

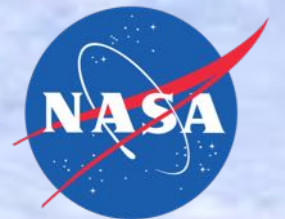
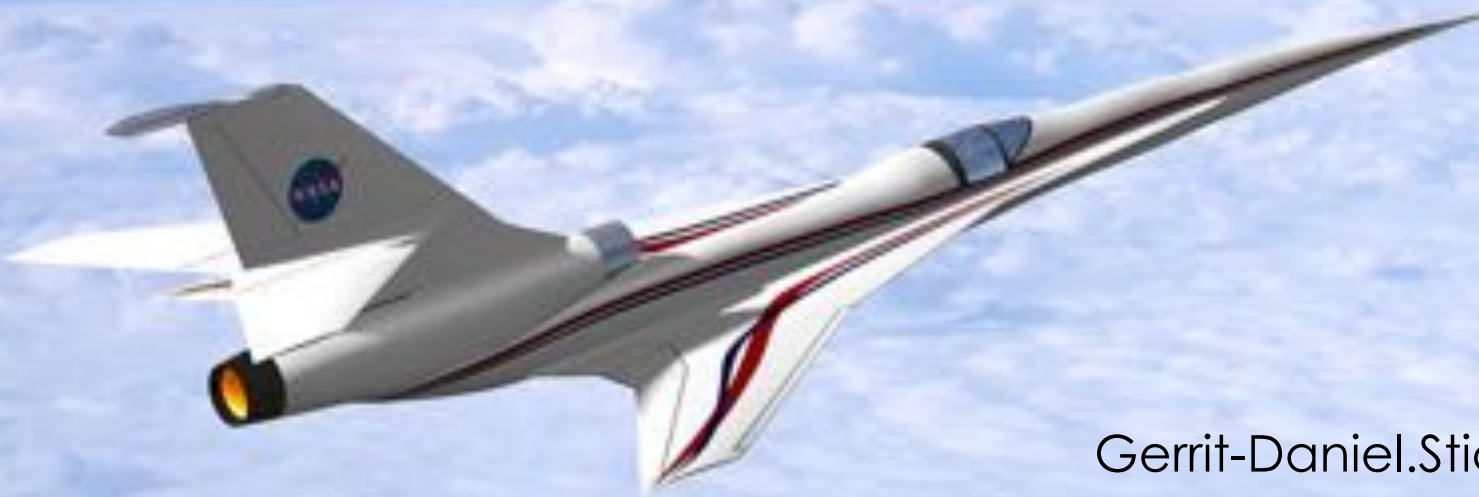
Hybrid RANS/LES of Jet Surface Interaction Noise

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Objective

NASA's Commercial Supersonic Technologies (CST) Project



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NASA planned Low Boom Flight Demonstration aircraft

- NASA initiated research activities towards Commercial Supersonic Technologies (CST)
- Within this project Three main Technical Challenges (TC) have been defined
 - TC 1.1 Low Boom Design Tools
 - TC 1.2 Sonic Boom Community Response Metric & Methodology
 - **TC 2.2 Low Noise Propulsion for Low Boom Aircraft**
- Develop an understanding of the effects of shielding surfaces on the aerodynamic noise sources from jet flows.

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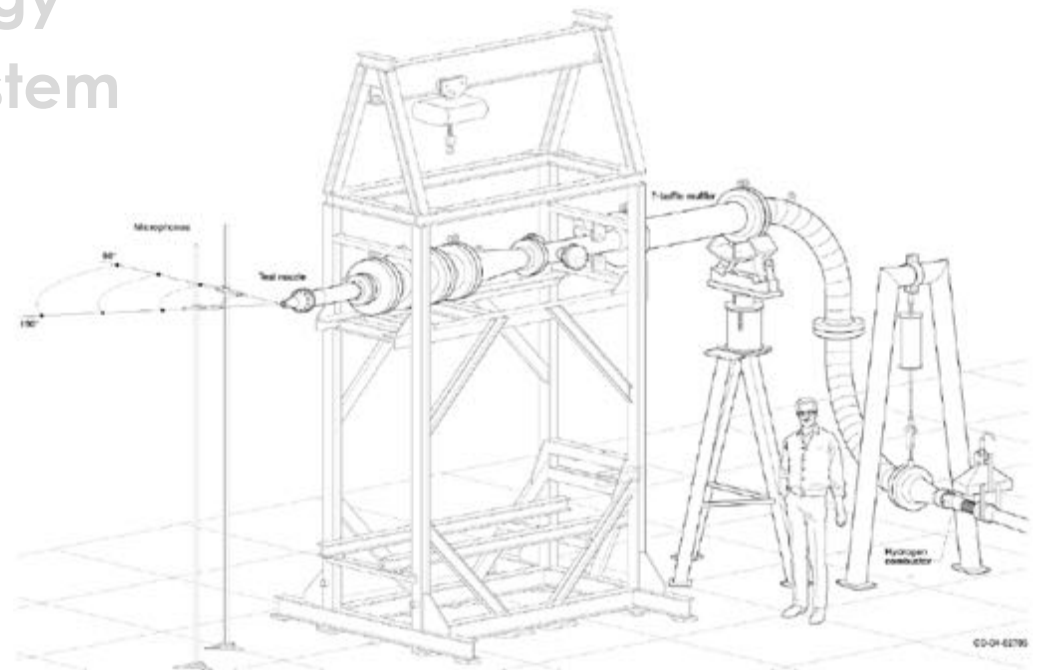
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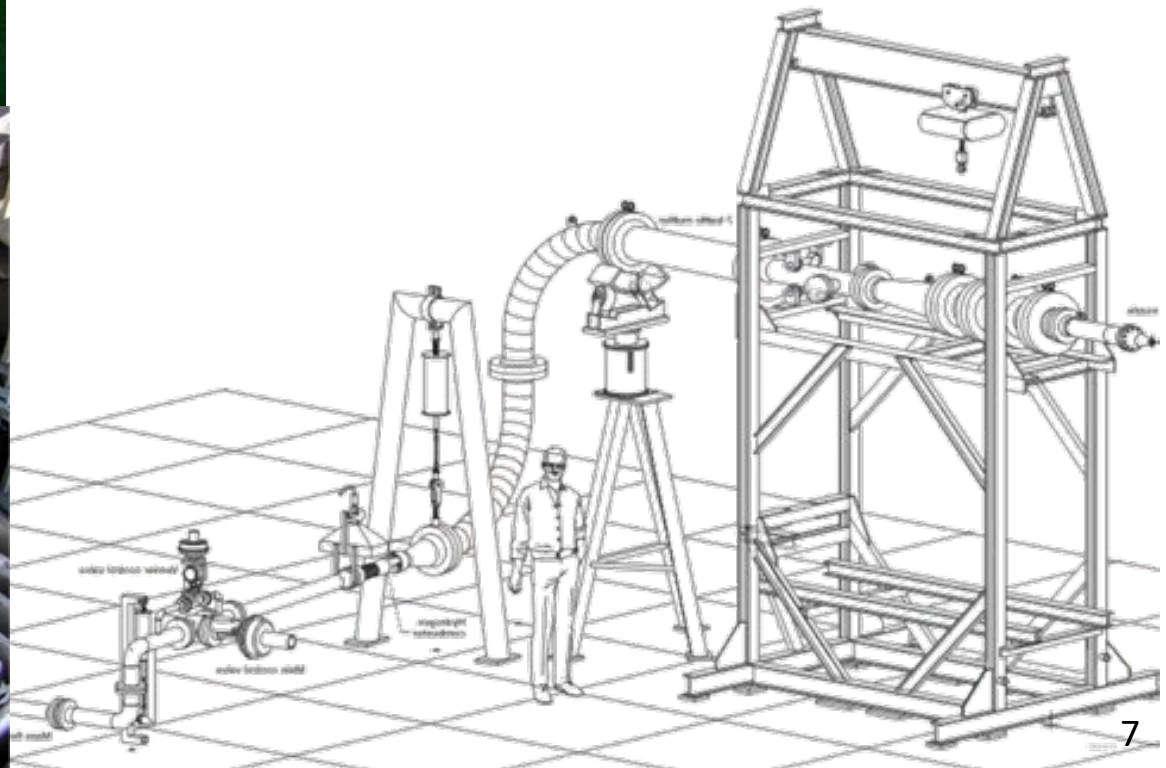
AAPL



- 65" radius anechoic dome
- Located at Glenn Research Center (GRC)
- Small Hot Jet Acoustic Rig (SHJAR)
- Far-field acoustics, phased arrays, flow rakes, hotwire, shlieren, PIV, IR, Rayleigh, Raman, PSP



SHJAR



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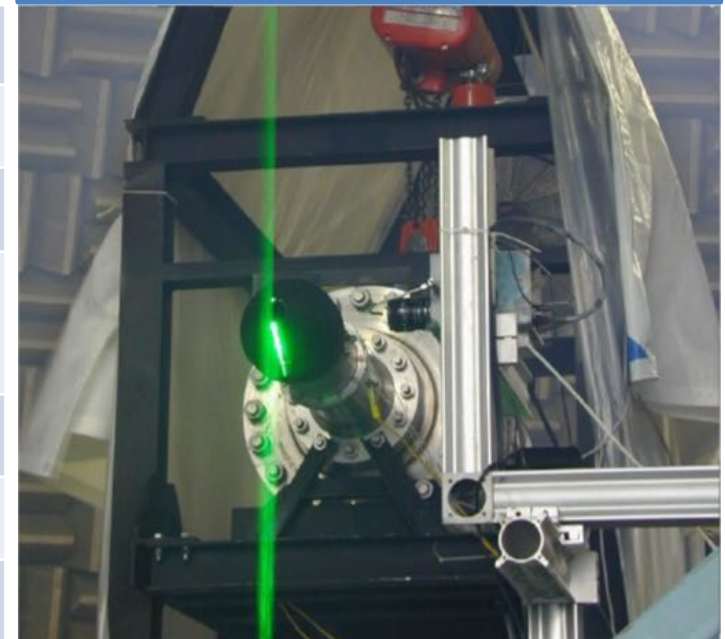
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- ✓ Baseline axisymmetric convergent Small Metal Chevron (SMC000) nozzle at Set Point 7 (SP7) with 12" extension
- ✓ Nozzle axis in downstream flow direction is marked as 180°

Bridges et. al. (NASA-TM-2011-216807)	SP7
Acoustic Mach number U_{jet}/c_{∞}	0.9
Jet temperature ratio T_e/T_{∞}	0.835
Nozzle pressure ratio p_t/p_{∞}	1.861
Nozzle Diameter D	0.0508 [m] 2.0 [inch]
Reynold number Re_D	1 Million
Reynolds number Re_{τ}	800
Boundary layer thickness	0.0128 D

PIV measurement device

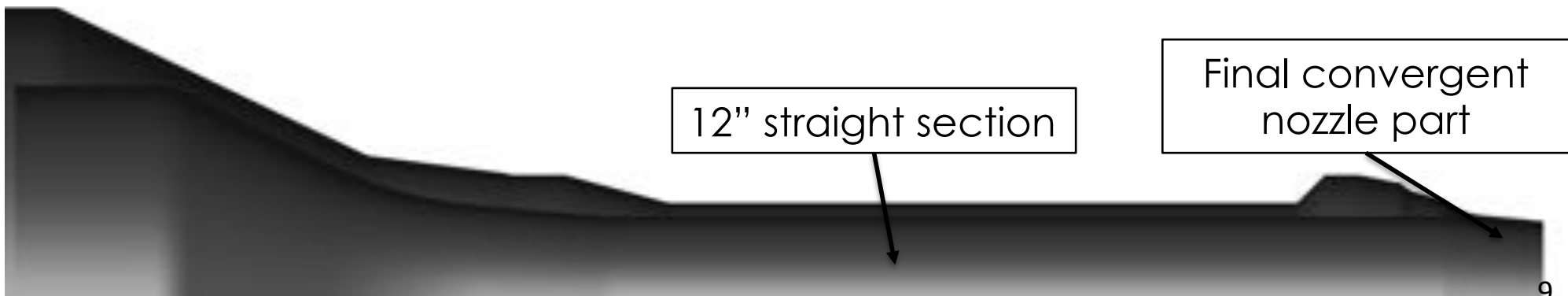
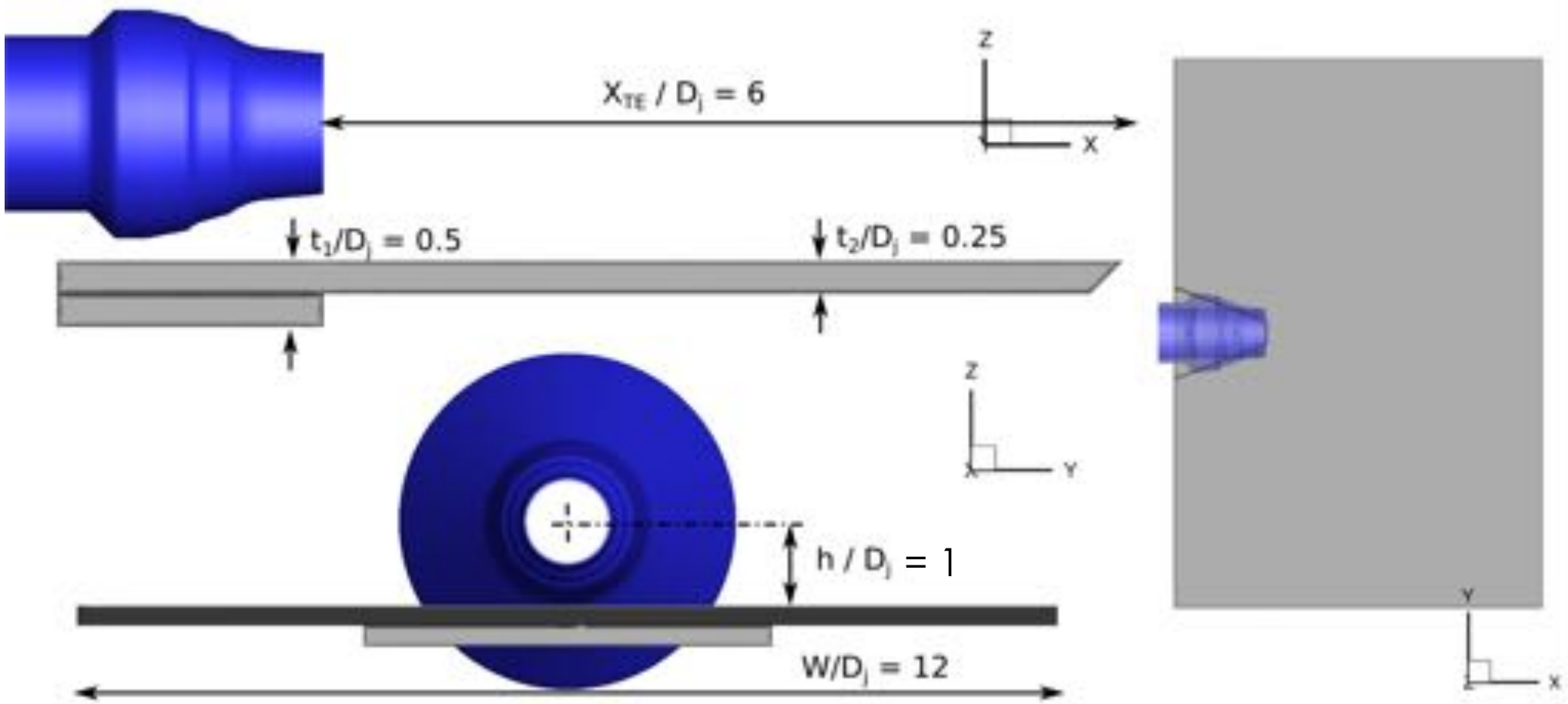


Similar conditions were analyzed in Bres *et. al.* AIAA-2015-2535, but the boundary layer thickness is 5.5 larger

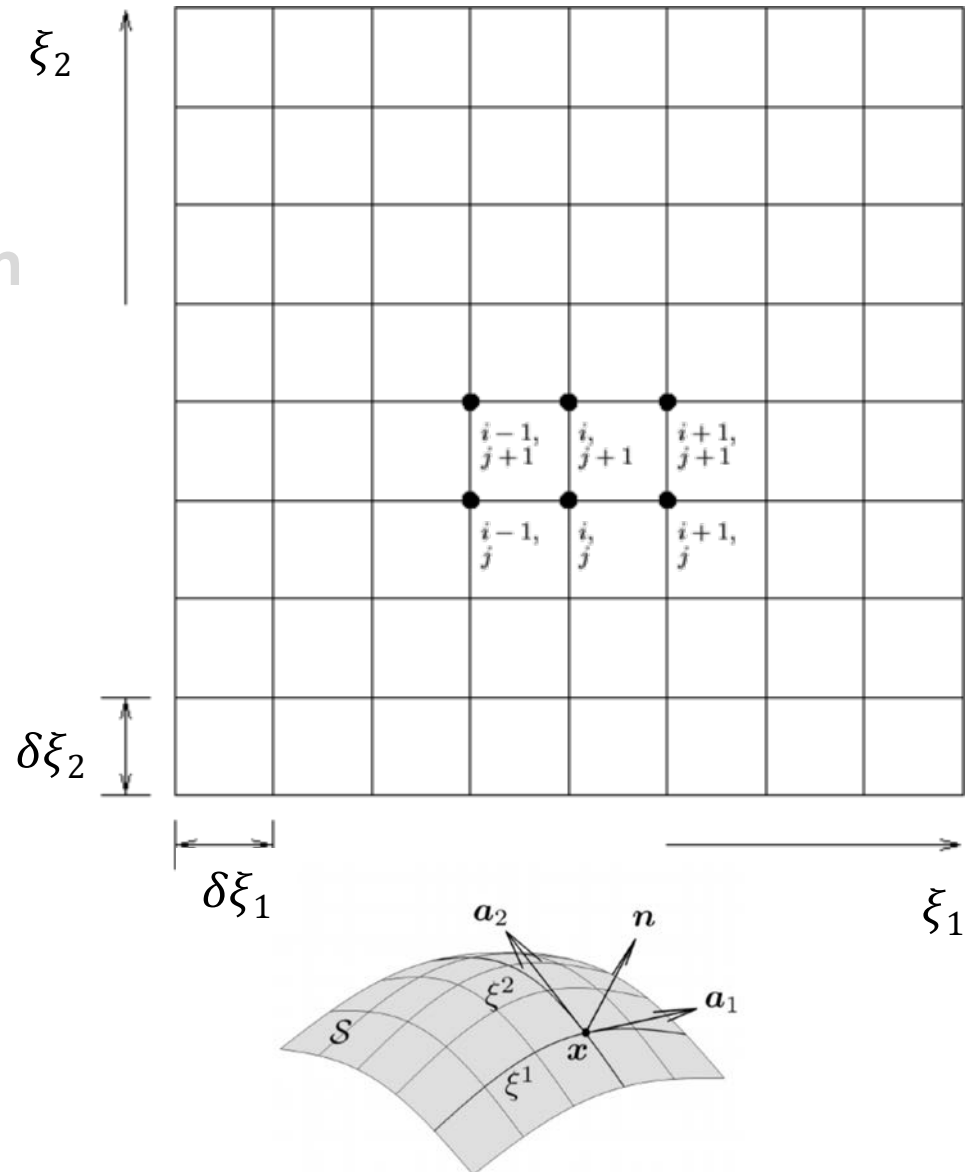
Geometry and Setup



Round Convergent Nozzle (SMC000) with Jet Shielding Plate

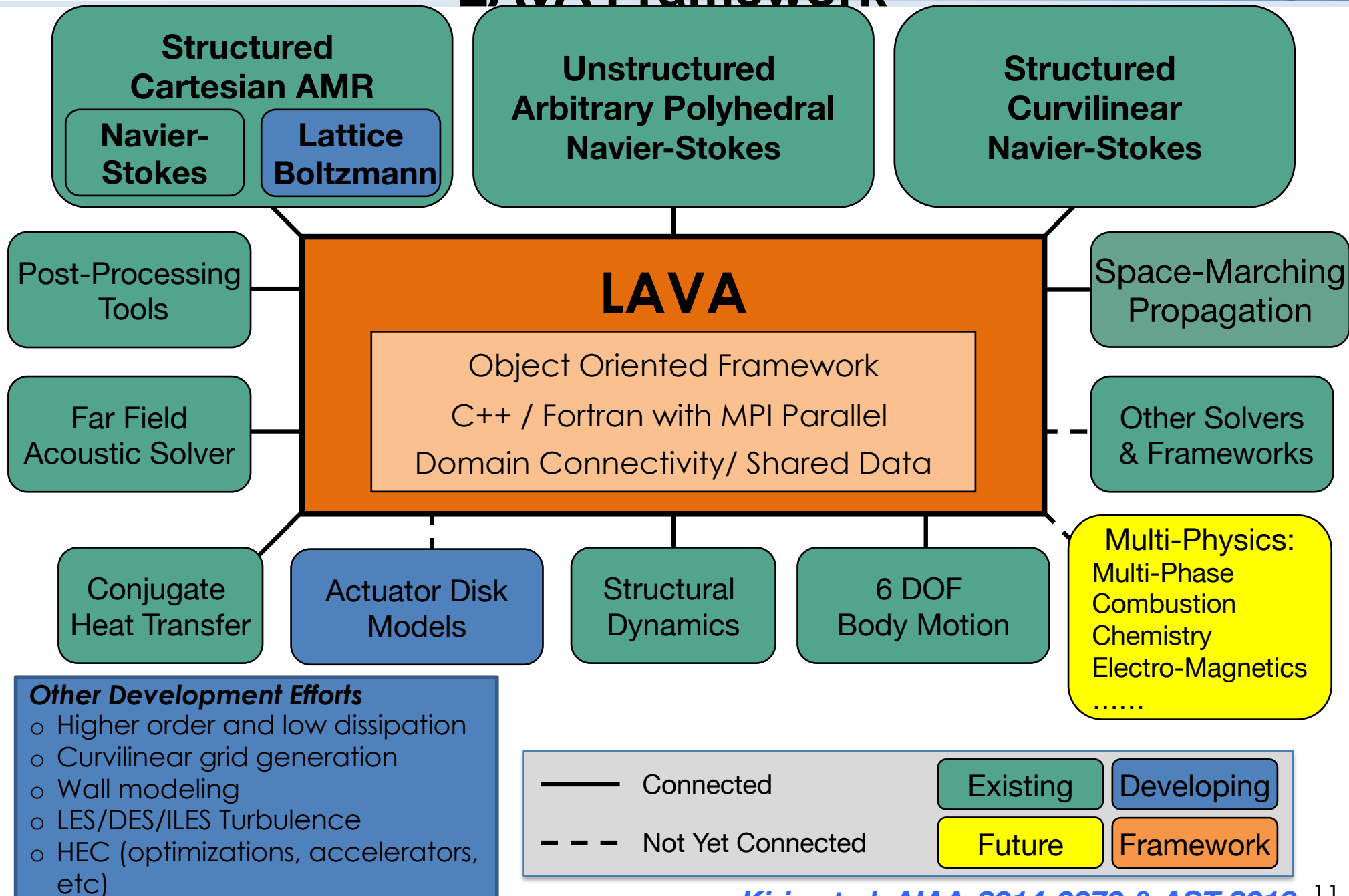


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LAVA Framework



Numerical Method Used



3-D Structured Curvilinear Overset Grid Solver within LAVA framework

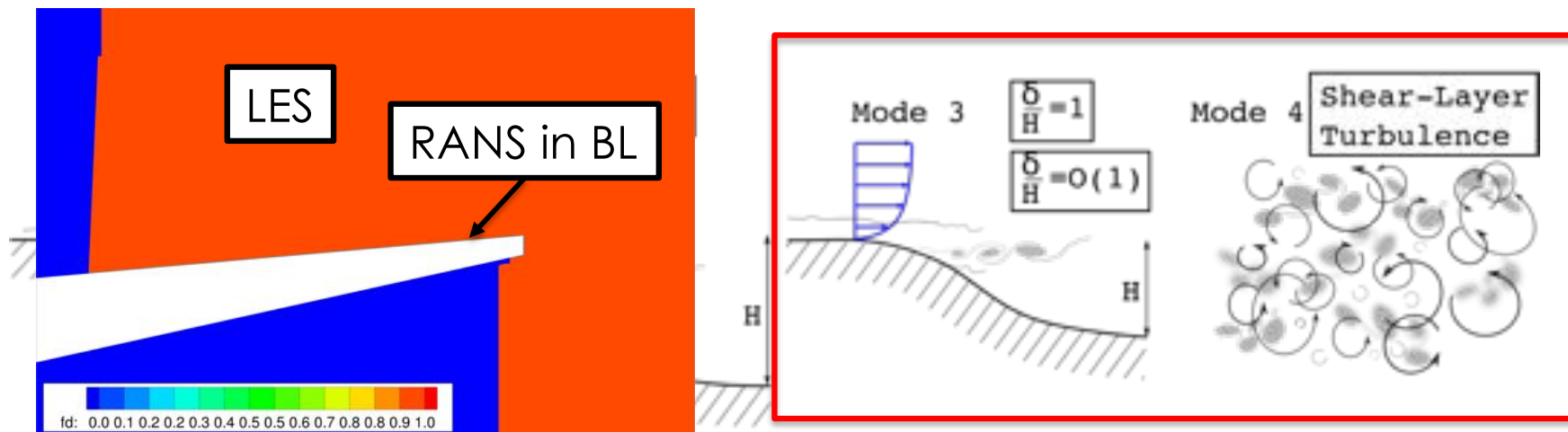
- Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model (baseline turbulence model)

