

**Introduction to
SAMRAI VisIt Data Writer
&
VisIt**

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Outline of Talk

- **VisIt vs. Vizamrai.**
- **How to create VisIt dump files in SAMRAI.**
- **Overview of VisIt visualizations.**

New SAMRAI VisIt Data Writer Capabilities

- **Node-centered data as well as cell-centered.**
- **Deformed AMR meshes (moving grids).**
- **Variables don't need to exist on all patches.**
- **Subsets of processors in parallel runs can dump to one file.**

New SAMRAI VisIt Data Writer Capabilities (cont'd)

- **Dumps from parallel runs need no assembly.**
- **Ghost data can be dumped.**
- **Material-related data can be dumped.**
- **2nd order tensors can be dumped.**

SAMRAI's VisIt Data Writer Usage Schema

- 1. Create Data Writer Object (DWO)**
- 2. [Set default derived data writer]**
- 3. Register variables to be dumped**
- 4. DWO:Write registered items to dump file**

Normally, steps 1 - 3 are done once at the beginning of the simulation, and step 4 repeated as necessary. However, step 3 can also be repeated, allowing new variables to be added to the dump at future time steps.

There is no provision for de-registering a data item.

SAMRAI
VisItDataWriter

Public Methods

Constructor

- **VisItDataWriter**(
 string& object_name,
 string& dump_directory_name,
 int number_procs_per_file = 1);

object_name

String name for object (for debugging purposes only).

dump_directory_name

Name for dump directory, may include a path.

number_procs_per_file

Optional. Number processors to share a common dump file.

Registering Data

- **State Variables**
- **Optionally:**
 - **Derived Data**
 - **Coordinates of Deformed Grids**
 - **Material Data**

- **registerPlotScalar**(
 string& variable_name,
 int patch_data_array_index,
 int depth_index = 0,
 double scale_factor = 1.0,
 bool omit_ghost_data = false);

variable_name *String name of variable.*

patch_data_array_index *Integer patch data array index.*

depth_index *Optional integer parameter specifying the component of the data to be written as a scalar.*

scale_factor *Optional parameter specifying double precision scale factor with which to multiply all data values.*

omit_ghost_data *Optional. If this scalar field has ghost data, and you want the data writer **not** to write out the ghost data, set to true.*

- **registerPlotVector**(
 string& variable_name,
 int patch_data_array_index,
 double scale_factor = 1.0,
 int start_depth_index = 0,
 bool omit_ghost_data = false);

variable_name *String name of variable.*

patch_data_array_index *Integer patch data array index.*

scale_factor *Optional parameter specifying double precision scale factor with which to multiply all data values.*

start_depth_index *Optional integer parameter specifying depth index of first component of vector to be written.*

omit_ghost_data *Optional. If this scalar field has ghost data, and you want the data writer **not** to write out the ghost data, set to true.*

- **registerPlotTensor**(
 string& variable_name,
 int patch_data_array_index,
 double scale_factor = 1.0,
 int start_depth_index = 0,
 bool omit_ghost_data = false);

variable_name *String name of variable.*

patch_data_array_index *Integer patch data array index.*

scale_factor *Optional parameter specifying double precision scale factor with which to multiply all data values.*

start_depth_index *Optional integer parameter specifying depth index of first component of tensor to be written.*

omit_ghost_data *Optional. If this scalar field has ghost data, and you want the data writer **not** to write out the ghost data, set to true.*

- **resetLevelPlotScalar(
 string **variable_name**,
 int **level_number**,
 int **patch_data_array_index**,
 int **depth_index = 0**);**

variable_name *String name of variable.*

level_number *Level number on which data is being reset.*

patch_data_array_index *New patch data array index.*

depth_index *Optional. New depth index, (if one component of vector data being treated as a scalar.)*

Use this method when variable lives at different patch data slots on different hierarchy levels.

- **resetLevelPlotTensor**(
 string **variable_name**,
 int **level_number**,
 int **patch_data_array_index**,
 int **start_depth_index = -1**);

variable_name *String name of variable.*

level_number *Level number on which data is being reset.*

patch_data_array_index *New patch data array index.*

start_depth_index *Optional. New start depth index.
Default is to use original value.*

Writing the Data

Writing the Data

- `writePlotData(
 tbody_Pointer < > hierarchy,
 int time_step,
 double plot_time = 0.0);`

`hierarchy` *pointer to patch hierarchy on which data to be plotted is defined.*

`time_step` *integer value specifying current time step number.*

`plot_time` *Optional argument specifying the double precision plot time.*

Registering Data

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Derived Variable

- **Data that does not exist in the simulation, but which is derived from state variables in the simulation.**

- **For example,**

$$\text{Momentum} = \text{Density} * \text{Velocity}$$

```
registerDerivedPlotScalar(  
    string& variable_name,  
    appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX* derived_writer =  
        (appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX*)NULL,  
    const string& centering = "CELL_CENTERED",  
    double scale_factor = 1.0,  
    const hier_IntVectorX& ghost_cell_width = hier_IntVectorX(0));
```

variable_name

Name of derived scalar variable

derived_writer

Optional derived data strategy object to use to calculate the data..

centering

Optional. May specify "NODE_CENTERED".

scale_factor

Optional. Scale factor.

ghost_cell_width

Optional. Integer vector of ghost cell widths. Default is no ghost data. If non-zero ghost cell width, VisIt expects ghost data to be dumped.

registerDerivedPlotVector(

```
string& variable_name,  
appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX* derived_writer =  
    (appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX*)NULL,  
const string& centering = "CELL_CENTERED",  
double scale_factor = 1.0,  
const hier_IntVectorX& ghost_cell_width = hier_IntVectorX(0));
```

variable_name

Name of derived vector variable

derived_writer

Optional derived data strategy object to use to calculate the data..

centering

Optional. May specify "NODE_CENTERED".

scale_factor

Optional. Scale factor.

ghost_cell_width

Optional. Integer vector of ghost cell widths. Default is no ghost data.

```
registerDerivedPlotTensor(  
    string& variable_name,  
    appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX* derived_writer =  
        (appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX*)NULL,  
    const string& centering = "CELL_CENTERED",  
    double scale_factor = 1.0,  
    const hier_IntVectorX& ghost_cell_width = hier_IntVectorX(0));
```

variable_name	<i>Name of derived tensor variable</i>
derived_writer	<i>Optional derived data strategy object to use to calculate the data..</i>
centering	<i>Optional. May specify "NODE_CENTERED".</i>
scale_factor	<i>Optional. Scale factor.</i>
ghost_cell_width	<i>Optional. Integer vector of ghost cell widths. Default is no ghost data.</i>

- **SetDefaultDerivedDataWriter(
appu_VisDerivedDataStrategyX*
default_derived_writer);**

default_derived_writer *Pointer to default derived data strategy object.*

The default derived data writer will be used only if **registerDerivedPlotScalar/Vector/Tensor()** does not specify a derived data strategy object to use.

For Derived Data, A Class Inherits ...

```
#include "VisDerivedDataStrategy.h"
```

```
Class Applic :
```

```
public VisDerivedDataStrategy
```

---- Applic needs to implement this method ----

```
bool packDerivedDataIntoDoubleBuffer(  
    double *buffer,  
    const hier_PatchX& patch,  
    const hier_BoxX& region,  
    const string& variable_name,  
    int depth_index);
```

Arguments described on next page.

```
bool packDerivedDataIntoDoubleBuffer(  
    double *buffer,  
    const hier_PatchX& patch,  
    const hier_BoxX& region,  
    const string& variable_name,  
    int depth_index);
```

buffer *Double precision buffer, already allocated to correct size.*

patch *Patch on which data exists.*

region *Box region over which to pack data.*

variable_name *Name previously registered for this derived variable.*

depth_index *Depth index of data to be packed. For scalar data, always 0. For vector data this index varies between 0 and NDIM-1, for tensor data index varies between 0 and (NDIM*NDIM)-1.*

Return Value *Boolean indicating if derived data exists on this patch.*

Registering Data

- State Variables
- **Optionally:**
 - Derived Data
 - **Coordinates of Deformed Grids**
 - Material Data

Registering Coordinates of Deformed Structured AMR Grids

- **registerNodeCoordinate**(
 int coordinate_number,
 int patch_data_array_index,
 int depth_index = 0,
 double scale_factor = 1.0);

coordinate_number *Integer indicating which dimension of coordinate is being registered. $0 \leq \text{coordinate_number} < \text{NDIM}$.*

patch_data_array_index *Integer index of coordinate data.*

depth_index *If patch_data_array_index refers to a vector, this optional parameter specifies the component of that vector to be used..*

scale_factor *May be different for each component.*

This method must be called once for each of the NDIM dimensions.

Registering Data

- State Variables
- **Optionally:**
 - Derived Data
 - Coordinates of Deformed Grids
 - **Material Data**

Material-related Data

- Applications with cells containing fractional amounts of material compounds, e.g. *copper*, *gold*, *gas*, *fluid*. Each of these is a material.
- A material may have subcomponents called species: e.g. *gas* may be composed of O_2 , N_2 & *methane*. We say: O_2 is a species of *gas*.
- Each material may have own set of species.

Materials vs Species

- **Materials:** heterogeneous mixture of substances (with distinct boundaries), e.g. concrete, granite, ...
- **Species:** homogeneously mixed substances, e.g. seawater, Coke, air, ...

- **Scalar/Vector data may be defined over set of materials – referred to as material state variables.**
- **e.g. a different **temperature** may be associated with each material on a cell by cell basis.**
- **All material fractions, species fractions and material state variables must be “cell-centered”.**
 - (If necessary, can convert node- to cell- centered in packing routines to be described later.)

