



Cavities in Heat Transfer Models

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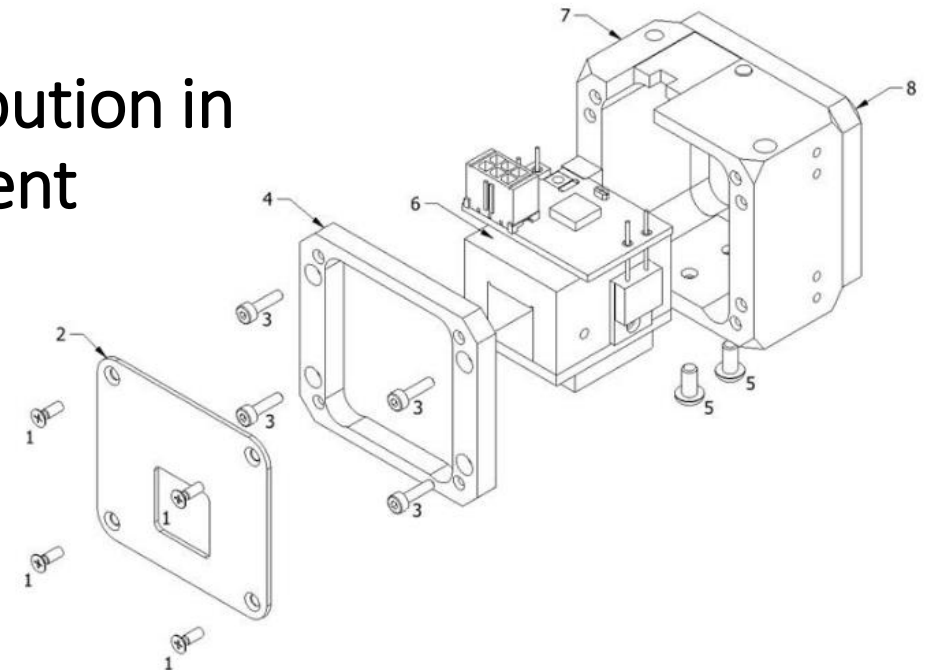
Crystal heating on specific temperature

The LASER crystal must be heated on specific temperature, to provide optimal optical parameters

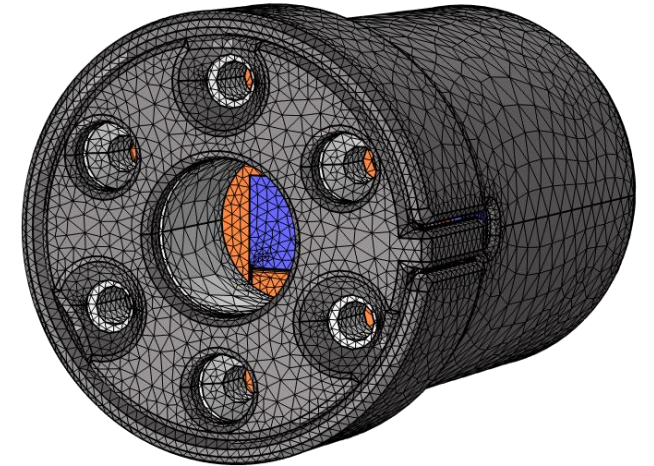
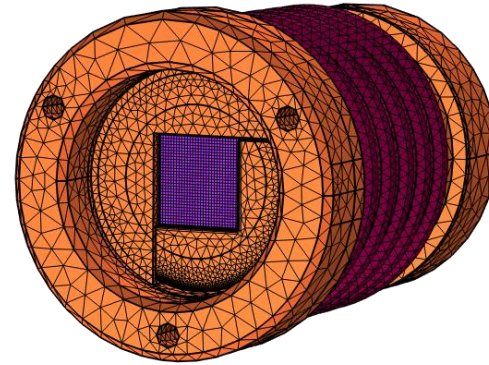
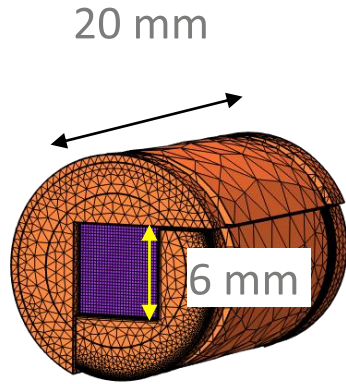
More important than exact temperature is the temperature distribution in crystal and T Gradient minimization



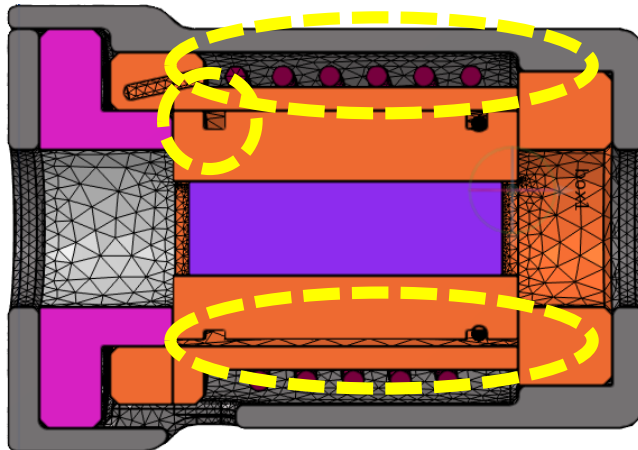
Crystal Area



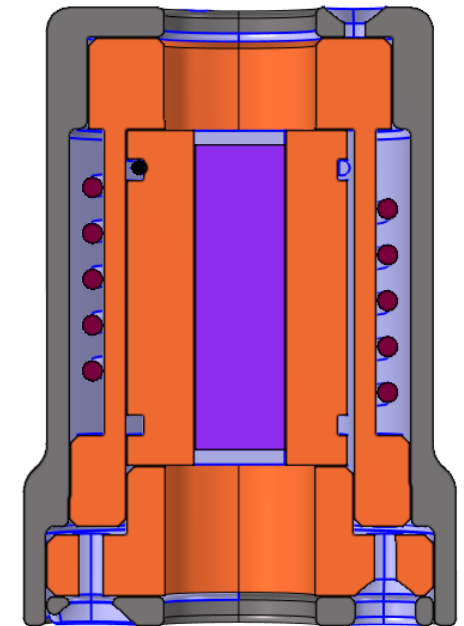
Model of specific geometry for crystal oven



