



Numerical Heat Transfer

Chapter 13 Application examples of fluent for basic flow and heat transfer problems



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相变传热



For each example, the general content of the lecture is as follows:

1: Using slides to explain the general **10 steps for Fluent simulation in detail ! (PPT讲解)**

1. Read mesh

2. Scale domain

3. Choose model

4. Define material

5. Define zone condition

6. Define boundary condition

7. Solution

8. Initialization

9. Run the simulation.

10. Post-processing



13.4 Flow and heat transfer in a micro-channel

微通道内流动换热问题

Focus: compared with previous examples, the focus of this example is about **pressure-out boundary condition** and ‘**two-side-wall**’ boundary condition.



13.1 Single-phase fluid flow and heat transfer in micro channel with rectangular ribs (MC-RR)

Known: Cold water at $T_f=20^\circ\text{C}$ flows into the inlet of a MC-RR with velocity $u=0.1\text{m/s}$. The side wall of MC-RR is heated with a uniform heat flux $q = 30\text{W/cm}^2$.

Assumption: (1) steady state, (2) laminar flow, (3) incompressible fluid, (4) constant fluid properties, (5) negligible **radioactive** heat transfer from the micro channel heat sink.

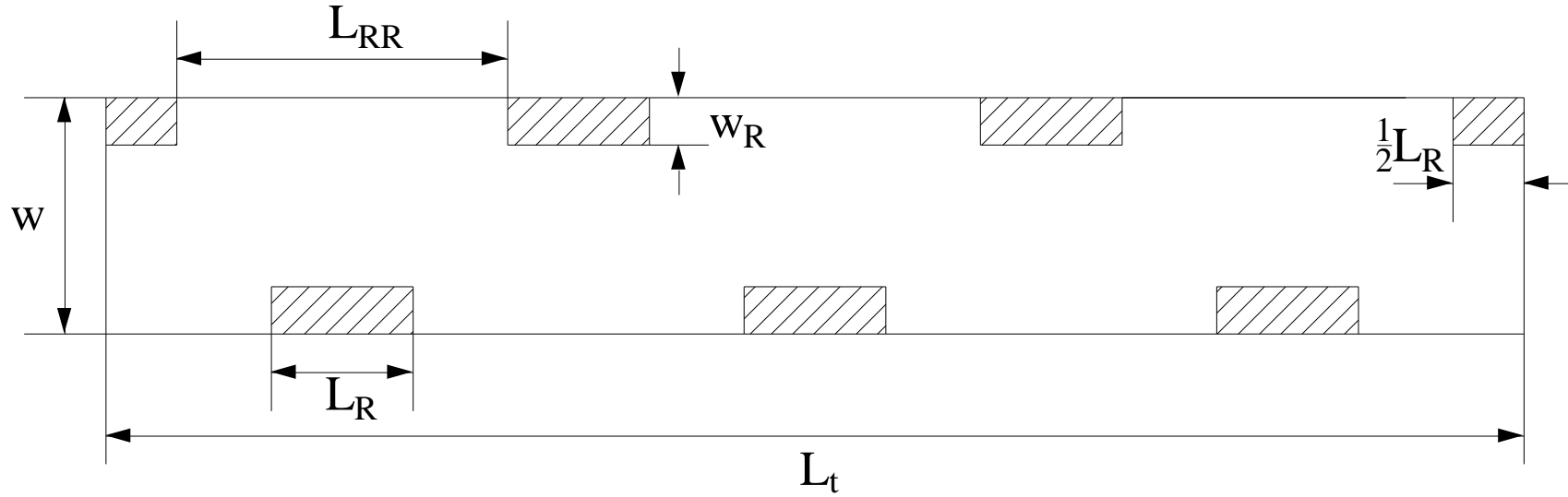


Fig.1 Computational domain

Table .1 Geometrical parameters of MC-RR

Geometrical Parameters	W	L_{RR}	W_R	L_R	L_t
Value/mm	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.3	3

Find: Temperature distribution and pressure distribution in the domain.

Governing equations:

Continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

Momentum equations:

$$u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \frac{\mu_f}{\rho_f} \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$u \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = -\frac{1}{\rho_f} \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} + \frac{\mu_f}{\rho_f} \left(\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

Energy equation:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho_f c_{pf} u_f T_f)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(\rho_f c_{pf} v_f T_f)}{\partial y} = k_f \left(\frac{\partial^2 T_f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_f}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

where T_f is the coolant's temperature, c_{pf} is fluid specific heat, and k_f is fluid thermal conductivity.

Energy equation for the solid region:

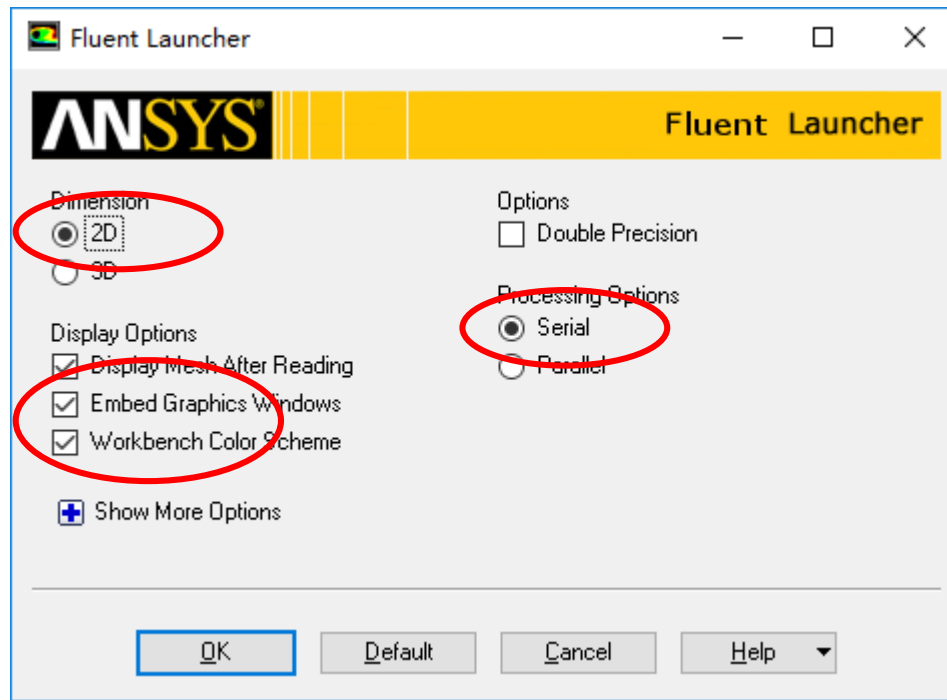
$$0 = k_s \left(\frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

where T_s is solid temperature and k_s is solid thermal conductivity

Boundary condition:

1.	channel inlet $x=0$ $u = u_f$ For fluid $T_f = T_{in} = 293.15\text{K}$
2.	Channel outlet $x=3\text{mm}$ $P_f = P_{out} = 1\text{atm}$ For fluid $-k_f \left(\frac{\partial T_f}{\partial x}\right) = 0$
3.	fluid/solid surface $u = v = 0$ $T_s = T_f$ $-k_s \left(\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial n}\right) = -k_f \left(\frac{\partial T_f}{\partial n}\right)$ Where (n) is the coordinate normal to the wall
4.	At side wall $-k_s \left(\frac{\partial T_s}{\partial y}\right) = q = 30\text{W/cm}^2$

Start the Fluent software



1. Choose **2-Dimension**
2. Choose **display options**
3. Choose **Serial processing option**



Note: Double precision or Single precision

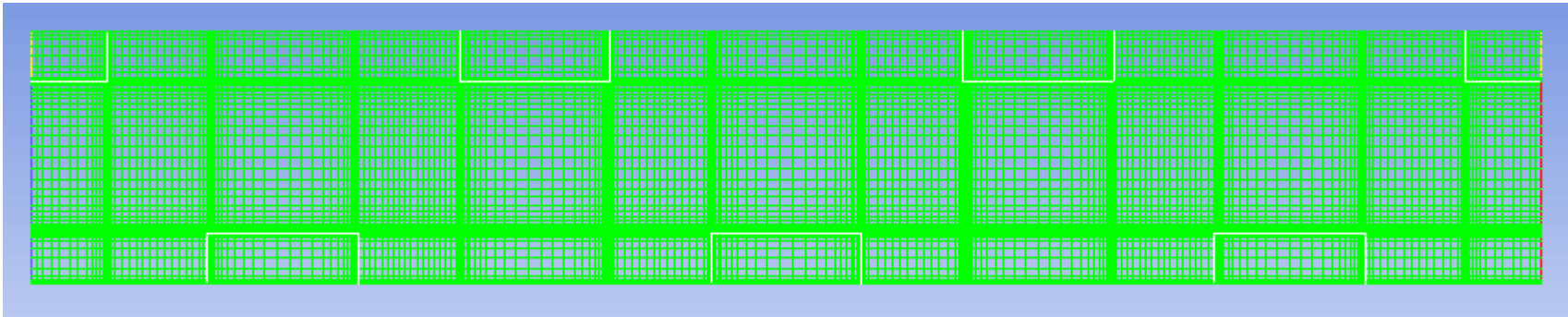
For most cases the single precision version of Fluent is sufficient.

For heat transfer problem, **if the thermal conductivity difference between various components are high**, it is recommended to use

Double Precision Version.