- **Assumption: Every cell contains fractional amount mf ($0 < mf \leq 1.0$) of every material called **material fraction**. Sum of mf 's over all materials for a cell must be 1.0.**
- **Similarly for species, called **species fraction**. Sum of sf 's for all species of material m must be 1.0 in every cell in which m appears.**
- **Every material state variable must have value for each cell, for each material m , if m has non-zero fraction in that cell.**

- **VisIt Data Writer allows user to dump: material fractions, species fractions and material state variables. In addition, species state variables (SSV) may be registered.**
- **VisIt treats SSV's in unique way. When displayed, each value of SSV for a cell is multiplied by sum of species fractions for that cell for currently selected species.**
- **(Species selected in VisIt's subset window.)**

- E.g. *pressure* p registered as SSV, if $p = 100$ for cell c , and one species selected, say N_2 , and N_2 's species fraction for c is 0.45, then the **partial pressure** for c will be 45.
- VisIt will automatically display **partial pressure** field for N_2 if **pressure** registered as SSV.
- Species fractions may also be treated as scalar field to show “concentrations”.

- **VisIt uses material fractions to reconstruct material boundaries within cells containing multiple materials.**
- **VisIt can display material(s) as multiple colored contiguous regions.**
- **Material state variables can be displayed over a material.**
- **Material fractions can be displayed as scalar field**

SAMRAI's VisIt Data Writer Usage Schema

1. Create Data Writer Object (DWO)
2. [Set default derived data writer]
3. Register variables to be dumped
4. **Register material-related data**
5. DWO: Write registered items to dump file

- **registerMaterialStateVariable**(
 const string& state_variable_name,
 const int depth = 1,
 const double scale_factor = 1.0);

state_variable_name *name of cell-centered state variable*

depth *optional integer depth of state variable;
allowable values: 1, NDIM, NDIM*NDIM*

scale_factor *optional scale factor.*

registerMaterialNames() must be called before this method is invoked

- **registerSpeciesStateVariable**(
 const string& state_variable_name);

state_variable_name *name of state variable, can be node or cell centered.*

For Material Data, Ap Class Inherits

...

```
#include "VisMaterialsDataStrategy.h"
```

Class Applic :

```
public VisMaterialsDataStrategy
```

---- Applic needs to implement this method ----

```
int packMaterialFractionsIntoDoubleBuffer(  
    double *buffer,  
    const hier_PatchX& patch,  
    const hier_BoxX& region,  
    const string& material_name);
```

Arguments described on next page.

```
int packMaterialFractionsIntoDoubleBuffer(  
    double *buffer,  
    const hier_PatchX& patch,  
    const hier_BoxX& region,  
    const string& material_name);
```

buffer *Double precision buffer, already allocated to correct size.*

patch *Patch on which data exists.*

region *Box region over which to pack data.*

material_name *Name of the material.*

Return Value *Enumeration constant:
VisMaterialsDataStrategy::ALL_ZEROS,
VisMaterialsDataStrategy::ALL_ONES, or
VisMaterialsDataStrategy::SOME.
(See documentation)*

Material Fractions must be cell-centered.

If species are used, implement
packSpeciesFractionsIntoDoubleBuffer()
described next.

```
int packSpeciesFractionsIntoDoubleBuffer(  
    double *buffer,  
    const hier_PatchX& patch,  
    const hier_BoxX& region,  
    const string& material_name,  
    const string& species_name);
```

buffer *Double precision buffer, already allocated to correct size.*

patch *Patch on which data exists.*

region *Box region over which to pack data.*

material_name *Name of the material which has this species.*

species_name *Name of the species.*

Return Value *Enumeration constant:
 VisMaterialsDataStrategy::ALL_ZEROS,
 VisMaterialsDataStrategy::ALL_ONES, or
 VisMaterialsDataStrategy::SOME.
 (See documentation)*

*Species Fractions must be cell-centered --- If necessary convert from
node-centered to cell-centered in this packing routine.*

If material state variables are used, implement
packMaterialStateVariableIntoDoubleBuffer()
described next.

```
void packMaterialStateVariableIntoDoubleBuffer(  
    double *buffer,  
    const hier_PatchX& patch,  
    const hier_BoxX& region,  
    const string& material_name,  
    const string& state_variable_name ,  
    const int depth_index);
```

buffer Double precision buffer, already allocated to correct size.

patch Patch on which data exists.

region Box region over which to pack data.

material_name Name of the material.

state_variable_name Name of the state variable.

depth_index Depth index of data to be packed. For scalar data, always 0. For vector data, index varies from 0 to NDIM-1; for tensor data index varies from 0 to (NDIM*NDIM)-1.

Material State Variables must be cell-centered --- If necessary convert from node-centered to cell-centered in this packing routine.

GOTCHA's

- **Dumping data not in floating point range.**
 - Since VisIt only works with float data, data $>$ FLT_MAX will be clamped to FLT_MAX.
 - Use scale_factor to keep data in range and avoid this.
- **Not initializing all ghost cells (nodes).**
 - Be sure all ghost cells (nodes) have a value, not just the ones your application uses.
 - Can use SAMRAI method fillAll(0.)

Documentation

“Generating VisIt Visualization Data Files in SAMRAI”

- **More details on what we covered today.**
- **Complete set of example VisIt Data Writer calls in an application code.**
- **Brief introduction to use of VisIt with SAMRAI data, and pointers to VisIt documentation.**
- **Available in SAMRAI distribution at:**
[docs/userdocs/VisIt-writer.pdf](#)

Brief Overview of VisIt

New Capabilities with VisIt

- **Scalable rendering --- order of magnitude faster for large data sets if parallel compute engine available.**
- **VisIt can be extended with new plot & operator plugins.**
- **VisIt allows mathematical expressions involving variables to be defined at vis time (thus offering a similar capability to SAMRAI's derived data).**
- **Special material-related viewing capabilities.**
- **Stereo viewing.**

VisIt Plot Types

- **Boundary:** show bnds. between materials, patches, ..
(see examples on next 3 slides)
- Contours: multiple semitransparent isosurfaces
- Mesh: line smoothing available
- Pseudocolor: paint variable value onto surface
- Streamlines: multiple sources - point, line, plane, ..
- Subset: select specific materials, levels, patches, etc.
- Surface: height field, for 2D only.
- Vector: glyphs indicating direction & magnitude.
- Volume visualization
- Roll your own plot: create a VisIt plot plugin.

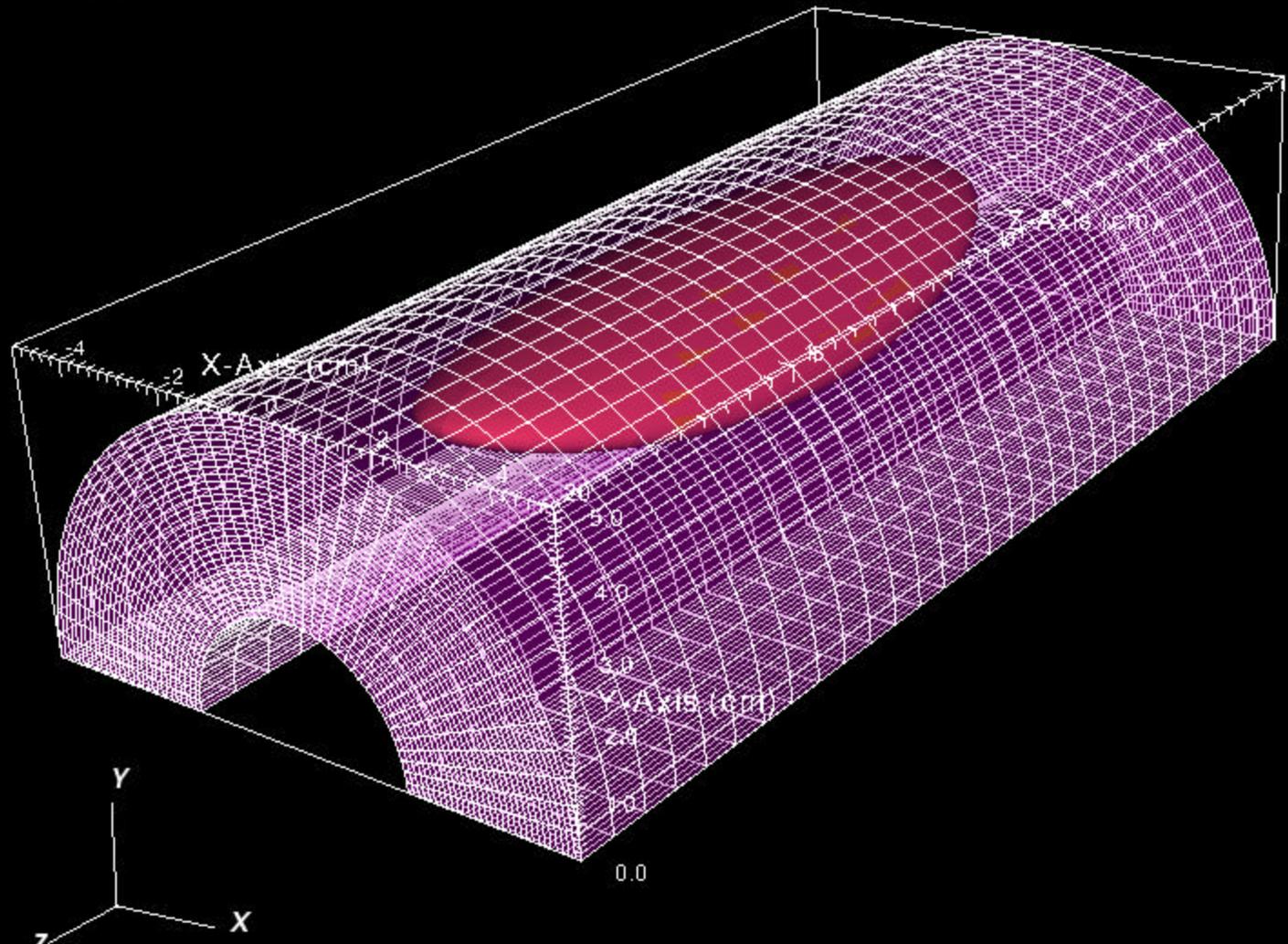
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Cycle: 48 Time:4.8

