

# NASA's Turbulent Heat Flux (THX) Experiments

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### **Motivation**

- In CFD, turbulent temperature variations & heat flux haven't received as much attention as traditional aerodynamic turbulence, yet are important to many flows.
- Examples include: (1) high Mach number applications, (2) propulsion systems, (3) systems requiring active cooling just to name a few
- The turbulent heat flux (THX) experiments were designed to make detailed turbulent measurements of velocities and temperatures – with the goal of obtaining data to:
  - 1) improve understanding of turbulence in flows where turbulent thermal transport is important.
  - 2) develop and validate better computational models for simulation of flows involving turbulent heat flux
- Alongside experiments, CFD efforts were undertaken to provide a baseline of RANS and scale-resolving (WRLES, WMLES, HRLES) techniques for these flows.

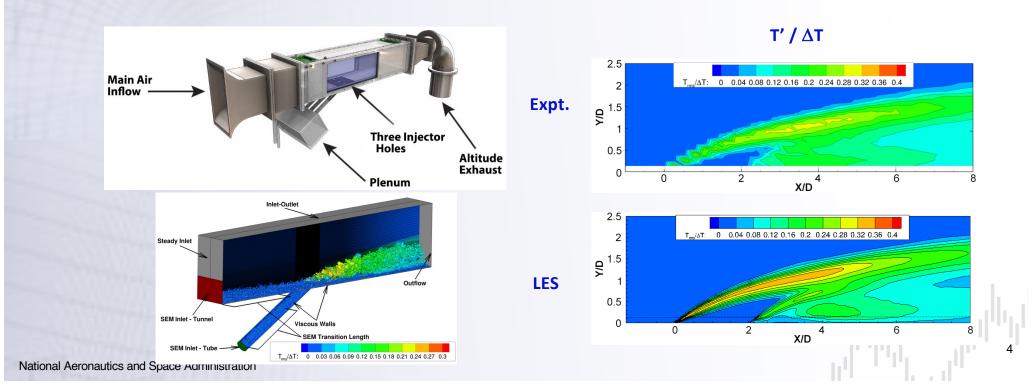
## **Turbulent Heat Flux (THX) Experiments Phases**

- 1. Low speed / temperature cooling hole experiments in GRC SW6.
- 2. Subsonic jet temperature measurements: using Raman in GRC Aeroacoustic Propulsion Laboratory (AAPL).
- 3. Subsonic Square nozzle flow over plate with single cooling hole, PIV and Raman temperature measurements in AAPL.
- 4. Subsonic Square nozzle flow over perforated plate film cooling, PIV & Raman temperature measurements in AAPL. Data used in 5<sup>th</sup> AIAA Propulsion Aerodynamics Workshop (PAW5).
- 5. Supersonic round nozzles replicating experiments of Seiner et al., 1992. BOS, Raman and PIV measurements were obtained in AAPL.

  Data used in AIAA PAW6 and NASA TMR.

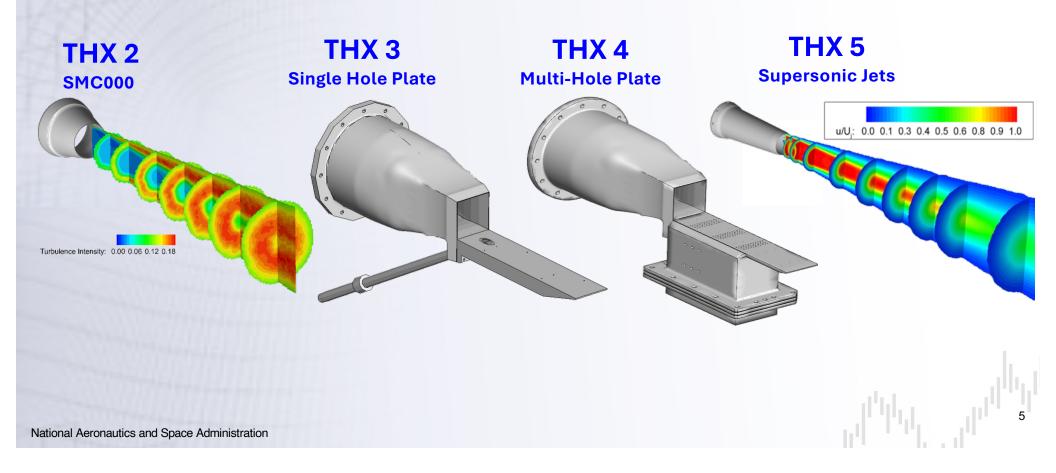
## THX - Phase 1

- Low speed / temperature cooling hole experiments in GRC Fundamental Film Cooling and Heat Transfer Facility (SW6).
- Hotwire measurements of velocities, temperature, and turbulent heat flux (u'T'), also
   PIV for velocities.



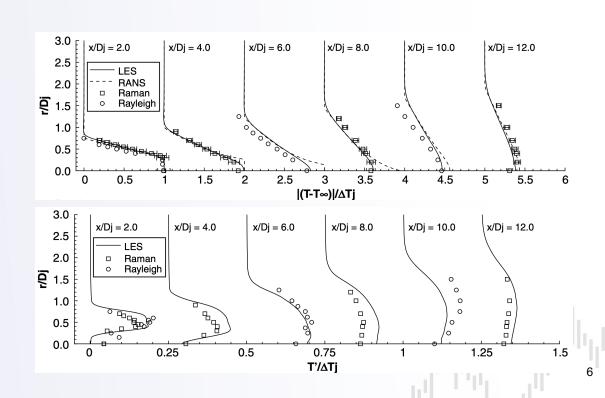
## **THX Phases 2-5**

All experiments conducted in NASA GRC Aeroacoustic Propulsion Laboratory (AAPL) – using the Small Hot Jet Acoustic Rig (SHJAR) – having capability up to Mach 2 and 950 K conditions.



