

Scale-Adaptive Simulation (SAS) Turbulence Modeling



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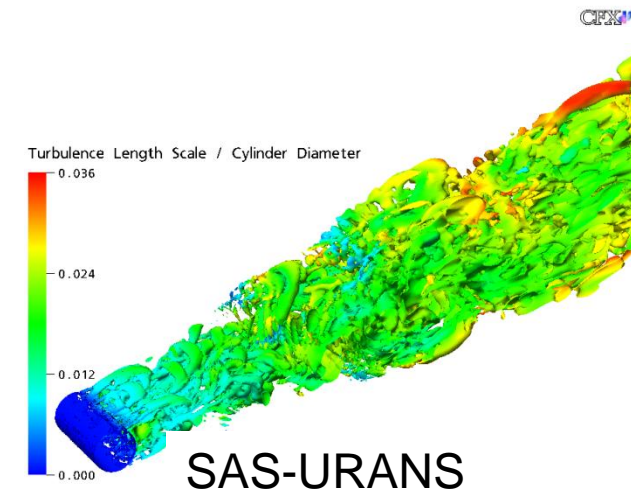
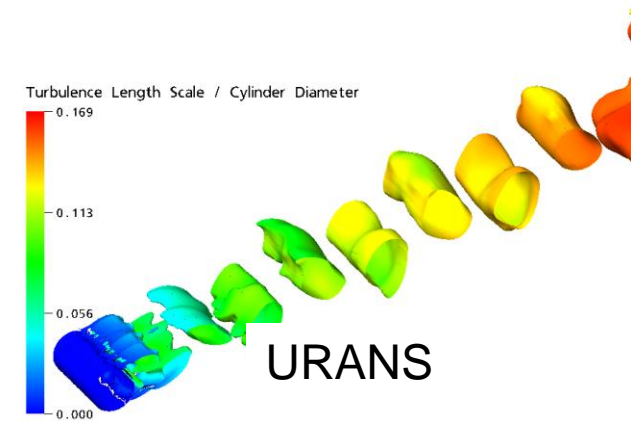
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Unsteady RANS Based Models

- URANS (Unsteady Reynolds averaged Navier Stokes) Methods
 - URANS gives unphysical single mode unsteady behavior
 - Some improvement relative to steady state (RANS) but often not sufficient to capture main effects
 - Reduction of time step and refinement of mesh do not benefit the simulation
- SAS (Scale-Adaptive Simulation) Method
 - Extends URANS to many technical flows
 - Provides “LES”-content in unsteady regions
 - Produces information on turbulent spectrum
 - Can be used as basis for acoustics simulations



Assumptions Two-Equation Models

- Largest eddies are most effective in mixing
- Two scales are minimum for statistical description of large turbulence scales
- Two model equations of independent variables define the two scales
 - Equation for turbulent kinetic energy is representing the large scale turbulent energy
 - Second equation (ε , ω , kL) to close the system
 - Each equation defines one independent scale
 - Both ε - and ω -equations describe the smallest (dissipate) eddies, whereas two-equation models describe the largest scales
 - Rotta developed an exact transport equation for the large turbulent length scales. This is a much better basis for a term-by-term modelling approach

Classical Derivation 2 Equation Models

- The k-equation:
 - Can be derived exactly from the Navier-Stokes equations
 - Term-by-term modelling
- The ε - (ω -) equation:
 - Exact equation for smallest (dissipation) scales
 - Model for large scales not based on exact equation
 - Modelled in analogy to k-equation and dimensional analysis
 - Danger that not all effects are included

$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho \bar{U}_j k)}{\partial x_j} = P_k - c_{\mu} \rho k \omega + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \omega)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho \bar{U}_j \omega)}{\partial x_j} = \alpha \left(\frac{\omega}{k} \right) P_k - \beta \left(\frac{\omega}{k} \right) \rho (k \omega) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_{\omega}} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

$$\mu_t = \rho \frac{k}{\omega}$$

Source Terms Equilibrium – k- ω Model

Only one Scale in Sources ($S \sim 1/T$)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_j k)}{\partial x_j} = \mu_t (S^2 - c_\mu \omega^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \omega)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_j \omega)}{\partial x_j} = \rho (c_{\omega 1} S^2 - c_{\omega 2} \omega^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\omega} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \right)$$



One input scale – two output scales?

Source terms do not contain information on two independent scales

Determination of L in k - ω Model

k-equation:

$$\frac{\partial(k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(U_k k)}{\partial x_k} = \frac{k}{\omega} (S^2 - c_\mu \omega^2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{k}{\omega} \frac{\partial k}{\partial y} \right]$$

- Diffusion term carries information on shear-layer thickness δ
- Turbulent length scale proportional to shear layer thickness
- Finite thickness layer required
- Computed length scale independent of details inside turbulent layer
- No scale-resolution, as L_t always large and dissipative

$$0 = \frac{k}{\omega} (S^2 - c_\mu \omega^2) + c \frac{1}{\delta} \left[\frac{k}{\omega} \frac{k}{\delta} \right]$$

$$\omega \sim S \quad \text{from } \omega\text{-equation}$$

$$0 = cS^2 + \tilde{c} \frac{k}{\delta^2} \quad k \sim S^2 \delta^2$$

$$L_t \sim \frac{\sqrt{k}}{\omega} \sim \frac{\sqrt{S^2 \delta^2}}{S} \sim \delta$$

Rotta's Length Scale Equation

- To avoid the problem that the $\varepsilon(\omega)$ equation is an equation for the smallest scales, an equation for the large (integral) scales is needed.
- This requires first a mathematical definition of an integral length scale, L .
 - In Rotta's (1968) approach this definition is based on two-point correlations
- Based on that definition of L , an exact transport equation can be derived from the Navier-Stokes equations (the actual equation is based on kL)
- This exact equation is then modelled term-by-term

Rotta, J.C.: Über eine Methode zur Berechnung turbulenter Scherströmungen, Aerodynamische Versuchsanstalt Göttingen, Rep. 69 A14, (1968).

Two-Point Velocity Correlations

Measurement of velocity fluctuations with two probes
at two different locations

$$\tilde{R}_{ij} = \frac{\overline{u_i'(\vec{x}, t) u_j'(\vec{x} + \vec{r}, t)}}{\overline{u_i'(\vec{x}, t) u_j'(\vec{x}, t)}}$$

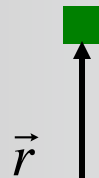
For small r , all eddies contribute

For large r , only large scales contribute

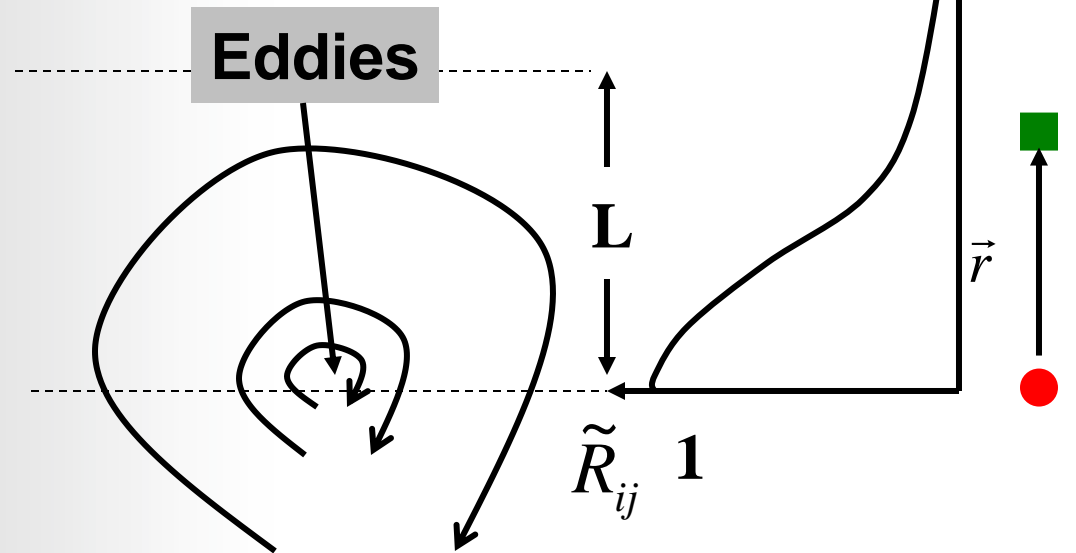
For $r > L$, correlation goes to zero

Integral vs. r proportional to size of large eddies L

Shifted Probe



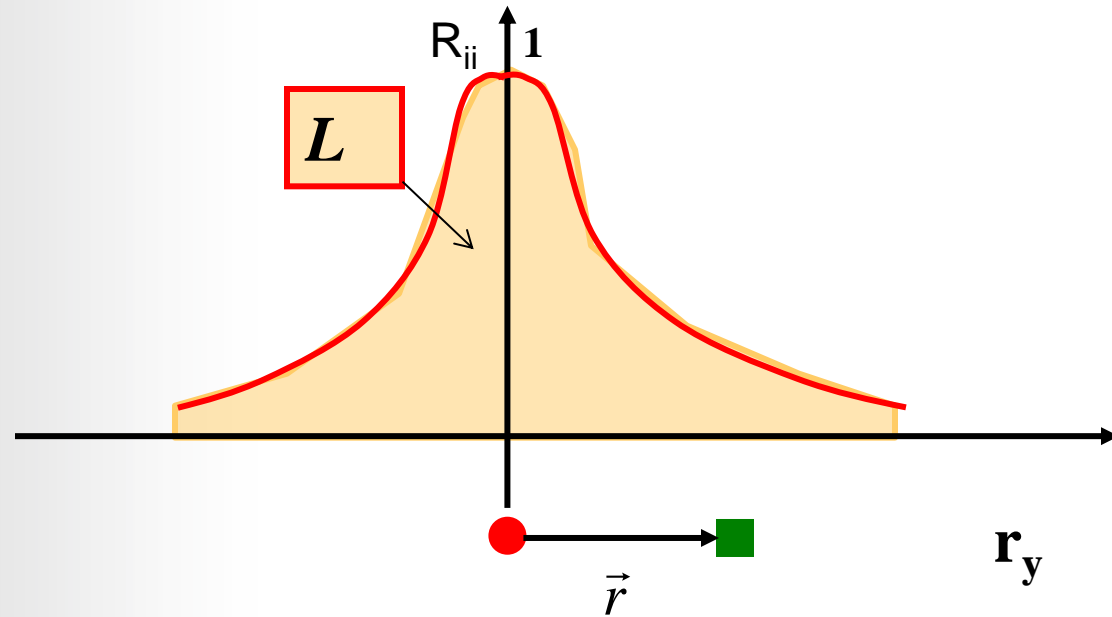
Fixed Probe



Integral Length Scale:

- The integral of the correlations provides a quantity, L , with dimension 'length'.
- L is based only on velocity fluctuations and can therefore be described by the Navier-Stokes equations.
- Exact equation for L (or kL , ..) can be derived.
- L is a true measure of the size of the largest eddies

$$L(x, t) = c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{R}_{ii}(x, t, r) dr$$



Exact Transport Equation Integral Length-Scale (Rotta)

Exact transport equations for $\Phi=kL$ (boundary layer form):

$$\frac{\partial(\Phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(U_k \Phi)}{\partial x_k} = -\frac{3}{16} \frac{\partial U(x)}{\partial y} \int R_{21} dr_y - \frac{3}{16} \int \frac{\partial U(x+r_y)}{\partial y} R_{12} dr_y +$$

$$\frac{3}{16} \int \frac{\partial}{\partial r_k} (R_{(ik)i} - R_{i(ik)}) dr_y + \nu \frac{3}{8} \int \frac{\partial^2 R_{ii}}{\partial r_k \partial r_k} dr_y -$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ \frac{3}{16} \int \left[R_{(i2)i} + \frac{1}{\rho} (\overline{p'v} + \overline{vp'}) \right] - \nu \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\Phi) \right\} \quad \text{with} \quad \Phi = kL(x)$$

