



Unstructured adaptive mesh calculations for NASA TRAP WING using the code HiFUN

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Features of code HIFUN

HIFUN: **H**igh Resolution **F**low Solver on **U**nstructured Meshes

Algorithmic features

- Unstructured cell centre finite volume methodology
- Higher order accuracy: linear reconstruction procedure
- Higher order time accuracy by dual time method
- Flux limiting: Venkatakrishnan Limiter
- Inviscid flux computation: Roe scheme
- Convergence acceleration: matrix free SGS relaxation procedure
- The viscous flux discretization: Green–Gauss procedure
- Eddy viscosity computation: Spalart Allmaras TM
- Parallelization: MPI



Grid strategy

Grid strategy

- Unstructured hybrid grids
 - Prismatic elements in the viscous padding
 - Tetrahedral elements outside the viscous padding
- Far field is placed 150 chords away from wing
- Most of the grids are generated adhering to the guidelines provided by the technical committee of CFD HiLiftPW-1



Configurations

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- Configuration 1 - Slat 30, Flap 25 full span
- Configuration 1 with brackets
- Configuration 8 - Slat 30, Flap 20 full span



Grids

Config	Grid code	NC (million)	Comment
1	UG1	11.85	SPICES09
	UG2	38.60	SPICES09
	CG	7.7	HiLiftPW1
	MG	21.9	HiLiftPW1
	FG	63.3	HiLiftPW1
	AG1	23.95	AdaptedCG
	AG2	50.15	AdaptedAG1
1-WB	CGB	11.26	Recent
	MGB	28.86	Recent
8	MG8	21.41	HiLiftPW1



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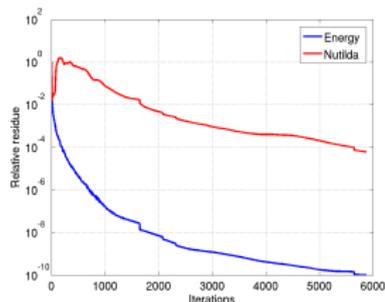
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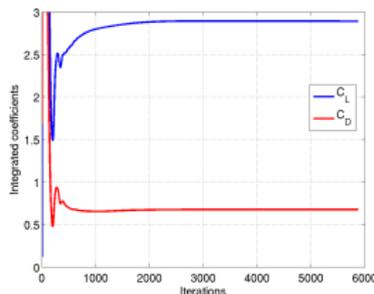


Solution convergence criterion

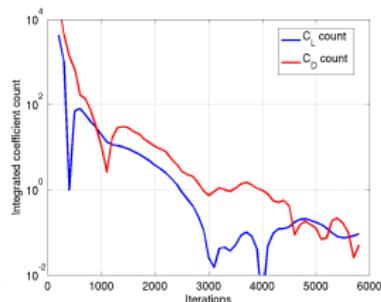
Fine grid (FG) at $\alpha = 28^\circ$



Residue



Coefficients



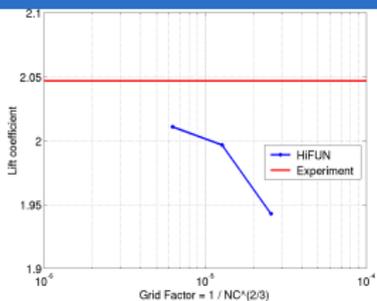
Coefficients count

- Residue fall in energy 10 decades
- Lift/Drage coefficients convergence: less than 0.1 count in 100 iterations

