

A simple analytical model for turbulent kinetic energy dissipation for self-similar round turbulent jets

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This work presents a simple analytical model for the streamwise and radial variations of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation in an incompressible round turbulent jet. The key assumptions in the model are: similarity in the axial velocity profile with a Gaussian shape, axisymmetric flow and the dominance of radial derivatives of the mean velocity over axial direction derivatives (similar to boundary layer theory). Initially, a simplified eddy-viscosity relation for turbulent stresses is derived using the algebraic stress model by Gatski & Speziale (*J. Fluid Mech.*, vol. 254, 1993, pp. 59–78). Subsequently, with this eddy-viscosity relation, the relation for variations of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation is formulated using the conservation of turbulent kinetic energy. To extract the necessary constants of the model, experimental velocity statistics for round jets are obtained through particle image velocimetry measurements. The experimental results of the mean entrainment coefficient for turbulent jets are also analysed. When comparing the radial variation of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation from the model with experimental results at Reynolds number 1.4×10^5 and numerical results at Reynolds number 1200 from the available literature, we observe a maximum error of 10 % and 15 %, respectively. Finally, using the validated model, we analyse the impact of mean velocity evolution parameters on the behaviour of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation and discuss its potential significance in future studies.

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1. Introduction and related literature

Turbulent jets are a canonical example of non-homogeneous turbulent flows having environmental and industrial applications. Although single-phase turbulent jets are

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inhomogeneous and anisotropic flows, the simplifying feature of single-phase jet flow is self-similarity i.e. similar shape of scaled mean and fluctuating velocities. The self-similarity in turbulent jets is observed usually after an axial distance of 15 times the diameter (*D*) from the inlet. Interestingly for jets, the self-similarity is observed irrespective of injecting nozzle conditions, as reported by Breda $\&$ Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0) and Ball, Fellouah & Pollard (2012) . In the self-similar region, a linear variation of the spreading rate and centreline velocity decay rate is assumed with the help of virtual origin correction. The self-similarity in jets is a result of an equilibrium between mean velocity and turbulent fluctuations. This equilibrium is such that the anisotropy and inhomogeneity in fluctuations are sustained by the radial spreading of the mean flow. Such behaviour in turbulent jets can provide some simplification to analyse non-homogeneous and non-isotropic turbulence in jets. To understand the turbulence in jets with different levels of inhomogeneity, it is important to characterize turbulent dissipation at various radial locations starting from the centreline (with nearly homogeneous flow) to the turbulent/non-turbulent interface of the jet. Thus, a simple model for the radial variation of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation is developed in the present work. A brief review of scaling for turbulent kinetic energy dissipation with its importance for large eddy simulation and turbulence modelling is presented by Vassilicos [\(2015\)](#page-30-0).

Various studies in the literature for the self-similar behaviour of turbulent kinetic energy (k) and its dissipation $(\bar{\epsilon})$ at the centreline of the jet are presented hereafter. One of the initial studies for $\bar{\epsilon}$ in jets was performed by George [\(1989\)](#page-29-2) by using self-preservation scaling. George [\(1989\)](#page-29-2) used the turbulent kinetic energy evolution equation, simplified it using the self-preservation of each term and obtained an expression for the functional form of dissipation. With a similar procedure, Burattini, Antonia & Danaila [\(2005\)](#page-29-3) proposed a self-similar analysis of dissipation by using the two-point structure function equation (i.e. using generalized Kolmogorov relations) for turbulent kinetic energy. Later, Thiesset, Antonia & Djenidi [\(2014\)](#page-30-1), using the Kolmogorov velocity and length scale as similarity variables in the equation for the second-order turbulence structure function, obtained a scaling of $\bar{\epsilon} \sim y^{-4}$ (here, *y* is the normalized axial distance) and its prefactor. However, Sadeghi, Lavoie & Pollard (2015) , using a similar formulation and scaling it with the Taylor micro-scale, obtained a power law of scaling as $\bar{\epsilon} \sim my^{m-2}$ (here, *m* is the power law scaling exponent of *k*). Recently, Viggiano *et al.* [\(2021\)](#page-30-3), using Lagrangian trajectory results in the self-similar region of turbulent jets, also reported $\bar{\epsilon} \sim y^{-4}$. For a turbulent jet, self-similarity of the velocity correlation was also reported by Ewing *et al.* [\(2007\)](#page-29-4), however, it was also observed that this similarity in velocity correlation is not independent of the spreading rate.

Most of the analysis stated in the literature is based on two important assumptions: (i) complete self-similarity of various terms and (ii) constant mean axial momentum causing a linear spreading rate. These assumptions may not be universal for all jets. For instance, recent experimental results by Breda & Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0) have observed a weak self-similarity (instead of complete self-similarity) of $\bar{\epsilon}$ until a distance of 30 times the diameter. Also, the approximation of constant mean momentum may not hold appropriately in flows such as plumes or sprays. Therefore, in the present study, we present a simple model to analyse the turbulent dissipation rate based on the assumption of self-similarity of only the axial velocity profile and not of k , $\bar{\epsilon}$ or turbulent stresses. To achieve this, a turbulent eddy-viscosity relation derived from the algebraic turbulent stress model is used. This eddy-viscosity relation is later substituted in the turbulent kinetic energy equation to obtain a simple relation for dissipation. Interestingly, the stated methodology takes into account a nonlinear spreading rate variation (related to non-constant mean momentum). Although progress has been made in the analysis of dissipation at the centreline of the jet, to the best of the authors' knowledge, no relation explaining the shape of the turbulent kinetic energy dissipation profile is available in the literature. Therefore, in this work, a relation describing the shape of the turbulent kinetic energy is proposed using a kinetic energy conservation equation.

One of the simplest relations for modelling turbulent stresses is turbulent eddy-viscosity relations, however, they are not accurate. Therefore, Reynolds stress equation models for turbulent stresses are often used for modelling turbulent stresses. In the methodology of the proposed model, an accurate and also simple relation of turbulent stresses is essential. The algebraic stress model, being simpler than the Reynolds stress model and more realistic than the eddy-viscosity model, is more suitable for approximating turbulent stresses. One of the initially proposed algebraic models was developed by Pope [\(1975\)](#page-29-5). Later, similar models were also proposed by Gatski & Speziale [\(1993\)](#page-29-6) and Shih *et al.* [\(1994\)](#page-30-4). A brief review of algebraic models is summarized in Gatski & Jongen [\(2000\)](#page-29-7). Considering the simplification offered by algebraic relations, a simplified version of Gatski & Speziale [\(1993\)](#page-29-6) is used in the present analysis.

Although the actual axial location of the occurrence of self-similar mean velocity depends on the injection condition, the experimental results from Ball *et al.* [\(2012\)](#page-29-1) and Xu & Antonia [\(2002\)](#page-30-5) suggest that the self-similarity for the axial mean velocity profile can be achieved after a distance of 6*D* (here, *D* is the diameter of the jet nozzle). After obtaining a self-similarity in the mean axial velocity profile, with an increase in the axial direction, later turbulent stresses and finally dissipation can be assumed as self-similar. This behaviour has been observed by Hussain & Clark [\(1977\)](#page-29-8) and Ball *et al.* [\(2012\)](#page-29-1) for plane and round jets, respectively. Since the present model is based on self-similarity in the axial velocity profile only, experimental measurements in the region of (10–20)D (i.e. in the possible region of self-similarity of mean axial velocity profile only) are performed. The nonlinear eddy-viscosity relation in the present model contains some empirical constants. Two-dimensional particle image velocimetry (PIV) measurements for turbulent jets are performed to determine these constants.

This paper is organized as follows: initially, the model with various simplifications and assumptions is derived in § [2.](#page-2-0) The relations for *k* and $\bar{\epsilon}$ are also presented in § 2. Later, experimental methods and results are stated in § [3.](#page-9-0) The constants required are calculated from the experimental results in § [3.](#page-9-0) After having complete information on the constants of the model, it is compared with the results available in the literature in $\S 4$. With the validated model, the effect of model input parameters on dissipation is presented in § [4.4.](#page-20-0) At last, the conclusions and possible perspectives from the present study are stated in § [5.](#page-21-0)

2. A new model for turbulent jet

Consider an incompressible turbulent jet flow generated by injecting fluid by a circular nozzle (with diameter *D* at $y = 0$) into a static environment, as shown in the schematic in [figure 1.](#page-3-0) In the schematic shown, *y* and *r* are the streamwise (axial) and radial directions, respectively, whereas v and u are the velocities in the streamwise and radial directions, respectively. The brightness in [figure 1](#page-3-0) indicates the flow of the injected fluid captured by the laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) signal. The LIF image in [figure 1](#page-3-0) is for a two-phase jet with a density ratio (ratio of injected to static fluid) of 1.9 and obtained with a similar experimental procedure to that used by Kewalramani *et al.* [\(2022](#page-29-9)*a*). The LIF image with a different fluid is only used in the schematic to highlight the mixing in the near field of

Figure 1. Schematic of model based on the images obtained from the LIF signal. The brightness in the image represents the injected fluid.

a turbulent jet. The injected fluid (already turbulent inside the nozzle) mixes with the initially static fluid, as indicated by the LIF signal in [figure 1.](#page-3-0) Some further distance downstream after breaking off the potential core of the jet, a self-similar mean axial velocity (\bar{v}) appears in the flow. The time average axial direction mean velocity profile is also shown in [figure 1.](#page-3-0) The experimental studies from Burattini *et al.* [\(2005\)](#page-29-3), Darisse, Lemay & Benaïssa [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) and Breda & Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0) have shown that, for round jets, a self-similar axial velocity profile can be assumed to be of Gaussian profile. Therefore, in the present model, a Gaussian mean axial velocity profile as stated in (2.1) is assumed. Instead of a Gaussian profile, a different profile (e.g. exponential) could also be used with the present analysis. However, with a different profile, the algebra of the model will change. In the Gaussian profile assumption, v_c is the velocity at the centreline and $\eta = r/b_m$ is the radial direction normalized by the width of the Gaussian profile (b_m) .

