



- Release of stores from cavities
- Summary and future work





Background

- Store separation from weapon bays at transonic speeds may be difficult due to encountered unsteady turbulent flowfield
- Transonic cavity flow can be found in
 - Landing gear bays
 - Large cavities on aircraft (Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy)
 - Weapon bays in modern fighter planes and UCAVs
- Cavity flows and their associated acoustics still represent a challenge for predictive methods
- Understanding the fundamental mechanism of this flow may lead to control and alleviation of the acoustic effects





Boeing X-45A

SOFIA





Landing gear bay



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Background - Literature

Wind tunnel experiments

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- Rossiter, Karamcheti, Krishnamurthy (1950s, 1960s) •
- Tam & Block, Rockwell & Naudascher (1970s) ٠
- ٠ Wilcox Jr, Stallings, Tracy (1980, 1990s)
- Ross (QinetiQ, 2000): PIV (L/D=5 cavity)
- Knowles (2000): LDA (L/D=10)
- **Computational Fluid Dynamics**
 - Orkwis & Disimile, etc. (1990s): URANS •
 - Shieh (2003): DES (L/D=4.4)
 - Rizzetta (2003): LES (L/D=5)
 - Larchevêque (ONERA, 2003,04,07): MILES (L/D=0.42, 5)
 - Nayyar and Barakos (2005) URANS, LES, DES (L/D=5)
 - Lai and Luo (2007) LES (L/D=5)
 - Peng and Leicher (2007) DES (L/D=5)
 - Barakos et al. (2008) Flow control, URANS, LES, DES (L/D=5)





Interaction with Cavity Aft Wall

Instantaneous numerical schlieren

Direction of Flow

Propagation of Acoustic Waves





Experimental Data

- Data provided by QinetiQ*
 - Wind tunnel at DERA
- M219 cavity with L/D of 5 and W/D of 1 $\,$
- Cavity with and without bay doors
- Mach number: 0.85
- Reynolds number: 6.78 million (based on cavity length)
- Data also available for cavities with passive flow control
- 10 pressure transducers along cavity floor
- Data sampled at 6kHz for approximately 3.5s



M219 Cavity rig in DERA 8'x8' wind tunnel

*D.A. Nightingale, J.A. Ross, and G.W. Foster, Cavity Unsteady pressure measurements - Examples from Wind-Tunnel Tests, Technical Report Version 3, Aerodynamics & Aeromechanics Systems Group, QinetiQ, November 2005.





Experimental Data: PIV

- Geometry: Empty cavity, L/D=5, W/D=1, doors-on
- Flow Conditions: M = 0.85, Re_L = 6.783 x 10⁶

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- Stereoscopic two-camera system with two-head Nd-YaG laser
- 4 data acquisitions taken with each acquisition comprising 2 photographic images taken at 1µs intervals
- Laser width of 5.5" cavity length of 20" covered in 4 sections
- Seeding provided by water droplets sprayed in settling chamber





Effect of Sampling Frequency Using M219 Data

Clean cavity with doors was sampled at 6kHz and 31.25kHz. Sampling frequency has an effect on the PSD data.

The PSD shows how the strength of a signal is distributed in the frequency domain at a given location and is based on the unsteady pressure. The PSD is calculated using the Burg Estimator (Maximum Entropy Methods) and is presented in terms of decibels (dB). Sound-Pressure Level in dB:

$$SPL(f) = 10\log_{10}\left[\frac{PSD(f)\Delta f_{ref}}{p_{ref}^2}\right]$$

where, Δf_{ref} is a reference frequency usually set to 1 Hz and p_{ref} is the international standard for the minimum audible sound with a value of 2x10⁻⁵ Pa.



Differences are seen at x/L between 0.05 and 0.40 and x/L between 0.55 and 0.75. The higher sampling frequency gives lower SPL at the front (2 to 3dB) and close to the middle (1 to 2dB) of the cavity. Mode four has a slightly different shape along the middle of the cavity for the two sampling frequencies.







CFD Approaches for Cavity Flows

| Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS) | Large Eddy Simulation (LES) | Detached Eddy Simulation (DES) | Scale-Adaptive Simulation (SAS) | Unsteady Reynolds- Averaged Navier- Stokes (URANS) |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Navier-Stokes equations are numerically solved without a turbulence model | Resolves large scales and models small scales of the flow | URANS near solid walls and LES for separated flow regions | Exhibits steady and scale resolving characteristics depending on the flow solution | Models all turbulent scales and suitable for predicting low frequency large scales |
| Can resolve full range of turbulent scales | Resolves large energy containing eddies | Resolves some of the turbulent structures | Turbulence-resolving capability validated for several test-cases | Cannot predict full spectrum of turbulent scales |
| Very fine grid and very small time-step | Fine grid and small time-step | Fine grid and small time-step | Coarse grid with large time steps | Coarse grid with large time steps |
| Limited application due to computational requirements | Computationally expensive to resolve near-wall turbulent stresses | Computationally expensive compared to URANS and SAS | Least expensive compared to DNS, LES and DES | Least expensive |
| No available data sets for high Re and Mach number. No application for store release | Limited data sets: Rizzeta, Larchevêque, Nayyar. | Very popular | Less experience with its use | Less popular due to DES |