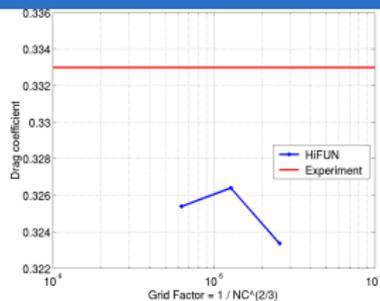


Grid convergence study at $\alpha = 13^\circ$

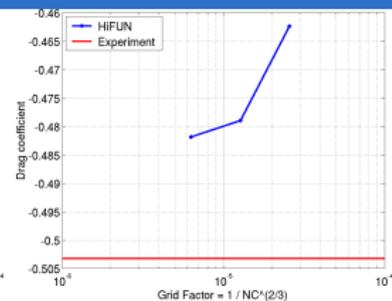
Grids: CG, MG and FG



C_L convergence



C_D convergence



C_M convergence

- C_L and C_M converge monotonically to experimental values
- C_D convergence is non-monotonous

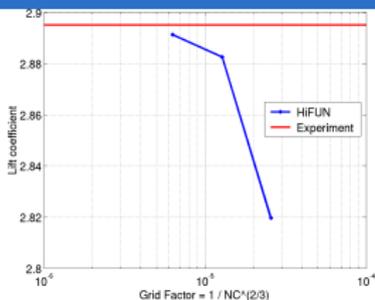
Between Coarse to Fine grids

- Changes in lift, drag and moment counts are 67, 20 and 19 respectively

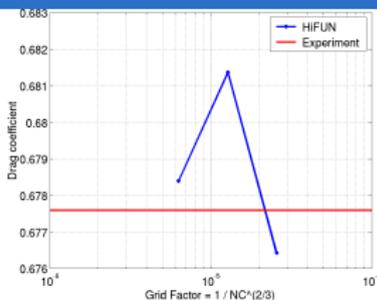


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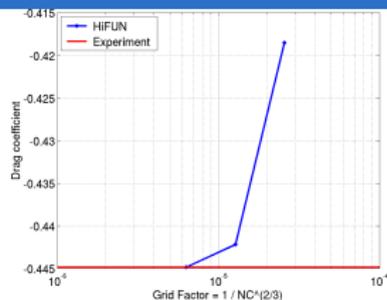
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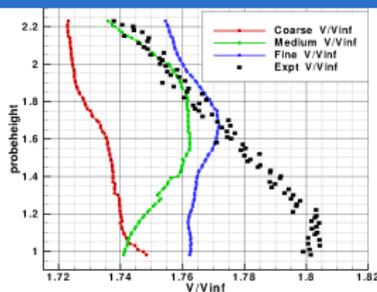
Between Coarse to Fine grids

- Changes in lift, drag and moment counts are 71, 19 and 26 respectively

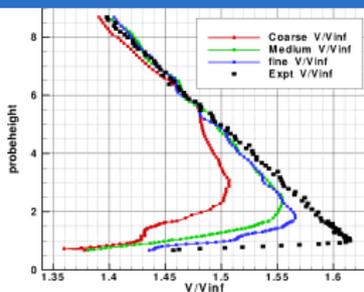


Grid convergence study: Velocity profiles

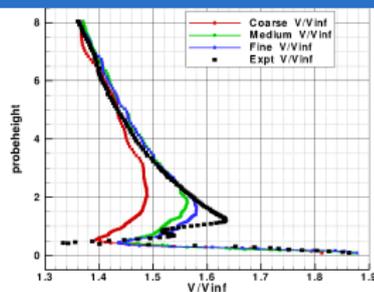
CG, MG and FG: $\alpha = 28^\circ$



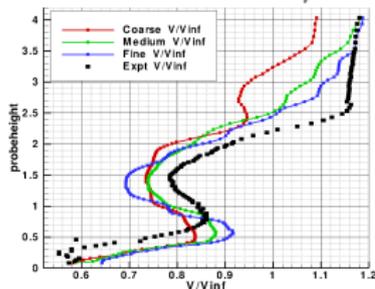
Main, $\eta = 15\%$



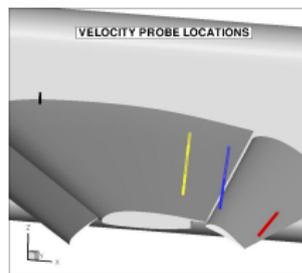
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Flap, $\eta = 83\%$ (front)



