



# USM3D-ME Solutions for RANS Test Suite of High-Fidelity CFD Verification Workshop 2024

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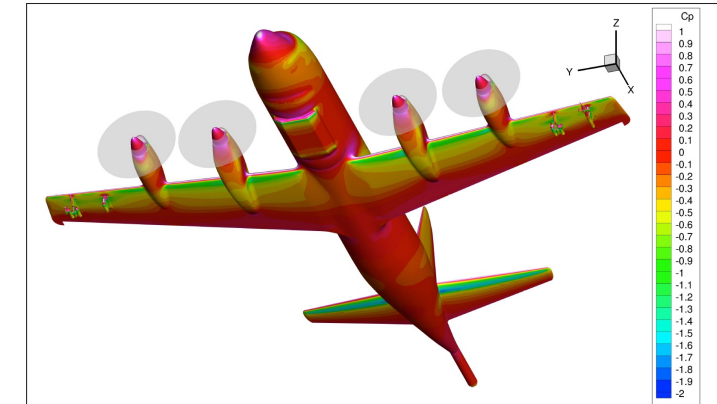
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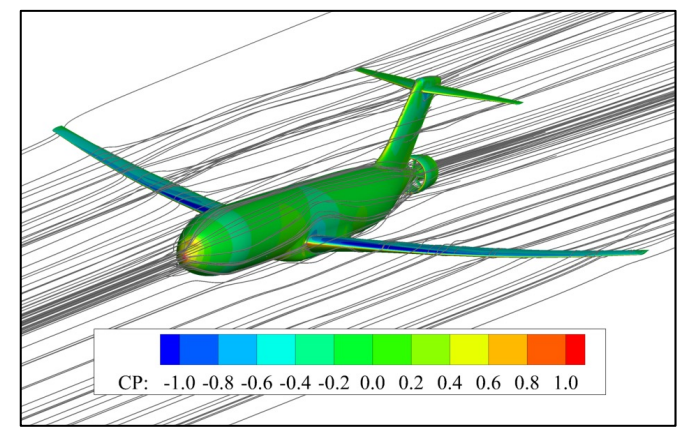
# USM3D-ME Features for Workshop Solutions



- **Cell-centered, finite-volume, mixed-element, unstructured-grid discretization for Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) equations**
- **Second-order spatial accuracy**
- **Upwind spatial discretization for meanflow inviscid flux**
  - Cell gradients using Green-Gauss method and nodal solution
  - No gradient limiter
  - Roe's flux-difference splitting scheme
- **Second-order diffusion terms; face-gradients using Mitchell's method**
- **Nonlinear Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model, SA-neg-QCR2000-R (Crot=1)**
  - Discretization of convective term is first order, upwind
  - Modified discretization of diffusion term for improved robustness
- **Hierarchical Adaptive Nonlinear iteration Method (HANIM)**
  - Decoupled meanflow and turbulence-model preconditioners with approximate Jacobian
  - Jacobian-free Newton-Krylov solver for second-order linearization
  - Nonlinear control for solution updates
  - Adaptive CFL
- **Solutions initialized using freestream conditions**
- **Several iterations performed with first-order meanflow discretization before switching to second order**



**P3-Orion**  
Courtesy: Craig Hunter (NASA LaRC)

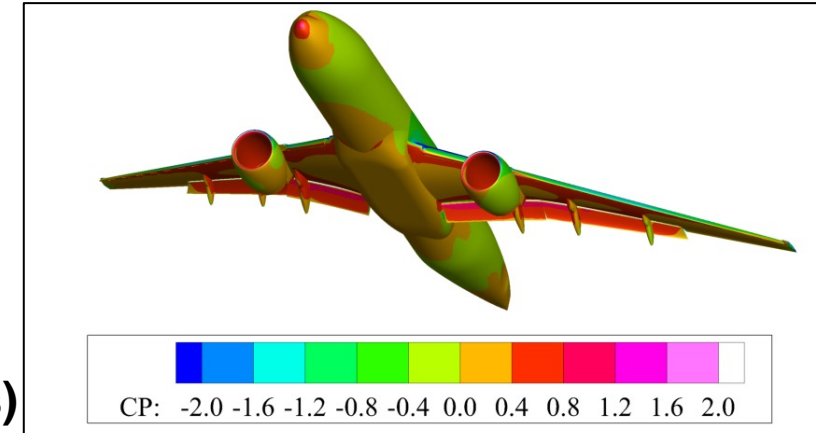


**CRM-TCT Configuration**  
Courtesy: Michael Bozeman (NASA LaRC)

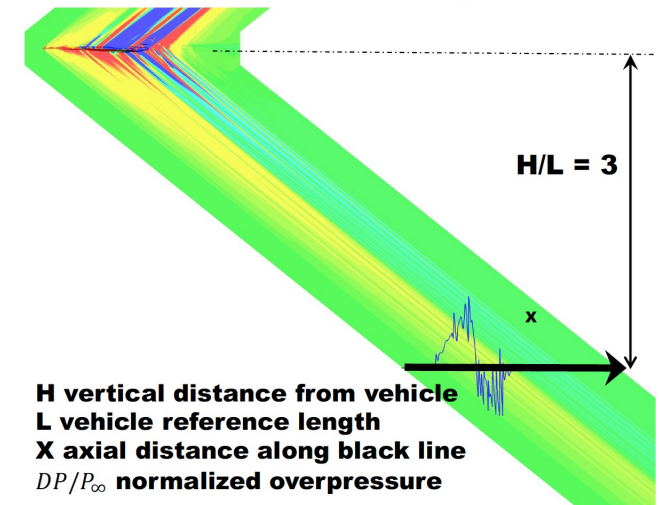
# USM3D-ME Other Key Features

## Building on Legacy USM3D Flow Solver

- **Standard and specialized boundary conditions**
- **Force-term approach for propellers and other applications**
- **Time integration**
  - Second-order BDF2 for temporal accuracy
- **Rigid-body 6-DoF motion support**
- **Parallelized using MPI paradigm; excellent scalability**
- **Internal extraction of solution functions (e.g., pressure signatures)**
- **Extensive verification through benchmark flow solutions and participation in community workshops**
- **20–30x increase in solution throughput relative to legacy USM3D on complex configuration**
- **Leveraged capabilities**
  - Integration with NASA CDISC for knowledge-based design
  - Integration with NASA grid adaptation tool REFINE



