

Mathematical Modeling and Investigation of Mixing Characteristics in Combustion System of Jet Engine using CFD

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ABSTRACT

The combustor poses the most challenging issues of the scramjet engine's three essential parts. Turbulence mixing, shock interaction, and heat release in supersonic flow are all components of the intricate process of supersonic combustion. The flow environment inside the scramjet engine's combustor is very complex, making it challenging to design and create a supersonic combustor with an ideal geometry. Such a combustor will encourage a suitable combination of the fuel and air during the residence duration of the fuel-air mixture, allowing for the intended chemical reaction and, as a result, the production of heat. It takes a solid grasp of fuel injection procedures, in-depth familiarity with the laws regulating supersonic mixing and combustion, and an awareness of the variables influencing combustor losses to do this assignment.

Improved fuel-air mixing and flame stabilization are necessary for the development of scramjet engines with acceptable performance. In the current study, the impact of the fuel injector's geometrical design on fuel-air mixture and flame stabilization is examined statistically. A numerical tool is developed using the Reynolds Average Navier-Stokes equations. A chemical kinetics model is used to determine a finite rate of chemical reactions. The basic issue of supersonic mixing layers, modeling attempts for high-speed combustion, and practical computations of real scramjet combustors are among the subjects discussed. In this study, we examine two distinct fuel injector types based on flow field stability, shock wave form, and combustion rate. According to simulations, the Pylon injector's quick air-fuel mixing raises both the overall temperature and energy compared to the central wedge-shaped injector. In the case of a pylon injector, shock wave absorption capability and flow field stability are balanced according to stream line flow.

Keywords: Scramjet Engines; Computational Fluid Dynamics; Chemically- Reacting Flows; Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stocks; Turbulent Flows; Supersonic Combustion, Central strut injector, Pylon Injector.

1. INTRODUCTION

The most practical air-breathing propellant design for hypersonic flight (Mach number more than 5) has been thought to be the Supersonic Combustion Ramjet (SCRAMJET) motor. The study of ignition in supersonic streams has recently advanced thanks to the creative work of scramjet motors. A thorough analysis of the scramjet invention using hydrogen fuel is being conducted globally, with a great deal of attention paid to various space launcher eras and global quick reaction observation missions. Regardless, the use of hydrogen fills and a large heat sink in the scramjet concept gives basically improved mission potential for upcoming military strategic rockets. Scramjet is a motor that breathes air. The payload's weight and rocket range are expected to be increased by the implementation of the rocket structure in light of the scramjet motor. The United States of America has discovered and demonstrated a supersonic burning ramjet motor for an air breathing drive system both on the ground and in flight. Fuel and air are successfully blended with a real focus on improving the scramjet combustor's performance. Cross-stream mixing between fuel and air is very problematic due to the air stream's tremendously active liveliness. From now on, a special liquid tool is needed to achieve full blending.

The scramjet is composed of three basic components:

A combustor, which produces heat by smoldering vaporous fuel with barometric oxygen, a focalizing bay, which packs and slows down approaching air, and a wandering spout, which accelerates the heated air to provide push. Very different from a typical simple motor, such as a turbojet or turbofan motor, a scramjet packs the air by using the attainable velocity of the flying machine moving through the air rather than by using pivoting, fan-like segments. Thus, a scramjet doesn't need any moving parts.

