

ACE3P Simulation Workflow on NERSC

ACE3P Webinar

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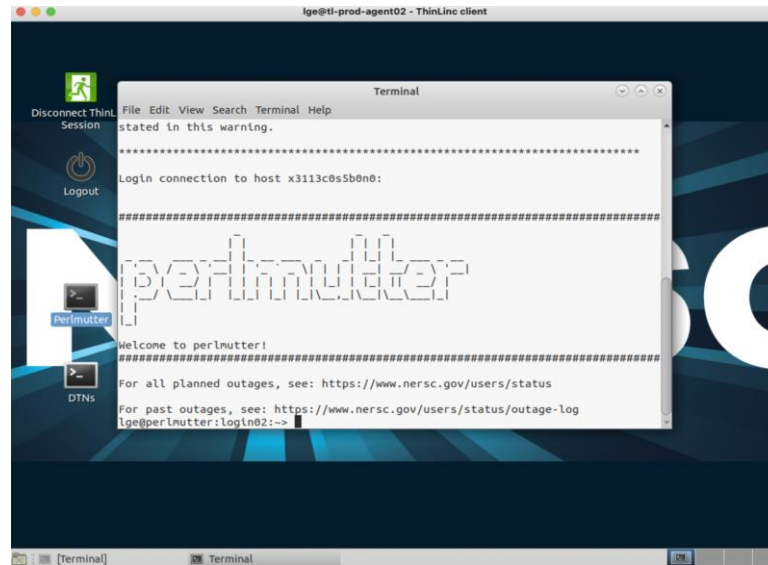
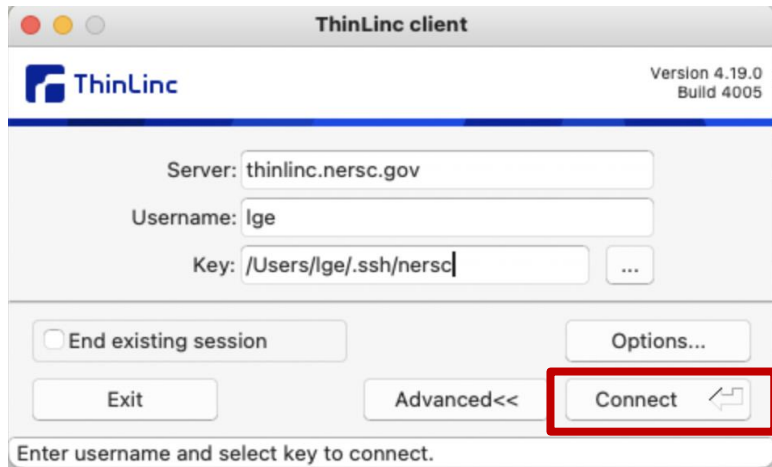
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Log in to NERSC via ThinLinc

- Remote desktop at NERSC: <https://docs.nersc.gov/connect/thinlinc/>
- Simulation workflow entirely on Perlmutter without the need for data transfer
- ThinLinc at NERSC is hosted via the SSH protocol, so you must configure your connection to NERSC to authenticate via SSH.

Log in to NERSC via ThinLinc (Cont'd)



ACE3P Setup on Perlmutter

- ACE3P executables path: /global/cfs/cdirs/ace3p/perlmutter/CPU/
- Instructions to run ACE3P on Perlmutter:

```
source $CFS/ace3p/perlmutter/CPU/perlmutter-ace3p-spac.sh
```

Recommended practice: Perlmutter login nodes use bash by default, so put your environment setup in ~/.bashrc

- Copy examples folder to scratch:

```
cp -r $CFS/ace3p/cw23/examples/omega3p/demo .
```

