

# NASA Trap Wing Model OVERFLOW Analysis

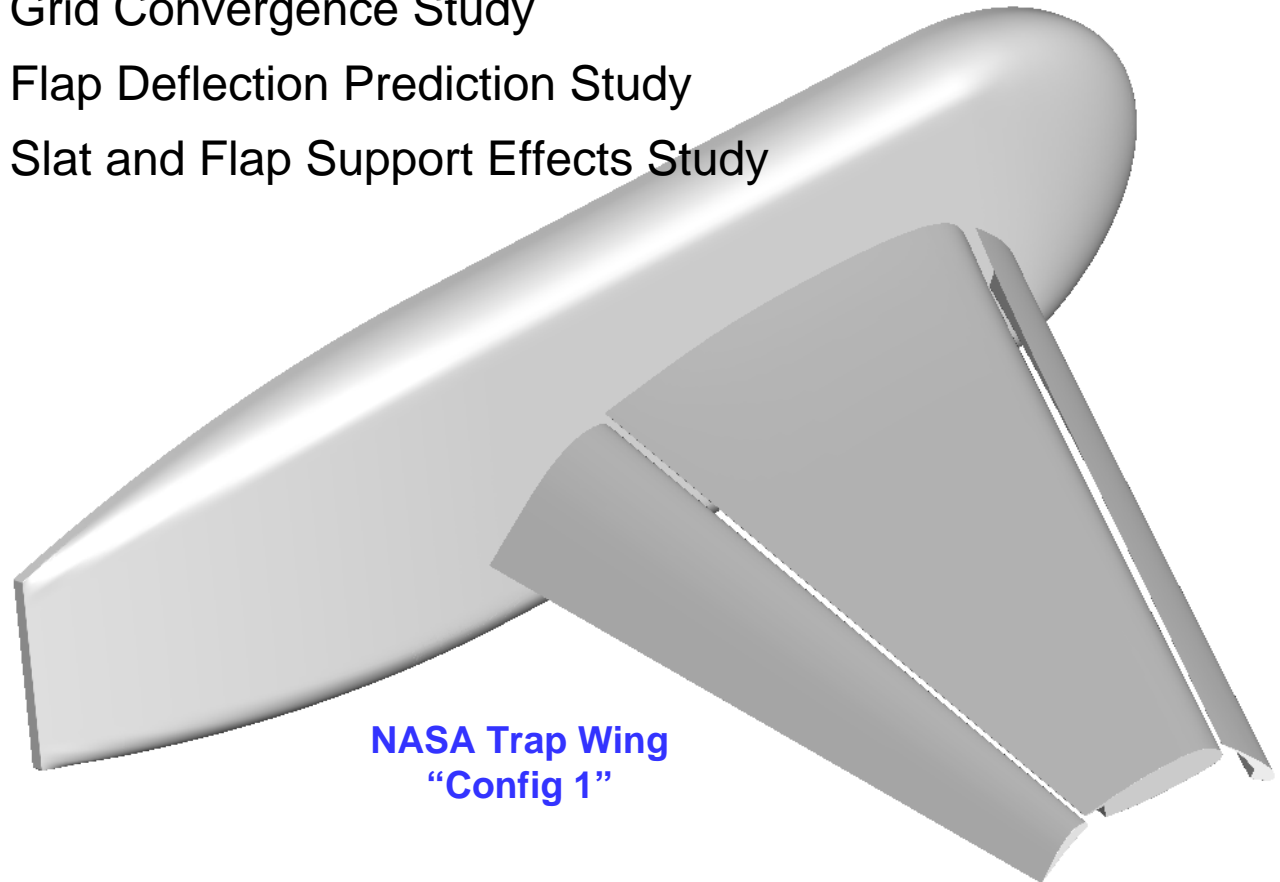
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# NASA Trap Wing OVERFLOW Analysis Outline

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### OVERFLOW MPI version 2.1ad – *Default Setup for High Lift Studies*

- Roe upwind differencing
- Spalart-Allmaras (SA) turbulence model – version “fv3”
- full Navier-Stokes
- low-Mach preconditioning
- steady state
- all cases run from scratch (i.e., freestream initial condition)

### Parallel Processing on a PC Cluster

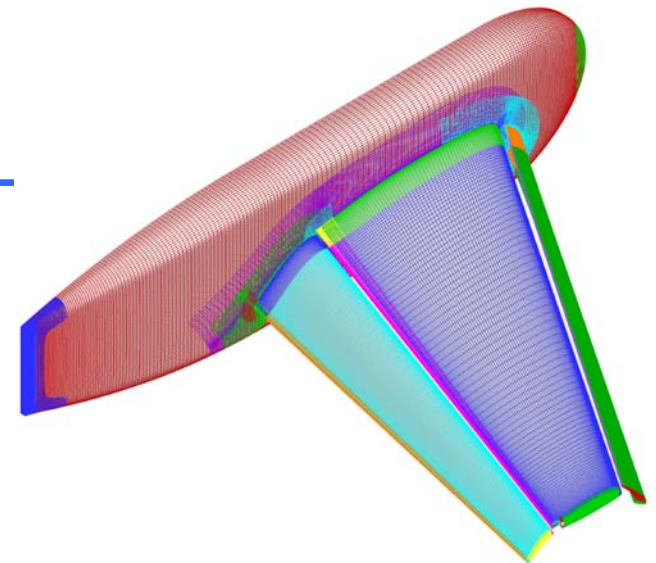
- Linux 64bit operating system with 1968 CPUs on 578 nodes
  - 120 2.6GHz Opteron dual core nodes with 8GB of RAM
  - 80 3.0GHz Xeon dual dual-core nodes with 12GB of RAM
  - 112 2.2GHz Opteron dual quad-core nodes with 16GB of RAM
- Config 1 medium grid (25 million points) run on 24 processors
  - 18.7 seconds per iteration
  - Full convergence reached after 5000 iterations
  - Roughly 26 hours of wall clock time needed per case

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## Grid Information for “Str-Overset-A-v3”

### Structured Overset Grid Systems

- 34 zones for Bracket-Off (28 surface abutting)
- 62 zones for Bracket-On (56 surface abutting)



### Config 1 and Config 8 (body-slat-wing-flap)

Grid	Points	$1/N^{2/3} \times 10^5$	1 <sup>st</sup> Cell Size	$y^+$	Constant Cells	Growth Rate
Coarse	10,653,004	2.07	.00017 in	.87	2	1.25
Medium	24,965,818	1.17	.00013 in	.66	3	1.18
Fine	83,302,438	0.52	.00009 in	.44	4	1.12
Extra-Fine	281,560,012	0.23	.00006 in	.29	6	1.08

### Config 1 (body-slat-wing-flap-brackets)

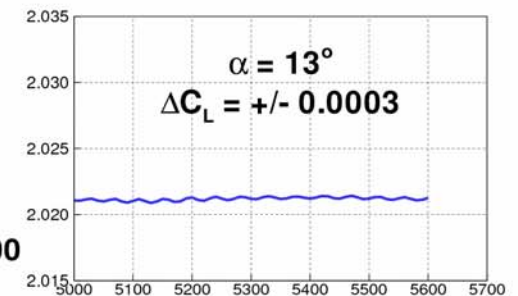
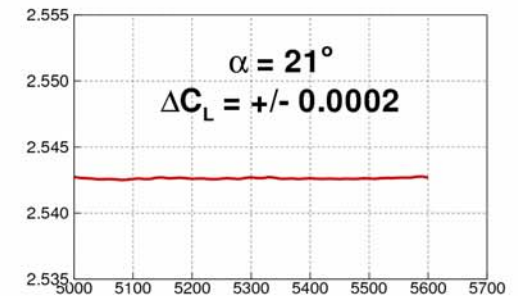
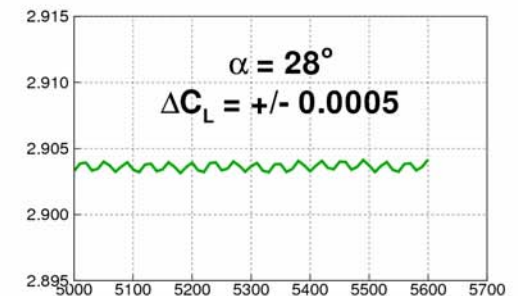
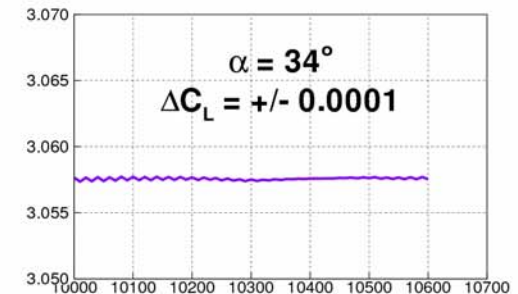
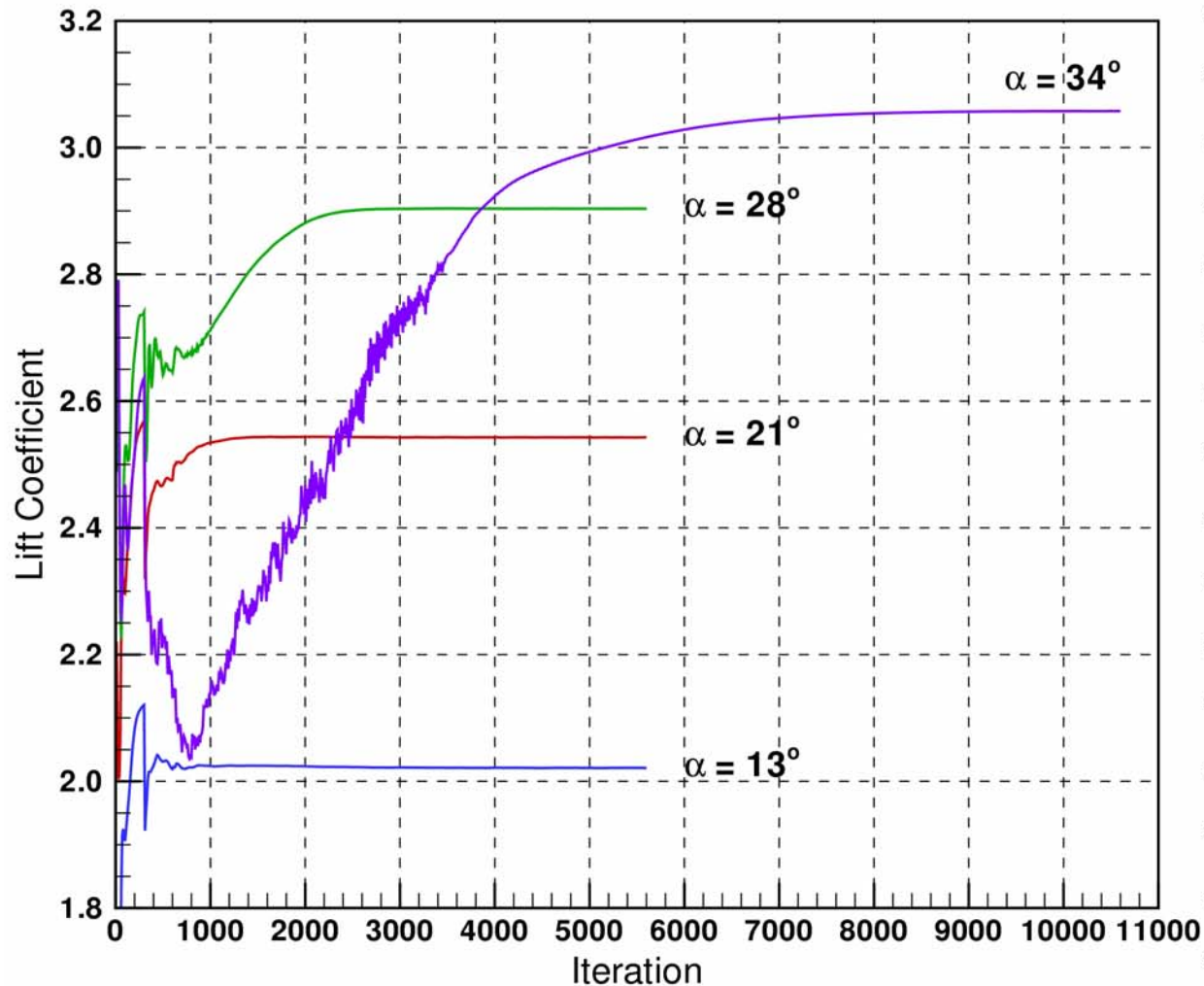
Grid	Points	$1/N^{2/3} \times 10^5$	1 <sup>st</sup> Cell Size	$y^+$	Constant Cells	Growth Rate
Medium	58,175,676	0.67	.00013 in	.66	3	1.18

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## Convergence Histories – Lift

### OVERFLOW Convergence Histories - Lift

- > Config 1 Medium Grid Solutions
- > Slat/Flap Brackets Off
- > Fully Turbulent, Free Air
- > RN = 4.3 million, Mach = 0.2

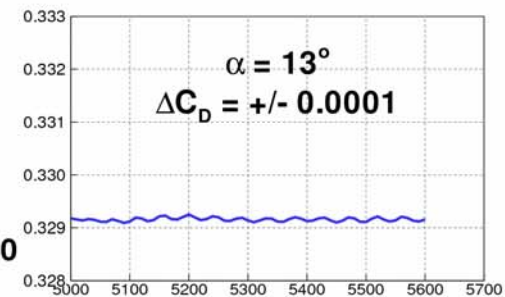
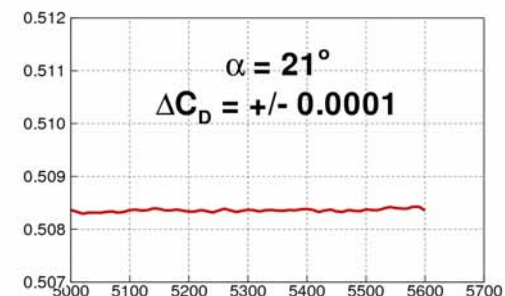
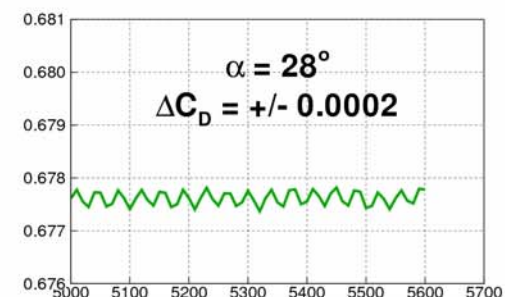
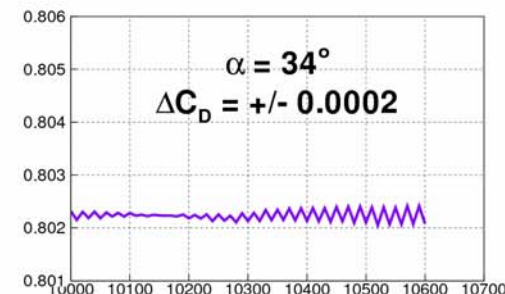
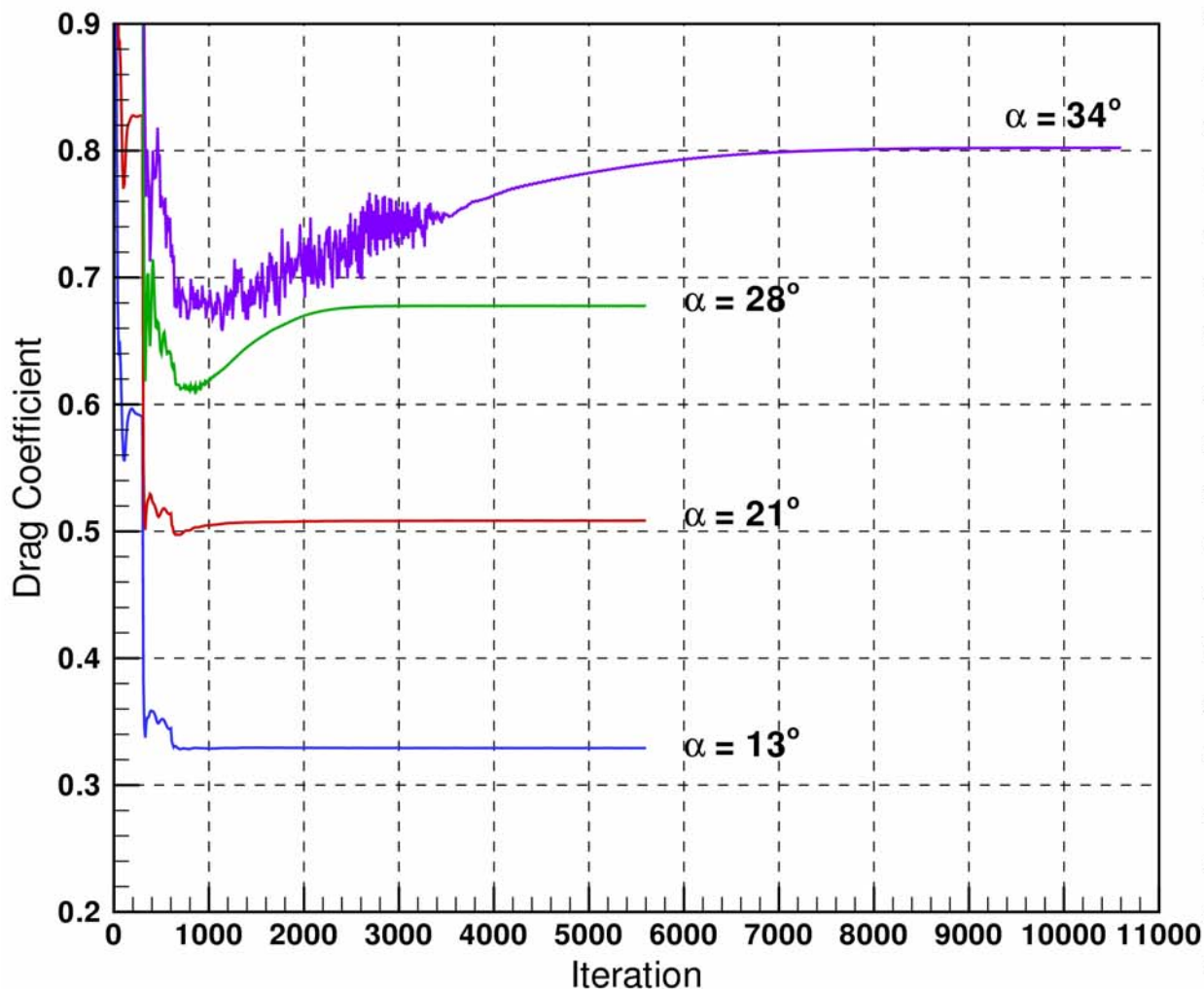


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## Convergence Histories – Drag

