# Stabilized finite element technique and its application for turbulent flow with high Reynolds number

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**Abstract.** In this paper, a stabilized large eddy simulation technique is developed to predict turbulent flow with high Reynolds number. Streamline Upwind Petrov-Galerkin (SUPG) stabilized method and three-step technique are both implemented for the finite element formulation of Smagorinsky sub-grid scale (SGS) model. Temporal discretization is performed using three-step technique with viscous term treated implicitly. And the pressure is computed from Poisson equation derived from the incompressible condition. Then two numerical examples of turbulent flow with high Reynolds number are discussed. One is lid driven flow at  $Re = 10^5$  in a triangular cavity, the other is turbulent flow past a square cylinder at Re = 22000. Results show that the present technique can effectively suppress the instabilities of turbulent flow caused by traditional FEM and well predict the unsteady flow even with coarse mesh.

**Keywords:** large eddy simulation; finite element method; high Reynolds number; Streamline Upwind Petrov-Galerkin; subgrid-scale model.

# 1. Introduction

Among a number of existing numerical techniques for predicting turbulent flow, large eddy simulation (LES) appears to be one of the most promising approaches (Itoh and Tamura 2008, Jimenez *et al.* 2008, Uchida and Ohya 2003). In LES, the fluctuating motions of turbulence can be computed exactly except for the eddy smaller than the grid size. Early LES computations were based on the Smagorinsky model (SM) for the sub-grid scales (SGS) (Smagorinsky 1963). Potential of this scheme has been clearly demonstrated by Deardorff (1970). And some other SGS models have been proposed such as the scale similarity model (Bardina *et al.* 1980) and the dynamic sub-grid scale model (Germano *et al.* 1991).

For the advantages of dealing with complex geometry and boundary conditions, finite element method (FEM) has been widely used for the predictions of various fluid dynamic problems. However, classic Galerkin FEM meets great problem when applied to solve fluid flow with high Reynolds number as it is mentioned by Collis and Heinkenschloss (2002). In order to overcome this drawback, some stabilized finite element formulations have been developed by many researchers for decades. Among them, Streamline Upwind Petrov-Galerkin (SUPG) method is famous which was proposed by Brooks and Hughes (1982) and further developed by Hughes *et al.* (1986) and

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Tezduyar (2007).

Besides, there are some other stabilized methods such as Galerkin least Square techniques (Hughes *et al.* 1989, Franca and Frey 1992), characteristic Galerkin method (Zienkiewicz and Codina 1995, Bao *et al.* 2010a, b) and finite calculus method (Oñate 1998). Based on the Taylor-Galerkin method developed by Donea *et al.* (1984) and Selmin *et al.* (1985), the three-step finite element method developed by Jiang and Kawahara (1993) has been proved to be effective, stable and accurate for turbulent flow with high Reynolds number.

Recently, a 2-D Streamline Upwind Petrov/Galerkin (SUPG) finite element model was developed for coupled convection-diffusion equation in the feed channel (Ma *et al.* 2004). Pain and Eaton (2006) present a space-time Streamline Upwind Petrov-Galerkin formulation for the time-dependent Boltzmann transport equation. Ramakrishnan and Collis (2006) obtain good numerical results with variational multiscale method for large-eddy simulation. Buchan *et al.* (2008) present a new multiscale radiation transport method of the Boltzmann transport equation. Becker and Vexler (2007) present a stabilization scheme on coarse mesh in the convection dominated case. And Heinkenschloss and Leykekhman (2008) derive local error estimates for the discretization of optimal control problems using the Streamline Upwind Petrov/Galerkin (SUPG) stabilized finite element method.

In this paper, turbulent flow with high Reynolds number is concerned. Because the weak form of the finite element formulations added with the SUPG stabilized term has better stability properties with strongly consistent stabilization (Collis and Heinkenschloss 2002), the formulation of Smagorinsky SGS model with SUPG stabilized method is applied. The theory and efficiency of the SUPG stabilized term in the weak form are introduced and discussed by Brooks and Hughes (1982). The same order interpolation for the velocity and pressure is employed for the spatial discretization, and the three-step technique is applied for the temporal discretization where viscous term is treated implicitly. The Poisson equation is derived from the incompressible condition.