Flap, $\eta = 83\%$ (aft)



Probe locations



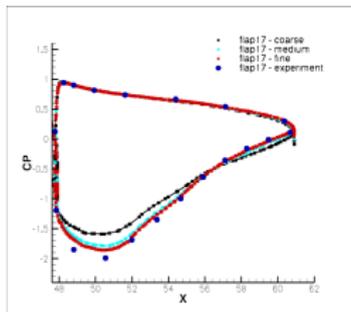
Effect of grid resolution on drag

α°	Grid code	C_{DP}	C_{DV}	C_D	ΔC_{DP}	ΔC_{DV}	ΔC_D
13	CG	0.31280	0.01056	0.32336
	MG	0.31533	0.01107	0.32640	0.00253	0.00052	0.00304
	FG	0.31378	0.01161	0.32540	-0.00155	0.00054	-0.00101
28	CG	0.66631	0.01013	0.67643
	MG	0.67053	0.01084	0.68138	0.00423	0.00072	0.00494
	FG	0.66666	0.01174	0.67840	-0.00387	0.00090	-0.00297

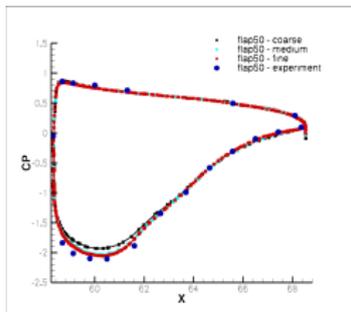
- Pressure drag shows greater dependency on grid refinement than viscous drag



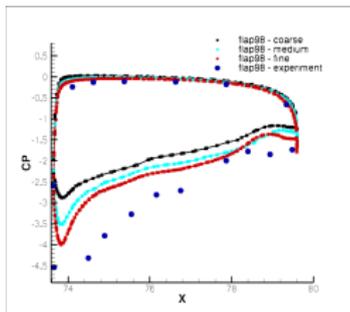
C_p distribution - Flap, $\alpha = 13^\circ$



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50% span

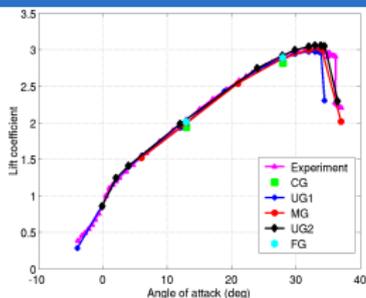


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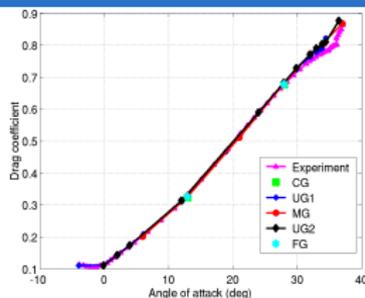
- With grid refinement, pressure distribution moves towards experimental results
- Even fine grid resolution near wing tip is inadequate to capture accurate pressure gradients due to vortical flow



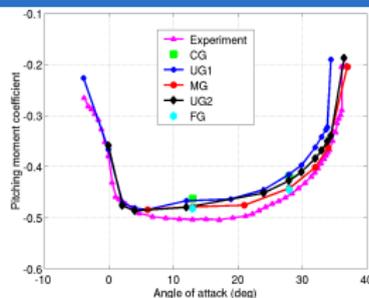
α sweep study



Lift



Drag



Moment

- Computed lift and drag coefficients show excellent comparison with experiments
- Computed pitching moment coefficient curve shows deviation from experimental results
 - Lack of grid resolution in tip region?
 - Effect of brackets?