In cylindrical coordinate let \bar{v} , \bar{u} and \bar{u}_{θ} be the mean velocity component in the *y* (longitudinal), r (polar) and θ (angular) directions, respectively. With the axisymmetric flow assumption, $\overline{u_{\theta}}$ is zero and the continuity equation consists of only two velocity components [\(B2\)](#page-26-0). This simplified continuity equation is used to obtain the radial velocity component (\bar{u}) by integrating the continuity equation [\(B2\)](#page-26-0), as stated in [\(2.2\)](#page-3-2). By using $\bar{u}(0, y) = 0$ in [\(2.2\)](#page-3-2), the relation for the radial velocity can be simplified, as stated in [\(2.3\)](#page-3-3). A similar derivation of the radial velocity is also mentioned in Pope [\(2000\)](#page-29-11)

$$
\bar{v} = v_c \exp\left(-\eta^2\right),\tag{2.1}
$$

$$
\bar{u} = -\frac{1}{r} \int_0^r r' \exp\left(\frac{-r'^2}{b_m(y)^2}\right) \left[\frac{dv_c}{dy} + v_c \frac{2r'^2}{b_m^3} \frac{db_m}{dy}\right] dr',\tag{2.2}
$$

$$
\bar{u} = v_c \frac{d b_m}{dy} \left[\frac{\exp(-\eta^2) - 1}{\eta} \left(\frac{1}{2\chi} + 1 \right) + \eta \exp(-\eta^2) \right],
$$
\n(2.3)

$$
\chi = \frac{v_c}{b_m} \frac{d b_m}{d v_c} = \left[\frac{d}{dy} (\ln M) \frac{d}{dy} (\ln b_m) - 1 \right]^{-1}.
$$
 (2.4)

In [\(2.3\)](#page-3-3), the parameter χ is defined in [\(2.4\)](#page-3-4) and appears repeatedly in later sections. The χ parameter is the ratio of the logarithmic spreading rate with the logarithmic velocity decay rate and describes the effect of a change of mean momentum. Using the definition of the integral of the axial direction mean momentum M (explained in $(B8)$) of [Appendix B\)](#page-26-2), the parameter χ is also related to the rate of change of logarithm mean momentum in [\(2.4\)](#page-3-4). Its value is around -1 , for a jet when the mean momentum is conserved (i.e. $\frac{dM}{dy} =$ 0) in the self-similar region. For an increase or decrease of (d(ln *M*))/(d*y*), the value of $χ$ decreases ($χ < −1$) or increases (0 > $χ > −1$), respectively. With known axial and radial velocities, derivatives of the axial and radial velocities are calculated and stated in $(A1)$ – $(A4)$ in [Appendix A.](#page-22-0)

2.1. *Relation for turbulent stresses (u i u j) and turbulent kinetic energy (k)*

The Reynolds averaged turbulent stresses are $u'_i u'_j = \overline{u_i u_j} - \overline{u_i} \overline{u_j}$; here, bar superscript denotes classical turbulent averaging that turns out to be time averaging in the experimental part. In the present section, the relations for turbulent stresses are described as a function of derivatives of the mean velocities. This approximation is essential to get a simplified relation for the turbulent kinetic energy and its dissipation. Recently, Kewalramani, Pant & Bhattacharya [\(2022](#page-29-12)*b*) have shown that entrainment coefficient jets and plumes can be related to the tangential turbulent stress *u* v . For predicting the behaviour of the tangential turbulent stress, Kewalramani *et al.* [\(2022](#page-29-12)*b*) used a simple mixing length model (stated in [\(2.5\)](#page-4-0)) that predicted the varying value of the entrainment coefficient with an error of around $\pm 10\%$

$$
\overline{u'v'} = -C_{uv}b_m^2 \left| \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r} \right) \right| \left(\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r} \right) = 4v_c^2 C_{uv} \eta |\eta| \exp\left(-2\eta^2 \right). \tag{2.5}
$$

In [\(2.5\)](#page-4-0), *Cu*^v is the mixing constant determined using experimental results. However, for normal turbulent stresses $(v'v'$ and $u'u'$), a simple mixing length relation is found to very badly predict the experimental results. Recall from the previous section that the algebraic model provides simple relations for approximating the turbulent stresses. Therefore, to obtain a relation for normal turbulent stresses, the algebraic model by Gatski & Speziale [\(1993\)](#page-29-6) (equation (66) of the cited paper and stated in (2.6)) is used. Gatski & Speziale [\(1993\)](#page-29-6) obtained a relation for turbulent stresses by initially using the assumptions of weak equilibrium and a pressure–strain relation to obtain an equation for the evolution of the turbulent stresses. Later, an equation of the normalized stress $(a_{ij} = u_i' u_j'/k - 2\delta_{ij}/3)$ resulting from the Cayley–Hamilton theorem is compared with the initial derived equation. The comparison of these equations gives an algebraic turbulent stress relation as stated in [\(2.6\)](#page-4-1)

$$
\frac{u'_i u'_j}{k} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} = -C_1 \frac{k}{\bar{\epsilon}} S_{ij} - C_2 \frac{k^2}{\bar{\epsilon}^2} (S_{ik} W_{kj} + S_{jk} W_{ki}) + C_3 \frac{k^2}{\bar{\epsilon}^2} \left(S_{ik} S_{kj} - S_{mn} S_{mn} \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \right). (2.6)
$$

In [\(2.6\)](#page-4-1), *S_{ij}* and *W_{ij}* are mean strain $(\frac{1}{2}(\partial \overline{u_i}/\partial x_j + \partial \overline{u_j}/\partial x_i))$ and rotation rate $(\frac{1}{2}(\partial \overline{u_i}/\partial x_j - \partial \overline{u_j}/\partial x_i))$ whereas C_1 , C_2 and C_3 are constants. Equation [\(2.6\)](#page-4-1) is further simplified for jets using an order of magnitude analysis and derivative dominant (similar to boundary layer theory) assumptions. In the region of the self-similar axial velocity profile, the experimental results of various studies (e.g. Burattini *et al.* [2005;](#page-29-3) Ball *et al.* [2012;](#page-29-1) Darisse *et al.* [2015;](#page-29-10) Ezzamel, Salizzoni & Hunt [2015;](#page-29-13) Breda & Buxton [2018\)](#page-29-0), have confirmed that, at the centreline, the turbulent kinetic energy and its dissipation rate scale as $k \sim (v_c^2/10)$ and $\bar{\epsilon} \sim (10^{-2}v_c^3/b_m)$, respectively. Note that the experimental results for a variable density turbulent jet presented in Ruffin *et al.* [\(1994\)](#page-30-6) have also found the same scaling. It is important to mention here that we are not assuming an exact restricting *k* and $\bar{\epsilon}$ scaling, rather, we are assuming the order of magnitude of *k* and $\bar{\epsilon}$.

To approximate S_{ij} and R_{ij} the following assumptions are used. Initially, it is assumed that, at most radial locations, the derivatives in the radial direction (*r*) are dominant over the derivatives in the axial (*y*) direction i.e. $\partial/(\partial r) \gg \partial/(\partial y)$, which is similar to the classical boundary layer assumption. Therefore, $(\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r)$ and $(\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r)$ are the dominant derivatives and it is further assumed that they are scaled as $\partial \bar{u}_i/\partial r \sim (v_c/b_m)$ (refer to [\(A1\)](#page-23-0) and [\(A3\)](#page-23-2) for the exact relation). Using the stated assumptions, the order of magnitude analysis of various terms in the Gatski & Speziale (1993) model is presented in (2.7)

$$
\overline{u'_i u'_j} = \underbrace{\frac{k^3}{\bar{\epsilon}^2}}_{\sim (10b_m^2)} \left[\underbrace{\frac{2\delta_{ij}}{3} \frac{\bar{\epsilon}^2}{k^2}}_{\sim \left(\frac{1}{10} \frac{v_c}{b_m}\right)^2} - \underbrace{C_1 \frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{k} S_{ij}}_{\sim \left(\frac{v_c}{10} \frac{\bar{\epsilon}}{b_m}\right)^2} - \underbrace{C_2 (S_{ik} W_{kj} + S_{jk} W_{ki})}_{\sim \left(\frac{v_c}{b_m}\right)^2} + \underbrace{C_3 \left(S_{ik} S_{kj} - \frac{S_{mn} S_{mn}}{3} \delta_{ij}\right)}_{\sim \left(\frac{v_c}{b_m}\right)^2} \right].
$$
 (2.7)

The order of magnitude analysis of [\(2.6\)](#page-4-1) reveals that the nonlinear terms are dominant for the turbulent normal stresses in self-similar turbulent jets. Based on the experimental scaling observed for self-similar jets, it can be assumed that $k^3/\bar{\epsilon}^2 \sim b_m^2$. Validity of such an assumption can also be understood from the classical turbulence equilibrium dissipation law proposed by Taylor [\(1935\)](#page-30-7) i.e. $C_{\epsilon} = \bar{\epsilon} L k^{-3/2} = \text{constant}$ (here, *L* an integral scale of the flow). Such an equilibrium law implies that $k^3/\bar{\epsilon}^2 \sim L^2$. With the further assumption of the integral scale being proportional to the Gaussian width of the flow, it can be assumed that $k^3/\bar{\epsilon}^2 \sim b_m^2$. Although the equilibrium dissipation law is derived for isotropic turbulence, it can be used for round jets at high Reynolds number (cf. Tang, Antonia & Djenidi [\(2022\)](#page-30-8) for an explanation of the relation between isotropic turbulence and the Reynolds number). It was also assumed that the strain and rotation rates are only related to the radial derivative of the mean velocities since they are dominant over the axial derivative. It is important to mention here that, although this assumption is less valid near the centreline, the relation for the self-similar velocity profile is such that most of the dominant effects in the algebraic turbulent stress model can be expressed with $((\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r))^2$ and $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r))^2$. An explanation of this dominance of products is explained in [Appendix A.](#page-22-0) With the stated assumptions, the relations for normal turbulent stresses can be simplified in [\(2.8\)](#page-5-1)

$$
\overline{u'u'} = b_m^2 \left[C_{1u} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial r} \right)^2 + C_{2u} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right], \quad \overline{v'v'} = b_m^2 \left[C_{1v} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial r} \right)^2 + C_{2v} \left(\frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial r} \right)^2 \right].
$$
\n(2.8*a,b*)

In [\(2.8\)](#page-5-1), C_{2u} , C_{1v} and C_{2v} are constants and are related to C_2 , C_3 and k^3/ϵ^2 . To get to (2.8) , it is important to mention here that the second term in (2.7) is ignored only for the expression of $v'v'$ (axial turbulent normal stress) due to dominance of radial derivatives. For simplifying $u'u'$ (radial turbulent normal stress), the scaling of the second term in [\(2.7\)](#page-5-0) can be approximated as $O(((\partial u)/(\partial r))^2)$. Therefore, C_{1u} is a linear combination of C_1 , C_2 and C_3 . The validity of the equation [\(2.8\)](#page-5-1) for the turbulent stress approximation is tested in § [3.2.2.](#page-13-0) On substituting the mean velocity derivatives $(A1)$ – $(A4)$ in (2.8) , the shape of the normal turbulent stresses can be simplified in terms of χ and the spreading rate $((db_m)/(dy))$, as stated in (2.9) and (2.10)

$$
\overline{u'u'} = v_c^2 \exp(-2\eta^2)
$$

$$
\times \left[4C_{2u}\eta^2 + C_{1u}\left(\frac{1}{\chi}\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 \left((1 - 2\chi\eta^2 + 3\chi) + (1 + 2\chi)\frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)}\right)^2\right],
$$
 (2.9)

$$
\overline{v'v'} = v_c^2 \exp(-2\eta^2) \times \left[4C_{2v}\eta^2 + C_{1v}\left(\frac{1}{\chi}\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 \left((1 - 2\chi\eta^2 + 3\chi) + (1 + 2\chi)\frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)}\right)^2\right].
$$
\n(2.10)

In [\(2.9\)](#page-6-0)–[\(2.10\)](#page-6-1), the parameter χ , as explained in the previous section, is related to the rate of change of axial momentum. With virtual origin fitting, it is usually assumed that $\chi = -1$. However, as recently pointed out by Breda & Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0), there can be weak similarity even at a large distance from the nozzle. This weak similarity is represented by a deviation of the value of χ from −1. The relation for turbulent stresses in [\(2.9\)](#page-6-0)–[\(2.10\)](#page-6-1) can be used while considering the effect of weak similarity. Note that the tangential turbulent stress used in (2.5) can also be obtained from scaling analysis of (2.7) . Using the simplifications stated just above, the nonlinear terms in (2.6) give derivatives such as $(\partial \bar{v}/\partial r)^2$ and $(\partial \bar{u}/\partial r)(\partial \bar{v}/\partial r)$. However, the term $(\partial \bar{u}/\partial r)(\partial \bar{v}/\partial r)$ is negligible: since $\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r}$ peaks at around $r = 0$ and $\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial r}$ peaks close to $r \sim b_m$ (in fact the precise value depends on χ and d_{m}/dy , therefore their product is not dominant as compared with $(\partial \bar{v}/\partial r)^2$. With such approximations, the Gatski & Speziale [\(1993\)](#page-29-6) model can be reduced to the simple mixing length model used in [\(2.5\)](#page-4-0).

