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# High-Order Non-Oscillatory Compact Reconstruction Scheme for Overset Grids

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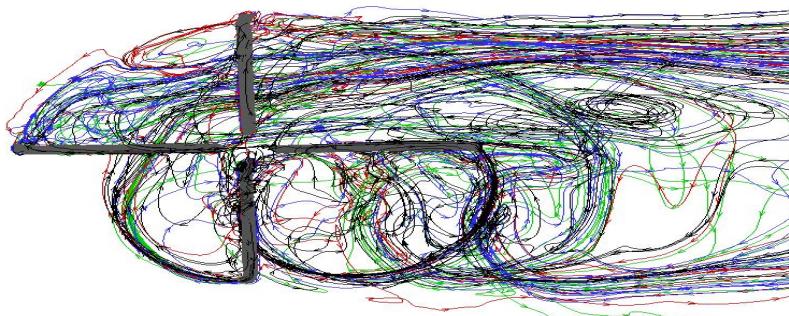


# Motivation

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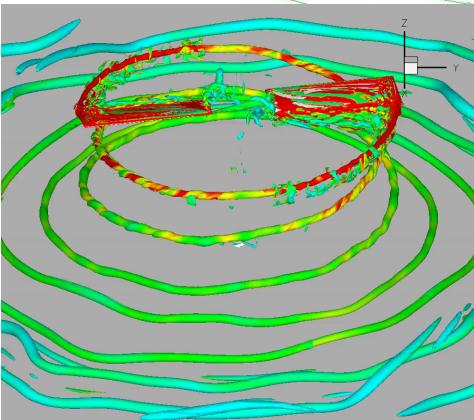
## Accurate numerical simulation of the wake flow field around a rotorcraft

- Long term convection and mutual interaction of vortices
- Interactions of vortices with fuselage and ground plane
- Accurate resolution of near-blade turbulent structures



## High order accurate Navier-Stokes solver

- High spectral resolution for accurate capturing of smaller length scales
- Non-oscillatory solution across shock waves and shear layers
- Low dissipation errors for preservation of flow structures over large distances



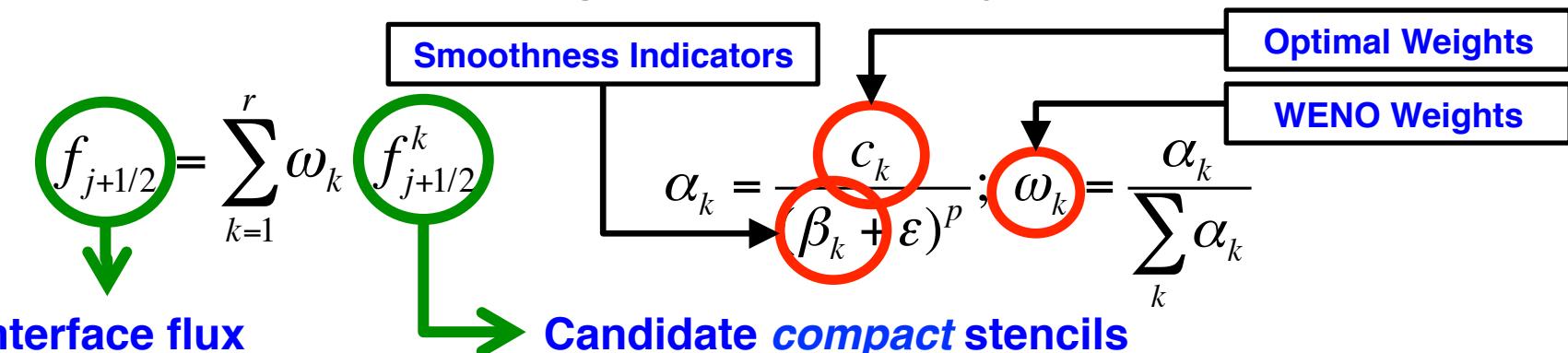


# Compact-Reconstruction WENO Schemes

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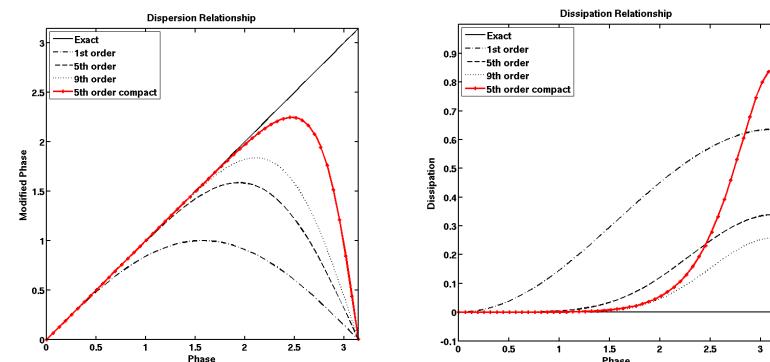
## The Compact-Reconstruction WENO (CRWENO)★ scheme

- Convex combination of  $r$ -th order candidate **compact** interpolations
- Optimal weights in smooth regions  $\rightarrow$   $(2r-1)$ -th order **compact** interpolation
- Smoothness - dependent weights  $\rightarrow$  Non-oscillatory interpolation for discontinuities



## Why Compact Reconstruction?

- High order accuracy with smaller stencils
- Better spectral resolution than explicit interpolation (bandwidth resolving efficiency)
- Lower dissipation at resolved frequencies
- Taylor series error order of magnitude lower



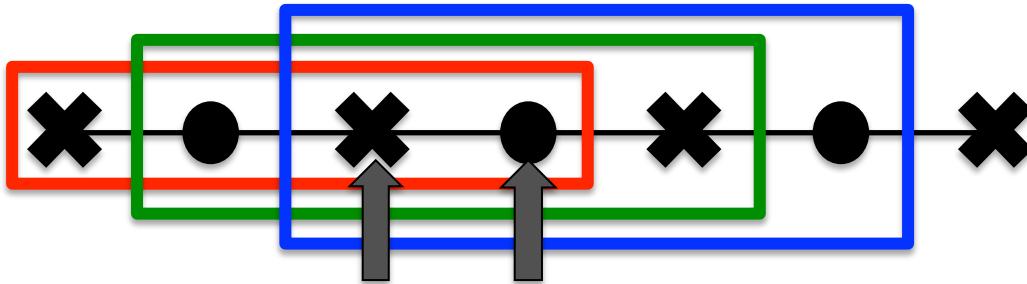
Dispersion and dissipation relationships



# 5<sup>th</sup> Order CRWENO scheme



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{2}{3}f_{j-1/2} + \frac{1}{3}f_{j+1/2} &= \frac{1}{6}f_{j-1} + \frac{5}{6}f_j \quad \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \quad c_1 = \frac{2}{10} \quad \omega_1 \\
 \frac{1}{3}f_{j-1/2} + \frac{2}{3}f_{j+1/2} &= \frac{5}{6}f_j + \frac{1}{6}f_{j+1} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{green}} \quad c_2 = \frac{5}{10} \quad \omega_2 \\
 \frac{2}{3}f_{j+1/2} + \frac{1}{3}f_{j+3/2} &= \frac{1}{6}f_j + \frac{5}{6}f_{j+1} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \quad c_3 = \frac{3}{10} \quad \omega_3
 \end{aligned}$$


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$$\frac{3}{10}f_{j-1/2} + \frac{6}{10}f_{j+1/2} + \frac{1}{10}f_{j+3/2} = \frac{1}{30}f_{j-1} + \frac{19}{30}f_j + \frac{10}{30}f_{j+1}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\omega_1 + \frac{1}{3}\omega_2\right)f_{j-1/2} + \left(\frac{1}{3}\omega_1 + \frac{2}{3}(\omega_2 + \omega_3)\right)f_{j+1/2} + \frac{1}{3}\omega_3 f_{j+3/2} = \frac{\omega_1}{6}f_{j-1} + \frac{5(\omega_1 + \omega_2)}{6}f_j + \frac{\omega_2 + 5\omega_3}{6}f_{j+1}$$