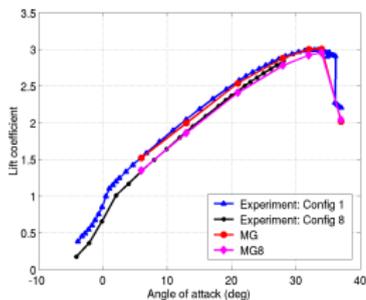
Maximum lift coefficient

	α_{max}	CL_{max}
UG1	32	2.9735
UG2	33	3.0565
Experiment	32.993	3.0306

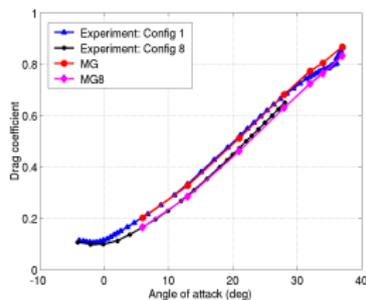
- Excellent comparisons can be seen for α_{max} and CL_{max} with experimental values



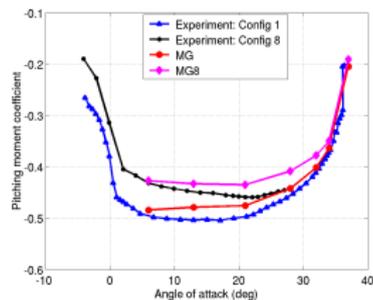
Flap setting study



Lift



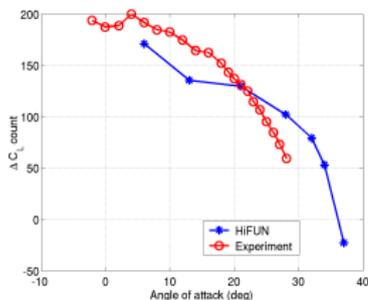
Drag



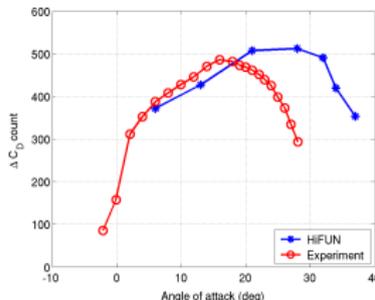
Moment



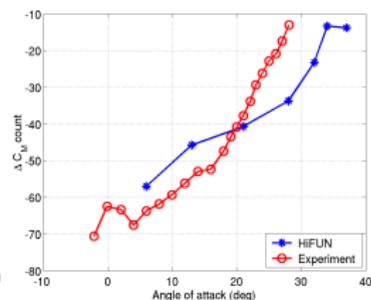
ΔC_L , ΔC_D and ΔC_M count



ΔC_L count



ΔC_D count



ΔC_M count

$$\Delta(\cdot) = (\cdot)_{config1} - (\cdot)_{config8}$$



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Adaptive calculations

Solution based adaptation

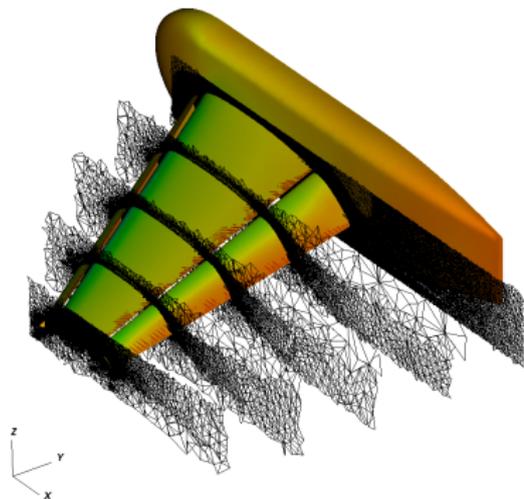
- Hybrid
- R-parameter + divergence / curl
- Adaptation effected outside viscous padding
 - Pressure drag sensitive to flow curvatures
 - Viscous drag depends on boundary layer padding
 - Use fine viscous padding and effect adaptation outside padding