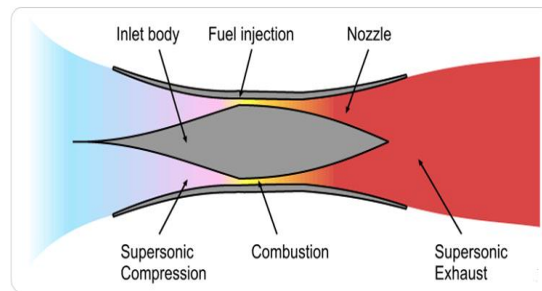


Fig.1.1- Basic Components of Scramjet

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

1.K.M.Pandey, Member IACSIT and A.P. Singh - An overview of high-speed combustion chamber flows combined with different fuel blends and types to conduct experimental and computational study for a variety of complex flow fields in different ways. In an effort to achieve the standards for flame retention and combustion complete with sufficient flow field stability, numerous researchers have tried to develop a design that provides efficient mixing and combustion. The main emphasis is on the local heat discharge intensity, which affects the gas-dynamic flow regime along with the duct shape, flame initiation and stabilization processes, injection methods, and fuel-oxidizer mixing quality. According to the survey, some areas require more attention, such as the combustion chamber's overall pressure loss, the contour that produces a flow at Mach 2 for a range of considerably greater Mach values for supersonic combustion, and the assessment of the combustion chamber's flow characteristics and their effects using a CFD tool and a variety of fuels.

2. K.M.Pandey and T.Sivasakthivel Since the scramjet engine is one of the most potential future propulsion technologies, many academics have an interest in it. The flow field of the hydrogen-fueled scramjet combustor with a planar strut flame holder has been numerically simulated under two distinct operating conditions using a finite-rate/eddy-dissipation reaction model, the standard $k-\epsilon$ turbulence model, and the two-dimensional paired implicit NS equations: engine ignition and cold flow. The outcomes show that the numerical approach employed in this study is suitable for simulating the scramjet combustor's flow field. When engine ignition is present, static pressure is dispersed throughout the upper and lower walls considerably more evenly than when cold flow is present. The scramjet combustor's top and bottom walls have three distinct pressure increases. The eddy generated in the strut, which acts as a flame holder in the combustor, can prolong the mixture's residence time in the supersonic flow.

3-DEEPU, Mukundan N.1*, GOKHALE, Sadanand. S.2, and JAYARAJ, Simon3- The point implicit finite volume method has been used to numerically model supersonic hydrogen combustion in air. In this way, all chemical species-related terms are addressed implicitly, while every other term are treated explicitly. The foundation of the solver is the Unstructured Finite Volume Method (UFVM), which incorporates a three-stage Runge-Kutta method for time integration and a RNG-based $k-\epsilon$ two equation model for solving unsteady, compressible, turbulent Navier-Stokes equations. An eight-step mechanism of reaction is used to represent the chemical reaction of hydrogen with air.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

This study shows how liquid fuel evaporates and burns through the use of the dispersed phase modeling capability to compute paired gas flow and liquid spray physics. The burning of the evaporated fuel is predicted using the equilibrium chemistry model of mixture fraction/probability density function (PDF). Through the solution of a transport equation for a single conserved scalar, the mixture-fraction/PDF modeling approach enables you to model non-premixed turbulent combustion. Using the premise of equilibrium chemistry, the concentrations of several chemical species, such as radicals and intermediate species, may be inferred from the expected mixture fraction. A chemical database provides access to the species' property information. A PDF is used to model the interaction between turbulence and chemistry.

Comparing the various fuel injector types in a scramjet combustor in a supersonic model is our primary goal in this work. The fuel used in this investigation is hydrogen, and two different types of fuel injectors—central strut wedge and pylon injector—are employed. FLUENT14.5 will do the simulation. Based on simulative outcomes, such as temperature, pressure, velocity variation, turbulent kinetic energy, total energy, etc., comparisons will be made. The CFD model (flow pattern) will additionally offer information regarding the model's stability, including whether it is stable or not.

4. METHODOLOGY

Basic Steps to perform CFD Analysis:

1. Preprocessing:

- **CAD Modeling:** CAD Model Creation: Utilize CAD modeling tools to create the geometry of the item or assembly that you wish to do FEA on. A 2D or 3D CAD model is possible.
- **Meshing:** In CFD, meshing is an essential function. The CAD geometry is divided into several tiny elements and nodes during this process. Mesh refers to the appropriate spatial organization of nodes and elements. The mesh size and orientations affect the analysis's duration and accuracy. The speed of the CFD analysis decreases but the accuracy increases as the mesh size (number of elements) increases.
- **Type of Solver:** Select the pressure-based or density-based solver for the problem. Select the appropriate physical model, such as laminar, turbulent, energy, multiphase, etc., for the task.
- **Material Property:** Select the fluid's material attribute.
- **Boundary Condition:** Specify the problem's desired boundary conditions, such as temperature, heat flux, mass flow rate, and velocity.