For the verification of present method, the numerical examples of lid driven flow in a triangular cavity at  $Re = 10^5$  and flow past a square cylinder at Re = 22000 are operated. Results show that present method is stable and efficient for the simulation of fluid flow with high Reynolds number.

## 2. Governing equations

#### 2.1 LES governing equations

The governing equations of Smagorinsky SGS model for incompressible flow are as follows (Smagorinsky 1963)

$$u_{i,i} = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$u_{i,t} + u_j u_{i,j} = -(p/\rho + 2k/3)_{,i} + [(v + v_t)(u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})]_{,j}$$
(2)

where  $v_t = (C_S h)^2 (2S_{ij}^2)^{0.5}$ ,  $S_{ij} = (u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})/2$ ,  $h = (h_1 h_2 h_3)^{1/3}$  for 3D and  $(h_1 h_2)^{1/2}$  for 2D, and  $k = (v_t / (C_k h))^2$ . *u* and *p* are the velocity and pressure respectively, *t* is the time, *v* is 1/Re as kinematic viscosity, *Re* is Reynolds number,  $v_t$  is the turbulent eddy viscosity,  $S_{ij}$  is the strain rate tensor, *k* is the SGS turbulent kinetic energy,  $h_{1,h_2,h_3}$  are the element volume sizes in three directions,  $\rho$  is the density of

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fluid. Constants used here,  $C_S = 0.15$ ,  $C_k = 0.094$  are suggested by Murakami and Mochida (1995).

# 2.2 Finite element formulations for LES

The weak form of the momentum equation can be actualized via Eq.(2) multiplying the velocity test function and added with SUPG stabilized term as follows (Brooks and Hughes 1982)

$$\int_{\Omega} \left[ \delta u_i (u_{i,t} + u_j u_{i,j}) + \sigma_{ij} \delta u_{i,j} \right] d\Omega - \int_{\Gamma^h} \sigma_{ij} n_j \delta u_i d\Gamma + \sum_{e=1}^{n_{el}} \int_{\Omega^f} \tau_{\text{SUPG}} u_j \delta u_{i,j} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + u_j u_{i,j} - \sigma_{ij,j} \right) d\Omega = 0$$
(3)

where  $n_{el}$  is the number of elements,  $\delta u_i$  is the velocity test function,  $n_j$  is the normal unit vector of the computational boundary  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Omega$  is the computational domain,  $\Omega^e$  is the element domain and  $\sigma_{ij}$  is the stress tensor given by

$$\sigma_{ij} = -(p/\rho + 2k/3)\delta_{ij} + (v + v_t)(u_{i,j} + u_{j,i})$$
(4)

and the stabilized parameter  $\tau_{SUPG}$  is defined as follow from Dettmer and Peric (2006)

$$\tau_{SUPG} = \frac{h^e}{2u^e \rho} z \qquad z = \frac{\beta_1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\beta_1}{\beta_2 R e^e}\right)^2}} \quad Re^e = \frac{u^e h^e}{2v}$$
(5)

where  $h^e$ ,  $u^e$  and  $Re^e$  represent the characteristic element size, convective velocity and the Reynolds number of an element respectively. And  $\beta_1$  defines the limits of z as  $Re^e$  near to infinite and  $\beta_2$ define the derivative  $dz/dRe^e$  at  $Re^e = 0$ . In this work,  $\beta_1 = 1$  and  $\beta_2 = 1/3$  have been obtained, and the characteristic element size is defined as the diameter of a circle which area is equal to the element area.

# 3. Numerical schemes

#### 3.1 Spatial discretization

The spatial discretization of Eq.(3) is performed with the velocity and pressure both employing the same order interpolation. Thus the trial function and the test function for velocity and pressure are both expressed as  $\Phi_l$ , and the velocity and pressure of an element are described as

$$u_i = \Phi_I u_{iI} \qquad p = \Phi_I p_I \tag{6}$$

where  $u_{iI}$  is the *i* directional velocity of node *I*,  $p_I$  is the pressure of node *I*.

