

# AOE 4144: Applied CFD

*A series of 12 lectures by Prof. Raj (course co-instructor)*

## Reflections on the Effectiveness of Applied Computational Aerodynamics for Aircraft Design

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### Lecture 9

*Topic 5: Evolution of Applied Computational Aerodynamics  
(Part 5 of 5)*

# List of Topics

## Preface

1. Introduction
2. Genesis of Fluid Dynamics (*Antiquity to 1750*)
3. Fluid Dynamics as a Mathematical Science (*1750–1900*)
4. Emergence of Computational Fluid Dynamics (*1900–1950*)
5. Evolution of Applied Computational Aerodynamics (*1950–2000*)

### 5.1 *Infancy through Adolescence (1950–1980)*

Level I: Linear Potential Methods (LPMs)

Level II: Nonlinear Potential Methods (NPMs)

### 5.2 *Pursuit of Effectiveness (1980–2000)*

Level III: Euler Methods

Level IV: Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) Methods

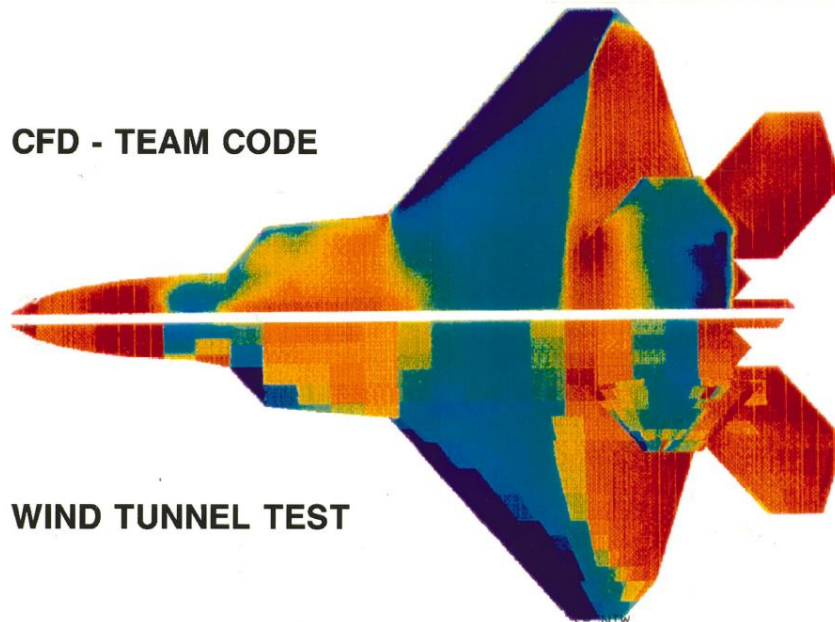
6. ACA Effectiveness: Status and Prospects (*2000–20xx*)
  - 6.1 *Assessment of Effectiveness (2000–2025)*
  - 6.2 *Prospects for Fully Effective ACA (Beyond 2025)*
7. Closing Remarks

## Appendix A. An Approach for ACA Effectiveness Assessment

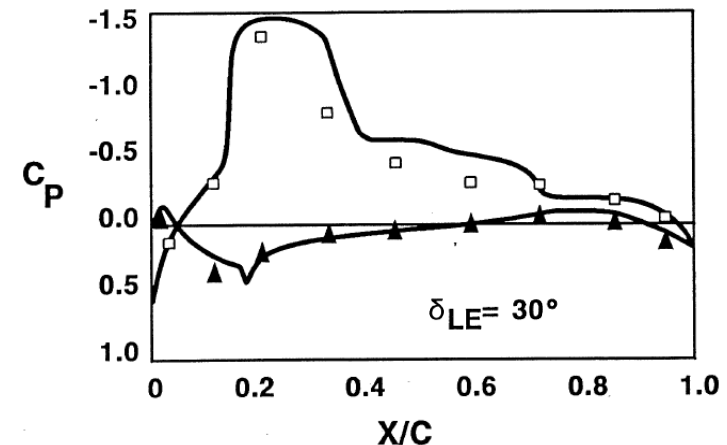
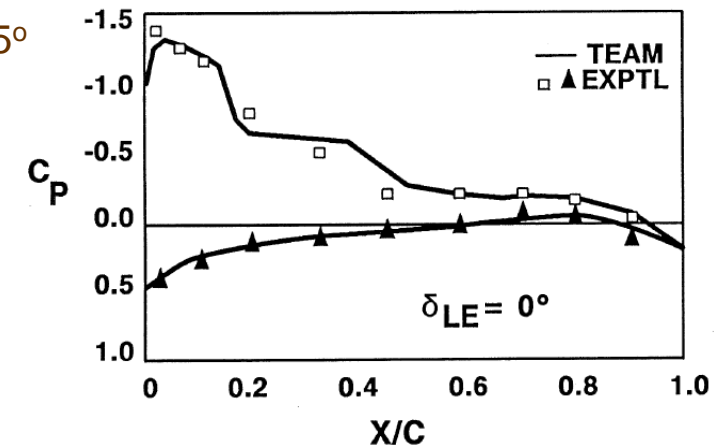
## Full-aircraft forces, moments, and airloads prediction (Kinard & Harris)

- **42-zone grid, 1.25 million nodes** (for half the configuration)
  - ✓ Grid built using AFRL GRIDGEN in 6 weeks from CATIA design loft
- **370 airloads cases; 3 months; 1600 CPU hours\* on Cray-Y/MP 2/16**
  - ✓ Six Mach numbers (0.6 to max speed)
  - ✓ Angles of attack:  $-4^\circ$  to  $+24^\circ$ ; Side-slip angles:  $0^\circ$  to  $5^\circ$
  - ✓ Leading and trailing-edge flaps, horizontal tail, and rudder deflections

**MACH = 0.9; AOA =  $8^\circ$**



**Transonic flow**

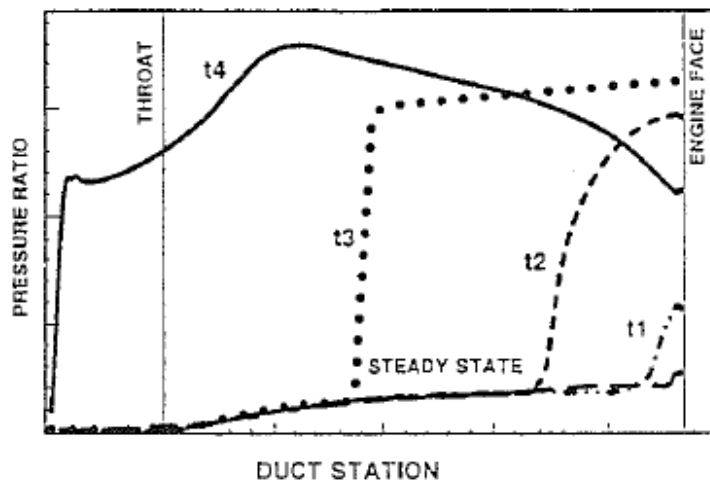


**\$40M Estimated Cost Avoidance**

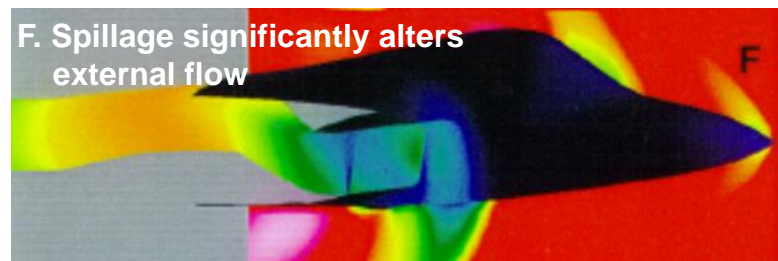
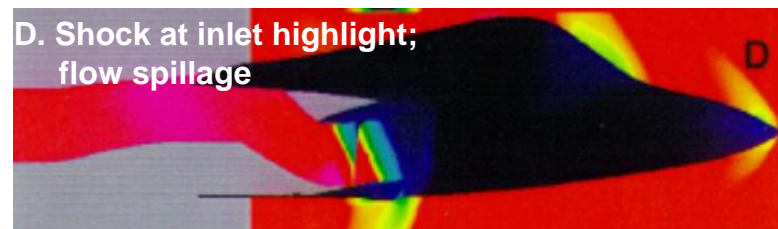
*\*Equivalent to 24 hours a day, 5 days a week, for 13 weeks! Probably an industry record at that time.*