Many air cavities in the 3D geometry



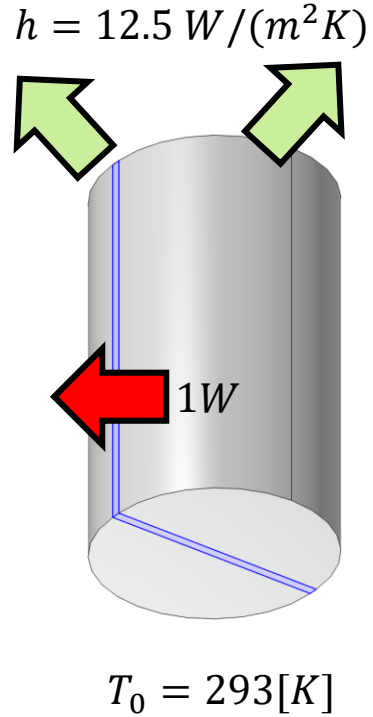
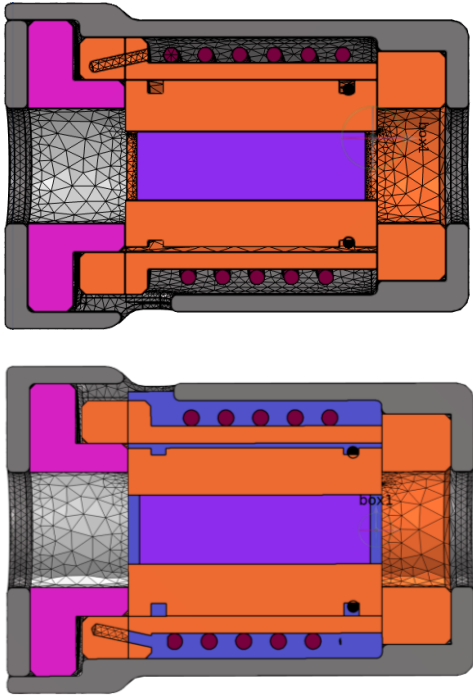
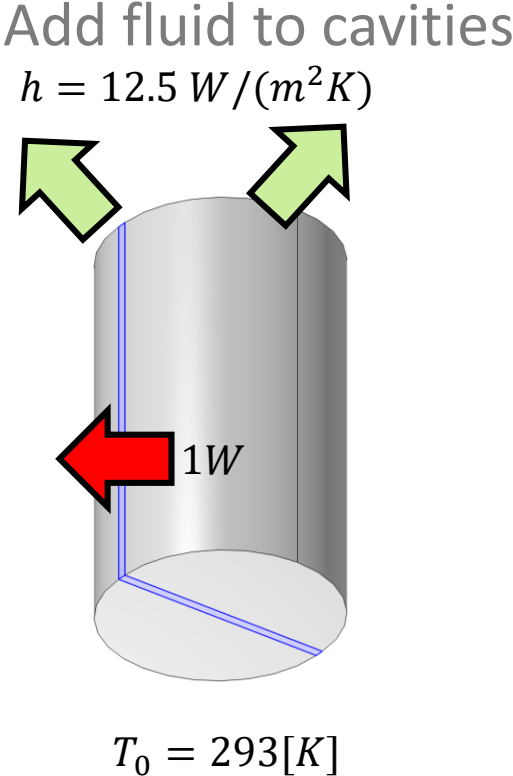
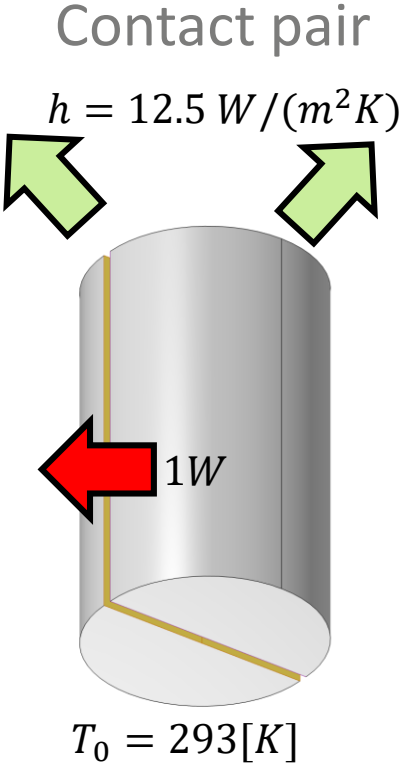
Default boundary condition:
Thermal insulation



Choices how to handle the cavities

Numerical vanishing of the cavities ?

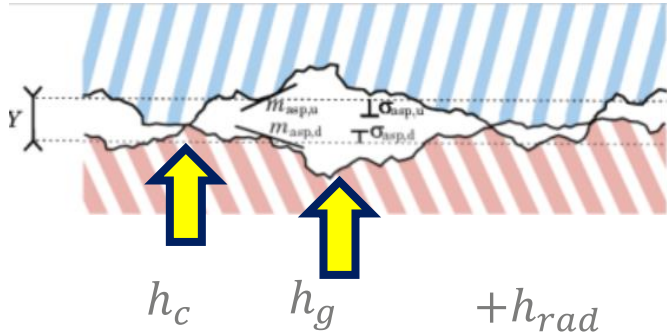
Add fluid to cavities
+ Convectively
Enhanced Conductivity



