



Numerical Heat Transfer

Chapter 13 Application examples of fluent for flow and heat transfer problem



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第 13 章 求解流动换热问题的Fluent软件应用举例



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13. A2 Flow and heat transfer in porous media

多孔介质流动换热问题

Focus: in this example, first the background of porous media is introduced, and then governing equations for fluid flow and heat transfer in porous media are discussed in detail.





13. A2 Flow and heat transfer in porous media

- Known: Steady state fluid flow and heat transfer of air in a channel filled with porous medium made of Aluminum (铝). The porosity (孔隙率) of the porous medium is 0.8. The permeability (渗透率) of the porous medium is 7.E-8 m². The computational domain is shown in Fig. A1. The boundary condition is as follows.
- Inlet: *u*---5m/s ; *T*---300K
- Pressure outlet: Gauge pressure (表压):0 Pa.
 - Top and bottom boundary: 2^{rd} boundary condition Heat flux: q=10000 W/m²

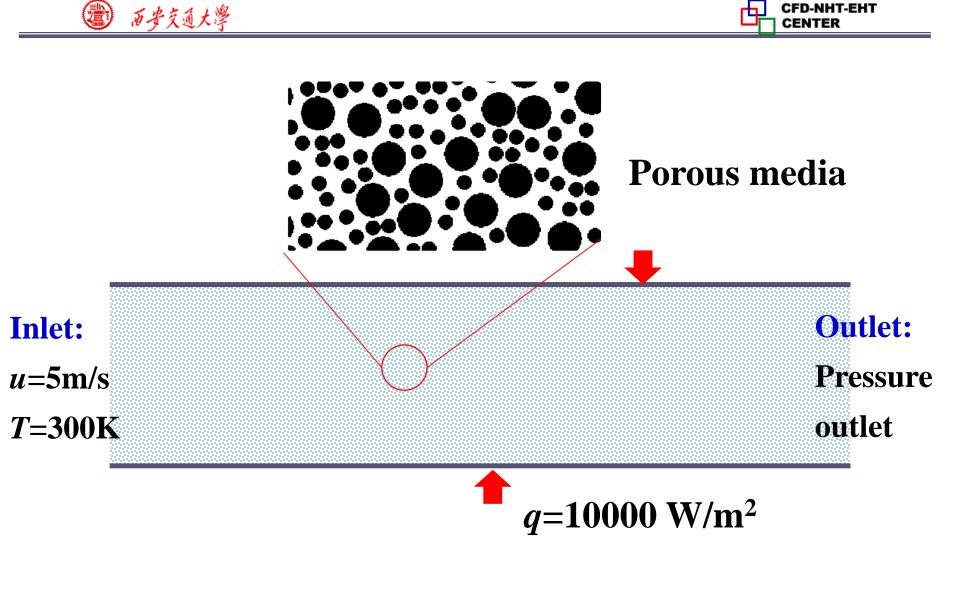


Fig.1 Computational domain



Find: Temperature and velocity distribution in the domain **Solution:**

Continuity, momentum and energy equation for porous media????

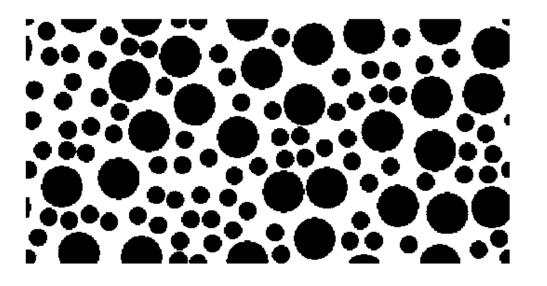
The governing equations for porous media are quite different from the original NS equation. Thus, we will study together background information of porous media and then derive the governing equations.





Introduction to Porous media

A porous medium is a material that contains plenty of pores (孔) between solid skeleton (骨架).



Black: solid White: pores

Two necessary elements in a porous medium:

Skeleton : maintaining the shape of a porous medium **Pores:** providing pathway for fluid transport.



