

# Aeroelastic Prediction Workshop

## ***Overview & Lessons Learned from the Aeroelastic Prediction Workshop***

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# *Aeroelastic Computational Benchmarking*

- **Technical Challenge:**

**Assess state-of-the-art methods & tools for the prediction and assessment of aeroelastic phenomena**

- **Fundamental hindrances to this challenge**

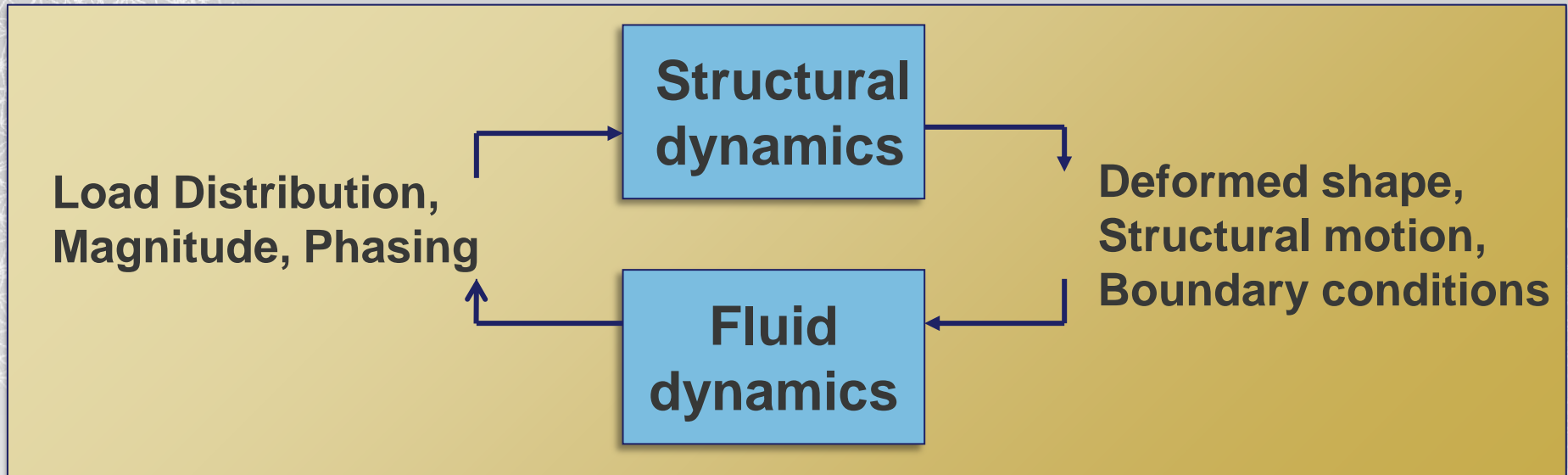
- No comprehensive aeroelastic benchmarking validation standard exists
- No sustained, successful effort to coordinate validation efforts

- **Approach**

- Perform comparative computational studies on selected test cases
- Identify errors & uncertainties in computational aeroelastic methods
- Identify gaps in existing aeroelastic databases
- Provide roadmap of path forward



# *Building block approach to benchmarking & validation*



## **Validation Objective of 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop**

Unsteady aerodynamic pressures due to forced sinusoidal oscillations

## **Future Workshops**

- Directed by results of this workshop
- Directed by big-picture assessment of needs & interests

# *Aeroelastic Prediction Workshop*

- Workshop presentations are on AePW website  
<https://c3.nasa.gov/dashlink/projects/47/>
- Reported results in special sessions at ASM, SDM & IFASD



The poster features a purple header with the title 'Aeroelastic Prediction Workshop' in large white letters. Below the title is a pink banner with two deadlines: 'Participant Commitment Deadline: Nov. 1, 2011' and 'Computational Results Deadline: Mar. 20, 2012'. The central image shows a 3D model of an aircraft wing with a rainbow-colored stress or pressure distribution. The wing has 'DFG RWTH AACHEN UNIVERSITY' written on it. At the bottom, a blue box contains the text 'Workshop to be held in conjunction with AIAA SDM Conference Honolulu, HI April 21-22, 2012'. A small blue box at the very bottom provides the website for additional information.

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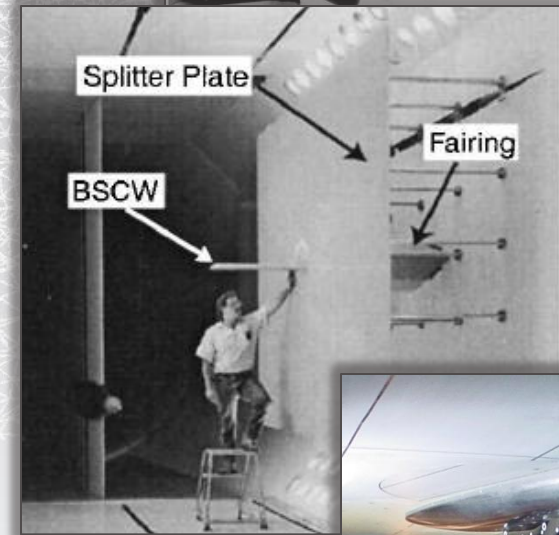
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# *Configurations Selected*

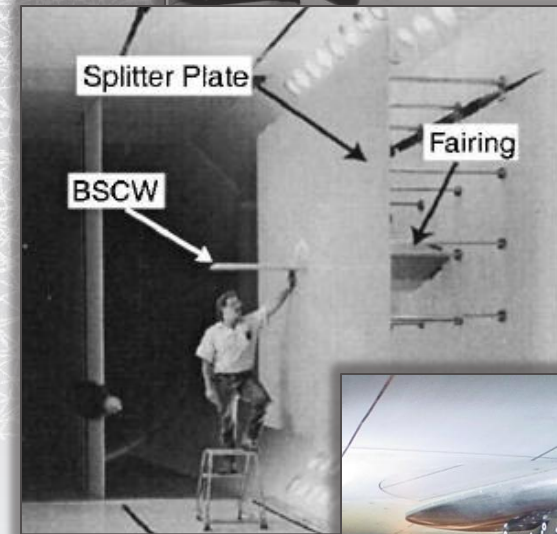
- Rectangular Supercritical Wing (RSW)
- Benchmark Supercritical Wing (BSCW)
- High Reynolds number Aero-Structural Dynamics Model (HIRENASD)





# *Configuration / Data Set Selection Rationale*

- Perceived Simplicity & Complexity
  - Geometric
  - Flow Physics
- All configurations have
  - Transonic flow
  - Unsteady pressure data
  - Forced transition to turbulent flow
  - Steady data
  - Forced oscillation data
- Availability
  - Distribution unrestricted



# *Configuration / Data Set Selection Compromises*

- Configurations are not “aeroelasticky”
- Deflection data is sparse
- Expected flow phenomena does not encompass all possible applicable flows for aeroelastic configurations
- Results from workshop comparisons can not be directly translated to critical aeroelastic quantities
- Results of this workshop will only tell us how well we can predict the class of phenomena that we are looking at:
  - Forced transition
  - Shock-separated flow
  - Forced oscillations
  - Uncoupled and weakly coupled aerodynamics

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# *General questions addressed by lessons learned*

- How good are our tools, and what aspects of those tools need further development?
- What comparison data or experimental data characteristics would have improved our confidence in experiment representing relevant truth?



# *Rectangular Supercritical Wing (RSW)*

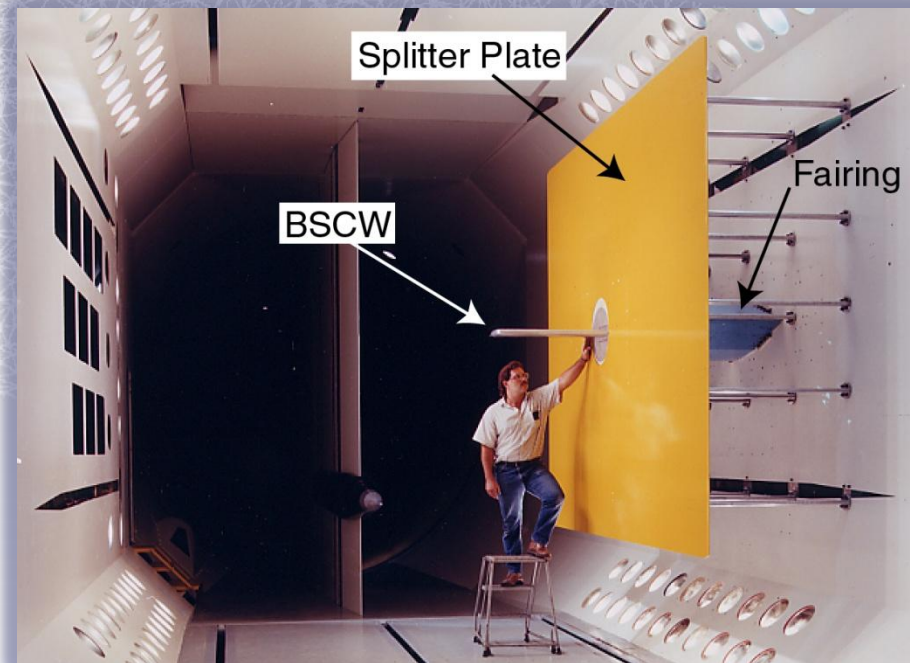
- Simple, rectangular wing
- Structure treated as rigid
- Lessons Learned:
  - Wall effects modeling





# *Benchmark Supercritical Wing (BSCW)*

- Simple, rectangular wing
- Structure treated as rigid
- Lessons Learned
  - Separated flow modeling





# *HIENASD*

- 3-D aeroelastic wing with generic fuselage model
- Treated as aeroelastic here
  - Relatively weak aeroelastic coupling
- Forced oscillation at 2<sup>nd</sup> bending mode frequency
- Lessons learned
  - Importance of data processing influences
  - Quantifying variations
  - Criticality of static aeroelastic behavior for unsteady aerodynamics



- **What did we learn about test case selection?**
  - There were too many test cases in this workshop. The number of configurations- 3- diluted
- **What have we learned regarding postprocessing of computational data?**
  - The amount of information generated in performing an unsteady CFD calculation is adding a
- **What have we learned regarding experimental data?**
  - “Steady” is a misnomer, particularly in the case of experimental data, but also perhaps in
- **What have we learned regarding flow solvers?**
  - Flow solutions that offer better fidelity in capturing turbulence, such as LES or DES, have
  - generally been recommended in the literature for analyzing cases “massively separated
- **What were the most challenging aspects regarding our chosen configurations? What were the consequences of these aspects?**
- **What have we learned about the state of the art in aeroelastic computations?**
  - Using RANS, we cannot accurately capture separated flow associated with the proximity of
  - BSCW at the chosen test conditions. Although the test case was thought to be the
  - contain moderately separated flow, the region of separation appears to extend even for
  - from the mid-chord (shock location) to the wing trailing edge. Further, the results a
  - flow are of essential interest in our studies. While RANS the sta
  - averaged influence of separation for small BSC
  - unforced or forced



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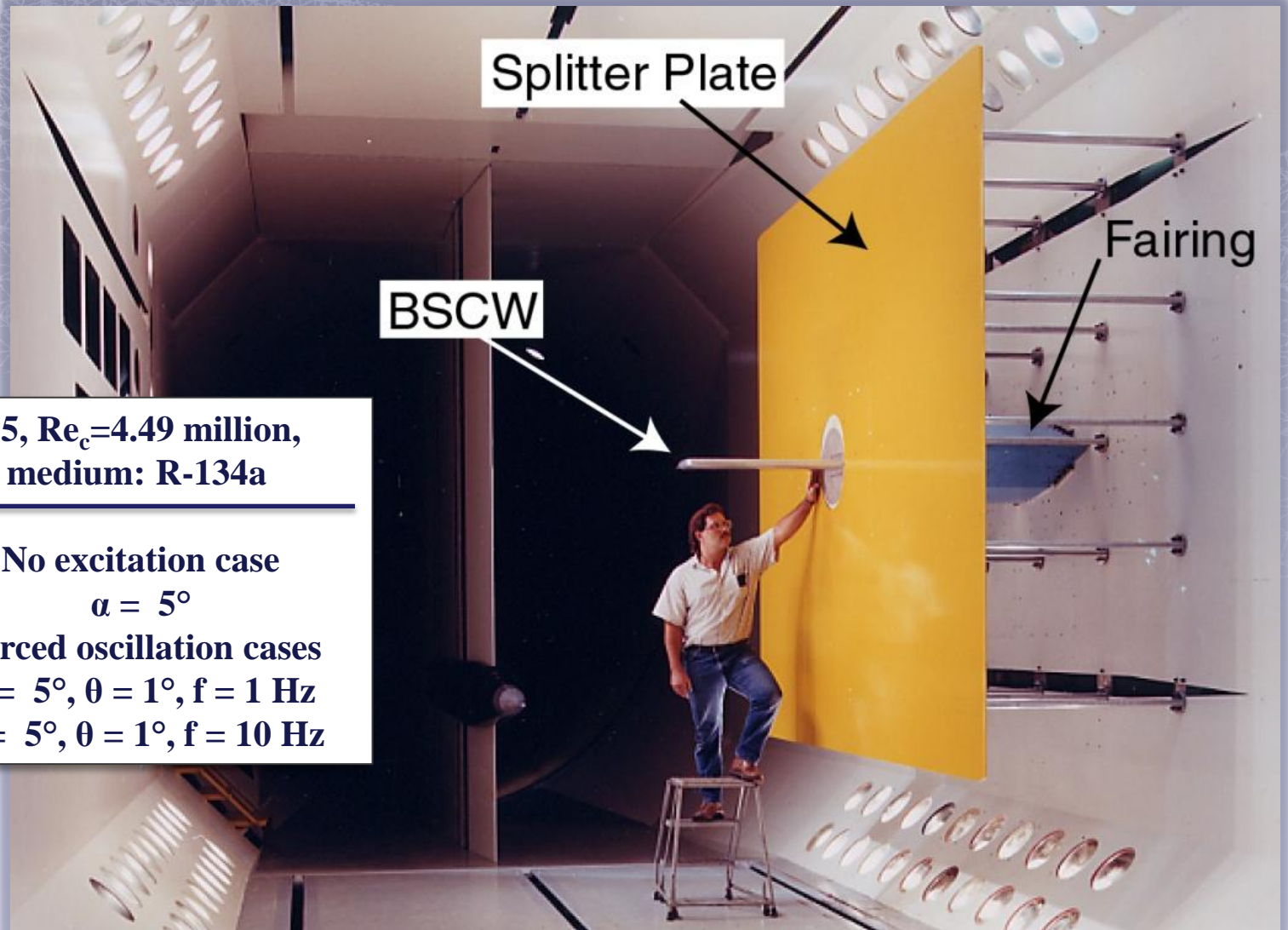
- What have we learned regarding flow solvers?
  - Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) with Spalart-Allmaras (SA) or Menter's SST turbulence modeling is the State of the Art (or rather state of the current practice in the CFD community)
  - The degree of separation previously thought to be "moderate" breaks the RANS solvers.