Recommended practice: copy the examples folder to your scratch directory

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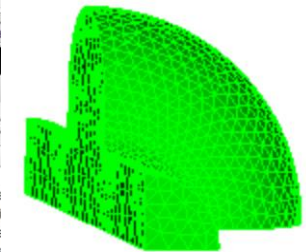
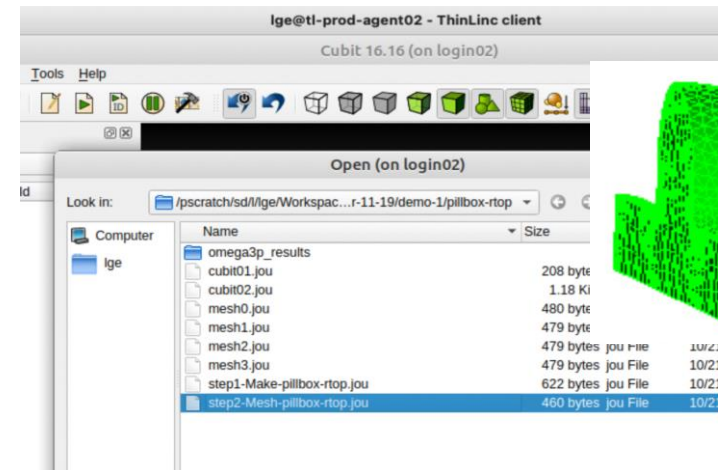
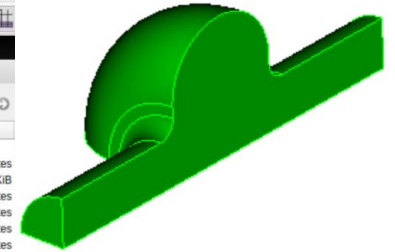
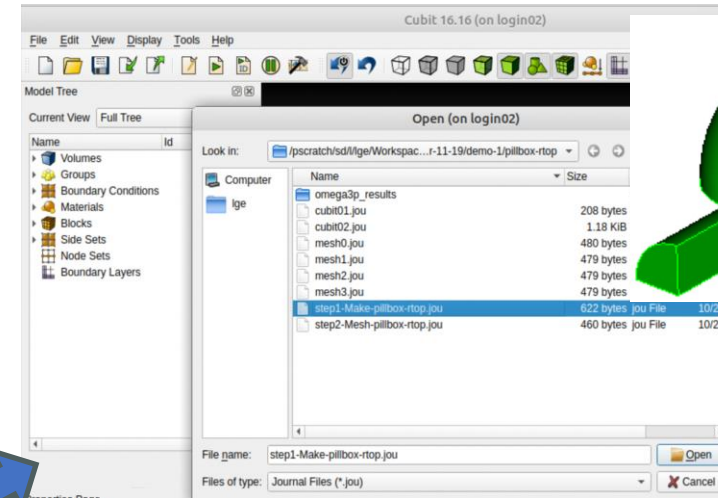
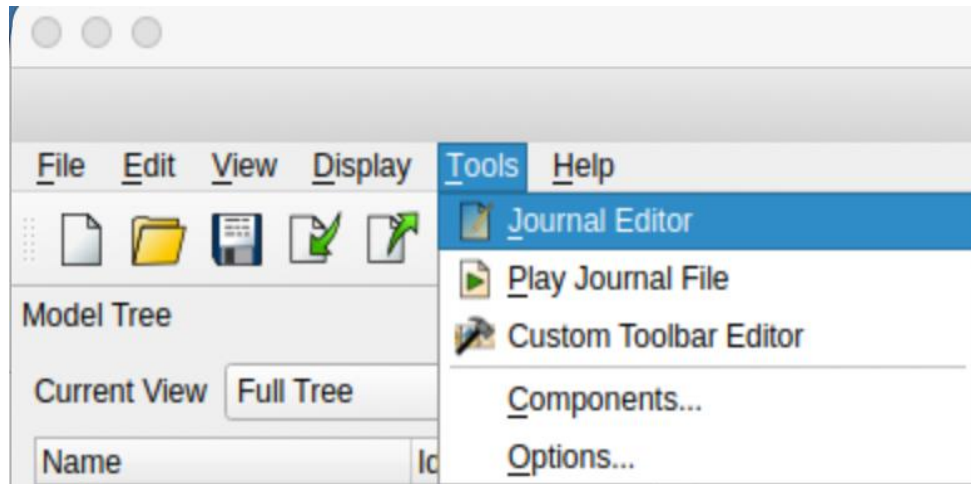
Example: Rounded top pillbox cavity

- Example:
<https://s3df.slac.stanford.edu/people/cho/cw23/examples/omega3p/pillbox-rtop/>
- Tutorial:
<https://s3df.slac.stanford.edu/people/cho/cw23/presentations/omega3p-Tutorial.pdf>

Generate Mesh

Launch cubit: **cubit**

- Model: step1-Make-pillbox-rtop.jou
 - Output: [pillbox-rtop4.sat](#)
- Mesh: step2-Mesh-pillbox-rtop.jou
 - Output: [pillbox-rtop4.gen](#)



Cubit website: <https://cubit.sandia.gov/>

Convert Mesh – acdtool

Convert mesh from '.gen' format ([pillbox-rtop4.gen](#)) to '.ncdf' format ([pillbox-rtop4.ncdf](#)) using acdtool

```
acdtool meshconvert pillbox-rtop4.gen
```

Convert Mesh - Standard Output

TOTALS:

elements: 100822
coordinates: 19327

EULER CHARACTER:

Surf Euler Char = 2
Vol Euler Char = 1
Euler Char is OK.

ASPECT RATIO:

min = 1.00476
max = 2.36626 <- GREAT
average = 1.43417
std dev = 0.175048

SHAPE MEASURE:

min = 0.494908 <- GREAT
max = 0.999981
average = 0.874053
std dev = 0.0763151

ELEMENT VOLUME:

min = 2.75555e-09
max = 1.85833e-08
average = 7.82677e-09
std dev = 1.6013e-09

BOUNDING BOX:

min = (0, 0, -0.15)
max = (0.0999999, 0.0998816, 0.15)

EDGE LENGTH:

min = 0.00289644
max = 0.0207435
average = 0.00800165
std dev = 0.00243162

Existing boundary IDs:

1 2 6

Output mesh file: [pillbox-rtop4.ncdf](#)

Omega3P Input File - pillbox-rtop.omega3p

```
ModelInfo : {  
  File: ./pillbox-rtop4.ncdf  
  BoundaryCondition : {  
    Magnetic: 1, 2  
    Exterior: 6  
  }  
  SurfaceMaterial : {  
    ReferenceNumber: 6  
    Sigma: 5.8e7  
  }  
}  
  
FiniteElement: {  
  Order: 2  
  CurvedSurfaces: on  
}  
  
EigenSolver : {  
  NumEigenvalues: 2  
  FrequencyShift: 1.0e9  
}
```



Model used for omega3p simulation



File name of the mesh (in netcdf format)



Boundary conditions, specifies the boundary conditions on all the surfaces of the mesh.



External wall material properties, which are used to calculate the power loss on the surface.



Parameters for the finite element method.



How many eigenmodes with frequency above a shifted frequency will be searched.

