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High Lift Prediction using the Edge solver

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Contribution

- Calculations with Edge solver
 - Hybrid unstructured grids
- One family of grids computed
 - Provided by DLR, (Unst-Mixed-Nodecentered-B-v1)
- Mandatory Case1
 - Configuration 1, slat 30°, flap 25°
 - Grid convergence study, coarse-medium-fine grids, $\alpha=13^\circ$ + $\alpha=28^\circ$
- Mandatory Case2
 - Configuration 1, slat 30°, flap 25°
 - Configuration 2, slat 30°, flap 20°
 - Polar for medium grids
- Optional Case3
 - Configuration 1, slat 30°, flap 25°
 - Brackets (flap + slat support) included
 - $\alpha=13^\circ$ and $\alpha=28^\circ$

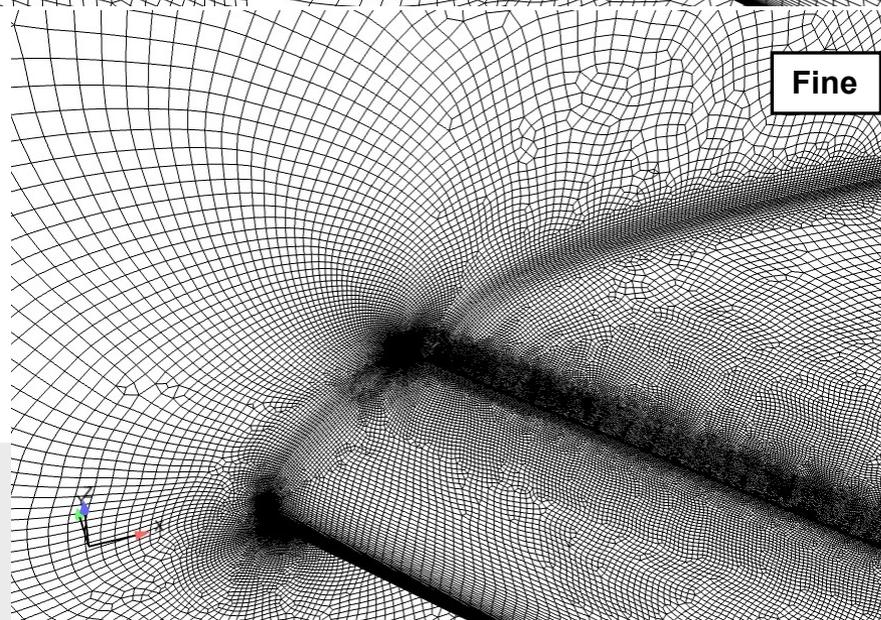
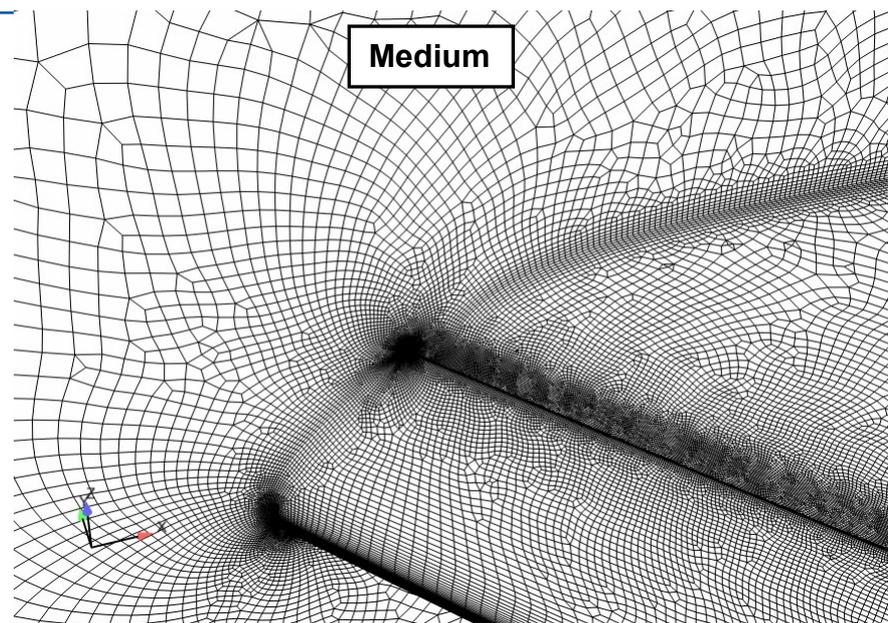
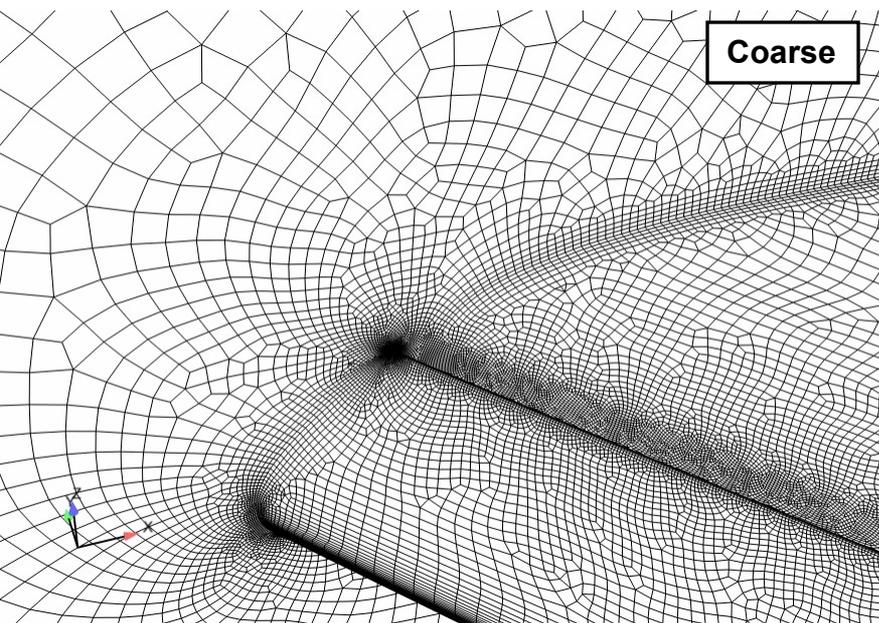
Selected grids

- DLR grids generated with SOLAR grid generator

DLR grids, Config 1	Coarse	Medium	Fine
# nodes	12.3×10^6	37.0×10^6	110.7×10^6
# boundary nodes	328×10^3	683×10^3	1421×10^3
# hexahedral elements	11.2×10^6	34.1×10^6	103.3×10^6
# prisms	42×10^3	92×10^3	217×10^3
# tetrahedral elements	5.3×10^6	13.3×10^6	36.3×10^6

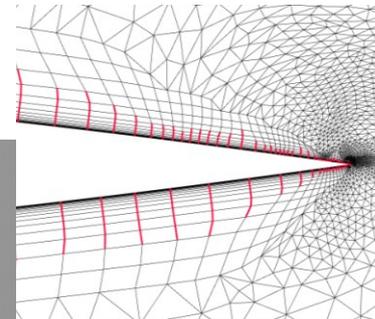
- Config 8 and Config 1 with bracket similar in size to medium grid

Grid pictures, slat-fuselage junction, Config 1



Computational information

- Edge in-house code for unstructured grids
- Finite volume, **node centered**, edge-based
- 3-4 level W-cycles, full multigrid
 - Semi coarsening, 1:4
- 3-stage Runge-Kutta scheme, CFL=1.25
- Central scheme with artificial dissipation for mean flow and turbulence
- All solutions started from free stream
- Full NS, compact discretization of normal derivatives
- Linux cluster used, up to 128 processors
 - Computing time ~ (128*) 24 hours for finest grids (~110 M nodes)
- Weak boundary conditions on all variables including no-slip velocity
 - AIAA 2009-3551
- Line-implicit time integration in regions with stretched grids
 - AIAA 2009-163



Turbulence models

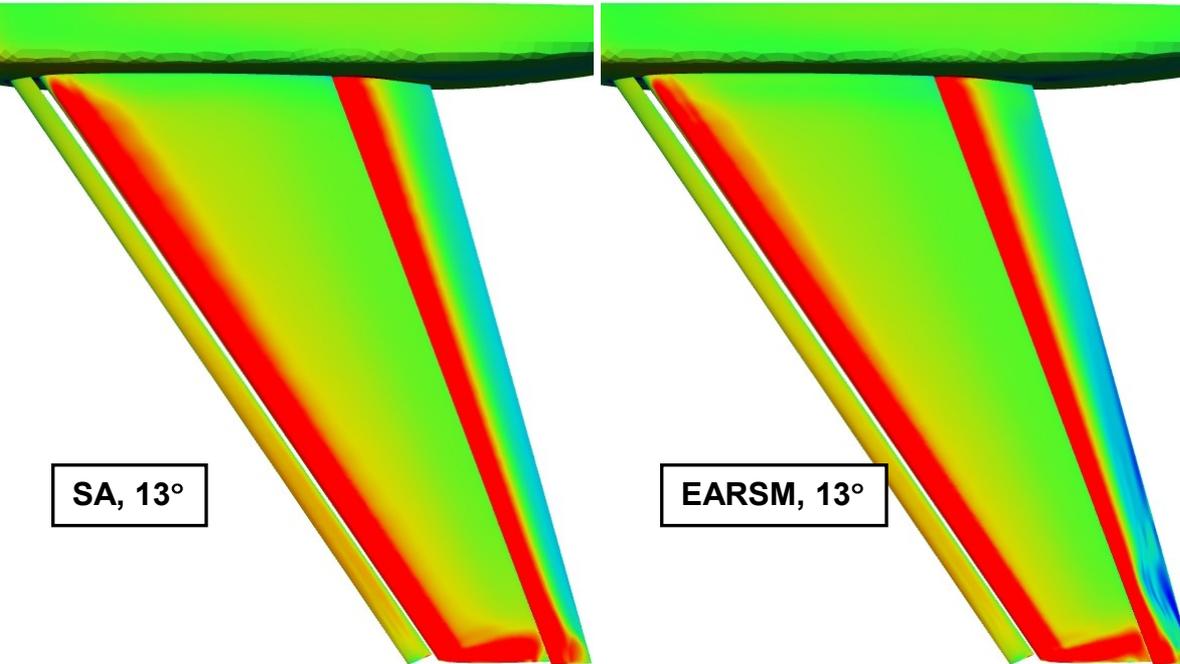
All grids:

- Spalart-Allmaras model
 - AIAA Paper 92-0439

Additional investigation of turbulence models. Coarse grid, Config 1

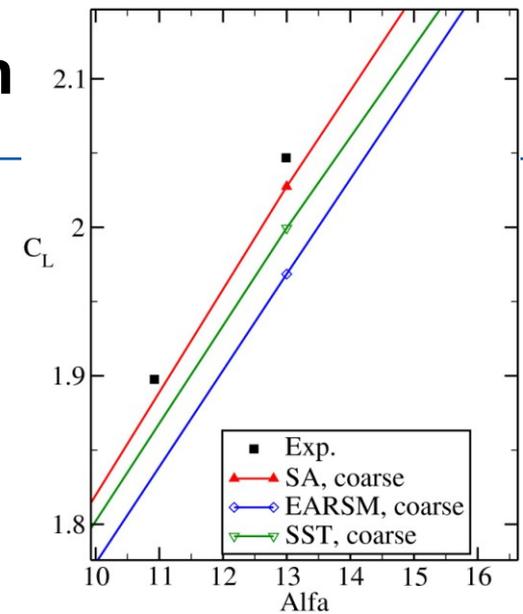
- Hellsten k- ω EARSM for the turbulence
 - AIAA Journal, Vol. 43, 2005
- Menter k- ω SST
 - ASME Journal of Fluids Engineering , Vol. 119, 1997

