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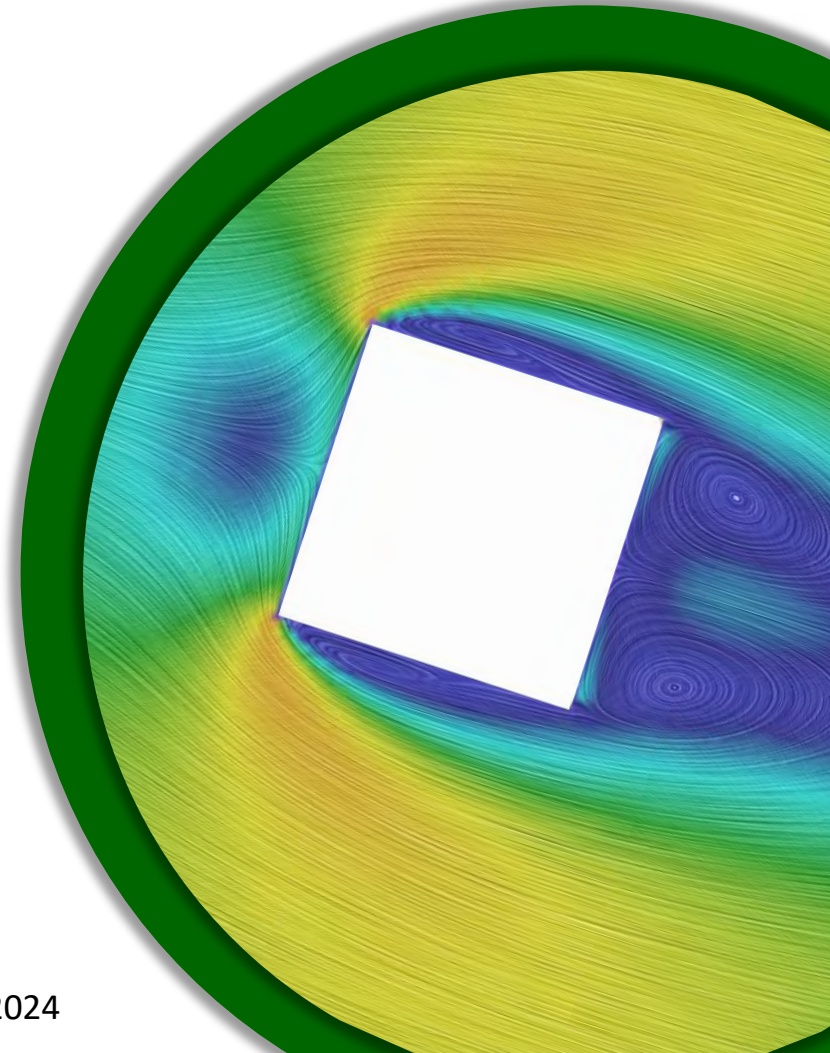
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PASSIVE POLLUTANT DISPERSION VALIDATION TO WIND TUNNEL DATA

