# DEVELOPMENT OF A DATA-DRIVEN WALL-MODEL FOR SEPARATED FLOWS

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Assumptions: attached, turbulent and at equilibrium (for many wm) Strong pressure gradient or separation: there is no equilibrium layer nor constant-stress layer Capability of current non-equilibrium wm: not yet a proven success





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### **Problem definition:** finding a complex and dynamic relation between instantaneous flow fields, geometrical parameters and the shear stress

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New research subject: need diagnostic tools for pre-processing

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Inspired from U. Piomelli. Wall-modeled large-eddy simulations: Present status and prospects. *Springer Netherlands*, 17, 2010.

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### **Test cases**

#### TC1 : Periodic Hill - Lower wall



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- **Bi-periodic** flow evolving between two walls featuring a streamwise **constriction**<sup>[1]</sup> •
- **Controlled** pressure gradient to match the bulk Reynolds number ( $Re_b = 10595$ ) combined with a • low bulk Mach number  $M_b = 0.1$



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## **Space-time correlations**



#### Reasons:

 $\rightarrow$  need to select input and output labels that are strongly related  $\rightarrow$  feature selection improves model performance

and reduces the computational cost of modeling



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Symmetric correlation as expected due to:

- the homogeneity of z and,
- the absence of convection.

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## Main Guidelines

- purely local and instantaneous information is sufficient for attached flows •
- upstream information can be used if a convection delay is considered
- for separated flow, information has to be sought up- and downstream •
- need to enlarge the domain of dependence of the wall model in both space ( $\delta \xi$ ) and time ( $\delta t$ )



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## Which inputs are selected ?

Let us examine the distributions of three inputs (velocity, pressure gradient and wall-normal distance) w.r.t the two components of the wall shear stress for the three configurations (lower wall phill, upper wall phill and channel) :





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#### Inputs:

Field	Description	Pre-scaling
Velocity Pressure Gradients Length scale	$oldsymbol{u}  abla  a$	$egin{array}{l} m{u}^{\star} \  abla p^{\star} \  onumber \ln{(h_{wm}/y_{ u,p})} \end{array}$

for a total of 7 different components.

where  $y_{\nu,p}$  is a near-wall scaling compatible with separation<sup>[2]</sup>,

$$y_{\nu,p} = \frac{\nu}{u_{\nu,p}}$$
 with,  $u_{\nu,p} = \sqrt{u_{\nu}^2 + u_{p}^2}$ ,  $u_{\nu} = \sqrt{\frac{\nu u_{\parallel}}{h_{wm}}}$ ,  $u_{p} = \left|\frac{\nu}{\rho}\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}\right|^{1/3}$ .

The velocity is scaled with  $u_{\tau,p}$  and the pressure gradient is scaled as the Clauser parameter :

 $\nabla p^{\star} = \frac{h_{wm}}{\rho u_{u,p}^2} \nabla p \,.$ 

PROD-F-015-02 <sup>2</sup>C. Duprat et al. A wall-laver model for large-eddy simulations of turbulent flows with/out pressure gradient. Physics of Fluids, 23203(1):015101, 201 Cenaero ECCOMAS 2022 C 2022 Cenaero - All rights reserved 17

## Which outputs are predicted ?

Outputs:			
	Field	Description	Pre-scaling
	Wall shear stress	$ au_{w,\xi}$ , $ au_{w,z}$	$oldsymbol{ au}_w^\star = rac{oldsymbol{ au}_w}{rac{1}{2} ho \langle u_{ u, oldsymbol{ ho}}^2  angle_{\xi, z}}$

which are the components of the wall shear stress in the local wall-aligned reference frame. Note that a **spatial averaging** of the velocity scale is used to avoid spurious oscillations in the predictions.





## Which inputs/outputs are selected ?

Let us examine the distribution of these normalized fields w.r.t. the wall shear stress :



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## Where are the data extracted ?



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Two new inputs have been added to improve model performances:

• the **curvature** *K* defined as,

$$K = \frac{|f''(x)|}{\{1 + (f'(x))^2\}^{(3/2)}},$$

where f(x) is the function that describes the surface.

• the absolute value of the **relative positions** (information of spacing is hence added), this input has an impact on the self-attention layer.



