straight pipe of the same length must be subtracted from the measured dynamic head loss.

In this example we will obtain pressure loss (local drag) in the ball valve whose handle is turned by an angle of 40°. The **Valve** analysis represents a typical Flow Simulation internal analysis.

Note



Internal flow analyses deal with flows inside pipes, tanks, HVAC systems, etc. The fluid enters a model at the inlets and exits the model through outlets.

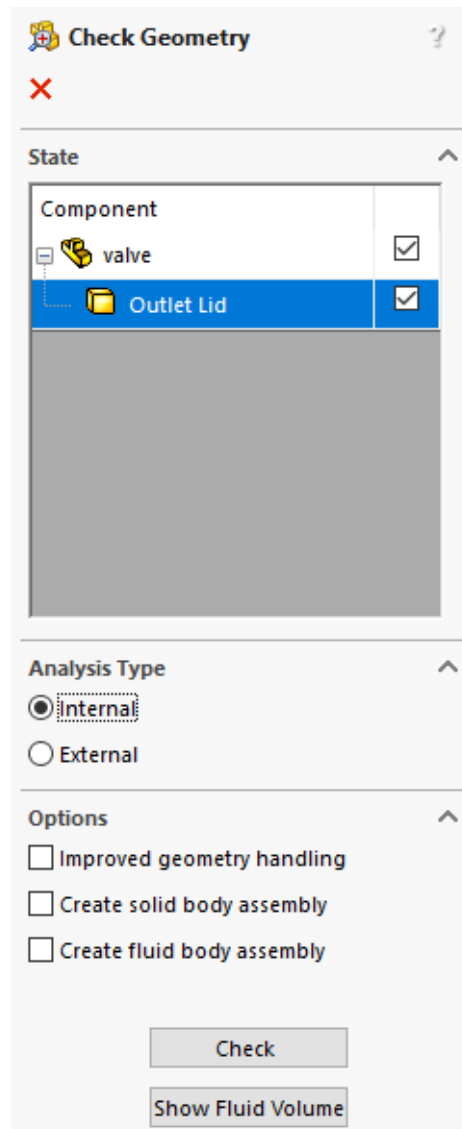
Perform an Internal Analysis

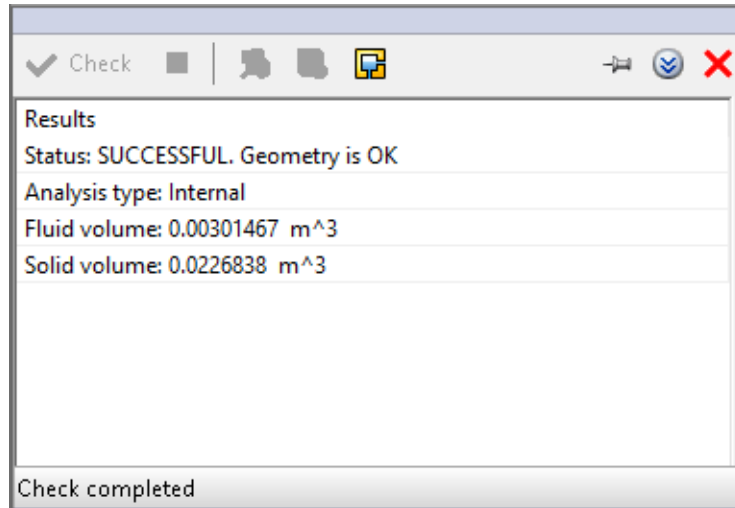
To perform an internal analysis, all the model openings must be closed with lids, which are needed to specify inlet and outlet flow boundary conditions on them. In any case, the internal model space filled with a fluid must be fully closed. You simply create lids as additional extrusions covering the openings. In this example the lids are semi-transparent allowing a view into the valve.

Procedure

1. To ensure the model is fully closed click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Check Geometry**.
2. Under **Geometry handling**, **Analysis type** select **Internal**.

3. Then click **Check** to calculate the fluid and solid volumes of the model. If the fluid volume is equal to zero, the model is not closed.





4. Click **Show Fluid Volume** to see the volume that will be occupied by fluid in the analysis.
5. Close the **Check Geometry** dialog box.

Note

 The Check Geometry tool allows you to calculate the total fluid and solid volumes, check bodies for possible geometry problems (i.e. invalid contact) and visualize the fluid area and solid body as separate models.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

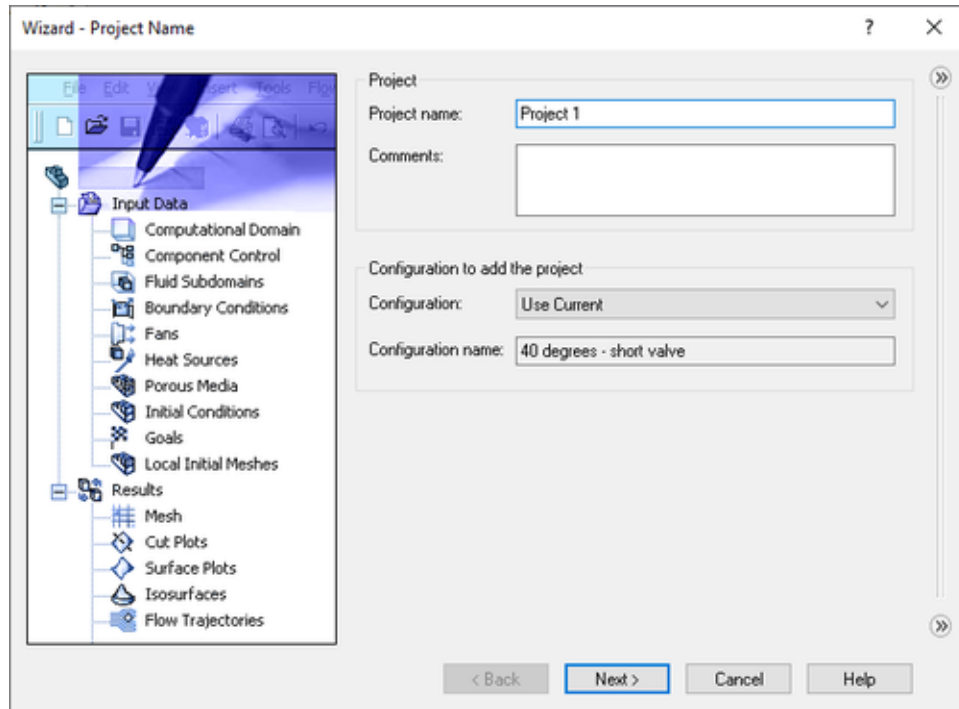
The first step is to create a new Flow Simulation project.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Wizard**.

The project wizard guides you through the definition of a new Flow Simulation project.

2. In the **Project Name** dialog box, type a new project name: **Project 1**.

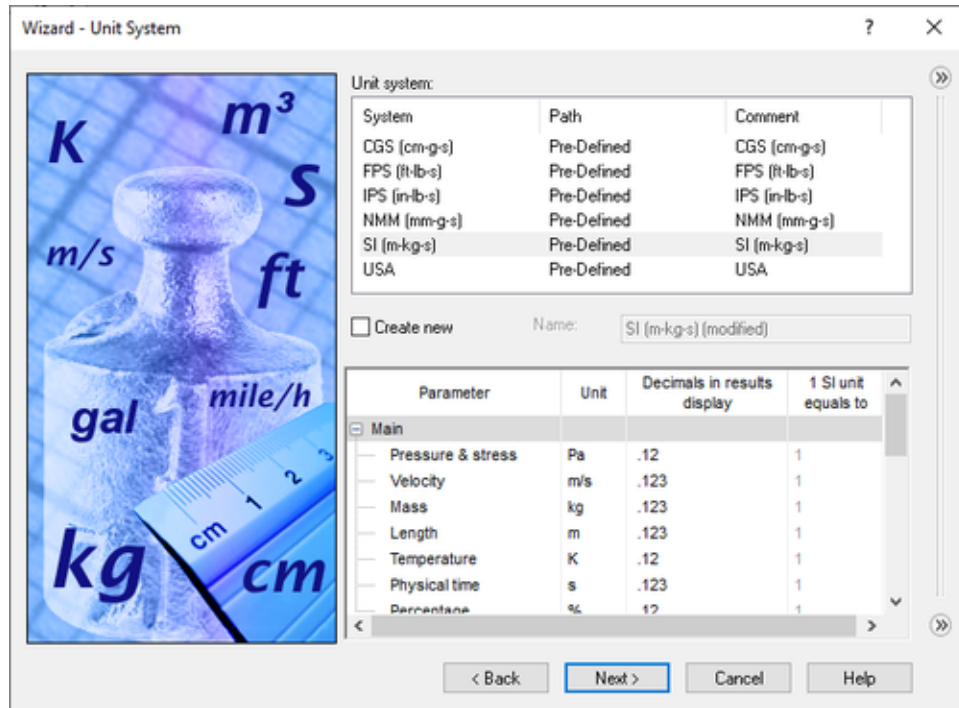


Note

Each Flow Simulation project is associated with a SOLIDWORKS configuration. You can attach the project either to the existing SOLIDWORKS configuration or create a new SOLIDWORKS configuration based on the current one.

3. Click **Next**.

4. In the **Unit System** dialog box you can select the desired system of units for both input and output (results).

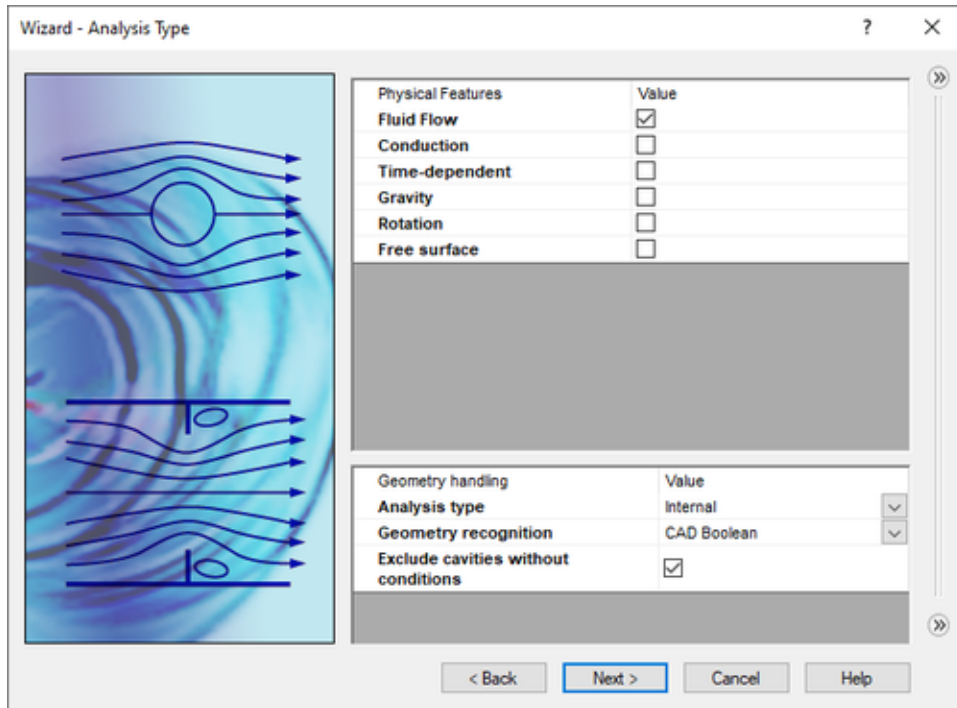


For this project use the International System **SI** by default.

5. Click **Next**.
6. In the **Analysis Type** dialog box you can select physical features you want to take into account (e.g. heat conduction in solids, gravitational effects, time-dependent problems, surface-to-surface radiation, rotation, etc.).

Under **Geometry handling** settings like **Internal** or **External** analysis type can be defined.

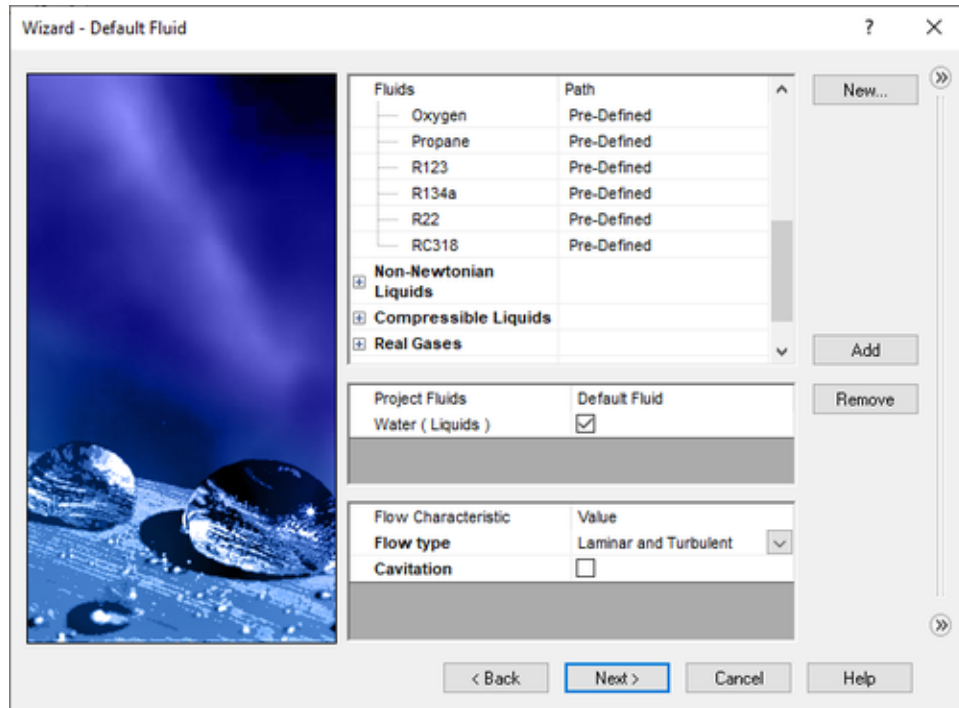
To disregard closed internal spaces not involved in the internal analysis, you select **Exclude cavities without conditions**.



Specify **Internal** analysis type under the **Geometry handling** section and accept the other default settings including pre-selected **Fluid Flow** physical feature.

7. Click **Next**.

8. Since we use water in this project, open the **Liquids** folder and double-click the **Water** item.

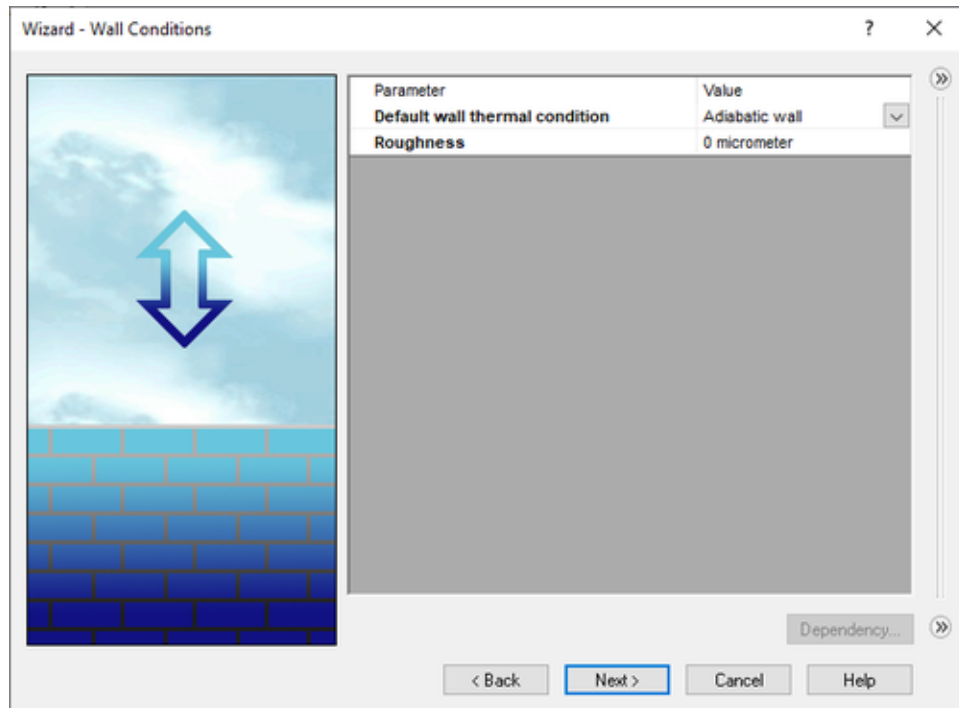


Note

 **Engineering Database** contains numerical physical information on a wide variety of gas, liquid and solid substances as well as radiative surfaces. You can also use the Engineering Database to specify a porous medium. The Engineering Database contains pre-defined unit systems. It also contains fan curves defining volume or mass flow rate versus static pressure difference for selected industrial fans. You can easily create your own substances, units, fan curves or specify a custom parameter you want to visualize.

9. Click **Next**.

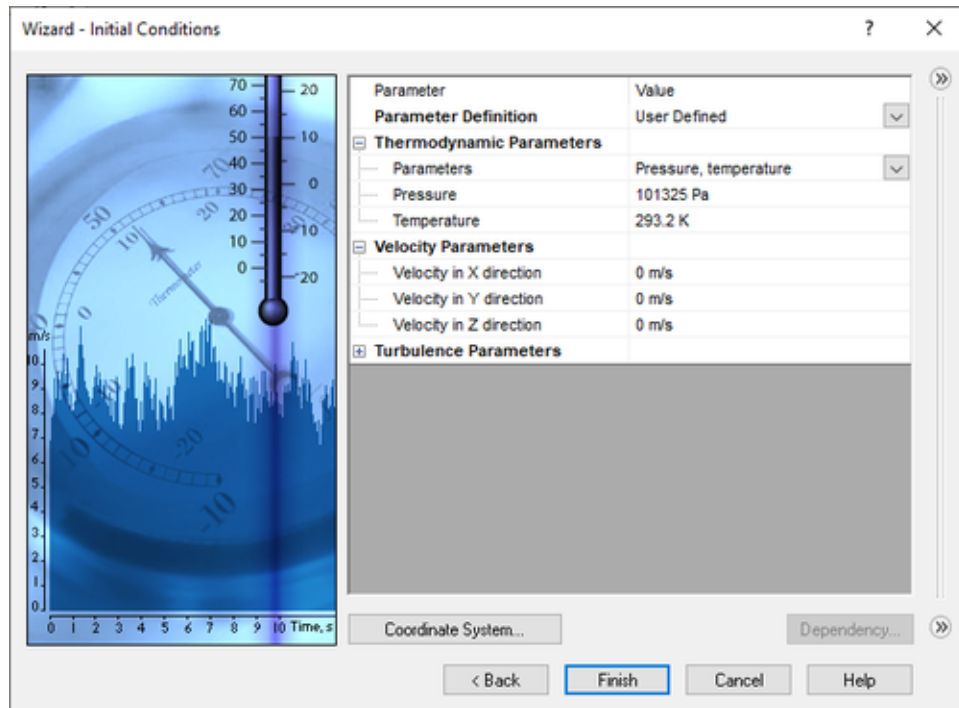
10. Since we do not intend to calculate heat conduction in solids, in the **Wall Conditions** dialog box you can specify the thermal wall boundary conditions applied by default to all the model walls contacting with the fluid.



For this project accept the default **Adiabatic wall** feature denoting that all the model walls are heat-insulated.

11. Click **Next**.

12. In the **Initial Conditions** dialog box specify initial values of the flow parameters. For steady internal problems, the specification of these values closer to the expected flow field will reduce the analysis convergence time.



Note

 For steady flow problems Flow Simulation iterates until the solution converges. For unsteady (transient, or time-dependent) problems Flow Simulation marches in time for a period you specify.

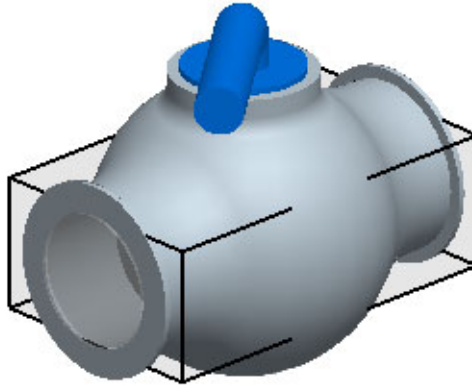
For this project use the default values.

13. Click **Finish**.

Note

 The Flow Simulation Analysis tree provides a convenient specification of project data and view of results. You also can use the Flow Simulation Analysis tree to modify or delete the various Flow Simulation features.

At the same time, a computational domain appears in the SOLIDWORKS graphics area as a wireframe box.



Note

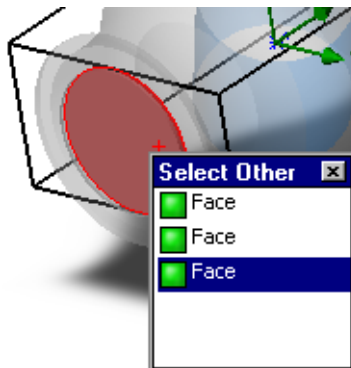
 The **Computational Domain** is a rectangular prism embracing the area inside which the flow and heat transfer calculations are performed.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

The next step is specifying **Boundary Conditions**. Boundary Conditions are used to specify fluid characteristics at the model inlets and outlets in an internal flow analysis or on model surfaces in an external flow analysis.

Procedure

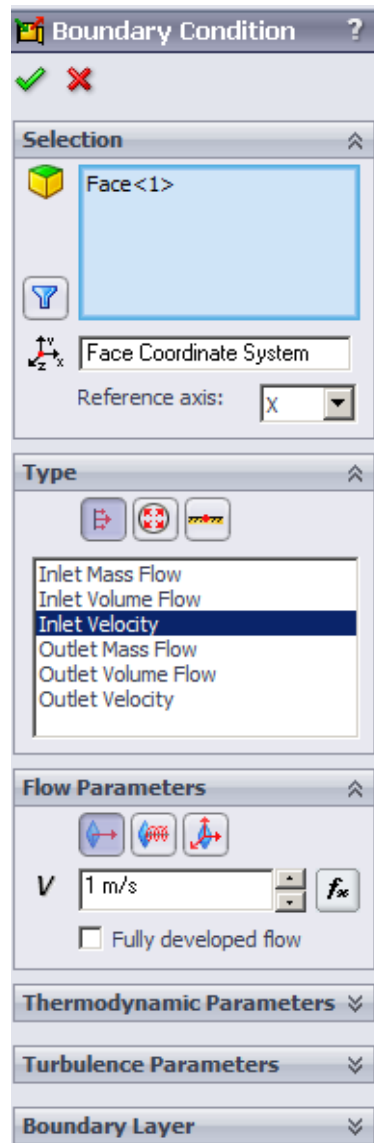
1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.



2. Select the **Inlet Lid** inner face.

The selected face appears in the **Faces to Apply the Boundary Condition**  list.

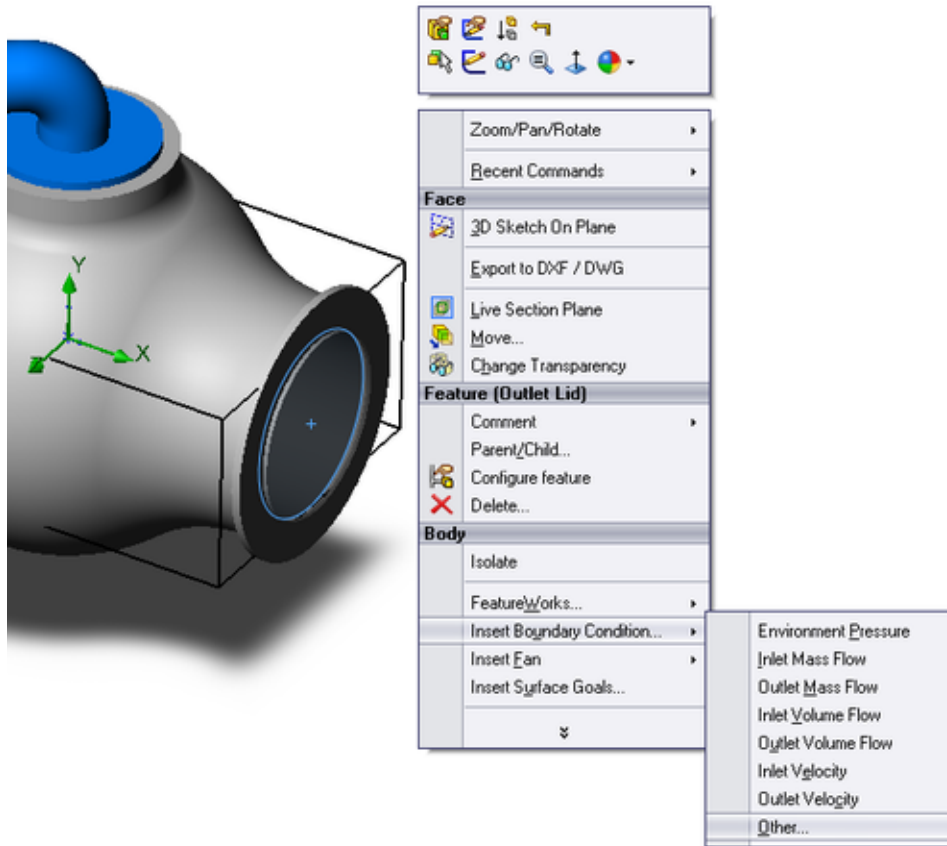
- Under **Type** in the **Type of Boundary Condition** list, select the **Inlet Velocity** item.



- Under **Flow Parameters**, click the **Velocity Normal to Face** $\mathbf{v}$ edit box and set its value equal to **1 m/s** (type the value, the units will appear automatically).
- Accept all the other parameters and click **OK** .

This will simulate water flow entering the valve with the velocity of 1.0 m/s.

6. Select the **Outlet Lid** inner face.



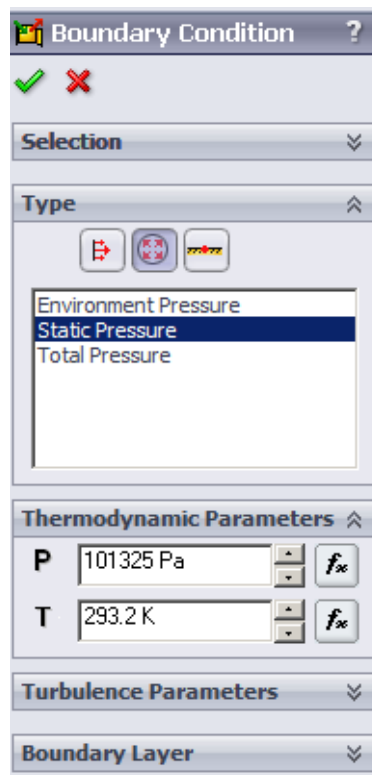
Note

Before the calculation starts, Flow Simulation checks the specified boundary conditions for mass flow rate balance. The specification of boundary conditions is incorrect if the total mass flow rate on the inlets is not equal to the total mass flow rate on the outlets. In such case the calculation will not start. Also, note that the mass flow rate value is recalculated from the velocity or volume flow rate value specified on an opening. To avoid problems with specifying boundary conditions, we recommend that you specify at least one Pressure opening condition since the mass flow rate on a Pressure opening is automatically calculated to satisfy the law of conservation of mass.

7. In the graphics area, right-click outside the model and select **Insert Boundary Condition > Other**.

The Boundary Condition dialog appears with the selected face in the **Faces to Apply the Boundary Condition** list.

8. Under **Type**, click **Pressure Openings**  and in the **Type of Boundary Condition** list, select the **Static Pressure** item.



9. Under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, accept the default values for **Static Pressure** **P** (101325 Pa), **Temperature** **T** (293.2 K) and all the other parameters.
10. Click **OK** .

Results

By specifying this condition we define that at the ball valve pipe exit the water has a static pressure of 101325 Pa.

The hydraulic losses are calculated through the outlet and inlet total pressure difference ΔP from the following formula:

$$\xi = \frac{\Delta P}{\rho V^2 / 2}$$

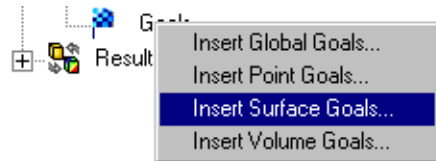
where ρ is the water density, and V is the water velocity. Since we already know the water velocity (specified by us as 1 m/s) and the water density (998.1934 kg/m³ for the specified temperature of 293.2 K), then our goal is to determine the total pressure value at the valve's inlet and outlet. The easiest and fastest way to find the parameter of interest is to specify the corresponding engineering goal.

Specifying Surface Goals

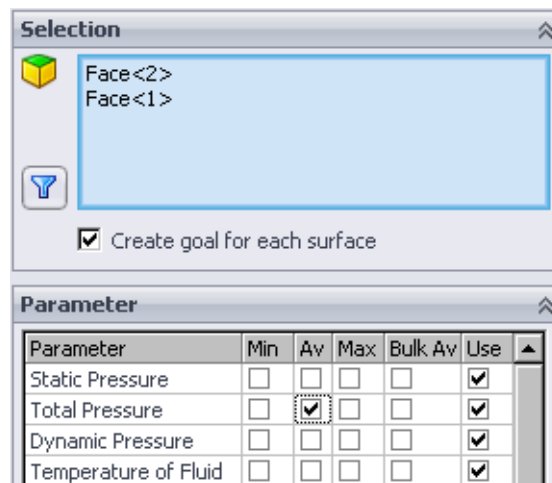
You can specify surface goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.



2. Select the inner faces of the **Inlet Lid** and the **Outlet Lid** (this can be done easily by holding down the **CTRL** key and clicking the corresponding boundary conditions in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree).



3. Select **Create goal for each surface** check box to create two separate goals, i.e. one for each of the selected faces.
4. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check box in the **Total Pressure** row.
5. Accept selected **Use for Conv.** check box to use the goals being created for convergence control.
6. Click **OK** .

The new **SG Av Total Pressure 1** and **SG Av Total Pressure 2** items appear in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

Results

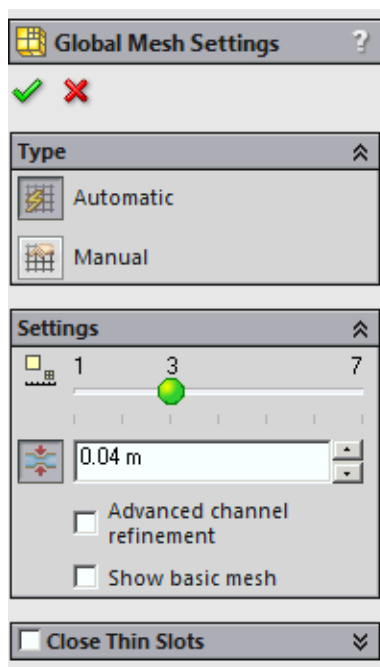
Now the Flow Simulation project is ready for the calculation. Flow Simulation will finish the calculation when the steady-state average value of total pressure calculated at the valve inlet and outlet are reached.

Specifying Mesh Settings

You can specify the mesh settings.

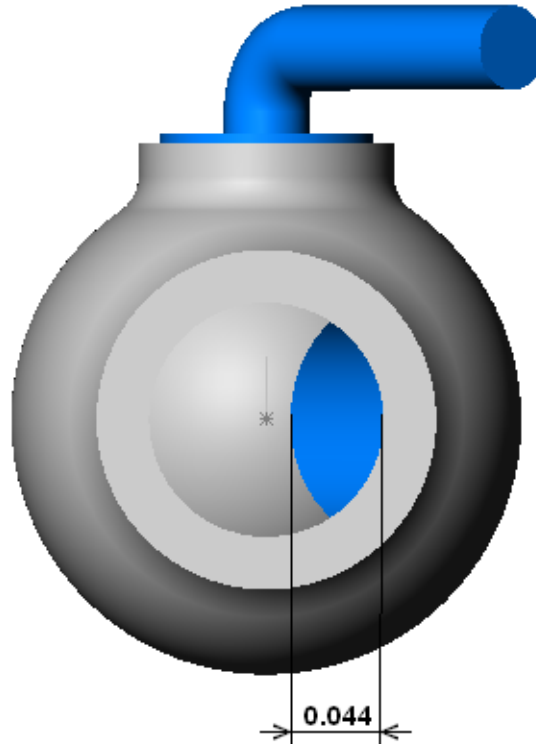
Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Keep the default **Automatic**  type.



3. Under **Settings**, accept the default for the **Level of initial mesh** .

4. Click **Minimum Gap Size**  and enter **0.04** m for the **Minimum Gap Size**.



Note

 Flow Simulation calculates the default minimum gap size and minimum wall thickness using information about the overall model dimensions, the computational domain, and faces on which you specify conditions and goals. However, this information may be insufficient to recognize relatively small gaps and thin model walls. This may cause inaccurate results. In these cases, the Minimum gap size and Minimum wall thickness have to be specified manually.

5. Click **OK** .

Running the Calculation

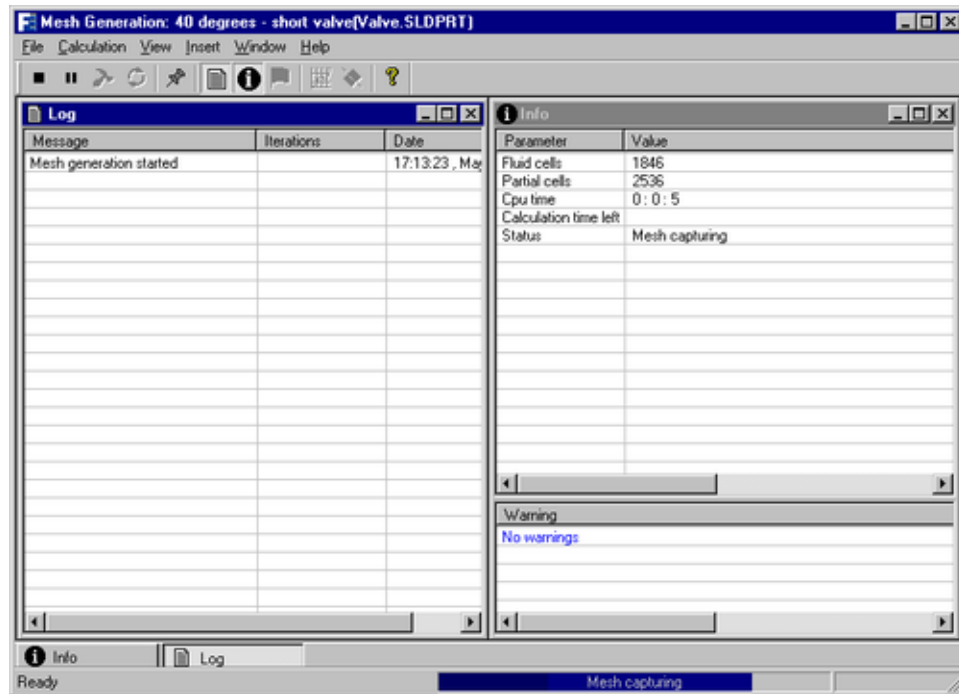
You can run the calculation.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.

The Run dialog box appears.

2. Click **Run** to start the calculation.

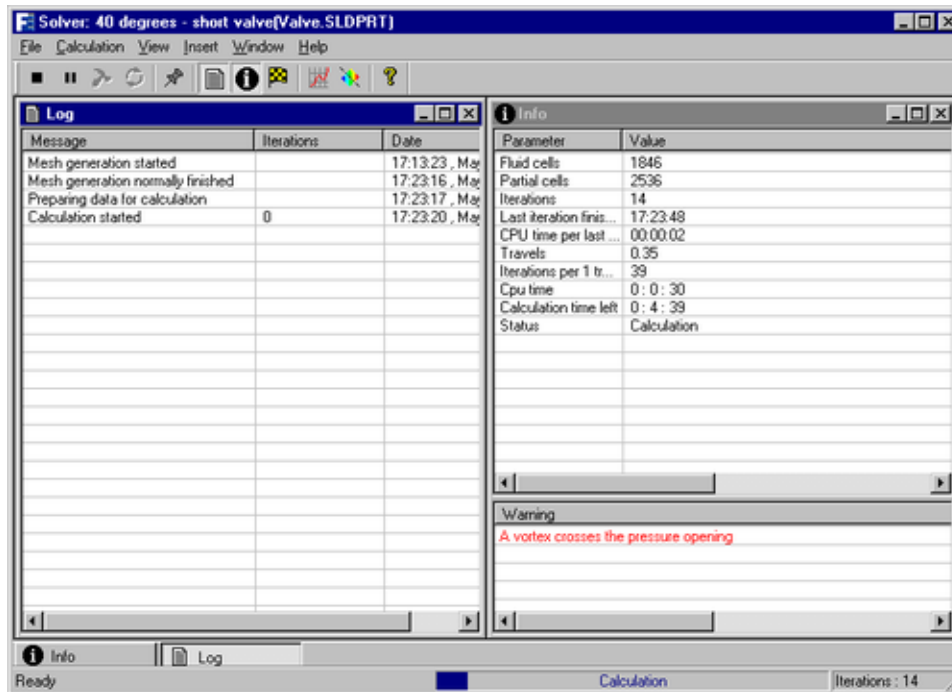


Results

Flow Simulation automatically generates a computational mesh by dividing the computational domain into slices, which are further subdivided into cells. The cells are refined if necessary to resolve the model geometry properly. During the mesh generation process, you can see the current step in the **Mesh Generation** dialog box.

Monitoring the Solver

After the calculation starts, the **Solver Monitor** dialog provides you with the current status of the solution. You can also monitor the goal changes and view preliminary results at selected planes.



In the bottom pane of the **Info** window Flow Simulation notifies you if inappropriate results may occur. In our case, the message “**A vortex crosses the pressure opening**” appears to inform you that there is a vortex crossing the opening surface at which you specified the pressure boundary condition. In this case the vortex is broken into incoming and outgoing flow components. When flow both enters and exits an opening, the accuracy of the results is diminished. Moreover, there is no guarantee that convergence (i.e., the steady state goal) will be attained at all. Anyway, in case a vortex crosses a pressure opening the obtained results become suspect. If this warning persists we should stop the calculation and lengthen the ball valve outlet pipe to provide more space for development of the vortex. It is also expedient to attach the ball valve inlet pipe to avoid the flow disturbance caused by the valve’s obstacle to affect the inlet boundary condition parameters.

Since the warning persists, click **File > Close** to terminate the calculation and exit the **Solver Monitor**.

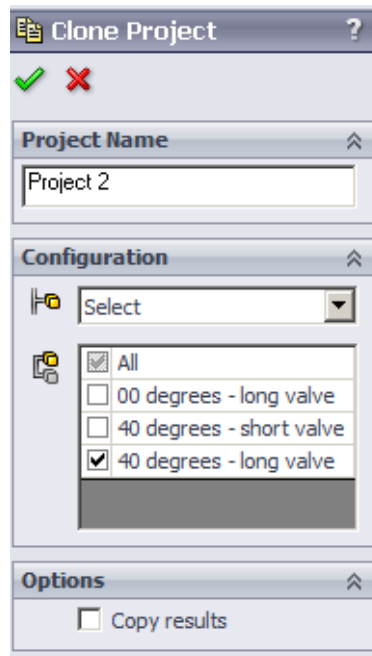
You can easily extend the ball valve inlet and outlet sections by changing the offset distance for the **Inlet Plane** and **Outlet Plane** features. Instead, we will simply clone the project to the pre-defined **40 degrees - long valve** configuration.

Cloning the Project

You can clone the project.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project**.

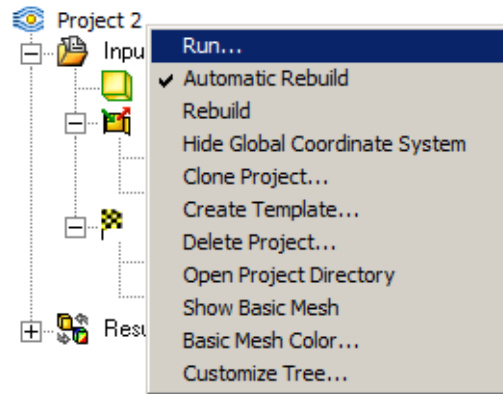


2. In the **Project Name**, type **Project 2**.
3. In the **Configuration to Add the Project** list, select **Select**.
4. In the **Configuration** list, select **40 degrees - long valve**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Confirm the both warning messages with **Yes**.

Results

The new Flow Simulation project, attached to the **40 degrees - long valve** configuration, has the same settings as the old one attached to the **40 degrees - short valve** so you can start the calculation immediately.

In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the root **Project 2** item and select **Run**



Then click **Run** to start the calculation.

When the calculation is finished, close the **Solver Monitor** dialog box.

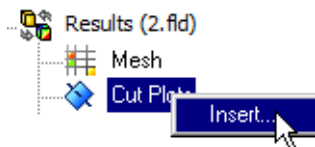
Viewing Cut Plots

Let us now see the vortex notified by Flow Simulation during the calculation, as well as the total pressure loss.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Cut Plots** icon and select **Insert**.

The Cut Plot dialog box appears.

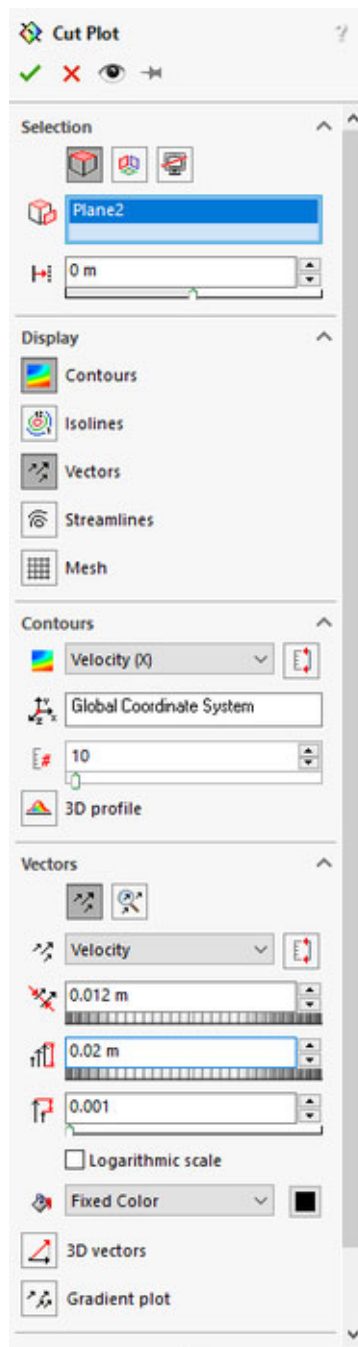


Note

The **Cut Plot** displays results of a selected parameter in a selected view section. To define the view section, you can use planes or model planar faces (with the additional shift if necessary). The parameter values can be represented as a contour plot, as isolines, as vectors, or in a combination (e.g. contours with overlaid vectors).

2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select **Plane2**.

Its name appears in the **Section Plane or Planar Face**  list.



3. In the **Cut Plot** dialog box under **Display**, in addition to displaying **Contours** , select **Vectors** .
4. Under **Contours**, select the **Velocity (X)** as the displayed parameter.
5. Under **Vectors**, set the **Vector Spacing**  to **0.012 m** and the **Arrow size**  to **0.02 m**.

Click **OK** .

The new **Cut Plot 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

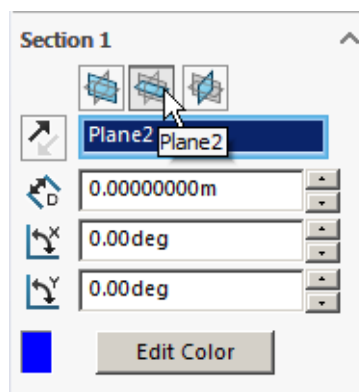
However, the cut plot cannot be seen through the non-transparent model. In order to see the plot, you can hide the model by clicking **Tools** >

Flow Simulation > **Results** > **Display** > **Geometry**.

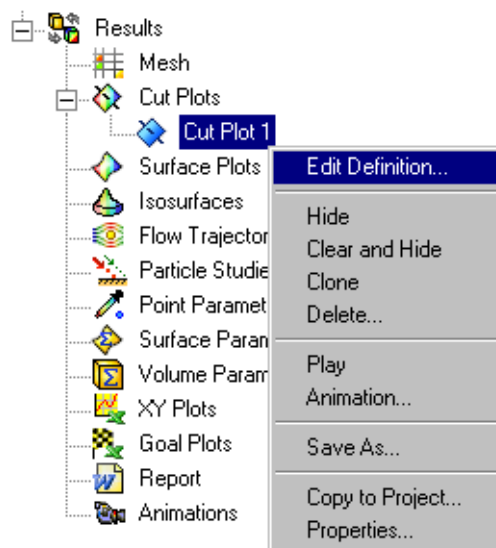
Alternatively, you can use the standard SOLIDWORKS **Section View**  option.

6. Click **View** > **Display** > **Section View**.

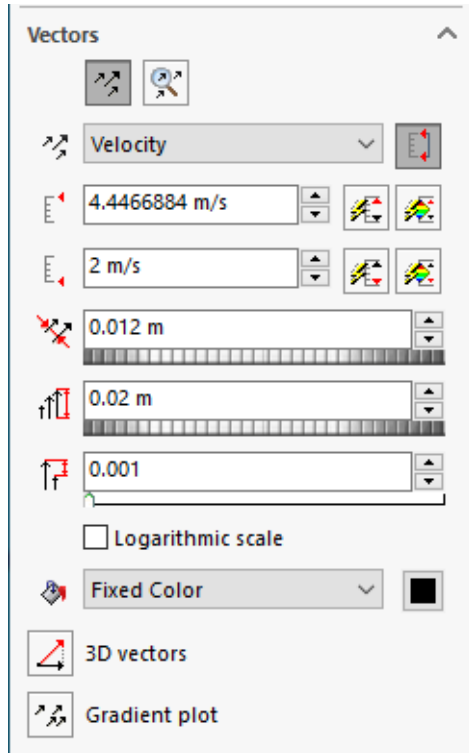
Under **Section 1** specify **Plane2** as a **Reference Section Plane/Face** and click **OK** .



7. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Cut Plot 1** icon and select **Edit Definition**.



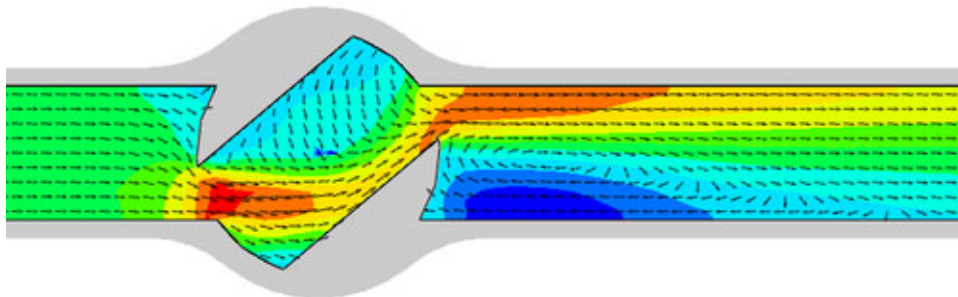
8. Under **Vectors** click the **Adjust Minimum and Maximum**  and change the **Minimum**  value to **2 m/s**.



Note

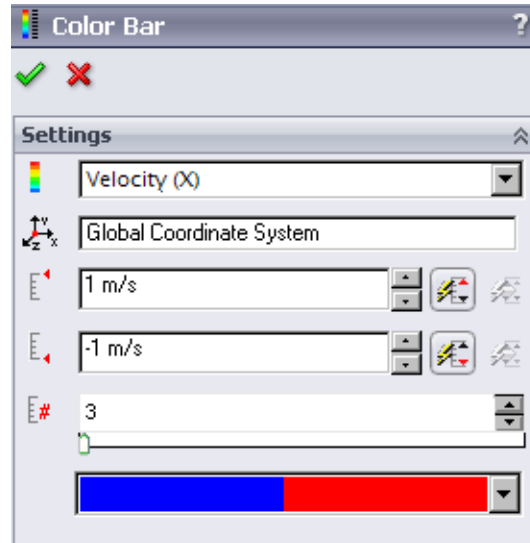
 By specifying the custom Minimum we change the vector length range so that the vectors in areas where velocity is less than the specified Minimum value will appear as if it is equal to Minimum. This allows us to visualize the low velocity area in more detail.

9. Click **OK**  to save the changes and exit the **Cut Plot** dialog box. Immediately the cut plot is updated.



You can easily visualize the vortex by displaying the flow relative to the X axis. For that, you can display the x-component of velocity in a two-color palette and set the value, separating two colors, at zero.

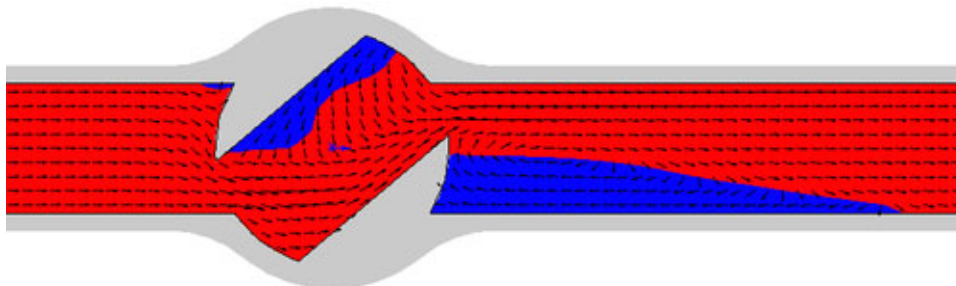
10. In the graphics area, double-click the palette bar or right-click on it and select **Edit**.
11. Under **Settings** using the slider set **Number of Levels**  to 3.



12. In the **Maximum**  box type 1.
13. In the **Minimum**  box type -1.
14. Click **OK** .

Results

Now the distribution of the **Velocity (X)** parameter is displayed in red-blue palette so that all the positive values are in red and all the negative values are in blue. This means that the blue area show the region of reverse flow, i.e. half of the vortex.



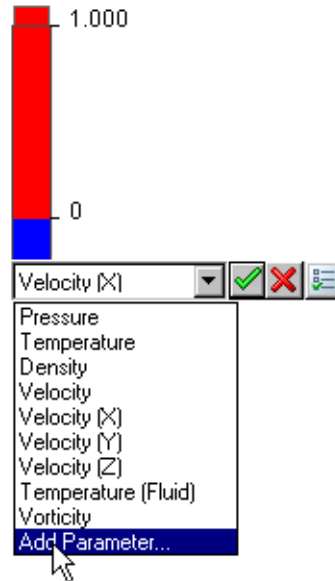
Next, we will display the distribution of total pressure within the valve.

Working with Parameter List

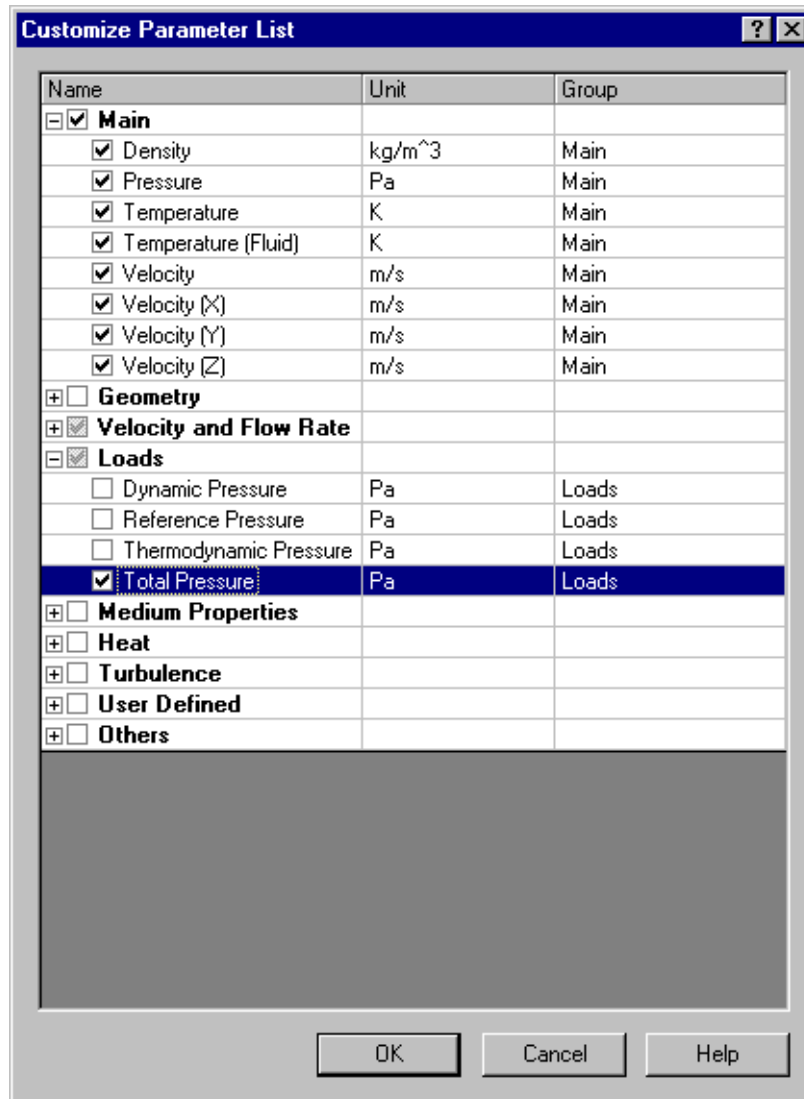
By default the total pressure is not included in the list of parameters available to display. To enable or disable a certain physical parameter for displaying, use **Customize Parameter List**.

Procedure

1. In the palette bar, click the caption with the name of the current visualization parameter and select **Add Parameter**.

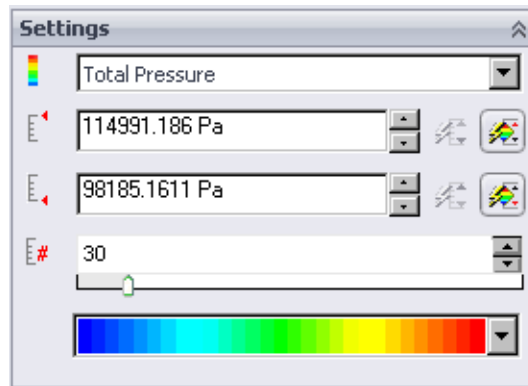


2. In the opened **Customize Parameter List** dialog box, expand the **Loads** group and select **Total Pressure**.



3. Click **OK** to save the changes.
4. In the graphics area double-click the palette bar.
In the opened dialog box, change the visualization parameter to **Total Pressure**.

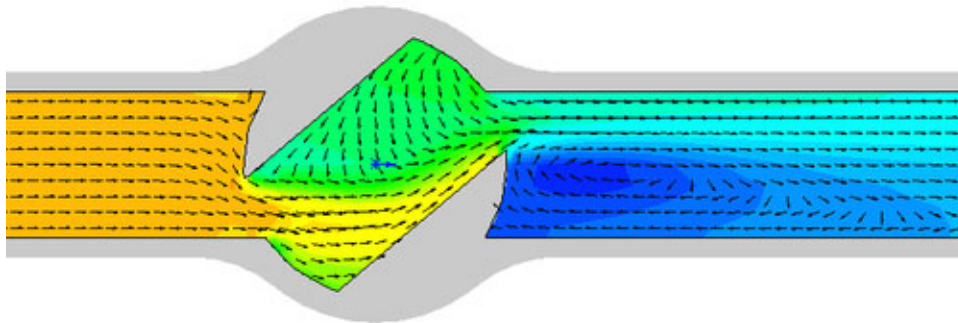
- Under **Settings** using the slider, set the **Number of Levels**  to about 30.



- Click **OK**  to save the changes and exit the **Color Bar** dialog box.

Results

This will update the current cut plot to display the total pressure contour plot.



While the cut plot shows you the flow pattern, we will use the surface goal plot to determine the inlet and outlet values of total pressure required to calculate the loss.

Viewing the Goal Plot

The **Goal Plot** allows you to study how the goal value changed in the course of calculation. Flow Simulation uses Excel to display goal plot data. Each goal plot is displayed in a separate sheet. The converged values of all project goals are displayed in the **Summary** sheet of an automatically created Excel workbook.

Procedure

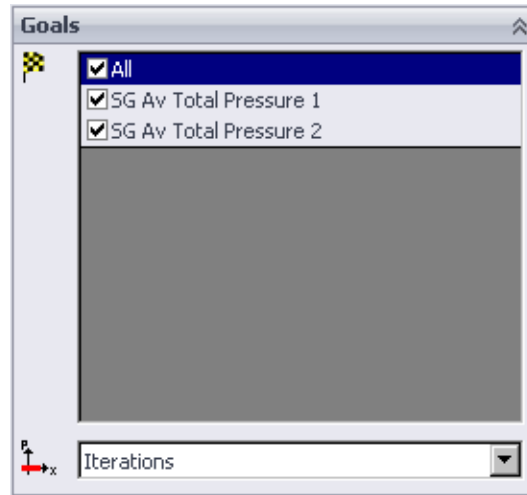
- Click **View > Display > Section View** to hide the section.

2. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, under **Results**, right-click the **Goal Plots** icon and select **Insert**.



The Goal Plot dialog box appears.

3. Select **All**.



4. Click **Export to Excel**.

The **Goals 1** Excel workbook is created.

Results

This workbook displays how the goal changed during the calculation. You can take the total pressure value presented at the **Summary** sheet.

Valve.SLDPRT [40 degrees - long valve]

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Av Total Pressure 1	[Pa]	114709,6	114703,7	114690,8	114720,5
SG Av Total Pressure 2	[Pa]	101841,4	101841,9	101841,4	101843,5

In fact, to obtain the pressure loss it would be easier to specify an Equation goal with the difference between the inlet and outlet pressures as the equation goal's expression. However, to demonstrate the wide capabilities of Flow Simulation, we will calculate the pressure loss with the Flow Simulation gasdynamic **Calculator**.

Note

 The **Calculator** contains various formulae from fluid dynamics, which can be useful for engineering calculations. The calculator is a very useful tool for rough estimations of the expected results, as well as for calculations of important characteristic and reference values. All calculations in the Calculator are performed only in the International system of units **SI**, so no parameter units should be entered, and Flow Simulation Units settings do not apply in the Calculator.

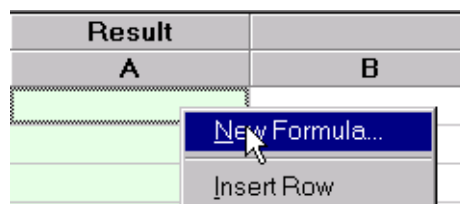
Working with Calculator

You can work with the calculator.

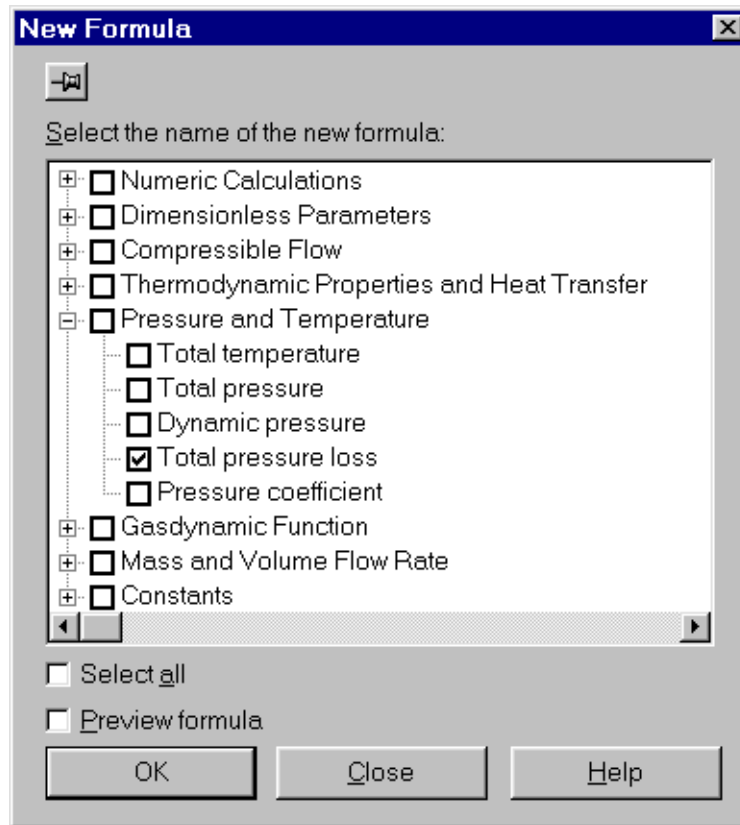
Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Calculator**.
2. Right-click the A1 cell in the **Calculator** sheet and select **New Formula**.

The New Formula dialog box appears.



3. In the **Select the name of the new formula** tree expand the **Pressure and Temperature** item and select the **Total pressure loss** check box.



4. Click **OK**.

The total pressure loss formula appears in the **Calculator** sheet.

In the **Result** (or **A**) column you see the formula name, in the next columns (**B**, **C**, and so on) you see names of the formula arguments (variables and constants). You can either type all the formula arguments' values in cells under their names in the SI units, or copy and paste them from the goals Excel worksheet table obtained through the **Goals** dialog box.

The result value appears in the **Result** column cell immediately when you enter all the arguments and click another cell.

- Specify the values in the cells as follows:

Density = 998.1934 (the water density at the specified temperature of 293.2 K),
Velocity = 1.

	Name	Result	A	B	C	D	E
1	Total pressure loss	Total pressure loss	Total pressure loss	Total pressure at point 1	Total pressure at point 2	Density	Velocity
2						998.1934 kg/m ³	1 m/s

- Open the **Goals 1** Excel workbook and copy the **value** of **SG Av Total Pressure 1** into the Clipboard.
- Go to the Calculator, click the **B2** cell and press **Ctrl+V** to paste the goal value from the Clipboard.
- Return to Excel, copy the **value** of **SG Av Total Pressure 2**. Go to the **Calculator**, click the **C2** cell and press **Ctrl+V**. Click any free cell.

Immediately the Total pressure loss value appears in the Result column.

Total pressure loss	Total pressure loss	Total pressure at point 1	Total pressure at point 2	Density	Velocity
	25.78308	102034.4 Pa	101830.2 Pa	998.1934 kg/m ³	1 m/s

- Click **File > Save**.
- In the **Save As** dialog box browse to the folder where the ball valve model used in this example is located, enter *ball valve* for the file name, and click **Save**.
- Click **File > Exit** to exit the **Calculator**.

Obtain the Pure Local Drag

To obtain the pure local drag, it is necessary to subtract from the obtained value the total pressure loss due to friction in a straight pipe of the same length and diameter.

To do that, we perform the same calculations in the ball valve model with the handle in the 0° angle position.

You can do this with the **00 degrees - long valve** configuration.

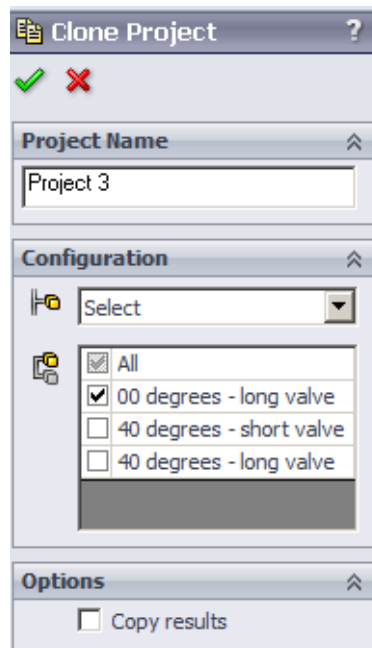
Since the specified conditions are the same for both **40 degrees - long valve** and **00 degrees - long valve** configuration, it is useful to attach the existing Flow Simulation project to the **00 degrees - long valve** configuration.

Cloning the Project (fully open position)

You can clone the project and adjust the valve angle.

Procedure

Clone the current project to the **00 degrees - long valve** configuration.



Results

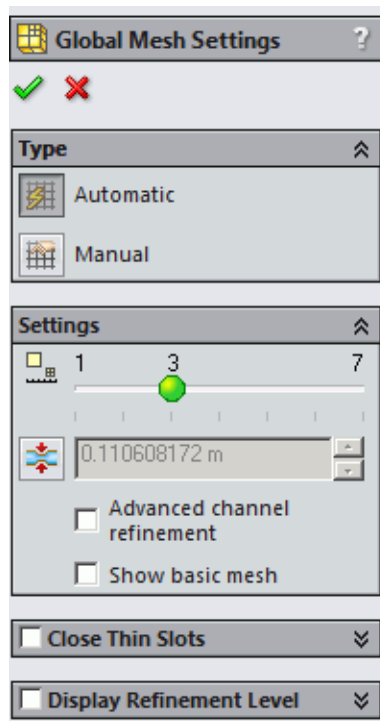
Since at zero angle the ball valve becomes a simple straight pipe, there is no need to set the **Minimum gap size** value smaller than the default gap size which, in our case, is automatically set equal to the pipe's diameter (the automatic minimum gap size depends on the characteristic size of the faces on which the boundary conditions are set). Note that using a smaller gap size will result in a finer mesh and, in turn, more computer time and memory will be required for calculation. To solve your task in the most effective way you should choose the optimal settings for the task.

Changing the Geometry Resolution

You can change the geometry resolution. Check to see that the **Project 3** is the active project.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



2. Click **Minimum Gap Size**  to clear the manual definition.
3. Click **OK** .

Results

The geometry resolution is now adjusted, you can run the calculation.

Calculating the Total Pressure Loss

You can calculate the total pressure loss.

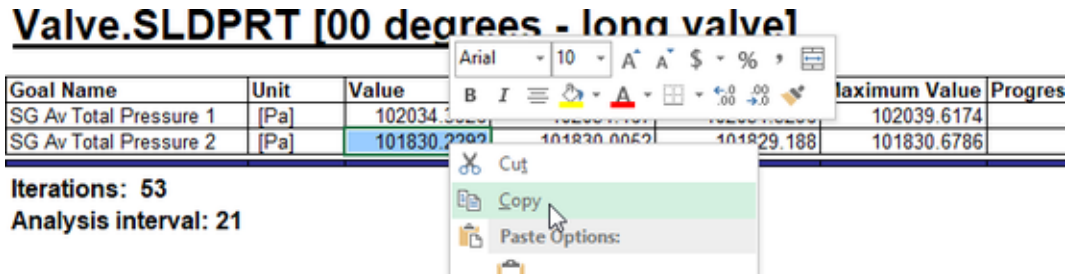
Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.
2. Next click **Run** to start the calculation.

After the calculation is finished the results are automatically loaded for post-processing.
3. Create the **Goal Plot**.

The **Goals 2** workbook is created.

- Go to Excel, then select both cells in the **Value** column and copy them into the Clipboard.



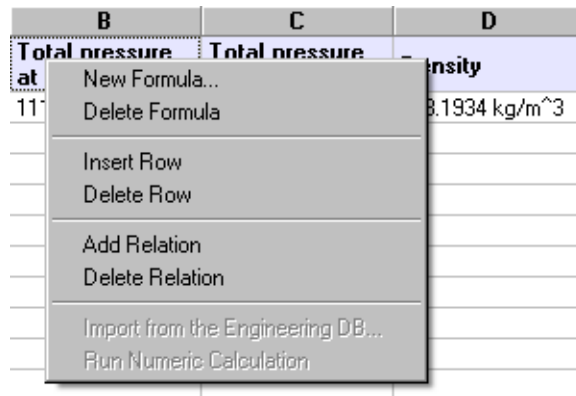
Now you can calculate the total pressure loss in a straight pipe.

- Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Calculator**.
- In the **Calculator** menu, click **File > Open**. Browse to the folder where you saved the calculator file earlier in this tutorial and select the *ball valve.fwc* file.
- Click **Open**.
- Click the **B4** cell and in the Calculator toolbar click  to paste data from the Clipboard.
- Save the existing value of the total pressure loss: click the **A2** cell, click , then click the **A7** cell and finally click .
- Double-click the **Name7** cell and type **40 degrees**.

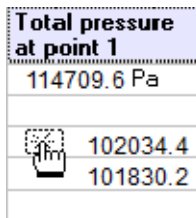
Total pressure loss	Total pressure loss	Total pressure at point 1
	25.78308	114709.6 Pa
		102034.4
		101830.2
40 degrees	25.78308	

- Right-click the **Total pressure at point 1** cell and select **Add Relation**.

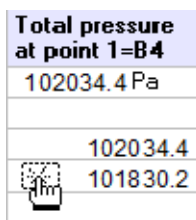
The cursor  appears.



12. Click the **B4** cell. The value of total pressure is now taken from the **B4** cell.



13. Right-click the **Total pressure at point 2** cell and select **Add Relation**.
14. Click the **B5** cell. The value of total pressure is now taken from the **B5** cell. Immediately the total pressure value is recalculated.



Results

Now you can calculate the local drag in the ball valve with the handle set at 40°.

Total Pressure loss (40 deg)	Total Pressure loss (0 deg)	Local Drag
25.78	0.41	25.37

Cylinder Drag Coefficient

Flow Simulation can be used to study flow around objects and to determine the resulting lift and drag forces on the objects due to the flow. In this example we use Flow Simulation to determine the drag coefficient of a circular cylinder immersed in a uniform fluid stream. The cylinder axis is oriented perpendicular to the stream.

The computations are performed for a range of Reynolds numbers (1, 1000, 10^5), where

$Re = \frac{\rho U D}{\mu}$, D is the cylinder diameter, U is the velocity of the fluid stream, ρ is the density, and μ is the dynamic viscosity. The drag coefficient for the cylinder is defined as:

$$C_D = \frac{F_D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U^2 D L}$$

where F_D is the total force in the flow direction (i.e. drag) acting on a cylinder of diameter D and length L .

The goal of the simulation is to obtain the drag coefficient predicted by Flow Simulation and to compare it to the experimental data presented in [Getting Results](#).

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *B2 - Drag Coefficient* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Click **File > Open**.
3. In the **Open** dialog box, browse to the *c01m.sldprt* part and click **Open** (or double-click the part).

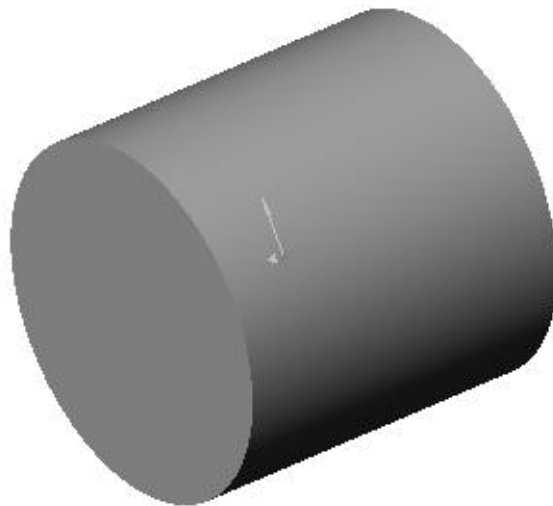
Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *c01m.sldprt* file to an empty area of SOLIDWORKS window.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *c01m.sldprt* part **or** the *c1m.sldprt* part located in the *B2 - Drag Coefficient\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Results

The **Cylinder** problem considered here represents a typical Flow Simulation **External** analysis.



Note

External flows analyses deal with flows over or around a model such as flows over aircrafts, automobiles, buildings, etc. For external flow analyses the far-field boundaries are the Computational Domain boundaries. You can also solve a combined external and internal flow problem in a Flow Simulation project (for example flow around and through a building). If the analysis includes a combination of internal and external flows, you must specify External type for the analysis.

The first step is to create a new Flow Simulation project.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

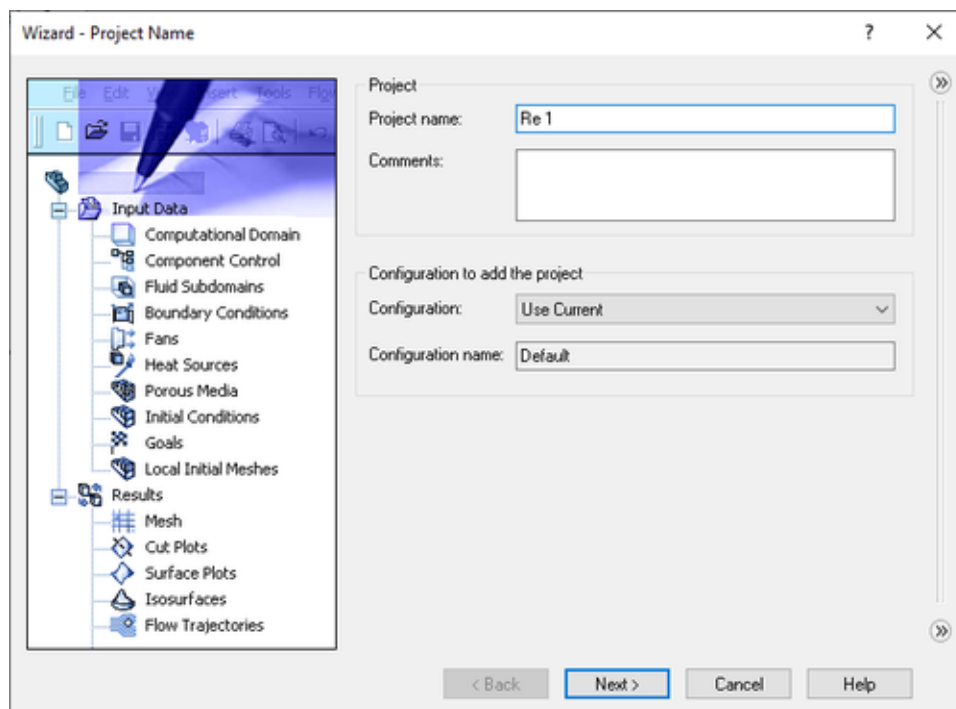
You can create a Flow Simulation project.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Wizard**.

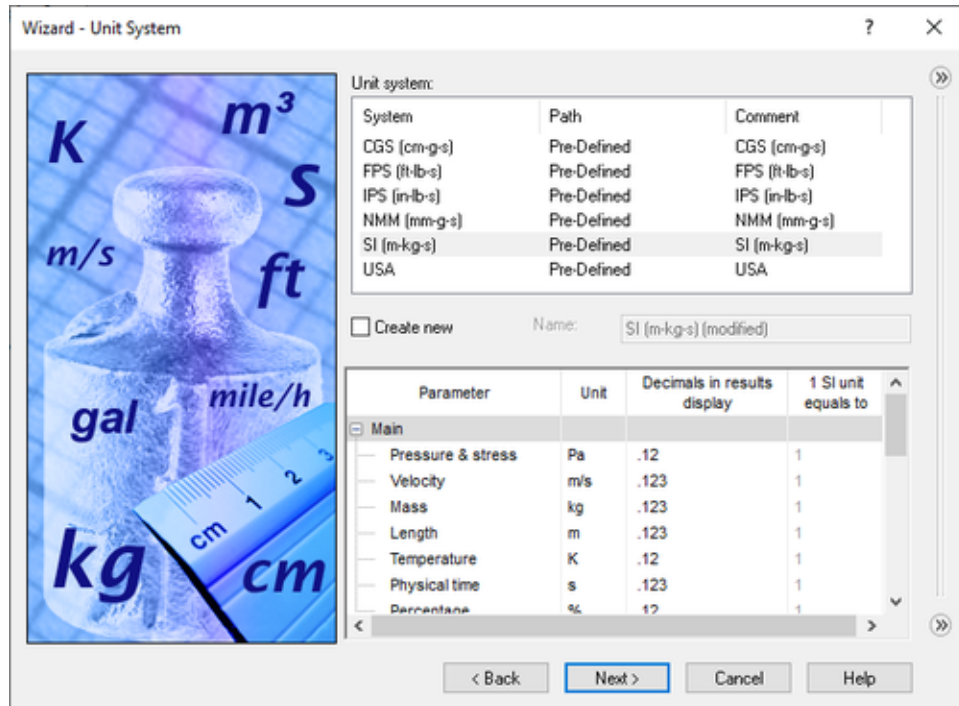
The project wizard guides you through the definition of a new Flow Simulation project. In this project we will analyze flow over the cylinder at the Reynolds number of 1.

2. In the **Project Name** dialog box, type a new project name: **Re 1**.



3. Click **Next**.

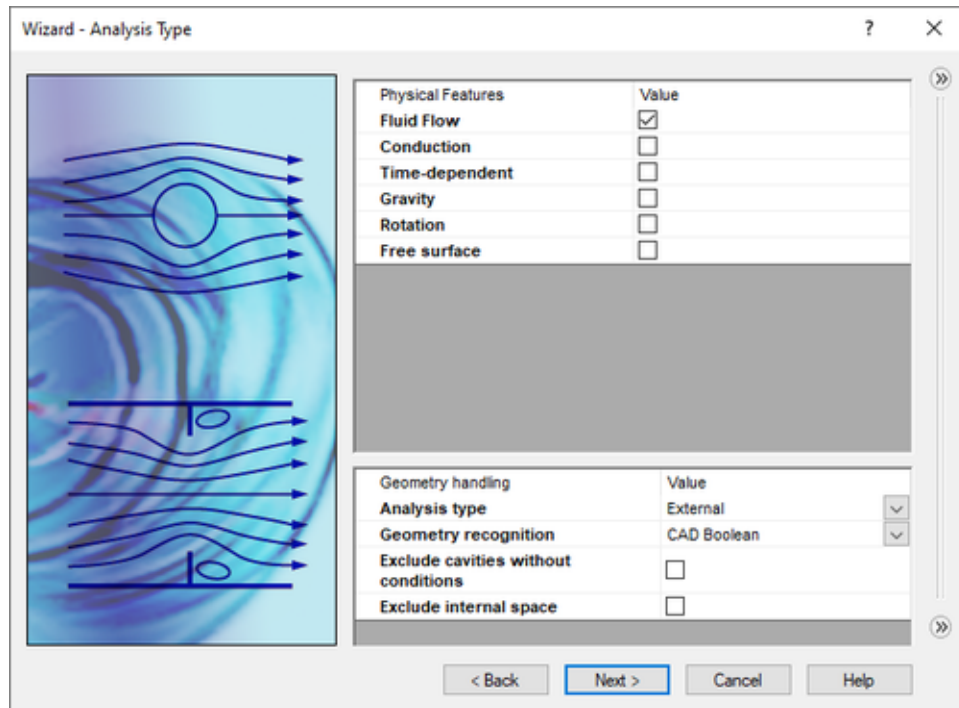
4. In the **Unit System** dialog box you can select the desired system of units for both input and output (results).



In this project we will specify the International System **SI** by default.

5. Click **Next**.
6. In the **Analysis Type** dialog box select an **External** type of flow analysis under the **Geometry handling** section.

This dialog also allows you to specify advanced physical features you want to include in the analysis. In this project keep the default settings including **Fluid Flow** as only active physical feature.



Note

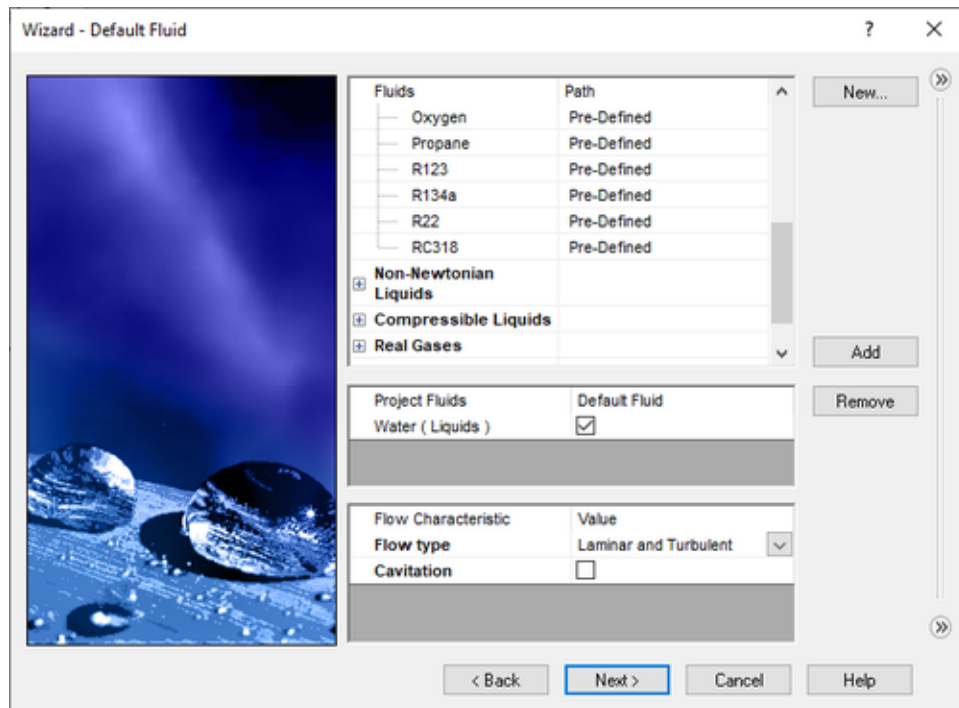
 To disregard closed internal spaces within the body you can select **Exclude internal spaces**; however no internal spaces exist within the cylinder in this tutorial.

