

CFD/CAA Analysis for a Wing Leading Edge Test in the Quiet Flow Facility (Work in Progress)

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# Objective and Approach

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### **Objective**

- Compare noise source generation mechanisms between the conventional slat and LE Krueger flap high lift devices Approach
- Aerodynamic characterization of a conventional slat  $\bigcirc$ configuration
- **Design a LE Krueger flap with "equivalent aerodynamic** Ο performance"
- Identify noise generation mechanisms and compare far-Ο field noise characteristics between the conventional slat and LE Krueger flap using both experimental and CFD/ CAA analysis tools



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Launch Ascent and Vehicle Aerodynamics Framework<sup>\*</sup> Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Solvers

- **Cartesian, Curvilinear, and Unstructured Grid Types**
- **Overset Grid and Immersed Boundary Methods** ullet
- **Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes and hybrid RANS/LES Simulation Capabilities**
- Computational Aeroacoustics (CAA) Solvers
  - **Linear Helmholtz and Ffowcs Williams-Hawkings Formulations** in the Frequency Domain

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# LAVA Framework



#### **Computational Approach**

- 3-D Structured Overset Curvilinear Navier-Stokes Solver
- **o** Spalart-Allmaras Turbulence Model
  - Unsteady DDES for acoustics (BANC-III)
  - Steady RANS for aerodynamics (QFF)
- Convective Flux Discretization
  - 4<sup>th</sup> order central with 5<sup>th</sup> order WENO based matrix dissipation (BANC-III)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> order HWCNS with high-order metrics (QFF)
- $\,\circ\,$  2<sup>nd</sup> order central differencing for viscous fluxes and time
- $\circ$  Implicit dual-time stepping (BANC-III)
  - 2 orders of magnitude residual drop (11 to 16 subs)
- Implicit Euler (QFF)
  - 3-4 orders of residual drop and steady force convergence



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- Goal was to assess the current capabilities of LAVA CFD/ CAA tools applied to slat noise generation
- Flow physics is highly complex pushing the limits of current turbulence modeling and numerical methods





#### Fine Mesh Overset Grid System for DDES Simulation

- **55 zones, 189.9** million grid points
- Span resolution ranges from 0.25 to 1.9 mm
- Grid aligned to streamwise flow features





#### **Near-Field PSD**

- $\odot\,$  Broadband noise characteristics within the slat cove are well captured for St < 10  $\,$
- $\odot\,$  High frequency noise generated from the finite thickness TE of the slat is observed at St  $\approx$  28





#### **Flow Field Visualizations**

 Fine spanwise resolution in the slat cove is necessary to accurately resolve the turbulent kinetic energy in order to capture vortex sheet breakdown into 3D structures





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### Procedure

- CFD validation of a conventional wing/slat model
- Steady-state deployment analysis of slat model in free-air
- Steady-state deployment analysis of slat model installed in QFF
- Comparison of free-air and installed deployment analysis
  - Angle of attack relation
  - Centerline Cp comparison
  - Centerline streamlines comparison

# **CFD** Validation



Simplified QFF and Conventional Wing/Slat – Overset Grid System



# **CFD Validation**



- U velocity contours on symmetry plane and at nozzle exit
- Initially isentropic flow relations were used to set the stagnation conditions at the nozzle plenum based on the desired nozzle exit jet velocity (neglecting viscous losses at the nozzle walls), which lead to a lower velocity than the experimental reference
- A sensitivity study was performed in which the stagnation pressure was varied and the exit velocity was monitored



# **CFD** Validation





- Good match in centerline Cp is obtained
- Small differences

   on the pressure
   side of the main
   element and the
   suction side of the
- More accurate QFF geometry representations
   were analyzed, and overall comparison did not change





- Modified 30P30N fully deployed in free-air
- Stowed-Flap C<sub>ME</sub> = 16"
- Fully-Stowed C = 16.73"
- Nominally 2D (b = 0.8" CFD grid uses 5 planes in span)

#### **Deployment Parameter Space**

- A database of steady RANS analysis for free-air slat deployments has been performed (270 cases)
  - Notch 0, 4, 6, 8, and 9 (Gap/C<sub>ME</sub> = 0.032, 0.025, 0.021, 0.018, 0.016)
  - Slat Deployment Angle: 10°, 20°, 30°
  - Angle of Attack: 1.0° to 9.5° in 0.5° increments



# **Free-Air Deployment Analysis**

#### Lift Coefficient









• The main element carries most of the lift and shows an increase in lift with increasing deployment angle

○ Lift on the slat decreases with increasing deployment

angle

Lift on the flap

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#### **Geometry and Slat Deployment Parameterization**





#### **Structured Overset Grids**

- 30 grid systems generated for each slat configuration and AOA with the slat and ME grids simply translated and rotated for each configuration
- $\circ$  40 zones and 109.6 M grid points for the full-span configuration with y+ ≈ 1 at all viscous walls
- A hemi-spherical off-body grid extends 400 chord lengths





#### **Centerline Cp Distributions: Notch 0 AOA 27°**







#### Surface Streamlines AOA 27° Notch 0





#### Surface Streamlines AOA 27° Notch 4







#### Force Integration Surface Definition for Comparison

- A subset of the slat and main element surfaces are used to compare the local aerodynamics of interest
- Main element  $0 \le x/c_{ME} \le 0.2$
- Spanwise extent  $-0.1 \le y/b \le 0.1$



















#### Cp Comparisons: Notch 0 Slat Angle 20° (and 30°)











# Summary



- The LAVA CFD/CAA analysis tools have been validated for this work using the BANC-III Workshop and data from AIAA-2002-2604
- A free-air slat deployment study was performed on the modified
   30P30N model showing a linear increase in lift with AOA
- A component breakdown of lift indicates the main element carries most of the lift, increasing with deployment angle, but the lift on the slat decreases faster with increased deployment
- A QFF installed deployment study was performed on the conventional slat with the flap retracted showing side-wall induced separation on the main element with decreasing gap distance and increasing deployment angle
- Two integration surface subset were used to derive a free-air/ installed angle of attack relation for the local aerodynamics
- Comparing the centerline Cp and streamline patterns, based on the angle of attack relations, indicates that matching the lift on the slat leads to a reasonably good match in local aerodynamics

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