## Inlet Hammershock Loads Estimation

- **Grid:** Built (for half the configuration) using AFRL GRIDGEN on geometry from CATIA design loft
  - **External geometry:** 49-zone grid with 1.535 million nodes
  - **Internal (inlet) geometry:** single-zone grid with 259,200 nodes
- **Time-accurate analyses:** performed using YF119 engine face surge overpressure waveform for three Mach numbers: 1.2, 1.5 and 1.7
- **Simulations used NASA NAS Cray C-90**
  - 35 sec/time step; step size  $1.4 \mu\text{s}$



*Computed pressure loads replaced those from less-sophisticated analyses leading to significant weight savings*



# Raj's Tech Fellow Mission

## Spurred by "A Jolt of Reality"

- **Engineer's Week Celebration, San Fernando Valley, California (23 February 1991)**
  - Conversation over cocktails about CFD and YF-22
  - Caren asks: *How many more "design cycles" on YF-22 could we do because of [higher level] CFD?*
  - The answer: **ZERO!**
- **As Tech Fellow, Raj embarks on a mission in 1992 to better understand and address issues related to **CFD effectiveness for aircraft design****
  - **1993–1997: AIAA Multi-disciplinary Design Optimization (MDO) TC member**
  - **1994: US Multi-disciplinary Aerodynamic Design Environment (US-MADE)**  
Proposal to DARPA by Jameson (IAI–Lead), Gregg (Boeing), Raj (Lockheed); *not funded*
  - **1997: CFD at a Crossroads: An Industry Perspective (Invited)**, *Thirty Years of CFD and Transonic Flow* Symposium to honor Prof. Earl Murman on his 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Everett, WA [also in *Frontiers of Computational Fluid Dynamics*, Caughey & Hafez (eds.), 1998, pp. 429-445]
  - **1998: Aircraft Design in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Implications for Design Methods (Invited)**, AIAA Paper 98-2895, 29<sup>th</sup> AIAA Fluid Dynamics Conference, Albuquerque, NM
  - **2007: Computational Uncertainty: Achilles' Heel of Simulation Based Aircraft Design (Invited)**, NATO/RTO Air Vehicle Technology (AVT) Symposium, Athens, Greece

**Robert P. "Chris" Caren**



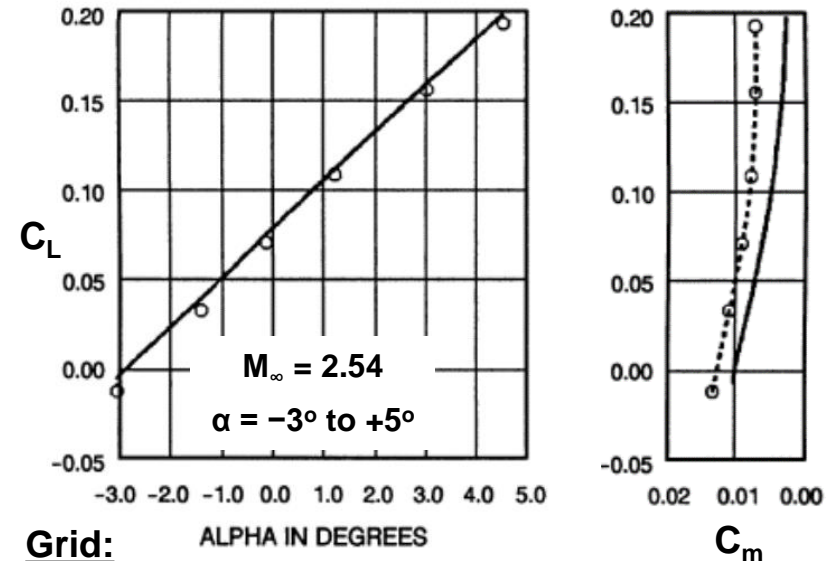
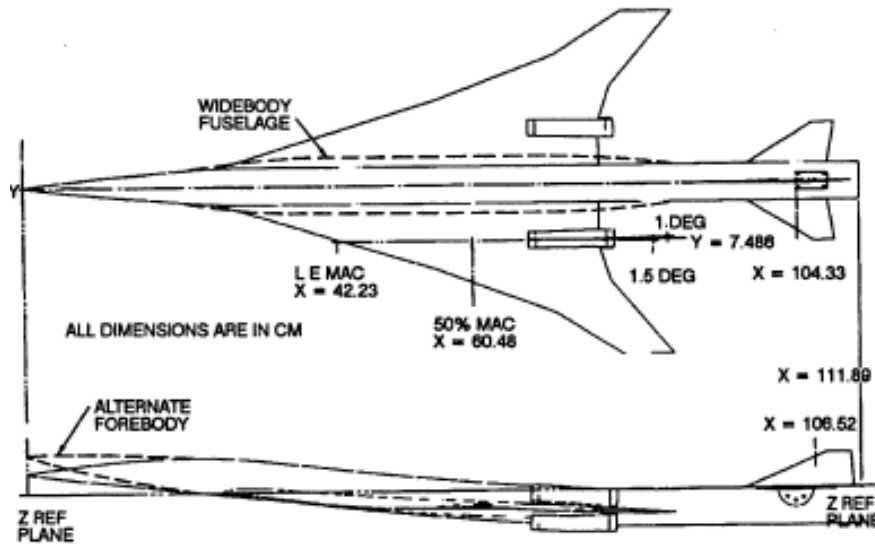
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## Mature Capabilities Demonstrated for Wide Range of Geometries & Flow Conditions

### Example

#### Supersonic-Cruise Research Vehicle with Over/Under Engine Arrangement

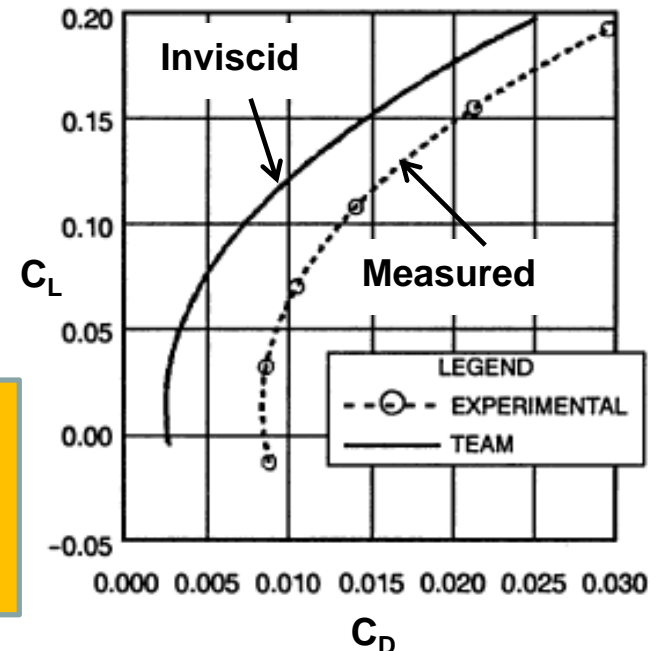


### Grid:

10 Zones  
H-O topology  
185,520 Cells

**Lift Values Well Predicted, Moment and Total Drag Not So Well...But Trends Captured Well!**

**Two Key Issues Hamper Effectiveness:**  
(1) Time & Labor Intensive Grid Generation  
(2) Lack of Viscous Effects

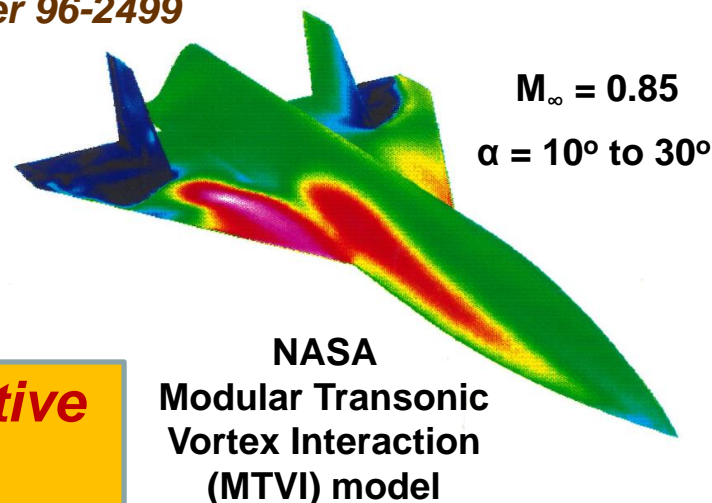


## 1990s: Explore Potential Benefits of Unstructured Grids

Participate in studies sponsored by Dr. Jim Luckring, NASA-LaRC (1993-1996)