Omega3P input file syntax:

<https://s3df.slac.stanford.edu/people/cho/cw23/commands/omega3p-commands.pdf>

Omega3P Run Script

```
#!/bin/bash -l
```

```
#SBATCH -C cpu
```

```
#SBATCH -q debug
```

```
#SBATCH -A m349
```

```
#SBATCH -N 1
```

```
#SBATCH -t 00:10:00
```

```
#SBATCH -J dump
```

```
#SBATCH -e myjob.%j.err
```

```
#SBATCH -o myjob.%j.out
```

```
export DIR=$PWD
```

```
cd $DIR
```

```
srun -n 64 -c 4 --cpu-bind=cores $CFS/ace3p/Perlmutter/CPU/omega3p pillbox-rtop.omega3p
```

Guidance for resource allocation on Perlmutter

acdtool resource <input>

Input - the input parameter file

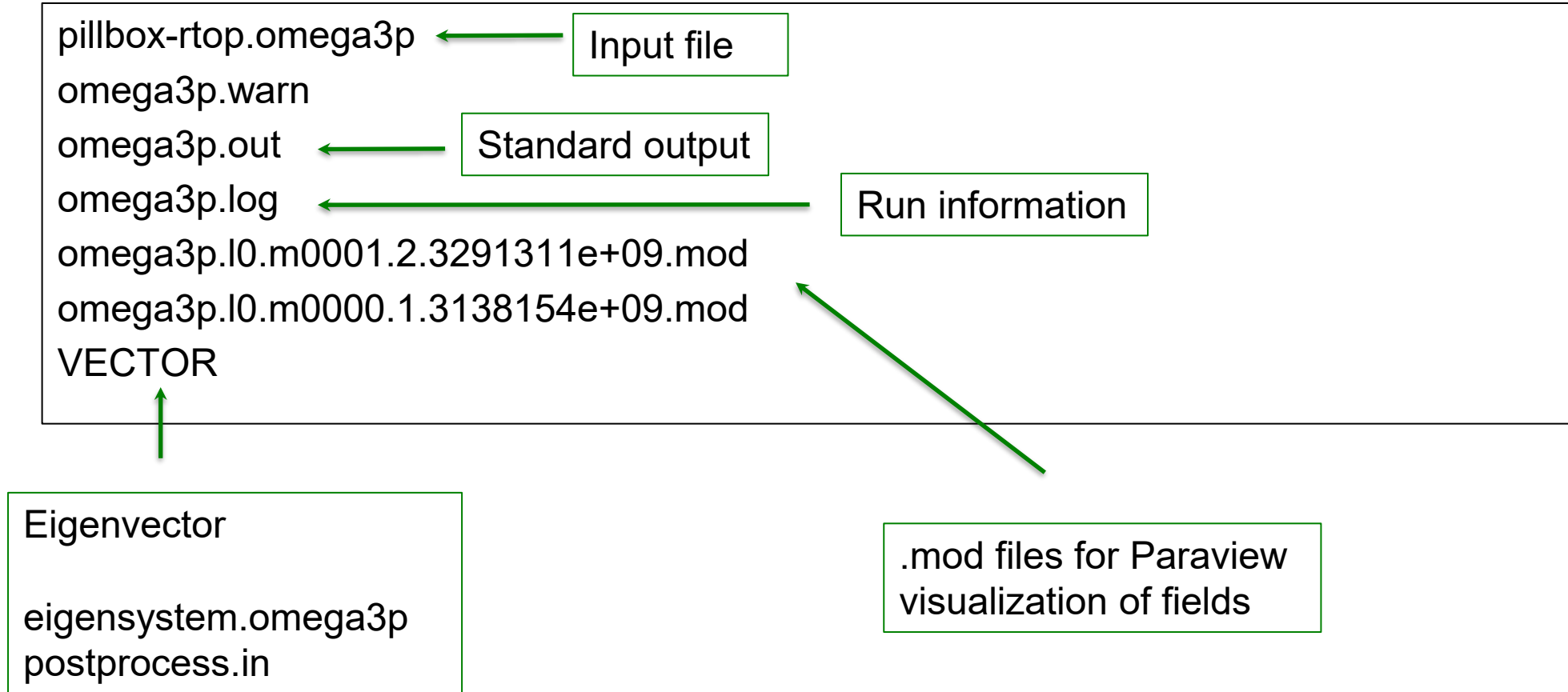
NERSC Documentation: <https://docs.nersc.gov/jobs/>

Submit Job & Check Job Status

- Submit batch job
`sbatch <run_script>`
- Check job queue status
`sqs`
- Cancel a job
`scancel <Job ID>`