Low-Dissipation Finite Difference Method [\(Housman et al. AIAA-2016-2963\)](#)

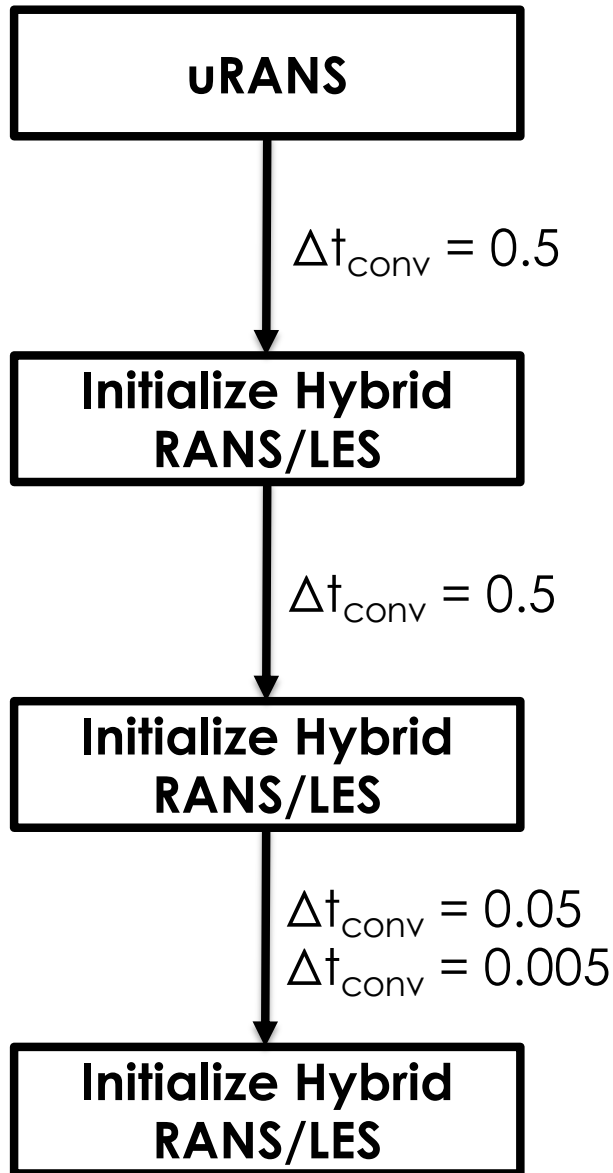
- 6th-order Hybrid Weighted Compact Nonlinear Scheme (HWCNS)
- Numerical flux is a modified Roe scheme
- 6th/5th-order blended central/upwind biased left and right state interpolation
- 2nd-order accurate differencing used for time discretization

Hybrid RANS/LES Model

- Zonal Detached Eddy Simulation (ZDES-Mode III & IV) with user selected RANS, LES, and Hybrid RANS LES zones [\(Deck, S. Theor. Comput. Fluid Dyn. 2012\)](#)



Computational Approach



- Unsteady RANS until jet is fully developed and eddy viscosity maximum has plateaued
- Restart simulation with Hybrid RANS/LES and larger timestep
- Decrease time-step once flow is fully developed
- Ignore transients from changing model and time-step size (20,000 time-steps for this case)
- Record volume data at 100kHz sampling frequency for 30,000 steps ($\Delta t_{\text{conv}} = 200$) on isolated case and 120,000 steps ($\Delta t_{\text{conv}} = 800$) for shielding case.

$$\Delta t_{\text{conv}} = \Delta t c_{\infty} / D_j$$

Inflow Turbulence Generation

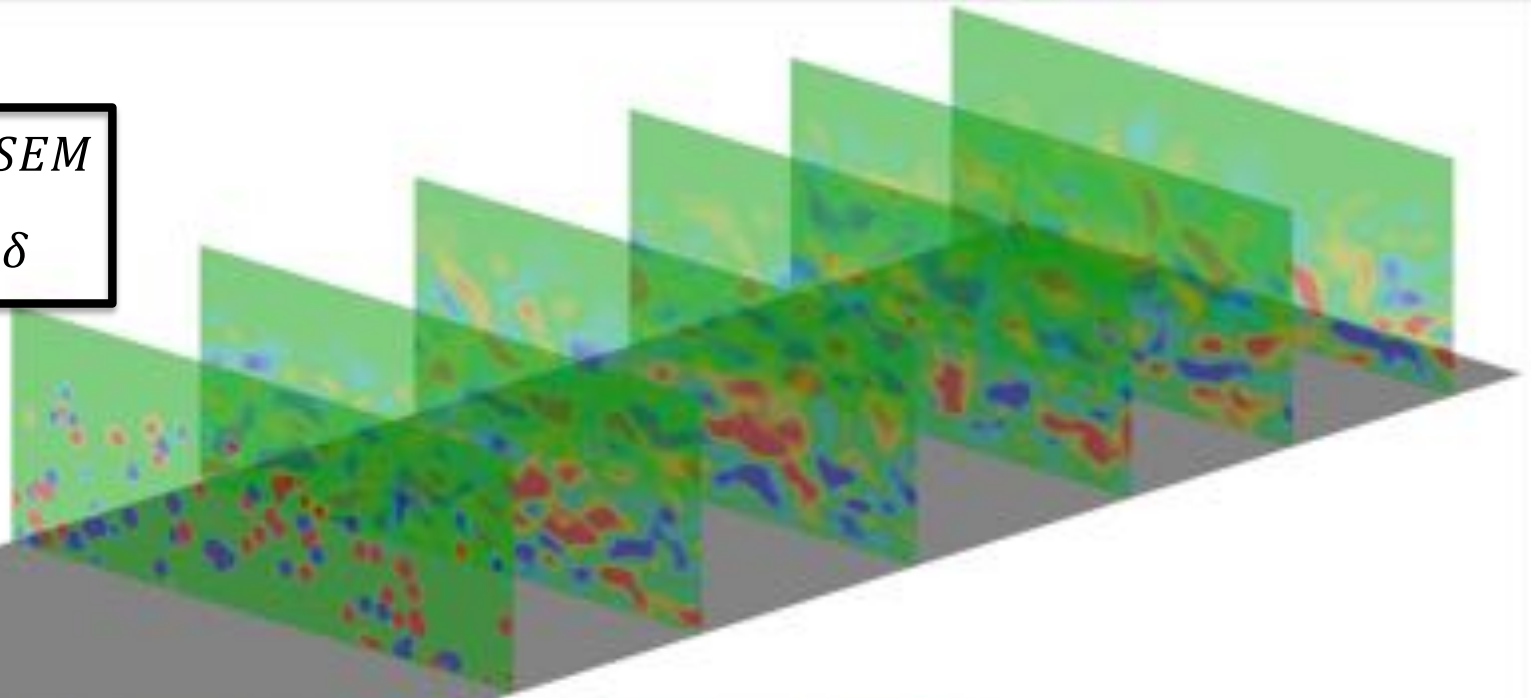


- When transitioning from RANS to LES in wall-bounded flows it is necessary to insert meaningful three-dimensional content at the interface
- The synthetic eddy method (SEM) is one approach which adds eddies in such a way that first and second order turbulent statistics can be satisfied. (approx. from the RANS solution with Bradshaw hypothesis)

Jet Case SP 7

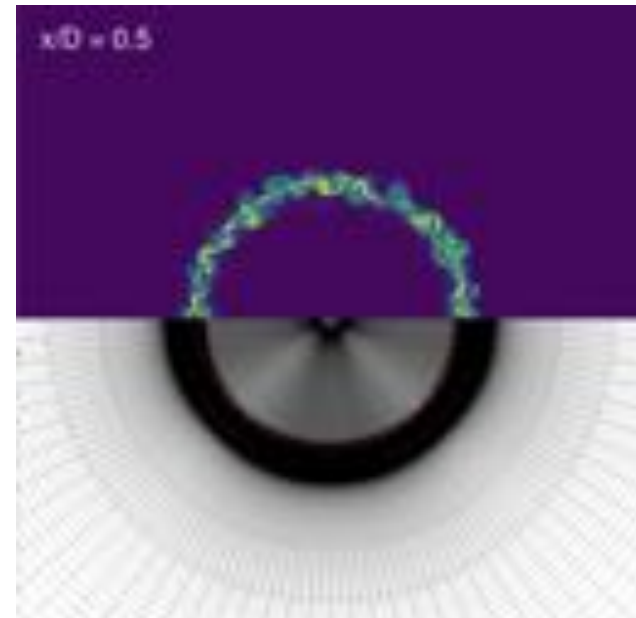
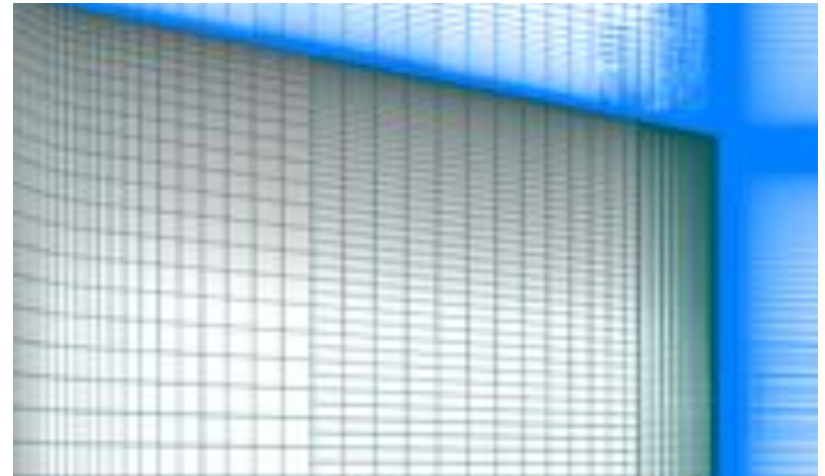
$$\Delta x_{SEM} = x_{exit} - x_{SEM}$$

$$54 \delta < \Delta x_{SEM} < 55 \delta$$



V: -0.010 -0.008 -0.007 -0.005 -0.004 -0.002 -0.001 0.001 0.002 0.004 0.005 0.007 0.008 0.010

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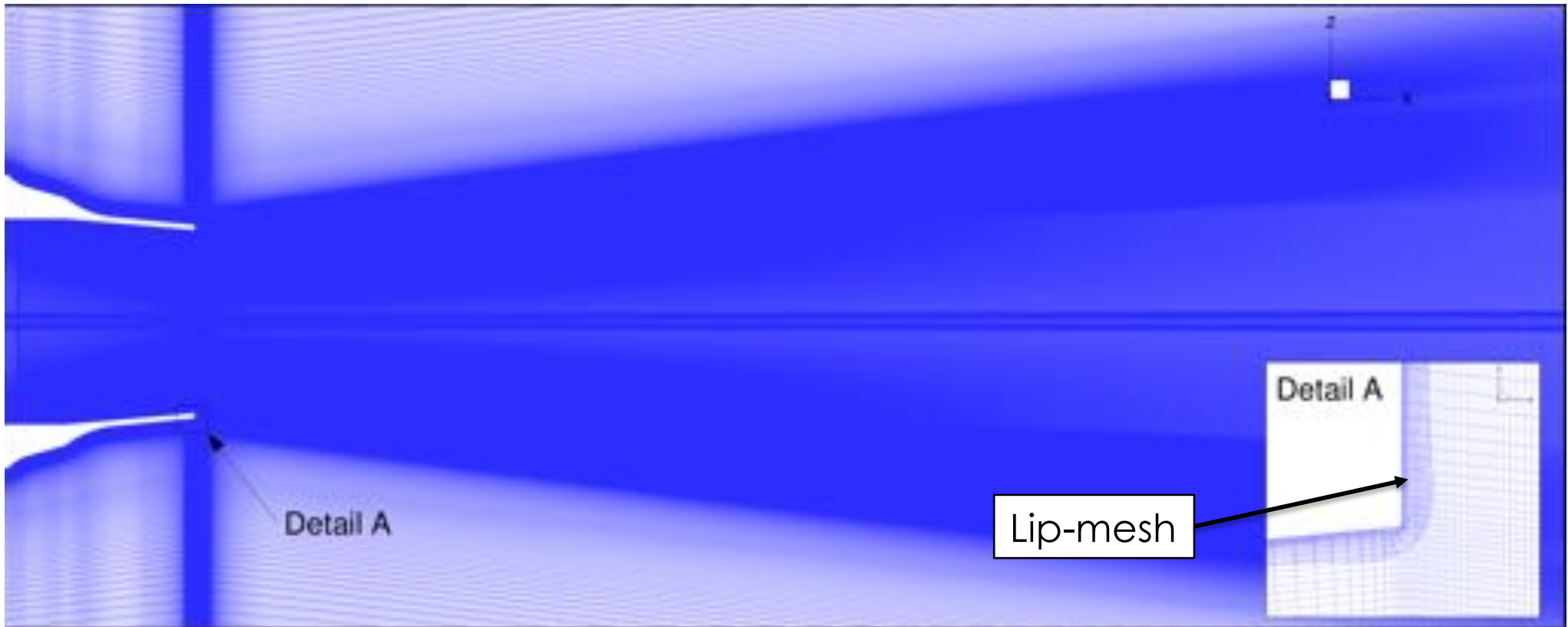


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Computational Mesh Round Jet



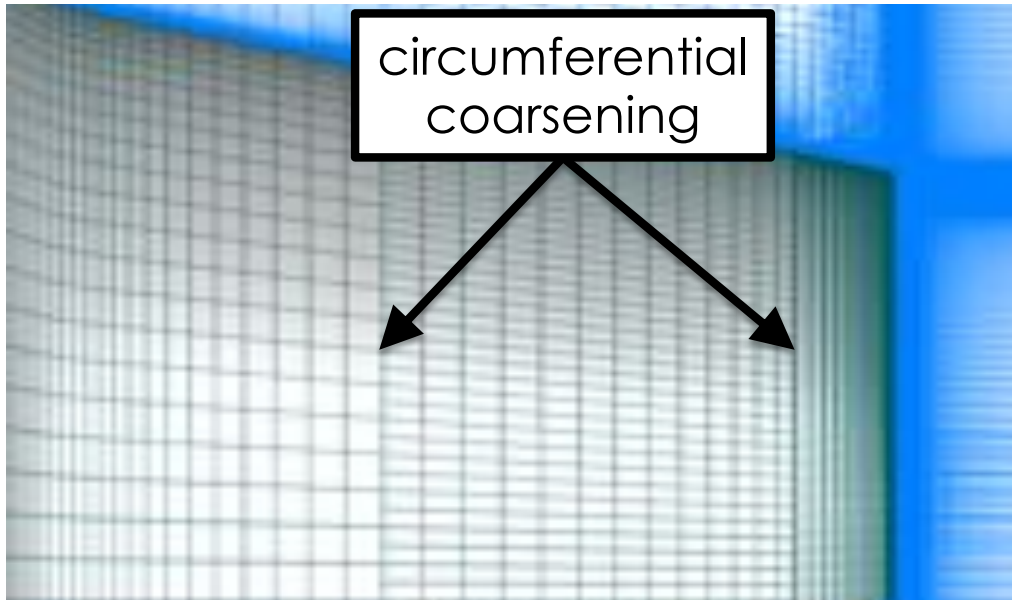
- Three mesh resolution for isolated axisymmetric round jet: coarse (90M), medium (120M), fine (210M)



	Streamwise Points per D_j				Circumferential Points			
	$0.1D_j$	$1D_j$	$10D_j$	$25D_j$	θ_1	θ_2	θ_3	θ_4
coarse	250	45	45	40	360	180	90	90
medium	300	61	54	45	720	360	180	90
fine	300	71	60	54	1440	720	360	180

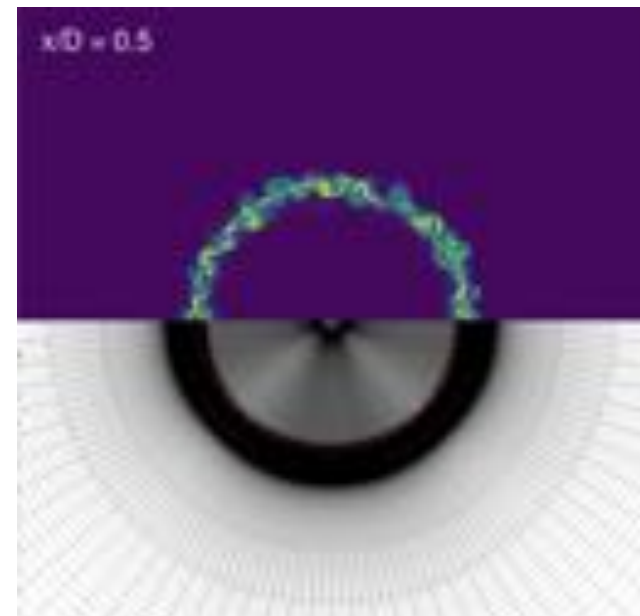
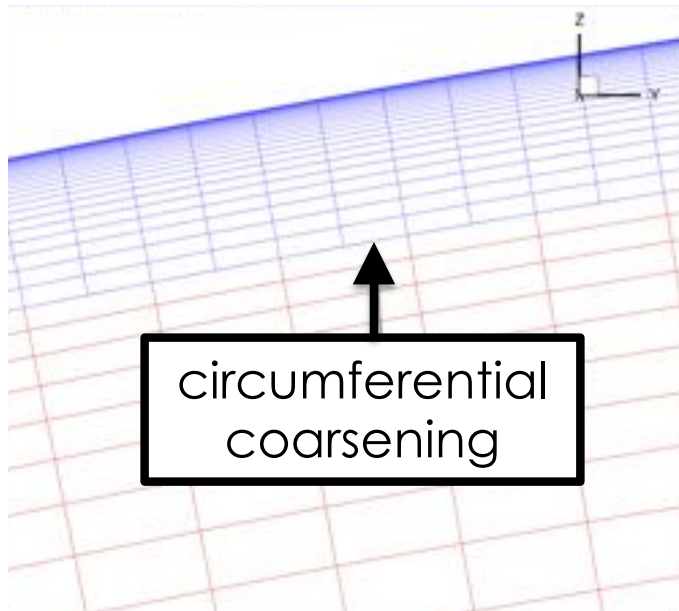
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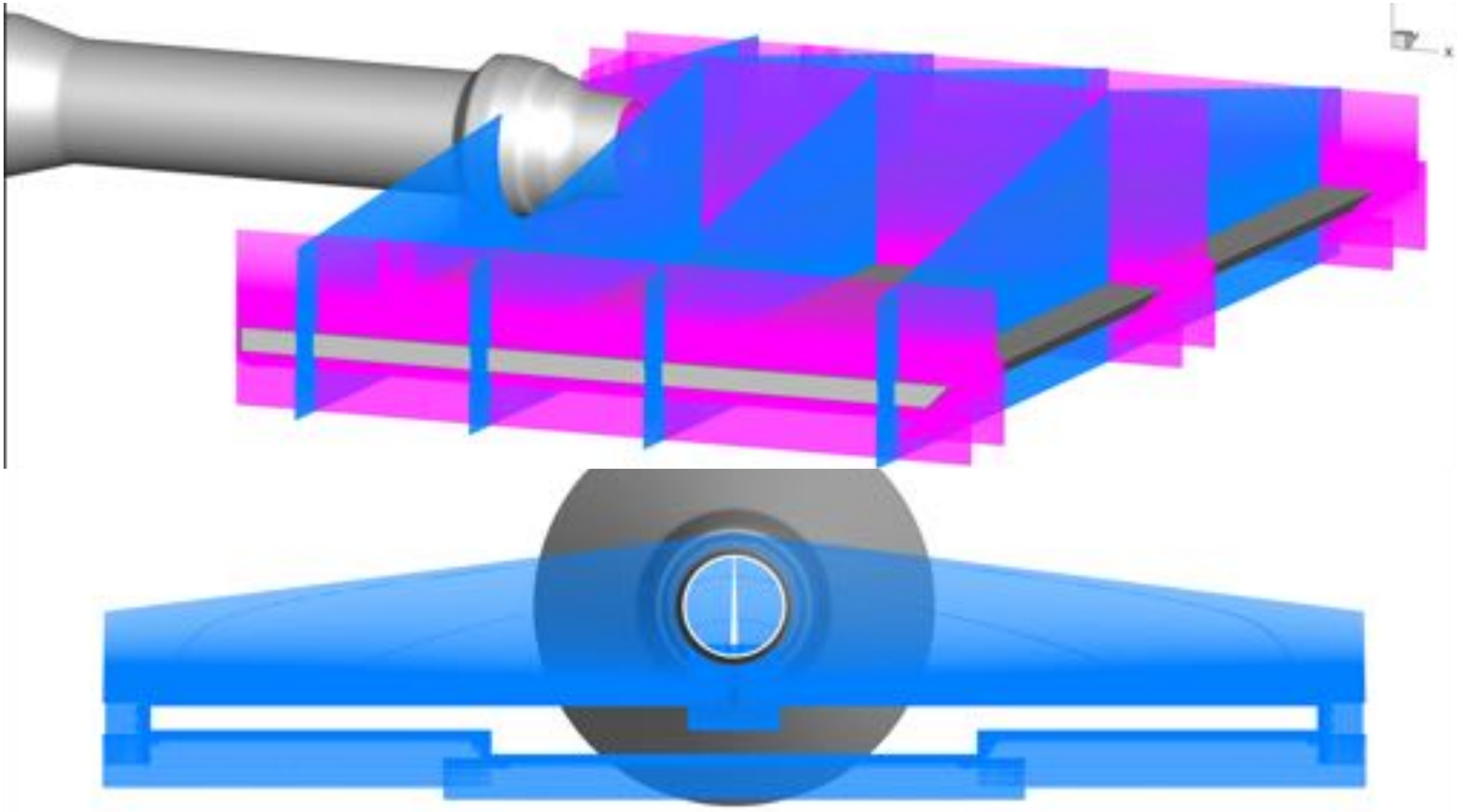
- Circumferential coarsening in axial and radial direction
Bres *et. al.* (AIAA-2015-2535)

