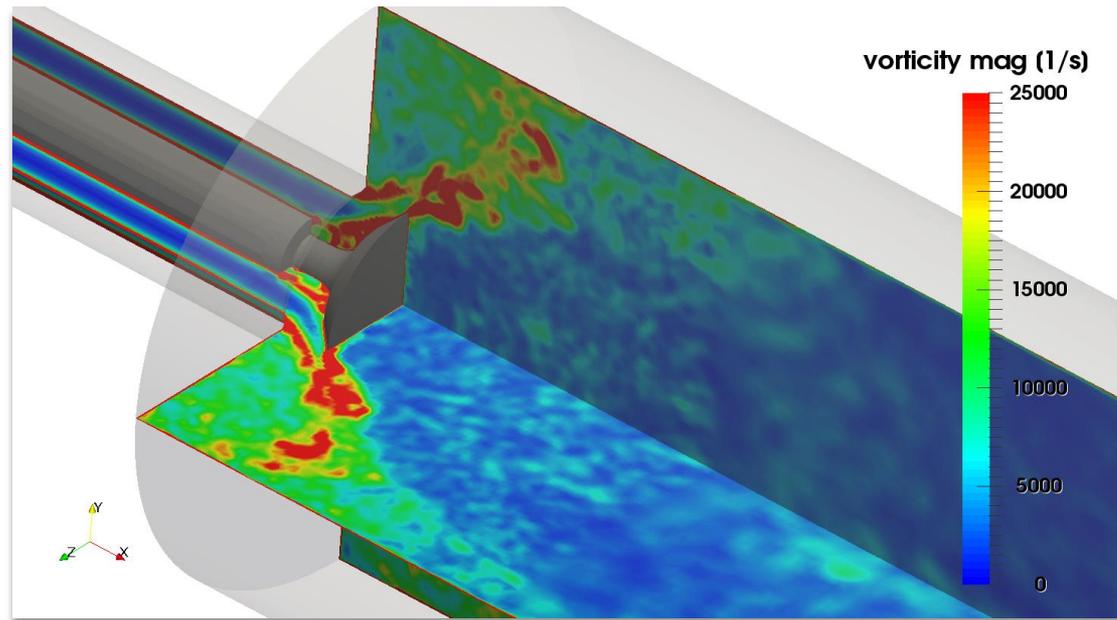


# “DES Turbulence Modeling for ICE Flow Simulation in OpenFOAM®”



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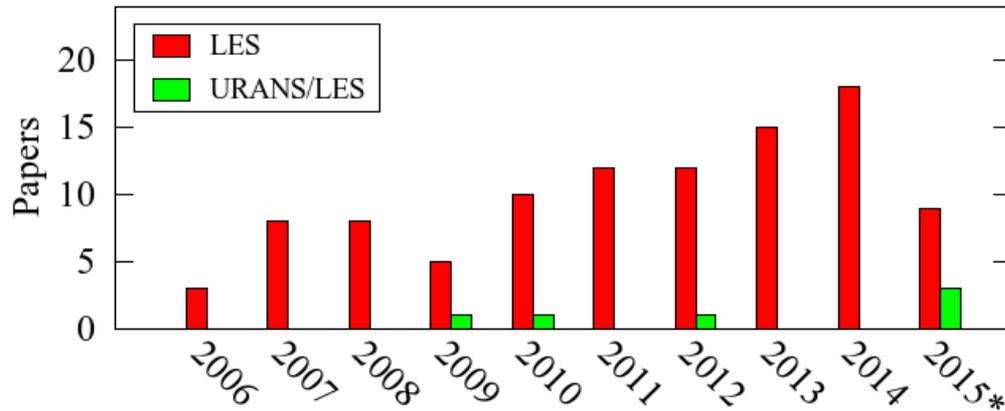
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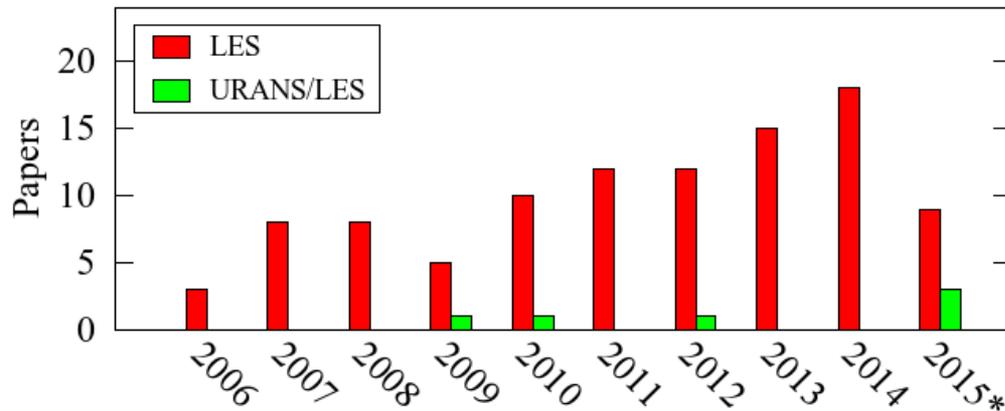
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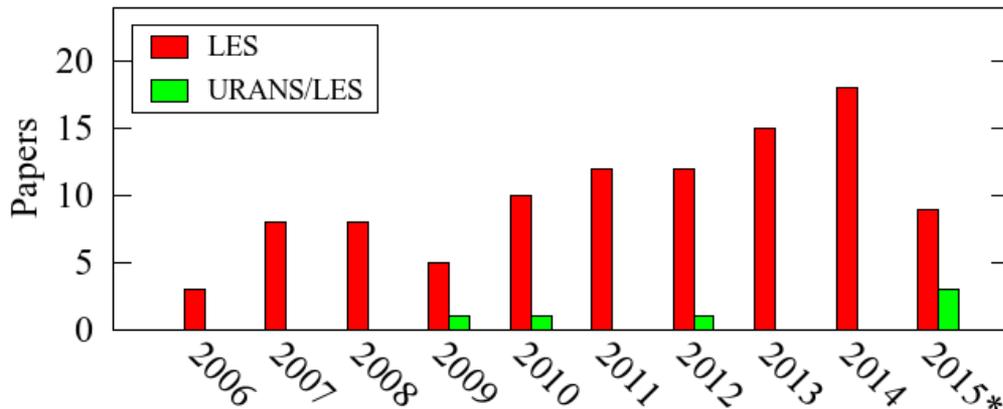


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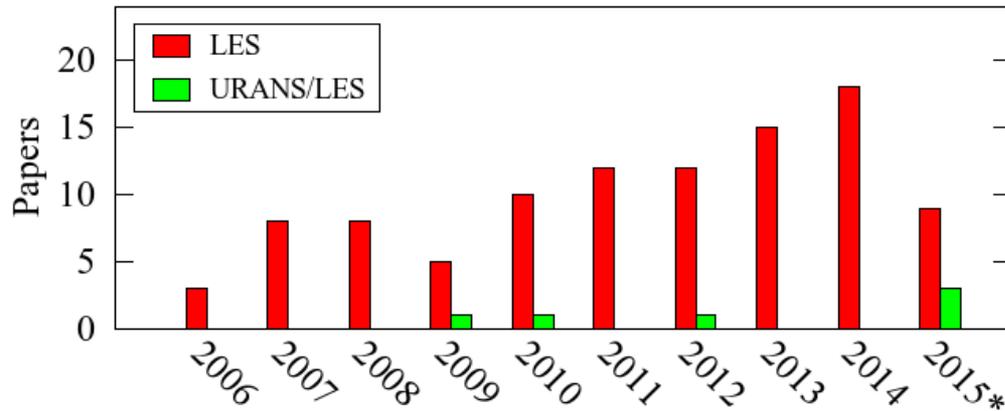
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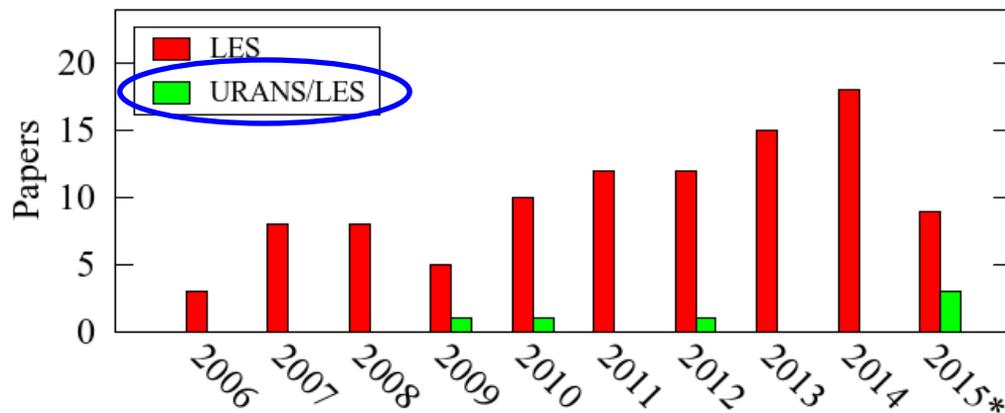
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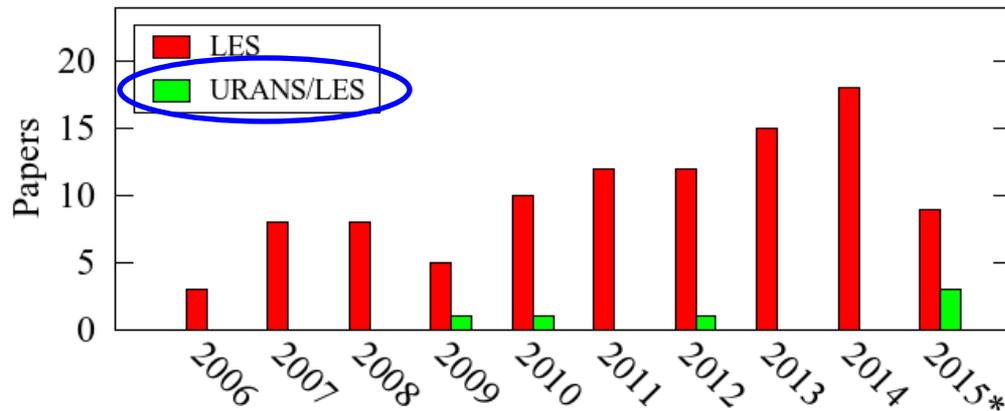
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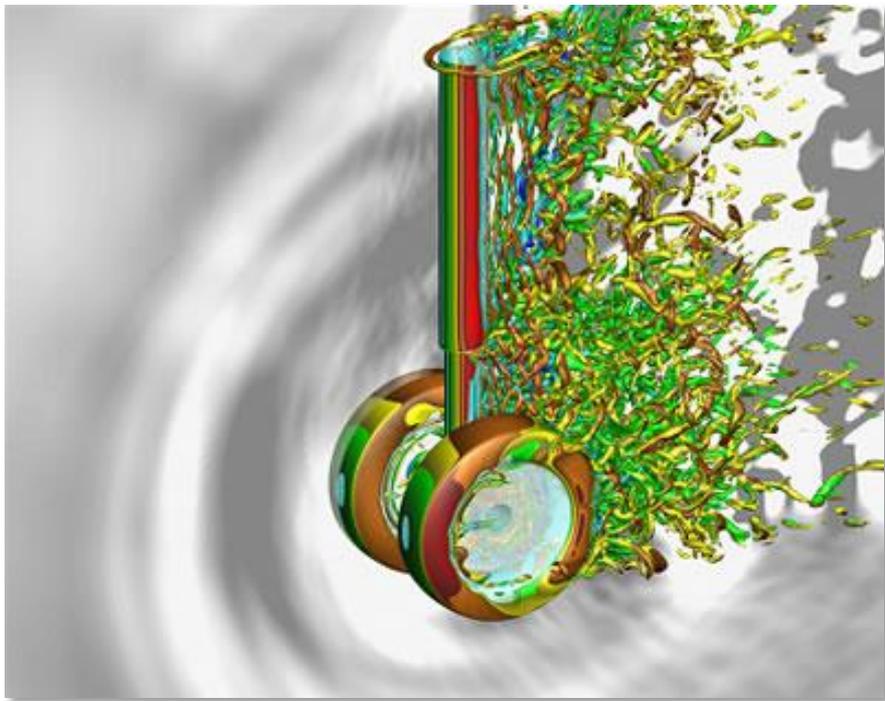
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### **Goals of our work:**

- ❖ *Development of a two-equation DES turbulence simulation method for ICE-like flow predictions*
- ❖ *Initial validation of the proposed methodology on well established flow benchmarks*
- ❖ *Detection of improvement areas (based on the initial results)*

## The DES principle



- ❑ Steady, **attached zones** of the flow efficiently simulated by RANS
- ❑ **LES triggering** in massive separation, by **length scales switching** in the eddy viscosity destruction mechanism (**from modeled to grid-dependent**)
- ❑ All seamlessly managed by a **single modeling framework (RANS-based)**
- ❑ Very good accuracy in massively separated external flows
- ❑ Can be less efficient in internal complex flows (**validation/development needed**)

## Starting point: improved RANS k-g model

### Main features:

❑ Originally derived from the k- $\omega$  by **Kalitzin et al. (1996)**; the  $\omega$ -equation is reformulated in terms of the root-squared turbulent time scale  $g$  ( $g = \sqrt{k/\varepsilon} = 1/\sqrt{\beta^*\omega}$ ).

❑ Straightforward wall bc ( $g \rightarrow 0$ ) and linear near-wall scaling ( $g \sim y_n$ ).

