





## **Definition of Ablation testcase series #3**

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### **Outline**



- Definition of the mandatory Test-case
	- Basic case (Test 3.1)
		- Geometry definition
		- Material choice
		- Heat –load and boundary conditions
	- **Initial results for the basic case**
	- Modification of the basic case:
		- Orthotropic TACOT material (Test 3.2)
		- Full 3D test-case (Test 3.3)
	- **Discussion of the test-cases**
- Discussion of a possible re-entry probe test-case







- Goal: to extend series #2 to 3D
- Test 3.1
	- Iso-q specimen
	- **Geometry well defined**



**EXEC** Heat load distribution available ■ Material (iso-q + support): TACOT v2.2



"Iso-q" Calorimeter

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- **Initial uniform temperature**
- **Initial uniform pressure**
- § Adiabatic/impermeable bottom surface
- Radiation with the environment

$$
q = \sigma \varepsilon \Big( T_{\infty}^4 - T_w^4 \Big)
$$

■ Enthalpy flux (stagnation point)

$$
q = \rho_e u_e C_H (h_e - h_w) + \rho_e u_e C_H [B_c (h_c - h_w) + B_g (h_g - h_w)]
$$

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$$
\frac{C_H}{C_{H_0}} = \frac{2\lambda B_0'}{e^{2\lambda B_0'} - 1}
$$

$$
\lambda = 0.5
$$



■ Isotropic conductivity (axis-symmetric/3D)









#### $\bullet$  C<sub>H</sub>(s) distribution







American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics 6 *Response Analysis of an Arcjet Stagnation*  **VI. Results and Discussion** Dec J.A., Laub B. and Braun R.D., *Two-* $F_{\rm F} = 0.111$  and  $\sim$  D axis in  $\sim$  the architecture in Sections and geometric in Sections IV and geometric in Sections IV and geometric in Sections IV and geometry in Sections IV and geometry in Sections IV and geome 3.114 **c** 101 **dimensional Finite Element Ablative Thermal <b>blue** on a Dimensional Finite Element Ablative Thermal *Test* 

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i
$$

Test case 3.1 - TACOT





- Constant and uniform pressure because of:
	- **Possible pressure egalization**
	- § Cooldown due to (non-charring) gas flow

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- Pressure distribution
	- **EXECUTE:** Heat flux at start of the calculation

$$
q = \dots + \rho_e u_e C_H B_g \left( h_g - h_w \right)
$$

- Example: Test 2.3
	- Fixed back-surface pressure  $P_0$
	- Front surface pressure  $0.2^*P_0$





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**Temperature [K]**



■ Cooldown due to equilibrium hypothesis for the enthalpy







TC

 $\mathbf 1$  $\overline{\mathbf{2}}$ 

3

4 5



Y-coordinate [cm]

 $0.00$ 

2.540

3.810

4.445

4.445

Table 1. Coordinates of the thermo-couples.

TC

6

 $\overline{7}$ 

8

9

10

Z-coordinate [cm]

0.381

0.762

1.143

1.524

3.048

- Results Test 3.1
	- Thermo-couples:
		- Temperature
		- Density
	- Charring at stagnation point
	- § Global mass-loss





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Z-coordinate [cm]

2.286

2.286

2.286

2.286

3.048



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324.4

383.5

442.5

501.5

560.6

619.6

678.6

737.7

796.7

855.7

914.7

Y-coordinate [cm]

 $0.00$ 

 $0.00$ 

 $0.00$ 

 $0.00$ 

 $0.00$ 



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- Charring results at stagnation point
	- Gas mass flow
	- Char mass flow
	- § Virgin 98% distance
	- Char 2% distance
	- Recession
- Mass loss

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■ C.o.g. position













- Modification of the basic case
	- 3.2: Orthotropic conductivity (axis-symmetric/3D)
		- Define the values  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$

$$
\begin{vmatrix} \lambda_{TTT} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{IP} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_2 \end{vmatrix} \lambda_{isotropic}
$$

- TTT-direction along the axis of axis-symmetry
- 3.3 Orthotropic conductivity with 3D heat flux (3D)
	- 3D heat flux to test 3D behavior

$$
f(x, y) = 1 + \beta e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}[(\mu_x - x)^2 + (\mu_y - y)^2]}
$$

- Replaced by  $\rightarrow$
- Orthotropic material with TTT non-aligned with axis of axis-symmetry
- Other ideas are welcome ...





### **Re-entry probe case**



- Small entry probe (SPRITE) test-case proposal
- Questions that need to be answered:
	- § Will we apply a realistic re-entry load, and if so who will be capable and willing to supply this?
	- § How will the geometry of the test-case be defined:
		- will a 2D (cross section) description be given?
		- will a full 3D CAD model be supplied?
		- will a finite element mesh be supplied?
	- § What are the results we would like to obtain?
	- § Do we need to model radiation heat exchange (between structure and instruments) inside the capsule?
	- § Which of the participants is able and willing to do this test?



Signal collected by internal DA Signal collected by arc jet facilities

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Empey D.M., Skokova, K.A., Agrawal P., Swanson, G.T., Prabhu D.K., Peterson, K.H. and Venkatapathy E., *Small Probe Reentry Investigation for TPS Engineering (SPRITE)* 



analysis and thermal-structural analysis.



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