### THX 2 – Subsonic Jets Tested at GRC AAPL

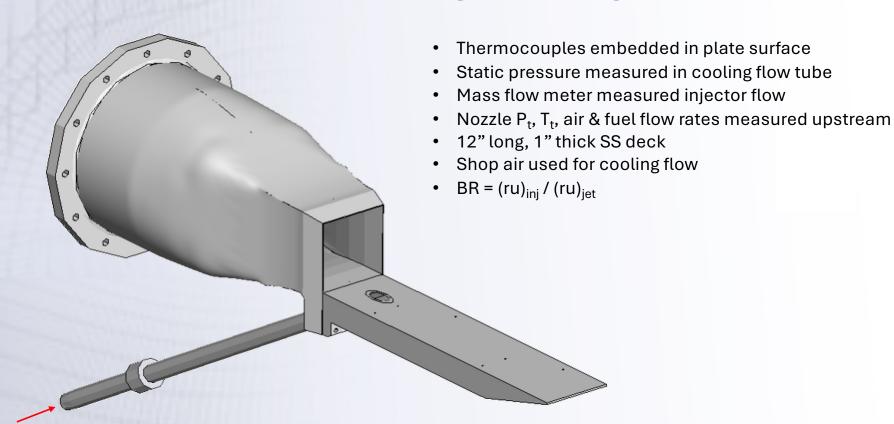
- Raman Scattering technique implemented and demonstrated using this phase.
- Examined the "SMC000" convergent nozzle, for many of the same points as the Bridges and Wernet Consensus Data (AIAA Paper 2010-3751) also taken in GRC AAPL, data used on NASA TMR
- Comparisons of temperature measurements and LES for consensus data SP23, Mach 0.38,  $\Delta T = 233K$ .
- Raman Measurements: Locke, R. J., Wernet, M. P., and Anderson, R. C., "Rotational Raman-Based Temperature Measurements in a High-Velocity Turbulent Jet," *Measurement Science and Technology*, Vol. 29, No. 1, Dec. 2017.
- Rayleigh Measurements: Mielke, A., Elam, K., and Sung, C.-J., "Multiproperty Measurements at High Sampling Rates Using Rayleigh Scattering," *AIAA Journal*, Vol. 47, No. 4, 2009, pp. 850–862.
- <u>LES</u>: Debonis, J.R., "Prediction of Turbulent Temperature Fluctuations in Hot Jets," *AIAA Journal*, Vol. 56, No. 8, Aug. 2018, pp. 3097-3111.



## **Off-Body Measurements for THX Experiments**

- Background Oriented Schlieren (BOS)
  - BOS measurements used to optimize the Raman measurement grid depending on cooling film thickness
- Raman Scattering (key new measurement technology developed & demonstrated)
  - Molecular scattering technique for measuring the gas temperature
  - Composition of the gas is known, only interested in temperature
  - Measure both the mean and rms temperature
  - Measurements at a single point
  - See the following publications for details of the technology development of this Raman scattering technique: Locke, R. J., Wernet, M. P., Anderson, R. C., "Rotational Raman-Based Temperature Measurements in a High-Velocity Turbulent Jet," *Measurement Science Technology*, Vol. 29, No. 1, Dec. 2017, pp. 1-16, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6501/aa934d">https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-6501/aa934d</a>.
- Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV)
  - Streamwise plane of 2-component measurements
  - Cross-stream planes of 3-component measurements
  - Planar measurements

## **THX Phase 3 – Single Cooling Hole**

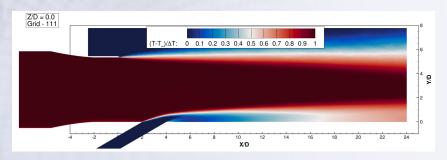


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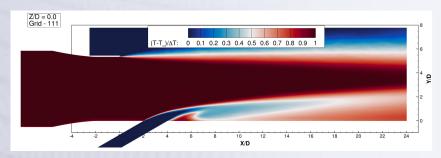
## **THX Phase 3 – Single Cooling Hole**

- Computational simulations obtained with GFR and FDL3DI, using WRLES; FUN3D using SSG-LRR RSM RANS.
- Comparisons of mean and RMS velocities and temperatures to experimental measurements.

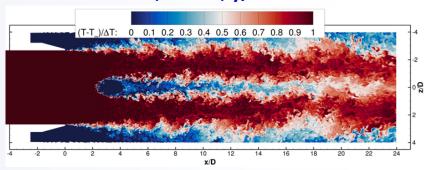




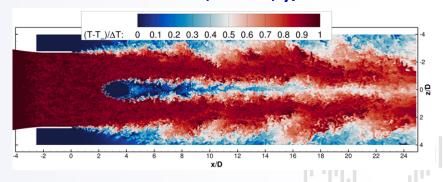
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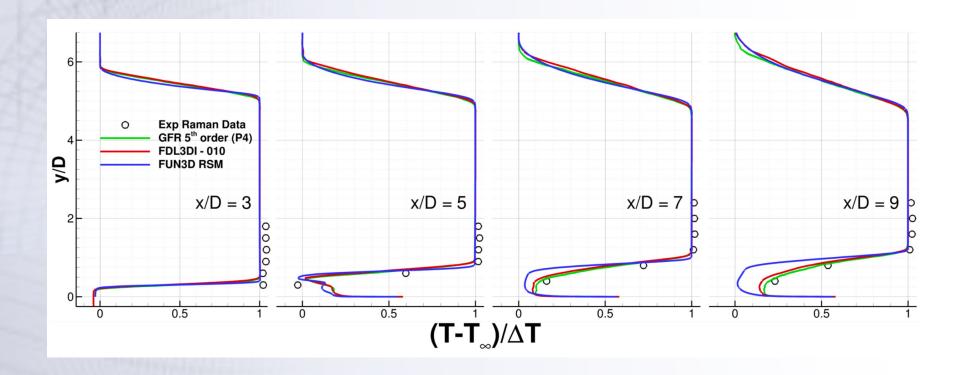
GFR, BR = 1, y/D = 0.1