❑ **Modified by the authors including realizability constraints for the turbulent time scale  $\tau$**

### Equations:

$$\frac{\partial(u_i g)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \left( \nu + \frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_g} \right) \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \right] - \frac{\alpha g^3}{2k\tau} P_k + \frac{\beta g}{2\beta^* \tau} - \left( \nu + \frac{\nu_t}{\sigma_g} \right) \frac{3g}{\tau} \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \right) \quad (1)$$

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$$\nu_t = \beta^* k \tau \quad (3)$$

$$\tau = \min \left( g^2, \frac{a}{\beta^* \sqrt{6|S|^2}} \right) ; a \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

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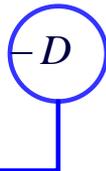
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**Final form**

## Application of the DDES concept

### The concept:

- ❑ Avoid Modeled Stress Depletion (MSD) in grids with **ambiguous near-wall spacing** ( $C_{DES} \cdot \Delta < BL$  thickness)
- ❑ Spalart et. al (2006) proposed the use of a “**delaying function**” to force the extension of the pure RANS region towards BL’s outer edge
- ❑ **Adaptation of the delaying function** to the present formulation

### DDES form of the destruction term:

$$D_{DDES} = F_{DDES} \cdot D_{RANS}$$

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} **Final form (DDES)**

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$$\phi_d = 1 - \tanh \left[ (k_d \cdot r_d)^3 \right]$$

$$k_d = \text{constant}$$

$r_d$  = function of flow quantities and wall distance

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$$\phi_d \rightarrow 0 \quad ; \quad F_{DDES} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{Forced RANS mode}$$

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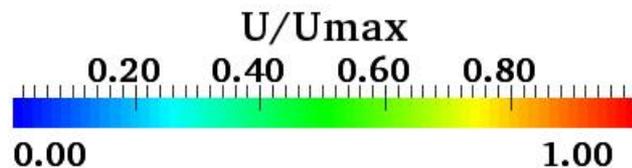
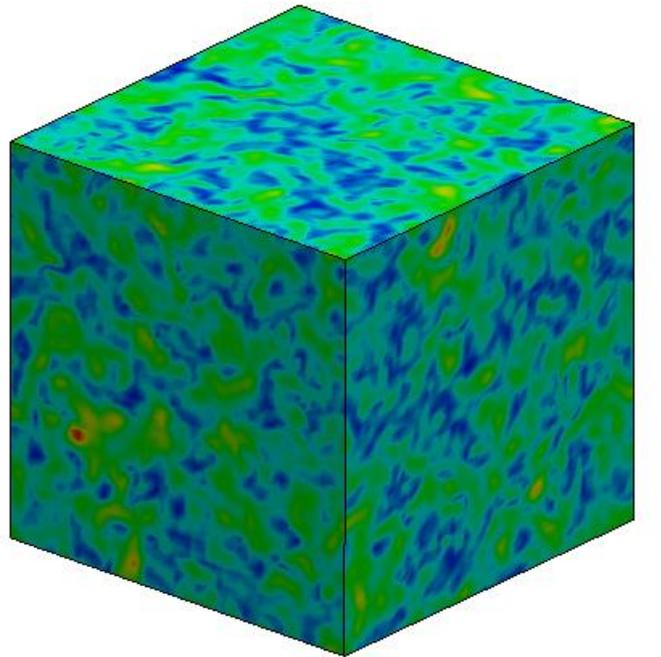


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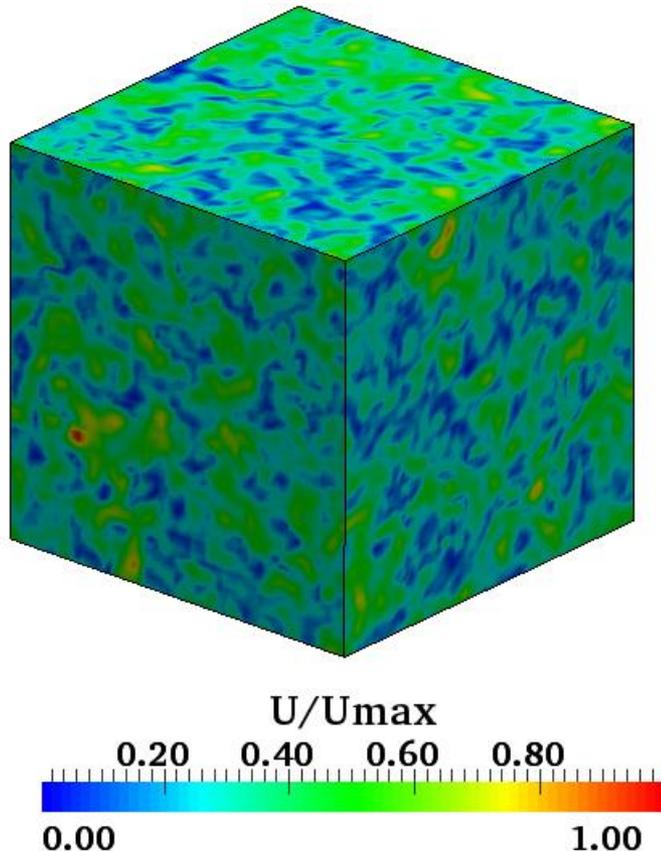
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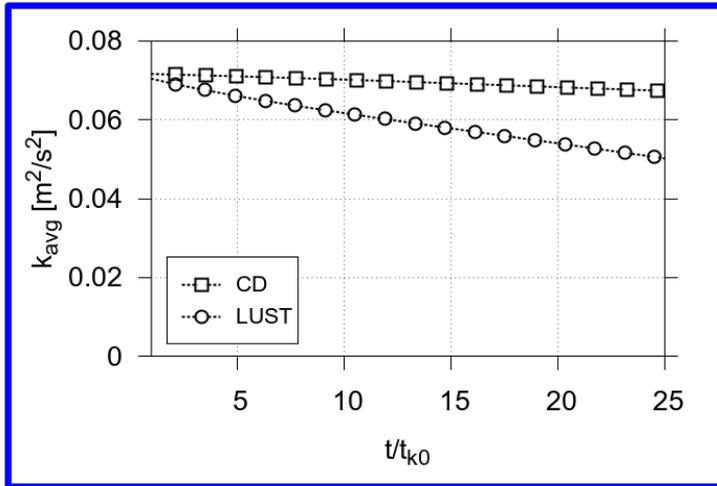
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- ❑ To evaluate **convection schemes**, Euler equations are solved (**zero-viscosity, no SGS modeling**)
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  2. Linear Upwind Stabilized Transport (LUST)
  3. Filtered Central Differencing (FCD)

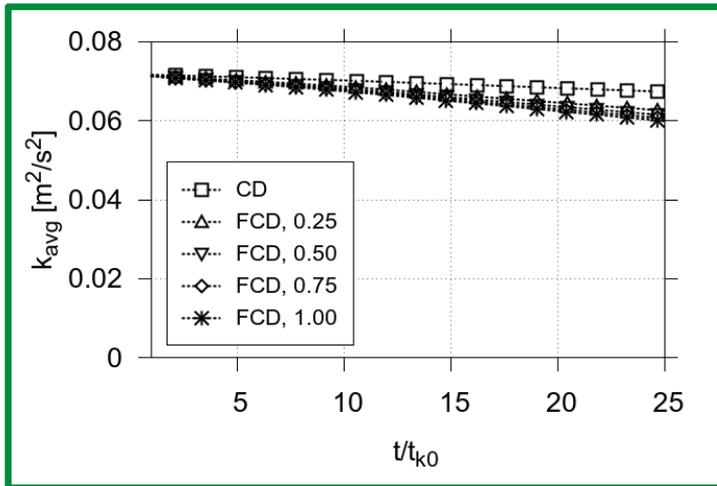
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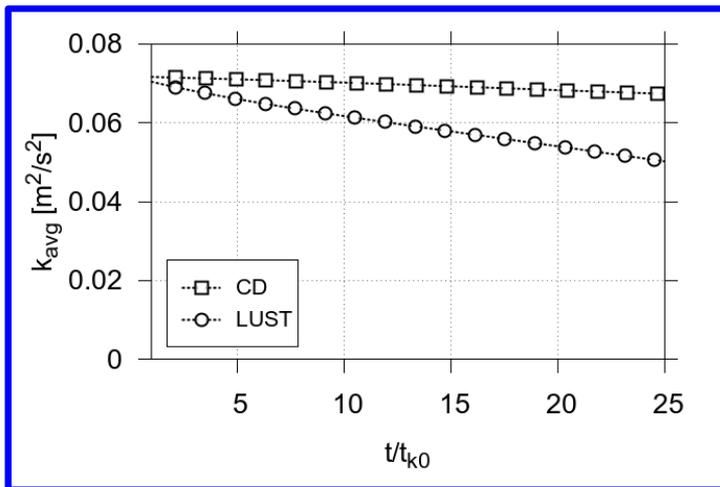
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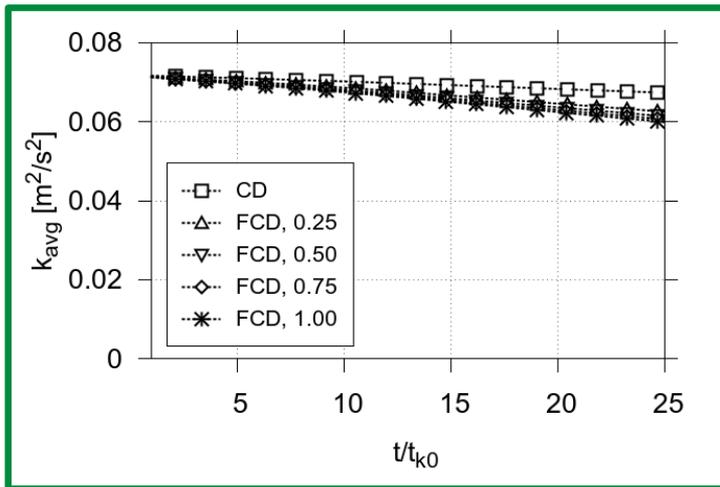
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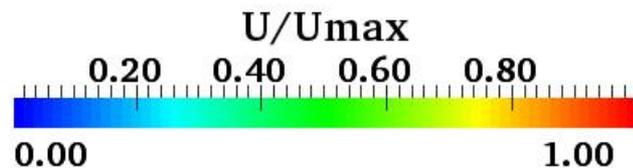
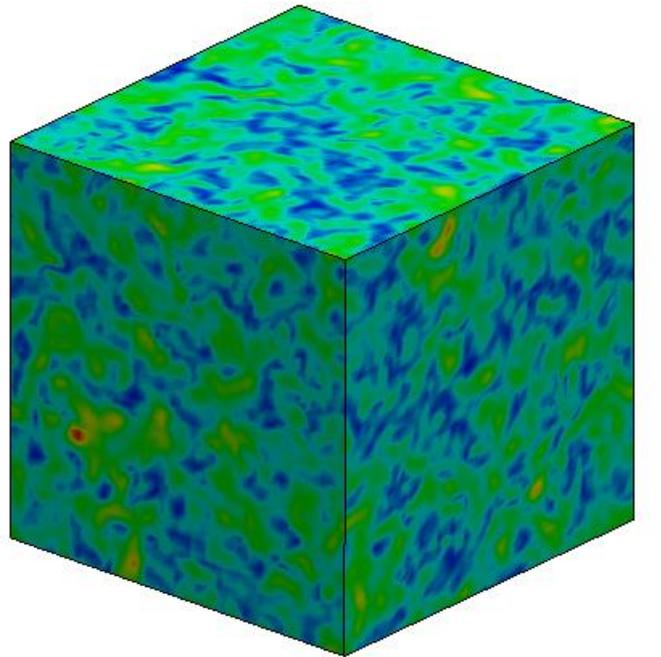
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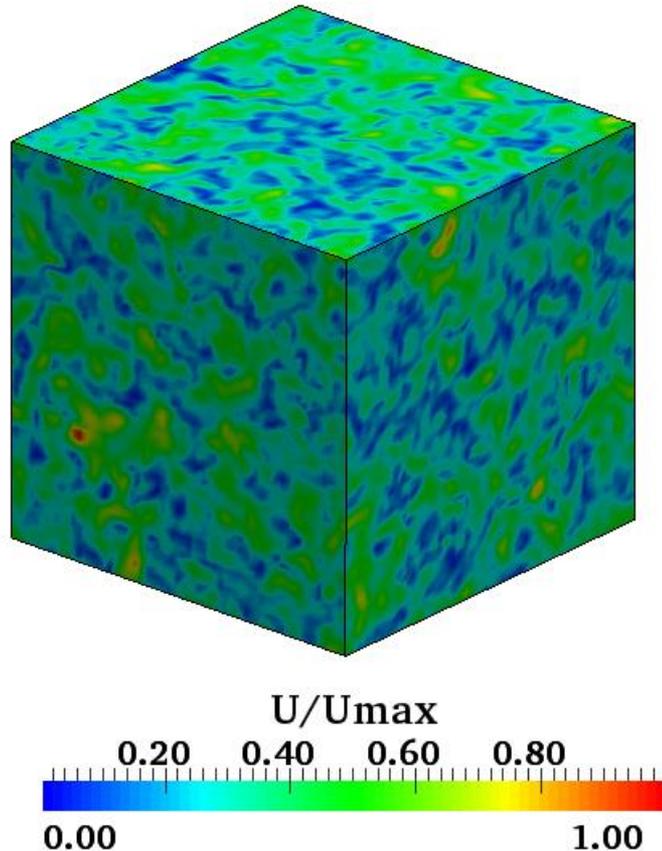
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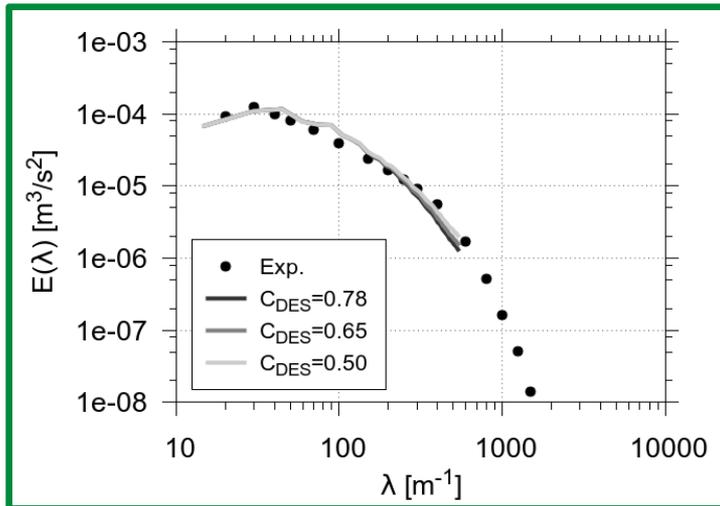
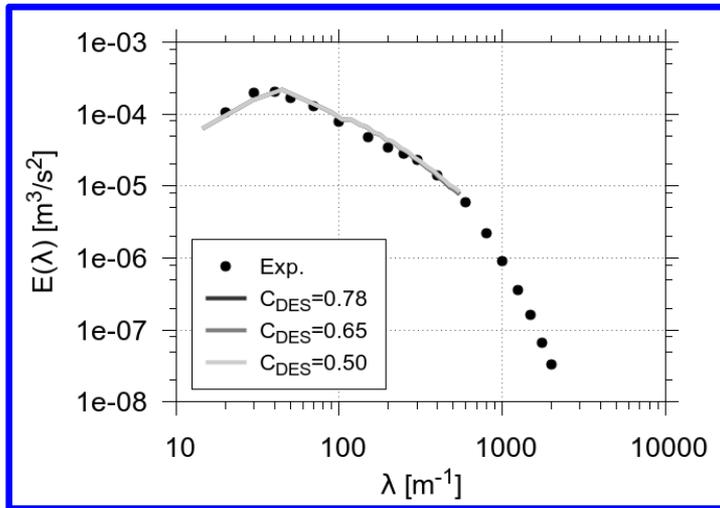


