

INLET BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR
TWO-EQUATION HYBRID LES-RANS MODELS [2]
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VARYING FILTER SIZE

- ▶ When filter size in LES varies in space, an additional term appears in the momentum equation.
- ▶ The reason? the spatial derivatives and the filtering do not commute.
- ▶ For the convective term in Navier-Stokes, for example, we get



$$\overline{\frac{\partial v_i v_j}{\partial x_j}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\overline{v_i v_j}) + \mathcal{O}((\Delta x)^2)$$

- ▶ Ghosal & Moin [4] showed that the error is proportional to $(\Delta x)^2$; hence it is usually neglected.

COMMUTATION ERROR IN k EQUATION

- ▶ In zonal¹ hybrid RANS-LES, the length scale at the RANS-LES interface changes abruptly from a RANS length scale to a LES length scale.
- ▶ Hamda [5] found that the commutation error at RANS-LES interfaces is large.
- ▶ For the k equation the commutation term reads

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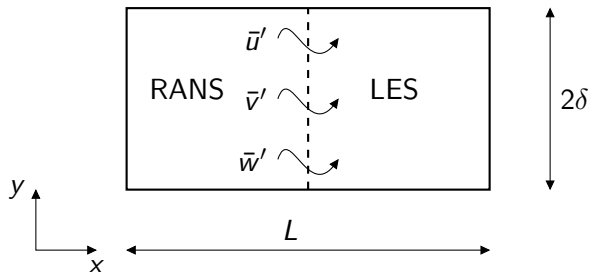
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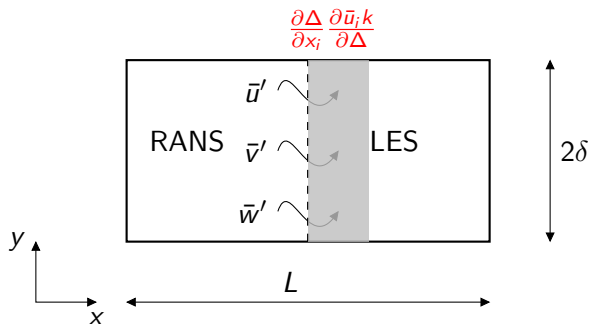
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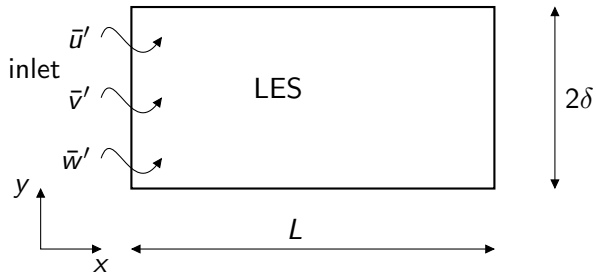
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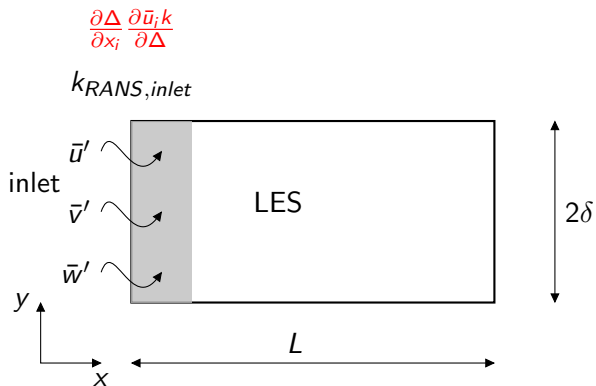
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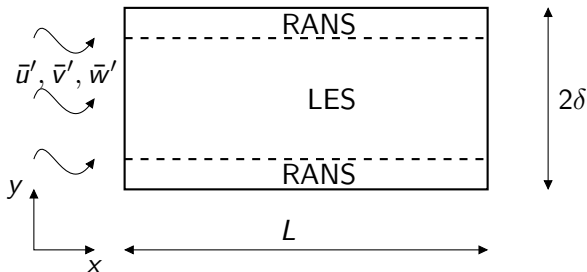
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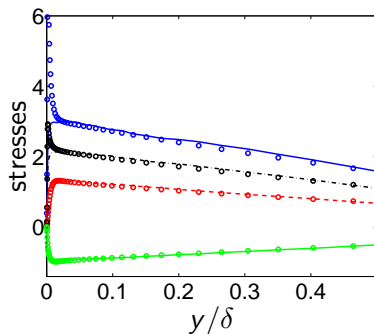
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5. Matlab codes can be **downloaded** [1] (Google “synthetic inlet fluctuations”)

