



# Numerical Heat Transfer

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



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# 数值传热学

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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

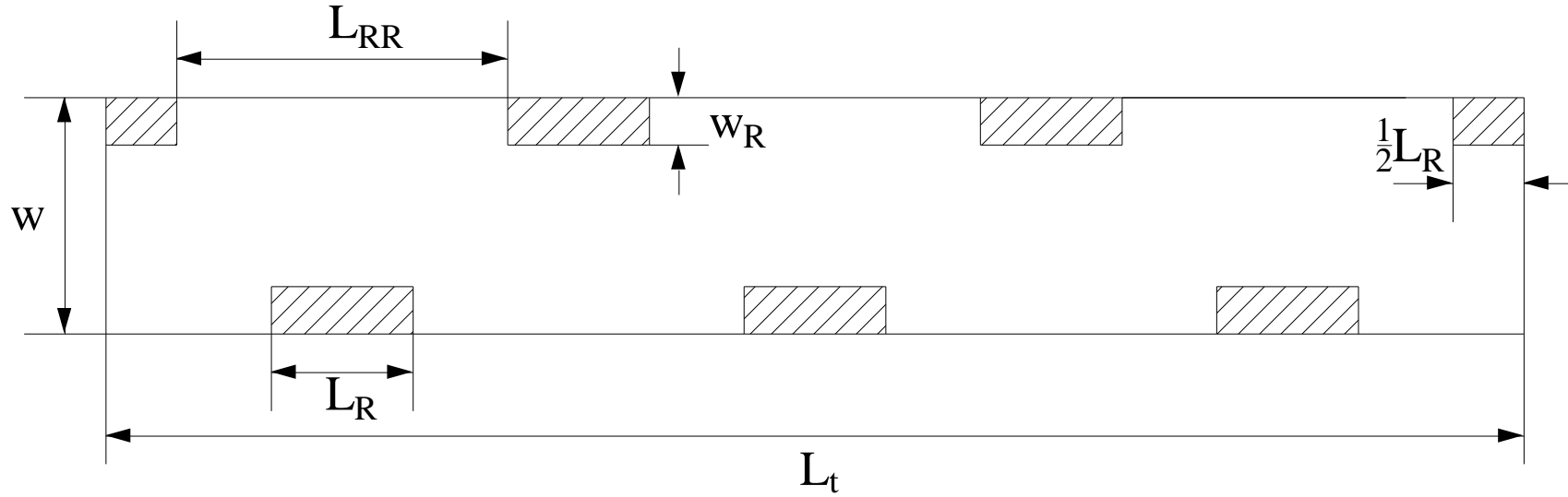
**Focus:** compared with previous examples, the focus of this example is about **pressure-out boundary condition** and ‘**two-side-wall**’ boundary condition.



## 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** and natural convective heat transfer from the micro channel heat sink.



**Fig.1 Computational domain**

**Table .1 Geometrical parameters of MC-RR**

<b>Geometrical Parameters</b>	$W$	$L_{RR}$	$W_R$	$L_R$	$L_t$
<b>Value/mm</b>	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:

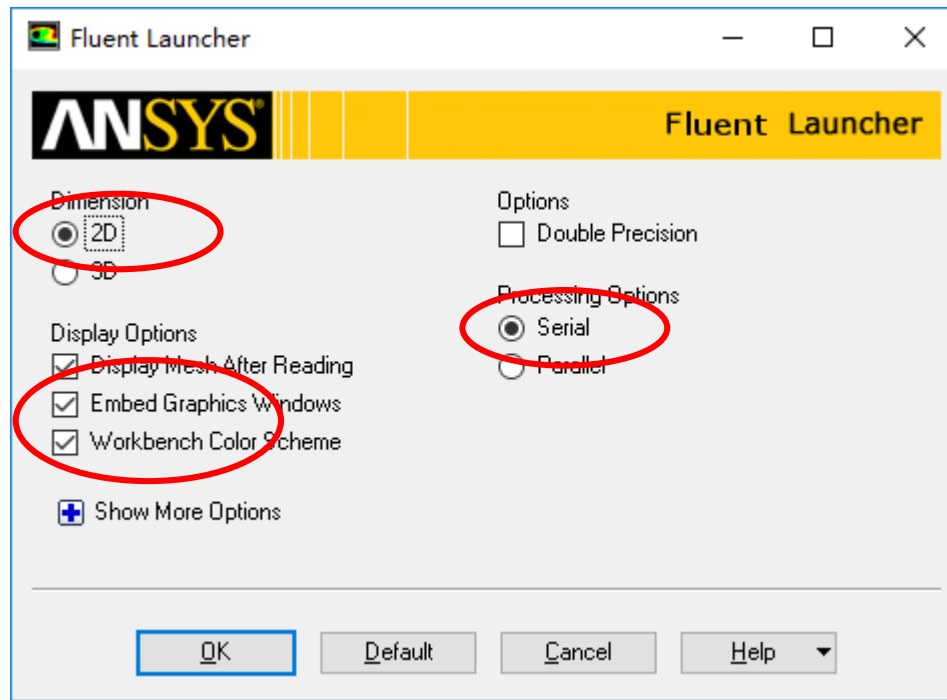
$$0 = k_s \left( \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 T_s}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

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 $u = v = 0$ $-k_s \left( \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial n} \right) = -k_f \left( \frac{\partial T_f}{\partial n} \right)$ 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



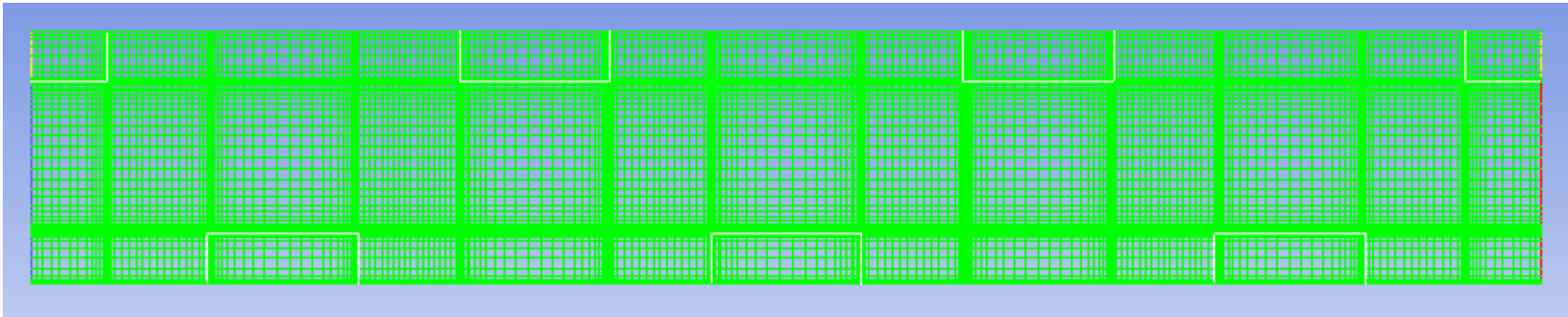
1. Choose **2-Dimension**
2. Choose **display options**
3. Choose **Serial processing option**

## Note: Double precision or Single precision

For most cases the single precision version of Fluent is sufficient. For example, for heat transfer problem, **if the thermal conductivity between different 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** and **GAMBIT**. The document is with suffix (后綴名) “**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

