### High-fidelity simulations of transonic buffet on wide-span airfoils in the OpenSBLI automatic code-generation framework on GPUs

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# Open questions and previous studies

#### 3D 'buffet cell' span wise modulation

- Previous studies:
  - 3D instability is superimposed over the 2D shock-oscillation.
  - **3D instability is dominant** for realistic configurations (finite-wings).
  - Buffet cells convect with sweep angle.
  - Q: Can we identify 3D effects in the absence of sweep (+ infinite wing)?
  - Lack of high-fidelity literature for 3D buffet.
  - Buffet cells / stall cells share similar features - Are they the same phenomena at different flow conditions?



# **OpenSBLI Python-based code-generation**

### High-level problem specification via symbolic algebra

- OpenSBLI is a Python-based **codegeneration** framework for compressible CFD using finite-differences [1].
- Users specify the equations to solve and simulation options in Python.
- Symbolic algebra (SymPy) is converted into a complete ILES/DNS CFD solver in C/C++ code.
- The OPS DSL enables parallel execution on many platforms (MPI/OpenMP/CUDA/...).
- Developed 2016-2021 (University of Southampton), during my PhD [1].
- New development at JAXA, JSPS project (2022-2023) next release & paper.



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# Oxford Parallel Structured (OPS) DSL

### Automatic parallelisation for multi-block structured mesh applications

OpenSBLI/OPS collaboration.

- The OPS library uses source-to-source code translation for structured mesh applications.
- OpenSBLI code written in the OPS API can be **automatically parallelised**.
- Supports C/C++/Fortran, to generate: MPI/OpenMP/CUDA/OpenCL/OpenACC/HIP
- JSS3 TOKI-RURI & NASA Cluster (Nvidia GPUs) -> CUDA+MPI+GPUDIRECT.
- JSS3 TOKI-SORA & Fugaku (A64FX CPUs)
  -> Hybrid MPI+OpenMP.
  - G. Mudalige, I. Reguly, M.Giles.

#### https://op-dsl.github.io/

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# Summary of OpenSBLI numerical methods

Central + WENO shock-capturing

- Non-dissipative (central) schemes for highresolution of turbulence and wave propagation.
- Convective terms written in cubic-split form to improve numerical stability.
- 5th order WENO-based shock-capturing is applied only at shockwaves.
- Dispersion-Relation-Preserving (DRP) filters are used in the freestream.
- Explicit 4th order low-storage Runge-Kutta time-stepping.

[1] G. Coppola et al. Journal of Computational Physics (2019).

[2] H. Yee et al. Computers & Fluids (2018).

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial\rho u\varphi}{\partial x} &= \alpha \frac{\partial\rho u\varphi}{\partial x} + \beta \left( u \frac{\partial\rho\varphi}{\partial x} + \rho \frac{\partial u\varphi}{\partial x} + \varphi \frac{\partial\rho u}{\partial x} \right) \\ &+ (1 - \alpha - 2\beta) \left( \rho u \frac{\partial\varphi}{\partial x} + \rho \varphi \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u \varphi \frac{\partial\rho}{\partial x} \right) \end{split}$$

Cubic split-form of convective derivative operators for the compressible Naiver-Stokes equations [1]





OP-DSL

Staggered 5th order WENO shock-capturing stencil





The 34th International Symposium on Shockwaves (ISSW34, South Korea 2023)

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Application of non-linear shock-capturing at the end of a full time-step [2]



### **OpenSBLI:** Applications

#### Compressible turbulence and shockwave/boundary-layer interactions

- Previous applications include compressible turbulence[2], 3D shockwave/boundary-layer interactions, shock-trains.
- Now extended to multi-block for aerofoil and cylinder problems (bottom, right).
- Successful Fugaku FY2023 Junior Researcher project completed.

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Turbulent transonic shock buffet (NASA CRM)



## **OpenSBLI: Recent validations**

Cylinder and Airfoil validations in new OpenSBLI

- \* Low Reynolds number (Re=100) validations against literature [1,2].
- Circular cylinder flows with Selective Frequency Damping (SFD).
- SFD demonstration with code and mesh in the release.





## **OpenSBLI: Recent validations**

## Cylinder and Airfoil validations in new OpenSBLI release

- Low Reynolds number (Re=10,000) validations against DNS data [1,2].
- NACA0012 airfoil.
- Open geometry can be contained in the code release.
- Airfoil demonstration with code and mesh

[1] L. E. Jones, Ph.D. thesis, University of Southampton (2008).

[2] L. E. Jones, Journal of Fluid Mechanics (2008).





## **OpenSBLI: Large-scale HPC on JAXA JSS3 GPUs**

#### Using JSS3/Fugaku to generate high-quality DNS databases to improve RANS models at JAXA

- DNS of supersonic turbulence, **mixed isothermal/adiabatic** wall conditions within the same problem configuration [1].
- (JAXA): Dr. David J. Lusher, Dr. Andrea Sansica, Dr. Atsushi Hashimoto, Dr. Hiroyuki Abe.
- (NASA): Dr. Gary Coleman, (Boeing/Retired) Dr. Philippe Spalart.
- Generation of high-quality (thermally balanced) DNS databases of turbulent quantities.
- OpenSBLI DNS on JSS3 GPUs allows us to:
  - Validate lower-fidelity methods and boundaryconditions used in FaSTAR.
  - Improved understanding of terms such as the turbulent Prandtl number.
- Applied for FY2024 Fugaku Junior Researcher Project.