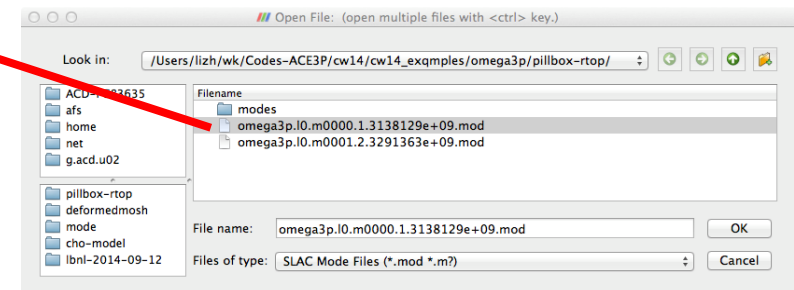
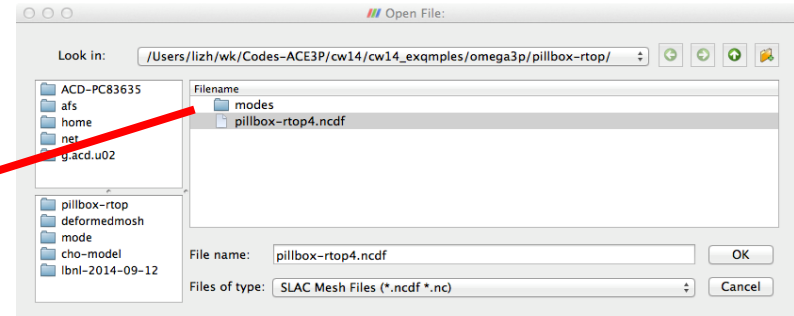
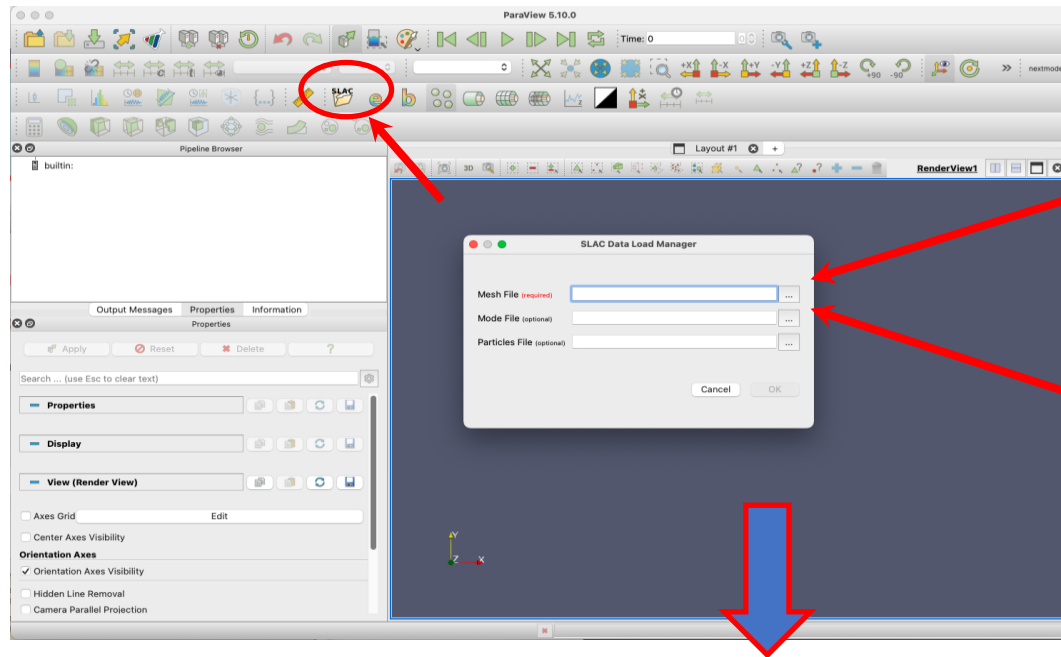
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Files in “omega3p_results” Directory

