



# Shock Interactions in Nonequilibrium Hypersonic Flow

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## Anatomy of Shock-Shock and Shock Boundary Layer Interaction in High Temperature, Hypersonic Flow

### STATUS QUO

**Double-cone/wedge configurations are sensitive test cases for thermochemical models in hypervelocity flows.**

- Correct prediction of the high heat transfer rates in shock-boundary layer interaction is also in itself critical to vehicle survival.

**State-of-the-art simulations are currently limited by proper characterization of incoming flow.**

- Current experiments are based on a novel method of gas acceleration that minimizes free stream dissociation while producing a broad range of hypervelocity flows.

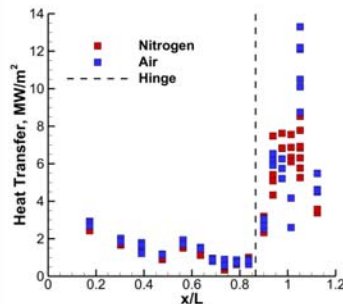
**Experimental Study with “Tunable” Freestream**

- Turn on/off the nonequilibrium:  $N_2$  to air, low enthalpy to high. Quantify the response of the shock configurations, separation zone length scaling, and surface heat transfer.

Sample Test Cases ( $N_2$  and Air limits)

Freestream Parameters	M5.4	M7.2	M7.8	M4.3.6
Mach Number	5.12	7.11	7.14	4.01
Static temperature, $K$	676	191	710	853
Static pressure, $kPa$	8.13	0.391	0.78	18.3
Velocity, $m/s$	2664	1972	3812	2340
Density, $kg/m^3$	0.042	0.0071	0.0038	0.0747
Test Time, $\mu s$	361	327	242	562
Unit Reynolds Number, $10^6/m$	3.42	1.10	0.435	4.64
Stagnation Enthalpy, $MJ/kg$	4.2	2.1	8.0	3.6

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS:



Significant differences in heat transfer between air and  $N_2$  flows. (both Mach 7 and  $H_0 = 8$  MJ/kg)

- Varying  $O_2$  content in freestream shown to impact viscous and inviscid flow features
- Heat transfer and shock configuration data obtained for 8 test cases
- Flow establishment and possible unsteadiness investigated using high-speed movies.
- Spectroscopic measurements in progress

### HOW IT WORKS:

- Flexibility of expansion tube operation allows for a broad range of test conditions. Goal: Turn thermochemistry on/off while maintaining other critical freestream conditions constant..

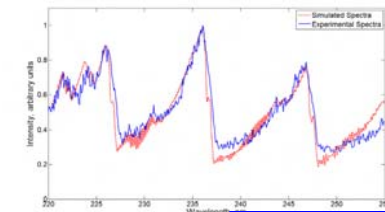
### ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

- Low Reynolds number conditions are chosen such that effects of some variation in Re between test conditions is minimized.
- Cordin system (1 $\mu s$  interframe) is being set up for higher resolution over selected time periods.

### Current Impact

- Observable differences in surface heat transfer between Air and  $N_2$
- Matched literature scaling in  $N_2$  at matched test conditions
- Extended database of types of SWBLI beyond literature results
- Current data sets selected for NATO RTO AVT 205 group simulations.
- Student presented two conferences papers; journal paper in progress

Experimental and simulated spectra obtained behind the bow shock used to make NO vibrational temperature measurements.



### Planned Impact

- Spectroscopic measurements of naturally-occurring species superimposed on schlieren images
- Validation quality database
- Comparisons with DSMC calculations (Levin- PSU)

### Research Goals

- Map of SWBLI configurations as function of thermochemistry. Including **response of separation region to triple point location, reattachment shock angle, relaxation zone behind bow shock, deflection angle at which onset of unsteadiness is predicted.**

### QUANTITATIVE IMPACT

### END-OF-PHASE GOAL

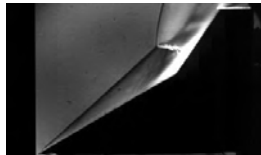
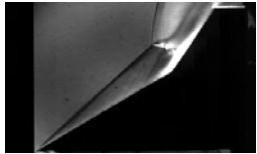
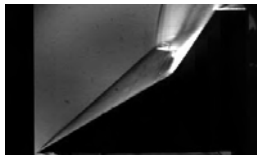
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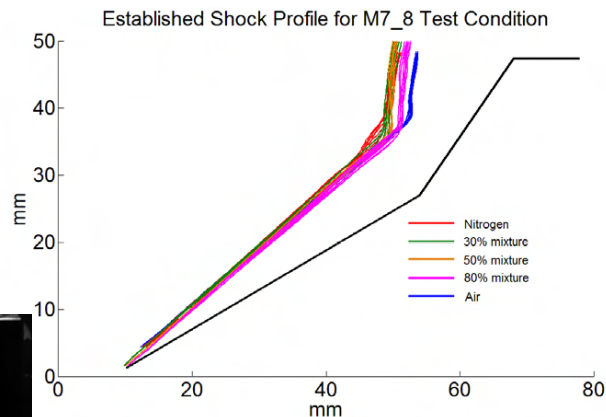
# Dissecting the Anatomy of Shock-Boundary Layer Interaction in Hypervelocity Flow



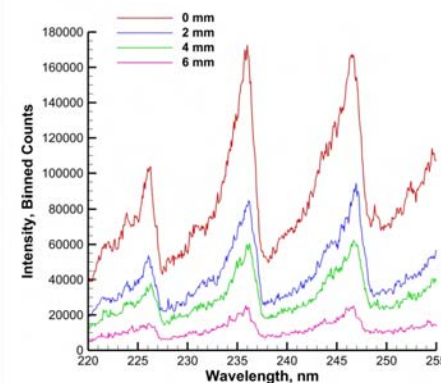
Double wedge: sensitive test case for thermochemical models. Goal: “Tune” the thermochemical activity to identify critical transitions between perfect/ real gas flows.



