

# Reading output files with Matlab (examples)

Three different matlab functions can read sunfluidh output files. [Download the files](#). Make sure the directory where you have untar these files is listed in the matlabpath<sup>1)</sup>.

1. **read\_sunfluidh\_data** reads res\* or rst\* files
2. **read\_sunfluidh\_probes** reads all probes files \*\_ins\_\*
3. **read-sunfluidh-namelist** reads check\_namelist\_data.dat

As for any matlab function, the documentation is built in. In the command window just type : **help** read\_sunfluidh\_data or **doc** read\_sunfluidh\_data.



Here, we assume you have already runned the case [2D laminar channel flow with a constriction](#). Make sure the current directory for matlab is also the directory where you have the output files.

## Instantaneous (or statistical) fields

Visualisation of U velocity component.

```
f = read_sunfluidh_data(7) % read res_00000_0000007.d. If you omit (7), the
function tries to read the lastest generated file.
pcolor(f.xu,f.yc,f.U') % Note the transpose ' for f.U
axis image
shading interp
```

Add a colorbar, labels and increase the font size.

```
colorbar
xlabel('x'); ylabel('y'), set(gca,'FontSize',16)
```

Add on the same figure the contour for the isovalue 0 for the U component. The isocontour is red with a thick line.

```
hold on
contour(f.xu,f.yc,f.U',[0 0],'r','linewidth',2)
hold off
```

Extract the profiles from the instantaneous field. For instance, the U profile as a function of x for the grid nodes 48 in the y direction.

```
plot(f.xu,f.U(:,48))
```

Add another profile for grid nodes 19, labels.

```
hold on
```

```
plot(f.xu,f.U(:,19))  
hold off  
xlabel('x'); ylabel('U(x)'), set(gca,'FontSize',18)  
grid on
```

Add a legend retrieving the coordinates of the 19 and 48 grid nodes from f.yc.

```
legend(['y = ',num2str(f.yc(48))],['y = ',num2str(f.yc(19))] )
```

Plotting the profiles along the y direction is very similar. Here, the ghost cells are removed.

```
xind = 152; % pick an indice  
plot(f.U(xind,2:end-1),f.yc(2:end-1))  
xlabel('U(y)'),ylabel('y')
```

Retrieve from the namelists stored in check\_namelist\_data.dat the dynamic viscosity and the mesh size to make a title

```
nml = read_sunfluidh_namelist  
nx = nml.DOMAIN_FEATURES.CELLS_NUMBER_I_DIRECTION;  
ny = nml.DOMAIN_FEATURES.CELLS_NUMBER_J_DIRECTION;  
Rey = 1/nml.FLUID_PROPERTIES.REFERENCE_DYNAMIC_VISCOSITY;  
mystring = [' Profile at x= ',num2str(f.xu(xind)), ' Re = ',num2str(Rey),  
...  
           ', grid size = ' num2str(nx),'x', num2str(ny) ];  
title(mystring)
```



For statistical fields you can use `read_sunfluidh_data`. You just need to add the 'stat' option (see **doc** `read_sunfluidh_data`). For statistical fields all data are centered on scalar grid points. It is also possible to center the instantaneous fields with the option 'center'. This can be handy in a post processing when computing quantities with different velocity field components

## Temporal series

The *\*ins\** files or more generally temporal series are ascii files in which the first column is time and the first line is a header. There is no special needs to have a script for these files. You can use directly builtin matlab functions that you can tailor to your needs.

Conversely, you can use **`read_sunfluid_probes.m`** that attempts to read in the current directory all the *\*ins\** files and build a structure with the variable names. It is quite fragile and may fail.

Reading the file `resid_L2_Li.d` with builtin matlab function

```
s = importdata('resid_L2_Li.d');  
time = s.data(:,1);
```

```
L2 = s.data(:,2);  
Linf = s.data(:,3);  
semilogy(time,L2)  
grid on  
xlabel('t'); ylabel('L2 norm')
```

Plotting the U velocity component for the second probe with builtin matlab function

```
s = importdata('u_ins_00000.d',' ',1)  
time = s.data(:,1);  
u2 = s.data(:,3);  
plot(time,u2)  
grid on  
xlabel('t'); ylabel('u probe2')
```

Using read\_sunfluidh\_probes.m makes the same job a bit easier.

```
s = read_sunfluidh_probes;  
plot(s.time,s.u(:,2))
```

1)

For Unix system you can add the following command in ~/.bashrc : *export*  
*MATLABPATH='directory\_where\_the\_files\_are\_stored'*

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