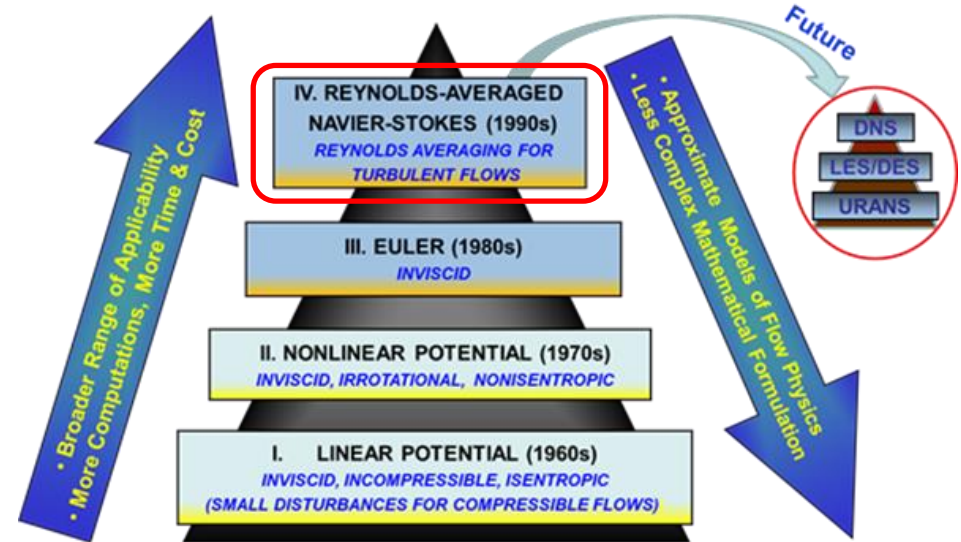
- **NASA Study Objective:** To assess capabilities and limitations of rapidly evolving unstructured-grid **Euler** methods for preliminary design applications
- **Kinard and Harris, *Evaluation of two unstructured CFD methods—AIAA Paper 94-1877***
  - **AIRPLANE** code (Meshplane and FLOPLANE)
  - **TetrUSS** code (Vgrid and USM3D)
  - Three test cases: 74° delta wing; Wing C; and Arrow wing-body
  - Needs for improvement identified
- **Kinard, Finley and Karman, *Prediction of compressibility effects using unstructured Euler analysis on vortex dominated flow fields—AIAA Paper 96-2499***
  - **SPLITFLOW** code (Cartesian grids)
  - **TetrUSS** code (Vgrid/USM3D)
  - Compressibility increments predicted well for forces, but not for moments
  - More details in NASA CR 4710 and CR 4711

|          | Memory<br>(words/cell) | CPU time<br>μs/cell/cycle |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| FLOPLANE | 34                     | 11                        |
| USM3D    | 45                     | 18                        |



**Unstructured Grid Methods More Effective  
Due to Automated Grid Generation**

## Level IV RANS Methods 1990s - present



### Flow Model

$$Q_t + F_x + G_y + H_z = \text{Re}^{-1} (R_x + S_y + T_z)$$

$$Q = (\rho, \rho u, \rho v, \rho w, \rho E)$$

- Laminar flows—Navier-Stokes equations; no assumption (other than continuum)
- Turbulent flows—Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations
  - ✓ Turbulence models of nonlinear Reynolds stress terms needed for closure

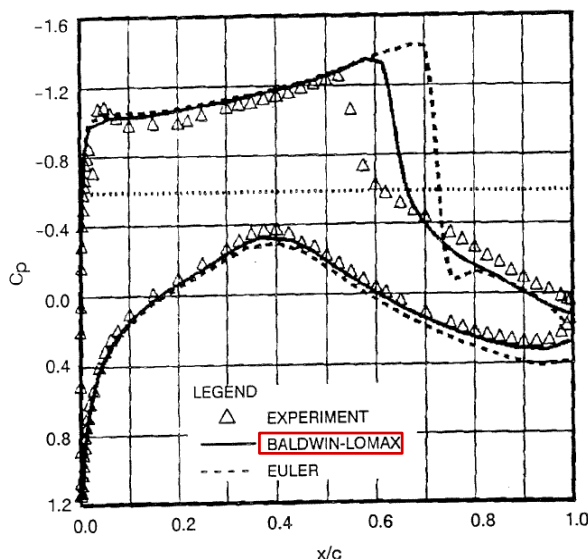
### Range of Applicability

- All Mach numbers and all flow configurations



- **Olling, Raj, and Miranda (1986)**

- Initiated **TRANSAM\*** (*Three-dimensional Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes Aerodynamic Method*) development by adding viscous terms to the TEAM Euler solver to serve as a testbed for turbulence models
- ✓ Zero, one- and two-equation turbulence models incorporated; all with fixed transition location



## RAE 2822 (AGARD Case 10)

$$M_\infty = 0.75, \alpha_{\text{corrected}} = 2.81^\circ$$

$$Re = 6.2 \times 10^6$$

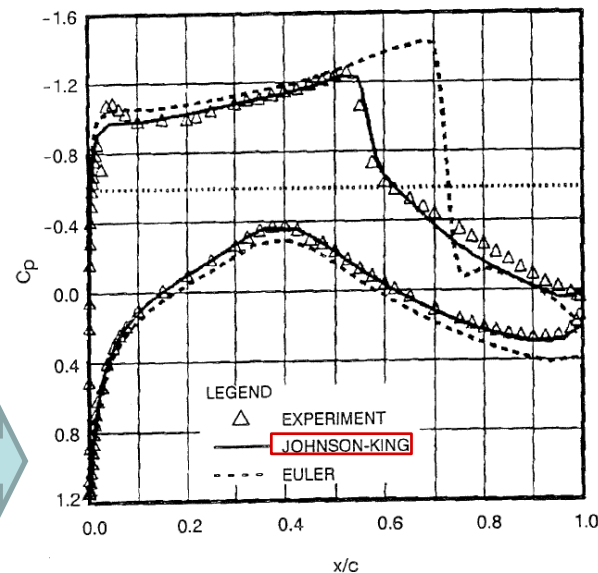
129 x 257 C Grid

Baldwin-Lomax  
algebraic turbulence model

Johnson-King  
half-equation turbulence model

- **Raj, Olling and Singer (1988)**

- **TEAM** renamed (*Three-dimensional Euler/Navier-Stokes Aerodynamic Method*) with ability to perform either Euler or RANS analyses
- Applied to many test cases: results for airfoils, wings, and full aircraft in **ICAS-90-6.4.4** and **iPAC 911990**



**Simulation of shock/boundary-layer interaction improves realism**

- **Goble, Raj and Kinard (1993)**

- USAF Wright Labs TEAM Version 713 User's Manual—**WL-TR-93-3115**
- Many improvements along with Baldwin-Lomax and Chien k- $\epsilon$  turbulence models

