

# COMBUSTION OF FUEL–AIR MIXTURE IN GAS CAVITY UNDER THE BOTTOM OF THE HIGH-SPEED VESSEL

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**Abstract:** A numerical study of the possibilities to reduce drag and to create additional thrust for the vessel with an artificial gas cavity under the bottom by means of organizing stationary combustion of fuel–air mixture in the cavity has been performed. It is shown that feeding the fuel mixture in the cavity and its subsequent burning under the bottom of the vessel can significantly increase the efficiency of the cavity with respect to the horizontal and vertical components of forces acting on the vessel by the gases in cavity. The results suggest that appropriate revision of the longitudinal profiling of bottom contours, for example, creating a cascade of transverse redans, may increase the horizontal force to the values, capable of ensuring the vessel to move with the target speed, and refuse in the future from the use of traditional screw propellers.

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