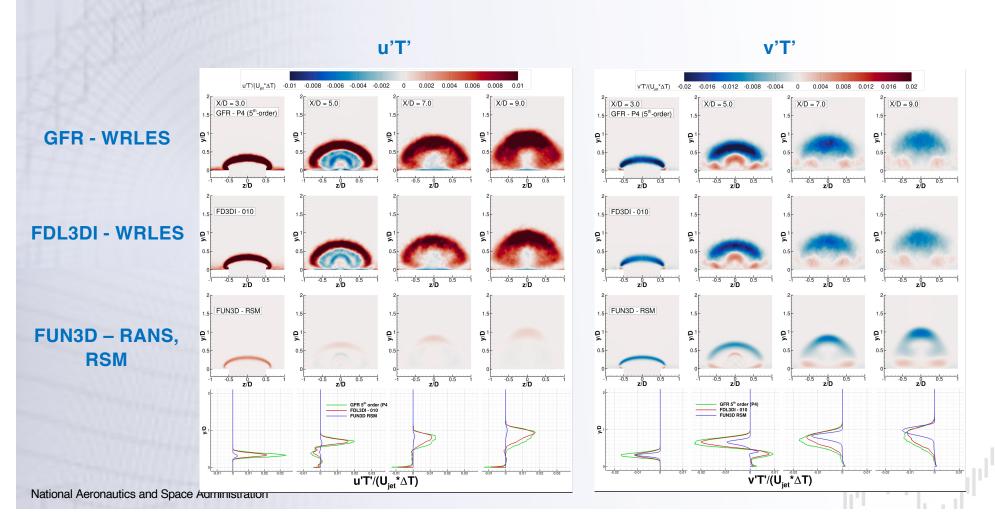
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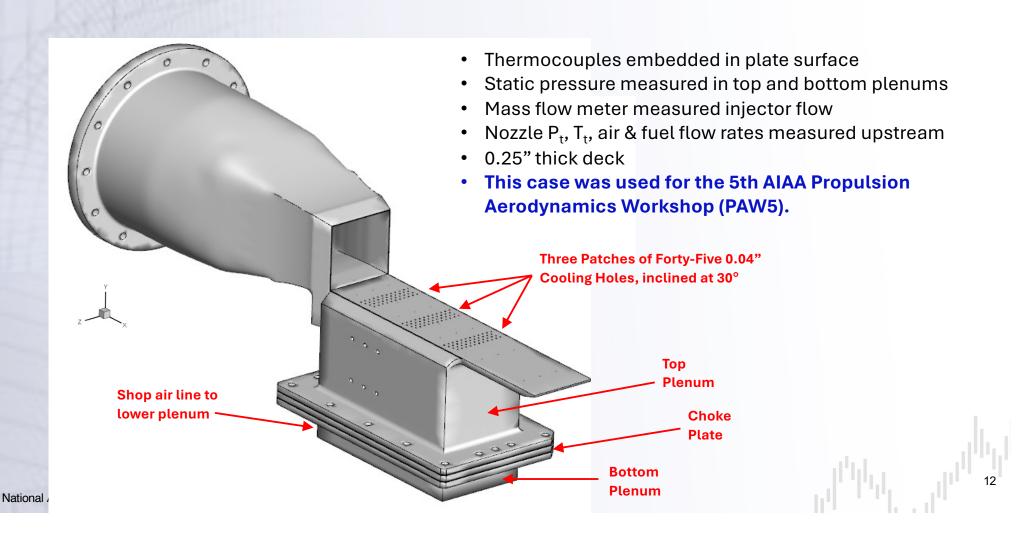
## **THX 3 – Temperature Comparisons for BR = 1**



## THX 3 - Turbulent Heat Flux for BR = 1



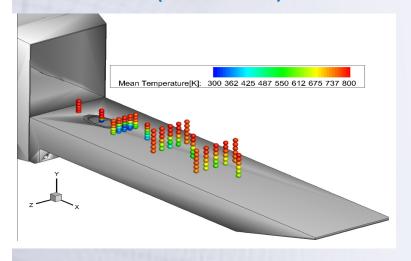
## **THX Phase 4 – Porous Plate Geometry**



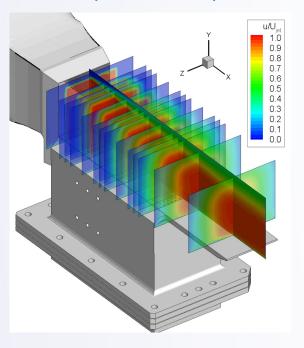
## THX - Phases 3 & 4

• Sample experimental measurements:

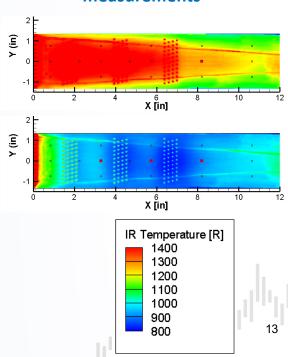
THX 3: Raman temperature measurements (mean and rms)



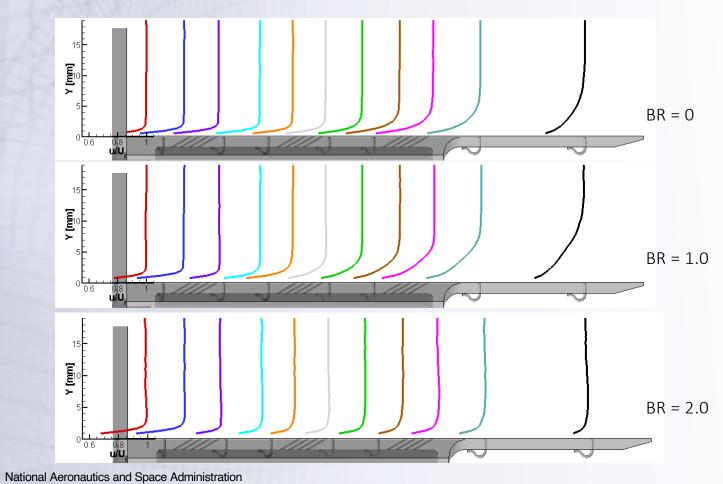
THX 4: PIV velocity measurements (mean and rms)

