

# Computation of high Prandtl number turbulent thermal fields by the analytical wall-function

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## Abstract

The extended version of the analytical wall-function (AWF) for rough wall turbulence by Suga et al. [K. Suga, T.J. Craft, H. Iacovides, An analytical wall-function for turbulent flows and heat transfer over rough walls. *Int. J. Heat Fluid Flow* 27 (2006) 852–866] is improved for high Prandtl number flows. The original AWF assumes a linear profile of turbulent viscosity near a wall though it is widely recognised that a theoretically correct cubic profile of the turbulent viscosity is essential for heat transfer of high Prandtl number flows. In order to predict thermal boundary layer of high Prandtl number fluid flows, the present approach thus employs a correct limiting profile of the turbulent viscosity in the analytical integration process. The presently proposed version of the AWF proves its good performance for predicting turbulent high Prandtl number thermal flows at  $Pr \leq 4 \times 10^4$  for smooth wall cases, and at least at  $Pr \leq 10$  for rough wall cases.

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## 1. Introduction

If one considers to predict turbulent wall heat transfer of high Prandtl number ( $Pr$ ) fluid flows such as cooling oil and IC engine water-jacket flows, it is essential to analyse the thermal boundary-layer which is much thinner than that of the flow boundary-layer. Thus, near-wall modelling which resolves the viscous sub-layer has been thought to be essential for high  $Pr$  thermal fields. For example, at the development of a novel turbulent heat flux model applicable to general  $Pr$  cases, Rogers et al. [1] supposed correct near-wall stress distribution and Suga and Abe [2] employed a low Reynolds number (LRN) nonlinear  $k - \varepsilon$  model. In the context of eddy diffusivity models, Herrero et al. [3] applied an LRN  $k - \varepsilon$  model. So and Sommer

[4] also applied an LRN  $k - \varepsilon$  as well as a near-wall stress transport models for flows at  $Pr = 1000$ .

However, even with the recent development of LRN heat transfer models, industrial engineers still routinely make use of classical wall-function approaches. (One of the main reasons is a high computational cost of the LRN computation. The difficulty to generate quality near-wall grids for complex three-dimensional flow fields such as IC engine water-jacket flows is another serious problem.) The wall-function strategies most commonly used assume semi-logarithmic variations of the near-wall velocity and temperature (e.g. [5]). It is, however, well known that the reliable performance of those approaches is so limited into relatively simple flows due to those assumptions.

In order to provide a more reliable strategy, the University of Manchester group proposed a new scheme [6] where the near-wall variation of the turbulent viscosity is assumed, from which the mean flow and energy equations are analytically integrated over the near-wall control

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## Nomenclature

$A_T, A_U, B_T, B_U$	integration constants	$U_b, U_\tau, U^+$	bulk velocity, friction velocity, $U/U_\tau$
$c_p$	specific heat capacity at constant pressure	$x$	wall-parallel coordinate
$c_\ell, c_\mu$	model constants	$y$	wall normal coordinate or wall normal distance
$C_h$	model coefficient	$y_n, y_v, y_b$	cell height, viscous sub-layer thicknesses
$C_T$	sum of the convection and the diffusion terms of the energy equation	$y^+, y^*$	normalised distances: $y U_\tau/\nu, y\sqrt{k_P}/\nu$
$C_U$	sum of the convection and the diffusion terms of the momentum equation	$\alpha, \alpha'$	$c_\mu c_\ell, \alpha(y_b^* - y_v^*)/y_b^{*3}$
$D$	channel height	$\alpha_T, \alpha_\theta$	$\alpha Pr/Pr_t^\infty, \alpha Pr/Pr_t$
$h, h^*$	roughness height, equivalent sand grain roughness height, $h\sqrt{k_P}/\nu$	$\Gamma_U, \Gamma_\theta$	normalised total viscosity and thermal diffusivity
$h^+$	roughness Reynolds number: $hU_\tau/\nu$	$\delta_v$	origin shift
$k, k_P$	turbulence energy, $k$ at node $P$	$\varepsilon$	dissipation rate of $k$
$P$	pressure or cell center of the wall-adjacent cell	$\Theta, \Theta^+$	mean temperature, $ \Theta - \Theta_w (\rho c_p U_\tau)/q_w$
$Pr$	Prandtl number	$\Theta_w, \Theta_n$	wall temperature, temperature at the point $n$
$Pr_t, Pr_t^\infty$	turbulent Prandtl numbers	$\kappa$	von Kármán constant: 0.42
$q_w$	wall heat flux	$\mu, \mu_t$	viscosity, turbulent viscosity
$Re$	Reynolds number: $U_b D/\nu$	$\nu, \nu_t$	kinematic viscosity, kinematic turbulent viscosity
$S_\theta$	source term of the energy equation	$\rho$	fluid density

volumes. Since this analytical wall-function (AWF) integrates the transport equations, the effects of the pressure gradient or the heat source term are inherently involved in the function.

