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# State and Solution

# State machines and manipulating the solution process with swak4Foam

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# Outline I

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  - This presentation
  - Who is this?
  - What are we working with
  - Before we start

### 2 State machines

- Until now
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## 3 Changing the solution

- Problem description
- Preparations
- Additional calculations

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# Outline II

- Getting local residuals
- 4 Checking for convergence
  - The original case
  - Waiting for convergence
  - Changing the fv-stuff
- 5 Prototyping a physical model
  - The original case
  - Modifying the particles
  - Condensed water
  - The results

### 6 Conclusions

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# What is it about

- This is an advanced swak4Foam presentation
  - I won't explain the very basic things
- It shows how swak4Foam can be used to influence the solution
  - Either by changing "only" the numerics
  - or the physical solution
- One tool we will use are the rather new State machines
- We will modify three standard tutorials
  - 1 Changing the numerics during the run to improve the run-time
  - 2 Checking for convergence of the *phyiscal* solution instead of only the residuals and stopping the run depending on it
  - Prototyping a simple physical model without writing a proper solver for it

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# How this presentation is to be used

- Intended audience
  - People who already worked with OpenFOAM
    - Know for instance how to modify the system/controlDict
  - Basic knowledge of swak4Foam would be nice
    - But if you've never used it and the presentation motivates you to check out: great
- This presentation tries to be as self-contained as possible
  - Theoretically you can work through it on your own
    - All the relevant changes are spelled out on the slides
  - I will present it as a 1.5h "lecture"
    - Too fast to redo the examples
    - You are encouraged to try the examples afterwards on your own
- The finished cases will be available in the Examples/FromPresentations folder of the swak4Foam sources
  - Names will start with OFW12\_

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# Bernhard Gschaider

- Working with OPENFOAM<sup>™</sup> since it was released
  - Still have to look up things in Doxygen
- I am not a core developer
  - But I don't consider myself to be an *Enthusiast*
- My involvement in the OPENFOAM<sup>™</sup>-community
  - Janitor of the openfoamwiki.net
  - Author of two additions for OPENFOAM<sup>™</sup>

swak4foam Toolbox to avoid the need for C++-programming PyFoam Python-library to manipulate OPENFOAM<sup>™</sup> cases and assist in executing them

- In the admin-team of foam-extend
- $\blacksquare$  Organizing committee for the  ${\rm OPENFOAM}^{m}$  Workshop
- The community-activies are not my main work but *collateral damage* from my real work at ...

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### Description

- Located in Leoben, Austria
- Works on
  - Fluid simulations
    - OPENFOAM<sup>™</sup> and Closed Source
  - Software development for CFD
    - mainly OPENFOAM<sup>™</sup>
- Industries we worked for
  - Automotive
  - Processing
  - ...

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# What is PyFoam

- PyFoam is a library for
  - Manipulating OpenFOAM-cases
  - Controlling OpenFOAM-runs
- It is written in Python
- Based upon that library there is a number of utilities
  - For case manipulation
  - Running simulations
  - Looking at the results
- All utilities start with pyFoam (so TAB-completion gives you an overview)
  - Each utility has an online help that is shown when using the --help-option
  - Additional information can be found
    - on http://openfoamwiki.net



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From http://openfoamwiki.net/index.php/Contrib/swak4Foam

swak4Foam stands for SWiss Army Knife for Foam. Like that knife it rarely is the best tool for any given task, but sometimes it is more convenient to get it out of your pocket than going to the tool-shed to get the chain-saw.

- It is the result of the merge of
  - funkySetFields
  - groovyBC
  - simpleFunctionObjects

and has grown since

- The goal of swak4Foam is to make the use of C++ unnecessary
  - Even for complex boundary conditions etc

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# The core of swak4Foam

- At its heart swak4Foam is a collection of parsers (subroutines that read a string and interpret it) for expressions on OpenFOAM-types
  - fields
  - boundary fields
  - other (faceSet, cellZone etc)
- ... and a bunch of utilities, function-objects and boundary conditions that are built on it
- swak4foam tries to reduce the need for throwaway C++ programs for case setup and postprocessing

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# Building from smaller blocks

- Most of swak4foam are small, dynamically loadable parts
  - function objects
  - boundary conditions
  - fvOptions
- Each of them is quite limited in what it can do
- But they can pass information to each other
  - Through fields
  - Global variables
  - other things
- By using that quite complex applications can be built
  - It is a bit like programming

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Typical building blocks we'll use are

function objects small programs that are executed at the end of each time-step

**fvOptions** small programs that are used to modify the matrix and/or the solution at times specified by the solver

boundary conditions setting values on the boundary. Usually before a field is solved

function plugins these extend the swak4Foam-parser with special functions

- either not of general use
- or won't work in most solvers (for instance: because they require a radiation model)

 There is a presentation swak4Foam for programmers that demonstrates how to write your own functions

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# Command line examples

- In the following presentation we will enter things on the command line. Short examples will be a single line (without output but a ">" to indicate *input*)
- > ls \$HOME
  - Long examples will be a grey/white box
    - Input will be prefixed with a > and blue
    - Long lines will be broken up
      - A pair of <br/>brk> and <cont> indicates that this is still the same line in the input/output
    - «snip» in the middle means: "There is more. But it is boring"

### Long example

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> this is an example for a very long command line that does not fit onto one line of the slide <br/> <cont>but we have to write it anyway
first line of output (short)
Second line of output which is too long for this slide but we got to read it in all its glory
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# Used Foam version

- The examples here were derived from the tutorials in OpenFOAM+ v1612+
  - And calculated with that
- Equivalent tutorials from OpenFOAM 4.1 should work as well
- foam-extend would need some modification
  - Due to differences in the dictionaries
  - But the principles apply as well
  - The third example definitely won't work
    - Because there are no fvOptions in foam-extend

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  - Valves open and close
  - Heaters switch on and off
- These boundaries switches may depend on the state of the simulation
  - Pressure/temperature/etc goes above/below a certain threshold
  - Time has passed since an event
  - ...
- Adding such states to a simulation requires programming
  - Special solver
  - elaborate boundary conditions
- Programming should be avoided
  - it only leads to errors and heartache
    - especially in C+

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# Solution in swak4Foam (until now)

Implementing states in swak4Foam involved

- Function objects to create global variables
  - Variables that could be read in other function objects and boundary conditions
- Function objects that manipulated these global variables
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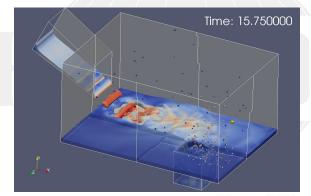
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# Example from OSCIC 2012 in London

- This example switched a number of things on and off with global variables
- In the swak-distribution:

Examples/FromPresentations/OSCFD\_cleaningTank3D (and 2D)



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# Definition of State machines

Stolen from Wikipedia:

- A finite-state machine (FSM) or finite-state automaton (FSA, plural: automata), or simply a state machine, is a mathematical model of computation used to design both computer programs and sequential logic circuits.
- It is conceived as an abstract machine that can be in one of a finite number of states.
- The machine is in only one state at a time
  - the state it is in at any given time is called the current state.
- It can change from one state to another when initiated by a triggering event or condition
  - this is called a transition.
- A particular FSM is defined by
  - a list of its states,
  - 2 its initial state
  - 3 the triggering condition for each transition.