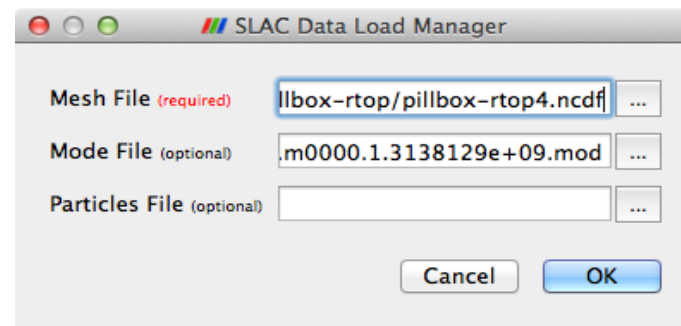


Visualization Using Paraview: Load Mesh and Field

Launch Paraview: **paraview**

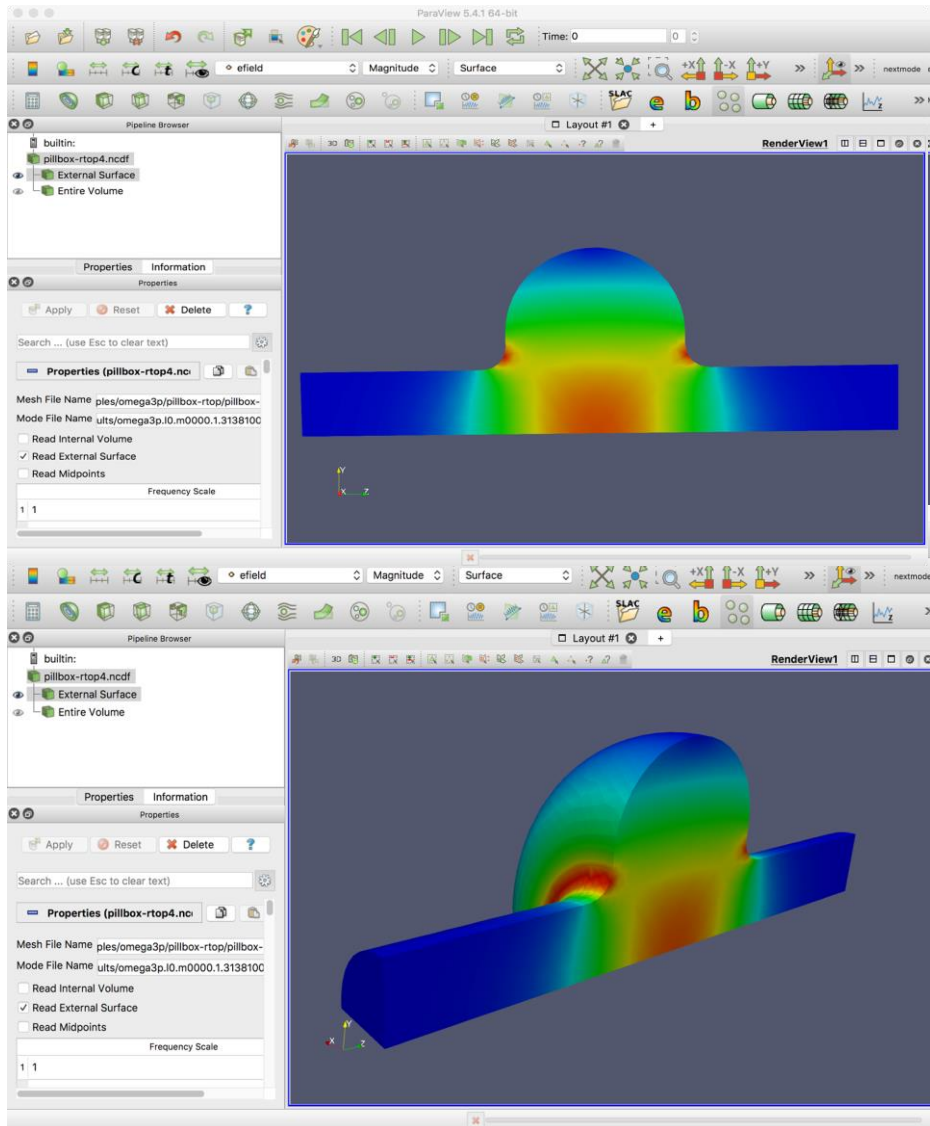


Load mesh and field files using SLAC toolbar

