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# Comparison between flow dynamics inside street canyon with two geometries of roof shape

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# Ventilation of the street canyon

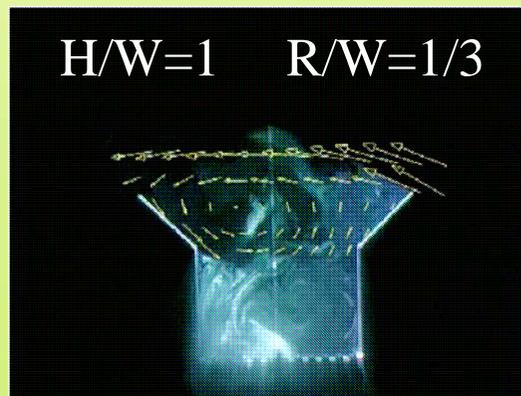
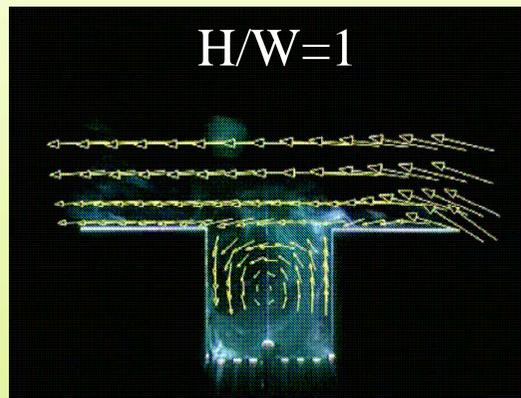
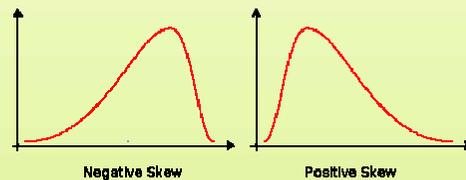
- Different roof shapes produce different dynamics
  - stationary and intermittent (Barlow, 2007) → effect on ventilation.
- Skewness of velocity brings an information about appearance of intermittent motion.



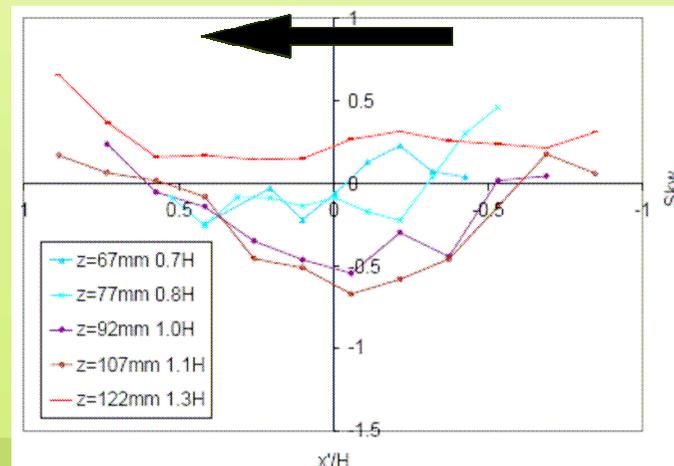
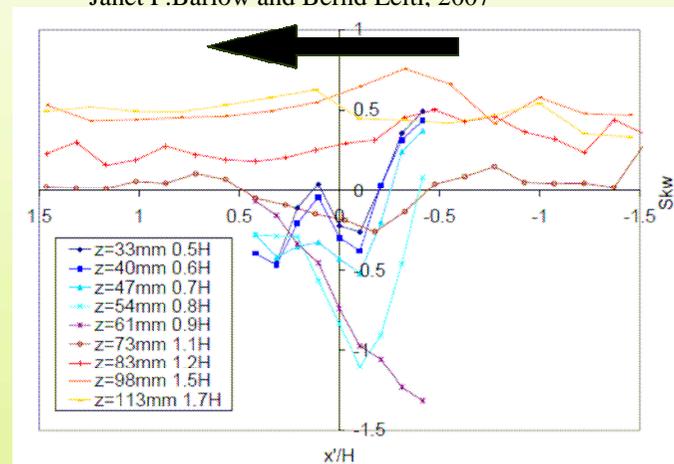
Janet F. Barlow and Bernd Leitl, 2007

3. moment

$$Sk_w = \langle w'^3 \rangle / \sigma_w^3$$

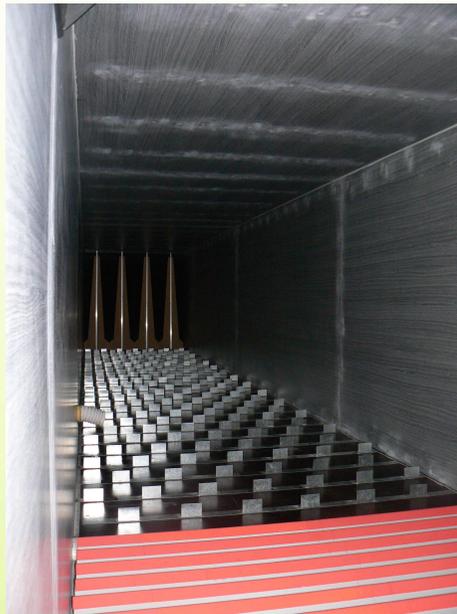


H...Height of street  
W...Width of street  
R...height of Roof





# Experimental set-up – Wind tunnel



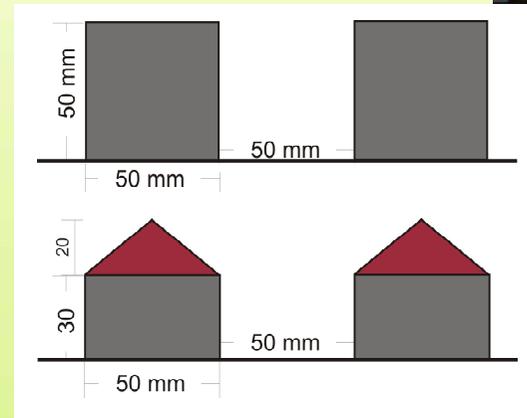
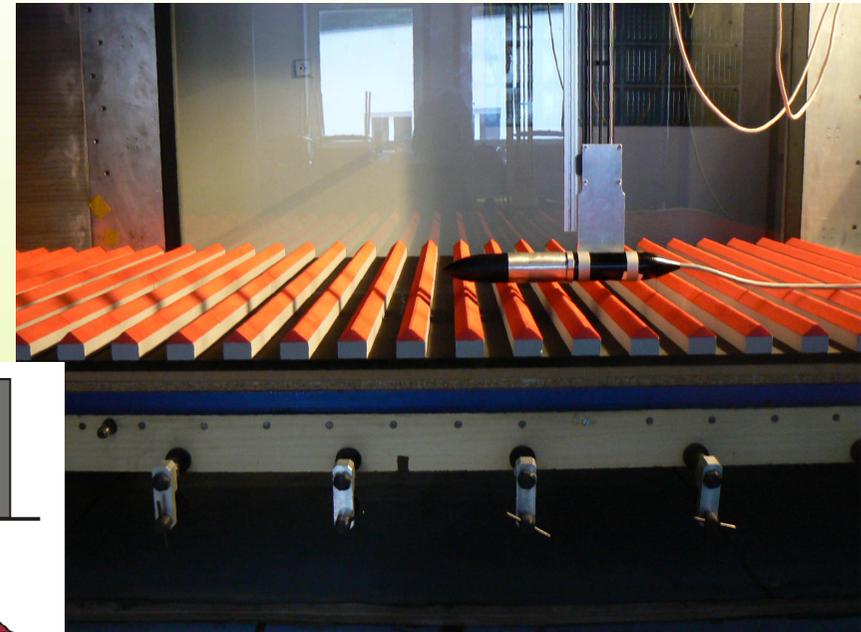
2-D model