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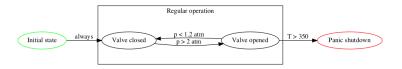
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State machine model for a valve

- 4 States: Initial state, Valve opened Valve closed and Panic shutdown
  - Represented by the circles
- Initial state is Initial State
- Transitions represented by the arrows
  - Condition written next to the arrow (in our case pressure thresholds) trigger switches)
- Panic dump is a Final State (no transitions out of it)
  - Not necessary for a state machine



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# Add state machines to swak4Foam

- All things necessary are in one library
  - Names start with stateMachine
- Function object to create and update a State machine
- Function plugins to access them in expressions
- Other function objects to manipulate and write the state of the the State machine

### controlDict

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libs (
    "libswakStateMachine so"
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# Specification of a state machine

The stateMachineCreateAndUpdate function object specifies a state machine

machineName name of the machine states list of possible states initialState state to start in transitions list of dictionaries that specify transitions from source state (state the machine is currently in) condition expression with the condition that has to be true logicalAccumulation does condition have to be true only once (or) or everywhere (and) to state to move to if condition is true description Text to print if transition "fires" Other typical swak-parameters like valueType and variables can also be specified

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# "Driving" the state machine

stateMachineCreateAndUpdate is "executed" once every timestep

- transitions where from is the current state are checked
- They are evaluated in the order they are in the list
  - The first one that evaluates to true is used
  - Transition to state to
  - Record time of transition
- If no transition "fires" machine stays in current state
- Function object stateMachineSetState unconditionally moves machine to a state

To be used in conditional function objects (executeIf)

- stateMachineMachineState writes the current state of the machine to a file
- State of the machine is written at every output time and will be used for a restart of the simulation

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# Functions for state machines

These functions can be used everywhere a logical expression is acceptable stateMachine\_isState(machine, state) true if the machine named machine is currently in the state state

stateMachine\_stepsSinceChange(machine) number of time steps
since the last state change of machine

stateMachine\_changedTo(machine,state) How many times has the
 machine changed to state (for conditions like "How
 often did the valve open")

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### The sonicFoam case nacaAirfoil

### We will use a standard tutorial

```
> pyFoamCloneCase.py $FOAM_TUTORIALS/compressible/sonicFoam/RAS/nacaAirfoil <br/> <b
                                                                                                            <cont>nacaAirfoilControlled
   > cd nacaAirfoilControlled
```

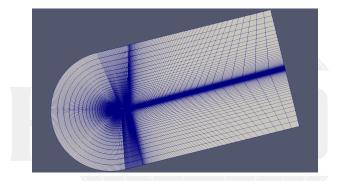
- This case simulates an airfoil in a high Mach-number flow field
- Mesh was generated with a third-party tool
- Cell sizes differ significantly
- Next slides show the mesh
  - Yes: it is oriented that way

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### Overview of the geometry



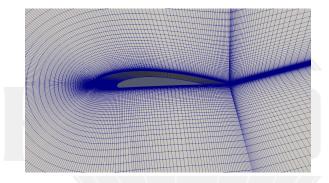
#### Figure: The whole geometry



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# Close-up on the foil

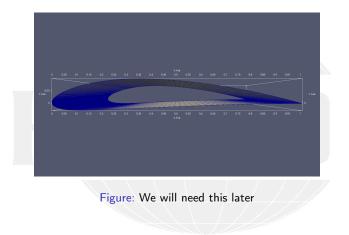


### Figure: The actual foil

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### Extent of the foil





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### The Running\_Notes file

In the case directory there is a file with instructions

- To only let the case run till the first write
- Change the time-step size
- Continue the run
- This is because the un-physical initial conditions make the solution diverge for large time-steps

#### Running\_Notes

Remark: it should probably say run to t=2e-4

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- Stopping and starting by hand is boring
  - Also: we have a suspicion that running that long with small time-steps is not necessary
- We don't want to modify the case by hand
  - Increase the time-step during the run
  - Increase should start once the residuals are small enough
  - And only go to a maximum
- Add some more evaluations
  - Mesh quality
  - Location of the shock-front before the foil
  - See the regions where the solution is not converged
    - Residuals are high

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We remove the Allrun-mesh and prepare the case for use with pyFoamPrepareCase.py

- Move the 0-directory to 0.org
- Create this script from Allrun

#### meshCreate.sh

#### #!/bin/sh

```
star4ToFoam -scale 1 \
    $FOAM_TUTORIALS/resources/geometry/nacaAirfoil/nacaAirfoil
# Symmetry plane -> empy
sed -i -e 's/symmetry\([)]*;\)/empty\1/' constant/polyMesh/boundary
# Don't need these extra files (from star4ToFoam conversion)
rm -f \
    constant/polyMesh/celTableId \
    constant/polyMesh/interfaces \
    cons
```



These libraries are needed for the additional functionality

```
system/controlDict
libs (
    "libsimpleSwakFunctionObjects.so"
    "libswakStateMachine.so"
    "libswakWeshQualityFunctionPlugin.so"
    "libswakVelocityFunctionPlugin.so"
    "libswakFunctionObjects.so"
    "libswakFvOptions.so"
);
```



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### Setting up the case

- This script is also called by pyFoamPrepareCase.py
- funkySetFields sets fields with the local non-orthogonalities of the mesh
  - mqFaceNonOrtho is from the libswakMeshQualityFunctionPlugin.so
    - Calculates the non-orthogonality of the faces
    - Paraview can't visualize face values
    - IcFaceMaximum from libswakLocalCalculationsFunctionPlugin.so sets the cell value to the maximum of its face-values
- The stuff below is a *template* that lets pyFoamPrepareCase.py decompose the case
  - There is a special presentation on that tool

#### caseSetup.sh.template

#### #!/bin/sh

rm -rf processor\*

funkySetFields -time 0 -field cellNonOrth -create -expression "lcFaceMaximum(mqFaceNonOrtho())"
funkySetFields -time 0 -field faceNonOrth -create -expression "mqFaceNonOrtho()"

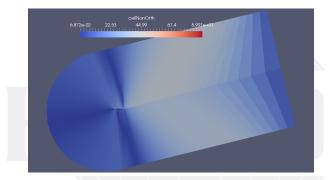
# <!--(if numberOfProcessors>1)--> pyFoamDecompose.py . |-numberOfProcessors-| <!--(end)-->







### Non-orthogonality field



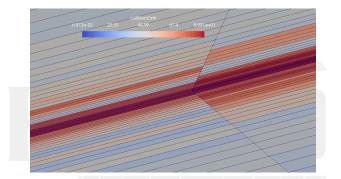
#### Figure: The non-orthogonality of the cells



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# Non-orthogonality field close-up



#### Figure: The worst cells



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### Running the case

Lets run the case on 3 CPUs

Prepare and run > pyFoamPrepareCase.py . --number=3 <snip> > pyFoamPlotRunner.py --clear --auto --progress --with-all auto <snip>

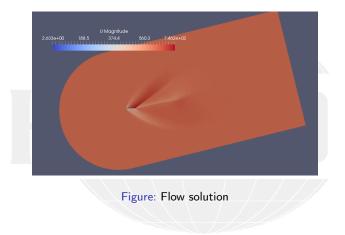
Now we should have results like the following pictures