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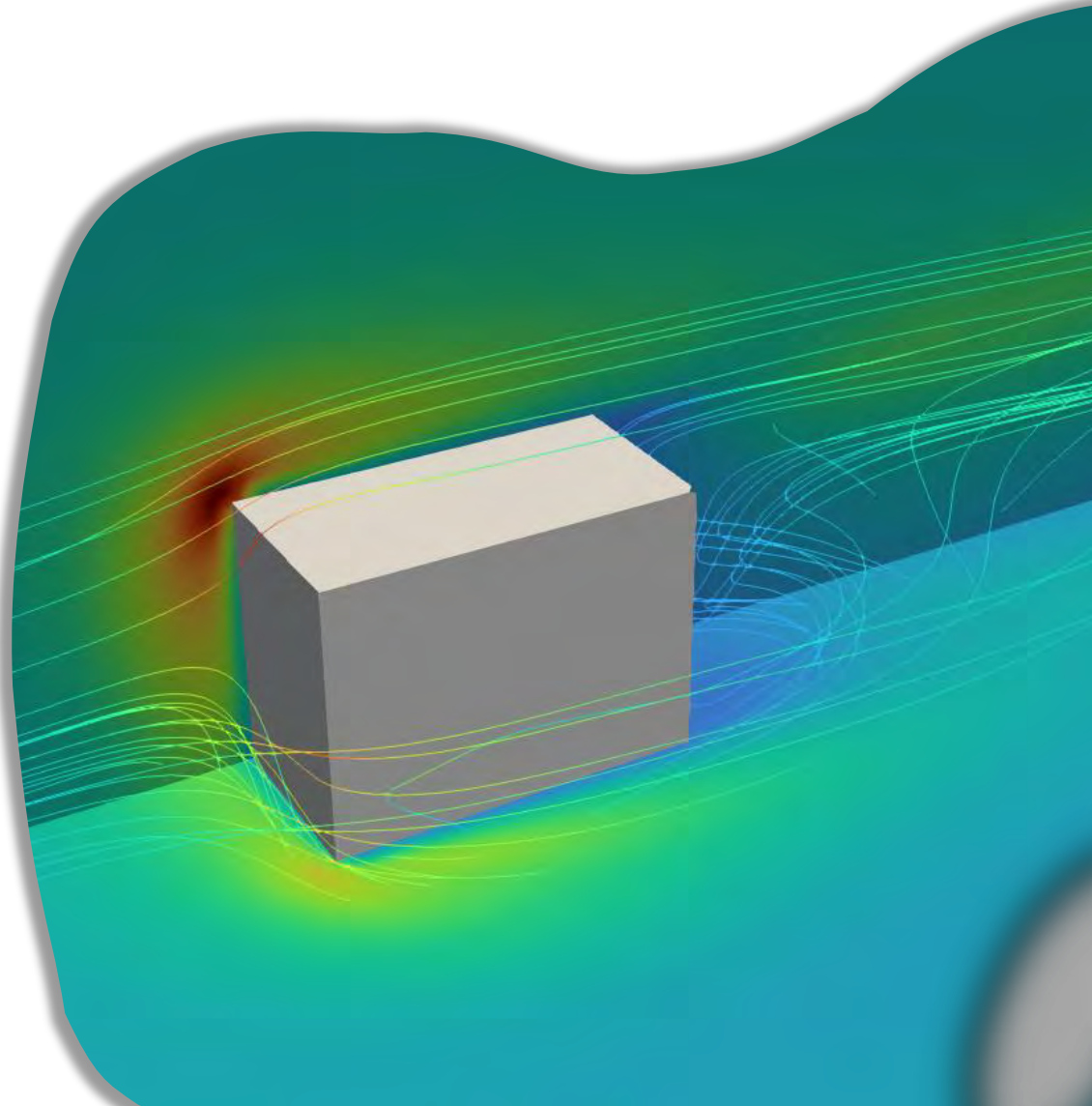
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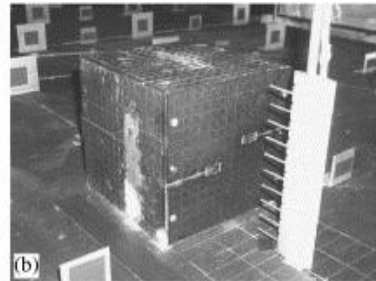
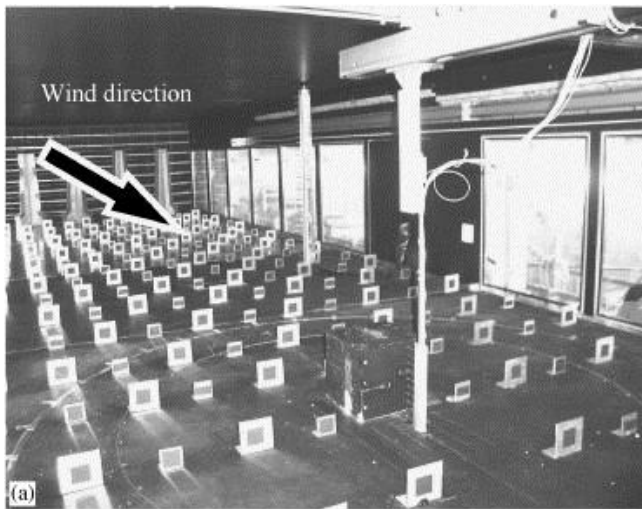


- Objectives

- Assess thermal interactions between an isolated heated building and wind flow dynamics.
- Analyse pollutant dispersion from an emission source located within a building.
- Validate the simulation results against respective wind tunnel experimental data.

ATREUS case setup

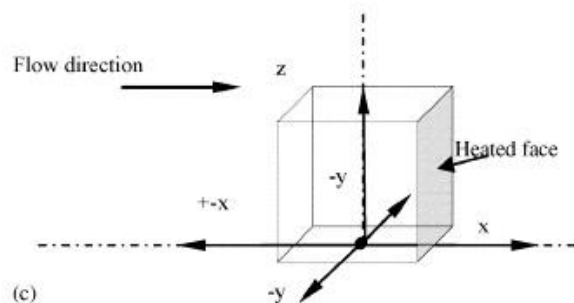
ATREUS Project → Wind tunnel experiments → CFD modelling