Substituting Eq.(6) into Eq.(3), the finite element formulation for momentum equation is expressed as

$$M_{IJ}\frac{\partial u_{iJ}}{\partial t} + N_{IJ}u_{iJ} - G_{iIJ}p_J + H_{iI} + D_{IJ}u_{iJ} - B_{iI} = 0$$
(7)

where the basis matrices of elements are obtained as

$$M_{IJ} = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I} \Phi_{J} d\Omega + \tau_{SUPG} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,j} \Phi_{J} \Phi_{K} u_{jK} d\Omega$$
(8)

$$N_{IJ} = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I} u_{iK} \Phi_{K} \Phi_{J,i} d\Omega + \tau_{SUPG} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,j} \Phi_{L} u_{jL} \Phi_{K} u_{jK} \Phi_{jJ} d\Omega$$
(9)

$$G_{iIJ} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\Omega}} \Phi_{I,i} \Phi_{J} d\Omega - \tau_{SUPG} \frac{1}{\rho_{\Omega}} \Phi_{I,j} \Phi_{K} u_{jK} \Phi_{J,i} d\Omega$$
(10)

$$H_{iI} = (v + v_t) \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,j} \Phi_{J,i} u_{jJ} d\Omega - \frac{2}{3} k \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,i} d\Omega$$
(11)

$$D_{IJ} = (v + v_t) \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,j} \Phi_{J,j} d\Omega$$
(12)

$$B_{iI} = \int_{\Gamma} \Phi_I \sigma_{ij} n_j d\Gamma$$
(13)

# 3.2 Temporal discretization

Three-step technique is applied here for the temporal discretization with viscous term treated implicitly and the formulation of the momentum equation at each step is expressed as below (Jiang and Kawahara 1993)

$$M_{IJ}^{n} \frac{u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} - n_{iJ}^{n}}{\Delta t/3} = -N_{IJ}^{n} n_{iJ}^{n} + G_{iIJ}^{n} P_{J}^{n} - H_{IJ}^{n} - u_{IJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} + B_{iI}^{n}$$
(14)

$$M_{IJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} \frac{u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} - u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}}}{\Delta t/3} = -N_{IJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} + G_{iIJ}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} P_{J}^{n} - H_{iI}^{n+\frac{1}{3}} - D_{IJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} + B_{iI}^{n+\frac{1}{3}}$$
(15)

$$M_{IJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} \frac{u_{iJ}^{n+1} - u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}}}{\Delta t/3} = -N_{IJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} \frac{u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} + G_{iIJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}}}{u_{iJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} + G_{iIJ}^{n+\frac{2}{3}}} P_{J}^{n+1} - H_{iI}^{n+\frac{2}{3}} - D_{IJ}^{n+1} u_{iJ}^{n+1} + B_{iI}^{n+\frac{2}{3}}$$
(16)

where  $\Delta t$  represents the length of time increment, the superscripts of n,  $n + \frac{1}{3}$  and  $n + \frac{2}{3}$  denote steps of time increment respectively.

# 3.3 Finite element formulation for pressure equation

Before calculating the velocity  $u_i^{n+1}$  from Eq.(16), the pressure  $p^{n+1}$  has to be confirmed. By taking the divergence of both sides of Eq.(2) and considering the incompressible condition of  $u_{i,j}^{n+1} = 0$ , the Poisson equation is obtained as

$$\frac{p_{,ii}^{n+1}}{\rho} = \frac{u_{i,i}^{n}}{\Delta t} - \left(u_{j}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}u_{i,j}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}\right), i + (v + v_{i})\left(u_{i,j}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} + u_{i,j}^{n+\frac{1}{2}}\right), ij - \frac{2}{3}k_{,ii}^{n}$$
(17)

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where  $u^{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \left(u^{n+\frac{1}{3}} + u^{n+\frac{2}{3}}\right)/2$ 

Using the trial function and the test function of Eq.(6), and considering k and  $i_t$  evaluated at the center of element, the finite element formulation for pressure is shown as

$$S_{IJ}p_J^{n+1} = Q_{IIJ}u_{IJ}^n - R_{IIJ}u_{IJ}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} - T_I$$
(18)

where the basis matrices of element are obtained as

$$S_{IJ} = \frac{1}{\rho} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,i} \Phi_{J,i} d\Omega$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

$$Q_{iIJ} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{J,i} d\Omega$$
<sup>(20)</sup>

$$R_{iIJ} = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_{I,j} \Phi_J \Phi_{K,i} u_{jK}^{n+\frac{1}{2}} d\Omega$$
(21)

$$T_{I} = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{\Gamma} \Phi_{I}(u_{i}^{n+1} - u_{i}^{n}) n_{i} d\Gamma$$
(22)

