



Article Suitability of an Artificial Viscosity Model for Compressible Under-Resolved Turbulence Using a Flux Reconstruction Method

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Abstract: In the simulation of compressible turbulent flows via a high-order flux reconstruction framework, the artificial viscosity model plays an important role to ensure robustness in the strongly compressible region. However, the impact of the artificial viscosity model in under-resolved regions on dissipation features or resolving ability remains unclear. In this work, the performance of a dilationbased (DB) artificial viscosity model to simulate under-resolved turbulent flows in a high-order flux reconstruction (FR) framework is investigated. Comparison is conducted with results via several typical explicit subgrid scale (SGS) models as well as implicit large eddy simulation (iLES) and their impact on important diagnostic quantities including turbulent kinetic energy, total dissipation rate of kinetic energy, and energy spectra are discussed. The dissipation rate of kinetic energy is decomposed into several components including those resulting from explicit SGS models or Laplacian artificial viscosity model; thus, an explicit evaluation of the dissipation rate led by those modeling terms is presented. The test cases consist of the Taylor-Green vortex (TGV) problem at Re = 1600, the freely decaying homogeneous isotropic turbulence (HIT) at $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$ (the initial turbulent Mach number), the compressible TGV at Mach number 1.25 and the compressible channel flow at $Re_b = 15,334$ (the bulk Reynolds number based on bulk density, bulk velocity and half-height of the channel), Mach number 1.5. The first two cases show that the DB model behaves similarly to the SGS models in terms of dissipation and has the potential to improve the insufficient dissipation of iLES with the fourth-order-accurate FR method. The last two cases further demonstrate the ability of the DB method on compressible under-resolved turbulence and/or wall-bounded turbulence. The results of this work suggest the general suitability of the DB model to simulate under-resolved compressible turbulence in the high order flux reconstruction framework and also suggest some future work on controlling the potential excessive dissipation caused by the dilation term.

Keywords: artificial viscosity; dissipation rate; high order method

1. Introduction

The past several decades have witnessed the rapid progress of the ability to simulate aerodynamic flows via computational fluid dynamics (CFD), which is believed to bring fundamental changes to the process of aerospace design [1]. However, the application of CFD in industry is still limited by the incapacity to simulate complex turbulent flows accurately. With the evolution of computing equipment, large eddy simulation (LES), though still largely confined in academia or research and development departments of industry, has proven to be increasingly useful in a wide range of applications in recent years such as aircraft engines flow, turbine combustor flame, and flows involving turbulent transition [2–4]. The LES approach stands between the Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) and the Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS) methods in terms of accuracy and computational cost and has shown promising feasibility for vortex dominated flows found in various aerospace applications. In an LES computation, the large scale flow structures are directly simulated while the scales below a certain resolution are approximated by an explicit



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Copyright: © 2022 by the authors. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (https:// creativecommons.org/licenses/by/ 4.0/). subgrid scale (SGS) model or represented implicitly by the inherent numerical dissipation. The explicit SGS models are commonly categorized into three types [5,6]: the functional models, which are designed to model the action of the subgrid terms and are expected to approximately dissipate energy in the smallest scales; the structural models, which are aimed at making the best approximation of the modeled terms and are focused on representing energy transfer between various length scales; and the mixed models, which are developed by combining a functional model and a structural model together as the latter alone is generally not dissipative enough.

For the LES research a critical problem is to prevent subgrid scale models from being overwhelmed by discretization errors, if the numerical methods are not handled carefully. Previous investigation on finite volume method (FVM) concluded that the small scales of the flow might suffer from high numerical damping [7]. In terms of wave resolving, it was claimed that waves with wave lengths less than 10 times the filter width cannot be adequately resolved with a 2nd order FVM because of the large truncation error of the mesh resolution, under the assumption that the filter width corresponds to the cell size [8].

To reduce the numerical error, plenty of high order methods such as discontinuous Galerkin (DG) [9], spectral difference (SD) [10] and flux reconstruction (FR) [11] or correction procedure via reconstruction (CPR) [12] methods have been developed in the last decades and have shown great potential in LES thanks to their lower numerical dissipation as well as their capacity of handling complex geometries. These methods have multiple degrees of freedom (DOFs) defined in their computing element according to the order of accuracy and are able to reduce truncation error if the order is set high enough, it is also possible for these methods to resolve shorter waves in the LES solution since their DOFs per wave (DPW) increase [8]. Plenty of successful and encouraging works including wall-modeled turbulence and transition have appeared in the literature [6,13–20]. Among the aforementioned high order methods, the FR method provides a general highorder framework, which recovers the collocation-based nodal DG and SD methods in case of linear fluxes and also sets a path for new schemes. The FR approach is further developed into a family of energy-stable flux reconstruction (ESFR) schemes [21], whose stability has been proved for multiple types of elements [22–24]. It has been found that the FR approach is more computationally efficient than conventional lower order methods [25]. For simulations of turbulent flows, implicit LES using the FR approach on canonical testcases such as isentropic vortex advection [26], the Taylor-Green vortex, turbulent channel flow and transitional flow [6] has presented satisfying results, while explicit SGS models may be still in need for under-resolved flows, where the aliasing error can impact the robustness [27].

For simulation of compressible turbulence via high order methods, another computational challenge is to resolve shock waves. Shock-capturing schemes, which are mostly relied on to represent shock waves, can be generally classified into two types. The first approach involves a nonlinear limiter to detect shock waves and control oscillations near them, such as total variation bounded (TVB) type slope limiters [28,29], moment limiters [30–32] and the weighted essentially non-oscillatory (WENO) type schemes [33,34]. Another approach is adding to the governing equations an artificial diffusion term, which is expected to smear the shocks at discontinuities over a numerically resolvable scale and vanish in the smooth region. The advantages of the artificial diffusion term is the simple formulation, ease of implementation, and low computational cost.

In the context of LES, an adaptive approach was proposed by Cook et al. [35] to handle shocks and turbulence simultaneously by employing an artificial bulk viscosity and an artificial shear viscosity. A simple modification was proposed by Mani et al. [36], which replaced the strain rate tensor based artificial bulk viscosity by a dilation based counterpart. The modified version by Mani et al. [36] also applied a switch function to further localize the bulk viscosity to regions surrounding the shocks. Recently a simplified form of the artificial bulk viscosity model was presented by Yu et al. [37] and was shown to achieve good balance between accuracy and robustness. In this paper, this simplified form, referred to as dilation-based (DB) model, is adopted to take advantage of its analytical form in governing equations.

An important issue about LES method is that the computations are not well resolved, in other word, under-resolved because the scales smaller than the resolution, which is associated to Nyquist wavenumber of the grid, cannot be captured [38]. Thus for LES of compressible turbulence the following essential under-resolved features may arise [5]. First, for flows free from shocks, the turbulent structures under subgrid scales (SGS) are accounted for by implicit or explicit SGS models, which may be originally designed for incompressible flows and then directly extended to variable-density cases. This extension is expected to be sufficient for their respective original purpose, though the underlying dynamic mechanism about the nonlinear transfer of kinetic energy between the scales of motion may be altered by the compressibility effects. Second, for flows with shocks or other sharp features [39], additional numerical dissipation is required for stability purposes, which reduces the range of well-resolved scales in LES [40]. Such shock-capturing methods may also bring unphysical dissipation into the smooth turbulent regions and thus should be handled carefully. Moreover, for under-resolved computation, the behavior of high order methods is not as clear as that for the well resolved cases because the order of convergence is defined as cell size tending to zero, while under-resolved computation means relatively larger cell size [41]. To sum up, despite the tremendous works on LES of compressible turbulence via high order methods, the relative roles of the SGS models, the shock-capturing schemes and the high order spatial discretization methods on dissipation property and resolving ability remain unclear.