Don't ask me to interpret them. Supersonic flow is not my field

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## Solution: Velocity

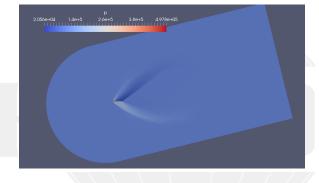




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### Solution: Pressure



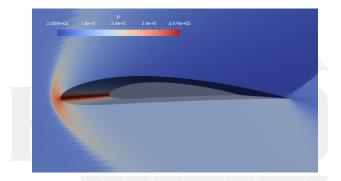
### Figure: Overview of the pressure



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### Solution: Pressure Close-up



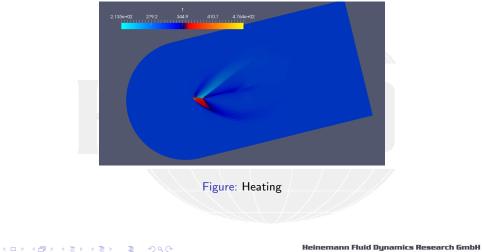
#### Figure: Shockwave in front of the foil



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### Solution: Temperature



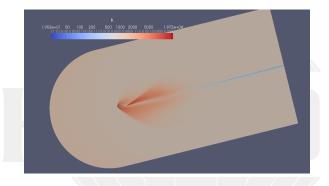
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### Solution: Turbulence



### Figure: Turbulent kinetic energy



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### Writing the current time-step

sonicFoam doesn't expect the time-step to change

Therefor it is not automatically written

```
functions in system/controlDict
```

```
deltaTValue {
   type swakExpression;
   valueType patch;
   patchName inlet_1;
   outputControlNode timeStep;
   outputInterval 1;
   accumulations (
        average
   );
   expression "deltaT()";
   verbose <u>true;</u>
}
```



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### Write additional fields

We write two additional fields

#### functions in system/controlDict

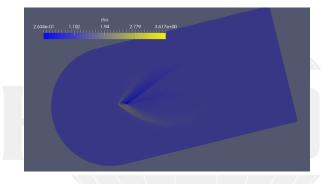
```
writeRho {
    type writeAdditionalFields;
    fieldNames (
        rho
    ):
    outputControlMode outputTime;
}
courantField {
    type expressionField;
    autowrite true;
    fieldName CoNumber;
    expression "courantCompressible(phi, rho)";
    aliases {
        rhoField thermo:rho:
    }
}
```

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# Solution: Density



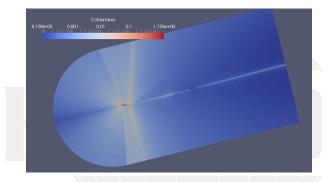
### Figure: Usually this is not written



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## Solution: Local Courant number



### Figure: Courant number in all cells



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### Statistics of the local Courant-number



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## Getting the performance of the solver

- First we've got to know how the solver is performing
- OpenFOAM stores this information in a data structure called solverPerformance
- swak4Foam can get it with solverPerformanceToGlobalVariables
  - fieldNames which fields we're interested in

functions in system/controlDict

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- To move data from one function object to another swak4Foam has something called *Global variables*
- To have some kind of separation they are organized in namespaces
  - Organize the variables into namespaces by "topic"
    - In our case solver for solver data
- Function objects that can write global variables have an entry toGlobalNamespace
- Everywhere where you can specify variables you can add an optional globalScopes
  - This is a list with names of global namespaces
  - All the variables in these namespaces are "injected" before the regular variables
  - Attention: the size of the global variables must match the size of the entity (for instance: number of faces)
    - If the variable is "uniform" it matches anywhere



### Variables from solverPerformance

- All the variables are prefixed with the field name and a \_
- Then there are the three informations usually printed to the console initialResidual the residual in the beginning finalResidual the residual in the end nlterations the number of iterations
- Then another \_
- Then the information which solution attempt
  - first First attempt
  - last Last one. If there was only one attempt it is the same one as first intermediate attempts are not available. Sorry
    - Couldn't find an application for that

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### Calculation with the solver performance

Here we calculate the improvement per iteration f for the first solution assuming  $\frac{r_{init}}{r_{final}}=f^{n_{iter}}$ 

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```

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### Pressure values

This is a "bread and butter" calculation I add almost everywhere



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### Where are the pressure extremes

- Sometimes it is sufficient to know the maximum max(p) of a field
- But sometimes we want to know where the maximum is located
  - maxPosition(p) gives us that
- Finding the shock front is a bit harder
  - Find me the smalles x for which the pressure is bigger than 1.1 bar"

### functions in system/controlDict

```
highPLocation {
    $pressureValues;
    expression "maxPosition(p)";
    accumulations (
        average
    );
    }
    louPLocation {
        %highPLocation;
        expression "minPosition(p)";
    }
    shockPLocation;
        expression "minPosition(p>1.1e5u?upos().xu:u0)";
    }
```

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### Setting the possible time-steps

- To make things more readable we add two new entries to the controlDict:
  - smallest possible timestep
    - this is also the initial value of deltaT
  - biggest (target) timestep
- set adjustableRunTime to avoid "odd" time directories like 0.9973e-3

functions in system/controlDict

minDeltaT 4e-08; maxDeltaT 20e-08; deltaT \$minDeltaT; writeControl adjustableRunTime;

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### Our strategy for the timestep

- $\blacksquare$  Stay in the inital state until the initial residual of p drops below  $10^{-6}$
- Then stay in checkForRamp for 5 timesteps
  - If the residual rises above  $10^{-6}$  go back to intial
- Move to rampUp

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- Now we can scale the time-step up
- Once the target time-step is reached move to fast
  - Time-step stays constant



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### Specifying the state machine

#### functions in system/controlDict

```
theStateMachine {
        type stateMachineCreateAndUpdate;
        valueType patch;
        patchName inlet_1;
        states (
            initial
            checkForRamp
            rampUp
            fast
       );
        machineName stepping;
        initialState initial;
        globalScopes (
            solver
        ):
<<cont>>
```



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### Macro expansion in swak-expressions

- swak-expressions and the OpenFOAM-dictionaries are two completely different worlds
  - But sometimes it would be nice to access dictionary values in expressions
- The \$-symbol allows this
  - After that inside of [] we specify two things
    - What type is the value (in cast-notation from C++)
    - Where to find it: in OpenFOAM-macro notation without the initial \$
- In the following example \$[(scalar):maxDeltaT] means "get maxDeltaT from the top-level of the dictionary and insert it as a scalar
- A detailed description (including the possible casts) is given in the *Incomplete Reference Guide*

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# Specifying the transitions

#### functions in system/controlDict

```
transitions (
    Ł
        description "We're ready to speed up";
        condition "p_initialResidual_first <1e-6";
        logicalAccumulation and;
        from initial;
        to checkForRamp;
    }
    £
        description "Goubackutouintial";
        condition "p_initialResidual_first>1e-6";
        logicalAccumulation and;
        from checkForRamp:
        to initial:
    }
    ł
        description "Only_if_5_times_good";
        condition "stateMachine_stepsSinceChange(stepping)>5";
        logicalAccumulation and;
        from checkForRamp;
        to rampUp;
    }
    ł
        description "Theurampuhasusucceeded":
        condition "deltaT()>=0.999*$[(scalar):maxDeltaT]";
        logicalAccumulation and;
        from rampUp;
        to fast:
    3
);
```

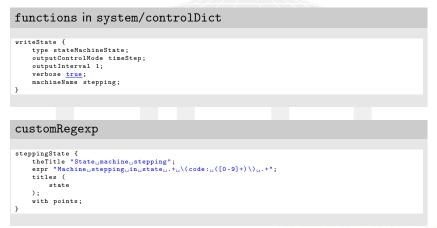
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- For plotting we write out the machine state
  - and tell PyFoam how to pick it up



