

Temporal slow-growth formulation for direct numerical simulation of compressible wall-bounded flows

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A slow-growth formulation for DNS of wall-bounded turbulent flow is developed and demonstrated to enable extension of slow-growth modeling concepts to wall-bounded flows with complex physics. As in previous slow-growth approaches, the formulation assumes scale separation between the fast scales of turbulence and the slow evolution of statistics such as the mean flow. This separation enables the development of approaches where the fast scales of turbulence are directly simulated while the forcing provided by the slow evolution is modeled. The resulting model admits periodic boundary conditions in the streamwise direction, which avoids the need for extremely long domains and complex inflow conditions that typically accompany spatially developing simulations. Further, it enables the use of efficient Fourier numerics. Unlike previous approaches [Guarini, Moser, Shariff, and Wray, *J. Fluid Mech.* **414**, 1 (2000); Maeder, Adams, and Kleiser, *J. Fluid Mech.* **429**, 187 (2001); Spalart, *J. Fluid Mech.* **187**, 61 (1988)], the present approach is based on a temporally evolving boundary layer and is specifically tailored to give results for calibration and validation of Reynolds-averaged Navier–Stokes (RANS) turbulence models. The use of a temporal homogenization simplifies the modeling, enabling straightforward extension to flows with complicating features, including cold and blowing walls. To generate data useful for calibration and validation of RANS models, special care is taken to ensure that the mean slow-growth forcing is closed in terms of the mean and other quantities that appear in standard RANS models, ensuring that there is no confounding between typical RANS closures and additional closures required for the slow-growth problem. The performance of the method is demonstrated on two problems: an essentially incompressible, zero-pressure-gradient boundary layer and a transonic boundary layer over a cooled, transpiring wall. The results show that the approach produces flows that are qualitatively similar to other slow-growth methods as well as spatially developing simulations and that the method can be a useful tool in investigating wall-bounded flows with complex physics.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Direct numerical simulation (DNS) is a valuable tool for investigating turbulent boundary layers. DNS is of particular value to the formulation, calibration, and testing of engineering turbulence models, such as Reynolds-averaged Navier–Stokes (RANS) models, because the conditions in

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which the turbulence evolves are precisely defined, making it possible for model-based simulations to be performed under conditions that exactly match those in which the data are generated. Another important use of boundary layer DNS is the study of the structure and statistics of the turbulence. In this case, the ability to access three-dimensional, time-dependent turbulent velocity and scalar fields is of great value. Furthermore, experimental measurements in turbulent boundary layers are often difficult and limited, especially in the presence of complicating features such as transpiration, compressibility, and chemical reactions. In these situations, DNS can provide data that would not otherwise be available. In this work, we aim to develop DNS model problems that are (1) well suited to generating data for turbulence model calibration and testing in boundary layers and (2) easily generalizable to situations where additional physical phenomena are present, including, for example, wall transpiration, pressure gradients, or chemical reactions, to enable study of the effects of these phenomena on boundary layers.

The DNS of spatially developing boundary layers, which most often occur in reality, presents challenges. The biggest issue is the very long evolution lengths that are required for the turbulence to equilibrate and eliminate artifacts of artificial inlet boundary conditions. This issue also arises in experiments, where a long distance is required for a boundary layer to relax to a canonical turbulent boundary layer downstream of a trip. However, in the case of DNS, this long evolution requires very large computational domains and, consequently, great computational costs [1]. The importance of this issue was highlighted by Schlatter and Örlü [2] who found that, even considering only well-resolved simulations, results for DNS of incompressible, low Reynolds number, turbulent boundary layers show disconcerting inconsistencies. They concluded that the discrepancies are due to difficulties associated with spatially developing simulations, including limited domain sizes and inflow boundary data.

The required streamwise domain size of a DNS of a spatially evolving boundary layer can be minimized with realistic inflow boundary conditions. Formulation of appropriate inflow conditions for spatially evolving simulations is a well-known problem. Often, an auxiliary simulation or a recycling and rescaling procedure is used. While such procedures have been the subject of ongoing research for more than 20 years [3], they still introduce implementation complexities and modeling challenges. For instance, even in the best understood scenario, a canonical zero-pressure-gradient, flat-plate boundary layer, where the method of Lund *et al.* [4] has been used successfully, recycling and rescaling procedures have the potential to introduce spurious periodicity [5] and other issues [6]. In cases with additional complicating phenomena, such as wall transpiration or chemical reactions, the challenges associated with posing appropriate inflow conditions can only increase.

Motivated by the difficulties of simulating spatially evolving boundary layers, Spalart [7] developed a “slow-growth” approximation, in which the effects of the slow streamwise evolution are modeled while the turbulent fluctuations are directly simulated. Slow-growth approaches rely on an assumed separation of scales between the fast evolution of the turbulent fluctuations and the slow evolution of mean characteristics of the boundary layer. Because of this separation, one can conduct a DNS of the fast evolution at a single, fixed point in the slow evolution, with slow evolution effects modeled.

In a slow-growth formulation, the fast scale turbulence becomes homogeneous in the streamwise direction. This allows the use of periodic boundary conditions in the streamwise direction, eliminating the need for turbulent inflow boundary conditions or an exceptionally long streamwise domain size. Further, homogeneity enables the use of Fourier spectral methods, which are the preferred numerical discretizations for DNS due to their efficiency and good resolution properties.

This work develops and applies a slow-growth DNS model that has two notable characteristics. The first characteristic is that the approach is based on a temporally evolving boundary layer that is naturally homogeneous in the streamwise direction. Previous slow-growth approaches [7–9], described further in Sec. IA, begin from a spatially evolving boundary layer and are therefore naturally stationary in time. In these methods, the system is “homogenized” by modeling the terms in the Navier–Stokes equations that are due to the boundary layer’s slow spatial growth, so that a DNS that is spatially homogeneous and periodic in the streamwise direction can be performed and remain stationary. Alternatively, in the present approach, the system is homogenized by modeling the terms in the Navier–Stokes equations that correspond to the boundary layer’s slow temporal evolution.

The advantage of this approach is that representing the slow temporal growth is easier because of the simple way that time derivatives appear in the Navier–Stokes equations.

The second notable characteristic of the approach is that it is constructed to support calibration and validation of RANS turbulence models for compressible boundary layers with complex physics. In particular, special care is taken to construct the model in such a way that the mean slow-growth source terms are closed in terms of the mean state and other quantities typically present in a RANS model, so that additional closure modeling is not required to evaluate these terms. In doing so, we choose, for simplicity, to model the slow evolution using an assumption of self-similarity. This assumption is not generally valid in temporally evolving turbulent boundary layers, and thus it is natural and expected that the resulting homogenized boundary layer will necessarily differ from a naturally developing boundary layer, either spatial or temporal. Further, there is a potential for an inconsistency in the characteristics of large structures between the slow growth and the temporally evolving boundary layer that is the basis for the formulation. This inconsistency occurs if large structures evolve slowly enough in time. An analogous inconsistency occurs in spatially homogenized simulations if large structures vary slowly enough in the streamwise direction.

As will be shown in Sec. III, despite the differences described above, the temporal slow-growth turbulent boundary layers obtained here resemble spatially evolving layers to a degree comparable to previous spatially homogenized boundary layers. Whether any remaining differences or inconsistencies are important depends on the goals of the simulation. For instance, if the goal is to learn as much as possible about the features of a particular spatially evolving flow, then any inconsistencies in statistics or large structures are potentially problematic, and a spatially developing simulation is best. In this case, it is worth the time and effort required to overcome the challenges associated with inflow boundary conditions and long domain sizes noted previously.

However, if the goal is to learn more generally about features of wall-bounded turbulence—including, for example, the ability of RANS models to represent the effects of turbulence in such flows or how the turbulence is affected by complicating physical phenomena—it is not necessarily crucial to perfectly represent all features of a developing boundary layer. Instead, there are two requirements. First, the fast turbulent scales must be governed by the Navier–Stokes equations with forcing provided by the slow evolution. Second, the modeled effect of the slow evolution must be sufficiently representative of the flow of interest. Thus, it is not necessary that the effects of the slow evolution be represented exactly, and in fact, one may be willing to tolerate differences in the name of simplicity if their effects can be understood. This realization enables the development of a slow-growth modeling approach that is easily extensible to increasingly complex physical phenomena, allowing straightforward and computationally efficient investigations of the effects of these complicating phenomena on wall-bounded turbulence.

A. Previous slow-growth formulations

By modeling the forcing due to the slow evolution, slow-growth homogenization formulations enable efficient simulation of turbulence that is representative of that in an evolving flow. The slow-growth simulation concept was pioneered for incompressible turbulent boundary layers in a series of papers [10,11] which culminated in simulation of an incompressible, zero-pressure-gradient turbulent boundary layer with Reynolds number up to $Re_\theta = 1410$ [7]. The approach was later extended to compressible flows by Guarini *et al.* [8] and used to simulate a $M_\infty = 2.5, Re_\theta = 1577$, adiabatic wall boundary layer. Both Spalart [7] and Guarini *et al.* [8] formulated slow-growth models based on a coordinate transform combined with a multiscale analysis. In these approaches, the coordinate transformation is designed to fit the boundary-layer growth, with the goal that, for a section of small streamwise extent, the flow is approximately homogeneous in the transformed streamwise direction. Then a multiscale analysis is performed to split the streamwise variation into slow and fast components. The result of the analysis is a set of equations governing the fast component of the flow at a single point in the slow streamwise evolution. These equations are formally equivalent to the Navier–Stokes equations with the addition of source terms that quantify

the effect of the slow evolution. Then, to enable a slow-growth simulation, the source terms are modeled to close the system.

In the context of the current work, these formulations have two main drawbacks. First, as formulated by Guarini *et al.* [8], many modeling assumptions are required in the compressible regime. For instance, the van Driest relationship is used to relate mean temperature and streamwise velocity, and it is assumed that the van Driest transformed velocity satisfies typical incompressible scaling laws. These assumptions do not necessarily hold for more general situations, and it is unclear how to extend the formulation to such cases.

The second difficulty is specific to using the data resulting from slow-growth DNS for calibration and validation of RANS turbulence models. In doing so, one will naturally be required to solve the Reynolds-averaged slow-growth equations, which are obtained by applying the Reynolds averaging procedure to the slow-growth equations. The resulting equations govern the mean flow at a particular point in the slow evolution and contain all the usual unclosed terms, e.g., the Reynolds stress, as well as the Reynolds average of the slow-growth sources, which represent the mean forcing provided by the slow evolution. Thus, to avoid confounding errors introduced by the standard RANS closures with those introduced by additional models required to close the mean slow-growth sources, it is necessary for the mean slow-growth source terms to be closed purely in terms of the mean flow and quantities that are already modeled as part of a standard RANS model. Neither the Spalart nor the Guarini formulations satisfy this requirement.

These difficulties are partially overcome in the method of Maeder *et al.* [9], where a slow-growth method, termed extended temporal DNS, was developed and applied to simulate supersonic, zero-pressure-gradient boundary layers at Mach numbers 3, 4.5, and 6 for $Re_\theta \approx 3000$. Like Spalart and Guarini, the formulation is based on a spatially developing boundary layer. However, unlike the other methods, the effects of the slow evolution are represented based on an analysis of the parabolized Navier–Stokes equations coupled with a backward difference approximation of necessary streamwise derivatives. Because of this backward difference, simulations at multiple streamwise stations (i.e., Reynolds numbers) are required. This method has the advantage that it is straightforward to extend to include additional physical phenomena because it does not require complex modeling. However, it is more computationally expensive than the other techniques, since multiple simulations are required. Further, while there is not a slow-growth source closure problem, the formulation is still not well suited to RANS calibration and validation. In particular, a corresponding slow-growth RANS simulation would need to use upstream RANS simulations to form the slow-growth forcing, incurring the possibility of confounding between errors introduced by local closure approximations and upstream closure approximations.