In this study, we focused on the performance of the DB artificial viscosity in the context of LES on compressible turbulence via high order flux reconstruction method and compared the DB model with several typical explicit SGS models as well as implicit LES. First, two test cases, the Taylor-Green vortex (TGV) problem at Re = 1600 and freely decaying homogeneous isotropic turbulence (HIT) at $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$, are weakly compressible to demonstrate the performance of the DB model in largely smooth regions. The effects of simulation methodology on concerning diagnostic quantities such as the turbulent kinetic energy, the total dissipation rate of kinetic energy and so on are discussed. The exact dissipation resulting from explicit SGS models or Laplacian artificial viscosity model is derived, presenting a detailed decomposition of the total dissipation rate of kinetic energy. For a further investigation of the DB model in flows with stronger compressible effects, the compressible TGV problem at Ma = 1.25 simulated by Lusher et al. [42] and the compressible channel flow at $M_b = 1.5$ and $Re_b = 15,334$ based on height of the channel are investigated on high order method with coarse meshes. General agreement with the DNS results is observed.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 the numerical methods are presented, including a brief introduction of the governing equations, the FR/CPR method, the explicit SGS models and the artificial viscosity model. The numerical results for each testcase are discussed in Sections 4.1–4.4, respectively. Then the conclusions are summarized in Section 5.

2. Numerical Methods

2.1. Governing Equations

This work solves the compressible Navier-Stokes equations of an ideal gas in 3D, with Laplacian artificial viscosity and zero bulk viscosity, which are written in Favre filtered form as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) = \nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho}), \qquad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) + \nabla \overline{p} - \nabla \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla (\overline{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})) - \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}^{sgs} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} - \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}), \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\rho \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u} \tilde{e}) + \nabla \cdot (\overline{p} \tilde{u}) - \nabla \cdot (\hat{\sigma} \cdot \tilde{u}) + \nabla \cdot \hat{q}
= \nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla (\overline{\rho} \tilde{e})) - \nabla \cdot q^{sgs} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{\sigma \cdot u} - \hat{\sigma} \cdot \tilde{u}) - \nabla \cdot (\overline{q} - \hat{q}),$$
(3)

with

$$\overline{p} = (\gamma - 1) \left(\overline{\rho e} - \frac{1}{2} \overline{\rho} \tilde{u} \cdot \tilde{u} \right),$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = 2\tilde{\mu}\tilde{S} - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{\mu}\delta(\nabla \cdot \tilde{u}),$$

$$\tilde{S} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\nabla \tilde{u} + (\nabla \tilde{u})^T \right),$$

$$\tilde{\mu}(\tilde{T}) = \mu_{ref} \left(\frac{\tilde{T}}{T_{ref}} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{T_{ref} + T_s}{\tilde{T} + T_s} \right),$$

$$\hat{q} = -\tilde{k}\nabla \tilde{T}, \quad \tilde{T} = \frac{\overline{p}}{\overline{\rho}R}, \quad \tilde{k} = \frac{\tilde{\mu}C_P}{\Pr},$$
(4)

where $(\bar{\cdot})$, $(\bar{\cdot})$ stand for a low-pass filtering operator and the Favre-filter operator $(\tilde{\varphi} = \overline{\rho \varphi}/\bar{\rho}, \text{ for any quantity } \varphi)$, respectively, ρ is density, u the velocity vector, e the total energy per unit mass, the filtered pressure \overline{p} is computed by the usual ideal gas equation of state, $\gamma = C_P/C_V$ is the ratio between specific heat capacities at constant pressure and constant volume, $\hat{\sigma}$ is the resolved viscous stress tensor with \tilde{S} being the Favre-filtered strain-rate tensor, δ is the unit tensor, \hat{q} is the resolved heat fluxes dominated by Fourier's law, $\tilde{\mu}$ and \tilde{k} are the corresponding dynamic viscosity and thermal conductivity of the fluid at the filtered temperature \tilde{T} , Pr is the Prandtl number and R is the gas constant, in this paper, $\gamma = 1.4$ and $P_r = 0.72$.

The first terms in the right-hand side of Equations (1)–(3) are the Laplacian artificial viscosity terms and are presented in detail in Section 2.4. In the right-hand side of momentum equation, $\tau^{sgs} = \overline{\rho}(\widetilde{uu} - \widetilde{uu})$ is the Favre-averaged subgrid scale stress. Note that the difference between $\overline{\sigma}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ is usually neglected [43]. In the right-hand side of energy equation, q^{sgs} is the subgrid total energy flux vector defined as

$$\boldsymbol{q}^{sgs} = (\rho \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{p})\boldsymbol{u} - (\overline{\rho \boldsymbol{e}} + \overline{\boldsymbol{p}})\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}.$$
(5)

The third and fourth terms in the right-hand side of the energy Equation (3) are viscous dissipation and heat diffusive subgrid contributions which can be neglected [44]. The explicit SGS modeling of τ^{sgs} and q^{sgs} is presented in detail in Section 2.3.

In this study, the explicit SGS models and the artificial viscosity are not applied simultaneously, leading to three types of methodologies for a single simulation: LES with explicit SGS models, LES with artificial viscosity and implicit LES (iLES) without any model at all.

2.2. Flux Reconstruction Method

In the FR approach, first the computational domain Ω is divided into *N* non-overlapping elements Ω_h , h = 1, ..., N. Taking non-uniformity into consideration, a coordinate transformation is applied to map the physical coordinates $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z)$ to the computational coordinates $\boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi, \eta, \zeta)$ in a standard hexahedral computational element $\Omega_h = [-1, 1)^3$. The transformation Jacobian matrix **J** is defined as $J_{ij} = \partial x_i / \partial \xi_j$. Then for the following governing equations:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} = 0, \qquad (6)$$

the transformed governing equations take the following form:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{U}}{\partial t} + \hat{\nabla} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}} = 0, \qquad (7)$$

where

$$\hat{U} = |\mathbf{J}|U,$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = |\mathbf{J}|\mathbf{J}^{-1}\mathbf{F},$$

$$\hat{\nabla} = (\partial/\partial\xi, \partial/\partial\eta, \partial/\partial\zeta).$$
(8)

In the standard computational element, a set of points (solution points, SPs) are defined, on which the values of the flow field are stored and updated by solving the equations above. In this paper, the SPs are located at the Legendre-Gauss points. By adopting N_p solution points, for example, in ξ direction, the 1-D Lagrange basis polynomial of $N_p - 1$ degree is

$$l_i(\xi) = \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^{N_p} \left(\frac{\xi - \xi_j}{\xi_i - \xi_j} \right), \quad i = 1, \dots, N_p.$$
(9)

Once given the values at the SPs, the solution \hat{U} in the standard computational element Ω_h is approximated by \hat{U}_h , which is reconstructed by a tensor product of the three polynomials in ξ , η and ζ direction, respectively:

$$\hat{U}_{h}(\xi,\eta,\zeta) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{p}} \hat{U}_{h|i,j,k} \cdot l_{i}(\xi) \cdot l_{j}(\eta) \cdot l_{k}(\zeta) , \qquad (10)$$

where $\hat{U}_{h|i,j,k}$ is the current value of the approximation function of solution at SP located by (i, j, k) in the computational element Ω_h .

