

Turbulence & Wind Energy

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- RANS = Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes
- During sessions 1 - 3, with EP, use of **Matlab** on your laptop.
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RANS approach with the eddy-viscosity assumption

$$\underbrace{v_i}_{\text{velocity component}} = \underbrace{\bar{v}_i}_{\text{average } U_i} + \underbrace{u_i}_{\text{fluctuations}}$$

$$\underbrace{p}_{\text{modified pressure}} = \underbrace{\bar{p}}_{\text{average } P} + \underbrace{p'}_{\text{fluctuations}}$$

into the **Navier-Stokes equation** for a newtonian incompressible fluid

$$\rho[\partial_t v_i + \partial_{x_j}(v_i v_j)] = \partial_{x_j}(\sigma_{ij}) = -\partial_{x_i} p + \partial_{x_j}(\tau_{ij})$$

with the Cauchy stress tensor $\sigma_{ij} = -p\delta_{ij} + \tau_{ij}$

where the viscous-stress tensor $\tau_{ij} = 2\eta S_{ij}(\mathbf{v})$,

$\eta =$ dynamic viscosity, $S_{ij}(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{2}[\partial_{x_j}(v_i) + \partial_{x_i}(v_j)] =$ strain-rate tensor

→ **Reynolds equation**

$$\rho[\partial_t U_i + \partial_{x_j}(U_i U_j)] = -\partial_{x_i} P + \partial_{x_j}(2\eta S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})) + \partial_{x_j}(\tau_{ij})$$

with the **Reynolds-stress tensor** $\tau_{ij} = -\rho \overline{u_i u_j} = -\rho \text{covariance}(v_i v_j)$

Boussinesq EVA: \exists **eddy viscosity** η_t s.t.

$$\tau_{ij} = -\frac{2}{3}\rho k \delta_{ij} + 2\eta_t S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})$$

with the **turbulent kinetic energy** (per unit mass)

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \overline{u_i u_i}$$



RANS Launder & Spalding $k - \varepsilon$ model

→ Reynolds-Boussinesq equation or RANS momentum equation

$$\partial_t U_i + \partial_{x_j} (U_i U_j) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_{x_i} \Pi + 2 \partial_{x_j} [(\nu + \nu_t) S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})]$$

with corrected pressure $\Pi = P + \frac{2}{3} \rho k$ that implies the **turbulent kinetic energy**

$$k = \frac{1}{2} \overline{u_i u_i} .$$

It fulfills

$$\partial_t k + U_j \partial_{x_j} k = \partial_{x_j} (\nu \partial_{x_j} k) - \partial_{x_j} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \overline{p' u_j} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{u_i u_i u_j} \right) + (\partial_{x_j} U_i) \frac{\tau_{ij}}{\rho} - \varepsilon$$

with the **turbulent dissipation**

$$\varepsilon = \nu \overline{(\partial_{x_j} u_i)(\partial_{x_j} u_i)} .$$

Idea: the **eddy viscosity** is controlled by **these two quantities**, by dimensional analysis

$$\nu_t = \eta_t / \rho = C_\nu \nu_k \ell_{k\varepsilon} = C_\nu k^2 / \varepsilon .$$

RANS Kolmogorov then Wilcox $k - \omega$ model

→ RANS momentum equation

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Idea: relevant quantity = **rate of dissipation of turbulence per unit energy**
or **turbulence dissipation frequency**

$$\omega = \varepsilon / k$$

⇒ by dimensional analysis $\nu_t = C_\nu k / \omega$.