# TEAM (RANS) Validation

## Transonic Flow (2D)

### RAE 2822 Airfoil

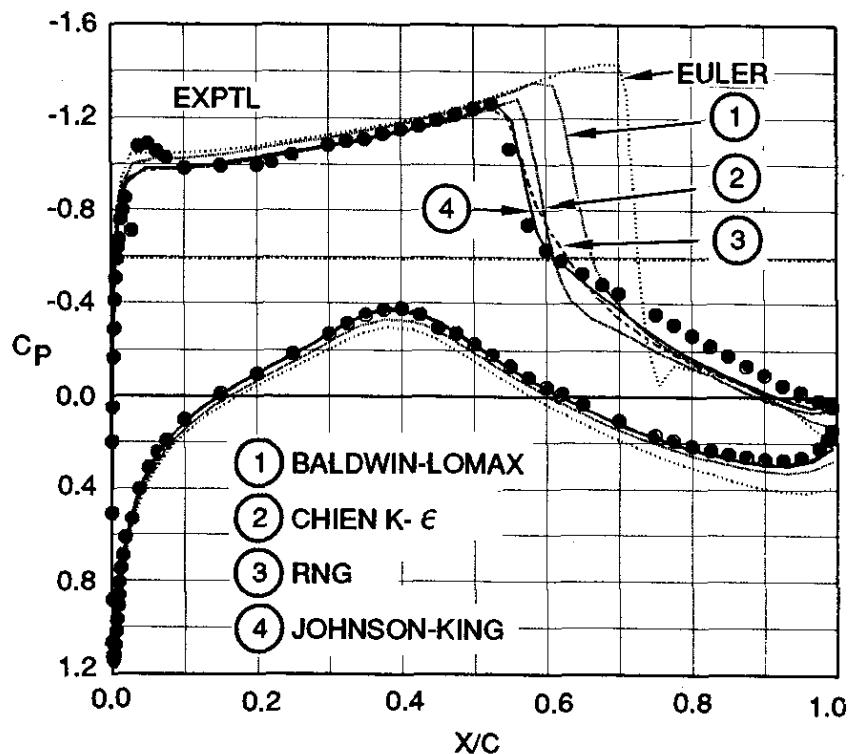
AGARD Test Case 10

$M_\infty = 0.75$ ,  $\alpha = 2.8^\circ$ ,  $Re_c = 6.2 \times 10^6$

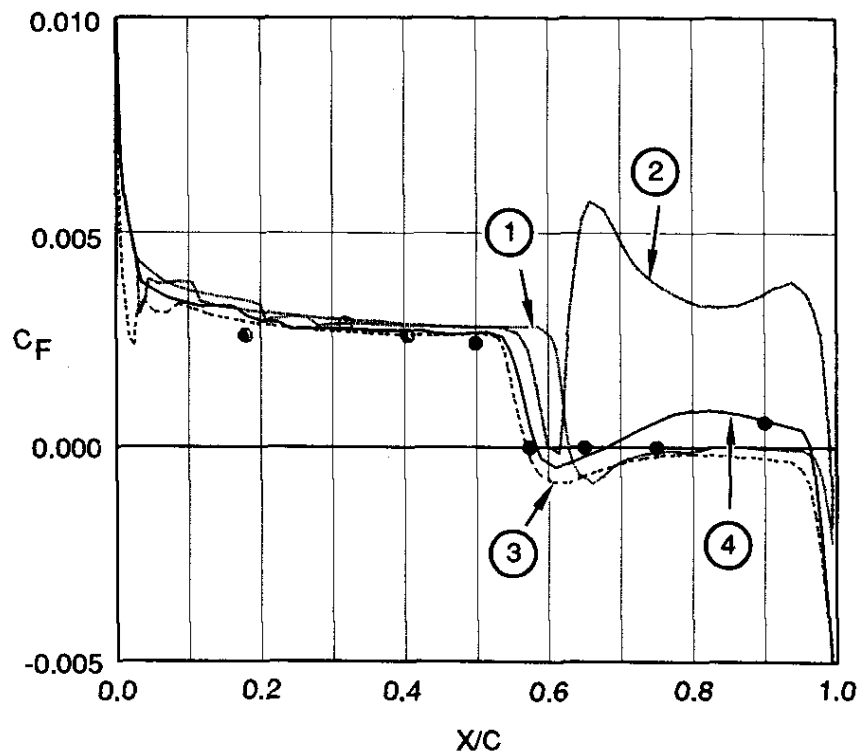
257 x 129 C Grid

$y^+ (= yu_\tau/\nu) < 1$  in cells next to the surface

#### Surface pressure distribution



#### Skin friction coefficient distribution



**Solution Sensitive to Turbulence Models**

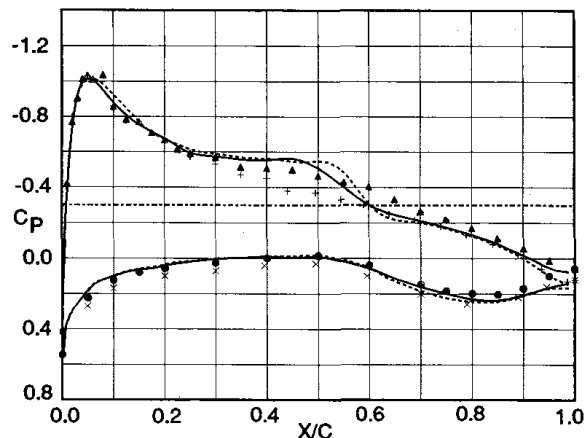
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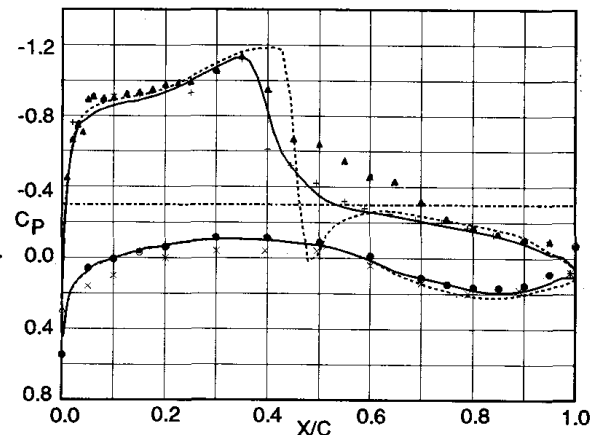
### AFOSR-Lockheed Wing C: Surface pressure correlations

7 zone C-O grid (51 x 257 x 35)

Baldwin-Lomax turbulence model

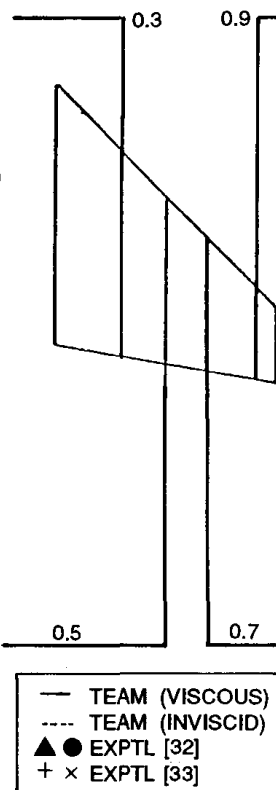
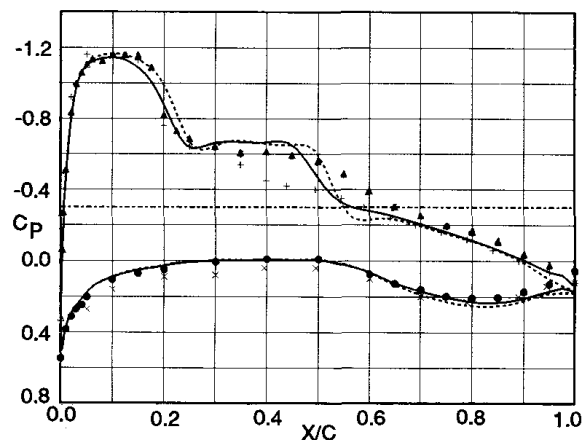


$M_{\infty} = 0.85$   
 $\alpha = 5^{\circ}$   
 $Re_{mac} = 10 \times 10^6$



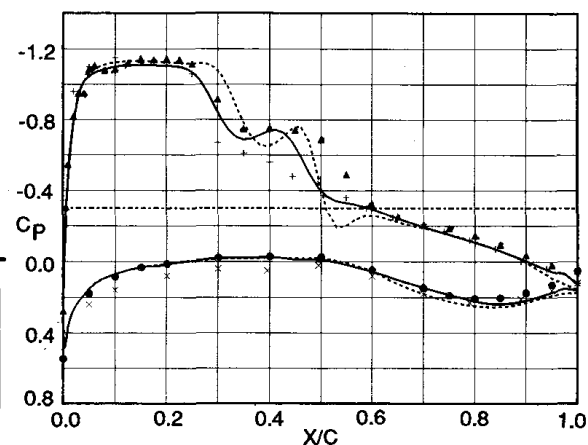
Viscous (RANS) analysis: 6 inner zones

Inviscid (Euler) analysis: 1 outer zone



▲ ● Large-scale test

+ × Small-scale test



— TEAM (VISCOUS)  
- - - TEAM (INVISCID)  
▲ ● EXPTL [32]  
+ × EXPTL [33]

