Parallel to cancer research: No "universal" cure



but "management" =
actually helping patients,
tremendous progress made!!



Workshop

"Models versus physical laws/first principles, or why models work?" Wolfgang Pauli Institute, Vienna, Austria, February 2-5, 2011

"Managing" turbulence theory instead of "curing" turbulence theory

and 2 case studies

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Mechanical Engineering



Overview of talk:

Two case studies of "managing" the problem -

applying turbulence research all the way to "actual treatment"

• Energy: In the large wind farm of the future, what is the optimal spacing?



Photo appeared in J.N. Sørensen, Annual Rev. Fluid Mech. 2011:

Taken by Uni-Fly A/S (Wind turbine maintenance company)

• Agriculture: What is the isolation distance to avoid cross-polination?





Mechanical Engineering



Motivation : Renewables have low energy density

- solar, wind, wave energy
- need to cover "very, very big" areas
- wind: large wind-farms on-land & off shore

Land-based HAWT

Horns Rev HAWT Copyright ELSAM/AS



Shell's Rock River windfarm in Carbon County, Wyoming, USA Source: http://www.the-eic.com/News/Archive/2005/May/Article503.htm



The windturbine-array boundary layer (WTABL)

From J.N. Sørensen, Annual Rev. Fluid Mech. 2011:



Figure 6

(a) Actuator disc computation of a wind farm consisting of 5×5 wind turbines. (b) Photograph showing the flow field around the Horns Rev wind farm.

Arrays are getting bigger and bigger: when L > 10 H (H: height of ABL), approach "fully developed" **FD-WTABL**

What is the most optimal spacing s_{opt} of wind turbines in the fully developed WTABL?



LES: Collaboration with

• Prof. Johan Meyers (Univ. Leuven) - LES

• Marc Calaf (PhD student EPFL & JHU) + Marc Parlange (EPFL) - LES Funding: NSF CBET-0730922 (Energy for Sustainability) Simulations: NCAR allocation (NSF)

Related problem: Wind farm power degradation



The "fully developed" WTABL:

What is the structure of this specific type of boundary layer?



What is the "averaged" velocity distribution?

$$U(z) = \left\langle \overline{u}(x, y, z) \right\rangle_{xy}$$

Is there a "universal" WTABL profile?

What are profiles of shear stresses?

Fluxes? TKE flux profiles?

$$\tau_{xz}(z) = -\left\langle \overline{u'w'} \right\rangle_{xy}$$

Large Eddy Simulations setup:

• LES code: horizontal pseudo-spectral (periodic B.C.), vertical: centered 2nd order FD (Moeng 1984, Albertson & Parlange 1999, Porté-Agel et al. 2000, Bou-Zeid et al. 2005)

$$H = 1000 - 1500m, \quad L_x = \pi H - 2\pi H, \quad L_y = \pi H$$

 $(N_x \times N_y \times N_z) = 128 \times 128 \times 128$

- Horizontal periodic boundary conditions (only good for FD-WTABL)
- Top surface: zero stress, zero w
- Bottom surface B.C.: Zero w + Wall stress: Standard wall function relating wall stress to first grid-point velocity
- Scale-dependent dynamic Lagrangian model
- More details: Calaf, Meneveau & Meyers, "Large eddy simulation study of fully developed wind-turbine array boundary layers" Phys. Fluids. 22 (2010) 015110



Actuator disk modeling of turbines in LES

Jimenez et al., J. Phys. Conf. Ser. **75** (2007) simulated single turbine in LES using dynamic Smag. model

They used fixed reference (undisturbed) velocity:

$$f_{Tx} = -\frac{1}{2}C_T U_{ref}^2 \frac{\delta A_{yz}}{\delta V}, \quad C_T = 0.75$$

Here we use disk-averaged and time-averaged velocity, but local at the disk (see Meyers & Meneveau 2010, 48th AIAA conf., paper)

$$f_{Tx} = -\frac{1}{2}C_T \left(\frac{1}{1-a}\overline{U}\right)^2 \frac{\delta A_{yz}}{\delta V} = -\frac{1}{2}C_T'\overline{U}^2 \frac{\delta A_{yz}}{\delta V}$$

$$C_T = 0.75 \Rightarrow a \approx 0.25 \rightarrow C_T' = 1.33$$

Also, use first-order relax process to time-average:

$$\overline{U}(t) = (1 - \varepsilon)\overline{U}(t - dt) + \varepsilon U_{disk}(t)$$