B. Overview

To overcome these limitations of existing slow-growth DNS models, a different formulation is developed and presented in this work. The approach is based on homogenization of a temporally evolving boundary layer. Thus, the motivating flow is the classical temporal boundary layer, where an infinite plate is impulsively started at time $t = 0$. In this situation, a boundary layer develops over the plate. This boundary layer is naturally homogeneous in the streamwise and spanwise directions, inhomogeneous in the wall-normal direction, and nonstationary since it grows in time. Thus, unlike the approaches of Spalart [7], Guarini *et al.* [8], and Maeder *et al.* [9], this formulation requires homogenization in time rather than space. This change enables the development of slow-growth models that are simultaneously easily extensible to complex physics and well suited to generate data for calibration and validation of RANS closures. Section II gives details of this formulation, including constraints imposed to ensure the data generated using the formulation are appropriate for use in RANS calibration and validation and the specific modeling assumptions invoked to develop a concrete model. Then two sets of example results are reported in Sec. III. To show how the results of the present formulation differ from previous slow-growth models, Sec. III A compares statistics from the present formulation for a $M_\infty = 0.3$ turbulent boundary layer to those from a slow-growth

simulation due to Spalart [7] and a spatially evolving simulation due to Schlatter and Örlü [2]. To demonstrate the applicability of the approach to more complex flows, Sec. III B shows statistics from a transonic turbulent boundary layer with a cold wall and wall transpiration. The cold wall and transpiration are seen to have dramatic effects on both the mean velocity profile and turbulence quantities near the wall. Section IV provides conclusions and directions for future work.

II. TEMPORAL SLOW-GROWTH FORMULATION

This section describes a temporal slow-growth DNS model designed to yield data useful for calibration and validation of RANS models. In the development to follow, ρ will denote the fluid density, u_i the velocity vector in Cartesian tensor notation, and $E = e + u_k u_k / 2$ the total energy per unit mass, including the internal energy (e) and the kinetic energy. Einstein summation convention will be used throughout. The spatial position vector is x_i , with the wall-normal coordinate also designated as y . Reynolds averaging will be denoted by an overbar, and the Reynolds fluctuations by a single prime. Thus, the Reynolds decomposition of the density is given by $\rho = \bar{\rho} + \rho'$. The Favre, or density-weighted, average will be denoted by a tilde, and the Favre fluctuations by a double prime. For example, the Favre decomposition of the velocity is given by $u_i = \tilde{u}_i + u_i'' = \bar{\rho} u_i / \bar{\rho} + u_i''$.

A. Multiscale formulation and RANS

As described in Sec. I, a statistically stationary slow-growth model is sought for a temporally evolving turbulent boundary layer developing over an impulsively started infinite flat plate. The evolution of such a boundary layer is described by the compressible Navier–Stokes equations, written here in a generic form that will facilitate the analysis to follow:

$$\frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t} + \mathcal{N}_{\rho q} = 0. \quad (1)$$

Here q represents one of the five conserved quantities per unit mass, that is, q is either 1, one of the velocity components u_i or the total energy per unit mass E , so that the volume density of the conserved quantities are ρ for mass, ρu_i for momentum, and ρE for energy. The quantities ρ and q make up the so-called primitive variables. The symbol $\mathcal{N}_{\rho q}$ then represents all the remaining terms in the equation for ρq in the Navier–Stokes equations. For example, $\mathcal{N}_{\rho} = \partial \rho u_i / \partial x_i$.

The slow-growth formulation developed here is based on the assumption that the boundary layer grows much more slowly than the evolution of the turbulence. This motivates the use of a multi-time-scale asymptotic formulation in terms of a fast time $t_f = t$ and a slow time $t_s = \epsilon t$, where $\epsilon \ll 1$. The turbulence fluctuations are presumed to evolve in fast time t_f , whereas mean quantities evolve only in slow time t_s . Introducing this two-time formulation into the Navier–Stokes equations yields

$$\frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t_f} + \mathcal{N}_{\rho q} = -\epsilon \frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t_s}. \quad (2)$$

The objective is to perform a DNS of the Navier–Stokes equations in fast time t_f at some constant value of the slow time $t_s = t_0$. For an impulsively started plate, the boundary-layer thickness is just a function of t_s , and so specifying $t_s = t_0$ is equivalent to defining the boundary-layer thickness and therefore the Reynolds number of the DNS. The DNS will thus solve the equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t_f} + \mathcal{N}_{\rho q} = \mathcal{S}_{\rho q}, \quad (3)$$

where $\mathcal{S}_{\rho q} \approx -\epsilon \frac{\partial \rho q}{\partial t_s} \big|_{t_s=t_0}$ is a model of the slow time derivative at time t_0 and is referred to as the slow-growth source term. In addition to (3), it will be convenient to consider the primitive-variable

form of the slow-growth Navier–Stokes equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t_f} + \mathcal{N}_\rho = \mathcal{S}_\rho, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t_f} + \mathcal{N}_q = \mathcal{S}_q, \quad (5)$$

where in the usual way

$$\mathcal{N}_q = \frac{1}{\rho}(\mathcal{N}_{\rho q} - q\mathcal{N}_\rho), \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_q = \frac{1}{\rho}(\mathcal{S}_{\rho q} - q\mathcal{S}_\rho). \quad (7)$$

In formulating models for the slow-growth source $\mathcal{S}_{\rho q}$, it will be important to consider how the source terms enter the RANS equations. If the sources in the RANS equations are closed with respect to the RANS state variables, then a RANS of the resulting slow growth system will not require any additional modeling assumptions besides those inherent to the RANS model. The RANS equations are obtained by averaging the Navier–Stokes equations. Because the temporally homogenized turbulent boundary layer will be statistically stationary, this procedure gives simply

$$\overline{\mathcal{N}_{\rho q}} = \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho q}}. \quad (8)$$

In addition, RANS models generally involve one or more auxiliary equations for turbulence quantities, such as the turbulent kinetic energy (TKE) per unit mass $k = \overline{u_i'' u_i''}/2$ and the turbulent energy dissipation rate per unit mass ϵ , in the $k - \epsilon$ model. Another common auxiliary equation in RANS models is the equation for the Reynolds stress tensor $R_{ij} = \overline{\rho u_i'' u_j''}$. Because, $k = R_{ii}/2\bar{\rho}$, it will be sufficient to consider just the Reynolds stress equation, which reduces to

$$\underbrace{\overline{u_i'' u_j'' \mathcal{N}_\rho + \rho u_i'' \mathcal{N}_{u_j} + \rho u_j'' \mathcal{N}_{u_i}}}_{\mathcal{N}_{R_{ij}}} = \underbrace{\overline{u_i'' u_j'' \mathcal{S}_\rho + \rho u_i'' \mathcal{S}_{u_j} + \rho u_j'' \mathcal{S}_{u_i}}}_{\mathcal{S}_{R_{ij}}}. \quad (9)$$

To avoid RANS modeling of terms arising from the slow-growth source terms, we will require that the right-hand sides of (8) and (9) be closed in terms of the RANS state variables.

For simplicity, we do not require that the slow-growth source term in the dissipation rate equation be closed. However, for constant density, constant viscosity flows, the formulation shown in Sec. II C does result in a dissipation equation slow-growth source that is closed in terms of ϵ and k . This result does not hold for a general compressible flow. However, in nonhypersonic wall-bounded flows, the dissipation is dominated by the solenoidal component [8, 12, 13]. We therefore expect that a closure model based on the incompressible result would adequately model the effect of the slow-growth sources for many cases of interest.

B. RANS-consistent slow-growth sources

As is shown in Appendix A, a straightforward formulation of the slow-growth sources in terms of the conserved variables leads to sources that require additional modeling in RANS. Here it is shown that a formulation based on the primitive-variable source terms can yield RANS source terms that are closed. Consider the following slow-growth source term formulation:

$$\mathcal{S}_\rho = \rho f_\rho, \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{S}_q = g_q + q'' h_q, \quad (11)$$

where the functions f_ρ , g_q , and h_q depend only on y and are expressed in terms of the statistical quantities that serve as state variables in the RANS models. When these forms are used to write the RANS slow-growth sources in (8) using (7), the results are

$$\overline{\mathcal{S}_\rho} = \bar{\rho} f_\rho, \quad \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho q}} = \overline{q \mathcal{S}_\rho} + \overline{\rho \mathcal{S}_q} = \overline{\rho q} f_\rho + \bar{\rho} g_q + \underbrace{\overline{\rho q''}}_{=0} h_q = \overline{\rho q} f_\rho + \bar{\rho} g_q.$$

Thus, the mean slow-growth sources are closed purely in terms of the RANS variables $\bar{\rho}$, $\overline{\rho q}$, and the dependencies of f_ρ and g_q . Similarly expanding the source in the Reynolds stress transport equations, i.e., the right-hand side of (9), yields

$$\overline{\mathcal{S}_{R_{ij}}} = \overline{u_i'' u_j'' \mathcal{S}_\rho} + \overline{\rho u_i'' \mathcal{S}_{u_j}} + \overline{\rho u_j'' \mathcal{S}_{u_i}} = \overline{R_{ij}} f_\rho + \underbrace{\overline{\rho u_i'' g_{u_j}}}_{=0} + \overline{R_{ij}} h_{u_j} + \underbrace{\overline{\rho u_j'' g_{u_i}}}_{=0} + \overline{R_{ij}} h_{u_i}. \quad (12)$$

In this case, the Reynolds stress slow-growth source is closed only in terms of the Reynolds stress tensor, and the dependencies of f_ρ and h_{u_i} .

Note also that $\overline{\mathcal{S}_{R_{ij}}}$ is a second-rank tensor, and so the right-hand side of (12) must be as well. This can only be true if the function h_{u_i} is a scalar, that is, it is the same function h_u for all i . Similarly considering that $\overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho u_i}}$ is a vector, it is clear that g_{u_i} must be a vector. These conditions that lead to tensorial consistency will be used in choosing the final form of the models in Sec. II C.

As discussed in Sec. II A, RANS models often carry equations for the turbulent kinetic energy k rather than the Reynolds stress tensor. Since the closure of $\overline{\mathcal{S}_{R_{ij}}}$ is in terms of the Reynolds stress tensor, and $k = R_{ii}/2\bar{\rho}$, the slow-growth source in the TKE equation $\overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho k}} = \mathcal{S}_{R_{ii}}/2$ will be closed in terms of k , provided h_u depends on R_{ij} only through k .

C. Constructing the slow-growth model

The development in Sec. II B shows how the slow growth source model can yield RANS sources that are closed. However, it does not determine an actual model. In this section, a model of the form shown in (10) and (11) is developed based on a multi-time-scale expansion of the primitive variables, analogous to the spatial expansion introduced by Spalart [7] and Guarini *et al.* [8].

The multiscale expansions of ρ and q are formulated in terms of the mean and fluctuations as follows:

$$\rho[x, y, z, t] = \bar{\rho}[y, t_s] + \underbrace{A_\rho[y, t_s] \rho'_p[x, y, z, t_f]}_{\rho'[x, y, z, t_f, t_s]}, \quad (13)$$

$$q[x, y, z, t] = \tilde{q}[y, t_s] + \underbrace{A_q[y, t_s] q''_p[x, y, z, t_f]}_{q''[x, y, z, t_f, t_s]}. \quad (14)$$

The purpose of these decompositions is to separate the slow and fast time dependencies of the solution variables so that the slow variations can be modeled. To be clear, in (13) and (14), A_ρ and A_q are dimensional amplitude functions, having the same dimensions as ρ and q , respectively, which characterize the magnitude of the fluctuations. Then ρ'_p and q''_p are the turbulent fluctuations normalized by this amplitude and are thus nondimensional. Consistent with the association of the slow time with growth of the boundary layer in time, we assume that $\bar{\rho}$, $\tilde{q}$, A_ρ , and A_q vary only on the slow time scale, while ρ'_p and q''_p vary on the fast time scale.

