

Investigation of inner and outer flow field characteristics of pyramidal roof rectangular base building due to synopsis wind flow through it by changing the vertical location of the asymmetric opening.

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Abstract: Understanding the flow field developed in the proximity of a building due to the synoptic wind flow over it is an essential step in building design. The wind environment around buildings plays a pivotal role not only from the point of view of structural integrity but also impacts the ventilation performance, pedestrian comfort, and dispersion of pollutants. With the rise of the green building idea in response to sustainable living, modern buildings now have a variety of apertures, including windows, doors, and ventilators. These holes affect the flow field by altering the flow characteristics within and outside the structure. The current study aims to enhance knowledge of the flow fields around the structures with openings, both inside and externally. This study aims to examine the wind flow over structures with Pyramidal roofs rectangular base building that have openings exposed to synoptic wind. Using the Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) approach, internal flow within the buildings is also examined for optimal ventilation. Numerical simulations are conducted using ANSYS-FLUENT, a commercially available CFD program. The stable Reynolds Averaged Navier Stokes (RANS) equations are solved by numerical simulations. The impact of relative vertical locations of the openings on the flow field is investigated in our case. Relative vertical locations of apertures on building facades have a great impact on the flow field inside and outside the building. When the leeward opening is near the ground surface of the building façade and the windward opening is above the mid-height, the airflow rate increases noticeably. The study offers information on the flow environment inside and outside of Pyramidal roof rectangular base building with openings, which aids in estimating the wind load for the building's structural design and for creating an efficient method of natural ventilation.

Keywords: Synoptic wind, Pyramidal roof, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), RANS, Ventilation, Green Building.

1. Introduction:

Wind is movement of air because of the difference of air pressure. Within our atmosphere. Wind can be used for producing electricity on the other hand it can create destruction with events like storm, cyclone etc. The structures such as building which comes in its way is loaded by wind. This building with proper design can resist the effect of wind destruction by saving property and life. Wind nature is generally turbulent and its turbulence gets more complex when it strikes with structures like building. Therefore, it becomes more

complex to forecast the flow nature that the wind creates around these objects. One of the most important elements of an urban and rural setting is buildings which is increasing day by day with increase in population. The flow field around the building is very complex due to the phenomenon like flow separation, reattachment, formation of vortices. When wind strikes a building, it applied wind pressure to building wall and roof which cause aerodynamic load to be imposed on the building structure. For a safe structure of building the wind induced load must be accurately estimated. The pressure and velocity distribution surrounding the building serves as the basic for the wind load calculation. Therefore, it is important to understand the pressure and velocity field that surrounds the building. Wind enters a building through openings and exit from other opening because of pressure difference this phenomenon is known as ventilation effect. Hence pressure distribution in a building plays an important role in case of effective natural ventilation. In order to preserve a healthy interior environment, the pollutants produced as a result of indoor contaminants, vehicle exhaust and other external contaminants should be removed from the structures. It's simpler to drive out impurities if we understand the flow field both inside and outside. The horseshoe vortex that formed close to the building's base and the corner streams might make walking difficult for people. As a result, knowledge of the velocity field close to the building is essential. From the above discussion it is demonstrated that the issue of wind flow over the building has attracted scholars for decades because of its complexity and wide range of practical applications. In buildings, natural and mechanical ventilation are the two main types of ventilation systems. One of the causes of greenhouse gasses is mechanical ventilation systems, which run on mechanical power furthermore, it has been observed that the improper design and inadequate maintenance of mechanical ventilation systems are the root causes of some health-related problems, including sick building syndrome (SBS) [45]. On the other hand, natural ventilation requires no electricity. The pressure gradient produced by the wind is what causes the air to flow through the building's occupied space. Therefore, natural ventilation is both economical and eco-friendly and an efficient ventilation system to maintain thermal comfort and a healthy indoor environment. Natural ventilation is achieved by openings on various building faces. Since they have an impact on both the inner and exterior flow fields, openings are one of the most important aspects of the building's geometry. For natural ventilation, openings are essential in building. The interior and exterior flow fields are changed by the openings in the building façade. Variations in the flow field impact both the ventilation process and the wind load exerted on the building's surface. In order to improve natural ventilation and create a stable structure, a thorough analysis of the interior and exterior flow fields generated by wind in a building is required. Therefore, natural ventilation system has emerged as an appealing option for designers to investigate with the rise of the idea of green buildings. The author's motivation for doing this work is the immense practical significance associated with the problem of wind flow over buildings with openings. Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is a branch of fluid mechanics that uses numerical analysis to solve the problems related to fluid flow. CFD is becoming more popular because of its ability to analyse and visualise the flow numerically around structures with complex geometries. Therefore, it is widely used in wind engineering. Moreover, it is cost effective and less time consuming when compared to the full-scale measurement method and wind tunnel testing methods. Full scale measurement method and wind tunnel testing methods are complicated, time consuming and very costly when compared to numerical analysis but these processes cannot be ignored because it is essential to validate the CFD code by full scale measurement or wind tunnel testing to ensure that the outcome of the CFD simulation are acceptable. Numerous factors affect the wind-induced flow fields both inside and outside of a structure that has openings. Distributions of pressure and velocity within and outside the structure are influenced by opening sizes, building geometry, wind directions, and opening positions. It is possible to precisely estimate the loads operating on the structure and improve structural

integrity by having a greater understanding of the properties of the flow field. Moreover, it facilitates the design and building of a natural ventilation system with optimal efficiency. In this thesis, a numerical method is used to investigate the effect of the factors indicated above on flow fields. The CFD program ANSYS-FLUENT Version 2020 R1 is utilized to perform the numerical simulations. The $k-\Omega$ turbulence model of Shear Stress Transport (SST) has been used to solve the stable Reynolds Averaged Navier Stokes (RANS) equation.

2. Literature Review:

Through the 1970s, it was noted shortage of fossil fuel, which was a global issue and decreasing the energy consumption rate came across as one measure. Thus, it is natural that under such conditions achieving a thermally comfortable and healthy indoor environment with no energy input would be alternate. This mandated significant investigations into the phenomena of natural ventilation.

An overview of the various literature works on wind flows past buildings with openings is provided in this section. The majority of research on wind flow around structures with openings focuses on natural ventilation.

If a turbulent impinging jet hit an enclosure with a single opening, a complicated mechanism of interplay between various effects causes the air to exchange across the aperture due to varying exterior air velocity. After conducting an experimental investigation, Cockroft and Robertson (1976) [1] developed a basic model that made it possible to link ventilation to external air flow. Up until that point, it was impossible to estimate air flow, infiltration, and natural ventilation in structures with any degree of accuracy. This investigation clearly showed how much airflow was ventilated by turbulent wind. Since the process is more intricate, more theoretical and experimental research was recommended.

Chu et al. (2015)[2] have investigated experimentally the Natural Ventilation on One Side of a Building Having Two Openings on the Same Wall Using the tracer gas approach, the effects of wind speed, wind direction, and opening living area on the air exchange rate. The air exchange rate was higher with two openings than with a single opening, according to the results. Additionally, greater exchange rates were attained for wind directions between 22.5 and 67.5 degrees, and a phenomenon known as shear ventilation was noted when the angle between the opening orientation and the direction of the incident air was zero degrees or parallel, in this case a very little amount of impact on the ventilation is seen due to location of the opening. One of the factors examined in this paper was the impact of internal partitions on ventilation, which was also looked into. As a result of the internal split, the exchange rate of wind decreased. In the event that a building has internal partitions is unaffected by wind speed and opening area. When a semi-empirical model was compared to experimental data, a small amount of inaccuracy was observed. The model used the time average pressure drop and pressure fluctuation to predict the exchange rate.

