Support for Graduate Research in Supersonic Reacting Flows

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Accomplishments:

Our experiments were conducted in a large-scale, dual-stream facility in which the high-speed stream is supersonic with the capability of vitiation heating to stagnation temperatures of under 2000K. The low-speed stream is subsonic, with a stagnation temperature of 300K. Our design modifies both flow trains to divert part of the flow into the seeders which use fine alumina as the seed material; this flow is then recombined with the main flow before entering the test section. We have demonstrated the very satisfactory performance of this high-flow tunnel for PIV measurements. In addition, double-pulse scalar velocimetry is performed for comparison with the PIV results.

We have obtained detailed PIV images in compressible flows during this contract, providing the first such measurements of the planar velocity field. Owing to the higher degree of three dimensionality, we have had to implement a spinning mirror as part of the PIV setup to eliminate data dropout with data yields in excess of 98%. Convective Mach numbers investigated were 0.28 (low compressibility), 0.63 (moderate compressibility) and 0.79 (high compressibility).

We were able to demonstrate that our PIV measurements recover the same values for Reynolds stresses as found in earlier LDV studies of compressible mixing layers, thus implying accurate measurement of the velocity field. Some of our main findings concern the wave-like appearance of the instantaneous velocity field, the variation in the instantaneous transverse velocities in the layer under compressible conditions where we observe significant perturbations to the error-function mean profile with even local minima within the layer and considerable streamwise meandering with wavelengths which decrease with compressibility. We are also able to observe steep velocity gradients at the instantaneous sonic line, suggesting that the flow would be receptive to disturbances from the lab frame. The vorticity is seen to be sheet-like in nature and mimics the scalar images seen in previous studies. Additional data includes the interaction of a shock with the mixing layer to determine the changes that are produced. We are presently performing a thorough and final comparison of the velocity and vorticity fields among the various cases to highlight the effects of compressibility upon turbulent mixing; these results will be

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become the Ph.D. thesis of Mr. W. D. Urban, and should be formally completed by December 1998.

Finally, under separate funding from the NSF we have been able to perform a companion study where sub-boundary layer disturbances have been used to perturb the mixing layer. Using PIV we have been able to compare those results to the present results and show conclusively that streamwise vortices are formed that lead to profound changes in the layer structure.

The following papers have been presented during the course of this work:


**Personnel:**

Mr. William D. Urban is the graduate student involved in the work described here. This work constitutes the major part of his Ph.D. studies, in co-sponsorship with the NSF. He is in the process of writing up his Ph.D. dissertation which will be defended in the fall of 1998. Archival publications will then be forthcoming.