Contact pair model

Thin structures → Thermal contact

Constriction Conductance with Interstitial Gas



h_c - Constriction conductance = $f(P, H_c, K_{contact})$
 - Can be calculated by: Cooper-Mikic-Yovanovich Correlation (CMY)
 Mikic Elastic Correlation

h_g - Gap conductance = $f(P, H_c, K_{contact})$

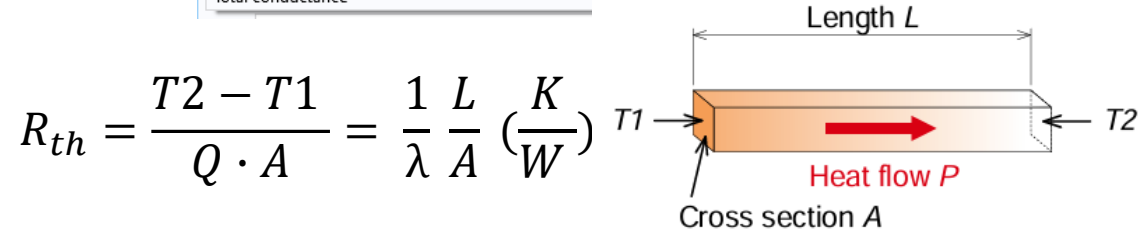
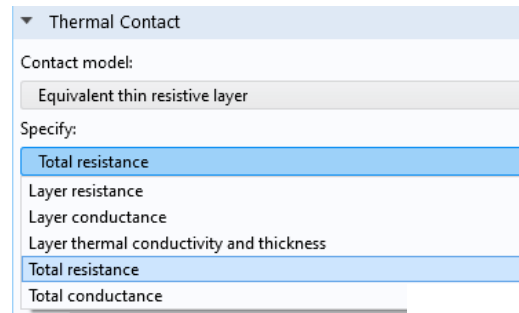
$$h_c = 1.25 \cdot K_{contact} \frac{m_{asp}}{\sigma_{asp}} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{H_c}\right)^{0.95}$$

$$h_g = \frac{k_g}{Y + M_g}$$

Coefficients calculated by Comsol (with user defined values) / user defined inputs

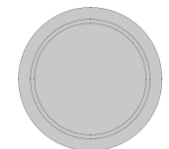
Equivalent Thin Resistive Layer

More possibilities how to set – see the [unit]

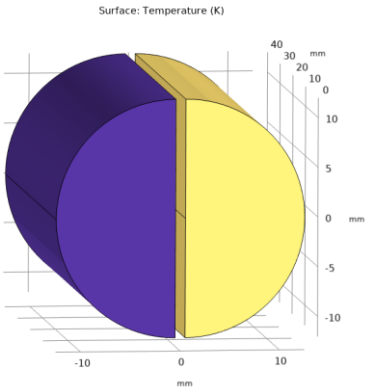
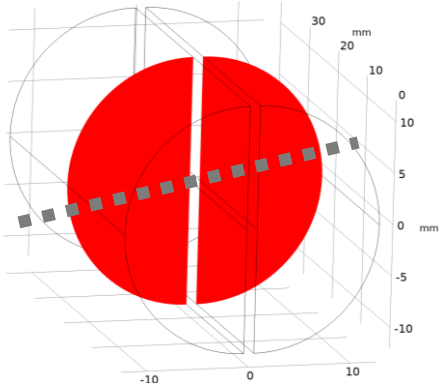


$$R_{th} = \frac{T2 - T1}{Q \cdot A} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{L}{A} \left(\frac{K}{W}\right)$$

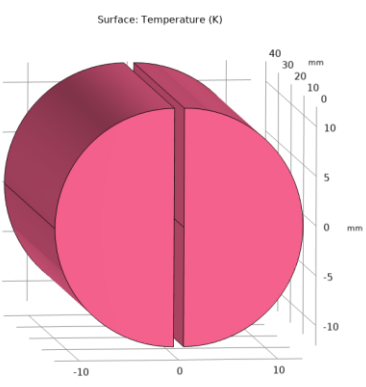
$$R_{th} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{r2}{r1}\right)}{k \cdot 2 \cdot \pi \cdot l} \left(\frac{K}{W \cdot m^2}\right)$$



