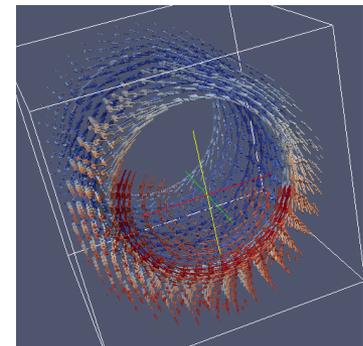
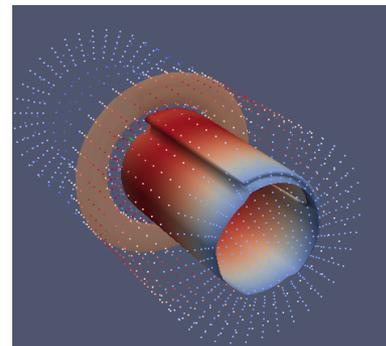
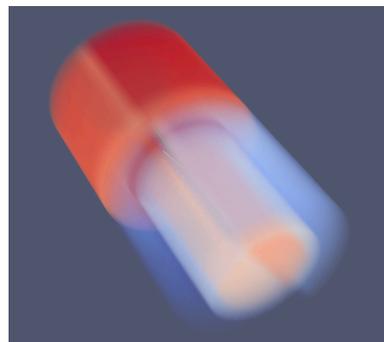
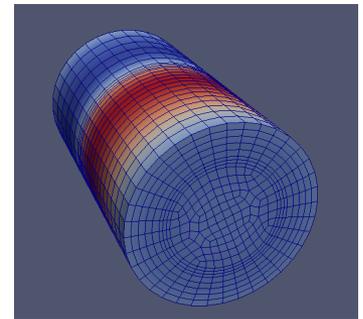
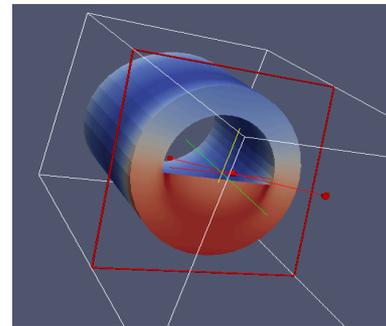
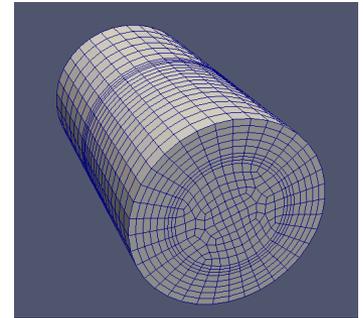


Basic Visualization Techniques & ParaView

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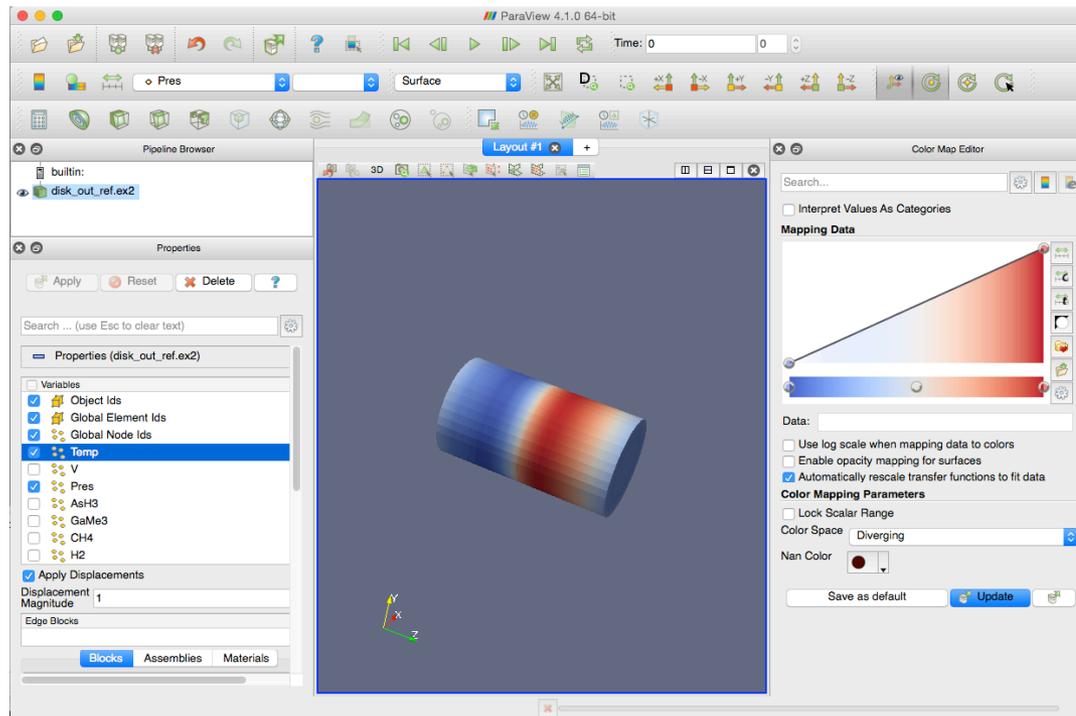
Visualizing Scientific Data

