

# Modeling and analysis of turbulence in rotating flow

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# Introduction









#### Curvature







# Plan

#### Part I

- Elements of rotating turbulence
  - Illustration via eddy resolving simulations
  - Phenomenology
  - Analytical concepts
- Linear stability of uniform gradient, rotating flow

#### Part II

- Reynolds stress transport equations
  - Transformation to rotating coordinates
  - Absolute and relative rotation
  - Transformation and closure models
- Equilibrium analysis
  - Second moment closure and bifurcation
  - Modified coefficient, two equation models

Part I. Eddy Simulations Basic Concepts Phenomenology



Stress



But  $dk/dt = -\varepsilon$ ; no explicit effect of rotation

And standard return to isotropy says  $b_{ij}=0$ 

# Taylor columns

# Taylor-Proudman reorganization?



Rossby number =  $U/\Omega^F L$  or  $\varepsilon/\Omega^F k$ 

# Momentum equation in rotating frame

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \partial_j u_i + 2\epsilon_{ijk} \Omega_j^F u_k = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_i p + \nu \nabla^2 u_i.$$

The Coriolis acceleration  $(2\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u})$  conserves energy Arises by expressing equations in non-inertial frame

In *x*,*y*-component form, rotation about *z* 

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u_j \partial_j u - 2\Omega^F v = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_x p + \nu \nabla^2 u$$
$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + u_j \partial_j v + 2\Omega^F u = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_y p + \nu \nabla^2 v$$

#### How might Taylor-Proudman reorganization occur in turbulence?

P. Davidson (J. Fluid Mech.557, 2006): turbulent eddies may generate transient Taylor Columns

But only seen in DNS at intermediate Rossby numbers  $Ros = U/\Omega L$ 



#### Relevance to engineering modeling unknown

# Homogeneous shear



Figure defines positive rotation and positive shear N.B mean rotation is opposite to frame rotation

#### Linearized equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + vS - 2\Omega^F v &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_x p \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + U \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &+ 2\Omega^F u &= -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_y p \end{aligned}$$

Displacement produces 'streaks' or 'jets'

For *x*-independent perturbation (a.k.a 'streak'):

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \sim (2\Omega^F - s)v$$

'displacement effect' is

$$\Delta u \sim (2\Omega^F - S) \int v dt = (2\Omega^F - S) \Delta y$$
 If  $S > 2\Omega^F \ (R > -1), \ \Delta y > 0 \rightarrow \Delta u < 0$ 



Streaky contours are jet like velocity perturbations: u'(y,z)



Side view



Admission: there are jets in transitional flow

### Simple stability analysis

Consider an elongated disturbance:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\bullet) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad p = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + vS - 2\Omega^{F}v = 0$$
Production from  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + 2\Omega^{F}u = 0$ 
Coriolis acceleration

 $\Rightarrow \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} = -R(R+1)S^2u \quad ; \quad R \equiv -2\Omega^F/S \quad \frac{\text{coordinate rotation}}{\text{flow rotation}}$ 

 $u \propto e^{\pm \sqrt{-R(R+1)}St}$  unstable -1 < R < 0

Comment: max @ R=-1/2symmetric about -1/2 -1 0 R<0 for rotation against shear (mean vorticity is  $\omega_z = -S$ )

#### t.k.e. in rotating homogeneous shear



Note R=0 not same as R=-1

Bradshaw parameter, R(R+1) is not controlling

Symbols are DNS Lines are linear, RDT solution

# Rotating channel



# Vorticity



Lambalais (Theoretical and Comput. Fluid Dynam., 12, 1998)

### Velocity, stress





#### Relaminarization at high rotation



### Couette flow



# Serpentine channel



# Serpentine channel



Vorticity

u-velocity

# Cross-section



### Analogy between rotation and curvature

Analogy:  $U/r_c \sim \Omega^F$  N.B. convex and concave curvature have opposite r<sub>c</sub>

 $C = 2U/r_c S$ 

The linearized equation for 
$$v^2$$
 is  $1/2 \frac{d\overline{v^2}}{d\tau} = \overline{uv}(R+C)$ 

Curvature can enhance or counter rotation. In isolation it acts either with or against the shear.

