Large-Eddy Simulation of a Three-Dimensional Hypersonic Shock Wave/Turbulent Boundary Layer Interaction of a Single-Fin

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The large-eddy simulation (LES) of a hypersonic flow passing a single-fin at Mach 5 and $\text{Re} \simeq =3.7 \times 107 / \text{m}$ was conducted and the three-dimensional (3D) shock wave/turbulent boundary layer interaction (SWTBLI) was studied in the present paper. This is probably a first reported LES of this kind of flows. The newly developed seventh order low-dissipation monotonicity-preserving scheme is used to solver the Euler fluxes and the dynamic Smagorinsky subgrid model is used to take account of the subgrid stress and heat flux. The shock system, flow separation structure, and turbulence characteristic are investigated by analyzing the LES data. The turbulence in the 3D SWTBLI is found to be dominated by small-scale wall turbulence, large-scale free shear turbulence, as well as the corner vortex in different regions. In the reverse flow, the streamwise elongated coherent structures are regenerated beneath the main separation vortex, almost immediately after the flow reattachment.

Nomenclature

C = speed of sound

Cf = skin friction coefficient of sound

E = total energy E,F,G = Euler flux vectors E_{V},F_{V},G_{V} = diffusional flux vectors f = generic functions

J = Jacobian matrix of the grid transformation

 M_0 = free stream Mach number

T = temperature T^* = total temperature T_W = wall temperature

u = velocity in the x direction

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v = velocity in the y direction w = velocity in the z direction x,y,z = Cartesian coordinates

p = pressure

 P_W = mean wall pressure

Q = vector of conservational variables

Re = Reynolds number $R, \beta, \varphi = VCO coordinates$

 β_1 = deflection angle of the fin

 δ = 99% norminal thickness of the incoming boundary layer δ^* = displacement thickness of the incoming boundary layer = momentum thickness of the incoming boundary layer

 ρ = density

 ω_n = vorticity magnitude $\langle \cdot \rangle$ = averaged quantity

" = fluctuation from the mean

+ = nondimensionalization by inner scales

I. Introduction

The shock wave/turbulent boundary layer interaction (SWTBLI) happens ubiquitously in high-speed vehicles and their propulsion systems and has great influences on their performances. The researches of SWTBLI are persisted for more than 60 years, although, some flow mechanisms in it are still not completely understood and the prediction of it in engineering is far beyond satisfactory^[1]. Comparing with the two-dimensional (2D) SWTBLI with a homogeneous transversal direction, the three-dimensional (3D) SWTBLI is less studied and understood, although, it is closer to real flows and has special influences on the performances of intakes and control surfaces. ^[2-10]Most researches of 3D SWTBLI are limited in the framework of experimental measurements and numerical simulations by solving Reynolds-averaged Navier—Stokes (RANS) equations ^[11-15]. The large-eddy simulation (LES) or direct numerical simulation (DNS), which can give detailed information of turbulent flows and greatly benefits the research of turbulence mechanisms, has not been applied in the 3D SWTBLI yet in published reports. ^[16]

With the help of the fast progress of high performance computing (HPC) technology and the recently developed numerical method, the present paper conducts the LES of 3D SWTBLI generated by a hypersonic flow at Mach 5 passing a single-fin with 23° deflection angle, whose flow condition is consistent with the experiment of Schülein [10]. The results are validated and flow property as well as turbulence mechanisms in 3D SWTBLI are then studied by analyzing the LES data.

The paper is organized as follows. The governing equations and numerical schemes are described in Sec. II, followed by the computational setup in Sec. III. In Sec. IV, the flow statistics in the undisturbed boundary layer are first validated, then the some general features of the flow are presented and the flow field is further analyzed to explore the turbulence mechanisms in 3D SWTBLI. Finally, we draw some conclusions in Sec. V.

II. Governing Equations

The governing equations in the present paper are taken as the compressible Favre filtered unsteady 3D Navier-Stokes (NS) equations in generalized curvilinear system. The LES spatial filter of an arbitrary variable f is given as,

$$\bar{f} = \int_{\mathcal{V}} g \cdot f \, d\mathcal{V} \tag{1}$$

where g is the grid filtering function and the integration is carried out over the entire flow domain.

The Favre filtered variables \tilde{f} is defined as,

$$\tilde{f} = \overline{\rho f}/\bar{\rho} \tag{2}$$

The governing equations are as follows,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\mathbf{Q}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}(\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{E}_V) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}(\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}_V) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta}(\mathbf{G} - \mathbf{G}_V) = 0$$
(3)

Here, t is time, ξ , η , ς are the computational coordinates, \mathbf{Q} is the vector of conservational variables, \mathbf{E} , \mathbf{F} , \mathbf{G} are the Euler flux vectors, and \mathbf{E}_V , \mathbf{F}_V , \mathbf{G}_V are the diffusional flux vectors.

Q is given as,

$$Q = J \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\rho} \\ \bar{\rho}\tilde{u} \\ \bar{\rho}\tilde{v} \\ \bar{\rho}\tilde{w} \\ \bar{\sigma}\tilde{E} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4)$$

E, F, G are given as,

$$\boldsymbol{E} = J \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\rho}\widetilde{U} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{u}\widetilde{U} + \xi_{x}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{v}\widetilde{U} + \xi_{y}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{w}\widetilde{U} + \xi_{z}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{E}\widetilde{U} + \xi_{x_{i}}\tilde{u}_{i}\bar{p} \end{bmatrix}; \boldsymbol{F} = J \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\rho}\widetilde{V} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{u}\widetilde{V} + \eta_{x}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{v}\widetilde{V} + \eta_{y}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{w}\widetilde{V} + \eta_{z}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{E}\widetilde{V} + \eta_{x_{i}}\tilde{u}_{i}\bar{p} \end{bmatrix}; \boldsymbol{G} = J \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\rho}\widetilde{W} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{u}\widetilde{W} + \zeta_{x}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{w}\widetilde{W} + \zeta_{y}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{w}\widetilde{W} + \zeta_{z}\bar{p} \\ \bar{\rho}\widetilde{E}\widetilde{W} + \zeta_{x_{i}}\tilde{u}_{i}\bar{p} \end{bmatrix}$$
(5)

 $\boldsymbol{E}_{V}, \boldsymbol{F}_{V}, \boldsymbol{G}_{V}$ are given as,

$$\boldsymbol{E}_{V} = J \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \xi_{x_{i}} T_{i1} \\ \xi_{x_{i}} T_{i2} \\ \xi_{x_{i}} T_{i3} \\ \xi_{x_{i}} (\tilde{u}_{j} T_{ij} - Q_{i}) \end{bmatrix}; \; \boldsymbol{F}_{V} = J \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \eta_{x_{i}} T_{i1} \\ \eta_{x_{i}} T_{i2} \\ \eta_{x_{i}} T_{i3} \\ \eta_{x_{i}} (\tilde{u}_{j} T_{ij} - Q_{i}) \end{bmatrix}; \; \boldsymbol{G}_{V} = J \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \zeta_{x_{i}} T_{i1} \\ \zeta_{x_{i}} T_{i2} \\ \zeta_{x_{i}} T_{i3} \\ \zeta_{x_{i}} (\tilde{u}_{j} T_{ij} - Q_{i}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(6)

Here, $J=|\partial(x,y,z)/\partial(\xi,\eta,\zeta)|$ is the Jacobian of the coordinate transformation, x,y,z are the Cartesian coordinates, ρ represents the density, p represents pressures, u,v,w represent the Cartesian velocity components in the x,y,z directions. $E=\frac{T}{(\gamma-1)M_0^2}+\frac{1}{2}(u^2+v^2+w^2)$ is the total energy, where T is the temperature, $\gamma=1.4$ is the ratio of specific heat. All the variables are non-dimensionalized by using the reference length l_0 , velocity u_0 , temperature T_0 , density ρ_0 . The resulting dimensionless parameters are the Mach number $M_0=t_0/\sqrt{\gamma RT_0}$ and the Reynolds Number $Re=\rho_0u_0l_0/\mu_0$, in which $R=287.1\ J/kg\cdot K$ is the specific gas constant and μ_0 is the viscosity under the reference temperature T_0 .

For the convenience of writing expressions, we assume $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x, y, z)$, $(u_1, u_2, u_3) = (u, v, w)$, and Einstein notation is used for tensor operations. Therefore, it will be gotten that,

$$\widetilde{U} = \xi_{x_i} \widetilde{u}_i, \ \widetilde{V} = \eta_{x_i} \widetilde{u}_i, \ \widetilde{W} = \varsigma_{x_i} \widetilde{u}_i$$
 (7)

$$T_{ij} = \tilde{\sigma}_{ij} - \tau_{ij} \tag{8}$$

$$Q_i = \tilde{q}_i + \frac{1}{(\nu-1)M^2} \vartheta_i \tag{9}$$

Here, σ_{ij} and q_i are the viscous stress and heat flux components, which are respectively defined as,

$$\sigma_{ij} = \frac{\mu}{Re} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_k} \right) \tag{10}$$

$$q_i = -\frac{\mu}{(\gamma - 1)M_0^2 RePr} \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}\right) \tag{11}$$

 $Pr = \mu Cp/h$ is the Prandtl number, where $Cp = \gamma R/(\gamma - 1)$ is the specific heat of the gas at constant pressure, and h is the thermal conductivity. In the present research, a constant Prandtl number Pr = 0.72 is used.