- Common Visualization Techniques
 - Mesh view
 - Outer surface with attributes
 - Slicing
 - Glyphing
 - Contouring
 - Volume rendering



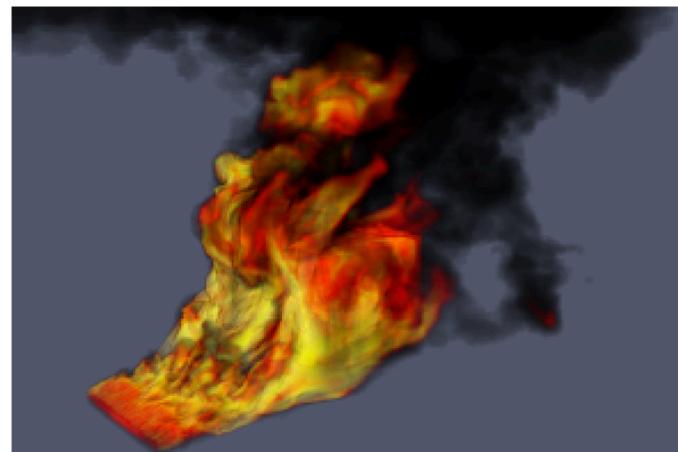
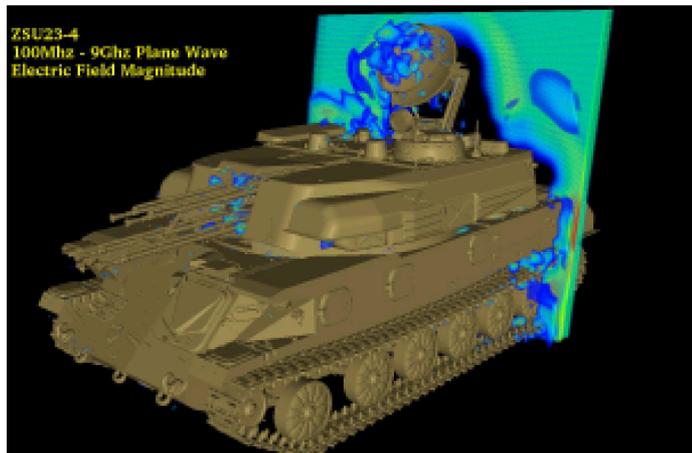
Visualization Software

- We will explain how to generate the common visualizations using the ParaView visualization software

