

Intent of this talk is to present the S&C priorities as seen by the Langley team. No roadmaps or 5 year plans will be presented. We are actively soliciting your feedback, your ideas, and your help in building and executing this program.

COMSAC: Visions and Potential Program Content

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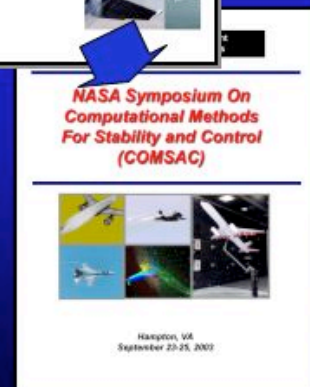
Outline

- Background
- NASA constraints and priorities
- Potential program content
 - High priority issues
 - Approach
- Prepared critiques
- Comments by attendees
- Closing comments



Background

- Promise of CFD highlighted by Abrupt Wing Stall program and other activities
- Needs apparent during Aerodynamic Flight Prediction Workshop
 - Williamsburg, VA, Nov. 19-21, 2002
- Industry/DOD tour
 - NAVAIR 2/11/03
 - Boeing Seattle 4/28/03
 - Lockheed-Martin Ft. Worth 4/29/03
 - Boeing St. Louis 4/30/03
 - Lockheed-Martin Marietta 5/2/03
 - AFRL 6/5/03
- COMSAC Symposium





Preliminary Feedback

- Much skepticism on CFD applications to S&C (both S&C and CFD communities)
 - Considerable “wait & see” attitude
- Only “9-1-1” activities in most organizations
- Limitations of current tools acknowledged
- Some potential collaborative efforts identified
- NASA encouraged to continue planning



NASA Constraints & Priorities

- NASA guidance for research on military configurations
 - OMB: Cooperative work with DOD encouraged when there is a dual civil/military application
- NASA focus is generally on civil configurations
- COMSAC planning continues to identify civil and military issues





COMSAC Objective

- Accelerate the application, validation, and focused development of CFD methodology to S&C aerodynamic predictions and analyses
- Payoffs:
 - Better understanding & control of flow physics
 - Reduced and focused wind-tunnel and flight tests
 - Risk reduction while reducing costs
 - Fewer surprises in flight test & certification
 - Minimizes “cut and try” efforts in flight test



COMSAC Team

- Programmatic responsibility: Jim Pittman (EASI lead)
- Former programmatic responsibility: Long Yip
- Technical lead: Bob Hall (S&C, CAB)
- Technical co-lead: Mike Fremaux (S&C, VDB)
- CFD lead: Paul Pao (CAB)
- CFD consultant: Jim Thomas (CMSB)
- S&C: Joe Chambers (Consultant)



COMSAC Team, Concluded

- CFD: Bob Bartels (AB)
- CFD: Bob Biedron (CMSB)
- CFD: Neal Frink (CAB)
- CFD: Farhad Ghaffari (CAB)
- S&C: Larry Green (MDOB)
- S&C: Pat Murphy (DCB)
- S&C: Ray Whipple (VDB)

People under Contract or Grant:

- CFD: Jim Forsythe, COBALT Solutions
- CFD: Case van Dam, UC Davis



COMSAC CFD Strategy

- Establish S&C “benchmark” cases to calibrate & validate computational tools for most pressing problems
- If wind tunnel or flight data are insufficient, conduct required experiments
- Major thrust is to take off-the-shelf RANS or RANS+ codes and apply
- Codes **MUST** be run “blind.” Data revealed after predictions.
- If codes are inadequate, **focused** code development for S&C applications will be pursued
- Secondary thrust is to assess accuracy of reduced-physics, engineering codes
- Balance between generic and specific applications

A program like COMSAC will have to have a balance of generic and real configurations.



Generic and Real Configurations

- Generic configurations
 - + Isolate flow physics of interest
 - + Reduce resource requirements through simplified geometry
 - + Eliminate proprietary constraints
 - + Facilitate academic/small industry involvement
 - + Can facilitate instrumentation/diagnostics
 - Usually lacks flight validation data
- Real configurations
 - + Provide access to flight validation
 - + Offer "ultimate" test because of complexity
 - + Needed to convince S&C community
 - Include proprietary issues





COMSAC General Issues

- Streamlined CFD analysis process is overarching need
 - Automated
 - User friendly
 - Robust
- Another technology issue is being able to simulate laminar separation bubble and turbulent reattachment
- How valuable are correct answers?
 - RANS vs RANS+ (DES)



Prioritized S&C Issues NASA Perspective

- High lift S&C
- Dynamic derivatives
- Wing stall progression, unsteadiness, and hysteresis
- Flow control devices
- R_n and M_∞ effects
- Hinge moments, loads
- Aeroelastic effects
- Cruise S&C
- High- α or upset conditions
- Accurate predictions for trim
- Interactions between closely coupled control surfaces
- Ground effects
- Propulsion-induced effects
- Wind-tunnel operational effects