# 4. Numerical examples

# 4.1 Lid driven flow in a triangular cavity at $Re = 10^5$

In this section, a lid driven flow of  $Re = 10^5$  in a triangular cavity is considered. A horizontal velocity (U=1.0) is prescribed on the top side which length H=1.0, while the no-slip boundary condition is imposed on the other two sides. Biconjugate gradient solver is employed to solve this system.

The mesh system and boundary conditions of computational domain are shown in Fig. 1, where 1310 unstructured elements are used to discretize the triangular cavity and the time increment is



Fig. 1 Finite element mesh and boundary conditions



Fig. 2 Velocity vector and streamline of fluid flow at t = 100 for  $Re = 10^5$ 

0.01 for this prediction.

Figs. 2(a) and (b) show the velocity vector and the streamline distribution in the triangular cavity by present computation at t = 100 respectively. There is one main vortex in the middle due to the boundary conditions of this problem. And in the left and down corners there are small and disordered vortices showing the flow characteristics by LES.

Figs. 3, 4 and 5 show the horizontal velocity (u) field, vertical velocity (v) field and pressure (p) field at t = 100 predicted by present method and predicted without SUPG respectively. It can be seen that the velocities and pressure fields by present method are very fluent, but those without SUPG exist obvious numerical oscillations, showing that present method has good stabilization for velocities and pressure fields than the normal method without stabilization strategy.

#### 4.2 Turbulent flow past a square cylinder at Re = 22000

Two dimensional (2D) turbulent flow past a square cylinder under Re = 22000 is simulated. The



Fig. 3 Horizontal velocity (*u*) field at t = 100 for  $Re = 10^5$ 

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Fig. 5 Pressure (*p*) field at t = 100 for  $Re = 10^5$ 

same 2D and 3D numerical simulations are also predicted by Hasebe and Nomura (2009), as well as Tutar and Celik (2007). The computational domain, boundary conditions and mesh system of present study are shown in Fig. 6. The characteristic velocity (U) in streamwise direction from left inlet and the characteristic length (H) of the square cylinder are both unit value. The distances upstream and downstream of the square cylinder are 5H and 10H respectively while the width of the region is 7H. Uniform mesh system with 5027 rectangle elements, which grid size is about 0.143, are used to discretize the computational domain. The uniform and coarse meshes applied here are for the verification of the stabilization and the capability of yielding accurate prediction by present method. And the time increment of 0.01 and total time of 500 are applied for the computation.

#### 4.2.1 Flow patterns analysis

Flow past square cylinder at Re = 22000 is visualized by velocity vector, streamline distribution, and vorticity distribution. Then streamwise (x-directional) velocity (u) fields, lateral (y-directional)





(b) mesh Fig. 6 Geometry, boundary conditions and mesh

velocity (v) fields and pressure fields (p) based on the present prediction and the prediction without SUPG are compared to verify the stability effect.

Figs. 7(a), (b) and (c) show the velocity vector near the cylinder, the streamline distribution and vorticity distribution of flow by present computation at t = 100 respectively. And Figs. 8, 9 and 10 show the comparison of streamwise velocity (*u*) field, lateral velocity (*v*) field and pressure (*p*) field computed by present method and by the method without SUPG at t = 100 respectively.

It can be seen that the separation of flow happens at the upwind corners where the strong vorticities are produced, spread downstream and form vortex street behind the square cylinder with clockwise and anticlockwise vorticity alternately. And the positive pressure exists on the front face of the square cylinder, and the minus pressure (suction) exists on the side and rear faces of the square cylinder.

From Figs. 8, 9 and 10, it can be observed that the present method gains stable flow fields, while the results without SUPG have obvious numerical oscillations, showing that the present method has good stabilization for simulation of fluid fields even with coarse elements.