◦ Flow solutions that offer better fidelity in capturing turbulence, such as LES or DES, have generally been recommended in the literature for analyzing cases "massively separated flows" exist, usually occurring at high angles of attack. The highest mean angle of attack case for the AePW was the BSCW configuration,  $\alpha = 5^\circ$ . This test case generated what was assessed as moderately separated flow. The workshop results for BSCW led to the assessment that the URANS solutions were insufficient for this case. Some analysts are pursuing higher order CFD methods for this configuration. In this case, at a moderate angle of attack, the separated flow features are significant enough to cause a qualitative change to the shock motion and qualitative changes in the aft loading. While these changes may or may not be significant for integrated loads such as lift and pitching moment coefficient, they are likely significant for assessing aeroelastic stability, which is highly dependent on phase relationships and load distribution.

◦ In order to get the steady pressure distribution correct, it is essential to get the static aeroelastic deformed shape correct. Failure to do this results in effective changes in the angle of attack. Using the rigid shape, rather than the deflected aeroelastic shape resulted in an incorrect pressure distribution.

◦ The aeroelastic response are not standardized. Several methods have been used to determine whether the difference

# *Benchmark Supercritical Wing (BSCW)*



**$M=0.85$ ,  $Re_c=4.49$  million,  
Test medium: R-134a**

**No excitation case**

$$\alpha = 5^\circ$$

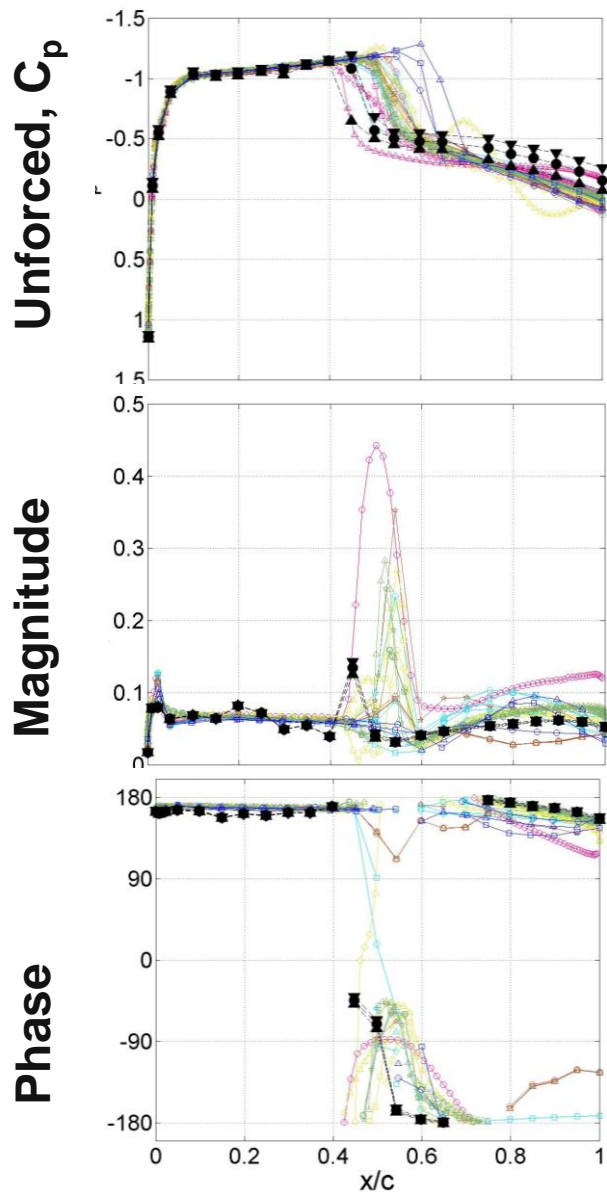
**Forced oscillation cases**

$$\alpha = 5^\circ, \theta = 1^\circ, f = 1 \text{ Hz}$$

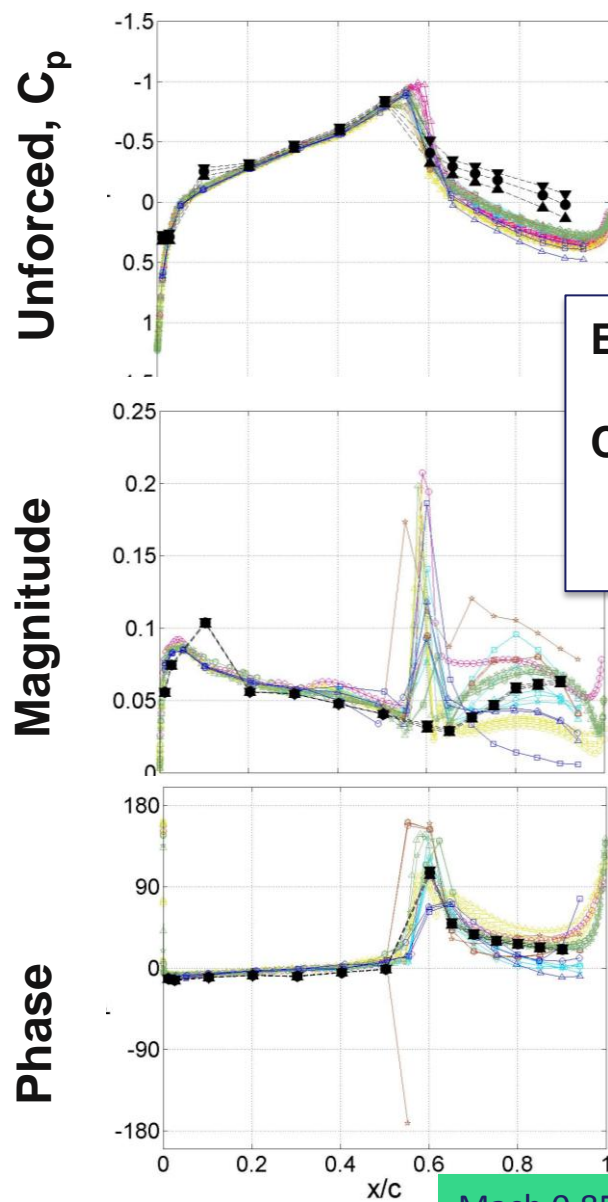
$$\alpha = 5^\circ, \theta = 1^\circ, f = 10 \text{ Hz}$$



## Upper Surface



## Lower Surface



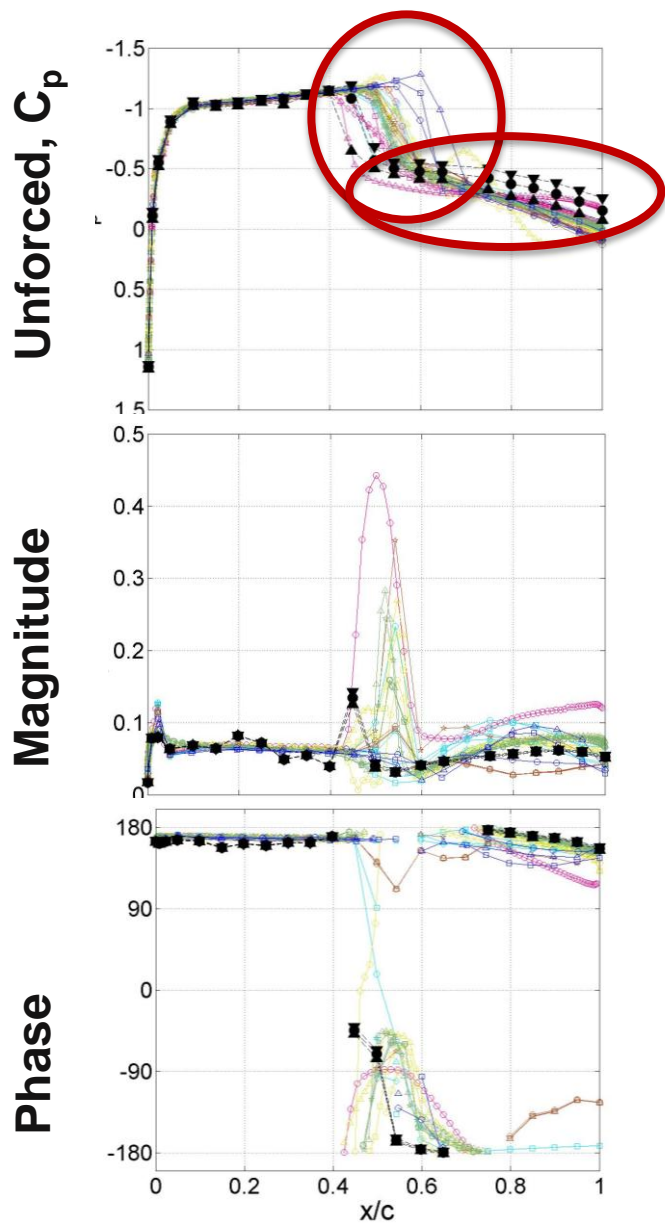
# AePW Results

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**Computations:**  
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analysis team

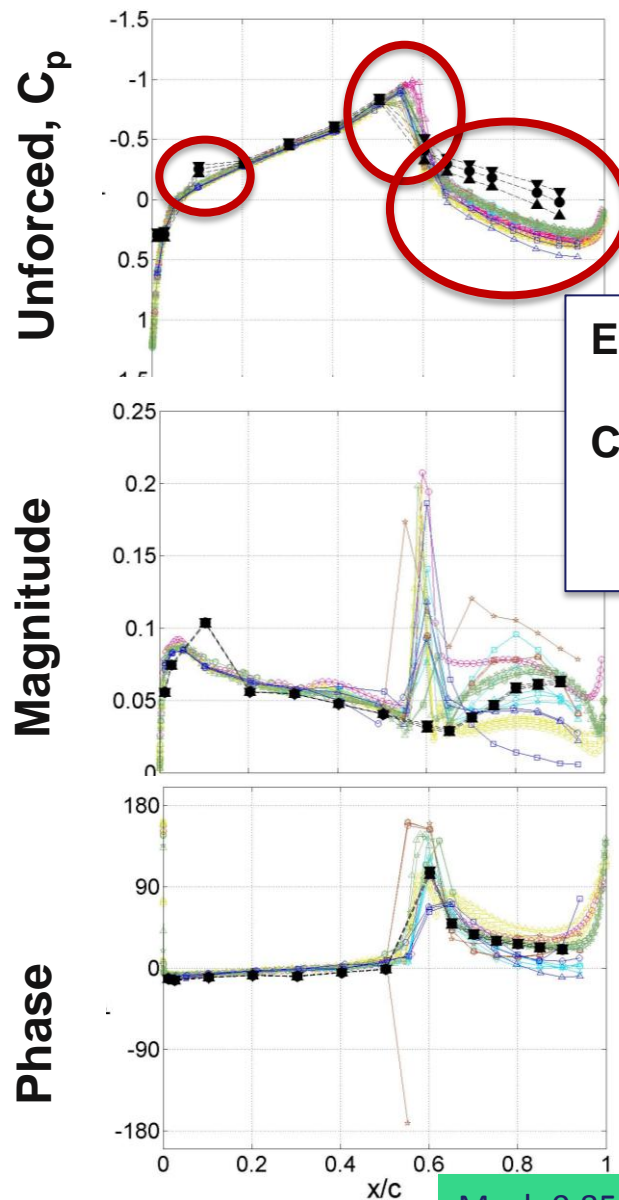
Mach 0.85,  $\alpha = 5^\circ$ ,  $q = 170$  psf, 10 Hz



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## Lower Surface

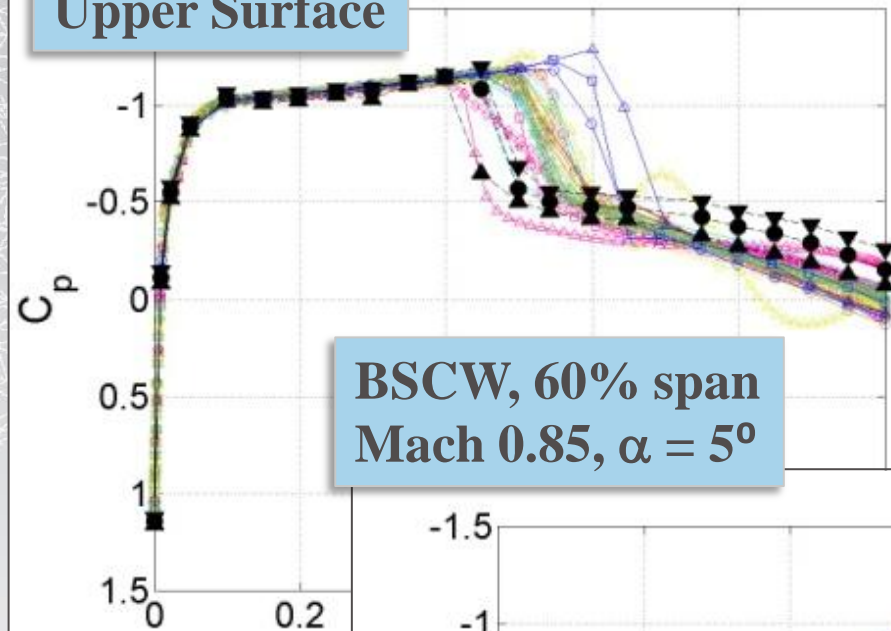


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# Higher fidelity simulations ( $> RANS$ ) required for separated flow case

