

Evaluation of a Physics-Based Unsteady RANS Method for Buffet Onset Prediction

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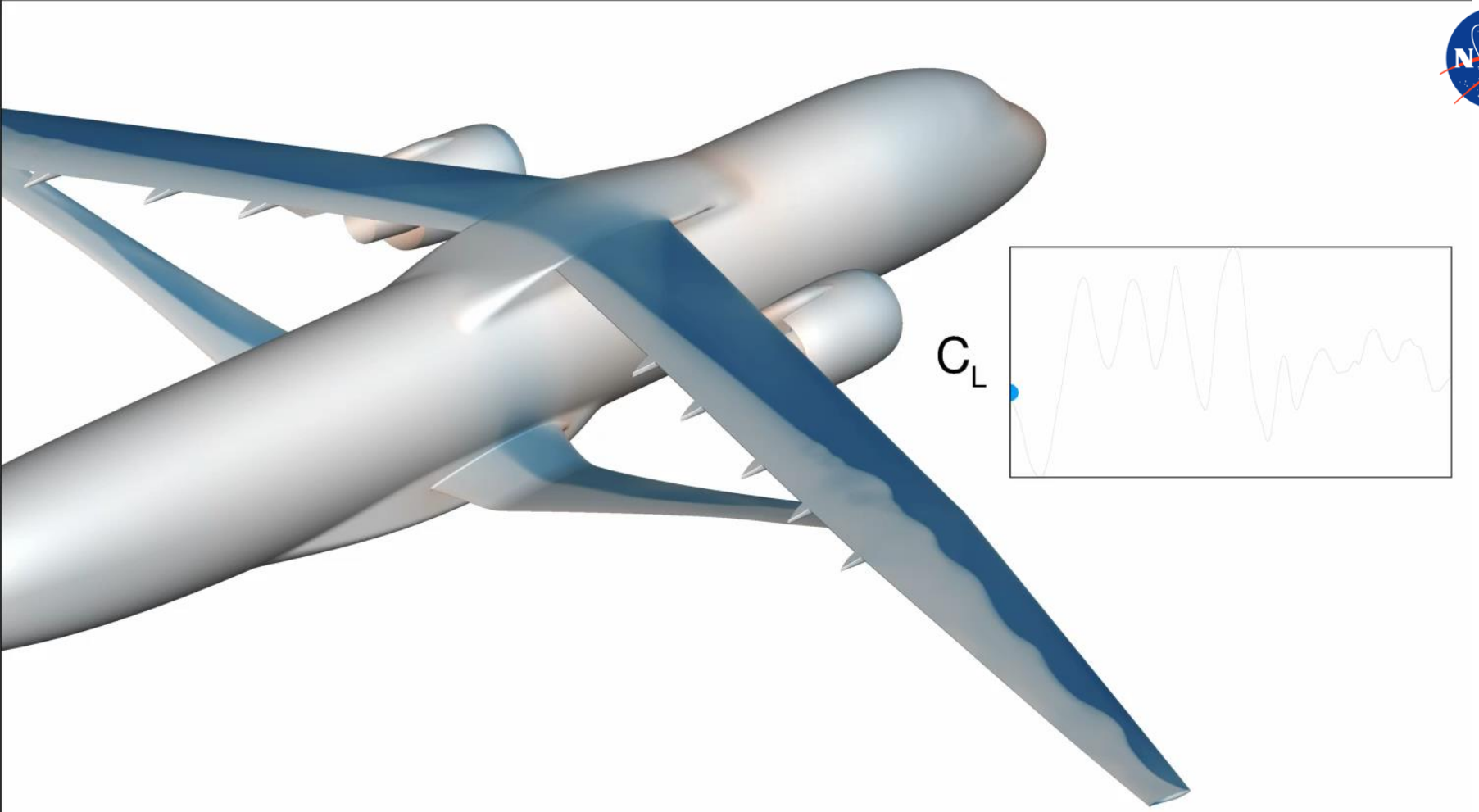
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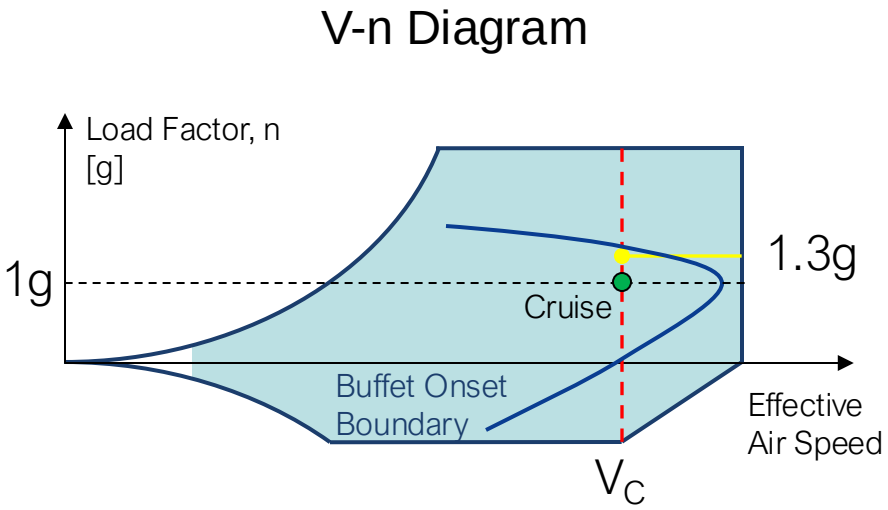
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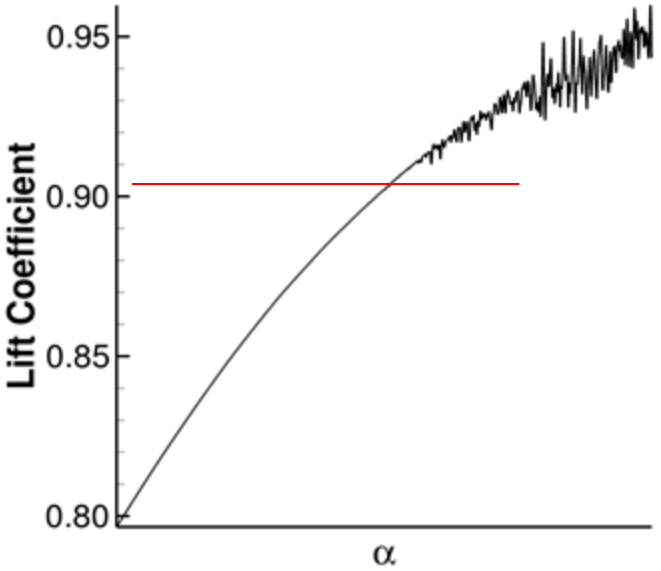
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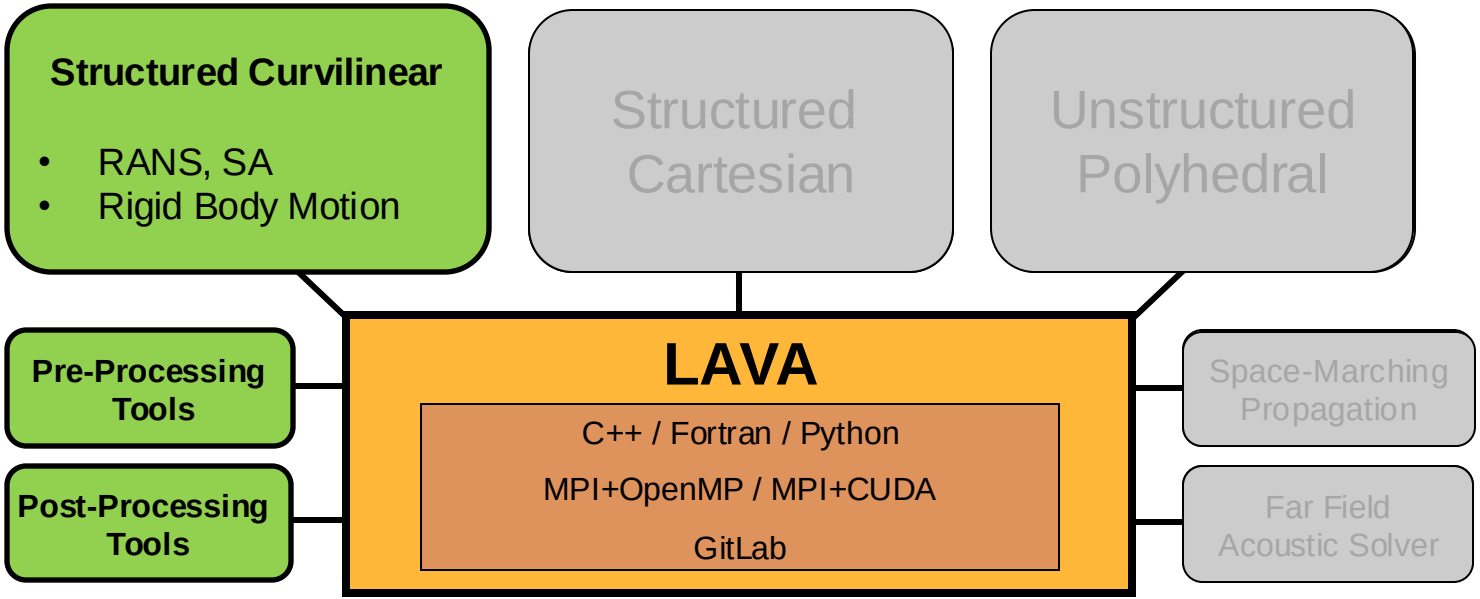
Need for Accurate Buffet Onset Prediction





