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Abstract

In this study, the loads induced by tornado-like vortices on scaled models of eight low-rise residential buildings with real-world shapes in a typical North American community are quantified and compared to the provisions provided by ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22. Physical simulations of the interaction between translating tornado-like vortices representative of EF1-, EF2- and EF3-rated tornadoes and the scaled models were performed in the WindEEE Dome at the University of Western Ontario. Three internal pressure scenarios were numerically simulated. The tornado velocity gust factor was identified as a critical parameter when translating loads from model to full-scale. The load comparison results show that the provisions are safer as the rating of the design tornado increases. The uplift forces on the whole roof in the internal pressure scenarios with one dominant opening are between 44% and 63% higher than the distributed leakage scenario, highlighting the importance of keeping the integrity of the envelope. The ratios of pressures obtained from physical simulation to the ones calculated using the standard are higher on the walls than on the roof. Pressure ratios on the eaves are higher than on other parts of the roof.

Keywords: Tornado, Wind loads, Physical simulation, Low-rise buildings, Tornado-resistant design, Internal pressure, ASCE/SEI 7-22, ASCE/SEI 7-16

1 Nomenclature

2 Acronyms

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- 3 *ABL* Atmospheric Boundary Layer
- 4 *APD* Atmospheric Pressure Deficit
- 5 *ASCE/SEI* American Society of Civil Engineers/Structural Engineering Institute
- 6 *ASHRAE* The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers
- 7 *C&C* Components & Cladding
- 8 *DI* Damage Indicator
- 9 *DOD* Degree Of Damage
- 10 *DTC* Digital Temperature Compensation
- 11 *EF* Enhanced Fujita Scale
- 12 *EPS* Electronic Pressure Scanners
- 13 *EWA* Effective Wind Area
- 14 *GEVD* Generalized Extreme Value Distribution
- 15 *MDE* Multiple Discharge Equations
- 16 *MWFRS* Main Wind Force Resisting System
- 17 *RMW* Radius of Maximum Wind
- 18 *TFI* Turbulent Flow Instrumentation Pty Ltd.
- 19 *TLV* Tornado Like Vortex
- 20 *TVG* Tornado Vortex Generator
- 21 *UMS* University Machine Services
- 22 *USA* United States of America
- 23 *WindEEE* The Wind Engineering, Energy and Environment

24 Symbols

25	α	Significance level
26	\ddot{x}_j	Flow acceleration through the opening assigned to tap j
27	\dot{x}_j	Flow velocity through the opening assigned to tap j
28	ℓ_{ej}	Effective length at the opening assigned to tap j
29	ϵ_j	Envelope porosity at the tributary area of tap j
30	γ	Heat capacity ratio of air
31	Γ_∞	Background circulation
32	$\hat{u}(t, T)$	Peak value of the moving average velocity with a window width t in the period T
33	λ_L	Geometric scale
34	λ_T	Time scale
35	λ_V	Velocity scale
36	\mathbf{F}	Force
37	\mathcal{S}	Swirl ratio
38	f	Sampling frequency
39	μ	Population mean
40	\bar{U}	Mean velocity
41	\bar{x}	Sample mean
42	ρ	Air density
43	σ^2	Population variance
44	\mathbf{n}_j	Unit normal vector at tap j

45	a	Width of the pressure coefficient zone
46	A_j	Tributary area assigned to tap j
47	C_F	Force coefficient
48	C_p	External pressure coefficient
49	C_{pi}	Internal pressure coefficient
50	C_{pref}	External pressure coefficients used for the standard calculation
51	Dt	Time step of internal pressure simulation
52	F_x, F_y, F_z	Components of the overall force along x,y, and z
53	G	Gust-effect factor
54	G_T	Gust-effect factor for tornadoes
55	$G_{vTor,ref}$	Tornado velocity gust factor used here to report ratios r_{ref}
56	G_{vTor}	Tornado velocity gust factor
57	h	Mean roof height of a building
58	k	Discharge coefficient at the opening assigned to tap j
59	K_d	Directionality factor
60	K_e	Elevation factor
61	K_h	Exposure factor at height h
62	K_z	Exposure factor
63	K_{dT}	Directionality factor for tornadoes
64	K_{vT}	External pressure coefficient adjustment factor for vertical winds
65	K_{zT}	Tornado exposure coefficient

66	K_{zt}	Topographic effect factor
67	n	Flow exponent at the opening assigned to tap j
68	p_j	Pressure at tap j
69	Q	Incoming flow rate
70	q	Velocity pressure
71	q_h	Velocity pressure evaluated at z=h
72	q_i	Velocity pressure for internal pressure determination
73	r	Ratio between loads calculated from physical simulations and calculated from the
74		standards
75	r_0	Radius of the convergence zone
76	$r_{c,max}$	Radius to the average maximum tangential wind speed
77	r_{ref}	Reference ratio reported
78	S^2	Sample variance
79	Tol	Maximum tolerance between iterations
80	V	Design wind speed
81	V_T	Design tornado wind speed
82	$V_{3s,max,i}$	Maximum 3-second equivalent gust velocity in segment i
83	$V_{mean,i}$	Average velocity in segment i
84	$V_{o,FS}$	Full-scale volume of the building
85	$V_{o,MS}$	Scaled volume the model building
86	$V_{tan,max,o}$	Average maximum tangential wind speed

87 w_s 3-second equivalent window in samples
88 w_t 3-second equivalent window in time units
89 x, y, z House fixed coordinate system with x along the ridge, y perpendicular to the ridge
90 and z, vertical
91 z_{max} Vertical position of the average maximum tangential wind speed

92 **Subscripts**

93 *ASCE* Found from calculations using ASCE/SEI 7-16 or 7-22 standards
94 *FS* Full-scale
95 *int* Internal
96 *M* Model
97 *MS* Model scale
98 *WindEEE* Found from physical simulations at the WindEEE Dome

99 **1. Introduction**

100 Tornado wind loads were not specified in building codes for a long time despite generat-
101 ing extensive damage and loss of life in many parts of the world ([Grazulis, 2001](#)), notably
102 in the United States of America (USA), where they cause roughly twice as much loss as
103 earthquakes and half as much as hurricanes ([Simmons et al., 2013](#)). This omission was jus-
104 tified in ASCE/SEI 7-16 by the low probability of occurrence of tornadoes ([ASCE, 2017](#));
105 however, the latest edition of the standard (ASCE/SEI 7-22) states that “recent research
106 on tornado climatology has shown that tornadoes occur with much greater frequency and
107 intensity than had previously been quantified” which is the reason for the addition of a full
108 chapter on tornado resistant design in ASCE/SEI 7-22 ([ASCE, 2022](#)). Moreover, tornado
109 hazard mappings for the USA and Canada have been reported by [Twisdale et al. \(2021\)](#) and
110 [Hong et al. \(2021\)](#).

111 Additionally to the evidence that tornadoes occur more frequently than thought, a careful
112 analysis of tornado damage records and the associated wind levels has indicated that most
113 tornado damage is induced by tornadoes rated 3 or lower in the Enhanced Fujita (EF) Scale
114 (Simmons et al., 2013). Furthermore, EF ratings are assigned according to the maximum
115 velocity inferred from the Degrees Of Damage (DOD) observed in Damage Indicators (DI),
116 which means that most of the damaged area is caused by lower-intensity winds. For example,
117 the Tuscaloosa (2011) tornado rated EF4 had only 2.7% of the damaged area rated as EF4,
118 the other 97.3% was EF0-EF3 damage (Prevatt et al., 2012). The wind speed associated
119 with EF0-EF3 is comparable to hurricane winds for which ASCE 7 has had provisions for
120 decades and mitigation measures have been implemented. These observations led van de
121 Lindt et al. (2013) to propose a dual-objective-based approach to design for tornadoes that
122 considers reducing damage for tornadoes rated EF3 or lower and minimizing the loss of life
123 for high-end EF4- or EF5-rated tornadoes.

124 The current understanding of tornado-induced loads is limited when compared to Atmo-
125 spheric Boundary Layer (ABL) induced loads for which the conventional ABL wind tunnel
126 technique is mature. The recent relative proliferation of Tornado Vortex Generators (TVG)
127 designed for wind engineering applications (Haan Jr et al., 2008; Mayer, 2009; Zhang and
128 Sarkar, 2009; Sabareesh et al., 2012; Hangan, 2014; Wang et al., 2017; Gillmeier et al.,
129 2018), has allowed for a better comprehension of tornado-induced loads and some quantita-
130 tive knowledge.

131 The loading effect of Tornado-like Vortices (TLVs) on low-rise buildings has been in-
132 vestigated by several researchers employing physical simulation (Jischke and Light, 1983;
133 Bienkiewicz and Dudhia, 1993; Mishra et al., 2008; Sengupta et al., 2008; Haan Jr et al.,
134 2010; Hu et al., 2011; Case et al., 2014; Haan Jr, 2017; Wang et al., 2018; Razavi and Sarkar,
135 2018; Sabareesh et al., 2018; Roueche et al., 2020; Kopp and Wu, 2020; Wang et al., 2020;
136 Wang and Cao, 2021; Razavi and Sarkar, 2021; Williams and Dragomirescu, 2023). There
137 is considerable agreement that the pressure distribution patterns induced by tornadoes and
138 straight-line winds on low-rise buildings are different due to the three-dimensional nature and
139 curvature of tornado flow. There is less agreement on the load values. The reported values
140 of the tornado-induced to straight-line-induced pressure coefficient ratios range from 1 to 5.

141 Most past studies have focused on isolated buildings. Only a few have considered the
142 effect of multiple buildings and their sheltering effect e.g. [Zhang and Sarkar \(2009\)](#) and
143 [Sabareesh et al. \(2018\)](#). They concluded that lateral forces can be reduced by the presence
144 of adjacent buildings but the uplift force can decrease or increase without a clear pattern.

145 [Case et al. \(2014\)](#) analyzed the effect of low-rise building geometry on tornado-induced
146 loads and found that the loads depend on “eave height, roof pitch, aspect ratio, plan area,
147 and other differences in geometry such as the addition of a garage and modeling of the roof
148 overhang and soffit”. No study has analyzed the loading on residential low-rise buildings
149 with complex roof configurations and plan shapes. All studies have considered simple gable
150 roof buildings.

151 Tornadoes induce a pressure deficit around their core that has no counterpart in straight-
152 line winds. This depression, usually termed Atmospheric Pressure Deficit (APD) ([Roueche
153 et al., 2020](#)), develops as the flow needs a radial pressure gradient to balance centrifugal forces.
154 The building’s internal pressure behavior depends on the APD, the capacity of the building to
155 respond to atmospheric pressure changes, and the presence of large openings in the envelope.
156 Therefore, measuring or modeling internal pressure is critical, even more so than in ABL
157 flows. Some researchers have included an internal pressure model ([Roueche et al., 2020](#)) or
158 direct measurements ([Wang et al., 2020](#)) in their evaluation of tornadic loads. For straight-
159 line winds, it has been established that the use of the Multiple Discharge Equations (MDE) for
160 internal pressure modeling can lead to accurate estimates of the internal pressure time series
161 based on external pressures, even capturing the Helmholtz resonant peak ([Oh et al., 2007](#)).
162 The question of whether the models used for internal pressure under straight-line winds are
163 as effective when used to predict internal pressure under tornado wind was addressed by
164 [Jaffe and Kopp \(2021\)](#). They found that the MDE model reasonably reproduces internal
165 pressures but with lower accuracy than under straight-line winds which can be explained by
166 the presence of sub-vortices and the vertical component of the wind velocity.

167 In December 2021, an updated ASCE/SEI 7-22 Minimum Design Loads and Associated
168 Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures was released. This standard included a chap-
169 ter (Chapter 32) on tornado-resistant design for buildings in Risk Categories III and IV
170 in tornado-prone areas ([ASCE, 2022](#)). This is the first standard to include provisions for

171 tornado-induced loads. ASCE/SEI 7-16 (ASCE, 2017) provided design guidance for torna-
172 does to reduce damage caused by EF0- to EF2-rated tornadoes or increase occupant pro-
173 tection but it wasn't mandatory. The guidance from ASCE/SEI 7-16 was only for owners
174 who wanted to have a higher level of safety on their property even knowing that designing
175 for tornadoes implies a much higher design return period than typically used for residential
176 buildings.

177 ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22 have important differences in the way tornado-induced loads
178 are calculated. These include:

- 179 • In ASCE/SEI 7-22, the tornado design wind speed is the expected tornado velocity
180 with 1700 and 3000-year return periods for Risk Categories III and IV respectively,
181 which depend on the plan area. In ASCE/SEI 7-16 the design wind speed was the
182 upper end-of-range for the tornado rating being considered for design.
- 183 • The Simplified and Extended method's in ASCE/SEI 7-16 are no longer used in ASCE/SEI
184 7-22.
- 185 • In ASCE/SEI 7-22, the directionality factor depends on the structure type. In ASCE/SEI
186 7-16 it was 1.0.
- 187 • The exposure coefficient in ASCE/SEI 7-22 decreases with height as opposed to ASCE/SEI
188 7-16 in which increased.
- 189 • The enclosure classification in ASCE/SEI 7-22 is done considering each wall as a wind-
190 ward wall.
- 191 • If the glazed openings are not required to be protected, the building shall be evaluated
192 as a partially enclosed building in ASCE/SEI 7-22.
- 193 • Internal pressure coefficients are the same in ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22 except for the
194 addition, in ASCE/SEI 7-22, of the Sealed enclosure classification for which the internal
195 pressure coefficient is +1.0.

- An external pressure coefficient adjustment factor for vertical winds (K_{vT}) is introduced in ASCE/SEI 7-22. This factor corrects the pressure coefficient obtained from Chapters 27 and 30 in both ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22, for the increased vertical angle of attack.

Provisions in ASCE/SEI 7-22 are based on the hypothesis that the loads induced by tornadoes can be calculated using ABL wind tunnel-obtained pressure coefficients. The pressure coefficients are then corrected by the factor that accounts for the change in the vertical angle of attack K_{vT} . This hypothesis has not been extensively tested.

The scope of Chapter 32 of ASCE/SEI 7-22 is limited to buildings in Risk Category III or IV located in tornado-prone areas, therefore, residential low-rise buildings are excluded. Despite this, its publication presents a good opportunity to evaluate the performance of residential low-rise buildings designed following its provisions.

This research aims to quantify the expected maximum loads on residential low-rise buildings subjected to tornado loading and compare them to the design loads provided by ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 22 for tornadoes. For this, the loads induced by several translating TLVs generated in the WindEEE Dome at the University of Western Ontario (UWO) representatives of EF1-, EF2-, and EF3-rated tornadoes, on a model of a part of the community of Dunrobin, Ontario, Canada, which was affected by a tornado on September 2018, are compared to both ASCE/SEI 7-16 guidance and ASCE/SEI 7-22 provisions. The model includes eight low-rise residential buildings with different real-world roof geometries i.e. gable, hip, hip and valley, and dormer roofs representing a typical North American wood-frame residential community. Different scenarios in terms of internal pressure are simulated using the MDE model.