## Convex and concave curvature



and

Curvature

with (R>0)

against (R<0) shear

 $\Omega > 0$ 

# Goertler vortices

Convex curvature





# Persistent streamwise vortices?





### Overview serpentine passage



# Mean profiles



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#### **Overview fluctuations**

Variance of Velocity,  $Re_{\tau} = 180$ , Ro = 0



Variance of Velocity,  $Re_{\tau} = 180$ , Ro = 5



# Kinetic energy



#### Enhancement and suppression of Reynolds stresses



# Summary, part I

- Rotation reduces the rate of decay of grid turbulence
- Rotation in the direction of shear is stabilizing
- Moderate rotation against the shear is destabilizing; larger rotation is stabilizing
- Curvature is analogous to rotation to a large extent
- In non-homogeneous flow the *rotation number* varies with position and can change sign. The net effect is not entirely obvious

Part II. Single point closures

# Reynolds decomposition

Total velocity (V) = Average (U) + Fluctuation(u)

U is the mean flow u is the turbulence

Navier-Stokes  $\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + V \cdot \nabla V = -\nabla P + \nu \nabla^2 V$ 

Let V=U+u, substitute and average: Reynolds Averaged N-S (RANS)

Equation of the mean flow  $\partial_t U_i + U_j \partial_j U_i = -\frac{1}{\rho} \partial_i P + \nu \nabla^2 U_i \underbrace{-\partial_j \overline{u_j u_i}}_{i}$ 

Reynolds stress

# Comment: eddy viscosity closure

Constitutive formula (mean flow closure):

$$-\overline{u_i u_j} = \nu_T S_{ij} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij}$$

Model: 
$$\nu_T = C_{\mu}kT; \quad T = 1/\omega, \text{ or}, T = k/\varepsilon$$

#### Reynolds stress transport equation



These are unclosed equations: models are needed

The focus of second moment closure modeling is the redistribution tensor: make it a function of the Reynolds stress tensor

Rotation effects enter  
through production
$$\mathcal{P}_{ij} = -\overline{u_j u_k} \partial_k U_i - \overline{u_i u_k} \partial_k U_j$$
and convection
$$\partial_t \overline{u_i u_j} + U_k \partial_k \overline{u_i u_j}$$

#### Reynolds stress equations in rotating frame

If the unit directions rotate as

$$\mathbf{e}_2$$
  $\mathbf{e}_1$ 

$$\boldsymbol{e}_1 = (\cos \Omega^F t, \sin \Omega^F t, 0), \quad \boldsymbol{e}_2 = (-\sin \Omega^F t, \cos \Omega^F t, 0)$$

then

$$d_t \boldsymbol{e}_1 = \Omega^F (-\sin \Omega^F t, \cos \Omega^F t, 0) = \Omega^F \boldsymbol{e}_2, \quad d_t \boldsymbol{e}_2 = -\Omega^F \boldsymbol{e}_1$$

and

$$d_t(u_i \boldsymbol{e}_i) = \boldsymbol{e}_i d_t u_i + \boldsymbol{e}_i \epsilon_{ijk} \Omega_j^F u_k$$

Reynolds stress equations are

$$d_{t}\overline{u_{i}u_{j}} + \overline{u_{i}u_{l}}\varepsilon_{jkl}\Omega_{k}^{F} + \overline{u_{j}u_{l}}\varepsilon_{ikl}\Omega_{k}^{F} = P_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}\delta_{ij}\varepsilon + \wp_{ij}$$
Where is the 2  $\Omega$ ?
Unclosed
pressure-strain

# Production tensor

$$P_{ij} = -\overline{u_i u_k} \partial_j U_k - \overline{u_j u_k} \partial_i U_k$$
$$\partial_j U_k = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [\partial_j U_k + \partial_k U_j]}_{S_{jk}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} [\partial_j U_k - \partial_k U_j]}_{\Omega_{jk}}$$

In terms of rate of strain and rate of rotation

$$P_{ij} = -\overline{u_i u_k} (S_{kj} + \Omega_{kj}) - \overline{u_j u_k} (S_{ki} + \Omega_{ki})$$

The apparently missing factor of 2:  $\underbrace{\partial_k U_j^A}_{absolute} = \underbrace{\partial_k U_j^F}_{relative} + \varepsilon_{jkl} \Omega_l^F$ 

Hence 
$$P_{ij}^A = P_{ij}^F - \overline{u_i u_l} \varepsilon_{jkl} \Omega_k^F - \overline{u_j u_l} \varepsilon_{ikl} \Omega_k^F$$

In closure modeling it is necessary to distinguish the production tensor. Production is frame independent:



Reynolds stress depends on both  $\Omega^F$  and  $\Omega^A$ . The former comes from evolution; the latter from production.