**CRM-HL Configuration (HLPW4)**  
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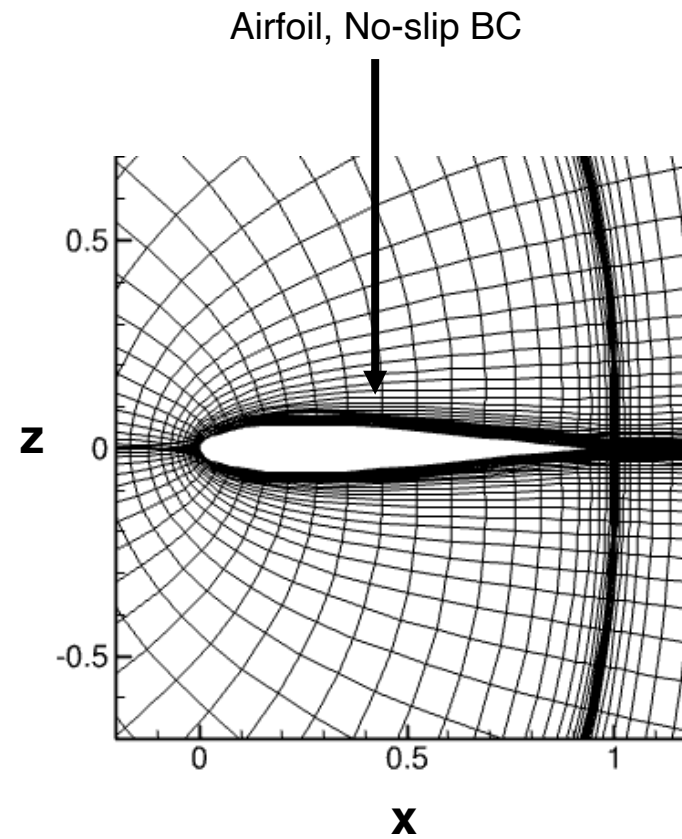
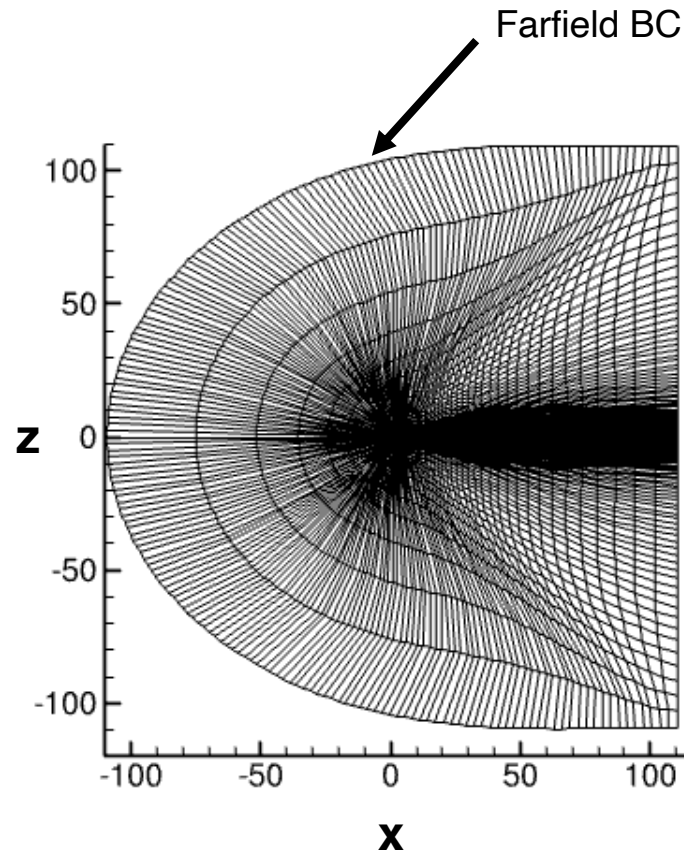


**Generic Supersonic Transport**  
 Courtesy: Alaa Elmiligui (NASA LaRC)

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# Joukowski Airfoil

$M_\infty = 0.15$ ,  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ ,  $Re_c = 6 \times 10^6$