Scale 1:400

Building B/H= 1

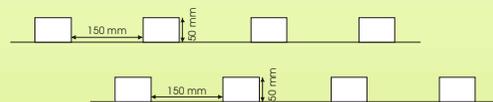
Width W/H = 1

Roof R/W=0.4



Model scale      Full scale  
H = 5cm      ≈      H = 20m

Measurement: 32 rows upstream  
10 downstream



Cross-section 1.5 m x 1.5 m  
Reference wind speed 3 m/s

Reynolds number  $Re_{2H} = 10\ 000$

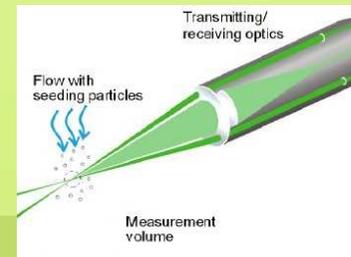
LDA 2-D components

Focal length 400 mm

Data rate 200 - 600 Hz

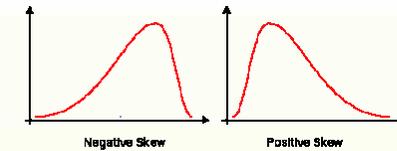
Volume  $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 5\ \text{mm}^3$

Acquisition time 180 s

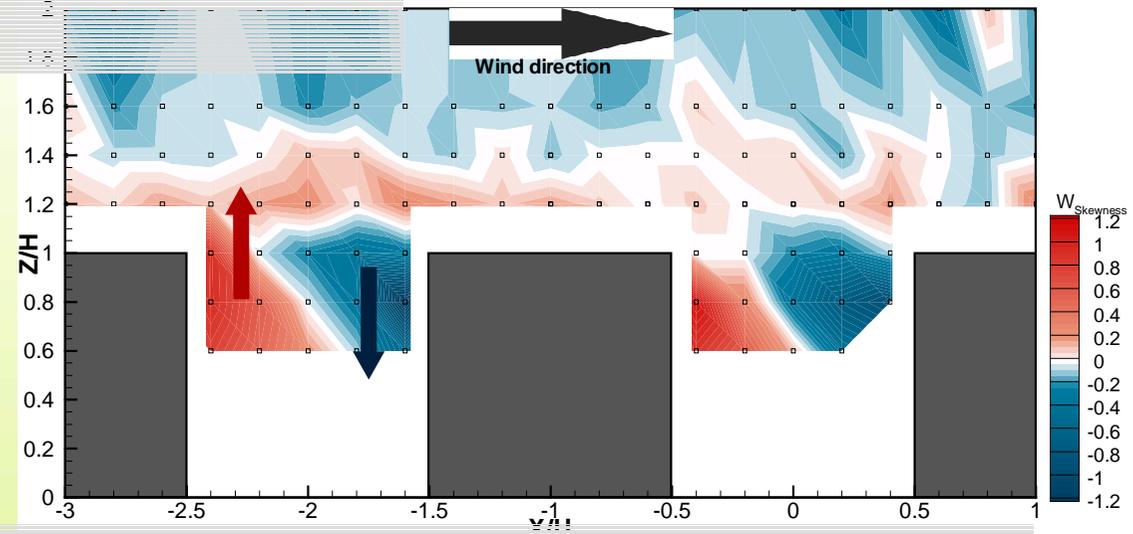


$\lambda_P = 0.5$      $\lambda_F = 0.5$     Blockage 3.3%

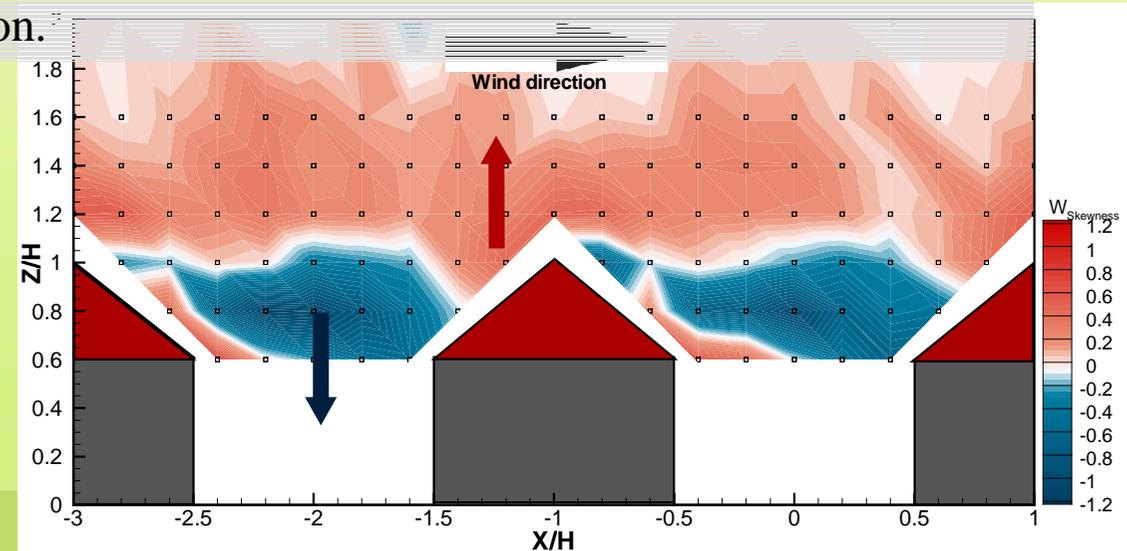
# Vertical skewness



- Vertical penetration is strongest on the windward side.
- Recirculation tends to speed up.



- Negative skewness extends over whole roof area with extreme behind the upstream edge.
- This could rather disturb a ventilation.