[1] DJ Lusher, GN Coleman. Numerical Study of Compressible Wall-Bounded Turbulence-the Effect of Thermal Wall Conditions on the Turbulent Prandtl Number in the Low-Supersonic Regime. International Journal of Computational Fluid Dynamics, 1-19, (2023).

[2] D.J. Lusher, G.N. Coleman. Numerical Study of the Turbulent Prandtl Number in Supersonic Plane-Channel Flow – the Effect of Thermal Boundary Conditions. NASA Technical Memorandum, 10483 (2022).



### **Computational setup**

#### Multi-block mesh and flow parameters

- OpenSBLI was validated for buffet against literature for Dassault Aviation V2C airfoil [1].
- Using 3-block structured C-Mesh (Nx, Ny) plane points: (701,681), (2249,681), (701,681).
- Uniformly extruded in the span: 50-75 points per 0.05c width ~ 2.5 7.5 billion mesh points.
- Narrow (0.05c) cases are extruded to generate restart conditions for wide-span (1c 2c) cases.
- Flow conditions:
  - Moderate Reynolds number: 500,000.
- Baseline Freestream Mach: 0.72.
- AoA: 4 to 8 degrees.
- Zero sweep angle: Q: Can we observe 3D effects without any imposed cross-flow?
- Turbulent buffet: wall tripped at 0.1c chord.

$$\rho u_{\eta}\big|_{\eta=0} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} A \exp\left(-\frac{(x-x_{t})^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}\right) \sin\left(\frac{k_{i}z}{0.05c}\right) \sin\left(\omega_{i}t + \Phi_{i}\right)$$



#### Narrow Domain: AoA Study

#### Time histories of surface skin-friction

- 2D (shock oscillation) buffet onset conditions are investigated with 3D simulations at AR=0.05.
- Range of: 4-8 degrees AoA.
- Time history (x-t) plot of surface **skin-friction**.
- AoA = 4 (pre-onset): fixed shock location.
- AoA = 5 (buffet onset): shock oscillates on the suction side







#### Extrusion to wide-span: AR1

Wide-span buffet effects no longer purely 2D

- AR=1 case, M=0.72, AoA: 6 degrees.
- 2.5 billion mesh points at AR=1
- At AR=1: the flow is no longer strictly 2D across the span.
- Large **3D separation bubbles** occur, during low-lift phases.
- Sectional plots across the span (bottom) show the **lack of span homogeneity**.
- Seem to be linked to the **point of maximum** flow separation (low-lift).





Near surface: High-lift buffet phase (2D)





x

Time: 45.500000

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- Curvature of the shock front (no longer 2D planar shock)



Time: 63.750000



### 3D buffet effects at AR=2 & URANS comparison Fat

- Similar behaviour observed at AR=2 and AoA = 7 degrees.
- However, now multiple large intermittent 3D separation bubbles develop across the span.
- Persistent across multiple buffet cycles and strongest during low-lift buffet phases.







### Conclusions & Summary aspect ratios.

- World first high-fidelity **3D wide-span turbulent transonic buffet** simulations were performed on JSS3 GPU nodes, for NASA-CRM extruded wings at Re = 500,000 and Mach 0.72.
- Large simulations on N > 10^9 mesh points.
- Parametric study showed 2D shock oscillation buffet onset occurs between 4-5 degrees AoA at AR=0.05.
- At wide-span (AR=1,2,3), large 3D separation bubbles form during low-lift phases, these cannot be captured by narrow-span simulations.
- They lead to span-wise inhomogeneous curvature of the main shockwave.
- We show that narrow span simulations are not sufficient to fully capture buffet phenomenon.
- Outlook: Applying Modal Decomposition Methods (SPOD/DMD), publishing results.

Contact: lusher.david@jaxa.jp. More information on the OpenSBLI code (<u>https://github.com/opensbli/opensbli</u>): D.J. Lusher, S.P. Jammy, N.D. Sandham. **OpenSBLI: Automated code-generation for heterogeneous computing architectures applied to** compressible fluid dynamics on structured grids. Computer Physics Communications (2021).



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# Extrusion to wide-span: initial condition

Avoiding long expensive transients

- Due to span wise periodic boundary condition, wide-span simulations can be initialised with the fully developed narrow-domain flow-fields.
- 0.05c profile is repeated across the span 20-60 (AR1-AR3) times.
- White noise is added to the boundary-layer once into the restart file to help break symmetry quickly.
- No long wavelengths are forced, large 3D effects develop naturally.



#### Influence of forcing amplitude - IUTAM 2024

- Plan to submit work to IUTAM 2024 conference.
- Varying the strength of the tripping on buffet cases.
- For weaker cases, the flow becomes transitional.
- Would like to understand the point of switching between laminar and turbulent buffet.





