



# Turbulent Inflow Profile for Numerical Wind Tunnel

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# Why Numerical Wind Tunnel?

- Wind Tunnel Test and Code (KBC 2009)

- Subject of wind tunnel test



[Wind vibration architecture (AR over 3.5)]



[Unique roof and cladding]



[Valley wind effect]



[Adjacent effect architecture (within 10D of architecture)]



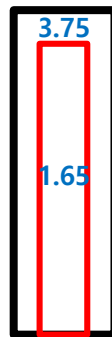
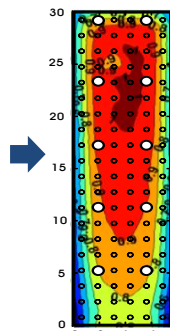
[Unique design (difficult to apply code)]



- Korean building code (KBC 2009/2013)



Wind Exp.



## Limitation of experiment and Real problem



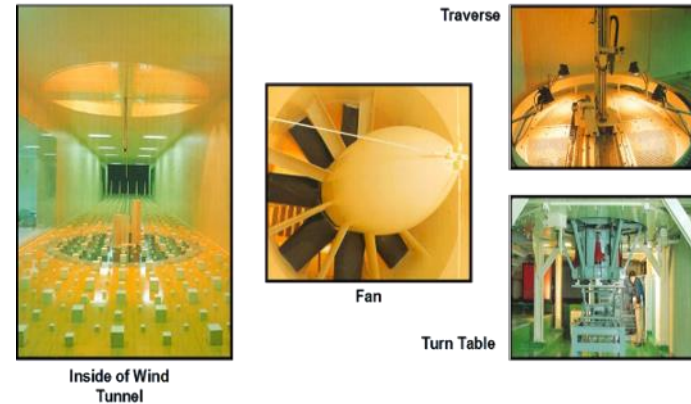


# Wind Tunnel Test

- Daewoo E&C Facility Summary

- Wind Tunnel Specification

- Closed-circuit wind tunnel
- Test section: 3m×2m
- Max wind speed: 30m/s
- Turbulent Intensity: 0.5%



[Wind Tunnel Components]

- Measurement Specification

- Multi-channel pressure array module
  - Red Hawk Ltd. 512 channel
  - 16bit ADC
  - Sampling rate: 400Hz



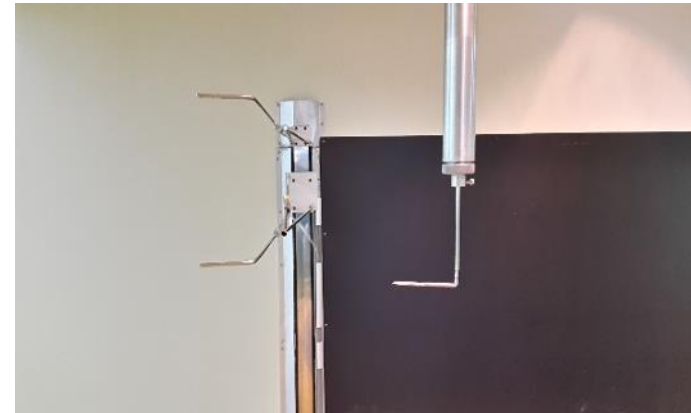
[Measurement Deck]

# Wind Tunnel Test

- Measurement Layout



[Upper Traverse Rod & Pitot]



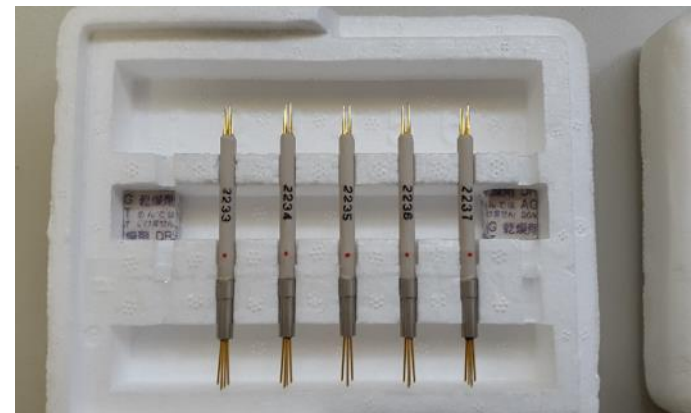
[Upper Traverse Rod & Pitot]

- Hotwire probe

- Kanomax Inc. Model 0252R-T5, x-type
- Resistance:  $5.74\Omega$ , Temp.:  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$

- Measurement

- 10cm interval from floor to 1m
- Sampling rate 400Hz, during 60sec
- Measure hotwire and pitot signals



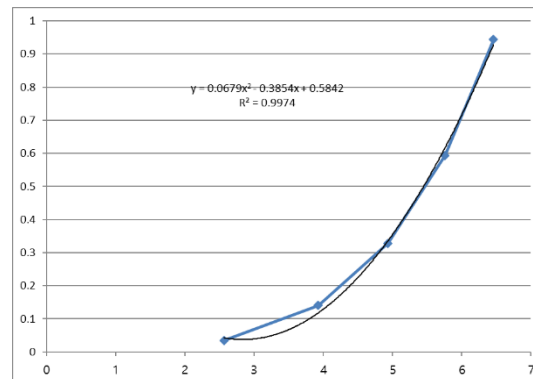
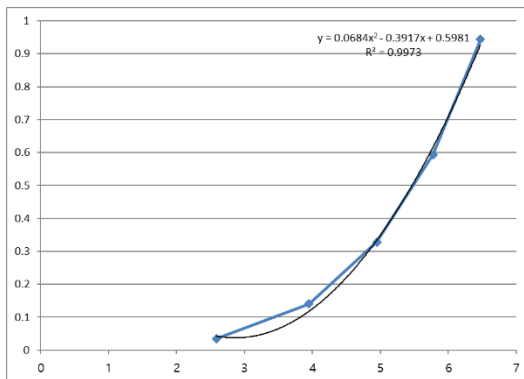
[Hotwire]



# Wind Tunnel Test

- Hotwire Correction
  - Pitot conversion wind speed
    - $U_{pitot} = 4\sqrt{pitot \times 10}$  [m/s]

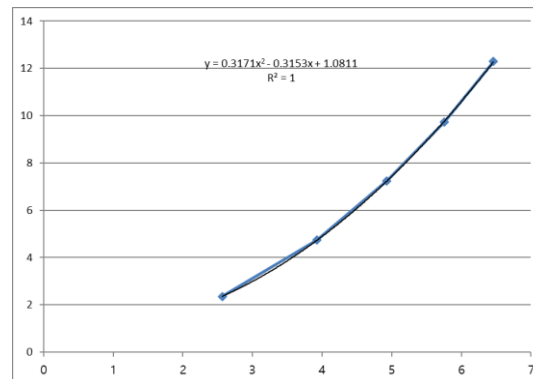
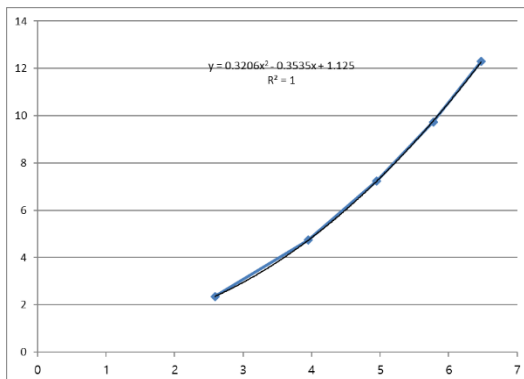
RPM	ch1	ch2	Pitot	Pitot U
100	2.58929	2.565859	0.034625	2.353714
200	3.949537	3.923866	0.140403	4.739667
300	4.948932	4.931013	0.32777	7.241768
400	5.776872	5.756702	0.593191	9.742208
500	6.472368	6.458335	0.943504	12.28661