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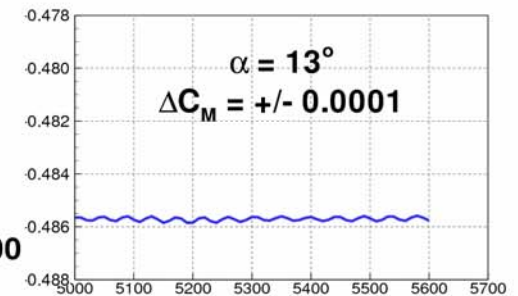
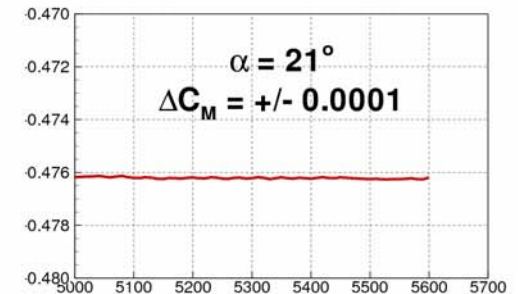
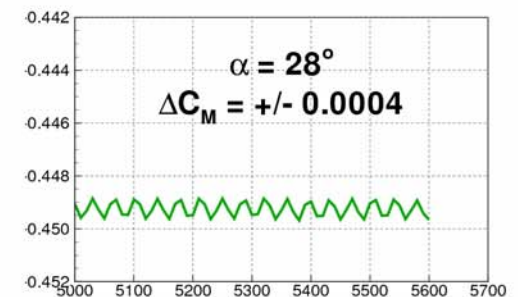
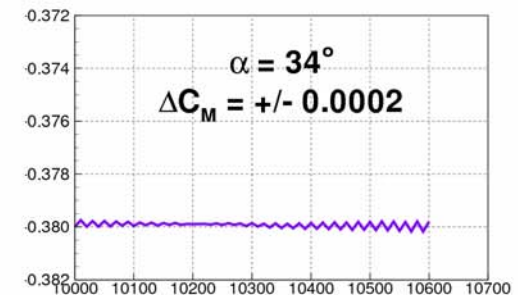
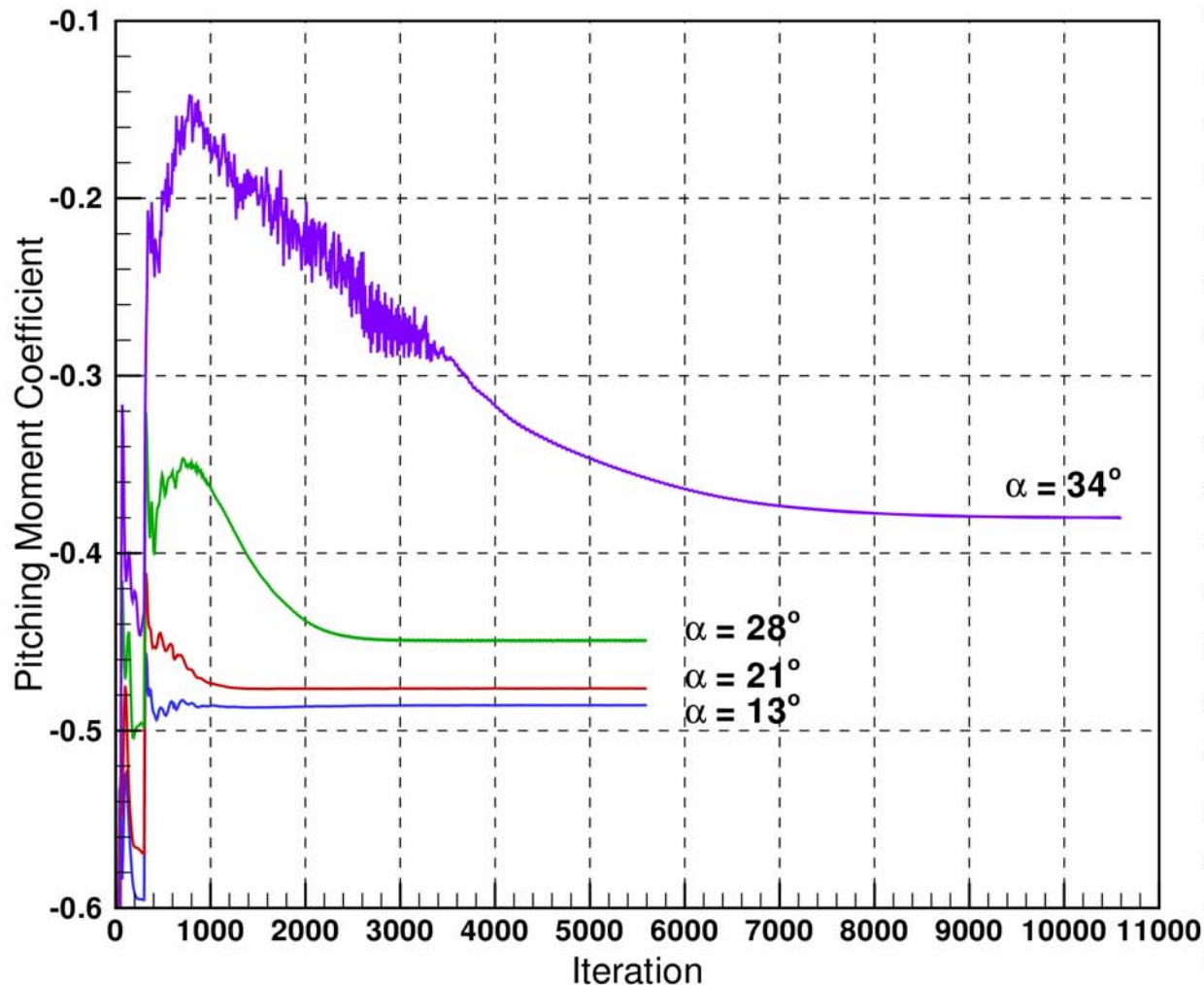


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## Convergence Histories – Pitching Moment

### OVERFLOW Convergence Histories - Pitching Moment

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- > Fully Turbulent, Free Air
- > RN = 4.3 million, Mach = 0.2



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## *Convergence Histories – Comparison Tables*

Config 1 Force and Moment Plus/Minus “Error Band”

*Given as Percent Total*

Medium Grid

$\alpha$	$\Delta C_L$	$\Delta C_D$	$\Delta C_M$
13°	.03	.05	.06
21°	.02	.03	.03
28°	.03	.07	.19
34°	.01	.04	.10

$\alpha = 13^\circ$

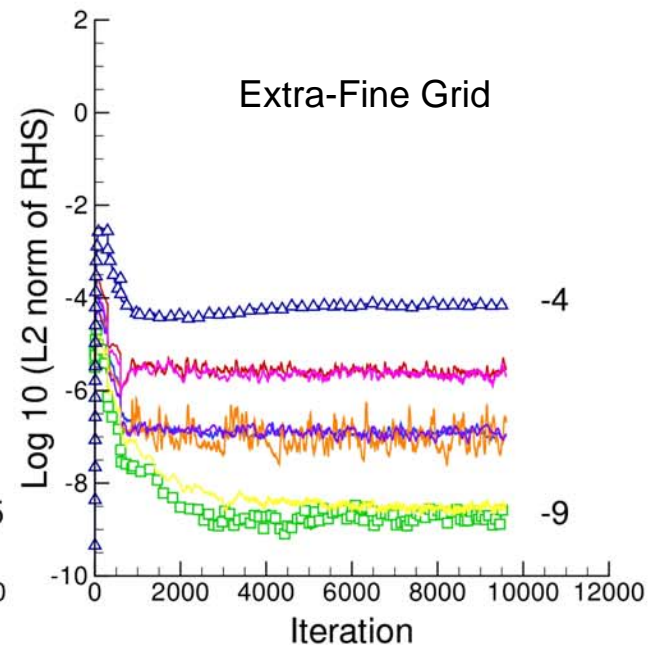
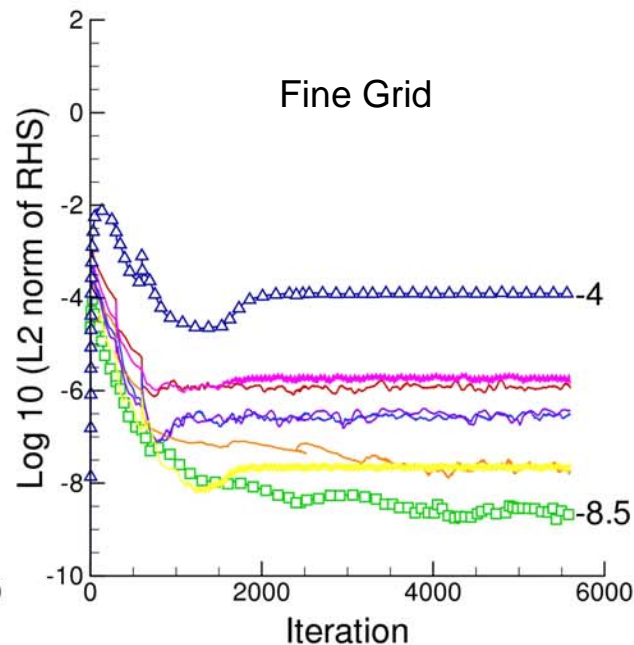
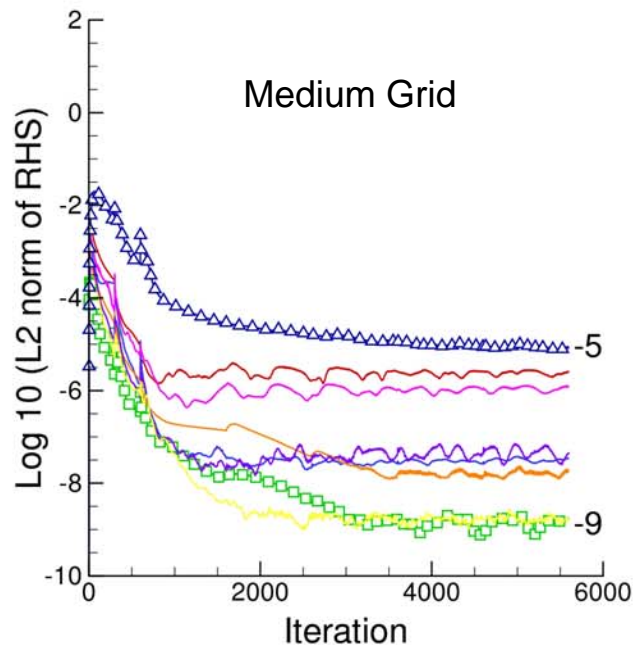
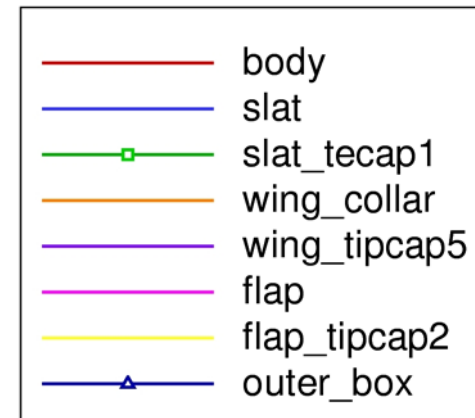
grid	$\Delta C_L$	$\Delta C_D$	$\Delta C_M$
coarse	.01	.03	.02
medium	.03	.05	.06
fine	.06	.13	.16
extra-fine	1.01	1.45	1.33



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## Config 1 Residuals

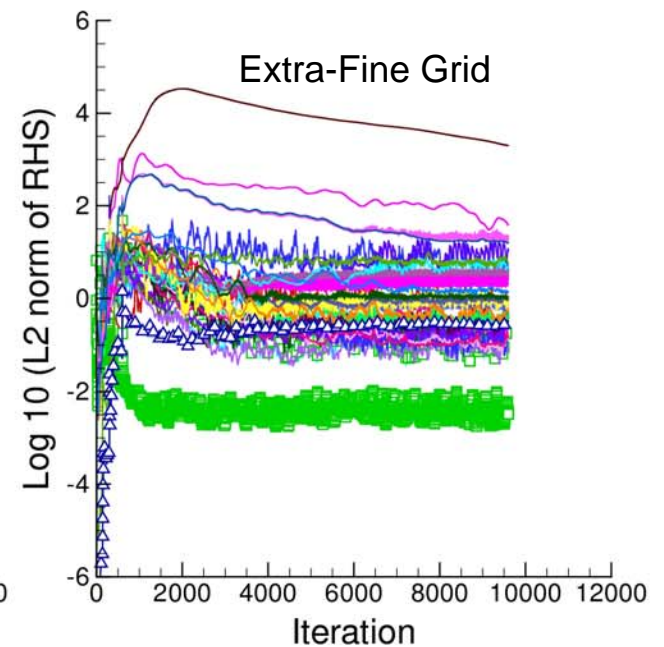
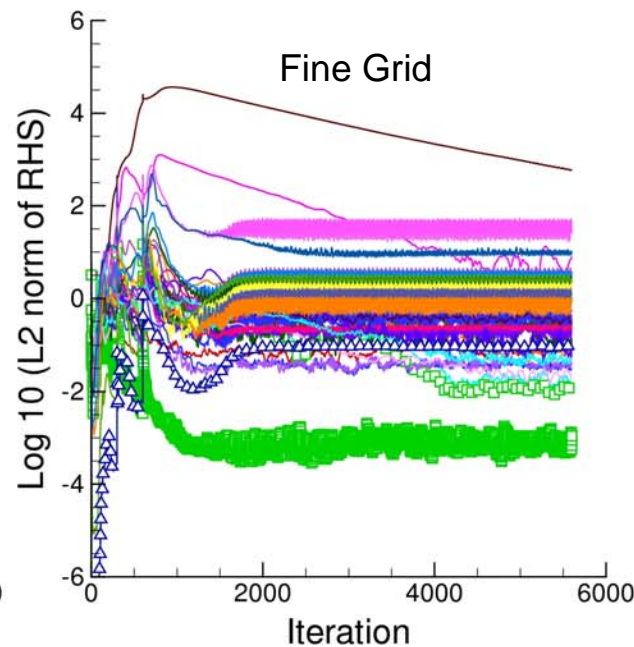
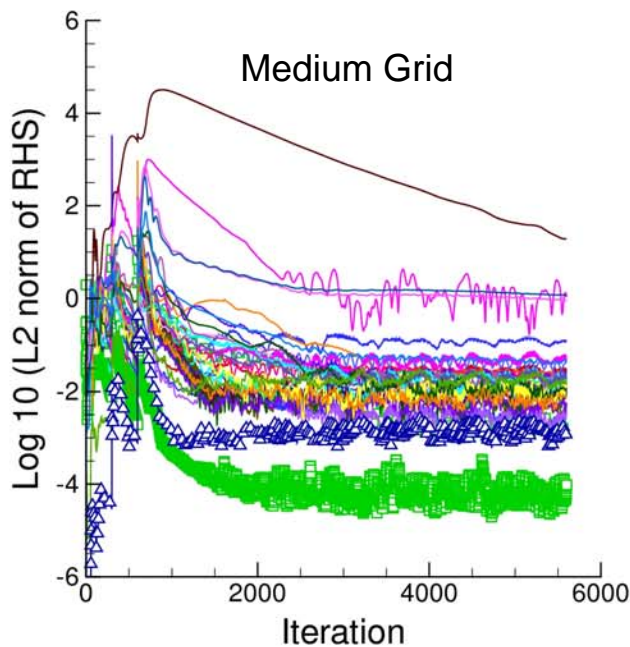
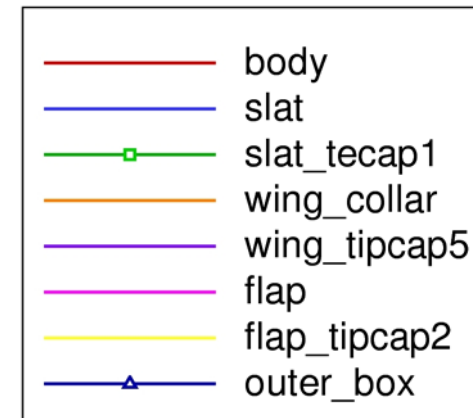
- Slat/Flap Brackets Off
- Fully Turbulent, Free Air
- $RN = 4.3$  mil,  $Mach = 0.2$
- $\alpha = 13^\circ$
- Higher alpha solutions have similar residuals



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## Config 1 Turbulence Model Residuals

- Slat/Flap Brackets Off
- Fully Turbulent, Free Air
- RN = 4.3 mil, Mach = 0.2
- $\alpha = 13^\circ$



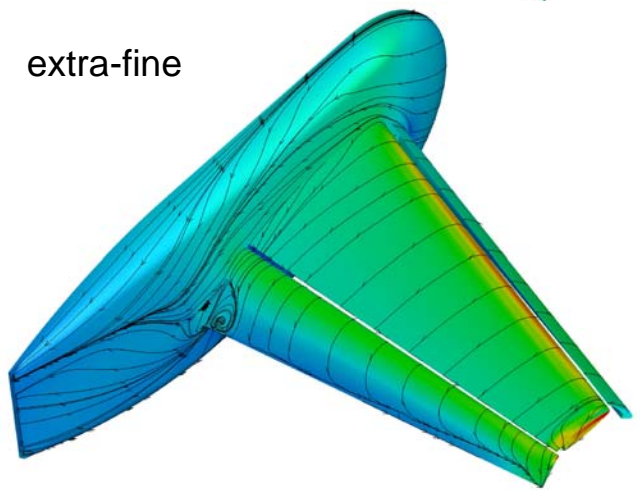
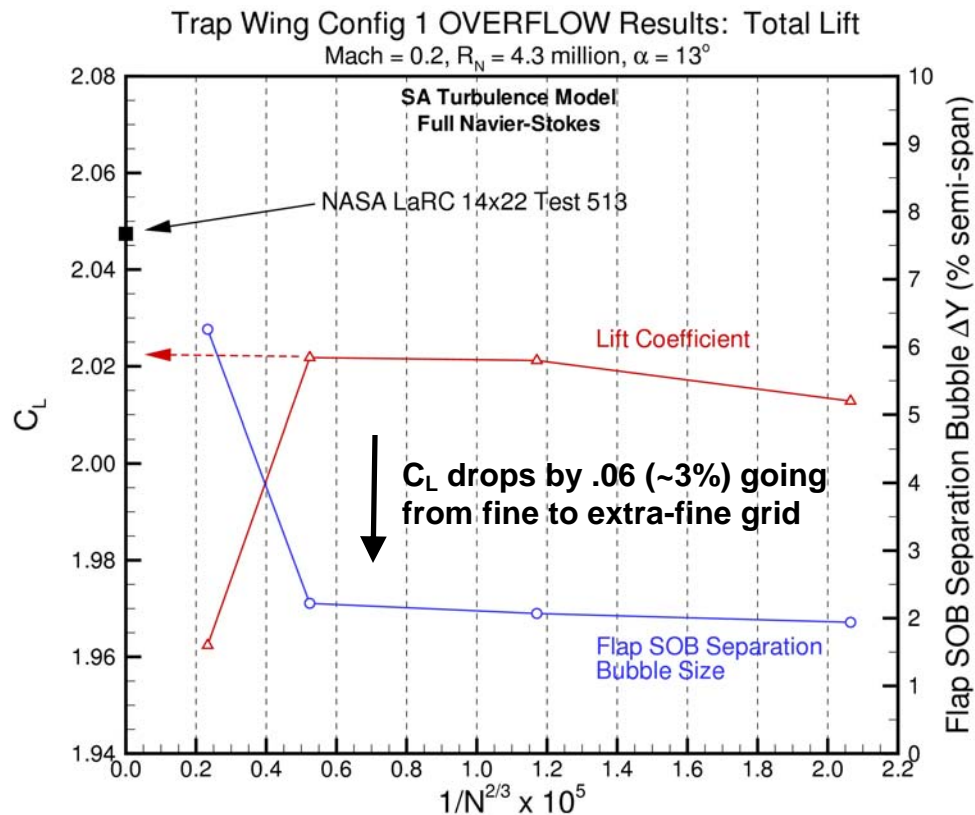
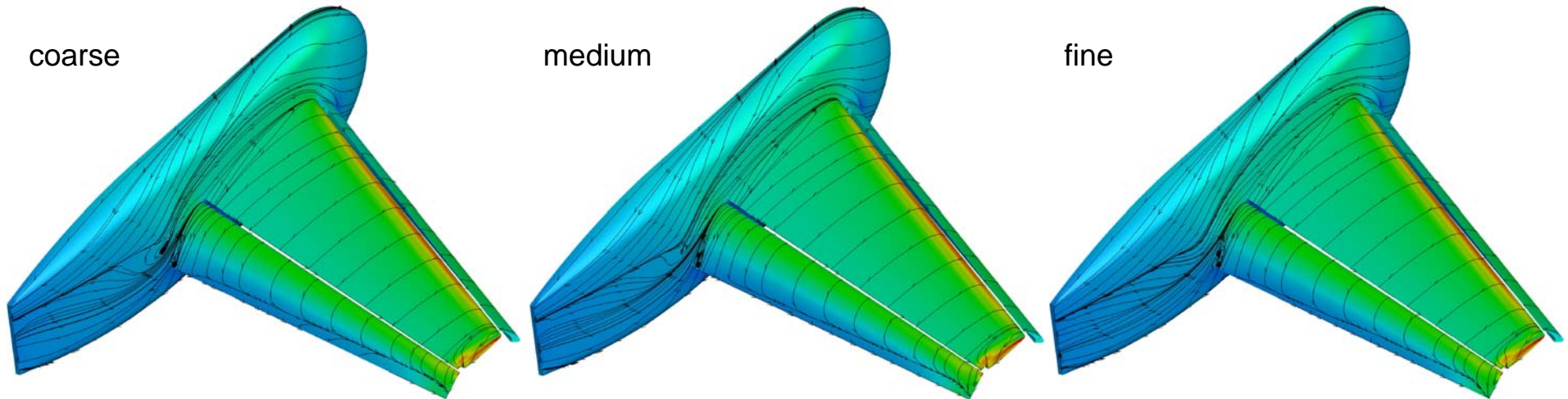
When comparing CFD with wind tunnel data, remember the following.

