

High-order simulation of zero mass jets for reduction of turbulent skin friction

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A 5th order MUSCL scheme is implemented in an inhouse flow solver (SHEFFlow) to investigate a unique active flow control method, using spanwise zero mass jets to manipulate the near-wall turbulence structure. Friction drag reduction has been achieved for a fully developed turbulent channel flow at $Re_b = 2800$, based on the bulk velocity and the half channel height. Direct numerical simulation (DNS) is employed to reveal the fundamental mechanisms of the drag reduction by accurately capturing the near-wall region. Statistical analysis has been used to process the data for the understanding of the flow physics. Implementing the 5th order MUSCL scheme in SHEFFlow has been numerically tested against the Taylor-Green vortex case [1] and the classic turbulent channel flow case [2]. Some examples of these tests include energy dissipation rate, turbulent profile comparisons, and probability density functions. After the verification of the high order method, SHEFFlow is used to simulate the flow control method by means of DNS. Drag reduction is achieved at a jet inclination angle between $60 \sim 85^\circ$. It is observed that with a proper jet inclination angle, the friction drag reduction comes from the fact that the mean velocity profile is dramatically twisted by the spanwise zero-mass-jets. Applying the 5th order MUSCL scheme in SHEFFlow helps us to investigate the near-wall region by accurately capturing the turbulent structures.

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