

# Optimizing Mesh Generation Study in Indoor Bio-aerosol Transmission

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# Background

- Multiphase flows
- Clear interface even at the molecular level of breakup.
- Predicting particle and droplet transport.
- To simulate the movement of continuous air, the flow governing equations in Eulerian-form are solved:

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} + (\mathbf{V} \cdot \nabla) \Phi - \Gamma_{\phi} \nabla^2 \Phi = S_{\phi}$$



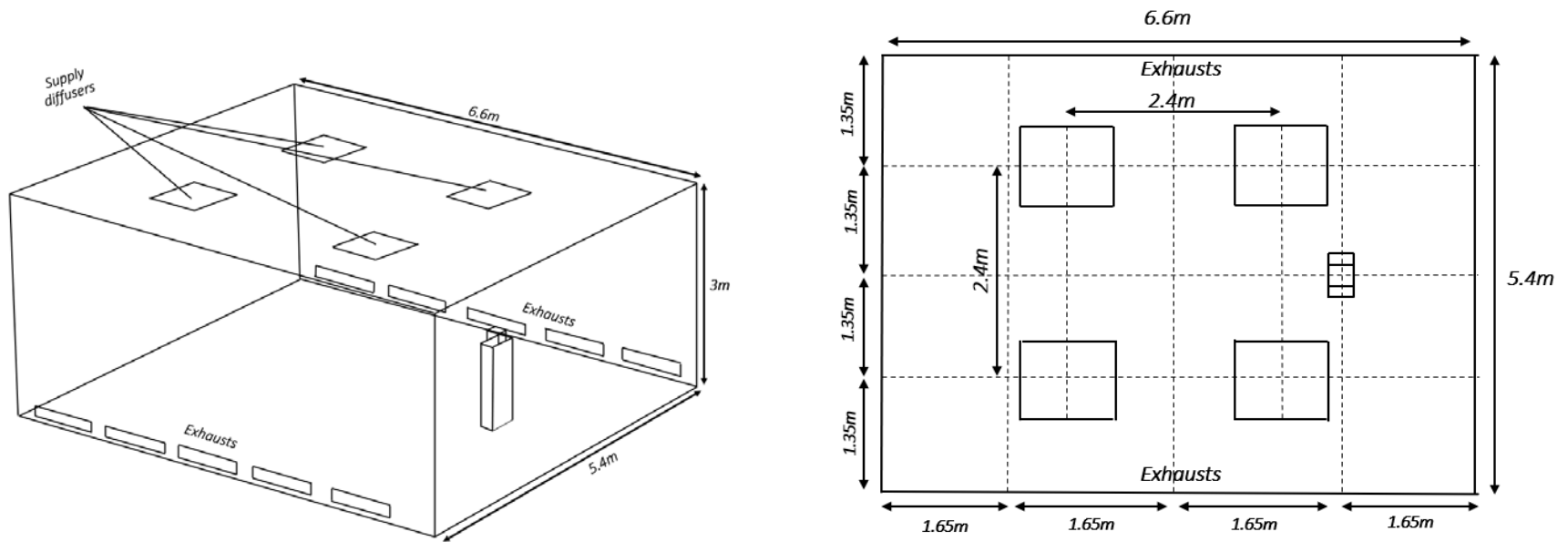
# Background

- Software used - ANSYS fluent
- CFD – Eulerian-Lagrangian (DPM) application in fluent  
Two different phases are defined in the DPM model: A continuous and a particle/discrete phase.
- CFD – Eulerian Eulerian (VoF) application in fluent
- What is meshing and why is it so important in grid discretization