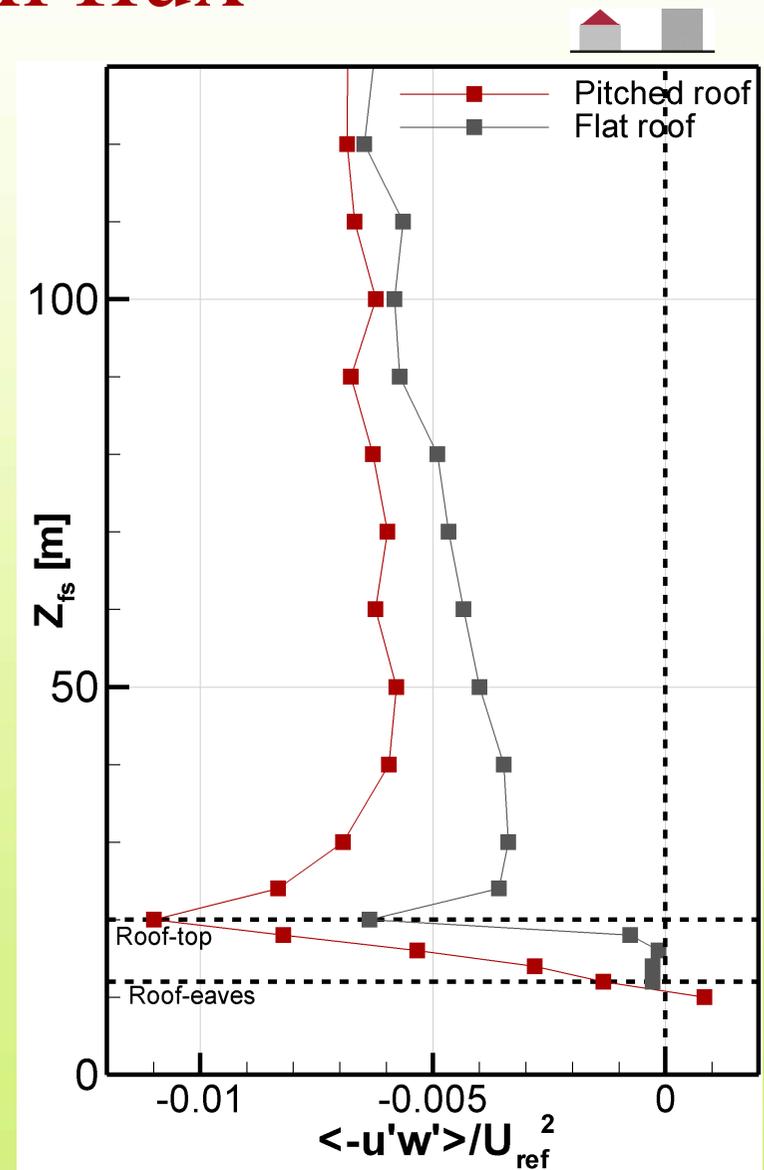
# Momentum flux

- ❑ Large deflection in momentum flux profiles above flat and pitched roof (Rafailidis, 1997).
- ❑ Momentum flux exhibits maximum just at roof-top level.
- ❑ Magnitude is double for pitched roof.

## ❑ Parameters difference

Parameter	$z_0[m]$	$d_0[m]$	$\alpha[-]$	$u_*[m.s^{-1}]$
Pitched roof	1.61	1.2	0.28	0.21
Flat roof	0.36	11.8	0.20	0.16

- ❑ Flat roof generates “rough“ turbulent BL.
- ❑ Pitched roof generates “very rough“ BL.

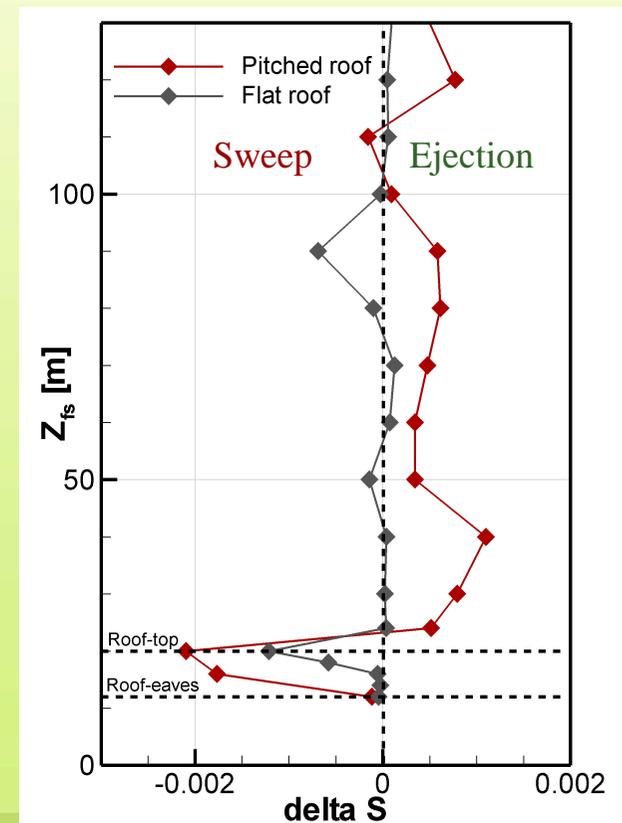
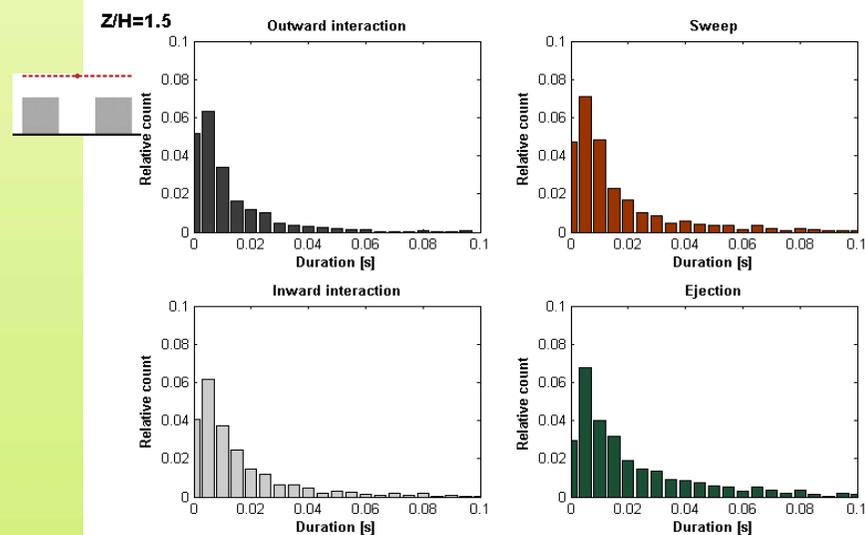
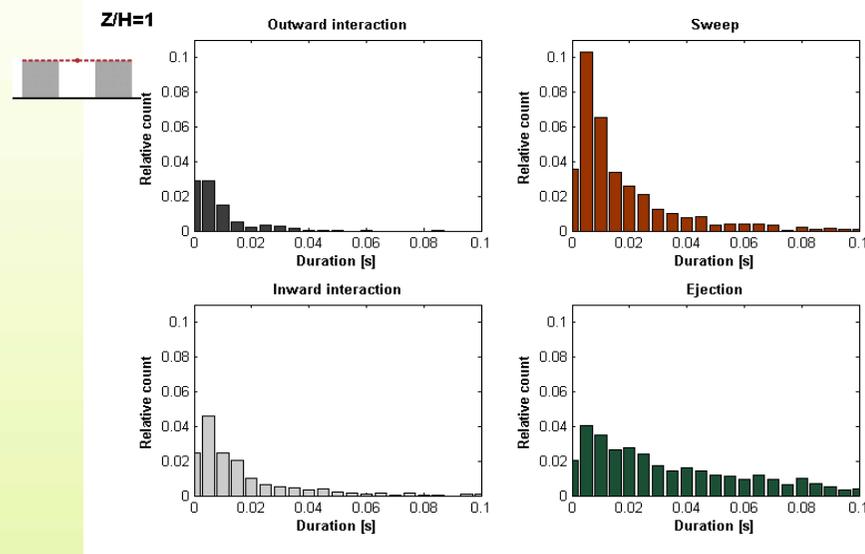