Recently, several studies thus have followed this AWF approach [7–9]. The present authors [7] first extended the AWF to include the effects of fine-grain surface roughness for flow and thermal fields. In the validation tests of several rough-wall flows, the AWF showed its performance superior to the standard approach. Its flow and heat transfer results were comparable to those of the LRN solutions by a linear or a nonlinear  $k - \varepsilon$  models [10,11].

Although the AWF performs reasonably well at  $Pr < 1$  as shown in Fig. 1, its applicability to higher  $Pr$  cases was not discussed so far. Therefore, this paper focuses on

the improvement of the thermal AWF for high  $Pr$  turbulent flows with and without wall roughness.

(Note that in the cases shown in Fig. 1, a constant turbulent Prandtl number,  $Pr_t = 0.9$ , is used for convenience. However, for lower  $Pr$  cases, the direct numerical simulation [12] suggested that  $Pr_t$  was not constant at all and its level was rather high. There is thus a tendency for the AWF to underpredict the mean temperature profile, particularly, at  $Pr = 0.025$ . This implies that a functional form for  $Pr_t$  is desirable for those cases if one requires better accuracy.)

## 2. AWF modelling for high Prandtl number flows

### 2.1. High $Pr$ AWF for smooth wall heat transfer

In the AWF [6], the wall shear stress and heat flux are obtained through the analytical solution of simplified near-wall versions of the transport equations for the wall-parallel momentum and temperature. Using an eddy viscosity concept, those equations can be written as

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^*} \left( \mu \Gamma_U \frac{\partial U}{\partial y^*} \right) = \underbrace{\frac{\nu^2}{k_P} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho U U) + \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \right]}_{C_U}, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y^*} \left( \frac{\mu}{Pr} \Gamma_\theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial y^*} \right) = \underbrace{\frac{\nu^2}{k_P} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\rho U \Theta) - S_\theta \right]}_{C_T}, \quad (2)$$

where  $y^* \equiv y k_P^{1/2}/\nu$ , and  $k_P, y, \nu, \rho, P, U, \Theta, S_\theta, \mu \Gamma_U, \mu \Gamma_\theta/Pr$  are respectively the turbulence energy at the node  $P$ , the wall normal direction, the kinematic viscosity, the fluid density, the pressure, the mean wall-parallel velocity com-

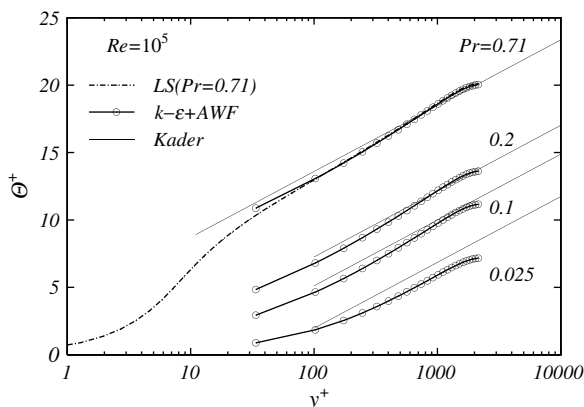


Fig. 1. Mean temperature profiles in turbulent smooth channel flows at  $Pr < 1$ .

ponent, the mean temperature, a heat source, the total viscosity, the total thermal diffusivity. The main assumption required for the analytical integration of the transport equations is treating  $C_U$  and  $C_T$  are constant. Then, in a constant property condition, these simplified equations can be integrated as

$$\mu \frac{dU}{dy^*} = C_U \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_U} + A_U \frac{1}{\Gamma_U}, \quad (3)$$

$$\mu U = C_U \int \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_U} dy^* + A_U \int \frac{1}{\Gamma_U} dy^* + B_U, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\mu}{Pr} \frac{d\Theta}{dy^*} = C_T \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_\theta} + A_T \frac{1}{\Gamma_\theta}, \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\mu}{Pr} \Theta = C_T \int \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_\theta} dy^* + A_T \int \frac{1}{\Gamma_\theta} dy^* + B_T, \quad (6)$$

where  $A_U$ ,  $B_U$ ,  $A_T$  and  $B_T$  are integration constants. Another important assumption is prescribing the variation of the turbulent viscosity  $\mu_t$  over a wall-adjacent computational-cell as in Fig. 2. For smooth wall heat transfer,  $\mu_t$  variation is assumed that  $\mu_t$  is zero for  $y^* \leq y_v^* = 10.7$  ( $y_v$ : the thickness of the viscosity dominated sub-layer) and then increases linearly:

$$\mu_t/\mu = \max\{0, \alpha(y^* - y_v^*)\}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\alpha = c_\ell c_\mu = 2.55 \times 0.09$  and  $\mu$  is the molecular viscosity. Since the theoretical wall-limiting variation of  $\mu_t$  is proportional to  $y^3$ , the AWF does not count a certain amount of turbulent viscosity in the viscous sub-layer. Despite that, its effect is not serious for flow field prediction since the contribution from the molecular viscosity is more significant in the sub-layer. This is also true for the thermal field prediction of fluids whose  $Pr$  is less than 1.0. However, in high  $Pr$  fluid flows such as oil flows, since the effect of the molecular thermal diffusivity ( $\mu/Pr$ ) becomes very small as illustrated in Fig. 3, it is then necessary to consider the contribution from the turbulent thermal diffusivity inside the sub-layer. (Note that a prescribed constant turbulent Prandtl number  $Pr_t$  is assumed in Fig. 3.)