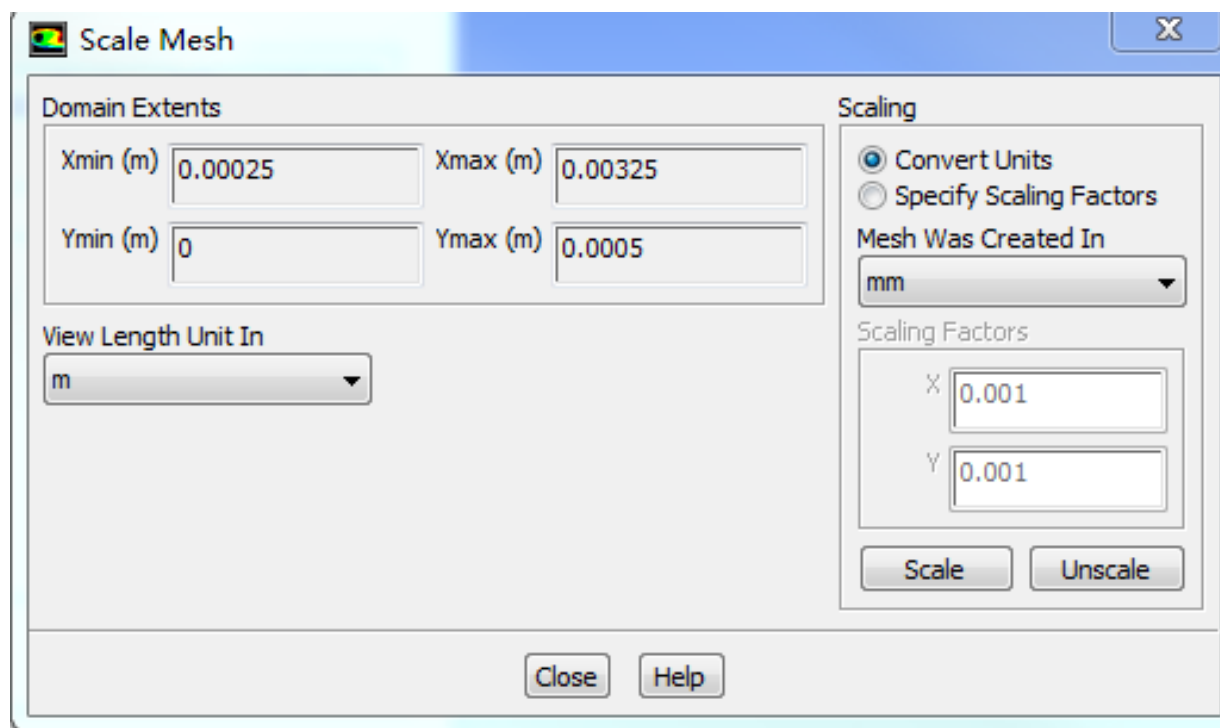
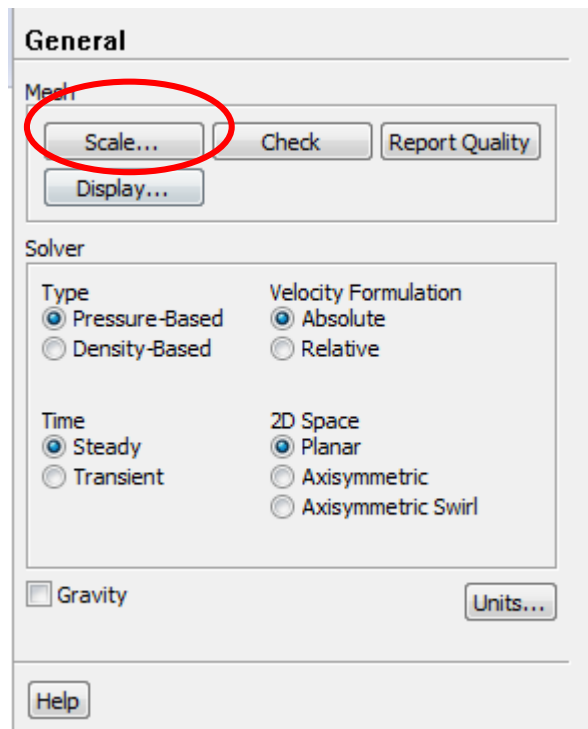
maximum face area (m2): 2.495997e-05

Checking mesh.....

Done.

## Step 2: Scale the domain size

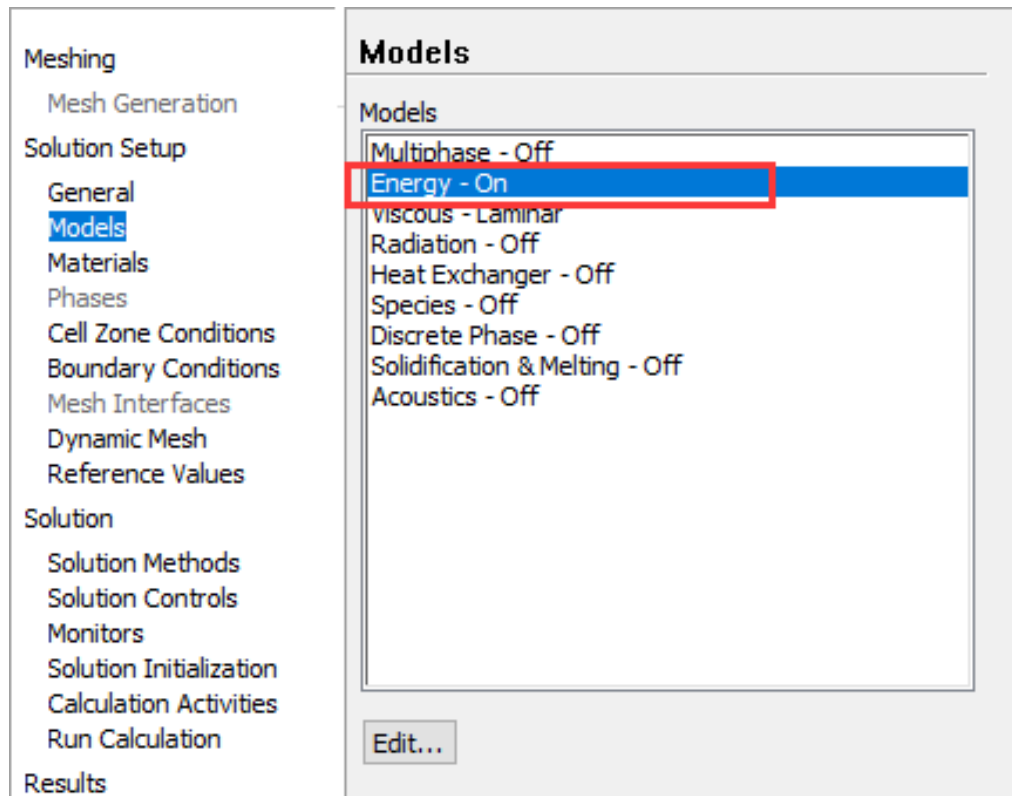
General → Scale



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.**



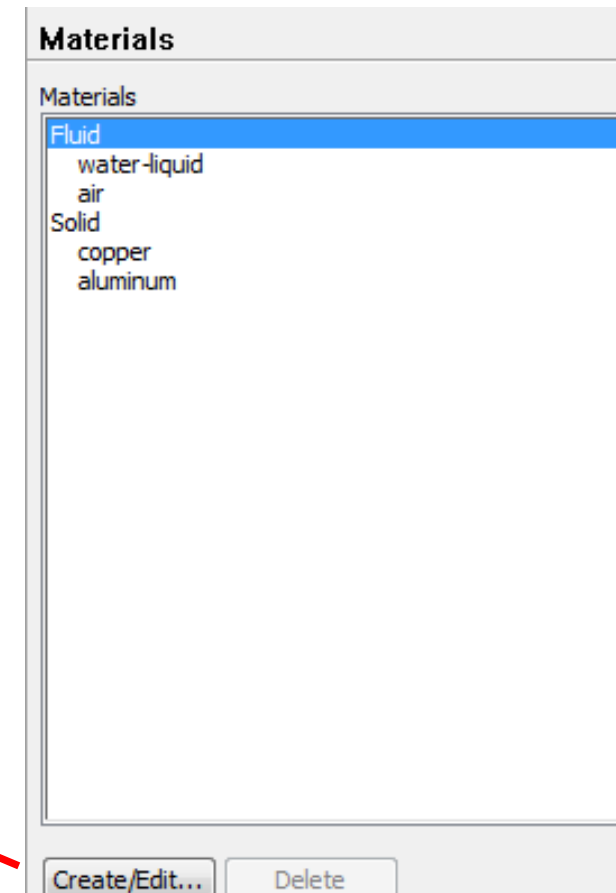
## Step 4: Define the material properties

Define the properties required for modeling! For pure heat conduction problem studied here,  $\rho$ ,  $C_p$  and  $\lambda$  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

