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ABSTRACT

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Waverider vehicles exploit a layer of compressed air created by their own shock to enhance their aerodynamic efficiency at cruise conditions. Among the various types of waveriders, conically-derived geometries are common and have been subject to optimization routines targeting superior L/D ratios. However, conically-derived waveriders rely on stabilizing surfaces to achieve lateral and/or longitudinal stability at basic cruise conditions. To characterize stability, the purpose of this paper is to explore the effects of leading-edge parameters on both stability and aerodynamic efficiency within a preliminary design space. Cone-derived waverider bodies are generated by perturbing leading-edge polynomial parameters as dictated by an exhaustive search at any given user-specified cruise condition. Graphical relationships between leading-edge parameters and aerodynamic traits are curated by the use of a high-speed, low-fidelity impact-method solver. Visual relationships between discrete stability constraints, waverider geometry, aerodynamic characteristics, and leading edge parameters are developed.

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PUBLIC ABSTRACT

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It may come as no surprise that man-made objects flying at 5, 10, or even 25 the speed of sound (termed *hypersonic*) are difficult to design, inefficient in flight, and expensive to deploy. Most hypersonic vehicles are effectuated in ballistics, which simplify aerodynamic considerations owing to their fixed trajectory. However, *maneuverable* hypersonic vehicles can revolutionize commercial flight, national defense, and space travel. One candidate for such missions are waverider vehicles. Waverider vehicles cruise on a cushion of air generated by its own shock wave, essentially enjoying extra lift without any extra drag penalties (which are usually inherent to extra lift).

Waveriders have been optimized by finding waverider shapes that maximize its lift-to-drag (L/D) ratio at a waverider's normal operating cruise condition. However, such bodies may be unstable in flight and thus, cannot be realized in the real world in their pure form. This thesis aims at investigating what happens when basic flight stability requirements are considered in tandem with L/D maximization. This research generates important correlations that can be helpful to engineers hoping to investigate waverider vehicles in a preliminary stage; thus, this work and its data may prove helpful to the actual realization of maneuverable hypersonic vehicles in our day.

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NOTATIONS

γ	Specific Heat Ratio
β	Shock Angle
δ	Flow Deflection Angle
Δ	Change-in
Δ'	RK4 First 'Implicit' Step derived from Euler's method
Δ''	RK4 Second 'Implicit' Step
Δ'''	RK4 Third 'Implicit' Step
Δ''''	RK4 Fourth 'Implicit' Step
L/D	Lift-to-Drag Ratio
θ	Polar Angle (on zy -plane)
ϕ	Spherical coordinate angle (on zx -plane)
r	Spherical 'Length'
C_{l_β}	Yaw Stability Derivative
C_{n_β}	Roll Stability Derivative
C_{l_α}	Pitch Stability Derivative
V_r	Velocity Parallel to r vector
V_θ	Velocity Parallel to θ , the polar angle
\dot{V}_r	Positional Derivative equal to $\frac{dV_r}{d\theta}$
\ddot{V}_r	Positional Derivative equal to $\frac{d^2V_r}{d\theta^2}$
M_2	Mach Number directly behind oblique shock
\mathbf{e}_r	Unit Vector along r direction
\mathbf{e}_θ	Unit Vector along θ direction
\mathbf{e}_ϕ	Unit Vector along ϕ direction

ACRONYMS

RK4	Runge-Kutta 4 th -Order Numerical Integration Scheme
SHADOW	Stability of Hypersonic Aerodynamic Derivatives for Optimized Waveriders
CBAero	Configuration Based Aerodynamics (NASA Software Package)
.tri	Triangular Information File Format
COBYLA	Constrained Optimization by Linear Approximation
SLSQP	Sequential Least SQuares Programming Optimizer

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Unlike subsonic and supersonic flow, which are characterized by their relativity to the local speed of sound, hypersonic flow is defined and dominated by immense aerothermal loads [4]¹, making hypersonic vehicles difficult and expensive to successfully implement. Beyond implementation challenges, geopolitics has played an important role in hypersonic vehicle adoption since its inception in 1949. One promising approach to execute high-speed missions expands on the traditional ballistic approach, enabling hypersonic vehicles to change their trajectory by maneuvering in the atmosphere, requiring new challenges for defense applications [5] and providing promise for hypersonic commercial flight. Albeit greater implementation challenges, vehicles capable of flying these missions, deemed *hypersonic glide vehicles* (HGVs) [6], provide a broad range of benefits for various applications. In this light, HGVs have cemented their position in a multinational arms race and are increasingly popular among research scientists studying high-speed aerodynamics. The intent of this research is to analyze waveriders retrofitted as hypersonic glide vehicles utilizing either a vertical take-off rocket-powered boost-glide configuration or horizontal take-off-and-landing (HTOL) air-breathing configuration.

Specialized hypersonic vehicles, *waveriders*, are uniquely poised to make atmospheric hypersonic travel more efficient and are excellent candidates for HGVs or re-entry vehicles, whether on Earth or on other planets [7]. Waveriders are crafted to perfectly confine a compression layer synthesized from its own oblique shock to the edges of its lower surfaces, preventing any spillage flow from high to low pressure zones. Hence, waveriders enjoy extra lift without inducing drag penalties. The first waverider geometry was developed by Dr. Terrence Nonweiler [8] via the postulation of planar shocks stemming from the leading edge of a delta wing planform, creating a caret wing re-entry vehicle that would capture high

¹Heuristically, the term "hypersonic" is used for vehicles traveling greater than Mach 5, though this number is subject for debate

pressure air under its body. Since a waverider vehicle's induced shock is attached along its entire leading edge, waverider bodies are dictated by a shock structure at a selected cruise condition. In this light, waverider geometries differ from traditional aircraft because they are *discovered*, rather than just *designed*. Historical research on waverider geometries are well-summarized in Ref. [9].

Waverider geometries can be derived from various supersonic flow conditions, depending on the suitable application. Beyond the development of the first waveriders derived from planar shocks, waverider shapes can also be derived from non-axisymmetric planar flow stemming from star-shaped cross sections [10] or general three-dimensional non-axisymmetric flow [11] [12]. Additional flexibility is achieved by defining waveriders based on multi-shock definitions, like osculating methods [13] [14]. Osculating cone methods are common in waverider design; however, a more general osculating flow method may provide even greater aerodynamic performance [15]. In addition to investigating shock configurations discretely, looking at favorable body configurations and their consequential shock condition may also be beneficial. For example, power law bodies present slight increases in lift-to-drag compared to cone flow [16]. Further, dynamically shaping a waverider geometry could improve efficiency over an entire trajectory [17]. For this present work, a single cone flow for each cruise condition was used to generate waveriders because such flow fields present an excellent blend of fidelity and simplicity. Additionally, axisymmetric flows like cone flows possess particular advantages in volumetric efficiency [18].

After defining a shock(s) to generate a waverider, waverider lower surfaces are crafted by tracing post-shock streamlines from a leading edge geometry. *Streamlines* are instantaneous vector snapshots of a particular velocity field; each streamline is exactly tangent with the velocity vector at each point along a flow. In the case of cone-flow, the streamlines downstream of a cone-shaped shock structure bend towards the generating solid cone, becoming parallel to it, often giving rise to the uniquely beautiful lip-shaped waverider lower surface, as shown in Fig. (1.1). Tracing streamlines in an already known flowfield ensures the flow over the lower surface of a waverider will remain unaltered, cementing adherence to

assumed shock conditions and facilitating simple mathematical computation [19]. To this end, the lower surface of a cone-derived waverider is solely dictated by both the shock cone and leading edge projection.

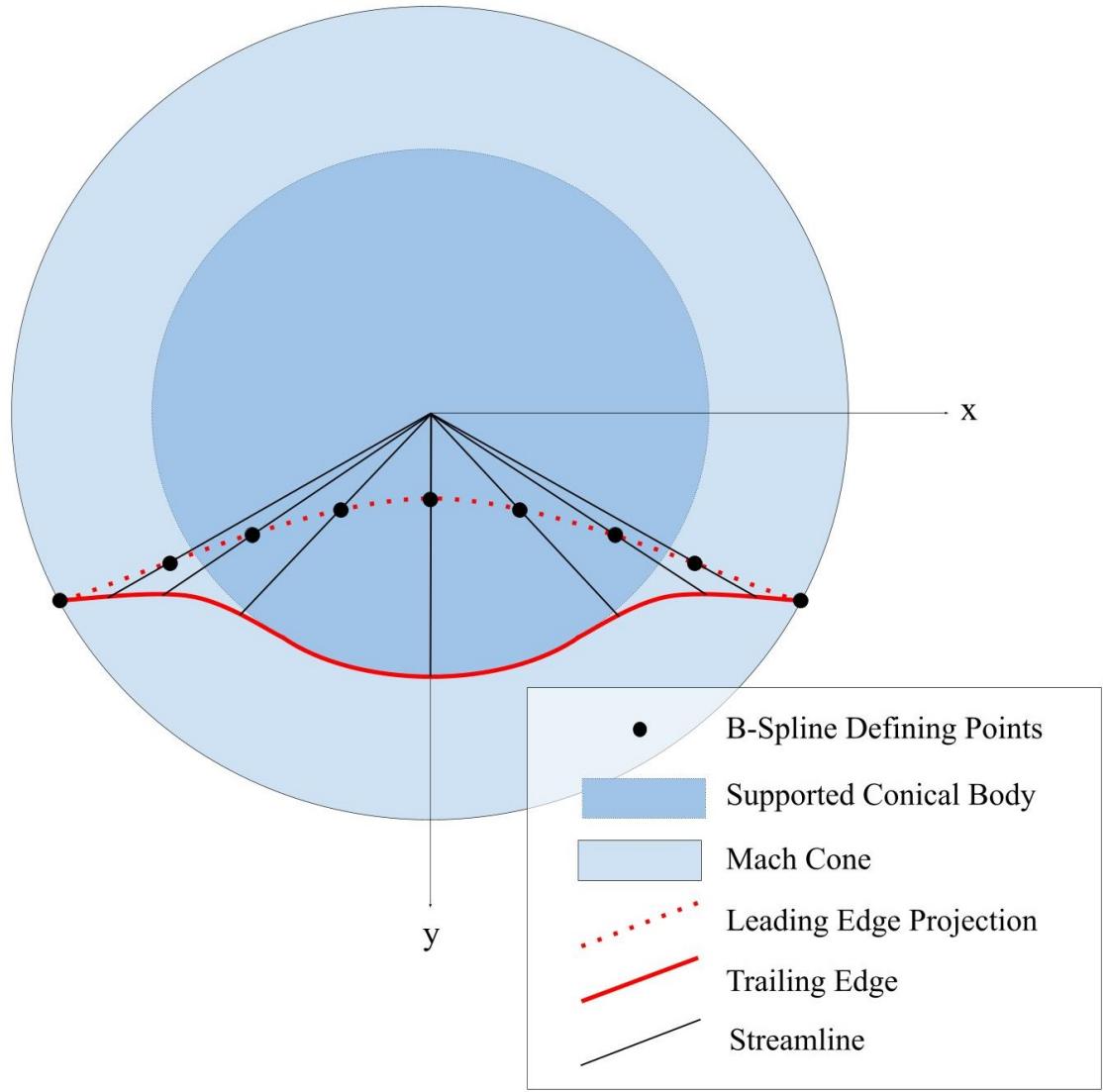


Fig. 1.1: Waverider Development, adapted from [1]

Modern computational power enables scientists to quickly approach the best of the possible waverider shapes via numerical minimization methods or exhaustive search techniques. Targeting waverider geometries that maximize L/D , for example, can produce shapes that

break Dr. Kuchemann's classical L/D 'barrier' [19] [20]. However, design space exploration is only useful within the domain in which it operates – a domain which sometimes produces undesirable or impossible results. For instance, many waverider shapes are laterally unstable in cruise and are longitudinally unstable along the entire speed regime [21], often requiring a deflected aft control surface to achieve longitudinal stability at cruise [22]. Although constraining a waverider geometry to meet realistic standards, like volumetric constraints, might decrease the final aerodynamic efficiency [23], integrating constraints in preliminary design space is better than altering the aircraft *after* an optimization phase [18].

Much of the existing body of research in waverider stability exists in the low-speed regime, where waveriders are inherently off-condition. For example, some papers have successfully characterized longitudinal stability and/or control authority at subsonic speeds [24] [25] [26]. However, some research on longitudinal stability exists at high speeds too – one paper, for example, explores double-swept geometries and their effect on high speed longitudinal stability [27]. Further, a parametric design study concerning a volumetric-constrained waverider-based missile provides additional insights on important design parameters [28]. Another study employed a pitch-stable constraint on various design parameters to optimize a caret-shaped waverider, proving that stability-constrained waveriders are possible [29]. Similar research, although more limited, exists on lateral stability at low [30] [31] and high speeds [32].

Much of the research on waverider stability is fundamentally experimental or does not provide concise, comprehensive insight on how to design waveriders with stability in mind (despite some notable exceptions, like found in Ref. [21]). The purpose of the present study is to enhance the existing body of knowledge by providing a comprehensive look at the waverider design space in its relation to static stability at cruise conditions using exhaustive search methods. Such methods provide concise visual relationships between basic waverider geometry parameters and aerodynamic performance, suggesting the existence of stable, near-optimal waveriders.

CHAPTER 2

THEORY

Modern compressible flow relations, aided by numerical methods, is paramount to understand and visualize supersonic conical flow. In this section, several fundamental theories pertinent to the completion of this research are presented and discussed.

2.1 Coordinate System

To visualize and develop axisymmetric conical flow, it is common to utilize the spherical coordinate system, as outlined in Fig. (2.1). In a spherical coordinate system, a flow field stemming from a right-circular cone at zero angle of attack guarantees that lines at constant ϕ are streamlines and that the flow is axisymmetric (congruent at any θ).

However, mesh file formatting requires waverider geometry points to be delineated in a traditional three-dimensional Cartesian coordinate system. Thus, the following coordinate transformations were used as needed

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \theta &= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) \\ \phi &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

After a waverider geometry is defined, its length, area, and center of gravity dimensional references are utilized to ensure the aerodynamic forces and moments are non-dimensionalized and reported correctly. It is common to define a waverider reference area as the planform area projected on the xz -plane and the reference length as the waverider length [22] [33]. Because the geometry development code strictly creates and analyzes *pure* waverider geometries, the center of gravity is ambiguous because the weight and positions of the propulsion systems, control surfaces, fuel, and internal structures are not known.

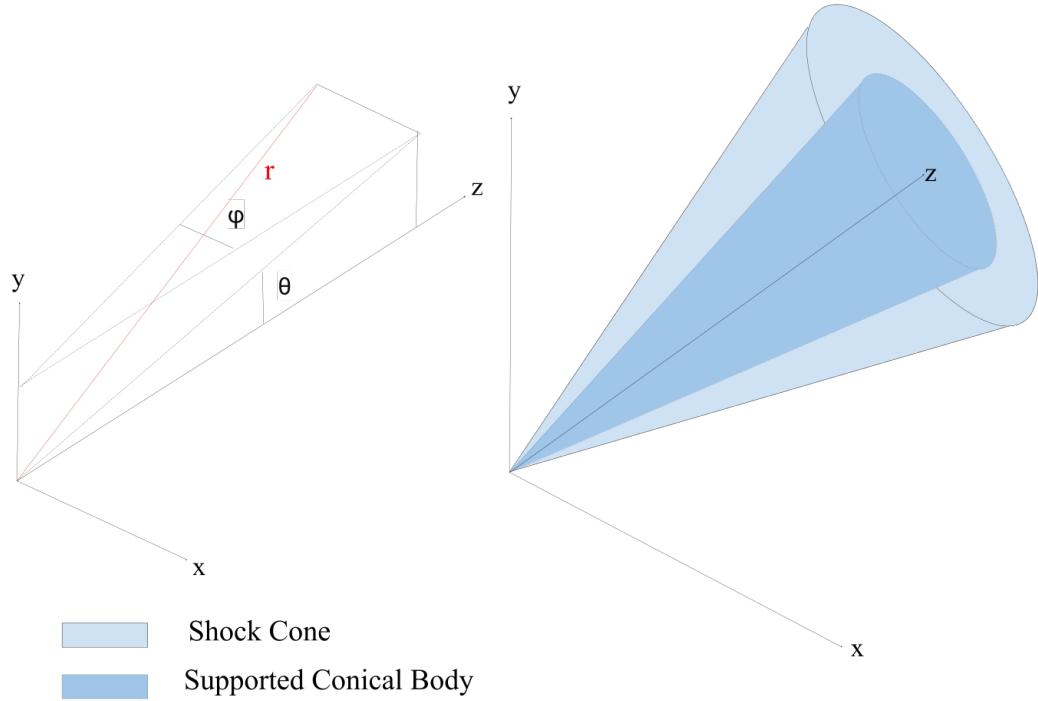


Fig. 2.1: Coordinate system of the conical flow field and associated waverider

Rather than designing and processing weight and mass statements for each vehicle, which is outside of the scope of this conceptual research, empirical data from previous supersonic aeroplanes – the North American XB-70, Lockheed Martin SR-71, and the NASA X-15. Not coincidentally, each of these vehicles reported a center of gravity at or near 0.25 of the mean aerodynamic chord (*MAC*) [34] [35] [36]. Assuming the waveriders generated in this study are lifting bodies, the entire body can be treated as a wing, simplifying the *MAC* integration. The mean aerodynamic chord is defined purely geometrically, as

$$\bar{c}_{mac} = \frac{2}{S} \int_{x=0}^{b/2} c^2 dx \quad (2.2)$$

where S is planform area projection, b is base lateral length, and c is chord length – a function of x . Using the lengths of discretely defined top-surface streamlines (described in detail later in this text) along the top surface, Eq. (2.2) was numerically integrated to obtain the mean aerodynamic chord. After determining the MAC , the point corresponding to center of gravity was defined by tracing 0.75 MAC upstream from the base surface (along the center line of the waverider).

2.2 Taylor-Maccoll Cone Flow

Unlike two-dimensional wedge flow, where flow properties are mathematically accessible, three-dimensional cone flow introduces additional freedom for the flow [37], preventing exact, closed form solutions in the present day. A common way to derive axisymmetric three-dimensional flow is the hypersonic small disturbance theory, which approximates the flow via a thickness parameter and mach number [38], combined in a similarity parameter which can relate flow properties [39]. Small disturbance theory approximates body pressures well [38], especially with slender bodies flying at high altitudes [40]. However, more deliberate cone flow solutions can be solved by the Taylor-Maccoll equation [41], which formulates compressible, conical flow via differential equations. Hence, the present study utilizes modern numerical analysis to evaluate the Taylor-Maccoll equation.

2.2.1 Taylor-Maccoll Equation Derivation

To begin, it is important to understand that the spherical coordinates can be simplified by the axisymmetric flow assumption that ∇V_ϕ does not change the flow. Accordingly, cone flow is consistent at a given theta at *any* ϕ , as given by

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} &= 0\end{aligned}\tag{2.3}$$

The Taylor-Maccoll equation is derived from the continuity equation with regards to spherical coordinates, as described by

$$\nabla \cdot \rho(\mathbb{V}) = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \rho V_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\rho V_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial (\rho V_\phi)}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (2.4)$$

After applying the product rule to evaluate the derivatives, the spherically derived continuity equation becomes

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \left[r^2 \frac{\partial (\rho V_r)}{\partial r} + \rho V_r (2r) \right] + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[\rho V_\theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta \frac{\partial (\rho V_\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right] + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial (\rho V_\phi)}{\partial \phi} = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

With only one remaining ∂ operator remaining, it is suitable to evaluate the partial derivative. Further, axisymmetric flow conditions are applied using Eq. (2.3)

$$\frac{2\rho V_r}{r} + \frac{\rho V_\theta}{r} \cot \theta + \frac{1}{r} \left(\rho \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + V_\theta \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

Then, the equation can be simplified by multiplying by r

$$2\rho V_r + \rho V_\theta \cot \theta + \rho \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial \theta} + V_\theta \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

Crocco's theorem [42] relates enthalpy and entropy to pressure, vorticity, and velocity as given by

$$T \nabla s = \nabla h_0 - \nabla V \times (\nabla \times \mathbb{V}) \quad (2.8)$$

Since the edge of a conical shock is straight, the change in entropy across the flow field is constant ($\Delta s = 0$). Further, we can assume that the flow is adiabatic and steady, meaning that there is no enthalpy change across the flow ($\Delta h_0 = 0$). Utilizing these assumptions, Crocco's theorem is simplified, as expressed by

$$\nabla \times \mathbb{V} = 0 \quad (2.9)$$

An arbitrary coefficient, $\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta}$, is utilized to aid with future simplification. Additionally, the cross product can be expanded to yield a matrix

$$\nabla \times \mathbb{V} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_r & r\mathbf{e}_\theta & (r \sin \theta)\mathbf{e}_\phi \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ V_r & rV_\theta & (r \sin \theta)V_\phi \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (2.10)$$

Evaluating the cross product by Surru's rule yields an expanded equation

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \mathbb{V} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} & \left\{ \mathbf{e}_r \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (rV_\phi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (rV_\theta) \right] \right. \\ & - r\mathbf{e}_\theta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rV_\phi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (V_r) \right] \\ & \left. + (r \sin \theta)\mathbf{e}_\phi \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rV_\theta) - \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \right\} \\ = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Since each component of this curl operation must be zero, a helpful relation can be developed by looking specifically at the component tied to the \mathbf{e}_ϕ unit vector

$$\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} (r \sin \theta)\mathbf{e}_\phi \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (rV_\theta) - \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} \right] = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

Evaluating the ∂ operator using the product rule, the equation is better represented by

$$\frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} (r \sin \theta)\mathbf{e}_\phi [r \frac{\partial V_\theta}{\partial r} + V_\theta \frac{\partial r}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta}] = 0 \quad (2.13)$$

Using the equations for steady, axisymmetric cone flow found in Eq. (2.3), Eq. (2.13) is reduced to a simple, powerful relation

$$V_\theta = \frac{\partial V_r}{\partial \theta} \quad (2.14)$$

Euler's equation is the differential equation that captures momentum conservation. In vector form, Euler's equation can be written as follows

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{V}}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \rho \mathbf{f} \quad (2.15)$$

Since the flow is time independent and irrotational, Euler's equation is simplified, expressed as

$$-dp = \frac{1}{2} \rho V d(V)^2 \quad (2.16)$$

Or alternatively, the equation can be simplified further

$$dp = -\rho V dV \quad (2.17)$$

However, since $V^2 = V_r^2 + V_\theta^2$, Euler's equation can be represented in polar coordinates as follows

$$dp = -\rho(V_r dV_r + V_\theta dV_\theta) \quad (2.18)$$

To gain further understanding of this equation, isentropic flow relations can be explored

$$\frac{dp}{d\rho} = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right)_s = a^2 \quad (2.19)$$

Note that Eq. (2.19) represents Mach number as a , and constant entropy as the subscript s . Combining Eq. (2.19) and Eq. (2.18) yields an important relation, shown by

$$\frac{dp}{\rho} = -\frac{1}{a^2}(V_r dV_r + V_\theta dV_\theta) \quad (2.20)$$

It is helpful to represent enthalpy in terms of velocity. To do this, it is common to set V_{max} as the velocity at which the flow has expanded until it essentially is at zero temperature

$$V_{max} = \sqrt{2h_0} \quad (2.21)$$

For a calorically perfect gas, the specific enthalpy becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^2}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{V^2}{2} &= \frac{V_{max}^2}{2} \\ a^2 &= \frac{\gamma - 1}{2}(V_{max}^2 - V^2) \\ \frac{\gamma - 1}{2}(V_{max}^2 - V_r^2 - V_\theta^2) &\end{aligned}\tag{2.22}$$

Subbing Eq. (2.22) into Eq. (2.20)

$$\frac{d\rho}{\rho} = -\frac{2}{\gamma - 1} \left(\frac{V_r dV_r + V_\theta dV_\theta}{V_{max}^2 - V_r^2 - V_\theta^2} \right)\tag{2.23}$$

Eq. (2.7) can be rearranged by dividing by ρ

$$2V_r + V_\theta \cot \theta + \frac{dV_\theta}{d\theta} + \frac{V_\theta}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{d\theta} = 0\tag{2.24}$$

Further, Eq. (2.23) can be divided by $d\theta$ to get the following differential equation

$$-\frac{2\rho}{\gamma - 1} \left(\frac{V_r \frac{dV_r}{d\theta} + V_\theta \frac{dV_\theta}{d\theta}}{V_{max}^2 - V_r^2 - V_\theta^2} \right)\tag{2.25}$$

Combining Eq. (2.25) into Eq. (2.24), the equation can be represented as a differential equation set equal to zero

$$\frac{\gamma - 1}{2}(V_{max}^2 - V_r^2 - V_\theta^2) \left(2V_r + V_\theta \cot \theta + \frac{dV_\theta}{d\theta} \right) - V_\theta \left(V_r \frac{dV_r}{d\theta} + V_\theta \frac{dV_\theta}{d\theta} \right)\tag{2.26}$$

Using the relation in Eq. (2.14) and its derivative, the Taylor-Maccoll equation is successfully derived and represented in the following equation

$$\frac{\gamma - 1}{2} \left[V_{max}^2 - V_r^2 - \left(\frac{dV_r}{d\theta} \right)^2 \right] \left[2V_r + \frac{dV_r}{d\theta} \cot \theta + \frac{d^2V_r}{d\theta^2} \right] - \frac{dV_r}{d\theta} \left[V_r \frac{dV_r}{d\theta} + \frac{dV_r}{d\theta} \left(\frac{d^2V_r}{d\theta^2} \right) \right] = 0\tag{2.27}$$

Representing the equation's spatial derivatives with a superscript dot, the Taylor-Maccoll equation is represented as

$$\frac{\gamma - 1}{2} [1 - V_r^2 - (\dot{V}_r)^2] [2V_r + \dot{V}_r \cot \theta + \ddot{V}_r] - \dot{V}_r [V_r \dot{V}_r + \dot{V}_r \ddot{V}_r] = 0 \quad (2.28)$$

The Taylor-Maccoll equation is impossible to solve analytically, necessitating the use of numerical integration techniques. To solve the Taylor-Maccoll equation numerically, it is common to split the equation into a system of equations by first setting $\dot{V}_\theta = \ddot{V}_r$ (as derived above). To solve for the set of differential equations, an arbitrary constant can be used

$$A = \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} [1 - V_r^2 - (\dot{V}_r)^2] \quad (2.29)$$

Algebraically, \dot{V}_θ can be isolated by setting it equal to a fraction split by terms added or subtracted to \dot{V}_θ in the numerator, divided by the terms multiplied by \dot{V}_θ

$$\dot{V}_\theta = - \frac{[A(2V_r + \dot{V}_r \cot(\theta)) - \dot{V}_r(V_r \dot{V}_r)]}{A - \dot{V}_r^2} \quad (2.30)$$

The resulting system of differential equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{V}_r \\ \dot{V}_\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_\theta \\ - \frac{[A(2V_r + \dot{V}_r \cot(\theta)) - \dot{V}_r(V_r \dot{V}_r)]}{A - \dot{V}_r^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.31)$$

Using shock relationships informed by freestream conditions, like mach number directly upstream of the shock (M_1), flow conditions directly behind the cone shock can be determined. Because of the pressure increase found downstream of any shock structure, flow bends towards the cone axis as soon as it enters the conical shock and is measured by the flow deflection angle δ . Flow deflection angle and other properties, including the mach number directly behind the shock (M_2), can be obtained by oblique shock relations [37].