The single-sided natural ventilation studies are highly challenging due to number of internal and external factors interrelated with it. There was no appropriate tool to predict air flow rate through a single opening in buildings. Characterizing single-sided natural ventilation experimentally, Dascalaki et-al (1996)[3] compared with the flow network model existing at that time. In Passys Test Cell in Athens, Greece full scale experiments was conducted. The airflow rate through the opening was measured using the tracer gas technique. Wind speed of the wind was actually measured using laboratory hot wire anemometers and commercial sensors. Additionally, PASSPORT-AIR, a computational tool for network modelling based on Bernoulli's Theorem, was used to compare the experimental result. Difference in Air Velocity Between Measured and Predicted Network flow models are unable to account for the effects of turbulence near or around the entrance. The vertical

profile of the wind velocity at the opening changes from its entrance depending on its horizontal position which indicates more measurement need to be carried out. As a result, extra parameters along the opening's width are required. A new coefficient, k , has been proposed, which is defined as the ratio of air flow rate based on the vertical profile of the wind velocity in the middle of the opening to the actual air velocity calculated by the tracer gas experimental results. It is seen that the coefficient k is inversely proportional to the temperature difference. The complete effect of wind speed in this work could not be determined, since the flow direction was parallel or behind the opening. Still, this research gives a better indication in the process of single-side natural ventilation.

Eftekhari (1995) [4] conducted research on the effects of external wind speed and direction on thermal comfort and air flow patterns in a naturally ventilated office building. Three windows on one side of the climatic chamber served as the site of the experiments. Temperatures and air velocity in the environmental chamber were recorded during the single-sided ventilation. The comfort analysis inside the environmental chamber was done by parameters PPD (Predicted Percentage of Dissatisfaction) and PMV (Predicted Mean Vote) averages. In conclusion The study's outcomes have emphasized how important it is to take window heights and solar shading effects into account when designing natural ventilation for thermal comfort. The indoor air velocity, PPD and PMV values were influenced by the outside wind velocity..

A door or window failure in the face of high winds can produce extremely large internal pressures. for application of quasi-steady theory to determine peak external and peak internal pressures on sealed buildings and with opening Ginger & Letchford, (1999)[5] has conducted multiple experiments at Wind Engineering Research Field Laboratory (WERFL) at Texas Tech University. The results of these tests demonstrated that an opening in a likely windward wall dominant decreased positive loads on the windward wall and higher negative loads on roof, sidewalls, and leeward wall compared to a nominally sealed building; The peak net pressures on some parts (i.e. the roof windward edge) of the building with a dominant windward wall opening were smaller than the measured values. The net peak suction pressure at the roof windward edge region which experiences large suction pressures was 93% of the peak external-peak internal value, which indicates that the large positive internal pressures and the large suction roof windward edge pressures were well correlated.

Guha et al (2011)[6] investigated various factors such as effect of opening size, effect of background leakage that impact the internal pressure fluctuation due to dominant single sided openings in a low rise building. Guha et al (2012)[7] has done a theoretical and wind tunnel research and compared with the most crucial single opening scenario to examine the interior pressure dynamics of a building with several opening on a single wall and highly correlated exterior pressures. The findings show that when the ratio of opening sizes increases, internal pressure fluctuations in these configurations also increase and eventually approach the value of the most critical single opening configuration when the total area of the two openings doubles the critical single opening size. Both mean flow component and fluctuating flow component [8] play a important role in investigating ventilation flow. Most studies considered only mean pressure distribution and mean velocity to examine natural ventilation only few studies [9,10,11] have considered fluctuating components of flow parameters for investigating natural ventilation cases

Turbulence is the major consideration in case of single-sided wind-driven natural ventilation, hence it makes it extremely difficult to predict this type of flow. The use of

Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) offers another way to study the flow at a specific point inside and in proximity to building. Jiang et al (2003)[12] has examined three different cases of air flow in and outside a building using LES (Large Eddy Simulation) SS model. In their work, a opening is first situated at the windward wall then in leeward and on both leeward and windward wall for studying cross-ventilation flow of air. The output of numerical simulation is in a good agreement with the results from wind tunnel experiment. They found that LES is a suitable technique for mathematically determining the single-sided ventilation flow.

Kato et al(2006)[13] used a indirect technique to increase the air flow rate through a single sided opening because air flow rate from single sided opening is much lower than a two sided opening. He carried wind tunnel experiments and exchange of air was measured using a constant injection tracer gas technique. Some vanes were attached to the openings whose vertical axis were aligned with the centre of windows to increase the air flow rate. In some cases for weaker natural flow circulation was induced by rotating the vanes at 2rev/sec. the overall result shows that attachment of vanes in a single sided opening increases the ventilation efficiency.

In the case of both single-sided and cross ventilation phenomena, the velocity of airflow through the aperture was typically estimated using the orifice equation, which was based on Bernoulli's theorem. The major gap in these calculations was taking coefficient of discharge (C_d) as constant which was questioned by Heiselberg et al. (2001)[14]. After carrying out a number of tests, they discovered that coefficient of discharge varies depending on the kind of window and the opening area.

Larsen and Heiselberg [23] found that all previous methods used to estimate the ventilation rate in single-sided natural ventilation had completely neglected the effect of the wind incidence angle. Meanwhile, wind angle of incidence has a significant effect on the two major driving forces of natural ventilation, ie temperature difference and wind pressure. Therefore, they suggested a novel design expression for determining the ventilation rate as a function of wind incidence angle based on the series of wind tunnel studies.

Karava et al (2005)[24] had done multiple experiments in Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel on a building with openings on different walls (cross ventilation) to investigated how opening area and inlet to outlet ratio impacts the internal pressure coefficients and discharge coefficients of a building having facades of cross ventilation. They find that in buildings with unequal inlet and outlet opening, pressure coefficient varies considerably. They also finds that inlet discharge coefficient changes with the opening area and inlet to outlet ratio. Moreover, they had not considered impermeable models (models without leakage) and considered background leakage of 0.5% in their model. Thus, their study result has a limitation of use.

CFD was used as an excellent tool against experimental work because of its accuracy by Meroney(2009)[25], cross ventilation's code fluent was used for Numerical simulation to replicate the result obtained from boundary layer wind tunnel tests which was done by Karava (2008)[26]. He tested his work in RANS based turbulence models viz. Standard $k-\epsilon$, Realizable $k-\epsilon$, RNG $k-\epsilon$, $k-\omega$, and RMS model in addition to Direct eddy simulation (DES) and LES turbulence models. The turbulence models he had considered can predict the flow characteristics with satisfactory accuracy however slight variations were seen in case of the above models. Although the various turbulence models have an impact on the exterior flow, the interior flow has shown very little variance. This work convinced and restore the Researcher belief to use CFD as a tool for natural ventilation analysis for future work.

Karava et al. (2011)[27] find a relationship between internal airflow patterns with the design and placement of openings on the cross-ventilation building. They conducted an advance experimental test based on particle image velocimetry (PIV) at the wind tunnel. In their study they find that internal pressure distribution and induced airflow rate is notably

impacted by the internal airflow patterns moreover relative inlet outlet position and inlet-outlet ratio are important parameters including porosity of wall for the assessments of airflow in the cubic type buildings.

In order to study the wind-induced cross-ventilation in a building, Katayama et al. (1992)[28] conducted both wind tunnel tests and full scale measurements. Afterwards, Iino et al. (1998)[29] examined the air flow characteristics in five distinct building models as a result of air-driven cross-ventilation using both numerical simulations and wind tunnel measurements. Ohba et al. (2001)[30] and True (2003)[31] also examined the interior and external flow parameters in a cross-ventilated building.

Large eddy simulation (LES) model was used by Chu and Chiang (2014)[32] to investigate how flow rate of building is influenced by building length in cross ventilation. They first validate their simulation result with wind tunnel experiments and then create a model that is predictive to estimate the resistance factor and ventilation rate in long structures. Their Studies result had demonstrated that aspect ratio L/H has a greater influence of pressure on leeward side than windward side and that the rate of ventilation of short buildings would be higher compared to the case of long buildings because of internal resistance for the same pressure difference. In this study internal resistance was taken in to account which was ignored by the traditional ventilation models which causes the ventilation rate to be exaggerated in traditional ventilation models. This study also demonstrated how the ventilation mechanism is impacted by the opening location. According to the result of above study building with opening on the opposite corners of the windward and leeward side had 15.5% lower rate of ventilation than building with opening in the centreline.