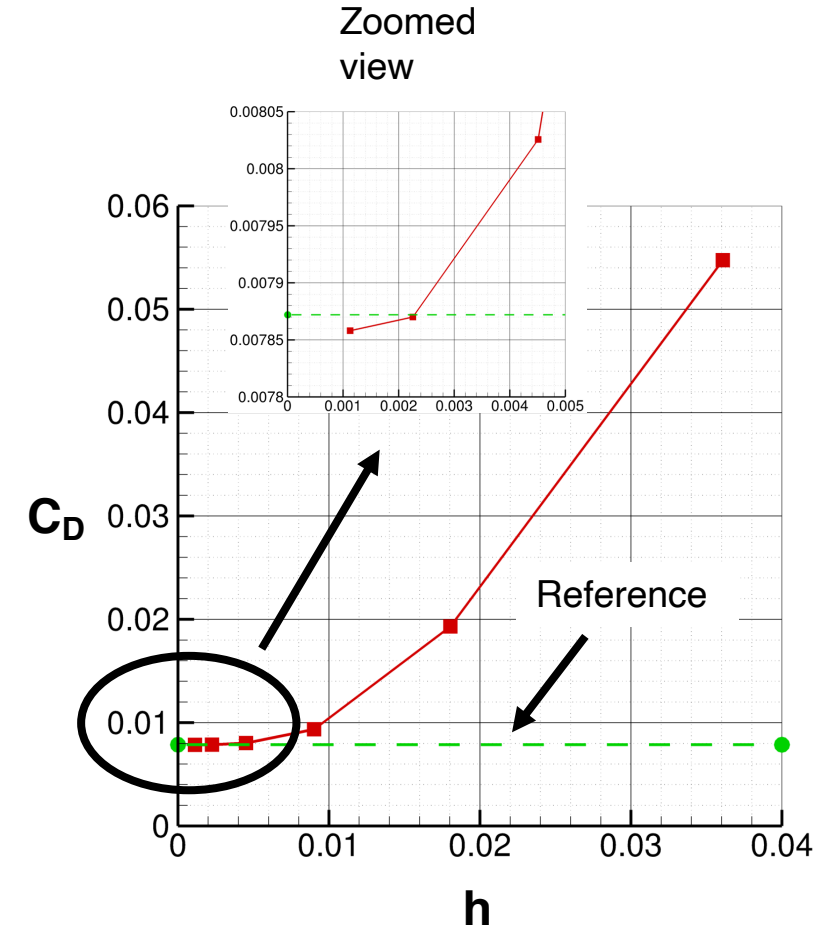
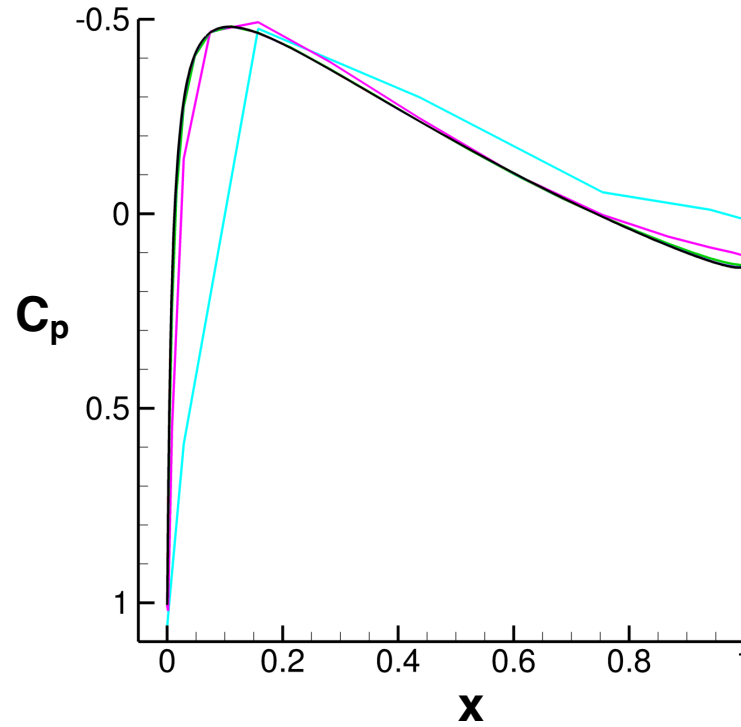
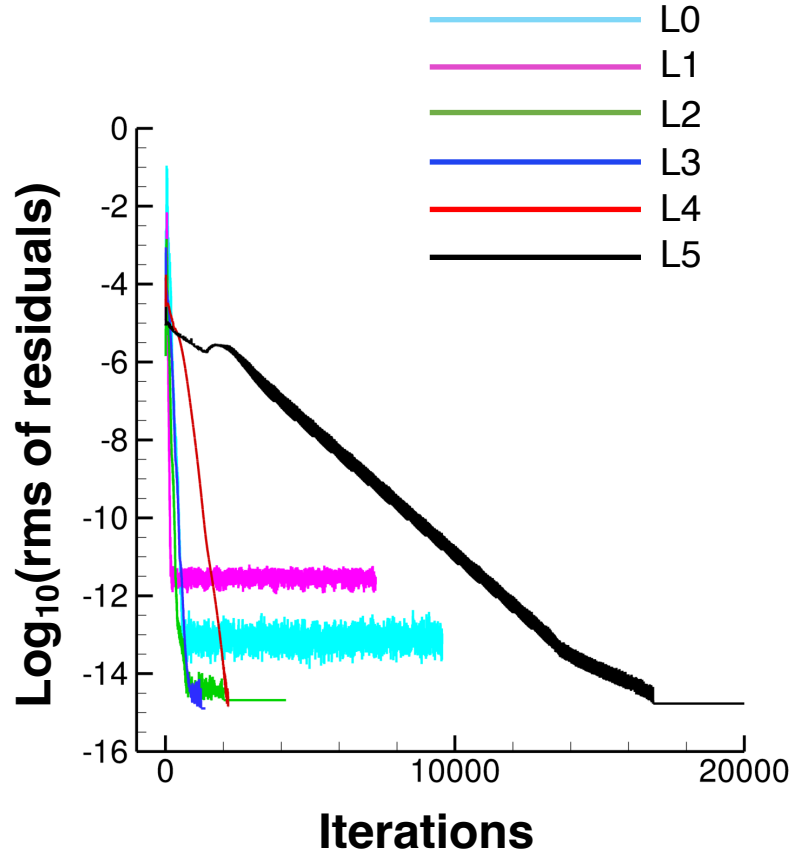


## MIT Grid Family

Grid Identifier	Nodes	Cells
L0	1.6K	0.8K
L1	6.3K	3.1K
L2	25.0K	12.3K
L3	99.1K	49.2K
L4	394.8K	196.6K
L5	1.6M	786.4K