	Circumferential Points			
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fine	1440	720	360	180



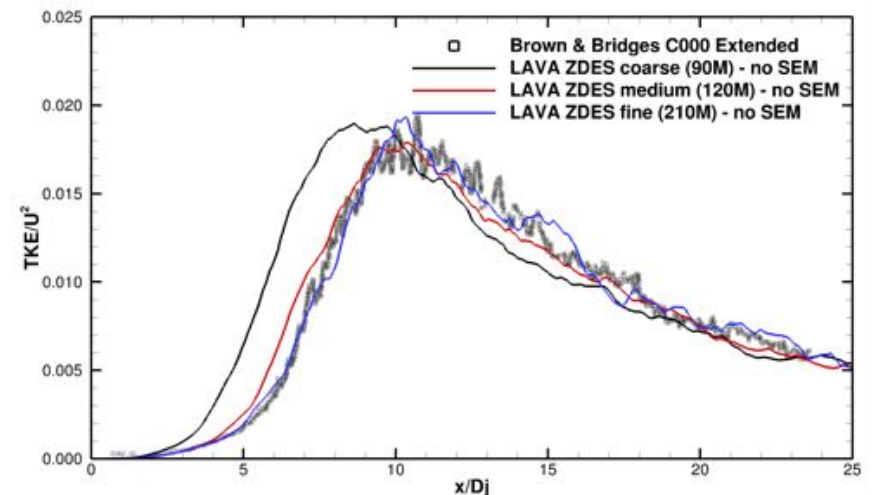
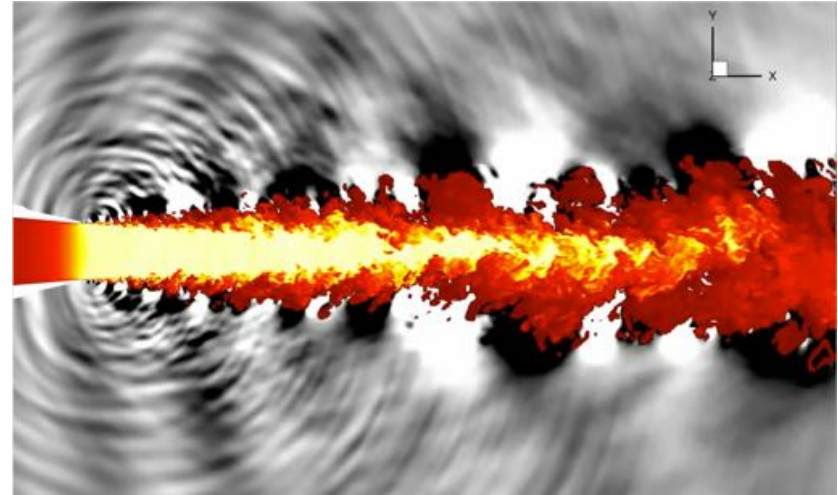
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Computational Mesh Jet Shielding Plate



- Mesh surrounding jet shielding plate consists of 130M grid points (combined with medium isolated mesh 230M)

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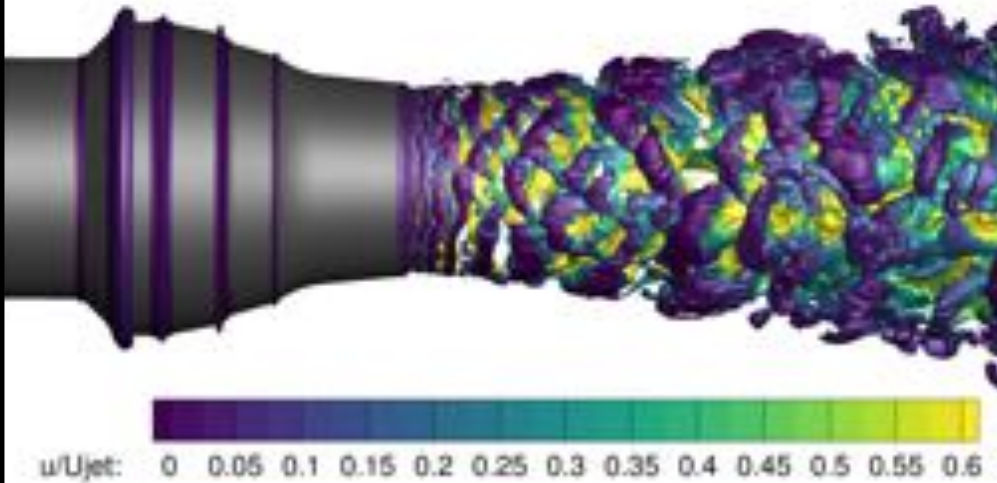


Flow Field Visualization

Isocontour of Q-Criteria colored by axial Velocity

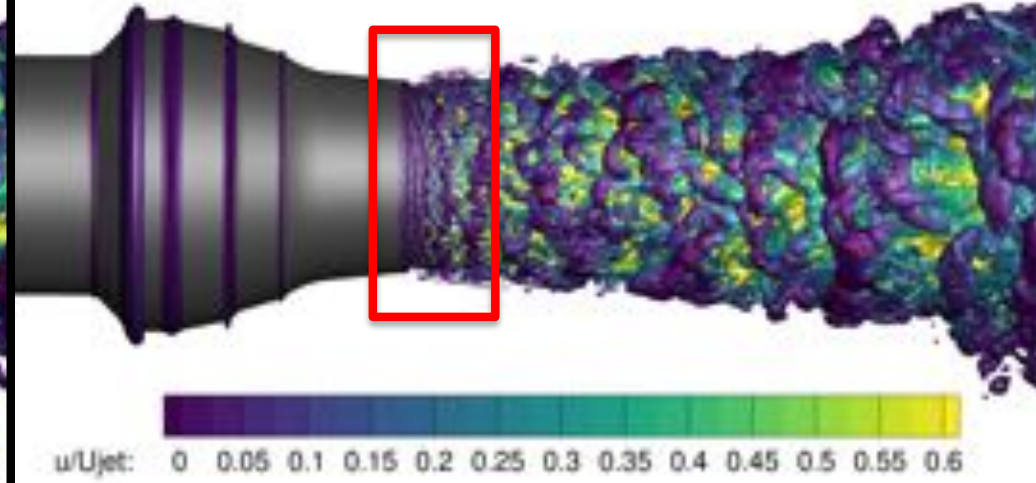


Coarse (90M)

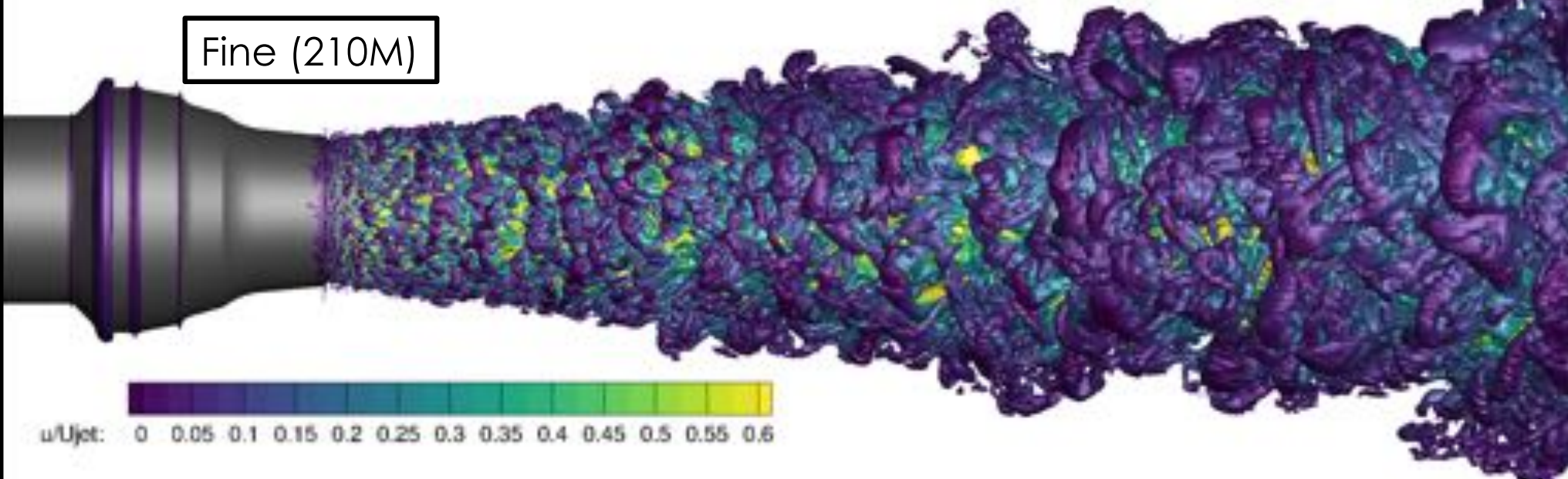


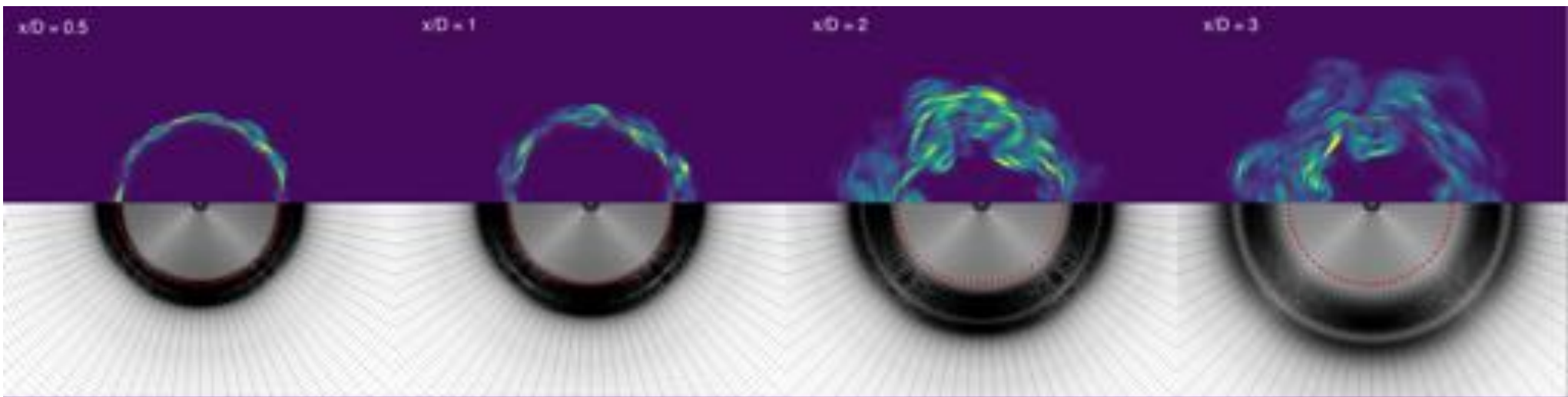
Medium (120M)

Jeff H. : "Waffle Cone"

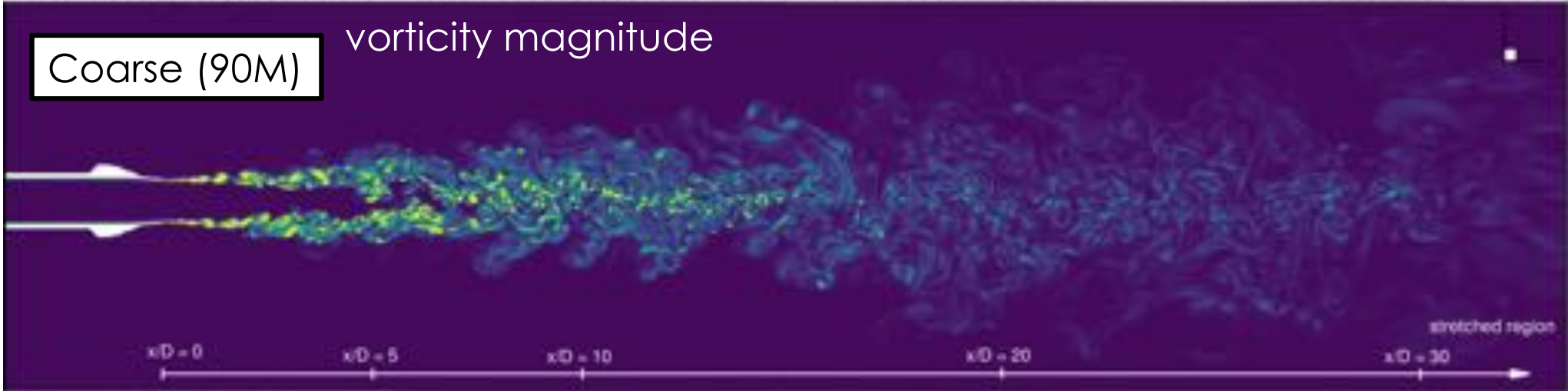


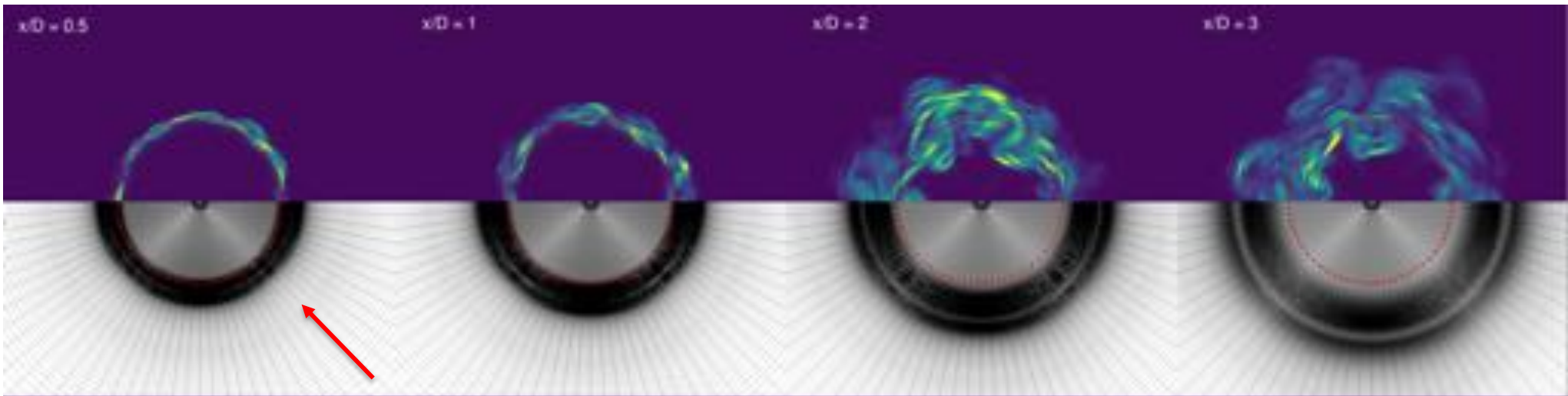
Fine (210M)



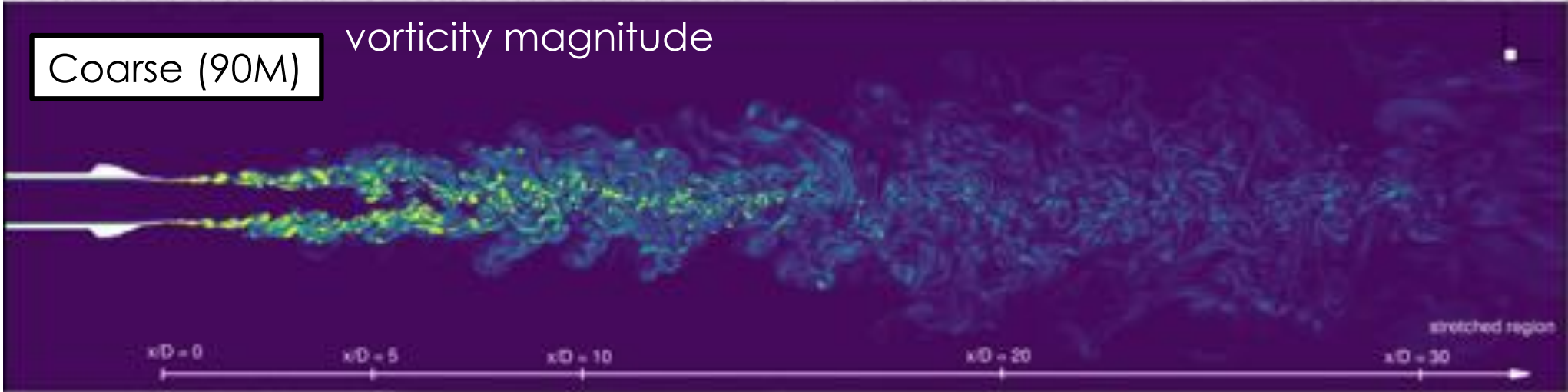


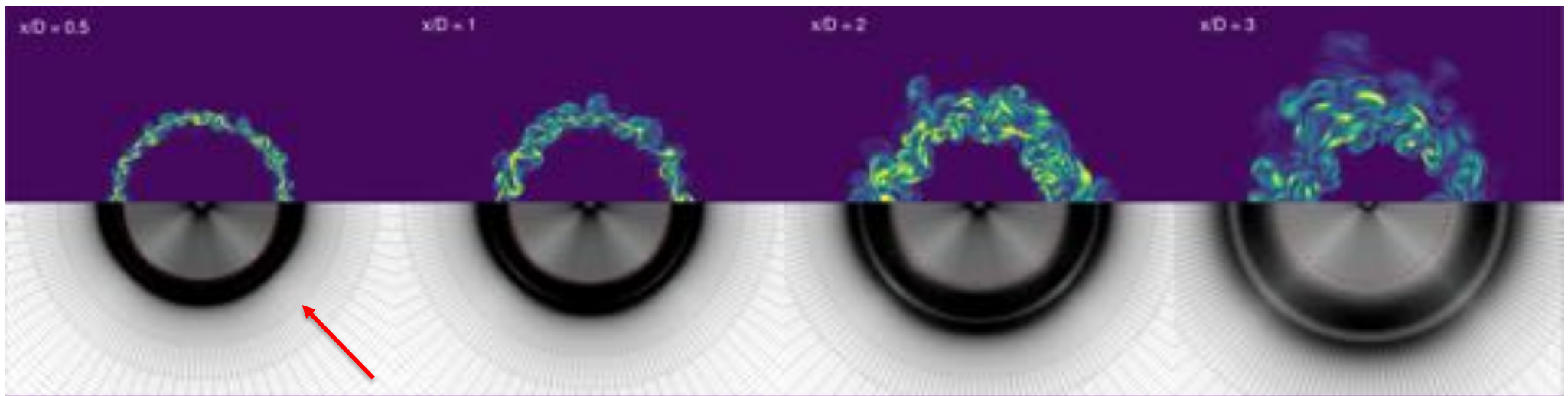
Coarse (90M) vorticity magnitude





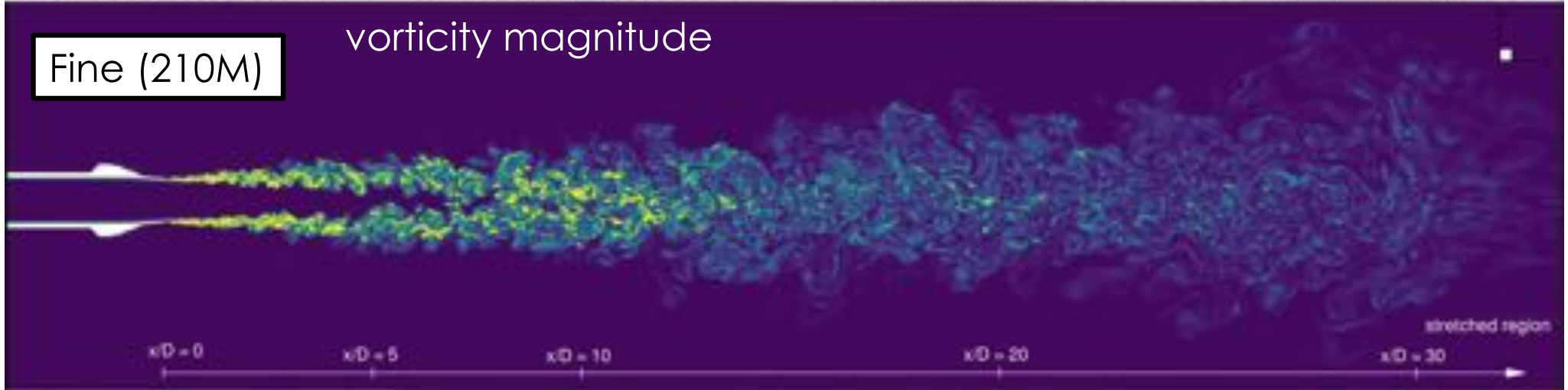
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Fine (210M)