2.2.2 Computational Scheme

The numerical procedure to solve the Taylor-Maccoll equation is aided by the use of a non-dimensional velocity, given by

$$\frac{V}{V_{max}} = V' = \left[\frac{2}{(\gamma - 1)M^2} + 1 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2.32)$$

where M is the mach number directly behind the shock (M_2). Further, the total velocity can be trigonometrically sectionalized into directional components along the r and θ axis, represented by V_r and V_θ

$$\begin{aligned} V_r &= V' \cos(\theta - \delta) \\ V_\theta &= V' \sin(\theta - \delta) \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

These directional velocity components are important to both initialize and solve the Taylor Maccoll differential equations found in Eq. (2.31) via numerical integration. Explicit methods like the fourth-order Runge-Kutta (RK4) technique [43] are widely used for numerical integration due to their versatility and simplicity. The RK4 method is outlined as follows

$$\Delta y = \frac{\Delta' + 2\Delta'' + 2\Delta''' + \Delta''''}{6} \quad (2.34)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta' &= f(x, y)\Delta x \\ \Delta'' &= f\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}, y + \frac{\Delta'}{2}\right)\Delta x \\ \Delta''' &= f\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}, y + \frac{\Delta''}{2}\right)\Delta x \\ \Delta'''' &= f\left(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta'''\right)\Delta x \end{aligned} \quad (2.35)$$

and

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \Delta y \quad (2.36)$$

The vector field representing the flow downstream of the conical shock can be generated by selecting a theoretical conical body angle and integrating *out* to find the angle of the oblique shock generated by such body. Likewise, a shock angle can be selected and the theoretical conical body which supports the selected shock angle is discovered by integrating *in*. Choosing the later for the present study necessitating flipped the signs in the RK4 integration routine

$$\Delta y = \frac{\Delta' - 2\Delta'' - 2\Delta''' - \Delta''''}{6} \quad (2.37)$$

where

$$y_{i+1} = y_i - \Delta y \quad (2.38)$$

2.3 Waverider Geometry Definition

It is important to note that the nature of the supersonic flow regime is represented by a *hyperbolic* partial differential equation (PDE), rather than an *elliptical* PDE used to represent subsonic flow. Rather than perturbing disturbances in all directions, disturbances in flow traveling $M_\infty > 1$ propagate only downstream. This discontinuity causes the flow's derivative to become undefined at sonic flow conditions; hence, Mach lines serve as characteristic lines of constant velocity [44] in supersonic flow. Projecting the leading edge on the defining shock cone and subsequent streamline tracing ensures that the mach lines are consistent to the shock cone from which the waverider was defined, guaranteeing the effe-
ctuated waverider to create the exact flow in which it was defined from, or as put by Dr. John D. Anderson –

..nature will make certain that the shock wave is attached all along the vehicle's leading edge, that is, the vehicle will be a waverider [37]

Confirmation of this theoretical background has been confirmed by both computational fluid dynamics (CFD) and schlieren imaging [45].

2.4 Optimization

Optimization routines iterate the design space until a minima is found, informed by gradient information or other mathematical estimators. Although more exhaustive and informed searches can increase the chances of converging to a global minima, minimization routines are not guaranteed, or likely, to uncover a global minima. Increasing L/D is a significant challenge along high-speed applications; thus, investigating L/D is often paramount to optimization routines along the hypersonic regime [20]. It should be noted that maximum L/D vehicles are tailored for cruise, while minimizing drag produces waveriders with the best acceleration properties [16]. Since the present research is concerning stability at cruise, the present study optimizes for L/D by finding the minimum of the negated L/D ratio.

Optimization routines are defined by functions returning a value whose lowest value represents the best possible solution. The framework inside of a optimization routine is often referred to as a *blackbox*; the numerical minimization method has no information about what defines the design space and is solely informed by input and output values associated with the function. Thus, the defining function and any sub-functions, including their analysis, must be curated deliberately to prevent incorrect or irrelevant results. Outside of the blackbox, various numerical routines exist to find minima of the given function. These, and other, components of optimization can have substantial effects on the success of the optimization routine and its eventual output. In this light, three main elements are predominant in a constrained optimization routine:

1. Minimization Method
2. Degrees of Freedom
3. Constraints

Mathematical theory is important to consider in optimization routines. For example, gradient-based optimization enables a more informed step-wise process, leading to faster convergence time and reduction in memory pressure. However, gradient-based methods are especially prone to converge on locally optimal solutions [46] and usually increase computational needs. Thus, gradient-based methods require the initial guess to be close to an anticipated 'global' optimal solution to produce valid results. Instead of making best-guess attempts, which tarnish the purpose and effectiveness of an optimization routine, an initial search algorithm [47] is often used. Derivative-free (non gradient-based) optimization routines are widely used and applicable in many different circumstances. Derivative-free optimization routines may require more iterations but are versatile for various applications.

Properly constraining an optimizer is important for the results' fidelity and applicability; unconstrained optimizers will produce undesirable and often unachievable results. Constraints limit certain variables as dictated by a user-defined constraint function. As opposed to constraints, *bounds* do not exhibit integrated mathematical iteration-dependencies. Instead, bounds limit optimization solutions by specifically limiting the pool of possible values in the solution vector for a given routine. Usually lacking mathematically functions to determine, bounds are usually more elementary in their implementation and are specified using a (min, max) numerical pair. Bounds are especially helpful to discourage optimization routines from exploring invalid regions with a design space, though are not entirely preventative in order to estimate a function's gradient.

Exhaustive-search methods, although not guaranteeing a global minima, ensure a local minima within the selected domain. Unlike traditional optimization routines, exhaustive-search methods provide unique information about a selected design space, providing additional insight on parameterization, like sensitivities, coupling, and domain variable importance.

CHAPTER 3

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this research is to explore trade-offs between aerodynamic efficiency and stability adherence for cone-derived waverider vehicles at cruise conditions. This research goal can be accomplished via geometry development, implementing aerodynamic prediction models, and design space investigation. More specifically, these main tasks can be split into orderly, compounding project objectives:

1. Characterize cone-derived waverider geometries using leading-edge polynomial parameterization at various cruise conditions, unveiling near-optimal geometries
2. Assess the effects of pitch, yaw, and roll stability constraints on waverider geometry
3. Correlate leading-edge polynomial parameterization parameters to near-optimal waveriders, with and without stability considerations

CHAPTER 4

METHODS

This chapter describes the application of mathematical and physical theory to accomplish the plan set forth in the Objectives section.

The figures shown throughout this section are all based on the same default waverider geometry, which is discussed in detail in the Results section. The geometry is shown in the Fig. (4.1).

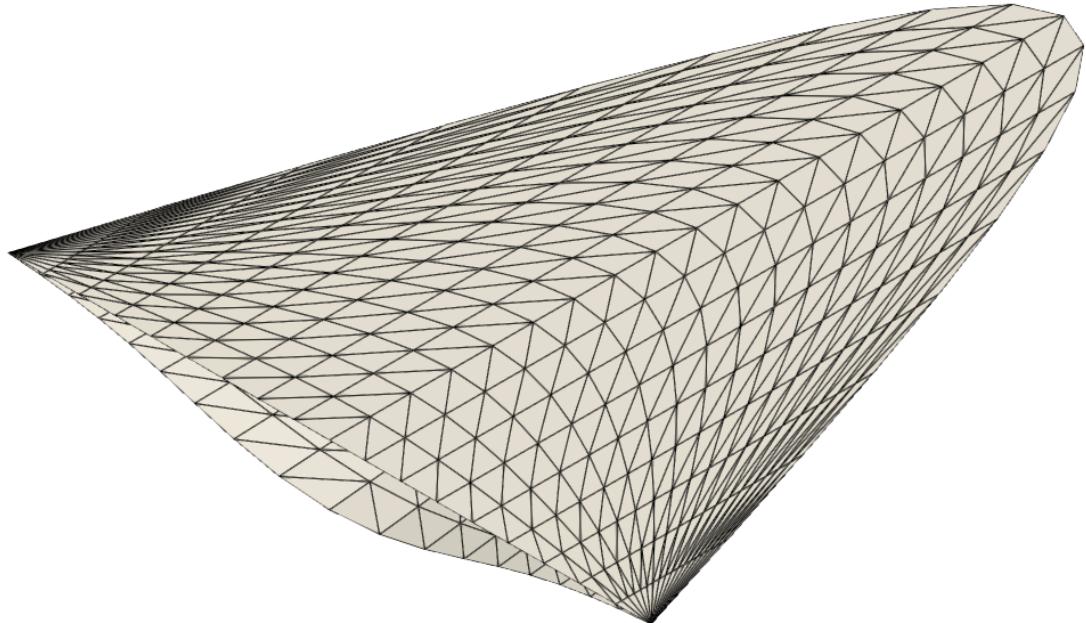


Fig. 4.1: Default Geometry

4.1 Waverider Design and Analysis

The overarching design space exploration is accomplished by the execution of three main scripts: geometry development, aerodynamic prediction deployment, and exhaustive search. These scripts work in tandem to create, analyze, or perturb waverider geometries. For an exhaustive-search design space exploration, optimization is not required. Rather, a test function which catalogs information about each waverider is deployed.

4.1.1 Geometry Development

Python boasts widely supported functionality in addition to being easy to write and debug – the ideal candidate for preliminary code development. Python’s large developer community provides ready-to-implement packages like NumPy, SciPy, and Matplotlib, which were used extensively to develop the waverider geometry code, which was named SHADOW (Stability of Hypersonic Aerodynamic Derivatives Of Waveriders). Further rewrites of the SHADOW code in compiled language like C++ or FORTRAN, which would implement numerical routines significantly faster, presents a potential efficiency boost in the future.

The geometry development portion of the code includes leading edge projection, Taylor-Maccoll flow development, streamline tracing, and mesh construction, as described below and shown in Fig.(4.2).

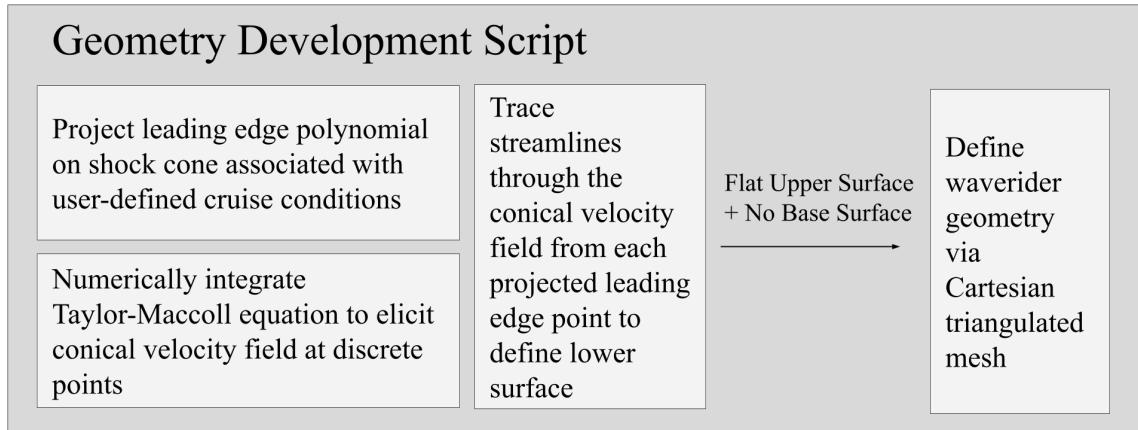


Fig. 4.2: Geometry Development

Leading Edge Projection

Projecting any representative two-dimensional leading edge trace on a three-dimensional shock structure ensures that the resulting three-dimensional leading edge can engender a waverider geometry. By perturbing the two-dimensional leading edge shape, uniquely defined families of waverider geometries can be created at select possible flow conditions. The leading edge is parameterized via simple n^{th} degree polynomials, which also ensure sufficiently smooth leading edges. The three-dimensional shock structure selected for this research is conical, which presents an excellent blend of fidelity and simplicity despite lacking potential for supporting lower-drag body configurations. It should also be noted that axisymmetric flows like cone flows possess particular advantages in volumetric efficiency [18], simplifying the later effectuation of such waverider vehicles.

Leading edge polynomials are defined solely by their shape in Quadrant IV and completed by their reflection across the y -axis. This approach avoids requiring higher order polynomial definitions to approximate vertically symmetric functions. Notwithstanding, any polynomial function must exhibit a smooth reflection across the y -axis in order to avoid a ridge in the waverider's top surface. A smooth reflection across the y -axis requires that the change in slope across the y -axis is zero, mathematically represented as

$$y'(0) = 0 \quad (4.1)$$

Starting with a general second degree polynomial

$$y = Ax^2 + Bx + C \quad (4.2)$$

whose derivative is

$$y' = 2Ax + B \quad (4.3)$$

The boundary condition can be plugged into the derivative, yielding

$$\begin{aligned} y'(0) &= 2A(0) + B = 0 \\ \therefore B &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Repeating this process for any n^{th} -order polynomial will find similar results; the coefficient in front of the linear x term must be zero.

After a leading edge polynomial is curated, the polynomial can be projected on the shock cone of interest by finding the corresponding z coordinate for each set of defining (x, y) leading edge pairs dictated by the defining polynomial. This process is aided by the use of spherical/Cartesian coordinate transformations; knowing the definition for the shock cone angle (θ) in standard spherical coordinates,

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right) \tag{4.5}$$

This equation can be used to isolate z by rearranging to yield

$$\cos \theta = \frac{z^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \tag{4.6}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = z^2 \tag{4.7}$$

$$z^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) = \cos^2 \theta (x^2 + y^2) \tag{4.8}$$

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{\cos^2 \theta (x^2 + y^2)}{(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}} \tag{4.9}$$

$$(4.10)$$

Each waverider is constrained to a non-dimensional length of 1 from the geometrical intersection of the zy -plane on the waverider body (z_i), enabling consistent scaling to more realistic values for the aerodynamic prediction model. Using Eq. (4.9) to solve for (z_i), it is natural to also derive the coordinate for x using θ and the z coordinate lying one-unit downstream of z_i , which will serve as the bounding end point –

$$z_{\text{end}} = z_i + 1 \quad (4.11)$$

Starting with

$$z^2(1 - \cos^2 \theta) = \cos^2 \theta(x^2 + y^2) \quad (4.12)$$

The corresponding x coordinate can be obtained by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z^2(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta} - y^2 &= x^2 \\ x &= \sqrt{\frac{z^2(1 - \cos^2 \theta)}{\cos^2 \theta} - y^2} \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

where z is z_{end} and y is the leading edge polynomial function. Thus, Eq. (4.13) is a multi-dimensional polynomial with various possible "solutions". Geometrically, it is intuitive that the desired solution is the smallest x -intercept of Eq. (4.13), denoted as x_{end} .

Using the newly discovered x_{end} , the distance between the zy -plane and x_{end} becomes a reference length at which to scale the resolution of the leading edge in the x direction, which is controlled by n (number of leading edge points) by the user. Using the resolution information, an equally-spaced x vector neatly defines the leading edge geometry, which form two dimensional (x, y) pairs after employing the defining polynomial function. Eq. (4.9) can be used to project the rest of the leading edge point pairs on the shock cone.

Taylor-Maccoll Flow Field

The Taylor-Maccoll equation is a second-order non-linear differential equation, as developed in Eq. (2.3-2.27), which represents a solution to supersonic flow around a non-inclined right cone. The Taylor-Maccoll equation is initialized by velocity components, V_r and V_θ , at a shock cone edge condition (where θ , the general angle of inclination from the z -axis equals θ_s , which is chosen by the user). By incrementally decreasing θ towards the cone axis until V_θ switches sign, the final θ defines the theoretical conical body (θ_b) supporting the respective oblique shock.

At the conclusion of the integration routine, directional velocity components (V_r and V_θ) are known at increments of θ from the chosen shock angle, θ_s , to θ_b . These discretized elements make up an axisymmetric conical velocity field about the z -axis, where the velocity at a given θ is the same for any range of ϕ and is independent of r . After implementing a Taylor-Maccoll flow solver within the geometry development script, final θ_b values stemming from various θ_s and cruise speed selections were validated against Ref. [2] within 0.1 degree, as shown in Fig. (4.3).

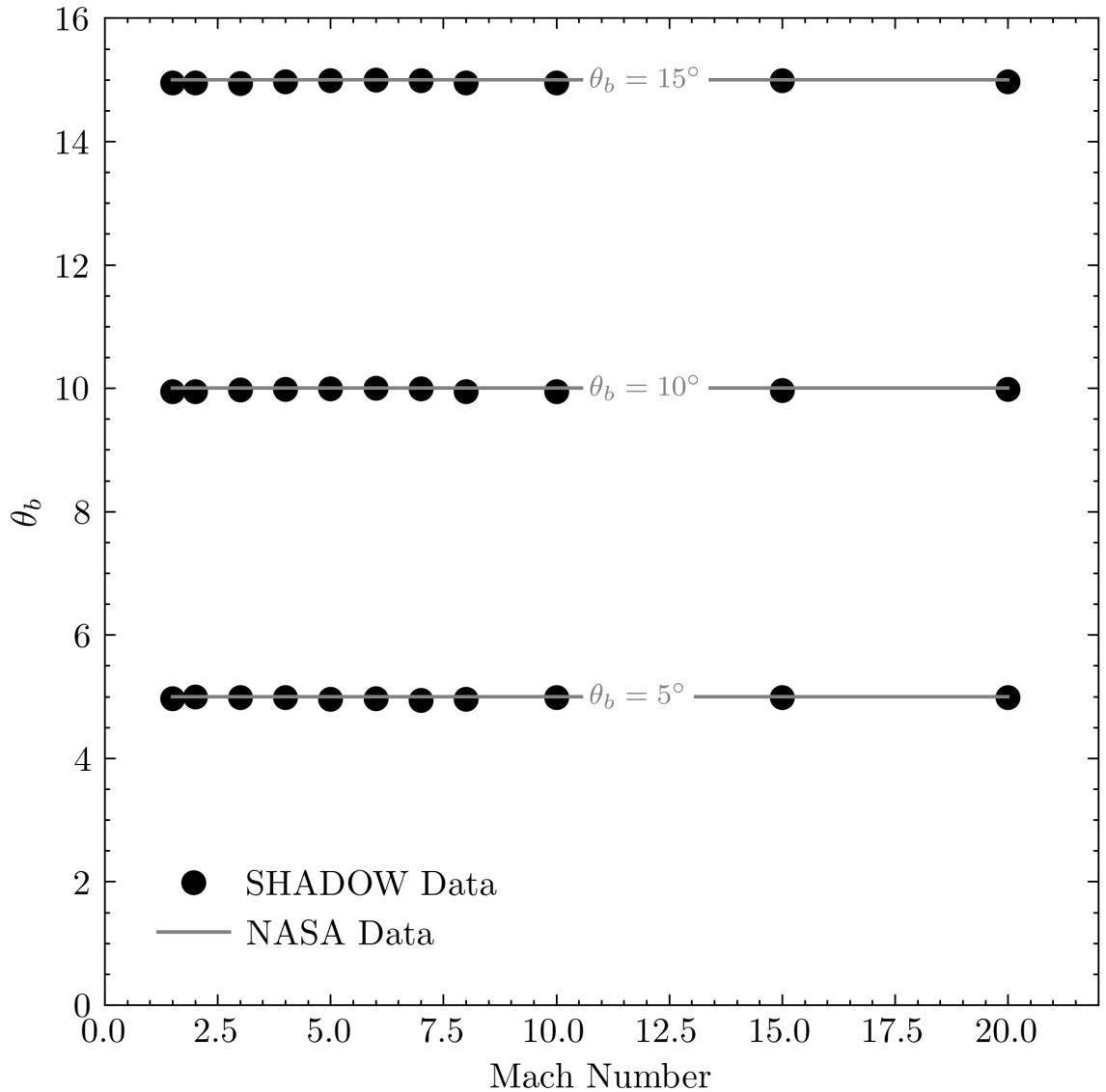


Fig. 4.3: Taylor-Maccoll Verification Cases [2]

Streamline Tracing

The lower surface of a waverider, also known as the *compression* surface, traps the compressed air within the shock wave under its face. Waverider compression surfaces are carved from the desired flow field via streamline tracing [1]. In addition to guaranteeing flow definition adherence, streamline tracing is paramount for propulsion system prediction and development, which is highly coupled to aerodynamics in hypersonic vehicle design.

Streamline tracing is accomplished by integrating a fluid particle's velocity within a flowfield, uncovering its positional information along the flow. The conical flow field in the present study was derived by numerically integrating the Taylor-Maccoll equation; hence, the flow field is only known at *discrete* increments of θ as dictated by the user-input step size. To delineate velocity vectors in between known θ rays to produce a 'smooth' particle path, the present study heavily relies on either forward or backward-difference interpolation between known Taylor-Maccoll solution rays to provide the velocity needed for the streamline integration. The discontinuity in the flow inherent to shock structures prevents extrapolation, forcing flow between the conical shock angle (θ_s) and supporting conical body angle (θ_b). Thus, points outside the shock are forced between the two next closest points within the shock. For steady flow, the positional path at which a fluid particle flows in a spherical coordinate system is as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{dr}{dt} \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ \frac{1}{r} d\theta \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.14)$$

Note that in the equations above, t represents an integration step and can be thought of as a *synthetic* time step not actually representative of time, since streamlines may change with time for unsteady flow scenarios. Further, r is generally defined in spherical coordinates as the vector intersecting the θ and ϕ planes. It should be noted that for waveriders whose nose coincide with the shock cone vertex, known as *Class A* waveriders, Taylor-Maccoll flow must be defined at the vertex in order to avoid mathematical singularities

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 0 \\ \therefore \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

Equation (4.14) is utilized to trace a fluid particle's path from each leading edge point. Since Eq. (4.14) must be solved numerically, a RK4 routine was implemented, which utilizes a synthetic time step to solve Eq. (4.14) until the designated length of the vehicle is reached. The number of synthetic time-steps is consistent for each streamline and is user-specified as n . However, a non-uniform geometry stemming from different leading edge points requires each streamline segment to have a respective unique, precise length to exactly intersect the base surface, which was predefined by the non-dimensional length of 1, after n steps. Hence, the magnitude of each time step fluctuates for each streamline stemming from geometrically unique leading edge points. In the lack of a smooth function to represent each streamline, it is obligatory to use a numerical method to solve for the synthetic step size required to integrate each streamline. The Secant Method is a numerical method well suited to functions whose derivative information is not known, which predicts streamline time steps via

$$x_i = \frac{x_{i-2}f(x_{i-1}) - x_{i-1}f(x_{i-2})}{f(x_{i-1}) - f(x_{i-2})} \tag{4.16}$$

where f is the result of the RK4 integration after n steps at the present step size and i is the secant iteration counter. To initialize the Secant Method, the difference between the leading edge z point and the z_{end} point is calculated, divided by n , and then divided again by $\cos \theta_s$ to account for the additional length traveled in the y direction. A central difference approximation provided synthetic derivative information to initialize the secant method. A convergence tolerance of $1e-3$ was used as a blend between accuracy and speed. It should be noted that the secant method is not guaranteed to find a root, which is more common in non-smooth functions: Due to shock wave discontinuities in the flow, the secant method tolerance was relaxed even further if the solver could not find a solution after 3000 iterations. At the conclusion of the lower surface generation, streamlines stemming from

each leading edge point were defined by a collection of discrete velocity points as dictated by the step size and n , the number of steps specified by the user.