Simulations results:

Instantaneous stream-wise velocity contours:





side-view



top-view



2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16

0

Simulations results:

Dynamic (scale-dependent) Smagorinsky coefficient: increases in wake region, while decreases near wall



Comparison of wake profiles, regular Smagorinsy (with wall damping) and dynamic model:



Coupling "theory" with simulation:

$$\widetilde{u_i u_j} = \widetilde{u_i} \widetilde{u_j} + \left(\widetilde{u_i u_j} - \widetilde{u_i} \widetilde{u_j}\right)$$

Germano identity:constrain parameters based on fundamental physics (eg conservation of momentum fluxes)

$$\left\langle \widetilde{u_{i}u_{j}} \right\rangle = \left\langle \widetilde{u_{i}}\widetilde{u_{j}} \right\rangle + \left\langle \tau_{ij}^{\Delta} \right\rangle$$

$$\textbf{E(k)} \qquad \textbf{models in ``terra-incognita'' (Wyngaard) need explicit dependence on scale }$$

$$\textbf{same} \qquad \textbf{f} \qquad \textbf{f$$

Why not build such constraints directly into parameter choice for SGS model?

"Dynamic" is not restricted to Smagorinsky model !!!

Simulations results: horizontally averaged velocity profile U(z)



Mean velocity profile: $U(z) = \langle \overline{u} \rangle_{xy}$

Important observation:

Two log-laws (as first hypothesized by Sten Frandsen, J. Wind Eng & Ind Appl 39, 1992)

Wind-tunnel measurements: mechanics of vertical KE entrainment??



Wind-tunnel measurements



 Ω rpm measurements

TSI System with:

- Double pulse Nd:YAG laser(120 mJ/pulse)
 - Laser sheet thickness of 1.2 mm
 - Time between pulses of 50 ms
 - Optical sensor external trigger for phase lock measurements
- Two high resolution cross/auto correlation digital CCD cameras with
 - a frame rate of 16 frames/sec.
 - Interrogation area of 20 cm by 20 cm





Velocity maps:



Horizontally (canopy) averaged profiles:



	s_x/s_y	S _x	$4s_xs_y/\pi$	N_t	$L_x \times L_y \times H$	$N_x \times N_y \times N_z$	z _{0,lo}	C_T'	$c_{ m ft}'$
A1 (L)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.025
A2 (J)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.025
A3 (L)	1.5	7.85	52.36	8×6	$2\pi \times \pi \times 1$	$128 \times 192 \times 61$	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.025
A4 (L)	1.5	7.85	52.36	8×6	$2\pi \times \pi \times 1.5$	$128 \times 192 \times 92$	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.025
B (J)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10 ⁻⁴	2.00	0.038
C (J)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10 ⁻⁴	0.60	0.012
D (J)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10 ⁻³	1.33	0.025
E (J)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10^{-5}	1.33	0.025
F (J)	1.5	7.85	52.36	4×6	$\pi \times \pi \times 1$	128 ³	10-6	1.33	0.025
G (L)	1.5	15.7	209.4	4×3	$2\pi \times \pi \times 1$	$128 \times 192 \times 61$	10^{-4}	1.33	0.0064
H (L)	1.5	6.28	33.51	10×8	$2\pi \times 1.07\pi \times 1$	$128\!\times\!192\!\times\!57$	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.040
I (L)	1.5	5.24	23.27	12×9	$2\pi \times \pi \times 1$	$128 \times 192 \times 61$	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.057
J (L)	2	9.07	52.36	7×7	$2.02\pi \times 1.01\pi \times 1$	$128 \times 192 \times 61$	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.025
K (L)	1	6.41	52.36	10×5	$2.04\pi \times 1.02\pi \times 1$	$128 \times 192 \times 60$	10 ⁻⁴	1.33	0.025

TABLE I. Summarizing parameters of the various LES cases. Between brackets is indicated which code is used: "L" refers to the KULeuven code and "J" refers to the JHU-LES code.