Time-resolved data



“Tuning” freestream  $O_2$



Species & temperature measurements

- Previously, only single-shot images & only selected conditions.
- Lack of predictive capabilities for complex chemistry revealed.
- Current dataset chosen for simulation by NATO RTO AVT 205 group.

*Swantek and Austin, Int. Shock Wave Symp., July 2011*

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- AFOSR Young Investigator Program Award
- NSF CAREER Award
- Associate Fellow, AIAA
- AIAA Fluid Dynamics Best Paper Award
- Xerox Award for Faculty Research Excellence



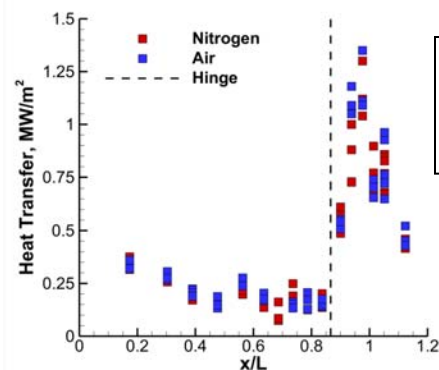
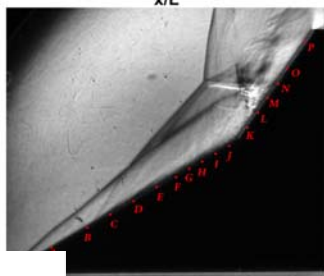
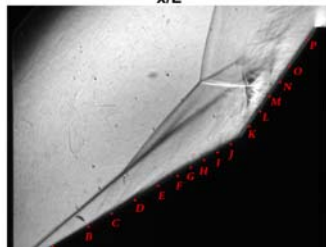
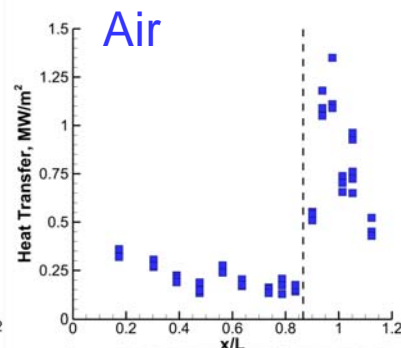
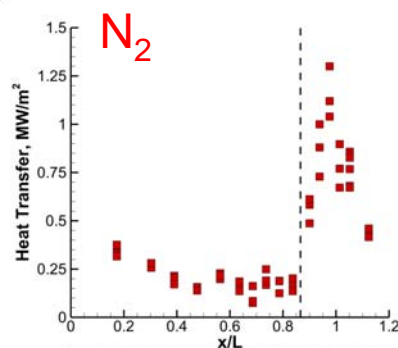
Mach 7.1

Low Enthalpy (2MJ/kg)

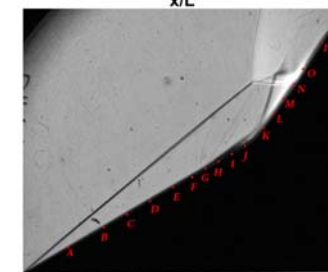
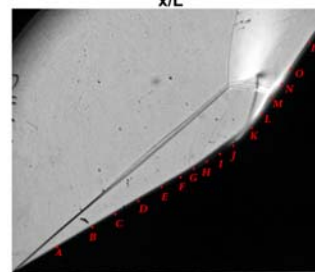
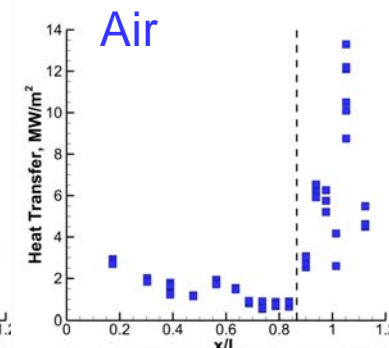
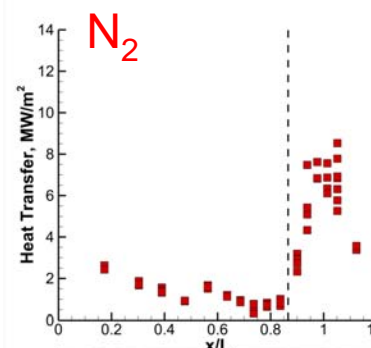
*Increasing  
thermochemical complexity* →

Mach 7.1

High Enthalpy (8MJ/kg)



$N_2$  and Air data  
in good agreement.



Increasing enthalpy (other  
parameters matched)  
reveals significant differences  
between  $N_2$  and Air heat  
transfer.

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