



# LES and DES of vortex breakdown in highly swirling flow

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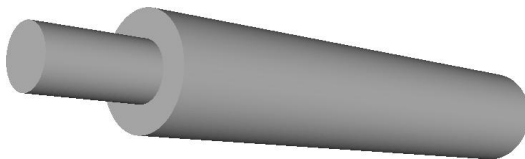
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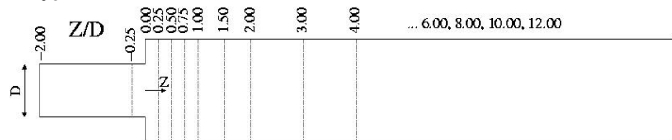


Inlet diameter	$D_{in} = 50.78mm$
Outlet diameter	$D_{out} = 98.5mm$
Expansion ratio	$D_{out} / D_{in} = 1.94$
Inlet length	$2 * D_{in}$
Outlet length	$10 * D_{in}$

# Test case and operating conditions

$$Re = \frac{U_{b,in} D_{in}}{\nu} = 3.0 \times 10^4, \quad 6.0 \times 10^4, \quad 10^5$$

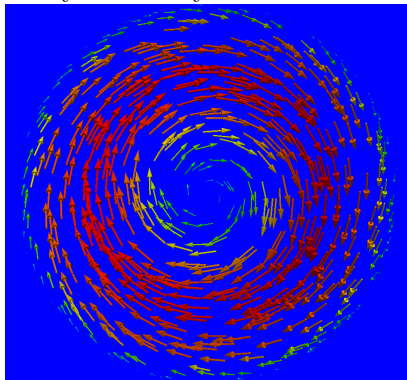
$$Sr = \frac{\int_0^{R_{in}} V_\theta V_z r^2 dr}{R_{in} \int_0^{R_{in}} V_z^2 r dr} \Big|_{z/D_{in} = -2.00} = 0.6, \quad 0.74, \quad 0.98, \quad 1.16, \quad 1.23$$



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# Boundary condition

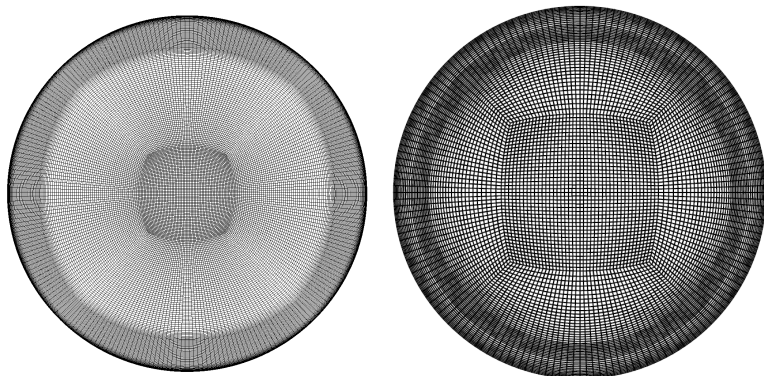
Inlet steady boundary condition for velocity



$\nu_{sgs}$  is considered as constant.



# O-grid configuration



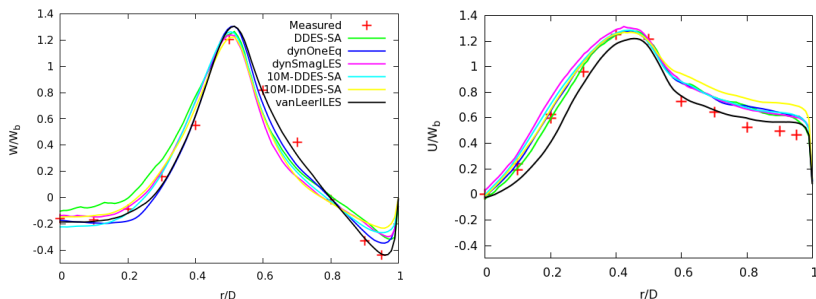
$8.6 \times 10^6$  ,  $10.2 \times 10^6$  and  $12.6 \times 10^6$  cells

Two O-grids and three numerical schemes (first and linear order upwind) and linear limited (TVD) are examined.

# General flow configuration

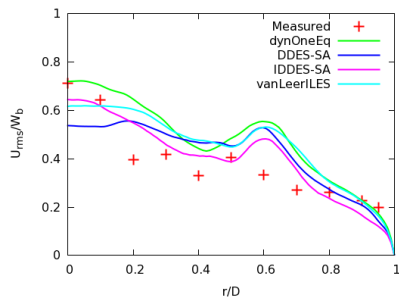
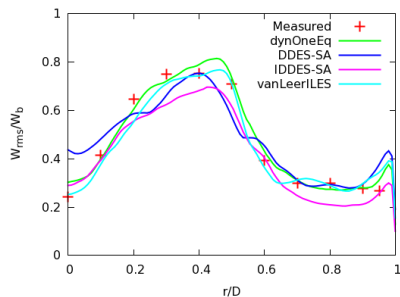
Iso-surface of pressure  $Re = 10^5$ ,  $Sr = 1.23$   
16 equidistant frames with  $\Delta t = 0.002$  sec

## Comparison of mean velocity



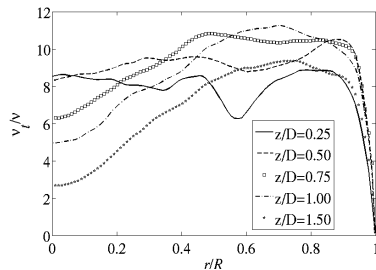
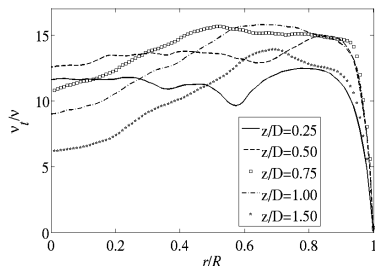
$Re = 10^5$ ,  $Sr = 1.23$ ,  $\Delta t = 2 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $Max CFL = 1.3$ , left:  $\overline{U}$ , right:  $\overline{W}$

# Comparison of velocity rms



$Re = 10^5$ ,  $Sr = 1.23$ , left:  $\sqrt{u'^2}$ , right:  $\sqrt{w'^2}$

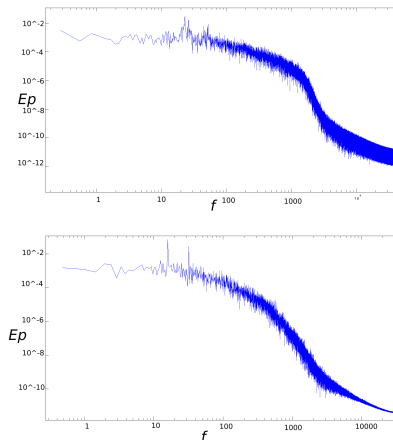
## Comparison of energy spectrum



SAS viscosity ratio,  $\nu_t/\nu$

left:  $Re = 10^5$ ,  $Sr = 1.23$     right:  $Re = 6.0 \times 10^4$ ,  $Sr = 1.16$

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Energy spectrum left:

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- SAS captures more detailed coherent structures than LES with a coarse resolution.

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