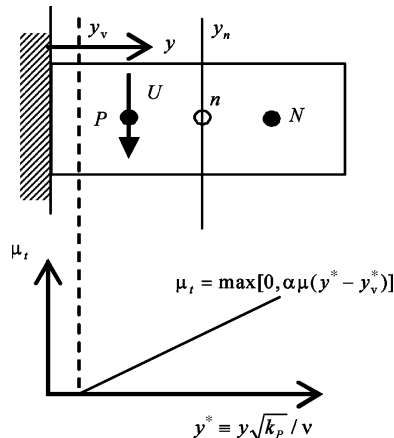


Fig. 2. Near-wall cell arrangement.

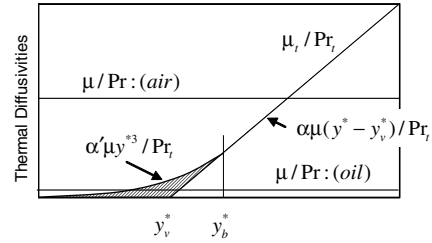


Fig. 3. Near-wall thermal diffusivity distribution.

In order to compensate the thermal diffusivity inside the sub-layer, Gerasimov [13] introduced an *ad hoc* effective molecular Prandtl number as

$$Pr_{\text{eff}} = \frac{Pr}{1 + 0.017Pr(1 + 2.9|F_\epsilon - 1|)^{1.5}}, \quad (8)$$

where  $F_\epsilon$  is a model function. This effective  $Pr$  approach was tailored for water flows. Thus, its performance in oil flows whose  $Pr$  is over 100 is not guaranteed.

In the present study, such an effective  $Pr$  concept is not considered, correcting the profile of  $\mu_t$  to reproduce the exact wall-limiting behaviour is instead tried. In order to improve the  $\mu_t$  profile inside the sub-layer, it is assumed that the profile of Eq. (7) is connected to a function:  $\alpha'y^{*3}$  at the point  $y_b^*$ , as illustrated in Fig. 3.

$$\mu_t/\mu = \begin{cases} \alpha'y^{*3} & \text{for } 0 \leq y^* \leq y_b^*, \\ \alpha(y^* - y_v^*) & \text{for } y_b^* \leq y^*. \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Thus,

$$\Gamma_\theta = \begin{cases} 1 + \alpha'Pr y^{*3}/Pr_t = \Gamma_{\theta a} & \text{for } 0 \leq y^* \leq y_b^*, \\ 1 + \alpha Pr(y^* - y_v^*)/Pr_t = \Gamma_{\theta b} & \text{for } y_b^* \leq y^*. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

By referring to the near-wall profile of  $\mu_t$  in a DNS dataset [14], the value of  $y_b^*$  is optimised as  $y_b^* = 11.7$  and thus  $\alpha'$  is obtainable as

$$\alpha' = \alpha(y_b^* - y_v^*)/y_b^{*3} = \alpha/y_b^{*3}. \quad (11)$$

Using Eq. (10), integration in Eq. (6) can be made. (Although the modification of the model is very simple, it makes the analytical integration a little cumbersome.) As described in Suga et al. [7] the integration constants are obtained by applying boundary conditions at the wall,  $y_b$  and the point  $n$ . The values at  $n$  are determined by interpolation between the calculated node values at  $P$  and  $N$ , whilst at  $y_b$  a monotonic distribution condition is imposed by ensuring that  $\Theta$  and its gradient should be continuous. Consequently, the wall heat flux  $q_w$  can be described as

$$q_w = -\frac{\rho c_p v}{Pr} \frac{d\Theta}{dy} \Big|_w = -\frac{\rho c_p v}{Pr} \frac{k_p^{1/2}}{v} \frac{d\Theta}{dy^*} \Big|_w = -\frac{\rho c_p k_p^{1/2} A_T}{\mu}, \quad (12)$$

where  $c_p$  is the specific heat capacity at constant pressure. Using coefficients  $D_T$  and  $E_T$ , the resultant form of the integration constant  $A_T$  can be written as

$$A_T = \{\mu(\Theta_n - \Theta_w)/Pr + C_T E_T\}/D_T, \quad (13)$$

where  $\Theta_w$  and  $\Theta_n$  are the wall temperature and the temperature at  $y_n$ . In the case of a constant wall heat flux condition, the wall temperature is obtained by rewriting Eqs. (12) and (13) as

$$\Theta_w = \Theta_n + \frac{Prq_w}{\rho c_p k_p^{1/2}} D_T + \frac{PrC_T E_T}{\mu}. \quad (14)$$

