



# WIND INFLUENCE IN NUMERICAL ANALYSIS OF NSHEVS PERFORMANCE

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# Scope of the presentation:

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- (i) Computational Wind Engineering
- (ii) Traditional approach to wind influence in NSHEVS
- (iii) Good practice in CWE

# Computational Wind Engineering (CWE)

„(...) the use of Computational Fluid Dynamics  
(CFD) for wind engineering applications.”



# Main areas of interest

- Structural wind engineering
- Pedestrian level wind and urban flows
- Wind driven rain and snow
- Bluff-body aerodynamics



For more than 50 years the advances of CWE push forward Computational Fluid Dynamics, of which we, Fire Safety Engineers, benefit greatly.



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### GENERAL CIRCULATION EXPERIMENTS WITH THE PRIMITIVE EQUATIONS

#### I. THE BASIC EXPERIMENT\*

I. SMAGORINSKY

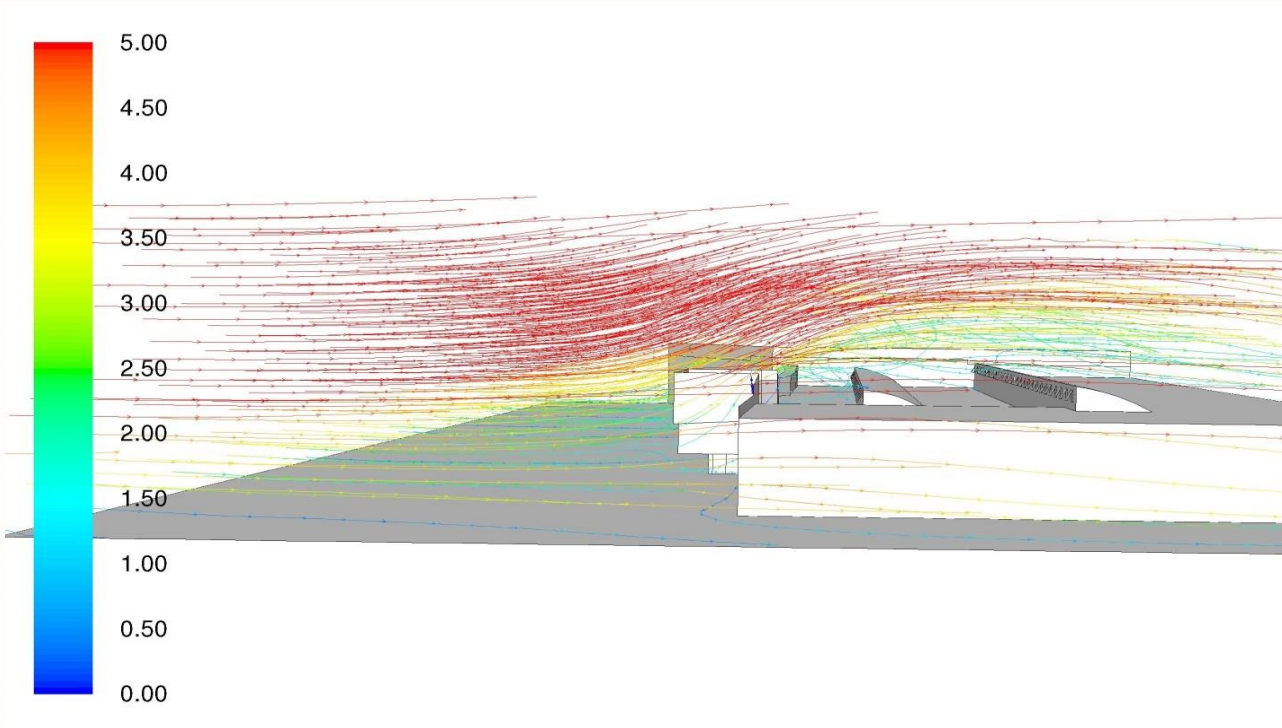
General Circulation Research Laboratory, U.S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D.C.  
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#### ABSTRACT

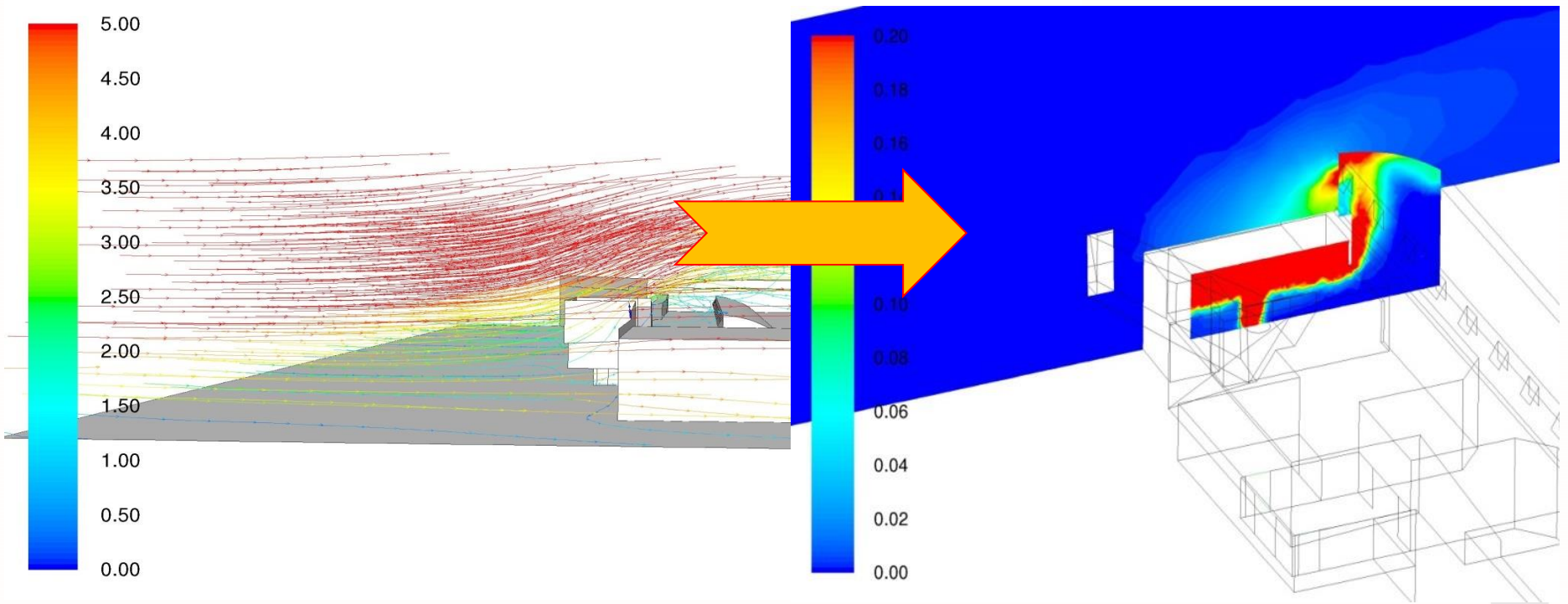
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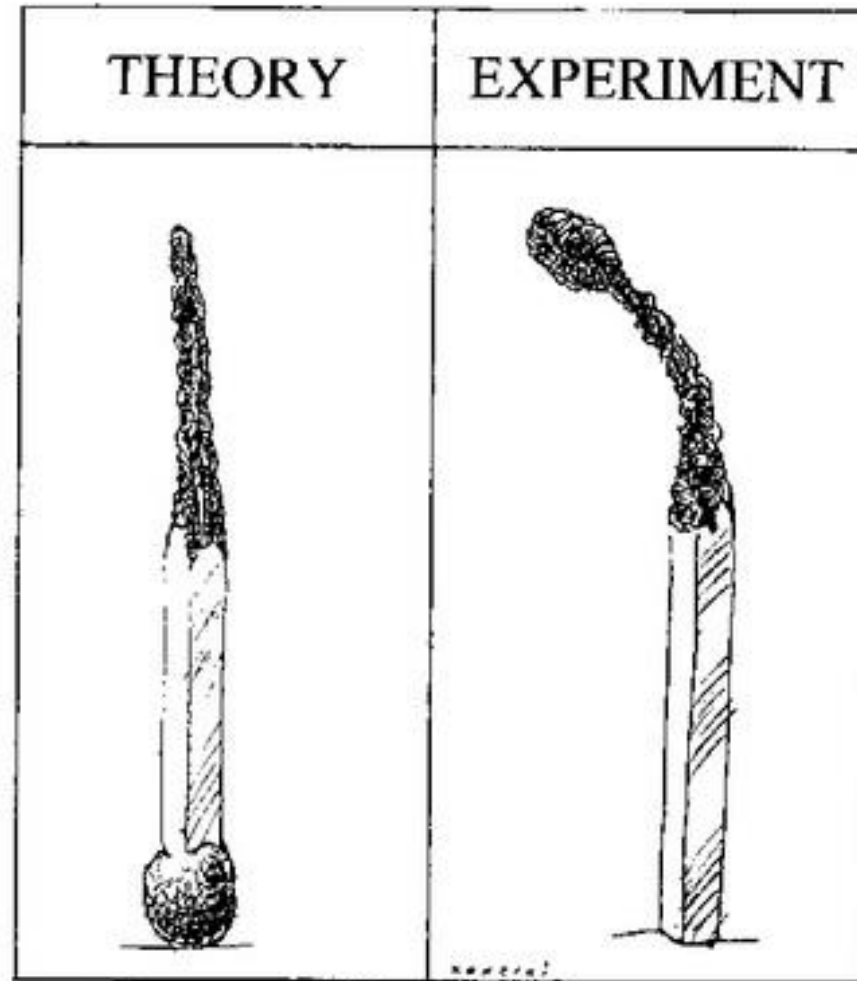
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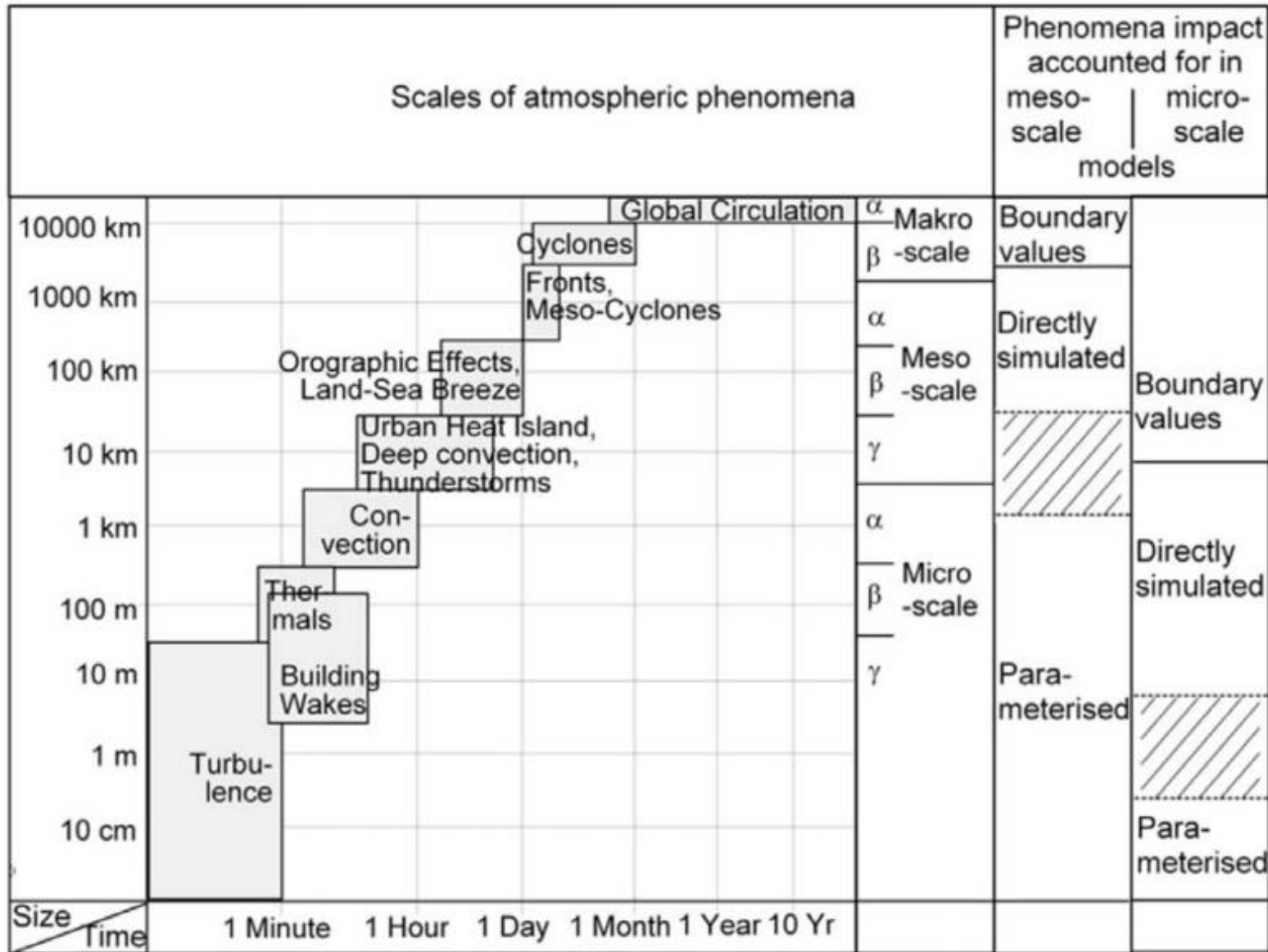
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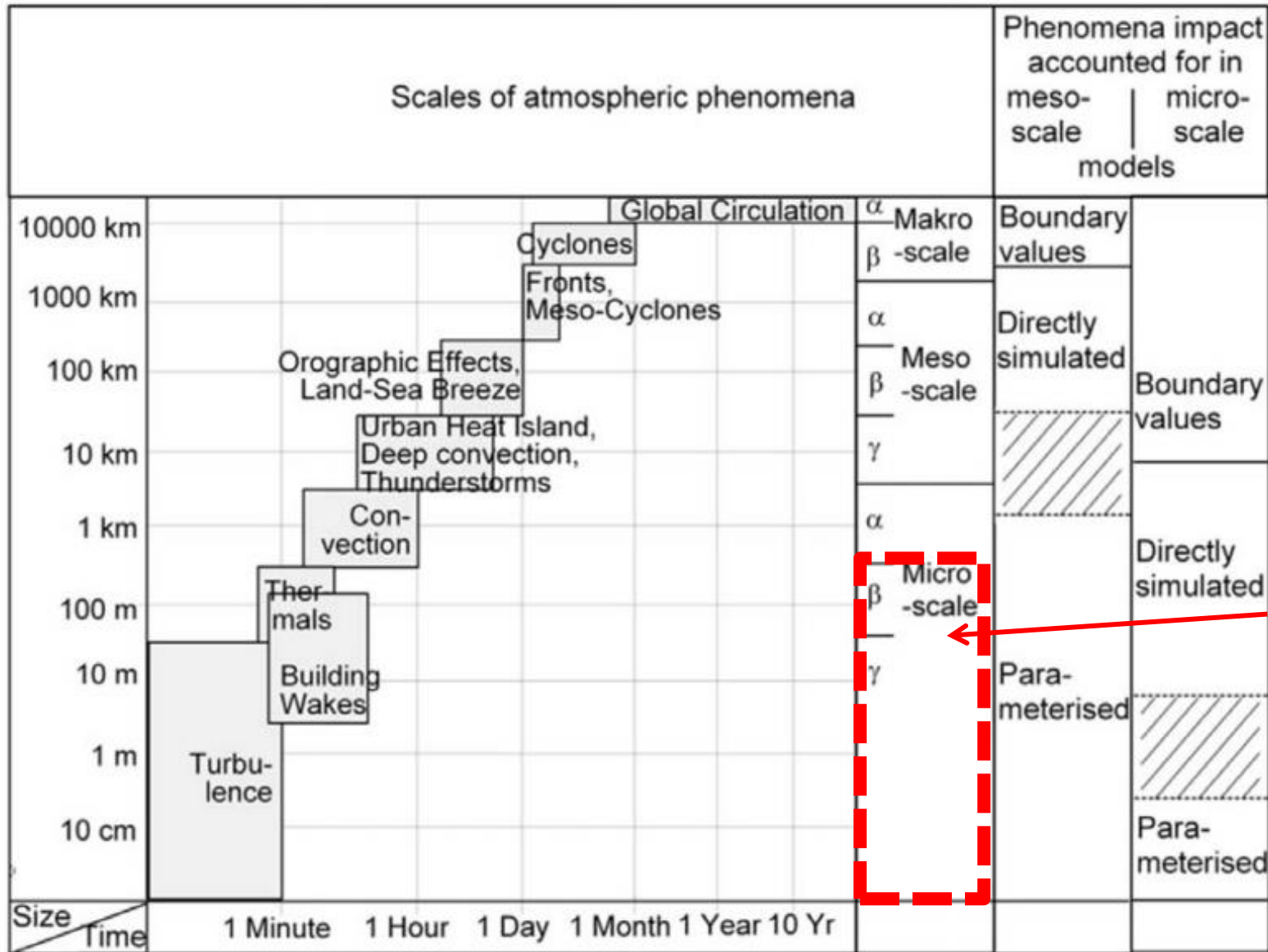