Contact pair model - results

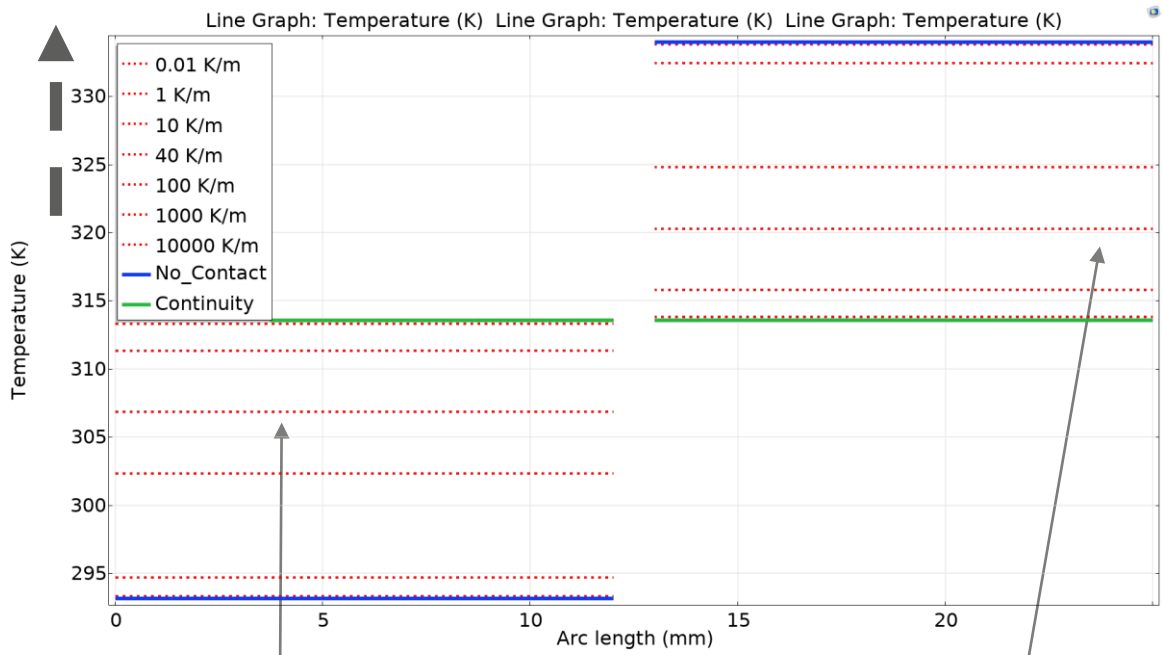


Without contact pair

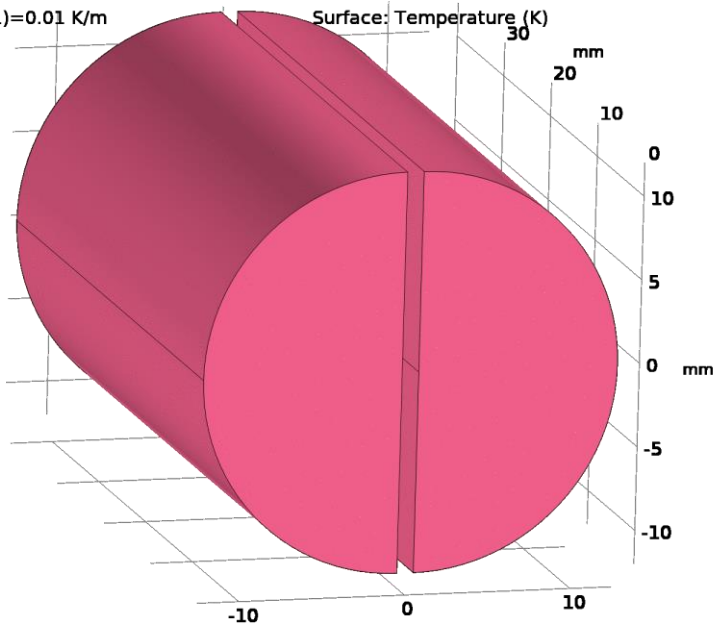
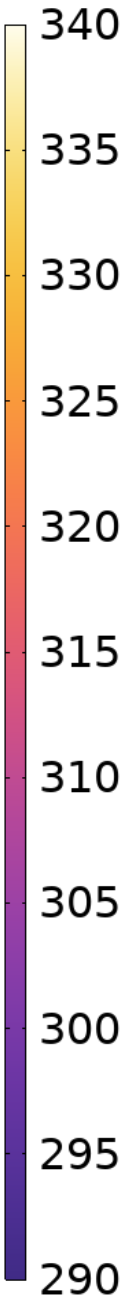


Continuity

>Rth

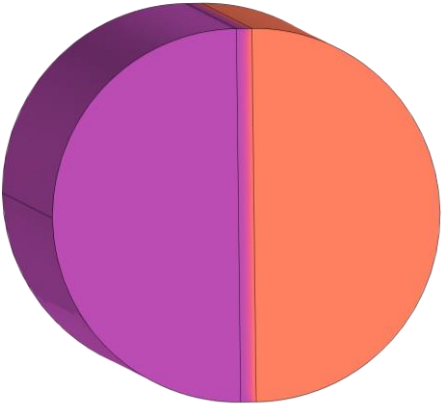


*correct value of Rth for our case is about 40 K/W.
 Than it becomes:
 T= 306.8 K
 T= 320.3 K

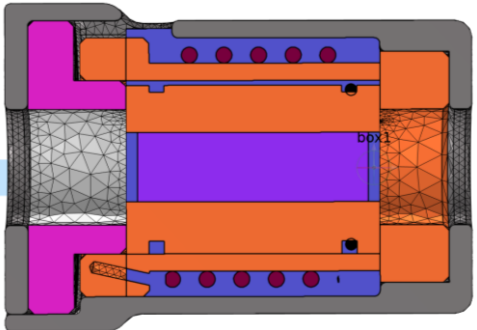


Static fluid model

Added new domain between half-cylinders.
 Air material properties defined
 =simulation with static air