Experimental results by Burattini *et al.* [\(2005\)](#page-29-3), Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) and Breda & Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0) have shown that the turbulent kinetic energy can be stated as $k = (v'v' + 2u'u')/2$. With this approximation, the shape of the turbulent energy (*k*) and decay of the normalized centreline turbulent kinetic energy (k_c/v_c^2) is simplified in [\(2.11\)](#page-6-2) and [\(2.12\)](#page-6-3), respectively. In [\(2.11\)](#page-6-2) and [\(2.12\)](#page-6-3), $C_{1k} = (C_{1v} + 2C_{1u})/2$ and $\overline{C}_{2k} = (C_{2v} + 2C_{2u})/2$

$$
k = v_c^2 \exp(-2\eta^2)
$$

$$
\times \left[4C_{2k}\eta^2 + C_{1k}\left(\frac{1}{\chi}\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 \left((1 - 2\chi\eta^2 + 3\chi) + (1 + 2\chi)\frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)}\right)^2\right],
$$
 (2.11)

$$
\frac{k_c}{v_c^2} = C_{1k} \left(\frac{1 + 3\chi}{\chi} \frac{db_m}{dy} \right)^2.
$$
 (2.12)

All the constants stated in the present section are determined using experimental results in § [3.2.2.](#page-13-0) The assumption used in the derivation of the turbulent stresses in this work can be generally used for any self-similar free shear flow (e.g. wakes, plumes).

2.2. *Relation for dissipation of turbulent kinetic energy* $(\bar{\epsilon})$

To obtaining the relation of the dissipation of turbulent kinetic energy $(\bar{\epsilon})$, the equation for the transport of turbulent kinetic energy (*k*) is used. The steady state equation for transport

of *k* is as follows:

$$
\overline{u_j}\frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} + \overline{u_i'u_j'}\frac{\partial \overline{u_i}}{\partial x_j} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\left(\overline{u_i'^2u_j'}\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\overline{u_i'p'}) + \nu \nabla^2(k) - \bar{\epsilon}.
$$
 (2.13)

Various terms in the above-stated equation are simplified in the present section. Since the viscosity of the fluid v is very small, the term $v\nabla^2(k)$ (related to molecular diffusion) is neglected. With negligible molecular diffusion and an assumption of axisymmetric flow, the relation for $\bar{\epsilon}$ using continuity in cylindrical coordinates is simplified as stated in [\(2.14\)](#page-7-0)

$$
-\bar{\epsilon} = \underbrace{\bar{u}\frac{\partial k}{\partial r} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial k}{\partial y}}_{\mathcal{A}} + \underbrace{\left(\overline{v'v'} - \overline{u'u'}\right)\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \overline{u'v'}\left[\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}\right]}_{\mathcal{P}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\overline{u'_ip'})}_{\mathcal{D}_p}
$$
\n
$$
+\underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\overline{v'v'u'} + 2r\overline{u'u'u'}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\overline{v'v'v'} + 2\overline{u'u'v'}\right)\right]}_{\mathcal{D}}.
$$
\n(2.14)

The first term in (2.14) is the advection of turbulent kinetic energy (A) . The second term on the left-hand side of [\(2.14\)](#page-7-0) represents the production of turbulence by mean flow gradients (*P*). The term $\partial/\partial x_i(u_i/p)$ (denoted by \mathcal{D}_p) in [\(2.13\)](#page-7-1) is the diffusion from pressure velocity correlation and it distributes the energy between the stress components, as stated by Pope [\(2000\)](#page-29-11). The last term on the right side includes third-order velocity correlations and represents the turbulence diffusion (*D*). All these terms are simplified in various subsections.

2.2.1. *Simplification of advection (A) and production (P) terms*

With the simplified expression of turbulent stresses stated in $\S 2.1$, the term related to advection (A) and the production (P) of the turbulent kinetic energy k are related to turbulent stresses as stated in [\(2.15\)](#page-7-2)

$$
\mathcal{A} = \bar{u}\frac{\partial k}{\partial r} + \bar{v}\frac{\partial k}{\partial y}, \quad \mathcal{P} = \left(\overline{v'v'} - \overline{u'u'}\right)\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} + \overline{u'v'}\left[\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y}\right].
$$
 (2.15*a*,*b*)

The derivatives related to the advection (A) and the production (P) terms are stated in $(A8)$ – $(A6)$. A discussion of the effect of each term is performed later in §[4.4.](#page-20-0)

2.2.2. *Simplification for turbulent (D) and pressure (Dp) diffusion*

Studies available in the literature have shown that the effects of advection and production are dominant near the centreline, For instance, experimental budgets reported in Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) have shown that around 80 % of the turbulent kinetic energy dissipation is balanced by the production and advection terms. Although the overall diffusion effects (denoted by $\mathcal D$ and $\mathcal D_p$) are not dominant, ignoring them, especially near the interface (i.e. after $\eta > 0.8$), gives a high error (in some cases also unrealistic results such as negative dissipation). Therefore, to accurately model the behaviour of dissipation, it is essential to model turbulent diffusion. The relation for the single-point three-velocity correlation is approximated in this section by using a gradient diffusion-type model from Daly & Harlow [\(1970\)](#page-29-14), as stated in [\(2.16\)](#page-8-0)

$$
\overline{u_i'u_j'u_k'} = -C_s \frac{k}{\overline{\epsilon}} \overline{u_k'u_l'} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_l} \left(\overline{u_i'u_j'} \right). \tag{2.16}
$$

Equation [\(2.16\)](#page-8-0) is further simplified by considering the dominance of radial derivatives and using the $k/\bar{\epsilon}$ scaling as used previously in § [2.1.](#page-4-2) With the previously used assumption, the required three-velocity correlation is approximated as stated in [\(2.17\)](#page-8-1) and [\(2.18\)](#page-8-2)

$$
\overline{u'u'u'} \sim -C_s \frac{b_m}{v_c} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\overline{u'u'}}{2} \right),\tag{2.17}
$$

$$
\overline{u'v'v'} \sim -C_s \frac{b_m}{v_c} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\overline{u'v'}}{2} \right)^2 + \overline{u'u'} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\overline{v'v'} \right) \right]. \tag{2.18}
$$

Substituting the expression of turbulent stresses in [\(2.17\)](#page-8-1) leads to a sufficiently large expression (stated in [\(A9\)](#page-25-1)) and therefore it is further simplified. Conventionally, a virtual origin fitting $b_m/D = K_b(y - y_v)/D$ (here, K_b is the proportionality constant and y_v is the virtual origin distance) is used to describe the axial variation of the width of the jet. The experimental results from various studies (refer to Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) for results from various studies) have reported that $K_b \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$. Therefore, the terms related to the square of the spreading rate are $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$ and are neglected in [\(A9\)](#page-25-1). It should be noted that the assumption of $K_b \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$ depends on the injection condition and may not always be valid for all jets. This assumption, however, simplifies the three-velocity correlation as $\overline{u'u'u'} \sim -C_sC_{2u}^2v_c^3e^{-4\eta^2}\eta^3(2\eta^2-1)$. A similar procedure can be used to obtain $\overline{u'v'v'}$ $C_s v_c^3 e^{-4\eta^2} \eta^3 [C_{2v} + C_{uv} - 2\eta^2 (C_{uv} + 2C_{2v})]$. At this stage, the expressions of $\overline{u'u'u'}$ and u'v'v' are simplified because of the stated approximation. To allow correct prediction of the diffusion effect with such simplified models, fitting parameters (C_{uuu} and C_{uvv}) are introduced in these equations, as stated in (2.19) and (2.20)

$$
\overline{u'u'u'} = C_s v_c^3 \exp\left(-4\eta^2\right) \eta^3 \left(\eta^2 + C_{uuu}\right),\tag{2.19}
$$

$$
\overline{u'v'v'} = C_s v_c^3 \exp\left(-4\eta^2\right) \eta^3 \left(\eta^2 + C_{uvv}\right). \tag{2.20}
$$

In (2.19) and (2.20) , C_s , C_{uuu} and C_{uvv} are constants that are determined using experimental results. Using the expressions stated in (2.19) and (2.20) , the turbulent diffusion can be approximated as stated in (2.21) . The relation of turbulent diffusion effects in terms of mean velocity parameters is given in $(A10)$. At this stage, only the relation for pressure velocity correlation (D_p) remains to be simplified. The pressure velocity coupling is modelled by using Lumley's model (as used by Darisse *et al.* [2015\)](#page-29-10) and stated in [\(2.22\)](#page-8-6). Equation [\(2.22\)](#page-8-6) shows that the effect of pressure–velocity correlation is negatively proportional to the turbulence diffusion. Therefore the net effect of the \mathcal{D}_p and $\mathcal D$ on turbulent dissipation is reduced as $\frac{3}{5}\mathcal{D}$

$$
\mathcal{D} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \overline{u'v'v'} + 2r \overline{u'u'u'} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\overline{u'v'v'} + 2r \overline{u'u'u'} \right), \tag{2.21}
$$

$$
\mathcal{D}_p = -\frac{2}{5}\mathcal{D}.\tag{2.22}
$$

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All the terms in [\(2.14\)](#page-7-0) required for calculating the turbulent kinetic energy dissipation are stated in [Appendix A.](#page-22-0)

2.2.3. *Scaling of dissipation at centreline* ($\overline{\epsilon_c}$)

The experimental results by Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) have shown that the diffusion terms (D and \mathcal{D}_p) are very small at the centreline. Therefore, they are neglected in obtaining the relation for the centreline variation of the turbulent dissipation $\overline{\epsilon_c}$. The production (*P*) effect (defined in [\(2.15\)](#page-7-2)) cannot be neglected at the centreline, since the derivative $\partial \bar{v}/\partial y$ is non-zero at the centreline (shown in $(A2)$). The decay of the turbulent kinetic energy dissipation at the centreline is therefore balanced by the production (*P*) and advection (*A*) terms. At the centreline of the jet, the radial velocity and tangential turbulent stress are zero. With these simplifications and substituting $\eta = 0$ in [\(2.14\)](#page-7-0), the centreline $\bar{\epsilon}_c$ is stated in [\(2.23\)](#page-9-1)

$$
\frac{\bar{\epsilon}_c b_m}{v_c^3} = -\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}b_m}{\mathrm{d}y}\frac{(1+3\chi)}{\chi}\right)^2 \left[\frac{3(C_{1v} + C_{1u})}{2\chi}\frac{\mathrm{d}b_m}{\mathrm{d}y} + 2C_{1k}b_m \left(\frac{\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 b_m}{\mathrm{d}y^2}}{\frac{\mathrm{d}b_m}{\mathrm{d}y}} - \frac{\frac{\mathrm{d}\chi}{\mathrm{d}y}}{(3\chi + 1)\chi}\right)\right].
$$
\n(2.23)

For $v_c \sim y^{-1}$ and $b_m \sim y$ (i.e. condition of complete self-similarity $\chi = -1$), [\(2.23\)](#page-9-1) shows that the normalized dissipation $\bar{\epsilon}_c b_m v_c^{-3}$ is constant and depends on the spreading rate. Therefore, [\(2.23\)](#page-9-1) is consistent with the experimental observation of a −4 power-law decay of $\bar{\epsilon}$, as observed by Thiesset *et al.* [\(2014\)](#page-30-1) and Viggiano *et al.* [\(2021\)](#page-30-3). Recall from the definition of χ in [\(2.4\)](#page-3-4) that the acceleration and deceleration of the mean flow are represented by the χ < -1 and 0 > χ > -1 conditions, respectively. With this definition, [\(2.23\)](#page-9-1) indicates that, in the condition of very sudden deceleration of the flow i.e. $\chi \to 0$, the normalized dissipation is very high $\bar{\epsilon}_c b_m v_c^{-3} \to \infty$. Consequently, normalized dissipation will decrease ($\bar{\epsilon}_c b_m v_c^{-3} \to 0$) on acceleration of the mean flow ($\chi < -1$). The second term in [\(2.23\)](#page-9-1) consists of the effects of the rate of change of the spreading rate (d^2b_m) ./(dy) and $(d\chi)$./(dy)). These terms are related to jerk (rate of change of acceleration) of the mean flow profile. Therefore, it can be concluded that the second term signifies the effect of a sudden change of b_m and χ and can be neglected for smooth variation of v_c and b_m .