Reference: R-parameter

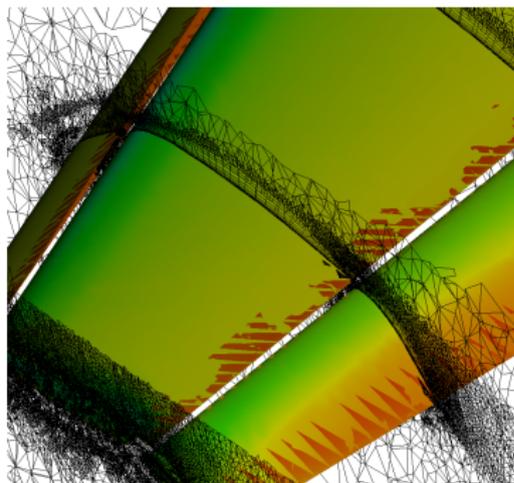
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Adapted grids



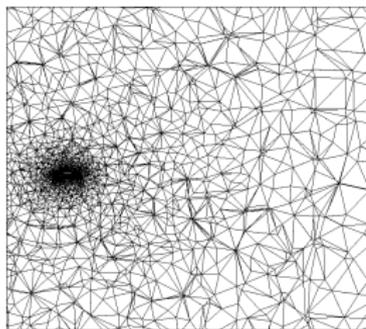
Adapted grid AG2



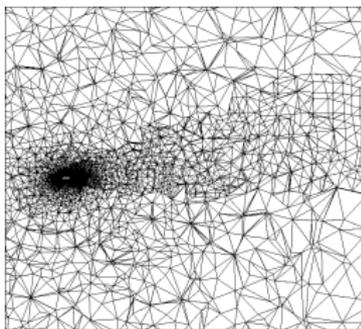
Zoom view of grid AG2



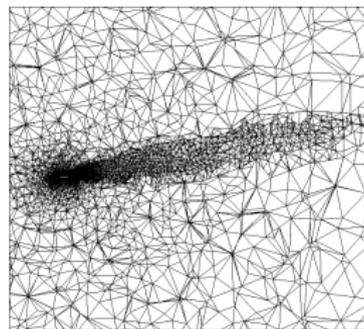
Grid cut views



Level 0



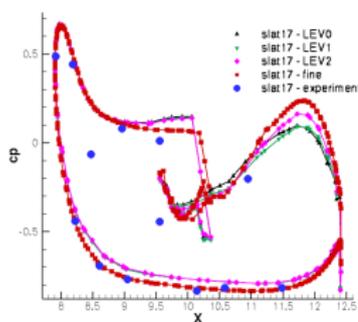
Level 1



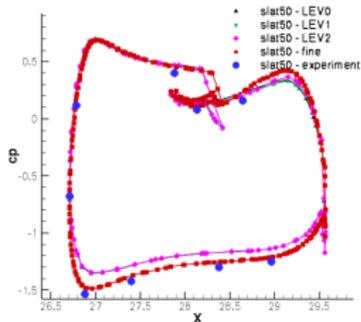
Level 2

Grid sections at 98% wingspan for various adaption levels

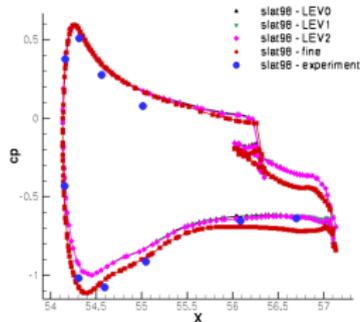
Adapted grids - C_p distribution (Slat)