 τ_{ij} and θ_i are the remaining subgrid-scale stress and heat flux needed to be modeled, whose expressions are provided by,

$$\tau_{ij} = \bar{\rho} \big(\widetilde{u_i u_j} - \widetilde{u}_i \widetilde{u}_j \big) \tag{12}$$

$$\vartheta_i = \bar{\rho} \big(\widetilde{u_i} T - \tilde{u}_i \tilde{T} \big) \tag{13}$$

By using the dynamic Smagorinsky model, these two terms can be modeled by,

$$\tau_{ij} = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \tau_{kk} - 2C \bar{\rho} \Delta^2 |\tilde{S}| \left(\tilde{S}_{ij} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} \tilde{S}_{kk} \right)$$
 (14)

$$\tau_{kk} = 2C_I \bar{\rho} \Delta^2 \left| \tilde{S} \right|^2 \tag{15}$$

$$\vartheta_i = \frac{-c\Delta^2 \bar{\rho}|\tilde{S}|}{Pr_{sgs}} \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \tag{16}$$

Here, the rate-of strain tensor \tilde{S}_{ij} is defined by,

$$\tilde{S}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial \xi_k} \frac{\partial \xi_k}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial \xi_k} \frac{\partial \xi_k}{\partial x_i} \right) \tag{17}$$

and $\tilde{S} = \sqrt{2\tilde{S}_{ij}\tilde{S}_{ij}}$ is its magnitude.

The eddy-viscosity length scale Δ is taken as,

$$\Delta = \sqrt[3]{J} \tag{18}$$

C and C_I are the eddy-viscosity model coefficients for the non-isotropic and isotropic parts, in which the later one cannot be neglected in strongly compressible flows. These two coefficients are calculated by using the dynamics procedure [17,18], which are briefly introduced in the present paper as follows,

$$C = \frac{\left(L_{ij} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} L_{kk}\right) M_{ij}}{M_{kl} M_{kl}} \tag{19}$$

$$C_{I} = \frac{1}{2\Delta^{2}} \frac{L_{kk}}{(\widehat{\Delta}/\Delta)^{2} \langle \widehat{\rho} \rangle |\widehat{S}|^{2} - \langle \widehat{\rho} \rangle |\widehat{S}|^{2}}$$

$$(20)$$

$$L_{ij} = \widehat{\widehat{\rho}}\widehat{\widetilde{u}_i}\widehat{\widetilde{u}_j} - \widehat{\widehat{\rho}}\widehat{\widetilde{u}}_i\widehat{\widehat{\rho}}\widehat{\widetilde{u}}_i/\widehat{\widehat{\rho}}$$
 (21)

$$M_{ij} = 2\Delta^2 \left(-(\widehat{\Delta}/\Delta)^2 \widehat{\widehat{\rho}} \left| \widehat{\hat{S}} \right| \left(\widehat{\hat{S}}_{ij} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \widehat{\hat{S}}_{kk} \right) + \left[\bar{\rho} |\widetilde{S}| \left(\widehat{\hat{S}}_{ij} - \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} \widehat{\hat{S}}_{kk} \right) \right] \right)$$
(22)

Here, \hat{f} is the test filter of the variable f with a filter $\hat{\Delta}$, which is wider than the computational mesh. Pr_{sgs} is the subgrid-scale Prandtl number, which is also calculated by the dynamics procedure, which is given as,

$$Pr_{sgs} = \frac{cT_k T_k}{K_i T_k} \tag{23}$$

$$T_{k} = \Delta^{2} \left[-\left(\widehat{\Delta}/\Delta\right)^{2} \widehat{\bar{\rho}} \left| \widehat{\hat{S}} \right| \frac{\partial \widehat{\bar{\tau}}}{\partial x_{k}} + \left(\bar{\rho} |\widehat{\bar{S}}| \frac{\partial \widehat{\bar{\tau}}}{\partial x_{k}} \right) \right]$$
 (24)

$$K_{j} = \widehat{\bar{\rho}}\widehat{\tilde{u}_{i}}\widehat{\tilde{T}} - \frac{\widehat{\bar{\rho}}\widehat{\tilde{u}_{i}}\widehat{\bar{\rho}}\widehat{\tilde{T}}}{\widehat{\bar{\rho}}}$$
 (25)

III. Flow Configuration and Computational Setup

A. Domain and Mesh

The 3D SWTBLI studied here is set to be at the same flow condition as the experiment of Schülein^[10], in which the incoming Mach number is 5 and the deflection angle of the fin is $\beta_1 = 23^{\circ}$. The flow configuration and its computational model are sketched in Figure 1.

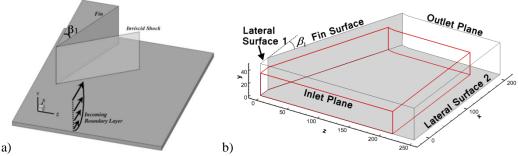


Figure 1 Sketch maps of the: a) flow configuration and b) computation domain. The red line represents the edges of the effective computation domain.

It can be seen from Figure 1.that, the computational domain in the present study only contains the compression side of the fin, where the 3D SWTBLI happens, and the other side of the fin is discarded to simplify the simulation, like what most numerical simulations in literatures did^[12].

The reference length of the simulation is 1 mm and other reference parameters are those of the incoming free-stream flow. The origin of the coordinates is at the leading edge of the fin. The inlet plane is posited at x=-20 mm and is normal to the main flow direction. The outlet plane is beyond x=206 mm, the spanwise extent of the domain is z<250 mm, and the wall normal size of the domain is y=50 mm. Due the employment of the sponge layer in all the three direction, the size of the effective domain, which is marked with red line in Figure 1 b), is $(-20,184.5)\times(0,35)\times(0,215)$. Considering the nominal boundary layer thickness of the incoming flow δ_0 is about 3.8 mm, the size of the domain is about $(-5.3\delta_0,18.6\delta_0)\times(0,9.2\delta_0)\times(0,56.6\delta_0)$. The present computational domain is similar with that of the experimental measurement of Schulein^[10], and the RANS study of Salin et al. [15], which is convenient for direct comparisons.

The mesh has 240 points in the y direction (also the η direction), 1060 points in the ξ direction, and 1420 points in the ζ direction. In the η direction, the mesh is firstly smoothly stretched by using a hyperbolic equation in the near-wall region to make sure the distance of the first mesh points to the wall Δh_{η}^+ is below 1 viscous scale, then, the mesh space is uniformly distributed with the resolution of $\Delta h_{\eta}^+ \approx 15$ viscous scales to match the requirement of LES of the turbulent boundary layer at the surface of the fin. The mesh is also hyperbolically stretched in the ζ direction to make sure the resolution Δh_{ζ}^+ is less than 1 at the first point near the fin and below 15 in the rest of the domain. The mesh space in the ξ direction is firstly uniformly distributed and then adjusted after the corner, with the resolution $\Delta h_{\xi}^+ < 20$. After x > 20, the resolution in the ζ direction will be further increased, due to the reduction of the domain size. In the region near the leading edge, the direction of the mesh line in the ζ direction is gradually turned into the fin normal direction to preserve the smoothness, as shown in Figure 2. The TTM method [19] is used to further smooth the mesh in the x-z plane.

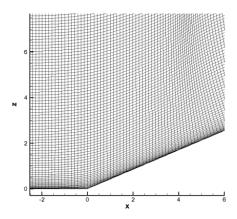


Figure 2 Distributions of the mesh points in the corner region.

B. Numerical Strategy

The Euler terms of the NS equations are solved by using the newly developed seventh-order low-dissipation monotonicity-preserving (MP7-LD) scheme^[20,21], which is optimized from the original monotonicity-preserving (MP) scheme of Suresh and Huynh 常识未找到引用源。 by reducing both the linear dissipation and nonlinear error, which has been successfully used in DNS and LES of 2D SWTBLI^[22,23]. It was proved that^[20], the MP-LD scheme has the same ability as the original MP scheme in capturing shock waves but a better performance in resolving small-scale turbulent fluctuations.

The diffusion terms are solved by using the sixth-order compact central scheme ^{備设!未投到引用源。}, which is given as,

$$\frac{1}{3}f'_{j-1} + f'_{j} + \frac{1}{3}f'_{j+1} = (f_{j+2} - f_{j-2})/36 + 7(f_{j+1} - f_{j-1})/9$$
 (26)

The primitive variables u_i and T are firstly differentiated, and the stress tensor is formed at each node. The viscous terms are then computed by another application of Eq. (26). This method is more efficient than the directly calculating second-derivatives, although the later method can be more numerically stable.

