# Toward incorporating organized eddy structures in the modelling of wall-bounded turbulence

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# Outline

- Introduction
- Review of Townsend/Perry view of eddies and turbulence
- Approaches for using organized eddy concepts for modelling
- Inner and outer region interactions prospects for modelling

## Turbulent Boundary Layer

(Flow visualization using *Al* flakes in water channel: Cantwell *et al*)

Flow direction



$$U^{\scriptscriptstyle +} = U/U_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{T}}$$
;  $z^{\scriptscriptstyle +} = z U_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{T}}/v$ 

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = 0$$
$$U\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + W\frac{\partial U}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\mathrm{d}p_1}{\mathrm{d}x} + \frac{1}{\rho}\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial z},$$

$$\frac{\tau}{\rho} = -\overline{u_1 u_3} + \nu \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}, \qquad \frac{\tau}{\rho} = (\nu_T + \nu) \frac{\partial U}{\partial z}$$

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$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_0} = f_1[\eta, \Pi, S] + g_1[\eta, \Pi, S]\zeta + g_2[\eta, \Pi, S]\beta$$

$$\Pi, \quad S = \frac{U_1}{U_{\tau}}, \quad \beta = \frac{\delta^*}{\tau_0} \frac{\mathrm{d}p}{\mathrm{d}x}, \quad \zeta = S \delta \frac{\mathrm{d}\Pi}{\mathrm{d}x}.$$

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$$\frac{\nu_T}{(\delta U_\tau)} = \phi\left(z/\delta, \Pi, \beta, S, \zeta\right)$$

# Non-local effects important



#### Organized Eddies/Coherent Structures and Turbulence Modelling



PLEASE EP ORP GR ....

Alan Townsend

Tony Perry

Townsend (1987):

*"Local" descriptions of turbulent flows are conceptually unsatisfactory when eddies controlling levels of transport extend over the entire flow width.* 

Perry et al (1994):

Rather than using exchange coefficients related to local flow variables, the layers should be looked at as an "integrated whole" with the transport properties at one point being related to motions in regions remote from the point of interest. Townsend (1987):

Instead of assuming some form of similarity of the turbulent motion eg. constancy of stress-intensity ratio - in all flows, the additional and varying contributions to Reynolds stresses from the organized eddies could be included and lead to better description.

Improvements in the performance of schemes for flow calculation can be made in a more rational manner from a knowledge of the organized eddies that control the flow than from empirical adjustments based on comparison of predicted and observed values of the flow parameters.

An appreciation of the mechanisms that lead to the differences in form and function of the organized eddies suggest limits to the applicability of a particular scheme to flows outside its design range.

## Case study: Attached eddy model

# Aim: Construct turbulence statistics given the mean-velocity field

#### Perry & Marusic (1995)



$$\frac{U_0}{\delta} = \frac{K}{2\pi\delta^2} = \frac{\pi r_0^2 \Omega_0}{2\pi\delta^2} = \frac{1}{2}q^2 \Omega_0$$

FIGURE 2. Sketch of a representative attached eddy.

Applying Biot-Savart integral for representative eddy (with image in wall), and using Campbell's theorem:

$$f[z/\delta] = \frac{2}{q^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Omega}{\Omega_0} \left( \hat{\boldsymbol{t}} \cdot \boldsymbol{j} \right) d(x/\delta) d(y/\delta)$$
$$I_{ij}[\frac{z}{\delta}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{V_i V_j}{U_0^2} d(x/\delta) d(y/\delta)$$

Representative eddy cross-stream vorticity distribution

Townsend eddy intensity functions

# Hierarchy of eddy scales



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}U/U_{\tau}}{\mathrm{d}z} = \int_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{c}} f[z/\delta] Q[\delta/\delta_{c}] D[\delta/\delta_{c}] \frac{1}{\delta^{2}} \,\mathrm{d}\delta$$
$$\frac{\overline{u_{i}u_{j}}}{U_{\tau}^{2}} = \int_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{c}} I_{ij}[z/\delta] Q^{2}[\delta/\delta_{c}] D[\delta/\delta_{c}] \frac{1}{\delta} \,\mathrm{d}\delta$$

- $D[\delta/\delta_c]$  : Measure of how the p.d.f. of eddy scales departs from a -1 power law (geometric progression)
- $Q[\delta/\delta_c]$  : Measure of velocity scale variation across hierarchies

