

Dataset description

# Turbulent Ekman flow ( $Re_D = 1600$ , $Ri = 0$ )

Direct numerical simulation – Set-up and vertical profiles

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**HPC systems** The data was generated under the project HKU24, STADIT and TrainABL on the supercomputer JUWELS at John-von-Neumann Institute for Computing (NIC) at Forschungszentrum Jülich (Germany) and HAWK at Höchstleistungsrechenzentrum (Stuttgart) respectively.

**Code** The data was generated by the tool-suite for turbulence simulation tLab<sup>3</sup>

## 2 The dataset

### 2.1 Contents

The dataset files, collectively named with grid information and the date of creation of the data on the High-Performance Computing (HPC) system. Each file of the collection contains time-series of a namelist files name dns.ini which is a plain text file holding the configuration of the tLab code (for documentation, please refer to Open-source code available under [github.com/turbulencia/tlab](https://github.com/turbulencia/tlab)).

### 2.2 Physical case

This case of simulation conducted with a Reynolds number ( $Re$ ) of 1600, corresponding to a friction Reynolds number  $Re_\tau$  of 2978, delves into the study of the turbulent flow. Utilizing a computational grid measuring 3860 x 7680 x 960 collocation points with a spatial resolution

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<sup>3</sup>[github.com/turbulencia/tlab](https://github.com/turbulencia/tlab)

of  $8.6 \times 4.3 \times 1.00$  wall units, the domain size is scaled to  $L_x = L_y = 0.54 \Lambda$ , where  $\Lambda$  is the Rossby radius.

## 2.3 Variable information

The statistical data is available in self-documented netCDF format, and it contains a wide array of parameters, encompassing vertical profiles of velocity and scalar variables (temperature/buoyancy as active and for some cases also passive scalars), scalar and momentum budget terms, as well as statistical moments up to the fourth order of velocities, scalars, and derivatives. These parameters provide a comprehensive perspective on Ekman flow dynamics. They are organized into distinct groups. Within the subsequent table, you will find numerous variables grouped together, accompanied by their descriptions and associated equations.