- Important term:

$$\frac{3}{16} \int \frac{\partial U_i(x+r_y)}{\partial y} R_{12} dr_y$$

Expansion of Gradient Function

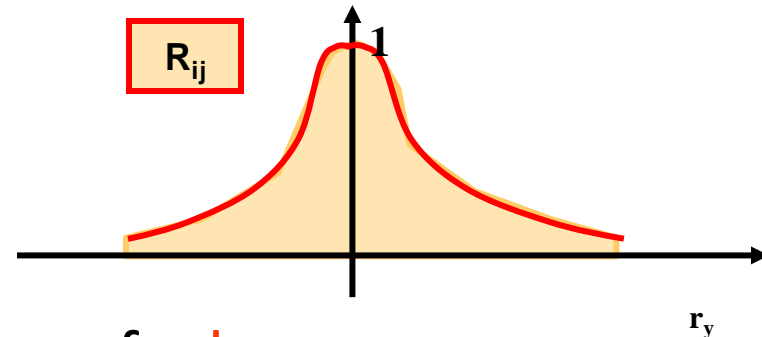
Important term:

$$\frac{\partial U(x+r_y)}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial U(x)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial^2 U(x)}{\partial y^2} r_y + \frac{\partial^3 U(x)}{\partial y^3} \frac{r_y^2}{2} + \dots$$

$$\int \frac{\partial U(x+r_y)}{\partial y} R_{12} dr_y \rightarrow \frac{\partial U(x)}{\partial y} \int R_{12} dr_y + \frac{\partial^2 U(x)}{\partial y^2} \int r_y R_{12} dr_y + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^3 U(x)}{\partial y^3} \int r_y^2 R_{12} dr_y$$

• Rotta:

$$\frac{\partial^2 U(x)}{\partial y^2} \int r_y R_{12} dr_y = 0$$



• Due to symmetry of R_{ij} with respect to r_y for **homogeneous** turbulence

Transport Equation Integral Length-Scale (Rotta)

Transport equations for kL :

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\Phi)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho U_k \Phi)}{\partial x_k} = -\overline{\rho uv} \left(\zeta L \frac{\partial U_i(x)}{\partial y} + \zeta_3 L^3 \frac{\partial^3 U_i(x)}{\partial y^3} \right) - c_L c \rho \left(\frac{q^2}{2} \right)^{3/2} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left\{ \frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\Phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (\Phi) \right\}$$

- Equation has a natural length scale:

$$L^2 = \frac{c_l - c}{\zeta_3} \left| \frac{\partial U / \partial y}{\partial^3 U / \partial y^3} \right|$$

- Problem – 3rd derivative:

- Non-intuitive
- Numerically problematic

$$\longrightarrow \zeta_3 = 0 \longrightarrow$$

- If $\zeta_3=0$ - No natural length scale
 - No fundamental difference to other scale-equations

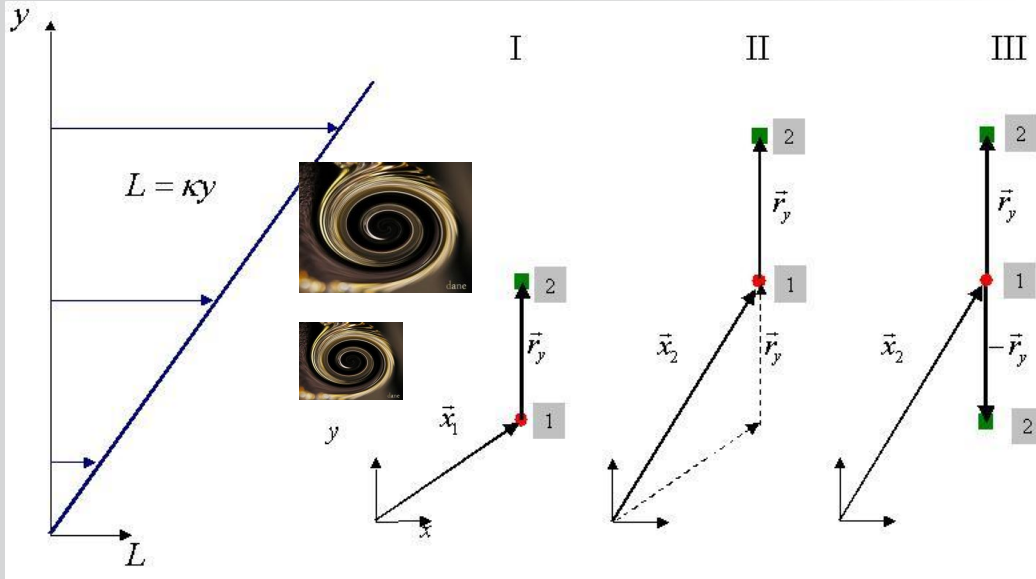
Virtual Experiment 1D Flow

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} \int r_y R_{12} dr_y = 0 \quad ?$$

$$\tilde{R}_{12} = \frac{\overline{u(x)v(x+r_y)}}{u(x)v(x)}$$

$$\overline{u(x)v(x)} = \text{const.} = \frac{\tau_w}{\rho}$$

Logarithmic layer $L_t = \kappa y$



$$\tilde{R}_{12}^I(\vec{r}_y) < \tilde{R}_{12}^{II}(\vec{r}_y)$$

$$\tilde{R}_{12}^{III}(\vec{r}_y) = \tilde{R}_{12}^{II}(\vec{r}_y) \quad \tilde{R}_{12}^{III}(\vec{r}_y) \approx \tilde{R}_{12}^I(-\vec{r}_y)$$

$$\tilde{R}_{12}^{III}(-\vec{r}_y) < \tilde{R}_{12}^{III}(\vec{r}_y)$$



R_{12} asymmetric

$$\int r_y R_{12} dr_y \neq 0$$

New 2-Equation Model (KSKL)

$$\frac{\partial(k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(U_j k)}{\partial x_j} = P_k - c_\mu^{3/4} \frac{k^{3/2}}{L} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{v_t}{\sigma_k} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(U_j \Phi)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\Phi}{k} \left(\zeta_1 P_k - \zeta_2 \frac{1}{\kappa^2} L^2 v_t (U''')^2 \right) - \zeta_3 \cdot k + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[\frac{v_t}{\sigma_\Phi} \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial y} \right]$$

- With:

$$\Phi = \sqrt{k} L \quad v_t = c_\mu^{1/4} \Phi \quad |U''| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j}}; \quad |U'''| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_j \partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_k \partial x_k}}; \quad L_{vK} = \kappa \left| \frac{U'}{U''} \right|$$

v. Karman length-scale as natural length-scale:

$$L \sim \kappa \left| \frac{\partial U / \partial y}{\partial^2 U / \partial y^2} \right| = L_{vK}$$

SAS Model Derivation

- Using the exact definition and transport equation of Rotta, we re-formulated the equation for the second turbulence scale.
- We use a term-by-term modelling approach based on the exact equation.
- This results in the inclusion of the second velocity derivative U'' in the scale equation
- Based on U'' the scale equation is able to adjust to resolved scales in the flow.
- The KSKL model is one variant of the SAS modelling concept, as these terms can also be transformed into other equations (ε - or ω).

Transformation of SAS Terms to SST Model

- Transformation:

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{c_\mu^{1/4}} \frac{k}{\omega}$$

$$\frac{D\omega}{Dt} = \frac{1}{c_\mu^{1/4}} \frac{D}{Dt} \left(\frac{k}{\Phi} \right) = \frac{1}{c_\mu^{1/4}} \left(\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{Dk}{Dt} - \frac{k}{\Phi^2} \frac{D\Phi}{Dt} \right) = \frac{\omega}{k} \frac{Dk}{Dt} - \frac{\omega}{\Phi} \frac{D\Phi}{Dt}$$



$$\frac{\partial \rho \omega}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial U_j \rho \omega}{\partial x_j} = \alpha \rho S^2 - \beta \rho \omega^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\sigma_\omega} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \right) + \frac{2\rho}{\sigma_\Phi} \left(\frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} - \frac{k}{\omega^2} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \right) + \tilde{\zeta}_2 \kappa \rho S^2 \left(\frac{L}{L_{vK}} \right)^2$$

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Wilcox Model

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BSL (SST) Model

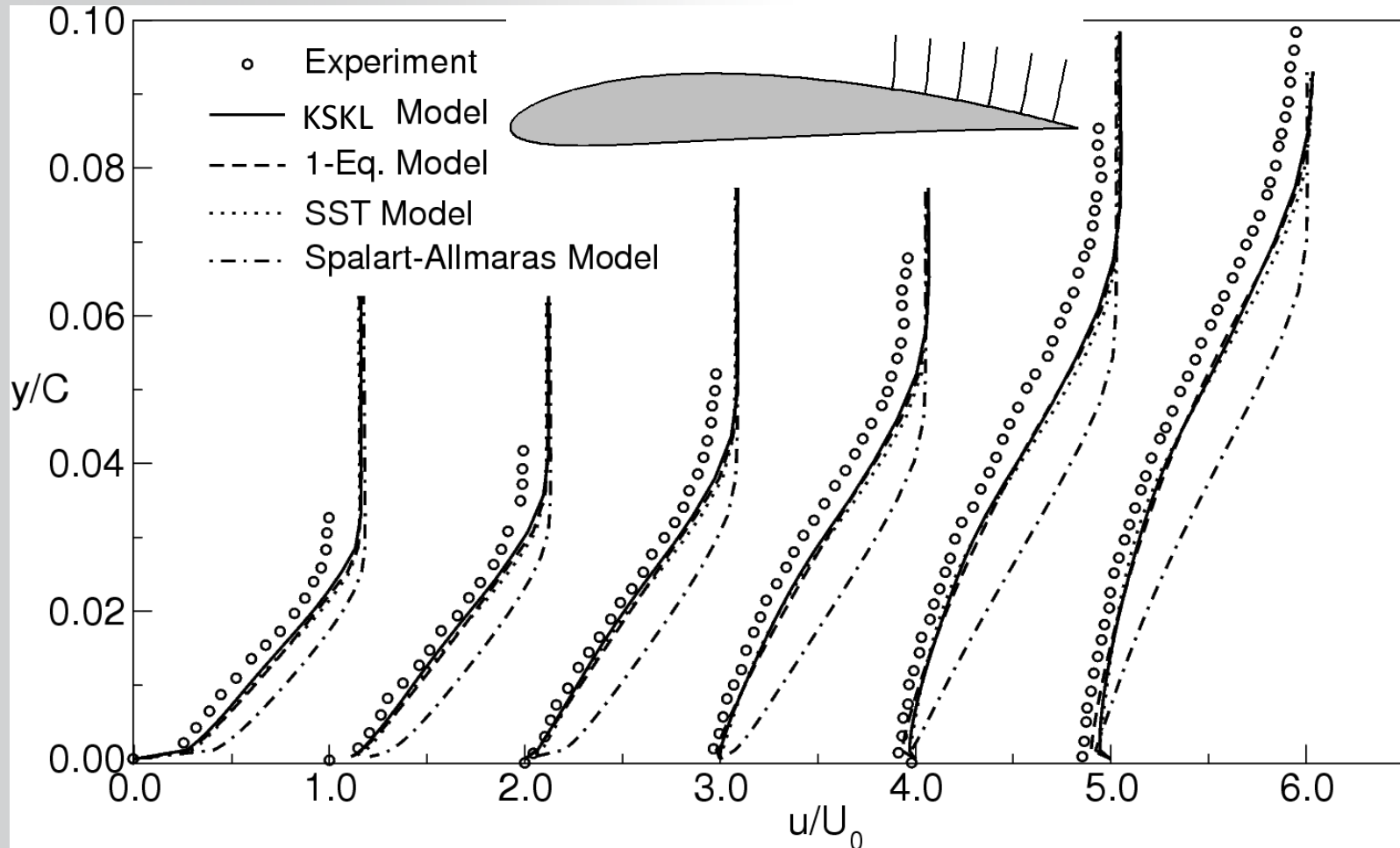
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SAS

$$L_{vK} = \kappa \left| \frac{\partial U / \partial y}{\partial^2 U / \partial y^2} \right|$$

2-D Stationary Flows: KSKL - RANS

NACA-4412 airfoil at 14° : trailing edge separation



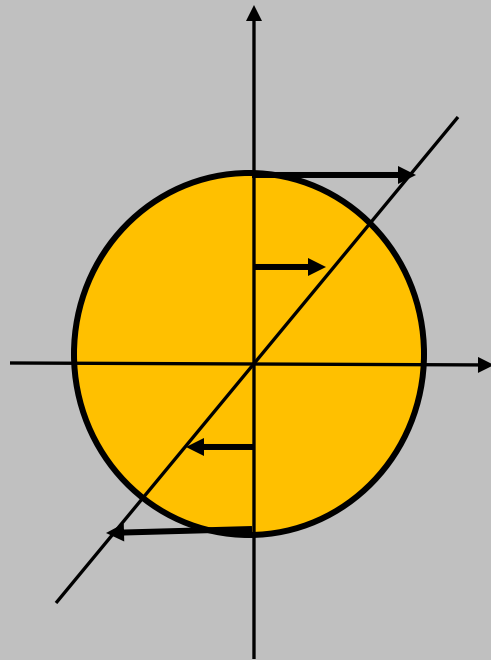
Limitation of Growth by U''

