

Zababakhin Scientific Talks Modeling of turbulent mixing induced by hydrodynamic instabilities

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Background



• Turbulent mixing broadly occurs in both natural phenomena, e.g. supernova explosions, and engineering applications, e.g. inertial confinement fusion (ICF).



Numerical simulation

 The RANS models remain the most viable approach for the solution of practical problems.



DNS: Direct Numerical Simulation; LES: Large Eddy Simulation;

RANS: Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes; [1] https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5088745

Works on RANS models

- Our series of works on RANS models, yielding a unified and realizable prediction of both canonical and complex mixings.



Challenge for RANS models



 The present RANs models can only describe the fully turbulence stage. However, instabilities will evolve through different stages before transitioning to fully turbulence.



How to describe the mixing transition stage?

Develop a transition RANS model? (Difficult in short term)
 Or ...

Numerical simulation

• LES is the most comprehensive method as it can capture different evolving stages with affordable computational cost..



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Introduction of the LES model

Resolved terms :



 Governing equations based on the closure form of a eddy viscosity LES model:

The key lies in how to accurately model these two quantities?

Introduced terms by filterings:

Modification1: one-equation model



• One-equation model introduces a transport equation of sub-grid kinetic energy, more suitable for the case of large strain rate (shock)

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} = -2 \overline{\mu}^{sgs} \left(\tilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \tilde{S}_{kk} \delta_{ij} \right) + \frac{2}{3} \overline{\rho} k^{sgs} \delta_{ij}$$
Algebraic
(Smogrinsky)
$$C_d \overline{\rho} \overline{\Delta}^2 |\tilde{S}|$$

$$C_I \overline{\Delta}^2 |\tilde{S}|^2$$

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$$|\tilde{S}| = \sqrt{\tilde{S}_{ij} \tilde{S}_{ij}}$$
Note: yielding non-physical results in the case of large strain rate (shock of RM))
One-equation
$$C_d \overline{\rho} \overline{\Delta} \sqrt{K^{sgs}}$$
equation
$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\rho}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \overline{\rho} \tilde{u}_j K^{sgs}}{\partial x_j} = \tau_{ij}^{sgs} \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left(\mu^{sgs} \frac{\partial K^{sgs}}{\partial x_j} \right) - C_s \overline{\rho} \frac{\left(\sqrt{2K^{sgs}}\right)^3}{\overline{\Delta}}$$
+?

What else needs to be considered different from the general model?

Modification2: buoyancy production



Buoyancy production plays an dominant role for buoyancy-driven

flows, e.g. RT and RM turbulent mixing[1], and it remains important at the smallest scales[2].



Modification3: dynamic coefficients



 Five coefficients (Cµ, Prt, Sct,Cε,CB) are dynamically computed in order to adapt the models better to the local structure of mixing flows and can be easily generalized to engineering flows.



Application 1: Reshocked RM



• Reshocked RM involves combined RT, RM and KH effects.



Shocks pass through a perturbed interface separating two materials, and are further reflected by a wall to repeatedly reshock the mixing zone to a final turbulent state.



Application 1: Reshocked RM



• Modification of the initial perturbation: using velocity perturbation to produce a initial magnitude of perturbation comparable to the corresponding experiments.



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The present results are in good agreement with the experimental



Application 2: inverse chevron



In this case, the transition process is prominent



Shocks pass through two interfaces, in which the second interface is the shape of a inverse chevron, and are further reflected by a wall to repeatedly reshock the mixing zone to a final turbulent state.



Application 2: inverse chevron



• The present results are qualitatively and quantitatively consistent with the experimental data.



Conclusions



- We have developed a new LES model reflecting the characteristics of the turbulent mixing flows;
- This new LES model has been applied to two benchmarks, yielding good results consistent with the corresponding experimental measurements;
- This model can be further utilized to investigate the transition mechanism and to develop mixing transition models, as it can provide the detailed characteristics, structures and quantities not provided by experiments.





Thanks for listening!

Any questions?