Next, the polynomials of fluxes are constructed for time advancement of the solution in element Ω_h . First, the discontinuous polynomials of fluxes in each element are constructed:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{h}^{D} &= \{ \hat{f}_{h}^{D}, \hat{g}_{h}^{D}, \hat{h}_{h}^{D} \}, \\ \hat{f}_{h}^{D}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) &= \sum_{k=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{p}} \hat{f}_{h|i,j,k} \cdot l_{i}(\xi) \cdot l_{j}(\eta) \cdot l_{k}(\zeta), \\ \hat{g}_{h}^{D}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) &= \sum_{k=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{p}} \hat{g}_{h|i,j,k} \cdot l_{i}(\xi) \cdot l_{j}(\eta) \cdot l_{k}(\zeta), \\ \hat{h}_{h}^{D}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) &= \sum_{k=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{p}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{p}} \hat{h}_{h|i,j,k} \cdot l_{i}(\xi) \cdot l_{j}(\eta) \cdot l_{k}(\zeta), \end{aligned}$$
(11)

where superscript D denotes discontinuous, $\hat{f}_{h|i,j,k}$, $\hat{g}_{h|i,j,k}$, $\hat{h}_{h|i,j,k}$ are the current value of the approximation fuction of flux at SP located by (i, j, k) in the computational element Ω_{h} , along ξ , η and ζ direction, respectively. Note that the polynomials \hat{f}_{h}^{D} , \hat{g}_{h}^{D} , \hat{h}_{h}^{D} are piecewise and might not be continuous across the interfaces between the elements. In the FR approach, the discontinuous polynomials of fluxes are then made continuous by introducing correction functions. The corrected fluxes are then defined as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{h}^{C} = \{\hat{f}_{h}^{C}, \hat{g}_{h}^{C}, \hat{h}_{h}^{C}\},
\hat{f}_{h}^{C}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = (\hat{f}_{h}^{L}(\eta, \zeta) - \hat{f}_{h}^{D}(-1, \eta, \zeta))g^{L}(\xi) + (\hat{f}_{h}^{R}(\eta, \zeta) - \hat{f}_{h}^{D}(1, \eta, \zeta))g^{R}(\xi),
\hat{g}_{h}^{C}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = (\hat{g}_{h}^{L}(\xi, \zeta) - \hat{g}_{h}^{D}(\xi, -1, \zeta))g^{L}(\eta) + (\hat{g}_{h}^{R}(\xi, \zeta) - \hat{g}_{h}^{D}(\xi, 1, \zeta))g^{R}(\eta),
\hat{h}_{h}^{C}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = (\hat{h}_{h}^{L}(\xi, \eta) - \hat{h}_{h}^{D}(\xi, \eta, -1))g^{L}(\zeta) + (\hat{h}_{h}^{R}(\xi, \eta) - \hat{h}_{h}^{D}(\xi, \eta, 1))g^{R}(\zeta),$$
(12)

where $(\hat{\cdot})_h^L$ and $(\hat{\cdot})_h^R$ denote the interface fluxes via a Riemann solver, g^L and g^R are left and right correction functions satisfying boundary conditions that

$$g^{L}(-1) = 1, g^{L}(1) = 0,$$
 (13)

and

$$g^{R}(-1) = 0, \ g^{R}(1) = 1.$$
 (14)

In this paper, the left and right Radau polynomials are chosen as correction functions g^L and g^R , respectively. Those correction functions are denoted by g_{DG} [11] because they recover the standard DG scheme. This scheme is referred to as FR-DG. In terms of Riemann solver, the 3D Roe-Pike [45] method and the compact DG (CDG) [46] method are applied to calculate inviscid and viscous common interface fluxes, respectively. The strong stability preserving five-stage fourth-order Runge-Kutta (SSPRK54) [47] is adopted for explicit time integration in the numerical experiments in this paper.

2.3. Subgrid Scale Models

In this work, two explicit subgrid-scale (SGS) models are employed: the standard Smagorinsky model [48] and the Similarity model [49]. These explicit SGS models are briefly presented by categories for clarity as follows.

2.3.1. Functional Models

The functional SGS models focus on modeling the action of the subgrid terms and bringing a similar effect [5]. Based on the eddy-viscosity concept, the subgrid stress tensor and the subgrid total energy flux vector of the functional SGS models are given as follows:

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} = -2\mu_{sgs}(\tilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij}\tilde{S}_{kk}), \qquad (15)$$

$$q_j^{sgs} = -k_{sgs} \frac{\partial \dot{T}}{\partial x_j}, \quad k_{sgs} = \frac{\mu_{sgs} C_P}{\Pr_{sgs}}, \tag{16}$$

where $Pr_{sgs} = 0.5$ is the subgrid Prandtl number.

In the standard Smagorinsky model, μ_{sgs} is given by:

$$\mu_{sgs}^{S} = \tilde{\rho}C_{S}^{2}\Delta^{2}\sqrt{2\tilde{S}_{ij}\tilde{S}_{ij}},$$
(17)

where \bar{S}_{ij} is the resolved strain rate tensor defined in Equation (4), $C_S = 0.1$ is the Smagorinsky coefficient and Δ is the filter width given by $\Delta = s \cdot h/(P+1)$, where *s* is a scaling factor set to 2, *h* is the characteristic grid size and *P* is the order of the solution polynomial. This expression of Δ means that $\Delta = h$ for *p*1 solution polynomial and $\Delta = h/2$ for *p*3 solution polynomial, which follows the assumption that the filter width corresponds to the cell size estimated from the DOFs .

2.3.2. Structural Models

The velocity can be decomposed into $u_i = \tilde{u}_i + u'_i$, where \tilde{u}_i and u'_i stand for resolved and unresolved parts. Then the subgrid stress tensor can be rewritten as

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} = L_{ij} + C_{ij} + R_{ij}$$
, (18)

where

$$L_{ij} = \overline{\rho} \widetilde{\tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j} - \overline{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \tilde{u}_j , \qquad (19)$$

$$C_{ij} = \overline{\rho} \tilde{u}_i u'_j + \overline{\rho} u'_i \tilde{u}_j , \qquad (20)$$

$$R_{ij} = \rho u'_i u'_j \,, \tag{21}$$

are the Leonard stresses, the cross terms and the SGS Reynolds stresses, respectively. According to the scale-similarity hypothesis [49], the cross terms and the Reynolds stresses are approximated as

$$C_{ij} \simeq \overline{\rho}[\tilde{\tilde{u}}_i(\tilde{u}_j - \tilde{\tilde{u}}_j) + \tilde{\tilde{u}}_j(\tilde{u}_i - \tilde{\tilde{u}}_i)], \qquad (22)$$

$$R_{ij} \simeq \overline{\rho}(\tilde{u}_i - \tilde{\tilde{u}}_i)(\tilde{u}_j - \tilde{\tilde{u}}_j).$$
⁽²³⁾

Then the subgrid stress tensor can be written as the following approximation:

$$\tau_{ij}^{sgs} \simeq \overline{\rho}\widetilde{u_i}\widetilde{u}_j - \overline{\rho}\widetilde{u}_i\widetilde{u}_j + \overline{\rho}\widetilde{u}_i\widetilde{u}_j - \overline{\rho}\widetilde{\tilde{u}}_i\widetilde{\tilde{u}}_j = \overline{\rho}\widetilde{u}_i\widetilde{\tilde{u}}_j - \overline{\rho}\widetilde{\tilde{u}}_i\widetilde{\tilde{u}}_j.$$
(24)

The subgrid total energy flux vector can be written as [44] :

$$q_j^{sgs} = \gamma \overline{\rho} (\widetilde{\tilde{e}_I \tilde{u}_j} - \tilde{\tilde{e}}_I \tilde{\tilde{u}}_j) , \qquad (25)$$

where \tilde{e}_I is the resolved internal energies:

$$\tilde{e}_I = \frac{\overline{\rho e}}{\overline{\rho}} - \frac{1}{2} \tilde{u}_k \tilde{u}_k \,. \tag{26}$$

2.4. Artificial Viscosity

The artificial viscosity adopted in this paper is based on Laplacian dissipative terms in Equations (1)–(3) given by the following form:

$$\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \varphi) , \qquad (27)$$

where φ denotes the conserved variable, μ_{av} is the artificial viscosity. In this work, μ_{av} is modeled via the dilation-based (DB) artificial viscosity method presented in [37] and is computed as follows:

$$\mu_{\beta} = c_{\beta} |\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}| (h/P)^2, \qquad (28)$$

where u = (u, v, w) denotes velocity vector, c_{β} is an empirical parameter, h is the characteristic grid size, P is the order of the approximation polynomials of solution. The DB method takes the dilation as the shock sensor, which is easy to implement and of low computational cost. In addition, an upper limit is given as follows:

$$\mu_{max} = c_{max}(h/P) \max_{\boldsymbol{x} \in S_h} |\lambda(\boldsymbol{x}, t)|, \qquad (29)$$

where c_{max} is an empirical parameter, S_h stands for the solution points within element Ω_h , $\lambda(\mathbf{x}, t)$ is the local wave speed. Thus, the final artificial viscosity is:

$$\mu_{av} = min(\mu_{\beta}, \mu_{max}). \tag{30}$$

For all testcases in this work, the empirical parameters are set as $c_{\beta} = 1$ and $c_{max} = 0.5$, which follow the baseline values suggested by [37].