Homogenous Shear

$$\frac{dU}{dy} = \text{const.}$$

$$\omega \sim \frac{dU}{dy}$$

$$L \rightarrow \infty$$



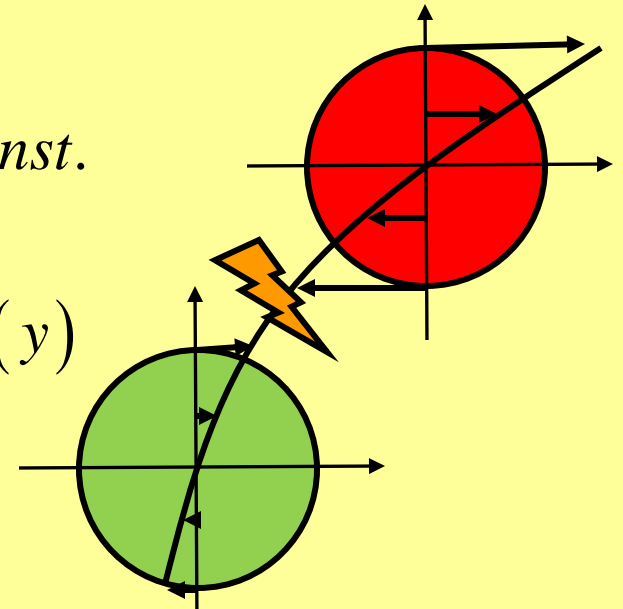
Eddies grow to infinity

Inhomogeneous Shear

$$\frac{dU}{dy} \neq \text{const.}$$

$$\omega \sim \frac{dU}{dy}(y)$$

$$L \rightarrow L_{vK}$$



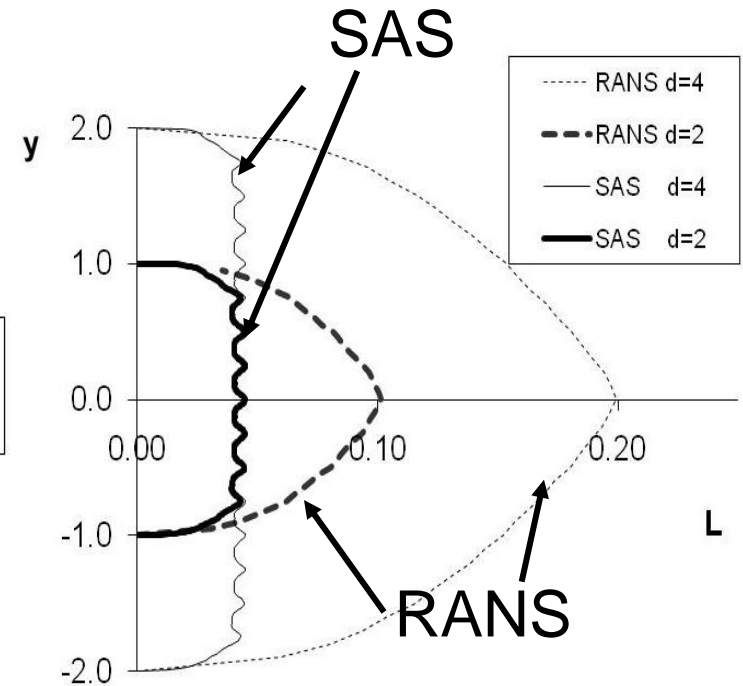
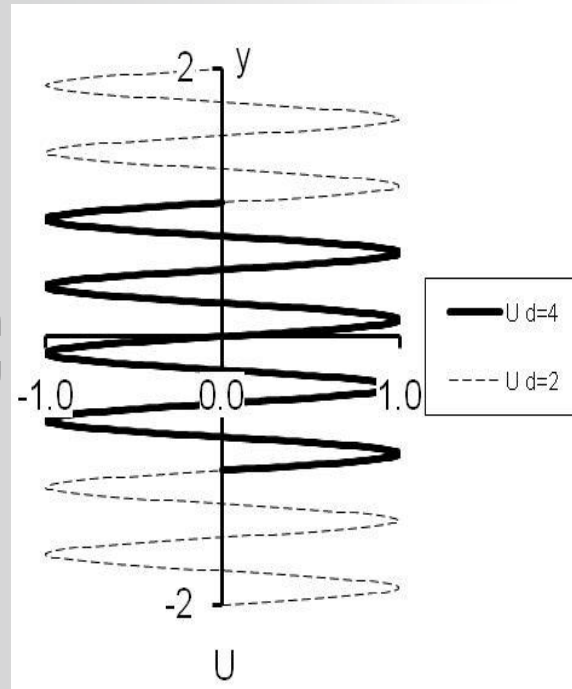
**Eddy growth limited
by L_{vK} .**

One Model – Two Modes

RANS Model $L \sim \delta$

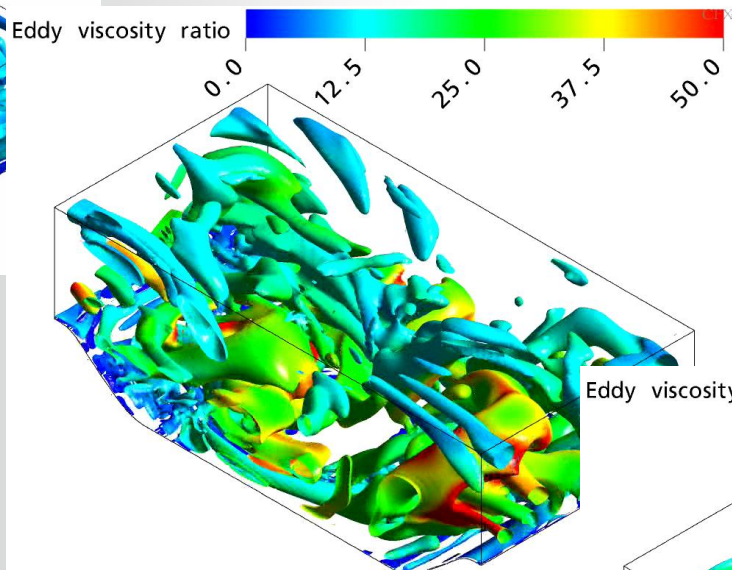
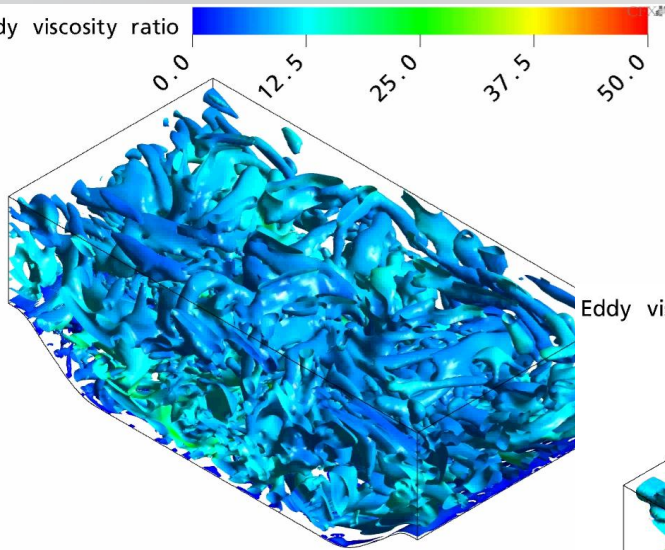
SAS $L \sim \lambda$

$$U(y) = U_0 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot y}{\lambda}\right)$$