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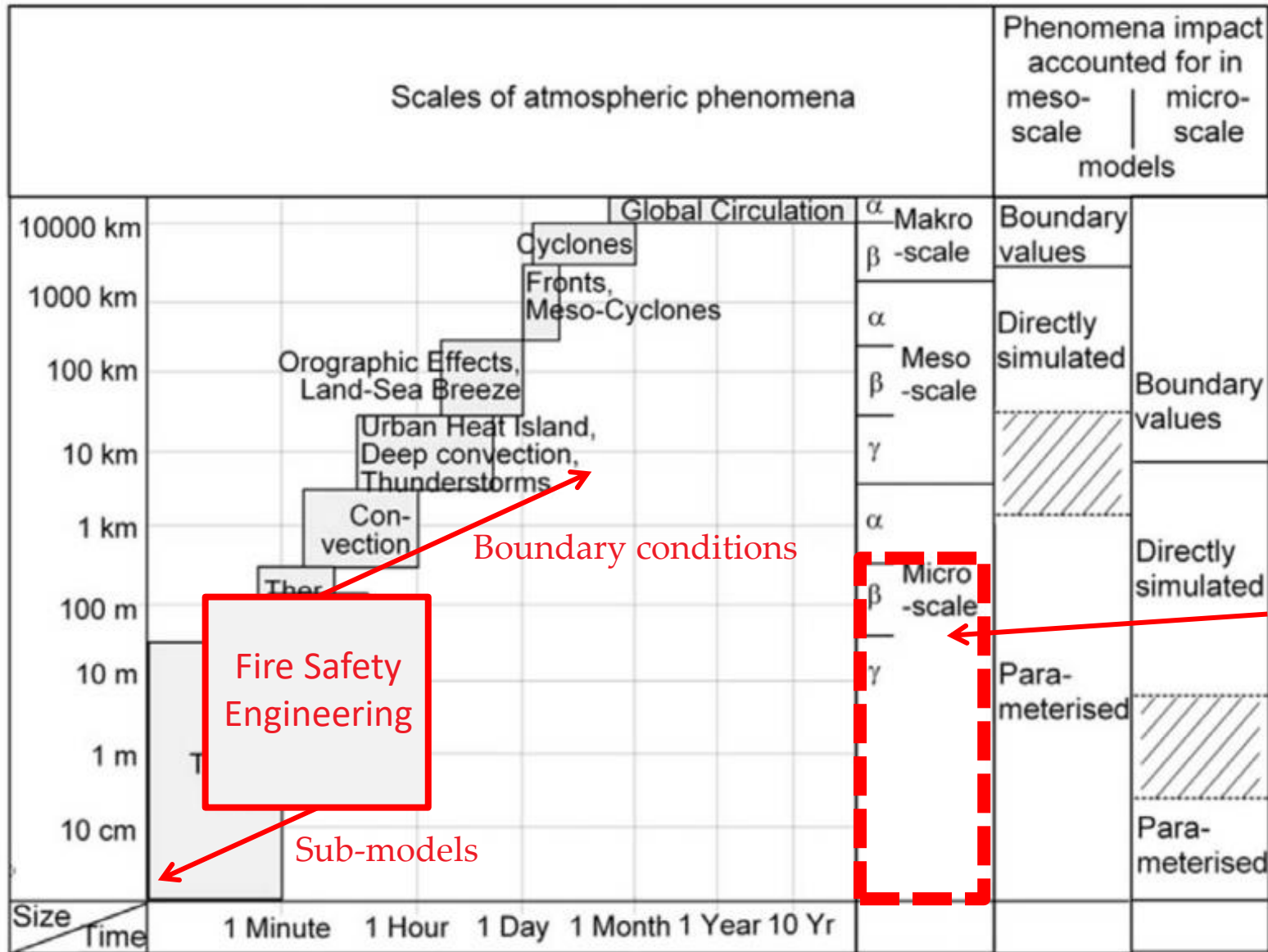






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Fire Safety Engineering

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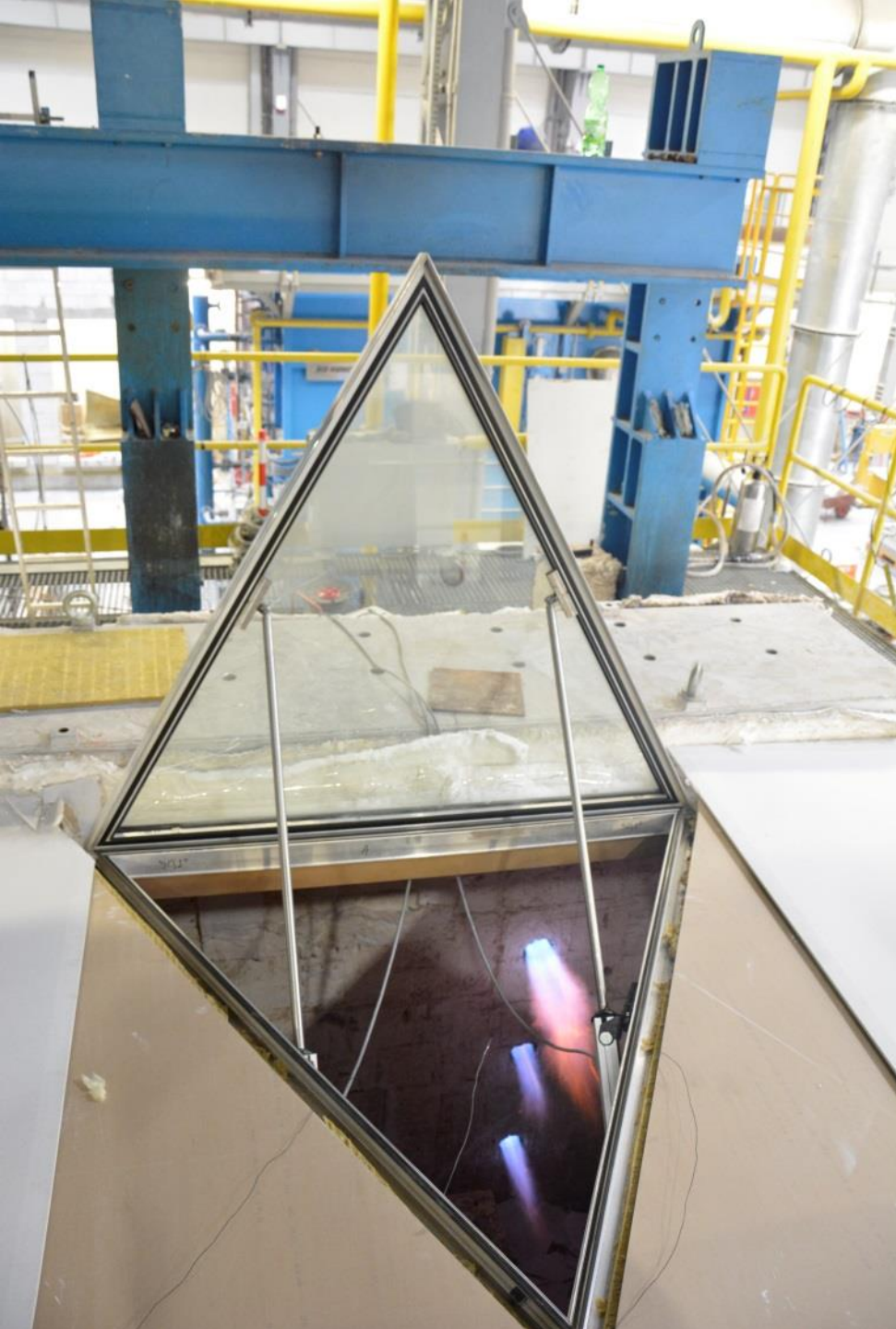
Sub-models