The effectiveness of steady RANS and LES turbulence models in determining the cross-ventilation flow in a enclosure was assessed by van Hooff et al. (2017)[33]. They used five distinct turbulence models in RANS simulations namely 1) Reynolds Stress Model (RSM), 2) Standard k-epsilon model 3) RNG k-epsilon model 4) RLZ k-epsilon model and 5) SST k-omega model and dynamic Smagorinsky subgrid-scale (SS) model in LES . The mean velocity, turbulent kinetic energy, ventilation flow rate, incoming jet angle, and incoming jet spreading width are the parameters that have been chosen for assessment. They experimentally observed jet's direction correlates with the SST k-omega, RNG k-epsilon, and RSM models. They underscore the drawback of stable RANS models which cannot catch the higher value of turbulent kinetic energy and only lower values of turbulent kinetic energy were seen above and below the jet which shows the inability of RANS models' to accurately replicate turbulent kinetic energy. Their findings explains why the steady RANS models are unable to describe the jet's vertical flapping. Their results shows that LES reproduces the flow's transient behavior more accurately than RANS models, it can more accurately estimate the flow's parameters such as velocity, turbulent kinetic energy, and volume flow rate. They stated that the target parameter (no of grids, turbulent kinetic emery) should be taken into consideration while choosing the turbulence model. They also pointed out that LES needs a higher grid resolution, which considerably raises the computing cost.

Manolesas et al (2018)[34] experimentally explored the wind flow parameters around a cubic building which has verical opening on opposite facades and compared the flow parameters with an identical building model. Two distinct upstream conditions 1) High Shear, 2) Low Shear were taken into consideration in order to examine the impact of upstream boundary layer conditions. They found that estimated pressure of the surface model matches the results of the benchmark measurement. In their investigation they found that both the pressure field and velocity in the area around the building are significantly impacted by both the upstream boundary conditions and ventilation rate. The rate of ventilation calculated from the velocity profile near the openings and the rate of ventilation calculated from the orifice

equation were also compared and they found that in orifice equation both rate of ventilation and the impact of upstream boundary conditions get overstates (larger).

Zhang et al (2020)[35] conducted, a comprehensive comparison of cross-ventilation and single-sided ventilation within a cubic structure with a large number of wind incident angles. The effectiveness of the RANS and LES models in predicting natural ventilation was also assessed in the current study. Although LES model is better than RANS models in terms of performance, but it is not cost effective. The tracer-gas decay method and the integration of the opening velocities approach were the two techniques used to estimate the ventilation rates. They observed that more accurate results are produced when the LES model is paired with the tracer-gas decay method.

While a lot of research has been done on cross-ventilation, isolated structures have received the majority of attention. Research on cross-ventilation in densely populated urban buildings was lacking. Square and staggered building arrangements were the two types of building arrangements that Chiyoko et al. (2022)[36] examined. Tong et al. (2016)[37] and Bady et al. (2011)[38] made an effort to deal with this problem. Shirzadi et al. (2019)[39] and Shirzadi et al. (2020)[40] subsequently examined the cross-ventilation flow across a building in a densely populated metropolitan area. They investigated the cross-ventilation of the target building which was affected by different wind directions and metropolitan environments ranging from moderately to densely populated. The findings showed that the channelling effect created by the nearby buildings has a notable influence on the airflow pattern both within and outside the target building. Cross ventilation becomes sporadic (changes frequently) in character in highly dense environment.

Zhang et al. (2022)[52] investigated the impact of various external and internal opening configurations on cross-ventilation in a generic building using computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations. The effectiveness of ventilation rate for two opening configuration in a cross ventilation increases according to their simulation results. According to their study for windows of equal size rate of ventilation of two opening configuration is twice that of single opening configuration. According to their study, ventilation rates are always reduced by internal walls and a linear reduction is seen with the internal blockage ratio.

Kobayashi et al. (2022)[53] uses LES model to investigate wind induced natural building in an isolated building. Their study aims to differentiate between two approaches used to estimate the ventilation rate: 1) Bulk airflow rate (AFR) and 2) Purging rate (PFR), also known as purge flow rate and finds that ventilation effectiveness is the ratio of PFR:AFR. According to reports, the ventilation effectiveness values are 70–80% for the double-sided apertures, 60%, for single-sided openings on the lateral side and 90%, for windward and leeward sides. The study also recommended that two important phenomena, pulsing flow and eddy penetration, must be considered for the estimate of AFR.

Díaz-Calderón et al.(2023)[54] investigated cross-ventilation in an isolated building with symmetric opening positions using CFD models. To examine the impact of opening placements, openings are positioned at the top, middle, and bottom of the building's facades On inlet and outlet surface respectively. By changing the aperture height, the impact of wall porosity was also investigated. The study discovered that the most effective ventilation performance is achieved by designs with middle and bottom openings with 0.2 wall porosity. The limitation in their study is that they have used simple cubic building with flat roof but building roof shape is a important factor in calculating natural ventilation flow rate as it affects the surrounding flow field [25][55]. Therefore several other researcher had considered roof shape such as curved roof, gable roof pyramid roof to investigated natural ventilation phenomenon.

Gable roof designs are the most typical for low-rise buildings. In light of this, numerous researchers have looked into natural ventilation in gable roof structures [56, 57]. The effect of internal pressure on crossventilation was examined by Karava et al. (2006)[58]. They study at a gable roof building model with openings on the side and windward walls. They finds that internal pressure is influenced by wall porosity and the ratio of inlet to outflow, which in turn impacts the indoor airflow pattern.

Yi et al. (2018) [59] investigated the airflow characteristics within a naturally ventilated dairy fire using wind tunnel tests utilizing a scaled model. This work's main goal is to determine how the size and positions of sidewall openings affect the interior ventilation field in an animal-occupied zone (AOZ). 2D Laser Doppler Anemometers (LDA) were used to measure the velocity within and outside the building model. When the opening ratio was less than 62.71 percent and the apertures were placed below the eaves, the indoor flow field is characterized by an "up jet" flow. When sidewalls were absent, air moved through the AOZ without interacting with the surrounding atmosphere. The researchers also discovered that there is a far more complex relationship between the opening size and the turbulence intensity Where there are high-side walls in the AOZ, homogenous air speed distributions are seen. On the other hand, when there was no sidewall at the bottom of the AOZ, airflow heterogeneity became visible. A number of further studies [60], [61], [62], [63], [64], and [65] also looked into cross-ventilation in gable roof structures with roof and side wall apertures.

The wind-induced flow field surrounding an isolated gable-roof house with and without openings was studied by Xing et al. (2018a) [66]. The impact of opening position and wind direction on the pressure distribution surrounding the building was examined using numerical models. The findings of the numerical computation are compared with the measurements made in the wind tunnel. Four distinct building configurations were examined for the pressure distribution namely 1) Enclosed, 2) One windward opening, 3) One windward opening and One side wall opening and 4) One windward and two side wall openings. The combined action of both external and internal pressure causes the roof to experience a higher net pressure with the opening on the windward wall. This observation is consistent with research work of Sharma and Richards.(2005) [67]. This net pressure reduces significantly when there is opening on the side walls. They also observed that suction appears on the upwind roof corner near the windward walls when wind incidence angle become oblique. They find that as the wind incidence angle increases, the internal pressure coefficient falls.

The act of opening windows and doors to increase natural ventilation is known as "airing." To remove contaminated air indoors, airing out is crucial. The majority of earlier research focused mostly on ventilation through windows. However, ventilation through doors is essential in huge structures like churches and museums. Thus, in a structure with a gable roof, Kobayashi et al. (2010) [68] researched into cross ventilation through doors. CFD simulations and wind tunnel tests were both carried out by them. The sand erosion approach was used to visualize the interior flow. The study additionally explored at the impact of different opening sizes. After that, Hayati et al. (2018)[69] used a wind tunnel to conduct an experimental study on airing generated by wind flow through door openings. For the study, an extended building model with entrances in the center of the long side of the building was taken in to consideration and both single and cross ventilation flow was examined. The tracer gas approach was used to evaluate the air change rate. Airing rate is increased by 4 to 20 times in cross flow airing when compared to single opening airing. Additionally, when doors are positioned at the windward wall airing is 53% higher when compared to the doors present in leeward wall in the case of single-opening airing. Additionally, study on the airing rate of a draught lobby (extended entrance space function like wind lock) was investigated and found that airing rate is reduced by 27% and turbulence level increased by 38%.