## Upper Surface



BSCW, 60% span  
Mach 0.85,  $\alpha = 5^\circ$

### Experiment

● Statistical Mode

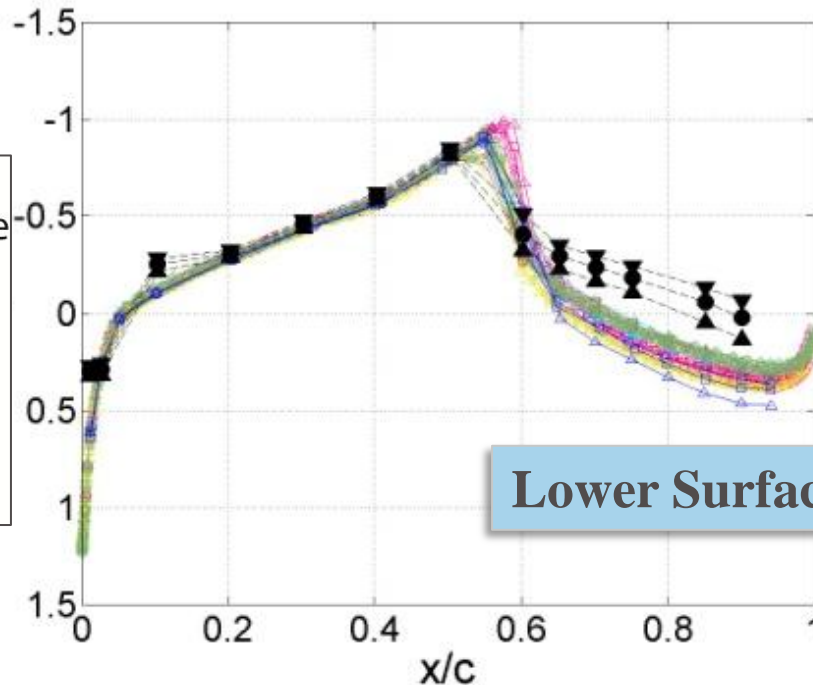
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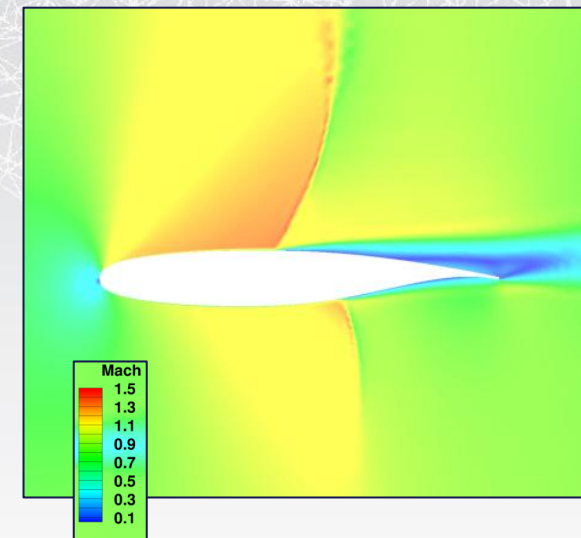
### Computations

Colored lines &  
open symbols

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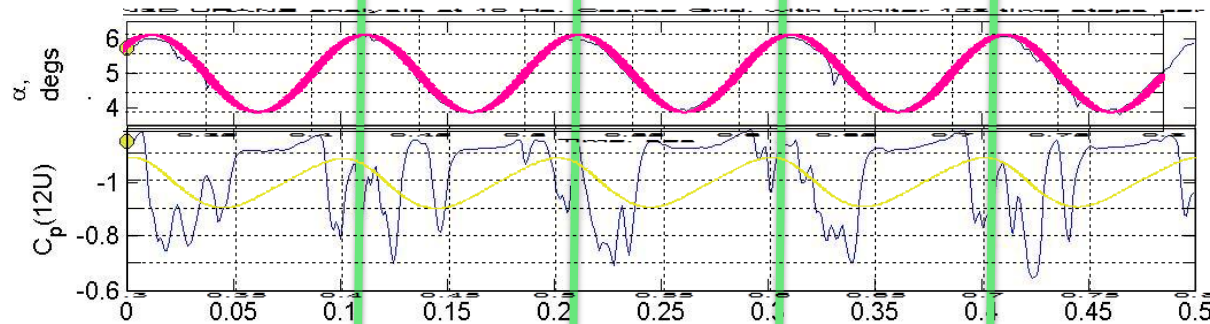


- The aerodynamic behavior shows a dramatic change in experimental data for the BSCW configuration for conditions that are post-separation
- RANS solutions have NOT been able to capture the shock location or aft-of-shock pressure distributions



# Comparison of behavior at Mach 0.85, Experiment & URANS

Mach 0.85



Experiment: blue

Computation: yellow Cp

Coarse grid, with flux limiter, coarse time step, last cycles of computational results

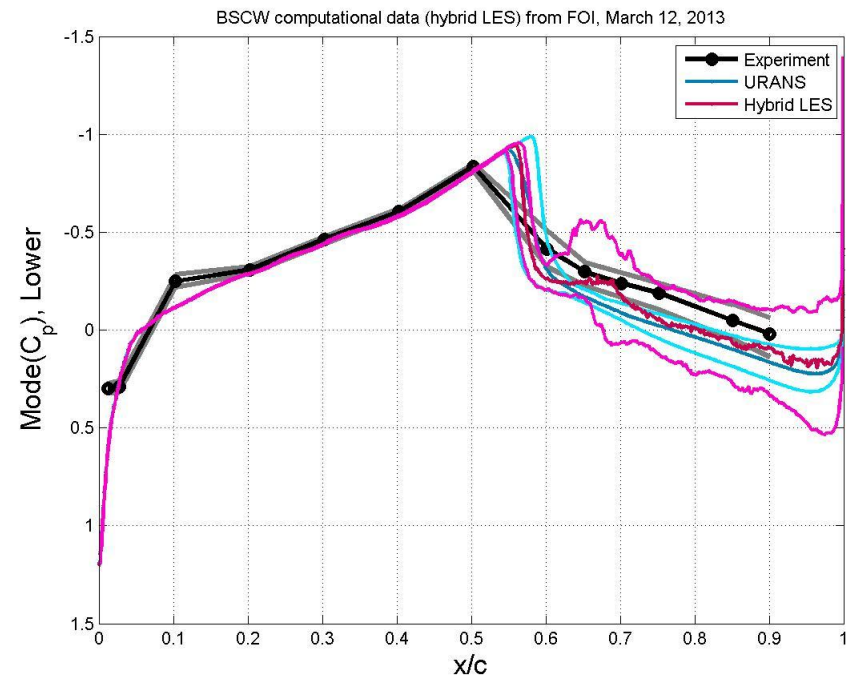
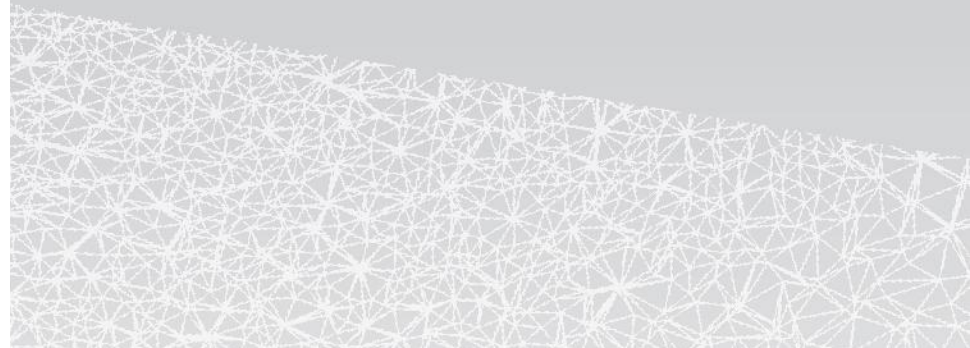
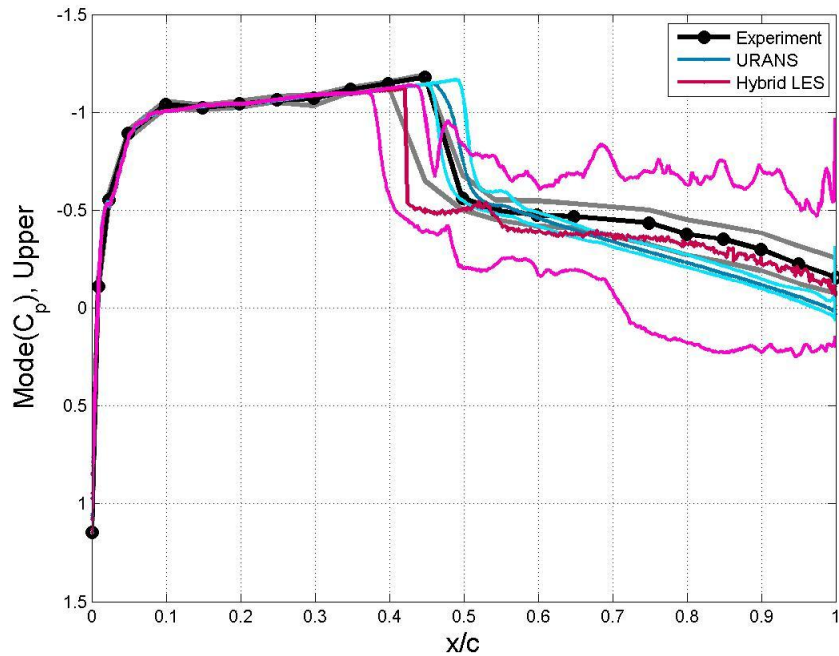
During the cycle when the angle of attack is highest:

Exp: Sensor is aft of the shock leading edge; shock has oscillated forward

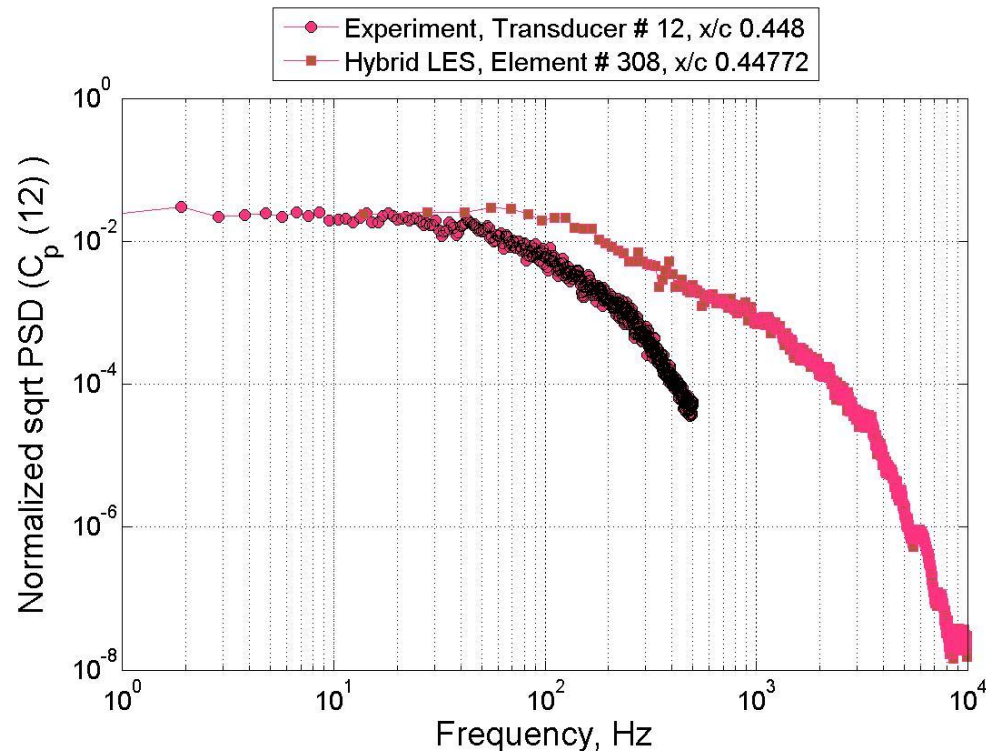
Computation: Sensor is at its highest value, i.e. as close to the shock leading Edge as it will ever get; shock is at its aft-most location when angle of attack is highest



# *Preliminary Results from applying higher fidelity method*



# *Frequency domain analysis of preliminary higher fidelity method results*



Problems in performing comparisons:

Experimental data acquired with a lower sample rate

Computational data acquired for a shorter time record

Applying Fourier analysis methods to nonlinear time histories

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## *Some Potential Paths Forward*

- Industry perspective on critical needs
- Extension to aeroelastic analysis
- Higher fidelity methods
- Validation experiment definition
- Extending use of existing experimental data sets

# *Workshop Summary*

- Data for all configurations is public-domain
- Configuration & test case selection based on compromises in simplicity & complexity
- Computational team participation was diverse
- RSW configuration & data set final report generated
- We are working to plan the path forward