Micro-scale

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# Natural Smoke and Heat Ventilation Systems



## EN TR 12101-5



$$A_{vtot} C_v = \frac{M_l T_l}{\left[ 2\rho_{amb}^2 g d_l \theta_l T_{amb} - \frac{M_l^2 T_l T_{amb}}{(A_i C_i)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

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## NFPA 204

$$\dot{m}_v = \frac{C_{d,v} A_v}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{C_{d,v}^2 A_v^2}{C_{d,i}^2 A_i^2} \left( \frac{T_o}{T} \right)}} \sqrt{(2\rho_o^2 g d)} \sqrt{\frac{T_o (T - T_o)}{T^2}}$$



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discharge coefficient

$C_v$

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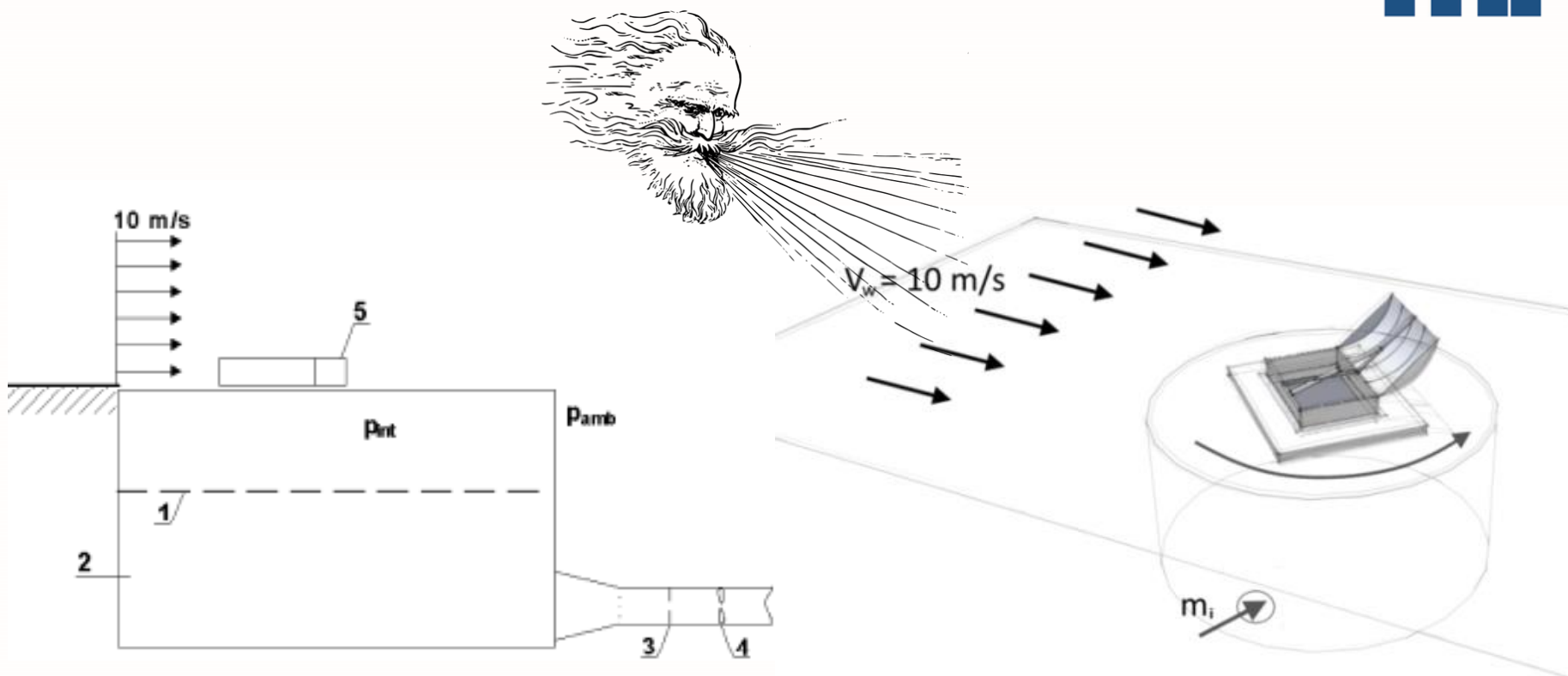
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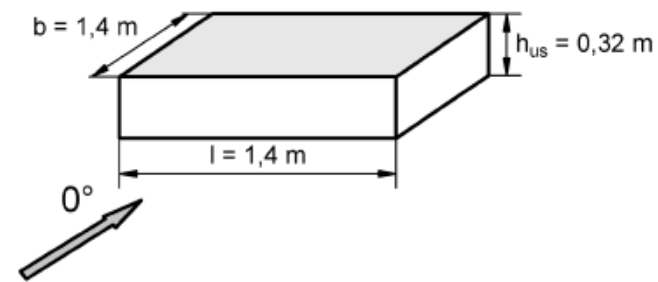
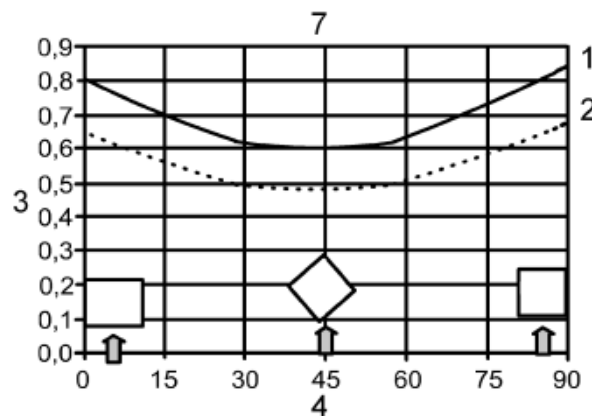
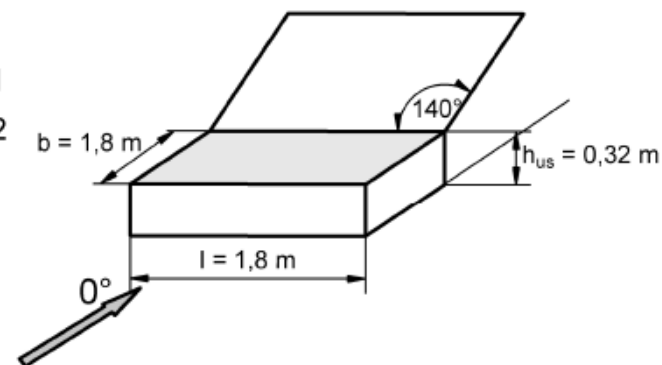
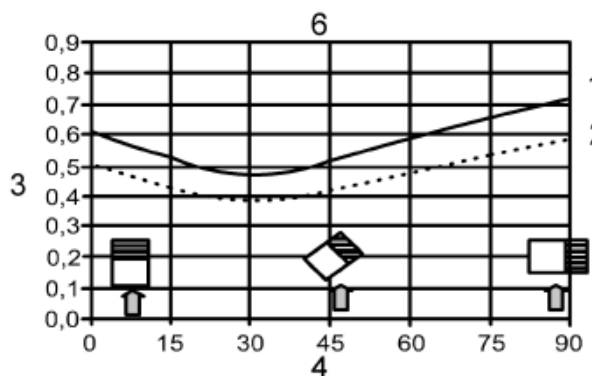
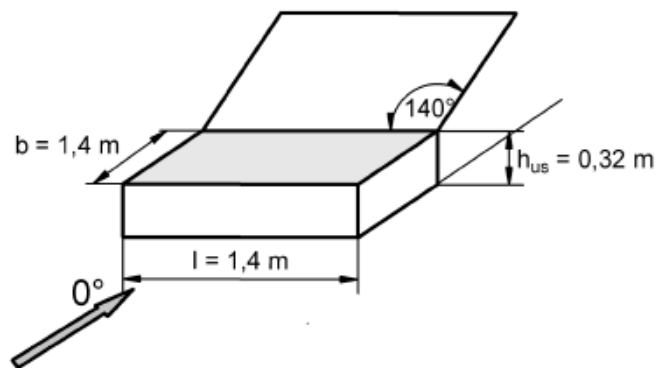
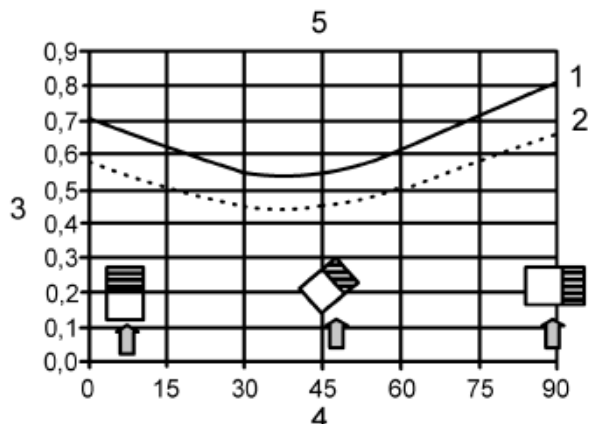
The discharge coefficient  $C_v$  provided by manufacturers is not exactly same thing, as opening coefficients described in pioneering work of Prahl & Emmons (1975) and further in FSE related literature





