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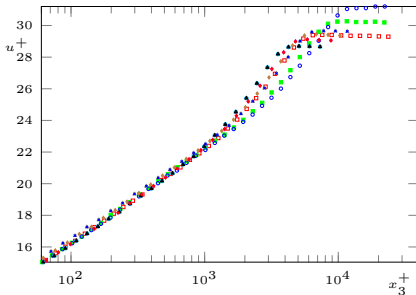
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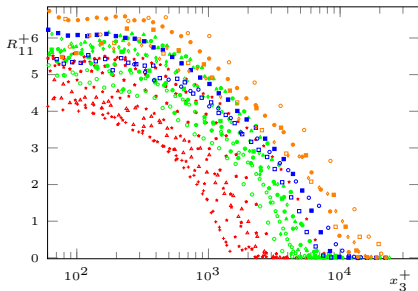
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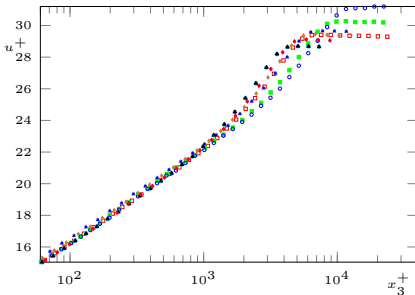
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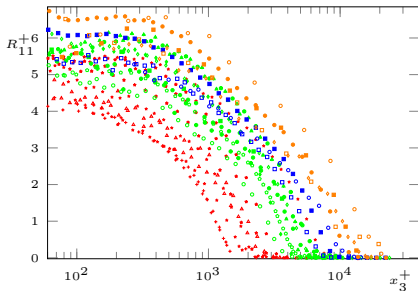
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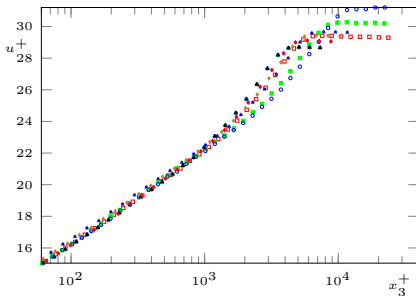


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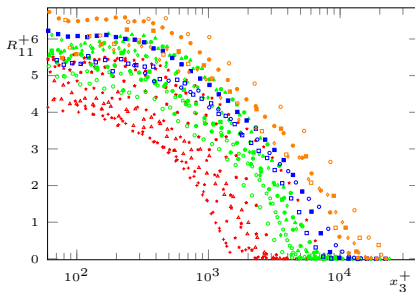
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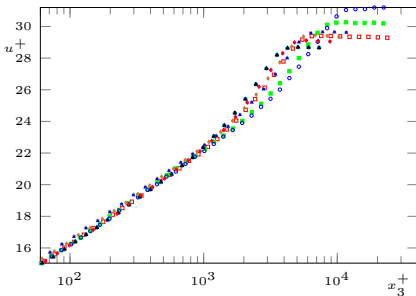


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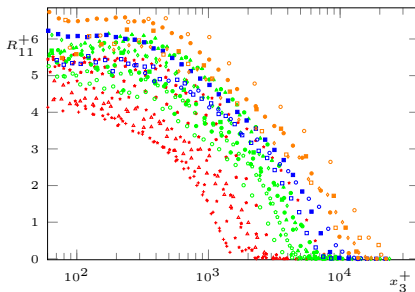
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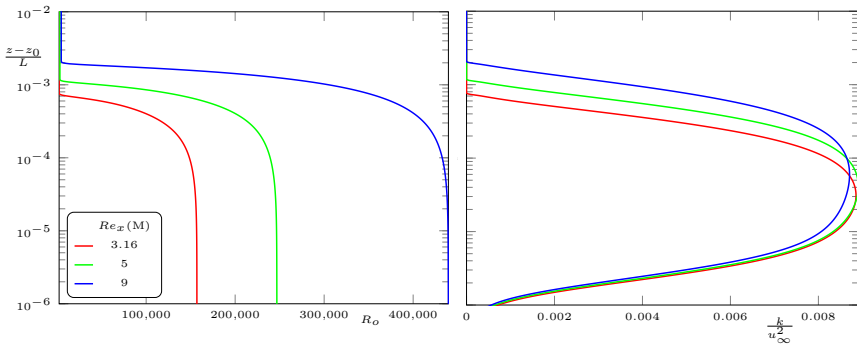
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R_o