3. Decomposition of Total Turbulent Energy Dissipation Rate

In this paper, we conducted a detailed derivation of turbulent kinetic energy equation and a thorough decomposition of the dissipation rate of kinetic energy in the context of the compressible Navier-Stokes equations with modeling terms including explicit SGS modeling terms or Laplacian artificial viscosity terms. This is an extended work based on [50], which did not take any modeling term into consideration. First, the mass and momentum equations of the Navier-Stokes equations are rewritten as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \overline{\rho}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\overline{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) - \nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho}) = 0, \qquad (31)$$

$$\frac{\partial(\bar{\rho}\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) + \nabla \bar{p} - \nabla \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}^{sgs} - \nabla \cdot (\mu_{av}\nabla(\bar{\rho}\tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})) = 0.$$
(32)

These equations are exactly the governing Equations (1) and (2) without the neglectable terms. Considering the mass Equation (31), the momentum Equation (32) is transformed into following form:

$$\overline{\rho}\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial t} + \overline{\rho}\tilde{u}\cdot(\nabla\tilde{u}) + \nabla\overline{p} - \nabla\cdot\hat{\sigma} + \nabla\cdot\tau^{sgs} - \nabla\cdot(\mu_{av}\nabla(\overline{\rho}\tilde{u})) + \tilde{u}\cdot(\nabla\cdot(\mu_{av}\nabla\overline{\rho})) = 0.$$
(33)

By multiplying the momentum equation above by \tilde{u} , we obtain a conservation equation for the turbulent kinetic energy defined by $\tilde{e}_k = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{u} \cdot \tilde{u}$:

$$\overline{\rho}\frac{\partial \tilde{e}_{k}}{\partial t} + \tilde{u} \cdot (\overline{\rho}\tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \tilde{u})) + \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \overline{\rho}) - \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \hat{\sigma}) + \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \tau^{sgs}) - \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av}\nabla(\overline{\rho}\tilde{u}))\right) + \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av}\nabla\overline{\rho}))\right) = 0.$$
(34)

The above equation integrated on arbitrary domain Ω reads

$$\underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \overline{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{e}_{k}}{\partial t} d\Omega}_{1} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \tilde{u})) d\Omega}_{2} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \overline{\rho}) d\Omega}_{3} - \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \hat{\sigma}) d\Omega}_{4} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \tau^{sgs}) d\Omega}_{5} - \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u}))\right) d\Omega}_{6} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\overline{\nu} \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho})\right)}_{7} d\Omega = 0.$$
(35)

By using partial integration and considering mass Equation (31) again, the first term in Equation (35) can be written as

$$\int_{\Omega} \overline{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{e}_{k}}{\partial t} d\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\overline{\rho} \tilde{e}_{k}) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \tilde{e}_{k} \frac{\partial \overline{\rho}}{\partial t} d\Omega$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\overline{\rho} \tilde{e}_{k}) d\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \tilde{e}_{k} (\nabla \cdot (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u})) d\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \tilde{e}_{k} (\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho})) d\Omega.$$
(36)

The second to fifth terms are rewritten as below using partial integration and periodicity:

$$\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \cdot (\bar{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \cdot (\nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = \int_{\Omega} \bar{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \cdot (\nabla \tilde{e}_k) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = -\int_{\Omega} \tilde{e}_k (\nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \,, \tag{37}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \cdot (\nabla \overline{p}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = -\int_{\Omega} \overline{p} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \,, \tag{38}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = -\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) : \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \,, \tag{39}$$

$$\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}^{sgs}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = -\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \tilde{u}) : \boldsymbol{\tau}^{sgs} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \,. \tag{40}$$

The sixth and seventh terms as well as the last term in the right-hand side of Equation (36) are dominated by the artificial viscosity and are simplified by again using partial integration and periodicity as below:

$$-\underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{e}_{k}(\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho})) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega}_{\text{last term in 1}} - \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u}))\right) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega}_{6} + \underbrace{\int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\tilde{u} \cdot (\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho}))\right) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega}_{7}$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \tilde{e}_{k}(\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla \overline{\rho})) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega - \int_{\Omega} \tilde{u} \cdot \left(\nabla \cdot (\mu_{av} \nabla (\overline{\rho} \tilde{u}))\right) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \mu_{av} \overline{\rho}(\nabla \tilde{u} : \nabla \tilde{u}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega.$$
(41)

From Equations (36)–(41), we have

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{\Omega} (\overline{\rho} \tilde{e}_k) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = -\int_{\Omega} \overline{p} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{u}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Omega} (\nabla \tilde{u}) : \hat{\sigma} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega -\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \tilde{u}) : \tau^{sgs} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \mu_{av} \overline{\rho} (\nabla \tilde{u} : \nabla \tilde{u}) \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \,.$$
(42)

The second term in the right-hand side of the above equation is the viscous contribution and can be further expressed [50,51] as below:

$$\int_{\Omega} (\nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) : \hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = \int_{\Omega} 2\tilde{\mu} \nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} : \tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}^{d} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega = \int_{\Omega} 2\tilde{\mu} \tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}^{d} : \tilde{\boldsymbol{S}}^{d} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega$$
$$= \int_{\Omega} \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\mu} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})^{2} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega + \int_{\Omega} \tilde{\mu} \tilde{\boldsymbol{w}} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{w}} \, \mathrm{d}\Omega \,, \tag{43}$$

where $\tilde{w} = \nabla \times \tilde{u}$ is the resolved vorticity vector, \tilde{S}^d is the deviatoric part of the strain rate tensor. According to Equations (42) and (43), the equation for the turbulent kinetic energy is finally given in volume-averaged form as below:

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle \overline{\rho} \tilde{e}_{k} \rangle = - \langle \overline{p} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{u}) \rangle + \left\langle \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\mu} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{u})^{2} \right\rangle + \langle \tilde{\mu} \tilde{w} \cdot \tilde{w} \rangle - \left\langle (\nabla \tilde{u}) : \tau^{sgs} \right\rangle + \left\langle \mu_{av} \overline{\rho} (\nabla \tilde{u} : \nabla \tilde{u}) \right\rangle,$$
(44)

namely

$$\epsilon_{total} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}E_k}{\mathrm{d}t} = \epsilon_d + \epsilon_c + \epsilon_s + \epsilon_{sgs} + \epsilon_a \,, \tag{45}$$

where

$$E_{k} = \langle \overline{\rho} \tilde{e}_{k} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \overline{\rho} \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} \right\rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_{d} = -\langle \overline{\rho} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) \rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_{c} = \left\langle \frac{4}{3} \tilde{\mu} (\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})^{2} \right\rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_{s} = \langle \tilde{\mu} \tilde{\boldsymbol{w}} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{w}} \rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_{sgs} = -\langle (\nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) : \boldsymbol{\tau}^{sgs} \rangle,$$

$$\epsilon_{a} = \langle \mu_{av} \overline{\rho} (\nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}} : \nabla \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}) \rangle,$$
(46)

where $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes a volume average over the computational domain. ϵ_{total} is time derivative of the total volume-averaged kinetic energy E_k , ϵ_d is pressure-dilation transfer, ϵ_c and ϵ_s are the compressible and solenoidal dissipation, respectively. ϵ_{sgs} and ϵ_a are the dissipation caused by the explicit SGS models and artificial viscosity, respectively.