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# Setting the timestep

#### Finally what we wanted

- Scale the time-step up if we're in rampUp
- Otherwise leave it alone

#### functions in system/controlDict

```
setDeltaT {
    type setDeltaTBySwakExpression;
    outputControlMode timeStep;
    outputInterval 1;
   deltaTExpression {
        expression "targetDeltaT";
        independentVariableName t;
        valueType patch;
        patchName inlet_1;
        storedVariables (
                name targetDeltaT:
                initialValue "$[(scalar):deltaT]":
        ):
        variables (
            "targetDeltaT=stateMachine_isState(stepping,rampUp)u?umin(targetDeltaT*1.01,$[:<br/>brk>
                   <cont>maxDeltaT]) : utargetDeltaT; "
        ):
   }:
```

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### Stored variables

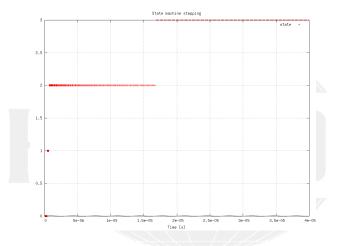
- To be able to scale targetDeltaT up we've got to know which value it had before
- Stored variables allow us to do that
  - Keep their values between time-steps
  - If they were never set an intialValue is used
- These variables are declared in a list storedVariables



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# The states of the machine



#### Figure: after the startup nothing changes

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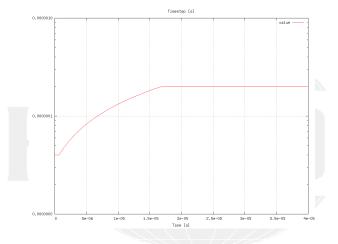
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## Size of the timesteps



#### Figure: Going to a maximum

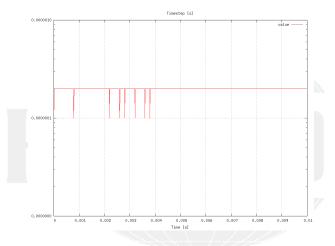


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# Size of the timesteps during the whole simulation



#### Figure: Scaled down for writing

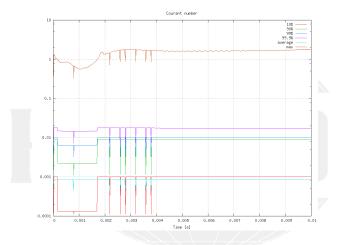


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# Courant number distribution



#### Figure: Over the whole simulation

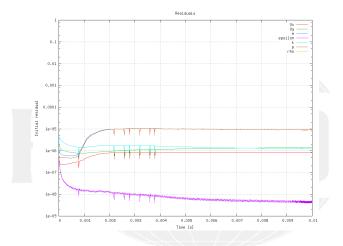


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## Residuals of the linear solver



#### Figure: This is a standard-plot

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How much does the solver improve the pressure equation

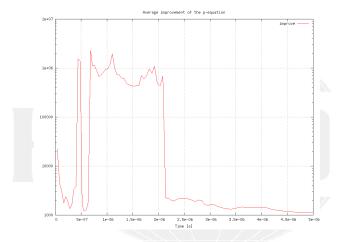


Figure: Residual gets smaller by this factor

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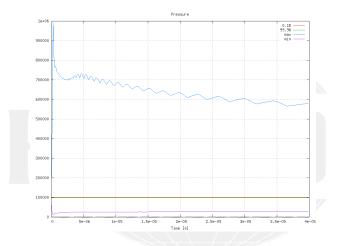


Figure: How does the pressure distribution evolve

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## Development of pressure during the simulation

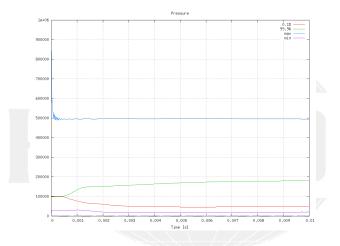


Figure: Pressure goes to fixed values

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### Where are the pressure extremes

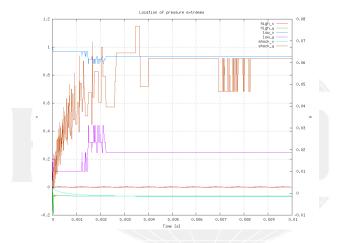


Figure: Minimum, Maximum and Shock-front

Image: All and All

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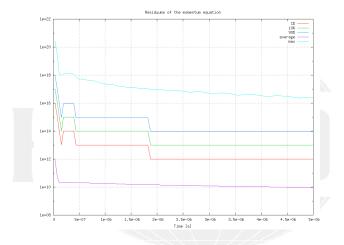
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### Residuum of the momentum equation



#### Figure: Evolution of the error



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# Which fvOption-entry points are available

- Not all possible entry-points for fvOptions are implemented
  - Sometimes with very good reasons
- Finding out which are actually can be quite a pain
  - One has to go to the source
- This fvOption prints this information every time a fvOption could be used
  - the name of the field
  - the available fvOption hook
- Does nothing else

#### constant/fvOptions

```
showFvOptions {
   type reportAvailableFvOptions;
   active true;
   selectionMode all;
   reportAvailableFvOptionsCoeffs {}
}
```

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# Calculating the residual

- This fvOption calculates the residual  $\vec{r} = \vec{A}\vec{x} \vec{b}$  for the current matrix and solution for fieldName
  - Stores the result in a field whose name is composed of namePrefix and fieldName
- doAtAddSup specifies whether this should be done when the source terms are done
- Caution: the order inside the fvOptions-file is important here
  - "Whicvh fvOption already manipulated the matrix
  - Especially when used together with its After-sibling
    - See below

#### constant/fvOptions

```
momentumResidual {
   type matrixChangeBefore;
   active true;
   selectionNode all;
   matrixChangeBeforeCoeffs {
        doAtAddSup no;
        fieldName U;
        namePrefix residual;
   }
}
```

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# Calculating the relative residual

- The way the residual is calculated it depends on the cell size
  - By scaling it with the cell size we get something more meaningful

```
functions in system/controlDict
```

```
notOnStart {
    type executeIfStartTime:
    readDuringConstruction false;
    runIfStartTime false:
    functions {
        relativeChange {
            type expressionField;
            autowrite true;
            fieldName relResidualU:
            expression "residualU/vol()";
        momentumChange {
            $pressureValues:
            accumulations (
                weightedQuantile0.01
                weightedQuantile0.1
                weightedAverage
                weightedQuantile0.9
                max
            ):
            expression "mag(relResidualU)";
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    }
}
```

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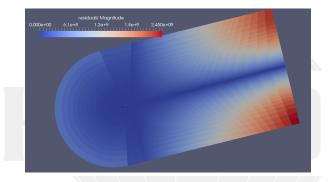
# Conditional function object execution

- At the first time-step no residual field is available
  - To avoid an error we guard it with executeIfStartTime
    - runIfStartTime to false negates the meaning
- This is an example for a function object whose main purpose is the calling of other function objects
  - The other function objects are listed in a functions dictionary
- A number of such function objects is available
  - All starting with executeIf
  - Even depending on swak-expressions
- Optionally they can have an else-entry
- The readDuringConstruction-entry controls when the functions-list is read
  - May be necessary to set to avoid problems with the "client" function objects

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# Solution: Residual of $\vec{u}$