2. Experimental setup

2.1. Physical simulations

The physical simulations that are presented in this research were performed at the Wind Engineering, Energy, and Environment (WindEEE) Dome at the UWO, Canada. The WindEEE Dome is a novel wind testing chamber capable of modeling a wide range of three-dimensional and time-dependent atmospheric flows, with a focus on wind engineering, wind energy, and environmental problems as its name implies. Specifically, the facility is aimed at

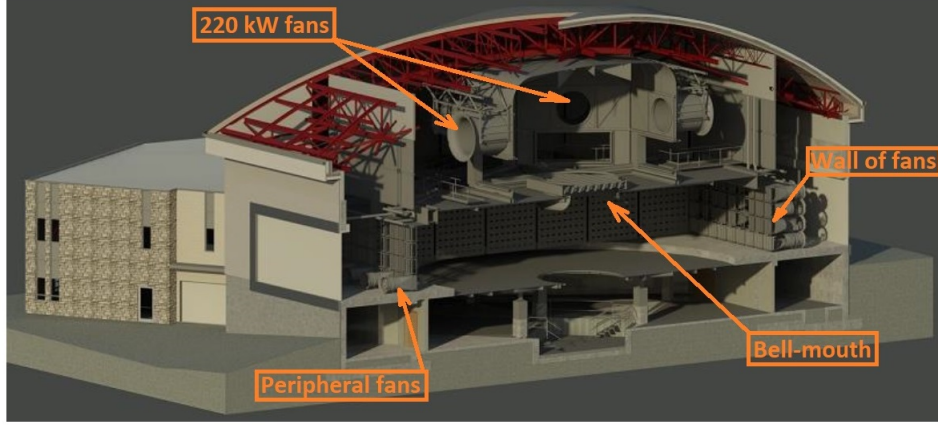


Fig 1. WindEEEE Dome section showing the main parts.

224 reproducing tornadoes, downbursts, gusts and currents, shear flows, and boundary layer flow
 225 at high Reynolds numbers (Hangan et al., 2017).

226 The main chamber is hexagonal with a diameter of 25m. This chamber is surrounded
 227 by a hexagonal return chamber 40m in diameter. On the periphery of the main chamber,
 228 there are 100 30kW fans of which 60 are located on one lateral wall in 4 rows by 15 columns
 229 arrangement. On the ceiling, a mobile bell mouth communicates between the main chamber
 230 and the upper plenum where 6x220kW fans can generate flow into or out of the main chamber.
 231 The mobile bell-mouth allows for the simulation of translating TLVs and downbursts. A
 232 section of the facility is shown in Fig. 1.

233 There are two modes of operation to produce TLVs: Modes A and B. In Mode A only the
 234 fans in the upper plenum operate in suction mode and the circulation is created by inducing
 235 a tangential component to the returning flow using directional louvers (Refan and Hangan,
 236 2018). The scale of the TLVs is enhanced in Mode B operation by activating the peripheral
 237 fans (Ashrafi et al., 2021).

238 2.2. The Wind Flow

The flow characteristics in TLVs are controlled by the swirl ratio

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{r_0 \Gamma_\infty}{2Q}, \quad (1)$$

239 the aspect ratio and only weakly by the Reynolds number. In Eq. (1), Q is the incoming
 240 flow rate, r_0 is the radius of the convergence zone and Γ_∞ is the background circulation. The

Table 1

Characteristics of the TLVs generated in Mode A.

S	$V_{tan,max,o}$ (m/s)	$r_{c,max}$ (m)	z_{max} (m)	EF-rating	λ_L	λ_v
0.21	8.8	0.27	0.2	-	-	-
0.48	11.5	0.45	0.2	EF1	160-300	-
0.59	12.8	0.42	0.2	-	-	-
0.76	13.8	0.60	0.2	EF2	200-280	~ 2.1
1.03	16.2	0.69	0.2	EF3	200-280	~ 2.1

swirl ratio is a measure of the relative spin of the tornado to the radial velocity. It has been shown that the structure of TLVs changes as the swirl ratio increases, from a single laminar vortex ($\mathcal{S} < 0.2$), a single vortex with breakdown ($0.2 < \mathcal{S} < 0.4$), two interlocking spiral vortices ($0.4 < \mathcal{S} < 1.0$) and more than one subsidiary vortex ($1.0 < \mathcal{S}$) (Church et al., 1979; Karami et al., 2019).

All TLVs in this research were generated using Mode A. The flow characteristics of these TLVs were investigated by Refan and Hangan (2018). The reader is referred to the cited article for details on the flow characteristics. A summary of the most important parameters of the TLVs generated in Mode A is presented in Table 1. In Table 1, $V_{tan,max,o}$ is the average maximum tangential wind speed, $r_{c,max}$ is the radius to the maximum tangential wind speed, z_{max} is the vertical location of the same wind speed, λ_L is the geometric scale and λ_v is the velocity scale.

TLVs with swirl ratios $\mathcal{S} = 0.48$, 0.76 , and 1.03 are shown to match reasonably the characteristics of EF1-, EF2-, and EF3-rated tornadoes with geometric scales between 160 and 300. It is important to note that the characteristics of TLVs were studied for the stationary case, therefore, for the translating case, it is assumed that the characteristics are unchanged for the same hardware set-up only adding a constant translation velocity component.

2.3. Model and measurements

As mentioned before, a neighborhood in Dunrobin, Ontario that was affected by the passage of the September 21, 2018, EF3-rated tornado was used as an example of a typical

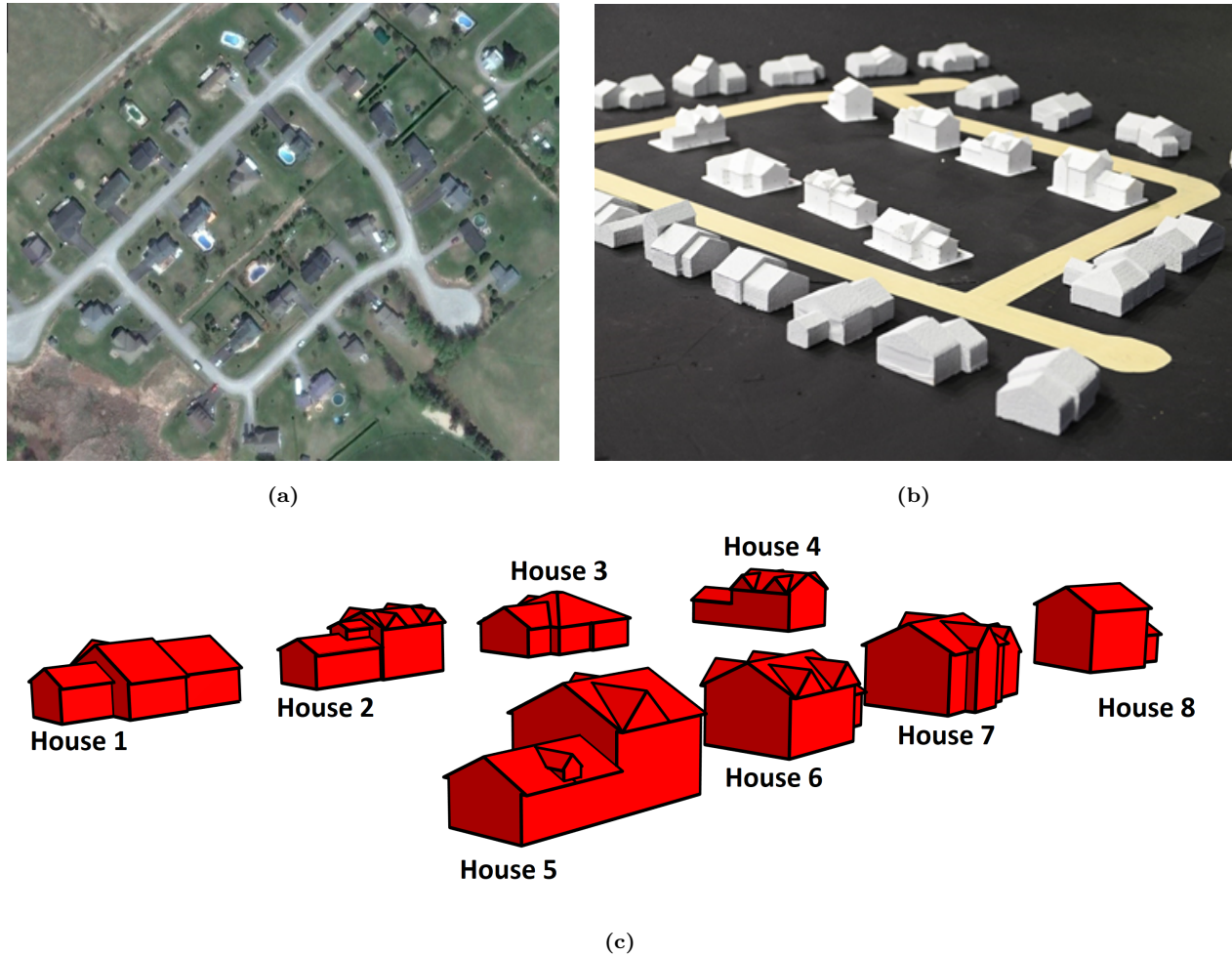


Fig 2. Dunrobin model, (a) satellite view of the Dunrobin community in May 2015 (Image taken from Google Earth™), (b) Model, (c) House numbering.

262 North American residential community.

263 The scaled model of the community consists of 8 instrumented residential low-rise build-
 264 ings with 22 non-instrumented surrounding buildings at a 1:150 geometric scale (see Fig. 2b).
 265 The instrumented houses are located inside the near rectangular shape delimited by the roads
 266 in Fig. 2a.

267 The scaled models were 3D-printed at UWO's Machine Services (UMS). The total number
 268 of pressure taps was 1152 distributed in the 8 instrumented houses and on the ground plate.
 269 Each house had an average of 120 pressure taps.

270 The pressure measurement system consists of miniature Electronic Pressure Scanners
 271 (EPS) coupled with Digital Temperature Compensation (DTC) Initiiums. The pressure scan-

272 ners used in this study are ESP-32HD manufactured by Pressure Systems, Inc. (PSI) which
273 have 32 scanning ports each. ESP Pressure Scanners are miniature electronic differential
274 pressure measurement units consisting of an array of silicon piezoresistive pressure sensors,
275 one for each pressure port. This device allows for measurement at frequencies up to 70,000
276 Hz per channel. The scanner’s amplified analog output is then sampled at a remote A/D
277 converter (DTC Initium). The DTC Initium is connected to the scanner via an Ethernet-
278 based connection. The accuracy of the DTC Initium is $\pm 0.05\%$ over the entire operating
279 temperature range ($0^{\circ}C-70^{\circ}C$).

280 The scanners are connected to the pressure taps using a tubing system that acts like a
281 low pass filter attenuating the signal at frequencies higher than 210 Hz, the cut-off frequency
282 of the filter. To eliminate aliasing from the pressure signal, the sampling frequency is set at
283 500 Hz, higher than two times the cut-off frequency of the low pass filter (Nyquist rate).

284 The wind velocity measurements were performed using four Cobra Probes from Turbulent
285 Flow Instrumentation Pty Ltd. (TFI). The system of cobra probes located one radius of
286 maximum wind (RMW) away from the path of the simulated tornado was synchronized to
287 the pressure measurement system. The 4-hole differential pressure Cobra Probes can measure
288 the three components of the velocity and local pressure at frequencies lower than 2000 Hz.
289 These probes can correctly resolve the components of the wind velocity only when the angle
290 between the wind velocity vector and the probe x-axis is less than 45° . The analog output is
291 then read by an A/D converter. The velocity components are calculated using proprietary
292 acquisition software. The manufacturer claims that the Cobra Probes need no additional
293 calibration other than the factory calibration.

294 [Table 2](#) shows the parameters of the 17 different configurations tested. Three cases
295 (W3E13, W3E14, and W3E15) involve stationary TLVs corresponding to EF1-, EF2-, and
296 EF3-rated tornadoes which are centered on the model table (see [Fig. 3](#)). In the other 14
297 cases, the TLVs translate along a quasi-straight line path. Two translating directions were
298 selected: (1) 80° from North clockwise, which represents the actual path of the 2018 Dunrobin
299 tornado, and (2) 45° which is the most probable orientation for strong tornadoes ([Romanic
300 et al., 2016](#)). For each direction, EF1-, EF2-, and EF3-rated TLVs were simulated with
301 two offsets from the center: (1) zero and (2) one RMW. Two more translating EF3-rated

302 tornadoes were simulated at both mentioned translating directions with an offset of 2RMW,
 303 to consider the uncertainty of the actual location of the Dunrobin tornado path. Fig. 3 shows
 304 the paths of the translating TLVs. The central path (orange) in both sub-figures is shared
 305 by EF1-, EF2- and EF3-rated TLVs.

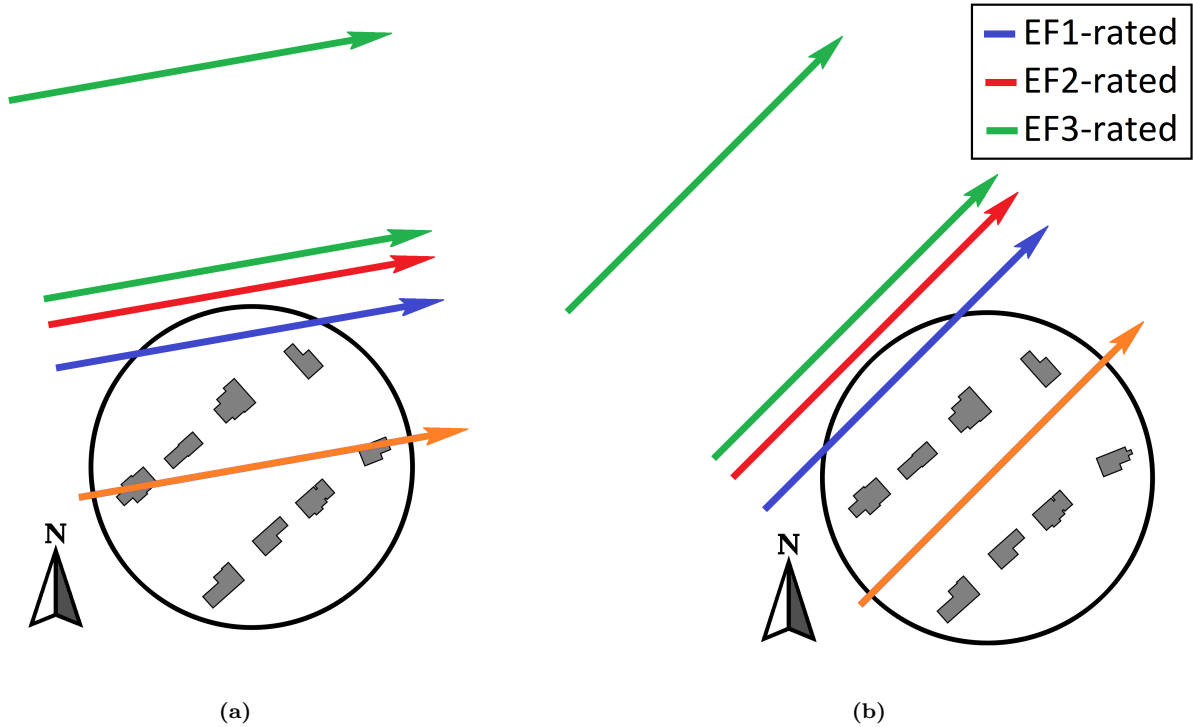


Fig 3. Translating TLVs paths. (a) 80° degrees clockwise from North (b) 45° degrees clockwise from North

306 The translation speed of all TLVs was fixed at 1.3 m/s . The case with EF3-rated TLV
 307 and zero offsets was repeated 10 times. All other translating TLVs were repeated 5 times.
 308 The sampling time for translating TLVs was 60 s and 120s for the stationary TLVs.