CHANNEL FLOW

- ▶ Reynolds number is $Re_\tau = 8000$.
- ▶ A $256 \times 96 \times 32$ mesh is used
- ▶ $\Delta x = 0.1$, $\Delta z = 0.05$
- ▶ The mean U , k and ω taken from 1D RANS simulation using the PDH $k - \omega$ model
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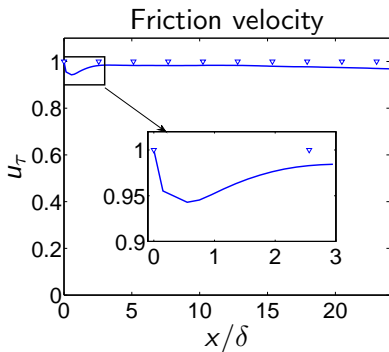
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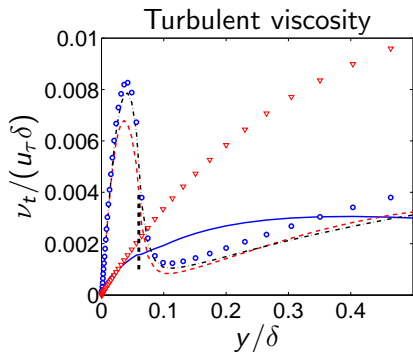
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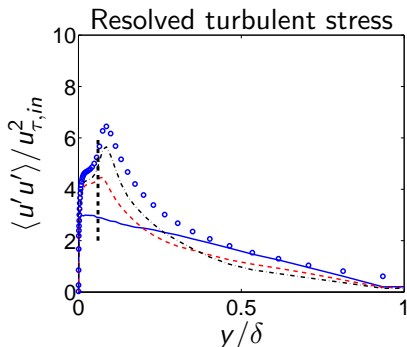


∇ : $u_\tau = 1$ (target value)

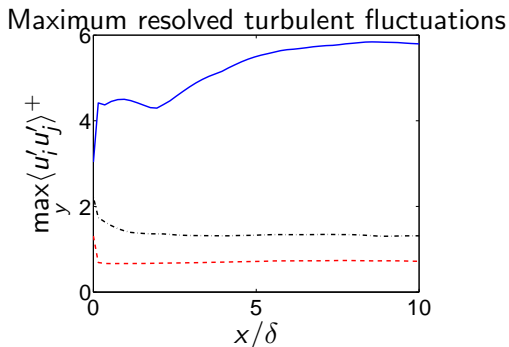


—: $x = 0.05\delta$; - - -: $x = 2.5\delta$;
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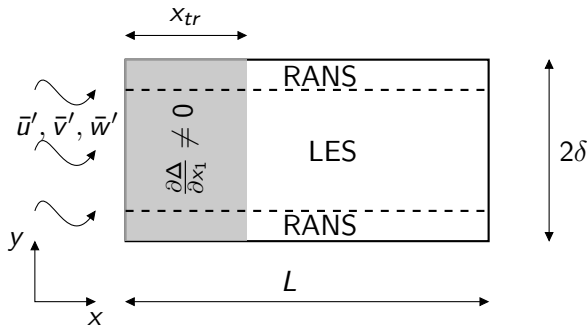
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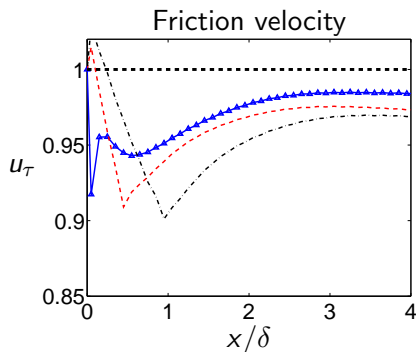
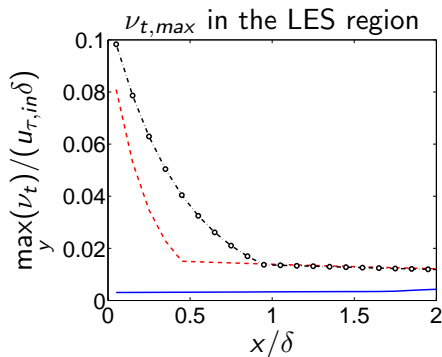
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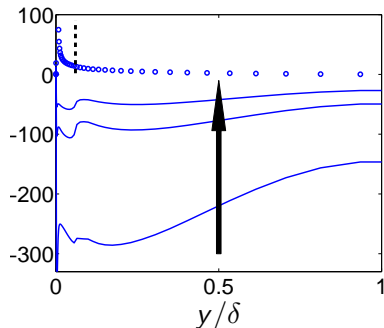
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o: cell center

SOURCE TERMS IN k EQUATION



$x/\delta = 0.05$. \circ : Production term, P^k , $x_{tr} = 0.05$.