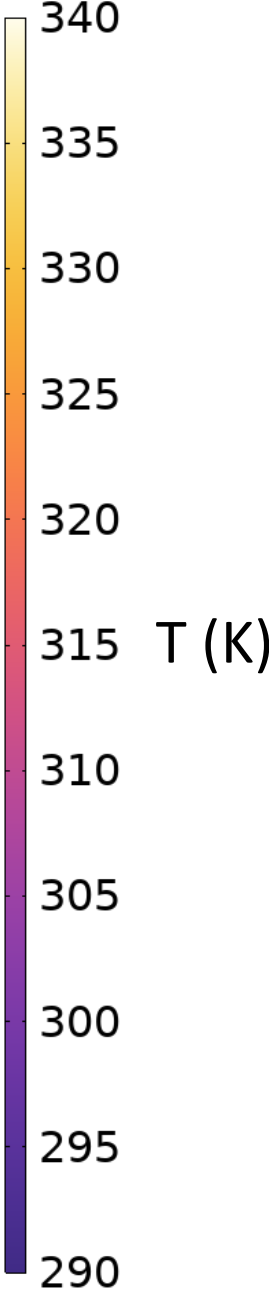
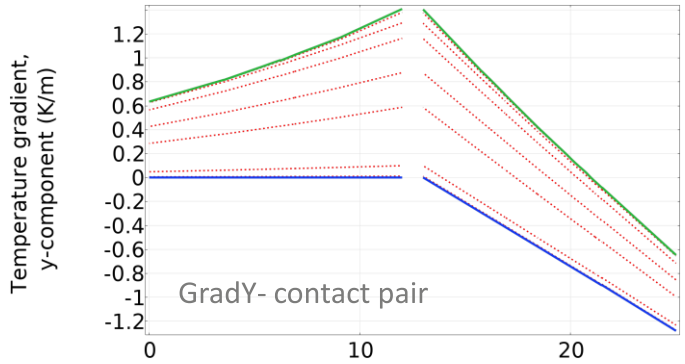
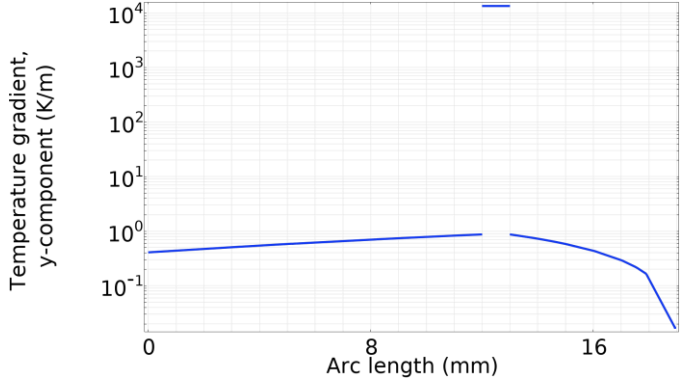
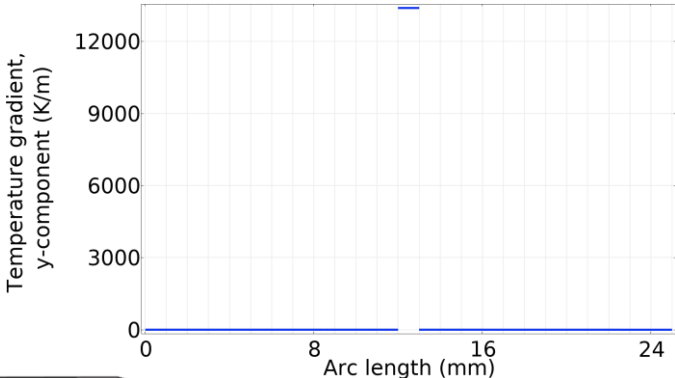
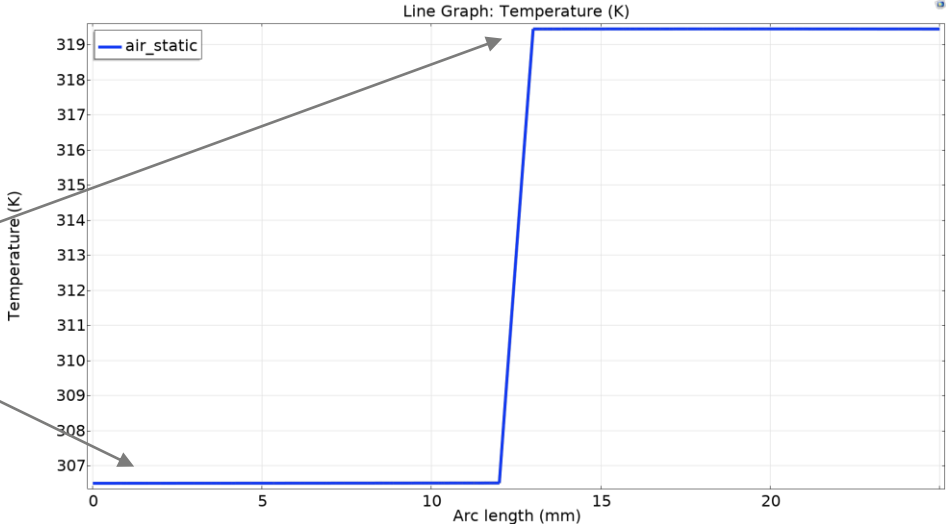


- ✓ Geometry 1
- LiveLink for SOLIDWORKS 2 (cad2)
- Cylinder 1 (cyl1)
- Difference 1 (dif1)
- Form Union (fin)



T = 319.7 K

T = 306.3 K

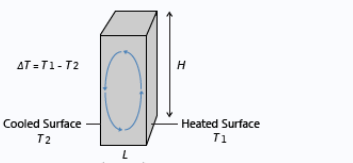


Dynamic fluid model

Add FLUID volume condition to the ht physics. Than select:
Convectively Enhanced Conductivity

- Heat Transfer in Solids (ht)
 - Solid 1
 - Initial Values 1
 - Thermal Insulation 1
 - Heat Source 1
 - Heat Flux 1
 - Fluid 1
 - Convectively Enhanced Conductivity 1

Sketch



Convectively Enhanced Conductivity

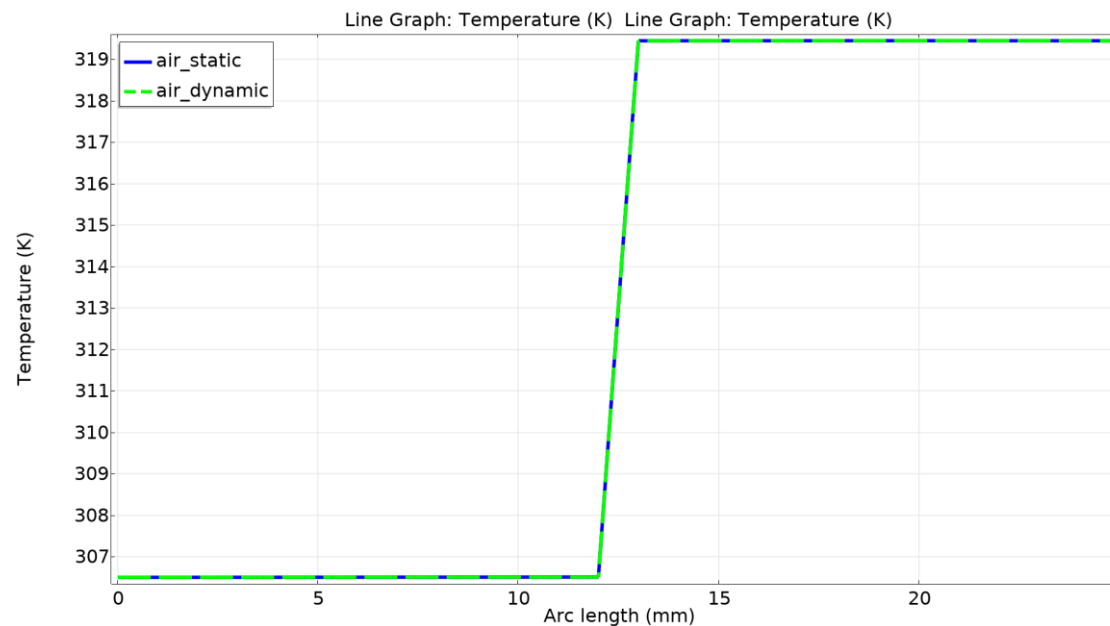
Nusselt number correlation:
Vertical rectangular cavity