Step 1: **Read** and check the mesh

- The mesh is generated by pre-processing software such as **ICEM**, **GAMBIT** or **MESHING**. The document is with suffix (后缀名) “**xx.msh**”



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> Reading "C:\Users\lichennht\Desktop\ansys\4fluent_
Done.
14340 quadrilateral cells, zone 15, binary.
 2124 quadrilateral cells, zone 16, binary.
28270 2D interior faces, zone 17, binary.
3987 2D interior faces, zone 18, binary.
  44 2D velocity-inlet faces, zone 19, binary.
  44 2D pressure-outlet faces, zone 20, binary.
 177 2D wall faces, zone 21, binary.
 321 2D wall faces, zone 22, binary.
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411 2D wall faces, zone 23, binary.
 24 2D symmetry faces, zone 24, binary.
 321 shadow face pairs, binary.
17129 nodes, binary.
17129 node flags, binary.
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Step 1: Read and **check** the mesh

Mesh→Check

- Check the **quality and topological information** of the mesh

Mesh Check

Domain Extents:

x-coordinate: min (m) = 2.500000e-04, max (m) = 3.250000e-03

y-coordinate: min (m) = 0.000000e+00, max (m) = 5.000000e-04

Volume statistics:

minimum volume (m3): 9.997533e-13

maximum volume (m3): 5.455531e-10

total volume (m3): 1.500000e-06

Face area statistics:

minimum face area (m2): 9.997748e-07

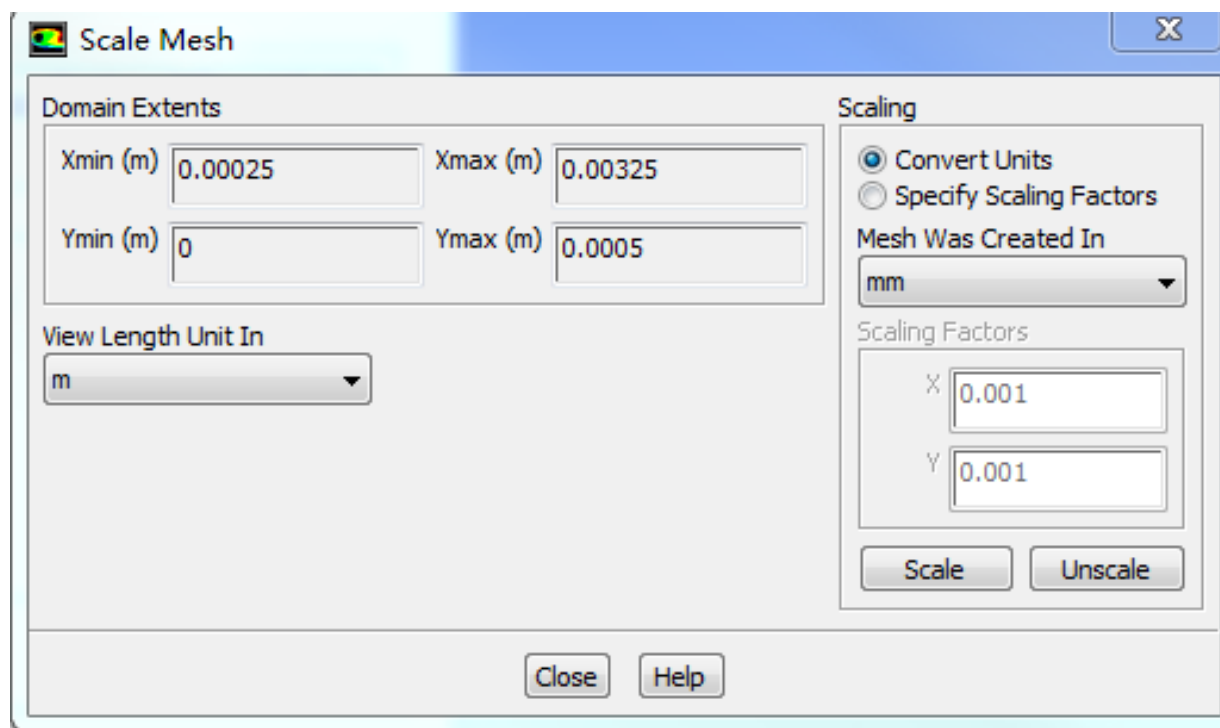
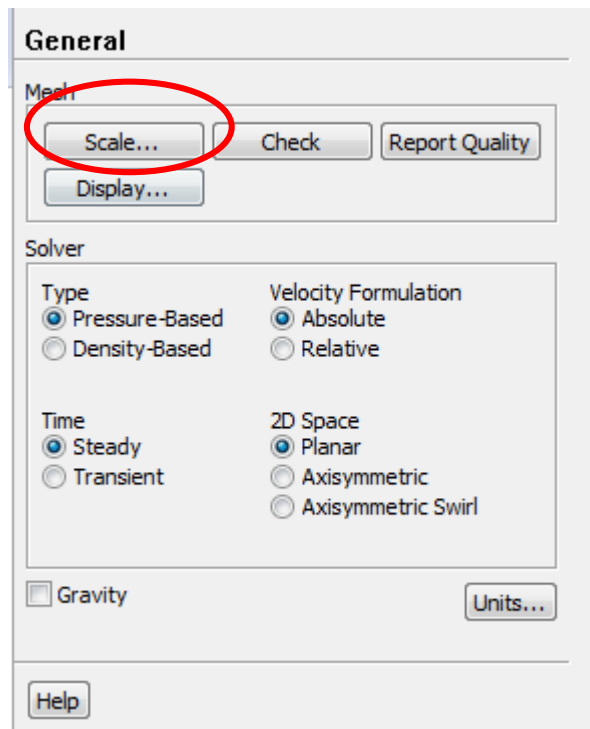
maximum face area (m2): 2.495997e-05

Checking mesh.....

Done.

Step 2: Scale the domain size

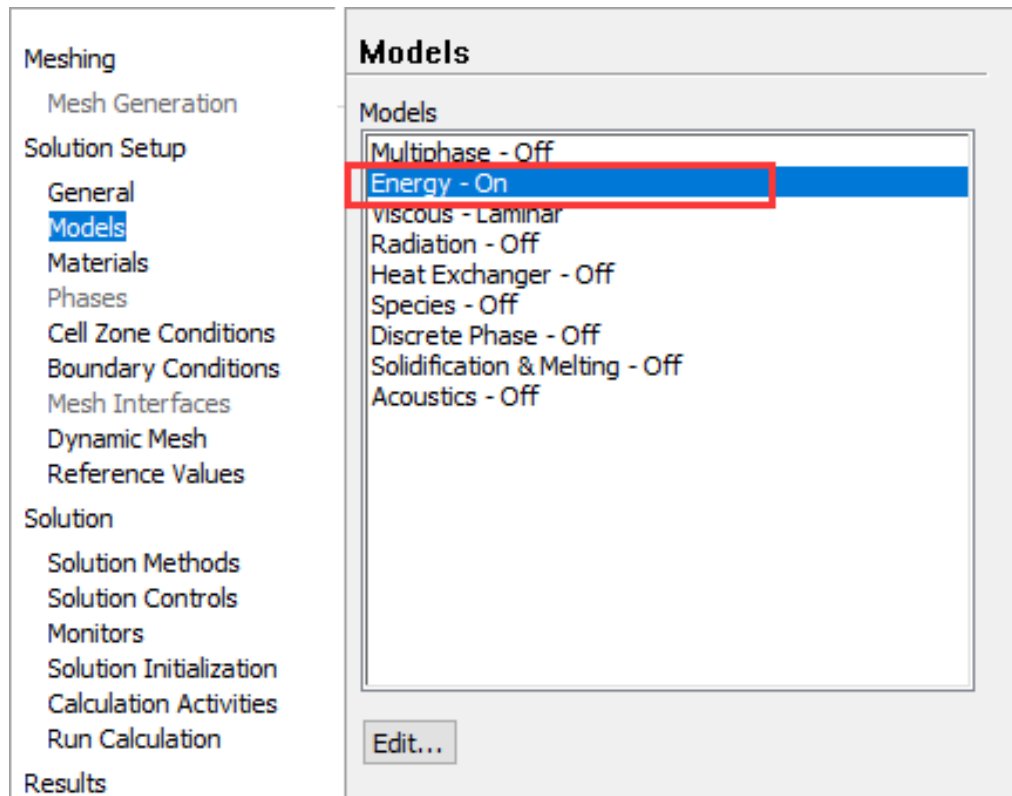
General → Scale



The mesh is generated in Fluent using unit of **mm**. Fluent import it as unit of **m**. Thus, “Convert units” is used.

Step 3: Choose the physicochemical model

Based on the governing equations you are going to solve, select the related model in Fluent.



Example 4 is about single-phase laminar flow and heat transfer, so Energy model should be activated.