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Simplest flowfield: (and it works as designed)

- Extremely small away from the turbulent flow
- $\partial_3 R_o \approx 0$ in log layer (linearly proportional to x_1)
- So far - So good, but for a vehicle?



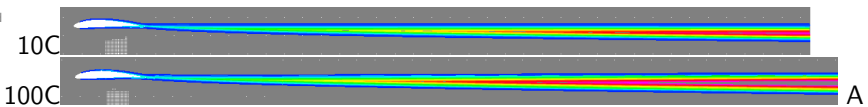
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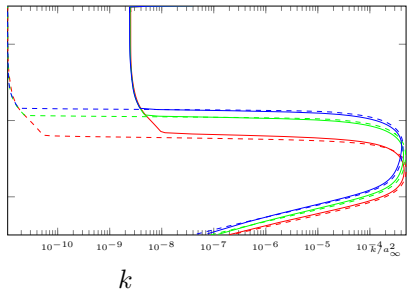
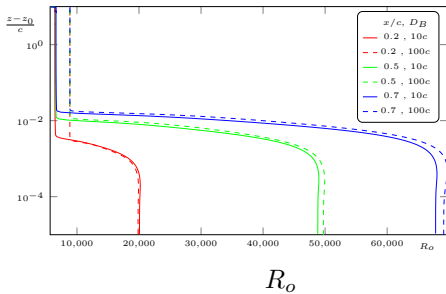
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more representative case, and it works as designed

- Two different solutions with Farfield Boundary 10C or 100C away
- Boundary layer solutions insensitive to farfield boundary distance—



$$\partial_t (R_{ij}) + \partial_k (u_k R_{ij}) = -R_{jk} \partial_k \bar{U}_i - R_{ik} \partial_k \bar{U}_j - \partial_k T_{ijk} + \nu \partial_k \partial_k R_{ij} \\ + \Pi_{ij} - 2\nu \overline{\partial_k (u'_i) \partial_k (u'_j)}$$

$$\partial_t (T_{ijk}) + \partial_l (u_l T_{ijk}) = -T_{ijl} \partial_l \bar{U}_k - T_{jkl} \partial_l \bar{U}_i - T_{kil} \partial_l \bar{U}_j \\ + R_{ij} \partial_l R_{kl} + R_{jk} \partial_l R_{il} + R_{ki} \partial_l R_{jl} \\ + \nu \partial_l \partial_l T_{ijk} \\ + \Pi_{ijk} - \partial_l (Q_{ijkl}) - \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

$$\Pi_{ij} = \frac{1}{\rho} \left[\overline{u'_j \partial_i (p')} + \overline{u'_i \partial_j (p')} \right]$$

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$$\partial_t (\rho k) + \partial_l (\rho u_l k) = \rho [R_{ij} S_{ij} - \beta^* k \omega] + \partial_l ((\mu + \sigma_k \mu_T) \partial_l k) - A_4 \partial_l (\rho k)$$

$$\partial_t (\rho \omega) + \partial_l (\rho u_l \omega) = \alpha \rho S^2 - \beta \rho \omega^2 + \partial_l ((\mu + \sigma_\omega \mu_T) \partial_l \omega)$$

$$\partial_t (\rho R_{ij}) + \partial_l (\rho u_l R_{ij}) = A_0 \rho \omega \left(R_{ij}^{(eq)} - R_{ij} \right)$$

$$\partial_t (\rho T_{ijk}) + \partial_l (\rho u_l T_{ijk}) = A_0 \rho \omega \left(T_{ijk}^{(eq)} - T_{ijk} \right)$$