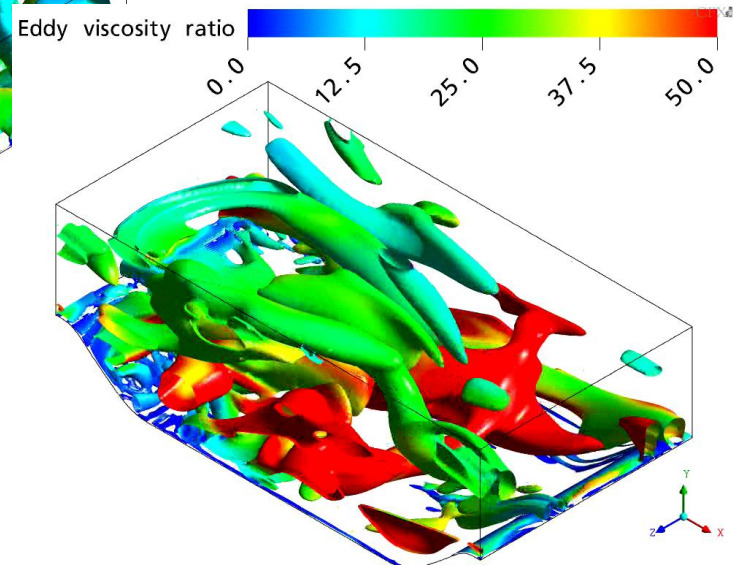


SAS Modell - 2D Periodic Hill

Scale-Adaptation based on Δt



4x higher Δt

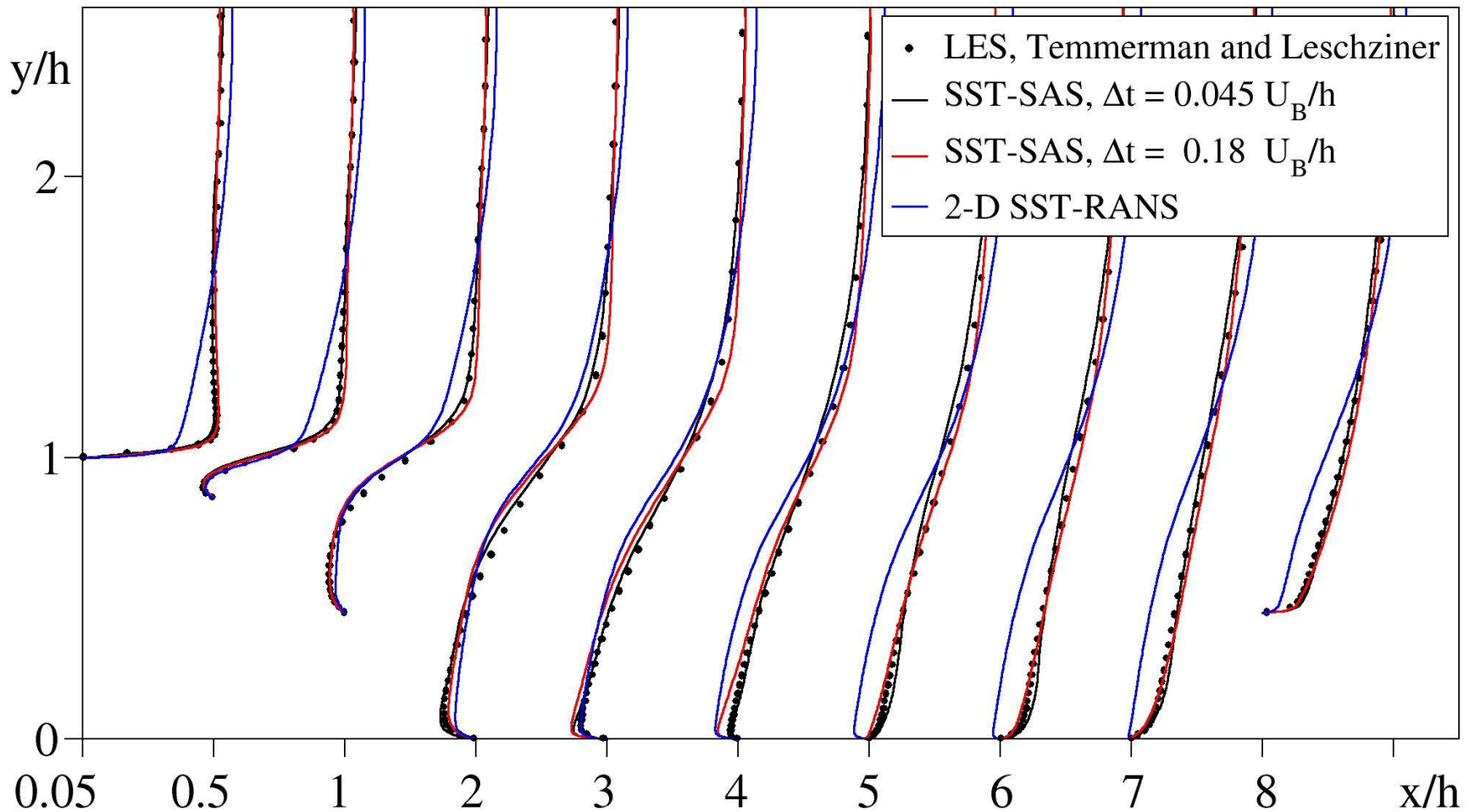


2x higher Δt

$$\Delta t = 0.045 h/U_B$$

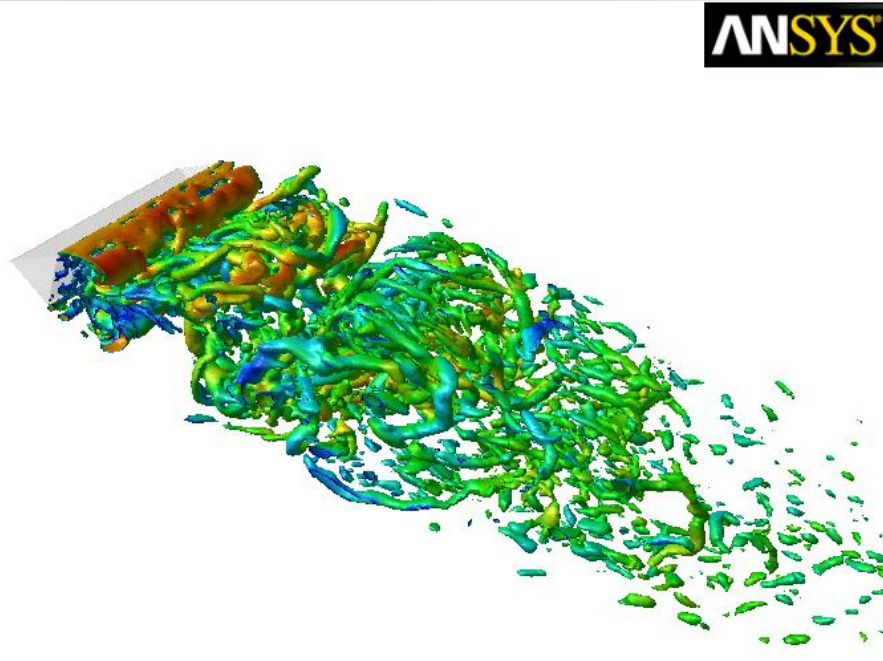


Time averaged velocity profiles U

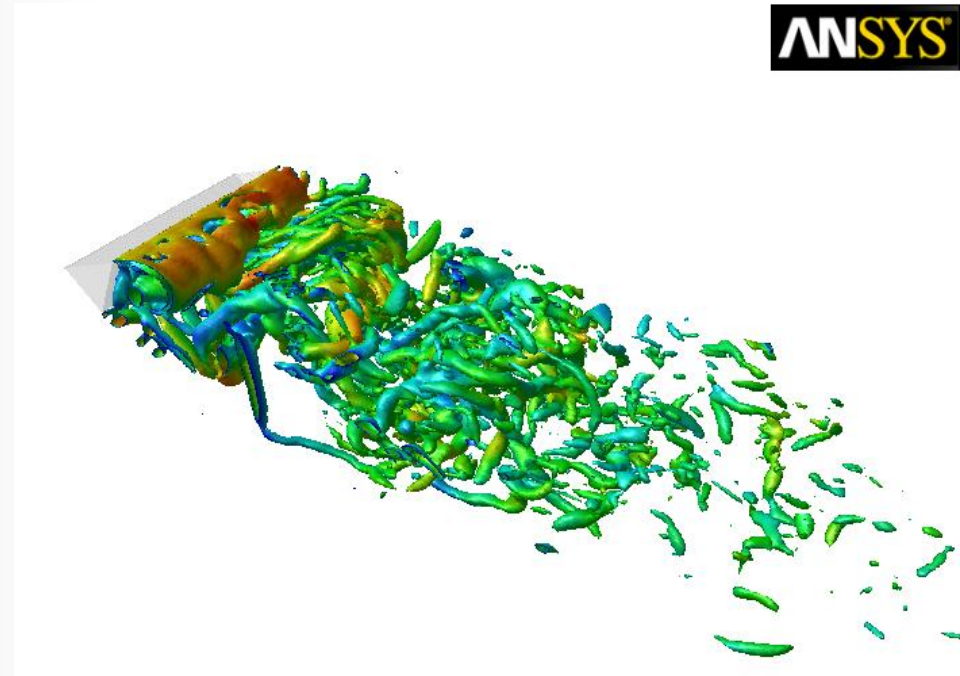


Fluent-SAS Model Volvo Bluff Body : Cold Case

SAS-SST

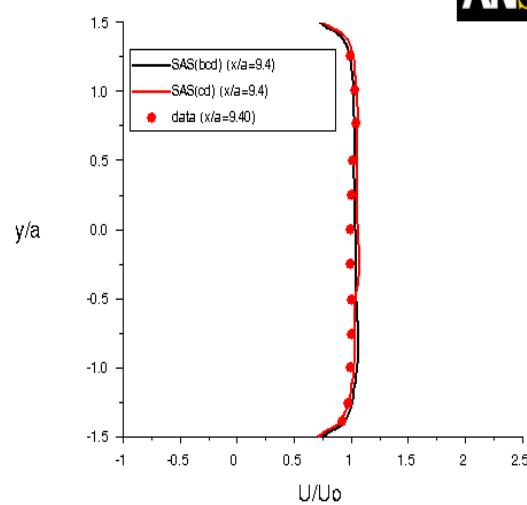
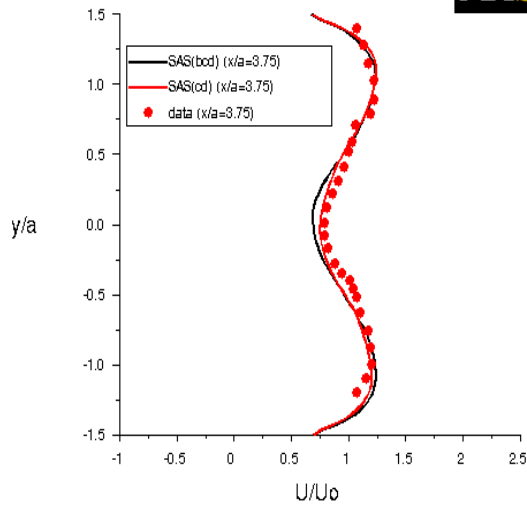
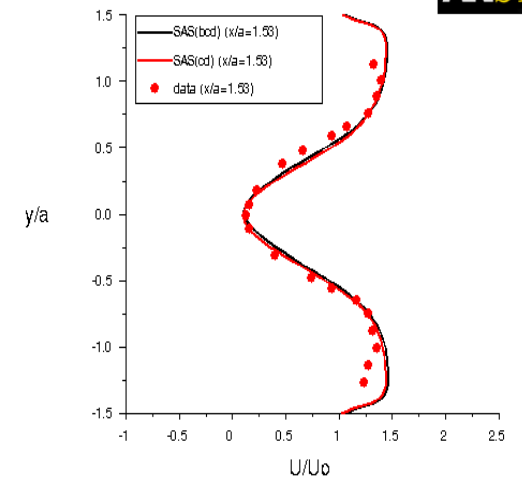
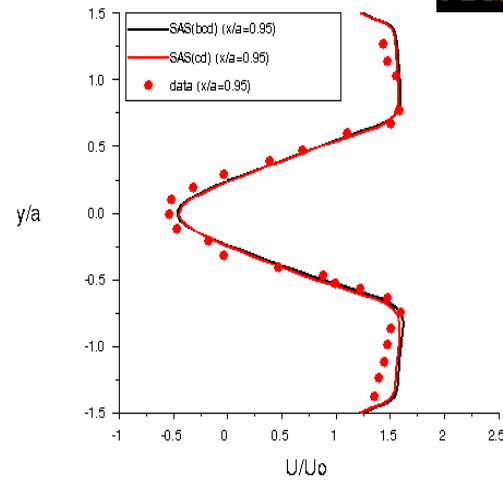
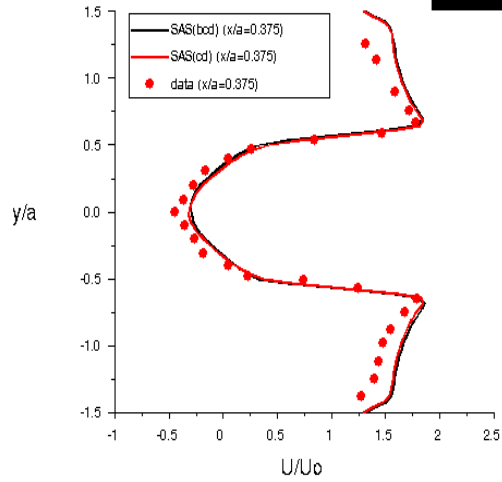