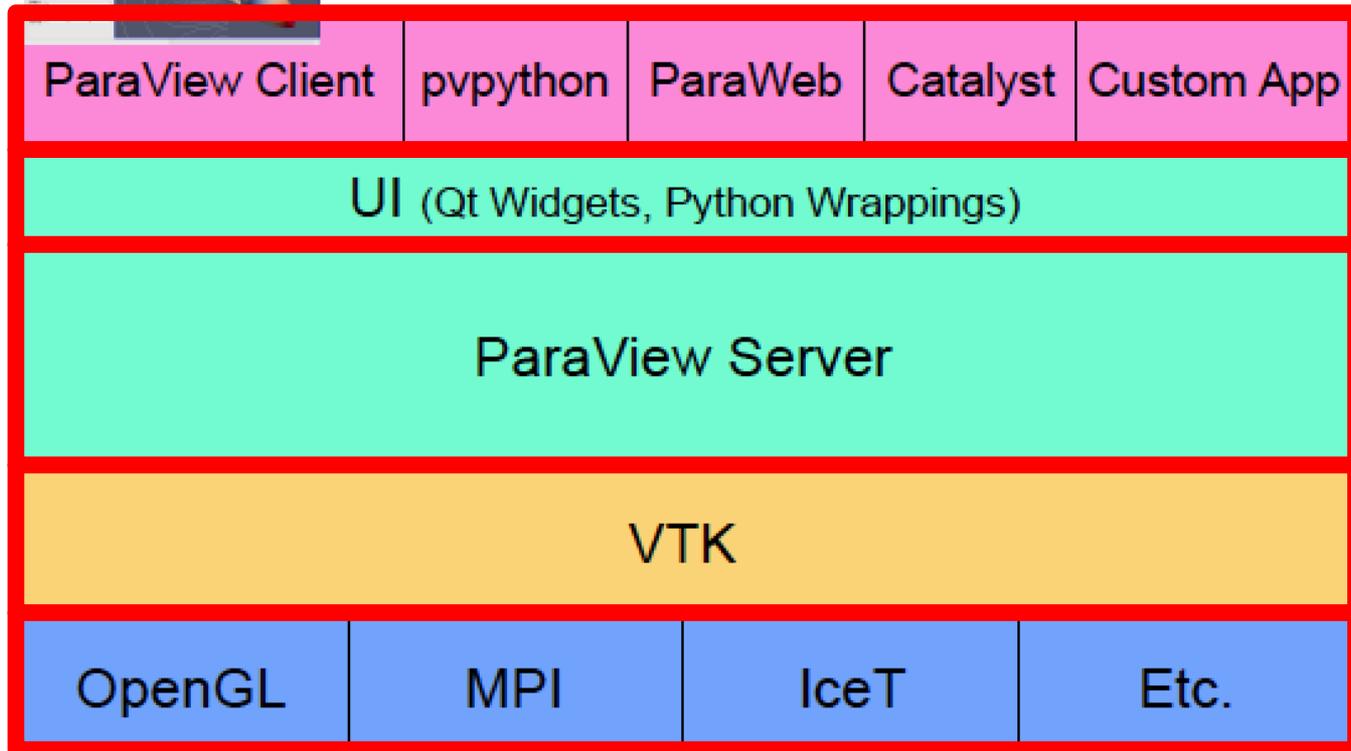
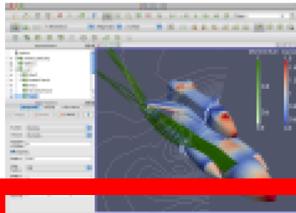


What is ParaView

- An open-source application for visualizing scientific data sets
- Supports a wide range of platforms, from laptop to supercomputers with 100,000 cores
- Built on top of VTK, the visualization toolkit, but with intuitive graphical user interface
- Modular design, can be controlled using scripting language such as python
- Can run on distributed memory parallel computers to process large data sets

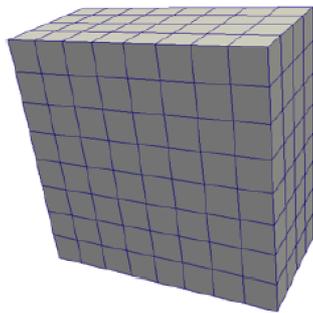


ParaView Software Stack

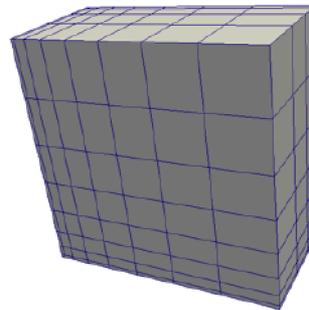


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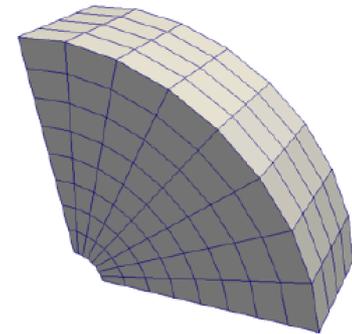
- ParaView can process the following types of spatial data