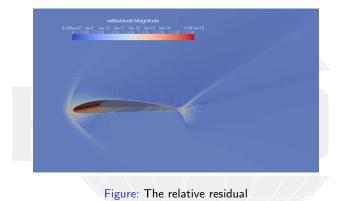
#### Figure: The absolute residual



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# Solution: Relative residual of $\vec{u}$





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# Checking for convergence of physical parameters

- When calculating a steady case we want the solution to converge
  - Meaning "It should not change anymore"
  - Numerical convergence is only an indication for this
- Checking for this is tricky
  - Comparing the current solution with the previous solution is not enough
    - The "peak" of an oscillation may look like a final state
  - Storing more solutions is prohibitive
  - Small cells may oscillate without influencing the overall solution
- In this section it is demonstrated how to check for convergence using a subset of the solution

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# Speeding up the simulation

- When starting from "unphysical" initial conditions the simulation is likely to crash
- Often you hear hints like
  - In the beginning ...
    - use smaller timesteps
    - use small relaxation factors
    - use lower order schemes
  - "... and after some iterations ... "
    - increase the timestep
    - increase the relaxation
    - switch to higher order schemes
- In the last example you saw how to manipulate the time-step
  - Here we'll do the other two

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We use \$FOAM\_TUTORIALS/incompressible/simpleFoam/simpleCar/

- This is an incompressible steady simulation
- It simulates a simplified car
  - 2D
  - No wheels
  - A porous zone to simulate flow through the engine
- What we want to do with this case
  - Check for convergence by looking on the flow field 6m from the inlet
    - this was chosen because it is still in the recirculation
  - After some time increase the relaxation
    - Spoiler: good idea
  - Switch to higher order schemes
    - Spoiler: bad idea

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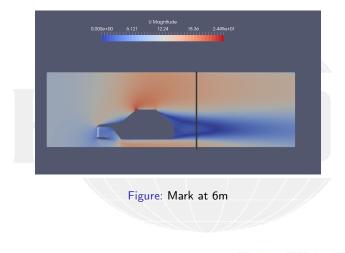
### Adaption for pyFoam

Again we switch from Allrun to pyFoamPrepareCase.py

meshCreate.sh	
#!/bin/sh	
blockMesh topoSet	
caseSetup.sh.template	
#! /bin/sh	
<pre>rm -rf processor* <!--(if numberOfProcessors-->1)&gt; pyFoamDecompose.py .  -numberOfProcessors-  <!--(end)--></pre>	
Running it	
> pyFoamPrepareCasenumber=2 > pyFoamRunner.pyclearprogressauto auto	
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# Solution: the velocity field

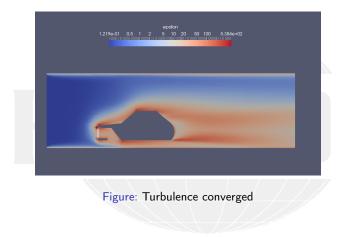




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# Solution: the turbulence





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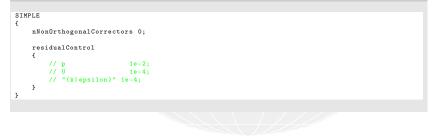
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# Don't use residuals for convergence

- Previously the run stopped when residuals fell below a limit
  - We comment that out
- Now the run would continue until endTime

#### system/fvSolution



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### Adding our stuff

This time we don't need much

#### system/controlDict

```
libs (
    "libsimpleSwakFunctionObjects.so"
    "libswakFunctionObjects.so"
    "libswakStateMachine.so"
);
```





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## Creating a line to calculate on

We create the 6m line with createSampleSet

- Syntax is similar to the set function object
  - But not written
  - Instead swak4Foam can access it under the setName

#### functions in system/controlDict

```
createSampleLine {
   type createSampledSet;
   outputControl timeStep;
   outputInterval 1;
   setName sixmLine;
   set {
     type uniform;
     axis distance;
     start (6 0 0.05);
     end (6 3 0.05);
     nPoints 100;
   }
   writeSetOnConstruction true;
   autoWriteSet true;
   setFormat vtk;
}
```

# Calculating and storing the difference

This is where the magic happens: current velocity on sixmLine is compared with the one 50 iterations ago

functions in system/controlDict

```
calcDifference {
    type calculateGlobalVariables;
    valueType set;
    setName sixmLine;
    verbose true;
    outputControl timeStep;
    outputInterval 1;
    variables (
        "oldU=U:"
        "diffU=U-oldU;"
    ):
    toGlobalNamespace velDifference;
    toGlobalVariables (
        diffU
    ):
    delayedVariables (
            name oldU:
            startupValue "vector(0,0,0)";
            storeInterval 1:
            delay
                          50:
        3
   );
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```

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### Calculating our own global variables

- Previously solverPerformanceToGlobalVariables calculated the global variables for us
- calculateGlobalVariables allows us to calculate them ourselves
  - 1 Calculates all expressions in variables
  - 2 Looks at the list toGlobalVariables
  - 3 Variables found in that list are stored in toGlobalNamespace
- Now the variable values are available for other function objects



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# Delayed variables

- Delayed variables are special variables with a schizophrenic behaviour
  - When written to they behave like regular variables
  - When read they don't use the current value but the value set some time ago (the *delay*)
- They are declared in a list delayedVariables of dictionaries

name the name under which the variable is known delay how far back in time it should go startupValue during the first delay seconds there is nothing to

- storeInterval this is the interval at which values should be remembered. When remembering values between that
  - are interpolated
    - set it too high: you might run out of memory
    - set it too low: it might be inaccurate
    - in our steady simulation 1 means: we remember everything

Values longer ago than delay are forgotten

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# Reporting the change

We want to see how big the changes are

```
functions in system/controlDict
changedU {
```



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## Same for the porosity

We duplicate this for the porous block

- We don't use it
- But we don't mind: macro expansion serves us the typing

functions in system/controlDict

```
calcDifferencePoro {
    $calcDifference;
    valueType cellZone;
    zoneName porouzZone;
    toGlobalNamespace velDifferencePoro;
}
changedUPoro {
    $changedUForo {
        $changedU;
        valueType cellZone;
        zoneName porousZone;
        globalScopes (
            velDifferencePoro
        );
}
```

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# Plotting the changes

Seeing the changes convinces us that they get smaller

```
customRegexp
```

```
changeU {
    theTitle "Change, of, velocity, 6m, after, inlet";
    expr "Expression__changedU__:__average=(.+)__max=(.+)";
    logscale true;
    titles (
        average
        max
}
changeUPoro {
    type slave;
    master changeU;
    expr "Expression__changedUPoro__:_uaverage=(.+)_max=(.+)";
    titles (
        "average poro"
        "max_poro"
    ):
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```

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# Strategy to find convergence

- Start in initial
- Wait 50 timesteps before we go to waiting and consider the changes
  - This is to allow our delayed variable to "fill up"
- When all changes are smaller than  $1\frac{cm}{s}$  we move to lookingGood
- If we stay in lookingGood for 100 timesteps we move to converged
  - If change goes above  $1\frac{cm}{s}$  we move back to waiting
- We don't leave converged but hope that someone will stop the simulation now



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# Create state machine

We create the state machine

#### functions in system/controlDict

```
convergedStateMachine {
   type stateMachineCreateAndUpdate;
   valueType set;
   setHame sixmLine;
   states (
        initial
        valing
        lookingGood
        converged
);
   machineName converged;
   initialState initial;
   globalScopes (
        velDifference
);
```