309 3. Procedure

310 The applicability of the procedures in both ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22 is restricted to
 311 “regular shape” buildings. Most residential low-rise buildings don’t fit exactly into this defi-
 312 nition. It is common to see L, T, and other plan shapes; hip and valley, dormer, cross-hipped,
 313 intersecting roofs, and more. Despite this, the standard recognizes the practical necessity to
 314 balance the range of applicability between situations that are outside but reasonably close to
 315 the “regular shape” building archetype, while restricting the use for clearly unusual shapes

Table 2

Parameters of the studied cases.

Case code	Tornado	Offset	Angle	Movement	Number of runs	Sampling time (s)
W3E1	EF3	0	80	Translation	10	60
W3E2	EF3	0	45	Translation	5	60
W3E3	EF2	0	45	Translation	5	60
W3E4	EF2	0	80	Translation	5	60
W3E5	EF1	0	80	Translation	5	60
W3E6	EF1	0	45	Translation	5	60
W3E7	EF1	+RMW	45	Translation	5	60
W3E8	EF1	+RMW	80	Translation	5	60
W3E9	EF2	+RMW	80	Translation	5	60
W3E10	EF2	+RMW	45	Translation	5	60
W3E11	EF3	+RMW	45	Translation	5	60
W3E12	EF3	+RMW	80	Translation	5	60
W3E13	EF3	0	-	Stationary	1	120
W3E14	EF2	0	-	Stationary	1	120
W3E15	EF1	0	-	Stationary	1	120
W3E16	EF3	+2RMW	80	Translation	5	60
W3E17	EF3	+2RMW	45	Translation	5	60

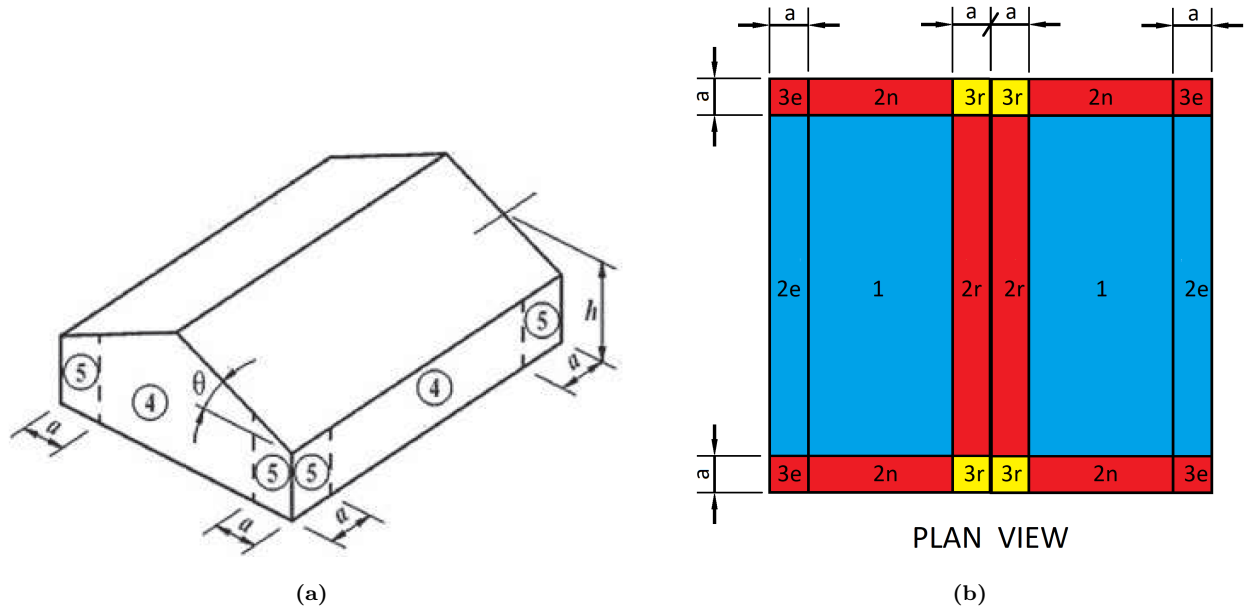


Fig 4. Components & Cladding zones. (a) On the walls (b) on the roof (taken from ASCE/SEI 7-16, Chapter 30, Figures 20.3-1 and 30.3-2C)

316 which need wind tunnel testing. In addition, it is expected that the loads calculated using
 317 the pressure coefficients obtained from the simple archetypes of the standard to be conserva-
 318 tive when applied to complicated shapes (ASCE, 2017). Accordingly, it is assumed that the
 319 provisions can be applied to the Dunrobin model houses.

320 The gable roof archetypes in ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22, look like the one depicted in
 321 Fig. 4a. For the Components & Cladding (C&C) pressure comparison, only the part of the
 322 building that has a gable roof is considered. This can be better understood by observing
 323 Fig. 5a, which shows, in color, the part of the building used for the calculation of C&C
 324 pressure coefficients, the grey part is ignored.

325 To calculate overall forces for the Main Wind Force Resisting System (MWFRS), a virtual
 326 “envelope” gable-roof house is created from the outline of each building. The force on this
 327 virtual house is multiplied by the ratio of the actual plan area of the house to that of the
 328 virtual house. This concept is shown in Fig. 5b for House 1. Dormers are ignored. Also,
 329 House 3 is ignored since it has a large hip roof and therefore can’t be fitted reasonably in a
 330 gable-roof envelope house.

331 For the MWFRS calculations, the pressure coefficients are extracted from Chapter 27,

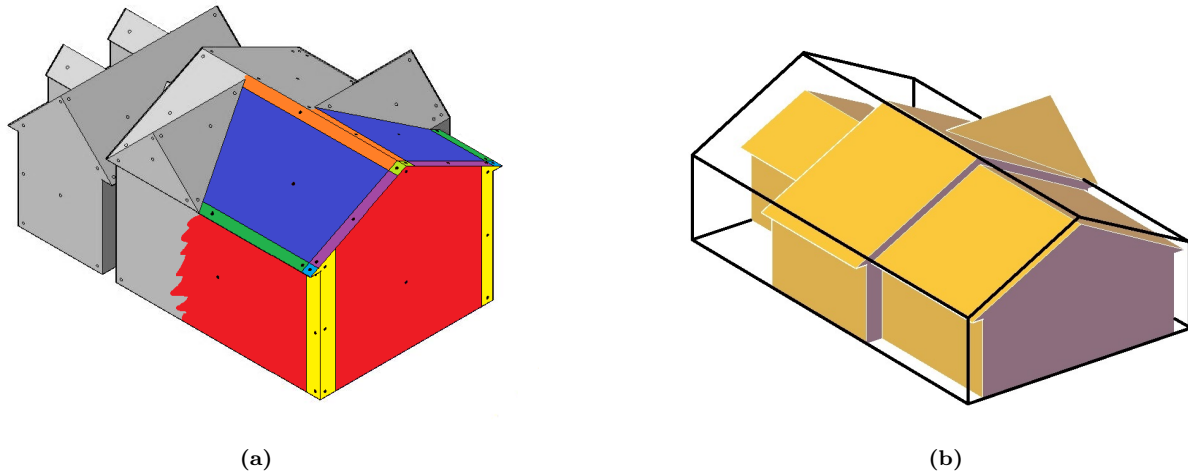


Fig 5. (a) ASCE/SEI 7-16 Components & Cladding zones on House 7 (1-blue, 2e-green, 2n-purple, 2r-orange, 3e-light blue and 3r-light green) (b) envelope House 1 for MWFRS calculation.

332 Figure 27.3-1 in both ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22, which are identical. For C&C, the pressure
 333 coefficients are obtained from Chapter 30, Figure 30.3-1 and Figures 30.3-2C, which have
 334 some minor differences in both standard editions, e.g. the roof zones in ASCE/SEI 7-16 that
 335 have the same pressure coefficient values are merged together in ASCE/SEI 7-22. Fig. 4b
 336 shows the zones in ASCE/SEI 7-16, named 1, 2e, 2n, 2r, 3e, 3r, 4, and 5, and in color, the
 337 merged zones in ASCE/SEI 7-22: (1) blue, (2) red and (3) yellow. In addition, the sloped
 338 part of the pressure coefficient plots on the roof is slightly modified in ASCE/SEI 7-22.

339 Since the pressure tap density is not high enough to allow for area-averaged pressure
 340 coefficient calculation around areas close to 10 ft^2 in full-scale, the comparison is performed
 341 for point pressure. This means that the pressure measured is not spatially averaged and the
 342 pressure coefficients for the code calculations are found from the horizontal part of the plots
 343 in Figures 30.3-1 and 30.3-2C in ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22 at effective wind areas (EWA)
 344 lower than 10 fr^2 . This will be further elaborated in Section 4.4.

345 3.1. ASCE/SEI 7-16 extended method

346 The design wind velocity (V) is the upper end-of-range corresponding to the desired EF
 347 rating. For example, if the goal is to design for EF3-rated tornadoes, the design 3-second
 348 wind gust speed should be 73.8 m/s. In line with the damage reduction design philosophy
 349 mentioned in Section 1, only EF1-, EF2-, and EF3-rated tornadoes are considered in this

350 research. The upper end-of-range wind speed for each rating can be found in [Table 3](#).

Table 3

EF scale velocity limits (3-second wind gust in m/s) ([Marshall et al., 2004](#))

EF-scale	Lower speed limit (m/s)	Upper speed limit (m/s)
5	89.4	-
4	73.8	89.4
3	60.4	73.8
2	49.2	60.4
1	38.0	49.2
0	29.1	38.0

351 The calculation of the design pressure (p) is as follows:

$$p = q_h [GC_p - GC_{pi}] \quad (2)$$

where GC_p and GC_{pi} are the products of the gust-effect factor G and the external C_p and internal C_{pi} pressure coefficient respectively, and q_h is the velocity (or dynamic) pressure at height h , which is calculated as

$$q_h = 0.613K_dK_hK_{zt}K_eV^2 \quad (Pa). \quad (3)$$

352 In [Eq. \(3\)](#), the directionality factor K_d , the topographic effect factor K_{zt} and the ground
 353 elevation factor K_e are all set to unity (see Section C26.14 in [ASCE \(2017\)](#)). V is the design
 354 wind speed and the product GC_{pi} in [Eq. \(2\)](#) is ± 0.55 .

355 ASCE/SEI 7-16 recommends assuming an exposure C and to use an exposure coefficient
 356 at the height of the building $K_z = K_h$. Since the buildings in the considered neighborhood
 357 have an average height close to $10m$, a $K_h = 1.0$ will be used.

358 The internal pressure coefficient value ± 0.55 used in [Eq. \(2\)](#) considers the fact that
 359 breaches in the envelope are highly probable during tornadoes due to the presence of fly-
 360 ing debris. A breach in the envelope creates an opening that causes the internal pressure
 361 to increase (decrease) if the opening is on the windward (leeward) face. Accordingly, the

362 same value used for the partially enclosed buildings under straight-line wind is used for the
363 tornado's internal pressure.

364 ASCE/SEI 7-16 offers an alternative simplified method that won't be used here. The
365 simplified method is formulated to make calculations easier in such a way that the designer
366 can reuse the calculations done for straight-line winds. The idea is that the designer can
367 calculate the provisions for straight-line winds in a particular location and then correct the
368 results with the help of the so-called tornado factor which accounts for the uncertainty in the
369 parameters. In ASCE/SEI 7-16, Chapter C26, it is shown that the results for both methods
370 are equivalent ([ASCE, 2017](#)).

371 *3.2. ASCE/SEI 7-22 design Provisions*

372 As was explained in the Introduction, there are a few important differences, in the context
373 of this article, between ASCE/SEI 7-22 and ASCE/SEI 7-16 i.e. the inclusion of a sealed
374 building classification and the use of an external pressure coefficient adjustment factor for
375 vertical winds, among others listed in [Section 1](#).

376 The pressure calculation for MWFRS is performed in accordance with the following equa-
377 tions:

$$p = qG_T K_{dT} K_{vT} C_p - q_i (GC_{pi}) \quad (4)$$

$$q = 0.613 K_{zT} K_e V_T^2 \quad (Pa) \quad (5)$$

378 where $q_i = q$, the directionality factor for tornadoes K_{dT} , the tornado exposure coefficient
379 K_{zT} and the ground elevation factor K_e are all set to 1.0, the gust-effect factor for tornadoes is
380 $G_T = 0.85$, V_T is the design tornado wind speed, the external pressure coefficient adjustment
381 factor for vertical winds is $K_{vT} = 1.1$ and, as usual, C_p is the external pressure coefficient and
382 GC_{pi} is the product of the gust-effect factor and the internal pressure coefficient, which is
383 +1.0 for Sealed classification and +0.55 for the Enclosed and Partially enclosed classification.

For C&C, the equations used are:

$$p = q_h [K_{dT} K_{vT} (GC_p) - (GC_{pi})] \quad (6)$$

384 and Eq. (5) with $q = q_h$. Now, $K_{dT} = 0.75$, the external pressure coefficient adjustment
 385 factor for vertical winds is $K_{vT} = 1.2$ for Zone 1, $K_{vT} = 1.2$ for Zone 2 and $K_{vT} = 1.3$ for
 386 Zone 3.