$$C_V = \frac{\dot{m}_i}{A_{v,test} \sqrt{2\rho_{air} \Delta p_{int}}}$$

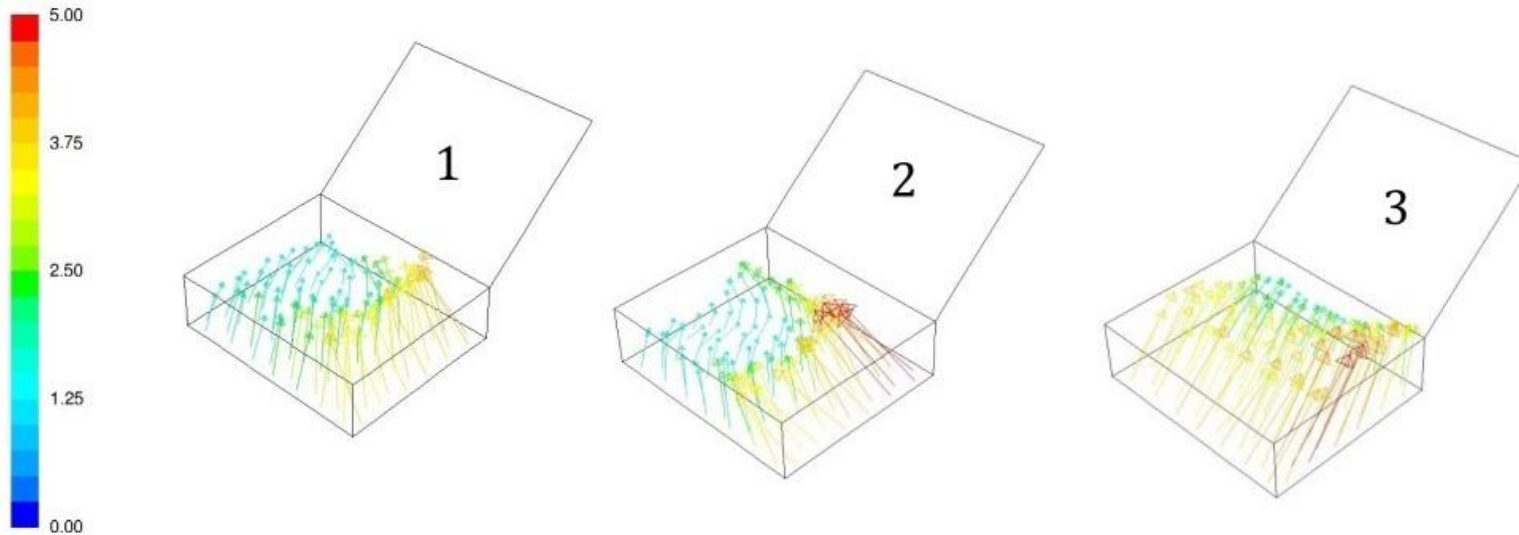




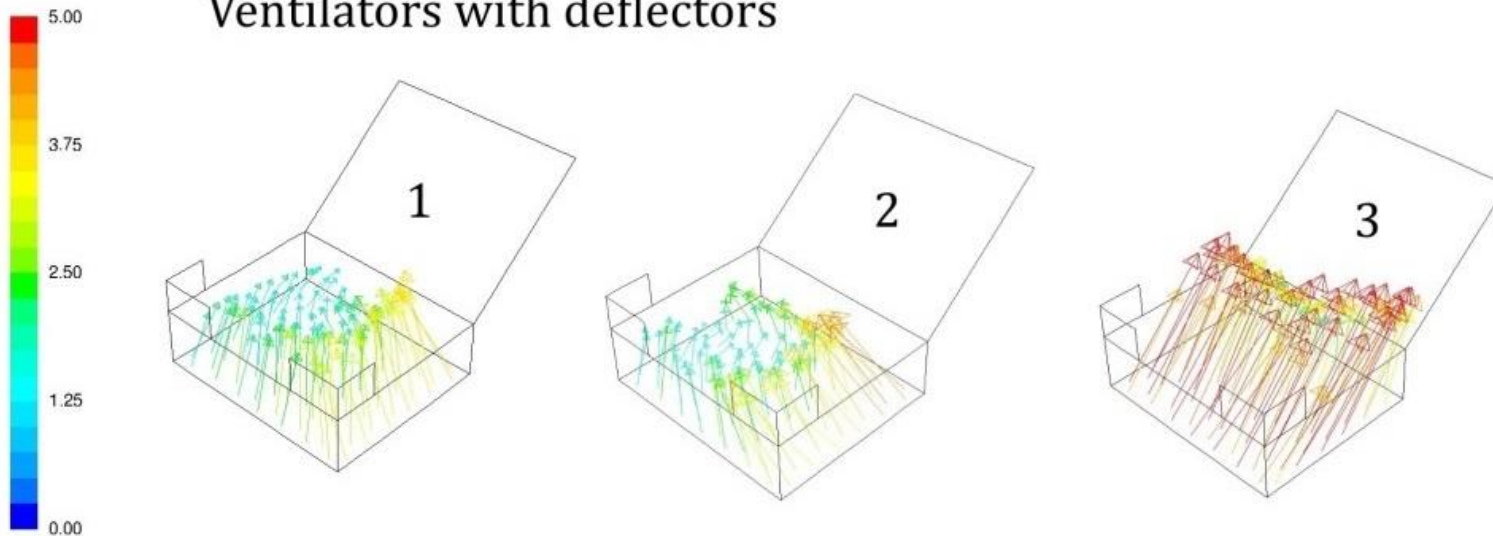
## Problems with this approach:

- manufacturers are generally very good at maximizing the  $C_v$  for the purpose of test...
- one, arbitrarily chosen wind velocity (10 m/s)
- small range of pressure difference values assessed
- it is a parameter of a single device and not a system

## Ventilators without deflectors



## Ventilators with deflectors



How to make a ~~good~~ not completely terrible coupled CWE/FSE analysis?



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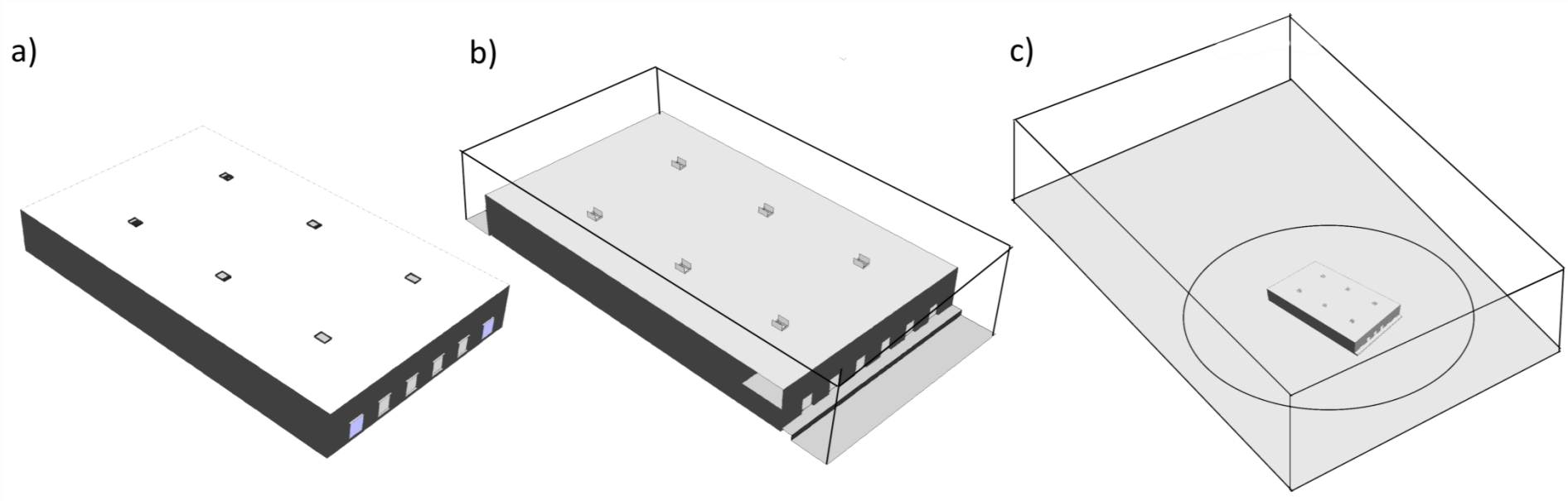
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Among the key elements for a CWE study, are:

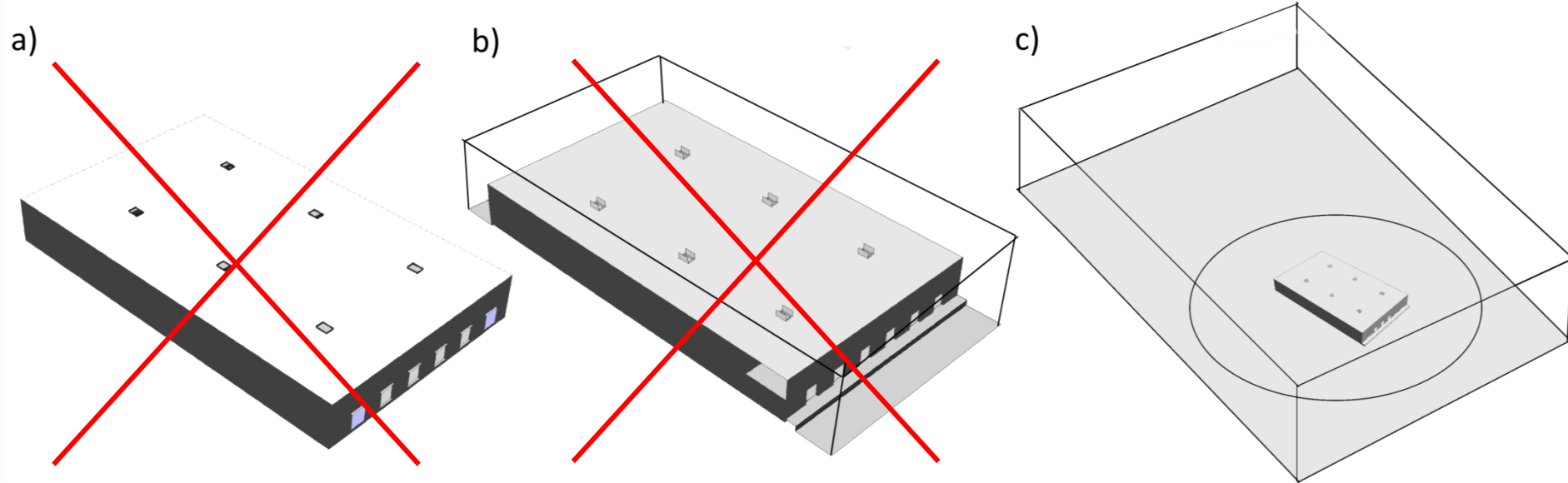
- ✓ Size of the domain, level of details of the model
- ✓ Blockage ratio, boundary conditions
- ✓ Wind profile, terrain roughness
- ✓ Time discretization method, numerical schemes, convergence criteria
- ✓ Tubulence modelling

and many others covered in detail in mentioned guidelines...