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}U_D^*}{\mathrm{d}\lambda_E} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h[\lambda] \mathrm{e}^{-\lambda} T[\lambda - \lambda_E] w[\lambda - \lambda_E] \,\mathrm{d}\lambda$$
$$\frac{\overline{u_i u_j}}{U_t^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} J_{ij}[\lambda] T^2[\lambda - \lambda_E] w[\lambda - \lambda_E] \,\mathrm{d}\lambda$$

$$\lambda = \log[\delta/z], \quad \lambda_E = \log[\delta_c/z], \quad \lambda_1 = \log[\delta_1/z]$$
  
 $w[\lambda - \lambda_E] = D[\delta/\delta_c], \quad T[\lambda - \lambda_E] = Q[\delta/\delta_c], \quad h[\lambda] = f[z/\delta]$   
 $J_{ij}[\lambda] = I_{ij}[z/\delta]$ 

## Similarly for spectra:

$$\frac{\Phi_{ij}[k_1z, z/\delta_c, z/\delta_1]}{U_\tau^2} = \int_{\delta_1}^{\delta_c} G_{ij}[k_1z, z/\delta] Q^2[\delta/\delta_c] D[\delta/\delta_c] \frac{1}{\delta} d\delta$$

$$\frac{\Psi_{ij}[\alpha_z,\lambda_E,\lambda_1]}{U_{\tau}^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g_{ij}[\alpha_z,\lambda] T^2[\lambda-\lambda_E] w[\lambda-\lambda_E] d\lambda,$$

$$\Psi_{ij}[\alpha_z, \lambda_E, \lambda_1] = k_1 z \, \Phi_{ij}[k_1 z, z/\delta_c, z/\delta_1],$$
$$g_{ij}[\alpha_z, \lambda] = k_1 z \, G_{ij}[k_1 z, z/\delta]$$



• Compute turbulence statistics (Reynolds stresses, spectra etc), given

- Mean-velocity flow field
- Equations of motion

$$\frac{\nu_T}{(\delta U_\tau)} = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} J_{13}(\lambda) \ T^2(\lambda - \lambda_E) w(\lambda - \lambda_E) \ d\lambda}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\lambda) e^{-\lambda} \ T(\lambda - \lambda_E) w(\lambda - \lambda_E) \ d\lambda}$$

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Require T=1 (same velocity scale for each hierarchy) for

$$(U_1 - U)^+ = f(z/\delta, \Pi), \qquad \frac{\nu_T}{(\delta U_\tau)} = \phi(z/\delta, \Pi)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  works for quasi-equilibrium boundary layers, self-similar jets etc

## Coflowing jets



y = 0

FIGURE 20. Reynolds stresses from experiment  $(x/D = 30, \lambda_J = 2)$  compared wit (solid lines).





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Attached eddy model calculation road map



#### <u>Wall-wake attached eddy model of wall turbulence</u> - with and without pressure gradients

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### cf. Coles' law of the wall, law of the wake

![](_page_31_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_32_Figure_0.jpeg)

FIGURE 18. Overview of calculations for the wall-wake eddy structure model.

Attached Eddy Model: wall and wake eddies

![](_page_33_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_34_Figure_0.jpeg)

## Thus far: assuming statistically uncorrelated eddies

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)
# Packets: Adrian, Meinhart and Tomkins (2000)



Zhou et al (1999) Christensen & Adrian (2001) Tomkins & Adrian (2003)







# Non-local effects important

- interactions beyond linear superposition

Log layer structures and interaction across the boundary layer

Superstructures/VLSM



Hutchins & Marusic (2007), J. Fluid Mech. vol. 579

# High frame-rate PIV Dennis & Nickels (2011)







Hutchins & Marusic (2007), J. Fluid Mech. vol. 579



Conditional average on -u at  $\Delta x=0$ ,  $\Delta y=0$ ,  $z/\delta = 0.036$ 





# Superstructures associated with "outer-peak" in spectra





Superstructure influence near the wall: modulation & superposition

#### Simultaneous velocities at inner and outer peak locations



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R = 0.72 with 14 deg. shift applied

#### Simultaneous velocities at inner and outer peak locations



Superstructure interaction in near-wall region



#### 10 15 20 25 (a)5 M $u^+$ -5 streamwise (b)5 – $w^+$ wermon and a mound 0 🚮 wall-normal -5 (c)5 $v^+$ spanwise -5 (d5 $-uw^+$ Reynolds shear stress -5 5 10 15 25 0 20 x/h $Re_{\tau} = 934$ DNS data at $z^+ = 15$

Amplitude modulation in near-wall region



Marusic, Mathis & Hutchins (2010), Science. vol. 329

Quantifying superstructure interaction on near-wall region:

Can we accurately model (predict) nearwall signal from log-region signature?

