Numerical Analysis on Supersonic Vehicle

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Abstract

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Reasons and benefits of using JAXA Supercomputer System

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Achievements of the Year

Numerical calculations were performed for two uniform flow Mach numbers, 0.7 and 1.3, at an angle of attack of 15 degrees for a slender-bodied vehicle with rings on the front and back of the protuberance, as shown in Figure 1. The relationship between the boundary layer height and the ring height was investigated by reducing the ring height by approximately half (approximately 1.5% of the vehicle diameter) from the height in the previous study (3% of the vehicle diameter). As shown in Figure 2, the results were in close agreement with the wind tunnel test results. Next, Figure 3 shows a visualization of the vorticity behind the vehicle at Mach number 0.7. In the flow on the starboard side, where there is no protuberance, the vortices in the 2-rings-configuration are further away

from the body than in the no-ring case. On the other hand, for the flow on the port side, the size of the vorticity color is smaller, indicating that the vortex has been weakened. This indicates that the change in vortex due to the addition of the rings differs between the starboard and port side flows.

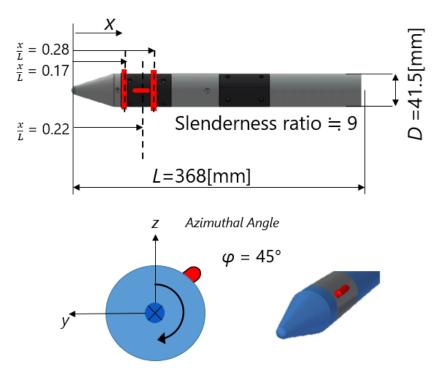


Fig. 1: Configuration.

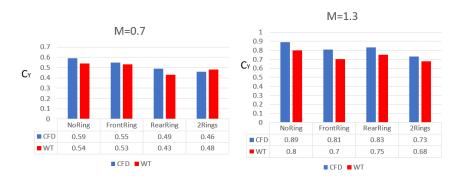


Fig. 2: Comparison of calculation results and wind tunnel test results (side force coefficient).

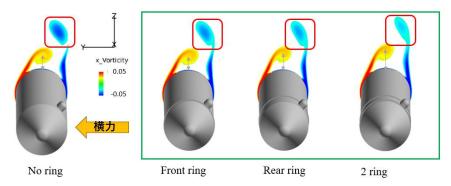


Fig. 3: Visualization of vorticity behind the vehicle at Mach number 0.7.

Publications

N/A

Usage of JSS

• Computational Information

| Process Parallelization Methods | MPI |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Thread Parallelization Methods | N/A |
| Number of Processes | 480 - 960 |
| Elapsed Time per Case | 24 Hour(s) |

JSS3 Resources Used

Fraction of Usage in Total Resources*1(%): 0.17

Details

| Computational Resources | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| System Name | CPU Resources Used (core x hours) | Fraction of Usage*2(%) |
| TOKI-SORA | 4,141,747.52 | 0.19 |
| TOKI-ST | 52,616.22 | 0.05 |
| TOKI-GP | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOKI-XM | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOKI-LM | 9,265.30 | 0.67 |
| TOKI-TST | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOKI-TGP | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOKI-TLM | 0.00 | 0.00 |

| File System Resources | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| File System Name | Storage Assigned (GiB) | Fraction of Usage*2 (%) |
| /home | 939.17 | 0.63 |
| /data and /data2 | 59,688.33 | 0.29 |
| /ssd | 8,366.67 | 0.45 |

| Archiver Resources | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Archiver Name | Storage Used (TiB) | Fraction of Usage*2 (%) |
| J-SPACE | 46.25 | 0.15 |

^{*1:} Fraction of Usage in Total Resources: Weighted average of three resource types (Computing, File System, and Archiver).

• ISV Software Licenses Used

| ISV Software Licenses Resources | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | ISV Software Licenses Used | Fraction of Usage*2 (%) |
| | (Hours) | |
| ISV Software Licenses | 868.03 | 0.50 |
| (Total) | | 0.59 |

^{*2:} Fraction of Usage: Percentage of usage relative to each resource used in one year.

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