The metric of the coordinate transformation is also calculated by using Eq. (26), in the conservative form to preserve the metric cancellation property^[24,25], as follows,

$$\begin{cases}
\xi_{x_{i}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[(x_{j})_{\eta} x_{k} \right]_{\zeta} + \left[(x_{k})_{\eta} x_{j} \right]_{\zeta} - \left[(x_{j})_{\zeta} x_{k} \right]_{\eta} - \left[(x_{k})_{\zeta} x_{j} \right]_{\eta} \right\} \\
\eta_{x_{i}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[(x_{j})_{\zeta} x_{k} \right]_{\xi} + \left[(x_{k})_{\zeta} x_{j} \right]_{\xi} - \left[(x_{j})_{\xi} x_{k} \right]_{\zeta} - \left[(x_{k})_{\xi} x_{j} \right]_{\zeta} \right\} \\
\zeta_{x_{i}} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left[(x_{j})_{\xi} x_{k} \right]_{\eta} + \left[(x_{k})_{\xi} x_{j} \right]_{\eta} - \left[(x_{j})_{\eta} x_{k} \right]_{\xi} - \left[(x_{k})_{\eta} x_{j} \right]_{\xi} \right\}
\end{cases} (27)$$

After all the spatial terms are solved, the residual terms $R(\mathbf{Q})$ is integrated in time by using the explicit three-step third-order TVD Runge-Kutta scheme $\frac{\text{dist}.\text{k} + \text{k} + \text{k} + \text{k} + \text{k} + \text{k}}{\text{k} + \text{k} + \text{k} + \text{k}}}$, which is given as,

$$\begin{cases}
\mathbf{Q}^{(1)} = \mathbf{Q}^{n} + \Delta t R(\mathbf{Q}^{n}) \\
\mathbf{Q}^{(2)} = \frac{3}{4} \mathbf{Q}^{n} + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{Q}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{4} \Delta t R(\mathbf{Q}^{(1)}) \\
\mathbf{Q}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{Q}^{n} + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{Q}^{(2)} + \frac{2}{3} \Delta t R(\mathbf{Q}^{(2)})
\end{cases}$$
(28)

C. Boundary Condition

At the surfaces of the bottom wall and fin, as shown in Figure 1 b), the isothermal no-slip condition with wall temperature $T_W = 4.39T_0$ and adiabatic no-slip condition are used, respectively. The pressure gradient in the wall normal direction is set to be zero.

The boundaries of outlet plane, upper surface and lateral surface 1 in Figure 1 b), are treated with perfectly non-reflective boundary condition, in which all the flow variables at the boundaries are extrapolated from the inside of the domain. To reduce the influences of generated numerical errors at the boundaries, these boundaries are posited far from the effective region by using sponge layers with stretched meshes, and the low-order spatial filter ##!.**\pmu\mathref{h}\mathr

$$\hat{f}(\xi,\eta,\zeta) = f(\xi,\eta,\zeta) - \chi \left(\frac{ls}{lm}\right)^2 \{0.5f(\xi,\eta,\zeta) - 0.25[f(\xi-1,\eta,\zeta) + f(\xi+1,\eta,\zeta) + f(\xi,\eta-1,\zeta) + f(\xi,\eta+1,\zeta) + f(\xi,\eta,\zeta-1) + f(\xi,\eta,\zeta+1)]\}$$
(29)

Here, \hat{f} is filtered variable, lm is the length of the sponge layer and ls is the distance of the present point to the beginning of the sponge layer. χ is the filter coefficient, which is set as 0.05, according to reference $[\frac{4\pi R_1 + \kappa L_2 + 2\kappa}{2}]$.

At the lateral surface 2, where the turbulent flow is truncated, instead of using the conventional periodical boundary condition in 2D simulations, the free-slip boundary condition is applied here. Therefore, w = 0 and the derivatives of other primitive variables u_i and T are set to be 0 at this boundary. According to our test (not shown here), the influence of this method is small and both flow statistics and main turbulent structures can be preserved. Moreover, the flow can be recovered to the state of equilibrium in the spanwise extent less than 0.1δ .

At the inlet plane, where the flow should be a fully developed turbulent boundary layer, the widely used rescale and reintroduce method [$^{[26,27]}$ can hardly be used, due to the lack of the statistically homogeneous direction in the 3D simulation. The synthetic turbulent fluctuations [$^{[28,29,30]}$ can be a choice here, however, a transitional region of at least 15 boundary layer thickness in the streamwise is needed before the turbulence can be fully developed. This problem can be very serious here, since a very wide spanwise with large numbers of mesh points is used in the present flow case, therefore, the extended of computational domain in the x direction will cause a great increase of total mesh points.

As an alternative, the present research conducts another independent LES of a flat-plate turbulent boundary layer at Mach=5 with homogeneous spanwise direction, and a time series of flow slices at the particular streamwise section is extracted and saved. The laminar inflow condition is used in the flat-plate boundary layer simulation and the wall blowing and suction, which is similar with that of Rai and Moin^[31], is used to trigger the boundary layer transition. Then, these flow slices are introduced to the main LES from the inlet plane with the supersonic inflow condition. This method has three advantages, 1. the turbulence can be fully developed immediately downstream the inlet plane, 2. it's very convenient to control the boundary layer parameters with the selection of the extracting position, 3. these flow slices can be used in other simulations with the same inflow condition but difference domain sizes or deflection angle.

Since the spanwise size of the main LES is much larger than that of the flat-plate boundary layer. The extracted slices will be replicated and shifted in the spanwise direction.

The inflow boundary layer parameters and the comparison with the experiment of Schülein^[10] at 20 mm upstream of the leading edge of the fin are given in Table 1.

Line	M_0	Re_0	δ , mm	δ^* , mm	θ , mm	T_0^* , K	T_0, K	T_W , K
Experiments 错误!未 找到引用源。	5.0	37×10^6 /m	3.8	1.6	0.16	410	-	300 ± 5
Present LES	5.0	$37 \times 10^6 / \text{m}$	3.85	1.60	0.17	410	68.33	300

Table 1 Incoming Boundary Layer Parameter

It can be seen that, the present LES of flat-plate boundary layer can get close agreements with experiment in boundary layer parameters.

IV. Results and Discussions

The time step of the LES is $\Delta t = 1.5 \times 10^{-2} \ l_0/u_0$, which is $\Delta t^+ = 9.8 \times 10^{-2}$ in the wall viscous scale. The simulation persists to $t = 1648.5 \ l_0/u_0$, and 486 instantaneous flow samples are saved every 300 steps for analysis after the simulation is statistically stationary. The Favre statistical averaging is used in the statistics of flow, which is defined as,

$$\langle \tilde{f} \rangle = \langle \rho f \rangle / \langle \rho \rangle \tag{30}$$

where, () denotes the statistical averaging, which is time and spanwise averaging in the 2D simulation and only time averaging in the 3D simulation. The fluctuation can be got as,

$$f'' = f - \langle \tilde{f} \rangle \tag{31}$$

$$f' = f - \langle f \rangle \tag{32}$$

A. Validation

The distribution of the Van Driest transformed mean streamwise velocity u_{vd} , at the x=-2 mm is reported in Figure 3. u_{vd} is defined as,

$$u_{vd} = \int_0^{\langle u \rangle} \langle \rho \rangle / \langle \rho_W \rangle \, d\langle u \rangle \tag{33}$$

Because the mesh is non-uniform in the spanwise, the averaged is conducted as, $\langle u \rangle = \frac{\int_0^{z_e} u dz}{z_e}$, where z_e is the edge of the effective computation domain in the spanwise. From Figure 3, we can see a good agreement between the present LES results and the classic law of wall in both the linear layer and log layer.

Consistent with Morkovin's hypothesis, the density-scaled turbulence intensity u_{iRMS}^{+} , which is defined as,

$$u_{iRMS} = \sqrt{\frac{\langle \rho \rangle}{\langle \rho_{W} \rangle} \langle u_i' u_i' \rangle} \tag{34}$$

is reported in Figure 4 in inner a) and outer b) coordinates. According Figure 4, the results of the present LES in the undisturbed boundary layer match well with incompressible DNS data (Spalart^[32] and Wu & Moin^[33]), compressible DNS at Mach=1.3 (Pirozzoli et al.^[34]), as well as low-speed boundary-layer experiments (Purtell et al.^[35] and Erm & Joubert^[36]), in both the near-wall region and outer layer of the boundary layer, which indicates that the Morkovin's hypothesis is still applicable at Mach=5.

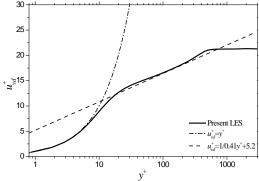


Figure 3 Distributions of Van Driest transformed mean streamwise velocity at x=-2 mm

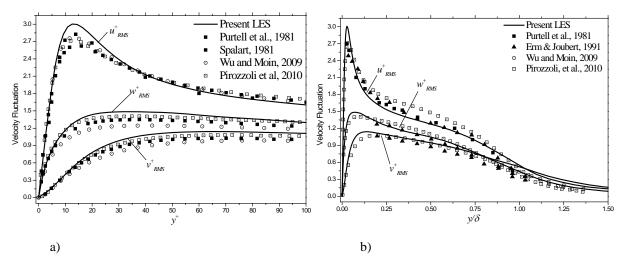


Figure 4 Density scaled turbulence fluctuations in: a) inner scaling and b) outer scale at x=-2 mm

The flow statistics in the undistributed boundary layer upstream the leading edge of the fin is in good agreements with experiments and theory, which validates the accuracy of the present LES, at least in the equilibrium region. And it also validates the applicability of the free-slip boundary condition at the lateral surface 2 as well as the inflow turbulence generation technology at the inlet plane.