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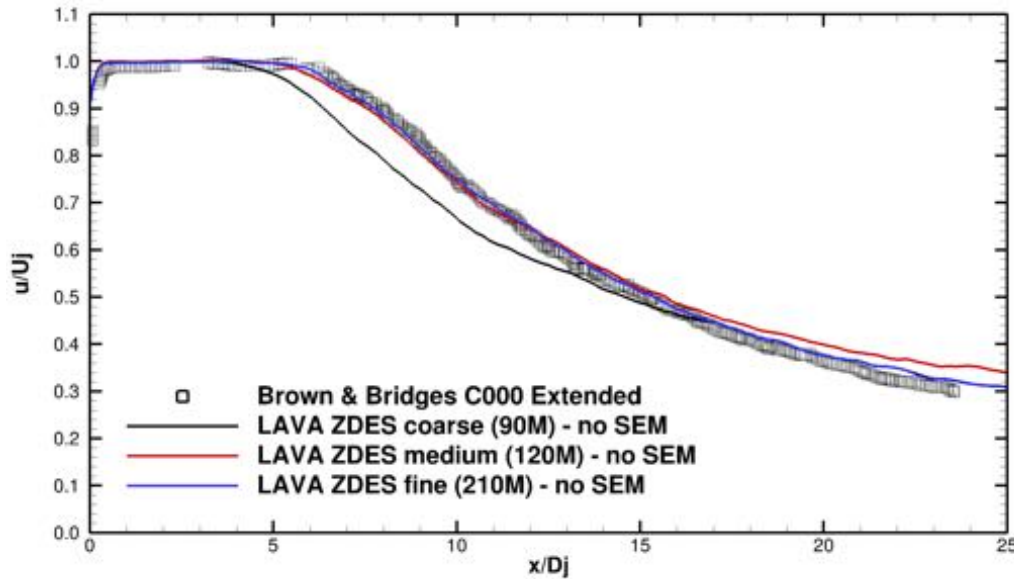


Near-Field

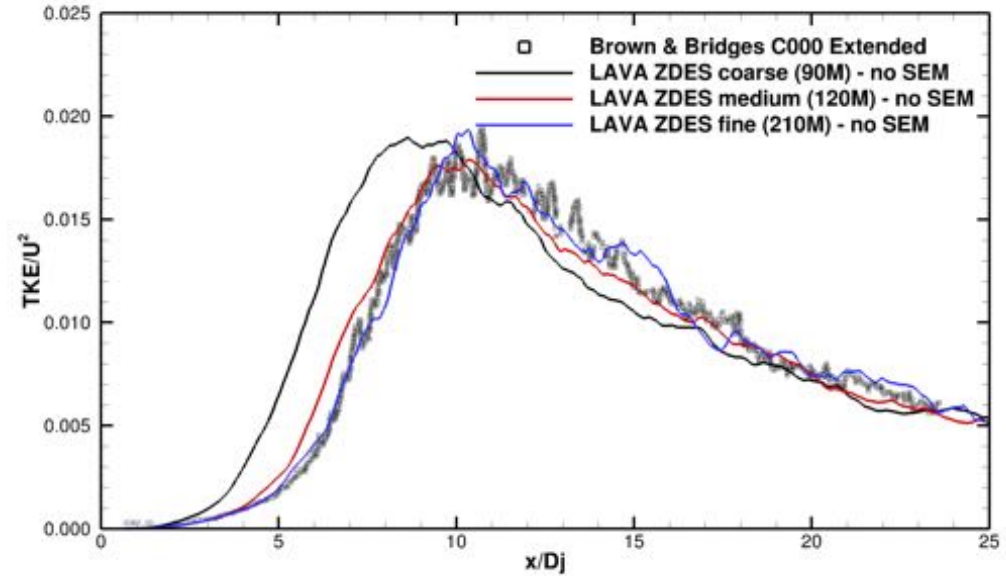
Centerline Axial Velocity and Turbulent Kinetic Energy



(a) axial velocity



(b) turbulent kinetic energy (TKE)



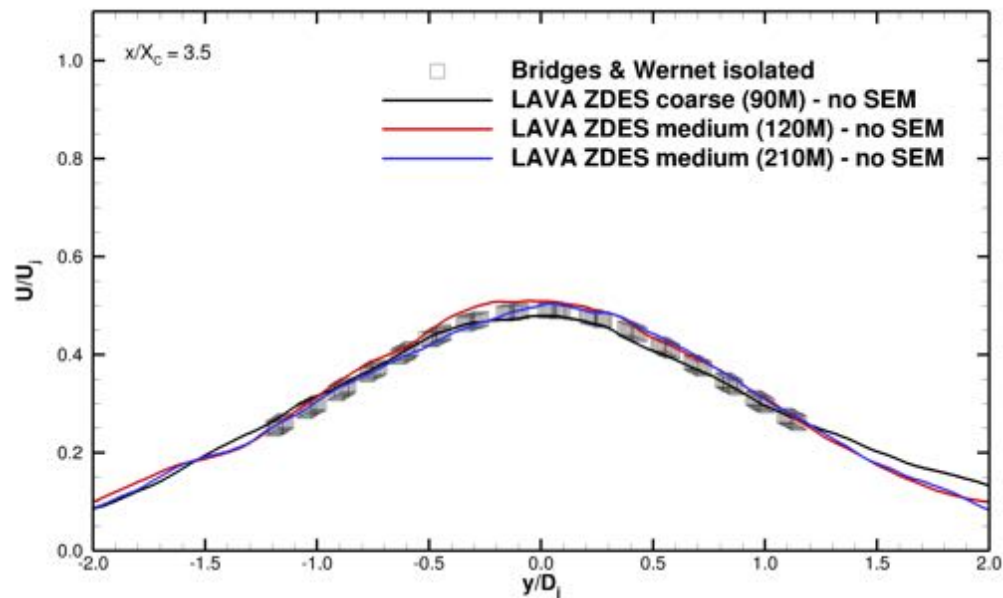
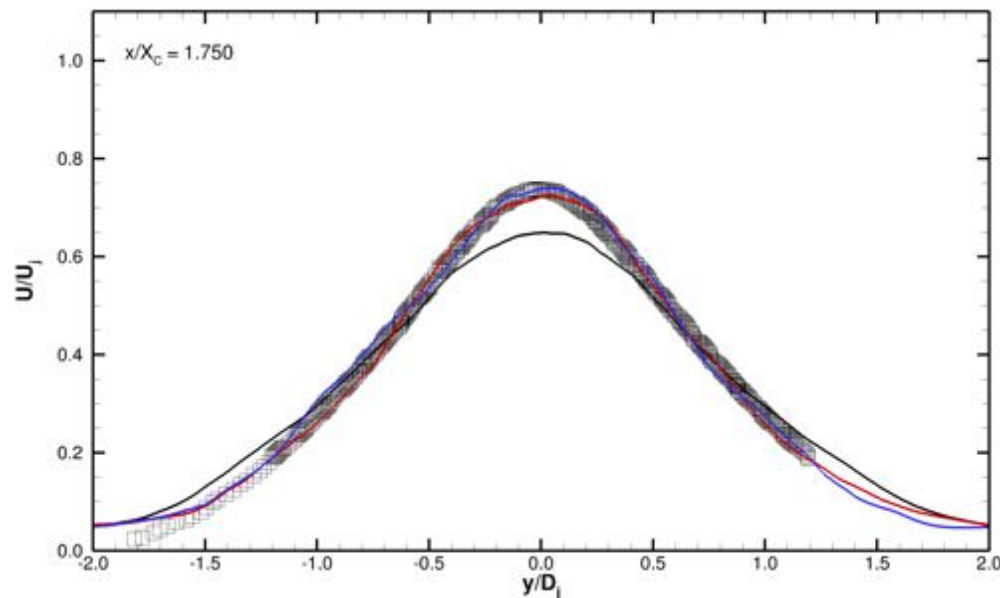
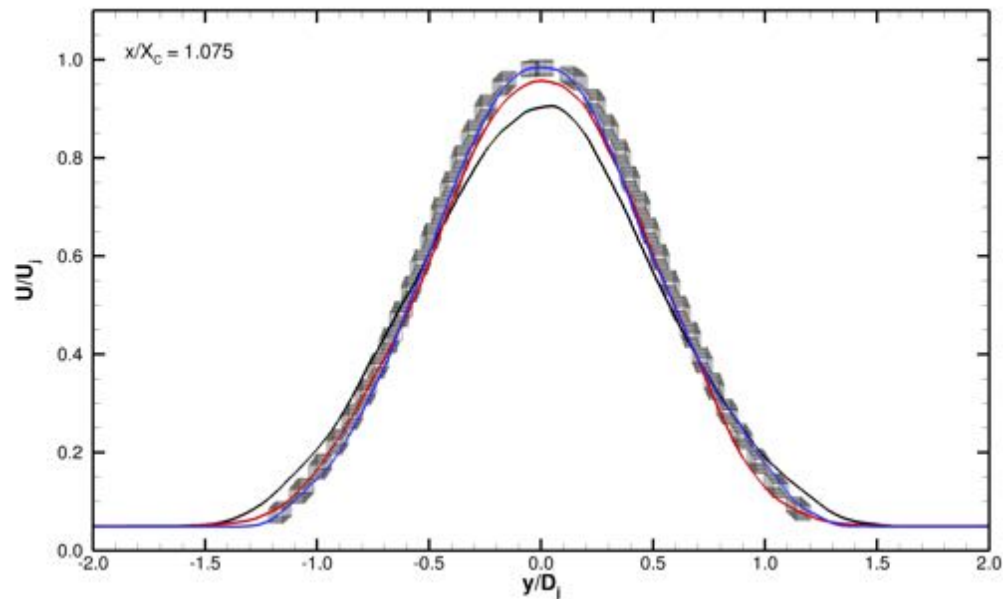
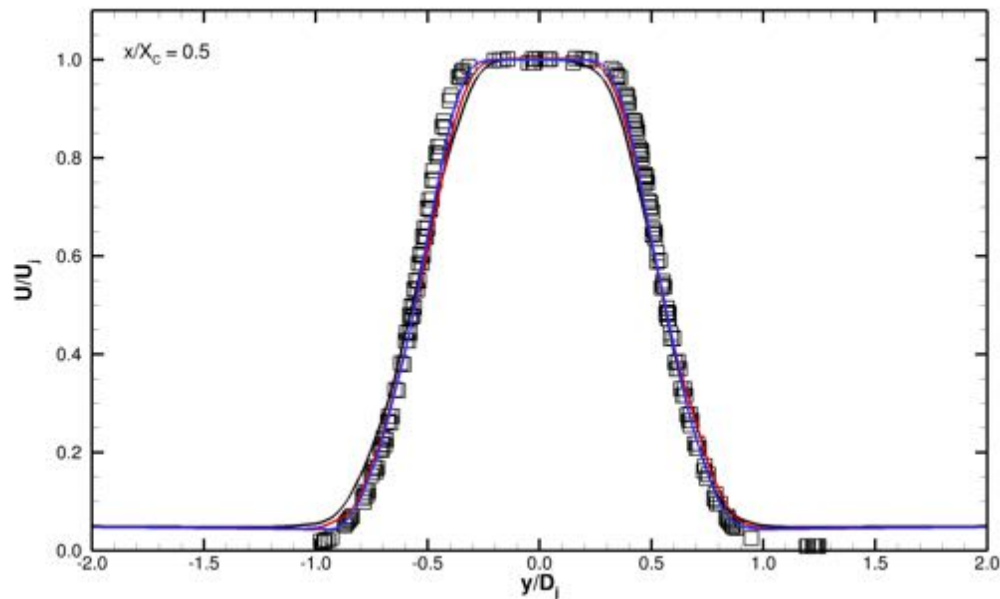
- Length of potential core X_C taken where centerline velocity 98% U_{jet}
- Prediction of medium and fine mesh within 2.5% of measured value.
- Peak and location of Turbulent Kinetic Energy (TKE) predicted very well.

Length Potential core:

Experiment	$5.9D_j$
coarse	$4.85D_j$
medium	$5.75D_j$
fine	$5.8D_j$

Near-Field

Time-Averaged Axial Velocity at Radial Slices



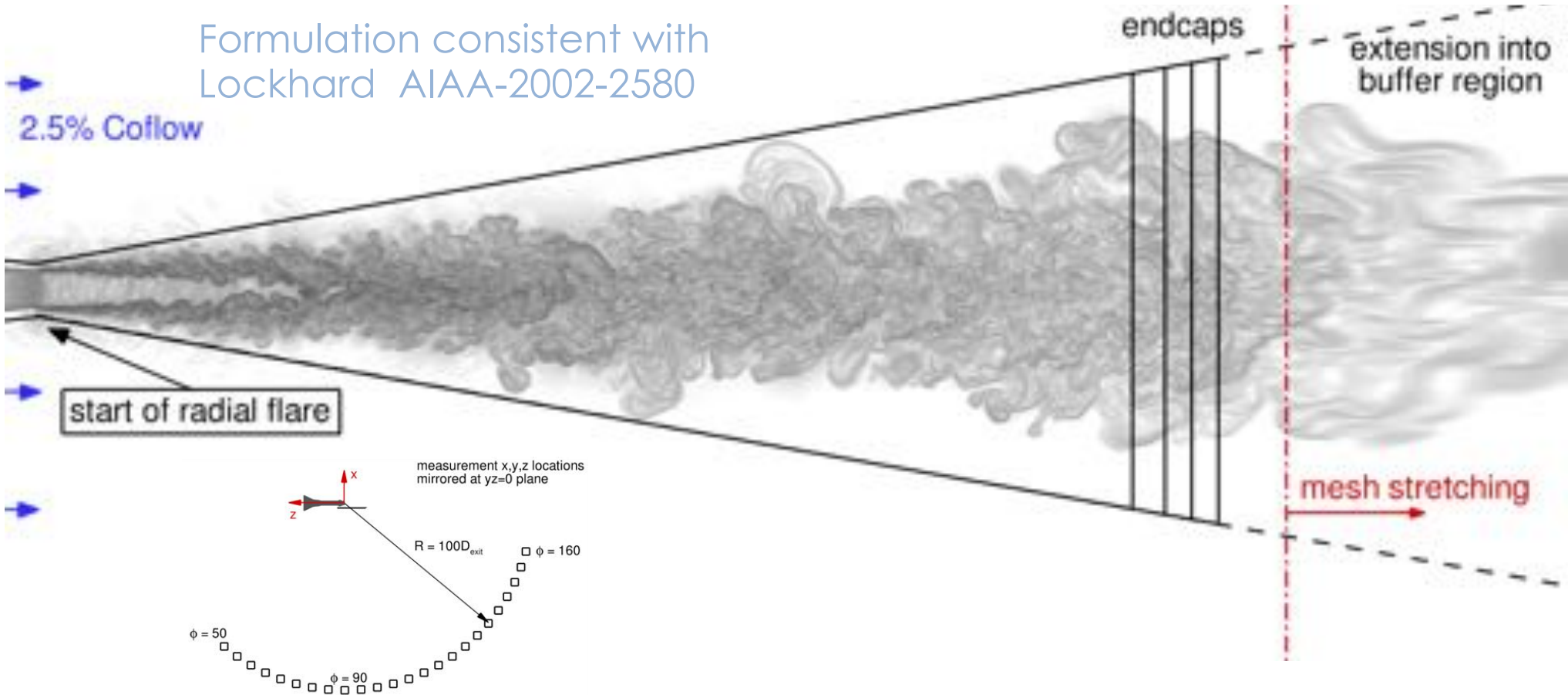
- Location of axial slice normalized by potential core length $X_c = 5.9$

Far-Field – Setup and Procedure

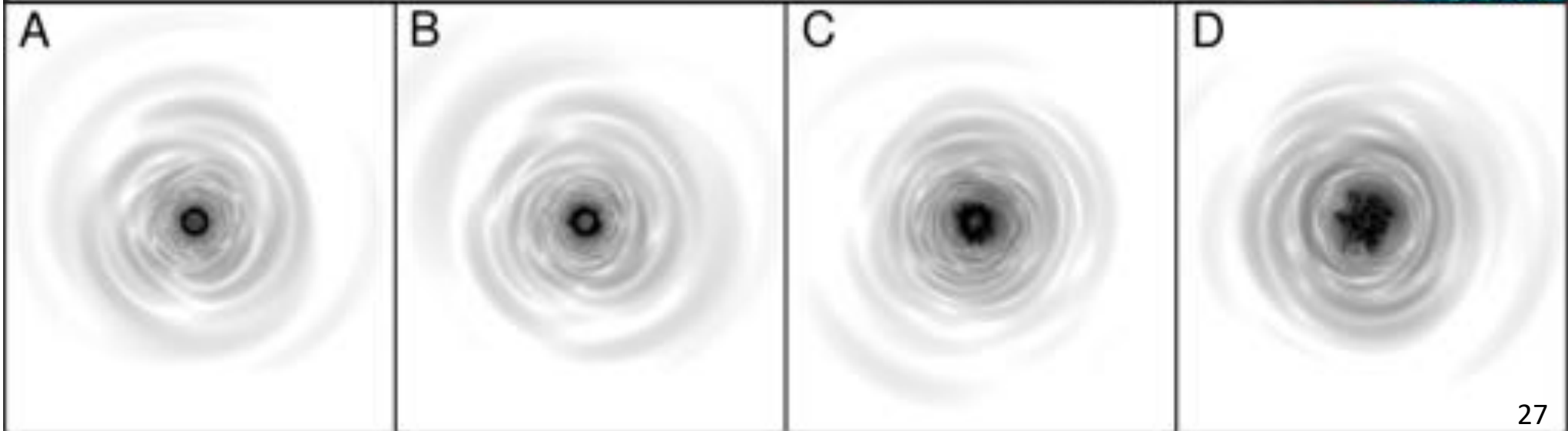
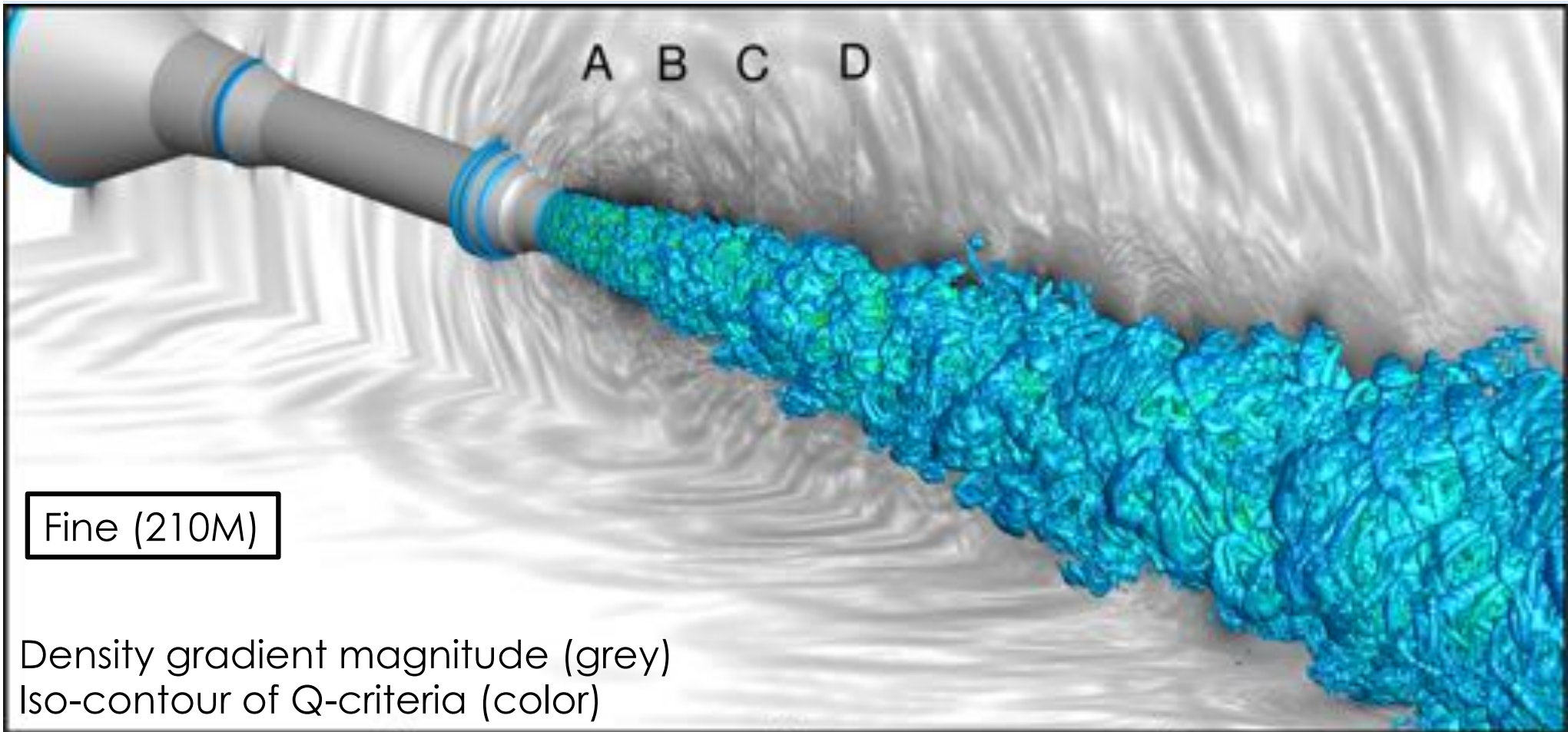


Frequency Domain Permeable Ffowcs Williams-Hawkings (FWH)