Filled Boundary
Var: mat1



Mesh
Var: mesh1

Boundary Plot of Material (not SAMRAI data)



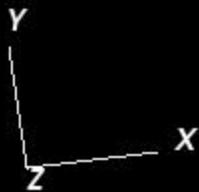
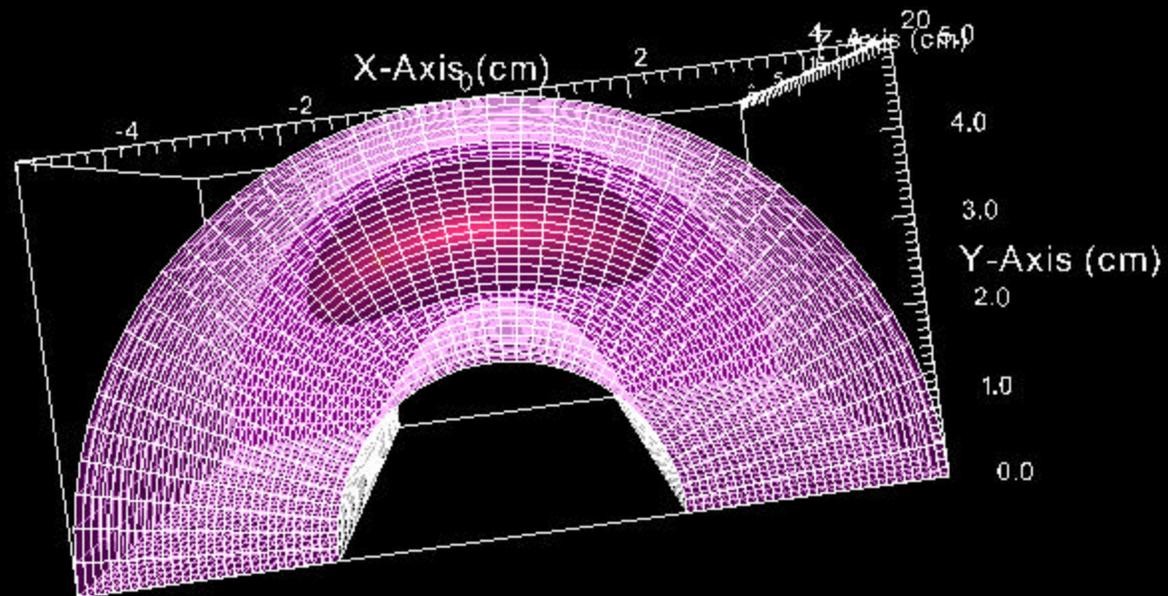
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Filled Boundary
Var: mat1

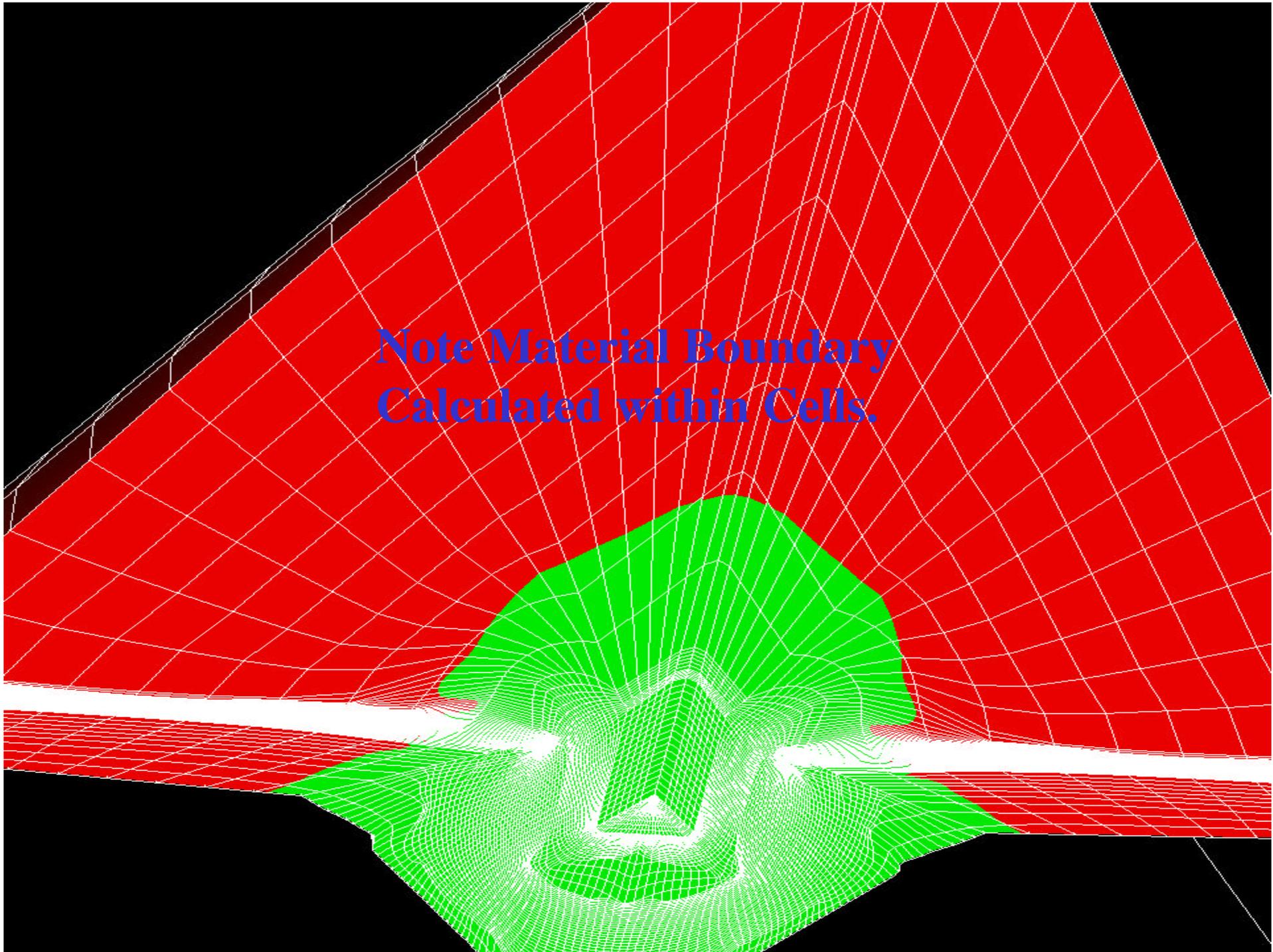


Mesh
Var: mesh1

Another View of Boundary Plot



**Note Material Boundary
Calculated within Cells.**

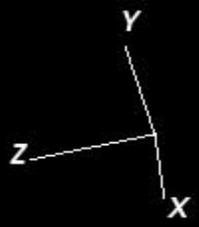
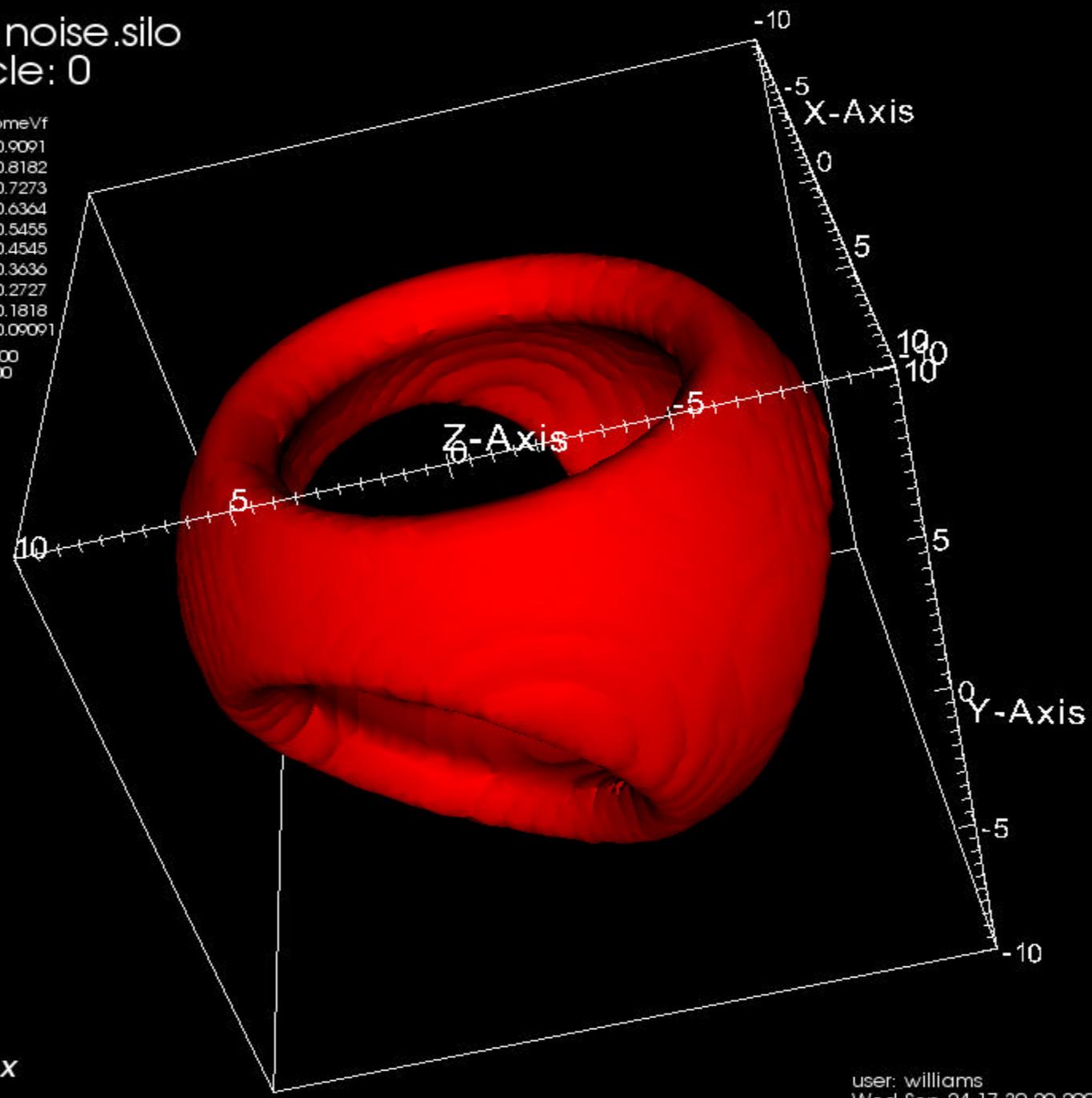
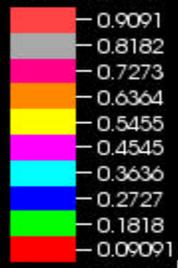