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## The transitions

- and implement the transitions
  - Note: use of or and and when checking for "bigness"

```
functions in system/controlDict
    transitions (
       £
           description "Startup..is..over":
           condition "stateMachine_stepsSinceChange(converged) >50";
           logicalAccumulation and:
           from initial;
           to waiting:
       }
       ſ
           description "Goubackutouintial";
           condition "max(mag(diffU))<0.01":
           logicalAccumulation and;
           from waiting;
           to lookingGood:
       }
       ſ
           description "Got_abig_difference";
           condition "mag(diffU)>=0.01";
           logicalAccumulation or;
           from lookingGood:
           to waiting;
       }
       ł
           description "Beenugoodulonguenough";
           condition "stateMachine_stepsSinceChange(converged)>100";
           logicalAccumulation and:
           from lookingGood;
           to converged;
       3
   );
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```



- Someone has to end the run when the state machine converged is in state converged
  - writeAndEndSwakExpression is the kind of function object that has no problem with this
    - And it also triggers the data to be written (couldn't tell from the name)

#### functions in system/controlDict

```
endIfConverged {
   type writeAndEndSwakExpression;
   valueType set;
   setName sixmLine;
   logicalExpression "stateMachine_isState(converged,converged)";
   logicalAccumulation and;
}
```

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# Change of the velocity

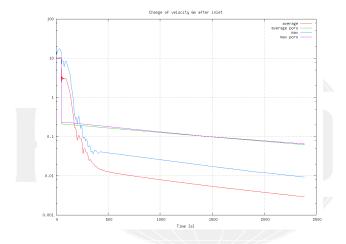


Figure: Change of the velocity on the 6m line

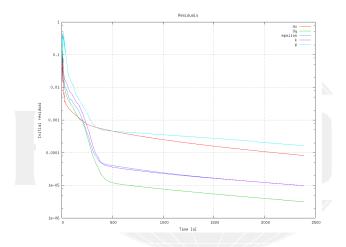
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### Figure: Going down steady



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These are the "safe" relaxation parameters

- They make sure that during the startup-phase the simulation does not diverge
- But later they could be higher
  - Faster conergence

#### system/fvSolution

```
relaxationFactors
{
    fields
    {
        p
        0.3;
        equations
    {
        U
        0.7;
        epsilon
        0.7;
    }
}
```

# Switching schemes and relaxation

- This function manipulates fvSchemes and fvSolution in memory at specified time
  - Second parameters are the names of the sub-directories to use
    - For instance "At time 200 use the contents of fastTransport to modify fvSolution
  - resetBeforeTrigger specifies whether old modifications should be removed
    - In our case fastFluid will be used in addition to fastTransport
- There is a similar function object stateMachineFvSolutionFvSchemes that does this based on the state of a state machine
  - But we would have needed to add a second state machine

functions in system/controlDict

```
svitchPasterRelaxation {
   type timeDependentFvSolutionFvSchemes;
   solutionTriggers (
       (200 fastFluid)
   );
   schemesTriggers (
       (500 highDrderTurb)
   );
   resetBeforeTrigger false;
}
```

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# Alternate relaxation factors

- First we speed up turbulence
  - Then the actual flow solution
- Maybe even higher relaxations are possible

### system/fvSolution

```
fastTransport {
    relaxationFactors
        equations
                               0.8:
             epsilon
                               0.8:
    3
fastFluid +
    relaxationFactors
         fields
                               0.4:
             p
         equations
             U
                               0.8:
    }
}
```

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## Change of schemes

Original convection schemes in system/fvSchemes

```
divSchemes
{
    default none;
    div(phi,U) bounded Gauss upwind;
    div(phi,k) bounded Gauss upwind;
    div(phi,epsilon) bounded Gauss upwind;
    div((nuEff*dev2(T(grad(U))))) Gauss linear;
}
```

The higher-order overriding schemes in system/fvSchemes

```
highOrderTurb {
    divSchemes
    {
        div(phi,k) bounded Gauss linearUpwind phi;
        div(phi,epsilon) bounded Gauss linearUpwind phi;
    }
}
```

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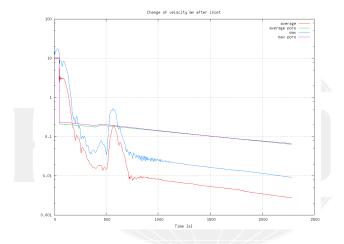


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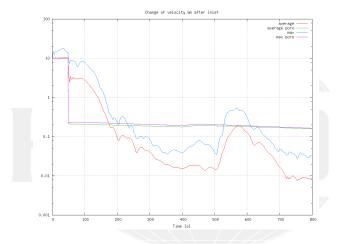


Figure: Change of the velocity on the 6m line

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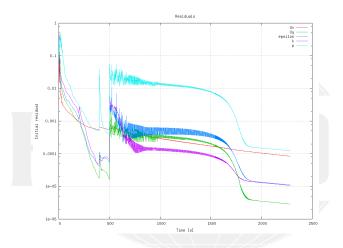


Figure: Higher order scheme "excite" the residuals

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# Residual in the beginning

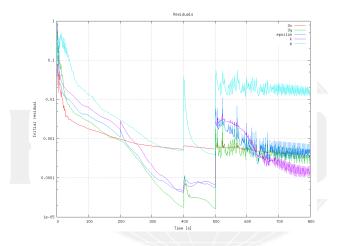


Figure: Changes in relaxation clearly visible



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## The tutorial case

The case we use is

\$FOAM\_TUTORIALS/lagrangian/reactingParcelFoam/filter

- Air flows through a filter
- Particles are injected
  - Can't pass through the filter
  - Water evaporates from the particles
    - Vapor is transported through the filter to the outlet



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# What we'll change about the case

- Particles disappear
  - Particles that lost 10% of their initial mass will be removed from the system
- Vapor condenses in the filter
  - In the filter a fraction of the vapor is removed from the air
  - It accumulates in the filter material
    - But distributes by diffusion
- The wet filter changes its permeability
  - Places with more condensed water resist the air-flow
- All these changes are not completely improbable
  - But the constants have been changed to make a quick simulation
  - Does not resemble a real system



Again: we make pyFoamPrepareCase.py happy

eshCreate.sh
!/bin/sh
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## Add the swak-stuff

Adding the necessary libraries

```
system/controlDict
```

```
libs (
    "libsimpleSwakFunctionObjects.so"
    "libswakLagrangianParser.so"
    "libswakFulptions.so"
    "libswakSourceFields.so"
    "libswakLagrangianCloudSourcesFunctionPlugin.so"
    "libswakLagrangianCloudSources.so"
    "libsimpleCloudFunctionObjects.so"
);
```

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# Checking the pressure drop

Monitor the effect of the permeability change

```
functions in system/controlDict
```

```
pressureDrop {
    type patches (
        intet
    );
    verbose true;
    accumulations (
        min
        vightedAverage
        max
    );
    variables (
        "pOut(outlet)=average(p);"
    );
    expression "p-pOut";
}
```

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## How much water evaporates from the particles?

IcsSpeciesSource is a plugin function

- Asks a cloud for the amount of a species it transfers to the continuous phase
- This is the source term that is usually used by the solvers

functions in system/controlDict