The mean skin-friction-line at the bottom wall is shown in Figure 5. With the Critical Point Theory (CPT), the 3D flow separation and attachment can be recognized by the convergence and divergence of the skin-friction-lines receptively. From Figure 5, we can clearly see the main flow separation line S1, attachment line R1 and the secondary separation line S2. The following analysis of the wall pressure distribution also indicates the appearance of the secondary reattachment. Therefore, the pattern of wall streamlines of present case is coincident with that of the regime VI in the regime map of Zheltovodov and Knight^[16] reproduced in Figure 6 at same similar Mach number and deflection angle.

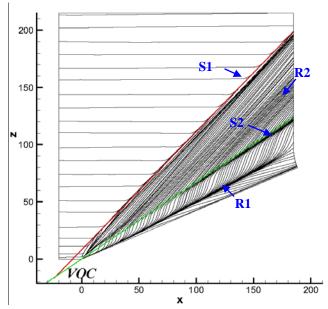


Figure 5 Mean skin-friction-line at the bottom wall. The red and green lines present S1 and the inviscid shock.

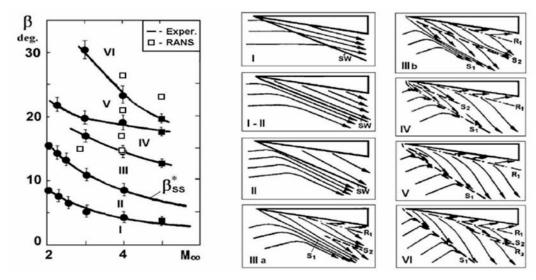


Figure 6 The boundaries of swept-shock-wave/turbulent-boundary-layer interaction regimes and corresponding surface flow pattern. This figure is reproduced from Ref [16].

The comparisons of the angle of the separation line S1, the reattachment R1 and the secondary separation line S2 between the experiment measurements of Schülein and Zheltovodov^[37] and present LES are shown in Figure 7. The agreement between the present LES and experiments is satisfactory.

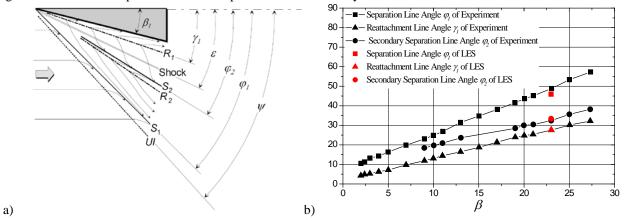


Figure 7 The definition of the angles of the separation and reattachment lines (a) and their distributions in the experiment and present LES (b)

The wall pressure distributions at the cross sections of x=83mm, x=93mm, x=123mm, x=153mm and x=183mm are compared with the measurements of of Schülein^[10] as well as Schülein and Zheltovodov^[37] in Figure 8 (a), from which we can see the good agreement of the LES prediction and the experimental measurements. The separation and reattachment lines can also be reflected from the local peaks of the wall pressure distribution. Although the secondary reattachment R2 is not so evidently from the skin-friction-line topology, it can be seen clearly on the wall pressure distribution at x=183 mm.

The distributions of mean skin friction coefficients along x=82mm, x=122mm, x=162mm, x=182mm are compared with the measured data in Figure 8 (b), in which the experiment data are extracted from the paper of Schülein^[10]. The agreement of the skin friction coefficient between LES and measurement is satisfactory except for the corner region, where the stiff incease of Cf and its peak value meansured in the experiment are under-predicted. The under-prediction of Cf in the corner region can also be found in other numerical simulation researches^[15,38]. The reason for this is still not clear and due to the limitation of the skin friction measurement data namely in 3D SWTBLI, the calibration of CFD method will be quite difficult.

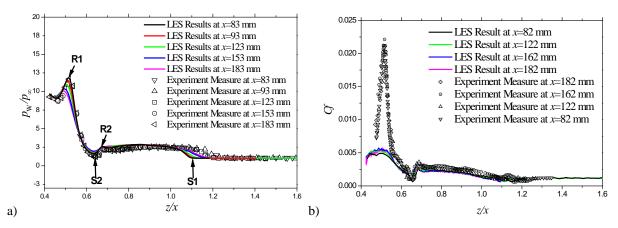


Figure 8 The distributions of wall pressure (a) and skin friction coefficient (b) at several x-slices

B. Virtual Conical Origin Coordinates

According to previous researches^[12,39-44], the nature of the flow-field are quasi-conical except for an initial region in the vicinity of the fin's leading-edge. Beyond this initial region, flow topological features appear to emanate from a single point, which is named the "Virtual Conical Origin" (VCO) and the Spherical coordinate system (R, β, φ) is an appropriate coordinate frame to study these flows (see [42]). In the present study, VOS is determined as the intersection of the primary separation line S1 and the extension of inviscid shock-wave trance, as show in Figure 5. The position of VCO is at (-22.57mm, 0mm, -14.91mm). The VCO coordinate system is sketched in Figure 9 (b), another coordinates system (x_1, y_1) , with the origin at the leading (x, y, z) = (0,0,0) and the direction of x_1 parallel to the surface of the fin.

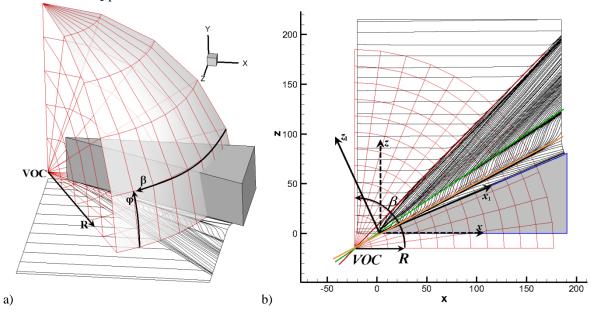


Figure 9 Sketch map of the VCO coordinate system. b) is the projection of a) to the bottom wall

The Cartesian velocity vector (u, v, w) can be projected to the VCO coordinates as (u_R, u_β, u_ϕ) , with the following formulas,

$$u_R = u\cos(\varphi)\cos(\beta) + v\sin(\varphi) + w\cos(\varphi)\sin(\beta), \tag{35}$$

$$u_{\beta} = -u\sin(\beta) + w\cos(\beta),\tag{36}$$

$$u_{\varphi} = -u\sin(\varphi)\cos(\beta) + v\cos(\varphi) + w\sin(\varphi)\sin(\beta), \tag{37}$$

Therefore, the normal Reynolds stress components in the VCO coordinates can be expressed as,

$$\langle u_R'' u_R''' \rangle = \langle u'' u'' \rangle \cos^2(\varphi) \cos^2(\beta) + \langle v'' v'' \rangle \sin^2(\varphi) + \langle w'' w'' \rangle \cos^2(\varphi) \sin^2(\beta) + 2 \langle u'' v'' \rangle \cos(\varphi) \sin(\varphi) \cos(\beta)$$

$$+ 2 \langle u'' w'' \rangle \cos^2(\varphi) \cos(\beta) \sin(\beta) + 2 \langle v'' w'' \rangle \sin(\varphi) \cos(\varphi) \sin(\beta),$$

(38)

$$\langle u_{\beta}^{"}u_{\beta}^{"}\rangle = \langle u^{"}u^{"}\rangle\sin^{2}(\beta) + \langle w^{"}w^{"}\rangle\cos^{2}(\beta) - 2\langle u^{"}w^{"}\rangle\cos(\beta)\sin(\beta), \tag{39}$$

$$\langle u_{\varphi}^{"}u_{\varphi}^{"}\rangle = \langle u^{"}u^{"}\rangle\sin^{2}(\varphi)\cos^{2}(\beta) + \langle v^{"}v^{"}\rangle\cos^{2}(\varphi) + \langle w^{"}w^{"}\rangle\sin^{2}(\varphi)\sin^{2}(\beta) - 2\langle u^{"}v^{"}\rangle\cos(\varphi)\sin(\varphi)\cos(\beta) - 2\langle u^{"}w^{"}\rangle\sin^{2}(\varphi)\cos(\beta)\sin(\beta) - 2\langle v^{"}w^{"}\rangle\sin(\varphi)\cos(\varphi)\sin(\beta),$$

$$(40)$$

The conical-cross Mach number M_n can be defined as

$$M_n = \sqrt{u_\beta^2 + u_\varphi^2} / C,\tag{41}$$

where C is the local speed of sound.

C. Shock Structures

The numerical schlieren rns and pressure gradient magnitude $|\nabla p|$ is used to analyze the shock structures. rns is calculated according to the formula,

$$rns = c_1 e^{-c_2(|\nabla \rho| - |\nabla \rho|_{min})/(|\nabla \rho| - |\nabla \rho|_{max})}$$
(42)

, where
$$|\nabla \rho|=\sqrt{rac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_i}rac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_i}},$$
 $c_1=0.8$ and $c_2=10.$

 $|\nabla p|$ is defined as $|\nabla p| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}}$ and is normalized with p_{∞}/δ_0 , where δ_0 is the nominal boundary layer thickness of the incoming flow.