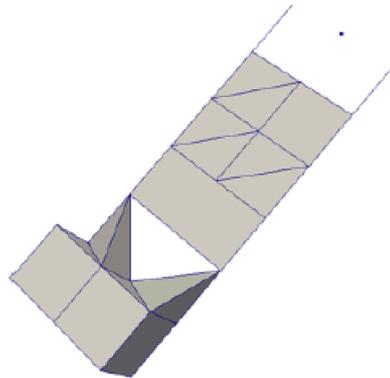
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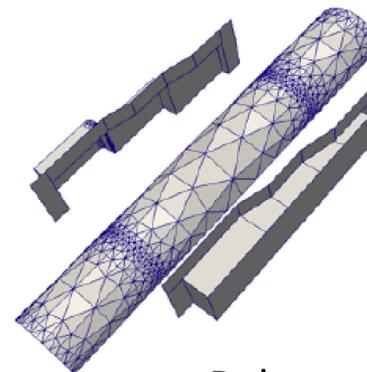
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Unstructured Grid



Polygons

ParaView User Interface

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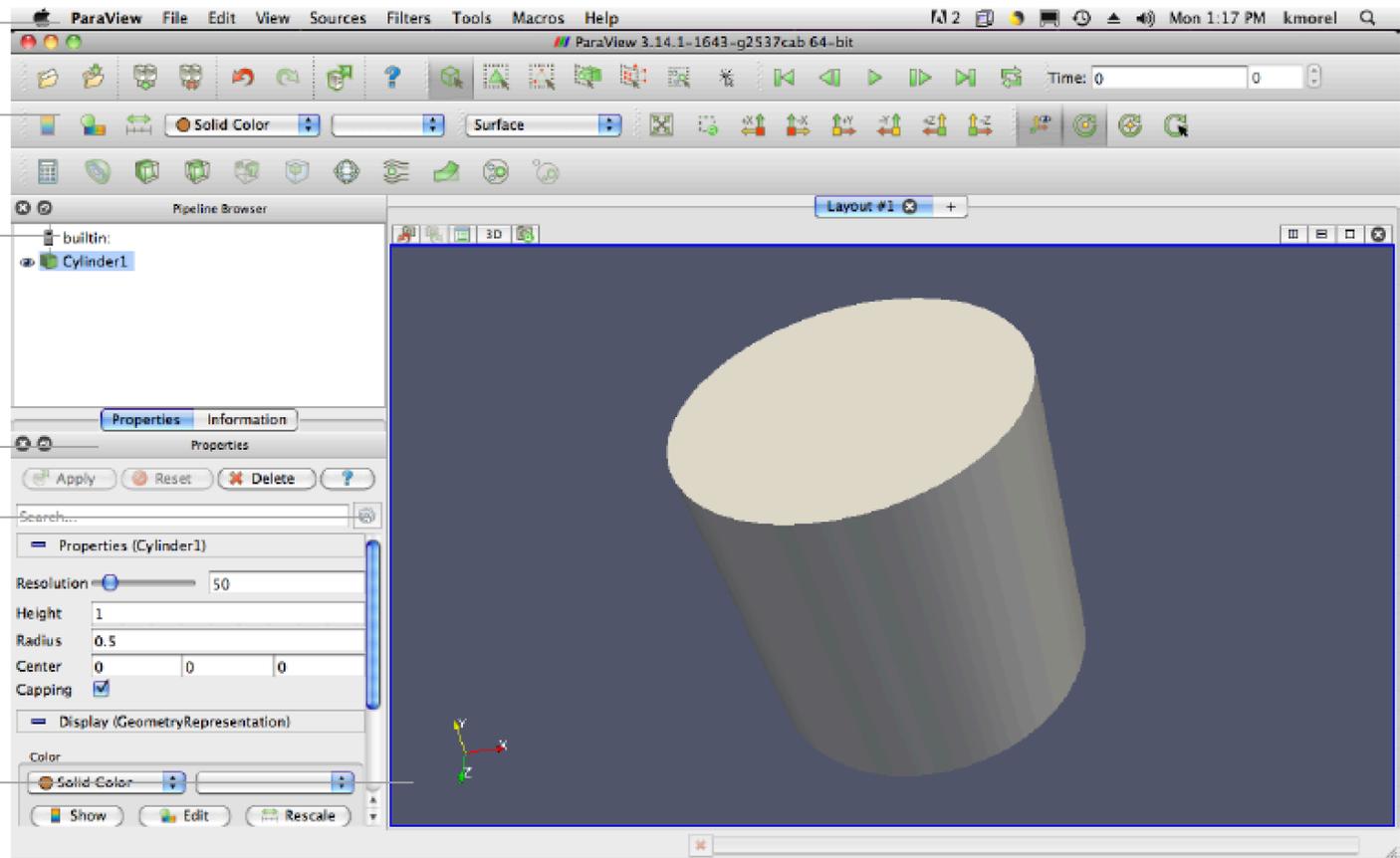
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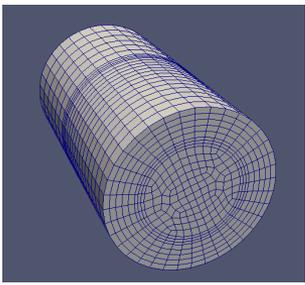
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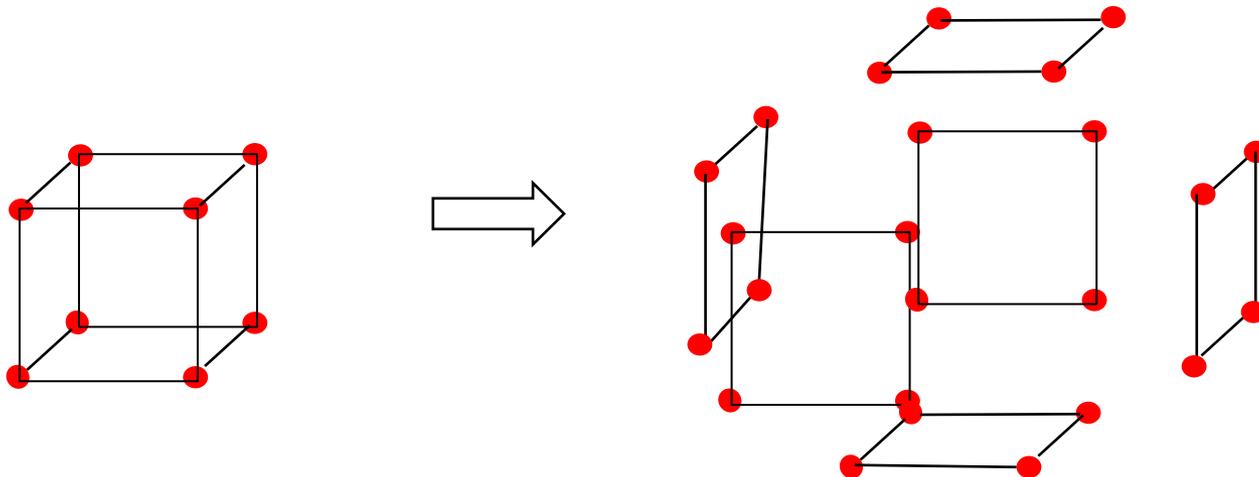
3D View