Back to the Launder & Spalding $k - \epsilon$ model

- Equation for \mathbf{V} : **RANS momentum equation**:

$$\partial_t U_i + \partial_{x_j}(U_i U_j) = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_{x_i} \Pi + 2\partial_{x_j}[(\nu + \nu_t)S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})] .$$

- Exact equation for k :

$$\partial_t k + U_j \partial_{x_j} k = \partial_{x_j}(\nu \partial_{x_j} k) - \underbrace{\partial_{x_j} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \overline{p' u_j} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{u_i u_i u_j} \right)}_{\text{unknown} \Rightarrow \text{modeled with } \nu_t} + P_k - \epsilon$$

with the **production term** deduced from the Boussinesq hyp.

$$P_k = (\partial_{x_j} U_i) \frac{\tau_{ij}}{\rho} = 2\nu_t S_{ij}(\mathbf{V}) S_{ij}(\mathbf{V}) > 0$$

Modeled equation:

$$\partial_t k + U_j \partial_{x_j} k = \partial_{x_j}[(\nu + \nu_t) \partial_{x_j} k] + P_k - \epsilon .$$

Launder & Spalding $k - \varepsilon$ model

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- Equation for k :

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with the **production term** $P_k = 2\nu_t S_{ij}(\mathbf{V}) S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})$.

- Equation for ε obtained by analogy with the k - eq. + dimensional analysis:

$$\partial_t \varepsilon + U_j \partial_{x_j} \varepsilon = \partial_{x_j}[(\nu + \sigma_\varepsilon^{-1} \nu_t) \partial_{x_j} \varepsilon] + \frac{\varepsilon}{k} (C_1 P_k - C_2 \varepsilon) .$$

Launder & Spalding $k - \varepsilon$ model

$$\frac{DU_i}{Dt} = \partial_t U_i + U_j \partial_{x_j} U_i = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_{x_i} \Pi + 2 \partial_{x_j} [(\nu + \nu_t) S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})]$$

$$\frac{Dk}{Dt} = \partial_t k + U_j \partial_{x_j} k = \partial_{x_j} [(\nu + \nu_t) \partial_{x_j} k] + P_k - \varepsilon$$

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$$P_k = 2\nu_t S_{ij}(\mathbf{V}) S_{ij}(\mathbf{V}), \quad \nu_t = C_\nu k^2 / \varepsilon$$

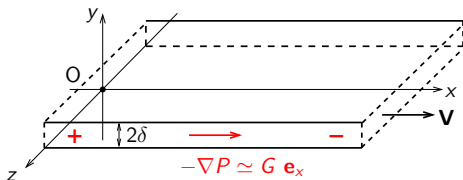
Coefficient	σ_ε	C_1	C_2	C_ν	Von Karman constant χ
'Universal' (?) standard value	1.3	1.44	1.92	0.09	0.433

- In a **plane jet** or **mixing layer**, the rate of growth of the flow $\rightarrow C_1$
- In **turbulence behind a grid**, the rate of decay of the flow $\rightarrow C_2$
- In the **overlap layer**, **wall laws** with a χ value $\rightarrow C_\nu$ and σ_ε

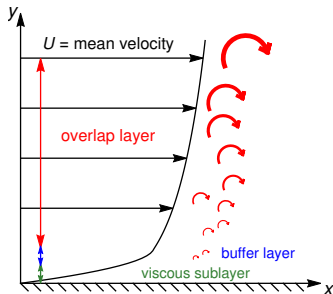
[Launder & Spalding 1974 *Comp. Meth. Appl. Mech. Eng.*]

Pb 1.1: learn about turbulent flows, the mixing-length and $k - \varepsilon$ RANS models, by focussing on channel flows

General setup:



Focus near the lower wall:



Mean velocity $\mathbf{V} = U(y) \mathbf{e}_x$, mean (modified) pressure $P = -Gx + p_0(y)$,
all other mean fields depend only on y .

Pb 1.1: results of part 1: generalities and mixing-length model

- Integrated RANS momentum eq. in the x -direction :

$$\eta \frac{dU}{dy} + \tau_{xy} = \tau_w - Gy$$

with the **mean wall shear stress**

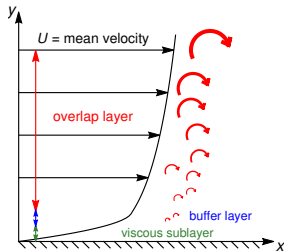
$$\tau_w = \eta \left. \frac{dU}{dy} \right|_{y=0} = G \delta .$$

- Viscous sublayer:** y small, **viscous stress** dominates

$$\eta \frac{dU}{dy} \simeq \tau_w \implies U \simeq U'_0 y$$

$$\iff U^+ = \frac{U}{u_\tau} = y^+ = \frac{y u_\tau}{\nu}$$

with u_τ the **friction velocity** such that $\tau_w = \rho u_\tau^2$.