Note

 The flow over a cylinder is steady at a Reynolds number $Re < 40$ (see the cylinder Re definition above) and unsteady (time-dependent) at $Re > 40$. Since in this tutorial the first calculation is performed at $Re = 1$, to accelerate the run, we perform a steady-state analysis.

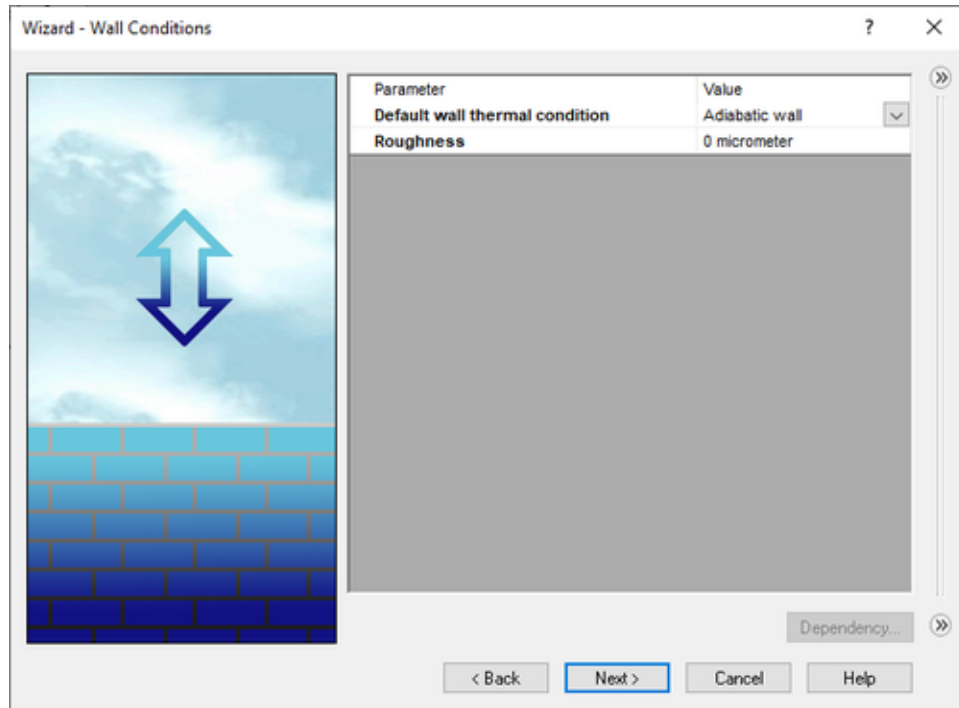
Click **Next**.

7. Since we use water in this project, open the **Liquids** folder and double-click the **Water** item.



8. Click **Next**.

9. In the **Wall Conditions** dialog box you may specify the default thermal wall conditions applied to all the model walls in contact with the fluid.



In this project we keep the default **Adiabatic wall** setting, denoting that all the model walls are heat-insulated and accept the default zero wall roughness.

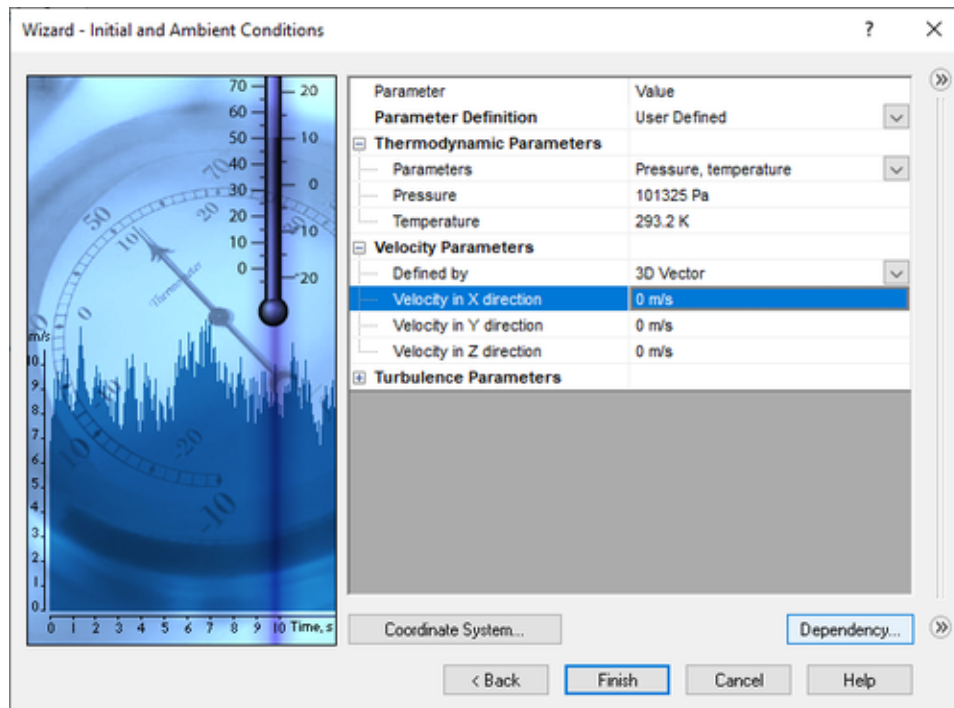
10. Click **Next**.

Note

For a steady **External** problem, such as the cylinder in this tutorial, the **Initial and Ambient Conditions** dialog box asks you to specify the ambient flow conditions of the undisturbed free stream. Thus you will specify initial conditions inside the **Computational Domain** and boundary conditions at the **Computational Domain** boundaries. The ambient conditions are thermodynamic (static pressure and temperature by default), velocity, and turbulence parameters.

In this project we consider the flow under the default thermodynamic conditions (i.e., the standard atmosphere at sea level), and set the incoming stream (X-component) velocity in accordance with the desired Reynolds number.

For convenience we can use the **Dependency** box to specify the incoming flow velocity in terms of the Reynolds number.



11. Click in the **Velocity in X direction** field. The **Dependency** button is enabled.
12. Click **Dependency**.

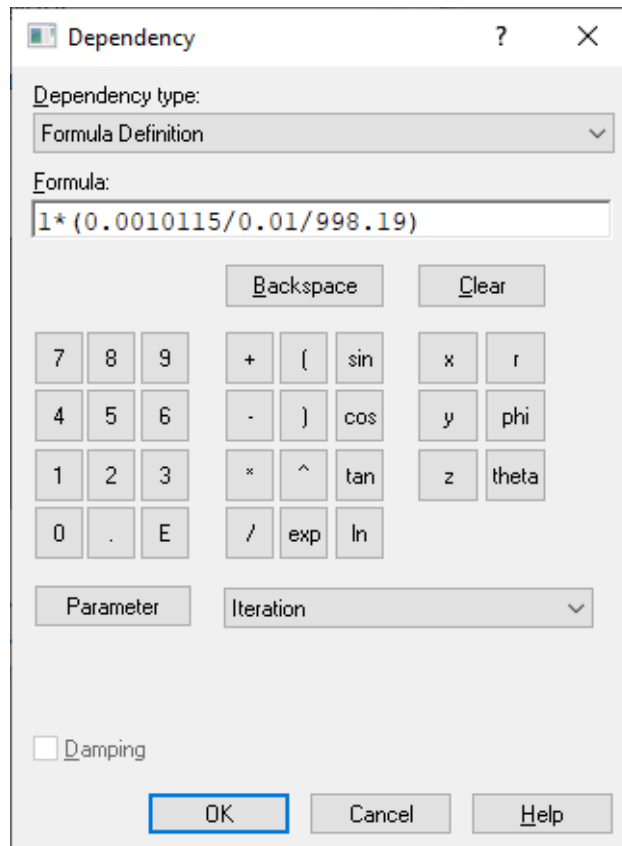
The Dependency dialog box appears.

Note

Using **Dependency** you can specify data in several ways: as a constant, as a tabular or formula dependency on x, y, z, r, θ , ϕ coordinates and time t (only for time-dependent analysis). The radius r is the distance from a point to the **Reference axis** selected from the reference coordinate system (the **Global Coordinate System** for all data set in the **Wizard** and **General Settings** dialog boxes), while θ and ϕ are the polar and azimuthal angles of spherical coordinate system, respectively. Therefore, by combination of r, θ , and ϕ coordinates you can specify data in cylindrical or spherical coordinate systems.

13. In the **Dependency type** list select **Formula Definition**.
14. In the **Formula** box type the formula defining the flow velocity using the Reynolds number: $1 \cdot (0.0010115 / 0.01 / 998.19)$.

Here:



1 - Reynolds number (Re)

0.0010115 (Pa*s) - water dynamic viscosity (μ) at the specified temperature of 293.2 K

0.01 (m) - cylinder diameter (D)

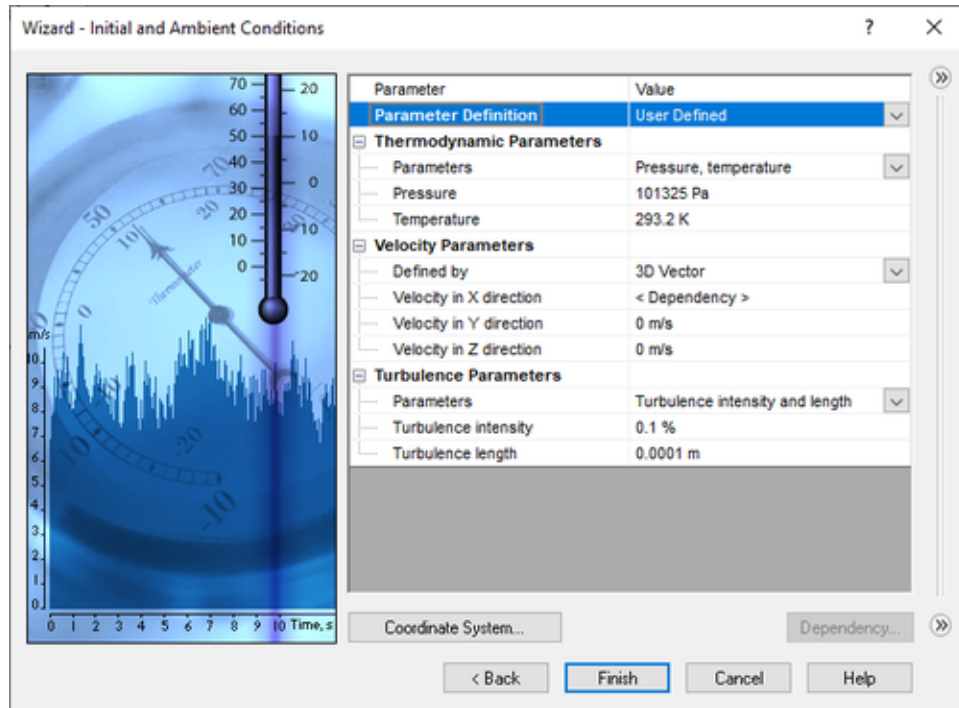
998.19 (kg/m³) - water density (ρ) at the specified temperature of 293.2 K

15. Click **OK**.

You will return to the **Initial and Ambient Conditions** dialog box.

For most flows it is difficult to have a good estimation of their turbulence *a priori*, so it is recommended that the default turbulence parameters be used. The default turbulence intensity values proposed by Flow Simulation are 0.1% for external analyses and 2% for

internal analyses and these values are appropriate for most cases. In this project we accept the default value of 0.1%.



16. Click **Finish**.

The project is created and the 3D Computational Domain is automatically generated.

Specifying 2D Simulation

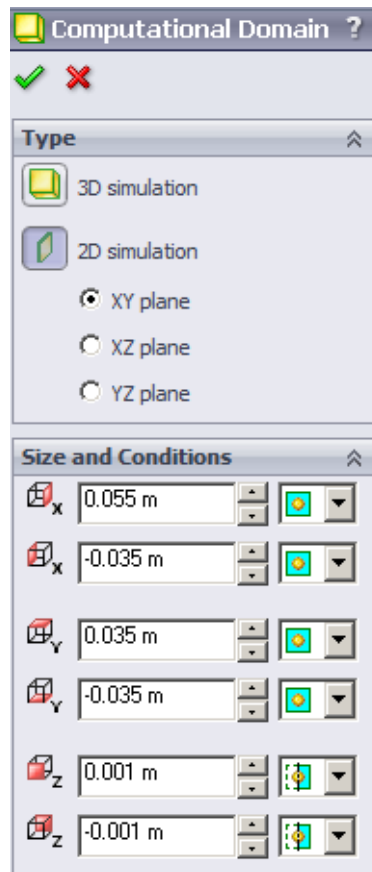
In this tutorial we are interested in determining only the drag coefficient of the cylinder, without accounting 3D effects. Thus, to reduce the required CPU time and computer memory, we will perform a two-dimensional (2D) analysis in this tutorial.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, expand the **Input Data** item.
2. Right-click the **Computational Domain** icon and select **Edit Definition**.



- Under **Type** select **2D simulation**  and **XY plane** (since the Z-axis is the cylinder axis).



- Automatically the **Symmetry**  condition is specified at the **Z min**  and **Z max**  boundaries of the Computational domain under **Size and Conditions**.

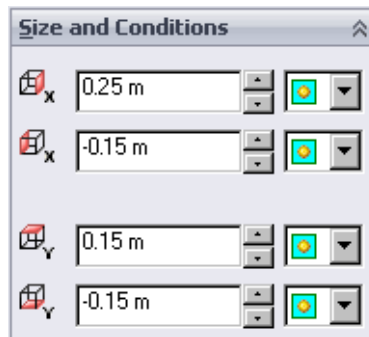
You can see that the **Z min**  and **Z max**  boundaries are set automatically, basing on the model dimensions.

Thus the reference cylinder length L in the cylinder drag (C_D) formula presented above is equal to $L = Z_{max} - Z_{min} = 0.002 \text{ m}$.

Note

For most cases, to study the flow field around an external body and to investigate the effects of design changes it is recommended to use the default **Computational Domain** size as determined by Flow Simulation. However, in this case we will compare the Flow Simulation results to experimental results and we would like to determine the drag coefficient with a high degree of accuracy. In order to eliminate any disturbances of the incoming flow at the **Computational Domain** boundaries due to the presence of the cylinder, we will manually set the boundaries farther away from the cylinder. The accuracy will be increased at the expense of required CPU time and memory due to the larger size of **Computational Domain**.

- Under **Size and Conditions** specify the X and Y coordinates of the Computational domain boundaries as shown on the picture below.



- Click **OK** .

Results

Since the incoming flow is aligned with the X-axis direction, the cylinder drag coefficient is calculated through the X-component of the force acting on the cylinder.

Specifying a Global Goal

The X-component of force can be determined easily by specifying the appropriate Flow Simulation goal. In this case you will need to specify the **Force (X)** as a **Global Goal**. This ensures that the calculation will not be finished until **Force (X)** is fully converged in the entire computational domain (i.e. on the cylinder surface).

Procedure

- Right-click the **Goals** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Global Goal**.

- In the **Parameter** table select the first check box in the **Force (X)** row.

Parameter					
Parameter	Min	Av	Max	Bulk Av	Use
Heat Flux	☐	☐	☐		☒
Heat Transfer Rate			☐		☒
Normal Force			☐		☒
Normal Force (X)			☐		☒
Normal Force (Y)			☐		☒
Normal Force (Z)			☐		☒
Force			☐		☒
Force (X)			☒		☒
Force (Y)			☐		☒
Force (Z)			☐		☒

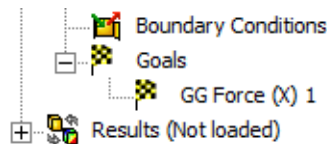
- Accept selected **Use for Conv.** check box to use this goal for convergence control.

Note

When choosing x, y, z-components of Force (or Torque) as goal you can select the Coordinate system in which these goals are calculated. In this example the default Global Coordinate System meets the task.

- Click **OK** .

The new **GG Force (X) 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.



Specifying an Equation Goal

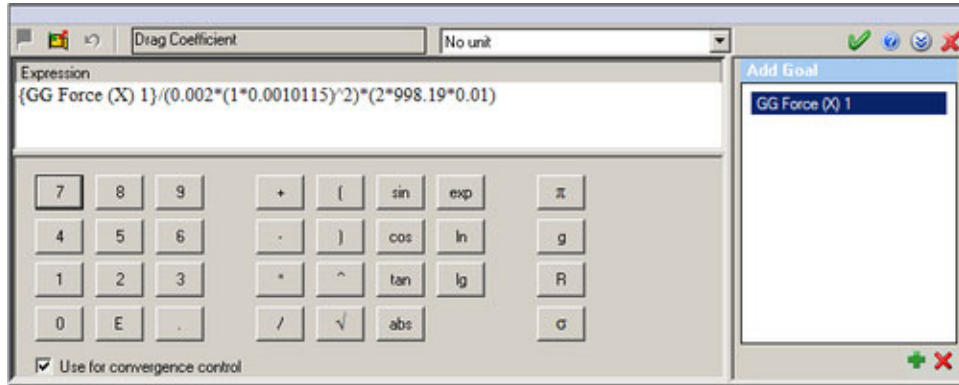
When the calculation is finished, you can manually calculate the drag coefficient from the obtained force value. Instead, let Flow Simulation make all the necessary calculations for you by specifying an **Equation Goal**.

Procedure

- Right-click the **Goals** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Equation Goal**.
- On the pane in the bottom of the screen click **Add Goal** .
- From the **Add Goal** list select the **GG Force (X) 1** goal and click **Add** .

The goal appears in the **Expression** box.

4. Use buttons in the calculator or keyboard to complete the expression as follows:
{GG Force (X) 1}/(0.002*(1*0.0010115)^2)*(2*998.19*0.01).
5. Select **No unit** in the **Dimensionality** list.
6. Type **Drag Coefficient** in the **Goal Name** box.



7. Click **OK** .

The new equation goal appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

Results

To compare the Flow Simulation results with the experimental curve taken the reference provided in [Getting Results](#) topic, we will perform calculations considering Reynolds number values of 1, 10^3 and 10^5 . As with $Re = 1$, the *c01m.sldprt* will be used to calculate the flow at the Reynolds number of 10^3 . The *c1m.sldprt* will be used to calculate the flow at the Reynolds number of 10^5 .

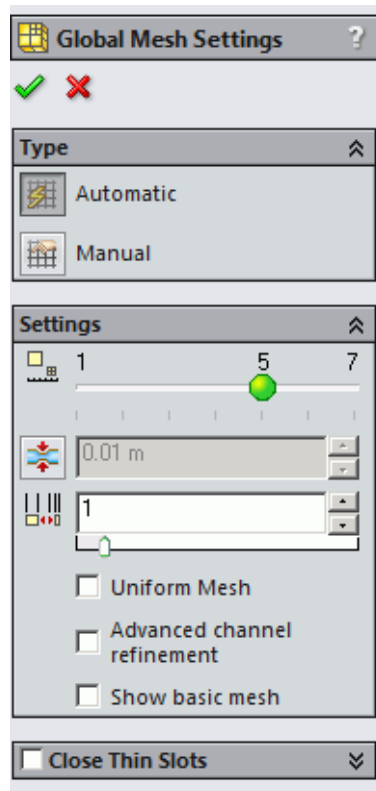
Specifying Global Mesh Settings

You can specify global mesh settings.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

2. Keep the default **Automatic**  type.



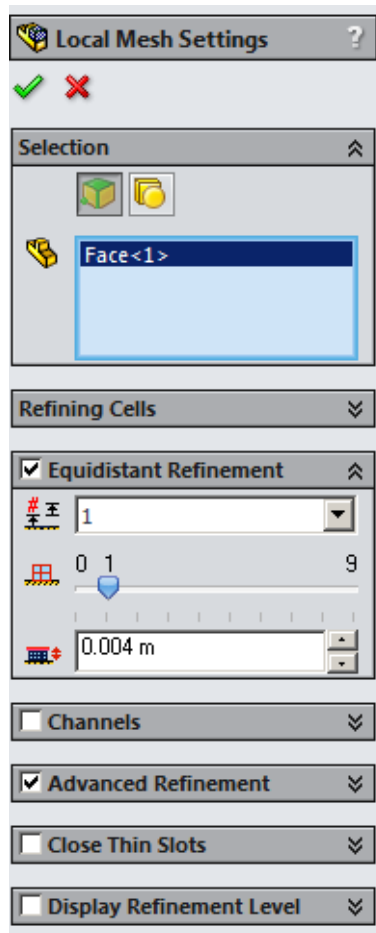
3. Under **Settings**, specify the **Level of initial mesh**  of **5** and accept the automatically defined **Minimum Gap Size**  and **Ratio Factor** .
4. Click **OK** .

Specifying Local Mesh Settings

To resolve a local region around the cylinder properly we will use the **Local Mesh** option.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.



2. In the graphic area, select the side surface of the cylinder.
3. Under **Equidistant Refinement**, select the **Equidistant Refinement** check box and then set the **Number of Shells** = 1, the **Maximum Equidistant Level** = 1 and the **Offset Distance** 1 = 0.004 m.

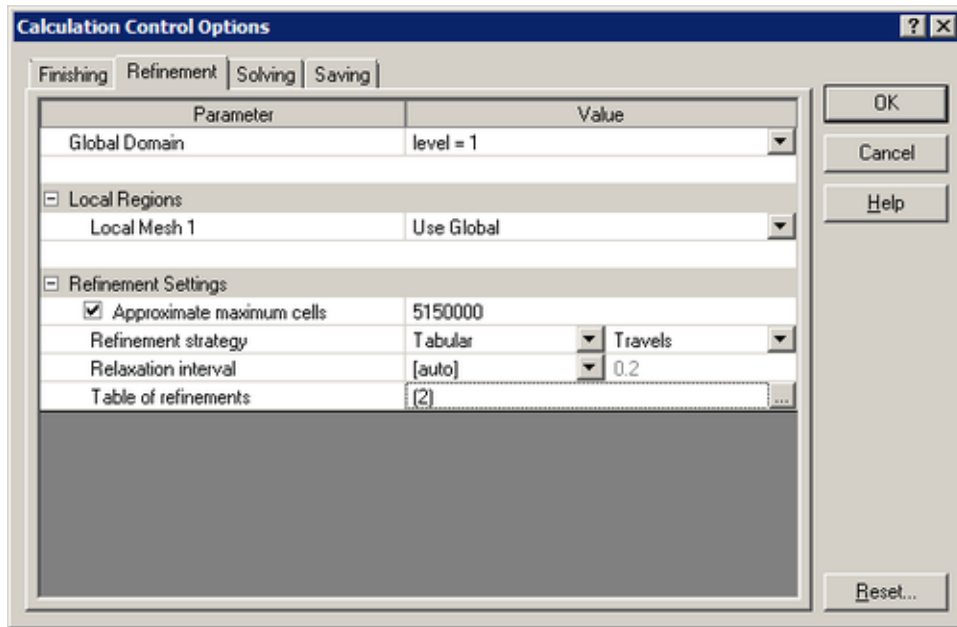
Setting Solution Adaptive Mesh Refinement

With the specified **Level of initial mesh** value of 5, it may be not sufficient to resolve accurately the vortex street behind a cylinder. So, to improve the accuracy of the solution in this region, it is convenient to perform additional (adaptive) mesh refinement during the calculation.

Procedure

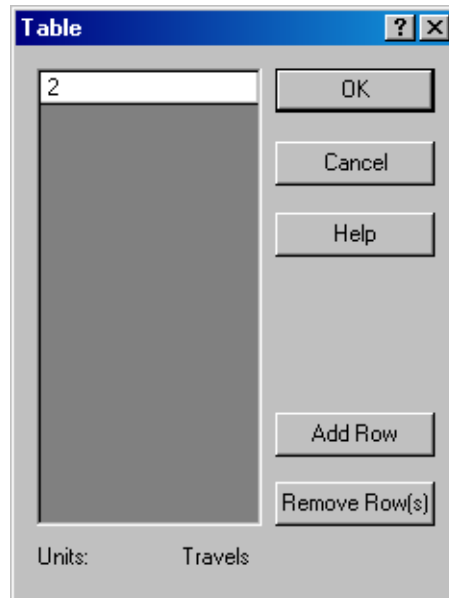
1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Calculation Control Options**.

- Go to the **Refinement** tab.



- Under **Global Domain** specify refinement **level = 1**.
- Expand the **Refinement Settings** item and make sure that the value of the **Refinement Strategy** item is set to **Tabular**.
- To edit the table of refinements, first make sure that the value of **Units** is set to **Travels**. Then, click the **...** button in the **Table of refinements** field.
- In the opened window, click **Add Row**.
A single blank row will appear.

7. Enter the value of **2** in the created row.



This means that mesh refinement will occur during the calculation when the value of travels reaches 2.

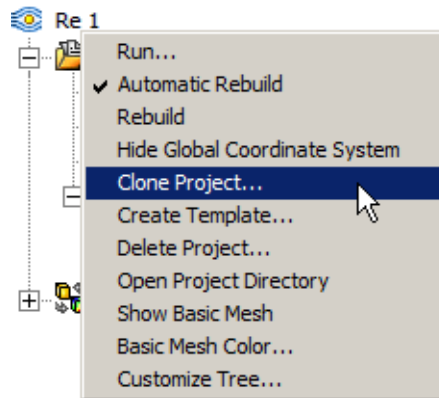
8. Click **OK**.
9. Go to the **Finishing** tab.
10. Under the **Finish Conditions**, make sure that the **Refinements** is set **On**.
11. Click **OK**.

Cloning the Project

You can clone the project.

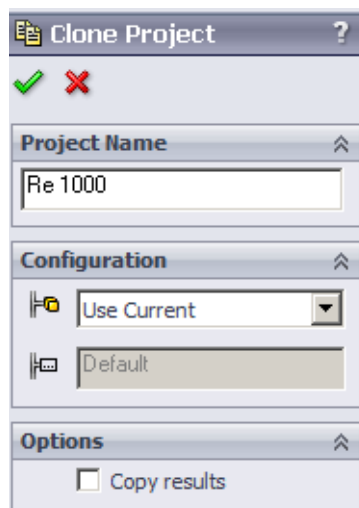
Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Re 1** icon and select **Clone Project**.



2. In the **Project name** box, type **Re 1000**.
3. Click **OK** .

Now Flow Simulation creates a new project with the Flow Simulation data attached.



Results

Since the new project is a copy of the **Re 1** Flow Simulation project, you only need to change the flow velocity value in accordance with the Reynolds number of 1000. Use the **General Settings** dialog box to change the data specified in the **Wizard**, except the settings for **Units** and **Result and Geometry Resolution**.

Note

 The **General Settings** always presents the current state of the project parameters. You can change **General Settings** to correct the settings made in the **Wizard** or to modify the project created with the Flow Simulation **Template** in accordance with the new project requirements.

Changing Project Settings

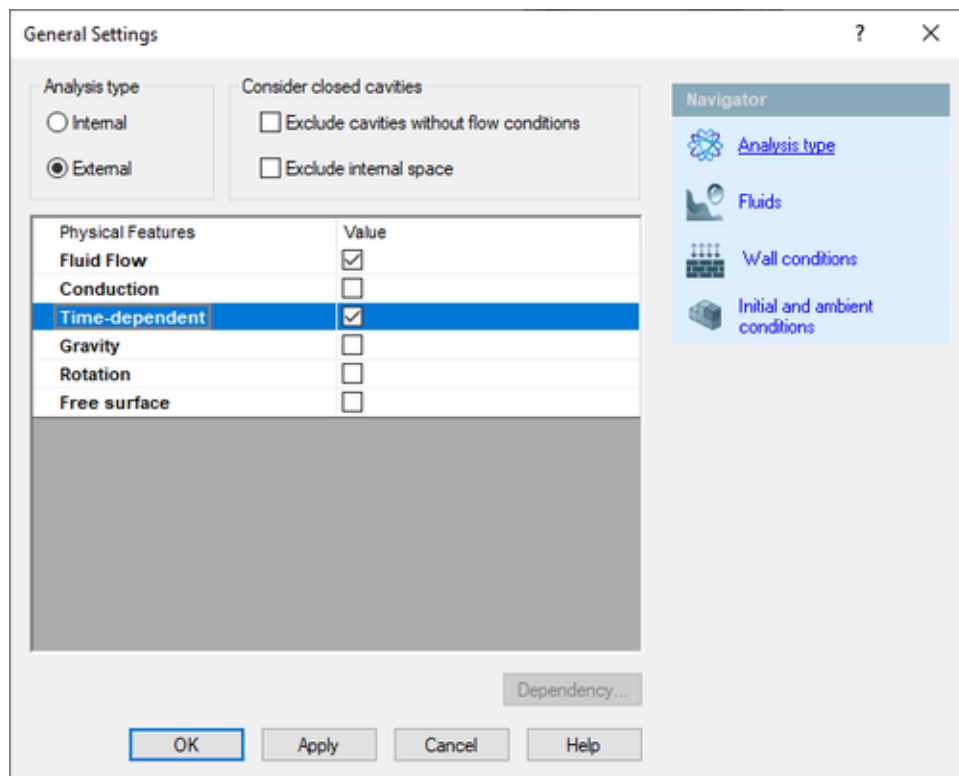
You can change project settings.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > General Settings**.

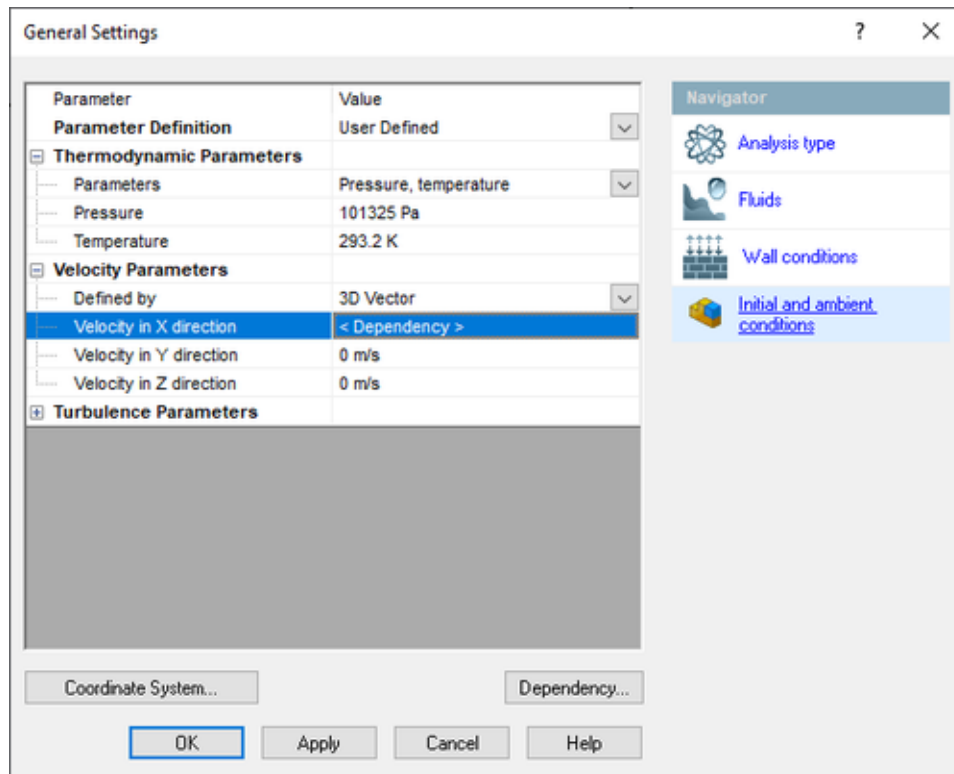
The General Settings dialog box appears.

2. As it has been mentioned above, since the flow over a cylinder is unsteady at $Re > 40$, select the **Time-dependent** physical feature for this project.

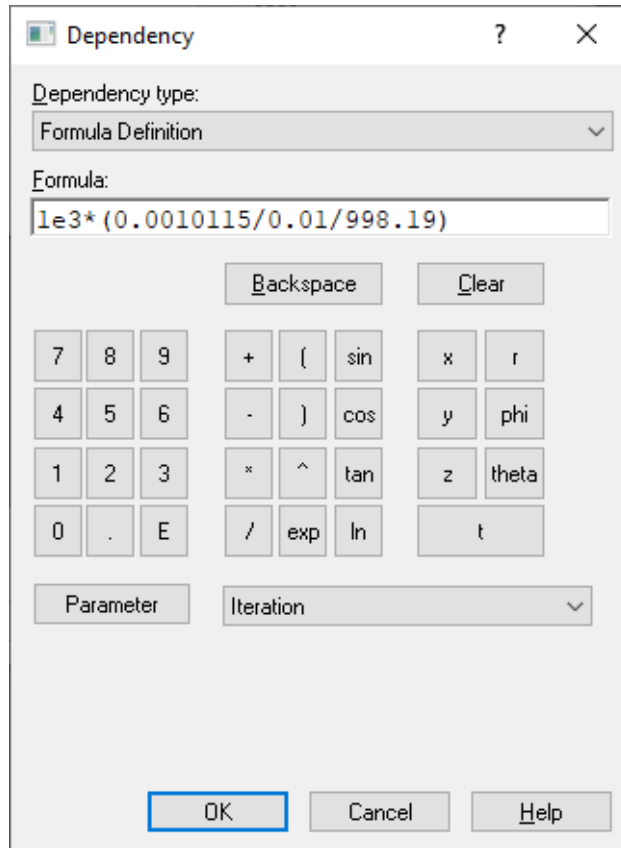


3. In the **Navigator** click **Initial and ambient conditions**.

- Click the **Velocity in X direction** field and then click **Dependency**.



5. In the **Formula** box, type the formula for the new Reynolds number:
 $1e3*(0.0010115/0.01/998.19)$



6. Click **OK** to return to the **General Settings** dialog box.
7. Click **OK** to save changes and close the **General Settings** dialog box.

Changing the Equation Goal

You can change the equation goal.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Drag Coefficient** icon under **Goals** and select **Edit Definition**.
2. In the **Expression** box type the new formula for the new Reynolds number:
 $\{GG \text{ Force (X) 1}\}/(0.002*(0.0010115*10^3)^2)*(2*998.19*0.01)$.
3. Select **No unit** in the **Dimensionality** list.
4. Click **OK**  to save changes and close the **Equation Goal** pane.

Results

In the experiments performed with one fluid medium, the Reynolds number's large rise is usually obtained by increasing both the velocity and the model overall dimension (i.e. cylinder diameter) since it is difficult to increase only velocity by e.g. 10^5 times. Since our simulation is performed with water only, let us increase the cylinder diameter to 1 m to perform the calculation at a Reynolds number of 10^5 .

Cloning a project is convenient if you want to create similar projects for the same model. The easiest way to apply the same project settings to another model is to use the Flow Simulation **Template**.

Creating a Template

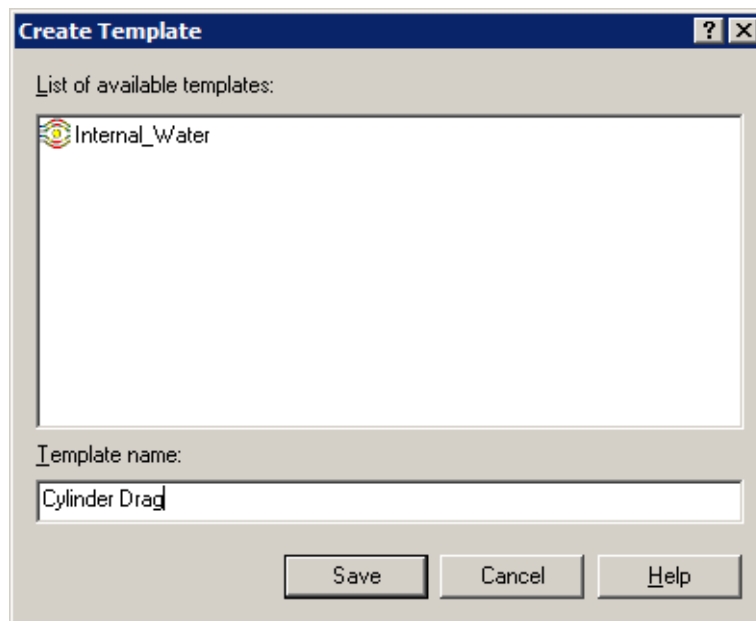
You can create a template.

Initially, only the Internal Water default template is available, but you can easily create your own templates.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Create Template**.

The Create Template dialog box appears.



2. In the **Template name** box, type **Cylinder Drag**.
3. Click **Save**.

The new Flow Simulation template is created.

Note

 All templates are stored as .fwp files in the %ProgramData%\COSMOS Applications\Flow Simulation 2025\Template folder, so you can easily apply a template to any previously created models.

4. Save the model.

Results

Next, create a new project based on the *Cylinder Drag* template.

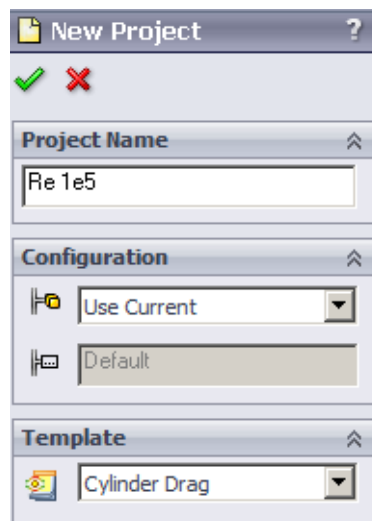
Creating a Project from the Template

Create a new Flow Simulation product.

Procedure

1. Open the *c1m.sldprt* file.
2. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > New**.

The New Project dialog box appears.



3. In the **Project Name**, type **Re 1e5**.
4. Under **Template**, select **Cylinder Drag**.
5. Click **OK**.

After clicking OK, two warning messages appear asking you to reset the computational domain and to rebuild the computational mesh. Select **Yes** to resize the computational domain, and **Yes** to rebuild the mesh.

Note

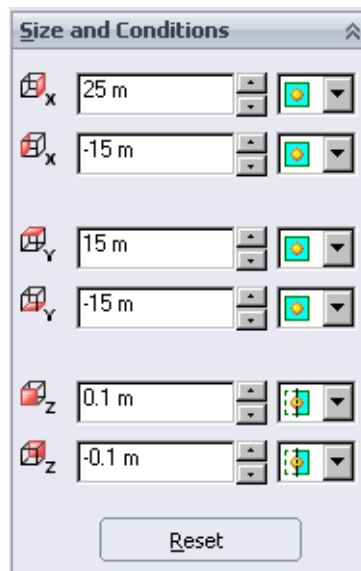
If the computational domain has not been resized automatically you should do it manually in **Computational Domain** dialog. The mesh settings should be reset too.

If Flow Simulation shows you a Rebuild error message, click **Close**.

The newly created project has the same settings as the **Re 1000** project with the *c01m.sldprt* model. The only exceptions are **Geometry Resolution** and **Computational Domain** size, which are calculated by Flow Simulation in accordance with the new model geometry.

Notice that the **2D simulation** setting and **Global Goal** are retained. Next, you can modify the project in accordance with the new model geometry.

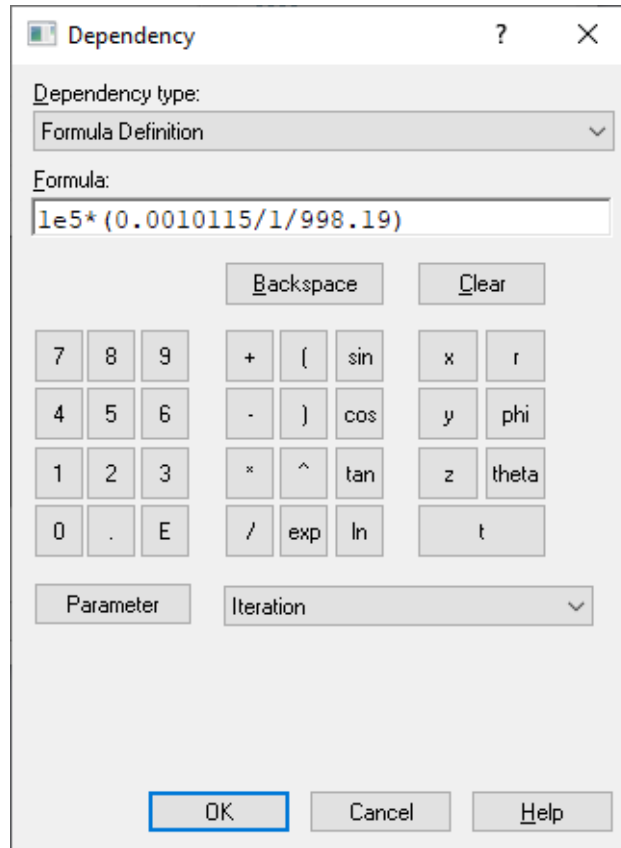
6. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Computational Domain** and adjust the computational domain size as shown in the picture.



7. Click **OK** .
8. Open the **General Settings** dialog box and click **Initial and ambient conditions**, click the **Velocity in X direction** field, then click **Dependency**.

9. Change the velocity X component formula as follows:

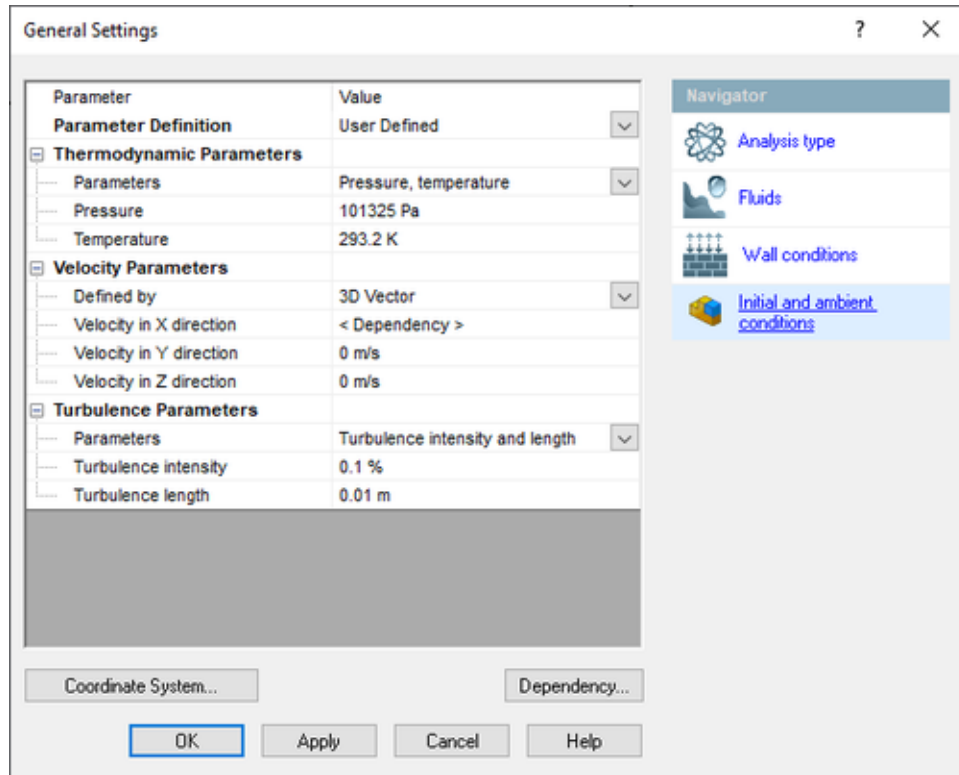
$$1e5*(0.0010115/1/998.19)$$



10. Click **OK** to return to the **General Settings** dialog box.

By default, Flow Simulation determines the default turbulence length basis equal to one percent of the model overall dimension (i.e. cylinder diameter). Since the **Re 1e5** project was created from the template, it inherited the turbulence length value calculated for the small cylinder ($d = 0.01$ m). For the *c1m.sldprt* we need to change this value.

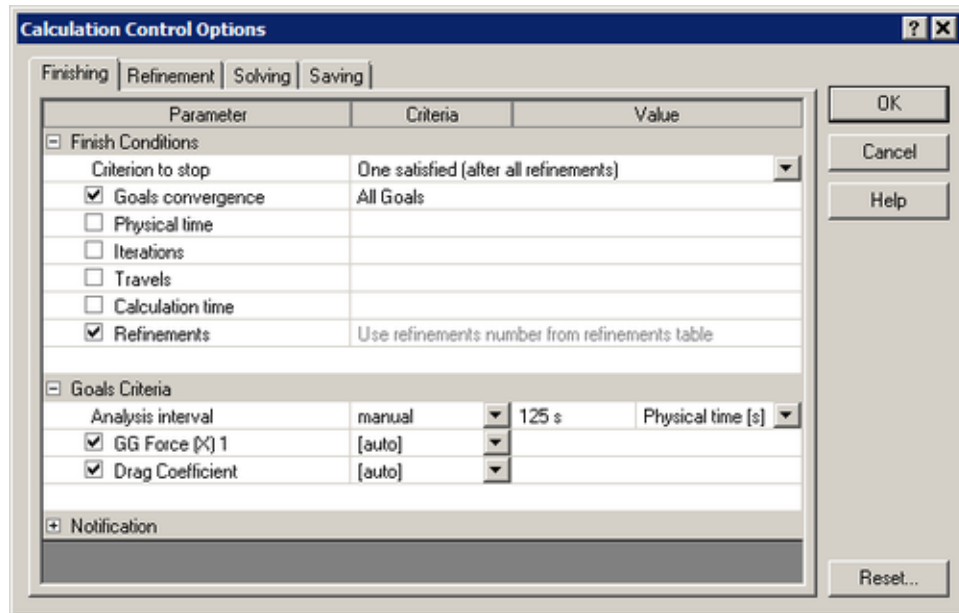
11. In the **General Settings** dialog box expand the **Turbulence parameters** item. Type **0.01 m** in the **Turbulence length** field.



12. Click **OK**.
13. Right-click the **Drag Coefficient** icon under **Goals** and select **Edit Definition**.
14. In the **Expression** box enter the formula:

$$\{GG \text{ Force (X) } 1\} / (0.2 * (0.0010115 * 10^5)^2) * (2 * 998.19 * 1).$$
15. Select **No unit** in the **Dimensionality** list.
16. Type **Drag Coefficient** in the **Goal Name** box.
17. Click **OK** .
18. Right-click the **Local Mesh 1** icon under **Mesh** and select **Edit Definition**.
19. In the graphic area, select the side surface of the cylinder.
20. Under **Equidistant Refinement**, change the **Offset Distance 1**  to **0.4 m**.
21. Click **OK** .
22. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Calculation Control Options**.

23. Go to the **Finishing** tab.



24. Set **Off** the **Travels**.
25. Under **Goals Criteria** specify the **Analysis interval** = **manual**.
26. To edit the analysis interval value, first make sure that in the last **Value** cell the value of units is set to **Physical time [s]**. Then, in the first **Value** cell enter **125 s** instead of the default value.

Note

 In case of a periodic solution to avoid premature convergence it is recommended to estimate the oscillation period of the goals of interest first and then specify at least 5 periods as the analysis interval. The selected value of the analysis interval (i.e. the interval over which the goals convergence criteria are checked) corresponds to the 5 periods of the goal oscillations.

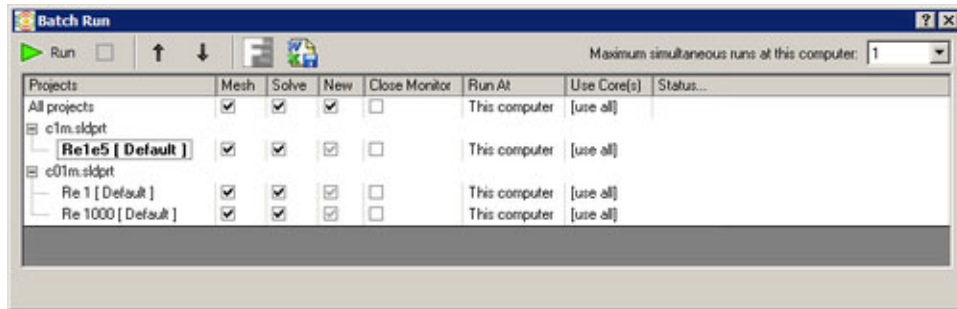
Now you can solve all of the projects created for both cylinders.

Solving a Set of Projects

Flow Simulation allows you to automatically solve a set of projects that exist in any currently opened document.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Batch Run**.



2. Select the **Solve** check box in the **All projects** row to select **Solve** for all projects (**Re 1**, **Re 1000**, **Re 1e5**). Also select the **Close Monitor** check box in the **All projects** row. When the **Close Monitor** check box is selected, Flow Simulation automatically closes the **Solver Monitor** window when the calculation finishes.
3. Click **Run**.

Getting Results

After all calculations are complete, you can create the **Goal Plot** for each project to obtain the **Drag Coefficient** value. Go to the *c01m.sldprt* model and activate the **Re 1** project in the Flow Simulation projects tree.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Results** icon and select **Load**.
2. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, under **Results**, right-click the **Goal Plots** icon and select **Insert**.

The Goal Plot dialog box appears.



3. Select **All**.
4. Click **Export to Excel**.

The **Goals 1** Excel workbook is created.

Switch to Excel to obtain the value.

5. Activate the **Re 1000** project and load results.

Create the goal plot for both goals.

c01m.sldprt [Re 1 [Default]]					
Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
GG Force (X) 1	[N]	1.13569E-09	1.13528E-09	1.13393E-09	1.1426E-09
Drag Coefficient	[]	11.08000623	11.07600315	11.06288292	11.14744683

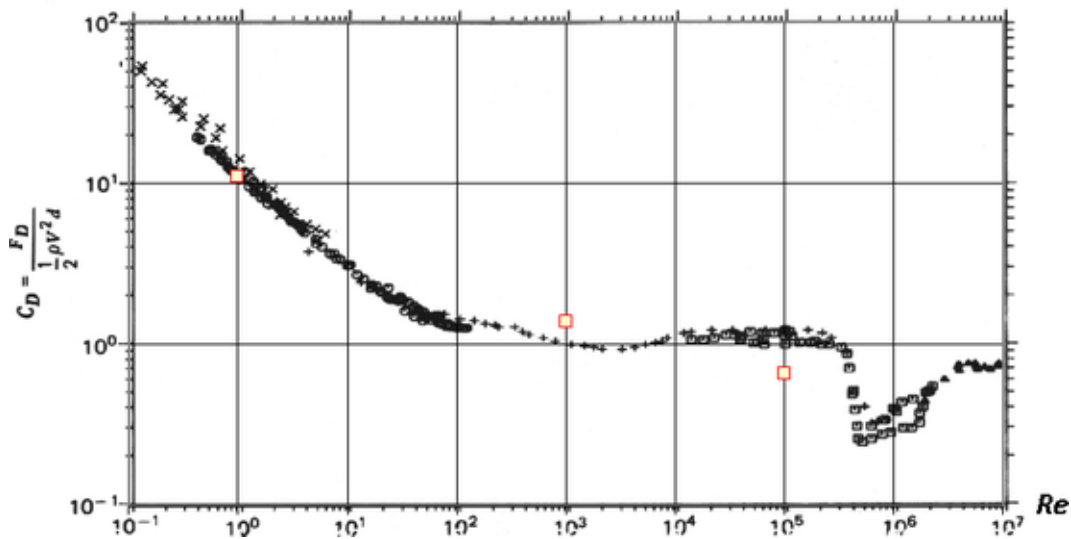
6. Switch to *c1m.sldprt*, activate the **Re 1e5** project, load results and create the goal plot for both the goals.

c01m.sldprt [Re 1000 [Default]]					
Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
GG Force (X) 1	[N]	0.000162745	0.00014348	0.000116993	0.000162745
Drag Coefficient	[]	1.587773152	1.399825691	1.141406951	1.587773152

c1m.sldprt [Re1e5 [Default]]					
Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
GG Force (X) 1	[N]	0.708367609	0.679705255	0.628075993	0.732622717
Drag Coefficient	[]	0.691098794	0.66313518	0.612764552	0.714762602

Even if the calculation is steady, the averaged value is more preferred, since in this case the oscillation effect is of less perceptibility. We will use the averaged goal value for the other two cases as well.

You can now compare Flow Simulation results with the experimental curve.



Ronald L. Panton, "Incompressible flow" Second edition. John Wiley & sons Inc., 1995.

Heat Exchanger Efficiency

Flow Simulation can be used to study the fluid flow and heat transfer for a wide variety of engineering equipment. In this example we use Flow Simulation to determine the efficiency of a counterflow heat exchanger and to observe the temperature and flow patterns inside of it. With Flow Simulation the determination of heat exchanger efficiency is straightforward and by investigating the flow and temperature patterns, the design engineer can gain insight into the physical processes involved thus giving guidance for improvements to the design.

A convenient measure of heat exchanger performance is its “efficiency” in transferring a given amount of heat from one fluid at higher temperature to another fluid at lower temperature. The efficiency can be determined if the temperatures at all flow openings are known. In Flow Simulation the temperatures at the fluid inlets are specified and the temperatures at the outlets can be easily determined. Heat exchanger efficiency is defined as follows:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\text{actual heat transfer}}{\text{maximum possible heat transfer}}$$

The actual heat transfer can be calculated as either the energy lost by the hot fluid or the energy gained by the cold fluid. The maximum possible heat transfer is attained if one of the fluids was to undergo a temperature change equal to the maximum temperature difference present in the exchanger, which is the difference in the inlet temperatures of the hot and cold fluids, respectively: $(T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{cold}^{inlet})$. Thus, the efficiency of a counterflow heat exchanger is defined as

follows: $\varepsilon = \frac{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{hot}^{outlet}}{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{cold}^{inlet}}$ - if hot fluid capacity rate is less than cold fluid capacity rate or $\varepsilon = \frac{T_{cold}^{outlet} - T_{cold}^{inlet}}{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{cold}^{inlet}}$ - if hot fluid capacity rate is more than cold fluid capacity rate, where the capacity rate is the product of the mass flow and the specific heat capacity: $C = \dot{m}c$ ([Calculating the Heat Exchanger Efficiency](#))

The goal of the project is to calculate the efficiency of the counterflow heat exchanger. Also, we will determine the average temperature of the heat exchanger central tube’s wall. The obtained wall temperature value can be further used for structural and fatigue analysis.

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Opening the Model

Copy the *B3 - Heat Exchanger* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.

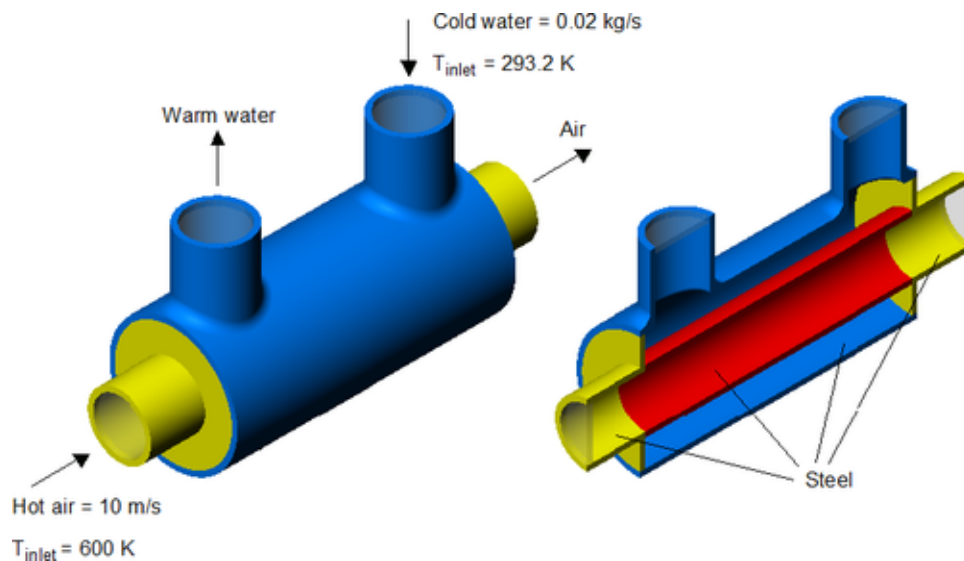
Procedure

1. Click **File > Open**.
2. In the **Open** dialog box, browse to the *task.sldasm* assembly located in the *B3 - Heat Exchanger* folder and click **Open** (or double-click the assembly).

Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *task.sldasm* file to an empty area of the SOLIDWORKS window.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *task.sldasm* assembly located in the *B3 - Heat Exchanger\Ready* folder and run the project.

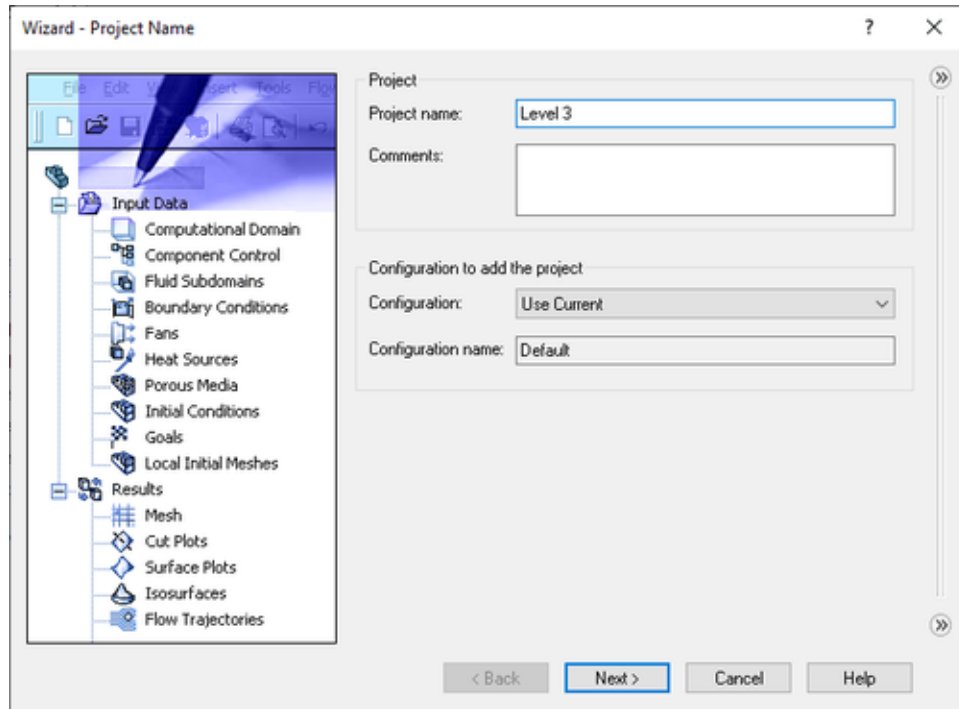


Creating a Flow Simulation Project

You can create a Flow Simulation project.

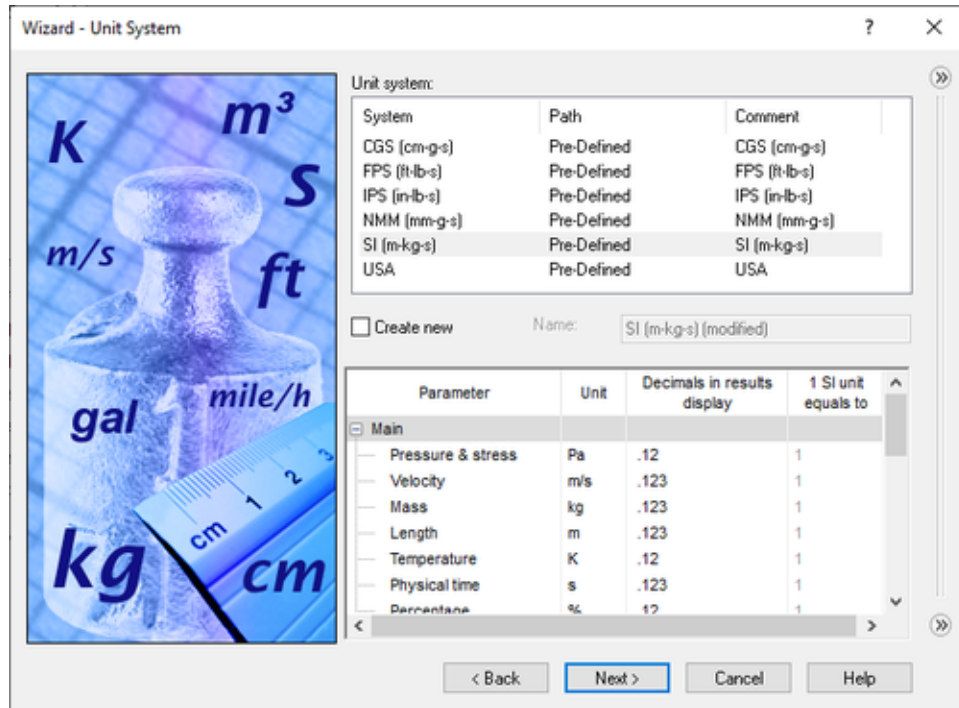
Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Wizard**.



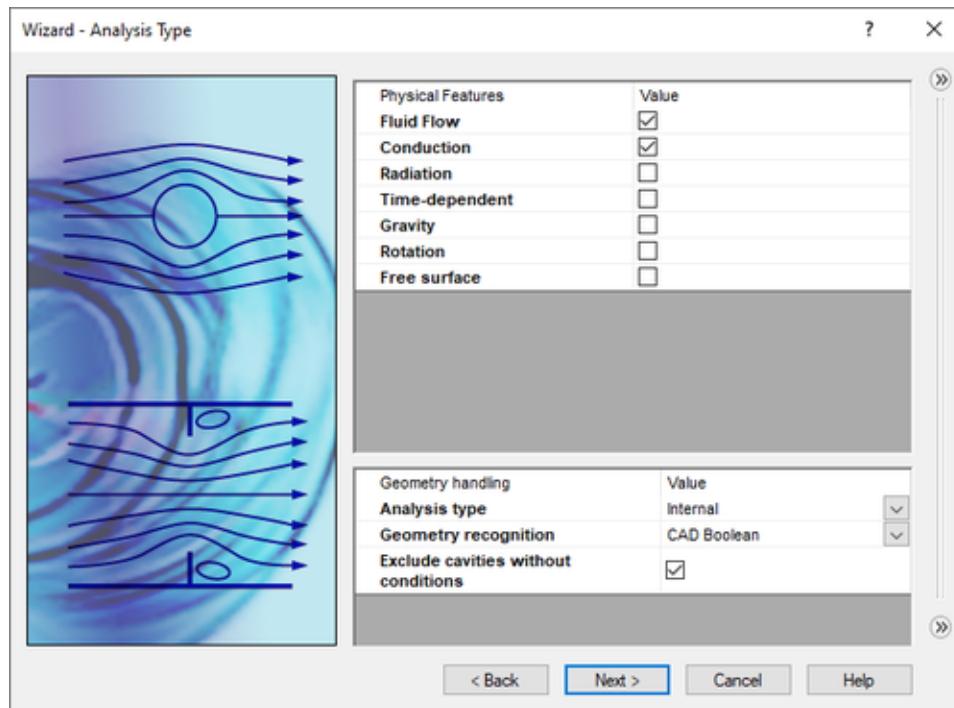
2. Type **Level 3** as the **Project name**. The *Level 3* name was chosen because this problem will be calculated using **Result Resolution** level 3.
3. Click **Next**.

4. In the **Units** dialog box select the desired system of units for both input and output (results). For this project we will use the International System **SI** by default.



5. Click **Next**.

6. In the **Analysis Type** dialog box among **Physical features** select **Conduction** in addition to the by default pre-selected **Fluid Flow**.

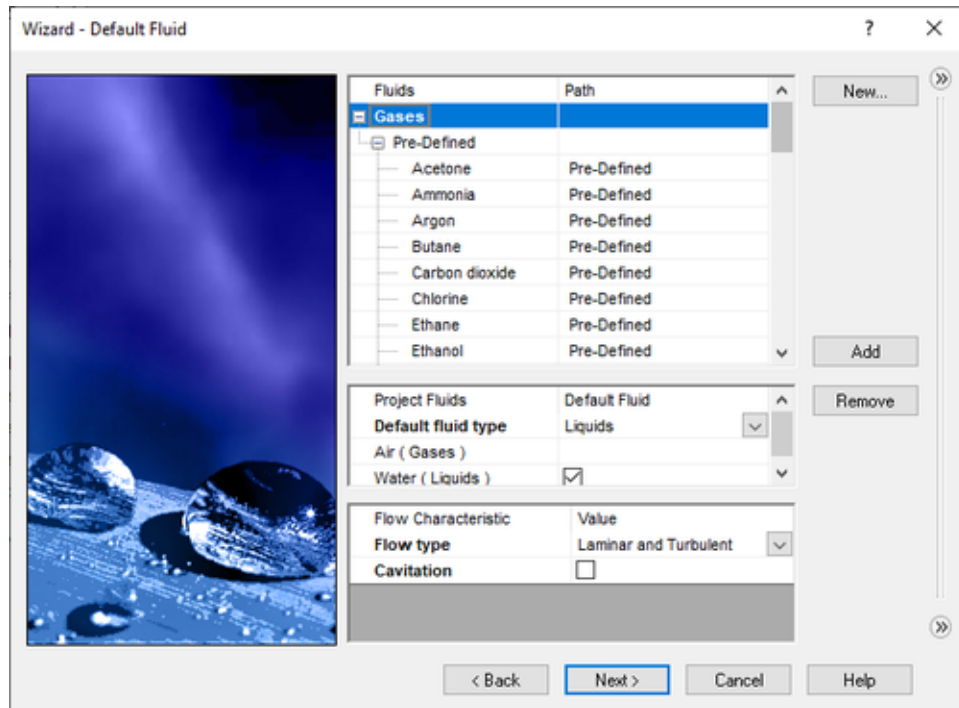


Note

 By default, Flow Simulation will consider heat conduction not in solids, but only within the fluid and between the walls and the fluid (that is, convection). Selecting the **Conduction** option enables the combination of convection and conduction heat transfer, known as conjugate heat transfer. In this project we will analyze heat transfer between the fluids through the model walls, as well as inside the solids.

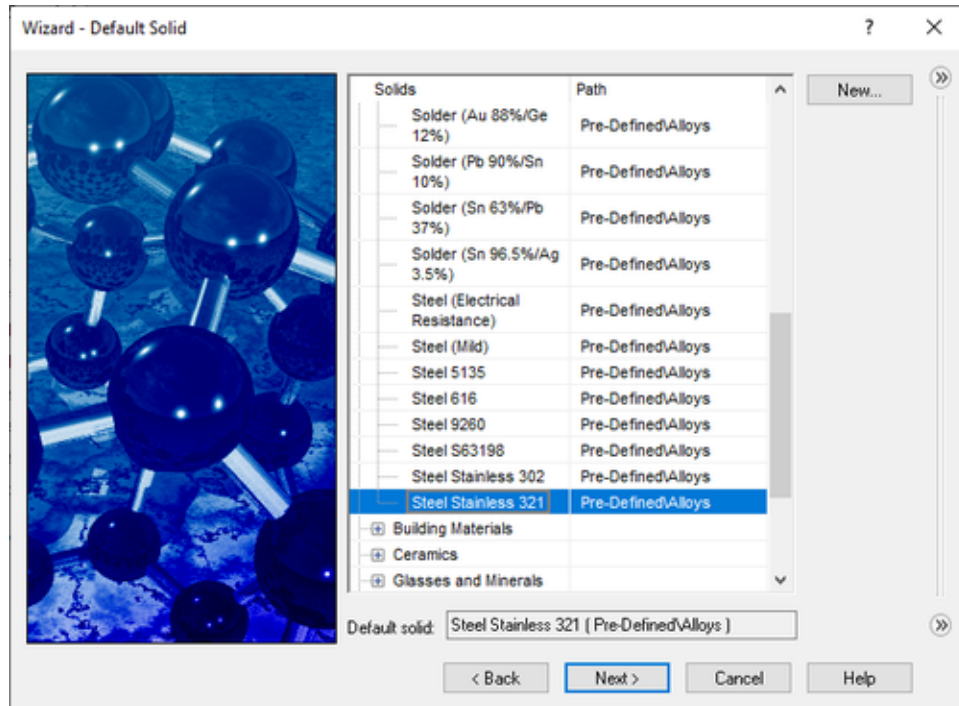
7. Click **Next**.

8. Since two fluids (water and air) are used in this project, expand the **Liquids** folder and add **Water** and then expand the **Gases** folder and add **Air** to the **Project Fluids** list. Check that the **Default fluid type** is **Liquids**.



9. Click **Next**.
10. Since we have selected the **Conduction** option at the **Analysis Type** step of the Wizard, the **Default Solid** dialog box appears. In this dialog you specify the default solid

material applied to all solid components. To assign a different material to a particular assembly component you need to create a **Solid Material** condition for this component.



If the solid material you wish to specify as the default is not available in the **Solids** table, you can click **New** and define a new substance in the **Engineering Database**. The tube and its cooler in this project are made of stainless steel.

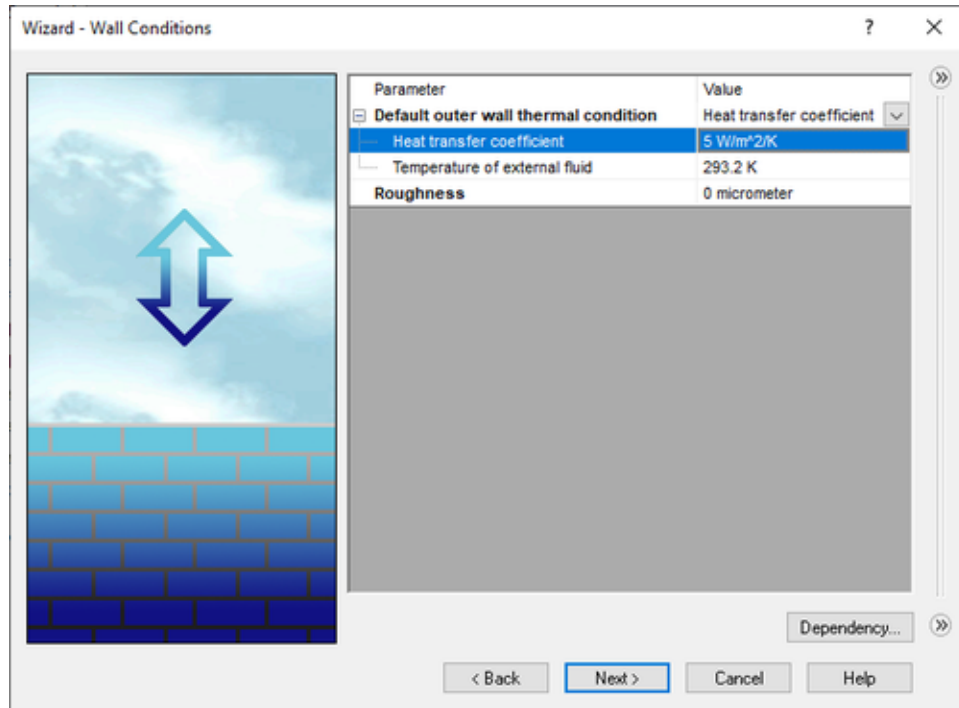
Expand the **Alloys** folder and click **Steel Stainless 321** to make it the default solid material.

11. Click **Next**.

Note

 If a component has been previously assigned a solid material by SOLIDWORKS, you can import this material into Flow Simulation and apply this solid material to the component in the Flow Simulation project by using the **Import Data from Model** option accessible under **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools**.

12. In the **Wall Condition** dialog box, select **Heat transfer coefficient** as **Default outer wall thermal condition**.

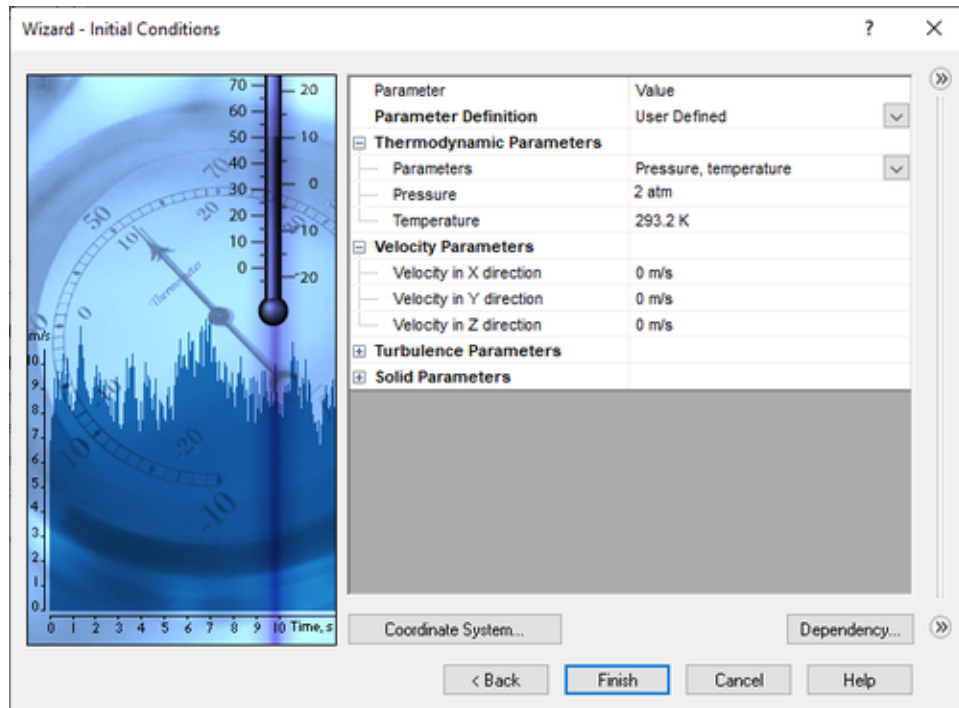


Note

 This condition allows you to define the heat transfer from the outer model walls to an external fluid (not modeled) by specifying the reference fluid temperature and the heat transfer coefficient value.

13. Set the **Heat transfer coefficient** value to **5 W/m²/K**.
14. Leave the default (zero) wall roughness.
15. Click **Next**.

16. In the **Initial Conditions** dialog box under **Thermodynamics parameters** enter **2 atm** in the **Value** cell for the **Pressure** parameter. Flow Simulation automatically converts the entered value to the selected system of units.



17. Click **Finish** accepting the default values of other parameters for initial conditions.

Results

After finishing the **Wizard** you will complete the project definition by using the Flow Simulation Analysis tree. First of all you can take advantage of the symmetry of the heat exchanger to reduce the CPU time and memory required for the calculation. Since this model is symmetric, it is possible to “cut” the model in half and use a symmetry boundary condition at the plane of symmetry. This procedure is not required, but is recommended for efficient analyses.

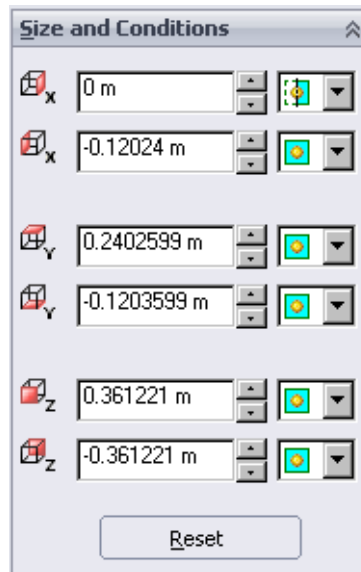
Specifying Symmetry Condition

You can specify symmetry condition.

Procedure

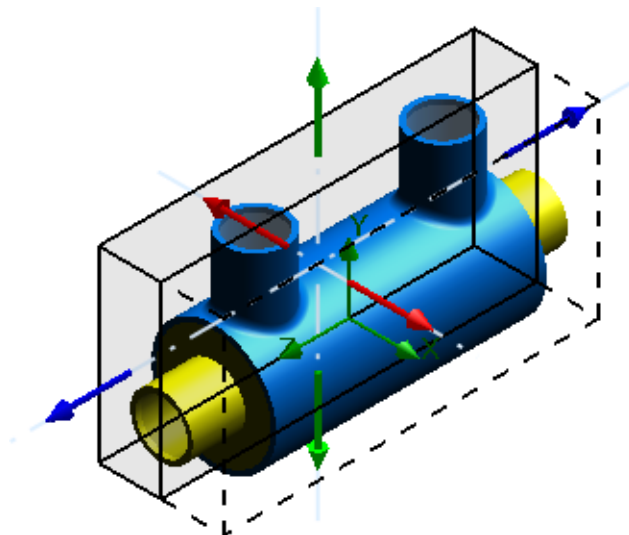
1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, expand the **Input Data** item.
2. Right-click the **Computational Domain** icon and select **Edit Definition**.

- Under **Size and Conditions** select the **Symmetry**  condition at the **X max** boundary and type **0** in the **X max**  box.



Note

 To resize the domain manually, select the **Computational Domain** item in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, and in the graphics area click and drag the arrow handles at the sides of the computational domain frame to the desired positions, then adjust the exact coordinates in the appearing callouts.



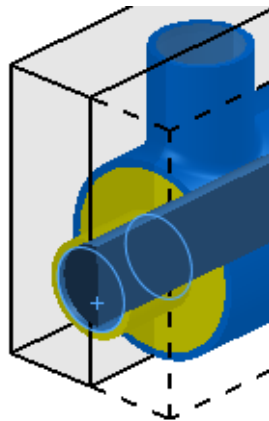
- Click **OK** .

Specifying a Fluid Subdomain

Since we have selected **Liquids** as the **Default fluid type** and **Water** as the **Default fluid** in the Wizard, we need to specify another fluid type and select another fluid (air) for the fluid region inside the tube through which the hot air flows. We can do this by creating a **Fluid Subdomain**. When defining a **Fluid Subdomain** parameters we will specify **Gas** as the fluid type for the selected region, **Air** as the fluid and the initial temperature of 600 K and flow velocity of 10 m/s as the initial conditions in the selected fluid region.

Procedure

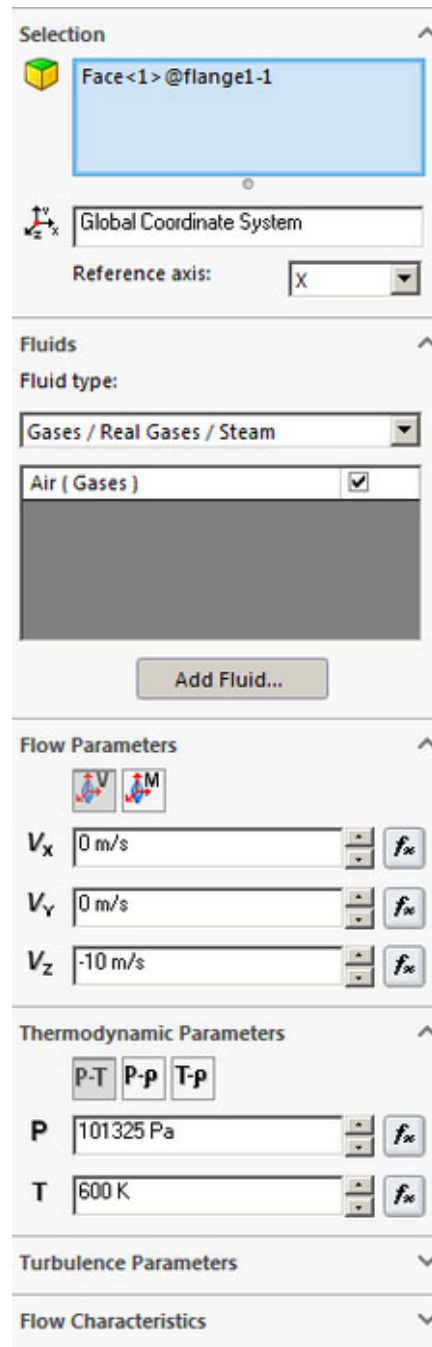
1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Fluid Subdomain**.
2. Select the **Flange 1** inner face (in contact with the fluid). Immediately the fluid subdomain you are going to create is displayed in the graphics area as a body of blue color.



Note

 To specify the fluid subdomain within a fluid region we must specify this condition on the one of the faces lying on the region's boundary, i.e. on the boundary between solid and fluid substances. The fluid subdomain specified on the region's boundary will be applied to the entire fluid region. You may check if the region to apply a fluid subdomain is selected properly by looking at the fluid subdomain visualization in the graphics area.