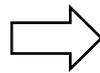
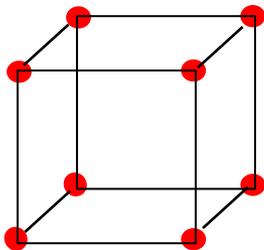
Mesh View

- Convert the faces of each cell in the data set into polygons
- Draw the face either in wireframe or surface (or both) mode using a preferred graphics library (such as OpenGL)

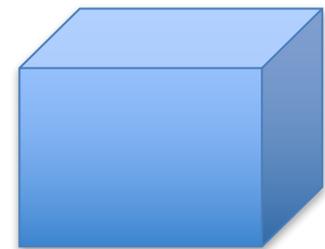
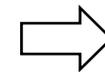


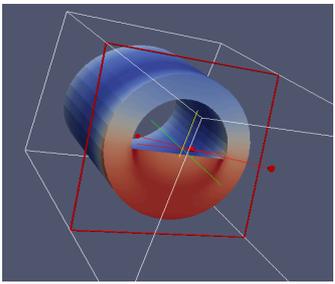
Mesh Surface with Colors

- Map the attribute values at the vertices of each cell to colors by a lookup table
- Draw the faces in surface mode with the color attributes using a preferred graphics library (such as OpenGL)
- Colors are interpolated across the surface