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DB: noise.silo
Cycle: 0

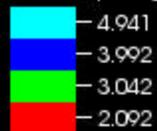
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Min: 0.000



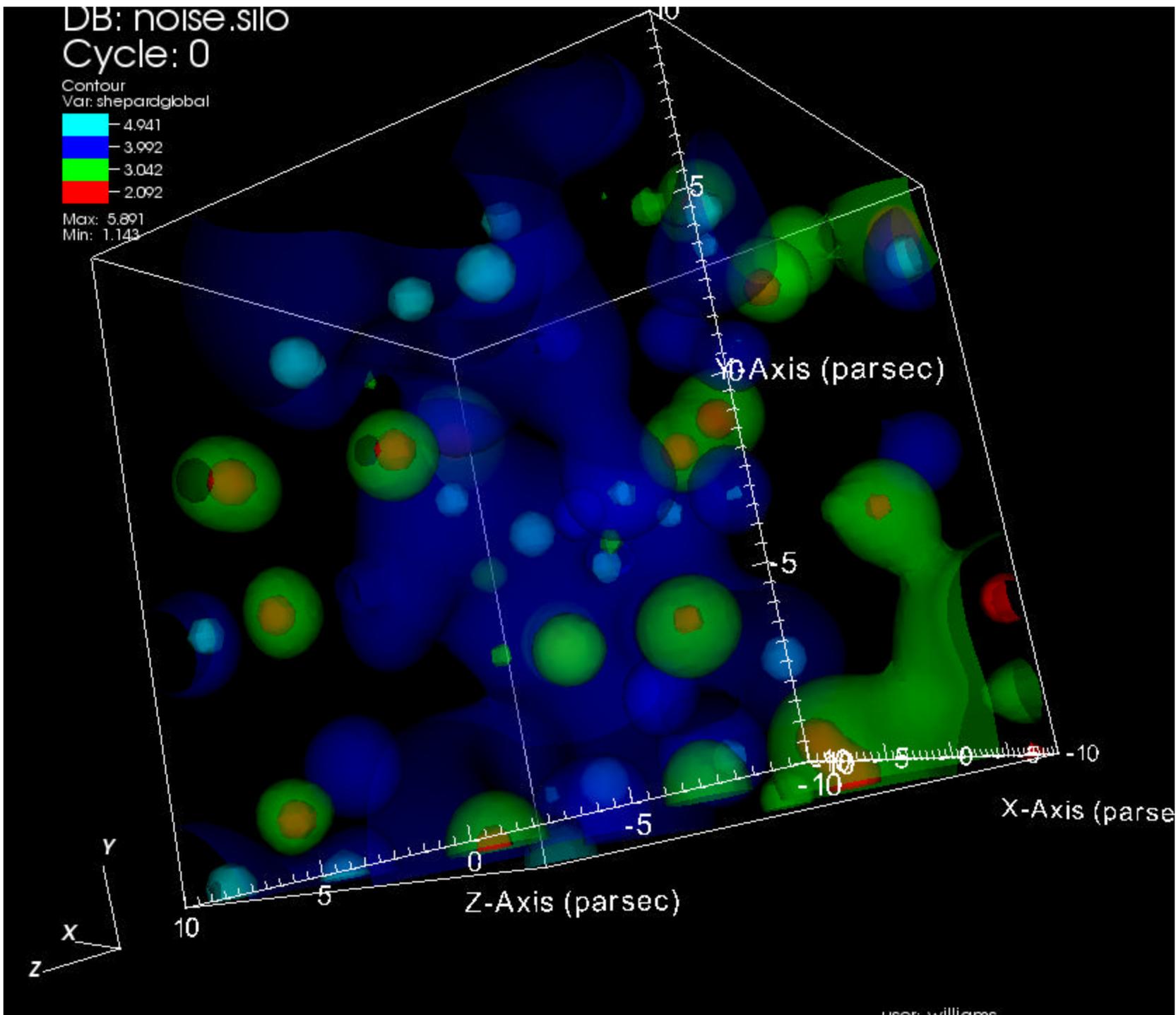
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Cycle: 0

Contour
Var: shepardglobal



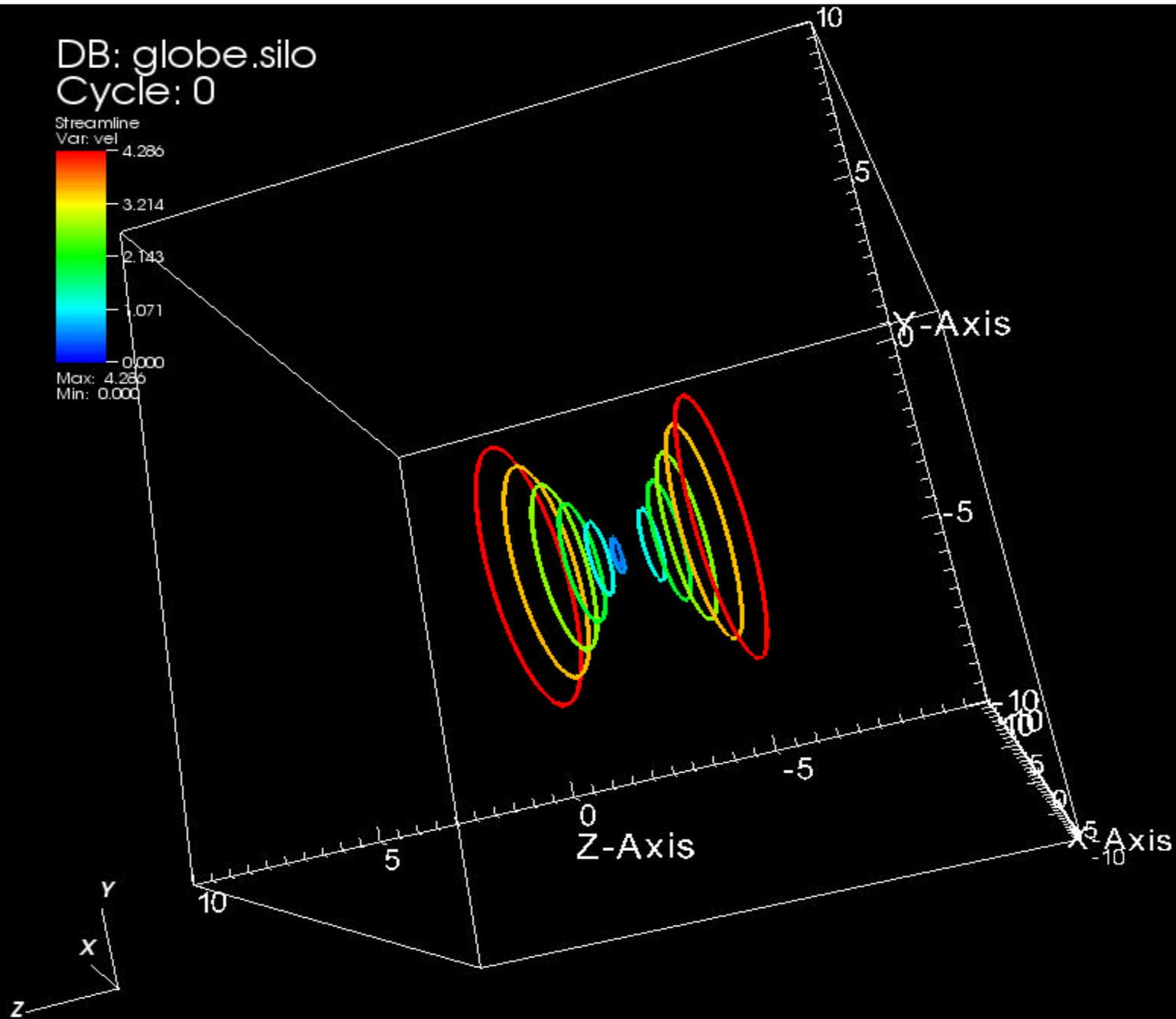
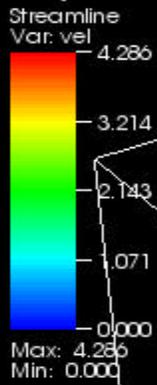
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(see example on next slide)
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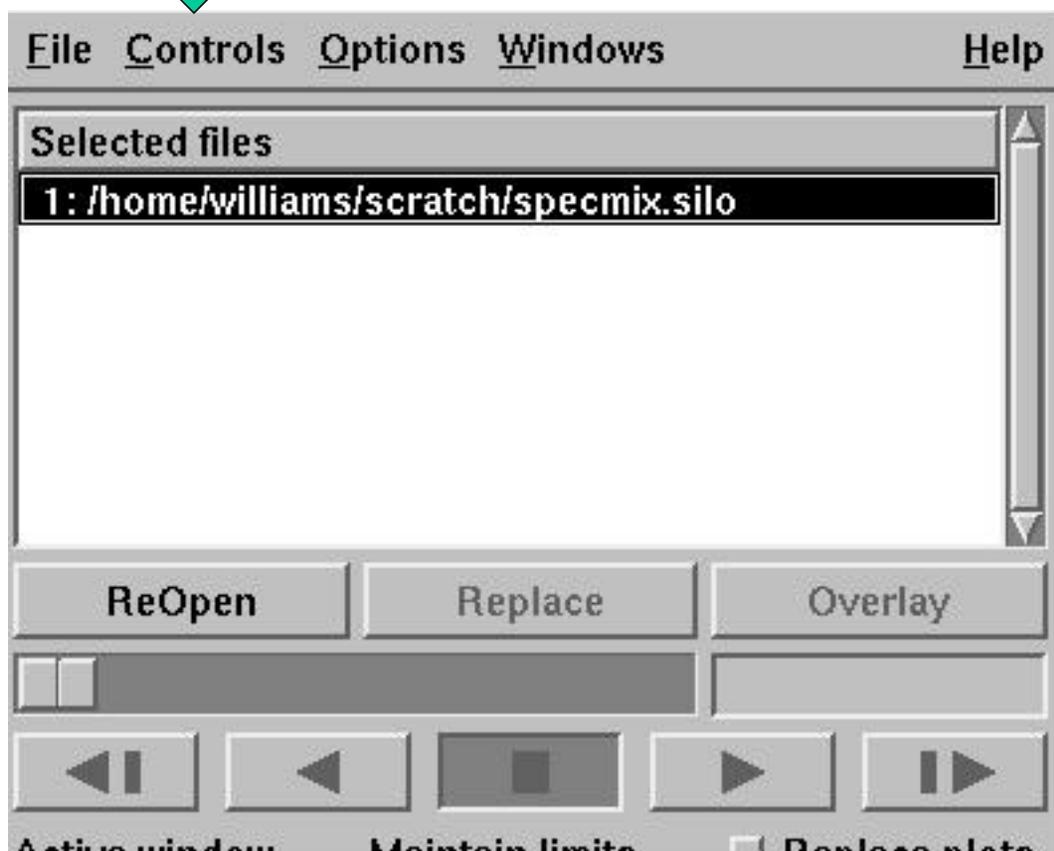
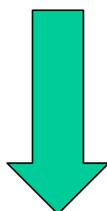
DB: globe.silo
Cycle: 0