3. Under **Selection**, accept the default **Coordinate System**  and the **Reference axis**.



4. Under **Fluids** in the **Fluid type** list, select **Gases / Real Gases / Steam**. Because **Air** was defined in the Wizard as one of the **Project fluids** and you have selected the appropriate fluid type, it appears as the fluid assigned to the fluid subdomain.

Note

 In the **Fluids** group box, Flow Simulation allows you to specify the fluid type and/or fluids to be assigned for the fluid subdomain as well as flow characteristics, depending on the selected fluid type.

5. Under **Flow Parameters** in the **Velocity in Z Direction V_z** box enter **-10**.

Note

 Flow Simulation allows you to specify initial flow parameters, initial thermodynamic parameters, and initial turbulence parameters (after a face to apply the Fluid Subdomain is selected). These settings are applied to the specified fluid subdomain.

6. Under **Thermodynamic parameters**, change the **Static Pressure p** and **Temperature T** to **1 atm** and **600 K** respectively. Flow Simulation will automatically convert the entered values to the selected system of units.

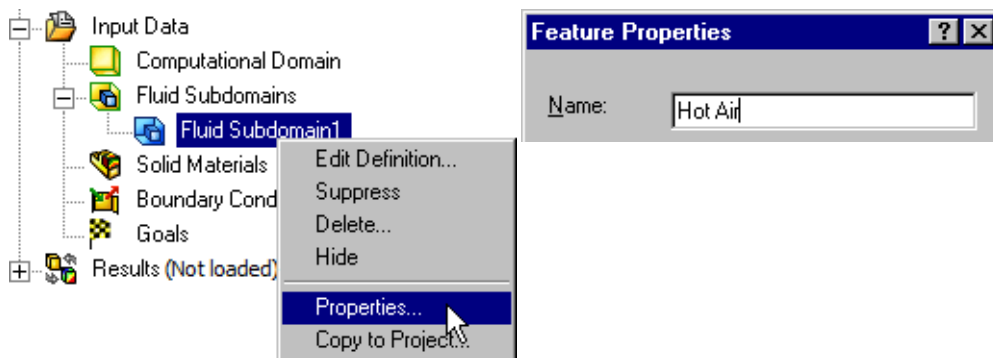
These initial conditions are not necessary and the parameters of the hot air inlet flow are defined by the boundary condition, but we specify them to improve calculation convergence.

7. Click **OK** .

The new **Fluid Subdomain 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

8. To easily identify the specified condition you can give a more descriptive name for the **Fluid Subdomain 1** item. Right-click the **Fluid Subdomain 1** item and select **Properties**.

In the **Name** box type **Hot Air** and click **OK**.



Tip

 You can also click-pause-click an item to rename it directly in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

You can specify boundary conditions.

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Inlet Mass Flow (Cold Water)

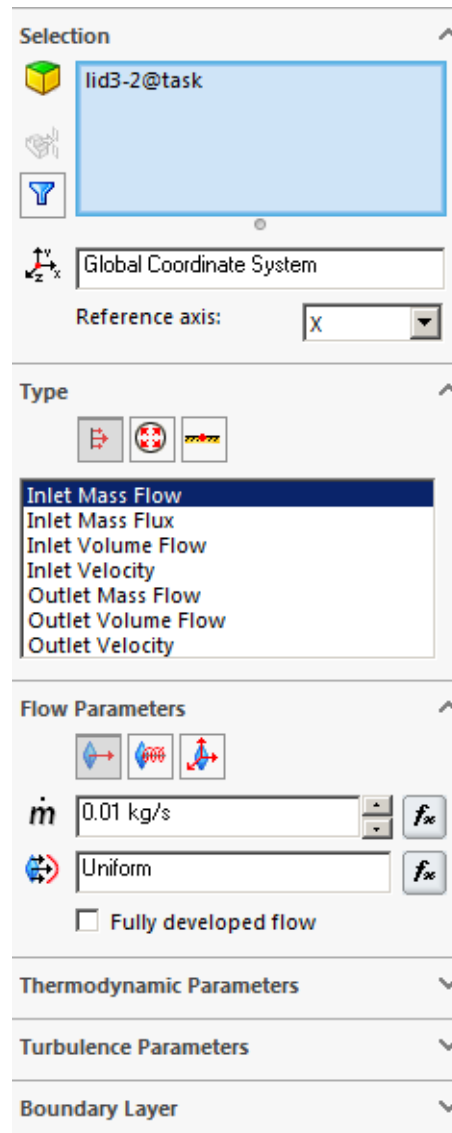
You can specify cold water boundary conditions.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.

The Boundary Condition dialog box appears.

2. Select the **Lid3** component.



The selected component appears in the **Faces to Apply the Boundary Condition**  list.

3. Under **Selection**, accept the default **Coordinate System**  and **Reference axis**.

Note

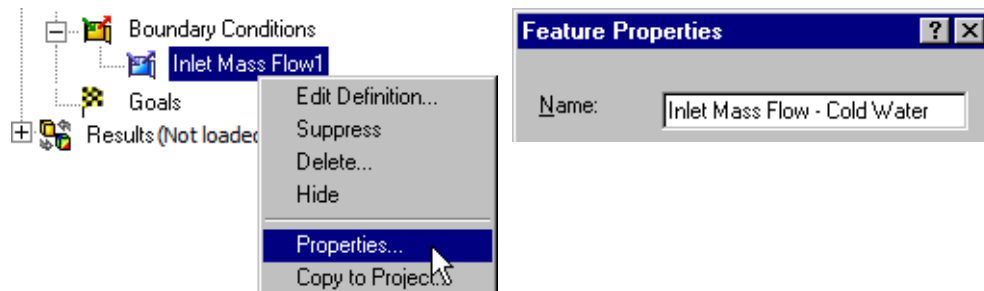
 If you specify a new boundary condition, a callout showing the name of the condition and the default values of the condition parameters appears in the graphics area. You can double-click the callout to open the quick-edit dialog.

- Under **Flow Parameters** in the **Mass Flow Rate** $\dot{m}$ box, set the value equal to **0.01 kg/s**. Since the symmetry plane halves the opening, we need to specify a half of the actual mass flow rate.
- Click **OK** .

The new **Inlet Mass Flow 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

This boundary condition specifies that water enters the steel jacket of the heat exchanger at a mass flow rate of 0.02 kg/s and temperature of 293.2 K.

- Rename the **Inlet Mass Flow 1** item to **Inlet Mass Flow - Cold Water**.



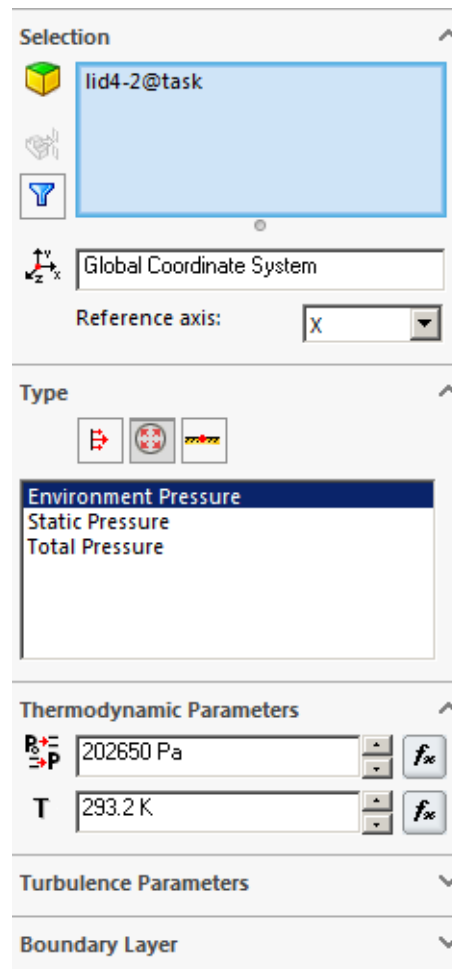
Environment Pressure (Cold Water)

You can specify the water outlet **Environment Pressure** condition.

Procedure

- In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.
- Select the **Lid4** component.

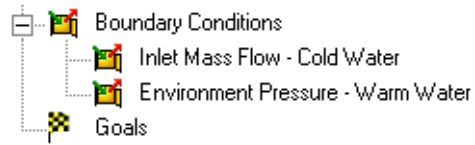
The selected component appears in the **Faces to Apply the Boundary Condition**  list.



3. Under **Type**, click **Pressure Openings**  and in the **Type of Boundary Condition** list select the **Environment Pressure** item.
4. Under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, accept the value of **Environment Pressure**  (202650 Pa), taken from the value specified at the **Initial Conditions** step of the **Wizard**, the default value of **Temperature**  (293.2 K) and all other parameters.
5. Click **OK** .

The new **Environment Pressure 1** item appears in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

6. Rename the **Environment Pressure 1** item to **Environment Pressure - Warm Water**.



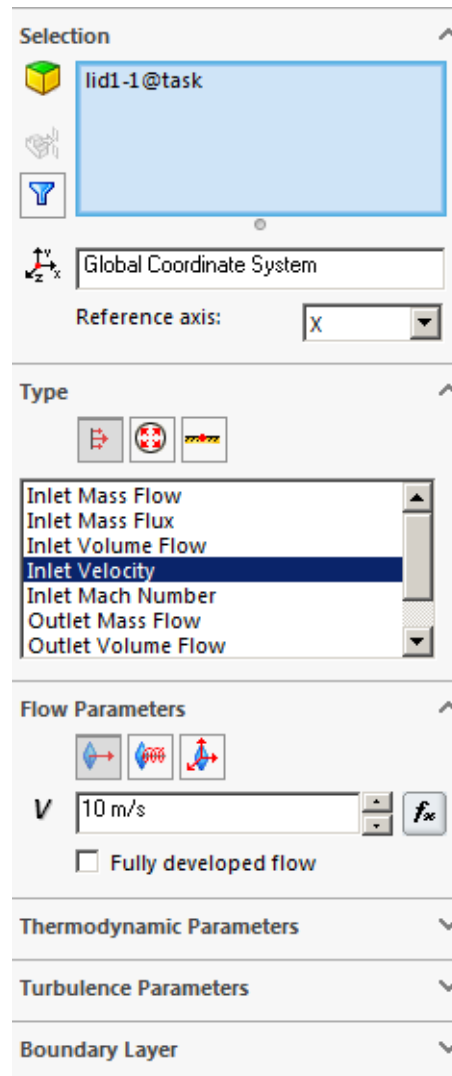
Inlet Velocity (Hot Air)

Next we will specify the boundary conditions for the hot air flow.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.

2. Select the **Lid1** component.



The selected component appears in the **Faces to Apply the Boundary Condition**  list.

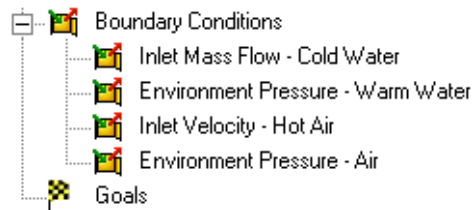
Accept the default **Coordinate System**  and **Reference axis**.

3. Under **Type**, select the **Inlet Velocity** condition.
4. Under **Flow Parameters** in the **Velocity Normal to Face**  box, set the value equal to **10** (type the value, the units will appear automatically).
5. Expand the **Thermodynamic Parameters** item. The default temperature value is equal to the value specified as the initial temperature of air in the **Fluid Subdomain** dialog box. We accept this value.
6. Click **OK** .

The new **Inlet Velocity 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

This boundary condition specifies that air enters the tube at the velocity of 10 m/s and temperature of 600 K.

7. Rename the **Inlet Velocity 1** item to **Inlet Velocity - Hot Air**.



Environment Pressure (Hot Air)

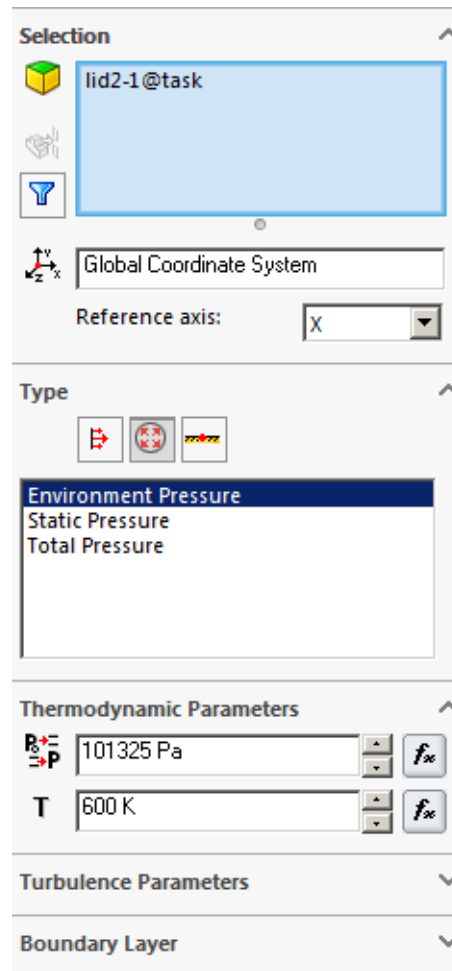
Next specify the air outlet **Environment Pressure** condition.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.

The Boundary Condition dialog box appears.

2. Select the **Lid2** component.



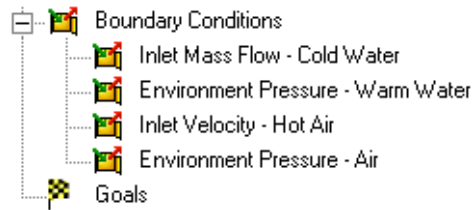
The selected component appears in the **Faces to Apply the Boundary Condition**  list.

3. Under **Type**, click **Pressure Openings**  and in the **Type of Boundary Condition** list select the **Environment Pressure** item.
4. Under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, make sure that the **Environment Pressure**  and **Temperature**  are set to 101325 Pa and 600 K respectively.

Accept the default values of other parameters.

5. Click **OK** .

6. Rename the new item **Environment Pressure 1** to **Environment Pressure - Air**.



Results

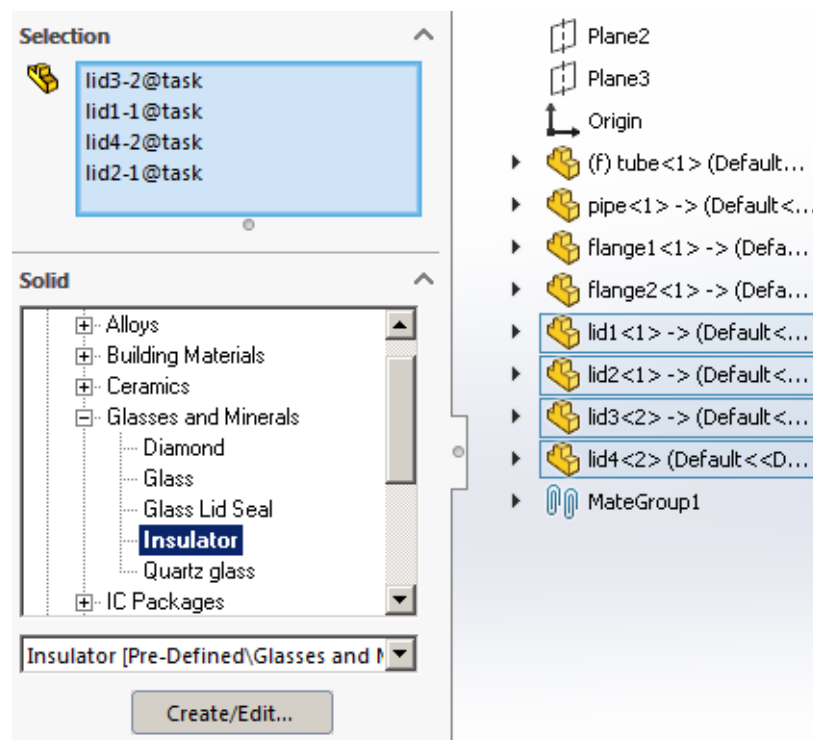
This project involves an analysis of heat conduction in solids. Therefore, you must specify the solid materials for the model's components and the initial solid temperature.

Specifying Solid Materials

Notice that the auxiliary lids on the openings are solid. Since the material for the lids is the default stainless steel, they will have an influence on the heat transfer. You cannot suppress or disable them in the **Component Control** dialog box, because boundary conditions must be specified on solid surfaces in contact with the fluid region. However, you can exclude the lids from the heat conduction analysis by specifying the lids as insulators.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Solid Materials** icon and select **Insert Solid Material**.



2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select all the lid components.
As you select the lids, their names appear in the **Components to Apply the Solid Material**  list.
3. In the **Solid** group box expand the list of **Pre-Defined** materials and select the **Insulator** solid in the **Glasses & Minerals** folder.
4. Click **OK** .

Results

Now all auxiliary lids are defined as insulators.

Note



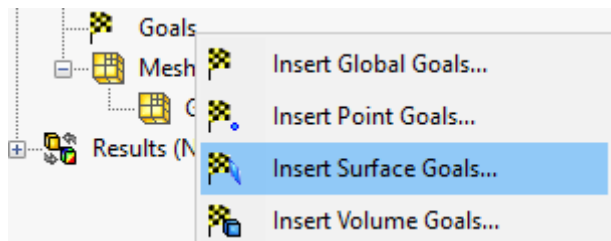
The thermal conductivity of the **Insulator** substance is zero. Hence there is no heat transferred through an insulator.

Specifying Surface Goals

You can specify surface goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.



2. Select the **Environment Pressure - Air** boundary condition from the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** to use the already defined selection for this feature, too.
3. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check box in the **Temperature (Fluid)** row.
4. Accept selected **Use for Conv.** check box to use the goals being created for convergence control.
5. Click **OK** .

The new **SG Average Temperature (Fluid) 1** items appear in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.

6. Rename this item to **SG Outlet Av T of Air**.

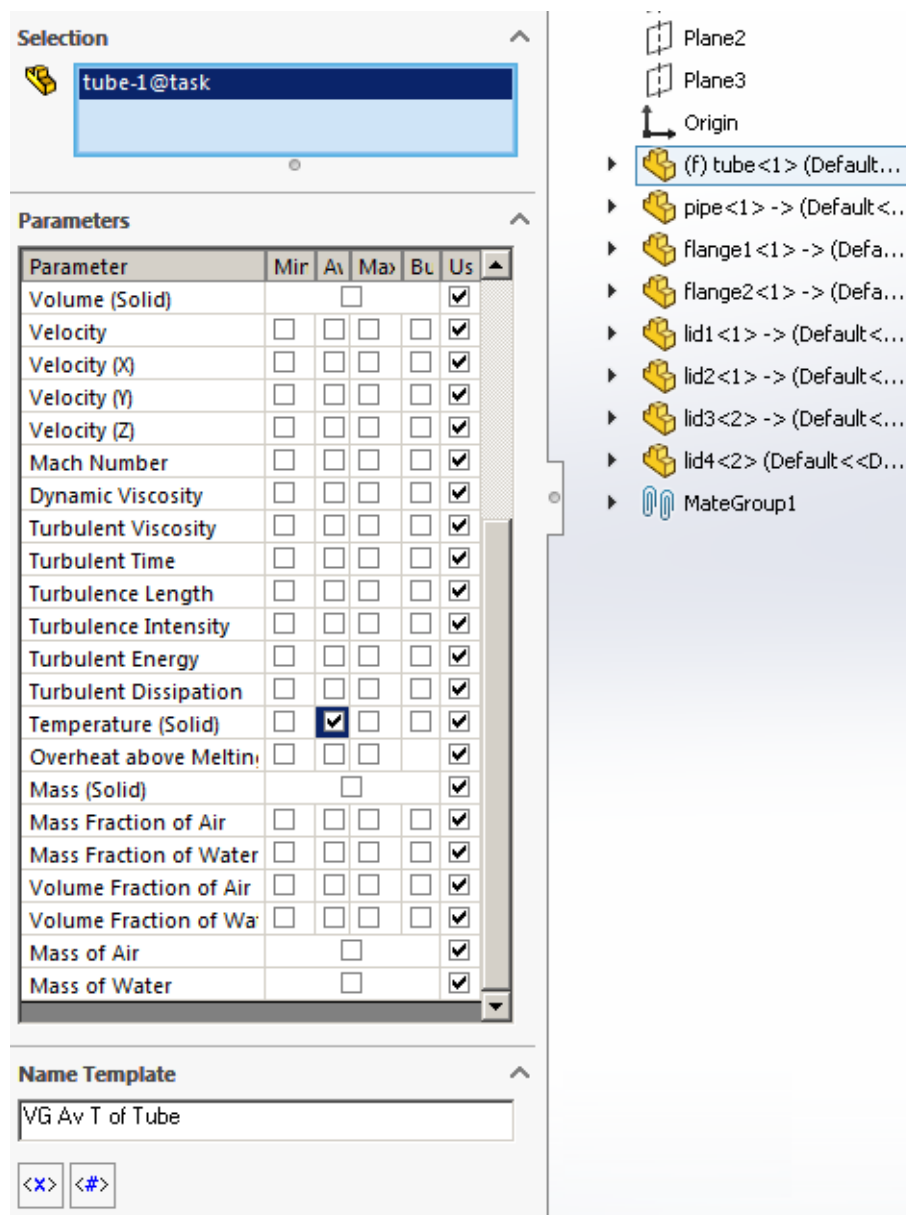
- Repeat the above steps to define another average fluid temperature surface goal using the selection of the **Environment Pressure - Warm Water** boundary condition and name this item **SG Outlet Av T of Water**.

Specifying a Volume Goal

You can specify a volume goal.

Procedure

- In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Volume Goals**.



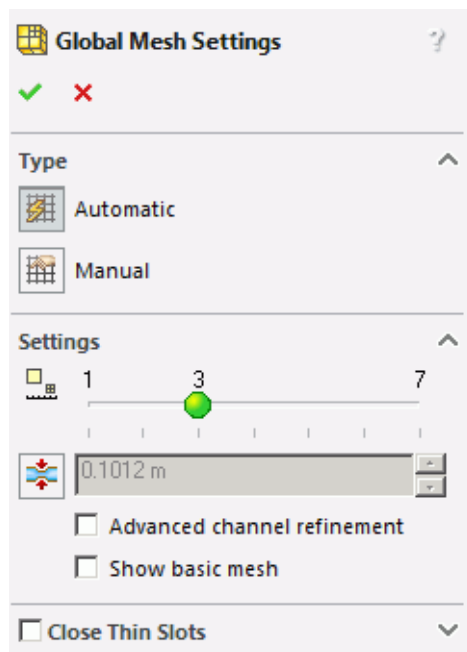
2. In the **flyout FeatureManager design tree** select the **Tube** part.
3. In the **Parameter** table select the **Av** check box in the **Temperature (Solid)** row.
Accept the selected **Use for Conv.** check box to use this goal for convergence control.
4. In the **Name template** type **VG Av T of Tube**.
5. Click **OK** .

Specifying Mesh Settings

You can specify mesh settings.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Keep the default **Automatic**  type.



3. Under **Settings**, accept the default for the **Level of initial mesh**  of **3** and the **Minimum Gap Size** .
 4. Click **Show basic mesh** to see the default basic mesh.
- Click **OK** .

Running the Calculation

You can run the calculation.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.

The Run dialog box appears.

2. Click **Run**.

Results

After the calculation finishes you can obtain the temperature of interest by creating the corresponding **Goal Plot**.

Viewing the Goals

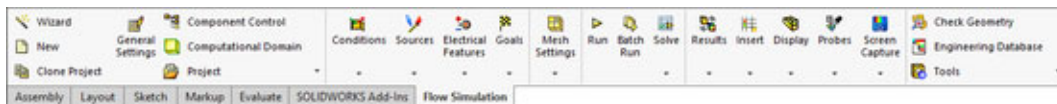
In addition to using the Flow Simulation Analysis tree you can use **Flow Simulation Toolbars** and **CommandManager Ribbon** to get fast and easy access to the most frequently used Flow Simulation features.

Toolbars and CommandManager are very convenient for displaying results.

The CommandManager is a dynamically-updated, context-sensitive toolbar, which allows you to save space for the graphics area and access all toolbar buttons from one location.

The tabs below the CommandManager is used to select a specific group of commands and features to make their buttons available in the CommandManager.

To get access to the Flow Simulation commands and features, click the Flow Simulation tab of the CommandManager.



Procedure

1. Click **View > Toolbars > Flow Simulation Results Main Group**.

The Flow Simulation Results Main Group toolbar appears.



2. Click **View > Toolbars > Flow Simulation Results Insert Group**.

The Flow Simulation Results Insert Group toolbar appears.



3. Click **View > Toolbars > Flow Simulation Results Display Group**.

The Flow Simulation Results Display Group toolbar appears.

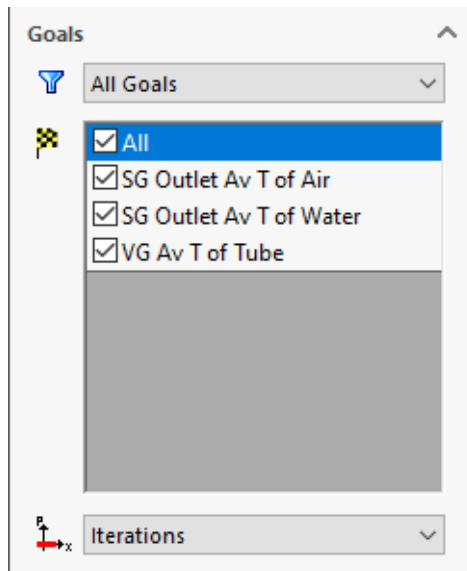


If you wish, you may hide the Flow Simulation toolbars to save the space for the graphics area, since all necessary commands are available in the CommandManager. To hide a toolbar, click its name again in the **View > Toolbars** menu.

4. Click **Goal Plot**  on the **Flow Simulation Results Main Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager.

The Goal Plot dialog box appears.

5. Select the all goals of the project.



6. Click **Export to Excel**.

The **Goal Plot 1** Excel workbook is created.

Results

You can view the average temperature of the tube on the **Summary** sheet.

task.SLDASM [Level 3 [Default]]					
Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Outlet Av T of Air	[K]	585,417935	585,9710734	585,417935	587,0483638
SG Outlet Av T of Water	[K]	299,876967	299,7588928	299,4683524	299,876967
VG Av T of Tube	[K]	341,5068409	341,5535817	341,4097819	341,684947

Viewing Cut Plots

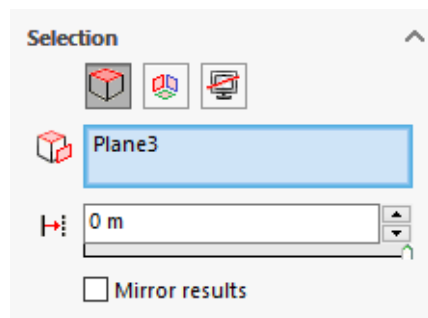
You can view cut plots.

Procedure

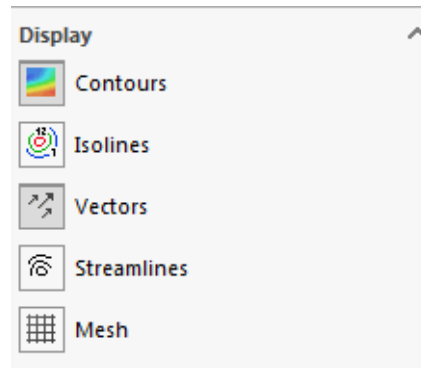
1. Click **Cut Plot**  on the **Flow Simulation Results Insert Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager.

The Cut Plot dialog box appears.

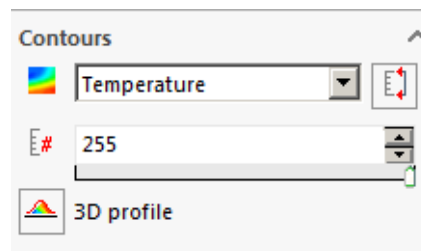
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select **Plane3**.



3. In the **Cut Plot** dialog under **Display**, in addition to displaying **Contours** , select **Vectors** .

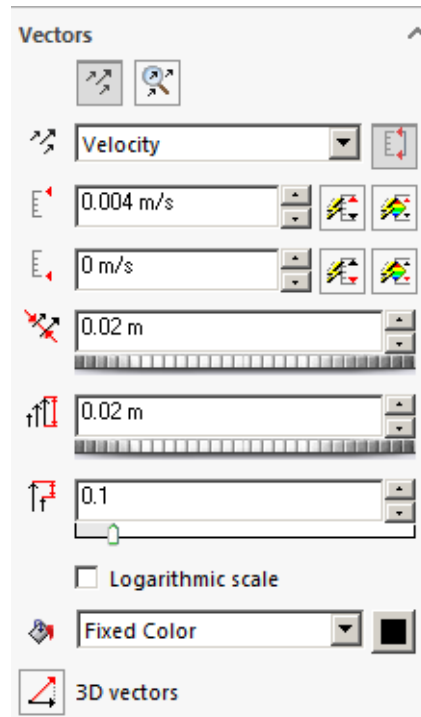


4. Under **Contours** specify the parameter which values to show at the contour plot. In the **Parameter**  box, select **Temperature**.



Use the slider to set the **Number of Levels** to **255**.

5. Under **Vectors** make sure that **Static Vectors**  is selected. Click the **Adjust Minimum and Maximum**  and change the **Maximum**  velocity to **0.004 m/s**.



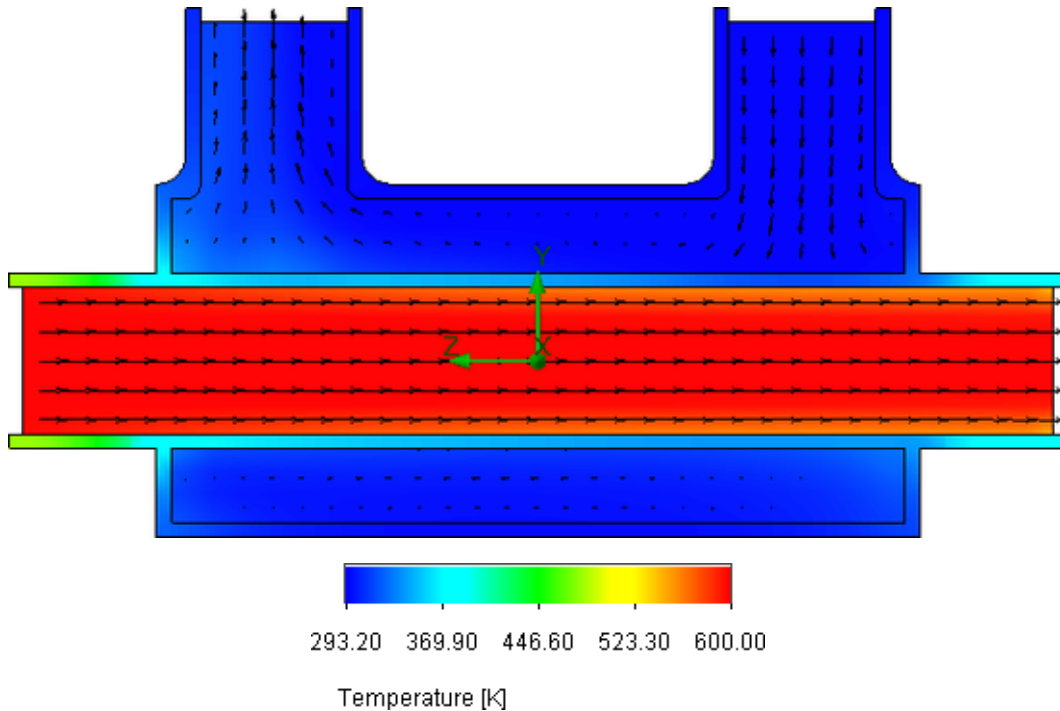
6. Click **OK** .

The cut plot is created but the model overlaps it.

7. Click the **Right** view on the **Standard Views** toolbar.



8. Click **Geometry**  icon on the **Flow Simulation Results Display Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager to hide the model.



Tip

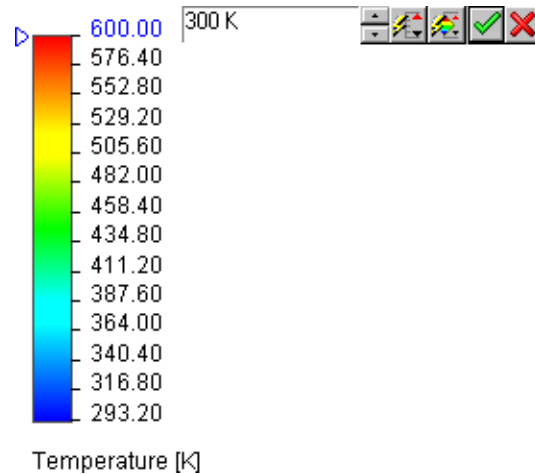
 By right-clicking on the color bar, its display can be switched between horizontal and vertical.

Adjusting the Parameter Display Range

You can adjust the parameter display range.

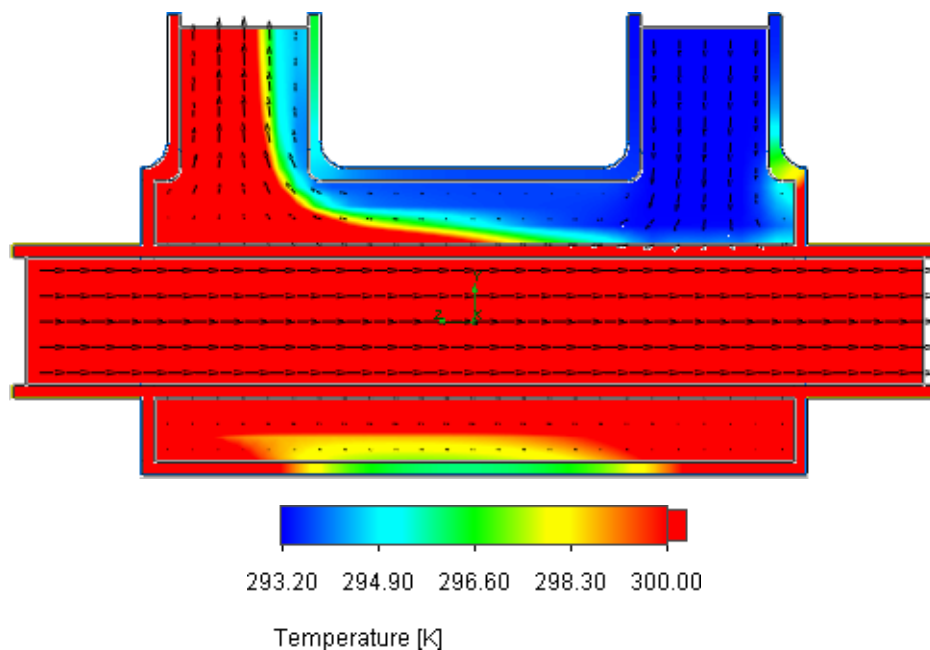
Procedure

1. In the temperature palette bar click the maximum value and type **300 K** in the edit box.



2. Click .

This will update the current cut plot in accordance with the specified temperature range.



Displaying Flow Trajectories

To see how the water flows inside the exchanger we will display the **Flow Trajectories**.

Let us now display how the flow develops inside the exchanger.

Procedure

1. Click the bottom pane to make it the active pane.

Flow Simulation allows you to display results in all four possible panes of the SOLIDWORKS graphics area.

Moreover, for each pane you can specify different View Settings.

2. Click **Window > Viewport > Two View - Horizontal**.
3. To restore the view orientation in the top pane, click **Right** view on the **Standard Views** toolbar.



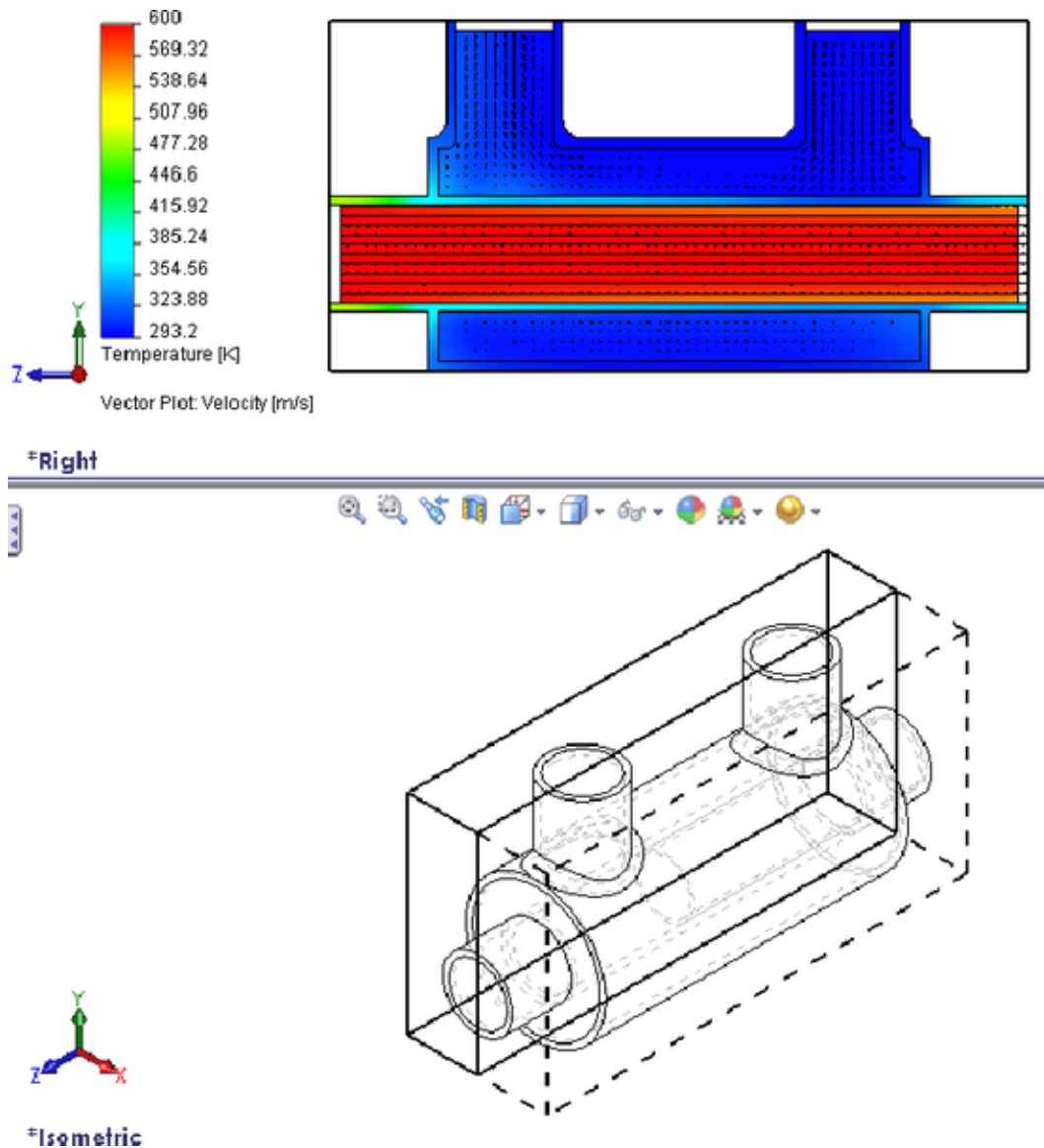
4. Click the bottom pane and select the **Isometric** view on the **Standard Views** toolbar.



The gray contour around the pane border indicates that the view is active.

5. Click **Geometry**  icon on the **Flow Simulation Results Display Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager to show the model, then click **Hidden Lines Visible**  on the **Heads-Up View** toolbar to show the face outlines.

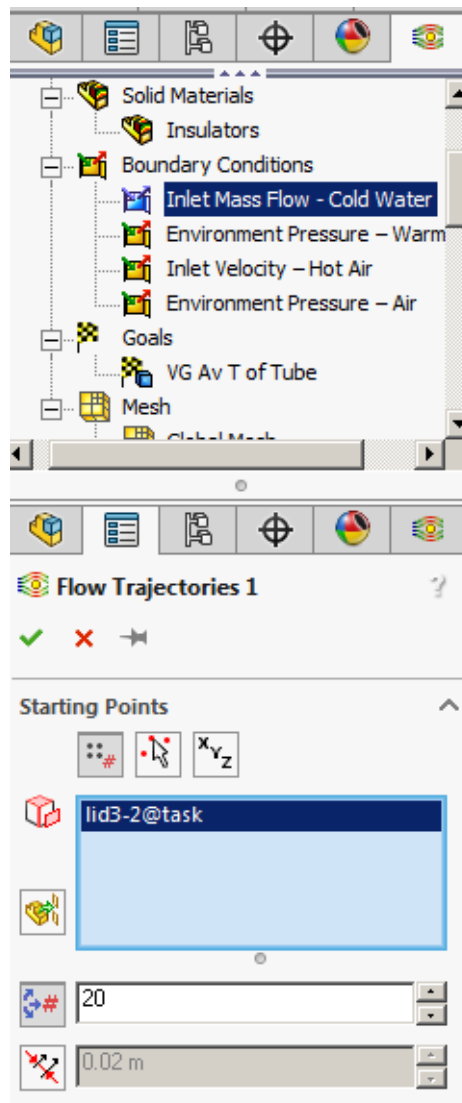
- Click the **top** pane and set the same display mode for it by clicking **Hidden Lines Visible**  again.



- Click **Flow Trajectories**  on the **Flow Simulation Results Insert Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager.

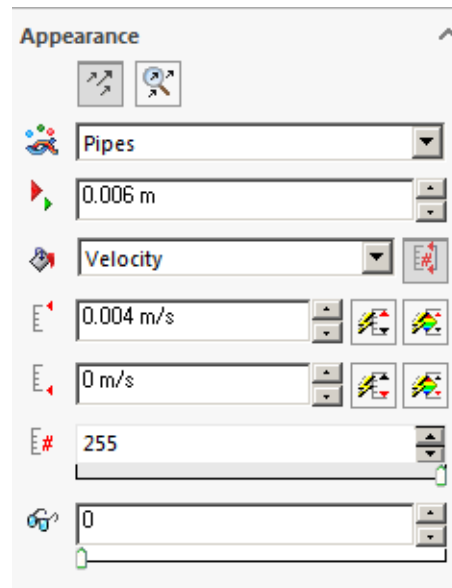
The Flow Trajectories dialog appears.

8. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** select the **Inlet Mass Flow – Cold Water** item.



This will select the inner face of the **Lid3** to place the trajectories start points on it.

9. Under **Appearance**, from the **Color by**  list select **Velocity**.

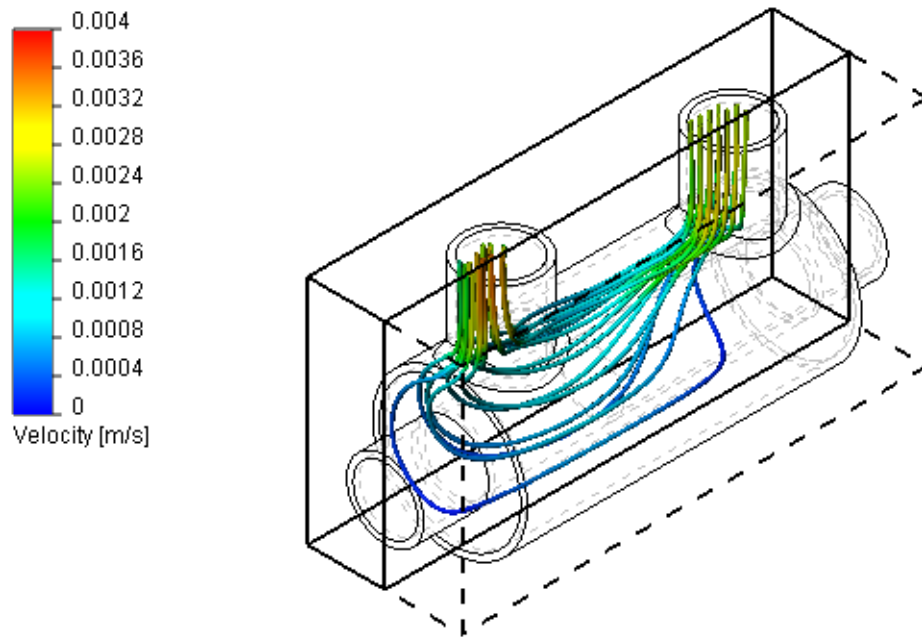


10. Click the **Adjust Minimum/Maximum and Number of Levels**  and set **Maximum**  velocity to **0.004 m/s**.
11. Click **OK** .

Trajectories are created and displayed.

By default the trajectories are colored in accordance with the distribution of the parameter specified in the **Color by**  list. Since you specified velocity, the trajectory

color corresponds to the velocity value. To define a fixed color for flow trajectories select **Fixed Color** from the **Color by** list.



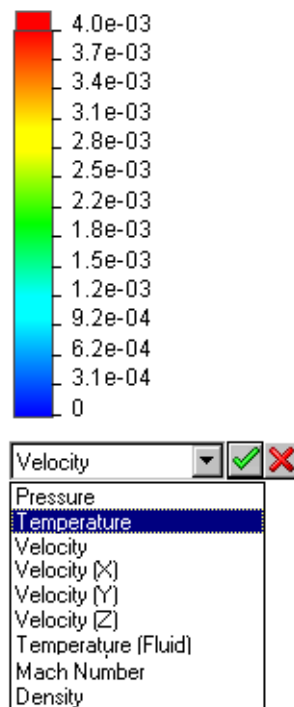
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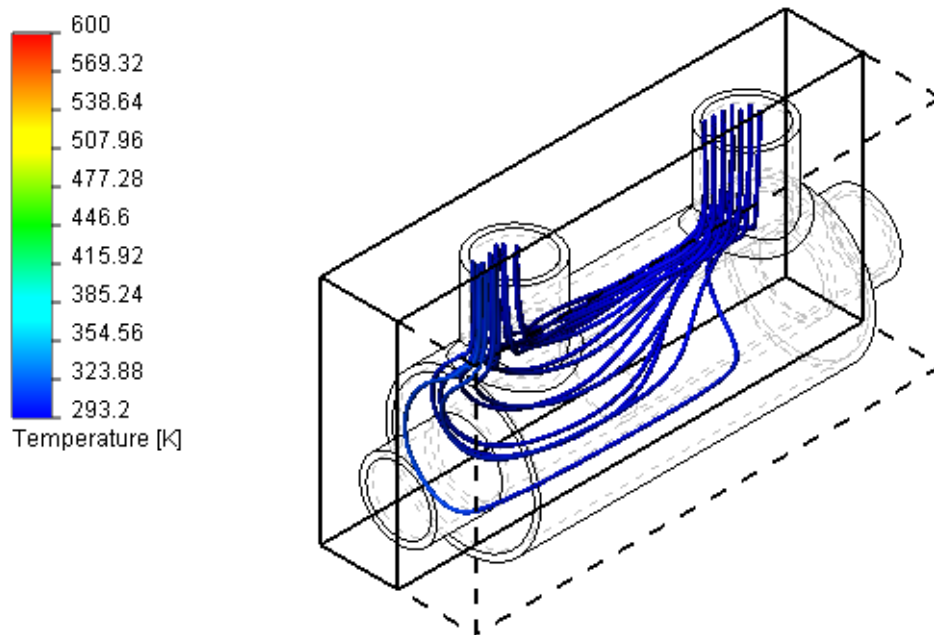
Notice that in the top pane the temperature contours are still displayed.

Because we are more interested in the temperature distribution, let us color the trajectories with the values of temperature.

12. In the velocity palette bar click the caption with the name of the current visualization parameter and select **Temperature** in the dropdown list.



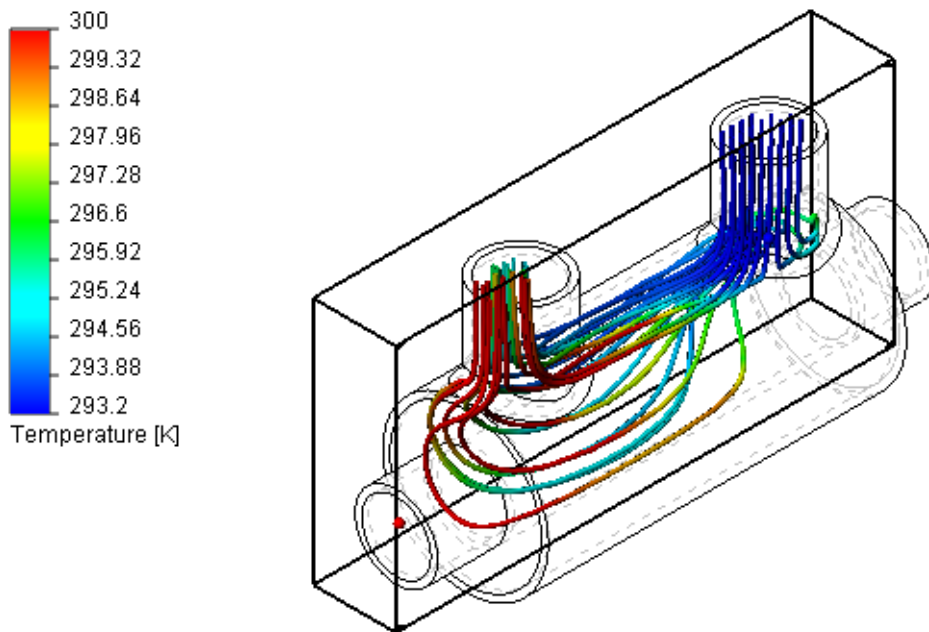
13. Click .
14. Immediately the trajectories are updated.



The water temperature range is less than the default overall (**Global**) range (293 - 600), so all of the trajectories are the same blue color. To get more information about the temperature distribution in water you can manually specify the range of interest.

Let us display temperatures in the range of **inlet-outlet** water temperature.

15. The water minimum temperature value is close to 293 K. Let us obtain the values of air and water temperatures at outlets using Surface Parameters. You will need these values to calculate the heat exchanger efficiency and determine the appropriate temperature range for flow trajectories visualization.



Note

 **Surface Parameters** allows you to display parameter values (minimum, maximum, average and integral) calculated over the specified surface. All parameters are divided into two categories: Local and Integral. For local parameters (pressure, temperature, velocity etc.) the maximum, minimum and average values are evaluated.

Viewing the Surface Parameters

You can view the surface parameters.

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Surface Parameters (Water Outlet)

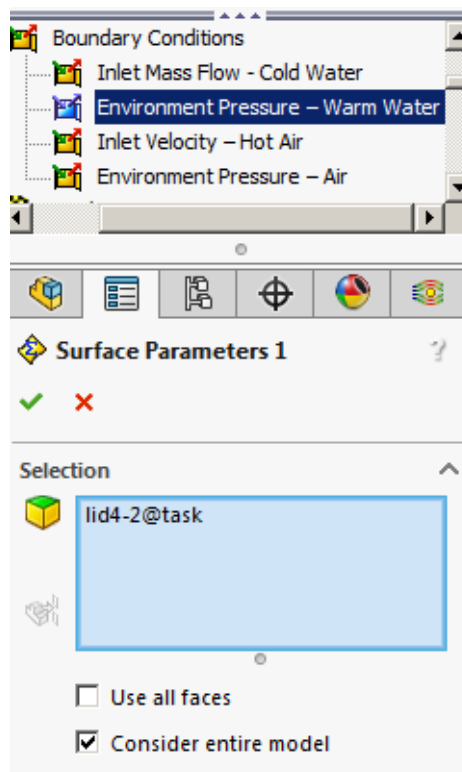
You can define the surface parameters (water outlet).

Procedure

1. Click **Surface Parameters**  on the **Flow Simulation Results Insert Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager.

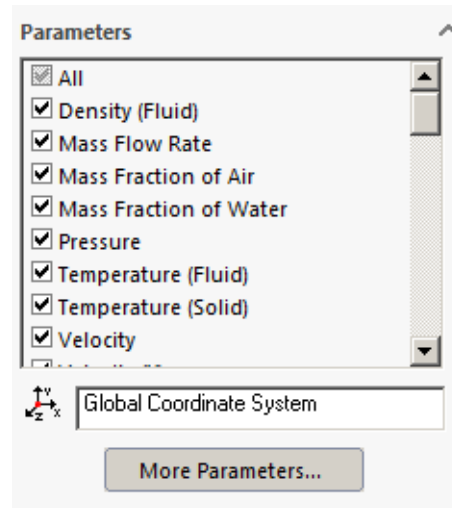
The Surface Parameters dialog appears.

2. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** select the **Environment Pressure - Warm Water** item to select the inner face of the **Lid4**.



3. Select **Consider entire model** to take into account the **Symmetry** condition to see the values of parameters as if the entire model, not a half of it, was calculated. This is especially convenient for such parameters as mass and volume flow.

4. Under **Parameters**, select **All**.



5. Click **Show**.

The calculated parameter values are displayed on the pane at the bottom of the screen. Local parameters are displayed at the left side of the bottom pane, while integral parameters are displayed at the right side.

Take a look at the local parameters.

Local Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Bulk Average	Surface Area [m ²]
Pressure [Pa]	202650	202650	202650	202650	0.0039
Density [kg/m ³]	991.3	997.3	995.7	995.5	0.0039
Velocity [m/s]	2.1e-004	3.9e-003	2.6e-003	3.1e-003	0.0039
Velocity (X) [m/s]	-1.5e-004	2.1e-004	-2.4e-006	-2.4e-005	0.0039
Velocity (Y) [m/s]	1.9e-004	3.9e-003	2.6e-003	3.1e-003	0.0039
Velocity (Z) [m/s]	-1.9e-004	1.5e-004	6.7e-006	2.1e-005	0.0039
Mach Number []	0	0	0	0	0.0039
Temperature (Fluid) [K]	294.4	313.5	299.8	300.4	0.0039

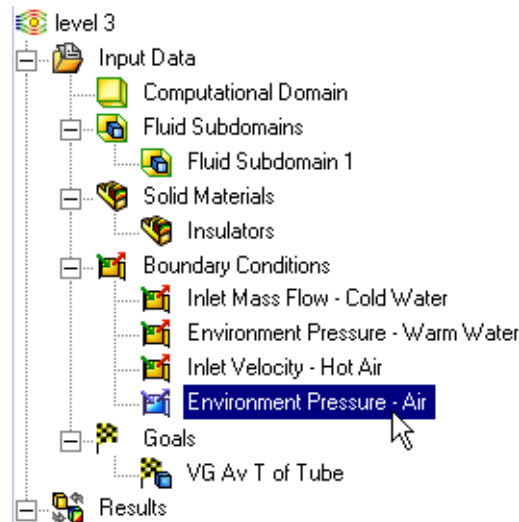
You can see that the average water temperature at the outlet is about 300 K.

Surface Parameters (Air Outlet)

Now let us determine the temperature of air at the outlet.

Procedure

1. Click the **Environment Pressure - Air** item to select the inner face of the **Lid2**.



2. At the bottom pane, click **Refresh** .
3. Look at the local parameters at the left side of the bottom pane.

Local Parameter	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Bulk Average	Surface Area [m ²]
Pressure [Pa]	101325	101325	101325	101325	0.0039
Density [kg/m ³]	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.0039
Velocity [m/s]	8.1	10.2	9.8	9.8	0.0039
Velocity (X) [m/s]	-9.5e-002	0.1	-2.1e-002	-2.0e-002	0.0039
Velocity (Y) [m/s]	-8.7e-002	0.1	-2.6e-004	-2.6e-004	0.0039
Velocity (Z) [m/s]	-10.2	-8.1	-9.8	-9.8	0.0039
Mach Number []	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.0039
Temperature (Fluid) [K]	521.1	600.0	585.5	586.0	0.0039

You can see that the average air temperature at the outlet is about 585 K.

4. The values of integral parameters are displayed at the right side of the bottom pane. You can see that the mass flow rate of air is 0.046 kg/s. This value is calculated with the **Consider entire model** option selected, i.e. taking into account the **Symmetry** condition.

Integral Parameter	Value	X-component	Y-component	Z-component	Surface Area [m ²]
Mass Flow Rate [kg/s]	-0.046				0.0078
Volume Flow Rate [m ³ /s]	-0.0764				0.0078
Surface Area [m ²]	0.0078	0	0	0.0078	0.0078
Total Enthalpy Rate [W]	-27495.7				0.0078
Uniformity Index []	1.9552330				0.0078
CAD Fluid Area [m ²]	0.0079				0.0079
CAD Solid Area [m ²]	0.0079				0.0079

Click **OK**  to close the dialog box.

Calculating the Heat Exchanger Efficiency

The heat exchanger efficiency can be easily calculated, but first we must determine the fluid with the minimum capacity rate ($C=\dot{m}c$). In this example the water mass flow rate is 0.02 kg/s and the air mass flow rate is 0.046 kg/s.

The specific heat of water at the temperature of 300 K is about five times greater than that of air at the temperature of 586 K. Thus, the air capacity rate is less than the water capacity rate. Therefore, according to *J.P. Holman. "Heat Transfer" Eighth edition*, the heat exchanger efficiency is calculated as follows:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{hot}^{outlet}}{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{cold}^{inlet}},$$

where T_{hot}^{inlet} is the temperature of the air at the inlet, T_{hot}^{outlet} is the temperature of the air at the outlet and T_{cold}^{inlet} is the temperature of the water at the inlet.

We already know the air temperature at the inlet (600 K) and the water temperature at the inlet (293.2 K), so using the obtained values of water and air temperatures at outlets, we can calculate the heat exchanger efficiency:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{hot}^{outlet}}{T_{hot}^{inlet} - T_{cold}^{inlet}} = \frac{600 - 586}{600 - 293.2} = 0.045$$

As you can see, Flow Simulation is a powerful tool for heat-exchanger design calculations.

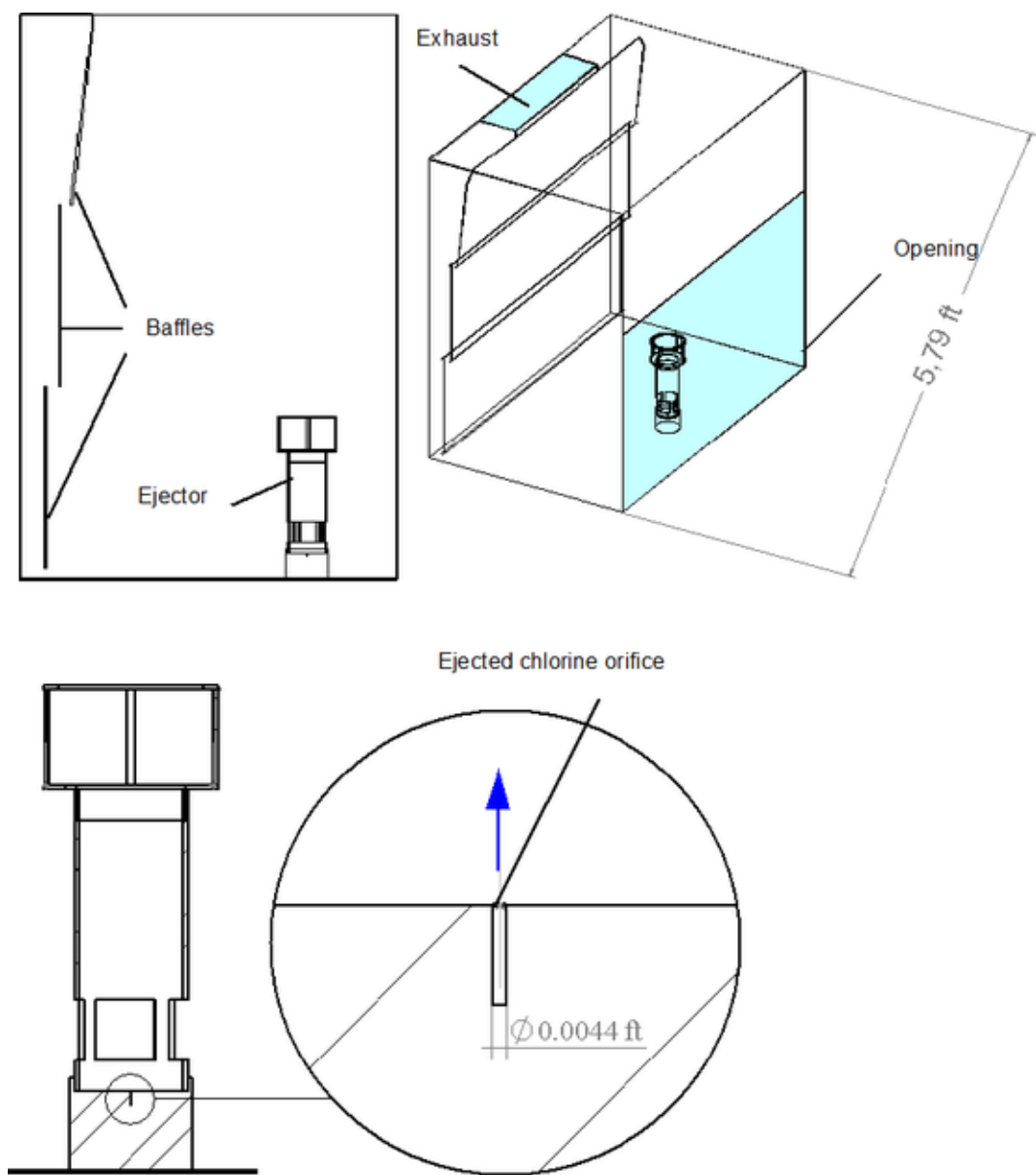
Mesh Optimization

The goal of this tutorial example is to demonstrate various meshing capabilities of Flow Simulation allowing you to perform manual adjustment of the computational mesh. Although the automatically generated mesh is usually appropriate, intricate problems with thin and/or small, but important, geometrical and physical features can result in extremely high number of cells, for which the computer memory may be too small. In such cases we recommend you trying the Flow Simulation options allowing you to manually adjust the computational mesh to the solved problem's features to resolve them better. This tutorial teaches you how to do this.

The considered **Ejector in Exhaust Hood** example aims to:

- Settle the large aspect ratio between the minimum gap size and the model size by adjusting the initial mesh manually.
- Resolve small features by specifying local mesh settings.

The ejector model is shown in the picture below. Note that the ejector orifice’s diameter is more than 1000 times smaller than the characteristic model size determined as the computational domain’s overall dimension.



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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *B4 – Mesh* folder into your working directory.
2. Ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
3. Open the *exhaust hood.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *exhaust hood.sldasm* assembly located in the *B4 - Mesh\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Use the Wizard to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Global Automatic</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>USA</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Gravity:</i> • <i>Default gravity</i> (<i>Y component = -32.1850394 ft/s^2</i>) Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Fluids substances	<i>Air, Chlorine</i>
Wall conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall, default smooth walls</i>
Initial conditions	Initial gas concentration: <i>Air = 1, Chlorine = 0</i>

Note

When you enable gravitation, pay attention that the hydrostatic pressure is calculated with respect to the global coordinate system, as follows: $P_{hydrostatic} = \rho(g_x * x + g_y * y + g_z * z)$, where ρ - reference density, g_i - component of the gravitational acceleration vector and x , y , z - coordinates in the global coordinate system.

Specifying Boundary Conditions and Global Mesh Settings

You can specify all the necessary boundary conditions because they influence the automatic global mesh settings through the automatic minimum gap size, which depends on the characteristic size of the faces on which the boundary conditions are set.

Note

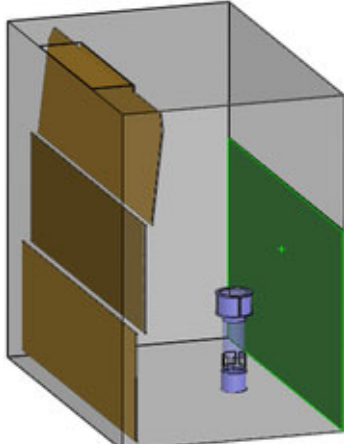
Flow Simulation calculates the default minimum gap size using information about the faces where boundary conditions (as well as sources, fans) and goals are specified. Thus, it is recommended to set all conditions before you start to analyze the mesh.

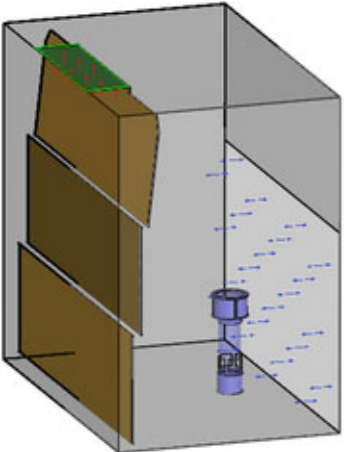
Procedure

1. Specify the following Global Mesh settings:

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>3 (default)</i>
Minimum gap size	<i>Automatic</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

The first two boundary conditions are imposed on the exhaust hood's inlet and outlet.

Inlet Boundary Condition	Environment Pressure: <i>Default values (14.6959 lbf/in², gas substance – Air) of the Environment pressure and Temperature (68.09 °F) at the box's Lid for Face Opening.</i>	

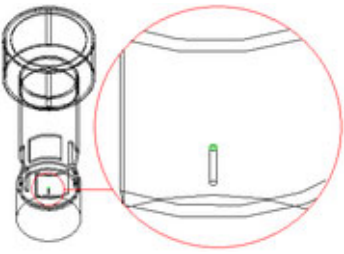
Outlet Boundary Condition	Outlet Volume Flow: <i>Outlet volume flow rate of 1000 ft³/min at the box's Exhaust Lid.</i>	

2. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Rebuild**.
3. Open the **Global Mesh** dialog box (double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree).

You will see that the current automatic **Minimum Gap Size**  is 0.5 ft, which is the width of the outlet opening.

Click **Cancel** to close this dialog box.

The next inlet volume flow rate condition defines the gas ejected from the bottom of the **Ejector** component.

Inlet Boundary Condition	Inlet Volume Flow: <i>Inlet chlorine (Substance concentrations: Chlorine = 1; Air = 0) volume flow rate of 0.14 ft³/min at the lid that closes the orifice (make sure that you have selected the upper face of the lid).</i>	

4. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Rebuild**.

Results

If you now look at the automatic minimum gap size value (double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree), you will notice that the **Minimum Gap Size**  is now changed to approximately 0.00446 ft, which is close to the orifice diameter.

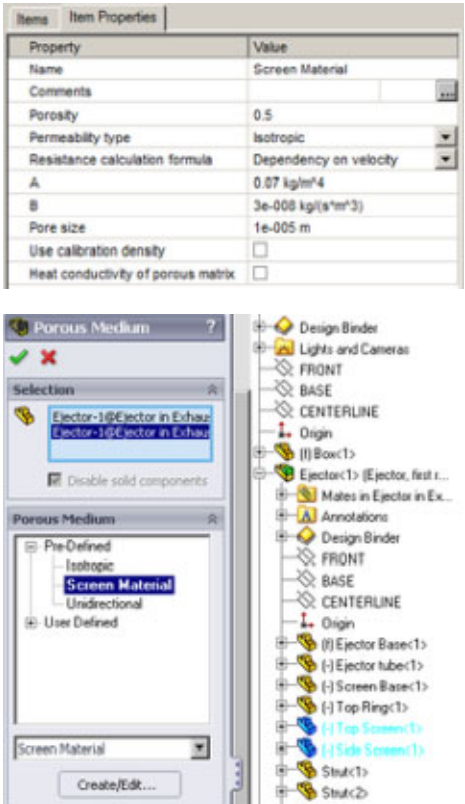
Note

 The Minimum gap size is a parameter governing the computational mesh, so that a certain number of cells per the specified gap should be generated. To satisfy this condition the corresponding parameters governing the mesh are set by Flow Simulation (number of basic mesh cells, small solid features refinement level, narrow channel resolution, etc.). Note that these parameters are applied to the whole computational domain, resolving all its features of the same geometric characteristics (not only to a specific gap).

Since the minimum gap size value influences the mesh in the entire computational domain, the large aspect ratio between the model and the minimum gap size value will produce a non-optimal mesh: not only will all small gaps be resolved, but there will also be many small cells in places where they are not necessary. As a result, an extremely large mesh will be produced, which may result in overly large computer memory requirements exceeding the computers' available resources. Moreover, if the aspect ratio between the model and the minimum gap size is more than 1000, Flow Simulation may not adequately resolve such models with the automatically generated mesh anyway.

Finally, let us create the ejector's porous media and apply it to the ejector's top and side screens.

The material you are going to create is already defined in the Engineering Database under the Pre-Defined folder. You can skip the definition of the porous material, then when creating the porous condition, select the pre-defined "Screen Material" from the Engineering database.

Porous Media	Screen material: <i>Porosity: 0.5</i> <i>Permeability type: Isotropic,</i> <i>Dependency on velocity:</i> $A = 0.07 \text{ kg/m}^4$, $B = 3e-008 \text{ kg/(s*m}^3\text{)}$, <i>Pore size: default value</i> Components to apply: <i>Top Screen</i> <i>Side Screen</i>	 The screenshot shows the SolidWorks Flow Simulation interface. On the left, the 'Porous Medium' dialog box is open, showing the 'Pre-Defined' list with 'Screen Material' selected. On the right, the 'Item Properties' table for 'Screen Material' is displayed, showing the following values: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Property</th> <th>Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Name</td> <td>Screen Material</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comments</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Porosity</td> <td>0.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Permeability type</td> <td>Isotropic</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resistance calculation formula</td> <td>Dependency on velocity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>0.07 kg/m⁴</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>3e-008 kg/(s*m³)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pore size</td> <td>1e-005 m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Use calibration density</td> <td>☐</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heat conductivity of porous matrix</td> <td>☐</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> The background shows the CAD model of an ejector with various components like 'Ejector-1', 'Ejector tube', 'Screen Base', 'Top Ring', 'Top Screen', 'Side Screen', 'Strut', and 'Strut2' visible in the Design Tree.	Property	Value	Name	Screen Material	Comments		Porosity	0.5	Permeability type	Isotropic	Resistance calculation formula	Dependency on velocity	A	0.07 kg/m ⁴	B	3e-008 kg/(s*m ³)	Pore size	1e-005 m	Use calibration density	☐	Heat conductivity of porous matrix	☐
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To see advantages of using the local mesh and refinement options, let us first try to generate the computational mesh governed by the automatic mesh settings. The resulting mesh will consist of more than 1 000 000 cells, and may be not processed by some computers due to the computer memory restriction (you may get a warning message about insufficient memory).

Manual Specification of the Minimum Gap Size

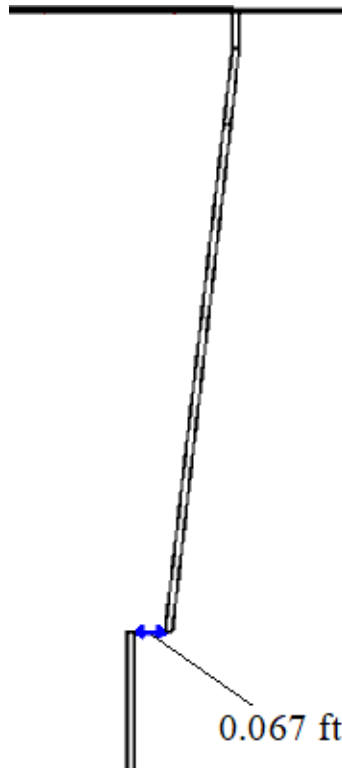
We can distinguish two parts of the model that are very different in size: a relatively big cavity having several thin walls within and no small solid features, and the ejector's region containing some very fine geometrical features. Therefore, the mesh required to resolve the ejector properly and the mesh appropriate for the rest of the model should be also very different in terms of cell size. Since the ejector region is a part of the entire computational domain, we need to specify such settings for the automatic mesh generation that the model's geometry outside the ejector's region will be resolved without excessive mesh splitting.

The minimum gap size value, automatically defined from the dimensions of the ejector's **Top Screen** and **Side Screen** components, is too small and will result in excessive mesh splitting.

To define an appropriate minimum gap size we need to examine all narrow flow passages outside the ejector's region:

- Boundary conditions;
- The passages connecting the ejector's internal volume with the model's cavity;
- The narrow flow passages between the baffles.

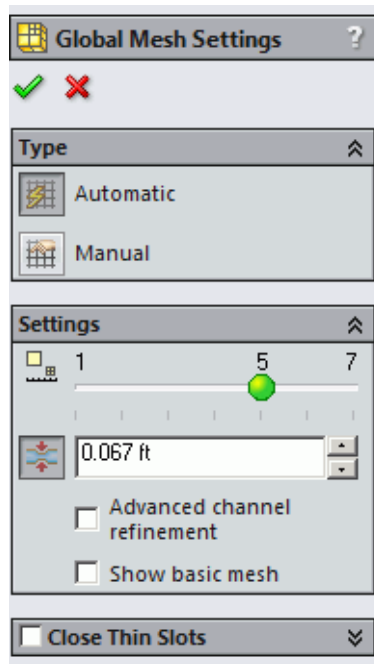
After reviewing the model we can accept the width of the gap between the middle and upper baffles as the minimum gap size. To avoid excessive mesh splitting, we will specify the same value for the minimum wall thickness.



Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Under **Settings**, use the slider to set the **Level of initial mesh**  to **5**.

3. Click **Minimum Gap Size**  and enter **0.067 ft**.



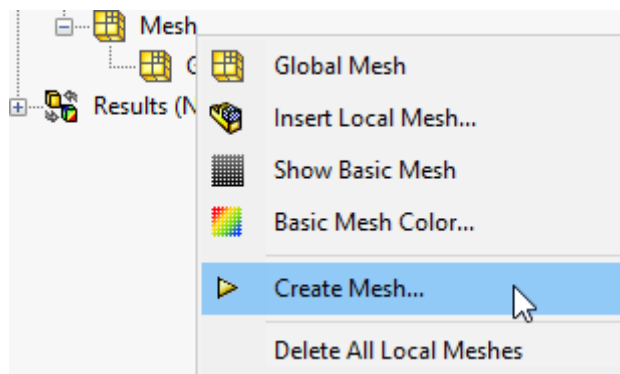
4. Click **OK** .

Viewing the Resulting Mesh

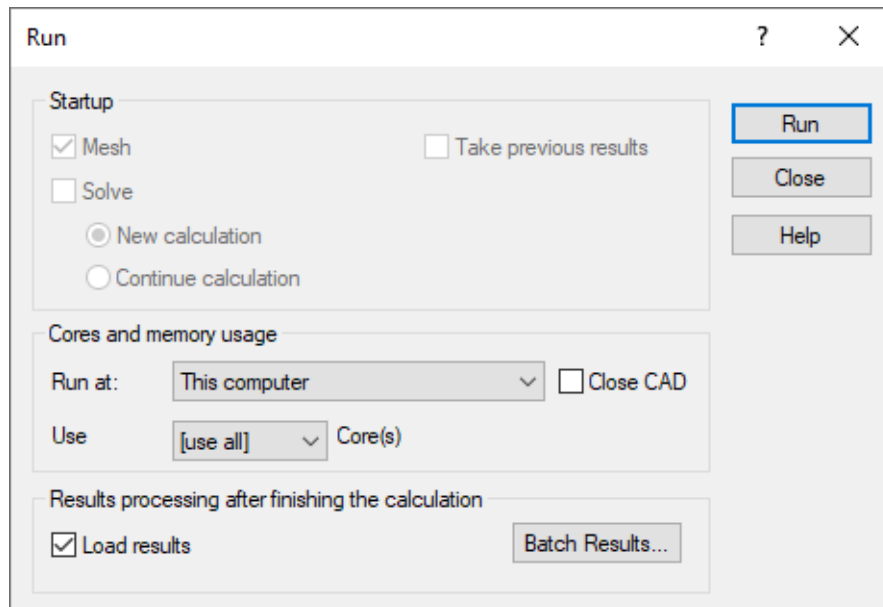
You can view the resulting mesh.

Procedure

1. Right-click **Input Data > Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. Select **Create Mesh** from the shortcut menu.



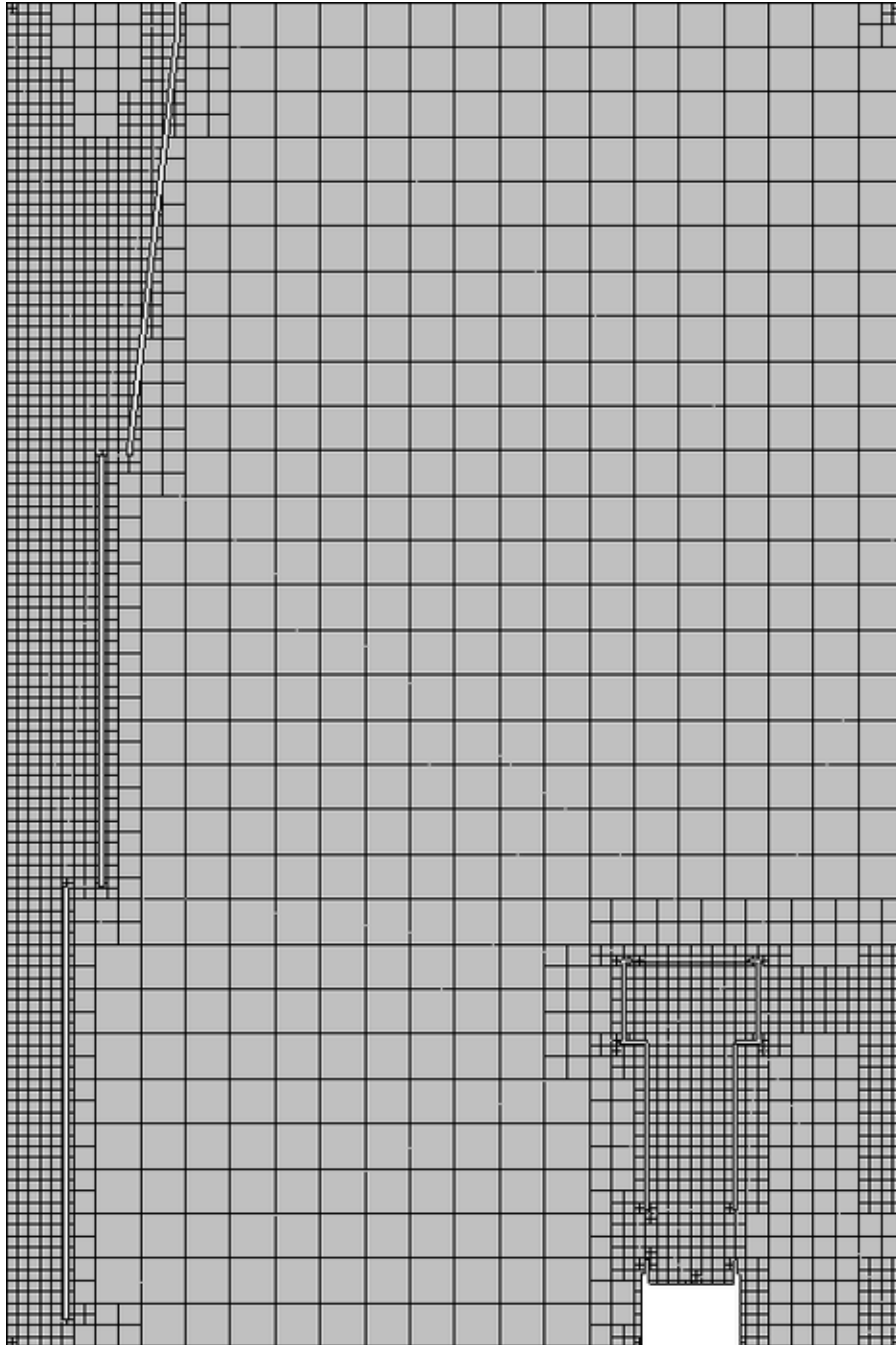
3. Click **Run**.



4. After the mesh generation is finished you can display it for investigation.
Create a **Cut Plot** on the CENTERLINE plane with the **Mesh** option selected.

Results

The resulting mesh has significantly less cells than the mesh generated automatically with the default value of **Minimum gap size**. The total number of cells is about 325 000.



Manual Mesh Definition

We have successfully reduced the number of cells, yet using the mesh of the higher level. The higher level mesh provides better refinement in the regions with small geometrical features. However, we actually do not need such a fine mesh in some regions where the flow field changes slowly and so does not affect the solution much. We can further decrease the number of cells by switching off the automatic definition of the mesh generation settings and adjusting these settings manually. The decreased number of cells will provide us a computer memory reserve needed to resolve better fine geometrical features of the ejector.