A step towards "***Certification By Analysis***"

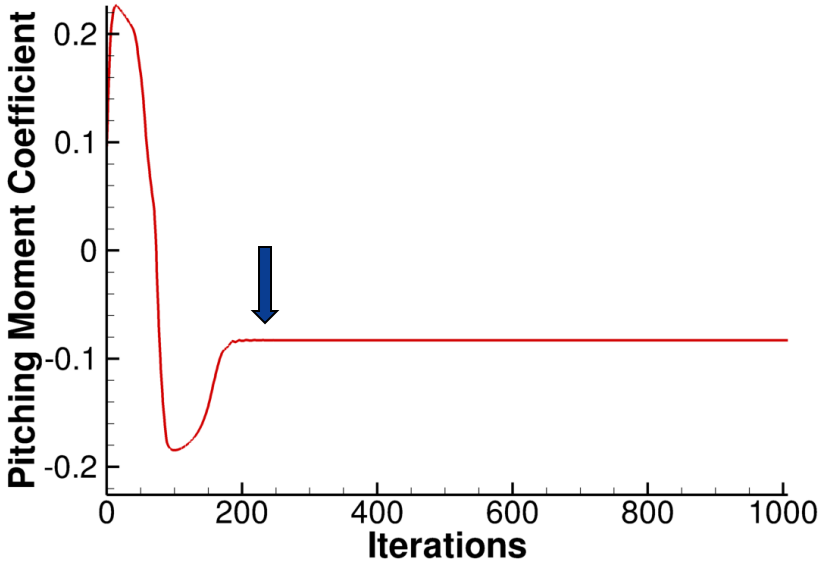
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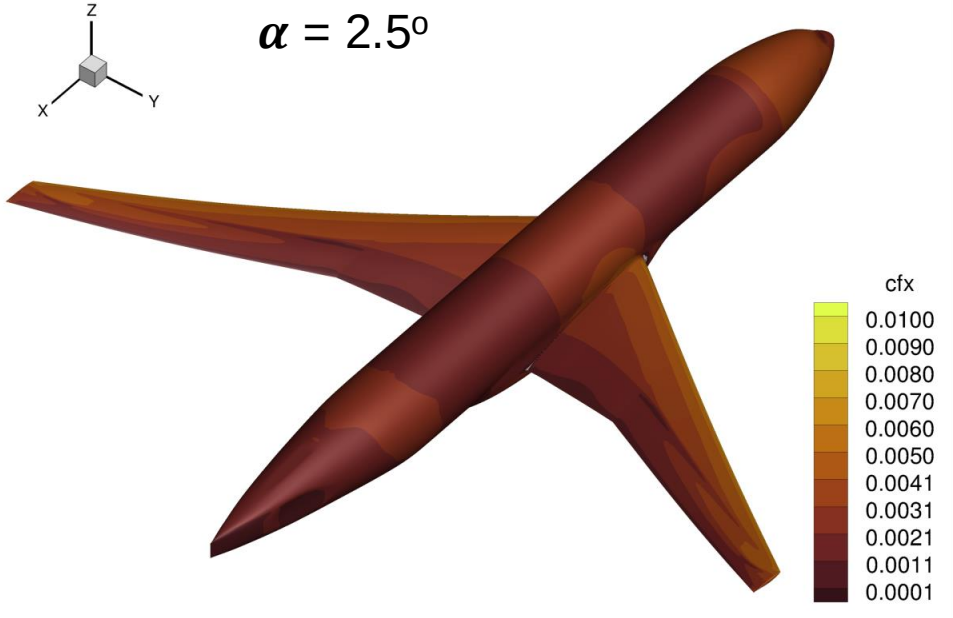


Physics-Based Buffet Onset Prediction Method

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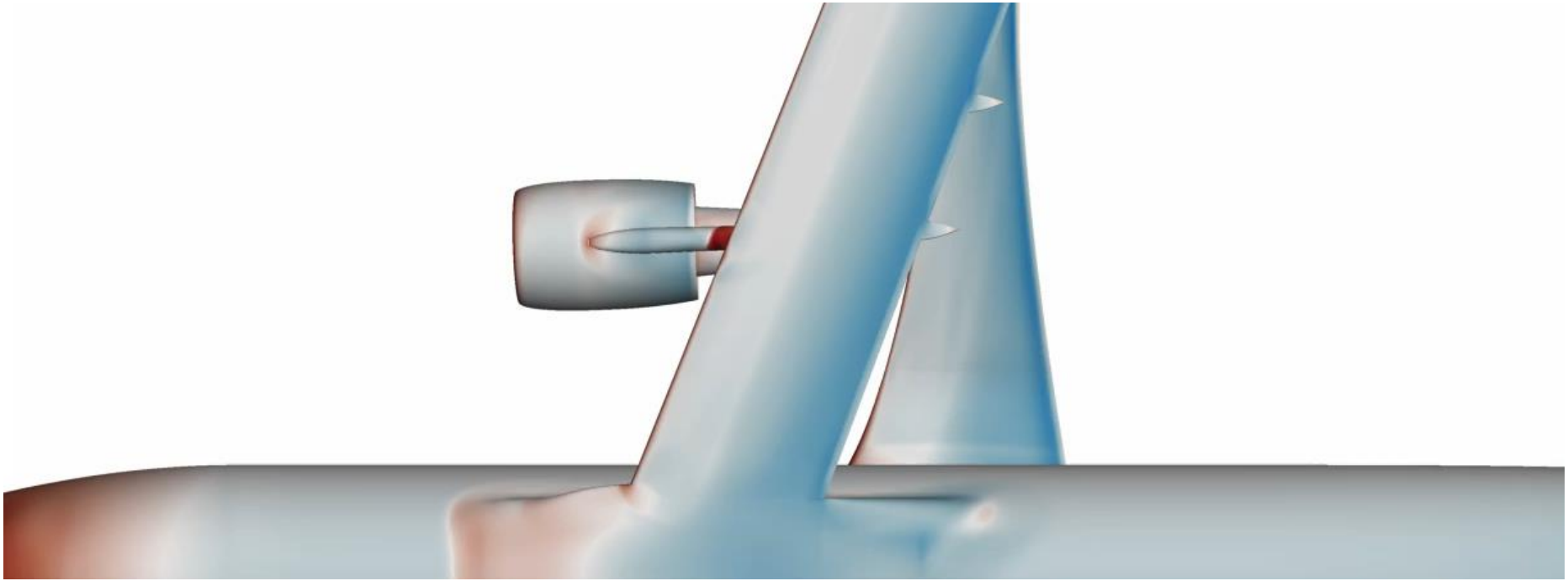
Steady-state RANS