When  $y_b \leq y_n$ , with  $P_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta a}$ ,  $P'_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta b}$ ,  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = y_b$  and  $y_2 = y_n$ , the coefficients  $D_T$  and  $E_T$  are

$$D_T = S_2(y_1) - S_2(y_0) + \{S'_2(y_2) - S'_2(y_1)\} \frac{P_2(y_1)}{P'_2(y_1)}, \quad (15)$$

$$E_T = S_1(y_0) - S_1(y_1) + S'_1(y_1) - S'_1(y_2) + \{S'_2(y_1) - S'_2(y_2)\} \frac{P_1(y_1) - P'_1(y_1)}{P'_2(y_1)}, \quad (16)$$

where  $P_1 = y^* P_2$ ,  $P'_1 = y^* P'_2$ ,  $S_i = \int P_i dy^*$  and  $S'_i = \int P'_i dy^*$ .

In the case of  $y_n < y_b$ , with  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = y_n$ , they are

$$D_T = S_2(y_1) - S_2(y_0), \quad (17)$$

$$E_T = S_1(y_0) - S_1(y_1). \quad (18)$$

(See Appendix A for the results of the integration of  $1/\Gamma_{\theta a}$ , etc.)

### 2.2. High Pr AWF for rough wall heat transfer

For rough wall heat transfer, Suga et al. [7] assumed a functional form of  $Pr_t$  in the roughness region of  $y \leq h$  ( $h$ : the roughness height) as

$$Pr_t = Pr_t^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*), \quad (19)$$

where  $Pr_t^\infty = 0.9$  is used. Although the following form for  $C_h$  was adopted within the roughness elements ( $y \leq h$ ):

$$C_h = \frac{5.5}{1 + (h^*/70)^{6.5}} + 0.6, \quad (20)$$

it was only validated in air flows.

Therefore, the coefficient  $C_h$  needs re-calibration in high Pr flows and the presently obtained polynomial form is

$$C_h = \max(0, C_3 Pr^3 + C_2 Pr^2 + C_1 Pr + C_0),$$

$$C_3 = -0.48/h^* + 0.0013, \quad C_2 = 9.90/h^* - 0.0291,$$

$$C_1 = -72.35/h^* + 0.3067, \quad C_0 = 98.98/h^* + 0.2103. \quad (21)$$

Since the rough wall AWF [7] modifies  $y_v^*$  of Eq. (7) as

$$y_v^* = y_{vs}^* \{1 - (h^*/70)^m\} = y_{vs}^* - \delta_v, \quad (22)$$

with  $y_{vs}^* = 10.7$  and

$$m = \max \left\{ \left( 0.5 - 0.4 \left( \frac{h^*}{70} \right)^{0.7} \right), \left( 1 - 0.79 \left( \frac{h^*}{70} \right)^{-0.28} \right) \right\}, \quad (23)$$

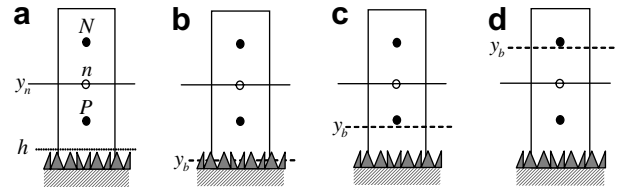


Fig. 4. Near-wall cells over a rough wall: (a)  $y_b < 0$ , (b)  $0 \leq y_b \leq h$ , (c)  $h < y_b \leq y_n$ , (d)  $y_n < y_b$ .

the turbulent viscosity form of Eq. (9) changes to

$$\mu_t/\mu = \begin{cases} \alpha'(y^* + \delta_v)^3 & \text{for } y^* \leq y_b^*, \\ \alpha(y^* - y_v^*) & \text{for } y_b^* < y^*. \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

With the combination of Eqs. (19) and (24), the thermal diffusivity has the following forms:

$$\Gamma_\theta = \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{\alpha' Pr(y^* + \delta_v)^3}{Pr_t^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*)} = \Gamma_{\theta c} & \text{for } y^* < y_b^*, \\ 1 + \frac{\alpha Pr(y^* - y_v^*)}{Pr_t^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*)} = \Gamma_{\theta d} & \text{for } y_b^* \leq y^*. \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

The analytical solutions of energy equations then can be obtained in the four different cases illustrated in Fig. 4 assuming that the wall-adjacent cell height is always greater than the roughness height. The resultant expressions for  $q_w$  and  $A_T$  are of the same form as those of Eqs. (12)–(14). For cases (a) and (d) of Fig. 4,  $D_T$  and  $E_T$  have the forms of Eqs. (15) and (16) with some changes. For case (a), they are  $P_2 = P'_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta d}$ ,  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = h$  and  $y_2 = y_n$ . For case (d), they are  $P_2 = P'_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta c}$ ,  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = h$  and  $y_2 = y_n$ .