#### 4.2.2 Aerodynamic forces analysis

The periodic vortex shedding phenomena by separated flow past bluff body will cause fluctuation of forces. Some of the parameters are used to characterize the flow behavior, such as the drag coefficient  $C_d$ , lift coefficient  $C_l$  and the Strouhal number  $S_l$  defined as

$$C_d = F_d / (0.5 \rho U^2 H)$$
(23)

$$C_1 = F_1 / (0.5\rho U^2 H) \tag{24}$$

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(a) velocity vector of local fluid domain





(b) streamline distribution

(c) vorticity distribution

Fig. 7 Velocity vector and streamline of fluid flow at t = 100 for Re = 22000



(a) Present method

(b) LES without SUPG

Fig. 8 Streamwise velocity (*u*) field at t = 100 for Re = 22000



(a) Present method

(b) LES without SUPG

Fig. 9 Lateral velocity (v) field at t = 100 for Re = 22000



Fig. 10 Pressure (p) field at t = 100 for Re = 22000

$$S_t = (H)/(UT) \tag{25}$$

where  $F_d$  and  $F_l$  are the drag and lift forces, T is the vortex shedding period.

Fig. 11(a) and (b) show the time history and the power spectrum of drag coefficient  $(C_d)$ . It can be seen that the fluctuation of the drag coefficient  $(C_d)$  has an unalterable mean value unequal to zero and there are more than one key frequency components in the power spectrum of drag coefficient  $(C_d)$ . Figs. 12(a) and (b) show the time history and the power spectrum of lift coefficient  $(C_l)$ . Obviously it can be seen that the fluctuation of the lift coefficient  $(C_l)$  has a mean value equal



Fig. 11 Time history and power spectrum of drag coefficient ( $C_d$ ) for Re = 22000



Fig. 12 Time history and power spectrum of lift coefficient  $(C_l)$  for Re = 22000

	Computational cases		Re	$S_t$	$C_d$		$C_l$
					Mean	RMS	RMS
Present	2D LES	FEM	22000	0.142	2.44	0.20	1.03
Case A	2D LES	FEM	22000	0.147	2.02	0.11	0.87
Case B	2D LES	FEM	22000	0.137	2.31	0.26	1.15
Jeong and Koh (2002)	RNG k-ε	FEM	22000	0.144	2.39	-	-
Murakami and Mochida (1995)	2D LES	FEM	22000	0.132	2.09	-	-
Lee and Bienkiewicz (1998)	3D LES	FEM	22000	0.134	2.06	0.33	1.214
Lyn and Rodi (1989)	Exp.	-	22000	0.135	2.14	-	-
Durao et al. (1998)	Exp.	-	22000	0.139	-	-	-
Franke and Rodi (1993)	2D RSE	FVM	22000	0.136	2.15	-	-
Yu and Kareem (1997)	3D LES	FDM	100000	0.135	2.14	0.25	1.15

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Table 1 Comparison of vortex shedding parameters with results of other references

to zero and there is one main frequency component in the power spectrum of lift coefficient  $(C_l)$ .

The time-averaged (mean) and RMS (root mean square) values of drag coefficient ( $C_d$ ) and lift coefficient  $(C_l)$ , and the Strouhal number  $S_l$  predicted by present computation are compared with the results from others in Table 1. For the verification of mesh independence, the results from other two cases are also shown. They are Case A containing 2775 rectangle elements with mesh size of 0.2, and Case B with 11000 rectangle elements, which mesh size is 0.1. It can be seen that the present method gains acceptable results compared with results from other researchers, and present predictions would become worse with the coarseness of the meshes.

#### 4.2.3 Velocity fields analysis

The mean and RMS values of velocities at some typical positions are compared with the results from other researchers. The time-averaged (mean) value of the streamwise velocity (u) downstream of the square cylinder, along the plane of symmetry is compared with the numerical and experiment data from other researchers in Fig. 13. It can be seen that present results get a fairly close to the experiment data from Durao et al. (1998), which means that present prediction gets a right vortex shedding phenomena behind the square cylinder compared with experimental and numerical results.