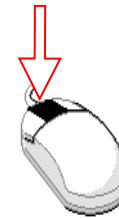


Paraview website:
<https://www.paraview.org/>

Visualization Using Paraview: Electric Field Contour



Left-button to
Rotate

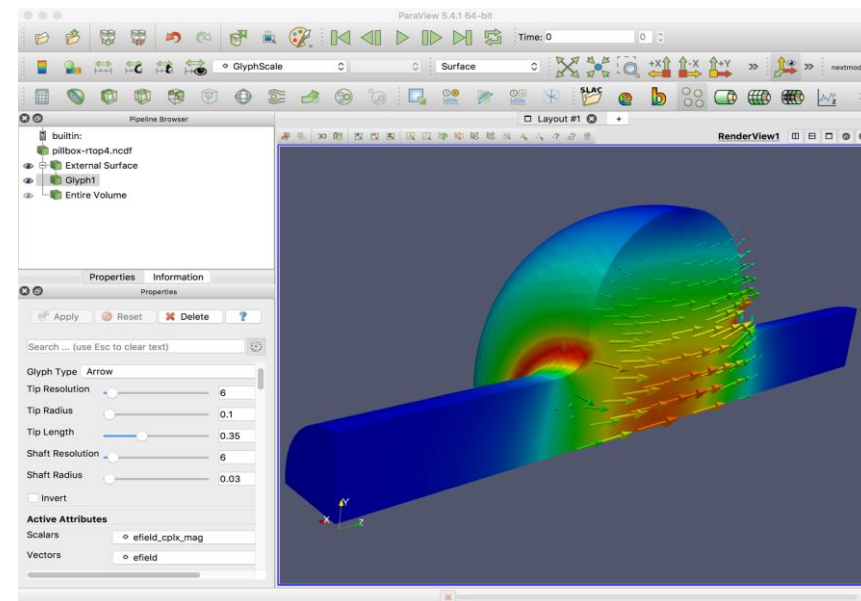
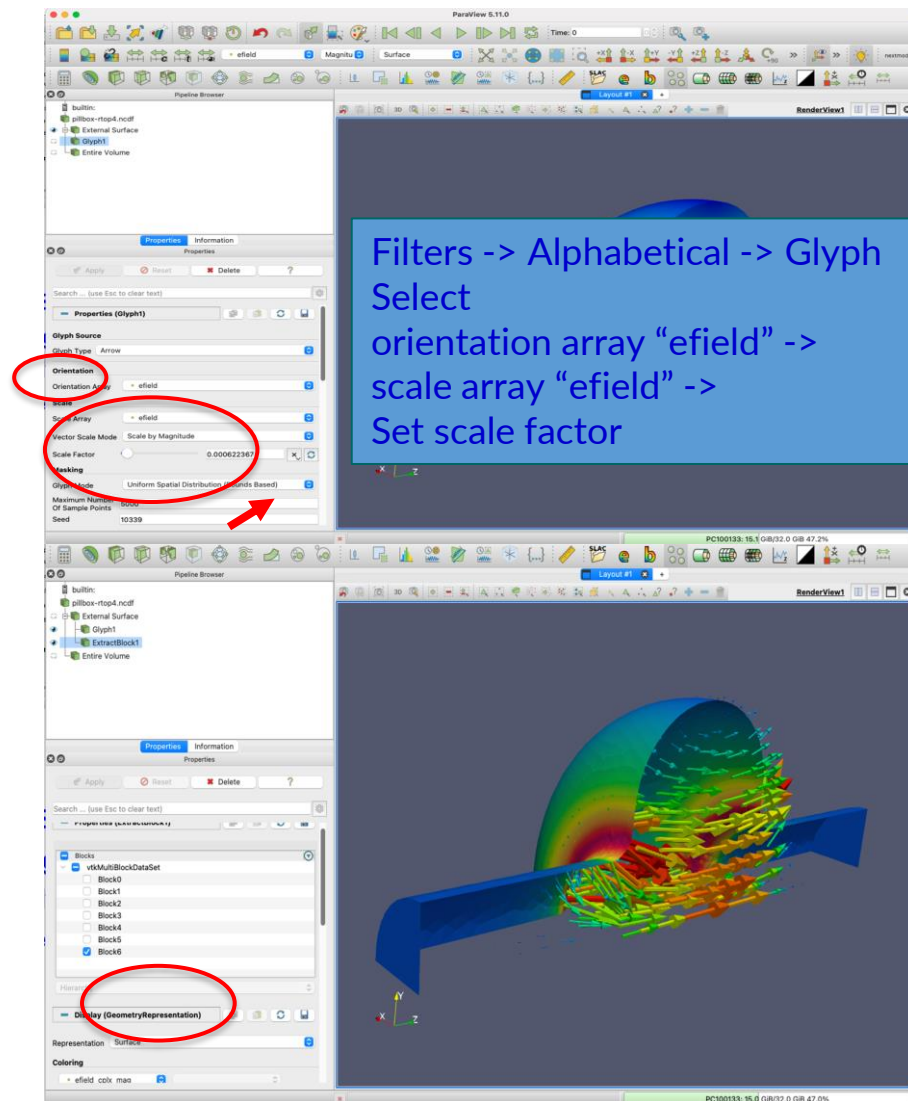