The notion that constitutive formulas depend only on absolute rotation is not right for turbulence.

### Rotation effect via SMC

For IP model:

Homogeneous shear

$$d_t \overline{u^2} - 2\overline{uv}\Omega^F = 4/_5 \Omega^F \overline{uv} - 6/_5 \overline{uv}S \dots$$
$$d_t \overline{v^2} + 2\overline{uv}\Omega^F = -4/_5 \Omega^F \overline{uv} - 2/_5 \overline{uv}S \dots$$
$$d_t \overline{uv} = 2/_5 \Omega^F (\overline{v^2} - \overline{u^2}) - 2/_5 \overline{v^2}S \dots$$

With  $R = -2\Omega^F / \mathcal{S}$  and  $\tau = \mathcal{S}t$ :

$$d_{\tau}\overline{u^{2}} = -(7/_{5}R + 6/_{5})\overline{uv} \dots$$
$$d_{\tau}\overline{v^{2}} = (7/_{5}R - 2/_{5})\overline{uv} \dots$$
$$d_{\tau}\overline{uv} = 1/_{5}R(\overline{v^{2}} - \overline{u^{2}}) - 2/_{5}\overline{v^{2}} \dots$$

Note  $\overline{uv} < 0$  in shear flow. If R > 2/7,  $\overline{v^2}$  will be suppressed.

Reynolds stress equations capture the inviscid mechanism

# Second moment closure



### Background: Equilibria of k- $\varepsilon$ equations

Model in homogeneous shear

$$\frac{dk}{dt} = \mathcal{P} - \varepsilon$$
$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 1}\mathcal{P} - C_{\varepsilon 2}\varepsilon}{T}$$
$$\mathcal{P} = -\overline{u_i u_j} S_{ij}$$

With eddy viscosity

$$\mathcal{P} = 2\nu_T |S|^2;$$
  $\nu_T = C_\mu \frac{k}{\varepsilon}$  N.B. unaffected by rotation

Moving equilibrium: k grows, but  $k/\varepsilon$  and  $\mathcal{P}/\varepsilon$  reach constant levels

# Approaches to 2-equation modeling

Pragmatic motivation: this is the type of model used in turbomachinery analysis and design

Basic concept: rotation can alter growth rate and can stabilize shear flow turbulence: how can this be incorporated?

At 2-equation level it corresponds to dependence of *production/dissipation* :  $P/\epsilon$ on rotation

Do analysis to understand how models work:

# Moving equilibrium

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{k}\right) = \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{k}\right)^2 \left[ (C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1)\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\varepsilon} - (C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1) \right] \to 0$$

The 2 solutions are

branch 1: 
$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\varepsilon} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1}{C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1} = \frac{2C_{\mu}|S|^{2}k^{2}}{\varepsilon^{2}}$$
branch 2: 
$$\frac{\varepsilon}{k} = 0$$
Roughly, these are growing (healthy) and decaying (unhealthy) states. Valid for Reynolds stress models if
$$\mathcal{P} = -\overline{u_{i}}\overline{u_{j}}S_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{P} = -\overline{u_{i}}\overline{u_{j}}S_{ij}$$

# Branch 1

$$k = k_{\infty} e^{\lambda t}, \quad \varepsilon = \varepsilon_{\infty} e^{\lambda t}$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2} - C_{\varepsilon 1}}{C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{k}\right)_{\infty}.$$

Finally

$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{k}\right)_{\infty} = \sqrt{2C_{\mu}|S|^2} \sqrt{\frac{C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1}{C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1}}$$

and

$$\lambda = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2} - C_{\varepsilon 1}}{\sqrt{(C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1)(C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1)}} \sqrt{2C_{\mu}|S|^2}$$

### Branch 2

$$k = A_{\infty}t^{-m}, \quad \varepsilon = B_{\infty}t^{-m-1}$$

N.B.  $\varepsilon/k \propto 1/t$  as  $t \to \infty$ .

$$m = \frac{1 - \mathcal{P}/\varepsilon}{(C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1) - \mathcal{P}/\varepsilon(C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1)}.$$

If  $\mathcal{P} < \varepsilon$  then m > 0 and turbulent energy decays

How can equilibrium analysis be used to develop models?