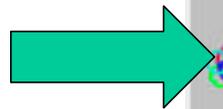
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(**This is very useful tool!! To access, use pull-down Controls menu at top – see next 3 slides**)
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Pull down Controls Menu

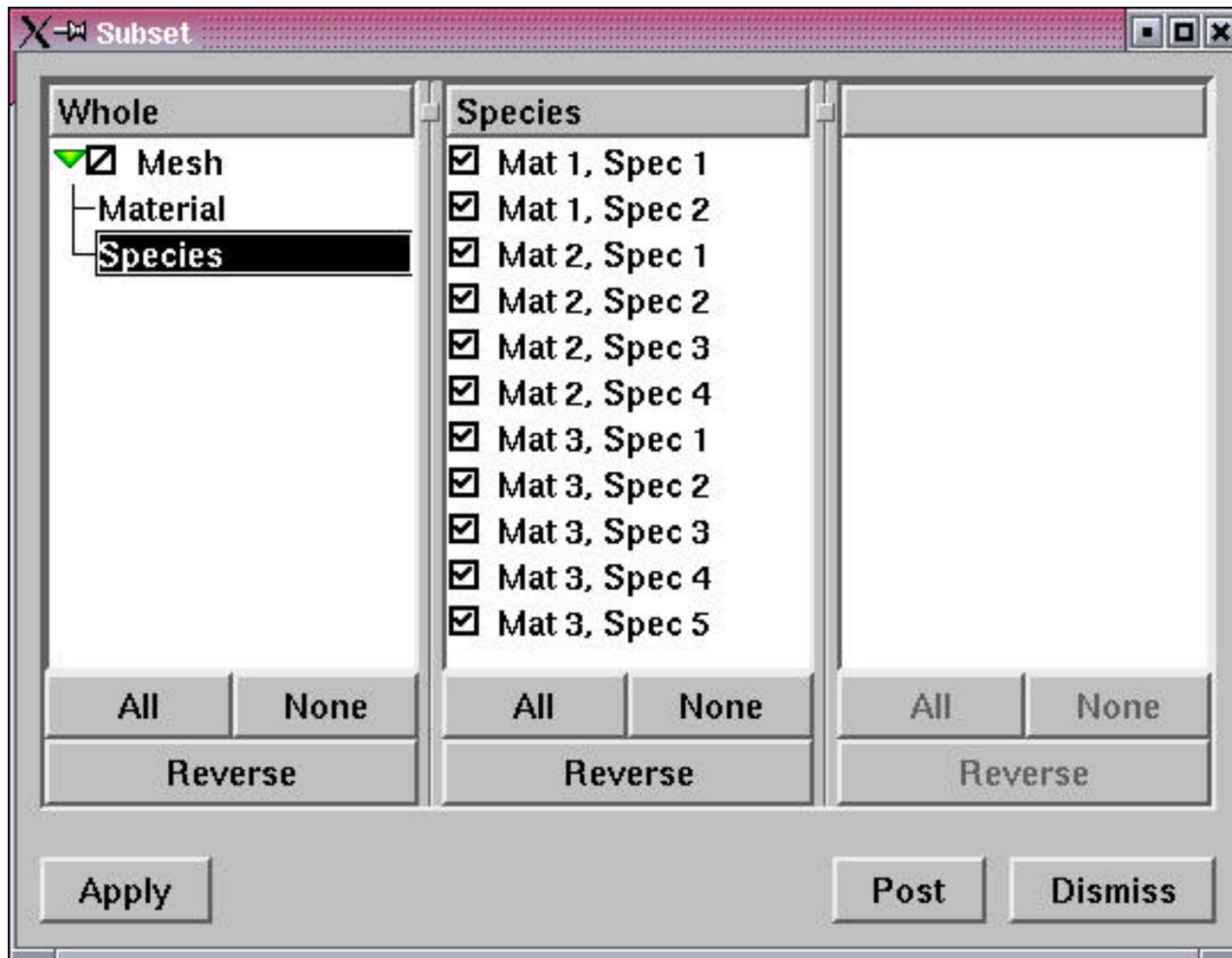


Select Subset



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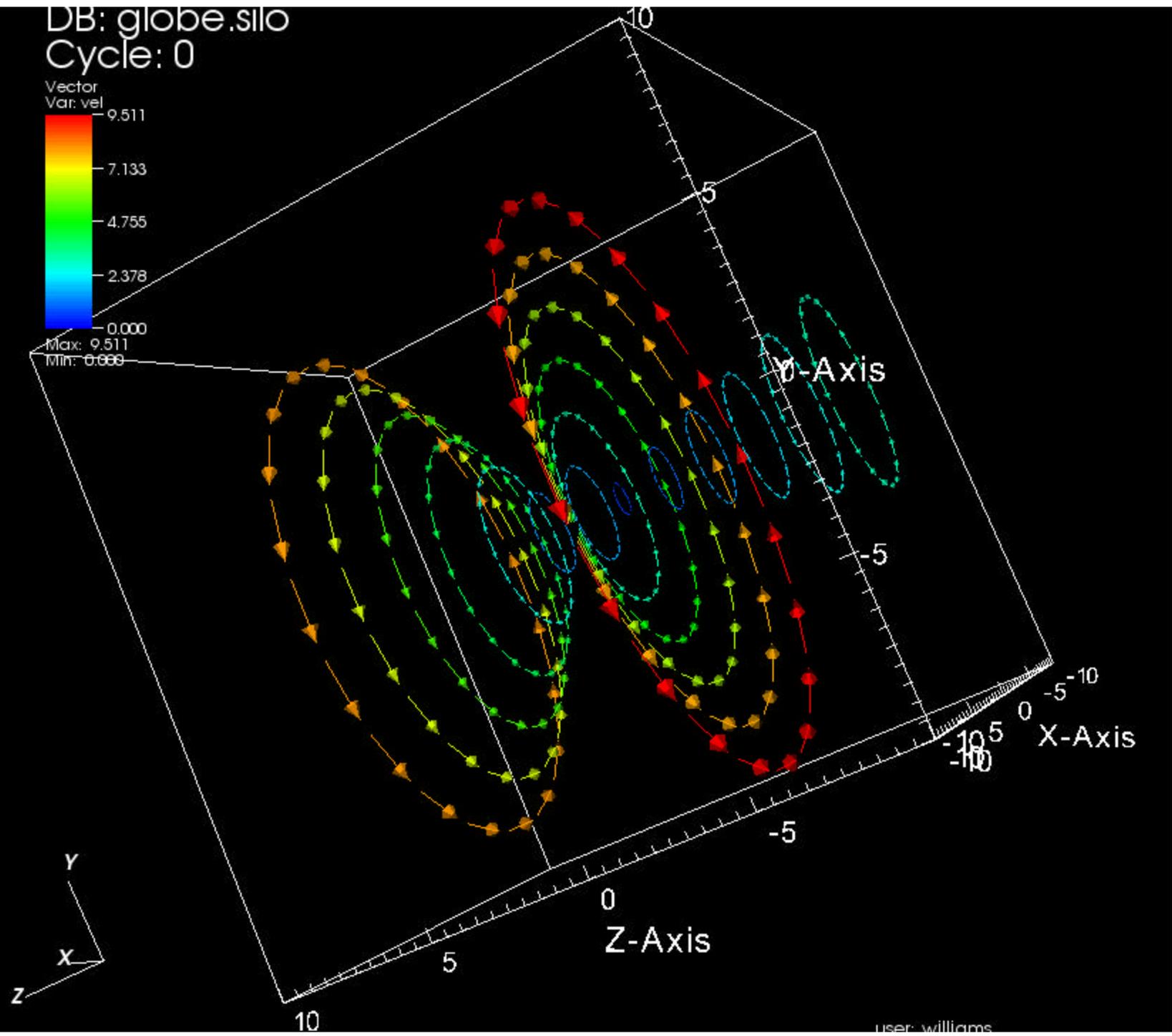
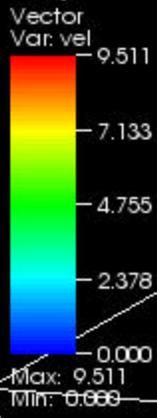
Select material / species you want.