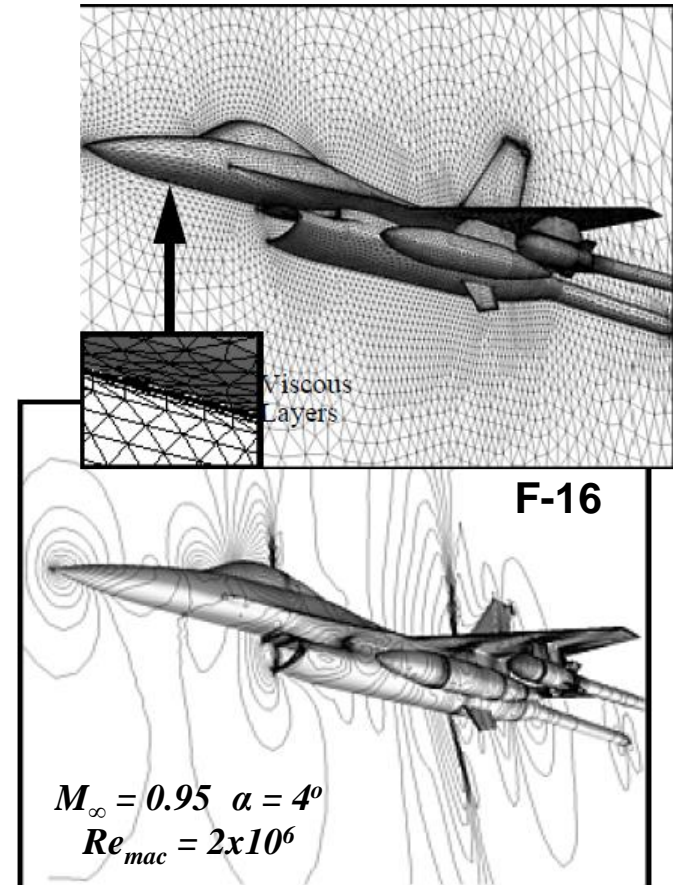
**Most Promising for Achieving RANS-based ACA Effectiveness Goal**

- **TetrUSS: A Modular Loosely-Coupled System Developed by NASA-LaRC**

- GridTool—Graphical User Interface (GUI) for surface definition
- VGRID/ VGRIDns—advancing front method to generate **unstructured tetrahedral grids**
- USM3D/ USM3Dns—cell-centered finite-volume upwind flow solver for **Euler** and **RANS** equations
- VPLOT3D—interactive, menu-driven extraction and display of flow data

- **Rapid Capability Advancements in the 1990s**

- Frink: *Three-dimensional Upwind Scheme for Solving Euler Equations on Unstructured Tetrahedral Grids*, Ph.D. dissertation, Virginia Tech, 1991
- Pirzadeh: *Structured Background Grids for Generation of Unstructured Grids by Advancing Front Method*, AIAA J, 31(2), 1993
- Frink, Pirzadeh, and Parikh: *An Unstructured-grid Software System for Solving Complex Aerodynamic Problems*, NASA CP-3291, 1995
- **Frink and Pirzadeh: *Tetrahedral Finite-Volume Solutions to the Navier-Stokes Equations on Complex Configurations*, NASA/TM-1998-208961**



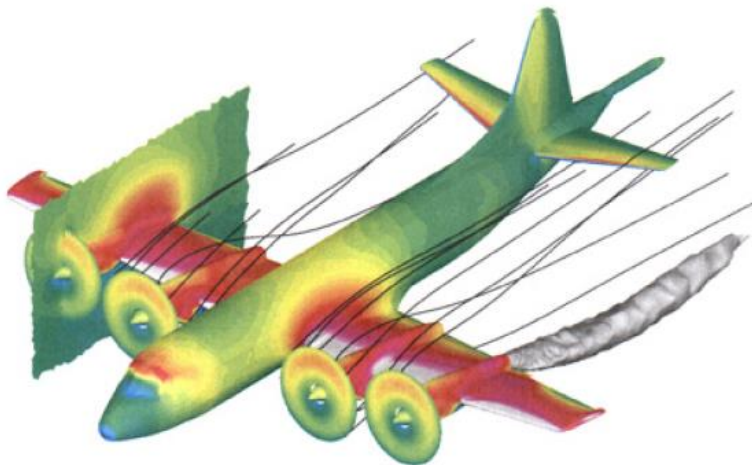
**Decision Driven by Careful Cost-Benefit Assessment of the-then Prevalent Environment of Very Low In-house R&D Investments**

# Y2K: Mission Accomplished!

**Goal of 24-hour turnaround time of full aircraft RANS analysis, that was set in the early '90s, achieved using TetrUSS and cluster computing**

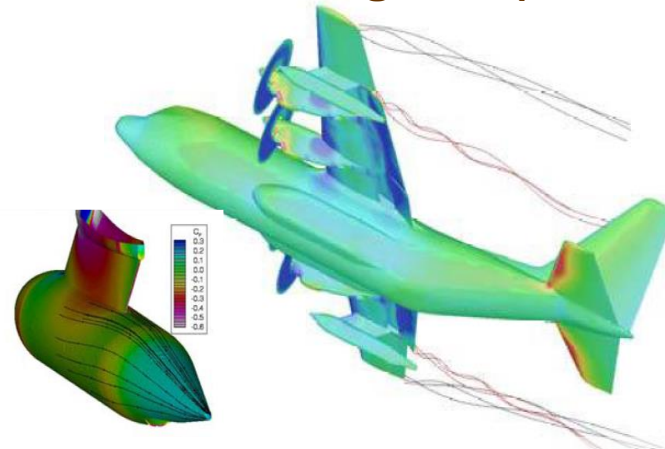
**(Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the ACA team in Georgia)**

- P-3C Airloads (Goble and Hooker)**



- Supported US Navy's Service Life Assessment Program (SLAP)
- Full aircraft grids with 7 million+ cells
- Nearly **300 aerodynamic loads cases** over entire flight envelope using **Cray T3E** and **SGI Origin 2000**
- Details in **AIAA 2001-1003**

- KC-130J Refueling Pod (Hooker)**



- Design and integration of refueling pods
- Full aircraft viscous grid with 7 million cells
- **Six full aircraft viscous solutions per day** with dedicated use of two **64-node PC clusters**; each node made up of **dual 850 MHz Intel Pentium III processors** with **768 MB RAM**
- Details in **AIAA 2002-2805**

**RANS: Full Steam Ahead!**

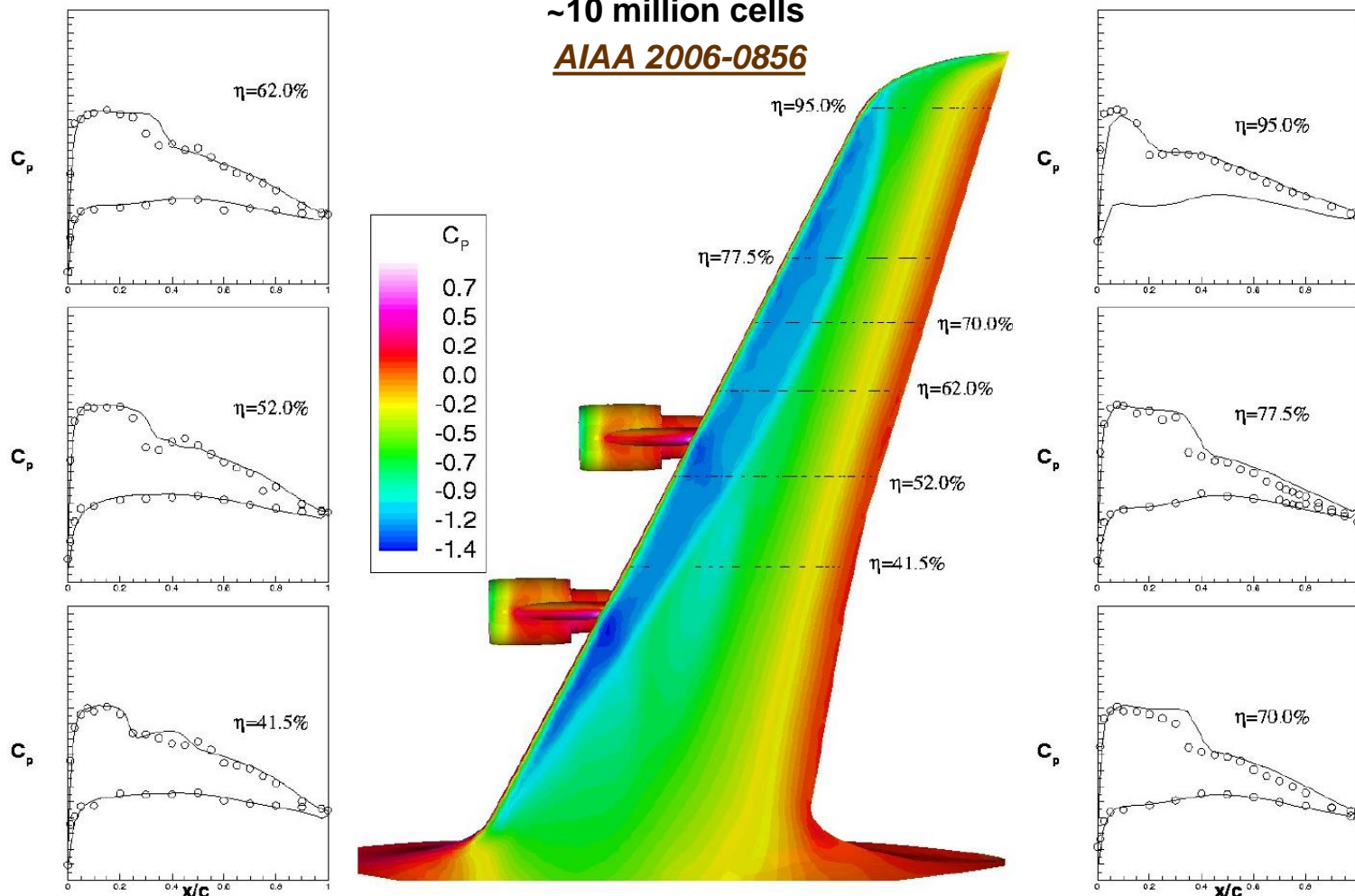


Comparison of computed surface pressures with wind-tunnel test data for  
*full-span 4% scale model of C-5 aircraft with flow-through HBPR TF-39 nacelles*

