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Flow Control and Turbulence Modeling

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S.B. Pope (PoF 2011, based on APS Otto Laporte Lecture 2009):

The objective of developing theories and models is of particular importance as the methodologies developed often can be used to achieve other objectives such as control of turbulent flows.



Skin Friction Reduction







Drag in a Flow Field





Fantasy of Flow, 1993

Skin friction drag constitutes

- 40 50% of the total drag on airplanes
- 50 90% of the total drag on (under)water vehicles
- up to 100% of the total drag in pipelines

Possible savings

- 20% drag reduction on airplanes 1 Billion Dollar/Year (Gad el Hak, 2000)
- 10% drag reduction on surface ships
 5 Billion Dollar/Year (Gollup, 2006)
- 7 instead of 10 pumpstations in Transalaska Pipeline (www.alyeska-pipe.com)



Flow Control Methods



Passive Additives Morphology Physical Chemistry





Actuators: Active Wall movement (predetermined) Wall fluxes Body Forces









Flow Control with Additives





 additives (especially long-chain polymers) are used in practical applications

- research: experimental & DNS
- in DNS: model of polymer-flow interaction
- some remaining discrepancies between experiment and DNS and different "opinions" in respect to the underlying physical mechanism
- additives cannot be used in all situations, but the engineering dream would be to reproduce this DR effect by other means!
- RANS prediction?

current DR world record: 96.5% at Re=200.000, flow with polymeric and fibrous additives in pipe with Ø 2.4cm (Lee et al. 1974)



Flow Control with Riblets



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Riblets

experiments: broad parameter study analytical work for viscous regime DNS

high Re-number testing on airplanes (1-2% fuel saving), application on yacht for America's cup





Using LES for flow control - wavy riblets



sinusoidal riblets / 3D riblets





(Re-)Active Control

Net energy budget

- Pumping power: *P*
- Power saving: *P*'
- Control input: P_{in}

Definitions

- Net energy saving
 - $E_{net} = (P P') P_{in}$
- energy gain

$$G = \frac{E_{net}}{P_{in}}$$



Reactive control: $G = 100 \sim 300$

Active control: $G \sim 1.7$





Challenges for Reactive Control





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Present Challenges



active and reactive control is mostly done in DNS (low Reynolds number) very few experiments (also at low Re) – proof of principle





Reynolds Number Dependency



• polymer drag reduction

 streamwise travelling waves of spanwise wall velocity, DR decreases weakly with Reynolds number (up to Re_b=10000), similar for spanwise wall oscillation; further tests with LES did not produce comparable results to DNS so far



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ideal damping of turbulence near the wall, weak Reynolds number dependence (damping of large scale structures is less effective)

If it were possible to capture viscous drag reduction with turbulence models important insight in respect to the Re-number dependency could be gained...



Turbulent Channel Flow







Skin Friction and Energy Dissipation Rate







Total Energy Dissipation Rate





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Anisotropy-Invariant Map







Turbulent Dissipation at the Wall





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The Limiting State at the Wall

Monin and Yaglom (1987)

series expansion for u_i around the wall

local axisymmetry (around x₁-axis) George and Hussein (1991)





Numerical Experiments







Numerical Experiments





 suggested drag reduction mechanism can be reproduced in DNS
 → effects within viscous sublayer – probably impossible with any RANS approach "need to put a model near the wall"



Polymer Drag Reduction







Quantitative Relation





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Shear Stress Contribution: w'-damping



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Shear Stress Contribution: u'-enhancement







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Spanwise Wall Oscillation LINIIVERSITÄT DARMSTADT 2.0 35 $\overline{q^2}$ $-(EV2(a_{ij}) - EV1(a_{ij}))$ 30 1.5 25 20 1.0 15 10 0.5 5 spanwise oscillation, DR=25% uncontrolled channel flow 0 0.0 x_2^* x_2^* 0 50 100 150 50 100 150 0

source of drag reduction: reduced eigenvalue difference \rightarrow physical meaning?



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Turbulent Spots







Apparent Stresses



disturbances

$$u_i << U_i$$

mean flow velocity

transport equation for apparent stresses:



closure for axisymmetric disturbances





Modeled Equations



Transport equations for the evolution of statistically axisymmetric disturbances:

$$\frac{Du_{i}u_{j}}{Dt} \cong P_{ij} + a_{ij}P_{ss} + F\left(\frac{1}{3}P_{ss}\delta_{ij} - P_{ij}\right) - 2A\varepsilon_{h}a_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}\varepsilon_{h}\delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}\upsilon\frac{\partial^{2}u_{i}u_{j}}{\partial x_{k}\partial x_{k}}$$
$$\frac{D\varepsilon_{h}}{Dt} \cong -2A\frac{\varepsilon_{h}u_{i}u_{k}}{k} - \psi\frac{\varepsilon_{h}^{2}}{k} + \frac{1}{2}\upsilon\frac{\partial^{2}\varepsilon_{h}}{\partial x_{k}\partial x_{k}} \qquad A, \psi = f\left(H_{a}, HI_{a}, R_{\lambda}\right)$$
$$F = f\left(H_{a}, HI_{a}\right)$$

Energy equation for the disturbances:

$$\frac{Dk}{Dt} \cong P_k - \varepsilon_h + \frac{1}{2} v \frac{\partial^2 k}{\partial x_k \partial x_k}$$
$$k = \frac{1}{2} \left(\overline{u_s u_s} \right)$$





Dissipation Equation

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Dissipation equation for the disturbances:





Transition Criterion



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Overview: Transition Experiments





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Conclusions/ Open Questions



- Enhanced communication between turbulence modeling/ turbulence theory and flow control community might provide valuable insight
- Understanding/ models that were obtained for prediction purposes can provide insight into flow control options/ limitations
- > Can modifications of skin friction drag be captured with RANS or LES?
 - Reynolds number scaling
 - application to "real" problems

