# Computational Investigation of Buoyancy Influenced Flows and Benchmarking exercise 



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## Buoyancy aided heated pipe flow

Gr/Re**2 $=0.087$ (relaminarization)


-Launder \& Sharma Model (CONVERT)

- Manchester $\mathbf{v}^{2} \mathbf{f}$ Model (Code-Saturne)
- Large Eddy Simulation (STAR-CD)
$v^{2} \mathrm{f}$ Model (STAR-CD)
$-v^{2} f$ Model (Code-Saturne)
- $-\omega-\omega$-SST Model (STAR-CD)
k- $\omega$-SST Model (Code-Saturne)
DNS of You et al (2003)


## Test Case Description



- $\mathrm{Re}=180$ based on $R$ and $u_{\tau}$.
- Boussinesq Approximation.
- Periodic Flow.
- Lz=30R
- Grid1: 1.61 million
- Grid2: 4.83 million
- Grid1 Resolution: $\Delta r^{+}{ }_{\text {min }}=1.0$, $\Delta \phi^{+}=6.28, \Delta z^{+}=18$.
- Grid2 Resolution: $\Delta r^{+}{ }_{\text {min }}=1.0$, $\Delta \phi+=6.28, \Delta z+=7.03$.

Ratio of SGS to molecular viscosity



Keeping the Nuclear Option Open

## Nusselt number as a function

 of the buoyancy parameter
from You et al.

For RANS models predictions, see the paper by Amir Keshmiri et al.

Case1: Forced convection $\mathrm{Gr}^{\prime} \mathrm{Re}^{2}=0.0$






Data normalized by the bulk velocity

## Buoyancy effects on turbulence in VHTR chanhers V/R-LES

Cases from $\mathrm{Gr} / \mathrm{Re}^{2}=0.063$ to $\mathrm{Gr} / \mathrm{Re}^{2}=0.241$ keeping the Nuclear option Open


## LES Grid (Case1)

- $\mathrm{Ra}=4.16 \times 10^{8}$
- NCELL= 3 million
- Boussinesq approximation
- $\mathrm{Pr}=0.71$ (Air)
- $\alpha=5^{\circ}$


Cold wall
Plan Y-Z



LES RESULTS

$Q=0.05$



Low-Re. models tested:
-k- $\varepsilon$ Lien et al. (1996)
-k- $\omega$ Wilcox (1998)
-k- $\omega$ SST Menter (1993)

- $V^{2}$-f Lien \& Durbin (1996)


- Buoyancy term
included in k-equation
- thermal fluxes

$$
\bar{\rho} \overline{u_{j}^{\prime} h^{\prime}}=-\frac{\mu_{t}}{\sigma_{h, t}} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_{j}}
$$



## Code_Saturne:

* Unstructured (polyhedral).
* Collocated Finite Volume.
* SIMPLEC algorithm for the Vel/pres coupling.
* Time scheme: Crank-Nicolson.

The mass flux non-linear term treated with Adams-Bashforth extrapolation.

* Spatial discretisation: Fully CD.
* Implicit Gradient reconstruction with Gauss method or leastsquares.

Star-CD version 4.xx:

* Unstructured (polyhedral).
* Collocated Finite Volume.
* SIMPLE algorithm for the Vel/pres coupling.
* Time scheme: Three-time levels
* Spatial discretisation: CD (deferred correction $\rightarrow$ cross-diffusion term computed using explicit values).
*Gradient reconstruction with Gauss method for pressure and velocity.
- Re=395
- Domain $2 \pi \delta \times 2 \delta \times \pi \delta$
- LES Ncells= 443,272
- DNS Ncells = 9,486,336 (Ref: Moser et al. 1999)



Unstruct. "Taylor" mesh, Nt=0.44 M, Re = 395

|  | N x | Ny | Nz |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LES | 68 to 200 | 46 | 42 to 100 |
| DNS | 256 | 193 | 192 |

Time history at different points

- History of the flow at 5 monitoring cells
- Number of iters. $=2000$
- Time $(\mathrm{T})=2 \mathrm{~s}$
-Time for one Pass $\left(\mathrm{T}_{\text {pass }}\right)=0.4432725 \mathrm{~s}$

| Probes | $\mathrm{Y}^{+}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5.88 |
| 2 | 12.95 |
| 3 | 70.67 |
| 4 | 199.43 |
| 5 | 375.61 |

- $\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{T}_{\text {pass }}=4.51$

|  | Star-CD | Saturne |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Res Vel | $1.00 \mathrm{E}-005$ | $1.00 \mathrm{E}-004$ |
| Res P | $1.00 \mathrm{E}-005$ | $1.00 \mathrm{E}-003$ |
| Res Vel/P <br> Coupling | $1.00 \mathrm{E}-005$ | $1.00 \mathrm{E}-003$ |
| Rec RHS | ? (1 most <br> probably $)$ | Vel 10 <br> P 5 |

Time history at different points



Decorrelation in 500 iteration = about 1 flow-through time

Time history at different points




- Star-CD
- Code_Saturne

Pressures much less correlated, P_rms Star seems much higher Why?

Unstruct. "Taylor" mesh on 1, 2, 3, 4 procs


Channel flow test case: Mean Velocity predictions


Channel flow test case: Reynolds Stresses




Channel flow test case: Budget for $k$


## Budgets of the Reynolds stress components



Ref: T. Omori et al. Int. J. Heat and fluid flow 2008 DNS : Grid ( $256 \times 193 \times 192$ ) $=9.48$ million


Budget for $k$




- Prod (DNS)
- P_strain (DNS)
- Press_diff (DNS)
- Visc_diff (DNS)

Bilans pour <v'v'>
$\mathrm{Re}=180$ 4 mil grid



DNS : Grid (256x193x192)= 9.48 million


## Conclusions:

-DNS possible with only $\mathbf{2}^{\text {nd }}$ order FV (and true Central DS)
-NB: with C_S and S-C DNS not only limited to Channel Flows !
=> whole range of PhD topics
(pipes, bends, particles, heat exchangers, thermal fatigue)
-Default precision parameters seem too severe in C_S (cost +50\%)

## Future work:

- Future tests on complex grids (polyhedral cells), and publish!
- Further investigation on quality criteria for LES is needed.
- Wider range of test cases relevant to the nuclear industry (suggestions are more than welcome !)

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