Note that ϵ_{sgs} and ϵ_a are not applied simultaneously in a single simulation, the sum of the components of the dissipation in different types of simulation, denoted by ϵ' , is given for clarity:

$$\epsilon' = \begin{cases} \epsilon_d + \epsilon_c + \epsilon_s , & \text{for implicit LES,} \\ \epsilon_d + \epsilon_c + \epsilon_s + \epsilon_{\text{sgs}} , & \text{for explicit LES,} \\ \epsilon_d + \epsilon_c + \epsilon_s + \epsilon_a , & \text{for LES with artificial viscosity.} \end{cases}$$
(47)

The derived dissipation ϵ' is expected to be generally identical to the overall dissipation ϵ_{total} , which is calculated directly from the total volume-averaged kinetic energy E_k . With the components of ϵ' explicitly expressed in Equation (47), the remaining gap between ϵ_{total} and ϵ' is the residual dissipation resulted from the truncation error of the numerical scheme in the explicit estimated terms, which is expressed as:

$$\epsilon_{res} = \epsilon_{total} - \epsilon' \,. \tag{48}$$

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. Incompressible Taylor-Green Vortex

The Taylor-Green vortex (TGV) [52] is a canonical three-dimensional flow problem which contains transition to anisotropic small-scale turbulence and subsequent decay [50]. The TGV problem is simulated in a triple periodic cube $\Omega = [0, 2\pi)^3$, starting from the initial condition as follows:

$$\rho = \rho_0,$$

$$u = V_0 sin\left(\frac{x}{L}\right) cos\left(\frac{y}{L}\right) cos\left(\frac{z}{L}\right),$$

$$v = -V_0 cos\left(\frac{x}{L}\right) sin\left(\frac{y}{L}\right) cos\left(\frac{z}{L}\right),$$

$$w = 0,$$

$$p = p_0 + \frac{\rho_0 V_0^2}{16} \left(cos\left(\frac{2x}{L}\right) + cos\left(\frac{2y}{L}\right)\right) \left(cos\left(\frac{2z}{L}\right) + 2\right),$$
(49)

where ρ , (u, v, w) and p denote density, velocity vector and pressure, respectively, ρ_0 , V_0 and L are reference density, velocity and length and are all set to 1.0. The characteristic convective time is defined as $t_c = L/V_0$. The physical duration of the computation is set to $t_{final} = 20t_c$. The initial Reynolds number is defined as $Re_0 = \rho_0 V_0 L/\mu$ and is set to 1600. The Mach number is set to $M_0 = V_0/c_0 = 0.1$, with $c_0 = \sqrt{\gamma p_0/\rho_0}$ being the speed of sound, where γ is set to 1.4 and the initial pressure p_0 is adjusted to ensure $M_0 = 0.1$. The simulation is conducted using FR-DG scheme on uniform Cartesian grids of 120^3 degrees of freedom (DOFs) discretized by a coarse mesh of 30^3 elements with third-order solution polynomial (p3) and a finer mesh of 60³ elements with first-order solution polynomial (p1). This resolution leads to a purposely under-resolved simulation for investigation of the impact of the methodologies applied in this paper.

Figures 1–4 display the time evolution of E_k , ϵ_{total} and components of ϵ' of the Taylor-Green vortex simulation. The additional modeling dissipation terms, ϵ_{sgs} and ϵ_a , are plotted in Figure 5. A DNS result of E_k , ϵ_s and ϵ_d computed by Debonis [53] via the 13-point dispersion-relation-preserving (DRP) scheme [54] on 512³ elements is taken as reference in Figures 1–4. Note that at the DNS solution ϵ_s is accurate enough to be plotted as a reference for the total dissipation rate ϵ_{total} . The contribution of the compressible dissipation ϵ_c is neglectable in this testcase and therefore not plotted here. In the following paragraphs, the effects of polynomial order and modeling terms on dissipative property, the energy spectra, and the computational cost are discussed in detail.



Figure 1. Time evolution of the total volume-averaged kinetic energy E_k of TGV simulation, $Re = 1600, 120^3$ DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 2. Time evolution of the overall dissipation ϵ_{total} of TGV simulation, $Re = 1600, 120^3$ DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 3. Time evolution of the solenoidal dissipation ϵ_s of TGV simulation, $Re = 1600, 120^3$ DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 4. Time evolution of the pressure dilation ϵ_d of TGV simulation, $Re = 1600, 120^3$ DOFs.



Figure 5. Time evolution of the additional dissipation ϵ_{sgs} for explicit LES and ϵ_a for LES with artificial viscosity of TGV simulation, $Re = 1600, 120^3$ DOFs. (**a**) p1; (**b**) p3.

4.1.1. Effects of Polynomial Orders

First, the effects of the solution polynomial order on dissipative property are discussed. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate a general overview of the dissipative evolution of the TGV testcase. It can be observed that in the p1 results, all solutions deviate from the reference due to larger overall dissipation. The results of overall dissipation rate at p1 are all larger than their p3 counterpart, which also indicates the stronger overall dissipation at lower order. Figure 3 plots the solenoidal dissipation ϵ_s , which is a measure of numerical accuracy and ability to resolve small vortices scales [55]. Results of solenoidal dissipation at p1 are apparently lower that those at *p*3 regardless of the simulation methodologies. It is clear that the vorticity-carrying small scales are not well resolved on the lower solution polynomial order because the sharpness of resolved derivatives is severely reduced, though the DOFs are the same. The pressure dilation dissipation ϵ_d , plotted in Figure 4 with the y-axis scale stretched, is supposed to be two-orders of magnitude smaller than the total dissipation rate since the Mach number of this testcase is so low. According to the DNS results, the very low level of pressure dilation dissipation ϵ_d , compared with the total dissipation rate, confirms the incompressible flow assumption though the simulation is compressible. This feature of the pressure dilation dissipation could serve as some evaluation of the error of numerical method when simulating incompressible flows via a compressible solver. In Figure 4, the ϵ_d at *p*1 deviates from the reference at the initial time moment, while the *p*3 solution agrees well with the reference until the flow becomes under-resolved. The peak values of ϵ_d decrease as the solution order increases. Similar phenomenon is observed in [56] and is reported to converge to the ideal solution with grid refinement.

Figure 5 shows the evolution of modeling dissipation terms, ϵ_{sgs} and ϵ_a . Later peaks and higher levels of SGS modeling dissipation are observed at *p*3, which result from the improved resolution of the velocity gradients. However, for the DB model, later peak but lower level of modeling dissipation is observed at *p*3. This opposite behavior of the DB model is due to its inherent sensitiveness to dilation term, as defined in Equation (28). It can be inferred from Figure 4 that at *p*1 solution order, the error between the dilation term and ideal zero is larger than *p*3, leading to higher level of ϵ_a . This decrease of precision caused by larger error of dilation at lower solution polynomial order was also reported in [37] for weakly compressible flow.

The 3D energy spectra at time t = 9 are plotted on a log-log scale in Figure 6. At this time, the slope of the energy spectra reaches the Kolmogorov value -5/3 and the dissipation rate reaches peak value. A reference solution via pseudo-spectral method on a 512^3 grid [50] is plotted for comparison. The effects of the solution polynomial order is evident. It can be observed that the p1 simulations hardly recover the reference slope and deviates at very low wavenumber, p3 simulations produce more reasonable energy spectra. The p3 results also deviate from the reference at high wavenumber, which is normal in consideration of the insufficient resolution.

To sum up, simulations at *p*3 order produce more accurate results, better resolution of small scales and significantly lower numerical error though the simulation is underresolved. Higher order representation of the solution are also superior at resolving energy of the small scales. The explicit SGS models and the DB artificial viscosity model, though built in different manner, all benefit from more accurate resolution of velocity gradients produced by higher order of solution polynomial. Another benefit brought by higher order scheme is that the general trend and peak values of the model dissipation are more reasonable, as shown in Figure 5.