3. Analysis from experimental results

3.1. *Experimental set-up and PIV measurement*

The schematic of the experiment and photographs of the experimental set-up are shown in [figure 2.](#page-10-0) The experimental set-up consists of an open tank, the fluid injection system and the PIV measurement system. The main experimental tank has dimensions of 1m (width) \times 1 m (breadth) \times 2 m (height). The experimental tank is filled with water, such that the nozzle for the fluid injection is completely immersed in the water. The fluid injection system is at the top of the experimental tank being supported by the chassis, as shown in [figure 2.](#page-10-0) The fluid injection system is designed to inject 25 l of water. The fluid injector is actuated by a 5 ton (pressure) electric jack. The electric skew actuation (model ETH125 from Parker Hanniffin) with a 20 mm pitch ball screw provides a stroke of 65 cm.

Figure 2. Schematic of experimental set-up used with images of the set-up. Panel (*a*) shows a photograph of the upper part of the apparatus. In (*b*) a schematic of the experimental set-up is represented. A photograph of the tank is shown in (*c*).

At the bottom of the injector, a nozzle with an inner diameter of 5.6 mm is mounted. A detailed description of the experimental set-up is stated in Kewalramani [\(2023\)](#page-29-15).

The PIV system used in this work is similar to the dual-PIV system used by Schreyer, Lasserre & Dupont [\(2015\)](#page-30-9), however, it is used as conventional PIV. The PIV system consists of two cameras that are synchronized with two lasers (with wavelengths $\lambda =$ 527 nm and $\lambda = 532$ nm). The image pairs in PIV are recorded with a frequency of 200 Hz. Before starting measurements, both camera–laser systems are aligned on the calibration target. A pixel-by-pixel correspondence of both the cameras is obtained by correcting the distortion of images by an image-dewrapping algorithm provided by Dantec Dynamic software. The cameras are arranged such that each pixel corresponds to 42×10^{-6} m. Polyamide seeding particles with density 1.03 g cm⁻³, refractive index 1.5 and of sizes ranging from 30 to 70 μm are seeded in water (in the open tank and fluid injection system) before measurement. The seeding is done such that each interrogation window of size 32 × 32 pixels (i.e. with the vector spacing of 1.34×10^{-3} m \sim one fourth of the injection diameter) contains around 10 to 15 particles. For injection, the seeded water in the tank is sucked by the fluid injector system, so that uniform seeding is also present in the injected water. With the stated procedure various water jets with different inlet velocities, as stated in [table 1,](#page-11-0) are generated. The measurement region is selected such that the axial velocity has achieved self-similarity. It may be noted here that the jets generated here are already turbulent inside the nozzle. This is helpful for the nonlinear spreading rate in the measurement region that lies at a distance of 9*D* to 20*D* from the inlet nozzle. The time difference between the image pairs in PIV measurement ensures that the maximum displacement of the correlation peak is less than 8 pixels, as stated in [table 1.](#page-11-0) The images obtained are later processed with an adaptive PIV cross-correlation (detailed in Adrian & Westerweel [2011\)](#page-29-16) method provided by the Dantec Dynamics software to obtain the velocity fields. A two-pass adaptive PIV method with an interrogation area of 64 and 32 pixels is used to calculate the flow velocities. A signal-to-noise ratio of 2.5 is selected in the PIV algorithm. The outliers in the velocity data are later removed by using a *u*v scatter plot.

Exp.			U_0 (m s ⁻¹) Δt_p (µs) $Re\left(\frac{\rho U_0 D}{\mu}\right)$	$rac{b_m}{D}$	χ_{mean}		$\sim \frac{IW}{\eta_k}$ St _{acq} (fD/U ₀)
Test 1	0.23	1432	1283	$0.016(y/D)^{0.285}$ -1.15		8.6	48.6
Test 2	0.62	537	3460	$0.015(y/D)^{0.286}$	-1.37	14.2	18.04
Test 3	1.56	214	8706	0.014(y/D) ^{0.314}	-1.42	28.7	7.17

Table 1. Experimental parameters for various tests of jets. The temperature of the water while performing the experiments is 20 °C. Therefore, at this temperature, the density and viscosity of water are taken as $\rho =$ 998.2 kg m⁻³ and $\mu = 1.0016 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa s respectively.

From PIV measurement, the velocities averaged over the interrogation windows (*IW*) are available. For accurate measurement of turbulent dissipation from this averaged velocity, high spatial resolution is essential, otherwise dissipation is underpredicted. The studies of Lavoie *et al.* [\(2007\)](#page-29-17) and Tokgoz *et al.* [\(2012\)](#page-30-10) have suggested that vector spacing resolutions of $4\eta_k$ and $2\eta_k$ (here, $\eta_k = (\bar{\epsilon})^{-1/4}(\nu)^{3/4}$ is the Kolmogorov microscale), respectively, are essential for estimating the turbulent dissipation. Based on the experimental observation from Burattini *et al.* [\(2005\)](#page-29-3), Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) and Breda & Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0), the turbulent dissipation at the jet centreline can be approximated as, $\bar{\epsilon} \sim 0.01(v_c^3/b_m)$. With the approximated $\bar{\epsilon}$ based on the averaged values of v_c and b_m , the ratio of averaged *IW*/ η_k is stated in [table 1.](#page-11-0) Since in the present experiment the ratio IW/η_k is always greater than 8, therefore, the present PIV data are not resolved for turbulence dissipation measurement. Falchi & Romano [\(2009\)](#page-29-18), with a spatial resolution of *IW* around the size of the Taylor microscale $(\lambda_T \sim (15v^{\frac{1}{2}})^{1/2})$, have shown that the results for turbulent fluctuations from PIV measurement and laser Doppler anemometry data are similar at the centreline. In the present experimental arrangement, IW/λ_T at the centreline for tests 1, 2 and 3 are 0.4, 0.61 and 0.92, respectively. Therefore, based on the experimental observation of Falchi & Romano [\(2009\)](#page-29-18), the spatial resolution in the present set-up can be assumed to such that the correct turbulence fluctuation can be measured.

3.2. *Experimental results*

Using the experimental set-up described in the previous section, several turbulent jets (with the injection parameters in [table 1\)](#page-11-0) are generated and the PIV results are now analysed. In this subsection, initially, the results of the mean axial velocity and self-similar variables are discussed. Later, the results of turbulent fluctuations are analysed and constants of the model are acquired from turbulent fluctuations. Recall from the previous section that the PIV data in the present experimental set-up do not resolve dissipative scales, therefore turbulent kinetic energy dissipation results from the present experiments are not shown. Lastly in this subsection, the results of the entrainment coefficient (α) are discussed to analyse the variation of χ and weak similarity.

3.2.1. *Variation of mean velocities and related parameters*

[Figure 3](#page-12-0) shows the radial variation (r/b_m) of the normalized mean axial velocity (\bar{v}/v_c) at various axial locations of jets with the injection parameters stated in [table 1.](#page-11-0) The experimental results of the mean axial velocity can be approximated with the self-similar Gaussian profile stated in [\(2.1\)](#page-3-1). Therefore, in our measurement region (i.e. (9–22)D),

Figure 3. Results for the jets stated in [table 1](#page-11-0) are shown. In all figures, tests 1, 2 and 3 are represented with --(red), - - (blue) and - - (cyan), respectively. Behaviour of the normalized axial velocity along normalized radial direction (*r*/*bm*) is shown in (*a*). In (*a*), the solid black line represents a Gaussian profile. Data are plotted for 9 equidistant axial locations between 10 *D* and 22*D* in this figure. Variation of parameter normalized centreline velocity (v_c/U_0), normalized Gaussian fitted width (*b_m*/*D*) and *χ* along the normalized axial direction (*y*/*D*) are shown in (*b*–*d*).

the similarity of the mean velocity profile can be assumed. After Gaussian fitting, the information of v_c , b_m and their axial derivatives is known. In [figure 3,](#page-12-0) axial direction (y/D) variation of the normalized centreline velocities v_c/U_o (*b*) and normalized Gaussian fitted widths b_m/D (*c*) are also shown. As the Reynolds number of the jets increases, the rate of change of the width (b_m/D) with axial distance (y/D) does not change a lot. The same can also be observed by the best-fitted equation of b_m/D stated in [table 1.](#page-11-0) However, the magnitude of the centreline velocity decreases significantly with the increase in Reynolds number. In the present experimental measurement, the centreline velocity variation is more sensitive to the inlet Reynolds number of the jet.

The axial variation of χ for various jets with the error bars based on the goodness of the fit of the Gaussian profile is shown in [figure 3\(](#page-12-0)*d*). For jets with lower Reynolds numbers, the value of χ is close to -1 . Also, with an increase in the axial direction, the value of χ tends to become -1 with some oscillations for all jets. These oscillations are large for higher Reynolds number flow. The parameter χ is related to the conservation of mean momentum (by the definition of mean momentum and χ). Therefore, it can be assumed that the deviation of χ from -1 is related to the variation of the mean

momentum (and thus weak similarity). To further investigate the χ behaviour, information on turbulent stresses and entrainment may be useful. Therefore, this is explained later (after the results of the turbulent stresses) in the $\S 3.2.3$. However, it should be noted that these oscillations that are assumed to arise from the weak similarity may also amplify because of the alignment of measurement frequency with the large-scale structures in the upstream region. Several oscillatory modes arising from the interaction of weaker vortex rings, as analysed by Crow & Champagne [\(1971\)](#page-29-19) and Kantharaju *et al.* [\(2020\)](#page-29-20), might also be present in our measurement region. The Strouhal number (*Stacq*) based on the image acquisition frequency of PIV (200 Hz) is stated in [table 1.](#page-11-0) The coherence of these oscillatory modes with the acquisition frequency of PIV can also be a possible source of error that amplifies these oscillations of χ .