387 3.3. Physical simulation calculations (WindEEE Dome)

388 The forces on any part of each model house can be calculated by summing the contribu-
 389 tions of each pressure tap on the surface of the building using Eq. (7).

$$\mathbf{F}_M(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^N [p_j(t) - p_{int}(t)] A_j \mathbf{n}_j \quad (7)$$

390 where the subscript M indicates force on the model, j is the identification number of the
 391 pressure taps from 1 to N , which is the total number of pressure taps that are involved in
 392 the calculation of the force, $p_j(t)$ is the time history of the pressure on tap j , $p_{int}(t)$ is the
 393 time history of the internal pressure for the house being considered, A_j is the tributary area
 394 assigned to tap j and \mathbf{n}_j is the unit normal vector for each pressure tap.

395 The tributary area A_j is assigned to each pressure tap using a Voronoi tessellation (Bur-
 396 rough et al., 2015) for each face. As an example, Fig. 6 shows the tributary areas assigned to
 397 each pressure tap on House 2. The blue arrows indicate both the normals \mathbf{n}_j to the surface
 398 and the location of the pressure taps.

399 The maximums of the force or pressure time histories, depending on the goal, are extracted
 400 from each run and fitted to a Gumbel distribution using Lieblein’s BLUE method (Lieblein,
 401 1976; Hong et al., 2013), as in Roueche et al. (2020). Fig. 7 shows the time histories of the
 402 three components of the overall force on House 5 in Case 1, Run 1, with a dominant opening
 403 (yellow square) in full-scale.

404 Due to the absence of a detailed analysis on what is the appropriate percentile of the
 405 extreme aerodynamic pressure coefficient for tornadoes, the 78% percentile is used as the
 406 nominal maximum value, following the work by Cook and Mayne (1980). Roueche et al.
 407 (2020) used 50%.

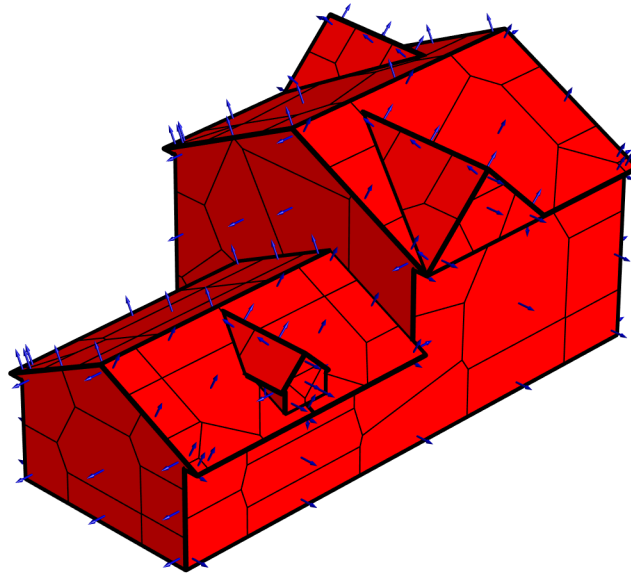


Fig 6. Tributary areas for each tap for House 2

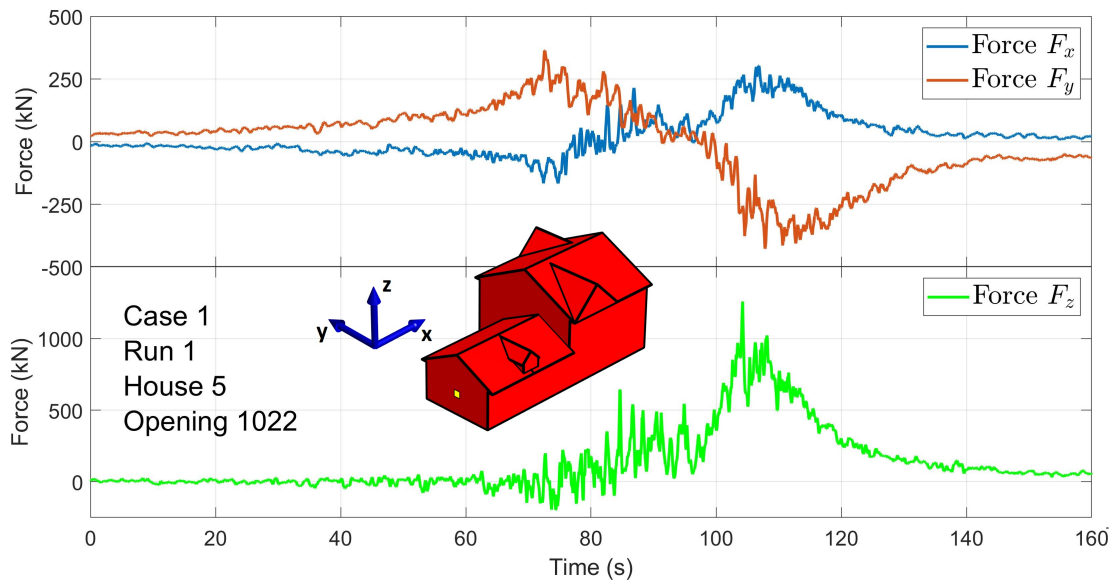


Fig 7. Overall force time histories in full-scale at House 5, in Case 1, Run 1 with internal pressure simulated for the opening scenario with the opening located on the yellow square.

408 *3.4. Velocity scales*

The full-scale pressures are calculated using dimensional analysis. Assuming equality of pressure coefficients at full-scale ($C_{p_{FS}}$) and model scale ($C_{p_{MS}}$) leads to

$$\frac{p_{MS} - p_{ref_{MS}}}{p_{FS} - p_{ref_{FS}}} = \lambda_V^2 \quad (8)$$

where p_{MS} and p_{FS} are the pressure at the same building location in model and full-scale respectively, $p_{ref_{MS}}$ and $p_{ref_{FS}}$ are the reference pressure in model and full-scale respectively, and the velocity scale is

$$\lambda_V = \frac{V_{ref_{MS}}}{V_{ref_{FS}}} \quad (9)$$

409 where $V_{ref_{MS}}$ and $V_{ref_{FS}}$ are reference velocities in model and full-scale respectively. Both
 410 reference velocity and pressure must be equivalent at model and full-scale. This means that,
 411 if for instance, $V_{ref_{FS}}$ is a 3-second gust, then $V_{ref_{MS}}$ must also be an equivalent 3-second
 412 gust (3-seconds at model scale). The term “3-second gust” refers to the expected value of
 413 the 3-second moving average peak of the wind speed in full-scale.

In the same way, assuming equality of force coefficients in full-scale ($C_{F_{FS}}$) and in model scale ($C_{F_{MS}}$) leads to

$$\frac{\mathbf{F}_{MS}}{\mathbf{F}_{FS}} = \lambda_V^2 \lambda_L^2 \quad (10)$$

414 where \mathbf{F}_{MS} and \mathbf{F}_{FS} are forces in model and full-scale respectively. λ_L is the length scale
 415 defined as the ratio of the model to full-scale reference lengths.

416 The length scale is readily available from the geometric scale used for the model, $\lambda_L =$
 417 $1/150$. This geometric scale was selected as a compromise between the need for the buildings
 418 to be large enough to fit a considerable number of pressure taps and the TLVs length scale
 419 presented in [Table 1](#). The model scale is slightly higher than the TLVs scale. The deter-
 420 mination of the velocity scale is more complicated. As explained before, ASCE/SEI 7-16
 421 and ASCE/SEI 7-22 use a 3-second gust design wind speed. ASCE/SEI 7-16 uses, as design
 422 wind speed, the end-of-range of the EF category of the tornado being considered which is
 423 a 3-second gust velocity, and ASCE/SEI 7-22 uses a 3-second gust velocity with a return
 424 period that depends on the Risk Category of the structure, its plan area, and its location.

425 The physically simulated TLVs are characterized by a maximum mean velocity, which is
 426 the maximum temporal average of the tangential velocity measured in a stationary condition.
 427 Since both reference velocities have different meanings (full-scale is a 3-second gust and
 428 model is a mean velocity), one of them must be transformed to find two equivalent reference
 429 velocities. For instance, the full-scale reference 3-second gust velocity has to be transformed
 430 to a mean velocity in full-scale or the model mean velocity has to be converted to an equivalent
 431 3-second gust velocity at model scale.

432 The transformations between mean and 3-second gust velocity make use of a tornado
 433 velocity gust factor G_{vTor} defined as follows:

$$G_{vTor}(t, T) = E \left[\frac{\hat{u}(t, T)}{\bar{U}} \right] \quad (11)$$

434 where $\hat{u}(t, T)$ is the peak value of the moving average velocity with a window width t in the
 435 period T , \bar{U} is the mean velocity for the period T , and $E[\cdot]$ denotes expected value.

436 In the past, researchers have used a variety of values and methods to determine the gust
 437 factors for tornadoes. Wang and Cao (2021) and Haan Jr et al. (2010) used the Durst curve,
 438 which was derived for ABL flows, to obtain a gust factor. Haan Jr et al. (2010) explained
 439 that the use of the Durst curve is not ideal, but at the time there were no turbulence mea-
 440 surements within tornadoes or TLVs available which could have allowed for a more accurate
 441 determination. The value used by Wang and Cao (2021), $G_{vTor} = 1.57$, is the gust factor
 442 with a 1-second averaging window and $T = 3600s$. The gust factor utilized by Haan Jr
 443 et al. (2010), $G_{vTor} \approx 1.4$, was determined for a 3-second averaging window and a period
 444 equivalent at full-scale to the averaging time selected, which translated to between 310s and
 445 450s in full-scale.

446 Roueche et al. (2020) used a different approach. Their reference velocity in model scale
 447 was calculated as the average of the maximums of the 3-s equivalent moving average of the
 448 wind velocity time history measured using cobra probes. The 3-second equivalent window
 449 width was found using a fixed velocity scale.

450 In this research, we propose an iterative method for evaluating the velocity scale and
 451 velocity gust factor. More specifically, the wind speed measurements of the stationary TLVs

452 are utilized in the following way:

- 453 1. A velocity gust factor G_{vTor} is assumed.
2. With the velocity gust factor, a velocity scale can be calculated using:

$$\lambda_V = \frac{V_M G_{vTor}}{V_{FS}} \quad (12)$$

454 where V_M is the average maximum tangential wind speed (Table 1) and V_{FS} is the
455 3-second gust wind speed in the target tornado EF-rating, i.e. end-of-range speed for
456 the EF rating being considered (Table 3).

3. A time scale is calculated as

$$\lambda_T = \frac{\lambda_L}{\lambda_V} \quad (13)$$

4. Find the 3-second equivalent window width (w_s) in samples by

$$w_s = 3 \cdot \lambda_T \cdot f \quad (14)$$

457 where $f = 500Hz$ is the sampling frequency. The window size equivalent to w_s but in
458 seconds is denoted by w_t .

- 459 5. Apply a moving average with window width w_s to the measured velocity time history
460 (model).
- 461 6. Divide the obtained 3-second equivalent time history into an appropriate number of
462 segments. Here, the time history is divided into 10 segments with 6016 samples each.
463 The number of segments is arbitrary but has an influence on the value of the gust factor
464 obtained, therefore, it must be selected carefully. The length of the segments, here, is
465 representative of a medium-lived tornado. Fig. 8 illustrates this process graphically for
466 EF3-rated TLV.
- 467 7. For each segment the maximum 3-second equivalent gust ($V_{3s,max,i}$) is found along with
468 the average velocity ($V_{mean,i}$), where i denotes the i -th segment.
8. Calculate the velocity gust factor as the average of the quotient between the maximum
3-second velocity and the average velocity, for the 10 segments:

$$G_{vTor} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{V_{3s,max,i}}{V_{mean,i}} \quad (15)$$

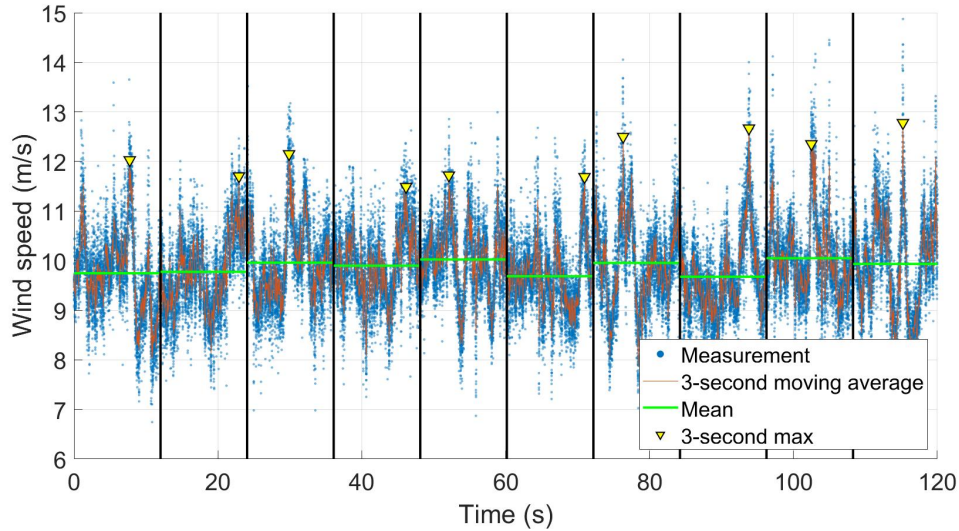


Fig 8. Wind velocity measurement at RMW for EF3-rated stationary TLV showing the maximum 3-second equivalent (in model time) gust and mean on each segment for the calculation of the velocity gust factor.

469 9. If the difference between the calculated velocity gust factor and the one assumed in
 470 Step 1 is higher than a specified tolerance, go back to Step 1 but using G_{vTor} obtained
 471 in Step 8 and repeat Steps 1 to 9. If the difference is less than the selected tolerance,
 472 stop the iteration.

473 This process converges in less than 10 iterations for a 0.001 tolerance and leads to the
 474 values presented in [Table 4](#).

Table 4

Scales and parameters of the TLVs scaled to EF end-of-range tornadoes.

Rating	Segment length (s)	λ_V	λ_T	$w_t(s)$	$w_s(samples)$	$G_{vTor,ref}$
EF1	586	1:3.08	1:48.7	0.062	31	1.39
EF2	514	1:3.51	1:42.8	0.070	35	1.25
EF3	486	1:3.71	1:40.4	0.074	37	1.23

475 The values of the velocity gust factor decrease as the rating increases. This suggests the
 476 turbulence intensity decreases for higher tornado ratings which can be attributed to reduced
 477 wandering. See [Ashton et al. \(2019\)](#) for a description of TLVs wandering.

478 It is important to note the limitations of the method used. The velocity record was split
 479 into 10 segments that roughly corresponds to 10-minute duration tornadoes, this may not be
 480 appropriate for all tornado rating. In addition, here, the TLVs are scaled to EF end-of-range
 481 tornadoes which may be inappropriate, specifically when ASCE 7-22 prescribes a design wind
 482 speed that varies according to location, plan area, and type of structure.