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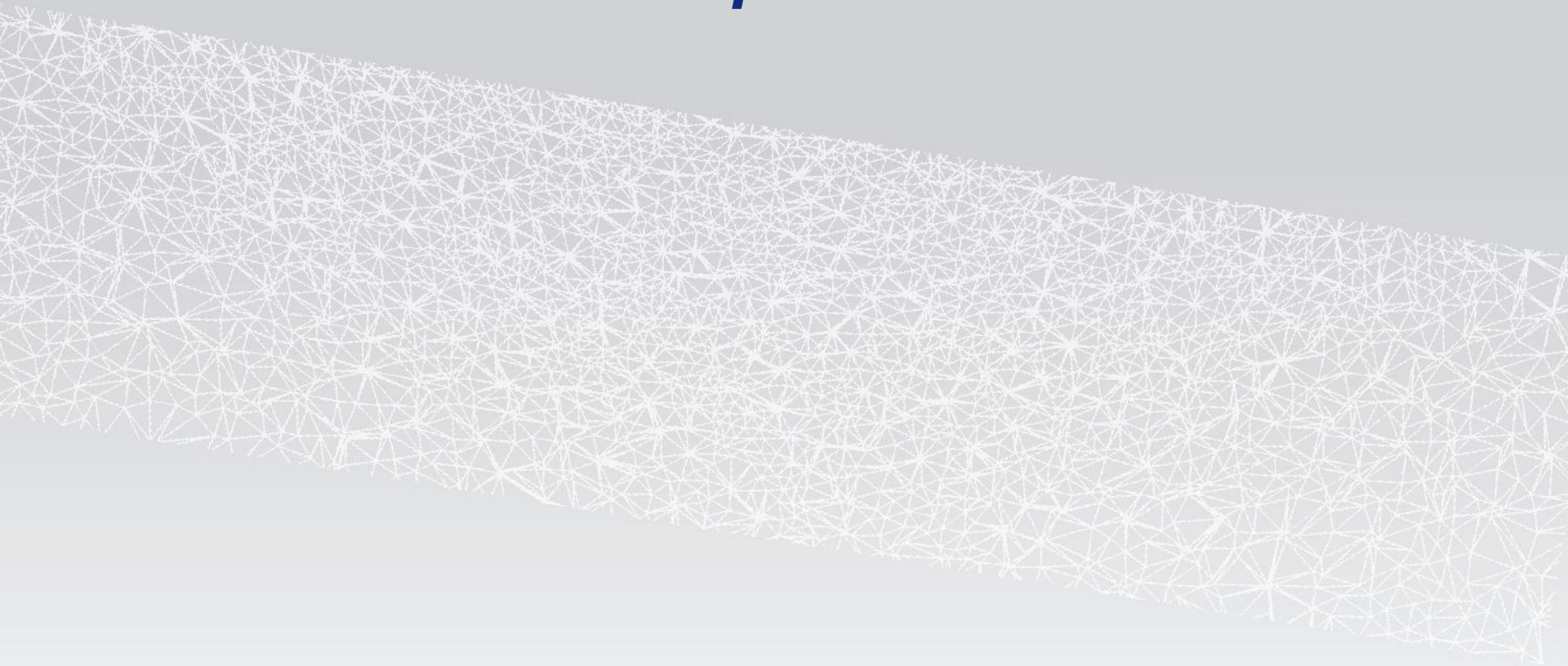
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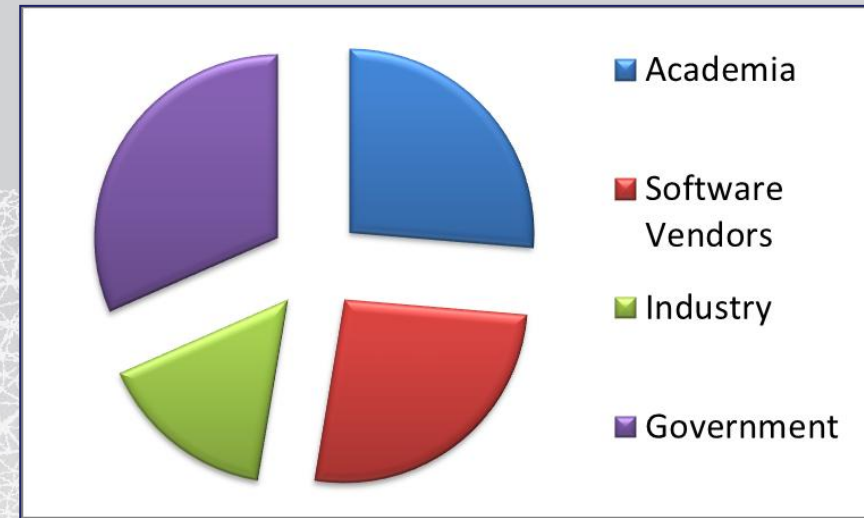
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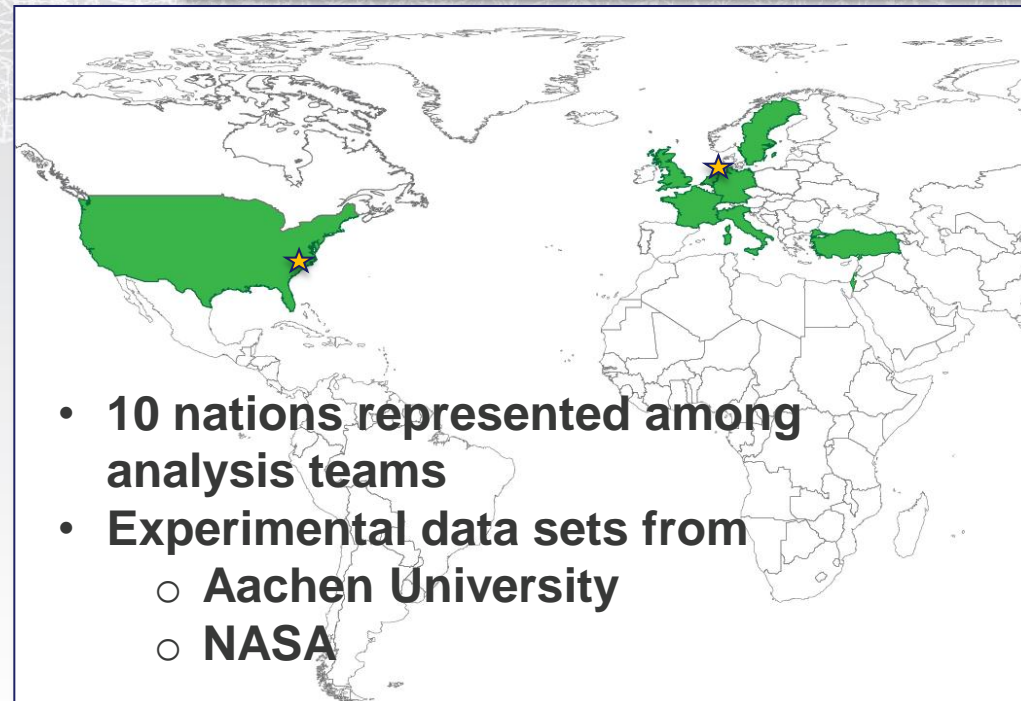
# Workshop Contributors

- 17 analysis teams providing analysis results for workshop
- 26 total analysis sets provided for workshop

RSW	BSCW	HIRENASD
6	6	14



- 59 registered attendees
- Organized by a committee of 19 government, industry, and university aeroelastic specialists representing both the United States and Europe





# AePW Analysis Teams

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# *Test conditions used for illustration in this presentation*

Config	Mach	$\alpha$	$Re_c$ , millions	Excitation freq, Hz	Airfoil
RSW	0.825	2	4	10	12% thick airfoil modified from an 11% thick design with design point Mach 0.8, $C_L$ 0.6
BSCW	0.85	5	4.5	10	SC(2)-0414
HIRENASD	0.8	1.5	7	80	BAC 3-11

RSW & BSCW: Excited in pitch motion

HIRENASD: Excited at 2<sup>nd</sup> bending mode frequency



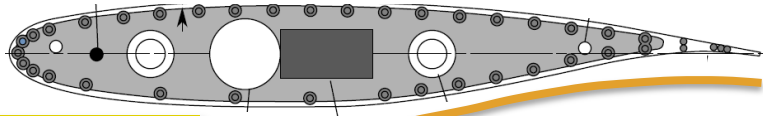
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BSCW

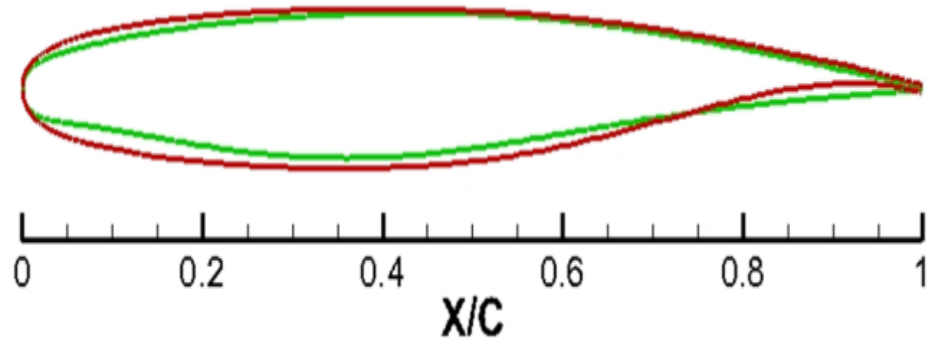
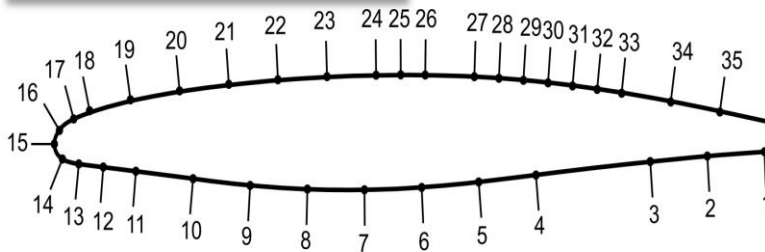
Cusp region

Airfoil

12% thick airfoil modified from  
an 11% thick design with  
design point

— HIRENASD  
— BSCW

HIRENASD



ending mode frequency

# Comparison Data Matrix

CONFIGURATION	REQUIRED CALCULATIONS			
	GRID CONVERGENCE STUDIES	TIME CONVERGENCE STUDIES	STEADY CALCULATIONS	DYNAMIC CALCULATIONS
Steady-Rigid Cases (RSW, BSCW)	$C_L, C_D, C_M$ vs. $N^{-2/3}$	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean <math>C_p</math> vs. <math>x/c</math></li> <li>• Means of <math>C_L, C_D, C_M</math></li> </ul>	n/a
Steady-Aeroelastic Cases (HIRENASD)	$C_L, C_D, C_M$ vs. $N^{-2/3}$	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean <math>C_p</math> vs. <math>x/c</math></li> <li>• Means of <math>C_L, C_D, C_M</math></li> <li>• vertical displacement vs. chord</li> <li>• Twist angle vs. span</li> </ul>	n/a
Forced Oscillation Cases (all configurations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnitude and Phase of <math>C_L, C_D, C_M</math> vs. <math>N^{-2/3}</math> at excitation frequency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnitude and Phase of <math>C_L, C_D, C_M</math> vs. <math>dt</math> at excitation frequency</li> </ul>	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnitude and Phase of <math>C_p</math> vs. <math>x/c</math> at span stations corresponding to transducer locations</li> <li>• Magnitude and Phase of <math>C_L, C_D, C_M</math> at excitation frequency</li> <li>• Time histories of <math>C_p</math>'s at a selected span station for two upper- and two lower-surface transducer locations</li> </ul>

# RSW Flow Solution Information

Analysis Team	Software Name	Turbulence Model*	Flux Construction	Flux Limiter	Oscillatory Solution Method
A	NSMB	SA	Unknown	None	Elastic+TFI
B	FUN3D	SA	Roe	Venkat	Elastic
C	CFL3D	SA	Roe	None	Modal+TFI
D	ANSYS CFX	SST	2nd Order Upwind/ Rhie Chow	Barth & Jespersion	Diffusion equation
E	NSU3D	SA	Matrix Artificial Dissipation	None	Full grid motion
F	PMBv1.5	SA	Osher	MUSCL+ van Albada	Full grid motion



# BSCW Flow Solver Information

Analysis Team	Software Name	Turbulence Model*	Flux Construction	Flux Limiter
A	NSMB	SA	Unknown	None
B	FUN3D	SA	Roe	Venkat
C	CFL3D	SA	Roe Flux difference splitting	None
D	NSU3D	SA	Central difference with matrix dissipation	Unknown
E	ANSYS CFX	SST	2 <sup>nd</sup> Order Upwind\ Rhie Chow	Barth & Jespersen

# ***HIENASD flow solver information***

Analysis Team	Software Name	Turbulence Model*	Flux Construction	Flux Limiter
A	ENFLOW	k- $\omega$	Central difference with artificial dissipation	TVD
B	NSMB	k- $\omega$	unknown	None
C	CFD++\ NASTRAN	k- $\varepsilon$	HLLC	Compressive-MinMod
D	EZNSS	SA	HLLC	Venkat
E	EDGE	SA	Central difference <sup>1</sup>	None
	EDGE	SA	Roe <sup>2</sup>	Venkat
F	TAU	SA	Central scheme with scalar dissipation	None
G	elsA	SA	Jameson	None
H	NSU3D	SA	Central difference with matrix dissipation	None
I	ZEUS <sup>†</sup>	G	Central difference with JST artificial dissipation	None
J	FUN3D	SA	Roe	Venkat
K	ANSYS CFX	SST	2nd Order upwind/ Rhie Chow	Barth & Jespersion
L	ST <sup>‡</sup>	n/a	unknown	None
M	AeroFoam	SA	Roe + LW	vanLeer

# RSW Submitted Grids

Analysis Team	Grid Type <sup>*</sup>	Element Type <sup>†</sup>	Solver Type <sup>‡</sup>	Number of Nodes or Cells, (millions)		
				<i>Coarse</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Fine</i>
A	Str	Hex	Cell	3.38	9.91	27.0
B	Unstr	Mix	Node	2.88	7.07	18.23
C	Str	Hex	Cell	0.18	1.42	11.18
D	Str	Hex	Node	1.91	5.89	15.42
E	Unstr	Mix	Node	2.87	7.07	18.28
F	SMB	Hex	Cell	2.32	6.60	18.63