Formulation consistent with
Lockhard AIAA-2002-2580

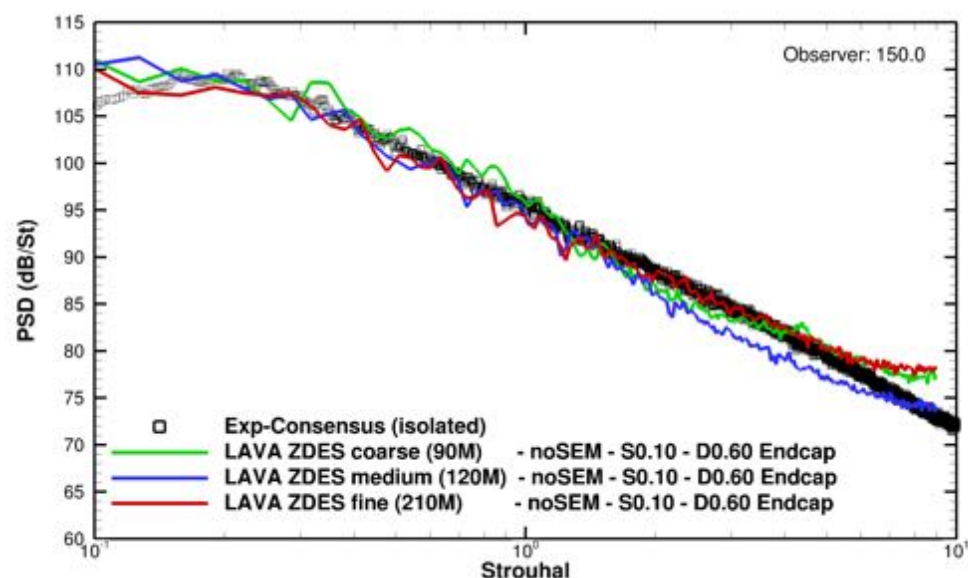
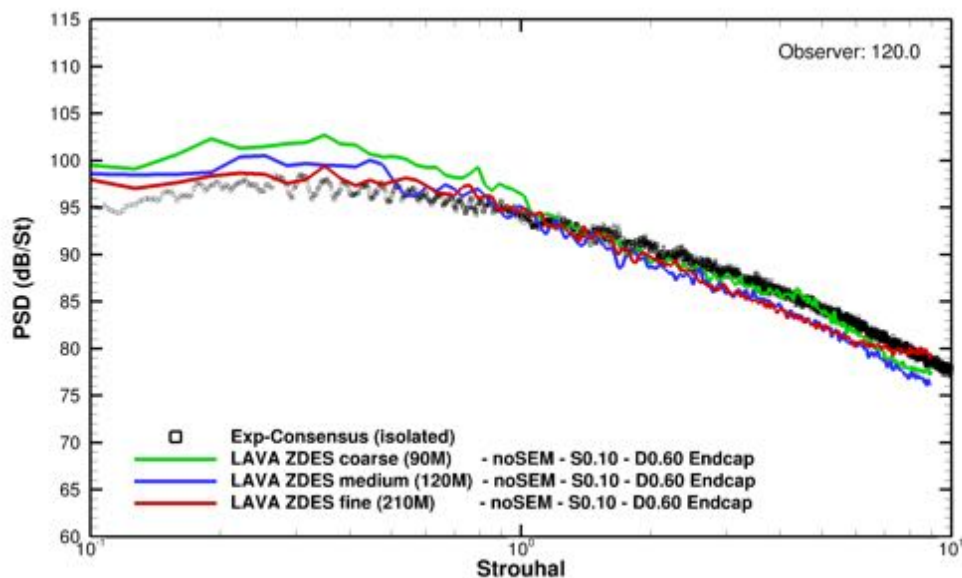
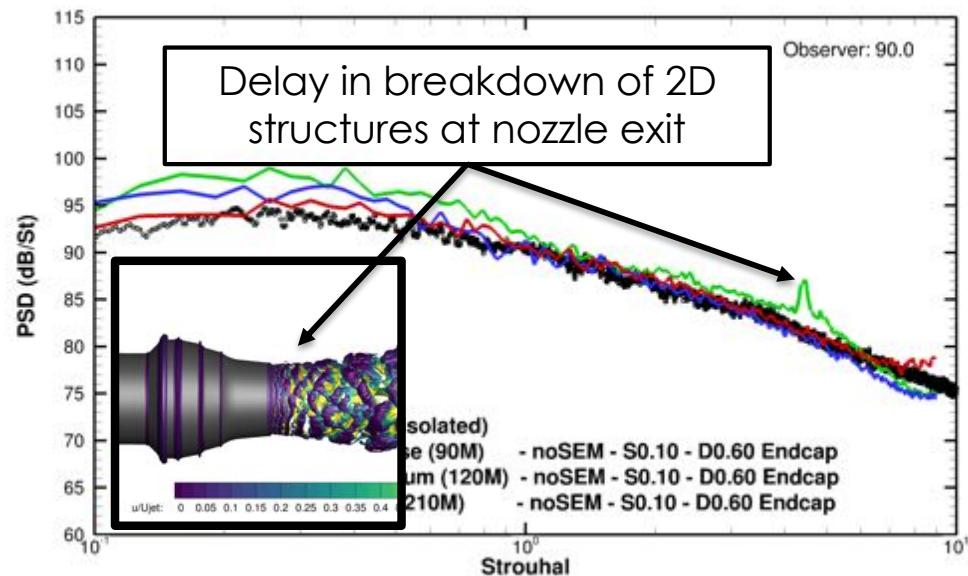
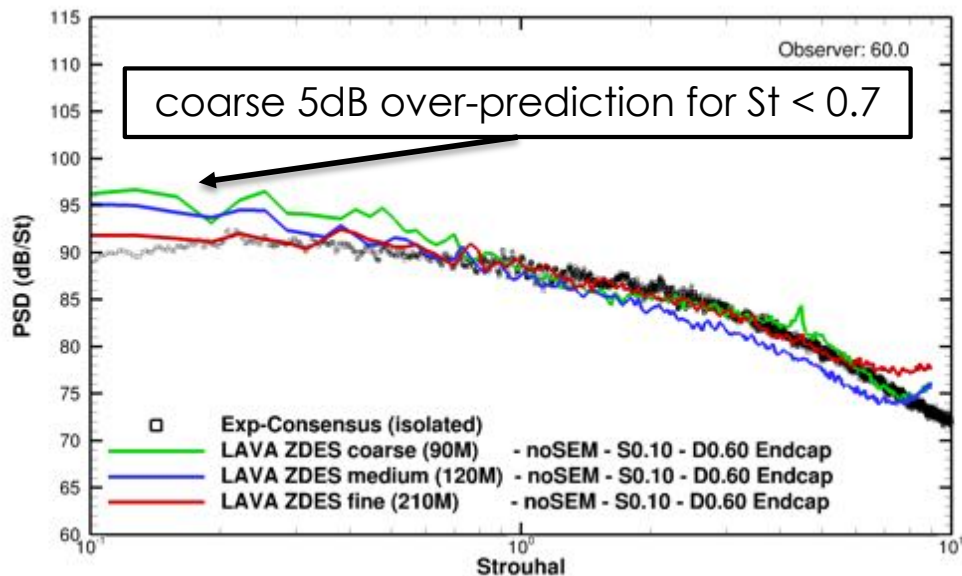


- Interpolate Volume solution to FWH surface at sampling rate 100kHz
- Samples taken over last 200 convective time units ($\Delta t c_\infty / D_j$)
- Time Sample Split in 5 segments with 50% overlap $St_{bin} = 0.02$
- Hanning Window is applied in the time-domain
(PSD multiplied with $\sqrt{8/3}$ to recover energy loss from Hanning window)
- PSD data assemble averaged over 360 observers per angle (60, 90, 120, 150)
- Developed automated tool to adapt number of faces on FWH surface

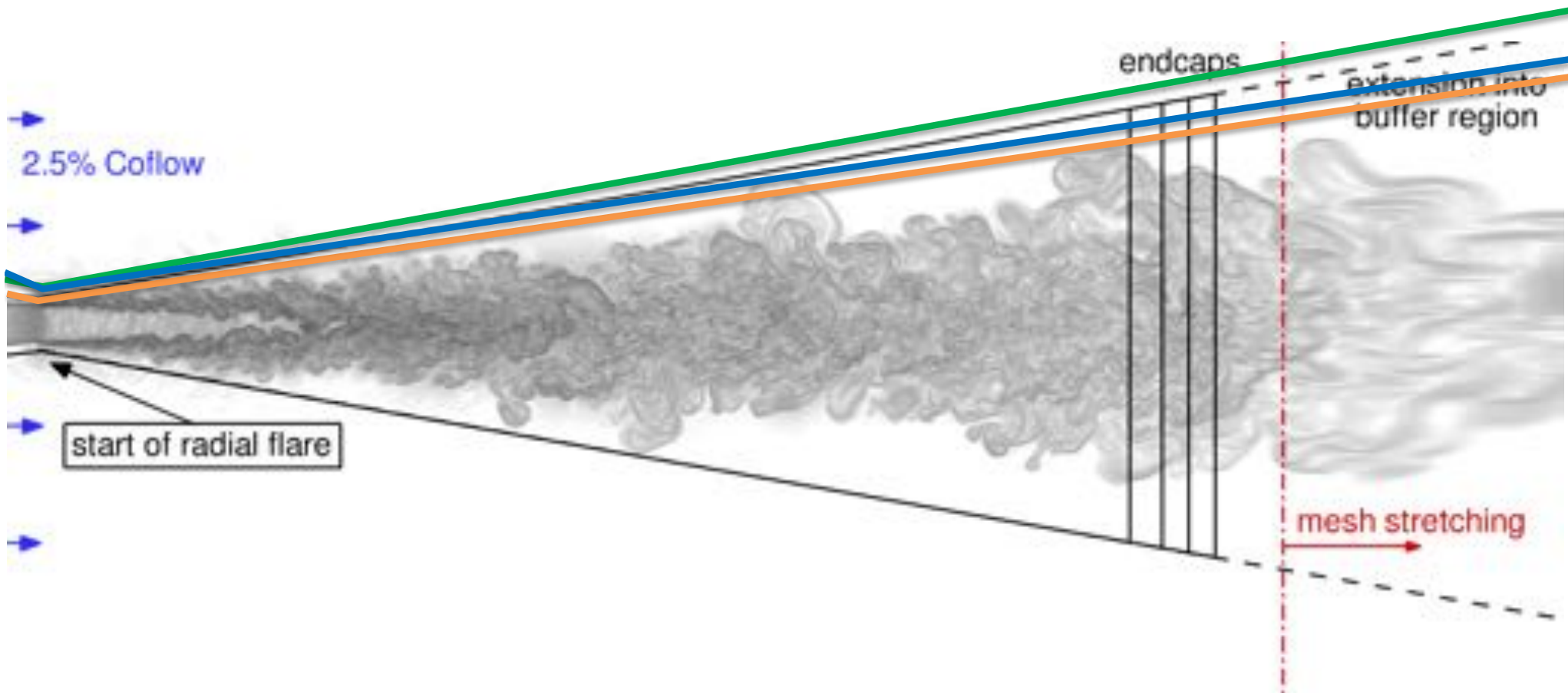


Far-Field – CFD Mesh Resolution

Comparison of PSD Spectrum 100D away from nozzle exit



- Details of selected FWH Surface can be found in paper
- Overall excellent agreement with Exp-Consensus

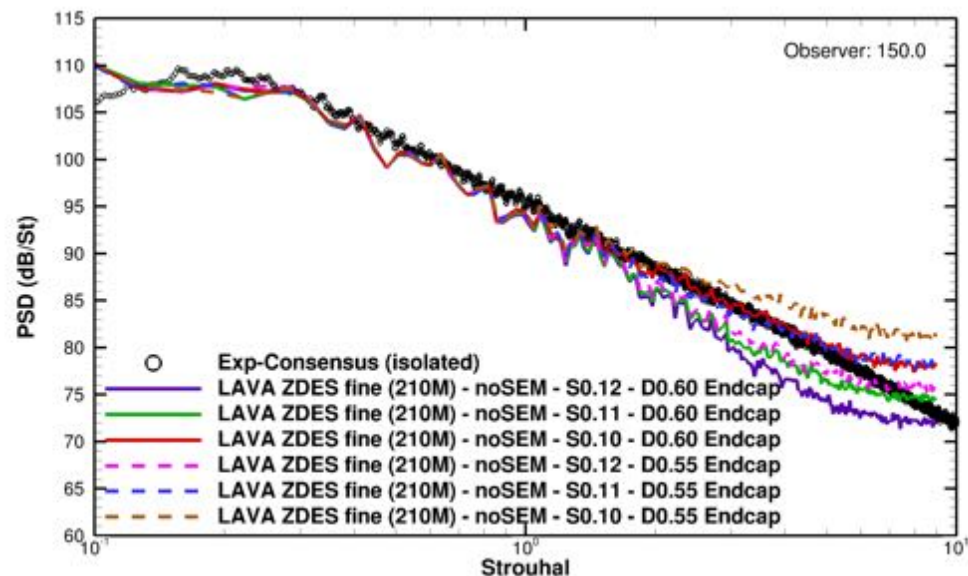
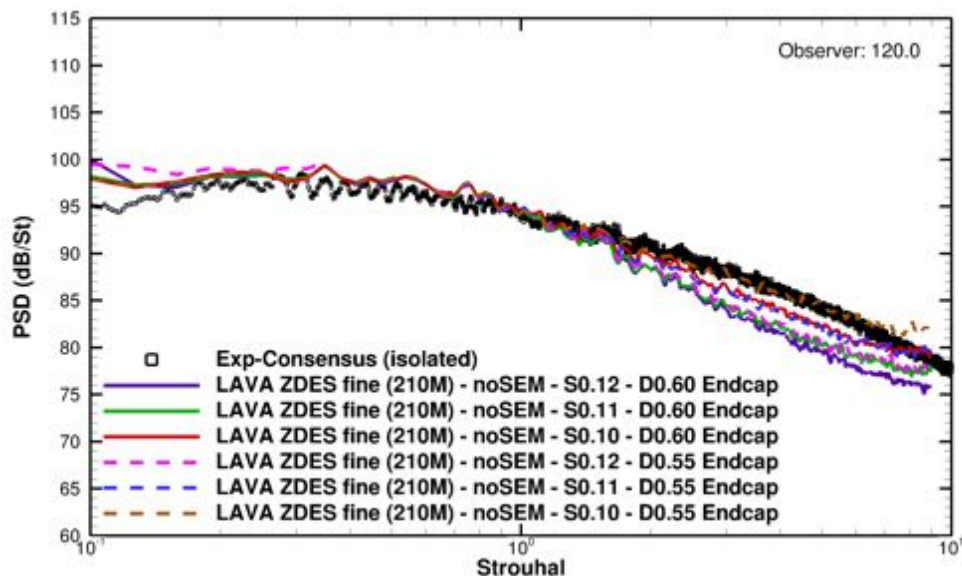
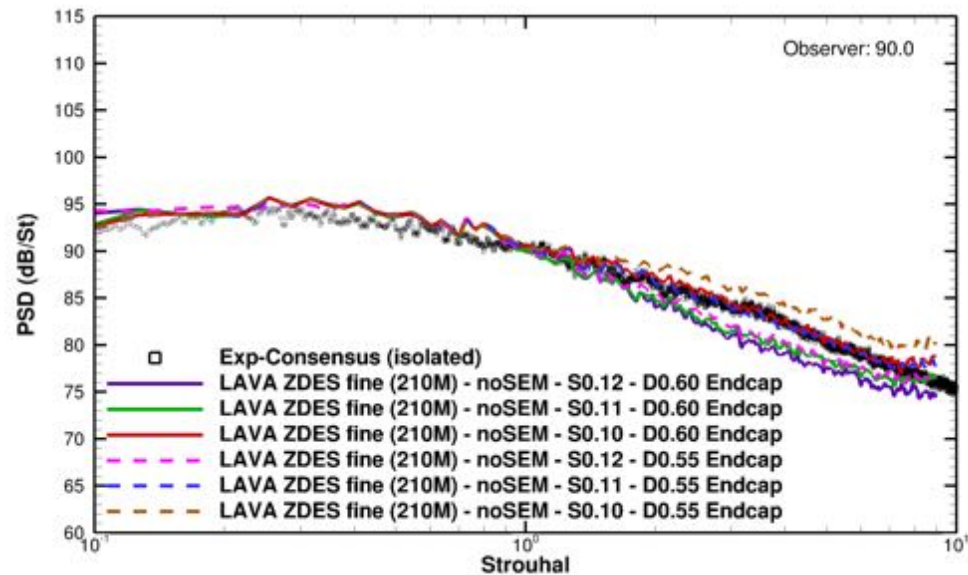
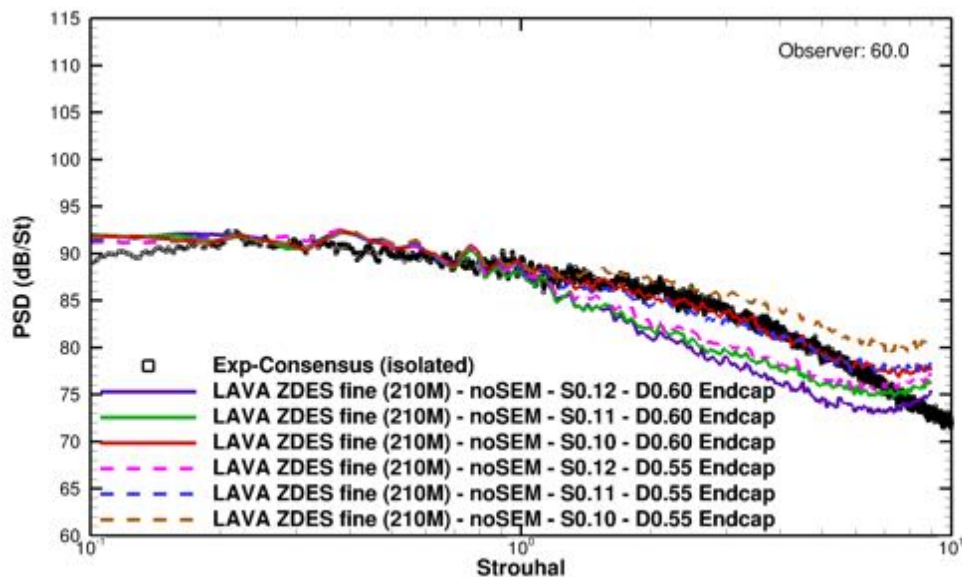


1. Start radial Flare at $x/D_j = 0.6$ or $x/D_j = 0.55$
2. Variation of slopes $S = 0.12$, $S = 0.11$, $S = 0.10$
3. Combination of (1) and (2)



Far-Field – Choice of FWH Surface

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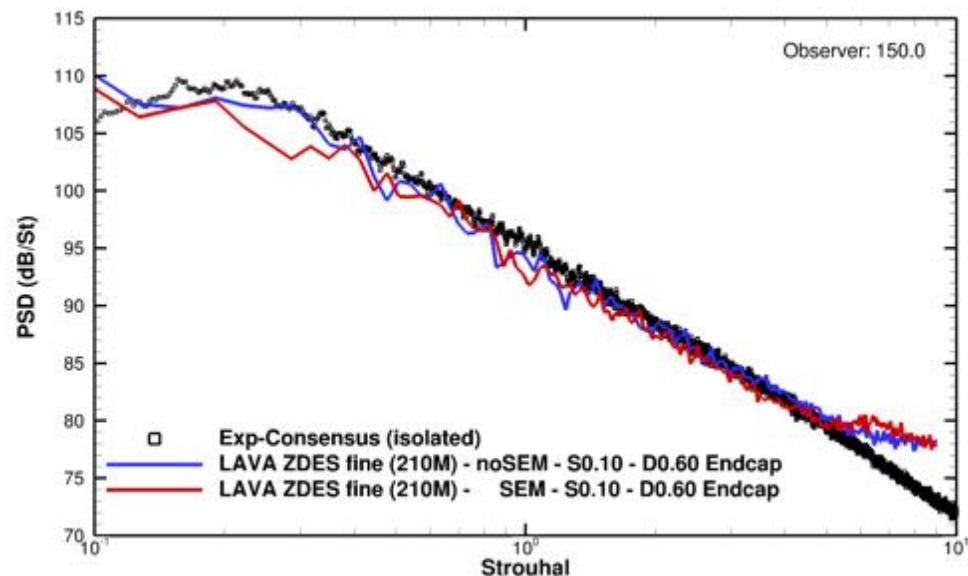
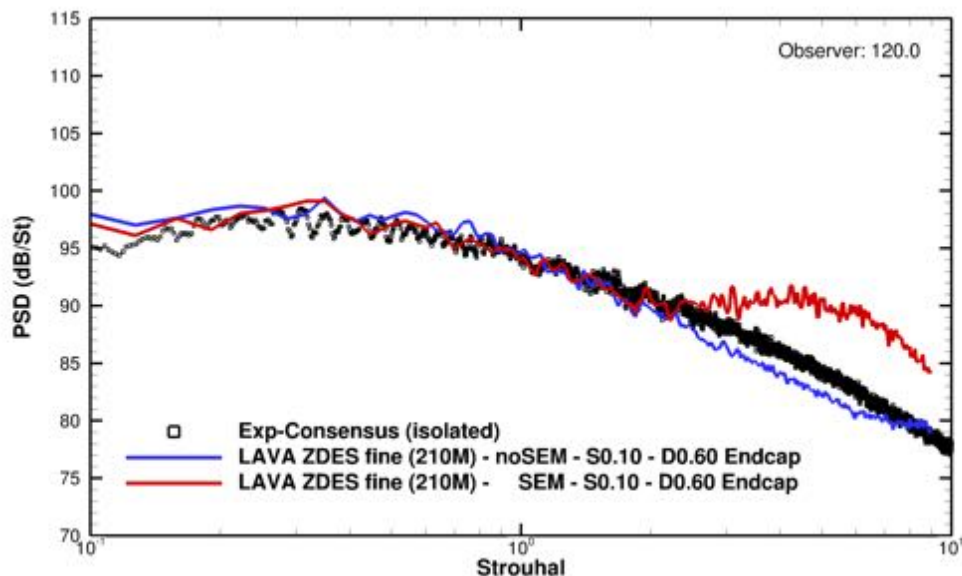
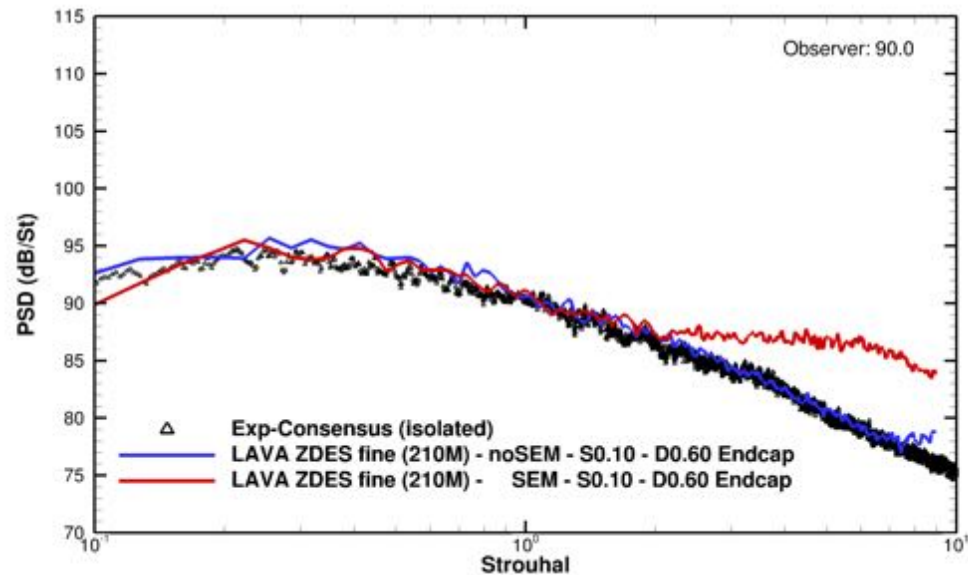
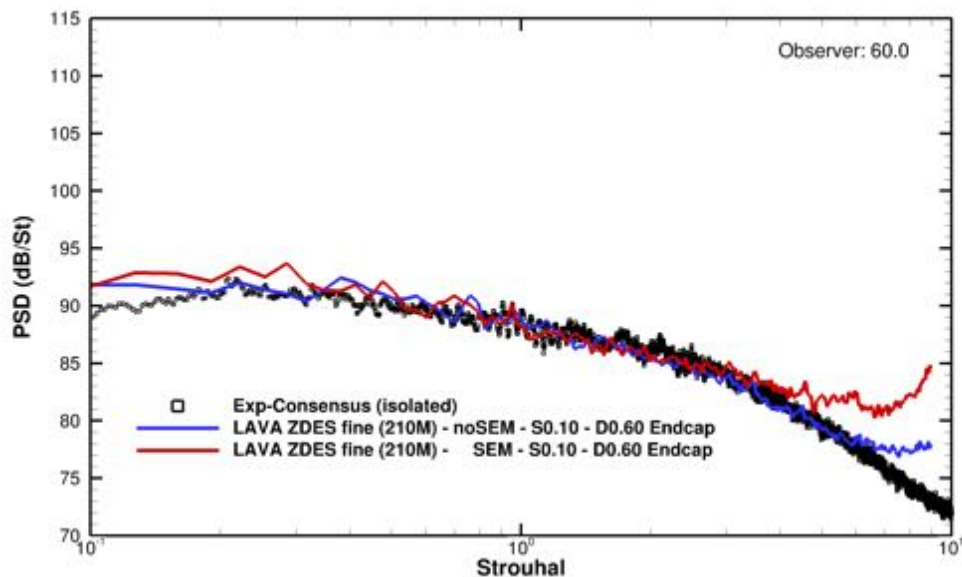