In cases (b) and (c),  $D_T$  and  $E_T$  have the following forms:

$$D_T = S_2(y_1) - S_2(y_0) + \{S'_2(y_2) - S'_2(y_1)\} \frac{P_2(y_1)}{P'_2(y_1)} + \{S''_2(y_3) - S''_2(y_2)\} \frac{P_2(y_1)P'_2(y_2)}{P'_2(y_1)P''_2(y_2)}, \quad (26)$$

$$E_T = S_1(y_0) - S_1(y_1) + S'_1(y_1) - S'_1(y_2) + \{S'_2(y_1) - S'_2(y_2)\} \frac{P_1(y_1) - P'_1(y_1)}{P'_2(y_1)} + S''_1(y_2) - S''_1(y_3) + \{S''_2(y_2) - S''_2(y_3)\} \left( \frac{P_1(y_1) - P'_1(y_1)}{P'_2(y_1)} \cdot \frac{P'_2(y_2)}{P''_2(y_2)} + \frac{P'_1(y_2) - P''_1(y_2)}{P''_2(y_2)} \right). \quad (27)$$

For case (b),  $P_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta c}$ ,  $P'_2 = P''_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta d}$ ,  $S''_i = \int P''_i dy^*$ ,  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = y_b$ ,  $y_2 = h$ , and  $y_3 = y_n$ . For case (c),  $P_2 = P'_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta c}$ ,  $P''_2 = 1/\Gamma_{\theta d}$ ,  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $y_1 = h$ ,  $y_2 = y_b$ , and  $y_3 = y_n$ . (See Appendix A for the results of the integration of  $1/\Gamma_{\theta c}$ , etc.)

## 3. Application results

### 3.1. Smooth wall heat transfer

In order to confirm the effects of the corrected turbulent viscosity on the flow fields, Fig. 5 compares the mean velocity profiles in turbulent channel flows at the bulk Reynolds number,  $Re = 10^5$ . (The standard high Reynolds number

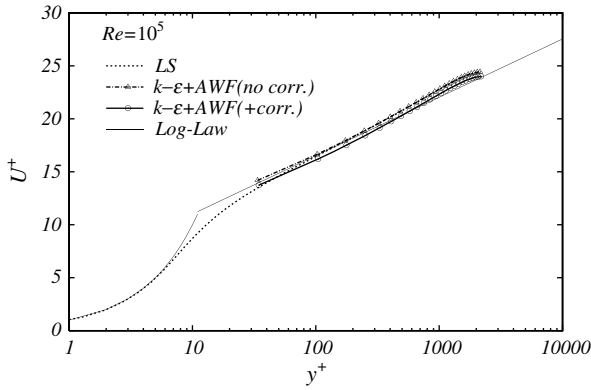


Fig. 5. Mean velocity profiles in turbulent smooth channel flows.

$k - \epsilon$  model [5] and the eddy diffusivity model with  $Pr_t = 0.9$  are used for the computation of the core fields of the present study.) Although the result by the  $\mu_t$  correction almost perfectly lies on the log-law line and there can be seen a slight discrepancy between the results with and without the correction, both the results well accord with the LRN Launder-Sharma (LS)  $k - \epsilon$  model [10] and the log-law profiles. (The meshes used for the AWF and the LRN computations have respectively 50 and 100 node points in the wall normal direction. Their first cell heights are  $y^+ \simeq 30$  and  $y^+ \simeq 0.2$ , respectively.) This confirms that the correction in the momentum equation may not be totally necessary for engineering flow field computations and thus the present study does not employ the correction for the flow field AWF. This means that the correction of  $\mu_t$  is made only in the energy equation in the present study.

Fig. 6 clearly indicates that without the correction, the AWF does not properly reproduce the logarithmic temperature profiles in high  $Pr$  flows ( $Pr \geq 5.0$ ). Note that the experimentally suggested logarithmic distribution by Kader [15] for a wide range of  $Pr$  is

$$\Theta^+ = 2.12 \ln(y^+ Pr) + (3.85 Pr^{1/3} - 1.3)^2. \quad (28)$$

In the case of  $Pr = 0.71$ , the profiles of the AWF with and without the correction are virtually identical and confirm that the near-wall correction of  $\mu_t$  is effective for flows at  $Pr > 1.0$ .