DES-SST



$$Q = 1^6$$

VOLVO Cold Case



**Time-averaged
U-velocity**

Test case: Mirror Geometry

EU project DESIDER Testcase

Plate dimensions $L \times W = 2.4 \times 1.6$

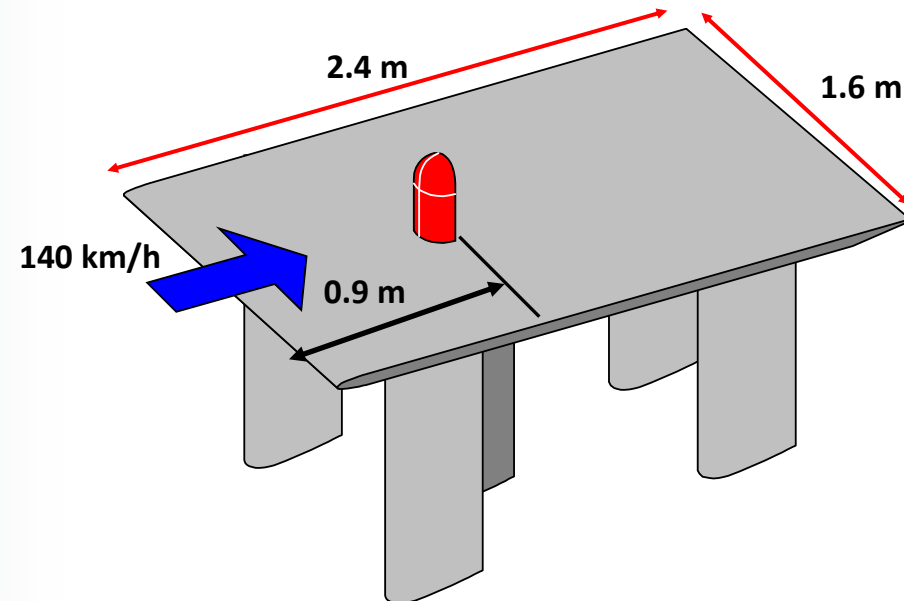
Cylinder Diameter : $D = 0.2$ m

Rear Face location : 0.9 m

Free stream Velocity: 140 km/h

Re_D : 520 000

Mach: 0.11

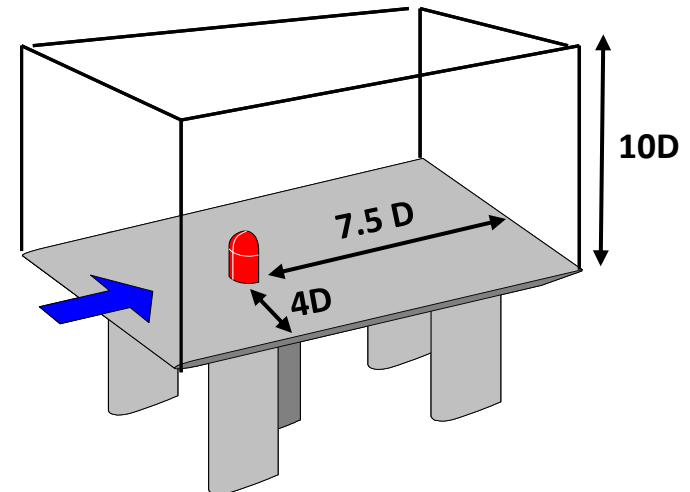


Test case: Mesh

Mesh: Box around the Plate & Cylinder

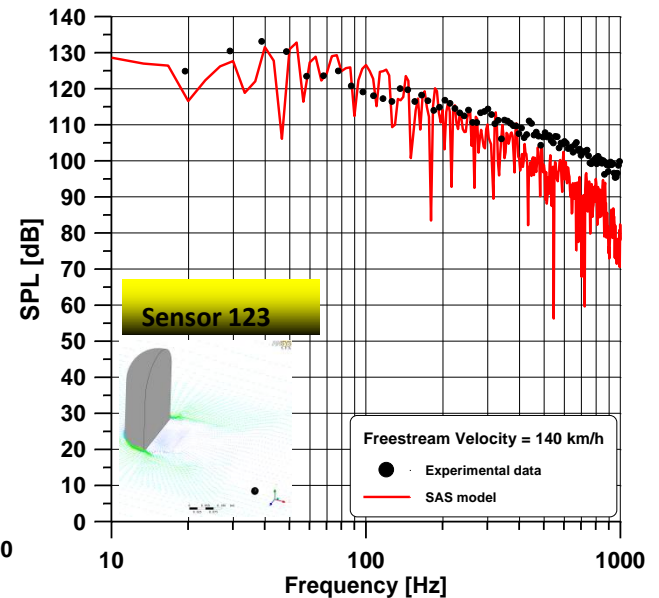
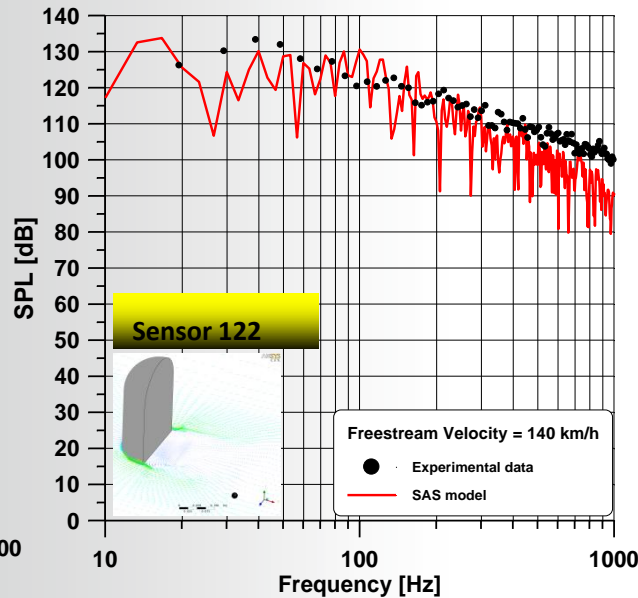
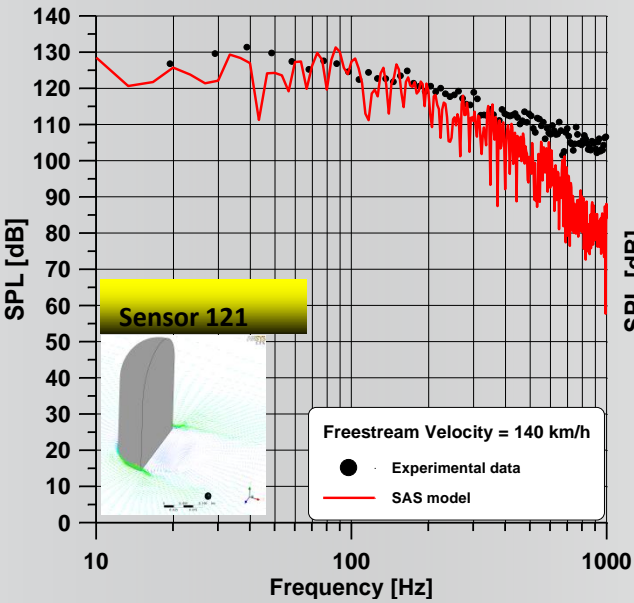
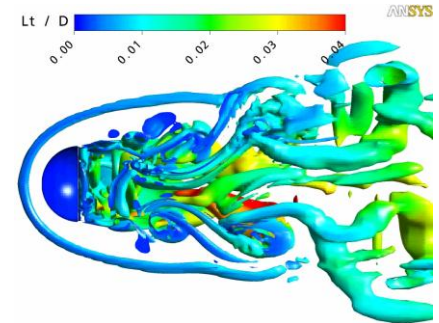
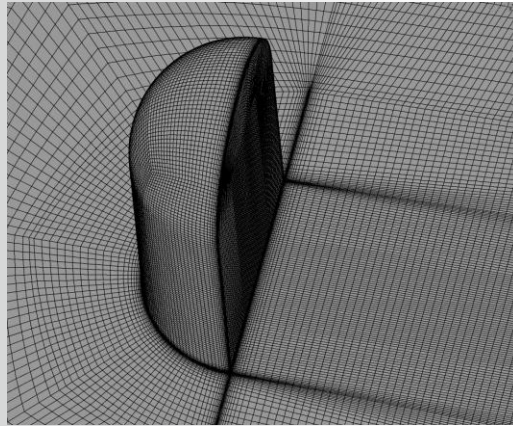
- Height of domain: 10 diameters ($D=0.2\text{m}$)
- Coarse and fine meshes
- wall-normal distance around $1-3 \cdot 10^{-4}\text{ m}$
- obstacle edges resolution: step sizes around $0.02 \cdot D$ (height) - $0.03 \cdot D$ (circumf.)

Flow: Air as ideal gas



Validation: Near field SPL

Grid ~ 3 million nodes



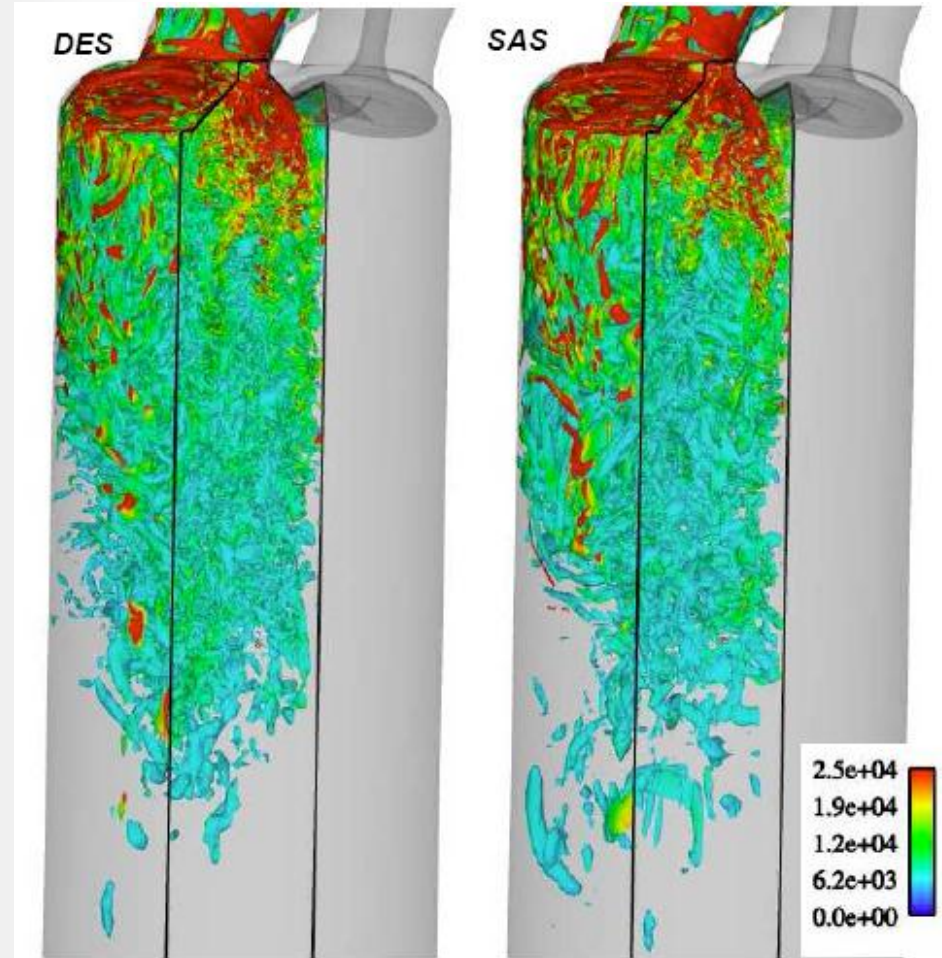
Sensors downstream the mirror

Blow-Down Simulation – SAS (SST)

Mesh – 1×10^7 control volumes hybrid unstructured

Scale resolving results:

- SAS and DES show similar flow pattern
- SAS model does not rely on grid spacing
- SAS can be applied to moving meshes with more confidence