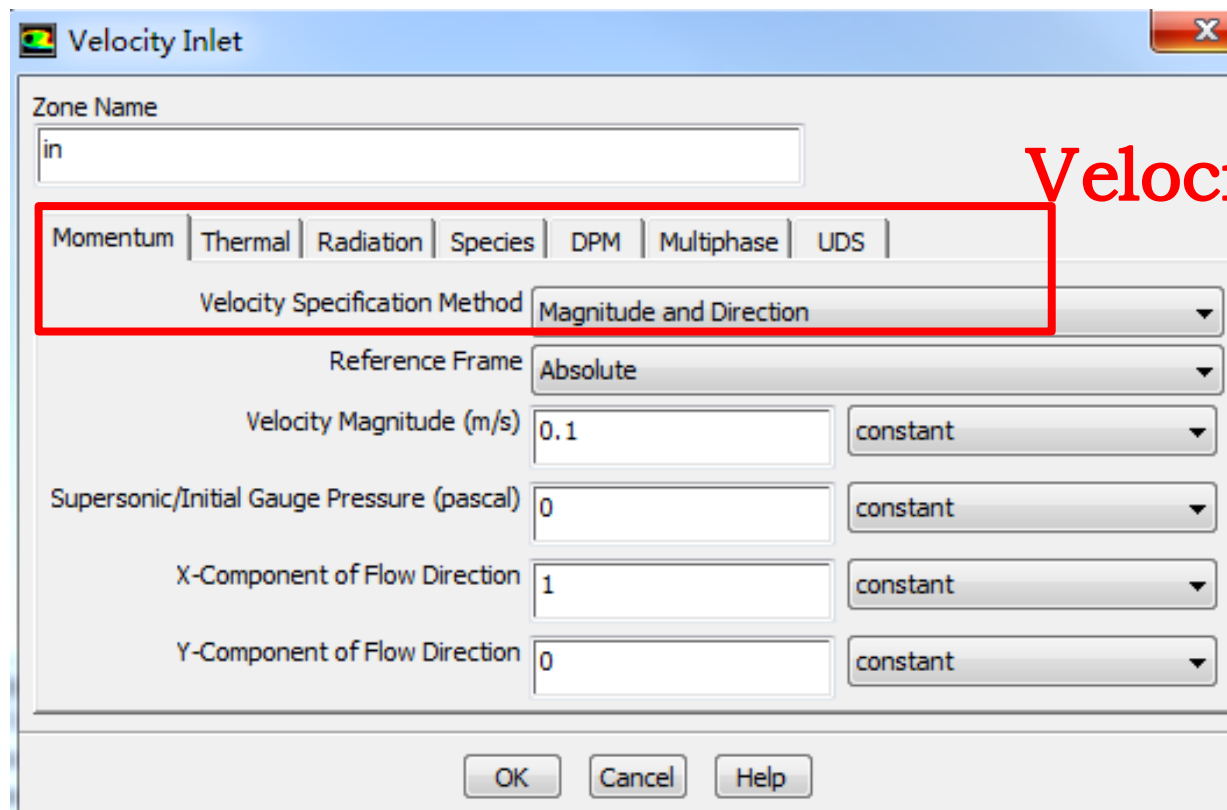
**Solution Setup → Cell Zone Condition**

**Choose water for Fluid zone    Choose copper for Solid zone**

The image shows two side-by-side panels from the ANSYS Fluent software interface. The left panel is titled 'Fluid' and the right panel is titled 'Solid'. Both panels have a 'Zone Name' field containing 'fluid' and 'solid' respectively. The 'Material Name' dropdown menu in the 'Fluid' panel is set to 'water-liquid', and in the 'Solid' panel, it is set to 'copper'. Below these fields are several checkboxes for 'Frame Motion', 'Source Terms', 'Mesh Motion', and 'Fixed Values'. At the bottom of each panel are tabs for 'Reference Frame', 'Mesh Motion', 'Porous Zone', 'Embedded LES', 'Reaction', 'Source Terms', 'Fixed Values', and 'Multiphase'. A red rectangular box highlights the 'Zone Name' and 'Material Name' fields in the 'Fluid' panel.

## 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.

Zone Name: in

Momentum | Thermal | Radiation | Species | DPM | Multiphase | UDS

Velocity Specification Method: Magnitude and Direction

Reference Frame: Absolute

Velocity Magnitude (m/s): 0.1 constant

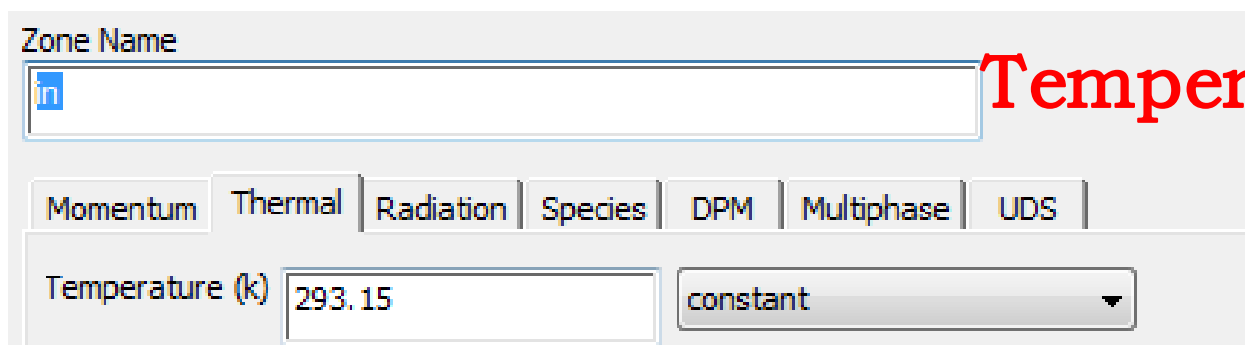
Supersonic/Initial Gauge Pressure (pascal): 0 constant

X-Component of Flow Direction: 1 constant

Y-Component of Flow Direction: 0 constant

OK Cancel Help

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.