483 The 3-second averaging window width is selected to match the velocity scale in the pro-
 484 posed method, in contrast to [Roueche et al. \(2020\)](#), where the window is fixed.

485 The value of the gust factor can influence the ratios between WindEEE obtained and
 486 code calculated loads r because

$$r \propto G_{vTor}^{-2}. \quad (16)$$

487 A high gust factor leads to low values of the ratio and vice versa.

488 Different gust factors lead to different velocity scales and therefore, the scaled internal
 489 volume of the building is affected (see discussion in [Section 3.5](#)). This effect can change
 490 the behavior of the internal pressure and the results. In any case, since the resonant effects
 491 are low, we assume its influence on the internal pressure behavior could be negligible. As a
 492 result, any ratio of forces or pressures reported here (r_{ref} for $G_{vTor,ref}$) can be converted to
 493 a ratio for different gust factor G_{vTor} using

$$r = r_{ref} \left(\frac{G_{vTor,ref}}{G_{vTor}} \right)^2. \quad (17)$$

494 In other words, this equation and the obtained r_{ref} can be used to evaluate r if a different
 495 velocity gust factor is preferred.

496 3.5. Internal pressure

497 The internal pressure $p_{int}(t)$ is considered to mimic three different scenarios:

- 498 1. Completely sealed building
- 499 2. Nominally sealed with leakage
- 500 3. One dominant opening

501 These scenarios are selected to account for the different situations that can arise in terms
502 of internal pressure for a low-rise building, i.e. (1) a building that is unable to quickly adapt
503 its internal pressure to the changing overall external pressure, (2) a building that changes
504 rapidly its internal pressure to follow the changes in external pressure and (3) a building that
505 has a dominant opening and therefore the internal pressure is dominated by the interaction
506 of the flow and the opening.

507 The internal pressure for the completely sealed building case is modeled as equal to the
508 pressure measured inside the main chamber far from the TLV.

509 For each house, a number between 9 and 13 opening locations representative of failed
510 windows or doors are being considered in the single dominant opening scenario. All openings
511 are located on walls. [Fig. 9](#) shows the location of some of the openings considered in House
512 7.

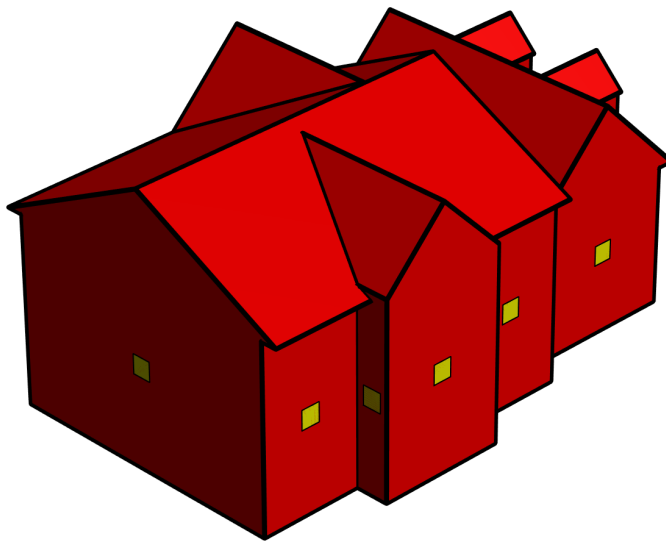


Fig 9. House 7 showing the location of some of the dominant openings considered.

513 For the nominally sealed and dominant opening case, the internal pressure on each house
514 is modeled using the MDE ([Oh et al., 2007](#)):

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho \ell_{e1} \ddot{x}_1 + \left(\frac{1}{k_1}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2n}} \dot{x}_1 |\dot{x}_1|^{\frac{1}{n}-1} &= p_{e,1} - p_{int} \\
\rho \ell_{e2} \ddot{x}_2 + \left(\frac{1}{k_2}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2n}} \dot{x}_2 |\dot{x}_2|^{\frac{1}{n}-1} &= p_{e,2} - p_{int} \\
&\vdots \\
\rho \ell_{em} \ddot{x}_m + \left(\frac{1}{k_m}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\frac{\rho}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2n}} \dot{x}_m |\dot{x}_m|^{\frac{1}{n}-1} &= p_{e,m} - p_{int} \\
\sum_{j=1}^m \epsilon_j A_j \dot{x}_j &= \frac{V_{o,MS}}{\gamma p_o} \dot{p}_{int}
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

515 where ρ is the density of air, ℓ_{ej} is the effective length, which represents the length of
516 the ‘‘air slug’’ that goes in and out of the building, k_j is the discharge coefficient, n is the
517 flow exponent which ranges from 0.5 if the flow through the leakage holes is laminar to 1
518 if is fully turbulent, \dot{x}_j is the flow velocity through the opening assigned to tap j , and \ddot{x}_j
519 its acceleration, $p_{e,j}$ is the external pressure at tap j , P_{int} is the internal pressure, ϵ_j is the
520 envelope porosity, A_j is the tributary area assigned to tap j , $V_{o,M}$ is the scaled volume of
521 the model building, γ is the heat capacity ratio for air and p_o is the atmospheric pressure.
522 [Holmes \(2007\)](#) proposes a value $\ell_e \approx 0.89\sqrt{A}$.

523 Since pressures are measured at model scale, the internal pressure is modeled at model
524 scale also, which means the internal volume of the buildings must be properly scaled to
525 account for resonant effects. The model scale internal volume $V_{o,M}$ can be calculated using
526 [\(Oh et al., 2007\)](#):

$$V_{o,M} = V_{o,FS} \frac{\lambda_L^3}{\lambda_V^2} \tag{19}$$

527 where $V_{o,FS}$ is the full-scale internal volume of the building, λ_L is the length scale, and
528 λ_V is the velocity scale.

529 In the distributed leakage case, we assume no significant opening is present in the building
530 envelope, and therefore the passage of air in and out of the building is done through cracks
531 in the envelope, utility ducts, and imperfect seal of the gaps between doors or windows and
532 frames. In this way, the background leakage is assumed to be uniformly distributed on the

walls of the building. The values of building envelope porosity ϵ , defined as the ratio of the total opening area to the total surface area of buildings, are highly scattered, ranging from 10^{-4} to 10^{-3} (Ginger, 2000). Here, we use a value of the porosity $\epsilon = 10^{-4}$, and the same value of the discharge coefficient used in Oh et al. (2007) for their distributed leakage case, $k = 0.38$. The exponent $n = 0.65$ is the value recommended by ASHRAE for full-scale buildings.

For the dominant opening scenario, the internal pressure is modeled with the same set of parameters as in the distributed leakage at all taps except the one where the opening is located. The result is one big opening with background leakage coupled. We assign the following values to the parameters at the opening: discharge coefficient $k = 0.63$, flow exponent $n = 0.65$, and opening area $A = 2.22 \cdot 10^{-5} m$ which corresponds to a $0.5 m^2$ opening in full-scale.

The above differential equation system is solved numerically using an iterative backward differences scheme. The nonlinear algebraic system obtained after the discretization is solved using the Newton-Raphson method. A max tolerance between iterations of $Tol = 1 \cdot 10^{-8}$ was used as a stopping criterion.

An analysis of the optimum time step considering computation speed and solution accuracy was done. The solution to the MDE equations for one particular case, run and house, and case, run, house and opening was found using the Dormand-Prince adaptive Runge-Kutta method for the distributed leakage and opening cases respectively. The MATLAB[®] function ode45, which implements the Dormand-Prince method, was used for the calculation with absolute and relative tolerances 10^{-6} and 10^{-3} respectively.

This solution was assumed to be a good approximation of the exact solution. Then, the maximum error of the solutions of the faster iterative backward difference method was calculated by comparing to this “exact solution” for different time steps. Fig. 10 shows the absolute error in the internal pressure as a function of the time step for the distributed leakage and the opening case.

Time steps $Dt = 10^{-3} s$ and $Dt = 10^{-4} s$ for distributed leakage and opening scenarios were selected to keep the error lower than the uncertainty of the pressure measurements $\pm 0.3 Pa$.

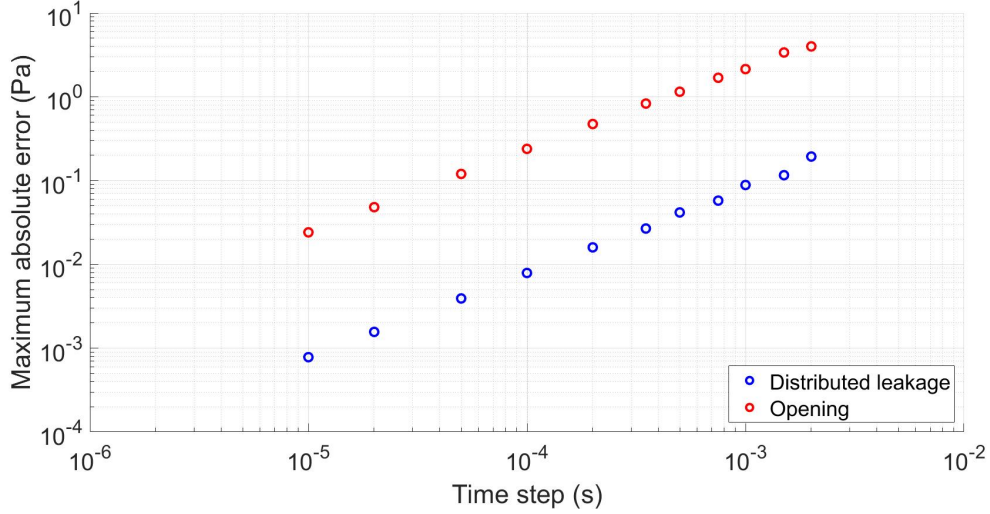


Fig 10. Maximum absolute error as a function of time step

563 Simulations for each case, run, and house for the distributed leakage scenario and case,
 564 run, house, and opening for the single opening scenario was performed. In total, 7560 opening
 565 simulations and 672 leakage simulations were completed.

566 4. Results

In this section, the ratios of the forces for MWFRS and pressures for C&C obtained from measurements and calculated using the standards are reported. The ratio of forces defined in the previous section r_{ref} , is calculated using

$$r_{ref} = \frac{F_{WindEEE}}{F_{ASCE}} \quad (20)$$

and the ratio of the pressures is calculated using

$$r_{ref} = \frac{p_{WindEEE}}{p_{ASCE}} \quad (21)$$

567 where the subscripts WindEEE and ASCE denote the method of calculation i.e. physi-
 568 cal simulation measurements and ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22 standard respectively. For the
 569 calculation of the ratios, the gust factors shown in [Table 4](#) are used.

570 As was mentioned before, the force or pressure calculated from the WindEEE measure-
 571 ment represents the 78% percentile found using a Gumbel distribution fitted to the sample
 572 of maximums (runs) of the target variable.

573 The lateral forces F_x and F_y are the forces along the ridge of the house and transversal to
574 the ridge respectively, while F_z is the vertical or uplift force (see Fig. 7). Only the uplift or
575 upwards force is considered, the downwards force was ignored since it's not critical for wind
576 loading. For pressures, only the net pressure acting in the outwards direction is considered.
577 The net pressure is calculated as the difference between external and internal pressure.

578 ASCE/SEI 7-22 proposes three enclosure classifications relevant to this research i.e.
579 Sealed, Enclosed, and Partially enclosed. Each classification leads to a different internal
580 pressure value assignment as explained in Section 3. Note that since the internal pressure
581 coefficient in both the Enclosed and Partially enclosed classifications is the same, only the
582 Partially enclosed condition is analyzed.

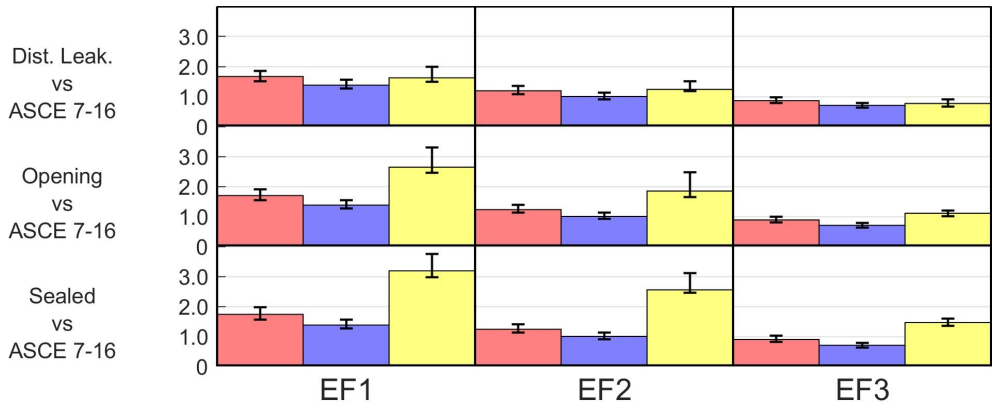
583 The comparison offered here is performed between forces and pressures calculated using
584 ASCE/SEI 7-16 extended method and ASCE/SEI 7-22 in the Sealed and Partially enclosed
585 conditions on one hand and on the other hand the ones calculated from WindEEE Dome mea-
586 surements under the three different internal pressure scenarios described in Section 3.5. The
587 simulated internal pressure scenarios are “Distributed Leakage”, “Opening”, and “Sealed”.
588 There is a clear equivalence between the Sealed scenario and the Sealed classification in
589 ASCE/SEI 7-22. The ASCE/SEI 7-22 Partially enclosed has its homologous in the Opening
590 scenario. The Distributed leakage scenario has no counterpart in the standard but is included
591 because it is representative of a building that retains the integrity of its envelope.