Using (14), the time derivative of q can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial q}{\partial t_f} + \epsilon \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{q}}{\partial t_s} + \frac{\partial q''}{\partial t_s} \right) = \frac{\partial q}{\partial t_f} + \epsilon \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{q}}{\partial t_s} + \frac{q''}{A_q} \frac{\partial A_q}{\partial t_s} \right).$$

From this result, it is clear that the slow-growth source term $\mathcal{S}_q$ is simply

$$\mathcal{S}_q = -\epsilon \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{q}}{\partial t_s} + \frac{q''}{A_q} \frac{\partial A_q}{\partial t_s} \right). \quad (15)$$

The challenge then is to model the slow time derivatives of $\tilde{q}$ and A_q . To do so, we assume that $\tilde{q}$ and A_q evolve self-similarly in slow time; that is,

$$\tilde{q}[t_s, y] = F_q \left[\frac{y}{\Delta(t_s)} \right], \quad (16)$$

$$A_q[t_s, y] = G_q \left[\frac{y}{\Delta(t_s)} \right], \quad (17)$$

where $\Delta(t_s)$ is a measure of boundary-layer thickness. Note that this self-similar form is not exactly satisfied by a time-evolving turbulent boundary layer because, as is well known, the thickness of the near-wall layer grows much more slowly than the overall boundary-layer thickness. Further, the magnitude of the turbulent fluctuations also evolve with the growth of the layer, albeit slowly. Despite these shortcomings, the above similarity forms will temporally homogenize the turbulent boundary layer and produce a flow with many of the characteristics of an evolving boundary layer, as is shown in Sec. III. Also, the DNS model developed from these assumptions will be closed given typical RANS variables, and thus will meet the goal of supporting RANS model development.

Introducing the similarity forms (16) and (17) into the right-hand side of (15) yields

$$\mathcal{S}_q = y \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\Delta} \frac{d\Delta}{dt_s} \right) \frac{\partial \tilde{q}}{\partial y} + q'' y \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\Delta} \frac{d\Delta}{dt_s} \right) \frac{1}{A_q} \frac{\partial A_q}{\partial y}. \quad (18)$$

The logarithmic derivative of Δ that appears in parentheses is just the exponential growth rate of the boundary layer, which is a function of time. Or, because Δ is a monotonically increasing function of time, the growth rate γ can be considered a function of Δ :

$$\gamma(\Delta) = \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta} \frac{d\Delta}{dt_s} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{d\Delta}{dt}, \quad (19)$$

where the slow time derivative has been expressed in terms of the physical time derivative, using the fact that Δ varies only in slow time. In a slow-growth homogenized DNS, the boundary-layer thickness will remain constant, so that γ will also be a constant. Indeed, it is the only parameter that needs to be specified in the slow-growth source model. Once one determines the desired Reynolds number and therefore the boundary-layer thickness Δ , the function $\gamma(\Delta)$ determines the required value of the constant. However, the function is not known *a priori*, so in practice, we commonly use an auxiliary RANS computation to determine a value of γ that will yield a value of Δ close to that specified.

Comparing (18) to (11), it is clear that the two forms are consistent, provided that the functions g_q and h_q are given by

$$g_q = y \gamma \frac{\partial \tilde{q}}{\partial y}, \quad h_q = y \gamma \frac{1}{A_q} \frac{\partial A_q}{\partial y}.$$

Therefore, provided the A_q are defined in terms of RANS state variables, and the tensor consistency conditions are met, the source model will result in consistent closed source terms in the RANS equations. To meet these requirements, and in recognition of the fact that the root-mean-square (RMS) of the fluctuation velocity and total energy measure the strength of the fluctuations, A_{u_i} is taken to be the same scalar A_u for all values of i ,

$$A_u = \sqrt{\widetilde{u_k'' u_k''}} = \sqrt{2k} \quad (20)$$

and

$$A_E = \sqrt{\widetilde{E''E''}}. \quad (21)$$

The resulting dependence of h_u on k is exactly what was required to ensure closure of the source term in the Reynolds stress transport and turbulent kinetic energy equations. There is no such restriction on A_E , since this term does not contribute to the mean of S_E . Finally, note that because $\tilde{q}$, $\sqrt{2k}$ and $\sqrt{\widetilde{E''E''}}$ are fields with no variation in the directions parallel to the wall, the $y \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ operators in (20)–(21) can be written as $x_i \partial / \partial x_i$, the inner product of the coordinate vector $\mathbf{x}$ with the gradient operator. This makes clear that g_{u_i} is a vector, and h_u , g_E and h_E are scalars, as required for tensor consistency.

To complete the model, it remains to construct the slow-growth source for conservation of mass. Following similar steps beginning from (13), we have

$$S_\rho = y \gamma \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial y} + \rho' y \gamma \frac{1}{A_\rho} \frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial y}. \quad (22)$$

Then, choosing $A_\rho = \bar{\rho}$, the source for density is consistent with the form (10):

$$S_\rho = \bar{\rho} y \gamma \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial y} + \rho' y \gamma \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial y} = \underbrace{\rho y \gamma \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial y}}_{f_\rho}.$$

D. Summary of equations

In summary, the complete set of slow-growth Navier–Stokes equations used in this work is given by

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t_f} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i) = S_\rho, \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_f}(\rho u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\rho u_j u_i) = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ji}}{\partial x_j} + \rho S_{u_i} + u_i S_\rho, \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_f}(\rho E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\rho u_j H) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\tau_{ji} u_i) - \frac{\partial q_j}{\partial x_j} + \rho S_E + E S_\rho, \quad (25)$$

where p is the pressure, τ_{ij} is the viscous stress tensor, q_j is the heat flux vector, and $H = h + u_k u_k / 2$ is the total enthalpy per unit mass, with h the enthalpy per unit mass. The slow-growth sources are modeled as

$$S_\rho = \rho y \gamma \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial y}, \quad (26)$$

$$S_{u_i} = y \gamma \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial y} + \frac{u_i''}{\sqrt{\widetilde{u_k''u_k''}}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{\widetilde{u_k''u_k''}}}{\partial y} \right), \quad (27)$$

$$S_E = y \gamma \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{E}}{\partial y} + \frac{E''}{\sqrt{\widetilde{E''E''}}} \frac{\partial \sqrt{\widetilde{E''E''}}}{\partial y} \right). \quad (28)$$

When coupled with appropriate models for the thermodynamics (e.g., ideal gas) and viscous transport (e.g., Newtonian fluid with Sutherland’s law), these equations constitute a closed system that allows one to perform DNS using the temporal slow-growth formulation.

TABLE I. Parameters for the temporal slow-growth DNS cases.

Case	M_∞	Re_θ	Re_τ	T_w/T_{aw}	v_w^+	$T_w[\text{K}]$	$T_\infty[\text{K}]$	$\gamma(\Delta)[\text{s}^{-1}]$
L	0.3	703	306	1.0	0.0	5500	5500	65
C	1.2	422	685	0.23	0.0188	1634	5604	330

III. RESULTS

To illustrate the temporal slow-growth DNS model described in Sec. II, results for two cases are presented. The first case, reported in Sec. III A and denoted Case L, is a low-Mach ($M_\infty = 0.3$, essentially incompressible) boundary layer to enable comparison with the spatially homogenized boundary layer of Spalart [7] and the spatially evolving simulation reported by Schlatter and Örlü [2]. The second case, reported in Sec. III B and denoted Case C, is a transonic boundary layer with a strongly cooled, blowing wall. The conditions for this case—namely the edge Mach number $M_\infty = 1.2$, the ratio of the wall temperature to the adiabatic wall temperature of $T_w/T_{\text{aw}} = 0.23$, and the blowing velocity normalized by the friction velocity of $v_w^+ = 0.0188$ —were inspired by features of the boundary layer that develops on a space capsule with an ablating thermal protection system during atmospheric entry [14–16]. This case demonstrates the ease with which complications from a highly cooled, blowing wall can be incorporated into the temporal slow-growth formulation.

For both cases, the working fluid is taken to be calorically perfect air, and the viscosity is computed according to Sutherland’s law [17]: $\mu = C_1 T^{3/2}/(T + S)$ where $C_1 = \mu_0 T_0^{-3/2}(T_0 + S) = 1.458 \times 10^{-6} \text{Pa} \cdot \text{s}/\text{K}^{0.5}$ and $S = 110.4 \text{K}$. Further details of the case parameters and grids are given in Tables I–III. In the tables and throughout the discussion to follow, M denotes Mach number; Re denotes Reynolds number; T is temperature; v is the wall-normal velocity component. The subscript $(\cdot)_w$ denotes wall conditions; the subscript $(\cdot)_\infty$ denotes freestream conditions; and the superscript $(\cdot)^+$ denotes nondimensionalization by the usual viscous scales (i.e., the friction velocity $u_\tau = \sqrt{\tau_w/\rho_w}$, where τ_w is the shear stress at the wall, and the kinematic viscosity at the wall, ν_w). Boundary-layer length scales are denoted by θ for the momentum thickness, δ^* for the displacement thickness; and δ for the distance from the wall to where the streamwise mean velocity obtains 99% of the freestream value. $H_1 = \delta^*/\theta$ is the shape factor, $H_2 = \delta/\theta$, and $c_f = 2\tau_w/(\rho_\infty u_\infty^2)$ is the skin friction coefficient. The domain size is denoted by L_x , L_y , and L_z in the streamwise, wall-normal, and spanwise direction, respectively, and the total number of points in each direction is denoted by N_x , N_y , and N_z . The distance from the wall to the first grid point is y_1 , and $N_{y < y_{10}^+}$ and $N_{y < \delta}$ are the number of wall-normal points inside $y^+ = 10$ and $y = \delta$.

Both simulations were performed using the compressible DNS code Suzerain developed by Ulerich [18]. The spatial discretization in Suzerain couples a Fourier–Galerkin discretization in the periodic streamwise and spanwise directions with a B-spline collocation method in the wall-normal direction. The time advance is accomplished using a semi-implicit Runge–Kutta scheme in which only the mean wall-normal convective and viscous terms are treated implicitly. See Ulerich [18] for further details regarding numerical methods and the code.

TABLE II. Domain size and grid parameters for the temporal slow-growth DNS cases.

Case	$L_x/\delta \times L_y/\delta \times L_z/\delta$	$N_x \times N_y \times N_z$	Δ_x^+	Δ_z^+	y_1^+	$N_{y < y_{10}^+}$	$N_{y < \delta}$
L	$11.7 \times 2.9 \times 3.5$	$256 \times 205 \times 128$	14.01	8.43	0.61	17	129
C	$10.6 \times 2.6 \times 3.2$	$448 \times 370 \times 256$	16.14	8.53	0.63	17	246

TABLE III. Boundary-layer parameters for the temporal slow-growth DNS cases.

Case	Re_θ	Re_δ^*	Re_τ	H_1	H_2	c_f
L	703	1050	306	1.49	8.98	4.70×10^{-3}
C	422	267	685	0.63	7.22	4.65×10^{-3}

A. Case L: $M_\infty = 0.3$ boundary layer

Statistics from the Case L simulation are presented in this section. The temporal slow-growth boundary layer at $Re_\theta = 703$ is compared with the spatial slow-growth case at $Re_\theta = 670$ from Spalart [7] and a spatially evolving boundary layer by Schlatter and Örlü [2] at $Re_\theta = 677$. At this condition, the temporal slow-growth DNS produces global boundary-layer parameters (shape parameter H_1 and skin friction coefficient c_f) that are similar to those reported for the spatial slow-growth and spatially-developing simulations, as shown in Table IV.

Figure 1 shows the mean streamwise velocity $\bar{u}^+$ and the quantity $\beta = y\partial\bar{u}^+/\partial y$, which, in a log layer, will be constant with value $1/\kappa$, where κ is the Karman constant. Curves for the law of the wall in the viscous sublayer ($\bar{u}^+ = y^+$) and in the logarithmic layer ($\bar{u}^+ = \log(y^+)/0.41 + 5.2$) are also shown. The mean velocity in the temporal DNS is qualitatively similar to that of both spatial simulations and follows closely the linear and logarithmic profiles. However, examining the quantity β makes clear that there is not really a region over which the velocity varies logarithmically in any of the three simulations, because the Reynolds numbers are much too low. In channel flow, an order of magnitude larger Reynolds number was required to observe a significant logarithmic region [19]. In the temporal case, the minimum of β occurs with a value corresponding to $\kappa = 0.41$, which is slightly larger than that observed for the spatial simulations. However, the simulations of Lee and Moser [19] indicate that the value of κ in an actual log layer at higher Reynolds number is likely to be significantly lower than this, since in the channel flow simulation, the minimum in β is about 15% lower than the value in the log region.

