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Implementation of Viscous Effects in RELAP5 – 3D

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Background

- ***Comparison: RELAP5-3D Systems Analysis Code & Fluent CFD Code Momentum Eq. Formulations, R5 User's Group Presentation August 27, 2003***
- **Laminar velocity profile is the same as turbulent**
- **Free-Slip wall boundary condition**

The Motivations

- **More accurate model of laminar flow and wall affects**
 - **Better agreement with data and analytical calculations**
- **Better coupling of CFD and RELAP5-3D**
- **Add options and capabilities to RELAP5-3D**
- **Add effects without perturbing existing code**

Modifying the Liquid Momentum Equation

$$1) \quad \rho \left(\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial t} + v_r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} + \frac{v_\theta}{r} \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial \theta} + v_z \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \rho g_z +$$

$$\mu \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v_z}{\partial z^2} \right]$$

1-phase z-dir

$$2) \quad \alpha_f \rho_f A \frac{\partial v_f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_f \rho_f A \frac{\partial v_f^2}{\partial z} =$$

$$-\alpha_f A \frac{\partial P}{\partial z} + \alpha_f \rho_f B_x A - (\alpha_f \rho_f A) F W F(v_f) - \Gamma_y A (v_f I - v_f)$$

$$-(\alpha_f \rho_f A) F I F(v_f - v_g) - C \alpha_f \alpha_g \rho_m A \left[\frac{\partial (v_f - v_g)}{\partial t} + v_g \frac{\partial v_f}{\partial z} - v_f \frac{\partial v_g}{\partial z} \right]$$