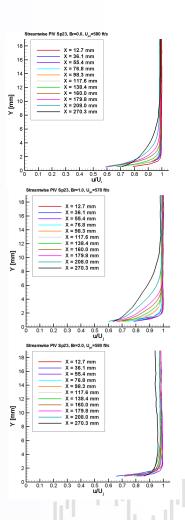


THX 4: Surface IR temperature measurements

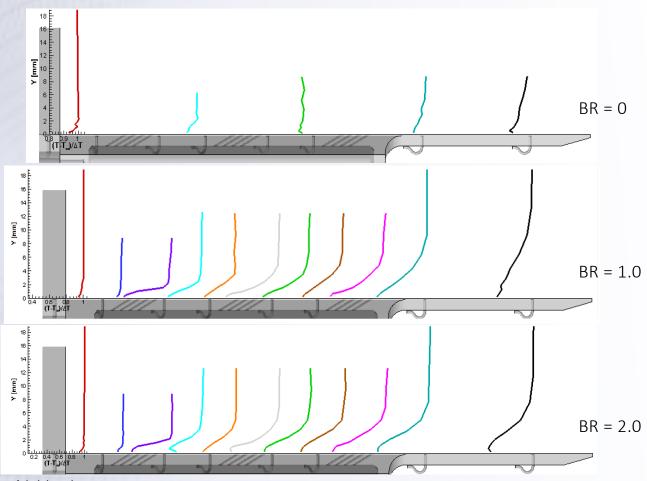


## Mean Axial Velocity – THX 4: Set Point 23, Mach 0.38, $\Delta T = 233K$

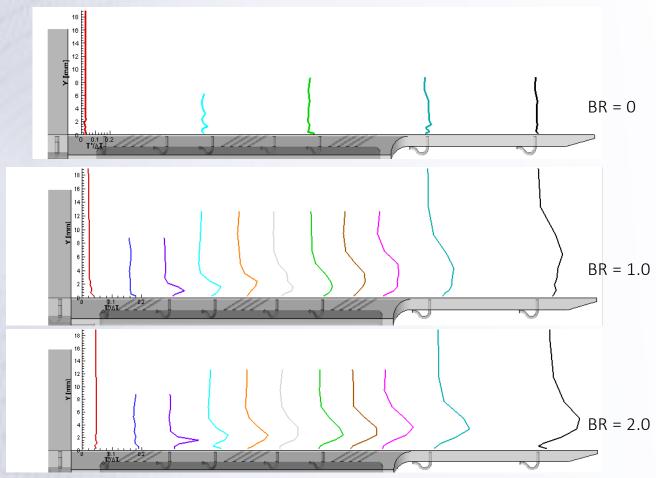




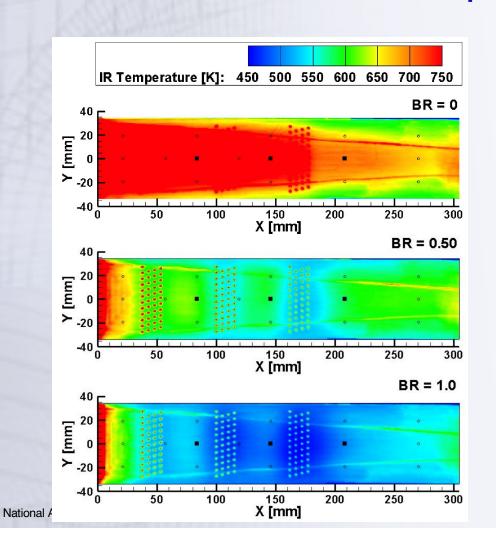
## Mean Temperature – THX 4: Set Point 23, Mach 0.38, $\Delta T = 233K$



## RMS of Temperature – THX 4: Set Point 23, Mach 0.38, $\Delta T = 233K$



## **Raw IR Surface Temperature Measurements**



### FLIR SC655 infrared camera

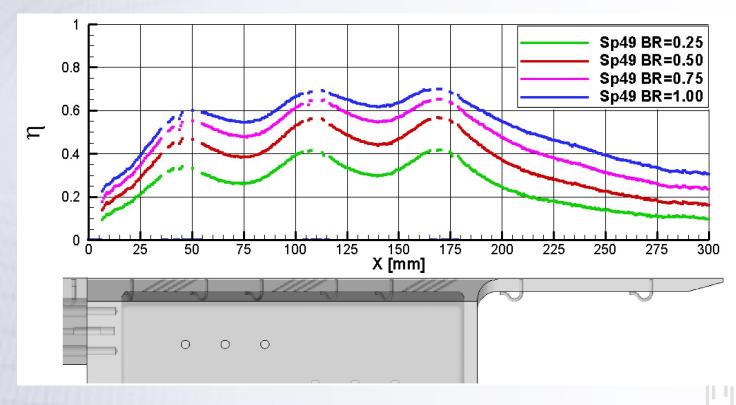
- 640 x 480 pixels (roughly 0.024"/pixel)
- Stainless steel plate not painted black
- Emissivity of surface was nominally 0.2

### Plate Discoloration due to Jet Shear



## **Centerline Film Cooling Effectiveness: THX 4**

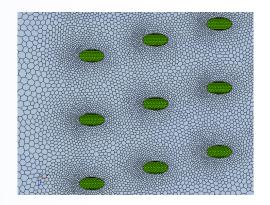
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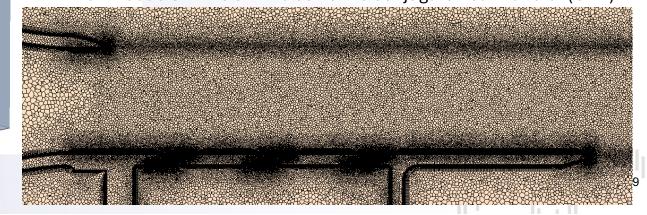
## **THX4 Model Geometry & Flow Problem Setup**

THX4 is a complex flow problem: hot jet exhaust over plate with 135 1-mm cooling holes (45 holes/patch).