Procedure

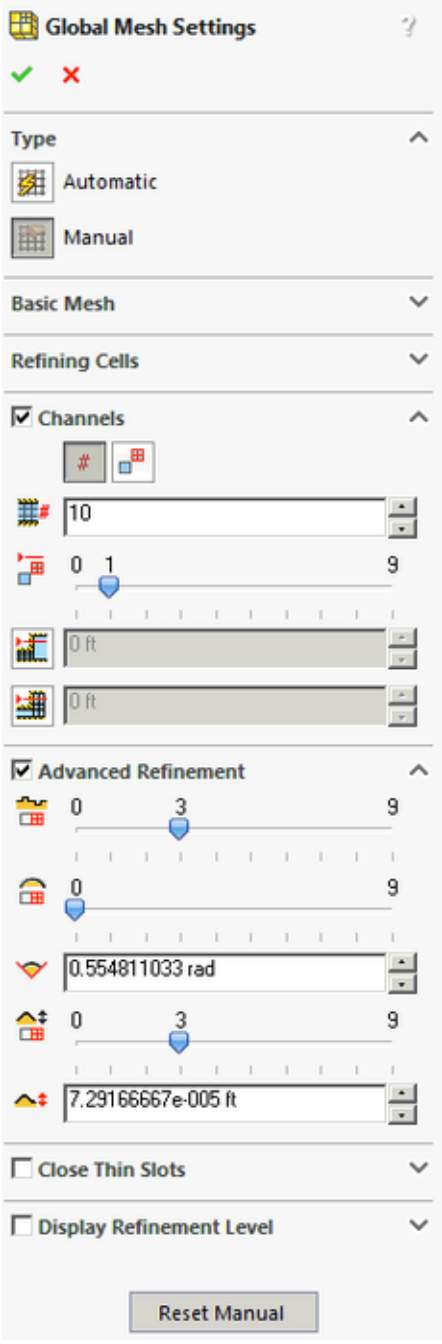
1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Rebuild**.
2. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project** and type a project name: **Global Manual**.
3. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
4. Under **Type**, click the **Manual** .
5. Under **Basic Mesh**, you can control the basic mesh by specifying **Control Planes**.

Note

 The Basic mesh is formed by dividing the computational domain into slices by parallel planes which are orthogonal to the Global Coordinate System's axes. The initial mesh is constructed from the Basic mesh by refining the basic mesh cells in accordance with the specified mesh settings. When the calculation starts, the initial mesh could be further refined during the calculation if the solution-adaptive meshing is enabled.

The initial mesh's parameters are currently set by Flow Simulation in accordance with the previously specified automatic Global Mesh settings, including **Minimum Gap Size**.

- Under **Channels**, set the **Maximum Channel Refinement Level**  to **1**. This allows us to reduce the number of cells in the channels between the baffles and the wall of the box.



Global Mesh Settings

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☐ **Close Thin Slots** v

☐ **Display Refinement Level** v

Reset Manual

Note

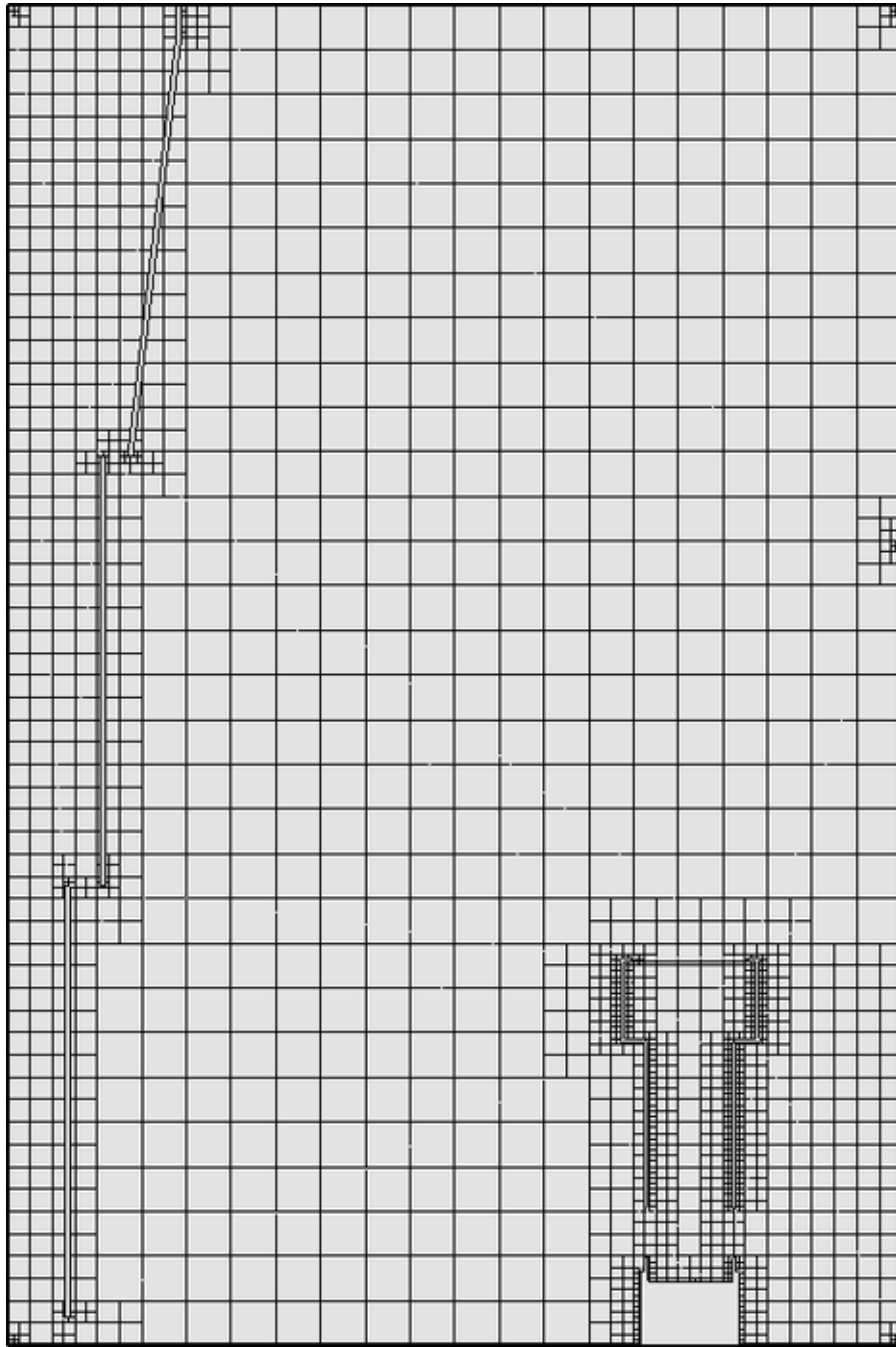
 The **Maximum channel refinement level** specifies the smallest size of the cells in model's flow passages with respect to the basic mesh cells. So if $N = 0 \dots 9$ is the specified **Maximum channel refinement level**, the minimum size of the cells obtained due to the mesh refinement is 2^N times smaller (in each direction of the Global Coordinate System, or 8^N times by volume) than the basic mesh cell's size.

7. Under **Advanced Refinement**, set the **Tolerance Level**  to **3**. This allows us to reduce the number of cells at solid/fluid interfaces.

Results

To view the resulting mesh, run the mesh generation again (without further problem calculation).

The resulting mesh is shown below. It consists of about 96 000 cells.



Using the Local Mesh Option

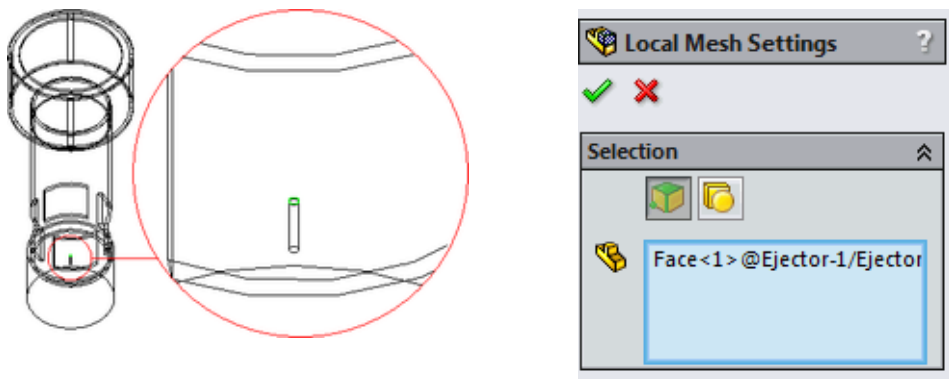
While the ejector's geometry is resolved reasonably well, the inlet face of the ejector's orifice needs finer mesh in order to resolve it properly. The resolution of the boundary condition face is

very important for imposing the boundary condition correctly. To resolve the gas inlet face properly we will use the **Local Mesh** option.

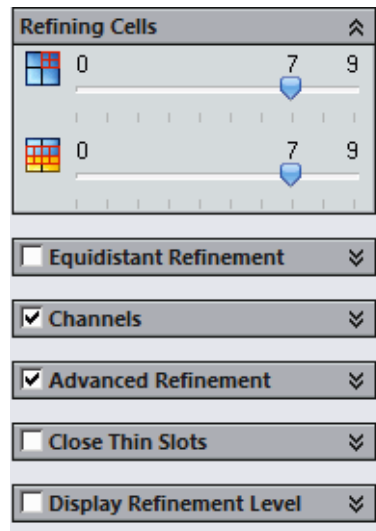
The local mesh option allows you to specify mesh settings in a local region of the computational domain to resolve better the model geometry and/or flow peculiarities in this region. The local region can be defined by a component of the assembly (disabled in the **Component Control** dialog box, in case it belongs to the fluid region) or specified by selecting a face, edge or vertex of the model. Local mesh settings are applied to all cells intersected by a component, face, edge, or a cell enclosing the selected vertex.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project** and type a project name: **Local Mesh 1**.
2. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
3. Select the inlet face of the ejector's orifice or click the **Inlet Volume Flow 1** boundary condition in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree to select the face on which this boundary condition is applied.



4. Under **Refining cells**, use the slider to set both the **Level of Refining Fluid Cells**  and the **Level of Refining Cells at Fluid/Solid Boundary**  to 7.



5. Click **OK** .

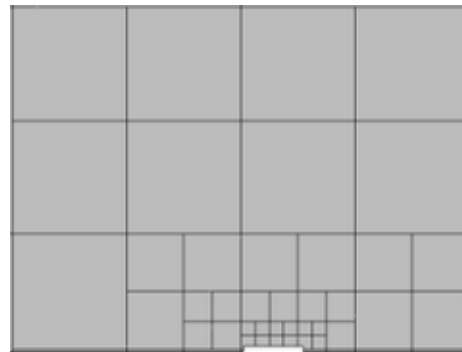
Results

To see the resulting mesh, once again run the mesh generation.

Now we have specified to refine all cells near the ejector's orifice inlet face up to the maximum level. The locally refined mesh is shown below.



Before specifying local mesh.



After specifying local mesh.

Specifying Control Planes

The basic mesh in many respects governs the generated computational mesh. The proper basic mesh is necessary for the most optimal mesh.

You can control the basic mesh in several ways:

- Change number of the basic mesh cells along the X, Y, Z-axes.
- Shift or insert basic mesh planes.
- Stretch or contract the basic mesh cells locally by changing the relative distance between the basic mesh planes.

Note

 The local mesh settings do not influence the basic mesh but are basic mesh sensitive: all refinement levels are set with respect to the basic mesh cell.

You may notice that the mesh resolving the ejector's orifice inlet face is not symmetric. It can has a negative effect on the specified boundary condition. We will add a control plane to shift the boundary between cells so that it will pass through the center of the inlet face.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project** and type a project name: **Control Planes**.

2. Click **Wireframe**  on the **Heads-Up View** toolbar to show only the face outlines.

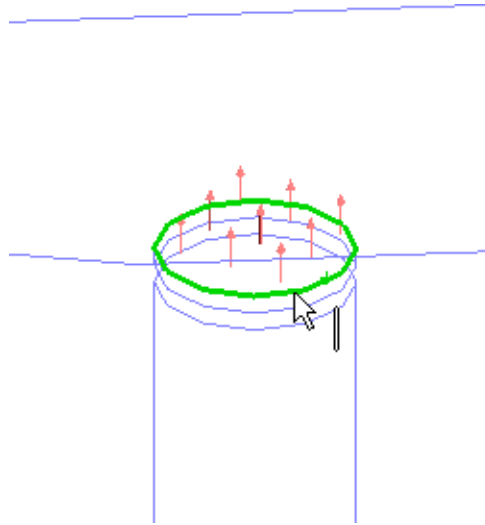
The wireframe display mode makes it easier to select small geometrical features.

3. In the **Global Mesh** dialog box, under **Basic Mesh** click **Control Planes**.

The Control Planes pane appears at the bottom of the screen.

4. On the toolbar, click **Reference**  and **Coordinate Z** .

5. Zoom in to the ejector's orifice area and select the edge of the inlet face in the graphics area. The control plane will pass through the middle of the edge orthogonal to the Global Coordinate System plane selected on the toolbar.



Please check that the value of offset along the Z axis, appeared in the **Control Planes** list, is equal to 0.703125 ft. If not, it means that you have mistakenly selected another geometry feature. In this case, right-click on the corresponding row in the **Control Planes** table and select **Delete Plane**, then try to select the edge of the inlet face again.

6. Click **OK**.

The **Z1** control plane appears in the **Control planes** table.

Note

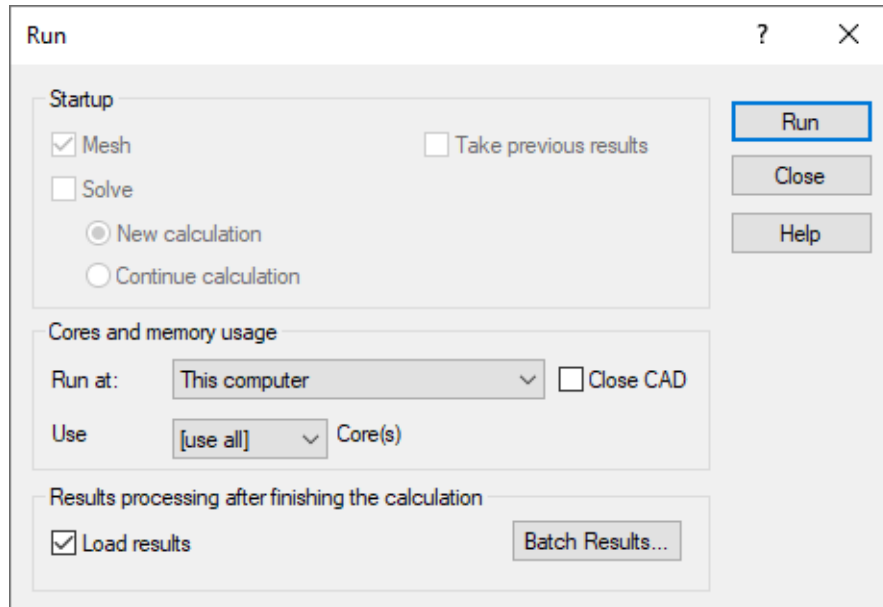


You can visualize the basic mesh before solving the problem. To see the basic mesh, check **Show** under **Basic Mesh** in the **Global Mesh** dialog.

7. Click **OK**  to save changes and close the **Global Mesh** dialog box.

Then, generate the initial mesh to check whether the thin walls and the other geometry are resolved.

8. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.

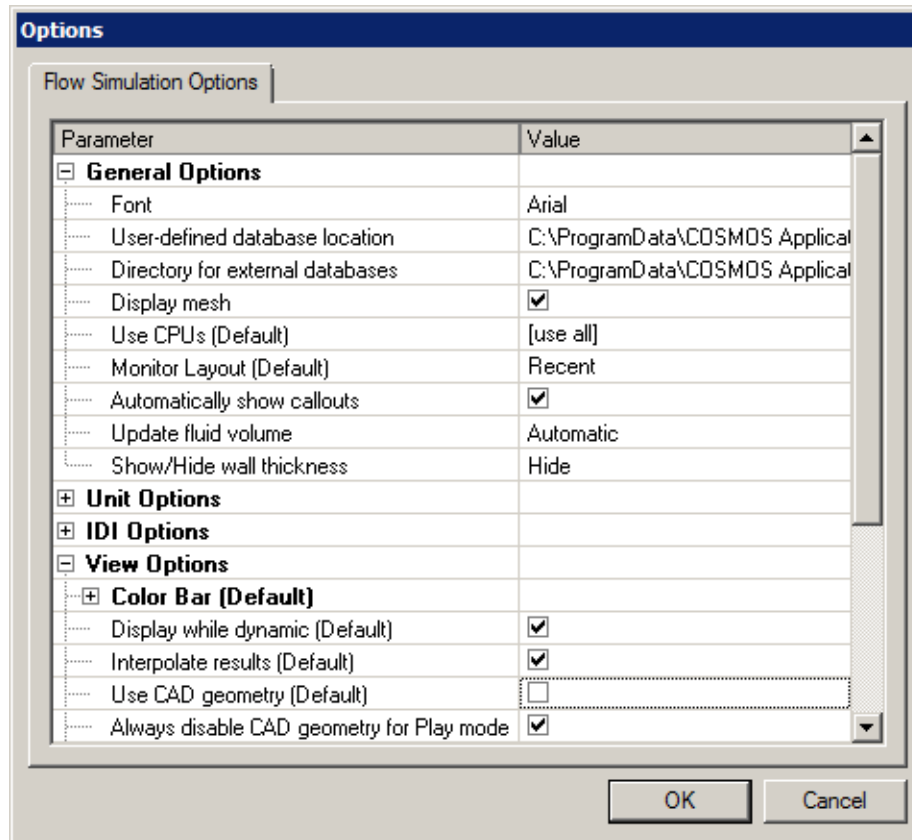


9. Clear the **Solve** check box in order to generate the mesh only.
10. Clear the **Load results** check box.
11. Click **Run**.

Prior to visualizing the initial computational mesh, let us switch the Flow Simulation option to use the meshed geometry instead of the model's geometry to visualize the results.

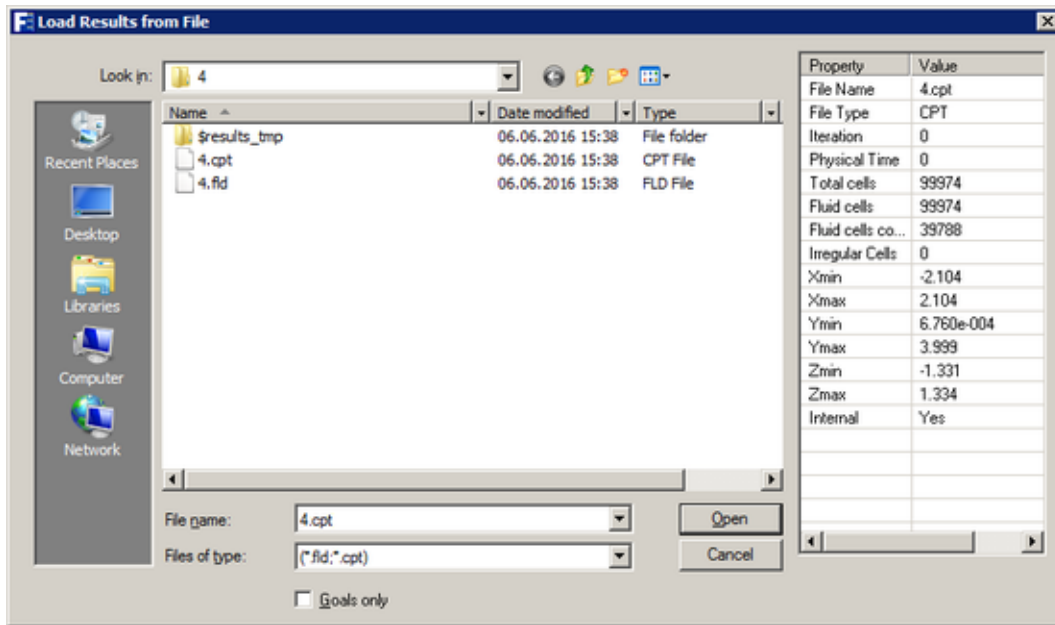
By default, Flow Simulation shows the model's geometry when displaying the results. Depending on how exactly the model has been resolved with the computational mesh, the model's geometry may differ from the geometry used in the calculation. To display the real captured geometry the **Use CAD geometry** option is reserved.

12. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Options**.



13. On the **Flow Simulation Options** tab, under **General Options**, select the **Display mesh** check box.
14. Under **View Options** clear the **Use CAD geometry (Default)** check box.
- Click **OK**.
15. Next load the file with the initial computational mesh: right-click the **Results** icon and select **Load Results**, then select the *4.cpt* file and click **Open**.

Note that the total number of cells is about 100 000.



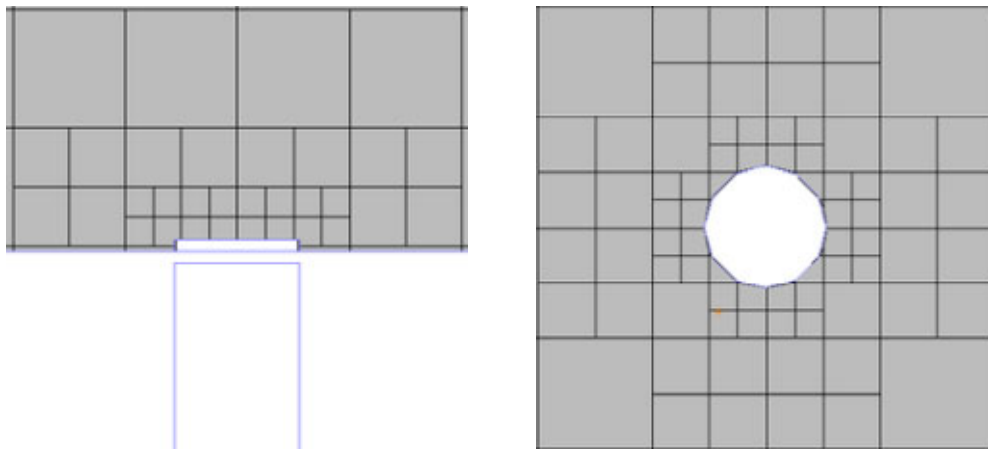
Note

The calculation results are saved in the *.fld* files, whereas the computational mesh is saved separately in the *.cpt* files. All of the files are saved in the project folder, whose numerical name is formed by Flow Simulation and must not be changed.

16. Create a cut plot based on the CENTERLINE plane with the **Mesh** option selected.
17. Create a second cut plot based on the ejector's orifice inlet face with the **Offset** of -0.000125 ft relative to the selected face and the same settings as the first cut plot.

Results

Now you can see that the generated mesh is symmetrical relative to the center of the inlet face.



Creating a Second Local Mesh

With the specified mesh settings the ejector's geometry will be resolved properly. But we need to create the mesh successfully resolving not only fine geometrical features, but the small flow peculiarities as well. In the **Ejector Analysis** project such peculiarities can be found within the internal volume of the ejector, where the thin stream of chlorine is injected from the ejector's orifice. Therefore the mesh within the ejector's region must be split additionally. To refine the mesh only in this region and avoid excessive splitting of the mesh cells in other parts of the model, we apply a local mesh at the component surrounding this region. The component was created specially to specify the local mesh.

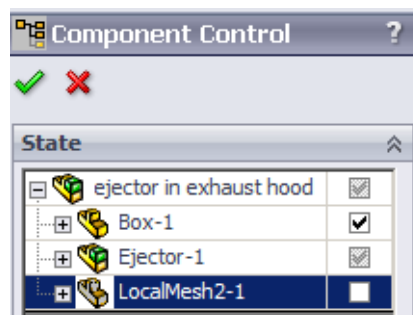
Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project** and type a project name: **Local Mesh 2**.
2. Set to resolved the **localmesh2** component.
3. Click **Close** after Flow Simulation shows you a warning message.

Note that this component was created so that there is a small distance between the boundaries of the component and the solid feature of interest (i.e., the ejector). Because the local settings are applied only to the cells whose centers lie within the selected model component, it is recommended to have the component's boundaries offset from the solid component's walls.

After resolving the **localmesh2** component an error message appears informing you that the inlet volume flow condition is not in contact with the fluid region. The problem disappears after disabling the component in the **Component Control** dialog box to treat it as a fluid region.

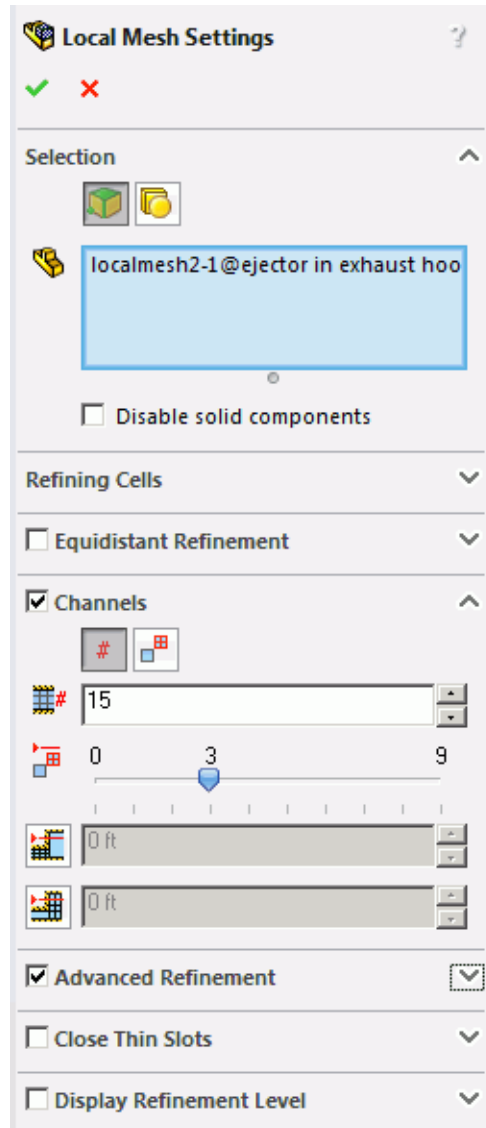
4. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Component Control**  and deselect the **localmesh2-1** component.
5. Click **OK** .



6. Rebuild the project by clicking **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Rebuild**.

Next specify the local mesh settings for the ejector's region.

7. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
8. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **localmesh2** component.



9. Under **Channels**, specify the **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel**  equal to **15**.
10. Use the slider to set the **Maximum Channels Refinement Level**  to **3**.
11. Click **OK** .

Note

 The settings under **Channels** controls the mesh refinement in the model's flow passages. **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel** box specify the number of initial mesh cells that Flow Simulation will try to set across the model's flow passages in the direction normal to solid/fluid interface. If possible, the number of cells across channels will be equal to the specified characteristic number, otherwise it will be close to the characteristic number. If this condition is not satisfied, the cells lying in this direction will be split to satisfy the condition.

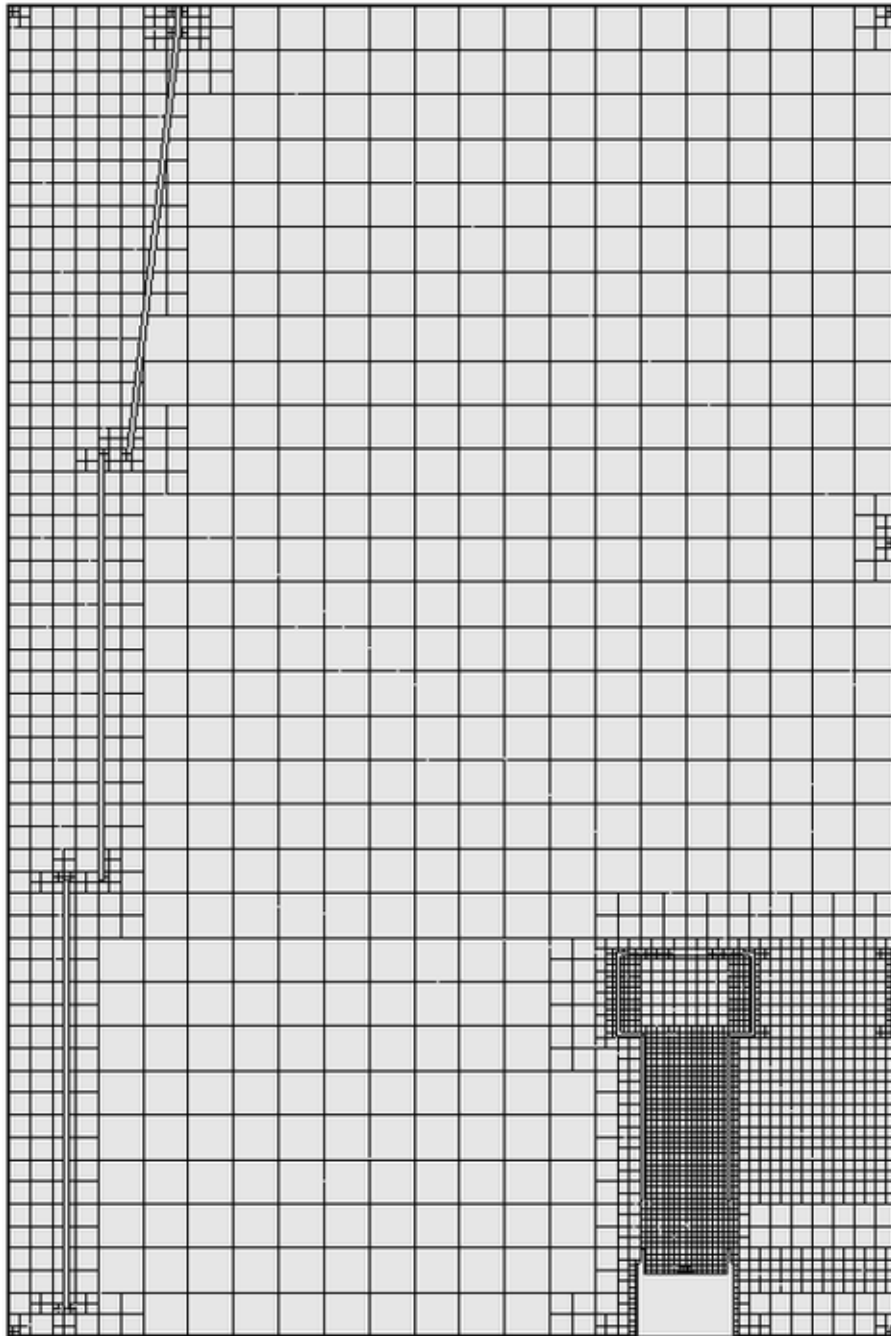
12. Rebuild the project and run the mesh generation again.

Click **Geometry**  icon on the **Flow Simulation Results Display Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results** tab of the CommandManager to hide the model.

Results

In the figure below you can see the final mesh. After all the adjustments made to resolve only the regions of interest its number of cells turned out to be about 120 000. This order is less

comparing to the mesh generated using the automatic mesh settings, where the number of cells turned out to be more than 1 000 000.



Chapter 4

Advanced Examples

The Advanced Examples presented below demonstrate how to use a wide variety of the Flow Simulation features to solve real-life engineering problems. It is assumed that you successfully completed all First Steps examples before.

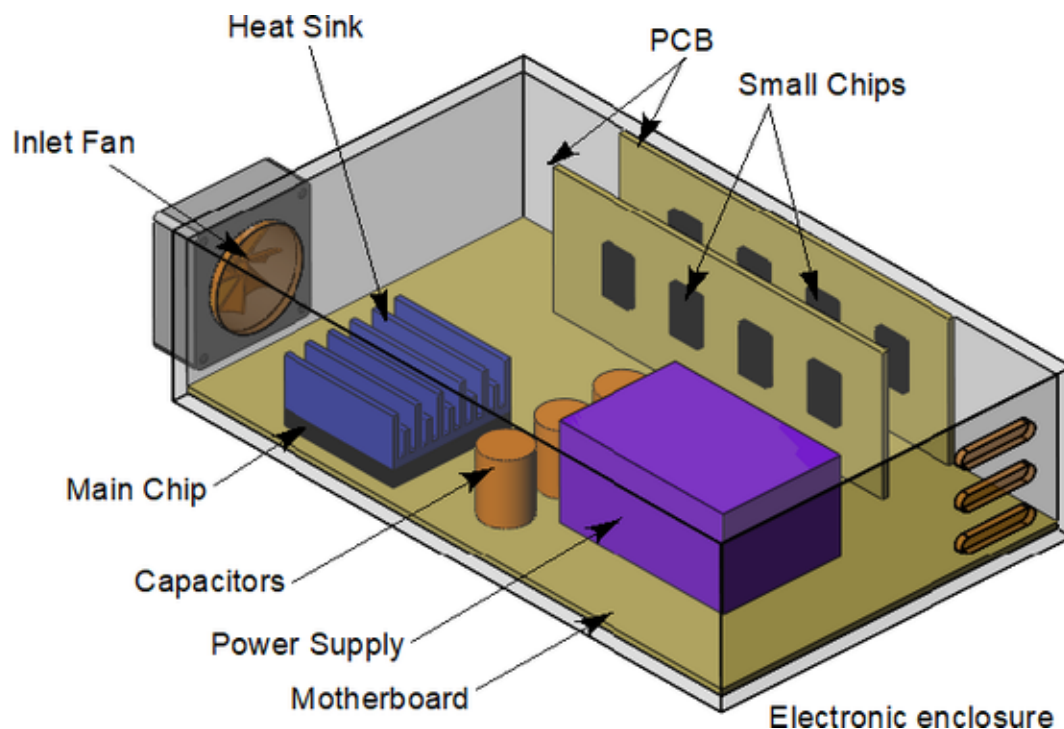
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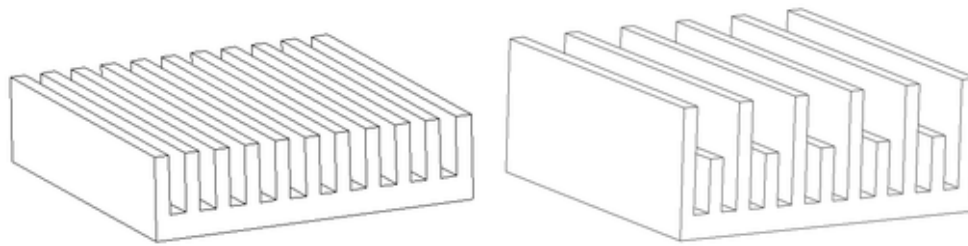
Application of EFD Zooming

The Flow Simulation capability of EFD Zooming is demonstrated as an engineering tutorial example of selecting a better heat sink shape for a main chip taking into account other electronic components in an electronic enclosure.

The assembly model of the electronic enclosure including the main chip's heat sink under consideration is shown in the figure below. The fan installed at the enclosure inlet blows air through the enclosure to the outlet slots with the goal of cooling the heated electronic elements (having heat sources inside). The planar main chip is attached to a motherboard made of an insulator. To cool the main chip better, its opposite plane surface is covered by a heat sink cooled by the air stream from the fan.



The problem's engineering aim is to determine the temperature of the main chip when using one of two heat sink designs considered with the other conditions unchanged within the enclosure. As a result, we will determinate difference in cooling capability between these two competing shapes.



No. 1

No. 2

The heat sink's competing shapes. (No.1 and No.2)

As you can see, all components within the electronic enclosure except the main chip's heat sink are specified as coarse shapes without any small details, since they do not influence the main chip's temperature which is the aim of the analysis (the enclosure model was preliminary simplified to this level on purpose). On the contrary, the heat sink of each shape is featured by multiple thin (thickness of 0.1 in) fins with narrow (gaps of 0.1 in) channels between them.

To solve this problem, Flow Simulation offers two possible approaches described below.

In the first and more direct way, we compute the entire flow inside the whole electronic enclosure for each heat sink shape using the **Local Mesh** option for constructing a fine computational mesh in the heat sink's narrow channels and thin fins. Naturally, the **Conduction** option is enabled in these computations.

In the other, two-stage way (EFD Zooming using the **Transferred Boundary Condition** option), we solve the same problem in the following stages:

1. computing the entire flow inside the whole electronic enclosure at a low result resolution level without resolving the heat sink's fine features (so, the parallelepiped envelope is specified instead of the heat sink's comb shape) and disabling the **Conduction** option;
2. computing the flow over the real comb-shaped heat sink in a smaller computational domain surrounding the main chip, using the **Transferred Boundary Condition** option to take the first stage's computation results as boundary conditions, specifying a fine computational mesh in the heat sink's narrow channels and thin fins to resolve them, and enabling the **Conduction** option.

The first stage's computation is performed once and then used for the second stage's computations performed for each of the heat sink's shapes.

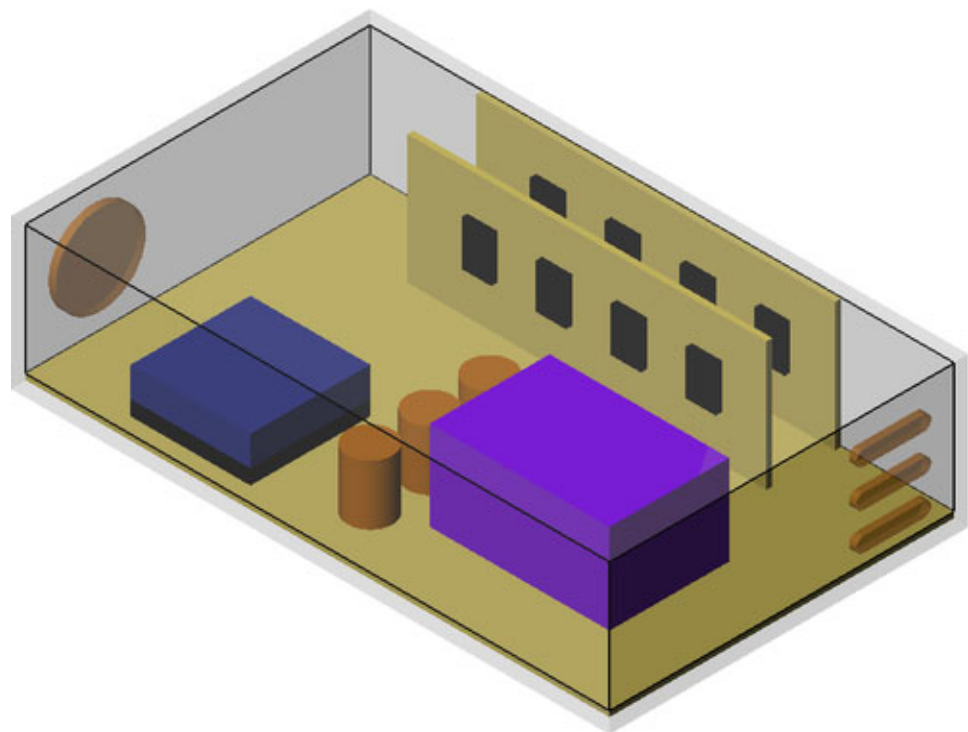
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EFD Zooming Approach to Solve the Problem

Let us begin from the second (EFD Zooming) approach employing the **Transferred Boundary Condition** option. Then, to validate the results obtained with this approach, we will solve the problem in the first way by employing the **Local Mesh** option.

First Stage of EFD Zooming

In accordance with the 1st stage of EFD Zooming aimed at computing the entire flow inside the electronic enclosure, it is not necessary to resolve the flow’s small features, i.e. streams between the heat sink’s fins, at this stage. Therefore, we suppress the heat sink’s comb shape feature in the assembly model, obtaining the parallelepiped envelope instead.



A parallelepiped heat sink is used at the 1st stage of EFD Zooming.

The model simplification at this stage allows us to compute the electronic enclosure’s flow by employing the **automatic initial mesh settings** with a lower level of initial mesh (we use 4) and accepting the automatic settings for the minimum gap size and the minimum wall thickness. Moreover, at this stage it is also not necessary to compute heat conduction in solids, since we do not compute the main chip temperature at this stage. Instead, we specify surface heat sources of the same (5 W) heat transfer rates at the main chip and heat sink (parallelepiped) faces and at the small chips’ faces (they are heated also in this example) to simulate heating of the air flow by the electronic enclosure. This is not obligatory, but removing the heat conduction in solids at this stage saves computer resources. As a result, the computer resources (memory and CPU time) required at this stage are substantially reduced.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model for the first stage of EFD Zooming.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C1 - Zooming* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Open the *assembly.sldasm* assembly.

Alternatively, you can drag and drop the *assembly.sldasm* file to an empty area of SOLIDWORKS window.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *assembly.sldasm* assembly located in the *C1 - Zooming\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

3. Make sure that the **Global** configuration is the active one.

Notice that the heat sink (**Heat sink**) has its cuts suppressed, so it looks like a parallelepiped.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Using the **Wizard** create a new project.

Project name	<i>Zoom – Global – L4</i>
Configuration name	<i>Global</i>
Unit system	<i>USA</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>

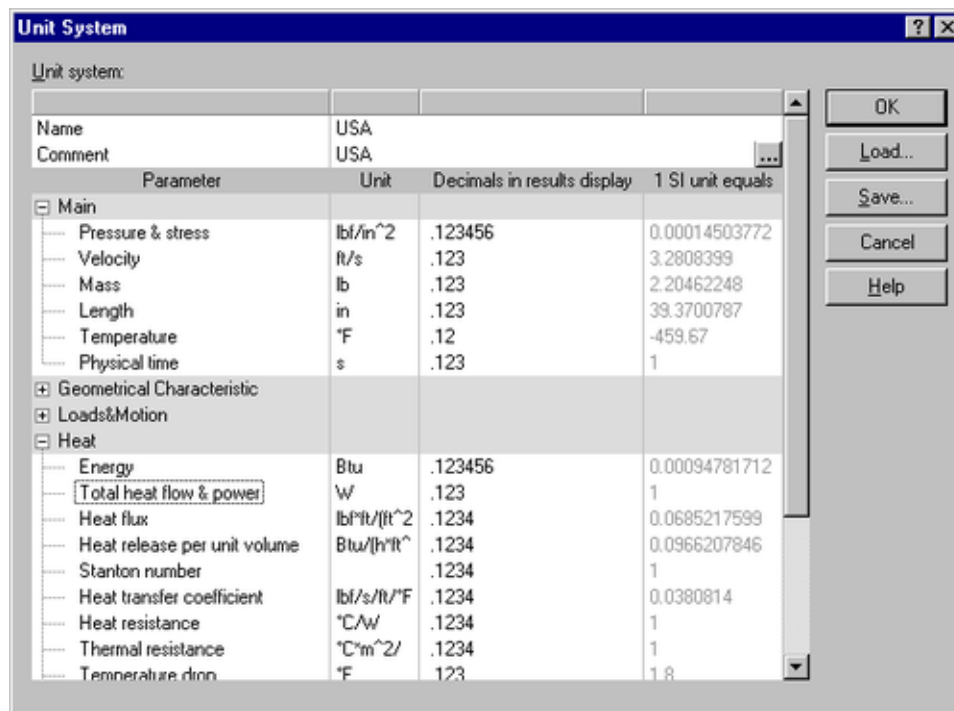
Fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall, Zero roughness</i>
Initial and Ambient Conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>

Specifying Unit System

After passing the Wizard, first we will adjust the system of units.

Procedure

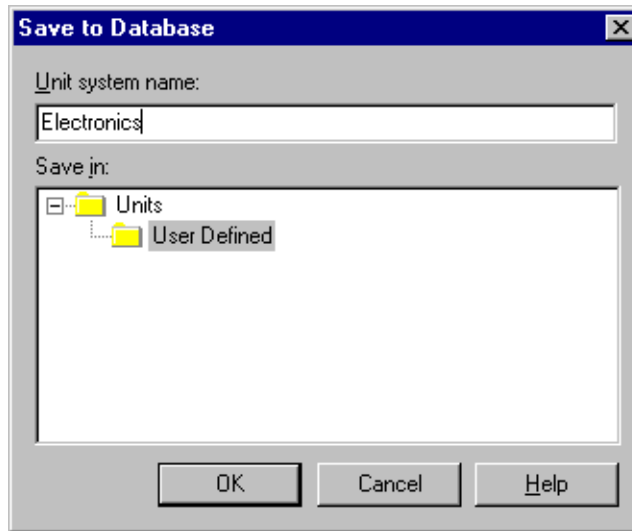
1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Units**.



2. Specify **Inch** for the **Length** and **Watt** for the **Total Heat flow & power**.

Click **Save**.

3. In the **Save to Database** dialog box, expand the **Units** group and select the **User Defined** item.

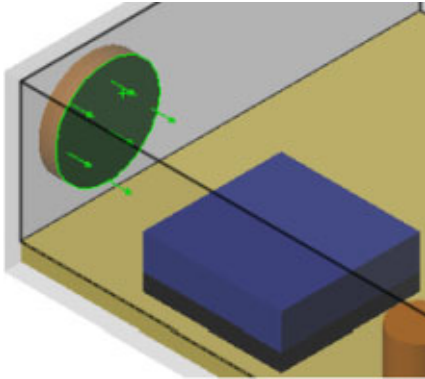


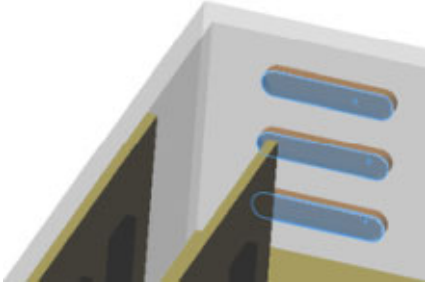
4. Name the new system of units **Electronics**.
5. Click **OK** to return to the **Unit System** dialog box.
6. Click **OK**.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

We will specify External Inlet Fan at the inlet, Environment Pressure at three outlets.

For more detailed explanation of how to set these conditions, you can refer to the [Conjugate Heat Transfer](#) tutorial.

Inlet Boundary Condition	External Inlet Fan: <i>Pre-Defined\ Fan Curves\PAPST\ DC-Axial\Series 400\ 405\405 with default settings (environment pressure of 14.6959 lbf/in², temperature of 68.09 °F) set at the Inlet lid;</i>	

Outlet Boundary Condition	Environment Pressure: <i>Default thermodynamic parameters (ambient pressure of 14.6959 lbf/in², temperature of 68.09 °F) for the Environment pressure at the Outlet lids.</i>	

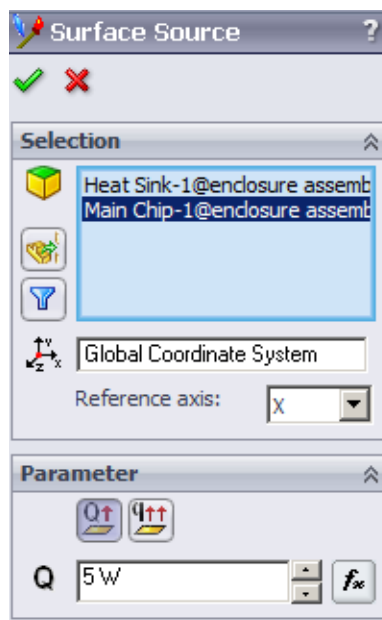
Specifying Heat Sources

As mentioned earlier in this chapter, to simulate the flow heating by the electronic enclosure, we specify surface heat sources of the same (5 W) heat transfer rates at the main chip and the heat sink (parallelepiped) faces and at the small chips' faces. Since we do not consider heat conduction in solids in this project, the surface heat source is applied only to the faces contacting with fluid.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Surface Source**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **Heat sink** and **Main chip** components.

The selected components appear in the **Faces to Apply the Surface Source**  list.

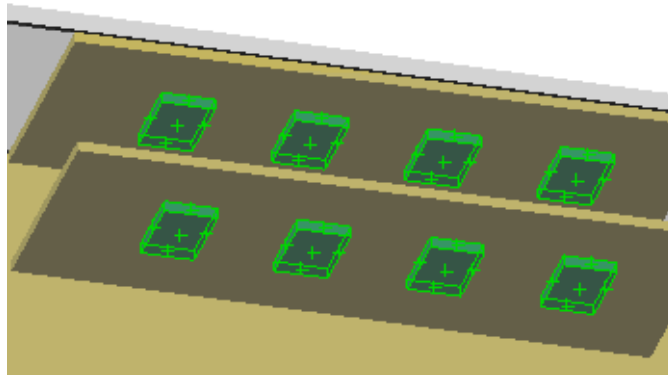


- Under **Parameter**, set the **Heat Transfer Rate** Q to **5 W**.

Note

The specified heat source value (Heat Transfer Rate) is distributed among the selected faces in proportion to their areas. Only faces contacting with fluid are taken into account.

- Click **OK** .
- Following the same procedure, create a surface source of 5 W on the fluid-contacting surfaces of small chips.



Specifying Goals

Specify the surface goals of mass flow rate at the inlet and outlet.



Specifying Mesh Settings

For this project we use the automatic global mesh and the default computational domain.

Specify the following Global Mesh settings:

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>4</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Running the Calculation

Run the calculation. After the calculation is finished, you can start the second stage of EFD Zooming to focus on the main chip.

Save the model.

Second Stage of EFD Zooming

At the 2nd stage of EFD Zooming aimed at determining the main chip’s temperature, we compute the flow over the heat sink in a smaller computational domain surrounding the main chip, using the **Transferred Boundary Condition** option to take the first stage’s computation results as boundary conditions. To compute the solids temperature, we enable the **Conduction** option. Since at this stage the computational domain is reduced substantially, a fine computational mesh with an affordable number of cells can be constructed in the heat sink’s narrow channels and thin fins, even when considering heat conduction in solids during computation.

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Opening the Model

Activate the **Sink_1 (Zoom)** configuration.
Notice that heat sink’s cuts are resolved now.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Zoom – Sink 1 – L4</i>
Configuration name	<i>Sink 1 (Zoom)</i>
Unit system	<i>Electronics</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Conduction</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Default solid	<i>Metals / Aluminum</i>
Wall Condition	<i>Adiabatic wall, Zero roughness</i>
Initial and Ambient Conditions	<i>Default initial conditions (in particular, the initial solid temperature is 68.09 °F)</i>

Next, we will reduce the computational domain to focus on the main chip, that is, perform EFD Zooming.

Adjusting the Computational Domain Size

When reducing the computational domain for EFD Zooming purposes, it is necessary to take into account that the first stage's computation results will serve as the boundary conditions at this domain's boundaries.

To obtain reliable results in the second stage's computations, we have to specify computational domain boundaries (as planes parallel to the X-, Y-, Z-planes of the Global Coordinate system) satisfying the following conditions:

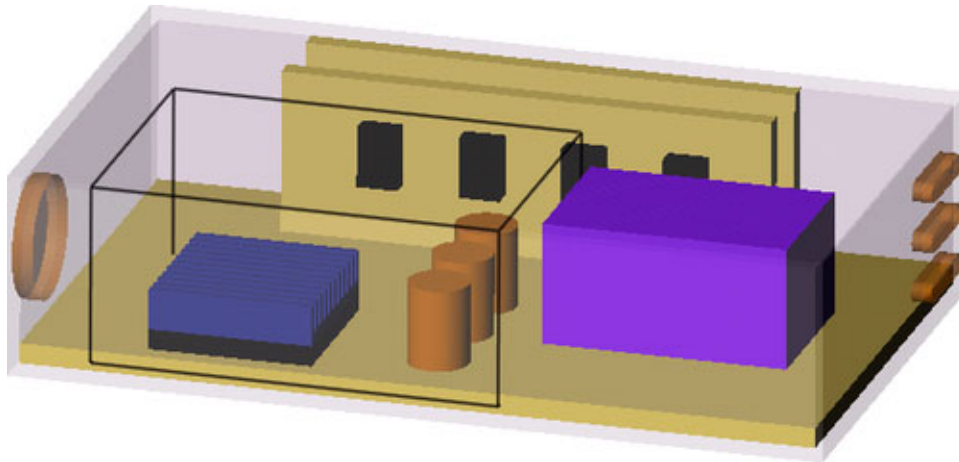
- the flow and solid parameters at these boundaries, taken from the first stage's computation, must be as uniform as possible;
- the boundaries must not lie too close to the object of interest, since the object's features were not resolved at the first stage's computation. The computational domain must be large enough not to receive influence from more complex features of the newly added object;
- the boundary conditions transferred to or specified at the boundaries must be consistent with the problem's statements (for example, if in the problem under consideration the motherboard is made of a heat-conducting material, then it is incorrect to cut the motherboard with computational domain boundaries, since this will yield an incorrect heat flux from the chip through the motherboard).

In this project we specify the following computational domain boundaries satisfying the above-mentioned requirements.

Procedure

Right-click **Computational Domain** icon and select **Edit Definition** to adjust the computational domain size as follows:

- $X_{\max} = 0.7$ in (the boundary conditions in the fluid region of this boundary are transferred from the first stage's computation results, the same boundary conditions as at $X_{\min} = -2.95$ in are automatically specified at this boundary's upper solid part lying in the electronic enclosure's aluminum wall, and the same boundary conditions as at $Z_{\min} = -1.1$ in are automatically specified at the lower solid part lying in the motherboard),
- $X_{\min} = -2.95$ in (entirely lies inside the electronic enclosure side wall made of aluminum, this material does not influence the main chip's temperature since it is insulated from the chip by the heat-insulating motherboard and the air flow, its boundary condition is automatically specified as the 68.09 °F temperature specified as the initial condition for all solids),
- $Y_{\max} = 4$ in, $Y_{\min} = -1$ in (the boundary conditions at these boundaries are specified in the same manner as at $X_{\max} = 0.7$ in, as well as at the boundaries' side parts also lying in the aluminum wall),
- $Z_{\max} = 1.2$ in (entirely lies inside the electronic enclosure's aluminum upper wall, therefore the same boundary condition, as at $X_{\min} = -2.95$ in, are automatically specified at this boundary),
- $Z_{\min} = -1.1$ in (entirely lies inside the motherboard specified as a heat insulator, therefore the adiabatic wall boundary condition is automatically specified at this boundary).



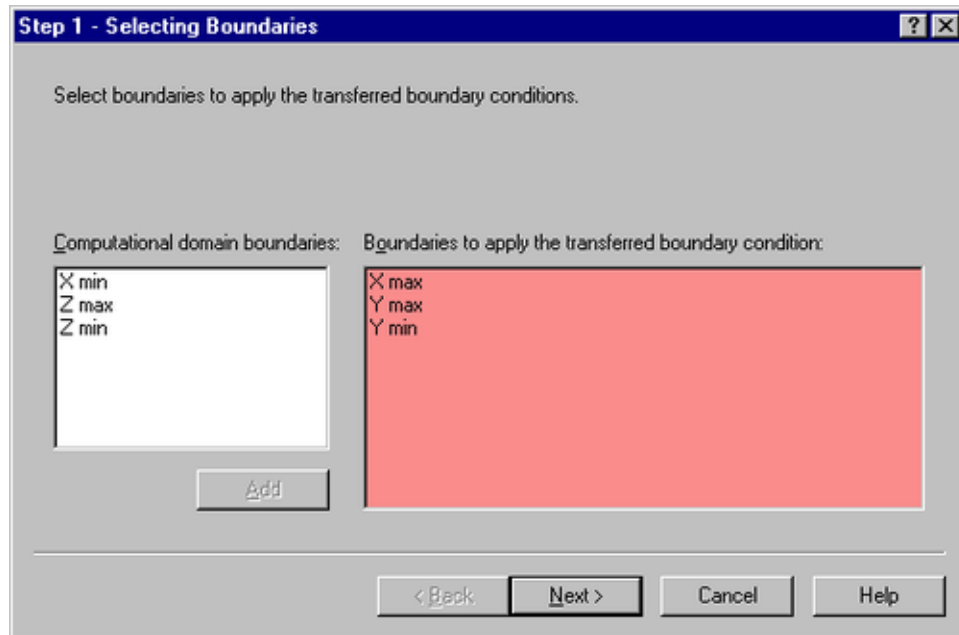
The reduced computational domain.

Specifying Transferred Boundary Conditions

You can specify transferred boundary conditions.

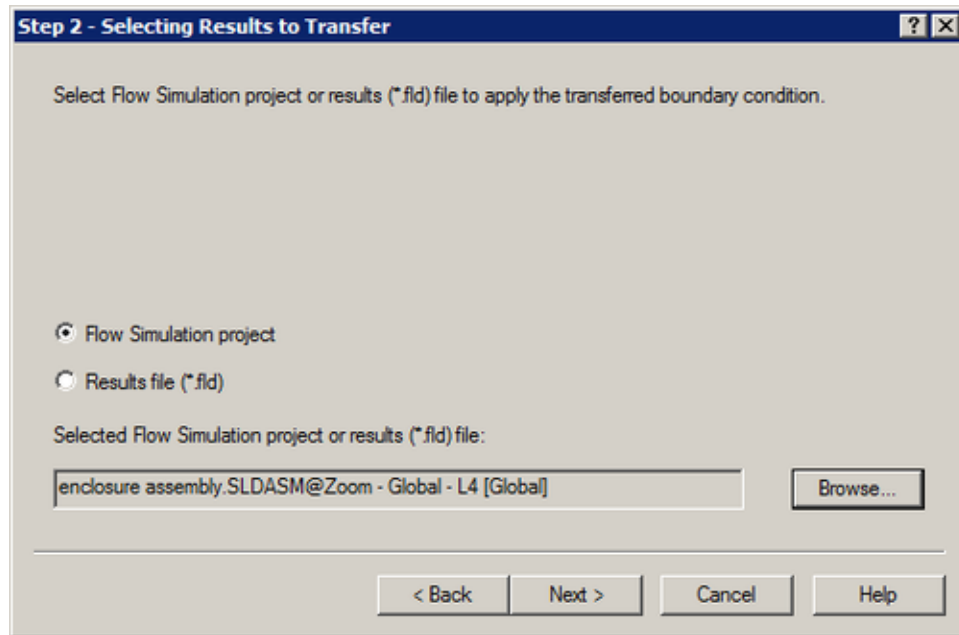
Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Transferred Boundary Condition**.



2. Add the **Xmax, Ymax and Ymin Computational domain boundaries** to the **Boundaries to apply the transferred boundary condition** list. To add a boundary, select it and click **Add**, or double-click a boundary.
3. Click **Next**.

- At **Step 2**, click **Browse** to select the Flow Simulation project whose results will be used as boundary conditions for the current **Zoom – Sink 1 – L4** project.

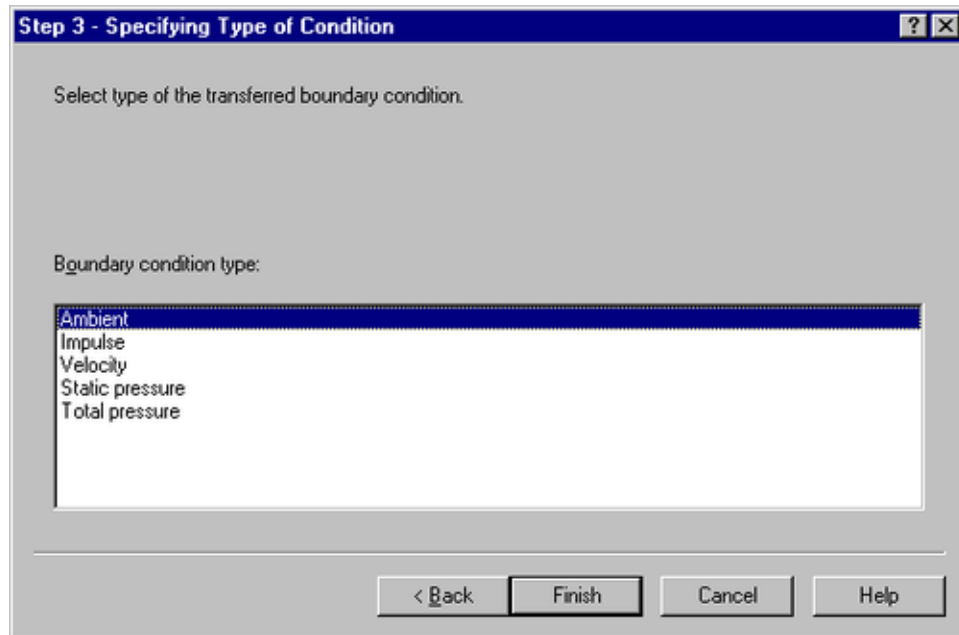


Note

 You can select a calculated project of any currently open model, or browse for the results (.fld) file.

- In the **Browse for Project** dialog select the **Zoom – Global – L4** project and click **OK**.
- Click **Next**.

7. At **Step 3**, accept **Ambient** as the **Boundary condition type**.



Note

The Ambient boundary condition consists of specifying (by taking results of a previous calculation) flow parameters at the boundary's section lying in the fluid, so they will act during the calculation in nearly the same manner as ambient conditions in an external analysis. If Conduction is enabled, then the solid temperature is specified at this boundary's section lying in the solid (by taking results of a previous calculation). The heat flux at this boundary, which will be obtained as part of the problem solution, can be non-zero.

8. Click **Finish**.

Specifying Heat Sources

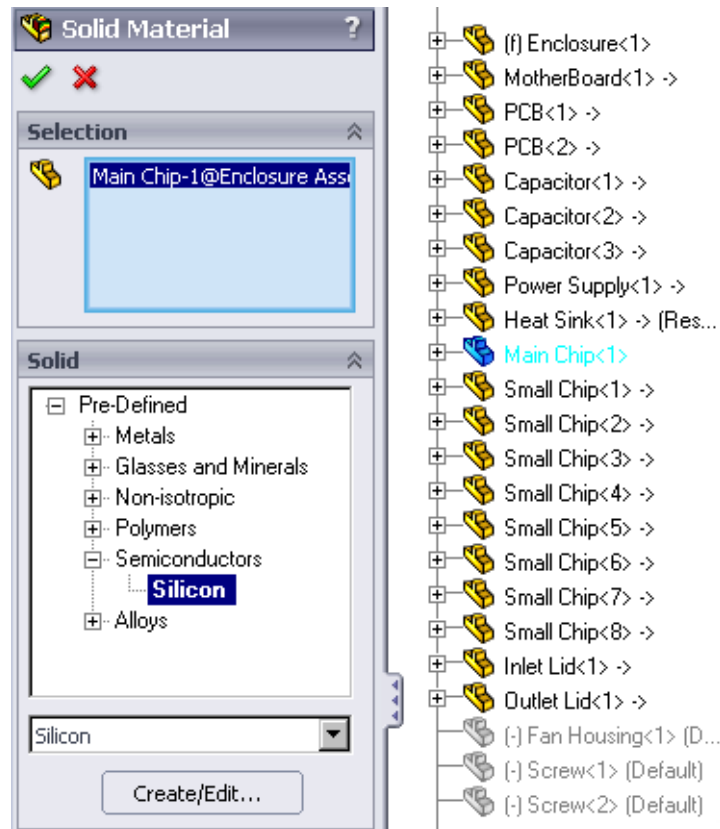
Volume Source of 5 W heat generation rate in the main chip.



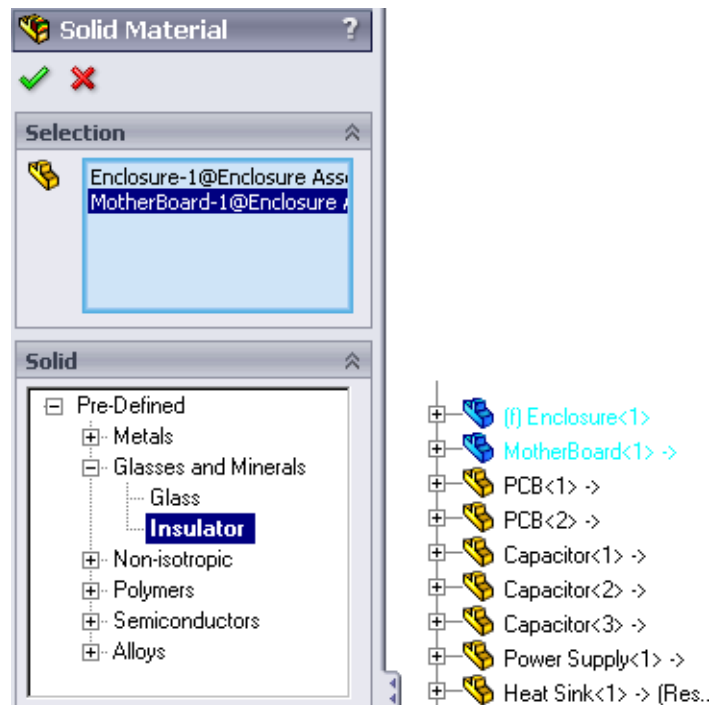
Specifying Solid Materials

You can specify solid materials.

- **Main chip** is made of silicon (Pre-Defined/Semiconductors);



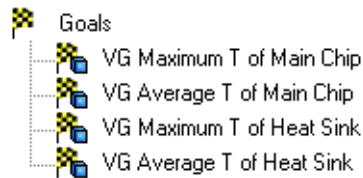
- **Motherboard and Enclosure** are made of insulator (Pre-Defined/Glasses & Minerals);



- All other parts (e.g. the heat sink) are made of aluminum.

Specifying Goals

Specify the volume goals of maximum and average temperatures of the main chip and the heat sink.



Specifying Mesh Settings

Here, we use the automatic global mesh by specifying the **Level of initial mesh** of **4**, but in contrast to the first stage's computation, we specify manually the **Minimum gap size** of **0.1 in** to resolve the fine features of heat sink.

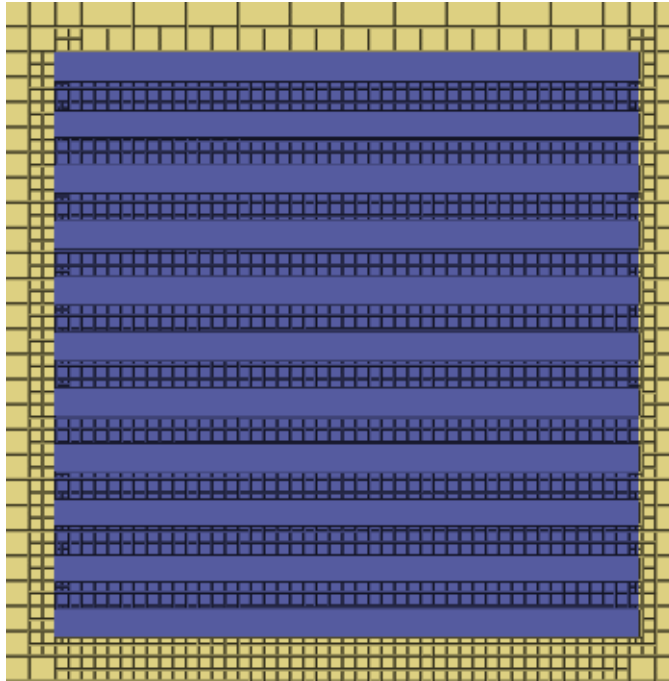
Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>4</i>
Minimum gap size	<i>0.1 in</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Running the Calculation

Run the calculation. The obtained computational results are presented in tables and pictures below. These results were obtained with the heat sink's shape N.1.

If you look at the computational mesh you can see that it has two cells for each of the heat sink's channels, and two cells for each of the sink's fins.

The mesh cut plot
obtained for the heat
sink No.1 at
 $Y = -0.3$ in.



Changing the Heat Sink Configuration

Let us now see how employing the heat sink's shape No. 2 changes the computational results. To do this, we change the heat sink configuration to the No. 2 version, whereas all the EFD Zooming Flow Simulation project settings of 2nd stage are retained. There is no need to perform the EFD Zooming computation of 1st stage again, as we can use its results in this project too.

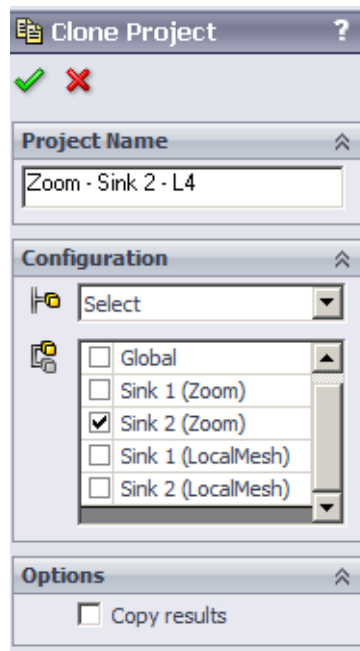
The easiest way to create the same Flow Simulation project for the new model configuration is to clone the existing project to this configuration.

Cloning Project to the Existing Configuration

You can clone a project to the existing configuration.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Clone Project**.



2. In the **Project Name**, type **Zoom - Sink 2 - L4**.
3. In the **Configuration to Add the Project**  list, select **Select**.
4. In the **Configurations**  list, select **Sink 2 (Zoom)**.
5. Click **OK** .

After clicking OK, two warning messages appear asking you to reset the computational domain and to rebuild the computational mesh. Select **No** to ignore the resizing of computational domain, and **Yes** to rebuild the mesh.

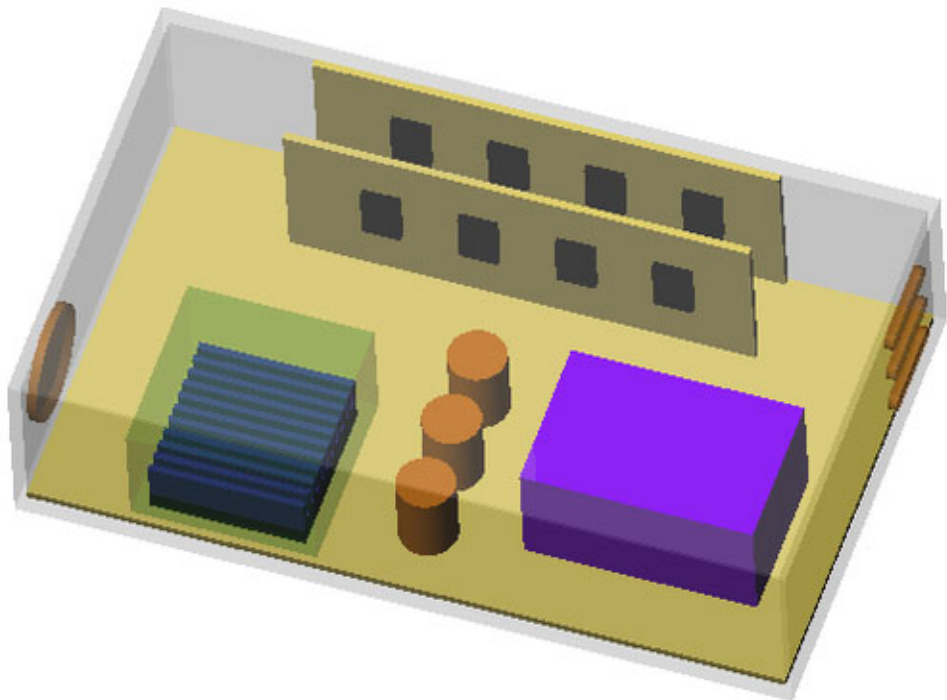
After cloning the project you can start the calculation immediately.

Results

The obtained results are presented in tables and pictures at the end of this tutorial. It is seen that due to the new shape of the heat sink the main chip's temperature is reduced by about 15 °F. That is caused by both the increased area of the heat sink's ribs and streamlining the flow in the heat sink's narrow channels between the ribs (in heat sink No.1 about half of the channel is occupied by a counterflow vortex).

Local Mesh Approach

To validate the results obtained with the EFD Zooming approach, let us now solve the same problems employing the Local Mesh option. To employ this option, we add a parallelepiped surrounding the main chip to the model assembly and then disable it in the **Component Control** dialog box. This volume represents a fluid region in which we can specify computational mesh settings differing from those in the other computational domain, using the **Local Mesh** option.



The electronic enclosure configuration with the additional part for applying the Local Mesh option.

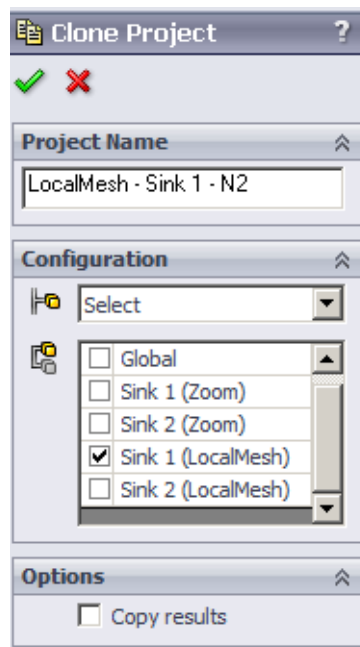
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Flow Simulation Project for the Local Mesh Approach (Sink No1)

To create the project in this case, we clone the Zoom - Sink 1 - L4 project to the existing **Sink 1 (LocalMesh)** configuration, but in contrast to the previous cloning, we reset the computational domain to the default size so the computational domain encloses the entire model.

Procedure

1. Activate **Zoom - Sink 1 - L4** project.
2. Open the **Clone Project** dialog, in the **Project Name**, type **LocalMesh - Sink 1 - N2**.
3. In the **Configuration to Add the Project**  list, select **Select**.
4. In the **Configurations**  list, select **Sink 1 (LocalMesh)** as the configuration to which Flow Simulation will attach the cloned project.



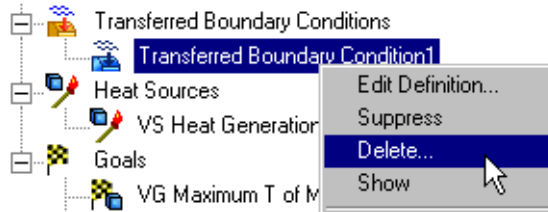
5. After clicking **OK** , confirm with **Yes** both messages appearing.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

You can specify boundary conditions.

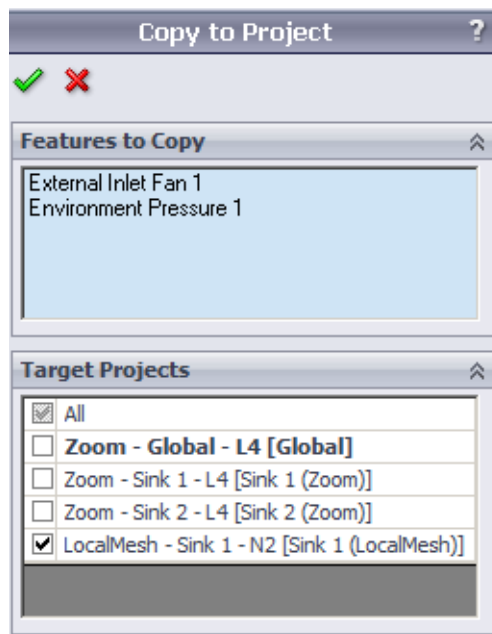
Procedure

1. Remove the inherited transferred boundary condition. Right-click the **Transferred Boundary Condition 1** item in the tree and select **Delete**.



2. Copy the boundary conditions from the **Zoom - Global - L4** project using the **Copy to Project** tool.
 - a. Activate **Zoom- Global - L4** project.
 - b. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Copy to Project**.

The Copy to Project dialog box appears.



- c. Switch to the **Flow Simulation analysis** tab.
- d. Hold down the CTRL key and in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree select **Environment Pressure 1** and **External Inlet Fan 1** items.

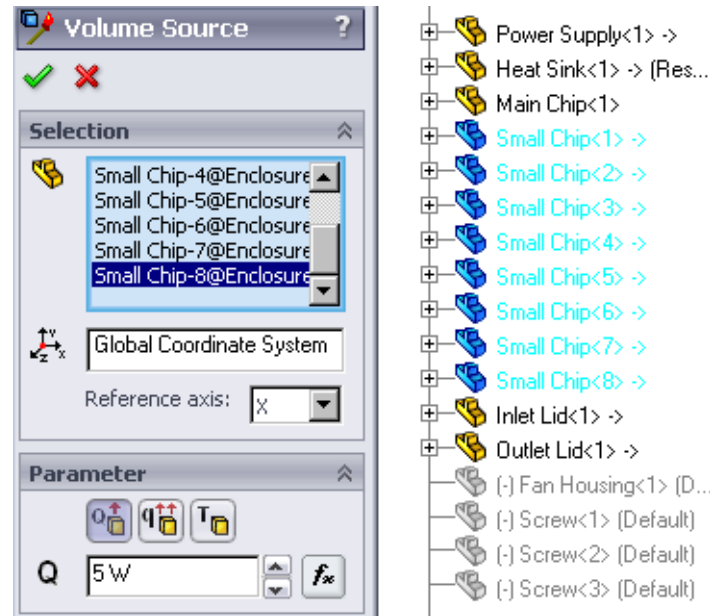
These features appear in the **Features to copy** list.

- e. Select **LocalMesh - Sink 1 - N2** as the **Target Project**.
- f. Click **OK** .

3. Activate **LocalMesh - Sink 1 - N2** project.

Specifying Heat Sources

To the already existing volume source of the 5 W specified in the main chip, add a 5 W volume heat generation source applied to the small chips.



Specifying Solid Materials

The following material definitions were inherited from the previous project so you do not need to create them again, but you need to edit the **Silicon Solid Material 1** to include small chips and to edit **Insulator Solid Material 1** to include inlet, outlet and screw hole lids:

- the **Main chip** and **Small chips** are made of **Silicon**;
- the **Motherboard**, the **Enclosure**, the **Inlet lid** and the **Outlet lids** are made of **Insulator**;
- **PCB1** and **PCB2** are made of user defined **Tutorial PCB** material, which is added to the Engineering Database in the **A2 - Conjugate Heat Transfer** tutorial example.
- all other parts are made of the default **Aluminum**.

Specifying Goals

Keep the cloned volume goals of maximum and average temperatures of the main chip and the heat sink.

Changing the Level of Initial Mesh

You can change the level of the initial mesh.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon to adjust the automatic global mesh settings.
2. Set the **Level of initial mesh** to **3**. Since Conduction is enabled, setting the **Level of initial mesh** to **4** together with the local mesh settings will produce large number of cells resulting in longer CPU time. To decrease the calculation time for this tutorial example we decrease the **Level of initial mesh** to **3**.
3. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Rebuild**.

Specifying Local Mesh Settings

To apply the local mesh setting to a region we need a component representing this region to be disabled in the **Component Control** dialog.

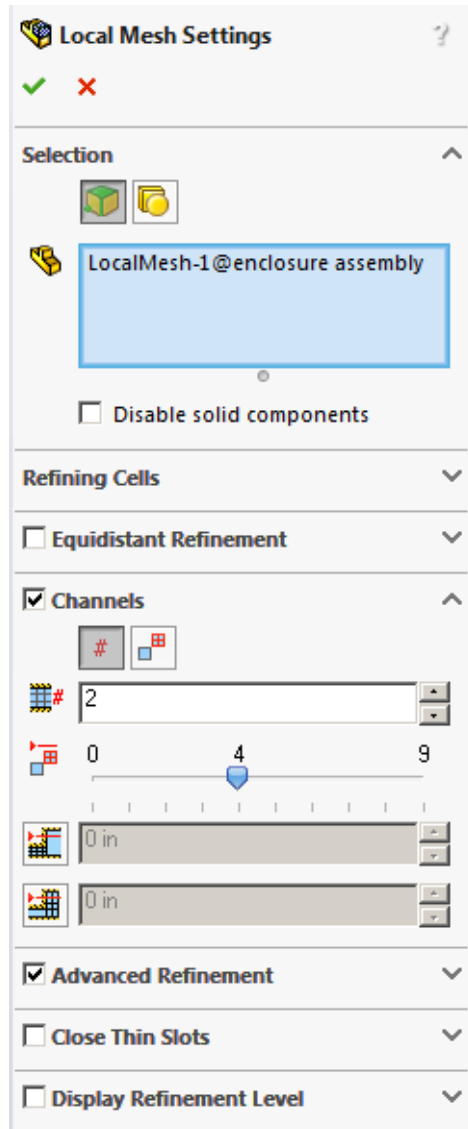
Note



Alternatively, you can disable this component by selecting the **Disable solid components** option in the **Local Mesh Settings** dialog.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.



2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **localmesh** component.
3. Under **Channels**, set the **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel** = 2 and **Maximum Channel Refinement Level** = 4.

Note

 The Channels term is conventional and used for the definition of the model's flow passages in the normal-to-solid/fluid-interface direction. The procedure of refinement is applied to each flow passage within the computational domain unless you specify for Flow Simulation to ignore the passages of a specified height with the **Minimum Height of Channel to Refine** and **Maximum Height of Channel to Refine** options. The **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel** (let us denote it as N_c) and **Maximum Channel Refinement Level** (let us denote it as L) both influence the mesh in channels in the following way: the basic mesh in channels will be split to have the specified N_c number per a channel, if the resulting cells satisfy the specified L . In other words, whatever the specified N_c , a channel's cells cannot be smaller in 8^L (2^L in each direction of the Global Coordinate System) times than the basic mesh cell. This is necessary to avoid the undesirable mesh splitting in superfine channels that may cause increasing the number of cells to an excessive value.