[Hotwire-pitot signal correction]

*Ch1-pitot signal*  
 $y = 0.0684x^2 - 0.3917x + 0.5981; R^2 = 0.9973$

*Ch2-pitot signal*  
 $y = 0.0679x^2 - 0.3854x + 0.5842; R^2 = 0.9974$



[Hotwire-pitot wind speed through RPM]

*Ch1-pitot wind speed*  
 $y_{ch1} = 0.3206x^2 - 0.3535x + 1.125; R^2 = 1$

*Ch2-pitot wind speed*  
 $y_{ch2} = 0.3171x^2 - 0.3153x + 1.0811; R^2 = 1$

*Velocity component*  
 $u = \frac{1}{2}(y_{ch1} + y_{ch2}), w = \frac{1}{2}(y_{ch1} - y_{ch2})$

# Wind Tunnel Test

- Expose A

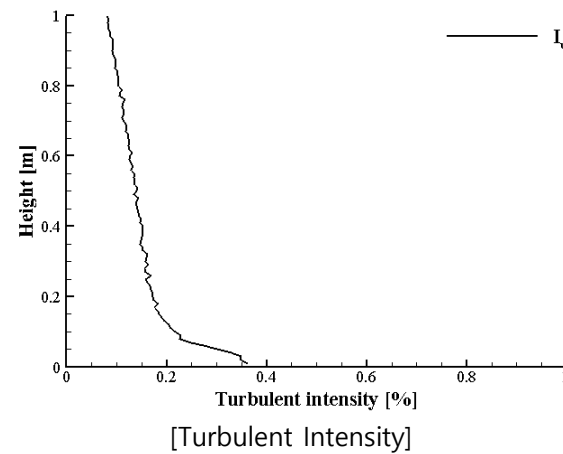
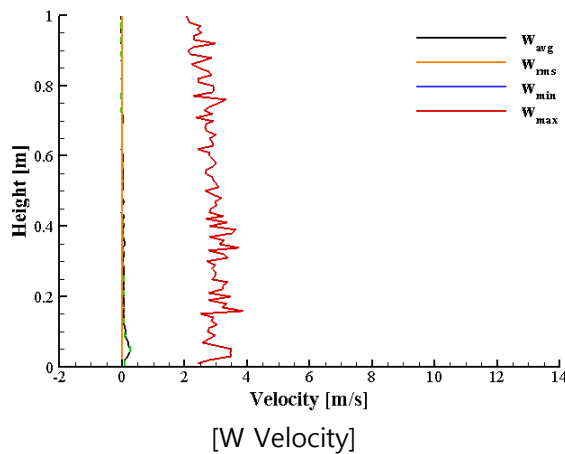
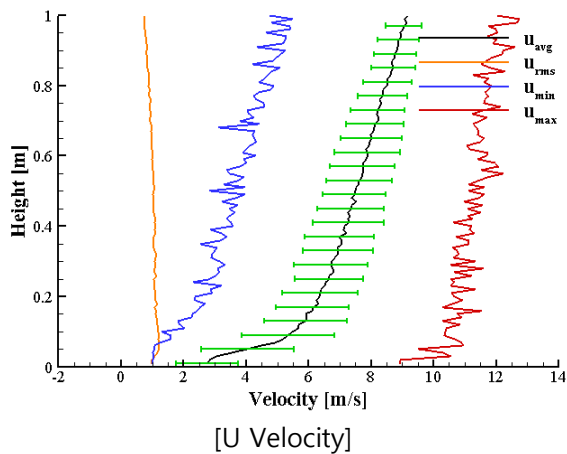


[Expose A Block Layout]

To close large high rise building over 10 stories at central urban area



Wind speed  
 Avg. : 9.159 m/s at 1m  
 $RMS_{avg}$  : 1.089 m/s  
 $Max_{avg}$  : 11.193 m/s  
 $Min_{avg}$  : 3.316 m/s







# Wind Tunnel Test

- Expose B

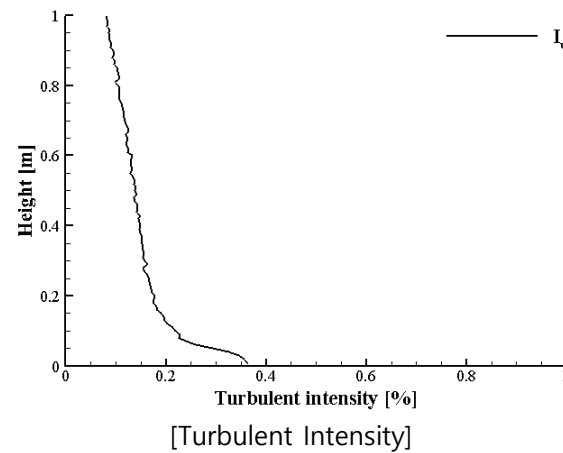
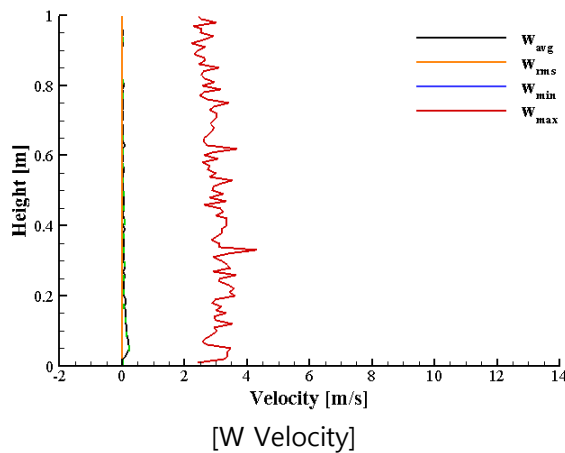
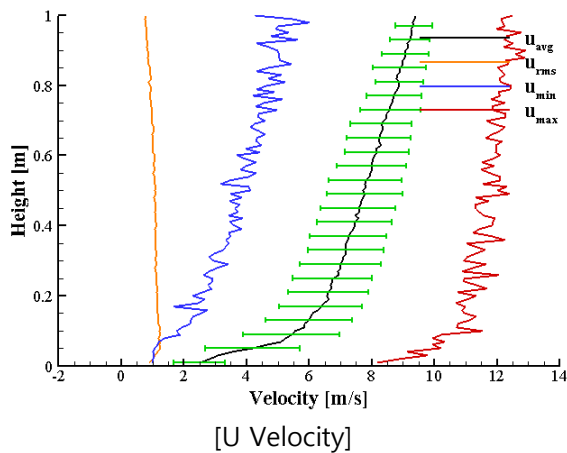