### Looking down on plate:

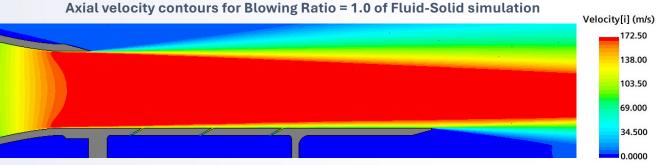


Fluid-Solid conformal polyhedral grid created in commercial CFD code STAR-CCM+ to solve the conjugate heat transfer (CHT)

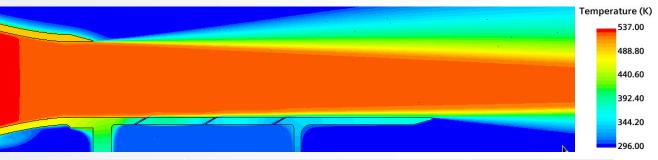


## **THX4: RANS Cases**

- RANS SST simulation of complete Phase 4 configuration
- Modeling Approaches:
  - 1. Fluid-only (adiabatic wall)
  - 2. Fluid-Solid (CFD-CHT)
- CFD-CHT not a "typical" standard practice – complexity and cost.
- CFD-CHT examined here due to potential to improve prediction of both (1) fluid flow and (2) temperatures of structure.

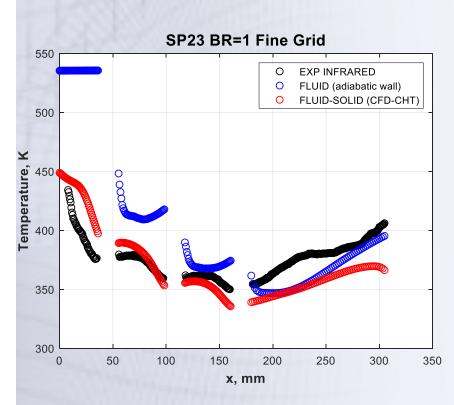


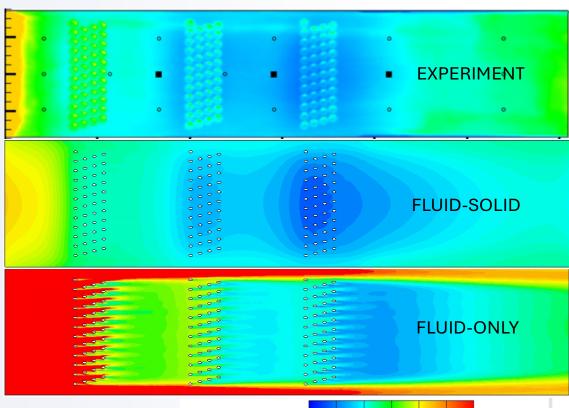
Temperature contours for Blowing Ratio = 1.0 of Fluid-Solid simulation



Grid	Fluid-only # cells	Fluid-Solid # cells	Blowing Ratio	# Cores	Numerical Scheme
Coarse	26.3 million	29.9 million	0.0, 1.0, 2.0	4,200	2 <sup>nd</sup> order upwind
Medium	70.3 million	78.9 million	1.0	4,200	2 <sup>nd</sup> order upwind
Fine	143.3 million	143.3 million	1.0	5,600	2 <sup>nd</sup> order upwind
XFine	N/A	321.4 million	1.0	5,600	2 <sup>nd</sup> order upwind

## **THX4 RANS Centerline Surface Temperature**





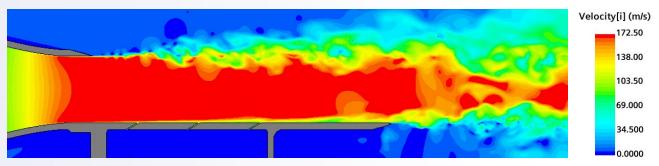
<u>LESSON LEARNED / BEST PRACTICE</u>: Thermally coupled CFD-CHT significantly improves surface temperature prediction.

IR Temperature [K]: 325 350 375 400 425 450 475

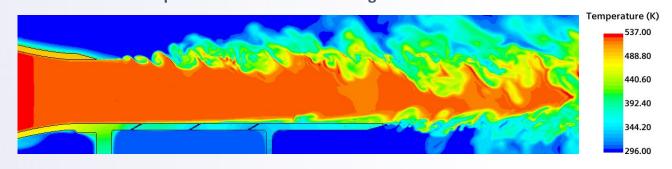
## **THX4: SRS (hybrid RANS-LES) Cases**

- Per THX3 simulations, WRLES was prohibitively expensive.
- Scale-Resolved Simulation (SRS) of complete Phase 4 configuration completed using hybrid RANS-LES: 320 M points.
- Delayed Detached Eddy Simulation (DDES) technique successfully used within CFD-CHT model framework

Instantaneous axial velocity contours for Blowing Ratio = 1.0 of Fluid-Solid simulation



Instantaneous temperature contours for Blowing Ratio = 1.0 of Fluid-Solid simulation

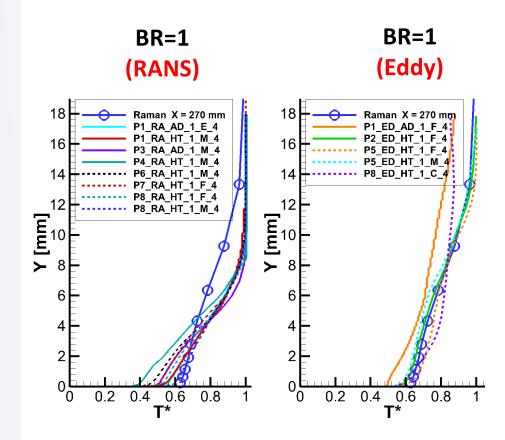


Grid	Fluid-Solid # cells	Blowing Ratio	# Cores	dt	Total Tau Averaged*	Numerical Scheme
Fine	143.3 million	1.0	5,600	1E-6 s	41	Hybrid BCD
XFine	321.4 million	1.0	5,600	1E-6 s	42	Hybrid BCD

$$*\tau = \frac{U_{jet}}{L_{plate}}t$$

## **Temperature Profiles – THX5, x = 270 mm**

- Near end of plate, on overhang.
- AD = adiabatic
- HT = Conjugate Heat Transfer
- RA = RANS
- ED = eddy-resolving
- KEY OBSERVATION: in comparing SRS to RANS –
  is the difference in temperature profiles. Perhaps
  indicative of inability of RANS gradient-diffusion
  capability for modeling thermal transport?
- These results are from AIAA PAW6 (multiple submissions) summary paper: Georgiadis, N. J., Wernet, M. P., Crowe, D. S., Woeber, C. D., Karman-Shoemake, K.C., Winkler, C.M., "Assessment of Multiphysics Computations of Flow Over A Film Cooled Plate," Journal of Thermophysics and Heat Transfer, Articles in Advance, Mar. 2025, pp. 1-19.