Figure 2 shows the mean shear stress normalized by the wall shear stress. The shape of the total shear stress in the temporally homogenized boundary layer differs qualitatively from both the spatially homogenized and spatially evolving cases. In particular, as expected, the derivative of the total shear stress is zero at the wall in all cases, but the stress drops more quickly in the buffer layer in the temporally homogenized boundary layer. The mean viscous stress is essentially the same for the three different models, as expected given the mean velocity. Thus, the difference in the total stress is due to the Reynolds shear stress, with the peak value in the temporally homogenized simulation approximately 10% lower than in either of the spatial cases.

The observed differences in the behavior of the total shear stress can be explained by examining the relationship between the total stress and the mean velocity implied by the boundary-layer approximation of the mean momentum equation. In particular, in a spatially evolving, zero-pressure-gradient, constant-density boundary layer, the boundary-layer equations imply that the total shear

TABLE IV. Boundary-layer parameters as computed via the current temporal slow-growth approach, the spatial slow-growth method of Spalart [7], and a spatially evolving simulation [2].

Method	Re_θ	H_1	c_f
Temporal slow-growth	703	1.49	4.70×10^{-3}
Spatial slow-growth	670	1.49	4.86×10^{-3}
Spatially evolving	677	1.47	4.78×10^{-3}

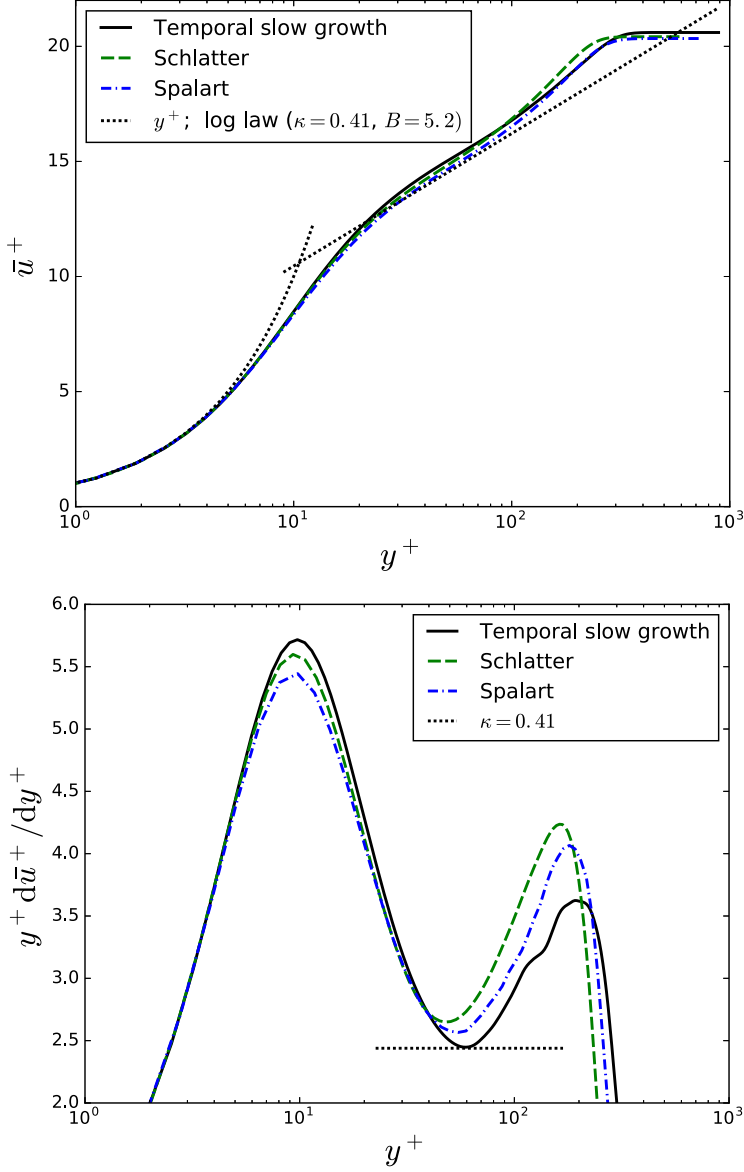


FIG. 1. Mean streamwise velocity and its derivative, normalized by the viscous scales.

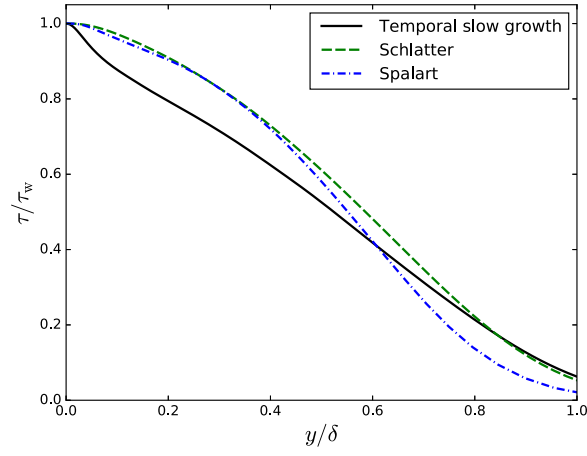
stress is given by

$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_w} = 1 + \frac{\nu}{u_\tau^2} \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \int_0^{y^+} (\bar{u}^+)^2 dy^+.$$

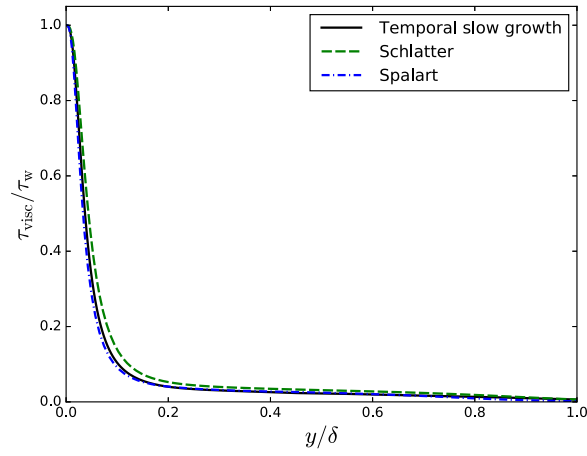
Alternatively, the temporal slow-growth formulation leads to

$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_w} = 1 - \gamma(\Delta)^+ \left(\bar{u}^+ y^+ - \int_0^{y^+} \bar{u}^+ dy^+ \right),$$

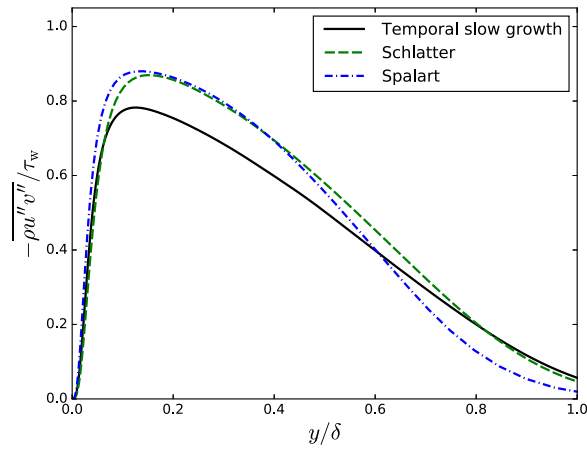
where $\gamma(\Delta)^+ = \nu \gamma(\Delta) / u_\tau^2$. These forms behave differently near the wall, leading to the discrepancies in total shear and Reynolds shear stress shown in Fig. 2. For example, in the viscous



(a)



(b)



(c)

FIG. 2. Shear stresses, normalized by the shear stress at the wall. (a) Total shear stress, (b) Viscous shear stress, and (c) Turbulent shear stress.

sublayer where $\bar{u}^+ = y^+$, the spatially evolving result is $\tau/\tau_w = 1 - C_s(y^+)^3$, while the temporal slow-growth boundary layer gives $\tau/\tau_w = 1 - C_t(y^+)^2$, where C_s and C_t are problem-dependent, positive constants. The temporal slow-growth behavior in the viscous sublayer is consistent with a temporally evolving boundary layer—see Appendix B for more details—which leads to the observed discrepancies between the total stress in the current simulations and the spatially homogenized or evolving cases.

Figure 3 shows the RMS of the velocity fluctuations normalized by u_τ . As for the shear stresses, there is a reasonable agreement between the three simulations for the RMS velocities. The streamwise component shows particularly good agreement, with both the location and magnitude of the peak in close agreement between all three simulations. For the wall-normal and spanwise components, the temporal slow-growth results tend to be below the spatial simulations, with the discrepancy near the peak being roughly 10%. Near the boundary-layer edge, i.e., for $y/\delta \gtrsim 0.8$, the temporal slow-growth RMS velocities all agree better with the spatially evolving case than do the spatially homogenized profiles, although it is unclear why.

The turbulent kinetic energy budget is shown in Fig. 4. Specifically, using homogeneity in the streamwise (x_1) and spanwise (x_3) directions, the TKE equation can be written

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}k}{\partial t} = C + P + T + \Pi + D - \phi + V + \overline{S_{\rho k}},$$

where, in index notation,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= -\bar{u}_2 \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}k}{\partial x_2}, \quad P = -\overline{\rho u_2'' u_i''} \frac{\partial \bar{u}_i}{\partial x_2}, \quad T = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} (\overline{\rho u_i'' u_i'' u_2''}), \\ \Pi &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} (\overline{u_2'' p'}) + \overline{p' \frac{\partial u_i''}{\partial x_i}}, \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} (\overline{u_i'' \tau'_{i2}}), \quad \phi = \overline{\tau'_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i''}{\partial x_j}}, \\ V &= -\overline{u_2''} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial x_2} + \overline{u_i''} \frac{\partial \bar{\tau}_{ij}}{\partial x_j} - \bar{\rho}k \frac{\partial \bar{u}_2}{\partial x_2}, \quad \overline{S_{\rho k}} = x_2 \gamma(\Delta) \frac{\partial \bar{\rho}k}{\partial x_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Because the density is essentially constant in this case, for the temporal formulation, $\bar{u}_2 \approx 0$, which implies that the mean convection term $\bar{u}_2 \partial(\bar{\rho}k)/\partial x_2$ is negligible. Further, the compressibility term V is also negligible. Thus, only P , T , Π , D , ϕ , and $\overline{S_{\rho k}}$ are shown.

Near the wall, the features of the dominant terms in the TKE balance from the temporal slow-growth simulation are similar to those from the spatial slow-growth case. Both production and dissipation are somewhat smaller in the temporal case, which is consistent with the reduced Reynolds shear stress observed in Fig. 2. The viscous and turbulent transport terms (D and T , respectively) however match almost perfectly. Away from the wall, production and dissipation remain smaller in the temporal simulation, and the outer peak in the turbulent transport is significantly reduced.

To summarize, the temporal slow-growth model flow mimics many of the important features of the statistics of a zero-pressure-gradient, spatially evolving boundary layer. The mean velocity, streamwise RMS velocity, and dominant near-wall terms in the k budget are particularly well-represented. However, as expected, the differences between temporal and spatial evolution of the boundary layer and the approximations inherent to the slow-growth formulation lead to some obvious discrepancies. For instance, the Reynolds shear stress, wall-normal RMS velocity, and spanwise RMS velocity are all lower in the temporal simulation than in the spatially homogenized or spatially evolving cases. Such differences are relevant if the goal is to investigate the characteristics of a truly spatially evolving boundary layer; however, they do not diminish the utility of temporally homogenized boundary layers for studying wall-bounded turbulence more generally or for RANS model evaluation, as discussed in Sec. I.

