SIMULATION OF THE SUPERCRITICAL FLOW AROUND A CIRCULAR CYLINDER USING HYBRID MODELS

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Why high Reynolds number?



Figure - Helicopter blades application, wind turbines

Why cylinder?



Figure – Flow Past a Cylinder at Re=1M, vorticty field.

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Modeling of turbulent flow : RANS description

Compressible Averaged Navier Stokes Equation :

$$\frac{\partial W_h}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot F_c(W_h) - \nabla \cdot F_d(W_h) = \tau(W_h)$$
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RANS $k - \varepsilon$ Goldberg closure term :

$$\tau^{RANS}(W_h) = \left(\overbrace{0}^{\rho}, \overbrace{0}^{\rho \mathbf{u}}, \overbrace{0}^{\rho E}, \overbrace{\tau : \nabla \mathbf{u} - \rho \epsilon}^{\rho k}, \overbrace{(C_1 \tau : \nabla \mathbf{u} - C_2 \rho \epsilon + E)T^{-1}}^{\rho \epsilon}\right)$$

DDES closure term $\rho\epsilon$ is replaced by $\rho \frac{k^{3/2}}{l_{ddes}}$ where :

$$\mathfrak{l}_{ddes} = \frac{k^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\epsilon} - f_{ddes} \max\left(0, \frac{k^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\epsilon} - 0.65\Delta\right), \quad \begin{array}{l} f_{ddes} = 1 - \tanh((8r_d)^3), \\ r_d = \frac{1 - \tanh((8r_d)^3)}{\epsilon^2 y^2 \max(\sqrt{\nabla u}:\nabla u, 10^{-10})} \end{array}$$

Dynamic VMS description

VMS formulation

$$\left(\frac{\partial W_h}{\partial t}, \chi_i\right) + \left(\nabla \cdot F_c(W_h), \chi_i\right) = \left(\nabla \cdot F_d(W_h), \phi_i\right) + \left(\tau^{DVMS}(W_h), \phi_i'\right).$$
(2)

■ VMS closure term with dynamics coefficients $C_{model} = C_{model}(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $Pr_t = Pr_t(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\left(\tau^{DVMS}(W_h),\phi_i'\right) = \left(0,\mathsf{M}_{\mathcal{S}}(W_h,\phi_h'),\mathsf{M}_{\mathcal{H}}(W_h,\phi_h'),0,0\right)$$

where :

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M}_{S}(W_{h},\phi_{i}') &= \sum_{T\in\Omega_{h}}\int_{T}\underline{\overline{\rho}(C_{S}\Delta)^{2}|S|}\mathcal{D}(S)\nabla\phi_{i}'d\mathbf{x}, \\ M_{H}(W_{h},\phi_{i}') &= \sum_{T\in\Omega_{h}}\int_{T}\frac{C_{p}}{\underline{\overline{\rho}(C_{S}\Delta)^{2}|S|}}\underline{\nabla}T'\cdot\nabla\phi_{i}'d\mathbf{x} , \quad \Delta = \left(\int_{T}d\mathbf{x}\right)^{1/3} \end{split}$$

and $\phi_h^{\prime} = \phi_h - \overline{\phi_h}$ where $\overline{\phi_h}$ is computed from macro cells.



Hybrid description with finite volume/ finite element method

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial W_h}{\partial t}, \chi_i \end{pmatrix} + (\nabla \cdot F_c(W_h), \chi_i) = (\nabla \cdot F_d(W_h), \phi_i)$$

$$+ \theta \left(\tau^C(W_h), \phi_i \right) + (1 - \theta) \left(\tau^{DVMS}(W'_h), \phi'_i \right).$$
(3)

 $\tau^{C} \in \{\tau^{RANS}, \tau^{DDES}\}$



Figure - Hybrid RANS blending surface.