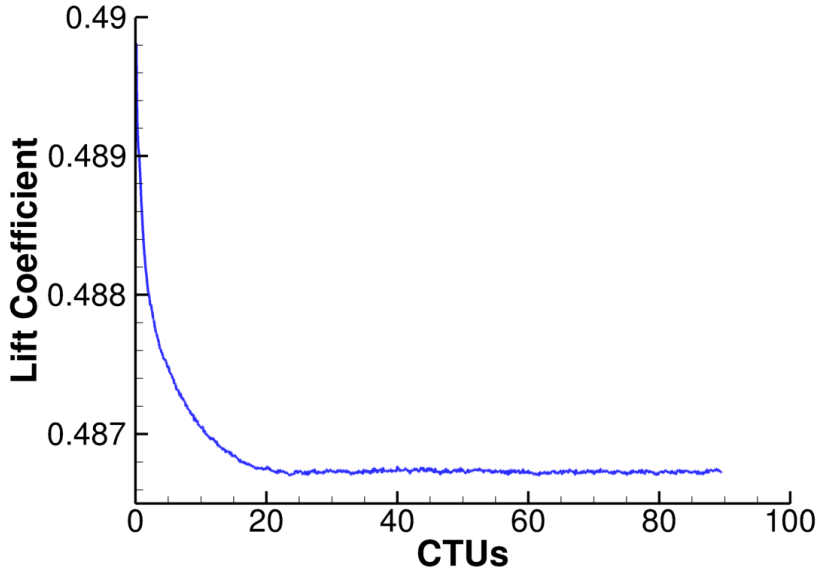
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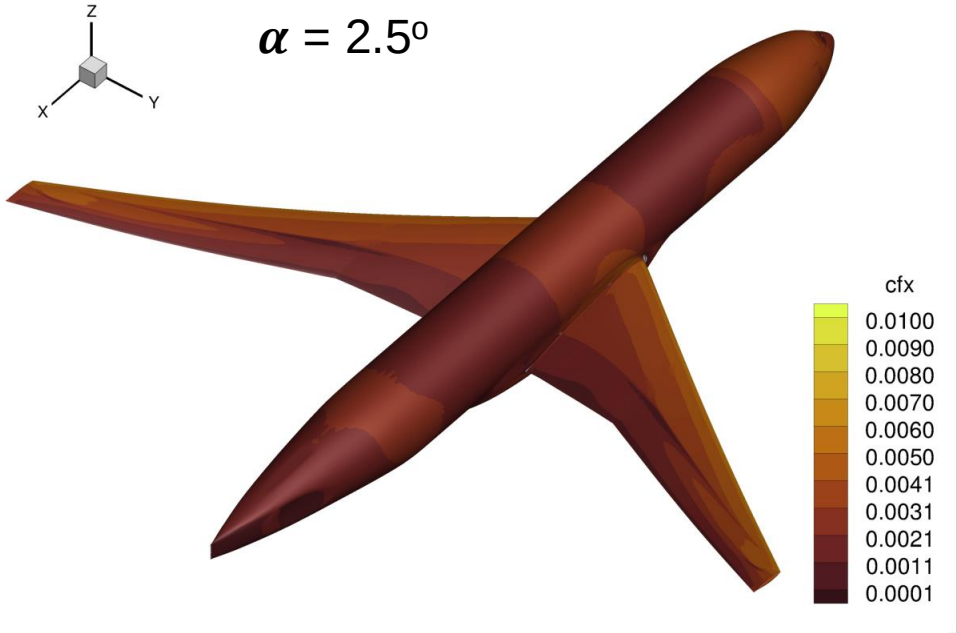
Steady-state RANS | Start-Up URANS



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Steady-state RANS → Start-Up URANS

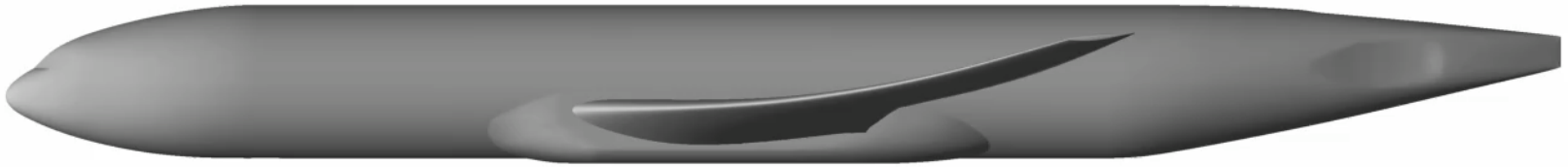




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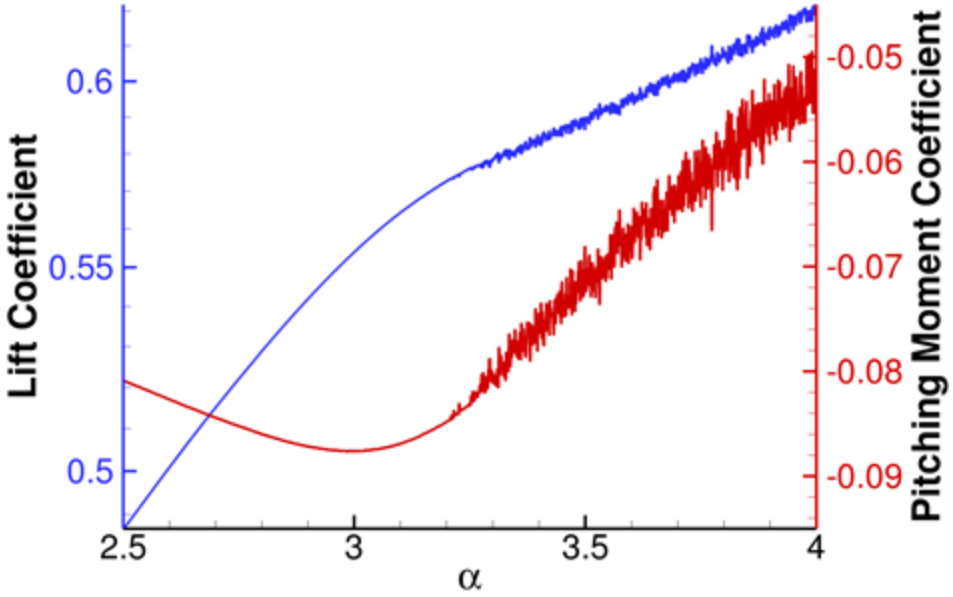
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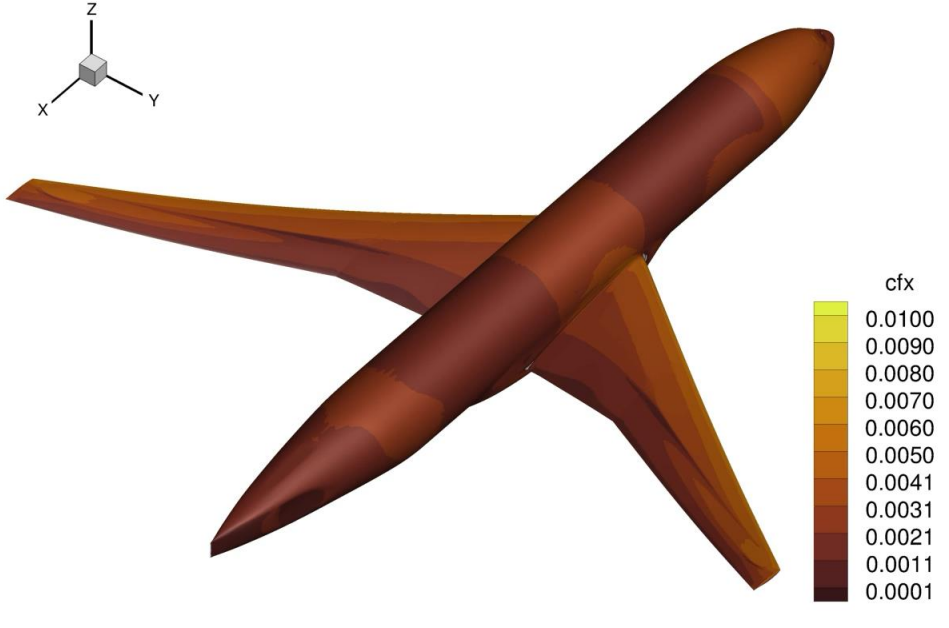
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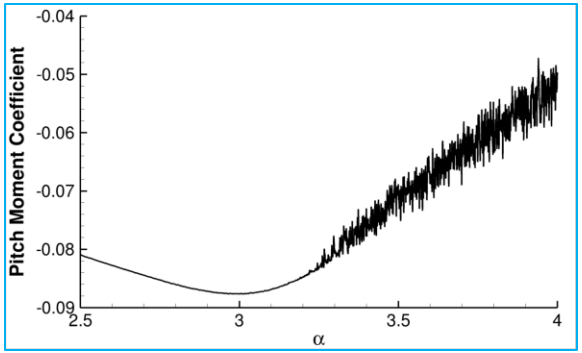
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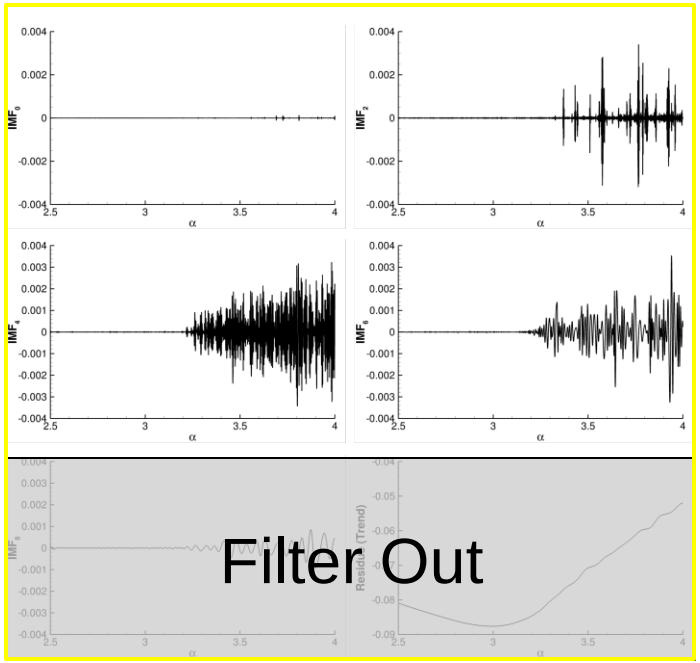