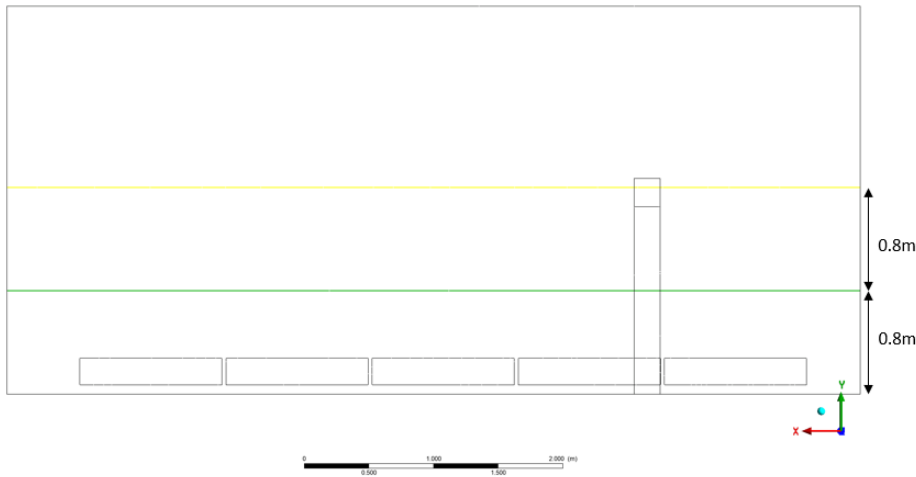


# Experimental Case Setup

Liu, Z., Zhu, H., Song, Y., & Cao, G. (2022, May). Quantitative distribution of human exhaled particles in a ventilation room. In *Building Simulation* (Vol. 15, No. 5, pp. 859-870). Tsinghua University Press.

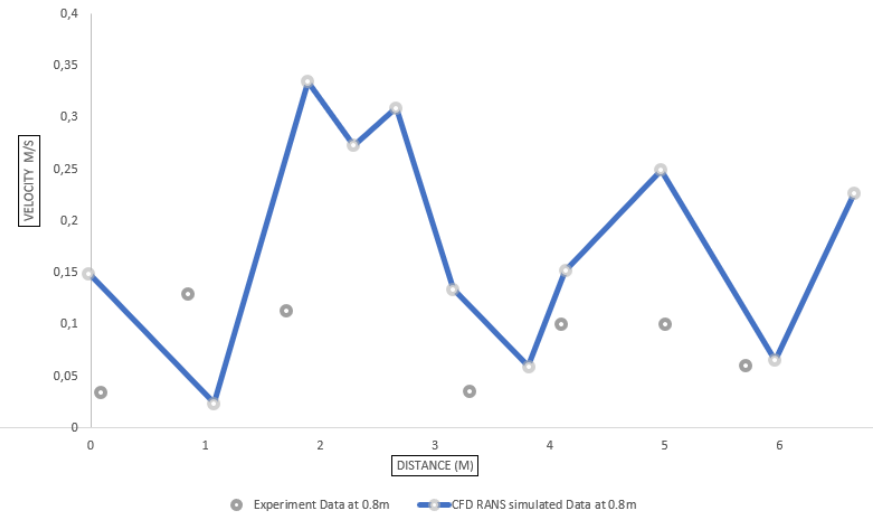


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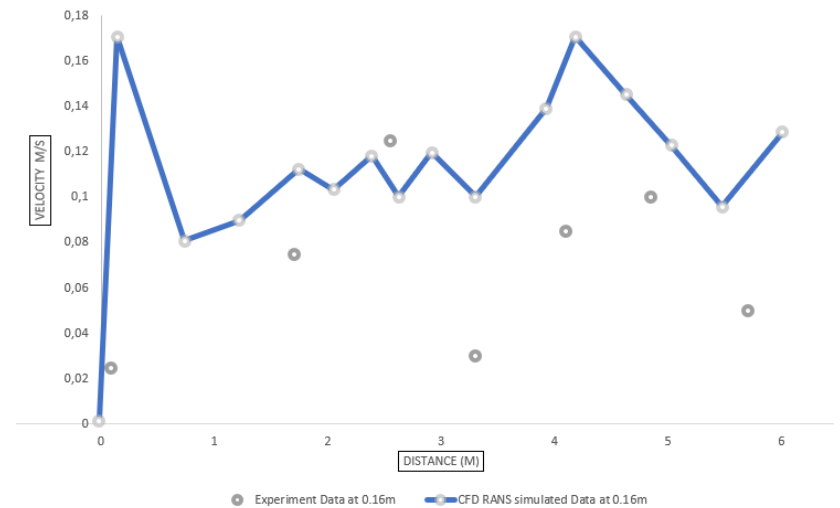


Cross sectional area at the center of the computational domain displaying heights at 0.8m and 0.16m from ground level.