# Challenge of accessing near-wall region at high Re

Princeton superpipe measurements



MORRISON et al. (2004)

# Near-wall models for large-eddy simulation



(Sketch from Piomelli 1999)

# Mind the gap: a guideline for large eddy simulation

BY WILLIAM K. GEORGE<sup>1,\*</sup> AND MURAT TUTKUN<sup>2</sup> *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A* (2009) **367**, 2839–2847

Based on measurements of correlations across the boundary layer:

"This suggests that it might be possible to build a near-wall model that is in sync with the outer flow (i.e. follows it), perhaps quite independent of considerations such as Reynolds number and spectral gaps. Note that this is quite the opposite of the prevailing view for the last 40 years or so that it is the wall region (with its streaks and bursts) that drives the outer flow. In fact, it assumes the opposite: namely that the inner flow is driven by the outer."

$$\tilde{u}^+\left(z^+\right) = u^*\left(z^+\right) \left[1 + \beta u_{LS}^+\left(z_O^+, \theta_{LS}\right)\right] + \alpha u_{LS}^+\left(z_O^+, \theta_{LS}\right)$$

with LS for Large-Scale keep energy  $\lambda_x^+ > 7000$ 















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$$u^{*}(z^{+}) = \frac{u^{+}(z^{+}) - \alpha u_{LS}^{+}(z_{O}^{+}, \theta_{LS})}{1 + \beta u_{LS}^{+}(z_{O}^{+}, \theta_{LS})}, \qquad \beta \text{ such as } \mathsf{AM}(u^{*}) = 0$$





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Single-point hot-wire measurements:  $Re_{\tau} = 19000$  $U_{\infty} = 30.20 \text{ m/s}$  $rac{z/\delta}{10^{-2}}$  $U_{\tau} = 0.96 \text{ m/s}$ <u>10</u>-3  $10^{0}$  $10^{1}$  $\delta = 0.30 \text{ m}$  $10^{2}$  $l^{+} = 22$  $10^{6}$  $z_O^+ = 3.9 R e_{\tau}^{1/2}$  $\lambda_x^+{}^{10^5}$  $10^{1}$  $U_O^+$ Outer probe  $|_{10^0}\lambda_x/\delta$  $10^{4}$ 10<sup>-1</sup> 10<sup>3</sup>  $Re_{\tau} = 19000$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{2}$  $\frac{10^{3}}{z^{+}}$  $10^{2}$ 10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>4</sup>  $10^{1}$ 

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Channel, Pipe, APG-TBL and ZPG-TBL comparison

- Four different flow geometries (all in Melbourne)
  - Zero-Pressure-Gradient Turbulent Boundary Layer (ZPG-TBL)
  - Adverse-Pressure-Gradient Turbulent Boundary Layer (APG-TBL)
  - Channel
  - Pipe
- Kármán number  $Re_{ au} \simeq 3000 3500$

Facility	$Re_{ au}$	$U_{\infty} \ ({\sf m}/{\sf s})$	δ (m)	$rac{ u/U_{ au}}{(\mu { m m})}$	$l^+$
APG-TBL	3510	17.1	0.10	32.1	16
Channel	3015	23.1	0.05	16.7	30
Pipe	3005	24.3	0.05	16.4	30





Adjustment of  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$ :  $\tilde{u}^+(z^+) = u^*(z^+) \left[ 1 + \beta u_{LS}^+ \left( z_O^+, \theta_{LS} \right) \right] + \alpha u_{LS}^+(z_O^+, \theta_{LS})$ 



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# Uniform momentum zones in wall turbulence (consistent with packets of eddies)



Modelling approaches beyond Reynolds decomposition?

# **Conclusions / Comments**

• Coherent eddy structure concepts helpful for modelling the energycontaining, heterogeneous, motions in turbulence. But, this is still at a rudimentary stage and recent experiments (looking at 2D/3D fields) have been important in shaping our view of the what the important eddies are and how they interact across the flow.

• Superstructures or very-large-scale motions play a key role in the dynamics of wall turbulence.

• The results support the concept of a universal inner-region that is modified through a modulation and superposition of the large-scale outer motions, which are specific to the geometry or imposed streamwise pressure gradient acting on the flow. Predictive (non-linear) model based on these observations is seen to work well.

• Next step is to integrate a dynamical causality to the kinematics. Evidence of modulation is felt to be an important clue towards this aim.

• Is it worthwhile rethinking Reynolds decomposition (cf something between RANS and LES) ?