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HMB CFD Solver

- Control volume method
- Parallel Shared and Distributed memory
- Multi-block structured, sliding, overset grids
- LES, DES, URANS and SAS
- DES variations: DDES and IDDES
- Turbulence models: Spalart-Allmaras and k-ω, Transition models
- Implicit and explicit time marching, frequency domain method
- Osher's and Roe's schemes for convective fluxes, AUSM+UP
- All-Mach methods
- MUSCL scheme for formally 3rd order accuracy or flux reconstruction via high-order Taylor expansion
- Stabilised central scheme for LES/DES
- Flight mechanics method- 6DOF and full helicopter model
- Central differences for viscous fluxes
- Krylov subspace linear solver with pre-conditioning
- Aeroelasticity
- Hover formulation, rotor trimming, blade actuation
- Unstructured capability under development
- Documentation
- Validation database
- Range of utilities for processing data, structural models etc.
- Used by academics and engineers













LES Method 1

Compressible Smagorinsky model by Erlebacher et al., JFM, Vol. 238, 1992.

$$\overline{\tau}_{ij} = \mu \left(2\widetilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}\widetilde{S}_{kk}\delta_{ij} \right)$$

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 $\bar{\tau}_{ij}^{SGS} = \mu_t \left(2\tilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{S}_{kk}\delta_{ij} \right) - \frac{2}{3}\bar{\rho}k_{SGS}\delta_{ij}$ SGS viscous tensor model

 $C_{R} = 0.012$

Favre-filtered viscous stress tensor

Favre-filtered strain rate tensor

$$\widetilde{S}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

$$C_l = 0.0066$$
$$k_{SGS} = C_l \Delta^2 \widetilde{S}_{ij} \widetilde{S}_{ij}$$

 $\mu_t = C_R \overline{\rho} \Delta^2 \sqrt{\widetilde{S}_{ij} \widetilde{S}_{ij}}$ WALE Modification by Nicoud & Ducros, FTC, Vol. 62, 1999.

$$q_i^{SGS} = -c_p \frac{\mu_i}{\Pr_i} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}$$

$$\Delta = \sqrt[3]{\Delta x \Delta y \Delta z}$$

$$\mu_{t} = \overline{\rho} (C_{w} \Delta)^{2} \frac{\sqrt{(S_{ij}^{d} S_{ij}^{d})^{5}}}{\sqrt{(S_{ij}^{d} S_{ij}^{d})^{5}} + \sqrt{(S_{ij}^{d} S_{ij}^{d})^{5}}}$$
$$S_{ij}^{d} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{i}}{\partial x_{k}} \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{k}}{\partial x_{i}} + \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{j}}{\partial x_{k}} \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{k}}{\partial x_{k}} \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{k}}{\partial x_{k}} \right) - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{n}}{\partial x_{k}} \frac{\partial \widetilde{u}_{k}}{\partial x_{n}} \delta_{ij}$$

Wollblad et al. AIAAJ, Vol 44, 2006. <u>____</u>

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$$\bar{\tau}_{ij}^{SGS} = \mu_t \left(2\tilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{2}{3}\tilde{S}_{kk}\delta_{ij} \right) - \frac{2}{3}\frac{C_l^n}{\bar{\rho}} \left(\frac{\mu_t}{\Delta}\right)^2 \delta_{ij}$$

$$C^n_l = 45.8$$



- Attempted to make grid as uniform as possible near the interaction
- Load-balanced on 256 to 512 CPUs



Scale-Adaptive Simulations

Scale-Adaptive Simulation is an improved URANS formulation allowing for the resolution of the turbulent spectrum in unstable flow conditions. It is based on the introduction of the von Karman length-scale into the turbulence scale equation. The von Karman length-scale allows SAS models to dynamically adjust to resolved structures in a URANS simulation resulting in an LES like behaviour in unsteady regions of the flow.

The governing equations of the SST-SAS model are different to SST-RANS model through the addition of the Qsasterm.