Surface Mesh Generation

Research has shown that defining an expansion surface generates marginal performance gains [1], especially at higher mach numbers [48]. However, waverider upper surfaces are not constrained to one certain design. In addition to aerodynamic considerations, upper surface design is predominant in fulfilling volumetric constraints imposed by the unavoidable need for fuel, avionic systems, and in some cases – passengers [49]. In the interest of simplicity and adherence to research goals, a freestream upper surface was generated to serve as the waverider upper surface.

By keeping x and y points the same from the leading edge to the trailing edge, the upper surface is obtained only by adding steps to the z coordinate until the base surface is reached. The number of z steps can be, but is not required to be, synonymous to the number of synthetic time steps, n , used to generate the lower surface. The step size used to mesh the top surface isn't complicated by unique geometries, and therefore is defined as the length of the freestream line-segment divided by the user-specified n points.

At the present phase of the script, the top and bottom surfaces are defined by a three-dimensional Cartesian point cloud. Various computational techniques exist to extrapolate a triangular mesh from the point cloud representative of the waverider geometry. The point cloud was triangulated over the top and bottom surfaces in a counterclockwise manner.

Inherent to a streamline-traced compression surface and a freestream upper surface, the base surface must be parallel to the xy -plane. Thus, the z -coordinate is consistent across the base plate and is equal to z_{end} . Further, the top and bottom surfaces intersect at a perfectly sharp leading edge.

Using the simple triangular loop to close each of the surfaces to a watertight mesh, SHADOW writes the mesh file in TRI (native to NASA's Cart3D [50]) formatting. Popular fluid flow solvers, like NASA's CBAero [51] or Utah State University's HI-Mach [52], use

triangulated files as input to perform panel-based aerodynamic computations. It is important to note that the mesh must be defined as dictated by the right-hand rule to ensure that the surface normals are correct for the later pressure calculations.

4.1.2 Aerodynamic Prediction Model

Aerodynamic information associated with any waverider geometry is needed to inform the iterative process associated with the subsequent implementation of an exhaustive search method. Due to the later effectuation of an exhaustive search method, engineering tools that provide rapid results were preferable. For this reason, Utah State University's HI-Mach code [52] was selected to output aerodynamic information. In contrast to NASA's popular engineering-grade solver, CBAero [51], HI-Mach is platform independent, enabling the overarching design space exploration to be executed via Powershell (Microsoft), zsh (Mac Unix), or bash (Linux) terminals via FORTRAN compilers and Python interpreters. HI-Mach has been validated with available experimental and theoretical data [52].

Geometry Considerations

In an effort to understand general trends, the waverider body was analyzed in a ‘clean’ configuration (i.e., without subsystems like the propulsion system, landing gear, and control surfaces) with heuristically-derived center of gravity information. Each waverider was dimensionalized by scaling all surfaces to 60 meters, typical of hypersonic transport vehicles [16].

HI-Mach was configured to neglect base drag, which although yielding a less-accurate answer [53], provides extra simplicity for the solver and subsequent design space exploration. Waverider base surfaces are usually analyzed at vacuum conditions, an accurate assumption especially for unpowered glider vehicles [54] [55], or utilizing a Gaubeaud relationship.

Mesh resolution is also closely related to the results stemming from panel based solvers like HI-Mach. As such, a mesh resolution convergence study was performed at various Mach numbers. It was determined that a total number of panels of 682 resulted in the expected

level of accuracy for the present research. As shown in Fig. (4.4), 682 panels provides a blend between accuracy and speed.

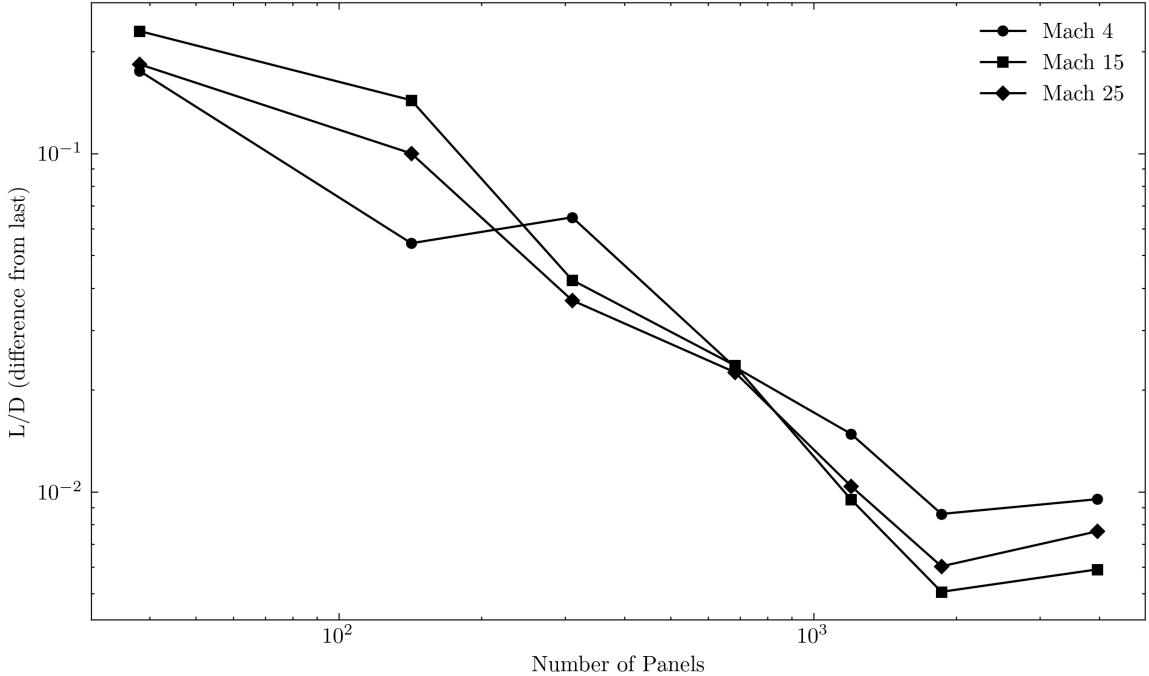


Fig. 4.4: Mesh Resolution Study (Mach 4)

Aerodynamics

For hypersonic flow, panel-based impact solvers like the Tangent Cone and Tangent Wedge approaches provide promising results, especially for lateral stability when analyzed at zero degrees angle of attack [56]. Combining impact methods with shock expansion theory and the modified-Newtonian method also has produced promising results, though not more beneficial than implementing one prediction model alone [57]. Previous research indicates that the tangent cone method under-predicts waverider pressures, while the tangent wedge method over-predicts waverider pressures [3]. Further, the leeward side calculations have been shown to agree with the Prantl-Meyer expansion solution better than freestream impact methods, especially at lower Mach numbers [57].

A blended tangent-cone/tangent-wedge impact solver, set forth in Ref. [3] was utilized for the windward solver within the HI-Mach framework. The blended method exploits the best of both impact methods; tangent wedge solutions are more accurate when analyzing the flow field close to the shock, while tangent cone solutions contrastingly produce accurate results when the flow field is close to the generating conical body. By implementing a quadratic interpolation between the two methods, pressure solutions show outstanding results for *waverider* panel pressures, agreeing well with exact Taylor-Maccoll pressures [3], as shown in Fig. (4.5).

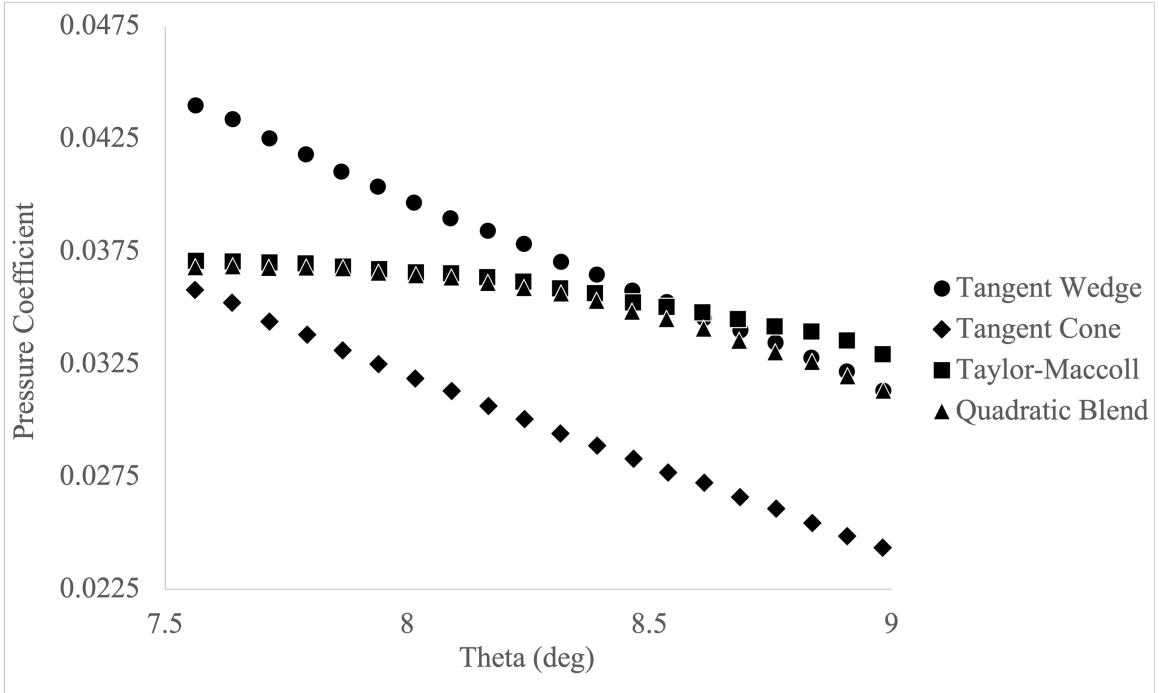


Fig. 4.5: Pressure Solutions for a Mach 6 Waverider with 12° shock, data digitized from [3]

The leeward solver was configured to utilize the Prantl-Meyer expansion. Zero contribution to aerodynamics was assumed for shadowed flow, which lies in line with other panel-based solvers like modified Newtonian method [58], and empirical derivation at high mach numbers [59].

HI-Mach reports non-dimensional aerodynamic coefficients in the body-fixed coordinate frame. To transform body-fixed forces and moments to the aerodynamic (wind) coordinate frame,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= -(N \cos \alpha - A \sin \alpha) \\ D &= -(A \cos \alpha \cos \beta - Y \sin \alpha + N \sin \alpha \cos \beta) \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

Since HI-Mach reports already non-dimensionalized lift and drag coefficients, Eq. (4.17) was altered to use non-dimensional forces, producing C_L and C_D values

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Axial Force} &\equiv A = -C_F|_z \\ \text{Side Force} &\equiv Y = C_F|_x \\ \text{Normal Force} &\equiv N = -C_F|_y \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

To verify that the basic aerodynamic coefficients are reported correctly, a set of near-optimal waverider vehicles were generated, analyzed, and compared against Kuchemann's classical L/D limit, shown in Fig. (4.6). HI-Mach tends to underestimate L/D but agrees well with the trend, which is satisfactory for the present research.

To calculate yawing and rolling moment with respect to sideslip, it was assumed that aerodynamic moments exhibit a linear relation along reasonable sideslip angles. Such an assumption is generally confirmed in the results section and agrees with previous research [21]. To circumvent instabilities around zero degrees, led in part by freestream conditions (for α sweeps) or other impact-based artifacts, larger perturbed cases at ± 5 degrees β were used to provide reference points for the slope estimation for either stability derivative. A similar assumption was made for pitching moment in respect to α , which was perturbed ± 5 degrees.

Further validation on the aerodynamic prediction model, HI-Mach, was performed by comparing to exact CFD solutions provided in Maxwell's paper [60]. The exact mesh, along with some input parameters, used in Maxwell's paper was graciously provided by the author, which was further interrogated with a CAD software to extract the remaining

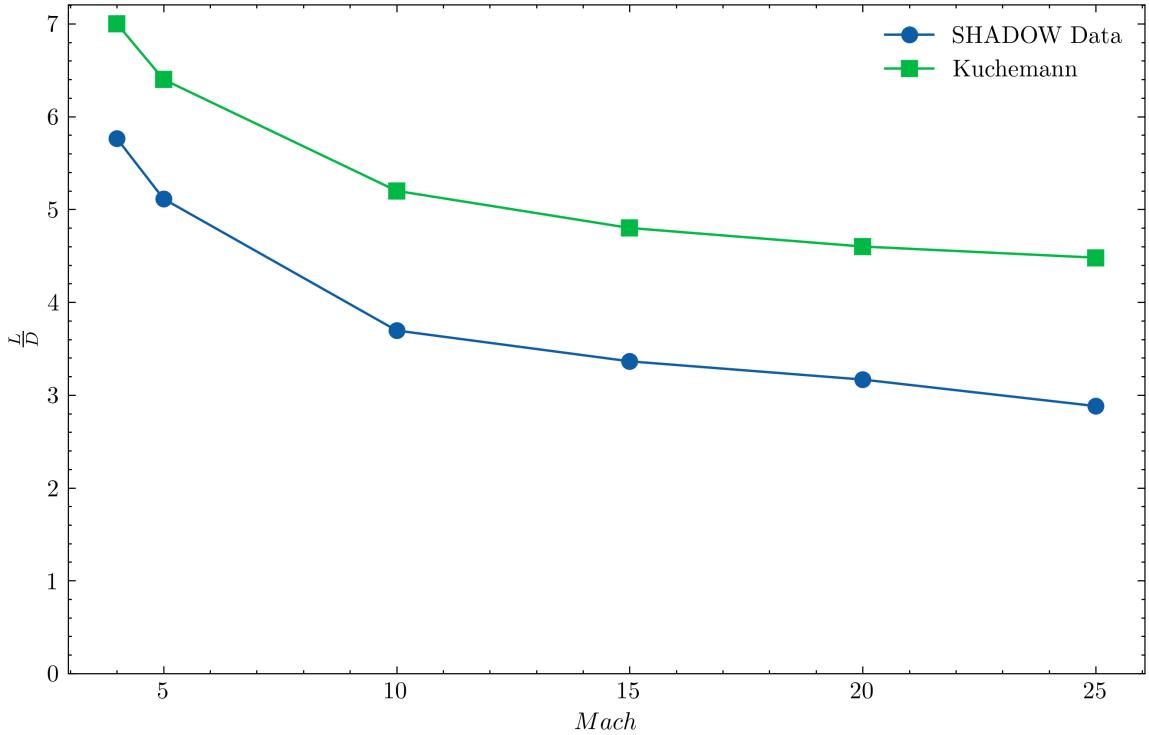


Fig. 4.6: Lift to Drag Ratio Against Mach

necessary information to input to HI-Mach. Maxwell's waverider mesh was analyzed using HI-Mach in the SHADOW code along a range of α and compared against digitized data from Maxwell's paper [60]. Results show general agreement for the pitching moment trend, as shown in Fig. (4.7). HI-Mach is configured to neglect base-drag, which conforms with Maxwell's aerodynamic shadow assumption.

Viscous Modeling

In agreement with mid to low-fidelity expectations for the present research's rapid-aerodynamic analysis, various methods and assumptions were considered to provide good results without extra time expense. For example, the widely-regarded 'Chi-bar' affect, which classifies boundary layer effects, was disregarded in the elementary heating model used in the HI-Mach framework, largely because the scale of the waveriders' length (60m), is proven [61] to be classified as a weak interaction.

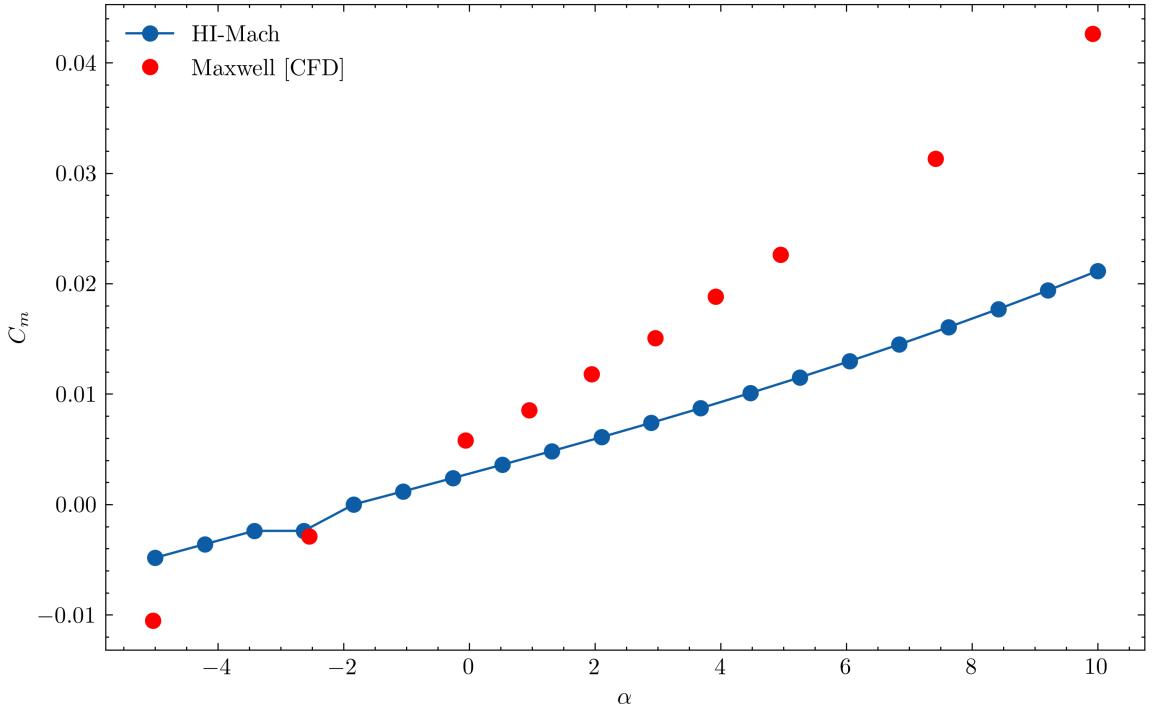


Fig. 4.7: Moment Validation Case

Boundary layer and turbulence modeling has been a topic of active research for decades, and various methods exist to predict both boundary layer behavior and its influence on aerodynamics. Enthalpy relations are set forth by Meador and Smart [62] and Eckert [63].

In an effort to match previous research on waveriders [20] [16], Eckert's reference temperature method, informed by White's relations [64], was used. Eckert's reference temperature corrects Eq. (4.19) and Eq. (4.20), traditionally incompressible equations, for compressible flow by analyzing the Reynolds number at the reference temperature, denoted by the asterisk. Thus, the laminar skin friction coefficient is computed as

$$c_{f_l} = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{Re_x^*}} \quad (4.19)$$

and for turbulent flow, as given by White's method [64]

$$c_{f_t} = \frac{0.0592}{(Re_x^*)^{0.2}} \quad (4.20)$$

A turbulent boundary layer produces heavier aerodynamic heating than laminar boundary layers [65], which occur while cruising at higher altitudes [66]. More comprehensive transitional methods, which predict the transition between laminar and turbulent models, provide accurate results for waverider vehicles [67] [1]. Further, instead of considering the transition from laminar to turbulent as abrupt, the transitional Reynolds number can be set forth by a blending function and associated γ function given in Ref. ([1]).

$$c_{ftr} = (1 - \gamma)c_{fl} + \gamma c_{ft} \quad (4.21)$$

where γ is a function of Reynolds number along the length of the vehicle

$$\gamma(x) = 1 - \exp -3\exp \left[\frac{\ln 2}{5x_{ti}} (Re_x)_{ti}^{0.2} (x - x_{ti}) \right]^2 \quad (4.22)$$

Fluid conditions play a major role in viscous aerodynamics; gas properties for fluids at various conditions are provided by a gas table, synonymous with a table used by Ref. [51]. Fluid conditions directly influence Reynold's number, thus making Reynold's number an indirect constitute of L/D ratio. As altitude increases, the flow becomes more viscous-dominated, usually telling of laminar flow – decreasing L/D ratios [68]. Data for elevations and wall temperatures was taken directly, or roughly interpolated, from Corda's work [16], which agrees well with Ref. [69].

4.1.3 Design Space Exploration

In the present study, waverider vehicles are parameterized using any leading edge polynomial projection. In addition, SHADOW allows for any n^{th} -order polynomial definition, opening up possibilities to experiment with multi-DOF studies that may discover waverider geometries with a desirable blend of aerodynamic traits. Polynomials are numerically discretized by an odd number of points which exhibit symmetry about the y -axis: A set of 19 points was projected on the xy -plane; one point in the middle, and 9 reflected points across the y -axis. Polynomial coefficients were generalized using the following relation

$$A_3x^3 + A_2x^2 + A_1x + A_0 \quad (4.23)$$

where A_1 is held steady to zero (see Eq. (4.4) and A_0 is the y -intercept.

Exhaustive searches across a discretized sweep of possible polynomials provide a guaranteed optimal solution within the bounds in which it operates, providing excellent fidelity for sound conclusions in the selected design space. Holding the shock angle to an 'optimal' value as dictated by Ref. [1], combinations of possible A_2 and A_0 values are analyzed, uncovering polynomials which produce max L/D waveriders. Limited-third order cases were also executed by holding the y -intercept constant in addition to the shock angle.

The uniquely defining constraint of the present research is discrete longitudinal and lateral stability requirements. To determine the discrete affects of each stabilizing constraint removed from any coupling effects, each stability constraint was overlaid on the L/D contours independently, uncovering polynomials which produce stable waveriders.

$$\begin{aligned} C_{n_\beta} &> 0 \\ C_{l_\beta} &< 0 \\ C_{m_\alpha} &< 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.24)$$

To investigate the effect of shock angle selection in addition to polynomial parameterization, contour plots at Mach 4 were repeated at several shock angles. Hence, SHADOW may unveil where to find near-optimal waverider *geometries* flying in various *fluid conditions*.

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS

Looking at conically-derived, polynomial-parameterized waveriders, the following results visualize the strength of association between polynomial parameters and aerodynamic values, including the possibility for stability in waverider design space.

5.1 Stability Derivative Investigation

Using the same parameters to generate the waverider found in Fig. (4.1), waverider vehicles were generated at various Mach numbers using their respective shock cones. Figs. (5.1)-(5.3) outline aerodynamic moments associated with these waverider vehicles as a function of β (for C_l and C_n) and α (for C_m) through a range of cruise speeds. Fig. (5.1) shows that lateral stability increases with increasing Mach number. Interestingly, the sign of pitch stability does not change with changes in cruise speed.

It is important to note that the trends shown in Figs. (5.1)-(5.3) disagree with historical, albeit limited, data on a hypersonic vehicle along mach. This disagreement stems from the waverider shape's dependence on cruise speed. To prevent SHADOW from generating waveriders from shock cones associated with a designated Mach number, the default waverider found in Fig. (4.1) was run along increasing speed without changing the vehicle design. This decoupling proved beneficial, producing correct trends as shown in Fig. (5.4).

5.2 Waverider Design Space Exploration

In this section, selected coefficients define two-dimensional space, with additional dimensionality associated with aerodynamic information contoured within the design space. To avoid hidden consequences of stability coupling embedded into the results, each stability coefficient is overlaid discretely of one another. Further, each of the results are reported at several cruise speeds to visualize the effect of cruise speed on waverider design space.

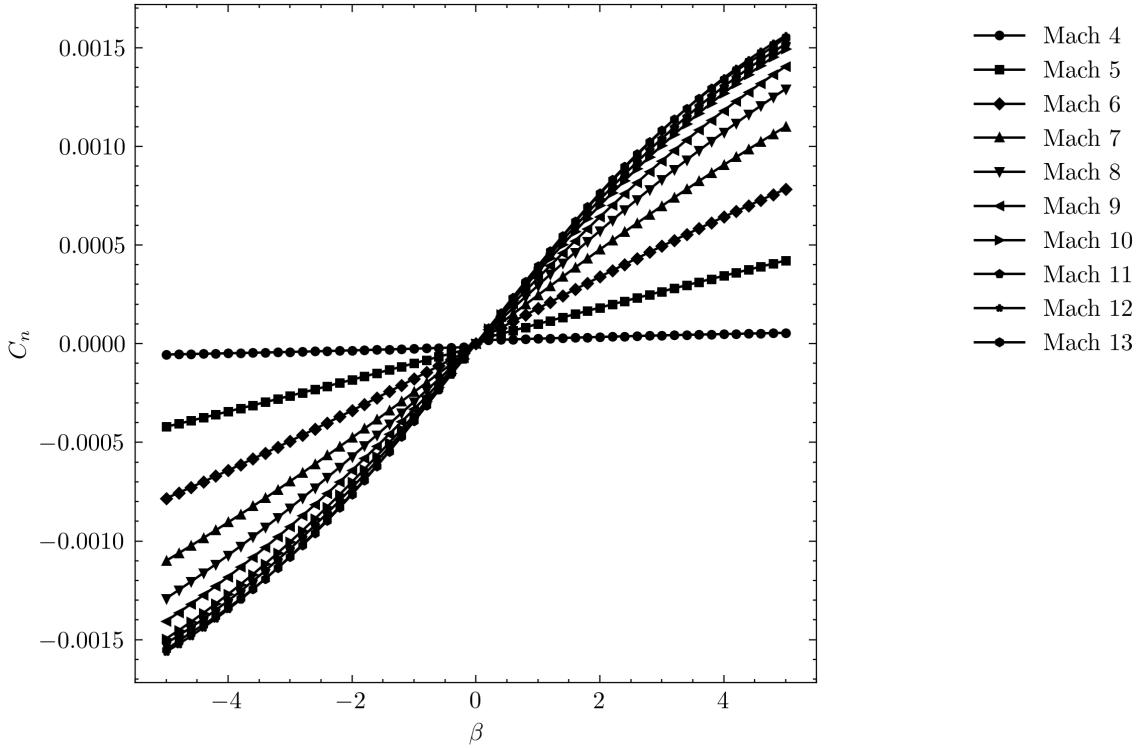


Fig. 5.1: Yawing Moment as a function of β Over a Range of Cruise Speeds

5.2.1 Second-Order

An exhaustive search of second-order polynomial possibilities was performed by perturbing A_2 from -2 to 2 along 80 points, and A_0 from -1 to -0.01 along 20 points. Exhaustive searches were performed identically at Mach 4, 10, 15, 20, and 25, with the exception of shock angle definition. In this subsection, shock angles were held constant at values as shown in Table 5.1. Further investigation on shock angles sensitivity is discussed in subsequent subsections.