Prioritized S&C Issues Mentioned in Symposium

- Longitudinal stability (including C_{m_0})
(Donaldson)
- High- α lift curve definition
(Killingsworth)
- Prioritized list by Bogue
- C_m as a function of α for DC-9 and F-16
(Mason)

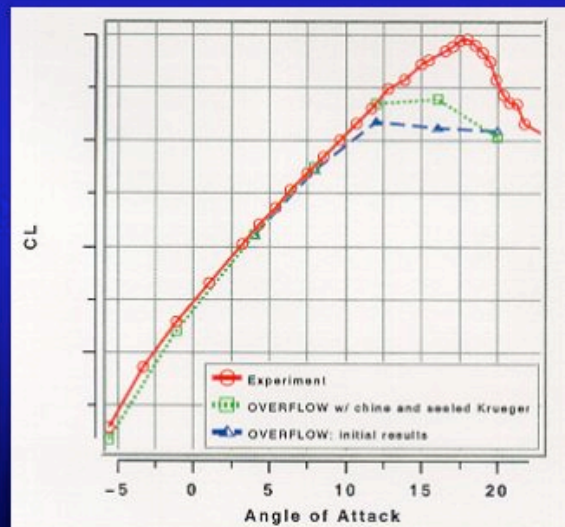


High Lift S&C for Civil Aircraft The Challenge

- Why
 - High lift phase is critical to aircraft operations
 - SOA for CFD applied to high lift is similar to that for performance problems 10 or 15 years ago
- Example

$C_{L,max}$ and local slopes are typically missed

Data courtesy of David Bogue. Citation is Rogers, Roth, Cao, Slotnick et al., "Computation of Viscous Flow for a Boeing 777 Aircraft in Landing Configuration," AIAA 2000-4221





High Lift S&C for Civil Aircraft Notional Approach

- Potential barriers
 - Complex geometry drives gridding requirements
 - Flap elements dominated by transition and separation issues, gap flows, multi-element interactions
 - Turbulence modeling
 - Role of transition, laminar separation bubbles
- Near-term plan
 - Identify and assess data bases
 - Extend Ground-to-Flight Scaling tests of a Boeing configuration to sideslip
 - Assess 3 or 4 code systems against best available data
 - Flow physics
 - Grid adaptation strategies
 - Algorithms and turbulence modeling
 - Decision point/milestone--are additional data required?
 - Workshop in 2 years time to report out and direct direction/needs



Trap Wing
in14x22



777 in NTF



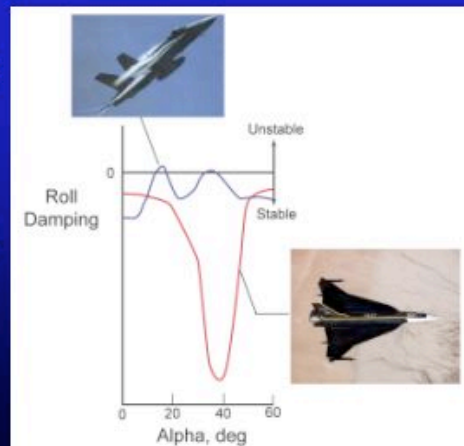
Dynamic Derivatives The Challenge

- Why

- CFD needed to augment relatively poor predictive capability
 - Limited experimental capability
 - Simplified analysis methods
- Damping derivatives are critical
 - Predicting flying qualities near stall
 - Large impact on flight control systems

- Example

Large differences in damping between → configurations can result from differences in leading edge sweep and time lags in vortical flow development





Dynamic Derivatives Notional Approach

- Potential Barriers

- Resource requirements for unsteady calculations
- Calibration data
- Nonlinearities of derivatives



F/A-18C on
Free-to-Roll
(FTR)
Test Rig
during AWS
Testing

- Plan

- Identify suitable experimental data bases
- Extend FTR testing to 757 and BWB to complement existing 757 forced oscillation (FO) data base
- Simulate both FTR and FO motions of 757 and BWB with computational tools
- Exercise time-accurate codes to simulate unique motions to measure true α and β dot terms

757 in
Langley 14
x 22



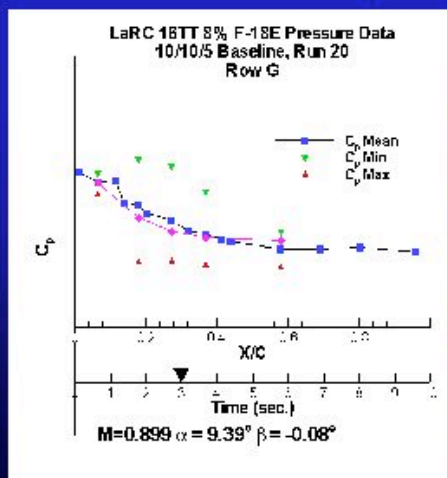
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Stall Progression, Unsteadiness and Hysteresis--The Challenge