4. Click **OK** .

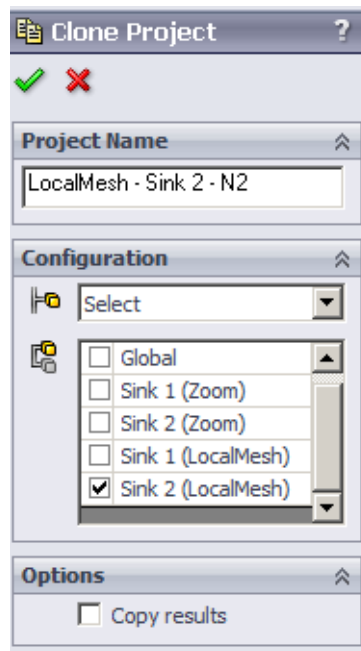
In our case, to ensure the 2 cells across a channel criterion, we increased the **Maximum Channel Refinement Level** to 4. We perform these settings for both of the heat sinks under consideration.

Flow Simulation Project for the Local Mesh Approach (Sink No2)

You can use the local mesh approach.

Procedure

1. Clone the active **LocalMesh – Sink 1 – N2** project to the existing **Sink 2 (LocalMesh)** configuration. Name the new project **LocalMesh - Sink 2 - N2**. While cloning confirm the message to rebuild the mesh.



2. Using the **Batch Run**, calculate both projects.

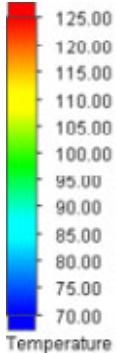
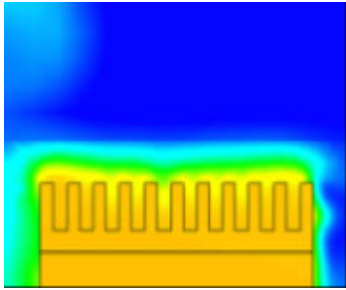
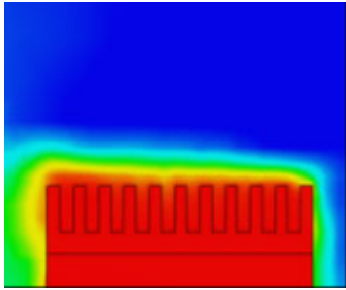
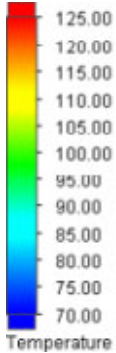
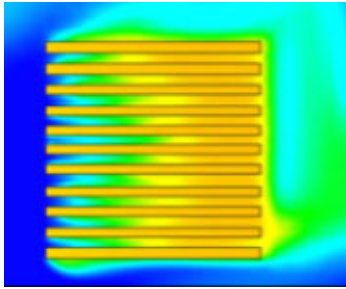
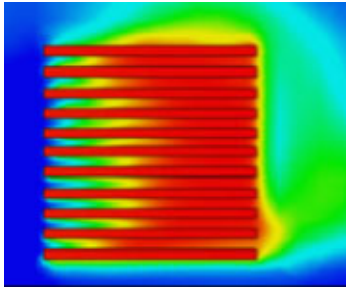
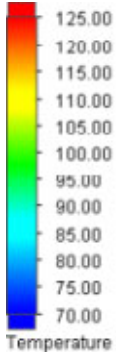
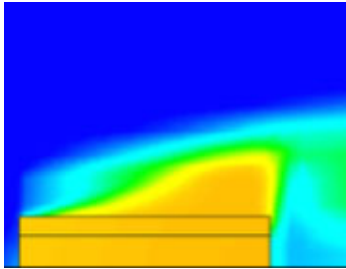
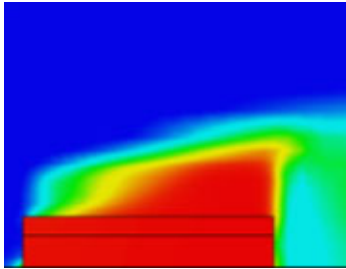
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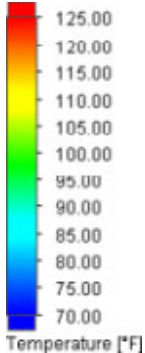
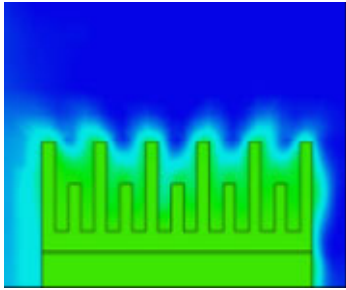
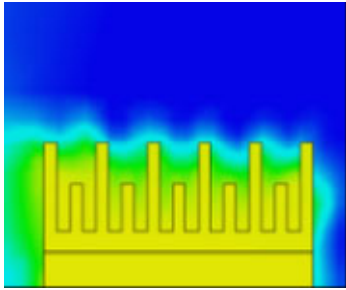
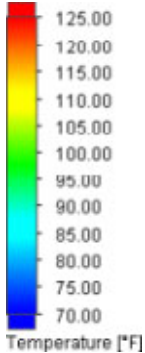
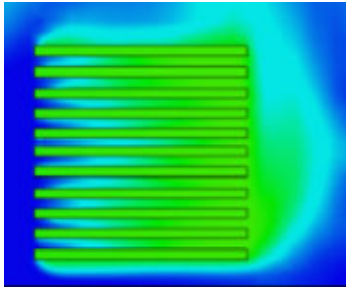
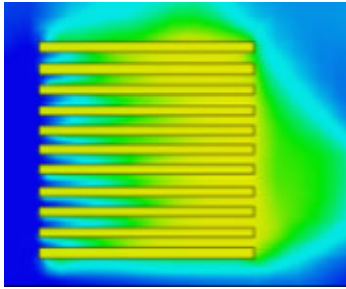
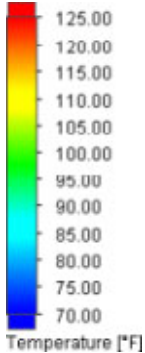
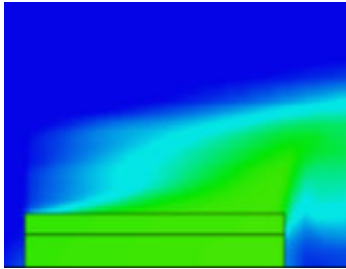
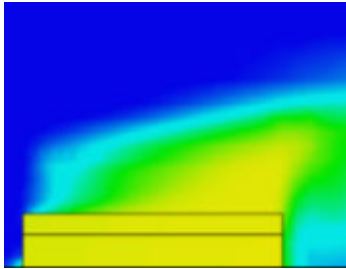
After all calculations are completed the results achieved with the different approaches can be compared.

Getting Results

The computational results obtained for both of the heat sinks are presented below in comparison with the results obtained with the EFD Zooming approach. It is seen that computations with the local mesh settings yield practically the same results as the EFD Zooming approach.

Parameter		Heat Sink No. 1		Heat Sink No. 2	
		Zoom	LocalMesh	Zoom	LocalMesh
Main chip	$t_{\max}$, °F	114.5	126.1	100.6	107.9
	t_{aver} , °F	114.1	125.7	100.3	107.6
Heat sink	$t_{\max}$, °F	114.4	126.0	100.5	107.9
	t_{aver} , °F	114.0	125.6	100.1	107.4

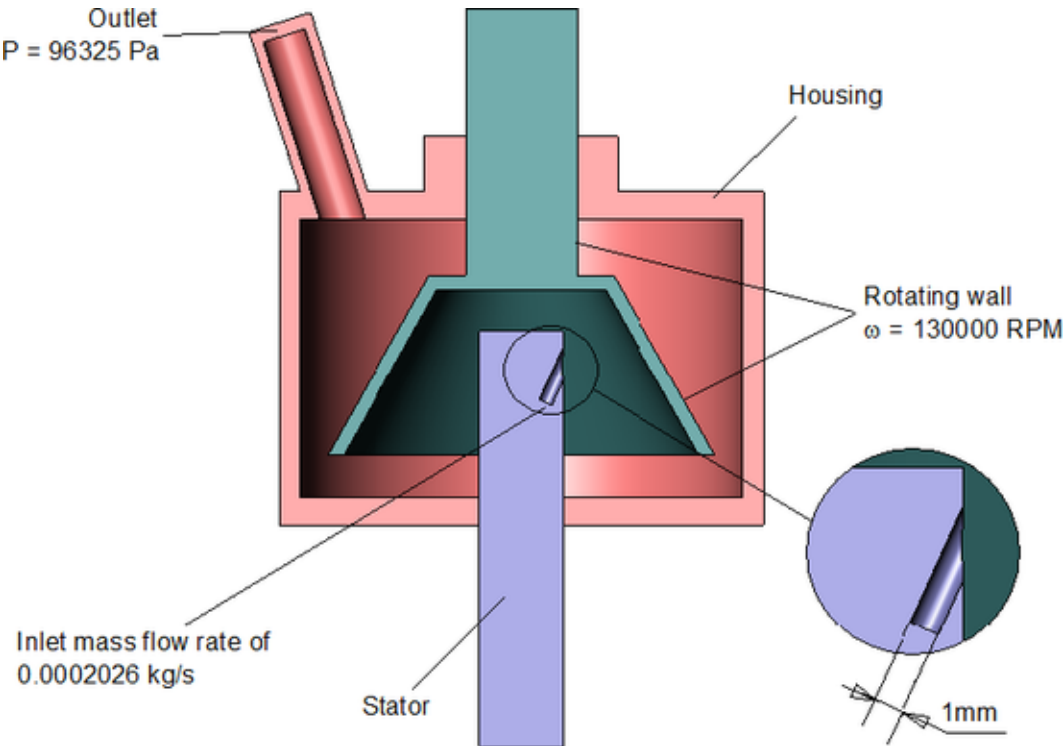
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 Temperature [°F]		
The temperature cut plots obtained for heat sink No.1 at $Y = -2.19$ in Top Plane with the EFD Zooming (left) and Local Mesh (right) approaches.		
 Temperature [°F]		
The temperature cut plots obtained for heat sink No.1 at $Z = -0.32$ in Front Plane with the EFD Zooming (left) and Local Mesh (right) approaches.		
 Temperature [°F]		
The temperature cut plots obtained for heat sink No.1 at $X = -1.53$ in Right Plane with the EFD Zooming (left) and Local Mesh (right) approaches.		

	EFD Zooming	Local Mesh
 Temperature [°F]		
The temperature cut plots obtained for heat sink No.2 at $Y = -2.19$ in Top Plane with the EFD Zooming (left) and Local Mesh (right) approaches.		
 Temperature [°F]		
The temperature cut plots obtained for heat sink No.2 at $Z = -0.32$ in Front Plane with the EFD Zooming (left) and Local Mesh (right) approaches.		
 Temperature [°F]		
The temperature cut plots obtained for heat sink No.2 at $X = -1.53$ in Right Plane with the EFD Zooming (left) and Local Mesh (right) approaches.		

Textile Machine

The simplified textile machine used in this tutorial is described as a closed hollow cylinder having a cylindrical stator with a narrow inlet tube (see the figure below). A thin-walled cone rotates at a very high speed.

The air flows over the rotating cone before leaving through the outlet pipe. Due to the shear stress, the rotating cone swirls the air. The swirling air motion orients the fibers, for the correct formation of yarn.



In this example a hollow cylinder with the following dimensions were used: 32 mm inner diameter and 20 mm inner height. Air is injected into an inlet tube of 1 mm diameter at a mass flow rate of 0.0002026 kg/s. The cone thickness is 1 mm and the cone's edge is spaced at 3 mm from the bottom of the main cylinder. The cone rotates at a speed of 130000 RPM. The static pressure of 96325 Pa is specified at the cylinder's outlet tube exit.

Flow Simulation analyzes the air flow without any fiber particles. The influence of the fiber particles on the air flow was assumed to be negligible. Small polystyrene particles were injected into the air stream using the results processing Flow Trajectory feature to study the air flows influence on the fibers. A 40 m/s tangential velocity of air is specified as an initial condition to speed up convergence and reduce the total CPU time needed to solve the problem.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C2 - Textile Machine* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Open the *task.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *task.sldasm* assembly located in the *C2 - Textile Machine\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

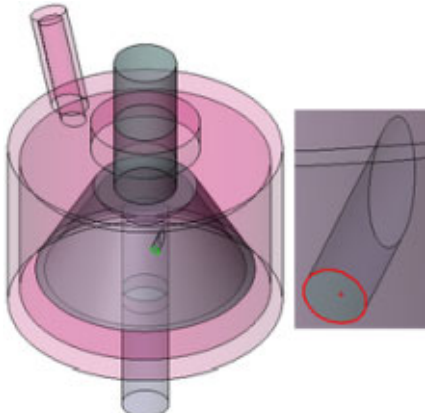
Creating a Flow Simulation Project

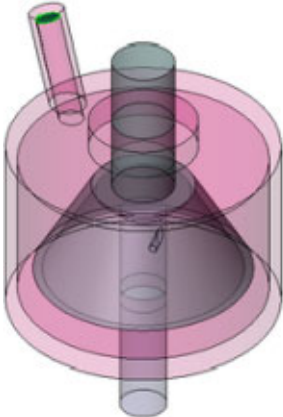
Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>130000 rpm</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s);</i> <i>Unit for Length: Millimeter [mm]</i> <i>Unit for Angular Velocity: Rotations Per Minute [RPM] under Loads&Motion</i> <i>Unit for Mass Flow Rate: Kilogram/hour [kg/h] under Loads&Motion</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall, Zero roughness</i>
Initial and Ambient Conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>

Specifying Boundary Conditions

You can specify the inlet and outlet boundary conditions.

Inlet Boundary Condition	Inlet Mass Flow = 0.73 kg/h: <i>Inlet mass flow rate of 0.73 kg/h normal to the inlet face of the Stator;</i> <i>To do this, you may need to hide the Initial Velocity 1 and Initial Velocity 2 components.</i>	

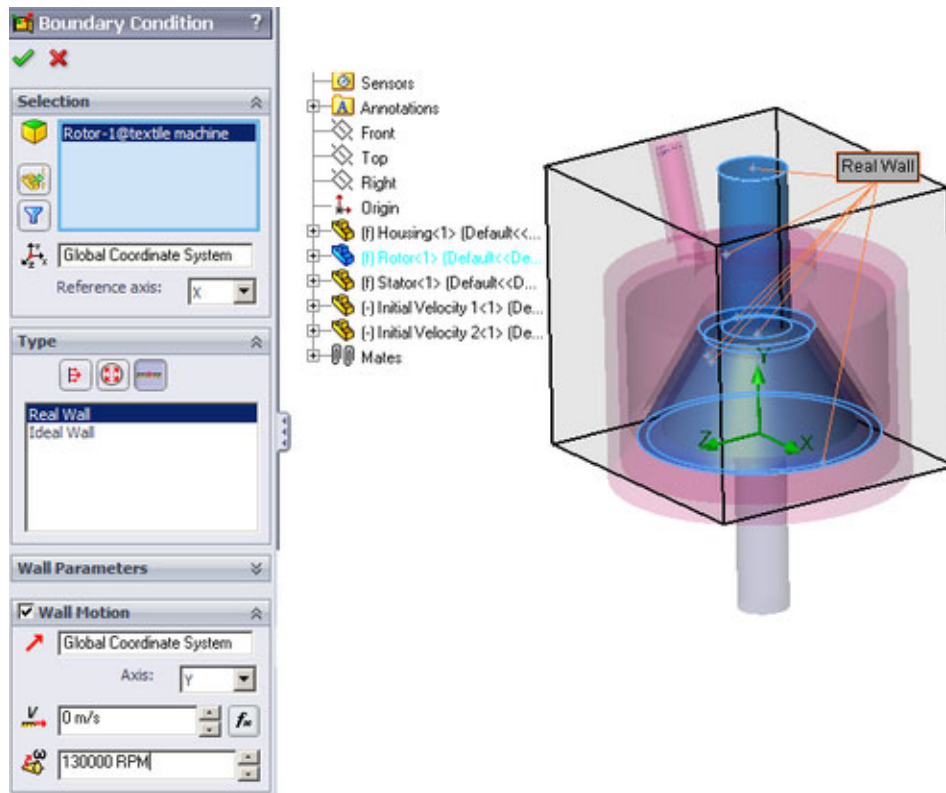
Outlet Boundary Condition	Outlet Static Pressure = 96325 Pa: <i>Static pressure of 96325 Pa at the outlet face of the Housing (the other parameters are default).</i>	

Specifying Rotating Walls

The influence of parts and components rotation on the flow can be simulated in Flow Simulation in two ways. With the Rotating Region feature you can assign a rotating reference frame to a selected fluid region. This allows to simulate the rotation of components of complex geometry, such as fans, pump wheels, impellers, etc. In this tutorial we consider rotation of a component with a relatively simple geometry. All surfaces of the textile machine rotor are surfaces of revolution such as cones or cylinders. For this kind of rotating geometry the Moving Wall boundary condition is better suited and usually provides more accurate results.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.



2. Select **Wall** , then **Real Wall**.
3. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Rotor** component.
4. Select **Wall Motion**.
5. Select **Y** as the rotation **Axis**.
6. Specify the **Angular Velocity**  of **130000 RPM**.
7. Click **OK**  and rename the new **Real Wall 1** item to **Rotating Wall = 130000 rpm**.

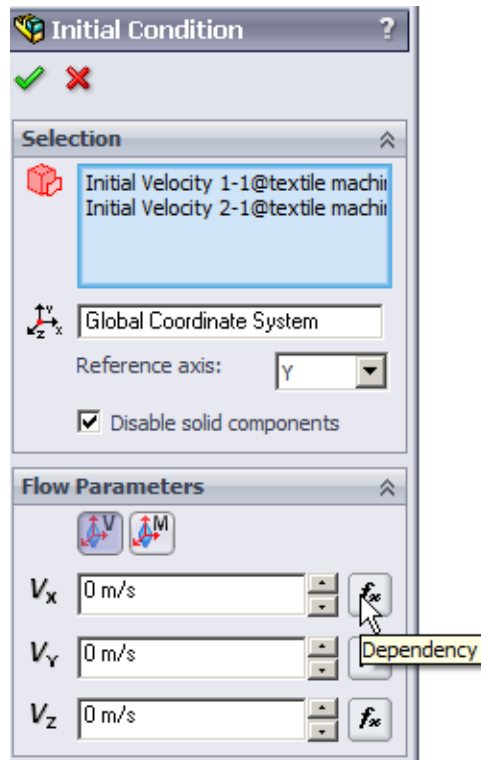
Specifying (Local) Initial Conditions

In order to speed up the convergence, a 40 m/s tangential velocity of air is specified as a (local) initial condition within the housing.

The **Initial Velocity 1** and **Initial Velocity 2** auxiliary components are used to define a fluid domain.

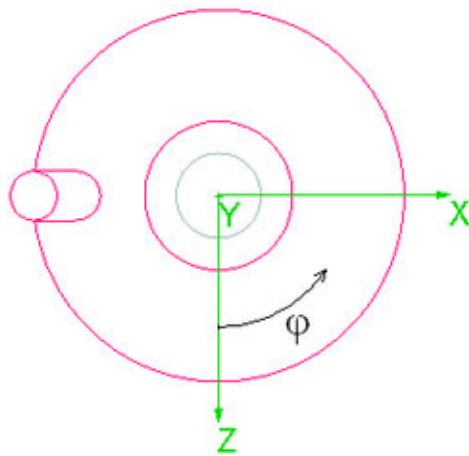
Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Initial Condition**.



2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Initial Velocity 1** and **Initial Velocity 2** components.
3. Select the **Disable solid components** option. Flow Simulation will treat these components as a fluid region.
4. Select **Y** in the **Reference axis** list.
5. Under **Flow Parameters**, select the **Dependency** for the **Velocity in X direction** by clicking the f_x button.
The Dependency dialog box appears.
6. In the **Dependency type** list, select **Formula Definition**.
7. In the **Formula** box, type the formula defining the velocity in X direction: **40*cos(phi)**.

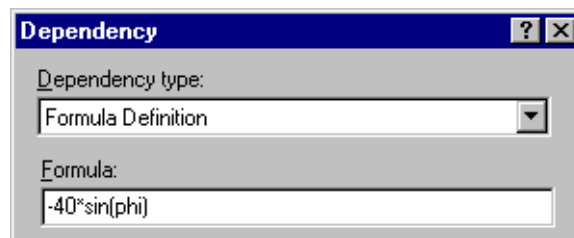
Here ϕ is the polar angle ϕ defined as shown on the picture below.



8. Click **OK**.

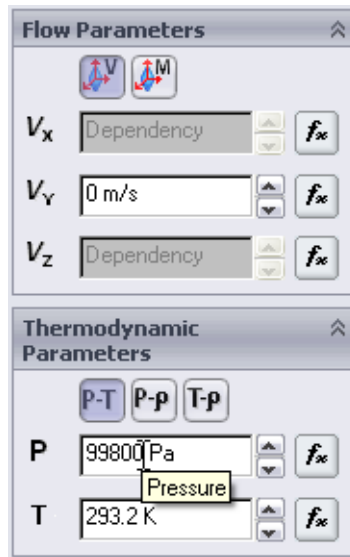
You will return to the **Initial Condition** PropertyManager.

9. Click **Dependency** to the right of the **Velocity in Z direction** box and specify formula for the Z component of velocity: $-40 \cdot \sin(\phi)$.



10. Click **OK**.

11. Under **Thermodynamic Parameters**, change the **Pressure P** to **99800 Pa**.



12. Click **OK** .
13. Click-pause-click the new **Initial Condition1** item and rename it to **vel = 40 m/s**.

Specifying Goals

Since the rotating cone swirls the air, it make sense to specify the air velocity as a goal to ensure the calculation stops when the velocity is converged. In addition, let us specify the static pressure surface goal at the inlet and the mass flow rate surface goal at the outlet as additional criteria for converging the calculation.

Specify the following project goals:

GOAL TYPE	GOAL VALUE	FACE/COMPONENT
Global Goal	Average Velocity	
Surface Goal	Mass Flow Rate	Outlet face (click the outlet static pressure boundary condition item to select the outlet face)
Surface Goal	Average Static Pressure	Inlet face (click the inlet mass flow rate boundary condition item to select the inlet face)

GOAL TYPE	GOAL VALUE	FACE/COMPONENT
Volume Goal	Average Velocity	Initial Velocity 1 <i>(select the component in the flyout FeatureManager design tree)</i>
Volume Goal	Average Velocity	Initial Velocity 2 <i>(select the component in the flyout FeatureManager design tree)</i>

Specifying Global Mesh Settings

Specify the global mesh settings.

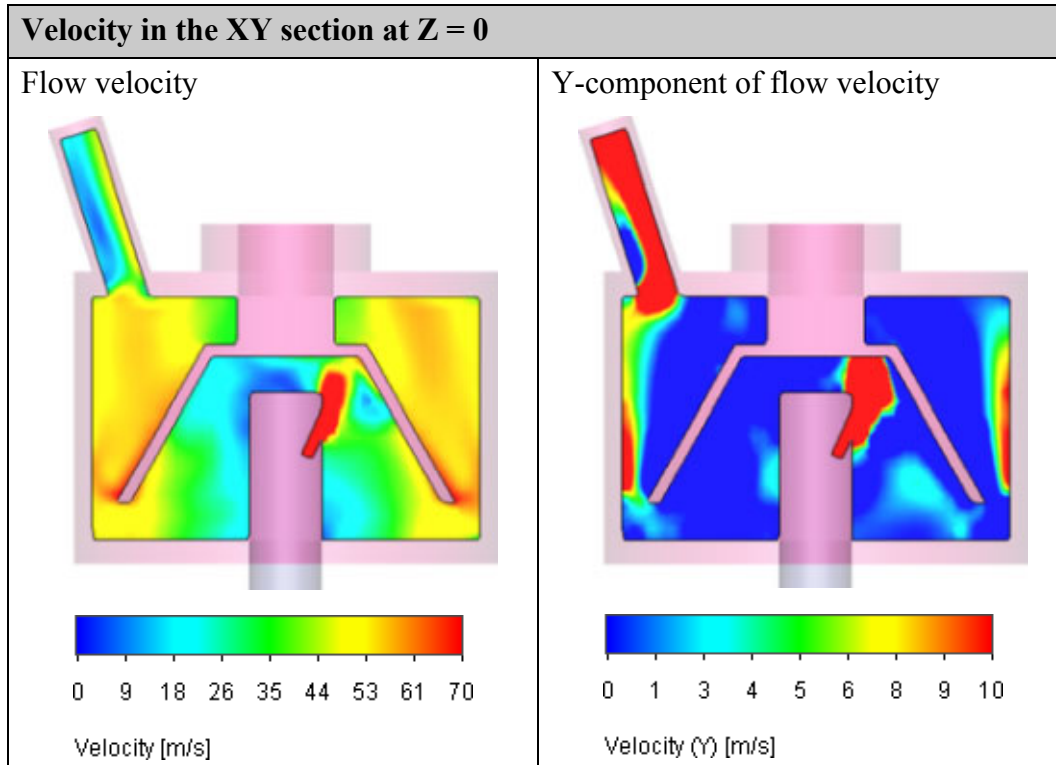
Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>4</i>
Minimum gap size	<i>1 mm</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Calculate the project.

Results (Smooth Walls)

The calculated flow velocity field and velocity Y-component field at $Z = 0$ (XY section) are shown in the pictures below.

It can be seen that the maximum flow velocity occurs near the inlet tube and near the rotating cone's inner surface at the cone's edge.



It is interesting that the vertical (that is, along the Y axis) velocity in the region close to the rotating cone's internal and external surfaces is directed to the cylinder bottom. Also, this velocity component is nearly zero in the gap between the rotating cone and the bottom of the cylinder, and positive (i.e. directed to the top) in the vicinity of the cylinder's side walls. As a result, small particles carried by the air into the region between the lower edge of the rotating cone and the bottom of the cylinder cannot leave this region due to the small vertical velocity there. On the other hand, larger particles entering this region may bounce from the cylinder's bottom wall (in this example the ideal, i.e. full reflection is considered) and fly back to the region of high vertical velocity. Then they are carried by the air along the cylinder's side walls to the cylinder's top wall where they remain in this region's vortex.

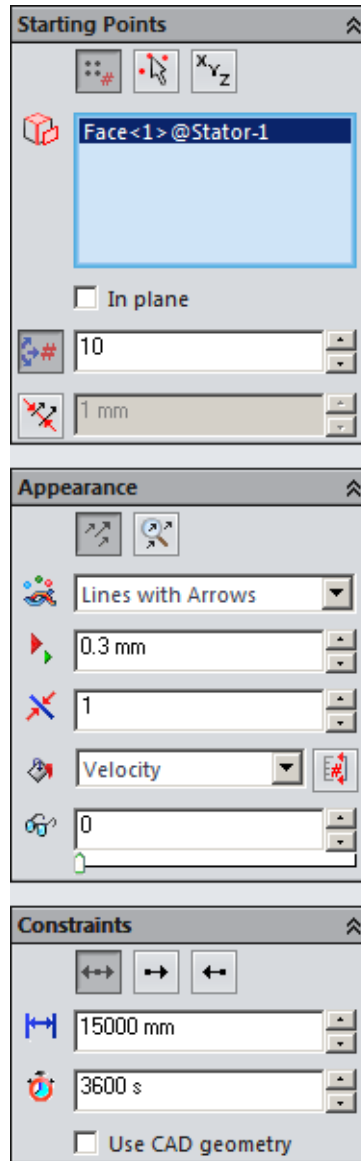
Displaying Flow and Particles Trajectories

To display flow trajectories as flow streamlines, we need to specify the starting points through which the trajectories pass and the direction of these streamlines relative to these points.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Flow Trajectories** icon and select **Insert**.

2. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree click the inlet boundary condition icon (**Inlet Mass Flow = 0.73 kg/h**) to select the corresponding face.

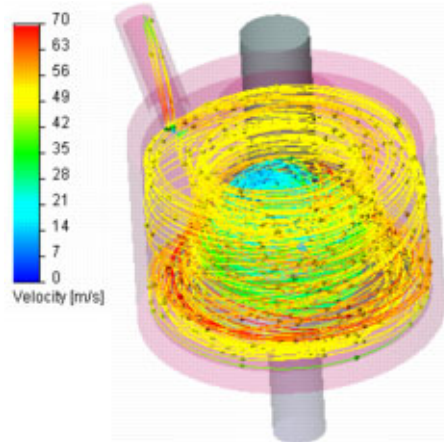


3. Set the **Number of Points**  to 10.
4. Under **Appearance**, set the **Draw Trajectories As**  to **Lines with Arrows** and from the **Color by**  list select **Velocity**.
5. Under **Constraints** select the **Forward**  direction and increase the **Maximum Length**  of trajectories to 15 m.

Note

 The **Maximum length** option limits the length of the trajectory to the specified value. We increase this value to show better the flow vorticity.

6. Click **OK**  to display flow streamlines.

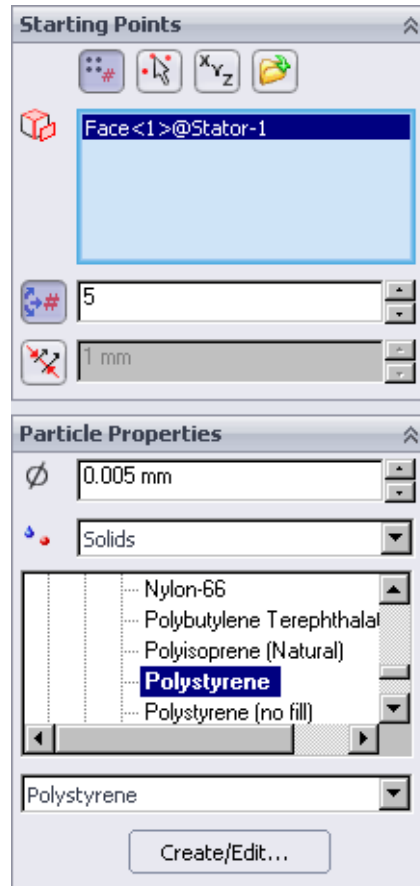


7. To specify the parameter display range click the maximum value in the velocity palette bar and type **70 m/s** in an edit box.

To display particles trajectories, we need to specify initial particle properties (temperature, velocity and diameter), particle's material and the wall condition (absorption or reflection).

8. In the **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Particle Studies** icon and select **Wizard**.
9. Keep the default name for the Particle Study and click **Next** .

- Click the inlet boundary condition icon (**Inlet Mass Flow = 0.73 kg/h**) in the tree to select the inlet face from which the particles are injected.



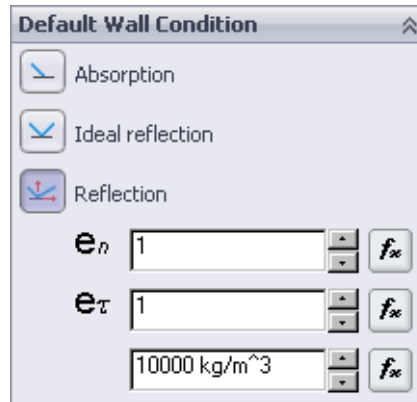
- Under the **Starting Points**, set the **Number of Points**  to 5.
- Under the **Particle Properties**, set the **Diameter**  equal to **0.005 mm** and change the **Material**  to the **Solids** and in the list select the **Polystyrene (Materials / Solids / Pre-Defined / Polymers)**.

Note

 We leave the default zero values of relative velocity and temperature unchanged, which means that the velocity and temperature of particles are equal to those of the incoming flow. We also leave the default value of mass flow rate, since it is used only to estimate mass rates of erosion or accumulation, which we are not going to take into account.

- Click **Next**  twice.

14. Change the **Default Wall Condition** to **Reflection**.



15. Click **Next** .
16. Under **Default Appearance**, set **Draw Trajectories** as  **Lines with Arrows**.
17. Under **Constraints**, increase the **Maximum Length**  of trajectories to **15 m**.
18. Click **OK** .

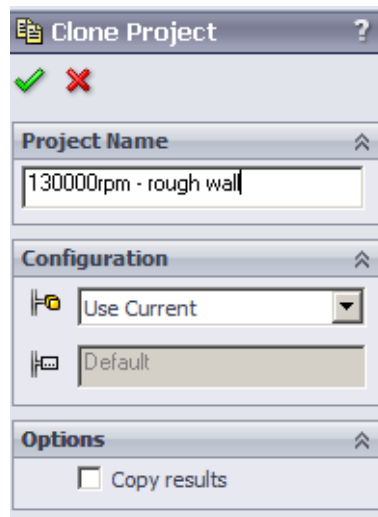
A new **Particle Study 1** item with one sub-item (**Injection 1**) appear in the Analysis tree.

19. Right-click the created **Injection 1** item and select **Clone**.
This will create **Injection 2** item.
20. For this item, increase the particle size by editing the **Diameter** to **0.015 mm**.
21. Right-click the **Particle Study 1** item and select **Run**.
22. Select **Injection 1** and click **Show** to view the particles' trajectories.
23. When finished examining the trajectories from the first injection, hide the **Injection 1** trajectories and show the **Injection 2** trajectories.

Modeling Rough Rotating Wall

In the previous calculation zero roughness was used for the walls of the rotating cone's internal and external surfaces. To investigate an influence of the rotating cone wall's roughness, let us perform the calculation with the rotating cone's internal and external surfaces' at 500 μm roughness under the same boundary conditions.

Create a new project by cloning the current project to the current configuration, and name it **130000rpm - rough wall**.

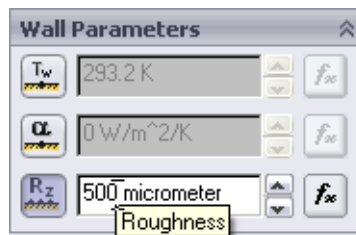


Adjusting Wall Roughness

You can adjust wall roughness.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Rotating Wall = 130 000 rpm** item and select **Edit Definition**.
2. Under **Wall Parameters**, select **Adjust Wall Roughness** .



3. Specify the wall roughness of **500 micrometers**.
4. Click **OK** .

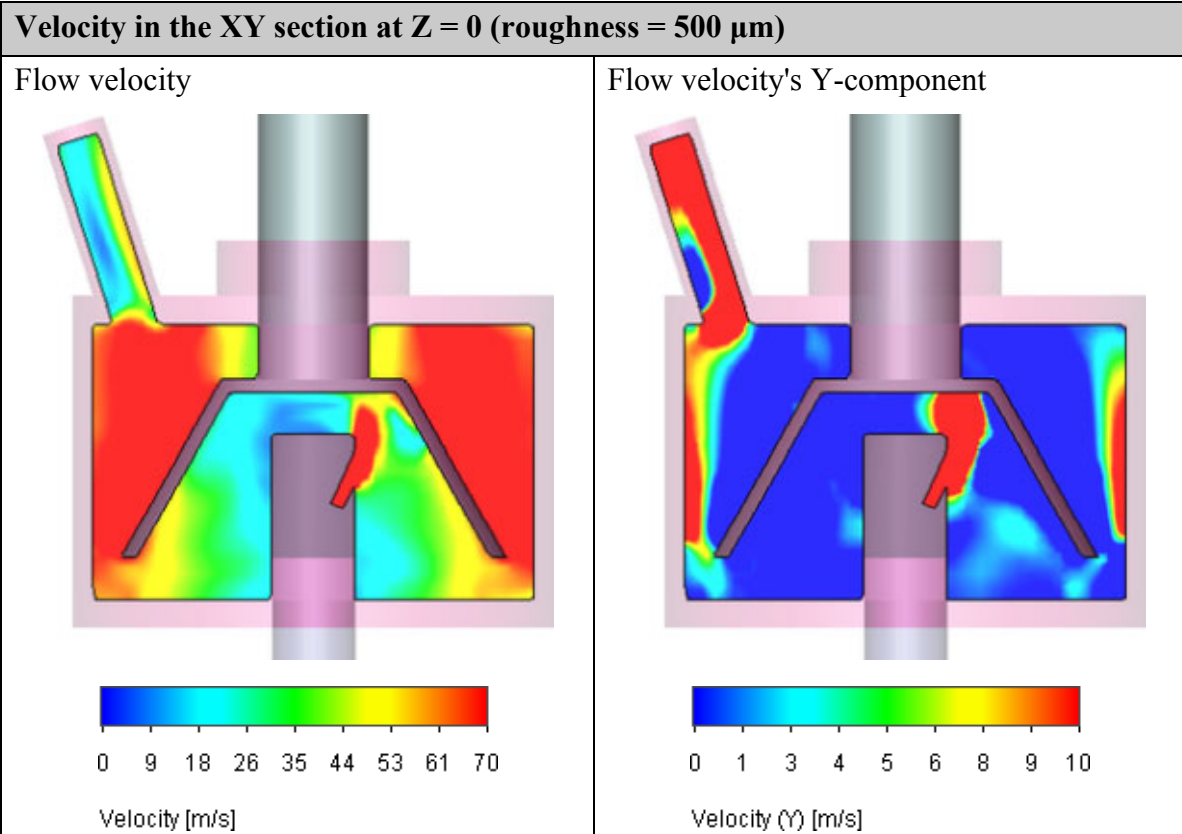
Results

Project settings are defined. Run the calculation.

Results (Rough Walls)

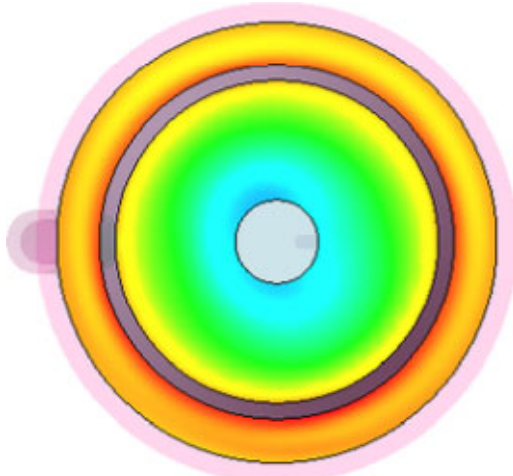
The calculated fields of flow velocity and Y-component of velocity in different sections are shown below and reveal practically no change in the vertical velocity of the flow. As a result, the flying particles' trajectories are nearly identical to those in the case of smooth walls.

It is seen that increase in the roughness from 0 to 500 μm increases the vortex flow's tangential velocity.

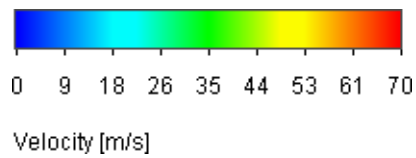
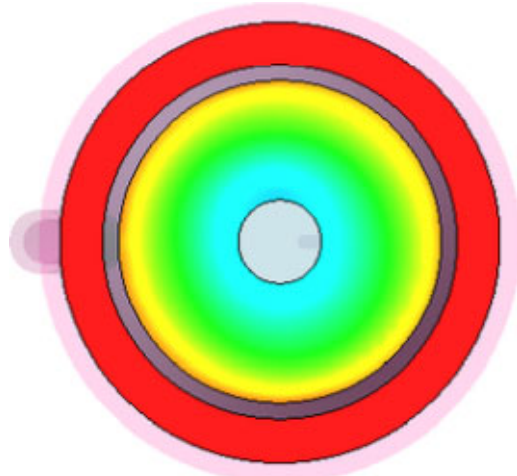


Velocity in the ZX section at Y = 2 mm

roughness = 0 μm

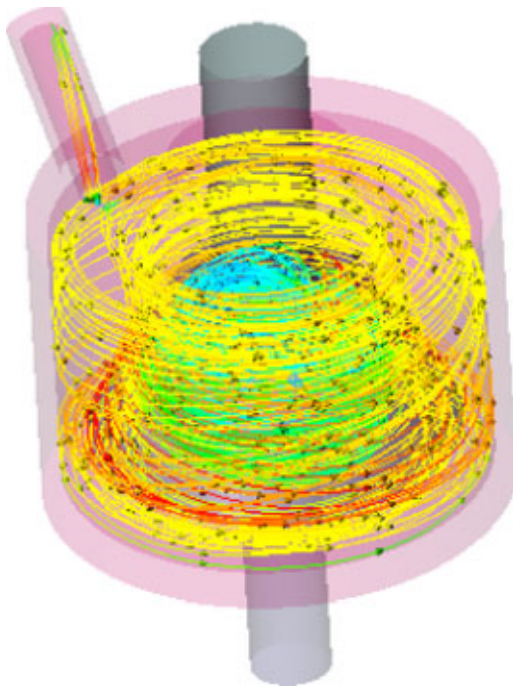


roughness = 500 μm

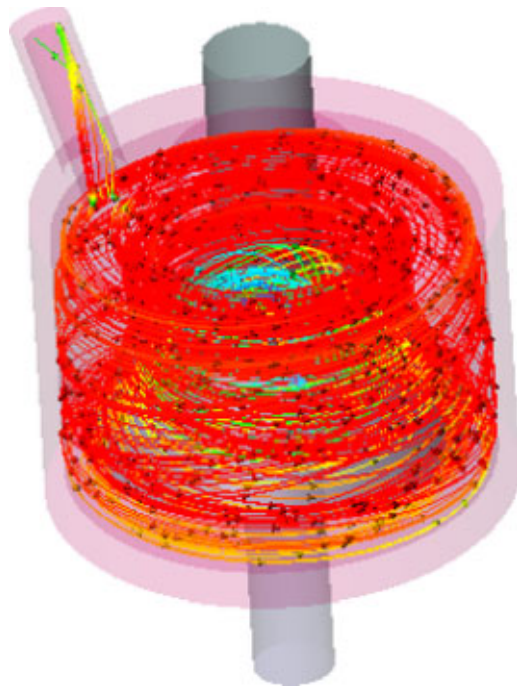


Flow trajectories

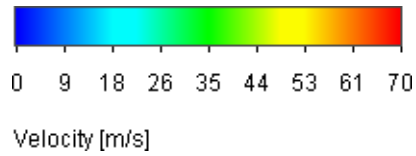
Smooth wall



Rough wall

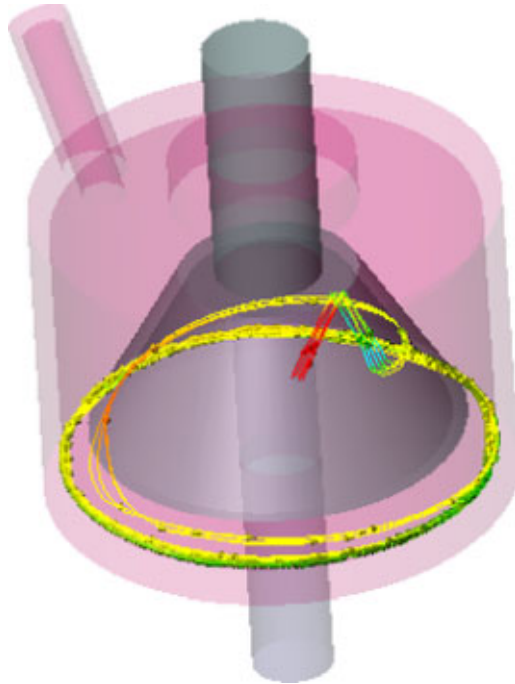


Flow trajectories

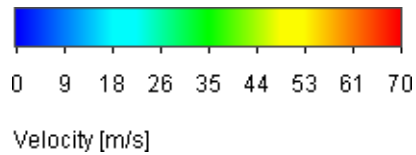
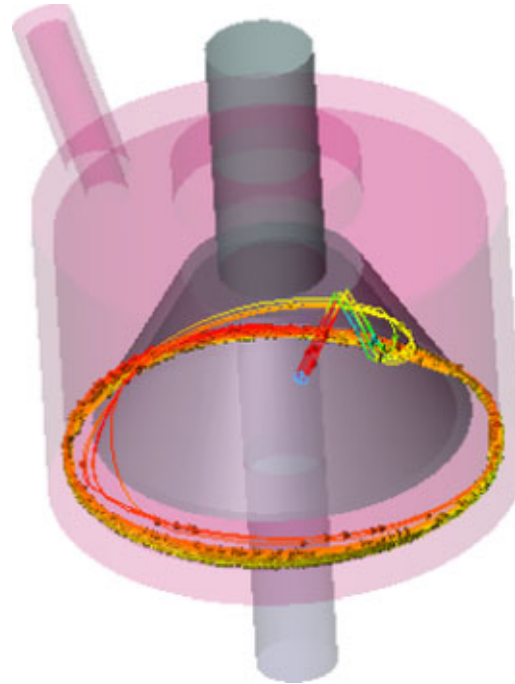


Trajectories of 5 μm particles

Smooth wall

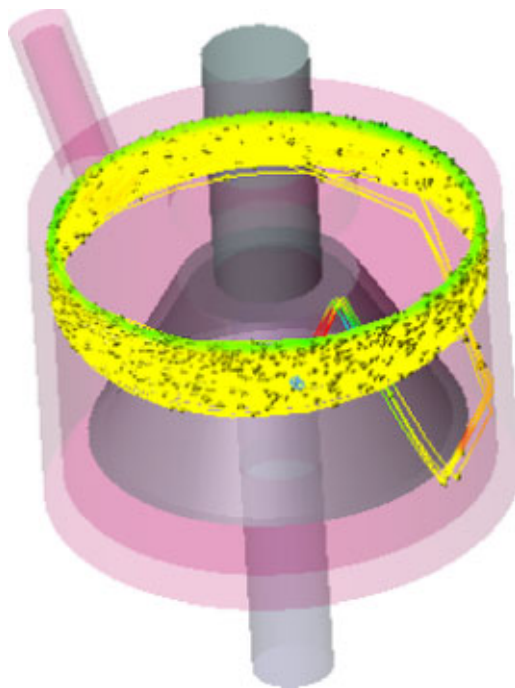


Rough wall

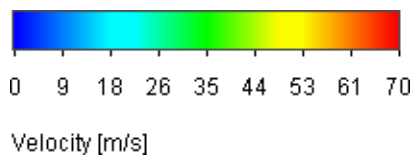
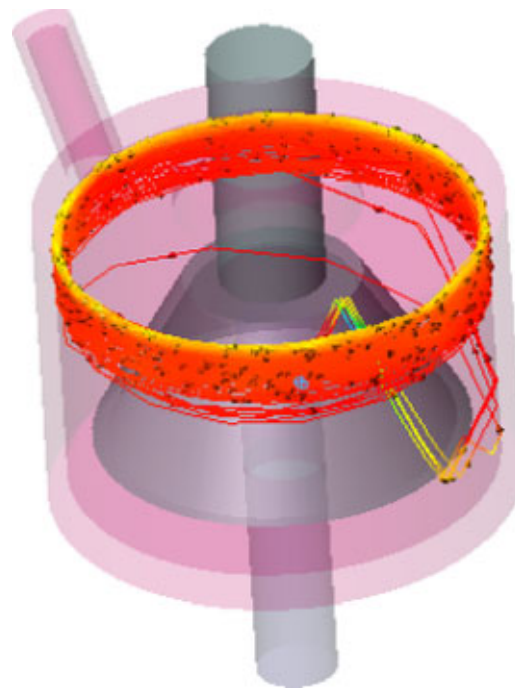


Trajectories of 15 μm particles

Smooth wall



Rough wall



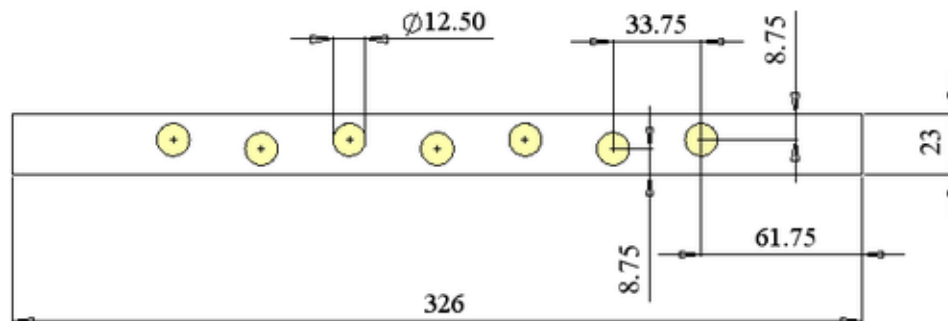
Non-Newtonian Flow in a Channel with Cylinders

The problem's goal is to determine the total pressure loss in the channel. Also, to highlight the influence of the 3% xanthan gum addition to water on the channel's total pressure loss, we will calculate the flow of water using the same volume flow rate within the channel.

Let us consider a non-Newtonian liquid's 3D flow through a rectangular-cross-section channel encumbered with seven circular cylinders arranged asymmetrically with respect to the channel's midplane shown in *Newtonian and Non-Newtonian Flow in a Channel Obstructed by an Antisymmetric Array of Cylinders*¹. Following this case, let us consider the 3% aqueous solution of xanthan gum as a non-Newtonian liquid.

Its viscosity approximately obeys the power law $\eta = K \cdot (\dot{\gamma})^{n-1}$ with a consistency coefficient of $K = 20 \text{ Pa} \cdot \text{s}^n$ and a power-law index of $n = 0.2$, whereas its other physical properties (density, etc.) are the same as in water (since the solution is aqueous).

The Flow Simulation calculations are performed with the uniform liquid velocity profile at the channel inlet, the liquid's volume flow rate is $50 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$. The static pressure of 1 atm is specified at the channel outlet. The calculation's goal is the channel's resistance to the flow, i.e., the total pressure drop ΔP_o between the channel inlet and outlet.



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1. Georgiou G., Momani S., Crochet M.J., and Walters K. *Newtonian and Non-Newtonian Flow in a Channel Obstructed by an Antisymmetric Array of Cylinders*. Journal of Non-Newtonian Fluid Mechanics, v.40 (1991), p.p. 231-260.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C3 - Non-Newtonian* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Open the *array.sldprt* file.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *array.sldprt* file located in the *C3 - Non-Newtonian\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Defining Non-Newtonian Liquid

You can define the non-Newtonian liquid.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.
2. In the **Database tree**, select **Materials / Non-Newtonian Liquids / User Defined**.
3. Click **New Item**  in the toolbar.

The blank Item Properties tab appears.

Double-click the empty cell to set the corresponding property value.

4. Specify the material properties as shown in the table below:

Name	<i>XGum</i>
Density	<i>1000 kg/m^3</i>
Specific heat	<i>4000 J/(kg*K)</i>
Thermal conductivity	<i>0.6 W/(m*K)</i>
Viscosity	<i>Power law model</i>
Consistency coefficient	<i>20 Pa*s^n</i>
Power law index	<i>0.2</i>

Results

Save and exit the database. The new defined liquid can now be assigned in an analysis project.

Project Definition

Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>XGS</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>CGS (cm-g-s); Unit for the Pressure & stress: Pascal [Pa]</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Fluid	<i>Non-Newtonian Liquids / XGum; Flow type: Laminar only (default)</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall, default smooth walls, default slip condition</i>
Initial and Ambient Conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>

Specifying Boundary Conditions

Specify the boundary conditions.

Inlet Boundary Condition	Inlet Volume Flow 1: <i>50 cm³/s Volume flow rate; default temperature (20.05 °C) at the face shown in the figure;</i>	

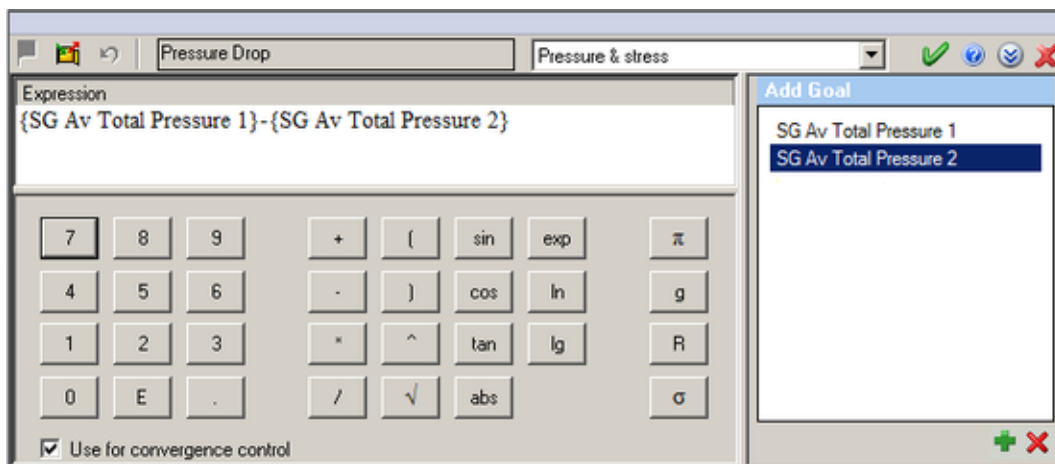
Outlet Boundary Condition	Static Pressure 1: <i>Default value (101325 Pa) for the Static pressure at the face shown in the figure;</i>	

Specifying Goals

You can specify goals.

Specify surface goals for the **Average Total Pressure** at the inlet and outlet.

Specify an equation goal for the total pressure drop between the channel's inlet and outlet.



Specifying Global Mesh Settings

Specify the Global Mesh settings.

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>3 (default)</i>
Minimum gap size	<i>0.25 cm</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Getting Results

Run the calculation.

When the calculation is finished, create the goal plot to obtain the pressure drop between the channel's inlet and outlet.

Array of Cylinders.SLDPRT [XGS]

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Av Total Pressure 1	[Pa]	105651,786	105651,3761	105643,4827	105654,4936
SG Av Total Pressure 2	[Pa]	101329,3176	101329,3152	101329,3074	101329,3176
Pressure Drop	[Pa]	4322,468356	4322,060898	4314,175274	4325,178958

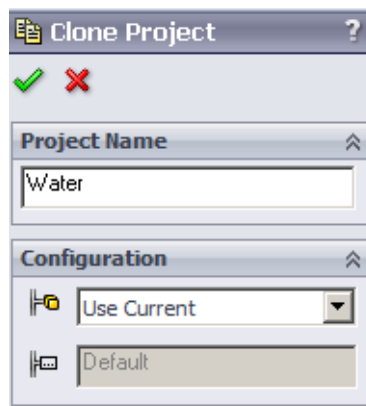
It is seen that the channel's total pressure loss is about 4 kPa.

Comparison With Water

Let us now consider the flow of water in the same channel under the same conditions (at the same volume flow rate).

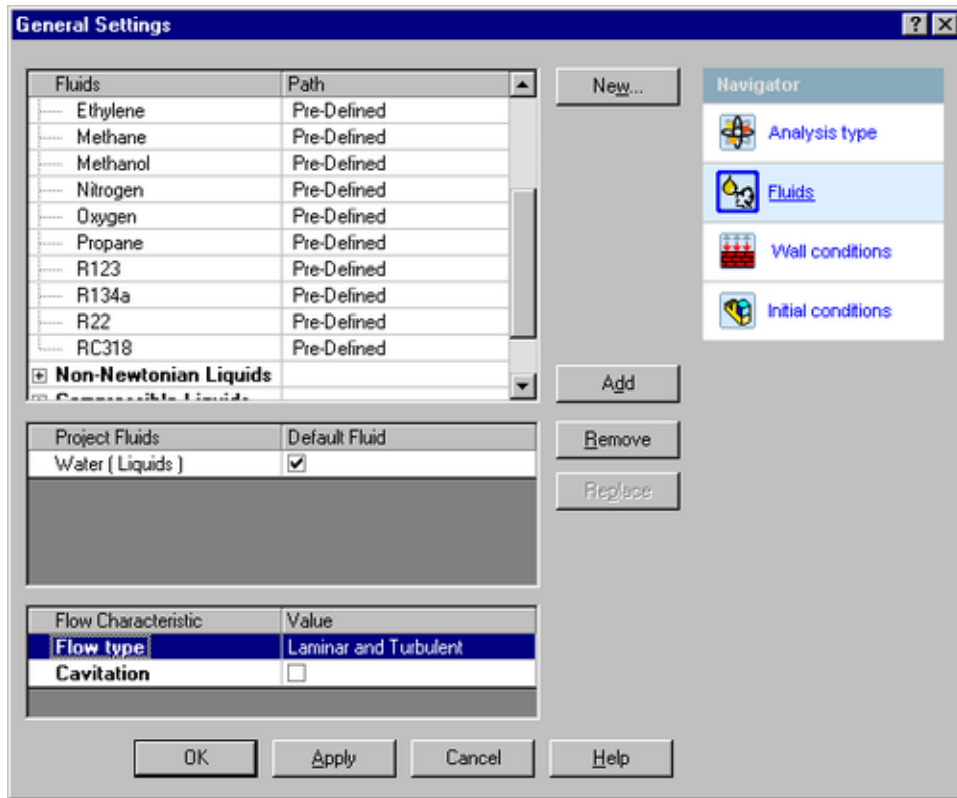
Procedure

1. Create a new project by cloning the current project to the current configuration and name it **Water**.



Now change the project settings.

2. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > General Settings**.



3. On the **Navigator** click **Fluids**.
4. In the **Project Fluids** table, select **XGum** and click **Remove**.
5. Select **Water** in **Liquids** and click **Add**.
6. Under **Flow Characteristics**, change **Flow type** to **Laminar and Turbulent**.
7. Click **OK**.

Results

Now the project settings are defined.

Run the calculation.

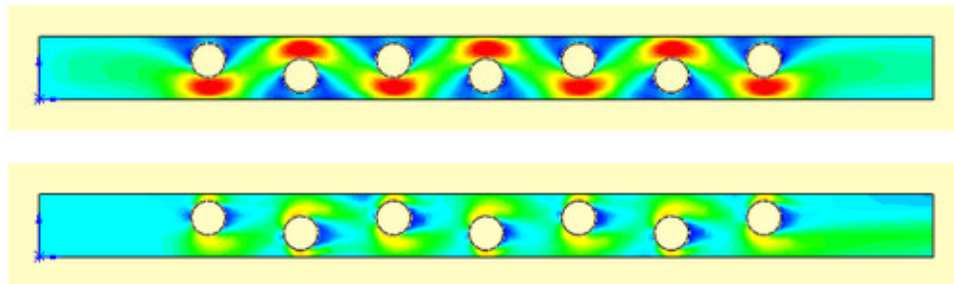
Getting Results

After the calculation is finished, create the goal plot.

Array of Cylinders.SLDPRT [water]

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Av Total Pressure 1	[Pa]	101403,5584	101403,7646	101403,4033	101404,2022
SG Av Total Pressure 2	[Pa]	101329,8163	101329,8239	101329,7915	101329,8473
Pressure Drop	[Pa]	73,74209017	73,94078411	73,56685744	74,3741033

As shown in the results table above, the channel's total pressure loss is about 70 Pa, i.e. 60 times lower than with the 3% aqueous solution of xanthan gum, this is due to the water's much smaller viscosity under the problem's flow shear rates.



The XGS (above) and water velocity distribution in the range from 0 to 30 cm/s.

Radiative Heat Transfer

Let us consider a ball with diameter of 0.075 m, which is continuously heated by a 2 kW heat source. The ball radiates heat to a concentrically arranged hemispherical reflector with the inner diameter of 0.256 m, and through a glass cover of the same inner diameter to a circular screen with the diameter of 3 m arranged coaxially with the reflector at the 1 m distance from the ball.

All parts except the glass cover are made of stainless steel. The ball surface and the screen surface facing the ball are blackbody. The other side of the screen side is non-radiating. The goal of the simulation is to see how the presence of reflector and its emissivity influence the ball and screen temperatures. To do that, the following three cases are considered:

- Case 1: the reflector inner surface is whitebody;
- Case 2: all reflector surfaces are blackbody;
- Case 3: the reflector is removed.

The steady-state problem is solved with the **Conduction** option selected, so that conduction within all parts is calculated. Considering the convective heat transfer negligibly low (as in highly rarefied air), we also deselect the **Fluid Flow** option. Deactivating this option, we do not need to specify a fluid for the project, and it is calculated without considering any fluid flow at all, thus saving the CPU time and limiting the heat transfer between parts to radiation only. The initial temperature of the parts is assumed to be 293.2 K.

Let us consider the solutions obtained with Flow Simulation for each of the cases under consideration.

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Opening the Model

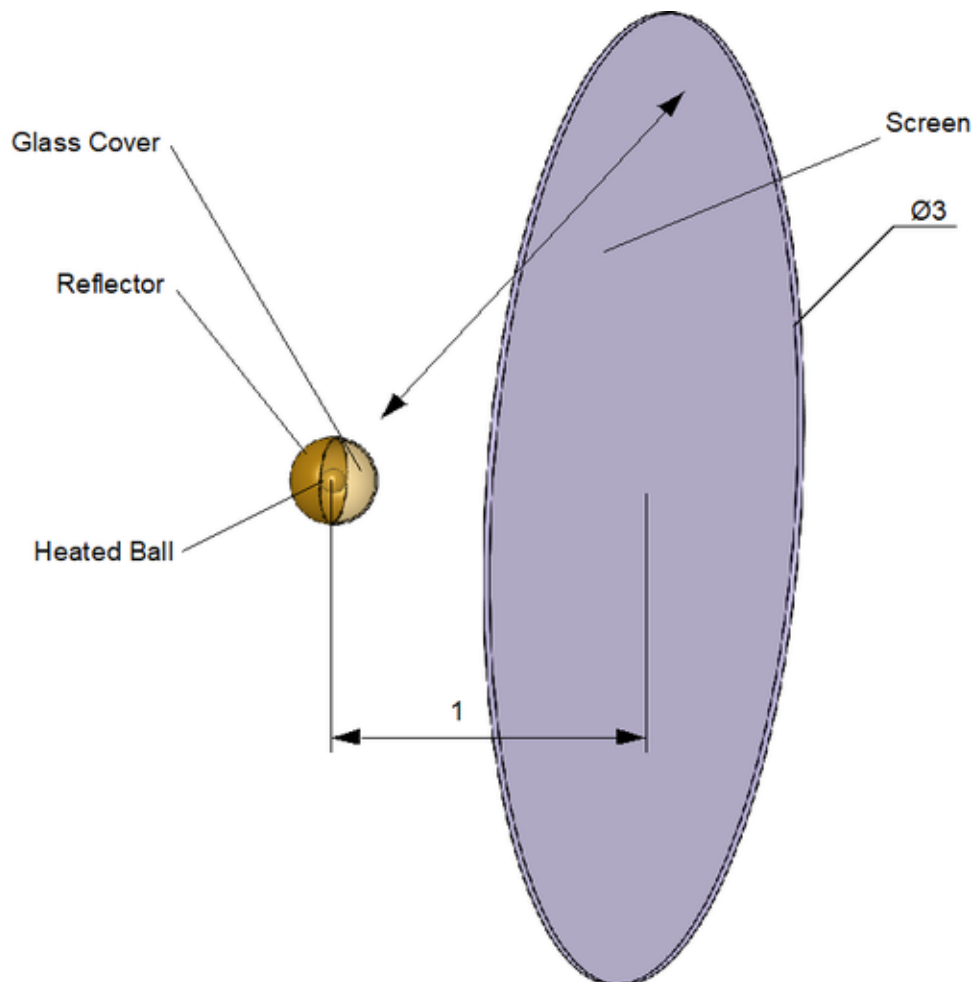
You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C4 - Radiative HT* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Open the *assembly.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *assembly.sldasm* assembly located in the *C4 - Radiative HT\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.



The heated ball with the reflector and screen.

Case 1: Reflector Inner Surface is a Whitebody

Follow the guidelines for case one.

Use the **Wizard** to create a project:

Project name	<i>Case 1</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s)</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Conduction</i> • <i>Radiation:</i> • <i>Radiation model = Discrete Transfer</i> • <i>Environment temperature = 293.2 K</i>  Note: <i>Fluid Flow</i> is deactivated in this project.
Default Solid	<i>Alloys / Steel Stainless 321</i>
Wall conditions	<i>Default wall radiative surface: Non-radiating surface</i>
Initial Conditions	<i>Default initial solid temperature = 293.2 K</i>

Adjusting the Computational Domain Size

Specify the computational domain size as follows:

X max = 1.4 m	Y max = 1.6 m	Z max = 1.6 m
X min = -0.2 m	Y min = -1.6 m	Z min = -1.6 m

Adjusting Global Mesh Settings

You can adjust global mesh settings.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. First, under **Type**, keep the default **Automatic** type and under **Settings**, accept the default for the **Level of initial mesh** of **3**.
3. Accept the defaults for the other settings and click **OK** .

Adjusting Local Mesh Settings

It makes sense to adjust the computational mesh to better resolve the radiation source and all radiative surfaces. The most convenient way to do this is to specify **Local Mesh** - it allows us to obtain more accurate solution in these specific regions without creating an excessively fine mesh in other regions.

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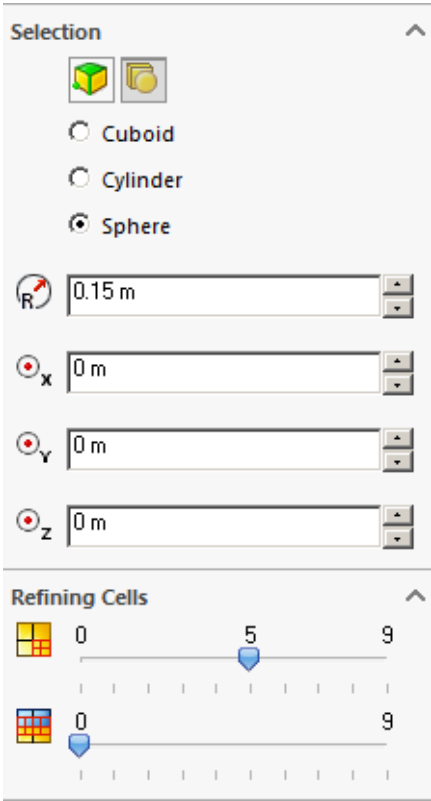
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Specifying Local Mesh (Region)

To specify the Local Mesh settings on the heated ball, the reflector and the glass cover, define the local region as a sphere.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.



2. Under **Selection**, click **Region**  and select **Sphere**. Then set its radius to **0.15 m** and its origin to **(0,0,0)**.

3. Under **Refining Cells**, use the slider to set the **Level of refining solid cells**  to **5**.
4. Accept the defaults for the other settings and click **OK** .

Specifying Local Mesh (Reference)

To specify the Local Mesh settings on the screen, select the screen surface presenting the local region in which the initial mesh will be constructed.

Procedure

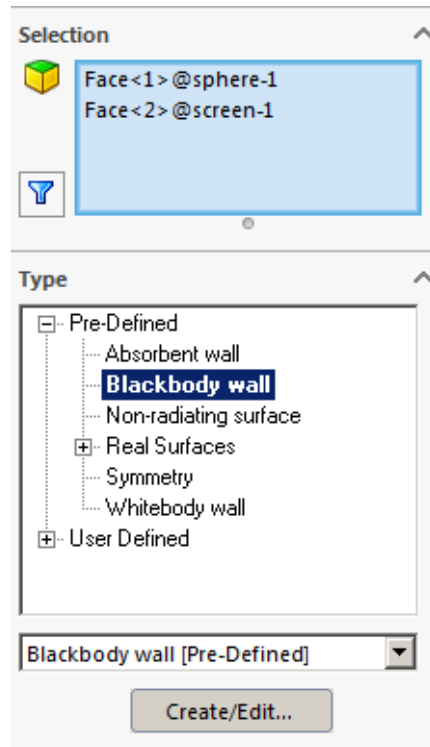
1. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
2. In the graphics area, select the surface of **Screen** facing the **Sphere**.
3. Under **Refining Cells**, use the slider to set the **Level of refining solid cells**  to **3**.
4. Accept the defaults for the other settings and click **OK** .

Specifying Radiative Surfaces

Follow the steps below to specify the radiative surfaces.

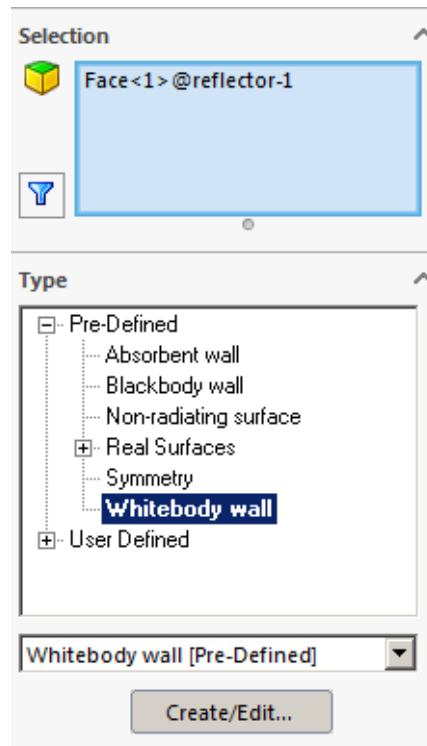
Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Radiative Surface**.



2. Under **Type**, expand the list of **Pre-Defined** radiative surfaces and select **Blackbody wall**.
3. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Sphere** component.
4. Next, select the surface of **Screen** facing the **Sphere**.
5. Click **OK** .
6. Click anywhere in the graphics area to clear the selection.

7. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Radiative Surface**.



8. Select the inner surface of **Reflector**.
9. Under **Type**, expand the list of **Pre-Defined** radiative surfaces and select **Whitebody wall**.
10. Click **OK** .

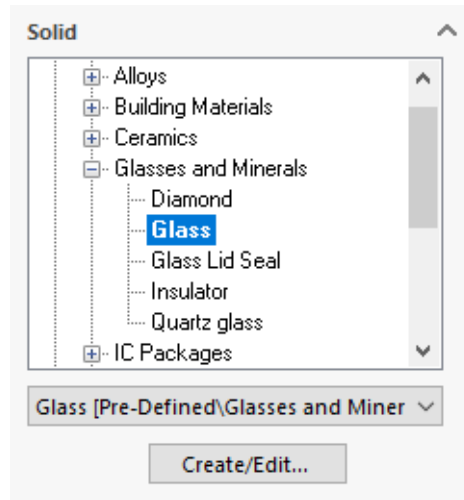
Specifying Bodies and Materials Transparent to the Heat Radiation

Assign the **Glass** material to the glass cover and specify it as transparent to radiation.

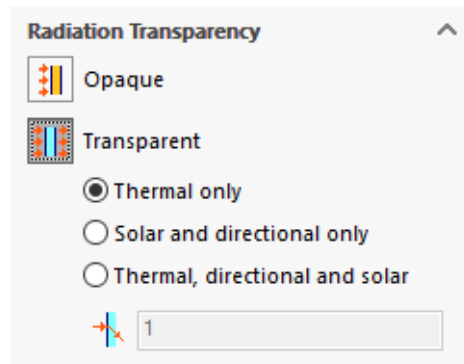
Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Solid Materials** icon and select **Insert Solid Material**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **Glass** component.

- Under **Solid** expand the list of **Pre-Defined** solid materials and select **Glass** under **Glasses and Minerals**.



- Under **Radiation Transparency** select **Transparent** , then select **Thermal only**.



Note

 You can separately specify a solid material transparency to the solar radiation and transparency to thermal radiation from all other sources, including heated bodies. Since there are no sources of solar radiation in the project, we can select **Thermal only** to make the material fully transparent to all radiation in the project.

- Click **OK** .

Results

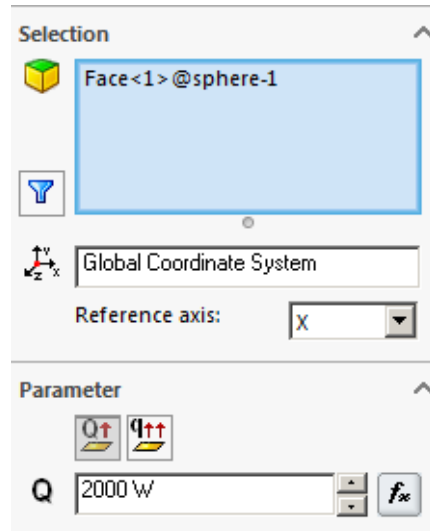
Flow Simulation now treats this solid material and all bodies it is applied to as fully transparent to the thermal radiation.

Specifying Heat Source and Goals

Specify the surface heat source of the heat generation rate at the sphere surface.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Surface Source**.



2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Sphere** component.
3. Select **Heat Generation Rate**  as the source type and set its value to **2000 W**.
4. Specify surface goals of the maximum, average, and minimum temperatures at the **Sphere** surface and the blackbody surface of **Screen**.
5. In addition, specify the volume goal of the **Sphere** average temperature. (In all cases you should select **Temperature (Solid)** as the goal parameter).

You can rename the goals as shown to make it easier to monitor them during the calculation.



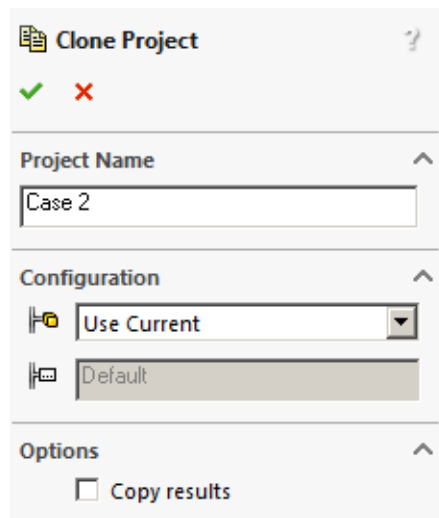
Results

Save the model and run the calculation.

If you take a look at the goals convergence, you can see that the sphere's temperature at the start of the calculation is high. This happens because the initial sphere's temperature (293.2 K) is too low to take away by radiation the heat produced by the 2000 W heat source. To illustrate this better, in cases number 2 and 3 we will increase the initial temperature of the heated sphere to 1000 K, thus providing the greater amount of heat being lost by the sphere starting from the very beginning of the calculation.

Case 2: All Reflector Surfaces are Blackbody

In contrast to the case one, in this case the reflector inner surface is blackbody and all other surfaces of the reflector are also blackbody.



Create a new **Case 2** project by cloning the current **Case 1** project.

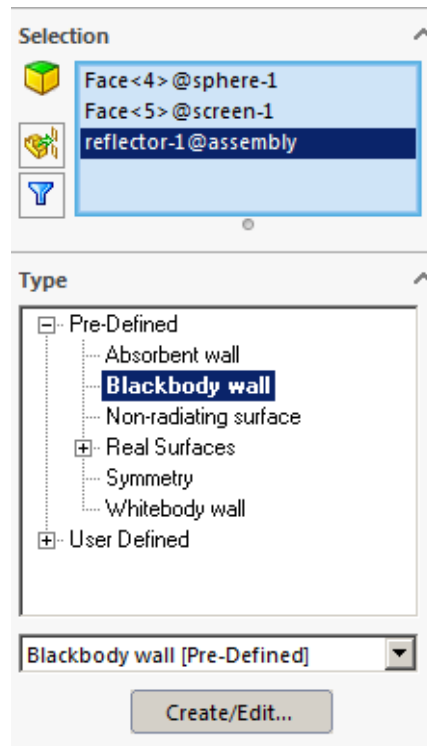
Changing the Radiative Surface Condition

You can change the radiative surface condition.

Procedure

1. Delete the **Whitebody Wall 1** condition.

2. Right-click the **Blackbody Wall 1** item and select **Edit Definition**.



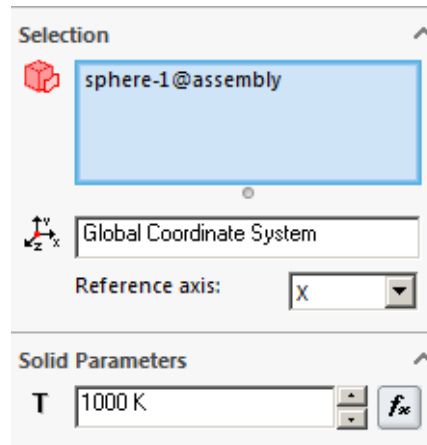
3. Click the **Reflector** item in the flyout FeatureManager design tree. The component is added to the list.
4. Click **OK** .

Specifying Goals

Specify the additional surface goals of the maximum, average, and minimum temperature of solid for the **Reflector** inner and outer surfaces.

Specifying Initial Condition in Solid

Specify the initial temperature of the heated sphere of 1000 K using **Initial Condition**.



Save the model.

Case 3: The Reflector is Removed

In contrast to **Case 1** and **Case 2**, the reflector is removed in **Case 3**.

Changing Radiative Condition

Change the radiative condition and run the projects.

Procedure

1. Create a new **Case 3** project by cloning the current **Case 2** project.
2. Edit definition of the **Blackbody Wall 1** condition: under **Selection** remove from the list all faces belonging to **Reflector**. To delete a face/component from the list of **Faces to Apply the Radiative Surface**, select the face/component and press the **Delete** key.
3. Delete the surface goals related to reflector.



4. Disable the **Reflector** component in the **Component Control** dialog box.

Results

Now all the settings for the **Case 3** project are completed.

Use **Batch Run** to calculate **Case 2** and **Case 3** projects.

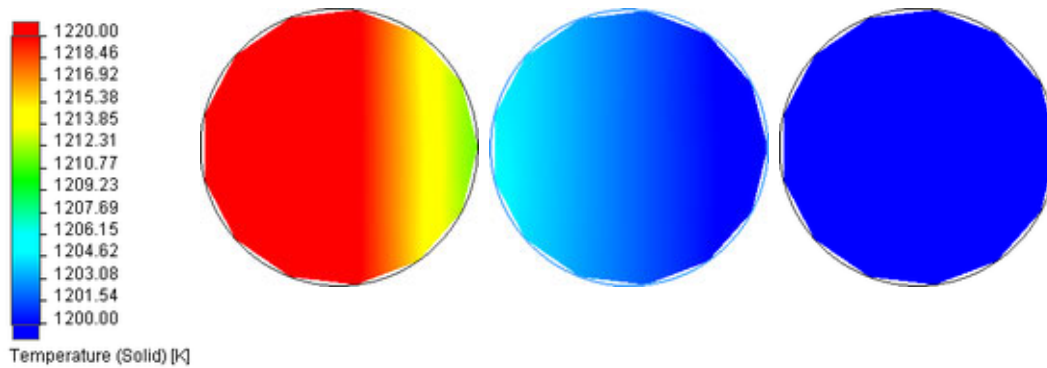
Getting Results

The results of all 3 cases can now be reviewed.

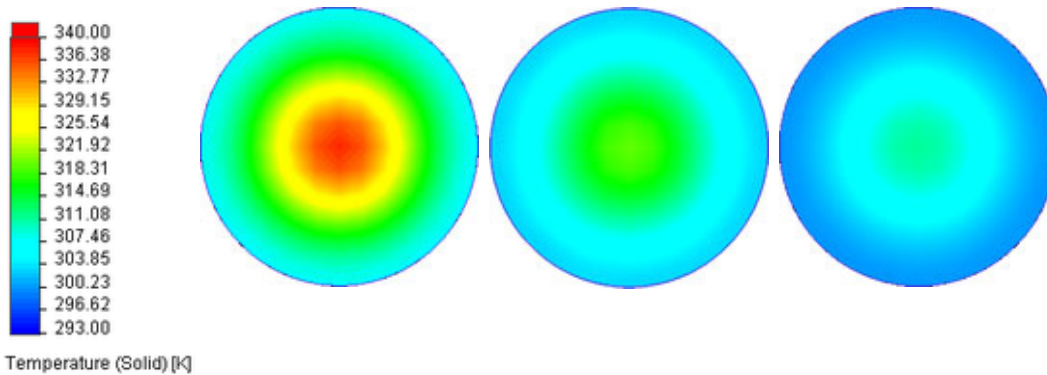
In Case 1, due to the heat returned by the reflector, the ball surface facing the reflector is hotter than the ball surface facing the screen (see pictures below). Therefore, the screen temperature in Case 1 is higher than in the other cases.

In Case 2, radiation coming from the ball to the reflector heats up the reflector and heat is radiated from the reflector outer surface to ambient, therefore being lost from the system. Since less heat is returned to the ball by the radiation from the reflector, the ball temperature is lower, although it is distributed over the ball in the same manner as in Case 1. Less heat is also coming from the reflector to the screen. As a result, the screen temperature is lower than in Case 1.

Since the reflector is removed in Case 3, there is no noticeable heat radiated back to the ball. The ball temperature is lower than in Case 2 and mostly uniform (the non-uniformity is lower than 1 K). Since in the absence of reflector the screen is only exposed to the radiation from the side of the ball facing the screen, the screen temperature is the lowest among all the cases.