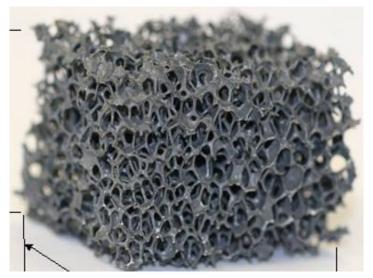




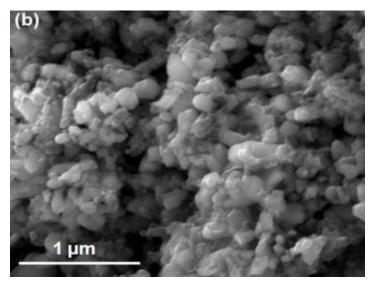


Carbon fiber(碳纤维)

Stone



Metal foam (金属泡沫)



Catalyst



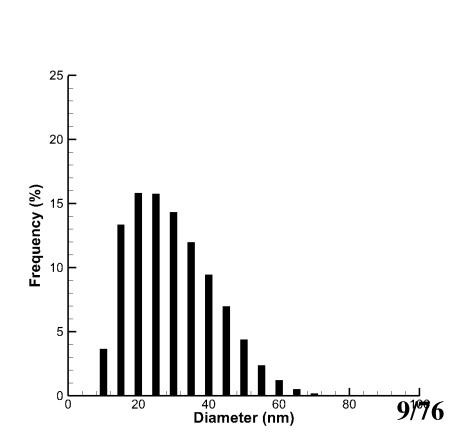


Structure Characterization (结构表征)

Porosity (孔隙率)

The volume ratio between pore volume and total volume

 $\varepsilon = \frac{v_{\text{pore}}}{V}$ In the range of 0~1. Pore size (孔径分布) The size of pores. Use pore size distribution (PSD) to character (表征) size of pores in a porous medium.





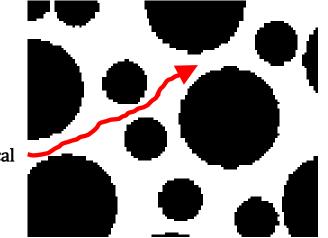


Two velocity definition in a porous medium:

 $v_{\text{superficial}} = \varepsilon v_{\text{physical}}$

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Porosity



 V_{physical} (真实速度) : the actual flow velocity in the pores.

 $V_{\text{superficial}}$ (表观速度): the averaged velocity in the entire domain.

 $V_{\text{superficial}} < V_{\text{physical}}$

Fluent uses superficial velocity as the default velocity.





Original continuity and momentum equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial (\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\rho \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

Continuity equation for porous media:

As the total mass of fluid is $\rho V_f = \rho \varepsilon V_{total} = \rho \varepsilon \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon\rho)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon\rho \mathbf{u}_{\text{physical}}) = 0$$

Fluent uses superficial velocity as the default velocity.

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon\rho)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}}) = 0$$

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Momentum equation for porous media:

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\rho \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \eta \nabla^{2} \mathbf{u}$$

$$\rho u_{p} V_{f} = \rho u_{p} \varepsilon V_{total} = \rho u_{p} \varepsilon \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$$

$$\frac{\partial(\varepsilon \rho \mathbf{u}_{physical})}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u}_{physical} \cdot \nabla)(\varepsilon \rho \mathbf{u}_{physical}) = -\varepsilon \nabla(p) + \eta \varepsilon \nabla^{2} \mathbf{u}_{physical} + \mathbf{F}$$
Force due to porous media
$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u}_{superficial})}{\partial t} + (\frac{\mathbf{u}_{superficial}}{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla)(\rho \mathbf{u}_{superficial}) = -\varepsilon \nabla(p) + \varepsilon \eta \nabla^{2} (\frac{\mathbf{u}_{superficial}}{\varepsilon}) + \mathbf{F}$$

For incompressible steady state problem:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}} = 0$$

$$(\frac{\mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}}}{\varepsilon} \cdot \nabla)(\mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}}) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \varepsilon \nabla(p) + \eta \nabla^{2}(\mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}}) + \mathbf{F}$$
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The fluid-solid interaction is strong in porous media. Porous media are modeled by adding a momentum source term:

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\varepsilon \upsilon}{k} \mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}} - \frac{\varepsilon F_{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{k}} | \mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}} | \mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}} |$$

The first term is the viscous loss term (黏性项) or the Darcy term.

