Numerical Simulations of Fully Developed Turbulence

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Abstract

Since fully developed turbulence at high Reynolds numbers plays an important role in many systems of aerospace engineering, its prediction and control are crucial in various projects. We need to employ a turbulence model so that we can effectively conduct numerical simulations of such extremely-high Reynolds-number flows. Here, we note that such a model is based on the universality of small-scale statistics of turbulence. The main purpose of the present study is to reveal the physical origin of this universality of turbulent flows. In particular, we aim at revealing details of the multi-scale motions (i.e. the hierarchy of coherent vortices and its sustaining mechanism) of different kinds of high-Reynolds-number turbulence under different boundary conditions by means of direct numerical simulations.

Reasons and benefits of using JAXA Supercomputer System

Turbulent flows are one of the most important research topics in the aerospace engineering. Direct numerical simulations of fully developed turbulence require supercomputers with sufficient amount of memories and storage. These are the reasons why we use JAXA supercomputer System.

Achievements of the Year

We have clarified the coherent vortical structures and their sustaining mechanism in developed turbulence of various kinds: namely, turbulence in a periodic cube, a turbulent boundary layer, turbulent channel flow, and the turbulent wake behind a cylinder. We have shown that turbulence is always composed of a hierarchy of vortex tubes with various length scales, and shear flow around larger-scale vortices amplify and create smaller-scale ones. This year, we conducted direct numerical simulations of high-Reynolds-number turbulence (Fig. 1) in a periodic cube to show that this vortex stretching process corresponds to the so-called energy cascade. The detailed analyses of the interscale energy transfer verify that it is indeed the case. In the inertial length scales, where the viscous and forcing effects are negligible, vortices at a given scale acquire their energy from the 1.7 times-larger vortices, and they transfer it to 1/1.7(=0.59) times-smaller ones.



Fig. 1: The hierarchy of coherent vortex tubes in developed turbulence. The red and blue lines are the vortex axes at scales of 5L/8 and 5L/32, respectively. Here, L is the length scale of the external forcing.

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Usage of JSS

• Computational Information

Process Parallelization Methods	MPI
Thread Parallelization Methods	OpenMP
Number of Processes	64 - 128
Elapsed Time per Case	30 Hour(s)

• JSS3 Resources Used

Fraction of Usage in Total Resources^{*1}(%): 0.04

Details

Computational Resources				
System Name	CPU Resources Used (core x hours)	Fraction of Usage*2(%)		
TOKI-SORA	1,029,648.49	0.05		
TOKI-ST	0.00	0.00		
TOKI-GP	0.00	0.00		
TOKI-XM	0.00	0.00		
TOKI-LM	0.00	0.00		
TOKI-TST	0.00	0.00		
TOKI-TGP	0.00	0.00		
TOKI-TLM	0.00	0.00		

File System Resources		
File System Name	Storage Assigned (GiB)	Fraction of Usage*2(%)
/home	2,054.00	2.04
/data and /data2	164,040.00	1.75
/ssd	15,760.00	4.07

Archiver Resources		
Archiver Name	Storage Used (TiB)	Fraction of Usage*2(%)
J-SPACE	0.00	0.00

^{*1}: Fraction of Usage in Total Resources: Weighted average of three resource types (Computing, File System, and Archiver).

*2: Fraction of Usage : Percentage of usage relative to each resource used in one year.

• ISV Software Licenses Used

ISV Software Licenses Resources					
	ISV	Software	Licenses	Fraction of Usage*2(%)	
	Used				
	(Hours)				
ISV Software Licenses		0.00	0.00	0.00	
(Total)		0.00		0.00	

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