[Expose B Block Layout]

To close 3.5m height single-family dwelling area  
To scatter medium rise building area



Wind speed  
Avg. : 9.402 m/s at 1m  
RMS<sub>avg</sub> : 1.195 m/s  
Max<sub>avg</sub> : 10.965 m/s  
Min<sub>avg</sub> : 2.744 m/s





# Wind Tunnel Test

- Expose C

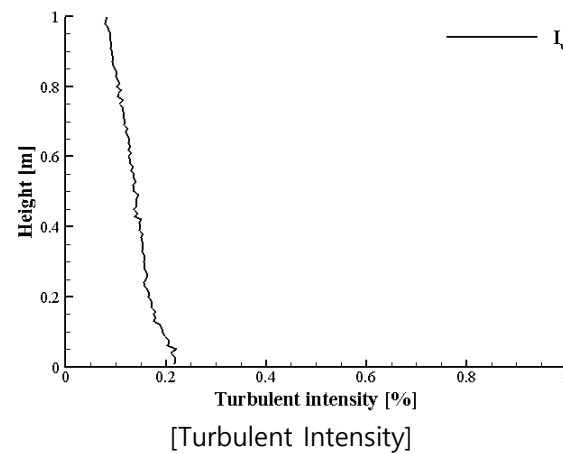
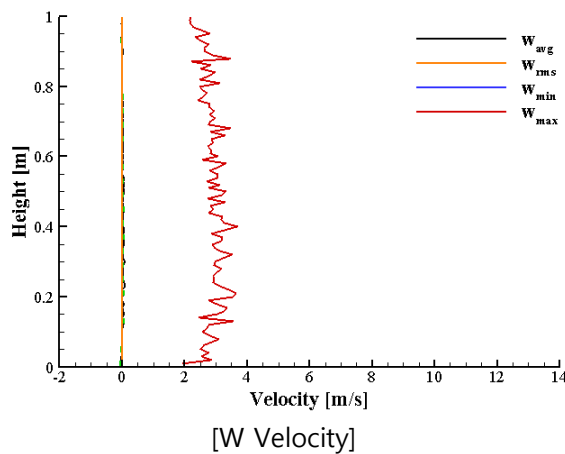
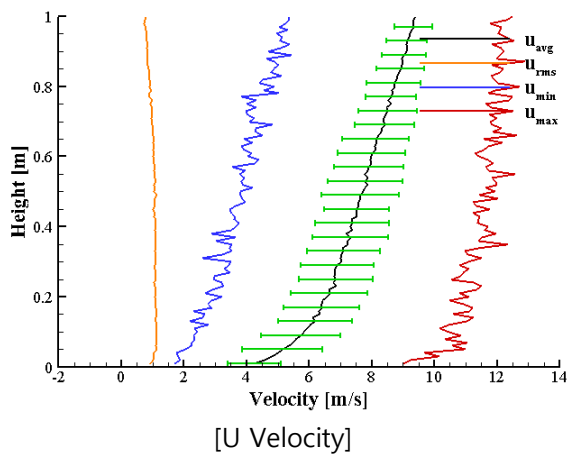


[Expose C Block Layout]

To scatter 1.5~10m height obstacle area  
 To scatter low rise building area



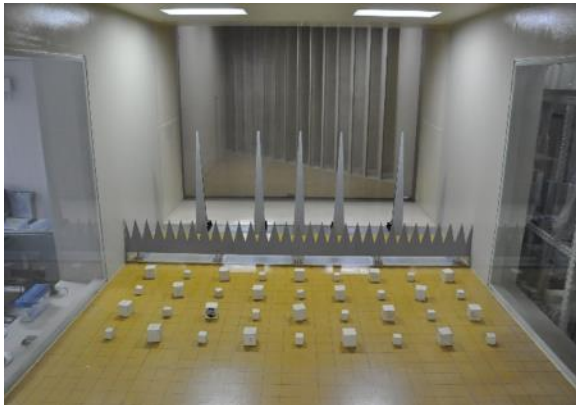
Wind speed  
 Avg. : 9.385 m/s at 1m  
 $RMS_{avg}$  : 1.077 m/s  
 $Max_{avg}$  : 11.266 m/s  
 $Min_{avg}$  : 3.356 m/s





# Wind Tunnel Test

- Expose D

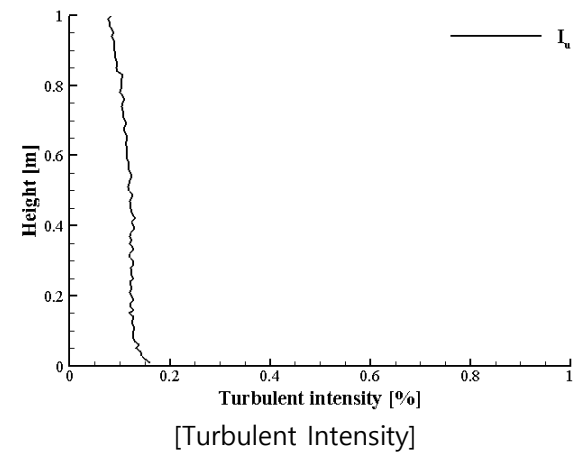
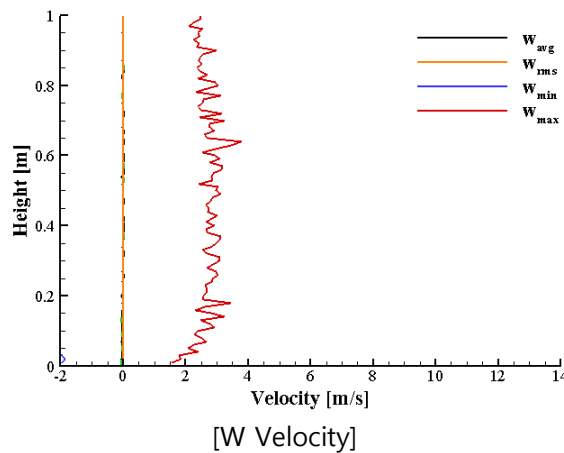
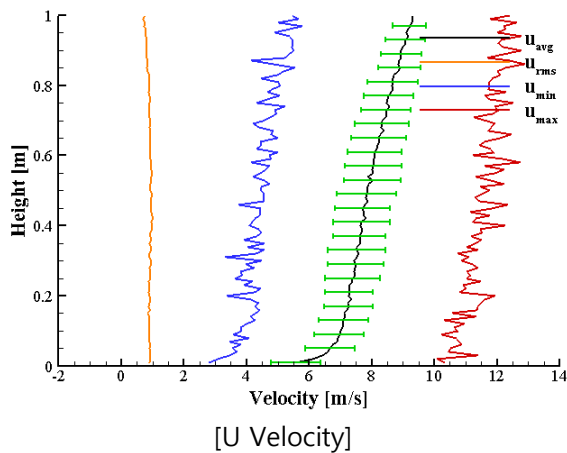


[Expose D Block Layout]

Unobstacle areas and water surface, grassland, airport  
Average height 1.5m below  
Obstacle area