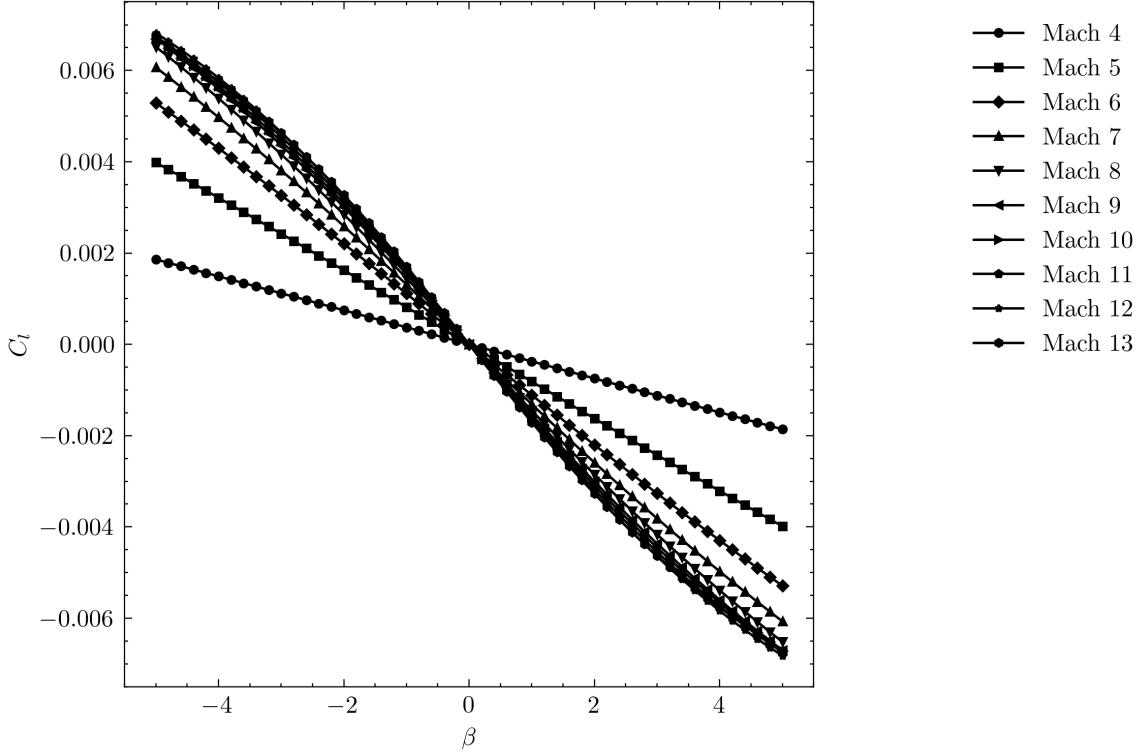


Fig. 5.2: Rolling Moment as a function of β Over a Range of Cruise Speeds

Table 5.1: Shock Angles at Various Cruise Speeds

Cruise Speed	Shock Angle (θ_s)
Mach 4	16°
Mach 10	9°
Mach 15	9°
Mach 20	7°
Mach 25	9°

Figure (5.5) show contours of L/D and regions of stability as a function of A_0 and A_2 at Mach 4. Fig. (5.5) demonstrates that near-optimal L/D waveriders are generated at or near $A_2 = 0$. As A_2 becomes more negative, outboard surfaces curve downwards, increasing yaw stability. Contrastingly, as A_2 becomes more positive, outboard surfaces curve upwards. However, positive quadratics (especially with higher magnitudes) might

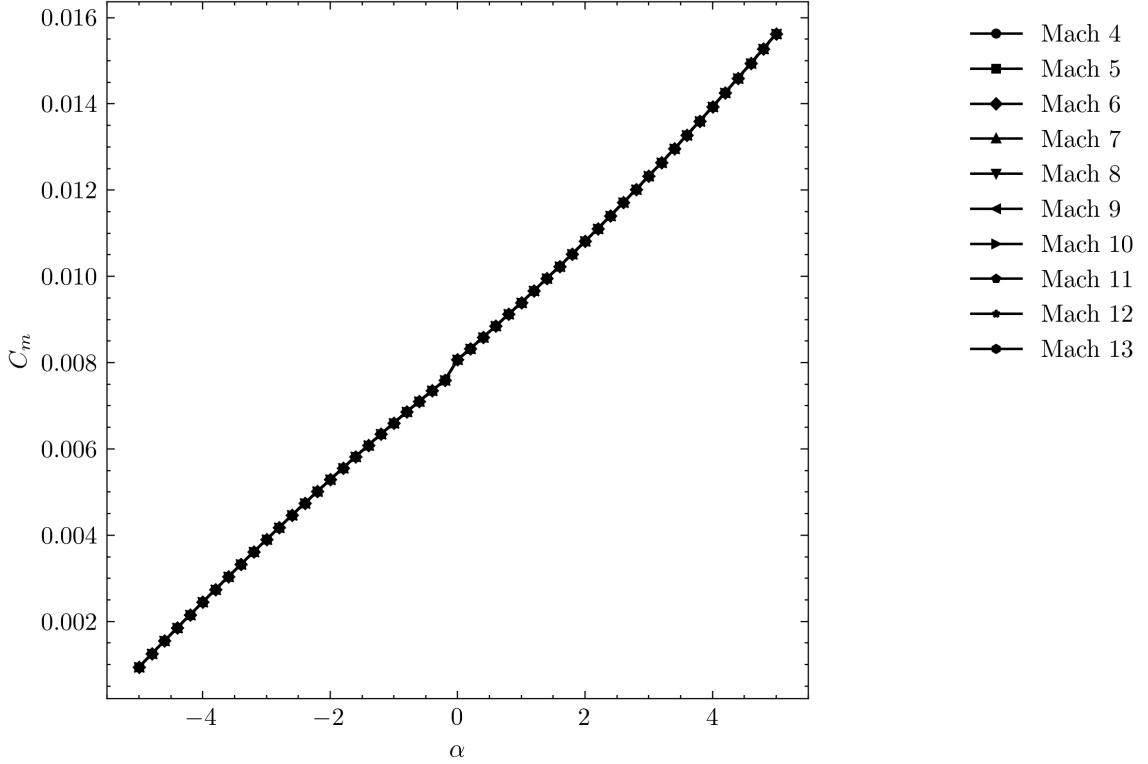


Fig. 5.3: Pitching Moment as a function of α Over a Range of Cruise Speeds

cause the leading edge to move upstream. Hence, portions of the waverider become longer in outboard regions than the center line, which was fixed as the non-dimensional length. These polynomials create a multi-vertex body, as shown in Fig. (5.6c). Despite their reminiscence to the TIE Interceptor from Star Wars, these geometries are unconventional and unsurprisingly produce low L/D values.

The most significant region of Fig. (5.5) is near the top, where y -intercept is small and associated waveriders exhibit pitch stability. A waverider residing in this region is visualized in Fig. (5.6a), which shows a unique lower-surface geometry. Because the y -intercept is small, the streamline tracing quickly reaches the theoretical solid body cone (θ_b), notwithstanding the polynomial shape. The quick convergence on the theoretical solid body cone produces a conical extrusion on the lower surface of waveriders in this region, which may be attributed to the favorable pitch stability.

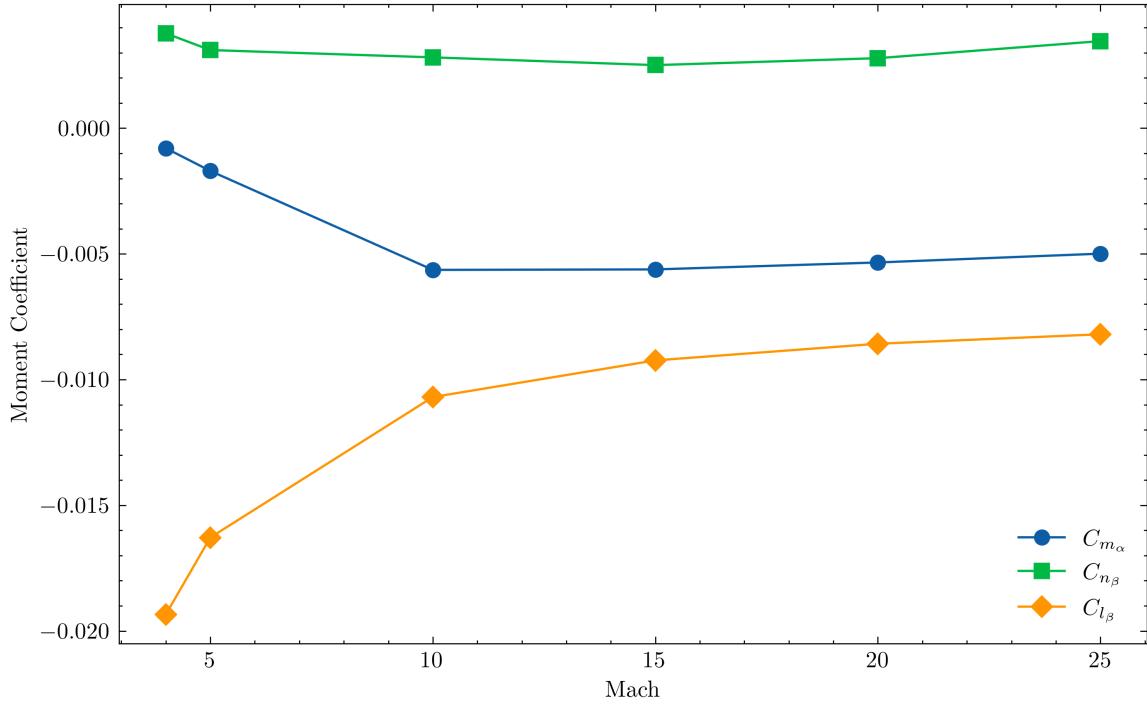


Fig. 5.4: Moment Coefficients along Increasing Speed

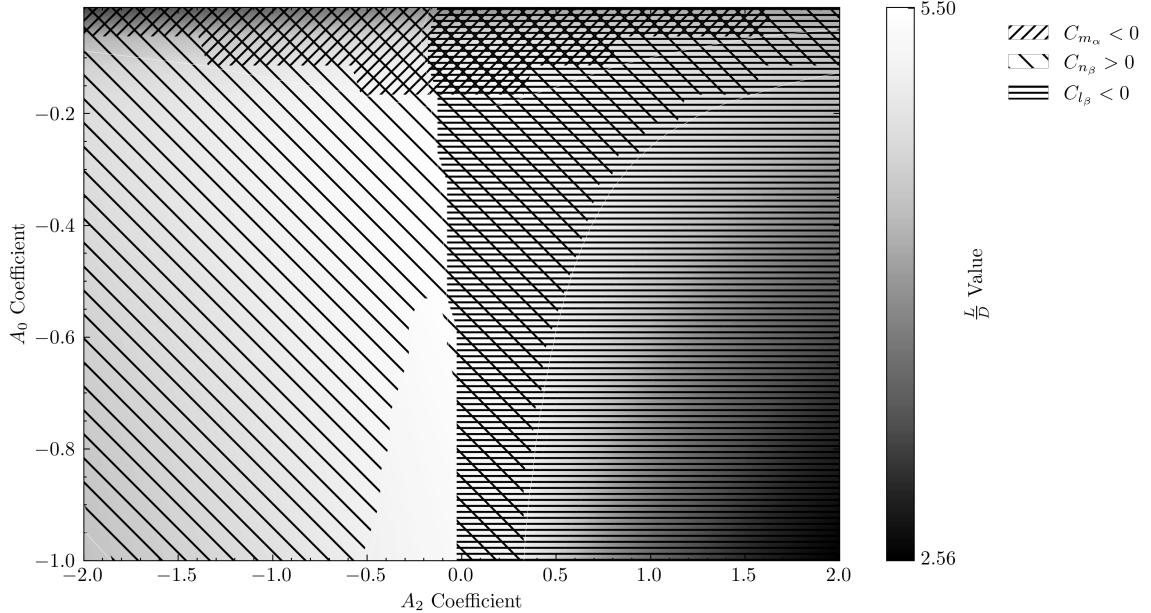
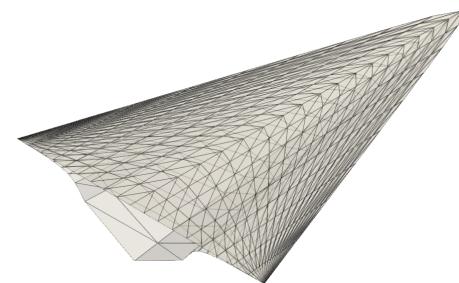


Fig. 5.5: Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 4

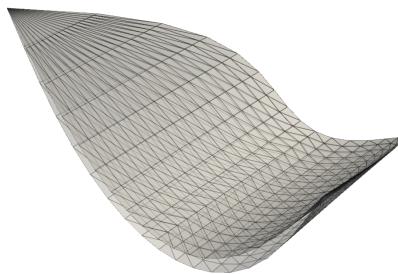
Figures (5.6a)-(5.6d) show waveriders generated at Mach 4 with the parameters found in Table 5.2.

Table 5.2: Waverider Geometry Demonstrations at Mach 4

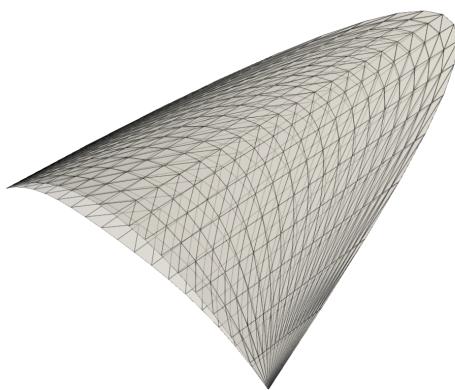
Figure Reference	Description	A_2	A_0
5.6a	Fully Stable	0	-0.02
5.6b	Roll Stable	1	-0.6
5.6c	Yaw Stable	-1	-0.5
5.6d	Near-Optimal L/D	0.1	-0.3



(a) Fully Stable Waverider at Mach 4



(b) Roll Stable Geometry at Mach 4



(c) Yaw Stable Waverider at Mach 4

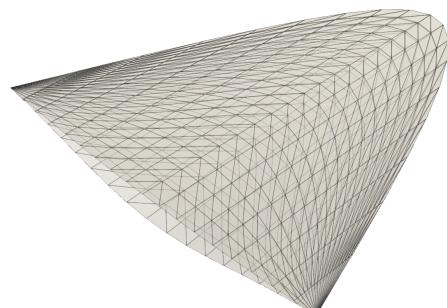
(d) Max L/D Waverider at Mach 4

Fig. 5.6: Comparison of Different Waverider Configurations at Mach 4

Because very small y -intercept values produce smaller L/D values, increasing the y -intercept to the boundary of pitch stability produces the most optimal, fully stable geometry within the limited design space investigated at Mach 4. Generating this waverider by setting $A_2 = 0.01$ and $A_0 = -0.19$, the geometry is shown in Fig. (5.7).

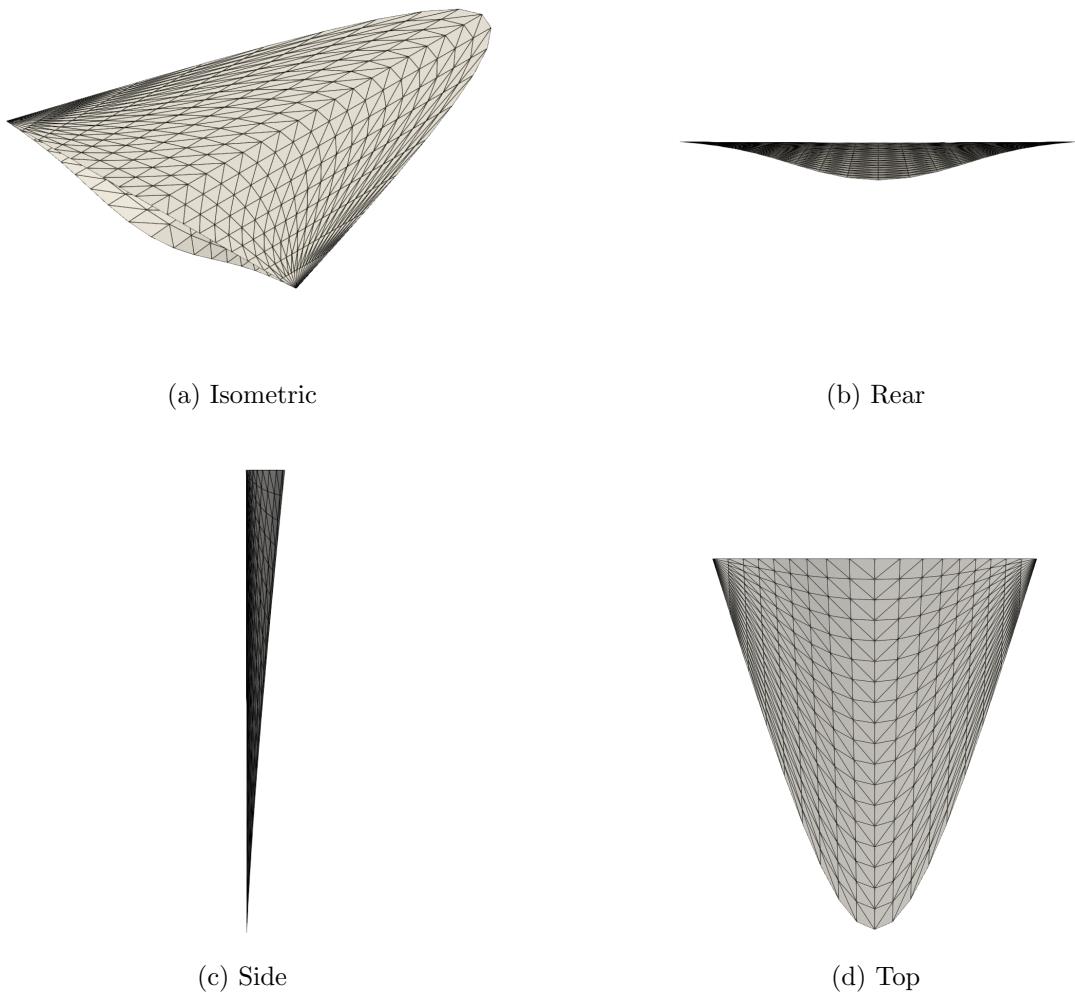


Fig. 5.7: Most Optimal, Fully-Stable Mach 4 Waverider Geometry

Additional contour plots for Mach 10, 15, 20 and 25 vehicles are provided in Figs. (5.8)-(5.11). In the limited design space exploration, near-optimal waverider shapes were shown to be independent of cruise speed. Further, pitch stability appears to be directly tied to

the shock angle at which the waverider was defined from. For example, Fig. (5.9) and Fig. (5.11), which were defined at the same shock angle, have very similar pitch stability regions despite having a different cruise speed. Decreasing the shock angle, which is demonstrated in the Mach 20 case found in Fig. (5.10) decreases the potential for pitch stability. Lateral stability exhibits similar dependencies, but perhaps not as evident due to the larger stable regions across the entire hypersonic regime.

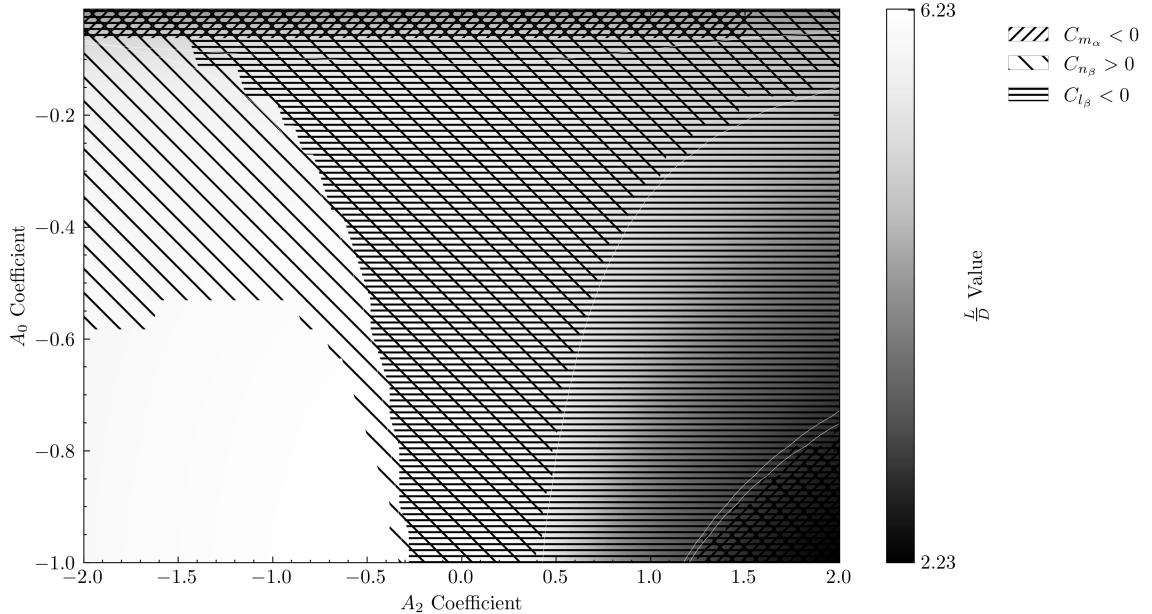


Fig. 5.8: Second-Order Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 10

5.2.2 Shock Angle Optimization

As previously discussed, the shock angle from which the waverider is defined can have significant effects on aerodynamic output. As such, the second-order Mach 4 exhaustive search was repeated at the following shock angles in Figs. (5.12)-(5.14).