2. Solution:

- **Solution Method:** To solve the problem, select the solution method (first order, second order, etc.)
- **Solution Initialization:** Initialized the solution to obtain the problem's original solution.
- **Run Solution:** Run the solution with a specified number of iterations to ensure convergence.

3. Post processing.

- **Post Processing:** For seeing and evaluating the result. The outcome is available in a number of ways, including graph, value, animation, etc.

CFD Analysis of hydrogen combustion using Ansys Fluent

1. Preprocessing:

CAD Model: Generation of 2d axisymmetric geometry in Fluent.

CFD METHOD APPLIED

STEP I GEOMETRY OR MODEL FORMATION

ANSYS's assessment of hydrogen combustion. The primary focus of the study is fluent for simulations. The model was created with ANSYS and is shown below:

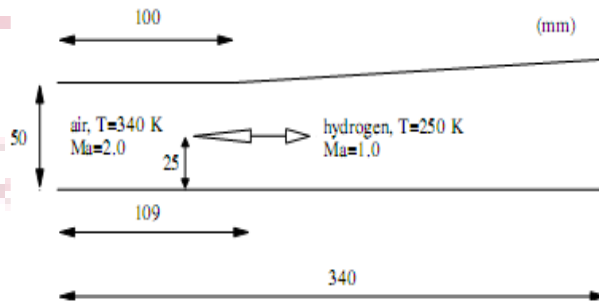


Figure-4.1: Reference model detail

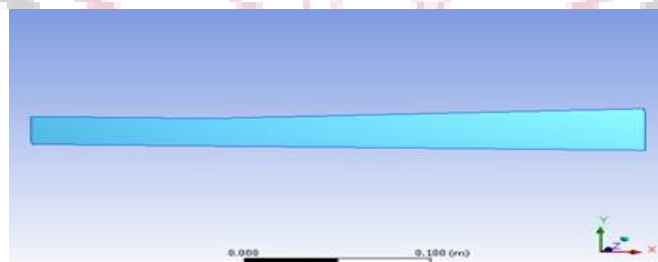


Figure 4.2 CAD Model of 2d Geometry

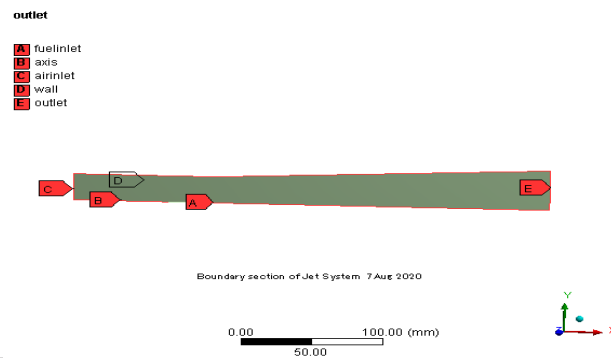


Figure 4.3 Boundary Section of Jet system for Simulation

STEP 2

MESH FILE – In ANSYS, the To Be Meshed Generated Mesh Model appears in 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7.

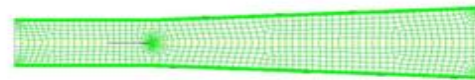


Figure 4.4 Mesh Refinement (close-up) Model of 2d axis symmetry Geometry

Mesh Type: Grid meshing

Element Edge Length = $2.5E-004$ m

No. of Nodes = 167898

No. of Element = 124678

Fluent setup: After mesh generation define the following setup in the Ansys fluent.

Problem Type: 2D axisymmetric

Type of Solver: Pressure-based solver.

Physical model: Viscous: K, epsilon two equation turbulence model.

Use P1, Finite rate/ Eddy dissipation model

Material Property: Flowing fluid is air

Density of air = 1.225 kg/m^3

Viscosity = $1.7894e-05$

Boundary Condition:

Operating Condition: Pressure = 101325 Pa

Variables	Air	H ₂
Ma	3.0	1.0
U (m/s)	750	1300
T (K)	340	250
P (Pa)	101325	101325
Density	1.002	0.097
Y _{O2}	0.232	0
Y _{N2}	0.736	0

Y_{H_2O}	0.032	0
Y_{H_2}	0	1
Mass flow rate (kg/s)	2.5	0.02

2. Solution:

Solution Method:

Pressure- velocity coupling – Scheme -SIMPLE

Pressure – Standard

Momentum – Second order

Turbulent Kinetic Energy (k) Second order

Turbulent Dissipation Rate (e) Second order

Solution Initialization: Initialized the solution to get the initial solution for the problem.