Current Buffet Onset Classification Method

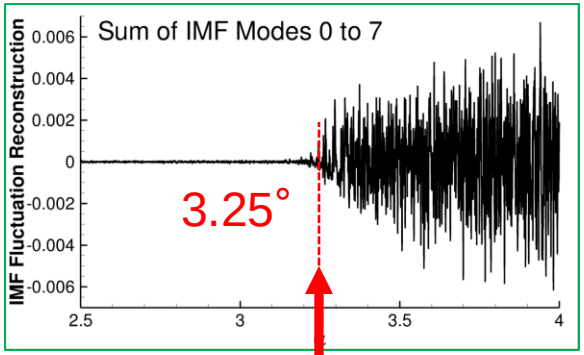
Time History



Empirical Mode Decomposition (EMD)



IMF Reconstruction

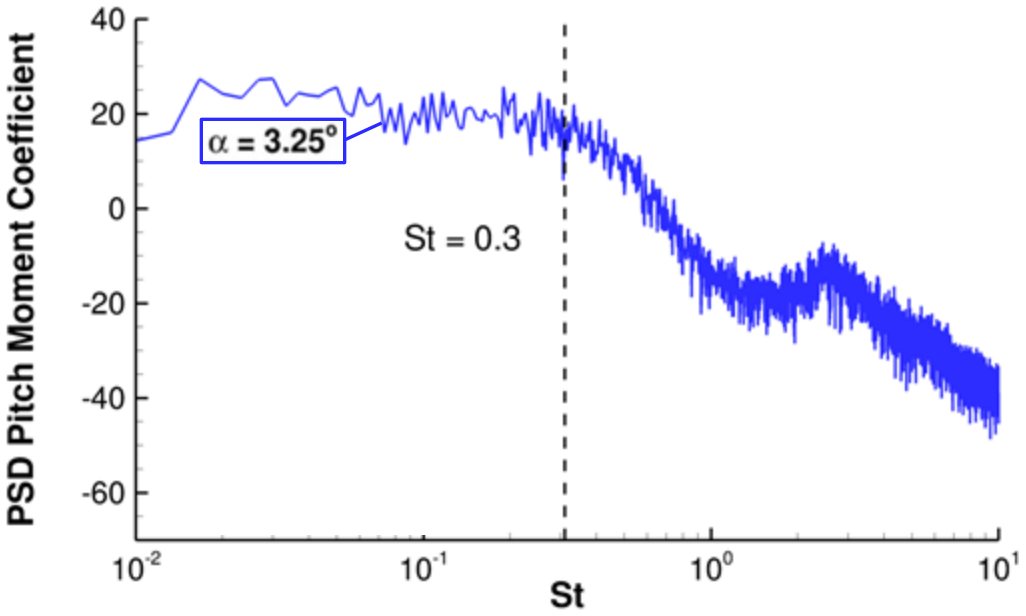


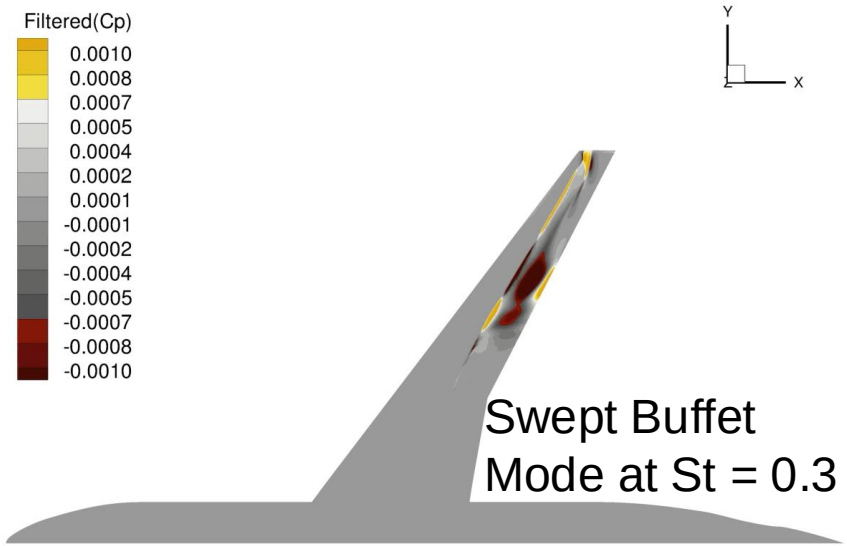
Visual Inspection for Exponential Growth

https://github.com/laszukdawid/PyEMD

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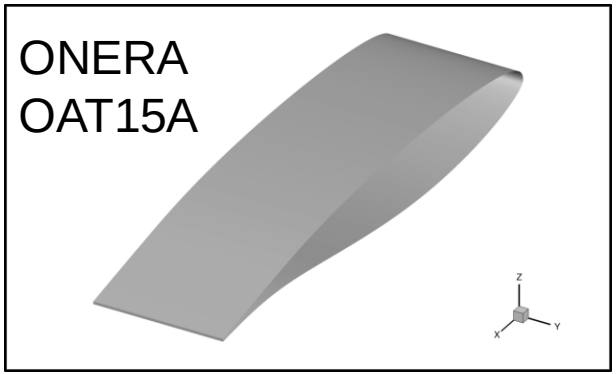
Steady-state RANS → Start-Up URANS → Continuous Pitch → Verification of Buffet