$M_\infty = 0.75$   $\alpha = 2^\circ$   $Re_{mac} = 4.5 \times 10^6$

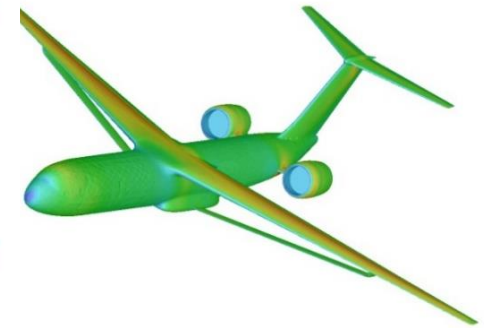
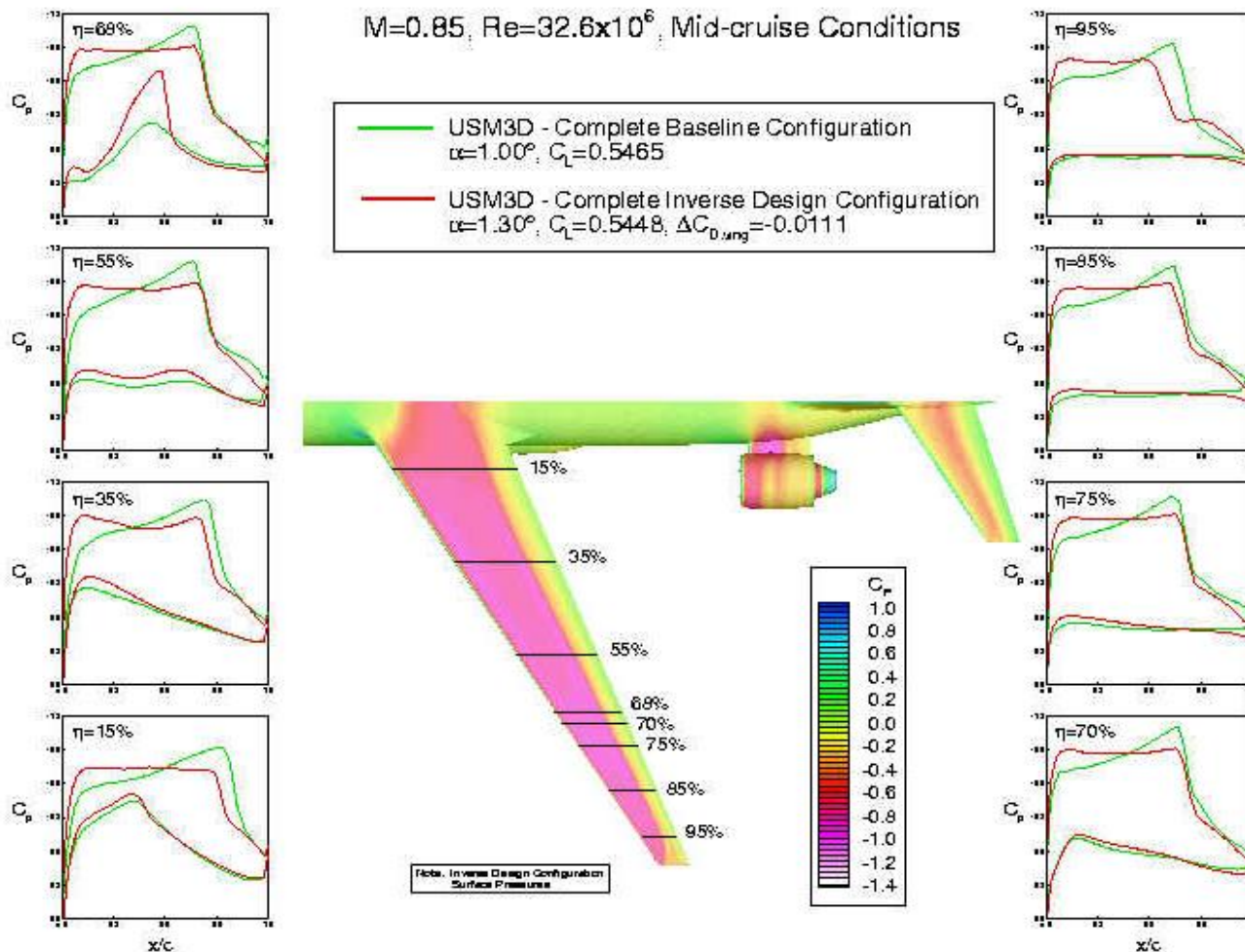
TetrUSS  
~10 million cells  
AIAA 2006-0856

Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model



**Good Agreement for Relatively Benign Flow Conditions**

# Transonic Cruise Wing Design for a Strut Braced Wing (SBW) Concept



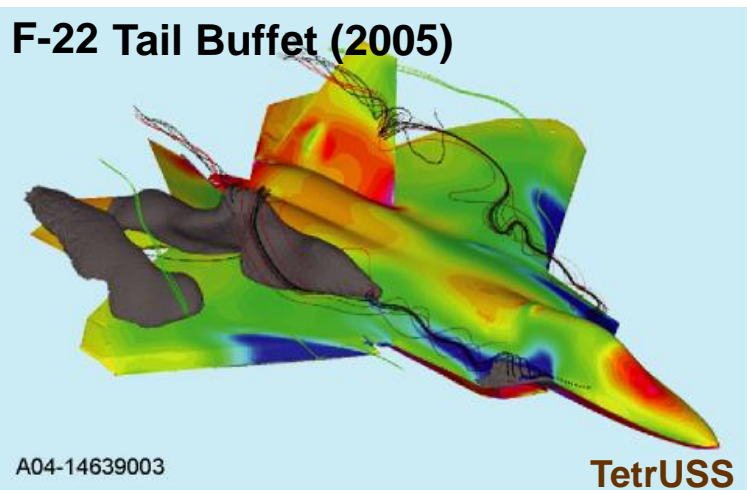
# Coupled Analysis Method with Knowledge-Based Inverse Design Methodology

## Comparison of computed surface pressures

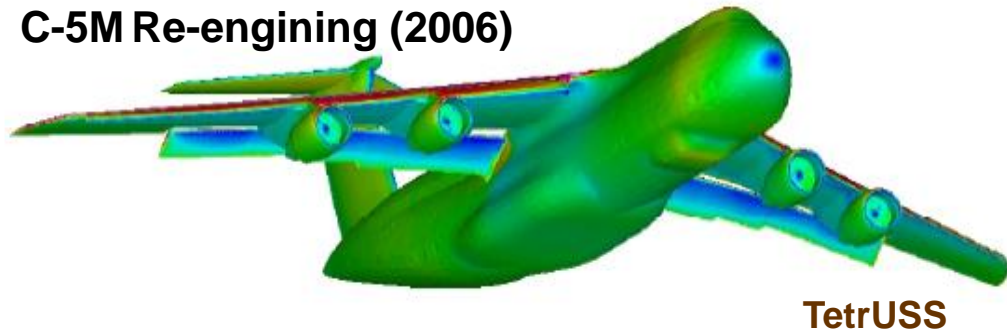
## Wing Redesign Reduces $C_D$ by 111 Counts

*Impressive Capabilities Demonstrated throughout the 2000s*

F-22 Tail Buffet (2005)