17% span



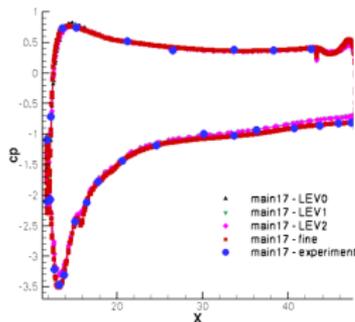
50% span



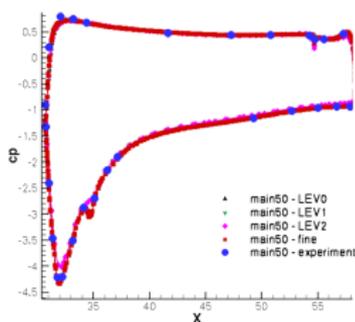
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- No significant effect of adaptation in slat region

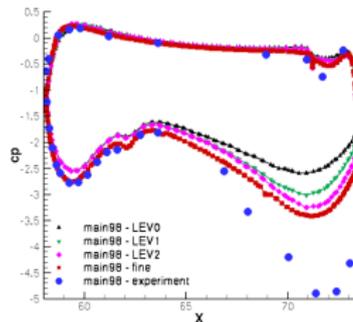
Adapted grids - C_p distribution (Main)



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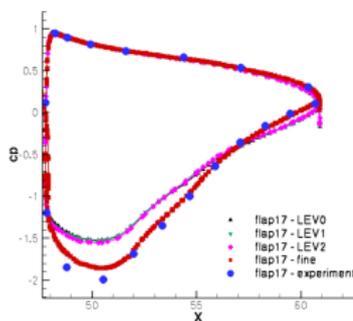
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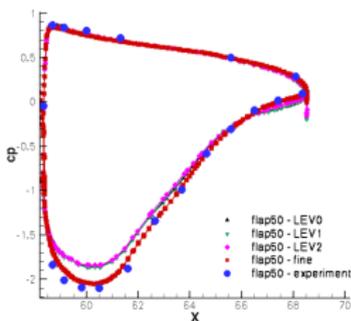
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- Pressure distribution becomes progressively better with adaptation
- Still grid resolution is not sufficient near tip region

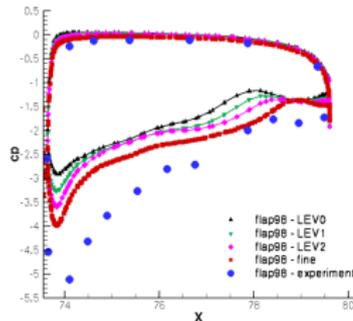
Adapted grids - C_p distribution (Flap)



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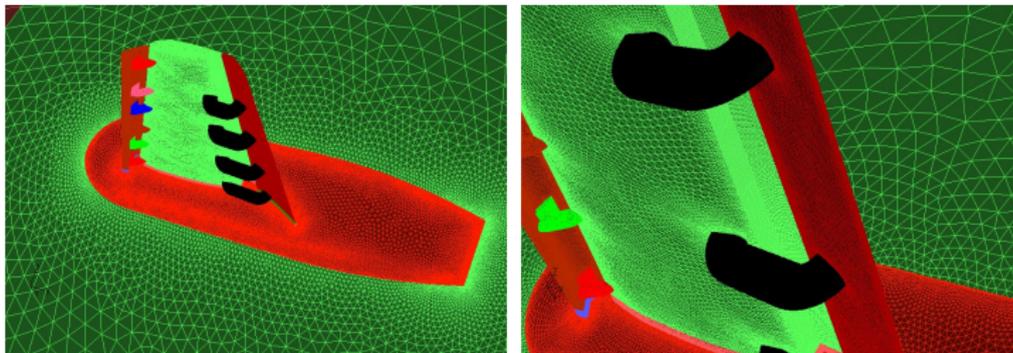
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Bracket effect



Surface grid with brackets



Bracket effect

Configuration	Grid code	C_L	C_D	C_M
1 without brackets	CG	1.9429	0.3237	-0.4623
1 with brackets	CGB	1.9714	0.3261	-0.4668
1 without brackets	MG	1.9967	0.3264	-0.4789
1 with brackets	MGB	2.0008	0.3283	-0.4774
1 with brackets	Experiments	2.0468	0.3330	-0.5032

$$\alpha = 13^\circ$$

- C_L and C_D computed with the bracket show better match with the experiments
- Computations without the bracket show better performance in terms of C_M prediction