# Baseline Solver

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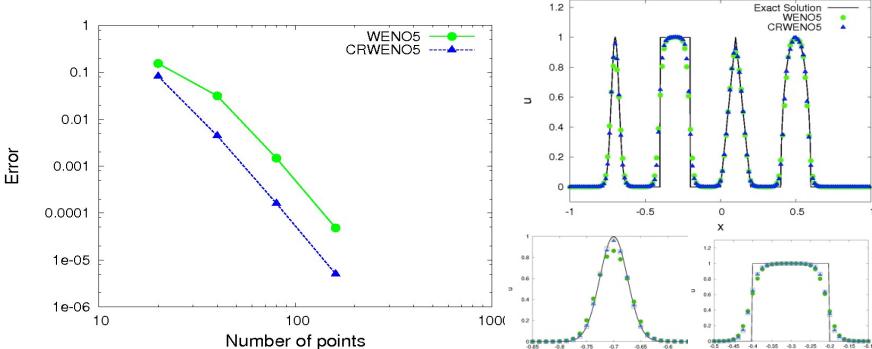
## Integration of the CRWENO scheme with a compressible Navier Stokes solver for overset structured meshes

- **Time Marching:** 2<sup>nd</sup> order Backward Differencing (BDF2) and 3<sup>rd</sup> order Total Variation Diminishing Runge Kutta (TVDRK3)
- **Dual time-stepping** for time-accurate computations
- **Implicit Inversion:** Diagonalized ADI and LU-SGS
- **Spatial reconstruction:**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> order CRWENO scheme (**compact**)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> order MUSCL and 5<sup>th</sup> order WENO schemes (**non-compact**)
- **Upwinding:** Roe's flux differencing
- **Turbulence Modeling:** Spallart-Almaras one-equation model
- **Implicit hole-cutting** for overset meshes
- **Viscous Terms** discretized by 2<sup>nd</sup> order central differences

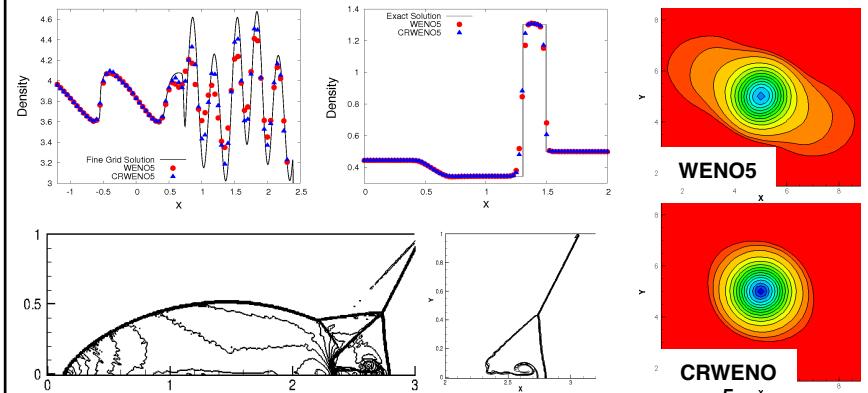
# Applications

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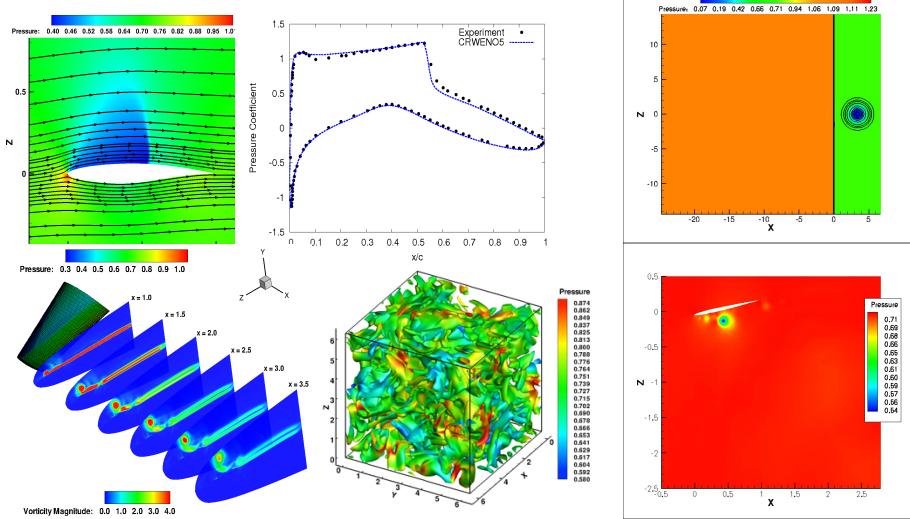
## Scalar Conservation Laws



## Inviscid Euler Equations



## Navier-Stokes Equations



- Non-oscillatory solutions across discontinuities
- Absolute errors order of magnitude lower than WENO5 scheme
- Sharper resolution of extrema & shocks/contact discontinuities
- Significantly lower dissipation for smaller length scales
- Improved preservation of flow structures over large convection distances
- Validated for curvilinear meshes

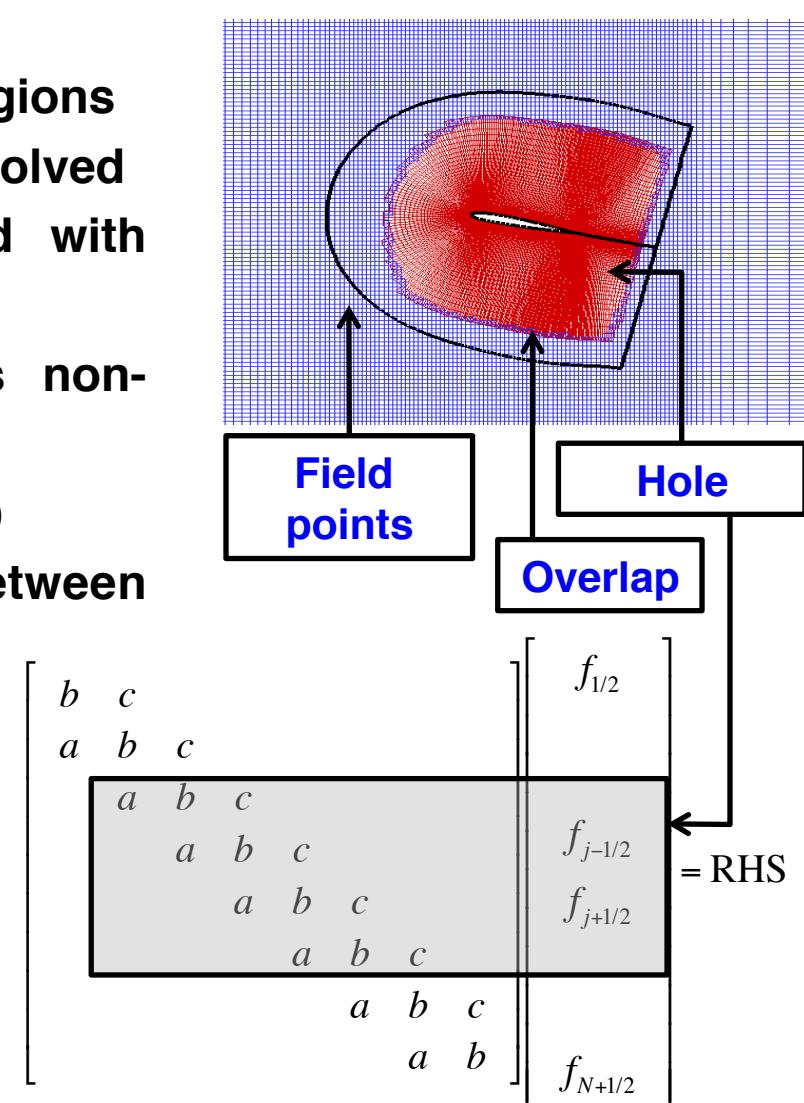
# Overset Grids

## Solution algorithm on overset meshes

- Identification of **field**, **overlap** and **hole** regions
- Field points → Governing equations are solved
- Overlap region → Solution exchanged with other meshes
- Hole region → Blanked out, contains non-physical values
- Implicit Hole-Cutting (Lee & Baeder, 2008)
- Tri-linear interpolation of solution between donor and receiver points