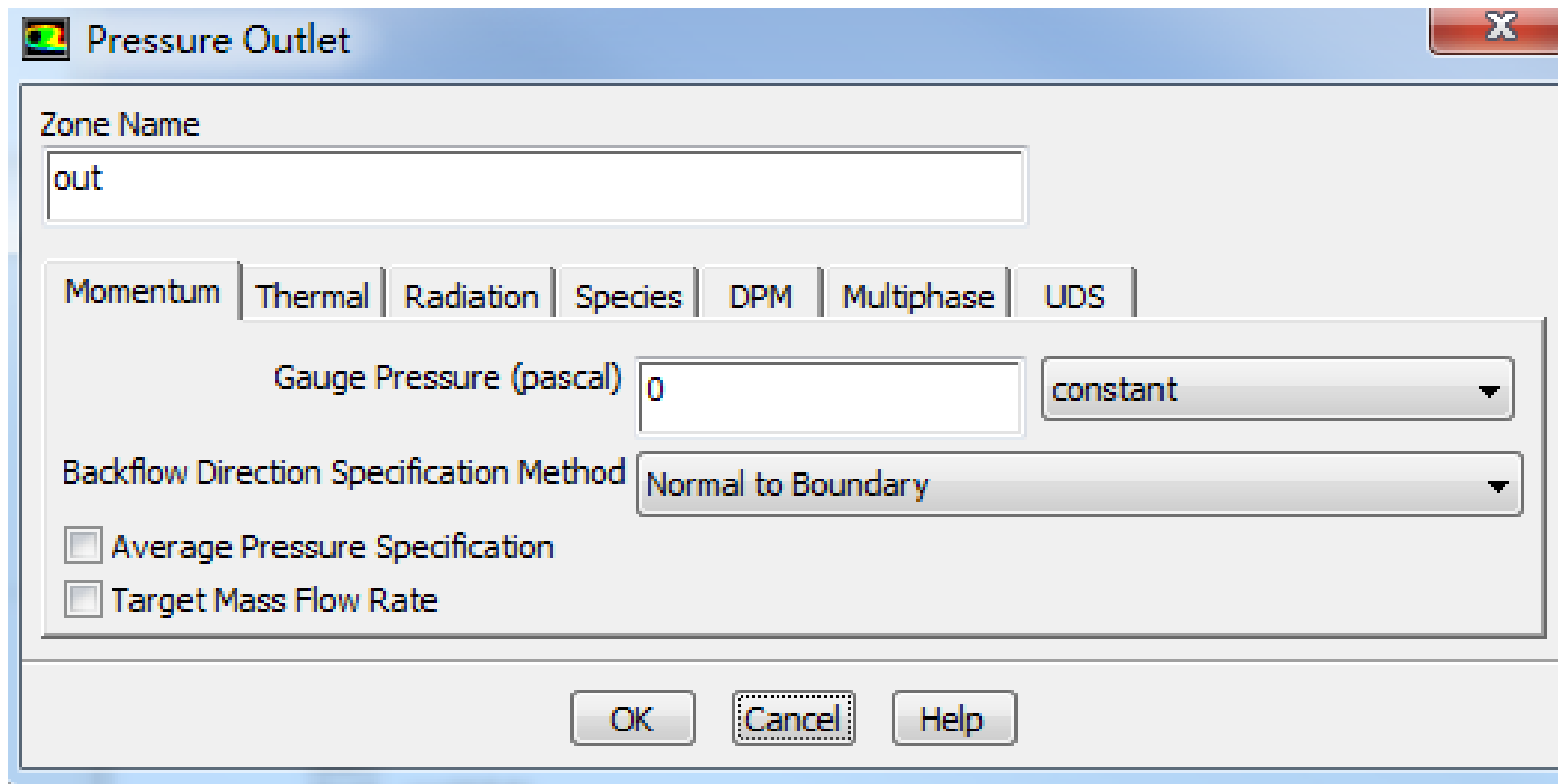
Zone Name: in

Momentum | Thermal | Radiation | Species | DPM | Multiphase | UDS

Temperature (k): 293.15 constant

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  $0.5\rho U^2$

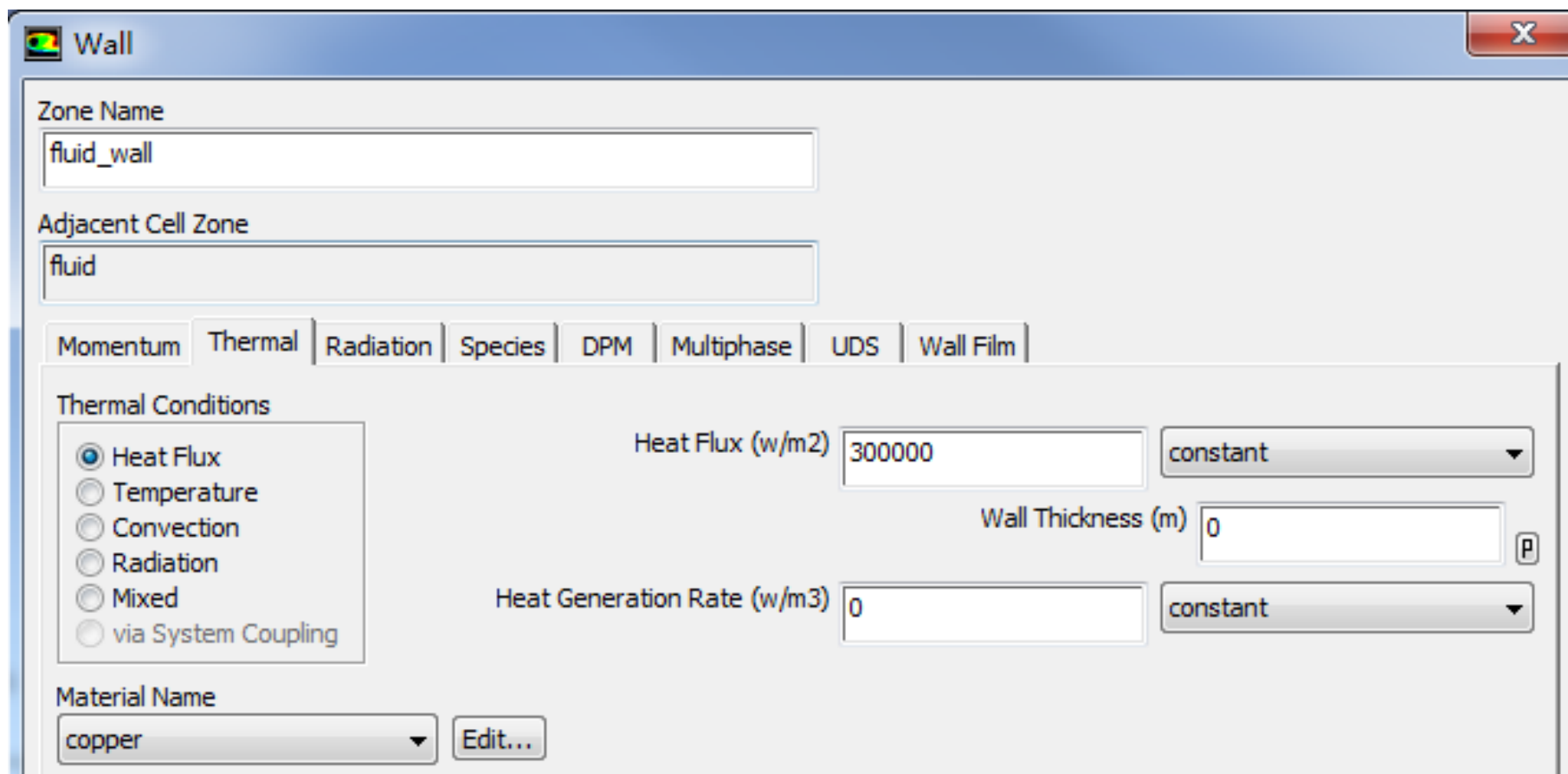
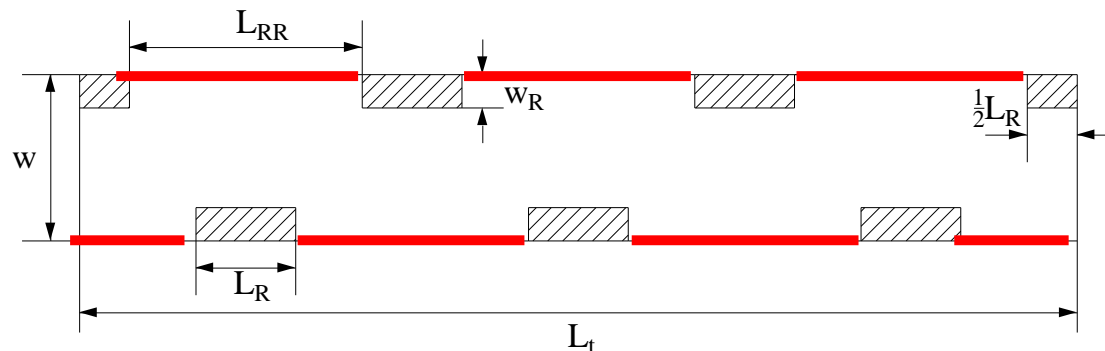
**Is related to the velocity.**