1. 14.5°
2. 20°
3. 25°

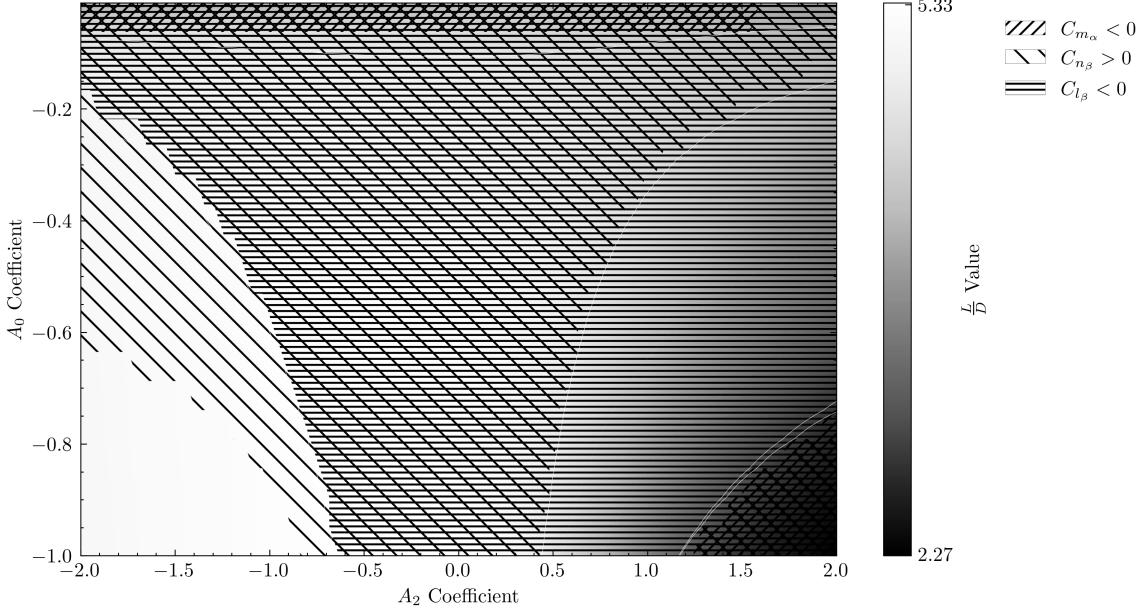


Fig. 5.9: Second-Order Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 15

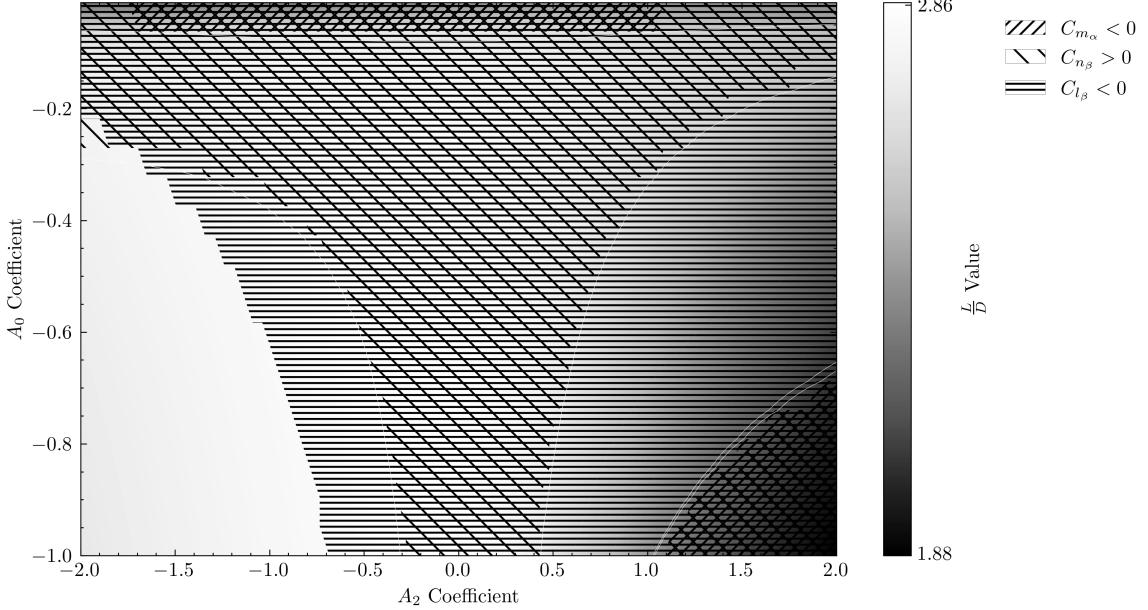


Fig. 5.10: Second-Order Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 20

Figures (5.12)-(5.14) possess similar stability trends to Figs. (5.5) - (5.11). There is, however, a growth in pitch stability along increasing shock angle.

Beyond stability considerations, results at 14.5° show poor L/D values. Different 'max' L/D values for each shock angle definition suggest that aerodynamic efficiency is directly

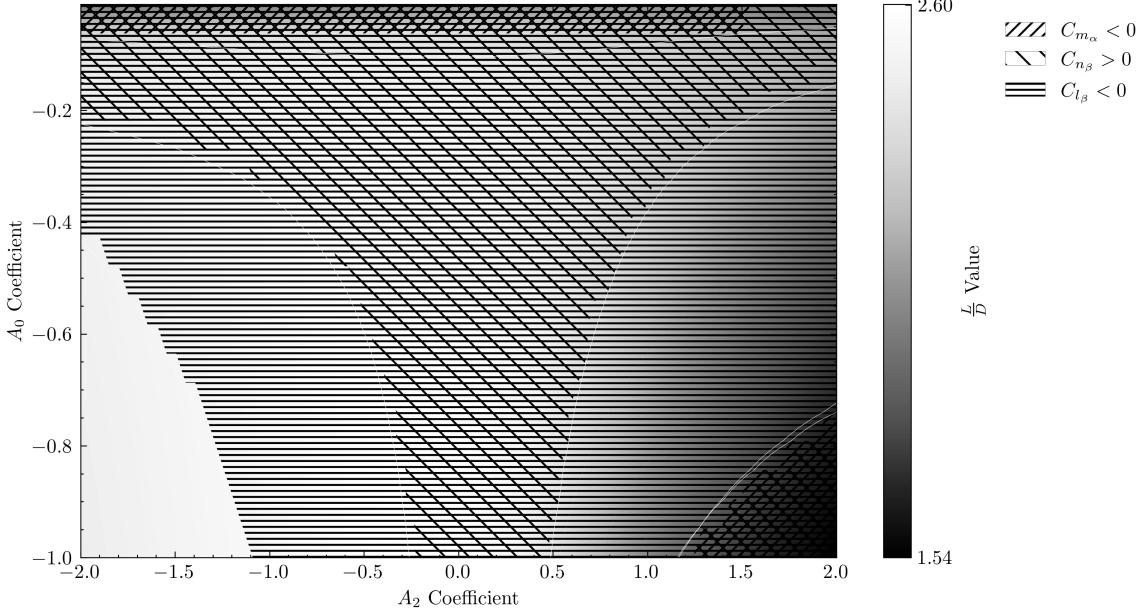


Fig. 5.11: Second-Order Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 25

related to the shock at which the waverider was derived from, agreeing with historical data [1]. Hence, looking at various possible shock structures could yield benefits in the preliminary waverider design process.

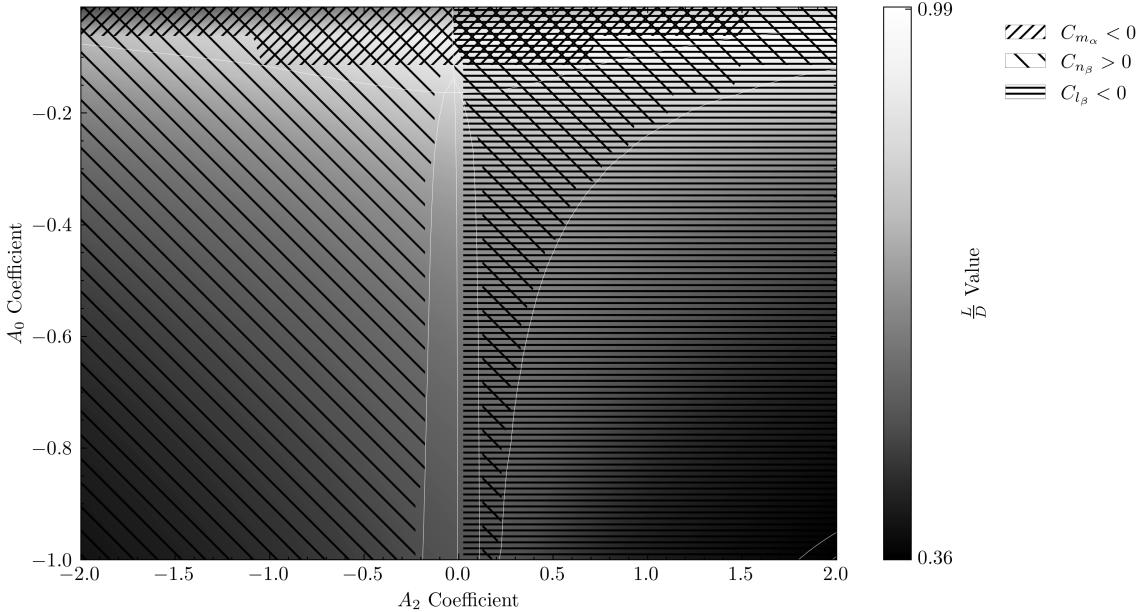


Fig. 5.12: Design Space Exploration At Mach 4 at $\theta_s = 14.5^\circ$

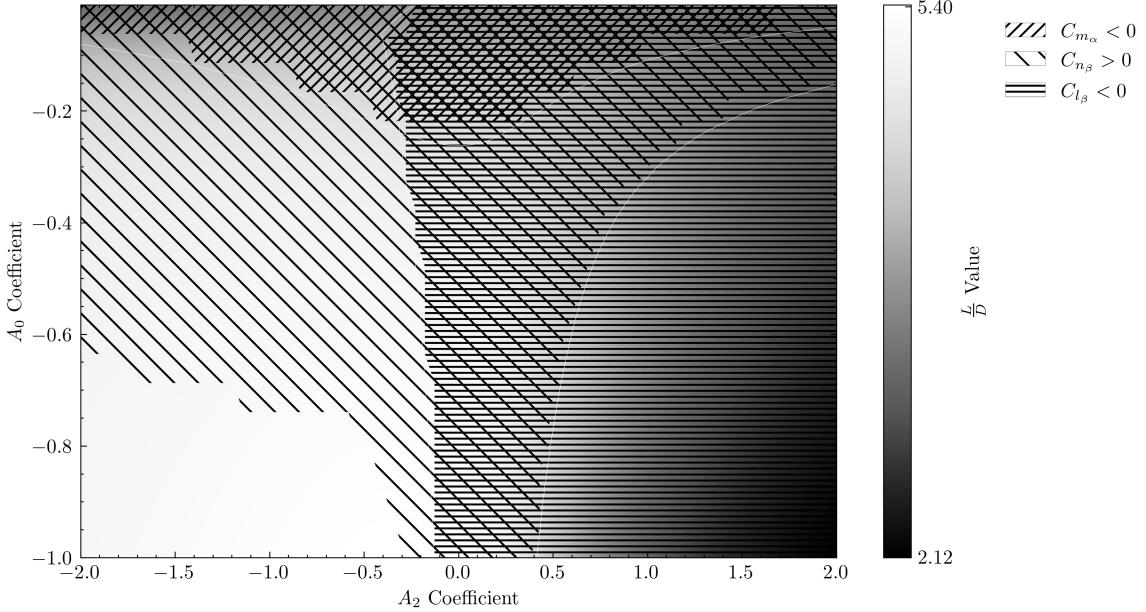


Fig. 5.13: Design Space Exploration At Mach 4 at $\theta_s = 20^\circ$

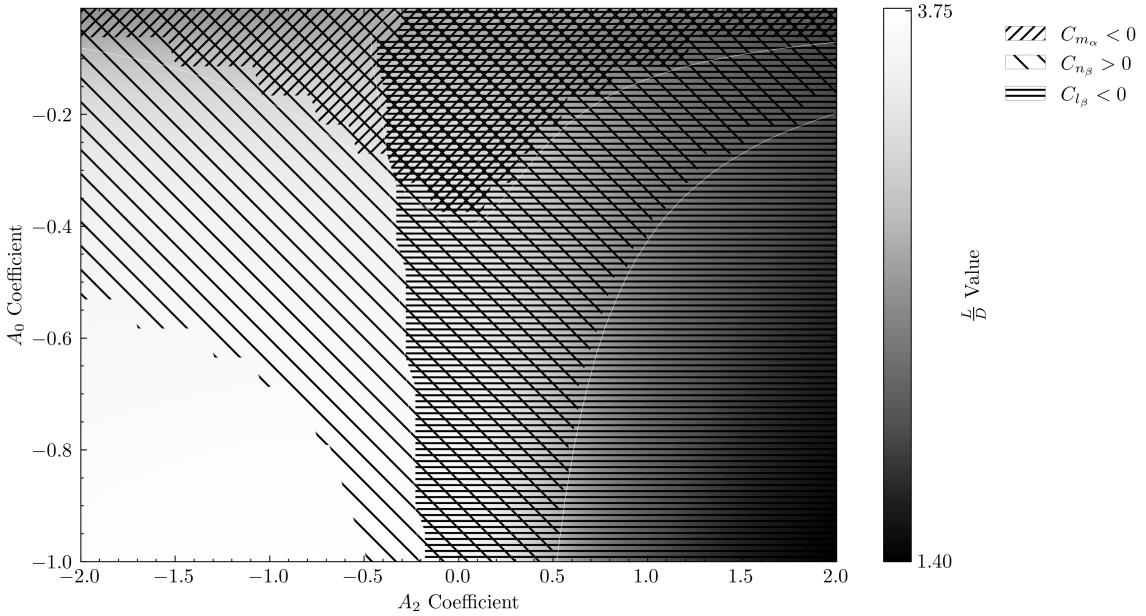


Fig. 5.14: Design Space Exploration At Mach 4 at $\theta_s = 25^\circ$

Additional insight is derived by perturbing the shock used to generate the default geometry (shown in Fig. (5.6a), for which nominal stability values for increasing speed are

shown in Fig. (5.4). Keeping all other parameters congruent, the shock angle was perturbed $\pm 2^\circ$ along with the nominal value, generating the waveriders shown in Fig. (5.15).

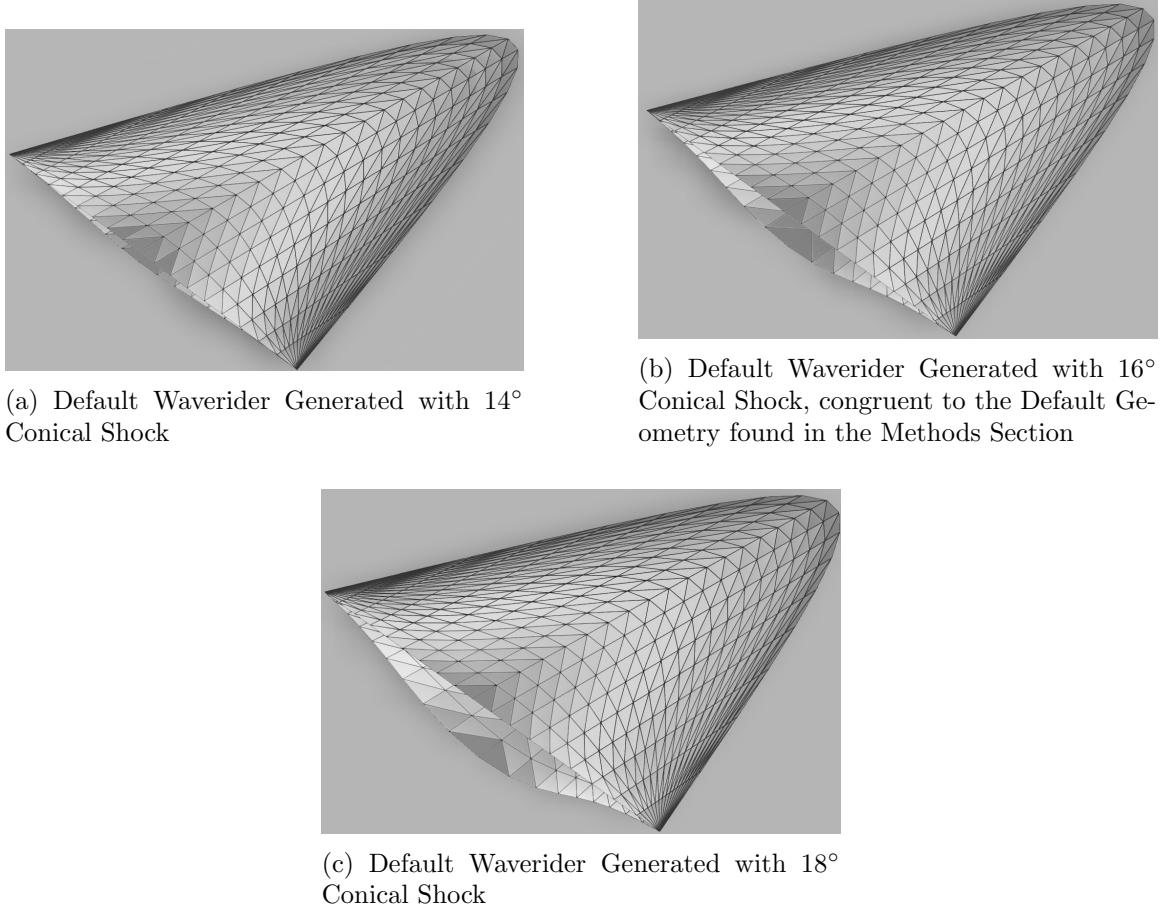


Fig. 5.15: Visual Effects of Perturbing Shock Angle on Waverider Shape

Plotting the stability coefficients associated with the perturbed waverider geometries against the nominal values contained in Fig. (5.4), Fig. (5.16) importantly deduces that lateral stability is little changed by shock angle, while longitudinal stability is significantly influenced by changes in shock angle. Interestingly, roll stability, in contrast to the other stability parameters, demonstrates an inverse relationship with shock angle.

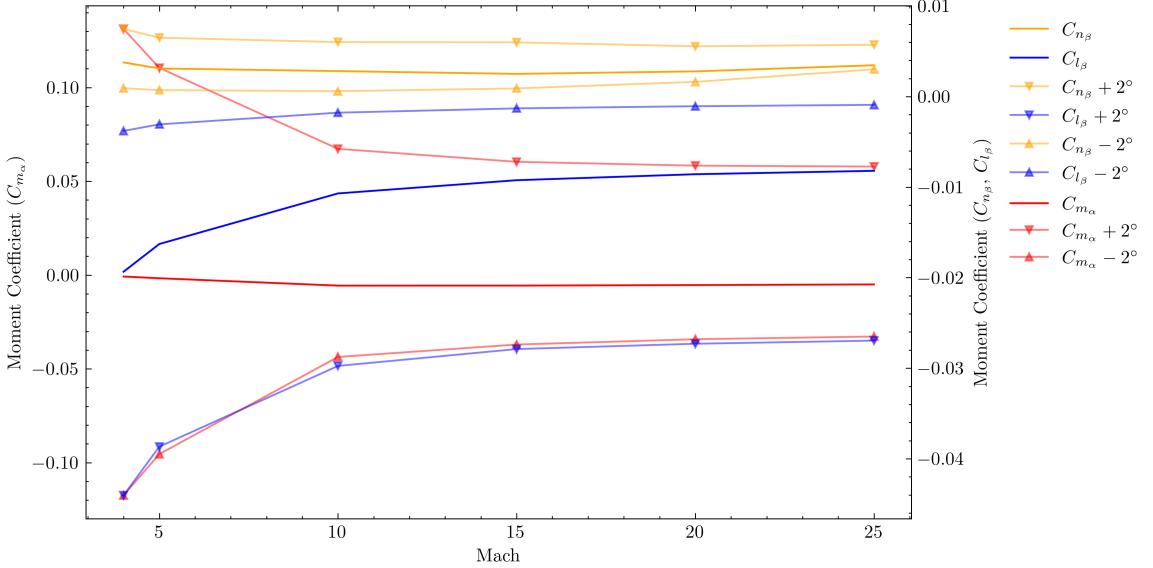


Fig. 5.16: Moment Coefficients along Increasing Speed, with perturbed shock angle

5.2.3 Third Order

To discover if higher-order polynomials opened flexibility to achieve more desirable waverider bodies, exhaustive searches of limited third-order polynomials was performed at opposite ends of the speed regime found in this research: Mach 25 and Mach 4. Holding the shock angles as dictated in Table 5.1, A_0 was held consistent to -0.1. For Mach 25, A_3 was swept from -100 to 100 in 100 steps, while A_2 was swept for -100 to 100 in 100 steps. For Mach 4, A_3 was swept from -45 to 10 in 100 steps, while A_2 was swept for -2.5 to 10 in 100 steps.

Since polynomials whose coefficients were nearly zero were shown to have max L/D values in the second-order investigations, it is unremarkable that aerodynamic efficiency did not significantly increase with third-order polynomials found in Fig. (5.17). However, the third-order design space demonstrates that adding complexity to the leading edge shape provides new flexibility in the design space for stable regions, like as shown in Fig. (5.18). As such, increasing the polynomial order may provide resiliency for stability requirements.

The limited Mach 25 study provides very different stability regions than heretofore reported. Generating a waverider with the parameters shown by the yellow dot in Fig. (5.17),

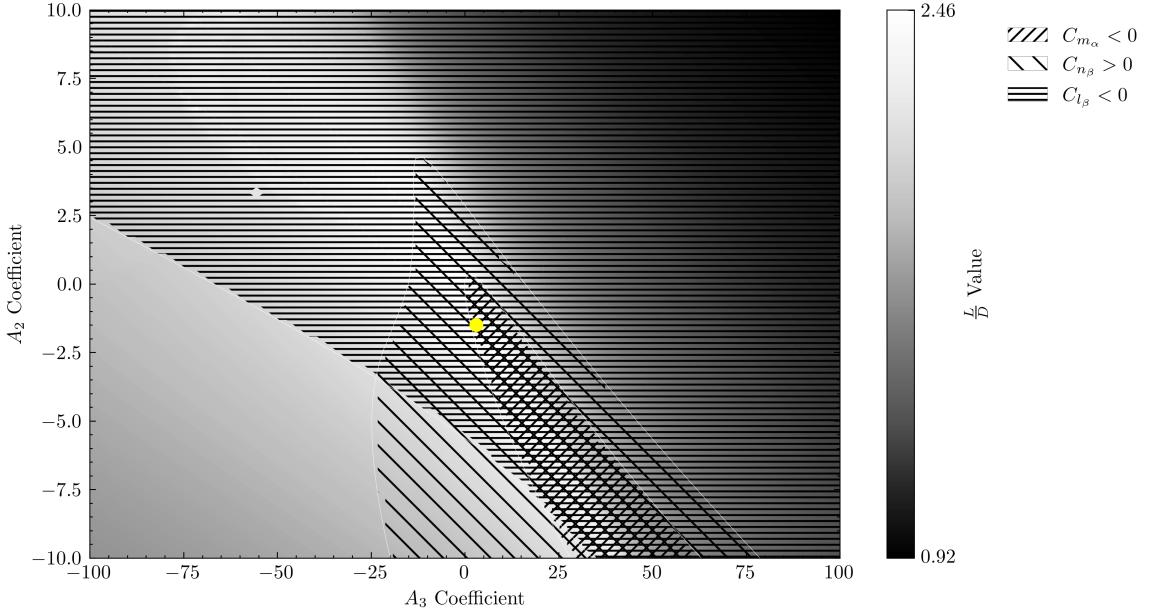


Fig. 5.17: Third-Order Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 25 with a y -intercept of -0.1

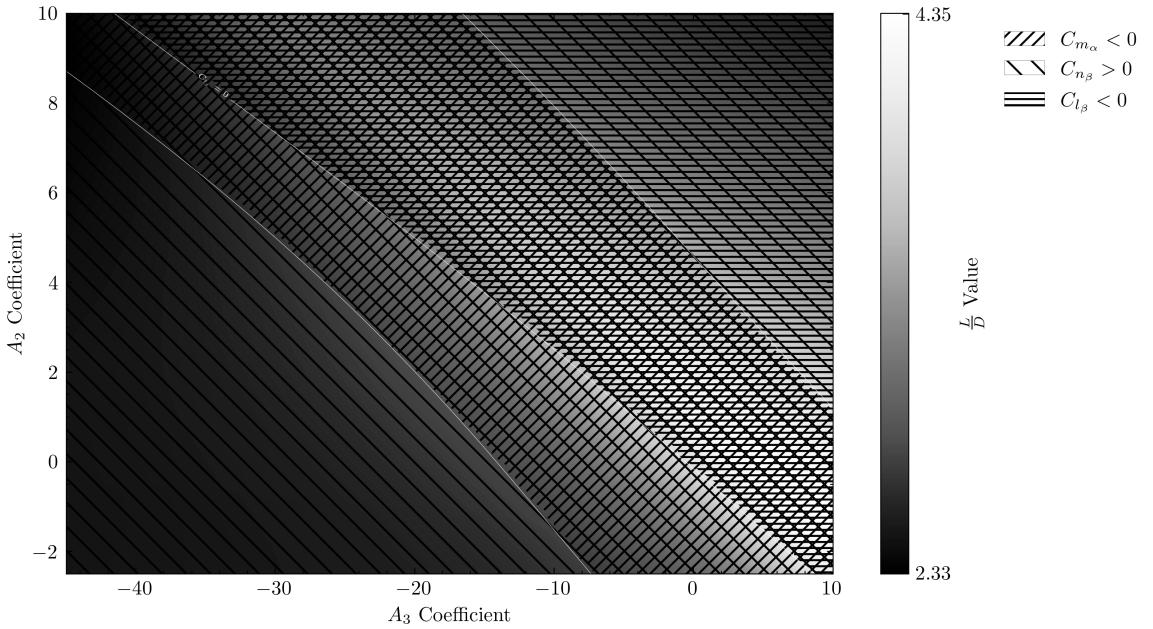


Fig. 5.18: Third-Order Design Space Exploration with Stability Overlays at Mach 4 with a y -intercept of -0.1

a stable, high-efficiency waverider is shown in Fig. (5.19). This near-optimal waverider exhibits slightly upturned edges, reminiscent of vertical stabilizers.

