High-Resolution Identification of 3D Objective Material Barriers to Momentum Transport

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Nonlinear Dynamics Seminar Series



Turbulent Boundary Layers



Surface Mixing in Atmosphere¹

Drag Reduction²

(1) http://english.sina.com/china/p/2009/0211/217795.html
(2) http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas/Sports_p012.shtml

Models of Boundary Layer Structures





Perry et al. (1981)

R. J. Adrian, C.D.M, and C.D.T, "Vortex organization in the outer region of the turbulent boundary layer," J. Fluid Mech. 422, 1 2000.

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Shear interfaces separate zones²

Concept: Vortices block flow and create separate momentum zones

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Uniform Momentum Zone Interfaces

(Streamwise)



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Linear Momentum Barrier Derivations

Streamwise momentum flux is not frame-invariant



What observer-independent flux should we be minimizing with respect to?

$$\Psi(M_0) = \int_{M_0} \left| \boldsymbol{b}_{t_0}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) \cdot \boldsymbol{n}_0 \right| dA_0$$
$$\boldsymbol{b}_{t_0}(\boldsymbol{x}_0) = ?$$

Assuming Fickian-type diffusion for an active vector field \boldsymbol{u} :

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{u}}{\partial t} + (\nabla \boldsymbol{u})\boldsymbol{u} = \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}, t, \boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{v}) + \boldsymbol{v}\boldsymbol{g}(\boldsymbol{x}, t, \boldsymbol{v})$$

Inertial (frame-dependent) Generalized diffusive forces

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Momentum Barrier Derivations

Let, $f = \rho u$, then the equations of motion for compressible, possibly non-Newtonian, 3D time-dependent flows:

$$\frac{\mathrm{D}\mathbf{f}}{\mathrm{D}\mathbf{t}} = -\nabla p + \boldsymbol{q} - \frac{D\rho}{Dt}\boldsymbol{u} + \boldsymbol{v}\nabla\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

Theorem 1: For incompressible, uniform-density Navier-Stokes flows, instantaneous barriers for linear momentum take the form¹

$$\mathbf{x}' = \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \Delta \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

Objective momentum flux is
$$\Psi(M_0) = \int_{M_0} |\Delta \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t_0) \cdot \mathbf{n_0}| dA_0$$

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Determining Initial Conditions



Example flow from Johns Hopkins Turbulence Database $Re_{-}\tau = 1000$ Channel Flow Fully resolved DNS (x, y, z, t)

Determining Initial Conditions



Newly derived simple rotation metric, β

Single Trajectory Rotation Metric



- β computed from single fluid particle trajectories
- Does not rely on spatial derivatives
- β not objective unless underlying flow field is objective

Metric Comparisons



Lambda 2 Criterion



"Swirling Strength"





Single Trajectory Rotation Metric



x-y plane

Automated Rotational Barrier Extraction



Feature Extraction





Stream surfaces in Barrier Field



Barrier Field β Isosurfaces

(Bulk Approach)



Momentum Zone Stratigraphy



De Silva, C. M., J. Philip, N. Hutchins, and I. Marusic (2017), Interfaces of uniform momentum zones in turbulent boundary layers, *J. Fluid Mech.*, 820, 451–478.

UMZ-Type Momentum Barriers



Automated search algorithm for spanning interface

Minimizes curvature of barrier









Now: Understand organization of turbulent boundary layers with these objective momentum barrier building blocks



Thank you.