Observations from the suite of LES:



Crucial observation: 3 layers

measure $z_{0,hi}$ from intercept

$$\langle \overline{u} \rangle_{xy} = u_{*hi} \frac{1}{\kappa} \log \left(\frac{z}{z_{0,hi}} \right)$$

(essentially the "Clauser plot" method)



The "fully developed" WTABL:



• 1-D Momentum theory:

$$0 = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp_{\infty}}{dx} + \frac{d}{dz} \left(-\left\langle \overline{u'w'} \right\rangle_{xy} - \left\langle \overline{u}''\overline{w''} \right\rangle_{xy} \right) + \left\langle f_x \right\rangle_{xy}^{\bigstar}$$

Horizontal average of turbulent Reynolds shear stress thrust force due to WT

$$\overline{u}^{\,\,\mathrm{"}} = \overline{u} - \left\langle \overline{u} \right\rangle_{xy}$$

We must include "correlations" between mean velocity deviations from their spatial mean (Raupach et al. Appl Mech Rev **44**, 1991, Finnigan, Annu Rev Fluid Mech **32**, 2000)

The fully developed WTABL: momentum theory

Horizontally averaged variables -- 2 layer model



"Wake upgrade" to Frandsen's model: 3rd layer





Comparison of LES results with models:

Triangles: Lettau formula

Asterisks: Frandsen et al. (2006) formula

$$z_{0,hi} = z_h \exp\left(-\kappa \left[\frac{\pi C_T}{8s_x s_y} + \left(\frac{\kappa}{\ln(z_h / z_{0,ground})}\right)\right]^{-1/2}\right)$$

Example application of fully developed WTABL concepts and z₀: GCMs, mesoscale models, etc...

Keith et al. "The influence of large-scale wind power on climate" PNAS (2004)

Barrie & Kirk-Davidoff: "Weather response to management of large Wind turbine array", Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss. **9**, 2917–2931, 2009

Use $z_0 \sim 0.8$ m - using "Lettau's formula" (ad-hoc geometric arguments...)

Grid-spacings 100's of km, first vertical point ~ 80m "horizontally averaged structure"





Fig. 1. 993 mbar zonal wind anomaly. The mean difference in the eastward wind in the lowest model level between the control and perturbed model runs highlights regions of atmospheric modification. Regions where significance exceeds 95%, as determined by a Student's t-test, are thatched. The wind farm is located within the rectangular box over the central United States and central Canada. Areas of the wind farm located over water are masked out during the model runs.

The "fully developed" WTABL: Forcing by geostrophic wind



Given G and $z_0 \rightarrow find u_{*,hi}$ and H

Driving forces is geostrophic wind G (assuming large but not regional-scale WT, i.e. assume wind farm does not affect *G*)

$$P^{+} = \frac{P}{\frac{\rho}{2}(s_{x}s_{y}D^{2})G^{3}} = \frac{\pi C_{T}'}{4s_{x}s_{y}} \left(\frac{U_{d}}{G}\right)^{3} = \frac{\pi C_{T}'}{4s_{x}s_{y}} \left(\frac{u_{*,hi}}{G}\right)^{3} \left(\frac{U_{d}}{u_{*,hi}}\right)^{3}$$

Classical ABL relationship
(Tennekes & Lumley, 1972) - C=4.5, A=11.25

$$Ro_{h} = \frac{G}{fz_{h}} \approx 2,000$$
typical hub-height
Rossby number

$$\frac{G}{u_{*,hi}} = \sqrt{A^{2} + \left[\frac{1}{\kappa}\ln\left(\frac{u_{*,hi}}{G}\frac{z_{h}}{z_{0,hi}}Ro_{h}\right) - C\right]^{2}}$$

$$\frac{V}{z_{0,hi}} = \left(1 + \frac{D}{2z_{h}}\right)^{\beta} \exp\left(-\left[\frac{\pi C_{T}}{8\kappa^{2}s_{x}s_{y}} + \left(\ln\left[\frac{z_{h}}{z_{0,ground}}\left(1 - \frac{D}{2z_{h}}\right)^{\beta}\right]\right)^{-2}\right]^{-1/2}\right)$$

$$P^{+} = \frac{P}{\frac{\rho}{2}(s_{x}s_{y}D^{2})G^{3}} = \frac{\pi C_{T}'}{4s_{x}s_{y}} \left(\frac{U_{d}}{G}\right)^{3} = \frac{\pi C_{T}'}{4s_{x}s_{y}} \left(\frac{u_{*,hi}}{G}\right)^{3} \left(\frac{U_{d}}{u_{*,hi}}\right)^{3}$$



For given *s*, $z_{0,lo}$, *D*, z_h , C_T evaluate P⁺ Divide by P⁺ of single WT

For given *s*, $z_{0,lo}$, *D*, z_h , C_T evaluate *P* divide by P_{∞} of single WT ($z_{0,hi} = z_{0,lo}$ case)