The instantaneous rns and $|\nabla p|$ on the section at R=226.3mm (x=183.7mm at the surface of fin) is shown in Figure 10, from which we can see clearly the λ -shock system, which is composed with the main shock, the front shock (separation shock) and the rear shock. The rear and front shock legs meet the main shock at the "triple point", and the rear shock has stronger strength than the front shock. A slip line is emitted from the triple points and a jet structures bounded by the slip line is then formed. The jet turns around the separation vortex and impinges to the wall at the mean reattachment line R1. At the impingement, a part of the jet penetrates the separation vortex, and becomes the reverse flow. Two separated regions with shocklets can be identified. Firstly, some shocklets can be observed between the rear shock and the slip line, then the turning of this jet is accomplished via a Prandtl-Meyer expansion fan, therefore, the shocklets are suppressed in this region. Further downstream, the expansion fan reflects from the slip line as compression waves, which occasionally coalesce and form shocklets, and the final shocklet becomes a normal shock that terminates supersonic jet prior to impingement. The expansion waves and shocklets can be seen more clearly in the map of $|\nabla p|$. From Figure 10 (b), some shocklets can also be founded beneath the front and rear shock and in the reverse flow. Further downstream, the shocklets beneath the front and rear shock will coalesce onto the front and rear chock, which is the same as the process in the two dimensional SWTBLI^[45,46]. The shocklets in the reverse flow are located near S2-R2, which should be responsible for the secondary flow separation.

The mean location of the normal shock can be reflected in the map of the mean density schlieren and pressure gradient magnitude $|\nabla\langle p\rangle|$ in Figure 11

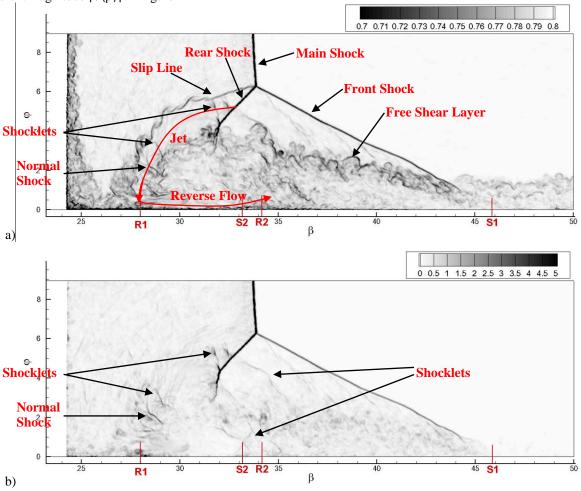


Figure 10 Instantaneous numerical schlieren (a) and pressure gradient field (b) on the 3-D spherical arc section at R=226.3 mm

The flow structure here is similar with that described by Alvi and Settles^[47,48] at the similar flow regime. After S1, the flow is deflected away from the wall and a free shear layer is then generated, which is similar with that in the two dimensional SWTBLI^[34]. From the density schlieren, the turbulent structures can also be investigated. Firstly, we can see some large-scale structures in the free shear layer and around the slip line, which is attributed to the Kelvin–Helmholtz instability. In the near-wall region beneath the main separation bubble, some small-scale structures attached to the wall can be seen. Therefore, unlike the 2D flow separation region, in which the flow is less fluctuant and organized, the reverse flow inside the 3D separation bubble has energetic turbulent fluctuations.

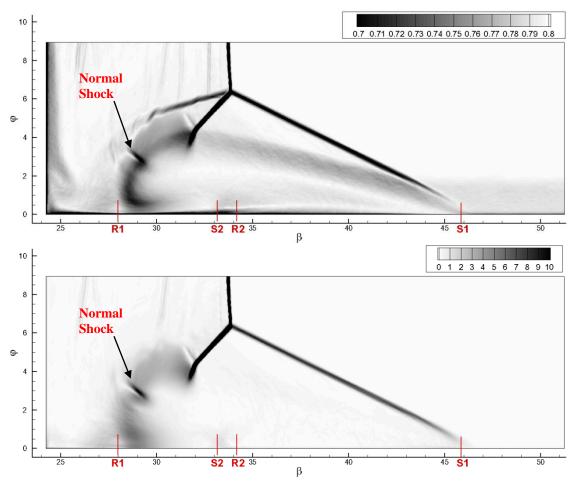


Figure 11 Mean numerical schlieren (a) and pressure gradient field (b) on the 3-D spherical arc section at $R=226.3~\mathrm{mm}$

The instantaneous 3D structure of the shock wave is visualized by using the iso-surface of $|\nabla p|$ in Figure 12. From the figure, we can see that, the main shock-wave is a two dimensional straight surface. The front shock-wave, however, presents a three dimensional wrinkle face. Near the shock foot, lots of small-scale wrinkle can be seen, and with the increase of the distance to the wall, the scale of the wrinkle becomes larger, which indicates the wrinkle of the shock surface is attributed to the interaction with the incoming turbulent structures. By extending the line of triple point and the line of the shock foot, we can see that, the two lines intersect at the VCO, which validates the quasi-conical characteristic of the shock surface.

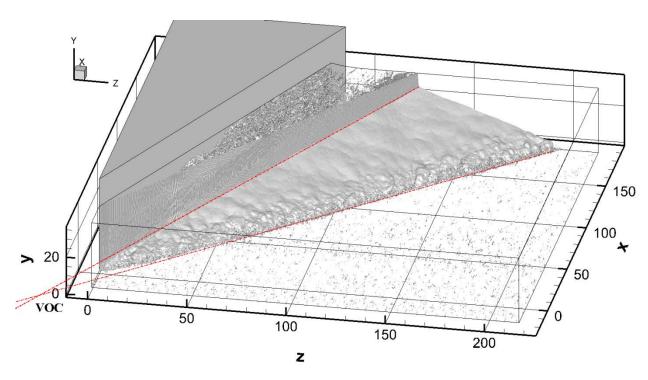


Figure 12 Instantaneous shock surface visualized by using the iso-surface of the pressure gradient magnitude $|\nabla p| = 5 p_{\infty}/\delta_0$

D. Streamlines

The skin-friction-line in the region near the leading edge is examined in Figure 13. Saddle and focus points can be identified upstream and downstream the leading edge, respectively. Zheltovodov^[39] also reported the existence of saddle-point located on the separation line S1 upstream of the fin leading edge. However, the focus point has never been reported before. It can be seen from Figure 13 that, almost all the streamlines in the interaction region are emitted from this focus. Some of these streamlines go upstream and merge with the incoming streamlines to converge the separation line S1, and some of streamlines go downstream and form the attachment line R1. There are also some streamlines going towards the fin and ends at the surface.

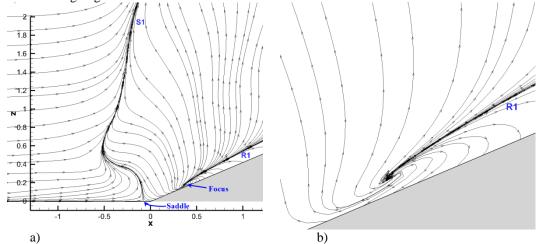


Figure 13 Mean skin-friction-line near the leading edge and the focus in a) is zoomed out in b).

The skin-friction-lines at the surface of the fin are demonstrated in Figure 14, from which we can see the streamlines converge to the separation line S3 in the bottom of the fin. Very close to the fin's root, a divergence line marked with R3 can be further observed, as shown in Figure 14 b). The convergence and divergence lines at the

surface of the fin can also be found in the experimental oil-flow visualization by Zheltovodov^[39] as described by Zheltovodov and Knight^[16]) in the same flow regime (Mach=4, β =30.5°), which indicates the existence of a longitudinal corner separation vortex.

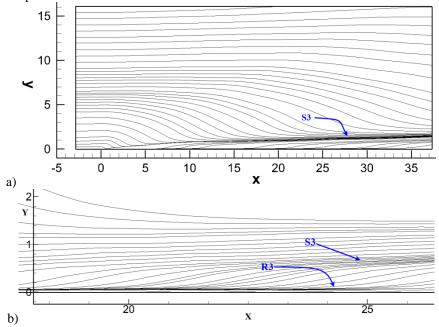


Figure 14 Mean skin-friction-line at the surface of the fin. The near-wall region is zoomed out in b)

The streamlines (u_{β}, u_{φ}) on the 3-D spherical arc section at R=226.3 mm are presented in Figure 15. Unlike the closed configuration of the streamlines in the 2D separation bubble, the streamlines in Figure 15 spiral around two focuses into which they disappear, therefore, present the 3D characteristic of the present flow separation. The two focuses are respectively the main separation vortex core and the corner vortex core.

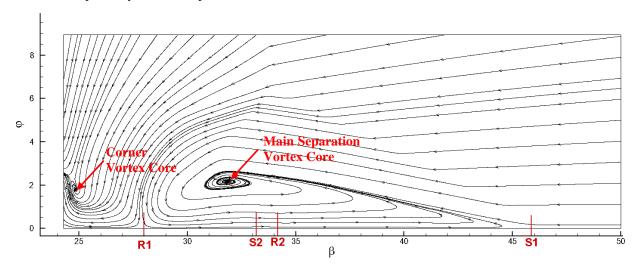


Figure 15 Mean streamlines (u_{β}, u_{ω}) on the 3-D spherical arc section at R = 226.3 mm.