3.2.2. *Variation of turbulent stresses and determination of constants*

The results of normalized $u'v'$, $u'u'$ and $v'v'$ are shown panels (a) , (b) and (c) , respectively, in [figure 4.](#page-14-0) Experimental results at nine equidistant axial locations from 10*D* to 22*D* are shown in [figure 4.](#page-14-0) For $u'v'$, the linear mixing length model used in (2.5) can predict the tangential turbulent stress. The mixing constant value for the tangential stress is $C_{uv} = 0.03$. This observation is consistent with the results of Kewalramani *et al.* [\(2022](#page-29-12)*b*). Experimental results of turbulent normal stresses are fitted by (2.8) with the mixing length constants as fitting variables. The profile from eddy-viscosity relations at axial locations 10*D* and 20*D* are also shown with solid continuous and asterisk symbol lines, respectively. The minimum R^2 value for the fitting relation for the normal turbulent stresses with experimental results is 0.96. Thus, the shape of the normal turbulent stress from the experiments can be approximated by the nonlinear eddy viscosity. Since the assumptions in the eddy-viscosity model are less valid in the regions near the injector, errors for turbulent stress *u'u'* at region 10*D* can be noticed. Confirmation of experimental results with the model for turbulent stresses thus validates the model in § [2.](#page-2-0) The variation of fitting constant for normal direction Reynolds stresses is shown in [Appendix C.](#page-28-0) The average values of the constants are $C_{1v} = 0.85$, $C_{1u} = 0.54$, $C_{2v} = 0.09$ and $C_{2u} = 0.043$.

In the normal direction turbulent stresses plots, the momentum conserving results obtained by Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) using laser Doppler velocimetry (LDV) measurements at a far away axial location i.e. at $y/D = 30$ are also presented in [figure 4](#page-14-0) for comparative analysis. The experimental results of normalized normal turbulent stresses with a lower Reynolds number (test 1) do not vary much with axial location and are closer to the experimental results of Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10). This is because, for lower Reynolds number jets, the parameter χ is close to -1 i.e. far-field condition of complete self-similarity in Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10). However, as the inlet Reynolds number increases, the results start to deviate from the experimental results of Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10). Also, the profile of normal stresses changes with streamwise direction and this change in the shape is such that it tends to be closer to the results of Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) with an increase in axial direction. Such behaviour of the normalized turbulent stress is similar to the behaviour of χ (as χ also tends to a −1 value with an increase in flow direction) reported in the previous subsection. The simultaneous convergence of the χ and normal direction turbulence stresses to the complete self-similarity behaviour of Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) is a possible indication of a gradual achievement of complete self-similarity.

For determining the value of the mixing constants of one-point three-velocity fluctuations $(u'u'u'$ and $u'v'v'$), a similar procedure is used but on the experimental data of Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10). As the magnitude of the three-velocity fluctuations is small, the

Figure 4. Variation of Reynolds stresses. Symbols: tests 1, 2 and 3 are represented with – (red), – (blue) and – (cyan) colours, respectively. Dots (*a*) and dotted lines (*b*,*c*) are used for experimental data, whereas the coloured solid and star connected lines represent the shape predicted by the nonlinear mixing length at locations 10*D* and 22*D*, respectively. The black solid line represents experimental results by Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10).

PIV data set taken in the present experimental set-up is not large enough for accurate measurement of the three-velocity single-point fluctuation. Although the data in the present work are not converged, they have been compared with the results from Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) and results seem to be almost similar, although there is deviation at some points. For clarity of comparison of the model with the Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) results,

Figure 5. Three-velocity single-point correlation of fluctuating velocities. The continuous lines with star and square symbols represent *u'v'v'* and *u'u'u'* from Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10), respectively; dashed lines with circles and diamond symbols represent model equation for $u'v'v'$ and $u'u'u'$ respectively.

three-velocity correlations from the present experiments are not shown. The results of normalized $u'u'u'$ and $u'v'v'$ from experiments and (2.19) and (2.20) with constants $C_s = 0.032$, $C_{uvw} = 0.2$ and $C_{uuu} = 1.2$ are shown in [figure 5.](#page-15-1) From the comparison, it can be observed that there exists some error between the experimental results and the model. It is important to mention here that, because of the low dominance of the turbulent diffusion effects, the errors in $u'u'u'$ and $u'v'v'$ can be tolerated in the model for dissipation.

3.2.3. *Entrainment coefficient (*α*) and* χ *variation*

The entrainment coefficient (α) approximation (initially proposed by Morton, Taylor & Turner [1956\)](#page-29-21) approximates the average entrainment velocity as proportional to the average centreline velocity of the jet with a proportionality constant of α . A detailed description of the derivation of the entrainment coefficient using the methodology stated by van Reeuwijk & Craske [\(2015\)](#page-29-22) is provided in [Appendix B.](#page-26-2) The definitions of the entrainment coefficient based on integral mass (O) and mean momentum (M) flux and on the energy consistent relation are also stated in (3.1) and (3.2) , respectively,

$$
\alpha_e = \frac{1}{2M^{1/2}} \frac{\mathrm{d}Q}{\mathrm{d}y},\tag{3.1}
$$

$$
\alpha_m = -\frac{\delta_m^{uf}}{2\gamma_m} + \frac{Q}{M^{3/2}} \frac{dM}{dy}.
$$
\n(3.2)

In the above-stated equations, α_e is the definition of the entrainment coefficient and is used to obtain the value of the entrainment coefficient directly from the experimental results whereas α_m is a modelled equation for the entrainment coefficient derived in [Appendix B.](#page-26-2) The first and the second terms in [\(3.2\)](#page-15-3) are related to turbulence production and the rate of change of mean momentum in the jet, respectively. The definition and importance of all the terms in the model equation are stated in [Appendix B.](#page-26-2) Comparison of entrainment coefficient results between the energy consistent entrainment relation stated

Figure 6. Comparison of entrainment coefficient (α) obtained from the mean velocity parameters. Dotted lines represent experimental entrainment stated in [\(3.1\)](#page-15-2), whereas solid lines with circles represent entrainment relation stated in (3.2) . Tests 1, 2 and 3 are represented with (red) , (blue) and (cyan) , respectively.

in (3.2) and experimental relation in (3.1) for various tests is shown in [figure 6.](#page-16-0) The axial variations of v_c , b_m , χ and C_{uv} presented previously are required for calculating α_m and α_e . [Figure 6](#page-16-0) shows that, for most of the data points, the results obtained from the energy consistent relation of α_m are similar to the results obtained from the relations with the entrainment coefficient relation α_e . Error at some points in the entrainment results is due to the goodness of Gaussian fitting shown in the error bars in the figure for χ . This confirmation of experiments and theoretical results for the entrainment coefficient indicates that mean axial velocity parameters from the experiments are in accordance with the energy consistent entrainment relation [\(3.2\)](#page-15-3).

In the absence of the change of mean momentum (i.e. second term in (3.2)), the value of α_m is only related to the turbulence production (i.e. the first term in [\(3.2\)](#page-15-3)) and is a constant. Also, usually for self-similar jets, the value of the entrainment coefficient is around 0.08 (refer also Kaminski, Tait & Carazzo [2005;](#page-29-23) van Reeuwijk & Craske [2015;](#page-29-22) Kewalramani *et al.* [2022](#page-29-12)*b*). However, [figure 6](#page-16-0) shows that the magnitude of the entrainment coefficient (on average) for all three jets is higher than 0.08. This additional entrainment coefficient value is due to an increase in the mean momentum described by the second term in [\(3.2\)](#page-15-3). Using the definition stated in [Appendix B,](#page-26-2) the second term in [\(3.2\)](#page-15-3) can be related to χ as

$$
\frac{Q}{M^{3/2}}\frac{dM}{dy} = 2^{3/2}\frac{db_m}{dy}\left(\frac{d}{dy}\frac{\chi+1}{\chi}\right).
$$
\n(3.3)

Therefore, it can be concluded that, in the present experiments, there is an increase in mean axial direction momentum that also causes the variation of χ .

The origin of non-constant mean momentum can be understood from [\(B6\)](#page-26-3) (i.e. total momentum conservation). The total momentum conservation gives $M + M^f$ + M^p = const. Therefore, the change in the mean momentum should be compensated by contributions from axial direction fluctuations M^f and pressure contributions M^p . The change in the profile of $\overline{v'v'}/v_c^2$ described in the previous subsection (in [figure 4\)](#page-14-0) is an indication of a change in the integral term M^f (as M^f is the integral of $\overline{v'v'}$). An increase/decrease in M^f as per equation [\(B6\)](#page-26-3) should contribute to a decrease/increase in mean momentum (M) if pressure effects (M^p) are constant. This concludes that the increase in mean momentum has a contribution due to a decrease in M^f . With a lack of information about mean pressure, the information about integral pressure (M^p) is not known. To the best of our reading, there is evidence in the literature supporting the claim of the non-constant pressure effect (M^f) upstream of the jet. The paper by Hussain & Clark [\(1977\)](#page-29-8) has performed a similar integral analysis of momentum conservation in the

incomplete self-similar region and has observed a similar trend of increase in the mean momentum of the jet in the near field. Hussain & Clark [\(1977\)](#page-29-8) relates this to a decrease of static pressure in the axial direction of a turbulent jet that was observed by many authors previously (Miller & Comings [\(1957\)](#page-29-24) for instance).

4. Assessment and analysis of the model

Up to this section, all the constants required for the model are available. As results in the present experiments do not resolve turbulent kinetic energy dissipation, results in the literature are therefore used for testing the model. The testing of the model is performed in various subsections as follows.

4.1. Comparison and analysis of $\bar{\epsilon}$ with Darisse et al. [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) results

The experimental results from Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) are now compared with the model. Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) have presented LDV and simultaneous LDV–cold-wire thermometry measurement results for a slightly heated (20 \degree C above ambient) air jet at Reynolds number 1.4×10^5 . It should be noted that, since the jet is slightly heated, Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) have claimed that temperature can be treated as a passive scalar (with no effect on flow), thus their results are suitable for comparison with the model. [Figure 7](#page-18-0) compares the radial variation of various effects that include advection (A) , production (P) , turbulent diffusion (D) and turbulent dissipation rate against the model developed in § [2.2.](#page-6-4) The spreading rate (db_m/dy) required for the model is stated in Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) and the parameter χ is assumed to be −1. The comparison of experimental results with the model for normalized −*A* and −*P* looks fairly accurate. Although there exists some error in the model for turbulent diffusion effects (D) , this error in D does not affect much the prediction of normalized dissipation as shown in [figure 7.](#page-18-0) As the error in the model equation for $u'u'u'$ and $u'v'v'$ is maximum (around 40 %) near $\eta \sim 1$, therefore the maximum error between the turbulent diffusion effects (*D*) predicted by the model with experimental results is also near $\eta \sim 1$. A possible source of error in modelling diffusion effects could be the assumption of neglecting the terms related to the square of the spreading rate. The maximum error between the predicted and experimental dissipation is around 10 %. Therefore, it can be concluded that the model predicts the shape of turbulent dissipation rate (i.e. radial variation) with 10 % accuracy.

From the comparison just performed for Reynolds number 1.4×10^5 , it can be concluded that advection (A) , production (P) and diffusion (P) effects can be approximated by a gradient diffusion-type equation i.e. only with the information of mean velocity gradients and some constants. Therefore, based on the characteristics of the mean velocity gradient, different turbulence characteristic regions along the radial direction can be classified as (i) advection-dominated homogenous flow region at the centre, (ii) mean velocity shear-driven production and diffusion region around $r/b_m \approx 0.7$, (iii) production-driven diffusion region (with diminishing advection) after $r/b_m \approx 1$ and, later, (iv) after the end of turbulent spreading (around $r/b_m \approx 1.5$) there is an irrotational turbulent–non-turbulent interface.