The second term is inertial loss term (惯性项) or the Forchheimer term.

k is the permeability (渗透率) of a porous media, one of the most important parameter of a porous media



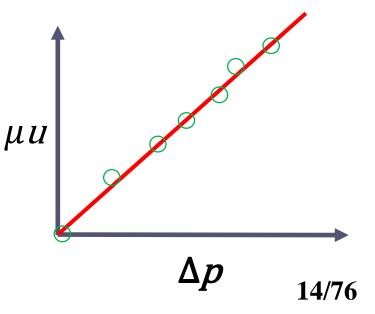


Permeability (渗透率)

In 1856, Darcy (法国工程师) noted that for laminar flow through porous media, the flow rate $\langle u \rangle$ is linearly proportional to the applied pressure gradient Δp , thus he introduced permeability to describe the conductivity of the porous media. The Darcy' law is as follows

$$< u >= -\frac{k}{\mu} \frac{\Delta p}{l}$$

k is permeability with unit of m²





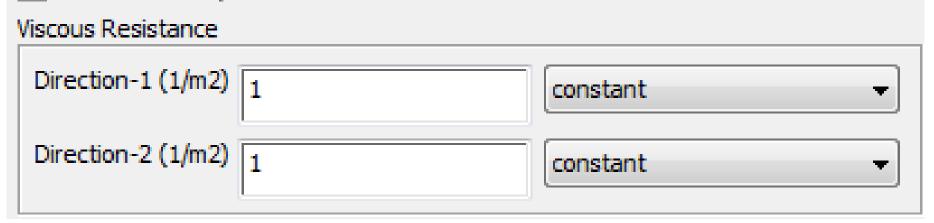


In Fluent, this force source term is expressed as

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\mu}{k}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{C}_2 \frac{1}{2}\rho |\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{u}$$

k: permeability; C₂: inertial resistance factor (惯性阻力)

Here, viscous resistance(黏性阻力) is 1/k!



Permeability is a transport property of a porous medium, and there are database of *k* for different porous materials. 15/76





$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\mu}{k}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{C}_2 \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}$$

The second term can be canceled if the fluid flow is slow

u is small, <<1, thus u*u is smaller.

Otherwise, this term should be considered.

There have been lots of experiments in the literature to determine the <u>relationship between pressure drop and</u> <u>velocity</u> of different kinds of porous media, and thus to <u>determine permeability</u>. 16/76

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Ergun equation is one of the most adopted empirical

equations (经验公式) for packed bed porous media.

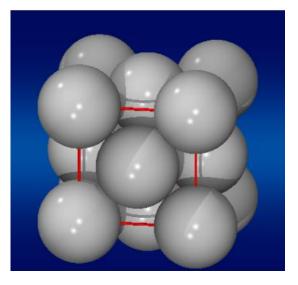
$$\frac{\Delta P}{l} = \frac{150\mu}{D_p^2} \frac{\left(1-\varepsilon\right)^2}{\varepsilon^3} u + \frac{1.75\rho}{D_p} \frac{\left(1-\varepsilon\right)}{\varepsilon^3} u^2$$

Diameter of solid particle

$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\mu}{k}\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{C}_2 \frac{1}{2}\rho |\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{u}|$$

Comparing the two equations, you can obtain k and C_2 .

$$k = \frac{D_p^2}{150} \frac{\varepsilon^3}{\left(1 - \varepsilon\right)^2} \qquad C_2 = \frac{3.5}{D_p} \frac{\left(1 - \varepsilon\right)}{\varepsilon^3}$$



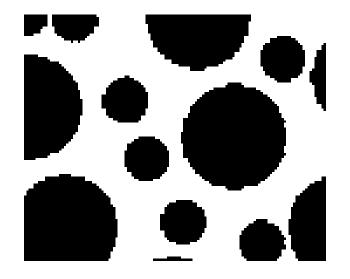




Energy equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho C_p T)}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\rho C_p T) = \lambda \nabla^2 \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{S}$$

For porous media:



Heat transfer in fluid phase as well as in solid phase.

There are two models for heat transfer:

Equilibrium thermal model (热平衡模型)

Non-Equilibrium thermal model (非热平衡模型) 18/76





Equilibrium thermal model (热平衡模型)

Assume solid phase and fluid phase are in thermal equilibrium. In other words, the temperature of fluid and solid in a mesh is the same.