## Application of **compact** schemes

- Coupled solution for the interface fluxes
- Solution in **hole region coupled** with solution at field points
- System of equations contain non-physical values from the hole region

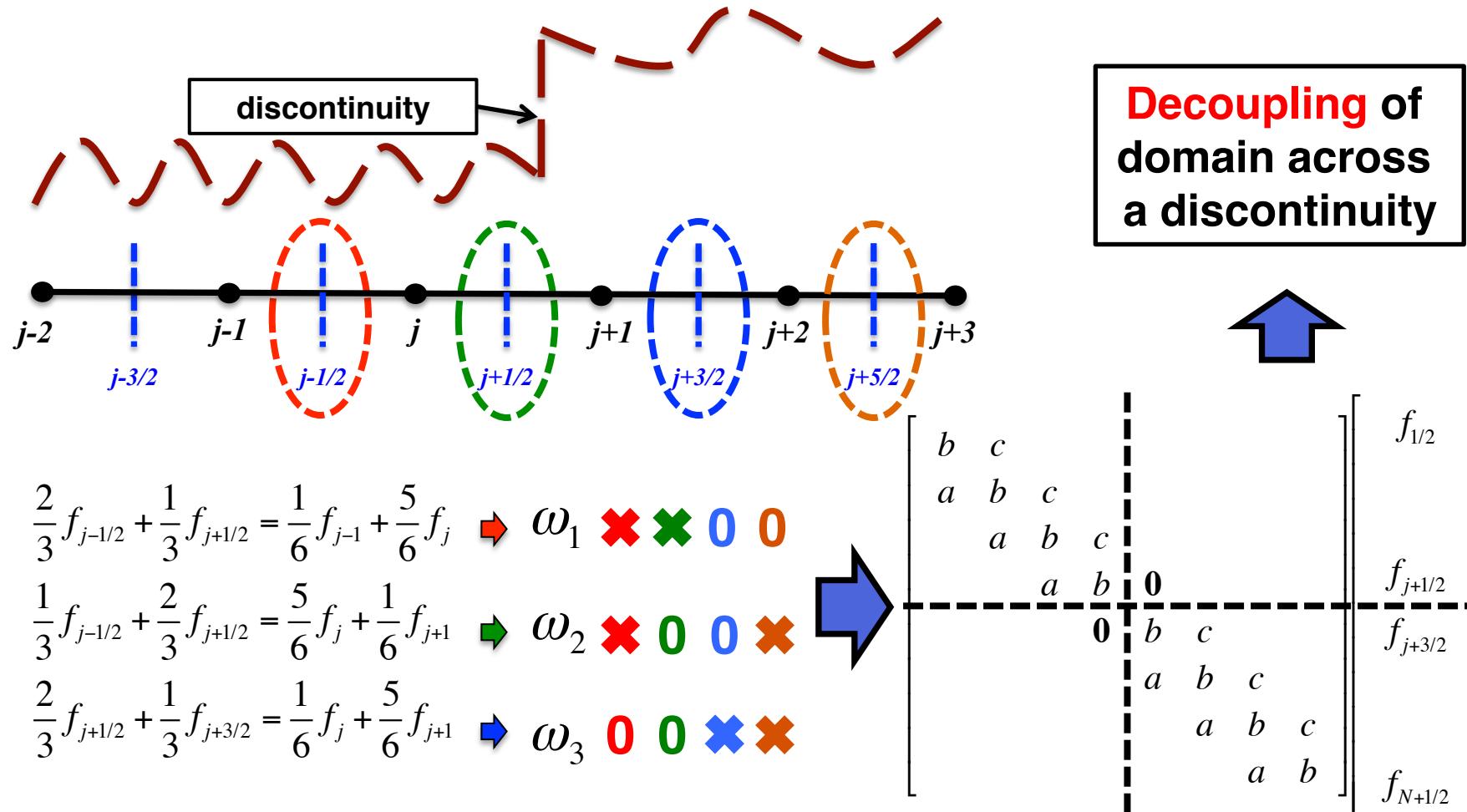




# CRWENO on Overset Grids

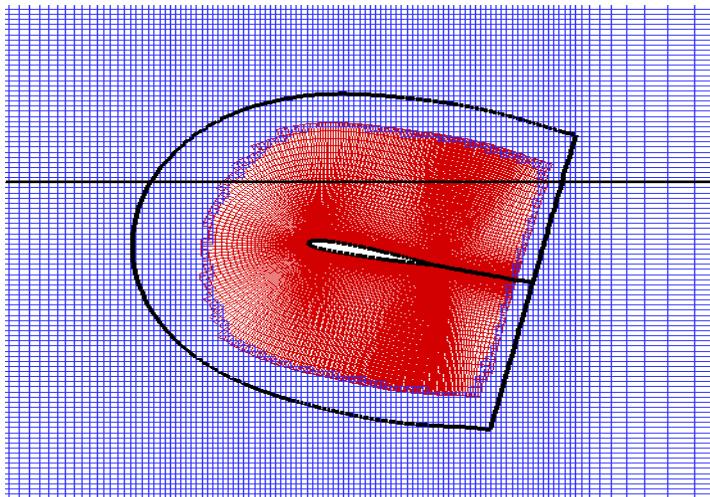
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Behavior across discontinuity  $\leftrightarrow$  Behavior across hole cut  
(Non-physical values appear as a discontinuity)



# CRWENO on Overset Grids (Contd.)

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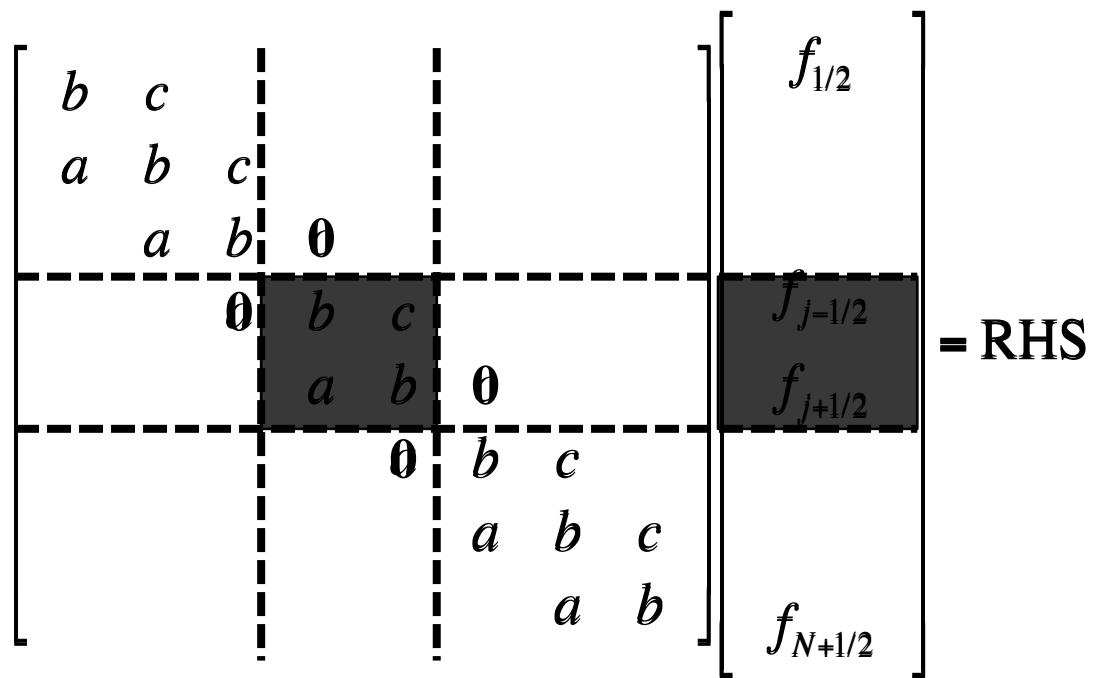
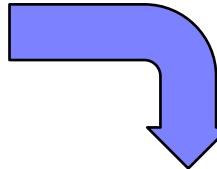