**Total pressure (动压):**

**= Static pressure + dynamic pressure**

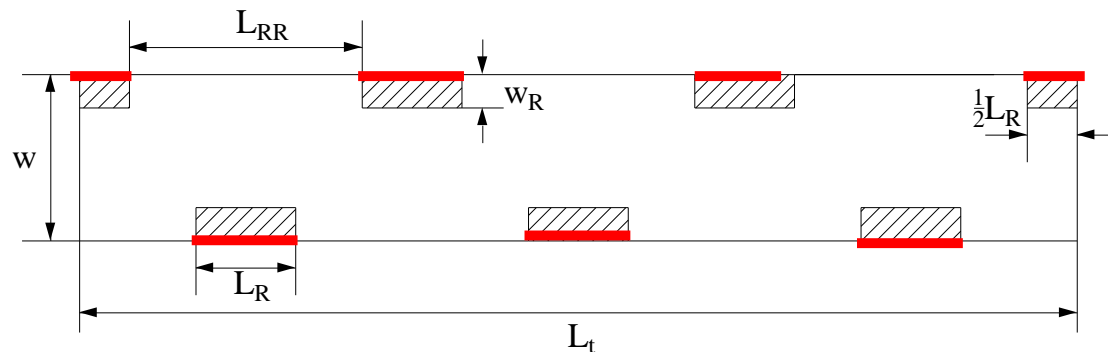
# Wall

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



# Wall

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



Wall

Zone Name  
fluid\_wall

Adjacent Cell Zone  
fluid

Momentum Thermal Radiation Species DPM Multiphase UDS Wall Film

Thermal Conditions

- Heat Flux
- Temperature
- Convection
- Radiation
- Mixed
- via System Coupling

Heat Flux (w/m<sup>2</sup>) 300000 constant

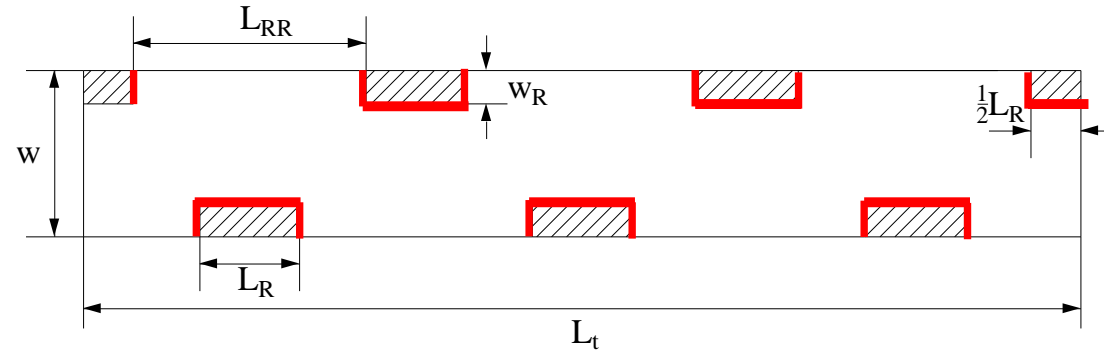
Wall Thickness (m) 0 P

Heat Generation Rate (w/m<sup>3</sup>) 0 constant

Material Name  
copper Edit...



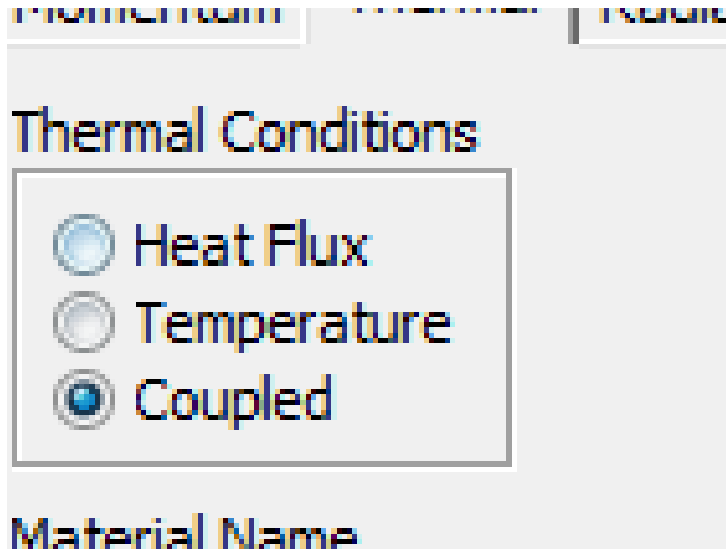
## Fluid-solid interface



**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.**

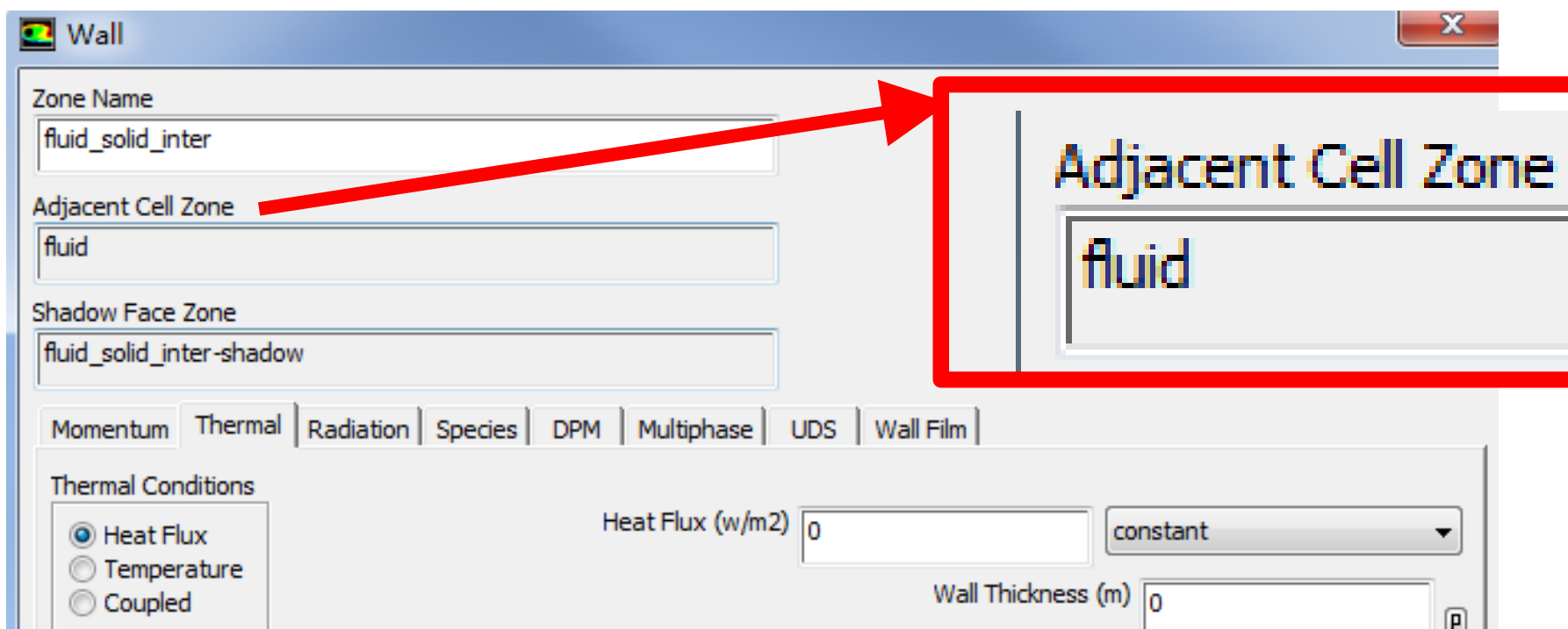
There are three options for the temperature boundary conditions of such “two-sided-wall”.



