

Simulation of Turbulent Flow in a 2D Channel

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- ▶ **You should also be familiar with simulating a flow through pipe in OpenFOAM**



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- ▶ If not, please go through the prerequisite `OpenFOAM` tutorial on <https://spoken-tutorial.org>



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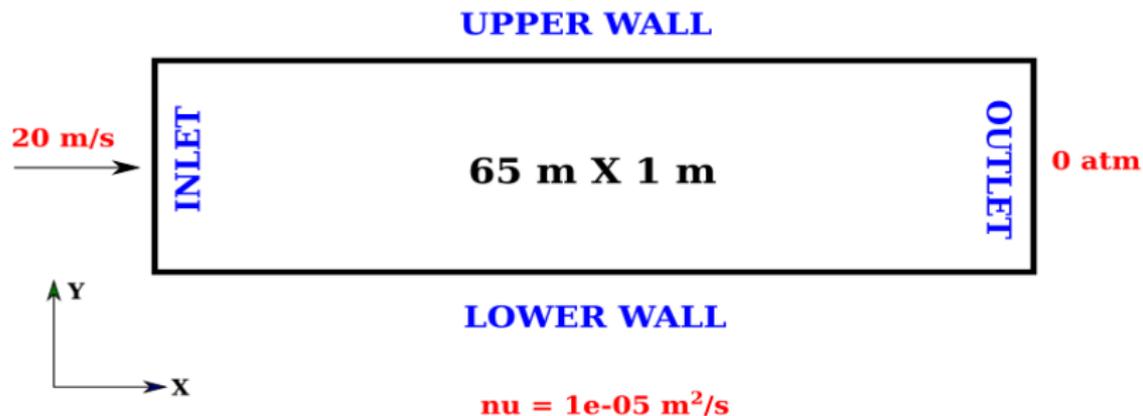


Solver detail

- ▶ simpleFoam **is a** steady-state solver **for** incompressible, turbulent flow



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- ▶ **For** wall function approach,
 $30 < y^+ < 300$



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For channel flow, $C_f = 0.078 Re_{dh}^{-1/4}$



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$$\kappa = 1.5(U_{avg}I)^2 = 0.41 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^2$$



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- ▶ Turbulent dissipation:

$$\epsilon = \frac{C_\mu^{3/4} k^{3/2}}{l} = 0.61 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}^3 \quad (C_\mu = 0.09)$$



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`epsilonWallFunction`



Outlet Boundary Condition

- ▶ Turbulent kinetic energy:
zeroGradient
- ▶ Turbulent dissipation:
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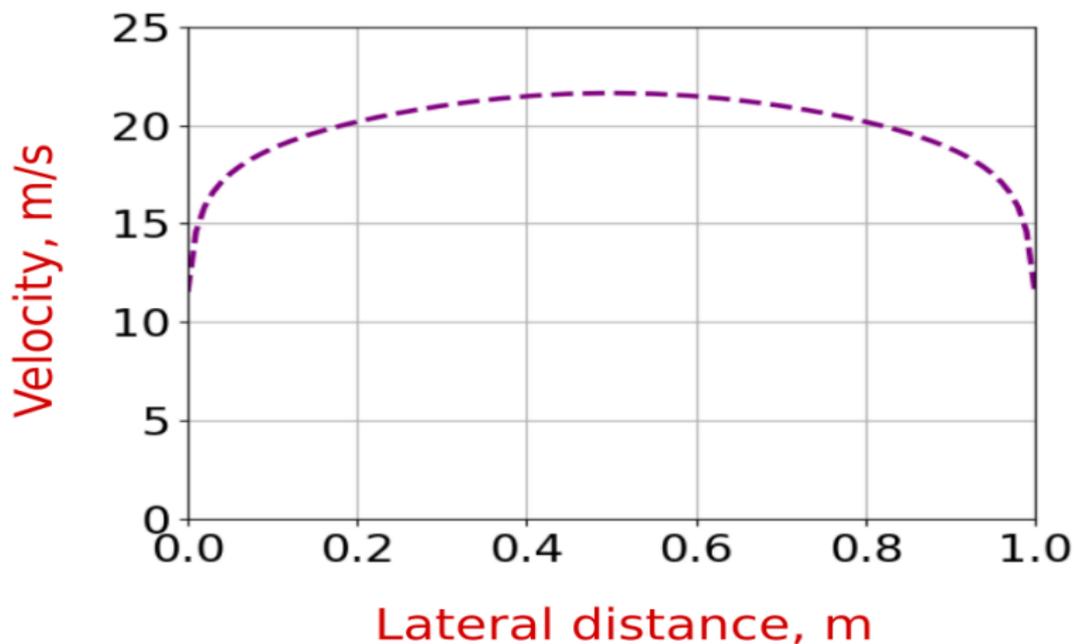


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- ▶ **At wall, nutWallFunction is used**



Outlet Velocity Profile



Summary

We have learned how to:

- ▶ **Implement** `k-epsilon` turbulence model
- ▶ **Set up the** initial and boundary conditions **for** turbulence parameters
- ▶ Run **the** simulation



Assignment

- ▶ **Change the** inlet boundary condition **for** kappa **and** epsilon **to** fixedValue
- ▶ **Repeat the** simulation **for a** velocity **value of** 40 m/s, **change** kappa **and** epsilon **accordingly**



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