Optimization:

consider total $Cost = Cost_{land}$ [\$/m²] x $S + Cost_{turb}$ [\$] Define dimensionless ratio:

$$\alpha = \frac{Cost_{turb} / \left(\frac{\pi}{4} D^2\right)}{Cost_{land}}$$

Power per unit cost:

$$P^* = \frac{P}{Cost_{turb} / (s_x s_y D^2) + Cost_{land}} \propto \frac{C_T'}{4s_x s_y / \pi + \alpha} \left(\frac{u_{*,hi}}{G}\right)^3 \left(\frac{U_d}{u_{*,hi}}\right)^3$$

(region II)



At common s ~ 7D, 10-20% suboptimal possible reason for "array underperformance" ?

Meyers & Meneveau, 2010 (preprint, submitted to Wind Energy)

Application 2:

Agriculture: What is the isolation distance to avoid cross-polination?

Collaboration with Marcelo Chamecki (Penn State U)





LES:

Eulerian approach C(x,y,z,t)

Vertical settling velocity $\ensuremath{\mathsf{w}_{\mathsf{s}}}$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{C}}{\partial t} + \left(\tilde{\mathbf{u}} - w_s \mathbf{e}_3\right) \cdot \nabla \tilde{C} = \nabla \cdot \left(\left(C_{s-dyn} \Delta \right)^2 \mid \tilde{\mathbf{S}} \mid \tilde{C} \right)$$

Scale-dep dynamic eddy-viscosity eddy-diffusivity SGS

Log-law type boundary condition

For C, log-law, corrected by settling velocity



FIGURE 4. Snapshots of iso-contours of resolved pollen concentration (on x-z plane) for (a) $\gamma = 0.125$ and (b) $\gamma = 0.625$. Dashed lines indicate the horizontal extent of the source field.



LES results:

Downstream evolution of concentration profiles







1-D "reduction" (back to early 1900s) - vertical profile

$$\begin{split} \overline{u}(z)\frac{\partial\overline{C}}{\partial x} &- w_s \frac{\partial\overline{C}}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(K_c(z)\frac{\partial\overline{C}}{\partial z} \right), & C(x=0,z)=0\\ \overline{C}(x,z\to\infty) &= 0\\ \overline{C}(x,z\to\infty) &= 0\\ \overline{C}(x,z=z_{0,c}) &= \overline{C}_0, \end{split} \\ \overline{u}(z) &= u_* C_p \left(\frac{z}{z_o} \right)^m, \quad K_c(z) &= \frac{\kappa u_* z}{\operatorname{Sc}}, \cr z \frac{\partial^2 \overline{C}}{\partial z^2} + (1+\gamma)\frac{\partial\overline{C}}{\partial z} - \frac{\operatorname{Sc} C_p}{\kappa} \left(\frac{z}{z_o} \right)^m \frac{\partial\overline{C}}{\partial x} = 0, \cr \frac{d^2 g}{d\eta^2} + (1+\gamma)\frac{1}{\eta}\frac{dg}{d\eta} + \frac{\operatorname{Sc} C_p}{\kappa z_0^m} \left(\delta_c^m \frac{d\delta_c}{dx} \right) \eta^m \frac{dg}{d\eta} = 0. \qquad \overline{C}(x,z) = g(\eta), \cr g'' + \left[\frac{(1+\gamma)}{\eta} + C_1(\gamma)\eta^m \right] g' = 0, \cr g(\eta) &= -C_I \frac{1}{m+1} \left(\frac{C_1(\gamma)}{m+1} \right)^{\gamma/(m+1)} \int_{\frac{C_1(\gamma)}{m+1}\eta^{m+1}}^{\infty} t^{-[1+\gamma/(m+1)]} \exp\left[-t \right] dt \cr g(\eta) &= \frac{\Gamma\left(-\frac{\gamma}{m+1}, \frac{C_1(\gamma)}{m+1} \eta^{m+1} \right)}{\Gamma\left(-\frac{\gamma}{m+1}, \frac{C_1(\gamma)}{m+1} \eta^m \right)}, \end{split}$$