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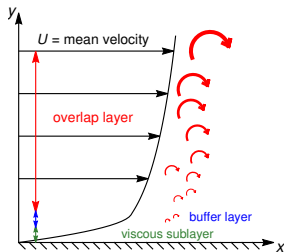
- Log layer:** y larger, **Reynolds stress** dominates, which is estimated with a **mixing-length model**

$$\tau_{xy} \simeq \eta_t \frac{dU}{dy} \simeq \tau_w , \quad \eta_t \simeq \rho \frac{dU}{dy} (\chi y)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow U^+ = \frac{U}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \ln y^+ + C$$

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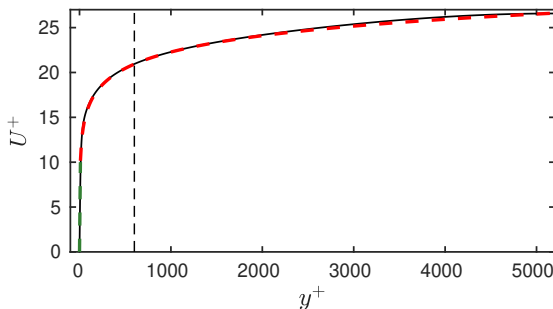
$$\text{NB: } \eta_t = \rho u_\tau \chi y \Leftrightarrow \nu_t = u_\tau \chi y \Leftrightarrow \nu^+ := \frac{\eta_t}{\eta} = \chi y^+ .$$



Pb 1.1: results of parts 2 and 3: comparisons with the UT DNS

DNS data at $Re_\tau = 5200$ display a **viscous sublayer** for $y^+ \lesssim y_0^+ = 4$ and a **log layer** around $y^+ \simeq 600$...

- **viscous sublayer profile** $U^+ = y^+$ relevant up to $y^+ = 10$
- **log layer profile** $U^+ = \chi^{-1} \ln y^+ + C$, with $\chi = 0.38$ and $C = 4.1$, relevant from $y^+ = 10$ to $y^+ = \delta^+$



- \Rightarrow **Karman - Prandtl theory** for the friction factor...
- **Universality of this three-layers structure**...

Part 4: Analytical verification of the $k - \varepsilon$ model in the log layer

- There Reynolds stress dominates in the integrated RANS momentum U_x eq.

$$\eta \frac{dU}{dy} + \tau_{xy} = \tau_w - Gy \implies \tau_{xy} = \eta_t \frac{dU}{dy} \simeq \tau_w = \rho u_\tau^2.$$

- Mixing length model

$$\eta_t \simeq \rho \frac{dU}{dy} (\chi y)^2 \implies U^+ = \frac{U}{u_\tau} = \frac{1}{\chi} \ln y^+ + C$$

$$\implies \eta_t = \rho u_\tau \chi y \iff \nu_t = u_\tau \chi y \iff \nu^+ := \frac{\eta_t}{\rho} = \chi y^+.$$

4.1 Assume $k - \varepsilon$ model is valid + production - dissipation balance in the k eq.

$$\implies \text{wall laws for } k \text{ and } \varepsilon : k = \frac{u_\tau^2}{\sqrt{C_\nu}}, \quad \varepsilon = \frac{u_\tau^3}{\chi y}.$$

4.2 \implies Townsend's relation : $-\frac{\overline{u_x u_y}}{k} = \text{constant} = \sqrt{C_\nu}.$

4.3 ε eq. \implies relation between σ_ε , C_1 , C_2 and C_ν : $\chi^2 = (C_2 - C_1) \sigma_\varepsilon \sqrt{C_\nu}.$

Part 5: Study of $\overline{u_i u_j}$, k and ν_t on the DNS database

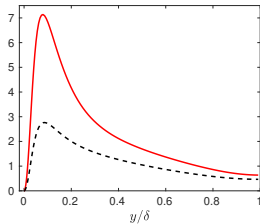
5.1 Eddy-viscosity assumption

$$\overline{u_i u_j} = \frac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} - 2\nu_t S_{ij}(\mathbf{V})$$