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DB: globe.silo
Cycle: 0



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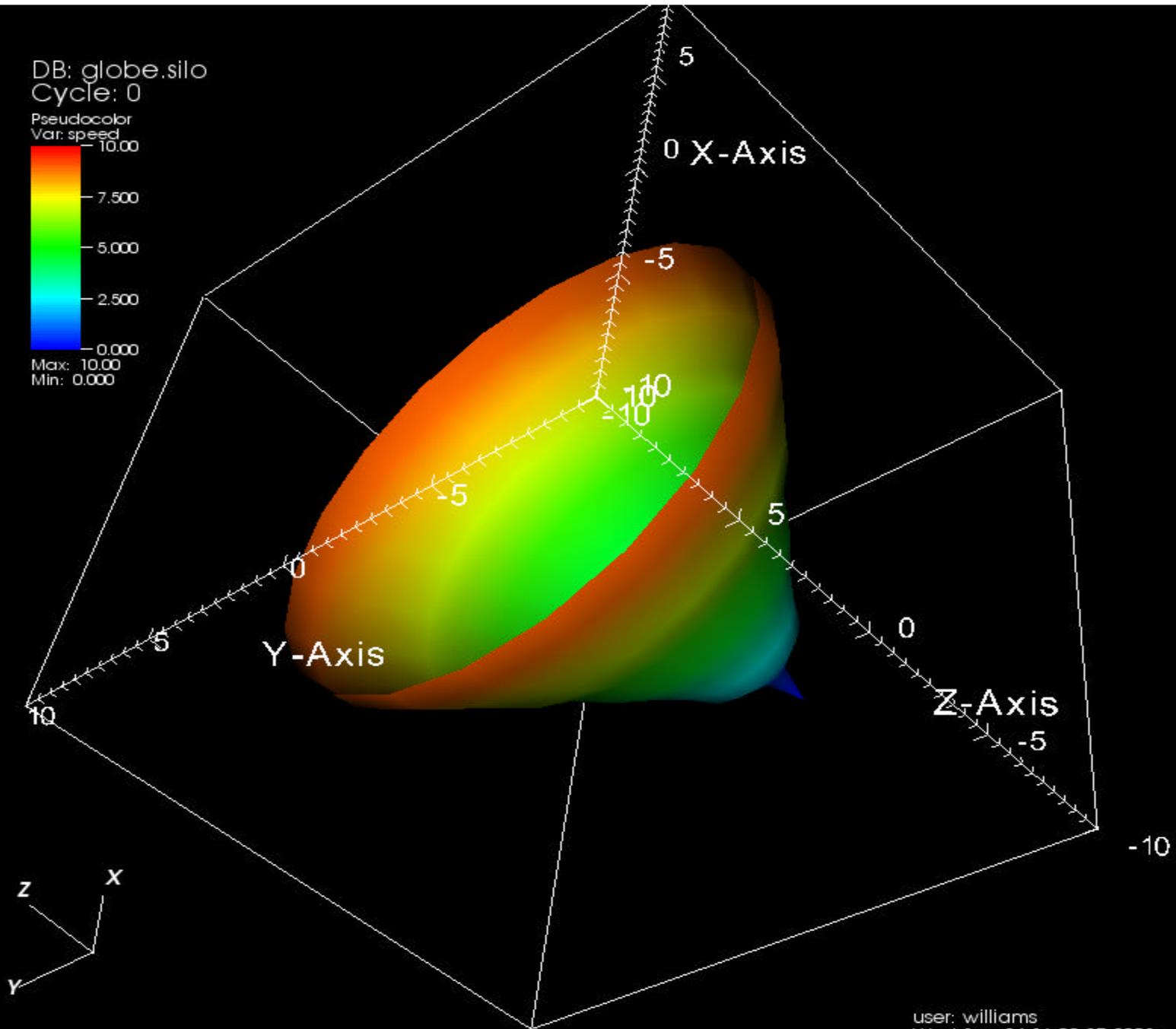
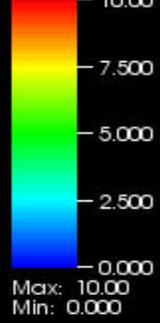
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VisIt Operators: *filters applied to variable*

- **Box** – clip cells outside *axis-aligned* box, individual cells not clipped.
- **Clip** – clip box / sphere shaped regions, individual cells clipped, arbitrary aligned boxes.
- **Index Select** – select subset based on range of cell indices or patch numbers.
- **Cone** – slice 3D data with cone.
(see example next slide)

DB: globe.silo
Cycle: 0

Pseudocolor
Var: speed

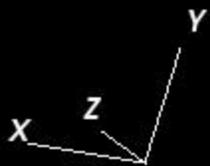
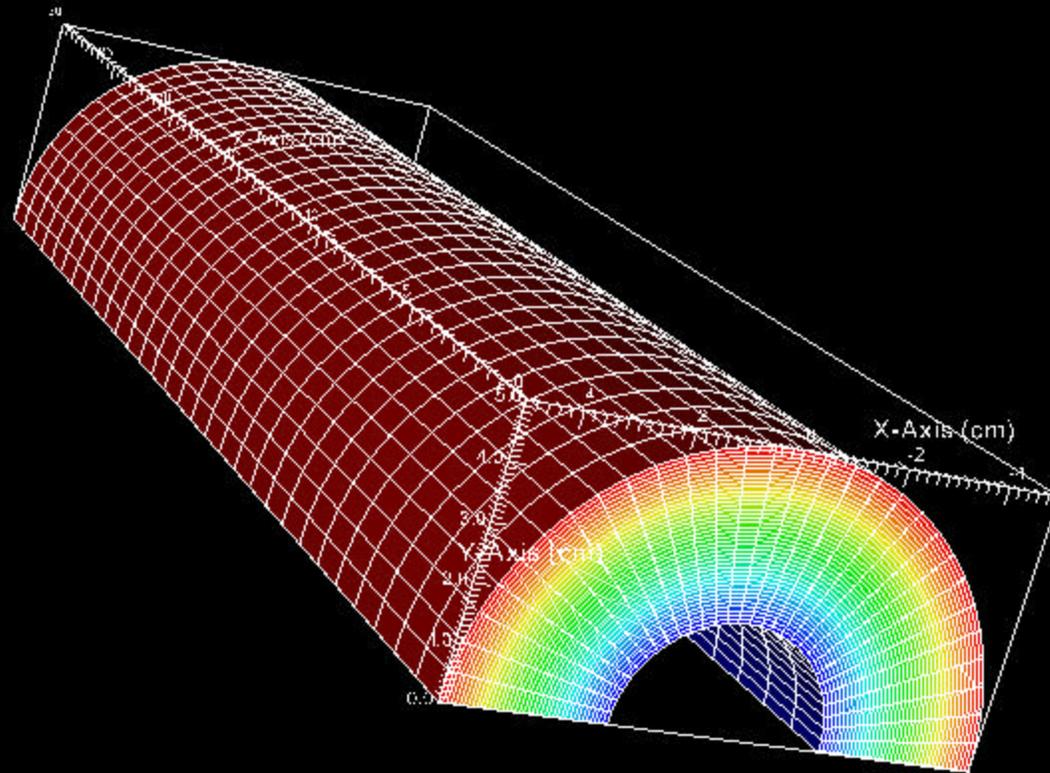
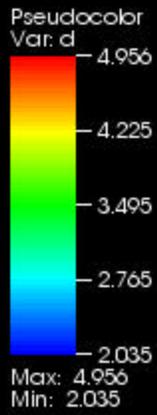


VisIt Operators: *filters applied to variable*

- **Isosurface:** isosurface colored by different var.
- **Lineout:** extract 1D data from 2D or 3D plots.
- **Onion Peel:** grow image outwards in layers from seed cell.
- **Reflect:** reflect geometry across axes.
(next three slides)
- **Slice:** 3D data mapped to 2D surface.