<sup>\*</sup> Structured (Str), Unstructured (Unstr), Structured MultiBlock (SMB)

<sup>†</sup> Hexagonal (Hex), Mixed Hexagonal & Tetrahedral (Mix)

<sup>‡</sup> Cell-centered (Cell), Node-centered (Node)



## BSCW Submitted Grids

Analysis Team	Grid Type <sup>*</sup>	Element Type <sup>†</sup>	Solver Type <sup>‡</sup>	Number of Nodes or Cells, (millions)		
				<i>Coarse</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Fine</i>
A	Str	Hex	Cell	3.79	9.48	30.32
B	Unstr	Mix	Node	2.97	9.01	26.79
C	Str	Hex	Cell	0.14	1.07	8.40
					1.59	
D	Unstr	Mix	Node	2.97	9.01	
E	Str	Hex	Node	1.49	5.03	13.93

<sup>\*</sup> Structured (Str), Unstructured (Unstr), Structured MultiBlock (SMB)

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<sup>‡</sup> Cell-centered (Cell), Node-centered (Node)

# HIRENASD Submitted Grids

Analysis Team	Grid Type*	Element Type†	Solver Type‡	Number of Nodes or Cells, (millions)		
				<i>Coarse</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Fine</i>
A	SMB	Hex	Cell		10.66	
B	Str	Hex	Cell		9.69	
C	Unstr	Mix	Cell	2.93	8.36	24.18
D	SMB	Hex	Cell		12.61	
E	Unstr	Mix	Node	6.50		
	Unstr	Mix	Node	6.36		
F	Unstr	Mix	Node	1.03	2.45	7.21
G	SMB	Hex	Cell	7.20		
H	Unstr	Mix	Node	6.36	19.06	
I	Str	Quad	Cell	0.56		
J	Unstr	Mix	Node	6.36	19.06	56.31
K	Str	Hex	Node		10.03	
L	Unstr	Tet	Node	0.14		
M	Unstr	Mix	Cell	1.63		

## Summary of Rectangular Supercritical Wing Entries

Analyst	A	B	C	D	E	F
CODE	NSMB	FUN3D	CFL3D	ANSYS CFX	NSU3D	PMBv1.5
TURBULENCE MODEL	SA	SA	SA	SST	SA	SAE
GRID TYPE	Str	Unstr	Str	Str	Unstr	Blstr

**Str = Structured**

**Blstr = Block structured**

**Unstr = Unstructured**



# ***RSW Summary points***

- CFD solutions vary widely, even for static solution; Not an accurate representation of the CFD state of the art
- Tunnel wall modeling assumptions have a significant impact on the static pressure distribution, unsteady behavior and integrated loads
- Different modeling and oscillation methods: what are the impacts of the different methods? Is this significant? Methods used:
  - Oscillating the entire computational
  - Oscillating one region of the grid relative to the rest of the domain
    - Boundary of fixed/oscillated on the splitter plate
    - Boundary of fixed/oscillated on the wing, near the root
- Definitions of converged solution seem to be subjective. (on the subiteration level, what defines converged?)

# ***Some BSCW summary points, focused on computational results***

- Computational methods had difficulty producing converged solutions due to flow field complexity
- Complex flow field also observed in experimental data; Largest magnitude of dynamic behavior appears to represent shock oscillations
- CFD solutions vary widely, even for static solution
- The flow phenomena that appear to be present on the BSCW test case include
  - shock-induced separated flow
  - geometry-induced separated flow
  - shock oscillations even in the steady solution & unforced experiment
- Convergence wrt grid size has not been consistently demonstrated
- Static predictions of pressure distribution (Xducers are at 60% span):
  - Predictions of upper surface shock location vary by 25% of the chord
  - Predicted values of  $C_p$  ahead of shock are consistent among analyses and consistent with experimental data
  - If experimental data is taken as gospel, CFD solutions predict shock too far downstream
  - Aft of shock, the magnitude and distribution of the predictions vary and have a different distribution shape from the experimental data
  - Lower surface: aft of the shock predictions begin to fan out; disagree with the experimental data
- The analytical results tend to look more constant wrt frequency of excitation than experimental results
- Computational FRFs in the region of the shock and aft of the shock do not give consistent answers, nor do they match the experiment
- We have an insufficient number of data submitted to assign cause and effect relationships



# ***Some more BSCW summary points, focused on experimental data***

- Airfoil pitches nose upward, shock moves forward; airfoil pitches nose downward, shock moves aft ???
  - Misinterpretation of the data?
  - We've found another sign convention issue or sign error?
  - Something interesting is going on?
- There are several regions on qualitatively different pressure behavior on the airfoil upper surface
  - Leading edge, ahead of transition (noisy sinusoidal data)
  - Between transition strip and shock (sinusoidal data)
  - Shock-traversing region (floor-limited, ceiling-limited fluctuations)
  - Aft of shock region (random + sinusoidal)
- The experimental data is not well-represented by mean values for the static data, particularly in the region of the shock oscillation
- The frequency response functions obtained at a single frequency do not necessarily represent the significant physics, particularly the oscillatory shock and the separated flow
- The experimental data needs to be more closely spaced; particularly in the region of the shock.
- The experimental frequency response functions do not have constant or monotonically increasing magnitude wrt oscillation frequency. The system has dynamics within the range of the frequencies investigated. (splitter plate vertical mode clearly contributes to this variation.)
- Methods being used to characterize the flow field:
  - Mean, max, min of non-forced-oscillation data ("steady" data)
  - Histograms and statistical quantities can possibly be useful in characterizing the different flow regions
  - Frequency response functions
  - Coherence (see separate document for details of coherence vs frequency as the chord location is varied- definite changes in behavior ahead of transition strip, ahead of the shock, in the shock motion region, aft of the shock)



# ***HIENASD summary points***

- Convergence results: Difficult to say anything at this point. Experimental comparison data & updates from analysts required
- CFD solutions produce consistent results for the mid-span properties, both statically and dynamically; agreement with experiment is “not so bad”
- Mach 0.7 case used as a benchmark- very benign and qualitatively good comparisons with experimental data
- Neither solver type nor turbulence model appears to differentiate goodness of static solutions; influence on frequency response functions requires more evaluation
- Wing tip region is poorly predicted
- Little attention has been paid to the leading edge suction peak or other behavior. Generally assumed that match would be poor; fully turbulent flow in modeling, forced transition in experimental data.

# ***Thanks to Technical Working Group Leaders***

<b>Role:</b>	<b>RSW</b>	<b>BSCW</b>	<b>HIRENASD</b>
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## Aachen University:



Department of Mechanics



Institute for Lightweight Structures



Institute for Geometry and Applied Mathematics



Shock Wave Laboratory

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- **DLR** for advice concerning data acquisition and providing AMIS II
- **ETW** for providing windtunnel adaptations, for e.g. dynamic force measurement, and continuous advice during preparation of model and measuring equipment



AePW Analysis Parameters	Parameters		Units		Configuration				
			English	SI	RSW (English units)	BSCW (English units)	HIRENASD (SI units)	HIRENASD (SI units)	HIRENASD (SI units)
	Mach number	M			0.826	0.848167	0.8005	0.8	0.7
	Reynolds number (based on ref chord)	Re <sub>c</sub>			4.01e+06	4.491e+06	6999999	23486600	6997830
	Reynolds number per unit	Re/ unit	Re/ft	Re/m	2.0e+06	3.368e+06	2.032e+07	6.8176e+07	2.031e+07
	Dynamic pressure	q	psf	Pa	108.65	204.1967	40055.4	88696.9	36177.3
	Velocity	V	ft/s	m/s	413.73	468.9833	256.5	219.5	227.0
	Speed of sound	a	ft/s	m/s	501.18	552.9333	320.3	274.8	324.3
	Static temperature	Tstat	deg F	deg K	37.12	87.913	246.9	181.8	253.1
	Density	r	slug/ft^3	kg/m³	0.001270	0.001857	1.22	3.70	1.41
	Ratio of specific heats	g			1.132	1.116233			
	Dynamic viscosity	m	slug/ft-s		2.620e-07	2.59E-07			
	Prandtl number	Pr			0.78	0.6738	0.72	0.72	0.72
	Test medium				R-12	R-134a	Nitrogen	Nitrogen	Nitrogen
	Total pressure	H	psf	Pa	410.48	757.31	136180	301915	146355
	Static pressure	P	psf	Pa	280.76	512.12	89289	198115	105529
	Purity	X	%			95			
	Total temperature	T	deg F	deg K	60.00	109.5933	278.5	205.0	277.9

# Reference quantities

		RSW	BSCW	HIRENASD
Reference chord	$c_{\text{ref}}$	24 inches	16 inches	0.3445 m
Model span	b	48 inches	32 inches	1.28571 m
Area	A	1152 in <sup>2</sup>	512 in <sup>2</sup>	0.3926 m <sup>2</sup>
Moment reference point, relative to axis system defns	x	11.04 inches	4.8 inches	0.252 m
	y	0	0	-0.610 m
	z	0	0	0
Transfer function reference quantity		Pitch angle	Pitch angle	Vertical displacement (at x=0.87303m, y=1.24521m)

# Aeroelastic Data Set Selection for CAE Code Validation

## Content of an “Excellent” Data Set

- Configuration that can be modeled minimizing the level of uncertainty in the analysis
- High-quality model definition
  - Well-documented geometry
  - Stiffness, mass, and inertia measurements
  - Structural dynamic properties
    - Natural frequencies
    - Mode shapes
    - Generalized mass
- High-quality wind-tunnel measurements
  - Flow regime: include subsonic, transonic, and supersonic
  - Extensive array of unsteady pressure measurements- due to forced motion
  - Quantitative displacement measurements
  - Quantitative flow visualization measurements
  - Loads measurements
  - Quantitative definition of instability boundaries (LCO, flutter, divergence, buffet, etc.)



# AePW Solutions

Configuration	Unforced System			Forced Oscillation System, Time-accurate solutions		
	Steady, Rigid	Steady, Static aeroelastic	Time- accurate, Rigid	Unsteady aerodynamic	Unsteady aerodynamics on deformed static aeroelastic mesh	Unsteady aeroelastic response
RSW	✓			✓		
BSCW	✓		✓	✓		
HIRENASD		✓		✓ <sup>†</sup>	✓	✓ <sup>‡</sup>

<sup>†</sup> Performed only by analysis team HIRENASD-B

<sup>‡</sup> Performed by subset of analysis teams



# Rectangular Supercritical Wing (RSW)

- ◎ Simple, rectangular wing
- ◎ Structure treated as rigid
- ◎ Static and forced oscillation pitching motion

## Known deficiencies:

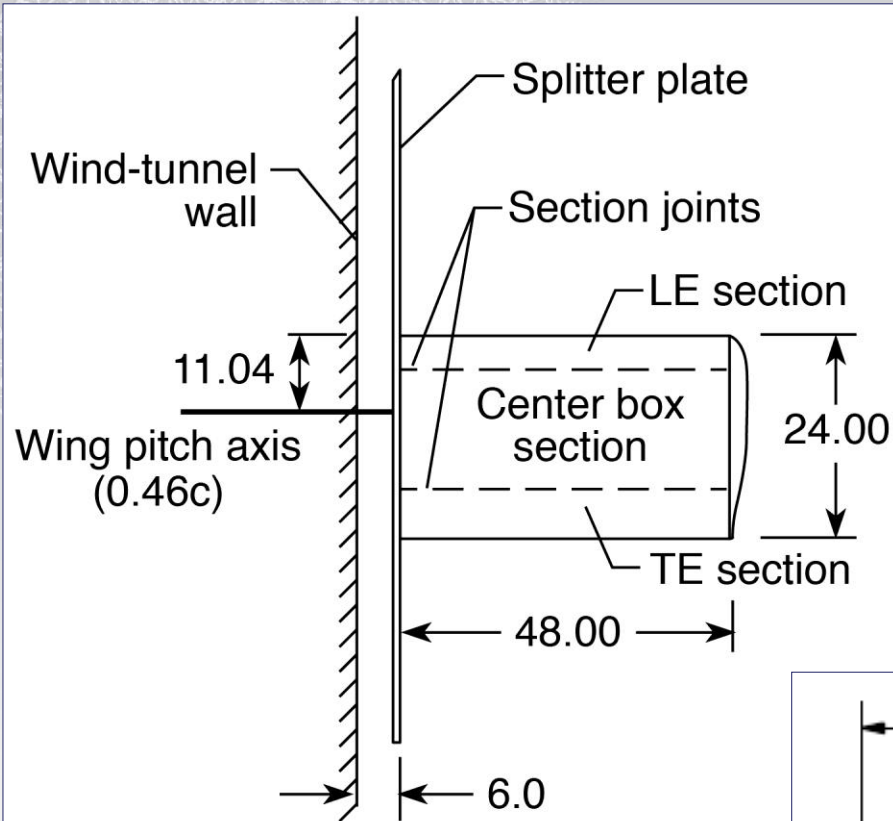
- Splitter plate deficiencies
  - Small size
  - Located in the tunnel wall boundary layer (6" off of the wall)
- Tunnel wall slots open
- Potential bad data points, not identified as such in the literature



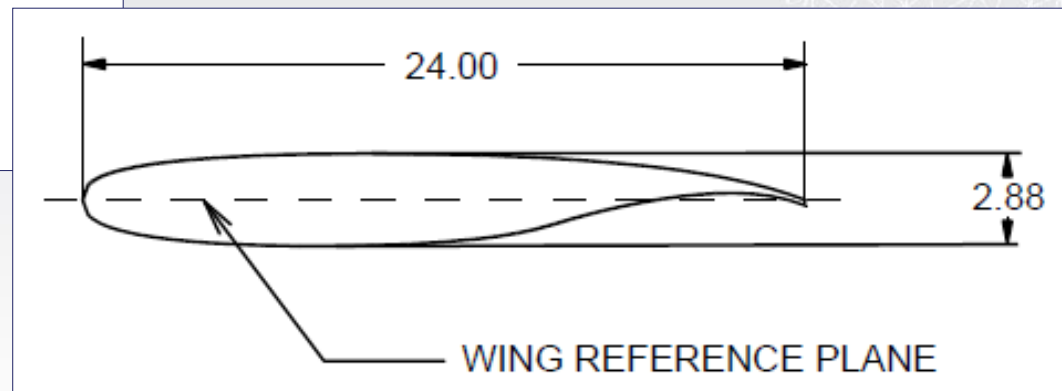
$M=0.825$ ,  $Re_c=4.0$  million, test medium: R-12