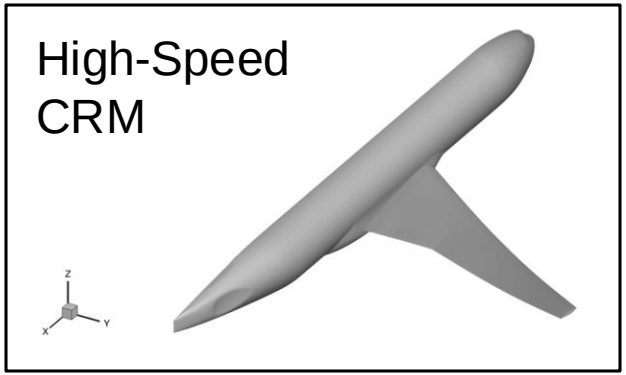


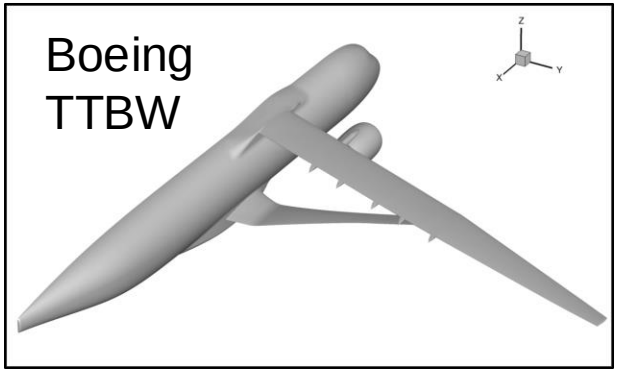


Sensitivity Studies

Sensitivities studied in this work

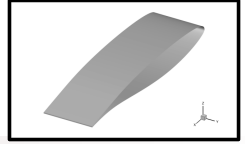


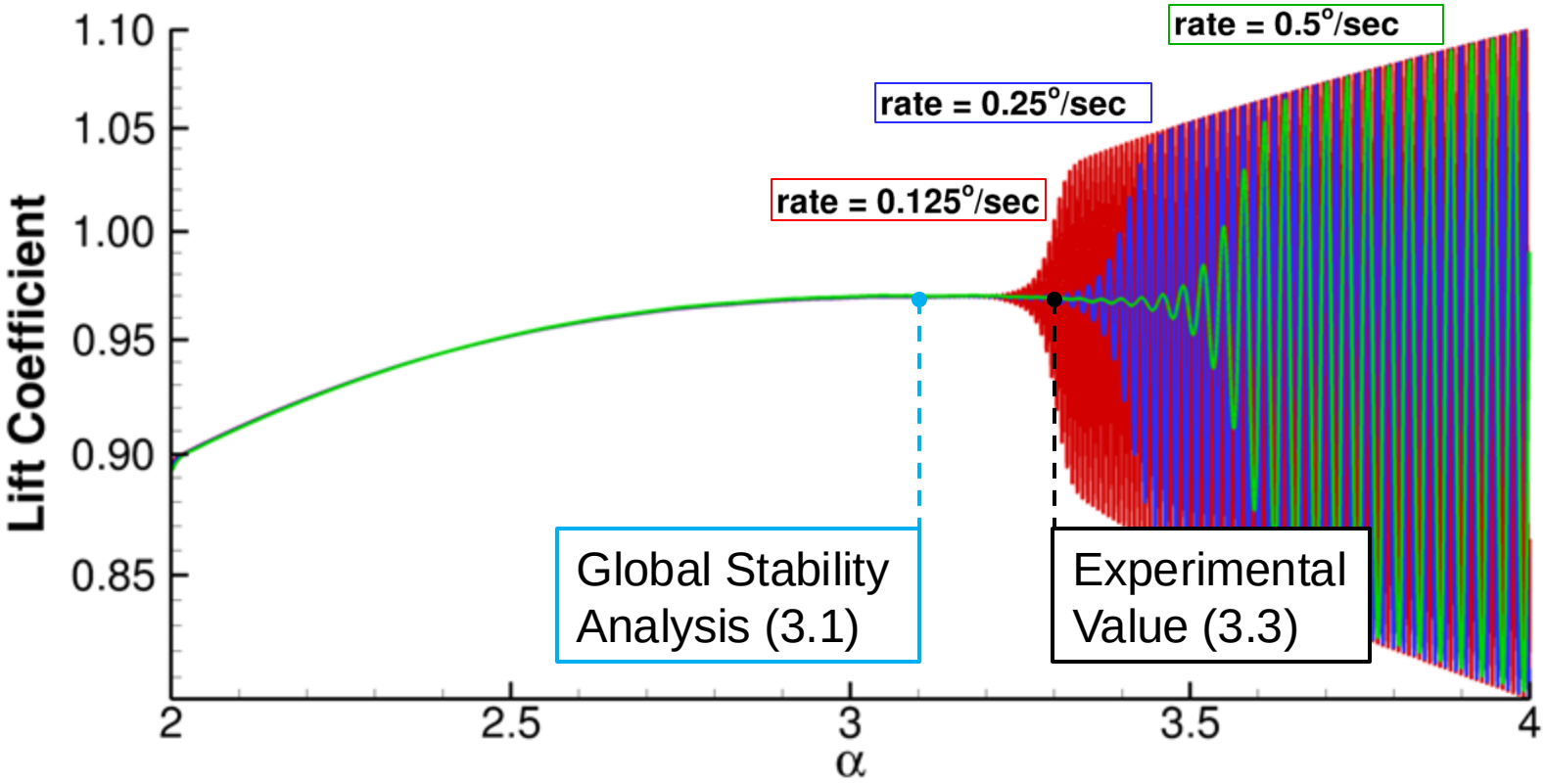




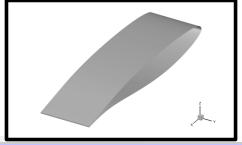
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Pitch Rate	0.125, 0.25, 0.5 °/sec	ONERA OAT15A

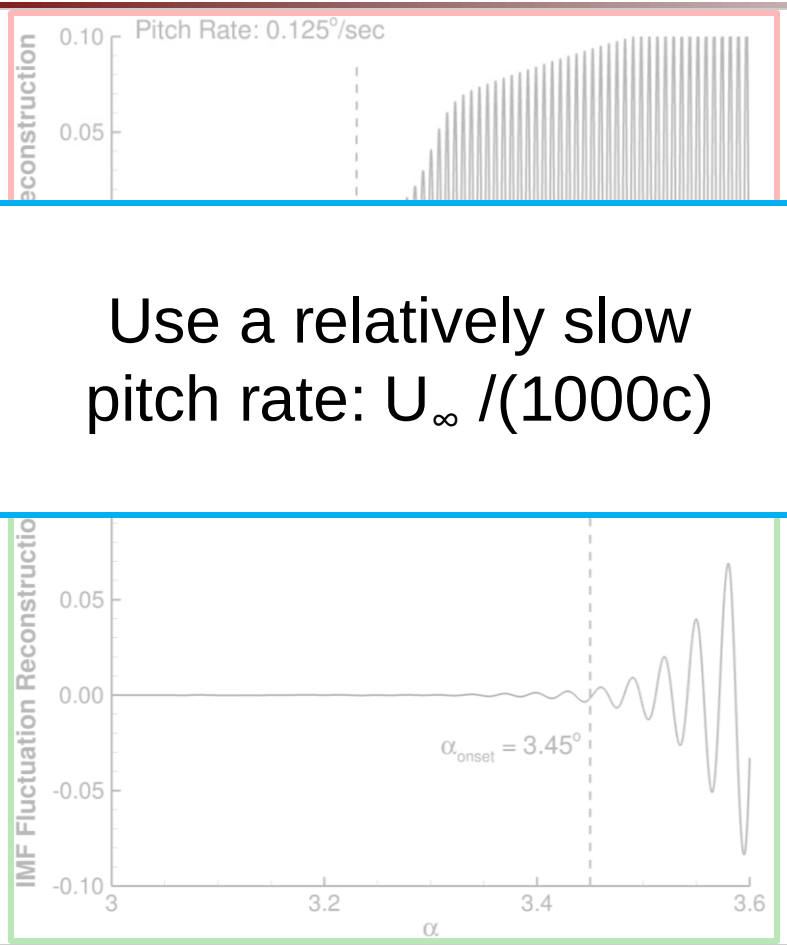
Pitch Rate Study



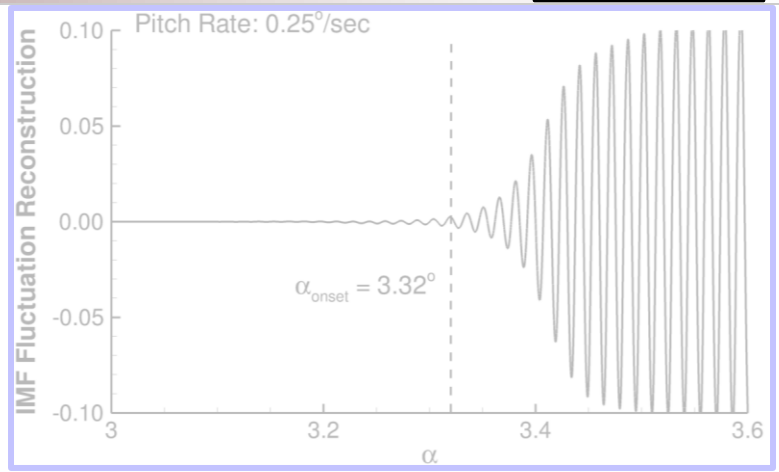


Pitch Rate Study #2



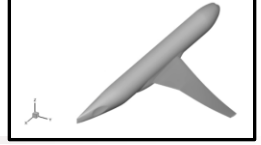


Use a relatively slow pitch rate: U_∞ /(1000c)