## **Background: THX5 - NASA GRC Supersonic Jet Tests**

- The THX5 NASA experiments examined heated supersonic round jets.
- Experiments of Seiner et al. for a Mach 2.0 nozzle were used as the starting point.
- The goal of this test program was to provide modern validation quality data for high temperature supersonic jets where compressibility and jet heating impact the jet mixing rate.

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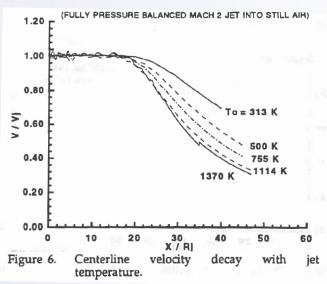
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The Effects of Temperature on Supersonic Jet Noise Emission

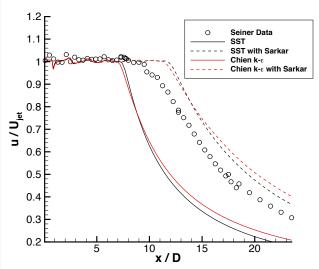
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## **Centerline Velocity Decay from Seiner Experiments**



## Typical RANS CFD Result & Comparison with Seiner Data



## **THX 5 – Supersonic Jet Experiments**

### **TEST MATRIX:**

- Test program conducted in GRC Aeroacoustic Propulsion Laboratory (AAPL).
- Test Matrix: Mach 1.36, 1.63, and 2.0 nozzles were investigated at temperatures from unheated up to T<sub>t</sub> = 1700° R. Most on-design, 2 off-design test points.

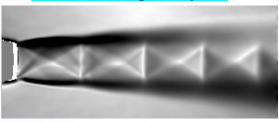
### **TEST PROGRAM RESULTS:**

- Background-oriented Schlieren (BOS) and legacy probe measurements were obtained first.
- Streamwise and Cross-stream Particle Image Velocimetry (PIV) used to obtained velocities and turbulent stresses.
- Rotationally Resolved Raman Spectroscopy used to measure mean and rms velocities.
- This case was used for the 6th AIAA Propulsion Aerodynamics Workshop (PAW6).

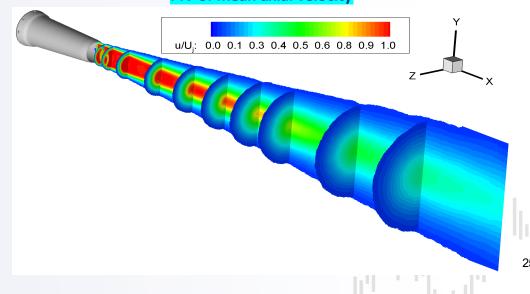
### Mach 2.0 nozzle installed in GRC AAPL



BOS image showing shockcells at off-design test point

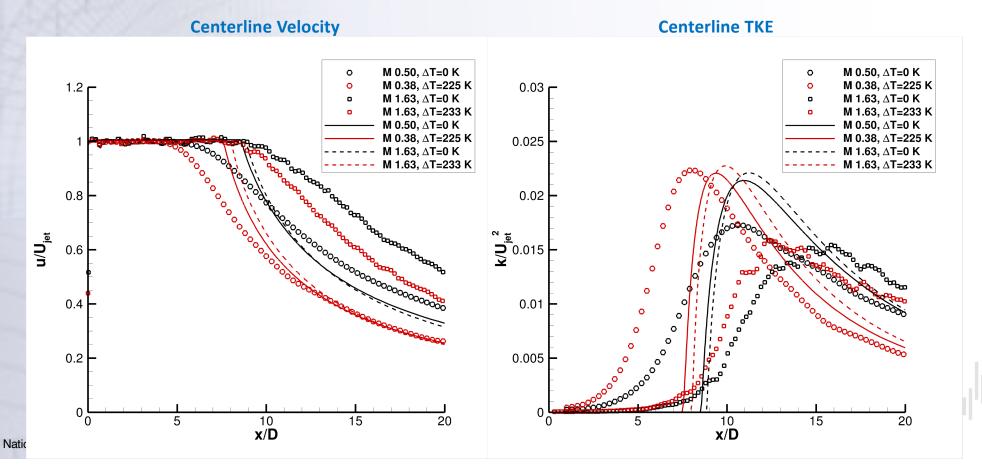


### PIV of mean axial velocity



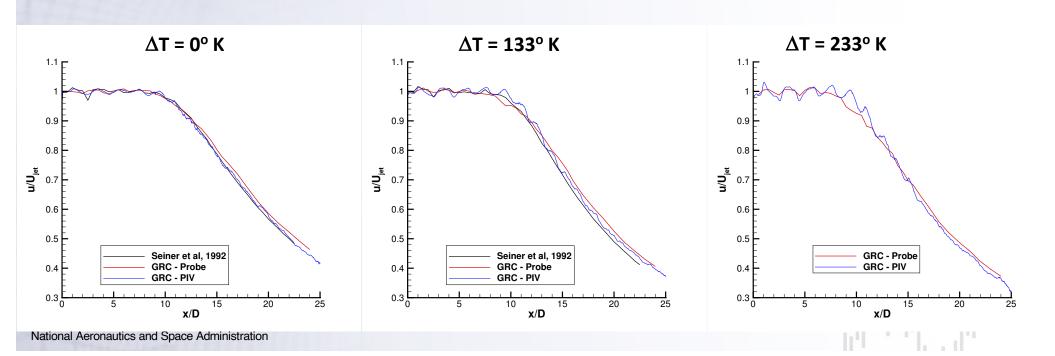
## Typical Subsonic-Supersonic Jets Comparison of Experiment to RANS