Vertical velocity profiles		
Mean		
rR	density (RA)	$\bar{\rho}$
rU	u, x-component of the velocity (RA)	$\bar{u}$
rV	v, y-component of the velocity (RA)	$\bar{v}$
rW	w, z-component of the velocity (RA)	$\bar{w}$
rP	$\pi$ dynamic, reduced pressure (RA)	$\bar{\pi}$
rT	$T$ , caloric temperature (RA)	$\bar{T}$
re	$e$ , internal energy (RA)	$\bar{e}$
rh	$h$ , enthalpy (RA)	$\overline{e + (\Gamma_0 - 1)Ma^2 \frac{p}{\rho}}$
rs	$s$ , entropy (RA)	$\bar{s}$
rB	$B$ , buoyancy (RA)	$\bar{B}$
fU	u, x-component of the velocity (FA)	$\langle u \rangle$
fV	v, y-component of the velocity (FA)	$\langle v \rangle$
fW	w, z-component of the velocity (FA)	$\langle w \rangle$
fT	$T$ , caloric Temperature (FA)	$\langle T \rangle$
fe	$e$ , internal energy (FA)	$\langle e \rangle$
fh	$h$ , enthalpy (FA)	$\left\langle e + (\Gamma_0 - 1)Ma^2 \frac{p}{\rho} \right\rangle$
fs	$s$ , entropy (FA)	$\langle s \rangle$
Fluctuations		
Tke	Turbulence kinetic energy	$\overline{\frac{1}{2}u_i' u_i'}$
Rxx	Reynolds stress $R_{11}$	$\overline{u'u'}$
Ryy	Reynolds stress $R_{22}$	$\overline{v'v'}$
Rzz	Reynolds stress $R_{33}$	$\overline{w'w'}$
Rxy	Reynolds stress $R_{12}$	$\overline{u'v'}$
Rxz	Reynolds stress $R_{13}$	$\overline{u'w'}$
Ryz	Reynolds stress $R_{23}$	$\overline{v'w'}$
rP2	Pressure fluctuation (RA)	$\overline{\pi'\pi'}$
rR2	Density fluctuation (RA)	$\overline{\rho'\rho'}$
rT2	Temperature fluctuation (RA)	$\overline{T'T'}$
fT2	Temperature fluctuation (FA)	$\langle T'T' \rangle$
re2	internal energy fluctuation (RA)	$\overline{e'e'}$
fe2	internal energy fluctuation (FA)	$\langle e'e' \rangle$
rh2	enthalpy fluctuation (RA)	$\overline{h'h'}$
fh2	enthalpy fluctuation (FA)	$\langle h'h' \rangle$
rs2	Entropy fluctuation (RA)	$\overline{s's'}$
fs2	Entropy fluctuation (FA)	$\langle s's' \rangle$
DerivativeFluctuations		
U_y1		$\overline{\partial_y u}$
V_y1		$\overline{\partial_y v}$
W_y1		$\overline{\partial_y w}$
U_ii2		
U_x2		$\overline{(\partial_x u')^2}$
U_y2		$\overline{(\partial_y u')^2}$
U_z2		$\overline{(\partial_z u')^2}$
V_x2		$\overline{(\partial_x v')^2}$
V_y2		$\overline{(\partial_y v')^2}$
V_z2		$\overline{(\partial_z v')^2}$
W_x2		$\overline{(\partial_x w')^2}$
W_y2		$\overline{(\partial_y w')^2}$
W_z2		$\overline{(\partial_z w')^2}$
U_x3		$\overline{(\partial_x u')^3}$
U_y3		$\overline{(\partial_y u')^3}$
U_z3		$\overline{(\partial_z u')^3}$
V_x3		$\overline{(\partial_x v')^3}$
V_y3		$\overline{(\partial_y v')^3}$
V_z3		$\overline{(\partial_z v')^3}$
W_x3		$\overline{(\partial_x w')^3}$
W_y3		$\overline{(\partial_y w')^3}$
W_z3		$\overline{(\partial_z w')^3}$
U_x4		$\overline{(\partial_x u')^4}$
U_y4		$\overline{(\partial_y u')^4}$
U_z4		$\overline{(\partial_z u')^4}$
V_x4		$\overline{(\partial_x v')^4}$
V_y4		$\overline{(\partial_y v')^4}$
V_z4		$\overline{(\partial_z v')^4}$
W_x4		$\overline{(\partial_x w')^4}$
W_y4		$\overline{(\partial_y w')^4}$
W_z4		$\overline{(\partial_z w')^4}$
Vorticity		
Wx	Vorticity (x-component)	$\overline{\partial_z v - \partial_y w}$
Wy	Vorticity (y-component)	$\overline{\partial_x w - \partial_z u}$
Wz	Vorticity (z-component)	$\overline{\partial_y u - \partial_x v}$
Wx2	Fluctuation of x-Vorticity	$\overline{\partial_z v' - \partial_y w'}$
Wy2	Fluctuation of y-Vorticity	$\overline{\partial_x w' - \partial_z u'}$
Wz2	Fluctuation of z-Vorticity	$\overline{\partial_y u' - \partial_x v'}$
RxxBudget		
