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In a recent paper, O. M. Phillips (1) proposed a mechanism for the manner in which turbulent components support Reynolds stress in turbulent shear flow. Phillips' model is a generalization of Miles' mechanism for wind generated water waves in that each turbulent component is assumed to interact with the mean flow to produce an increment of Reynolds stress at the "matched layer" of that particular component. The derivation is rather involved but leads to a simple relation between measurable turbulence, statistical properties and eddy viscosity. The eddy viscosity derived by Phillips is not the customary formulation of Boussinesq, but it is easily related to the latter. Specifically, for a fully developed pipe flow, Phillips gives:

$$\frac{d}{dr} (r\tau_{rx}) = \mu_e \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{dU}{dr} \right), \quad (1)$$

where

$$\tau_{rx} = -\rho \overline{uw},$$

whereas the classical formulation is (2, p. 23),

$$\tau_{rx} = \mu_e^* \frac{dU}{dr} \quad (2)$$

In other words, Phillips' mechanism leads to an eddy viscosity μ_e which is a proportionality constant between the stress gradient and the second

derivative of the mean velocity rather than the familiar form (Eq. 2).

Furthermore, the mechanism relates μ_e to measurable physical properties of the turbulence; thus,

$$\mu_e = A \rho \overline{w^2} \Theta \quad (3)$$

where A is a number less than π and Θ the convected integral time scale of the lateral fluctuation velocity which has a mean square magnitude $\overline{w^2}$. Phillips tested the analysis with experimental anemometer data obtained in the near field mixing region of an air jet (3) and he concluded that these data were consistent with the analytical prediction. For the jet flow mixing region, $A = 0.24$, but Phillips states that, depending on the shape of the turbulent eddy, the precise value may vary somewhat from one turbulent shear flow to another.

Eddy viscosity models are widely used and, although there have been numerous advances recently in formulating rather general functions (e.g. Ref. 4), heuristic dimensional arguments are usually the sole basis of the formulation. Phillips' proposal is a welcome exception which should be critically tested in a variety of turbulent shear flows. This note summarizes the results of one such test in the core of fully developed pipe flow.

The shear stress gradient is constant in a fully developed pipe flow and it is easily related to the wall pressure drop down the tube. A summary of measured wall shear stress data for smooth tubes, as well as the ratio of bulk to centerline velocity, is given in Ref. 5 in the form of a review of the semiempirical velocity profile proposed by Pai (2, p. 42). This velocity profile is the most accurate available in the core region of pipe flow. The eddy viscosity of Eq. 1 may be derived using the Pai profile to be

$$\frac{\mu_e(\eta)}{\mu} = \frac{s}{\frac{n-s}{n-1} + n \frac{s-1}{n-1} \eta^{2n-2}} - 1$$

$$- \frac{ns (s-1) \eta^{2n-2}}{\left[\frac{n-s}{n-1} + n \frac{s-1}{n-1} \eta^{2n-2} \right] \left[\frac{n-s}{n-1} + n^2 \frac{s-1}{n-1} \eta^{2n-2} \right]} . \quad (4)$$

Here n and s are empirical constants which are functions only of the Reynolds number; Ref. 5 gives numerical values for these constants in graphical and tabular form. At the pipe centerline, the dimensionless radius $\eta = \frac{r}{a} = 0$, and the Phillips eddy viscosity μ_e becomes identical to the classical version μ_e^* .

$$\frac{\mu_e(0)}{\mu} = \frac{n(s-1)}{n-s} . \quad (5)$$

Figure 1 is a plot of Equation 5 prepared using the n and s values of Ref. 5. Although not shown in the plot, $\mu_e(0) = 0$ at $N_{Re} \lesssim 2100$ because s is unity by definition in laminar pipe flow.

The statistical properties of turbulence in pipe flow necessary to test Phillips' model (Eq. 3) were published in References 6 and 7. The Eulerian space-time correlation of the axial velocity fluctuations in the apparent convective frame of reference (7) were fit with exponential curves for the reported four mean flow velocities of air flowing in an 8-inch pipe (see Table I). The convective integral scales L'_τ (Ref. 3 nomenclature) were then read as the values of τ where the peak correlations dropped to the value of $1/e$. This procedure is identical to that followed by Phillips (1) in interpreting the jet mixing region data of Davies (3) in his original computation of A . The lateral intensities of turbulence $\overline{w^2}$ were reported for the same experimental conditions in Ref. 6 in the following form:

$$\sqrt{u^2} = 0.035 U_{\zeta}$$

and

$$\sqrt{w^2} \approx 0.75 \sqrt{u^2} .$$

Table 1 summarizes the turbulent properties, L'_t (which Phillips used for Θ in Ref. 1) and $\overline{w^2}$, as well as the value of A computed from

$$A = \frac{\mu_e(0)}{\rho \overline{w^2} L'_t} . \quad (3b)$$

In pipe flow the values of A range from 0.43 to 0.26 with no systematic Reynolds number trend. The average value of A for pipe flow is 0.33 which is only 30 percent larger than the value inferred by Phillips from jet data. Although more definitive experimental tests of Phillips model need to be designed, the pipe flow results are consistent in the same sense as the original experimental test employing jet data.

It is worth noting in closing that a direct measurement of the turbulent diffusivity of heat α_t for the core of pipe flow was reported in Ref. 6 (Table 1) for these identical flow conditions. Using the kinematic eddy viscosity $\nu_e(0)$ calculated from Eq. 5 divided by the air density, an eddy Prandtl number N_{Pr_t} at the pipe centerline may be computed. Table 2 shows N_{Pr_t} is essentially unity, which lends direct support to the classical version of the Reynolds analogy. In the same vein, Phillips' eddy viscosity formulation (Eq. 3) bears a striking resemblance to the analogous eddy viscosity of heat or mass which would be calculated from Taylor's theory of diffusion by continuous movements using the Eulerian-to-Lagrangian approximations proposed in References 6 and 7.

LIST OF SYMBOLS

Symbol

a	Pipe radius, ft
A	Dimensionless constant, Eq. (3)
e	Naperian logarithm base, 2.718...
L'_{τ}	Convective integral scale of axial turbulent velocity from space-time data, sec
n	Dimensionless constant, Eq. 4
N_{Pr_t}	$\frac{\nu_e}{\alpha_t}$, turbulent Prandtl number
N_{Re}	$\frac{\bar{U}2a}{\nu}$, Reynolds number
r	Radial coordinate, ft
s	Dimensionless constant, Eq. 4
\bar{U}	Bulk mean flow velocity, ft/sec
$U_{\mathcal{C}}$	Centerline velocity, ft/sec
\overline{uw}	Reynolds shear stress component, ft ² /sec ²
$\overline{u^2}$	Mean square of axial turbulent velocity, ft ² /sec ²
$\overline{w^2}$	Mean square of radial turbulent velocity, ft ² /sec ²
\mathcal{C}	Convective integral scale of radial turbulent velocity from space-time data, sec
n	$\frac{r}{a}$, dimensionless pipe radius
μ	Molecular viscosity, lb _F -sec/ft ²
μ_e	Phillips' eddy viscosity, Eq. 1, lb _F -sec/ft ²
μ_e^*	Boussinesq's eddy viscosity, Eq. 2, lb _F -sec/ft ²
$\nu_e \equiv \frac{\mu_e}{\rho}$	Kinematic eddy viscosity, ft ² /sec
ρ	Fluid density, lb _F -sec/ft ⁴
τ_{rx}	Turbulent shear stress, lb _F /ft ²

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TABLE 1. CALCULATION OF PHILLIPS' EDDY VISCOSITY CONSTANT

U_G , ft/sec (Ref. 6)	\bar{U} , ft/sec (Calc.)*	$Re = \frac{\bar{U}2a}{\nu}$ (Calc.)**	L_t^1 , sec (Ref. 7)	$\overline{w^2}$, ft ² /sec ² (Ref. 6)***	n (Ref. 5)	s (Ref. 5)	$\frac{\mu_e(0)}{\mu}$ (Calc.)	A (Calc.)
72.6	61.4	255,000	0.0352	3.62	142	100	338	0.426
106.	90.0	372,000	0.0305	7.71	194	137	466	0.319
135.	115.0	476,000	0.0298	12.5	237	170	600	0.260
160.	136.0	573,000	0.0208	17.6	277	200	720	0.317

* $\bar{U} = \frac{n + S}{2(n+1)} U_G$ (Ref. 5)

** $2a = 8'' = 0.667$ ft; $\nu = 1.61 \times 10^{-4}$ ft²/sec

*** Calc. from $\overline{w^2} = 0.0262 U_G^2$

A = 0.33 ave.