## Neural Network Architecture<sup>[3]</sup> - Jungle



<sup>3</sup>MLP stands for Multi-Layer Perceptron, CNN stands for Convolutional Neural Network, RNN stands for Recurrent Neural Network, GNN stands for Graph <sup>4</sup>Neural Network, LSTM stands for Long-Short Term Memory, GMN stands for Gaussian-Mixture Network, GAN stands for Generative Adversarial Network. ECCOMAS 2022 © 2022 Cenaero - All rights reserved 22 Cenaero

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## Neural Network Architecture - Gaussian Mixture heads

Gaussian Mixture Neural Networks (GMN) aim to predict the probability distribution  $p(\tau_w)$  of the wall shear stress component as a linear combination of Gaussian distribution :

$$p(\tau_w) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k p_k = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mu_k, \sigma_k)$$



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- CNN-2d : a two-dimensional convolutional neural network that takes as input



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## Results - On the channel at $Re_{\tau} = 950$ - A priori validation

 $n_{\xi} \times n_{\eta} \times n_{z} \times n_{t} = 192 \times 6 \times 192 \times 123$ Training height :  $y^{+} = 100$ Training with **181,370 samples** with 10% for test Training with early stop after 400 epochs Mean Square Error (MSE) loss



Main statistics about the model prediction distribution and the ground truth (or target) distribution :

	$\mu$	$\sigma$	S	$\mathcal{E}_{rel}\%$
Model	1.00798	0.126	-0.051	0.051
Target	1.00850	0.423	1.016	-



### Results - On the channel - A posteriori validation

**Results**, converged over  $51.5t_c$  (where  $t_c = L_x/u_b$ ), are compared with Hoyas *et al.*<sup>[4]</sup>

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{Mesh}: \ n_x \times (n_y/2) \times n_x = 26 \times 13 \times 13 \\ \mathsf{combined} \ \mathsf{with} \ \mathsf{an} \ \mathsf{order} \ 3 \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{get} \\ (\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+, \Delta z^+) \simeq (76, 25, 76) \\ \mathsf{for} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{total} \ \mathsf{of} \ 562, 432 \ \mathsf{dof} \\ \mathsf{No} \ \mathsf{stretching} \ \mathsf{is} \ \mathsf{applied} \ \mathsf{near} \ \mathsf{the} \ \mathsf{wall} \\ \left( \frac{\mathsf{dof}_{\mathsf{wrLES}}}{\mathsf{dof}_{\mathsf{wmLES}}} \right) \simeq 30 \end{array}$$



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 $\rightarrow$  small over-estimation of 2% near the wall. 015-02

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>S. Hoyas and J. Jimenez. Reynolds number effects on the Reynolds-stress budgets in turbulent channels. Physics of <sup>2</sup> Fluids, 20:101511, 2008. doi 10.1063/1.3005862. Cenaerć

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 $\begin{array}{l} n_{\xi} \times n_{\eta} \times n_{z} \times n_{t} = 180 \times 40 \times 100 \times 200 \\ \text{Training height : } y/h = 0.1 \\ 10\% \text{ of the database is used for test} \\ \text{Training with early stop} \end{array}$ 

### Results - Cross-training - Lower wall

**Cross-training :** training on the **channel** and the **lower** wall of the periodic hill while extrapolating on the upper wall of the periodic hill.

#### Averaged **streamwise** wall shear stress $\tau_{w,\xi}$ ,



## Results - Cross-training - Lower wall

#### **Instantaneous contours** of the wall shear stress $\tau_{w,\xi}$ :





## **Results - Cross-training - Channel**

Let us look at results on the **channel wall** based on the distribution of the ground truth compared to the predicted ones.

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## **Results - Cross-training - Channel**

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## **Results - Cross-training - Upper wall**

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## **Results - Summary**

- Training on a channel gives great results in the a priori and a posteriori validation;
- Training on a **channel** wall and on the **lower** wall of the periodic hill gives encouraging results in the *a priori* validation while extrapolating on the upper wall of the periodic hill fails;
- Training on the **upper** and **lower** wall of the periodic hill predicts well on the same configurations and fails at extrapolating on the channel, except if the input "*curvature*" is modified !
  - $\rightarrow\,$  the curvature may act as a mask in the neural network
  - $\rightarrow$  the physics of the channel may be better represented by the accelerated flow over the hill than the flow under a moderate pressure gradient over the upper wall

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"Data scientists need to think about their models in post-production because only once the model is in production is when it starts generating value." by Alessya Viscnjic, CEO of WhyLabs.

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