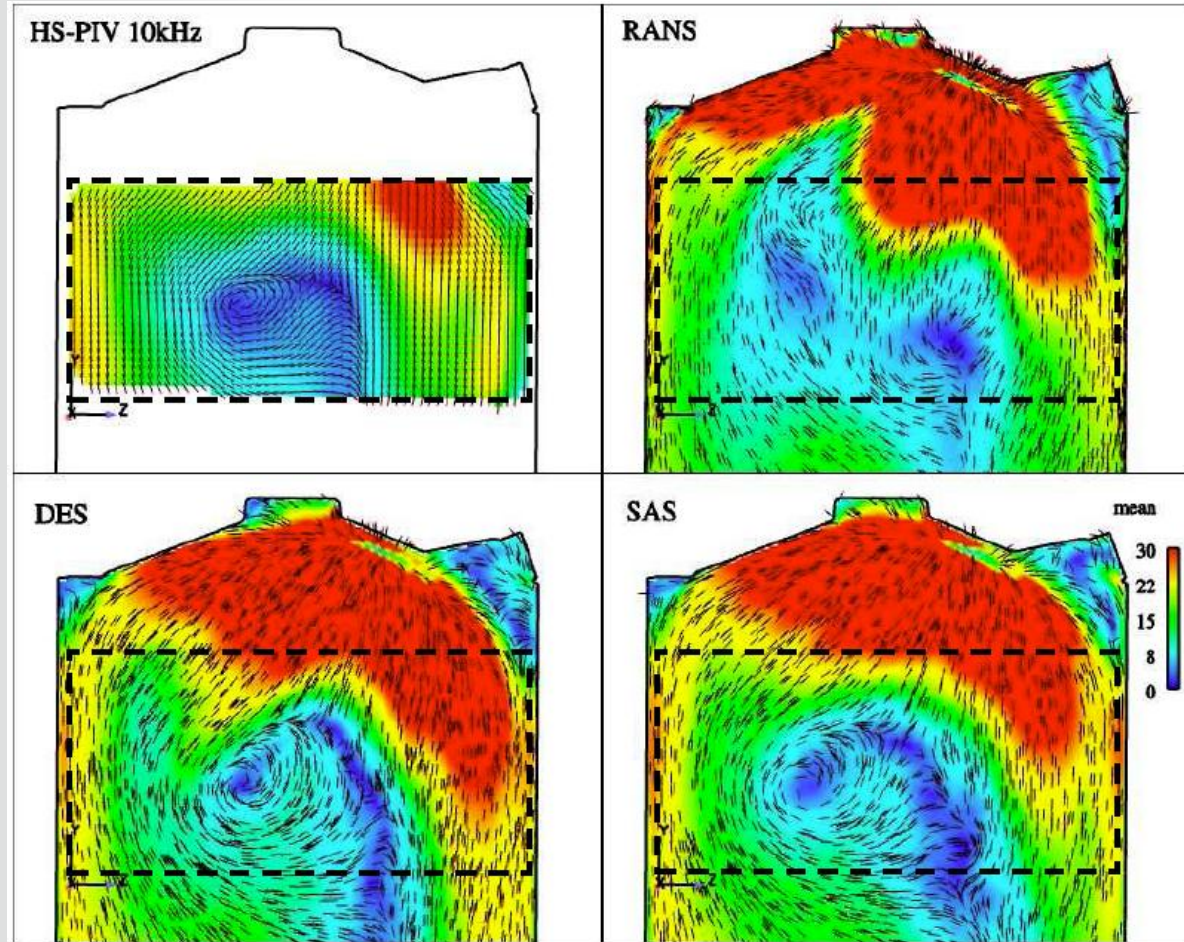


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Flow Topology and Mass Flow

Mass flow Rates

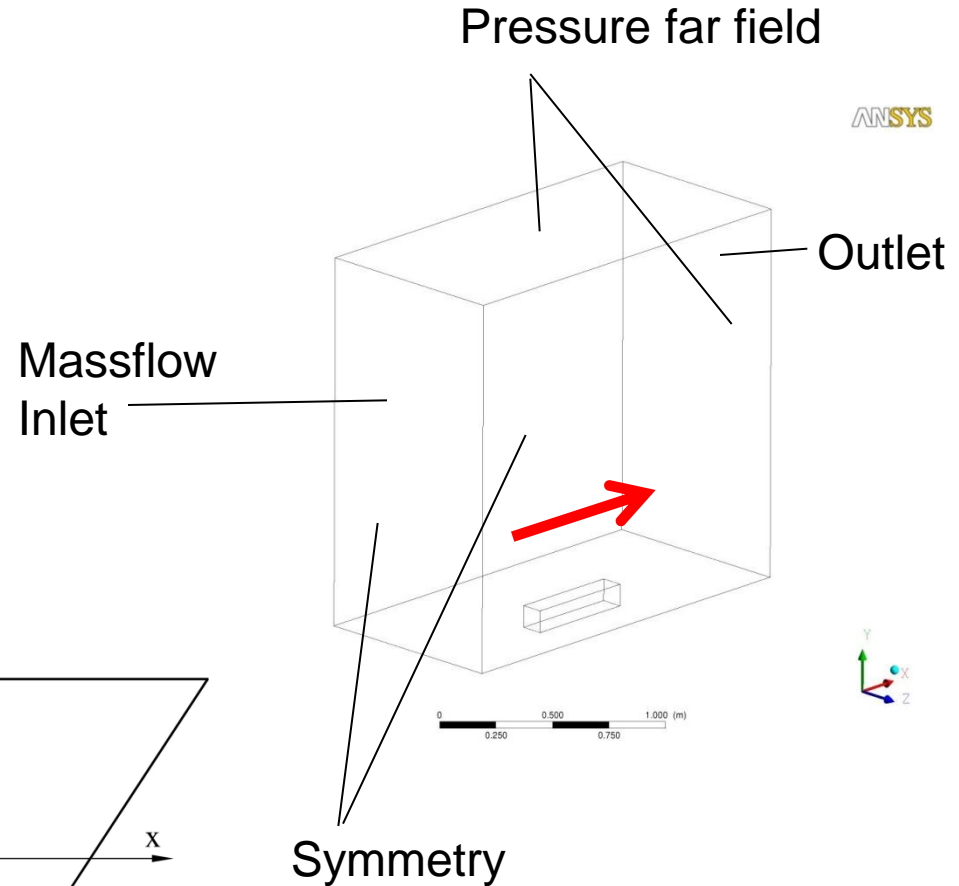
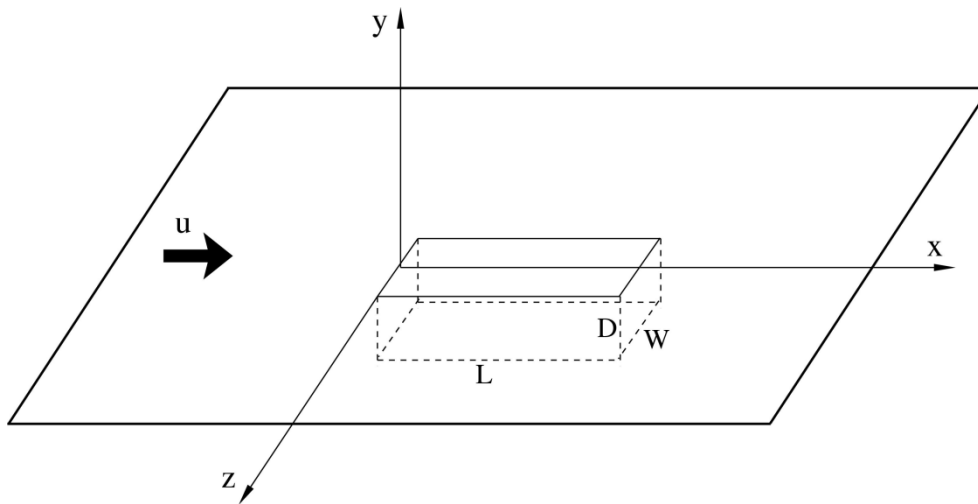
Intake Valve	Exp.	RANS	DES	SAS
3 mm	1	0.95	0.985	0.996
9 mm	1	0.988	-	0.99



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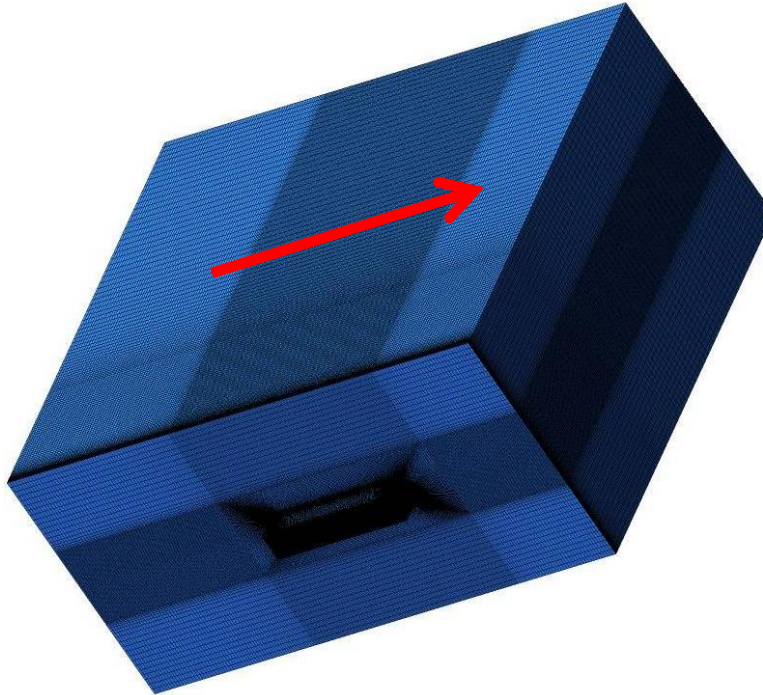
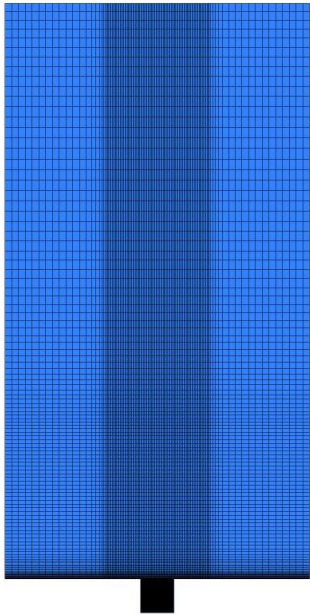
Geometry of the Cavity

- $D = 4$ in
- $L = 5 D, W = D$
- $L_x \times L_y \times L_z = 18 D \times 17 D \times 9 D$
- $M = 0.85$
- $P = 62100$ Pa
- $T = 266.53$ K
- $Re = 13.47 E 6$