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- ❑ Turbulence is left to **spontaneously decay** driven by the k-g pure LES model ( $I_{DES} \equiv C_{DES} \cdot \Delta$ )
- ❑  $C_{DES}$  is decreased, starting from  $C_{DES} = 0.78$  (k- $\omega$  SST DES standard value)
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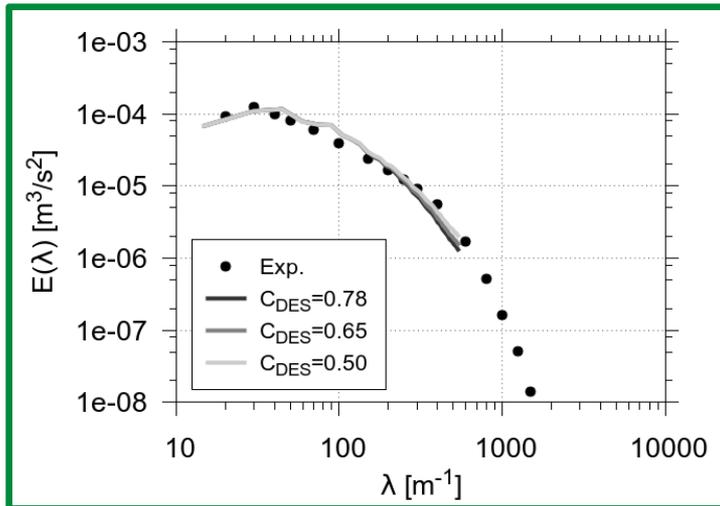
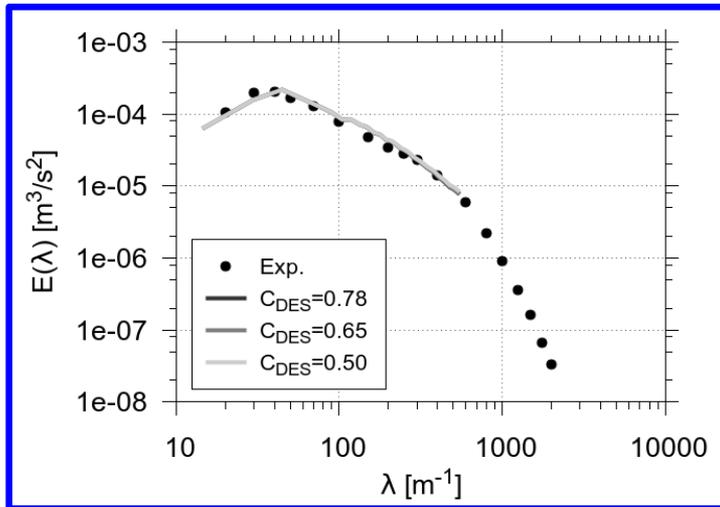
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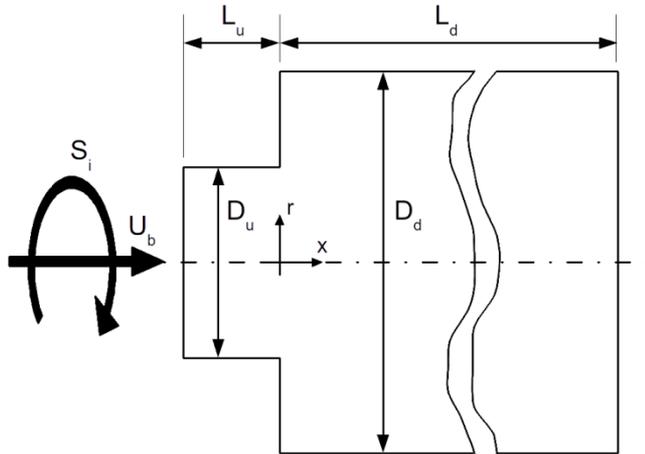
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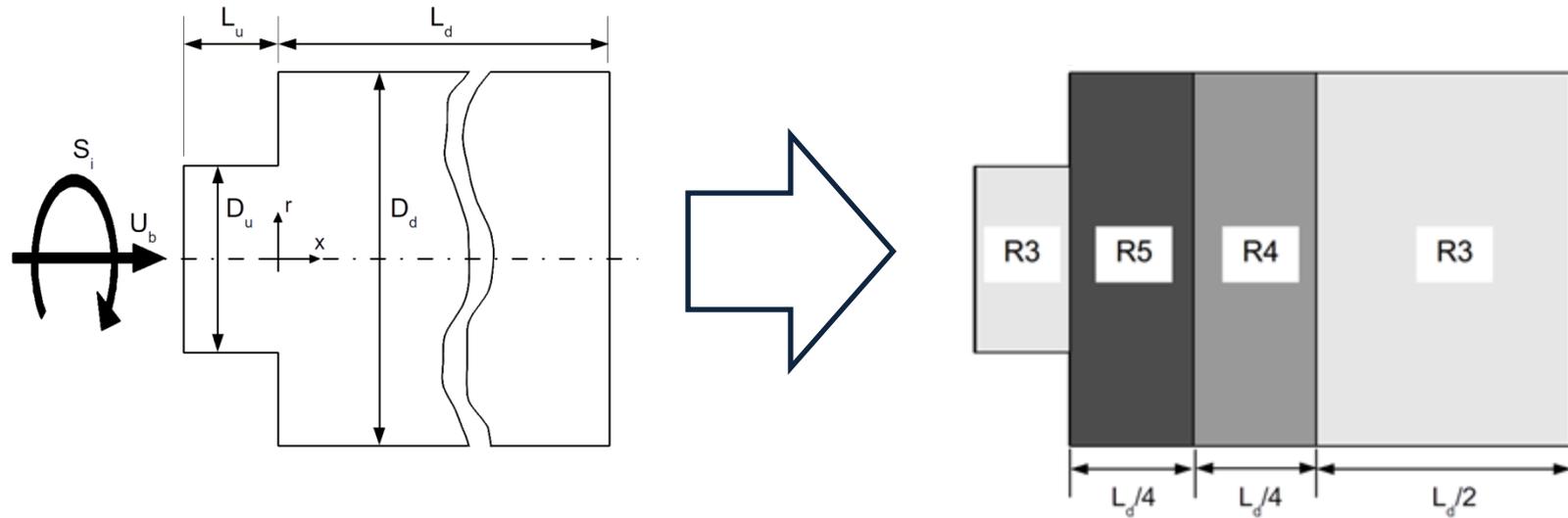
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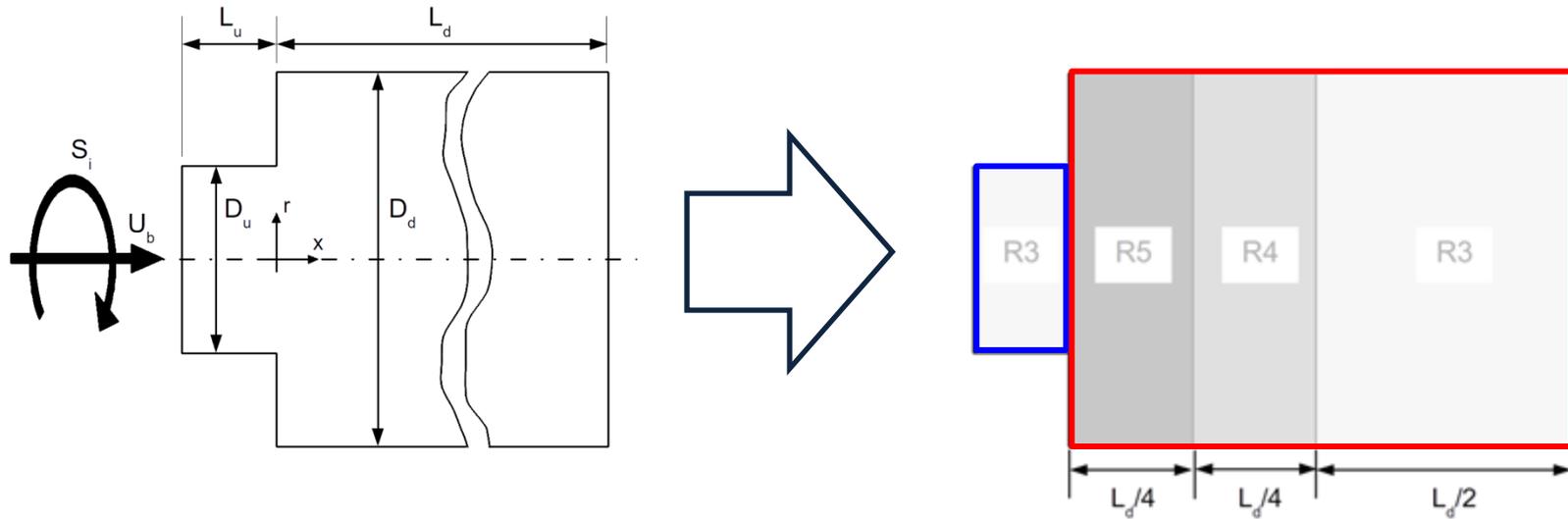
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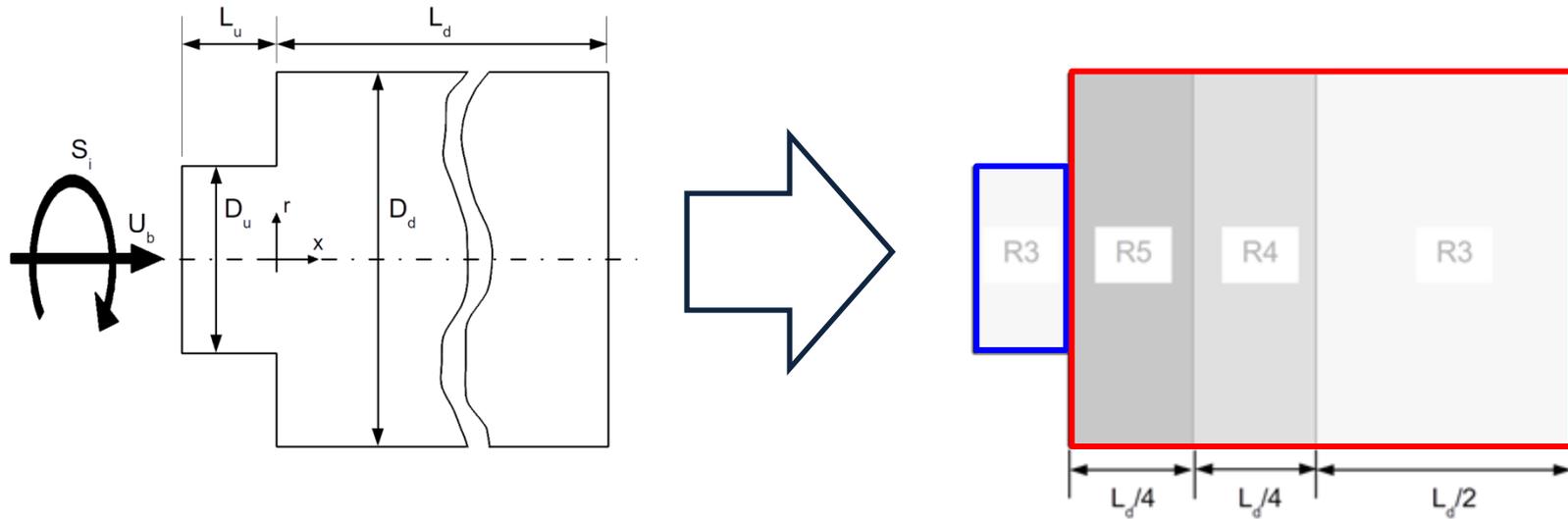


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❑ Zonal numerical treatment for momentum convection in DDES:

- Linear Upwind (LU) scheme in the steady, attached upstream region
- FCD 0.25 in the separated flow region (implicit promotion of RANS/LES triggering)

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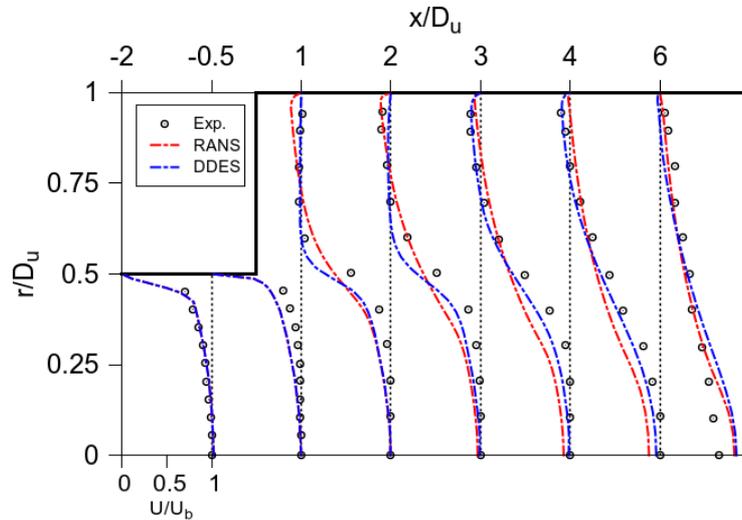
#### □ DDES computational procedure:

1. RANS solution to initialize the flow (experimental data mapped on inlet);
2. DDES run for **2 domain flow throughs** with statistics turned off;
3. DDES run for **10 flow throughs** with statistics on (mean values and fluctuations)
4. Post-separation turbulence statistics extracted from the resolved flow field time history

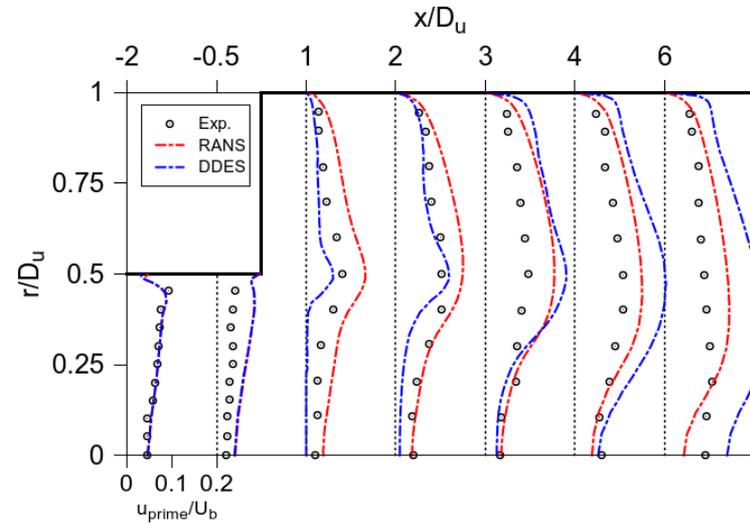
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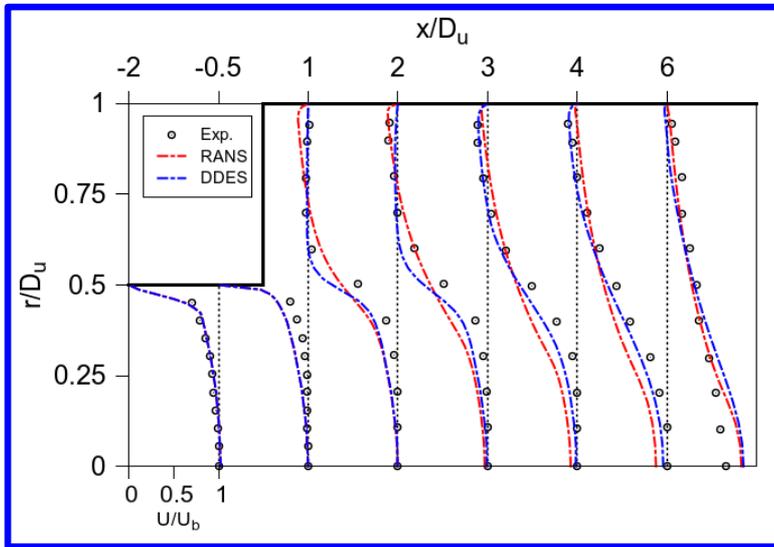
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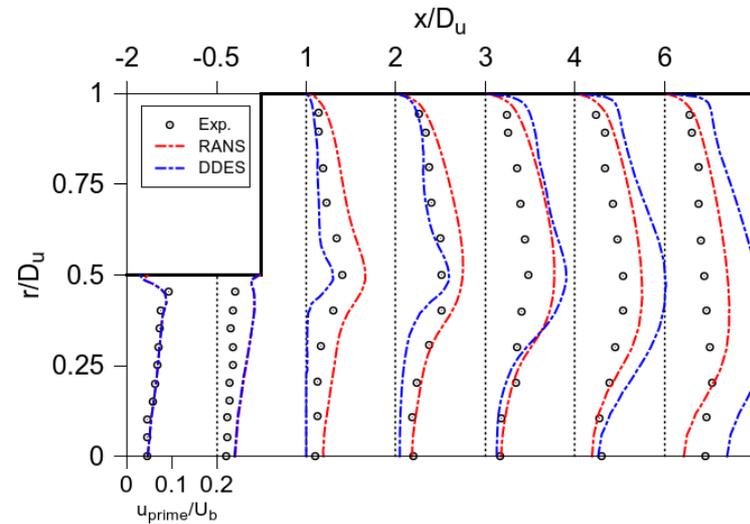
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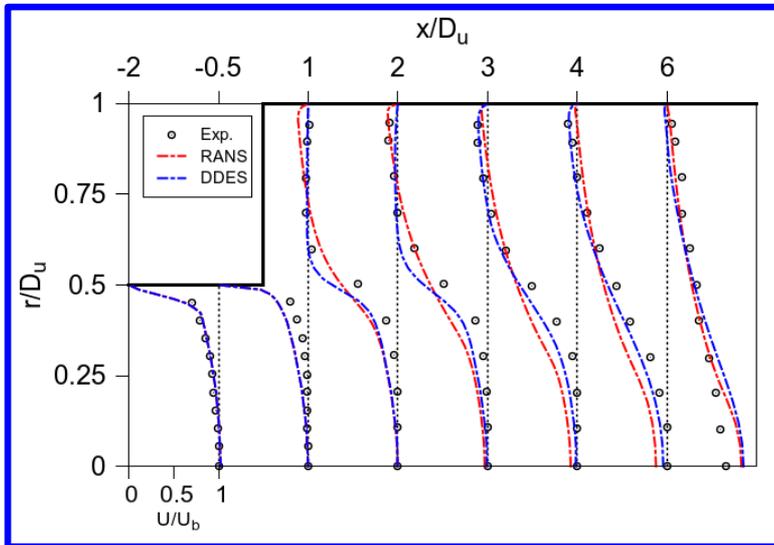