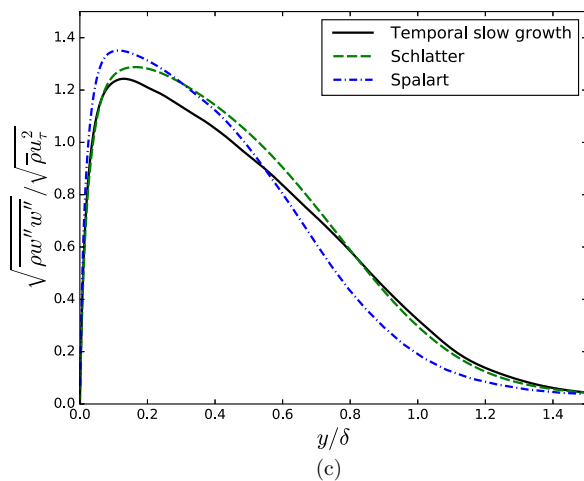
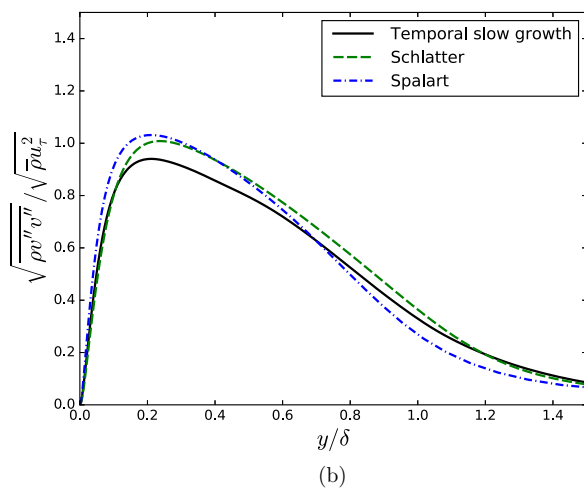
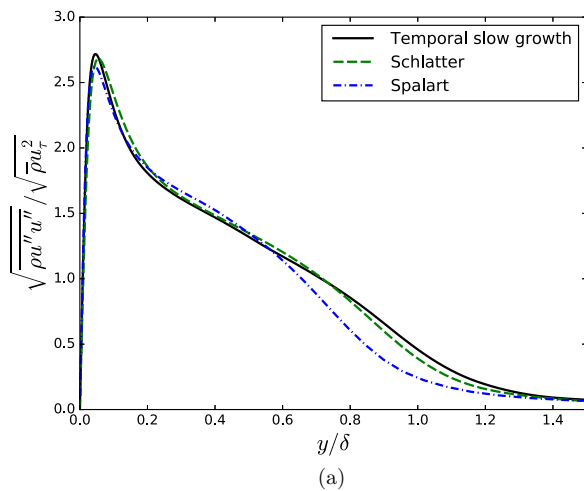


FIG. 3. RMS velocity components. (a) Streamwise velocity RMS, (b) Wall normal velocity RMS, and (c) Spanwise velocity RMS.

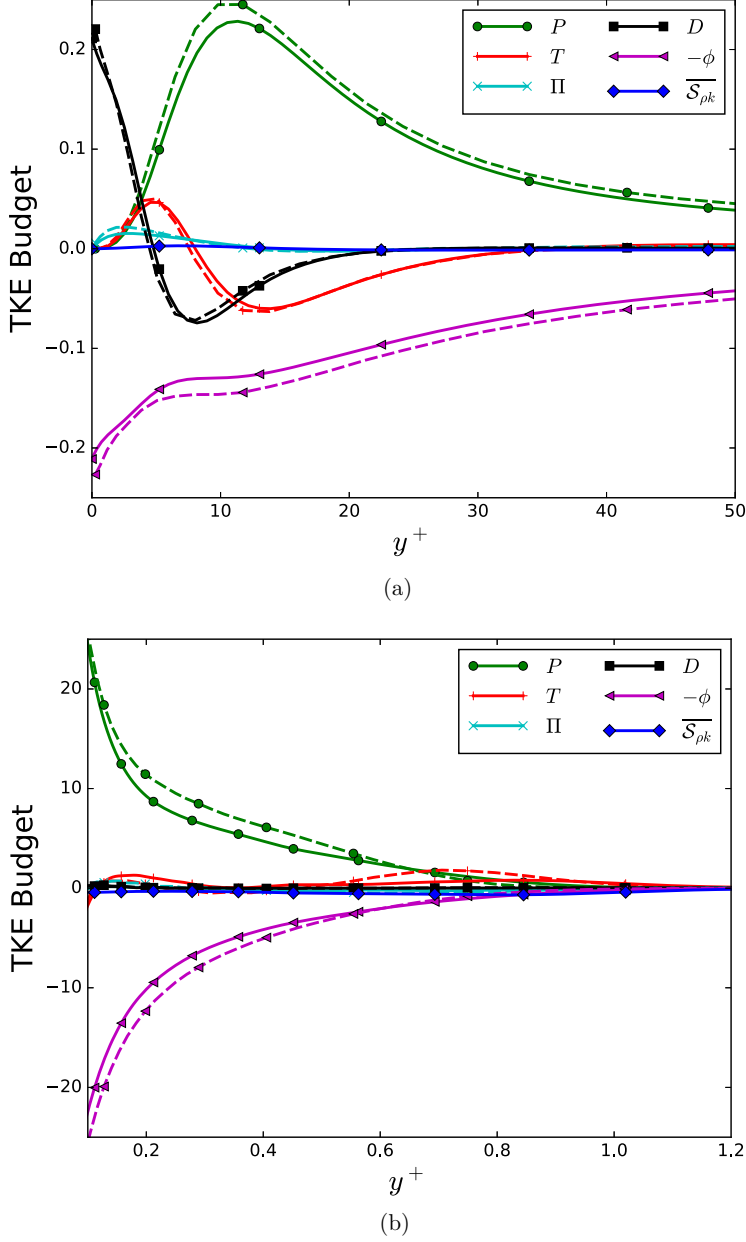


FIG. 4. Turbulent kinetic energy budget. Solid lines show results from the temporal slow-growth approach. Dashed lines show results from spatial slow-growth approach of Spalart [7]. (a) Near wall region (non-dimensionalized by u_τ and v/u_τ) and (b) Outer region (non-dimensionalized by u_τ and δ).

B. Case C: $M_\infty = 1.2$, cold wall boundary layer with transpiration

Results from the Case C simulation are presented and compared with those from Case L in this section. Many of the statistics are normalized using semilocal scaling [12], where local mean viscosity and density are used in the friction velocity and viscous length scale rather than wall values. Hence, the semilocal friction velocity is $u_{\tau^*} = \sqrt{\tau_w/\bar{\rho}}$, and the semilocal viscous length scale is $\delta_{v^*} = \bar{\mu}/(\bar{\rho}u_{\tau^*})$. The wall distance normalized by the semilocal viscous scale is denoted $y^* = y/\delta_{v^*}$.

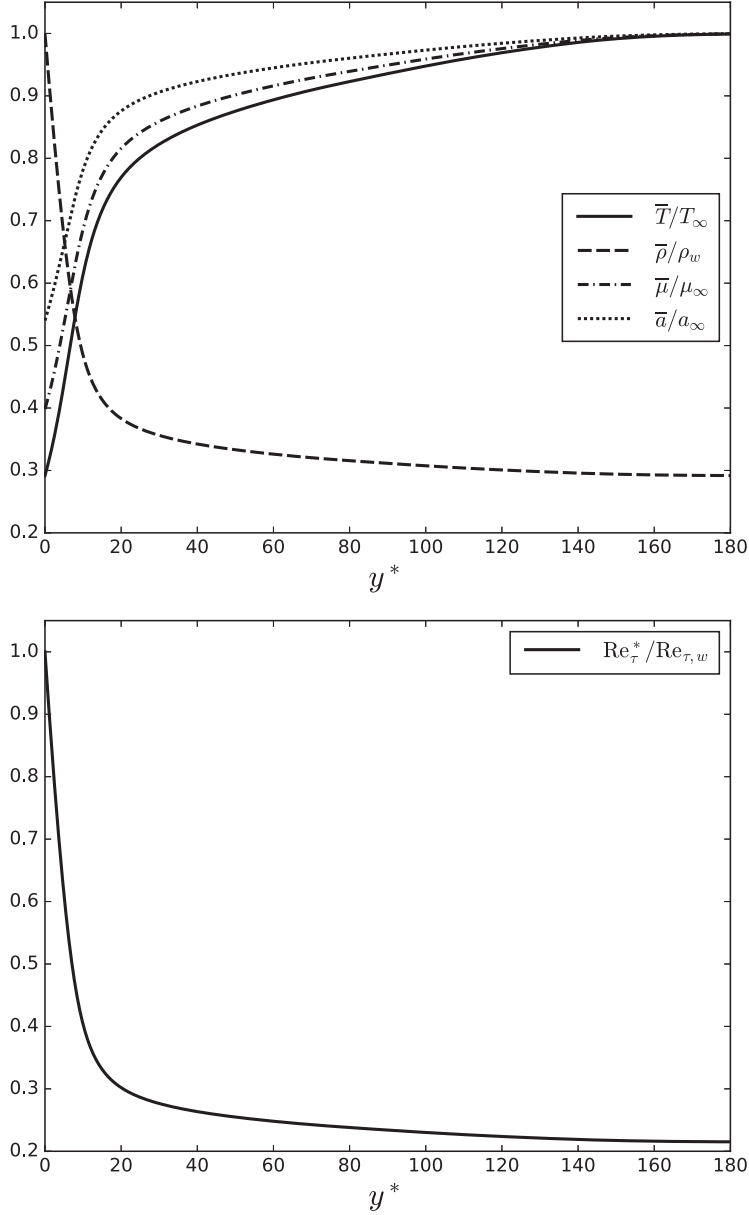


FIG. 5. Variation of thermodynamic quantities and viscosity as a function of wall distance normalized by the semilocal length scale (top) and ratio of Reynolds number based on local friction velocity, boundary-layer thickness, and local kinematic viscosity to Reynolds number based on friction velocity, boundary-layer thickness, and wall kinematic viscosity (bottom).

The use of this scaling has almost no effect on the Case L profiles. In Case C, the use of this scaling is justified by the strong variation in density and viscosity near the wall due to the cold wall. As is evident in Fig. 5, most of the variation in mean thermodynamic and transport quantities occurs in the viscous sublayer and buffer layer where $y^* \leq 20$. This strong variation in mean properties leads to a large variation in local Reynolds number across the boundary layer, with the near-wall region having the highest Re based on local properties.

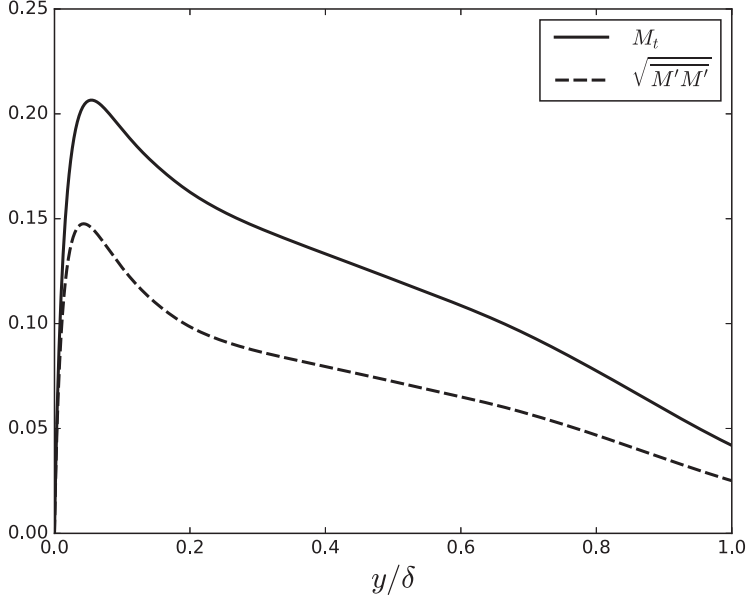


FIG. 6. Turbulent Mach number and Mach number RMS $\sqrt{\overline{M'M'}}$, where $M' = M - \bar{M}$.