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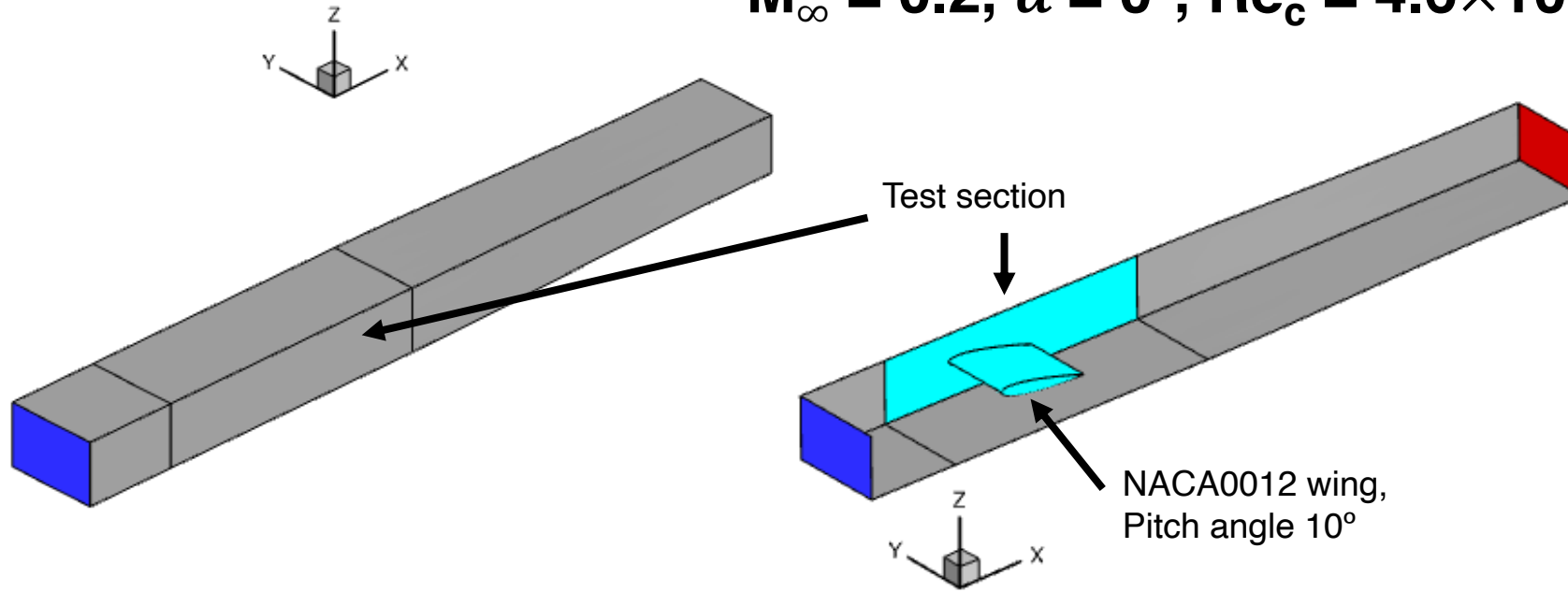
## Iterative and Grid Convergence



- Meanflow and SA model residuals are combined
- First-order iterations are not shown in the plots
- Reference is fourth-order MIT FEM solution on finest adaptive grid

# NACA 0012 Wing in Tunnel

$$M_\infty = 0.2, \alpha = 0^\circ, Re_c = 4.6 \times 10^6$$



- Inflow BC
- Outflow BC
- Slip wall BC
- No-Slip wall BC

## HeldenMesh Family

Grid Identifier	Nodes	Cells
A1	40.6K	162.1K
B1	166.6K	520.8K
C1	990.9K	2.5M
D1	6.8M	15.7M
E1	51.1M	111.2M

## Pointwise Family, Version 4

Grid Identifier	Nodes	Cells
1.5	3.3M	8.2M
2.0	6.8M	17.1M
3.0	19.5M	50.7M
4.0	42.3M	112.9M
5.0	78.0M	212.1M