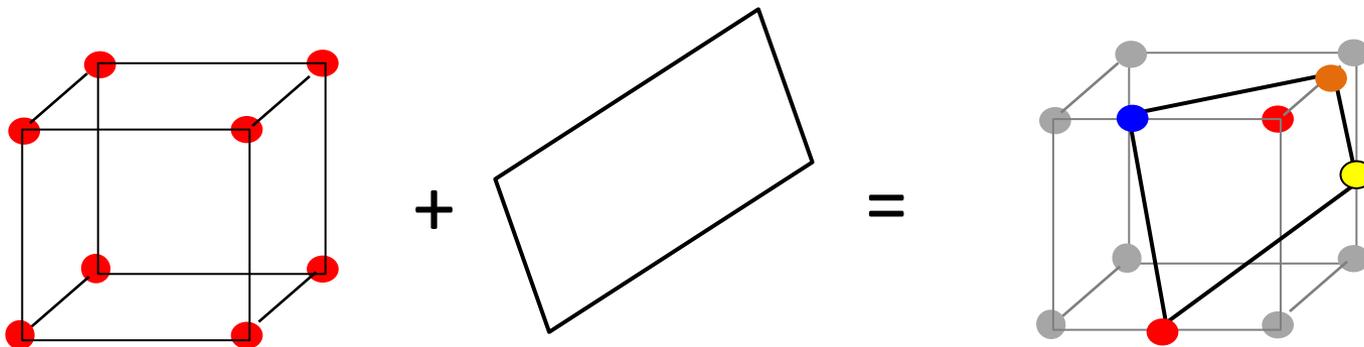
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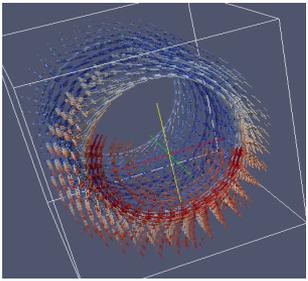




Data Slicing

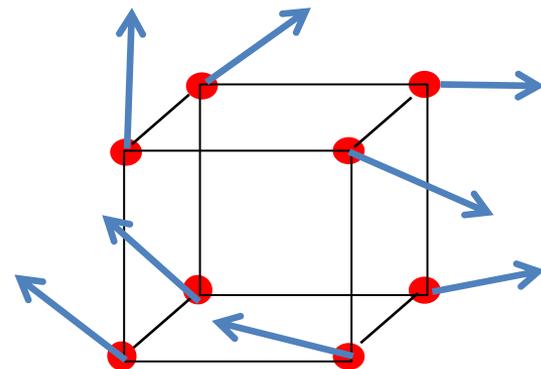
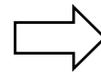
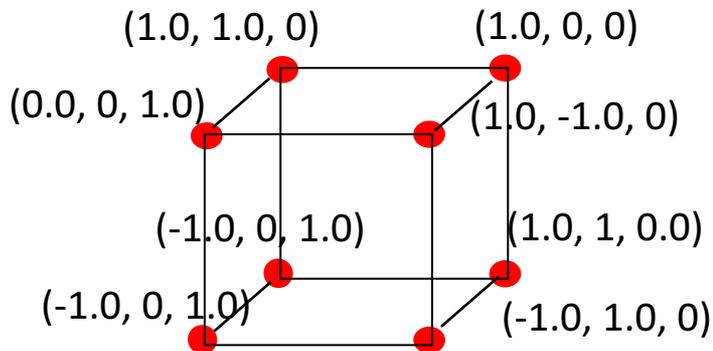
- Intersecting the mesh with a slicing surface (slicer)
- The slicer can be represented as an implicit function $f(x,y,z) = 0$
- A plane is typically used ($Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$), but does not need to be
- Data attributes are sampled at the intersection points between the slicer and the mesh, and the resulting polygonal mesh is rendered