TABLE 2. MEASURED TURBULENT PRANDTL NUMBERS

Re	ν_e , ft ² /sec	α_t^* , ft ² /sec	$N_{Pr_t} = \frac{\nu_e}{\alpha_t}$
255,000	0.0544	0.054	1.00
372,000	0.0752	0.072	1.04
476,000	0.0966	0.088	1.10
573,000	0.116	0.12	0.967
			Ave. $N_{Pr_t} = 1.02$

* Taken from Table 1, Ref. 6

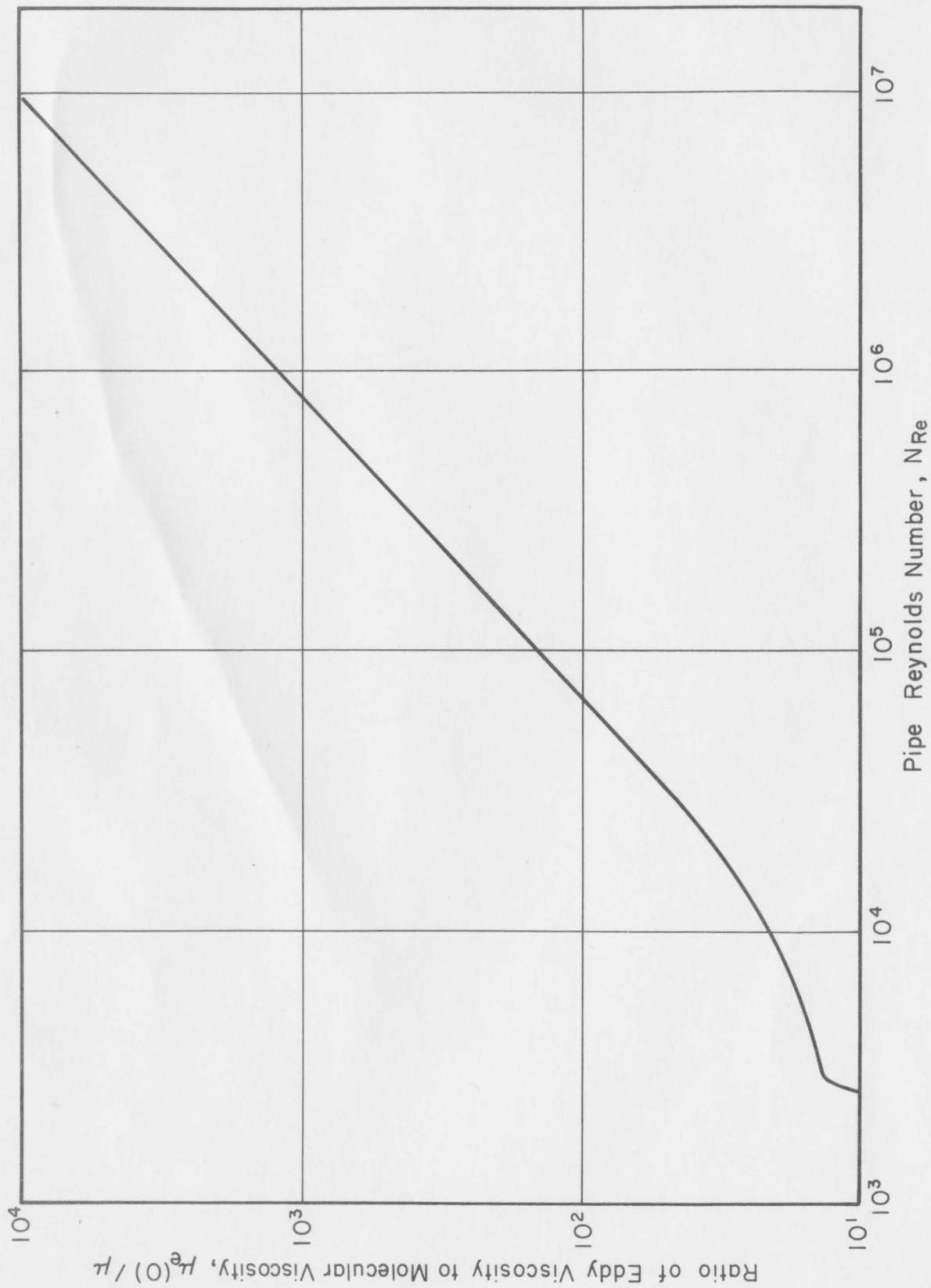


Fig. 1 Eddy Viscosity at the Centerline of Fully Developed Pipe Flow