

FloEFD Validation Examples





FloEFD Validation and Software Test Matrix

- Before the release of each version of FloEFD a suite of 300 test cases are run through the different CAD embedded versions of the software
- The test matrix ranges from simple 2D tests to industrial scale 3D benchmarks (see the following slides for a sample set of FloEFD validations)
- The validation suite includes many classical CFD benchmark cases including a wide range of flow turbulence scenarios and regimes suitable for a General Purpose CFD code
- The following slides illustrate some of the benchmarks each FloEFD release has to meet.



FloEFD Validation: Flow in 2D Channels with bilateral and unilateral expansions (Backward Facing Steps)



2nd ed., McGraw Hill, New York, 1979

²Yanshin, B.I.: *Hydrodynamic Characteristics of Pipeline Valves and Elements. Convergen Sections, Divergent Sections and Valves.* "Mashinostroenie", Moscow, 1965



FloEFD Validation: Natural Convection in a Square Cavity



11 Emery, A., Chu, T.Y.: *Heat Transfer across Vertical Layers.* J. Heat Transfer, v. 87, p. 110 (1965)
12 Denham, M.K., Patrick M.A.: *Laminar Flow over a Downstream Facing Step in a Two-Dimensional Flow Channel.* Trans. Instn. Chem. Engrs., v. 52, pp. 361-367 (1974)



FloEFD Validation: Couette Flow between Parallel Flat Plates at Re = 3.4 x 10⁴

- A classical plane flow is one between two parallel infinite flat plates spaced at a distance *h* from one another and moving at velocity U in opposite directions ,
- Dimensionless velocity profiles for different meshes (10, 20, 40, 80 mesh cells across the channel) compare well with experimental data illustrating that with relatively coarse meshes good predictions can be expected when using FloEFD.





FloEFD Validation: Flow and Heat Transfer over a Circular Cylinder for Low Reynolds Numbers



Int. J. for Num. Meth. In Fluids, v. 3, pp. 249-264 (1983)



FloEFD Validation: Unsteady Vortex Shedding Flow over a Circular Cylinder at Re=3.7x10⁵

- Predicted turbulent transient flow velocity fields over a circular cylinder calculated with FloEFD for different computational meshes having:
 - a) 20 quad cells per diameter,
 - b) 40 quad cells per diameter,
 - c) 80 quad cells per diameter, &
 - d) Similar real flow shadowgraph from Driver and Seegmiller (1985)
- Circular cylinder drag coefficients calculated with FloEFD in comparison with experimental data (Driver and Seegmiller 1985).

Driver, D.M. and Seegmiller, H.L. (1985). Features of a Reattaching Turbulent Shear Layer in Divergent Channel Flow. AIAA Journal, Vol. 23, p. 163.



Mesh Density (cells per cylinder diameter)	C _d	Deviation from experimental data (%)	y_{max}^+
FloEFD, 20 cells per diameter	0.82	-18	650
FloEFD, 40 cells per diameter	0.95	-5	330
FloEFD, 80 cells per diameter	1.02	2	170
Experiment (Driver and Seegmiller 1985)	1.0	n/a	n/a



FloEFD Validation: Supersonic Flow in a 2-D Convergent-Divergent Channel

 Classical benchmark of air flow at inlet M=3 in a 2D (planar) convergent-divergent channel





Reference Point	1	2	3	4	5
X ordinate (m)	0.0042	0.047	0.1094	0.155	0.1648
Y ordinate (m)	0.0175	0.0157	0.026	0.026	0.0157
Mach Number (Theory)	3.000	2.427	1.957	2.089	2.365
Mach Number (FloEFD)	3.000	2.429	1.965	2.106	2.380
Difference (%)	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.6





FloEFD Validation: Smoothing step-shaped velocity profile by a porous screen of different drag coefficient (ζ)



2. Panton, R.L., Incompressible Flow. 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1996



FloEFD Validation: Cooling a Pin-Fin Heat Sink Due to Natural Convection





References

14. Enchao Yu, Yogendra Yoshi: *Heat Transfer Enhancement from Enclosed Discrete Components using Pin-Fin Heat Sinks* Int. J. of Heat & Mass Transfer, v. 45, pp. 4957-4966 (2002)
19. Jyotsna, R., Vanka, S.P.: *Multigrid Calculation of Steady, Viscous Flow in a Triangular Cavity*. J. Comput. Phsy., v. 122, pp. 107-117 (1995)

$$R_{ja} = \frac{(T_{max} - T_{amb})}{Q}$$
$$R_{ja_{exp}} = 43^{o}C/W \text{ (Ref 14)}$$
$$R_{ja_{calc}} = 41^{o}C/W$$



Flow Streamlines: Smoke Visualisation, left (Ref 19), FloEFD result, right



Caviatition on a Hydrofoil (1); Quantitative Comparison





Caviatition on a Hydrofoil (2); Qualitative Comparison

Reference

24. Wesley, H.B., Spyros, A.K.: *Experimental & Computational Investigation of Sheet Cavitation on a Hydrofoil.* Presented at 2nd Joint ASME/JSME Fluid Engineering Conference & ASME/EALA 6th International Conference on Laser Anemometry. The Westin Resort, Hilton Head Island, SC, USA August 13-18, 1995





σ=1.1



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 $\sigma = 0.9$



σ=0.88

Combustion of a Premixed Methane/Air Mixture





FloEFD Validation: Flow in a 90°-bend of a 3D square duct





Flow through a Cone Valve



Reference

13. Yanshin, B.I.: *Hydrodynamic Characteristics of Pipeline Valves and Elements. Convergent Sections, Divergent Sections, and Valves.* "Mashinostroenie", Moscow, 1965.



Supersonic Flow over a Segmental Conic Body

 Supersonic air flow at incident M=1.3 over a segmental conic body at different attack angles in the 0...180° range.





Aerodynamic torque coefficient vs. attack angle

Reference 5. Artonkin, V.G., Petrov, K.P., *Investigations of aerodynamic characteristics of segmental conic bodies*. TsAGI Proceedings, No. 1361, Moscow, 1971 (in Russian).



Aerodynamic drag coefficient vs. attack angle



Flow Around the Ahmed Car Body

Ahmed Body Slant Angle	C _{dexp}	$C_{d_{FloEFD}}$	Absolute Difference	% Difference
25°	0.298	0.284	-0.014	-4.8
35°	0.257	0.274	0.017	6.6

Reference

Lienhart, H., Stoots, C., Becker, S. *Flow and turbulence structures in the wake of a simplified car model (Ahmed model).* DGLR Fach Symp. der AG STAB, Stuttgart University, 2000.





Dispersed-phase flows (droplets and solid particles' trajectories)



18. Henderson, C.B. *Drag Coefficients of Spheres in Continuum and Rarefied Floc* AIAA Journal, v.14, No.6, 1976.



Stairmand High Efficiency Gas Cyclone (Nonisotropic swirling Flows)



Comparison of predicted and measured total pressure drop for a Stairmand HE cyclone

Fuel Injector Cavitation



<u>Reference</u>

Winklhofer, E., Kull, E., Kelz, E., and Morozov, A., 2001, "*Comprehensive Hydraulic and Flow Field Documentation in Model Throttle Experiments Under Cavitation Conditions."* ILASS Europe 2001.



FloEFD Validation: Vortex Combustor Benchmark

- Modified equilibrium combustion model approach in FloEFD:
 - Combustion starts upon mixing (no pre-mixing)
 - "Limited Combustion Rate" option when premixed. Requires the separate simulation of an igniter to start the combustion simulation



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