At the centreline of the turbulent jet, the radial derivatives of the velocities are zero; the flow is therefore a decaying homogeneous flow. Production and diffusion effects are also negligible near the centreline because of their relation (gradient diffusion) with mean velocity gradients. In this homogeneous flow region, the advection effect A can be assumed to be dominant and balanced by the turbulent dissipation rate. The effect of

Figure 7. Comparison of results from Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) (shown in blue) with the model developed in the present section (shown in red). The \star symbol used on the vertical axis is the representation of various effects shown in the legend box. All the effects are normalized with Gaussian width (b_m) and centreline velocity (v_c) as stated in the vertical axis.

inhomogeneity starts to appear as the radial distance from the centreline increases. At the location $r/b_m \approx 0.7$ the inhomogeneity is such that the mean shear is maximum. Therefore, the turbulent production is maximum at the location of mean shear (being proportional to mean shear). [Figure 7](#page-18-0) shows the turbulent diffusion effects are also maximum at $r/b_m \approx 0.7$. This is because, at $r/b_m \approx 0.7$, the rate of change of mean shear is maximum and diffusion effects are proportional to the rate of change of mean shear. The maximum magnitude of production and diffusion at the location of maximum shear indicates that the turbulent production (with diminishing advection effect) is mostly drained due to dissipation and turbulent diffusion effects. The turbulent diffusion effects diffuse towards the centreline and outer regions of the jet. It can also be observed that diffusion terms increase in the radial direction and are positive. However, after reaching the maximum value they start to decrease and even become negative at $r/b_m \sim 1$. The negative value of the diffusion indicates the damping of the third-order velocity correlation that may be possibly due to the low magnitude of velocity gradients in the flow.

$4.2.$ *Comparison of* $\bar{\epsilon}_c$ *with hot-wire anemometry results*

Using hot-wire anemometry (HWA) in turbulent jets, turbulent dissipation at a point in a turbulent flow can be estimated by using Taylor's frozen turbulence hypothesis. In the present subsection, the proposed relations for the variation of centreline dissipation stated in § [2.2.3](#page-9-2) are tested with the experimental results from HWA at the centreline of a jet. The testing of $\epsilon_c b_m/v_c^3$ is performed with the experimental results form Mi, Xu & Zhou [\(2013\)](#page-29-25) (MXZ for Mi, Xu and Zhou), Burattini *et al.* [\(2005\)](#page-29-3) (BAD for Burattini, Antonia and Danaila) and Antonia, Satyaprakash & Hussain [\(1980\)](#page-29-26) (ASH for Antonia, Satyaprakash and Hussain) and shown in [table 2.](#page-19-0) It should be noted that the constants used for calculating $((\overline{\epsilon_c}b_m)/(v_c^3))_{model}$ in [table 2](#page-19-0) are the same as obtained in § [3.2.2.](#page-13-0)

Table 2. Comparison of proposed relation with some results available in literature.

While comparing the proposed relation with the experimental results in the literature, due to the lack of complete data in the corresponding paper, $\chi = -1$ and a constant spreading rate along the streamwise direction (due to virtual origin fitting) are assumed. Considerable error (around 50%) for low inlet Reynolds (\sim 10³) is obtained from the comparison, as stated in [table 2.](#page-19-0) However, as the Reynolds number increases, the error reduces. For the highest inlet Reynolds number in the results of BAD, we found an error of only around 2.7 %. One of the reasons for the high error at low Reynolds numbers could be the assumption of a constant spreading rate and $\chi = -1$ that is implied from the virtual origin assumption. Another reason for the high error may be that the assumptions used for the development of the model are less valid for low Reynolds number jets in the MXZ results. Because of the high error in our model for low Reynolds number, a further test of the model with numerical results of a low Reynolds number jet from Anghan *et al.* [\(2019\)](#page-29-27) is performed in the next section.

4.3. Comparison of $\bar{\epsilon}$ with numerical results from Anghan et al. [\(2019\)](#page-29-27)

In this subsection, direct numerical simulation results from Anghan *et al.* [\(2019\)](#page-29-27) with Reynolds number 1200 are compared with the analytical model. The information of the normalized spreading rate and the velocity decay rate provided in Anghan *et al.* [\(2019\)](#page-29-27) is used to calculate χ and turbulent kinetic energy dissipation. The average value of χ is around -0.67 . Such behaviour of χ for low Reynolds number jets indicates that the main contributions of error for the low Reynolds jet in the previous section (stated in [table 2\)](#page-19-0) could be the assumption of $\chi = -1$. Thus, it could be possible that $\chi = -1$ might not be an accurate assumption for a low Reynolds number jet. The effect of weak similarity, as pointed out by ?, may be more predominant for a low Reynolds number turbulent jet.

The contour plots of $\bar{\epsilon}$ provided in Anghan *et al.* [\(2019\)](#page-29-27) are compared with the analytical model in [figure 8.](#page-20-1) The comparison of numerical results of the centreline variation of turbulent kinetic dissipation $(\bar{\epsilon}_c)$ with the analytical model is shown in [figure 8\(](#page-20-1)*a*). The results presented in Anghan *et al.* [\(2019\)](#page-29-27) were analysed for visualization of the vortical structures of the jet with no exact information on inlet velocity and diameter. To avoid the assumption of either inlet velocity and nozzle diameter based on the Reynolds number, results of normalized dissipation $(\bar{\epsilon}_c)/(\bar{\epsilon}_c)_{y/D=8}$ are shown in [figure 8.](#page-20-1) The comparison of the normalized turbulent kinetic energy dissipation at the centreline shows that the analytical model can predict the centreline variation with an error of less than 5 %. In this Reynolds number 1200 comparison, the correct variation of χ is included. On using the correct value of χ in $\overline{\epsilon_c}$ for a low Reynolds number jet, a lower magnitude of error is observed in the presented subsection as compared with the HWA comparison stated in

Figure 8. Turbulent kinetic energy dissipation comparison of the proposed model with direct numerical simulations (DNS) from Anghan *et al.* [\(2019\)](#page-29-27). Continuous and dashed lines are used to denote results from the model and scanned DNS results, respectively. Panel (*a*) shows the variation of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation at the centreline. Panel (*b*) shows the radial variation of the turbulent kinetic energy at three different axial locations for Reynolds number 1200. Red, blue and magenta colours are used for axial location of $y/D = 8.7$, $y/D = 9.8$ and $y/D = 11.5$, respectively.

the previous section. The comparison of numerical results for the shape of the turbulent dissipation rate with the analytical model at three locations (that are $y/D = 8.7$, 9.8 and 11.5) is shown in [figure 8\(](#page-20-1)*b*). Even though the three-velocity single-point model used in the model for dissipation is based on complete self-similarity, it seems that the error induced by this approximation is not large enough to affect the shape prediction of $\bar{\epsilon}$. The maximum error for shape prediction between numerical results and the analytical model is less than 15 %.

1.4. Effect of spreading rate and χ on radial variation of $\bar{\epsilon}$

The behaviour of $\bar{\epsilon}b_m/v_c^3$ explained with the results of Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) cannot be expected for all jets. Based on the exact value of the spreading rate d_{m}/dy and parameter χ , the radial variation of $\bar{\epsilon}$ may differ and is explained using [figure 9.](#page-21-1) Using the model of dissipation, five different plots with various spreading rates $(d*b_m/d*y = 0.075, 0.1$ and 0.14) and parameter χ (-0.6, -1 and -2) are shown in [figure 9.](#page-21-1) It should be noted that, for the plots shown in [figure 9,](#page-21-1) the values of $(\mathrm{d}\chi)/(\mathrm{d}y)$ and $(\mathrm{d}^2b_m)/(\mathrm{d}y^2)$ are taken to be zero and thus there are no additional entrainment effects. As the value of χ decreases, the peak location of $\bar{\epsilon}$ shifts towards the outer region and with an increase in the value of χ , the inverse happens. As χ is related to the conservation of mean momentum, this indicates that, if the momentum is sucked from the jet as it flows, the location of maximum shear is shifted towards the centre of the jet and the diffusion-dominated outer region extends in the radial direction. With changing spreading rate, the shape of dissipation in the diffusion-dominated region of the jet approximately remains the same as observed in [figure 9.](#page-21-1) However, with a change in spreading rate, a substantial change in the $\bar{\epsilon}$ profile can occur at the centreline of the jet. As the spreading rate of the jet increases, the advection of turbulent kinetic energy changes a lot. Since at the centreline the dissipation is mostly balanced by advective effects, the dissipation profile changes a lot due to the high sensitivity of the advective term with spreading rate.

Figure 9. Turbulent dissipation rate $(\bar{\epsilon})$ with different spreading rates $(\mathrm{d}b_m/\mathrm{d}y)$ and χ values.

5. Conclusion and prospective

The important conclusions along with the perspectives are summarized as follows:

- (i) Based on the self-similarity of the axial velocity, an analytical model for normal turbulent stresses and turbulent kinetic energy is formulated in [\(2.8\)](#page-5-1) and [\(2.11\)](#page-6-2), respectively. With the information about the relation of turbulent stresses, the dominant effects in the conservative equation for turbulent kinetic energy [\(2.14\)](#page-7-0) are calculated in $(A5)$, $(A6)$, $(A7)$, $(A8)$ and $(A10)$. The analytical expression for turbulent kinetic energy dissipation is later obtained by summing all the effects. The relation of the normalized turbulent kinetic energy dissipation is found to be dependent on the spreading rate $(d*b_m*/dy)$, a new parameter (χ) and some empirical constants. The theoretical model was evaluated against the experimental and numerical results available in the literature. It is found that, with a maximum error of 15 %, the model can predict the axial as well as the radial variation of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation.
- (ii) The assumptions used in the development of the dissipation relation are fairly general and can be extended for any free shear flow with self-similarity in mean streamwise velocity. This model can therefore be extended to plumes, wakes and also two-phase jets. However, in order to extend the present model to other self-similar free shear flows some modification may be required. One of such modification is stated here. While deriving the equation of normal stresses, an assumption of $k^3/\bar{\epsilon}^2 \sim b_m^2$ was used in this section. However, recent results for planar jets (Cafiero & Vassilicos [2019\)](#page-29-28), planar wakes (Portela, Papadakis & Vassilicos [2018\)](#page-29-29) and for two-bar wakes (Chen *et al.* [2021\)](#page-29-30) highlighted a new non-equilibrium turbulent dissipation law $C_{\epsilon} = (\sqrt{Re_0}/Re_{\lambda})^p$ (refer to Vassilicos [\(2015\)](#page-30-0) for an explanation of this scaling). In this new relation, Re_0 and Re_λ are the global- and Taylor-scale Reynolds numbers and *p* is the exponent (such that $p = 1$ for planer wakes/jet and $p \approx 1.52$ for a two-bar wake). If non-equilibrium scaling of normalized dissipation (C_{ϵ}) is valid in a given self-similar free shear flow, then the scaling $k^3/\bar{\epsilon}^2 \sim (Re_\lambda/\sqrt{Re_0})^p b_m^2$ should be used with the present model. Such modification will cause the empirical

constants of the eddy-viscosity equation to be dependent on Re_{λ} and they may evolve with flow direction.