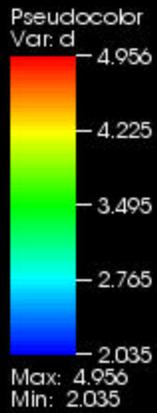
DB: curv3d.silo
Cycle: 48 Time:4.8

Mesh
Var: curvmesh3d

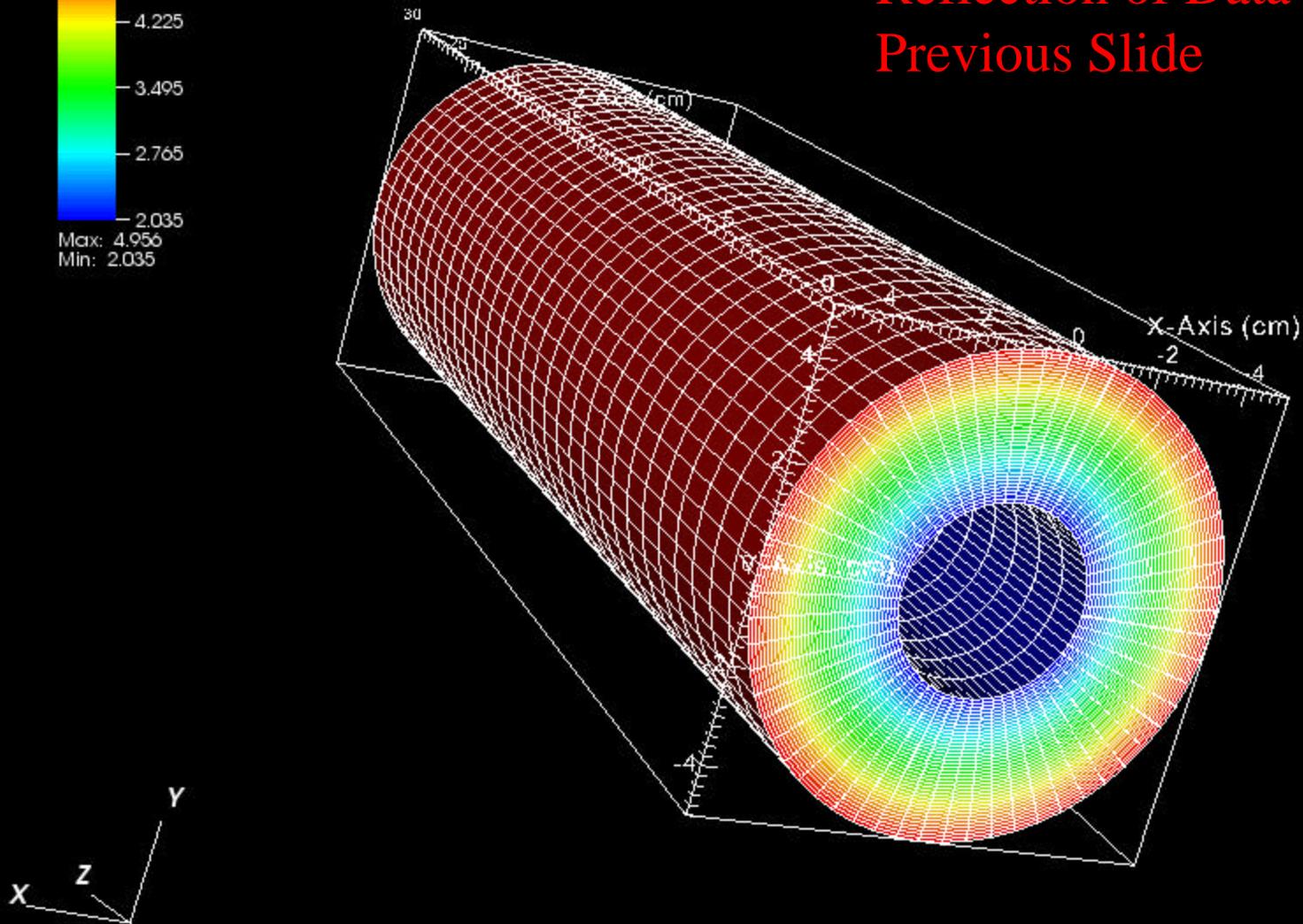


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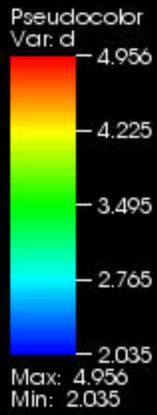


Reflection of Data in
Previous Slide

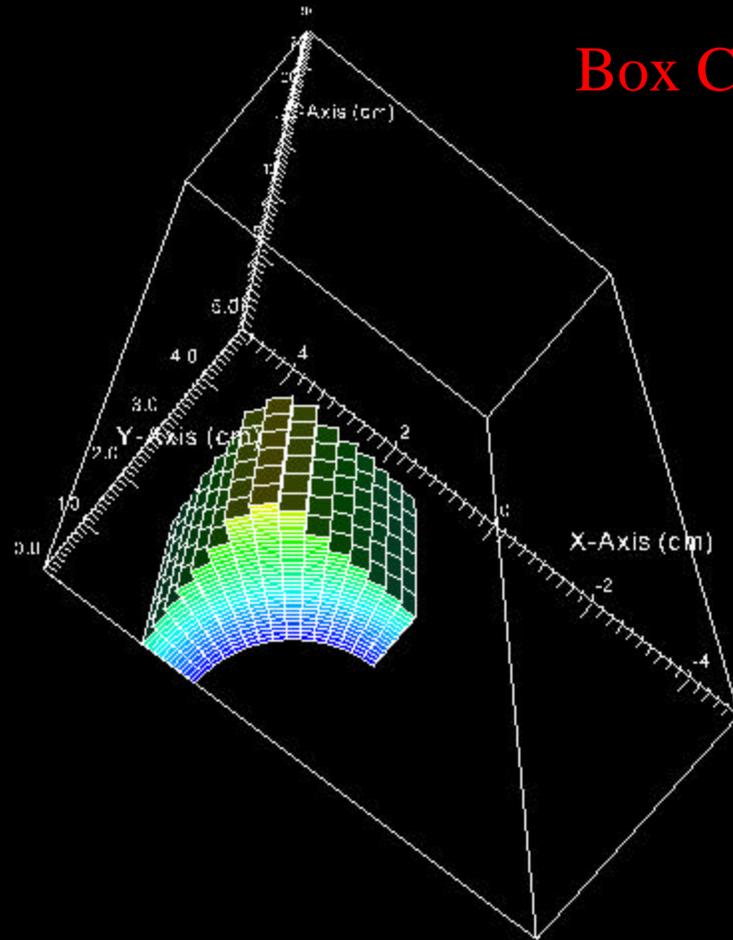


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Cycle: 48 Time:4.8

Mesh
Var: curvmesh3d



Box Clip of Region



VisIt Operators: *filters applied to variable*

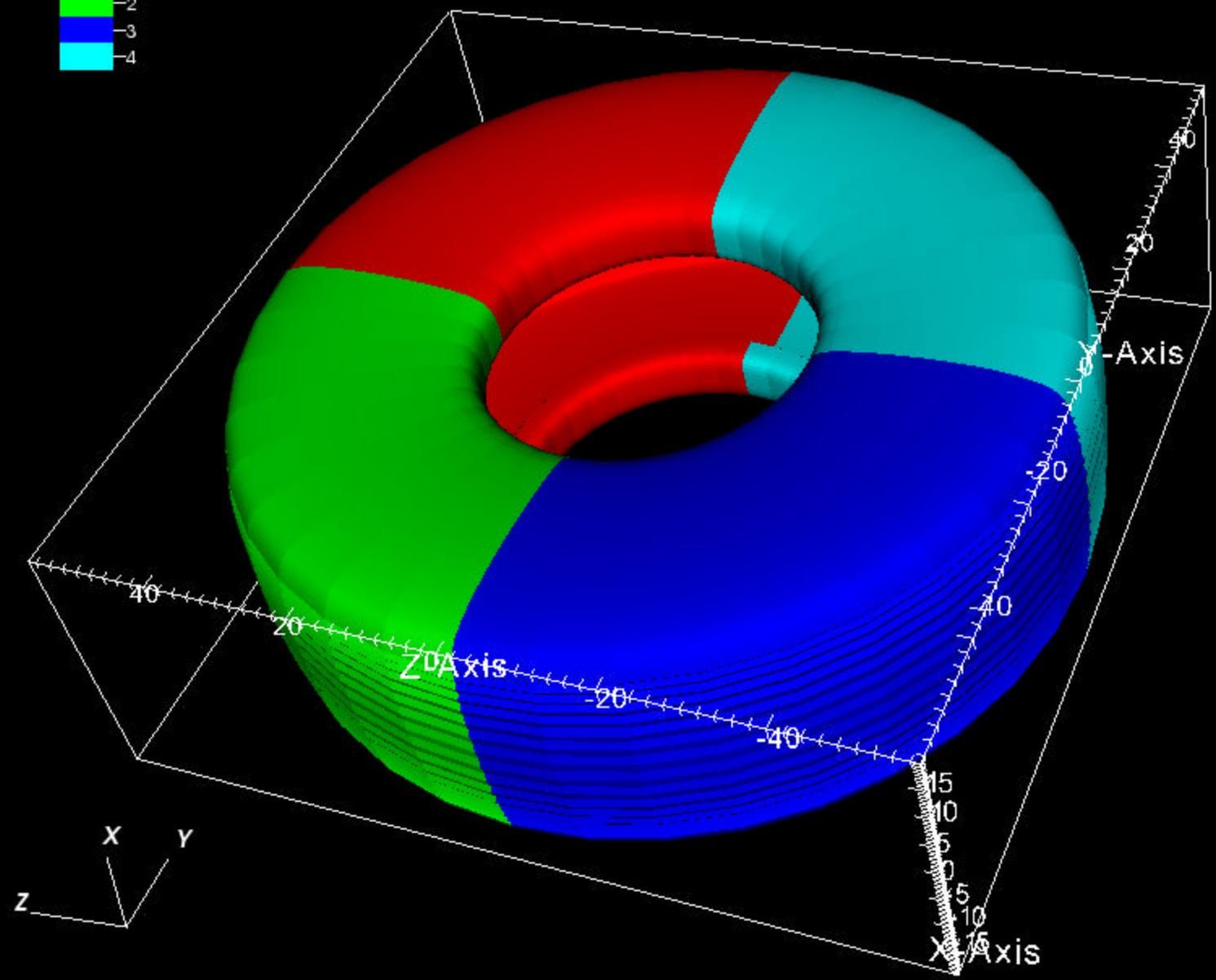
- **Isosurface:** isosurface colored by different var.
- **Lineout:** extract 1D data from 2D or 3D plots.
- **Onion Peel:** grow image outwards in layers from seed cell.
- **Reflect:** reflect geometry across axes.
- **Slice:** 3D data mapped to 2D surface.

