Investigation of a high Reynolds number turbulent boundary layer flow with adverse pressure gradients using PIV and 2D- and 3D- Shake-The-Box

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Flow field measurements of high Reynolds number adverse pressure gradient turbulent boundary layer
- Smooth curvature into APG avoids strong history effects
- 2D2C-PIV snapshot overview measurements
- Time-resolved 2D- and 3D-Lagrangian particle tracking by STB between 20 and 50 kHz frame rate
- Multi-Pulse 3D STB with high-dynamic spatial and velocity range
- Subpixel resolution mean velocity and Reynolds stress profiles

ABSTRACT

We present an experimental adverse pressure gradient turbulent boundary layer (TBL) flow investigation at high Reynolds numbers (approx. $10.000 < Re_{\theta} < 40.000$) using large field multi-camera 2D PIV and three different particle tracking methods based on the Shake-The-Box (STB) technique, namely time-resolved 2D- and 3D-STB and multipulse (MP-) STB. The experiments were performed within the frame of the DLR project *Victoria* and conducted in the Eiffel type atmospheric wind tunnel of the University of Armed Forces in Munich (AWM). After a ramp the TBL develops along a flat plate with nearly zero pressure gradients (ZPG) to an equilibrium state before it enters into a 2D diffusor geometry following a smooth and moderate curvature into a flat plate at ~18° inclination angle while undergoing a significant adverse pressure gradient (APG) leading to flow separation. The field-of-views of the STB Lagrangian particle tracking techniques are located within the ones of the planar measurement to allow for a direct comparison of the results (Fig. 1). A statistical significant number of samples for four different free stream velocities have been acquired. PIV and Lagrangian particle tracking data have been achieved in order to gain high resolution wall-normal profiles of the mean velocities and related Reynolds stresses <u':u'/>.



Fig. 1 Instantaneous u-velocity distributions of the APG-TBL flow along the wall contour evaluated by 2D-PIV (u-velocity contour color coded) for boundary layer edge velocity U_e = 35.48 m/s (in ZPG region)