Turbulence models, motivation



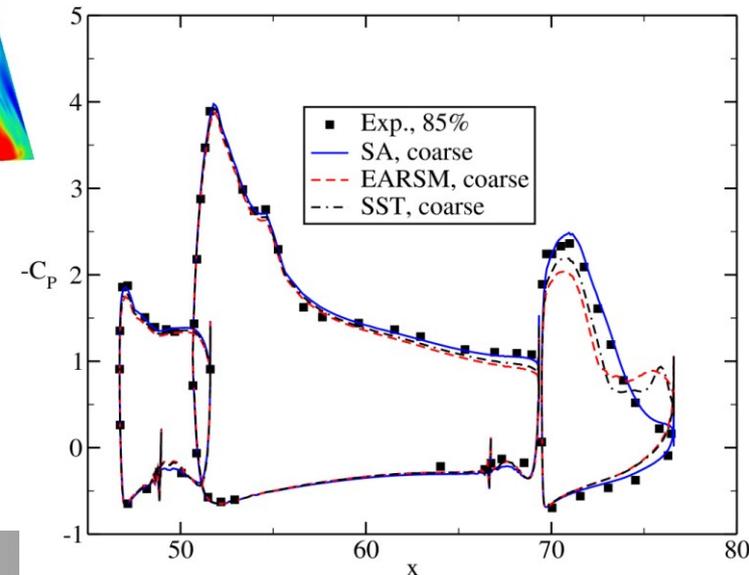
SA, 13°

EARSM, 13°

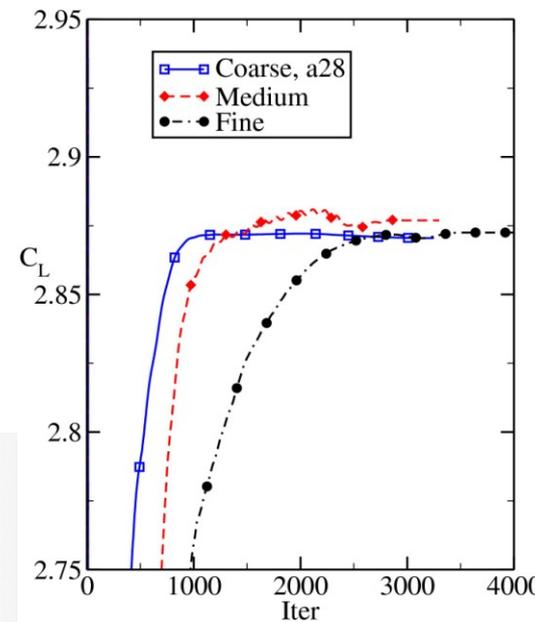
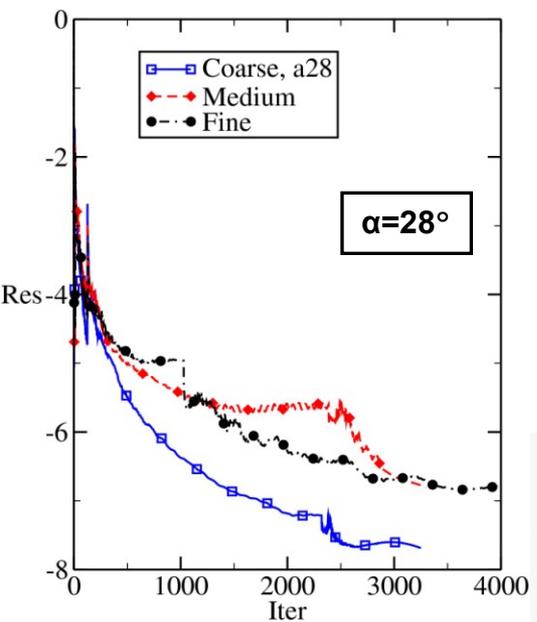
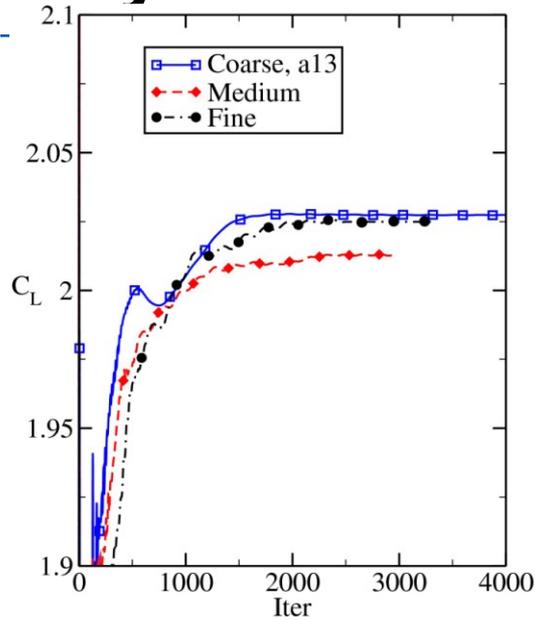
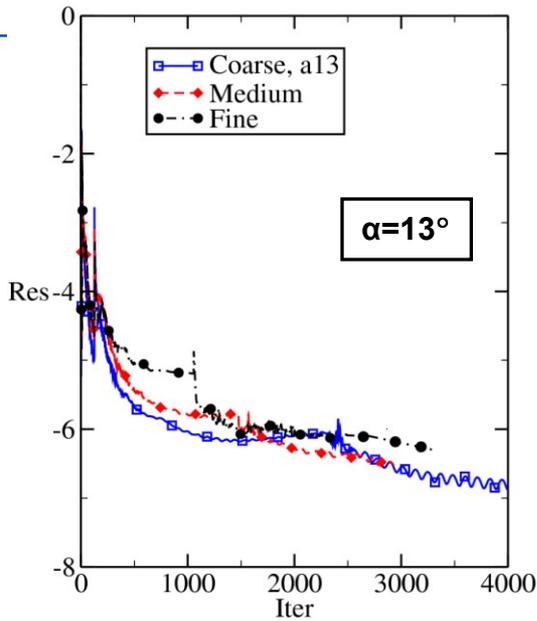


Initial calculations on coarse grid Config 1

- Lower lift with EARSM and SA at $\alpha = 13^\circ$
- Separation at outer part of flap
- Similar on medium grid
- ⇒ Stay with SA

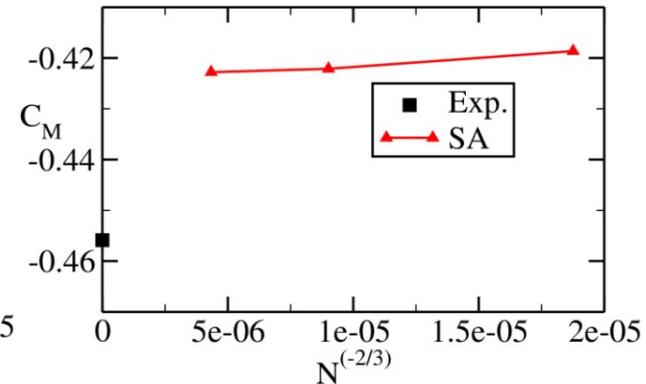
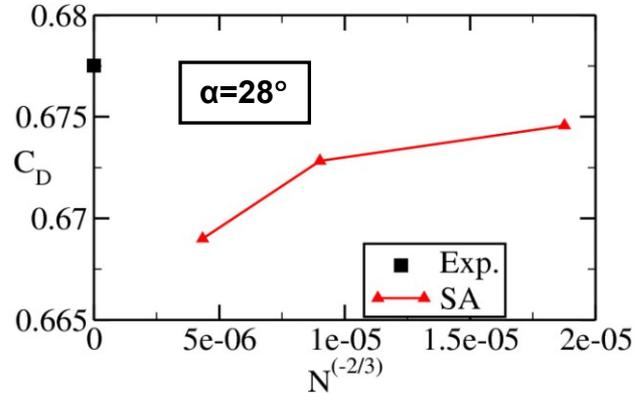
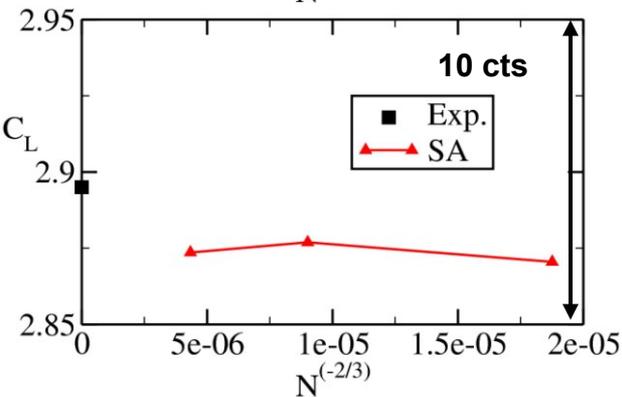
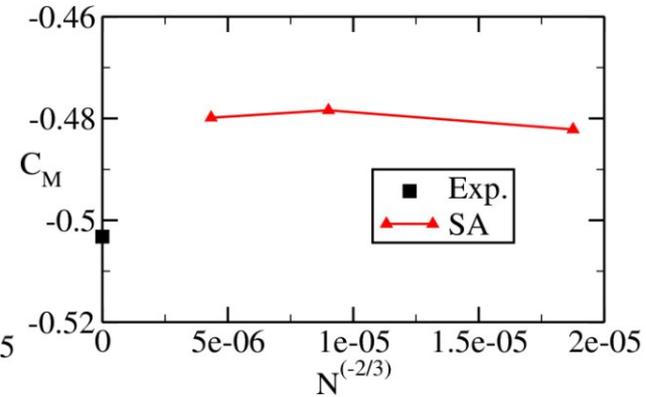
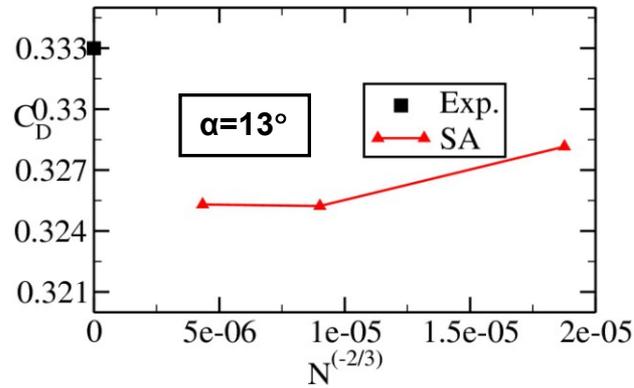
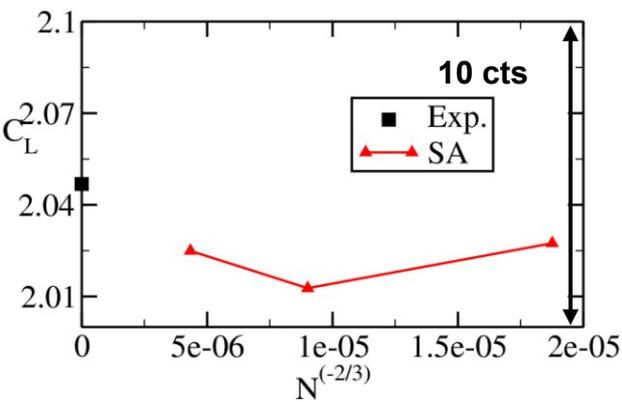