- Brackets
- Transition
- Walls
- Aeroelastics

## Test Case 1 *Grid Convergence Study*

# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

## Config 1: Total Lift at $\alpha = 13^\circ$

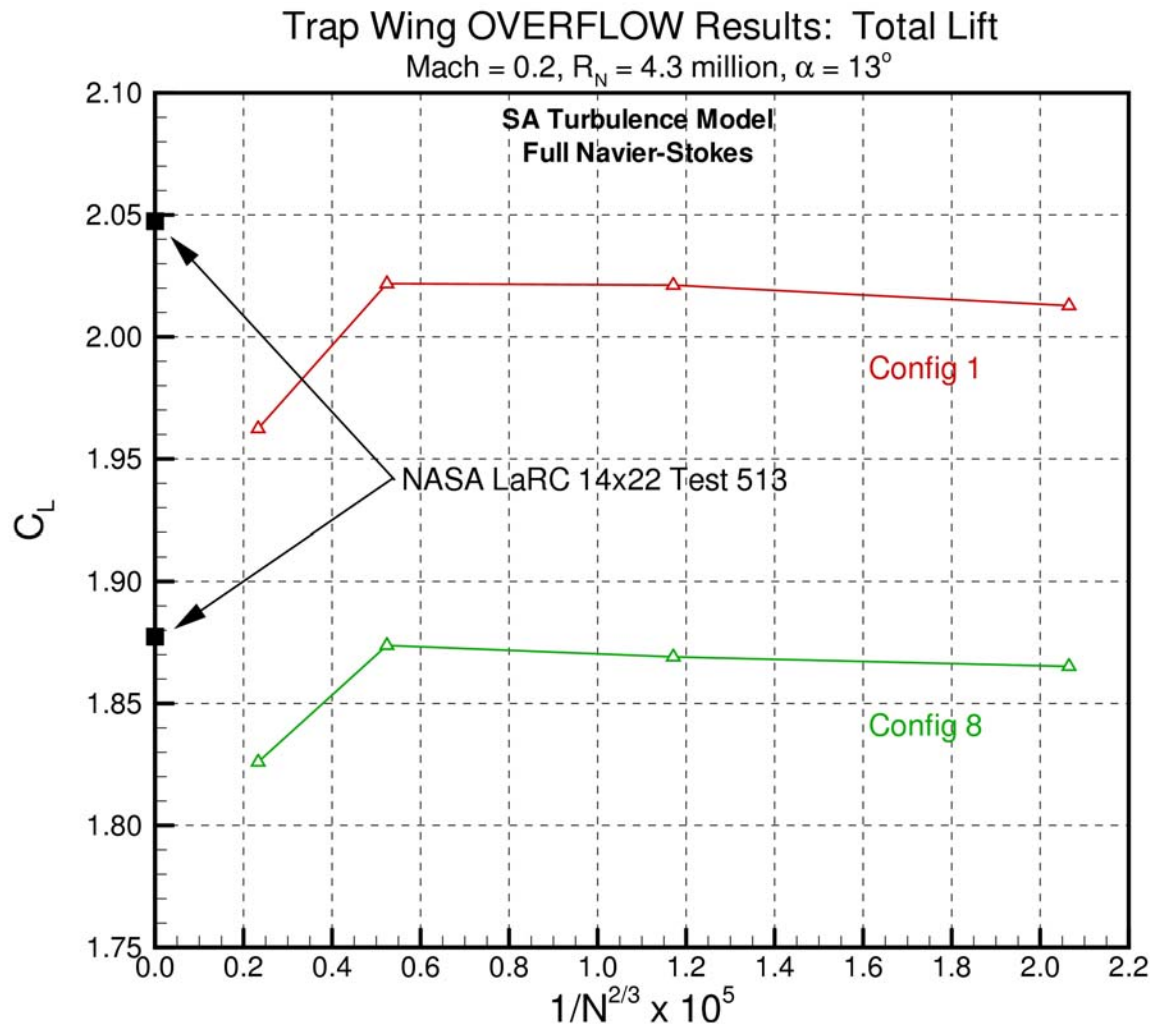


- Extra-fine grid solution represents a severe break in the grid convergence plot.
  - Extent of inboard flap separation may be related.
- Extrapolating from medium and fine grid  $C_L$ s gives 2.023 at the continuum, ~1% less than experiment.
- Flap TE separation is reduced with grid refinement.



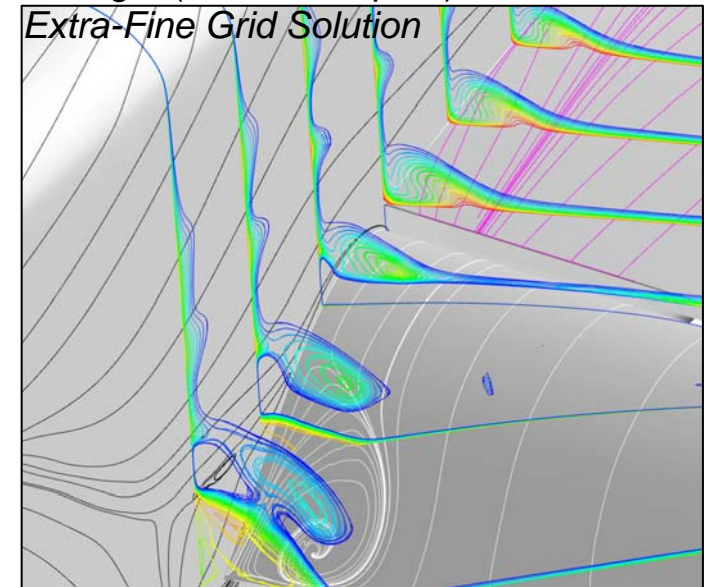
# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

## Config 1 and Config 8: Total Lift at $\alpha = 13^\circ$

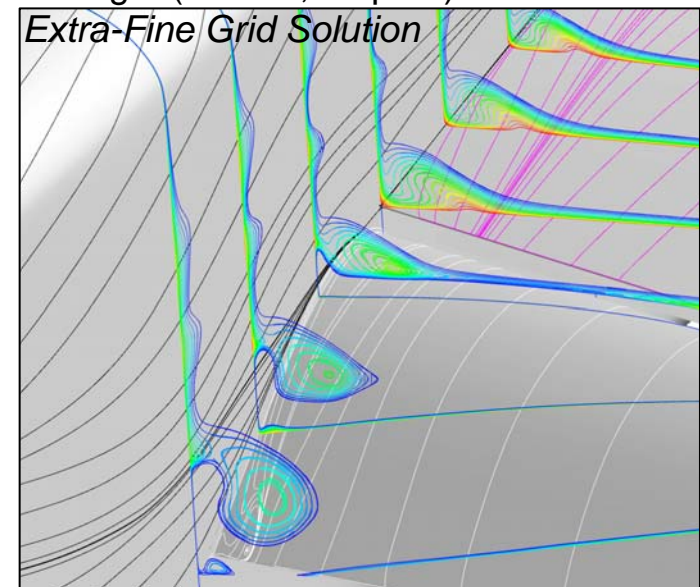


- Config 8 extra-fine grid solution shows a similar break in lift but the inboard flap separation is relatively small.
- The drop in lift at  $\alpha = 13^\circ$  going from the fine grid to the extra-fine grid does not appear to be driven by inboard flap separation.

Config 1 (Slat 30, Flap 25)



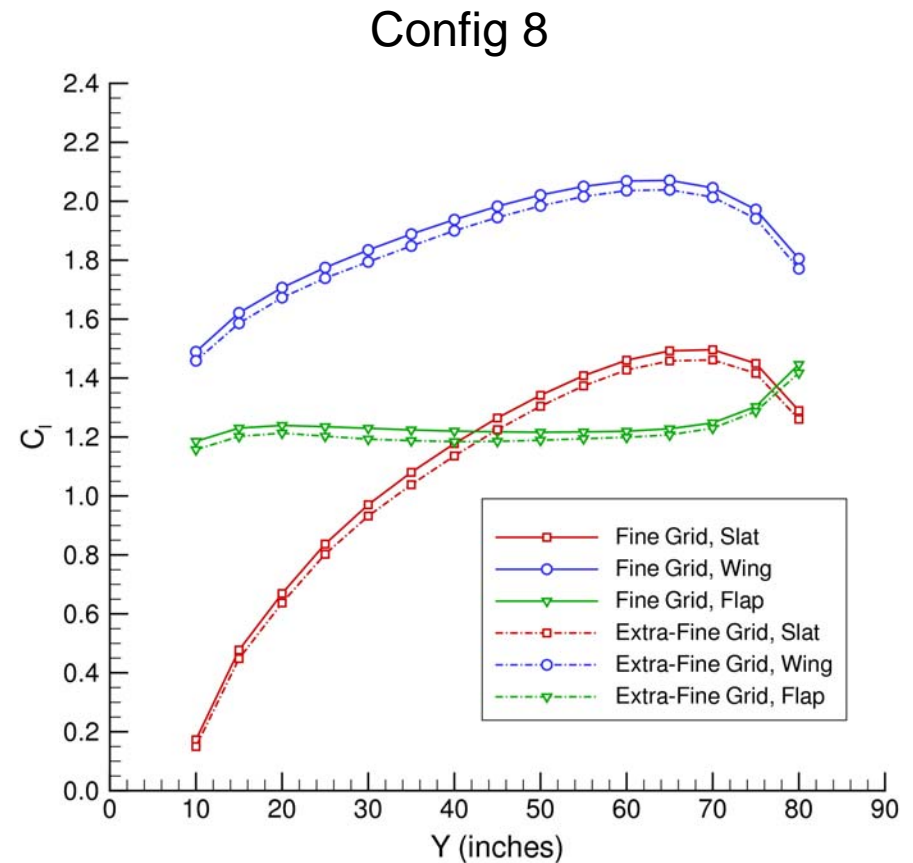
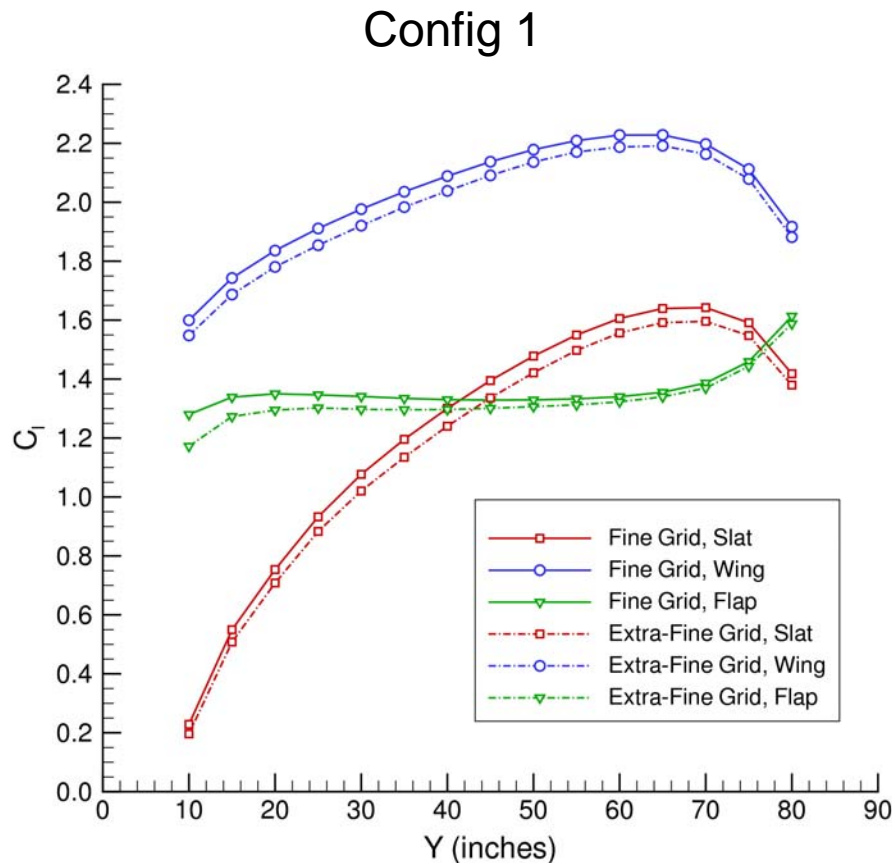
Config 8 (Slat 30, Flap 20)





# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

## Section $C_l$ Comparison at $\alpha = 13^\circ$

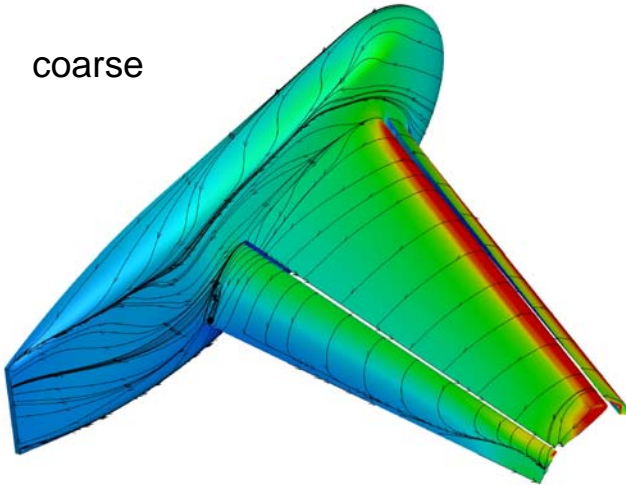


- The extra-fine grid solution has reduced loading across the entire semi-span for all three elements.

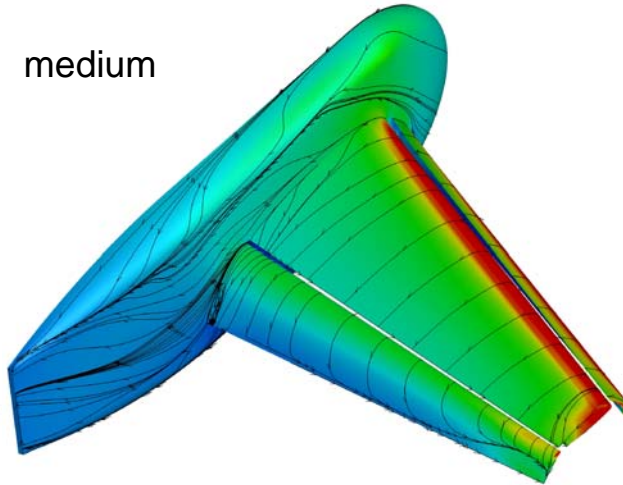
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## Config 1: Total Lift at $\alpha = 28^\circ$

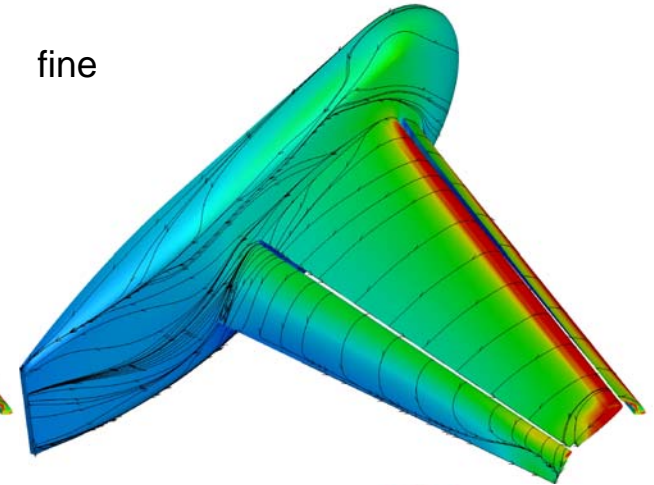
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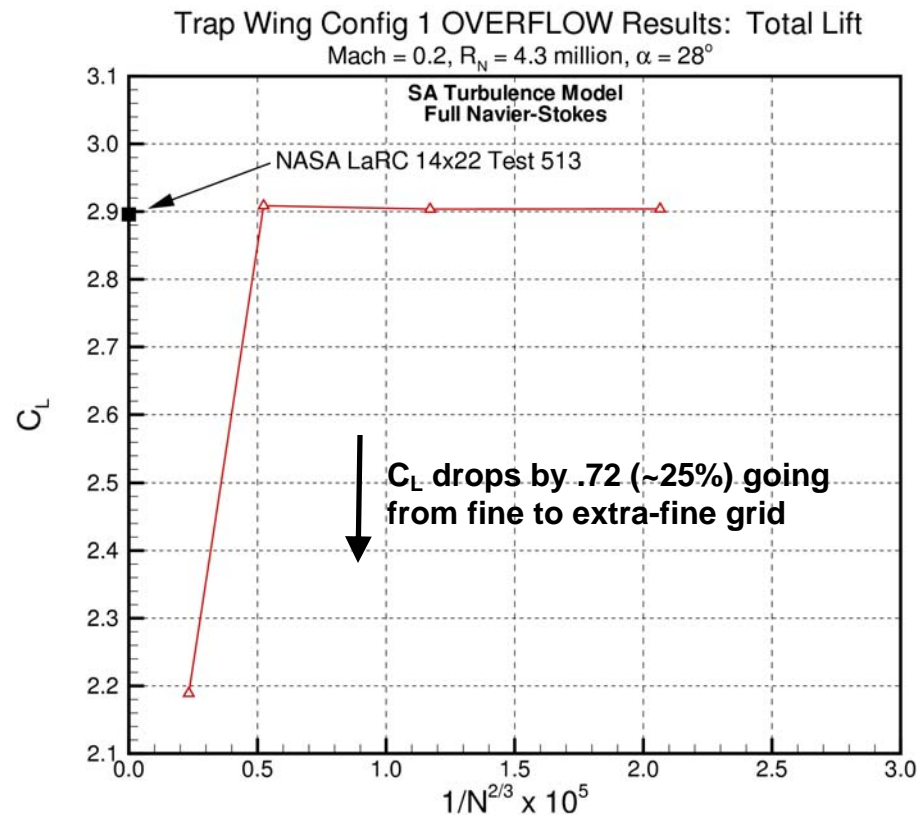
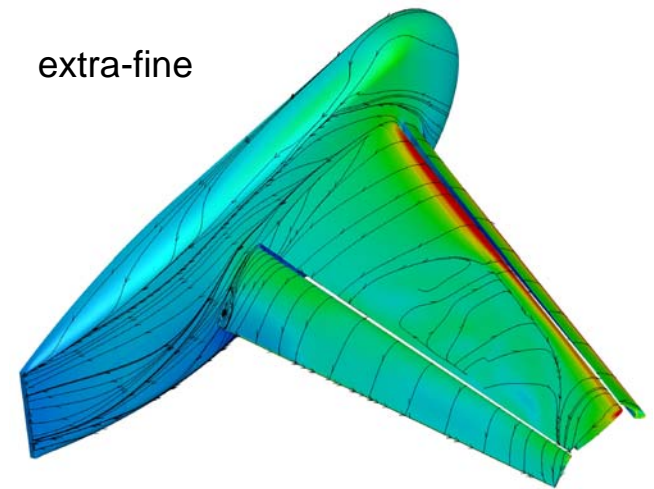
medium