Wind speed  
Avg. : 9.283 m/s at 1m  
RMS<sub>avg</sub> : 0.905 m/s  
Max<sub>avg</sub> : 11.404 m/s  
Min<sub>avg</sub> : 4.240 m/s





# Wind Tunnel Test

- Wind Tunnel Test
  - KBC 2009 expose categories tested

Expose	Velocity [m/s]			
	A	B	C	D
Avg. at 1m	9.159	9.402	9.385	9.283
RMS	1.089	1.195	1.077	0.905
Umax	11.193	10.965	11.266	11.404
Umin	3.316	2.744	3.356	4.240

- W-direction velocity
  - 25% of average velocity
- Building pressure test
  - 75×75×300 mm
  - Two types of contemporary apartment
  - Test bad model



# Synthetic Inflow

- Velocity and Turbulence

- KBC2009 flow profile and AIJ guidebook(2007)

- Y. Tominaga, A. Mochida, R. Yoshie, H. Kataoka, T. Nozu, M. Yoshikawa, T. Shirasawa, “AIJ guidelines for practical applications of CFD to pedestrian wind environment around buildings”, Journal of Wind Engineering and Industrial Aerodynamics, Vol. 96. pp. 1749–1761, 2008

- $$U(z) = U_{ref} \left( \frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)^\alpha$$

- $$I_u(z) = 0.1 \left( \frac{z}{z_g} \right)^{-\alpha-0.05}, \quad I_u = \frac{u'}{\bar{u}}$$

- $$k(z) = (I_u(z)U(z))^2$$

- $$\epsilon(z) = \sqrt{C_\mu} k(z) \frac{U_{ref}}{z_{ref}} \alpha \left( \frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)^{(\alpha-1)}$$

- Fluctuation part

- Characteristics of atmospheric turbulence near the ground part II: single point data for strong winds (neutral atmosphere), ESDU 85020, ISSN 0143-2702, 2001

- $$\frac{\sigma_v}{\sigma_u} = 1 - 0.22 \cos^4 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)$$

- $$\frac{\sigma_w}{\sigma_u} = 1 - 0.45 \cos^4 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)$$

- $$\sigma_v = 0.5\sigma_u, \sigma_w = 0.35\sigma_u$$



# Synthetic Inflow

- Inflow Condition Generation Methods
  - LES, pre-cursor DNS for channel flow
    - Limited low Reynolds, difficult rescale DNS fluctuation in high Reynolds
  - Re-scale method
    - Use downward resolved fluctuation for inlet condition with rescale
  - Vortex method
    - Partially synthetic fluctuation
    - Eddy is defined geometrical function
- Inlet Inflow in OpenFOAM
  - `src/turbulentModels/incompressible/RAS/derivedFvPatch`
  - Logarithm velocity profile
    - `atmBoundaryLayer`
    - `atmBoundaryLayerInletEpsilon`
    - `atmBoundaryLayerInletK`
    - `atmBoundaryLayerInletVelocity`



# Synthetic Inflow

- GroovyBC
  - Swak4foam
  - Easy to implement on BC

```
ABLvariables ( "Uref=9.159;"
              "Href=1.0;"
              "alpha=0.23;"
              "flucx=1.0;"
              "flucy=0.5;"
              "flucz=0.35;"
              "Ux=Uref*pow( (pos().z/Href) , alpha );"
              "Ti=0.1*pow( (pos().z/Href) , -alpha-0.05 );"
              "ux=flucx*Ux*Ti;"
              "uy=flucy*ux;"
              "uz=flucz*ux;"
              "Uy=0.25*flucx*Ux;"
              "Uz=0.5*Uy;"
              "Ut x=Ux+randNormal() *ux;"
              "Ut y=(Uy+uy) *randNormal();"
              "Ut z=(Uz+uz) *randNormal();"
            );

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                "Ti=0.1*pow( (pos().z/Href) , -alpha-0.05 );"
                "ux=flucx*Ux*Ti;"
                "Ut x=Ux+randNormal() *ux;"
                "Tk=pow( (Ut x*Ti) , 2 );"
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                "ux=flucx*Ux*Ti;"
                "Ut x=Ux+randNormal() *ux;"
                "Tk=pow( (Ut x*Ti) , 2 );"
                "Prefac=sqrt( Cmu ) *Tk *Uref /Href *alpha;"
                "Te=Prefac*pow( (pos().z/Href) , alpha-1.0 );"
            );
```

[Inlet Condition]

Power law velocity profile

$$U(z) = U_{ref} \left( \frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)^\alpha$$

Turbulent intensity profile

$$I_u(z) = 0.1 \left( \frac{z}{z_g} \right)^{-\alpha-0.05}$$

Fluctuation part

$$\sigma_v = 0.5\sigma_u, \sigma_w = 0.35\sigma_u$$

Turbulent kinetic energy profile

$$k(z) = (I_u(z)U(z))^2$$

Turbulent dissipation profile

$$\epsilon(z) = \sqrt{C_\mu} k(z) \frac{U_{ref}}{z_{ref}} \alpha \left( \frac{z}{z_{ref}} \right)^{(\alpha-1)}$$



# Synthetic Inflow

- Surface Roughness

- Expose Categories A, B, C, D

- Need to correct different roughness height
- O.Kruger, C.Schrodinger, A.Lengwinant, and C.O.Paschereit, “Numerical Modeling and Validation of the wind flow over the lake wannsee,” 11th world congress on computational mechanics, Barcelona, Spain, 2014.
- B.Blocken, T.Stathopoulos, and J.Carmeliet, ”CFD simulation of the atmospheric boundary layer: wall function problems, atmospheric environment, vol. 41, No. 2, pp. 238-252, 2007.

- Recommended value

- »  $C_s = 0.327$
- »  $K_s = 30z_0$
- »  $E = 9.793$

- nutKRoughWallFunction

- $\frac{u_p}{u^*} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{Ez_p}{C_s k_s} \right), u^* = C_\mu^{1/4} k^{1/2}$

Expose	A	B	C	D
Cs	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
Ks(=30z0)	0.04125	0.05646	0.006723	0.00028125
E	9.793			

[Tuned Values of Roughness Constant from wind tunnel test]

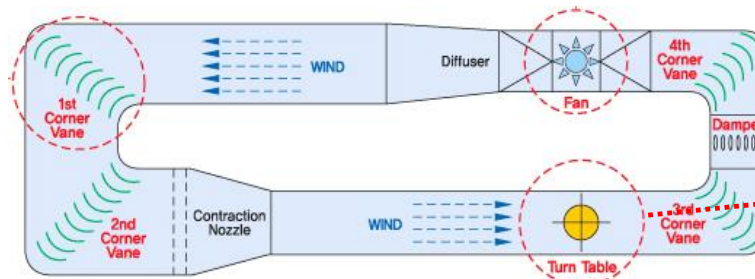


# Synthetic Inflow

- Computational Setup

- Wind tunnel modeling

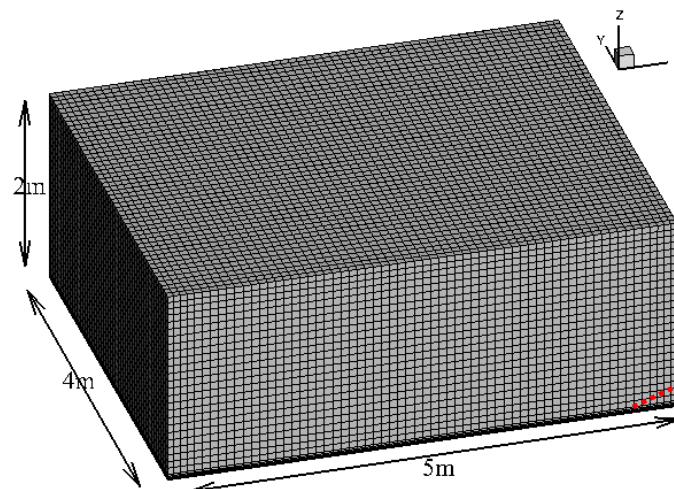
- Geometry: Salome
    - Length: -3~2m (=5m)
    - Width: -2~2m (=4m)
    - Height: 2m