VisIt Operators: *filters applied to variable*

- **Spherical Slice:** slice with sphere.
- **Three Slice:** 3 mutually perpendicular slices.
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- **Threshold:** remove all cells not in specified data range.
- **Roll Your Own:** create your own operator plugin.

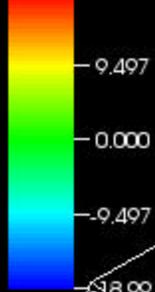
DB: fire.silo
Cycle: 0

Boundary
Var: domains

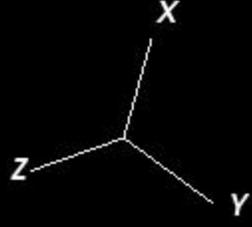
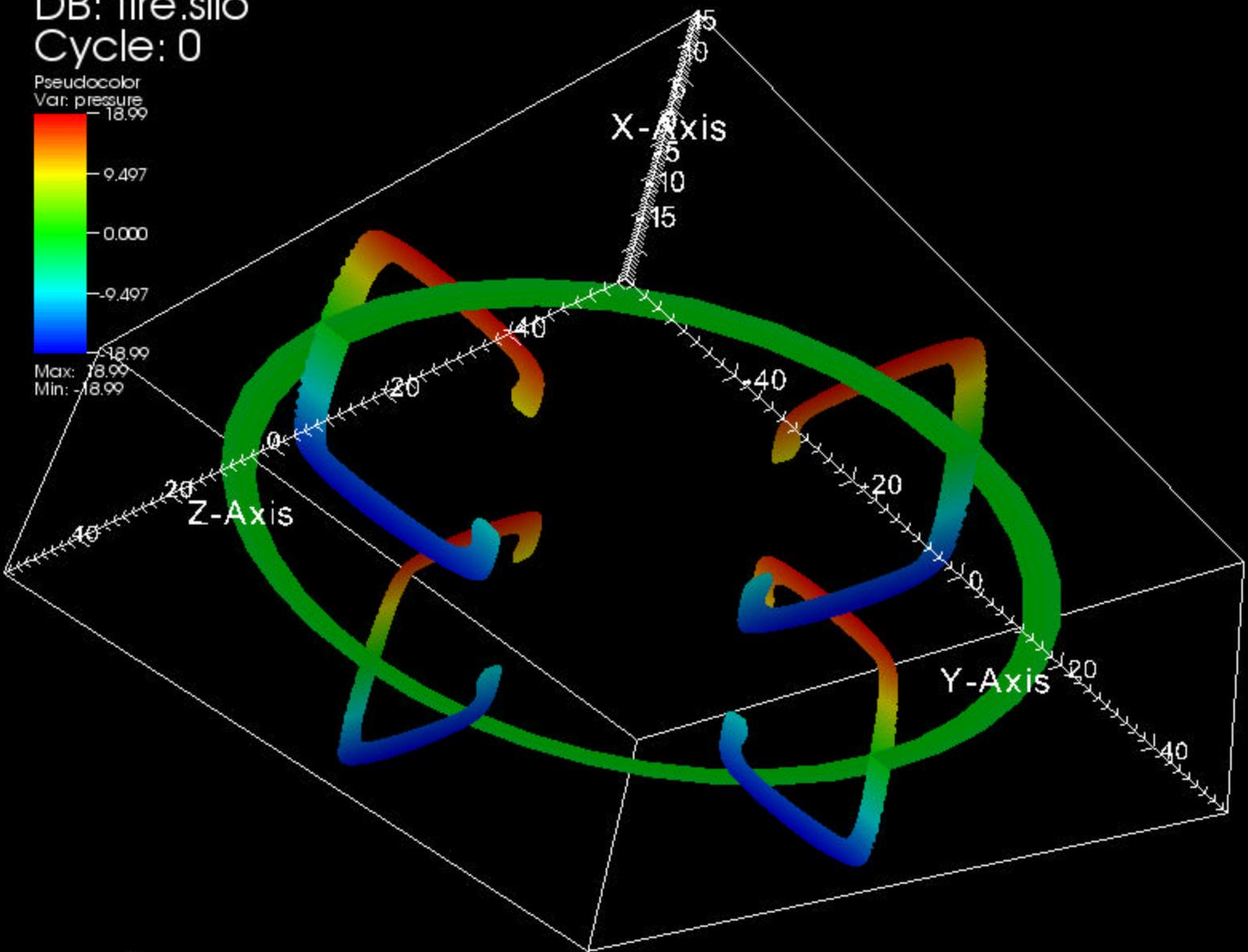


DB: fire.silo
Cycle: 0

Pseudocolor
Var: pressure



Max: 18.99
Min: -18.99



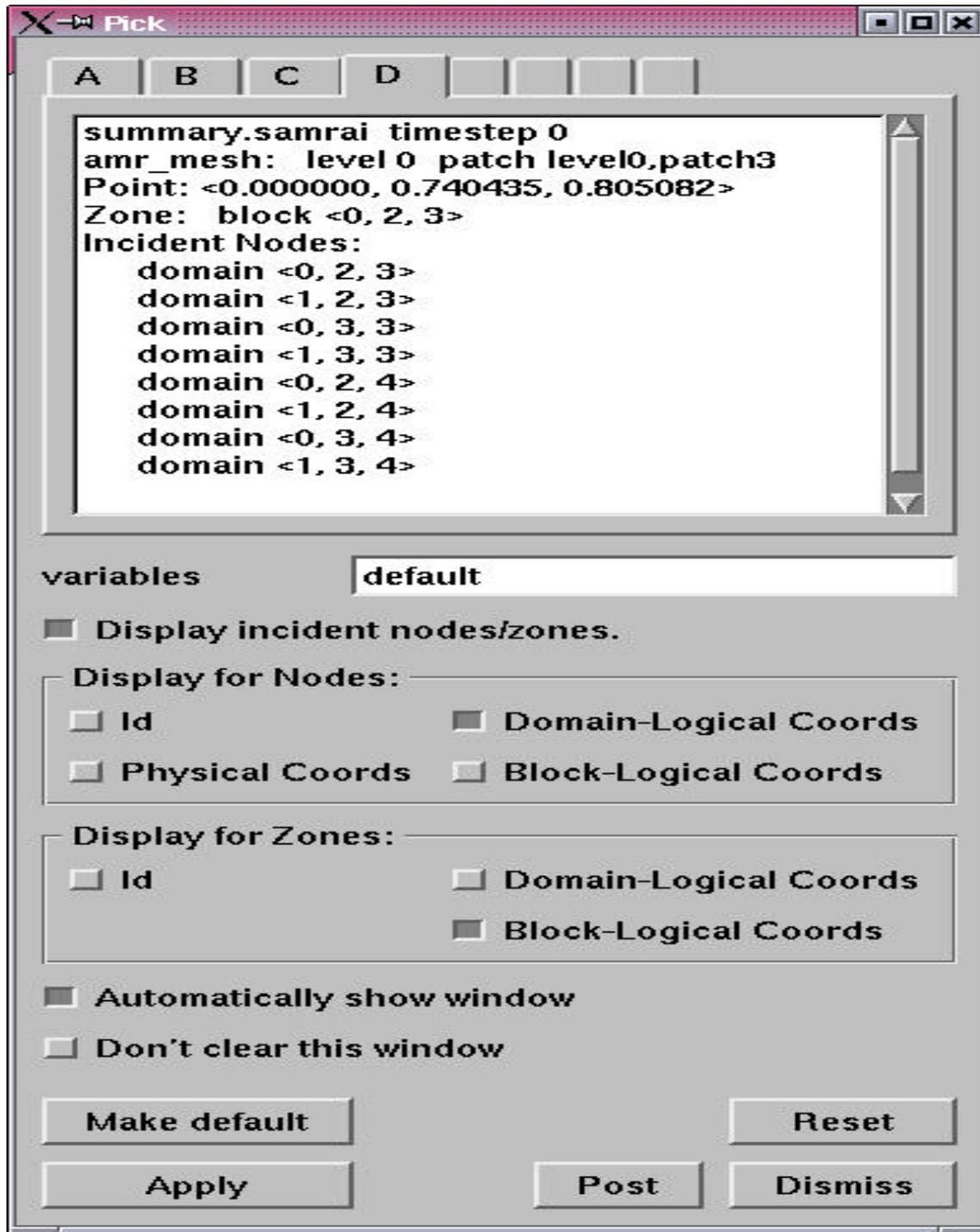
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Other VisIt Features

- **Animation**
- **Box, Sphere, Plane, Line & Point Tools**
- **Quantitative analysis**
- **Pick & Query** – useful for finding numeric data value in specific cell. Gives cell number, coordinates, and data value.

(see next slide)



Pick window

Shows (x,y,z) coords,
level & patch number
cell (i,j,k) indices
and indices of nodes.

If a variable is being
visualized, also shows
value of variable.

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