Esfeh et al. (2021)[70] investigated natural ventilation in an isolated room model with a semi-circular roof using both experimental and numerical methods. For the current study, a scale model of a single cubic structure with a semi-cylindrical roof and two openings viz 1) One at the roof and 2) One at the windward surface is taken into consideration. To determine the discharge coefficient of the building opening pressure and velocity field inside the building were measured. The findings showed that a curved roof structure's ability of natural ventilation is highly dependent on the direction of the wind. further curved roof height is an important factor for increase recirculation flow with in the building. The results show that the direction of the wind has a significant impact on a curved roof structure's capacity for natural ventilation.

The wind-driven cross-ventilation flow in a typical isolated low-rise building with a sawtooth roof was examined by Perén et al. (2015)[71]. The coupled approach of CFD simulation was used in the computational domain using the coupled approach They examined how the flow characteristics were affected by the angle of the roof's inclination and the outlet opening's vertical location. The findings showed that the volume flow rate and indoor air flow pattern are significantly impacted by the roof inclination angle.

The ventilation performance of buildings with single-span and double-span sawtooth roofs was examined by Perén et al. (2016)[72]. They tested different structure of roof configurations, including concave, convex, and straight roofs. Additionally, the effect of the ratio of input to output opening was examined. The ratio of the inlet opening area to the sum of total outlet opening areas was defined as the opening ratio. Using the SST k- ω turbulence model, the 3D stable RANS equations were solved. From the CFD simulation results, it was shown that the convex kind of roof layout had the largest volume flow rate for both single- and double-span leeward sawtooth roofs. Furthermore, it was shown that double-span roofs performed better for straight and concave roof geometries than for single-span roofs. Regardless of roof geometries, the volume flow rate rises noticeably with an opening ratio of less than 1. The limitation in this work is that this study was carried out for one incidence angle normal to the opening.

Singh and Roy (2019)[73] have numerically investigated the Pressure distribution on the Pyramidal roof building of Pentagonal and Hexagonal Plan- low-rise building using CFD. A Reliazable K- ϵ model was used for numerical simulation. Five models of Pentagonal base and five models of hexagonal base Pyramidal building with roof Roof angle of 20°, 25°, 30°, 35° & 40° were tested by them with wind direction 0°, 15°, 30° & 45°. In their study they found that as the roof slope increases, negative pressure coefficient or suction increases while roof slop does not effect much the positive pressure coefficient of both type of buildings. For all roof slopes, the area closest to the ridge line between the windward and leeward faces of the roof surface had the greatest negative pressure or suction. Neither in Indian standard of wind load nor in European standard pressure coefficient value of Pyramidal roof is absent therefore they compared their result with the pressure coefficient of hip-roof. Based on the pressure coefficient values and other roof parameters provided in both wind standards, the area-weighted average values are calculated [74,75]. By comparing they found that Pyramidal building with hexagonal plan and Pentagonal plan are better than hip roof building. Finally, they found that the hexagonal pyramidal roof surface building was shown to have higher pressure coefficients in the roof than the pentagonal pyramidal roof surface building therefore its longevity increases. This may be because of the better wind distribution throughout the roof surface by hexagonal pyramidal roof surface building.

3. Computational Domain

The model considered in the present study is a rectangular type pyramid roof building having dimensions Length 20m, Width 8m and Eave height (H) 6m as shown in figure 1. the

windward and leeward side of the model contain two similar rectangular shape opening of dimension($l \times h$) m^2 . Dimension of the computational domain are taken as per the study conducted by Revuz et al (2012) [77], Singh and Roy(2019)[78]. The upstream length, the vertical height and width along the sides are all $5H$, measured from the building windward wall, building roof and side walls respectively. The downstream length is $15H$ measured from the building leeward wall as shown in figure 2. finally, the dimension of domain is (128m x 80m x 36m).

3.1 Geometry: Geometry is created in ANSYS Fluent as per the dimension given above.

3.2 Meshing: This is the next and very important step after Geometry creation. In this part Discretization of computational domain in to finite number of grids is done. For simulation accuracy a high-quality mesh is necessary. A hybrid mesh is generated in our work with tetrahedral element near and inside the building and hexahedral element are created away from the building model.