- a) Steady Cases
  - i.  $\alpha = 2^\circ$
  - ii.  $\alpha = 4^\circ$
- b) Dynamic Cases:
  - $\alpha = 2^\circ$ ,  $\theta = 1^\circ$
  - i.  $f = 10$  Hz
  - ii.  $f = 20$  Hz

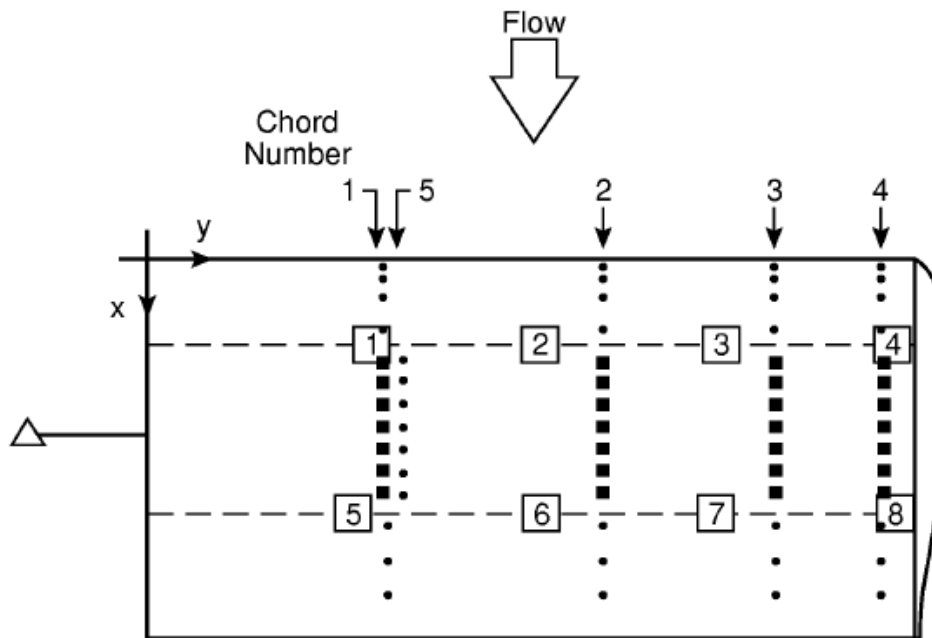
# RSW Geometry and Construction



- Unswept, rectangular planform
- Panel aspect ratio = 2
- Tip of revolution
- Leading- and trailing-edge sections attach to center box at 23% and 69% chord
- Supercritical airfoil
  - 12% thick
  - No twist



# RSW Instrumentation Layout



- Matched-tubing orifice
- In situ transducer
- Accelerometer
- △ Potentiometer

## Unsteady Pressure Transducers

- Kulites
- 4 full chords (1, 2, 3, 4)  
30.9, 58.8, 80.9, and 95.1 % span
- 29 pressure per chord  
14 upper, 14 lower, 1 leading edge
- Center section: in situ
- LE & TE sections: matched tubing

## Accelerometers

- 4 along 23% chord
- 4 along 69% chord

## Potentiometer

- 1 on pitch axis (46% chord)



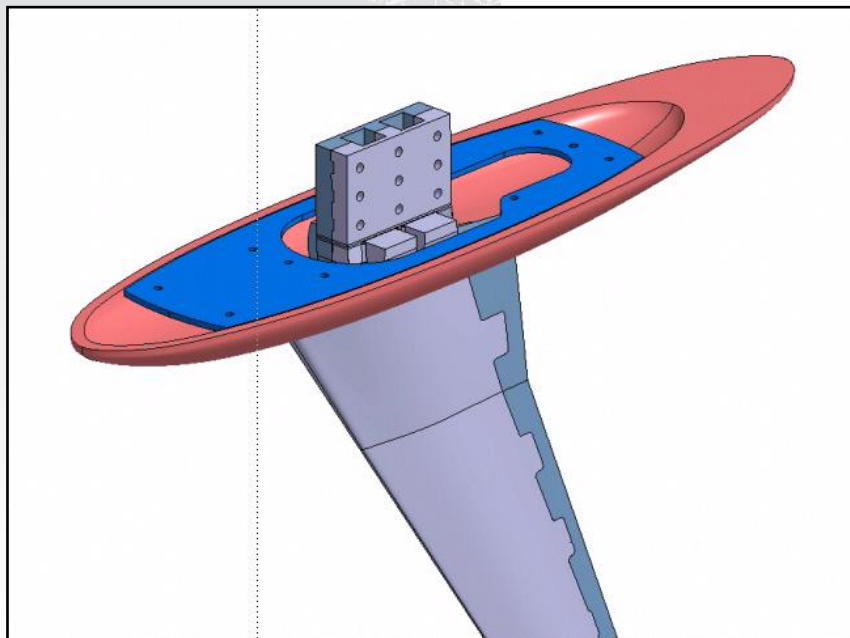
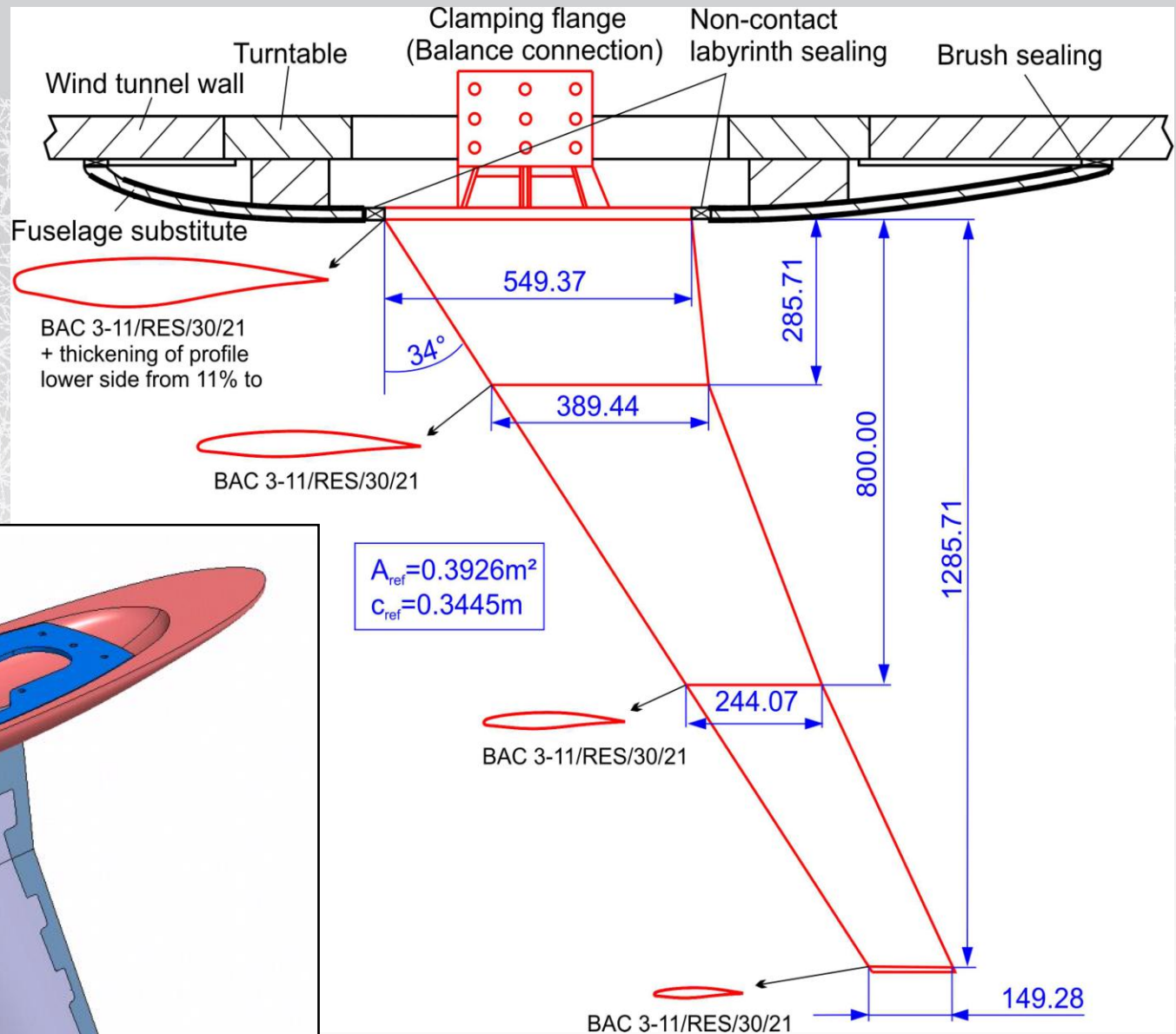
# HIRENASD

- Pros:
  - Available FEM, CFD grid, and published experimental data
  - Good distribution of unsteady pressures (259 transducers)
  - Balance loads data
  - Quantitative deformation measurements
  - Accelerometer and strain gage measurements
  - Forced vibration data at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> bending and 1<sup>st</sup> torsion modes
  - Slightly aeroelastic
  - Transonic conditions with realistic flight Reynolds numbers
  - Additional tests planned
- Cons:
  - No aeroelastic instability data
  - No flow visualization

High Reynolds Number Aero-Structural Dynamics (HIRENASD) Model  
Tested in European Transonic Wind Tunnel (ETW), 2006  
Funded by Deutsch Forschungsgemeinschaft(DFG)



# HIRENASD Layout and Test configuration





# HIRENASD Instrumentation

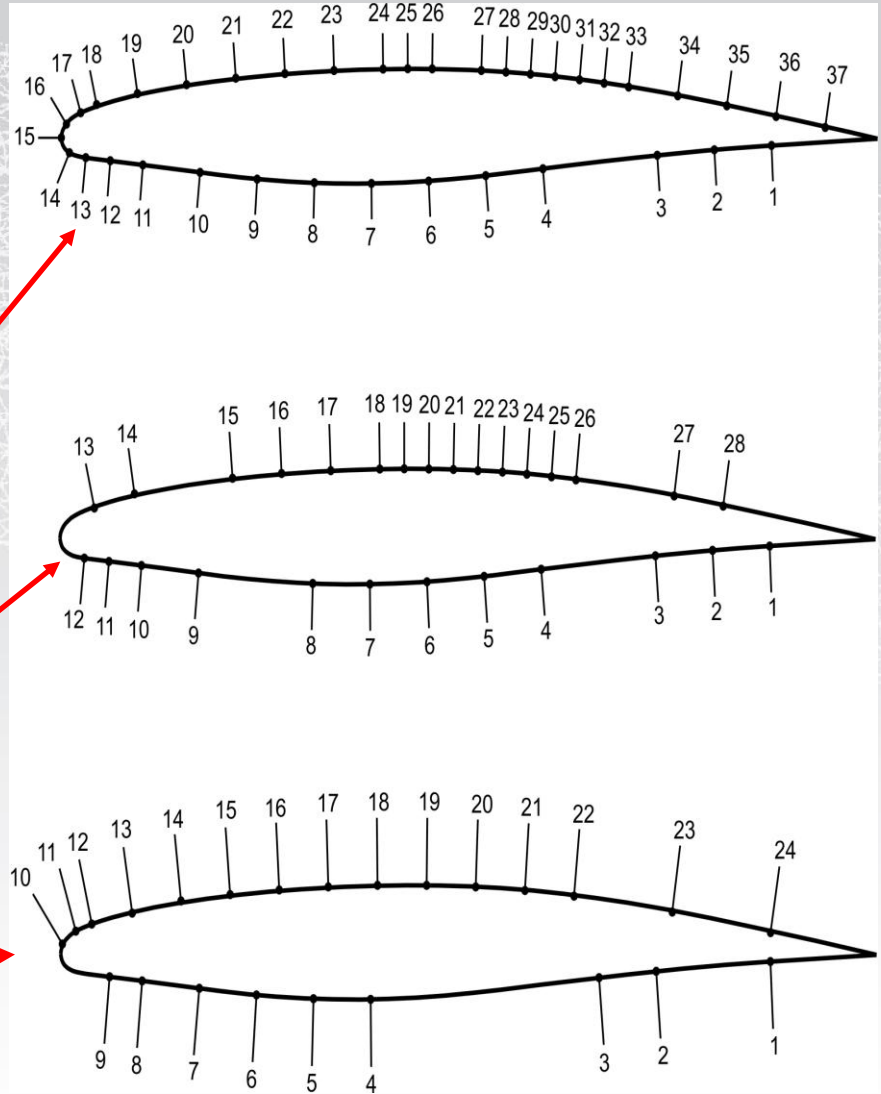
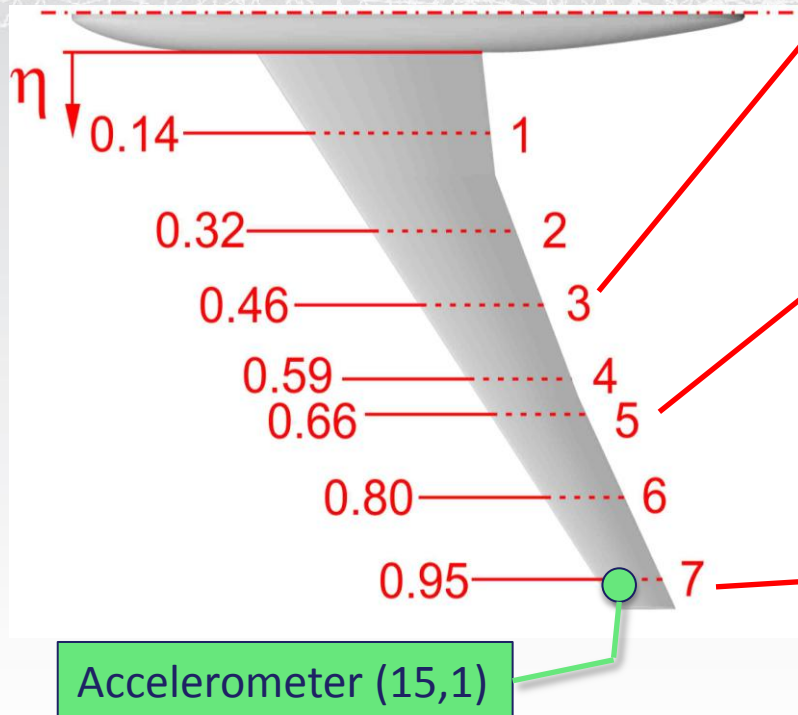
## Pressure Sensors:

259 in-situ unsteady transducers

7 span stations

## Accelerometers:

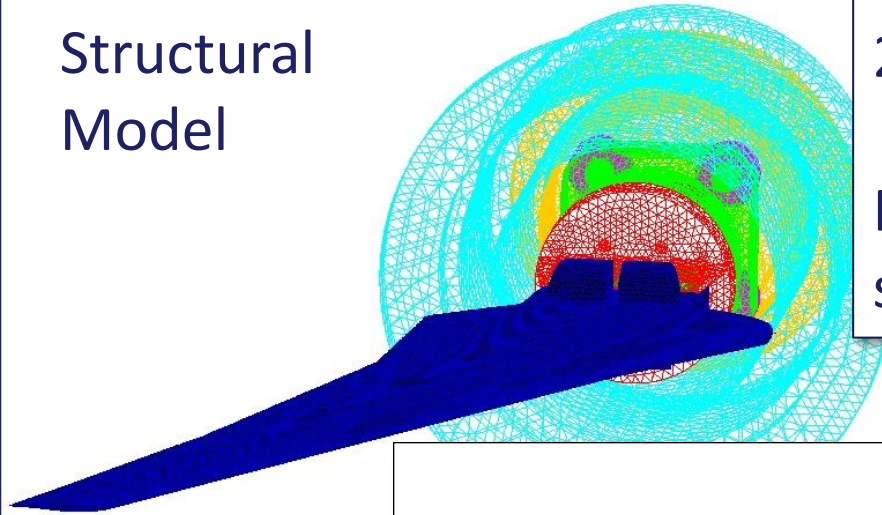
Utilized only data at outboard location, (15,1)





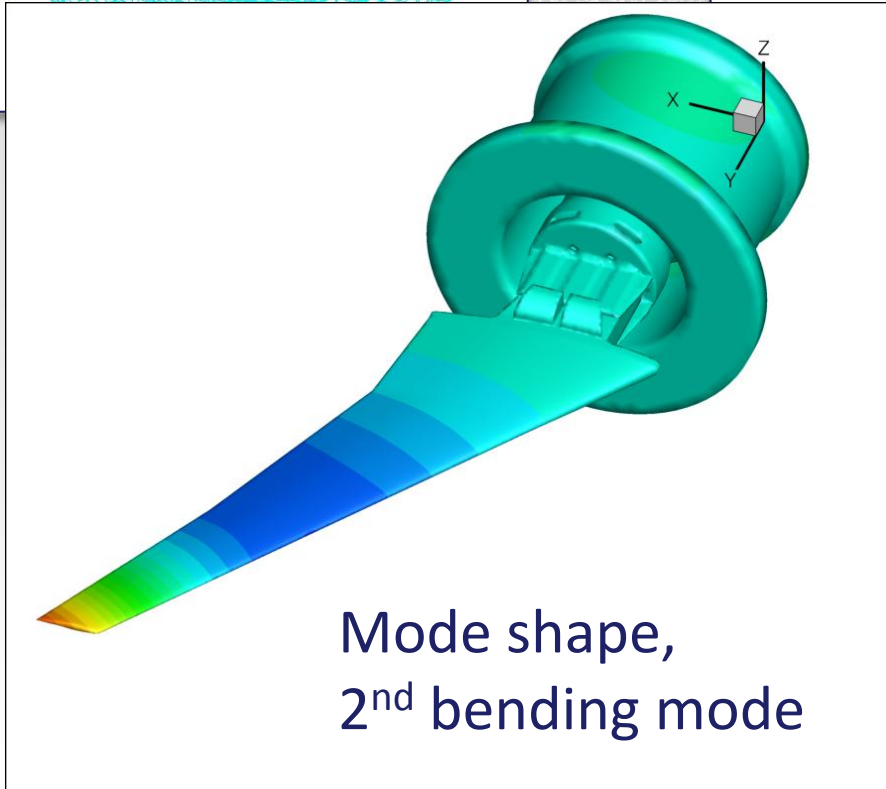
# ***HIRENASD Structural Dynamic Model***

Structural  
Model

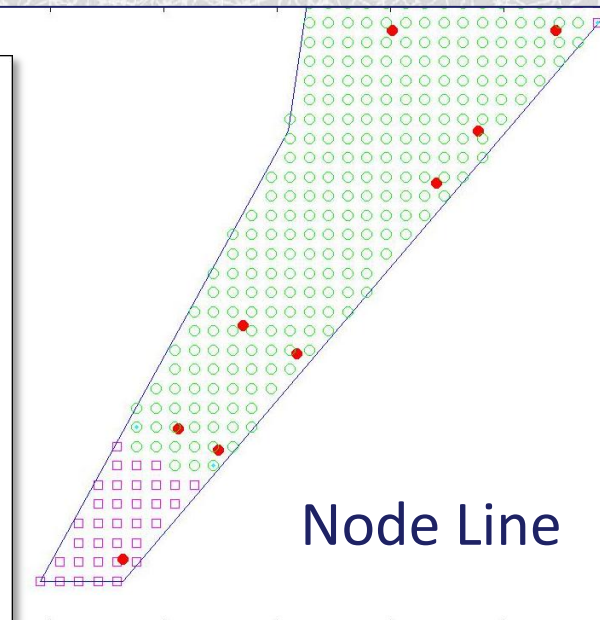


The HIRENASD was excited at the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bending mode frequency,  $\sim 80$  Hz

Forces applied using piezoelectric  
stacks in the mounting hardware



Mode shape,  
2<sup>nd</sup> bending mode



# HIRENASD Instrumentation

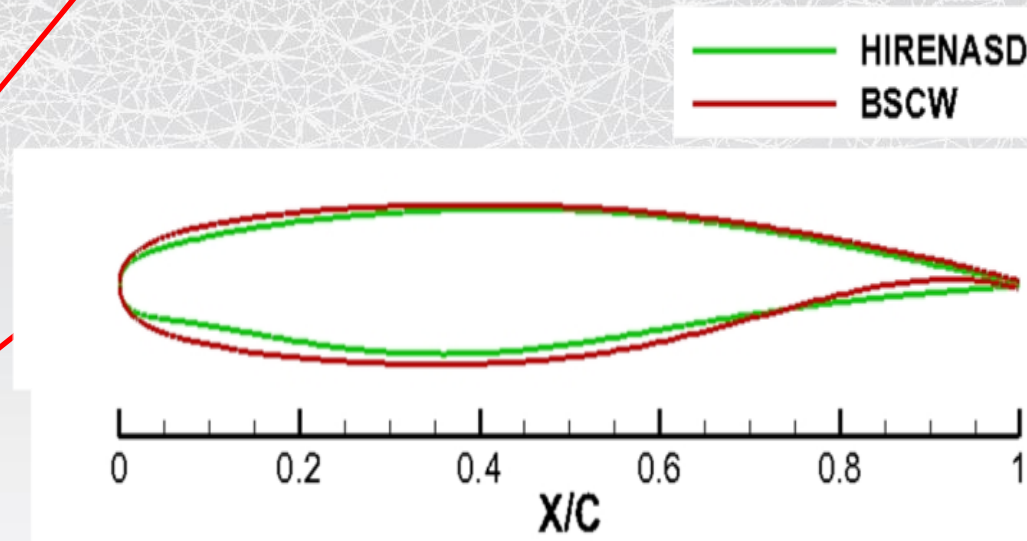
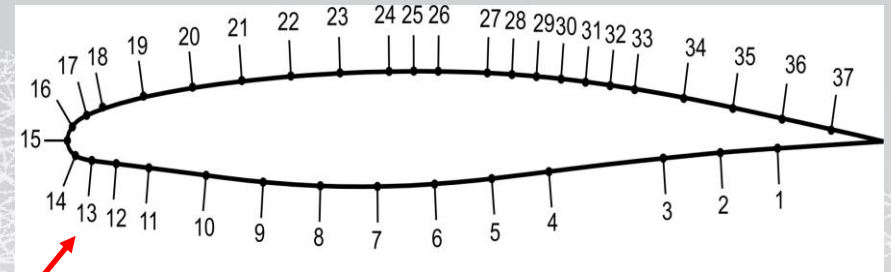
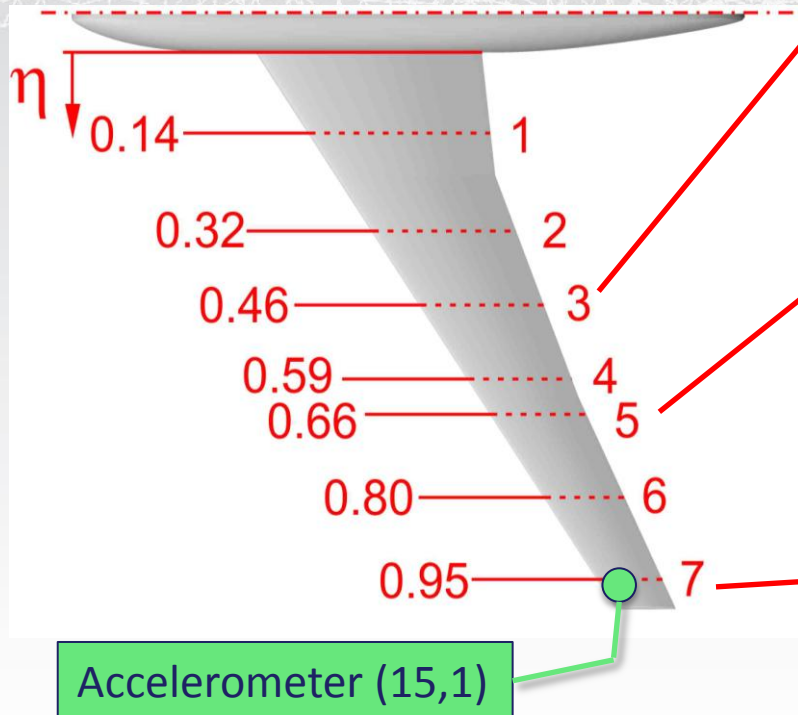
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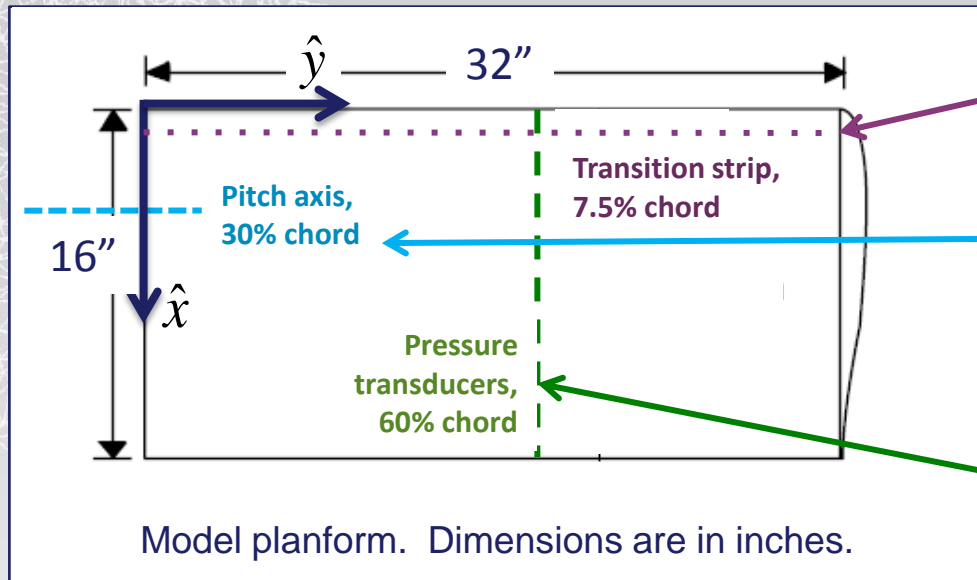
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## Accelerometers:

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# BSCW Test Configuration



Transition Strip:  
7.5% chord

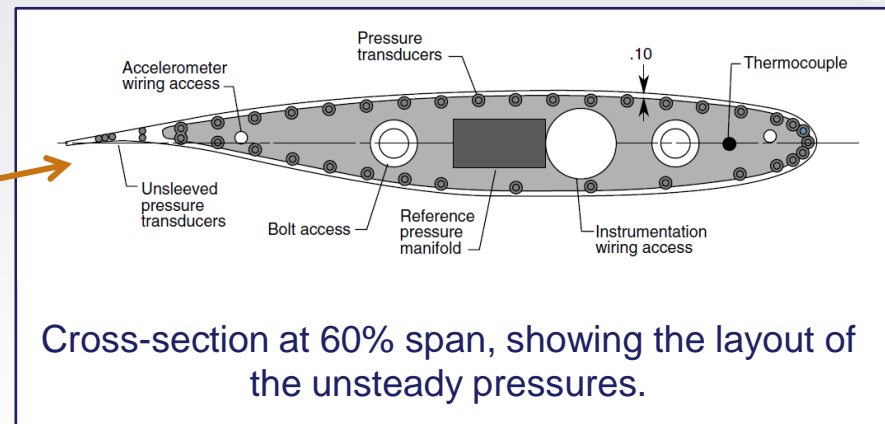
Forced Oscillation:  
Pitching motion  
about 30% chord