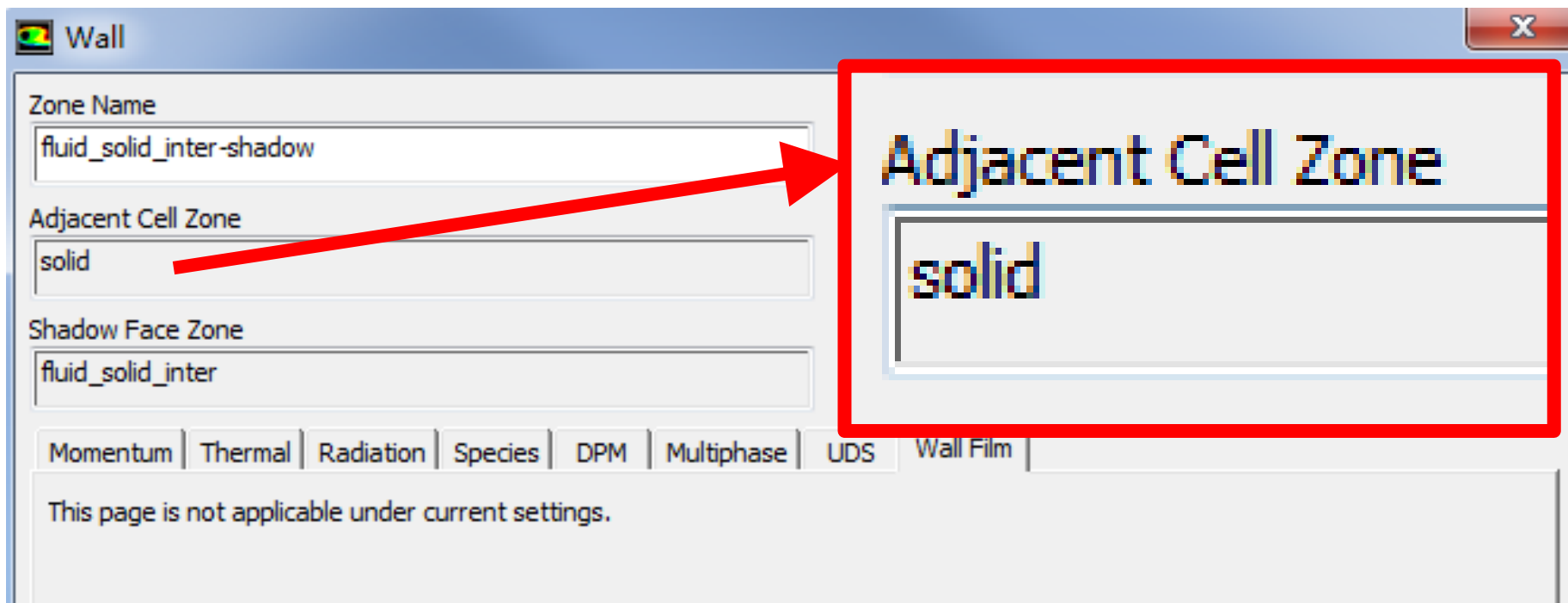
- Heat flux
- Temperature
- **Coupled**

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.**



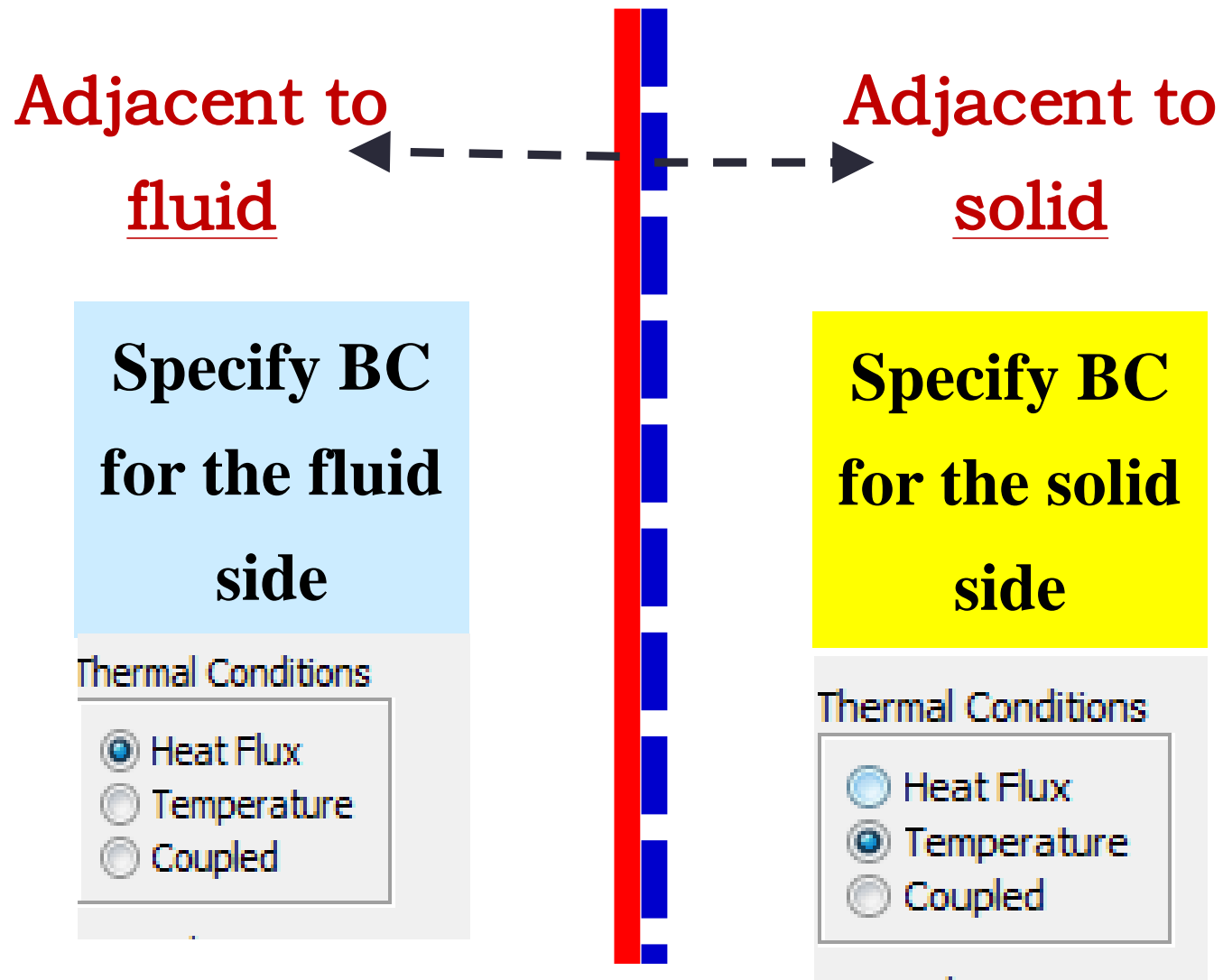
**The adjacent cell zone of this wall is fluid!**



**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.**

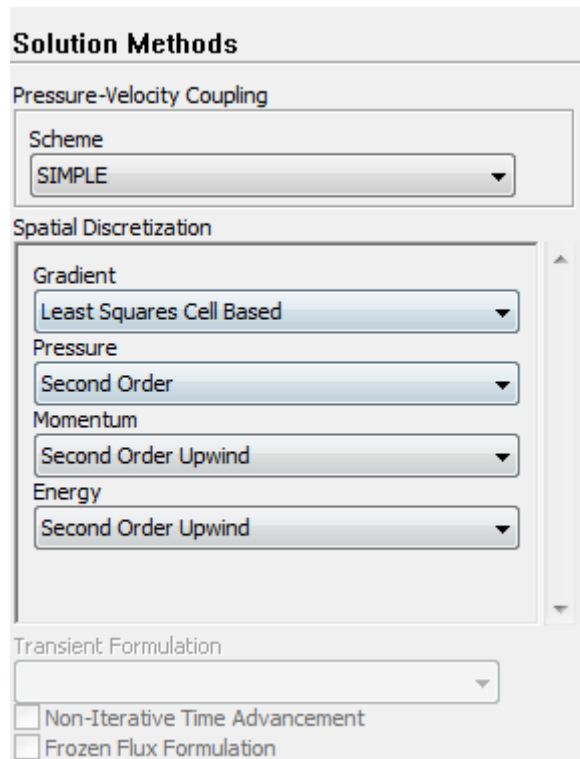
## The original two side wall



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

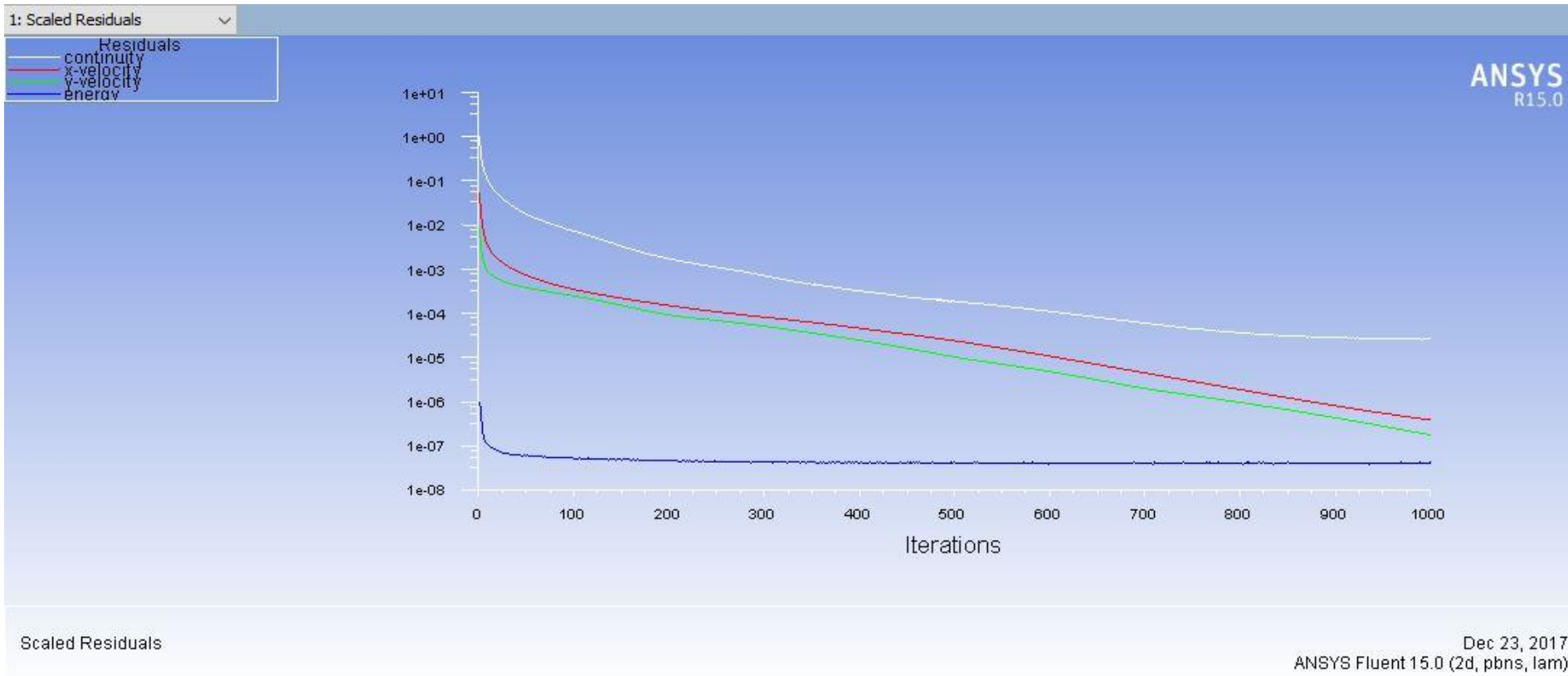
Use the standard initialization, for more details of Hybrid initialization, refer to Example 1.