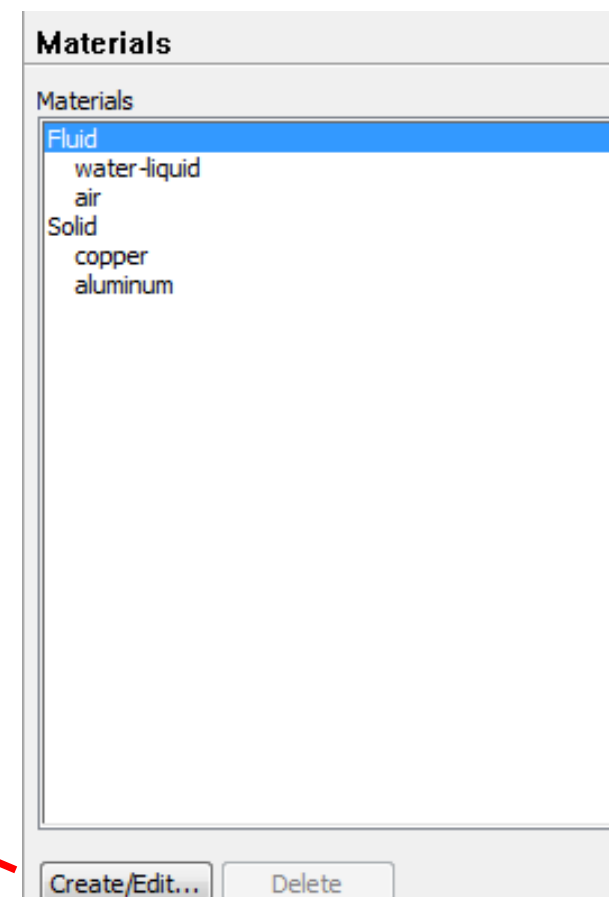
Step 4: Define the material properties

Define the material properties required for modeling! For heat conduction problem studied here, ρ , C_p and λ should be defined.

Solution Setup → **Materials**

In Fluent, the default fluid is **air** and the default solid is **Al**.

Click the **Create/Edit** button to add **Water** and **Copper**.



Step 5: Define zone condition

Solution Setup → Cell Zone Condition

Choose water for Fluid zone Choose copper for Solid zone

The image shows two dialog boxes for defining zone conditions in ANSYS Fluent. The left dialog is for a Fluid zone, and the right is for a Solid zone. Both have a red box highlighting the Material Name dropdown menu.

Fluid Zone Dialog:

- Zone Name: fluid
- Material Name: water-liquid
- Options: Frame Motion, Source Terms, Mesh Motion, Fixed Values, Porous Zone
- Reference Frame: Reference Frame | Mesh Motion | Porous Zone | Embedded LES | Reaction | Source Terms | Fixed Values | Multiphase

Solid Zone Dialog:

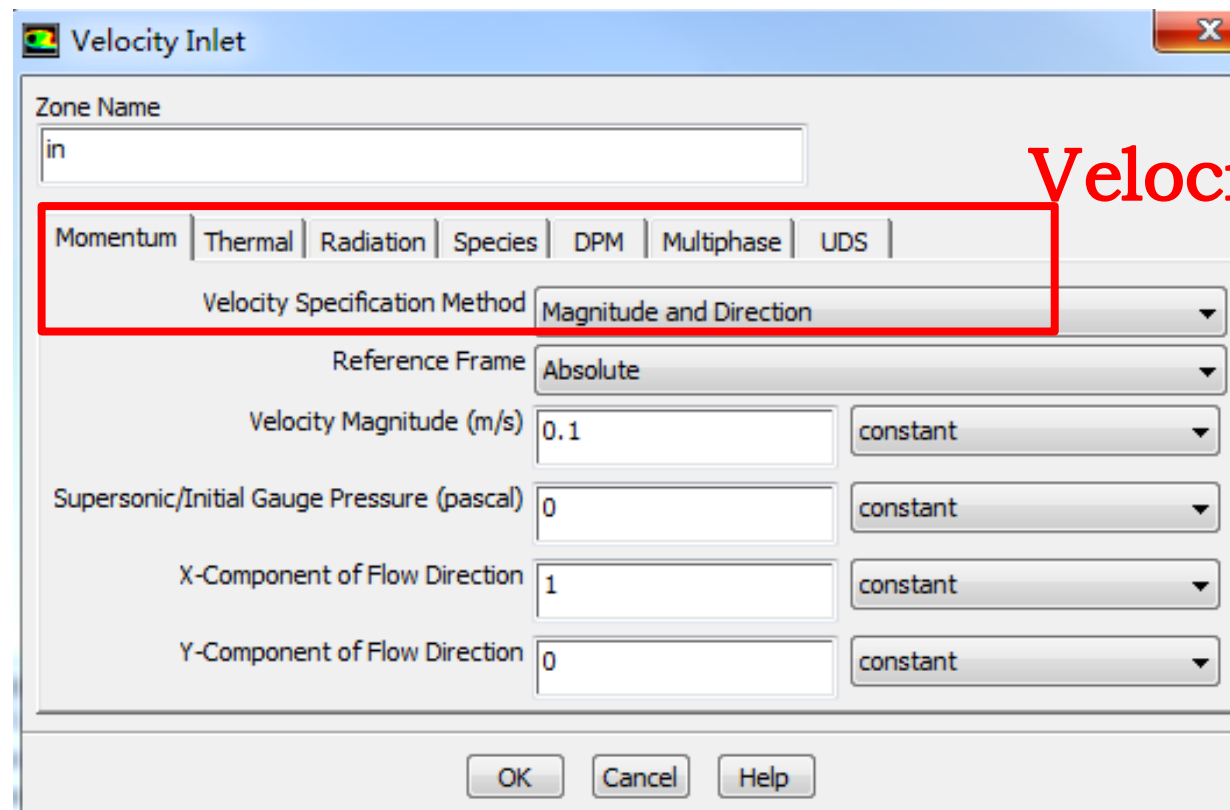
- Zone Name: solid
- Material Name: copper
- Options: Frame Motion, Source Terms, Mesh Motion, Fixed Values
- Reference Frame: Reference Frame | Mesh Motion | Source Terms | Fixed Values

Inset Fluid Zone Dialog:

- Zone Name: fluid
- Material Name: water-liquid

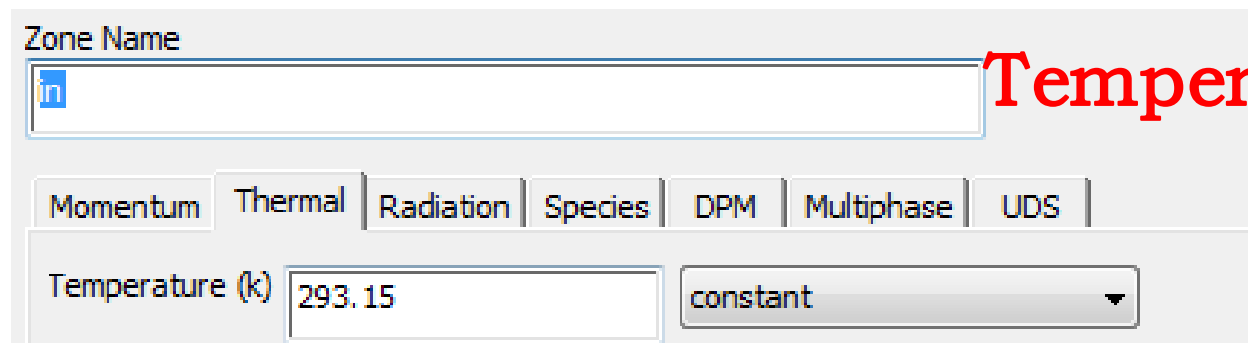
Step 6: Define the boundary condition

Inlet



Velocity Inlet dialog box showing the configuration for the inlet boundary condition. The Zone Name is 'in'. The Velocity Specification Method is 'Magnitude and Direction'. The Reference Frame is 'Absolute'. The Velocity Magnitude (m/s) is 0.1, constant. The Supersonic/Initial Gauge Pressure (pascal) is 0, constant. The X-Component of Flow Direction is 1, constant. The Y-Component of Flow Direction is 0, constant. The Momentum tab is selected.