# Three approaches to a numerical domain



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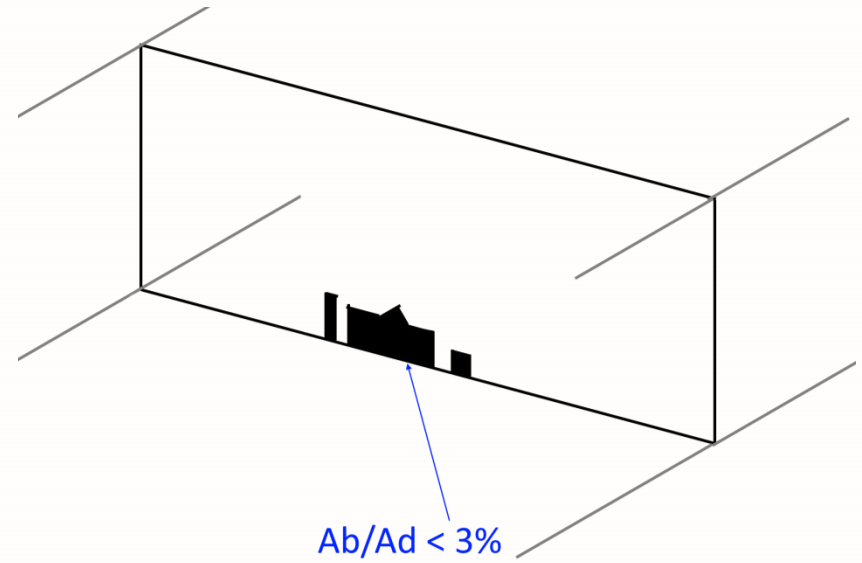
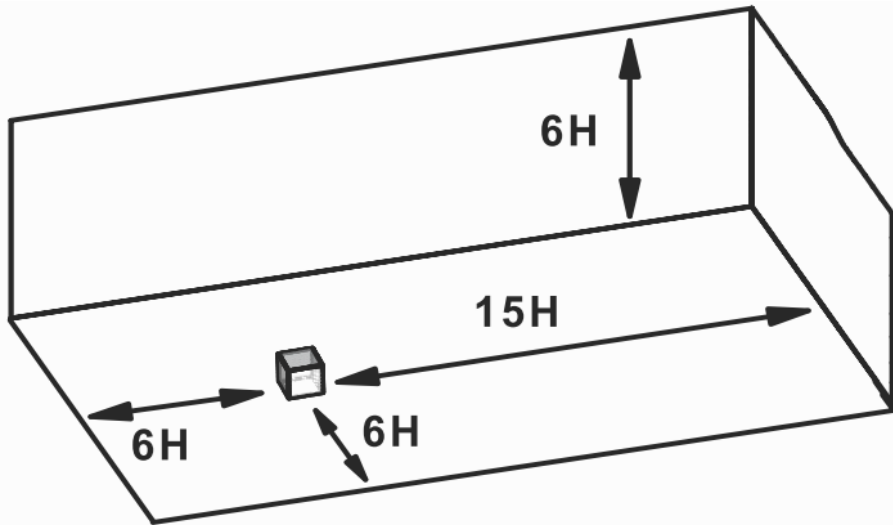
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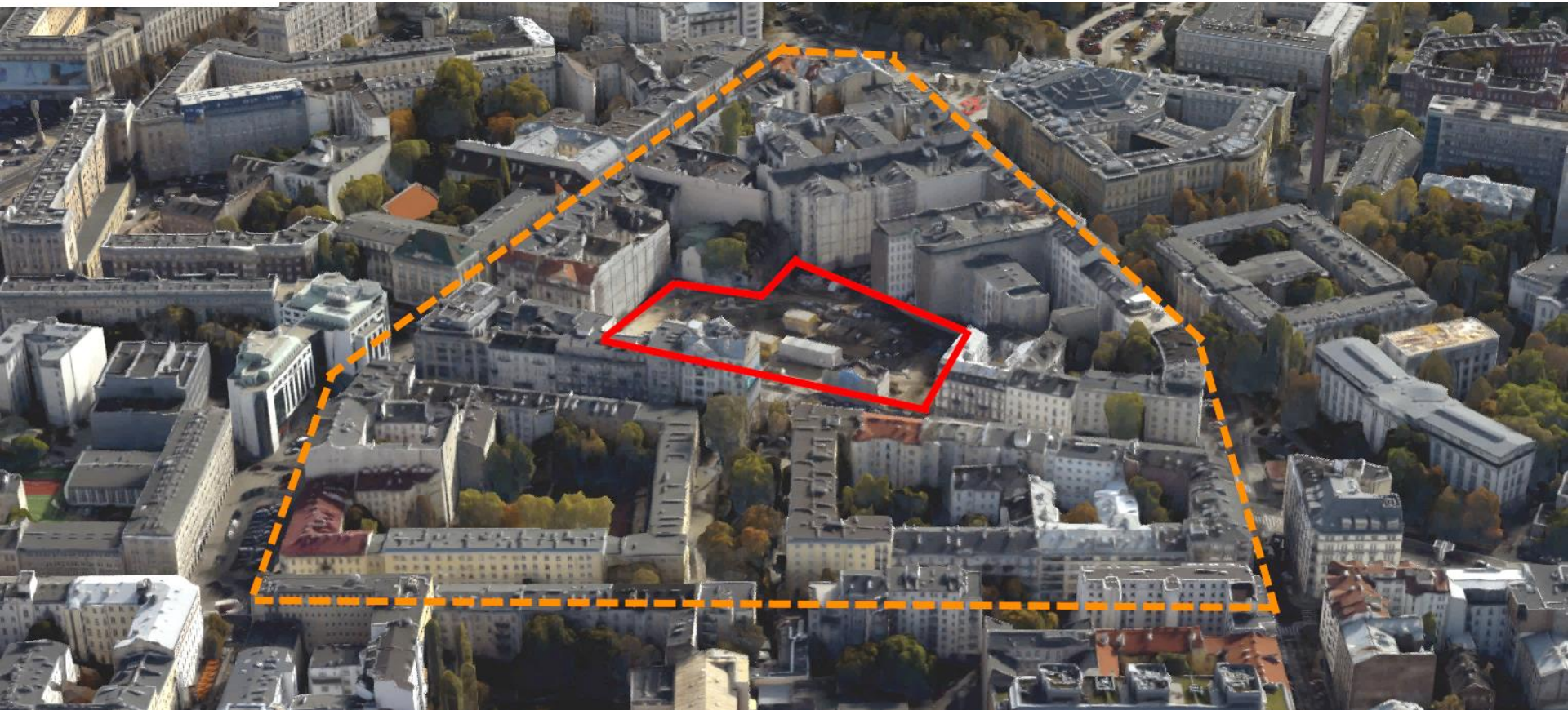
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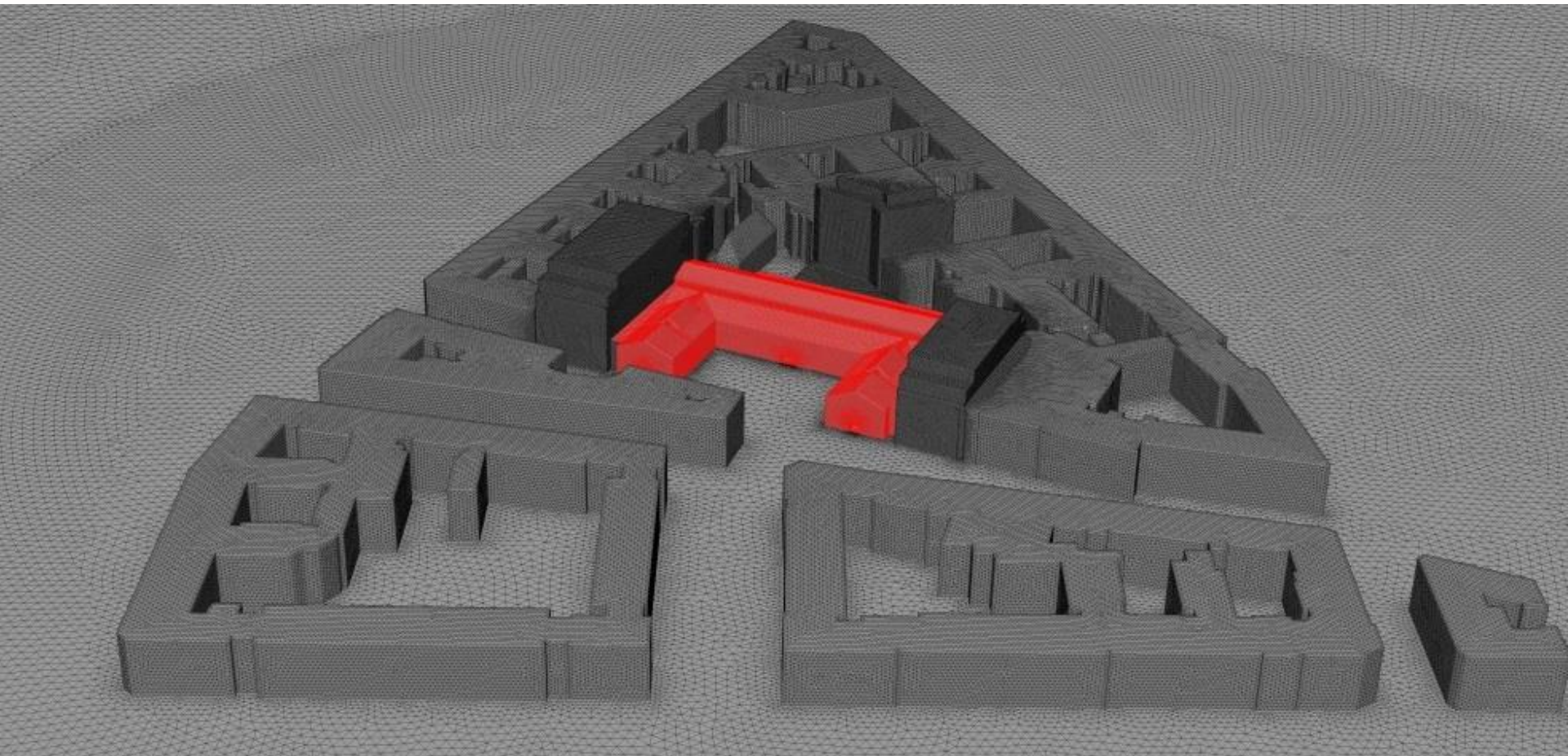


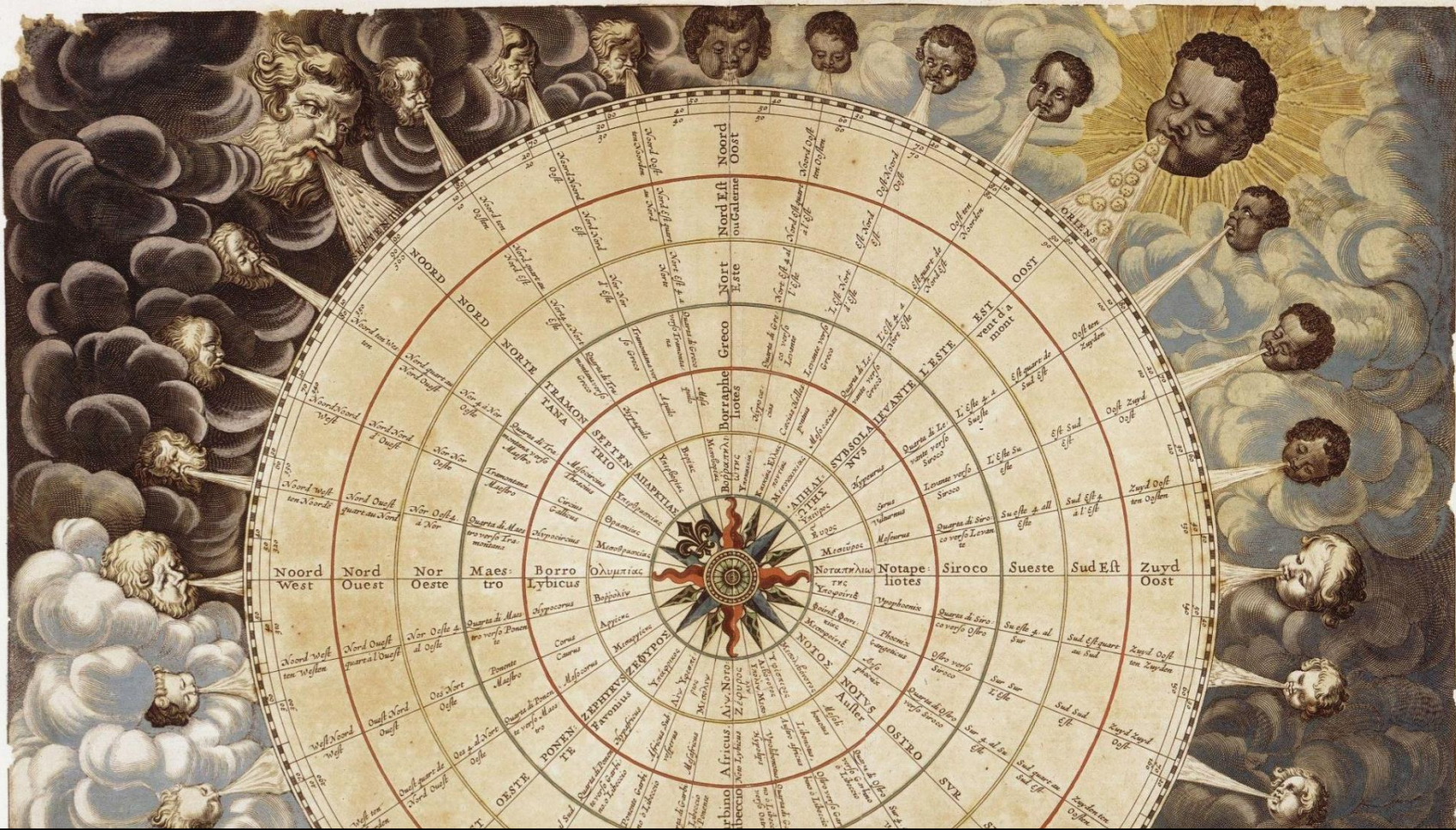
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Warsaw, area at Koszykowa St. / Google Maps