Steady state convergence



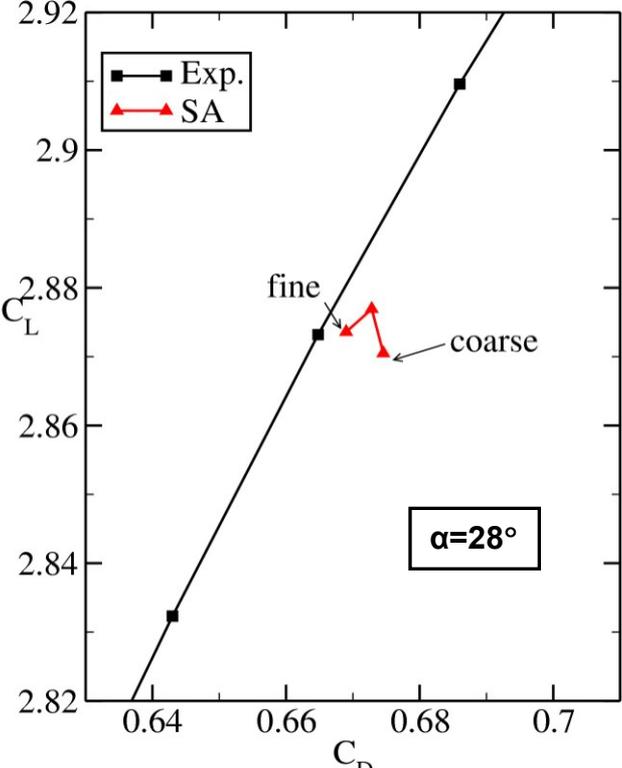
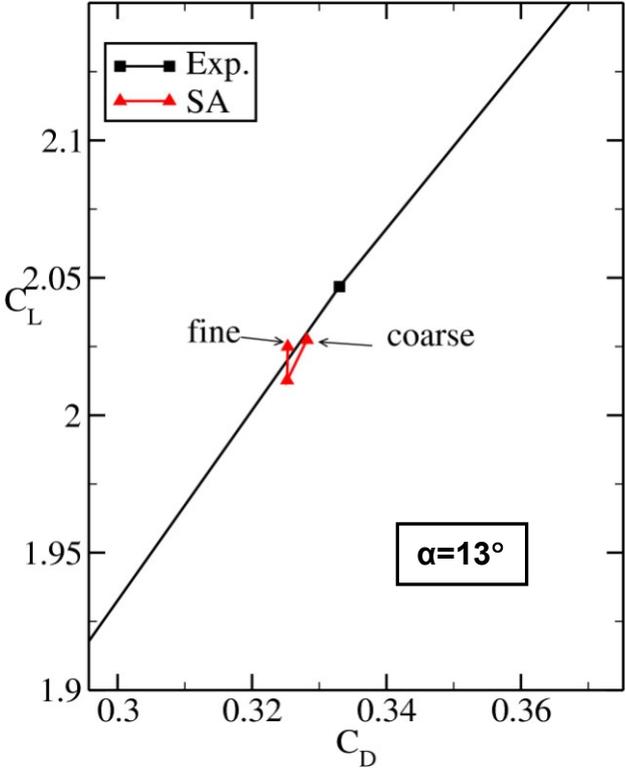
- Coarse-medium-fine grids
- 2500-3500 fine grid iterations

Grid convergence, Config 1



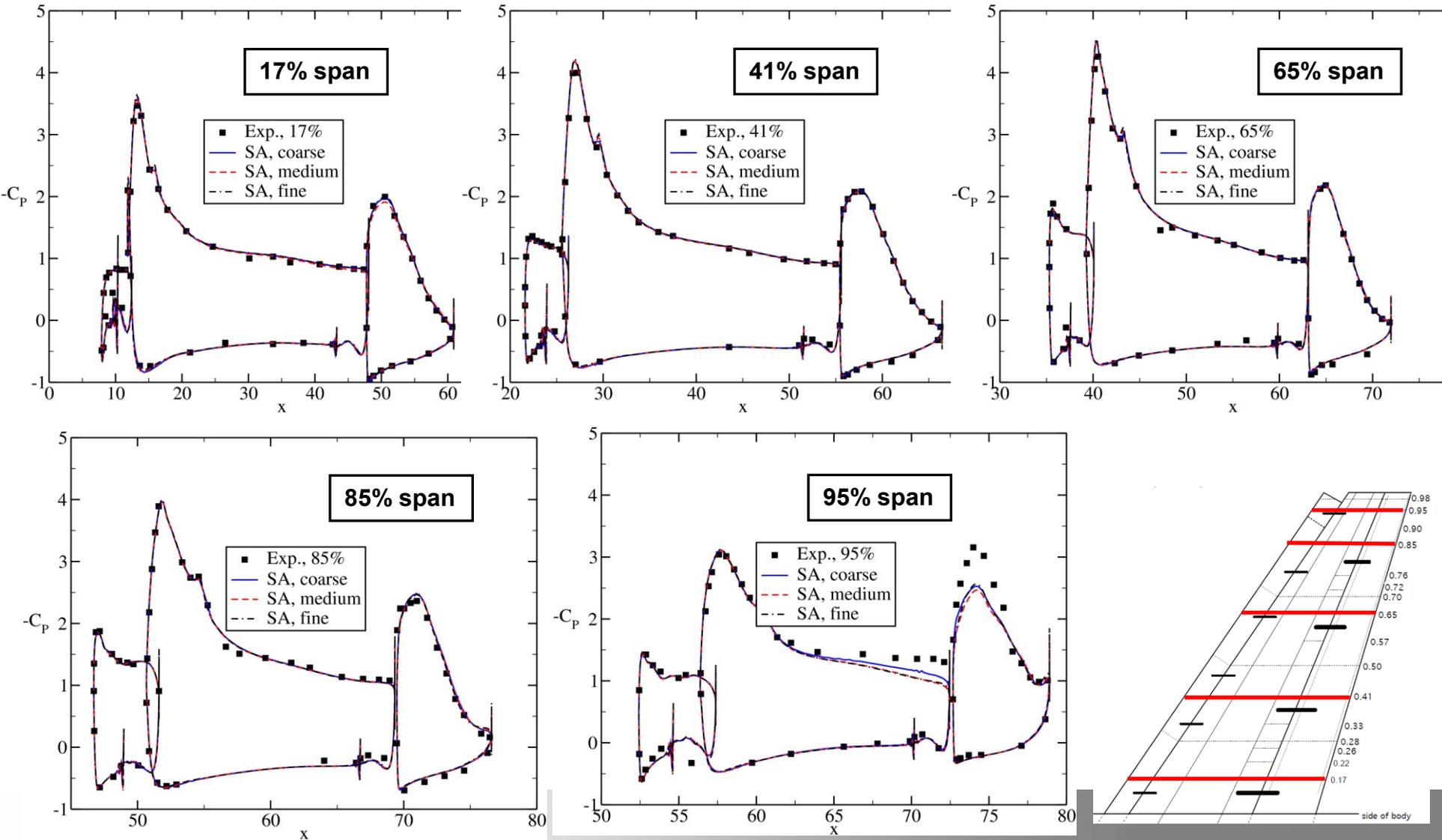
- Reasonable grid convergence
 - Not monotone but small differences between grids