$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial\rho u_j k}{\partial x_j} = P_k - \rho c_\mu k \omega + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_i}{\sigma_k} \right) \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right]$$
$$\frac{\partial(\rho \omega)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial\rho u_j \omega}{\partial x_j} = \alpha \frac{\omega}{k} P_k - \rho \beta \omega^2 + Q_{3SS} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left[\left(\mu + \frac{\mu_i}{\sigma_w} \right) \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \right] + (1 - F_i) \frac{2\rho}{\sigma_{w^2}} \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j}$$
$$Q_{3AS} = \max \left[\rho \zeta_2 A S^2 \left(\frac{L}{L_{ix}} \right)^2 - C \cdot \frac{2\rho k}{\sigma_{\Phi}} \max \left(\frac{1}{\omega^2} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial x_j}, \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial k}{\partial x_j} \right) 0 \right]$$

Q_{SAS} is defined as:

$$Q_{SAS} = \max\left[\rho\zeta_{2}\kappa S^{2} \left(\frac{L}{L_{i\kappa}}\right)^{2} - C \cdot \frac{2\rho k}{\sigma_{\phi}} \max\left(\frac{1}{\omega^{2}}\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x_{j}}\frac{\partial\omega}{\partial x_{j}}, \frac{1}{k^{2}}\frac{\partial k}{\partial x_{j}}\frac{\partial k}{\partial x_{j}}\right)\right]$$

where $\zeta_2\text{=}3.51,\,\sigma_\varphi\text{=}2/3$ and C=2. the length scale of the modelled turbulence L $L_{=}$ and the von Karman length scale $L_{\nu\kappa}$ are defined as:

The scalar invariant of the strain rate tensor $S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x_i} \right]$ and $S = \sqrt{2S_{ij}S_{ij}}$ S_{ii} is given by:

where κ=0.41 is the von Karman constant

The second velocity derivative is given by: $|U'| = \sqrt{\sum_{i} \left(\frac{\partial^2 U_i}{\partial x_i \partial x_i}\right)^2}$

Y. Egorov, F. R. Menter, R. Lechner and D. Cokliat, The Scale-Adaptive Simulation Method for Unsteady Turbulent Flov Predictions. Part 2: applications to Complex Flows. Flow, Turbulence and Combustion, July 2010, Volume 85, Issue 1, pp 139-165

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Precursor LES Simulation

• High-order LES for flow through a square duct



- 6th order central scheme
- Explicit time marching
- 120x80x80 mesh
- Reconstructed using POD and imposed at the inflow of the CFD domain

















•PSD plots for DES, SAS and URANS are compared

•Mode two and three are dominant at the front and back of the cavity

- •Mode two is dominant in the middle of the cavity
- •DES and SAS capture these modes accurately
- •URANS does not predict the dominant modes correctly



(approx 55 travel times)



•PSD plots for DES, SAS and URANS are compared

Signal lengths used for comparison: 0.1s (approx 55 travel times)

 $\ensuremath{\cdot}\ensuremath{\mathsf{Mode}}$ two is dominant along the length of the cavity

•DES and SAS capture this mode accurately as well as the lower energy modes

•URANS does not compare well at the first two locations but predicts the second

mode towards the aft of the cavity



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 p_{ref} is the international standard for the minimum audible sound with a value of 2x10⁻⁵ Pa.



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 $PSD(f)\Delta f_{ref}$

 p_{ref}^2

 $SPL(f) = 10\log_1$

 p_{ref} is the international standard for the minimum audible sound with a value of 2x10⁻⁵ Pa.



switch occasionally with the fourth mode. •SAS and DES both capture mode one along the rear end (x/L: 0.6 to 0.8) of the cavity •DES captures more of mode three at the front (x/L: 0.0 to

JTFA is used to show the change in the frequency content of a signal over time. JTFA is calculated through Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT).





Instantaneous Contours of Mach Number



Store at Cavity Shear Layer

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L/D 7, W/D 2 Grid size: 5.0 × 10⁶ Cells in cavity: 1.0 × 10⁶ Mach number: 0.85 Reynolds number: 6 million (based on cavity length) Method: **DES S-A** CFD time-step: 1.18 ×10⁻⁵s Travel times: 55 Total signal length: 0.65s



Store at Cavity Shear Layer L/D 7, W/D 2 Grid size: 5.5 × 10⁶ Cells in cavity: 1.0 × 10⁶ Mach number: 0.85 Reynolds number: 6 million (based on cavity length) Method: SST-SAS k-ω CFD time-step: 11.88 ×10⁻⁵s Travel Times: 30 Total signal length: 0.35s







The PSD shows how the strength of a signal is distributed in the frequency domain at a given location and is based on the unsteady pressure. The PSD is calculated using the Burg Estimator (Maximum Entropy Methods or MEM) and is presented in terms of decibels (dB) through the definition of Sound-Pressure spectrum Level (SPL):

using the Signal lengths used for comparison: 0.3s (approx 25 travel times)

$$SPL(f) = 10 \log_{10} \left[\frac{PSD(f)\Delta f_{ref}}{2} \right]$$

 p_{ref}^2

FSM – Fin Structural Modes

 p_{ref} is the international standard for the minimum audible sound with a value of 2x10⁻⁵ Pa.