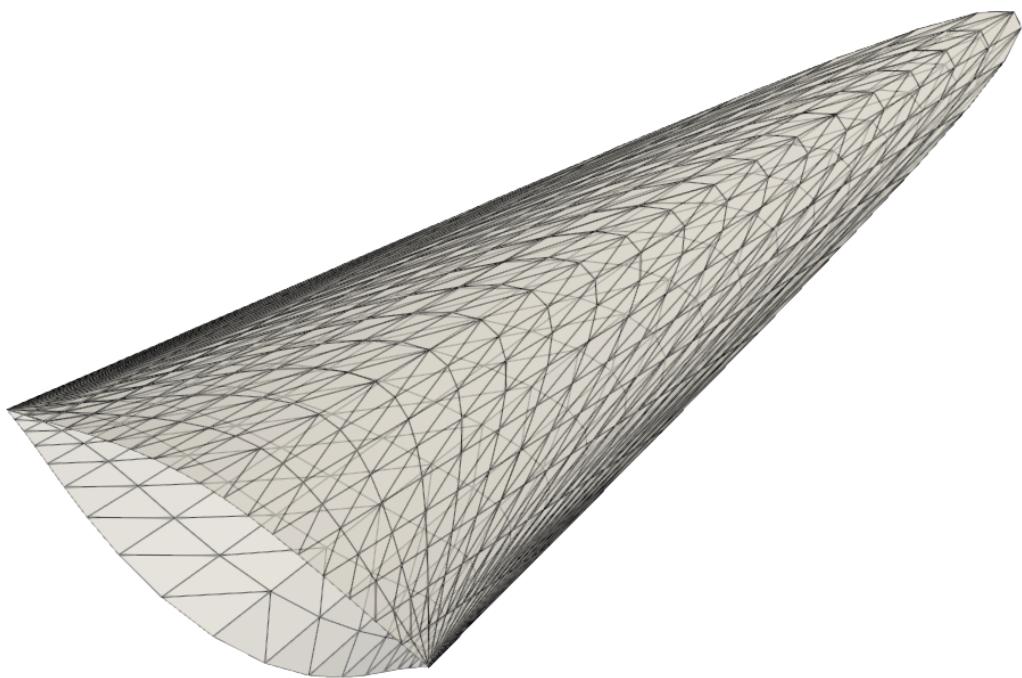


Fig. 5.19: Near-Optimal, Stable Waverider at Mach 25

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION

Waveriders exhibit outstanding potential to make hypersonic travel more effective and efficient. However, a successful flight must also meet stability and control requirements. Investigating waverider design spaces via polynomial leading-edge parameterization uncovered relationships between aerodynamic stability and efficiency at cruise conditions.

This research unveiled important information about preliminary design for conically-derived waveriders:

1. Investigating stability in preliminary design is important because waverider design space, has potential for blending stability and aerodynamic efficiency, potentially simplifying and enhancing the design and analysis of waverider concepts
2. Additional leading-edge shape complexity only makes nominal differences in waverider efficiency. Flat polynomials were found to be the best for aerodynamic efficiency, independent of Mach number. However, waverider stability is more sensitive to changes in leading-edge parameters
3. The shock angle at which a conically-derived waverider is derived from can have significant effects on waverider efficiency and stability
4. The y -intercept of the polynomial projection is highly important to waverider stability

There are various ways to refine and build on this research. In addition to stability requirements, waverider vehicles must meet take-off and landing requirements and volumetric constraints in order to perform a successful mission. These requirements can also have significant effects on waverider design space, complimenting the present research. In addition to traditional conically-derived waveriders, design space exploration and stability requirements could be considered for various types of waverider vehicles. Shock considerations, as discussed above, have a large effect on waverider aerodynamic performance.

This thesis and associated SHADOW tool can be used as a preliminary design tool to get 'back-of-envelope' estimates on desired waverider shapes. Hopefully, this research can serve as a starting point for further waverider design space investigation and visualization. Understanding these design spaces and associated aerodynamic information will help pave the way for efficient hypersonic travel.

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APPENDICES

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APPENDIX A

GEOMETRY DEVELOPMENT

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54     if event.inaxes is not None:
55         points.append((event.xdata, event.ydata))
56         ax = event.inaxes
57         ax.plot(event.xdata, event.ydata, 'ro')
58         #ax.plot(event.xdata, event.ydata, 'ro')
59         canvas.draw()
60     key_press_handler(event, canvas, toolbar)
61
62
63     canvas.mpl_connect("button_press_event", on_button_press)
64
65
66     def _quit():
67         root.quit()      # stops mainloop
68         root.destroy()   # this is necessary on Windows to prevent
69                         # Fatal Python Error: PyEval_RestoreThread: NULL tstate
70
71
72     button = tkinter.Button(master=root, text="Quit", command=_quit)
73     button.pack(side=tkinter.BOTTOM)
74
75     tkinter.mainloop()
76
77     polyfit = fit_poly(points, 2)
78
79     return polyfit
80
81 def rk4_array(theta, y0, func, dtheta):
82
83     half_step = dtheta/2
84
85     k1 = []
86     k2 = []
87     k3 = []
88     k4 = []
89
90     k1 = func(y0[1], y0[0], theta)
91     k2 = func(y0[1] - (dtheta*(k1[1]/2)), y0[0] - (dtheta*((k1[0]/2))), theta-
half_step)
92     k3 = func(y0[1] - (dtheta*(k2[1]/2)), y0[0] - (dtheta*((k2[0]/2))), theta-
half_step)
93     k4 = func(y0[1] - (dtheta*(k3[1])), y0[0] - (dtheta*((k3[0]))), theta-
dtheta)
94
95     ans = [0,0]
96     ans[0] = y0[0] - ((k1[0] + k2[0]*2 + k3[0]*2 + k4[0])*(dtheta/6))
97     ans[1] = y0[1] - ((k1[1] + k2[1]*2 + k3[1]*2 + k4[1])*(dtheta/6))
98
99     return ans
100
101 def rk4_streamline(y0, func, dt):
102
103     k1 = []
104     k2 = []
105     k3 = []
106     k4 = []
107
108     k1 = func(y0[1], y0[0])
109     k2 = func(y0[1] + (dt*(k1[1]/2)), y0[0] + (dt*((k1[0]/2))))
110     k3 = func(y0[1] + (dt*(k2[1]/2)), y0[0] + (dt*((k2[0]/2))))
111     k4 = func(y0[1] + (dt*(k3[1])), y0[0] + (dt*((k3[0]))))
112
113     ans = [0,0]
114     ans[0] = y0[0] + ((k1[0] + k2[0]*2 + k3[0]*2 + k4[0])*(dt/6))
115     ans[1] = y0[1] + ((k1[1] + k2[1]*2 + k3[1]*2 + k4[1])*(dt/6))

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116         return ans
117
118
119     def interpolate(pair1, pair2, X):
120
121         Y10 = pair1[1]
122         Y20 = pair2[1]
123         X10 = pair1[0]
124         X20 = pair2[0]
125
126         Y11 = pair1[2]
127         Y21 = pair2[2]
128         X11 = X10
129         X21 = X20
130
131         Y0 = Y10+(((Y20-Y10)/(X20-X10))*(X-X10))
132         Y1 = Y11+(((Y21-Y11)/(X21-X11))*(X-X11))
133
134         return Y0, Y1
135
136
137     def sphere_to_cart(r, theta, phi):
138
139         st = math.sin(theta)
140         ct = math.cos(theta)
141         sp = math.sin(phi)
142         cp = math.cos(phi)
143
144         x = r*cp*st
145         y = r*sp*st
146         z = r*ct
147
148         return [x, y, z]
149
150
151     def cart_to_sphere(x, y, z):
152
153         r = math.sqrt(x**2+y**2+z**2)
154         if x == 0 and y == 0 and z == 0:
155             theta = 0
156         else:
157             theta = math.acos(((z)/(math.sqrt(x**2+y**2+z**2))))
158         phi = math.atan2(y, x)
159
160         return [r, theta, phi]
161
162
163     def triangulate(point_cloud, filename):
164
165         import trimesh
166         mesh = trimesh.Trimesh(point_cloud)
167         mesh.export(str(filename)+'.tri')
168
169
170     def find_closest_point(input_list, desired_point):
171
172         input_list = input_list[input_list[:, 1].argsort()]
173         differences = [abs(arr[0] - desired_point) for arr in input_list]
174
175         # Find the index of the minimum absolute difference
176         index = differences.index(min(differences))
177
178         if index + 1 == len(input_list):
179             index_point1 = index
180             index_point2 = index - 1
181
182         else:
183
184             if input_list[index][0] < desired_point:

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181         index_point1 = index
182         index_point2 = index + 1
183     else:
184         index_point1 = index
185         index_point2 = index - 1
186
187
188     return [[input_list[index_point1][0], input_list[index_point1][1], input_list[index_point1][2]], [input_list[index_point2][0], input_list[index_point2][1], input_list[index_point2][2]]]
189
190 def plot_3d(upper_surface, lower_surface, base_plate):
191
192     data = np.concatenate((upper_surface, lower_surface))
193
194     datab = base_plate
195
196     fig = plt.figure()
197     ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
198     ax.set_xlabel('X')
199     ax.set_ylabel('Y')
200     ax.set_zlabel('Z')
201
202     ax.set_xlim(-3,3)
203     ax.set_ylim(-3,3)
204     ax.set_zlim(-3,3)
205
206     for i in range(len(data)):
207         color = np.random.rand(3,)
208         for j in range(len(data[i])-1):
209             pairx = [data[i][j][0], data[i][j+1][0]]
210             pairy = [data[i][j][1], data[i][j+1][1]]
211             pairz = [data[i][j][2], data[i][j+1][2]]
212             ax.plot(pairx, pairy, zs=pairz, color=color)
213
214     for i in range(len(datab)):
215         color = np.random.rand(3,)
216         for j in range(len(datab[i])-1):
217             pairx = [datab[i][j][0], datab[i][j+1][0]]
218             pairy = [datab[i][j][1], datab[i][j+1][1]]
219             pairz = [datab[i][j][2], datab[i][j+1][2]]
220             ax.plot(pairx, pairy, zs=pairz, color=color)
221
222     plt.show(block=False)
223
224 def get_z_point(xylist, theta):
225
226     zlist = []
227     for i in range(len(xylist)):
228         x = xylist[i][0]
229         y = xylist[i][1]
230         z = math.sqrt((((x**2)*(math.cos(theta))**2))+((y**2)*(math.cos(theta))**2))
231         zlist.append(z)
232
233     return zlist
234
235 def surface_mesh(top_surface, lower_surface):
236
237     leadingedge = []
238     top_surface_mesh = []
239     for i in range(len(top_surface) - 1):
240         for j in range(len(top_surface[i]) - 1):
241             if i == 0:
242                 top_surface_mesh.append([0, j+1, j+2])

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243         if j == 0:
244             leadingedge.append(0)
245
246             elif i != 0 and i != len(top_surface) - 2:
247                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, ((len(
248                     top_surface[0]))*(i))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j])
249                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, (len(
250                     top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j])
251                     if j == 0:
252                         leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j)
253                         if i == len(top_surface) - 3:
254                             leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1+j)
255
256             elif i == len(top_surface) - 2:
257                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1, (len(
258                     top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j])
259                     if j == 0:
260                         leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1)
261
262             lower_surface_mesh = []
263             trailingedge = []
264             last_index = (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1
265             for i in range(len(lower_surface) - 1):
266                 for j in range(len(lower_surface[i]) - 2):
267                     if i == 0:
268                         lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+1+last_index, j+2+
269                     last_index])
270                         if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
271                             lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+2+last_index,
272                     last_index-1])
273                         if j == 0:
274                             trailingedge.append(0+last_index)
275
276                     elif i != 0 and i != len(lower_surface) - 2:
277                         lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
278                     last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(lower_surface
279                     [0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])
280                         lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
281                     last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+1+last_index-1, (len(
282                     lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])
283                         if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
284                             lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
285                     last_index, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(top_surface[i])*((
286                     len(top_surface)-2)-i))])
287                             lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
288                     last_index, (len(top_surface[i])*((len(top_surface)-1)-i)), (len(top_surface[i])*((
289                     len(top_surface)-2)-i))])
290                         if j == 0:
291                             trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
292                     last_index-1)
293                         if i == len(lower_surface) - 3:
294                             trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
295                     last_index-2)
296
297                     elif i == len(lower_surface) - 2:
298                         lower_surface_mesh.append([0, last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*
299                     (len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j-1, last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(
300                     lower_surface)-3)+1+j+1-1])
301                         if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
302                             lower_surface_mesh.append([0, last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*
303                     (len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j, len(top_surface[i])])
304                         if j == 0:
305                             trailingedge.append(0)
306
307             base_mesh = []

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290
291     trailingedge.pop(0)
292     trailingedge.pop(-1)
293
294     trailingedge = [trailingedge[i] for i in range(len(trailingedge)-1, -1, -1)]
295
296     for i in range(len(trailingedge)-1):
297         base_mesh.append([trailingedge[i], leadingedge[i+1], leadingedge[i+2]])
298         base_mesh.append([trailingedge[i], trailingedge[i+1], leadingedge[i+2]])
299
300     base_mesh.append([leadingedge[0], leadingedge[1], trailingedge[0]])
301     base_mesh.append([leadingedge[-1], leadingedge[-2], trailingedge[-1]])
302
303     triangle_list = top_surface_mesh + lower_surface_mesh + base_mesh
304
305     return triangle_list
306
307 def mesh(top_surface, lower_surface):
308
309     leadingedge = []
310     top_surface_mesh = []
311     for i in range(len(top_surface) - 1):
312         for j in range(len(top_surface[i]) - 1):
313             if i == 0:
314                 top_surface_mesh.append([0, j+1, j+2])
315                 if j == 0:
316                     leadingedge.append(0)
317
318             elif i != 0 and i != len(top_surface) - 2:
319                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, ((len(
320 top_surface[0]))*(i))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j])
321                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j, (len(
322 top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j])
323                 if j == 0:
324                     leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j)
325                     if i == len(top_surface) - 3:
326                         leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1+j)
327
328             elif i == len(top_surface) - 2:
329                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(
330 top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1])
331                 if j == 0:
332                     leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1)
333
334     lower_surface_mesh = []
335     trailingedge = []
336     last_index = (len(lower_surface[0])*i)+1
337     for i in range(len(lower_surface) - 1):
338         for j in range(len(lower_surface[i]) - 2):
339             if i == 0:
340                 lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+1+last_index, j+2+
341 last_index])
342                 if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
343                     lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+2+last_index,
344 last_index-1])
345                 if j == 0:
346                     trailingedge.append(0+last_index)
347
348             elif i != 0 and i != len(lower_surface) - 2:
349                 lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
350 last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1-1, (len(
351 lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])
352                 lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
353 last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+1+last_index-1, (len(
354 lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])

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```

346         if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
347             lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
348             last_index, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(top_surface[i])*(
349             len(top_surface)-2)-i)])
350             lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[i])*((len(top_surface)
351             )-2)-i), (len(top_surface[i])*((len(top_surface)-1)-i)), (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-
352             1))+(3-i)+j+last_index])
353             if j == 0:
354                 trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
355                 last_index-1)
356             if i == len(lower_surface) - 3:
357                 trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
358                 last_index-2)
359
360             elif i == len(lower_surface) - 2:
361                 lower_surface_mesh.append([last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(
362                 len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j+1-1, last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(
363                 lower_surface)-3)+1+j-1, 0])
364                 if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
365                     lower_surface_mesh.append([len(top_surface[i]), last_index+1+(len(
366                 lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j, 0])
367                     if j == 0:
368                         trailingedge.append(0)
369
370             base_mesh = []
371
372             trailingedge.pop(0)
373             trailingedge.pop(-1)
374
375             trailingedge = [trailingedge[i] for i in range(len(trailingedge)-1, -1, -1)]
376
377             for i in range(len(trailingedge)-1):
378                 base_mesh.append([leadingedge[i+2], leadingedge[i+1], trailingedge[i]])
379                 base_mesh.append([trailingedge[i], trailingedge[i+1], leadingedge[i+2]])
380
381             base_mesh.append([trailingedge[0], leadingedge[1], leadingedge[0]])
382             base_mesh.append([leadingedge[-1], leadingedge[-2], trailingedge[-1]])
383
384             # REMOVE BASE LIST!
385             #triangle_list = top_surface_mesh + lower_surface_mesh + base_mesh
386             triangle_list = top_surface_mesh + lower_surface_mesh
387
388             return triangle_list
389
390 def mesh_2(top_surface, lower_surface):
391
392     leadingedge = []
393     top_surface_mesh = []
394     for i in range(len(top_surface) - 1):
395         for j in range(len(top_surface[i]) - 1):
396             if i <= ((len(top_surface)-1)/2)-1:
397                 if i == 0:
398                     top_surface_mesh.append([0, j+1, j+2])
399                     if j == 0:
400                         leadingedge.append(0)
401
402                     elif i != 0 and i != len(top_surface) - 2:
403                         top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, ((len(
404                             top_surface[0]))*(i))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j])
405                         top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j, (len(
406                             top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j])
407                         if j == 0:
408                             leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j)
409                         if i == len(top_surface) - 3:
410                             leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1+j)
411
412

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```

400
401         elif i == len(top_surface) - 2:
402             top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(
403                 top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1])
404             if j == 0:
405                 leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1)
406             else:
407                 if i == 0:
408                     top_surface_mesh.append([0, j+1, j+2])
409                     if j == 0:
410                         leadingedge.append(0)
411
412             elif i != 0 and i != len(top_surface) - 2:
413                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0]))*(i)+1+j, (len(
414                     top_surface[0])*(i))+2+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j])
415                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(
416                     top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0]))*(i)+1+j])
417                 if j == 0:
418                     leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j)
419                     if i == len(top_surface) - 3:
420                         leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1+j)
421
422             elif i == len(top_surface) - 2:
423                 top_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[0])*(i-1))+2+j, (len(
424                     top_surface[0])*(i-1))+1+j, (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1])
425                 if j == 0:
426                     leadingedge.append((len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1)
427
428             lower_surface_mesh = []
429             trailingedge = []
430             last_index = (len(top_surface[0])*(i))+1
431             for i in range(len(lower_surface) - 1):
432                 for j in range(len(lower_surface[i]) - 2):
433                     if i <= ((len(lower_surface)-1)/2)-1:
434                         if i == 0:
435                             lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+1+last_index, j+2+
436                             last_index])
437                         if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
438                             lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+2+last_index,
439                             last_index-1])
440                         if j == 0:
441                             trailingedge.append(0+last_index)
442
443                     elif i != 0 and i != len(lower_surface) - 2:
444                         lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
445                         last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(
446                             lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])
447                         lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
448                         last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+1+last_index-1, (len(
449                             lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])
450                         if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
451                             lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)
452                             +j+last_index, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(
453                             top_surface[i])*(len(top_surface)-2)-i)])
454                             lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[i])*((len(
455                             top_surface)-2)-i)), (len(top_surface[i])*((len(top_surface)-1)-i)),
456                             (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+last_index])
457                             if j == 0:
458                                 trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+3-i)+j+
459                                 last_index-1)
460                             if i == len(lower_surface) - 3:
461                                 trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
462                                 last_index-2)
463
464                     elif i == len(lower_surface) - 2:
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449         lower_surface_mesh.append([last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)
450 *(len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j+1-1, last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(
451 lower_surface)-3)+1+j-1, 0])
452             if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
453                 lower_surface_mesh.append([len(top_surface[i]), last_index
454 +1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j, 0])
455             if j == 0:
456                 trailingedge.append(0)
457             else:
458                 if i == 0:
459                     lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+1+last_index, j+2+
460 last_index])
461                     if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
462                         lower_surface_mesh.append([0+last_index, j+2+last_index,
463 last_index-1])
464                     if j == 0:
465                         trailingedge.append(0+last_index)
466
467             elif i != 0 and i != len(lower_surface) - 2:
468                 lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
469 last_index-1-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(lower_surface
470 [0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+1+last_index-1])
471                 lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
472 +1+last_index-1, (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1, (len(
473 lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1-1])
474                     if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
475                         lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
476 j+last_index-1, (len(top_surface[i])*((len(top_surface)-2)-i)), (len(top_surface[i])
477 *((len(top_surface)-1)-i))])
478                     lower_surface_mesh.append([(len(top_surface[i]))*((len(
479 top_surface)-1)-i)), (len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+last_index, (len(
500 lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+last_index-1])
501                     if j == 0:
502                         trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i-1))+(3-i)+j+
503 last_index-1)
504                     if i == len(lower_surface) - 3:
505                         trailingedge.append((len(lower_surface[0])*(i))+(3-i)+j+
506 last_index-2)
507
508             elif i == len(lower_surface) - 2:
509                 lower_surface_mesh.append([last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)
510 *(len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j+1-1, last_index+1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(
511 lower_surface)-3)+1+j-1, 0])
512                 if j == len(lower_surface[i]) - 3:
513                     lower_surface_mesh.append([len(top_surface[i]), last_index
514 +1+(len(lower_surface[i])-1)*(len(lower_surface)-3)+1+j, 0])
515                 if j == 0:
516                     trailingedge.append(0)
517
518         base_mesh = []
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520         trailingedge.pop(0)
521         trailingedge.pop(-1)
522
523         trailingedge = [trailingedge[i] for i in range(len(trailingedge)-1, -1, -1)]
524
525         for i in range(len(trailingedge)-1):
526             base_mesh.append([leadingedge[i+2], leadingedge[i+1], trailingedge[i]])
527             base_mesh.append([trailingedge[i], trailingedge[i+1], leadingedge[i+2]])
528
529         base_mesh.append([trailingedge[0], leadingedge[1], leadingedge[0]])
530         base_mesh.append([leadingedge[-1], leadingedge[-2], trailingedge[-1]])
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532 # REMOVE BASE LIST!
533 #triangle_list = top_surface_mesh + lower_surface_mesh + base_mesh

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496     triangle_list = top_surface_mesh + lower_surface_mesh
497
498     return triangle_list
499
500
501 def parabolic_leading_edge(a, n, xmin, xmax, z):
502     # Note that a must be less than or equal to 4
503     length = xmax-xmin
504     step = length/n
505     xlist = []
506     ylist = []
507     zlist = []
508     for i in range(n+1):
509         x = (i*step)+xmin
510         xlist.append(x)
511         ylist.append(z)
512         zlist.append((a*x**2)+0.1)
513
514     leading_edge_points = []
515     for i in range(n+1):
516         leading_edge_points.append([xlist[i], ylist[i], zlist[i]])
517
518     leading_edge_points = np.array(leading_edge_points)
519
520     return leading_edge_points
521
522 def define_leading_edge(ConeAngle):
523
524     LeadingEdgePointsList = [[-0.24,      -0.21],
525                             [-0.22,      -0.215],
526                             [-0.2,       -0.22],
527                             [-0.18,      -0.225],
528                             [-0.16,      -0.23],
529                             [-0.14,      -0.23],
530                             [-0.12,      -0.225],
531                             [-0.1,       -0.22],
532                             [-0.08,      -0.215],
533                             [-0.06,      -0.21],
534                             [-0.04,      -0.205],
535                             [-0.02,      -0.2],
536                             [0,          -0.195],
537                             [0.02,      -0.2],
538                             [0.04,      -0.205],
539                             [0.06,      -0.21],
540                             [0.08,      -0.215],
541                             [0.1,       -0.22],
542                             [0.12,      -0.225],
543                             [0.14,      -0.23],
544                             [0.16,      -0.23],
545                             [0.18,      -0.225],
546                             [0.2,       -0.22],
547                             [0.22,      -0.215],
548                             [0.24,      -0.21]]
549
550     z_list = get_z_point(LeadingEdgePointsList, ConeAngle)
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552     for xy_point, z_value in zip(LeadingEdgePointsList, z_list):
553         xy_point.append(z_value)
554
555     LeadingEdgePointsList = np.array(LeadingEdgePointsList)
556
557     return LeadingEdgePointsList
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559 def print_clickable_link(filepath, type="csv"):
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561     if type == "csv":
562         print(f"CSV File (containing Taylor-Maccoll solution) created: {filepath}")
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564         print(f"\033]8;;file:///{filepath}\033\\Open CSV File\033]8;;\033\\")
565     if type == 'tri':
566         print(f"NASA Cart3D TRI File created: {filepath}")
567
568         print(f"\033]8;;file:///{filepath}\033\\Open TRI File\033]8;;\033\\")
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570 def execute():
571     import pyfiglet
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573     font = "usaflag"
574
575     figlet = pyfiglet.Figlet(font=font)
576
577     text = "SHADOW"
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579     ascii_art = figlet.renderText(text)
580     ascii_art = ascii_art.rstrip()
581
582     print(ascii_art)
583     text1 = "\033[1m\$\033[0m-tability for \033[1mH\033[0m-ypersonic \033[1mA\033[0m-erodynamic \033[1mD\033[0m-erivatives via \033[1m0\033[0m-ptimizing \033[1mW\033[0m-averiders\033[0m"
584     text2 = "Hypersonic Stability Optimization Code in Python3 developed by ADAM WEAVER at Utah State University AeroLab"
585     text3 = "v2.1.01 (c)"
586
587     print(text1)
588     print(text2)
589     print(text3)
590     print()
591
592 # End Helper Functions
593 -----
594 # WaveRider Geometry Class
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596 class WaveRider:
597
598     wr_vel_list = 0
599     wr_solved_cone_angle = 0
600     wr_upper_surface = 0
601     wr_lower_surface = 0
602     wr_base_plate = 0
603     wr_m2 = 0
604     wr_deflectionangle = 0
605     wr_mn1 = 0
606     wr_m2n = 0
607     wr_mean_aerodynamic_chord = 0
608     wr_integral = 0
609     wr_start_point = 0
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612     def __init__(self, mach_number, cone_angle, lead_edge_quant, surface_quant, gamma,
613      , theta_step,
614      , stream_step, length, leading_edge_order, polyarg, trifilename,
615      , plotLeadingEdge):
616
617         # Shock Properties -----
618         self.wr_mach_number = mach_number # Operating Mach Number
619         self.wr_cone_angle = cone_angle # Assumed Shock Angle
620         self.wr_gamma = gamma # Specific Heat Ratio
621         # Mesh Properties -----