Figure 6. Energy spectra of TGV simulation at t = 9 of TGV simulation, Re = 1600, 120^3 DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.

4.1.2. Effects of the Explicit SGS Models and the DB Model

The evolution of modeling dissipation terms, ϵ_{sgs} and ϵ_a are shown in Figure 5. The impact of the explicit SGS models and the DB model is investigated in the following discussion, which focuses on the p3 results in Figures 2b and 5b because they are less affected by the numerical error. Before t = 4, the under-resolved scales are not developed in the flow, it can be observed in Figure 5b that all models produce very low dissipation. From then on the flow turns under-resolved and the modeling dissipation arises significantly and reaches the peak around 8 < t < 9. As shown in Figure 2b, during the under-resolved phase, all models bring apparent extra dissipation, which can be majorly described by ϵ_{sgs} and ϵ_a derived in Section 3. Among the SGS models, the similarity model is less dissipative than the Smagorinsky model, as expected. The DB model produces close dissipation to the similarity model, but with lower ϵ_a before t = 4, and sharper peak around 8 < t < 9as shown in Figure 5b. Similar trend of dissipation property can also be observed in results of the energy spectra plotted in Figure 6b. From the view of ϵ_{total} in Figure 2b, the iLES method agrees well with the reference during 0 < t < 8 but produces lower peak value when the smallest turbulent structures occur. The DB model has the potential to improve the insufficient dissipation, with slightly extra dissipation since t = 4, when the flow turns under-resolved.

4.1.3. Discussion on Computational Cost

In this section the computational cost of the various methodologies in this test case is compared. Table 1 shows the runtime cost of the incompressible TGV problem presented here. Multiple runs were performed and an average value of the runtime is given. Ratio values are computed based on the averaged runtime of the iLES approach with discretization being 30^3 elements and p3 solution polynomial order. These test cases run on a CPU-based platform, with an Intel E5-2680 V3 node, which consists of 24 cores. Table 1 shows that the p3 schemes are slightly more computationally efficient than their p1 counterparts. It can be observed that when higher order discretization is applied, under the same DOFs, the computational cost is reduced by about 7% for iLES, DB and similarity simulations and 10% for Smagorinsky simulation. An explanation may be that fewer elements in higher order computation. The explicit SGS models both lead to extra cost compared to the iLES computation. This trend is reasonable because these models both call for extra calculations on SGS terms. The cost of the DB model is less than the explicit SGS models because of its more simple terms.

Discretization	DOFs	Model	Runtime(s)	Ratio
	120	iLES	3443	1.0
30^3 elements, $p3$		DB	3935	1.14
		Smagorinsky	4631	1.35
		similarity	4823	1.40
60^3 elements, $p1$	120	iLES	3686	1.07
		DB	4246	1.23
		Smagorinsky	5197	1.51
		similarity	5200	1.51

Table 1. Runtime for 1000 iterations of TGV problem at 120³ DOFs.

4.2. Homogeneous Isotropic Turbulence

The freely decaying homogeneous isotropic turbulence (HIT) is a fundamental case for investigation of the physical properties of turbulence and an ideal configuration for measuring the ability of numerical method to reproduce the fundamental properties of turbulence. The simulation is conducted in a triple periodic cube $\Omega = [0, 2\pi)^3$ where the velocity field is initially generated from a given spectrum via the approach of Rogallo [57]. The energy spectrum is expressed as follows:

$$E(k) = \frac{16}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} M_{t0}^2 \frac{k^4}{k_0^5} e^{-2k^2/k_0^2},$$
(50)

where *k* is the wavenumber, M_{t0} the turbulent Mach number at t = 0, k_0 the wavenumber at the peak of the energy spectrum, taken as $k_0 = 8.0$ in this work. The physical duration of the computation is set to 5τ , where τ is the initial large-eddy-turnover time. The initial density and pressure fields are set uniformly, which means that no fluctuations of any thermodynamic quantities is in the initial field. The methodologies of computation is identical to the TGV case, namely, a p1 solution polynomial on a finer mesh of 60^3 elements and a p3 solution polynomial on a coarse mesh of 30^3 elements.

In addition to the total volume-averaged kinetic energy E_k , its time derivative ϵ_{total} as well as the various components of ϵ' , more statistical quantities of concern are defined and addressed as follows.

The turbulent Mach number Ma_t and Taylor Reynolds number Re_{λ} are defined as follows [51]:

$$Ma_t = \frac{\sqrt{3}u_{rms}}{\langle c \rangle} \,, \tag{51}$$

$$Re_{\lambda} = \frac{u_{rms}\lambda\langle\rho\rangle}{\langle\mu\rangle},\tag{52}$$

where

$$u_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle \frac{u^2 + v^2 + w^2}{3} \rangle}, \qquad (53)$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{u_{rms}^2}{\langle (\partial u/\partial x)^2 \rangle}},$$
(54)

is the turbulent fluctuating velocity and the Taylor microscale, respectively, *c* stands for speed of sound, $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes a volume average over the computational domain at a fixed time instant.

Figures 7–10 show the time evolution of E_k , ϵ_{total} and components of ϵ' of the HIT simulation with $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$. Time evolution of the Taylor Reynolds number is plotted in Figure 11. The energy spectrum at time moment $t/\tau = 1$ is plotted on a log-log scale in Figure 12. In this case, the contribution of the compressible dissipation ϵ_c is neglectable thus not plotted. The DNS results computed by Samtaney et al. [51] are taken as reference. Effects of polynomial order and modeling terms are discussed in the following sections.



Figure 7. Time evolution of the total volume-averaged kinetic energy E_k of HIT simulation, $Ma_{t0} = 0.5, 120^3$ DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 8. Time evolution of the overall dissipation ϵ_{total} of HIT simulation, $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$, 120^3 DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 9. Time evolution of the solenoidal dissipation ϵ_s of HIT simulation, $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$, 120^3 DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 10. Time evolution of the dissipation ϵ_{sgs} for explicit LES and ϵ_a for LES with artificial viscosity of HIT simulation, $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$, 120^3 DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 11. Time evolution of Re_{λ} of HIT simulation, $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$, 120^3 DOFs. (a) p1; (b) p3.



Figure 12. Energy spectra at $t/\tau = 1$ of HIT simulation, $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$, 120^3 DOFs. (a) p_{1} ; (b) p_{3} .

4.2.1. Effects of Polynomial Orders

Figure 7 shows time evolution of the total volume-averaged kinetic energy Ek of HIT simulation, it can be observed that for iLES or each model, results at p3 are more close to reference than their p1 counterparts, which indicates that numerical error is lower at p3. Figure 8 plots time evolution of the total dissipation rate. Note that at the beginning of the simulation the total dissipation rate ϵ_{total} meets a sharp oscillation. This is caused by the given initial conditions, which are not in acoustic equilibrium and therefore lead to pressure fluctuation from the initial field as the pressure becomes consistent with the velocity [58,59]. The initial fluctuation in flow field leads to the strong oscillation of ϵ_d at the beginning, which is nearly unaffected by the order of solution polynomial or simulation methodologies, therefore not plotted. The closer view of ϵ_{total} at the beginning moment in Figure 8 shows that peak values of the initial oscillation all decrease at higher solution order. Figure 9 plots the solenoidal dissipation ϵ_s . The p3 simulations produces higher levels of solenoidal dissipation, which indicates a wider range of resolved scales. Figure 10 plots time evolution of the modeling dissipation and is discussed in detail in Section 4.2.2.

Figure 11 shows the decay of Re_{λ} for the various simulations in log-log coordinates. A power law of the decay, which is previously fitted by Samtaney et al. [51], is plotted here as reference. Note that higher value of Re_{λ} indicates higher Taylor microscale, which is related to the range of domain dominated by viscous effects. It is shown that the p1 results deviate more from the reference because of the stronger effects of numerical viscosity. The 3D energy spectrum at $t/\tau = 1$ is shown in Figure 12. The energy at high resolvable wavenumber at p1 is obviously over dissipated because of the low order of solution. The p3 results recover the ideal slope better but also fall off the ideal slope at high wavenumber.