Bracket effect

Configuration	Grid code	C_L	C_D	C_M
1 without brackets	CG	2.8197	0.6764	-0.4185
1 with brackets	CGB	2.2987	0.6295	-0.3427
1 without brackets	MG	2.8826	0.6814	-0.4421
1 with brackets	MGB	2.7638	0.6476	-0.4095
1 with brackets	Experiments	2.8952	0.6776	-0.4559

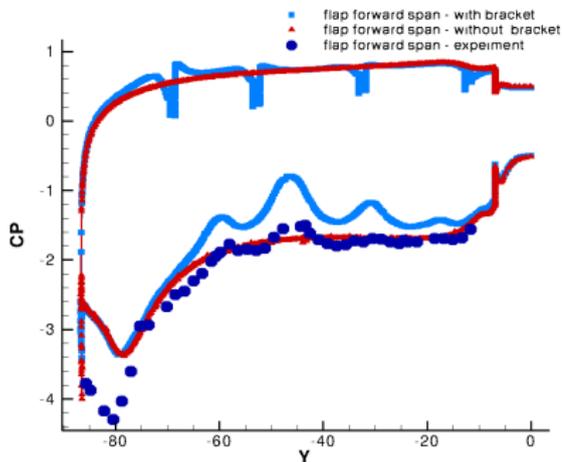
$\alpha = 28^\circ$

- C_L , C_D and C_M computed without the bracket show better match with the experiments

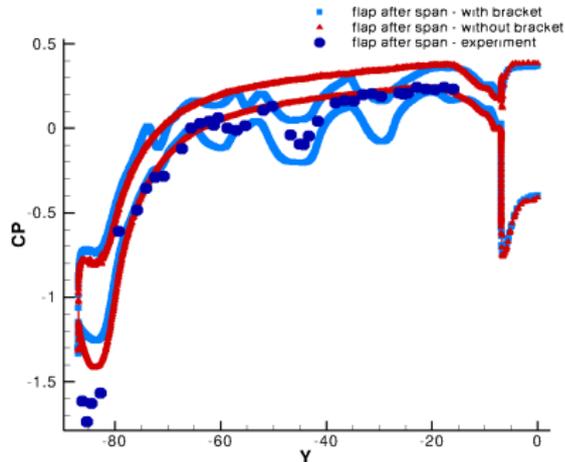


Bracket effect: C_p distribution

Spanwise flap pressure distribution, $\alpha = 28^\circ$



Forward chord location

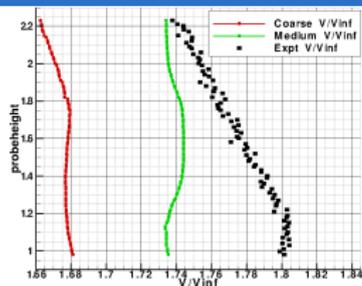


Aft chord location

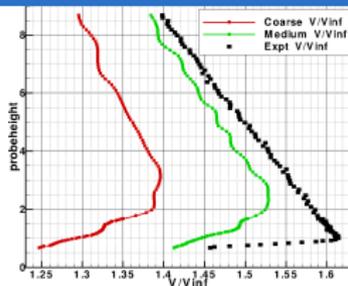


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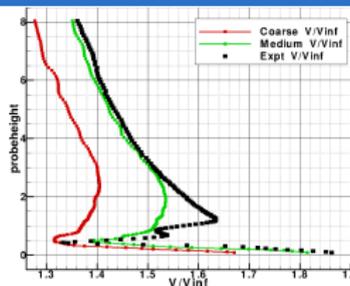
CGB and MGB: $\alpha = 28^\circ$