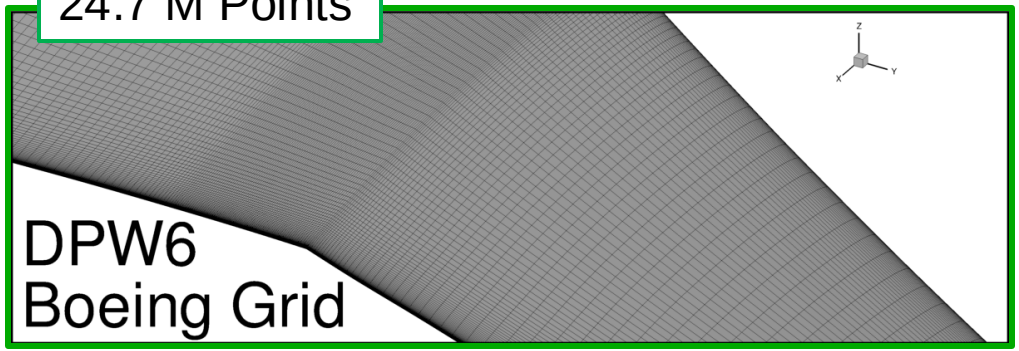


Color	Pitch Rate	α_{onset}	Difference
	0.125°/sec	3.23	2.7%
	0.25°/sec	3.32	-
	0.5°/sec	3.45	3.9%