4.2.2. Effects of the Explicit SGS Models and the DB Model

In this simulation, the total dissipation after $t/\tau = 1$ is dominated by the solenoidal dissipation ϵ_s and the modeling dissipation ϵ_{sgs} or ϵ_a if any model is applied because the residual dissipation ϵ_{res} is small and the pressure dilation dissipation ϵ_d vanishes after $t/\tau = 1$. Figure 10 plots time evolution of the modeling dissipation. The Smagorinsky and the Similarity models produce lower level of dissipation, which seems not significantly affected by the solution order. The DB model is sensitive to the initial fluctuation and its behavior is excessively dissipative at the early stage of the simulation. The reason for this is that ϵ_a is sensitive to magnitude of all components of the velocity gradient, shown in Equation (46). The *p*1 result present higher ϵ_a probably because the larger error of the velocity gradient. Though the duration of the initial fluctuation is short, the excessive

dissipation of the DB model last until $t/\tau = 1$, resulting faster drop of the turbulent kinetic energy E_k , shown in Figure 7. It can also observed that the excessive ϵ_a is damped at higher solution polynomial, as shown in Figure 10. The DB model at p3 also produces better resolution of ϵ_s than p1, though still underpredicted. Results of the decaying Re_λ shown in Figure 11 shows no evident difference between the simulation methodologies at p1, while at p3, the DB model produces slightly higher Re_λ than the other methodologies at the same order, which indicates that this model may lead to a slightly wider spectra of turbulent scales than the other models. The energy spectrum results at $t/\tau = 1$ shown in Figure 12 again exhibit the excessive dissipation of the DB model at p1 solution polynomial in this test case. It is also observed that at p3 solution order the excessive dissipation of the DB model is damped. This test case indicates that the DB model may behave more dissipative as compressibility of the flow increases, while in this case the given initial conditions have a strong effect on the dissipation features.

4.3. Compressible Taylor-Green Vortex

In this section, for a further assessment of the DB method in solving compressible problems, the TGV problem is extended to Mach number 1.25, while the other parameters of simulation follow those in Section 4.1. DNS results on 512² meshes [42] is taken as reference. Note that in the reference work, the Ducros sensor [60] is applied for adaptive dissipation control of the scheme. Therefore a combination of the DB method and the Ducros sensor, referred to as DBs, is applied in this testcase for a relatively fair comparison, which takes the following form:

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$$\iota_{\beta,DBs} = s_D \cdot c_\beta |\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}}| (h/P)^2 , \qquad (55)$$

where s_D is defined by

$$s_D = H(-(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})) \frac{(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})^2}{(\nabla \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{u}})^2 + \tilde{\boldsymbol{w}} \cdot \tilde{\boldsymbol{w}} + \epsilon} ,$$
(56)

where *H* is the Heaviside function, \tilde{w} is the resolved vorticity vector, $\epsilon = 10^{-32}$ is a small constant to avoid zero in denominator. Note that $s_D = 1$ leads to the original DB method defined by Equation (28).

Figure 13a displays the time evolution of the turbulent kinetic energy E_k of the compressible Taylor-Green vortex simulated by the original DB method (marked as DB) and the Ducros-sensor-involved DB method (marked as DBs). A different feature of the compressible Taylor-Green vortex problem from its incompressible counterpart is that the turbulent kinetic energy does not decrease from the initial moment but increases slightly before t = 4 when internal energy is converted into kinetic energy. The increase in kinetic energy at the early stage can be observed for DBs method, while the kinetic energy predicted by the original DB method exhibits no significant change at the same time period. Both methods generally agree well with the reference, while the DBs produces more satisfying results because the further reduced dissipation.



Figure 13. Time evolution of (**a**) turbulent kinetic energy and (**b**) dissipation of compressible TGV simulation, Ma = 1.25, Re = 1600, 120^3 DOFs, p3. (**a**) turbulent kinetic energy; (**b**) $\epsilon_c + \epsilon_s$; (**c**) $\epsilon_c + \epsilon_s + \epsilon_a$.

Figure 13b plots the total viscous dissipation rate, which follows the definition in reference [42] by $\epsilon_c + \epsilon_s$. It can be observed that the DB method recovers the peak value of the total viscous dissipation rate well when working with the Ducros sensor. Figure 13c plots the sum of total viscous dissipation rate and the extra dissipation brought by the artificial viscous terms, namely, $\epsilon_c + \epsilon_s + \epsilon_a$ to show influence of the DB models on the dissipative process. While in incompressible TGV simulation the DB model at *p*3 provides reasonable compensation when the flow becomes under-resolved, as plotted in Figure 5b, in this compressible case, however, the DB models behave over dissipative at the early stage of the flow. It can be observed that the Ducros sensor helps control the over dissipation.

Figures 14–16 plot contours of dilatation rate $\nabla \cdot u$, the artificial viscosity μ_{av} defined by Equation (30) and local Mach number respectively on surfaces of the computational domain via DB and DBs methods at t = 2. Taking previous study [42] as reference, multiple shock waves are well captured despite the lower resolution than reference. The profiles of shockwaves by DB and DBs methods are similar since that the DBs method mainly reduces artificial viscosity in smooth regions, as shown in Figure 15. Figure 17a shows the line profiles on center line of the computational domain defined by $y, z = \pi$ at t = 2.5. It can be observed that both DB models are capable of capturing the shockwave, which is represented by the sudden drop of Mach number. Time evolution of the max Mach number in the computational domain is plotted in Figure 17b. In spite of the early stage before t = 4, two major peaks of the max Mach number is observed at about t = 6 and t = 9, respectively. The peak values are more or less smoothed by the original DB method and are recovered well when the Ducros sensor is applied.







Figure 15. Contour of artificial viscosity at t = 2 via (**a**) original DB and (**b**) DBs of compressible TGV simulation, Ma = 1.25, Re = 1600, 120^3 DOFs, p3.



Figure 16. Profile of shock waves at t = 2 by contour of local Mach number via (**a**) original DB and (**b**) DBs of compressible TGV simulation, Ma = 1.25, Re = 1600, 120^3 DOFs, p3.



Figure 17. Local Mach number along $y, z = \pi$ line and time evolution of max Mach number of compressible TGV simulation, Ma = 1.25, Re = 1600, 120^3 DOFs, p3. (a) local Mach number along $y, z = \pi$ line; (b) max Mach number.

4.4. Compressible Channel Flow

In this section, the compressible turbulent channel flow [61] is considered. The channel flow is a canonical configuration for wall-bounded turbulence which consists of simple boundary conditions and geometry. In this paper, we consider the computation of the turbulent channel flow at $Re_b = 15,334$ and $M_b = 1.5$, where M_b and Re_b stand for the bulk Mach number and bulk Reynolds number, respectively, defined by

$$Re_b = 2\rho_b u_b h / \mu_w \tag{57}$$

$$M_b = u_b / c_w \tag{58}$$

where *h* is half-height of the channel, and

$$\rho_b = \frac{1}{V} \int_V \rho \, \mathrm{d}V \tag{59}$$

$$u_b = \frac{1}{\rho_b V} \int_V \rho u \, \mathrm{d}V \tag{60}$$

are the bulk density and bulk velocity in the channel, respectively. μ_w and c_w are the dynamic viscosity and speed of sound at the wall temperature, respectively. The simulation is carried out in a rectangular box whose size is $2\pi h \times 2h \times \pi h$ in the x, y, z directions. Periodicity conditions are set in streamwise (x) and spanwise (z) directions and isothermal and no-slip walls are set at $y = \pm h$. The initial field for this testcase consists a laminar velocity profile, which is perturbed in spanwise direction. The flow is developed statistically stationary by a uniform pressure gradient, which ensures that the mass flux remains nearly constant. The detailed procedure follows that reported in [19]. The detail of spatial resolutions is given in Table 2, where the Δ^+ values are estimated as element size divided by the number of solution points per direction. Note that the grid spacing y_1^+ is controlled by the distance of first solution point from the wall, which is set in order to capture the small structures developing in the near-wall regions [62], as suggested by some rules-of-thumb for wall-resolving LES [20]. The friction Reynolds number is defined as $Re_{\tau} = h/\delta_{\nu}$, with $\delta_{\nu} = \nu_w / u_{\tau}$ being the viscous length scale, ν the kinetic viscosity and u_{τ} the friction velocity. In this study, the Re_{τ} computed from wall stress and average density near the wall is 404, which is lower than the target $Re_{\tau} = 500$ reported by [61]. This gap is

resulted from the insufficient resolution [17], which is not as fine as DNS which produce the target value.