Grid convergence, Config 1

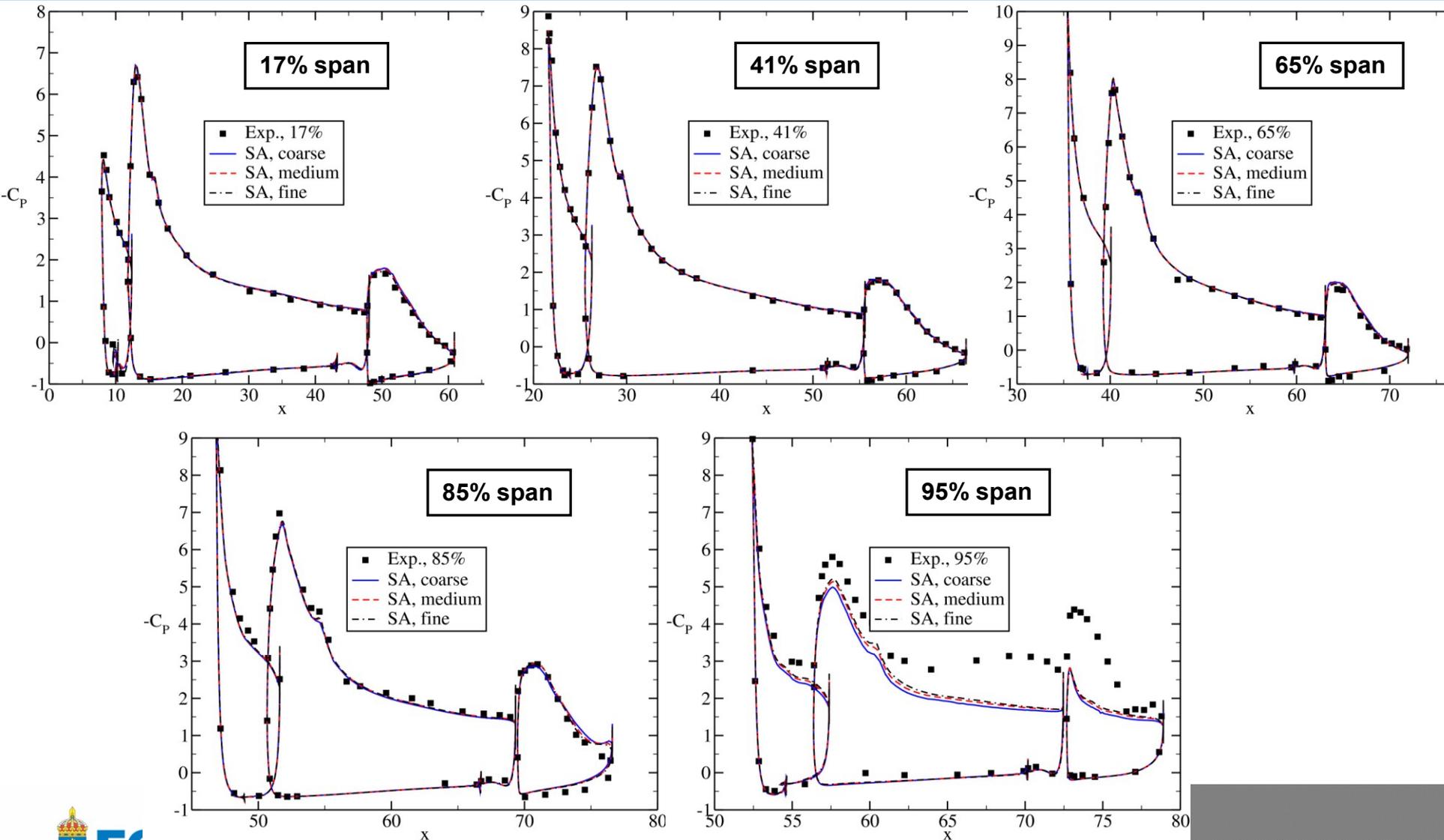


■ Reasonable grid convergence

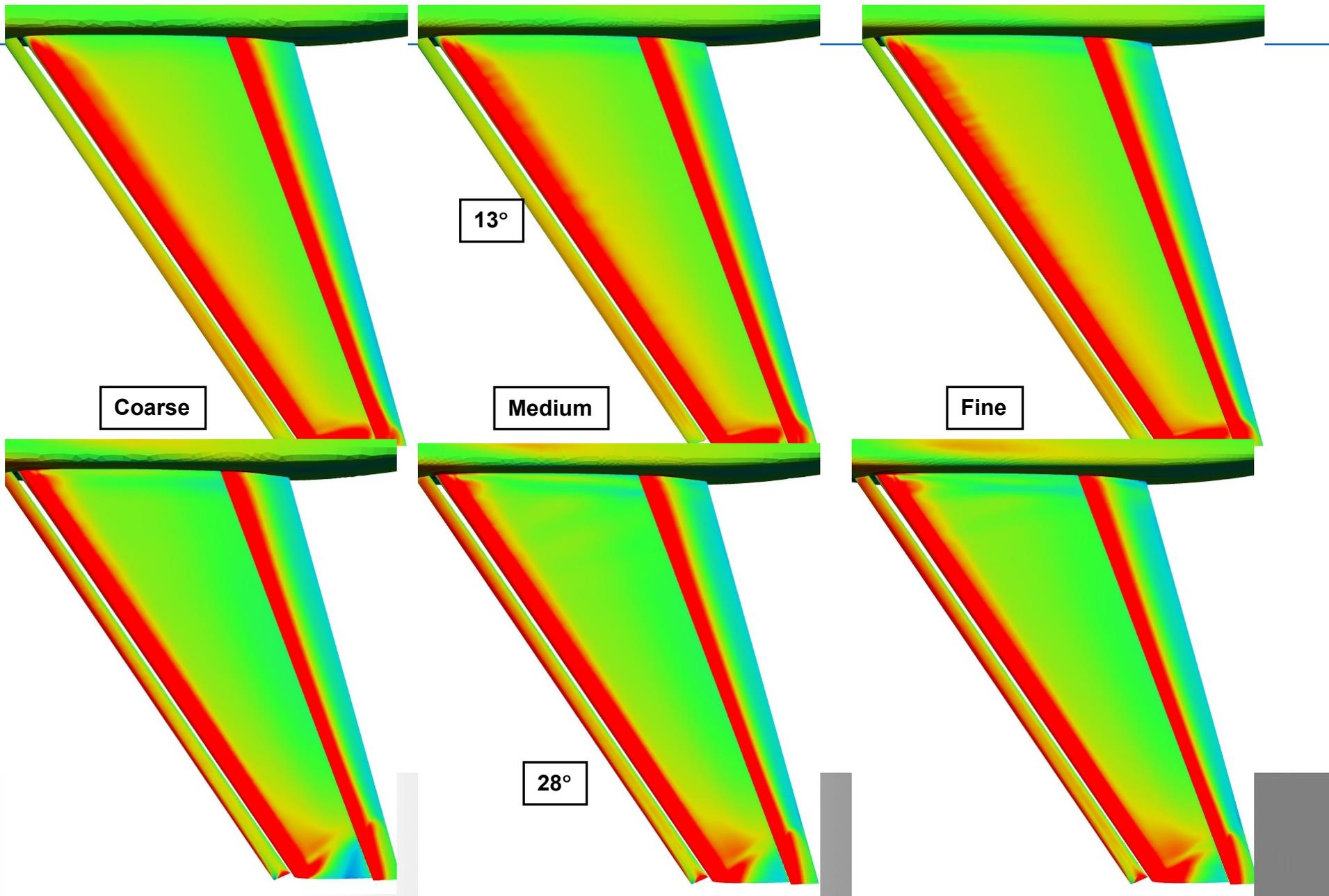
Grid convergence, Config 1, C_p , $\alpha = 13^\circ$



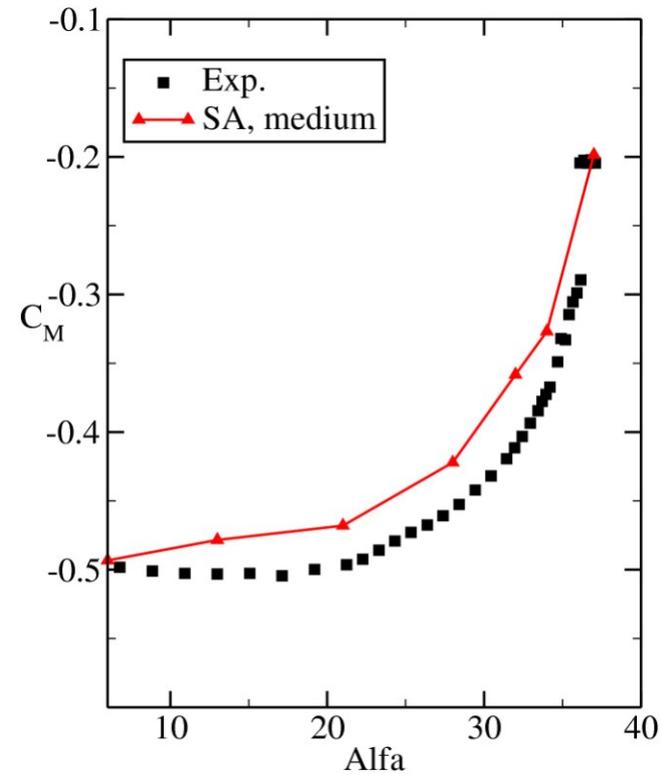
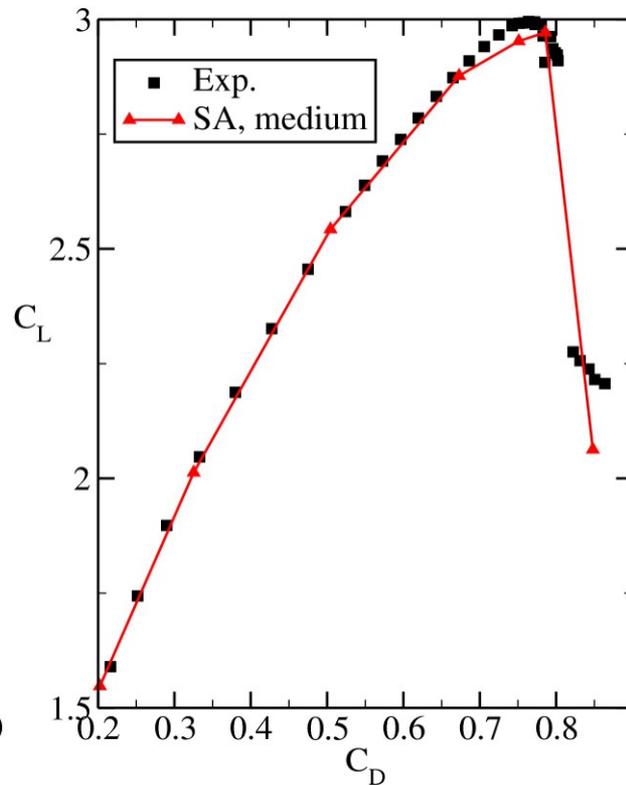
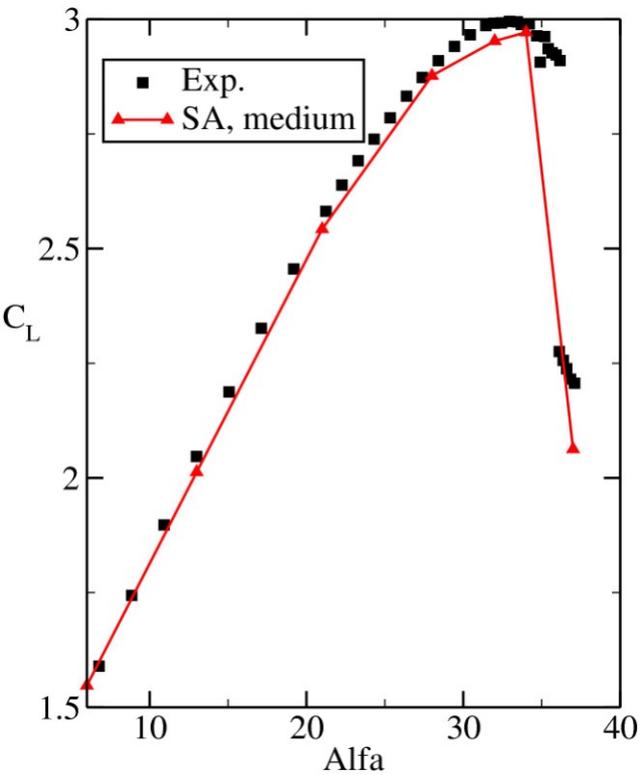
Grid convergence, Config 1, C_p , $\alpha = 28^\circ$