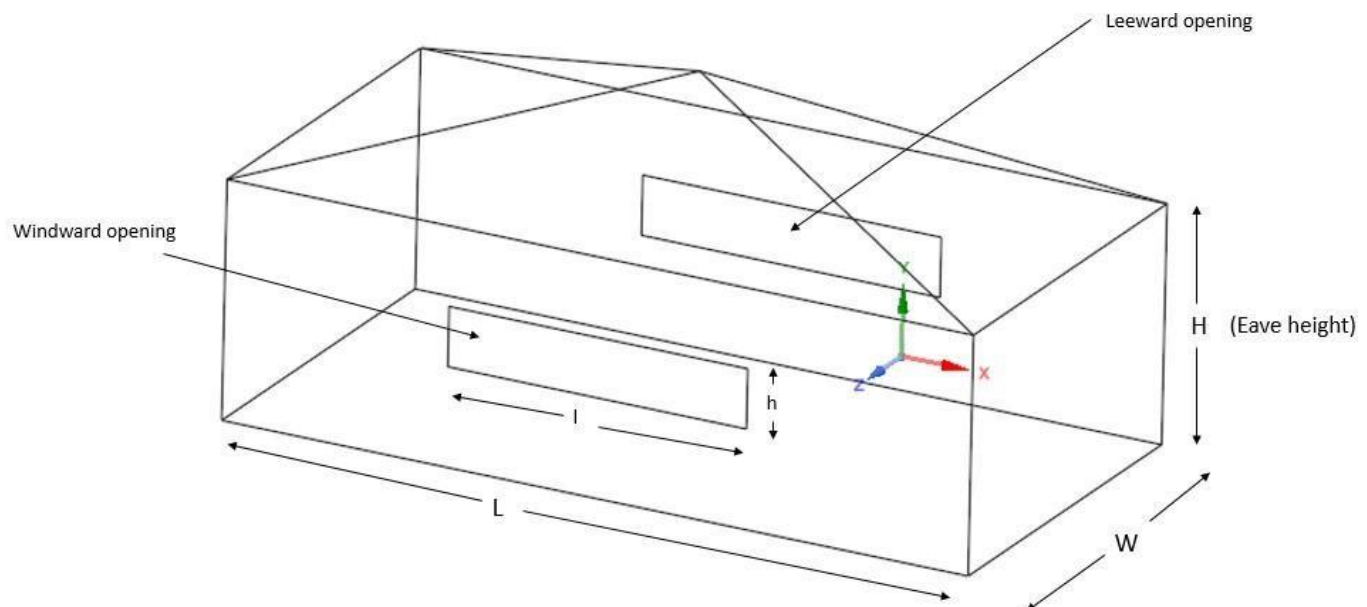


Fig 1: Three-dimensional view of the Pyramidal building

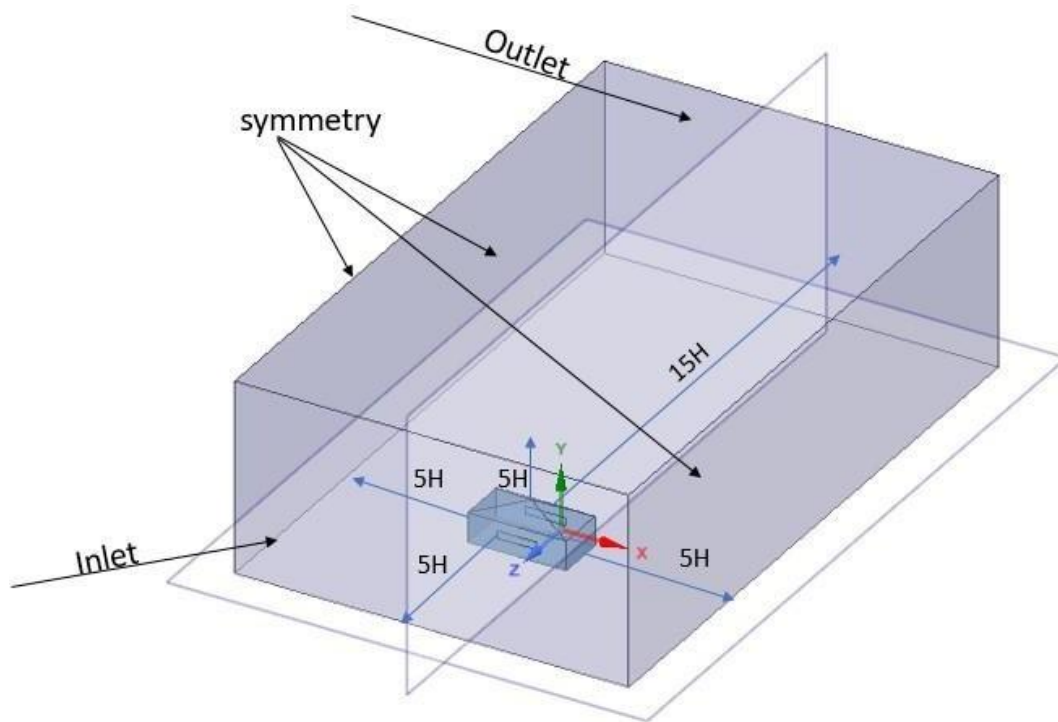


Fig 2: Three-dimensional view of computational domain

3.3 Governing Equation

Two basic equations, the continuity equation and the Navier-Stokes equation are the fundamental equation for motion of fluid flow. The differential equation for the above two equations are

Continuity Equation- (Based on the principle of conservation of mass)

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

Navier -Stokes Equation (Derived from Newtons second law of motion)

$$u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[v \left\{ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right\} \right] \quad (3.2)$$

Where , u_i or u_j = instantaneous velocity component along x_i or x_j direction

$i = 1,2,3$

$j = 1,2,3$

p = instantaneous pressure

v = kinematic viscosity of fluid = $\frac{\mu}{\rho}$

μ = Dynamic viscosity of the fluid

ρ = Density of the fluid

3.4 Shear Stress Transport (SST) k- ω model

The (SST) k- ω turbulence model is a two equation eddy-viscosity model. It was first proposed by Mentor(1994)[15].

This model is a combination of two model (i) The standard k- ω model and (ii) k- ϵ model.

- (i) The standard k- ω model: This model is ideal for simulating flow in the sub viscous layer i.e near the wall. For low-Reynolds number flows the standard k- ω model is more appropriate because such flows are highly non linear more sensitive and more challenging to converge.
- (ii) k- ϵ model: This model is ideal for simulating flow slightly away from the wall.

Therefore this model is a hybrid combination of the benefits of the k- ω and k- ϵ model which switches between them according to the requirement. The SST k- ω uses k- ϵ model in the free stream and switches to k- ω near the wall. SST k- ω model is generally less sensitive to free stream condition and at the stagnation point it minimise the collection of excessive turbulent kinetic energy. These days, the SST k- ω model is quite popular because it can reliably simulate flows with adverse pressure gradients and separation. The model consists of two transport equations that solve turbulent kinetic energy (k) and specific dissipation rate (ω). The transport equations are as follows-

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho k u_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\Gamma_k \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right) + G_k - Y_k + S_k \quad (3.7)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho \omega) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho \omega u_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\Gamma_\omega \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \right) + G_\omega - Y_\omega + D_{\omega+} S_\omega \quad (3.8)$$

Where, ω = Specific dissipation rate

G_k = generation of turbulent kinetic energy due to mean velocity gradient

G_ω = generation of specific dissipation rate

Γ_k = effective diffusivity of k

Γ_ω = effective diffusivity of ω

Y_k = the dissipation of k due to turbulence

Y_ω = the dissipation of ω due to turbulence

D_{ω} = Cross diffusion term

S_k and S_{ω} = user defined source terms

3.5 Boundary Conditions

Regarding the precision of the numerical solution of the governing equations, the boundary conditions are crucial. The accuracy of the numerical findings is dependent upon the suitable boundary conditions being chosen. The next section discusses the several boundary conditions used in the current study to solve the governing equations. The following part discusses the several boundary conditions used in the current study to solve the governing equations:

The streamwise velocity at the inlet is determined according to equation (3.9)

$$U(y) = \frac{u_{ABL}^*}{k} \ln\left(\frac{y + y_0}{y_0}\right) \quad (3.9)$$

Where, u_{ABL}^* (=0.347 m/s) is the aerodynamic boundary layer (ABL) friction velocity, which is calculated from the reference velocity ($U_{ref}=10$ m/s) at eave height ($y_{ref}=H=6$ m) [80], k is Von Karman constant (0.4), and y is the height coordinate and aerodynamic roughness length ($y_0=0.0001$ m).

The turbulent kinetic energy can be calculated using equation (3.10)

$$k(y) = a(I_u(y)u(y))^2 \quad (3.10)$$

where the value of 'a' was selected as 1 ($a=1$) as recommended by Tominaga et al (2008)[81] and the profile of streamwise turbulent intensity was chosen as $I_u(y) = \frac{1}{\ln(\frac{y}{y_0})}$ as found in Karava (2008)[26]. The turbulent dissipation rate is given by equation (3.11).

$$s(y) = \frac{u_{ABL}^{*3}}{k(y + y_0)} \quad (3.11)$$

The specific dissipation rate is defined in equation (3.12)

$$\omega(y) = \frac{s(y)}{C_{\mu}k(y)} \quad (3.12)$$

Where the C_{μ} is an empirical constant taken as 0.09

For the ground surface, the roughness constant C_s was assumed as 1, and the sand grain roughness height k_s could be determined using equation (3.13) according to their relationship with aerodynamic roughness length, y_0 .

$$k_s = \frac{9.793y_0}{C_s} \quad (3.13)$$

For building surfaces the roughness height and roughness constant for building surfaces were assumed to be 0 and 0.5, respectively.

The outlet of the domain was imposed with zero static pressure. Moreover, symmetry boundary condition are taken on the two sides and top of the domain. Symmetry boundary condition is a condition where normal component of velocity and normal gradient of all the variable are zero at the boundary.

3.6 Validation

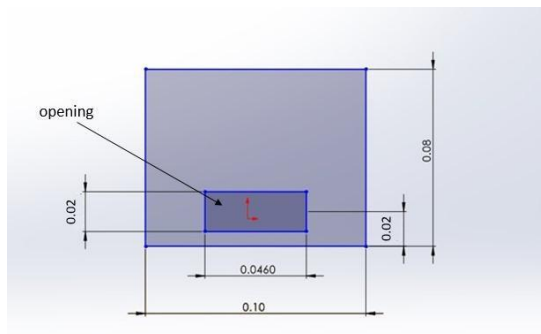
The most important step in CFD simulation is validation. This is done to see how exactly the CFD code can simulate the real problem numerically. The findings of the CFD simulation are typically checked with the available experimental data throughout the validation but if there is a condition where experimental data is unavailable for a complex system, validation may be conducted on one or more representative subsystems that are simpler than the system as a whole. In the current study, the numerical findings were validated against the computational results of experimental results of Karava et al (2011)[27].

3.6.1 Experimental setup

Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) measurements were conducted in an open circuit Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel at Concordia University in Montreal by Karava et al. (2011)[27] to examine the cross-ventilation flow in cubic building models. Cast translucent polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) sheets were used to create the building models, which were constructed at a 1:200 scale and measured ($W \times D \times H$) = $(100 \times 100 \times 80)$ mm³. For this study, configurations of the opening were changed at three different heights on the windward walls, leeward walls and side walls say the top ($h = 60$ mm), middle ($h = 40$ mm), and bottom ($h = 20$ mm). This study examined the effects of varying wall porosity viz: 5%, 10%, and 20% on cross ventilation. The openings' width was only changed, and their height was maintained constant at 18 mm. In this case focus is on the opening height $h=20$ mm (symmetric opening) with wall porosity 10%. Vertical profiles of mean wind speed and streamwise turbulence intensity were measured at the building position using a hot-film probe. At building height ($H=80$ mm), a reference mean wind speed $U_{ref} = 6.97$ m/s and a streamwise turbulence intensity of 10% were observed; at ground level (12mm), the turbulence intensity was about 17%, and at gradient height (738mm), it was around 5%. For this investigation, an aerodynamic roughness length of $z_0=0.025$ mm (0.005m in full size) was taken into consideration.