```
vaterSource {
   type expressionField;
   autowrite true;
   fieldName H2Osource;
   expression "icSpeciesSource(reactingCloud1,H2O)";
}
vaterSourceTotal {
   type svakExpression;
   valueType internalField;
   verbose true;
   expression "H2Osource";
   accumulations (
        integrate
   );
}
```

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- The parser for particle clouds has to do some ... strange ... things to give similar experience as the others
  - Sometimes it wants additional information because the cloud it uses does not exactly match the one the solver uses
- Here we had to add 4 values to make it work

```
constant/reactingCloudProperties
constantProperties
{
    rho0 1000;
    T0 300;
    Cp0 4100;
    constantVolume false;
    // to keep the parser happy
    epsilon0 1;
    f0 0.5;
    LDevol 0;
    hRetentionCoeff 1;
}
```

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# How much work is moving the parcels

- cloudFunctions is the functions for lagrangian particles
  - swak4foam provides some function objects for this too
- This one collects statistics about how often particles hit patches etc
  - Quite useful if the solver starts to run slow and you suspect that it is because somewhere particles are caught in "infinite loop"

## In cloudFunctions in constant/reactingCloudProperties

```
howMuchWork {
    type cloudMoveStatistics;
}
```

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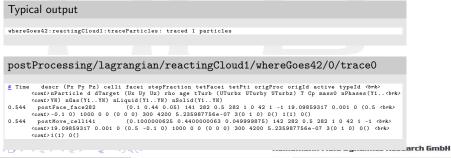
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## Tracing a particle

Sometimes for debugging we want to follow on (or more) particles

In cloudFunctions in constant/reactingCloudProperties

```
whereGoes42 {
   type traceParticles;
   particleIds (
        {
            origProc 0;
            origId 42;
        };
   };
}
```





#### This function object uses an expression:

- "Check if the current mass is 90% of the initial mass"
- This is checked after moving the particle
- If it is true the particle is eliminated

#### In cloudFunctions in constant/reactingCloudProperties

```
eliminateLowMass {
    type eliminateBySwakExpression;
    eliminatePre false;
    eliminatePost true;
    eliminationExpression "mass/mass0<0.9"; // approx 90% of the mass
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```

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# Output particle properties

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- Here we get the distribution of the particle diameters and the temperature difference to the surrounding air
- Particle parsers work like every other parser
  - For clouds of parcels the weight is the total mass of the parcel (not the weight of one particle)
- fluidPhase allows interpolating the value of a fluid field to the particle position
  - It is necessary to specify an interpolation scheme

```
functions in system/controlDict
```

```
parcelDiameter {
    type swakExpression;
    verbose true;
    valueType cloud:
    expression "d";
    accumulations (
        min
        weightedAverage
        max
    );
    cloudName reactingCloud1:
parcelTDiff {
    $parcelDiameter:
    expression "T-fluidPhase(T)";
    interpolationSchemes {
        T cell:
    3
```

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# Output the first time the parser is used

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- Each cloud type has a different set of values that can be accessed
  - The first time a parser is called it lists them all
    - That way you don't have to search for it in outdated documentation
  - constant means that the value can only be read

Different clouds have different properties

<cont>CloudProxy) List of functions: Name | Type | Description LDevol | scalar | Latent heat of devolatilisation (constant) ΤI scalar | Temperature TO I scalar | Initial temperature (constant) TMin | scalar | Minimum temperature (constant) vector | Velocity 11 | UTurb | vector | Turbulent velocity fluctuations bool | Is this parcel active? active scalar | Age of the prticle age areaP | scalar | Particle projected area areas | scalar | Particle surface area cell | scalar | number of the cell scalar | Specific heat capacity cp | scalar | Specific heat capacity (constant) CD0 | currentTime scalar | current time of the particle d | scalar | Diameter dTarget | scalar | Target diameter h GmbH

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# Model for condensed water in the filter

- We model the condensed water with a diffusion equation with a source term
  - solverLaplacianPDE solves such an equation at every timestep
- A field file condensed has to be added
  - With boundary conditions, dimensions and initial conditions
- For the relevant terms swak-expressions can be used
  - A proper dimension has to be provided
    - swak4Foam doesn't propagate dimensions on purpose when doing calculations
    - Dimension-checker of OpenFOAM would fail otherwise

### functions in system/controlDict

```
condensedWater {
   type solveLaplacianPDE;
   solveLaplacianPDE;
   fieldName condensed;
   steady false;
   rho "1" [0 0 0 0 0 0 0];
   lambda "zone(filter)u?ule-3u:u0" [0 2 -1 0 0 0 0];
   source "rho*H2O*(zone(filter)u?u1u:u0)" [1 -3 -1 0 0 0 0];
}
```

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## How much is in the filter?

We want statistics about the condensed water

```
functions in system/controlDict
```

```
condensedValue {
    type swakExpression;
    valueType cellZone;
    zoneName filter:
    accumulations (
        min
        weightedQuantile0.1
        weightedAverage
        weightedQuantile0.9
        max
    ):
    expression "condensed";
    verbose true;
3
condensedTotalSource {
    $condensedValue;
    expression "H2O*rho":
    accumulations (
        integrate
    ):
}
```

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## Condensed water must be removed from the fluid phase

- For mass conservation the water that condenses must be removed from the air
- swak4Foam has fvOptions that allow adding any source term to equations
  - If the equations support fvOption-source terms
- We use the implicit variant to avoid "undershooting"
  - Technically this is -rho\*H20
- Again: dimension has to be provided

#### constant/fvOptions

```
vaterSvak {
   type scalarSvakImplicitSource;
   active true;
   scalarSvakImplicitSourceCoeffs {
      selectionMode cellZone;
      cellZone filter;
      switchExplicitImplicit true;
      expressions {
          H20 "-rho" [1 -3 -1 0 0 0 0];
      }
}
```

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## The "regular" filter

- This is the original Darcy-term in the model
  - We disable it

```
constant/fvOptions
filter1
ſ
                   explicitPorositySource;
    type
   active
                   no;
   explicitPorositySourceCoeffs
       selectionMode cellZone;
       cellZone
                      filter;
                       DarcyForchheimer;
       type
        DarcyForchheimerCoeffs
           d
               (500000 -1000 -1000);
           f
               (0 \ 0 \ 0);
           coordinateSystem
               type
                      cartesian;
               origin (0 0 0):
                coordinateRotation
                   tvpe
                           axesRotation:
                   e1 (1 0 0);
                   e2 (0 1 0);
               }
           }
       }
   }
}
```

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## Condensed Water adds to the resistance

- Now we add our own resistance
  - The same factor as in the original
  - Plus a term that depends on the condensed water
- Problem:

Implicit only allows us to specify a scalar (no anisotropy) Explicit unstable (that's what the resist variable was for

#### constant/fvOptions

```
filterSwak {
        type vectorSwakImplicitSource;
        active true;
        vectorSwakImplicitSourceCoeffs {
            selectionMode
                             cellZone;
            cellZone
                             filter:
            switchExplicitImplicit true;
            aliases {
                 mu thermo:mu;
            7
            variables (
                 "coeff=500000*(1+condensed/0.005);"
                 "baseResist=coeff*mu:"
                 "resist=baseResist*vector(1,1000,1000);"
            ):
            expressions {
                U "-baseResist" [1 -3 -1 0 0 0 0];
            3
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## Finding out how big the source terms are

- For some fvOptions (heat exchanger, porosity) it would be nice to know how big the source term is
  - But they don't provide it
  - If they modify the matrix it is hard to tell
- The way swak4foam allows doing this is
  - **1** Calculate the residual before:  $\vec{r}_1 = \vec{A}_1 \vec{x} \vec{b}_1$
  - 2 Let the other fvOption manipulate  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{b}$
  - 3 Calculate the residual after:  $\vec{r}_2 = \vec{A}_2 \vec{x} \vec{b}_2$
  - 4 The added source term is  $\vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_1$
- There are two fvOptions that have to be used as a pair
  - Need the same fieldName and namePrefix

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## Before all source terms

#### constant/fvOptions