Grid convergence, Config 1, C_f , $\alpha = 13 + 28^\circ$

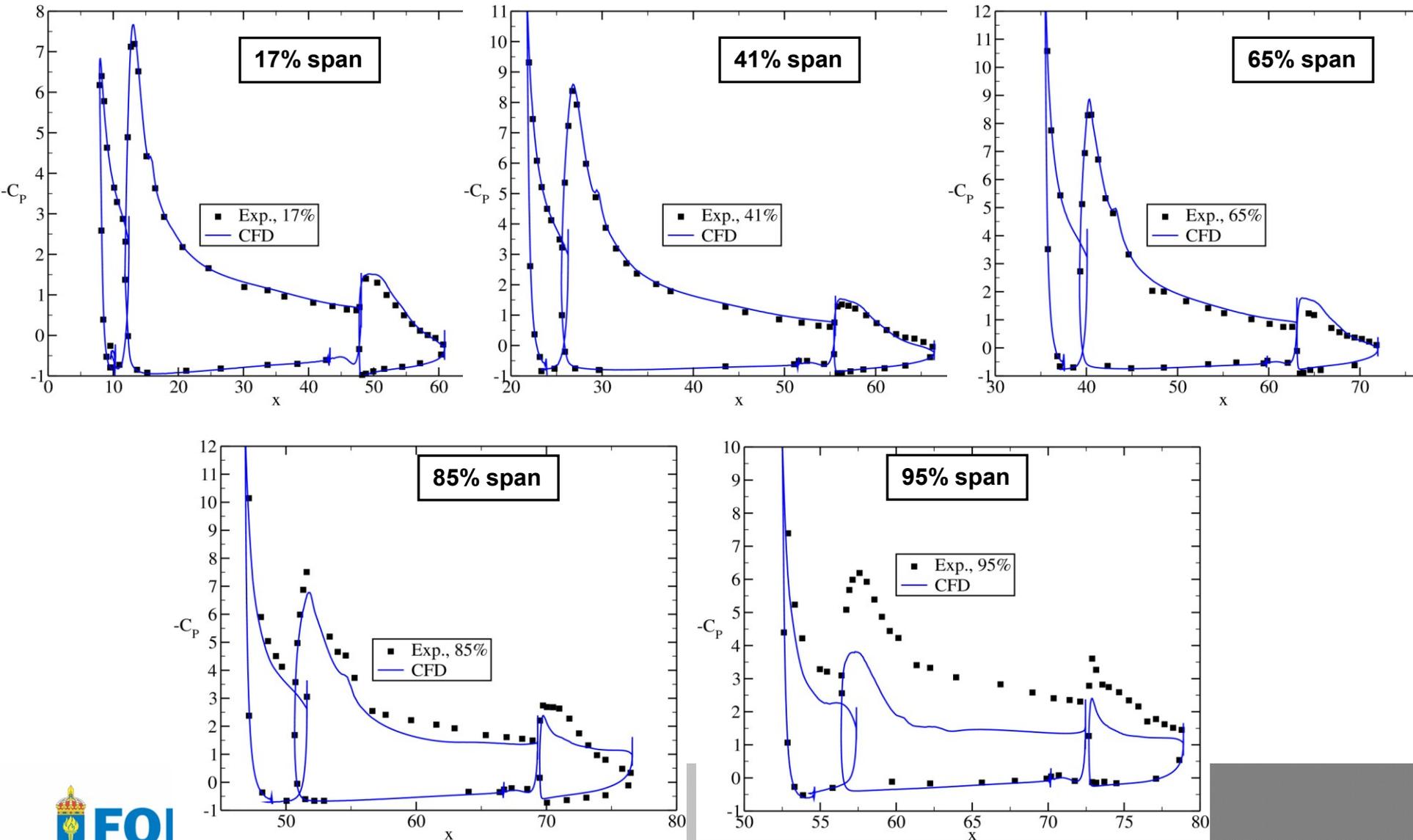


Polar calculations, Config 1

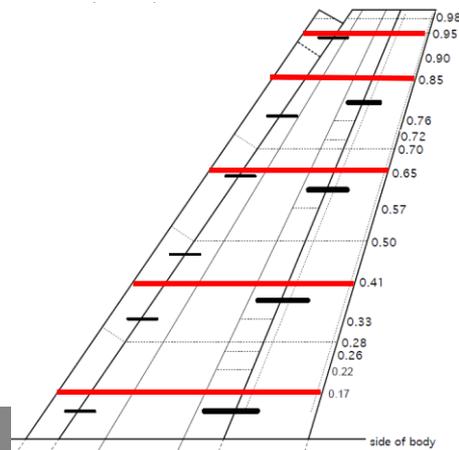
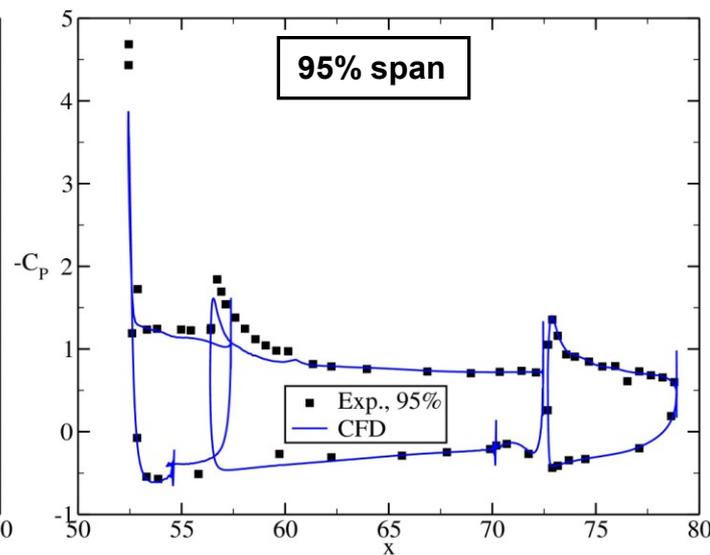
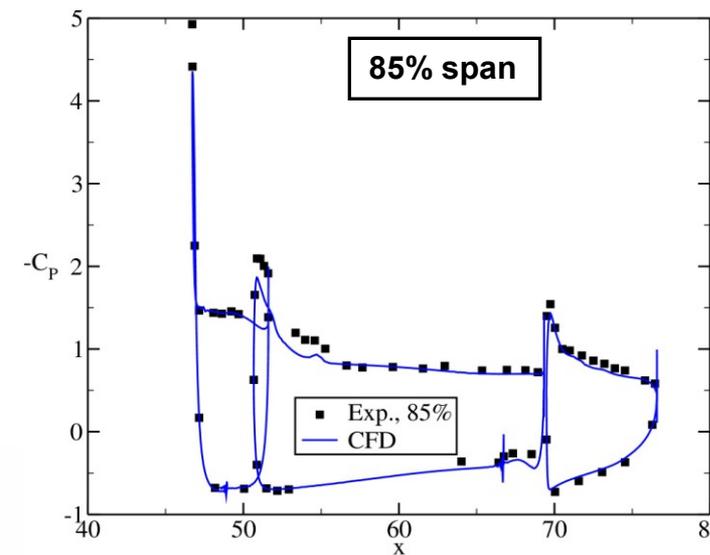
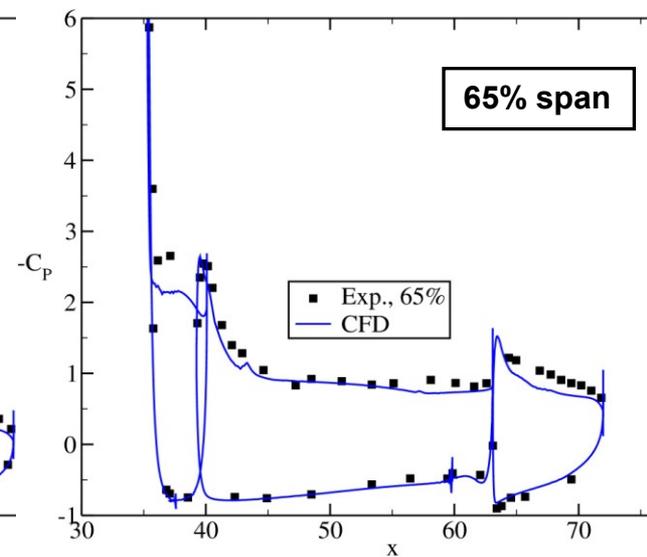
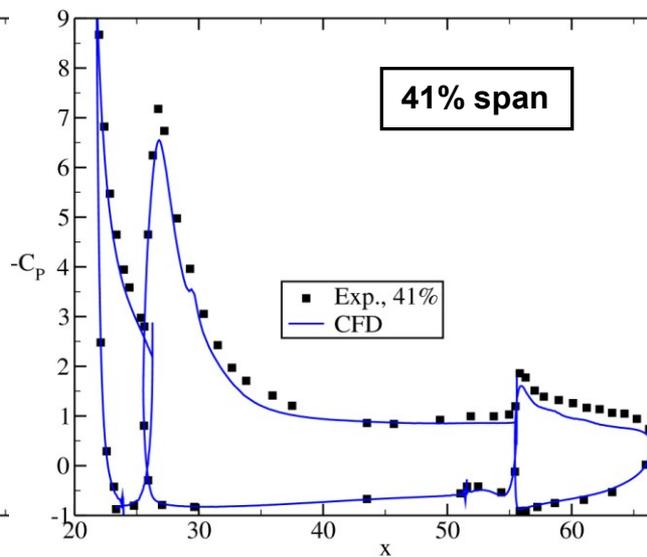
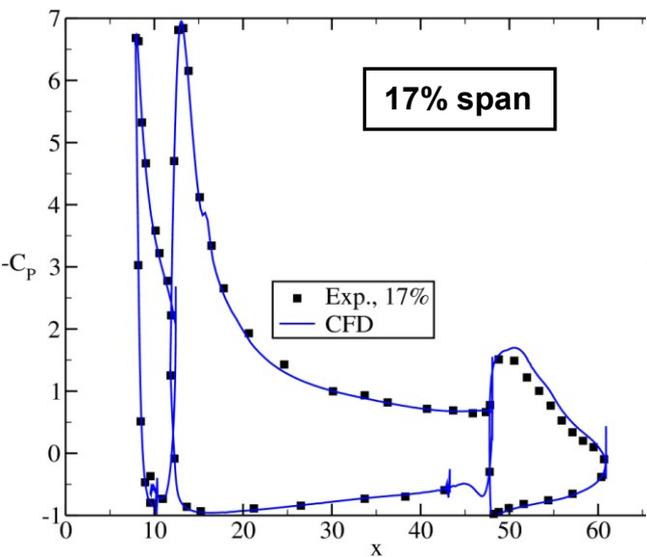