3.6.2 Validation using CFD

The streamwise velocity is non dimensionalize with reference velocity and comparison of the streamwise and reference wind speed ratio (U/U_{ref}) with the experimental results of Karava et al. (2011) [27] are done along a horizontal line that connects the midpoint of leeward opening and the windward opening respectively. A good agreement was seen between this result and the experiment result of karava et al (2011)[27] however the current CFD work showed minor deviation from the experimental work especially near the leeward opening which is due to the effect of shadow and reflection [44].



All dimensions are in metre (m)

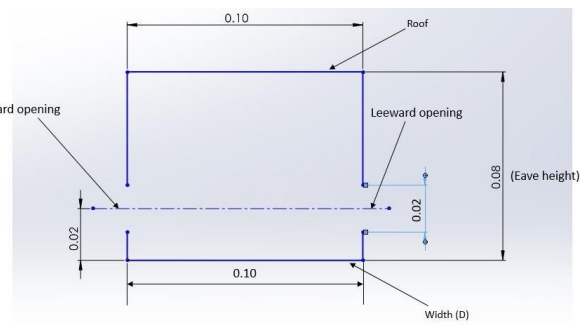


Fig 3: View of the model from inlet considered for validation as studied by Karava et al, (2011) [27]

Fig 4: Cross Sectional View of the model considered for validation as studied by Karava et al, (2011) [27]

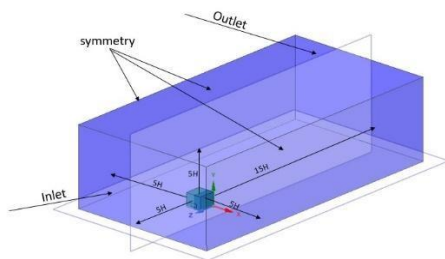


Fig 5: Computational Domain of the model considered for validation as studied by Karava et al, (2011) [27]

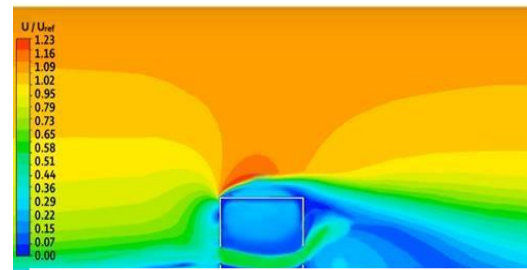


Fig 6: Non dimensional velocity contour U / U_{ref} along the vertical mid plane

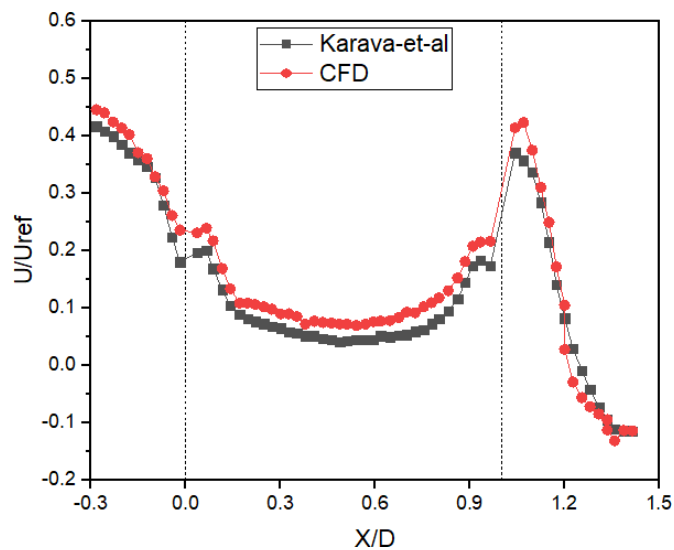
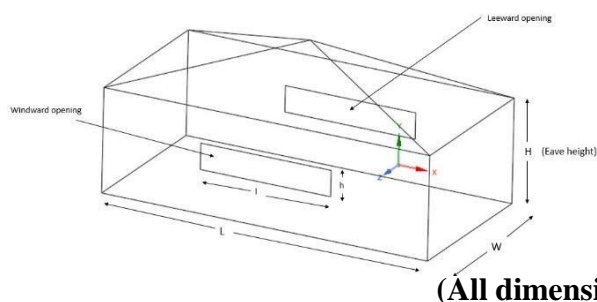


Fig 7: Non-dimensional streamwise wind velocity comparison at the centreline between the inlet and outlet openings

3.7 Grid Independency test:

A grid sensitivity test must be conducted to get a suitable number of cell for accurate result with lesser computing time. In our case grid sensitivity test is done in a pyramidal building with symmetry opening. Since the opening is symmetry windward and leeward opening is at the same height from the ground which is 3 m and this case is referred as the “Ref case”. The dimension of the opening are 8m x 1.5 m as shown in fig 8. The roof pitch of the configuration is 6:10 i.e 3m from the eave height. The cross sectional view of the Pyramidal roof building is shown in Fig 9. In order to run the simulations, the velocity profile from equation (3.9) was taken into account, along with an aerodynamic boundary layer (ABL) friction velocity of 0.347 m/s for three distinct grids: a coarse grid with 1522223 cells, a basic grid with 2284012 cells, and a fine grid with 3425116 cells. For each of the three grids, the wind speed ratio (U/U_{ref}) is obtained along the line connecting the midpoint of the windward and leeward openings and compared as shown in Fig.11. In the above three case a major difference between the result of coarse and basic grid is seen and a minor difference between the basic grid and fine grid is seen therefore basic grid with 2284012 cells is chosen for our case.



(All dimensions are in m)

Fig 8: Schematic diagram of Pyramidal building model with openings

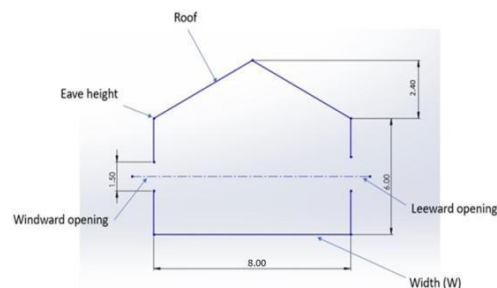


Fig 9: Cross-sectional view of Pyramidal building (reference case) used for grid independency test

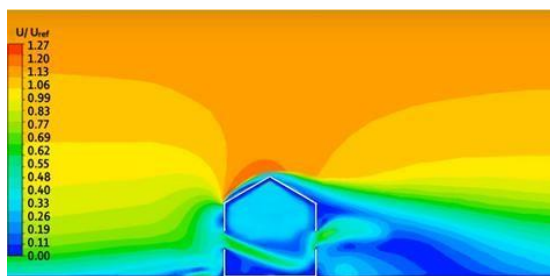


Fig 10: Non-dimensional velocity contour U/U_{ref} along the vertical mid-plane for Basic grid

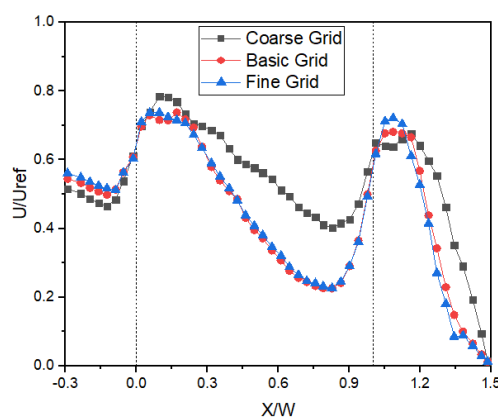


Fig 11 : Grid independency test done by comparing non dimensional streamwise wind velocity ratio for different types of grid.

4. Problem Definition: The present study examines building models with non-aligned apertures, which are asymmetrically positioned on the structure's two opposite sides. Four distinct configurations—A, B, C, D are created based on the placement of the apertures at the windward and leeward walls. This section addresses how the relative positions of the openings on the windward and leeward walls of a Pyramidal roof rectangular base building model affect the wind-induced interior and exterior flow fields. Also, the apertures measure 8 m x 1.5 m (width × height) and all layouts have a roof pitch of 6:10. In all arrangements, the wind direction is normal to windward wall. Using the same computational parameters as the grid sensitivity test, the numerical simulations are performed. All the configuration are shown in Figure 12 to 15.

