

# Simulating Hagen-Poiseuille flow in OpenFOAM.

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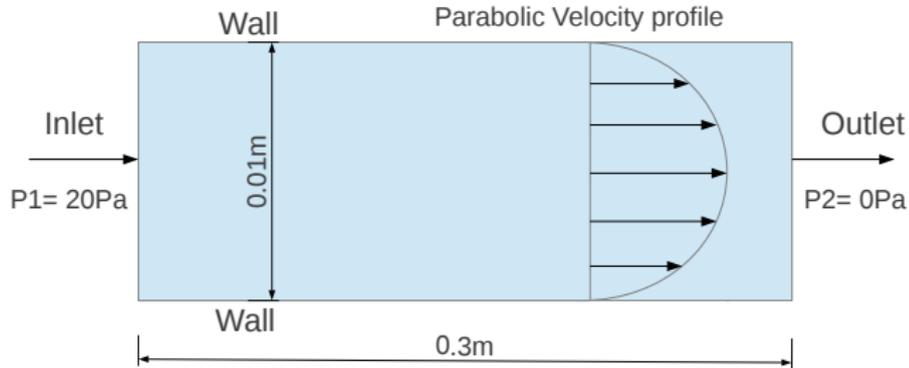
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# Hagen-Poiseuille Flow Diagram



For Water,  
 $\mu$  = Dynamic Viscosity =  $1\text{e-}03$   
 $\eta$  = kinematic viscosity =  $1\text{e-}06$



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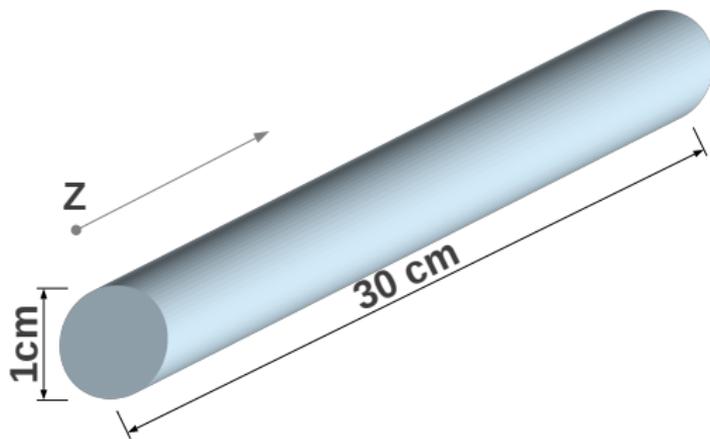
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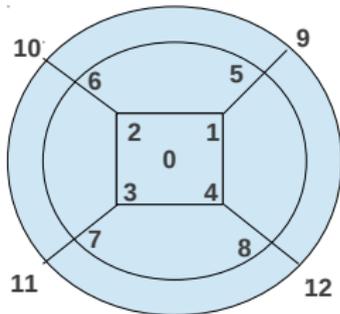


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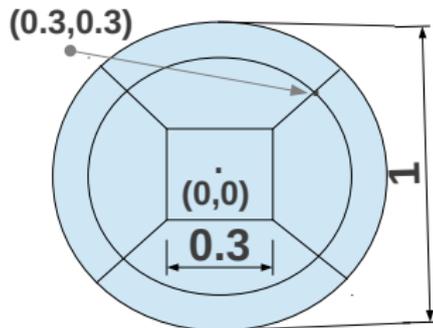
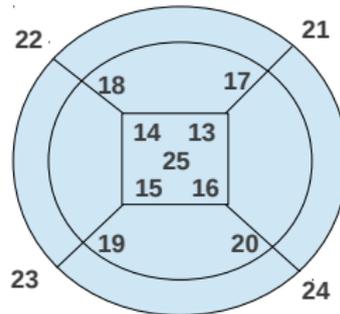


# Blocking Strategy

Back Face:



Front Face:



**DIMENSIONS**  
(in cm)



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- Change the geometry parameters such as length and diameter.
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- Use the fluid of different viscosity.



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# Spoken Tutorial Workshops

## The Spoken Tutorial Project Team

- Conducts workshops using spoken tutorials
- Gives certificates to those who pass an online test
- For more details, please write to [contact@spoken-tutorial.org](mailto:contact@spoken-tutorial.org)



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