Laminar Hypersonic Boundary Layer Manipulation via MHD-Leveraging Devices

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Plan for the Presentation

- Introduction to MHD control methods.
- Importance and applicability of the MHD boundary layer.
- Modeling an N-component hypersonic plasma with chemical reactions.
- Pseudo-Couette preliminary analysis.
- Numerical validation of Pseudo-Couette analytical results.
- A look at high fidelity hypersonic MHD simulation with boundary layer profile outlook.
- Concluding design considerations.



Introduction to MHD Control

- Magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) control via Lorentz forces.
- Relies on post-shock plasma.
- Blunt-nosed bodies.
- > SSTO, Atmospheric Entry Vehicles, Scramjet Inlet Control, Thermal Protection.
- > Experiments and numerical studies have demonstrated viability.
- > Entropy gradient, Crocco's theorem, topology change.
- Shear stress determination and composition control.
- > Dampening of turbulent effects, Laminarization.

$$\vec{\mathbf{J}} = \sigma(\vec{\mathbf{E}} + \vec{\mathbf{V}} \times \vec{\mathbf{B}})$$



Vehicle Types Benefiting From Boundary Layer Control



(c) Mach 6 waveriders optimized for different boundary layer conditions

Bowcutt, Kevin G., John D. Anderson, and Diego Capriotti. "Viscous optimized hypersonic waveriders." *25th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting*. 1987.

X-43A Hyper-X

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X-43A Color 3 View. 16 Jan. 2014. *NASA*, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, https://www.nasa.gov/image-article/x-43a-color-3-view/. Accessed 14 July 2024.



Falcon HTV-2. DARPA, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Accessed 14 July 2024.



Modeling an N-Component Weakly Ionized Plasma

- A post-shock plasma consisting of N species must be modeled via a mass-averaged velocity term to produce equations that are computationally viable.
- > Mass continuity for the i^{th} species

$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \bullet \left(\rho_i \overrightarrow{\mathbf{V}}_i \right) = -\nabla \bullet \overrightarrow{\Psi}$$

> Charge continuity for the i^{th} species

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{qi}}{\partial t} + \nabla \bullet \overrightarrow{\mathbf{J}}_i = -\nabla \bullet \overrightarrow{\psi}$$

> Momentum conservation for the i^{th} species

$$\frac{\partial(\rho_i \vec{\mathbf{V}}_i)}{\partial t} + \left(\vec{\mathbf{V}}_i \bullet \nabla\right) \vec{\mathbf{V}}_i = \nabla \bullet \mathbb{P}_i + \rho_{qi} \vec{\mathbf{E}} + \vec{\mathbf{J}}_i \times \vec{\mathbf{B}} + v_{ij} \left(\vec{\mathbf{V}}_i - \vec{\mathbf{V}}_j\right)$$



Modeling an N-Component Weakly Ionized Plasma



- Equations may be unified via mass-averaging.
- Eliminates inter-species collision.



Pseudo-Couette Hypersonic Boundary Layer

- > At high Mach numbers $\theta \approx \beta$.
- > Thin shock layer interacts with boundary layer.
- Oblique wave driving wall.
- Couette boundary conditions enable for approximation of flow alterations.
- Constant property approximation in post-shock environment.







Solving the Equations

$$u(y) = \phi e^{B\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}}y} - \psi e^{-B\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}}y} - u(0) = 0$$

$$u(y) = U_{\infty} \left(e^{BD}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}} - e^{-BD}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}}\right)^{-1} \left(e^{B\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}}y} - e^{-B}\sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\mu}}y\right) - 1$$

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$$\underbrace{u(D)}_{U_{\infty}} = \left(e^{\$} - e^{-\$}\right)^{-1} \left(e^{\frac{\$}{D}y} - e^{-\frac{\$}{D}y}\right) - 1$$

$$\Re = \frac{\$}{Re} - c^{-\$} \left(e^{\$} - e^{-\$}\right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \left(e^{\frac{\$}{D}y} - e^{-\frac{\$}{D}y}\right) - 1$$

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Dimensionless Boundary Layer Profile



Dimensionless boundary layer profiles for $\mathfrak{H} = 0.5, 1, 2, 3$ in sequential order from left to right.