fine



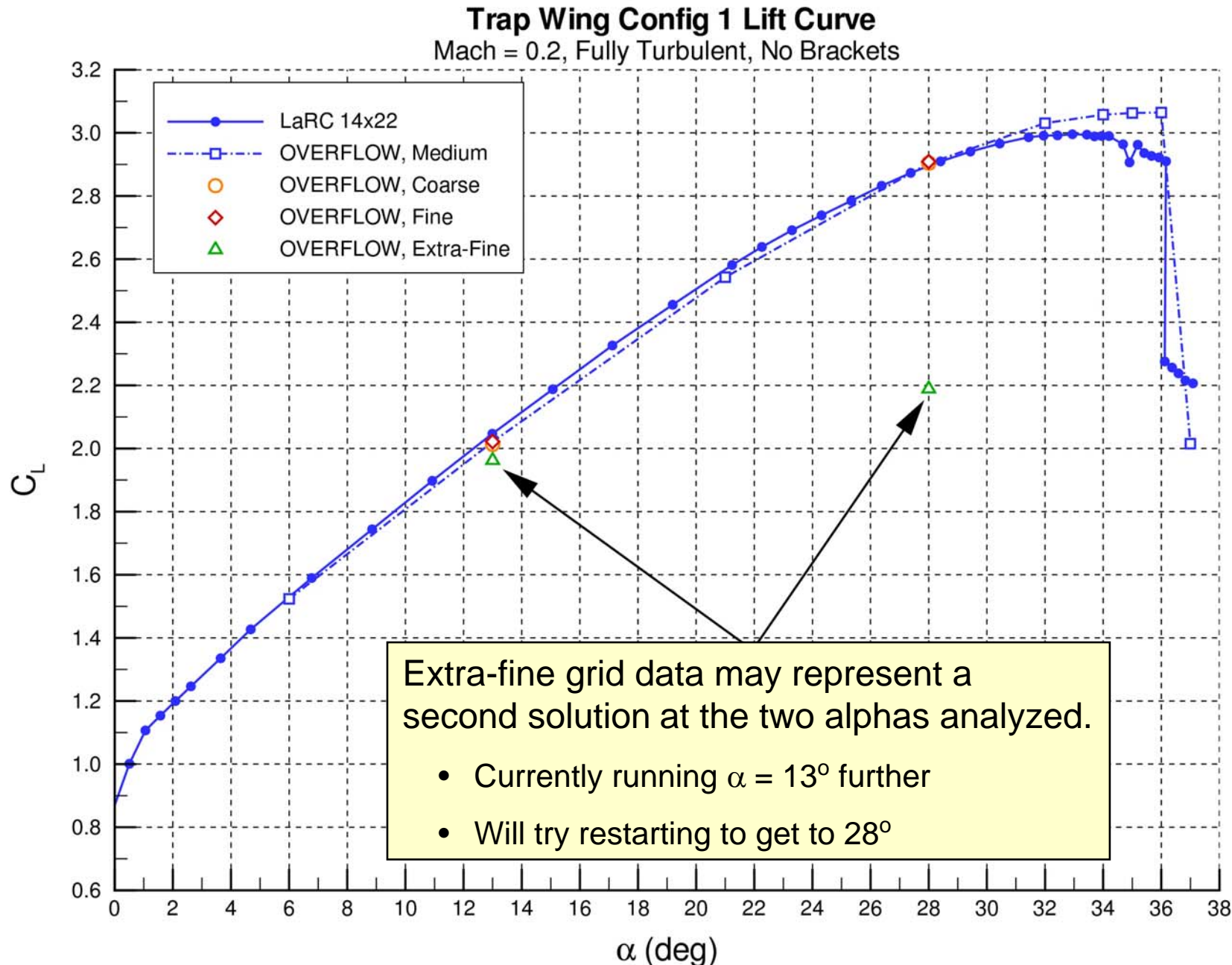
extra-fine



- Extra-fine grid solution represents an extremely large break in the grid convergence plot.
  - Surface streamlines show main wing flow separation (early stall).
- The coarse, medium, and fine grid  $C_L$  agrees very well with test data.

# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

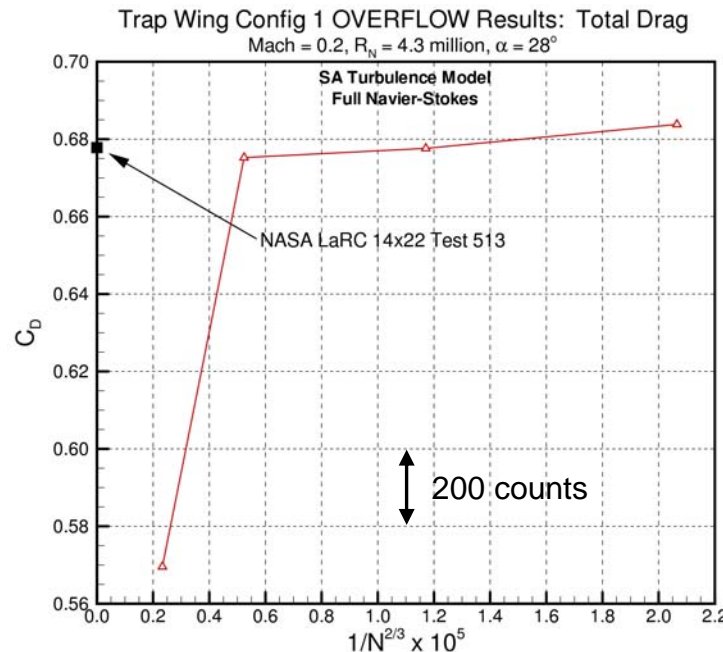
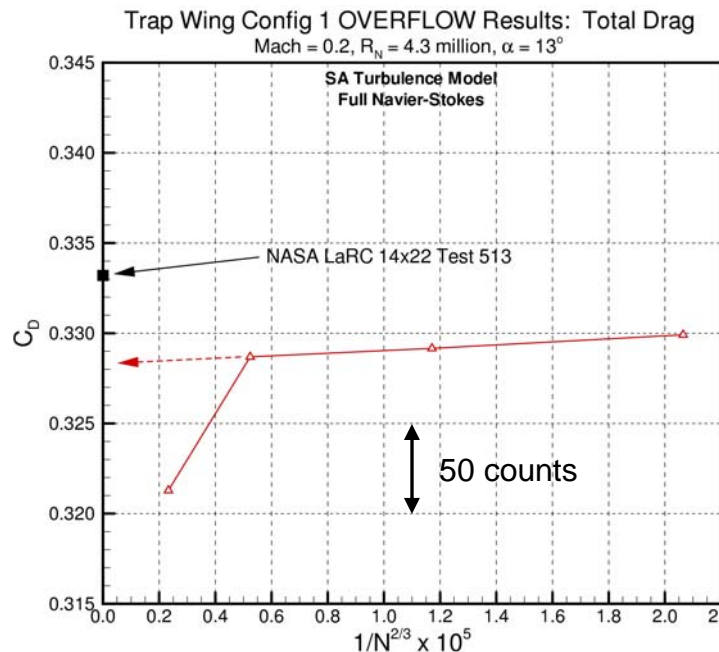
## Config 1 Lift Curve Comparison – Grid Effect





# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

## Config 1: Total Drag & Pitching Moment

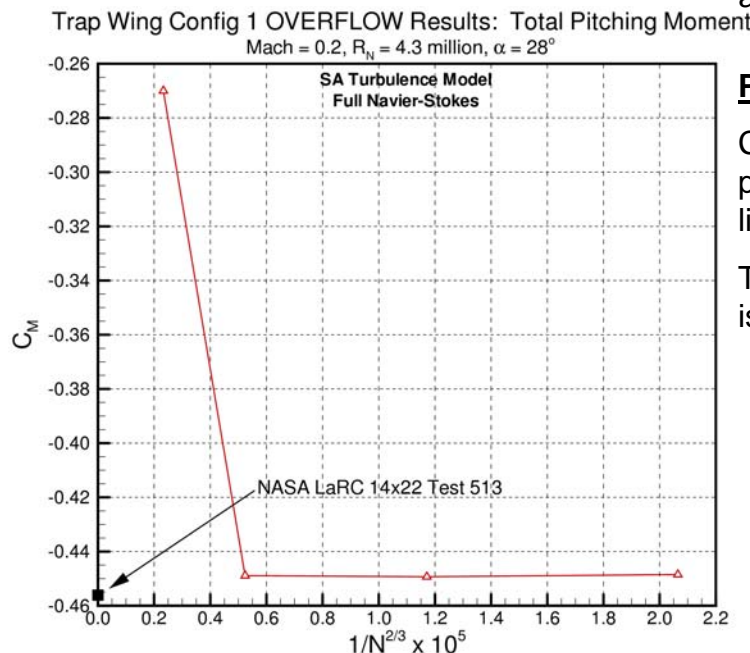
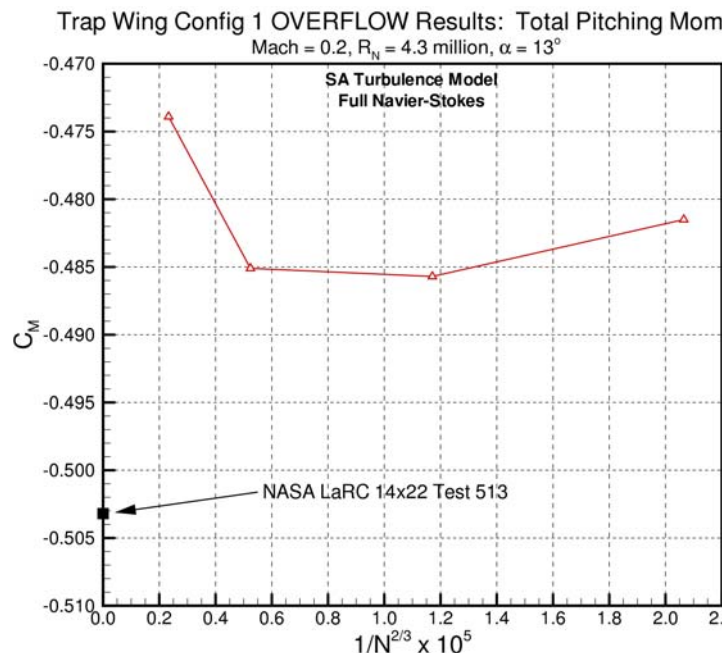


### Drag

Coarse, medium, and fine grid drag levels agree reasonably well with experiment.

- At  $13^\circ$ , grid-converged drag is under-predicted by about 45 counts ( $\sim 1.3\%$ ).
- At  $28^\circ$ , grid-converged drag is under-predicted by about 50 counts ( $\sim 0.8\%$ ).

The extra-fine grid data breaks away from the linear trend indicating asymptotic grid convergence is not achieved.



### Pitching Moment

Coarse, medium, and fine grid pitching moment data is not linear at  $13^\circ$ .

The extra-fine grid pitch break is nose-up for both alphas.

- At  $13^\circ$ , nose-up break most likely driven by reduced  $C_L$ .
- At  $28^\circ$ , nose-up break caused by outboard wing separation.

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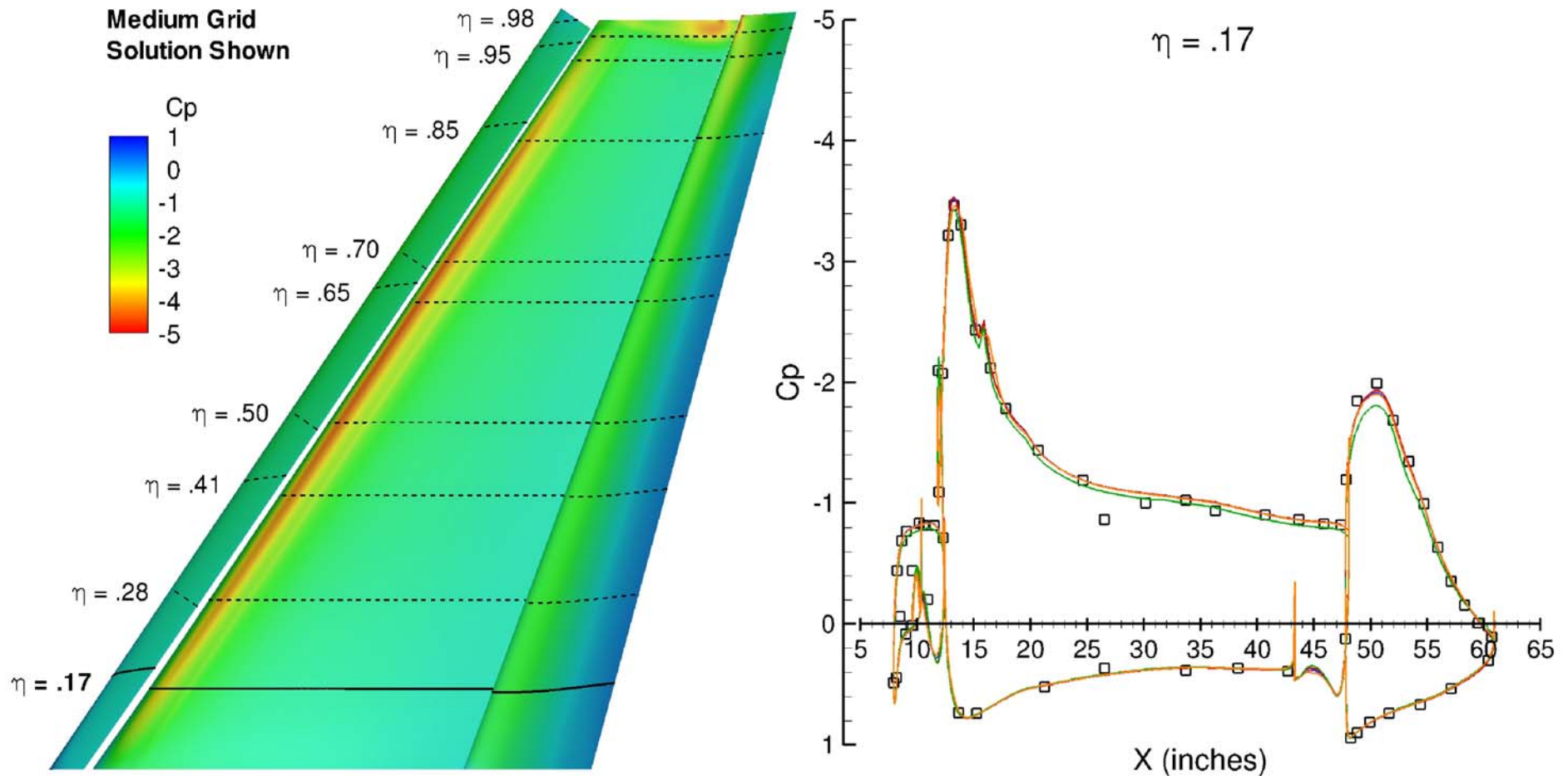
Config 1: Pressure Comparison at  $\alpha = 13^\circ$ ,  $\eta = .17$

Trap Wing Config1 Pressure Comparison

**LaRC 14x22 vs OVERFLOW**

$RN_{MAC} = 4.3$  million, Mach = 0.2,  $\alpha = 13^\circ$

coarse	$C_L = 2.013$
medium	$C_L = 2.021$
fine	$C_L = 2.022$
extra-fine	$C_L = 1.962$
LaRC 14x22	$C_L = 2.047$