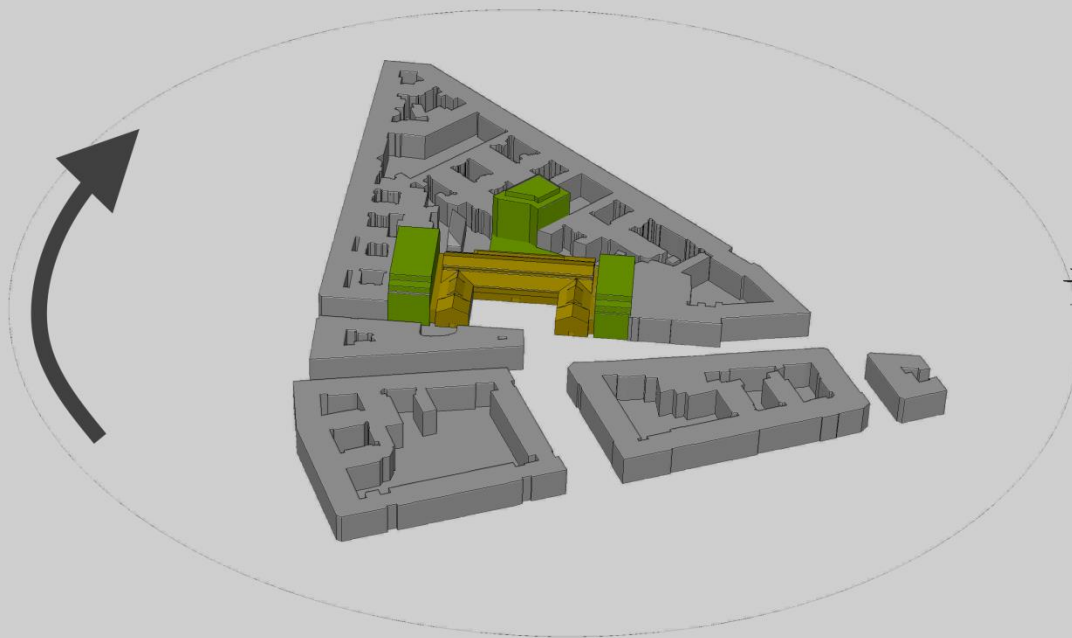
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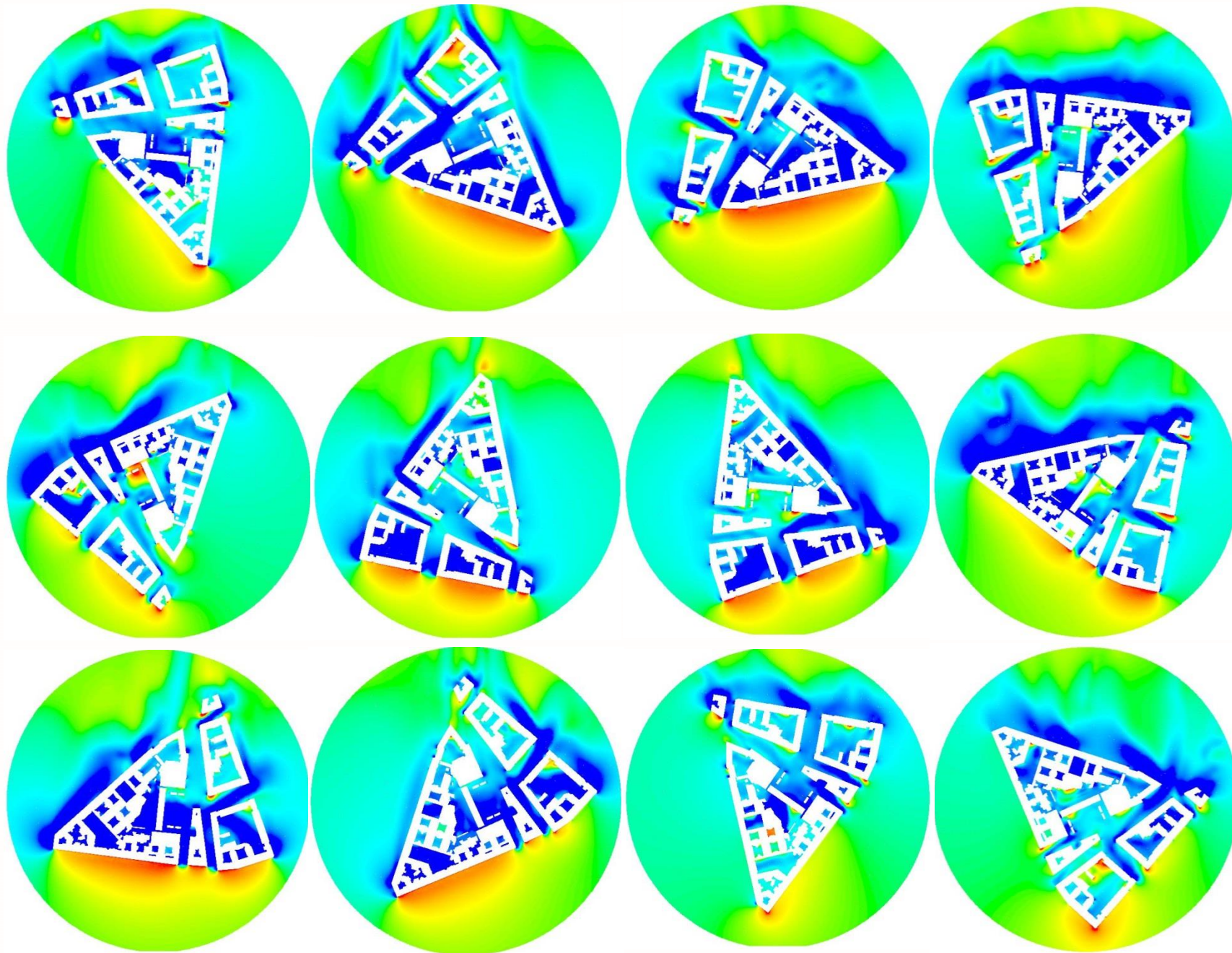