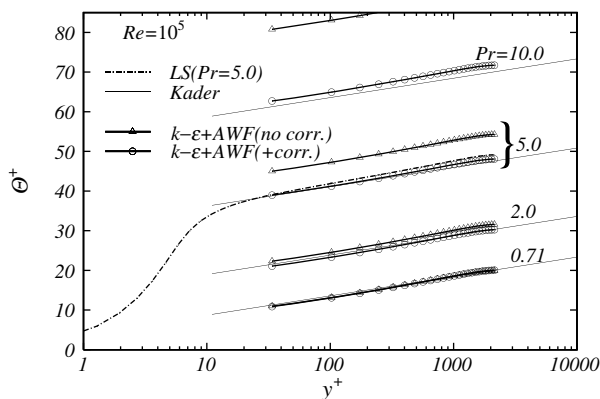


Fig. 6. Mean temperature profiles in turbulent smooth channel flows.

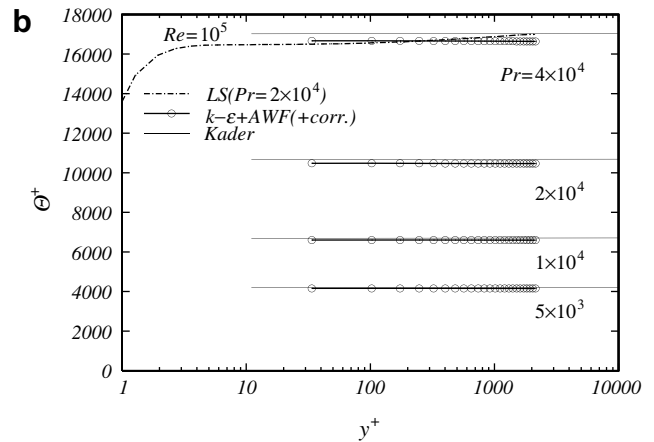
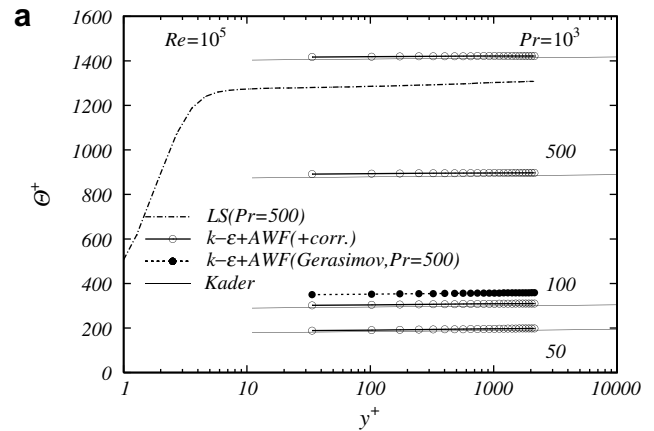


Fig. 7. Mean temperature profiles in turbulent smooth channel flows at higher  $Pr$ .

As shown in Fig. 7a, the corrected AWF proves its good performance in the range of  $50 \leq Pr \leq 10^3$ . However, both the LRN LS model and the AWF with Gerasimov's [13] effective molecular Prandtl number scheme fail to predict the thermal field at  $Pr = 500$ . The former predicts the temperature too high and the latter does too low. Fig. 7b also confirms that the corrected AWF performs well up to  $Pr = 4 \times 10^4$  though the LRN LS model predicts the thermal field too high. Note that the same grid resolution as that for  $Pr = 5.0$  is used in the LRN computations. This reasonably implies that the grid resolution used is too coarse and a much finer grid is needed for such a high  $Pr$  computations by the LRN models. Obviously, it highlights the merit of using the AWF which does not require a finer grid resolution for a higher  $Pr$  flow.

### 3.2. Rough wall heat transfer

Fig. 8 compares the predicted temperature fields of turbulent rough channel flows of  $h/D = 0.005, 0.01$  and  $0.03$ , ( $D$ : channel height). In the cases of  $h/D = 0.005, 0.01$ , the corresponding roughness Reynolds numbers are respectively  $h^+ \simeq 30, 60$  which are in the transitional roughness regime, while  $h/D = 0.03$  corresponds to  $h^+ \simeq 220$  which