# Modified coefficients

 $C_{\varepsilon 1}, \ C_{\varepsilon 2}, \ C_{\mu}$ 

Recall the Bradshaw parameter from stability theory Br = R(R+1)

Might parameterize rotation effects by functions of Br

 $C_{\varepsilon 1}(Br), \ C_{\varepsilon 2}(Br), \ C_{\mu}(Br)$ 

 $Br \ge -1/_4$  and Br < 0 is exponentially unstable range; but algebraic growth occurs at Br = 0.

Analogue to instability:  $\mathcal{P}/\varepsilon > 1$ . Equilibrium solution

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\varepsilon} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1}{C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1} \qquad \text{Branch 1}$$

provides connection to parameters. Introduce critical Bradshaw number, and parametric dependence:

$$1 = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2}(Br_{crit}) - 1}{C_{\varepsilon 1}(Br_{crit}) - 1} \implies C_{\varepsilon 2}(Br_{crit}) = C_{\varepsilon 1}(Br_{crit})$$

Standard values are  $C_{\varepsilon 1} = 1.44, C_{\varepsilon 2} = 1.92$ . An early propsal:  $C_{\varepsilon 2} = C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 (1 - C_{sc} Br)$  with  $C_{sc} \sim 2.5$ . Then

$$Br_{crit} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 - C_{\varepsilon 1}}{C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 C_{sc}} = 0.1$$

Hellsten — translated from  $k - \omega$  — is  $(C_{\varepsilon 2} = C_{\omega 2} + 1)$ 

$$C_{\varepsilon 2} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 + C_{sc}Br}{1 + C_{sc}Br}.$$

with  $C_{sc} = 3.6$ . So

$$Br_{crit} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 - C_{\varepsilon 1}}{(C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1)C_{sc}} = \frac{12}{11C_{sc}} = 0.3$$

Corresponding range of rotation numbers (i.e. R(1+R) = 0.3)

$$-1.24 < R < 0.24$$

### Rotating, homogeneous shear



### Comment on parameterization

To avoid singularity at S = 0,  $C_{\varepsilon 2} = C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 (1 - C_{sc} Br (|S|k/\varepsilon)^2)$ with  $C_{sc} = 0.4$  has been suggested (HBR model). Then

$$Br_{crit} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2}^0 - C_{\varepsilon 1}}{A(C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1)} = 0.026.; \quad A = \frac{C_{sc}C_{\varepsilon 2}^0}{2C_{\mu}(C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1)}$$

However  $Sk/\epsilon$  is imaginary for  $C_{\epsilon 2} < 1$  so this model is ill posed. In fact  $C_{\epsilon 2} < 0$  for Br < 1/A = -0.103 (Cazalbou)

#### Various definitions

$$Br = \frac{2\Omega^F (2\Omega^F - \partial_y U)}{\partial_y U^2}$$
$$\widetilde{Br} = \frac{2\Omega^F (2\Omega^F - \partial_y U)}{(\varepsilon/k)^2}$$

Consider rotor-stator: what is  $\Omega^F$ , 0 or rotor velocity? Or, rotor computed in rotating (flow is steady) or inertial (flow is time-dependent) frame.

How to define 'frame rotation'? Convective derivative of rate of strain (Spalart-Shur); if  $e^{(i)}$  are rate of strain eigenvectors

$$\Omega_{ij}^F = \boldsymbol{e}^{(i)} \cdot D_t \boldsymbol{e}^{(j)}$$

May be expensive, and is it right? More useable ansatz:

$$\Omega_{ij}^F \leftrightarrow (\boldsymbol{S} \cdot D_t \boldsymbol{S} - D_t \boldsymbol{S} \cdot \boldsymbol{S})/2|\boldsymbol{S}|^2$$

which is only frame rotation in 2-D

### Rotating plane channel



 $2\Omega H/U_b = 0.5$ 

But: Physics are inviscid.

Modifying  $\varepsilon$ -equation coefficients is an artifice that increases dissipation (it probably should decrease with rotation).