## MIT Solution-Adapted Grids

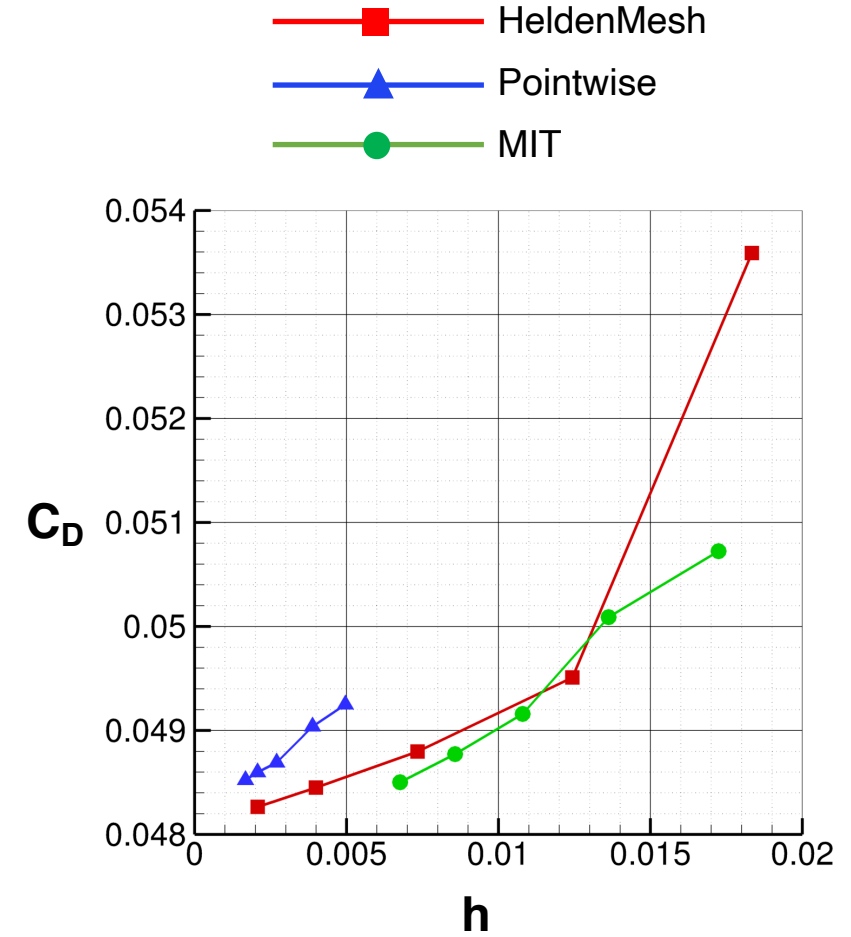
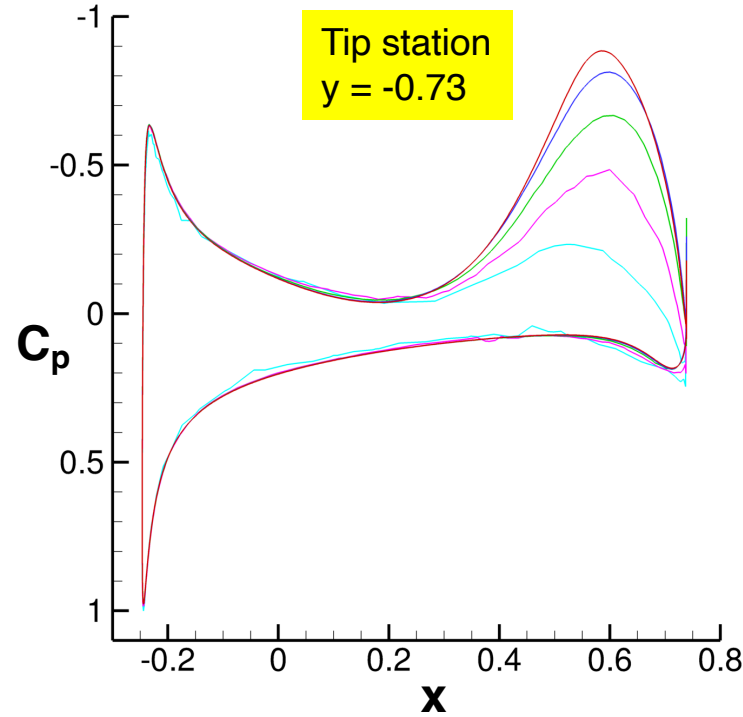
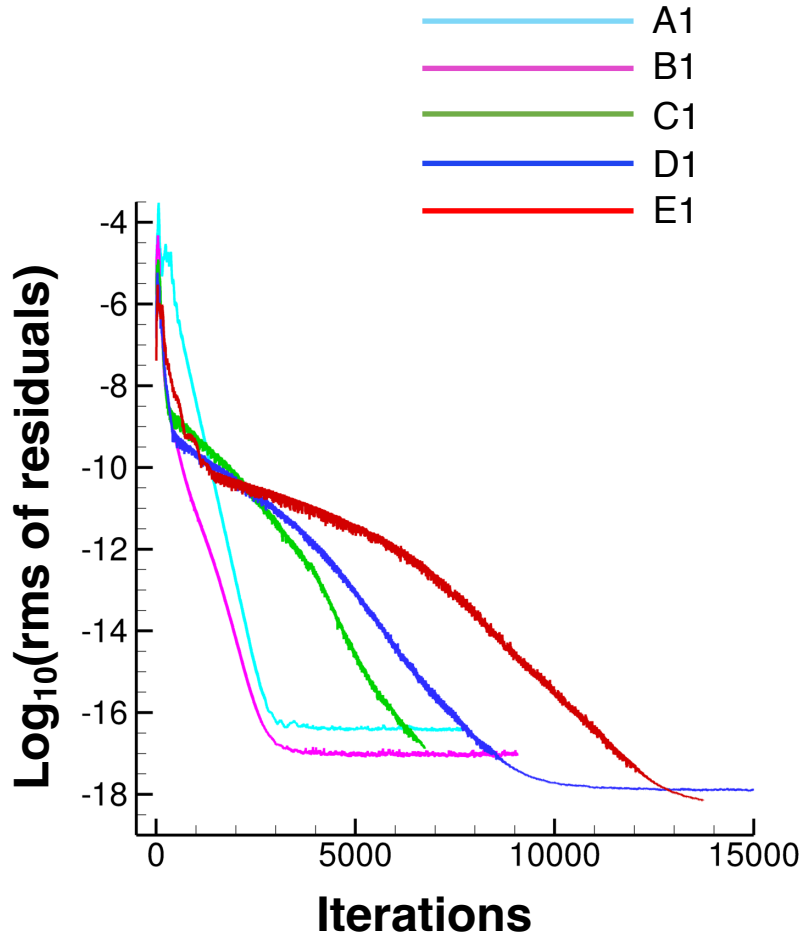
Grid Identifier	Nodes	Cells
40K	36.7K	195.2K
80K	72.4K	395.7K
160K	142.5K	794.5K
320K	280.6K	1.6M
640K	566.5K	3.2M