■ Good agreement

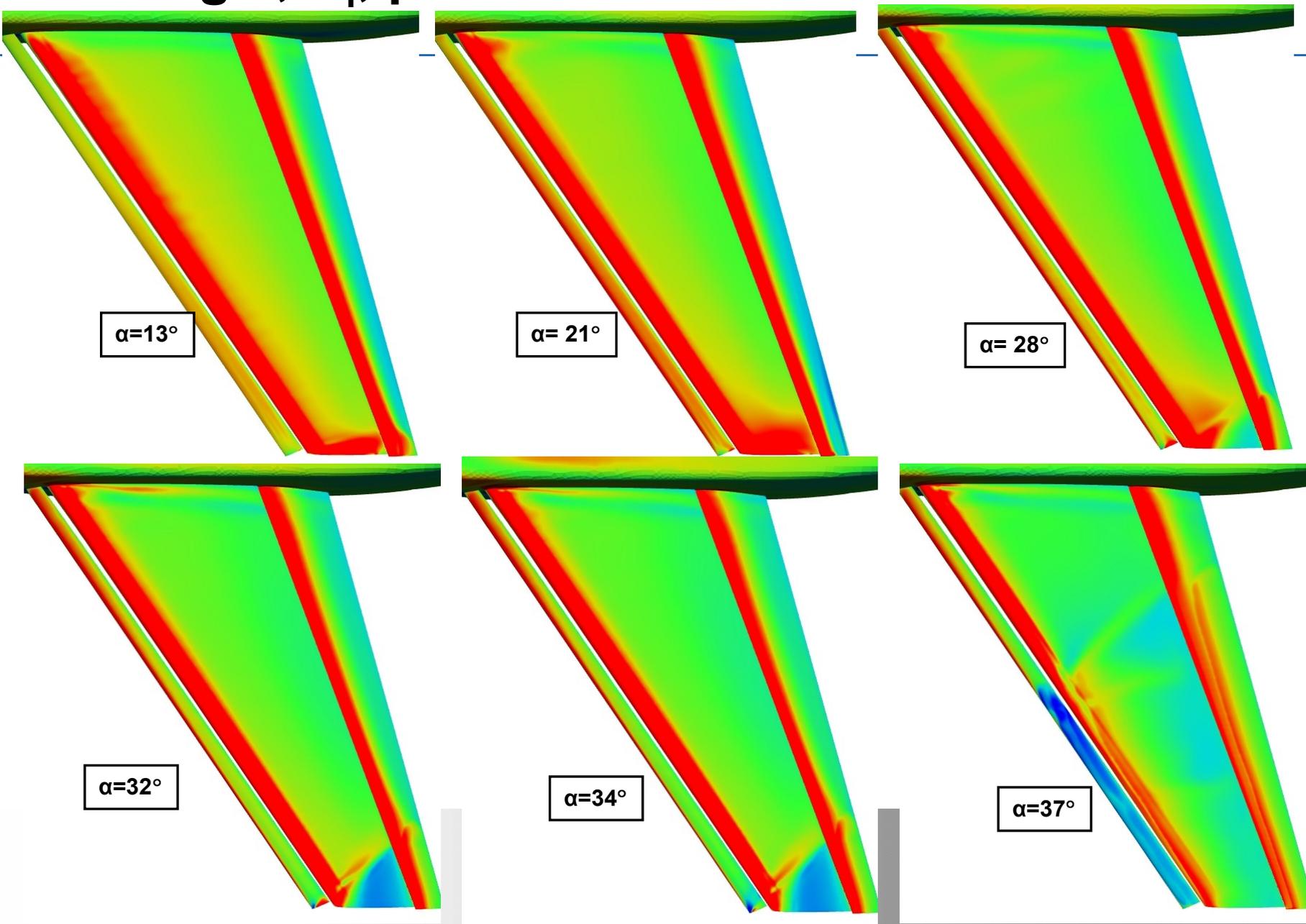
Config 1, C_p , $\alpha = 34^\circ$



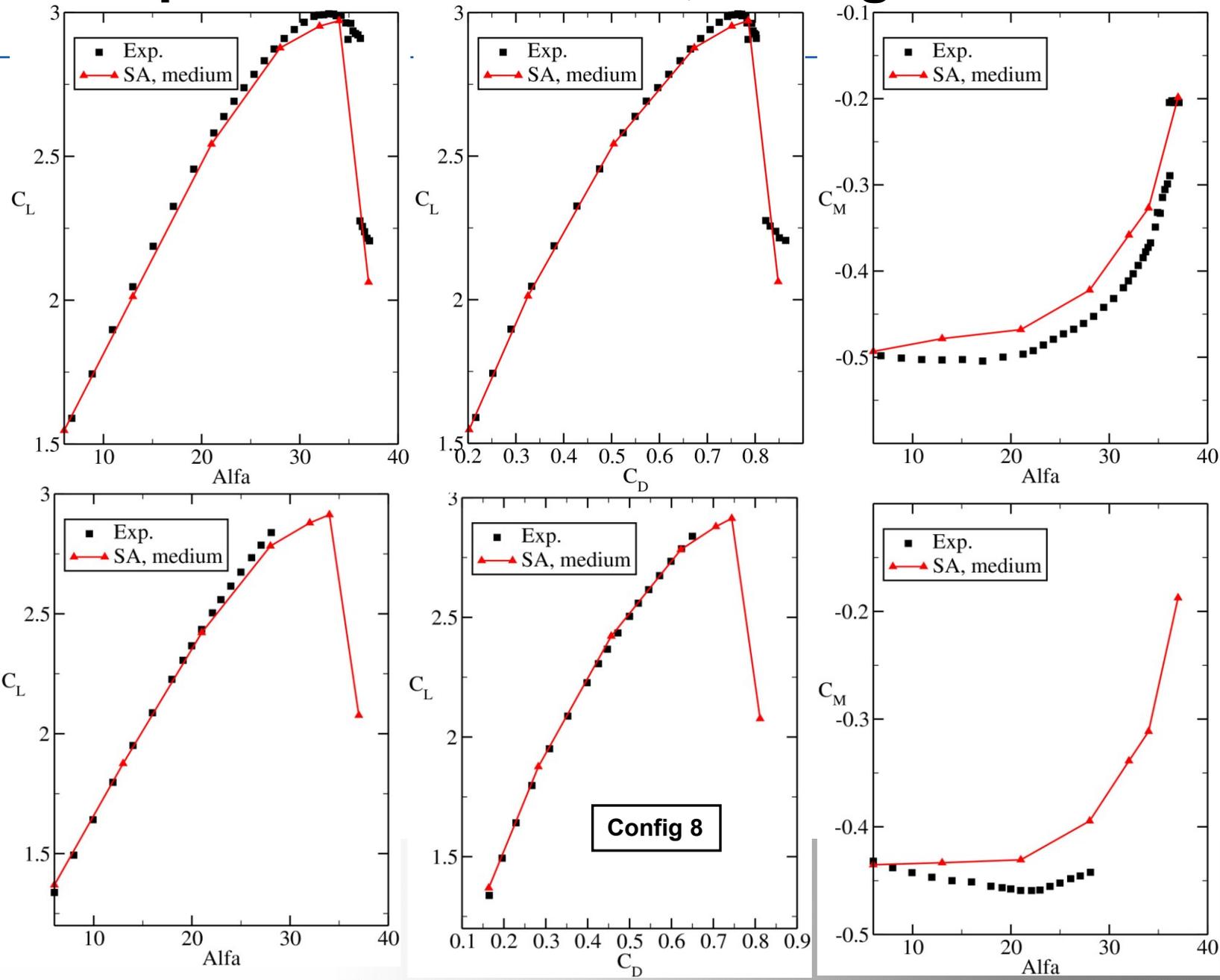
Config 1, C_p , $\alpha = 37^\circ$



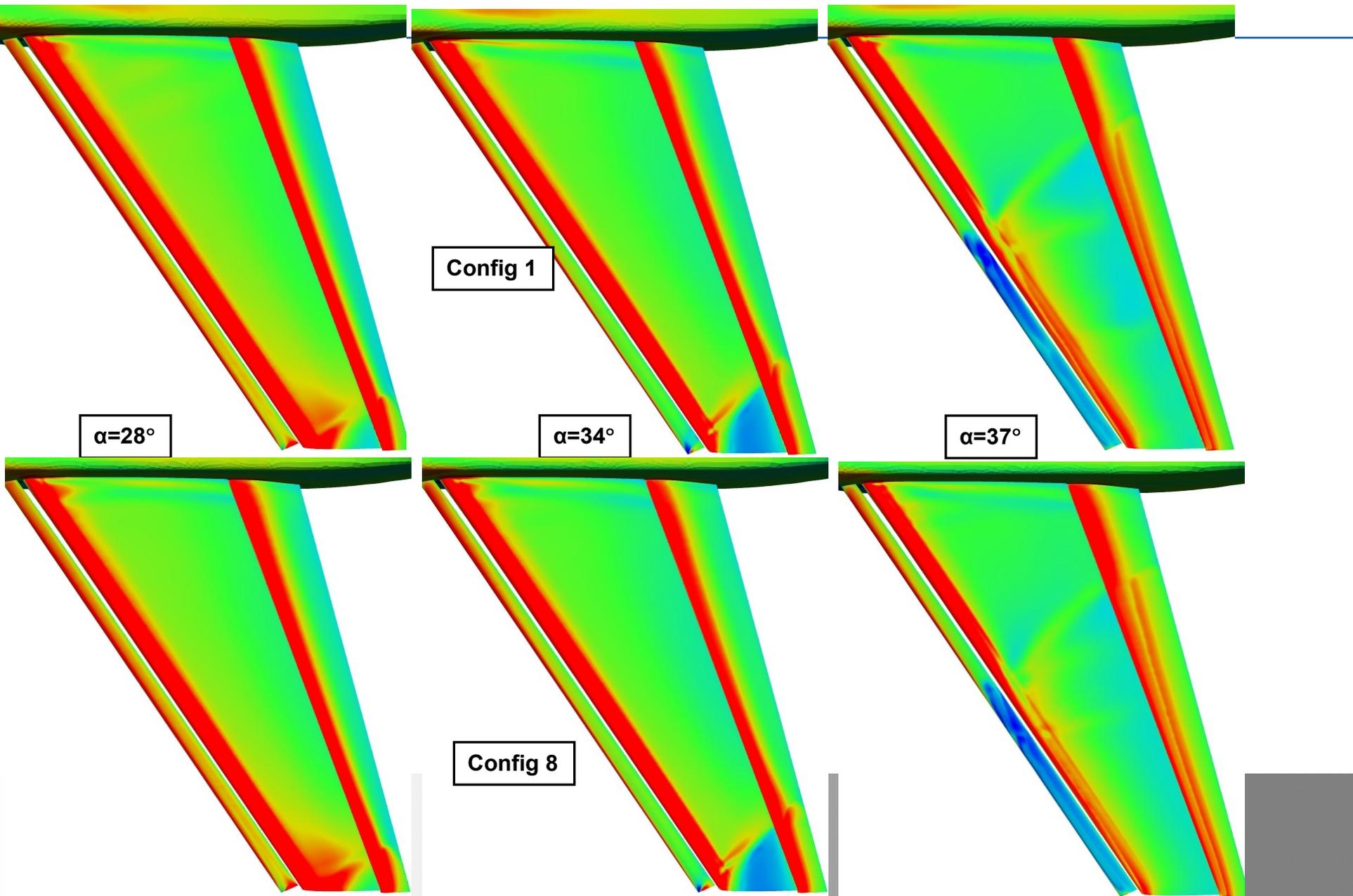
Config 1, C_f , polar



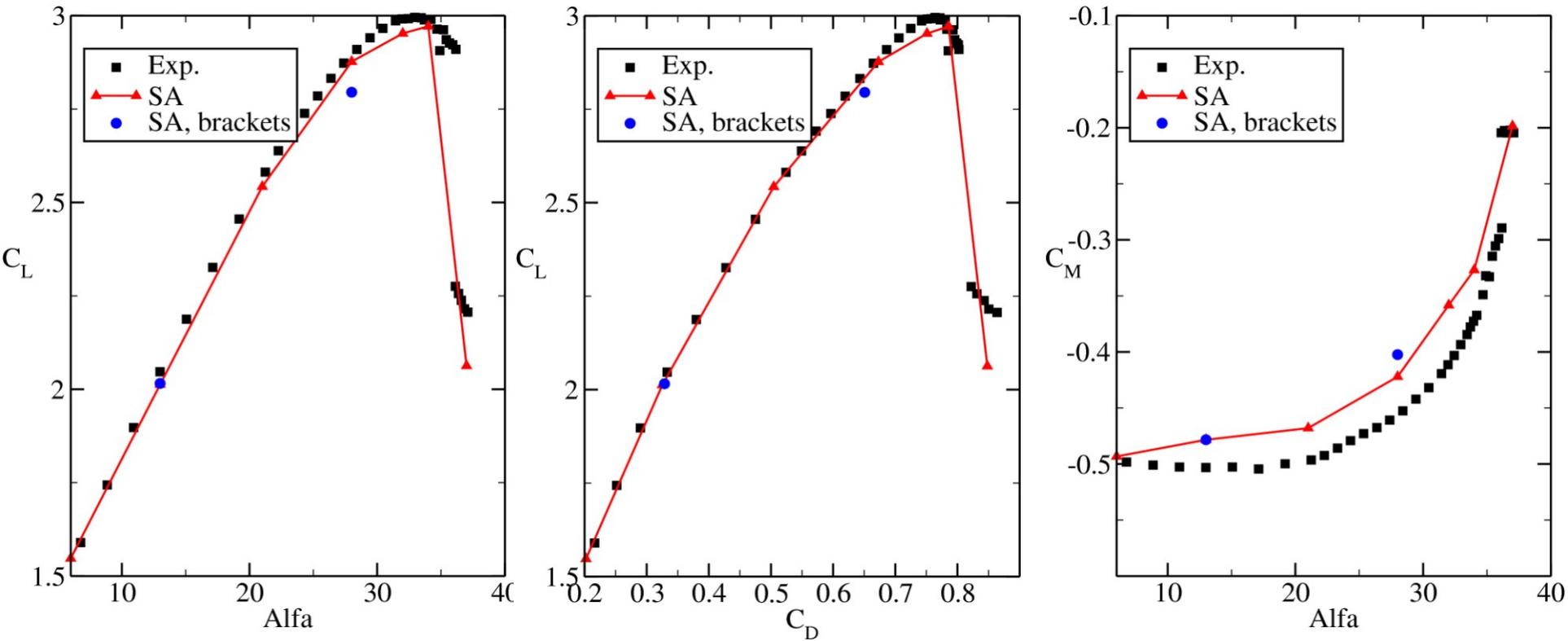
Flap deflection studies, Config 1+ 8



Config 1 + 8, C_f , polar

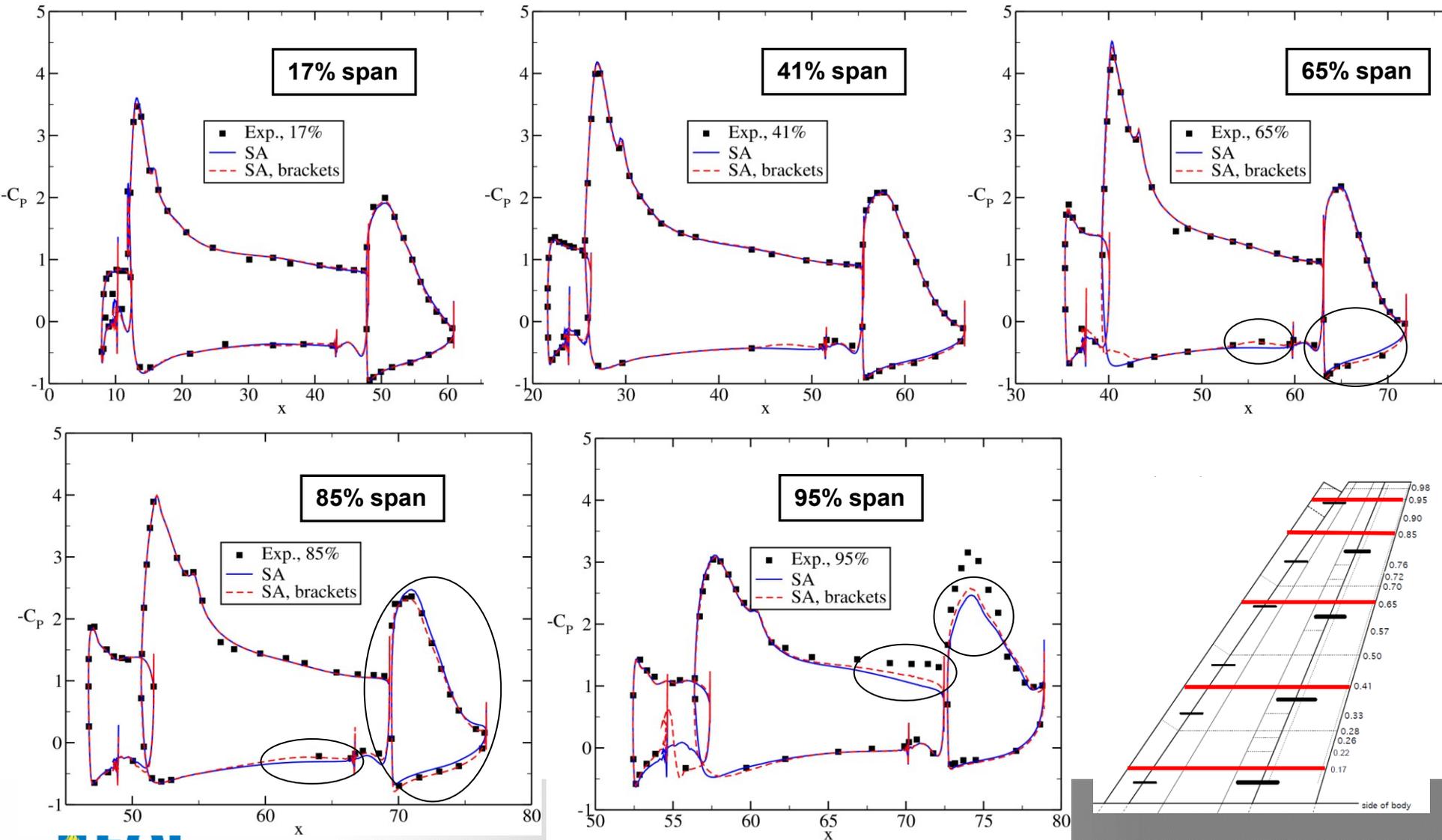


Optional Case 3, Config 1 with slat/flap support

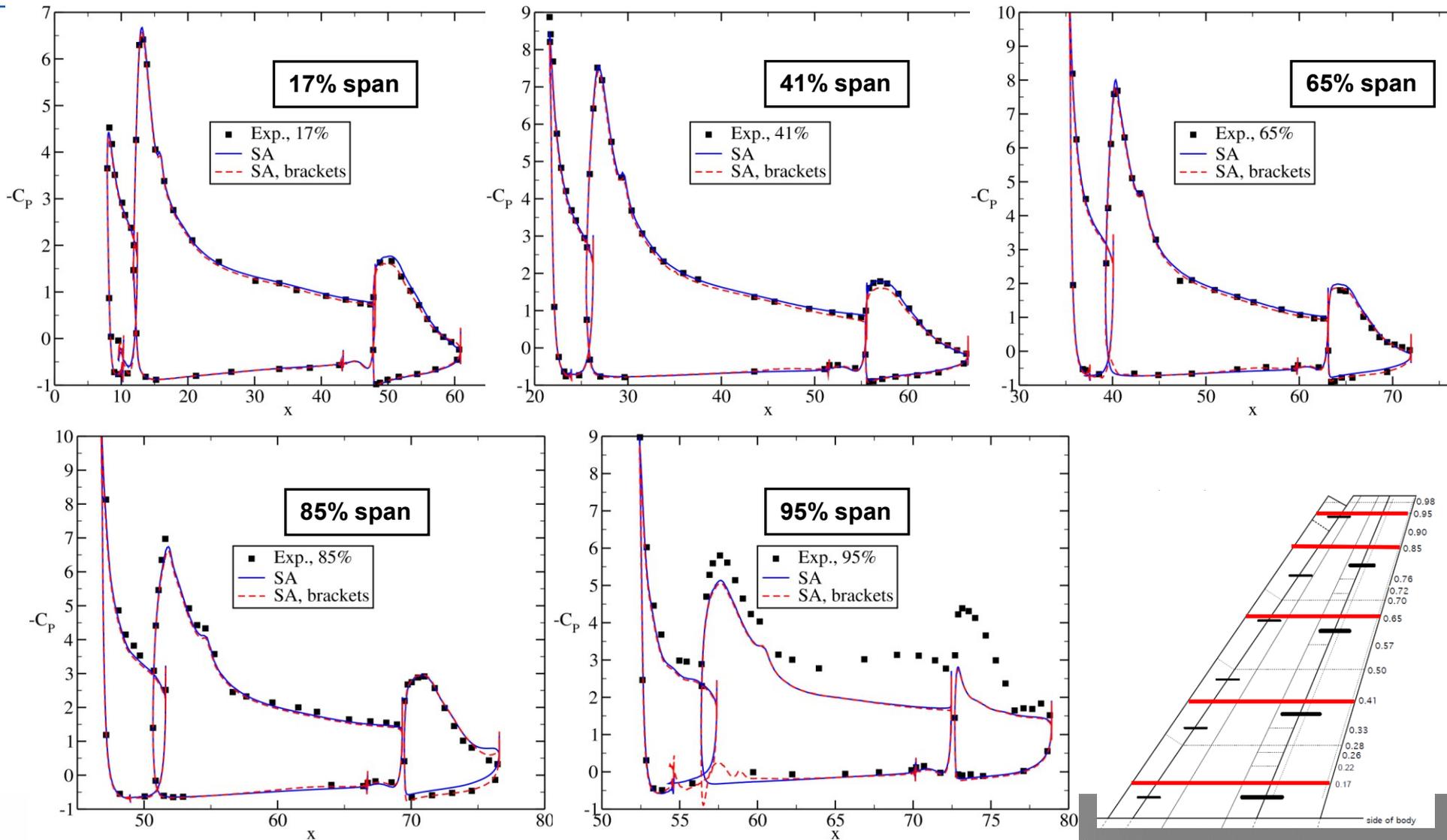


- Influence at higher incidences
- Not in the right direction

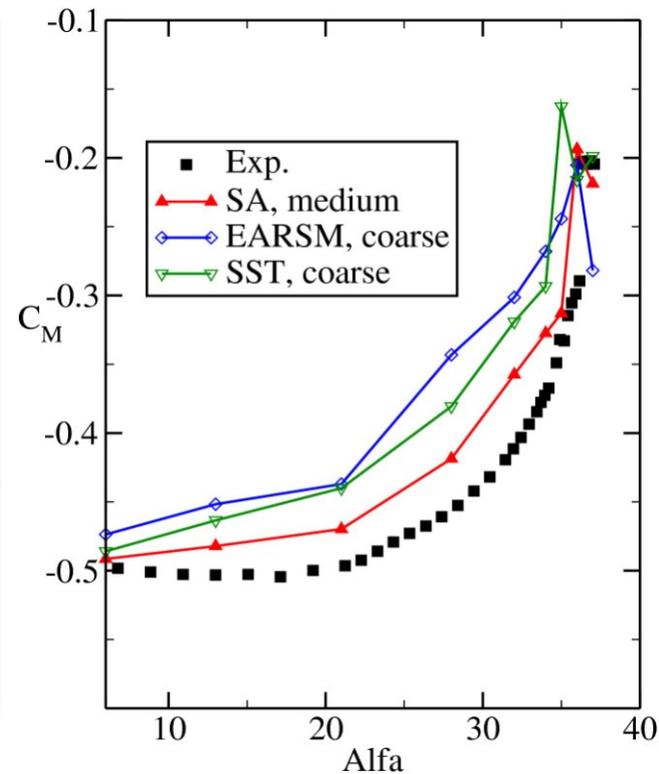