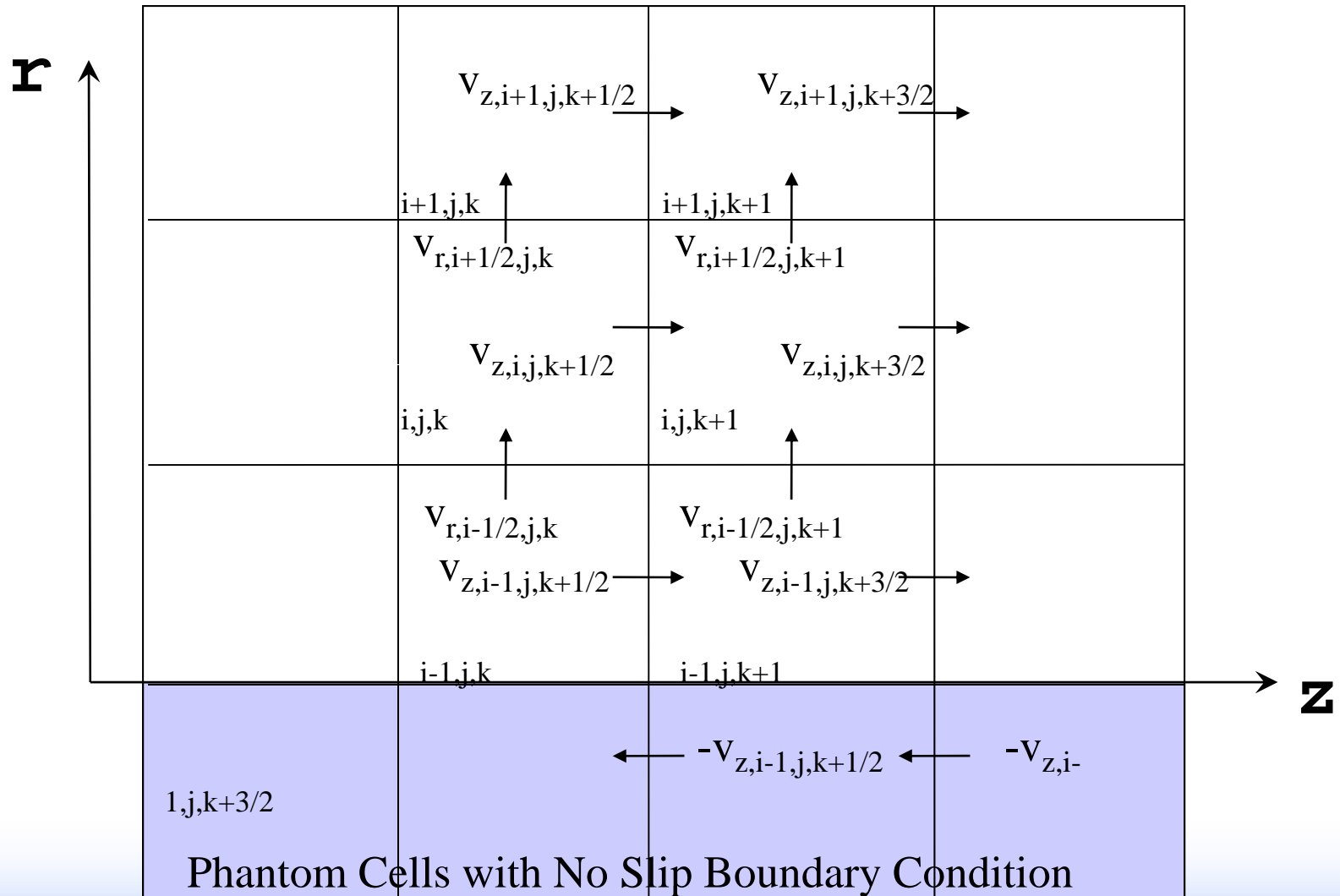
2-phase no viscous term

$$3) \quad \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{1}{r_i} \left[\frac{r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \Big|_{i+\frac{1}{2}} - r \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial r} \Big|_{i-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Delta r_i} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r_i} \left\{ \frac{r_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{v_{z,i+1} - v_{z,i}}{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta r_{i+1} + \Delta r_i)} \right] - r_{i-\frac{1}{2}} \left[\frac{v_{z,i} - v_{z,i-1}}{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta r_i + \Delta r_{i-1})} \right]}{\Delta r_i} \right\}$$

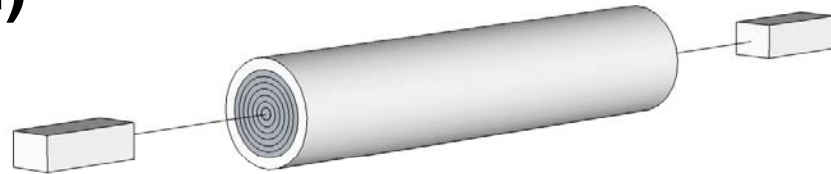
Finite difference discretization of one viscous term