Original
$$\frac{\partial(\rho C_p T)}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\rho C_p T) = \nabla(\lambda \nabla T) + S$$

For the first term :

$$\rho C_p T V = (1 - \varepsilon) V (\rho C_p)_{\text{solid}} T_{\text{solid}} + \varepsilon V (\rho C_p)_{\text{fluid}} T_{\text{fluid}}$$
$$= \left[(1 - \varepsilon) (\rho C_p)_{\text{solid}} + \varepsilon (\rho C_p)_{\text{fluid}} \right] V T$$

$$\rho C_p T = \left[(1 - \varepsilon) (\rho C_p)_{\text{solid}} + \varepsilon (\rho C_p)_{\text{fluid}} \right] T$$



For the second convection term:

$$(\mathbf{u}\cdot\nabla)(\varepsilon\rho C_pT)$$

As convective term is only for fluid phase!

For the diffusion term:

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$$\begin{aligned} \nabla (\lambda \nabla T) V &= \nabla (\lambda_s \nabla T_s) V (1 - \varepsilon) + \nabla (\lambda_f \nabla T_f) V \varepsilon \\ &= \nabla (\lambda_s (1 - \varepsilon) \nabla T) V + \nabla (\lambda_f \varepsilon \nabla T) V \\ &= V \nabla (\lambda_s (1 - \varepsilon) \nabla T + \lambda_f \varepsilon \nabla T) \\ &= V \nabla (\lambda_{\text{eff}} \nabla T) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda \nabla^2 T = \left[(1 - \varepsilon) \lambda_s + \varepsilon \lambda_f \right] \nabla^2 T$$

For the source term

$$SV = (1 - \varepsilon) V S_s + \varepsilon V S_f$$





$$\frac{\partial \left(\left[(1-\varepsilon)(\rho C_{p})_{\text{solid}} + \varepsilon(\rho C_{p})_{\text{fluid}}\right]T\right)}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla)(\varepsilon \rho C_{p}T)$$
$$= \left[(1-\varepsilon)\lambda_{s} + \varepsilon\lambda_{f}\right]\nabla^{2}T + \left[(1-\varepsilon)S_{s} + \varepsilon S_{f}\right]$$

$$(\rho C_p)_{\text{eff}} = \left[(1 - \varepsilon) (\rho C_p)_{\text{solid}} + \varepsilon (\rho C_p)_{\text{fluid}} \right]$$

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}} = (1 - \varepsilon)\lambda_s + \varepsilon\lambda_f \qquad S_{\text{eff}} = (1 - \varepsilon)S_s + \varepsilon S_f$$

The final energy equation for porous media

$$\frac{\partial ((\rho C_p)_{\text{eff}} T)}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u}_{\text{superficial}} \cdot \nabla)(\rho C_p T) = \lambda_{\text{eff}} \nabla^2 T + S_{\text{eff}}$$



No equilibrium thermal model (非平衡热模型)

Solid phase and fluid phase are not in thermal equilibrium. The energy equation are solved for fluid and solid region respectively. At the fluid-solid phase, they are coupled by convective boundary condition.

Fluid region

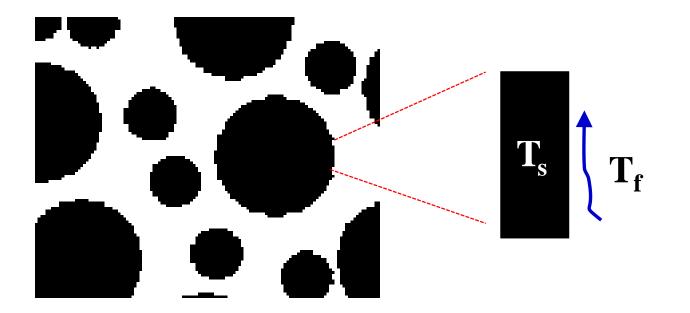
$$\frac{\partial (\left[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{C}_{p})_{\text{fluid}} \right] \boldsymbol{T}_{f})}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla) (\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \boldsymbol{\rho} \boldsymbol{C}_{p} \boldsymbol{T}_{f})$$
$$= \left[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{f} \right] \nabla^{2} \boldsymbol{T}_{f} + \left[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \boldsymbol{S}_{f} \right] + h \boldsymbol{A} (\boldsymbol{T}_{f} - \boldsymbol{T}_{s})$$





