

*Justification for
Sphere with Surface-Tension
as Eddy-Model
in a turbulent Fluid.*

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Abstract.

Current text is to be considered as an addendum for the earlier text: "Turbulence as structured Route of Energy from Order into Chaos, by Udo E. Steinemann, vixra.org/vixra:1801.0037". The recent script introduced a sphere with surface-tension as an appropriate eddy-model in a discussion on energy-transport through a turbulent fluid-volume. Maybe this vortex-model seemed to be a bit arbitrarily chosen at the publication-time of the article mentioned above. By the current text I have tried to justify the former model-idea on account of outcomes from REYNOLDS-equations and PRANDTLs mixing-distance-theory.

proposed for vortices a viscosity as product of a characteristic velocity of the turbulent flow and a length (the so-called mixing-distance length). Details of PRANDTL's theory are sketched shortly by the scheme below:

» transported quality «					●			
» turbulent motion of a fluid «		●		●				
assumed to be ♦ transports ♦ becomes		↓		↓		↓		
» macroscopic pendant « ■ » quality: $q(x_2)$ «		●		●				
» $Q = \langle c'_2 [\langle q(x_2)_2 \rangle - q(x_2)_1] \rangle$ «						●	●	
of		↓		↓				
with							↓	
» kinetic gas-theory «	●	●						
» a turbulence-ball « ■ » $q(x_2)_1 - \langle q(x_2)_2 \rangle = q(x_2 + \Delta x_2)_1 - \langle q(x_2)_2 \rangle$ «				●		●		
expanded into							↓	
» TAYLOR-series «							●	
leads to	↓						↓	
with		↓		↓				
» molecular viscosity: $\nu = \lambda_m \langle s^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ « ■ » velocity: c'_2 «	●			●				
» $Q = \langle c'_2 \Delta x_2 \rangle \langle dq/dx_2 \rangle _2 + 1/2 \langle c'_2 (\Delta x_2)^2 \rangle \langle d^2q/d(x_2)^2 \rangle _2 + \dots$ «							●	
» a similar correlation «		●	●					
where ♦ means ♦ across ♦ leads to	↓		↓	↓		↓		
» mean distance between molecules: λ_m « ■ » vortex-viscosity «	●		●					
» $Q = \langle c'_2 \Delta x_2 \rangle \langle dq/dx_2 \rangle _2$ «							●	●
becomes ♦ for leads to	∧		↓			↓	↓	
» speed of a molecule: s « ■ » product « ■ » very small: Δx_2 «	●		●			●		
of			↓					
» characteristic speed « ■ » $Q = -l^* \langle (c'_2)^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ «			●				●	
where		∧					↓	
» characteristic length « ■ » $\Delta x_2 = (x_2)_2 - (x_2)_1$ «		●	●					
» $- \langle c'_2 \Delta x_2 \rangle = l^* \langle (c'_2)^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ «							●	●
for ♦ where							↓	↓
» $c'_2 \Delta x_2 < 0$ « ■ » exchange-length: l^* «							●	●
Overview of PRANDTL's Mixing-Distance-Hypothesis								

As outcome – in connection with the above considerations – a length (l_m = mixing-distance-length) can be estimated, which informs about the average-distance a turbulent-ball (vortex) must travel until it loses its individuality – being transformed into another vortex or due to viscosity into heat. This is further demonstrated in the following scheme:

» $[c'_1 = \Delta x_2 (dc_1/dx_2)] \wedge [\langle (c'_1)^2 \rangle = \langle \Delta x_2^2 (dc_1/dx_2)^2 \rangle] \wedge [\langle c'_1 \rangle \sim \langle c'_2 \rangle]$ «			●	●				
» quality: $q(x_2)$ «	●							
identified by ♦ leads to	↓		↓	∧				
» impulse: $\langle p \rangle = \rho \langle c_1 \rangle$ «	●	●						
» $\langle (c'_2)^2 \rangle^{1/2} \sim \langle \Delta x_2^2 (dc_1/dx_2)^2 \rangle^{1/2} = \langle \Delta x_2 \rangle^{1/2} \langle dc_1/dx_2 \rangle $ «			●	●				
leads to	↓					↓		
where		↓						
» $c'_1 = \langle c_1(x_1) \rangle - \langle c_1(x_2) \rangle$ «		●						
shear-tension: $\tau_T = -\rho \langle c'_1 c'_2 \rangle = -\rho l^* \langle \Delta x_2^2 \rangle^{1/2} \langle dc_1/dy \rangle \langle dc_1/dy \rangle$ «	●					●		
						∨		
» $\tau_T = -\rho l_m^2 \langle dc_1/dy \rangle \langle dc_1/dy \rangle$ «						●	●	
where							↓	
» $l_m^2 = l^* \langle \Delta x_2^2 \rangle^{1/2}$ «							●	●
specifies								↓
» measure for distance where in transported entity loses its individuality «								●
Consequences from Mixing-Distance-Hypothesis								

2. Effects on Vortex–Model in Discussions [2].

2.1. About Eddies shaped as spherical Fluid–Elements.

The existence of REYNOLDS–tensions within a turbulent fluid–volume give rise to a picture of sub–structures within the fluid–volume (e.g. shaped as spheres or balls as proposed by PRANDTL in the development of his mixing–distance–theory). The sub–structures are separated from each other by complicated surfaces with individual surface–tensions, directly or indirectly related to the REYNOLDS–tensions. The spheres are filled with certain amounts of turbulent translation– and rotation–energy and due to the dynamic of the turbulence permanent forces will act on their surfaces, which finally cause a cascade of splitting–steps.

2.2. Measures relevant for Sizes of the Splitting–Cascade.

Discussions [2] are relevant in a turbulence–range with dissipation independent from REYNOLDS–numbers; the REYNOLDS–equations enable these numbers to be estimate (as shown in chapter 1). Additionally typical size–measures:

- L : for energetic vortices and
- λ : for dissipating vortices

could be obtained from REYNOLDS–equations as well; these estimates are of relevance in discussions [2] because:

- The splitting–cascade starts with a vortex of size (L) and
- Difference between (L) and (λ) is decisive for the step–number of the splitting–cascade.

A final parameter (l_m) of turbulence could be estimated from PRANDTLs "mixing–distance–theory" and is decisive for a measure where a vortex loses its individuality under the actual turbulence–conditions:

- Measure for the distance where energetic vortices will split into follower–vortices and
- Measure where dissipating vortices are transformed into heat on account of the fluids viscosity (ν).

2.3. Concluding Remarks with regards to Discussion [2].

From the proceeding explanations in connection with the statements of chapter 1, it becomes obvious that the assumption of discussion [2] seems to be appropriate, to consider eddies in turbulent flow as spheres. The assumption seems appropriate because it harmonizes with turbulent–tensions and measures as outcomes from REYNOLDS–equations and PRANDTLs "mixing–distance–theory". Moreover is an existence of a splitting–cascade – from energetic to dissipating vortices with the final dissolution of the latter ones into heat – supported by PRANDTLs "mixing–distance–theory".

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