The Fig. 14(a) and (b) show the RMS values of streamwise velocity (u) and lateral velocity (v)along centerline, downstream of cylinder. The RMS value of streamwise velocity (u) by the present method gets rough agreement with data from Lyn et al. (1995), but having a higher prediction in the field of  $2H \le x \le 4H$  downstream of cylinder, which means that present method has exorbitant streamwise oscillation prediction in that field. The RMS value of lateral velocity (v) does not agree well with Lyn et al. (1995) in the area far from the cylinder, which means that present method gets exorbitant lateral oscillation prediction in the field of x > 4H.

Fig.15(a) and (b) compare the mean and RMS values of streamwise velocity(u) distribution from present results with data from others at the location 0.5H downstream of the leeward face of the cylinder. It can be seen that both the mean value and the RMS value of the streamwise velocity (u) from the present data agree well with the experimental data from Lyn et al. (1995) and Durao et al. (1998).

Fig. 16(a) and (b) compare the mean and RMS values of lateral velocity(v) distribution from



Fig. 13 Time-averaged streamwise velocity (u) along centerline, downstream of cylinder



Fig. 14 RMS values of streamwise velocity (u) and lateral velocity (v) along centerline, downstream of cylinder



Fig. 15 Time-averaged and RMS values of streamwise velocity (u) profile



Fig. 16 Time-averaged and RMS values of lateral velocity (v) profile

present results with data from others at the location 0.5H downstream of the leeward face of the cylinder. We can see that the mean value of the lateral velocity (*v*) from the present data doesn't agree well with the experimental data near the cylinder but with right trend. Present prediction gets overestimate for mean lateral velocity in the field of y < 1.0H. And the present RMS value of lateral velocity (*v*) profile agrees reasonably with the experimental results but with a little discrepancy, which is acceptable compared with results form Lee *et al.* (1995).

Though there are differences between the experimental data and the results by present method, it is obvious that present results get acceptable prediction and right trend with the experimental data even with coarse mesh. And the present results could be closer to experimental data if finer mesh is applied. Thus the stabilization of present method and the capability of yielding to accurate prediction are testified.

# 5. Conclusions

This paper presents a stabilized finite element formulation for large eddy simulation to predict turbulent flow with high Reynolds number. In order to overcome the numerical oscillation caused by traditional FEM for solving turbulent flow, the SUPG stabilized form is implemented with the Smagorinsky sub-grid scale model to build the FEM weak equations of turbulent flow. And three-step technique is applied for temporal discretization. Then lid driven flow at  $Re = 10^5$  in a triangular cavity and flow past square cylinder at Re = 22000 with coarse mesh are applied as numerical examples. Results show that present method can effectively suppress the computational instabilities of velocities and pressure fields, and yield to accurate prediction with coarse mesh for solving turbulent flow with high Reynolds number.

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#### List of symbols

$u_i$ <i>i</i> directional velo	city
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- *p* pressure
- t time
- *v* kinematic viscosity
- $v_t$  turbulent eddy viscosity
- *Re* Reynolds number
- $\rho$  density of fluid
- *k* SGS turbulent kinetic energy
- $S_{ij}$  strain rate tensor
- *h* element volume size

$C_S, C_k$	parameters of LES
$\delta u_i$	velocity test function
n <sub>j</sub>	normal unit vector
$\sigma_{ij}$	stress tensor
Г	computational boundary
$\Omega$	computational domain
$arOmega^e$	element domain
n <sub>el</sub>	number of elements
$ au_{SUPG}$	stabilized parameter of SUPG
$h^e$	characteristic size of an element
u <sup>e</sup>	characteristic convective velocity of an element
$Re^{e}$	Reynolds number of an element
$\beta_1, \beta_2, z$	process parameters of SUPG
$u_{iI}$	<i>i</i> directional velocity of node <i>I</i>
$p_I$	pressure of node I
$\Phi_{l}$	trial and test function of FEM
M, N, G, H, D, B	basis matrices of element for momentum equation
S, Q, R, T	basis matrices of element for pressure equation
U	characteristic velocity
Н	characteristic length
u	horizontal velocity
v	vertical velocity
$F_d$	drag force
$F_l$	lift force
$C_d$	drag coefficient
$C_l$	lift coefficient
$S_t$	Strouhal number
Т	vortex shedding period