**Adaptive stenciling** of  
the CRWENO scheme



**Decoupling** of solution  
between field and hole  
points

Grid Line  
( $1:i_{\max}, j$ )





# Applications

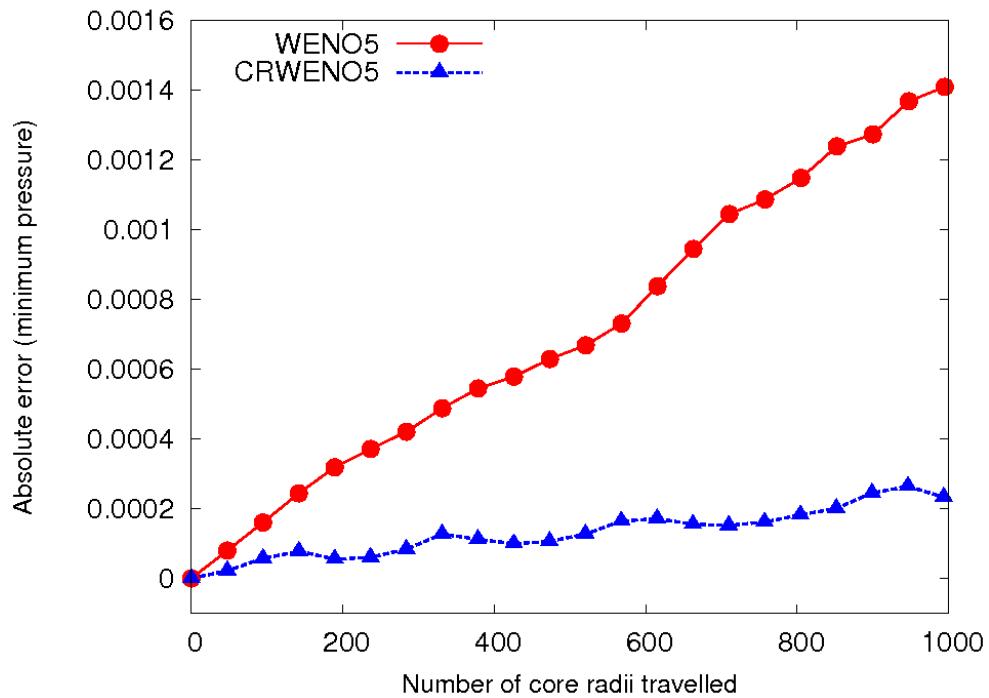
- **Verification / Validation**
  - Isentropic vortex convection
  - Steady flow over SC2110 airfoil in wind tunnel, with and without leading edge slat
  - Dynamic stall of a pitching SC1095 airfoil in wind tunnel
- **Application**
  - Flow around the Harrington two-bladed rotor



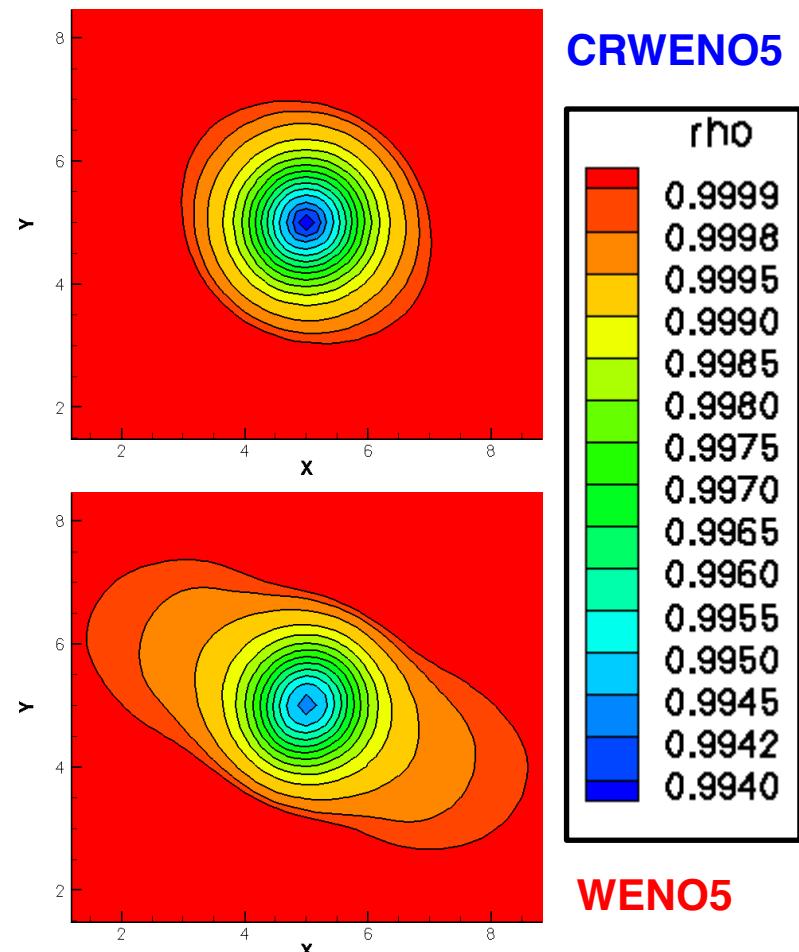
# Isentropic Vortex Convection

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**Comparison of CRWENO5 and WENO5  
Long Term Convection (1000 core radii)  
Better preservation of vortex strength and  
shape by the CRWENO5 scheme**