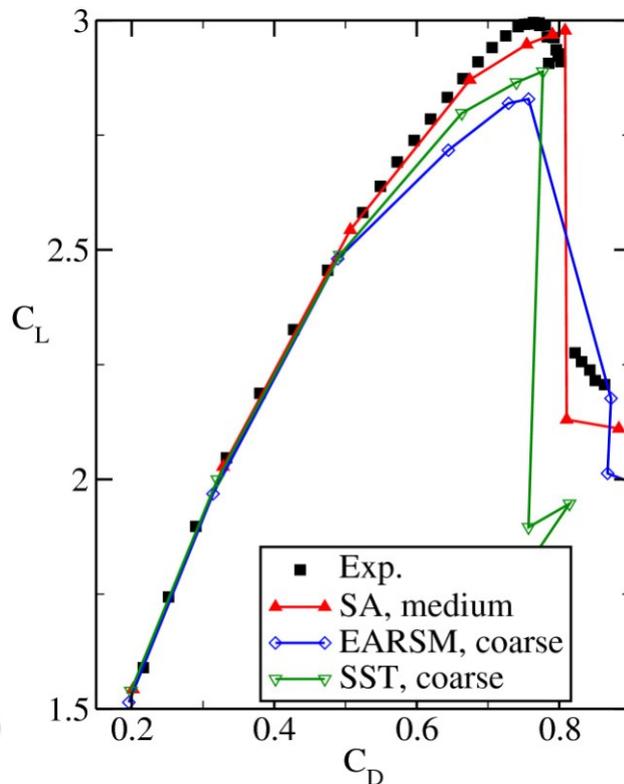
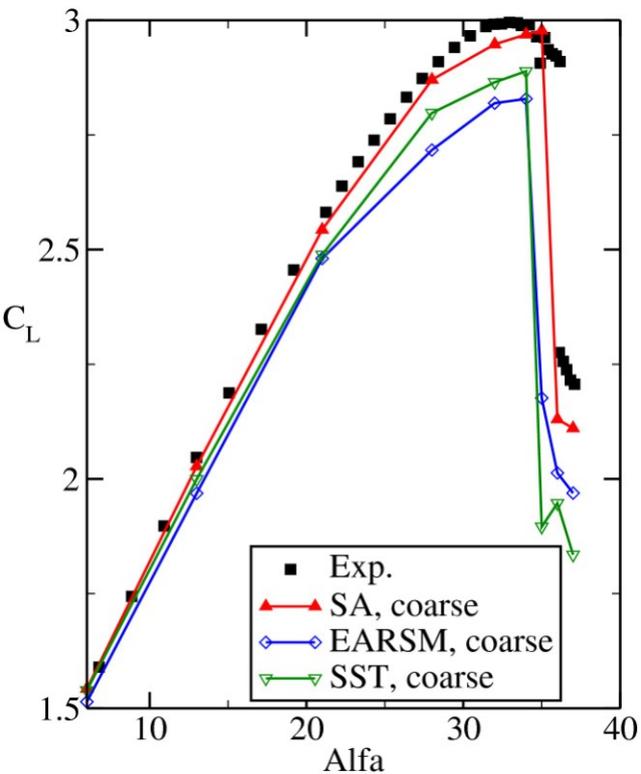
Config 1 + bracket, C_p , $\alpha = 13^\circ$



Config 1 + bracket, C_p , $\alpha = 28^\circ$

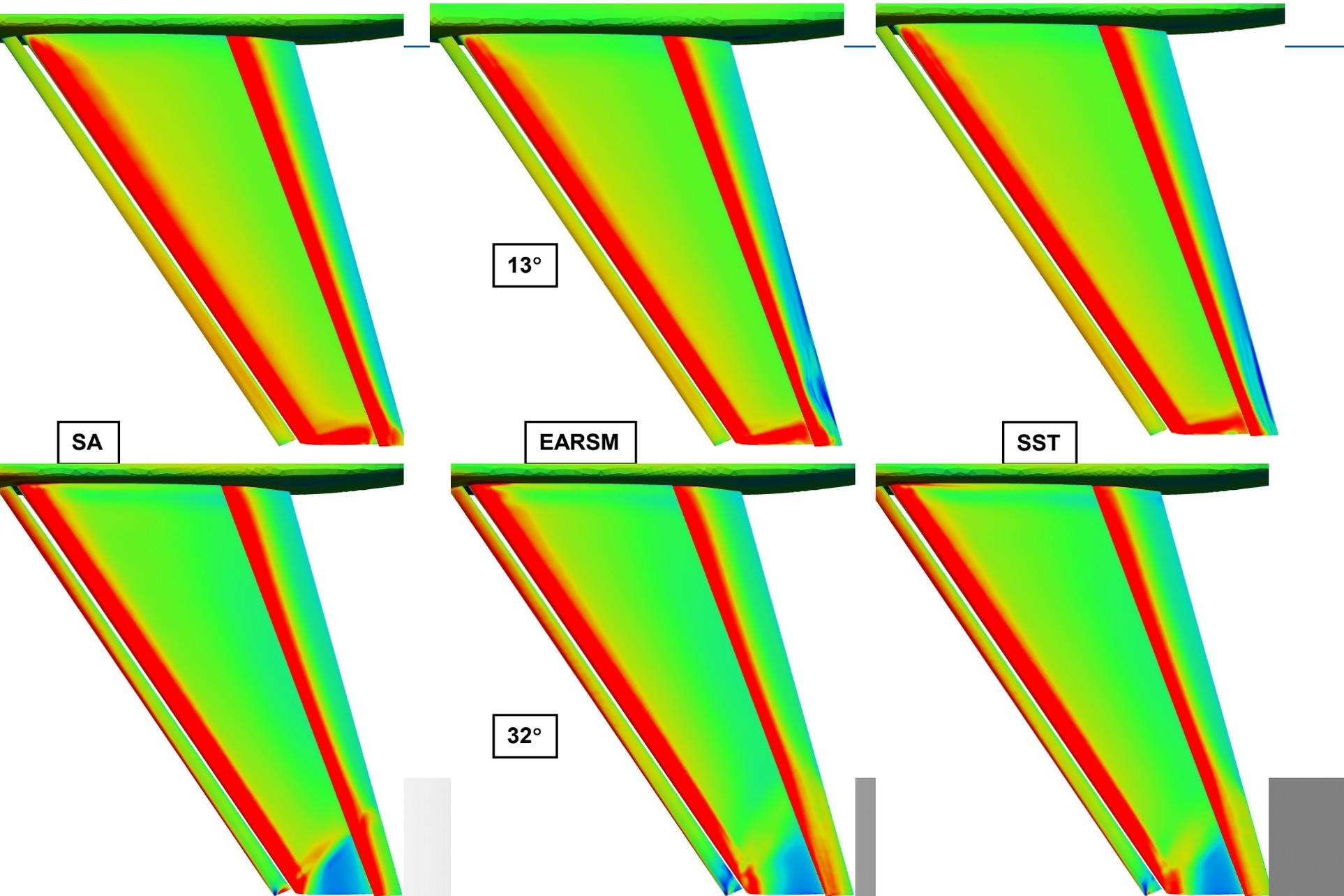


Turb. model influence, Config 1, coarse grid

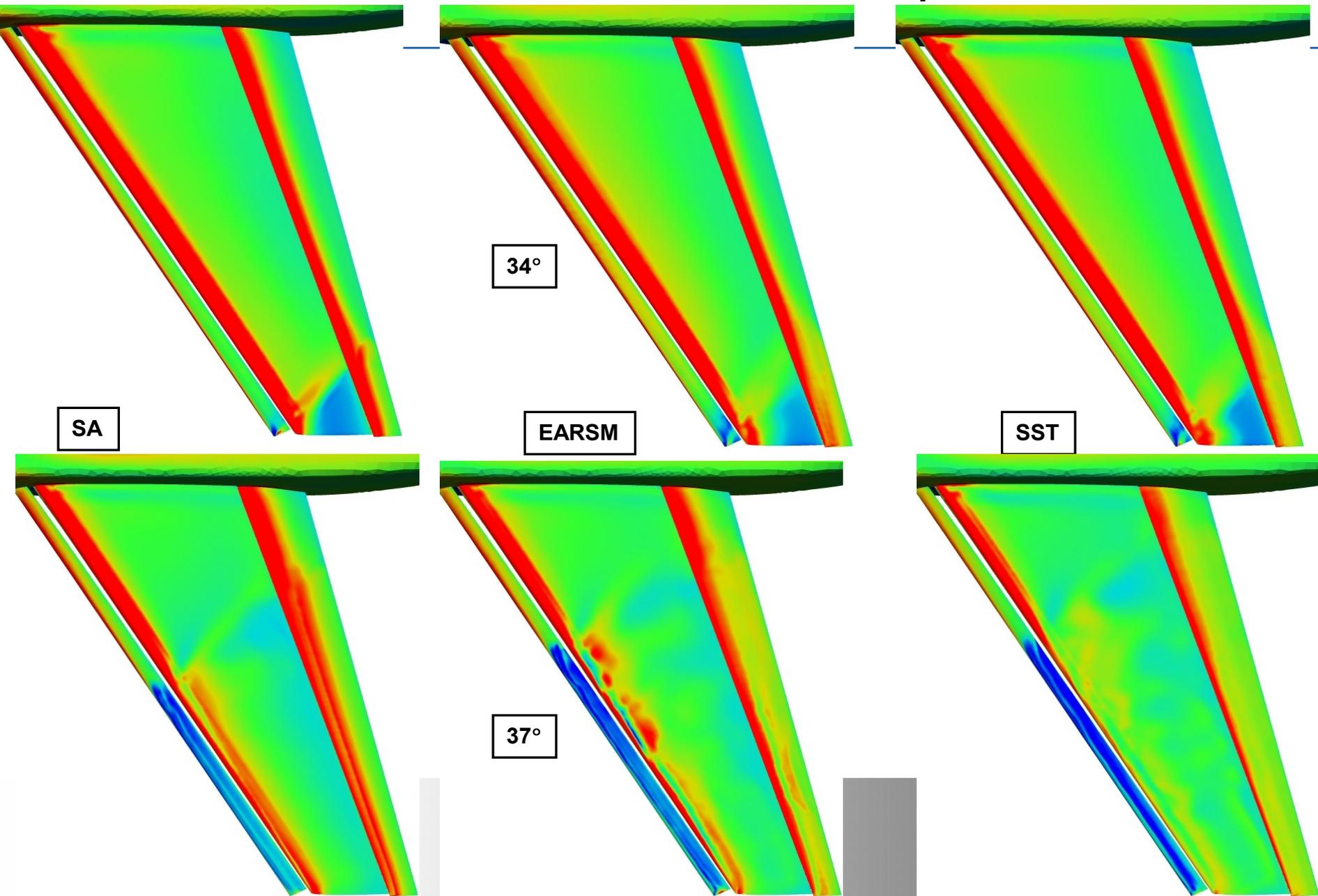


- Added angles 35°, 36°
- Models: SA, EARSM, SST
- Lower lift with EARSM, SST
- Earlier lift break down with EARSM, SST

Turb. model influence, Config 1, C_f



Turb. model influence, Config 1, C_f



Lessons learned

- High quality SOLAR grids
 - Good steady-state convergence
 - Good grid convergence, small differences between solutions
- SA model produces better experimental agreement
 - Good C_p agreement, some deviation at outer span
 - Lower lift and earlier lift break down with EARSM and SST, flow separation is exaggerated
- Similar results for the two flap deflections
- Influence from brackets at higher incidences
- Many open questions
 - Turbulence modeling, laminar/turbulent transition, ...
 - Insufficient steady state convergence ?
 - Similar predictions between FOI and DLR results, but differences at tip region (?)
 - ...