Rxx.t	Time-rate of change of $R_{11}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{11}}$
Bxx	buoyancy production	$2b_x \overline{u'B'}$
Cxx	advection in y-direction	$-\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y u' u'}$
Pxx	shear-production	$-2 \overline{u' v' \partial_y \bar{u}}$
Exx	viscous dissipation	
PIxx	pressure-velocity correlation $\Pi_{11}$	$2 \overline{u' p'}$
Fxx	Coriolis production	$2f_y \overline{u' w'}$
Txxy_y	divergence of $T_{112}$ turbulent transport	$\overline{\partial_y R_{112}}$
Txxy	vertical transport $T_{112}$	$\overline{u' u' v' - 2\nu \partial_y (u - \langle u \rangle)}$
Gxx	pressure variable-density term	0
Dxx	viscous variable-density term	
RyyBudget		
Ryy.t	Time-rate of change of $R_{22}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{22}}$
Byy	buoyancy production of Ryy	$2b_y \overline{v'B'}$
Cyy	advection in y-direction	$\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y v' v'}$
Pyy	shear production	$-2v' v' \partial_y \bar{v}$
Eyy	viscous dissipation	
PIyy	pressure-velocity correlation $\Pi_{22}$	$2\overline{v' p'}$
Fyy	Coriolis production	0
Tyyy_y	divergence of $T_{222}$ turbulent transport	$\overline{\partial_y R_{222}}$
Tyyy	vertical transport $T_{222}$	$\overline{v' v' v' + 2v' p' - 2\nu (\partial_y v)(v - \langle v \rangle)}$
Gyy	pressure variable-density term	$2(\bar{v} - \langle v \rangle) \partial_y \bar{p}$
Dyy	viscous variable-density term	
RzzBudget		
Rzz.t	Time-rate of change of $R_{33}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{33}}$
Bzz	buoyancy production	$2b_z \overline{w'B'}$
Czz	advection in y-direction	$-\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y w' w'}$
Pzz	shear production	$-2v' w' \partial_y \bar{w}$
Ezz	viscous dissipation	
PIzz	pressure-velocity correlation $\Pi_{33}$	$2\overline{w' p'}$
Fzz	Coriolis production of Rzz	$-2f_y \overline{u' w'}$
Tzzy_y	divergence of $T_{332}$ turbulent transport	$\overline{\partial_y R_{332}}$
Tzzy	vertical transport $T_{332}$	$\overline{w' w' v' - 2\nu (\partial_y w)(w - \langle w \rangle)}$
Gzz	pressure variable-density term	0
Dzz	viscous variable-density term	
RxyBudget		
Rxy.t	Time-rate of change of $R_{12}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{12}}$
Bxy	buoyancy production	$b_x \overline{u' B'} + b_y \overline{v' B'}$
Cxy	advection in y-direction	$-\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y u' v'}$
Pxy	shear production	$-\overline{u' v' \partial_y \bar{v} - v' v' \partial_y \bar{u}}$
Exy	viscous dissipation	
PIxy	pressure-velocity correlation $\Pi_{12}$	$\overline{p' (\partial_y u - \partial_x v)}$
Fxy	Coriolis production of Rxy	$f_y \overline{v' w'}$
Txyy_y	divergence of $T_{122}$ turbulent transport	$\overline{\partial_y R_{122}}$
Txyy	vertical transport $T_{122}$	$\overline{u' v' v' + u' p'}$
Gxy	pressure variable-density term	$(\bar{u} - \langle u \rangle) \partial_y \bar{p}$
Dxy	viscous variable-density term	
RxzBudget		
Rxz.t	Time-rate of change of $R_{13}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{13}}$
Bxz	buoyancy production	$b_x \overline{u' B'} + b_z \overline{w' B'}$
Cxz	advection in y-direction	$-\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y u' w'}$
Pxz	shear production	$-\overline{u' w' \partial_y \bar{w} - v' w' \partial_y \bar{u}}$
Exz	viscous dissipation	