—: commutation term. ($x_{tr}/\delta = 0.1, 0.5, 1$)

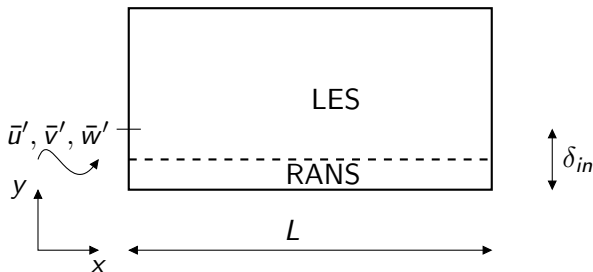
Arrow shows increasing x_{tr}

BOUNDARY LAYER

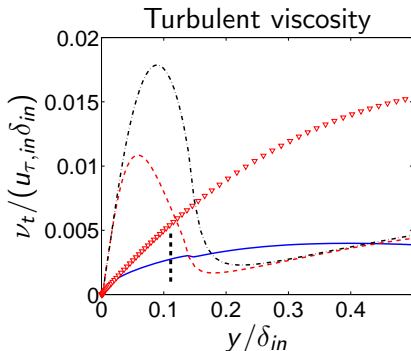
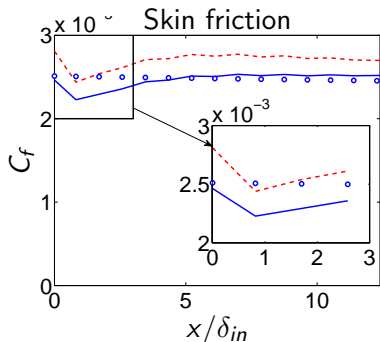
- ▶ The Reynolds number is $Re_\theta = 11\,000$ ($Re_{\tau, in} = 3\,400$).
- ▶ A $128 \times 192 \times 32$ mesh is used with $\Delta x = 0.1$, $\Delta z = 0.05$
- ▶ U_{in} as ($\kappa = 0.38$, $B = 4.1$, $\Pi = 0.5$ [6, 7])

$$U_{in}^+ = \begin{cases} y^+ & y^+ \leq 5 \\ -2.23 + 4.49 \ln(y^+) & 5 < y^+ < 30 \\ \frac{1}{\kappa} \ln(y^+) + B + \frac{2\Pi}{\kappa} \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi y}{2\delta}\right) & y^+ \geq 30 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- ▶ k and ω from a RANS solution



RESULTS, BOUNDARY LAYER

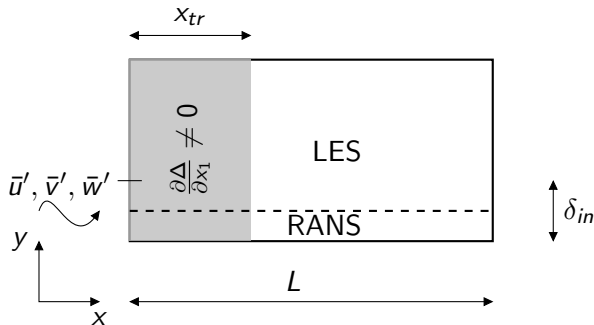


—: baseline
 - - : U_{in} from RANS
 ○: $0.37 (\log_{10} Re_x)^{-2.584}$.

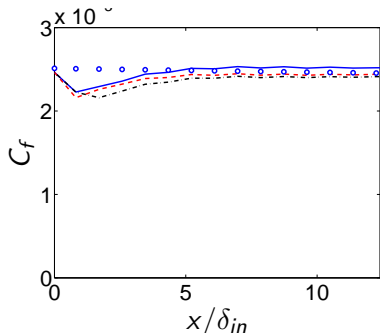
—: $x = 0.06\delta_{in}$; - - : $x = 2.35\delta_{in}$; - - - : $x = 11.9\delta_{in}$;
 ▽: $\nu_t/(u_{\tau,in}\delta_{in})/80$ at inlet (i.e. RANS).