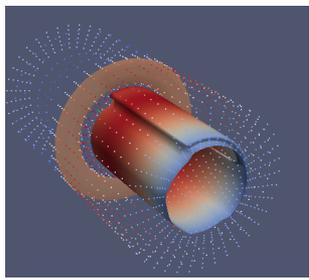




Glyphing

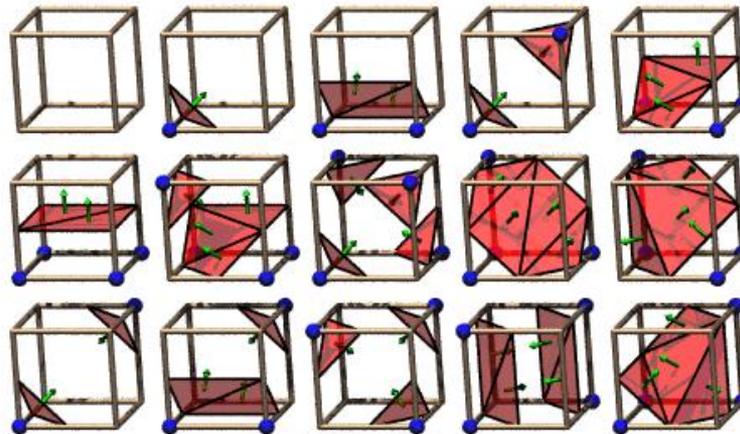
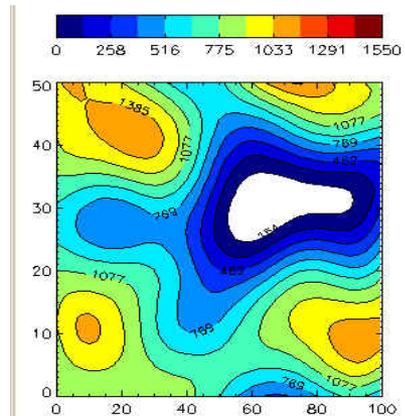
- Graphical objects shown at selected points (e.g. grid points) to display the data
 - Pros: Precise
 - Cons: extremely local, and can cause visual cluttering
- Example: arrows to depict vectors





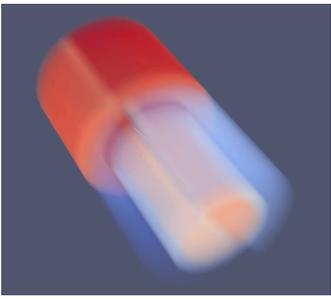
Contouring

- Show all the points whose attribute values equal to a constant; $f(x,y,z) = C$
- Contouring on a 2D surface: curves
- Contouring in a 3D volume: surfaces
- Discrete algorithms are needed to extract the contours (e.g. Marching Cubes)



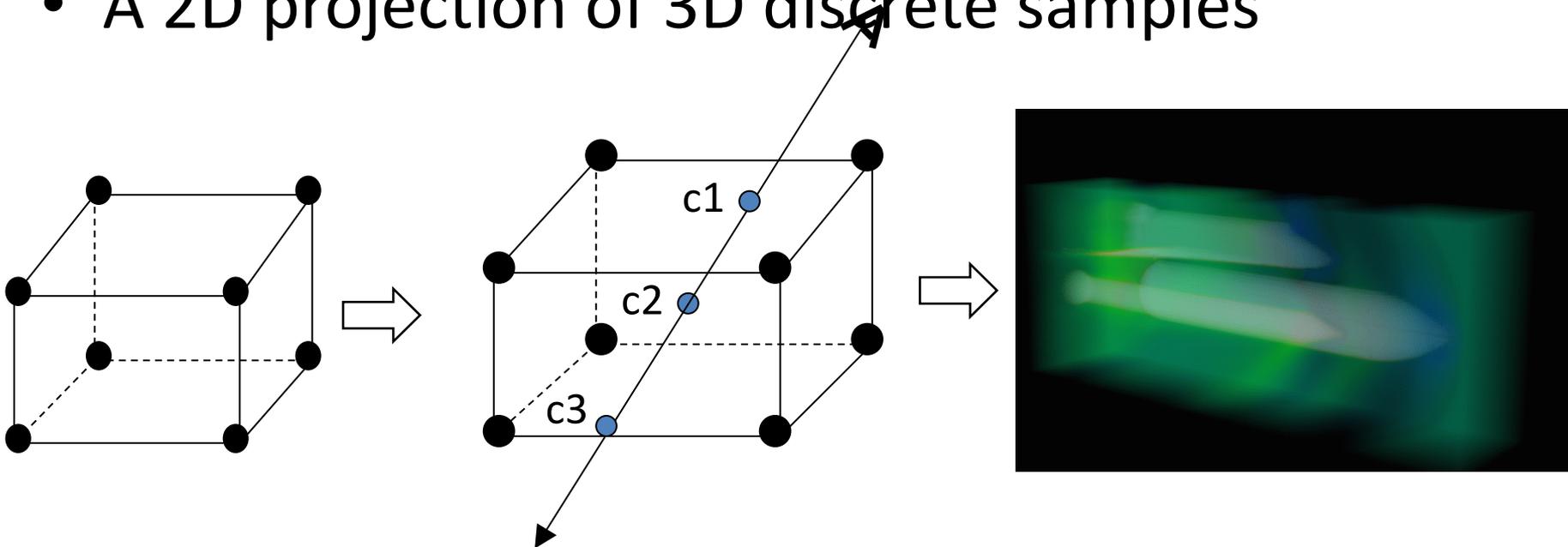
The 15 Cube Combinations





Volume Rendering

- A method to visualize the entire 3D data set by simulating light transport across the volume
- A 2D projection of 3D discrete samples