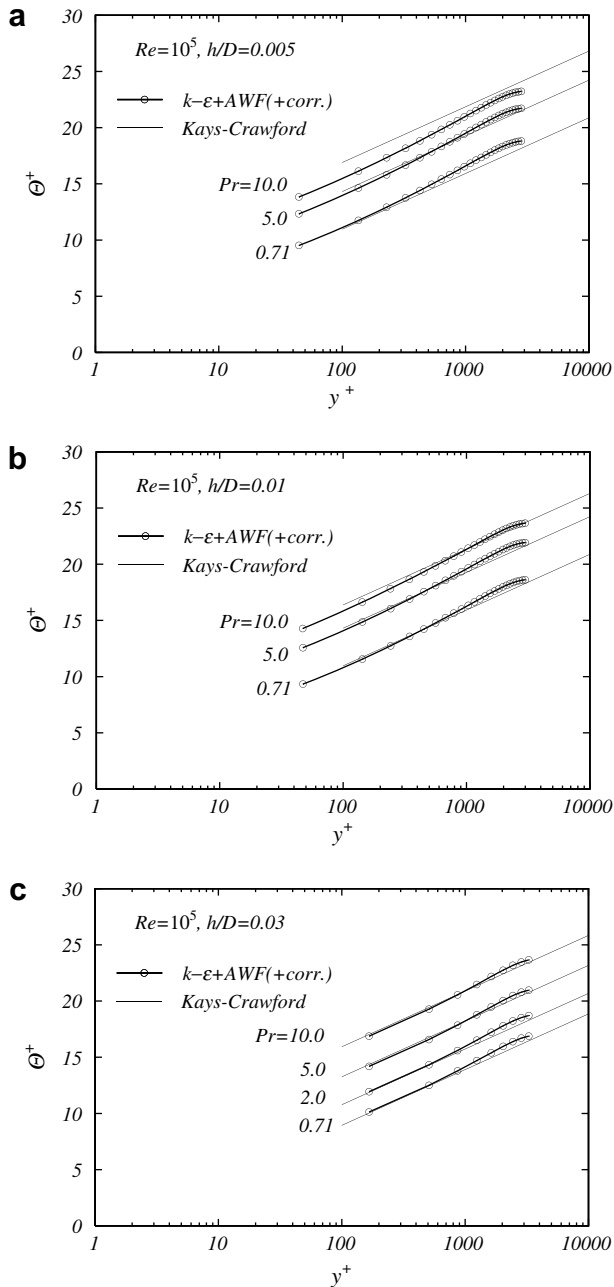


Fig. 8. Mean temperature profiles in turbulent rough channel flows.

is well in the fully rough regime. For each roughness case, it is obvious that the corrected AWF reasonably well reproduces the temperature distribution for rough walls [16]:

$$\Theta^+ = \frac{1}{0.8h^{+0.2}Pr^{-0.44}} + \frac{Pr_t}{\kappa} \ln \frac{32.6y^+}{h^+}, \quad (29)$$

where  $Pr_t = 0.9$  and  $\kappa = 0.418$ . This correlation is based on the experiments [17] of  $Pr = 1.20\text{--}5.94$  at the order of  $Re$  is  $10^4\text{--}10^5$ . Since experimental data for high  $Pr$  rough wall turbulent heat transfer are limited in the literature (as far as the author knows), discussions of flows at  $Pr > 10$  have not been made.

### 4. Conclusions

The analytical wall-function for thermal fields, which had been developed for application to problems with smooth and rough wall air flows, has been extended to account for the effects of the high fluid Prandtl number on turbulent heat transfer. The concluding remarks of the present study are:

- (1) By linking to the correct near-wall variation of turbulent viscosity:  $\mu_t \propto y^3$ , the improved scheme has proven its good performance in fully developed turbulent channel flows over a wide range of Prandtl numbers up to  $Pr = 4 \times 10^4$ , for smooth wall cases.
- (2) For flow fields and thermal fields at  $Pr \leq 1$ , it is not totally necessary to employ the correct near-wall variation of turbulent viscosity.
- (3) For rough wall cases, it is confirmed that the amended model function of  $Pr_t$  inside roughness elements enables the AWF to perform well in high  $Pr$  flows at least at  $Pr \leq 10$ .

Since the base model was validated in a wide range of complex air flow fields, the present model is reasonably thought to be useful in complex geometries as well. Further tests in such fields with high  $Pr$  fluids, however, should be made in the future.

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### Appendix A

The integrals of the functions are

$$\int \frac{1}{\Gamma_{0a}} dy^* = \int \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha Pr_t y^{*3}}{Pr_t}} dy^* = \frac{a}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(y^* + a)^2}{y^{*2} - ay^* + a^2} + \sqrt{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{2y^* - a}{a\sqrt{3}} \right\}, \quad (30)$$

$$\int \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_{0a}} dy^* = \int \frac{y^*}{1 + \frac{\alpha Pr_t y^{*3}}{Pr_t}} dy^* = \frac{a^2}{3} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(y^* + a)^2}{y^{*2} - ay^* + a^2} + \sqrt{3} \tan^{-1} \frac{2y^* - a}{a\sqrt{3}} \right\}, \quad (31)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\Gamma_{0b}} dy^* = \int \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha Pr_t (y^* - y_v^*)}{Pr_t}} dy^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_\theta} \ln |1 + \alpha_\theta (y^* - y_v^*)|, \quad (32)$$

$$\int \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_{\theta b}} dy^* = \int \frac{y^*}{1 + \frac{\alpha Pr(y^* - y_v^*)}{Pr_i}} dy^* = \frac{y^*}{\alpha_\theta} - \frac{1 - \alpha_\theta y_v^*}{\alpha_\theta^2} \ln |1 + \alpha_\theta(y^* - y_v^*)|, \quad (33)$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\theta d}} dy^* = \int \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha Pr(y^* - y_v^*)}{Pr_i^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*)}} dy^* = -\frac{\beta_T y^*}{\alpha_T - \beta_T} + \left\{ \frac{\beta_T \lambda_b}{(\alpha_T - \beta_T)^2} + \frac{1 + \beta_T h^*}{\alpha_T - \beta_T} \right\} \times \ln |(\alpha_T - \beta_T)y^* + \lambda_b|, \quad (34)$$