While the thermodynamic and transport properties vary dramatically, the turbulent Mach number $M_t = \sqrt{\overline{u_i''u_i''}}/\bar{a}$, shown in Fig. 6, is low, with a maximum of approximately 0.2, as expected in a mildly supersonic boundary layer. Therefore, according to Morkovin's hypothesis [20,21], it is

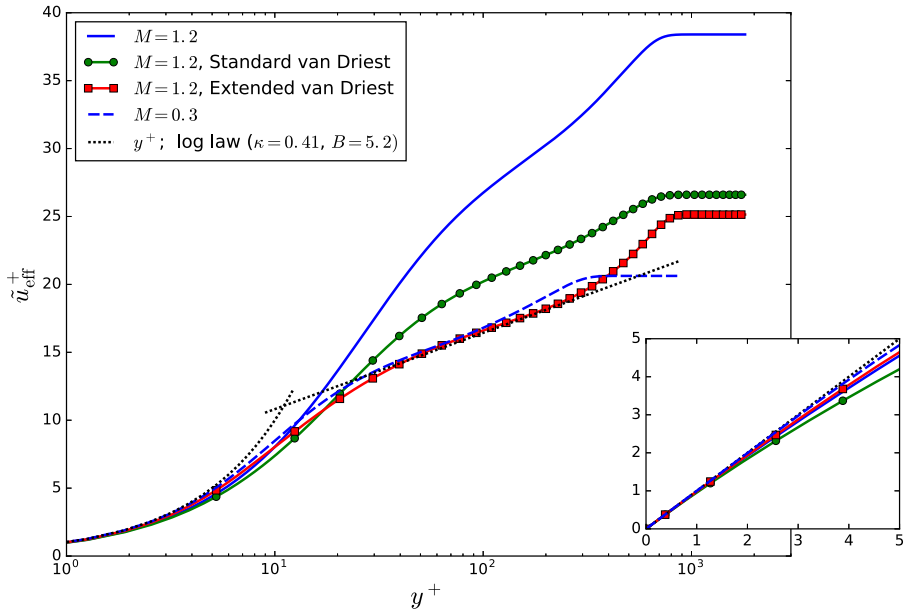


FIG. 7. Mean streamwise velocity. Five profiles are shown: The raw Case C profile (solid blue), the van Driest transformed Case C profile (solid green with circles), the extended van Driest transformed (see Appendix C) Case C profile (solid red with squares), the Case L profile (dashed blue), and the law of the wall (dotted black). The inset shows the viscous sublayer only.

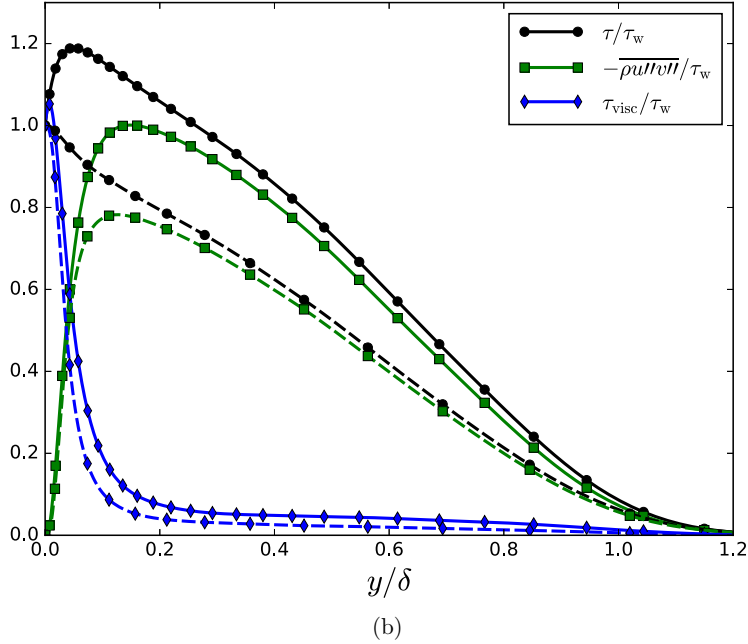
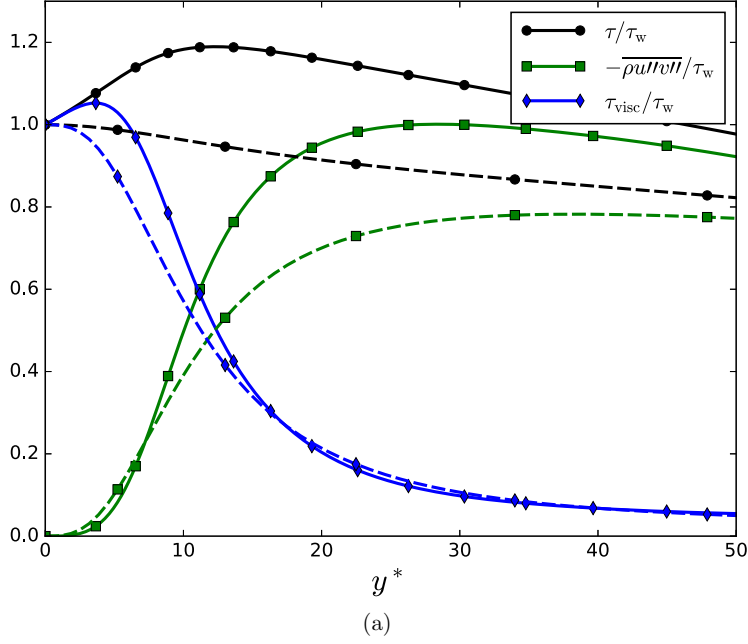


FIG. 8. Shear stress components, normalized by the wall stress. The solid lines represent Case C, while the dashed lines are from Case L. (a) Inner region and (b) Entire boundary layer.

expected that the effects of compressibility on turbulence are very weak for this case, although the property variations will cause the results to differ substantially from a low-Mach boundary layer.

Figure 7 shows the mean velocity for Case C. Three different transformations of the Case C streamwise mean velocity are shown. The first, shown in solid blue, is simply the mean velocity

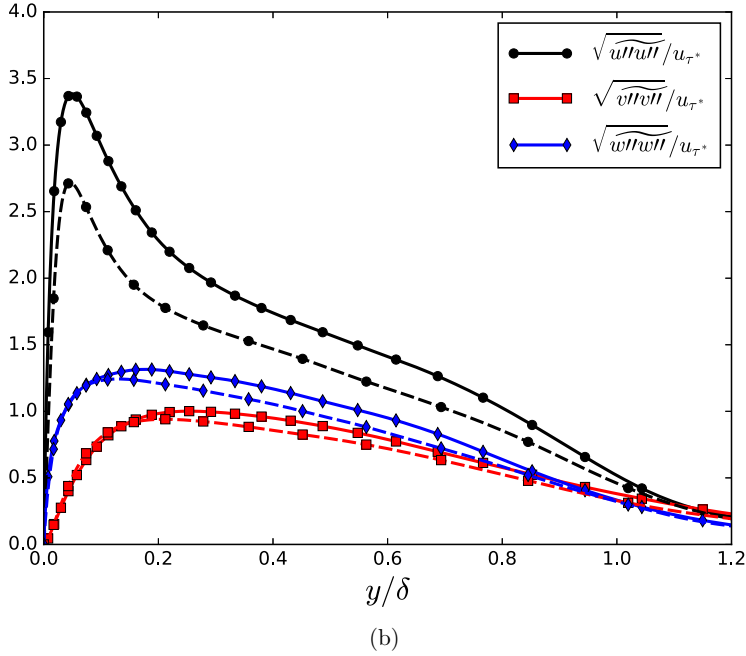
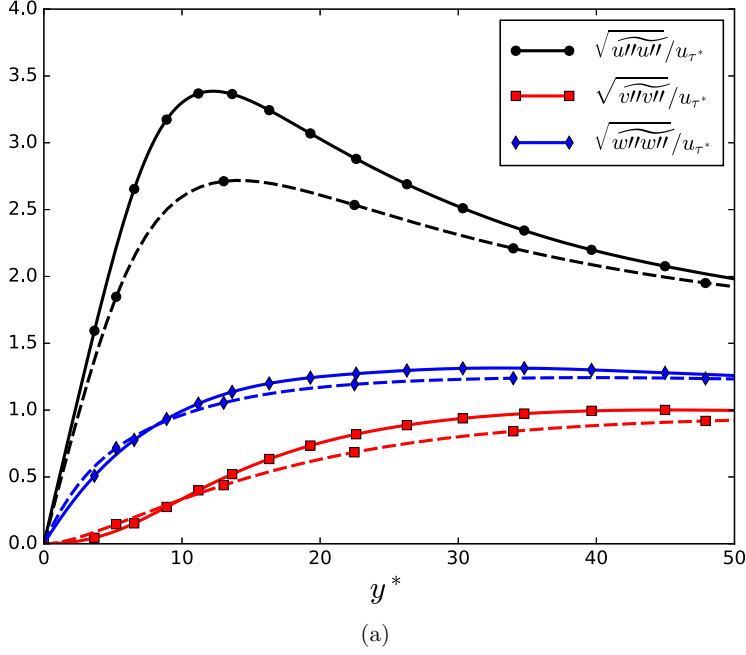


FIG. 9. RMS velocities, normalized by the semilocal friction velocity. The solid lines represent Case C, while the dashed lines are from Case L. (a) Inner region and (b) Entire boundary layer.

normalized by the friction velocity. Of course, this normalization does not account for variable property effects and, as expected, the result does not collapse on the Case L profile (blue dashed line) or the incompressible law of the wall (black dotted line). It is common practice to consider the van Driest [22] transformed mean velocity when comparing compressible boundary layers to their

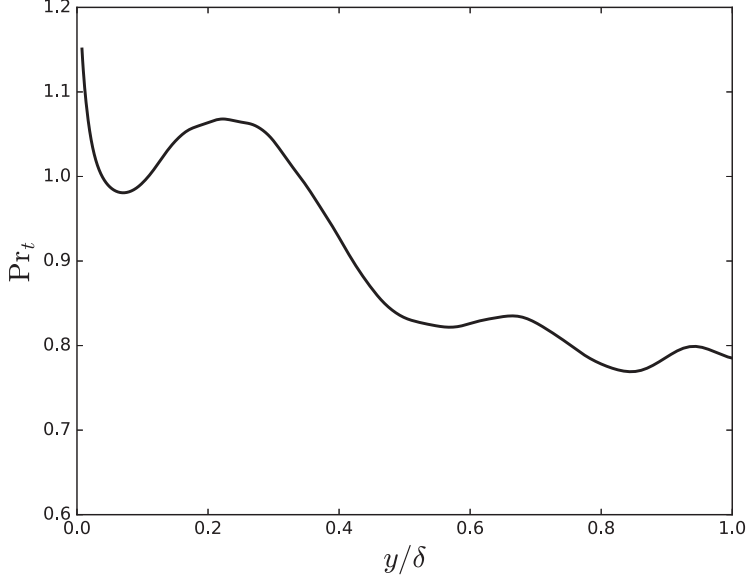


FIG. 10. Turbulent Prandtl number.

incompressible counterparts, and this transformation is often successful in collapsing the profiles in the inner layer (viscous sublayer and log layer) [17]. The van Driest transformed velocity is shown in Fig. 7 in green with circles. While this profile is closer to the incompressible velocity profile than the untransformed velocity, there are still substantial discrepancies. First, the transformed velocity is below the $\bar{u}^+ = y^+$ curve for y^+ less than 3, as is clear in the inset of Fig. 7. Second, there is a large offset in the log layer, which would lead to a log layer offset constant greater than 10. These discrepancies can be explained by the fact that the transformation does not account for the effects of wall transpiration or a highly cooled wall. Huang and Coleman [23] and, more recently, Trettel and Larsson [24] have proposed modifications to the van Driest transformation that can account for the effects of the cold wall. In Appendix C, we develop a further extension of the transformation of Huang and Coleman [23] that accounts for both the cold wall and wall transpiration. The new transformation is based on analysis of the mean momentum equation in the inner layer of the boundary layer and assumes a mixing length model for the Reynolds stress. For these reasons, like the original van Driest transformation, it is only intended to be valid near the wall, from the log layer to the wall, not in the outer layer. The result of applying this transformation is shown in red with squares in Fig. 7. The transformation is quite successful in collapsing the Case C velocity profile with incompressible theory, indicating that mean property variation accounts for the differences between the compressible and incompressible mean velocity profiles for this case.