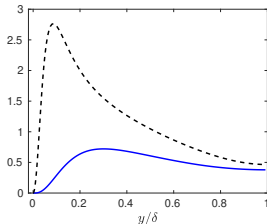
⇒ **velocity variances**

$$\overline{u_x^+ u_x^+} = \frac{\overline{u_x u_x}}{u_\tau^2} = \overline{u_y^+ u_y^+} = \overline{u_z^+ u_z^+} = \frac{2}{3} k^+ \quad \text{with} \quad k^+ = \frac{k}{u_\tau^2}$$

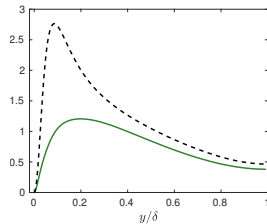
For the DNS at $Re_\tau = 180$, plots of $\overline{u_x^+ u_x^+}$, $\overline{u_y^+ u_y^+}$, $\overline{u_z^+ u_z^+}$ and $\frac{2}{3} k^+$:



wall-enhancing effect



strong wall-damping effect



wall-damping effect

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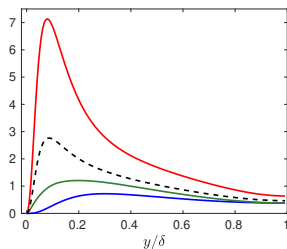
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Near the wall: **anisotropy** of the **velocity variances** (second moments) that could be captured only by **'second moments'** or **'Reynolds stress models'** !

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5.2 Eddy-viscosity assumption \implies velocity covariances

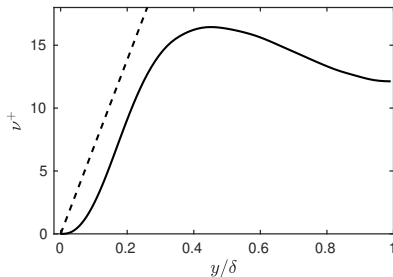
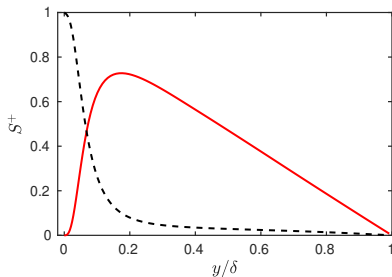
$$\overline{u_x^+ u_z^+} = \overline{u_y^+ u_z^+} = 0, \quad \overline{u_x^+ u_y^+} = -\nu^+ S^+$$

with the **mean strain rate** $S^+ = \frac{dU^+}{dy^+}$.

5.3 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$

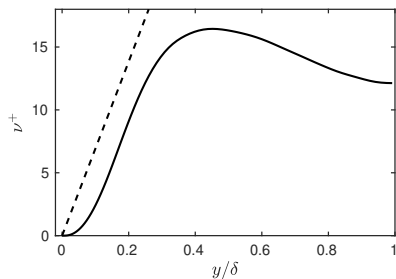
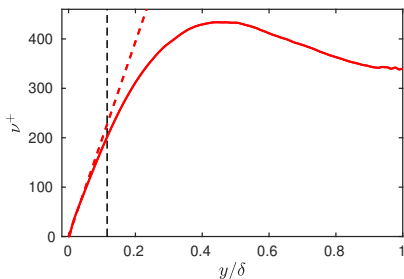
$$\max \left(\max \left| \overline{u_x^+ u_z^+} \right| = 0.0058, \max \left| \overline{u_y^+ u_z^+} \right| = 0.0013 \right) \ll \left(\max \left| \overline{u_x^+ u_y^+} \right| = 0.728 \right).$$

5.4 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$, plots of S^+ , $-\overline{u_x^+ u_y^+}$ and the 'exact' eddy viscosity $\nu^+ = -\overline{u_x^+ u_y^+} / S^+$ with the **log-layer-law** $\nu^+ = \chi y^+$:



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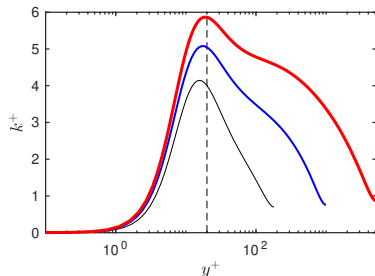
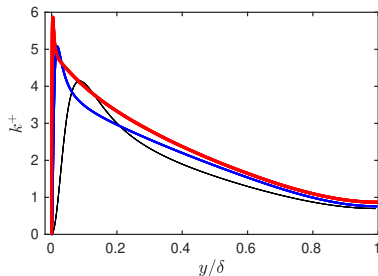
5.5 Compare the DNS $Re_\tau = 5200$ to the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$:



- eddy viscosity much higher because turbulence is stronger
- log-layer-law $\nu^+ = \chi y^+$ now relevant !

Part 6: Study of k , P_k and ε on the DNS database

6.1 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$, 1000 and 5200, the turbulent kinetic energy k^+ vs y/δ in lin-lin scales, vs y^+ in log-lin scales:



- at fixed y^+ , $k^+ \uparrow$ as $Re_\tau \uparrow$
- k^+ peaks at a robust value $y_{\max k}^+ \simeq 20$
- max k^+ does **not** converge as $Re_\tau \rightarrow \infty$?

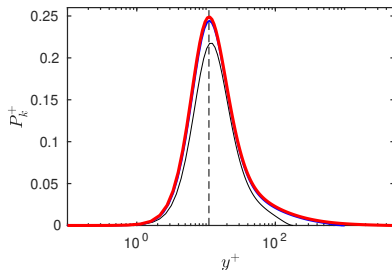
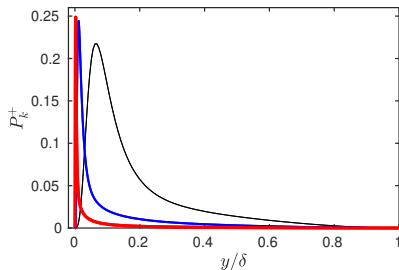
6.2 The log-layer law or wall law for k

$$k^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C_\nu}} \text{ is irrelevant !}$$

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6.3 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$, 1000 and 5200,

the production term $P_k^+ = -\overline{u_x^+ u_y^+} S^+$ vs y/δ in lin-lin scales, vs y^+ in log-lin scales:



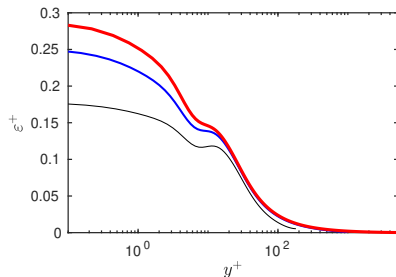
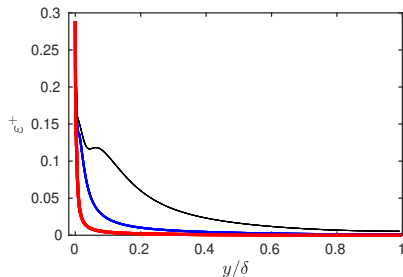
- at fixed y^+ , $P_k^+ \uparrow$ as $Re_\tau \uparrow$
- P_k^+ peaks at a robust value $y_{\max P_k}^+ \simeq 11$
- $\max P_k^+$ converges as $Re_\tau \rightarrow \infty$
- \exists asymptotic profile for $Re_\tau \rightarrow \infty$?

A general asymptotic theory for the main covariance $\overline{u_x u_y}$, the mean strain rate S and, consequently, P_k and ν_t , as $Re_\tau \rightarrow \infty$, has been recently presented... see the pb.1.3 !..

[Heinz 2018, 2019 On mean flow universality of turbulent wall flows. Parts I & II. *J. Turbulence*]

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6.4 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$, 1000 and 5200, the turbulent dissipation rate ε^+ vs y/δ in lin-lin scales, vs y^+ in log-lin scales:



ε^+ larger in the near-wall region !