```
momentumSourceBefore {
   type matrixChangeBefore;
   active true;
   selectionMode all;
   matrixChangeBeforeCoeffs {
        doAtAddSup yes;
        fieldName U;
        namePrefix fvChange;
    3
   matrixChangeAfterCoeffs {
        $matrixChangeBeforeCoeffs;
    3
}
waterSourceBefore {
   type matrixChangeBefore;
   active true;
   selectionMode all;
   matrixChangeBeforeCoeffs {
        doAtAddSup yes;
       fieldName H2O;
        namePrefix fvChange;
    3
   matrixChangeAfterCoeffs {
        $matrixChangeBeforeCoeffs;
    }
3
```

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## After all source terms

After this the fields fvChangeU and fvChangeH20 "know" hat has been "done" to the matrix

#### constant/fvOptions

```
momentumSourceAfter {
    $momentumSourceBefore;
    type matrixChangeAfter;
}
waterSourceAfter {
    $vaterSourceBefore;
    type matrixChangeAfter;
}
momentumSourceResidual {
    $momentumSourceResidual {
        $momentumSourceRefore;
        matrixChangeBeforeCoeffs {
            doitAddSup no;
            fieldName U;
            namePrefix residual;
        }
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- The following slides show the results of our changes
  - 1 lines that were plotted with pyFoamPlotRunner.py 2 Several fields in the middle of the simulation
    - - Illustrate the model features we added
  - 3 Series of pictures that show how the condensed water diffuses in the filter



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## Number of particles

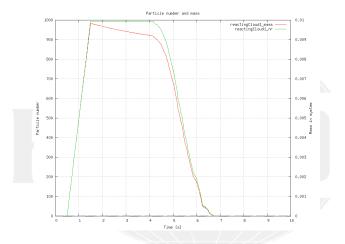


Figure: This plot is generated automatically by PyFoam

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## Different temperatures

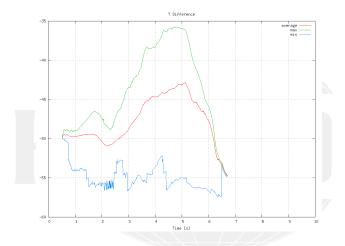


Figure: Difference between particle and surrounding gas

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## Evaporated water

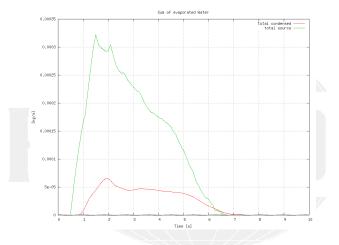


Figure: Water in the gas



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## Condensed water

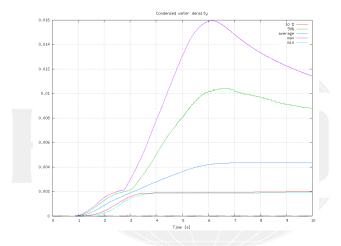


Figure: Average shows preservation after particles are gone

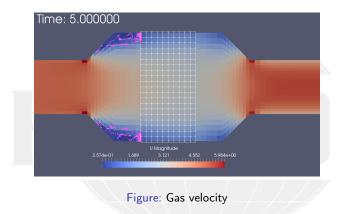
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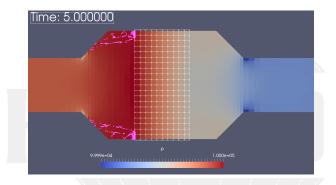
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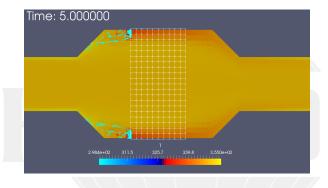


#### Figure: The filter makes a difference



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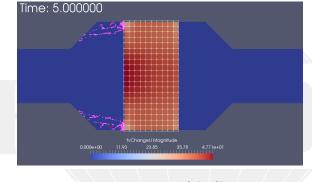


### Figure: Particles cool the fluidPhase



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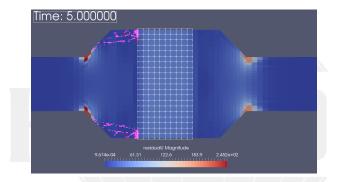
### Figure: Resistance of the filter



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## Velocity residual



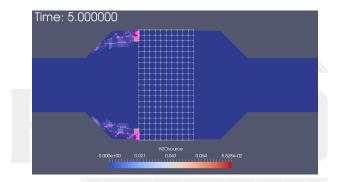
#### Figure: Problematic regions for the calculation



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## Water vapor source

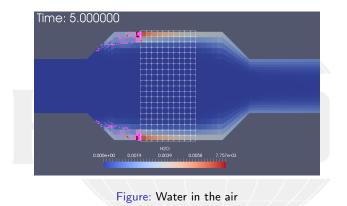


#### Figure: Water evaporating from the particles



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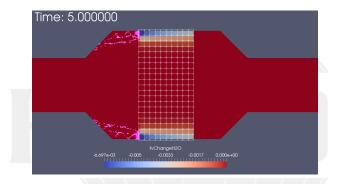




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## Water vapor condensing



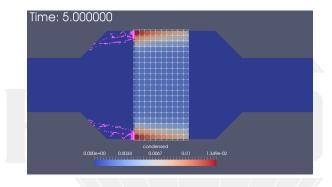
#### Figure: Water condensing on the filter



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## Water condensed



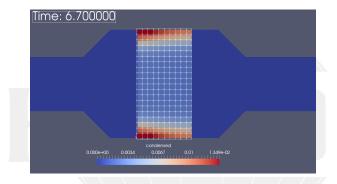
#### Figure: Water condensed in the filter



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## Water condensed when last particle "dies"

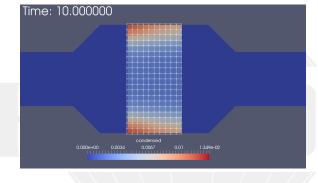


#### Figure: Maxiumum of condensed water

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## Water condensed in the end



#### Figure: Water distributed in the filter

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## Words of warning

- The techniques outlined here can be very useful
- BUT when used improperly
  - they can make your run unstable
  - they can make your simulation unphysical

# swak4Foam allows you to shoot yourself in the foot

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## Further reading

- This presentation only covered parts of PyFoam and swak4Foam, but there is further information available:
  - On the OpenFOAM-wiki:
    - http://openfoamwiki.net/index.php/Contrib/swak4Foam in the section Further Information are links to previous presentations
    - http://openfoamwiki.net/index.php/Contrib/PyFoam in section Other material
  - The Examples directory of the swak-sources
  - Did I mention the Incomplete reference guide for swak?
  - The --help-option of the PyFoam-utilities

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## Further presentations

- pyFoamPrepareCase.py can handle lots of things
  - With something called *templates*
  - See "Automatic case setup with pyFoamPrepareCase" from the Ann Arbor Workshop 2015
- We skipped the parts about writing data
  - These are explained in another presentation
    - "PyFoam for the lazy" from 2016
- The training about advanced swak-usage in the same session

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## Goodbye to you

# Thanks for listening Questions?

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