Cavity height:
H 1 m

Plate distance:
L 1 m

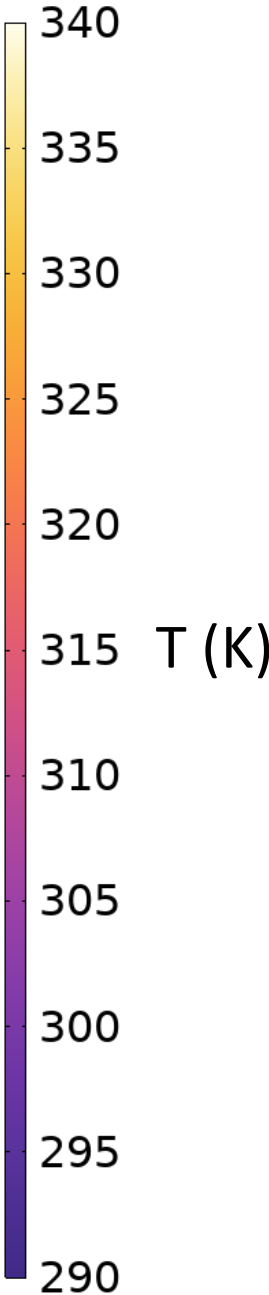
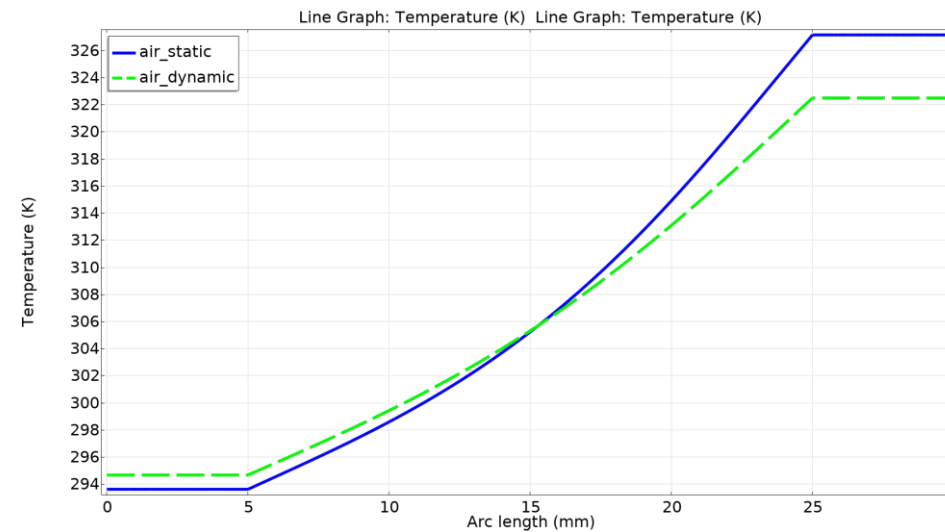
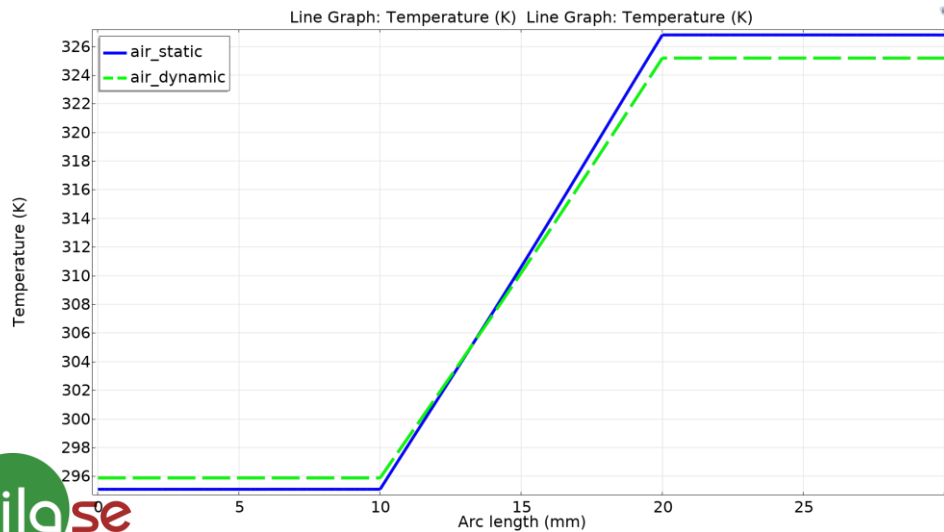
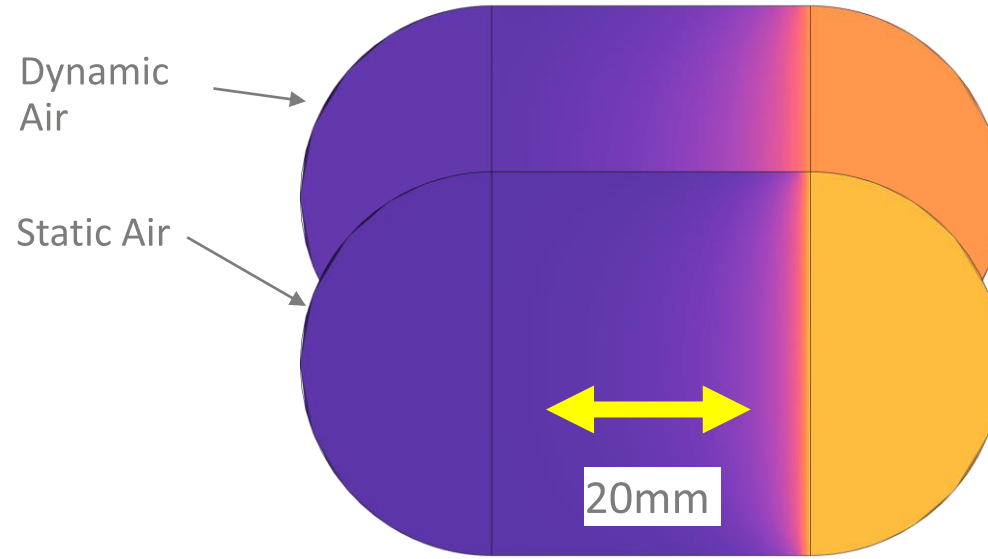
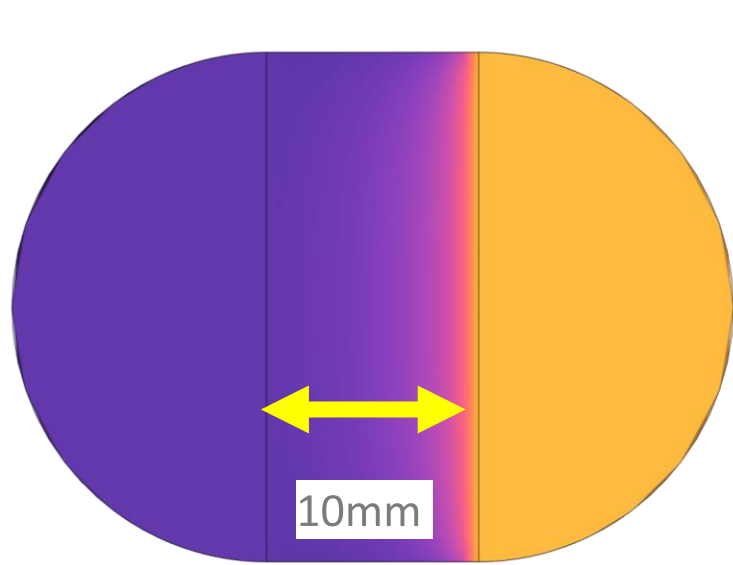
Temperature difference:
 ΔT Automatic