Table 2. Spatial resolution for channel flow computation.

Computation	DOF	Δx^+	Δz^+	Δy^+_{avg}	y_1^+
LES with DB method	$120\times96\times60$	26	26	10	0.88

Figure 18 shows the mean velocity profile simulated by LES using p3 FR-DG method with the original DB artificial viscosity. DNS results in [61] are taken as reference. These quantities are presented in semi-local coordinates [63]. It can be observed in Figure 18 that the viscous sublayer is well resolved compared with the DNS result. The resolved buffer layer (about $10 < y^+ < 40$) deviates from DNS results, indicating that the turbulent transport is damped in this near-wall region. The bias prediction of the buffer layer leads to the mismatch of the log layer (about $y^+ > 40$) to DNS results, while the logarithmic dependence is well predicted. We note that in semi-local coordinates the near-wall velocity is used for non-dimensionalization, which is computed from the wall friction in the simulation. As addressed before, the wall stress is underestimated taken the DNS results as reference. This underestimation also partly contributes to the bias of the log layer, and the bulk velocity u_b may be a more proper choice for non-dimensionalization for a fair comparison, as reported in [17], which is however not available for this test case. Figure 19 show the Reynolds stresses. A general agreement of trends can be observed. The peaks of the streamwise (Figure 19a) and spanwise (Figure 19c) velocity variances are obvious larger by DB than DNS, the Reynolds shear stress (Figure 19d) is lower by DB, while the wall-normal velocity variances (Figure 19b) of DB agree well with DNS. This is related to the mesh resolution. Note that in Figure 19b the Reynolds stress is better resolved, on whose direction the mesh is relatively finer. To conclude, this testcase indicates the ability of the DB method working with high order FR-DG method to simulate compressible wall-bounded turbulence robustly, and its potential to provide reasonable prediction in this complex flow configuration.



Figure 18. Mean velocity profile in supersonic channel flow at $M_b = 1.5$ and $Re_b = 15,334$ based on height of the channel.



Figure 19. Reynolds stresses in supersonic channel flow at $M_b = 1.5$ and $Re_b = 15,334$ based on height of the channel. (a) u'u'; (b) v'v'; (c) w'w'; (d) u'v'.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, the ability of the DB artificial viscosity model to simulate under-resolved compressible turbulent flows is investigated in high order flux reconstruction framework. The results are compared with several explicit SGS models and iLES. A detailed derivation of the dissipation rate due to modeling terms, including the Laplacian artificial viscosity model or the explicit SGS model, is conducted. The total dissipation rate of kinetic energy ϵ_{total} is thus decomposed into several components which are discussed in detail. The effects of the order of solution polynomial, the SGS models and the DB model on the dissipative property and resolving ability in the simulation are investigated thoroughly. The Taylor-Green vortex (TGV) problem at Re = 1600 and freely decaying homogeneous isotropic turbulence (HIT) at $Ma_{t0} = 0.5$ are simulated at 120 DOFs with two sets of meshes and solution polynomial orders: a coarse mesh of 30^3 elements with p3 solution polynomial and a finer mesh of 60^3 elements with p1 solution polynomial. The DB method is further validated in two compressible problems, the compressible TGV problem and the compressible channel flow problem, with p3 solution polynomial and relatively coarse meshes.

The results of TGV simulations show that the fourth-order-accurate p3 FR method matches the reference solution better than the p1 counterpart at the same low DOFs. The p1 method is limited by its excessive dissipation and low resolution at small scales and leads to over dissipation at high resolvable wavenumbers. Higher order representation

of the solution are superior at resolving energy of the small scales. The explicit SGS models and the DB artificial viscosity model all benefit from more accurate resolution of velocity gradients produced by higher order of solution polynomial. Another benefit brought by the higher order scheme is a general improvement in model dissipation. The dissipation introduced by the DB model at *p*3 behaves in a similar manner to some explicit SGS models, and compensates the dissipation when the smallest scales emerge, while the iLES alone is incapable of producing sufficient dissipation. However, it should be noticed that the DB

polynomial as the error of dilation term is larger. The HIT simulations show that the initial oscillation of flow field leads to excessive dissipation of DB model, which can be damped at higher solution polynomial order. The initial field also leads to oscillation of the pressure dilation dissipation, which is unaffected by the order of solution polynomial order or simulation methodologies. After the oscillation, lower order solution causes larger error of the pressure dilation dissipation, which leads to over dissipation of the DB model. This also explains the damped dissipation of the DB model at higher solution polynomial order. Dissipation of the Smagorinsky model and the Similarity model are not as sensitive to the solution order as the DB model. The results of spectrum and Re_{λ} indicate that at p1 solution order the numerical dissipation is excessive regardless of the models applied, and the viscosity dominates on a larger range of scales. The p3 simulations produce more accurate results on the whole thanks to the lower numerical dissipation and better resolution on small scales. However, future works still need to be conducted on detailed DNS results of the components of ϵ_{total} derived by this paper.

model is sensitive to the dilation term and brings excessive dissipation at p1 solution

Both above test cases show that the iLES results via the fourth-order accurate FR method generally match the reference solution well at the given under-resolved DOFs, but they are insufficiently dissipative when the smallest scales emerge in the flow. The explicit SGS models and the DB model all bring additional dissipation to the computation but behave in a different manner. It should be noted that the accuracy of gradient solving is essential to the DB model when the flow is under-resolved. The dissipation of the DB model is excessive at *p*1 but grows reasonable at *p*3 solution order in smooth regions, which is a suitable property for high order method computation with shocks.

As for the stronger compressible test cases, the compressible TGV problem shows that the DB method is capable of capturing shockwaves accurately in the under-resolved turbulent flow in spite of the insufficient resolution. A simply utilized Ducros sensor is able to control the dissipation of the DB method without sacrificing robustness. The results from compressible channel flow demonstrate the potential of the DB method on simulation of compressible wall-bounded turbulence, while further investigation should be concentrated on the dissipation in the near-wall region and non-dimensionalization based on bulk velocity may be conducted to provide more fair comparison.

In this work, the DB model generally shows good potential for compressible LES using high order method while further investigation should be focused on dissipation features while dealing with wall-bounded turbulence. We also note that further investigation should be conducted at higher than p3 polynomial order and DNS study which helps provide the components of ϵ_{total} may be called for as reference. Development of the DB method for more complex flow figures should also be conducted.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

CFD	computational fluid dynamics
LES	large eddy simulation
RANS	Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes
DNS	Direct Numerical Simulation
FVM	finite volume method
DG	discontinuous Galerkin
SD	spectral difference
FR	flux reconstruction
CPR	correction procedure via reconstruction
DOFs	degrees of freedom
DPW	DOFs per wave
ESFR	energy-stable flux reconstruction
TVB	total variation bounded
WENO	weighted essentially non-oscillatory
DB	dilation-based
SGS	subgrid scale
TGV	Taylor-Green vortex
HIT	homogeneous isotropic turbulence
iLES	implicit large eddy simulation
SPs	solution points
SSPRK54	strong stability preserving five-stage fourth-order Runge-Kutta

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