Experimental and Simulated Airflow Velocity



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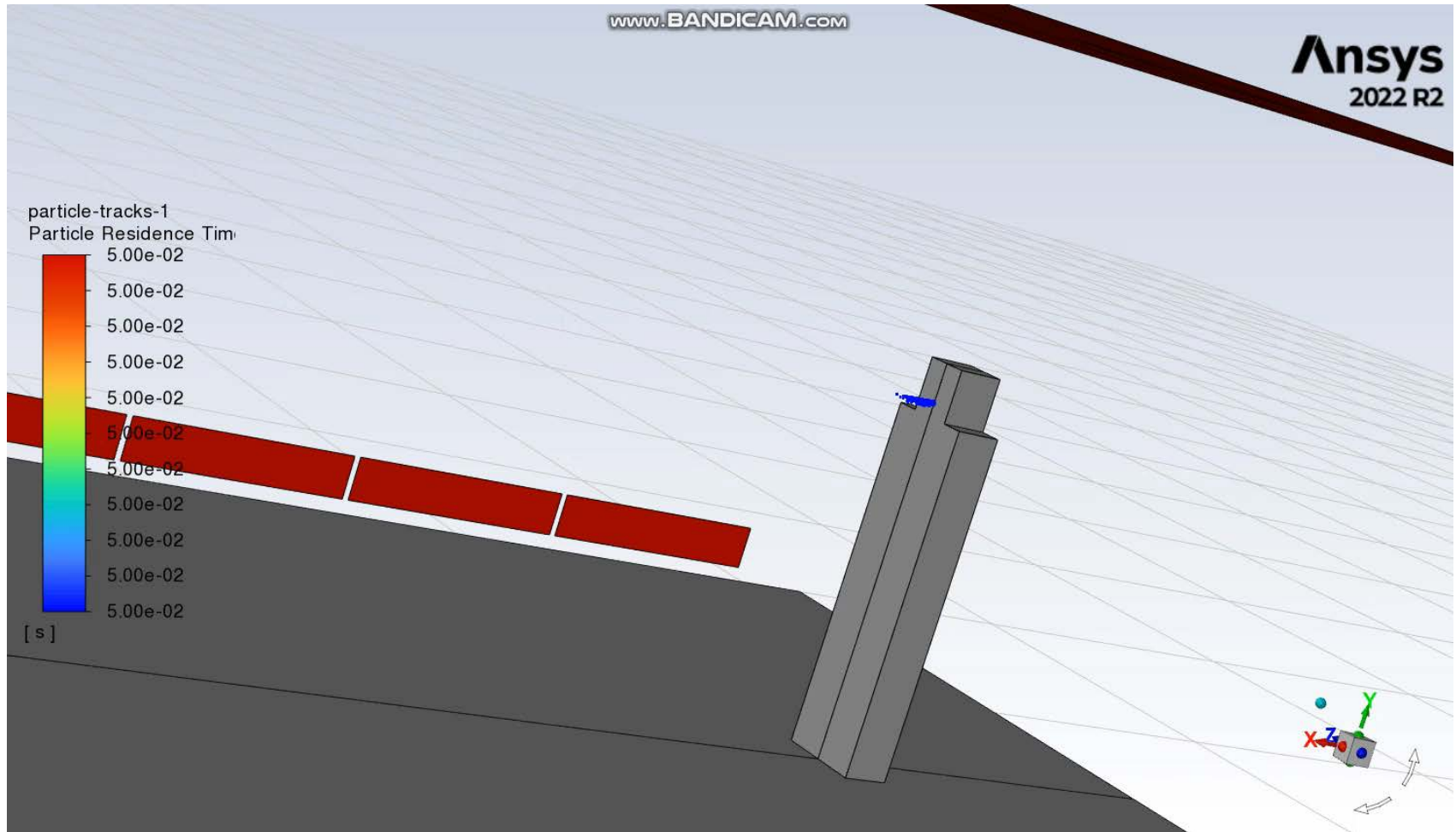


# DPM or VoF

UltraSlo.com



# Reynolds Average Navier Stokes (RANS) – Discrete Phase Method (DPM)





# Scale-Resolving Simulation Options (SBES)

- Subgrid-Scale Model – WMLES S-Omega  
Utilize subgrid WMLES in areas of interest and RANS turbulence modeling in the coarse regions
- VoF phase transition – Water to air