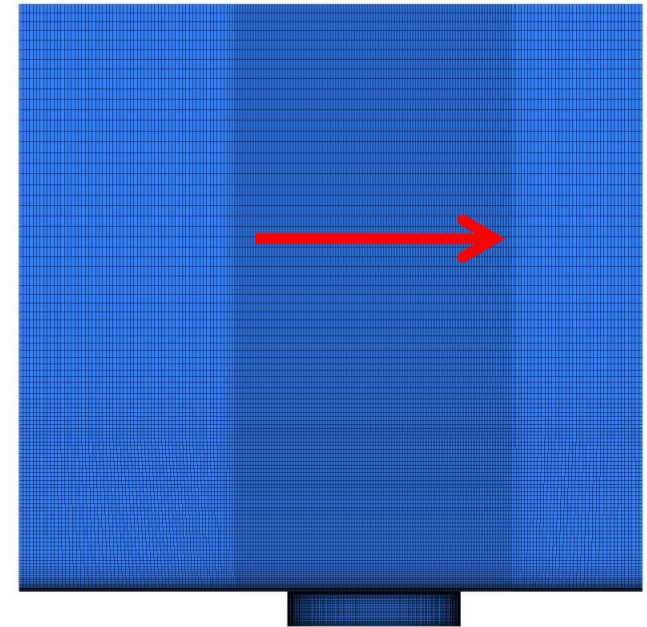


Mesh: 5.8 e 6 Cv – double O-grid

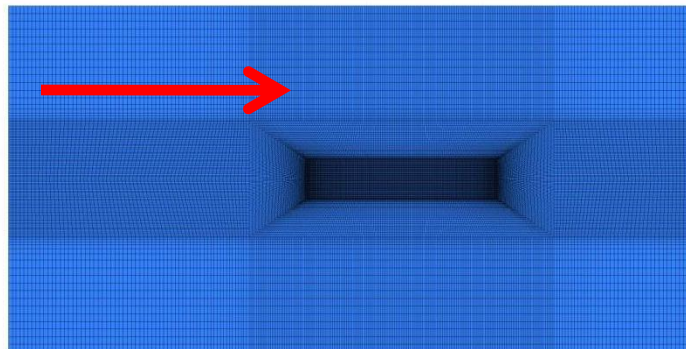
Inlet



Side

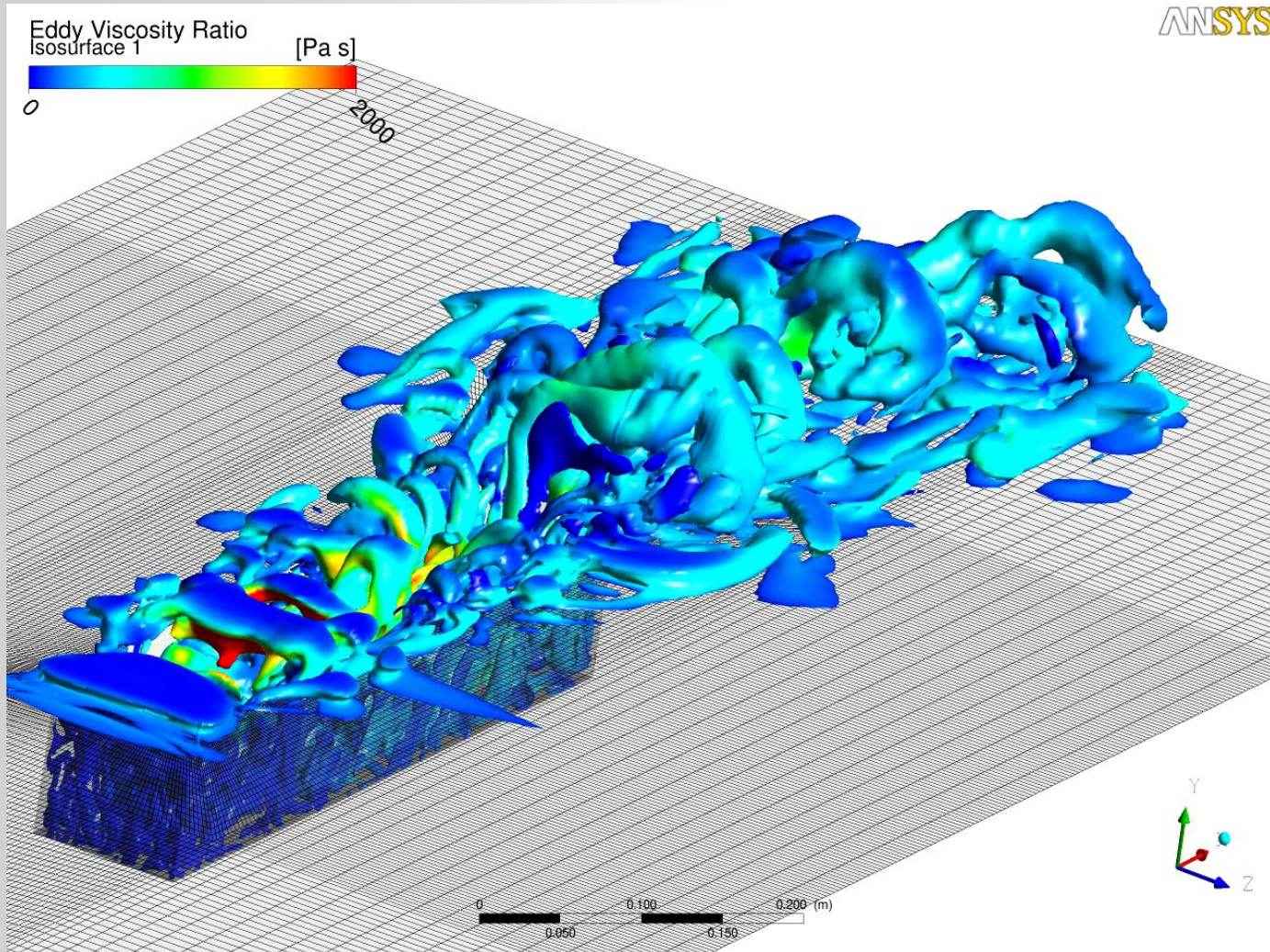


Bottom



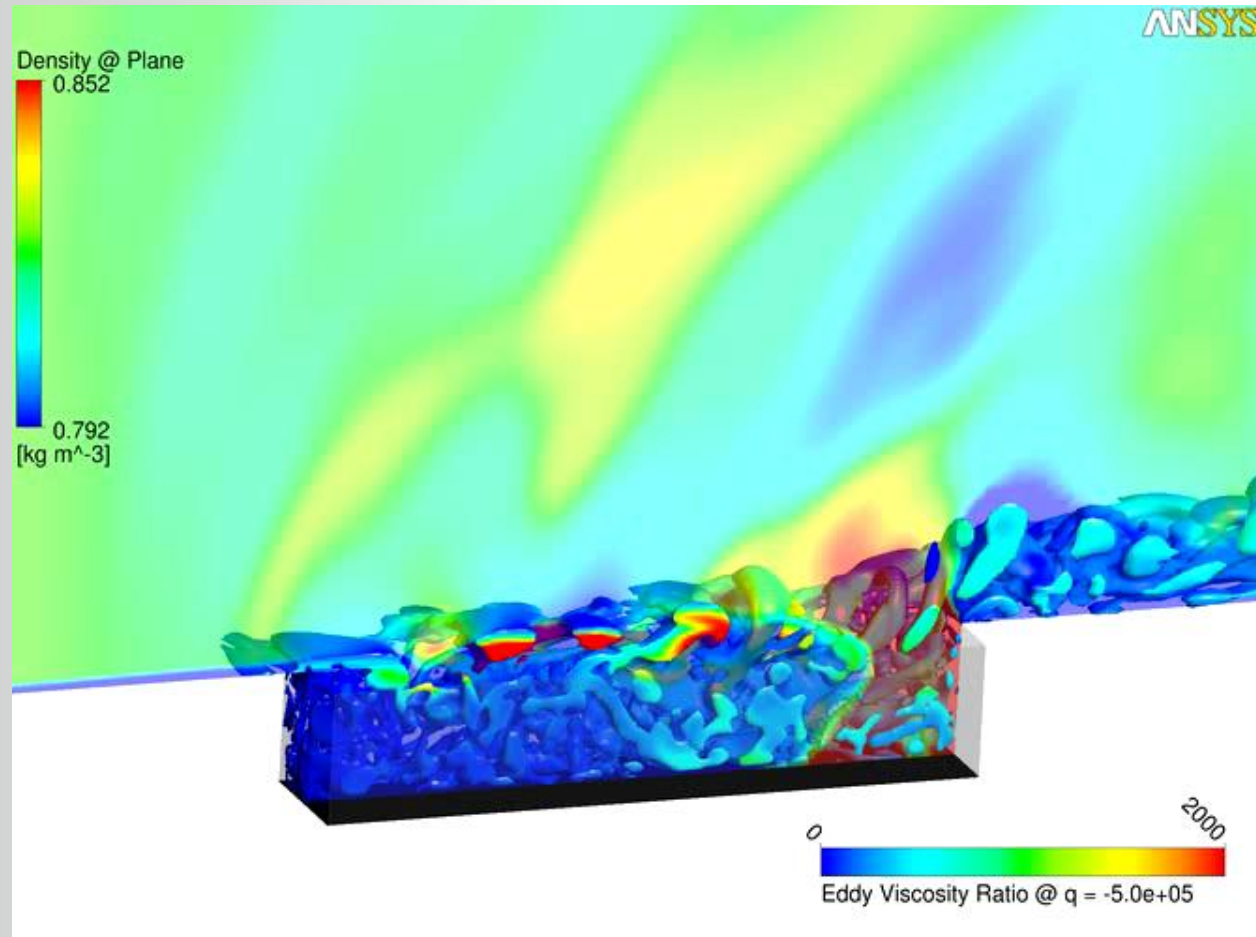
Turbulent structure by q-criterion

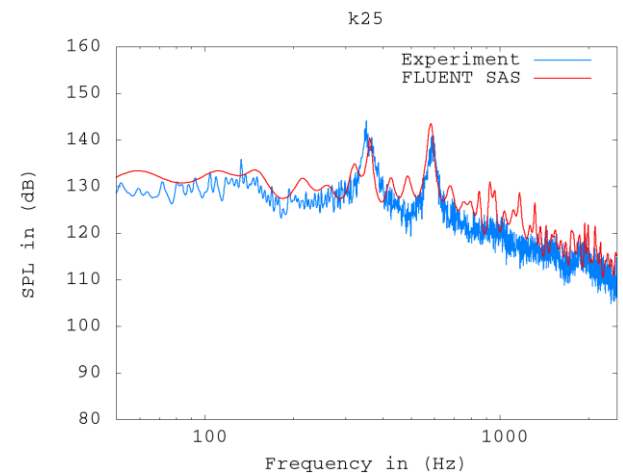
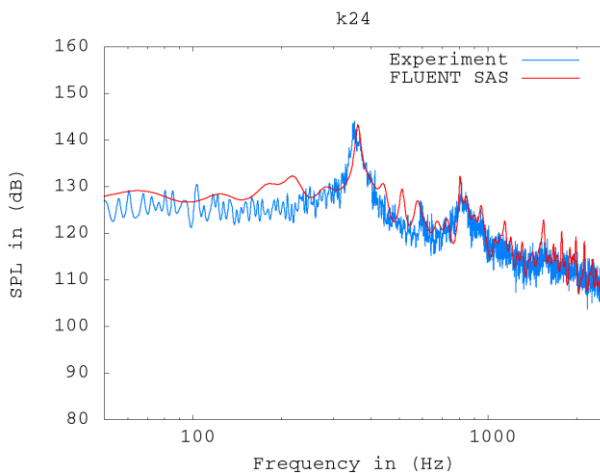
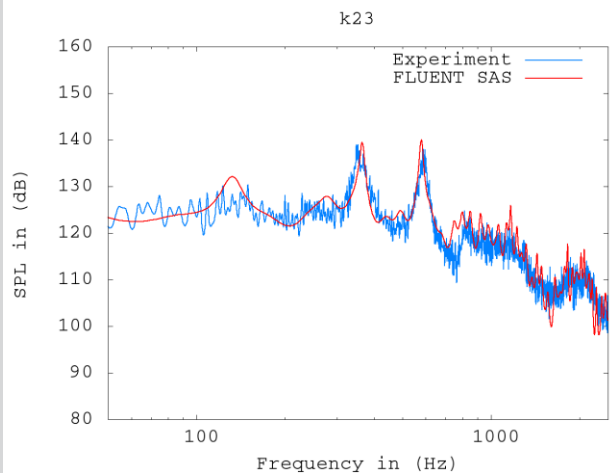
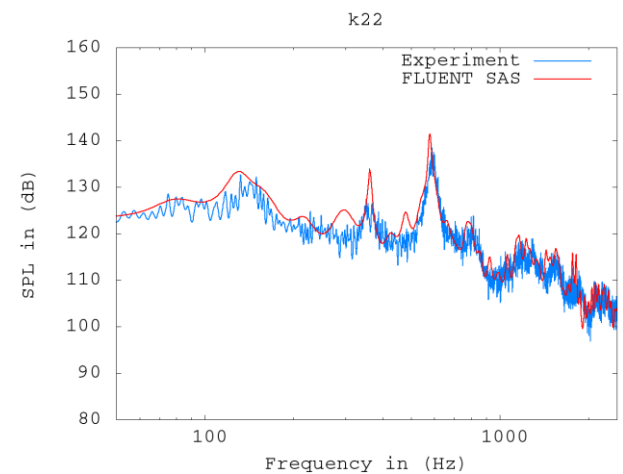
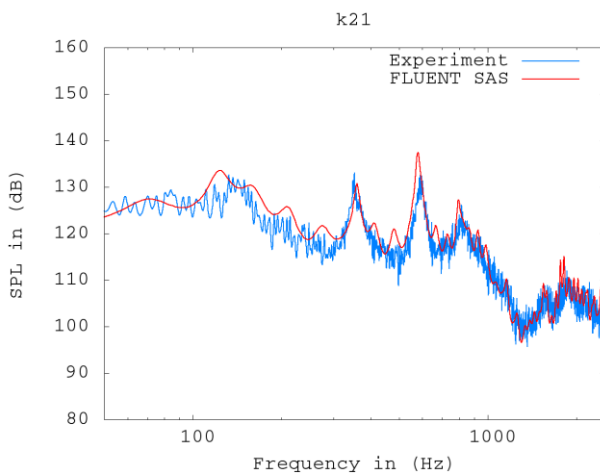
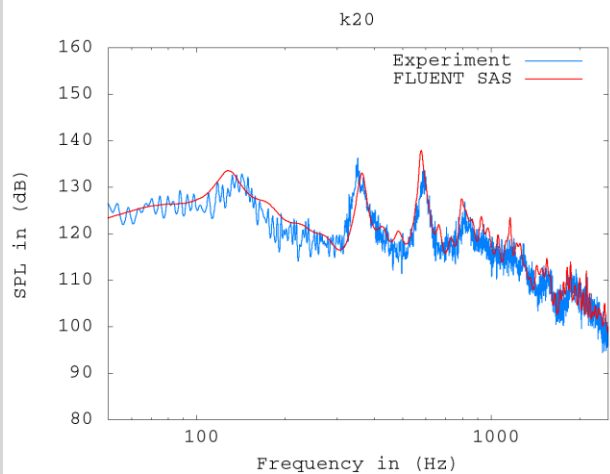
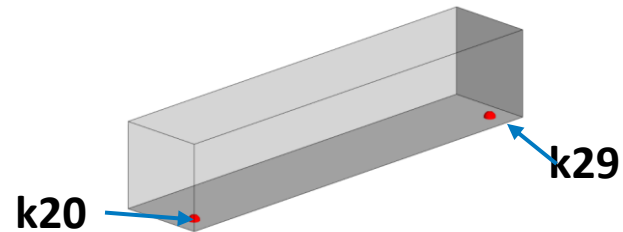
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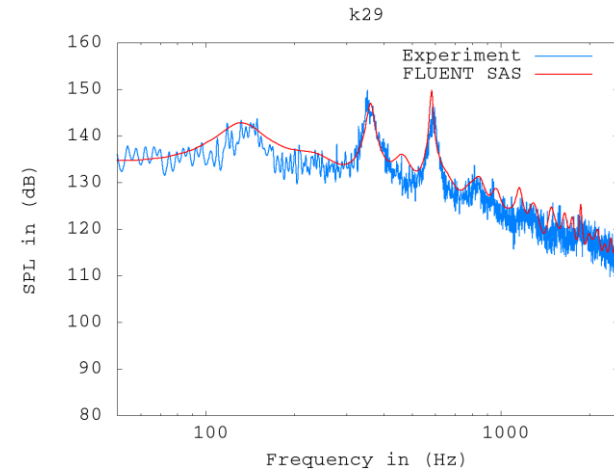
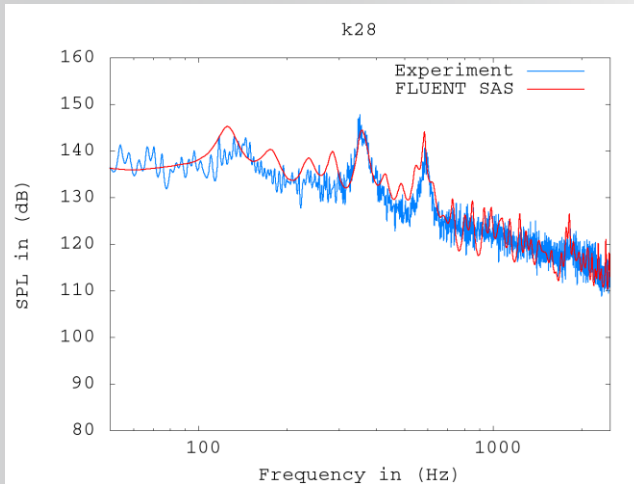
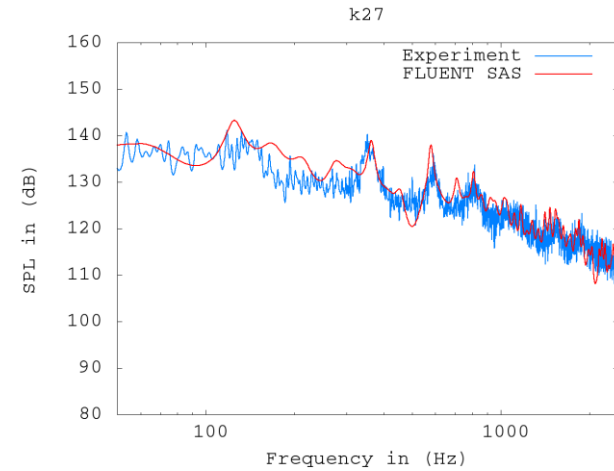
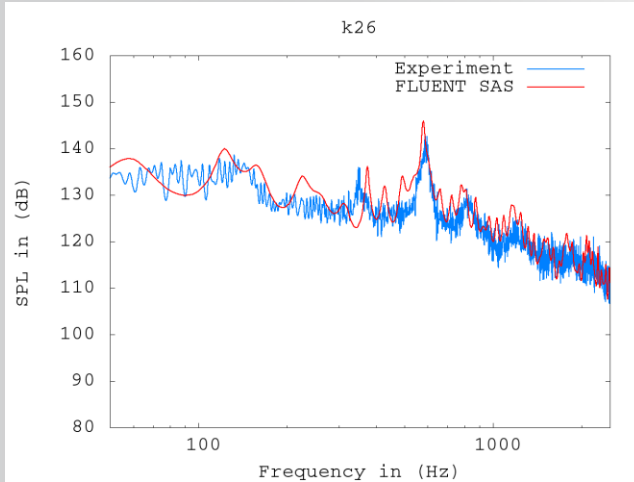
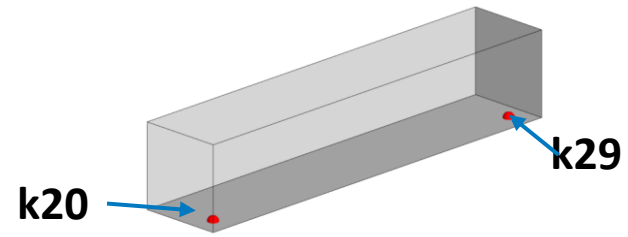
Wave propagation by Fluctuating Density