 $P/\mathcal{E}$  should decrease because *P* is reduced by centrifugal stabilization

### Bifurcation of SMC models

Recall equilibria of  $k-\varepsilon$  system:

branch 1: 
$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{\varepsilon} = \frac{C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1}{C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1}$$

and

branch 2: 
$$\frac{\varepsilon}{k} = 0.$$

But, instead of eddy viscosity (2-equation closure)

$$\mathcal{P} = -\overline{u_i u_j} \partial_j U_i = -\overline{u_i u_j} S_{ij}$$

Solve SMC for Reynolds stress tensor

# Equilibrium, algebraic stress

Moving equilibrium

$$d_t(\overline{u_i u_j}/k) = 0 \rightarrow d_t \overline{u_i u_j} = \frac{-\overline{u_i u_j}}{k} d_t k = \frac{-\overline{u_i u_j}}{k} (\mathcal{P} - \varepsilon)$$

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Aside: this gives a linear algebraic equation} \\ 0 = (1 - C_1 - cP/\varepsilon)\mathbf{b} - \frac{8}{15}S - \mathbf{b} \cdot S - S \cdot \mathbf{b} + \frac{2}{3}\delta \operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{b} \cdot S) - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{W} + \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{b}. \\ \text{for } b_{ij} = \overline{u_i u_j}/k - \frac{2}{3}\delta_{ij} \end{bmatrix}$ 

Gives algebraic stress approximation (ASM); solution is called an explicit algebraic stress model (EASM). Rotation effects are captured through Reynolds stress equations.

#### $\exists$ closed form solution starting as

$$\overline{u_i u_j} = -F_\mu \mathbf{S} k^2 / \varepsilon + \frac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} \dots$$

Aside: For General Linear closure model

$$F_{\mu} = \frac{8/_{15}(C_1 - 1 + \mathcal{P}/\varepsilon)}{(C_1 - 1 + \mathcal{P}/\varepsilon)^2 - 2/_3(1 - C_2 - C_3)^2 |\mathbf{S}k/\varepsilon|^2 + 2|\mathbf{W}k/\varepsilon|^2}$$

The remaining terms do not contribute to production:

$$\mathcal{P} = F_{\mu}(\boldsymbol{S}, \Omega^{A}, \Omega^{F}; k/\varepsilon) |\boldsymbol{S}|^{2} k^{2}/\varepsilon$$

Hence not frame independent

This `constitutive' equation accompanies k and  $\varepsilon$  equations

On branch 1  $\mathcal{P}_R \equiv \mathcal{P}/\varepsilon = (C_{\varepsilon 2} - 1)/(C_{\varepsilon 1} - 1) \Rightarrow$   $(\varepsilon/Sk)_{\infty}^2 = \frac{2(1 - C_2 - C_3)^2}{3(C_1 - 1 + \mathcal{P}_R)^2} + \frac{8}{15(1 - C_2 - C_3)(C_1 - 1 + \mathcal{P}_R)\mathcal{P}_R}$  $-\frac{2|W|^2}{(C_1 - 1 + \mathcal{P}_R)^2|S|^2}$ 

where

$$\frac{|\mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{S}|} = (1 - C_2 + C_3) + (2 - C_2 + C_3)R$$

The 'bifurcation curve' is of the form

$$(\varepsilon/Sk)_{\infty}^2 = A + B(R+C)^2$$

Where A, B and C are constants and R is the rotation number, as usual. Bifurcation points are  $R_{\pm}$  satisfying  $A+B(R+C)^2 = 0$ 

### Bifurcation diagram for homogeneous shear



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One might use  $v_T = F_{\mu} S k^2 / \varepsilon$  to capture bifurcation in eddy viscosity framework

Caveat: EASM does not reproduce non-rotating k- $\epsilon$  solution. Modified  $F_{\mu}$  is needed.



# Rotating channel





# Summary, part II

- Equilibrium analysis relates  $P/\epsilon$  to constants in the  $\epsilon$  or  $\omega$  equation
- Within the confines of eddy viscosity closure,  $P/\varepsilon$  can be reduced below unity by replacing these constants by functions of the Bradshaw parameter; but that is not consistent with physical mechanisms
- The equilibrium solution to a full Reynolds stress model bifurcates from healthy to decaying turbulence branches.
- Bifurcation is effected by adding a dependence of the eddy viscosity on rates of strain and rotation. This is another approach to incorporating rotation into eddy viscosity closure.