# Quadrant analysis

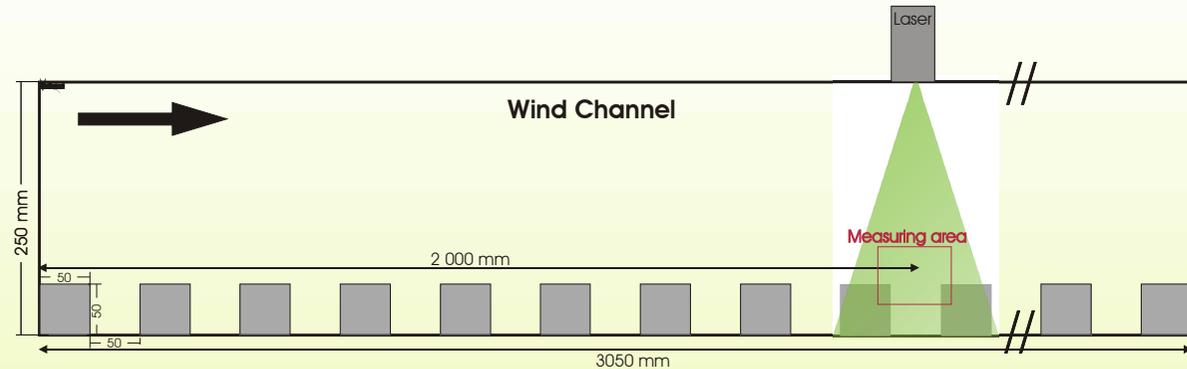


- Sweep/ejection dominates in urban canopy layer.
- Events in term of occurrence are in balance above.

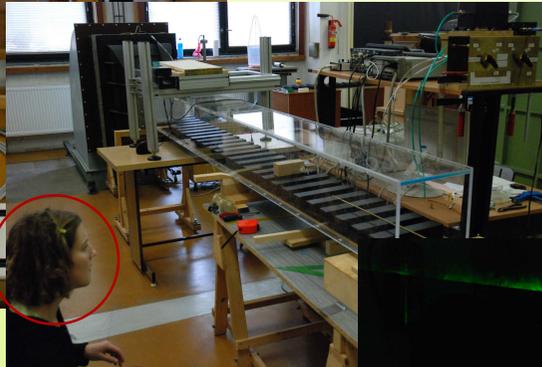
$$\Delta S = \text{Sweep} - \text{Ejection}$$



# Experimental set-up: Wind channel

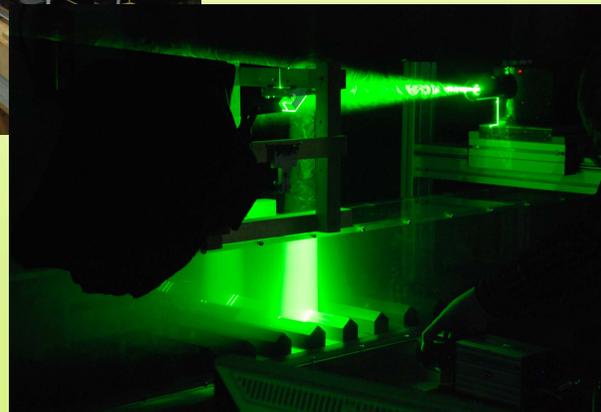


Measurement: 20 rows upstream, 10 downstream



Cross-section 0.25 m x 0.25 m  
Reference wind speed 5 m/s

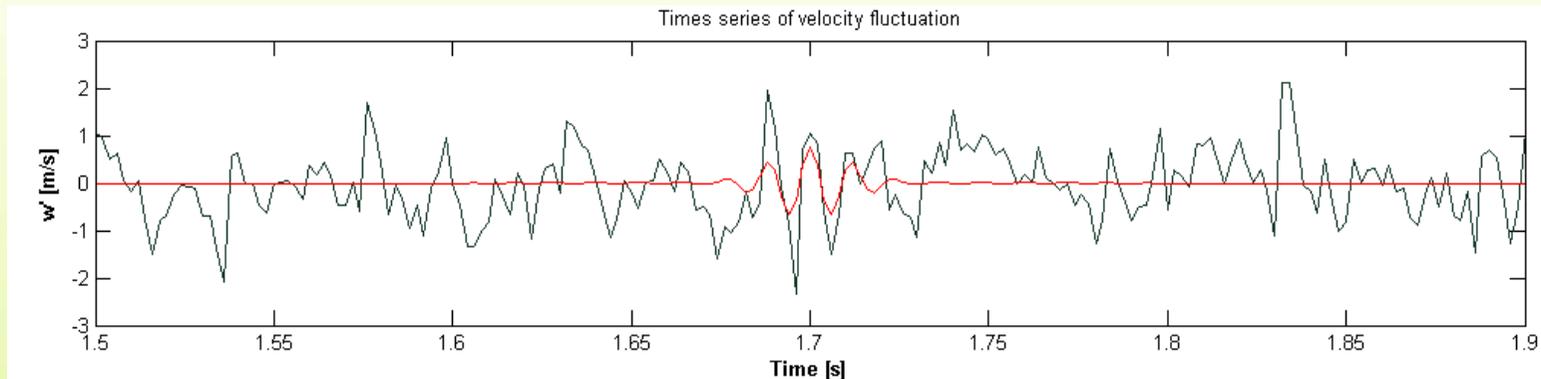
Reynolds number  $Re_{2H} = 40\,000$



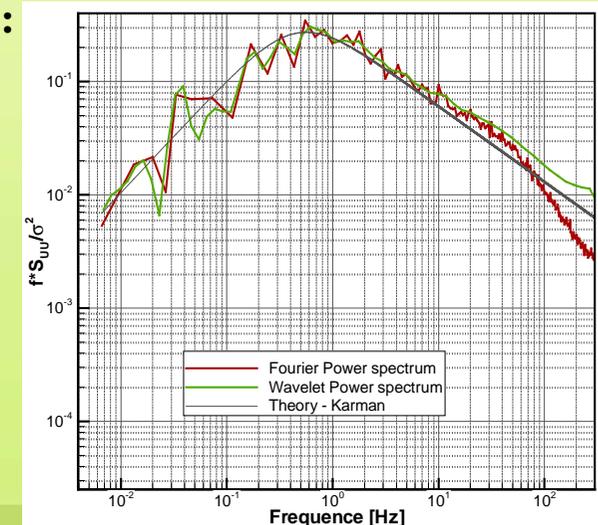
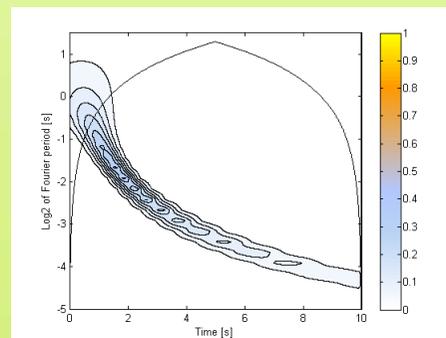
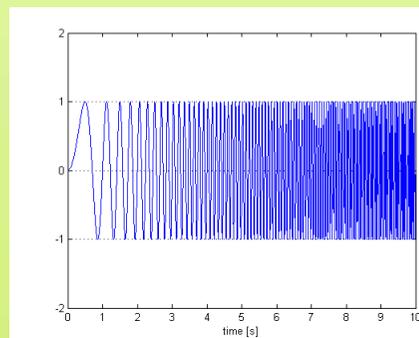
PIV Diode pumped Nd:YLF  
Repetition 500 -1000 Hz  
Camera resolution 1280 x 1024 pxs  
Interrogation area 32 x 32 pxs  
Overlapping 50% (80 x 64 vectors)  
Energy 10 mJ  
Area 100 x 100 mm  
Acquisition time 3.2 s

# Wavelet analysis

- Wavelet analysis can decomposed signal into the **frequencies** and detects the **time of their appearance**.
- Morlet function** is used as a mother wavelet ( $\omega_0=6$ ).