- (iii) The virtual origin fitting is most often used in the literature for describing the spreading rate and centreline velocity decay rate. The virtual origin fitting implies that the mean momentum of the fluid is conserved. This may be true only in the region of complete self-similarity. However, Breda & Buxton [\(2018\)](#page-29-0) have found weak similarity even in regions far downstream from the injection. With the introduction of the new parameter χ , the effect of weak similarity can also be included in predicting the behaviour of turbulent kinetic energy dissipation. However, independently choosing the correct value of χ for the injection condition remains a topic to be investigated.
- (iv) The new relation for radial variation of turbulent kinetic energy and its dissipation can also used useful in analysing the turbulence structure function and hence turbulent cascade.
- (v) The dissipation relation can further be used to analyse the average fragmentation and collision plots in two-phase sprays. Recently, Kewalramani *et al.* [\(2022](#page-29-9)*a*) have developed the experimental methodology to obtain the maps of collision and fragmentation in two-phase sprays. In sprays, self-similarity in the axial velocity profile is also observed. Therefore, the model developed in the present study can also be extended to obtain turbulent dissipation profiles in the continuous phase fluid of the spray. The collision and fragmentation processes of drops in a spray are related to the turbulent dissipation of the carrier (continuous) phase of the spray. Therefore, the information on collision and fragmentation maps can be calculated using the information of dissipation from the proposed model. Such analysis can be highly useful in process industries.

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Appendix A. Supplementary relations and explanation

The derivatives of the mean velocities are stated in $(A1)$ – $(A4)$. The expression of the derivatives is later required for the calculation of turbulent stresses and turbulent

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diffusion effects

$$
\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r} = -2 \frac{v_c}{b_m} \eta \exp\left(-\eta^2\right),\tag{A1}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} = \frac{v_c}{b_m} \frac{1}{\chi} \frac{db_m}{dy} \exp\left(-\eta^2\right) \left(1 + 2\chi \eta^2\right),\tag{A2}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial r} = \frac{v_c}{b_m} \frac{db_m}{dy} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\chi} \right) \frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{\eta^2} + \left(3 + \frac{1}{\chi} - 2\eta^2 \right) \exp(-\eta^2) \right], \quad (A3)
$$

$$
\frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial y} = \left[\frac{\mathrm{d}v_c}{\mathrm{d}y} \frac{\mathrm{d}b_m}{\mathrm{d}y} + \frac{v_c}{b_m} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}b_m}{\mathrm{d}y} \right)^2 + v_c \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 b_m}{\mathrm{d}y^2} \right] \left(\exp(-\eta^2)\eta + \frac{\exp(-\eta^2) - 1}{\eta} \right) + 2\eta^3 \exp(-\eta^2) \frac{v_c}{b_m} \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}b_m}{\mathrm{d}y} \right)^2 + \frac{\exp(-\eta^2) - 1}{\eta} \frac{b_m}{2} \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 v_c}{\mathrm{d}y^2}.
$$
 (A4)

The virtual origin fitting i.e. $(b_m/D) = K_b((y - y_v)/D)$ is commonly used in the self-similar region to describe the spreading rate of the jet. In this fitting K_b and y_v (virtual origin) are constants that are assumed to be dependent on the injection condition. The experimental results in the literature (refer to Darisse *et al.* [\(2015\)](#page-29-10) for various references) have indicated that $K_b \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$. With the assumption of $K_b \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$ and χ being negative with a value not far from −1, order of magnitude analysis of the mean velocity derivative and its radial variation is simplified now. (i) The term $(\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ and is zero at $\eta = 0$. It reaches a maximum magnitude at $\eta \sim 1$ and then decays further as η increases. (ii) The term $(\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y) \sim \mathcal{O}(K_b)$. It has a maximum magnitude at $\eta = 0$ and then decays in the radial direction. (iii) The term $(\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r) \sim \mathcal{O}(K_b)$ and is non-zero at the centre, it reaches its maximum close around $\eta \sim 0.6$ and further decays radially. (iv) The $(\partial \bar{u})/(\partial y) \sim \mathcal{O}(K_b^2)$ (if the double derivative of *b_m* is also smaller) and is therefore small as compared with other derivatives.

To obtain a simplified eddy-viscosity relation for turbulent stresses, a similar order of magnitude analysis for the product of the derivative is performed. (*a*) From the above stated analysis it is clear that the product term $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r))^2$ is the most dominant product. (*b*) As the derivative $(\partial \bar{u})/(\partial y)$ is least dominant, its square and products of derivatives with $(\partial \bar{u})/(\partial y)$ as a multiple can be ignored. (*c*) The component of products $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r) \cdot (\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r))$ and $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r) \cdot (\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y))$ reach their maximum values at different radial locations. Therefore, the products $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r) \cdot (\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r))$ and $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r) \cdot (\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y))$ are minimum throughout the radial direction and thus they can also be ignored. (*d*) The behaviour of the terms $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y) \cdot (\partial \bar{u})(\partial r))$ and $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y))^2$ is similar to that of $((\partial \bar{u})(\partial r))^2$. Therefore the effect of $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y) \cdot (\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r))$ and $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial y))^2$ can be presented by $((\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r))^2$ only. (*e*) With these stated explanations, it can be considered that $((\partial \bar{v})/(\partial r))^2$ and $((\partial \bar{u})/(\partial r))^2$ are dominant derivatives that can be used basis functions for the eddy-viscosity-type relation for the normal turbulent stresses

$$
\bar{v}\frac{\partial k}{\partial y} = \frac{2v_c^3 \exp(-3\eta^2)}{b_m \chi} \frac{d b_m}{dy} \times \left[C_{1k} \left(\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{d b_m}{dy} \right)^2 \left(\left(1 - 2\chi \eta^2 + 3\chi \right) + (1 + 2\chi) \frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)} \right)^2 \right. \left. + 4C_{2k}\eta^2 \right] \left(1 + 2\chi \eta^2 \right) \left. + \frac{v_c^3 \exp(-3\eta^2)}{b_m} \left[\left(\left(1 - 2\chi \eta^2 + 3\chi \right) + (1 + 2\chi) \frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)} \right) \frac{2C_{1k}b_m}{\chi} \frac{d b_m}{dy} \right. \left. \times \left[\left(\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{d^2 b_m}{dy^2} - \frac{1}{\chi^2} \frac{d b_m}{dy} \frac{d \chi}{dy} \right) \left(\left(1 - 2\chi \eta^2 + 3\chi \right) + (1 + 2\chi) \frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)} \right) \right. \left. + \left(3\frac{d\chi}{dy} + \frac{4\eta^2 \chi}{b_m} \frac{d b_m}{dy} - 2\eta^2 \frac{d\chi}{dy} + \frac{d b_m}{dy} \frac{(1 + 2\chi) \left(1 - e^{-\eta^2} - \eta^2 \right)}{e^{-\eta^2} \eta^2 b_m} \right. \right. \left. + \frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)} \frac{d\chi}{dy} \right] \frac{1}{\chi} \frac{d b_m}{dy} \right] - 8C_{2k}\eta^2 \frac{d b_m}{dy} \right] \tag{A5}
$$

$$
\bar{u}\frac{\partial k}{\partial r} = \frac{v_c^3}{b_m}\frac{d b_m}{d y} \left(\frac{\exp(-\eta^2) - 1}{\eta} \left(\frac{1}{2\chi} + 1 \right) + \eta \exp(-\eta^2) \right) \left[8C_{2k}\eta e^{-2\eta^2} \left(1 - 2\eta^2 \right) - \left(\frac{d b_m}{d y} \right)^2 \frac{C_{1k}e^{-2\eta^2}}{\eta^5 \chi^2} \left(1 + 2\eta^2 - e^{\eta^2} + \chi \left(2 + 2\eta^2 + 4\eta^4 - 2e^{\eta^2} \right) \right) - \left(1 + \eta^2 + 2\eta^4 - e^{\eta^2} + \chi \left(2 + 2\eta^2 - 2\eta^4 + 4\eta^6 - 2e^{\eta^2} \right) \right) \right].
$$
\n(A6)

The terms related to advection (A) in [\(2.15\)](#page-7-2) are now stated in $(A5)$ –[\(A6\)](#page-24-0), whereas the terms related to production (P) are stated in [\(A7\)](#page-25-3)–[\(A8\)](#page-25-0). As expressions in [\(A5\)](#page-24-1)–(A7) are large, they can be simplified with some compromise on the accuracy. For instance, the advective terms are dominated by terms in $(A5)$ whereas the production term is dominated by $(A8)$. The behaviour of $(A5)$ – $(A7)$ can also be analysed concerning the behaviour of x. As χ < -1 and 0 > χ > -1 represent acceleration and deceleration of the mean flow, respectively [\(A5\)](#page-24-1)–[\(A7\)](#page-25-3) show that, for sudden deceleration of the flow i.e. $\chi \rightarrow 0$, the turbulent production and advection effects become very large. Similarly, turbulence production and advection effects decrease with the acceleration of mean flow ($\chi < -1$)

 \sim

$$
(\overline{v'v'} - \overline{u'u'})\frac{\partial v}{\partial y}
$$

= $\frac{v_c^3}{b_m} \frac{(1 + 2\chi\eta^2)}{\chi} \frac{db_m}{dy} \exp\left(-3\eta^2\right) \left[4(C_{2v} - C_{2v})\eta^2 + (C_{1v} - C_{1u})\left(\frac{1}{\chi}\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2$

$$
\left(\left(1 - 2\chi\eta^2 + 3\chi\right) + (1 + 2\chi)\frac{1 - \exp(-\eta^2)}{2\eta^2 \exp(-\eta^2)}\right)^2\right]
$$
(A7)

$$
\overline{u'v'}\left(\frac{\partial \overline{v}}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \overline{u}}{\partial y}\right)
$$

$$
\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial y}\right)
$$

= $4\frac{v_c^3}{b_m}C_{uv}\eta|\eta| \exp\left(-2\eta^2\right)\left[-2\eta \exp\left(-\eta^2\right) + \left(\exp(-\eta^2)\eta + \frac{\exp(-\eta^2) - 1}{\eta}\right)\right]$

$$
\left[\frac{2}{\chi}\left(\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{b_m}\frac{d^2b_m}{dy^2}\right]
$$

$$
+2\eta^3 \exp(-\eta^2)\left(\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 + \frac{\exp(-\eta^2) - 1}{\eta}\frac{b_m^2}{2v_c}\frac{d^2v_c}{dy^2}\right].
$$
 (A8)

The expression of the radial direction three-velocity correlation obtained from the diffusion gradient approximation is stated in [\(A9\)](#page-25-1). After neglecting the terms related to $((db_m)/(dy))^2$ terms in [\(A9\)](#page-25-1), an empirical but simplified relation for three-velocity effects is stated in (2.19) – (2.20) . An explanation for neglecting, $((db_m)/(dy))^2$ is already stated in § [2.2.2.](#page-7-3) Later, using the expression stated in [\(2.19\)](#page-8-3)–[\(2.20\)](#page-8-4), the final expression for turbulent diffusion effects is stated in [\(A10\)](#page-25-2)

$$
\overline{u'u'u'} \sim -C_s \frac{b_m}{v_c} \frac{v_c^4}{b_m} e^{-4\eta^2}
$$
\n
$$
\times \left[\frac{C_{1u}}{4\eta^4} \left(\frac{db_m}{dy} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1 - e^{\eta^2} + 2\eta^2}{\chi} + 2 + 4\eta^4 - 2e^{\eta^2} + 2\eta^2 \right)^2 + 4C_{2u}\eta^2 \right]
$$
\n
$$
\left[8C_{2u}\eta \left(2\eta^2 - 1 \right) + \frac{C_{1u}}{\eta^5} \left(\frac{db_m}{dy} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1 - e^{\eta^2} + 2\eta^2}{\chi} + 2 + 4\eta^4 - 2e^{\eta^2} + 2\eta^2 \right) \right]
$$
\n
$$
\left(\frac{1 - e^{\eta^2} + \eta^2 + 2\eta^4}{\chi} + 2 + 4\eta^6 - 2e^{\eta^2} + 2\eta^2 - 2\eta^4 \right) \right]
$$
\n(A9)

$$
\mathcal{D} = \frac{v_c^3}{b_m} C_s \eta^2 e^{-4\eta^2} \left[2 \left(9\eta^2 - 12\eta^4 + 2C_{uvw} - 4C_{uvw}\eta^2 + 4C_{uuu} - 8C_{uuu}\eta^2 \right) \frac{\eta}{\chi} + \frac{db_m}{dy} \left(3\eta^2 + 9C_{uvw} - 15\eta^2 \chi + 24\eta^4 \chi - 3C_{uvw}\chi + 8C_{uvw}\eta^2 \chi + C_{uuu} - 6C_{uuu}\chi + 16C_{uuu}\eta^2 \chi \right) \right].
$$
\n(A10)

