

FLUENT - Turbulent Pipe Flow (LES)

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Created using ANSYS 13.0

Problem Specification

Consider fluid flowing through a cylindrical pipe of diameter $D = 0.0127\text{ m}$ and length $L = 5D = 0.0635\text{ m}$. The bulk velocity at the pipe inlet is $U_{bulk} = 6.58\text{ m/s}$. Let us consider the case where the density of the fluid is constant. Take density $\rho = 1.331\text{ kg/m}^3$ and coefficient of viscosity $\mu = 2.34 \times 10^{-5}\text{ kg/(ms)}$. The Reynolds number Re based on the pipe diameter and the bulk velocity is

$$Re = \frac{\rho U_{bulk} D}{\mu} \approx 4750$$

Solve the above fluid flow problem using the LES capability in FLUENT via ANSYS Workbench. Plot the mean and the root mean square velocities versus the radial distance at a particular x/D downstream of the inlet. Compare the mean velocity obtained from the LES simulation with the mean velocity obtained using the k - model.

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