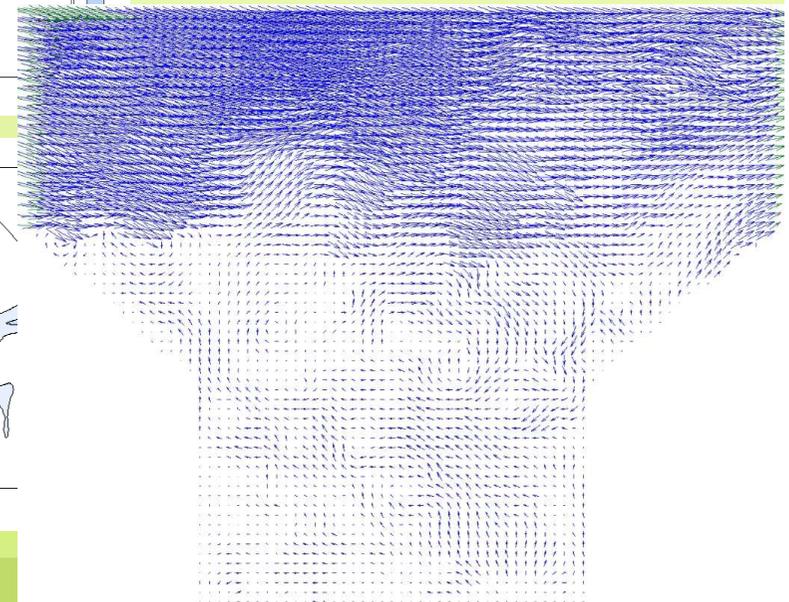
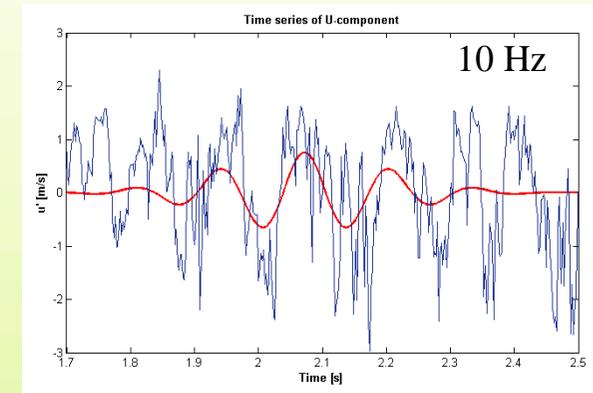
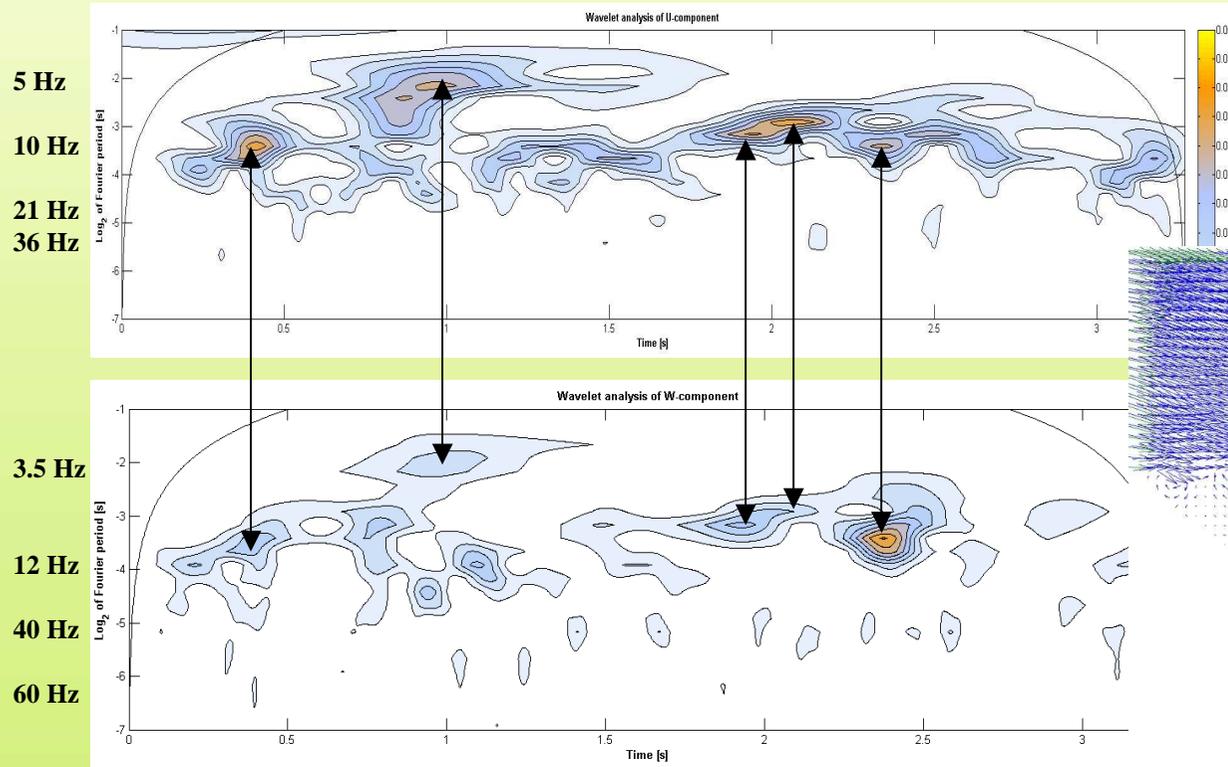
- Daughter wavelet is inferred via dilation  $s$  and translation in time  $t$  from mother.
- Computation is run in Fourier space using algorithm of Torrence & Compo (1997) and Ge (2007).
- Square of modulus of complex wavelet coefficient  $\Rightarrow$  **Power spectra:**



# Wavelet analysis

- High correlation between  $u'$  and  $w'$  fluctuation – large momentum flux.
- Flow produces mostly sweep or ejection event.
- Large areas indicate passing the sweep or ejection “waves” rather than vortex.