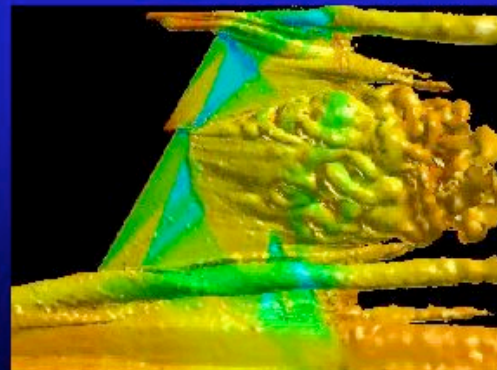
- Why
 - Stall progression characterization is critical to predicting stability near wing stall
 - Shock unsteadiness integral aspect of transonic stall
 - Interpretation of hysteresis not understood (challenge given by Dale Lorincz)



Note large shock movement during stall process for F/A-18E

Exp by Schuster

CFD by Forsythe



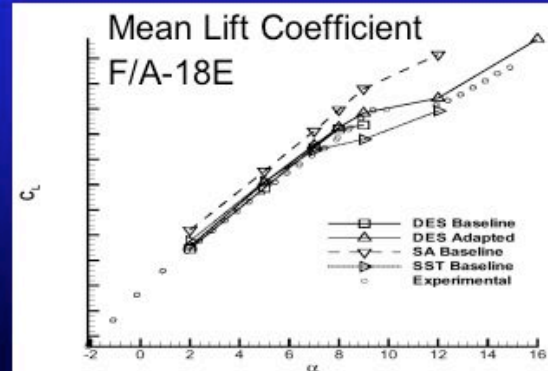


Stall Progression, Unsteadiness and Hysteresis--Notional Approach

- Potential Barriers
 - Resource requirements for unsteady calculations
 - Bistable flow states
 - Turbulence models
 - DES vs RANS
 - Grid refinement strategy for DES

Time-averaged values of unsteady solutions significantly improve correlation with data

- Plan
 - Summarize and collect data
 - While stall progression addressed in AWS program, not tackled with S&C in mind
 - Continue to study impact of hysteresis
 - Conduct workshop in 2 years





Passive and Active Flow Control The Challenge

- Why
 - Passive devices, such as vortex generators (VGs) and vortilons, are important solutions to flow control problems
 - Subscale development of VGs is problematic
 - Successful CFD characterization could reduce risk
 - Challenges more severe with unsteady, active flow control concepts

- Example

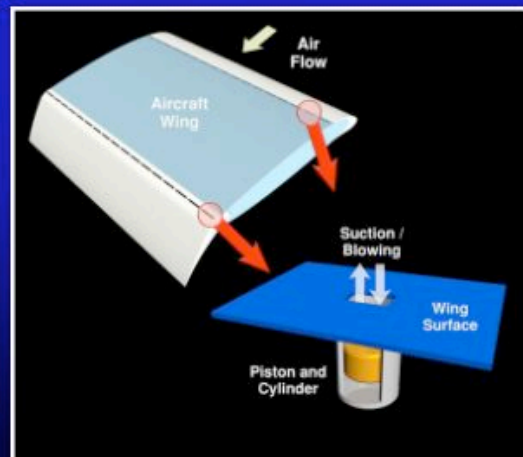
VGs and vortilon on
prototype AV-8B





Passive and Active Flow Control Notional Approach

- Potential barriers
 - Gridding requirements--complex
 - Turbulence modeling
 - Time accurate solution requirements
- Near-term plan with passive flow control
 - Capitalize on Boeing work
 - Identify and assess data bases for passive flow control devices
 - Need to examine impact of rates and sideslip
 - Assess gridding requirements
- Far-term plan--address active flow control characterization
 - CFD should lead in application strategy
 - Benchmark/Validation workshop in 04 already planned with Langley Time Accurate Program



The list is our best shot of what we view as important while we understand that there are a myriad of candidates. If an issue that is important to you is not reflected in the list, let us know!



Prioritized S&C Issues

- High lift S&C
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Summary of COMSAC Vision

- Have shared our philosophy
 - CFD maturity is pushing the application toward S&C, which could readily use calibrated CFD tools
 - Tackling the problem will take generic and realistic, flight configurations
 - For CFD to have an impact, it must demonstrate its predictive capability against “benchmark” cases from both the shallow and deep ends of the pool
 - Workshops to discuss specific “challenge” areas
- Have shared our vision of important S&C issues



Prepared Critiques

- NASA's vision of COMSAC options forwarded to reviewers on Tuesday
 - Pradeep Raj, Lockheed Martin
 - John Clark, NAVAIR
 - Doug Ball, Boeing Commercial
- Reviewers will follow me
- Comments and critique then taken from general audience



Open Discussion

- Opportunity to philosophize, comment, and critique what has been said
- Also seeking feedback via post-meeting evaluation forms



Closing Comments

- CFD technology and computational resources are poised to make inroads into the S&C arena
 - Can fill in the experimental gaps
 - Will be a natural complement to experiment
 - Expected to significantly reduce amount of wind tunnel and flight testing
 - Large impact on risk reduction
- Challenges are many
- Objective of COMSAC is to accelerate and focus national efforts in this area