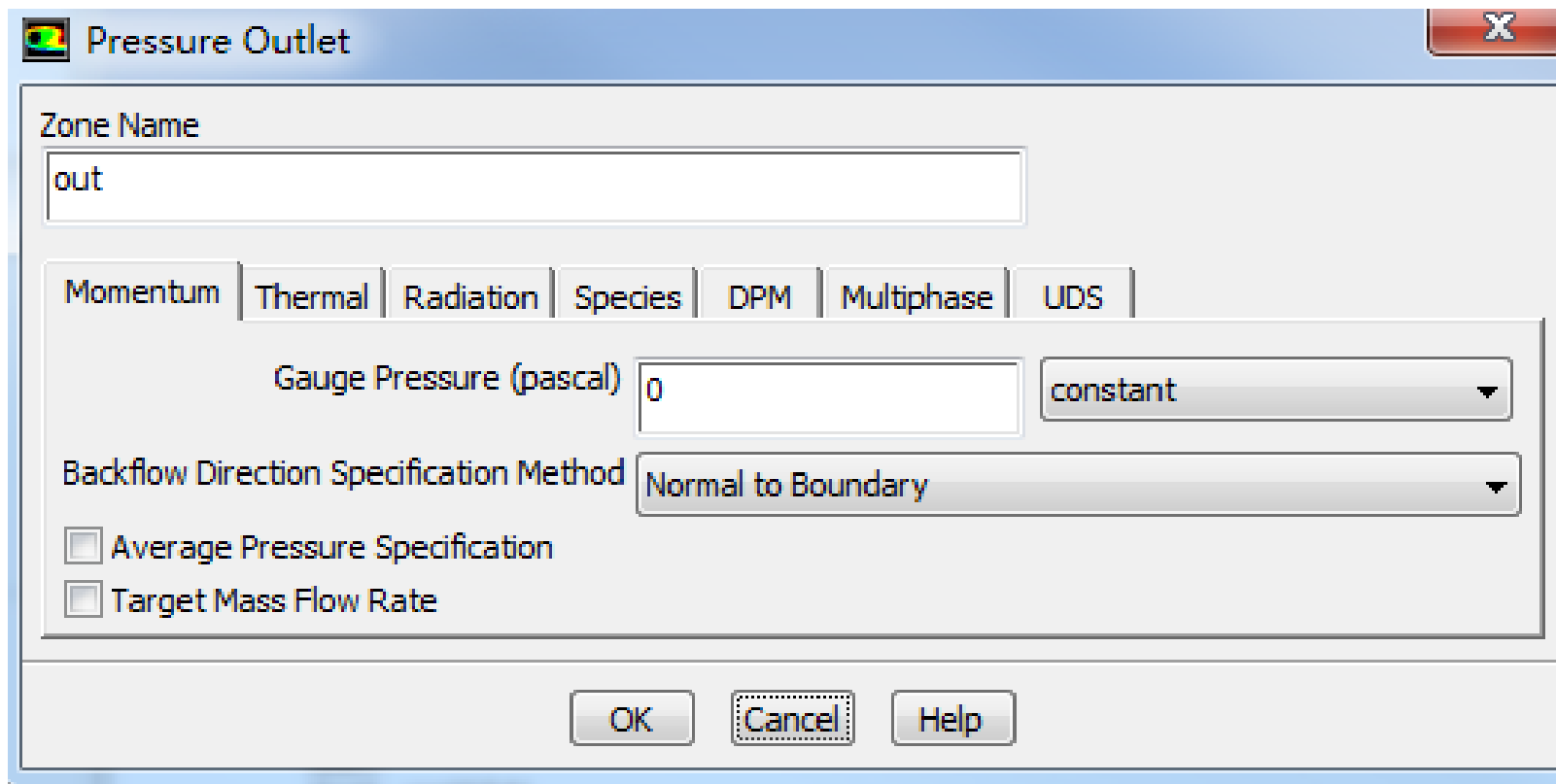
Velocity



Temperature dialog box showing the configuration for the inlet boundary condition. The Zone Name is 'in'. The Temperature (k) is 293.15, constant. The Thermal tab is selected.

Temperature

Outlet: pressure outlet



Gauge Pressure (表压)



Pressure in Fluent

Atmospheric pressure (大气压)

Gauge pressure (表压): the difference between the true pressure and the Atmospheric pressure.

Absolute pressure (真实压力): the true pressure

$$= \text{Atmospheric pressure} + \text{Gauge pressure}$$

Operating pressure (操作压力) : the reference pressure (参考压力)

In our teaching code, a reference pressure point is defined.



Pressure in Fluent

Absolute pressure (真实压力): the true pressure

= Reference Pressure + Relative Pressure

Static pressure (静压): the difference between true pressure and operating pressure.

The same as relative pressure.

Dynamic pressure (动压): calculated by $0.5\rho U^2$

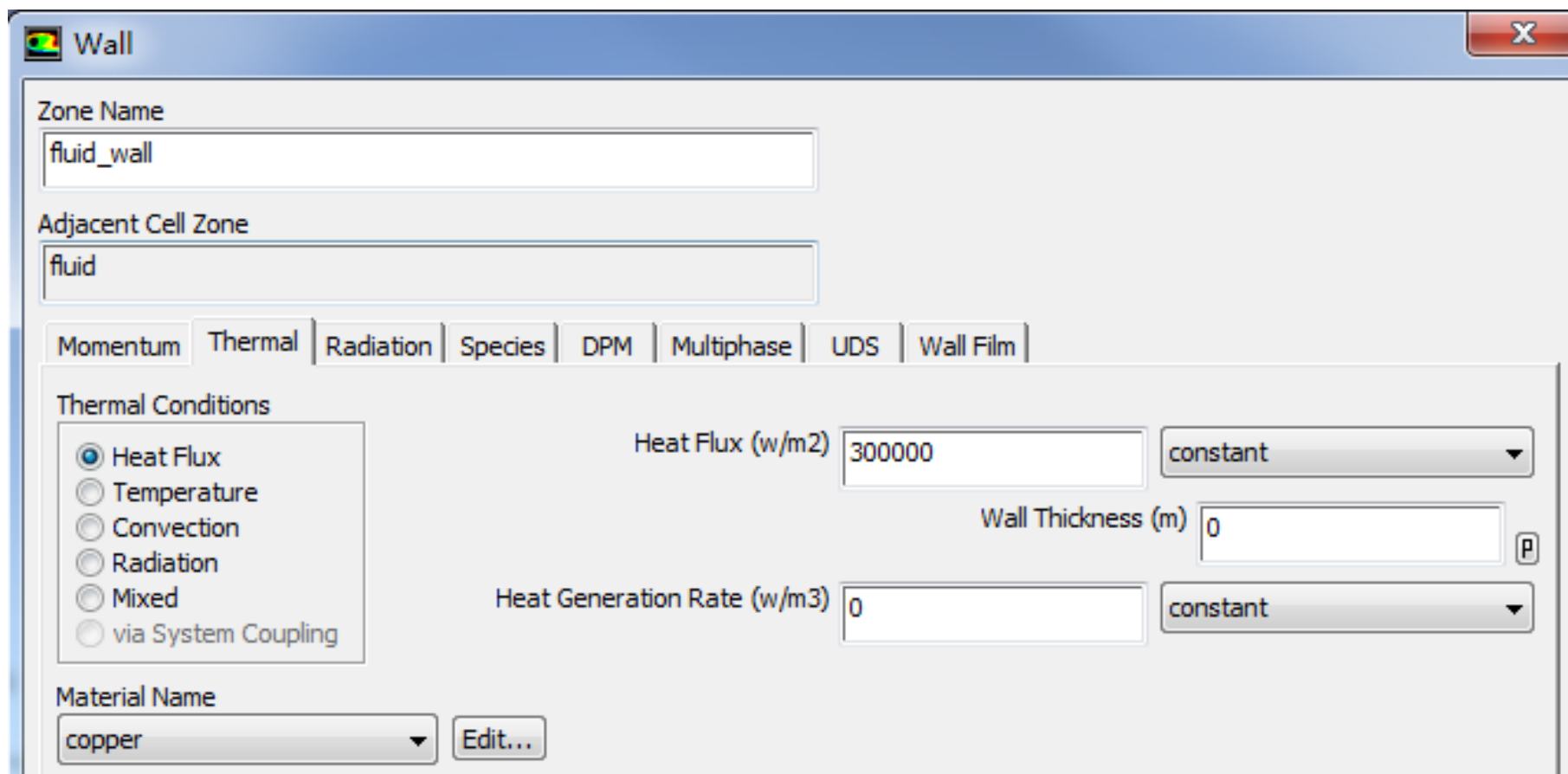
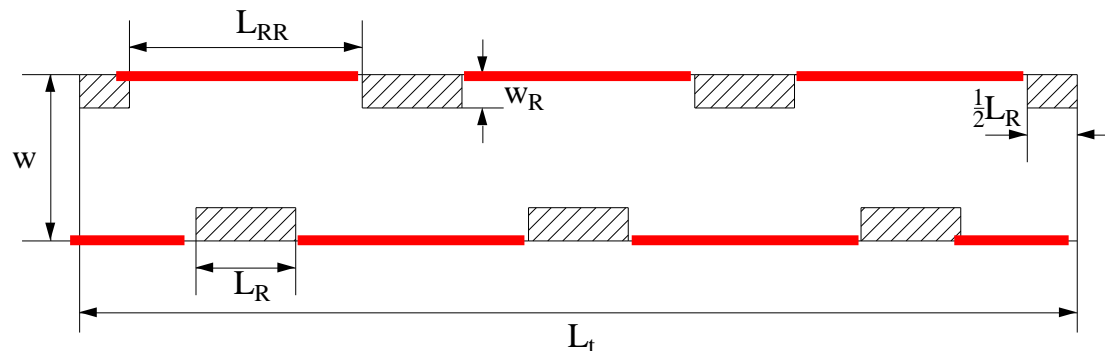
Is related to the velocity.

Total pressure (动压):