[Computational Region]

- Mesh generator: cfMesh

- maxCellSize: 0.08m (probe location each 0.1m in wind tunnel test)
    - Boundary layer 11 on bottom
    - Target  $y^+$ : 100 (=0.005m)



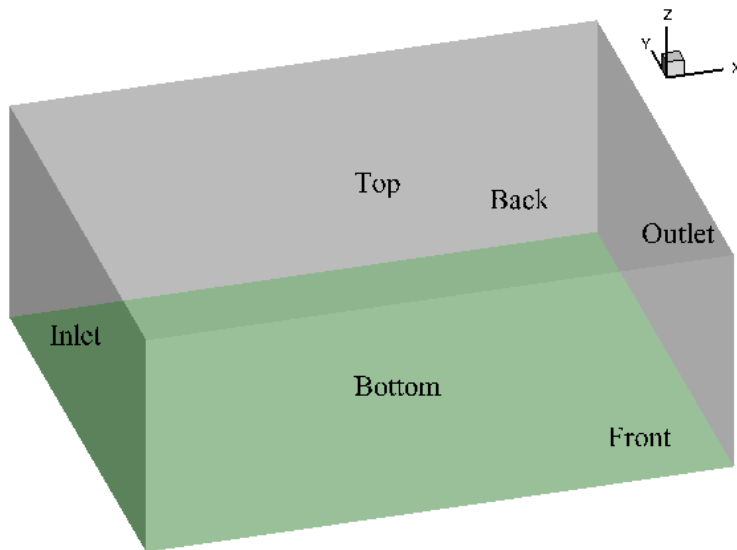
[Mesh Configuration]

# Synthetic Inflow

- Computational Setup

- Boundary Condition

- Inlet: turbulent velocity inlet (groovyBC)
- Outlet: extrapolation (zeroGradient)
- Bottom: non-slip wall
- Top: symmetry
- Front and Back: extrapolation (zeroGradient)



[Boundary Condition]

Expose	A	B	C	D
Velocity	9.159	9.402	9.385	9.283
Pressure	0	0	0	0
Turb. K	1.258	1.326	1.321	1.293
Turb. e	0.116	0.125	0.124	0.121
NuTilda	0.116	0.125	0.124	0.121
R	1.445	1.483	1.481	1.465
	1.161	1.192	1.189	1.177
	0.755	0.776	0.774	0.766

*Turbulent kinetic energy*

$$K = 1.5(IU)^2$$

*Turbulent dissipation*

$$\epsilon = C_\mu 0.75 \frac{K^{1.5}}{L}, L=2m \text{ (turntable size)}$$

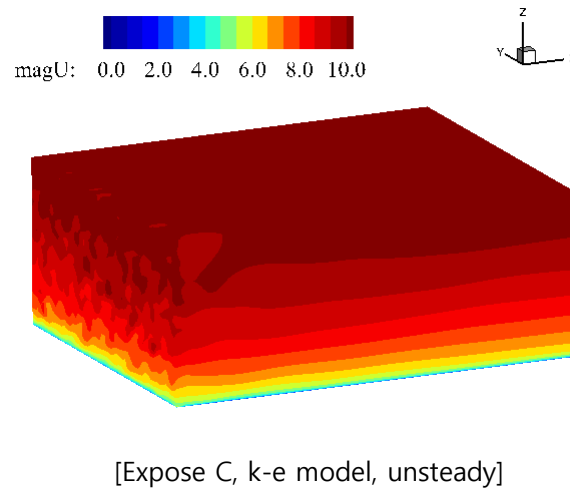
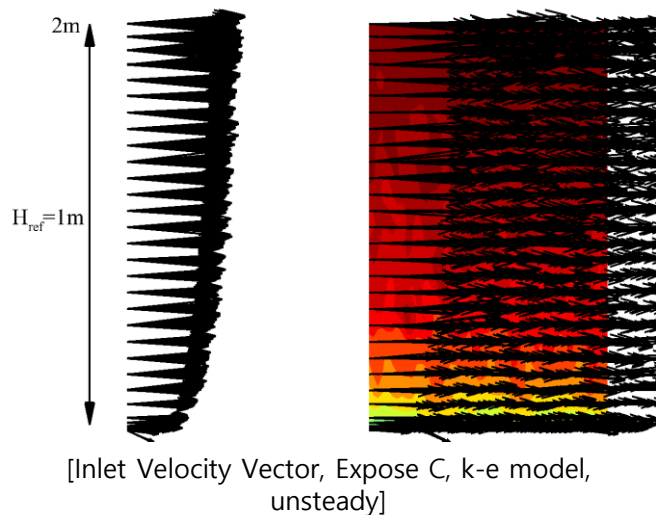
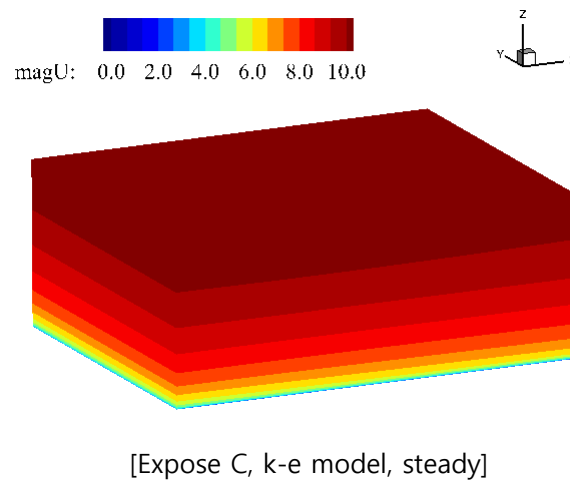
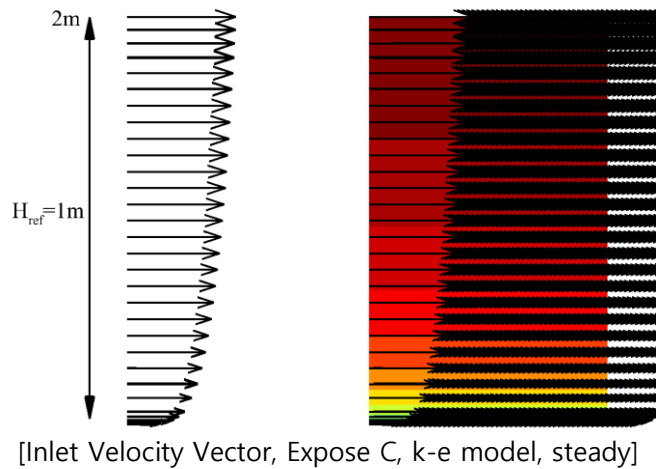
*Reynolds stress tensor*