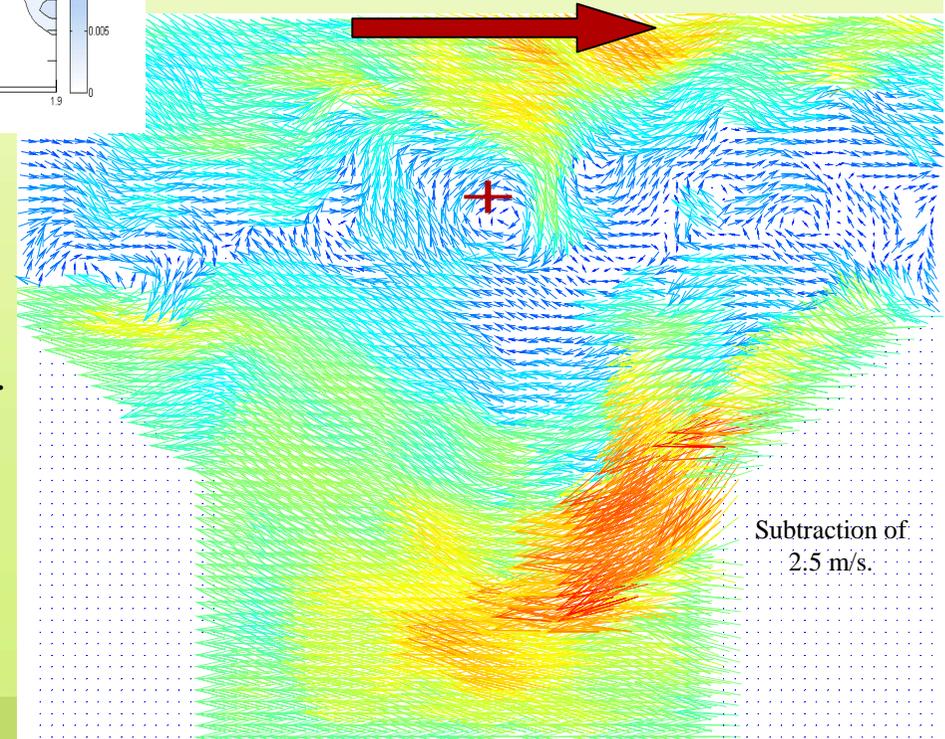
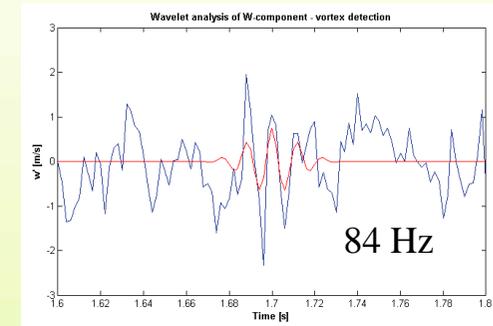
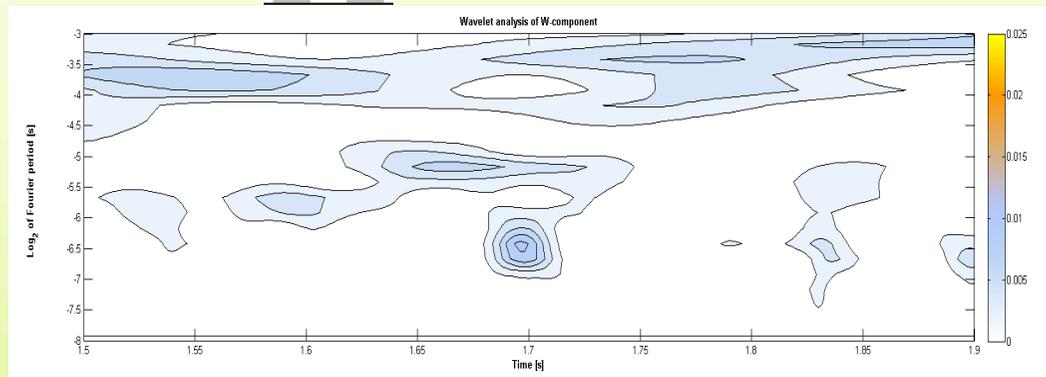
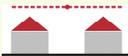
Pitched roof



# Wavelet analysis

- Subtraction of proper convective velocity reveals circular vortex core (Adrian, 2000).

Pitched roof

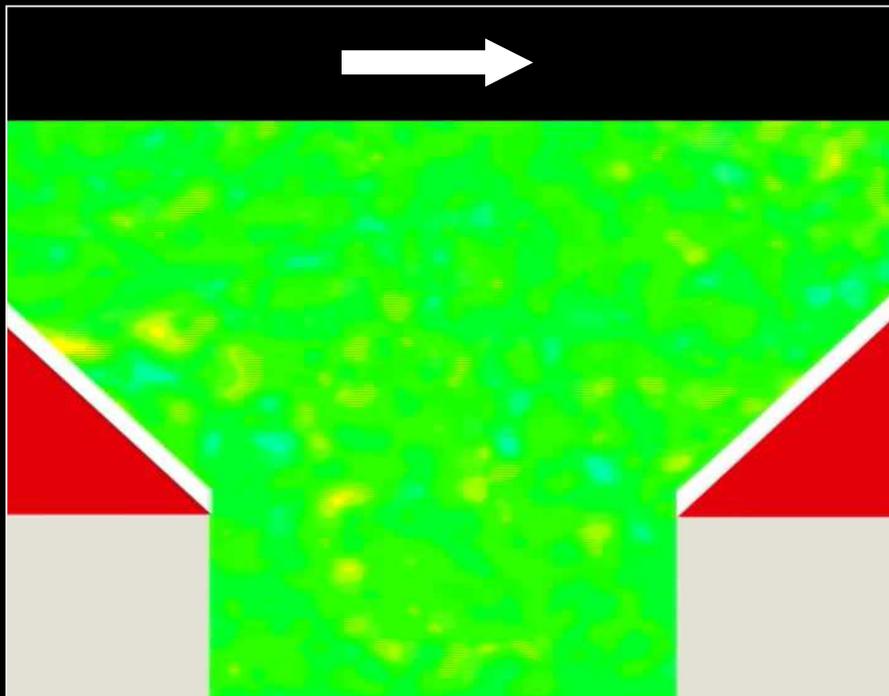


- Deviation of convective velocity from advective one.
 