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where:

$$R_{ij}^{(eq)} = \frac{2}{3} k \delta_{ij} - \frac{A_1}{\omega} (\mathcal{P}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \bar{\mathcal{P}} \delta_{ij}) + \dots$$

$$\psi = \max(\Psi_L, \Psi_R \ln(1 + R_o/R_m)) \quad A_6 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{1 + \psi^2}{R_{NN} + \psi} \quad A_1 = \psi/A_6$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \frac{1 + \psi^2}{A_6} \quad \beta^* = \psi/A_6 \quad \beta = \beta^*/n_D \quad \sigma_\omega = \frac{\beta/A_6^2 - \alpha}{\mathcal{K} A_8^2}$$



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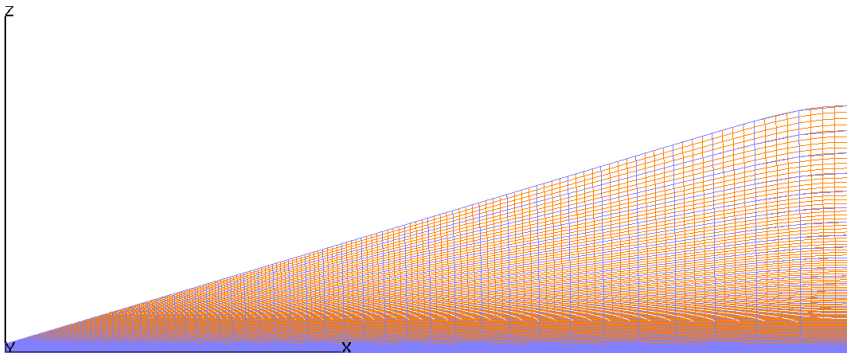
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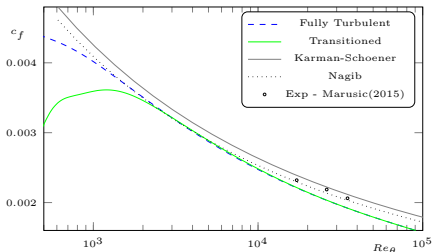
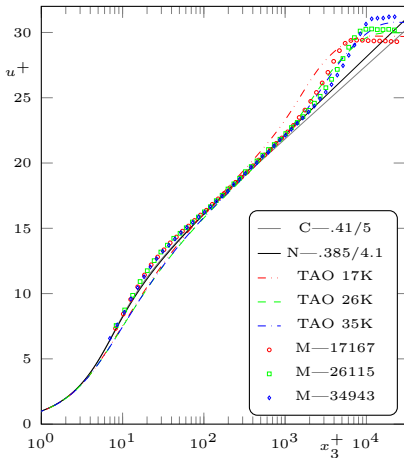
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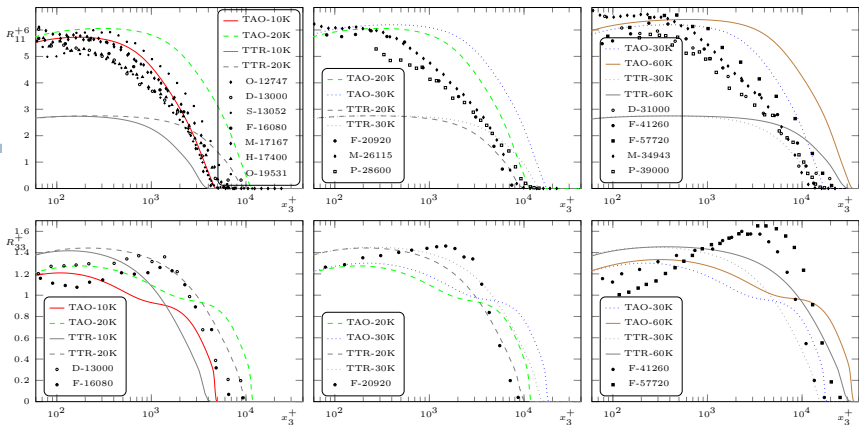
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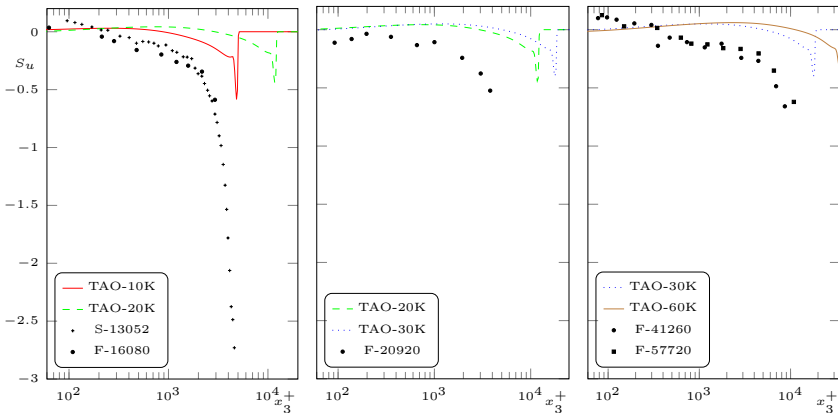
- $M_\infty = 0.2$
- $Re_L = 100^6$
- "Flight" freestream turbulence
- 513×513 grid (Grid convergence checked)