$$R_x = 2.39u^*, R_y = 1.92u^*, R_z = 1.25u^*$$

$$u^* = C_\mu^{0.25} K^{0.5}$$

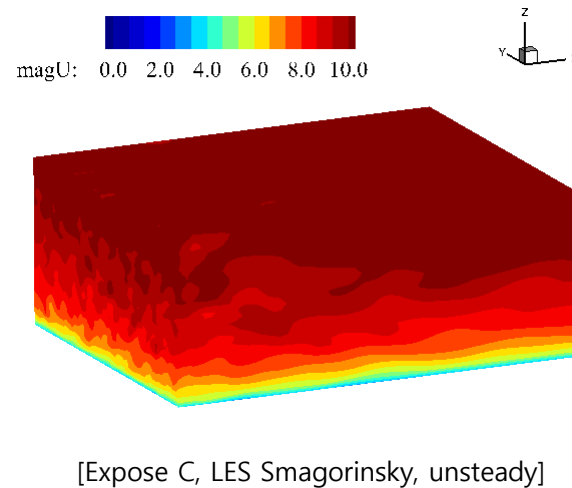
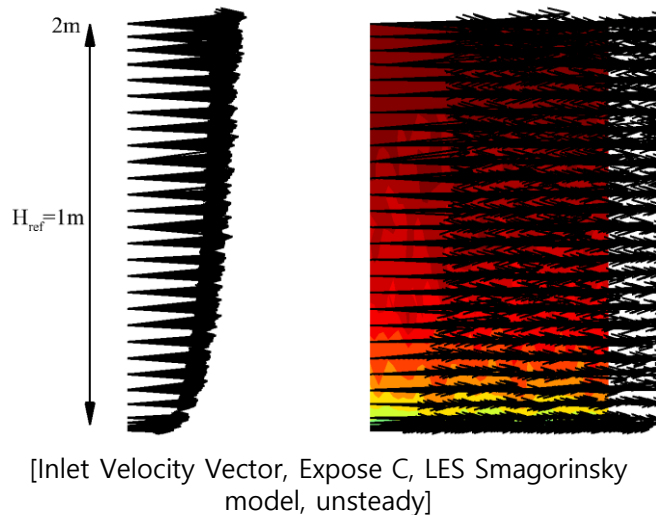
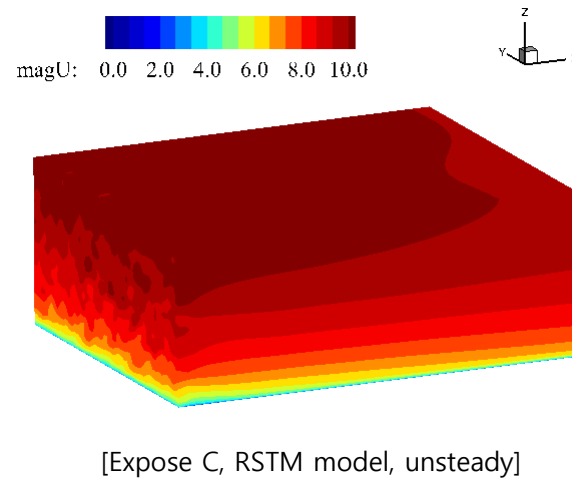
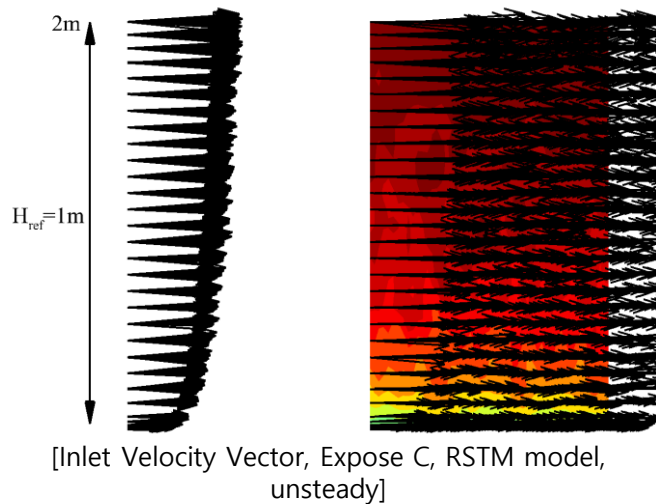
# Synthetic Inflow

- Expose C Flow Field



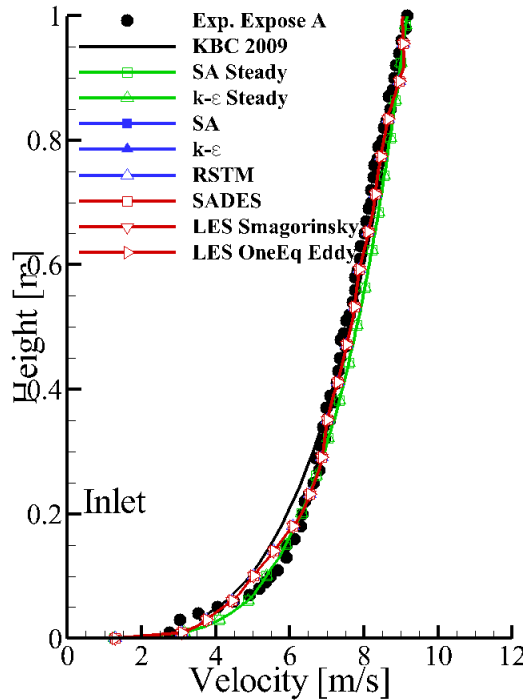
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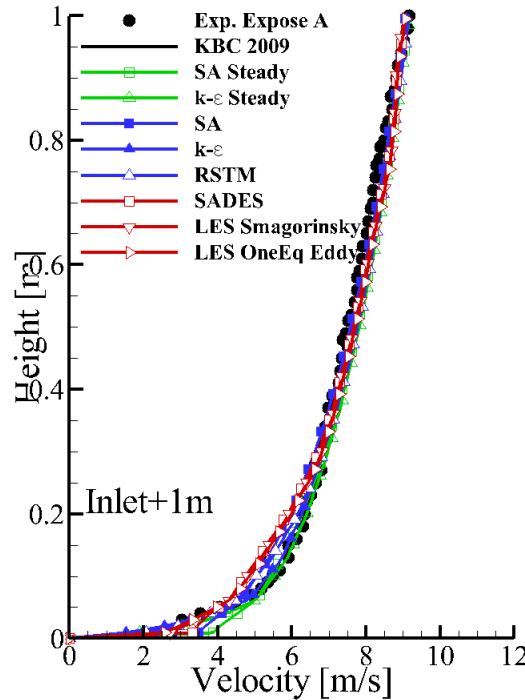