*12 points across core*



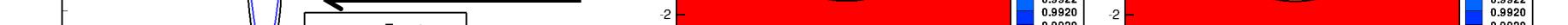
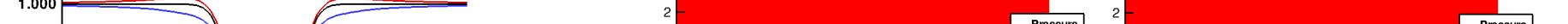
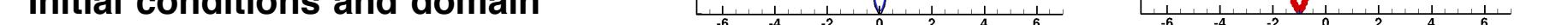
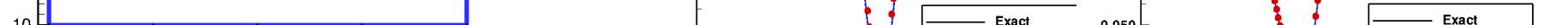
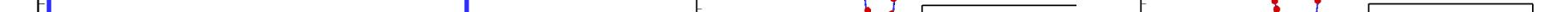
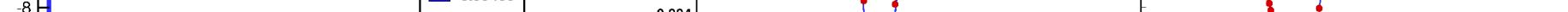
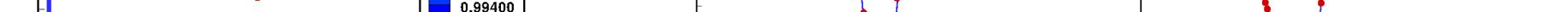
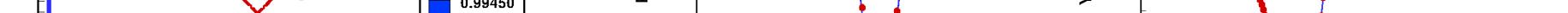
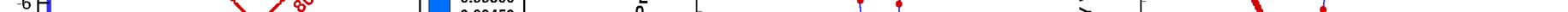
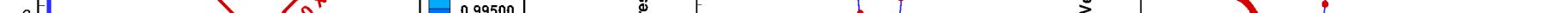
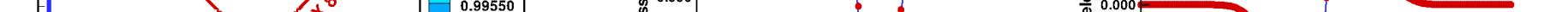
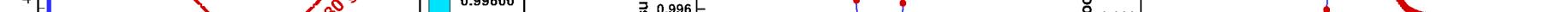
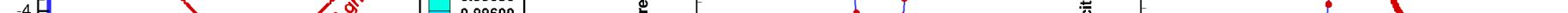
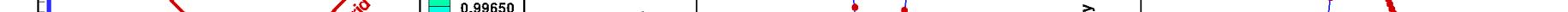
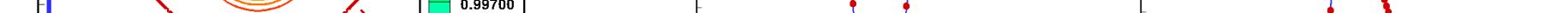
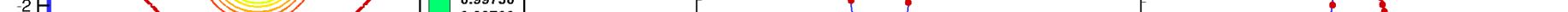
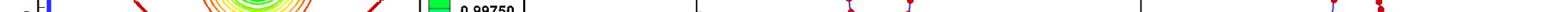
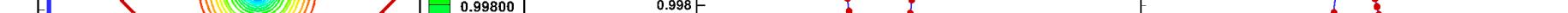
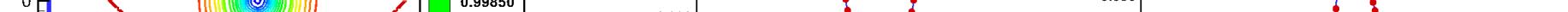
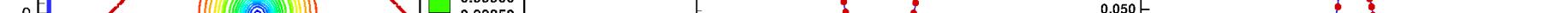
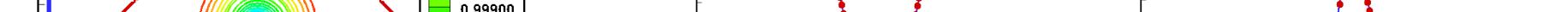
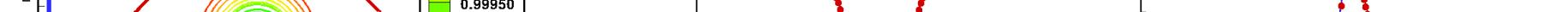
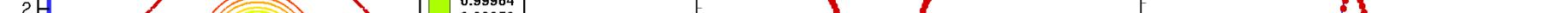
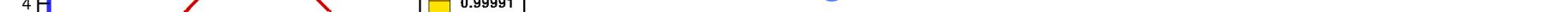
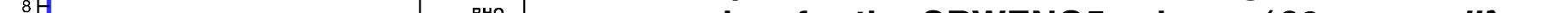
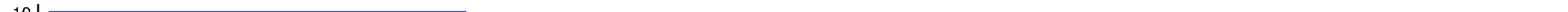
**Comparison of pressure error at vortex core**



# Isentropic Vortex Convection on Overset Grids

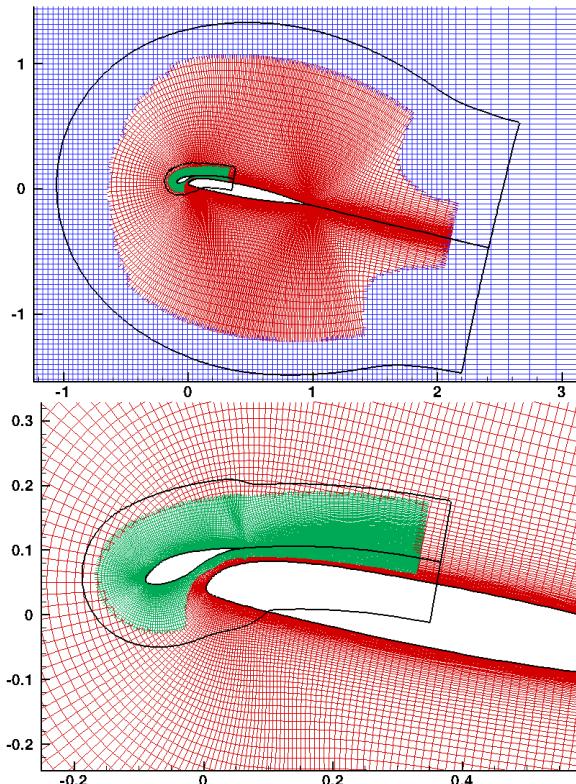


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# SC2110 Airfoil w/ Slat in Wind Tunnel

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**Wind Tunnel Mesh –**  
Clustered Cartesian,  
151x101 points

**Airfoil Mesh – C-type,**  
365x138 points

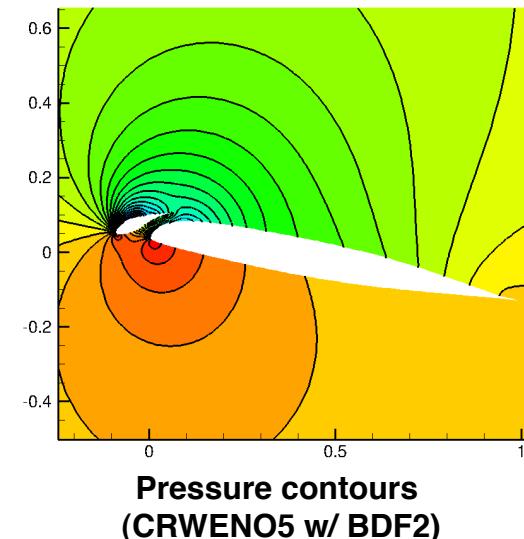
**Slat Mesh – C-type,**  
317x97 points

## Flow Conditions:

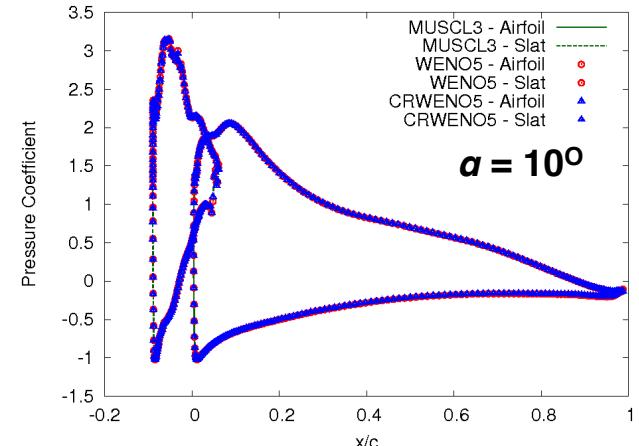
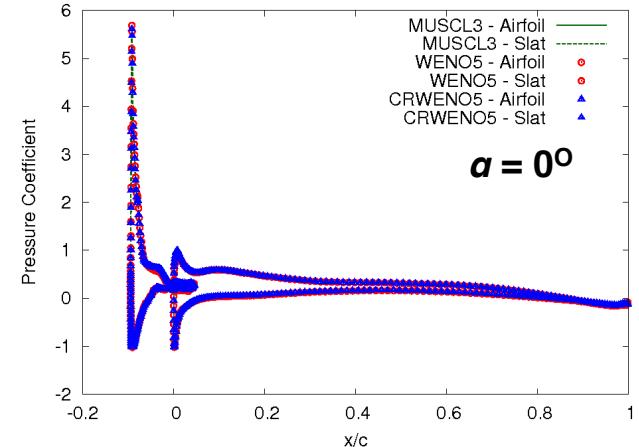
Reynolds number = 4.15e6