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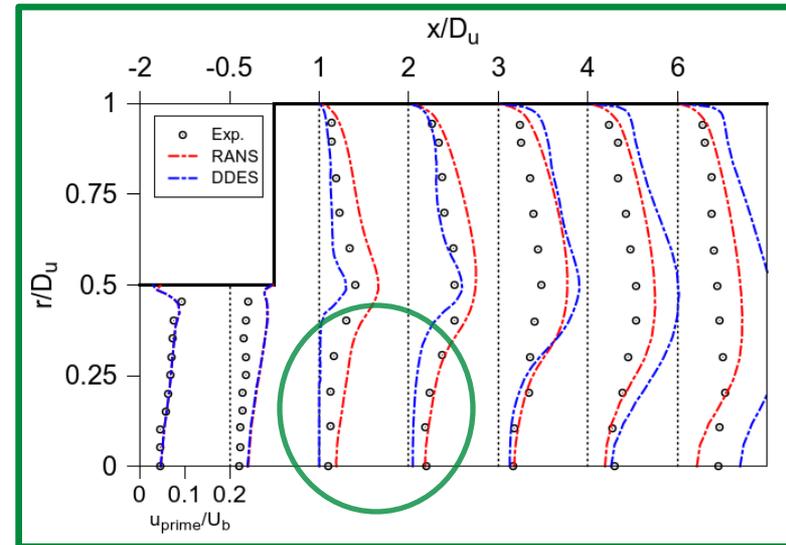
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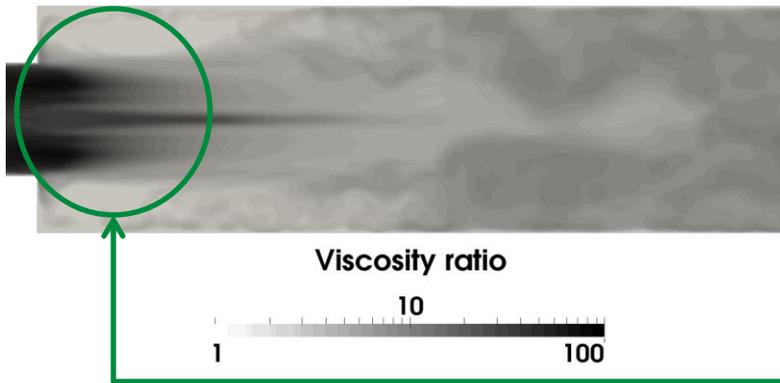


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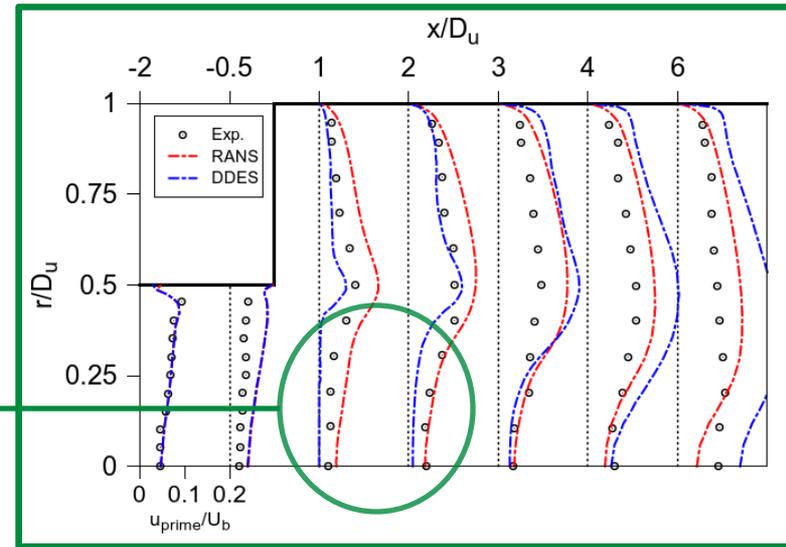
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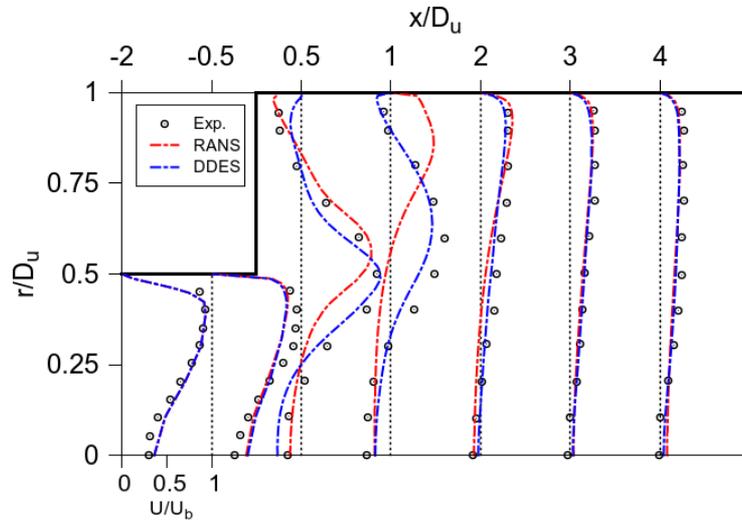


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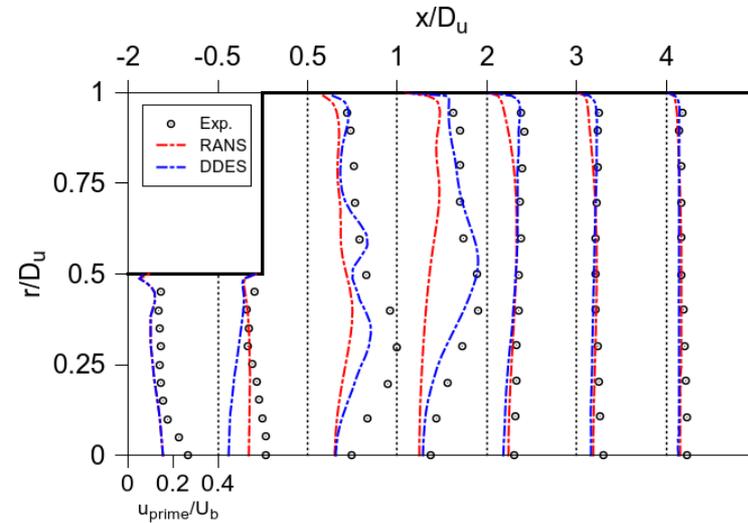
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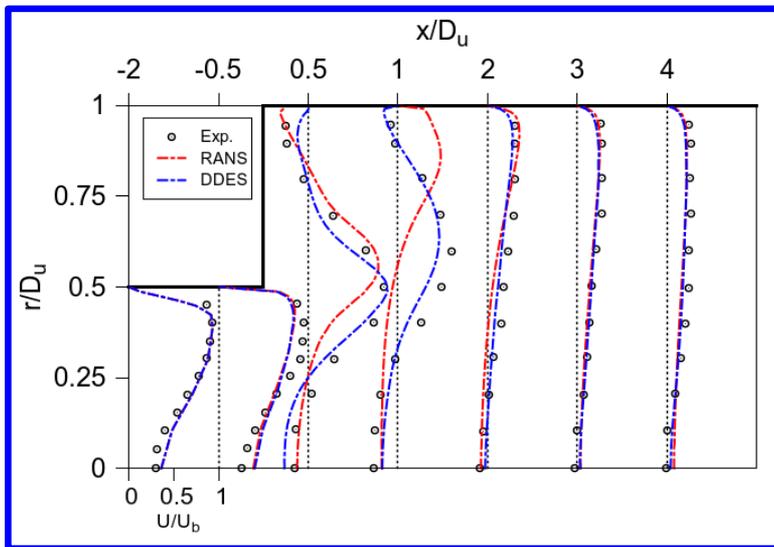
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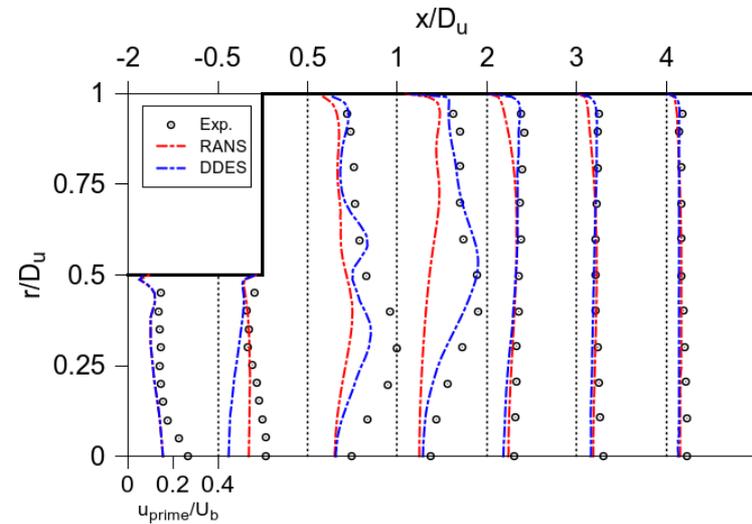
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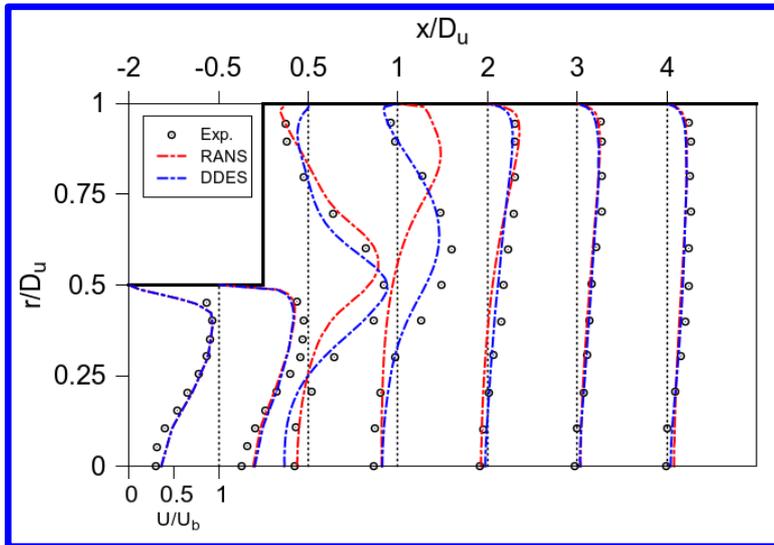


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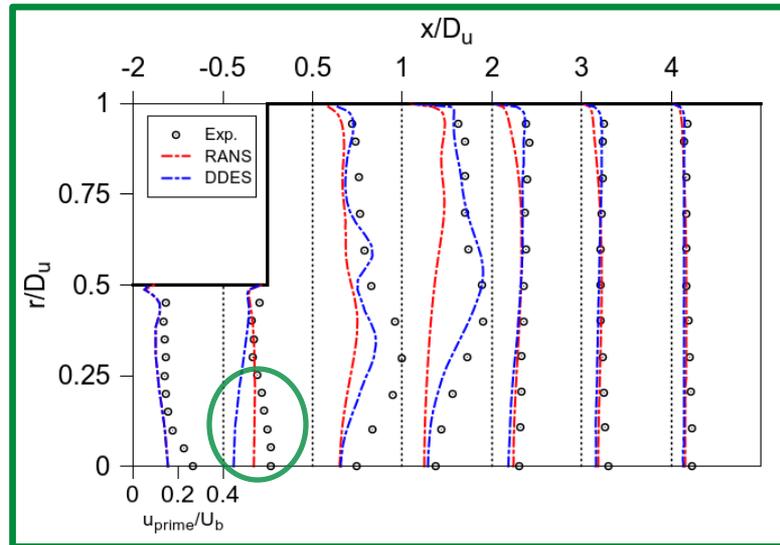
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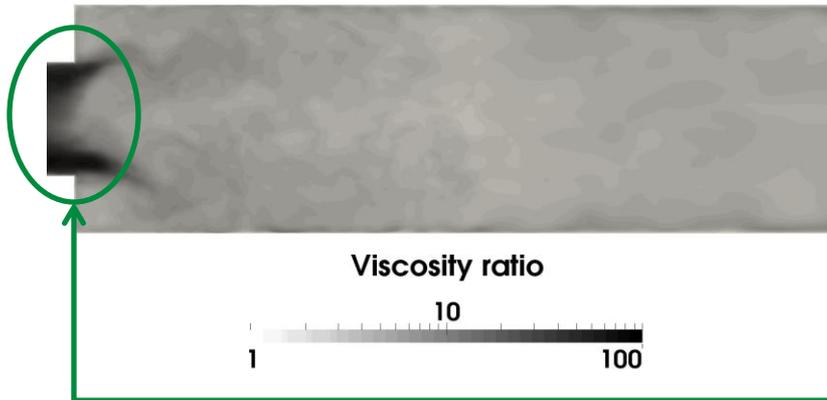