# NACA 0012 Wing in Tunnel

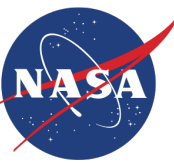
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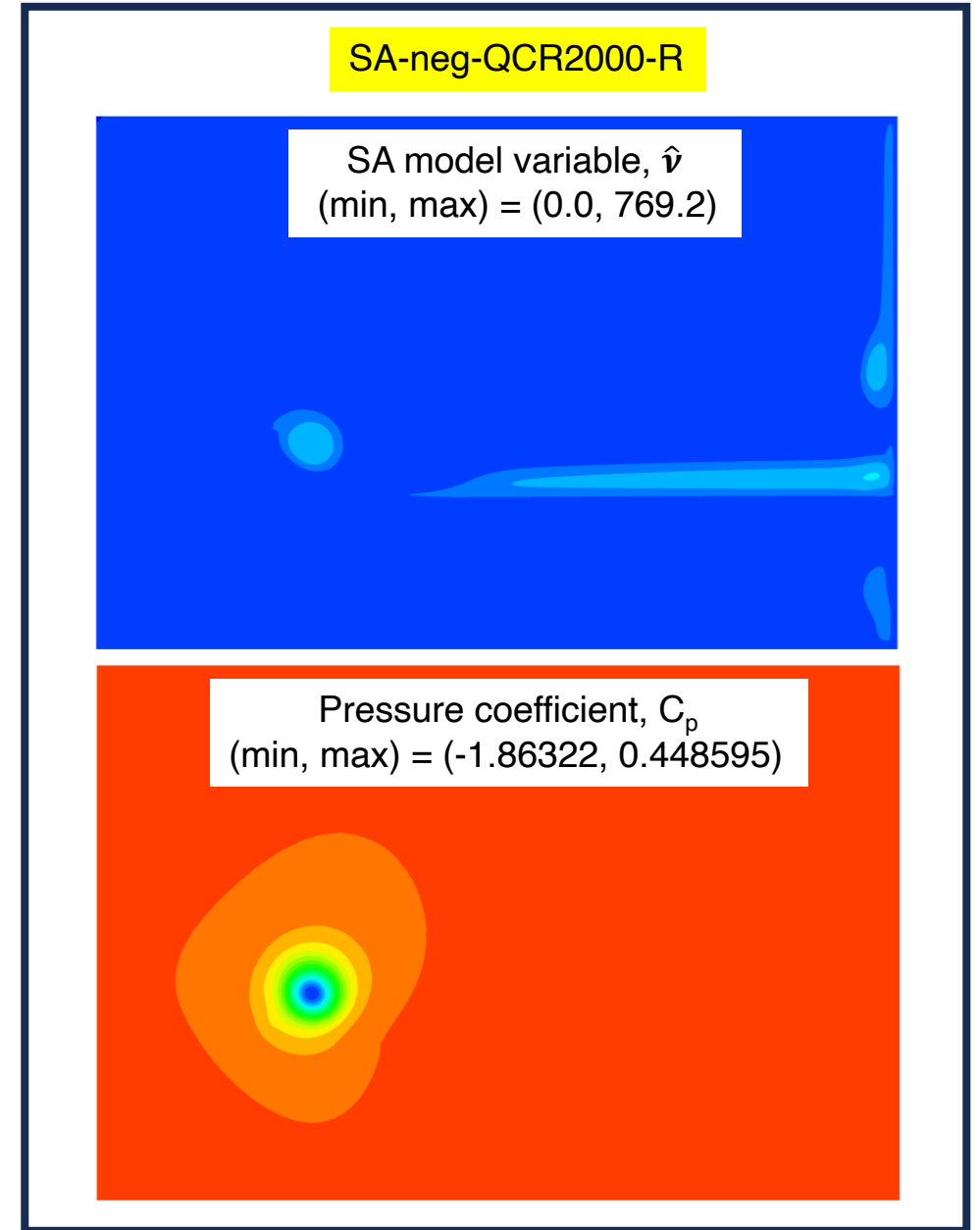
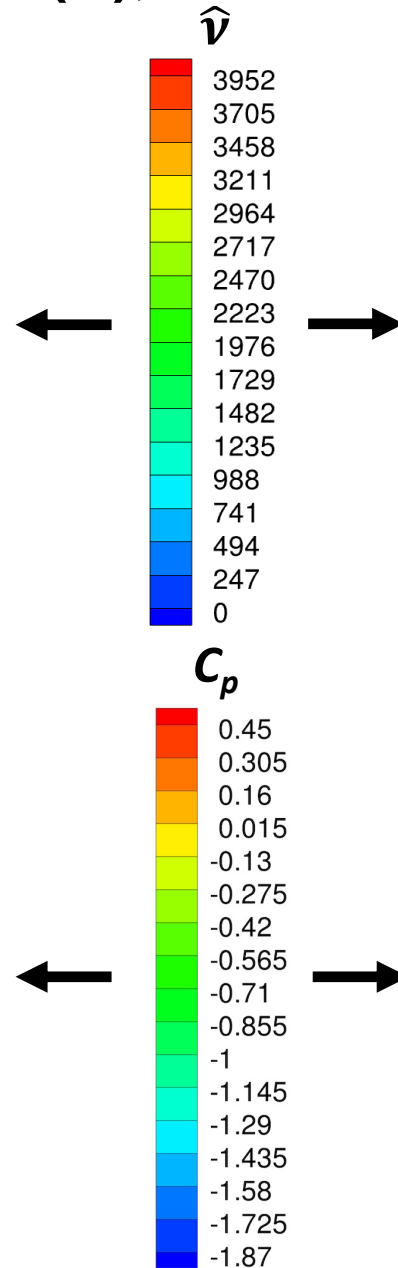
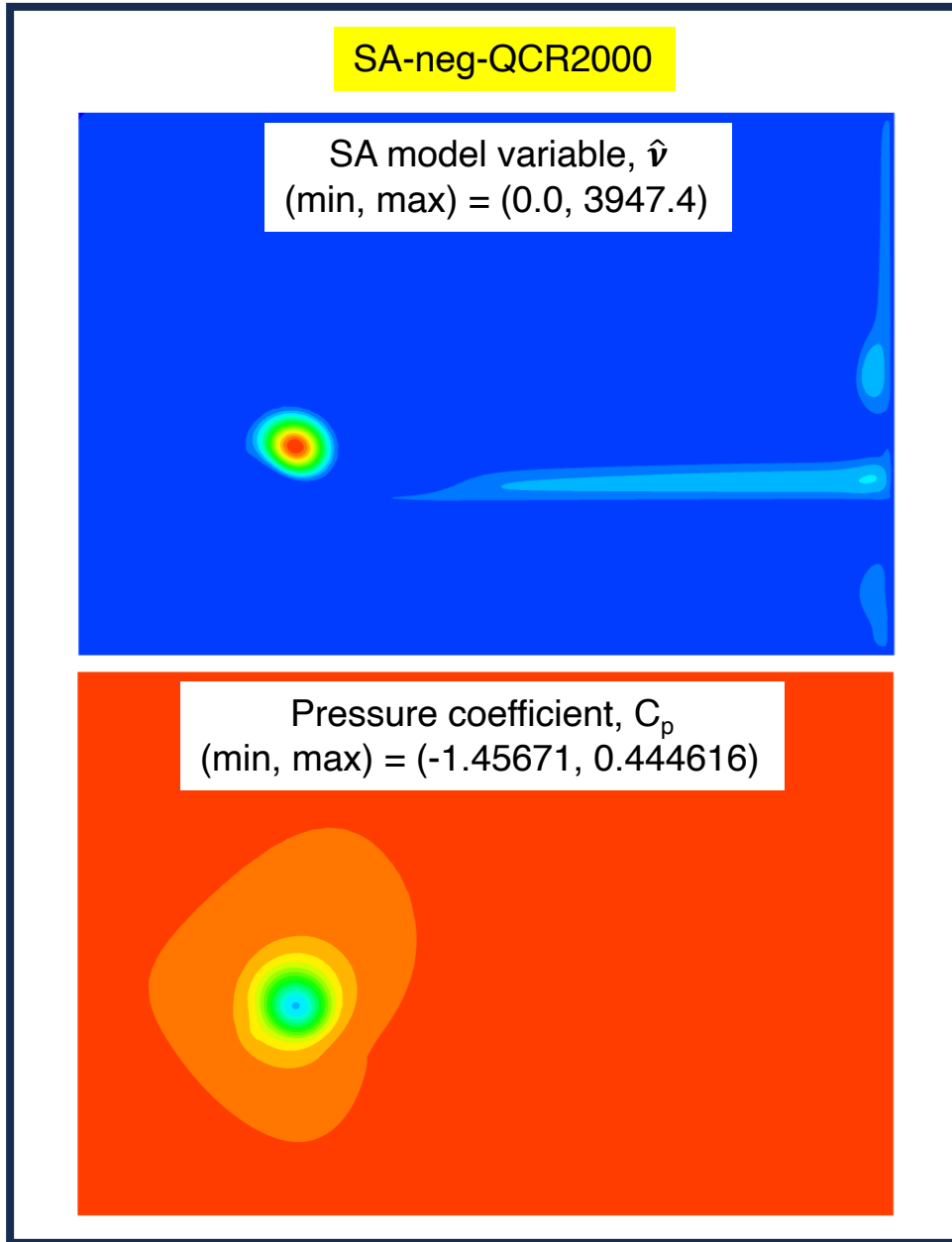
- Residual and  $C_p$  plots for HeldenMesh grid family
- Meanflow and SA model residuals are combined
- First-order iterations are not shown in the plots