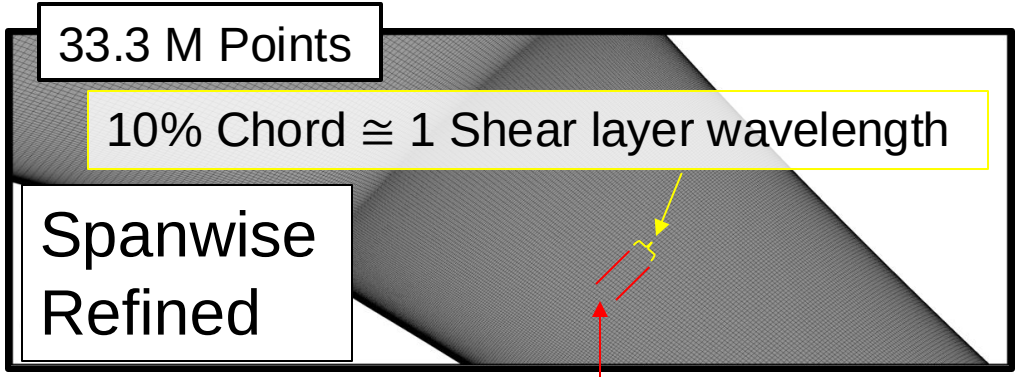
Mesh Sensitivity

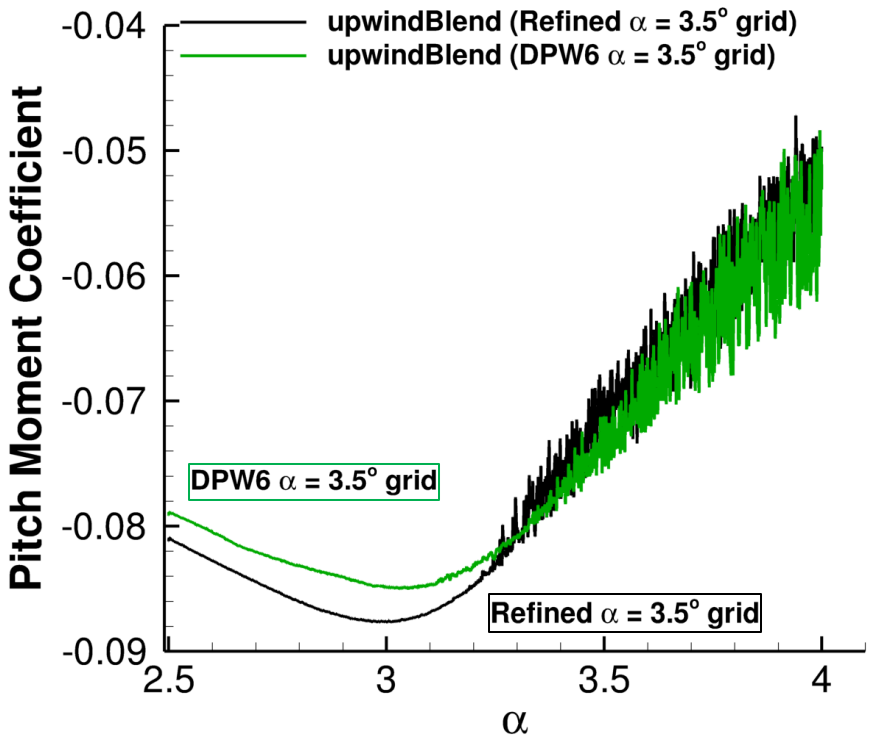


24.7 M Points

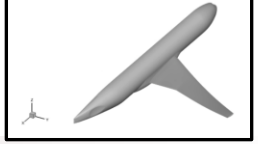


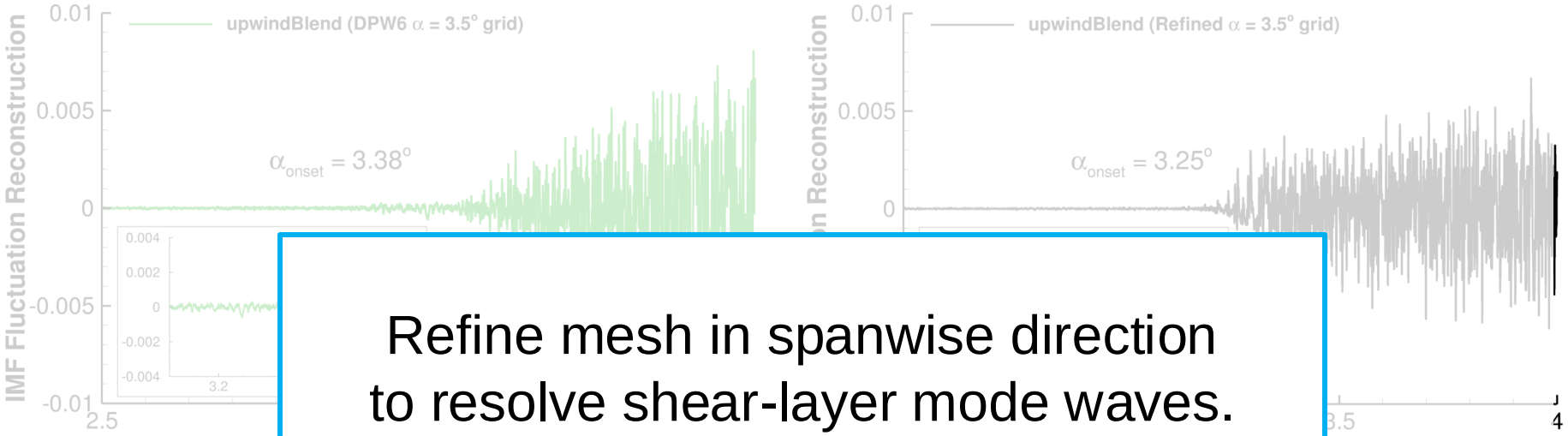
33.3 M Points





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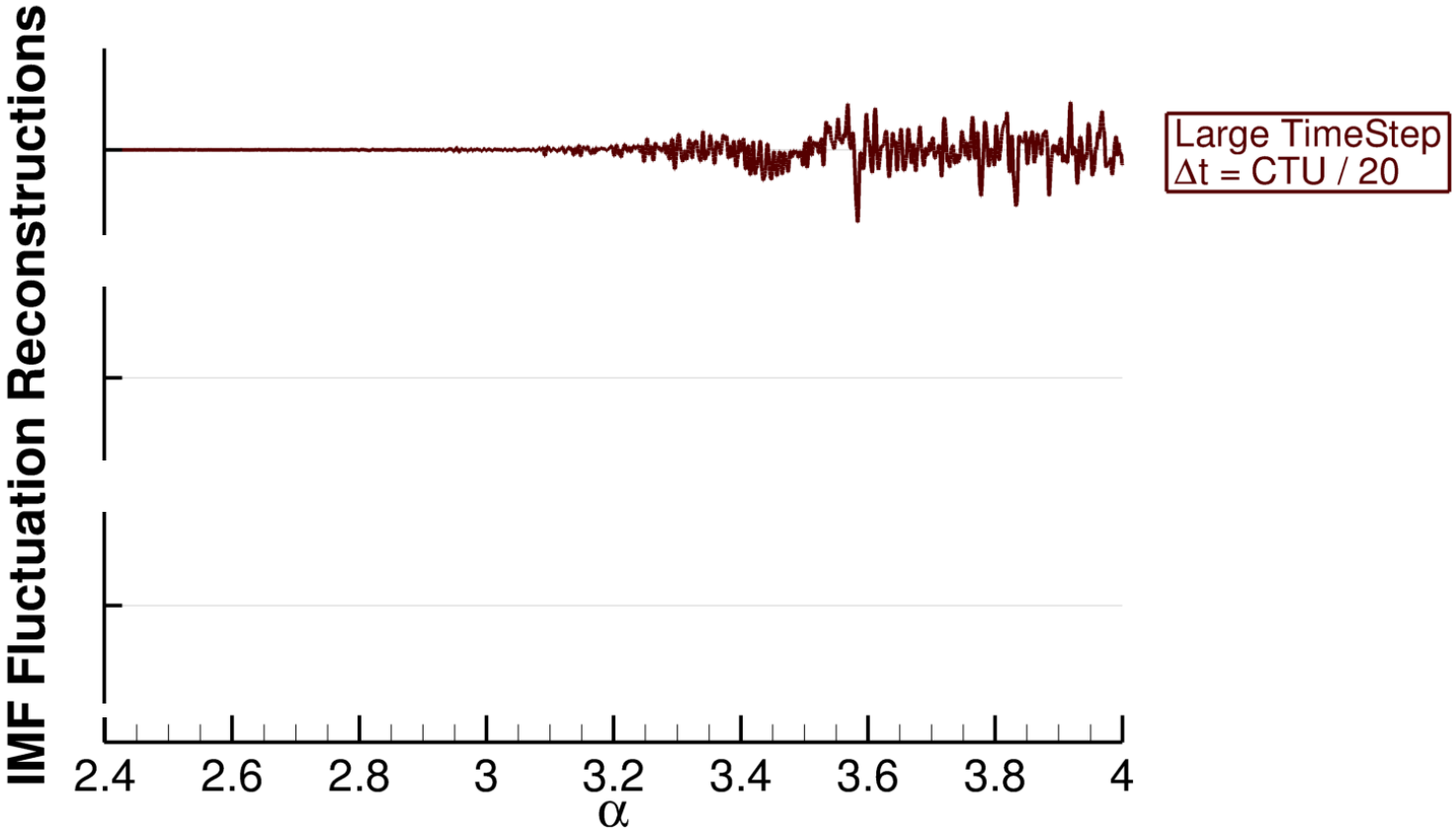




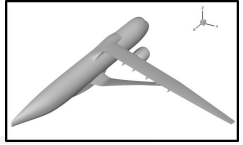
Refine mesh in spanwise direction to resolve shear-layer mode waves.

Color	Grid	α_{onset}	$C_{L\ onset}$
	DPW6	3.38	0.584
	Refined	3.25	0.576
	Delta	3.8%	1.4%

Time Step


IMF Fluctuation Reconstructions
Large TimeStep
Δt = CTU / 20
2.4
2.6
2.8
3
3.2
3.4
3.6
3.8
4
α

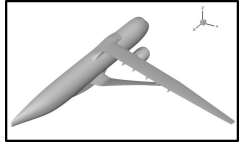
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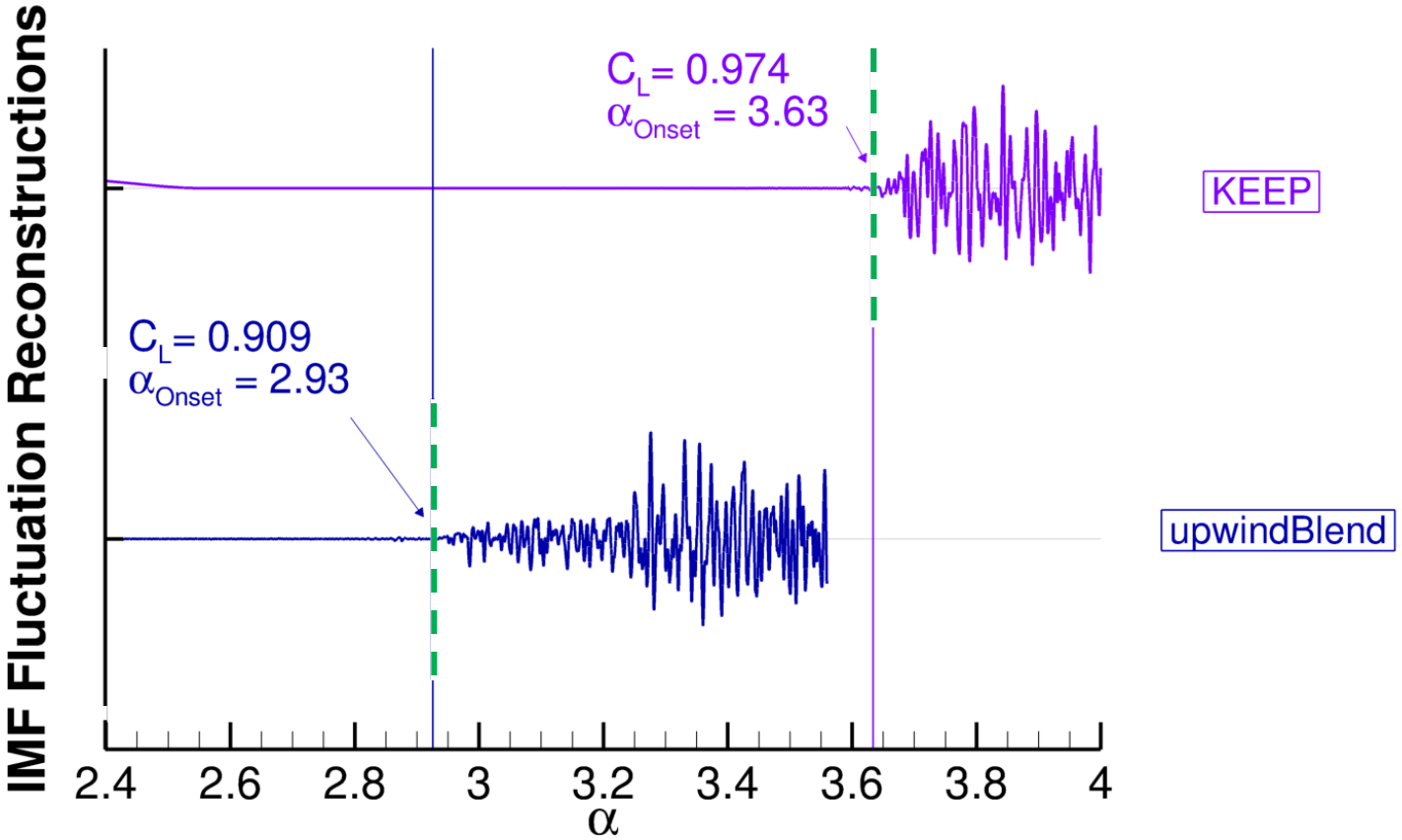


Use a timestep of CTU/100

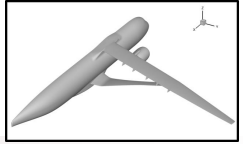
Color	Tir		$C_{L\ onset}$
	CT		0.937-0.949
	CTU / 100	2.85	0.914
	CTU / 200	2.89	0.916
	Difference Between CTU/100 vs CTU/200	1.4%	0.2%