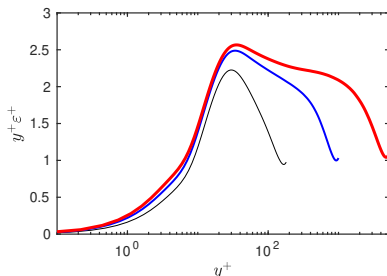
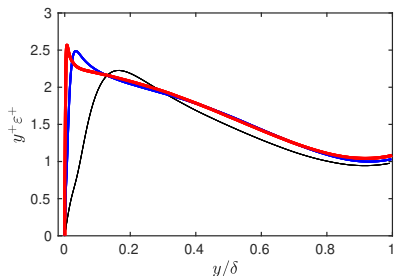
6.5 The value of ε^+ at the wall is **not universal** !

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6.6 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$, **1000** and **5200**,
the **premultiplied turbulent dissipation rate** $y^+ \varepsilon^+$,
which should be according to the **log-layer law** or **wall law**

$$y^+ \varepsilon^+ = \chi^{-1} \simeq 2.5 \quad \text{with} \quad \chi \simeq 0.4 ,$$

vs y/δ or y^+ :



⇒ the **log-layer law** or **wall law** for ε is **poorly relevant !**

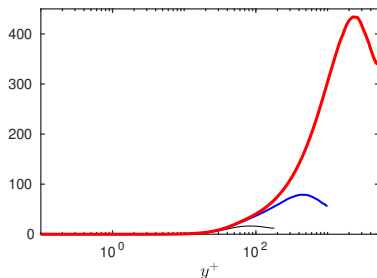
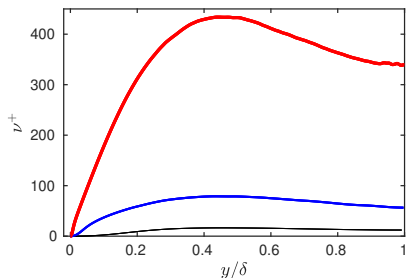
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7.1 Dimensionless form of the $k - \varepsilon$ model eddy-viscosity

$$\nu^+ = C_\nu \frac{k^{+2}}{\varepsilon^+}$$

7.2 For the DNS $Re_\tau = 180$, 1000 and 5200,

the 'exact' eddy viscosity $\nu^+ = -\overline{u_x^+ u_y^+} / S^+$ vs y/δ or y^+ :



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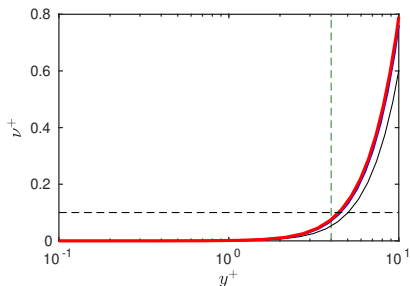
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7.3 Zoom on the range $y^+ \in [0,10]$ to check that, in the **viscous sublayer**, defined by

$$y^+ \lesssim y_0^+ = 4,$$

the 'exact' eddy viscosity $\nu^+ < 0.1$:



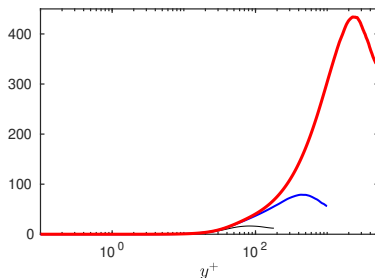
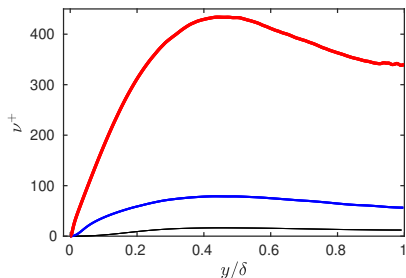
⇒ there the **eddy viscosity** plays no role !

