Gas-Surface Interaction Models in Hypersonic Flows Master degree in Aerospace Engineering

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- Space vehicles enter planetary atmospheres at orbital speed $V_{\infty} \approx 7.9 \frac{\text{km}}{\text{s}}$
- Shock wave upstream of vehicle
- Kinetic energy ($\approx \frac{1}{2} mV^2$) \Rightarrow converted to internal energy.

Credit: Anderson

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- **SPARK code**
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- Non catalytic
- **•** Fully catalytic
- Partially catalytic
- **•** Super catalytic
- **•** Equilibrium wall
- **•** Finite-rate catalycity

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Where do these models fit in the overall SPARK code?

- As boundary conditions
- Wall mass and energy balances

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Wall Species Mass Balance

- Fick's Law of diffusion: $(j_i)_{w_i \text{ into the wall}} = (\rho D_i \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial n})_w$
- Production terms $\dot{\omega}_{i,w}$ are given by the catalytic model
- **•** Final result

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-\left(\rho D_i \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial n}\right)_w = \left(\dot \omega_{i,w}\right)
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Modelling the Source Terms

• Macroscopic representation

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\gamma_i \equiv \frac{|M_i|}{|M_i^\downarrow|}
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• Kinetic Theory

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M_i^{\downarrow} = c_{i,w} \rho_w \sqrt{\frac{R_i T_w}{2\pi}}
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• For Earth re-entry

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\begin{array}{c}N+N \longrightarrow N_2 \\ \text{\textbf{O}} + \text{\textbf{O}} \longrightarrow \text{\textbf{O}}_2\end{array}
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\dot{\omega}_{N,\mathrm{w}}=-\gamma_N c_{N,\mathrm{w}} \rho_\mathrm{w} \sqrt{\frac{R_N T_\mathrm{w}}{2\pi}}
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\dot{\omega}_{N_2,\mathrm{w}}+\dot{\omega}_{N,\mathrm{w}}=0
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Wall Energy Balance

• Surface at Radiative Equilibrium

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Redesign SPARK's Boundary Condition Structure

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Ghost Cell Concept

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- The forward rate of reaction $\mathsf{N}_2 + \mathsf{e}^- \xrightarrow[]{{\;\!\!\!\!\! -- \;\!\$
- The use of the Harmonic Oscillator model for the vibrational partition function was assessed in comparison with the analytical calculation.
- **•** The spontaneous emission modeling has been improved.
- The vibrational redistribution method applied has an influence in the excited electronic states population of molecules.

- **•** Temperature results
- **2** Electronic excited levels results
- Radiation results: 5.15 km/s
- • Radiation results: 9 km/s

Temperature results

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Temperature results

In regards to the kinetic model, Gökçen's or Lino da Silva's:

- Simulations agree for a shock speed of 5.15 km/s.
- There is a time discrepancy for the temperature decrease at 9 km/s between models.

In regards to the kinetics used, Boltzmann, ESS or VSS:

- VSS simulations exhibit the fastest decreasing temperature.
- **Boltzmann are slowest to** decrease their temperature.
- ESS simulations are a middle ground between VSS and Boltzmann.

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Electronic excited levels results

Time evolution of electronic excited levels shows:

- **For 5.15 km/s there is** agreement while there is a time shift for 9 km/s for Gökçen's and Lino da Silva's model.
- At 9 km/s the population of $\mathsf{N}_2(\mathsf{C})$ and $\mathsf{CN}(\mathsf{B})$ are on the same order of magnitude¹, at 5.15 km/s CN(B) dominates.

These trends are the same for ESS simulations.

¹Not seen experimentally.

Radiation results: 5.15 km/s

This simulated radiation intensity is the sum of radiation from CN Violet and $N₂$ second positive systems on a spectral window of $[310 - 450]$ nm. At 5.15 km/s, in regards to kinetics,

- Boltzmann overpredicts radiation intensity.
- **The ESS and VSS curves are** very similar.

Both Gökçen's and Lino da Silva's models are in reasonable agreement with the experiment²as with other previous results for this shock speed.

²Experimental data from A. Brandis PhD thesis (2009).

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Radiation results: 9 km/s

For a shock speed of 9 km/s,

- No agreement can be found with the experimental results.
- **ESS and VSS separate in** magnitude using Gökçen's model.
- **•** For Lino da Silva's model, ESS and VSS separate in time.

Lino da Silva's VSS curve seems to predict the peak time-wise but clearly does not agree with the experimental data.

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To improve the results for higher shock speeds:

- Add dissociation of electronically excited molecules.
- Improve the vibrational redistribution model employed.
- Change the 0D system to a 1D system.

These changes might improve the agreement with the experimental results.

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