Mid-button to
Pan



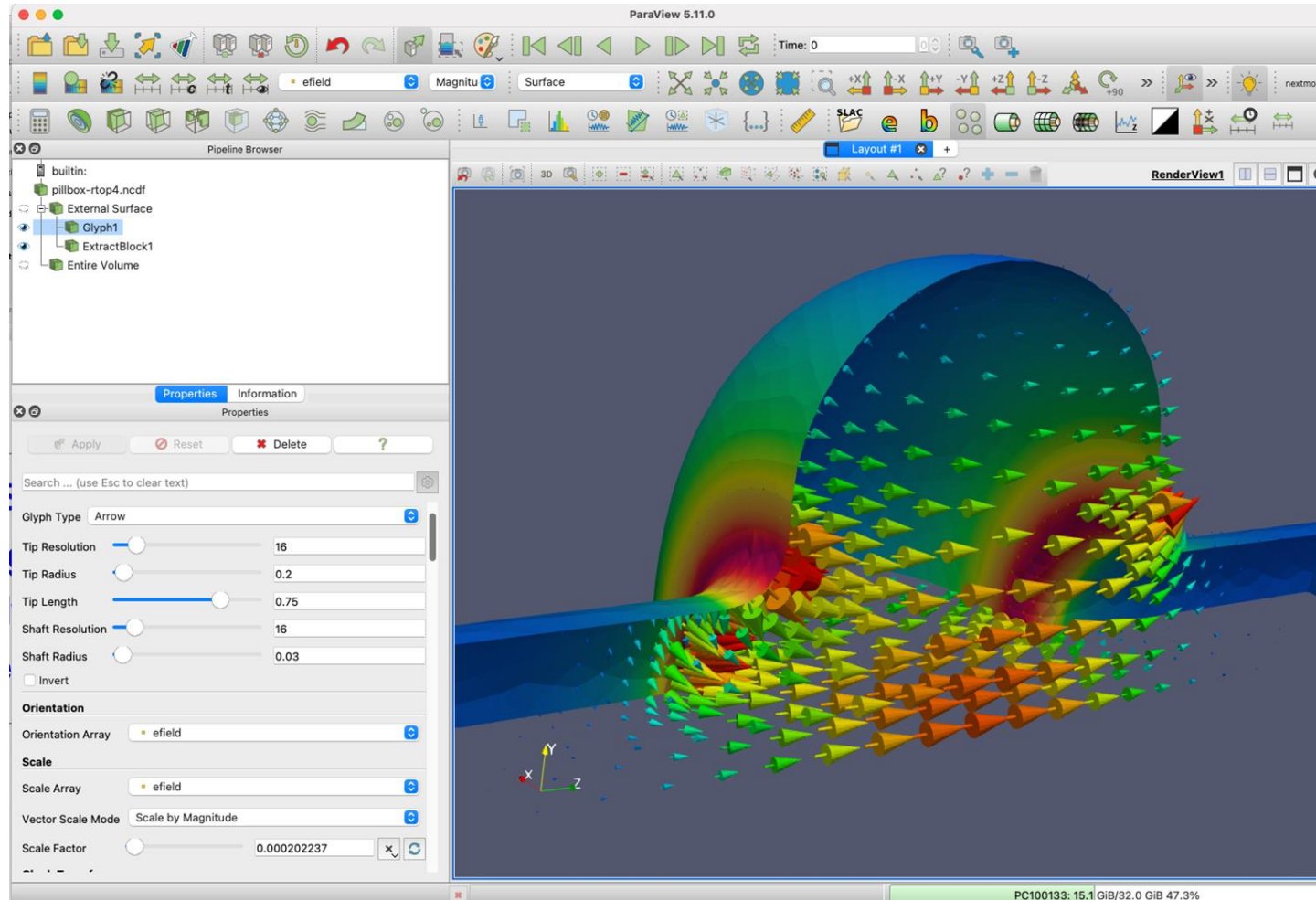
Right-button to
Zoom

Visualization Using Paraview: Vector Field Plot

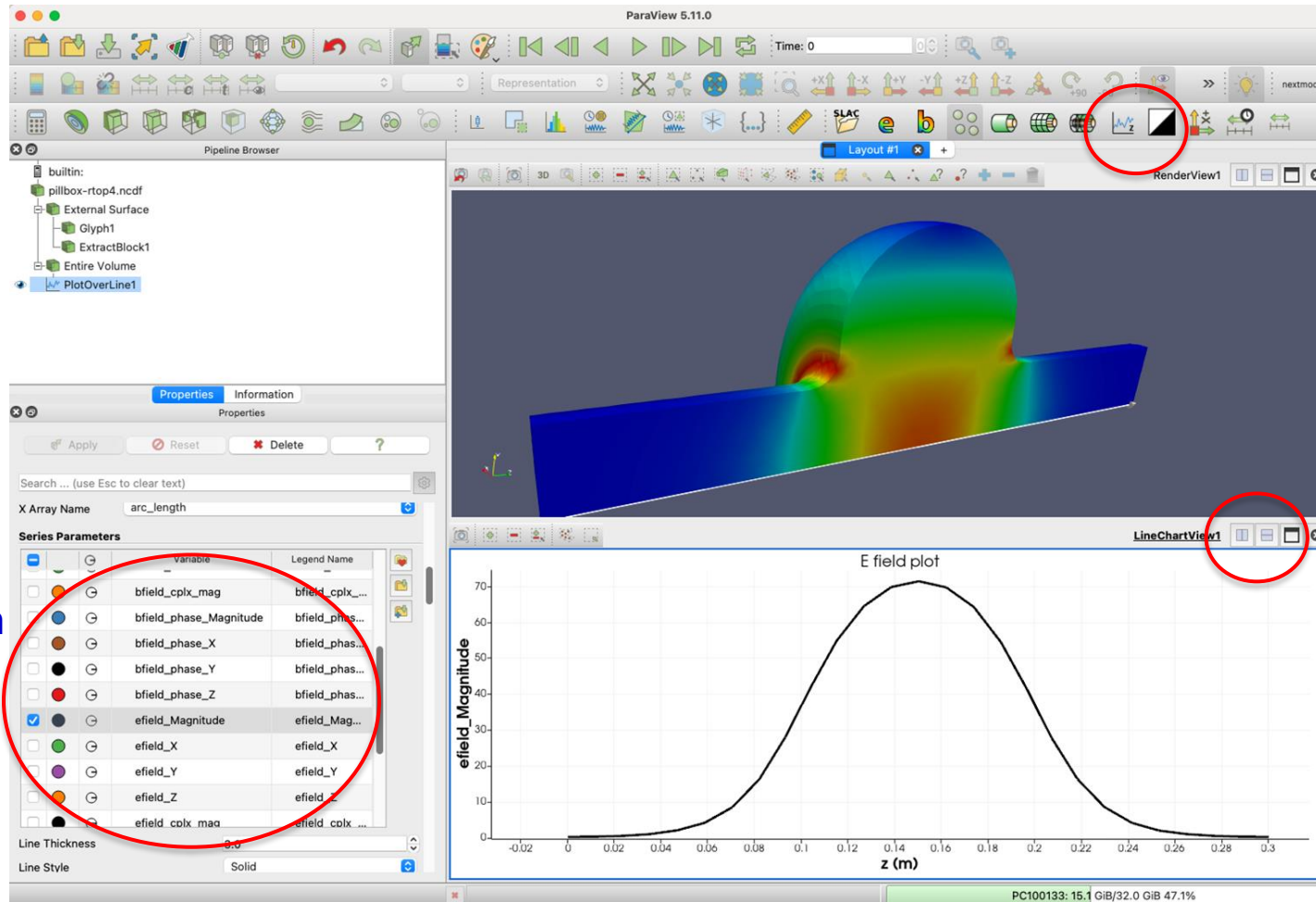


To see through the symmetry plane
High light "External Surface"
Filter -> Alphabetical -> Extract Block
select "[DataSet 6]"

Visualization Using Paraview: Vector Field Plot (Cont'd)



Visualization Using Paraview: Line Plot



Line plot

Layout of plots

Select item to plot

acdtool

acdtool - a set of utility tools for preprocessing and postprocessing

- * acdtool meshconvert: mesh convertor
- * acdtool mesh:
 - stats
 - check
 - deform
 - fix
 - warpsurface
- * acdtool resource

“acdtool” command syntax:

<https://s3df.slac.stanford.edu/people/cho/cw23/commands/acdtool-commands.pdf>

- * acdtool postprocess
 - **rf**
 - eigentomode
 - volmontomode
 - wake_new
 - wake_direct
 - Transwake
 - Coaxsignal
 - Pic3pstats
 - Pic3pconvert
 - Track3p
 - project
 - ...

Post-processing: RF Analysis with adctool

RoverQ

RoverQT

KickFactor

FieldMap

FieldAtPoint

FieldOnLine

FieldOn2DBoundary

FieldOnSurface

MaxFieldsOnSurface

....

