Turbulent drag reduction for a wall with a bump

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The streamwise-traveling waves



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Besides lacking a suitable actuator, of course!

- Q1 How to interpret results?
- Q2 Effect of *Re*? Gatti & Quadrio, JFM 2016
- Q3 What about total drag?

Q1: The energy box



Gatti, Cimarelli, Hasegawa, Frohnapfel & Quadrio, JFM 2018

Q2: effectiveness is constant with Re



Gatti & Quadrio, JFM 2016

Prelim results presented at last EDRFCM in Frascati

- Transonic DLR-F6 transport aircraft
- RANS, Spalart-Allmaras model
- $Re = 3 \times 10^{6}$, M = 0.75
- StTW accounted for via wall functions



Changes in friction AND pressure

Friction drag reduces by 23%, as expected...



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... but total drag reduces by the same amount!



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Back to fundamentals: a low-Re, incompressible DNS study

- Incompressible DNS of a channel with a small bump
- Periodic + non-periodic domain
- Second-order FD, immersed boundary
- $Re_{\tau} = 200, (L_x, L_y, L_z) = (25h, 3.2h, 2h), (N_x, N_y, N_z) = (800, 312, 241)$
- With and without StTW



Bump instead of a wing profile

Two (small) bump geometries, one inducing mild separation





Friction coefficient (and a poll)



The mean velocity profile (no bump)

The maximum velocity shifts towards the actuated side and produces 4% additional drag reduction on the unactuated side!



Pressure drag



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	Periodic			Non-Periodic			
	Ref	StTW	$\Delta\%$	Ref	StTW	$\Delta\%$	Expected
P_f	1	0.545	-45.5%	1	0.504	-49.6%	-45.5 %
P_p	-	-	-	0.088	0.080	-10.3%	0%
P _{tot}	1	0.545	-45.5%	1.088	0.575	-46.4%	-42.2%
P _{req}	-	34.1%P _{tot}		-	31.2%P _{tot}		31.3%P _{tot}
Net	-	11.4%P _{tot}		-	15.3%P _{tot}		11%P _{tot}

Table 1: Power per unit area, bump wall with G_1

TKE (left) and TKE production (right)



The separation bubble



- Interaction between friction drag reduction and overall drag
- Benefits of skin-friction drag reduction techniques may be underestimated
- Compressible DNS may reveal larger effects