



# Transition in a swept-boundary layer subject to surface roughness and free-stream turbulence

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## Introduction



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sweep







# **RECEPT Experiment**

Main goal: Critical size roughness element.

## Parameters:

- Sweep angle = 35°
- Angle of attack = -5°
- Velocity (m/s) = 9, 18, 27
- Height R-E (mm) = 0.2, 0.4, 0.8
- Diameter R-E (mm) = 8, 16, 32
- Turbulence level = 0.03%, 0.3%, 0.8%



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#### **RECEPT Experiment**

Test cases, roughness elements (R-E) diameters (mm) within the red boarder										
R-E height [µm]	Grid #: Speed U <sub>MTT</sub> [m/s]	0 (Tu =0.03%)			1 (Tu =0.3%)			2 (Tu =0.8%)		
200	9	8	16	32	8	16	32	$\ge$	$\ge$	$\ge$
	18	8	16	32	8	16	32	$\ge$	$\succ$	imes
	27	8	16	32	8	16	32	8	16	32
400	9	8	16	32	8	16	32	8	16	32
	15	imes	imes	imes	imes	$\succ$	imes	$\succ$	16	imes
	17	8	imes	imes	imes	imes	imes	$\ge$	imes	imes
	18	8	16	32	8	16	32	8	16	32
	22	$\succ$	16	$\succ$	$\succ$	16	$\succ$	$\succ$	$\succ$	$\times$
	27	8	16	32	8	16	32	8	16	32
800	9	8	16	32	8	16	32	$\succ$	$\succ$	$\times$
	18	8	16	32	8	16	32	$\succ$	imes	imes
	27	8	16	32	8	16	32	$\ge$	$\ge$	$\times$
	No observable effect:		Slight effect:			Effect:		Tra	nsition :	

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## **Comparison Boundary layer solver and 2D DNSs**





#### Boundary layer at the roughness element location





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## We can observe high and low speed streaks behind the roughness







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Friction coefficient





#### Impulse-Response

Linear analysis:

Initial condition: Wave-packet disturbance

 $\psi = xy^3 e^{-(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \qquad (u, v, w) = (\psi_y, -\psi_x, 0)$ 

placed upstream the RE and alligned with streamline.

## We studied the evolution of the initial disturbance .

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Bech *et al*, Linear and non linear development of localized disturbances in zero and adverse pressure gradient boundary-layers, Phys. Fluids, 1998.





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#### **Results: Direct Numerical Simulations**

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Friction coefficient





$$d/h = 20$$
$$h = 2.0\delta^*$$
$$Tu \approx 0.0\%$$



Isosurface of negative (blue) and positive (red) streamwise velocity.

d/h = 20 $h = 1.44\delta^*$  $Tu \approx 0.3\%$ 





























































































#### Conclusions

For  $h=1.44\delta^*\,(Re_{hh}=461)\,$  we can observe different scenario depending on the level of disturbance :

For  $Tu\approx 0\%$  a steady solution is found for every aspect ratio investigated.

For  $Tu\approx 0.03\%~$  disturbances grows traveling downstream and forms turbulent spots.

For  $Tu\approx 0.3\%\,$  transition take places in the low speed region behind the roughness.

For  $h = 2.0\delta^*$   $(Re_{hh} = 712)$  transition take place without introducing any disturbance.



Thank you for your attention.















#### Conclusions

- For  $h = 1.44\delta^* \ (0.8 \ mm)$  steady solutions are obtained for all diameters.
- Impulse response analysis showed that the disturbance weakly grows up to x/c = 0.1 downstream the roughness and that the disturbance is adavected dowstream.
- For  $h = 2\delta^*$  we can observe transition without introducing any other disturbance.
- Transition take place for  $h=1.44\delta^*\,$  when a we introduce a free stream turbulence  $\,Tu\approx 0.3\%\,$
- When we consider a turbulence level  $\,Tu\approx 0.03\%\,$  turbulent spots are generated and then advected downstream
- For both turbulence levels of free stream turbulence the results are consistent with the observation of the experiment















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$$\phi = 16 \, mm, \ h = 1.44 \delta^*$$





d/h = 20 $h = 1.44\delta^*$  $Tu \approx 0.0\%$ 



Var. y\_velocity 5.000 0.002500 0.00500 0.007500 0.01000 Mar. 0.0778 Min: 0.000

d/h = 20 $h = 2.0\delta^*$  $Tu \approx 0.0\%$ 





0.000 0.002200 0.02000 0.02/200 0.01000 Max 0.1005 Max 0.000



d/h = 20 $h = 1.44\delta^*$  $Tu \approx 0.0\%$ 



2000 2002200 200500 2007200 201000 Max 207978 Min: 2000

0.000 0.002500 0.005000 0.007500 0.01000

Max: 0.08052 Min: 0.000

Produced

$$h = 1.44\delta^*$$
$$Tu \approx 0.3\%$$

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d/h = 20



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$$Tu \approx 0.3\%$$





0.000 0.002.000 0.00000 0.00000 0.00000

Max: 0.1065 Min: 0.000









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#### Nek5000

Numerical domain decomposed in hexahedral elements

Variables expressed in terms of Lagrange interpolants on the Gauss-Lobatto-Legendre quadrature points.

$$u(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{u}_i \phi_i(\mathbf{x})$$





Continuity enforced at the boundaries of each element

N points used for velocity, N-2 for pressure to avoid spurious modes

Third-order implicit discretization in time for viscous terms and thirdorder explicit for the non-linear terms





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Incompressible Navier-Stokes solver

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$
$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial x_i} + \frac{1}{Re} \frac{\partial^2 u_i}{\partial x_i^2} + f_i$$

The equations are solved using a Spectral Element Menthod [2]

Complex geometries and high order method

## Highly scalable code [3]

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