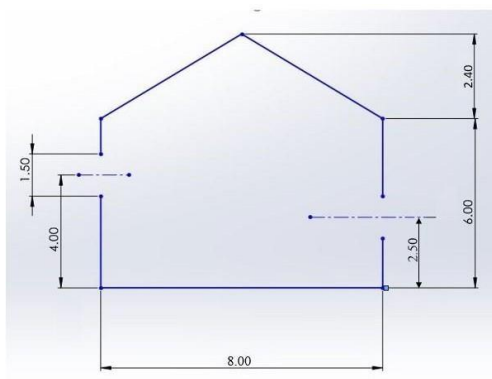


Fig 12: Cross Sectional view of Configuration A

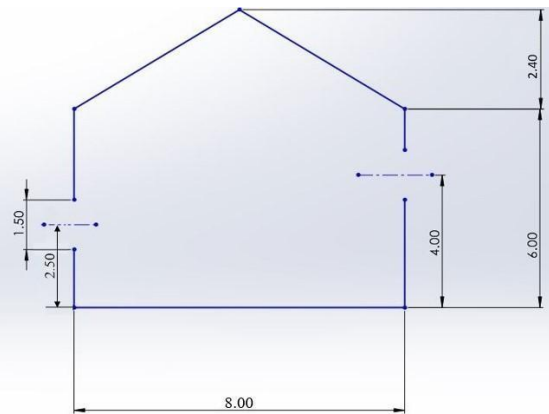


Fig 13: Cross Sectional view of Configuration B

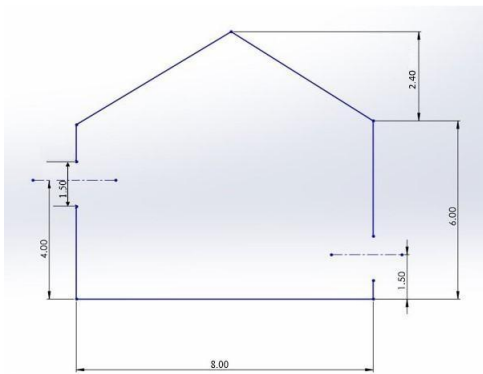


Fig 14: Cross Sectional view of Configuration C

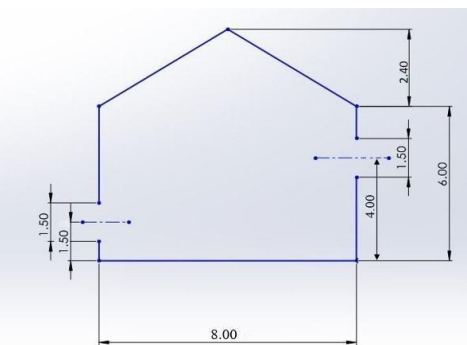


Fig 15: Cross Sectional view of Configuration D

Results and discussion:

This section discussed about the outcomes of numerical simulation performed for the above-mentioned cases. the contours of non-dimensional velocity magnitude (U/U_{ref}) are shown in Fig 16 to 19 and coefficient of pressure (C_p) on the vertical mid-plane of the building model are shown in Fig. 20 to 23. The coefficient of pressure (C_p) is defined as the ratio of static pressure to dynamic pressure, and it is mathematically expressed as:

$$C_p = \frac{P - P_{\text{ref}}}{0.5\rho U^2} \quad (4.1)$$

Where P = Static Pressure,

P_{ref} = reference pressure which is equal to the atmospheric pressure

ρ = air density (1.225 kg/m³)

U_{ref} = reference wind velocity at building eave height (10 m/s).

A standing vortex upstream of the building, flow separation close to the windward eaves, and a wake zone downstream of the structure are the characteristics of the exterior flow field, as shown in Fig. In configurations D, windward openings are located near the ground, and the standing vortex upstream is seen absent.

In case of interior flow analysis, the main feature of the airflow inside the building is that a jet is formed as the air enters through the windward opening. In the Configuration (B and D) where the windward opening is below the mid height the jet is directed downward. These results is due to the windward opening's location and the upstream recirculating flow [27]. However, for configuration A where the windward opening above the mid height and leeward opening is just below the mid height the jet is directed upward as shown in Fig 16. Here the area of positive pressure below the windward opening is higher than the area above the opening, therefore the higher positive pressure below the inlet opening forces the air entering the building to move upward. Moreover, due to the flow separation occurring at the windward edges, the air negotiates the edge and the flow tries to move along the windward roof, resulting in an upward flow. This upward flow also influences the air flow near the windward roof edges and hence the air entering the building through the opening located above the mid-height and leaving just below the middle height forms an upward moving jet. For Configuration C the windward opening is above the mid height and Leeward opening is near the ground the Jet enters the structure facing downwards This is due to the upstream recirculating flow and position of the Leeward opening.

In addition, it is noted that because a vena-contract area forms at the entrance, the jet created between the two openings accelerates as it enters via the windward opening. Vena-contract is the point in a fluid stream where the diameter of the stream is the least and the fluid velocity is highest which is in consistent with Bernaulis Law. For a more thorough examination, in Fig.24 the ratio of the streamwise velocity component to the reference velocity (U/U_{ref}) along the centerline of windward openings in a streamwise direction is plotted. Here, the windward opening is used to estimate the non-dimensional distance inside the building model, where the maximum streamwise velocity for various configurations is found to be between 0.0428 and 0.1465 non-dimensional length. Furthermore, at the windward opening, the ratio of the highest streamwise velocity to the streamwise velocity at the windward entrance varies from 1.0089 to 1.1703. Here, configuration C is found to have the highest value. However, when jet passes through the central region, the flow abruptly slows down after reaching its maximum velocity which is true for all the four configuration.

The influence of the placements of the inlet and outlet locations is investigated by evaluating the volume flow rates via various configurations. Fig. 25 displays the volume flow rate that was achieved for each setup. When the inlet position is below the middle height and outlet position is above the middle height (Configuration B and D) volume flow rate is less as compared to the model with inlet position above the middle height and outlet position below the middle height (Configuration A and C) of the Pyramid building moreover configuration C noted 12% higher volume flow rate. This can be further explain by calculating the mean internal pressure coefficient (C_{pin}) as seen in Fig.26 . By calculating the volume average of the coefficient of pressure (C_p) inside the building, the mean internal pressure coefficient was calculated in this case. For configuration C, it is evident that C_{pin} is the least while comparing from configuration A, B and D.

Volume average C_p is calculated as:

$$\text{Volume average } C_p = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N C_{pi} V_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N V_i} \quad (4.2)$$

Where, N = Total no of cell in the volume

V_i = Volume of the i th cell

C_{pi} = Coefficient of Pressure of the i th cell

A upward downstream continuous stream tube flow is seen for configuration A and downstream up stream tube is seen for configuration B as well as D and downward flow is seen for configuration C. A continuous stream tube forms between the windward and leeward openings in configuration C, which has the windward opening above mid-height and the leeward opening just near the ground. Hence in configuration C jet experience lower resistance and lower internal pressure as compared to the configuration A, B and D and therefore higher jet velocity is seen for configuration C.