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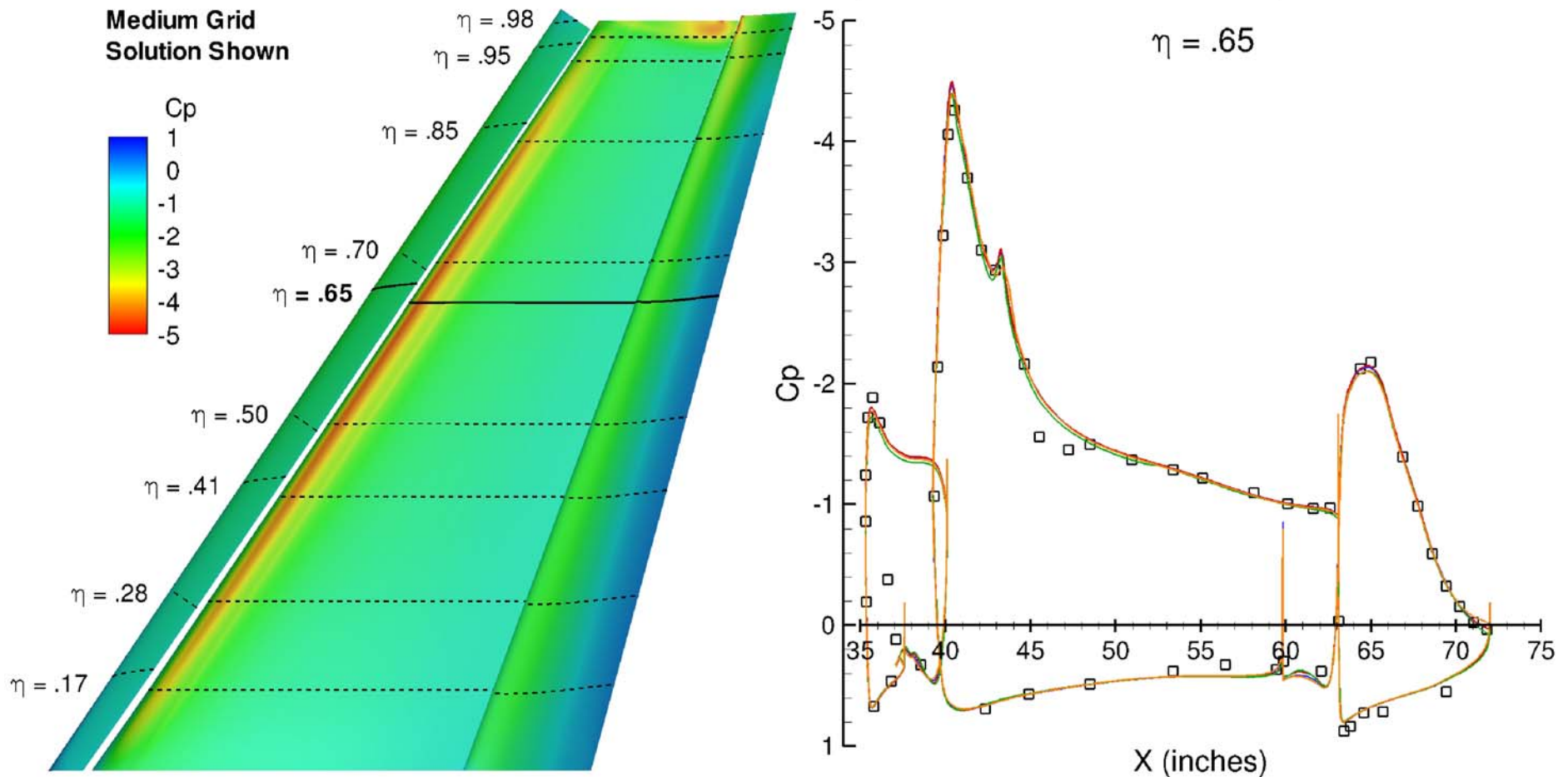
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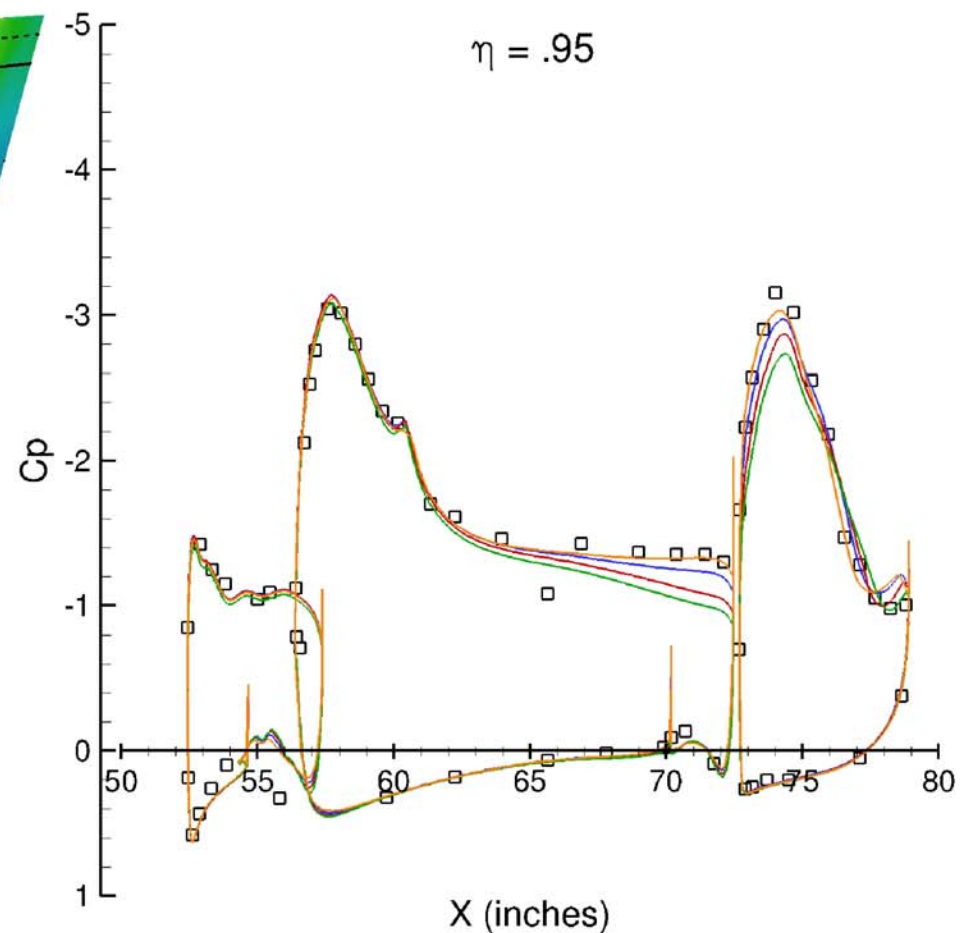
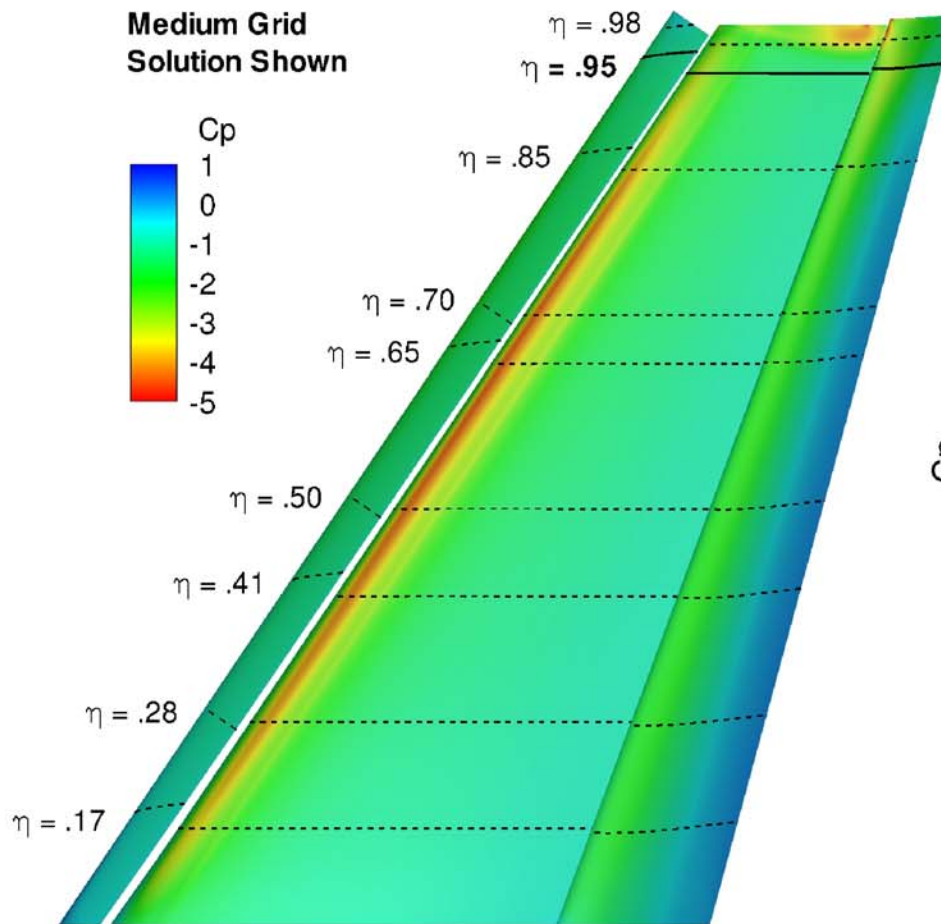
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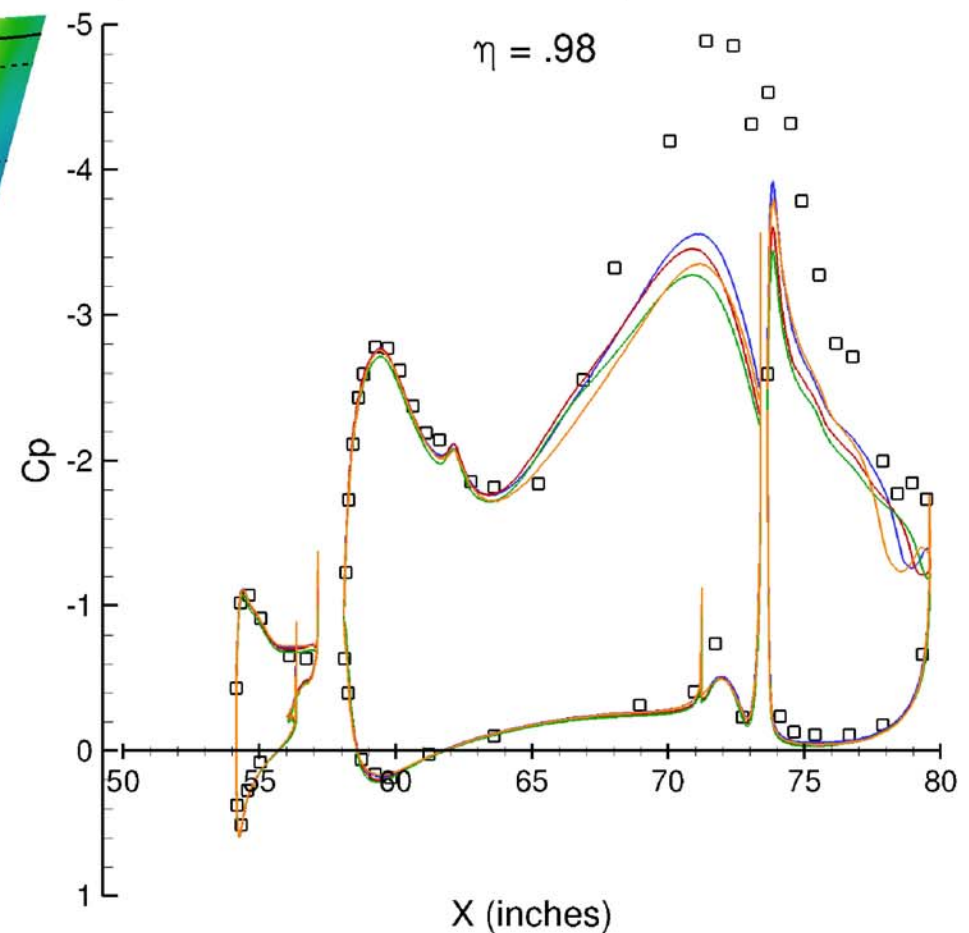
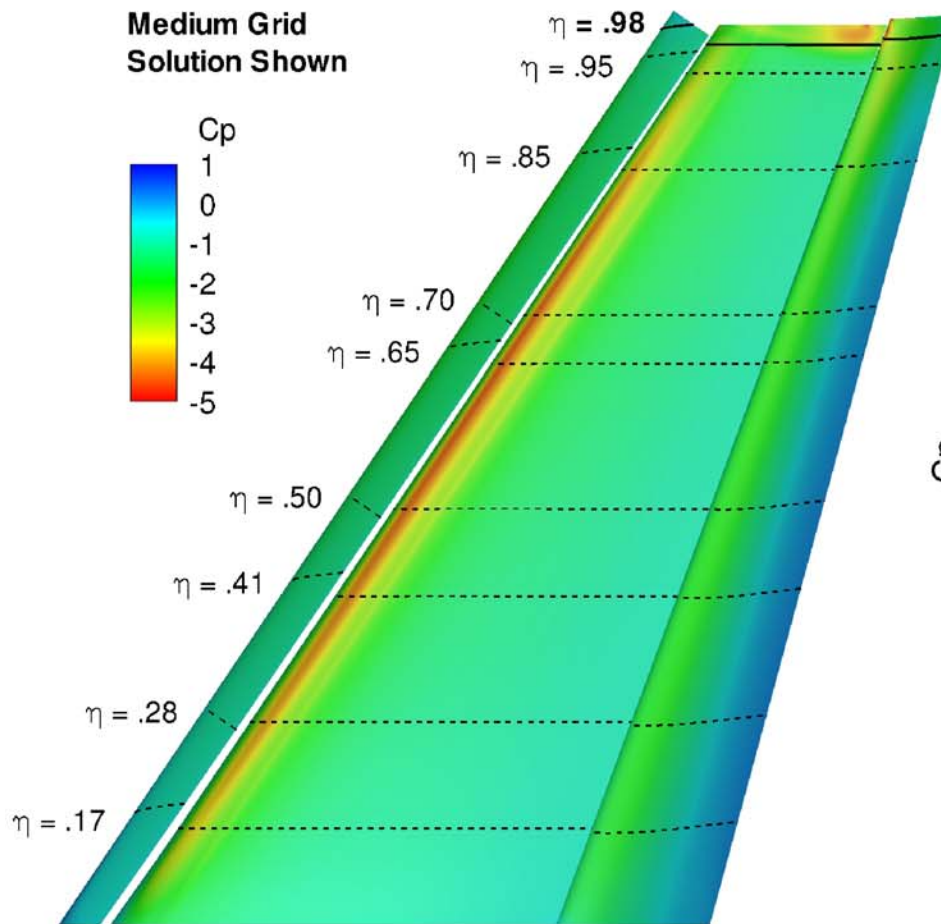
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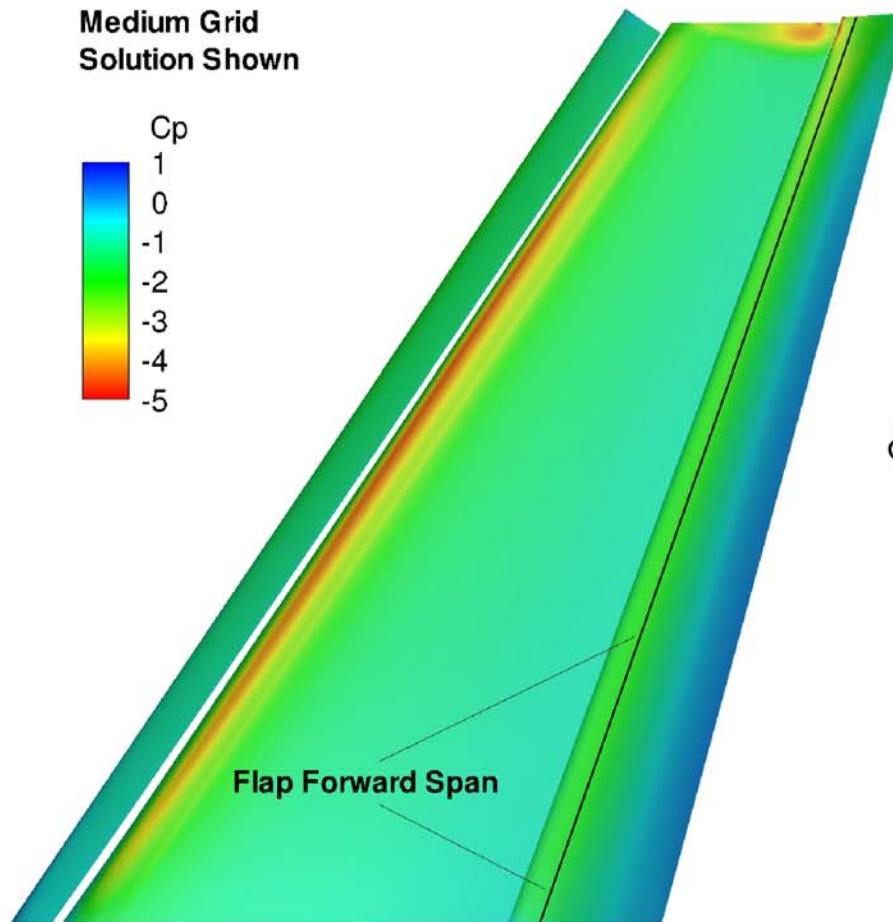
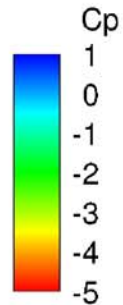
## Config 1: Pressure Comparison at *Flap Forward Span*

Trap Wing Config1 Pressure Comparison

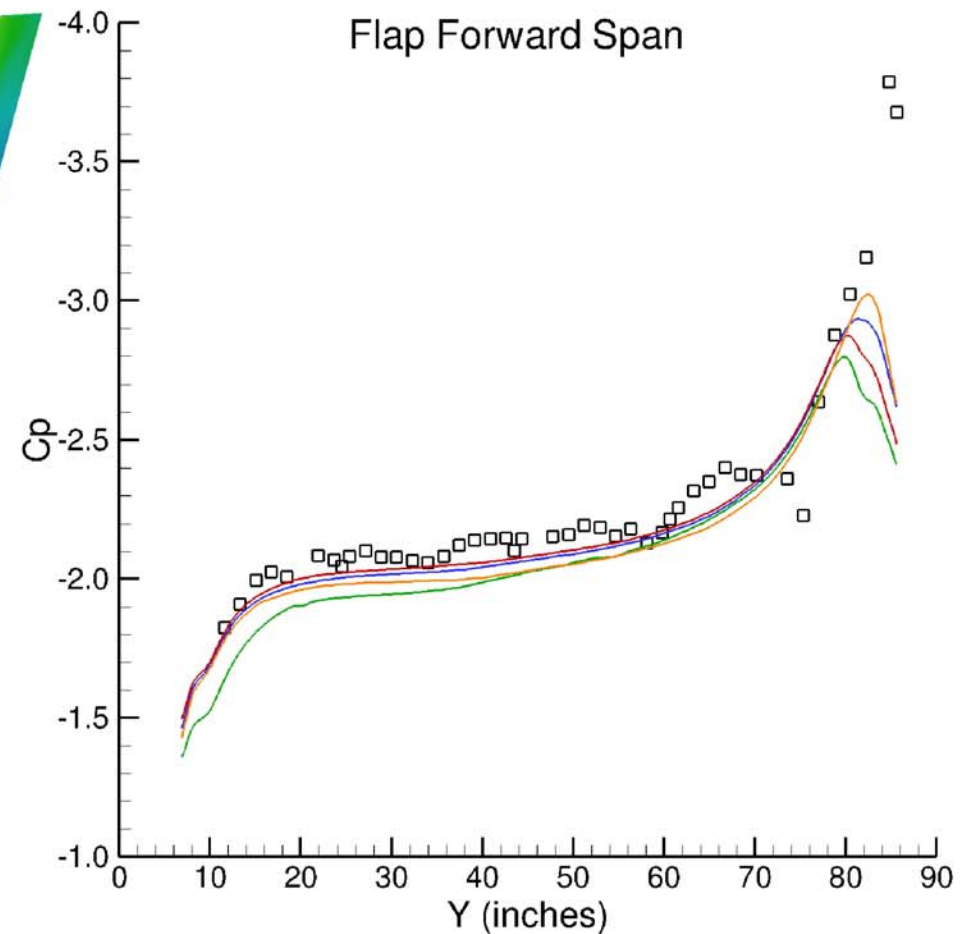
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Medium Grid  
Solution Shown