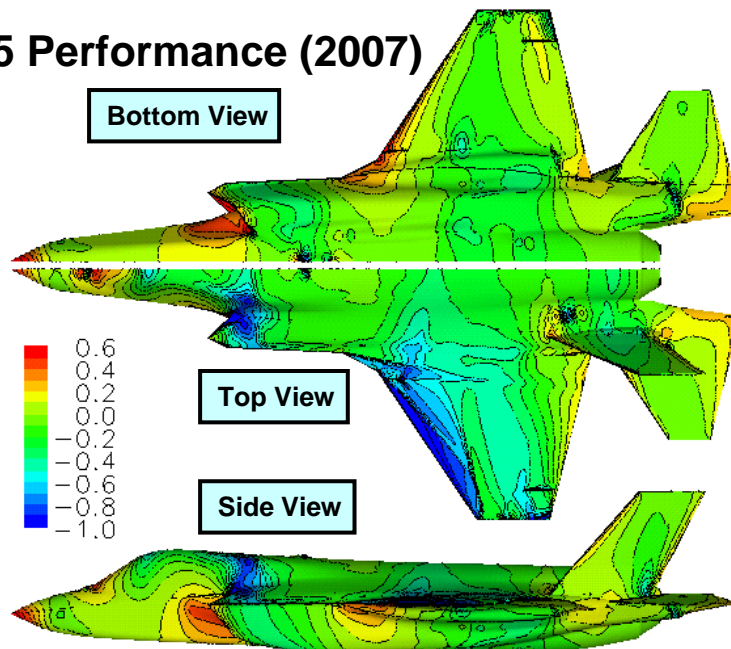
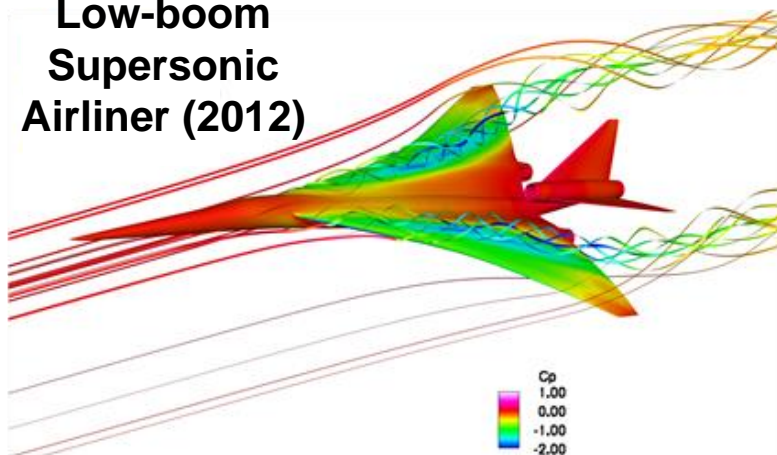


C-5M Re-engining (2006)



F-35 Performance (2007)

Bottom View

Low-boom  
Supersonic  
Airliner (2012)

CFD++

Falcon

***Reasonably Quick and Affordable Aerodynamic Simulations for  
a Wide Variety of Flows on Full Aircraft Configurations***



**Developing effective capability from research concepts is a long, arduous process!**

- **Effective Capability (High TRL): Slow Pace of Development**
  - **Demonstration of Mature Capabilities is Essential!** It requires extensive investigations of *Quality* and *Acceptance* tradeoffs. Overcoming challenges of software V&V, user training and timely incorporation of user feedback & demands is a *resource intensive undertaking*
  - **Achieving maturity is hard due to rapid pace of advances in enabling technologies!** Engineers have limited freedom to change technology-based building blocks chosen in the earliest stages of development. *"Final product" risks being perceived as obsolete—and most likely is!*
- **Research Concepts (Low TRL): Rapid Pace of Advancement**
  - **Demonstration of Basic Functionality is Sufficient—typically proof of concept!**
  - **Computers**—ever higher performance demonstrated on *few* standard benchmarks
    - *Scalar Processors*: Single instruction, single data--one instruction at a time on one data item (integers or floating point numbers)
    - *Vector Processors*: Single instruction, multiple data--single instruction *simultaneously* on multiple data items
    - *Serial Computing*: stream of instructions executed serially on one computer
    - *Parallel & Massively Parallel Computing*: many instructions carried out simultaneously on one or many computers depending on level of parallelism—instruction, data, or task
  - **Grids**—many competing methods constantly proposed for generating grids of various types
    - Structured, Single or Patched Multi-block, Embedded, Overlapping, Cartesian, Unstructured
    - Boundary conforming or non-boundary conforming with Hexahedral, Tetrahedral, or Polyhedral cells
  - **Algorithms/Solvers**—new & improved algorithms, each with upsides and downsides to solve governing equations of fluid flow
    - Explicit, Implicit, Central difference, Upwind difference, Low order, High order, Cell centered, Node centered, Face centered, Multigrid, Grid Adaptive, etc.

In the 1980s, a new paradigm emerged that challenged/ complemented aerospace industry's dominance in *proprietary* CFD software development  
***Multiple Commercial Codes for Viscous Flow Simulation!***

| Software  | Developer/ Vendor                               | Comment   |
|-----------|---|---|
| PHOENICS  | Spalding/ CHAM Ltd. [1981]                      | General purpose CFD package consolidating multiple niche codes developed from 1974 thru 1980                      |
| FIDAP     | Engelman/ FDI Inc. [1982]                       | General purpose FEM code--incompressible viscous flow   |
| FLUENT    | Switchenbank/ Create, Fluent (now ANSYS) [1983] | General-purpose CFD solver on single-block, structured hexahedral grids   |
| FLOW-3D   | Hirt/ Flow Science [1985]                       | Volume-of-Fluid CFD method for free-surface applications  |
| FASTRAN   | CFD RC (now ESI Group) [1988]                   | Density-based, finite-volume code for high-speed flows; coupled 6-DOF allows multiple and moving body simulations |
| STAR-CD   | Grosman/ CD-adapco [1989]                       | General-purpose finite-volume unstructured-grid method  |
| CFD++     | Chakravarthy/ Metacomp [1995]                   | General-purpose CFD code with wide range of applicability   |
| ACE+      | CFD RC (now ESI Group) [1995]                   | General-purpose CFD code with wide range of applicability   |
| Cobalt    | Cobalt Solutions, LLC [2000]                    | General purpose CFD code for a wide variety of problems   |
| STAR-CCM+ | CD-adapco (now Siemens) [2004]                  | Uses FEM or FV to simulate viscous flow on polyhedral grids   |

**CFD is now a “Commodity”: \$2.7B Global Market in 2024 with Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 7 to 9%!**



## An Alternative to *Proprietary* and *Commercial* CFD Software

| Software                                 | Developer/ Vendor                 |        | Comment   |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| POTENTIAL FLOW CODES (PUBLIC DOMAIN)     |                                   |        |   |
| AVL                                      | Drela/ MIT                        | [1995] | Vortex Lattice Method code ( <a href="http://web.mit.edu/drela/Public/web/avl/">http://web.mit.edu/drela/Public/web/avl/</a> )  |
| Tornado                                  | Melin/ KTH                        | [2009] | VLM code in MATLAB ( <a href="http://tornado.redhammer.se/index.php">http://tornado.redhammer.se/index.php</a> )  |
| VSPAero                                  | Kinney/ NASA                      | [2015] | VLM ( <a href="http://openvsp.org/wiki/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=vsp_aircraft_analysis_user_manual.pdf">http://openvsp.org/wiki/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=vsp_aircraft_analysis_user_manual.pdf</a> )   |
| Panair                                   | Boeing/ PDAS                      | [2002] | Surface panel method<br>( <a href="http://ckw.phys.ncku.edu.tw/public/pub/Notes/Languages/Fortran/FORSYTHE/www.pdas.com/p/anair.htm">http://ckw.phys.ncku.edu.tw/public/pub/Notes/Languages/Fortran/FORSYTHE/www.pdas.com/p/anair.htm</a> )   |
| RANS CODES (PUBLIC DOMAIN & OPEN SOURCE) |                                   |        |   |
| TetrUSS                                  | Frink/ NASA                       | [1998] | Suite of computer programs for CFD simulations using unstructured grids<br>( <a href="https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-16882-1">https://software.nasa.gov/software/LAR-16882-1</a> ) US release only  |
| Cart3D                                   | Aftosmis/ NASA                    | [2000] | Only inviscid flow analysis using Cartesian grids is publicly available<br>( <a href="https://software.nasa.gov/software/ARC-14275-1">https://software.nasa.gov/software/ARC-14275-1</a> ) USG & contractors only   |
| OpenFOAM                                 | OpenCFD/<br>ESI Group             | [2004] | Free, open source software framework for developing application executables using packaged functionality in approx. 100 C++ libraries<br>( <a href="https://www.openfoam.com/">https://www.openfoam.com/</a> )  |
| Kestrel                                  | DoD HPCMP/<br>CREATE™-AV          | [2009] | High-fidelity, multi-physics analysis of fixed-wing aircraft<br>( <a href="https://www.hpc.mil/program-areas/computational-research-and-engineering-acquisition-tools-and-environments/create-air-vehicles-av">https://www.hpc.mil/program-areas/computational-research-and-engineering-acquisition-tools-and-environments/create-air-vehicles-av</a> ) |
| SU2                                      | Stanford Univ./<br>SU2 Foundation | [2013] | Collection of C++ and Python software for PDEs and PDE-constrained optimization problems on unstructured meshes ( <a href="https://su2code.github.io/">https://su2code.github.io/</a> )   |