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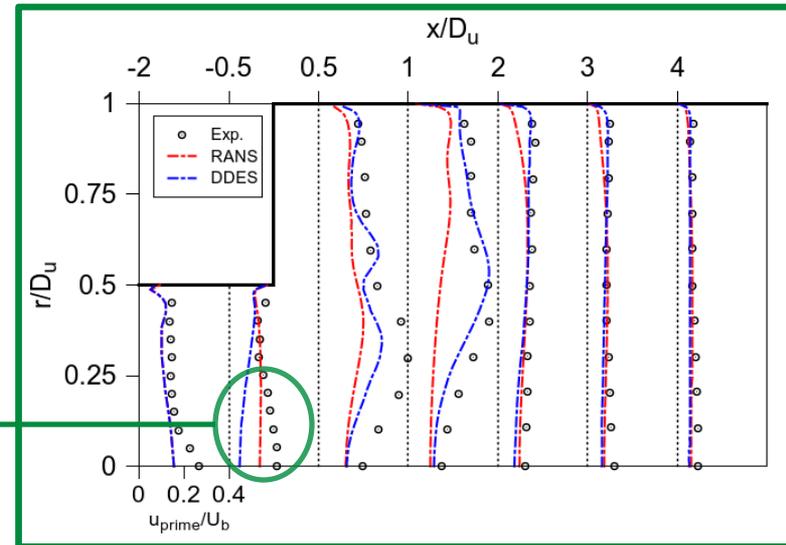
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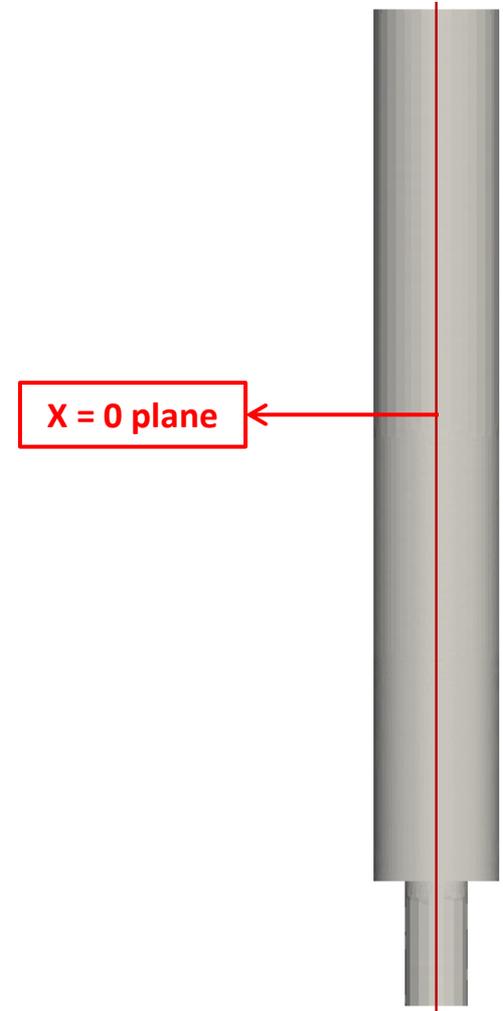
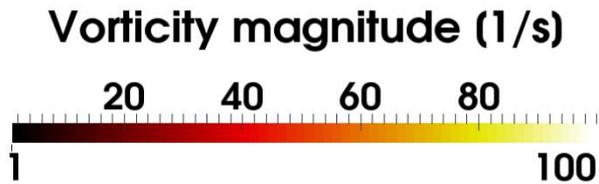
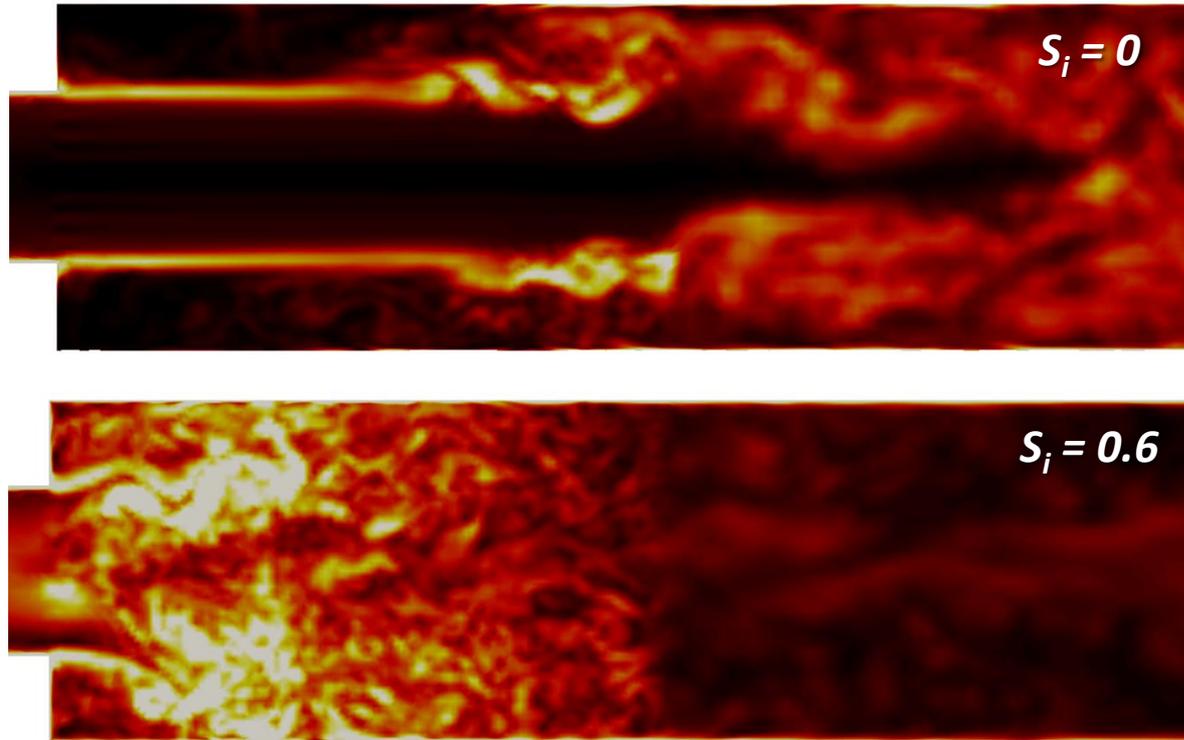
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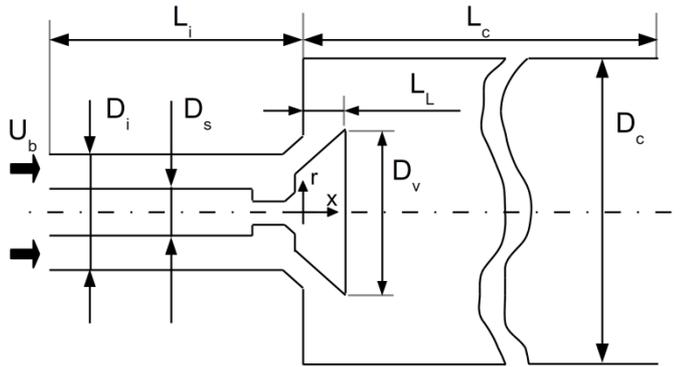
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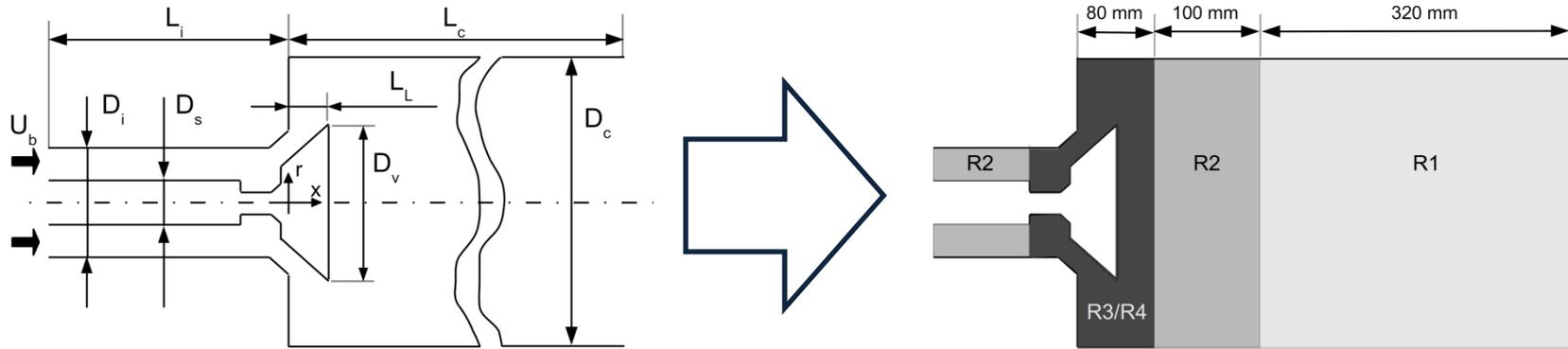
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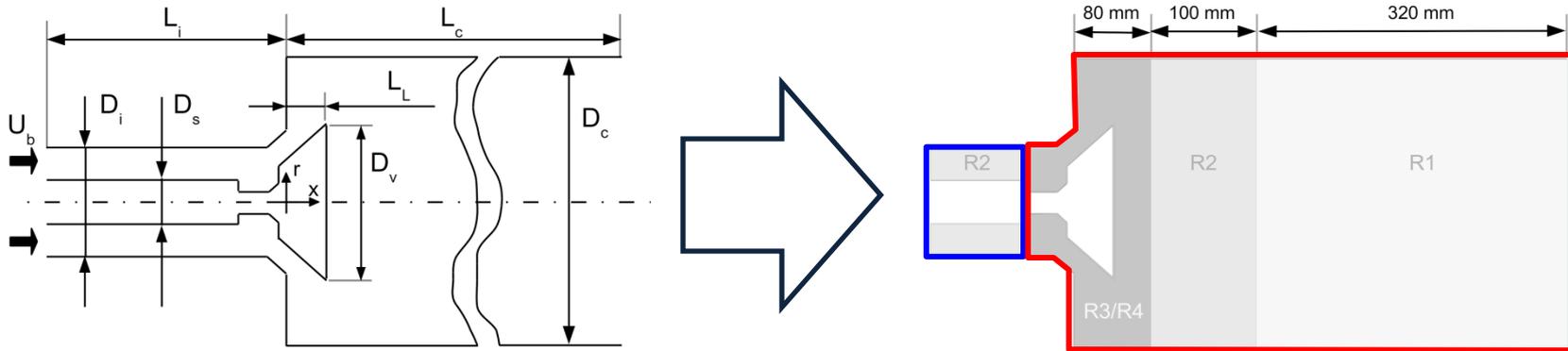
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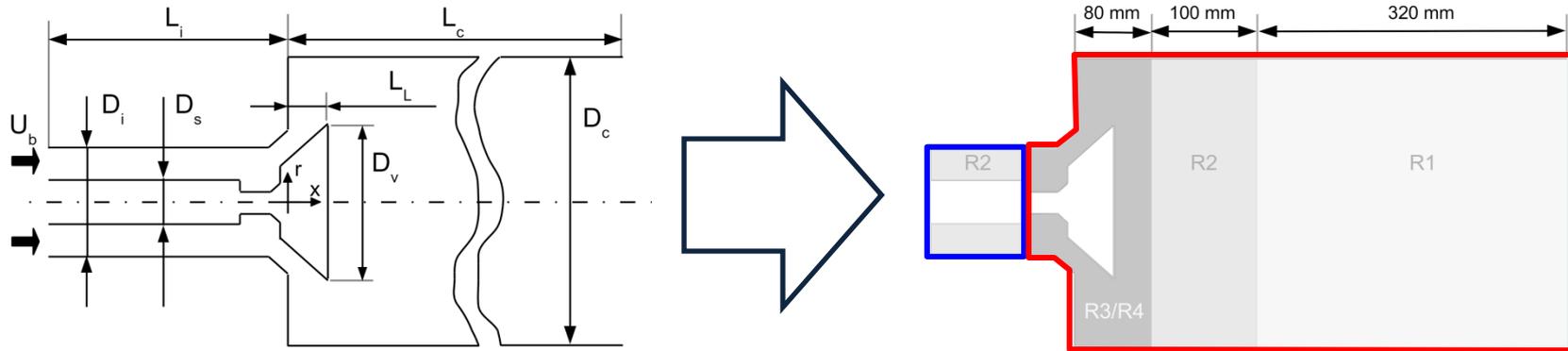


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❑ **Zonal numerical treatment** for momentum convection in DDES:

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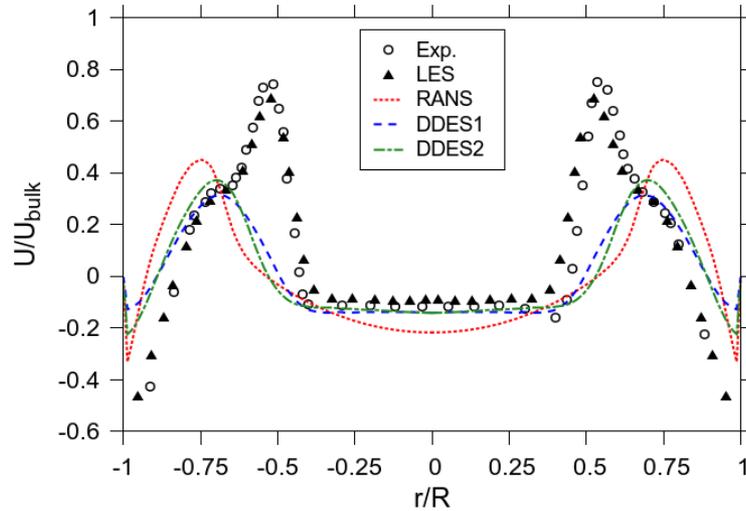
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4. All turbulence statistics extracted from the resolved flow field time history