LENGTH OF SOURCE REGION

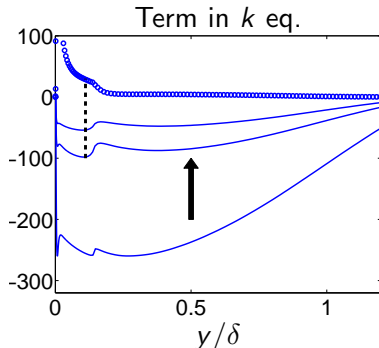
- ▶ In how large a region, x_{tr} , should the commutation terms be added?



BOUNDARY LAYER: DIFFERENT x_{tr}

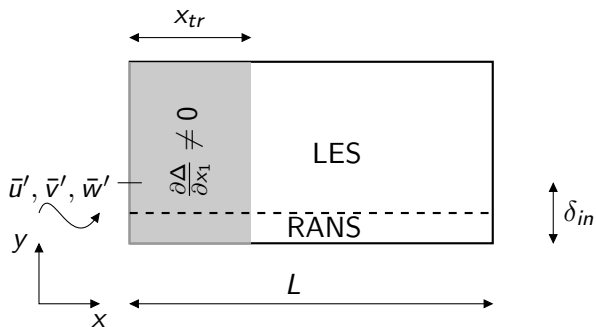


- : $x_{tr}/\delta = 0.125$;
- - -: $x_{tr}/\delta_{in} = 1.25$;
- · - ·: $x_{tr}/\delta_{in} = 2.5$

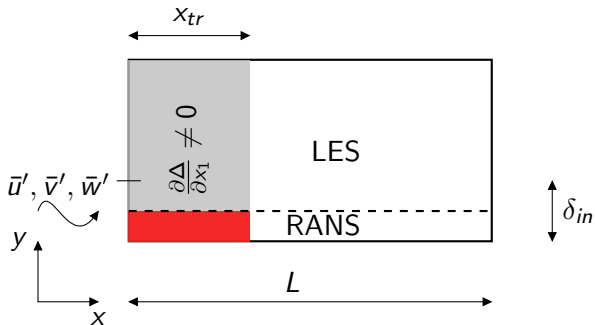


- : Production term, $x_{tr}/\delta_{in} = 0.125$
 - : commutation term. ($x_{tr}/\delta = 0.125, 1.25, 2.5$)
- Arrow shows increasing x_{tr}

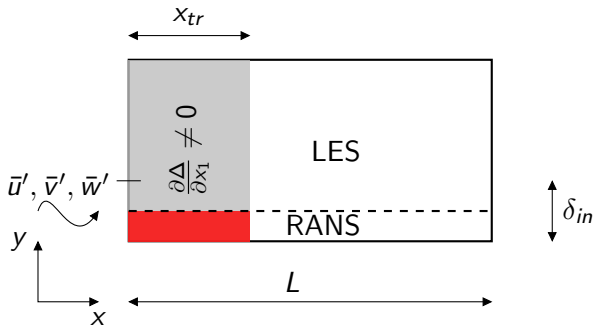
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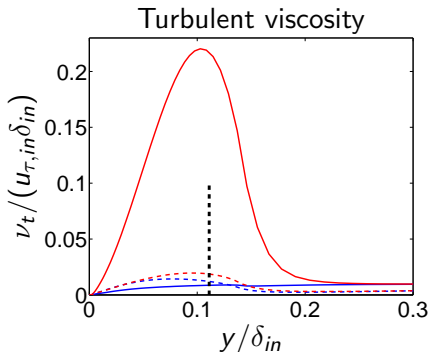
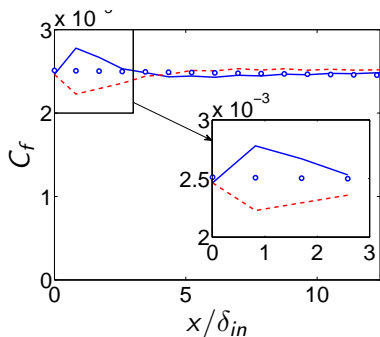


- ▶ Argument for using commutation terms in the (U)RANS region:
 $\nu_{t,URANS} \ll \nu_{t,RANS}$

BOUNDARY LAYER: COMMUTATION TERM OR NOT?

BLUE LINES: commutation terms in the (U)RANS region

RED LINES: no commutation terms in the (U)RANS region



solid lines: $x/\delta_{in} = 0.06$

dashed lines: $x/\delta_{in} = 2.35$

CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ A **novel** method for prescribing inlet modelled turbulent quantities (k, ε, ω) has been presented
- ▶ It is based on the non-commutation between the divergence and the filter operators
- ▶ No tuning constants
- ▶ It is best to impose the commutation terms in one grid plane adjacent to the inlet

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