“acdttool” Usage

- * **acdttool postprocess rf**
 - Produce a “sample.rfpost” file containing inputs for all functions
 - Modify and rename it to pillbox-rtop.rfpost
- * **acdttool postprocess rf pillbox-rtop.rfpost**
 - perform calculations specified in “pillbox-rtop.rfpost”

sample.rfpost - RFField

```
RFField: {  
  ResultDir   = omega3p_results  
  FreqScanID = 0  
  ModelID    = 0  
  xsymmetry  = magnetic  
  ysymmetry  = magnetic  
  gradient   = -1  
  cavityBeta = 1.00000  
  reversePowerFlow= 0  
  x0         = 0.00000  
  y0         = 0.00000  
  gz1        = -0.057  
  gz2        = 0.057  
  npoint     = 300  
  fmnx       = 10  
  fmny       = 10  
  fmnz       = 50  
}
```

RFField: Field information

- **ResultDir:** The name of the directory where the field solver results are stored
- **FreqScanID:** Frequency scan
- **ModelID:** The mode index
- **x/ysymmetry:** symmetry type
- **gradient:** E field gradient
- **reversePowerFlow:** For omega3p calculation with open ports
- **x0/y0/gz1/gz2:** Integration path for gradient calculation

sample.rfpost – R/Q

RoverQ :

```
{  
  ionoff    = 1  
  modeID1   = -1  
  modeID2   = -1  
  x1        = 0.0  
  x2        = 0.0  
  y1        = 0.00  
  y2        = 0.0  
  z1        = 1000.0  
  z2        = 1000.0  
}
```

- Calculate R/Q
- The unit of R/Q: ohm/cavity
- ionoff: Switch to perform or skip calculation
- modeID1/modeID2: The range of modes for the R/Q calculation
- x1/y1/z1/x2/y2/z2: Start and end points of the integration path for R/Q calculation.

sample.rfpost - FieldMap

```
FieldMap
{
  ionoff    =    1
  nx        =   20
  ny        =   20
  nz        =   50
  x1        =  0.00000
  x2        =  0.00000
  y1        =  0.00100
  y2        =  0.00100
  z1        = 100000.0
  z2        = 100000.0
}
```

- Outputs a field map on a regular grid
- The field map data:
Efieldmap.dat
Bfield-map.dat
- ionoff: Switch to perform or skip FieldMap calculation
- nx/ny/nz: The numbers of grid lines in x, y, z
- x1/x2/y1/y2/z1/z2: The range of grid lines in x /y/z

sample.rfpost - FieldonLine

FieldOnLine

```
{  
  ionoff    =    1  
  npoint    =   300  
  filename  = filename1  
  rfphase   =   0.00000  
  x1        =   0.00000  
  x2        =   0.00000  
  y1        =   0.00000  
  y2        =   0.00000  
  z1        = 1000000000.0  
  z2        = 1000000000.0  
}
```

- Calculate E and B fields along a line
- npoint: The number of points along the line to be calculated
- rfphase: The rf phase at which the fields will be evaluated
- filename: The output file for the fields along the line.
- x1/y1/z1/x2/y2/z2: Start and end points of the line for the field evaluation

sample.rfpost - maxFieldsOnSurface

```
maxFieldsOnSurface
{
  ionoff    =    1
  surfaceID =    6
}
```

- Calculate the maximum fields on a surface
- surfaceID: The ID of the surface where the maximum surface fields are evaluated. It is set in Cubit.
- The mode with ModelID specified in RFField.

Postprocess Output – General Information

```
***** Omega3P/S3P Mode Summary *****
** Omega3P/S3P Mode Summary:
**
** Total number of modes : 2
**   ModelID      Frequency(r,i)      Qext
**   0           1.31381e+09, 0.00000e+00  0.00000e+00
**   1           2.32914e+09, 0.00000e+00  0.00000e+00
**
** Model bounding box: ( 0.00000e+00, 0.00000e+00 -1.50000e-01)
**                   ( 1.00005e-01, 1.00123e-01 1.50000e-01)
**
** -----
** Mode used:
**   ModelID = 0
**   Frequency = 1.31381e+09, 0.00000e+00
*****
```

[scaling]

```
{
  ModelID: 0
  Integral: x0 = 0.0000e+00, y0 = 0.0000e+00
            gz1 = -5.7000e-02, gz2 = 5.7000e-02
            V   = (-6.0358e-03, -4.5814e+00) (normalized field)
            ga  = 4.01881e+01 (normalized field)
  E,B m_factor = 4.97660e+05
}
```

Postprocess Output – R/Q

```
RoverQ: {
  ionoff   =   1
  modelD1  =  -1
  modelD2  =  -1
  x1       =  0.00000
  x2       =  0.00000
  y1       =  0.0000
  y2       =  0.0000
  z1       = -0.15000
  z2       =  0.15000
}
[RoverQ]
{ // RoverQ=V^2/(omega*U)
  Integral: x1 = 0.0000e+00, y1 = 0.0000e+00, z1 =-1.5000e-01
            x2 = 0.0000e+00, y2 = 0.0000e+00, z2 = 1.5000e-01
  ModelID  Frequency      |V|      RoQ(ohm/cavity)
    0  1.31381e+09    4.18073e+00    1.19567e+02
    1  2.32914e+09    6.26119e-04    1.51273e-06
}
```

Postprocess Output – Surface Field

```
maxFieldsOnSurface
{
  ionoff    =    1
  surfaceID =    6
}
```

```
[maxFieldsOnSurface]
{
  surfaceID : 6
  ModelID : 0
  Emax : 3.92574e+07 (V/m) at ( 0.0000e+00, 4.2739e-02, 4.5782e-02)
  Hmax : 5.80786e+04 (A/m) at ( 5.8915e-03, 8.8207e-02, 3.0153e-02)
}
```

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Demo