= Static pressure + dynamic pressure

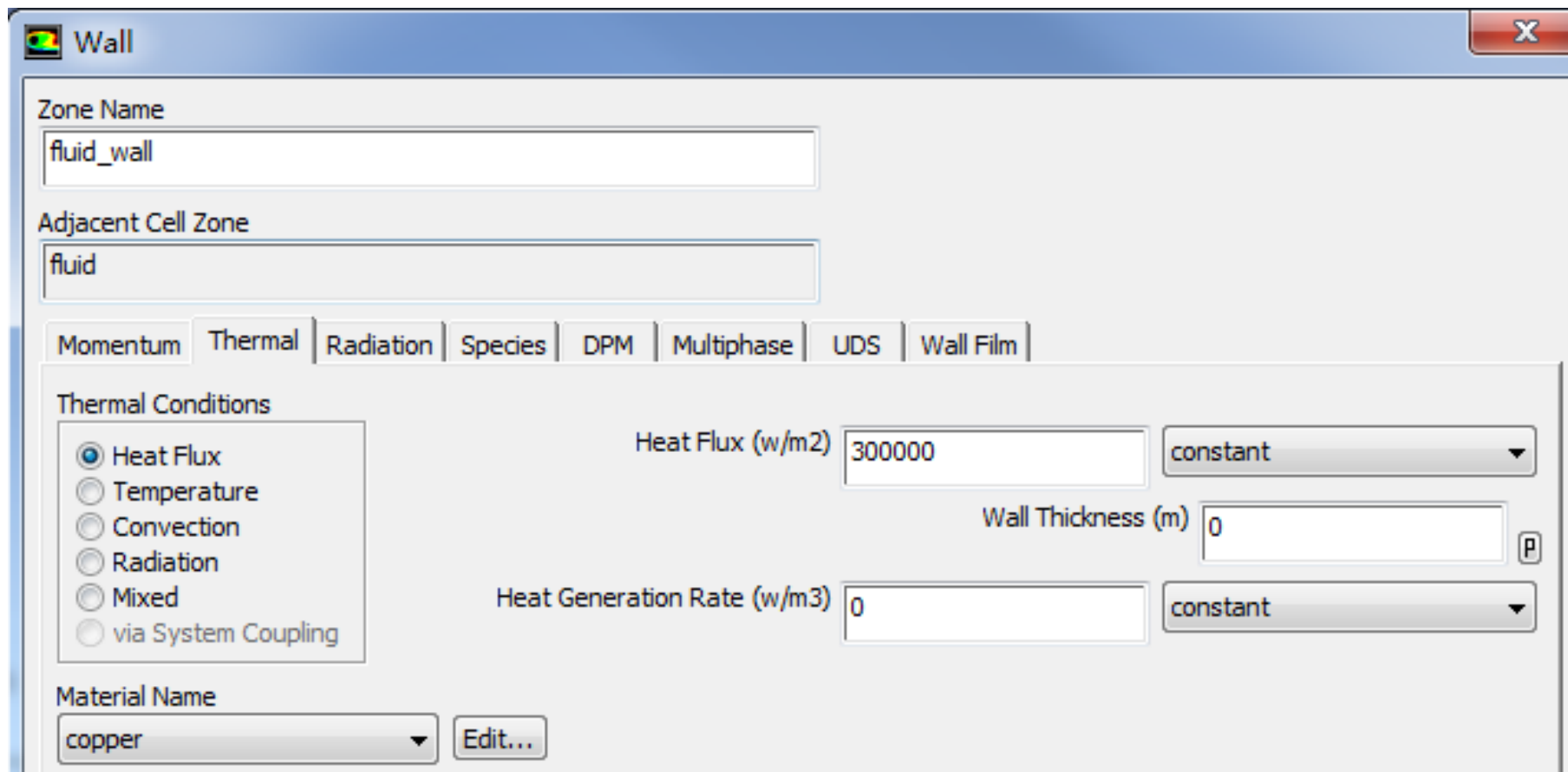
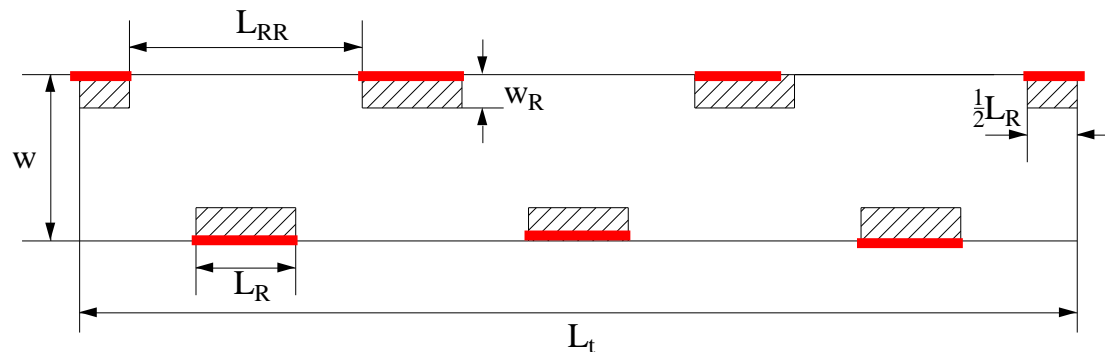
Wall

$$q = 30W/cm^2$$

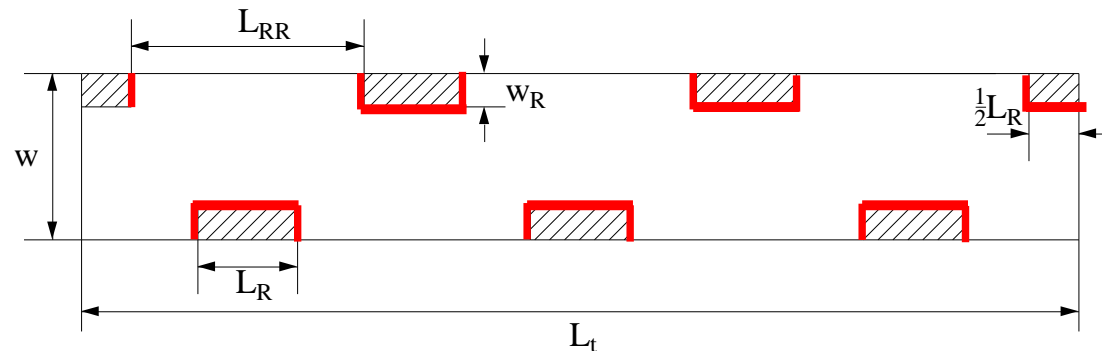


Wall

$$q = 30\text{W/cm}^2$$



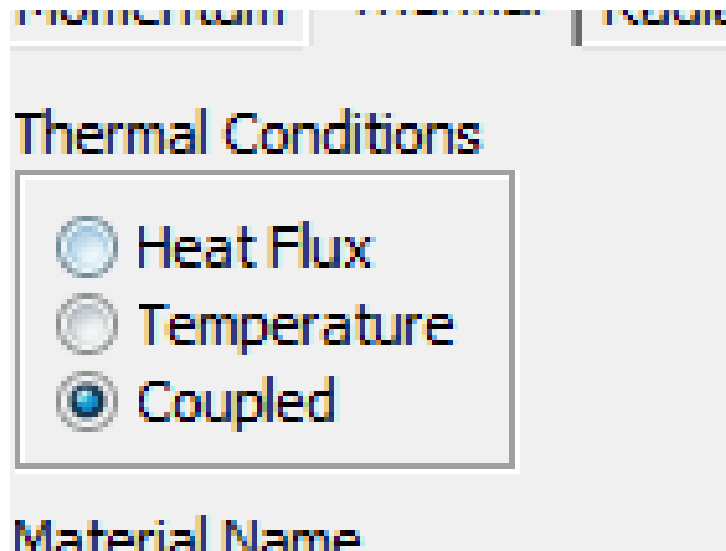
Fluid-solid interface



This wall type has fluid zone and solid zone on each side. This wall is called a “two-sided-wall”.

When such kind wall is read into Fluent, a “shadow” (影子) zone is automatically created.

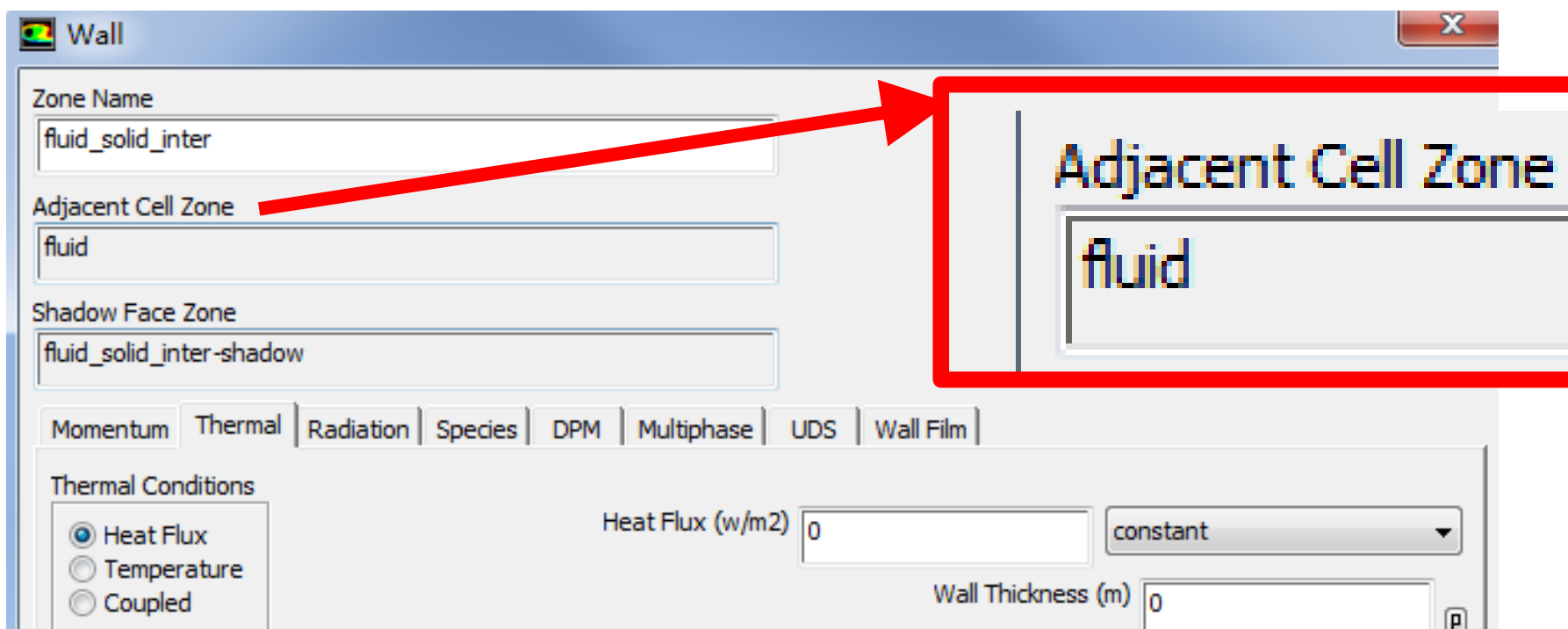
There are three options for the temperature boundary conditions of such “two-sided-wall”.



