Patterns of Turbulence

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Wall-bounded shear flows



Experiments at CEA/Saclay by Prigent, Dauchot (2000-3)



Length 770 half-gaps — Streamwise ·

Spiral Turbulence in counter-rotating Taylor-Couette Flow



Between rotating and stationary disks

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FIG. 5. Turbulent spirals for h=2.2 mm and $\Omega=52 \text{ rpm}$ clockwise (*Re* = 106 700).



FIG. 7. Turbulent spirals for h=2.2 mm and $\Omega=74 \text{ rpm}$ clockwise (*Re* = 151 900). One spot is visible on the left side of the disk.



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Formation of turbulent patterns near the onset of transition in plane Couette flow

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Instability mechanisms and transition scenarios of spiral turbulence in Taylor-Couette flow

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Waleffe: self-sustaining process (SSP)

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Couette Flow: spatio-temporal scan



Couette Flow: spatio-temporal scan



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Upper Threshold

Probability Distribution Function of $|\widehat{w}_1|$ (modulus of m=1, λ =40 component of spanwise velocity)



Varying angle: Regimes as a function of θ , Re



Extreme Wavelengths and Tilt Angles

Fixed Re = 350

Minimum Wavelength 35 at $\theta = 24^{\circ}$



Maximum Wavelength 65 at $\theta = 24^{\circ}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Minimum tilt 15}^{\text{o}} \\ \text{at } L_{z'} = 120 \end{array}$

Maximum tilt 66° at $L_{z'} = 120$



Mean flow



time

Mean flow (seen in horizontal plane)



Waleffe flow



Toy model of plane Couette flow Stress free boundaries in y

Body forced,
$$F = C \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{y}{H}\right)$$

Demonstration of self-sustaining process.

Confined Kolmogorov flow

Do the same structures emerge?

PCF vs Waleffe flow







V

-V

PCF vs Waleffe flow

Waleffe flow captures the interior of PCF



Rescale relative to PCF H = 0.625h, V = 0.625U



Turbulent bands



Plane Couette flow Re = 350

180h

Waleffe flow Re = 350



80h

180h

Mean structure



Plane Couette flow, Re = 350



Mean structure



Plane Couette flow, Re = 350



Mean structure



Plane Couette flow, Re = 350





Modelling Waleffe flow

Using leading 4 Fourier modes that satisfy BC

$$u(x, y, z) = u_0(x, z) + u_1(x, z) \sin(\beta y) + u_2(x, z) \cos(2\beta y) + u_3(x, z) \sin(3\beta y),$$

Result: 7 PDEs in (t, x, z)Also requires only half the resolution in *x,z*



Defining and characterizing the lower bound



Discontinuous or Continuous?



Supersize me

$\operatorname{Re} > \operatorname{Re}_c$

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Previous studies: discontinuous



Our result: Continuous





 $1 \sec = 10^4 h/U$

Shear flow

$\operatorname{Re} \approx \operatorname{Re}_c$





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