The ball temperature distribution (front plane cross-section) in Case 1 (left), Case 2 (center) and Case 3 (right) in the range from 1200 to 1220 K (the reflector is arranged on the left).



The screen temperature distribution (surface plot of solid temperature) in Case 1 (left), Case 2 (center) and Case 3 (right) in the range from 295 to 340 K.

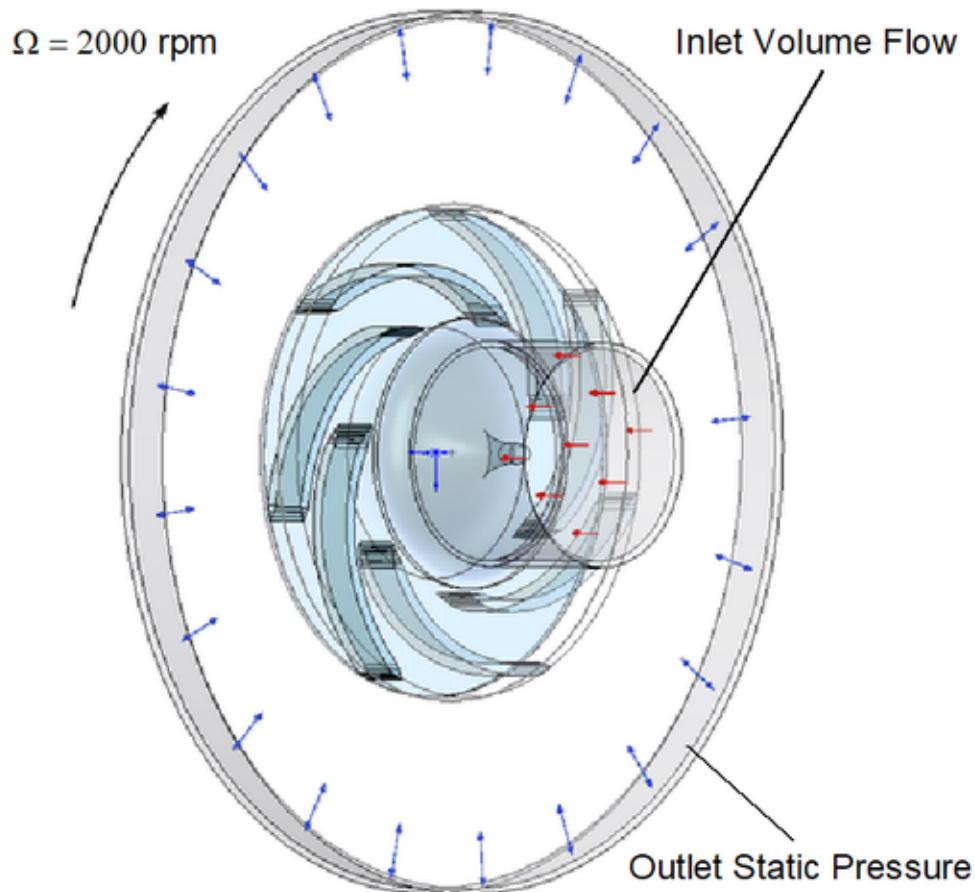
Parameter		Case 1	Case 2	Case 3
The ball's temperature, K	Maximum	1254,74	1233,54	1224,63
	Average	1230,36	1211,91	1204,06
	Minimum	1212,28	1200,14	1194,50
The screen's temperature, K	Maximum	340,84	322,12	311,84
	Average	317,81	308,97	303,58
	Minimum	307,82	303,14	299,86

Rotating Impeller

Let us consider the air flow through a centrifugal pump having a rotating impeller (see below). This pump has a stationary axial inlet (an eye), a pipe section of 92 mm radius with a central body of circular arc contour, which turns the flow by 90° from the axial direction.

At the inlet's exit the radial air flow is sucked by a rotating impeller, which has seven untwisted constant-thickness backswept blades with wedge-shape leading and trailing edges. Each blade is cambered from 65° at the impeller inlet of 120 mm radius to 70° at the impeller exit of 210 mm radius, both with respect to the radial direction. These blades are confined between the impeller shrouding disks rotating with the same (as the blades) angular velocity of 2000 rpm. Downstream of the impeller the air enters a stationary (non-rotating) radial diffuser.

To complete the problem statement, let us specify the following inlet and outlet boundary conditions: inlet air of 0.3 m³/s volume flow rate having uniform velocity profile with vectors parallel to the pump's axis; at the radial-directed outlet a static pressure of 1 atm is specified.



The centrifugal pump with a rotating impeller.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C5 - Impeller* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *pump.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *pump.sldasm* assembly located in the *C5 - Impeller\Ready* folder and run the project.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

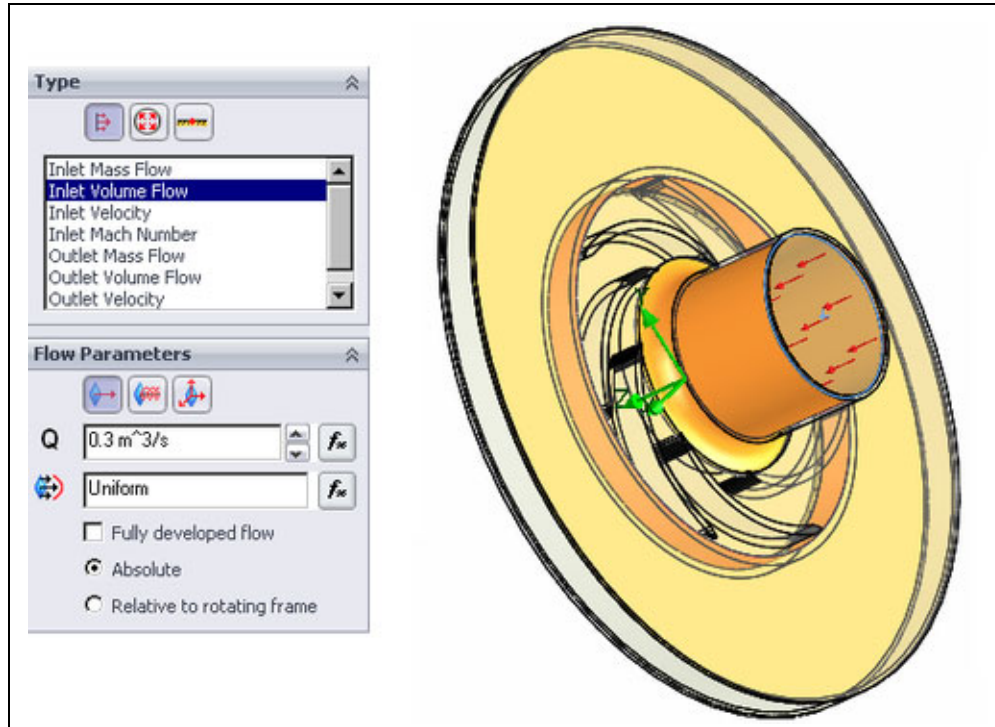
Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Impeller Efficiency</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s)</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Rotation:</i> • <i>Type: Global rotating</i> • <i>Rotation axis: Z axis of Global Coordinate system</i> • <i>Angular velocity = 2000 RPM (209.43951 rad/s)</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall, default smooth walls</i>
Initial Conditions	<i>Thermodynamic Parameters:</i> • <i>Pressure potential (Rotation): deactivate</i> <i>Velocity Parameters:</i> • <i>Relative to rotating frame: deactivate</i> <i>other conditions are default</i>

Specifying Boundary Conditions

Specify the boundary conditions for inlet and outlet flows.

Type	Inlet Volume Flow
Name	Inlet Volume Flow 1
Faces to apply	the inner face of the Inlet lid
Parameters:	Volume Flow Rate of 0.3 m³/s , with the Uniform profile, in the absolute frame of reference (the Absolute option is selected)

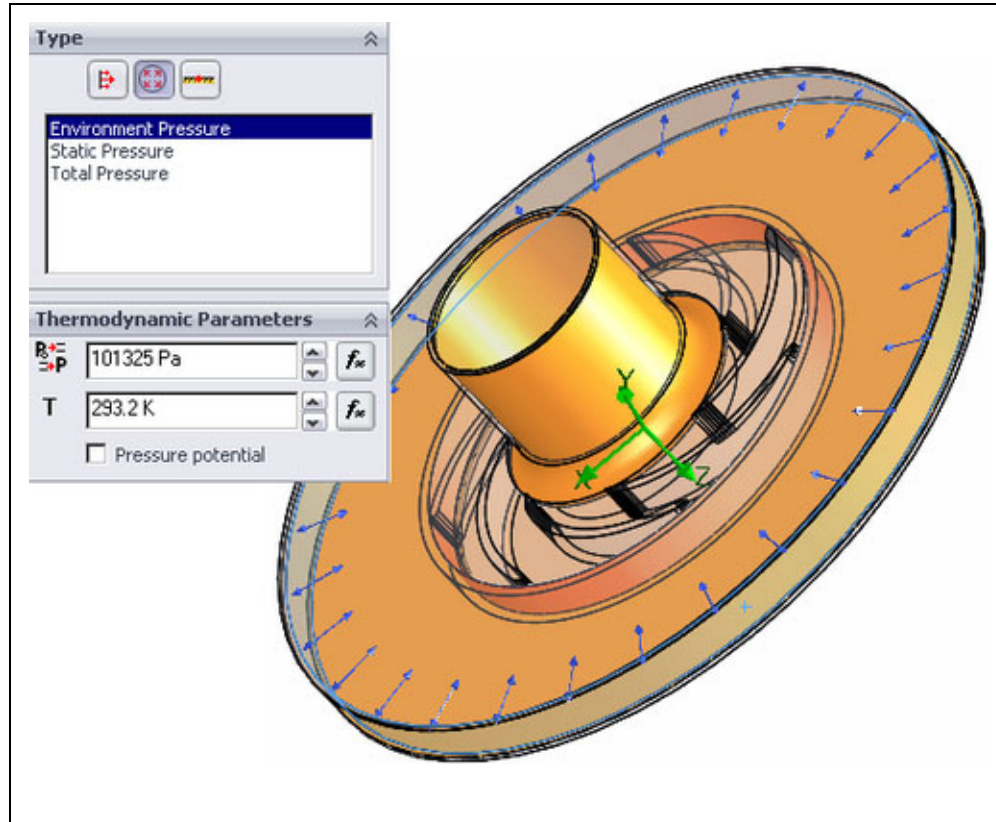


Note

Relative to rotating frame. When the **Relative to rotating frame** option is selected, the specified velocity (Mach number) is assumed to be relative to the rotating reference frame (V_r): $V_{specified} = V_r = V_{abs} - \omega \times r$

Here, r is the distance from the rotation axis and ω is the angular velocity of the rotating frame. The mass or volume flow rate specified in the rotating reference frame (the Relative to rotating frame option is selected) will be the same in the absolute (non-rotating) frame of reference if the tangential velocity component is perpendicular to the opening's normal, thus not influencing the mass (volume) flow rate value, e.g. when the opening's normal coincides with the rotation axis.

Type	Environment Pressure
Name	Environment Pressure 1
Faces to apply	the inner face of the Outlet lid
Thermodynamic Parameters: Default values (101325 Pa and 293.2 K) in the absolute frame of reference (the Pressure potential option is not selected)	



Note

 **Pressure potential.** If you enable a rotating reference frame, you can select the **Pressure potential** check box. When the Pressure potential check box is selected, the specified static pressure is assumed to be equal to the rotating frame pressure (P_r) and may be calculated using following parameters: absolute pressure, density, angular velocity and radius:

$$P_{\text{specified}} = P_r = P_{\text{abs}} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho \omega^2 \cdot r^2$$

When the **Pressure potential** check box is unchecked, the specified static pressure is assumed to be a pressure in terms of the absolute frame of reference (P_{abs}).

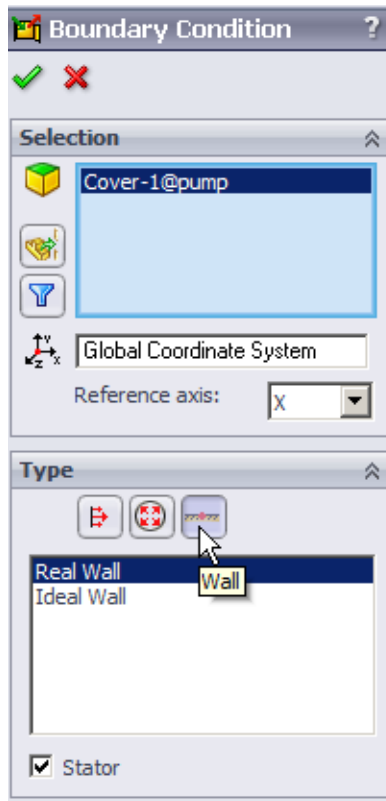
When you specify a rotating reference frame, it is assumed that all model walls are rotated with the reference frame's angular velocity unless you set a specific wall to be stationary. To specify a non-rotating wall, the Stator moving wall boundary condition can be applied to this wall. Specifying the stator boundary condition is the same as specifying the zero velocity of this wall in the absolute (non-rotating) frame of reference. Note that stator face must be axisymmetric with respect to the rotation axis.

Specifying Stationary Walls

We will specify the stator condition at the corresponding walls of the pump's cover.

Procedure

1. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **Cover** component.
2. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.



3. Click **Wall**  and keep the default **Real Wall** condition type.
4. Select **Stator**.
5. Click **OK**  and rename the new **Real Wall 1** condition to **Stator Walls**.

Calculating the Impeller's Efficiency

Engineers dealing with pump equipment are interested in the pump efficiency. For the pump under consideration the efficiency (η) can be calculated in the following way (*F.M.White "Fluid Mechanics", 3rd edition, 1994*):

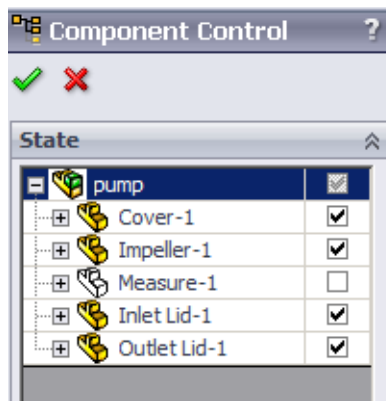
$$\eta = \left| \frac{(P_{outlet} - P_{inlet}) \cdot Q}{\Omega \cdot M} \right|$$

where P_{inlet} is the static pressure at the pump's inlet, P_{outlet} is the bulk-average static pressures at the impeller's outlet (Pa), Q is the volume flow rate (m^3/s), Ω is the impeller rotation angular velocity (rad/s), and M is the impeller torque (N·m). To obtain P_{outlet} an auxiliary **Measure** component was placed where the flow exits the impeller.

The **Measure** component is only used for the pressure measurement (the corresponding goal will be specified at the inner face of the **Measure** thin ring), thus it should be disabled in the **Component Control** dialog box.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Component Control**.



2. Deselect the **Measure** component.
3. Click **OK**  to close the dialog box.

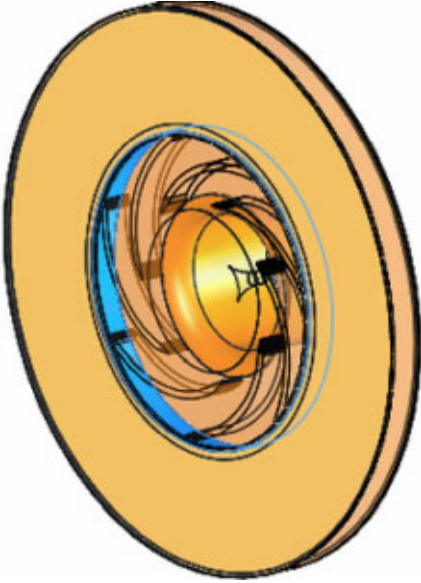
Specifying Project Goals

First, since the pressure and volume flow rate boundary condition are specified, it makes sense to set the mass flow rate surface goal at the pump's inlet and outlet to inspect the mass balance as an additional criterion for converging the calculation.

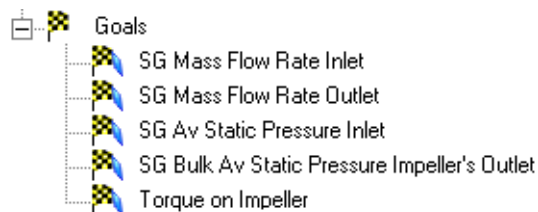
GOAL TYPE	GOAL PARAMETER	FACE
Surface Goal	Mass Flow Rate	The inner face of the Inlet lid
Surface Goal	Mass Flow Rate	The inner face of the Outlet lid

Next, specify the goals that are necessary for calculating the impeller's efficiency:

GOAL TYPE	GOAL PARAMETER	FACE
Surface Goal	Av Static Pressure	The inner face of the Inlet lid

GOAL TYPE	GOAL PARAMETER	FACE
Surface Goal	Bulk Av Static Pressure	The inner face of the Measure ring at the impeller's outlet. 
Surface Goal	Torque (Z)	All Impeller faces in contact with air.

Rename the created goals as shown below:



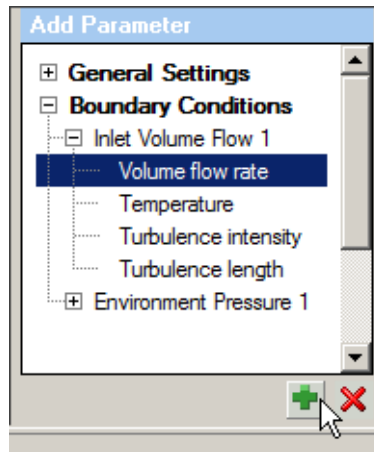
Finally, specify the following Equation goals:

GOAL NAME	FORMULA	DIMENSIONALITY
Pressure Drop	{SG Av Static Pressure Inlet}-{SG Bulk Av Static Pressure Impeller's Outlet}	Pressure & stress
Efficiency	{Pressure Drop}*{Inlet Volume Flow 1:Volume flow rate:3.000e-001}/209.44/{Torque on Impeller}	No unit

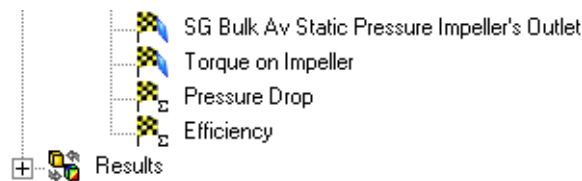
Follow the instructions to add inlet volume flow value to the equation goal's expression.

Procedure

1. On the **Equation goal** pane click **Add Parameter** .



2. In the **Add Parameter** list expand the **Boundary Conditions** group, under **Inlet Volume Flow 1** select **Volume flow rate** and click **Add** .



Results

Now the goals to are defined to support monitoring the calculation and evaluate the results.

Specifying Global Mesh Settings

Specify the following Global Mesh Settings.

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>4</i>
Minimum gap size	<i>0.04 m</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

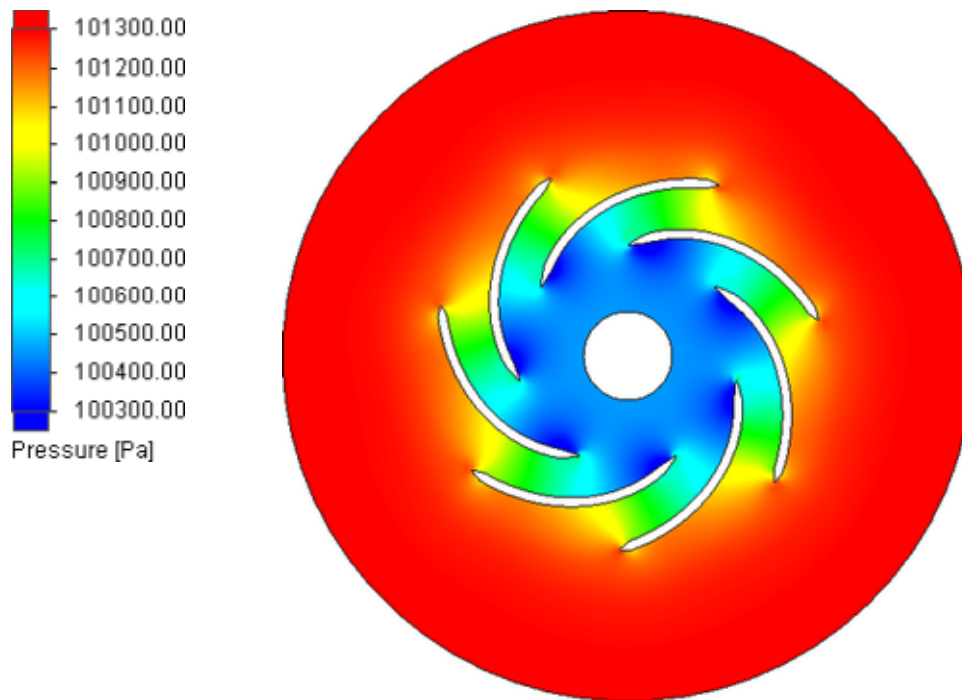
Save the model and run the calculation.

Getting Results

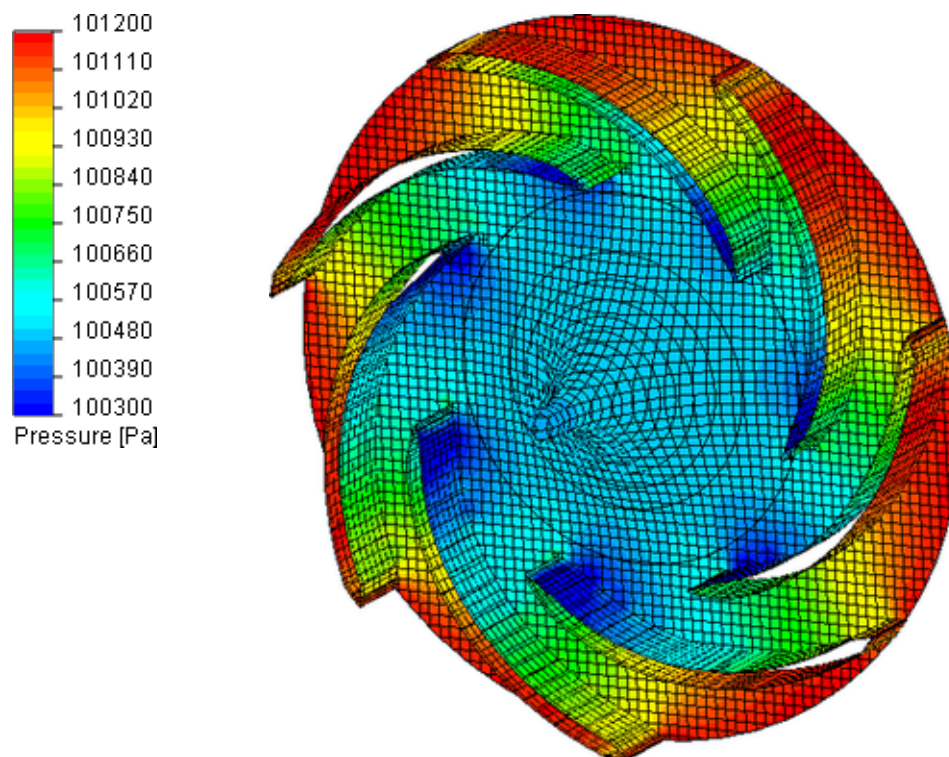
After the calculation is finished the results can be displayed.

The velocity vectors and static pressure distribution are shown below. To display vectors in the rotating reference frame, select the **Velocity RRF** parameter under the **Vectors** of the **Cut Plot** definition window.

Vector Plot Velocity RRF [m/s]	Vector Plot Velocity [m/s]
	
The flow velocity vectors in the frame rotating with the impeller (left) and in the stationary frame (right) at the impeller flow passage midsection (Front cross-section, position Z = - 0.02 m, vector spacing = 0.02 m, arrow size = 0.03 m).	



The flow static pressure at the impeller flow passage midsection.



The flow pressure distribution over the impeller surface.

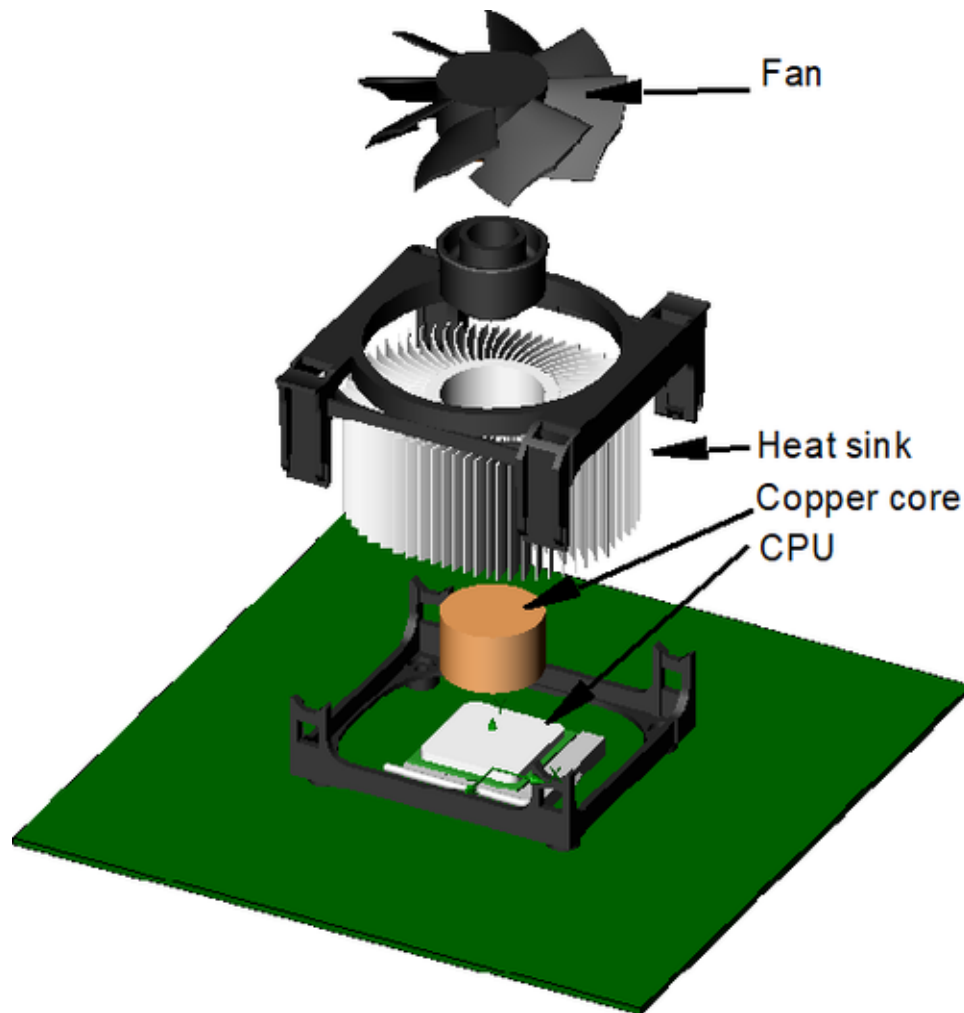
For the impeller under consideration the obtained efficiency is about 0.75.

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
Efficiency	[]	0,742827891	0,742843676	0,742800631	0,742902152

CPU Cooler

Let us consider a CPU cooler consisting of a copper core and an aluminum heat sink with 62 fins. An eight-blade propeller generates a constant flow of air through the heat sink. The CPU is mounted on a socket installed on a PCB. Heat produced by the CPU is transferred through the core to the heat sink and then released into the air flow.

To calculate the problem using Flow Simulation, it is convenient to use the concept of local rotating regions. In order to simplify the problem statement, we do not consider the thermal interface layer between the processor and the cooler. Also, we neglect the thermal conduction through the processor socket and PCB.



An exploded view of the CPU cooler assembly.

A quantitative measure of the cooler efficiency is the thermal characterization parameter $\Psi_{CA} = (T_C - T_A)/P_D$, where T_C is the temperature of the CPU cover, T_A is the surrounding air temperature, and P_D is the thermal design power (TDP) of the CPU.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C6 - CPU Cooler* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *cpu cooler.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *cpu cooler.sldasm* assembly located in the *C6 - CPU Cooler\Ready* folder and run the project.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>CPU Cooler at 4400 RPM</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s)</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Conduction</i> • <i>Rotation:</i> • <i>Type: Local region(s) (Averaging)</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: External</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i> • <i>Exclude internal space</i>
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Default solid	<i>Glasses and Minerals / Insulator</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Default smooth walls</i>
Initial and Ambient Conditions	<i>Thermodynamic parameters:</i> • <i>Temperature = 38 °C;</i> <i>Solid parameters:</i> • <i>Initial solid temperature = 38 °C;</i> <i>other conditions are default</i>

Adjusting the Computational Domain Size

Specify the computational domain size as follows:

X max = 0.095 m	Y max = 0.1123 m	Z max = 0.095 m
X min = -0.095 m	Y min = 0.0005 m	Z min = -0.095 m

Specifying the Rotating Region

The **Rotating region** is used to calculate flow through rotating components of model (fans, impellers, mixers, etc.) surrounded by non-rotating bodies and components, when a global rotating reference frame cannot be employed. For example, local rotating regions can be used in analysis of the fluid flow in the model including several components rotating over different axes and/or at different speeds or if the computational domain has a non-axisymmetrical (with respect to a rotating component) outer solid/fluid interface. Each rotating solid component is

surrounded by an axisymmetrical rotating region which has its own coordinate system rotating together with the component.

A rotating region is defined by an additional component of the model. This additional component must meet the following requirements:

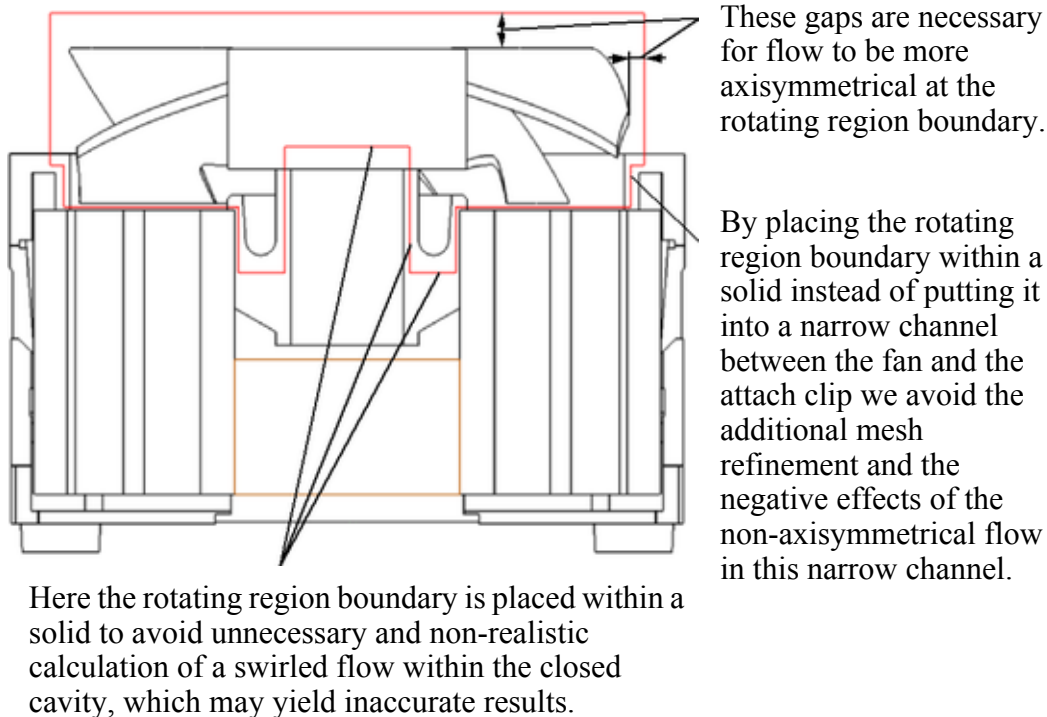
- the rotating component must be fully enclosed by it,
- it must be axisymmetric (with respect to the rotating component's rotation axis),
- its boundaries with other fluid and solid regions must be axisymmetrical too, since the boundaries are sliced into rings of equal width and the flow parameters' values transferred as boundary conditions from the adjacent fluid regions are circumferentially averaged over each of these rings,
- the components defining different rotating regions must not intersect.

Procedure

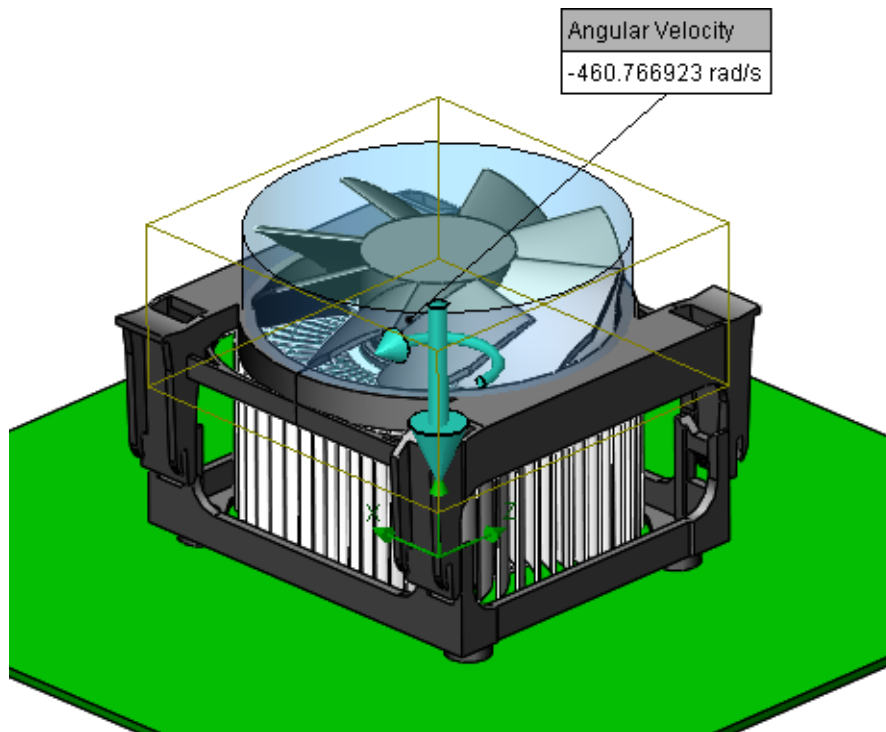
1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Rotating Region**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select **RotRegion** component. Note that the **Disable solid components** check box is automatically selected to treat the Rotating Region as a fluid region.

Note

 A component to apply a rotating region must be a body of revolution whose axis of revolution is coincident with the rotation axis. This component must be disabled in the **Component Control**. When specifying the rotating region, make sure that its boundaries do not coincide with the boundaries of other surrounding solid components, because the mesh will not resolve this region. However these components may intersect in some way, but in this case the surrounding components must be also symmetrical relatively to the axis of revolution. Since the flow on the boundary of the rotating region must be axisymmetrical as well, we must provide a reasonable gap between the rotating region boundary and the outer edges of the propeller blades in order to minimize the influence of local non-axisymmetrical perturbations. Due to the same reason, it is preferable to put the rotating region boundary inside the solid bodies whenever possible, rather than putting them in the narrow flow passages. Also, the supposed direction of the flow at the rotating region boundary should be taken into account when defining the shape of the rotating region. You should choose such shape of the rotating region that the flow direction will be as much perpendicular to the rotating region boundary as possible. The picture below provides an additional insight into how the rotating region shape was adapted to the actual geometry of the CPU cooler in this tutorial example (the rotation region boundary is denoted by red).



- Under **Parameter**, set the **Angular Velocity**  to **4400 RPM**. If the default direction of the rotation is opposite to the desired, then specify -4400.



Note

 During the definition of a rotation region, heavy green arrows denoting the rotation axis and the default direction of rotation speed can be seen in the graphics area. Since we want to define the rotation in the direction opposite to the default, we specify negative value of the angular velocity.

- Click **OK** .

Results

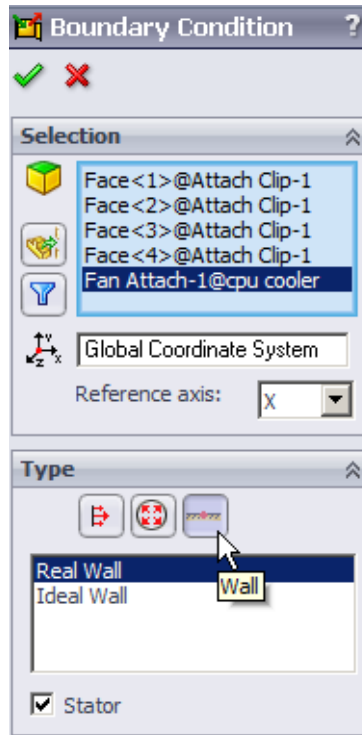
When you specify a rotating region, it is assumed that all model walls within this region rotate with the region's angular velocity unless you set a specific wall to be stationary. To specify a non-rotating wall, the Stator real wall boundary condition should be applied to the wall. Specifying the stator boundary condition is the same as specifying the zero velocity of this wall in the absolute (non-rotating) frame of reference. Note that the stator face (or a part of the face that is located inside the rotating region in the case when the given face intersects with the rotating region boundary) must be axisymmetric with respect to the rotation axis.

Specifying Stationary Walls

We will specify the stator condition at the appropriate walls of the fan attach and the attachment clip. To easily select the necessary faces, hide the **Fan** and **Rotation Region** components.

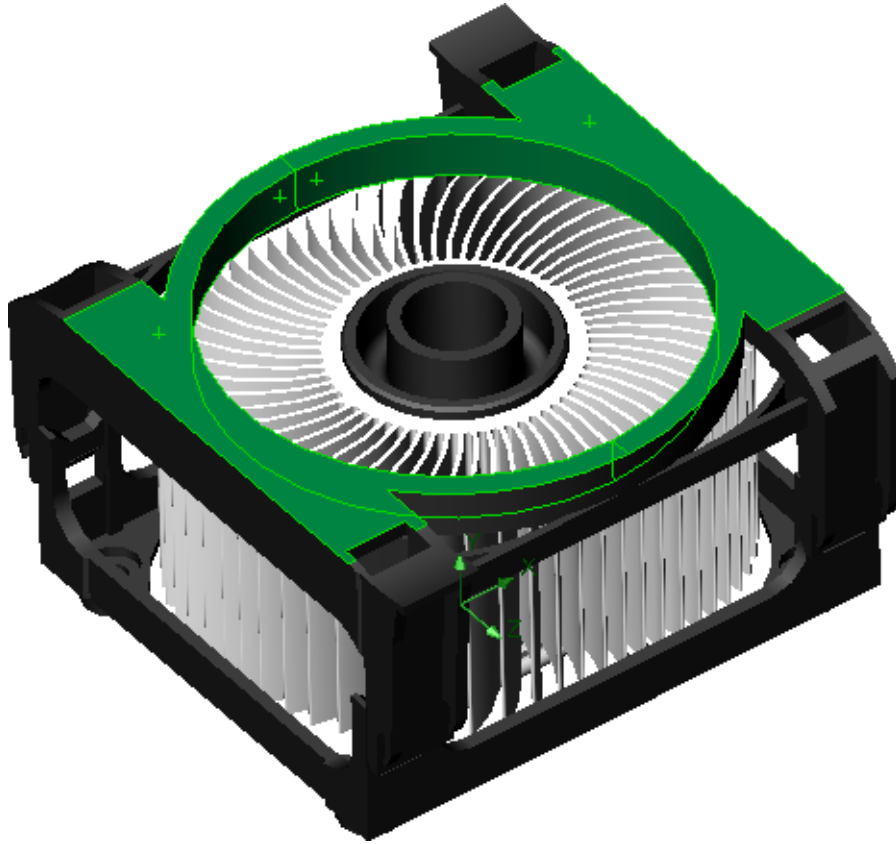
Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Boundary Conditions** icon and select **Insert Boundary Condition**.
2. Under **Type**, select **Wall** . Keep the default **Real Wall** condition type and select **Stator** option.



3. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Fan Attach** component.

4. Select the two inner circular side faces and two top faces of **Attach Clip** as shown.



5. Click **OK** .

Specifying Solid Materials

You can specify the solid materials for the project.

The **CPU** and the **Heat Sink** are made of **Aluminum (Pre-Defined/Metals)**. The **Copper Core**, naturally, is made of **Copper (Pre-Defined/Metals)**. All other parts are made of default **Insulator**.

Specifying Heat Source

Specify the volume source with the heat generation rate of **75 W** in the **CPU** component.

Specifying Global Mesh Settings

You can specify global mesh settings.

Procedure

1. Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. First, under **Type**, keep the default **Automatic** type and under **Settings**, specify the following mesh settings:

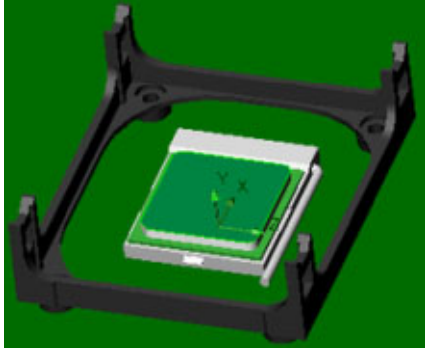
Level of initial mesh	5
Minimum gap size	0.005 m
Uniform Mesh	On
<i>Other options are default</i>	

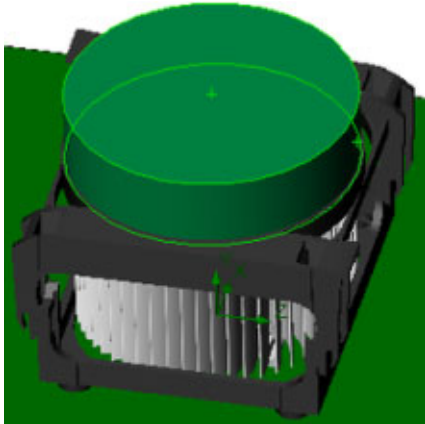
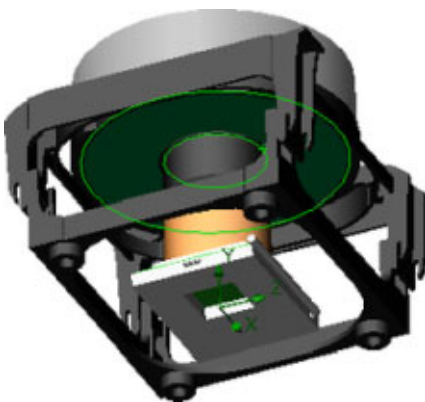
3. Click **OK** .

Specifying Project Goals

Specify surface goals for maximum temperature on the CPU cover and mass flow rate for the flows entering the rotating region and exiting from it. To select the necessary faces, you will probably need to hide temporarily some components of the assembly.

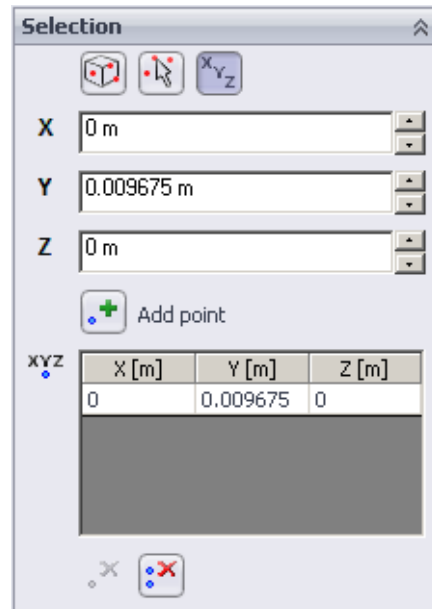
To calculate the thermal characterization parameter we will need the temperature of the center of the CPU cover. To get more accurate value of the parameter we will specify a separate point goal.

GOAL TYPE	GOAL VALUE	FACE
Surface Goal	Max Temperature (Solid)	Top face of the CPU cover. To set this goal you may need to hide the Heat Sink and Copper Core components. 

GOAL TYPE	GOAL VALUE	FACE
Surface Goal	Mass Flow Rate	Top and side surfaces of the Rotation Region component. 
Surface Goal	Mass Flow Rate	Bottom face of the Rotation Region component. To set this goal you may need to hide the PCB component. 
Equation goal	$\frac{(\{\text{SG Mass Flow Rate 1}\} + \{\text{SG Mass Flow Rate 2}\})}{\{\text{SG Mass Flow Rate 1}\}}$	The disbalance of the inlet and outlet mass flow rates. We are using the "+" operand since the inlet and outlet mass flow rate values have opposite signs. Select No unit for Dimensionality.
Global Goal	Av Temperature (Fluid)	
Global Goal	Av Velocity	

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Point Goals**.



2. Click **Point Coordinates** .
3. Enter the coordinates of the point: **X** = 0 m, **Y** = 0.009675 m, **Z** = 0 m.
4. Click **Add Point** .
5. In the **Parameter** table, select the **Value** check box in the **Temperature (Solid)** row.
6. Click **OK** .



Results

All project settings are defined.

Save the model and run the calculation.

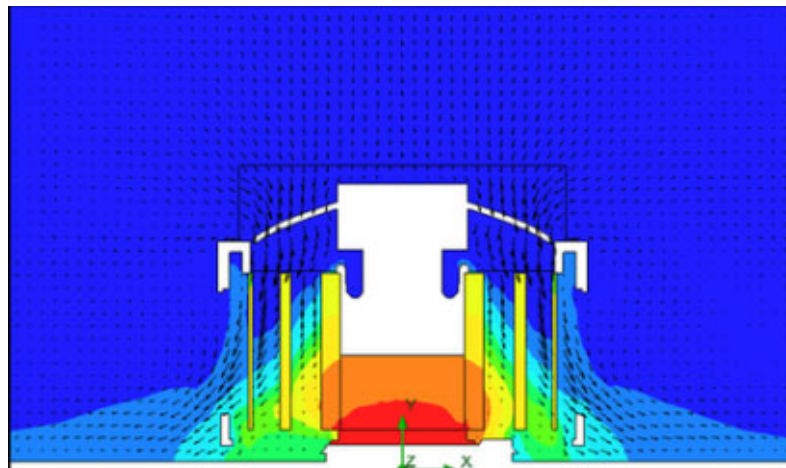
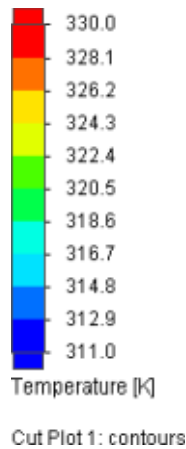
Getting Results

After the calculation is finished you can display results.

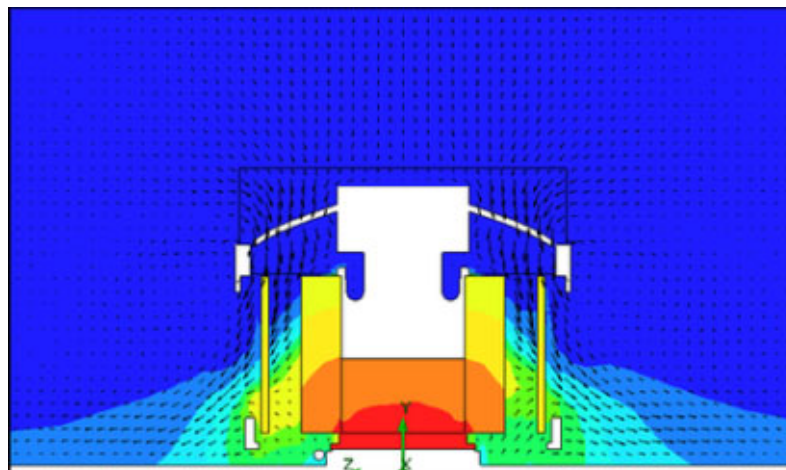
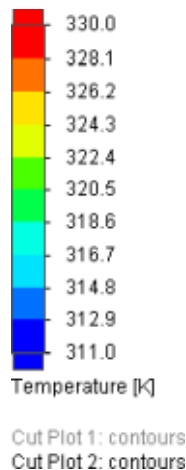
Use the goal plot tool to obtain the value of the temperature of the center of the CPU cover.
Now we can calculate the thermal characterization parameter of the heat sink:

$$\Psi_{CA} = (T_C - T_A)/P_D = (330-311.15)/75 = 0.25 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C/W}.$$

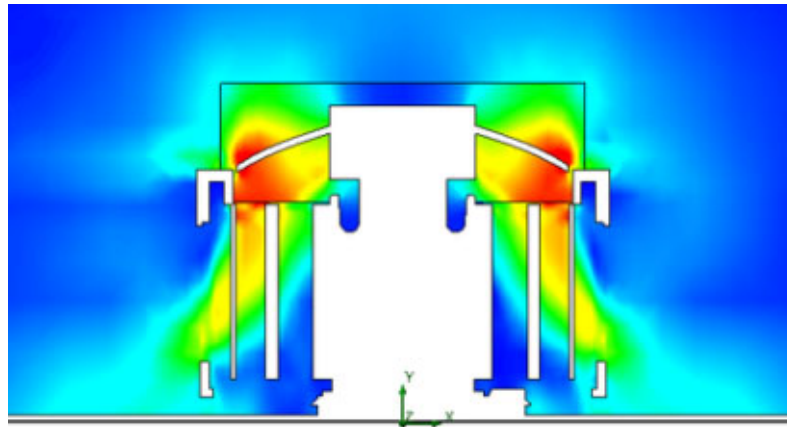
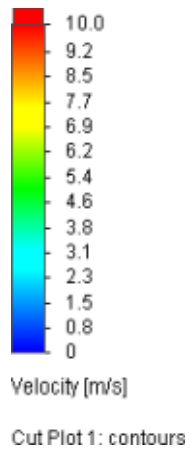
The second most important characteristic of the CPU Cooler is the velocity of the flow above PCB. We can assess the value of this parameter as well as the distribution of the temperature by looking at the cut plots. (see below).



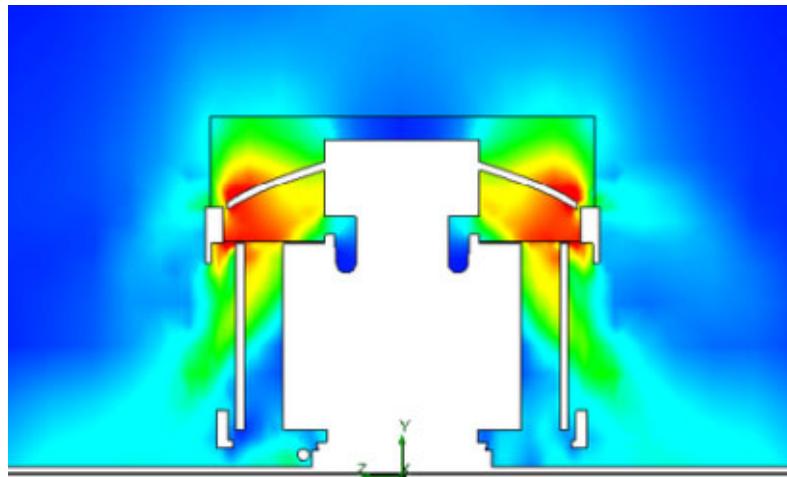
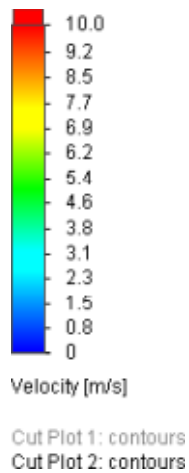
Temperature field and velocity vectors distribution (Front plane, no offset, vector spacing = 0.003 m, arrow size = 0.015 m).



Temperature field and velocity vectors distribution (Right plane, no offset, vector spacing = 0.003 m, arrow size = 0.015 m).



Velocity distribution as a contour plot (Front plane, no offset).

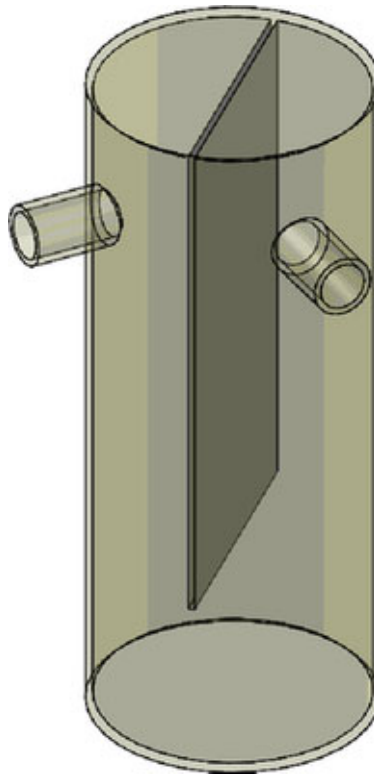


Velocity distribution as a contour plot (Right plane, no offset).

Oil Catch Can

Here we consider the motion of motor oil droplets in the air flow inside the oil catch can installed in the car. The presence of the droplets in this flow is caused by the rotating crankshaft that churns up oil inside the crankcase. As oil catch can traps these droplets, it eliminates the possibility of oil suction into the engine and its subsequent combustion with fuel and oxidizer (air) that produces a lot of smoke in the exhaust.

For this tutorial we consider the geometry of oil catch can shown on the picture below. The dividing wall is placed so that most of the droplets entering through the inlet nipple along with the air flow collide to it. Once the collision occurs, the oil droplet adheres to the wall and then trickles down. However some particular smaller-sized droplets may evade collision with the wall due to their small inertia and escape the can through the outlet nipple.



The objective of the simulation is to estimate the probability of trapping oil droplets in the oil catch can considering the following droplet sizes: 8, 13 and 18 μm . Quantitatively, we can calculate this probability value for each individual droplet size with the following expression:

$$P = m_{\text{outlet}} / m_{\text{inlet}}$$

where m_{inlet} , m_{outlet} is the mass flow rate of oil droplets in the inlet and in the outlet correspondingly. The value of m_{inlet} is set to equal to 0.5% of air mass flow rate.

We assume that oil droplets do not influence the air flow because of their small size and mass ($\sim 10^{-13}$ kg). Therefore, we also neglect the impact of oil accumulation on the flow inside the oil catch can.

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *C7 - Oil Catch Can* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *can.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *can.sldasm* assembly located in the *C7 - Oil Catch Can\Ready* folder and run the project.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

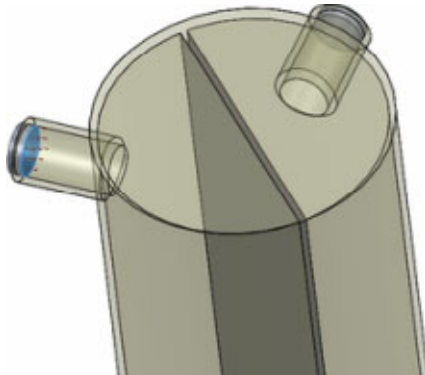
Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Oil particles</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s)</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i>

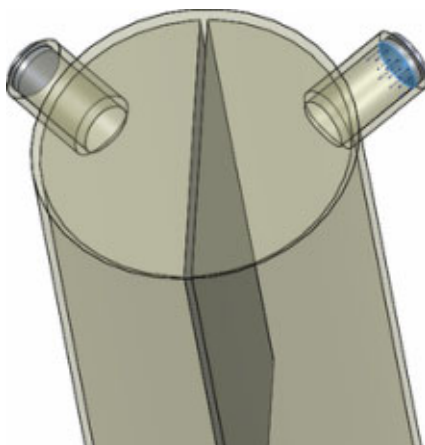
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall with zero roughness</i>
Initial Conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>

Specifying Boundary Conditions

Specify the boundary conditions for inlet and outlet flows.

Type	Inlet Volume Flow	
Name	Inlet Air Volume Flow	
Faces to apply	the inner face of the In lid	
Parameters: Volume Flow Rate of 100 l/min (0.00167 m^3/s)		

Type	Static Pressure
Name	Outlet Static Pressure
Faces to apply	the inner face of Out lid
Thermodynamic Parameters: Default values (101325 Pa and 293.2 K)	

A 3D CAD model of a cylindrical vessel with a hemispherical top. Two ports are located on the top surface. The port on the right is highlighted with a blue arrow pointing outwards, indicating the location for the 'Outlet Static Pressure' measurement. The interior of the vessel is shown in a light tan color, and the exterior is a slightly darker shade. The ports are depicted as cylindrical tubes with flanges.

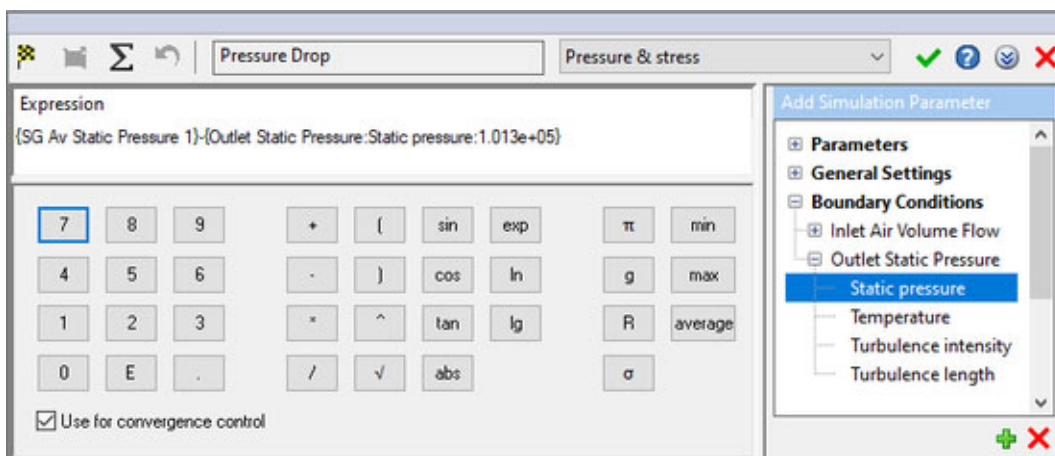
Specifying Project Goals

You can specify project goals.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Surface Goals**.

2. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, select the **Inlet Air Volume Flow** boundary condition.
3. Under **Parameter**, select **Av Static Pressure**.
4. Click **OK** .
- This goal will be an intermediate one to calculate pressure drop through the oil catch can.
5. In the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, right-click the **Goals** icon and select **Insert Equation Goal**.
6. On the pane in the bottom of the screen click **Add Goal** .
7. From the **Add Goal** list select the **SG Av Static Pressure 1** goal and click **Add** . It will appear in the **Expression** box.
8. Click the minus "-" button in the calculator.
9. On the pane in the bottom of the screen click **Add Parameter** .
10. In the **Add Parameter** list expand the **Boundary Conditions** group.
11. Under the **Boundary Conditions** group expand the **Outlet Static Pressure** boundary condition, select **Static Pressure** and click **Add** .
12. Select **Pressure & stress** for **Dimensionality**.
13. Type **Pressure Drop** in the **Goal Name** box.



14. Click **OK** .

Specifying Global Mesh Settings

Specify the following Global Mesh settings.

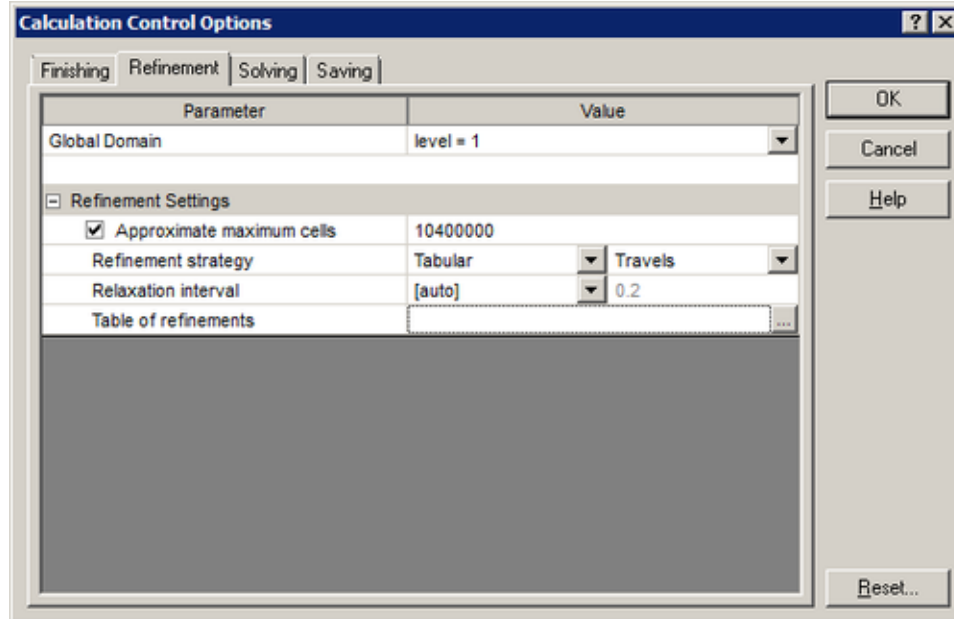
Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>3 (default)</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Setting Solution Adaptive Mesh Refinement

With the specified **Level of initial mesh** value of 3, it may be not sufficient to resolve accurately the regions with large velocity gradients and swirls, which are obviously present here. When analyzing the particles, this may also lead to incorrect predictions of particle trajectories. So, to improve the accuracy of the solution in those regions, it is convenient to perform additional (adaptive) mesh refinement during the calculation.

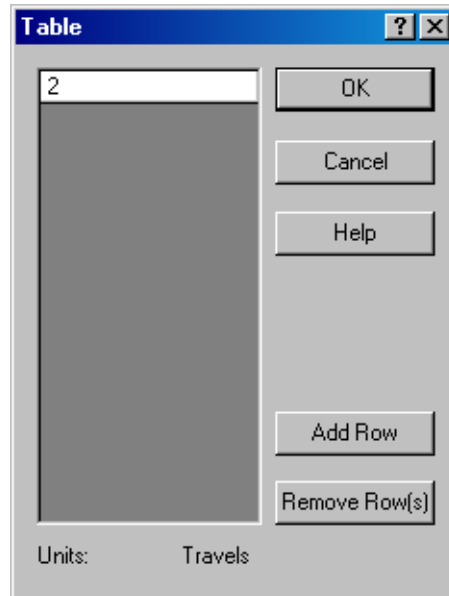
Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Calculation Control Options**.
2. Go to the **Refinement** tab.



3. Under **Global Domain** specify refinement **level = 1**.
4. Expand the **Refinement Settings** item and make sure that the unit value of the **Refinement strategy** item is set to **Tabular**.

5. To edit the table of refinements, first make sure that the unit value is set to **Travels**. Then, click the  button in the **Table of refinements** field.
6. In the opened window, click **Add Row**. A single blank row will appear.
7. Enter the value of **2** in the created row.



This means that mesh refinement will occur during the calculation when the value of travels reaches 2.

8. Click **OK**.
9. Go to the **Finishing** tab.
10. Under the **Finish Conditions**, make sure that the **Refinements** is set **On**.
11. Set **Off** the **Travels**.
12. Click **OK**.

Results

Save the model and run the calculation. During the calculation you can preview the velocity field in the **Front Plane** or other plane and see how mesh refinement improves the final solution.

Defining Motor Oil Material

You can define the motor oil material.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.

2. In the **Database tree**, select **Materials / Liquids / User Defined**.

3. Click **New Item**  in the toolbar.

The blank Item Properties tab appears.

Double-click the empty cell to set the corresponding property value.

4. Specify the material properties as shown in the table below:

Name	<i>Tutorial Motor Oil</i>
Density	<i>900 kg/m³</i>
Dynamic viscosity	<i>0.01 Pa*s</i>
Specific heat	<i>1900 J/(kg*K)</i>
Thermal conductivity	<i>0.2 W/(m*K)</i>

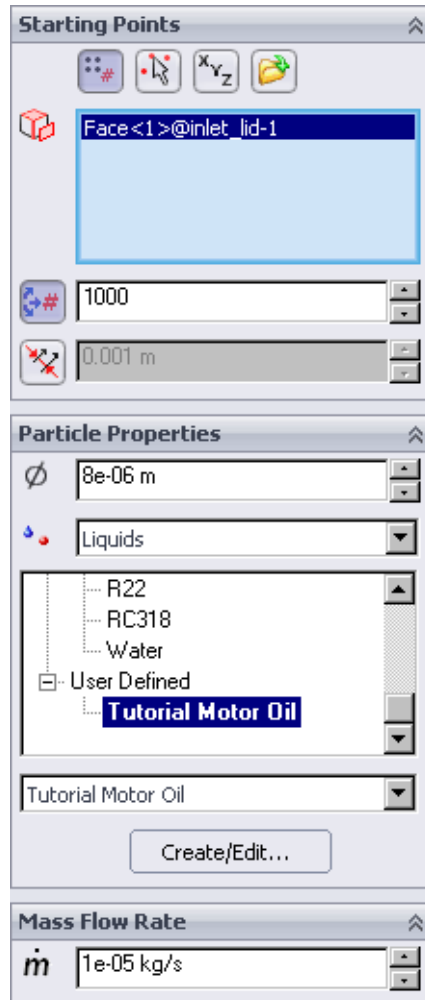
Studying the Motion of Oil Droplets

You can study the motion of oil droplets.

Procedure

1. In the **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Particle Studies** icon and select **Wizard**.
2. Keep the default name for the Particle Study and click **Next** .

3. Click the **Inlet Air Volume Flow** boundary condition, so that the corresponding face appears under the **Starting Points**.

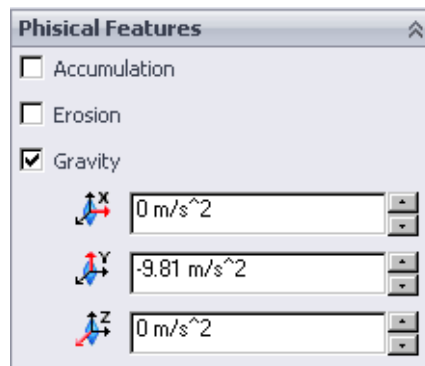


4. Set the **Number of points**  to **1000**.
5. Under the **Particle Properties**, set the **Diameter** equal to **8e-06 m** and change the **Material** to the created **Tutorial Motor Oil (Materials / Liquids / User Defined)**.
6. Change the **Mass flow rate** value to **1e-05 kg/s**. This value is obtained once we take the 0.5% of inlet air mass flow rate (the product of volume flow rate and density) in accordance with the problem statement.

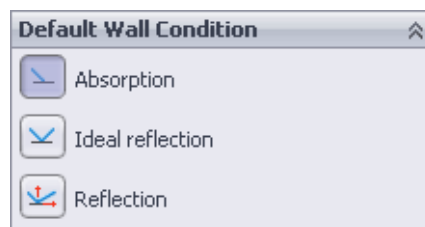
Note

The value set for the **Number of points** reflects the number of different possible trajectories of the considered particles used for tracing. Obviously the larger this value is, the more accurate information about possible particle trajectories can be obtained. As a result, you can obtain a more detailed picture of the particles' distribution in the considered domain and, if necessary, calculate their mass flow rate in the outlet with a higher precision.

7. Click **Next** .
8. Under **Physical Features**, select **Gravity**.



9. Click **Next** .
10. Under the **Condition**, make sure that **Absorption** is selected.



11. Click **Next** .

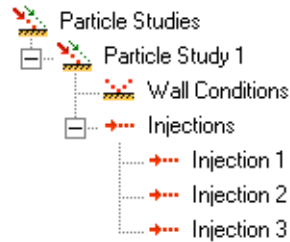
Note

For the **Particle Study**, there are three types of boundary conditions that can be assigned to the walls: **Ideal reflection**, **Absorption** and **Reflection**. The first two indicate perfectly elastic and inelastic collision respectively. In the third type, you have to specify the restitution coefficients that define the ratios of normal and tangential (to the wall) velocity components after and before the collision.

12. Under **Default Appearance**, set **Draw Trajectories as**  **Lines**.

13. Click **OK** .

A new **Particle Study 1** item with one sub-item (**Injection 1**) appear in the **Analysis tree**.

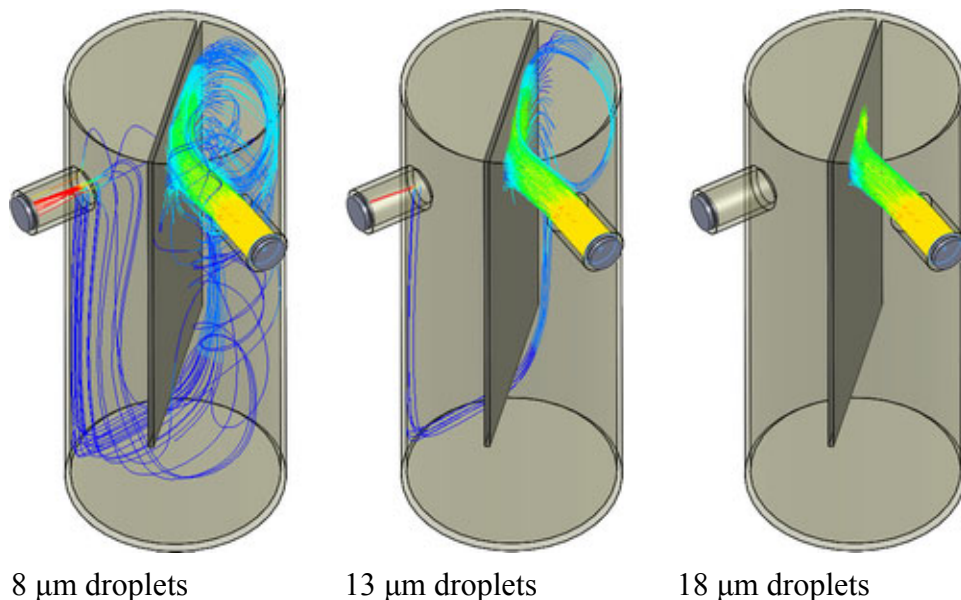


14. Right-click the created **Injection 1** item and select **Clone**. Create this way **Injection 2** and **Injection 3** items.
15. For the **Injection 2** and **Injection 3**, edit the **Diameter** to **1.3e-05 m** and **1.8e-05 m** respectively.
16. Right-click the **Particle Study 1** item and select **Run**.

Results

You can see the trajectories of each droplet size (injection), by right-clicking on the **Injection** of interest and selecting **Show**.

The resulting trajectories colored by the **Velocity** parameter are presented below.



For each particular droplet size, we can obtain the precise amount of particles flown out of the Oil Catch Can by evaluating the integral parameter **Number of Particles** on the outlet face using the **Surface Parameters** feature.

With these values, we can conclude that the probability of trapping the 18 μm droplets is 100%; 13 μm is about 97%; 8 μm is about 90%.

Chapter 5

Examples for HVAC Module

The examples for HVAC module presented below demonstrate how to use capabilities and features of this module to solve real-life Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning problems. *This functionality is available for the HVAC module users only.*

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- D2 - Hospital Room
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150W Halogen Floodlight

This tutorial demonstrates the capability of Flow Simulation to simulate heat transfer by convection and radiation, including the radiation absorption in semi-transparent solids and the radiation spectrum. It is shown how to define a project, specify the radiation properties of semi-transparent solid materials, radiation conditions and calculation goals.

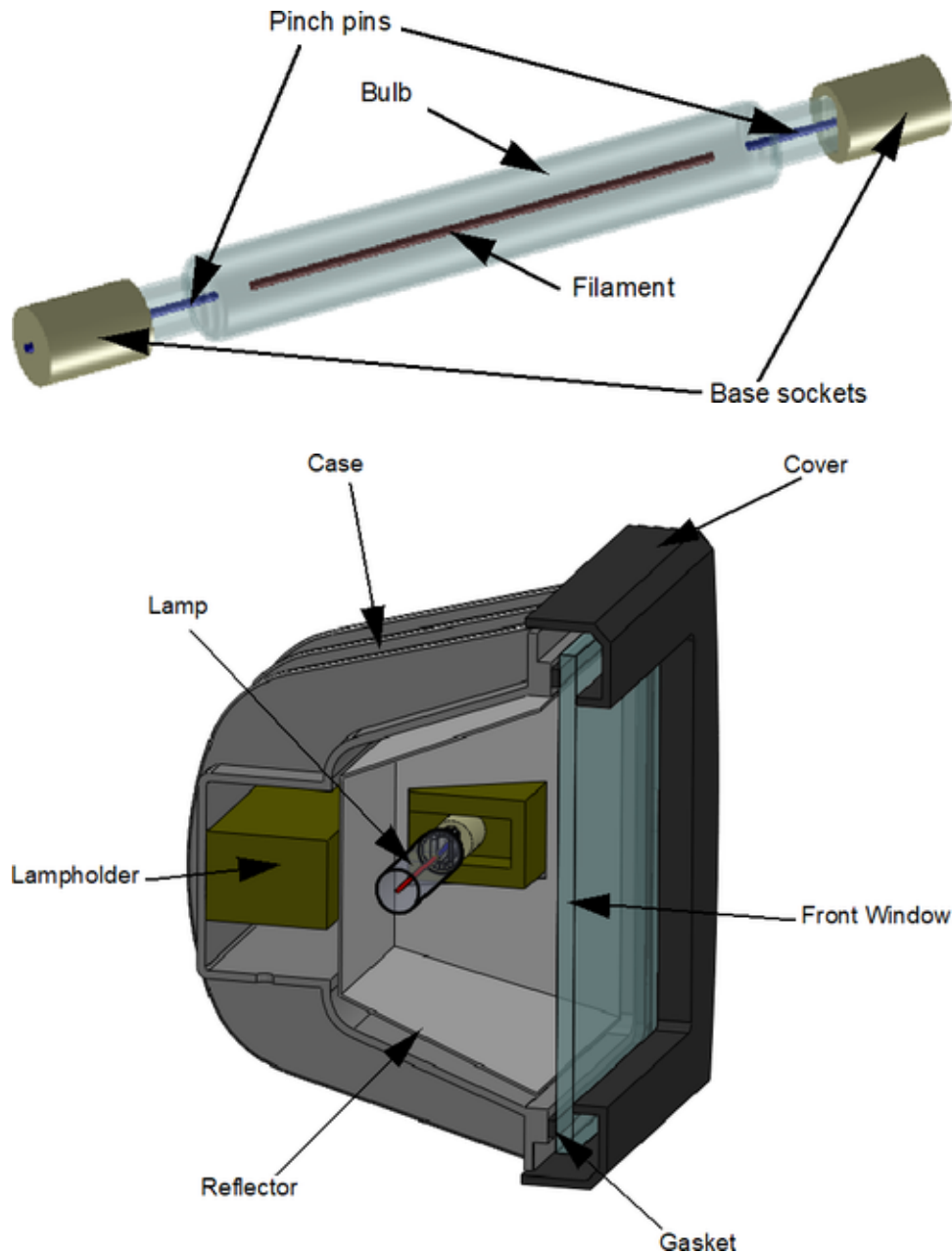


This feature is available for the HVAC module users only.

Here we consider a halogen floodlight with an aluminum housing, which contains a quartz glass front window, a silicone gasket, an aluminum internal reflector, a ceramic lamp-holder and a 150 W linear halogen lamp.

The linear halogen lamp consists of a quartz glass bulb, a straight-line tungsten filament, molybdenum pinch pins and ceramic base sockets. The lamp is filled with argon at 2 atm and 293.2 K. The lamp operates in typical indoor conditions at the room temperature ($\sim 20^\circ\text{C}$) and without any forced cooling.

Components of the floodlight and the halogen lamp are shown at the figures below.



In the table below, you can see the typical values of the maximum allowable operating temperatures for some of these components. The objective of the simulation is to ensure that the pinch pins, the lamp bulb and the front glass are not overheated.

Component	Maximum permissible temperature
Pinch pins	350 °C
Bulb glass	900 °C

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *D1 - Floodlight* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *floodlight.sldasm* assembly.

Note



To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *floodlight.sldasm* assembly located in the *D1 - Floodlight\Ready* folder and run the project.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Floodlight</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s)</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Conduction</i> • <i>Radiation:</i> • <i>Radiation model: Discrete Ordinates</i> • <i>Environment temperature = 293.2 K</i> • <i>Absorption in solids</i> • <i>Spectral characteristics:</i> <i>Number of bands = 2;</i> <i>Band edge 1 = 2500 nm;</i> <i>Environment radiation: Blackbody Spectrum</i> • <i>Gravity:</i> • <i>Y component = -9.81 m/s²</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: External</i>
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air (Default fluid)</i> <i>Gases / Argon (clear the Default fluid check box)</i>
Default solid	<i>Metals / Aluminum</i>
Wall conditions	<i>Default wall radiative surface: Pre-Defined / Real Surfaces / Aluminum, commercial sheet</i> <i>Default zero roughness</i>
Initial conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>

Note

 Only one semi-transparent solid material, the quartz glass, is used in this device. Its absorption properties are specified as dependent on the wavelength with an abrupt change in absorption at 2500 nm. The UV radiation from the tungsten filament is negligible at 2900 K. Thus, a two-bands spectrum with the bands edge at 2500 nm allows to simulate the radiation absorption in the glass components of the lamp accurately enough.

Adjusting the Computational Domain Size

Specify the computational domain size.

X max = 0.15 m	Y max = 0.2 m	Z max = 0.15 m
X min = 0 m	Y min = -0.12 m	Z min = -0.15 m

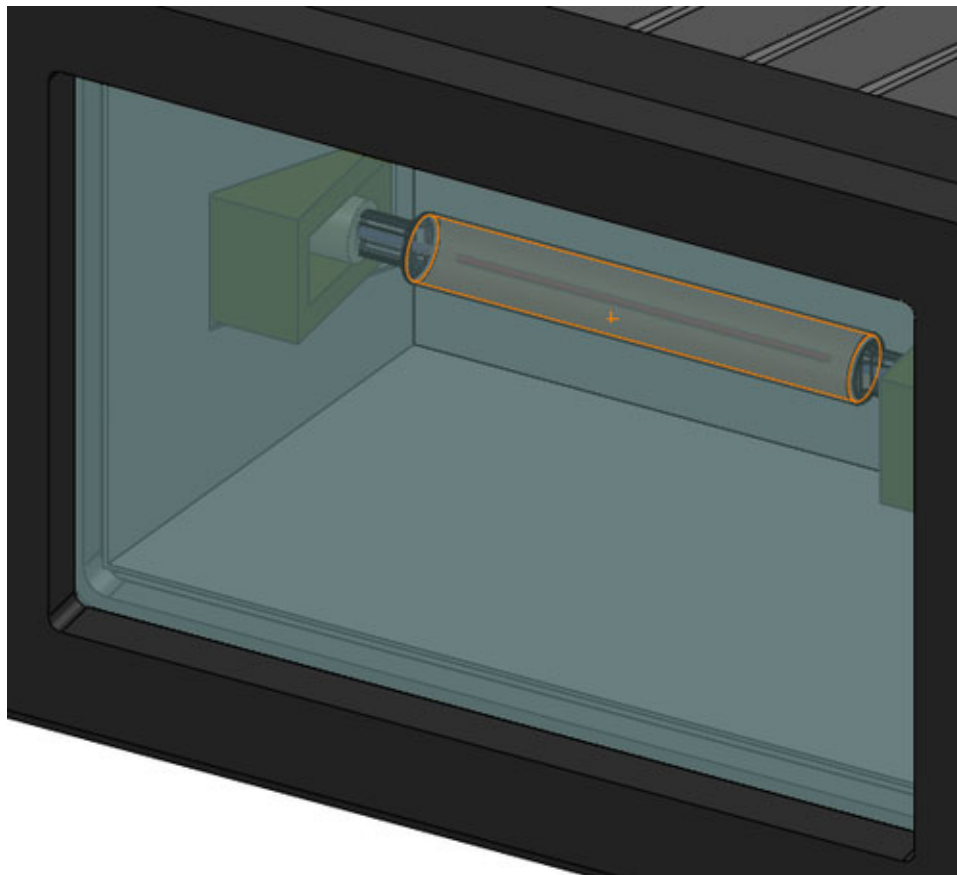
Specify the **Symmetry**  condition at **X min** .

Specifying Fluid Subdomain

Halogen lamps are filled with an inert gas and some small amount of halogen (iodine or bromine). For the purposes of this simulation we can consider the lamp as filled with an inert gas only. The gas in a halogen lamp is at the pressure several times higher than atmospheric. We use fluid subdomain to define both the gas filling the lamp and its pressure.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Fluid Subdomain**.
2. Select the inner cylindrical surface of the **Lamp\Lamp Bulb** component. Immediately the fluid subdomain you are going to create is displayed in the graphics area as a body of blue color.