R-Z Grid & BC Treatment

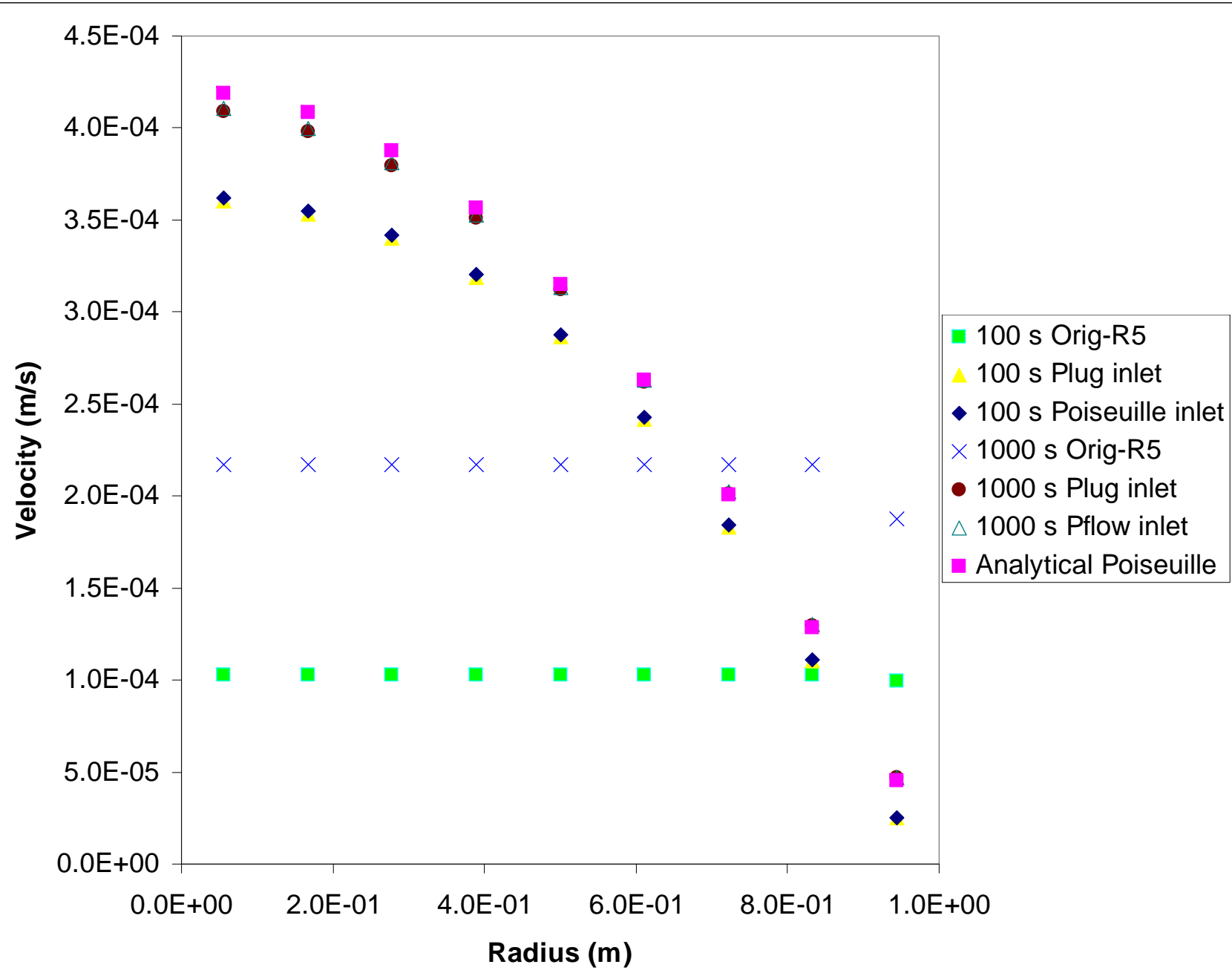


Model 1 – Classic Poiseuille Flow

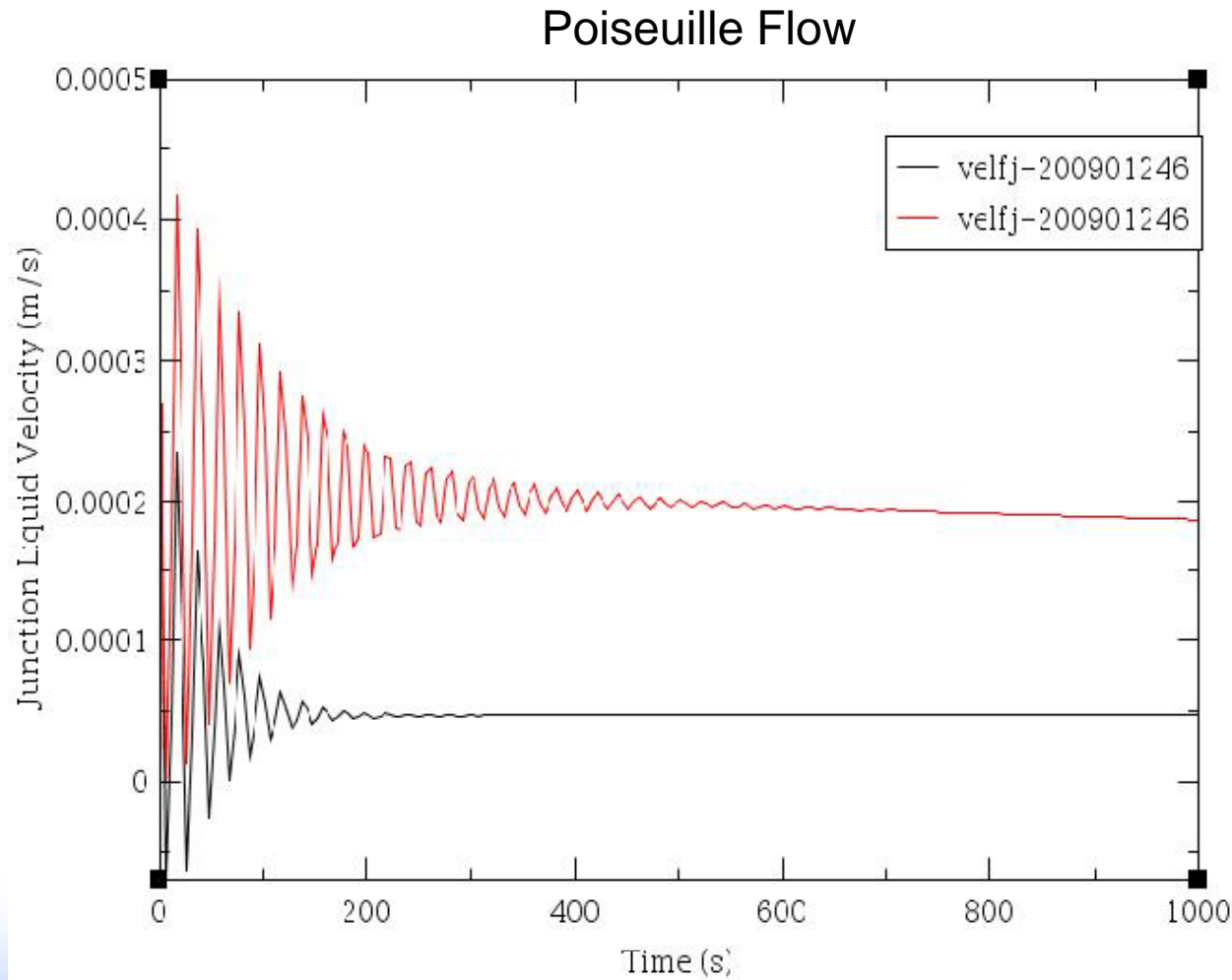
- Inlet velocity profile: Poiseuille or plug-flow
- Friction only in wall radial zone.
- 25 axial zones ($L = 2500$ m)
- 9 radial zones ($D = 2$ m)
- 1 azimuthal zone
- Laminar flow



