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Title: High-Speed Imaging of Unsteady Shock Interactions & a General Perspective on Hypersonics

Abstract:

High-speed flight within the atmosphere has inspired scientists and engineers for decades with its potential to bolster national defense, reduce the cost of access to space, and perhaps bring the world more closely together far in the future. Within the myriad of technical challenges that impede progress towards the realization of high-speed systems, the interaction of shock waves with the boundary layer generated on a hypersonic vehicle is one of the primary sources of technical risk. Shock-wave/boundary-layer interactions are ubiquitous on high-speed vehicles and have thus been a focus of active research for many years. Even the most basic configurations generate such interactions which, uncontrolled, can lead to high thermal and acoustic loads, and potentially vehicle failure. Interactions in laminar and turbulent boundary layers have been studied extensively over the past several decades, with many review articles published, however, investigations of interactions in transitional boundary layers have been sparse in the existing literature. Understanding the dynamic behavior and potential approaches to mitigation of such interactions is critically important for the development of emerging high-speed systems.

Recent research at the University of Tennessee Space Institute has focused on the use of high frame rate optical diagnostic techniques for the characterization of the evolving interaction structure and dynamics as the incoming boundary layer varies from laminar to transitional and turbulent states. During this seminar, Dr. John Schmisseur will discuss the development of experimental facilities and high-speed imaging systems used in the study of shock/boundary layer interactions occurring in transitional boundary layers and provide an overview of the current understanding of transitional interactions.

More details of Dr. Schmisseur’s Research: https://www.utsi.edu/dr-john-schmisseur/
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