- Results sensitive to choice of FWH surface.
- Less dissipative scheme than WCNS might reduce sensitivity



Far-Field – Inflow Turbulence (SEM)

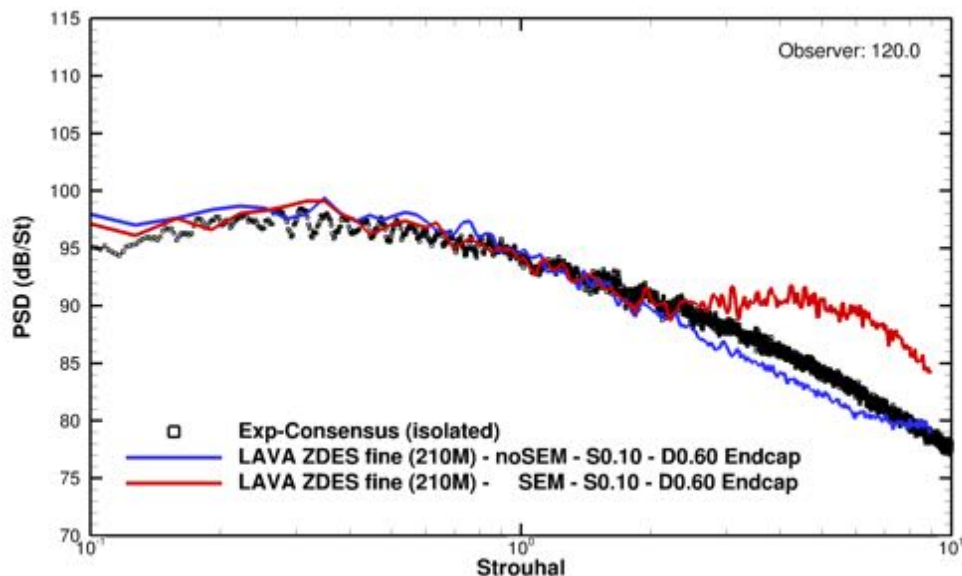
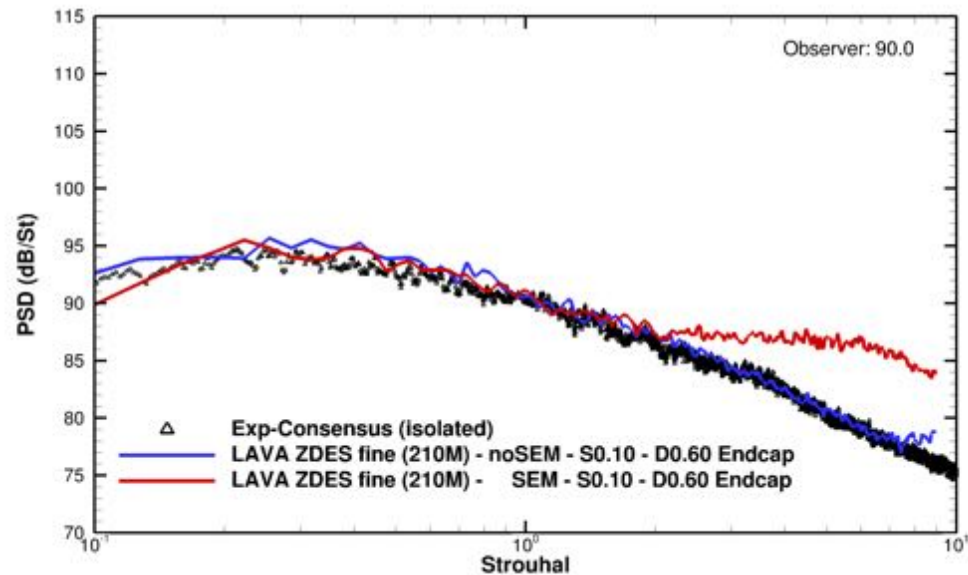
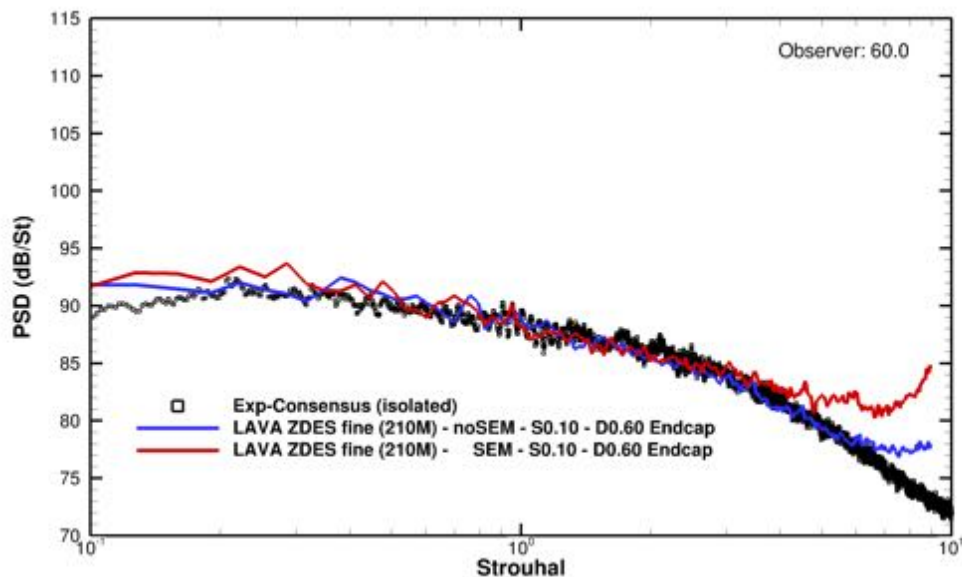
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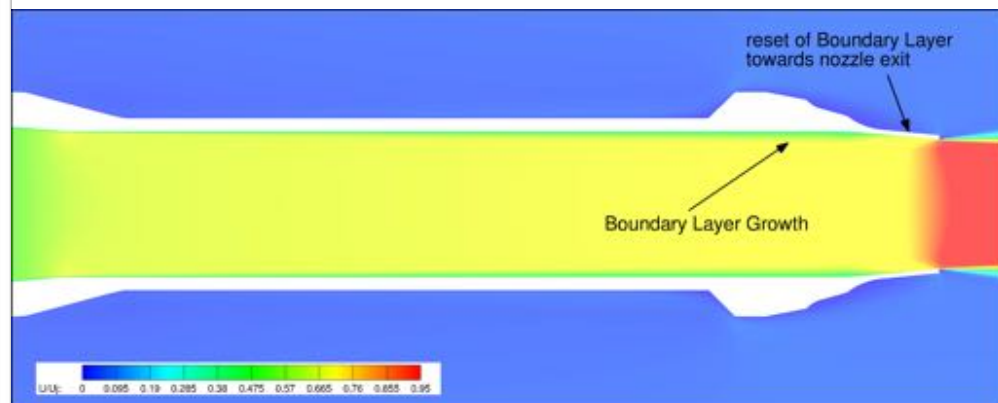
- Influence of inflow turbulence on PSD spectra.
- Smaller effect of inflow turbulence on shallower angles (150.0)

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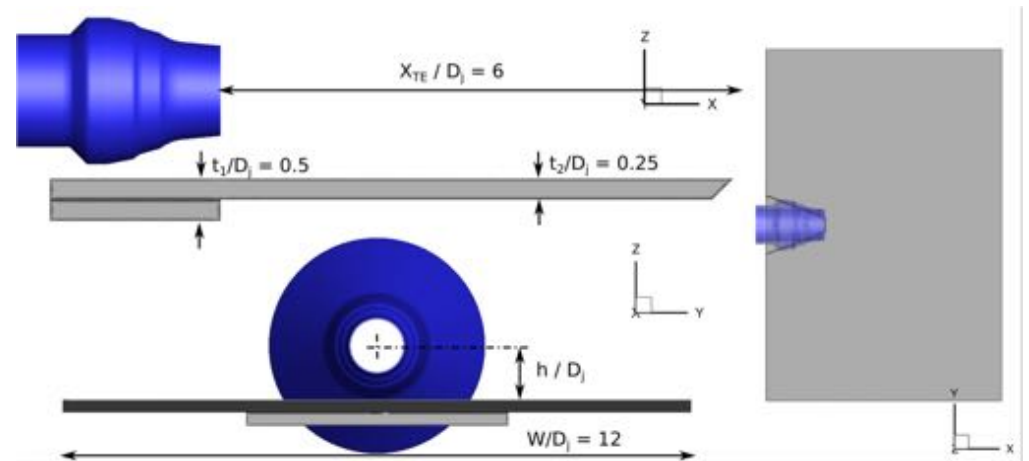
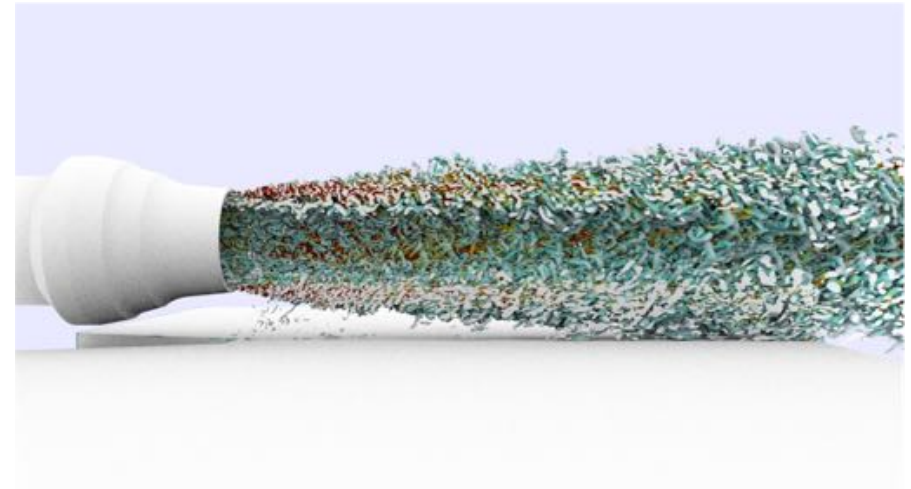


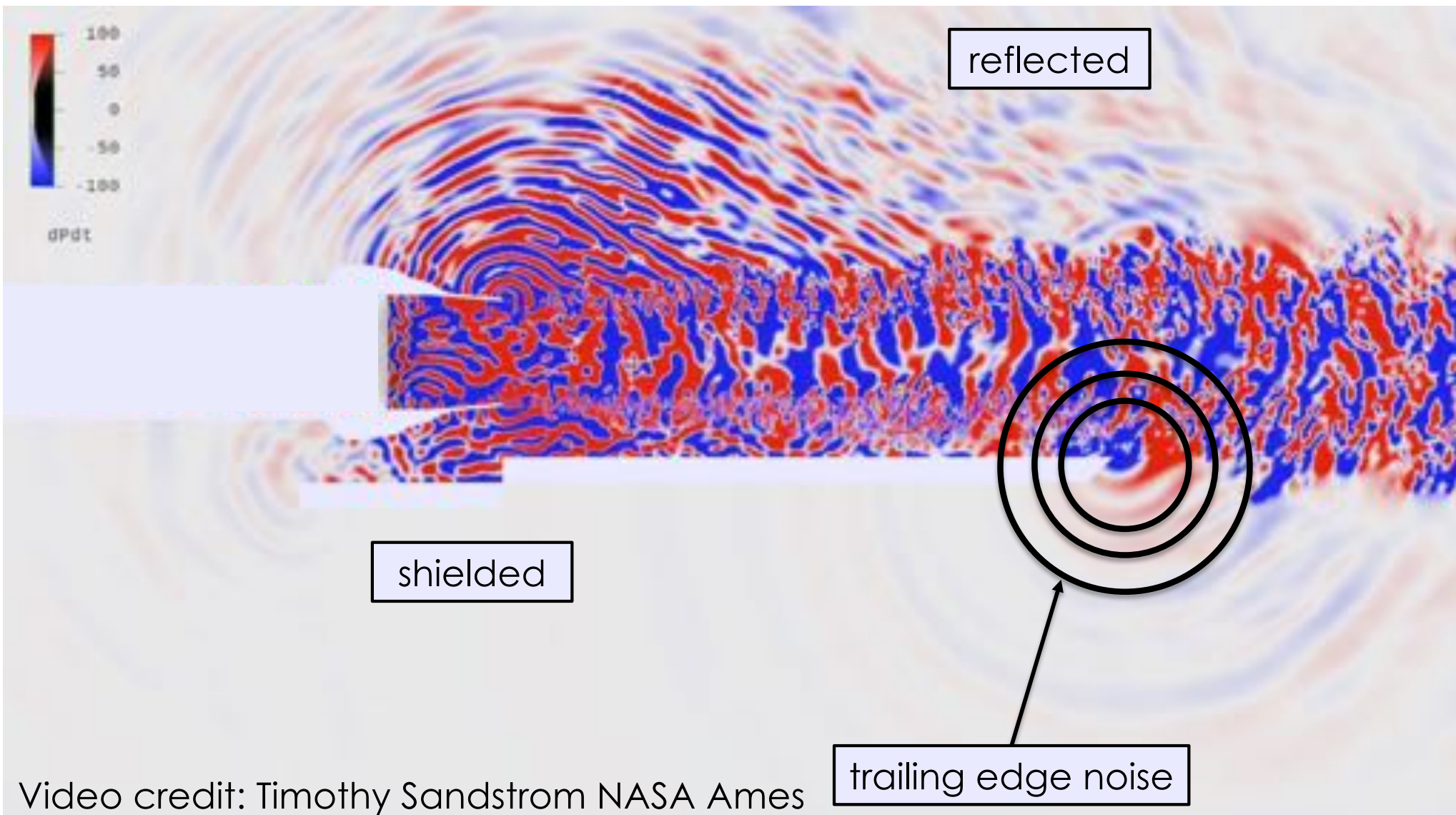
Velocity Magnitude taken from RANS



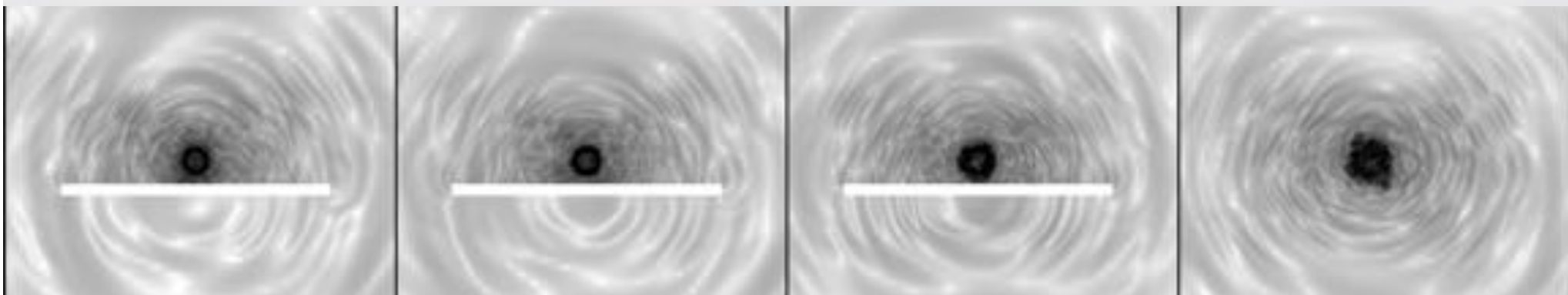
- Enhanced influence on noise spectra for SMC000 with 12"
- Addition inflow generation methods currently under consideration.

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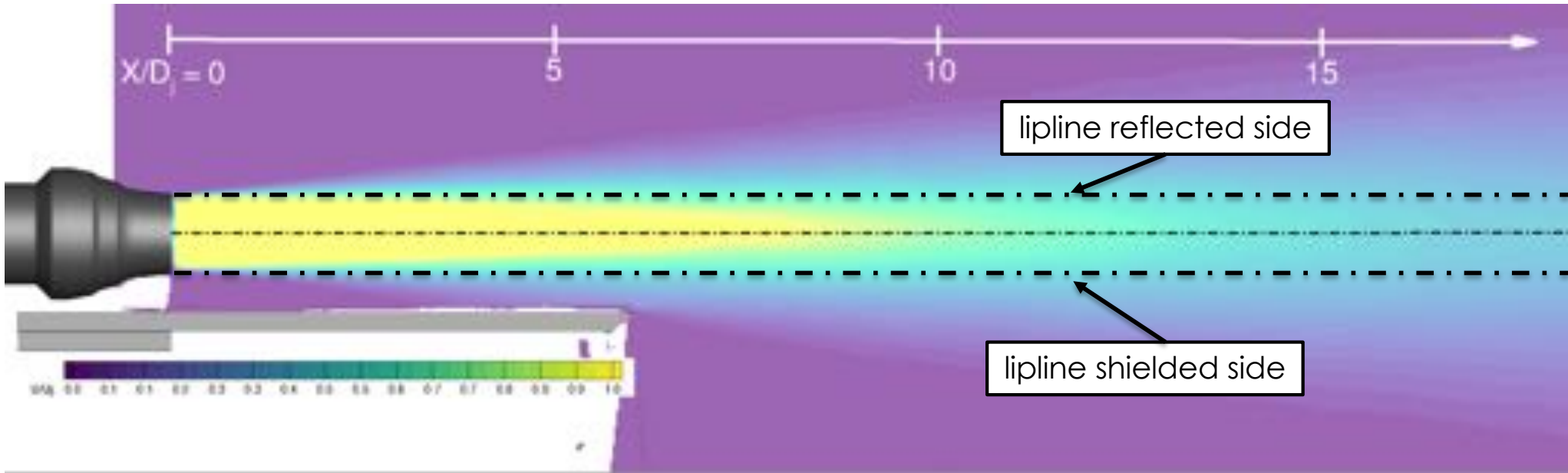




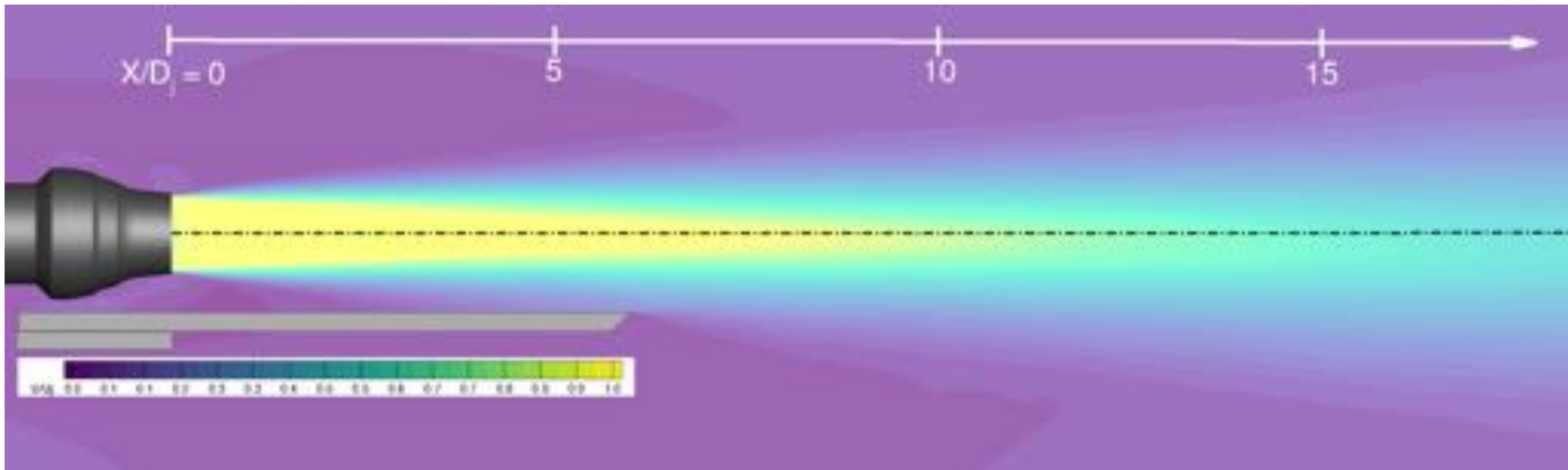
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Near-Field Comparisons