Experiments at the Meteorological Institute, University of Hamburg

$$Re = \frac{\rho V l}{\mu}$$

$$Gr = \frac{\beta g H (\bar{T}_W - \bar{T}_{ref})}{\nu^2}$$

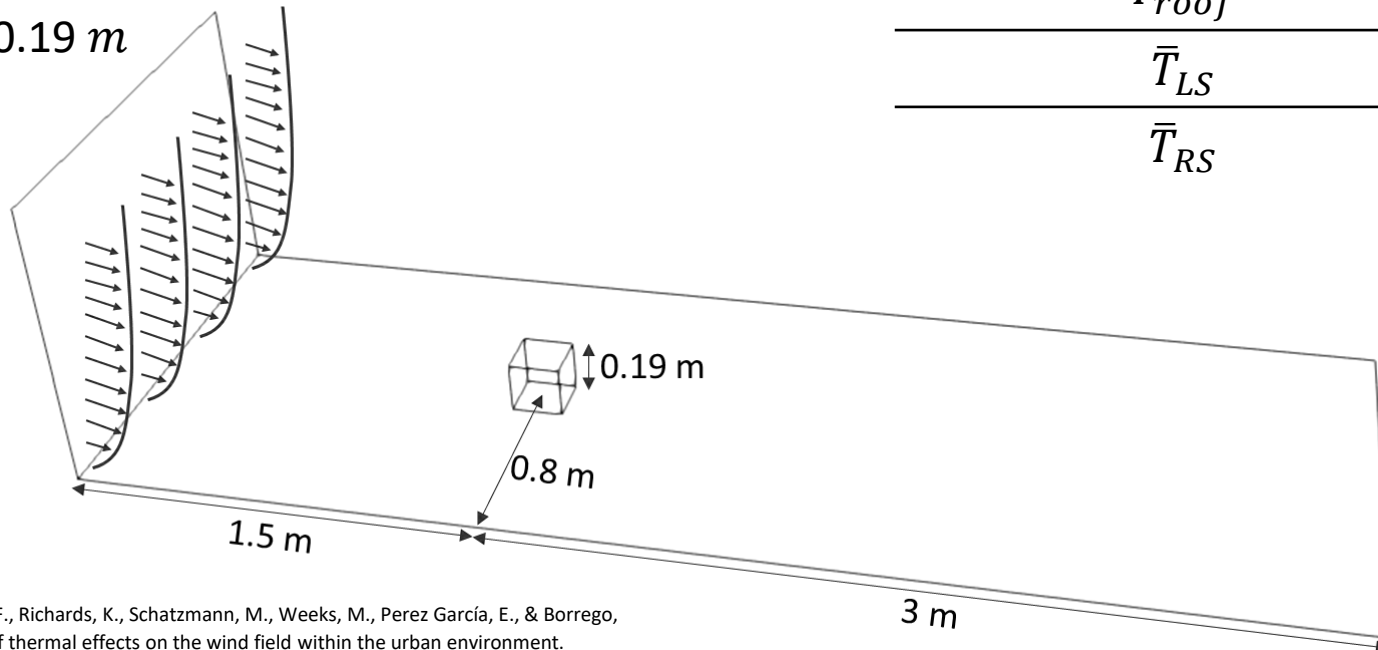


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ATREUS case setup

Case conditions

- Steady-state;
- buoyantSimpleFoam;
- k- ϵ turbulence model;
- Perfect gas equation of state;
- 528 324 cells (near-wall height 0.004 m);
- $U_{ref} = 1 \text{ m/s}$
- $Z_{ref} = 0.74 \text{ m}$
- $H = 0.19 \text{ m}$