Eddy viscosity ratio @ $q = -500000$ ($q = 1/2 (S:S - \Omega:\Omega)$)





k26 – k29

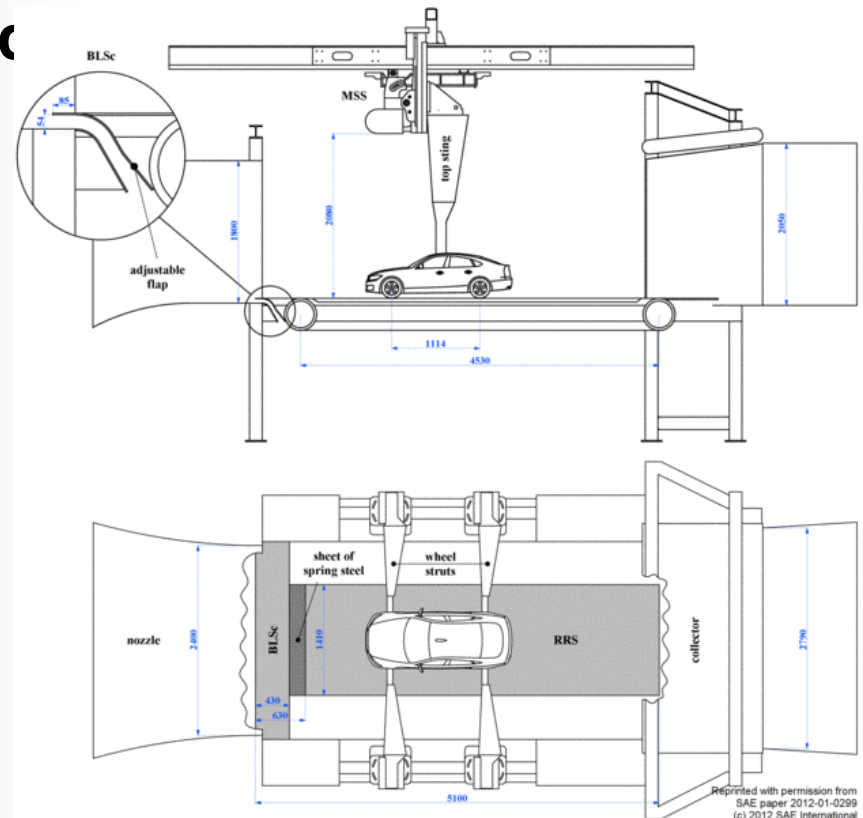


Testcase Description – Experimental Test Facility and Data

- The experimental data is provided by the Institute of Aerodynamics and Fluid Mechanics from TUM (not yet released)
- Experiments are performed including a moving belt



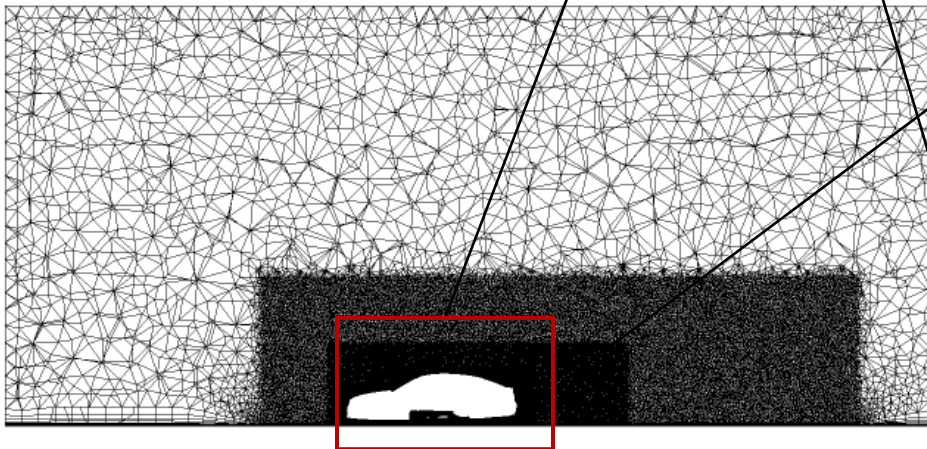
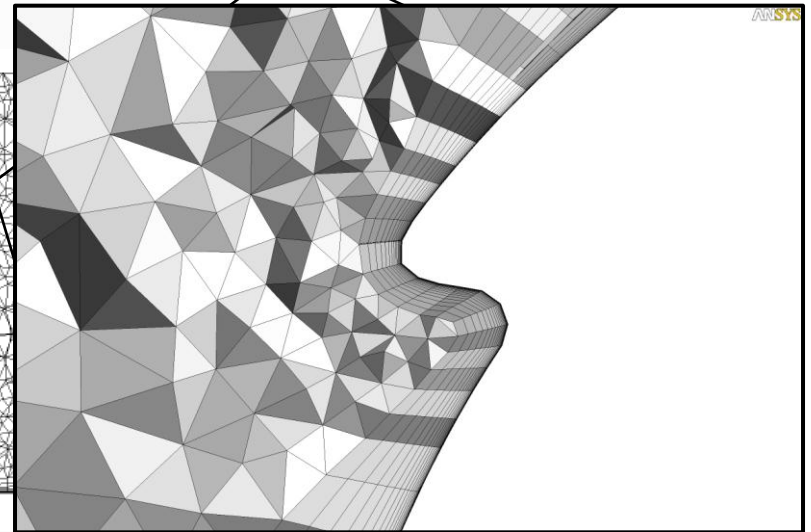
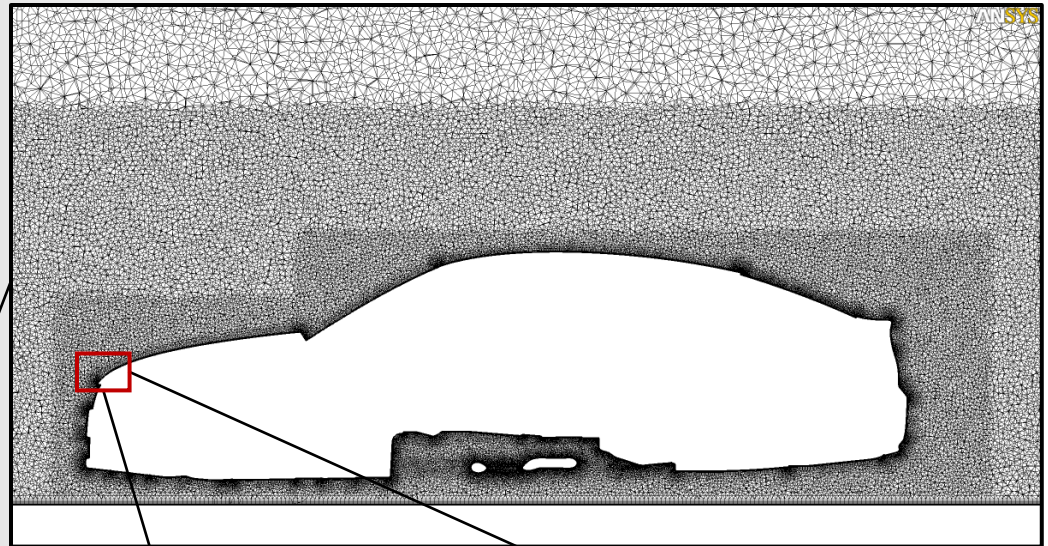
Courtesy by TU Munich, Inst. of Aerodynamics



Computational Mesh 2

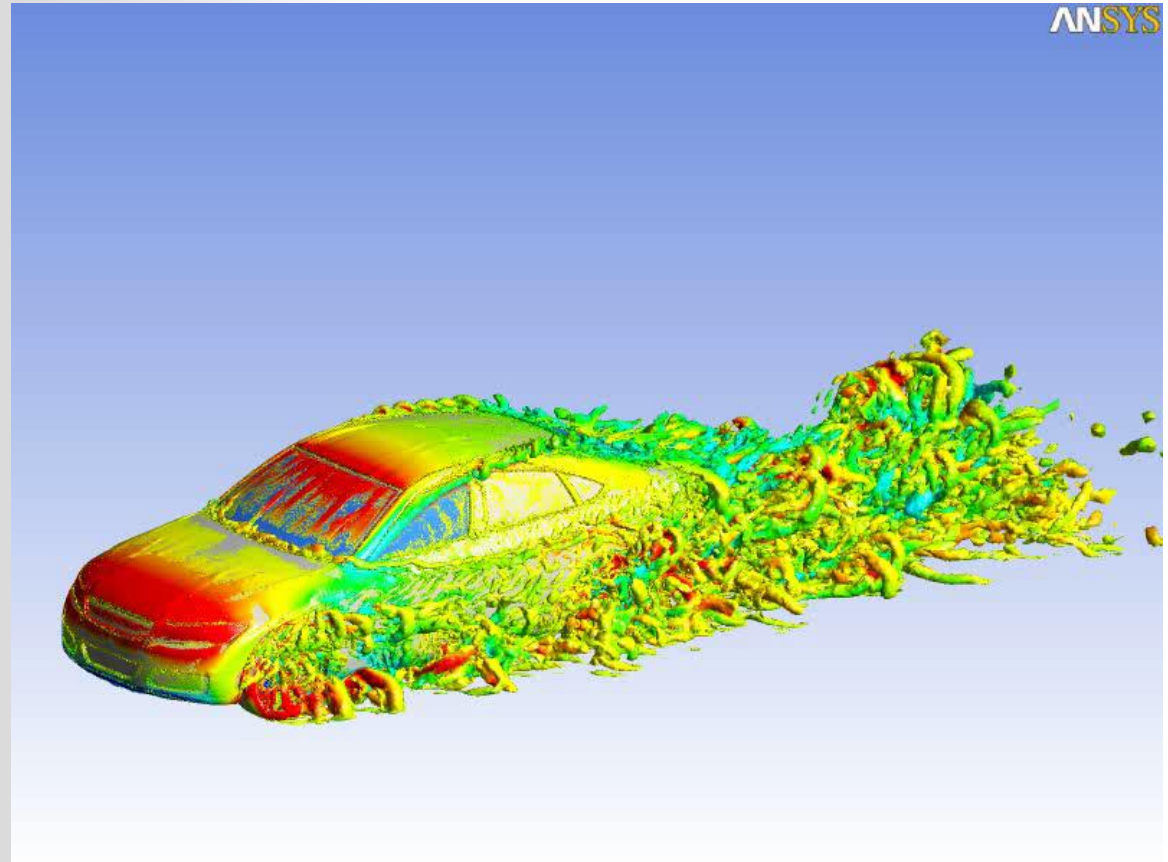
- 108,034,893 Cells
- Four Refinement Boxes
- MRF-Zones

	Number of Inflations	First layer height
Car	20	0.02 mm
Road	20	0.02 mm



DrivAir Generic Car Model

- Courtesy Tu Munich
- Currently studied with ANSYS CFD (Fluent and CFX)
- Data not yet public



Overall Summary

- SAS is a second generation URANS model
 - It is derived on URANS arguments
 - It can resolve turbulence structures with LES quality
 - A strong flow instability is required to generate new – resolved turbulence
- Examples
 - Flows past bluff bodies
 - Strongly swirling flows (combustion chamber)
 - Strongly interacting flows (mixing of two jets etc.)
- SAS Model is first and relatively save step into Scale-Resolving Simulations (SRS) modeling
 - Worthwhile to try
 - Alternative Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)