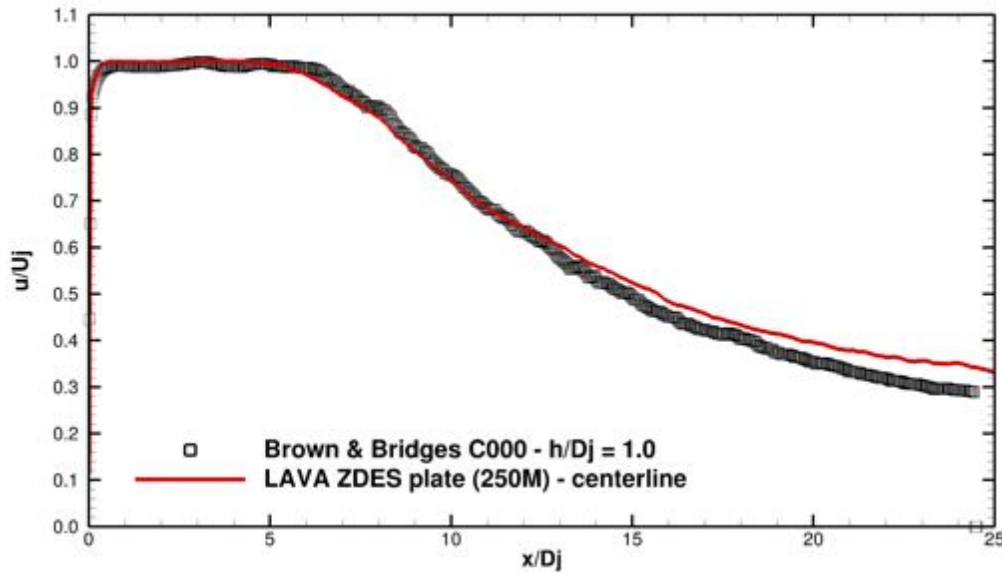
(a) PIV measurements from Experiment



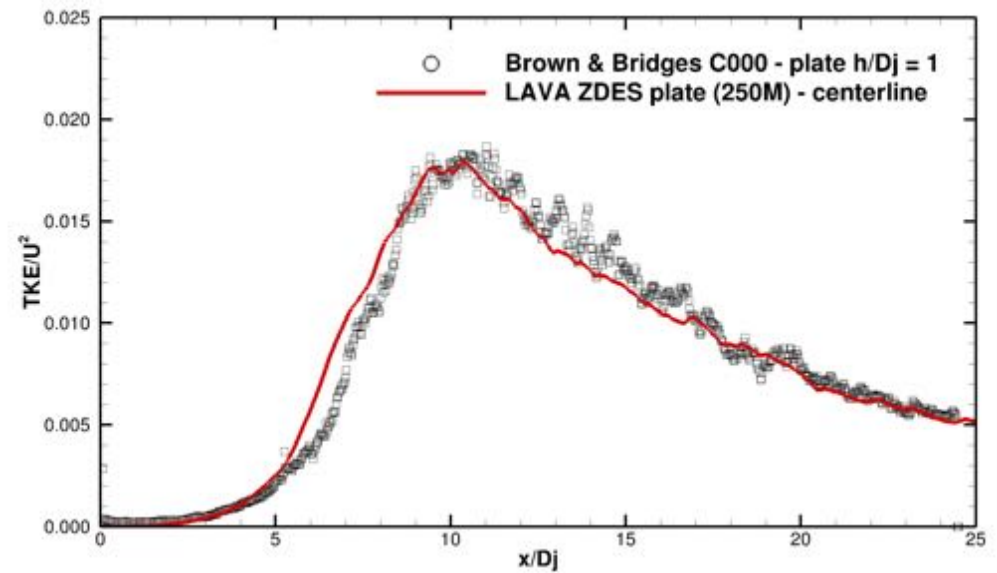
(b) Contour plot from CFD

Near-Field

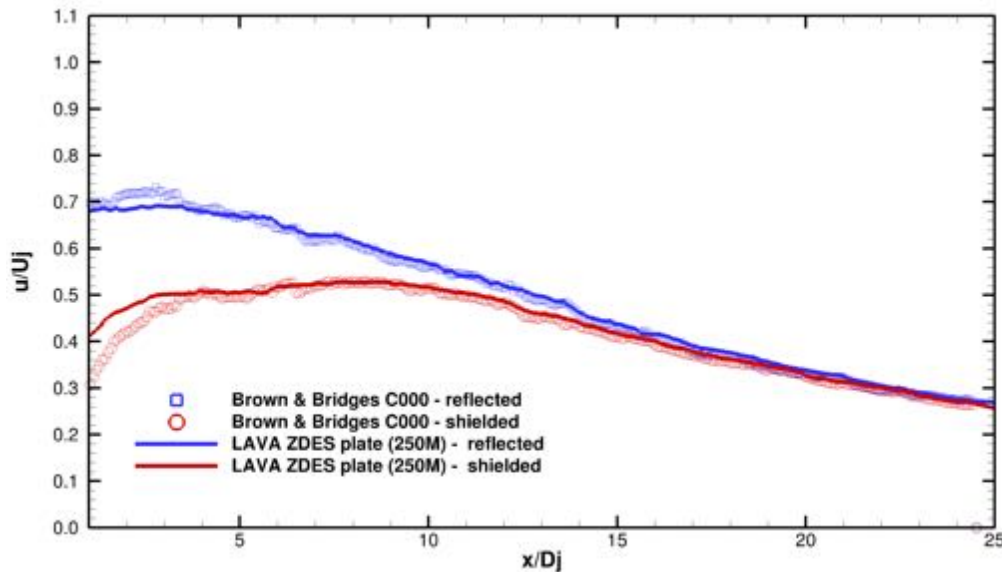
Time-Averaged Axial Velocity and Turbulent Kinetic Energy



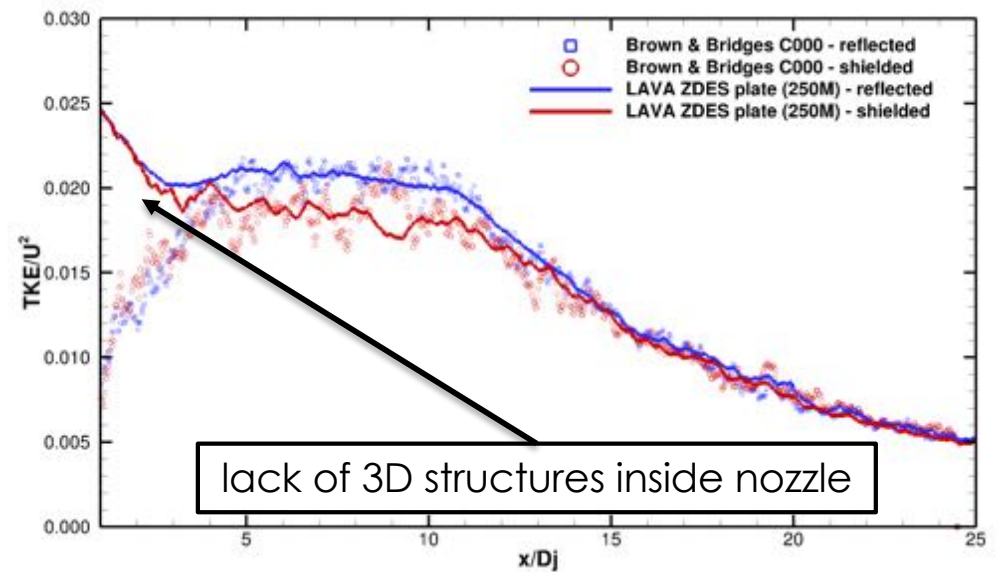
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(a2) Centerline TKE



(a1) Lipline Velocity



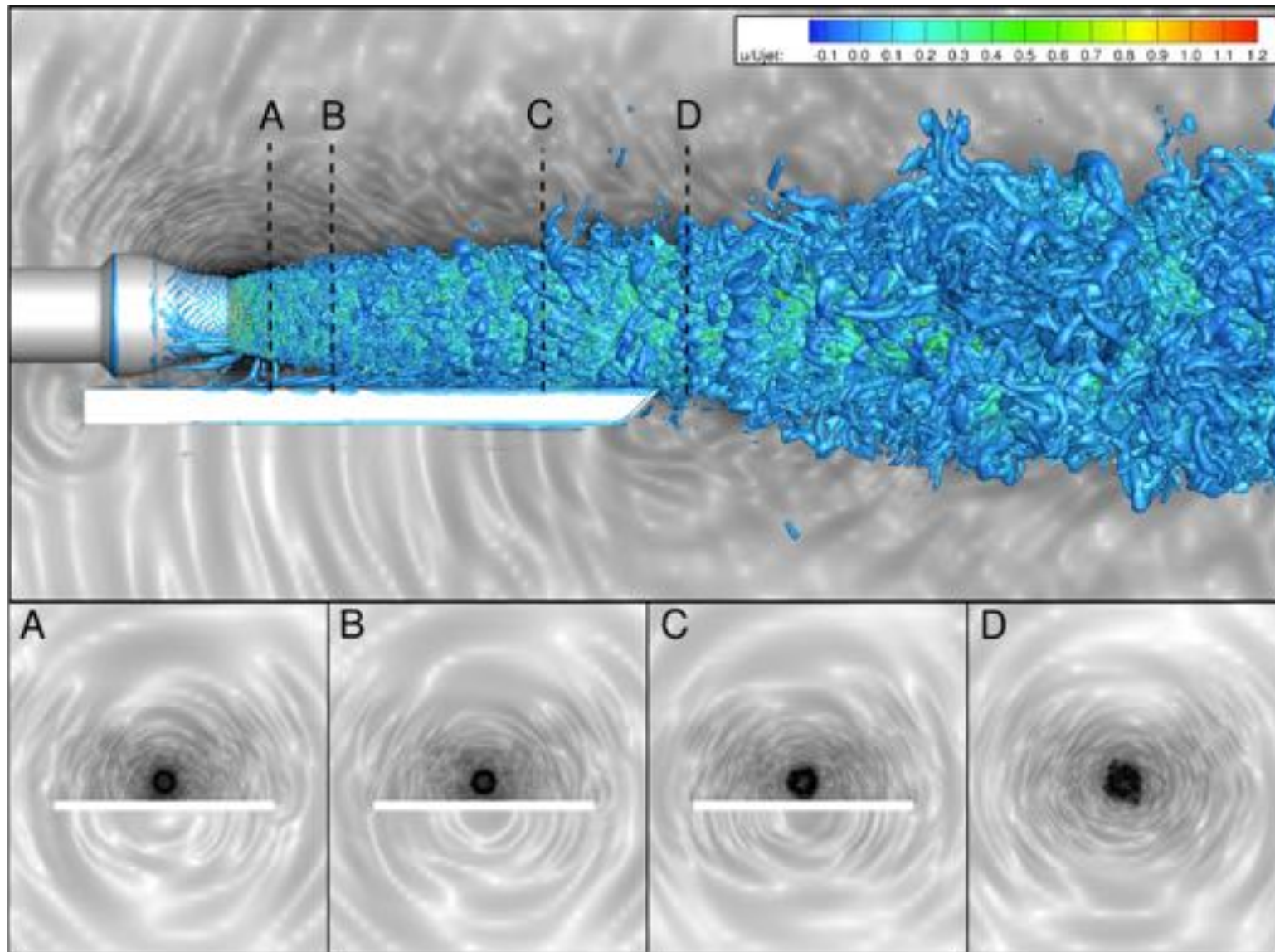
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Far-Field – FWH Surface Definition

Tight FWH Surface



- Best practice guidelines established for isolated round-jet do not apply directly on case with enclosed surface (non-symmetric)
- Inclusion of all necessary sources important to predict noise spectra correct

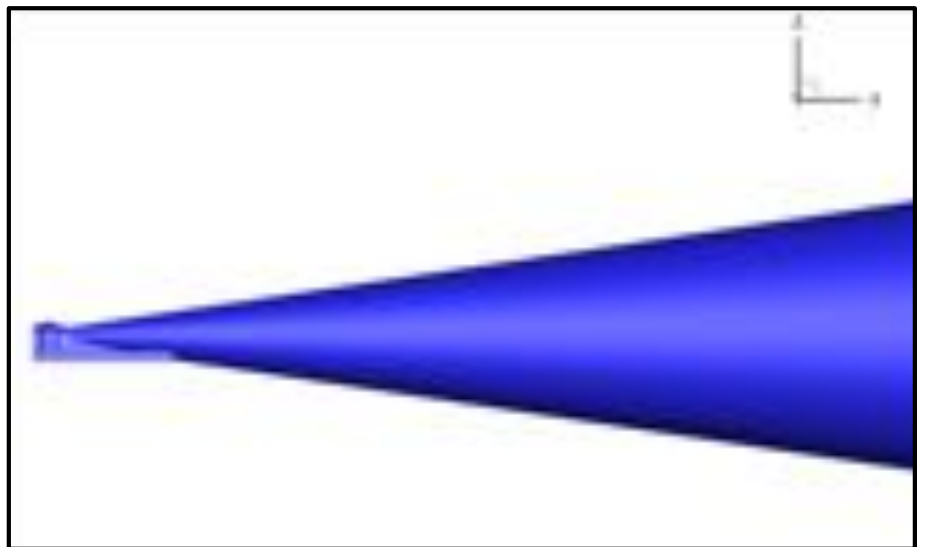
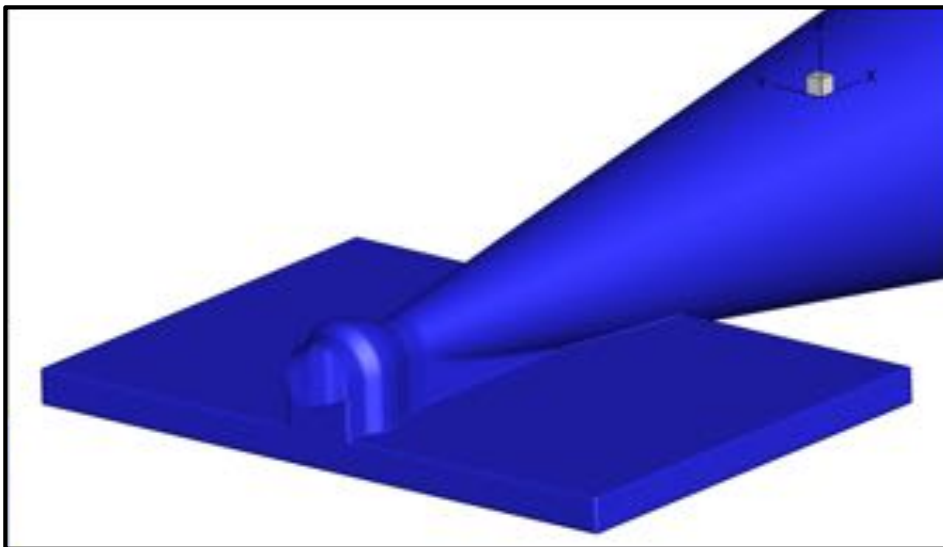
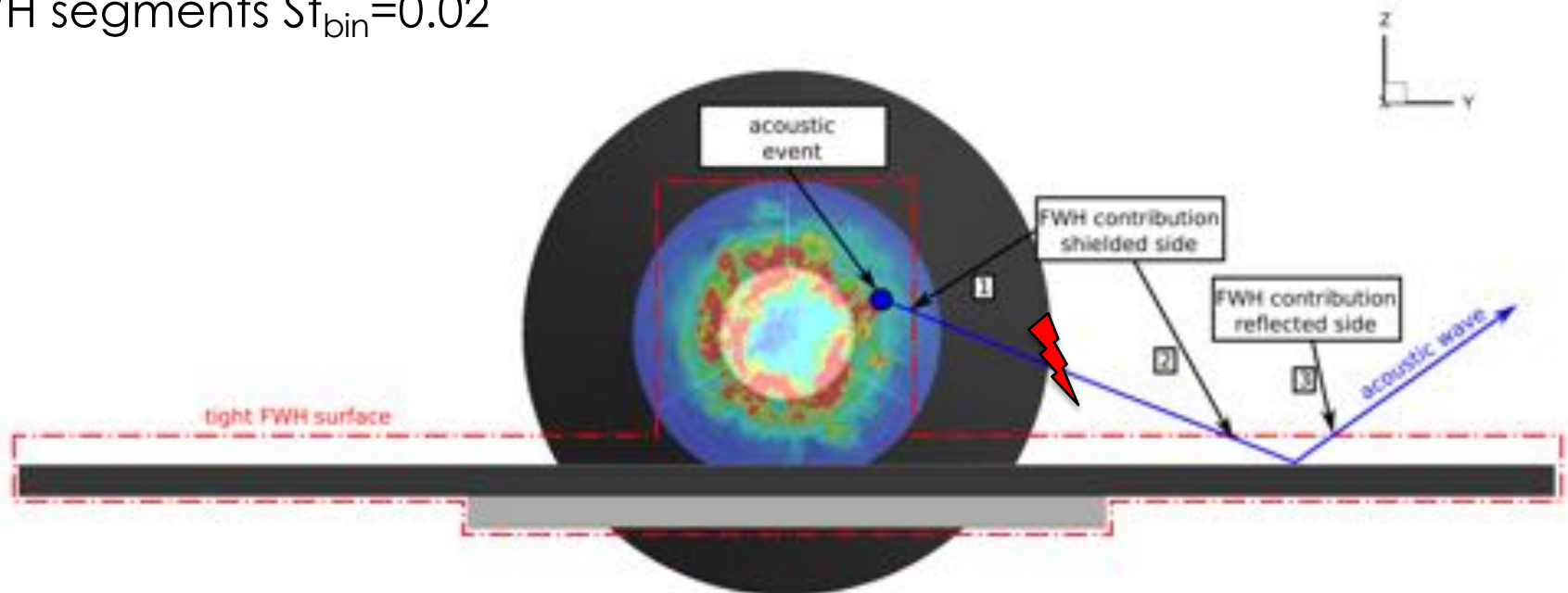


Far-Field – FWH Surface Definition

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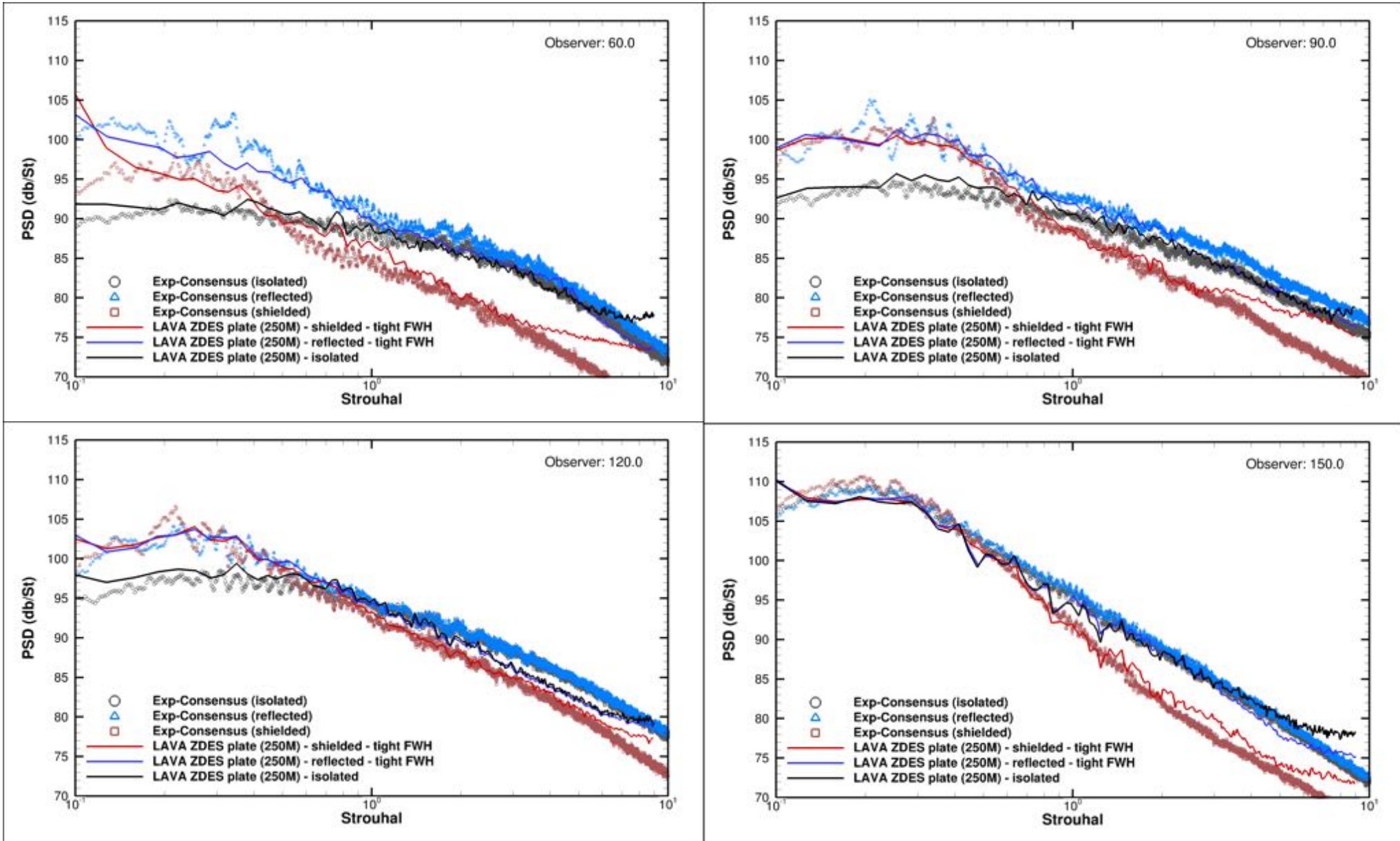
- 1000 convective time units
- 25 FWH segments $St_{bin}=0.02$



