

Nano-Particle Image Velocimetry (nPIV); Data Reduction Challenges



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nPIV

- New diagnostic technique to study near-wall flows at the sub-micron ("nano") scale
- Measure two components of nearly instantaneous velocity parallel to wall

[Li and Yoda, Exp Fluids , 2008]

- Extension of standard (macroscale) PIV
 - Use evanescent-wave illumination: TIR
 - Seed flow with neutrally buoyant fluorescent particles
 - Record tracer particle images over time
 - Particle velocity ≈ flow velocity



nPIV: IMPLEMENTATION

- Illuminate flow with evanescent wave from TIR of light at solid-fluid interface
- Occurs at angle of incidence $\theta > \theta_c = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)$
- Evanescent wave propagates parallel to wall

• Intensity
$$\propto \exp\{-z/z_p\}$$
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 Brownian motion causes particle drop out/in illumination region

[Sadr et al., Exp. Fluids, 2005]



BROWNIAN MOTION

- Random motion of submicron particles in a fluid due to thermal energy kI
 - Brownian diffusion hindered by wall
 - Out-of-plane (z) diffusion



[Bevan & Prieve 2000]

 $D_{\rm B^{+}} = 0.47 D_{\rm B^{\infty}}$ for h/a = 1(*a*=50nm, T=300 K)

• Over
$$\Delta t = 6.5 \text{ ms} (f = 153 \text{ Hz})$$

$$\delta z_{\rm B\perp} = 160 \text{ nm for } h/a = 1$$

Langevin equation

$$\Delta \vec{x} = \sum_{t=0}^{t=\Delta t} \left\{ (\vec{\nabla} \cdot D) \delta t + \chi \delta \vec{r} \right\}$$

• χ =Normally distributed random numbers ; mean=0 , σ =1



SURFACE FORCESS

Surface

effects

Electrostatic force

• $F_{el} = f_n(k, T, a, \varepsilon_0, \varepsilon, e, \lambda, \zeta_p, \zeta_w)$ ϵ = permibility, e = elementry charge γ = Debye lengths, ζ = Zeta potential [Oberholzer et al., J Chem Phys 1997]

- van der Waals forces
 - $F_{vdw} = f_n(z, a)$
- Buoyancy forces,
 - $F_b = f_n(V, \rho_f, \rho_p)$
- Langevin Equation $\Delta \vec{x} = \sum_{t=0}^{t=\Delta t} \left\{ \left(\vec{\nabla} \cdot D \right) \delta t + \chi \delta \vec{r} + \left(\frac{D}{kT} F \delta t \right) \right\}$



SIMULATION PARAMETERS

 $U_{c} = G \cdot \left(\frac{Z_{v}}{2} + a\right)$

- Tracer: size and number density
- Fluid: velocity profile:

- Hindered Brownian motion
- Surface and Buoyancy forces
- Illumination characteristics:
 - Uniform, $Z_v = 280 \text{ nm}$ (non real!)
 - Linear, $Z_v = 280 \text{ nm}$ (non real!)
 - Exponentially decaying, Z_p = 120 nm (real)
- Camera characteristics: shot and electronic noise

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MEASURED MEAN VELOCITY

Shear flow with no Brownian motion

- Light illumination profiles:
 - Uniform, $I = I_0$ for $0 \le z \le z_v + a$

• Linear,
$$I = \frac{I_{noise} - I_0}{z}(z-a) + I_0$$

• Exponential,
$$I = I_0 \exp \left\{ \frac{z}{z} \right\}$$

- Decaying Light illumination affects measured velocity for shear flow
- Strongest effect is for exponentially decaying light

$$\Omega = \frac{\Delta t \cdot U_c}{r_s \rightarrow \rightarrow} \text{ search radius}$$



study in this work, i.e. *G=1000 to 3000 s*⁻¹



BIAS IN PIV DATA REDUCTION RESULTS

No Surface effects

- Shear flow without Brownian motion
 - Significant effect of illumination
 - Small effect of time delay
 - No affect of shear
- Shear flow with Brownian motion
 - Significant effect for illumination
 - Significant effect for time interval
 - Effect of shear depends on all shear, illumination, and time interval



EFFECT OF CORRECTION FACTORS

Surface effects

Correction factors for Brownian motion

$$F(\Omega_{*}) = \langle U \rangle / U_{c} = 0.21 + (1 - 0.21) \exp\{-1.72\sqrt{\Omega_{*}}\} + 0.86\sqrt{\Omega_{*}}$$

- Surface effects are not considered
- Based on particle displacement
 - No illumination affects are present
- *F*(Ω_{**}) [Huang et al. , JFM, 2009]
- Based on particle displacement
 - No illumination affects are present
- Estimated tracer velocity well predicted
 - The bias pattern is well predicted
 - The models fail to correct the correlation based PIV data reduction results

[Sadr et al., JFM, 2007]

$$\mathbf{D}_* = \frac{D_{\infty}\Delta t}{\left(z_v + 0.8a\right)^2}$$



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EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Inverted epi-fluorescent Leica DMI6000 microscope

- Adapted for evanescent-wave illumination from Ar⁺ laser
- 40× objective w/adjustable working distance
- Princeton Pro EM 512
 - On-chip gain (no intensifier): quantum effic. ~90% at 500 nm
 - Image size 512×100 pixels
 - Image pair time delay $\Delta t=1.3$ ms
- Fused silica micro channel
 - H=25 μm, W=53 μm
- Constant flow
 - Syringe pump



G (s ⁻¹)	z _v (nm)	Dt (ms)	Correction factor	U _{cal} (m/s) Theory	U _{exp} (m/s) Measured	U _{corr} (m/s) Corrected Velocity
2055	240	2.28	1.29	3.62E-4	2.41E-4 3	⇒ 3.12E-4





SUMMARY

- nPIV: Near wall velocity measurement at Z < 300 nm
- Surface forces are significant at nano scale and cause non uniform tracer distribution near the wall
- Combination of shear and non uniform illumination also affects obtained velocity using correlation methods
- Existing correction for tracer displacement does not correct for PIV data reduction via correlation method
- Our results partially corrects the underestimation of the obtained velocity



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