Flap Forward Span



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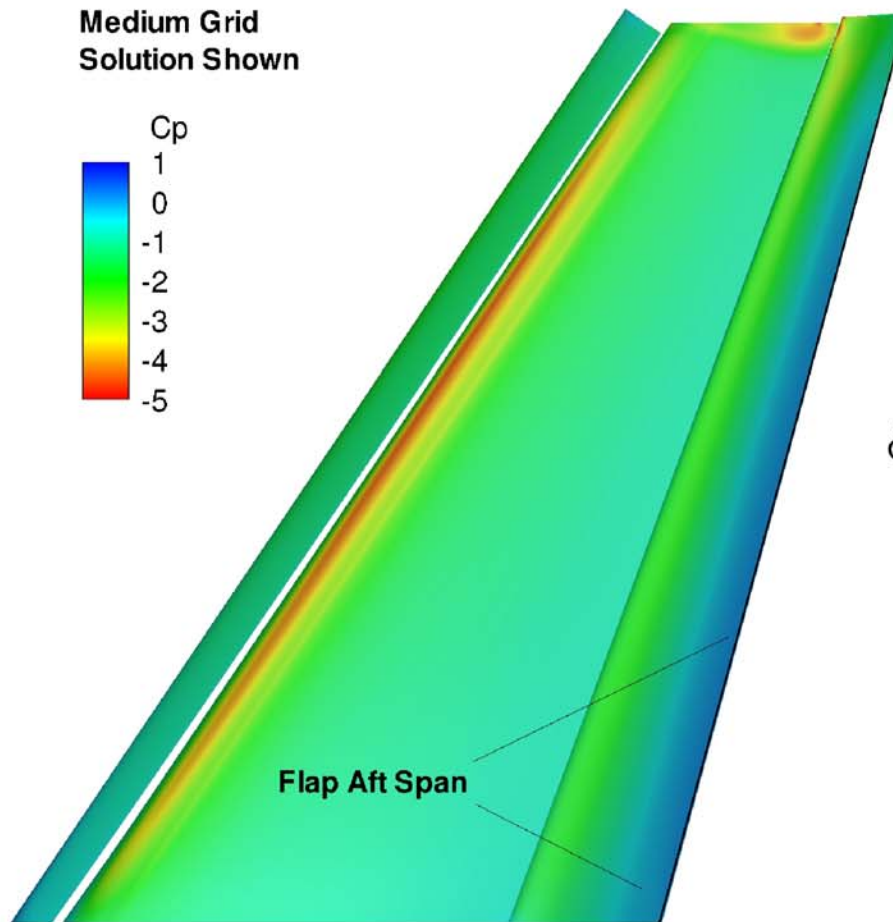
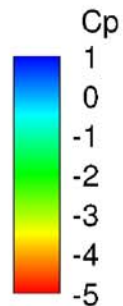
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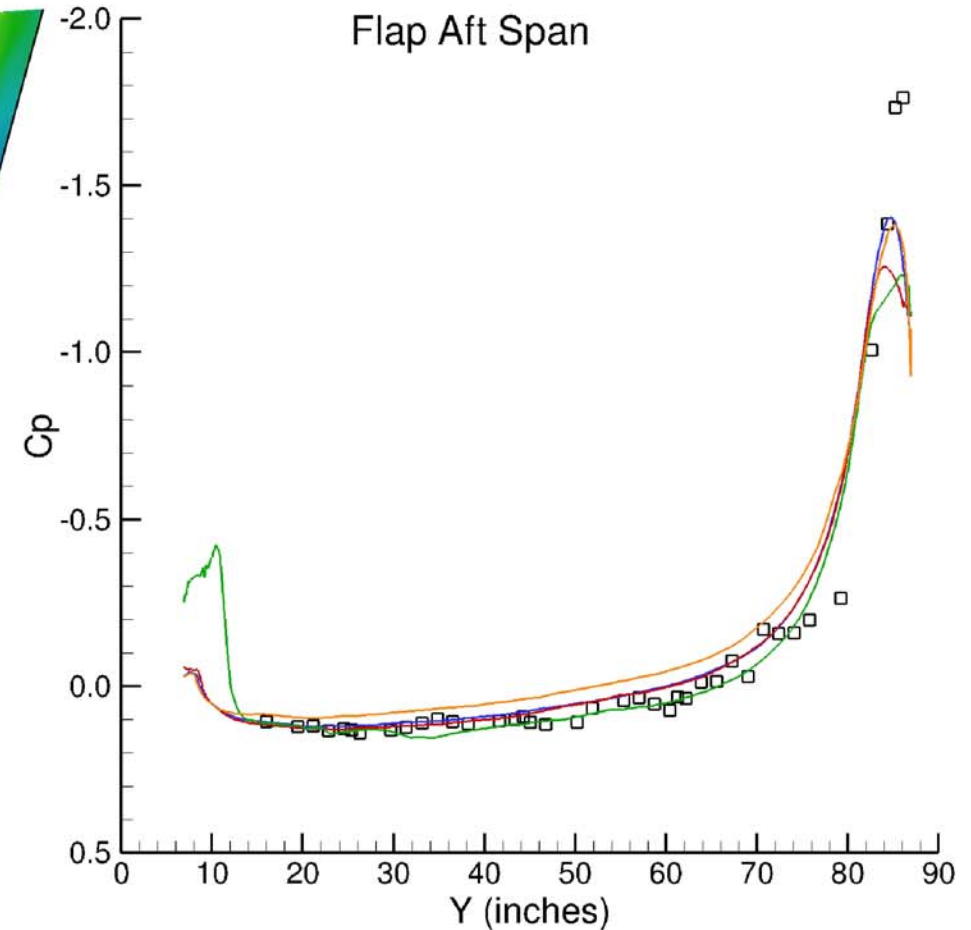
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Medium Grid  
Solution Shown



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□ LaRC 14x22	$C_L = 2.047$

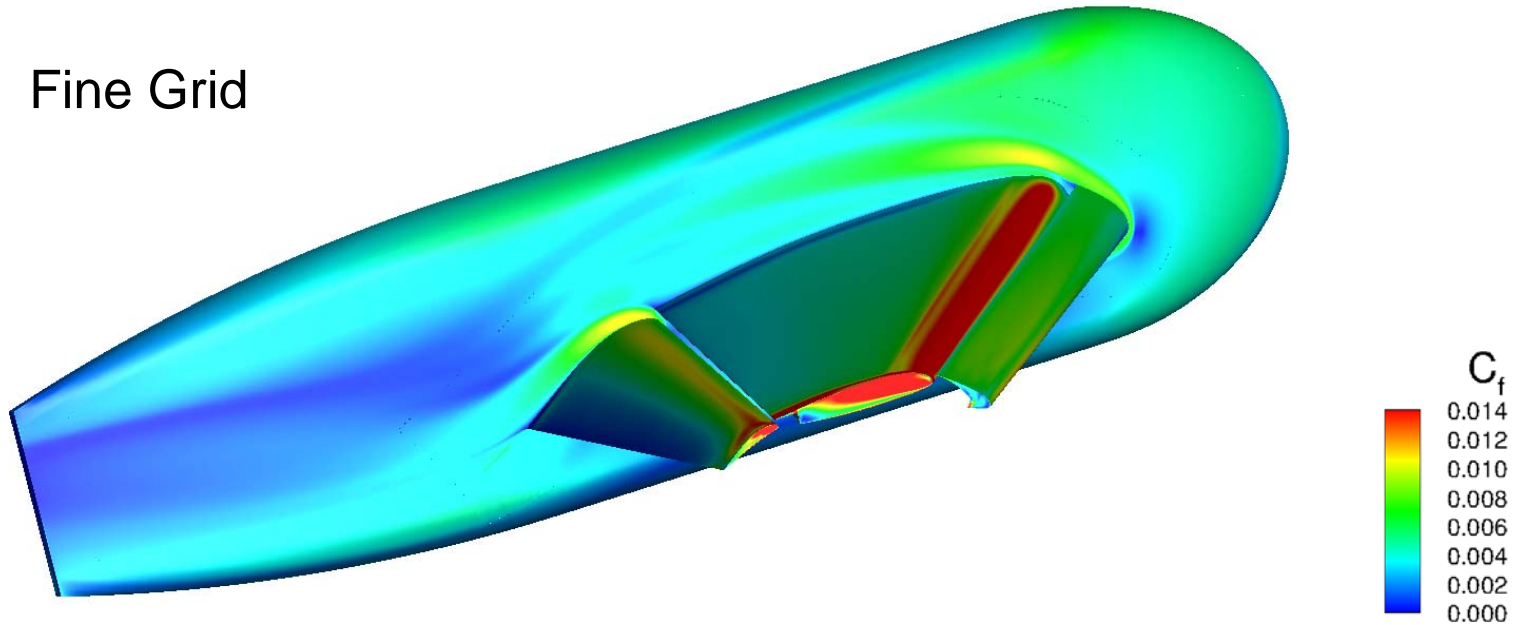




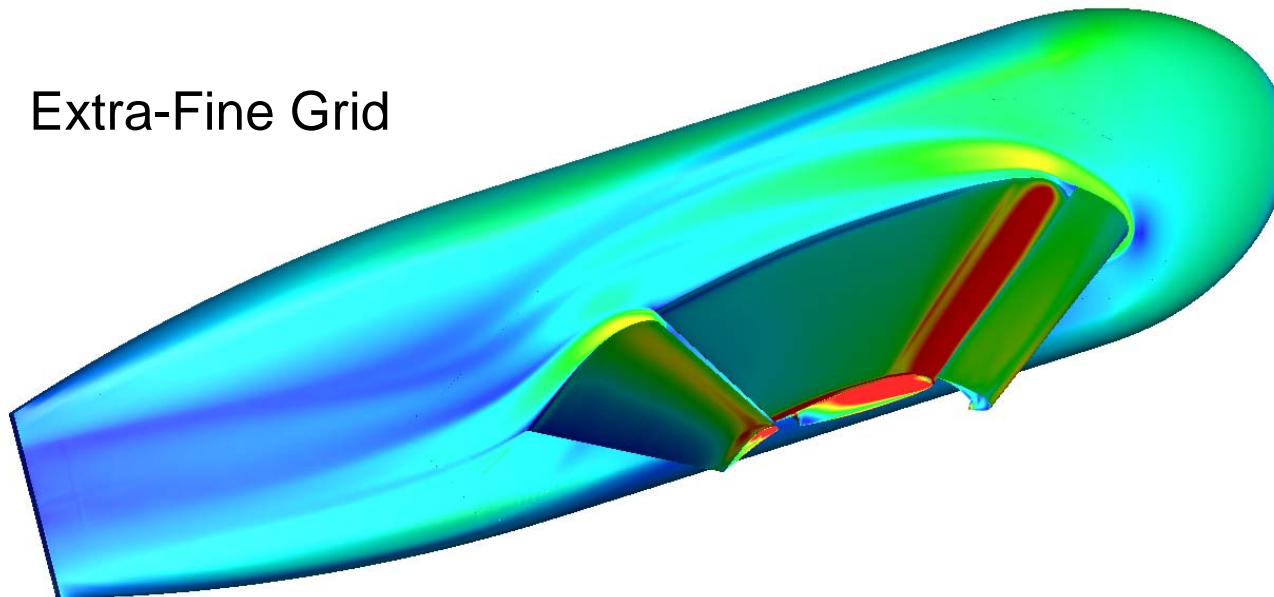
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## *Skin Friction for Config 8, $\alpha = 13^\circ$*

Fine Grid



Extra-Fine Grid



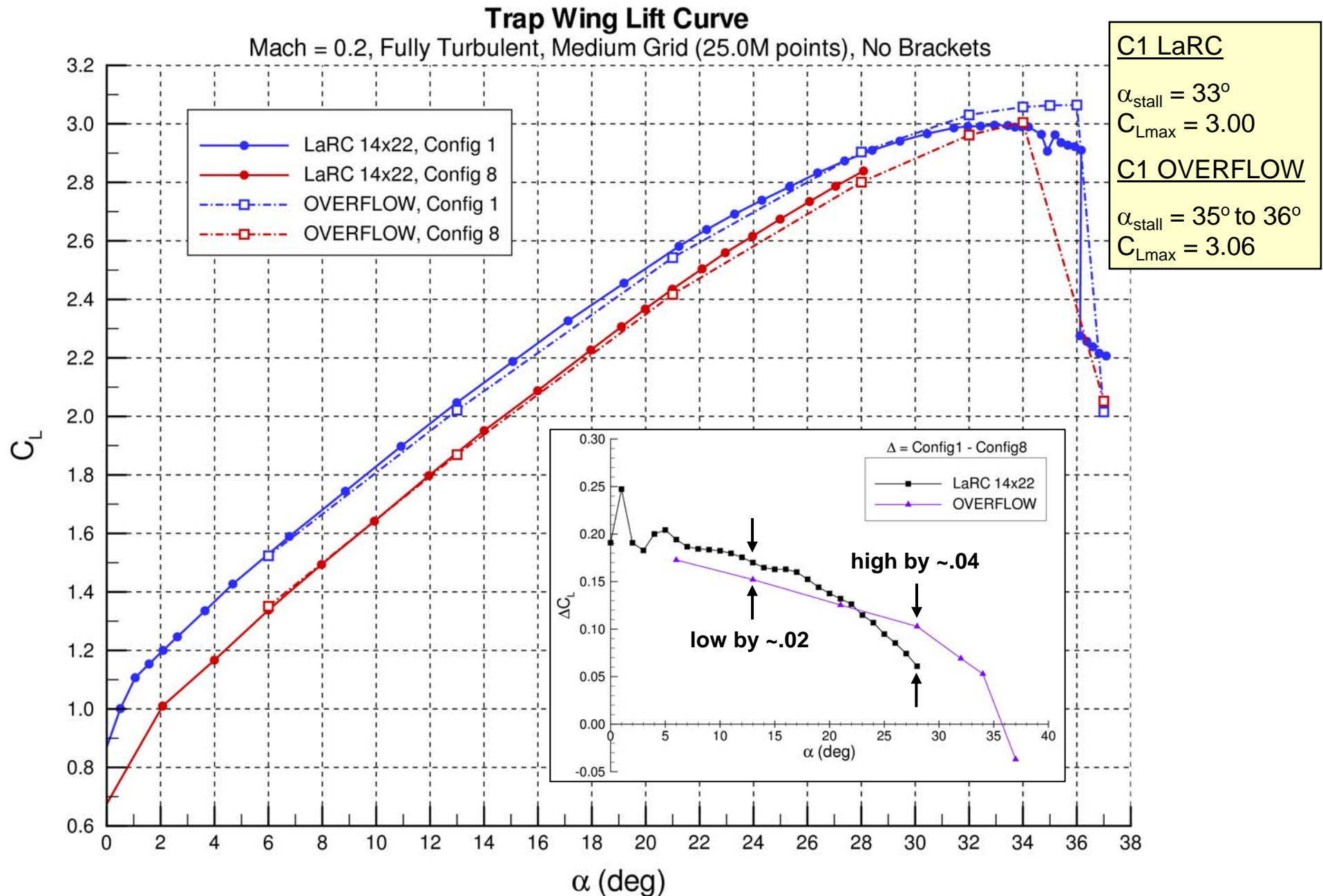
## Test Case 2

### *Flap Deflection Prediction Study*



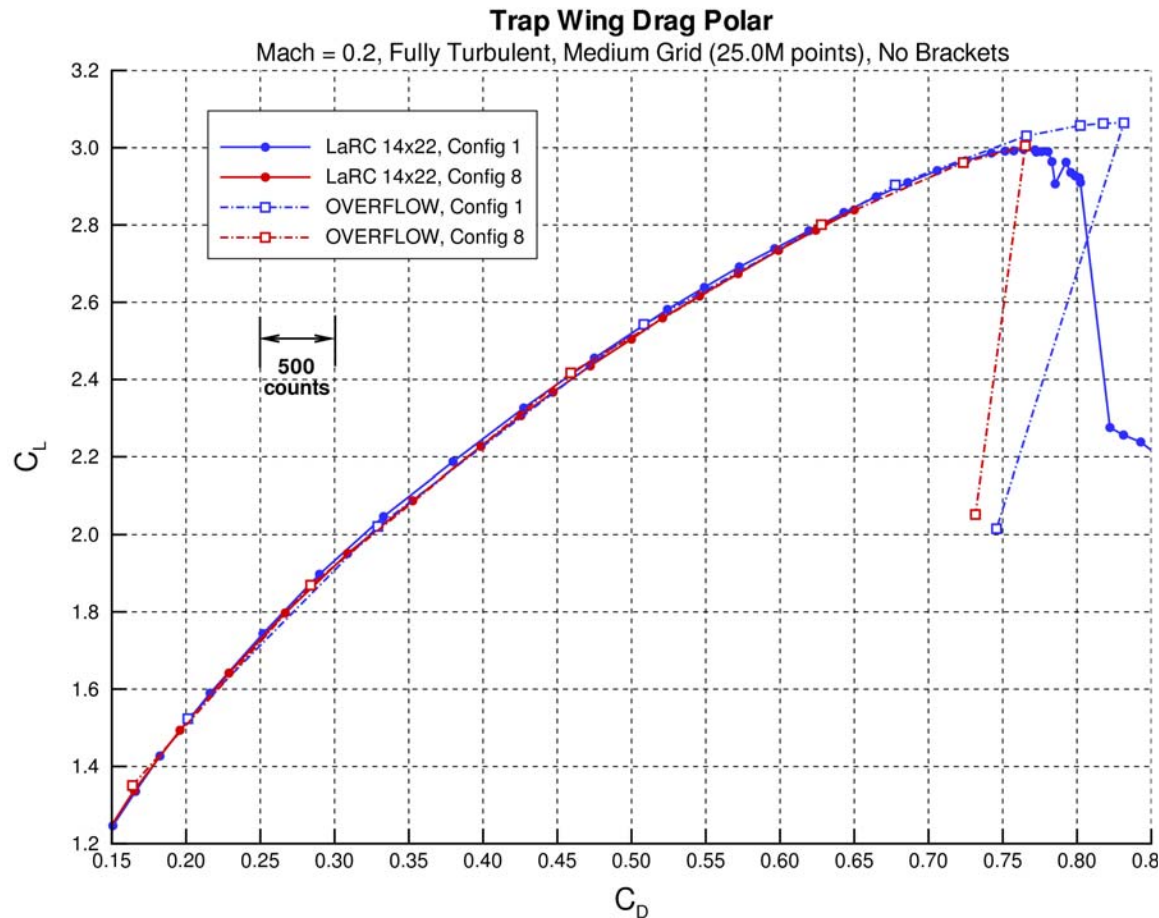
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## Lift Comparison



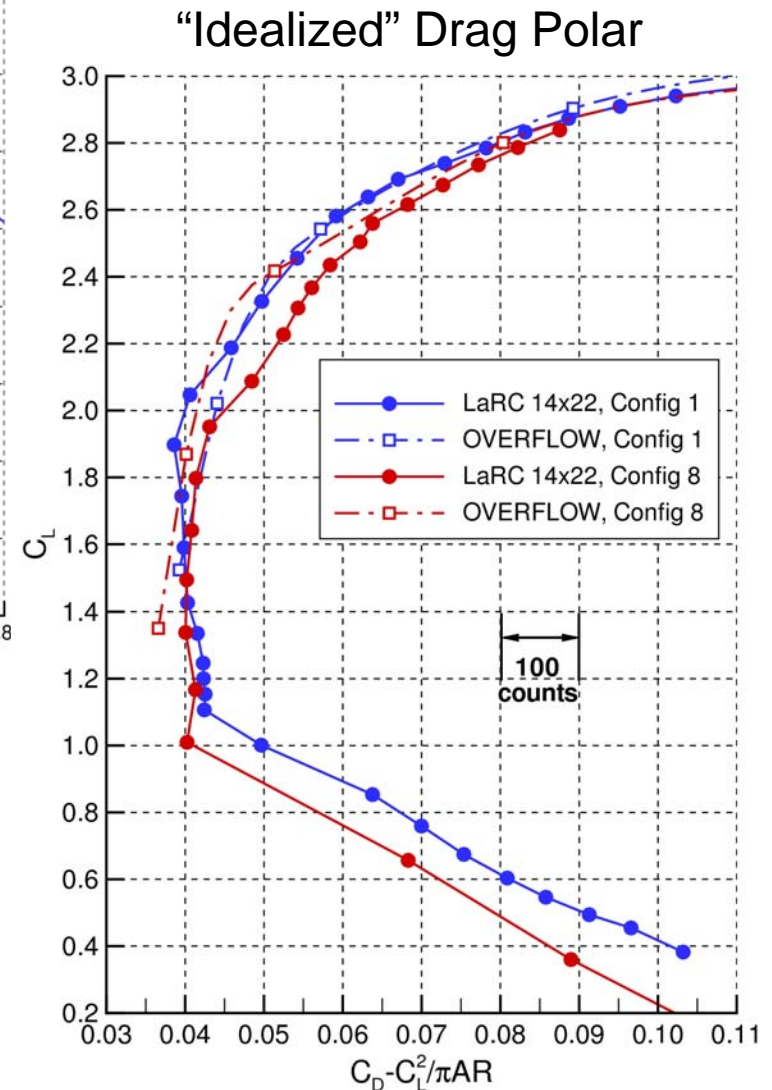
# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Drag Comparison: $C_L$ vs $C_D$ and $C_L$ vs $C_D - C_L^2/\pi AR$



By removing idealized induced drag, a more detailed polar comparison can be made.