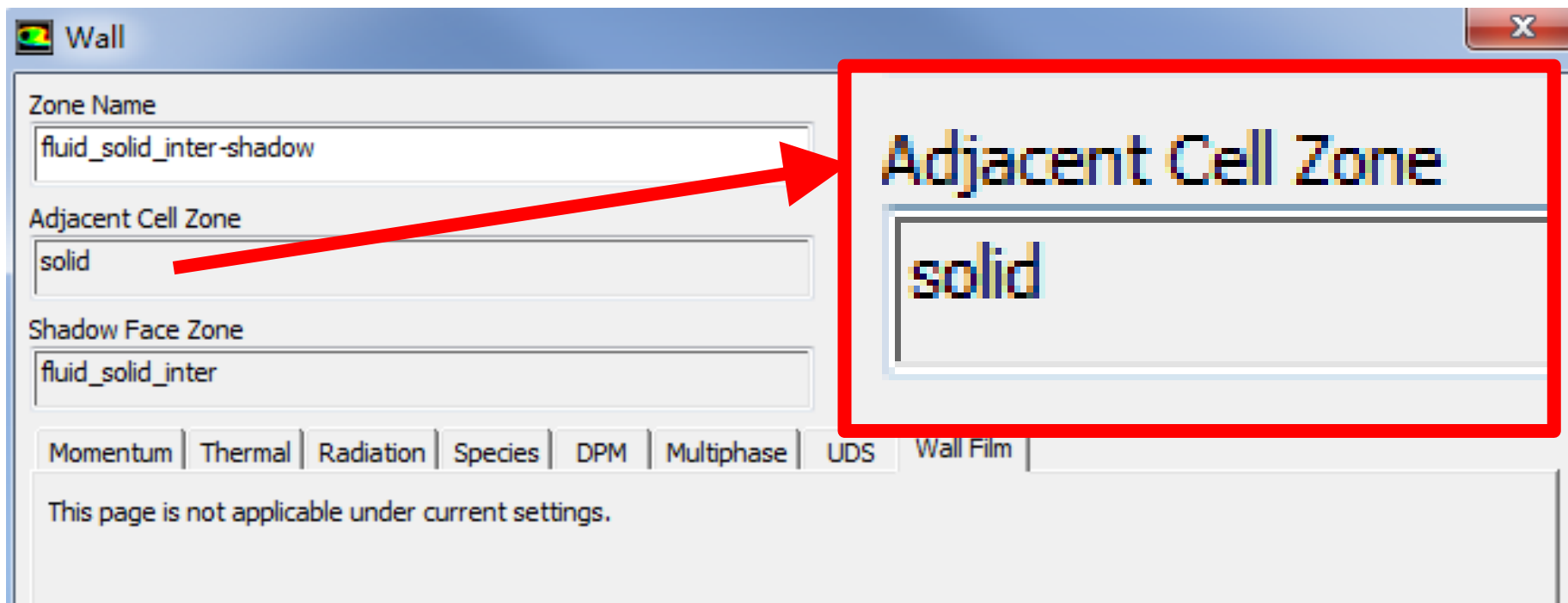
- Heat flux
- Temperature
- **Coupled**

If you choose “**Coupled**”, no additional information is required. The solver will calculate heat transfer directly from the solution of adjacent cells. **Such wall is not a boundary.**

You also can uncouple the sides of the wall and give different boundary condition for different sides of the wall.



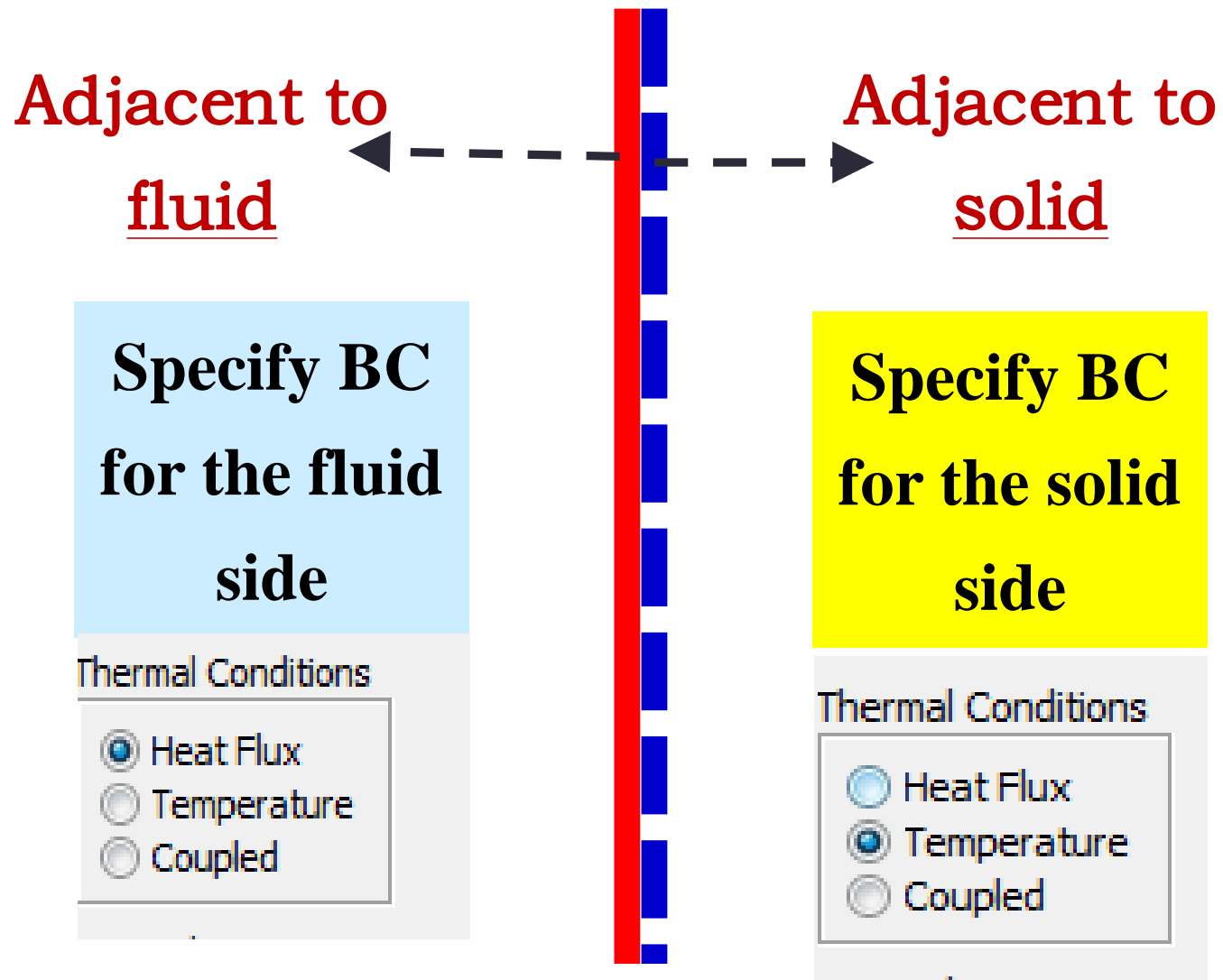
The adjacent cell zone of this wall is fluid!



The adjacent cell zone of this shadow wall is solid!

You can find the wall and its shadow created automatically by Fluent are adjacent to fluid and solid, respectively. So you can specify different BC for different walls.

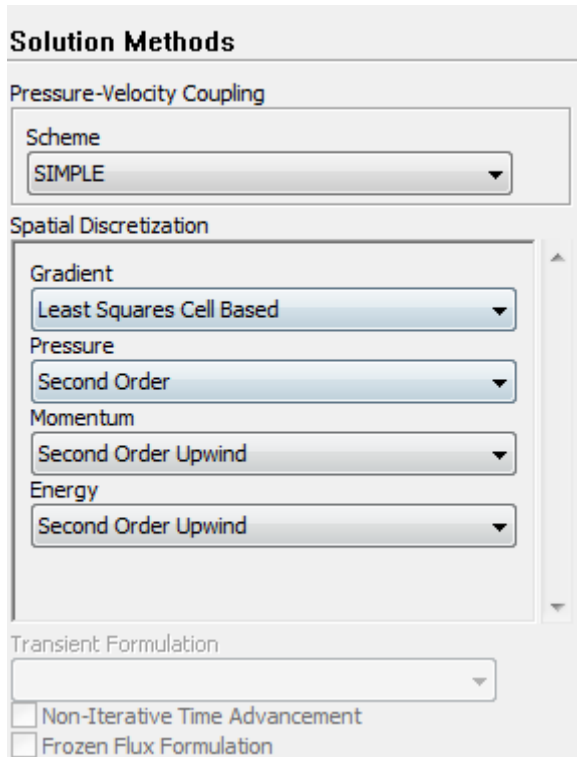
The original two side wall



Its shadow created by Fluent

7st step: Define the solution

For algorithm and schemes, keep it as default. For more details of this step, one can refer to Example 1 of Chapter 13.



Algorithm: simple

Gradient: Least Square Cell Based

Pressure: second order

Momentum: second order upwind

Energy: second order Upwind



7st step: **Define the solution**

For under-relaxation factor, keep it default. For more details, refer to **Example 1**.