Run Solution: To get the answer to converge, run it through 5000 iterations.

Post Processing: For viewing and analyzing the outcome. The outcome is available in a number of ways, including graph, value, animation, etc.

5. Results & Discussion

Pressure, temperature, velocity variation, turbulent kinetic energy, stream line function, mass fraction of H_2O , mass fraction of O_2 , mass fraction of H_2 , kinetic energy, and total temperature are the basis for the simulation of a scram jet engine with a central stud wedge shape and injector pylon geometry. The results are discussed below.

Central strut Wedge shape Injector & Pylon Structure:

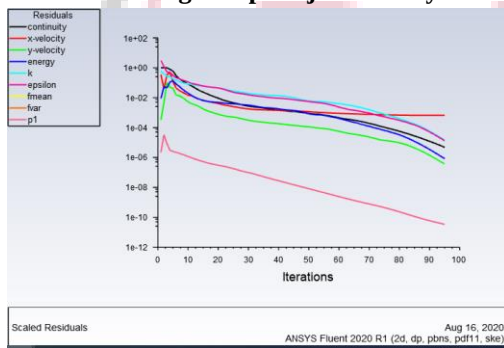


Figure 1 Residuals in Central strut Wedge shape Injector

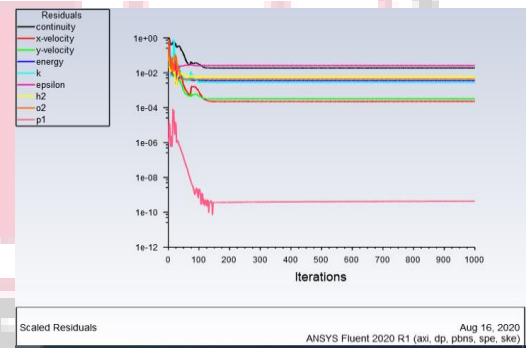


Figure 2 Residuals in Pylon Injector

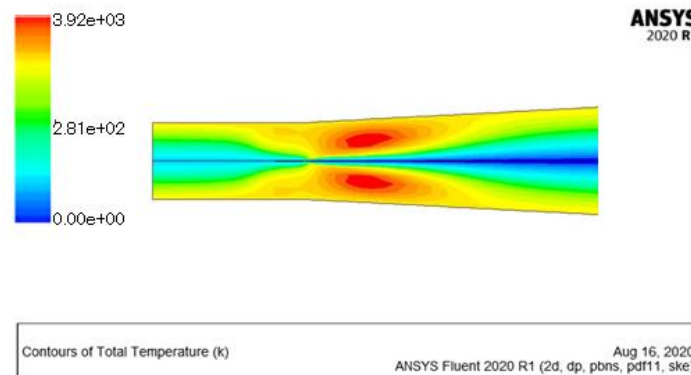


Figure 3 Contour of Total Temperature (K) in Pylon Structure

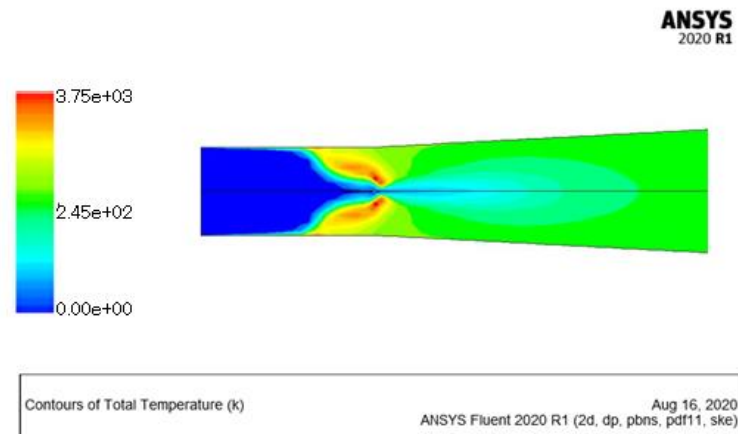


Figure 4 Contour of Total Temperature (K) in Central strut Wedge shape Injector

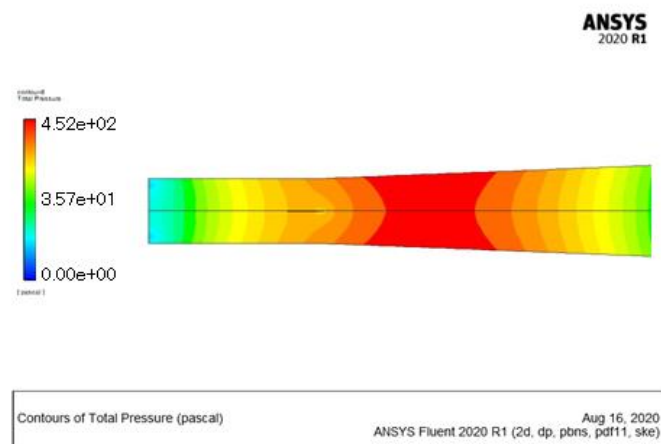


Figure 5 Contour of Total Pressure (Pa) in Central strut Wedge shape Injector

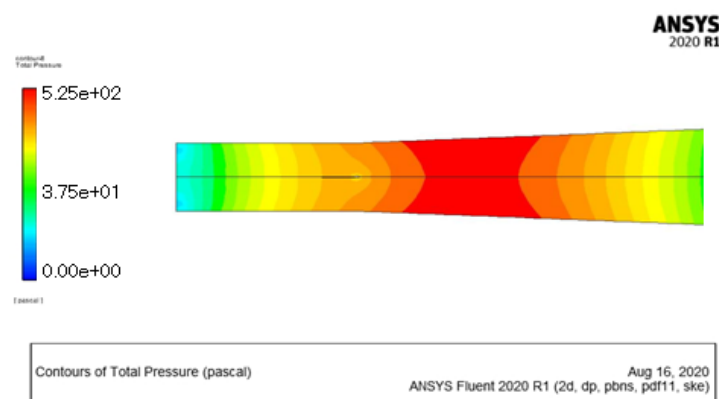


Figure 6 Contour of Total Pressure (Pa) in Pylon Structure

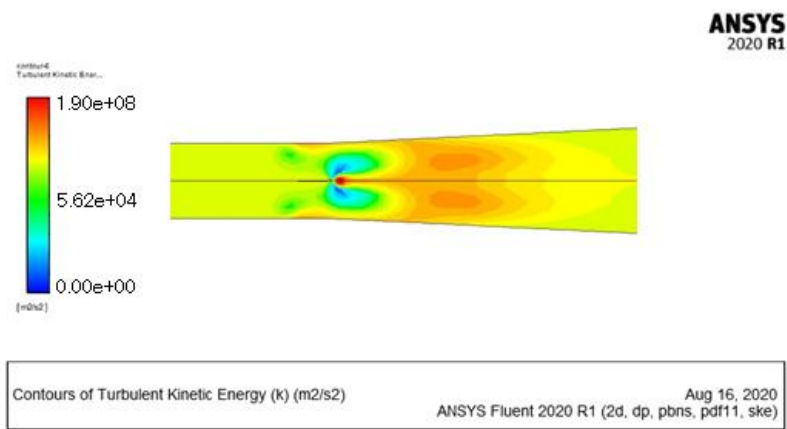


Figure 7 Contour of Turbulent Kinetic Energy in Central strut Wedge shape Injector