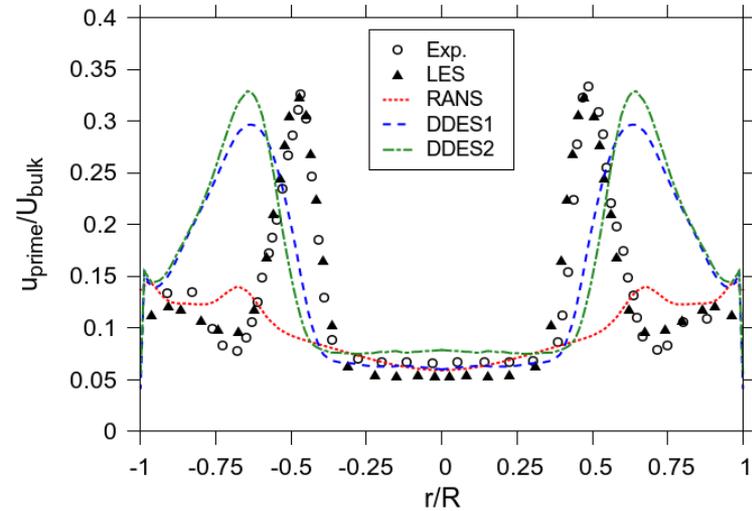
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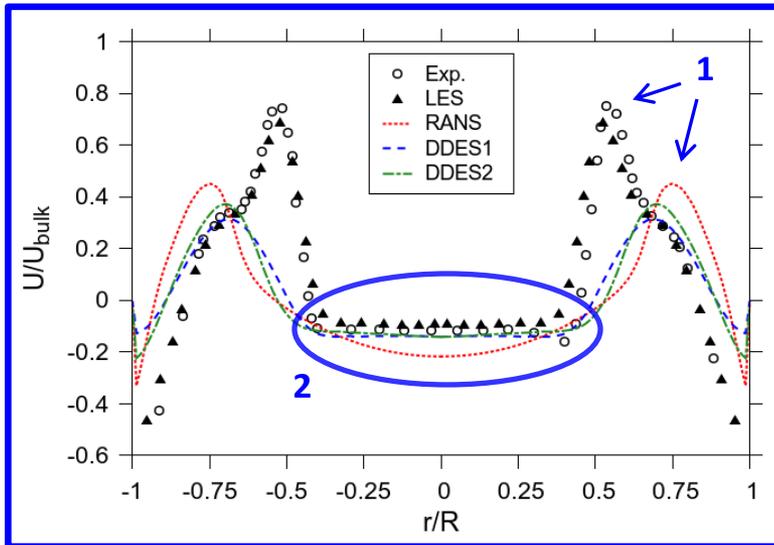
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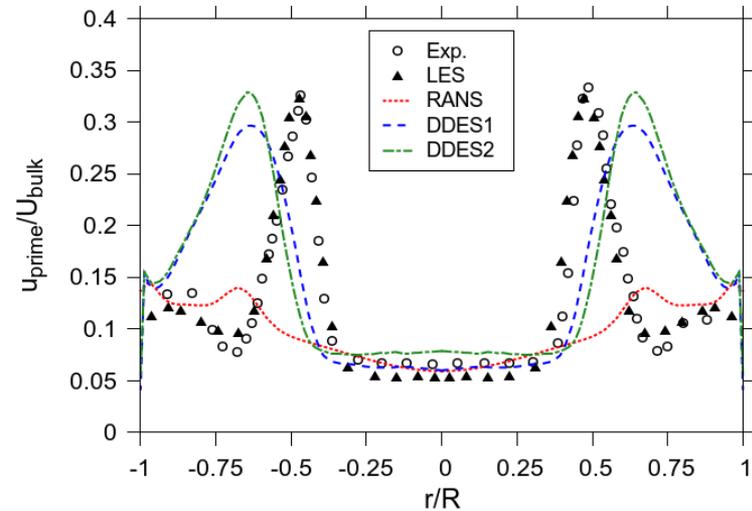
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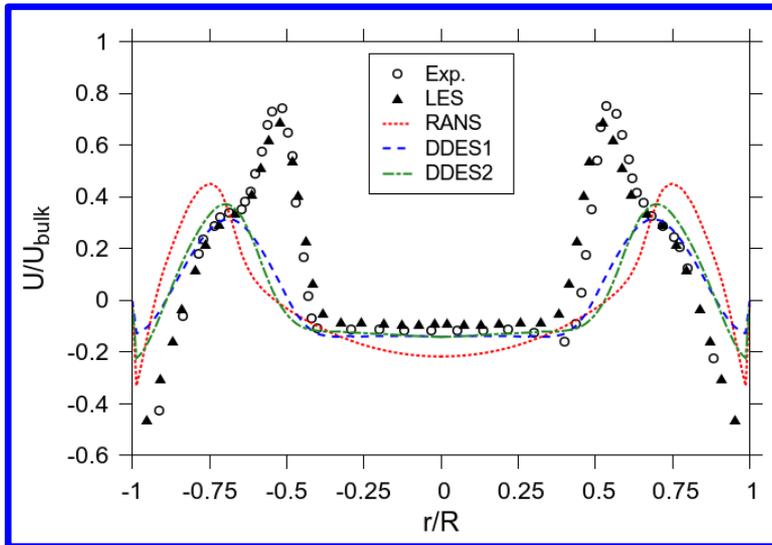


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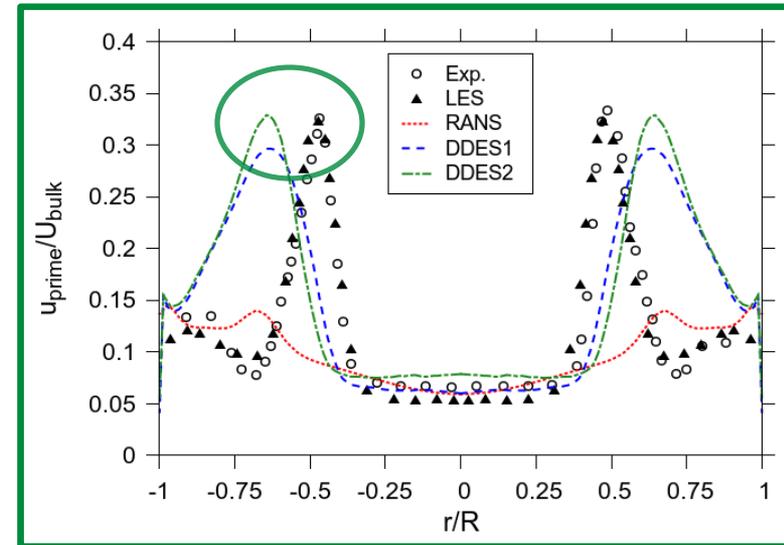
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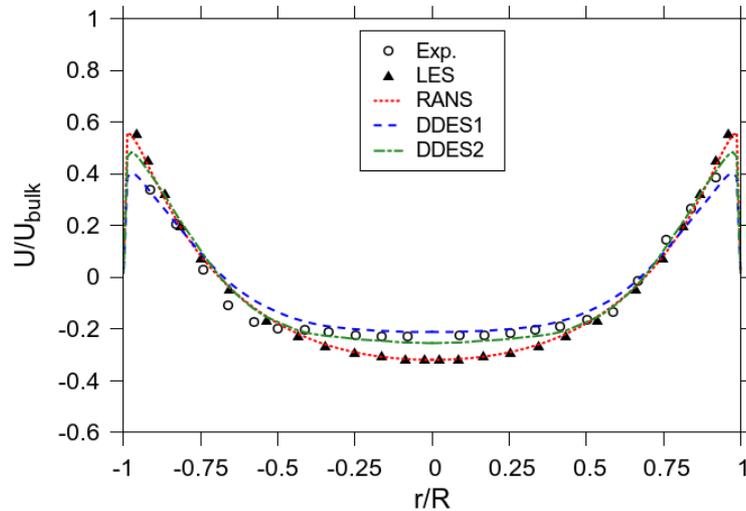


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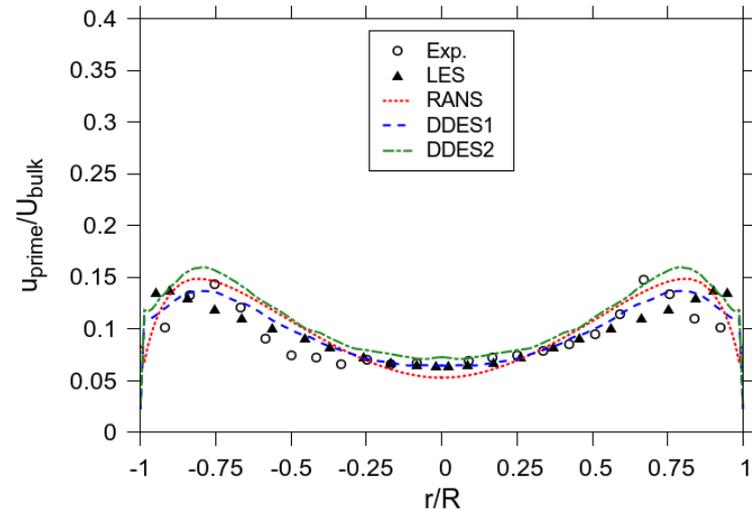
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- ❑ DDES2 predicts well the peak's magnitude (+14% compared to DDES1, +135% compared to RANS)

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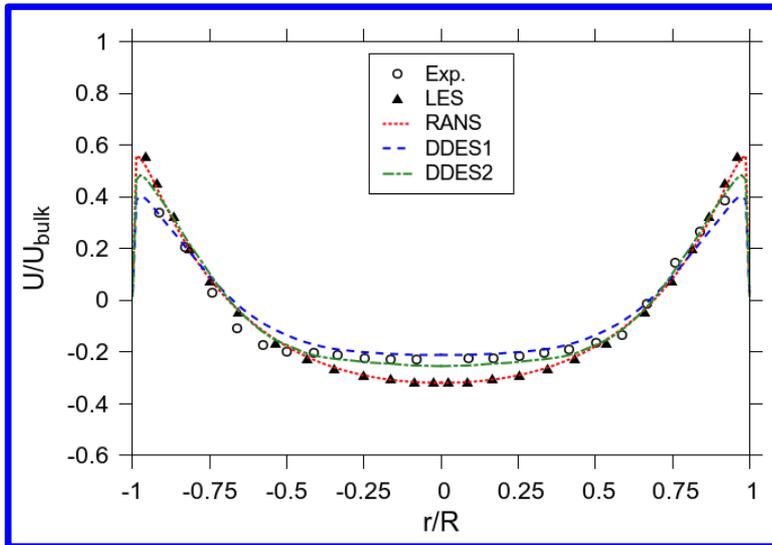
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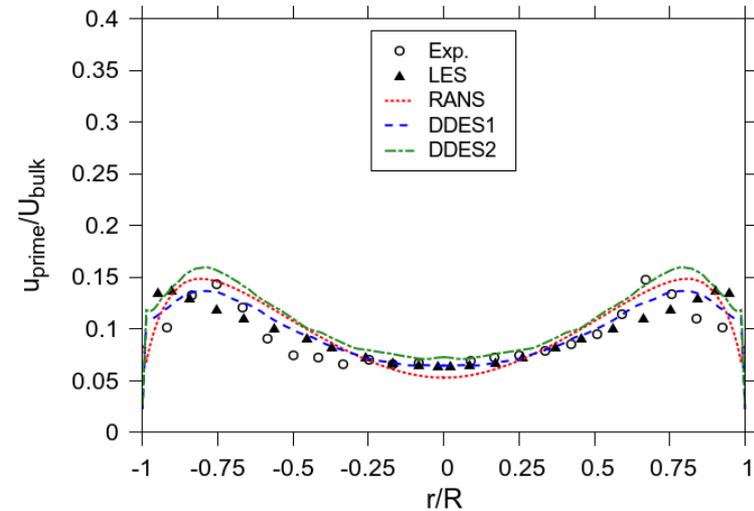
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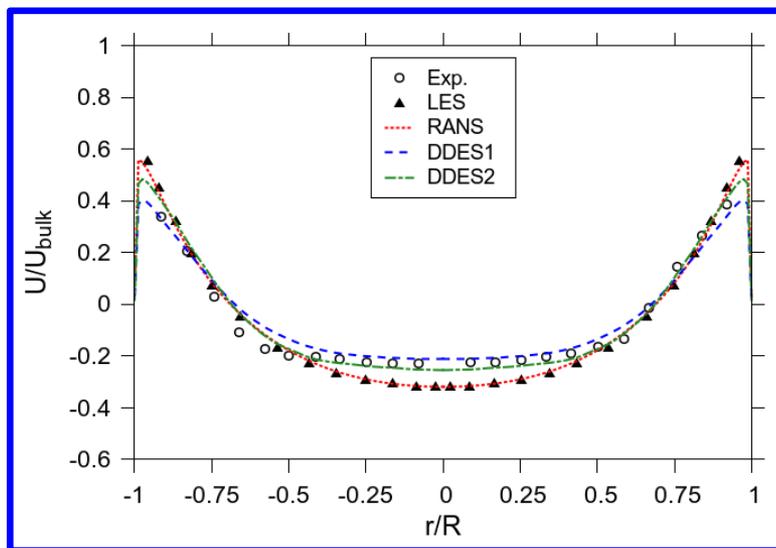


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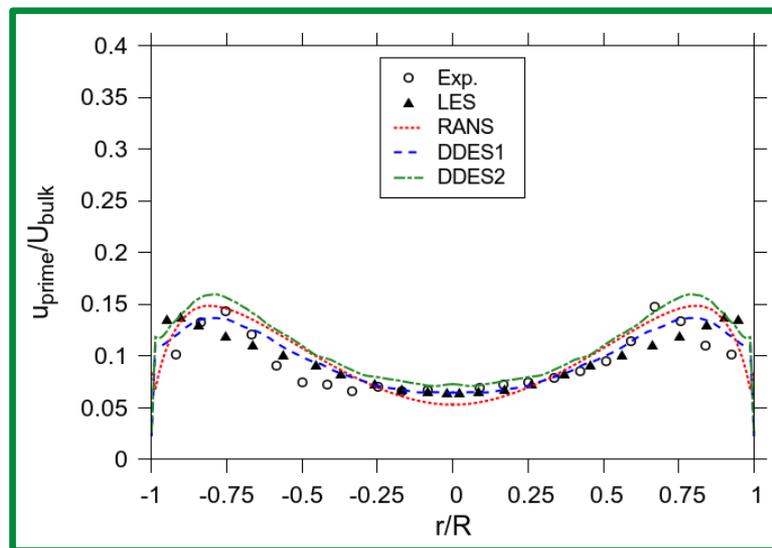
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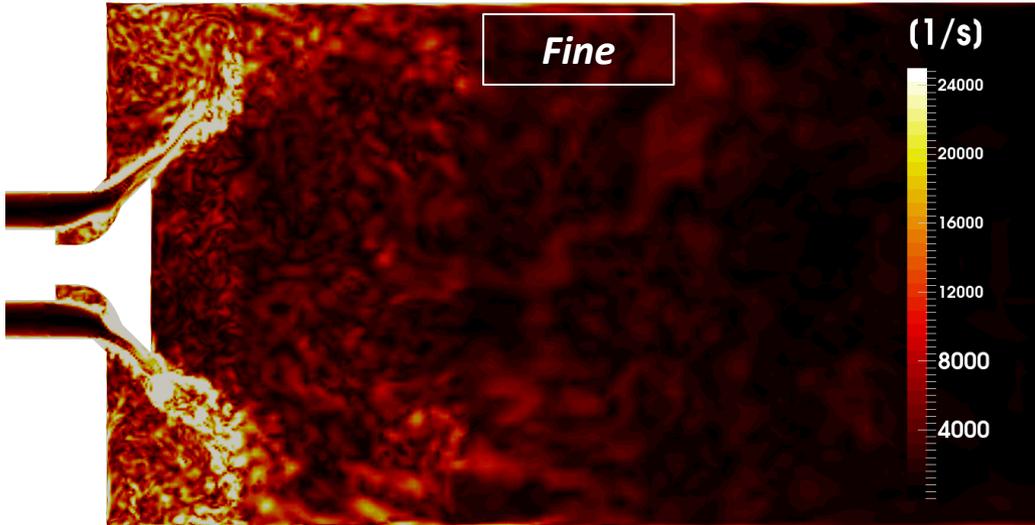
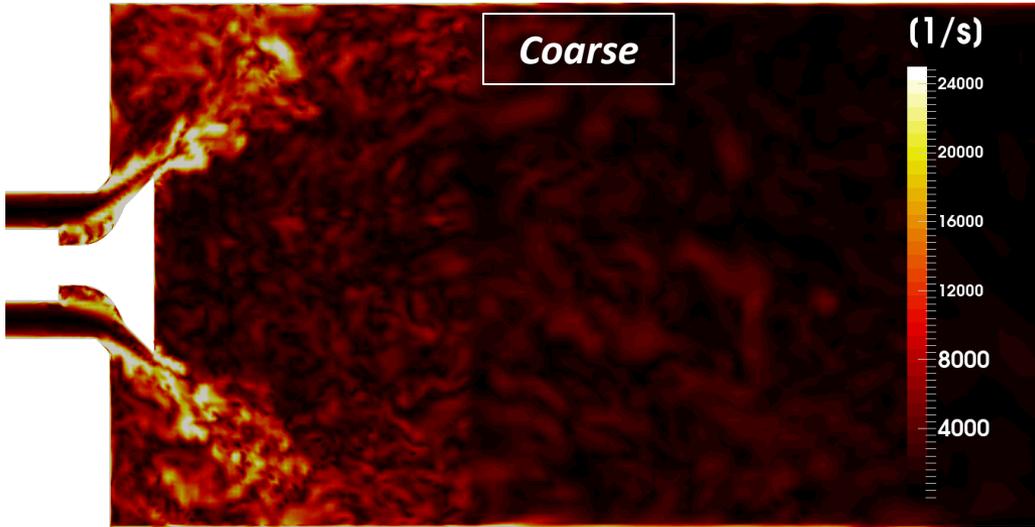