3. Under **Fluids** make sure that **Gases/Real Gases/Steam** is selected in the **Fluid type** list and clear the **Air (Gases)** check box in the list of fluids below, so that only **Argon** remains selected.
4. Under **Thermodynamic parameters** in the **Pressure** **p** box type **2 atm**.
5. Click **OK** .

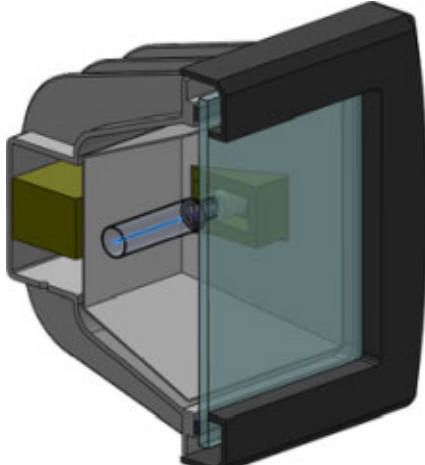
Specifying Heat and Radiation Conditions

There are several ways to define a heat source in Flow Simulation. The surface area of the cylindrical straight-line filament can substantially differ from the actual surface area of the coil. If you specify a heat source by its power, this difference must be considered. To avoid discrepancy between the actual and specified radiation heat transfer you can define a heat source with the temperature specified, and then define a radiation source with the power specified.

To do this, we specify a **Volume Heat Source** with the temperature of 2900 K. The value of the convective heat transfer rate is determined as a **Surface Goal** and the **Radiation Source** power is defined as 150 Watt minus the convective heat transfer rate. And finally, the outgoing radiation by the filament must be excluded from the calculation, so the filament surface must be defined as a whitebody surface.

Specify the volume heat source as shown in the table below:

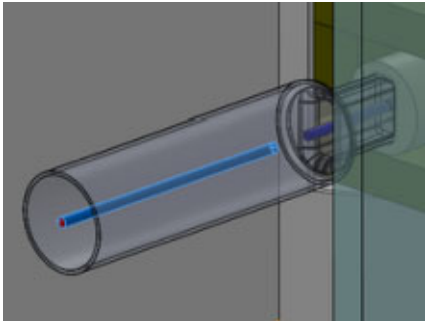
Type	Volume Heat Source
Name	2900 K
Components to apply	Lamp\Lamp Wire
Parameter: Temperature of 2900 K	

A 3D cutaway diagram of a lamp assembly. The assembly consists of a dark grey outer housing and a clear glass envelope. Inside the glass envelope, there is a yellow rectangular block on the left and a green rectangular block on the right. A thin, blue-tinted cylindrical tube, representing the lamp wire, passes through the center of the assembly, connecting the two blocks. The diagram is shown from a perspective view, highlighting the internal components and the protective glass structure.

Note

 The true temperature of the filament can be estimated from its color temperature. The typical values of the filament color temperature are specified by the lamp manufacturer. For the filament temperature of about 3000 K the color temperature of tungsten is 2-3% higher than its equivalent true temperature.

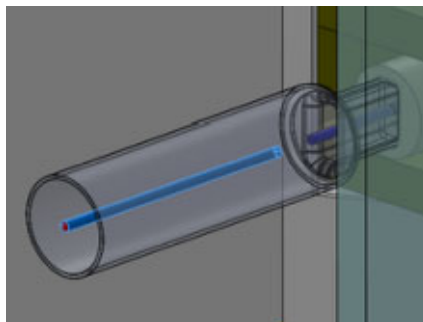
Specify the goal necessary for calculating the convective heat transfer rate:

GOAL TYPE	GOAL PARAMETER	FACE
Surface Goal	Heat Transfer Rate	The faces of the Lamp\Lamp Wire component located within the computational domain. Select the Lamp\Lamp Wire component in the flyout FeatureManager design tree. 

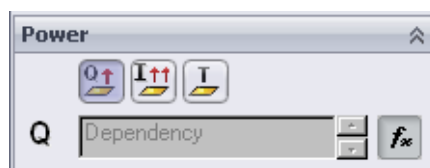
Follow the steps below to specify the radiation source.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Radiation Source**.

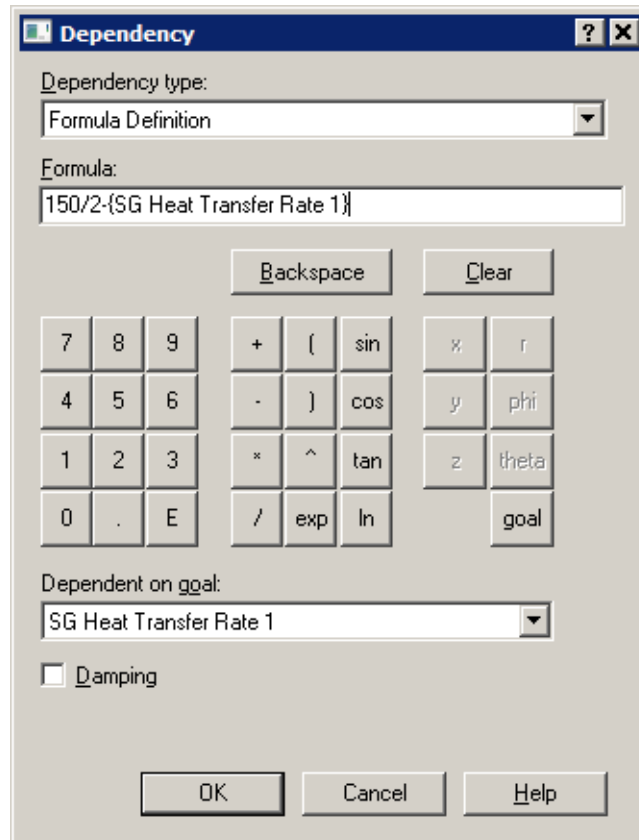


2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Lamp\Lamp Wire** component.
All the filament faces are selected as **Faces to Apply the Radiation Source** .
3. Select **Diffusive**  as the **Type**.
4. Under **Power** select **Power**  and then click **Dependency** .



- In the **Dependency Type** list select **Formula Definition**. In the **Formula** box, type the formula for the total heat power emitted by the source. To add a goal to the formula, select the goal in the **Dependent on goal** list and click **goal** in the input panel. The resulting expression must be the following:

150/2-{SG Heat Transfer Rate 1}



Note

We used a Volume Heat Source to define the heat transferred from the filament by the convection. To specify the remaining heat power, transferred by the radiation, the calculated heat transfer rate of the volume source must be subtracted from the total heat power.

- Click **OK** to return to the **Radiation Source** dialog.
- Under **Spectrum** select **Blackbody Spectrum** and enter **2900 K** in the **Blackbody Temperature** box.



8. Click **OK** .

Results

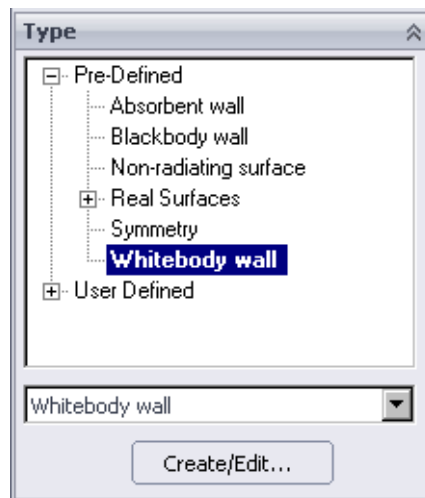
The new **Diffusive Radiation Source 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

Specifying Radiative Surfaces

Follow the steps below to specify the radiative surfaces.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Radiative Surface**.
2. Under **Type**, expand the list of **Pre-Defined** radiative surfaces and select **Whitebody wall**.

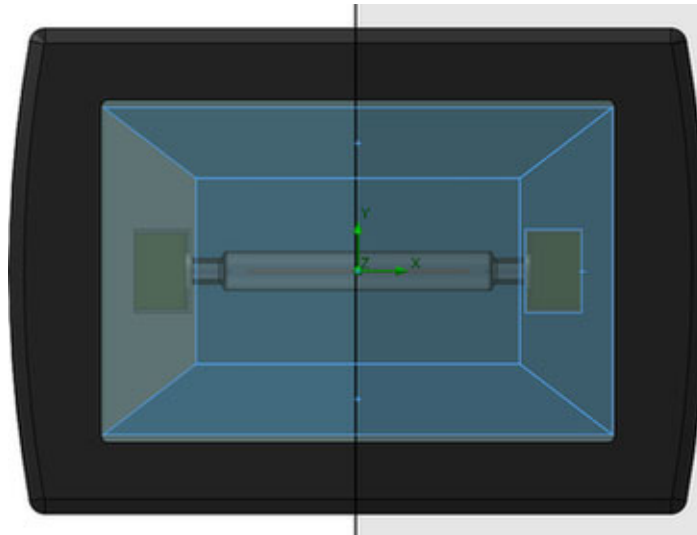


3. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** select the **Diffusive Radiation Source 1** item.
4. Click **OK** .
5. Rename the new **Whitebody wall 1** item to **Radiative Surface Filament**.
Click anywhere in the graphics area to clear the selection.
6. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Radiative Surface**.
7. Under **Type**, click **Create/Edit**.
8. In the **Engineering Database**, under **Radiative Surfaces / User Defined**, create a new item and change its **Name** to **Tutorial Aluminum, polished**.

9. Change the parameters of the surface as shown below:

Property	Value
Name	Tutorial Aluminum, polished
Comments	...
Radiative surface type	Wall
Reflection	Diffusive and Specular
Specularity coefficient	0.8
Diffuse coefficient	0.2
☒ Emissivity	Specific for thermal and solar radiation
Emissivity coefficient	0.1
Solar absorptance	0.1

10. Save the created radiative surface and exit the **Engineering Database**.
11. Under **Type**, expand the list of **User-Defined** radiative surfaces and select **Tutorial Aluminum, polished**.
12. Select the inner faces of **Reflector** located (at least, partially) within the computational domain.



13. Click **OK** .
14. Change the name of the new radiative surface to **Radiative Surface Reflector**.

Specifying Solid Materials

For the opaque components, specify the Solid Material.

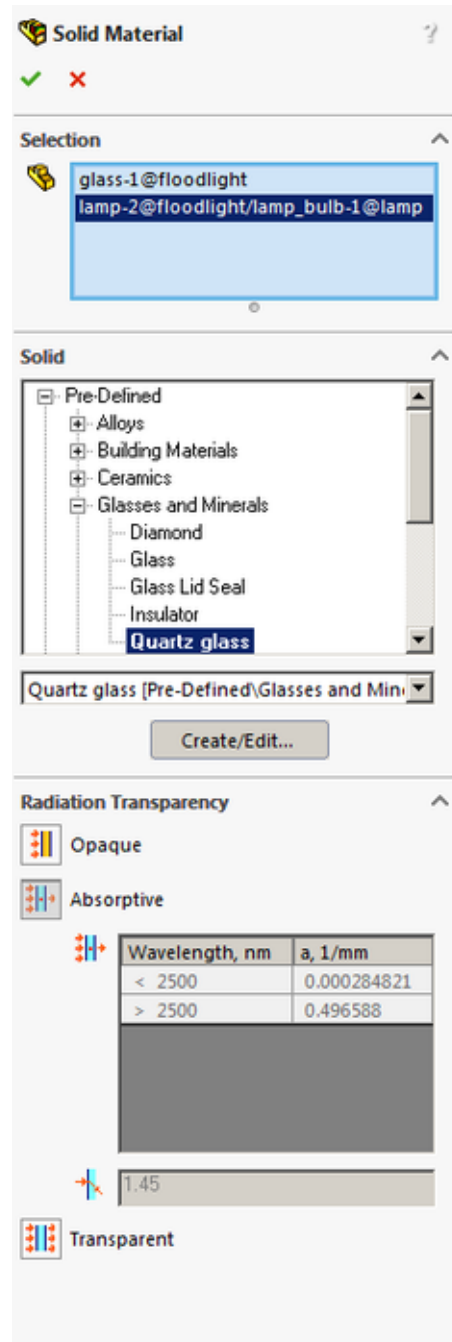
Lamp\Lamp Wire	<i>Pre-Defined\Metals\Tungsten</i>
Lamp\Lamp Pinch<1>	<i>Pre-Defined\Metals\Molybdenum</i>
Lamp\Lamp Base<1> Holder	<i>Pre-Defined\Ceramics\Alumina (96%)</i>
Seal	<i>Pre-Defined\Glasses and Minerals\ Glass Lid Seal</i>

Specifying Bodies and Materials Transparency

Assign the **Quartz glass** material to the bulb and the glass cover and specify these components as semi-transparent to radiation.

Procedure

1. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Solid Materials** icon and select **Insert Solid Material**.



2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the **Glass** and **Lamp\Lamp Bulb** components.

3. Under **Solid** expand the list of **Pre-Defined** solid materials and select **Quartz Glass** under **Glasses and Minerals**.
4. Under **Radiation Transparency** select **Absorptive** .

Note

 Absorptive body is semi-transparent. It means that it absorbs the heat radiation within its volume. This option is available only if the absorption coefficient is specified in the solid material definition in the Engineering Database and the **Absorption in solids** check box is selected under **Radiation** in the **Wizard** or **General Settings**.

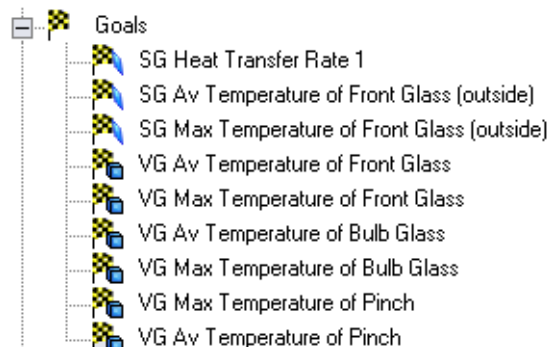
The **Absorption Coefficient**  and **Refractive Index**  values are specified in the Engineering Database and are provided here just for reference.

5. Click **OK** .

Flow Simulation now treats this solid material and all solid bodies it is assigned to as semi-transparent to the thermal radiation.

Specifying Goals

Specify surface goals of the maximum and average temperatures at the outer surface of the **Glass** component.



In addition, specify volume goals of the **Glass**, **Lamp\Lamp Bulb** and **Lamp\Lamp Pinch<1>** maximum and average temperatures. (you must select **Temperature (Solid)** as the goal parameter). You can rename the goals as shown to make it easier to monitor them during the calculation.

Specifying Global Mesh Settings

Specify the global mesh settings.

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>4</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Setting Local Mesh

It makes sense to adjust the computational mesh to better resolve the semi-transparent solid bodies and the fine filament. The most convenient way to do this is to specify Local Mesh - it allows us to obtain more accurate solution in these specific regions without creating an excessively fine mesh in other regions.

Procedure

1. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree select the filament, pinch pin and bulb components of the halogen lamp (**Lamp\Lamp Wire**, **Lamp\Lamp Pinch<1>**, **Lamp\Lamp - Bulb**).
2. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
3. Under **Refining cells**, use the slider to set the **Level of refining solid cells**  to 6.
4. Under **Channels**, set the **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel**  to 7 and **Maximum Channel Refinement Level**  to 1.
5. Under **Advanced Refinement**, set **Small Solid Feature Refinement Level**  to 1.
6. Click **OK**  to save local mesh settings.

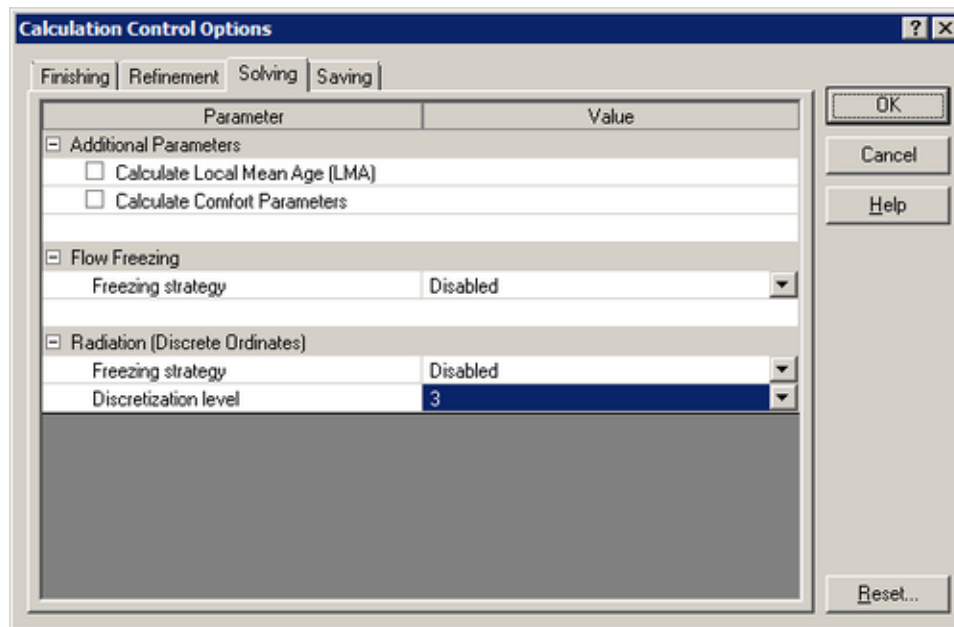
Adjusting the Calculation Control Options

You can adjust the calculation control options.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Calculation Control Options**.

2. Switch to the **Solving** tab.



3. Under **Radiation (Discrete Ordinates)**, make sure that the value of **Discretization level** is set to **3**. This value is appropriate for the given conditions and allows to obtain an acceptable accuracy in the case of compact radiation sources.

Note

 The **Discretization level** controls the discretization of the whole directional domain into equal solid angles or directions. The higher the discretization level, the better the accuracy, but the more CPU time and memory resources are required for the calculation.

4. Click **OK**.

Results

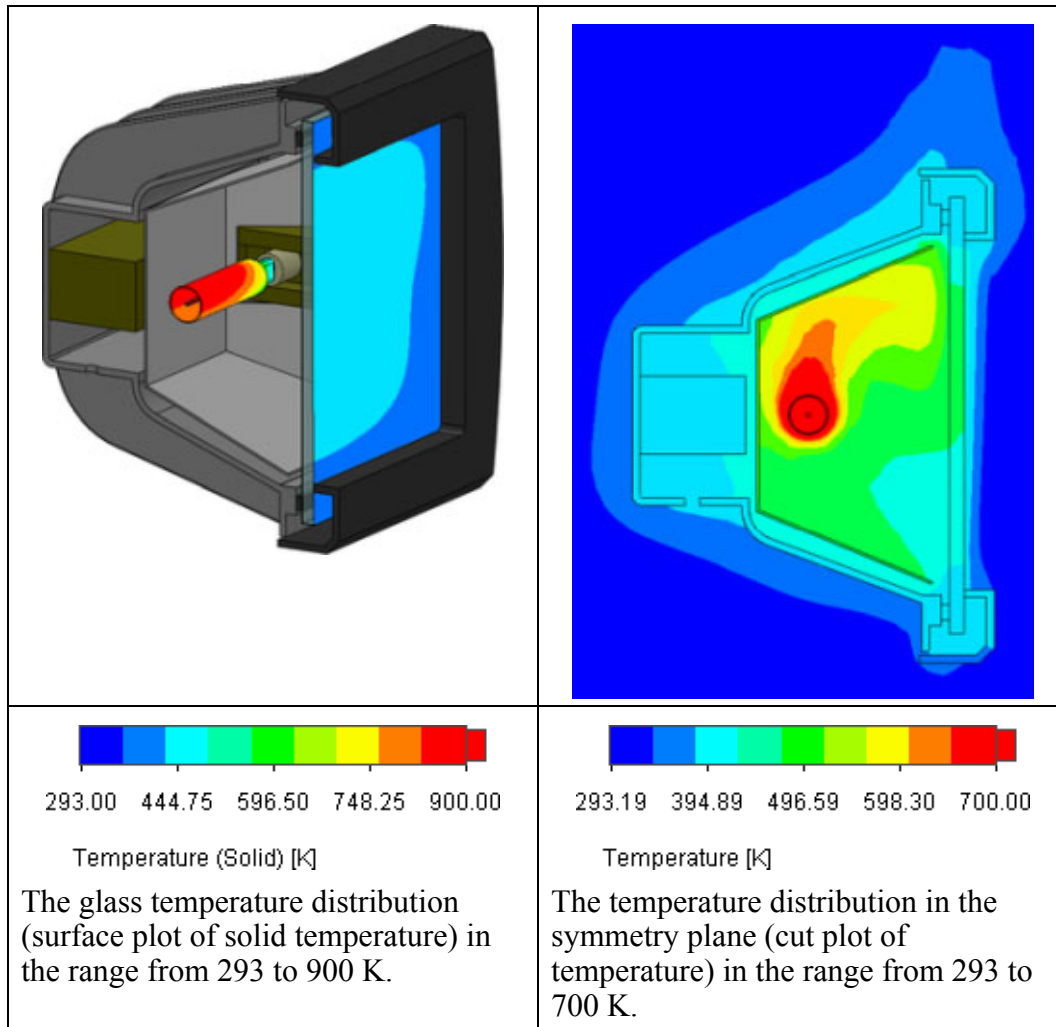
All project settings are defined.

Save the model and run the calculation.

Getting Results

In accordance with the obtained results, we can say that the glass cover and the lamp bulb operate at permissible temperatures.

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Av Temperature of Front Glass (outside)	[K]	414,4394745	413,3632947	411,6856544	414,4394745
SG Max Temperature of Front Glass (outside)	[K]	466,3195499	464,5295859	461,7595886	466,3195499
VG Av Temperature of Bulb Glass	[K]	710,7656618	710,02238	708,8575382	710,7762164
VG Max Temperature of Bulb Glass	[K]	927,9743251	927,3833648	926,4955847	927,9743251
VG Av Temperature of Pinch	[K]	456,1719025	455,5481749	454,58188	456,1918908
VG Max Temperature of Pinch	[K]	481,5773112	480,9905985	480,0521668	481,6813377
VG Av Temperature of Front Glass	[K]	415,8596904	414,7707877	413,0714827	415,8596904
VG Max Temperature of Front Glass	[K]	467,6627215	465,8250295	463,0208628	467,6627215
SG Heat Transfer Rate 1	[W]	8,564844916	8,567709638	8,564689549	8,571888672



Hospital Room

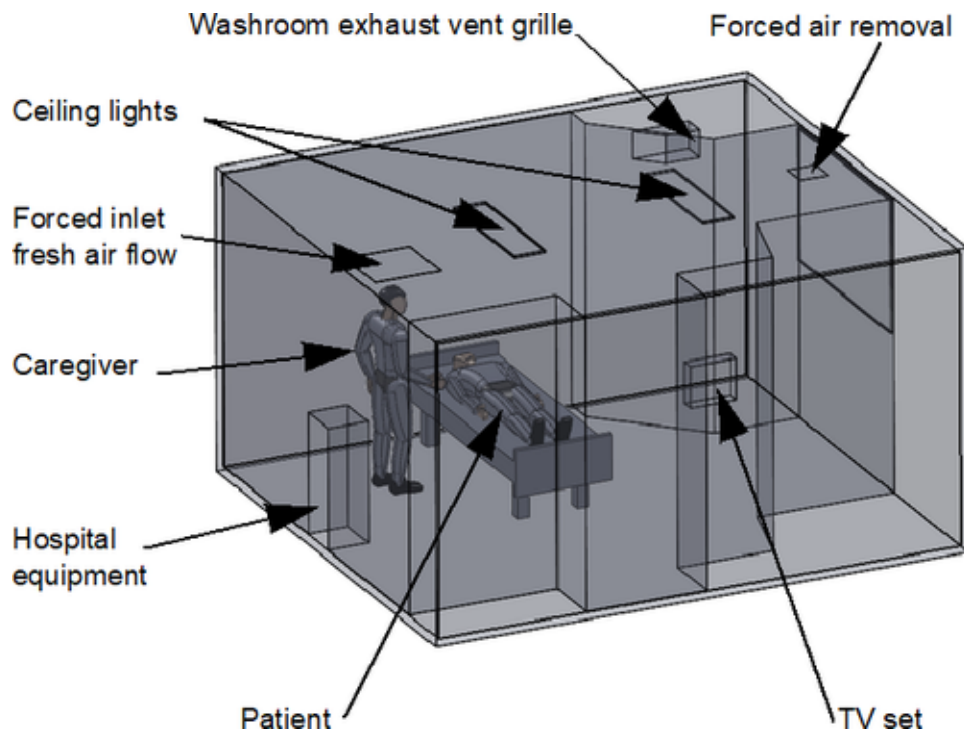
This tutorial demonstrates the capability of Flow Simulation to predict the performance of a building ventilation system and to estimate air quality and general thermal sensation by calculating comfort criteria. It is shown how to define a project, that is, specify the heat sources, boundary conditions and calculation goals, and how to obtain values of comfort criteria.



Some of the features used in this tutorial are available for the HVAC module users only.

Here we consider a hospital isolation room and estimate the ventilation system effectiveness with respect to the contaminant removal and thermal satisfaction of people in the room. A typical patient room includes standard features such as a patient bed, exhausts, lightening, equipment. The overhead ventilation system contains an overhead ceiling supply diffuser, the ceiling and the washroom exhausts. The contaminant source is assumed to be the patient breathing. The heat sources are lights, a medical equipment, a TV, a patient and a caregiver.

The ventilation system and the patient room features are shown at the figure below.



The following parameters are used to estimate the ventilation system effectiveness with respect to contaminant removal: Contaminant Removal Effectiveness (CRE) and Local Air Quality Index (LAQI).

The following parameters are used to estimate the ventilation system effectiveness with respect to thermal satisfaction of people: Air Diffusion Performance Index (ADPI), Predicted Mean Vote (PMV) and Predicted Percent Dissatisfied (PPD).

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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *D2 - Hospital* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *hospital room.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *hospital room.sldasm* assembly located in the *D2 - Hospital\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Hospital room</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s); Unit for Temperature: Celsius [°C]</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Gravity</i> • <i>Y component = 9.81 m/s^2</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i> <i>Gases / Expired Air (user-defined)</i> <i>Click New and in the Engineering Database create a new item named Expired Air by copy-pasting the pre-defined Air, available under Materials\Gases\Pre-Defined, to the Materials\Gases\User Defined folder</i>
Wall conditions	<i>Default</i>
Initial conditions	<i>Thermodynamic parameters:</i> • <i>Temperature = 19.5 °C</i> <i>Concentration:</i> • <i>Mass fraction of Air = 1</i> • <i>Mass fraction of Expired air = 0</i>

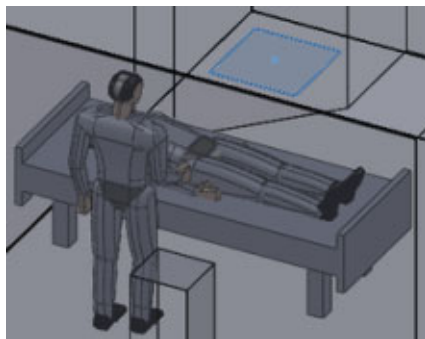
Procedure

1. After creating the project an error message appears informing you that the fluid volume recognition has failed. Select **No** to ignore the closing openings with **Create Lids** tool.

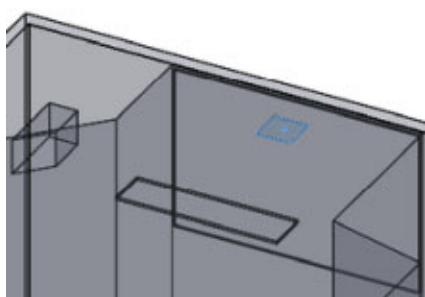
The problem disappears after disabling the **fluidvolume** component in the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Component Control** dialog box to treat it as a fluid region.
2. Rebuild the project by clicking **Tools > Flow Simulation > Project > Rebuild**.

Specifying Boundary Conditions

Specify the inlet and outlet boundary conditions.

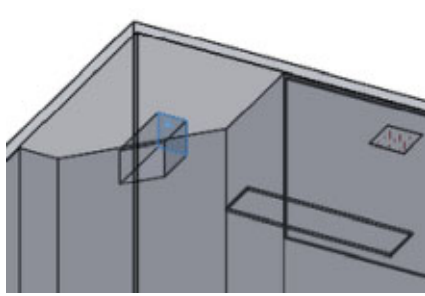
Type	Inlet Volume Flow	
Name	Inlet Volume Flow 1	
Faces to apply	the inner face of the Room component (the one above the hospital equipment table)	
Parameters: Volume Flow Rate of 4.8 m³/min		

Forced inlet fresh air flow

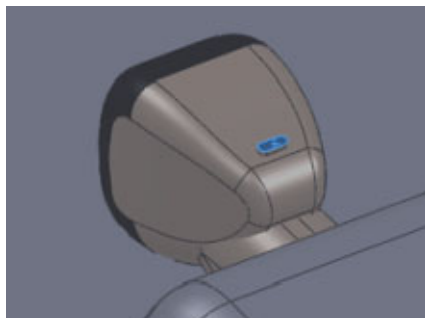
Type	Outlet Volume Flow	
Name	Outlet Volume Flow 1	
Faces to apply	the inner face of the Room component (the one near the window)	
Parameters: Volume Flow Rate of 2.6 m^3/min		

Forced air removal

Type	Environment Pressure
Name	Environment Pressure 1
Faces to apply	the inner face of the Room component, as shown
Thermodynamic Parameters: Default values (101325 Pa and 19.5 °C)	



Washroom exhaust vent grille

Type	Inlet Volume Flow	 Contaminated expired air
Name	Inlet Volume Flow 2	
Faces to apply	a face of the Patient component, representing the patient's mouth, as shown	
Parameters: Volume Flow Rate of 12 l/min Substance Concentrations: Mass fraction of Air is 0 Mass fraction of Expired Air is 1		

Specifying Heat Sources

There are several heat sources in the hospital room: ceiling lights, a TV set and hospital equipment. The caregiver and the patient are the sources of heat also. The amount of heat produced by a human body depends on the kind of activity the person is involved in. A patient laying on the bed produces significantly less heat than a caregiver, whose work requires physical activity and concentration.

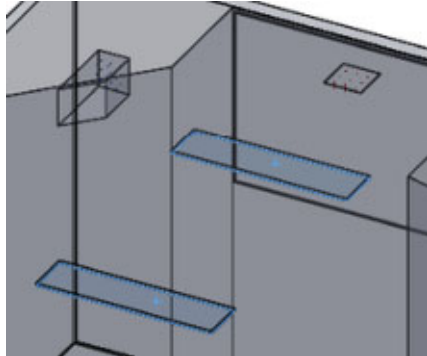
Because we do not consider heat conduction in solids in this simulation, we use surface heat sources with the fixed heat transfer rate.

Procedure

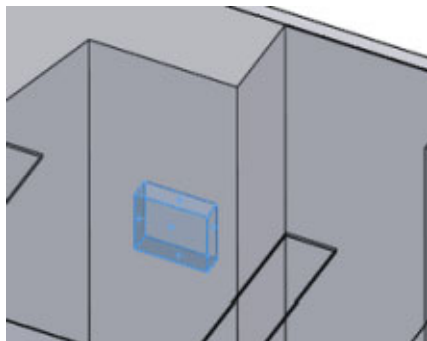
1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Surface Source**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **Patient** component.
This component appears in the **Faces to Apply the Surface Source**  list.
3. Under **Parameter** specify **Heat Transfer Rate**  of 81 W.
4. Click **OK** .
5. Rename the created heat source to **Patient**.
6. In the same way, specify the surface heat source of 144 W at all faces of the **Caregiver** component.
7. Rename the created heat source to **Caregiver**.

Other sources of heat are not represented by separate components, but by cuts and extrudes made on the **Room** component. Use the tables below as a reference to specify the remaining heat sources:

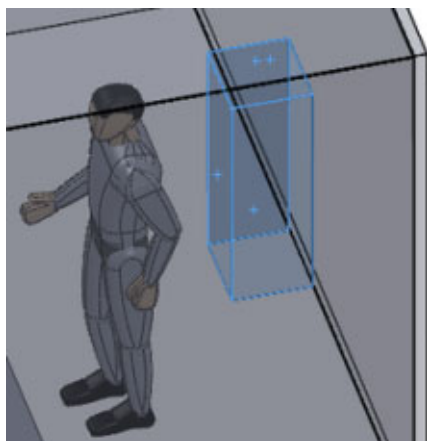
Type	Surface Heat Source
Name	Ceiling Lights
Faces to apply	both inner faces of the Room component representing the ceiling lights
Parameters: Heat Transfer Rate of 120 W	



Type	Surface Heat Source
Name	TV Set
Faces to apply	all inner faces of the Room component representing the TV set
Parameters: Heat Transfer Rate of 50 W	

A 3D perspective view of a room corner. The walls and floor are represented by gray rectangular blocks. A blue, semi-transparent rectangular prism is attached to the inner vertical face of one of the walls, representing a TV set. The prism has a slightly darker blue face on its front, suggesting a screen. The corner of the room is clearly visible, with the floor meeting the two walls.

Type	Surface Heat Source
Name	Hospital Equipment
Faces to apply	all inner faces of the Room component representing the hospital equipment
Parameters: Heat Transfer Rate of 50 W	

A 3D perspective rendering of a person in a grey protective suit standing in a room. On the right wall, there is a blue rectangular prism representing a heat source. The prism has dashed lines on its bottom and back edges, and small blue '+' signs on its top and side faces. The room has grey walls and a dark floor.

Specifying Calculation Control Options

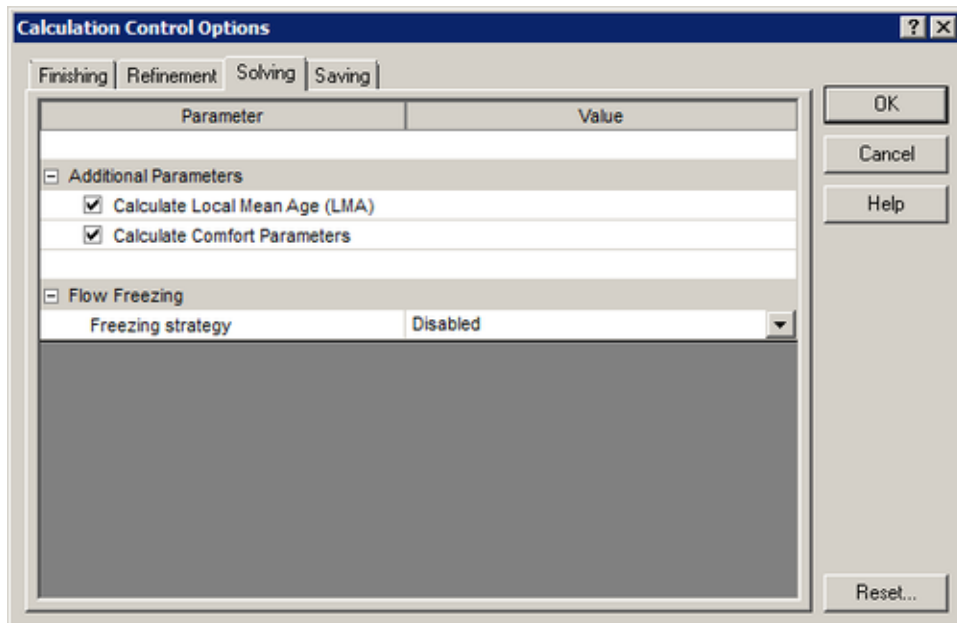
By default, calculation of comfort parameters is disabled in Flow Simulation to save the CPU time and memory resources. Besides comfort parameters, Flow Simulation is capable of calculating Local Mean Age (LMA) and Local Air Change Index (LACI) parameters:

- LMA is the average time for fluid to travel from the selected inlet opening to the point considering both the velocity and diffusion.
- LACI (Local Air Change Index) is the ratio of the V/Q value, where V is the computational domain fluid volume and Q is the volume flow rate of the fluid entering this volume, to the average time t for the fluid to travel from the selected inlet opening to the point considering both the velocity and diffusion.

Calculation of comfort parameters, LMA and LACI can be enabled in the **Calculation Control Options** dialog.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Calculation Control Options**.
2. Switch to the **Solving** tab.



3. Select the **Calculate Local Mean Age (LMA)** and **Calculate Comfort Parameters** check boxes.

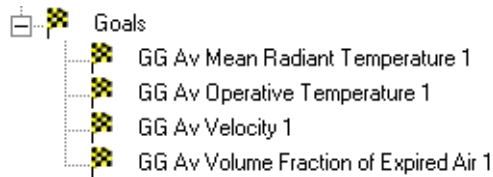
Note

 Selecting **Calculate Local Mean Age (LMA)** check box enables calculation of LMA, Dimensionless LMA and LACI.

- Click **OK**.

Specifying Goals

Specify global goals of **Av Mean Radiant Temperature**, **Av Operative Temperature**, **Av Velocity** and **Av Volume Fraction of Expired Air**.



Note

You can use **Mean Radiant Temperature** and **Operative Temperature** as the goal parameters only after you enable calculation of comfort parameters in the **Calculation Control Options** dialog.

Adjusting Global Mesh

You can adjust global mesh.

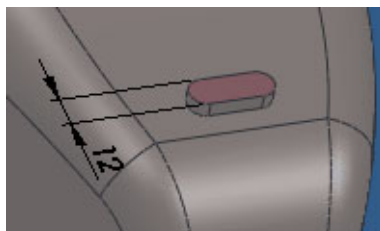
Procedure

- Double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
- Under **Type** and **Settings**, you can see the following default values:

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	<i>3 (default)</i>
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Note

Moreover, you can see that Flow Simulation determined the **Minimum gap size** value as 0.012 m, which is equal to the width of the face representing the patient's mouth (12 mm).



3. Click **OK**  to save the initial mesh settings and close the dialog box.

Setting Local Mesh

To better resolve the complex geometry of the **Caregiver** and **Patient** components and more accurately account the heat produced by the heat sources specified at these components, we employ the local mesh refinement.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
2. In the flyout FeatureManager design tree, select the **Caregiver** and **Patient** components.
3. Under **Refining cells**, use the slider to set the **Level of refining fluid cells**  to 2.
4. Under **Advanced Refinement**, set **Small Solid Feature Refinement Level**  to 4, while leaving other options default.
5. Click **OK**  to save local mesh settings.

Results

The project settings are defined and the calculation can be started.

During the calculation process you may notice that the **Av Volume Fraction of Expired Air** goal converges slower than the other goals specified. Since this is a tutorial example, there may be not need to wait before the solution fully converges. To save the CPU time, you can stop the calculation earlier, for example when all the other specified goals converge.

Comfort Parameters

It is a common practice to assess the performance of a ventilation system by some standard criteria, named comfort parameters. With Flow Simulation you can simulate various environments and get the values of comfort parameters, determining whether the air quality and temperature are safe and comfortable for people working or living in these environments. Later we will use Flow Simulation results processing tools to see and analyze the values of comfort parameters obtained in the calculation.

The following two parameters are used to assess the ventilation system effectiveness in contaminated air removing:

- **Contaminant Removal Effectiveness (CRE)**. This parameter is an index that provides information on the effectiveness of a ventilation system in removing contaminated air from the whole space. For a perfect mixing system $CRE = 1$. Values above 1 are good, values below 1 are poor.

- **Local Air Quality Index (LAQI)** is an index that provides information on the effectiveness of a ventilation system in removing contaminated air from a local point.

The following several parameters are used to estimate the ventilation system effectiveness with respect to the thermal satisfaction of people in the ventilated area:

- **Mean Radiant Temperature (MRT)** is the uniform surface temperature of an imaginary black enclosure in which an occupant would exchange the same amount of radiant heat as in the actual non-uniform space.
- **Operative Temperature** is the uniform temperature of an imaginary black enclosure, in which an occupant would exchange the same amount of heat by radiation plus convection as in the actual non-uniform environment.
- **Draft Temperature** is the difference in temperature between any point in the occupied zone and the control condition. "**Draft**" is defined as any localized feeling of coolness or warmth of any portion of the body due to both air movement and air temperature, with humidity and radiation considered constant.
- **Air Diffusion Performance Index (ADPI)** is the percentage of the space in which the air speed is less than 0.35 m/s and the Draft Temperature falls between -1.7 °C and 1.1 °C.

Note

If Draft Temperature or ADPI is calculated as Volume Parameters, the reference space or zone is the specified volume region. In all other cases the whole computational domain is considered.

- **Predicted Mean Vote (PMV)** is an index that predicts the mean value of the votes of a large group of persons on the 7-point thermal sensation scale, based on the heat balance of the human body. Thermal balance is obtained when the internal heat production in the body is equal to the loss of heat to the environment.

cold	cool	slightly cool	neutral	slightly warm	warm	hot
-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

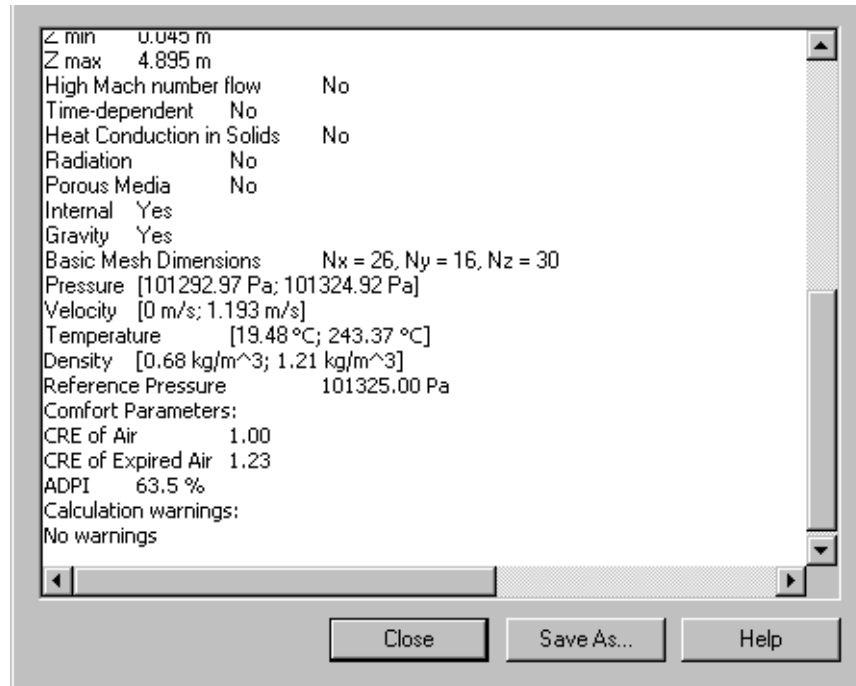
- **Predicted Percent Dissatisfied (PPD)** is an index that provides information on thermal discomfort or thermal dissatisfaction by predicting the percentage of people likely to feel too warm or too cool in a given environment.

Obtaining CRE Value

You can see the calculated value of the Contaminant Removal Effectiveness (CRE) in the calculation results summary.

Procedure

1. In the **Analysis tree**, right-click the **Results** icon and select **Summary**.
2. Now scroll down the report to see the **CRE of Expired Air** value near the bottom of the **Results Summary** in the **Comfort Parameters** section.



The value of **CRE of Expired Air** is higher than 1, which means that the ventilation system is reasonably effective in removing the contaminated air.

Volume Parameters

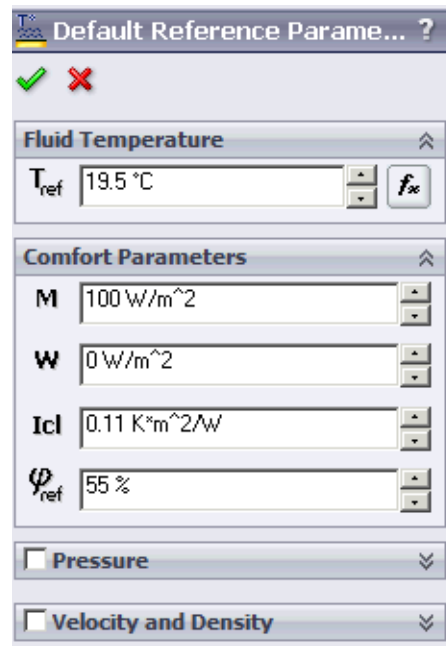
We can obtain the values of thermal satisfaction parameters with the **Volume Parameters** results processing feature. The volume, in which the parameters will be calculated, is **fluidvolume** component (that is, the entire fluid region within the computational domain).

Before specifying **Volume Parameters**, we need to check the values of reference parameters: metabolic rate, external work, clothing thermal resistance and relative humidity, used to calculate comfort parameters such as PMV and PPD. These reference parameters define the approximate heat power produced by a human body depending on the activity and health condition, insulating properties of the clothing and humidity of the air.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Default Reference Parameters**.

2. Specify **Metabolic rate** M of **100 W/m²**. Keep the other values default.



Note

 The clothing thermal resistance of $0.11 \text{ K} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{W}$ corresponds to a light working ensemble: light underwear, cotton work shirt with long sleeves, work trousers, woolen socks and shoes. The definition of clothing insulation relates to heat transfer from the whole body and, thus, also includes the uncovered parts of the body, such as head and hands.

The relative humidity of 55% is typical for indoor conditions. If the relative humidity is considered in the analysis (the **Humidity** option is selected in the **General Settings**), the actual calculated value of the relative humidity is used as the reference parameter.

3. Click **OK** .
4. Use the **Volume Parameters** feature to see the values of comfort parameters.
 - a. In the Flow Simulation **Analysis tree** right-click the **Volume Parameters** icon and select **Insert**.
 - b. In the flyout **FeatureManager design tree**, select the **fluidvolume** component.
 - c. Under **Parameters** click **More Parameters**.

The Customize Parameter List dialog appears.
 - d. Expand the **Comfort Parameters** item and select the following parameters:
 - o **Mean Radiant Temperature**,

- **Operative Temperature,**
 - **PMV,**
 - **PPD,**
 - **Draft Temperature,**
 - **LAQI of Air,**
 - **LAQI of Expired Air.**
- e. Click **OK** to close the **Customize Parameter List** dialog box.
- f. In the **Volume Parameters** dialog make sure that the selected parameters are also selected as the **Parameters to Evaluate** under **Parameters**. Additionally select the **ADPI** parameter.
- g. Click **Export to Excel**.

Results

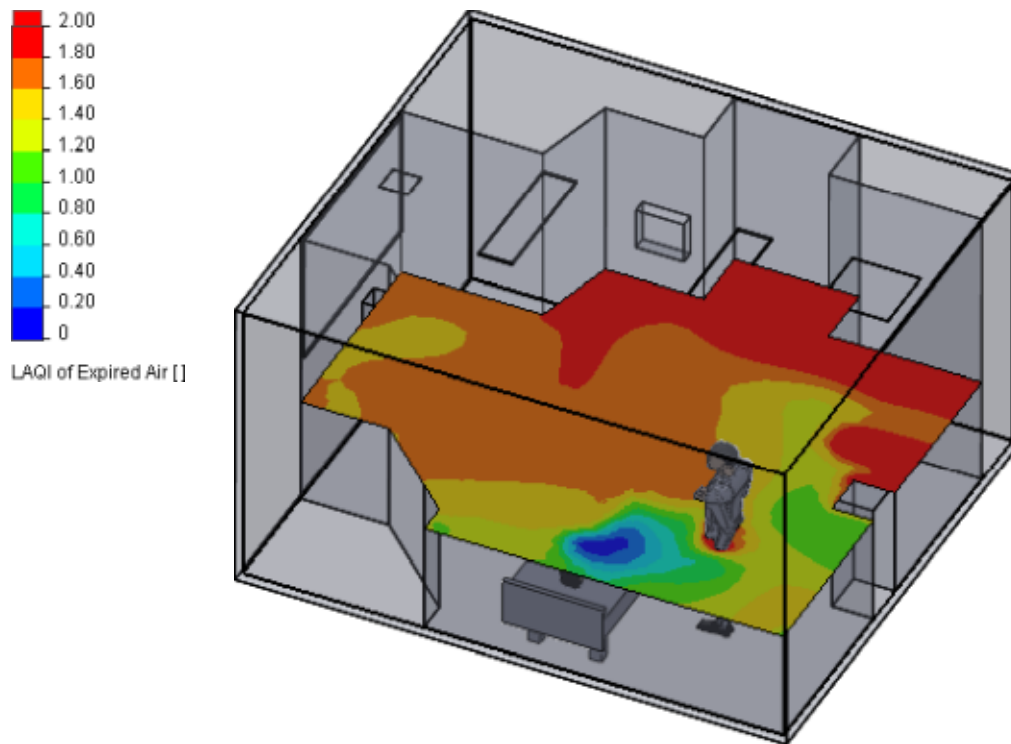
A spreadsheet with the selected parameters values appears.

Parameter	Average	Bulk Average	Volume [m ³]
Mean Radiant Temperature [°C]	23.9847308	23.9811646	41.8581029
Operative Temperature [°C]	23.4965288	23.4930785	41.8581029
PMV []	0.721211205	0.720537619	41.8581029
PPD [%]	17.0303015	17.0086269	41.8581029
Draft Temperature [K]	0.721984015	0.718661076	41.8581029

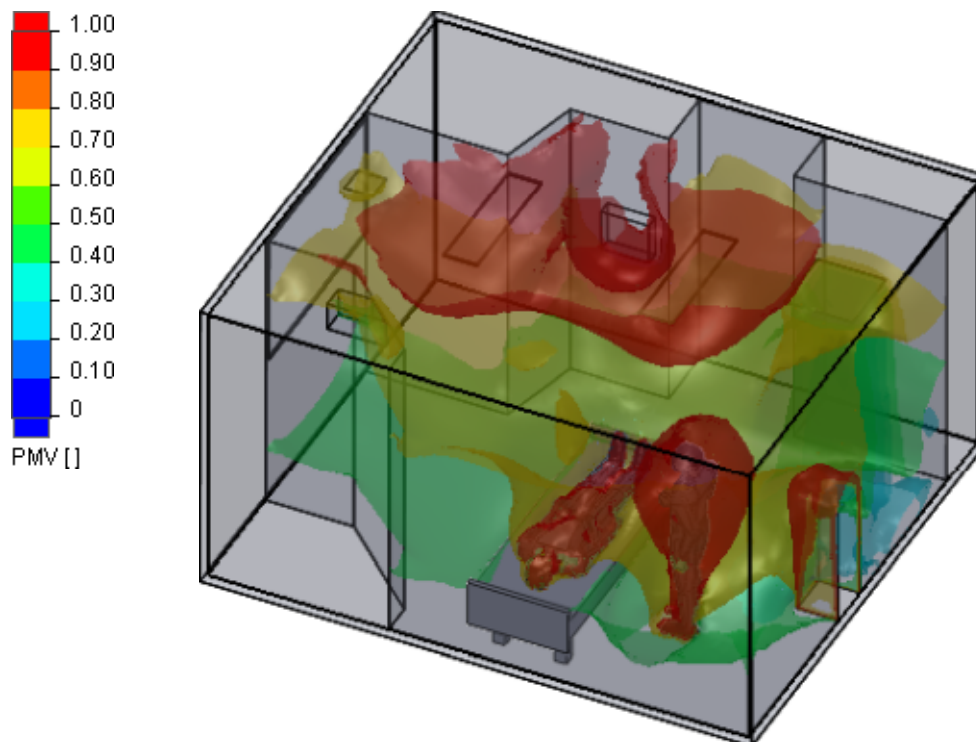
Parameter	Value
ADPI [%]	63.4301412

Cut Plots and Isosurfaces

To see how the quality of air with respect to the contained contaminant changes through the room, we create a cut plot by the **LAQI of Expired Air** parameter at the distance of 1 m from the floor - i.e. slightly above the level of the patient's head. The higher the value, the less the concentration of the contaminant and better it is removed.



The isosurfaces of **PMV** at 0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1 allows us to estimate the level of thermal comfort through the room - from 0 (normal) to +1 (slightly warm).



Pollutant Dispersion in the Street Canyon

This tutorial demonstrates the capability of Flow Simulation to simulate an urban pollution. It is shown how to obtain a flow field, and how to define a tracer source to simulate the pollutant dispersion.



Some of the features used in this tutorial are available for the HVAC module users only.

Here we consider the street canyon, a road and its flanking buildings. The street is 50 m wide and is flanked on the North side with 100 m high tower block (31 stories) and on the South side with 30 m high building (10-11 stories). Orientation of the street is east-west.

The source of pollution comes from the vehicular exhaust. Traffic-related air pollution is a complex mixture of gases and particles. Here we consider Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) air pollution. Nitrogen Oxides include NO and NO₂, the former being produced in far more abundance by vehicles than the latter. However, NO rapidly oxidizes to NO₂ which destroys lung tissue with the obvious negative implications for asthmatics. The emission of NO_x is assumed to be $8.6 \cdot 10^{-5}$ kg/s.

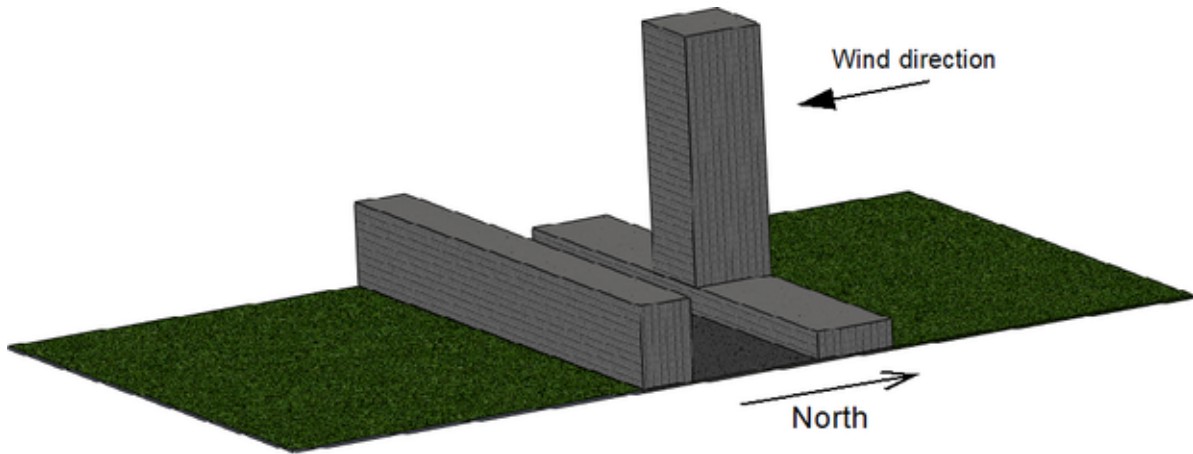
Traffic pollution in a street canyon is characterized by large vertical variability, which is not only related to the variation in the traffic amount but is also influenced by the meteorological conditions.

It is common in engineering practice to describe the wind profile with a power-law in non-complex terrain up to a height of about 200 m above ground level:

$$V(h) = V_r (h/h_r)^p$$

where $V(h)$ is the wind speed at height h , and V_r is the known wind speed at a reference height h_r . The power-law exponent p is an empirically derived coefficient that varies dependent upon the stability of the atmosphere from about 0.1 to about 0.6. The larger the power-law exponent the larger the vertical gradient in the wind speed.

The street canyon is shown in the figure below.



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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *D3 - Street Canyon* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *block.sldprt* file.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *block.sldprt* file located in the *D3 - Street Canyon\Ready* folder and run the project.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Street Canyon</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s)</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Time-dependent</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: External</i>
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Wall conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>
Initial and Ambient Conditions	<i>Velocity Parameters:</i> • <i>Velocity in Z direction = $2.6*(y/10)^{0.25}$ m/s</i> <i>Turbulence Parameters:</i> • <i>Turbulence energy and dissipation</i> • <i>Turbulence energy = 0.596 J/kg</i> • <i>Turbulence dissipation = $0.423^3/(0.39*y)$ W/kg</i> <i>Other conditions are default</i>

Adjusting the Computational Domain Size

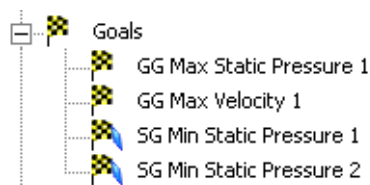
Adjust the computational domain size.

X max = 65 m	Y max = 150 m	Z max = 195 m
X min = 0 m	Y min = -0.005 m	Z min = -164 m

Specify the **Symmetry**  condition at **X max**  and **X min** .

Specifying Goals

Specify global goals of **Max Static Pressure** and **Max Velocity**.



In addition, specify separate surface goals of **Min Static Pressure** at the leeward walls of the buildings.

Specifying Global Mesh Settings

Specify the global mesh settings.

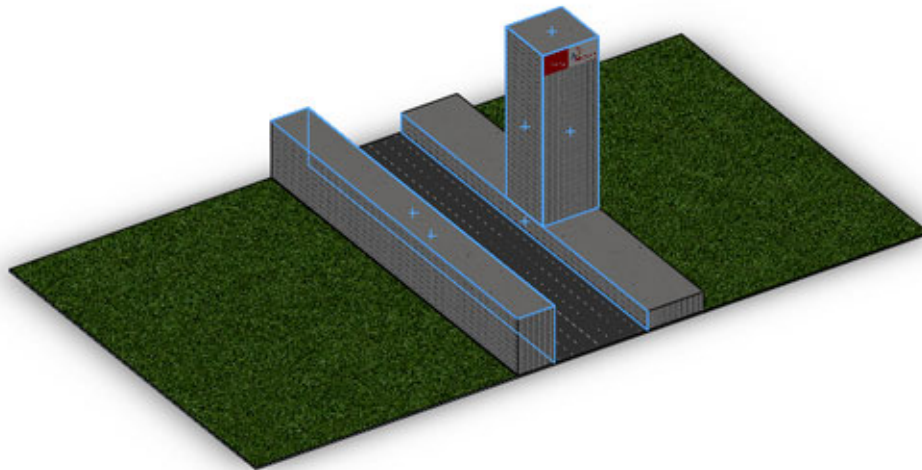
Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	5
<i>Other options are default</i>	

Setting Local Mesh

To better resolve the street canyon and the area around the tower block, we employ the local mesh refinement.

Procedure

1. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
2. In the graphics area, select the roof and facing faces of the both buildings and the side face of the tower.



3. Under **Refining Cells**, use the slider to set the **Level of refining fluid cells**  to 3.
4. Under **Channels**, set the **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel**  to 20 and **Maximum Channel Refinement Level**  to 2.

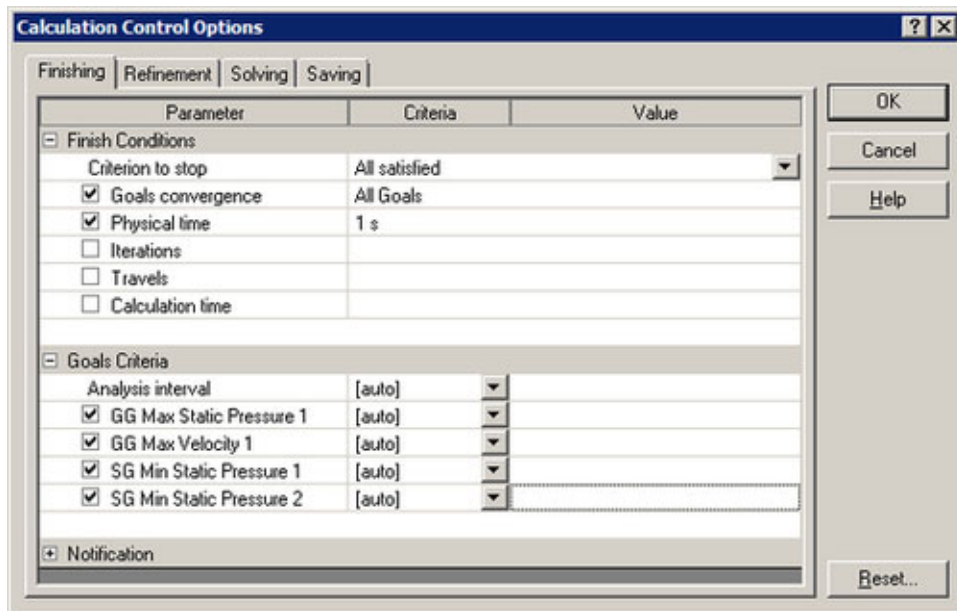
5. Click **OK**  to save local mesh settings.

Adjusting the Calculation Control Options

You can adjust the calculation control options.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Calculation Control Options**.
2. In the **Finishing** tab of the **Calculation Control Options** dialog box, expand the **Finish Conditions** item and for **Criterion to stop** select **All satisfied**.
3. Also select **Goals convergence**.



4. Click **OK**.

Results

All project settings are defined.

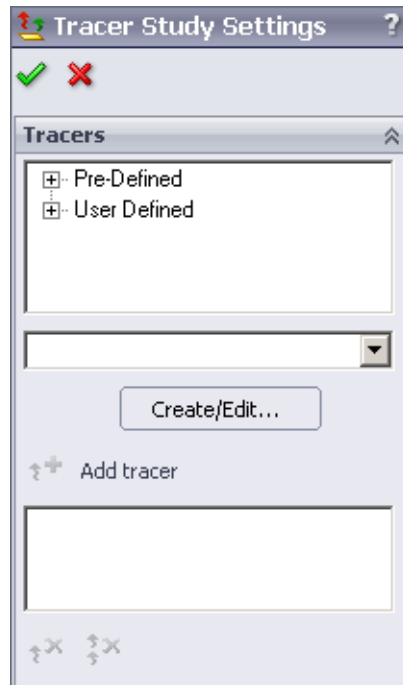
Save the model and run the calculation.

Specifying Tracer Study

Tracers allow you to study the flow of a certain admixture (tracer) in the existing carrier fluid under assumption that the presence of the admixture has a negligible influence on the carrier fluid flow. Such assumption is justified if the concentration (mass fraction) of the admixture is relatively low.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Tracer Study**.

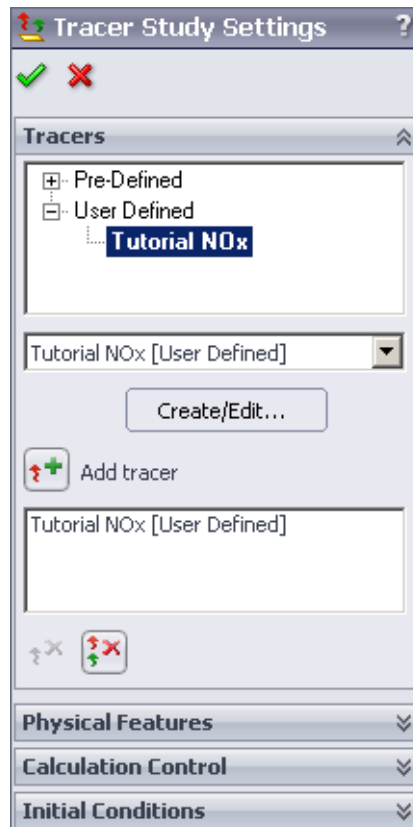


2. In the **Engineering Database**, under **Tracers**, **User Defined**, create a new item and change its **Name** to **Tutorial NOx**.
3. Change the parameters of the tracer as shown below:

Property	Value
Name	Tutorial NOx
Comments	
Molar mass	0.02896 kg/mol
Diffusion defined by	Diffusion coefficient
Diffusion coefficient	0.19 cm^2/s
Saturation pressure	☐

4. Save the created tracer and exit the **Engineering Database**.
5. Under **Tracers**, expand the list of **User-Defined** tracers and select **Tutorial NOx** and click **Add tracer**

The **Tutorial NOx [User Defined]** item appears in the list below.



6. Click **OK** .

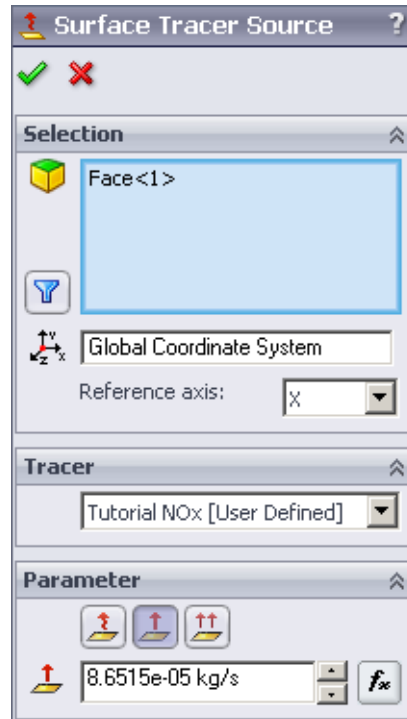
The new **Tracer Study 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

7. Specify the tracer source:
- Right-click the **Tracer Studies > Tracer Study 1 > Sources** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Surface Source**.

The Surface Tracer Source dialog appears.

- In the graphics area select the road surface.

The selected face appears in the **Faces to Apply the Surface Tracer Source**  list.



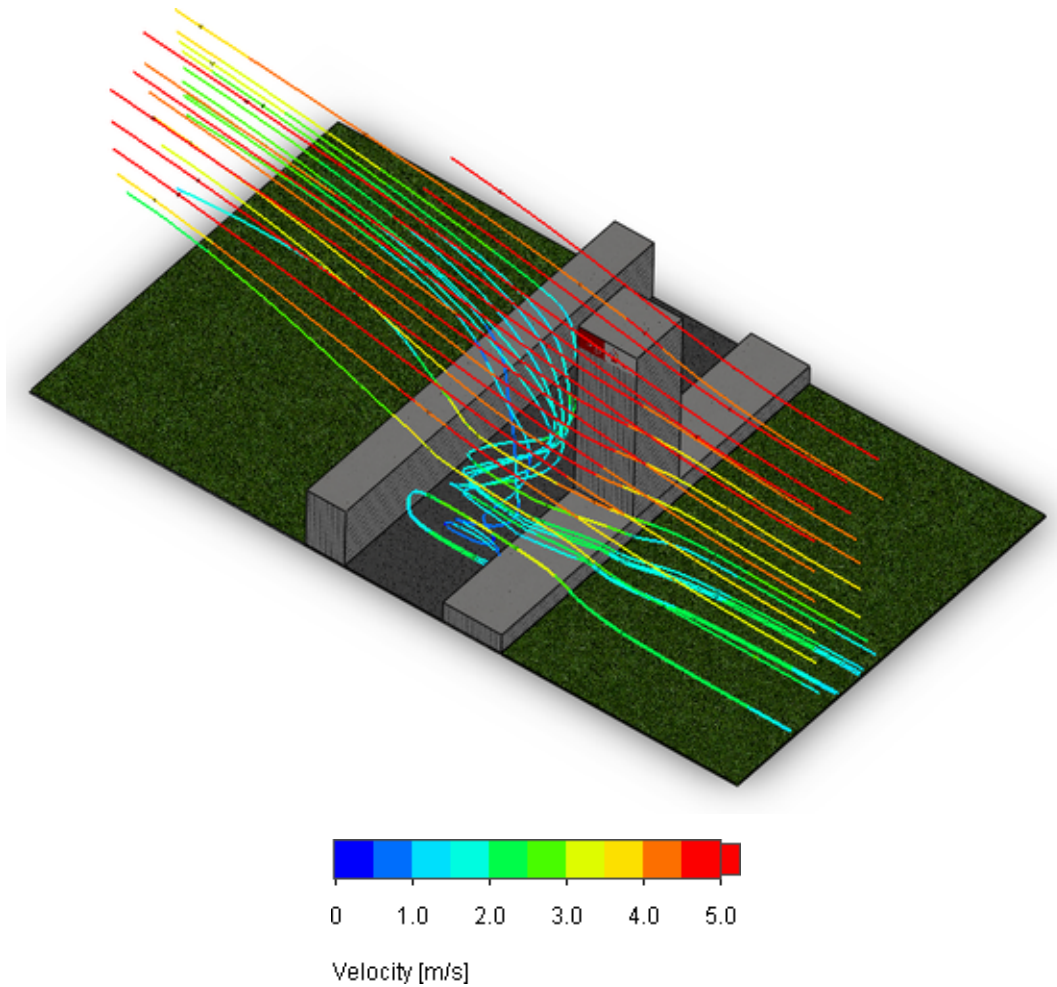
- c. Under **Tracer** make sure that **Tutorial NOx** is selected.
- d. Under **Parameter** select **Mass Flow**  and set its value equal to **8.6515e-5 kg/s**.
- e. Click **OK** .

The new **SS Mass Flow of Tutorial NOx 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

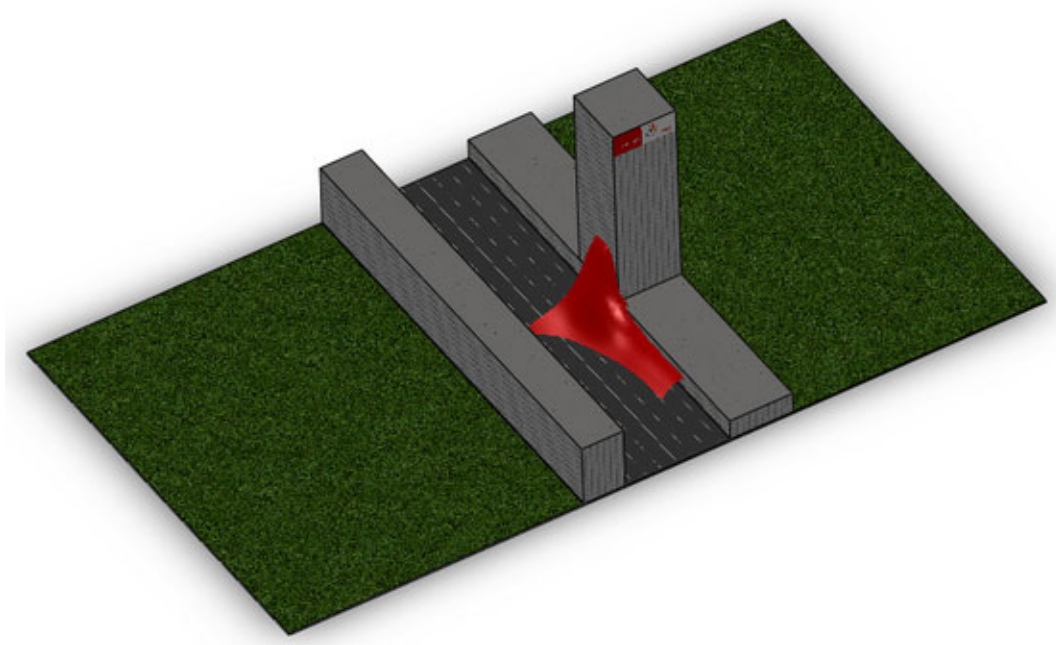
- 8. To run the tracer calculation, right-click the **Tracer Study 1** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Run**.

Getting Results

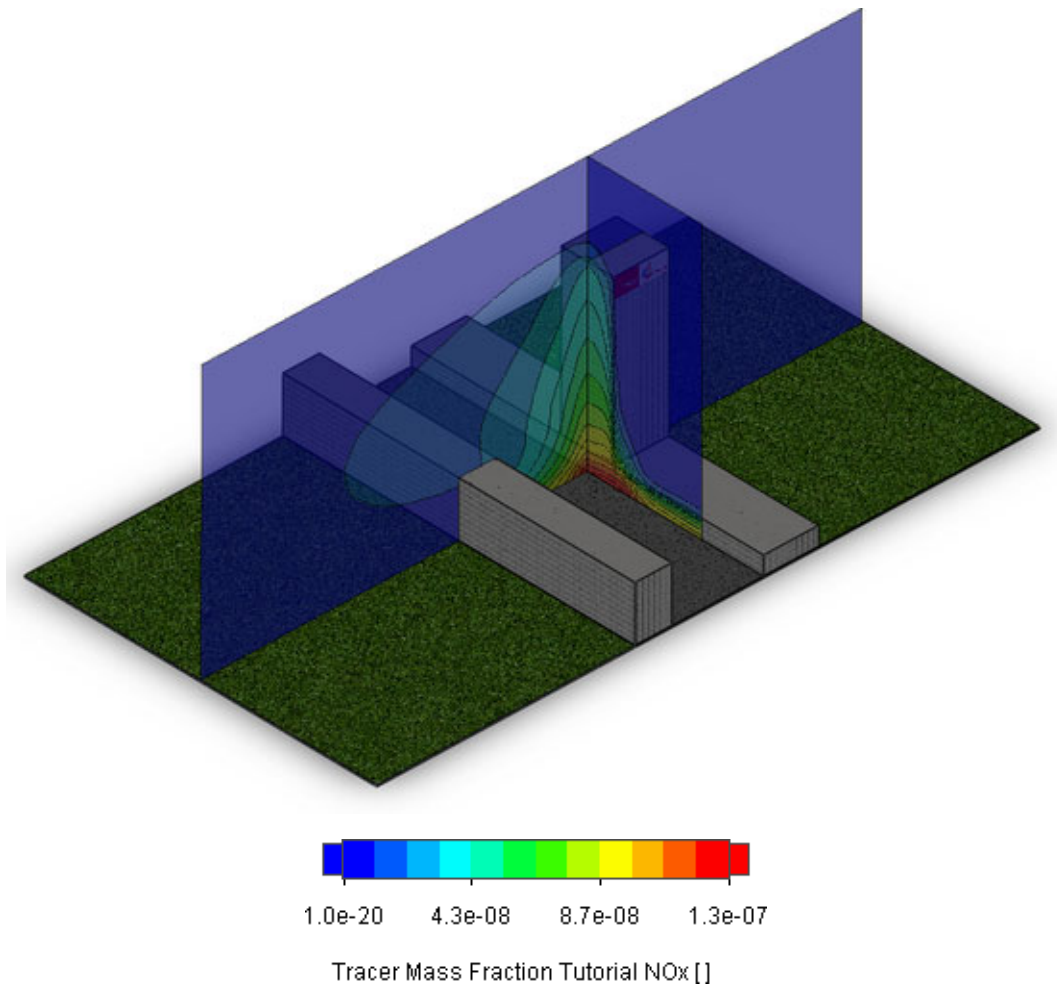
To see how the wind flows around the buildings we will display the **Flow Trajectories**.



The isosurfaces of the **Tracer Mass Fraction (Tutorial NOx)** at $6.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$ allows us to estimate areas of high traffic pollution.



Additionally, let us see the distribution of the **Tracer Mass Fraction (Tutorial NOx)** in the symmetry plane and on the leeward face of the tower block.



Chapter 6

Examples for Electronics Cooling Module

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Electronic Components

This tutorial demonstrates the capabilities of Flow Simulation to simulate cooling of electronic components in an embedded industrial computer by using various features implemented in the **Electronics** module. Here we consider a single board computer with a case, which contains, among other components, CPU, chipset (Northbridge and Southbridge), heat sink with two heat pipes, PCI and ISA slots for a PC104 expansion board, SODIMM slot with memory installed and peripheral connectors.

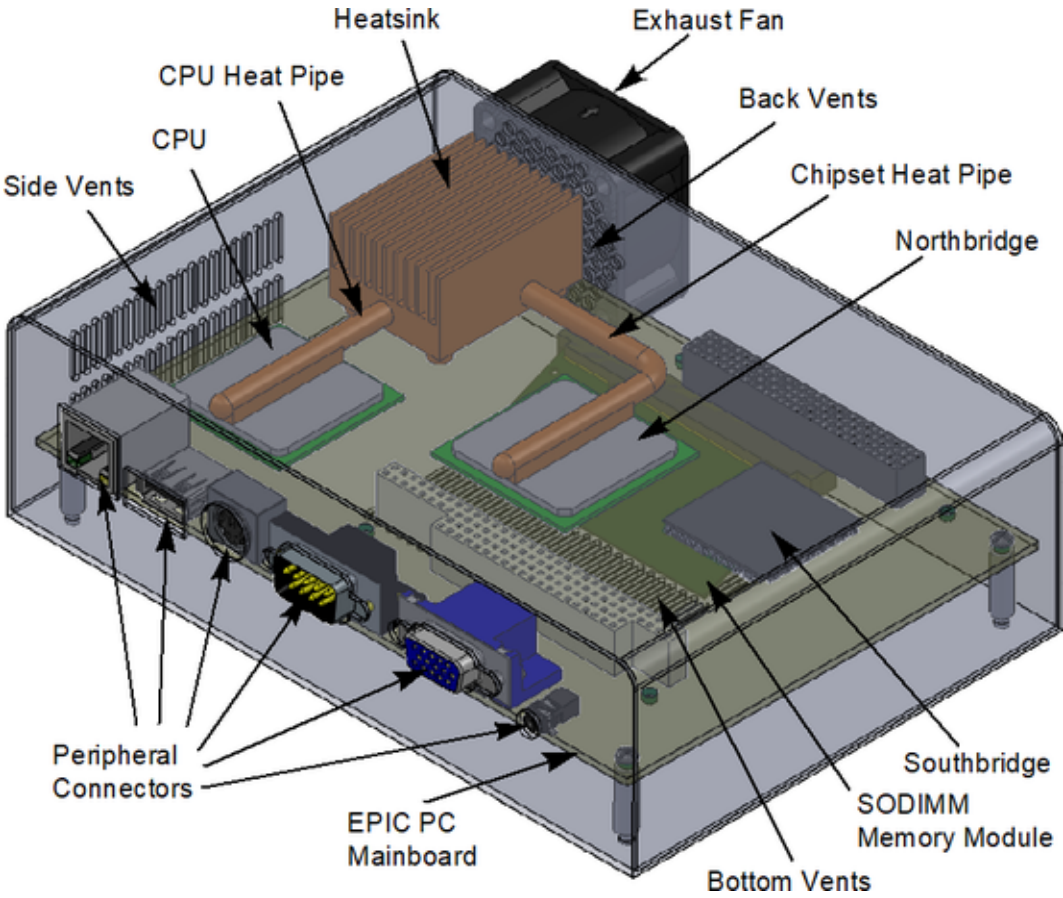


Some of the features used in this tutorial are available for the Electronics Cooling module users only.

Air at room temperature enters the case through the vents located at the side and bottom panels and exits through the vents located at the back panel, where an exhaust fan is installed. The resulting flow inside the case removes the heat produced by electronic components (CPU, Northbridge, Southbridge and DDR RAM chips). The heat pipes also transfer the heat produced by CPU and Northbridge to the heat sink, which dissipates it into the air. In the considered model, this heat sink is placed near the exhaust fan.

The objective of the simulation is to ensure that under these conditions, electronic components operate at moderate temperatures. In the table below, you can see the typical values of maximum operating temperatures of the electronic components under consideration.

Electronic component	Maximum operating temperature
CPU	85 °C
Northbridge	80 °C
Southbridge	100 °C
DDR RAM chip	85 °C



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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

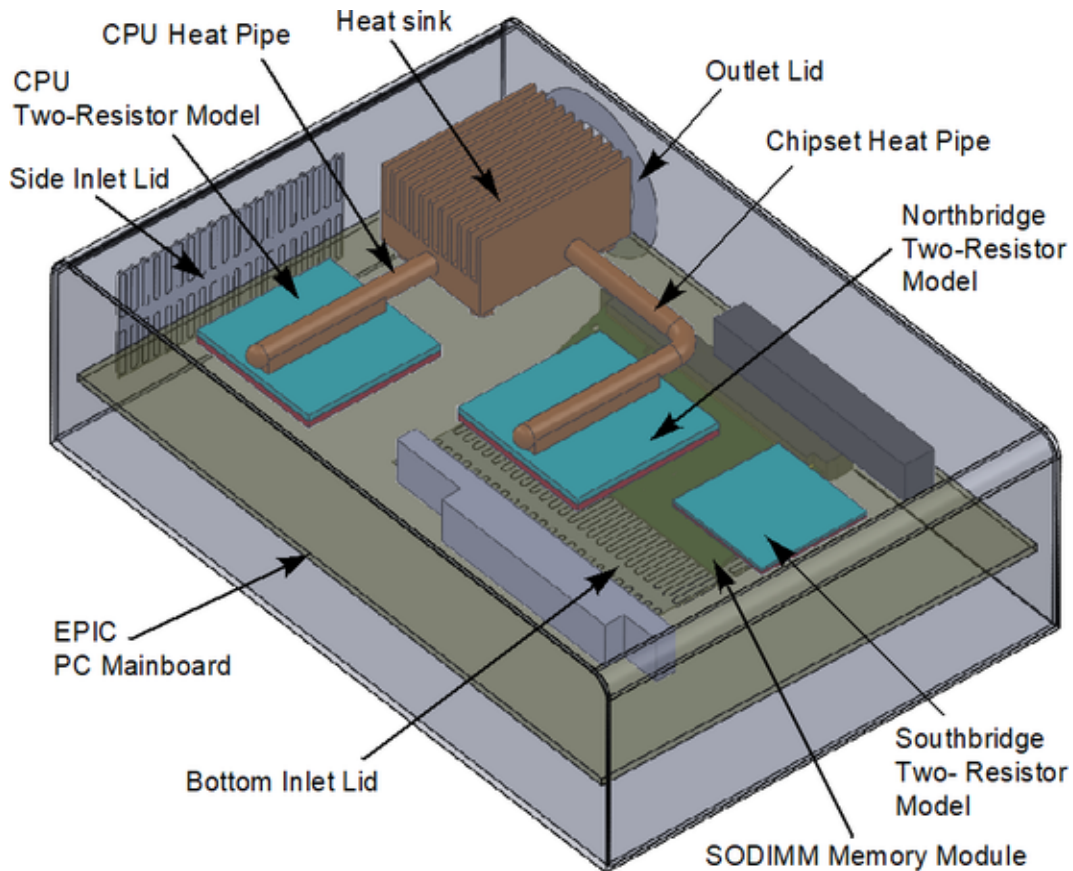
1. Copy the *E1 - Electronics* folder into your working directory.
2. Open the *epic pc.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *epic pc.sldasm* assembly located in the *E1 - Electronics\Ready* folder and run the project.