Solid region

$$\frac{\partial \left(\left[(1-\varepsilon)(\rho C_p)_{\text{solid}} \right] T \right)}{\partial t} = \left[(1-\varepsilon)\lambda_s \right] \nabla^2 T + \left[(1-\varepsilon)S_s \right] + \underline{hA(T_f - T_s)}$$

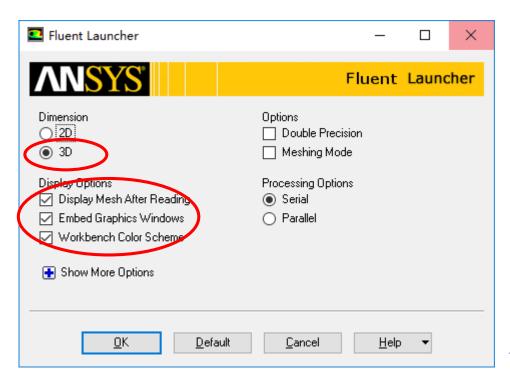


Two equations are solved separately, and <u>3rd boundary</u> condition is adopted to couple the two equations.





Start the Fluent software

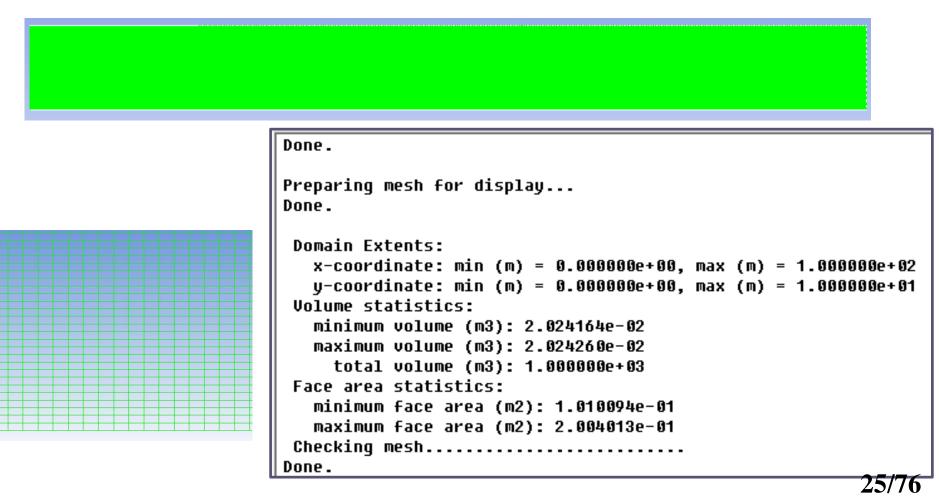


Choose 2-Dimension
 Choose display options
 Choose Serial
 processing option



Step 1: Read and check the mesh

Read the mesh and check the quality and topological information of the mesh.





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Step 2: Scale the domain size

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	Scaling Factors X 0.001 Y 0.001 Scale Unscale

import it as unit of m. Thus, "Convert units" is used.

Step 3: Choose the physicochemical model

Activate fluid flow and energy model in Fluent.

Meshing	Models	
Mesh Generation	Models	
Solution Setup	Multiphase - Off	
General <mark>Models</mark> Materials	Energy - On Viscous - Laminar Radiation - Off Heat Exchanger - Off	
Phases Cell Zone Conditions Reundary Conditions	Species - Off Discrete Phase - Off Solidification & Melting - Off	Energy
Boundary Conditions Mesh Interfaces Dynamic Mesh Reference Values	Acoustics - Off	Energy
Solution		Energy Equation
Solution Methods Solution Controls Monitors Solution Initialization Calculation Activities		OK Cancel Help
Run Calculation Results	Edit	27/76