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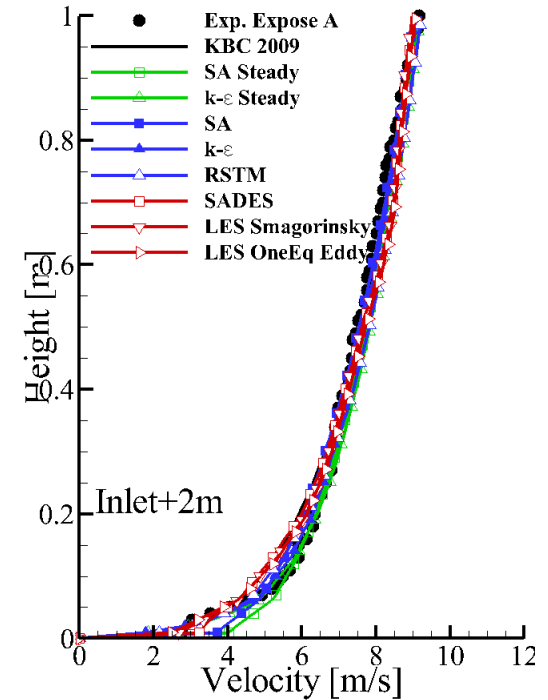
- Expose A



[Inlet Velocity Profile]



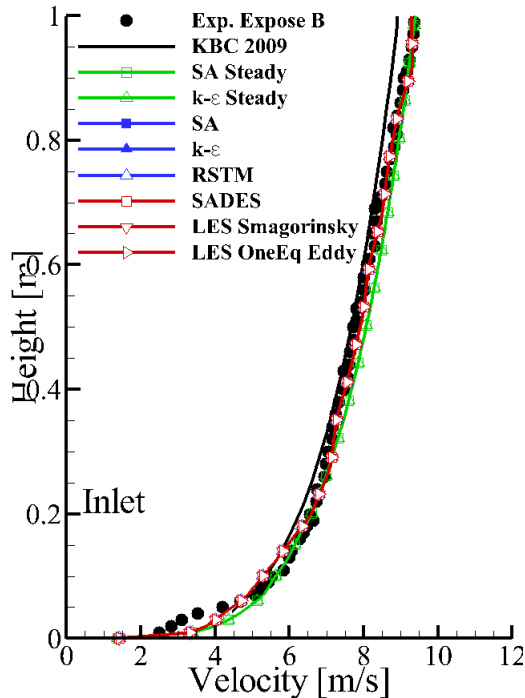
[Inlet+1m Velocity Profile]



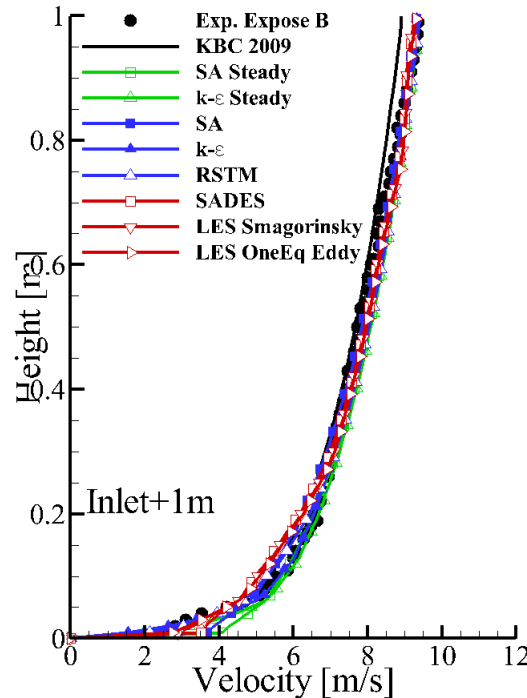
[Inlet+2m Velocity Profile]

- Turntable inlet located 2m from Inlet BC
  - Two equation k-ε families is similar to experiment data
  - One equation SA is not good agreement near wall
  - LES results show good agreement of KBC 2009 expose A

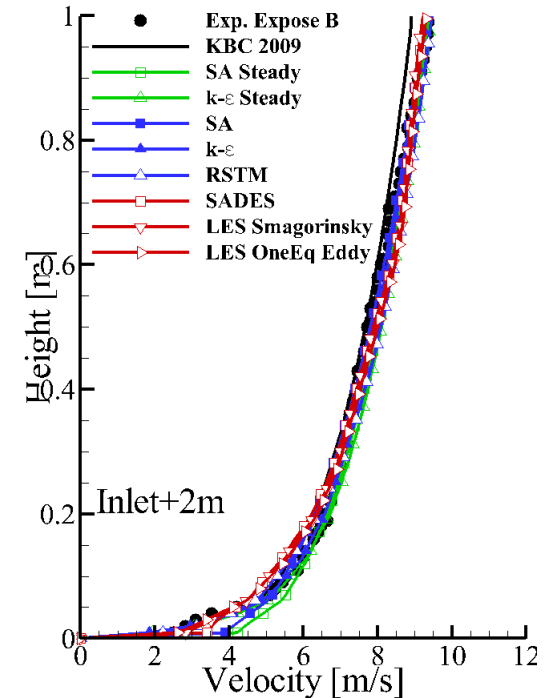
- Expose B



[Inlet Velocity Profile]



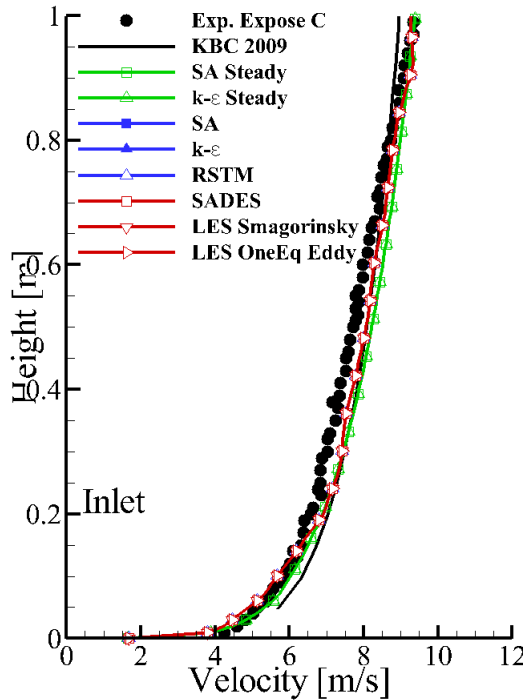
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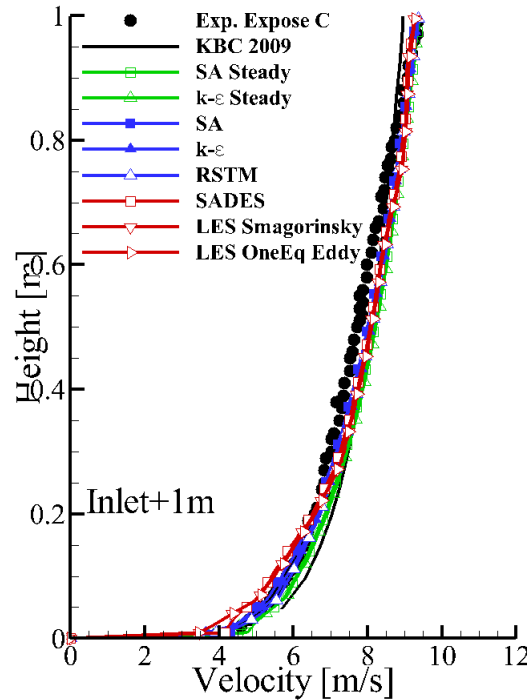
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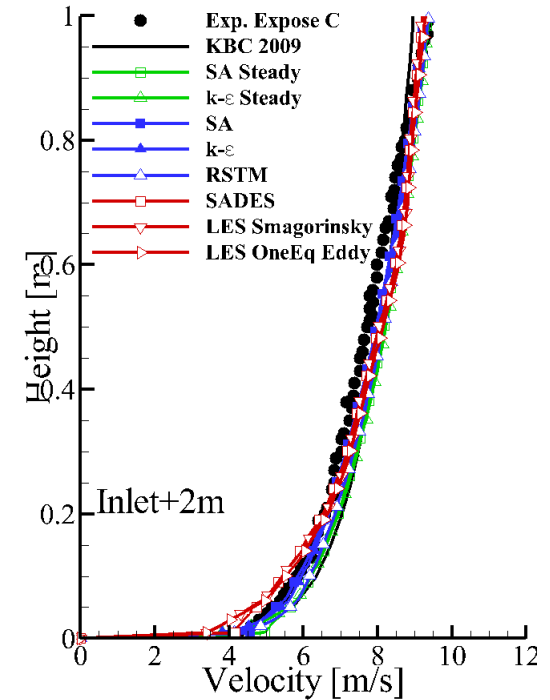
- Expose C