PIxz	pressure-velocity correlation $\Pi_{13}$	$\overline{p' (\partial_z u - \partial_x w)}$
Fxz	Coriolis production	$f_y \overline{(w' w' - u' u')}$
Txzy_y	divergence of $T_{132}$ turbulent transport	$\overline{\partial_y R_{132}}$
Txzy	vertical transport $T_{132}$	$\overline{u' v' v'}$
Gxz	pressure variable-density term	0
Dxz	viscous variable-density term	
RyzBudget		
Ryz.t	Time-rate of change of $R_{23}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{23}}$
Byz	buoyancy production	$b_y \overline{v' B'} + b_z \overline{w' B'}$
Cyz	advection in y-direction	$-\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y v' w'}$
Pyz	shear production	$-\overline{v' v' \partial_y \bar{w} - v' w' \partial_y \bar{v}}$
Eyz	viscous dissipation	
PIyz	pressure-velocity correlation $\Pi_{23}$	$\overline{p' (\partial_z v - \partial_y w)}$
Fyz	Coriolis production	$-f_y \overline{u' v'}$
Tyzy_y	turbulent transport divergence	$\overline{\partial_y R_{232}}$
Tyzy	vertical transport $T_{232}$	$\overline{v' w' v' + w' p'}$
Gyz	pressure variable-density term	$(\bar{w} - \langle w \rangle) \partial_y \bar{p}$
Dyz	viscous variable-density term	
TkeBudget		
Tke.t	Time-rate of change of Tke	$\overline{\partial_t \frac{1}{2} R_{ii}}$
Tke	Turbulence kinetic energy	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{R_{ii}}$
Buo	buoyancy production of Tke	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{B_{ii}}$
Con	advection in y-direction	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{C_{ii}}$
Prd	shear production	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{P_{ii}}$
Eps	dissipation	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{E_{ii}}$
Pi	pressure-velocity correlation	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{\Pi_{ii}}$
Trp	sum of transport terms	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{T_{ii2}}$
Trp1	transport due to triple correlation terms	$\overline{u_i' u_i' v'}$
Trp2	transport by pressure-velocity correlation	$2\overline{v' p'}$
Trp3	viscous transport	$-2\nu (\partial_y u_i)(u_i - \langle u_i \rangle)$
Trp1_y	divergence of triple correlations	$\overline{\partial_y u_i' u_i' v'}$
Trp2_y	divergence of pressure-velocity correlltion	$2\overline{\partial_y v' p'}$
Trp3_y	divergence of viscous transport	$-2\nu \overline{\partial_y (\partial_y u_i)(u_i - \langle u_i \rangle)}$
G	pressure variable-density term	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{G_{ii}}$
D	viscous variable-density term	$\frac{1}{2} \overline{D_{ii}}$
Phi	Mean viscous dissipation rate	
UgradP		$\overline{u_i \partial_{x_i} p}$
HigherOrder		
rU3		
rU4		
rV3		
rV4		
rW3		
rW4		
Acoustics		
gamma		
C2		
Rho_ac		
Rho_en		
T_ac		
T_en		
M.t		
rRP		
rRT		
RhoBudget		
RhoFluxX		
RhoFluxY		
RhoFluxZ		
RhoDil1		
RhoDil2		
RhoTrp		
RhoProd		
RhoConv		$-\bar{v} \overline{\partial_y \rho' \rho'}$
Stratification		
Pot	potential energy	
rRref	background density profile	
rTref	background temperature profile	
BuoyFreq_fr	buoyancy frequency	
BuoyFreq_eq	buoyancy frequency	
LapseRate_fr	lapse rate	
LapseRate_eq	lapse rate	
PotTemp		
PotTemp.v		
SaturationPressure		
rPref	background pressure profile	
RelativeHumidity		
Dewpoint	dewpoint temperature	
LapseRate_dew		
Roughness		
eps_0	Fluid fraction (grid-based approach)	
eps_1	Solid fraction (grid-based approach)	
eps_f	Fluid fraction (volume-based approach)	
eps_s	Solid fraction (volume-based approach)	

