Turbulent drag reduction using spanwise forcing in compressible regime

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Skin friction drag reduction by spanwise forcing

Travelling waves of spanwise oscillation

(Quadrio et al., JFM 2009)

 $W(x,t) = A\sin(\kappa_x x - \omega t)$

- At $Re_{\tau} = 200$ and $A^+ = 12$ Drag reduction up to $\approx 48\%$
- Steady waves and oscillating wall are obtained for $\omega = 0$ and $\kappa_x = 0$



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• Effect of the Mach number

In this work

We extend the work by Yao & Hussain (JFM, 2019) and study streamwise travelling waves for drag reduction in the compressible regime at different Mach numbers



- Direct Numerical Simulations of a perfect heat-conducting gas
- STREAmS solver (Bernardini et al, CPC 2021)
- $M_b = U_b/c_w = 0.3, 0.8$ and 1.5
- Constant flow rate (CFR)
- For the uncontrolled case: $Re_{ au} = 400$
- For each M_b: 1 uncontrolled and 42 controlled simulations
- $A^+ = 12$ for the controlled simulations
- $(L_x, L_y, L_z) = (6\pi h, 2h, 2\pi h)$ with L_x that is adjusted depending on λ_x
- $(N_x, N_y, N_z) = (1024, 258, 512)$

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Two possibilities for the time evolution of

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- T_b/T_w is kept constant
- $\frac{T_b}{T_w} = \frac{1}{1+s\frac{\gamma-1}{2}rM_b^2}$ to set the ratio of bulk flow kinetic energy converted into wall heat flux s
- s = 0.75, meaning that 75% of the kinetic energy is transformed into thermal energy



- Line 1: Oscillating wall
- Line 2: Steady wave
- Line 3: Travelling wave with $\kappa_x^+ = 0.005$
- Line 4: Travelling wave with $\omega^+ = -0.21$
- Line 5: Optimum ridge for drag reduction

Performance indicator

• Drag reduction rate DR

$$DR = \frac{P_0 - P}{P_0}$$

where

$$P = \frac{U_b}{T_{ave}L_xL_z} \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \int_0^{L_x} \int_0^{L_z} \tau_x dz dx dt$$

• Power required to create the wall forcing P_{in}

$$P_{in} = \frac{1}{T_{ave}L_xL_z} \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \int_0^{L_x} \int_0^{L_z} W \tau_z dz dz dz$$

• Net energy saving rate Pnet

$$P_{net} = DR - \frac{P_{in}}{P_0}$$

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 $- \bullet - M_b = 0.3 - \bullet - M_b = 0.8$ $- \bullet - M_b = 1.5 - \bullet - GQ-2016$



- For $M_b = 0.3$: $T^+_{max} \approx 100$, like in the incompressible regime
- When $M_b \uparrow$, the DR T trend qualitatively does not change
- When $M_b \uparrow$
 - $DR \downarrow$ for small T
 - $DR \uparrow \text{for large } T$

Line 2: steady wave

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- For $M_b = 0.3$: $\kappa^+_{\rm x,max} \approx 0.005$, like in the incompressible regime
- When $M_b \uparrow$
 - *DR* \uparrow for small κ_x
 - $DR \downarrow$ for large κ_x

Line 3: Travelling waves with $\kappa_{\chi}^+ = 0.005$

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- For $M_b = 0.3$: results agree with the incompressible regime
- When $M_b \uparrow$:
 - + DR \downarrow for $\omega^+ <$ 0 and $\omega^+ > 0.06$
 - \cdot DR \uparrow for 0 < ω^+ < 0.06
- When $M_b \uparrow$
 - the global DR peak moves towards larger ω
 - the second local DR peak moves towards smaller ω
- When $M_b \uparrow$ the DI region shrinks

Power budgets: Line 3



• $|P_{in}|$ % \downarrow when $M_b \downarrow$

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• $|P_{in}|$ % \downarrow when $M_b \downarrow$

- P_{net} % \uparrow when M_b \uparrow .
- $P_{net} = 10\%, 20\%$ and 30% for $M_b = 0.3, 0.8$ and 1.5.

The bulk temperature T_b : Line 3 ($\kappa_x^+ = 0.005$)



 $M_{\rm b} = 0.8$

 $M_{\rm b} = 1.5$

- $T_b \uparrow$ when $M_b \uparrow$
- $T_b \uparrow$ when the control is active and $\Delta T_b = T_b T_{b,0} \uparrow$ with M_b

Is the increase of ΔT_b the dominant effect?

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kinetic energy converted into wall heat flux s

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- Same T_b/T_w for the reference and controlled cases

Line 3 ($\kappa_{\rm x}^+ = 0.005$): Effect of T_b



Line 3 ($\kappa_{\chi}^{+} = 0.005$): Effect of T_{b}



• When T_b/T_w is fixed the DR curves almost collapse

- Influence of the compressibility on the performance of spanwise forcing
- + $M_b=0.3, 0.8$ and 1.5 at $Re_{ au}=400$
- The effect of the control depends on how T_b is set
- If T_b is left free to evolve the maximum *DR* increases by 27%, when the Mach number increases from $M_b = 0.3$ to $M_b = 1.5$
- If T_b/T_w is kept constant the DR curves almost collapse

Thanks for your attention!











Governing Equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho u_i u_j}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij}}{\partial x_j} + f\delta_{i1}$$
(2)

$$\frac{\partial \rho e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \rho (e + p/\rho) u_j}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial \sigma_{ij} u_i - \partial q_j}{\partial x_j} + f u_1 + \Phi$$
(3)

where:
$$e = c_v T + u_i u_i/2$$
, $\sigma_{ij} = \mu \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \delta_{ij} \right)$

 q_j is the heat flux vector, modelled as $q_j = -k \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}$, and $k = c_p \mu / Pr$ where Pr = 0.72.

 Φ is a uniformly distributed cooling term (heat sink) to control the value of T_b and to absorb, when needed, the heat produced by viscous dissipation. It is zero when T_b is left freely to evolve in time. When T_b/T_w is constant Φ is evaluated at each time step.