Freestream Mach = 0.283

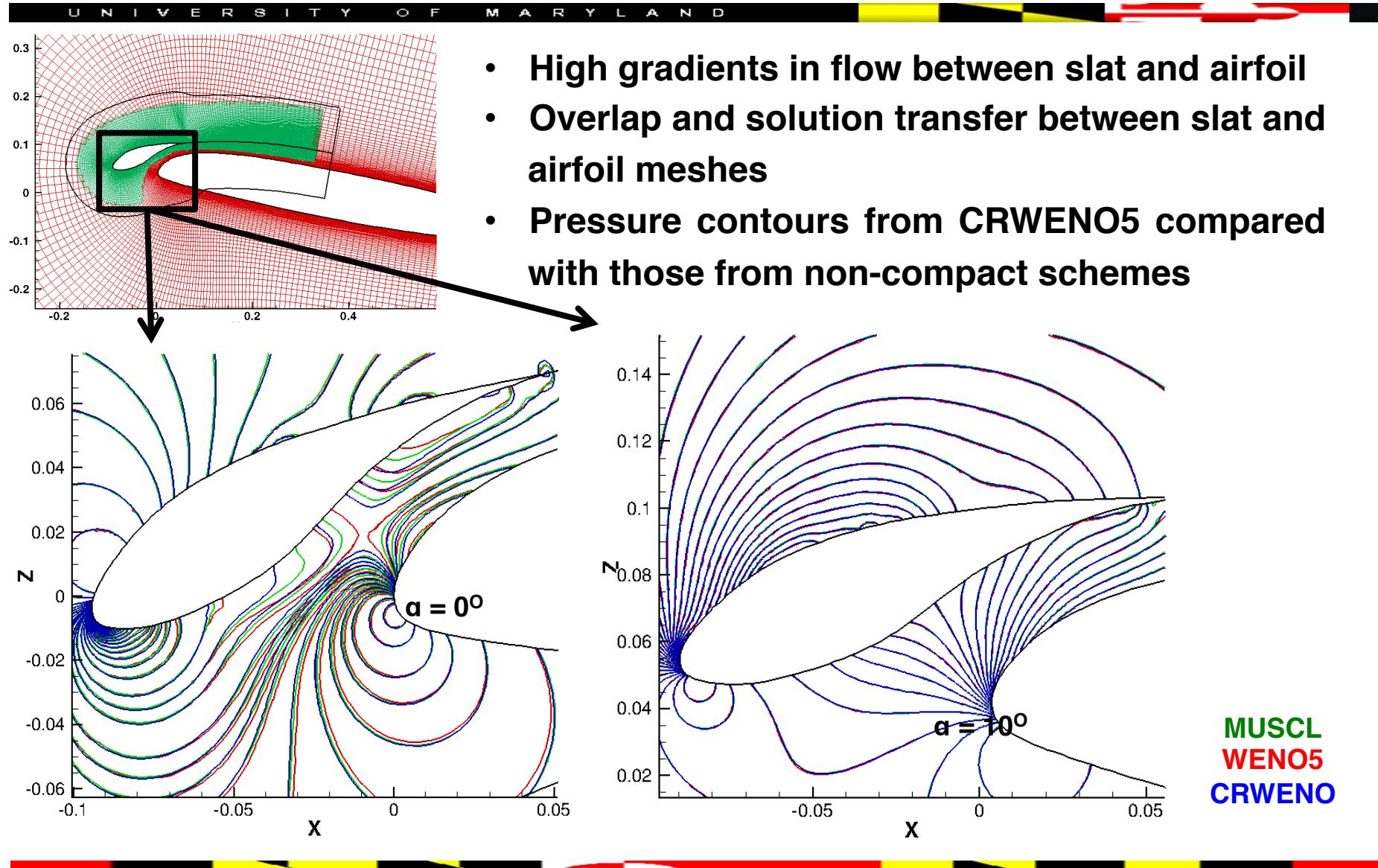
Angle of Attack = 0°, 10°



**Verification of CRWENO5 scheme with non-compact MUSCL3 and WENO5 schemes**



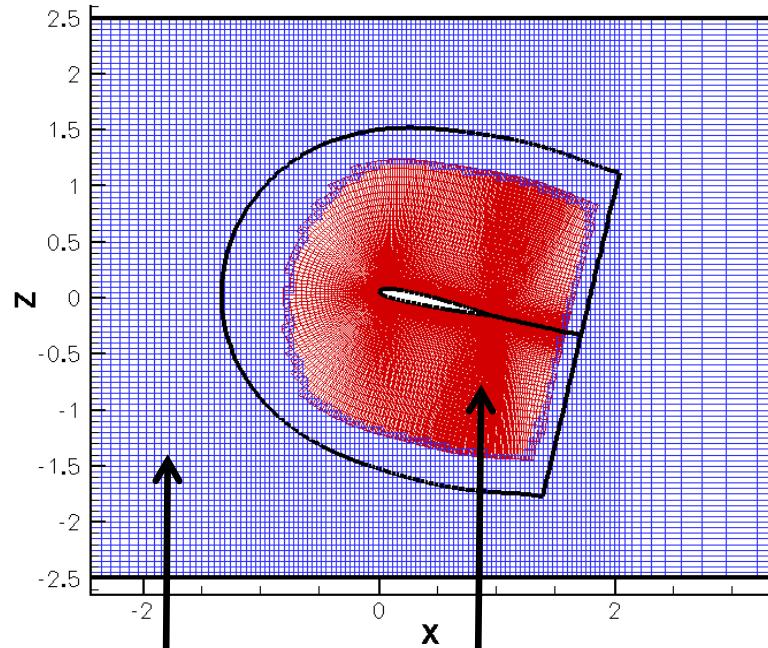
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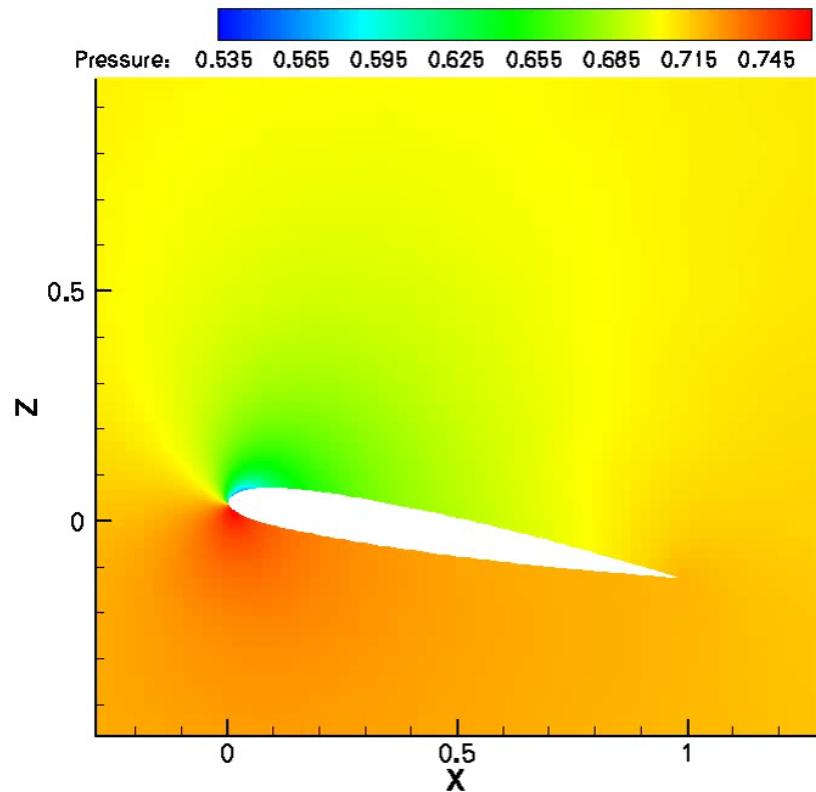


# SC1095 Dynamic Stall

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Airfoil Mesh – C-type,  
365x138 points



Wind Tunnel Mesh –  
Clustered Cartesian,  
151x101 points

## Flow Conditions:

Reynolds number: 3.92 million, Freestream Mach number 0.302  
Mean angle of attack:  $9.78^\circ$ , Pitch Amplitude:  $9.9^\circ$ , Reduced Frequency: 0.099, Tunnel height: 5c