The streamline-surfaces are shown in Figure 16, from which we can see that, the streamlines lift through the separation line and fall off near the attachment line, which can be explained with the theory of Lighthill^[49]. The streamlines originating from different values of y are shown in Figure 17. It can be seen that, the streamlines from different heights presents different structures. The streamlines originating from the near-wall region (Figure 17 a)

presents a spiral structure around the separation vortex core. With the increase of the origination position (Figure 17 b), the streamlines directly enter the reversal flow, rather than through the vortex core. Further increase the height (Figure 17 c), some of the streamlines go into the corner region, which indicates the existence of the corner vortex. The streamlines out of the boundary layer will not become the reversal flow; instead, they impinge to the mean attachment line R1 and move towards the surface of the fin.

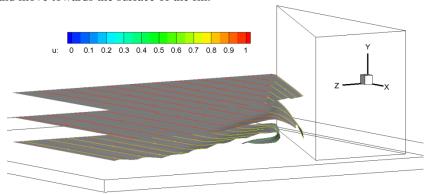


Figure 16 Streamline-surfaces of the mean flow. The color stands for $\langle u \rangle$

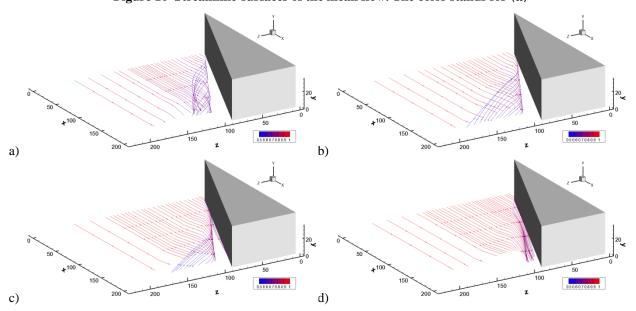


Figure 17 Streamlines originating from y=2mm (a), y=4mm (b), y=6mm (c) and y=10 mm (d). The color stands for $\langle u \rangle$

The streamlines in the corner region are zoomed in Figure 18, in which the helical streamlines indicating the existence of the corner vortex can be clearly seen. The corner vortex originates near the leading edge of the fin's surface. Further downstream, the fluid in the corner vortex will have larger speed, which can be attributed to the

strong sweeping events caused by the flow impinging towards the corner region.

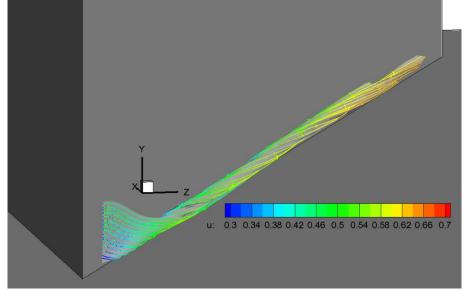
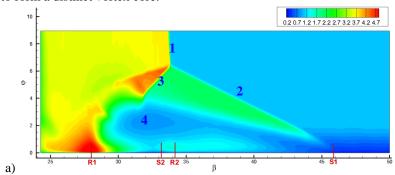


Figure 18 Streamlines in the corner region, with the color of the mean value of u

E. Mean Flow Field

The mean density field normalized with its incoming value on the section at R=226.3 mm is demonstrated in Figure 19. The experimental results of Hsu and Settle^[50]at Mach=4 with 21° deflection angel is shown for qualitative comparison. The main flow feather including the shock structures, the separation vortex, and the separation shear layer are consistent with the experimental observation. From the figure, we can see the free shear layer rolls up tightly to form a distinct vortex core.



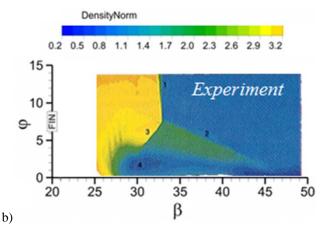


Figure 19 Distributions of: a) the normalized mean density on the section at R = 226.3 mm, and b) experimental results of Hsu and Settles 0 at Mach=4, β =21°, 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the figure stand for the main shock, separation shock, rear shock, and main vortex core, respectively.

The mean stagnation pressure, static pressure and conical-cross Mach number M_n are presented in Figure 20, from which, we can see the jet flow with high level of stagnation pressure rolling around the vortex core. The jet is supersonic initially and gets accelerated during the expansion process. The supersonic jet is terminated by the interaction with the normal shock (can be seen in Figure 11) and it further penetrates underneath the main vortex into the near-wall separation region and gets accelerated to supersonic (Figure 20 c) again. Near the impinging location R1, the density and pressure get high (Figure 20 b), and the high pressure drives the flow to the fin's surface and its reverse direction. Near the secondary separation line S2, the adverse pressure gradient can be seen, which should be attributed to the shocklets and the normal shock (as shown in Figure 10 b) in this region. The adverse pressure gradient should be the reason for the secondary flow separation. After S2, the reversal jet is detached from the wall, just like the main flow separation.

The penetration of jet brings high energy fluid to the near-wall reverse flow and is responsible for the energetic turbulence in this the reverse flow layer. Such mechanism is missing in a 2D SWTBLI, therefore, the reverse flow in a 2D flow separation is usually quiet and less organized. The mean kinetic energy $\frac{1}{2}[\langle u \rangle^2 + \langle u \rangle^2 + \langle u \rangle^2]$ normalized with its value in the incoming flow on the section of R=226.3 mm is presented in Figure 20 to further investigate the property of the jet flow. In the jet and the induced reverse flow, the fluid has high level of kinetic energy. Comparatively, the fluid around the separation vortex has lower level of kinetic energy.

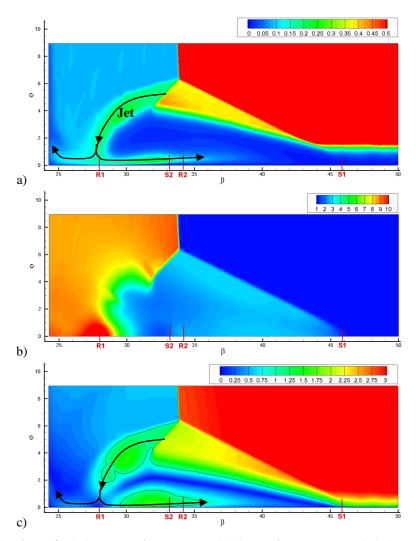


Figure 20 Distributions of: a) the stagnation pressure, b) the static pressure, and c) the conical-cross Mach number M_n , on the section at R=226.3 mm. The black thin line in c) denotes the contour with $M_n=1$.

The mean shear strength, which can be measured with the vorticity magnitude as $\omega_n = \sqrt{\langle \omega_x \rangle^2 + \langle \omega_y \rangle^2 + \langle \omega_z \rangle^2}$, is shown in Figure 21, from which we can see that, regardless the near-wall region, where the shear strength is always large, the strong shear region includes the free-shear layer caused by the main flow separation and the slip line. The shear strength in the center of the jet is low, which can be seen as a common characteristic of the jet flow. The shear strength is strong in the begin parts of the main flow separation and the slip line. With the further develop of the free shear layer, the shear strength decreases due to the diffusion nature of the mixing layer.

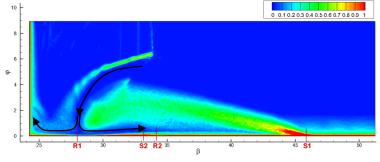


Figure 21 Distributions of the mean vorticity strength ω_n on the section at R=226.3 mm. ω_n is normalized with u_0/δ_0 .

F. Instantaneous Flow Field

To explore the turbulence characteristics, the instantaneous flow field is analyzed in this section. Figure 22 demonstrates the instantaneous streamwise velocity fluctuations u_s'' in the near-wall x - z plane at y = 0.085mm ($y^+ = 10$ at the inlet plane). u_s'' is defined as,

$$u_{\rm s}^{\prime\prime} = \vec{u}^{\prime\prime} \cdot \vec{n},\tag{36}$$

where $\vec{u}'' = (u'', v'', w'')^T$ is the vector of the velocity fluctuation and $\vec{n} = \langle \vec{u} \rangle / |\langle \vec{u} \rangle|$ is the unit vector of the mean flow.

Upstream the interaction zone, classic streaky structures, which are elongated in x direction be founded in the undisturbed boundary layer. Near the Separation line (Figure 22 c), the streaks are distorted with the decrease of their scales, which indicates the activation of the near-wall turbulence by APD caused by the interaction with the front shock. This kind of modification of the near-wall coherent structures can also be observed in the flat plate boundary layer with 2D separation^[51]. In the separation zone, energetic streaky structures can also be seen, but they are rearranged in the same direction with that of the skin-friction streamlines, which means the near-wall turbulence is immediately regenerated in the 3D separation zone. This is quite different with the 2D flow separations, in which the regeneration of the wall turbulence happens downstream of the reattachment location and the flow in the separation zone is lack of organized turbulent structures^[51].