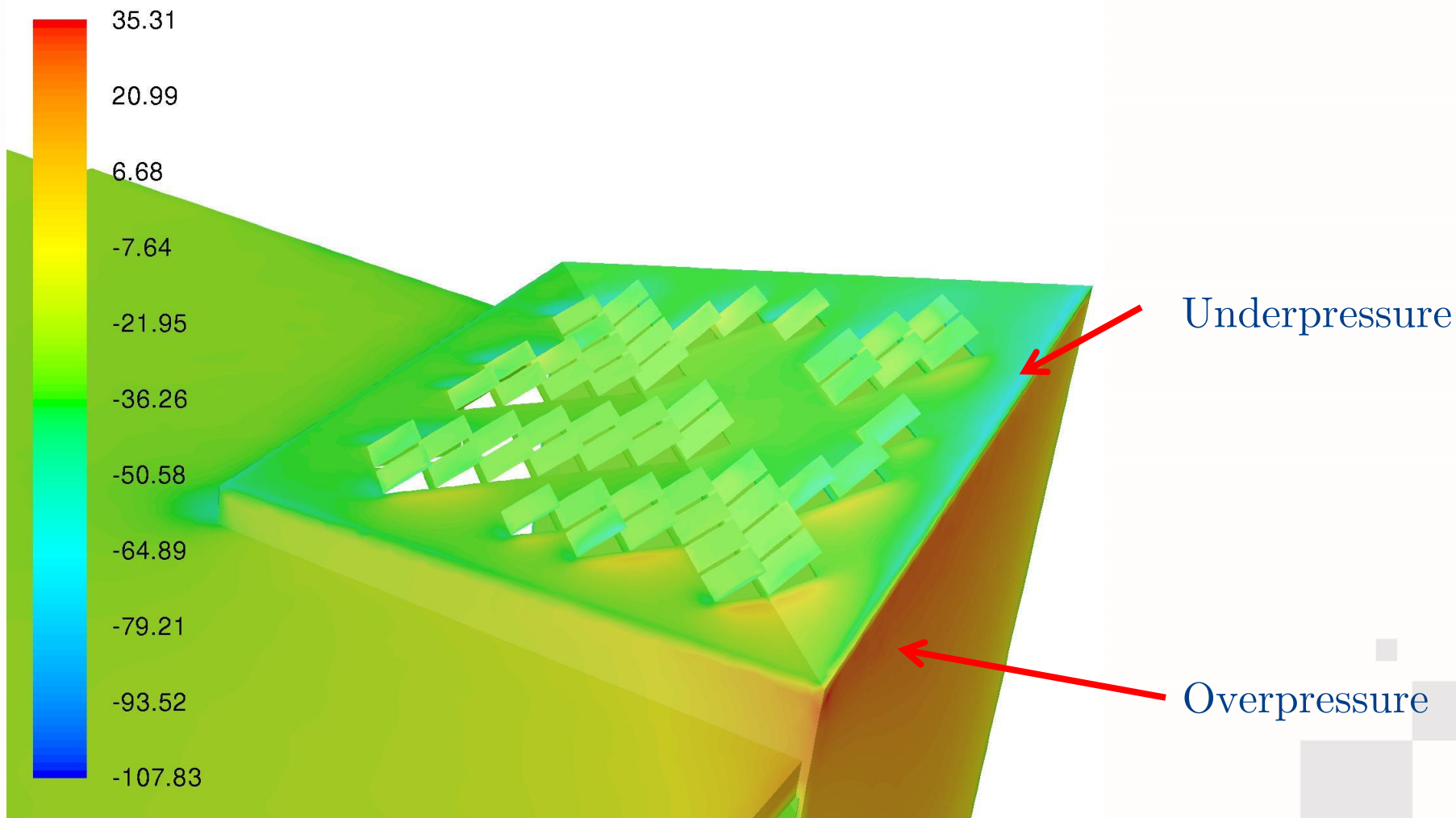


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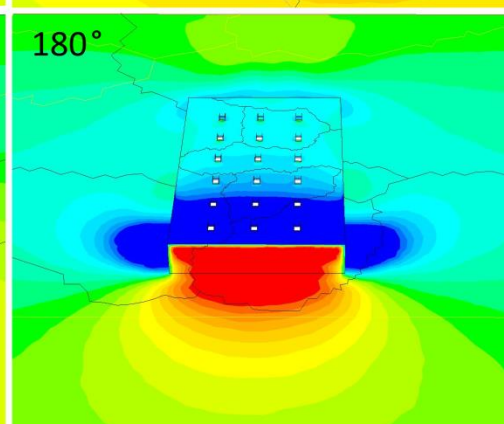
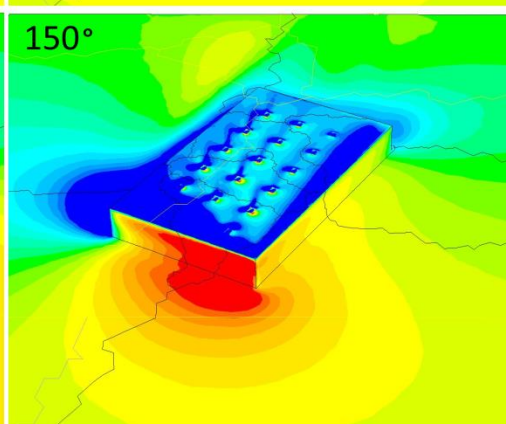
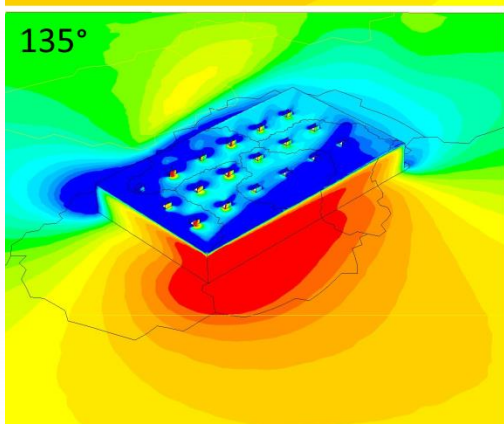
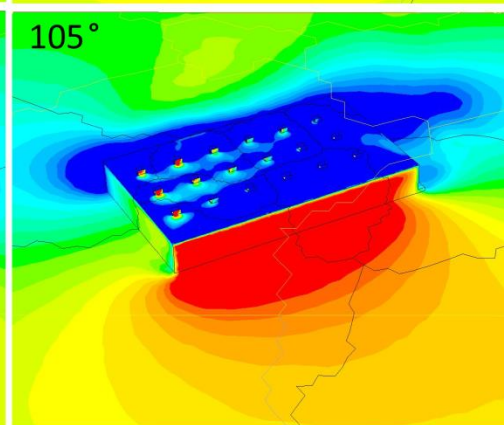
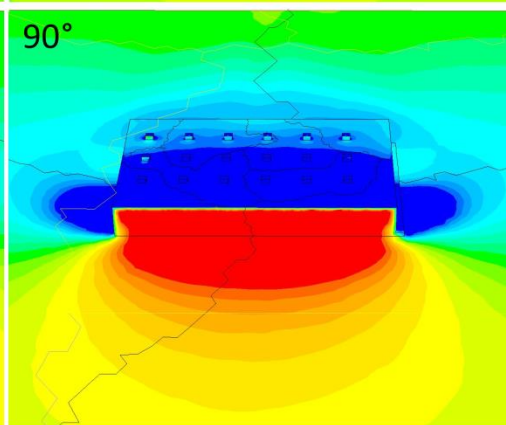
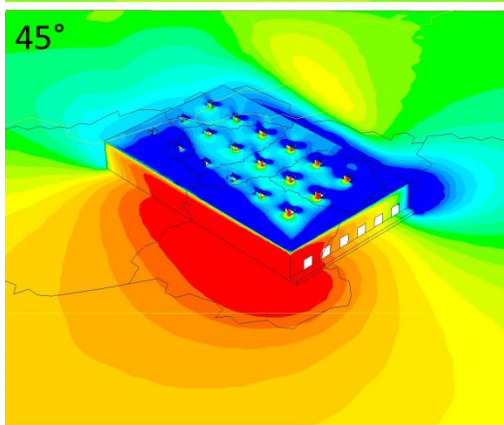
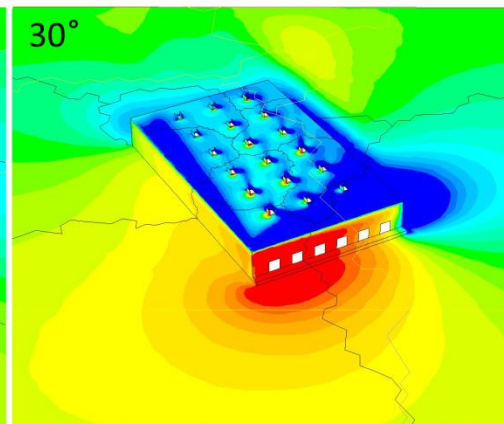
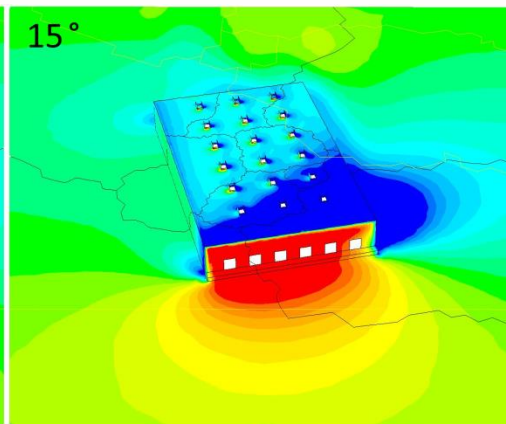
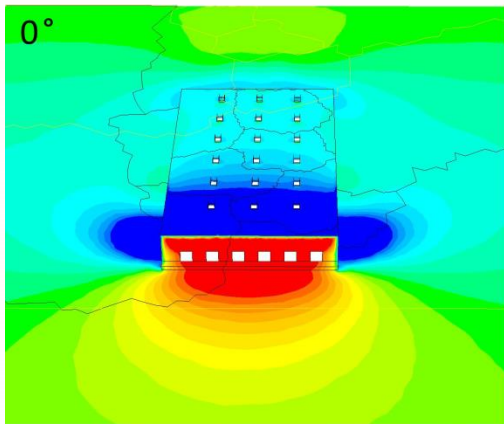




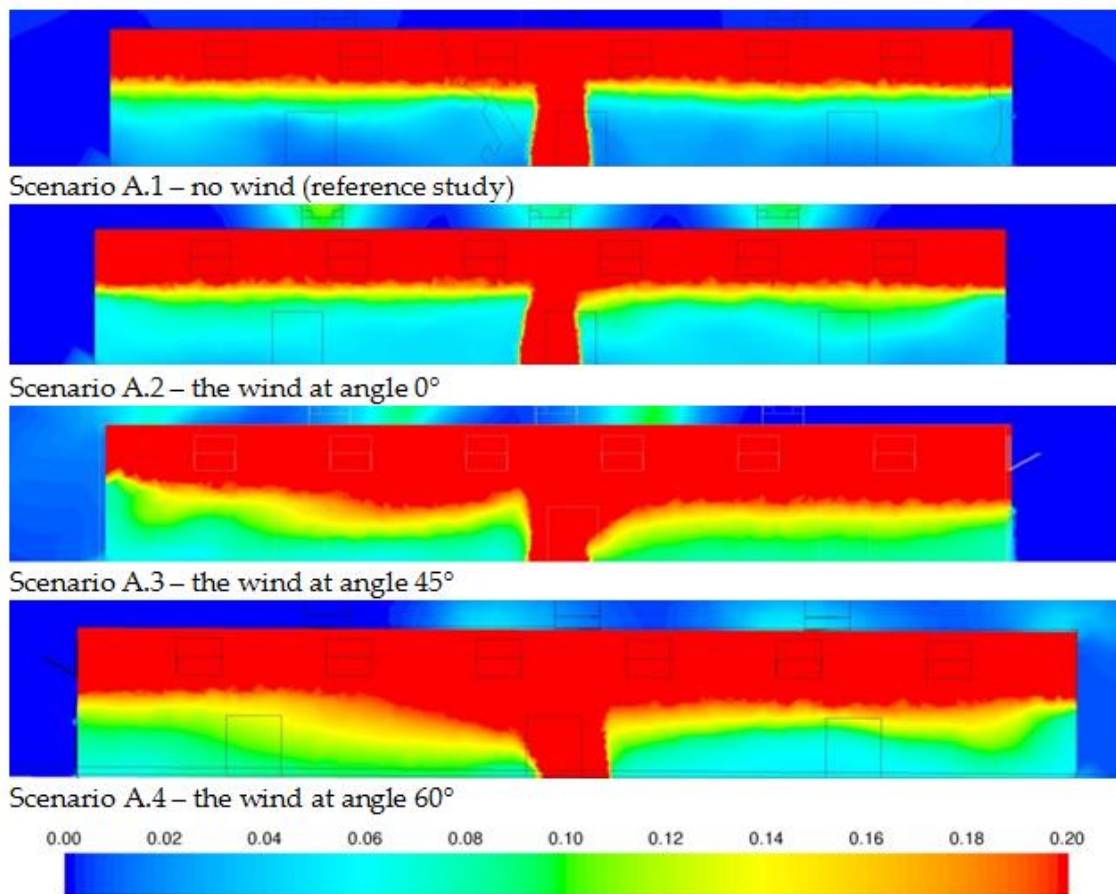
## How to save time and money? Decouple analysis into steps:

1. Steady state wind pressure coefficient analysis for at least 12 angles
2. Transient fire analysis only for the worst case scenario(s)
- 3.
4. Profit



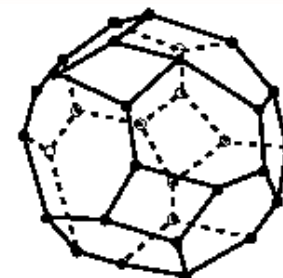
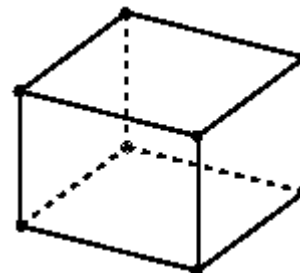
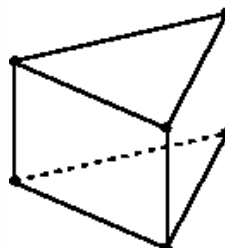
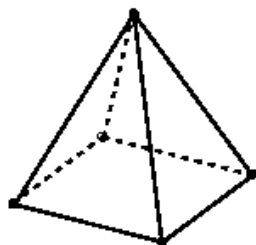
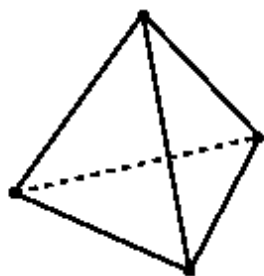


Angle	Wind velocity $u_{\text{ref}}$ [m/s/]	roof mounted smoke ventilators	roof mounted ventilators with deflectors	wall mounted ventilators on back façade	wall mounted ventilators on front façade
-	0 (reference)	33,25	34,6	23,8	-
0	4	30,4	31,8	22,9	8,75
45°	4	27,6	29,1	23,5	11,8
60°	4	25,4	27,1	22,2	13,7
90°	4	29,7	29,7	19,0	18,5
60°	8	18,3	20,8	23,7	