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Y = 0 plane



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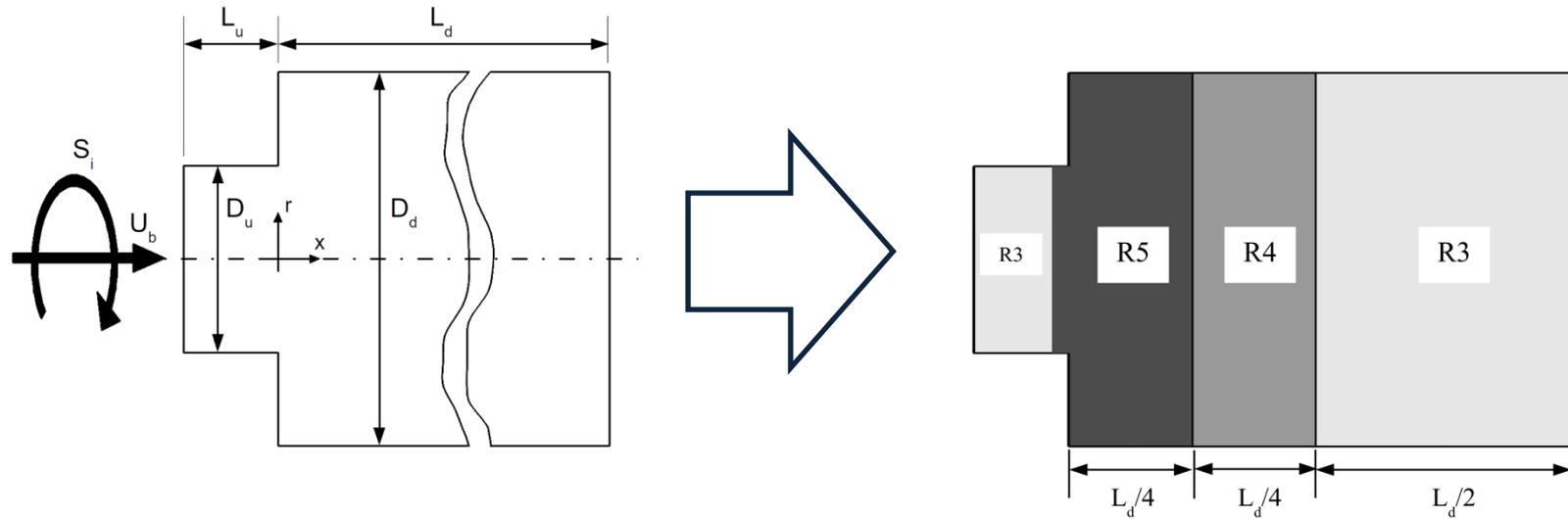
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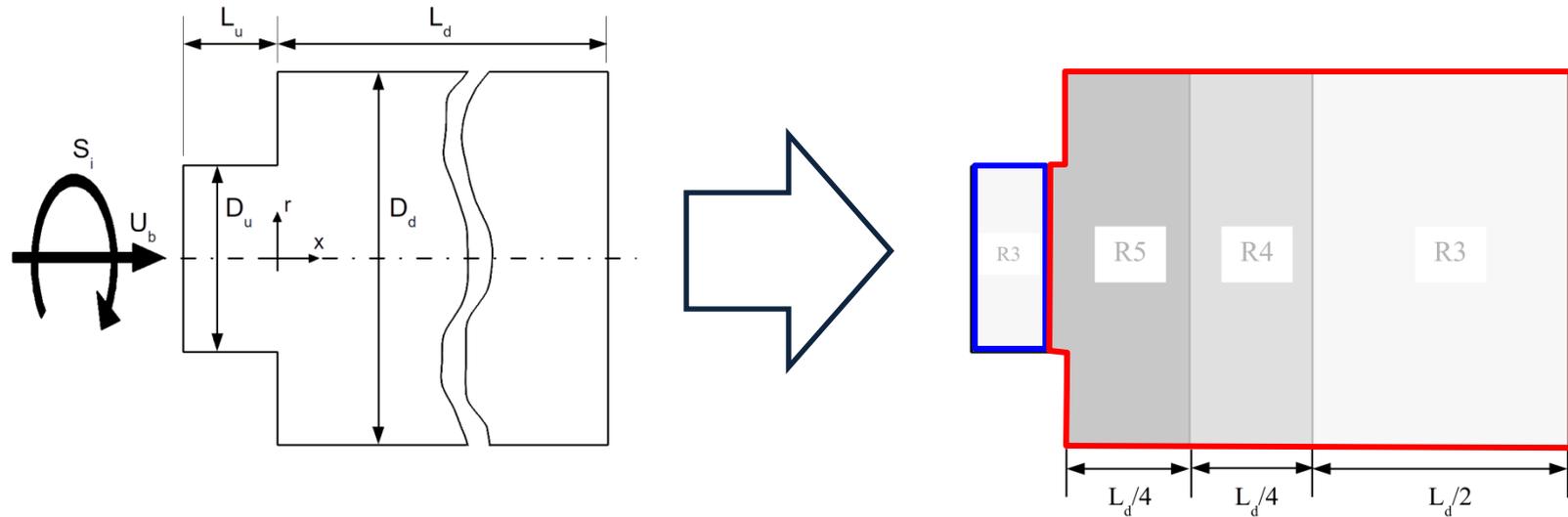


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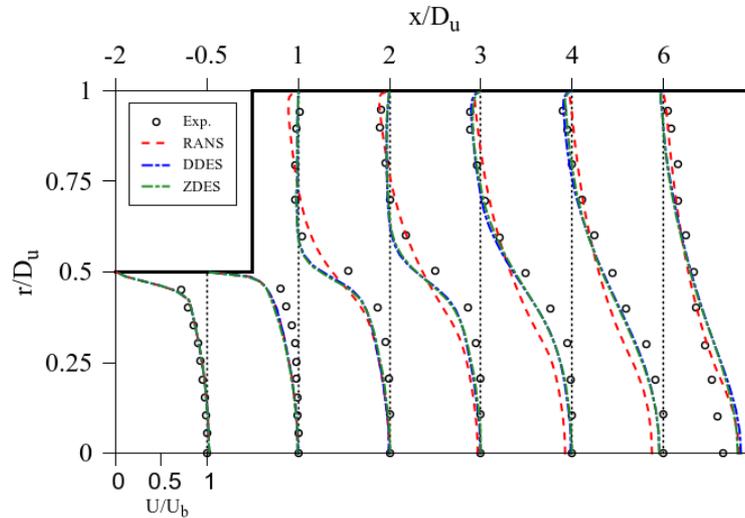
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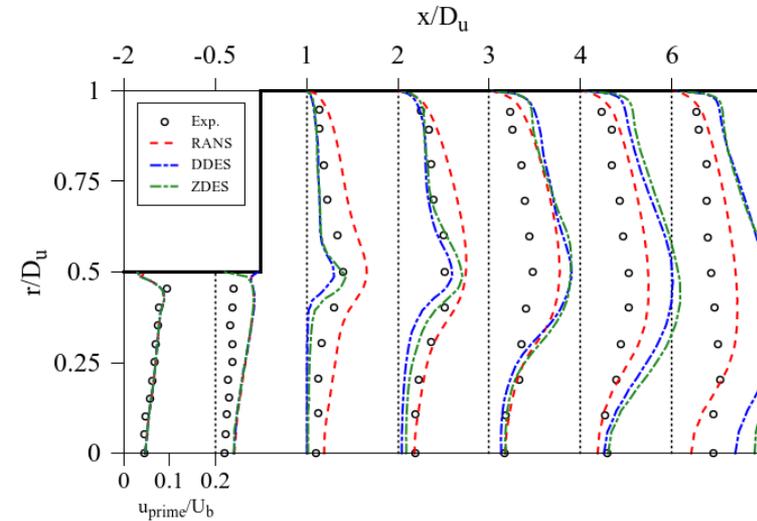
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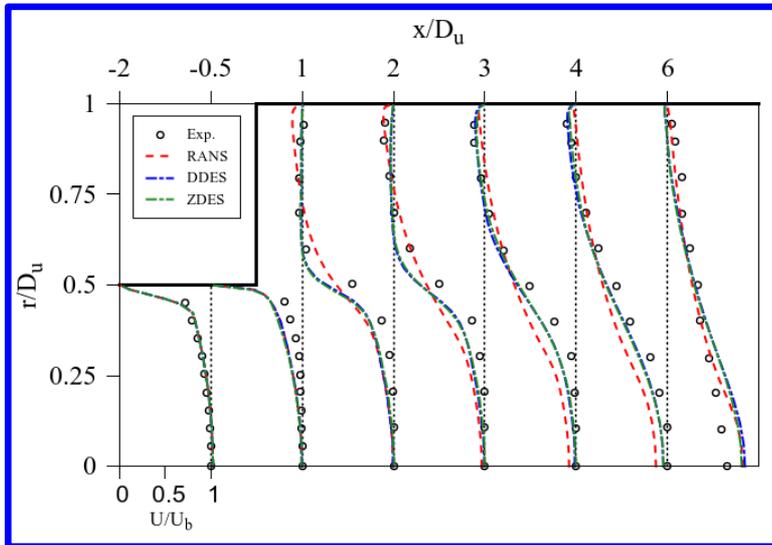
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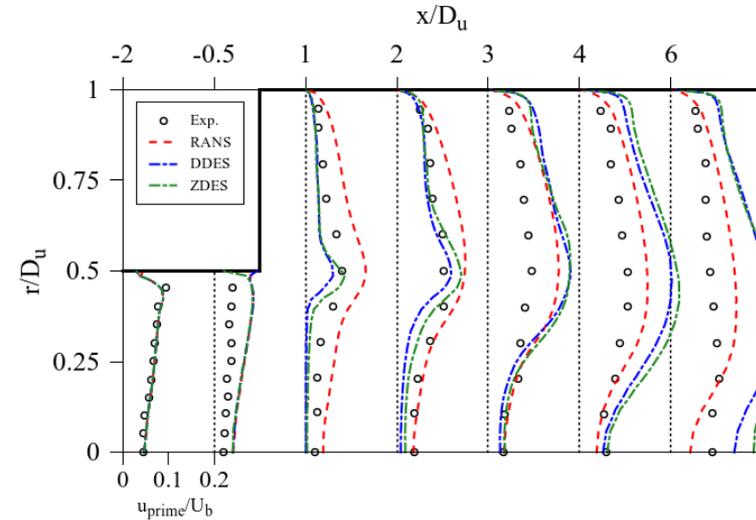
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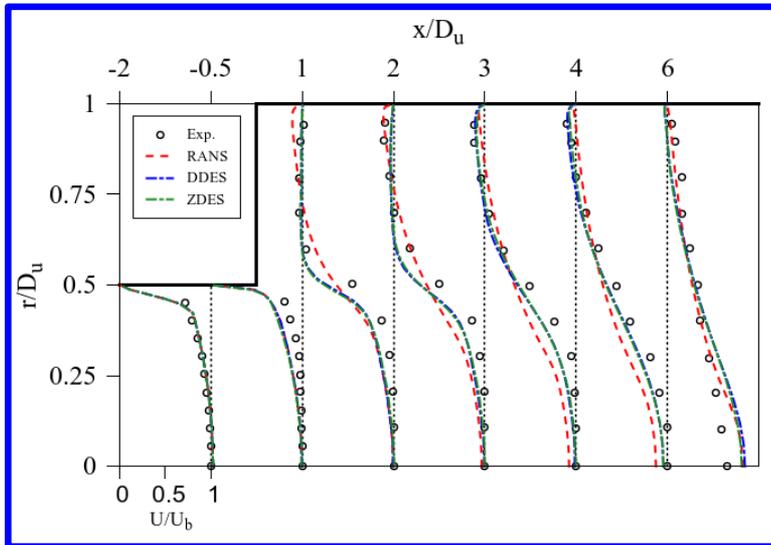


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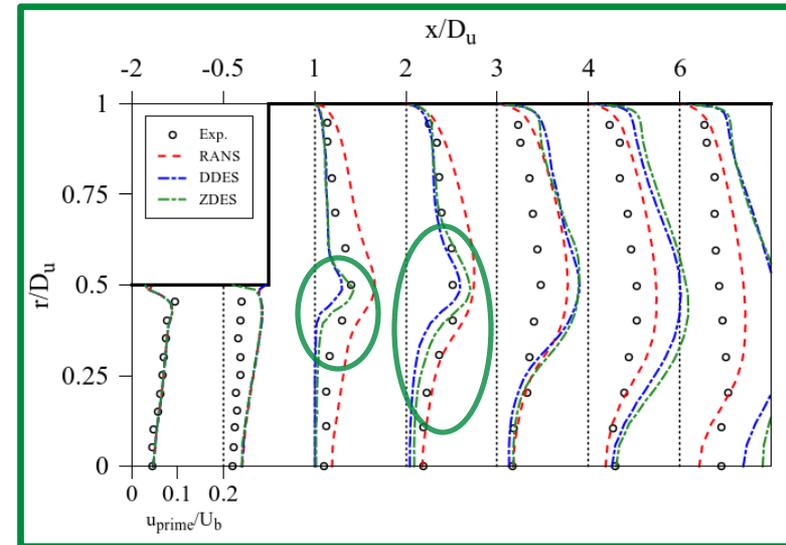
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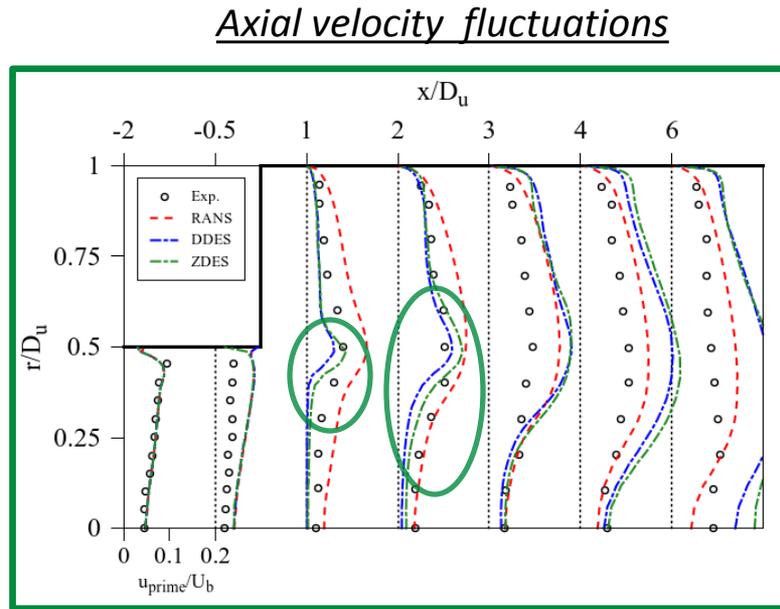
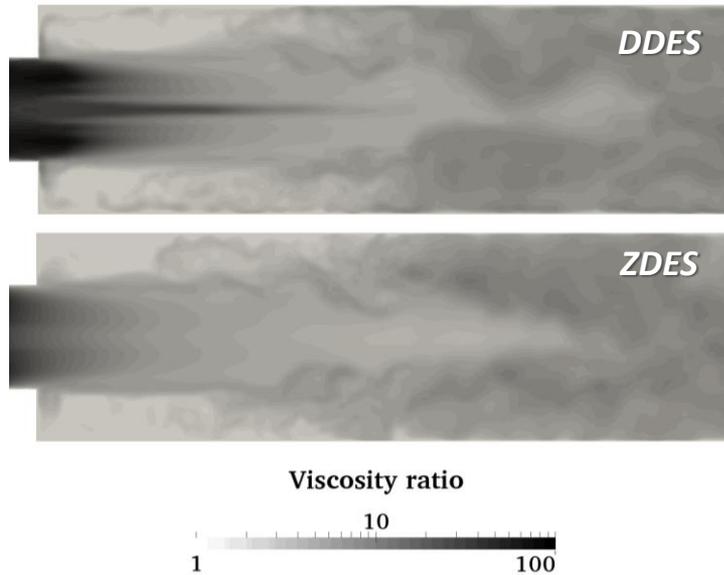