Cylindrical Geometry Axial Flow Velocity

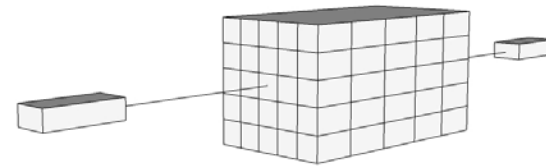


Viscous Effect on Convergence

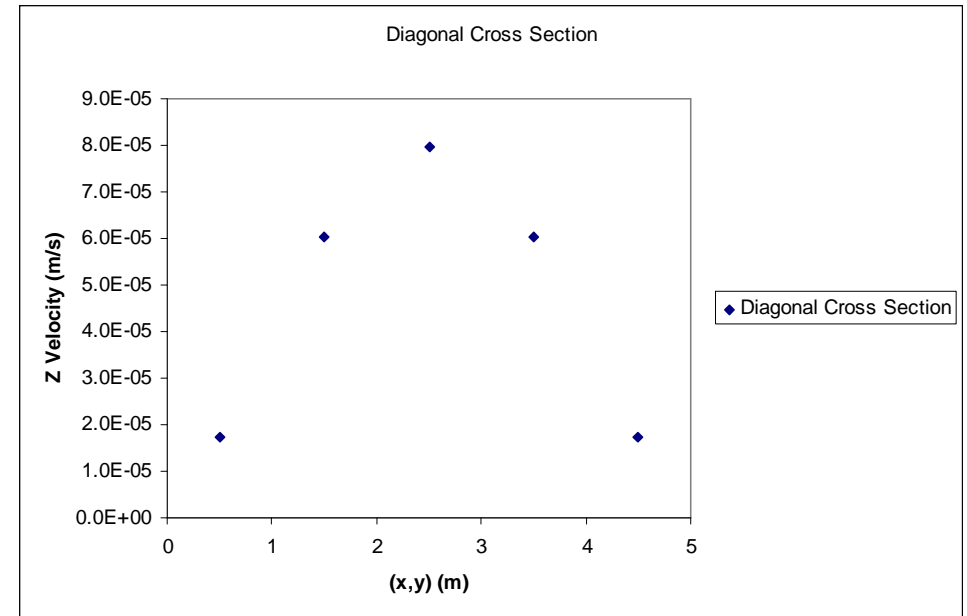
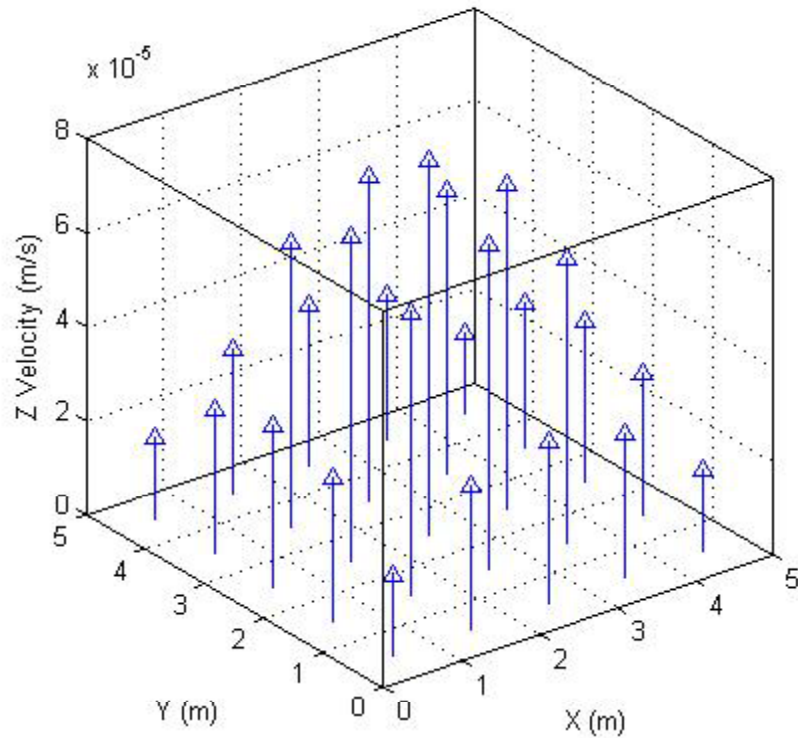


Model 2: Rectangular Duct

- Laminar plug-flow velocity profile inlet
- 5x5 x-y zones (Area = 25 m²)
- 5 axial zones (L = 500 m)