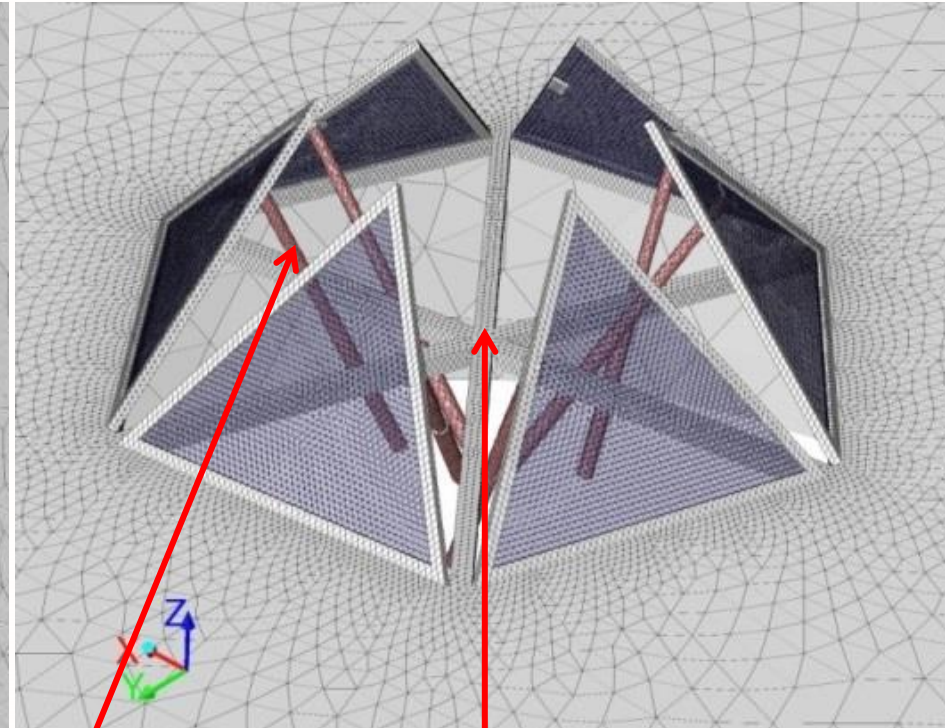
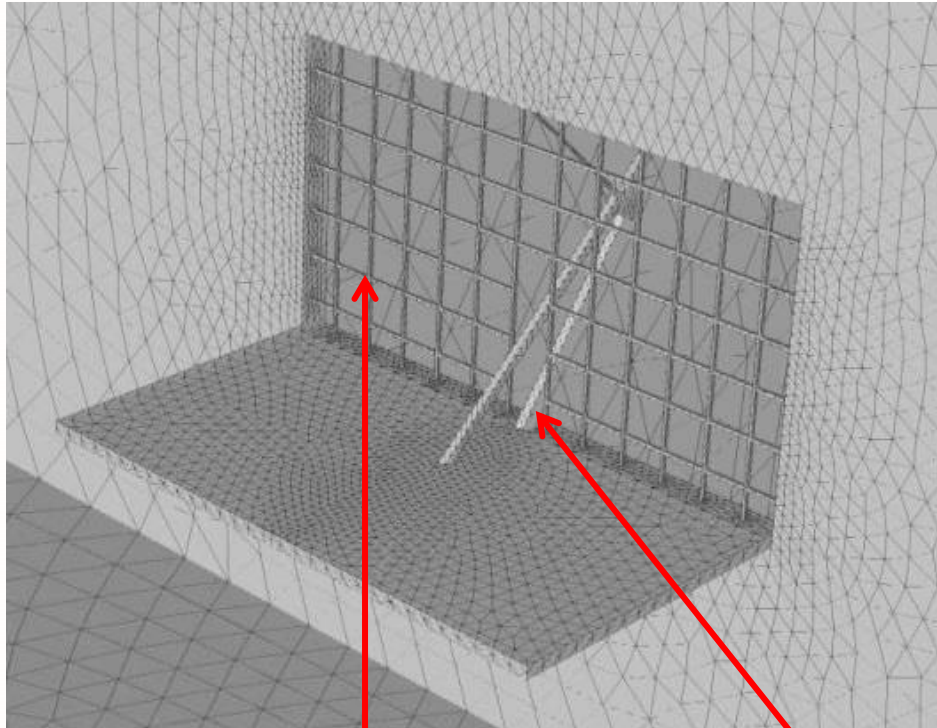


**Figure 3.** Comparison of local mass concentration of smoke (0,00 – 0,20 g/m<sup>3</sup> and more) in section through the building for various wind angles [34]

## Space discretization



# Required level of details



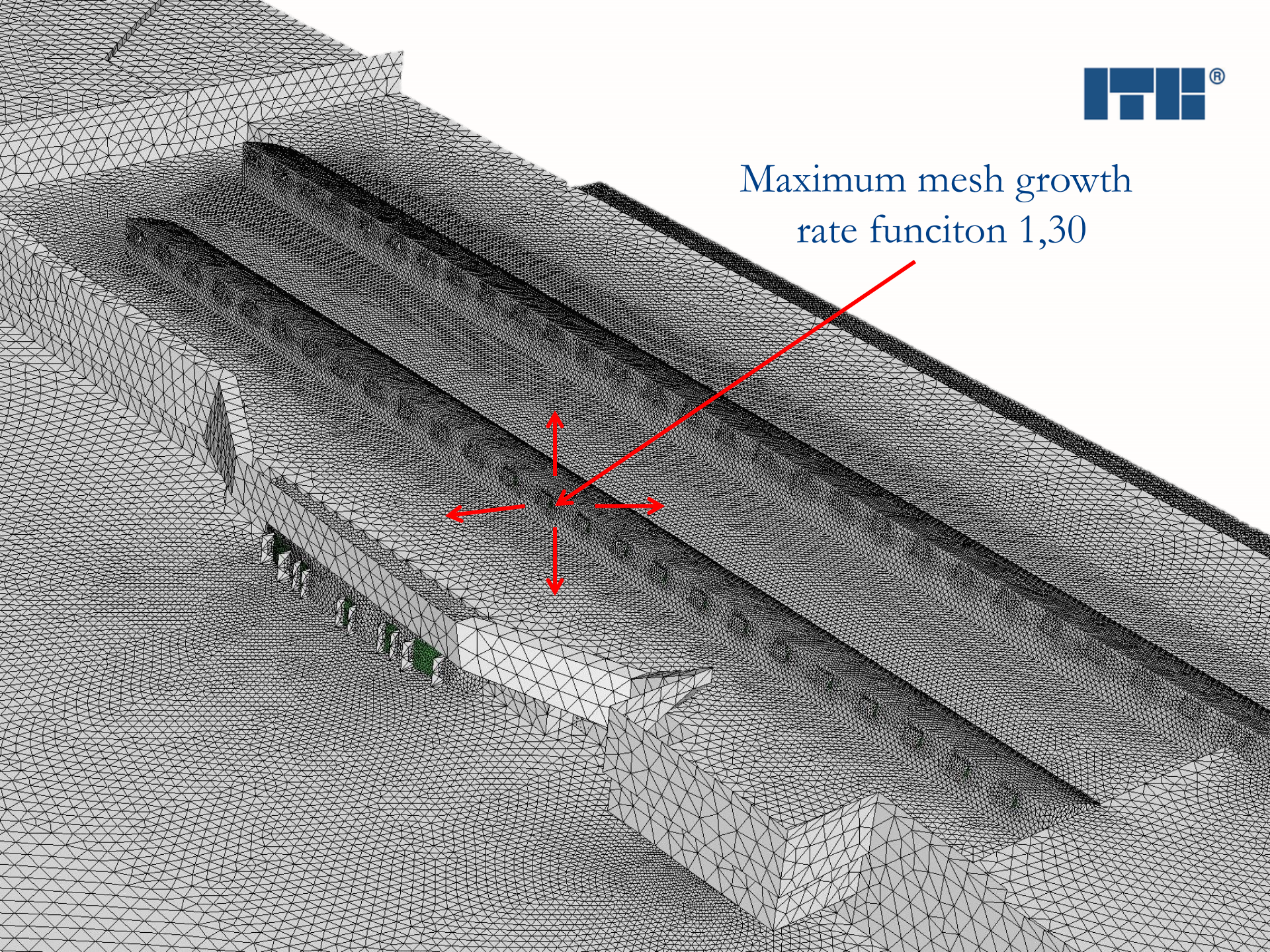
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This changed  $C_v$   
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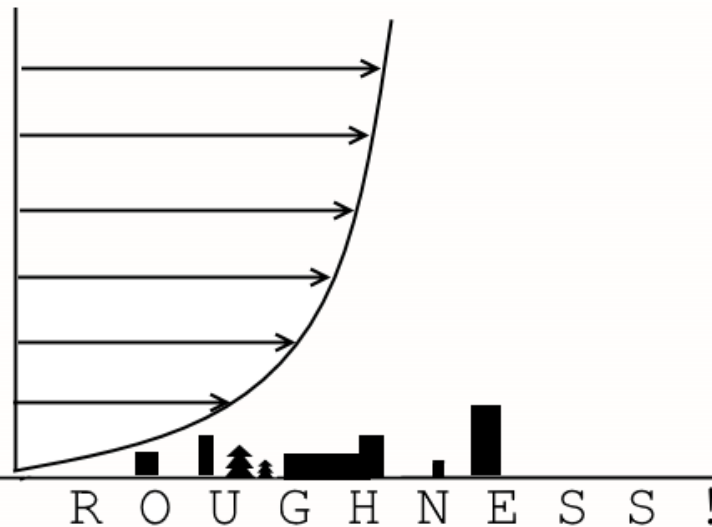
Maximum mesh growth  
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# Introducing wind as a boundary condition



## Logarithmic wind profile



$$\langle u \rangle(z) = \frac{u_\tau}{\kappa} \ln \left( \frac{z + z_0}{z_0} \right)$$

$$k(z) = u_\tau^2 / \sqrt{C_\mu}$$

$$\varepsilon(z) = u_\tau^3 / [\kappa(z + z_0)]$$



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A satellite image of a river delta, showing a complex network of channels and distributaries. The main river channel enters from the bottom left and branches out into a dense, fan-shaped pattern of smaller channels that spread across the landscape. The water bodies are dark, while the surrounding land is a mix of light and dark green, indicating different vegetation types. The overall appearance is highly textured and intricate.

# Turbulence modelling



# LES

- better for wind engineering
- captures wake formations, flame pulsation etc.
- allows estimation of peak values
- difficult to prepare a good boundary conditions
- order of magnitude more expensive than RANS

# RANS

- fast and robust
- quite well validated (sufficient accuracy for most applications)
- smaller requirements for meshes
- difficult to capture transient phenomena and large separation of flows
- more reliant on sub-models

## Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)

- Interesting approach for massively separated flows
- LES for large vortices, RANS for regions close to walls and smaller vortices
- **Lesser computational requirements than LES, high quality results**



# Conclusions



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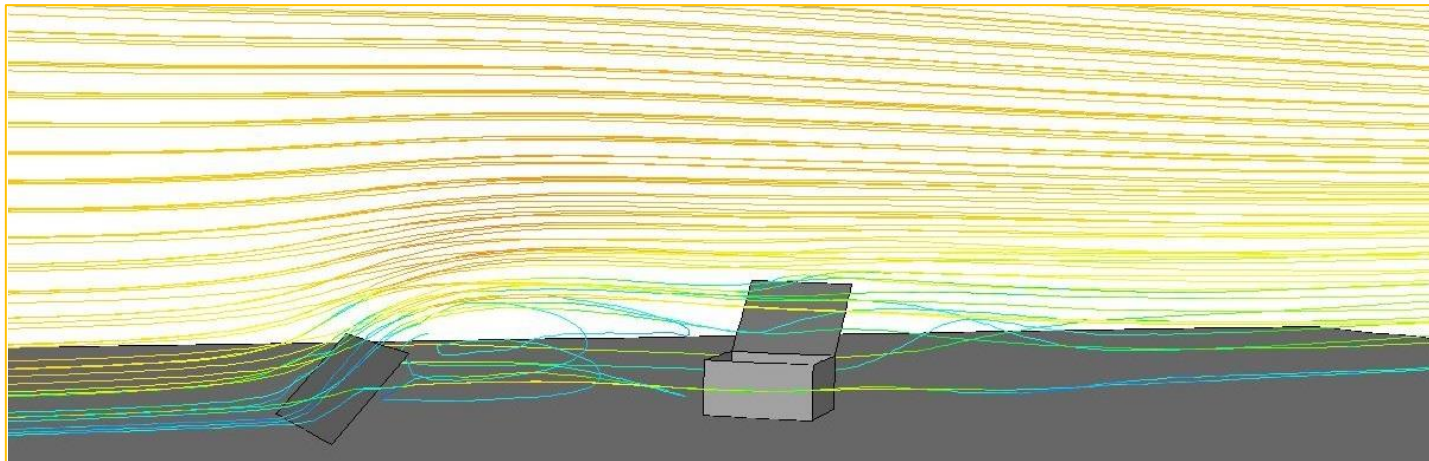


- Whole field of science exists (Computational Wind Engineering) devoted to numerical modeling of wind related phenomena, with more than 50 years of practical experience
- Wind can be introduced into a FSE oriented CFD analysis as an important boundary-condition

# Conclusions



- It is very difficult and computationally consuming to do this right, but it can be done and give a lot of benefit!



External aerodynamic elements to improve NSHEVS performance – research planned for 2017-18

# Conclusions



- We are going to work further in this field, hopefully with some full scale results from our own wind tunnel facility!



ITB Variable Turbulence Wind Tunnel (as on 9.11.2016)  
To be built in 2017!!!

# Thank you!

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