Figure 8 shows the shear stresses. Unlike Case L, the total shear stress has a positive derivative at the wall and peaks near $y^* \approx 12$ with a value approximately 20% larger than at the wall. These features are a consequence of the wall transpiration. With wall transpiration, the term $\bar{\rho} \bar{v} \partial \bar{u} / \partial y$ in the mean momentum equation, which is zero at the wall and negligible near the wall in the nonblowing case, is nonzero even at the wall. This term leads to a larger total shear over the entire boundary layer, which, outside of the viscous sublayer, leads to a larger Reynolds shear stress. In particular, at its peak, the Reynolds shear stress is also approximately 20% larger in Case C than in Case L.

The effects of wall transpiration can also be seen in the RMS velocities (Fig. 9). The streamwise RMS velocity component in particular is greatly enhanced by wall transpiration, increasing by approximately 30% from Case L to Case C. These observations are consistent with the results obtained by Sumitani and Kasagi [25] for a channel flow with an injecting wall and a suction wall.

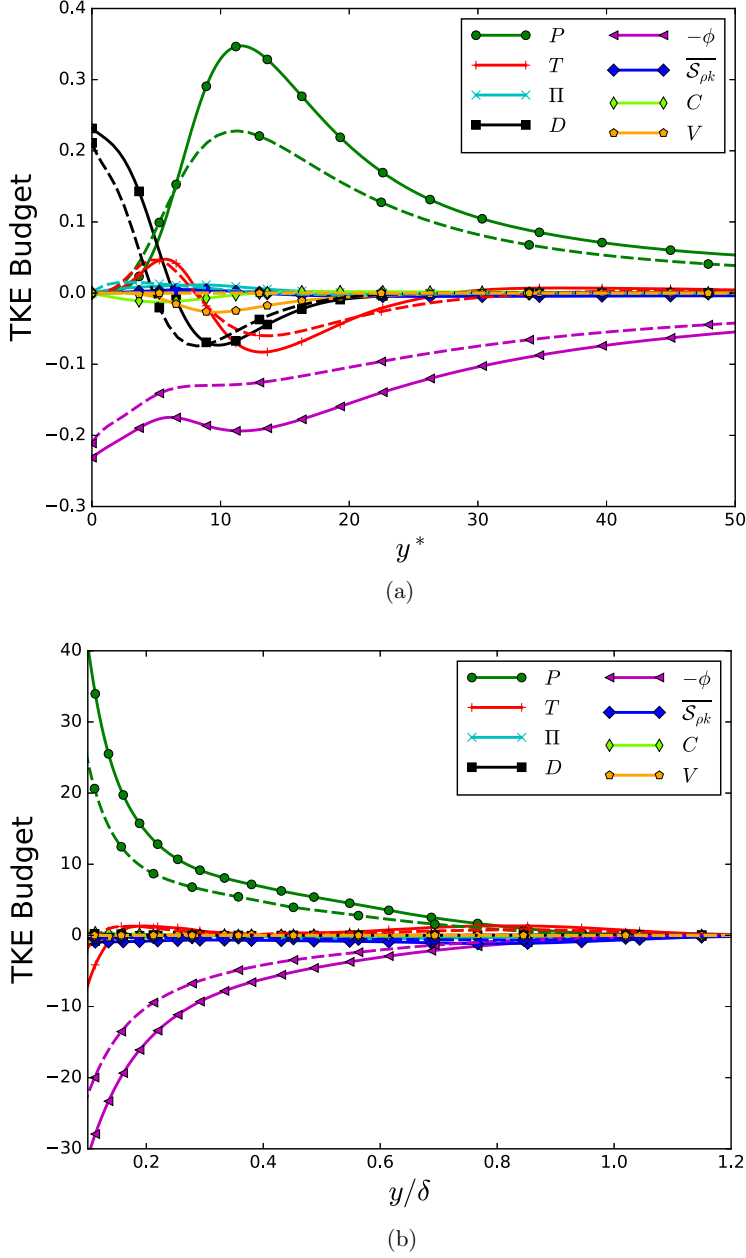


FIG. 11. Turbulent kinetic energy budget. Solid lines show results from Case C. Dashed lines show results from Case L. (a) Near wall region (non-dimensionalized by semi-local scales) and (b) Outer region (non-dimensionalized by δ , $\bar{\rho}$, and u_{τ^*}).

They showed that turbulent fluctuations are larger on the injection side as compared with a channel with an impermeable wall.

To examine the Reynolds heat flux, Fig. 10 shows the turbulent Prandtl number:

$$\text{Pr}_t = \frac{\overline{\rho u'' v''} (\partial \tilde{T} / \partial y)}{\overline{\rho T'' v''} (\partial \tilde{u} / \partial y)}.$$

In standard RANS modeling, Pr_t is taken to be a constant, usually $Pr_t = 0.9$, although values between 0.6 and 1.0 have been used. Examining the figure, it is clear that, while the standard value of $Pr_t \approx 0.9$ is a reasonable compromise for this case, the true value varies substantially across the boundary layer, from $Pr_t \approx 0.8$ to greater than 1.1 near the wall. Similar values and trends for Pr_t were also observed by Guarini *et al.* [8] and Pirozzoli *et al.* [26] in adiabatic, impermeable wall simulations, indicating that the accuracy of the constant Pr_t approximation does not substantially degrade due to cold wall or blowing effects.

Finally, the turbulent kinetic energy budget is shown in Fig. 11. Unlike the budget profiles of Guarini *et al.* [8], which collapsed reasonably well with those from the incompressible simulations of Spalart [7] when nondimensionalized using u_τ and ν_w , the budget for Case C is substantially different than that for Case L. The near-wall peak in production for Case C is almost 50% greater than the peak production in Case L, which is consistent with the enhanced Reynolds stress due to blowing. The dissipation and turbulent transport are also larger in magnitude in the near-wall region for Case C relative to Case L. Further, neither the mean convection C nor the terms associated with variable density V are entirely negligible.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

A new slow-growth formulation for DNS of wall-bounded turbulence has been developed and used to simulate two flows: an essentially incompressible boundary layer and a transonic boundary layer over a cooled wall with transpiration. Like previous slow-growth approaches, the new formulation relies on an assumption that the mean and RMS quantities evolve slowly relative to the turbulent fluctuations. This assumption is used to develop a set of governing equations for the fast evolution of the turbulent fluctuations subject to forcing from the slow evolution of the mean and RMS. After modeling the impact of the slow evolution in this scenario, one can simulate the fast evolution at a fixed point in the slow development.

Unlike previous approaches, the present model is developed based on a temporally evolving boundary layer. Furthermore, the current approach is specifically designed to enable calibration and validation of RANS-based turbulence models for boundary-layer flows with complex physics. It is formulated to ensure that the slow-growth sources that appear in the RANS equations are closed in terms of the RANS variables. This avoids any potential confounding of errors between typical RANS closures and new modeling required to close the mean slow growth sources. Further, the slow-growth source terms that arise from the homogenization procedure are modeled assuming a self-similar evolution of mean and RMS profiles. This procedure allows straightforward extensions to cases involving other physical phenomena such as compressibility, transpiration and chemical reactions, which have not been addressed in previous slow-growth formulations.

The results show that in the incompressible case the results display many characteristics associated with typical boundary-layer turbulence. The mean velocity profile has the typical structure, and the streamwise RMS velocity peak location and magnitude are consistent with other simulations. Other statistics, most notably the total shear stress and Reynolds shear stress, display notable discrepancies with spatial simulations. These discrepancies result from the difference between the temporal slow-growth model and the true slow evolution of a spatially evolving boundary layer, due both to the temporal evolution and the slow-growth approximations. This observation points to the possibility that an improved slow-growth model could reduce this discrepancy and give a better representation of a spatially developing flow. While beyond the scope of this paper, such models have been proposed [18] and remedy some of the differences observed here. Nonetheless, despite the mild discrepancies between the current slow-growth formulation and spatially evolving boundary layers, the slow-growth simulations are a valuable resource for evaluation of RANS models. Specifically, the slow-growth boundary layer is sufficiently similar to a spatially evolving one that a model that represents the former should be able to simulate the later.

Finally, the transonic, cold wall case with wall transpiration shows that the approach can be straightforwardly extended to problems with more complex physics. This capability is significant

because it enables the development of data sets for assessing the validity of lower fidelity models, namely RANS models, in the presence of these complicating phenomena. This is particularly useful for calibration and validation because reliable data for boundary layers with such complications is often scarce or nonexistent. Work to further extend the slow-growth capability to treat pressure gradients and reacting flows is underway. These capabilities together will enable affordable DNS of boundary-layer flows similar to those observed on vehicles during atmospheric entry and in other complex systems.

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APPENDIX A: AN INCONSISTENT SLOW-GROWTH FORMULATION

A straightforward formulation can be obtained by considering a Reynolds decomposition of the conserved variables. Specifically, let

$$\rho q[x, y, z, t] = \overline{\rho q}[y, t_s] + \underbrace{A_{\rho q}[y, t_s] \rho q'_p[x, y, z, t_f]}_{\rho q'[x, y, z, t_f, t_s]},$$

where the mean $\overline{\rho q}$ and amplitude function $A_{\rho q}$ are assumed to evolve only in slow time. As in Sec. II C, to model the slow time derivatives, the mean and amplitude are assumed to evolve in time in a self-similar manner:

$$\overline{\rho q}[t_s, y] = F_{\rho q}[y/\Delta(t_s)], \quad A_{\rho q}[t_s, y] = G_{\rho q}[y/\Delta(t_s)].$$

Then, by an exactly analogous development to that shown in Sec. II C, the slow-growth source for ρq is found to be

$$\mathcal{S}_{\rho q} = y \gamma(\Delta) \left[\frac{\partial \overline{\rho q}}{\partial y} + \frac{(\rho q)'}{A_{\rho q}} \frac{\partial A_{\rho q}}{\partial y} \right].$$

Without specifying $A_{\rho q}$, it is clear that, while the mean of $\mathcal{S}_{\rho q}$ is closed in terms of the mean flow, the mean of the slow-growth source in the TKE equation cannot be closed without additional modeling in this formulation. In particular, because of the dependence of $\mathcal{S}_{\rho q}$ on $(\rho q)'$, the TKE equation slow-growth source depends on quantities that are not already modeled in a typical RANS closure, such as $\overline{(\rho u)'u''}$. Thus, the formulation is discarded in favor of that shown in Sec. II C. Nonetheless, we have performed simulations using this formulation, and it leads to similar results to those presented in this work. This observation indicates that the results are not highly sensitive to the choice of whether to apply the Reynolds decomposition to the primitive or conserved variables.

APPENDIX B: ANALYSIS OF TOTAL STRESS

In this section, we examine the relationship between the mean streamwise velocity and the total stress in a spatially evolving boundary layer, a temporally evolving boundary layer, and the temporal slow-growth model. In particular, we consider a zero-pressure-gradient, constant-density boundary-layer flow and analyze the appropriate form of the boundary-layer equations for each case. For notational simplicity, throughout the section we use τ to denote the total stress divided by the density, which can be taken to be one without further loss of generality. The implied behavior of the total stress for the different cases explains the near-wall differences observed in the total stress profiles shown in Sec. III A.