8st step: Initialization

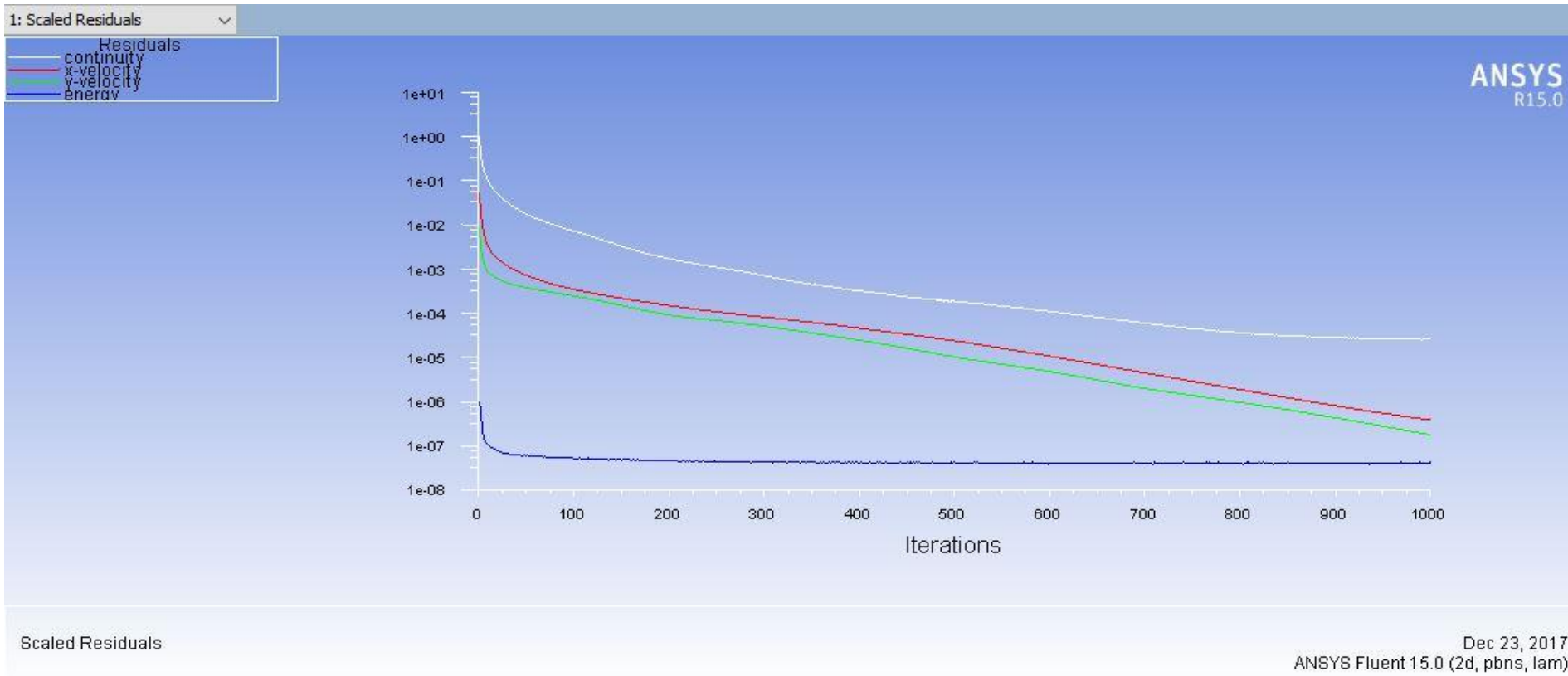
Use the standard initialization, for more details of Hybrid initialization, refer to Example 1.