Convective Flux Discretization





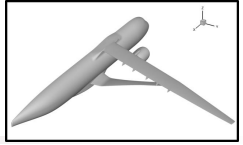
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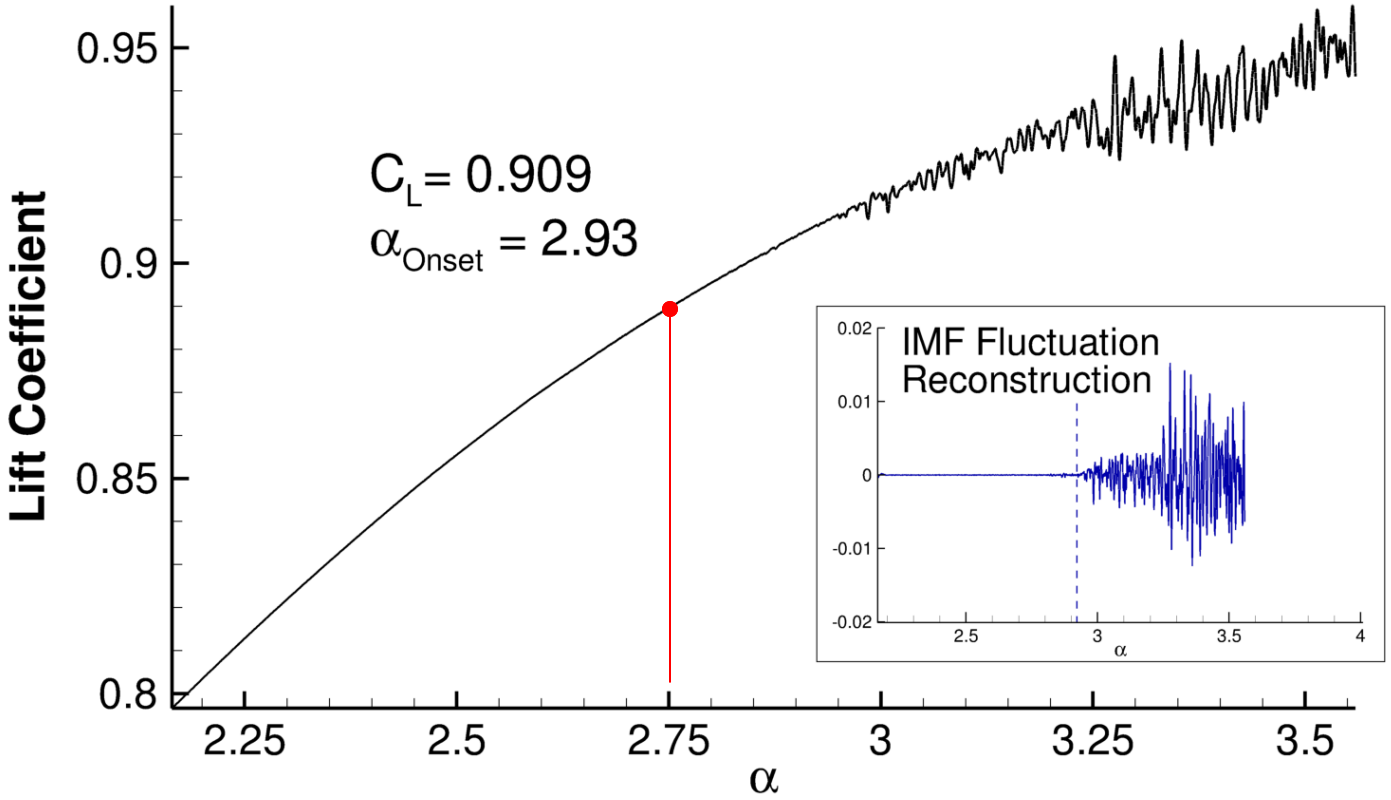


Use a low dissipation scheme that is numerically stable and able to capture physical instabilities

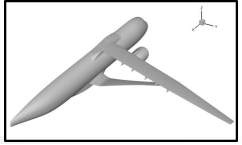
Color	Convective Flux Discretization	α_{onset}	$C_{L\ onset}$
	KEEP	3.63	0.974
	upwindBlend	2.93	0.909
	Difference	19.3%	6.6%

Continuous Pitch Initialization Angle





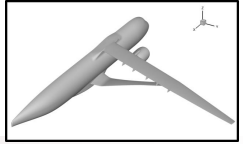
Continuous Pitch Initialization Angle



Use an initial alpha as close to buffet onset as possible

Color	Initialization α	α_{onset}	$C_{L\ onset}$
	2.0°	2.93	0.909
	2.75°	2.97	0.913
	Difference	1.4%	0.4%

Cost Breakdown



Actual cost for each step of the method

Step	Run	Node Type	Cost (CPU-hours)
1	Steady-State RANS	AMD Rome	575
2	Start-Up URANS	AMD Rome	156.7k
3	Continuous Pitch (1 Degree)	AMD Rome	853.4k
4	URANS for Verification / Run	AMD Rome	622.1k

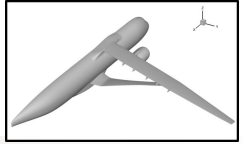
Continuous Pitch URANS becomes cost efficient vs start-up URANS:

When desired precision of buffet onset of 0.2-degrees or less is desired

Continuous Pitch URANS is of same order cost as full static URANS:

Continuous pitch data is representative of URANS at any discrete angle and therefore potentially more benefitial

Validation



Simulations	Method	$C_{L\ onset}$
	Continuous Pitch URANS	0.909-0.913
	HRLES Kulites (Browne *et al.*)	0.925

Experiment	Method	$C_{L\ onset}$
	Pitch Break	0.76
	Trailing Edge Divergence	0.89
	Axial Force Offset	1.02
	Strain Gauge RMS	0.96-0.98
	Accelerometer	0.936-0.999
	Kulites	0.99

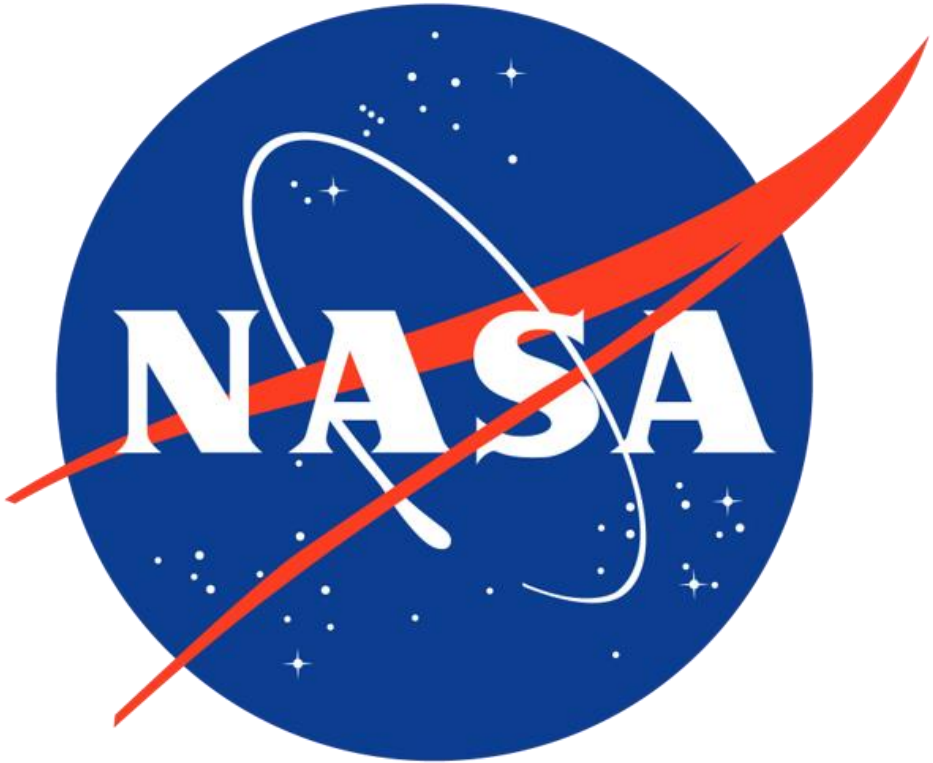
Conclusion

Concluding Remarks

The method was verified and validated for several configurations against experiments and other methods. Sensitivities were observed

- Suggestions Based on Sensitivities
  - Suggested pitch rate: U_∞ /(1000c)
  - Refine wing mesh to resolve shear layer mode waves
  - Suggested time-step: CTU/100
  - Use a stable low dissipation convective flux scheme that can pick up physical instabilities
  - Initialize continuous pitch at an angle close & prior to buffet onset.

- The method is cost efficient compared to URANS based methods.



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