

# 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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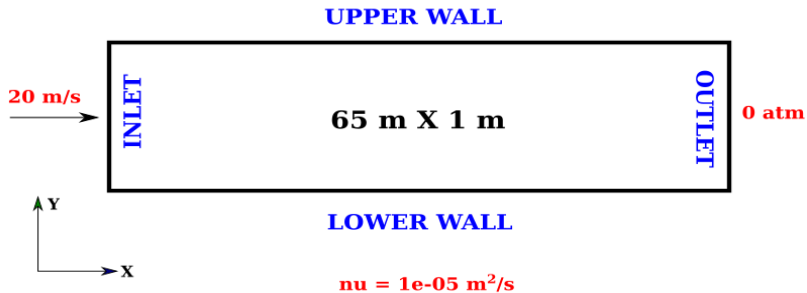


# Solver detail

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



# Problem statement



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



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# Outlet Boundary Condition

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zeroGradient
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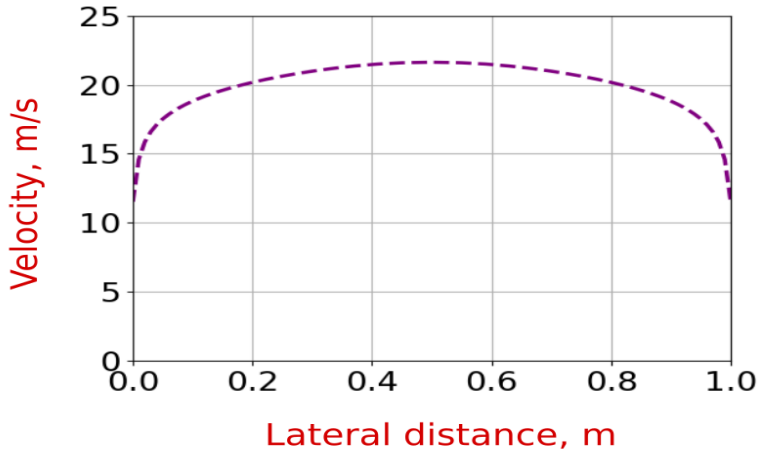


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- ▶ **At wall, nutWallFunction is used**



# 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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