Uses Nusselt correlations for calculating heat transfer in cavity

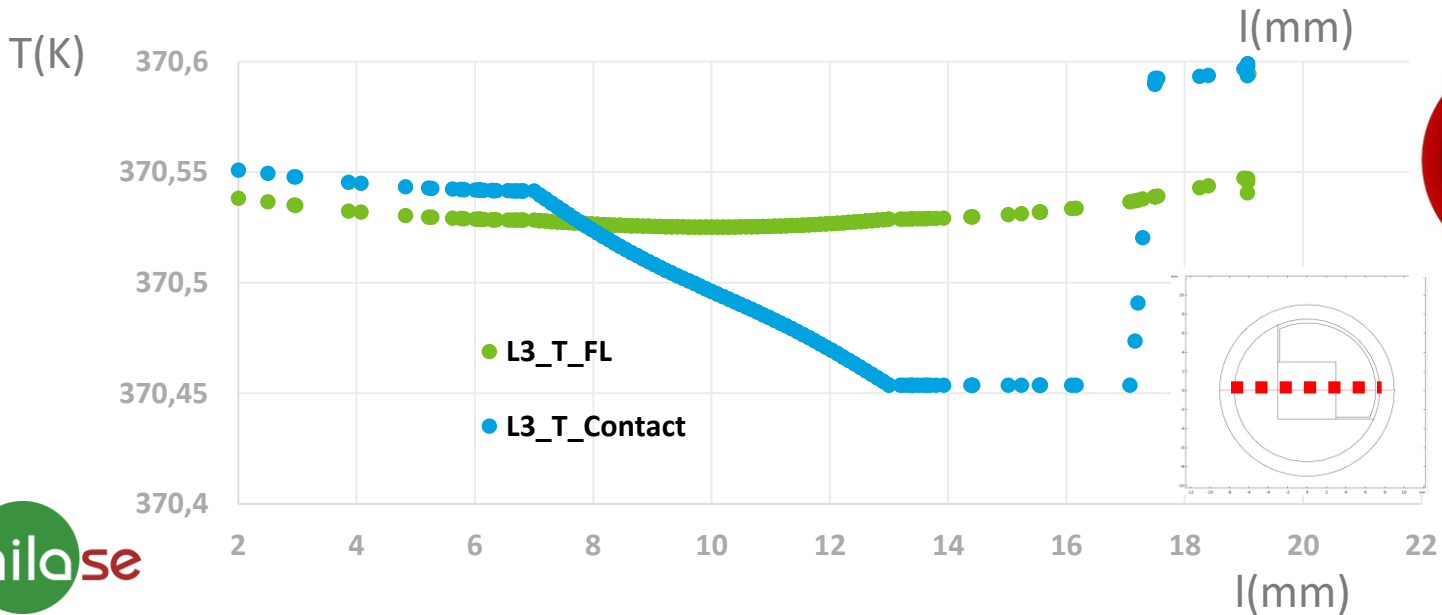
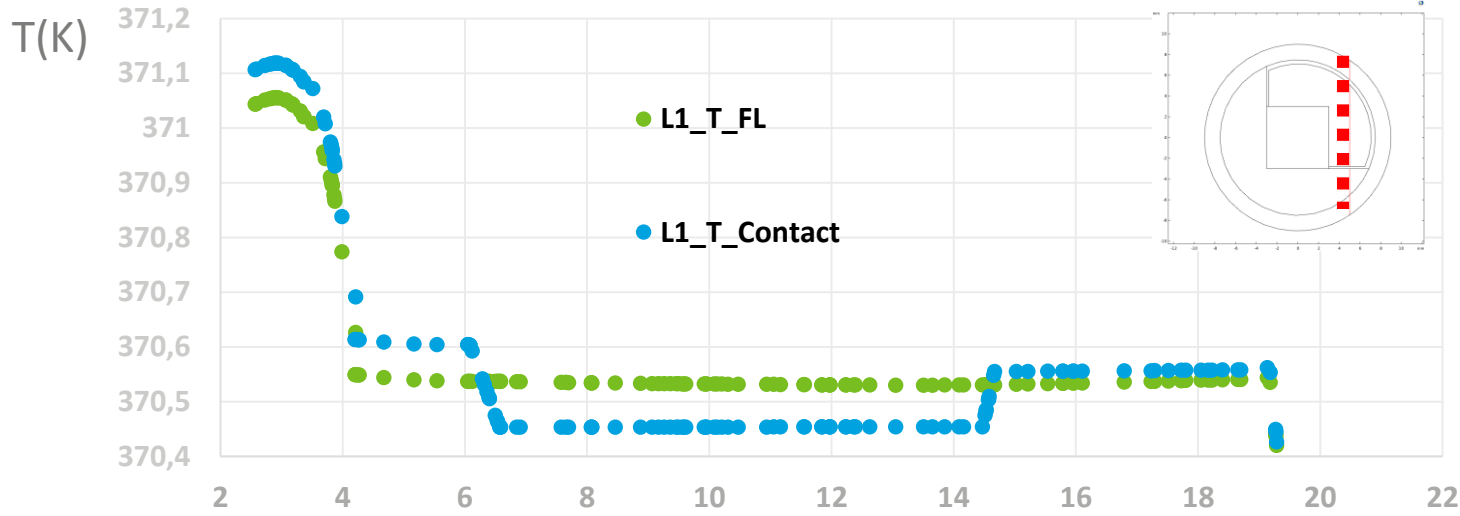