592 4.1. MWFRS

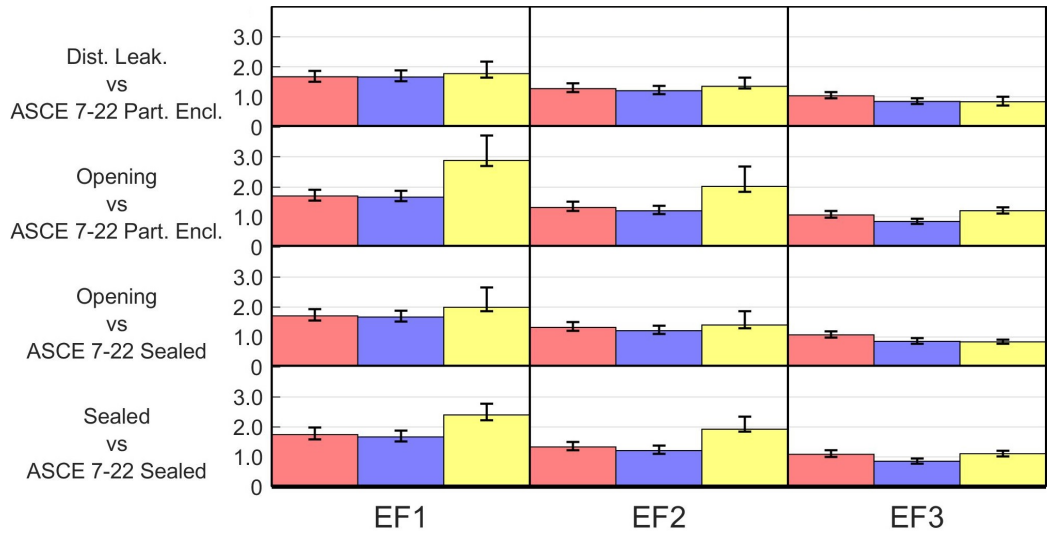
593 Fig. 11 shows the ratios of the force components on the whole house (see also Table A.1).
594 Here, “DistLeak”, “Opening” and “Sealed” denote “Distributed leakage”, “Opening” and
595 “Sealed” internal pressure scenarios, while “PartEnc” and “Sealed” denote Partially enclosed
596 and Sealed enclosure classification.

597 The ratios presented in Fig. 11 are the maximum registered in any case or house with
598 the same EF rating and force component. For example, the value of the ratio “DistLeak vs
599 ASCE 7-16” for F_x and EF1 is registered at House 5 and Case 6 and for F_y and EF1 is found
600 at House 7 and Case 6.

601 The ratios decrease as the tornado rating increases, which suggests that, as a general rule,
602 a design to resist an EF3-rated tornado that is subjected to the design EF3-rated tornado



(a)



(b)

Fig 11. Ratios of overall forces for different comparisons and EF-ratings. Fx (red), Fy (blue), and Fz (yellow). (a) Comparison against ASCE/SEI 7-16, (b) comparison against ASCE/SEI 7-22. The whiskers indicate the 90% confidence intervals

603 would be safer than a design aimed to resist an EF2-rated tornado that is subjected to the
604 design EF2-rated tornado and so on.

605 The ratios of lateral forces found for EF1-rated tornadoes are between 1.38 and 1.74, for
606 EF2-rated tornadoes between 1.00 and 1.33, and for EF3-rated tornadoes between 0.70 and
607 1.08. The values are close together for the same EF rating and component, which can be
608 explained by the fact that the internal pressure value does not influence the value of overall
609 lateral forces. In most comparisons, the ratios for F_x are higher than the ratios for F_y , but
610 similar.

611 The values of the uplift force ratios are all higher than 1.0, except for EF3-rated tor-
612 nadoes. The lowest ratios for any EF rating, are found in both comparisons against the
613 Distributed leakage scenario and “Opening vs ASCE7-22 Sealed”. The highest values are
614 found when comparing against the sealed scenario, followed closely by the Opening scenario.
615 It is interesting to note that the ratios when comparing against the Opening scenario are
616 close to the ones when comparing to the Sealed scenario. This means that an opening can
617 create internal pressures of the same order of magnitude as the sealed condition.

618 In the event of a breach in the envelope, the uplift force can change dramatically reaching
619 values of ratios as high as 2.64 and 2.88 for EF1-rated tornadoes in the relevant comparison
620 between Opening and ASCE 7-16 and ASCE 7-22 Partially enclosed. These values decrease
621 as the rating increase: 1.85 and 2.02 for EF2-rated tornadoes and 1.11 and 1.21 for EF3-rated
622 tornadoes. This means an increase between 44% and 63% in the loads from the Distributed
623 leakage scenario to the Opening scenario, which highlights the importance of keeping the
624 integrity of the building’s envelope. These results indicate that the entire roof can be com-
625 promised if breaches are created during the event of a tornado. This observation deserves to
626 be taken carefully: for winds in the EF1 range, even though the ratios are high, the uplift
627 forces may be too weak to overcome the roof’s own weight and common roof-to-wall con-
628 nections, on the other hand, for EF3-rated tornadoes, the ratios are lower, but the forces
629 are higher, therefore a situation where the whole roof is lifted is more likely to occur. In
630 addition, it is likely that other localized damages e.g. at the roof’s corners occur before the
631 entire roof can be lifted.

632 4.1.1. Comparison with previous studies

633 Fig. 12 presents the comparison of the maximum ratios of the base shear and uplift
634 forces on the whole houses between measurements and code-based calculation reported by
635 Wang and Cao (2021) and Haan Jr et al. (2010) and this research. In order to make a fair
636 comparison, the analogous ratios to the ones calculated by the cited authors among the ratios
637 calculated in this research are identified.

638 Wang and Cao (2021) compared the tornado-induced loads on a low-rise building obtained
639 from wind tunnel simulations with the guidelines from ASCE/SEI 7-16. They measured the
640 internal pressure and simulated four cases which represent two internal pressure scenarios
641 i.e. distributed leakage and one dominant opening. The swirl ratio used in their research
642 was 0.72 which corresponds to an EF3-rated tornado according to the authors. Accordingly,
643 their results are compared in two ways: first, their distributed leakage vs ASCE/SEI 7-16 is
644 compared to the Dist.Leak. vs ASCE/SEI 7-16 for EF3 tornadoes in this research and their
645 one dominant opening vs ASCE/SEI 7-16 was compared to the Opening vs ASCE/SEI 7-16
646 for EF3-rated tornadoes in this research.

647 Haan Jr et al. (2010) calculated the ratios between the overall forces on a simple gable
648 roof low-rise building and the provisions in ASCE 7-05. It is important to note that ASCE
649 7-05 didn't have provisions nor guidelines for tornado-resistant design, therefore, the authors
650 adapted the parameters, originally intended for ABL flows, to fit tornadoes. In addition,
651 they simulated several swirl ratios and reported the maximum base shear and uplift ratios.
652 Also, they didn't consider internal pressure, consequently, their results are equivalent to the
653 Sealed scenario in this research, therefore their ratios are compared to the Sealed vs ASCE
654 7-16.

655 4.2. Components & cladding (C & C)

656 Here, in Fig. 13 and Table A.2, the ratios of pressure in different zones and EF rating
657 are presented. The zones are defined in Chapter 30 of ASCE/SEI 7-16, Figures 30.3-1, and
658 30.3-2C, and can be seen in Fig. 4. The maximum values of the pressure coefficients are
659 utilized. These values correspond to the least EWA i.e. less than $0.2m^2$ for zone 3r and
660 $0.9m^2$ for all other zones. Hence, the values of the external pressure coefficient C_p are the

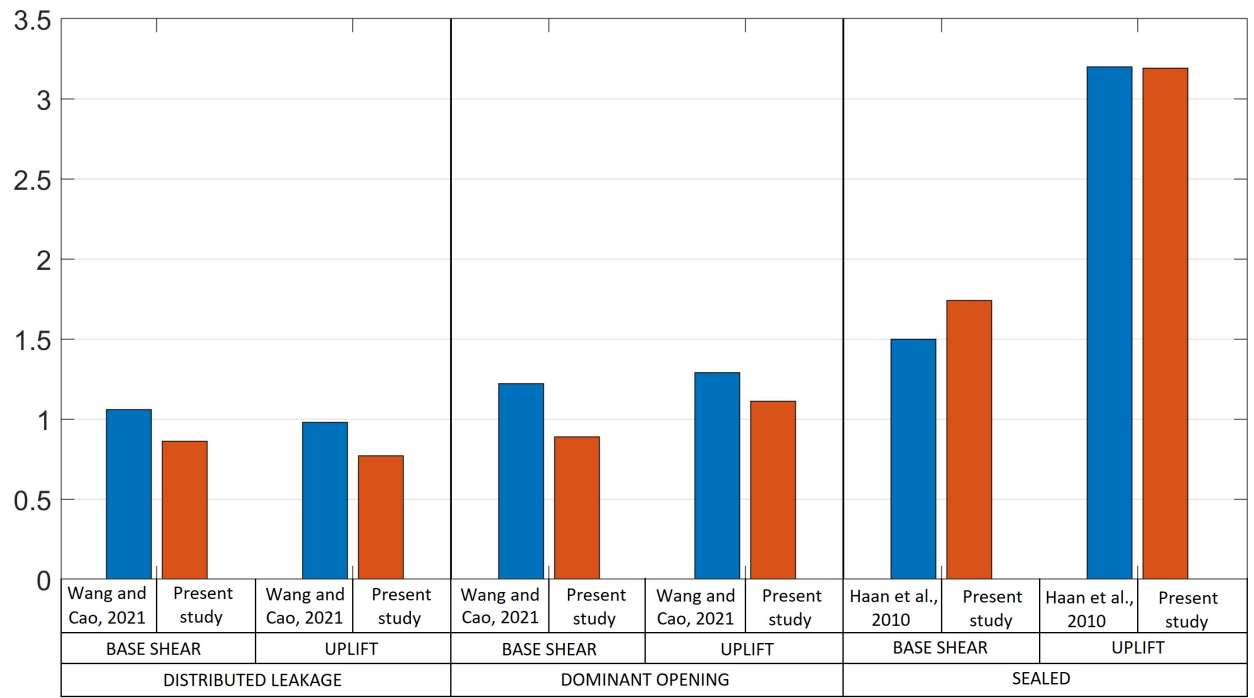


Fig 12. Comparison of the maximum ratios of the base shear and uplift force on the whole houses between measurements and code-based calculation reported by Wang and Cao (2021) and Haan Jr et al. (2010) and this research.

661 following: -1.5 for zones 1 and 2e, -2.5 for zones 2n, 2r and 3e, -3.0 for zone 3r, -1.1 for zone
662 4 and -1.4 for zone 5.

663 The two most relevant C&C comparisons reported in this article are: “Dist.Leak vs
664 ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.” and “Opening vs ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.” because
665 ASCE/SEI 7-22 is the current standard and the first to include a chapter for tornado loads
666 and the “Opening” and “Distributed leakage” are the two most common enclosure scenarios
667 that can arise in the event of a tornado.

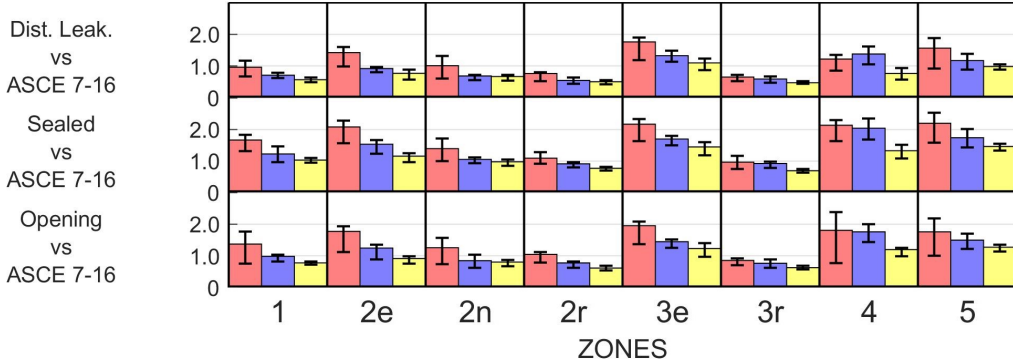
668 In the case “Dist.Leak vs ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.” most ratios are lower than 1.0.
669 On the roof, only the ratios for EF1-rated tornadoes and zones 2e, and 3e are higher than
670 1.0 but close to one.

671 For the “Opening vs ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.” comparison, the ratios on the roof
672 zones for EF1-rated tornadoes are all higher than 1.0 except for zone 3r. The highest values
673 are found for zones 2e and 3e with ratios of 1.77 and 1.83. For EF2-rated tornadoes, the
674 value for zones 2e and 3e are higher than one with values 1.25 and 1.35 respectively. For
675 EF3-rated tornadoes, only the ratio for zone 3e is higher than 1.0. The ratios are higher on
676 the zones close to the eaves, i.e. zones 2e and 3e. This suggests the loading mechanism may
677 be different than in ABL winds and that this mechanism is more pronounced in lower-rated
678 tornadoes.

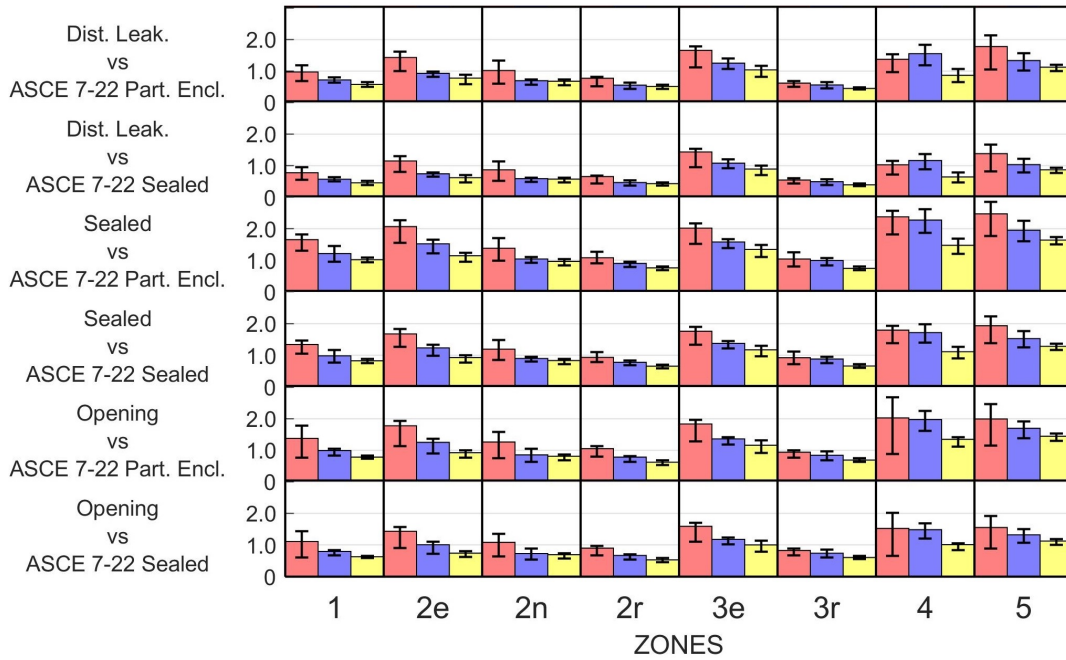
679 Almost all ratios on wall zones 4 and 5 are higher than 1.0. A maximum ratio of 2.48
680 is registered in the comparison “Sealed vs. ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. Enc.”, for EF1-rated
681 tornadoes in zone 5. In the “Opening vs. ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. Enc.” comparison, the
682 ratios are between 1.99 and 2.02 for EF1-, between 1.69 and 1.97 for EF2-, and between
683 1.34 and 1.44 for EF3-rated tornadoes. This is consistent with the observation of sidewalls
684 blowing outwards during tornado events when openings are present ([Marshall, 2002](#)).