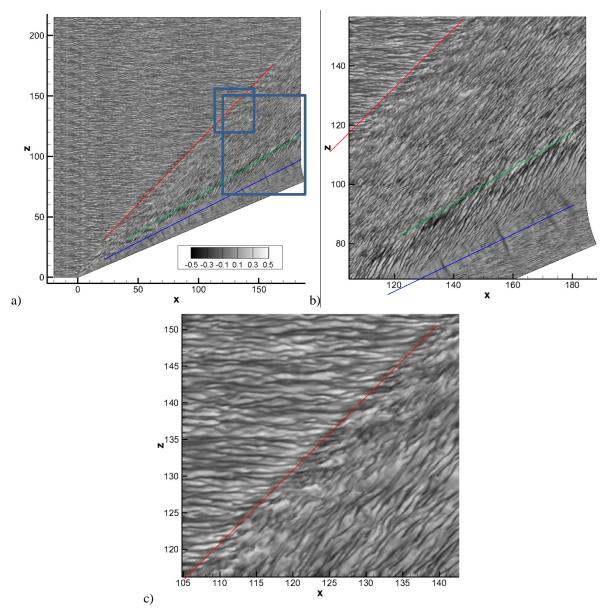


Figure 22 Instantaneous fields of u_s'' at y=0.085 mm. The squared regions in a) are zoomed in b) and c). The red, blue and green lines represent the mean separation line S1, reattachment line R1 and the secondary line S2.

It can be inferred that, the regeneration of the wall turbulence is caused by the reattached reverse flow. As represented in Figure 20, the jet flow originated from the external flow, brings fluids with high kinetic energy to the near-wall region and the pressure gradient further drives high energy fluids to the near-wall region of the separation zone as the reverse flow. Consequently, the near-wall flow has strong kinetic energy and fluctuations and promotes the transition of the flow to turbulent in a very short distance. The transiting process can be seen in Figure 22 (b), in which a small region around R1 has less organized structures. This region in the location on which the jet impinges, as shown in Figure 15, therefore, the turbulent is not organized yet. At both sides of R1, the streaky structures are regenerated in a short distance, indicating the regeneration of the near-wall turbulence.

Near S2, we can see the streaks are distorted and activated by APG again, which is similar with the process of the main flow separation. But the flow structures in the secondary separation don't show much variation.

The velocity fluctuations at y=1.32mm and 8.15mm, where are respectively the central line of the reverse jet and core of the main separation vortex, are presented in Figure 23. In the upstream undisturbed boundary, the velocity

fluctuation at y=1.32 mm is weaker and has larger length scale than those in the near-wall region (as shown in Figure 22 a), which can be attributed to the ejection of low-momentum fluid by the large-scale horseshoe vortex head in the boundary layer. Near the front shock, the fluctuations are amplified, which is attributed to the unsteady movement of the shock-wave. In the core of the reverse jet, the flow is less fluctuant and less organized. For the slice at y=8.15mm (about $2\delta_0$), the flow upstream the shock-wave is almost inviscid, however, in the interaction zone, strong fluctuations can be seen. These fluctuations are generated by the free shear of the detached flow layer of the main flow separation.

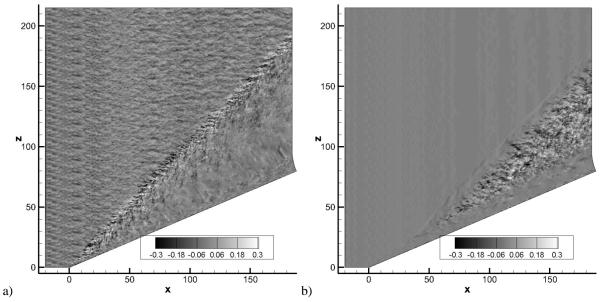


Figure 23 Instantaneous fields of u_s'' at a) y=1.32 mm and b) y=8.15 mm.

From the instantaneous fluctuation u_R'' on the 3-D spherical arc section of x=35 mm shown in Figure 24, the turbulent structures can be further investigated. Five zones can be distinguished according to the characteristics of turbulent structures. The first zone includes the undisturbed boundary layer attached to the bottom wall and surface of the fin, where the turbulent structures are the classic quasi-streamwise horseshoe vortex attached to the wall^[52]. Another zone is the main free-shear zone, in which the turbulence is some large-scale turbulent structures (denoted with 2 in Figure 24) with strong fluctuant energy detached from the wall. The turbulent structures in this zone are similar with those in the mixing layer, in which the flow is also dominated by the free shear^[53]. The third zone is the edge of the jet, in which the flow is also dominated by the free shear flow and some large-scale turbulent structures. The difference with the second zone is that, the jet flow is not fully turbulent in it beginning part. Therefore, we can observe the transition process and the generation of large-scale structures by the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability as shown in the instantaneous schlieren picture in Figure 10. The forth zone is the reverse flow, where some quasistreamwise structures existence. The structures in this zone is similar with the wall turbulence in the first zone, but the structures are restrained in a thin layer close to the wall, therefore no large-scale structures, such as the horseshoe vortex heads, can be located. The fifth zone is the low-turbulent zone, which includes the core of the jet and a gap between the second zone and the forth zone. The flow in the fifth zone is quiet and less organized, just like the close separation bubble in the 2D SWTBLI, where the flow is filled with less organized fluid. All these zones can also be identified in Figure 22 and Figure 23.

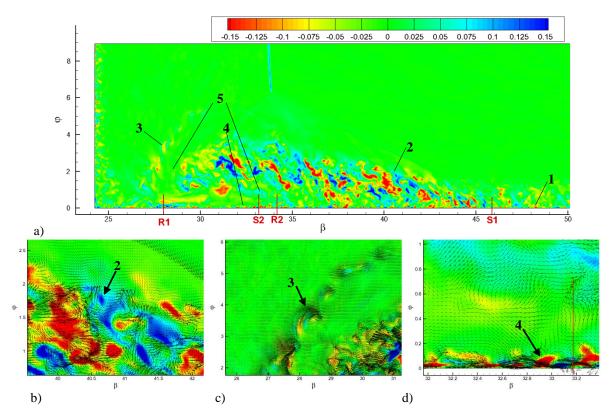


Figure 24 Instantaneous $u_R^{"}$ on the section at R=226.3 mm. b), c) and d) are the zoomed picture of local flow structures in a). The arrow stands for the 2D vector of $(u_\beta^{"},u_\phi^{"})$. 1 indicates the undisturbed wall turbulent structure, 2 indicates for the large scale vortex in the shear layer, 3 indicates the large-scale structures in the jet, 4 indicates the regenerated wall turbulent structures, 5 indicates the low-turbulent zone.

The vorticity fluctuation in the R direction ω_R'' and the swirling strength λ_{ci} [54] on the section of R=226.3mm are present in Figure 25, in which ω_R'' and λ_{ci} are normalized with u_0/δ_0 and $(u_0/\delta_0)^2$, respectively. Since the vorticity and swirling strength are closely related to the turbulent structures, the above mentioned five zones (as marked in Figure 25 a), are more distinguishable in Figure 25.

The structures in the zone 1 are the combination of small-scale strong fluctuations in the near-wall region and large-scale weaker fluctuations in the outer region. The turbulence in zone 2 is also very strong, and these fluctuations are weakened with the diffusion of the free-shear layer. The zone 3 only occupies only a slim region, in which the transition of the shear layer by Kelvin–Helmholtz instability can be seen. The zone 4 is a thin layer attached to the wall, but the fluctuations in it are strong. The zone 5 present a gap between zone 2, zone 3 and zone 5, and the space of the gap become larger with the further development of the shear layer, due to the quasi-conical property of the flow. The transition process can be seen in the zone 3. The intensity and the length scale of the structures in this zone increase with the development of the jet flow, and finally these structures enter the core region and the reverse flow after the impingement of the jet. Besides the 5 zones, the turbulence in the corner region also presents complex property, due to the complex flow mechanism in this region.

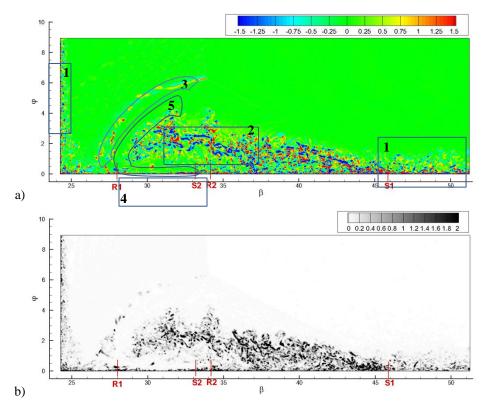


Figure 25 Instantaneous field of vorticity fluctuation $\omega_R^{"}$ a) and λ_{ci} b) on the section at R=226.3 mm.

The iso-surface of λ_{ci} is used to visualize the spatial distribution of turbulent coherent structures in Figure 26. Because of the data is too big for the 3D flow visualization, only the upstream half of the domain is presented. Firstly, the horseshow vortex in the zone 1 can be clearly identified in Figure 26. In the interaction zone, the most noticeable phenomena is the great amplification of the turbulence coherent structures in the zone 2, since the zone 2 occupies the most place of the interaction region. The gap in the zone 3 and zone 5 indicates the turbulence is weak in these two regions. The wall-turbulence in zone 4 can be seen in Figure 26 (b), where only the near-wall part is shown. In the transition region between zone 1 and zone 2, the turbulence is amplified the most, because of the strong ADG in this place.