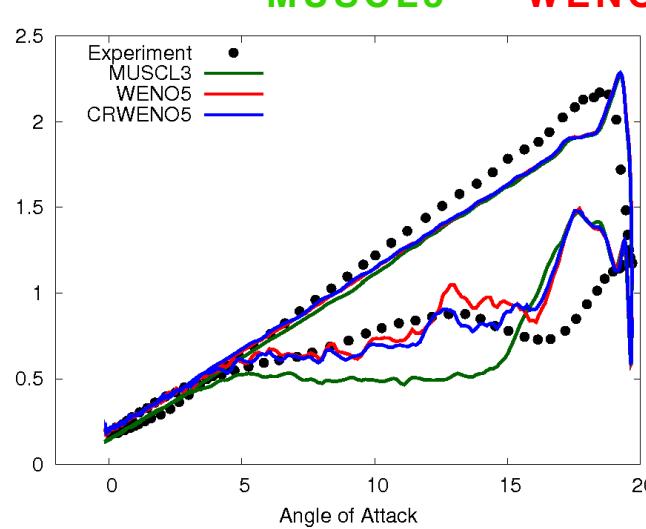
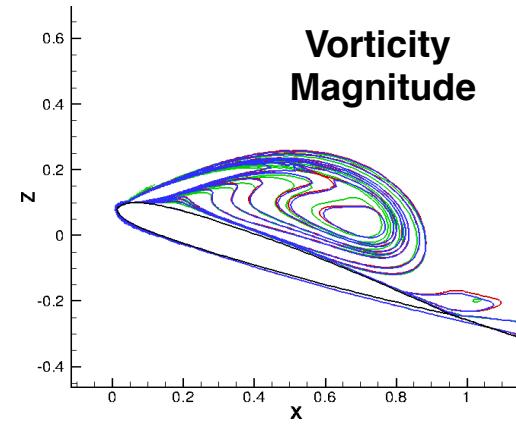
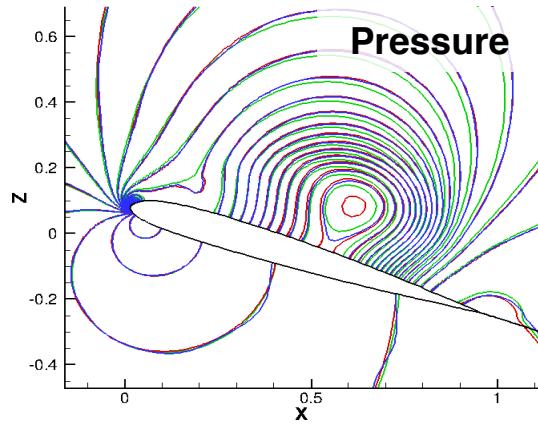
Numerical Solution: Time stepping: BDF2 w/ 15 sub-iterations



# SC1095 Dynamic Stall

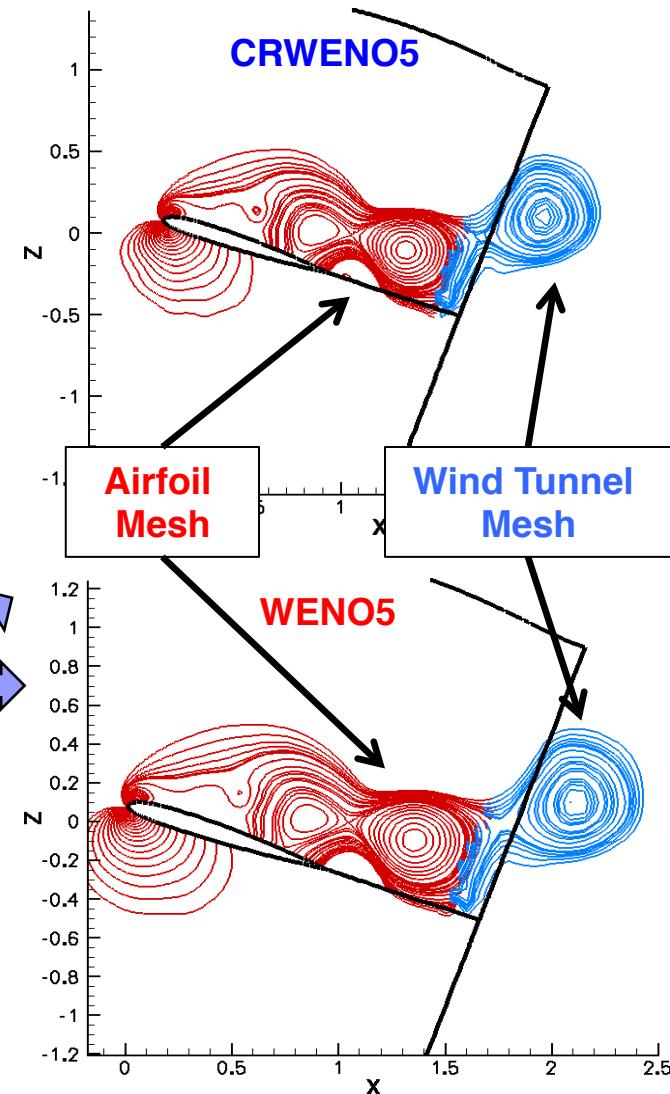
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## Validation for Overset Meshes w/ Grid Motion



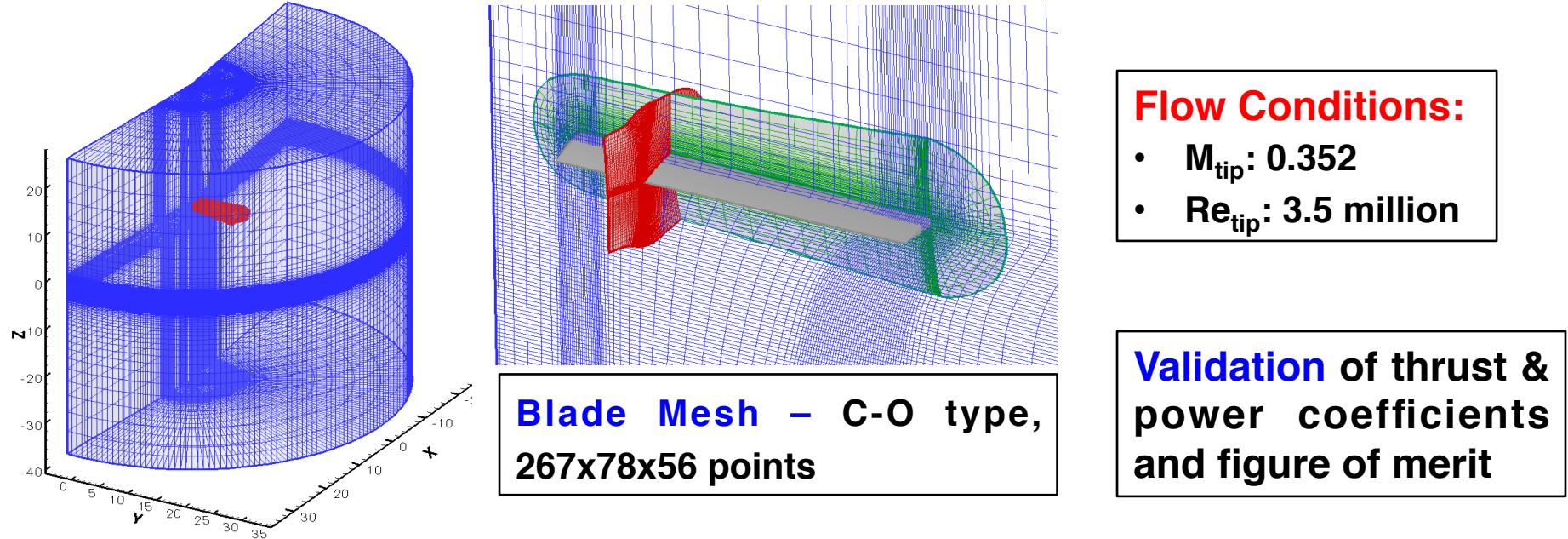
Shed vortices from upper surface

- Contour lines are continuous between airfoil and wind tunnel meshes
- Shed vortices pass smoothly between the two domains



# Harrington 2-Bladed Rotor

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## Flow Conditions:

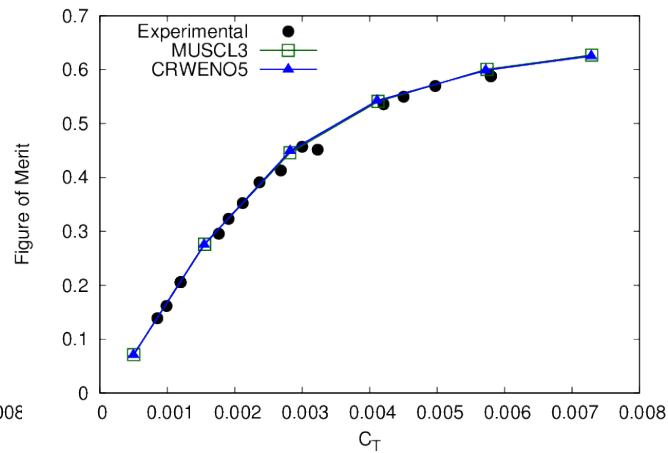
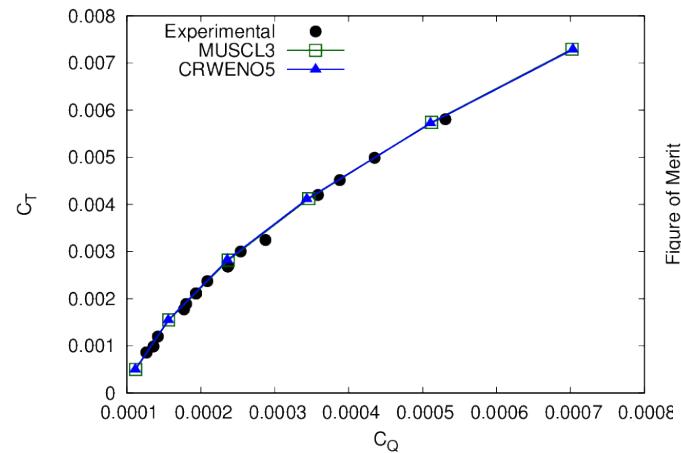
- $M_{tip}$ : 0.352
- $Re_{tip}$ : 3.5 million

**Validation of thrust & power coefficients and figure of merit**

**Cylindrical Back-ground Mesh**  
**127 x 116 x 118 points**

**Rotor Geometry:**

- Aspect Ratio – 8.33
- Airfoil section – NACA  
(t/c: 27.5% @ 0.2R, 15% @ R)

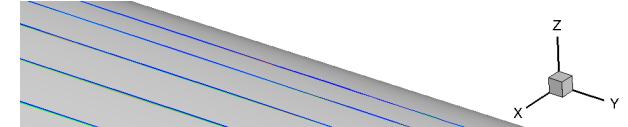
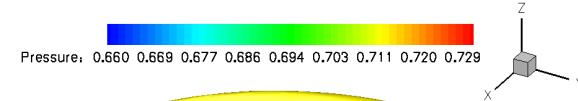
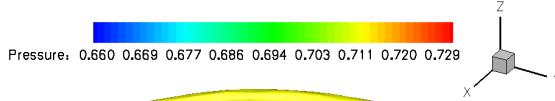




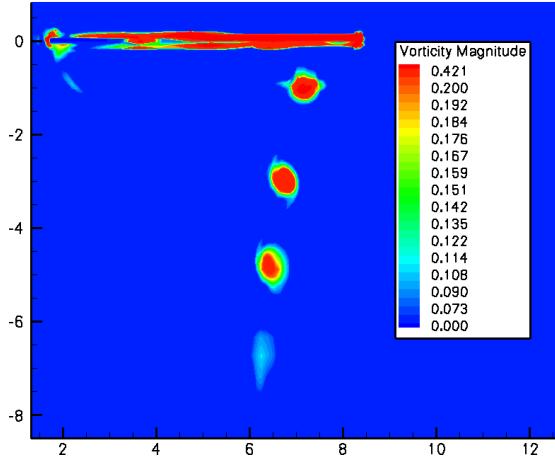
# Harrington 2-Bladed Rotor (Near-Blade and Wake Flowfield)



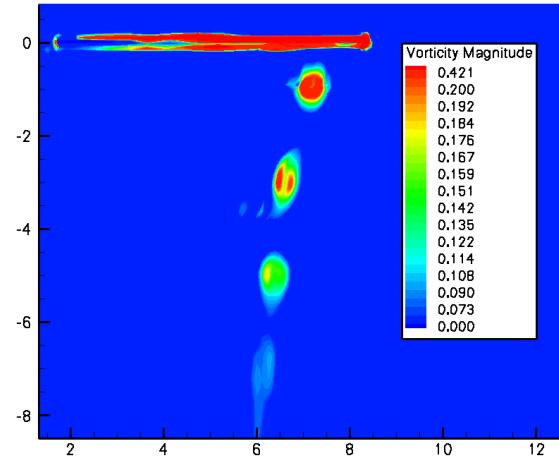
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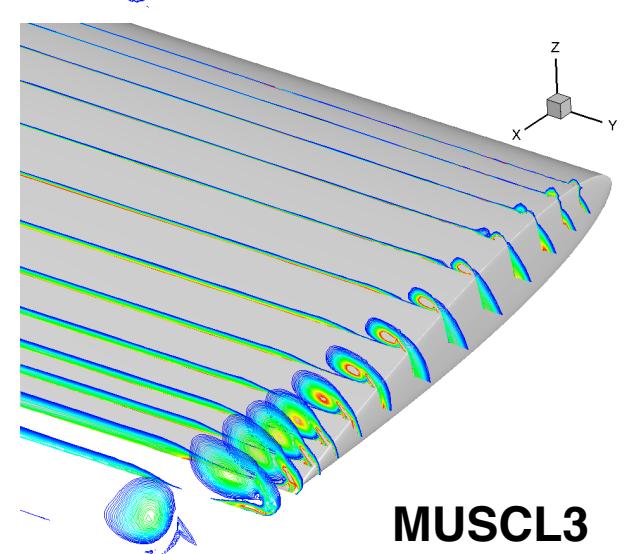
**CRWENO5**



**CRWENO5**



**MUSCL3**



**MUSCL3**



# Conclusions and Future Work

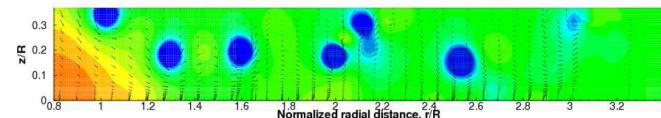
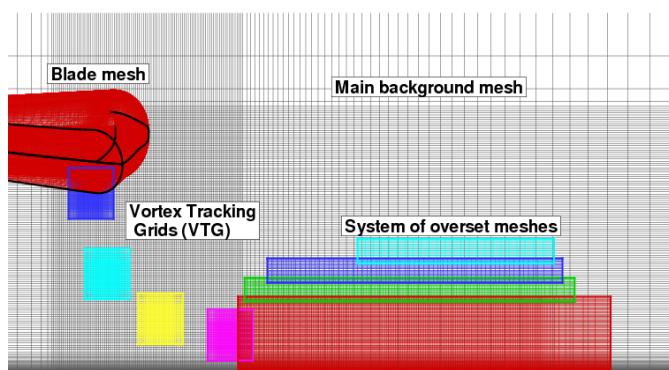
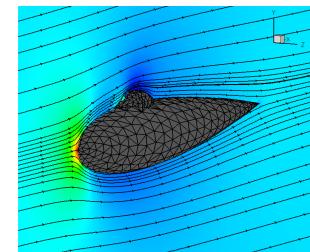
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CRWENO5 scheme validated and verified for overset grids

- Improved resolution of flow features due to lower numerical errors
- Slight loss of accuracy due to 2<sup>nd</sup> order interpolation between meshes
- Non-physical solution in “hole” does not pollute field solution
- Smooth transfer of solution between different grids

## Future Work & Applications of CRWENO5

- Application to meshes w/ immersed boundaries
- Wake flow from coaxial configurations
- Rotorcraft wake flow when operating “in-ground-effect” (IGE)
- Accurate modeling of wake vortex interactions with ground plane
- Application of CRWENO5 scheme with Vortex-Tracking Grids (VTGs)
- Sound generation due to blade vortex interaction (BVI) for rotor in forward flight





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**Thank You!  
Questions?**