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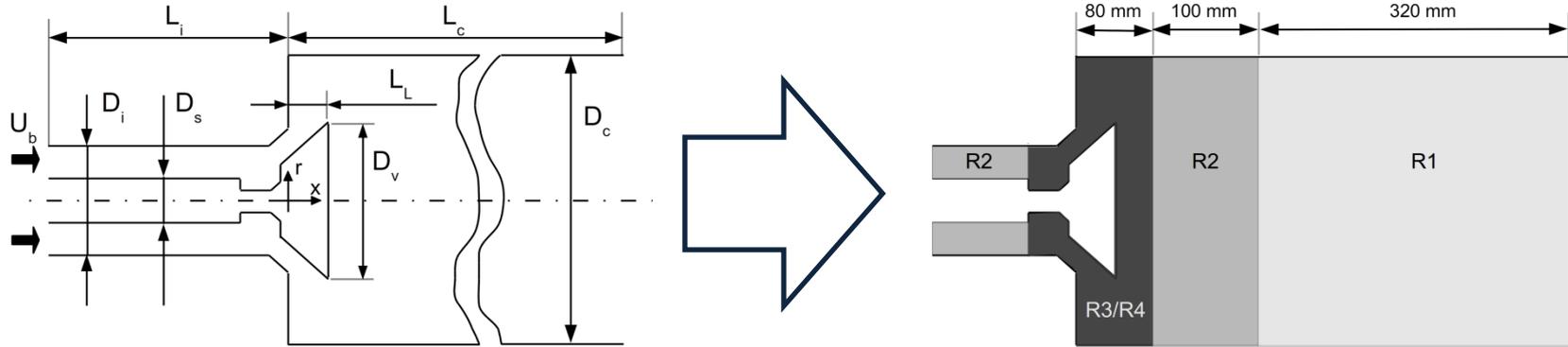
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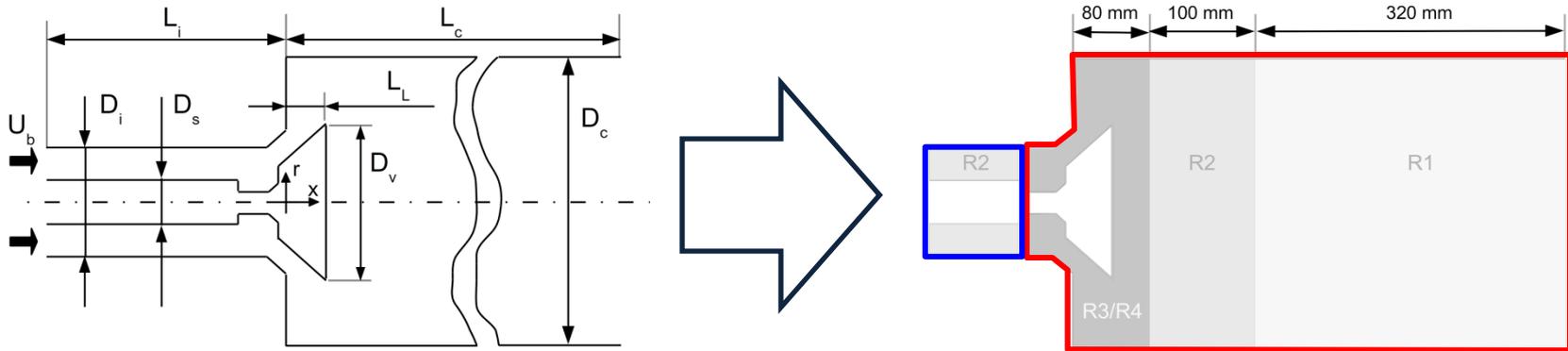
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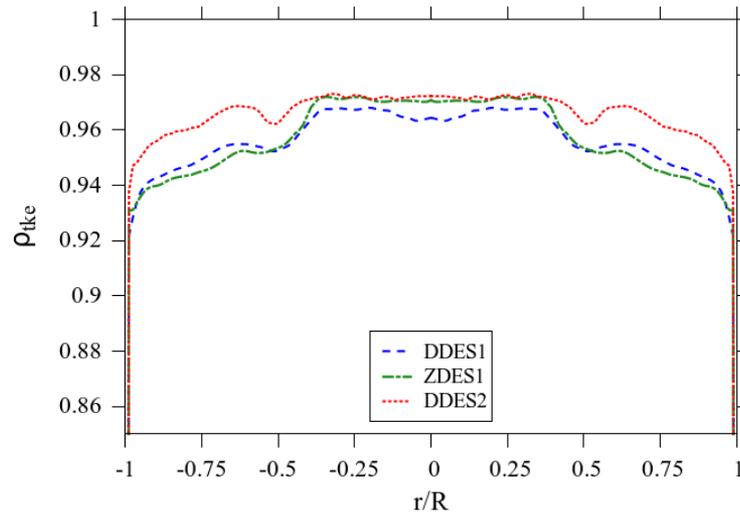


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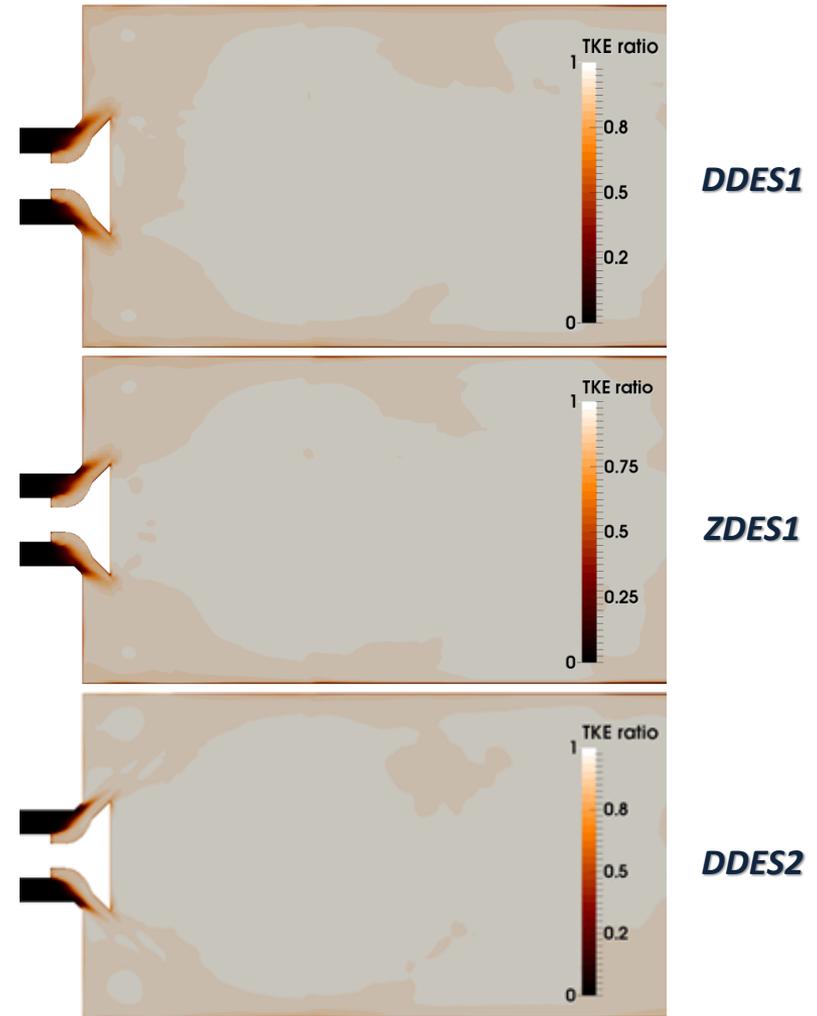
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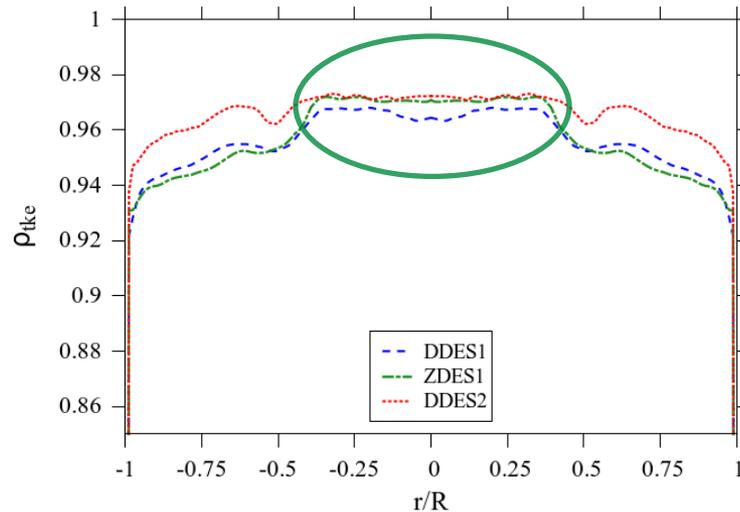
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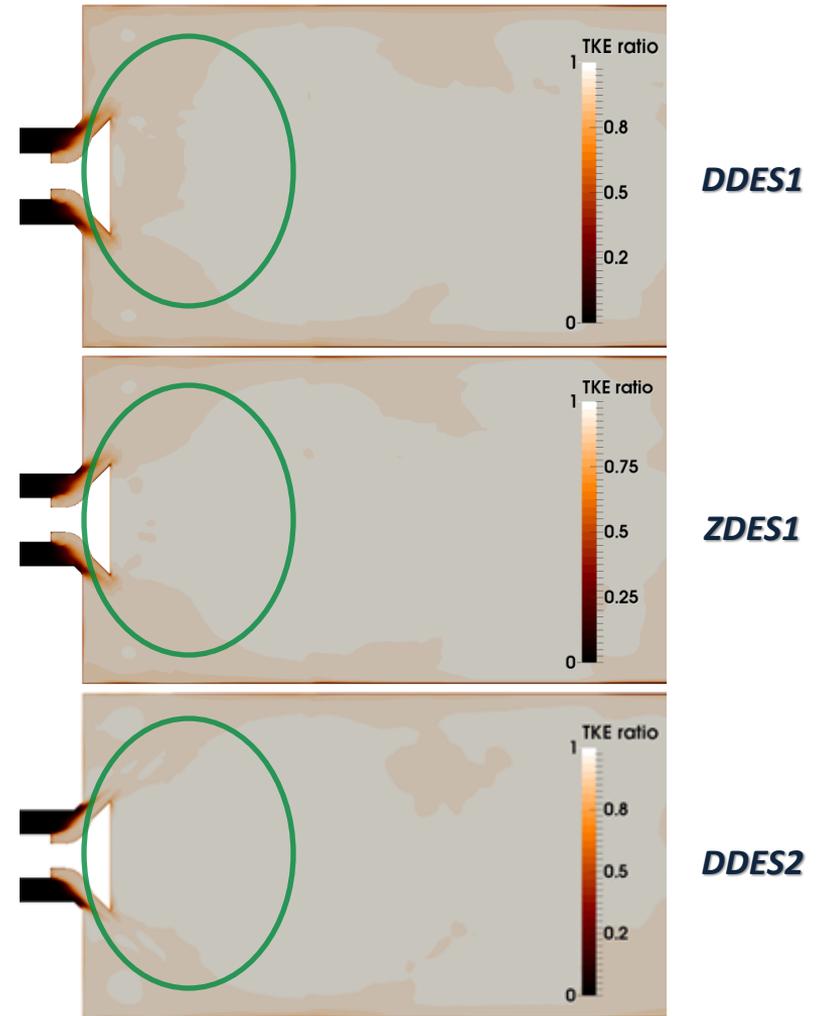
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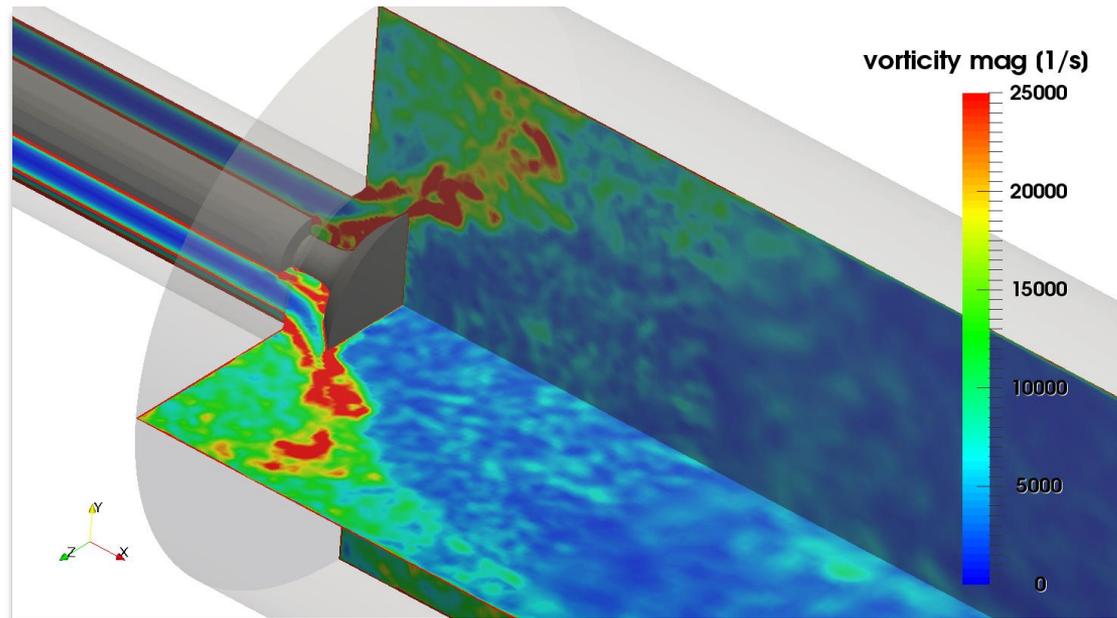
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