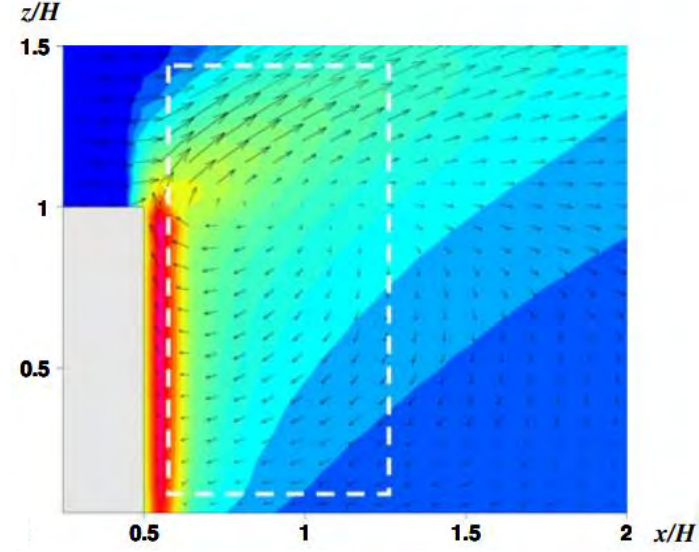
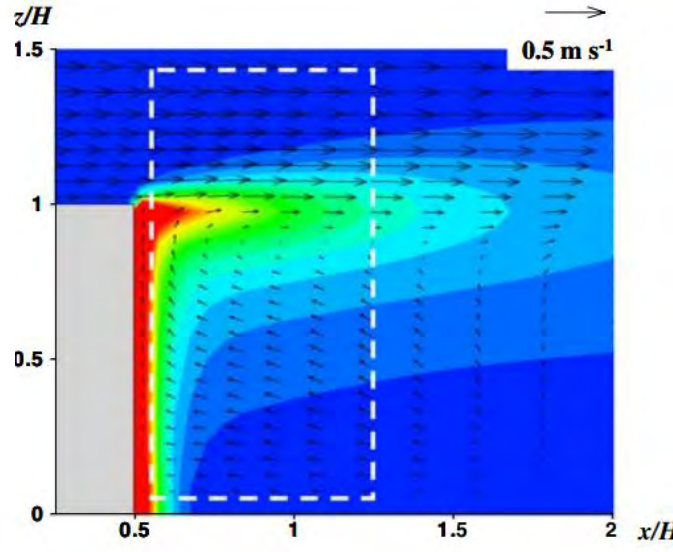
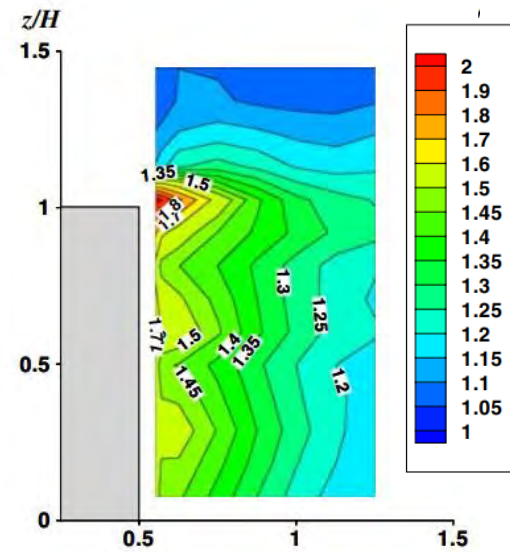


Thermal conditions at

$$\frac{Gr}{Re^2} \approx 1.6 \quad (^\circ\text{C})$$

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| \bar{T}_W | 176 |
| \bar{T}_{ref} | 24 |
| \bar{T}_{floor} | 38 |
| \bar{T}_{roof} | 50 |
| \bar{T}_{LS} | 39 |
| \bar{T}_{RS} | 40 |