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Increased Hartmann numbers demonstrate significant alterations to the boundary layer.

 $\frac{u(y)}{U_{\infty}}\longleftrightarrow \mathcal{F}(\mathfrak{H})$

$$\tau_w = 2U_\infty \frac{\mathfrak{H}\mu}{D} \left(e^{\mathfrak{H}} - e^{-\mathfrak{H}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$c_f = 4\mathfrak{A}\left(e^{\mathfrak{H}} - e^{-\mathfrak{H}}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\mathfrak{A} = \frac{\mathfrak{H}}{Re}$$



Numerical Validation

- > mhdFoam solver, based on PISO algorithm.
- Structured rectangular mesh.
- Couette boundary conditions.
- > Laminar flow.
- Magnetic field implemented.
- > No pressure gradients.
- > Incompressible.



Numerical Validation

ParaView

•Ahrens, James, Geveci, Berk, Law, Charles, *ParaView: An End-User Tool for Large Data Visualization*, Visualization Handbook, Elsevier, 2005, ISBN-13: 9780123875822

•Ayachit, Utkarsh, *The ParaView Guide: A Parallel Visualization Application*, Kitware, 2015, ISBN 9781930934306

Dimensionless boundary layer profiles for $\mathfrak{H} = 0, 1, 2, 4, 6$ in sequential order from left to right.





Transition to High Fidelity Numerical Methods

- Open source hy2Foam two-temperature chemically reacting CFD software coupled with MHD flux and source terms.
- Lorentz force, Joule heating.
- Low Re (m) assumption.
- Continuum regime, very small Knudsen number (continuum).
- > Temperature power laws.

> Axisymmetric.



Mesh Details and Boundary Conditions

 $p_{\infty} = 1300 Pa$

 $M_\infty=28.712$

 $T_{\infty} = 250 K$

Geometric altitude of 29.4 km based on the 1959 ARDC model atmosphere.







Electrical Conductivity Model

- Establishing a proper plasma electrical conductivity remains challenging in the analysis of MHD-Hypersonic interactions.
- Temperature-based models.
- Hybrid temperature-electron pressure models.

$$egin{aligned} \sigma &= \sigma_0 \cdot \left(rac{T}{T_0}
ight)^n & \sigma &= 4.0227904 \cdot 10^{-18} \cdot rac{n_{e^-}}{\sqrt{T}} \ \sigma &= 83.0 \cdot \exp\!\left(rac{-3.6 \cdot 10^4}{T}
ight) & \sigma &= 1.56 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot rac{T^{1.5}}{\ln\!\left(1.23 \cdot 10^4 \cdot rac{T^{1.5}}{\sqrt{n_{e^-}}}
ight)} \end{aligned}$$



Magnetic Field Calculation

Effective magnetic field strength of ~ 1.6 T





Scalar Value Maps







Surface Viscous Shear – NEW DATA

For the case offered by the University of Strathclyde, $\sigma_o = 5100 \ \Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$, $T_0 = 12,000 \ K$, n = 2

For the curve fit model based on theoretical gas calculations, $\sigma_o = 4100 \ \Omega^{-1} m^{-1}$, $T_0 = 12,000 \ K$, n = 4

Yos, Jerrold Moore. "Transport properties of nitrogen, hydrogen, oxygen and air to 30000 K." *Research and Advanced Development Division AVCO Corporation, Memorandum* 63 (1963).





Pseudo-Couette Model: Regions of Applicability

Driving wall boundary layer approximation is only valid in select regions of the flow around a bluntnosed body.





Numerically Derived Velocity Profile





Methods of Enhancing MHD Interaction

- > Alkali metal vapors.
- > Supplementary ionic TPS systems.
- Surface electrodes
 - > Numerous engineering challenges.
 - Challenging to implement for a reentry speed vehicle.
- Study Hall effect reduction.



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