ParaView Demo

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Menu Bar

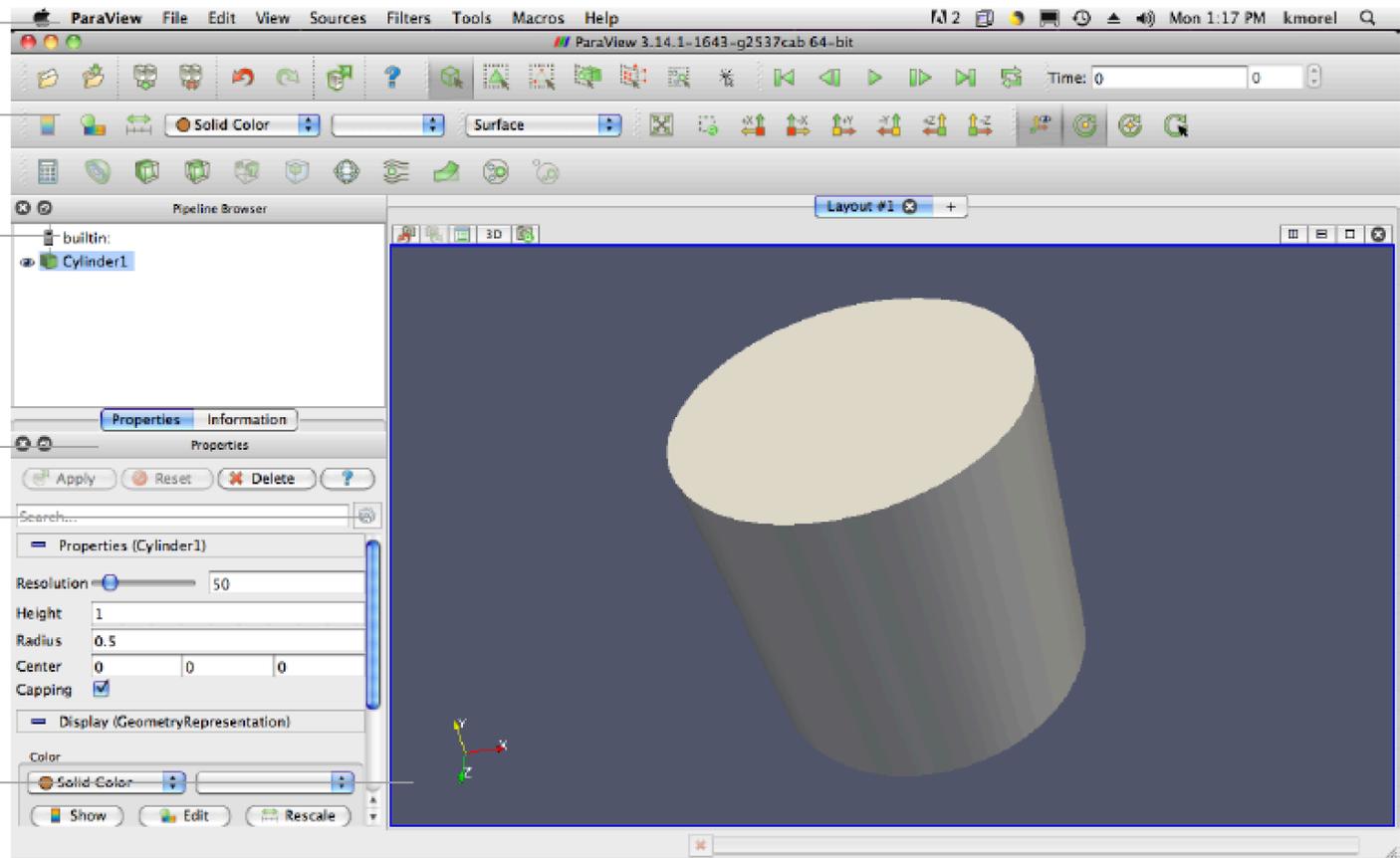
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