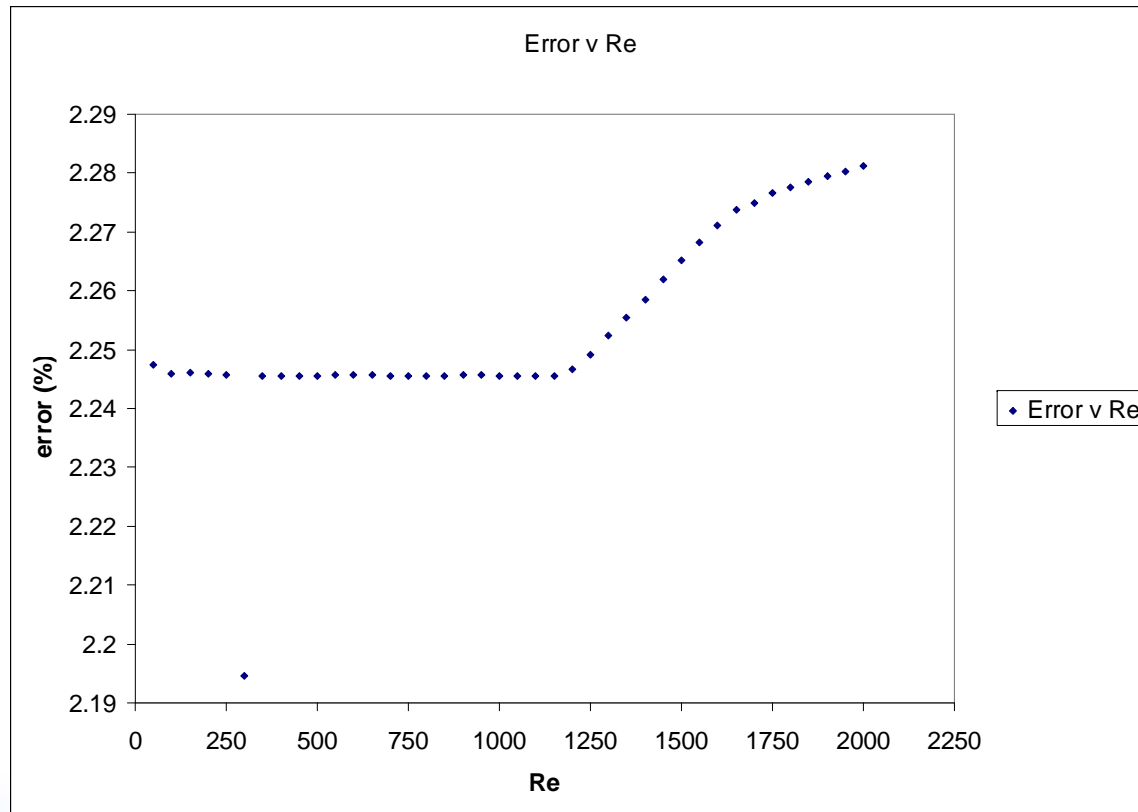


Cartesian 3-D Velocity Profile



Error vs Reynolds Number

- Error @ 1000 sec @ centermost control volume.



Coding Update to Version 2.9.3

- **Coding changes to subroutines FLUX3D, RCHNG**
 - **As internal subroutine VISCOUS**
 - **Unconditionally called from 3 places within FLUX3D**
 - **Protected by pre-compiler directive, VISCOUST**
 - **Controlled by user option 31 (card 1 option)**
- **Two test cases added to run/ directory**
 - **Pois_xyz.i and pois_cyl.i**
 - **Script runn augmented to run these two models**

Future Work

- **Implement viscous effects in Turbulent Regime**
 - **Several different models**
- **Implement in Two-Phase**
 - **Currently only for liquid**
- **Extend to nearly-implicit advancement**

Conclusions

- **Viscous Terms added to RELAP5-3D momentum equations**
 - **Semi-implicit only**
 - **3D regions only**
 - **Liquid phase only**
 - **Laminar only**
 - **Cartesian and cylindrical geometries**
- **Transient approaches steady-state more quickly with viscous terms than without for Poiseuille flow**

Conclusions

- **Code approaches theoretical Poiseuille flow as transient approaches steady-state in**
 - a cylindrical pipe
 - a rectangular duct
- **Code error from theoretical @ 1000 sec is under 2.28%**
 - It increases with Reynolds number past $Re=1250$
- **Overall improvement in code stability and accuracy for some laminar flow conditions demonstrated.**