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620     self.wr_lead_edge_quant = int(lead_edge_quant) # How many leading edge points
621     do you want?
622     self.wr_surface_quant = int(surface_quant) # How many z cuts should the mesh
623     use?
624     self.wr_theta_step_size = theta_step # What is the fineness of the RK4
625     integration scheme for the Taylor-Maccoll Integration?
626     self.wr_streamline_step = streamline_step # What is the fineness of the RK4
627     integration scheme for the streamline tracing?
628     self.wr_z_length = length
629     self.wr_length = length
630     self.wr_leading_edge_order = leading_edge_order
631     self.wr_polyarg = polyarg
632     self.wr_trifilename = trifilename
633     self.wr_plotLeadingEdge = plotLeadingEdge
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    def find_pressures(self, vertices, triangle):
        panel_pressures = []
        for i in range(len(triangle)):
            triangle1 = [vertices[triangle[i][0]]]
            triangle2 = [vertices[triangle[i][1]]]
            triangle3 = [vertices[triangle[i][2]]]
            x_centroid = (triangle1[0][0] + triangle2[0][0] + triangle3[0][0])/3
            y_centroid = (triangle1[0][1] + triangle2[0][1] + triangle3[0][1])/3
            z_centroid = (triangle1[0][2] + triangle2[0][2] + triangle3[0][2])/3
            triangle_centroid = [x_centroid, y_centroid, z_centroid]
            x = x_centroid
            y = y_centroid
            z = z_centroid
            theta = math.acos(((z)/(math.sqrt(x**2+y**2+z**2))))
            pairs = find_closest_point(self.wr_vel_list, theta)
            output = interpolate(pairs[0], pairs[1], theta)
            vr = output[0]
            vtheta = output[1]
            v = math.sqrt(vr**2 + vtheta**2)
            M1 = math.sqrt((2/(self.wr_gamma-1))*(v**2)/(1-(v**2)))
            M = math.sqrt(2/((self.wr_gamma - 1)*(((1/v)**2)-1)))
            pt2opinfty = (((1+(((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*self.wr_m2**2))**((self.wr_gamma/
self.wr_gamma-1)))*(1+(((2*self.wr_gamma)/(self.wr_gamma+1))*(self.wr_mn1**2)-1)))
            popinfty = pt2opinfty*((1+(((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*(M**2))**(-(self.
wr_gamma)/(self.wr_gamma-1)))
            pop2 = (1+(((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*(self.wr_m2**2))**((self.wr_gamma/(self.
wr_gamma-1))
            #p2pinfty = 1+(((2*self.wr_gamma)/(self.wr_gamma+1))*(self.wr_mn1*(math.
sin(self.wr_cone_angle)**2))-1))
            p2pinfty = 1+(((2*self.wr_gamma)/(self.wr_gamma+1))*((self.wr_mn1**2)-1))
            pipo = 1/((1+(((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*(M**2))**((self.wr_gamma/(self.
wr_gamma-1))))
            #pipo = (2*self.wr_gamma*M**2*((math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle)**2)-(self.
wr_gamma - 1))/(self.wr_gamma+1)
            pipinfty = pop2*p2pinfty*pipo
            pconepinfty = (((1+(((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*((self.wr_m2)**2)))/(1+(((self.
wr_gamma-1)/2)*(M**2))))**((self.wr_gamma/(self.wr_gamma-1)))*(1+(((2*self.wr_gamma)/
(self.wr_gamma+1))**((self.wr_mach_number*math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle)**2)-1)))
            Cp = (2/((self.wr_gamma*self.wr_mach_number**2))*(pipinfty-1)
            Cp2 = (2/((self.wr_gamma*self.wr_mach_number**2))*(popinfty-1)
            Cp3 = (2/((self.wr_gamma*self.wr_mach_number**2))*(pconepinfty-1)
            panel_pressures.append([i,Cp, Cp2, Cp3])
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    return panel_pressures
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722
    def leading_edge(self, *args):
        args = list(args)
        delta_y = args[-1]

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673     args.insert(-1, 0.00)
674     if args[0] == 0.00:
675         args[0] = 0.0001
676
677     poly_list = []
678
679     for i in range(self.wr_leading_edge_order):
680         poly_list.append(args[i])
681
682     poly_list = args
683
684     leading_edge_poly = np.poly1d(poly_list)
685
686     x_0 = 0
687     y_0 = delta_y
688     z_0 = math.sqrt((((x_0**2)*(math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle)**2))+((y_0**2)*(math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle)**2)))/(1-(math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle)**2)))
689
690     self.wr_start_point = z_0
691     end_point = z_0+1
692
693     self.wr_z_length = end_point
694     if self.wr_leading_edge_order > 1:
695         coefficients = []
696         y_squared = leading_edge_poly*leading_edge_poly
697
698         coefficients = y_squared.coeffs
699
700         coefficients[-3] = coefficients[-3]+1
701
702         right_hand_side = ((end_point**2)*(1-(math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle)**2))
703 /((math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle)**2))
704         coefficients[-1] = coefficients[-1] - right_hand_side
705
706         function = np.poly1d(coefficients)
707
708         roots = function.roots
709
710     else:
711
712         print("SHOULDN'T ENTER HERE")
713
714     x_end = 0.005
715
716     for root in roots:
717         if np.imag(root) == 0:
718             if np.real(root) > 0:
719                 x_end = np.real(root)
720                 break
721
722     delta_x = x_end/((self.wr_lead_edge_quant-1)/2)
723     no_steps = ((self.wr_lead_edge_quant-1)/2)-1
724
725     positivexpoints = []
726     for i in range(1,int(no_steps)+1):
727         positivexpoints.append(delta_x*i)
728     negativexpoints = []
729     for item in reversed(positivexpoints):
730         negativexpoints.append(-item)
731
732     xpoints = [-x_end]+negativexpoints+[0]+positivexpoints+[x_end]
733     ypointshalf = []
734     for i in range(1, int(len(xpoints)/2)+1):
735         ypointshalf.append(leading_edge_poly(xpoints[-i]))

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736     ypointsotherhalf = [item for item in reversed(ypointshalf)]
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738     ypoints = ypointshalf +[delta_y]+ ypointsotherhalf
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740     leading_edge_geom = np.column_stack((xpoints, ypoints)).tolist()
741
742     z_list = get_z_point(leading_edge_geom, self.wr_cone_angle)
743
744     half_z_list = z_list[:int((len(z_list)/2)+1)]
745     half_x_list = xpoints[:int((len(xpoints)/2)+1)]
746     # Alter half z list so that each point is the length of the z_list minus the
747     # value of the last element
748     half_z_list = [(item - half_z_list[-1])**2 for item in half_z_list]
749
750     integral = scipy.integrate.simps(half_z_list, half_x_list)
751     self.wr_integral = integral
752
753     for xy_point, z_value in zip(leading_edge_geom, z_list):
754         xy_point.append(z_value)
755
756     leading_edge_geom = np.array(leading_edge_geom)
757
758     self.wr_leading_edge_geom = leading_edge_geom
759
760     xroots = leading_edge_poly.roots
761     smallest_x_root = np.min(xroots)
762
763     if smallest_x_root < 0:
764
765         return x_end-smallest_x_root, -(delta_y+0.0000001)
766
767     return -(x_end-smallest_x_root), -(delta_y+0.0000001) # This has to be
768     greater than zero!
769
770     def plot_quiver(self):
771
771         theta = self.wr_vel_list[:, 0]
772         v_r = self.wr_vel_list[:, 1]
773         v_theta = self.wr_vel_list[:, 2]
774
775         num_quivers = 50
776
777         ray_indices = np.arange(0, len(theta), 25)
778
779         theta_grid = np.repeat(theta[ray_indices], np.newaxis, num_quivers, axis=1)
780         v_r_grid = np.repeat(v_r[ray_indices], np.newaxis, num_quivers, axis=1)
781         v_theta_grid = np.repeat(v_theta[ray_indices], np.newaxis, num_quivers, axis
782 =1)
783
783         radii = np.linspace(0, 1, num_quivers)
784
785         x = radii * np.cos(theta_grid)
786         y = radii * np.sin(theta_grid)
787         vx = v_r_grid * np.cos(theta_grid) - v_theta_grid * np.sin(theta_grid)
788         vy = v_r_grid * np.sin(theta_grid) + v_theta_grid * np.cos(theta_grid)
789
790         plt.figure()
791         plt.quiver(x, y, vx, vy, angles='xy', scale_units='xy', scale=0.0000000001)
792         plt.xlabel('X')
793         plt.ylabel('Y')
794         plt.title('Vector Field')
795         plt.axis('equal')
796         plt.grid()
797         plt.show(block=False)

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798     def shock_test(self):
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800         """
801             THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS COME FROM PAGE 135-136 FROM MODERN COMPRESSIBLE FLOW:
802             Dr. John D. Anderson
803             """
804
805             # Upstream Flow Normal to Cone (Mach Number)
806             MN1 = self.wr_mach_number*math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle) # Equation 4.7 from
Anderson
807
808             # Downstream Flow Nomral to Cone (Mach Number)
809             #MN21 = math.sqrt((MN1**2+(2/(self.wr_gamma-1)))/(((2*self.wr_gamma/(self.
wr_gamma-1))*MN1**2)-1)) # Equation 4.10 from Anderson
810             MN2 = math.sqrt((1+((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*MN1**2)/(self.wr_gamma*MN1**2-((self
.wr_gamma-1)/2))) # This is from Dr. Whitmore's slides (same as above)
811
812             # Flow Deflection Angle
813             delta = math.atan2((2*((1/math.tan(self.wr_cone_angle))*(((self.
wr_mach_number**2)*(math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle)**2)-1)),
814                               ((self.wr_mach_number**2)*(self.wr_gamma+math.cos(2*self.
wr_cone_angle))))+2) # Equation 4.17 from Anderson
815             #delta = 11*math.pi/180
816             # Downstream Flow (Mach Number)
817             M2 = MN2/(math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle-delta)) # Equation 4.12 from Anderson
818             self.wr_m2n = MN2
819             self.wr_m2 = M2
820             self.wr_deflectionangle = delta
821
822     def shock_relations(self):
823
824         """
825             THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS COME FROM PAGE 135-136 FROM MODERN COMPRESSIBLE FLOW:
826             Dr. John D. Anderson
827             """
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829             # Upstream Flow Normal to Cone (Mach Number)
830             MN1 = self.wr_mach_number*math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle) # Equation 4.7 from
Anderson
831             self.wr_mn1 = MN1
832             # Downstream Flow Nomral to Cone (Mach Number)
833             #MN21 = math.sqrt((MN1**2+(2/(self.wr_gamma-1)))/(((2*self.wr_gamma/(self.
wr_gamma-1))*MN1**2)-1)) # Equation 4.10 from Anderson
834             if (1+((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*MN1**2)/(self.wr_gamma*MN1**2-((self.wr_gamma-1
)/2)) < 0:
835                 V_r = "No Solution"
836                 V_theta = "No Solution"
837                 return [V_r, V_theta]
838             MN2 = math.sqrt((1+((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*MN1**2)/(self.wr_gamma*MN1**2-((self
.wr_gamma-1)/2))) # This is from Dr. Whitmore's slides (same as above)
839             self.wr_m2n = MN2
840
841             # Flow Deflection Angle
842             delta = math.atan2((2*((1/math.tan(self.wr_cone_angle))*(((self.
wr_mach_number**2)*(math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle)**2)-1)),
843                               ((self.wr_mach_number**2)*(self.wr_gamma+math.cos(2*self.
wr_cone_angle))))+2) # Equation 4.17 from Anderson
844             # Downstream Flow (Mach Number)
845             M2 = MN2/(math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle-delta)) # Equation 4.12 from Anderson
846
847             V1 = (((2/((self.wr_gamma-1)*M2**2))+1)**(-0.5)) # Equation 10.16 from
Anderson
848             V = math.sqrt(((self.wr_gamma - 1)/2)*M2**2)/(1+((self.wr_gamma - 1)/2)*M2
**2))
849
850             V = 1/math.sqrt((2/((self.wr_gamma-1)*M2**2))+1) # Equation 10.16 from
Anderson
851             V_r = V*math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle-delta) # Basic Trig

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847         V_theta = -V*math.sin(self.wr_cone_angle-delta) # Basic Trig
848
849     return [V_r, V_theta]
850
851 def taylor_mccoll(self, vtheta, vr, theta):
852
853     dvrtheta = vtheta
854     dvthetadtheta = (vtheta**2*vr-((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*(1-vr**2-vtheta**2)*(2*
855     vr+vtheta*(1/math.tan(theta))))/(((self.wr_gamma-1)/2)*(1-vr**2-vtheta**2))-vtheta
856
857     return dvrtheta, dvthetadtheta
858
859     def solve_TayMac(self): # The numerical procedure is outlined in Pages 371-372 in
860     Modern Compressible Flow
861     sorry = 0, 0
862     y0 = self.shock_relations()
863     if y0[0] == "No Solution":
864         print("OH NO")
865         sorry = 1, 0
866         return sorry
867     if y0[1] == "No Solution":
868         print("OH NO")
869         sorry = 1, 0
870         return sorry
871
872     velocity_points = []
873
874     theta = self.wr_cone_angle
875     first_column = []
876     i = 0
877     while y0[1] < 0:
878         first_column.append(theta)
879         ans = rk4_array(theta, y0, self.taylor_mccoll, self.wr_theta_step_size)
880         theta = theta-self.wr_theta_step_size
881         i += 1
882         y0[0] = ans[0]
883         y0[1] = ans[1]
884         velocity_points.append([y0[0], y0[1]])
885     self.wr_solved_cone_angle = theta
886     if self.wr_solved_cone_angle < 0.5*math.pi/180:
887         sorry = 1, 0.5*math.pi/180 - self.wr_solved_cone_angle
888     first_column = np.array(first_column)
889     velocity_points = np.array(velocity_points)
890     velocity_points = np.concatenate((first_column[:, None], velocity_points),
891     axis = 1)
892     velocity_points = velocity_points[:-1] # Remove the last row
893     self.wr_vel_list = velocity_points
894
895     csv_file_path = 'output.csv'
896
897     np.savetxt(csv_file_path, self.wr_vel_list, delimiter=',')
898     csv_clickable_path = os.path.abspath(csv_file_path)
899
900     return sorry
901
902     def find_end_points(self):
903
904         possible_points_list = []
905
906         self.wr_cone_angle
907         self.wr_z_length
908         for i in range(361):
909             possible_points = sphere_to_cart(self.wr_z_length, self.wr_cone_angle, i*
910             math.pi/180)

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907         possible_points_list.append(possible_points)
908
909     return possible_points_list
910
911 def TayMac_solution(self):
912
913     reflected_list = []
914     # Axisymmetric!
915     reflected_list = [[-row[0], *row[1:]] for row in reversed(self.wr_vel_list)]
916     reflected_list = np.array(reflected_list)
917
918     newlist = self.wr_vel_list[::-1]
919
920     axisymmetric = np.vstack((reflected_list, newlist))
921
922
923     final_list = []
924     # Translate!
925     for i in range(len(axisymmetric)):
926         final_list.append([axisymmetric[i][0]+math.pi, axisymmetric[i][1],
927                           axisymmetric[i][2]])
928
929     self.wr_vel_list = np.array(final_list)
930
931 def get_streamline(self, theta):
932
933     if theta in self.wr_vel_list:
934         for index, row in enumerate(self.wr_vel_list):
935             if row[0] == theta:
936                 desired_index = index
937                 vr = self.wr_vel_list[desired_index, 1]
938                 vtheta = self.wr_vel_list[desired_index, 2]
939             else:
940                 pairs = find_closest_point(self.wr_vel_list, theta)
941                 output = interpolate(pairs[0], pairs[1], theta)
942                 vr = output[0]
943                 vtheta = output[1]
944
945     return [vr, vtheta]
946
947 def streamline_integration(self, delta_t, n, r, theta, phi):
948
949     # Integrate the streamline n times at a selected single step size
950     lower_streamline_list = []
951
952     for i in range(n):
953
954         x, y, z = sphere_to_cart(r, theta, phi)
955         vr, vtheta = self.get_streamline(theta)
956
957         lower_streamline_list.append([x, y, z])
958         y0 = [r, theta]
959         ans = rk4_streamline(y0, self.streamline_eq, delta_t)
960         r, theta = ans
961
962     return [z, lower_streamline_list]
963
964 def function(self, guess, r, theta, phi):
965     output = self.streamline_integration(guess, self.wr_surface_quant, r, theta,
966                                         phi)
967     length = output[0]-self.wr_z_length
968     return length
969
970 def secant(self, initial_guess, gradient_step, x, y, z):

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970
971     N = self.wr_surface_quant
972     distance = 1.00
973
974     xn1 = initial_guess - gradient_step
975     xn2 = initial_guess - (2*gradient_step)
976
977     xn1 = initial_guess + gradient_step
978     xn2 = initial_guess - gradient_step
979
980     r, theta, phi = cart_to_sphere(x, y, z)
981
982     xn = 0
983     i = 0
984
985
986     while abs(distance) > 1e-3:
987         i += 1
988
989         output1 = self.streamline_integration(xn1, N, r, theta, phi)
990         final_length1 = output1[0]
991
992         output2 = self.streamline_integration(xn2, N, r, theta, phi)
993         final_length2 = output2[0]
994
995         fxn1 = final_length1 - self.wr_z_length
996         fxn2 = final_length2 - self.wr_z_length
997
998         if fxn1 == fxn2:
999             break
1000
1001         xn = (xn2*fxn1-xn1*fxn2)/(fxn1-fxn2)
1002
1003         output = self.streamline_integration(xn, N, r, theta, phi)
1004         final_length = output[0]
1005
1006         fx = final_length - self.wr_z_length
1007
1008         xn2 = xn1
1009         xn1 = xn
1010
1011         distance = fx
1012
1013         if i > 3000:
1014
1015             gradient_step = 1e-8
1016             if abs(distance) < 1e-1:
1017                 return xn
1018
1019         if np.isnan(xn):
1020             print("Nan value encountered in secant method, exiting...")
1021             xn = 0.0
1022
1023         return xn
1024
1025     def streamline_eq(self, theta, r):
1026
1027         # Use Taylor-Maccoll solutions to trace streamlines. If the point lies in
1028         # between solution points, interpolate
1029         vr, vtheta = self.get_streamline(theta)
1030
1031         drdt = vr
1032         if r == 0:
1033             dthetadt = 0
1034         else:

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1034         dthetadt = (1/r)*vtheta
1035
1036     return [drdt, dthetadt]
1037
1038 def lower_surface(self):
1039
1040     streamline_list = []
1041
1042     for i in range(len(self.wr_leading_edge_geom)):
1043         initial_guess = (abs((self.wr_leading_edge_geom[i][2] - self.wr_z_length)
1044 /self.wr_surface_quant))/math.cos(self.wr_cone_angle)
1045         step = 0.0001
1046         needed_step_size = self.secant(initial_guess, step, self.
1047 wr_leading_edge_geom[i][0], self.wr_leading_edge_geom[i][1], self.
1048 wr_leading_edge_geom[i][2])
1049         if needed_step_size == "Nan":
1050             print("Nan value encountered in secant method, exiting...")
1051             randomlist = [0,0]
1052             lower_surface1 = np.array(randomlist)
1053             exit_code = 1
1054             return lower_surface1, exit_code
1055         r, theta, phi = cart_to_sphere(self.wr_leading_edge_geom[i][0], self.
1056 wr_leading_edge_geom[i][1], self.wr_leading_edge_geom[i][2])
1057         vr, vtheta = self.get_streamline(theta)
1058         streamline = self.streamline_integration(needed_step_size, self.
1059 wr_surface_quant, r, theta, phi)
1060         streamline_list.append(streamline[1])
1061
1062     lower_surface = np.array(streamline_list)
1063     self.wr_lower_surface = lower_surface
1064     exit_code = 0
1065
1066     return lower_surface, exit_code
1067
1068 # UPPER SURFACE
1069 -----
1070
1071 def trace_upper_surface(self, leading_edge_point): # Leading edge point is a 3D
1072 vertex
1073
1074     step = 1/self.wr_surface_quant
1075     upper_surface_streamline = []
1076
1077     for i in range(self.wr_surface_quant):
1078         initial_guess = abs((self.wr_z_length-leading_edge_point[2])/(self.
1079 wr_surface_quant-1))
1080
1081         needed_step_size = initial_guess
1082         z_point = leading_edge_point[2]+(needed_step_size*i)
1083         y_point = leading_edge_point[1]
1084         x_point = leading_edge_point[0]
1085         upper_surface_streamline.append([x_point, y_point, z_point])
1086
1087     np_upper_surface_streamline = np.array(upper_surface_streamline)
1088
1089     return np_upper_surface_streamline
1090
1091 def generate_upper_surface(self): # Leading edge points is a list of 3D vertex
1092 points
1093
1094     upper_surface = []
1095
1096     for i in range(len(self.wr_leading_edge_geom)):
1097         lines = self.trace_upper_surface(self.wr_leading_edge_geom[i])
1098         upper_surface.append(lines)
1099

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1090
1091     upper_surface = np.array(upper_surface)
1092     self.wr_upper_surface = upper_surface
1093     return upper_surface
1094
1095 def base_plate(self):
1096     base_plate_list = []
1097     for i in range(self.wr_lead_edge_quant):
1098         first_point = self.wr_lower_surface[i][self.wr_surface_quant-1]
1099         second_point = self.wr_upper_surface[i][self.wr_surface_quant-1]
1100
1101         pair = [first_point, second_point]
1102
1103         base_plate_list.append(pair)
1104
1105     base_plate_list = np.array(base_plate_list)
1106
1107     self.wr_base_plate = base_plate_list
1108
1109     return base_plate_list
1110
1111 def number_verticies(self):
1112     top_left = []
1113     top_right = []
1114     upper_triangle_list = []
1115     leadingedge = []
1116     for i in range(self.wr_lead_edge_quant-3):
1117         for j in range(self.wr_surface_quant-1):
1118             one = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*i)+j+1
1119             two = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*(i+1))+j+1
1120             three = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*(i+1))+(j+2)
1121             four = one
1122             five = one+1
1123             six = three
1124             upper_triangle_list.append([one, two, three])
1125             upper_triangle_list.append([four, five, six])
1126
1127             if j == self.wr_surface_quant-2:
1128                 leadingedge.append(five)
1129                 if i == self.wr_lead_edge_quant-4:
1130                     leadingedge.append(six)
1131
1132             if i == 0:
1133                 top_left.append(one)
1134             if i == self.wr_lead_edge_quant-4:
1135                 top_right.append(two)
1136
1137                 upper_triangle_list.append([one, two, three])
1138                 upper_triangle_list.append([four, five, six])
1139     top_left.append(top_left[-1]+1)
1140     top_right.append(top_right[-1]+1)
1141
1142
1143     last_index = upper_triangle_list[-1][-1]
1144
1145
1146     corner1 = 0
1147     corner2 = last_index+1
1148
1149     trailingedge = []
1150     lower_triangle_list = []
1151     bottom_left = []
1152     bottom_right = []
1153     for i in range(self.wr_lead_edge_quant-3):
1154

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1155     for j in range(self.wr_surface_quant-1):
1156         if j == 0:
1157             one = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*i)+j+1
1158             two = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*(i+1))+j+1
1159         else:
1160             one = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*i)+1-i+j+last_index
1161             two = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*(i+1))+(j+2) + (last_index-i-1) -
1162
1163             if i == 0:
1164                 five = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*i)+j+1+last_index+1
1165
1166             four = one
1167             if j == 0:
1168                 five = last_index+(self.wr_surface_quant*i)+2-i
1169             else:
1170                 five = four+1
1171             three = ((self.wr_surface_quant)*(i+1))+(j+2) + (last_index-i-1)
1172
1173             six = three
1174
1175             if j == self.wr_surface_quant-2:
1176                 trailingedge.append(five)
1177                 if i == self.wr_lead_edge_quant-4:
1178                     trailingedge.append(six)
1179
1180             if i == 0:
1181                 bottom_left.append(one)
1182
1183             if i == self.wr_lead_edge_quant-4:
1184                 bottom_right.append(two)
1185
1186             lower_triangle_list.append([one, two, three])
1187             lower_triangle_list.append([four, five, six])
1188             bottom_left.append(bottom_left[-1]+1)
1189             bottom_right.append(bottom_right[-1]+1)
1190             last_index_lower = lower_triangle_list[-1][-1]
1191
1192             base_triangle_list = []
1193
1194             for i in range(len(leadingedge)-1):
1195                 if i == 0 :
1196                     a = corner1
1197                     b = leadingedge[i]
1198                     c = trailingedge[i]
1199
1200                     base_triangle_list.append([a, b, c])
1201                 if i == len(leadingedge)-2:
1202                     a = corner2
1203                     b = leadingedge[i+1]
1204                     c = trailingedge[i+1]
1205
1206                     base_triangle_list.append([a, b, c])
1207
1208             one = trailingedge[i]
1209             two = trailingedge[i+1]
1210             three = leadingedge[i+1]
1211             four = one
1212             five = leadingedge[i]
1213             six = three
1214
1215             base_triangle_list.append([one, two, three])
1216             base_triangle_list.append([four, five, six])
1217
1218