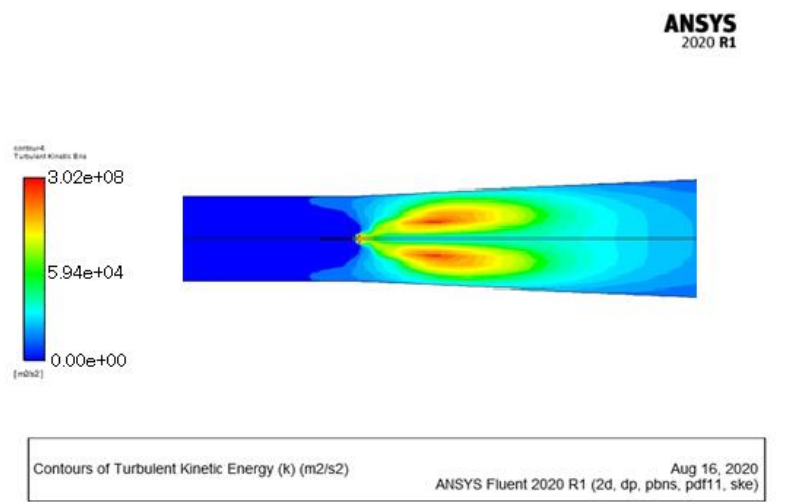


Figure 8 Contour of Turbulent Kinetic Energy in Pylon Structure

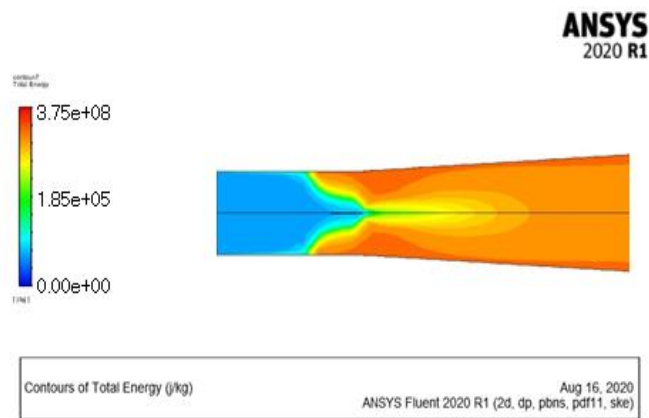


Figure 7 Contour of Total Energy in Central strut Wedge shape Injector

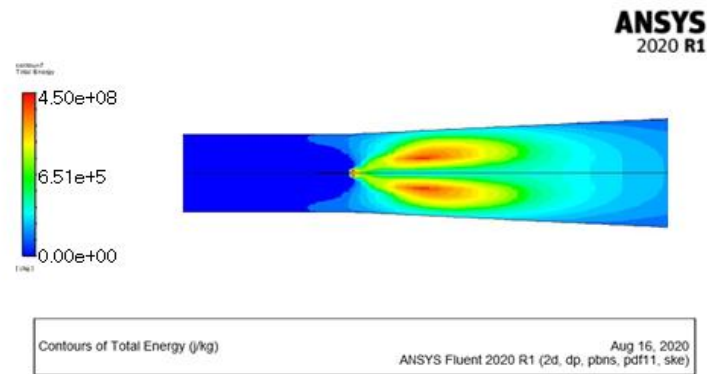


Figure 10 Contour of Total Energy in Pylon Structure

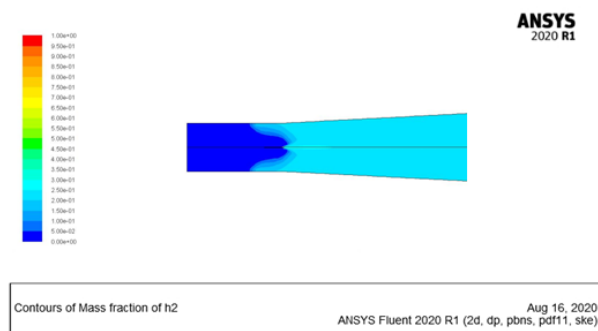


Figure 11 Contours of Mass fraction of H2

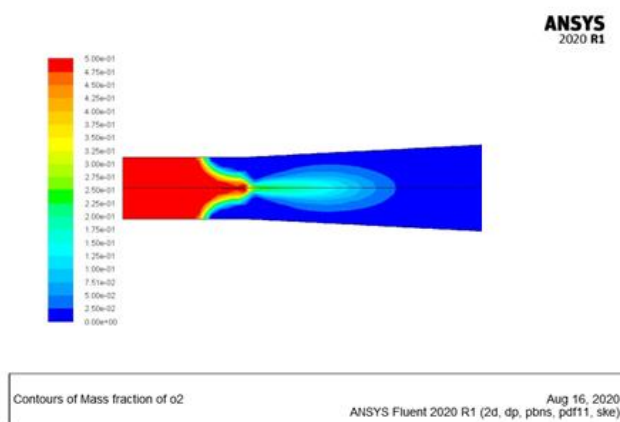


Figure 12 Contours of Mass fraction of O2

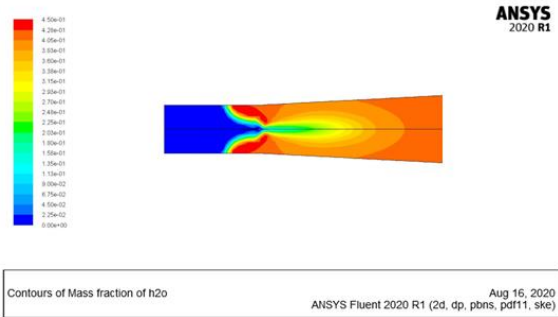


Figure 13 Contours of Mass fraction of H2O

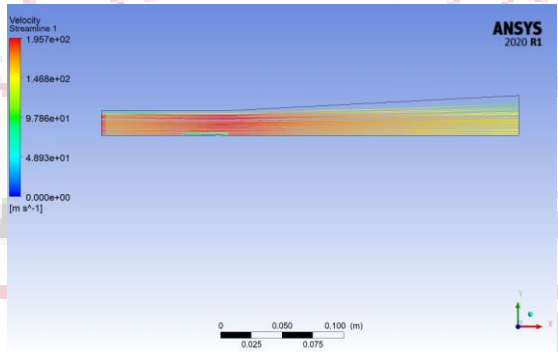


Figure 14 Velocity streamline of the final System

TABLE No . 1

Type of Fuel Injector	Total Temperature (K)	Total Pressure (Pascal)	Turbulent kinetic energy (k-m2/s2)	Total energy (j/kg)	Mass flow rate (Fuel) (kg/s)	Mass flow rate (Air) (kg/s)	Fuel inlet Temp. (K)	Air Inlet Temp. (K)
Central Strut wedge shape Injector	3.75e+03	4.52e+03	1.9e+08	3.50e+08	4.0	1.5	250	340
Pylon Injector	3.92e+03	5.18e+03	3.02e+08	4.75e+08	4.0	1.5	250	340

CONCUSION

Based on the following parameters, the current study simulates a scram jet engine with a central stud wedge shape and injector pylon geometry: pressure, temperature, velocity variation, turbulent kinetic energy, stream line function, mass fraction of H2o, mass fraction of O2, mass fraction of H2, kinetic energy, and total temperature. The results obtained demonstrate that the numerical approach

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oyed in this work can adequately record the shock wave system and appropriately analyze the flow pattern of the scramjet combustor having centralized strut flame holder. We may infer from the simulation findings that switching from a central wedge

injector to a pylon injector increases the total temperature, pressure, and energy because the air-fuel mixture is improved, the shock wave absorbing capacity is raised, and the combustion rate is subsequently increased. In the case of a pylon injector, shock wave absorption capability and flow field stability are balanced according to stream line flow.

According to this study, the current scramjet combustor problem might be resolved by this type of injector, and the analysis shows the solution in connection to steady flow. The main issue with the planer strut injector is its stability, which limits the engine's Mach number while potentially allowing for constant flow and combustion during flight. According to this study, the current scramjet combustor problem might be resolved by this type of injector, and the analysis shows the solution in connection to steady flow. The scramjet research vehicle may benefit from this endeavor in terms of modifying the engine's mach number and combustion stability. This study shows that a Pylon injector increases the temperature by almost 13 times the inlet temperature and makes the scramjet combustor more stable additionally, it demonstrates how this kind of injector releases a significant amount of energy and speeds up the fuel-air mixture, both of which are critical for scramjet engines.

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