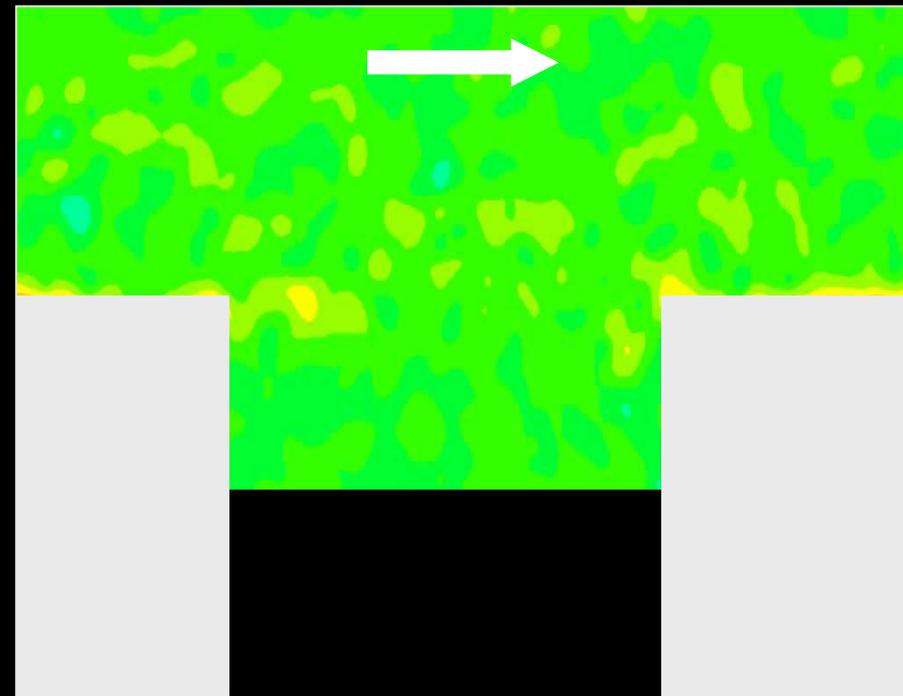
Advective velocity $\langle u \rangle = 3.4$ m/s	$\lambda \approx 40 \pm 2$ mm
Convective velocity $u_c = 2.5$ m/s	$\lambda \approx 29 \pm 2$ mm
PIV	$\lambda \approx 22 \pm 2$ mm

# Vorticity

- ✚ Vorticity is calculated using Stokes theorem.