3. Look at the **Default** configuration.
4. This is the original model geometry in accordance with the problem statement.
5. After studying this model, switch to the **Simulation Model** configuration.
6. To simplify the problem for this tutorial and, therefore, to save your computer resources, we neglect some particular components and features, which do not affect the flow and heat exchange much. These include holes in PCI and ISA slots, screws and peripheral connectors. The model geometry of exhaust fan is also excluded from the simulation and is replaced by an appropriate boundary condition. In the simulation, we consider CPU,

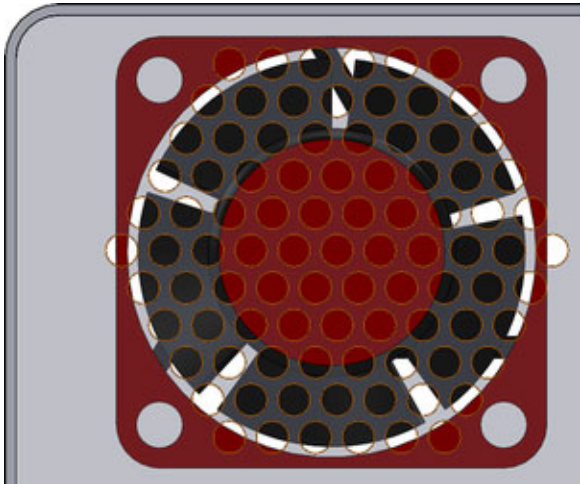
Northbridge, Southbridge and DDR RAM chips as Two-Resistor simplified thermal models, each consisting of two parallelepiped components.



Simulation Model

7. To set the boundary conditions for the inlet and outlet flows, we close the vents by placing a single lid on the inner side of each panel. Thus, we neglect some phenomena, which occur in the flow entering and exiting the case through the vents. However, we take into account the value of the pressure loss coefficient reflecting the resistance to the flow in accordance with the specific shape and arrangement of the vent holes.
8. In the **Simulation Model configuration** you can see that the vents on the back panel are suppressed. This is done in order to define the exhaust fan boundary condition correctly. If you examine the original model geometry, you will see that the exhaust fan is placed close to the vents on the back panel, and there is no air flow through some of them. Actually, the air flow exits the case through a ring-shaped array of the vent holes (see the picture), so in the **Simulation Model configuration** we place a lid to close only these vent holes without considering other vent holes on the back panel at all. As resolving of each vent hole can be rather time-consuming and they are not the part of the flow simulation anyway, we suppress them. Instead, we specify an External Outlet Fan boundary condition on the inner surface of the ring-shaped lid. In addition, on the same

lid we specify the Perforated Plate condition to define the pressure loss due to the resistance of the vent holes to the flow.



Creating a Flow Simulation Project

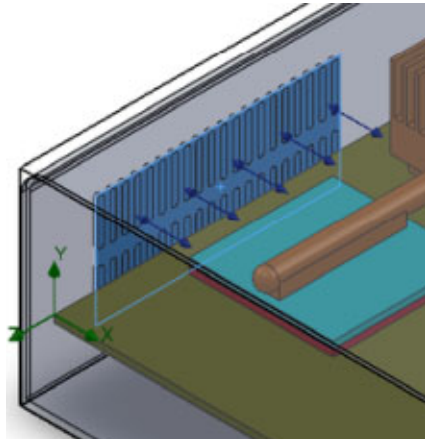
Use the **Wizard** to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Electronic components</i>
Configuration	<i>Simulation Model configuration</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s);</i> <i>Unit for Temperature: Celsius [°C]</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> • <i>Conduction</i> • <i>Gravity:</i> • <i>Y component = -9.81 m/s^2</i> Geometry handling • <i>Analysis type: Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Default fluid	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Default solid	<i>Alloys / Steel (Mild)</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Default outer wall thermal condition:</i> • <i>Heat transfer coefficient = 5.5 W/m^2/K</i>
Initial Conditions	<i>Default conditions</i>

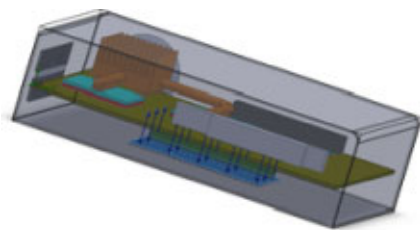
Specifying Boundary Conditions

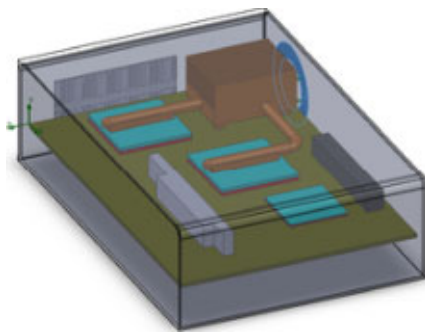
Specify the boundary conditions for inlet and outlet flows.

Type	Environment Pressure
Name	Environment Pressure 1
Faces to apply	the inner face of In Lid1
Thermodynamic Parameters: Default values (101325 Pa and 20.05 °C)	



Type	Environment Pressure
Name	Environment Pressure 2
Faces to apply	the inner face of the In Lid2
Thermodynamic Parameters: Default values (101325 Pa and 20.05 °C)	



Type	External Outlet Fan	
Name	External Outlet Fan 1	
Faces to apply	the inner face of the Outlet Lid	
Model: Pre-Defined\Axial\Papst\Papst 412 Thermodynamic Parameters: Default values (101325 Pa)		

Specifying Perforated Plates

The **Perforated Plate** feature is used for simulating inlet and outlet flows through thin planar walls with multiple openings without having to create an individual lid for each opening. Instead, the **Perforated Plate** condition is applied together with a boundary condition for a

surface of a single lid, which closes multiple openings, and defines the additional resistance of these openings to the flow. It can be useful, for example, when you simulate a flow entering or leaving the model through a series of small openings, which can require some additional mesh refinement if resolved directly. In this simulation, we use **Perforated Plates** to take into account the resistance of inlet and outlet vents in the computer case to the flow.

Procedure

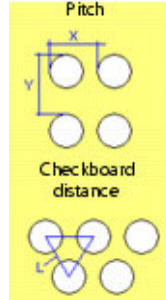
1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.
2. In the **Engineering Database**, under **Perforated Plates \ User Defined**, create two items with the following parameters:

Property	Value
Name	Tutorial rectangular holes
Comments	
Hole shape	Rectangular
Height	0.01 m
Width	0.0015 m
Coverage	Pitch
X - pitch	0.003 m
Y - pitch	0.015 m

Property	Value
Name	Tutorial round holes
Comments	
Hole shape	Round
Diameter	0.003 m
Coverage	Checkerboard Distance
Distance between centers	0.004 m

Note

 You can specify the **Hole shape** as **Rectangular** > **Round** > **Regular Polygon** or **Complex**. To define the holes arrangement (for non- **Complex** holes), in the **Coverage** you can select either **Pitch** or **Checkerboard distance** (for non-**Rectangular** holes).



Depending on the selected option, you can specify the size of a single hole and either the distance between two adjacent holes in two mutually perpendicular directions (**X - Pitch** and **Y - Pitch**) or the **Distance between centers**. The specified values are used to calculate **Free area ratio**, which denotes the ratio of the holes total area to the total area of the perforated plate. The automatically calculated **Free area ratio** value appears at the bottom of the table.

Alternatively, you can select the **Free area ratio** option in the **Coverage**, and specify this value directly.

3. Save and exit the **Engineering Database**.

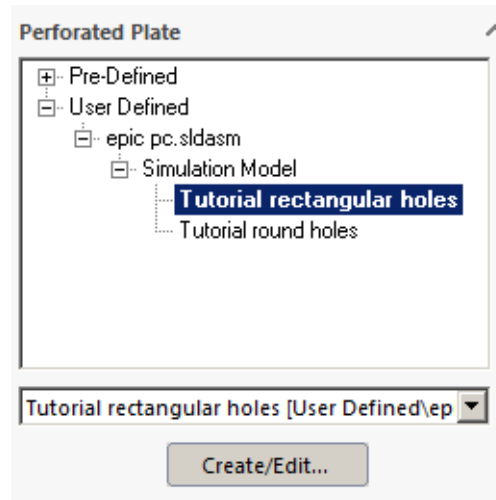
Assign a Perforated Plate

You can assign a perforated plate.

Procedure

1. In the **Analysis tree**, select the **Environment Pressure 1** boundary condition.
2. Choose **Tools** > **Flow Simulation** > **Insert** > **Perforated Plate**.

- Under **Perforated Plate** select the created **Tutorial rectangular holes**.



- Click **OK** .

The new **Tutorial rectangular holes 1** item, which corresponds to the side vents of the case, appears in the Analysis tree.

- For the bottom vents, select the **Environment Pressure 2** boundary condition, and repeat the previous steps to insert another **Perforated Plate** feature.
- For the back panel vents, select the **External Outlet Fan 1** condition, and repeat the previous steps to insert another **Perforated Plate** feature, selecting the **Tutorial round holes** item under **User Defined**.

Note

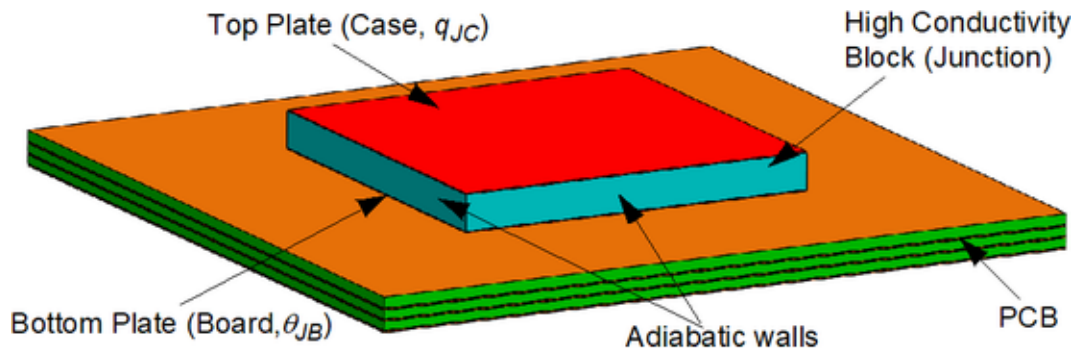
 The **Perforated Plate** feature is used in Flow Simulation simulation to define additional parameters for the already specified **Environment Pressure** or **Fan** conditions. It doesn't make any changes in the model geometry itself. So, when you delete the boundary condition or fan from your project, the corresponding **Perforated Plate** (if specified) becomes useless.

Specifying Two-Resistor Components

The two-resistor model is widely used to estimate the temperature of chips and other small electronic packages. A small package is considered as a flat solid plate, which is mounted on the printed circuit board.

The compact model consists of three nodes: Junction, Case and Board. These are connected together by two thermal resistors which are the user-specified values of the junction-to-board θ_{JB} (from the junction to the board on which it is mounted) and junction-to-case θ_{JC} (from the

junction to the top surface of the package) thermal resistances (in K/W in SI). The heat conduction through the package is calculated using the values of these resistances.

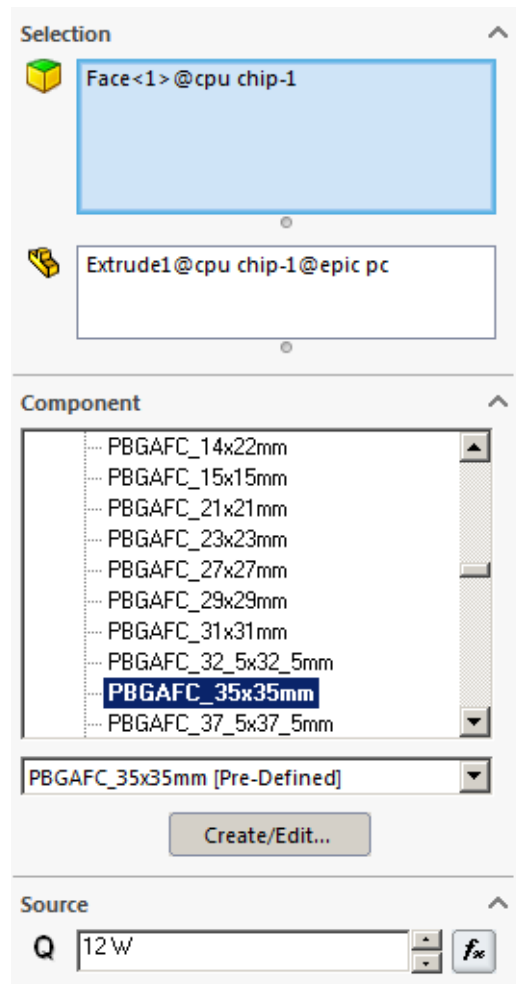


An extensive set of pre-defined two-resistor components is provided in the **Engineering Database**. Each item corresponds to a specific package type.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Two-Resistor Component**.

2. Select the upper face of **CPU Chip** component as a **Top Face** .



3. Under **Component** select the **PBGAFC_35x35mm_2R** item.
4. In the **Source**, enter the value of **Heat Generation Rate** **Q** equal to **12 W**.
5. Click **OK** .

The new **PBGAFC_35x35mm 1** item, which corresponds to CPU, appears in the Analysis tree.

6. Rename the created item to **CPU**.

We will use this name for selecting this item to specify **Goals**.

7. In the same way specify the **Chipset – Northbridge** and **Chipset – Southbridge** items with the following parameters:

Name	<i>Chipset - Northbridge</i>
Top Face	<i>The upper face of North Chip (the corresponding component will be automatically selected as Components to Apply the Two-Resistor)</i>
Component	<i>PBGAFC_37_5x37_5mm_2R</i>
Heat Generation Rate	<i>4.3 W</i>

Name	<i>Chipset - Southbridge</i>
Top Face	<i>The upper face of South Chip (the corresponding component will be automatically selected as Components to Apply the Two-Resistor)</i>
Component	<i>LQFP_256_28x28mm_2R</i>
Heat Generation Rate	<i>2.5 W</i>

8. For each of the four considered DDR RAM chips, specify the same way **RAM chip N** item (with N being the chip number) by selecting its corresponding upper faces (alternatively, you can copy the **RAM chip 1** to other component instances by using **Copy to Component Instance** tool):

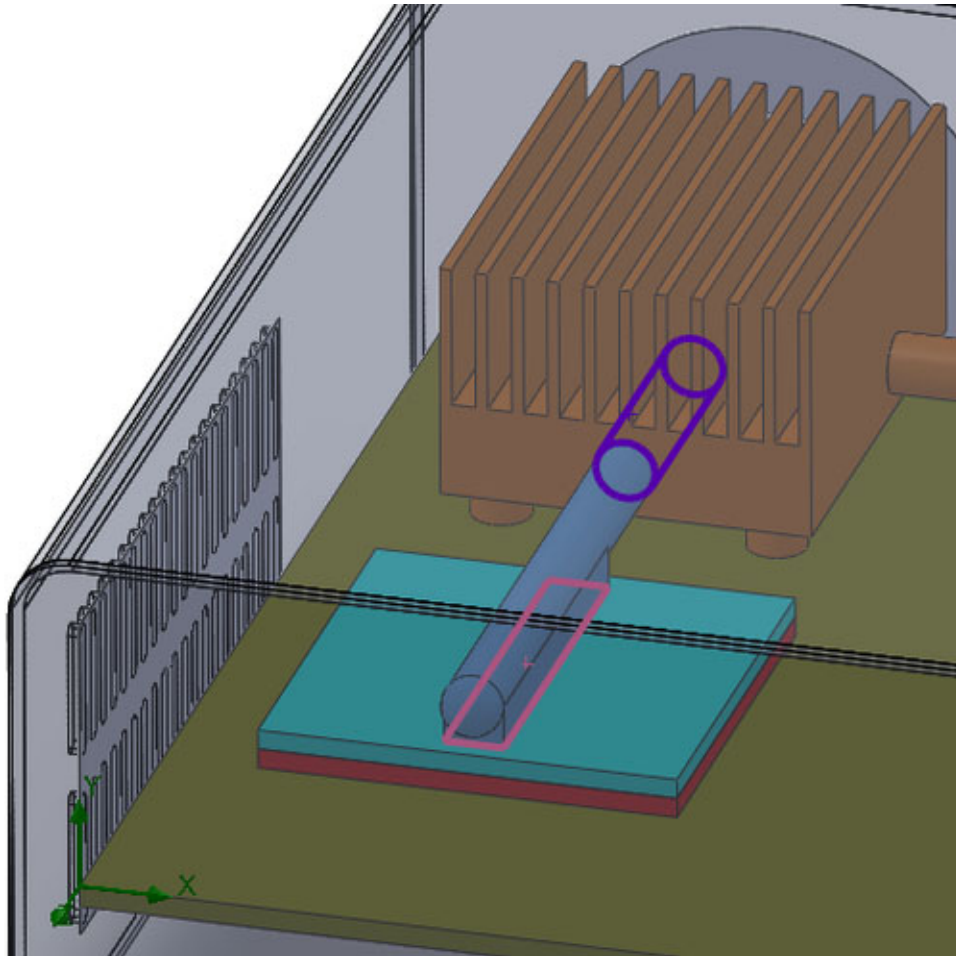
Name	<i>RAM chip N</i>
Top Face	<i>The upper face of RAM Chip N (the corresponding component will be automatically selected as Components to Apply the Two-Resistor)</i>
Component	<i>TSOP_C_10_16x22_22_2R</i>
Heat Generation Rate	<i>1 W</i>

Specifying Heat Pipes

The **Heat Pipe** feature is used for modeling heat transfer from the hotter surface to the colder surface through a heat pipe (considered as solid body made of high heat-conducting material).

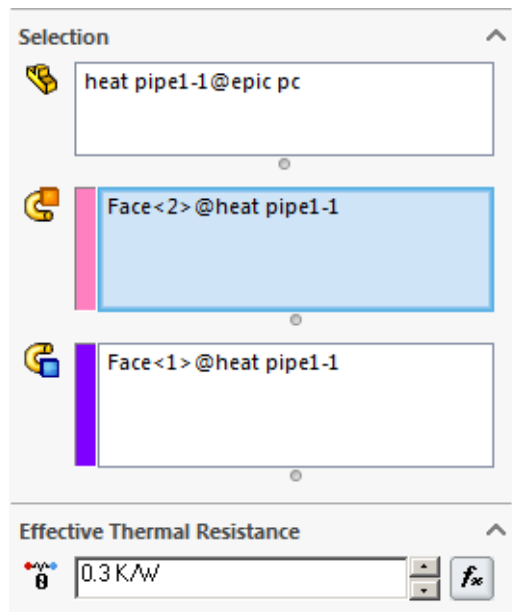
Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Heat Pipe**.



2. Select **Heat Pipe1** as **Components to Apply Heat Pipe** .
3. Select the face of the **Heat Pipe1** component contacting with the top face of CPU as **Heat In Faces** .

4. Select the faces of the **Heat Pipe1** contacting with the inner face of heat sink as **Heat Out Faces** .



5. Type the **Effective Thermal Resistance** value of **0.3 °C/W**. This value models the real efficiency of heat pipe.
6. Click **OK** .

The new **Heat Pipe 1** item, which corresponds to the CPU heat pipe, appears in the Analysis tree.

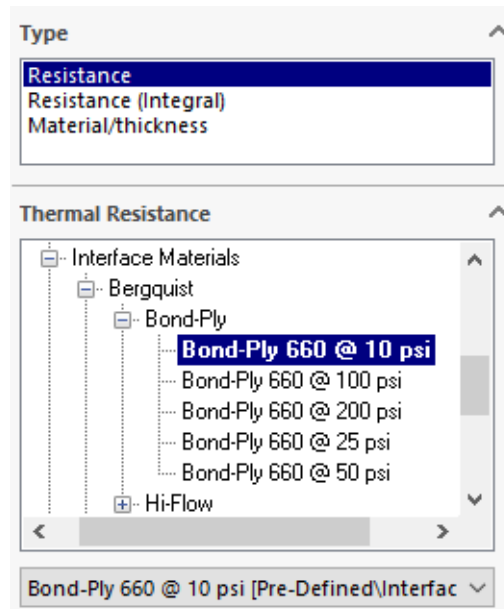
7. In the same way specify the other heat pipe using the **Heat Pipe2** component with the same value of **Effective Thermal Resistance**.

Specifying Thermal Resistances

The **Thermal Resistance** feature is used for specifying the value of thermal contact resistance on a face of a solid contacting fluid or another solid. It can be defined by a specific thermal resistance value or by thickness and thermal properties of the contact layer material. Taking into account the thermal contact resistance helps to estimate, for example, such phenomenon as temperature drop at the contact surface. Here we use this feature to specify thermal interface material attaching heat pipes to CPU and Northbridge and to specify thermal contact resistance between the surfaces of heat pipes and the surrounding air.

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Thermal Resistance**.



2. Select the faces of the **Heat Pipe1** and **Heat Pipe2** components contacting with the top faces of CPU and Northbridge correspondingly. We selected these faces earlier as **Heat In Faces** when specifying the heat pipes.
3. Under **Thermal Resistance**, select **Bond-Ply 660 @ 10 psi (Pre-Defined\Interface Materials\Bergquist\Bond-Ply\Bond-Ply 660 @ 10 psi)**.
4. Click **OK** .

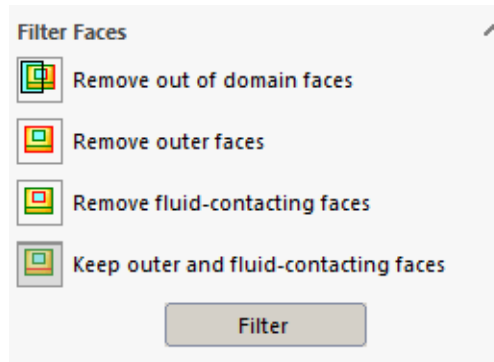
The new **Thermal Resistance 1** item appears in the Analysis tree.

5. Repeat step 1, then hold down the **Ctrl** key and click the **Heat Pipe1** and **Heat Pipe2** components in the flyout FeatureManager design tree. Flow Simulation selects both these components.

Faces that are not in contact with fluid must be removed from the **Faces to Apply the Thermal Resistance**  list.

6. Under **Selection**, select each component in the selection list and click **List All Component Faces**  in turn to list all faces belonging to the both components.
7. Then click **Filter Faces** .

8. Select **Keep outer and fluid-contacting faces** , and click **Filter**.



Note

 It is convenient to select all faces of the component by selecting this component in the flyout FeatureManager design tree, though finding and removing unnecessary faces from the selection manually (one by one) may require excessive time, especially when there are many faces to remove. The **Filter** allows you to remove unnecessary faces of specified type from the list of selected faces.

9. Under **Thermal Resistance**, expand the **Pre-Defined** list, and select **Infinite resistance**. We use **Infinite resistance** here to reflect the qualitative difference between the intensity of heat transfer inside and outside the considered heat pipes.
10. Click **OK** .

Specifying Printed Circuit Board

The **Printed Circuit Board** feature is used for modeling PCBs as flat solid bodies with anisotropic thermal conductivity, which is calculated from the specified structure of interleaving conductor and dielectric layers. You can define such material in the **Engineering Database** by specifying the properties of conductor and dielectric materials and the structure of layers. We use this feature to specify the material for SODIMM board, which consists of six layers of conductor (Copper) and five layers of dielectric (FR4).

Procedure

1. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Tools > Engineering Database**.

2. In the **Engineering Database**, under **Printed Circuit Boards \ User Defined**, create a new item with the following parameters:

Property	Value
Name	4s2p PCB
Comments	...
Type	Layer Definition
Dielectric material density	1200 kg/m ³
Dielectric material specific heat	880 J/(kg*K)
Dielectric material conductivity	0.3 W/(m*K)
Conductor material density	8960 kg/m ³
Conductor material specific heat	385 J/(kg*K)
Conductor material conductivity	401 W/(m*K)
PCB total thickness	0.001 m
Conducting layers	(Table) ...

Note

 As you specify the parameters, at the bottom of this table you can see the calculated properties of the equivalent material used in the simulation.

3. In the **Conducting Layers** table, click the **...** button to switch to the **Tables and Curves** tab. Type the following values to specify the structure of conducting layers:

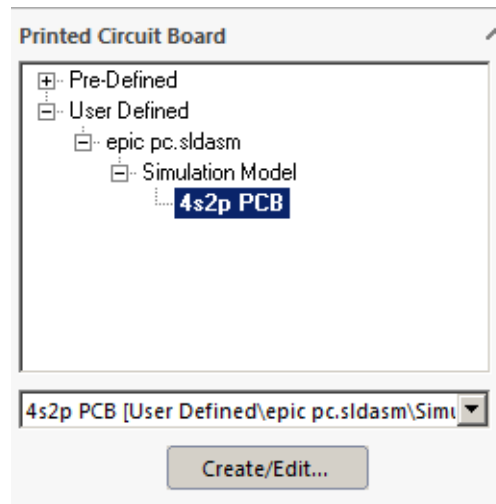
Layer Thickness	Percentage Cover
3.3e-005 m	20 %
6.6e-005 m	80 %
3.3e-005 m	20 %
3.3e-005 m	20 %
6.6e-005 m	80 %
3.3e-005 m	20 %

Note

 As you specify the layers structure, you can see the graphical representation of this structure at the right.

4. Save and exit the **Engineering Database**.

5. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Printed Circuit Board**.



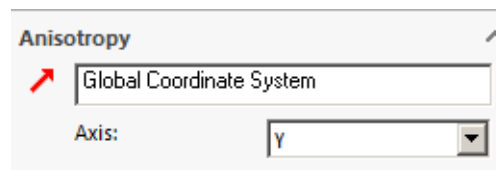
6. Select **SODIMM_PCB** in the graphic area.
7. Under **Printed Circuit Board** select the created **4s2p PCB** item.
8. Click **OK** .

Specifying Solid Materials

For the **EPIC PCB** component, we specify a non-isotropic material (**Pre-Defined\Non-isotropic\PCB 8-layers**) with Axisymmetrical/Biaxial conductivity. In this type of conductivity the thermal properties of the material are the same for two directions and differ for the third direction specified by an axis or direction.

Procedure

1. To specify the axis for the **EPIC PCB**, under **Anisotropy**, set **Axis** to **Y**.



2. For other components, specify the **Solid Material** as following:

Pre-Defined\Metals\Copper	<i>Heatsink</i>
Pre-Defined\IC Packages\Typical Connector	<i>PC104 PCI Connector, PC104 ISA Connector, SODIMM Con</i>

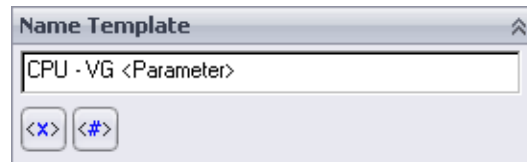
3. To exclude the **In Lid1**, **In Lid2** and **Outlet Lid** from the heat conduction analysis, specify them as insulators (**Pre-Defined\Glasses and Minerals\Insulator**).

Specifying Project Goals

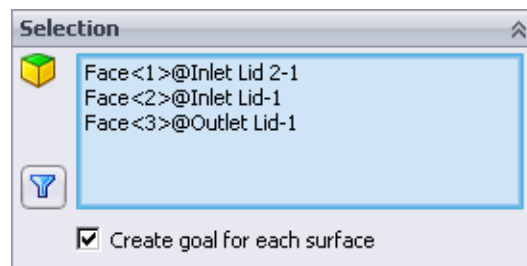
You can specify project goals.

Procedure

1. In the **Analysis tree**, select the two-resistor component **CPU**.
2. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Volume Goals**.
3. Under **Parameter** select both **Max** and **Av Temperature (Solid)**.
4. Edit the **Name Template** to: **CPU - VG <Parameter>**.



5. Click **OK** .
6. Repeat the same steps separately for each heat source: **Chipset - Northbridge**, **Chipset - Southbridge**, **RAM Chip 1, 2, 3, 4** (select all these four RAM chips at once) and the **Heatsink**.
7. Edit the **Name Template** in a similar way.
8. When finished, in the **Analysis tree** select all specified boundary conditions (**Environment Pressure 1**, **Environment Pressure 2** and **External Outlet Fan 1**), holding down the Ctrl key.



9. Choose **Tools > Flow Simulation > Insert > Surface Goals**.
10. Select the **Create goal for each surface** option to create a separate goal for each of the selected surfaces.
11. In the **Parameter**, select **Mass Flow Rate**.

12. Click **OK** .

Adjusting the Global Mesh

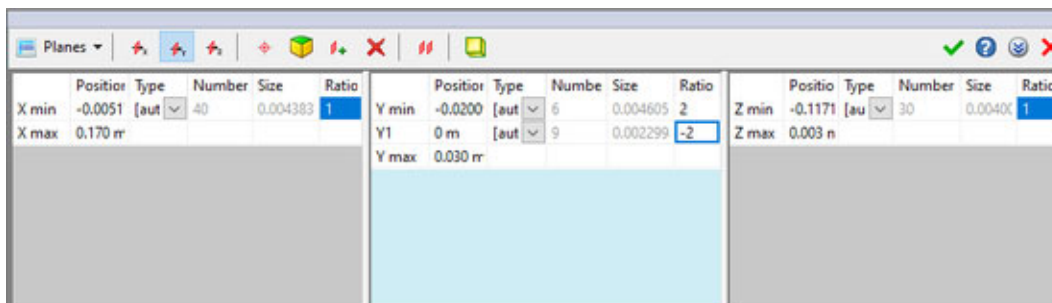
You can adjust the global mesh.

Procedure

1. To adjust the initial mesh settings, double-click the **Mesh > Global Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree.
2. First, you can see the following default settings:

Type	<i>Automatic</i>
Level of initial mesh	3
<i>Other options are default</i>	

3. Then under **Type**, click the **Manual** .
4. Under **Basic Mesh**, click **Control Planes**.
The Control Planes pane appears at the bottom of the screen.
5. On the toolbar, switch to the **Planes**  mode.
6. Then click **Coordinate Y**  and then click **Add Plane** .
7. A new **Y1** plane will be placed in the middle of the [Y min;Y max] control interval. Select **Y1** plane and enter **0 m** value in the **Position** cell.
8. Click the **Ratio** cell of the **Y min** interval and enter the value of **2**.
9. In the same manner enter the **Ratio** value of **-2** for the **Y1** interval.



10. Click **OK**  to close the **Control Planes** pane.
11. Under **Basic Mesh**, specify the **Number of cells per X, Y and Z** of **40, 15, 30** respectively.

12. Under **Advanced Refinement**, set **Small Solid Feature Refinement Level**  to 1, while leaving other options default.
13. Click **OK**  to save global mesh settings.

Specifying Local Mesh Settings

It is also convenient to specify the **Local Mesh** to obtain more accurate solution in the regions of interest.

Procedure

1. In the **Analysis tree**, select the **Heatsink** component.
2. Right-click the **Mesh** icon in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and select **Insert Local Mesh**.
3. Under **Channels**, set **Characteristic Number of Cells Across Channel**  to 4 and **Maximum Channels Refinement Level**  to 2.

Results

The project settings are complete.

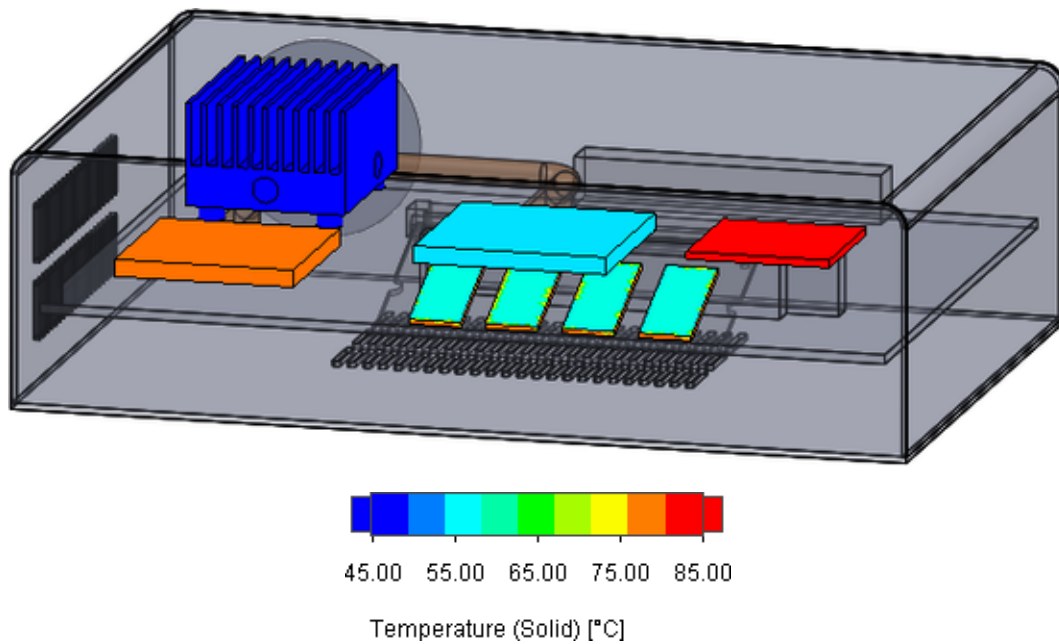
Save the model and run the calculation.

Results

You can display the results.

Goal Name	Unit	Value	Averaged Value	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
SG Mass Flow Rate Inlet Lid	[kg/s]	0.000874331	0.000872428	0.000866164	0.000876732
SG Mass Flow Rate Outlet Lid	[kg/s]	-0.002117667	-0.00211709	-0.002117667	-0.002116389
SG Mass Flow Rate Inlet Lid 2	[kg/s]	0.001243313	0.001244659	0.001240256	0.001250352
CPU - VG Av Temperature (Solid)	[°C]	78.11027219	78.09781048	78.05672621	78.11706281
CPU - VG Max Temperature (Solid)	[°C]	79.11610781	79.10387809	79.06256935	79.12328617
Chipset - Northbridge - VG Av Temperature (Solid)	[°C]	55.42071381	55.40562741	55.3841179	55.42256088
Chipset - Northbridge - VG Max Temperature (Solid)	[°C]	55.70526618	55.69034608	55.66890553	55.70711814
Chipset - Southbridge - VG Av Temperature (Solid)	[°C]	86.46932621	86.47201044	86.36744543	86.60810332
Chipset - Southbridge - VG Max Temperature (Solid)	[°C]	88.2380636	88.2376433	88.14342397	88.36032906
RAM Chips VG Av Temperature (Solid) 1	[°C]	63.75306739	63.70852983	63.65611637	63.75792045
RAM Chips VG Max Temperature (Solid) 1	[°C]	67.48810778	67.44384108	67.38708974	67.4944499
Heatsink VG Av Temperature (Solid) 1	[°C]	46.61653256	46.60195552	46.58783758	46.61751183
Heatsink VG Max Temperature (Solid) 1	[°C]	47.01342172	46.99872618	46.98476739	47.01442693

In accordance with the obtained results, we can say that electronic components operate at moderate temperatures, and there is no need to introduce any additional design features in order to improve the efficiency of heat exchange inside the considered case.



Chapter 7

Parametric Study Examples

The Parametric Study Examples presented below demonstrate how to solve engineering problems with Flow Simulation based on a set of different design variants to take into account. The Parametric Study functionality provides easy control to solve design variations in respect to geometry and/or boundary condition changes of the current project based on some of the most common tasks as examples.

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Design Optimization

The goal of this tutorial example is to demonstrate various capabilities of Flow Simulation allowing you setup a parametric study based on the current analysis project. The parametric study functionality within Flow Simulation has several different modes, allowing you to vary geometry and analysis parameter to investigate and optimize your design.

This tutorial teaches how to do this and how to select a suitable mode from the list below.

Parametric Study Mode	Application
What If Analysis	Variation of multiple geometry or analysis parameters with a predefined set of values. By default a matrix with all possible parameter combinations will be solved.
Goal Optimization	Variation of one parameter to achieve one specified objective.
Design of Experiments and Optimization	Variation of multiple geometry and analysis parameters within a given range of values to investigate the influence of individual parameters. Multiple objectives could be defined for detecting the best design setup.

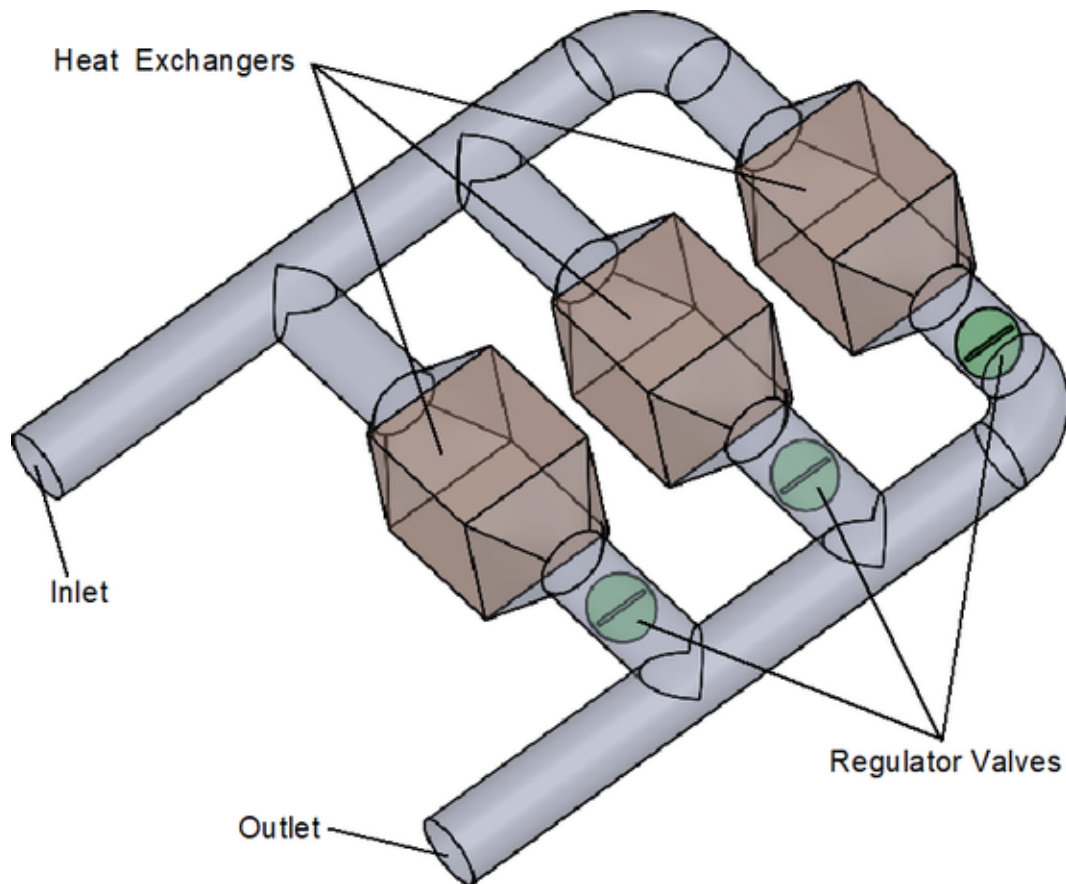
The considered **Parallel Heat Exchanger** example aims to:

- Provide guidance to setup a Design of Experiment and Optimization analysis to investigate the behavior of the design by solving different combinations of defined parameters.
- Identify the optimal design setting to achieve a uniform flow distribution in a parallel arranged process setup.

The parallel heat exchanger configuration of an industrial process is shown in the picture below.

The settings of the regulator valves need to be determined to achieve an equal air flow distribution into each of the three ducts of the parallel arranged heat exchangers.

In addition the overall pressure drop should be as low as possible for the detected control valves positions to enhance the efficiency of the process.



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Opening the Model

You can open the model.

Procedure

1. Copy the *FI - DoE* folder into your working directory and ensure that the files are not read-only since Flow Simulation will save input data to these files.
2. Open the *assembly.sldasm* assembly.

Note

 To skip the project definition and run the Flow Simulation project defined in accordance with the tutorial, you will need to open the *assembly.sldasm* assembly located in the *FI - DoE\Ready* folder and run the desired projects.

Creating a Flow Simulation Project

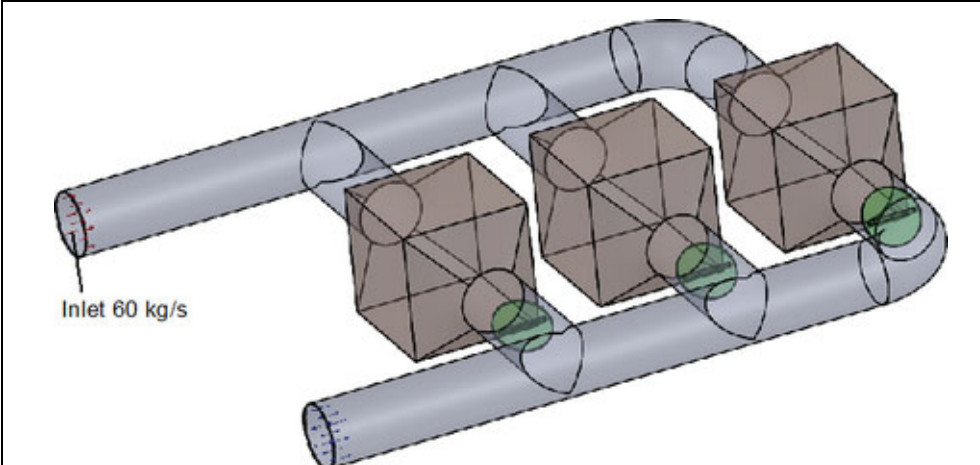
Use the Wizard to create a new project.

Project name	<i>Distribution</i>
Configuration	<i>Use current</i>
Unit system	<i>SI (m-kg-s); Unit for Angle: Degree[°] under Geometrical Characteristic</i>
Analysis type	Physical features • <i>Fluid Flow</i> Geometry handling • <i>Internal</i> • <i>Exclude cavities without conditions</i>
Fluids substances	<i>Gases / Air</i>
Wall Conditions	<i>Adiabatic wall, default smooth walls</i>
Initial Conditions	<i>default</i>

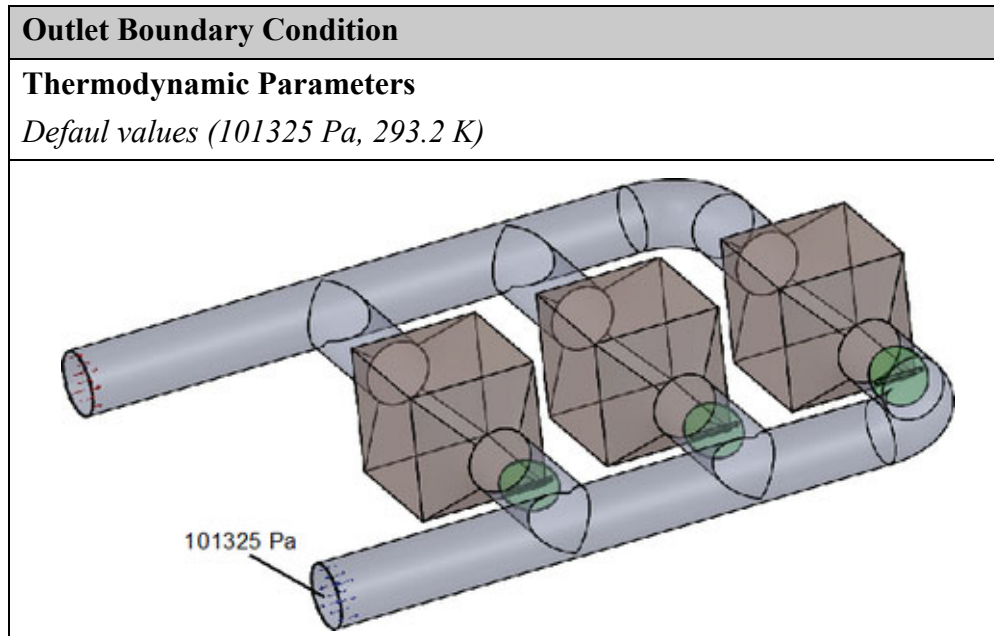
Specifying Boundary Conditions

At first, let us specify all the necessary boundary conditions and goals because they influence the automatic global mesh settings through the automatic minimum gap size, which depends on the characteristic size of the faces on which the boundary conditions are set.

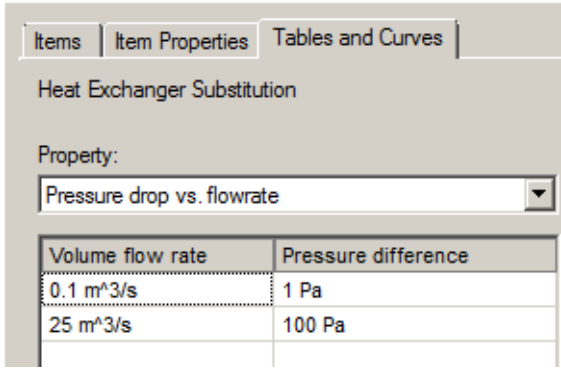
The first two boundary conditions are imposed on the inlet and outlet of the heat exchanger system.

Inlet Boundary Condition	
Type	Inlet Mass Flow
Name	<i>Default name</i>
Apply to	Select the whole Inlet part in the flyout FeatureManager design tree or the inner surface of the part in the model view.
Flow Parameters Mass Flow Rate: 60 kg/s <i>Default values for remaining settings.</i>	
	

Outlet Boundary Condition	
Type	Environment Pressure
Name	<i>Default name</i>
Apply to	Select the whole Outlet part in the flyout FeatureManager design tree or the inner surface of the part in the model view.



The porous media used as substitution for the heat exchanger geometry is created in the Engineering Database under the User-Defined folder with the following data and applied to the three **Exchanger** parts.

Porous Media		
Name	Heat Exchanger Substitution	
Porosity	0.8	
Permeability type	Isotropic	
Resistance calculation formula	Pressure Drop, Flowrate, Dimensions	
Pressure drop vs. flowrate	Pressure drop vs. flowrate - table	
	Volume flow rate	Pressure difference
	0.1 m ³ /s	1 Pa
	25 m ³ /s	100 Pa
		

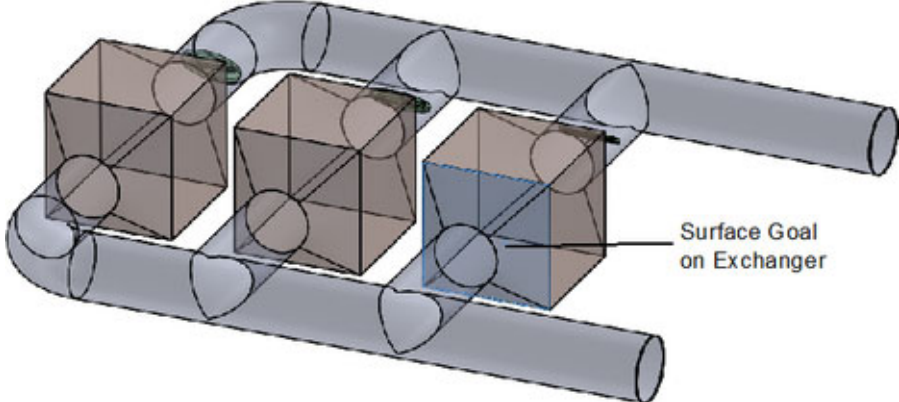
Porous Media	
Length	4 m
Area	16 m ²

Items Item Properties Tables and Curves	
Property	Value
Name	Heat Exchanger Substitution
Comments	
Porosity	0.8
Permeability type	Isotropic
Resistance calculation formula	Pressure Drop, Flowrate, Dimensions
Pressure drop vs. flowrate	Volume Flow Rate
Length	4 m
Area	16 m ²
Use turbulent scale	☐
Use calibration viscosity	☐
Use calibration density	☐
Heat conductivity of porous matrix	☐

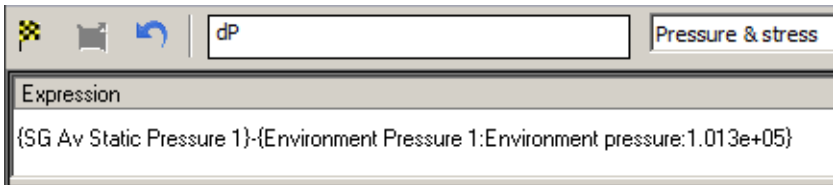
Specifying Goals

To evaluate the distribution and overall pressure drop while varying the regulator valves the following Goals should be defined.

Goal Type	Surface Goal
Goal Value	Mass Flow Rate <i>Use for convergence control (default)</i>

Apply to	Select the Exchanger surface facing the incoming flow. Next right-click the just created SG Mass Flow Rate 1 under Goals in the Flow Simulation Analysis tree, select Copy to Component Instance... and confirm copying the selected feature to the preselected Target Components.
	

Goal Type	Surface Goal
Goal Value	Static Pressure; Average <i>Use for convergence control (default)</i>
Apply to	Select the Inlet part.

Goal Type	Equation Goal
Goal Name	dP <i>Pressure loss between inlet and outlet</i>
Goal Value	Select the just created Pressure Surface Goal SG Av Static Pressure 1 and select minus [-]. Next select the outlet boundary condition Environment Pressure 1 from the Flow Simulation Analysis tree and pick Environment Pressure from the Add Parameter dialog.
	

Global Mesh Settings

Specify the global mesh settings.

Note

 Flow Simulation calculates the default minimum gap size using information about the faces where boundary conditions (as well as sources, fans) and goals are specified. Thus, it is recommended to set all conditions before you start to analyze the mesh.

Type	<i>Manual</i>
Channels, Maximum Channels Refinement Level	<i>Adjust the slider setting to level 5</i>
<i>Other options are default based on the default (3) Level of initial mesh and the detected geometry references.</i>	

When varying the position of the regulator valves the mesh should now resolve the remaining flow opening sufficient by aiming for 5 cells across the opening and 5 allowed levels of refinement. As this is the only orifice in our model there is no need to use a local mesh in addition to these global mesh settings.

Running the Calculation

You can run the calculation.

Procedure

1. Click **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solve > Run**.

The Run dialog box appears.

2. Click **Run**.

Confirm the project and mesh settings are fine with respect to analysis resources and desired accuracy for the project.

Adjust the Solver Monitor layout as desired including previews as this will be used in the Parametric Study to be started later.

Note

 The main focus of this tutorial is to provide a good overview on the implemented functionality and a short overall run time even a whole set of different designs need to be solved. Please keep this in mind when transferring this workflow on your own projects.

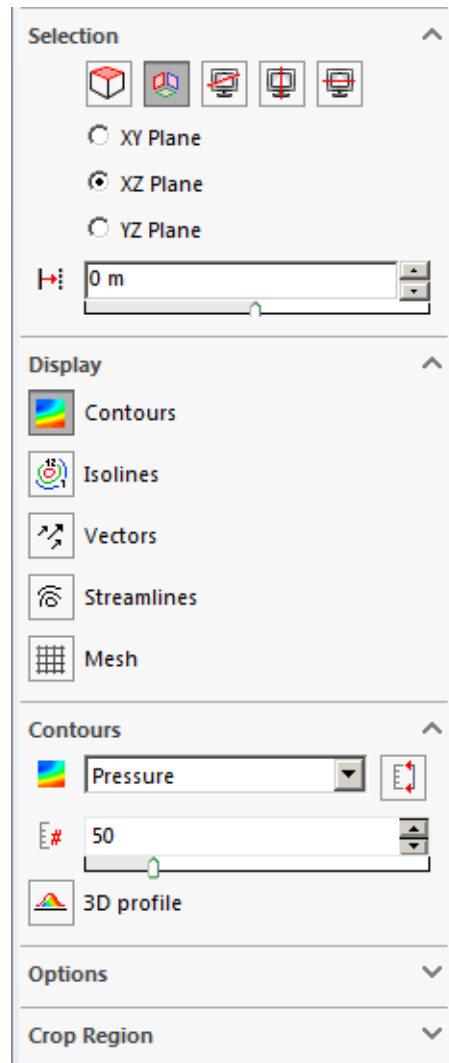
Viewing Cut Plots

You can view cut plots.

Procedure

1. Click **Cut Plot**  on the **Flow Simulation Results Insert Group** toolbar or on the **Tools > Flow Simulation > Results > Insert** tab of the CommandManager.

The Cut Plot dialog box appears.



2. In the **Cut Plot** dialog under Selection, select **XYZ Planes**, **XZ Plane**.
3. Under **Display**, select displaying **Contours** .
4. Under **Contours** specify the parameter which values to show at the contour plot. In the **Parameter**  box, select **Pressure**.
5. Using the slider set the **Number of Levels** to **50**.
6. Click **OK** .

Results

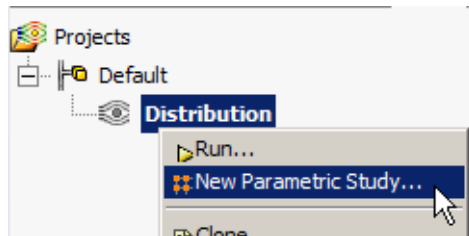
Additional post-processing features can be added to support better visual examination of the later on solved experiments of the parametric study.

Specifying a Parametric Study

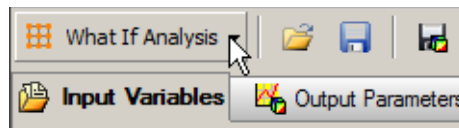
You can specify a parametric study.

Procedure

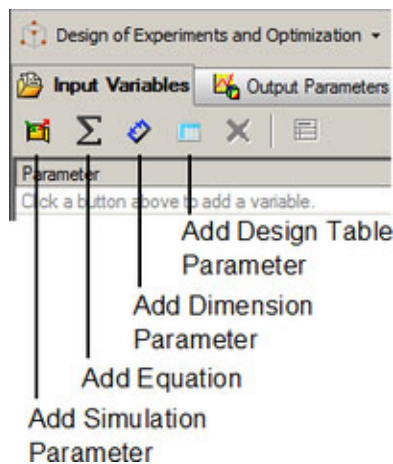
1. Right-click **Distribution** in the Flow Simulation Projects tree or open **Tools > Flow Simulation > Solver > New Parametric Study**.



2. Select **Design of Experiments and Optimization** from the drop-down list of the **Parametric Study** dialog.



3. On the **Input Variables** tab select **Add Dimension Parameter** as type of parameter required to vary.



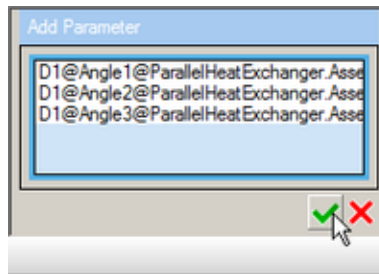
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Available variable types:

- **Add Simulation Parameter** to select parameters from analysis settings e.g. Boundary Conditions, Sources, Material or Mesh definitions.
 - **Add Equation** to select Equation parameters defined in the current geometry model.
 - **Add Dimension Parameter** to select geometry parameters direct from the model view or feature tree.
 - **Add Design Table Parameter** to select geometry parameters from a defined Design Table of the current geometry model.
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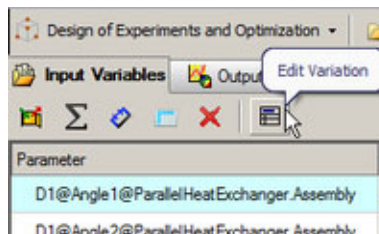
4. Next select the Mates **Angle1**, **Angle2** and **Angle3** from the FeatureManager design tree and confirm the selection by clicking **OK** .



5. Define the variation range for the angle input variable of each regulator valve to:

- **0°** Minimum and
- **60°** Maximum

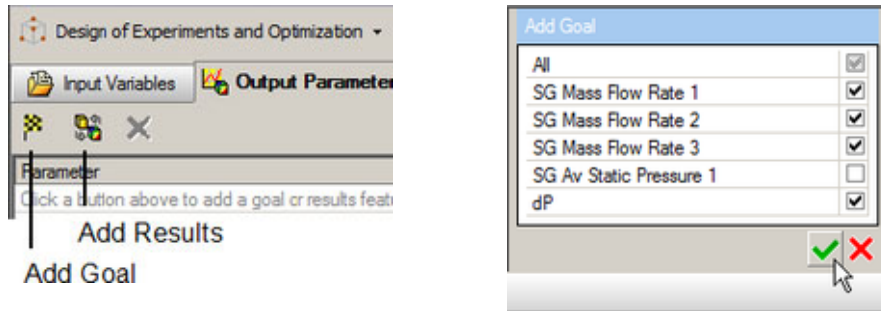
by selecting **Edit Variation** from the toolbar or from the short-cut menu of the specific parameter.



6. On the **Output Parameters** tab select **Add Goal** and activate:

- **SG Mass Flow Rate 1**,
- **SG Mass Flow Rate 2**,
- **SG Mass Flow Rate 3** and

- dP.



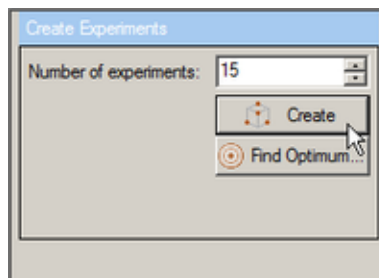
7. Next select **Add Results** and add **All**.

Goal Plot 1 will be placed as first additional tab.

All selected result plots, in this case *Cut Plot 1*, will be added right of this as individual tabs for later display of result images per variant.

8. On the **Scenario** tab select **Create** on the **Create Experiments** dialog to generate experiments distributed over the whole design space. This ensures a good representation of each design parameter.

Keep the default **Number of experiments: 15**

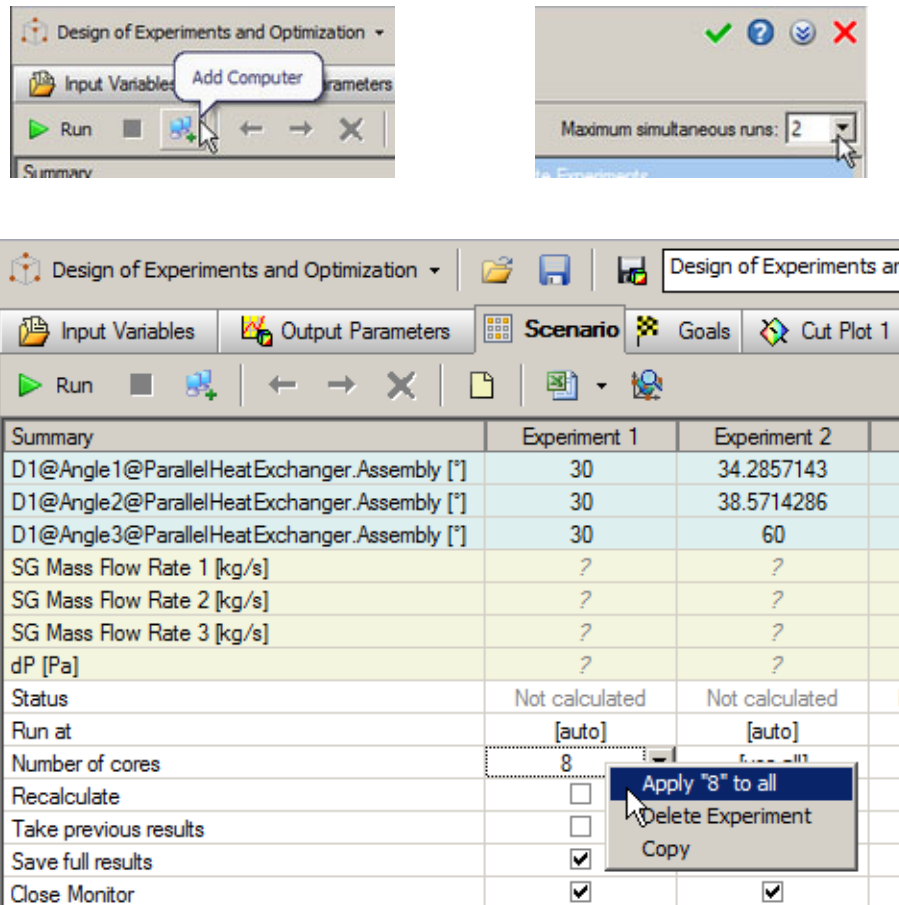


Note

 A Latin hypercube method is used for the distribution of the experiments across the defined design space. The default number of experiments is automatically set to 5x the amount of input variables, which should match for most applications. In case the responses of the output parameters have high gradients or multiple turning points it may be necessary to solve more experiments. When creating additional experiments the already existing experiments are taken into account to fill the remaining space.

In theory the input variable values of the individual experiments can be adjusted manually but this is not recommended.

9. Depending on the amount of available solver licenses the **Maximum Simultaneous runs** and computational resources by opening **Add Computer** could be adjusted.



By default all selected computers with all CPU-cores will be used. If necessary this setting could be adjusted direct in the specific field and distributed to all unsolved experiments by right-clicking the entry and selecting **Apply "8" to all**.

Tip

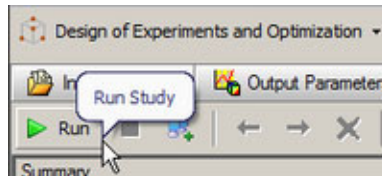
i Some information about utilizing available computational resources.

- In case a computer selected as computational resource provides enough CPU-cores for running more than one solver in reference to the defined CPU-cores on the Scenario tab per experiment these will be utilized until the Maximum simultaneous runs definition is reached.
- (e.g. If the Maximum simultaneous runs is set to 2 and one computer with 56 CPU-cores should be used for solving and each Experiment is set to run on 32 CPU-cores only one Experiment will be solved as there is no additional set of 32 CPU-cores for

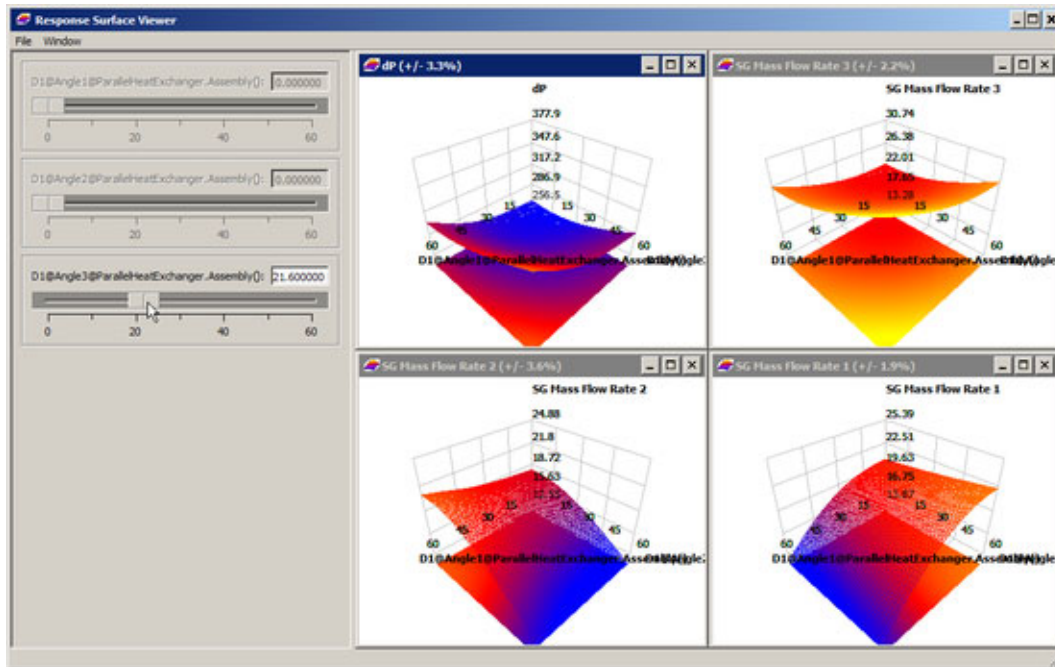
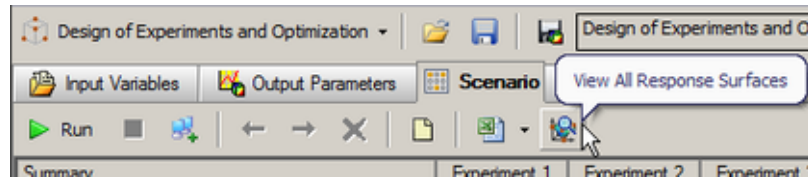
another Experiment to be solved in parallel. The remaining 24 CPU-cores of the 56 CPU-cores available in total will be not used.)

- (e.g. In case each Experiment is set to run on 24 CPU-cores 2 Experiments will be solved in parallel in reference to the Maximum simultaneous runs setting utilizing 48 CPU-cores from the 56 CPU-cores available.)
 - In contrast a Maximum simultaneous runs setting is neglected if only one computational resource is available and Number of cores is set to [use all] for each Experiment. In this case all Experiments are solved in sequence as there is no additional computational resource available to solve another Experiment simultaneously.
 - Flow Simulation detects the amount of solver licenses and the CPU-cores of each defined computational resource automatically and distributes individual analysis tasks in reference to these conditions and the defined Maximum simultaneous runs setting automatically.
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10. Next select **Run** from the **Scenario** tab to start the analysis of the Parametric Study.



11. After all experiments are solved, **View All Response Surfaces** can be selected to investigate the design variants.



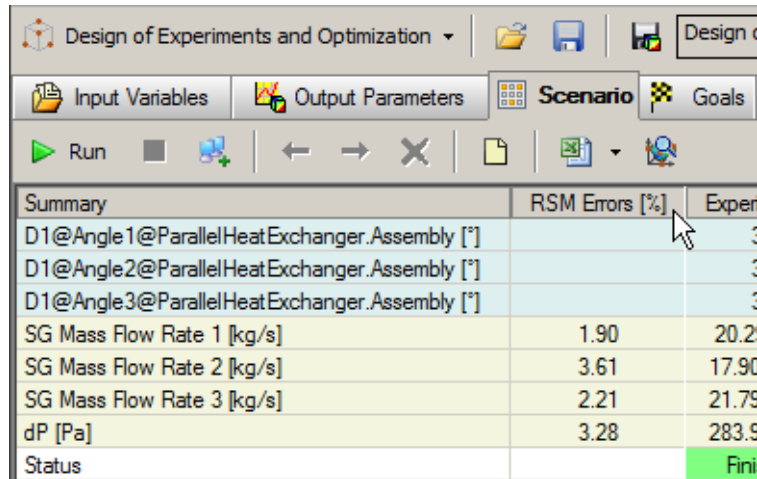
Note

-  The display of each response surface can be manipulated by rotation and selection of the display parameter for the x- and y-axis.

Adjusting the slider position for the 3rd input variable (Angle3) will update all response surfaces.

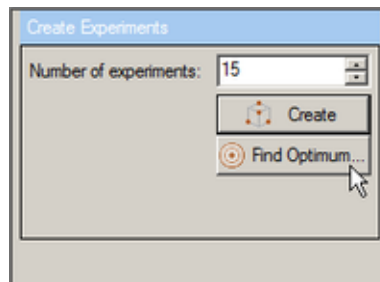
The cross-validation root mean squared error for each parameter is provided in the title of each response surface window for error estimation.

These values are also added as first column **RSM Errors [%]** to the Scenario table.

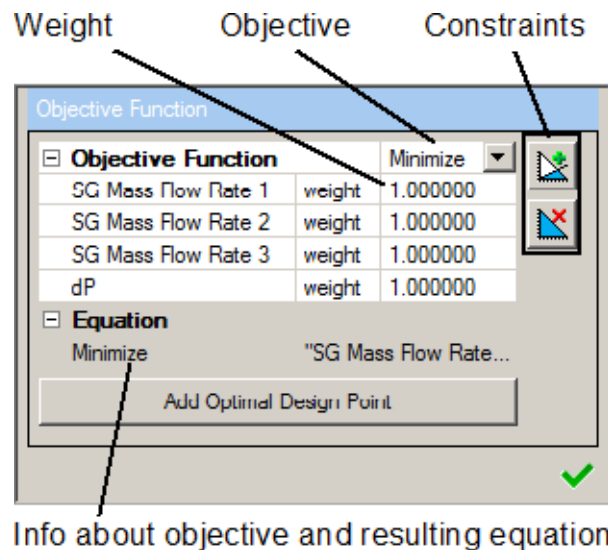


Summary	RSM Errors [%]	Exper
D1@Angle1@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]		3
D1@Angle2@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]		3
D1@Angle3@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]		3
SG Mass Flow Rate 1 [kg/s]	1.90	20.2
SG Mass Flow Rate 2 [kg/s]	3.61	17.90
SG Mass Flow Rate 3 [kg/s]	2.21	21.79
dP [Pa]	3.28	283.9
Status		Fin

- Now select **Find Optimum** on the **Create Experiments** dialog of the **Scenario** tab.



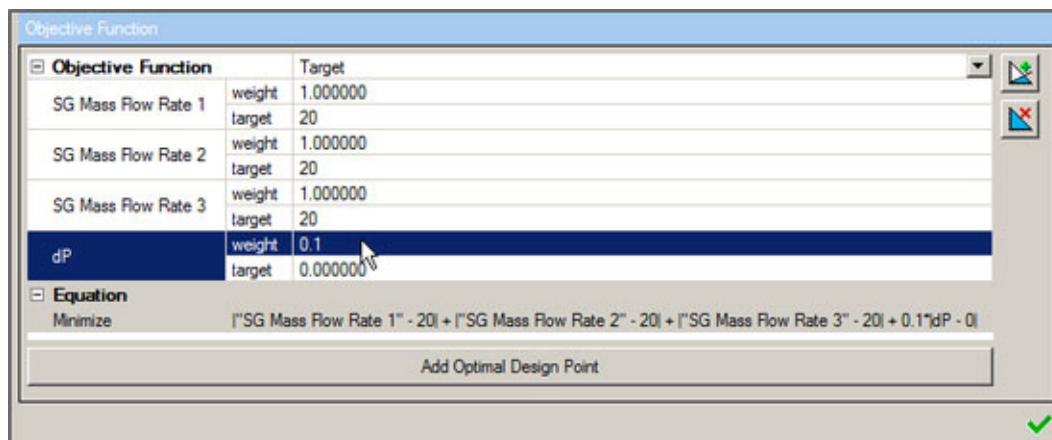
The default setting in the **Objective Function** dialog is set to minimize all defined Output Parameters.



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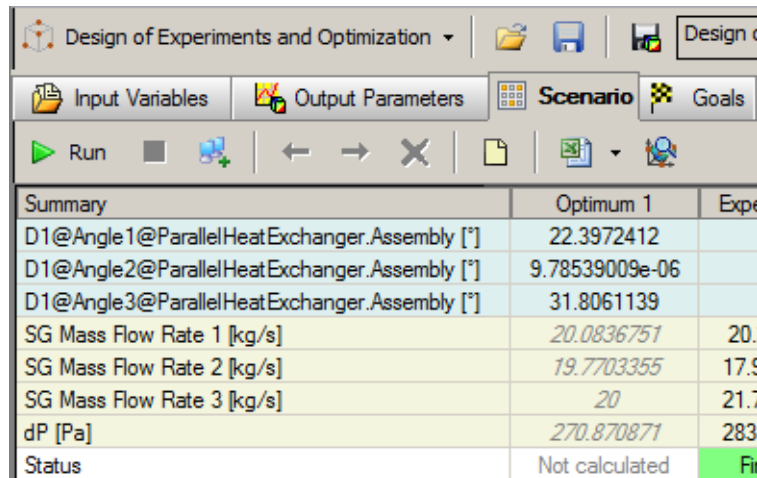
- i** The following options are supported to find the desired optimum.
- **Objective Function:** Minimize, Maximize or define a Target value
 - **Weight:** Define a weighting value for each parameter. Please notice that the absolute value of each numeric product as shown in the Equation section is taken into account. So in case the parameter values of the selected Output Parameters differ by orders of magnitude the Weight could be also used to balance this if required. By defining a *weighting value of zero* a specific Output Parameter could be also neglected for detecting the optimal design point. By defining a *negative weighting value* the main objective function is inversed for the specific parameter.
 - **Constraints:** Constraints can be used to restrict individual or a combination of Output Parameters to be Greater or Less than a defined value. There is no limitation in the number of defined Constraints. Please notice that there is no check if defined Constraints are creating an empty value set!
 - **Equation:** The section is used for information about the objective function, the used equation for the weighted sum approach and optionally defined constraints utilizing a Response Surface optimization method to find the desired optimum.

13. On the **Objective Function** dialog:
 - a. Change the default **Objective Function** from Minimize to **Target** as main objective;
 - b. Define **20** ($\frac{1}{3}$ of the Inlet Mass Flow Rate) as target value for **SG Mass Flow Rate 1, SG Mass Flow Rate 2 and SG Mass Flow Rate 3**; Adjust the weight of **dP** to **0.1**



14. Next click **Add Optimal Design Point**.

Based on the current data and settings the optimum is added in the first column of the scenario table. The Input Variable values are defined and an estimation about the Output Parameter values is shown in a light gray, italic font.



Summary	Optimum 1	Expected
D1@Angle1@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	22.3972412	
D1@Angle2@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	9.78539009e-06	
D1@Angle3@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	31.8061139	
SG Mass Flow Rate 1 [kg/s]	<i>20.0836751</i>	20.0
SG Mass Flow Rate 2 [kg/s]	<i>19.7703355</i>	17.9
SG Mass Flow Rate 3 [kg/s]	<i>20</i>	21.7
dP [Pa]	<i>270.870871</i>	283
Status	Not calculated	Fit

By looking at the preview one can see that the Mass Flow Rate values are close to the desired value. In addition one of the regulator valves (the valve in the center duct) is fully open to allow in addition a minimal pressure drop for such configuration.

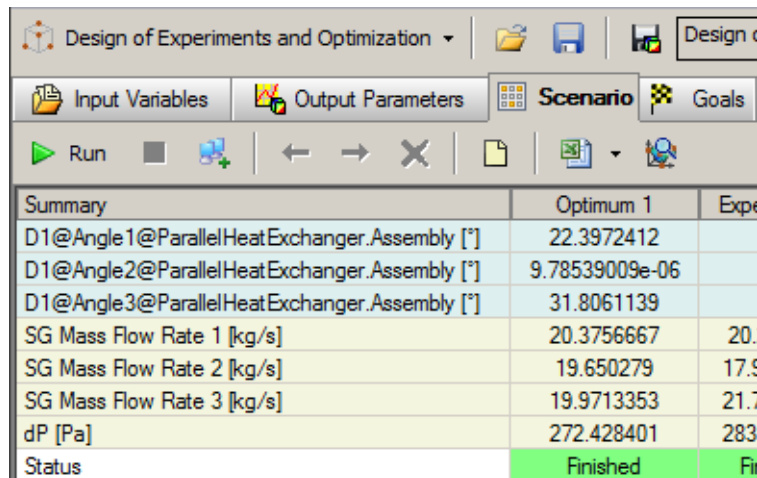
Note

By adjusting the Objective Function settings and again clicking Add Optimal Design Point multiple different optima can be defined/previewed.

As there is no strong, exact turning point to achieve a uniform mass flow distribution through all three ducts there are several combinations of angle settings of the control valves possible to match the given objective.

- Click **Run** to start the calculation of the **Optimum 1**.

The calculated values may differ from the estimation depending on the RSM error of the response surface.



The screenshot shows the 'Design of Experiments and Optimization' window in SolidWorks. The 'Summary' tab is active, displaying a table of results for 'Optimum 1'. The table includes input variables like angles and mass flow rates, and output parameters like pressure drop (dP). The status is 'Finished'.

Summary	Optimum 1	Expe
D1@Angle1@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	22.3972412	
D1@Angle2@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	9.78539009e-06	
D1@Angle3@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	31.8061139	
SG Mass Flow Rate 1 [kg/s]	20.3756667	20.1
SG Mass Flow Rate 2 [kg/s]	19.650279	17.9
SG Mass Flow Rate 3 [kg/s]	19.9713353	21.7
dP [Pa]	272.428401	283
Status	Finished	Fin

Goals Tab

You can view result values and charts on the Parametric Study dialog.

The **Goals** tab provides a wide set of functions to compare and analyze the different design variants.

Objects

Results values of all design variants can be visualized in **Table** or **Chart** display, highlighting **Min.** / **Max.** values and displaying **Delta** values with respect to a selected reference design.

Goal	Optimum 1	Experiment 2	Experiment 3
D1@Angle1@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	22.3972412	30	34.285
D1@Angle2@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	9.78539009e-06	30	38.571
D1@Angle3@ParallelHeatExchanger.Assembly [°]	31.8061139	30	60
SG Mass Flow Rate 1 [kg/s]	20.3943	20.2962	24.375
SG Mass Flow Rate 2 [kg/s]	19.6325	17.9068	21.422
SG Mass Flow Rate 3 [kg/s]	19.9690	21.7930	14.191
dP [Pa]	272.77	284.13	361.50

Table or
Chart display

Highlight overall
Min./Max. values

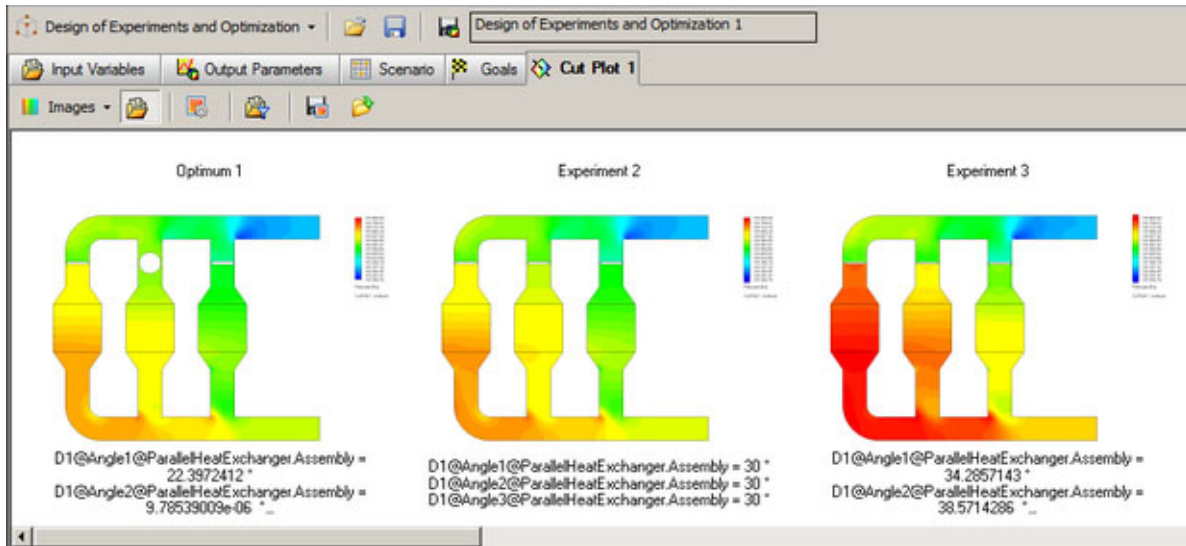
Delta in respect to
selected reference
design

Results Tab

You can view and compare result images in *named* tabs on the **Parametric Study** dialog.

The results tab **Cut Plot 1** provides a parallel image display of all design variants using the selected Post-Processing feature. The tab with a respective *name* is created for each selected post processing feature under **Output Parameters**.

Objects



Create Project From Optimum

If desired a new project can be generated from a created Experiment or Optimum of a Parametric Study to further Post-Processing or design, taking into account the modified geometry.

Procedure

1. Open the **Scenario** tab again.

2. Right-click the desired design variant from the scenario table to choose **Create Project**.