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Appendix B. Integral description of entrainment

Kaminski *et al.* [\(2005\)](#page-29-23) have characterized the entrainment coefficient as a function of the local Richardson number and turbulence instead of a constant using an integral approach. With a similar approach, later, van Reeuwijk $\&$ Craske [\(2015\)](#page-29-22) have presented an integral budget model for jets and plumes. In the work by van Reeuwijk & Craske (2015) , the entrainment coefficient (α) defined by Morton *et al.* [\(1956\)](#page-29-21) can also be stated using the mean kinetic energy equation. In this section, the derivation of energy consistent relation proposed for entrainment coefficient by van Reeuwijk & Craske [\(2015\)](#page-29-22) is presented briefly. The continuity and momentum equations for the jet after excluding transient and viscous diffusion term equations are

$$
\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0, \quad \partial_t \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p.
$$
 (B1*a,b*)

For turbulent jets, the velocity component in the *y*-direction is dominant over the other velocity components, therefore only the *y*-component of the momentum equation is used in cylindrical coordinates. The evolution equation of mean kinetic energy [\(B4\)](#page-26-4) is obtained by multiplying the *y* direction momentum equation with $2\bar{v}$ and later using the continuity equation

$$
\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\bar{u}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\bar{v}) = 0,
$$
\n(B2)

$$
\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\overline{u}\overline{v} + r\overline{u'v'}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\overline{v}^2 + \overline{v'v'}) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\overline{p}),
$$
(B3)

$$
\frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\overline{u}\overline{v}^{2} + 2r\overline{u'v'}\overline{v}\right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(\overline{v}^{3} + \overline{v'v'}\overline{v} + 2\overline{p}\overline{v}\right) = 2\overline{u'v'}\frac{\partial\overline{v}}{\partial r} + 2\overline{v'v'}\frac{\partial\overline{v}}{\partial y} + 2\overline{p}\frac{\partial\overline{v}}{\partial y}.
$$
 (B4)

Integrating [\(B2\)](#page-26-0) to [\(B4\)](#page-26-4) with 2 $\int_0^\infty r dr$ and the using Morton *et al.* [\(1956\)](#page-29-21) hypothesis (i.e. entrainment velocity equals α times the centreline velocity) gives [\(B5\)](#page-26-5) to [\(B7\)](#page-26-6), respectively,

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}Q}{\mathrm{d}y} = 2\alpha M^{\frac{1}{2}},\tag{B5}
$$

$$
\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}y} \left(M + M^f + M^p \right) = 0,\tag{B6}
$$

$$
\frac{d}{dy}(G_m + G_m^f + G_m^p) = P_m^{uf} + P_m^{vf} + P_m^{pf},
$$
\n(B7)

$$
Q = 2 \int_0^\infty \bar{v} r \, dr, \quad M = 2 \int_0^\infty \bar{v}^2 r \, dr, \quad M^f = 2 \int_0^\infty \bar{v}^2 r \, dr,
$$

\n
$$
M^p = 2 \int_0^\infty \bar{p} r \, dr, \quad G_m = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\bar{v}^3}{2} r \, dr, \quad G_m^f = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\bar{v} \bar{v}^2}{2} r \, dr,
$$

\n
$$
G_m^p = 2 \int_0^\infty \bar{p} \bar{v} r \, dr, \quad P_m^{uf} = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\bar{v} \bar{v}^2}{u' v' \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial r}} r \, dr, \quad P_m^{vf} = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{\bar{v}^2}{v' v' \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y}} r \, dr,
$$

\n
$$
P_m^{pf} = 2 \int_0^\infty \bar{p} \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial y} r \, dr.
$$
\n(B8*a*-*j*)

The definition of each term in the integral equations $(B5)$ – $(B7)$ is stated in $(B8)$. Here, *Q* and *M* are the integral mass flux and mean momentum flux, respectively.

The integral equations $(B5)$ – $(B7)$ are non-dimensionalized by defining a characteristic velocity $(v_s = M/Q)$ and characteristic velocity width $(r_m = Q/M^{1/2})$ to obtain non-dimensional integrals. The definition of such non-dimensionalized integrals is stated in [\(B9\)](#page-27-0)

$$
\beta_m \equiv \frac{M}{v_s^2 r_m^2}, \quad \beta_m^f \equiv \frac{M^f}{v_s^2 r_m^2}, \quad \beta_m^p \equiv \frac{M^p}{v_s^2 r_m^2},
$$

\n
$$
\gamma_m \equiv \frac{G_m}{v_s^3 r_m^2}, \quad \gamma_m^f \equiv \frac{G_m^f}{v_s^3 r_m^2}, \quad \gamma_m^p \equiv \frac{G_m^p}{v_s^3 r_m^2},
$$

\n
$$
\delta_m^{uf} \equiv \frac{P_m^{uf}}{v_s^3 r_m}, \quad \delta_m^{vf} \equiv \frac{P_m^{vf}}{v_s^3 r_m}, \quad \delta_m^{pf} \equiv \frac{P_m^{pf}}{v_s^3 r_m},
$$

\n
$$
\gamma_g = \gamma_m + \gamma_m^f + \gamma_m^p.
$$
\n(Bya-j)

From the definition stated in [\(B9\)](#page-27-0), β_m^f is the ratio of integral turbulent stress to integral mean momentum flux in the axial direction and β_m^p is the ratio of pressure to mean axial momentum flux. Consequently, δ_m^{uf} , δ_m^{vf} , δ_m^{pf} are the non-dimensional integrals related to turbulent production due to $u'v'$, $v'v'$ and pressure–velocity, respectively. Whereas γ_m , γ_m^f and γ_m^p are the mean, turbulent and pressure–velocity contributions to the axial kinetic energy, respectively. From the definition stated in [\(B9\)](#page-27-0), mean momentum equation conservation gives a constraint that $\beta_m + \beta_m^f + \beta_m^p \approx$ constant. Using the definition of the entrainment coefficient α (from [\(B5\)](#page-26-5)), [\(B7\)](#page-26-6) is used to get relation for α and is stated in [\(B10\)](#page-27-1)

$$
\alpha = \frac{\delta_m^{uf} + \delta_m^{vf} + \delta_m^{pf}}{2\gamma_g} + \frac{Q}{M^{1/2}} \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma_g} \frac{d\gamma_g}{dy} + \frac{1}{M} \frac{dM}{dy} \right].
$$
 (B10)

On using the Gaussian axial velocity and turbulent stress defined in § [2.1,](#page-4-2) the integrals in the above stated equations can be calculated as stated in $(B11)$

$$
Q = v_c b_m^2, \quad M = \frac{v_c^2 b_m^2}{2}, \quad \beta_m = 1,
$$

\n
$$
\beta_f = C_{1v} \left(\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 \frac{12.1 \chi^2 + 2.7 \chi + 3.07}{2 \chi^2} + C_{2v}, \quad \gamma_m = \frac{4}{3},
$$

\n
$$
\gamma_m^f = 4C_{1v} \left(\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^2 \frac{2.1262 \chi^2 + 2.0891 \chi^3 + 0.4348}{\chi^2} + \frac{8C_{2v}}{9}, \quad \delta_m^{uf} = \frac{32C_{uv}\sqrt{\pi}}{-3\sqrt{3}},
$$

\n
$$
\delta_m^{vf} = 2^{-2} \left[C_{1v} \left(\frac{db_m}{dy}\right)^3 \frac{1.1394 \chi^3 + 3.3397 \chi^2 + 2.2362 \chi + 0.4348}{\chi^3} + \frac{2C_{2v}}{27} \frac{db_m}{dy} \frac{4\chi + 3}{\chi} \right].
$$

\n(B11*a*-*h*)

For analysing entrainment in jets, hypotheses $\beta_m \gg \beta_m^f$ and β_m^p ; $\delta_m^{uf} \gg \delta_m^{vf}$ and δ_m^{pf} and $\gamma_m \gg \gamma_m^f$ and γ_m^p are assumed in regions far away from the nozzle. A detailed description of the assumptions is also stated in Kewalramani *et al.* [\(2022](#page-29-12)*b*). However, with the new

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Figure 10. Streamwise variation of fitting constant for normal turbulent stresses. Values of C_{1v} , C_{1u} , C_{2v} and C_{2u} are represented by \diamond , \square , \square and \triangle symbols, respectively. Tests 1, 2 and 3 are represented with – (red), – (blue) and – (cyan) colours, respectively. The black line represents the average value of the constant.

eddy-viscosity relation stated in § [2,](#page-2-0) these ignored terms can also be calculated as stated in [\(B11\)](#page-27-2). For turbulent jets, the magnitude of spreading rate $d*b_m*/dy$ is low, therefore the terms related to the square and cube of the spreading rate in [\(B11\)](#page-27-2) can be neglected. Also, later, the empirical constant determined in § [3](#page-9-0) indicated that C_{2v} is smaller than C_{1v} . With these simplifications, the entrainment equation as stated in equation below

$$
\alpha = -\frac{\delta_m^{uf}}{2\gamma_m} + \frac{Q}{M^{3/2}} \frac{dM}{dy}.
$$
\n(B12)

Appendix C. Variation of fitting constants for Reynolds stress

The streamwise variation of constants for normal turbulent stresses $(C_{1v}, C_{1u}, C_{2v}$ and C_{2u}) are shown in [figure 10.](#page-28-1) These constants are calculated using the following procedure: first, the values of v_c , b_m and χ already calculated from the Gaussian fitted axial velocity are substituted in (2.9) – (2.10) . Later, the substituted equations (2.9) – (2.10) are fitted with the experimental profile of the normal turbulent stresses using regression analysis. [Figure 10](#page-28-1) shows that, except from the start of the measurement region, the fitting constant varies only slightly in the measurement region. Also, in the region close to the injection (10*D*) for test 3, the variation of constants is higher as compared with test 1 and test 2. This high variation of constants is possibly due to the near nozzle effect (not included in the model) that is more dominant in test 3. It can also be observed in [figure 10](#page-28-1) that in the region away from the entrance the constants do not change much in the axial direction for test 1 and test 2. This slight variation may be due to measurement error obtained from the Gaussian fitting. Therefore, to determine the average value of the constants, the averaging is performed for test 2 and test 3. The averaging of constants gives $C_{1v} = 0.85$, $C_{1u} = 0.54$, $C_{2v} = 0.09$ and $C_{2u} = 0.043$. The streamwise average value of the constant is also shown in the black line in [figure 10.](#page-28-1)

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