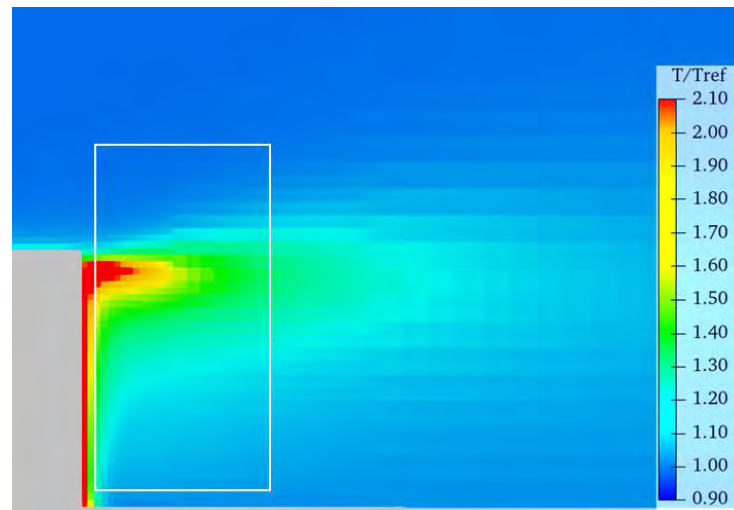
ATREUS case results



Wind Tunnel

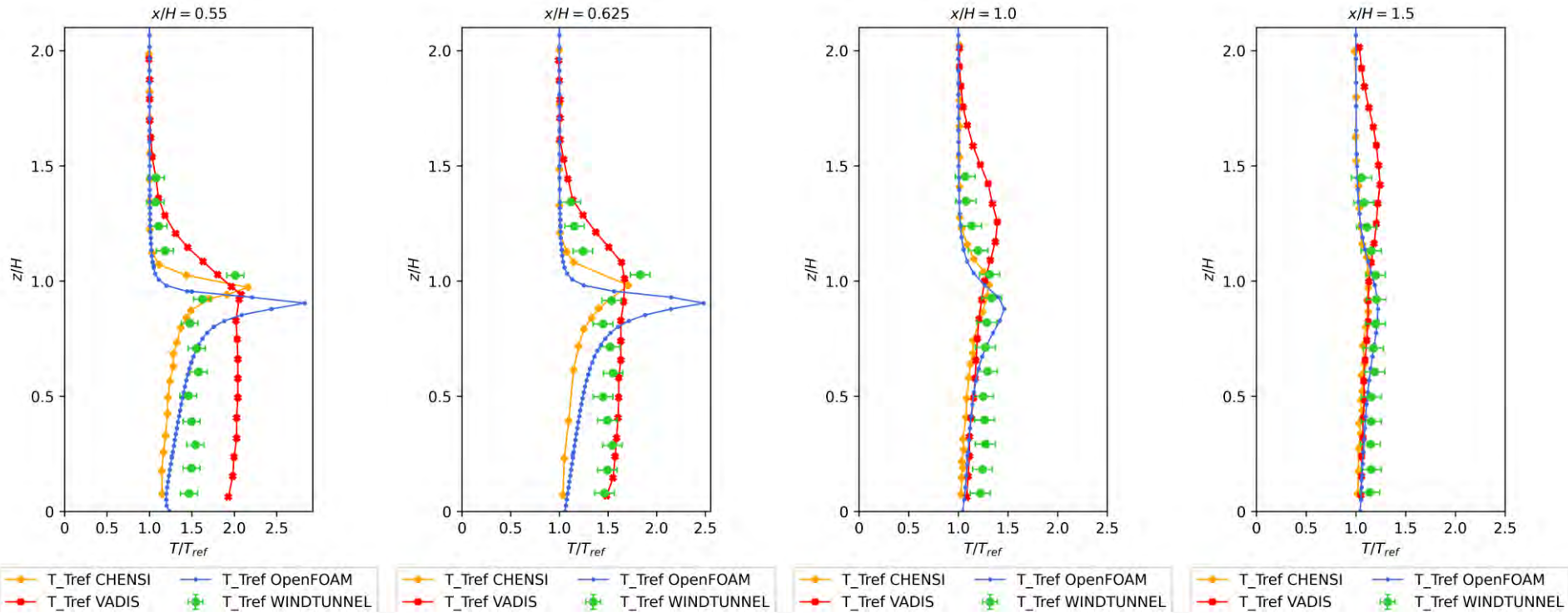
CHENSI

VADIS



OpenFOAM

ATREUS case results

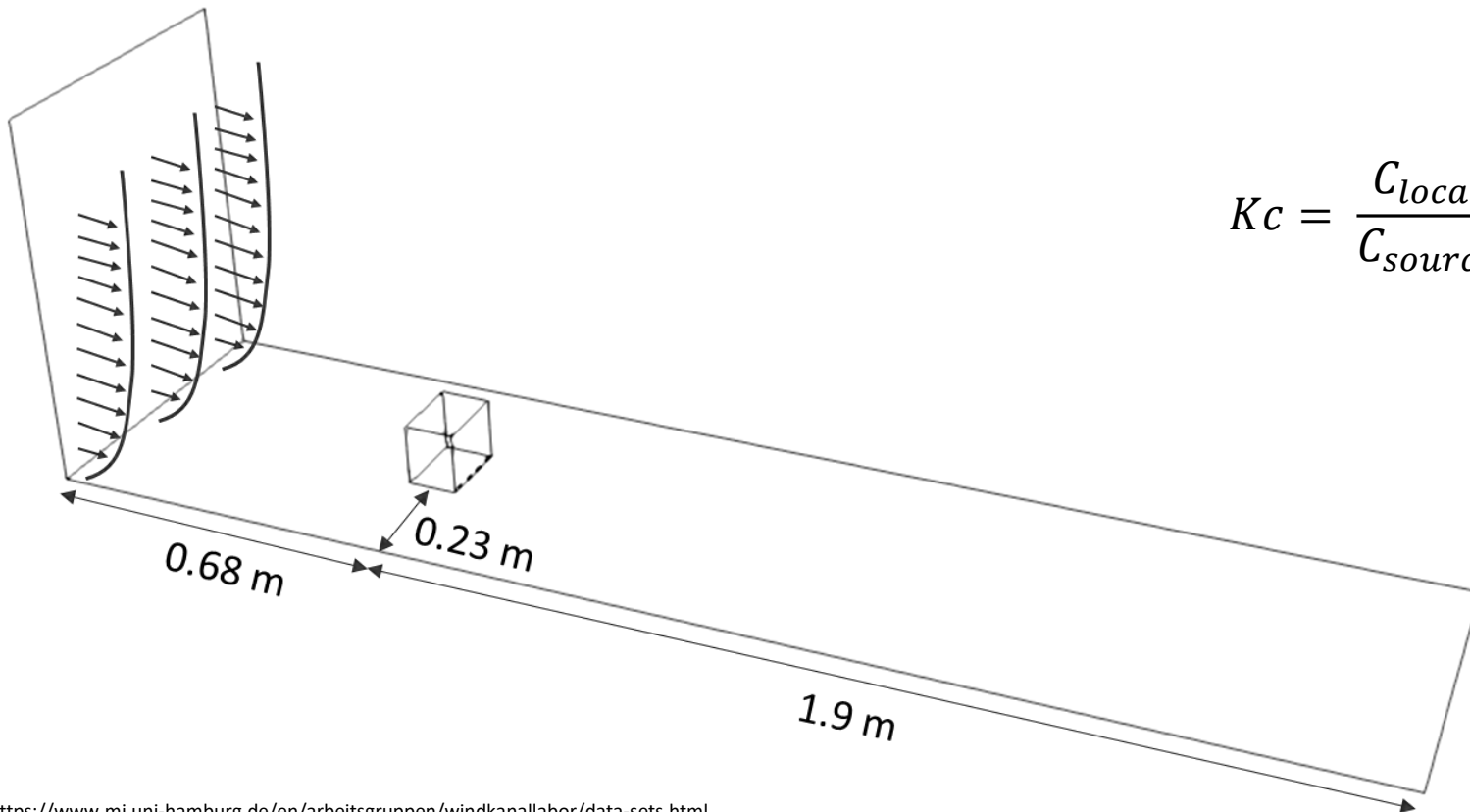


| | x/H = 0.55 | | | x/H = 0.65 | | | x/H = 1.0 | | | x/H = 1.5 | | |
|-------------------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Validation metric | NME | MAE | RMSE | NME | MAE | RMSE | NME | MAE | RMSE | NME | MAE | RMSE |
| CHENSI | 0.145 | 0.220 | 0.263 | 0.160 | 0.223 | 0.262 | 0.099 | 0.122 | 0.138 | 0.074 | 0.086 | 0.089 |
| VADIS | 0.192 | 0.281 | 0.347 | 0.083 | 0.108 | 0.122 | 0.100 | 0.117 | 0.135 | 0.076 | 0.085 | 0.096 |
| OpenFOAM | 0.153 | 0.231 | 0.330 | 0.185 | 0.267 | 0.320 | 0.086 | 0.103 | 0.111 | 0.046 | 0.051 | 0.056 |