$$\int \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_{\theta d}} dy^* = \int \frac{y^*}{1 + \frac{\alpha Pr(y^* - y_v^*)}{Pr_i^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*)}} dy^* = -\frac{\beta_T y^{*2}}{2(\alpha_T - \beta_T)} + \left\{ \frac{\beta_T \lambda_b}{(\alpha_T - \beta_T)^2} + \frac{1 + \beta_T h^*}{\alpha_T - \beta_T} \right\} y^* - \left\{ \frac{\beta_T \lambda_b^2}{(\alpha_T - \beta_T)^3} + \frac{\lambda_b(1 + \beta_T h^*)}{(\alpha_T - \beta_T)^2} \right\} \times \ln |(\alpha_T - \beta_T)y^* + \lambda_b|, \quad (35)$$

where  $\alpha_\theta = \alpha Pr / Pr_i$ ,  $\alpha_T = \alpha Pr / Pr_i^\infty$ ,  $a = (\alpha' Pr / Pr_i)^{-1/3}$ ,

$$\beta_T = \begin{cases} C_h / (Pr_i^\infty h^*) & \text{for } y \leq h, \\ 0 & \text{for } h < y, \end{cases}$$

$\lambda_b = 1 - \beta_T h^* - \alpha y_v^*$ . (Note that integration constants are neglected in the results.)

$$\int \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\theta c}} dy^* = \int \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\alpha' Pr(y^* + \delta_v)^3}{Pr_i^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*)}} dy^* = \frac{\zeta}{\alpha'_T} \left[ -\left\{ \eta_c \beta_T - (\eta_a - \eta_b)(1 + \beta_T h^*) - \frac{\eta_b}{2}(1 + \beta_T[h^* + \eta_a]) \right\} \Phi(y) - \frac{1 + \beta_T(h^* + \eta_a)}{2} \ln |y^{*2} + \eta_b y^* + \eta_c| + \{1 + \beta_T(h^* + \eta_a)\} \ln |y^* + \eta_a| \right], \quad (36)$$

$$\int \frac{y^*}{\Gamma_{\theta c}} dy^* = \int \frac{y^*}{1 + \frac{\alpha' Pr(y^* + \delta_v)^3}{Pr_i^\infty + C_h \max(0, 1 - y^*/h^*)}} dy^* = \frac{\zeta}{\alpha'_T} \left[ \left\{ \eta_c(1 + \beta_T[h^* + \eta_a]) - \frac{\eta_b}{2}(\beta_T[\eta_a \eta_b - \eta_c] + \eta_a[1 + \beta_T h^*]) \right\} \Phi(y) + \frac{1}{2} \{ \beta_T[\eta_a \eta_b - \eta_c] + \eta_a(1 + \beta_T h^*) \} \ln |y^{*2} + \eta_b y^* + \eta_c| - \eta_a \{ 1 + \beta_T(h^* + \eta_a) \} \ln |y^* + \eta_a| \right], \quad (37)$$

where  $\alpha'_T = \alpha' Pr / Pr_i^\infty$ ,  $p = -\beta_T / (3\alpha'_T)$ ,  $q = \{1 + \beta_T(h^* + \delta_v)\} / (2\alpha'_T)$ ,

$$\xi = \begin{cases} \left( (-q + \sqrt{q^2 + p^3})^{1/3} + (-q - \sqrt{q^2 + p^3})^{1/3} \right) & \text{if } q^2 + p^3 \geq 0, \\ 2\sqrt{-p} \cos \left[ \frac{1}{3} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{q}{p\sqrt{-p}} \right) \right] & \text{if } q^2 + p^3 < 0, \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

$\eta_a = \delta_v - \xi$ ,  $\eta_b = 2\delta_v + \xi$ ,  $\eta_c = \delta_v^2 + \delta_v \xi + \xi^2 + 3p$ ,  $\zeta = 1 / \{ \eta_a(\eta_a - \eta_b) + \eta_c \}$ , and

$$\Phi(y) = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{\eta_b + 2y^*} & \text{if } \eta_b^2 - 4\eta_c = 0, \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{-\eta_b^2 + 4\eta_c}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\eta_b + 2y^*}{\sqrt{-\eta_b^2 + 4\eta_c}} \right) & \text{if } \eta_b^2 - 4\eta_c < 0, \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\eta_b^2 - 4\eta_c}} \ln \left| \frac{\eta_b + 2y^* - \sqrt{\eta_b^2 - 4\eta_c}}{\eta_b + 2y^* + \sqrt{\eta_b^2 - 4\eta_c}} \right| & \text{if } \eta_b^2 - 4\eta_c > 0. \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

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