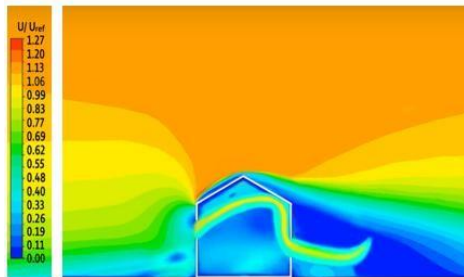


Fig 16: Non Dimensional velocity contour for Configuration A

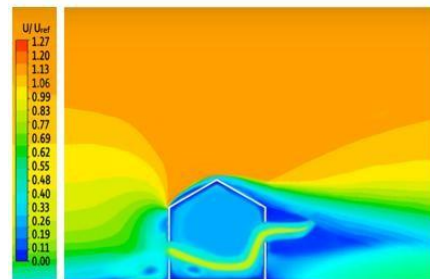


Fig 17: Non Dimensional velocity contour for Configuration B

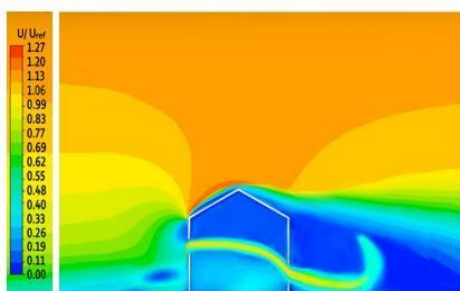


Fig 18: Non Dimensional velocity contour for Configuration C

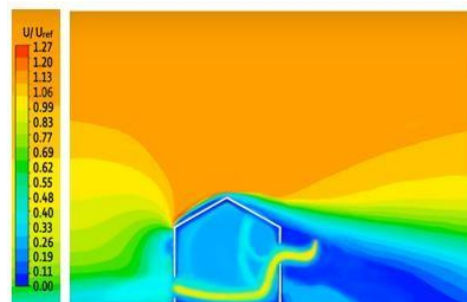


Fig 19: Non Dimensional velocity contour for Configuration D

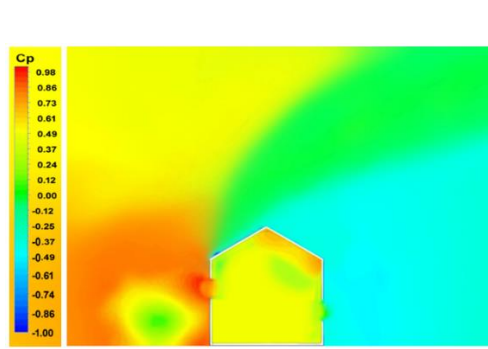


Fig 20: Contours of Coefficient of Pressure C_p along the vertical mid plane for configuration A.

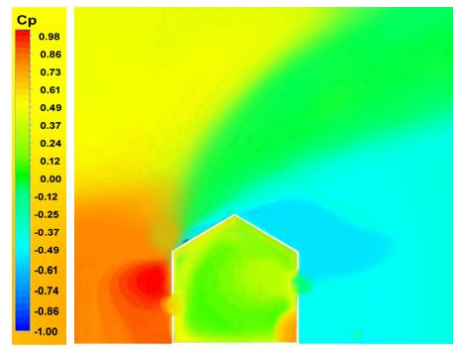


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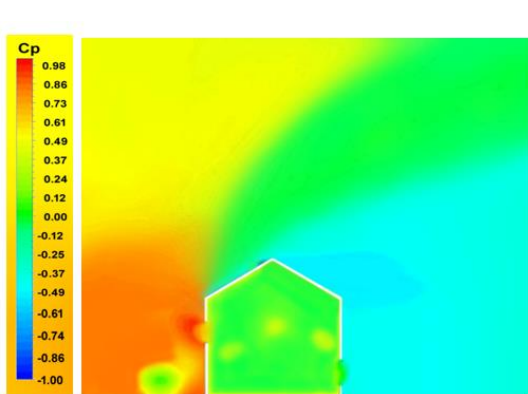


Fig 22: Contours of Coefficient of Pressure C_p along the vertical mid plane for configuration C.

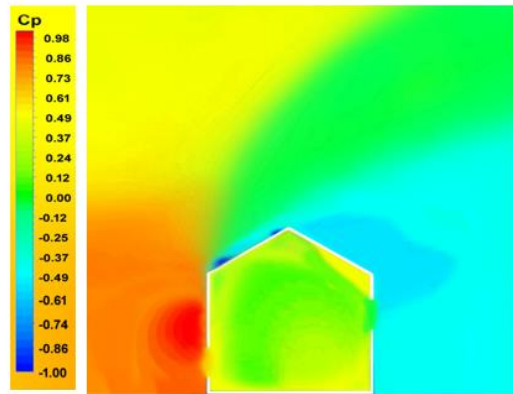


Fig 23: Contours of Coefficient of Pressure C_p along the vertical mid plane for configuration D.

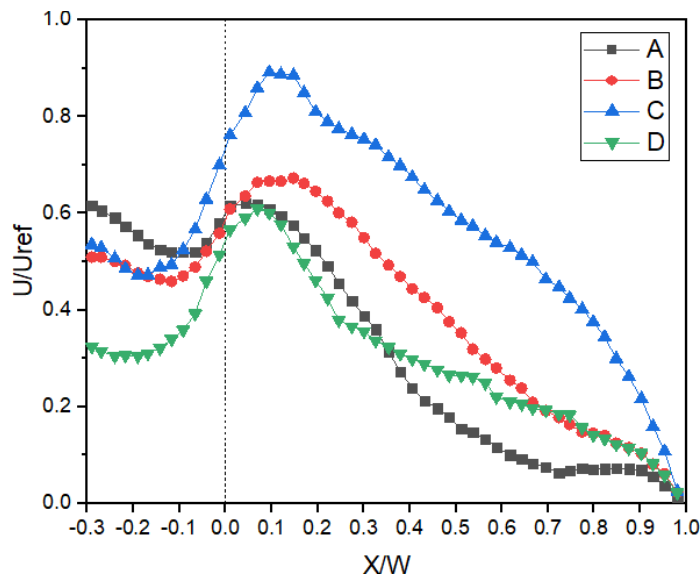


Fig 24: Non-dimensional streamwise wind speed (U/U_{ref}) along the horizontal centerline through the windward openings for various building configuration.

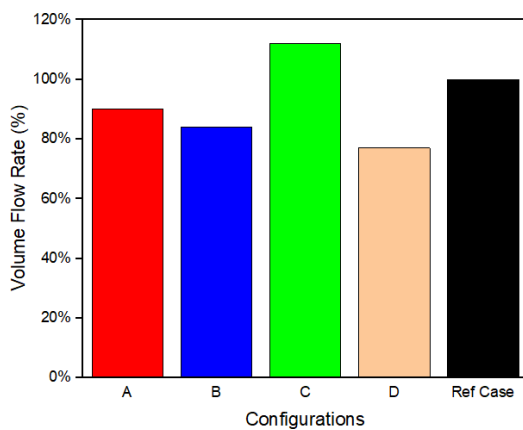


Fig 25: Volume flow rate for various configurations with roof pitch 6:10.

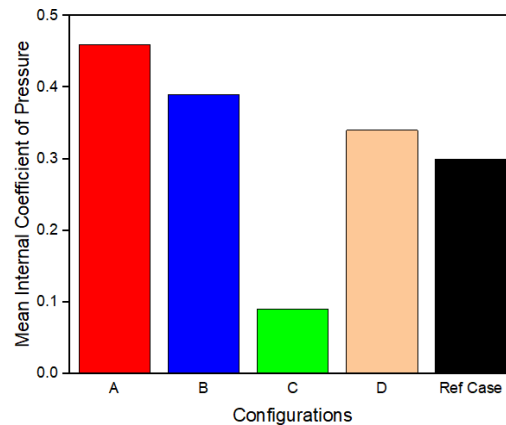


Fig 26: Mean internal pressure coefficient for various configurations with roof pitch 6:10

Conclusion: The internal and external flow fields of Pyramidal roof buildings with rectangular base with openings were examined in the current study using numerical simulations. Numerical simulations were conducted using the CFD program ANSYS-FLUENT to examine the impact of the apertures' relative vertical positions. Numerical simulations were employed in this study to examine how variations in opening locations affect the cross-ventilation flow within and around the Pyramid roof building. It has been found that the inside flow characteristics are greatly influenced by the windward and Leeward opening's location. As air moves through the windward aperture, a jet is created. In circumstances where the windward opening is below the building's mid-height, jet travels downward. In cases where the windward opening is above mid-height, jet goes upward for case having leeward opening just below the mid height and goes downward for leeward opening just near the ground additionally, the jet enters the windward opening and accelerates for a distance and then deaccelerates. The ratio of maximum velocity to the velocity at the inlet opening ranges from 1.0089 to 1.1703. Configuration C achieves the largest value of

this ratio, with the windward opening above the centre and the leeward opening near the ground. Configuration A achieves the lowest value of this ratio, with the leeward opening situated below the mid-height and the windward opening situated above it. Additionally, it is discovered that configuration C has the maximum volume flow rate. This is because, in this instance, the flow encounters the least resistance because of the lowest mean internal pressure coefficient.

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