[Inlet Velocity Profile]



[Inlet+1m Velocity Profile]



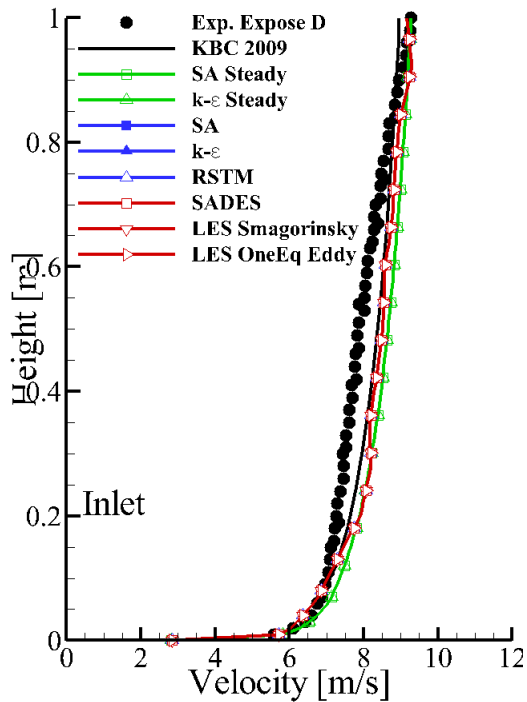
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  - Two equation k-ε and LES results between Exp. and KBC 2009 expose C

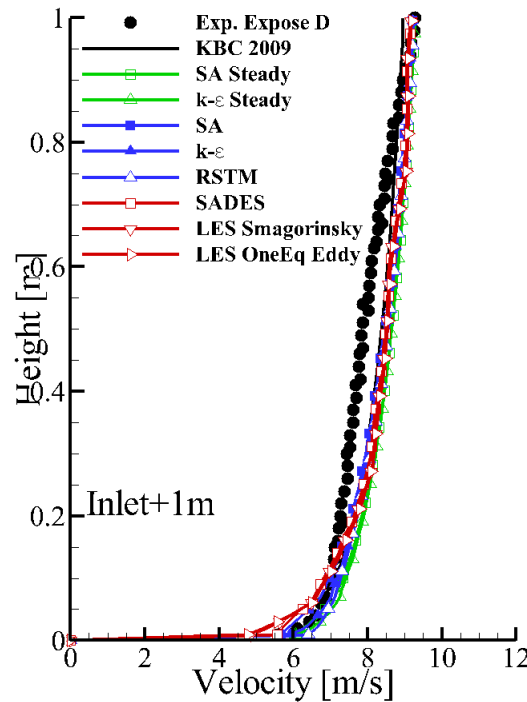


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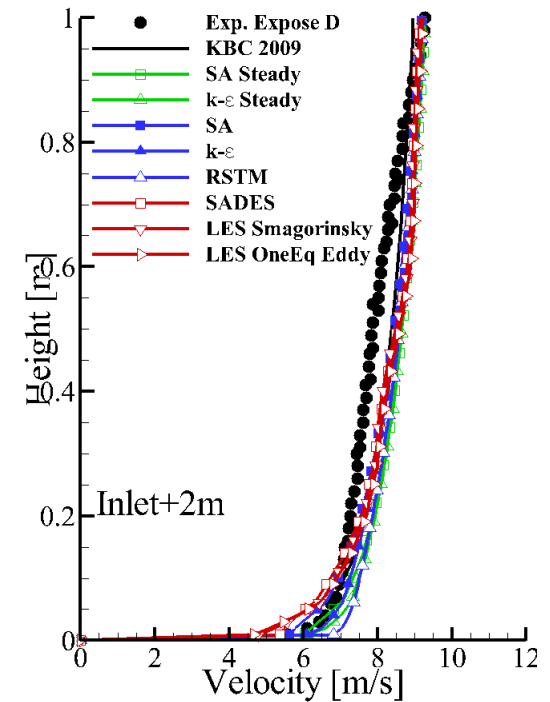
- Expose D



[Inlet Velocity Profile]



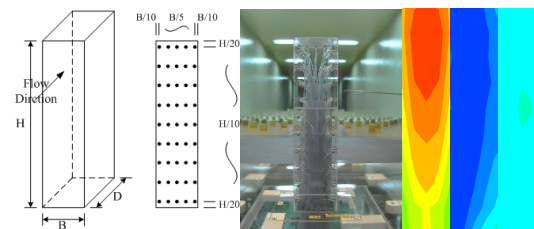
[Inlet+1m Velocity Profile]



[Inlet+2m Velocity Profile]

- Turntable inlet located 2m from Inlet BC
  - One equation SA is similar to experiment data near wall
  - Two equation k-ε is more stiff gradient near wall
  - All models follow a KBC 2009 expose D profile

- Inlet conditions
  - Korean Building Code 2009
  - Fluctuation part of velocity profile at inlet
    - Randomized velocity with space
  
- From the results of simulation with turbulent model
  - All most models are good agreement to KBC 2009 and Exp.
    - Fluctuation characteristic of flow field
      - LES
        - » Velocity components do not decay in simulation field
      - RANS
        - » Inlet velocity fluctuation is rapidly decay
        - » Downward flow is similar to steady flow result
  
- Next works
  - Pressure test on the structure
    - 75 cube (wind tunnel validation case)
    - Two types of apartment pressure test with exp.



[Bluff Body Exp. and CFD]



*Thank you for your attention*