1. Spatially evolving boundary layer

For the spatially evolving case, the mean boundary-layer equations can be written

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} = 0, \quad \bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y},$$

where x is the streamwise direction, y is the wall-normal direction, $\bar{u}$ and $\bar{v}$ are the mean streamwise and wall-normal velocities, respectively, and τ is the mean total shear stress. Assuming that the streamwise velocity normalized by the friction velocity is only a function of wall-normal distance normalized by the viscous length scale, i.e., $\bar{u}(x, y)/u_\tau(x) = \bar{u}^+(y^+)$, one can derive a relationship between the total shear stress and the velocity. To begin, note that

$$\bar{u} = u_\tau(x) \bar{u}^+(y^+) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} = \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \left(\bar{u}^+ + y^+ \frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+} \right) = \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \frac{d}{dy^+} (y^+ \bar{u}^+).$$

Thus, the wall-normal velocity is given by

$$\bar{v}(x, y) = - \int_0^y \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} dy = - \int_0^{y^+} \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \frac{d}{dy^+} (y^+ \bar{u}^+) \frac{v}{u_\tau} dy^+ = - \frac{v}{u_\tau} \frac{du_\tau}{dx} y^+ \bar{u}^+.$$

Using these results to evaluate the convection term in the mean momentum equation gives

$$\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} = u_\tau \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \bar{u}^+ \frac{d}{dy^+} (y^+ \bar{u}^+), \quad \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = - \frac{du_\tau}{dx} y^+ \bar{u}^+ \frac{v}{u_\tau} \frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+} \frac{u_\tau}{v} = - u_\tau \frac{du_\tau}{dx} y^+ \bar{u}^+ \frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+}.$$

Thus,

$$\bar{u} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial x} + \bar{v} \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = u_\tau \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \left[\bar{u}^+ \frac{d}{dy^+} (y^+ \bar{u}^+) - y^+ \bar{u}^+ \frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+} \right] = u_\tau \frac{du_\tau}{dx} (\bar{u}^+)^2.$$

Substituting into the mean momentum equation gives

$$u_\tau \frac{du_\tau}{dx} (\bar{u}^+)^2 = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y}.$$

Thus,

$$\tau - \tau_w = \int_0^y \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} dy = u_\tau \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \int_0^{y^+} (\bar{u}^+)^2 dy^+.$$

Finally, nondimensionalizing by v and u_τ gives

$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_w} = 1 + \left(\frac{v}{u_\tau^2} \frac{du_\tau}{dx} \right) \int_0^{y^+} (\bar{u}^+)^2 dy^+.$$

2. Temporally evolving boundary layer

In the temporally evolving case, the flow is necessarily homogeneous in the streamwise direction. Conservation of mass plus the no-slip condition implies that $\bar{v} = 0$. Thus, the boundary-layer equations reduce to

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y}.$$

As in the spatially evolving case, we assume that $\bar{u}^+$ is a universal function of y^+ only. Then

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} = \frac{du_\tau}{dt} \bar{u}^+ + y^+ \frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+} \frac{du_\tau}{dt} = \frac{du_\tau}{dt} \frac{d}{dy^+} (\bar{u}^+ y^+).$$

Substituting this result into the mean momentum equation and integrating gives

$$\tau - \tau_w = \int_0^y \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} dy = \frac{\nu}{u_\tau} \frac{du_\tau}{dt} (\bar{u}^+ y^+).$$

Thus, nondimensionalizing using ν and u_τ gives

$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_w} = 1 + \left(\frac{\nu}{u_\tau^3} \frac{du_\tau}{dt} \right) (\bar{u}^+ y^+).$$

3. Temporal slow-growth boundary layer

The temporal slow-growth solution is also homogeneous in the streamwise direction, which leads to $\bar{v} = 0$, as in the temporally evolving case. In addition, the flow is statistically stationary by design. Thus, the boundary-layer equations become

$$0 = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} + \bar{S}_u,$$

where

$$\bar{S}_u = y \gamma(\Delta) \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}.$$

Thus,

$$\tau = \tau_w - \gamma(\Delta) \left(\bar{u} y - \int_0^y \bar{u} dy \right)$$

and

$$\frac{\tau}{\tau_w} = 1 - \left[\frac{\nu}{u_\tau^2} \gamma(\Delta) \right] \left(\bar{u}^+ y^+ - \int_0^{y^+} \bar{u}^+ dy^+ \right).$$

APPENDIX C: AN EXTENDED VAN DRIEST TRANSFORMATION

We construct an extension of the van Driest transformation that accounts for the effects of wall transpiration and wall cooling. The van Driest transformation [22] is derived using the following relationship between the compressible mean velocity ($\bar{u}$) and the incompressible mean velocity ($\bar{u}_{\text{inc}}$):

$$\frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+} = \frac{(\bar{\rho}/\bar{\rho}_w)^{1/2}}{\kappa y^+} = \left(\frac{\bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}_w} \right)^{1/2} \frac{d\bar{u}_{\text{inc}}^+}{dy^+}, \quad (\text{C1})$$

which is valid in the log layer. As pointed out by Huang and Coleman [23], in the viscous sublayer, (C1) is incorrect. Instead, in the sublayer, the correct relationship is

$$\frac{d\bar{u}^+}{dy^+} = \frac{\mu_w}{\mu} \frac{d\bar{u}_{\text{inc}}^+}{dy^+}.$$

The van Driest transformation is derived by integrating (C1) starting at the wall, without any correction for the viscous sublayer. Strictly speaking, this procedure is always incorrect, but as long as the temperature does not vary dramatically in the viscous sublayer, the difference between (μ_w/μ) and $(\bar{\rho}/\bar{\rho}_w)^{1/2}$ is not large, and the resulting transformed velocity profile agrees well with incompressible results [17]. However, when the temperature variation in the sublayer is large, as it is for a cold wall as shown in Sec. III B, the error due to the sublayer is large enough that the collapse between the transformed profile and the incompressible results is quite poor.

To remedy this error, Huang and Coleman [23] proposed a blending between the viscous sublayer and log layer results based on an assumed mixing length. Here, this approach is extended to include

the effect of wall transpiration. The primary effect of wall transpiration is that the wall-normal mean convection term in the mean momentum equation is no longer negligible near the wall. Thus, rather than containing only the viscous and Reynolds shear stresses, the total shear stress contains a contribution from wall-normal convection. Using the boundary-layer form of the slow-growth mean momentum equation, one can show that

$$\bar{\rho}\tilde{u}\tilde{v} = \tau - \tau_w + \int_0^y \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho u}} dy.$$

An analogous development can be done for the spatially developing case. For brevity, this analysis is not shown since only the slow growth version is used here.

Since $\tau = \mu \partial \tilde{u} / \partial y - \overline{\rho u'' v''}$ (where μ is the mean viscosity and we have neglected the viscosity-velocity gradient correlation), the wall shear stress can be written as

$$\tau_w = -\bar{\rho}\tilde{u}\tilde{v} + \int_0^y \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho u}} dy + \mu \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} - \overline{\rho u'' v''}. \quad (\text{C2})$$

To simplify notation, the convection and slow-growth source terms can be grouped together. Note that

$$\int_0^y \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho u}} = \int_0^y y \gamma(\Delta) \frac{\partial \overline{\rho u}}{\partial y} = y \gamma(\Delta) \overline{\rho u} - \gamma(\Delta) \int_0^y \overline{\rho u}.$$

Thus,

$$\bar{\rho}\tilde{u}\tilde{v} - \int_0^y \overline{\mathcal{S}_{\rho u}} dy = \bar{\rho}\tilde{u} \left[\tilde{v} - y \gamma(\Delta) + \gamma(\Delta) \int_0^y \frac{\overline{\rho u}(\eta)}{\overline{\rho u}(y)} d\eta \right].$$

Then let

$$\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}} = \tilde{v} - y \gamma(\Delta) + \gamma(\Delta) \int_0^y \frac{\overline{\rho u}(\eta)}{\overline{\rho u}(y)} d\eta.$$

With this notation, (C2) can be rewritten as

$$\tau_w = -\bar{\rho}\tilde{u}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}} + \mu \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} - \overline{\rho u'' v''}. \quad (\text{C3})$$

To continue, we use a mixing length model for the Reynolds stress:

$$-\overline{\rho v'' u''} = \bar{\rho} \ell^2 \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2.$$

Then, (C3) can be rewritten as

$$\tau_w = -\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}\tilde{u} + \mu \frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} + \bar{\rho} \ell^2 \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} \right)^2.$$

Solving this quadratic for $\partial \tilde{u} / \partial y$, one obtains

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial y} = \frac{2(\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}\tilde{u} + \tau_w)}{\mu + \sqrt{\mu^2 + 4\bar{\rho}\ell^2(\bar{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}\tilde{u} + \tau_w)}}.$$

Nondimensionalizing this result using ρ_w , μ_w , and u_τ gives

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{u}^+}{\partial y^+} = \frac{2(\hat{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}^+\tilde{u}^+ + 1)}{\hat{\mu}^2 + \sqrt{\hat{\mu}^2 + 4\hat{\rho}(\ell^+)^2(\hat{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}^+\tilde{u}^+ + 1)}}, \quad (\text{C4})$$

where $\hat{\rho} = \bar{\rho}/\rho_w$, $\hat{\mu} = \mu/\mu_w$, and $\ell^+ = \rho_w u_\tau \ell/\mu_w$. In the incompressible, nonblowing wall case, this result simplifies to

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}_{\text{inc}}^+}{\partial y^+} = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4(\ell_{\text{inc}}^+)^2}}, \quad (\text{C5})$$

where ℓ_{inc} is the mixing length for the incompressible case.

The extended van Driest transformation is obtained by requiring that the nondimensional transformed velocity $\tilde{u}_{\text{eff}}^+$ has the same profile as the incompressible velocity; that is,

$$\tilde{u}_{\text{eff}}^+[\tilde{u}^+(y^+)] = \bar{u}_{\text{inc}}^+(y^+),$$

which implies that

$$\frac{d\tilde{u}_{\text{eff}}^+}{d\tilde{u}^+} \frac{d\tilde{u}^+}{dy^+} = \frac{d\bar{u}_{\text{inc}}^+}{dy^+}.$$

Thus,

$$\tilde{u}_{\text{eff}}^+(w^+) = \int_0^{w^+} \frac{d\tilde{u}_{\text{eff}}^+}{d\tilde{u}^+} d\tilde{u}^+ = \int_0^{w^+} \frac{d\bar{u}_{\text{inc}}^+/dy^+}{d\tilde{u}^+/dy^+} d\tilde{u}^+, \quad (\text{C6})$$

where the upper limit of integration, w^+ , corresponds to a point on the original nondimensionalized, but not transformed, velocity profile. Substituting (C4) and (C5) into (C6) gives

$$\tilde{u}_{\text{eff}}^+(w^+) = \int_0^{w^+} \frac{\hat{\mu} + \sqrt{\hat{\mu}^2 + 4\hat{\rho}(\ell^+)^2(\hat{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}^+\tilde{u}^+ + 1)}}{(\hat{\rho}\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}^+\tilde{u}^+ + 1)[\sqrt{1 + 4(\ell_{\text{inc}}^+)^2} + 1]} d\tilde{u}^+. \quad (\text{C7})$$

To complete the transformation, one must define the mixing length. We use the van Driest damping [27] function:

$$\ell^+ = \kappa y^+[1 - \exp(-y^*/A^+)], \quad \ell_{\text{inc}}^+ = \kappa y^+[1 - \exp(-y^+/A^+)],$$

where the wall-distance normalized by the local viscous length is used in the compressible case. We take typical values of the parameters: $\kappa = 0.41$ and $A^+ = 25.51$.

At this point, if profiles for $\hat{\rho}$, $\hat{\mu}$, $\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}^+$ and $\tilde{u}^+$ are available, (C7) allows computation of the equivalent incompressible profile. Thus, this form is appropriate for data analysis, and it is used for this purpose in Sec. III B. However, it does not give a closed form for modeling a compressible profile. For this task, a model temperature profile is required. See Huang and Coleman [23] for an example.

To conclude, we examine how the extended transformation compares to existing transformations. When $\tilde{v}_{\text{mod}}^+$ is negligible (i.e., no wall transpiration or slow-growth source), the transformation reduces to the method of Huang and Coleman [23], which itself reduces to the standard van Driest transformation outside the viscous sublayer. Alternatively, for the incompressible case with wall transpiration, the extended transformation in the log layer reduces to the log layer correction for injection effects derived by Stevenson [28].

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