For current settings there is no significant difference between static and dynamic fluid model

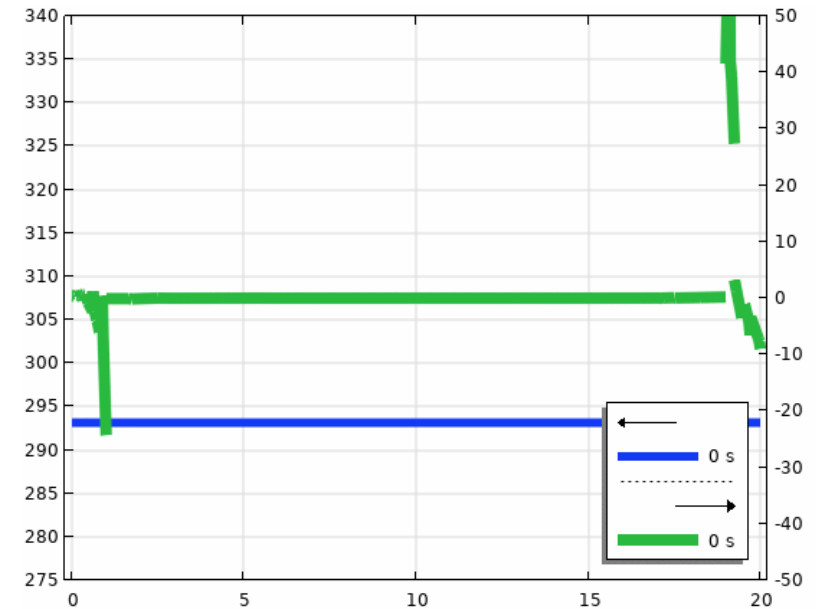
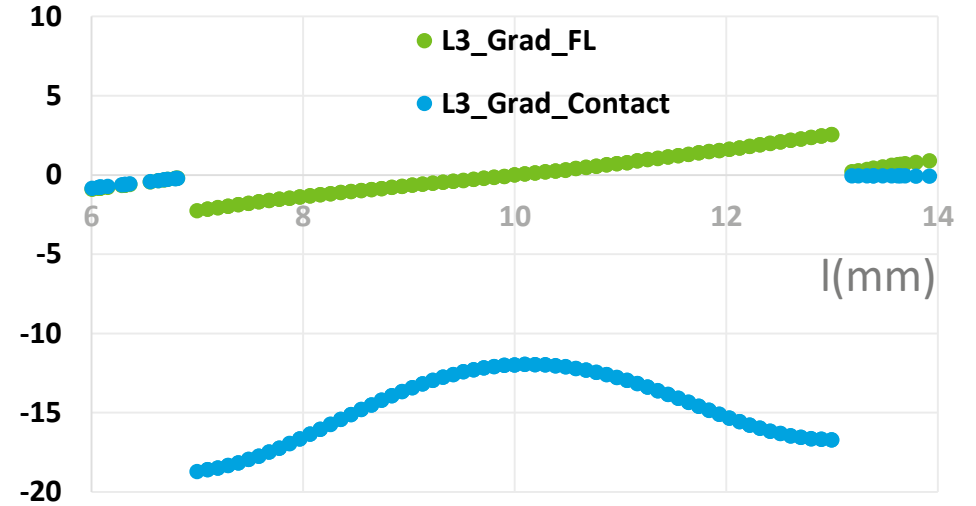
Static and Dynamic fluid comparison



Cavities in (semi) real geometry

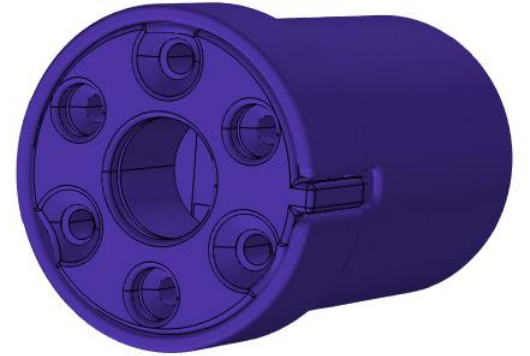


GradT(K/m)



Cavities in Heat Transfer Models

Cavities could be handled via:
Equivalent thermal resistances
Fluid infill of cavities



For real geometry *Convectively Enhanced Conductivity* was used mostly because „smooth“ gradient

Other possible (future) ways:

Thermal resistances (thermal connection / lumped thermal port)

2-component model

Add radiation

Heat Transfer in Shells (Composite Thermal Barrier model from library)

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