## Step 9: Run the simulation

## Step 10: Post-processing results

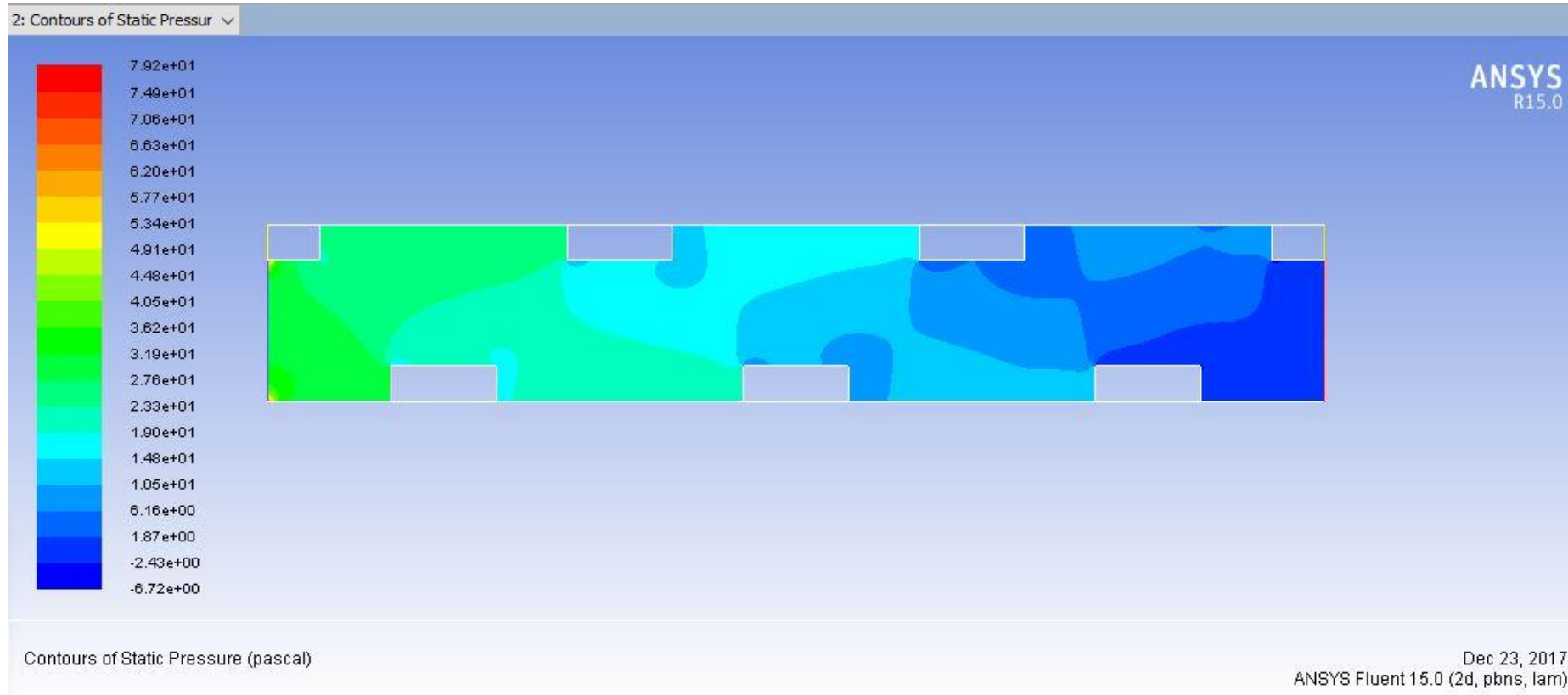


# Residuals

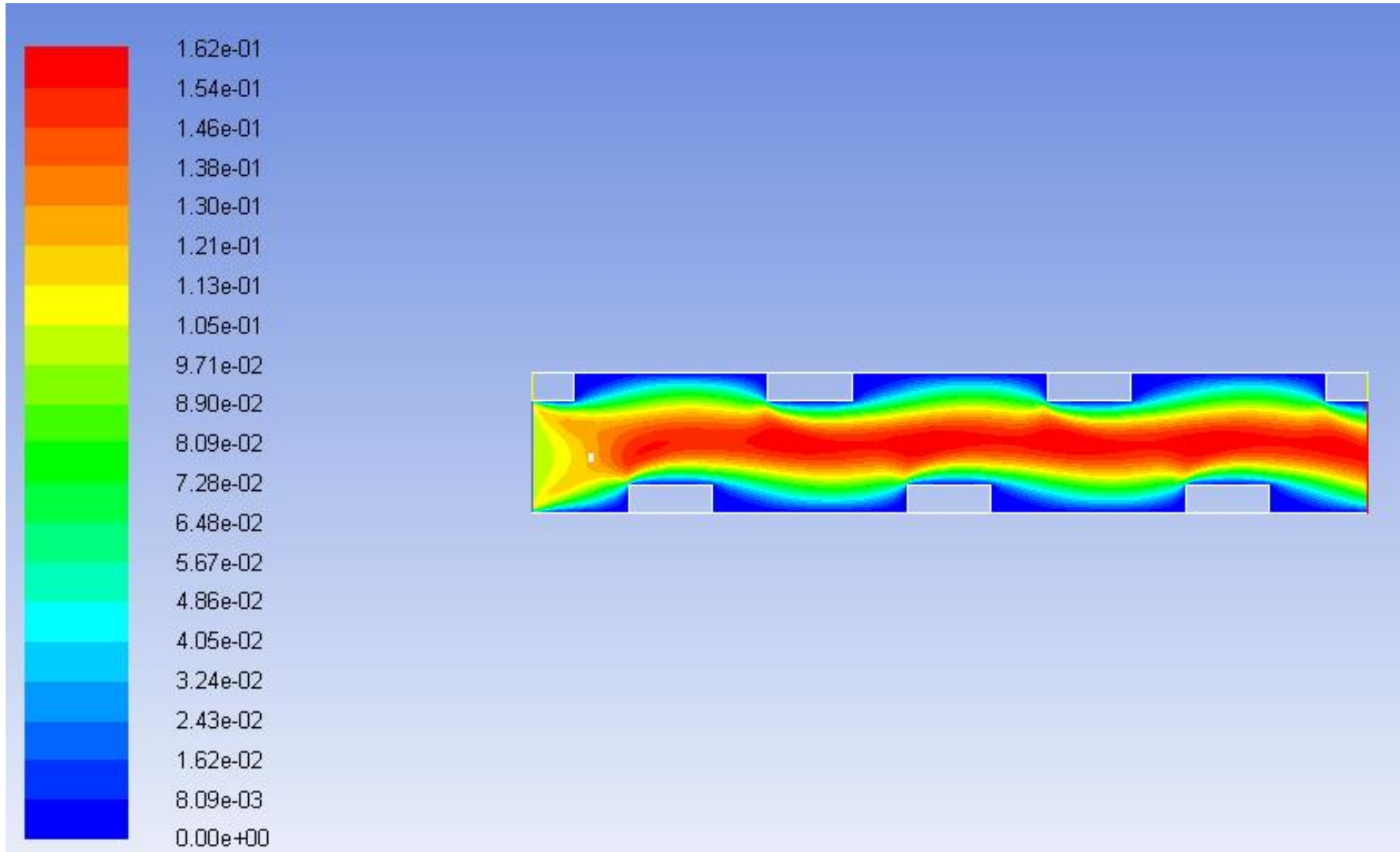


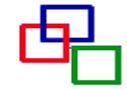