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1219     corners = []
1220     for i in range(len(top_left)-1):
1221         onel = corner1
1222         twol = top_left[i]
1223         threel = top_left[i+1]
1224
1225         oner = corner2
1226         twor = top_right[i]
1227         threer = top_right[i+1]
1228
1229         onebl = corner1
1230         twobl = bottom_right[i]
1231         threebl = bottom_right[i+1]
1232
1233         onebr = corner2
1234         twobr = bottom_left[i]
1235         threebr = bottom_left[i+1]
1236
1237
1238
1239         corners.append([onel, twol, threel])
1240         corners.append([oner, twor, threer])
1241         corners.append([onebl, twobl, threebl])
1242         corners.append([onebr, twobr, threebr])
1243
1244     triangle_list = upper_triangle_list + lower_triangle_list +
1245     base_triangle_list + corners
1246
1247     for i in range(len(triangle_list)):
1248         if triangle_list[i][0] == triangle_list[i][1]:
1249             print("triangle list at index", i, "has a duplicate value")
1250         if triangle_list[i][1] == triangle_list[i][2]:
1251             print("triangle list at index", i, "has a duplicate value (between
1252             two and three)")
1253
1254
1255     # Combine the vertices into one big list
1256
1257     corner1 = self.wr_upper_surface[0][0].tolist()
1258     corner2 = self.wr_upper_surface[-1][0].tolist()
1259
1260     upper_surface_vertices = [corner1]
1261
1262     for i in range(1, len(self.wr_upper_surface)-1):
1263         for j in range(len(self.wr_upper_surface[i])):
1264             upper_surface_vertices.append(self.wr_upper_surface[i][-j].tolist())
1265
1266     upper_surface_vertices.append(corner2)
1267
1268     for i in range(1, len(self.wr_lower_surface)-1):
1269         for j in range(len(self.wr_lower_surface[i])-1):
1270             upper_surface_vertices.append(self.wr_lower_surface[-(i+1)][-(j+1)].tolist())
1271
1272     upper_surface_vis = np.array(upper_surface_vertices)
1273
1274     lengthofvertices = len(upper_surface_vertices)
1275     numberoftriangles = len(triangle_list)
1276
1277     triangle_list = mesh(self.wr_upper_surface, self.wr_lower_surface)

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1278     triangle_list = mesh_2(self.wr_upper_surface, self.wr_lower_surface)
1279     for i in range(len(triangle_list)):
1280         triangle_list[i][0] = triangle_list[i][0]+1
1281         triangle_list[i][1] = triangle_list[i][1]+1
1282         triangle_list[i][2] = triangle_list[i][2]+1
1283     numberoftriangles = len(triangle_list)
1284
1285     meshfile = self.wr_trifilename
1286
1287     with open(meshfile, "w") as file:
1288         file.write(f"{lengthofvertices}\n")
1289         file.write(f"{numberoftriangles}\n")
1290         for item in upper_surface_vertices:
1291             file.write(' '.join(map(str, item)) + '\n')
1292         for item in triangle_list:
1293             file.write(' '.join(map(str, item)) + '\n')
1294
1295     tri_clickable_path = os.path.abspath(meshfile)
1296
1297 def find_average_area(self):
1298     half_no = ((self.wr_lead_edge_quant-1)/2)+1
1299     sum = 0
1300     for i in range(int(half_no)):
1301         sum += abs(self.wr_upper_surface[i][0][0])
1302
1303     s_ref = 2*((sum/half_no)*self.wr_length)
1304
1305     self.wr_mean_aerodynamic_chord = 2/s_ref*self.wr_integral
1306
1307     return self.wr_length, s_ref
1308
1309 def find_cg(self):
1310     length = len(self.wr_upper_surface)*len(self.wr_upper_surface[0])
1311     x = 0
1312     y = 0
1313     z = 0
1314     for i in range(len(self.wr_upper_surface)):
1315         for j in range(len(self.wr_upper_surface[i])):
1316             x += self.wr_upper_surface[i][j][0]
1317             y += self.wr_upper_surface[i][j][1]
1318             z += self.wr_upper_surface[i][j][2]
1319     x = x/length
1320     y = y/length
1321     z = z/length
1322     z = (self.wr_start_point+1)-(0.75*self.wr_mean_aerodynamic_chord)
1323
1324     return x, y, z

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Listing A.1: Sample Python Code

APPENDIX B

HI-MACH USAGE

```

1 import os
2 import json
3 import numpy as np
4 import shutil
5 import math
6
7 import subprocess as sp
8 import multiprocessing as mp
9
10 from copy import deepcopy
11
12 def move_file(source_file_path, destination_directory):
13     # Check if the source file exists
14     if not os.path.isfile(source_file_path):
15         #print(f"Error: The source file {source_file_path} does not exist.")
16         return
17
18     # Check if the destination directory exists, if not create it
19     if not os.path.exists(destination_directory):
20         os.makedirs(destination_directory)
21
22     # Get the base name of the file (e.g., 'example.txt')
23     file_name = os.path.basename(source_file_path)
24
25     # Construct the full path for the destination file
26     destination_file_path = os.path.join(destination_directory, file_name)
27
28     # Move the file
29     try:
30         shutil.move(source_file_path, destination_file_path)
31         print(f"File moved successfully to {destination_file_path}")
32     except Exception as e:
33         print(f"Error: {e}")
34
35 def run_study(M, alpha, lref, sref, x, y, z, case_name, study_dir, beta, visc, blend,
36               cone_angle, shock_angle):
37     """Runs a case for given Mach number and mesh density"""
38
39     results_file = study_dir + "results/" + case_name + ".vtk"
40     report_file = study_dir + "reports/" + case_name + ".json"
41
42     altitude = 0
43     fttometer = 0.3048
44     t_wall = 600
45     if M == 4:
46         altitude = 80000*fttometer
47         t_wall = 725
48     if M == 6:
49         altitude = 100000*fttometer
50         t_wall = 785
51     if M == 10:
52         altitude = 125000*fttometer
53         t_wall = 960
54     if M == 14:

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54         altitude = 140000*fttometer
55         t_wall = 1020
56     if M == 20:
57         altitude = 175000*fttometer
58         t_wall = 1200
59     # INTERPOLATION GUESSES -----
60
61     if M == 5:
62         altitude = 95000*fttometer
63         t_wall = 755
64     if M == 15:
65         altitude = 150000*fttometer
66         t_wall = 1050
67     if M == 25:
68         altitude = 200000*fttometer
69         t_wall = 1350
70
71     if visc == True:
72         input_dict = {
73             "flow":
74             {
75                 "alpha": alpha,
76                 "mach_number": M,
77                 "gamma": 1.4,
78                 "beta": beta,
79                 "altitude": altitude
80             },
81             "heating":
82             {
83                 "props_file": "/Users/adamweaver/Thesis/ThesisWaverider/WAVERIDER/HI-
Mach/common/modified_Earth.props",
84                 "gas_model": 'tabulated',
85                 "use_rad_eq": False,
86                 "t_wall": t_wall,
87                 "boundary_layer_model": "transition",
88                 "xboundary_layer_model": "laminar",
89                 "streamline":
90                 {
91                     "sparse": False
92                 },
93                 "reference_temperature_method": "eckert",
94                 "use_running_length_offset": False,
95                 "use_mangler_factor": False
96             },
97             "geometry" :
98             {
99                 "file": str(case_name)+'.tri',
100                "reference":
101                {
102                    "area": sref,
103                    "length": lref,
104                    "CG": [x, y, z]
105                },
106                "nose_axis": "z-",
107                "pitch_axis": "x+",
108                "scale": 60.0,
109                "waverider" :
110                {
111                    "cone_angle": cone_angle,
112                    "shock_angle": shock_angle
113                },
114            },
115            "solver":
116            {
117                "windward_method" : 'blended-waverider',

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118         "leeward_method" : 'prandtl-meyer',
119         "xbase_pressure" : 'gaubeaud',
120         "base_pressure" : 'none',
121         "shielding_effects": False
122     },
123     "output":
124     {
125         "verbose": False,
126         "body_file": results_file,
127         "report_file": report_file
128     }
129
130 }
131 else:
132     input_dict = {
133         "flow":
134         {
135             "alpha": alpha,
136             "mach_number" : M,
137             "gamma" : 1.4,
138             "beta": beta,
139             "altitude": 42672
140         },
141         "geometry" :
142         {
143             "file": str(case_name)+'.tri',
144             "reference":
145             {
146                 "area": sref,
147                 "length": lref,
148                 "CG": [x, y, z]
149             },
150             "nose_axis": "z-",
151             "pitch_axis": "x+",
152             "scale": 1.0,
153             "waverider" :
154             {
155                 "cone_angle": cone_angle,
156                 "shock_angle": shock_angle
157             },
158         },
159         "solver":
160         {
161             "xwindward_method" : 'blended-waverider',
162             "windward_method" : 'tangent-cone',
163             "leeward_method" : 'prandtl-meyer',
164             "xbase_pressure" : 'gaubeaud',
165             "base_pressure" : 'none',
166             "shielding_effects": False
167         },
168         "output":
169         {
170             "verbose": False,
171             "body_file": results_file,
172             "report_file": report_file
173         }
174     }
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177
178     input_file = study_dir + "input.json"
179     write_input_file(input_dict, input_file)
180     base = os.path.join(study_dir, case_name+'.tri')
181     new = os.path.join(study_dir, 'Hi-Mach')
182     move_file(base, new)

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183     report = run_himach(input_file, path=study_dir+'/Hi-Mach', delete_input=False,
184     run=True)
185
186     C_F = np.zeros(3)
187     try:
188         C_F[0] = report["total_forces"]["Cx"]
189         C_F[1] = report["total_forces"]["Cy"]
190         C_F[2] = report["total_forces"]["Cz"]
191     except KeyError:
192         C_F[0] = np.nan
193         C_F[1] = np.nan
194         C_F[2] = np.nan
195     except TypeError:
196         C_F[0] = np.nan
197         C_F[1] = np.nan
198         C_F[2] = np.nan
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200     C_M = np.zeros(3)
201     try:
202         C_M[0] = report["total_moments"]["CMx"]
203         C_M[1] = report["total_moments"]["CMy"]
204         C_M[2] = report["total_moments"]["CMz"]
205     except KeyError:
206         C_M[0] = np.nan
207         C_M[1] = np.nan
208         C_M[2] = np.nan
209     except TypeError:
210         C_M[0] = np.nan
211         C_M[1] = np.nan
212         C_M[2] = np.nan
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214     try:
215         CL = report["total_forces"]["C_L"]
216         CD = report["total_forces"]["C_D"]
217     except KeyError:
218         CL = np.nan
219         CD = np.nan
220     except TypeError:
221         CL = np.nan
222         CD = np.nan
223
224     A = C_F[2]
225     Y = C_F[0]
226     N = C_F[1]
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228     CD1 = (A*np.cos(alpha)*np.cos(beta) - Y*np.sin(beta) + N*np.sin(alpha)*np.cos(beta))
229     CL1 = (N*np.cos(alpha)-A*np.sin(alpha))
230
231     LD = CL1/CD1
232     C1 = C_M[2]
233     Cm = C_M[0]
234     Cn = C_M[1]
235
236     return LD, C1, CL1, CD1, Cn, Cm
237
238 def run_himach(input_filename, path, delete_input=True, run=True):
239     """Runs HI-Mach with the given input and returns the report if NewPan generated
240     one."""
241     os.chdir(path)
242
243     if run:
244         sp.run(["./himach.exe", input_filename])
245
246     with open(input_filename, 'r') as input_handle:

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245     input_dict = json.load(input_handle)
246     report_file = input_dict["output"].get("report_file")
247     if report_file is not None:
248         try:
249             with open(report_file) as report_handle:
250                 report = json.load(report_handle)
251         except:
252             report = None
253     else:
254         report = None
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256     if delete_input:
257         os.remove(input_filename)
258
259     return report
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261 def write_input_file(input_dict, input_filename):
262
263     """Writes the given input dict to the given file location."""
264
265     with open(input_filename, 'w') as input_handle:
266
267         json.dump(input_dict, input_handle, indent=4)
268
269 def solve_fluid(M, alpha, lref, sref, x, y, z, case_name, study_dir, beta, run_case,
270     val, visc, blend, cone_angle, shock_angle):
271
272     LD1, CL1, CD1, Cn1, Cm1 = run_study(M, alpha, lref, sref, x, y, z, case_name
273     , study_dir, beta-(5*math.pi/180), visc, blend, cone_angle, shock_angle)
274     LD2, CL2, CD2, Cn2, Cm2 = run_study(M, alpha, lref, sref, x, y, z, case_name
275     , study_dir, beta+(5*math.pi/180), visc, blend, cone_angle, shock_angle)
276     LD3, CL3, CD3, Cn3, Cm3 = run_study(M, alpha+(5*math.pi/180), lref, sref, x,
277     y, z, case_name, study_dir, beta, visc, blend, cone_angle, shock_angle)
278     LD4, CL4, CD4, Cn4, Cm4 = run_study(M, alpha-(5*math.pi/180), lref, sref, x,
279     y, z, case_name, study_dir, beta, visc, blend, cone_angle, shock_angle)
280     LD0, CL0, CD0, Cn0, Cm0 = run_study(M, alpha, lref, sref, x, y, z, case_name
281     , study_dir, beta, visc, blend, cone_angle, shock_angle)
282
283     Cl_beta = ((CL2-CL1)/(10*math.pi/180))
284     Cn_beta = ((Cn2-Cn1)/(10*math.pi/180))
285     Cm_alpha = ((Cm3-Cm4)/(10*math.pi/180))
286
287     if run_case == 0:
288         return -LD1
289     if run_case == 1:
290         return -1*(Cl_beta - val)
291     if run_case == 2:
292         return CL1
293     if run_case == 3:
294         return -CD1
295     if run_case == 4:
296         return Cn_beta - val
297     if run_case == 5:
298         return CL1
299     if run_case == 6:
300         return Cn1
301     if run_case == 10:
302         return Cl_beta
303     if run_case == 11:
304         return Cn_beta
305     if run_case == 12:
306         return CD1
307     if run_case == 13:
308         return Cm_alpha
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304     return -LD1/100, Cl_beta, Cn_beta, Cm_alpha
305 if run_case == 21:
306     print("Cl1 is: ", Cl0)
307     print("Cn1 is: ", Cn0)
308
309     return LDO, Cl_beta, Cn_beta, Cm_alpha
310 if run_case == 22:
311     return LDO, Cl0, Cn0, Cm0
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Listing B.1: Sample Python Code

APPENDIX C

OPTIMIZATION WRAPPER

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1 import scipy as sc
2 import geom
3 import HiMach
4 import time as t
5 import math
6 import time
7 import numpy as np
8 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
9 import os
10 import tkinter
11 from matplotlib.backends.backend_tkagg import (
12     FigureCanvasTkAgg, NavigationToolbar2Tk)
13 # Implement the default Matplotlib key bindings.
14 from matplotlib.backend_bases import key_press_handler
15 from matplotlib.figure import Figure
16 import numpy as np
17
18 def normalize(x, a, b):
19     if b == a == 0:
20         return 0
21     else:
22         return (x - a) / (b - a)
23
24 def denormalize(x, a, b):
25     return x * (b - a) + a
26
27 class Family:
28
29     f_init_bounds = []
30     f_init_nonnorm = []
31
32     def __init__(self, mach_number, cone_angle, lead_edge_quant, surface_quant, gamma,
33                  theta_step, streamline_step,
34                  length, plotLeadingEdge, name, path, alpha, beta, vals, visc, blend,
35                  constrain, optimtype, initial,
36                  method, tol, constraintype):
37
38         # Shock Properties -----
39         self.f_mach_number = mach_number # Operating Mach Number
40         self.f_cone_angle = cone_angle # Assumed Shock Angle
41         self.f_gamma = gamma # Specific Heat Ratio
42
43         # Mesh Properties -----
44         self.f_lead_edge_quant = lead_edge_quant # How many leading edge points do
you want?
45         self.f_surface_quant = surface_quant # How many z cuts should the mesh use?
46         self.f_theta_step_size = theta_step # What is the fineness of the RK4
integration scheme for the Taylor-Maccoll Integration?
47         self.f_streamline_step = streamline_step # What is the fineness of the RK4
integration scheme for the streamline tracing?
48         self.f_z_length = length
49         self.f_length = length
50         self.f_plotLeadingEdge = plotLeadingEdge
51         self.f_name = name
52         self.f_path = path

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50         self.f_alpha = alpha
51         self.f_beta = beta
52         self.f_vals = vals
53         self.f_method = method
54         self.f_tol = tol
55         self.f_alpha_init = self.f_alpha
56         self.f_cone_angle_init = self.f_cone_angle
57         initial += [self.f_cone_angle_init]
58         self.f_init = initial.copy()
59         self.f_visc = visc
60         self.f_blend = blend
61         self.f_constraint = constrain
62         self.f_optimtype = optimtype
63         self.f_constrainttype = constrainttype
64
65     def callback(self, xk):
66         end_time = time.time()
67         print(f"Iteration time: {end_time - self.start_time} seconds")
68         print(f"Current solution vector: {xk}")
69         self.start_time = end_time
70
71     def geometry(self, variable_vals, case):
72
73         print("WHAT IS", int(len(variable_vals)-1))
74         KEVIN = geom.WaveRider(self.f_mach_number, self.f_cone_angle*math.pi/180,
75         self.f_lead_edge_quant, self.f_surface_quant, self.f_gamma, self.f_theta_step_size,
76         self.f_streamline_step, self.f_z_length, int(len(variable_vals)), variable_vals,
77         self.f_name+'.tri', self.f_plotLeadingEdge)
78         if self.f_plotLeadingEdge == True:
79             LeadingEdgePolyPoints = geom.get_leadingedge_from_plot()
80             le_constraint, y = KEVIN.leading_edge(LeadingEdgePolyPoints[0],
81             LeadingEdgePolyPoints[1], LeadingEdgePolyPoints[2])
82         else:
83             le_constraint, y = KEVIN.leading_edge(variable_vals[0], variable_vals[1],
84             variable_vals[2], variable_vals[3], variable_vals[4])
85             KEVIN.solve_TayMac()
86             k = KEVIN.lower_surface()
87             KEVIN.generate_upper_surface()
88             KEVIN.base_plate()
89             self.f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref = KEVIN.find_average_area()
90             self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z = KEVIN.find_cg()
91             KEVIN.number_verticies()
92             if case <= 6:
93                 value = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180,
94                 self.f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
95                 f_path, self.f_beta, case, self.f_vals)
96             if case == 7:
97                 value = le_constraint
98             if case == 8:
99                 value = -y
100            if case == 9:
101                value = KEVIN.wr_solved_cone_angle
102
103        return value
104
105    def gen_geometry(self, variable_vals, case):
106
107        variable_vals_plug = []
108
109        for i in range(len(variable_vals)):
110            variable_vals_plug.append(denormalize(variable_vals[i], self.
111            f_init_bounds[i][0], self.f_init_bounds[i][1]))
112
113        variable_vals_plug = np.nan_to_num(variable_vals_plug, nan=0.0, posinf=1e10,
114        neginf=-1e10)

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108
109     KEVIN = geom.WaveRider(self.f_mach_number, variable_vals_plug[-1]*math.pi
110 /180, self.f_lead_edge_quant, self.f_surface_quant,
111             self.f_gamma, self.f_theta_step_size, self.
112 f_streamline_step, self.f_z_length, int(len(variable_vals)-1), variable_vals_plug,
113             self.f_name+'.tri', self.f_plotLeadingEdge)
114     if self.f_plotLeadingEdge == True:
115         LeadingEdgePolyPoints = geom.get_leadingedge_from_plot()
116         le_constraint, y = KEVIN.leading_edge(LeadingEdgePolyPoints[0],
117 LeadingEdgePolyPoints[1], LeadingEdgePolyPoints[2])
118     else:
119         le_constraint, y = KEVIN.leading_edge(*variable_vals_plug[:int(len(
120 variable_vals_plug)-1)])
121         b = KEVIN.solve_TayMac()
122         if b[0] == 1:
123             self.f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref = 1,1
124             self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z = 0,0,0.5
125             print("Error in geometry")
126             value = 0.1*abs(b[1])
127             return value
128     else:
129         k = KEVIN.lower_surface()
130         KEVIN.generate_upper_surface()
131         KEVIN.base_plate()
132         self.f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref = KEVIN.find_average_area()
133         self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z = KEVIN.find_cg()
134         KEVIN.number_verticies()
135         if case <= 6 or case == 13:
136             if self.f_optimtype == 'mindrag':
137                 value = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.
138 pi/180, self.f_l_ref,
139                                     self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y
140 , self.f_cg_z, self.f_name,
141                                     self.f_path, self.f_beta, 12, self.
142 f_vals, self.f_visc, self.f_blend,
143                                     KEVIN.wr_solved_cone_angle,
144 variable_vals_plug[-1]*math.pi/180)
145             else:
146                 value = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.
147 pi/180, self.f_l_ref,
148                                     self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y
149 , self.f_cg_z, self.f_name,
150                                     self.f_path, self.f_beta, case, self.
151 f_vals, self.f_visc, self.f_blend,
152                                     KEVIN.wr_solved_cone_angle,
153 variable_vals_plug[-1]*math.pi/180)
154             if case == 7:
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156                 value = le_constraint
157             if case == 8:
158                 value = -y
159             if case == 9:
160                 value = KEVIN.wr_solved_cone_angle
161             return value
162
163     def run_geometry(self):
164         self.f_mach_number =25
165         self.f_beta = 0.0
166         self.f_alpha = 0.04363323129985824
167         self.f_l_ref = 1.0
168         self.f_s_ref = 0.22484419297131097
169         self.f_cg_x = 0.0
170         self.f_cg_y = -0.09765280659914805
171         self.f_cg_z = 1.3930102537794176

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215                                     options={'qhull_options': 'QJ QbB Qs Qz'}
216     , 'n': 100, 'local_iter': 5})
217         if self.f_method == 'trust-constr':
218             from scipy.optimize import NonlinearConstraint
219             cons1 = NonlinearConstraint(cons_func, 0, np.inf)
220             result = sc.optimize.minimize(func, initialize_list, args = 0.0,
method = self.f_method,
                                         constraints = cons1, bounds = bounds,
221                                         tol = self.f_tol)
222
223         elif self.f_method == 'DE':
224             from scipy.optimize import NonlinearConstraint
225             cons1 = NonlinearConstraint(cons_func, 0, np.inf)
226             result = sc.optimize.differential_evolution(
227                                         func,
228                                         bounds=bounds,
229                                         constraints=cons1,
230                                         maxiter=500,
231                                         tol=0.01,
232                                         workers=-1
233 )
234         self.f_optimtype = 'LD'
235         LD = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 0)
236         CLBetamin = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 1)
237         Cnbetamin = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 4)
238         CL = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 2)
239         Cl = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 5)
240         Cn = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 6)
241
242     else:
243         cons2 = [{ 'type': 'ineq', 'fun': func, 'args': [8]}]
244         if self.f_method == 'COBYLA':
245             result = sc.optimize.minimize(func, initialize_list, args = 0.0,
method = self.f_method,
                                         bounds = bounds, tol = self.f_tol,
246                                         options={
247                                             'maxiter': 10000,
248                                             'rhobeg': 0.001,
249                                             'rhoend': 1e-5,
250                                             'catol': 1e-1
251                                         }, callback = self.callback)
252         else:
253             result = sc.optimize.minimize(func, initialize_list, args = 0.0,
method = self.f_method,
                                         bounds = bounds, tol = self.f_tol,
254                                         callback = self.callback,
255                                         options={'finite_diff_rel_step': 0.05, 'ftol': 1e-3})
256                                         # options={'eps': 0.05, 'ftol': 1e-5, 'maxiter': 400})
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258         self.f_optimtype = 'LD'
259         LD = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 0)
260         CLBetamin = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 1)
261         Cnbetamin = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 4)
262         CL = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 2)
263         Cl = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 5)
264         Cn = self.gen_geometry(result.x, 6)
265
266     return result, LD, CLBetamin, Cnbetamin, CL, Cl, Cn
267
268 def optimize_noconst(self, func):
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271     result = sc.optimize.minimize(func, self.f_init, args = 0.0, method = self.
272 f_method, tol = self.f_tol, options={'maxiter': 100})
273
274     LD = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180, self.
275 f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
276 f_path, self.f_beta*math.pi/180, 0, self.f_vals)
277     CLBetamin = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180,
278 self.f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
279 f_path, self.f_beta*math.pi/180, 1, self.f_vals)
280     Cnbetamin = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180,
281 self.f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
282 f_path, self.f_beta*math.pi/180, 4, self.f_vals)
283     CL = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180, self.
284 f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
285 f_path, self.f_beta*math.pi/180, 2, self.f_vals)
286     Cl = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180, self.
287 f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
288 f_path, self.f_beta*math.pi/180, 5, self.f_vals)
289     Cn = HiMach.solve_fluid(self.f_mach_number, self.f_alpha*math.pi/180, self.
290 f_l_ref, self.f_s_ref, self.f_cg_x, self.f_cg_y, self.f_cg_z, self.f_name, self.
291 f_path, self.f_beta*math.pi/180, 6, self.f_vals)
292
293     return result, LD, CLBetamin, Cnbetamin, CL, Cl, Cn

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Listing C.1: Sample Python Code