Subsonic data is from Bridges and Wernet (AIAA Paper 2010-3751) – also taken in GRC AAPL, data used on NASA TMR



# Mach 2.0 Velocity Comparisons – Seiner to THX5 & Probe to PIV

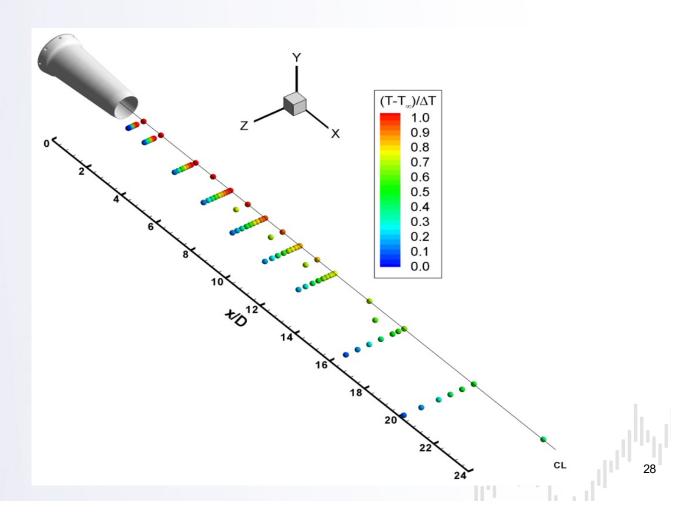
- $\Delta T = T_{jet} T_{\infty}$ , 3 matched points between Seiner experiments and current experiments, 2 shown here.
- $\Delta T = 233^{\circ}$  K represents highest temperature of SHJAR.
- Centerline velocities shown purpose is to verify that current experiments are consistent with previous well-respected test data set.



## **Typical Raman Spectroscopy Results**

## Raman temperature measurements for Mach 1.36 jet, $\Delta T = 133^{\circ} K$ :

- Approximately 125 individual point measurements per set point.
- Measurements along centerline (approximately 15 axial stations), lipline, and radial profiles at 9 axial stations.

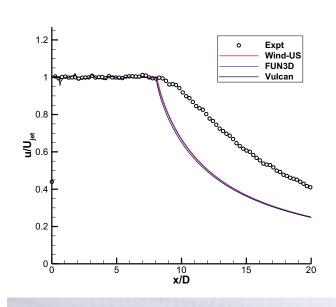


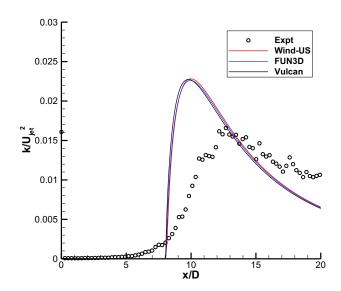
## NASA TMR: Heated Mach 1.63 Jet

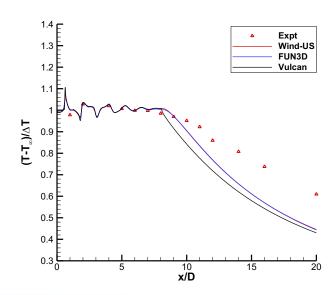
**Centerline Axial Velocity** 

**Centerline TKE** 

**Centerline Temperature** 







## **Effect of Turbulent Kinetic Energy on Temperature**

The default in many codes is to ignore contribution of turbulent kinetic energy (k) in total energy expression.

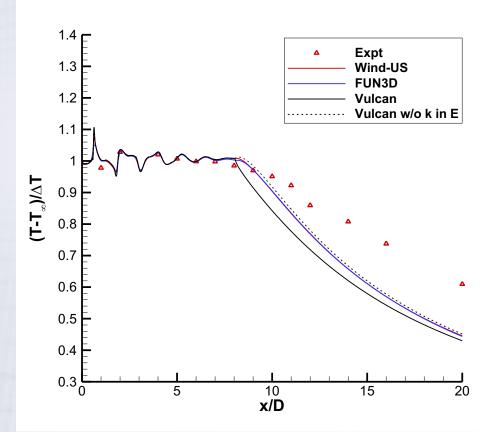
**Total energy:** 
$$E = C_v T + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{u}^2 + \bar{v}^2 + \bar{w}^2) + k$$

Temp. Difference due 
$$\Delta T_k = k(\gamma - 1)/R \cong (k / U_{jet}^2)\gamma(\gamma - 1)M_{jet}^2 T_{jet}$$
 to k:  $\cong 0.03\gamma(\gamma - 1)M_{jet}^2 T_{jet}$ 

Maximum effect of k on T (for Mach 1.63): 
$$\frac{\Delta T_k}{T} = k/C_v T \text{ (maximum)} \cong .045 T_{jet}/T$$

## **NASA TMR:** Heated Mach 1.63 Jet

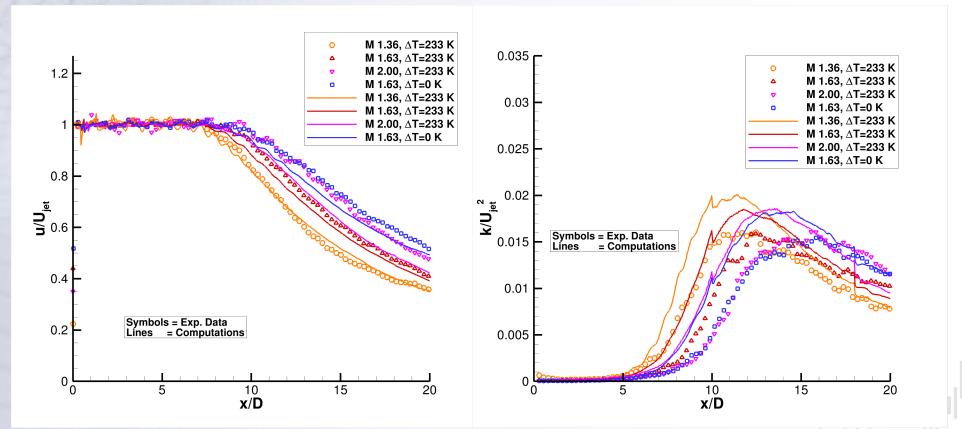
**Centerline Temperature – with and w/o TKE consideration in energy equation** 