Set up

Model used : DDES, RANS/DVMS, DDES/DVMS with :

- Blending :
$$\theta = 1 - f_d \times (1 - \overline{\theta}); \quad \overline{\theta} = \tanh\left(\left(\frac{\Delta}{k^{3/2}}\varepsilon\right)^2\right),$$

- Subgrid model for VMS : WALE, Smagorinsky
- Closure model for RANS $k \varepsilon$ of Goldberg.
- Simulation set up :
 - Mach number : 0.1 (subsonic flow)
 - reference pressure : $101300 [N/m^2]$
 - density : 1.225 $\rm [kg/m^3]$
 - Integration to the wall or Reichardt wall law :

$$U^{+} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln\left(1 + \kappa y^{+}\right) + 7.8 \left[1 - \exp\left(\frac{-y^{+}}{11}\right) - \frac{-y^{+}}{11} \exp\left(\frac{-y^{+}}{3}\right)\right]$$

- The mesh is radial with minimal mesh size is such that $y_w^+ = 1 \Leftrightarrow \delta = 2 \times 10^{-5}$.

Name	Mesh size	y_w^+	y_m^+	\overline{C}_d	c'_{l}	$-\overline{C}_{pb}$	Lr	$\overline{\theta}$
Present simulation								
URANS $k - \varepsilon$	4.8M	1	0	0.50	0.24	0.61	0.77	109
DDES $k - \varepsilon$ Goldberg WL	4.8M	20	100	0.20	0.04	0.22	0.87	138
DDES $k - \varepsilon$ Goldberg WL	4.8M	20	25	0.40	0.05	0.56	1.46	113
DDES $k - \varepsilon$ Goldberg ITW	4.8M	1	0	0.50	0.07	0.54	1.22	103
DVMS								
cubic Smagorinsky ITW	4.8M	20	0	0.49	0.17	0.42	0.71	92
DDES/ DVMS								
k - ε / cubic WL Smagorinsky	4.8M	20	100	0.20	0.02	0.22	0.82	135
k - ε / cubic WALE WL	4.8M	1	100	0.20	0.02	0.26	0.80	132
k - ε / cubic WALE ITW	4.8M	1	0	0.49	0.06	0.60	1.56	104
RANS / DVMS								
k - ε / cubic Smagorinsky WL	4.8M	20	100	0.24	0.05	0.22	0.62	133
k - ε / cubic Smagorinsky WL	4.8M	1	100	0.25	0.09	0.25	0.64	132
k - ε / cubic WALE WL	4.8M	1	100	0.26	0.11	0.22	0.65	134
k - ε / cubic WALE ITW	4.8M	1	0	0.48	0.11	0.55	1.14	109
Other simulations								
RANS ¹ Catalano [1] WL	2.3M	-	-	0.39	-	0.33		
LES Catalano [1] WL	2.3M	-	-	0.31	-	0.32		
LES Kim [3] WL	6.8M	-	-	0.27	0.12	0.28	-	108
Expériences								
Shih et al [5]				0.24	-	0.33		
Schewe [4]				0.22	-	-		
Szechenyi [6]				0.25	-	0.32		
Gölling [9]							-	130
Zdravkovich [8]				0.2-0.4	0.1-0.15	0.2-0.34		

Table – Bulk coefficient of the flow around a circular cylinder at Reynolds number 1M, $\overline{\underline{C}}_d$ holds for the mean drag coefficient, C'_l is the root mean square of lift time fluctuation, \overline{C}_{p_b} is the pressure coefficient at cylinder basis, L_r is the mean recirculation lenght, $\overline{\theta}$ is the mean separation angle.

Pressure coefficient



Figure – Distribution of mean pressure as a function of polar angle. Comparison with $y_w^+ = 20$ with Smagorinsky and $y_{+w} = 1$ with WALE. Wall law on the left and integration to the wall on the right.

Integration to the Wall Q-criteria



Figure – Q-criteria contour using velocity color scale.

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Conclusion and perspective

- Bulks coefficients are accurately predicts with RANS/DVMS model,
- RANS/DVMS approach with WALE model gives the best results,
- Bulk coefficients are closer to experimental data for WL,
- Drag coefficients are overestimated for ITW,
- Implement a transition prediction model in order to more accurately compute transitional boundary layers.

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k - ω SST model, k - R model

Annexe

Velocity profile



Figure – On the left longitudinal velocity profile at x/D = 1, and on right the transverse velocity.

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