# NACA 0012 Wing in Tunnel

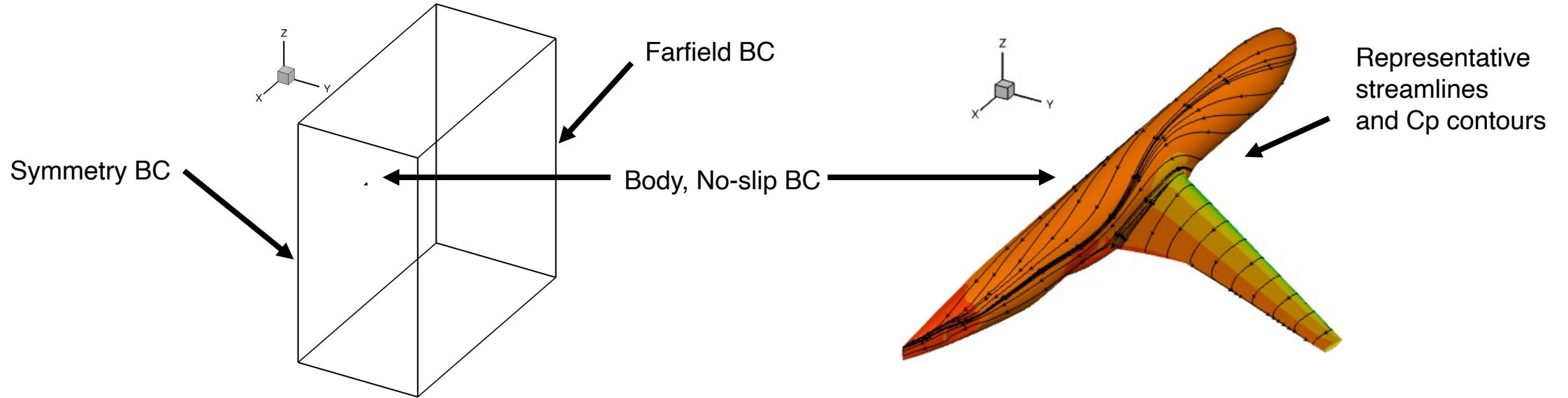


## Effect of Rotation Correction (R), HeldenMesh Grid E1, x = 0.805 plane



# CRM High-Lift Wing-Body Configuration

$$M_\infty = 0.2, \alpha = 11^\circ, Re_c = 5.6 \times 10^6$$



HeldenMesh R.05 Family

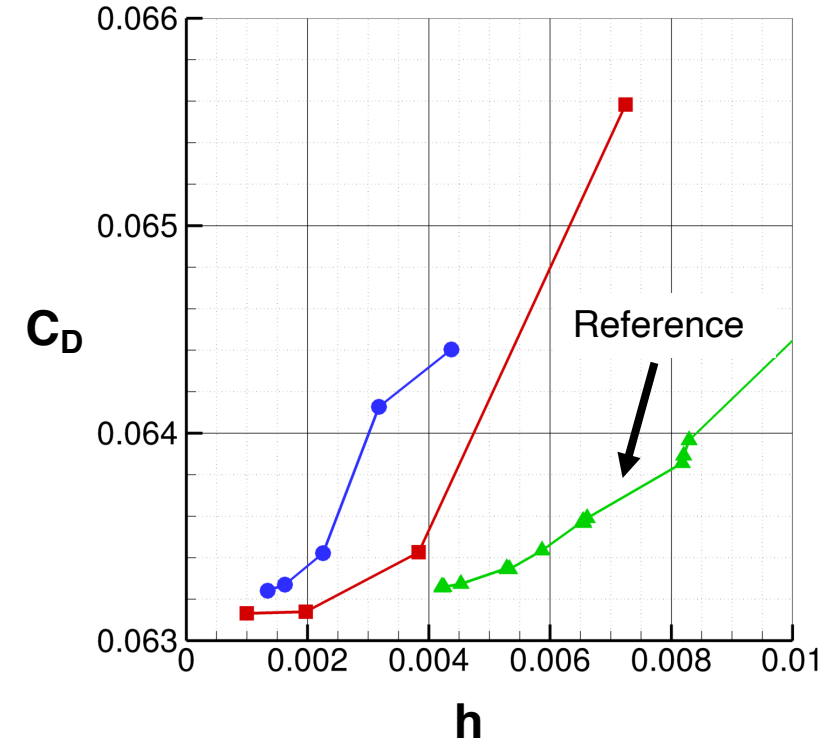
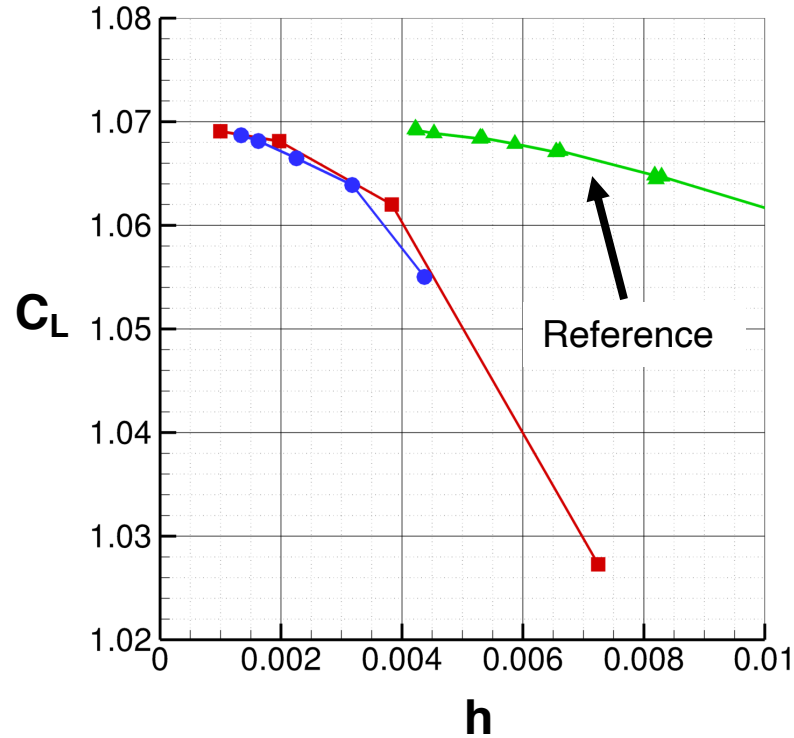
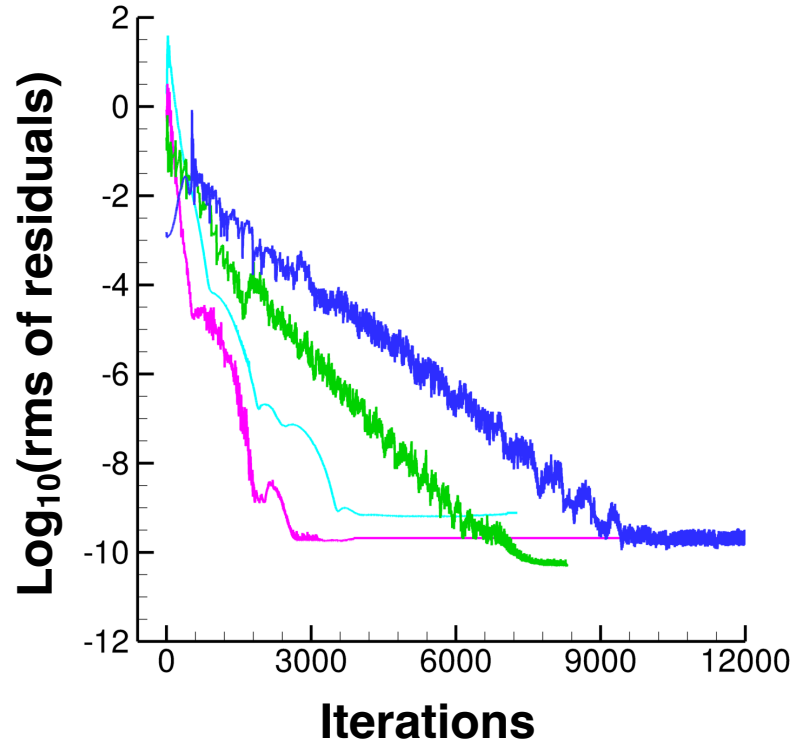
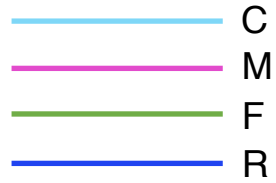
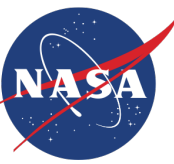
Grid Identifier	Nodes	Cells
C	864.0K	2.6M
M	5.8M	17.8M
F	42.9M	131.0M
R	331.2M	1.01B

HeldenMesh R.07 Family

Grid Identifier	Nodes	Cells
Coarse	5.0M	12.0M
Medium	13.4M	31.2M
Fine	38.9M	87.1M
XFine	105.6M	232.4M
UFine	191.0M	415.1M

# CRM High-Lift Wing-Body Configuration

## Iterative and Grid Convergence



- Residual plot for HeldenMesh R.05 grid family
- Meanflow and SA model residuals are combined
- First-order iterations are not shown in the plots
- Reference is Boeing FEM solution on adaptive grids



# Summary

- **USM3D-ME solutions computed using SA-neg-QCR2000-R ( $C_{rot} = 1$ ) turbulence model**
  - Joukowski airfoil
  - NACA 0012 wing in tunnel
  - CRM High-Lift Wing-Body Configuration
- **Solutions on different grid families**
  - Structured, unstructured mixed-element, and adaptive tetrahedral grids
- **Machine-zero residuals achieved on all cases and grids**
- **Satisfactory grid convergence observed for all cases**
- **Joukowski airfoil**
  - Difference in  $C_D$  on two finest grids is 0.12 count
- **NACA 0012 wing in tunnel**
  - Difference in  $C_D$  between finest grids within two families is 2.57 count
  - Effect of rotation correction (R) illustrated
- **CRM High-Lift Wing-Body Configuration**
  - Difference in  $C_D$  between finest grids within two families is 1.09 count
  - Difference in  $C_L$  between finest grids within two families is 0.04%



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