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Implementation of the SABCM transition model in OpenFOAM

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The local correlation transition model (LCTM) of Cakmakcioglu and Basⁱ (the SABCM model) has been implemented and validated in OpenFOAM. The implementation has also been tested in parallel. The new transition model has been extensively validated against two ERCOFTAC flat plate cases (T3A and T3B) as well as a 2D airfoil (DU_00_W_212) at Re=3e6 and Re=9e6. The results obtained are in good agreement with XFOIL predictions and experimental results and compare favourably to other multi-equation transition models such as Langtry-Menter's kOSSTLM model^{II} and Medida's gamma transition model^{III}. In the drag bucket of the DU_00_W_212 airfoil, the SABCM produce values close to that of the gamma transition model, both results being slightly worse than the kOSSTLM model. Lift values, however, are overpredicted by the SABCM model in the post-stall range.





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