# Contours of static pressure (Pa)

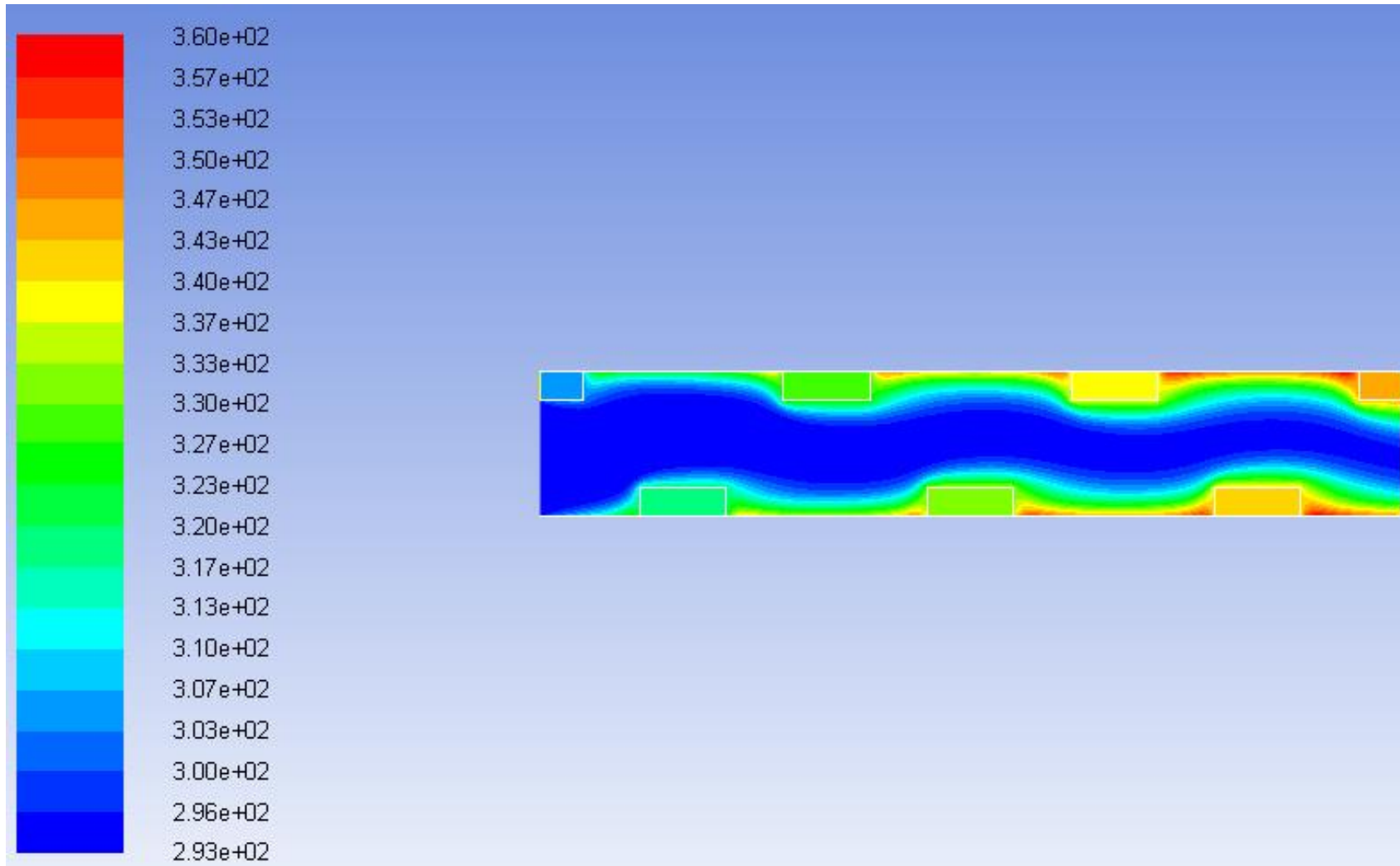


# Velocity magnitude



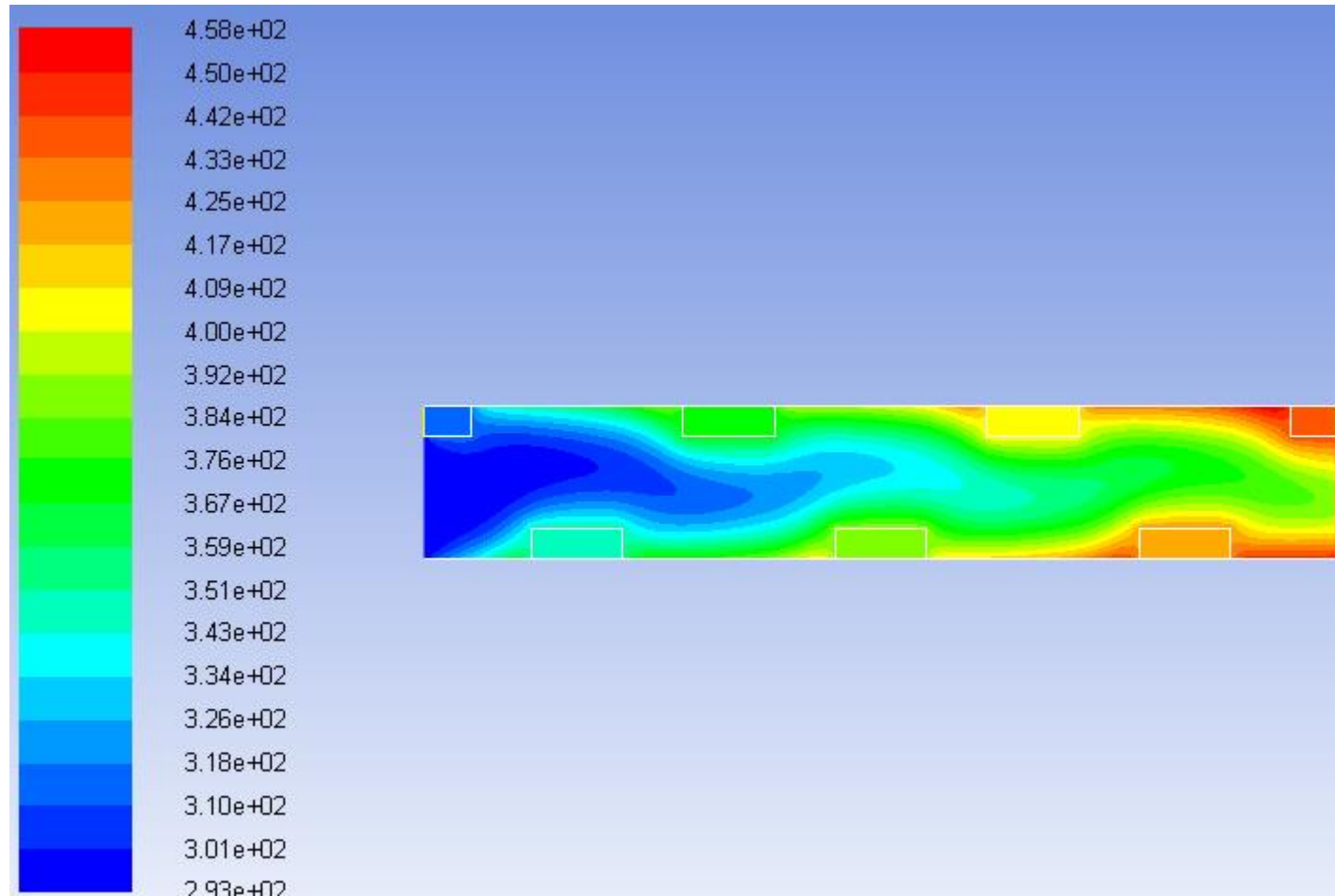


# Temperature (K)





## Temperature (K) of velocity as 0.01





# 同舟共济 渡彼岸!

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