- LaRC data show cross-over  $C_L$  to be at 1.5, above which Config 8 has higher drag
- OVERFLOW  $C_L$  cross-over is at 2.4
- Larger difference seen in Config 8 polar

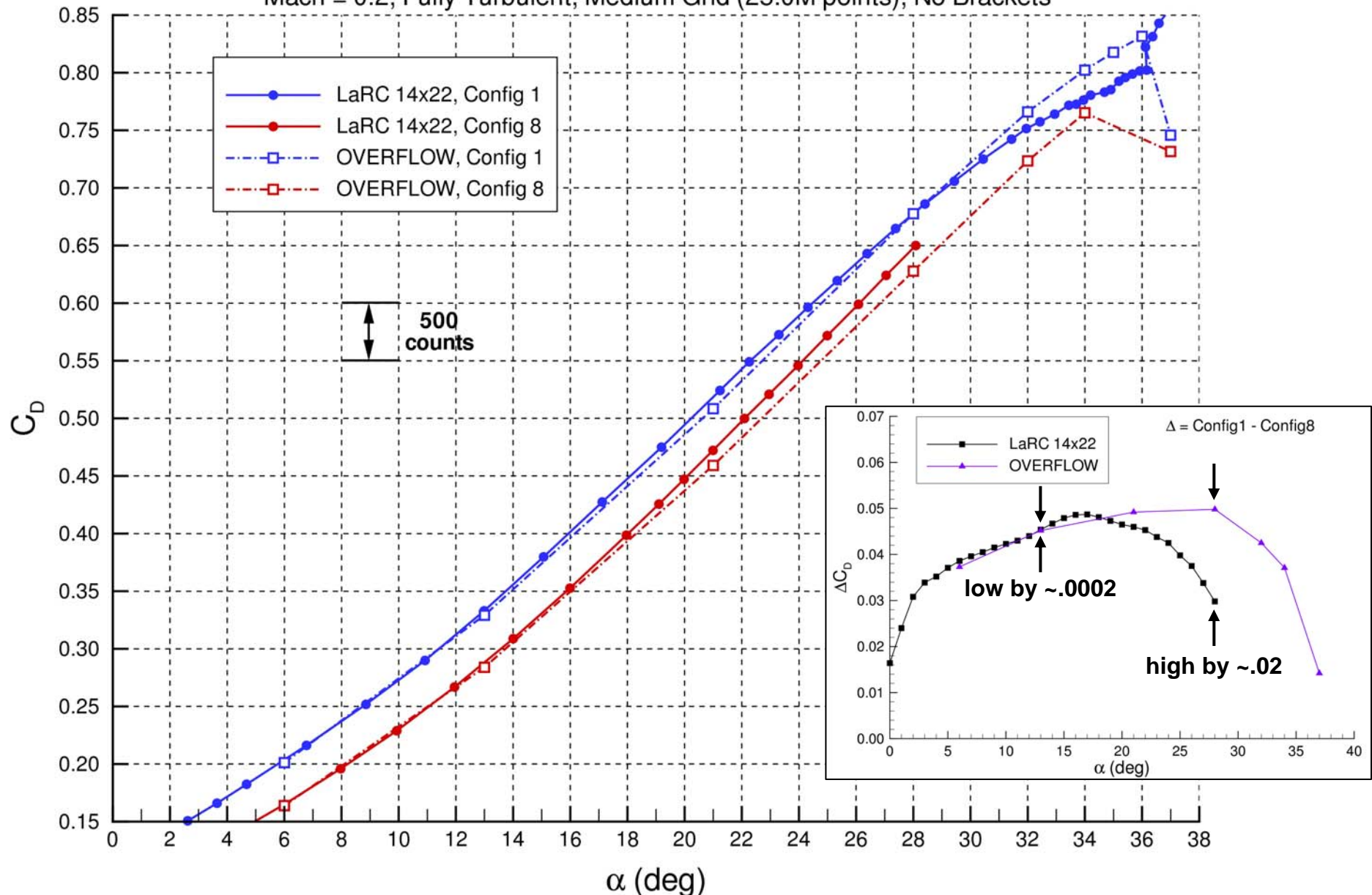


# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Drag Comparison: $C_D$ vs $\alpha$

### Trap Wing Drag Polar

Mach = 0.2, Fully Turbulent, Medium Grid (25.0M points), No Brackets



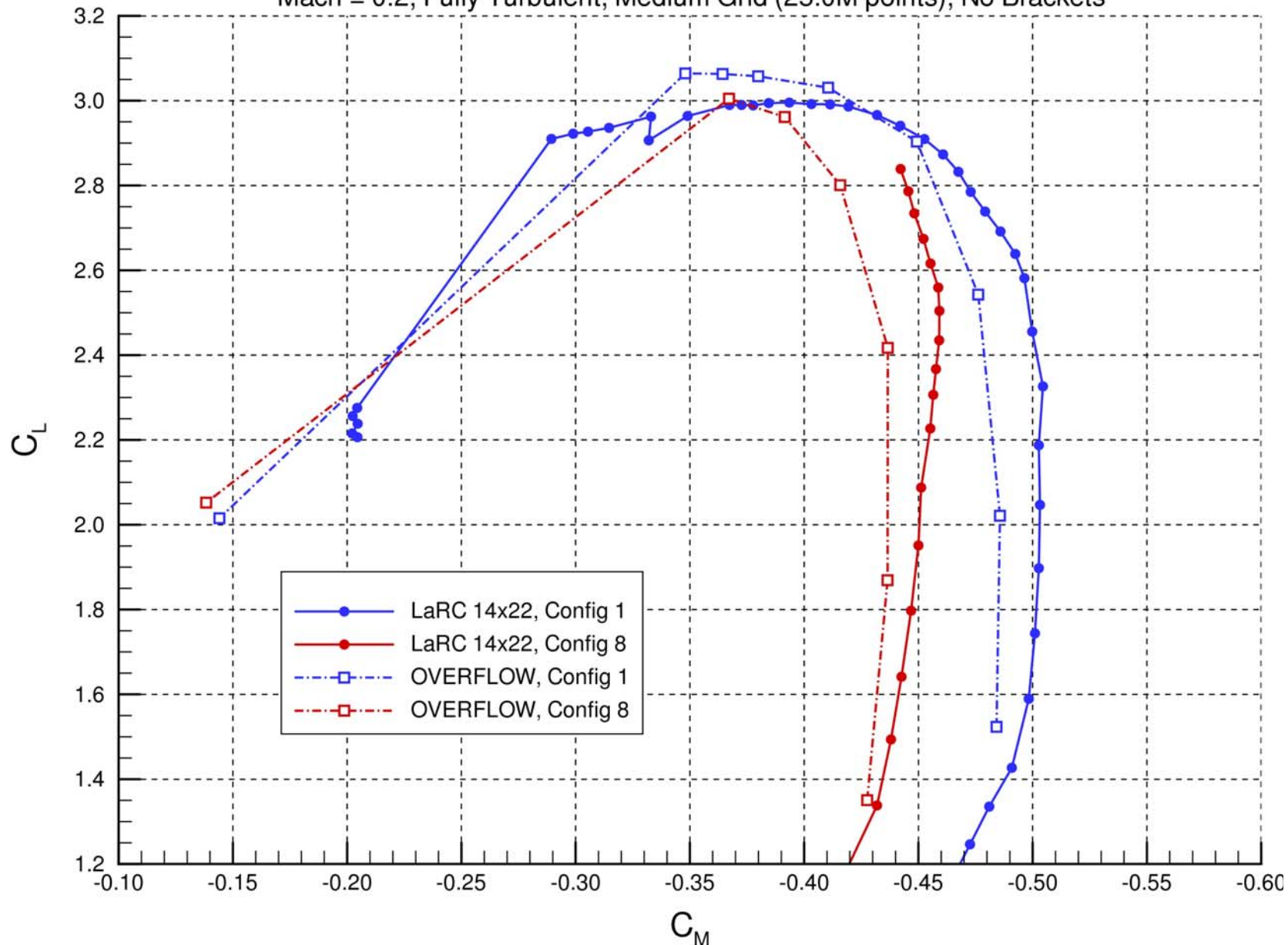


# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Pitching Moment Comparison: $C_L$ vs $C_M$

### Trap Wing Pitching Moment

Mach = 0.2, Fully Turbulent, Medium Grid (25.0M points), No Brackets

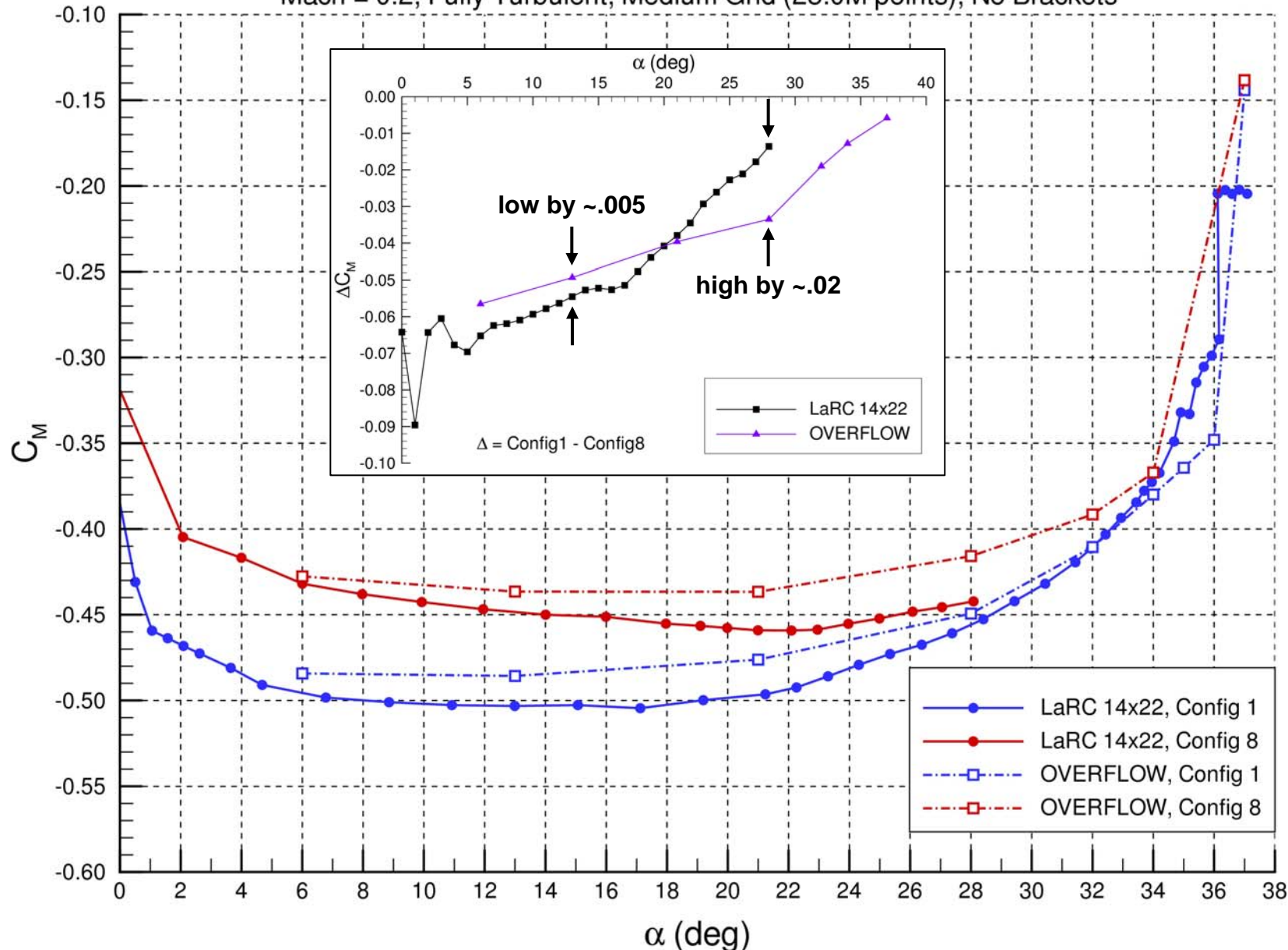


# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Pitching Moment Comparison: $C_M$ vs $\alpha$

### Trap Wing Pitching Moment

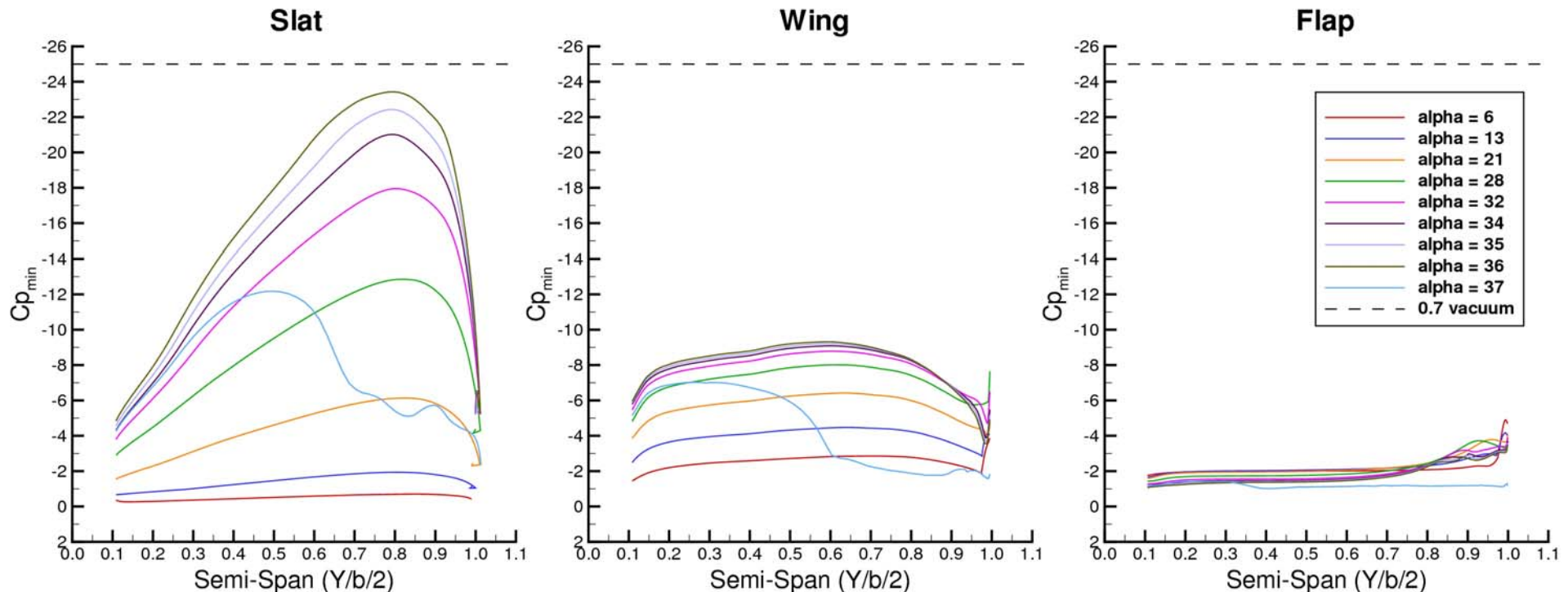
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# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Minimum Pressure Comparison: Config 1

Trap Wing Config 1 OVERFLOW Results  
RN = 4.3 million, Mach = 0.2, Medium Grid, No Brackets



Using J. P. Mayer's 0.7 vacuum ( $M_\infty^2 C_p = -1$ ) presented by A.M.O. Smith\*

- Slat suction pressure reaches 0.7 vacuum ( $C_p = -25$ ) at  $36^\circ < \alpha < 37^\circ$ 
  - Critical semi-span station is  $\eta = 0.8$
- **Stall appears to be driven by the slat → slat stalls first followed by wing**

\*Smith, A. M. O., "High Lift Aerodynamics", 37<sup>th</sup> Wright Borthers Lecture, Vol. 12 No. 6, JOA, June 1975

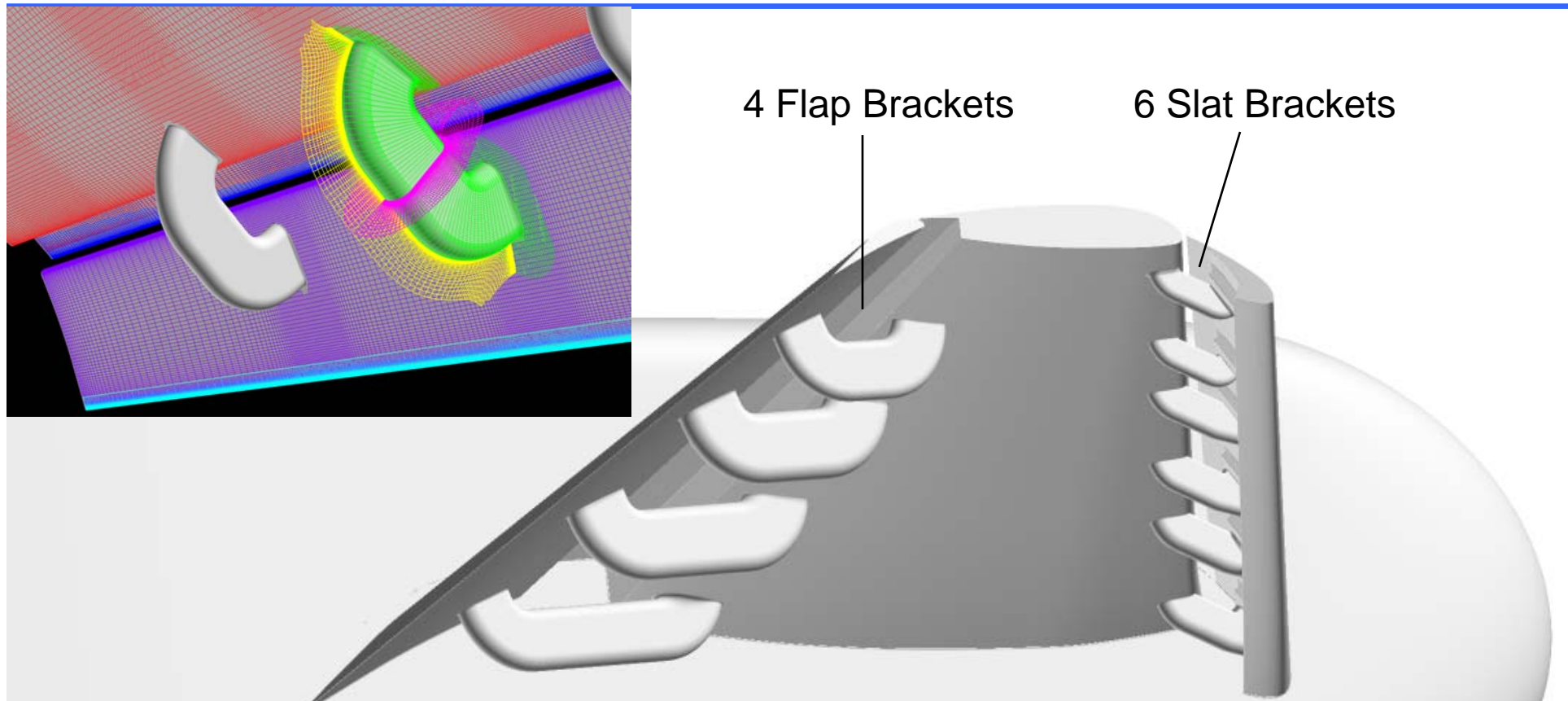


## Test Case 3

### *Slat and Flap Support Effects Study*

# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

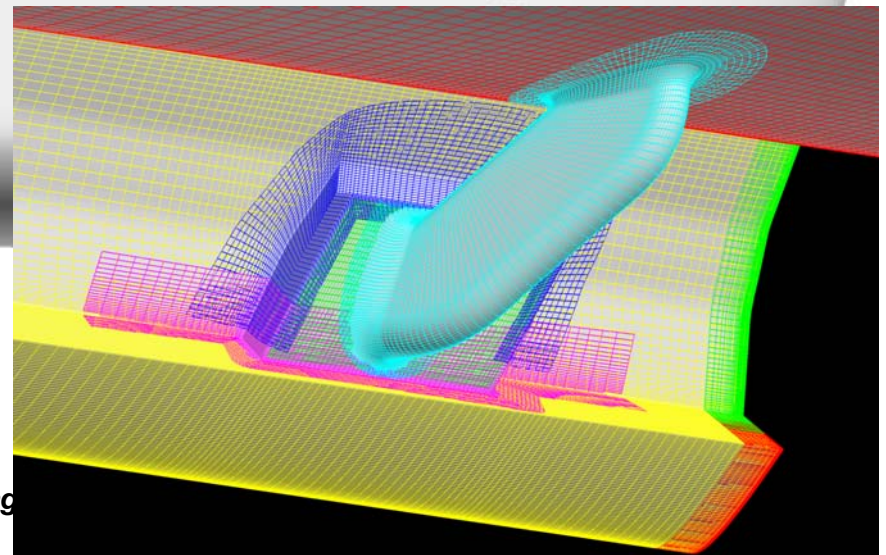
## Config 1 Bracket Grids\*



### Medium Grid Sizes

- Bracket-off = 25.0 million
- Bracket-off with refined c-mesh grids = 47.0 million
- Bracket-on with refined c-mesh grids = 58.2 million