Deposition downstream of field:

$$\frac{d^2f}{d\eta^2} + (1+\gamma)\frac{1}{\eta}\frac{df}{d\eta} + \frac{\operatorname{Sc}C_p}{\kappa z_o^m} \left(\delta_c^m \frac{d\delta_c}{d\xi}\right)\eta^m \frac{df}{d\eta} - \frac{\operatorname{Sc}C_p}{\kappa z_o^m} \left(\frac{\delta_c^{m+1}}{\overline{C}_{max}}\frac{d\overline{C}_{max}}{d\xi}\right)\eta^{m-1}f = 0.$$
(2.30)

Since both δ_c and \overline{C}_{max} depend on ξ , constraint (2.14) still has to be satisfied. There is one additional requirement for the existence of a similarity solution, namely that

$$C_3(\gamma) = -\frac{\operatorname{Sc}C_p}{\kappa z_o^m} \left(\frac{\delta_c^{m+1}}{\overline{C}_{max}} \frac{d\overline{C}_{max}}{d\xi} \right)$$
(2.31)

is independent of downstream distance. The final ODE contains three terms, two of which are similar to (2.15), and is given by

$$f'' + \left[\frac{(1+\gamma)}{\eta} + C_2(\gamma)\eta^m\right]f' + C_3(\gamma)\eta^{m-1}f = 0$$
(2.32)

where $C_2(\gamma)$ is used instead of $C_1(\gamma)$ to indicate that the function may actually be different from the one obtained in the previous section.

Equation (2.24) should still be valid if a non-zero initial boundary layer height $\delta_c(\xi = 0) = \delta_L$ is imposed

$$\delta_c(\xi) = \left[\delta_L^{m+1} + C_2(\gamma) \frac{\kappa z_o^m}{\text{Sc}C_p} (m+1)\xi\right]^{\frac{1}{m+1}}.$$
(2.33)

Replacing this expression for $\delta_c(\xi)$ into equation (2.31) and solving for $\overline{C}_{max}(\xi)$ yields

$$\overline{C}_{max}(\xi) = \overline{C}_{ini}(\gamma) \left[1 + C_2(\gamma) \frac{\kappa(m+1)}{\operatorname{Sc}C_p} \left(\frac{z_o}{\delta_L} \right)^m \frac{\xi}{\delta_L} \right]^{-\frac{C_3(\gamma)}{(m+1)C_2(\gamma)}}$$
(2.34)

where the initial condition $\overline{C}_{max}(\xi = 0) = \overline{C}_{ini}(\gamma)$ was used. Equation (2.34) can be written as

$$\overline{C}_{max}(\xi) = \overline{C}_{ini}(\gamma) \left[1 + \frac{1}{b(\gamma)} \frac{\xi}{\delta_L} \right]^{-\beta(\gamma)}$$
(2.35)

(2.36)

(2.37)

where the following definitions were used

$$b(\gamma) = \left[C_2(\gamma) \frac{\kappa(m+1)}{\operatorname{Sc}C_p} \left(\frac{z_o}{\delta_L}\right)^m\right]^{-1}$$
$$\beta(\gamma) = \frac{C_3(\gamma)}{(m+1)C_2(\gamma)}.$$

$$\gamma = \frac{Sc}{\kappa} \frac{w_s}{u_*}$$

$$\Phi(\xi) = \left[w_s \overline{C} + K_c \frac{\partial \overline{C}}{\partial z} \right]_{z=z_{0,c}}$$

$$\frac{\Phi(\xi)}{\overline{C}_{max}(\xi)u_*} = \frac{w_s}{u_*} \left[f + \frac{\eta}{\gamma} \frac{df}{d\eta} \right]_{\eta = \eta_0}$$

$$\Phi(\xi) = a(\gamma) \left[1 + \frac{1}{b(\gamma)} \frac{\xi}{\delta_L} \right]^{-\beta(\gamma)}$$

$$\delta_L \text{ is proper length-scale for deposition flux, not } L$$

Comparison with LES:





FIGURE 5. Average pollen concentration profiles above the source field normalized by local maximum concentration at different distances from the leading edge x/h (from x/h = 82.5 to x/h = 442.5 in increments of 50) for $\gamma = 0.125$. (a) Plotted against height above the ground and (b) against dimensionless height η illustrating collapse consistent with self-preservation. Panels (c) and (d) are similar for concentration profiles downstream from the source at different distances from the trailing edge ξ/h .



Scaling of deposition flux: field edge δ instead of L

Isolation distance as function of flux threshold:



L=500m -> δ_L =30m, E.g., Φ =10⁻³ -> ID/ δ_L ~150

ID = 4.5km !!