## **Centerline Velocity Statistics - WMLES**

**Centerline Velocity** 

**Centerline TKE** 

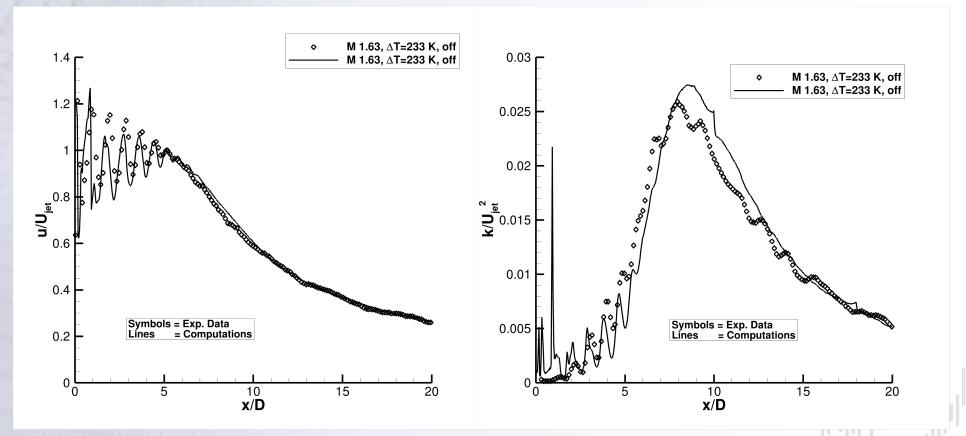


Results are from M. Emory (prev. Cascade) using CharLES – unpublished – AIAA PAW6.

## **Off-Design Case Velocity Statistics - WMLES**

**Centerline Velocity** 

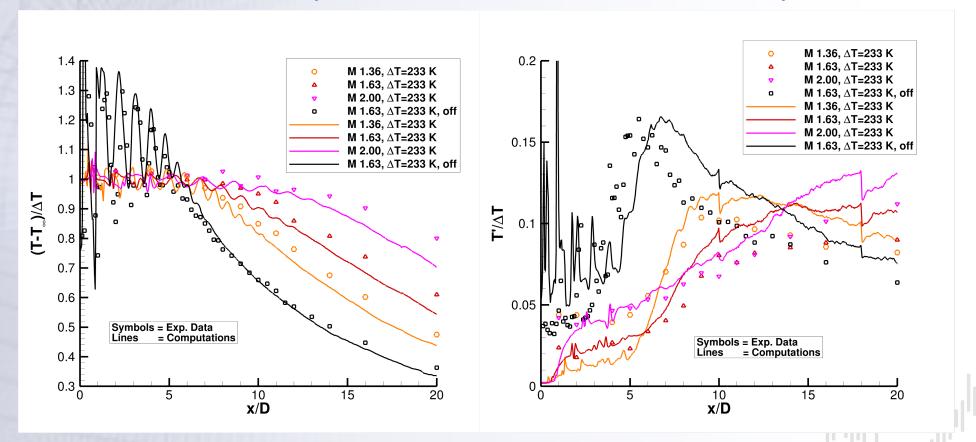
**Centerline TKE** 



## **Centerline Temperature Statistics - WMLES**

### **Mean Temperature**

### **RMS Temperature**



### **Conclusions**

- Turbulent thermal transport is an important consideration for aerospace flows;
   however not as extensively studied (experimentally or computationally) as basic aerodynamic flows.
- The NASA Turbulent Heat Flux (THX) Experiments collected data for several heated problems focused on propulsion applications.
- The Raman temperature measurement capability was advanced in technology via these THX efforts - to enable model scale facility experiments.
- Concurrent CFD work was conducted to benchmark existing methods.
- Data already used extensively in AIAA PAW5 and PAW6; also NASA TMR.
- Key CFD findings:
  - Scale-resolving methods (i.e some form of simulation including LES for a significant part of the flow) are significantly more accurate than RANS-based techniques for turbulent heat transport.
  - 2. A conjugate heat transfer (CHT) modeling approach, in conjunction with the CFD solver, is required to obtain accurate surface temperature measurements.

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### **Publications on THX Work**

- The next few pages provide a list of papers detailing experimental results from the THX efforts, phases 1 In addition, directly related computational work is also listed. For phases 4 & 5, this includes non-NASA publications resulting from the data being used in AIAA Propulsion Aerodynamics Workshops (PAWs) 5 and 6. The THX 5 data is also used in three NASA TMR cases, with links below:
- TMR Cases using THX5 supersonic jet data:
  - 1. <a href="https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/jet\_mach1p63\_tmatched\_val.html">https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/jet\_mach1p63\_tmatched\_val.html</a>
  - 2. https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/jet\_mach1p63\_hot\_val.html
  - 3. https://turbmodels.larc.nasa.gov/jet\_mach1p63\_offdesign\_val.html

## **THX1** References (low ∆T cooling flow)

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- Wernet, M.P., Wroblewski, A.C., and Locke, R.J., "A Dual-Plane PIV Study of Turbulent Heat Transfer Flows," NASA TM-2016-219074, May 2017, https://ntrs.nasa.gov/api/citations/20160003685/downloads/20160003685.pdf.
- Poinsatte, P., Thurman, D., and Lucci, B., "Detailed Velocity, Temperature, and Heat Flux Measurements on a Large Scale Film Cooling Model,," NASA TM 20220004085, May 2022, <a href="https://ntrs.nasa.gov/api/citations/20220004085/downloads/TM-20220004085.pdf">https://ntrs.nasa.gov/api/citations/20220004085/downloads/TM-20220004085.pdf</a>.

### **COMPUTATIONS:**

• Borghi, M., Thurman, D., Poinsatte, P., and Engblom, W., "Numerical and Experimental Investigation of a Heated Jet in Crossflow," J. Thermophysics and Heat Transfer, Vol.34, No. 2, April 2020, pp. 230-242. https://doi.org/10.2514/1.T5608

## THX2 References (subsonic jet temperature measurements)

#### **EXPERIMENTS:**

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