Vertical scalar profiles		
Mean		
rS	scalar (RA)	$\bar{s}$
rQ		
rS_y	y-derivative of scalar (RA)	$\overline{\partial_y s}$
fS	scalar (FA)	$\langle s \rangle$
fS_y	y-derivative of scalar (FA)	$\langle \partial_y s \rangle$
fQ		
Fluctuations		
Rsu	covariance $R_{su}$ (of scalar $s$ and velocity $u$ )	$\overline{s' u'}$
Rsv	covariance $R_{sv}$ (of scalar $s$ and velocity $v$ )	$\overline{s' v'}$
Rsw	covariance $R_{sw}$ (of scalar $s$ and velocity $w$ )	$\overline{s' w'}$
rS2	scalar variance $R_{ss}$ (RA)	$\overline{s' s'}$
rS3		$\overline{s' s' s'}$
rS4		$\overline{s' s' s' s'}$
fS2	scalar variance (FA)	$\langle s' s' \rangle$
fS3		$\langle s' s' s' \rangle$
fS4		$\langle s' s' s' s' \rangle$
DerivativeFluctuations		
S_x2		$\overline{(\partial_x s')^2}$
S_y2		$\overline{(\partial_y s')^2}$
S_z2		$\overline{(\partial_z s')^2}$
S_x3		$\overline{(\partial_x s')^3}$
S_y3		$\overline{(\partial_y s')^3}$
S_z3		$\overline{(\partial_z s')^3}$
S_x4		$\overline{(\partial_x s')^4}$
S_y4		$\overline{(\partial_y s')^4}$
S_z4		$\overline{(\partial_z s')^4}$
RssBudget		
Rss_t	Time-rate of change of $R_{ss}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{ss}}$
Css	advection in y-direction	$-\langle v \rangle \partial_y \overline{s' s'}$
Pss	gradient production	$-2 \overline{s' v' \partial_y s}$
Ess	molecular dissipation	
Tssy1	turbulent transport due to triple correlation	$\overline{s' s' v'}$
Tssy2	transport	$-2 \overline{\kappa_d s' \partial_y s'}$
Tssy_y	turbulent transport	$\partial_y (\text{Tssy1} + \text{Tssy2})$
Dss	diffusion variable-density term	
Qss	source	
RsuBudget		
Rsu_t	Time-rate of change of $R_{su}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{su}}$
Csu	advection in y-direction	$-\langle v \rangle \partial_y \overline{s' u'}$
Psu	shear and gradient production	$-\overline{s' v' \partial_y \langle u \rangle} - \overline{u' v' \partial_y \langle s \rangle}$
Esu	molecular dissipation	
PIsu	pressure redistribution	$\overline{p' \partial_x s'}$
Tsuy1	turbulent transport due to triple correlation	$\overline{s' u' v'}$
Tsuy2	transport	
Tsuy_y	turbulent transport	$\partial_y (\text{Tsuy1} + \text{Tsuy2})$
Dsu	diffusion variable-density term	
Gsu	pressure-flux	0
Bsu	buoyant production	0
Fsu	Coriolis production	$\overline{f_y s' w'}$
Qsu	source	
RsvBudget		
Rsv_t	Time-rate of change of $R_{sv}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{sv}}$
Csv	advection in y-direction	$-\langle v \rangle \partial_y \overline{s' v'}$
Psv	shear and gradient production	$-\overline{s' v' \partial_y \langle v \rangle} - \overline{v' v' \partial_y \langle s \rangle}$
Esv	molecular dissipation	
PIsv	pressure redistribution	$\overline{p' \partial_y s'}$
Tsvy1	turbulent transport due to triple correlation	$\overline{s' v' v'}$
Tsvy2	transport	
Tsvy3	transport	$\overline{p' s'}$
Tsvy_y	turbulent transport	$\partial_y (\text{Tsvy1} + \text{Tsvy2} + \text{Tsvy3})$
Dsv	diffusion variable-density term	
Gsv	pressure-flux	$\overline{s' \partial_y p'}$
Bsv	buoyant production	$\overline{\rho b' s'}$
Fsv	Coriolis production	0
Qsv	source	
RswBudget		
Rsw_t	Time-rate of change of $R_{sw}$	$\overline{\partial_t R_{sw}}$
Csw	advection in y-direction	$-\langle v \rangle \partial_y \overline{s' w'}$
Psw	shear and gradient production	$-\overline{s' v' \partial_y \langle w \rangle} - \overline{v' w' \partial_y \langle s \rangle}$
Esw	molecular dissipation	
PIsw	pressure redistribution	$\overline{p' \partial_z s'}$
Tswy1	turbulent transport due to triple correlation	$\overline{s' v' w'}$
Tswy2	transport	
Tswy_y	turbulent transport	$\partial_y (\text{Tswy1} + \text{Tswy2})$
Dsw	diffusion variable-density term	
Gsw	pressure-flux	0
Bsw	buoyant production	0
Fsw	Coriolis production	$-\overline{f_y s' u'}$
Qsw	source	
CrossScalars		
Cs1		
Css1		
Roughness		
Sbcs	Scalar boundary values applied on solids	
eps_0	Fluid fraction (grid-based approach)	
eps_1	Solid fraction (grid-based approach)	
eps_f	Fluid fraction (volume-based approach)	
eps_s	Solid fraction (volume-based approach)	

## Horizontal distribution of roughness elements

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horizontal (x,z) distribution of roughness  
heights of the elements in grid points