685 It is important to note that the presence of openings increases the ratios on all zones (on
686 walls and roof) between 9% and 56% with an average increase of around 32%, and a median
687 of 28%, again, highlighting the importance of maintaining the integrity of the envelope.

688 The comparison Sealed against Sealed leads to similar values than “Opening vs ASCE
689 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.” but there is an overall reduction of the values. The reduction comes
690 from the higher internal pressure coefficient used.



(a)



(b)

Fig 13. Ratios of pressures for different comparisons and zones. EF1 (red), EF2 (blue), and EF3 (yellow). (a) Comparison against ASCE/SEI 7-16, (b) comparison against ASCE/SEI 7-22. The whiskers indicate the 90% confidence intervals

691 *4.3. Ratios uncertainty estimation*

692 The most important sources of uncertainty in the reported ratios are: (1) the small sample
693 size due to the number of runs available for each case i.e. between 5 and 10 runs, (2) the
694 value of the velocity gust factor, (3) measurement uncertainties, and (4) the statistical model
695 adopted to describe the distribution of the maximums, i.e. Gumbel distribution.

696 The limited sample size arises from the cost and time constraints imposed by this type of
697 physical simulation at the WindEEE Dome. The number of samples necessary to eliminate
698 the small sample size effect is unknown. For comparison, [Haan Jr et al. \(2010\)](#) and [Case
699 et al. \(2014\)](#) used 10 runs and [Roueche et al. \(2020\)](#) 5 runs.

700 The determination of the minimum sample size for Generalized Extreme Value Distribu-
701 tion (GEVD) quantile estimation was studied by [Cai and Hames \(2010\)](#). They developed a
702 method that uses the Shapiro-Wilk normality test on the bootstrapped maximum likelihood
703 estimators (MLE) of the distribution parameters for a prescribed significance level (α). The
704 number of samples must be increased until the p -value $> \alpha$, which would indicate that the
705 null hypothesis (normality) can't be rejected. With this criterion, for $\alpha = 0.05$, both 5 and
706 10 runs are insufficient to describe adequately the population of maximums.

707 As was mentioned before, the value of the velocity gust factor adopted, can have a sig-
708 nificant influence on the ratios. Since the gust factors are calculated as the average of the
709 ratios between peak and mean in segments of the velocity time history measured in stationary
710 TLVs, if the underlying distribution is normal, the gust factor has a Student-t distribution
711 with $n - 1 = 10 - 1 = 9$ degrees of freedom, and $\sigma = S/\sqrt{n}$ and $\mu = \bar{x}$, where S^2 and \bar{x} are
712 the sample variance and mean respectively. The assumption that the underlying distribution
713 is normal is reasonable as can be observed from the normal probability plots in [Fig. 14](#).
714 [Fig. 15](#) shows normalized histograms of the bootstrapped velocity gust factors along with
715 the Student-t and normal distribution with σ and μ calculated as explained before, showing
716 good agreement.

717 Measurement uncertainties are judged to be of a lower order than the uncertainties gener-
718 ated by the low number of runs and the velocity gust factor, and therefore are not evaluated.

719 It is assumed that the maximums have Type I Extreme Value Distribution or Gumbel
720 distribution. The epistemic uncertainty associated with this assumption can be reduced if

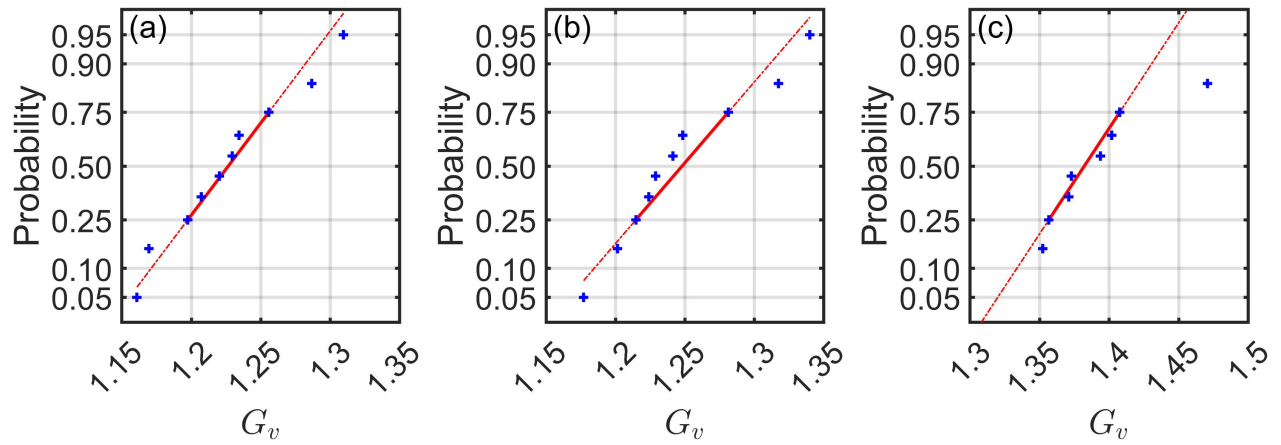


Fig 14. Normal probability plots of the ratios between peak and mean in the 10 segments. (a) EF1, (b) EF2, and (c) EF3.

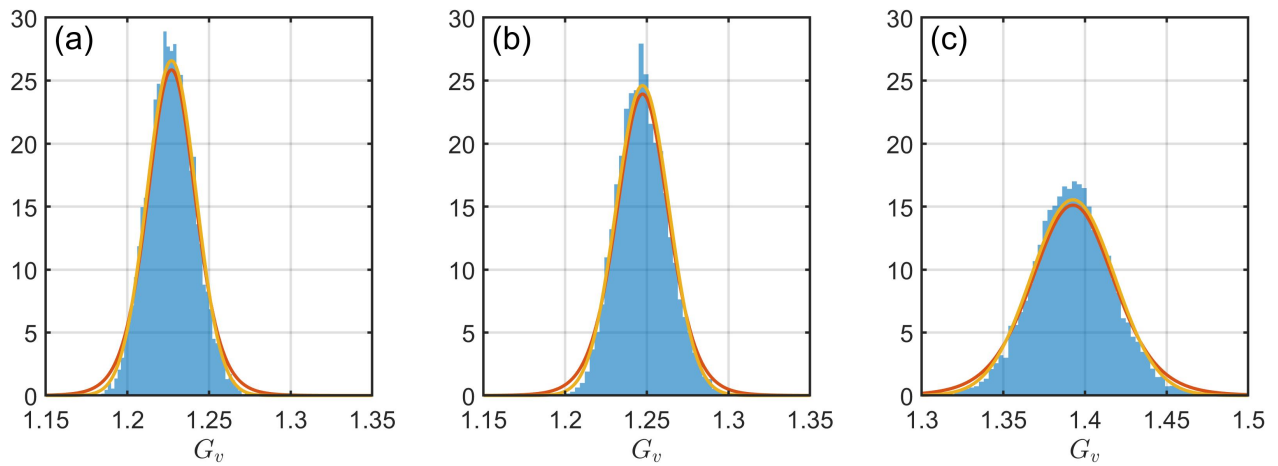


Fig 15. Normalized histograms of the bootstrapped ratios between peak and mean velocities, and Student-t (red) and Normal (yellow) distribution fitted.

721 additional samples are available, which is beyond the scope of this research.

722 The uncertainty in the ratios is estimated using the parametric bootstrap method (Davi-
723 son and Hinkley, 1997). The steps of the procedure are:

- 724 1. From the list of maxima i.e. the maximums on each repetition (run), a high number
725 (10000) of resamples (with replacement) are found.
- 726 2. For each resample, a set of parameters of the Gumbel distribution are obtained by
727 fitting them using Lieblein's BLUE method.
- 728 3. With each set of parameters, the nominal peak (78% percentile) is obtained.
- 729 4. From a Student-t distribution with σ and μ calculated as explained before, values of
730 the velocity gust factor are randomly generated (10000).
- 731 5. A set of 10000 ratios is calculated using the nominal peaks and velocity gust factors.
- 732 6. The two-sided 90% confidence interval is found from the 5% and 95% percentiles. These
733 limits are used to report uncertainties in the ratios in Fig. 11 and Fig. 13 and Table A.1
734 and Table A.2.

735 Fig. 16 shows the normalized histograms of the 78% percentile of the ratio in Case 1,
736 House 5, Zone 3r, and Tap 1319 with 9 runs (blue) and 5 runs (red). This highlights the
737 reduction of the uncertainty in the ratios by increasing the number of runs.

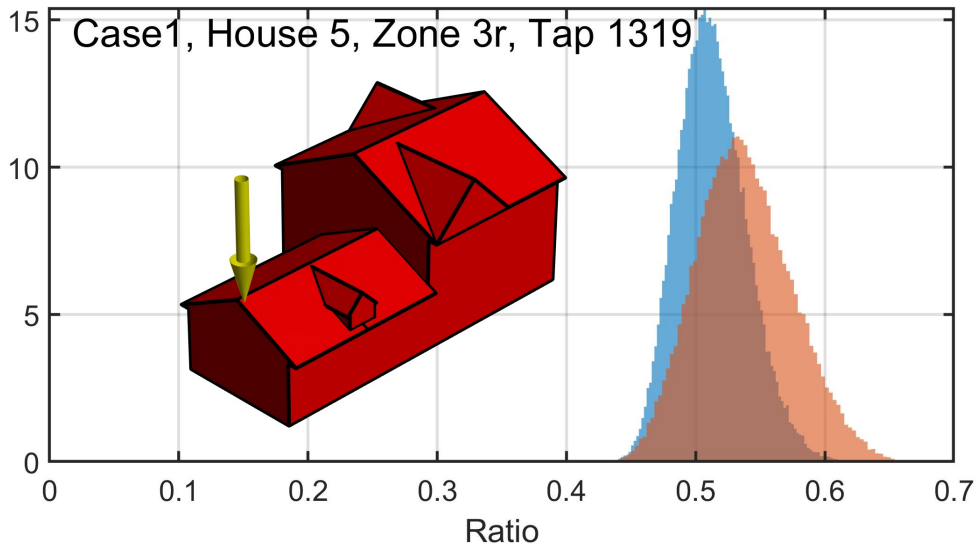


Fig 16. Normalized histograms of the ratios for 9 runs and 5 runs.

738 If the samples are not representative of the population, which can happen when the
 739 number of samples (runs) is low, it is possible for the calculated variability of the ratios to
 740 be mistakenly less with fewer samples than with more samples.

741 4.4. Discussion

742 As was mentioned in Section 3, the pressure coefficients for C&C are found in Figures
 743 30.3-1 and 30.3-2C in ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22, for an EWA of 0.19 ft^2 . For low EWAs
 744 the pressure coefficients are independent of the value of the EWA in the standards. This
 745 is mostly because there is a lack of pressure-averaged data for low EWAs, not because the
 746 pressure coefficients are actually independent of the EWA. In addition, very low EWAs are
 747 deemed not relevant since most components have EWAs of at least 10 ft^2 .

748 Since in this research, the measured pressure is a point pressure (EWA= 0.19 ft^2), it
 749 may result in an unfair comparison because the pressure coefficients from the standards are
 750 actually area averages with larger EWA $\approx 10 \text{ ft}^2$.

751 The decision was made here to use the values from the standards as they come (C_{pref}),
 752 but other criteria may be valid, for instance, as suggested in Appendix C30 of ASCE/SEI
 753 7-22, a practitioner may choose to extrapolate the sloped part of the EWA- C_p plots in Figures
 754 30.3-1 and 30.3-2C to smaller EWAs, as shown in Fig. 17a, Fig. 17b and Fig. 17c. This leads
 755 to higher absolute value pressure coefficients which are much more conservative.

The reported ratios r_{ref} can be converted for different C_p with

$$r = r_{ref} \cdot \frac{0.9GC_p - 0.55}{0.9GC_{pref} - 0.55} \quad (22)$$

for ASCE/SEI 7-16 and

$$r = r_{ref} \cdot \frac{0.75K_{vT}GC_p - GC_{pi}}{0.75K_{vT}GC_{pref} - GC_{pi}} \quad (23)$$

756 for ASCE/SEI 7-22, where the values of C_{pref} and K_{vT} are presented in Table 5. GC_{pi} is
 757 $+0.55$ for Enclosed or Partially enclosed classifications and $+1.0$ for the Sealed classification.

758 5. Conclusions

759 The goal of this study was to compare the design tornado-induced loads provided by
 760 ASCE/SEI 7-22 and ASCE/SEI 7-16 against what would be experienced by real-world shaped

Table 5

Reference pressure coefficients for ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22, and the external pressure coefficient adjustment factor for vertical winds used for each zone in ASCE/SEI 7-16, with the corresponding zone in ASCE/SEI 7-22 in parenthesis.

		Zone							
		1 (1)	2e (1)	2n (2)	2r (2)	3e (2)	3r (3)	4 (4)	5 (6)
C_{pref}	ASCE 7-16	-1.5	-1.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-3.6	-1.1	-1.4
C_{pref}	ASCE 7-22	-1.5	-1.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-3.0	-1.1	-1.4
K_{vT}		1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0

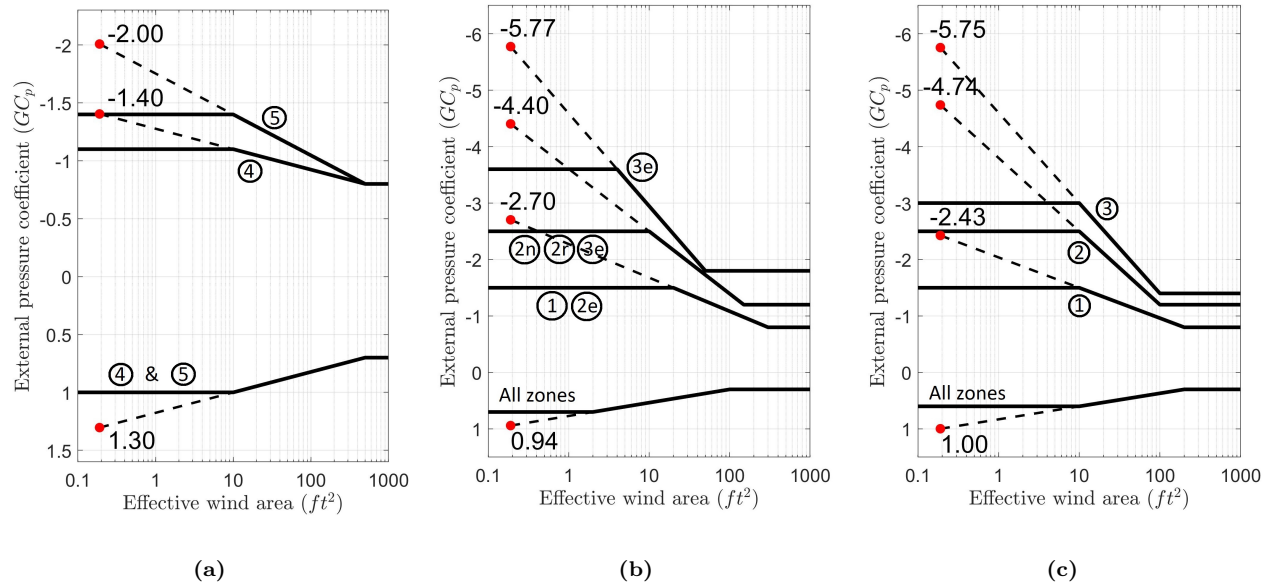


Fig 17. External pressure coefficients as a function of EWA. (a) On the walls for both ASCE/SEI 7-16 and 7-22, (b) on the roof for ASCE/SEI 7-16, and (c) on the roof for ASCE/SEI 7-22 (reproduced from ASCE (2017) and ASCE (2022))

761 low-rise residential buildings forming a community during tornado events of different inten-
762 sities.