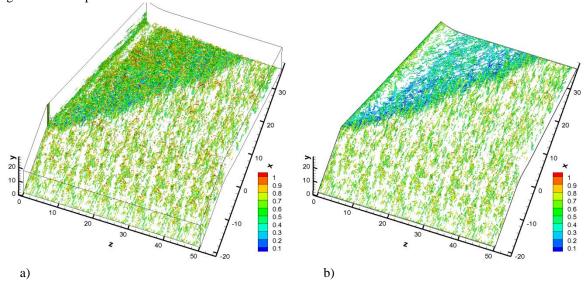


Figure 26 Turbulence coherent structures visualized using iso-surface of λ_{ci} equaling to 0.5% of its global maximum, rendered with the instantaneous u. b) only demonstrates the region of $y^+ < 50$. Only the upstream part of the domain is presented.

G. Turbulence Statistics

The turbulent kinetic energy (TKE) $K = \frac{1}{2} \left(\langle u''u'' \rangle + \langle v''v'' \rangle + \langle w''w'' \rangle \right)$ on the section of R = 226.3mm is presented in Figure 27. Consistent with the previous analysis, TKE presents high values in the zone 2. The zone 3 also has a certain level of TKE and the turbulent energy spreads outwards with the transition of the jet flow. In the zone 5, the level of TKE is lower than its circumstance. Near S2, the increase of TKE and the thickening of the nearwall shear-layer can be seen, which can be seen more clearly in the zoomed figure Figure 27 (b). The amplification mechanism is also the activation of turbulence by the adverse pressure gradient, which is similar with that of the amplification of turbulence at S1. However, the amplification of turbulence at S2 is only restrained in a limited region, therefore, no large-scale separation region and detached free-shear layer can be observed. Passing through S2, the TKE decreases to the level before the secondary separation.

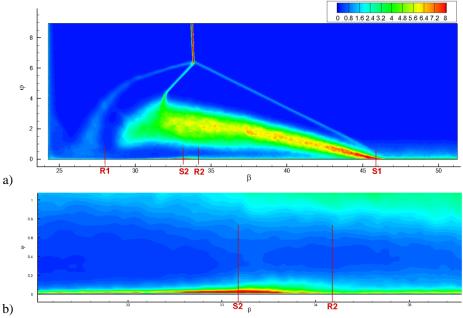


Figure 27 Turbulent kinetic energy on the section at R=226.3 mm, normalized with the square of the wall friction velocity u_{τ}^2 at the inlet.

The pressure fluctuation intensity $\langle p'p'\rangle/p_\infty^2$ on the section at R=226.3mm is show in Figure 28. Unlike the velocity fluctuations, which are very strong in the zone 2, the pressure fluctuations are strong around the shock, although, the zone 2 also contains stronger pressure fluctuations than the upstream undisturbed boundary layer. The highest pressure intensity is around the main shock and rear shock, which is attributed to the large pressure difference across the shock. The foot of the rear shock also generates strong pressure fluctuation in a large range, which is caused by the unsteady movement of the shock foot. It's interesting to notice that, the pressure fluctuations in the jet flow (zone 5) are strong, while the velocity fluctuations in the same region are quite weak. This can be explained by the complex expansion fan, compression fan and shocklets in the jet flow. The normal shock in the jet, which is also marked in Figure 10, also produces strong pressure fluctuations. Near the mean reattachment line R1, the impingement of the jet generates not only increases the mean pressure but also generates strong pressure fluctuations. In the reverse flow, a high $\langle p'p' \rangle$ region can be seen between S2 and R2, which should be attributed to the normal shock in this region, and the normal shock also causes the secondary flow sepration.

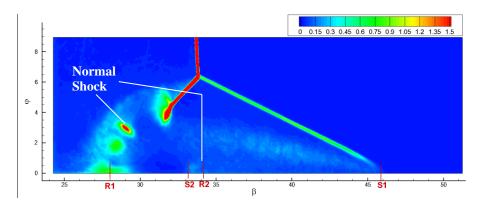


Figure 28 Pressure fluctuation intensity $\langle p'p'\rangle/p_{\infty}^2$, on the section at R=226.3 mm.

The further investigation of compressibility is conducted by check the instantaneous pressure fluctuant field p'/p_{∞} and the velocity divergence $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$ are shown in Figure 29. Large values of p' and negative values of $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$ can be identified in the regions with high levels of pressure fluctuations in Figure 28. Near R1, p' shown some strong fluctuation, however, no negative values of $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$ can be seen in that region. Therefore, the high level of pressure fluctuations around the mean reattachment region is not caused by the compressibility. Low levels of the $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$ and p' can be seen in the acceleration part of the reverse flow, which can be explained by the reduction of fluctuant energy in an accelerated flow. Near S2, negative $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$ and high values of p' can be seen, which indicates the existence of shocklets or a normal shock, which terminates the supersonic jet and causes the secondary flow separation.

The acoustic waves can be identified in the free-stream region left the main shock and rear shock. The acoustic waves are radiated from the jet flow and propagate towards the top left corner. The acoustic waves cann't penetrate the main shock-wave and the front shock-wave, therefore, the flow in the undisturbed region has a very low level of pressure fluctuation, therefore is quiet.

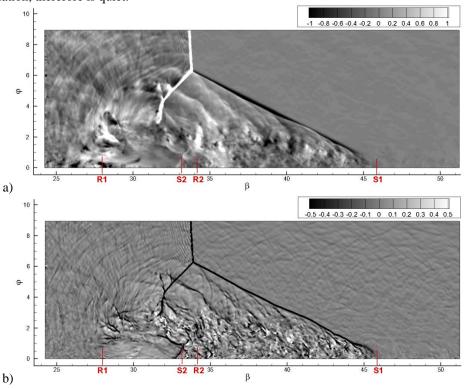


Figure 29 Flow fields of a) pressure fluctuation p'/p_{∞} and b) velocity divergence $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$, on the section at R = 226.3 mm. $\nabla \cdot \vec{u}$ is normalized with u_0/δ_0 .

V. Concluding Remarks

The 3D SWTBLI in the flow passing a single-fin at Mach 5 is investigated in the present paper by using LES. The performed LES has demonstrated very good agreement with experimental data in the mean flowfield structure, surface pressure as well as surface flow pattern. However, significant underpediction in surface skin-friction maximum in the vicinity of the reattachment line (R1) is observed. The specification of a reason of such discrepancy as well as analysis of surface heat transfer prediction is important and will be analyzed at the next stage of research. The LES data are then analyzed to investigate the flow property and the turbulence characteristic. Some conclusions are reached,

- 1. The λ -shock system is formed in the 3D SWTBLI and the shock waves are unsteady. The wrinkling of the front shock surface can be seen, and the scale of wrinkles increases with the distance to the wall, which is caused by the interaction with large-scale turbulent structures in the incoming flow.
- 2. By analyzing the mean skin-friction-line with the Critical Point Theory, the flow is separated at the foot of the separation shock and reattached near the corner region. The secondary flow separation and reattachment lines can also be identified, which is consistent with the regime characteristic of Zheltovodov and Knight^[16]. Near the leading edge of the fin, a saddle and a focus can be identified upstream and downstream of the leading edge, respectively. All the skin-friction-lines in the interaction zone are emitted from the focus. The streamlines lift at the separation line and fall off near the fin's surface, which transport the fluid with high energy to the near wall region. In the separation vortex, the streamlines curls around the separation vortex core, and generate the reverse flow beneath the separation vortex. The helical streamlines in the corner region indicates the existence of the corner vortex.
- 3. A free shear layer with strong mean shear strength and high kinetic energy is generated when flow is detached near the mean separation line. The free shear layer is deflected away from the wall from the separation line and the vortex core is therefore formed. A jet flow originating from the rear shock leg, rolls tightly around the vortex core and impinges to the wall at the mean reattachment line. The supersonic jet penetrates into the reverse flow beneath the separation vortex and brings fluids with high energy to the reverse flow. The supersonic jet is terminated by interaction with a normal shock and then impinges to the bottom wall near the mean reattachment line, inducing high level of pressure there. The high pressure drives the reverse flow to supersonic, which is then terminated by another interaction with a normal shock inside the reverse flow, and causes the secondary flow separation.
- 4. The great change of turbulence characteristic can be found in the interaction zone. The flow field can be categorized into 5 zones according to the characteristics of turbulent structures. Zone 1 is the undisturbed wall turbulence in the upstream boundary layer. Zone 2 is the separated free shear layer, which contains some large-scale structures with high fluctuant energy. Zone 3 is the slip line, which is also the edge of the jet. The turbulence in this zone is also dominated by the free shear but the flow is still in the process of transition. Zone 4 is the reverse flow, which also characterized by the wall-turbulence, but only restrained in a thin layer attached to the wall. The wall-turbulence is induced by the jet flow, which has strong kinetic energy and large-scale fluctuations. Zone 5 is the low-turbulent zone, which includes the core of jet and the gap between the zone 2 and zone 4.
- 5. The pressure fluctuations are strong in the region with shocks, which includes the λ -shock system and the normal shocks in the jet and reverse flow. The pressure fluctuations in the jet flow keep high levels, which can be attributed to the complex expansion waves, compression waves and shocklets in the jet. However, the high pressure fluctuations near the mean reattachment line are not caused by the compressibility but by the impinging of the jet on a wall. Strong acoustic waves are generated by the jet and propagate towards the side of the fin.

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