CEDVAL case setup

CEDVAL Wind Tunnel Dataset → CFD modelling

Experiments at the Meteorological Institute, University of Hamburg

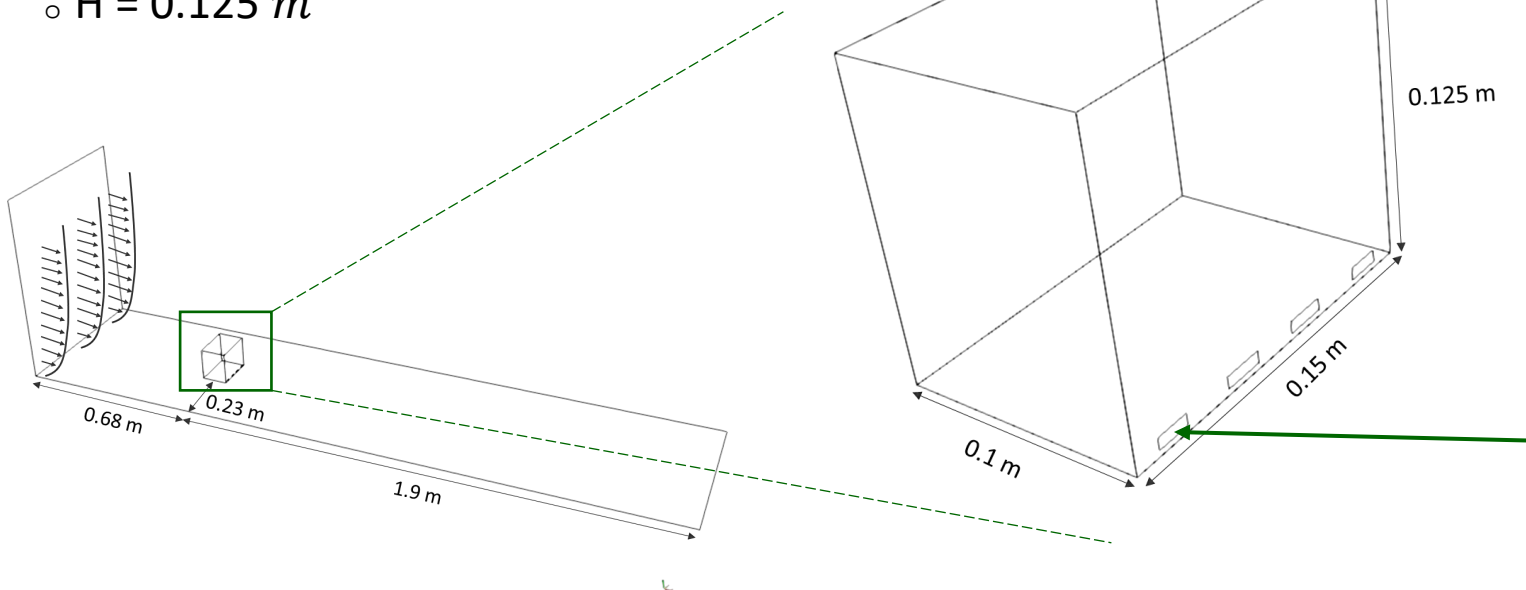


$$Kc = \frac{C_{local}}{C_{source}} \times \frac{U_{ref} H^2}{Q_{source}}$$

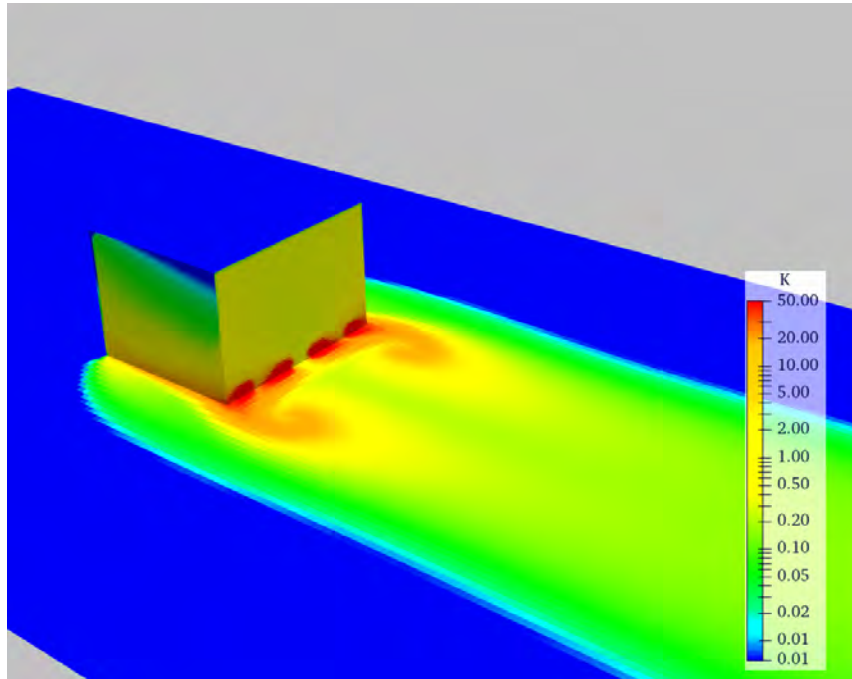
CEDVAL case setup

Case conditions

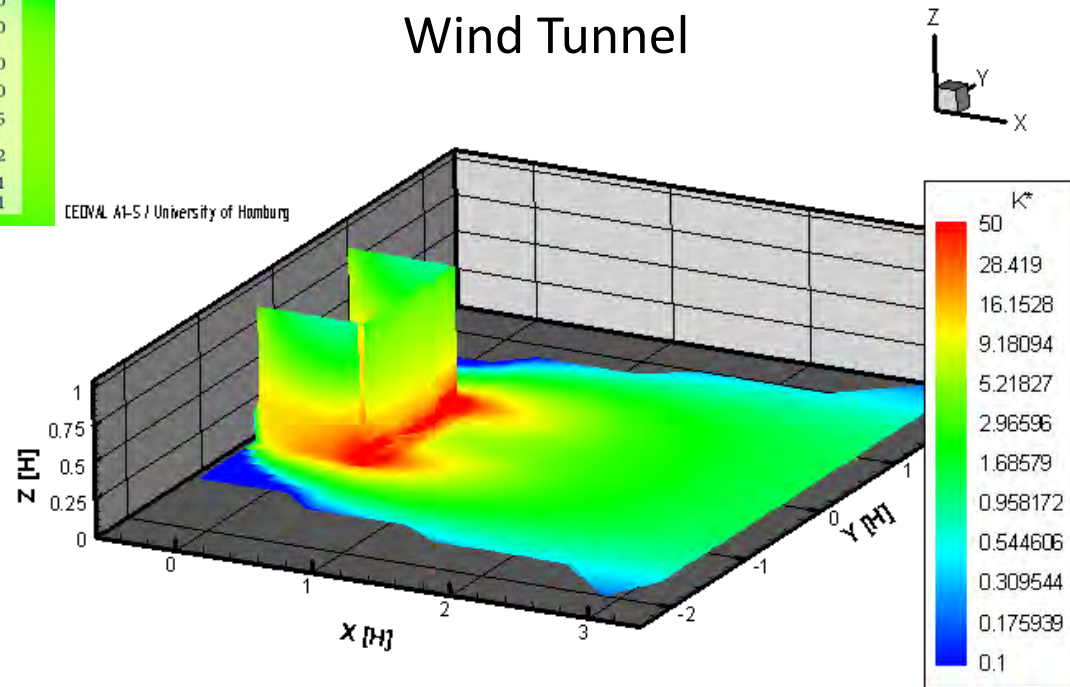
- Steady-state;
- SimpleFoam;
- k- ϵ turbulence model;
- Perfect gas equation of state;
- 2 640 062 cells (near-wall height 0.002 m);
- $U_{ref} = 5.28 \text{ m/s}$
- $Z_{ref} = 0.50 \text{ m}$
- $H = 0.125 \text{ m}$
- scalarTransport
- Pollutant
- $U_{exhaust} = 0.024 \text{ m/s}$
- $Q_{exhaust} = 0.000011 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$