## Unsteady Pressure Measurements:

- 1 chord fully-populated at 60% span
- Outboard chord at 95% span NOT populated for this test

## 40 In-Situ Unsteady Pressure Transducers:

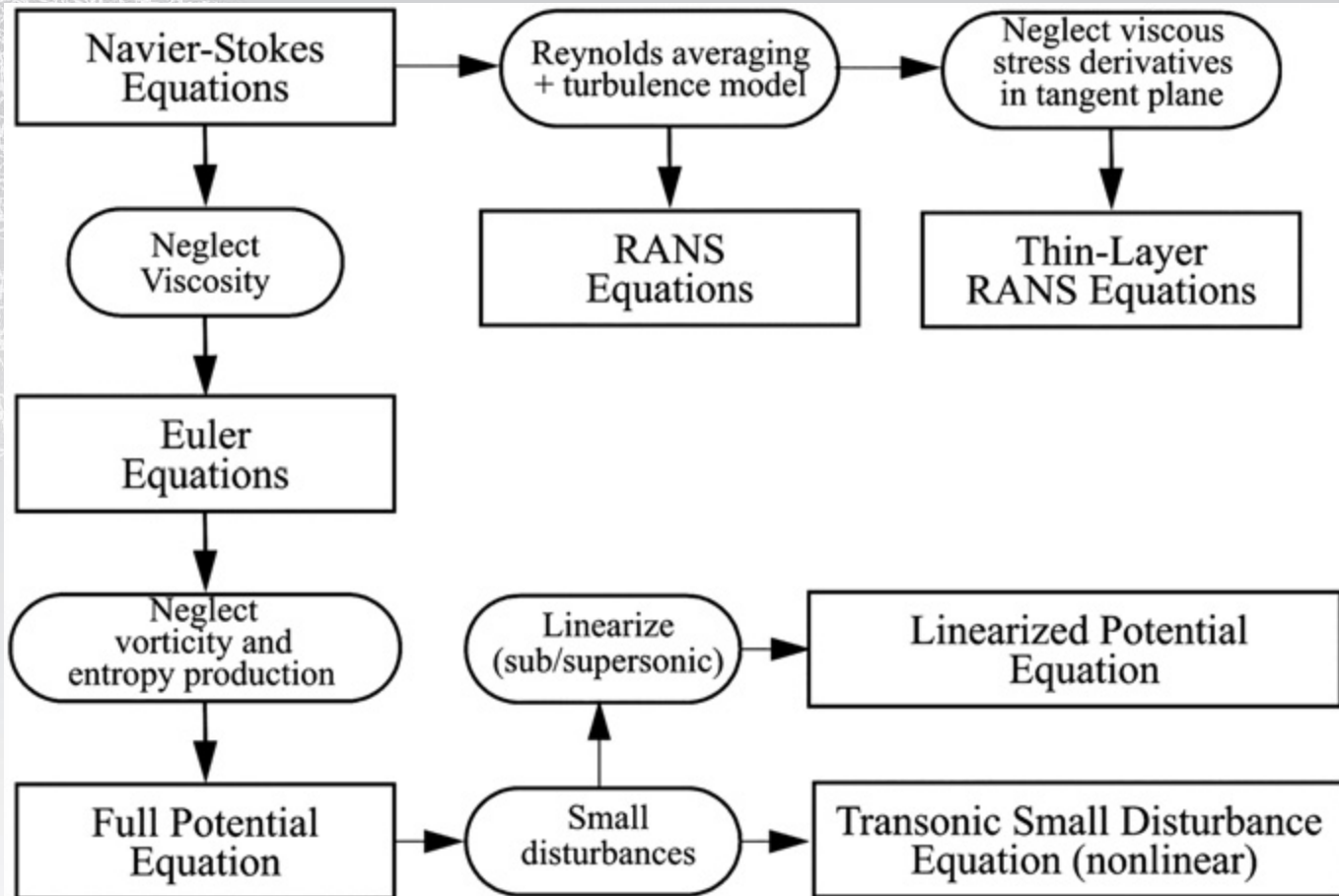
- 22 upper surface
- 17 lower surface
- 1 leading edge



Cross-section at 60% span, showing the layout of the unsteady pressures.



# *From Oddvar's unsteady aero paper*



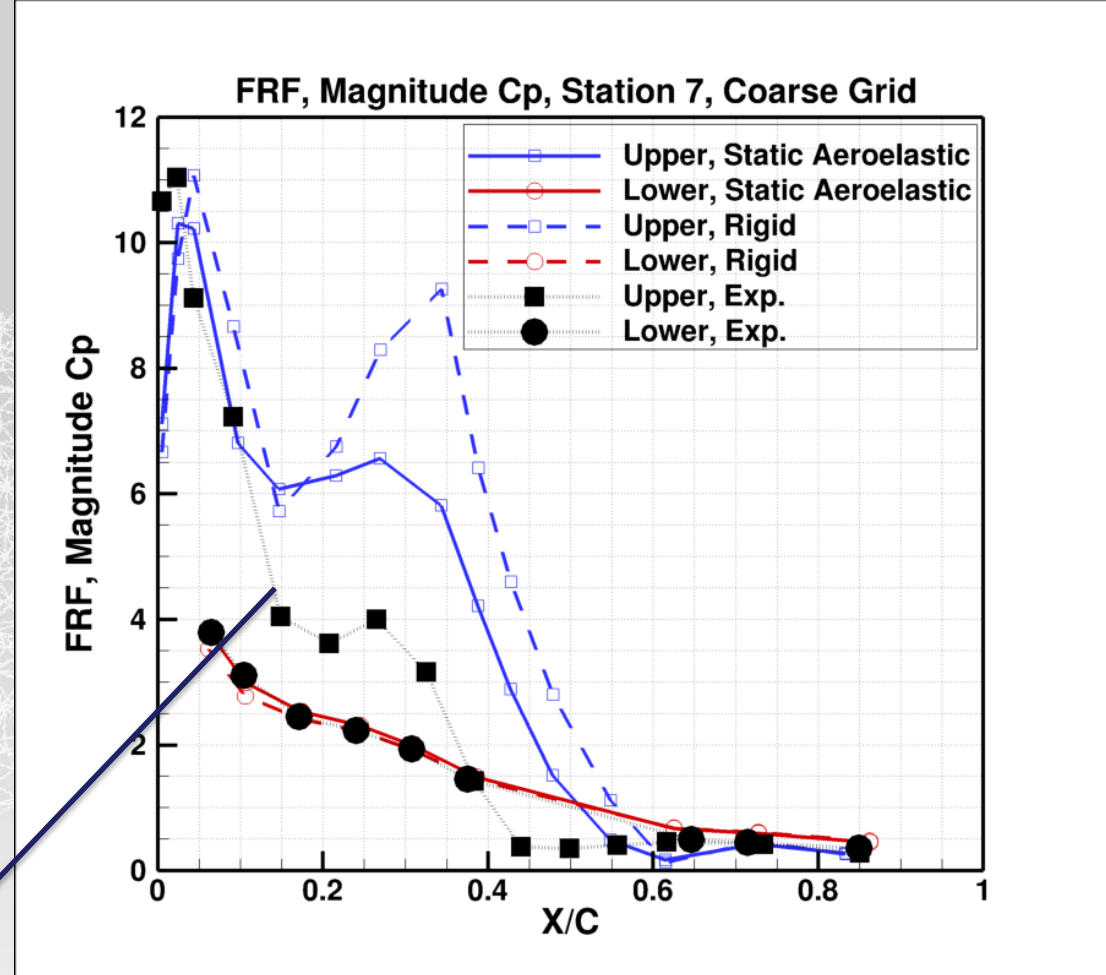
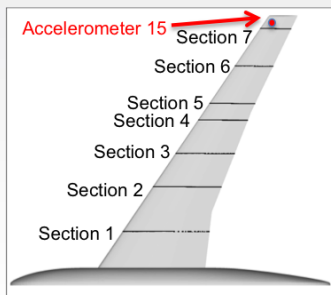
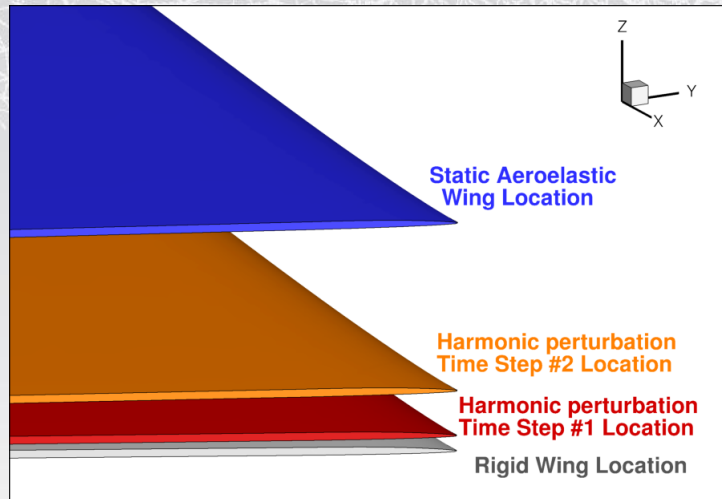
For my personal use only, since I haven't asked Oddvar for permission.

## ***Per Configuration, the biggest lessons learned were...***

- Wall effects
- Separated flow effects
- Initial cut at studying variations with aeroelastic influences; good benchmarking test case

# Influence of static aeroelasticity

Harmonic perturbation around correct initial geometry affects  $C_p$  and frequency response function near the wing tip



Overprediction of the static pressure distribution & Overprediction (larger magnitude of dynamic response) FRFs show more dynamic response (overprediction) for the rigid wing

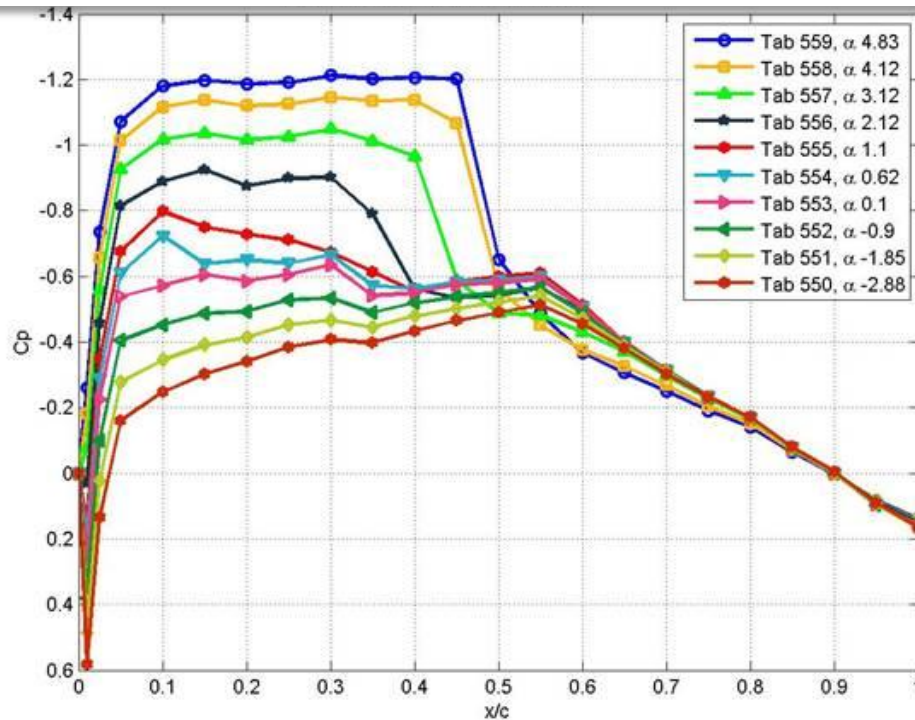


# *In-depth BSCW experimental data reduction*

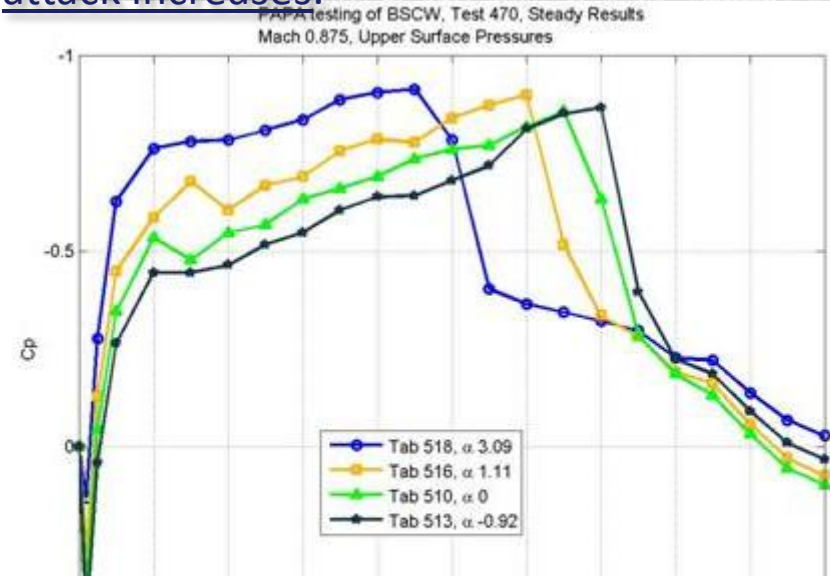
Prior test data of BSCW configuration on a pitch and plunge apparatus.

Unforced system data shows an effect of separation as Mach number increases from Mach 0.8 to 0.875.

At Mach 0.8: Shows shock strengthening and moving towards the trailing edge (aft) as angle of attack increases.



At Mach 0.875, shows the shock strength staying relatively constant and moving towards leading edge (forward) as angle of attack increases.



**Note: AePW test condition is Mach 0.85**