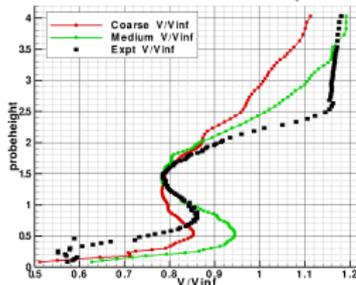
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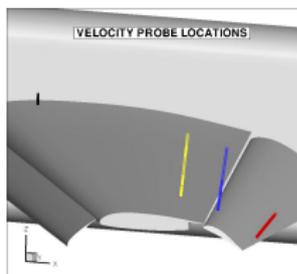
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Flap, $\eta = 83\%$ (front)



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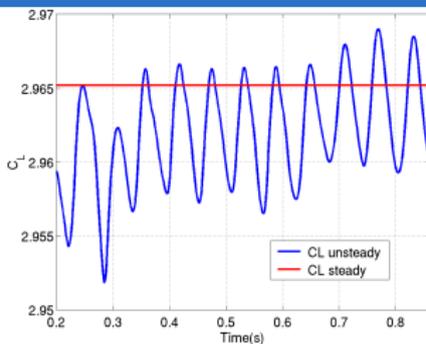
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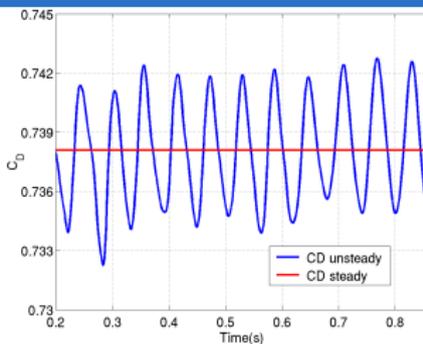
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Unsteady computations, $\alpha = 30.44^\circ$



Evolution of C_L



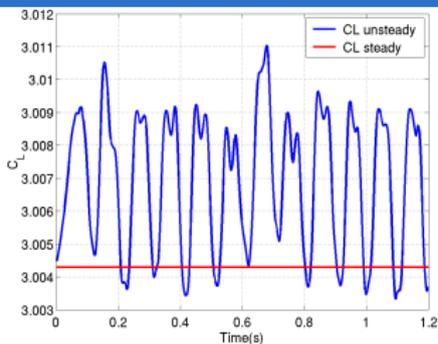
Evolution of C_D

α°	Physical time step	Strouhal number
30.440	0.0025	0.2362

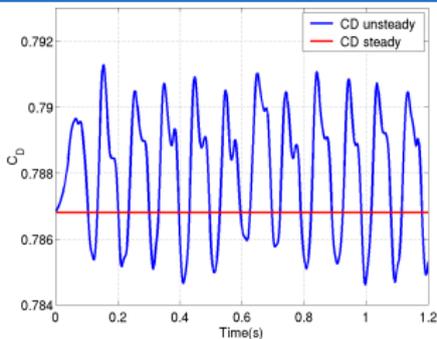
- Lift and drag coefficients vary by about 5 and 50 counts respectively



Unsteady computations, $\alpha = 32.942^\circ$



Evolution of C_L



Evolution of C_D

α°	Physical time step	Strouhal number
32.942	0.0025	0.1554

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Concluding remarks

Conclusions

- High lift computations for configurations 1 and 8 of NASA Trap Wing on various hybrid unstructured grids using flow solver HiFUN are presented
- The ability of code HiFUN to accurately predict integrated force coefficients has been demonstrated
- Though the solution adaptive grids show promise in terms of capturing more accurate pressure distribution compared to the base grid, further analysis is needed to understand their ability to predict accurate integrated force and moment coefficients



Concluding remarks

Conclusions continued

- Inclusion of brackets does not seem to enhance the accuracy of prediction of integrated coefficients
- Unsteady computations reveal that the flow is grossly steady even at higher incidences near maximum lift coefficient



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