

# CFD on HPC – OpenFOAM

Literature and OF Tools



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# Literature

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There are two main web pages with links to literature:

- ▶ [openfoam.org](http://openfoam.org) (on PC workstations)
- ▶ [cfd.direct](http://cfd.direct) (on HPC systems)

User guides:

- ▶ User Guide #1
- ▶ User Guide #2
- ▶ Programming Guide – Learn c++ code!

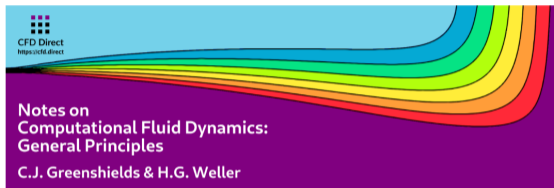
My GitHub repository:

- ▶ [OpenFOAM\\_School@github](https://github.com/OpenFOAM_School)

## Link to GoogleDrive location for myOpenFOAM



[link to the book](#)



### About the Book

*Notes on Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)* was written for people who use CFD in their work, research or study, providing essential *knowledge* to perform CFD analysis with confidence. It offers a modern perspective on CFD with the finite volume method, as implemented in OpenFOAM and other popular general-purpose CFD software. Fluid dynamics, turbulence modelling and boundary conditions are presented alongside the numerical methods and algorithms in a series of short, digestible topics, or *notes*, that contain complete, concise and relevant information. The book benefits from the experience of the authors: Henry Weller, core developer of OpenFOAM since writing its first lines in 1989; and, Chris Greenshields, who has delivered over 650 days of CFD training with OpenFOAM.

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## GMSH Tools

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## Set GMSH environment

```
1 1. load module gmsh:
2   $> ml av gmsh (check target version)
3   $> ml gmsh/4.11.1-foss-2022a
4
5 2. Run gmsh:
6   $> gmsh
```



To use Python environment we need only to load it

```
1 1. load module python:  
2   $> ml av python (check target version)  
3   $> ml python-version  
4  
5 2. Create new env:  
6   $> python3 -m venv local  
7  
8 3. Activate new env:  
9   $> source local/bin/activate
```



To be able to run advanced GMSH examples we need to set up Python environment

```
1 1. load module python:
2   $> ml av python (check target version)
3   $> ml python-version
4
5 2. Create new env:
6   $> python3 -m venv local
7
8 3. Activate new env:
9   $> source local/bin/activate
10
11 4. Install new packages (active env local):
12  $(local)> pip install numpy scipy sympy matplotlib gmsh
```

# OpenFOAM Tools

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To use OpenFOAM environment we need to load

```
1 List available modules:
2   $> module avail openfoam
3   $> ml av openfoam (equivalent with upper command)
4
5 For OpenFOAM to be running on HPC@ULFS we need to load this modules:
6   $> ml OpenFOAM
7   $> source $FOAM_BASH (set new OpenFOAM environment variables)
```



## Additional modules for OpenFOAM environment

```
1 Load additional modules to support gnuplot in OpenFOAM:
2   $> ml OpenFOAM
3   $> source $FOAM_BASH
4
5   $> ml av gnuplot (for foamMonitor application)
6   $> ml spider gnuplot-version (see needed additional modules to load)
7
8   and load your Python envn with
9   $> source work/Python/local/bin/activate (or path where your local
    Python is)
```



Add the following part at the end in `system/controlDict`

```
1 functions
2 {
3     #includeFunc residuals
4 }
```

Create residual dictionary file `system/residuals` and include

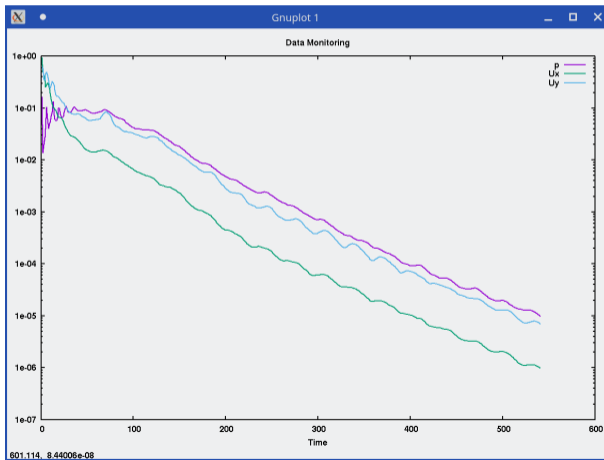
```
1 #includeEtc "caseDicts/postProcessing/numerical/residuals.cfg"
2
3 fields (p U);
```

Run monitor command

```
1 foamMonitor -l -r 1 postProcessing/residuals/0/residuals.dat
```



```
1 foamMonitor -l -r 1 postProcessing/residuals/0/residuals.dat
```



## Parallel run OpenFOAM @ HPC

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Parallel run is executed via `srun` command (for help: `srun -help`)

```
$> srun --mpi=pmix -c 5 -p haswell foamRun -parallel
```

**Important:** Use only the partition *haswell*!

To check your queue use command

```
$> squeue or only for user jobs $> squeue --me
```

To cancel use command

```
$> scancel JOBID
```

Check HPC constellation

```
$> sinfo
```



Parallel run is executed via **srun** command as seen.

To automatise the process, all commands are packed in shell script and run with command

```
$> sbatch parallel_run.sh
```

Links to Slurm help:

- ▶ [Slurm help](#)
- ▶ [Slurm help @ FS-HPC](#)



Bash script containing all commands to run OpenFOAM at HPC

```
1 #!/bin/bash
2 #SBATCH --export=ALL,LD_PRELOAD=
3 #SBATCH --partition=haswell
4 #SBATCH --mem=0
5 #SBATCH --ntasks 32
6 #SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=16
7
8 module purge
9 module load OpenFOAM
10 source $FOAM_BASH
11
12 # Source tutorial run functions
13 source $FOAM_ETC/./bin/tools/RunFunctions
```



```
14 # Path to running case
15 caseName="cavityFine"
16 cd $caseName
17
18 # decompose the case (number of decompositions is equal to --ntasks)
19 runApplication decomposePar
20
21 # run parallel
22 echo "Start $(getApplication) in parallel. Log is written in case/log.$(
    getApplication)!"
23 srun --mpi=pmix $(getApplication) -parallel
24
25 # Check the running process with: tail -f case/log.$(getApplication)
```



## Thank you for attention!



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