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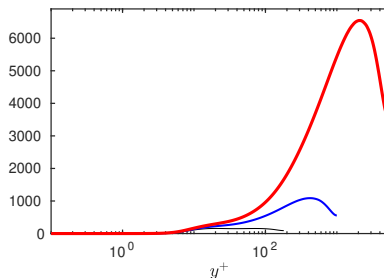
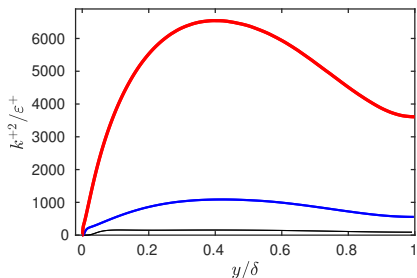


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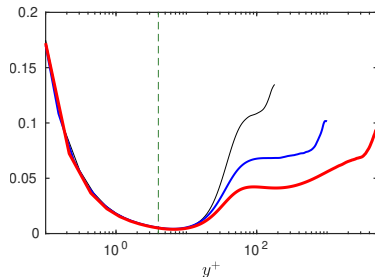
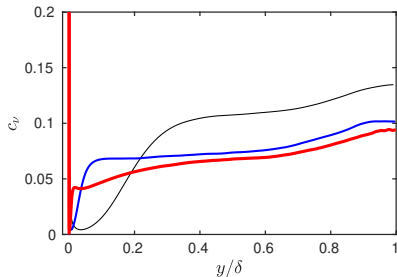
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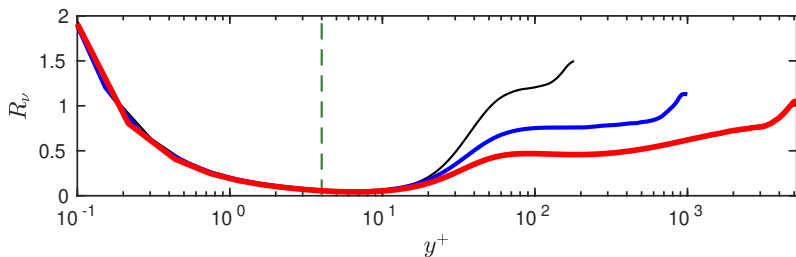
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Irrelevant
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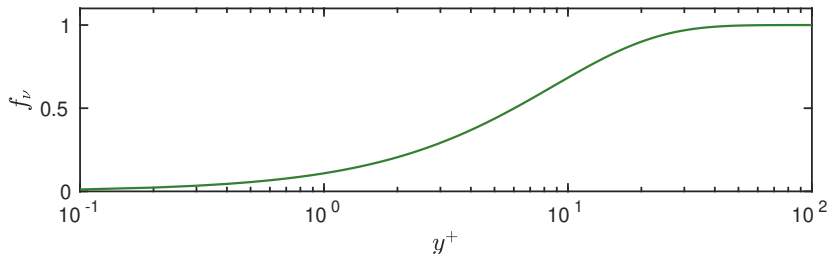
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Comments on the pb. 1.1 regarding the $k - \varepsilon$ model

- ☹️ 'Wall laws' for k and ε in the **log-layer** are **poorly relevant**:
bad news for the 'high-Reynolds number' model
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- ☹️ The **eddy-viscosity law** is **poorly relevant**, especially, in the near-wall region !
- 😊 '**Low-Reynolds number**' models exist, where one starts computing at the wall $y = 0$, and uses '**damping functions**' e.g. in the **eddy-viscosity**

$$\nu_t = C_\nu f_\nu \frac{k^2}{\varepsilon} \quad \text{with} \quad f_\nu = f_\nu(y^+) = 1 - \exp(-0.115y^+)$$



[Chien 1982 revisited by Hanjalić & Launder 2011]

Openings: many RANS models exist !..

The **Turbulence Modeling Resource** web site of NASA Langley Research Center

<https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov>

lists 18 models, among which 3 **One-Equation Models** which are somehow ν_t **models**:

- the **Spalart-Allmaras model**,
- the **Nut-92 model**,
- the **Wray-Agarwal model**...

There has been also recently proposals for $k - \nu_t$ **models**, e.g. by Menter and coworkers; these models may run in **hybrid RANS-LES mode** which looks promising !..

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