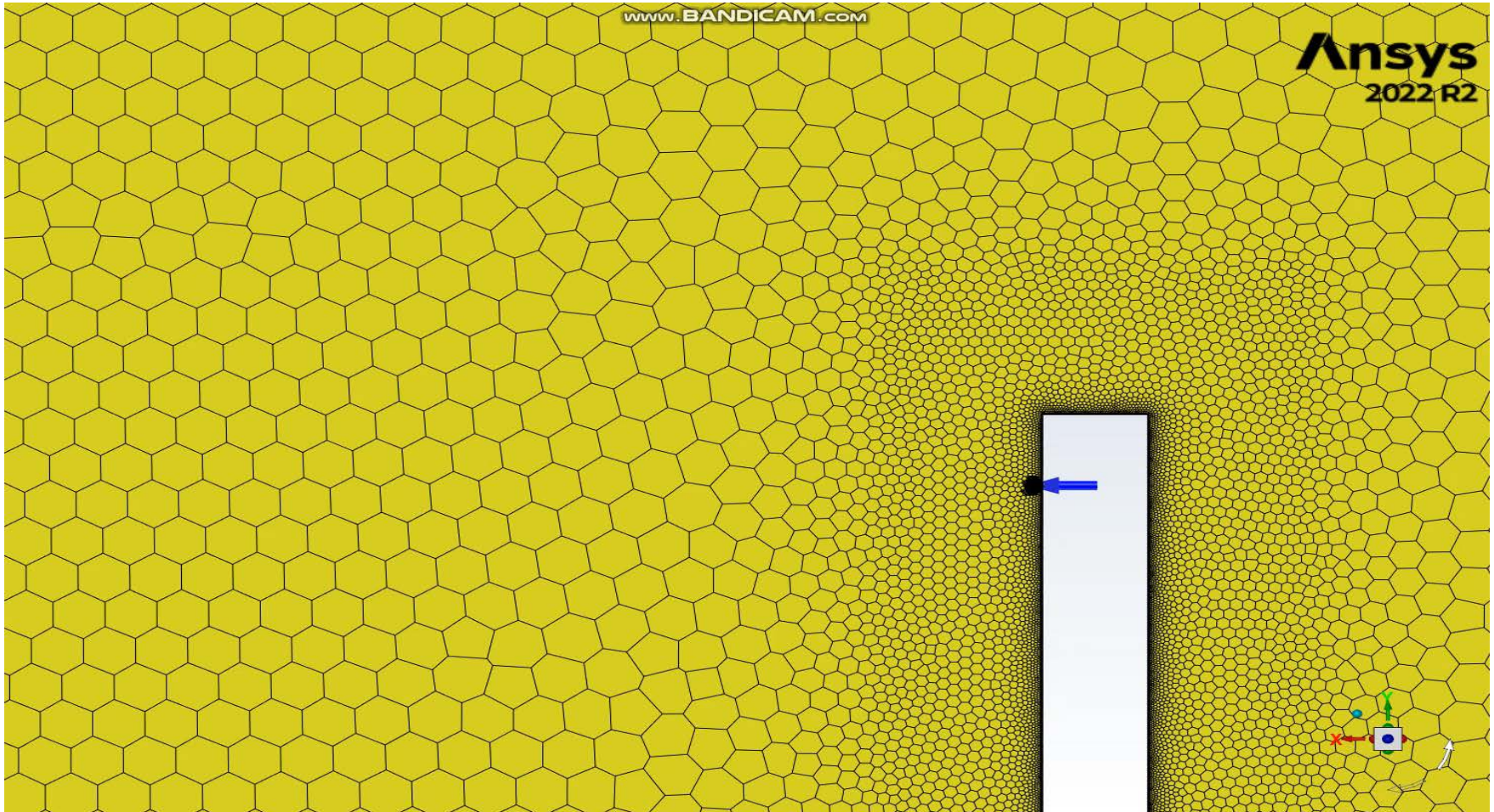


# Adaptive Mesh Refinement

- What is AMR and why this technique
- A method of adapting the accuracy of a solution within certain regions of simulation, dynamically and during the time the solution is being calculated.
- Adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) changes the spacing of grid points, to change how accurately the solution is known in that region.



# DPM – VoF coupling with AMR so far



Thank you for your attention