763 Physical simulation in the WindEEE Dome at UWO was employed to investigate this
764 issue. Pressures and forces on 8 model houses in a community were measured while interacting
765 with several translating TLVs with different characteristics, representative of EF1-, EF2-
766 and EF3-rated tornadoes, with a diversity of paths and trajectories. Three internal pressure
767 scenarios were simulated numerically using the MDE model.

768 The tornado velocity gust factor was identified as a critical parameter when translating
769 loads from model scale to full-scale. A method using stationary TLVs velocity measurements
770 at RMW was developed for its calculation. The values of the tornado velocity gust factor
771 decrease as the tornado rating increases which can be attributed to the increased wandering
772 effect at lower ratings.

773 The comparison of the loads suggests that, in general, a structure designed to resist a
774 certain EF-rated tornado subjected to the same considered EF-rated tornado would be safer
775 as the rating increases, more specifically, if for instance, a building is designed to withstand
776 an EF3-rated tornado using ASCE/SEI 7 standards, it would be safer than if it is designed
777 to resist an EF2-rated tornado in the case the design tornado actually hits the structure, and
778 so on.

779 The ratios of overall uplift forces increase between 44% to 63% from the distributed
780 leakage scenario to the one dominant opening scenario. This implies that in case of breaches
781 in the envelope, the increase in uplift force can be significant, highlighting the need to keep
782 the integrity of the envelope. Similar increments are observed in roof pressures.

783 A reasonable agreement was found when comparing the maximum overall load ratios
784 reported by previous studies and this research.

785 It appears that pressures on walls are underestimated by the standards in most internal
786 pressure scenarios and tornado ratings.

787 On the roof, the ratios are predominantly lower than 1.0, with few exceptions. Ratios for
788 EF1-rated tornadoes are mostly higher than 1.0, and the values in zones 2e and 3e are often
789 higher than one. The fact that ratios close to the eaves are higher than ratios on central parts
790 of the roof and close to the ridge suggests that there is a different mechanism generating the

791 peak pressures which is intensified in lower-rating tornadoes.

792 **Declaration of competing interest**

793 The authors declare that they have no known competing financial interests or personal
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801 **Appendix A. Tables of force and pressure ratios.**

Table A.1

Ratios of the overall force components calculated from the WindEEE Dome measurements to the calculations performed according to the standards. In parenthesis the 90% confidence intervals and in bold the ratios that are higher than 1.0

	EF1			EF2			EF3		
	Fx	Fy	Fz	Fx	Fy	Fz	Fx	Fy	Fz
DistLeak vs ASCE716	1.67 (1.47,1.83)	1.38 (1.20,1.49)	1.62 (1.25,1.75)	1.19 (1.03,1.30)	1.00 (0.87,1.09)	1.24 (0.98,1.30)	0.86 (0.75,0.93)	0.70 (0.62,0.77)	0.77 (0.63,0.88)
Opening vs ASCE716	1.70 (1.49,1.86)	1.38 (1.21,1.49)	2.64 (1.98,2.83)	1.23 (1.07,1.34)	1.00 (0.87,1.09)	1.85 (1.22,2.04)	0.89 (0.78,0.96)	0.70 (0.62,0.78)	1.11 (1.01,1.20)
Sealed vs ASCE716	1.74 (1.51,1.92)	1.38 (1.19,1.49)	3.19 (2.63,3.40)	1.24 (1.08,1.35)	1.00 (0.87,1.10)	2.55 (2.00,2.65)	0.90 (0.77,0.97)	0.70 (0.62,0.78)	1.46 (1.33,1.58)
DistLeak vs ASCE722_PartEnc	1.67 (1.47,1.83)	1.66 (1.44,1.80)	1.77 (1.37,1.91)	1.27 (1.09,1.39)	1.20 (1.05,1.31)	1.35 (1.06,1.42)	1.04 (0.91,1.13)	0.85 (0.75,0.93)	0.84 (0.68,0.96)
Opening vs ASCE722_PartEnc	1.70 (1.50,1.85)	1.66 (1.44,1.79)	2.88 (2.04,3.07)	1.31 (1.12,1.42)	1.20 (1.04,1.31)	2.02 (1.36,2.19)	1.06 (0.93,1.15)	0.85 (0.75,0.93)	1.21 (1.10,1.30)
Opening vs ASCE722_Sealed	1.70 (1.48,1.85)	1.66 (1.44,1.81)	1.98 (1.32,2.12)	1.31 (1.13,1.42)	1.20 (1.04,1.31)	1.39 (0.93,1.51)	1.06 (0.94,1.16)	0.85 (0.75,0.93)	0.83 (0.75,0.89)
Sealed vs ASCE722_Sealed	1.74 (1.51,1.90)	1.66 (1.45,1.80)	2.39 (2.01,2.58)	1.33 (1.16,1.44)	1.20 (1.04,1.32)	1.92 (1.51,2.01)	1.08 (0.94,1.17)	0.85 (0.75,0.93)	1.10 (1.00,1.18)

Table A.2

Ratios of the pressures in C&C zones calculated from the WindEEE Dome measurements to the calculations performed according to the standards. In parenthesis the 90% confidence intervals and in bold the ratios that are higher than 1.0

		Zones								
	Rating	1	2e	2n	2r	3e	3r	4	5	
Dist.Leak.	EF1	0.96 (0.68, 1.17)	1.42 (0.99, 1.60)	1.01 (0.60, 1.32)	0.76 (0.52,0.81)	1.76 (1.18,1.89)	0.65 (0.53,0.72)	1.22 (0.86, 1.36)	1.56 (0.92, 1.88)	
vs	EF2	0.71 (0.63,0.79)	0.92 (0.80,0.98)	0.69 (0.56,0.73)	0.55 (0.43,0.63)	1.33 (1.13,1.48)	0.59 (0.47,0.68)	1.38 (1.05,1.62)	1.17 (0.89, 1.38)	
ASCE 7-16	EF3	0.57 (0.49,0.64)	0.77 (0.58,0.88)	0.67 (0.54,0.73)	0.50 (0.43,0.55)	1.10 (0.87, 1.23)	0.47 (0.43,0.52)	0.77 (0.57,0.94)	0.99 (0.88, 1.05)	
Sealed	EF1	1.66 (1.31,1.82)	2.07 (1.57,2.27)	1.39 (0.99, 1.72)	1.09 (0.91, 1.28)	2.16 (1.63,2.33)	0.96 (0.74, 1.15)	2.13 (1.63,2.29)	2.19 (1.57,2.53)	
vs	EF2	1.22 (0.96, 1.45)	1.53 (1.22,1.66)	1.05 (0.93, 1.11)	0.91 (0.80,0.96)	1.69 (1.49,1.79)	0.92 (0.78,0.98)	2.04 (1.67,2.35)	1.73 (1.42,2.00)	
ASCE 7-16	EF3	1.02 (0.94, 1.10)	1.15 (0.96, 1.24)	0.97 (0.84, 1.04)	0.76 (0.69,0.81)	1.44 (1.18,1.60)	0.69 (0.63,0.75)	1.32 (1.08,1.50)	1.45 (1.33,1.54)	
Opening	EF1	1.37 (0.76, 1.77)	1.77 (1.12,1.93)	1.26 (0.74, 1.57)	1.04 (0.79, 1.12)	1.95 (1.36,2.08)	0.86 (0.70,0.92)	1.80 (0.77, 2.38)	1.76 (1.01,2.18)	
vs	EF2	0.98 (0.82, 1.04)	1.25 (0.89, 1.36)	0.85 (0.63, 1.03)	0.78 (0.62,0.82)	1.44 (1.26,1.51)	0.77 (0.62,0.88)	1.76 (1.43,1.99)	1.49 (1.21,1.69)	
ASCE 7-16	EF3	0.78 (0.72,0.82)	0.92 (0.76,0.99)	0.80 (0.67,0.86)	0.61 (0.53,0.68)	1.23 (0.98, 1.40)	0.63 (0.57,0.68)	1.20 (0.98, 1.25)	1.27 (1.14,1.35)	
Dist. Leak.	EF1	0.96 (0.68, 1.17)	1.42 (0.99, 1.60)	1.01 (0.60, 1.32)	0.76 (0.52,0.81)	1.65 (1.10,1.77)	0.61 (0.49,0.67)	1.37 (0.96, 1.52)	1.77 (1.04,2.13)	
vs	EF2	0.71 (0.63,0.79)	0.92 (0.80,0.98)	0.69 (0.56,0.73)	0.55 (0.43,0.63)	1.24 (1.06,1.39)	0.55 (0.44,0.63)	1.54 (1.18,1.82)	1.33 (1.01,1.56)	
ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.	EF3	0.57 (0.49,0.64)	0.77 (0.58,0.88)	0.67 (0.54,0.73)	0.50 (0.43,0.55)	1.03 (0.82, 1.15)	0.44 (0.40,0.48)	0.86 (0.63, 1.05)	1.11 (0.99, 1.19)	
Dist. Leak.	EF1	0.78 (0.55,0.95)	1.15 (0.80, 1.29)	0.87 (0.52, 1.14)	0.66 (0.44,0.70)	1.43 (0.96, 1.54)	0.55 (0.44,0.61)	1.03 (0.73, 1.15)	1.38 (0.81, 1.66)	
vs	EF2	0.57 (0.51,0.64)	0.74 (0.65,0.79)	0.59 (0.48,0.63)	0.47 (0.37,0.54)	1.08 (0.92, 1.21)	0.50 (0.40,0.57)	1.16 (0.89, 1.37)	1.04 (0.79, 1.22)	
ASCE 7-22 Sealed	EF3	0.46 (0.39,0.52)	0.62 (0.47,0.71)	0.58 (0.47,0.63)	0.43 (0.37,0.48)	0.89 (0.71, 1.00)	0.40 (0.36,0.43)	0.65 (0.48,0.79)	0.87 (0.78,0.93)	
Sealed	EF1	1.66 (1.31,1.82)	2.07 (1.57,2.27)	1.39 (0.99, 1.72)	1.09 (0.91, 1.28)	2.03 (1.53,2.18)	1.05 (0.81, 1.26)	2.38 (1.83,2.57)	2.48 (1.78,2.86)	
vs	EF2	1.22 (0.96, 1.45)	1.53 (1.22,1.66)	1.05 (0.93, 1.11)	0.91 (0.80,0.96)	1.59 (1.40,1.67)	1.00 (0.85, 1.07)	2.28 (1.87,2.63)	1.96 (1.61,2.26)	
ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.	EF3	1.02 (0.94, 1.10)	1.15 (0.96, 1.24)	0.97 (0.84, 1.04)	0.76 (0.69,0.81)	1.35 (1.11,1.50)	0.75 (0.69,0.81)	1.48 (1.21,1.68)	1.65 (1.50,1.74)	
Sealed	EF1	1.34 (1.06,1.47)	1.68 (1.27,1.83)	1.20 (0.85, 1.48)	0.94 (0.79, 1.10)	1.76 (1.33,1.90)	0.93 (0.72, 1.11)	1.80 (1.38,1.93)	1.93 (1.39,2.24)	
vs	EF2	0.98 (0.77, 1.17)	1.23 (0.99, 1.34)	0.90 (0.80,0.95)	0.78 (0.68,0.83)	1.38 (1.21,1.45)	0.88 (0.75,0.95)	1.72 (1.41,1.98)	1.53 (1.26,1.77)	
ASCE 7-22 Sealed	EF3	0.83 (0.76,0.89)	0.93 (0.78, 1.01)	0.84 (0.72,0.89)	0.66 (0.59,0.70)	1.17 (0.96, 1.30)	0.66 (0.61,0.72)	1.11 (0.91, 1.27)	1.28 (1.17,1.36)	
Opening	EF1	1.37 (0.76, 1.77)	1.77 (1.12,1.93)	1.26 (0.74, 1.57)	1.04 (0.79, 1.12)	1.83 (1.27,1.95)	0.93 (0.76,1.00)	2.02 (0.87, 2.67)	1.99 (1.14,2.46)	
vs	EF2	0.98 (0.82, 1.04)	1.25 (0.89, 1.36)	0.85 (0.63, 1.03)	0.78 (0.62,0.82)	1.35 (1.18,1.42)	0.84 (0.68,0.96)	1.97 (1.60,2.23)	1.69 (1.37,1.92)	
ASCE 7-22 Part.Enc. & Enc.	EF3	0.78 (0.72,0.82)	0.92 (0.76,0.99)	0.80 (0.67,0.86)	0.61 (0.53,0.68)	1.15 (0.91, 1.31)	0.68 (0.62,0.74)	1.34 (1.10,1.40)	1.44 (1.29,1.53)	
Opening	EF1	1.11 (0.61, 1.43)	1.43 (0.91, 1.56)	1.08 (0.64, 1.35)	0.90 (0.68,0.97)	1.59 (1.11,1.70)	0.83 (0.67,0.89)	1.52 (0.65, 2.01)	1.55 (0.89, 1.92)	
vs	EF2	0.80 (0.67,0.84)	1.01 (0.72, 1.10)	0.73 (0.54,0.89)	0.67 (0.54,0.70)	1.18 (1.02,1.23)	0.74 (0.60,0.85)	1.48 (1.21,1.68)	1.32 (1.07,1.50)	
ASCE 7-22 Sealed	EF3	0.63 (0.58,0.66)	0.74 (0.62,0.80)	0.69 (0.58,0.74)	0.53 (0.46,0.59)	1.00 (0.79, 1.14)	0.60 (0.55,0.66)	1.01 (0.83, 1.06)	1.12 (1.01,1.19)	

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