Step 9: Run the simulation

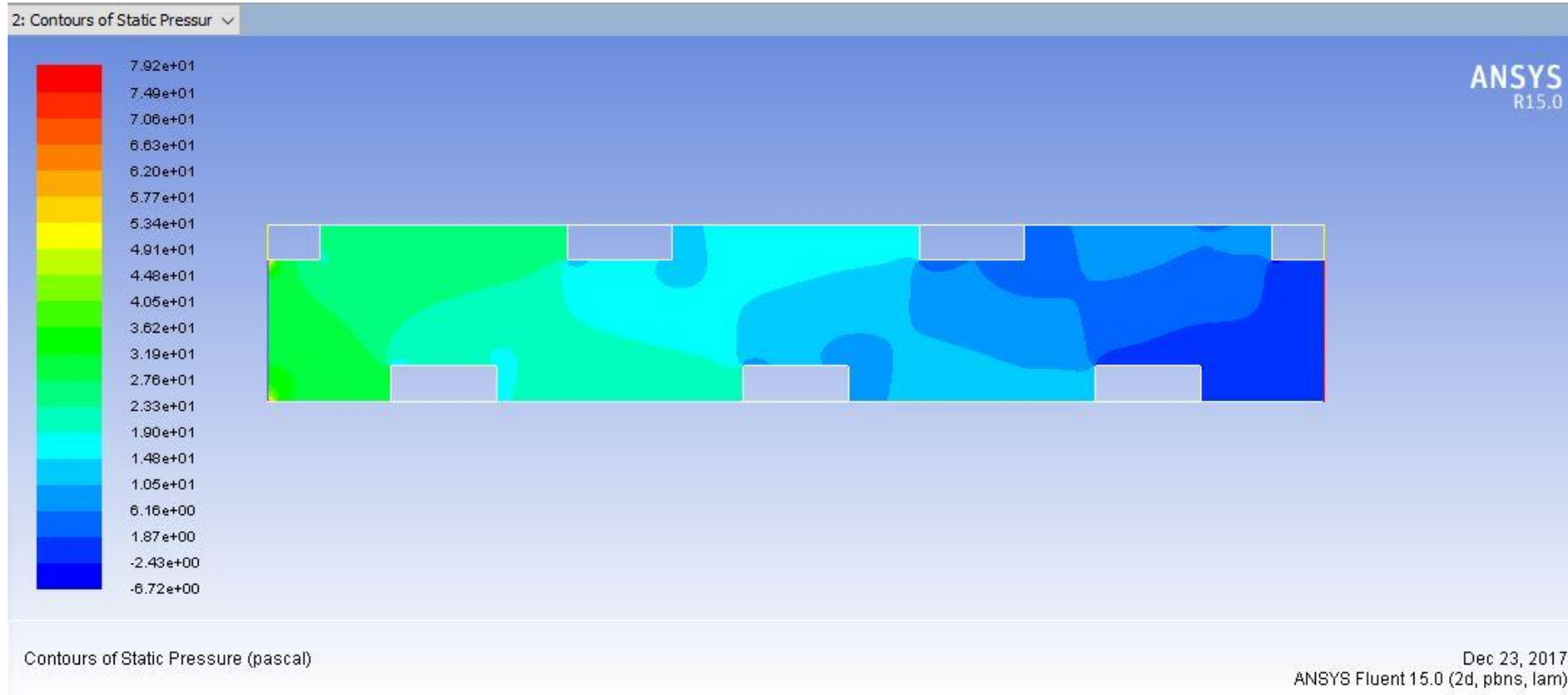
Step 10: Post-processing results



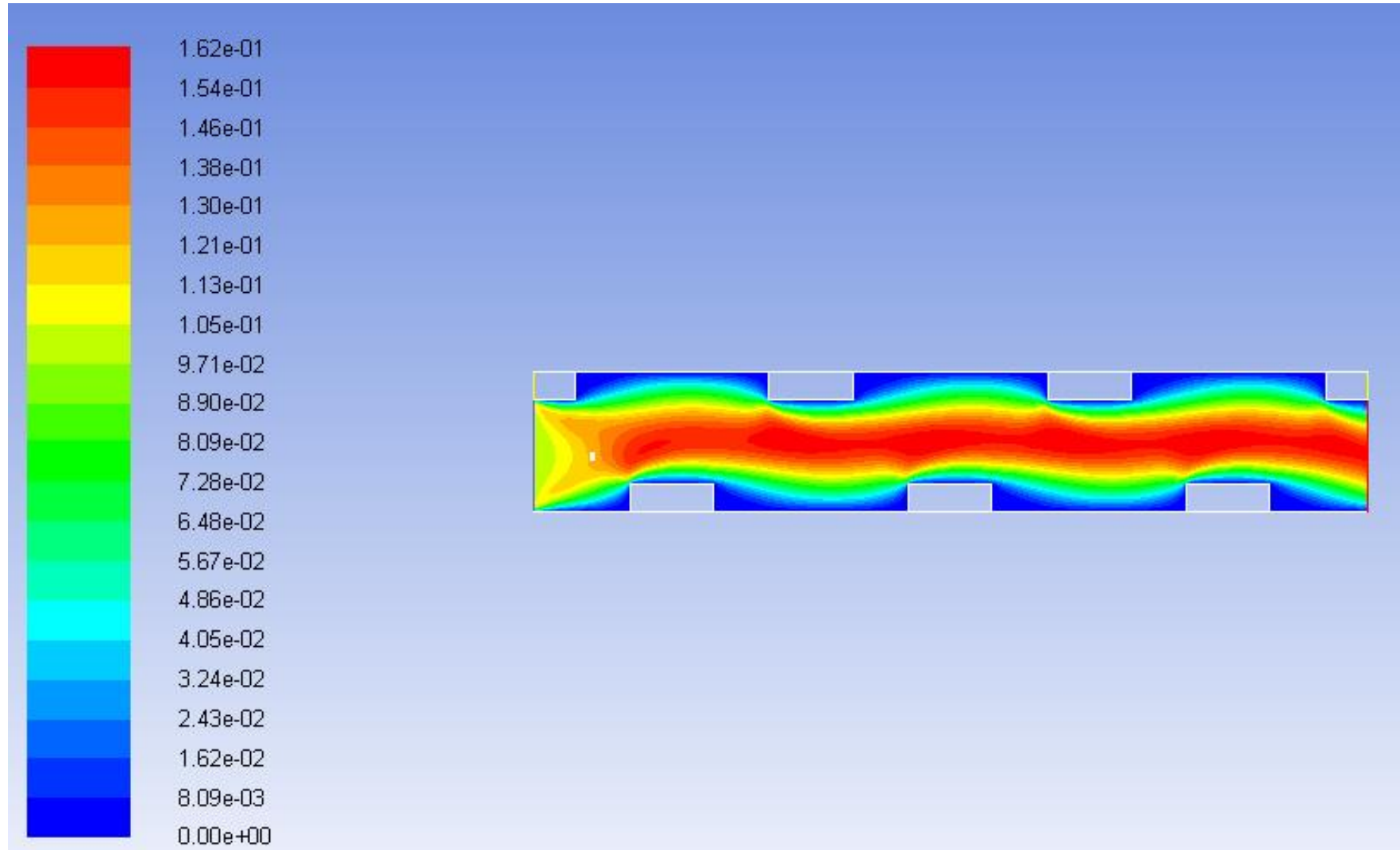
Residuals

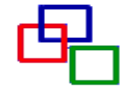


Contours of static pressure (Pa)

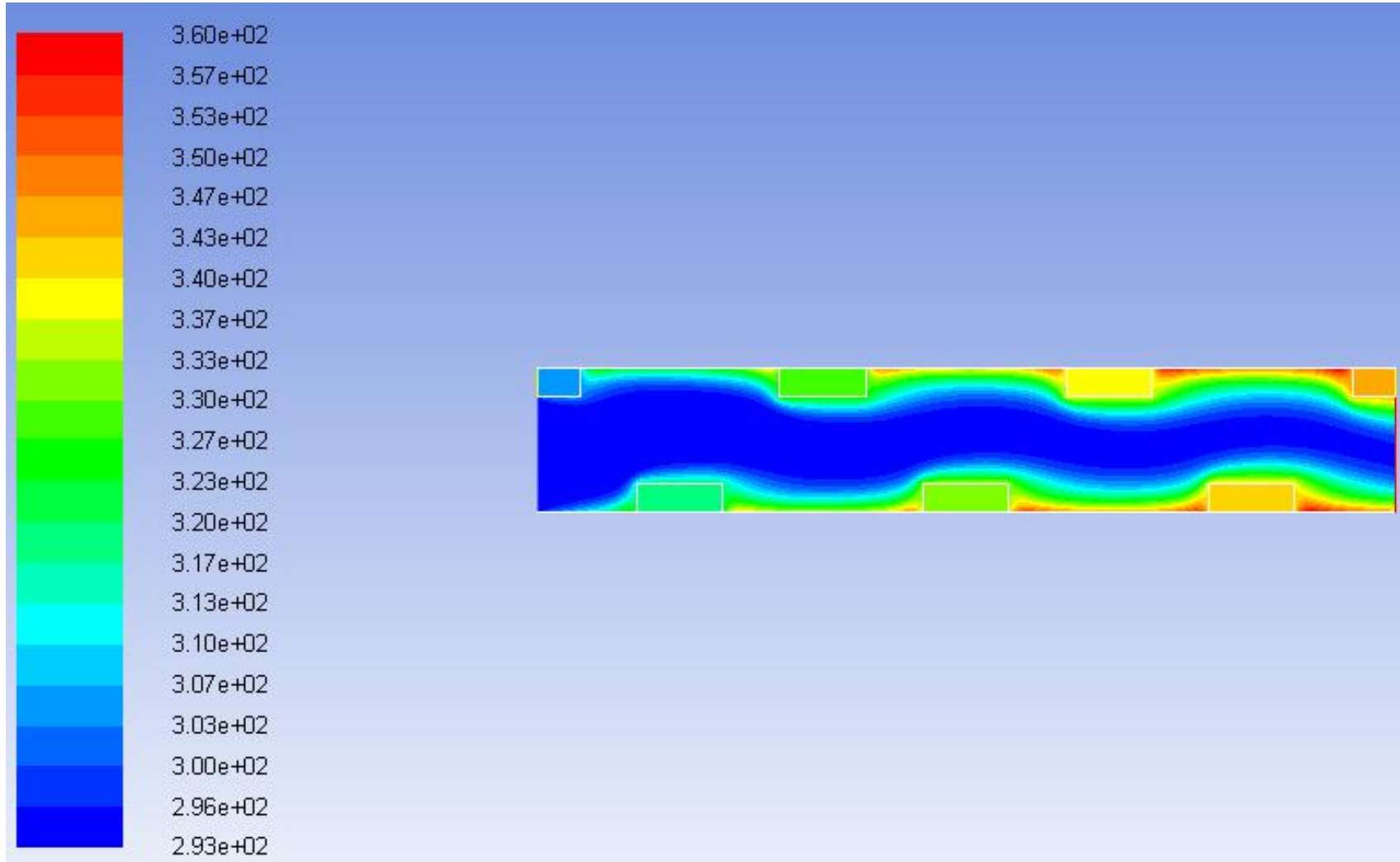


Velocity magnitude



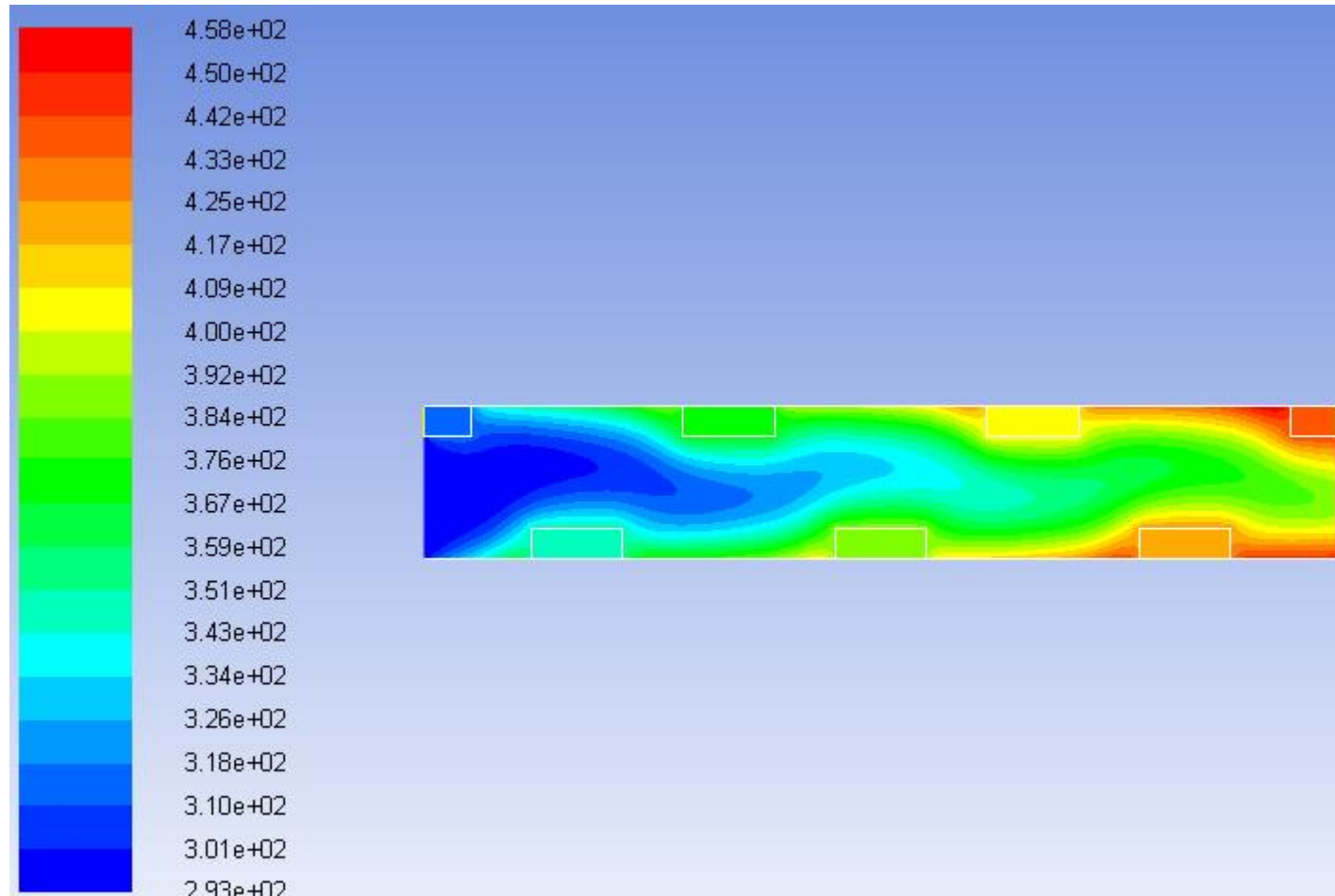


Temperature (K)





Temperature (K) of velocity as 0.01 m/s





同舟共济 渡彼岸!

People in the same
boat help each
other to cross to the
other bank, where....