•S.V. Babu, G. Zografakis and G.N. Barakos, Evaluation of Scale-Adaptive Simulations for Transonic Cavity Flows. 5th HRLM Symposium, A&M University, College Station, Texas, USA, 19-21 March 2014.
•S.V. Babu and G.N. Barakos, Prediction of Acoustics of Transonic Cavities using DES and SAS. 49th International Symposium of Applied Aerodynamics: Aerodynamics and Environment, Lille, France, 24-26 March 2014.
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CPU Usage

•The SAS model was validated against experimental data for the M219 cavity with and without doors.

•Results were compared against DES and URANS results obtained on the same grid.

•SAS gives good comparisons using a 10th of the computational time as DES.

| Computation | Method | Grid Size | CFD Time-Step | Non-Dimensional | Clock Time |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| computation | | (10 ⁶) | (10⁻⁵ s) | CFD Time-Step | (hr) |
| Clean Cavity | DES S-A | 5.0 | 2.19 | 0.001 | 3909 |
| Doors-off | SAS SST | 5.0 | 17.58 | 0.01 | 312 |
| Clean Cavity | DES S-A | 5.5 | 2.19 | 0.001 | 4560 |
| Doors-on | SAS SST | 5.5 | 17.58 | 0.01 | 364 |

The Chadwick HPC cluster of the University of Liverpool was used for the computations.

•118 nodes, each with 16 cores and 64 GB of memory

•18 nodes, each with 8 cores and 24 GB of memory

•One 2 TB large memory node with 128 cores

•Two visualisation nodes, each with 12 cores, an Nvidia Quadro 5000 card and 96 GB of memory

•120 TB (unformatted) storage

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Clean Cavity vs. Slanted Aft Wall



2D Acoustic Pressure





3D Acoustic Pressure















Wing Section Cp distributions 4.6 Degrees:















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$$\vec{c} = \alpha \vec{a} + \beta \vec{b} + \gamma \vec{d}$$

•where $\vec{a} = \overline{S_1 S_2}, \vec{b} = \overline{S_1 S_3}, \vec{c} = \overline{S_1 F} \text{ and } \vec{d} = \vec{a} \wedge \vec{b}$



F. Dehaeze and G. N. Barakos, Mesh Deformation for Rotor Flows. Journal of Aircraft, Vol. 49(1), January 2012, pp. 8292.

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- (a) Fin solid surface showing the edges of blocks
- (b) First layer of blocks that are kept rigid and move with the fin
- (c) Second layer of blocks that are allowed to deform
- Solid lines represent the block boundaries that also act as springs.
- Dashed lines represent the diagonals of each block face and also act as springs



Representation of deforming blocks and spring analogy method for store fins.















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Store Release Simulations using SAS

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| ID | Unsteady Steps Before Stroke Application | Time Before Stroke Application (s) | Stroke Length |
|-----|---|--|---------------|
| FS1 | 3000 | 0.35 | Full stroke |
| FS2 | 3680 | 0.42 | Full stroke |
| FS3 | 3770 | 0.43 | Full stroke |
| FS4 | 4200 | 0.48 | Full stroke |
| FS5 | 4400 | 0.51 | Full stroke |
| FS6 | 3500 | 0.40 | Full stroke |
| HS1 | 3000 | 0.35 | Half stroke |
| HS2 | 3680 | 0.42 | Half stroke |
| HS3 | 3770 | 0.43 | Half stroke |
| HS4 | 4200 | 0.48 | Half stroke |
| HS5 | 4400 | 0.51 | Half stroke |

* Full stroke: half cavity depth (0.24m), Half stroke: quarter cavity depth (0.19m)

















Summary and Future Work

Comparison of the effect of time step between DES and SAS

- SAS showed savings in computational time with similar results to DES
- The slanted aft wall was found to be the most effective passive
 - method for reducing the cavity acoustics

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- Could be combined with other methods like lining of the cavity walls Aeroelastic effects demonstrated
 - No data available for comparisons

SAS used for store release simulations from a cavity

- Varying release times and stroke lengths showed very little differences in CG displacement
- Orientation was seen to vary in roll-axis for most cases
- Case FS6 showed different trajectory to other cases
- Further computations and investigations underway
 - Multi-store configurations
 - Attempt release of stores from slated-aft-wall cavities