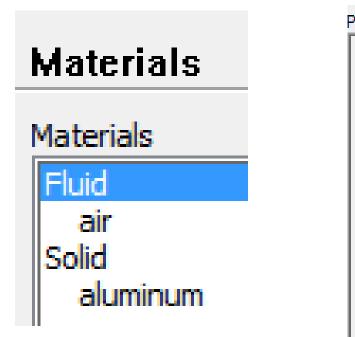


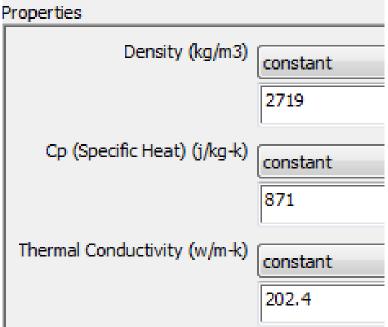


Step 4: Define the material

Define the materials and their properties required for modeling!

In Fluent, the default fluid is **air** and the default solid is **Al**. They are the materials we will use in Example A2.





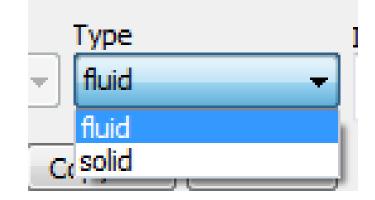


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Step 5: Define zone condition

There are two options in Fluent for zone condition:

Fluid Solid



Porous media is treated as Fluid in Fluent.

Pluid Fluid	CP carrier
Zone Name	
porous	
Material Name air	▼ Edit
	te Terms
Mesh Motion Fixed	Values
Porous Zone	orous zone
Reference Frame Mesh	Motion Porous Zone Embedded
Rotation-Axis Origin	
X (m) 0	constant 💌
Y (m) 0	constant 🔹

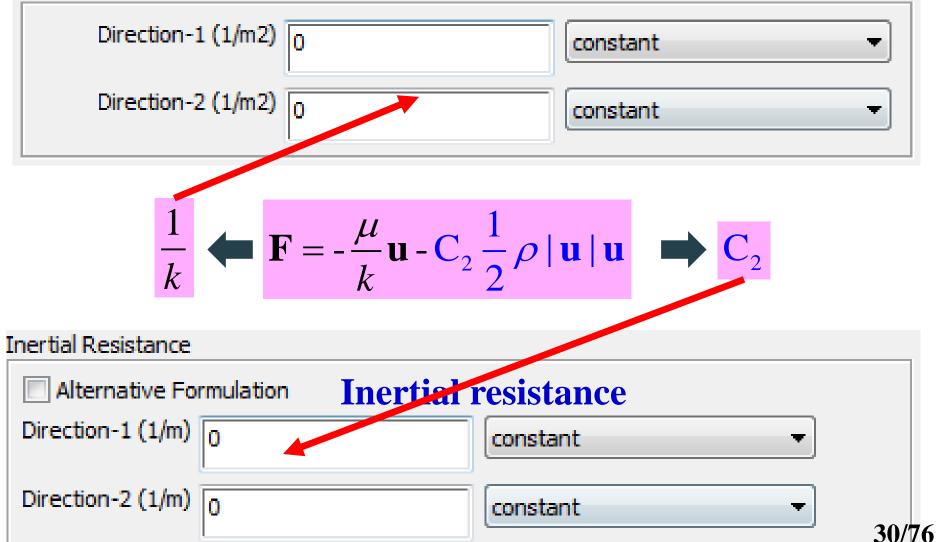
Here you can click "**Porous zone**" to define the porous media.

Then youcan define relatedporosityandtransportproperties.29/76

Relative Velocity Resistance Formulation

Viscous Resistance

Viscous resistance







KC equation is adopted, another equation obtained from experiments

$$\frac{\Delta P}{l} = \frac{180\,\mu}{D_p^2} \frac{\left(1-\varepsilon\right)^2}{\varepsilon^3} u$$
$$\mathbf{F} = -\frac{\mu}{k} \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{C}_2 \frac{1}{2} \rho \|\mathbf{u}\| \mathbf{u}$$
$$\frac{D_p^2}{\varepsilon^3} \varepsilon^3$$

$$k = \frac{D_p^2}{180} \frac{\varepsilon^3}{\left(1 - \varepsilon\right)^2} \qquad C_2 = 0$$