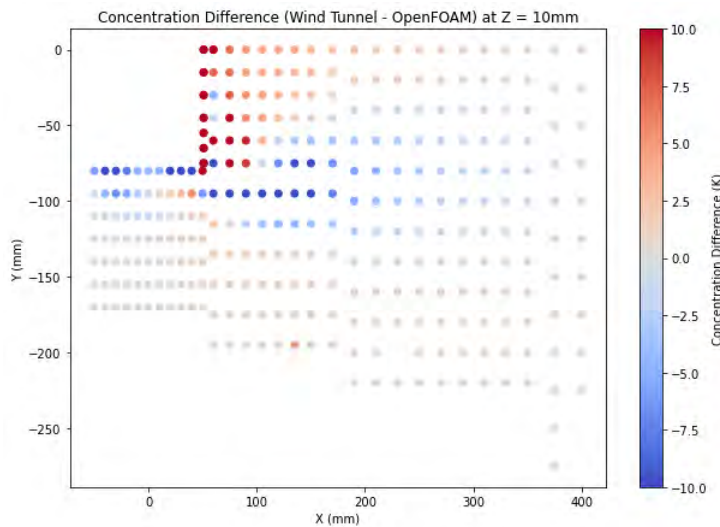
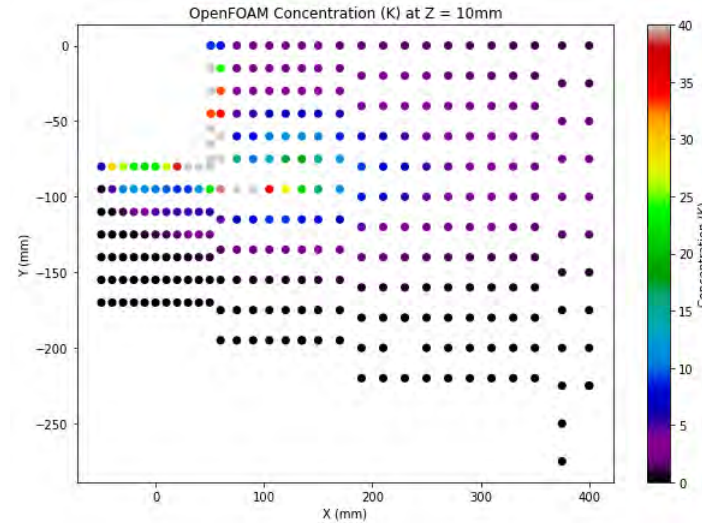
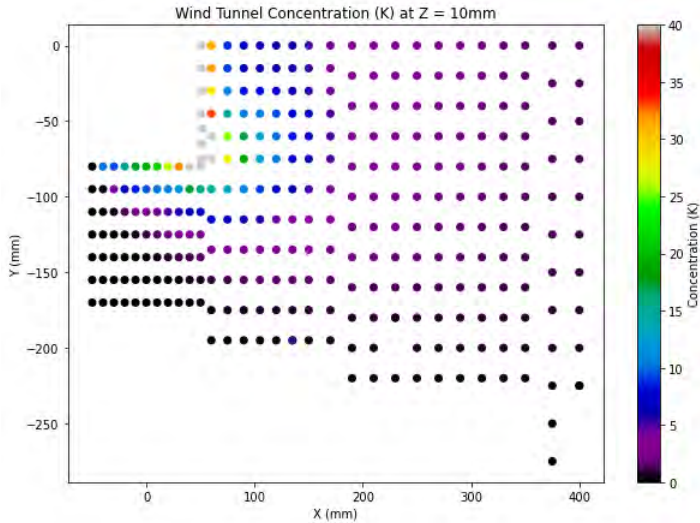
CEDVAL case results



OpenFOAM



CEDVAL case results



| | Z = 0.10 | | |
|-------------------|----------|------|----------------------------|
| Validation metric | ACD | MAE | RMSE |
| OpenFOAM | 5.05 | 8.52 | 25.66 about 7% range |

Average Concentration Difference (ACD)

Conclusions/Next Steps

- Results show good agreement with experimental data, while highlighting opportunities for further refinement;
- Ongoing efforts will focus on validating the model in more complex scenarios;
- Future analysis will integrate both pollutant dispersion and urban thermal effects to enhance CFD results accuracy.

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