***Today's Users Have No Shortage of CFD Codes to Choose From!***

# Caution for ACA Engineers:

## Not all CFD Codes Are Created Equal

- **Developers Typically Claim to Offer ‘Validated CFD Code’**
  - Implies that simulated results can be trusted to accurately predict real-flow characteristics for any configuration. **But ‘validated CFD code’ is a misnomer!**
- **Claims Might be Based on Traditional Code Validation Approach**
  - Correlate computed and test results for a chosen set of test cases.
- **But...Traditional Code Validation is of Limited Value**
  - Even extensive correlations of computed and test results on geometries and flow conditions that differ substantially from those being considered for design are of limited value.
  - Too Many Potential Traps: Generation of grid-converged solutions; Availability of on- and off-surface data from the same test; Reynolds number scaling of test data; Accurate matching of boundary conditions; User proficiency; etc., etc., etc.

*“Commercial CFD packages are often marketed by claiming that a particular code can solve almost every fluid flow problem, while many users, both in industry and academia, stand aloof from quantitative error measures, instead being dazzled by colorful computer generated output.”-- Celik (1993)\**

*“Increasing number of industrial companies rely on commercial software to meet their CFD needs... It is no longer possible to teach CFD the traditional way. Instead we should teach our students how to use commercial CFD codes.” -- Pelletier (1998)\**

**ACA Provides Customer Value ONLY IF  
Engineers Wisely Choose and Apply the “Right” CFD Codes**

\*Boysan, H.F., Choudhury, D., and Engelman, M.S., “Commercial CFD in the Service of Industry: The First 25 Years,” Notes on Numerical Fluid Mechanics, NNFM 100, Springer-Verlag, 2009, pp. 451-461, Hirschel, E.H. *et al.* (Editors)

# A Sage Advice for ACA Engineers

## As True Today as in 1990—If Not More So

*“Aeronautical calculations today rely on the awesome power of the computer. However, as has been observed, power can corrupt. Equipped with an appropriate address book, giving the location and availability of various programs, the aeronautical engineer can now command the solution of a great variety of aerodynamic problems. Moreover, the capacity of the computer has made possible the inclusion of many small physical influences that until now had to be neglected but sometimes create a false impression of high accuracy. However, the basic physical assumptions of calculations, if they are discussed at all, are often not given adequate treatment...”*

**Robert T. “RT” Jones**

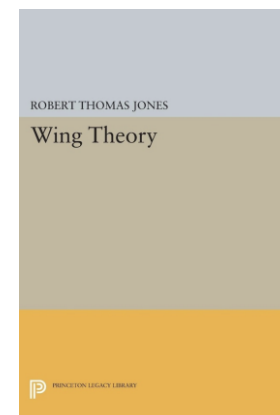


Premier Aeronautical Engineer  
28 May 1910 – 11 Aug 1999

*If ‘computer aerodynamics’ is to realize its full potential, then more attention must be devoted to these underlying principles.”*

**R.T. Jones, *Wing Theory*, Preface**

Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 1990



**CFD Competency is Necessary, *but not Sufficient*, to be an Effective Applied Computational Aerodynamics Engineer**

***It's the aerodynamics, stupid!\****

\*from famous snowclone “*It's the economy, stupid.*” James Carville, 1992

## Blackbirds: A Unique Technological Achievement

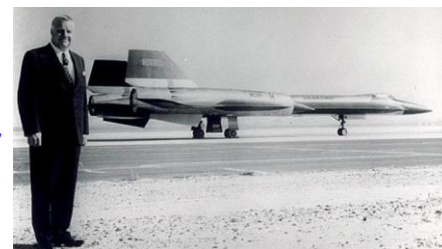
“Perhaps the most important characteristic of the Blackbirds is the fact that they were designed before the advent of supercomputing technology. A small team of talented engineers, using slide-rules and know-how, built a family of operational airplanes capable of flying faster and higher than any air-breathing craft before or since.”

Peter W. Merlin,

Historian and Aerospace Archeologist, AIAA 2009-1022



“Everything about this airplane’s creation was gigantic: Kelly Johnson rightly regarded the Blackbird as the crowning triumph of his years at the Skunk Works’ helm. All of us who shared in its creation wear a badge of special pride. Nothing designed or built by any other aerospace operation in the world, before or since the Blackbird, can begin to rival its speed, height, effectiveness, and impact. Had we built Blackbird in the year 2010, the world would still have been awed by such an achievement. But the **first model**, designed and built for the CIA as the successor to U-2, **was being test-flown as early as 1962**. Even today, that feat seems nothing less than miraculous.”



**Ben Rich**, SKUNK WORKS: A Personal Memoir of My Years at Lockheed 1994, pp 192

***It's the airplane, stupid!\****

\*from famous snowclone “It’s the economy, stupid.” James Carville, 1992

# An Unexpected Turn in the Road for the Author <sup>L9</sup>

## As the 1990s Wind Down

- **July 1999: Author's Tech Fellow tenure ends! Management career begins!**

- Raj appointed Department Manager, Aerodynamics, Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems (LMAS), Marietta, Georgia, to manage technical staff, technology base, tools and processes to support all lines of business including F-22, C-130J, C-5M, etc.

***“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”***

**– Yogi Berra, American “Philosopher”**



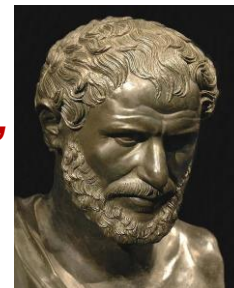
- **August 2000: Author's Skunk Works® tenure begins!**

- Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company (LMAC) created in January 2000 by combining three legacy companies (LM Skunk Works, California; LM Aeronautical Systems, Georgia; LM Tactical Aircraft Systems, Texas) in Aeronautics Sector into one with 3 sites (California, Georgia, Texas) to improve chances of winning Joint Strike Fighter!
- Raj selected to serve as Senior Manager, Vehicle Science & Systems, Technology Development & Integration, Advanced Development Programs (the Skunk Works®), LMAC--Palmdale, California, site
- Primary Responsibility: lead high caliber teams to meet technology needs in *Aerodynamics & CFD, Acoustics, Airframe Propulsion Integration, Flight Control, Mass Properties, Vehicle Management System, Utility Systems Integration, and Electrical Power Distribution* for all LMAC product lines at the three sites

***“The Only Constant in Life Is Change.”***

**– Heraclitus of Ephesus**

**Ancient Greek pre-Socratic philosopher**





# Lecture 9: Key Takeaways

- **Feb 1991: Realization [by author] that higher level CFD (Euler and Navier-Stokes) had little to no impact on reducing the number of YF-22 design cycles—*more design cycles in a given time is key to affordable quality!***
  - An area of author's focus after assuming Tech Fellow position in Jan 1992
- **April 1991: Lockheed awarded F-22 EMD contract**
- **Fall 1991: F-22 EMD Team (Euler) application**
  - Full-aircraft forces, moments and airloads predictions for a wide range of flow conditions--with and without control surface deflections
  - **370 cases** run over three months, using 1600 CPU hours on Cray Y-MP/216
  - ***But...NO TOTAL DRAG! ACA wasn't ready. F-22 Program relied on wind-tunnel testing***
- **Throughout the 1990s: Focus on increasing TEAM effectiveness**
  - Extend TEAM to solving RANS equations for full configurations
  - Explore and implement means of automating grid generation and affordable HPC
- **Y2K: 24-hour turnaround time of full-aircraft RANS analysis using TetrUSS and cluster computing!**
- ***Developing effective capability from research concepts is a long and arduous process!***
- **CFD is now a commodity, but not all codes are created equal—choose & use wisely!**
- ***“The only constant in life is change”***

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