Far-Field – Tight FWH Surface



Comparison of PSD Spectrum 100D away from nozzle exit



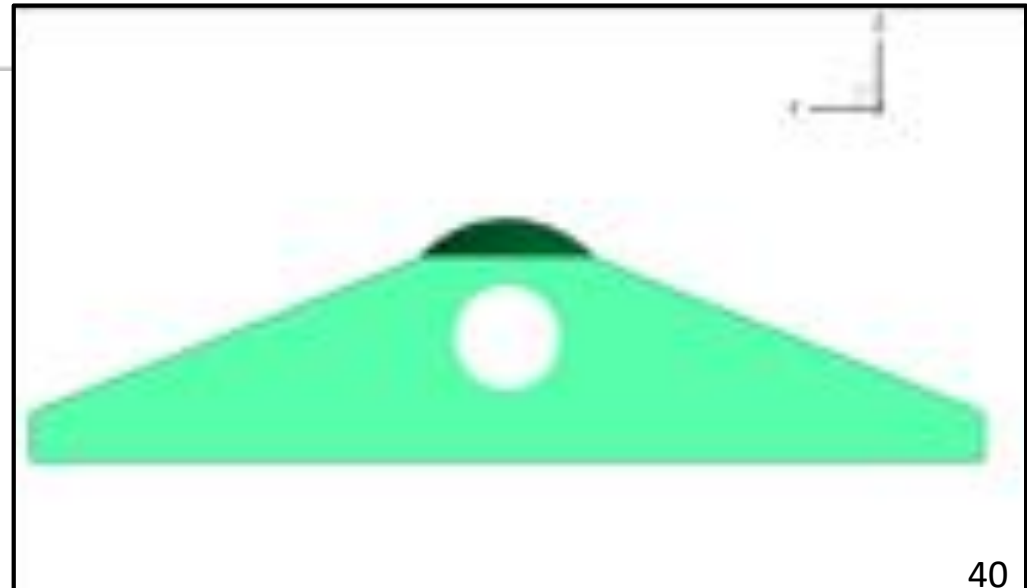
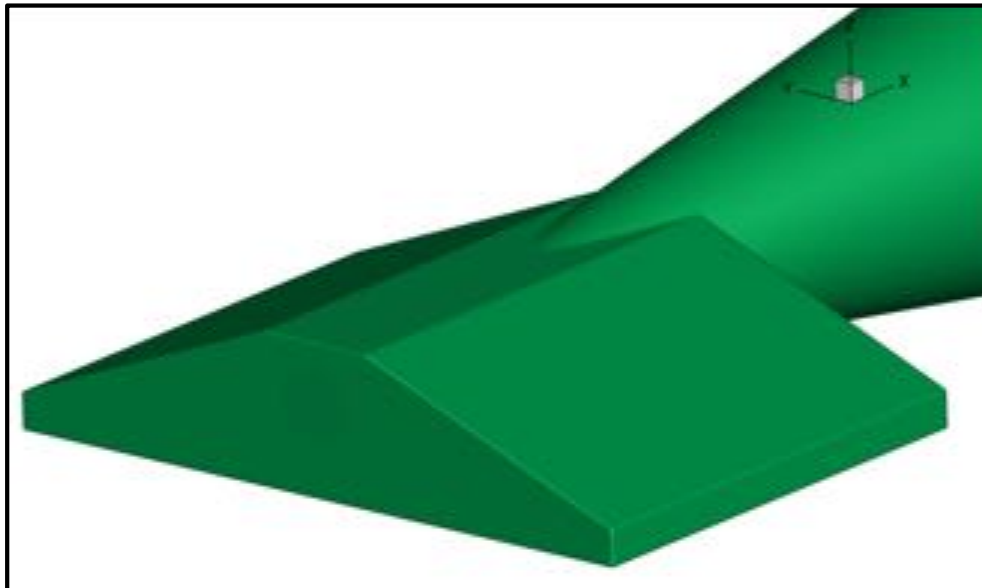
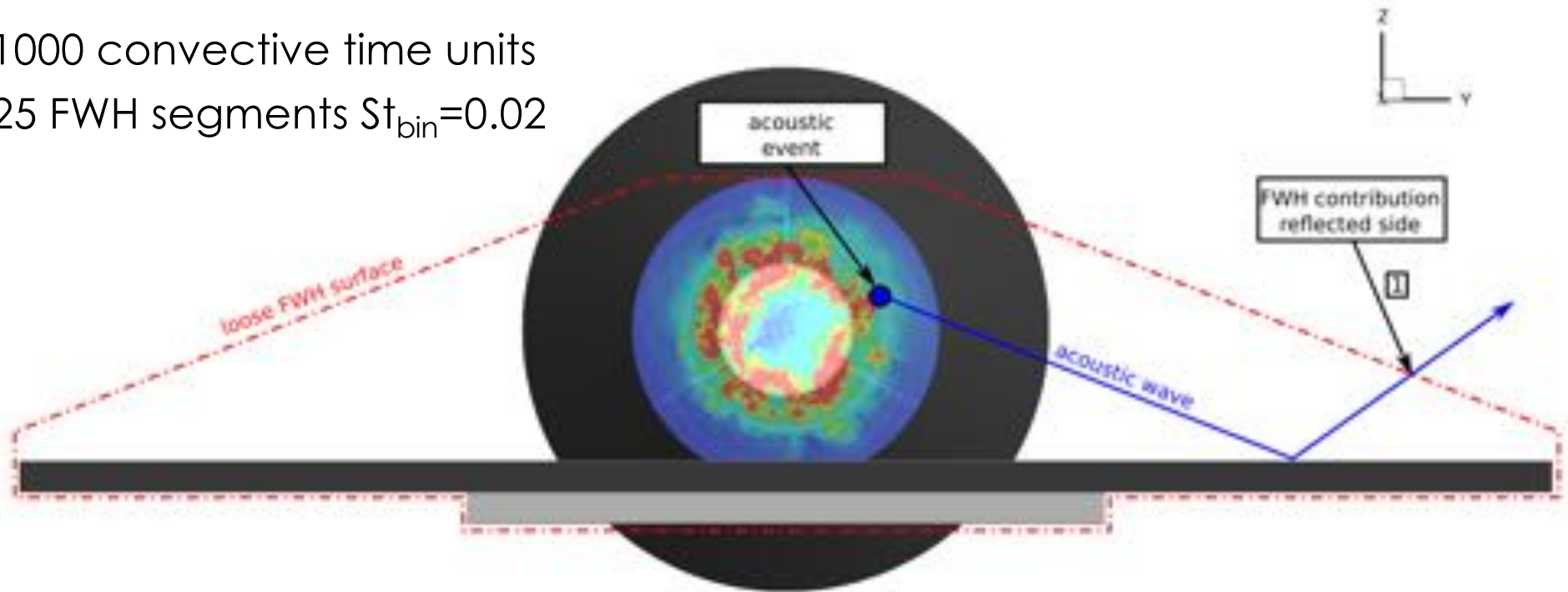
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Loose FWH Surface



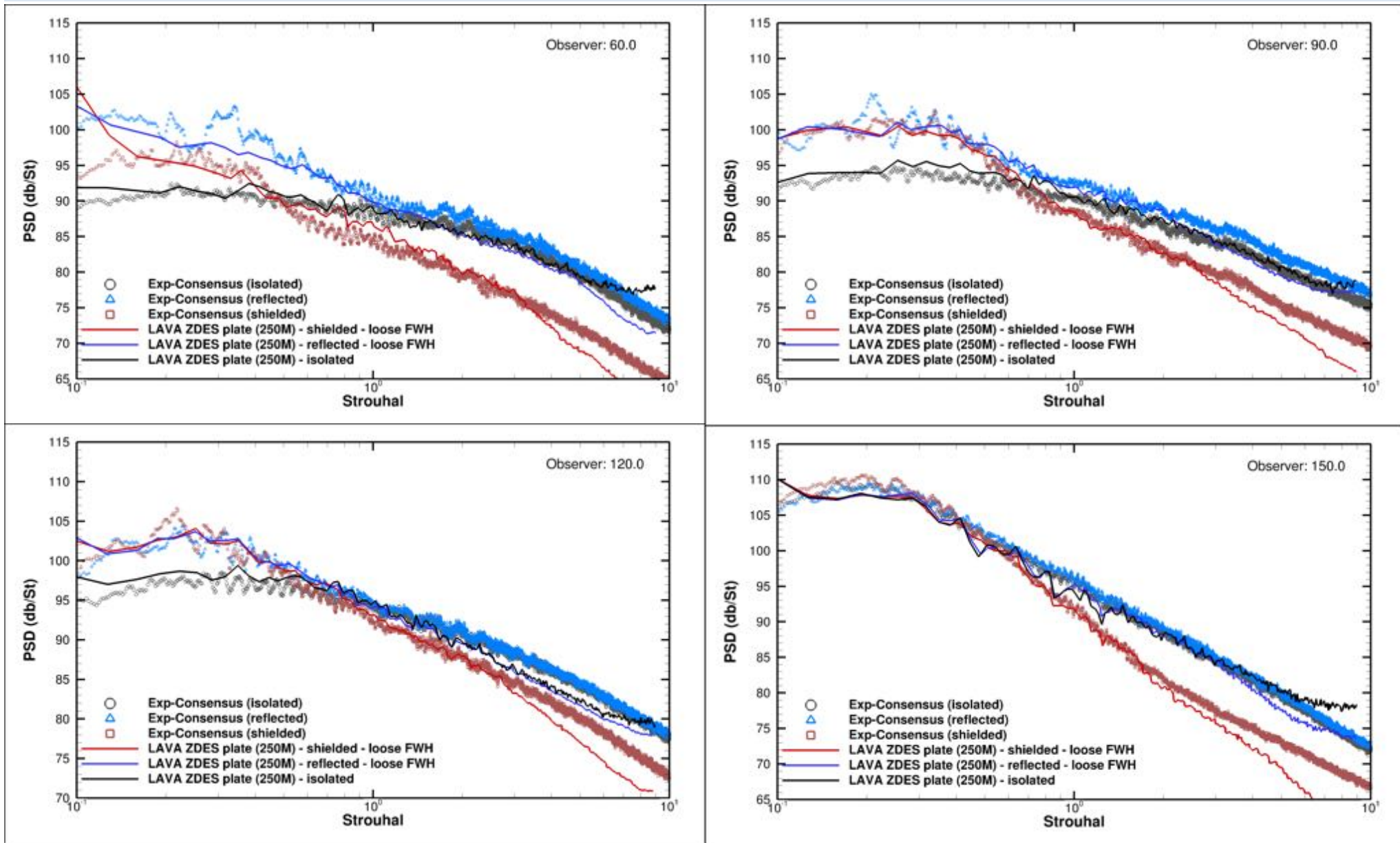
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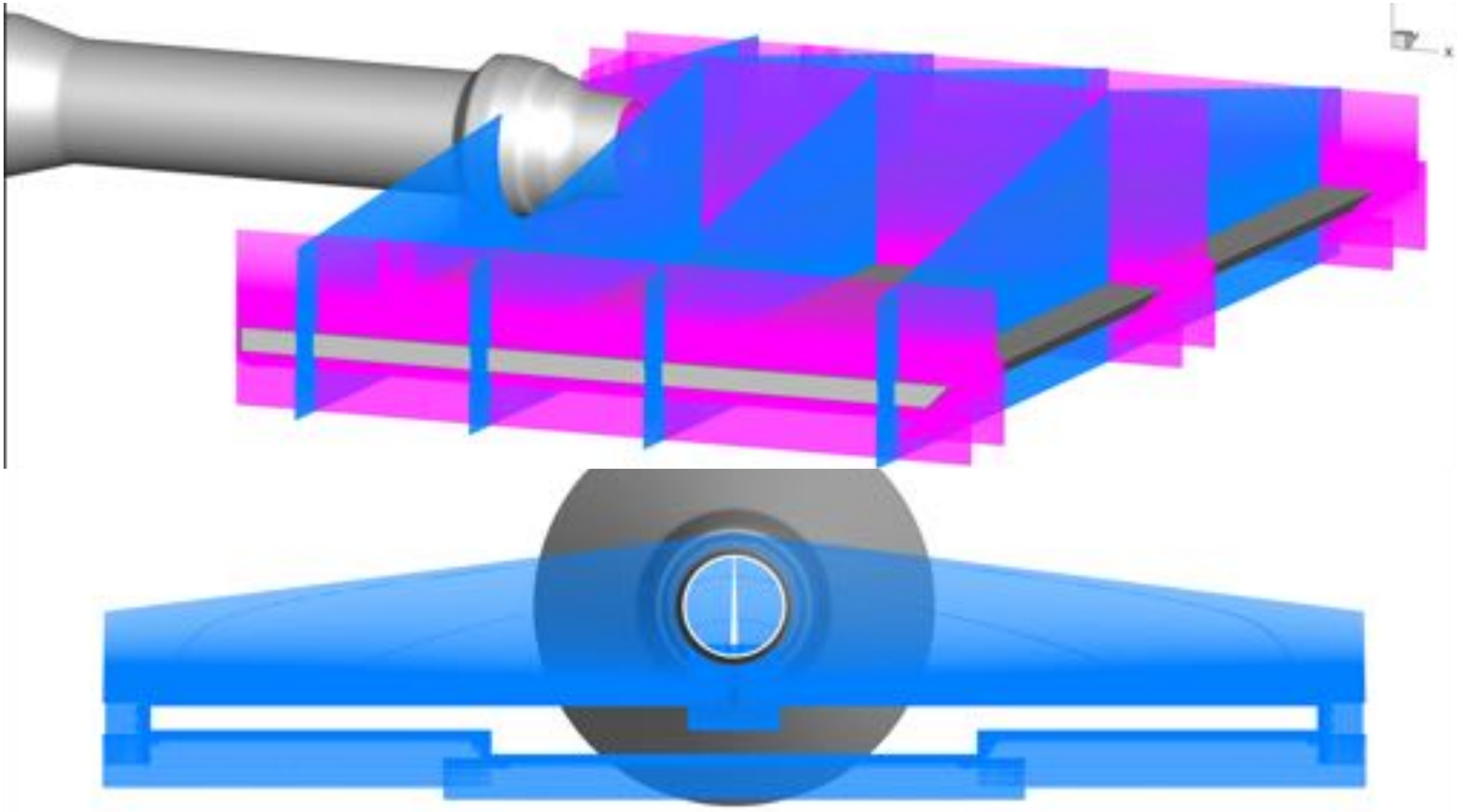
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Geometry and Setup

Computational Mesh Jet Shielding Plate



- Mesh surrounding jet shielding plate consists of 130M grid points (combined with medium isolated mesh 230M)

Future Work

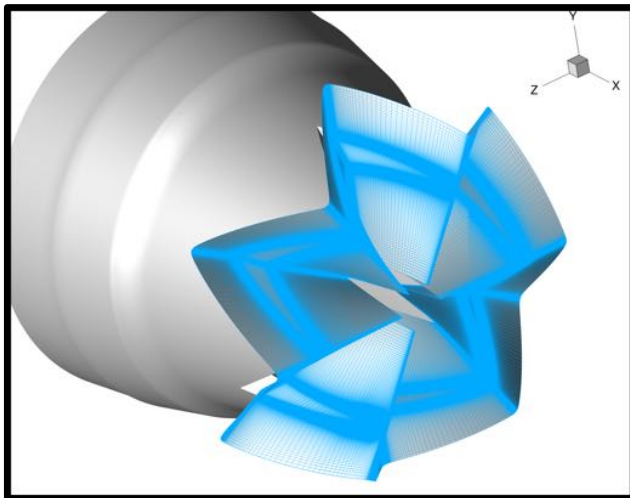
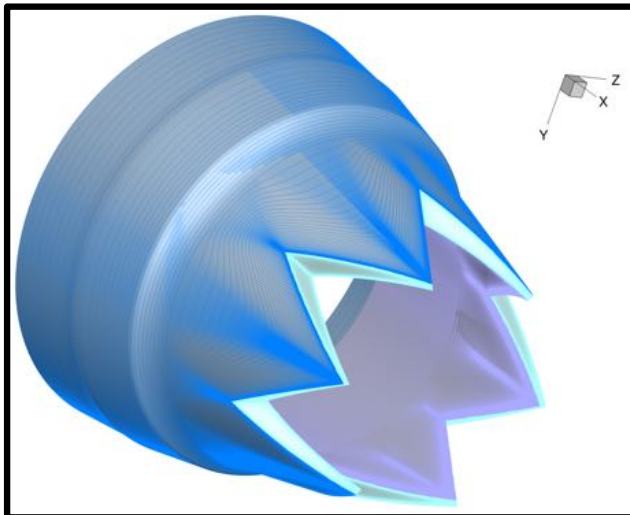
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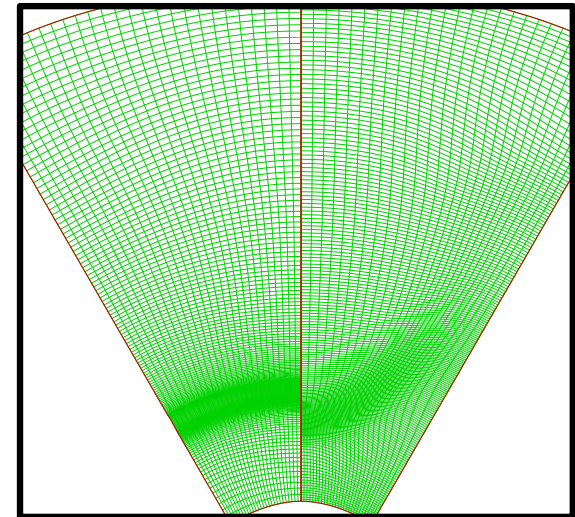
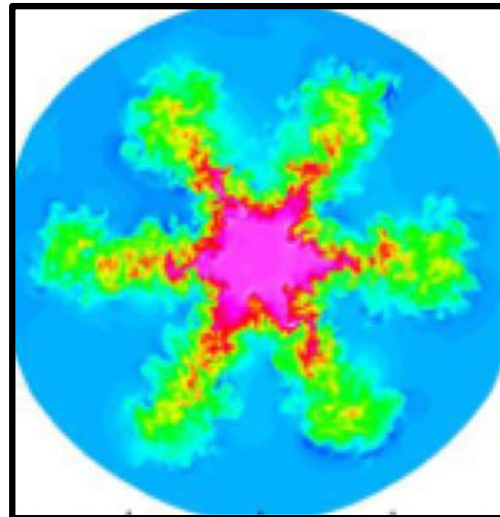


Round Jet with chevron nozzle SMC001

- Completed structured curvilinear mesh for complex chevron nozzle design.



Uzun et al. 2012



- Automated mesh refinement/ redistribution to track flow features of chevron nozzle (see Uzun et.al. 2012)

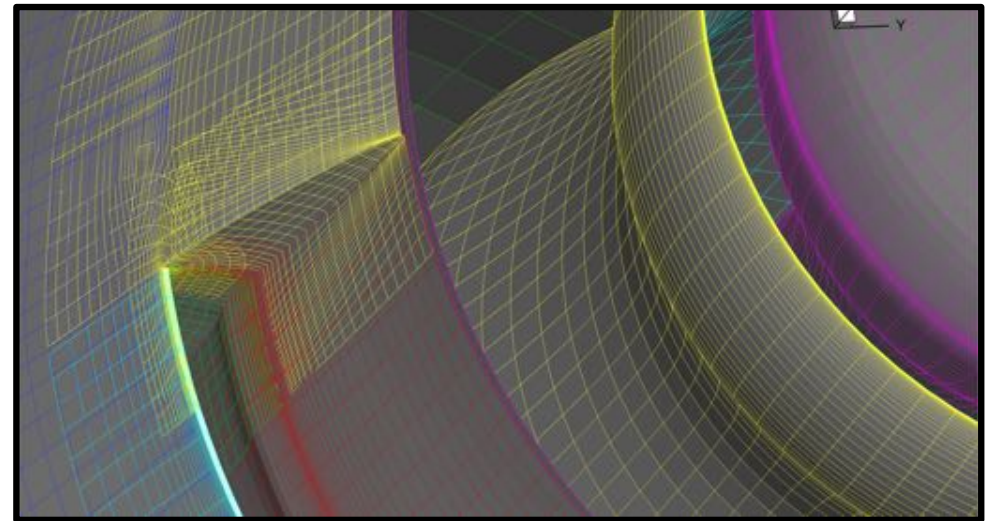
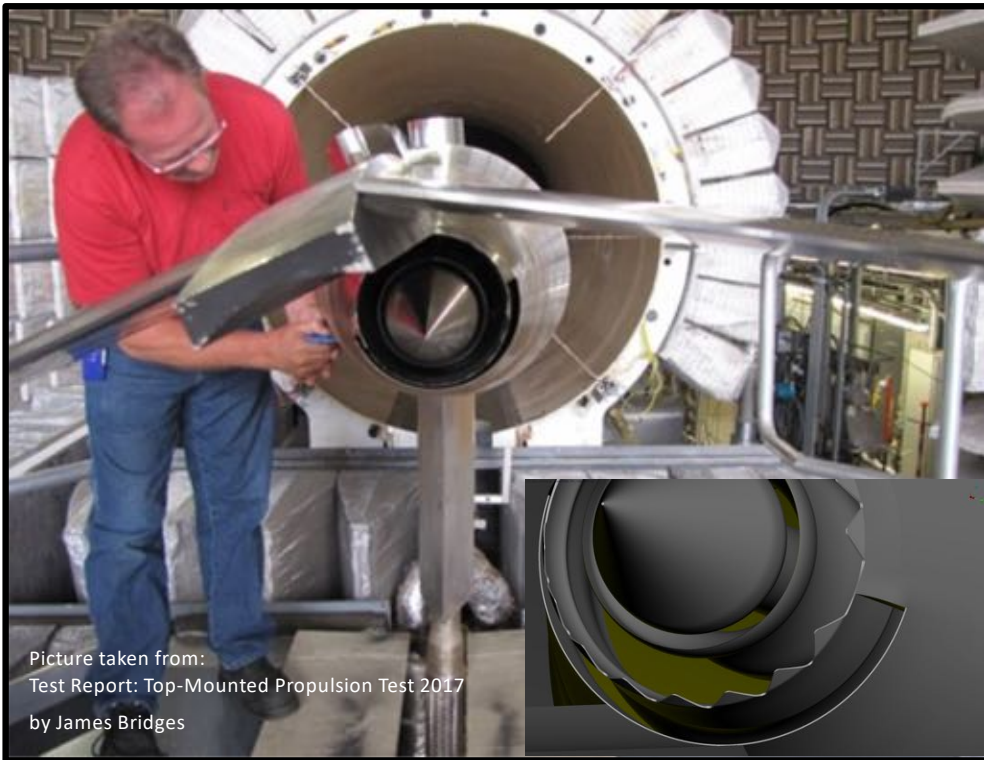
Future Work

Progress towards the "Grand-Challenge"



Combination of isolated problems into one nozzle TMP17 (Multi-stream, Plug, Chevron, Shielding)

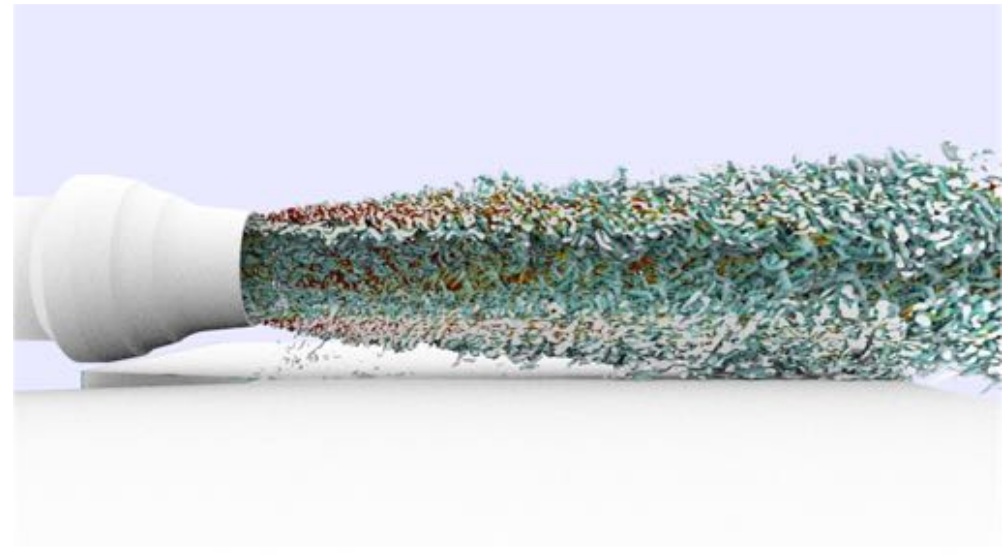
- Surface meshing for TMP17 almost completed



Summary



- Hybrid RANS/LES within the LAVA framework using structured curvilinear overlapping grids is successfully applied to predict jet noise.
- Good comparison with experiments for both near-field and far-field achieved for round-jet as well as surface interaction noise case.
- Completed far-field acoustic propagation
 - Mach wave radiation noise in the jet direction is well-captured
 - Strong influence on utilized SEM investigated, further improvements necessary (tripping, quiter inflow)
- BL needs to be resolved better inside of nozzle for further improvements.



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Questions?