 $D_{p}=1mm$ $\epsilon=0.8$ k=7.11E-8, 1/k=1.4E7 $C_{2}=0$





Porosity

Fluid Porosity

Porosity 0.8 constant -

k=7.11*E*-8, 1/*k*=1.4*E*7

🔽 Relative Velocity Resista	ance Formulation	
Viscous Resistance		
Direction-1 (1/m2)	1.4e+07	<pre>constant</pre>
Direction-2 (1/m2)	1.4e+07	constant ▼



Step 6: Define the boundary condition



Zone Name	
in	
Momentum Thermal Radiation Species DPM Multiphase	UDS
Velocity Specification Method Magnitude, Normal to Bo	undary 👻
Velocity Reference Frame Absolute	
Velocity Magnitude (m/s) 10	constant 👻
Supersonic/Initial Gauge Pressure (pascal)	constant 👻
OK Cancel Help	

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n	Т	emper	ature			
Momentum	Thermal	Radiation	Species	DPM Multiphase	UDS	
Temperature	e (k) 293.	15		constant	•	,





Outlet: pressure outlet

Pressure Outlet	x
Zone Name	
out	
Momentum Thermal Radiation Species DPM Multiphase UDS	_1
Gauge Pressure (pascal) 0 constant	-
Backflow Direction Specification Method Normal to Boundary	-
Average Pressure Specification	
Target Mass Flow Rate	
OK Cancel Help	

Gauge Pressure (表压)



For pressure outlet boundary condition, Fluent asks you to input the Backflow Total Temperature. However, it will play a role only if there is backflow. There is no information provided by Fluent Help File about what is

the actual boundary condition for heat transfer.

Pressure Outlet
Zone Name
wall
Momentum Thermal Radiation Species DPM Multiphase UDS
Backflow Total Temperature (k) 300 constant
Backflow Total Temperature
OK Cancel Help





Wall: heat flux

wall
Adjacent Cell Zone
porous
Momentum Thermal Radiation Species DPM Multiphase UDS Wall Film
Thermal Conditions
Heat Flux heat flux Heat Flux (w/m2) 10000 constant
Convection Wall Thickness (m)
Mixed Heat Generation Rate (w/m3) 0 via System Coupling via System Coupling •
Material Name
aluminum 👻 Edit





7st step: Define the solution

For algorithm and schemes, keep it as default. For more details of this step, one can refer to Example A1 of Chapter 13.

Solution Methods	
Pressure-Velocity Coupling	
Scheme	
SIMPLE	-
Spatial Discretization	
Gradient	A
Least Squares Cell Based	-
Pressure	
Second Order	-
Momentum	
Second Order Upwind	-
Energy	
Second Order Upwind	-
	-
Transient Formulation	
	-
Non-Iterative Time Advancement	
Frozen Flux Formulation	

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 A1.

8st step: Initialization

Use the standard initialization, for more details of Hybrid initialization, refer to Example A1.

Step 9: Run the simulation

Step 10: Post-processing results

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1/k=1.4E7

Porosity=0.8

*C*₂=0

u=5



5.36e+00 5.09e+00 4.82e+00 Velocity 4.55e+00 4.28e+00 4.02e+00 3.75e..00 3.48e+00 3.21e+00 2.95e+00 2.68e+00 2.41e+00 2.14e+00 1.87e+00 1.61e+00 1.34e+00 1.07e+00 8.03e-01 5.36e-01 2 68e-01 1.37e+02 1.31e+02 1.24e+02 1.17e+02 1.10e+02 Pressure 1.03e+02 9.62e+01 8.93e+01 8.24e+01 7.56e+01 6.87e+01 6.18e+01 5.50e+01 4.81e+01 4.12e+01 Maxpa=137Pa 3.44e+01 2.75e+01 2.06e+01 1.37e+01 6.87e+00 0.00e+00 6.28e+02 6.11e+02 5.95e+02 Temperature 5.79e+02 5 62e+02 5.46e+02

> 5.30e+02 5.13e+02 4.97e+02 4.80e+02 4.64e+02 4.48e+02 4.31e+02 4.15e+02

3.98e+02 3.82e+02 3.66e+02 3.49e+02 3.33e+02

3.16e+02

MaxT=628K 39/76





2: Operating the Fluent software to simulate the example and post-process the results. (运行软件)





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