

The spatial resolution of velocity and velocity gradient turbulence statistics measured with multi-sensor hot-wire probes

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Overview



Background

•Operational principles of 12-sensor hot-wire probes

•Resolution of a 12-sensor Hot-wire probe

•Highly resolved DNS of a Narrow Channel Turbulent Flow at $R_{\tau} = 200$

•Resolution effects on velocity component statistics

•Resolution effects on vorticity component statistics

Summary and Conclusions



12- sensor probe used to measure velocity and velocity gradient properties of turbulent flows

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The effective cooling velocity is usually defined by Jorgensen's expression

$$U_{e}^{2} = U_{n}^{2} + k^{2}U_{t}^{2} + h^{2}U_{b}^{2}.$$

Using this expression, the effective velocities cooling each sensor can be expressed as a function of the three velocity components at the sensor center, $U_{eij}^{2} = U_{ij}^{2} + a_{ij1}V_{ij}^{2} + a_{ij2}W_{ij}^{2} + a_{ij3}V_{ij}U_{ij} + a_{ij4}W_{ij}U_{ij} + a_{ij5}W_{ij}V_{ij}.$

The necessary assumption that the velocity variation is linear over probe spacing area leads to a set of 12 equations of the following form,

$$U_{eij}^{2} = F_{ij} \{ a_{ijk}, U_{0}, V_{0}, W_{0}, \partial(U, V, W) / \partial y, \partial(U, V, W) / \partial z \},\$$

In terms of the velocity components at the probe centers U_0 , V_0 , W_0 and the six velocity gradients as unknowns.

Ideal probe: k=0, h=1, α =45 deg. $\begin{bmatrix} a_{1jk} \\ a_{1jk} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Real probe: calibration proc.

$$a_{1jk} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 2.0 & 1.16 & 0.16 & 0.16 \\ 2.8 & 1.0 & 0.15 & -1.70 & -0.15 \\ 1.0 & 2.8 & 1.70 & -0.15 & -0.15 \\ 2.8 & 1.0 & 0.15 & 1.70 & -0.15 \end{bmatrix}$$



Physical experiment

The effective cooling velocity for each sensor, U_{ij} , can be found from King's Law or from a polynomial fit

$$E^{2} = A + BU_{e}^{n}, \qquad \sum_{p=1}^{J} b_{p} E^{p-1} = U_{e}^{2}.$$

Virtual experiment

Database: DNS of a minimal channel flow at $Re_{\tau} = 200$

Grid resolution: $\Delta x^+ = \Delta y^+ = \Delta z^+ = 1$ (400 × 192 × 400)

Virtual probe with S_y = 8 \triangle y over the numerical grid where \triangle y is 1 viscous length

 $S_{y}^{+}=2, 4, 8, 12$



DNS data base







High and low speed streaks at an instant in time, in a plane parallel to the wall at y+=14



Ratio of Kolmogorov to viscous length scale

Velocity Statistics - RMS





y[†]

Velocity Skewness







♦ DNS

$$y+=15 = 150$$

■ S+=2 → 1.2 η → 0.6 η
▲ S+=4 → 2.4 η → 1.2 η
× S+=8 → 4.8 η → 2.4 η
+ S+=12 → 7.2 η → 3.6 η

Velocity Flatness









0.1

0

0

20

40

60

80

100

y⁺

120

140

160

180

200



0.5

0.4

0.3

0.2

w_x'n/u_t ²



▶ DNS
y+ = 15 = 150
S+=2 → 1.2 η → 0.6 η
S+=4 → 2.4 η → 1.2 η
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Vorticity Skewness

у⁺

= 150



Vorticity Flatness











Velocity PDFs of real and ideal probe response at y+=12.5











Local Isotropy of the Vorticity Field in a High Reynolds Number Turbulent Boundary Layer



NASA Ames 80' x 120' Wind Tunnel





Summary & Conclusions

Spatial resolution of 12-sensor hot-wire probe investigated using highly resolved minimal channel flow DNS.

Virtual probe with 12 point sensors varied so that spacing between arrays is 2, 4, 8 and 12 viscous lengths.

The velocity component rms values are attenuated les then 10% everywhere in the flow for s⁺<8.

The skewness factor of the wall normal velocity fluctuations, S(v), display stronger dependence on spatial resolution.

In the wall layer all the vorticity component rms values are strongly influenced by spatial resolution for $S^+ = 8$ and 12.

The statistics from the ideal and real probe responses are nearly identical.

The shapes of the velocity and vorticity pdfs reflect the resolution effects.

Spectra demonstrate the attenuation due to spatial resolution





-0.6 -0.8 -1 0

20

40

y⁺

60

80

100









y⁺