500 Hz

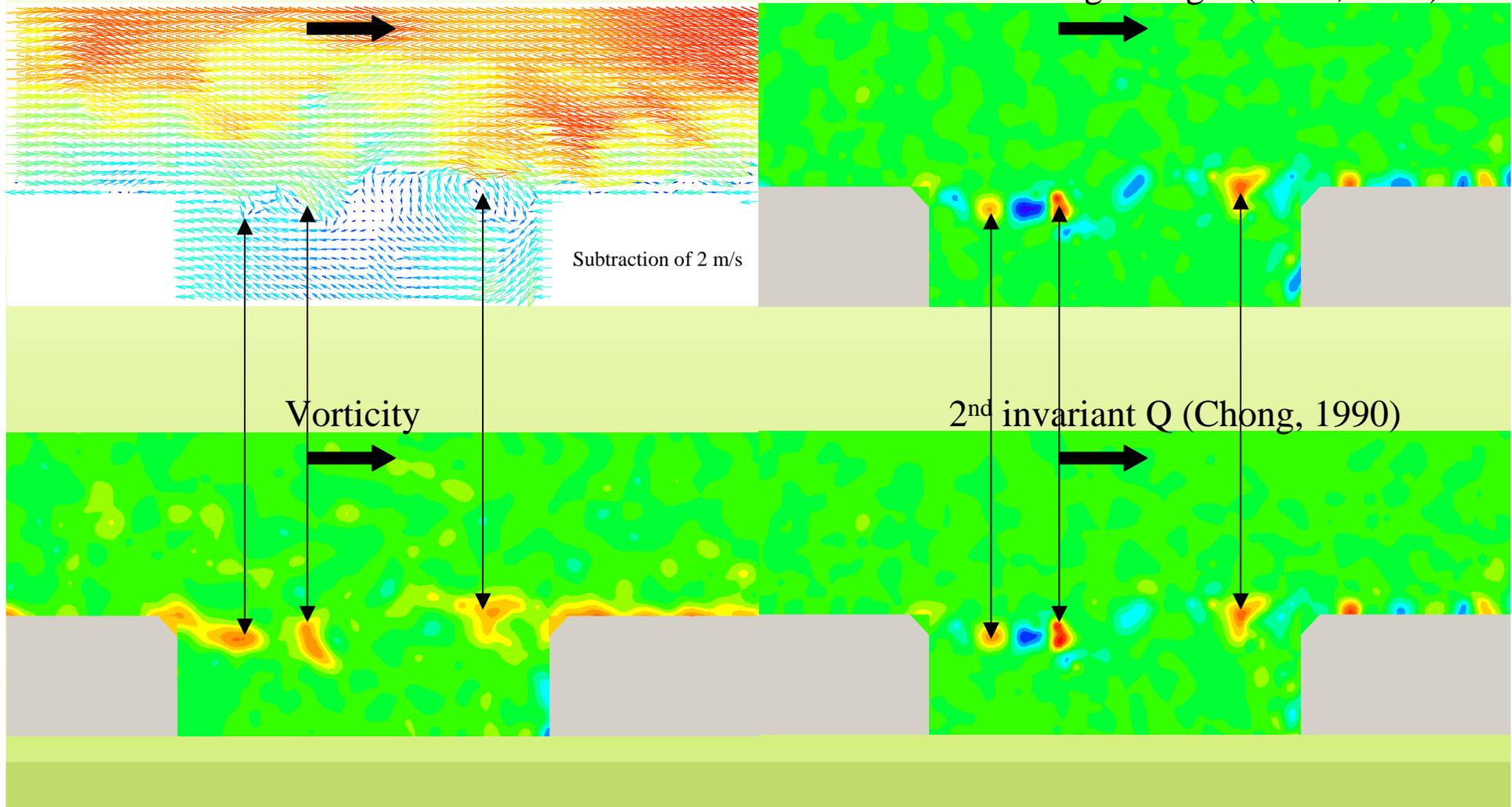


1000 Hz

# Vortex tracking

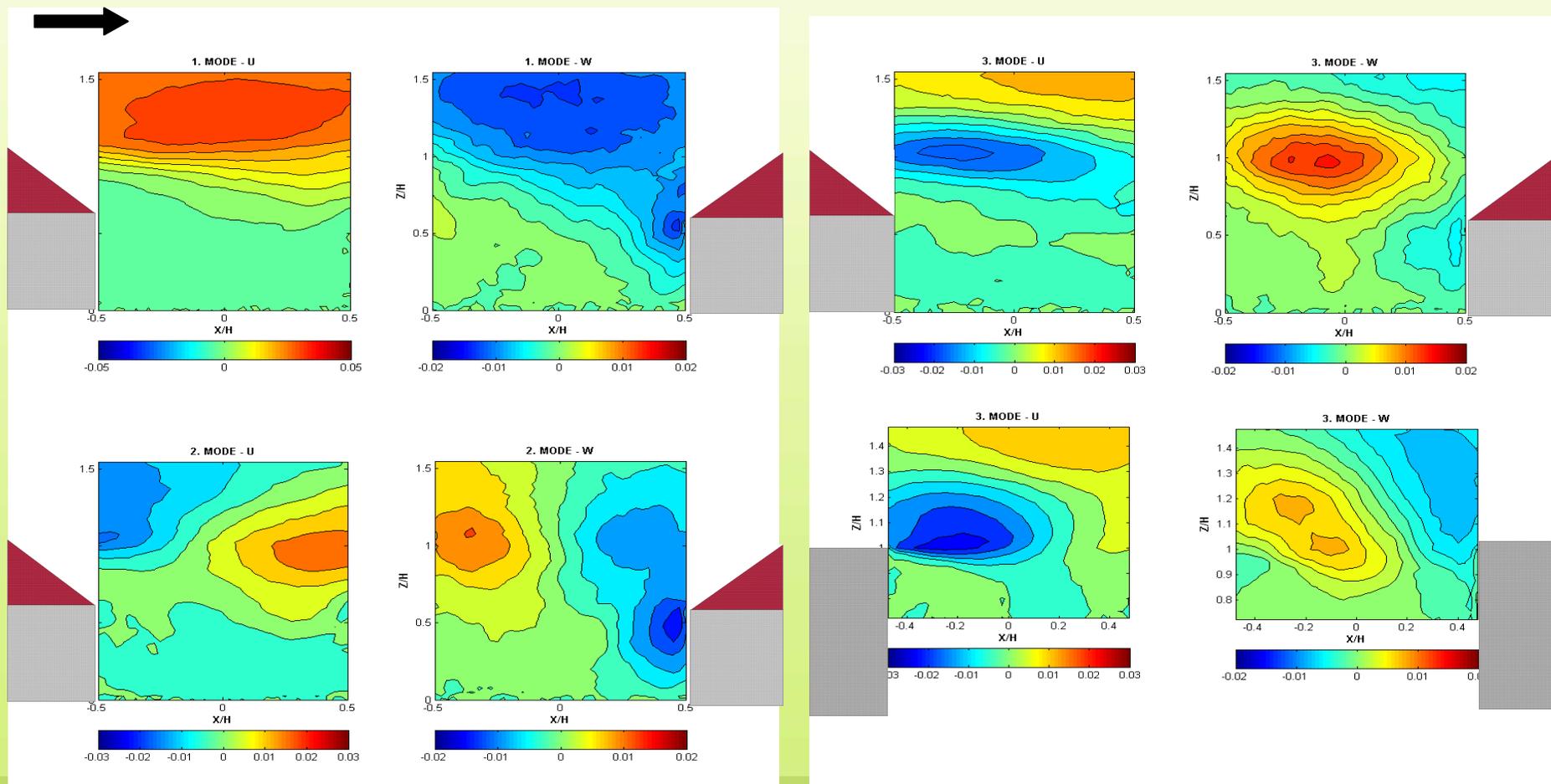
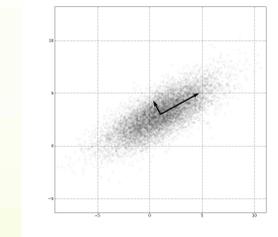
- Swirling strength and 2<sup>nd</sup> invariant  $Q$  is compared to the vorticity and vector field.

Swirling strength (Zhou, 1996)



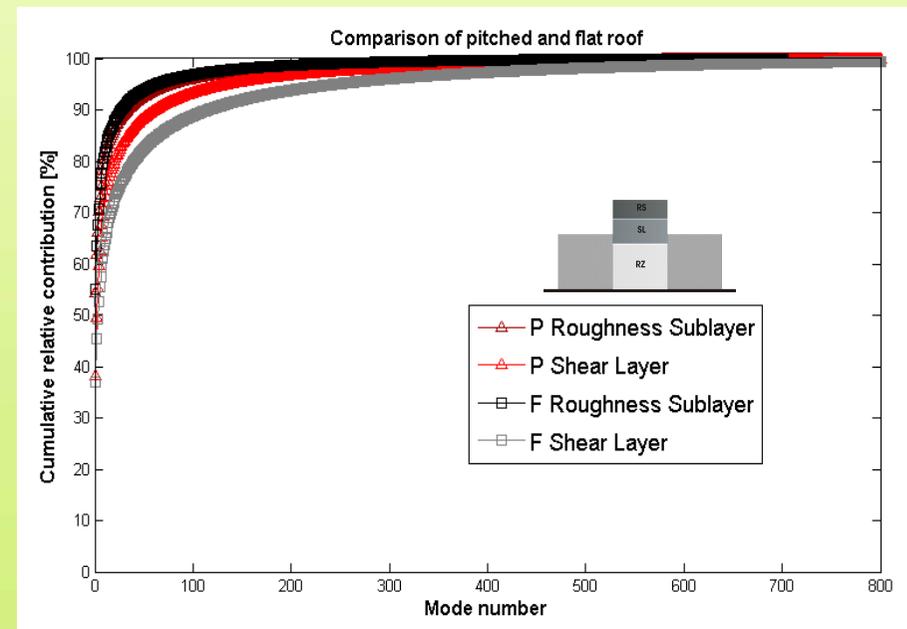
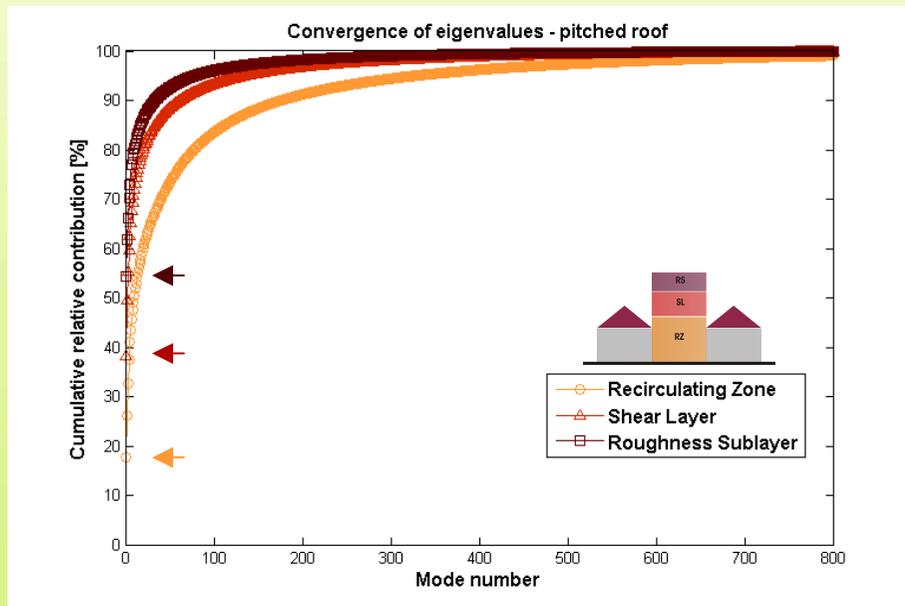
# POD modes

- POD (Lumley, 1967) re-expresses data set into new orthogonal basis.
- Snapshot POD (Sirovich, 1987) was applied on 2-D velocity data ( $N=1634$  and  $3270$ ).
- Dominant modes of flow in street canyon:



# POD convergence

- Analysis of velocity data yields relative contribution to TKE for each mode.
- Fast convergence of cumulative contributions witnesses about more organised structure of flow.
- Recirculation Zone (RZ) captures generally less turbulent kinetic energy.
- SL and RS involve larger TKE contribution and more coherency.



Pitched roof Percentage of modes	Accumulative relative contribution [%]		
	RZ	SL	RS
1%	56	77	84
10%	89	96	98

# Conclusion

- Flat and triangle roof generate turbulent flow of different category.
- Flat roof produces smoother flow, less turbulent with conveniently localized intermittent propagation of fresh air into canyon on windward side.
- Recirculation zone is more stable and ventilation is more effective.
  
- Pitched roof induces violent, disturbed flow with intensive vortex penetration into the cave.
- Perturbations affect recirculation zone and damage the natural ventilation.
  
- Shear layer contains more coherency than recirculation zone.
- Flat roof induces less coherent flow than pitched roof.



Thank you for your attention