\* Bracket grids built by Leonel Serrano and Neal Harrison

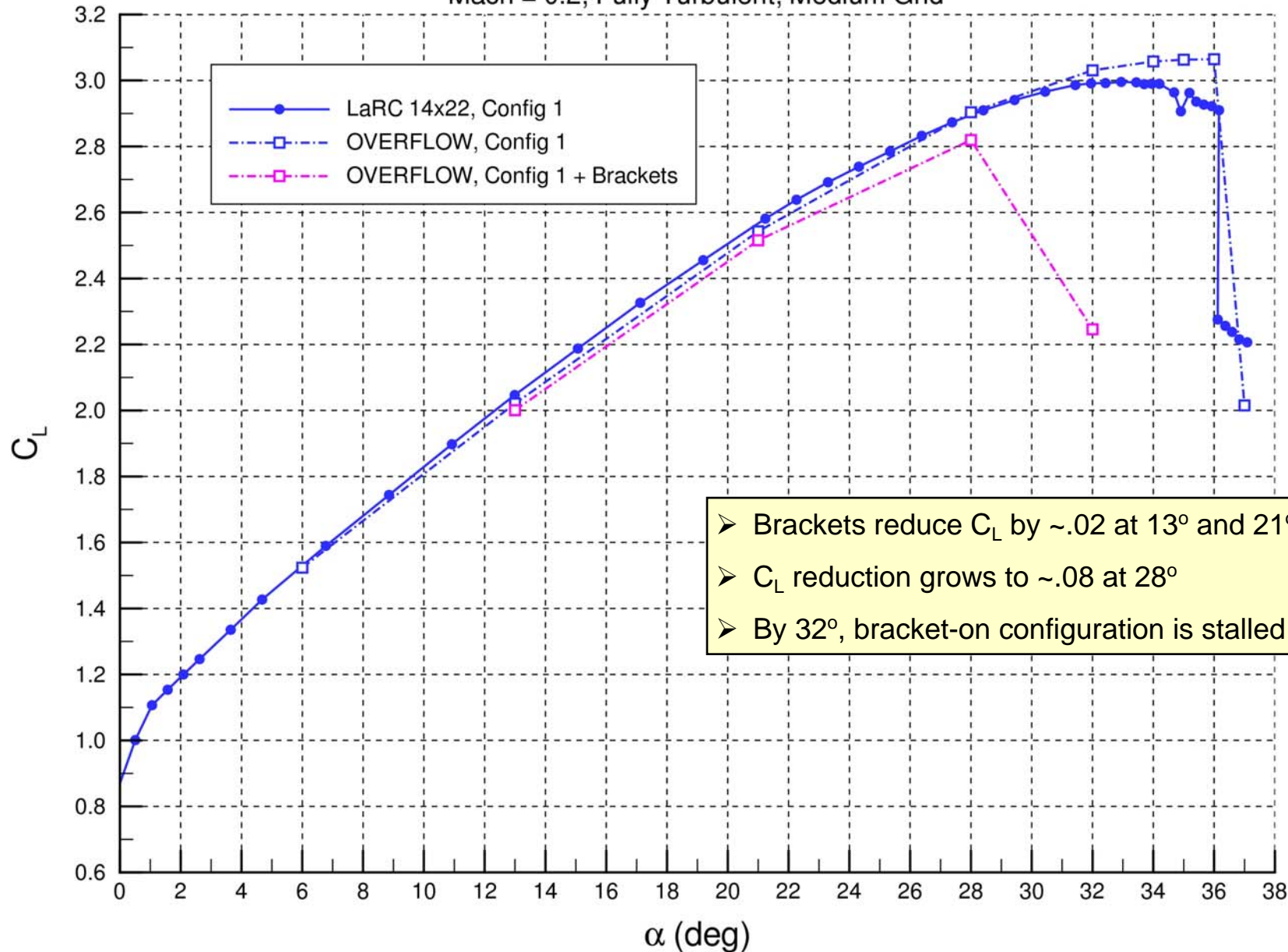


# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

## Lift Comparison

### Trap Wing Lift Curve

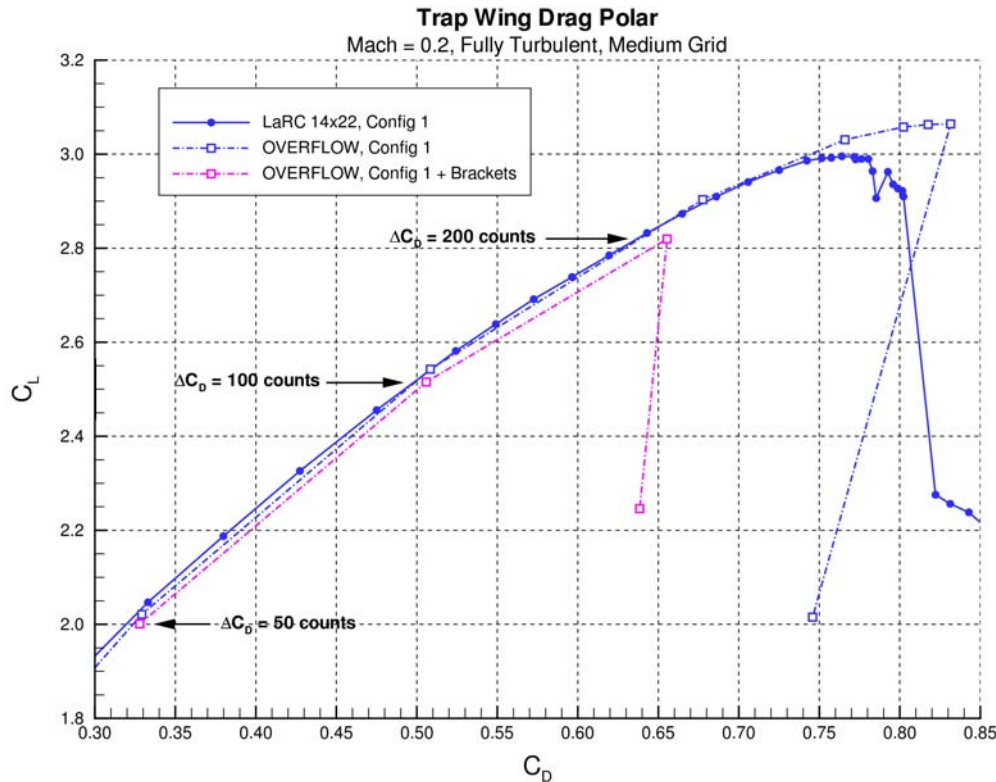
Mach = 0.2, Fully Turbulent, Medium Grid



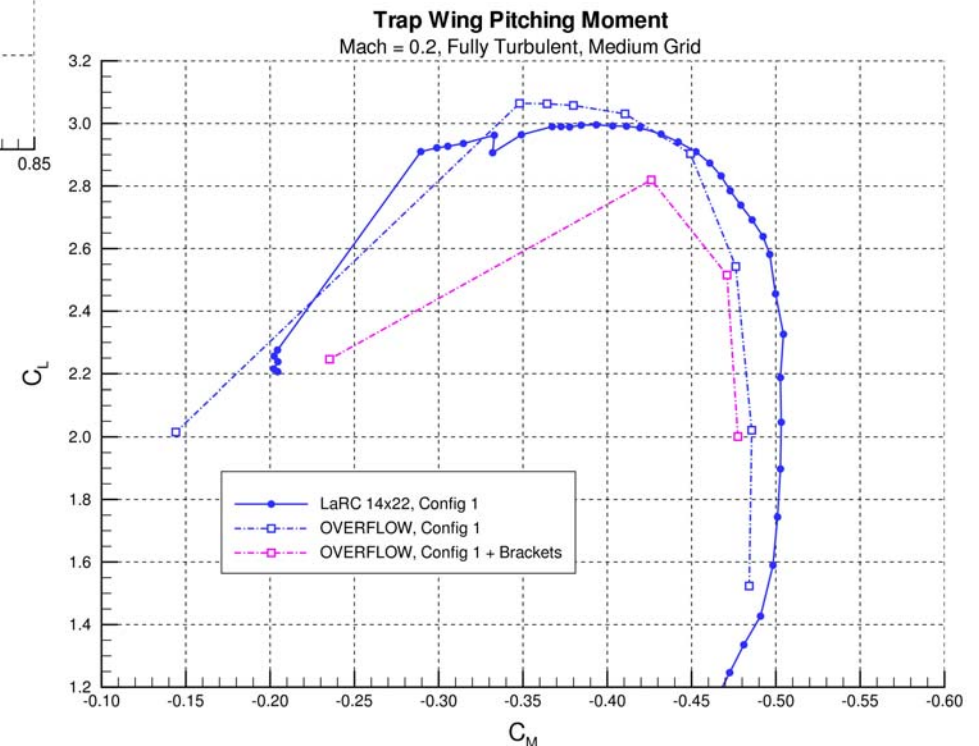
- Brackets reduce  $C_L$  by  $\sim 0.02$  at  $13^\circ$  and  $21^\circ$
- $C_L$  reduction grows to  $\sim 0.08$  at  $28^\circ$
- By  $32^\circ$ , bracket-on configuration is stalled

# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

## Drag and Pitching Moment Comparison



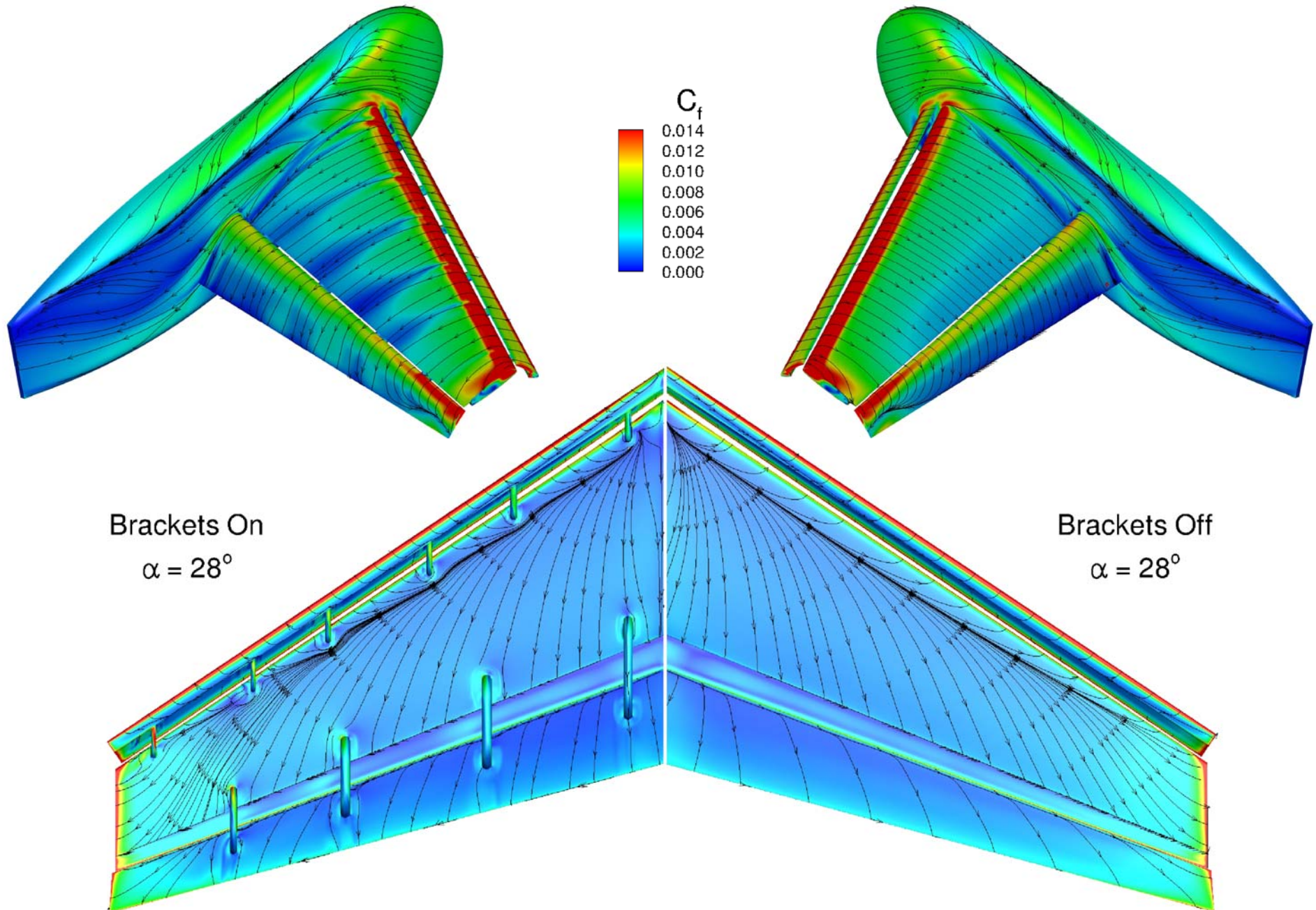
- Brackets increase drag by 50 to 200 counts depending on  $C_L$
- Brackets drive pitching moment less negative (nose-up)





# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

## *Skin Friction and Surface Streamline Comparison*



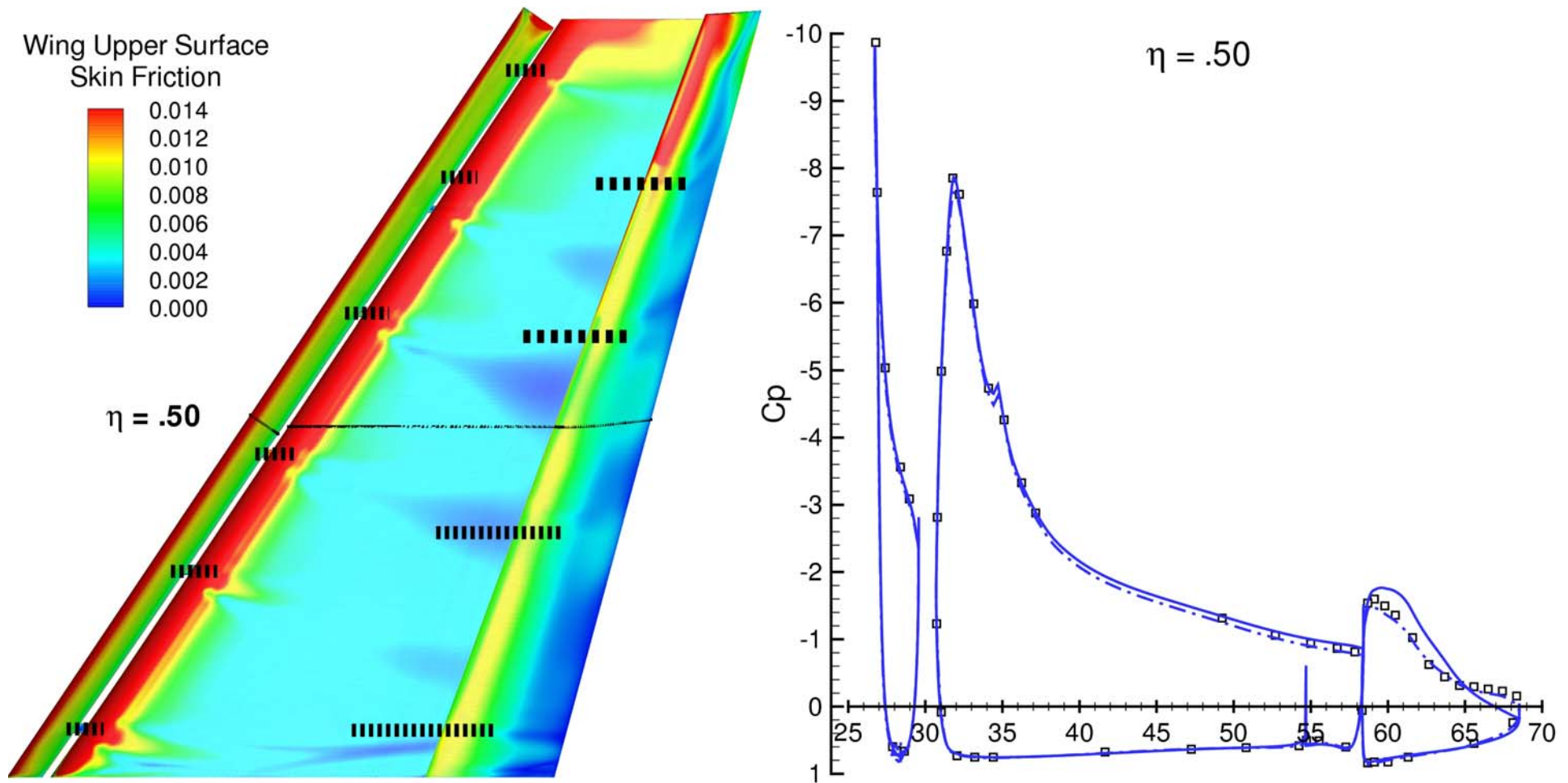
# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

## Pressure Comparison at $\alpha = 28^\circ$ , $\eta = 50\%$

### Trap Wing Config1 Pressure Comparison

#### LaRC 14x22 vs OVERFLOW

$RN_{MAC} = 4.3$  million,  $Mach = 0.2$ ,  $\alpha = 28^\circ$



### **Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study**

- The extra-fine grid produces solutions that appear to be in a different family than the coarse, medium, and fine grid.
  - hysteresis may be the cause ... additional runs are being made
- The coarse, medium, and fine grid  $C_L$  results are close to linear when plotted against  $1/N^{-2/3}$  and agree reasonably well with test data.
- In general, pressures are in good agreement with test data.
  - wing and flap pressures at the tip are the exception
  - flap trailing-edge pressures predicted best by extra-fine grid

### **Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study**

- Config 1 lift, drag, and pitching moment agree well with test data through stall.
  - $C_{Lmax}$  is over-predicted by 2%
- More discrepancy seen in the Config 8 force and moment data comparison.

### **Test Case 3 – Slat and Flap Support Effects Study**

- Bracket-on results move away from test data indicating the bracket-off data is not as good as it appears.
- As with the extra-fine grid solutions, adding the supports leads to early stall.



# NASA Trap Wing OVERFLOW Analysis

## *Future Work*

- Hysteresis, extra-fine grid solutions
- Brackets
- Laminar flow
- Off-body grid refinement at tip
- SA with Rotational and Curvature Correction (SARC)