- Retained law of the wall axial velocity distribution
- Able to get good $c_f(Re_\theta)$ predictions
- –Did no harm–

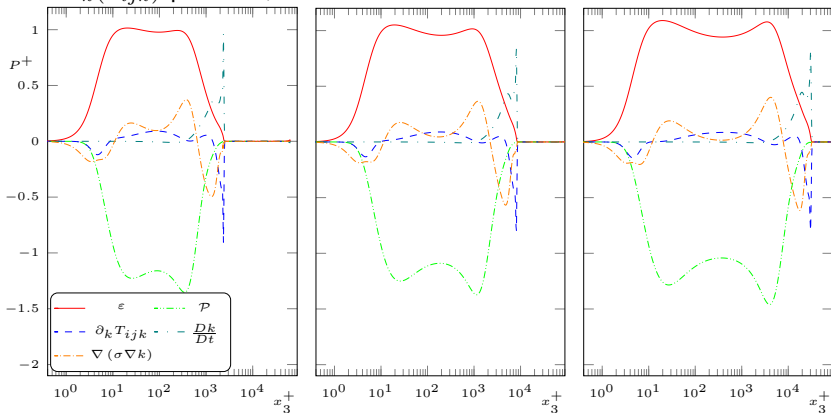


- Much improved R_{11}^+ predictions
- Better R_{33}^+ predictions
- Overall much improved R_{ij} prediction behavior (Mohr's circle)



- $S_u = T_{111}/R_{11}^{1.5}$
- Not the most important transport term, but checkable
- Overall prediction encouraging (low in log region, high at edge)
- B.L. Edge position not identical in CFD/experiment

Given $\partial_k(T_{ijk})$ plausible, what does the tke balance look like?



$$Re_x = 2 \times 10^6$$

$$Re_x = 10 \times 10^6$$

$$Re_x = 50 \times 10^6$$

- Transport Small, except at BL edge
- $\mathcal{P} = \epsilon$ dominant balance in log layer



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- R_o works as a turbulent odometer/outer scale
- Much improved R_{ij} predictions obtained
- T_{ijk} consistent with experiment (depends on R_{ij} predictions)

Future directions

- Matching/tuning more experiments (esp those with T_{ijk})
 - Junction Flow Experiment
 - Driver CS0, Spinning Cylinder
- Separated flows (promising results with earlier versions)
 - Junction Flow Experiment
 - Johnson Bump



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TAO Model

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TAO Equation

TAO in a model

Results

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