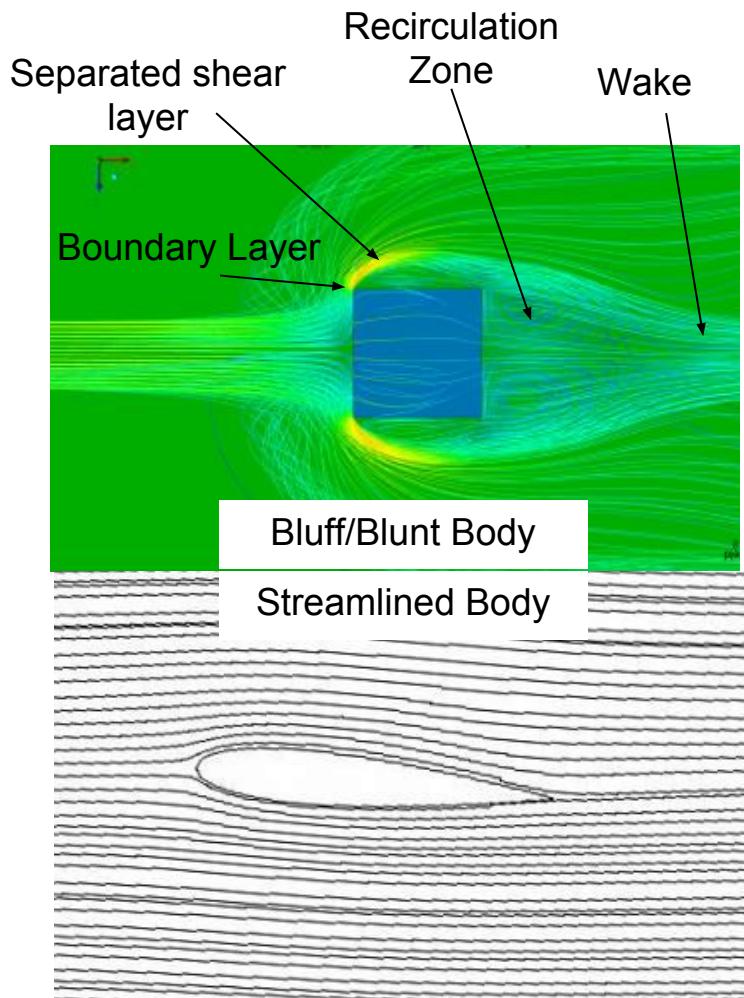


MAE 210B – Bluff Body Turbulence



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Bluff vs. Streamlined Bodies

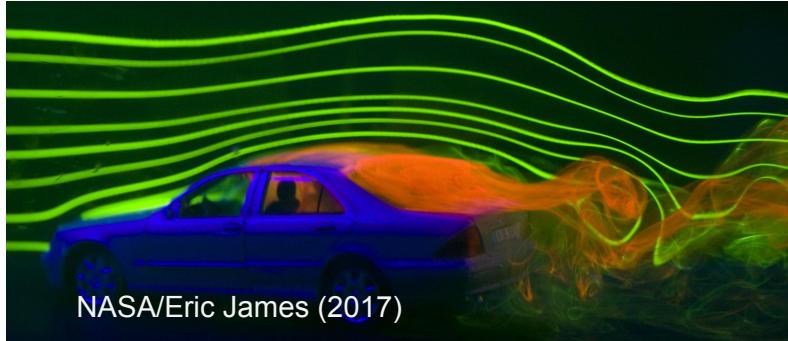


- Drag = Friction drag + Pressure drag
- Friction drag dominates streamlined body (attached BL)
- Pressure drag dominates bluff body
 - Separated flow/no pressure recovery
 - Constant pressure in recirculation zone called “base pressure”

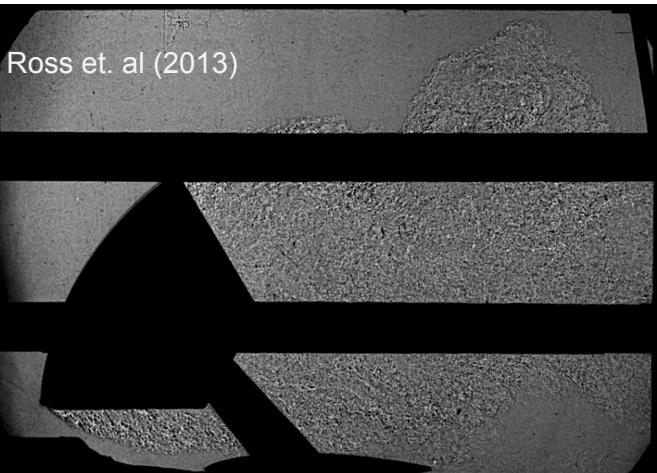
Real-World Applications

Concerns: acoustics, vehicle stability, buffeting/unsteady loads, mixing, etc.

Passenger Vehicle Wake



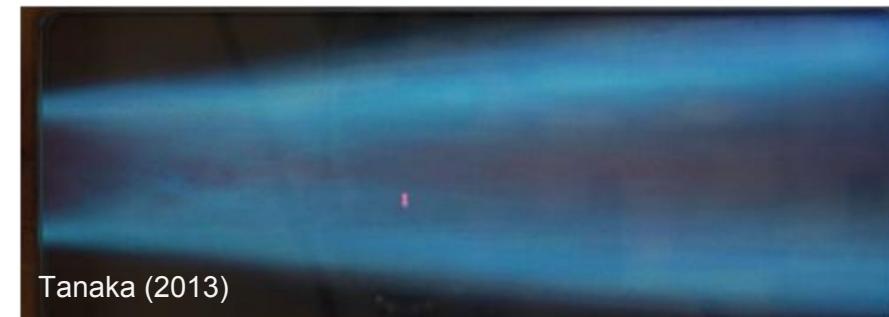
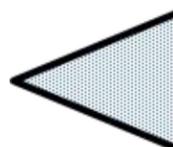
Reentry Capsule Subsonic Wake



Human, Ejection Seat, and Parachute



Bluff Body Flame Holder



Flow around a cylinder

PERIODIC LAMINAR

Zdravkovich, M. (1968)

Re = 100

TrW1

Zdravkovich, M. (1968)

Re = 190

TrW2

34b

Gerrard, J. H. (1978)

Re = 344

LAMINAR STATE REGIMES

- Creeping Flow; $0 < Re < 4-5$
- Steady separation; $4-5 < Re < 30-48$
- Periodic laminar; $30-48 < Re < 180-200$

TRANSITION IN WAKE

- TrW1; $180-200 < Re < 220-250$
- TrW2; $220-250 < Re < 350-400$

Flow around a cylinder

TrSL1

Gerrard-Bloor TW

Gerrard, J. H. (1978)

Re = 2000

TrBL1

Re = 338k

TrBL2

Re = 374k

(a) Almosino (1984)

TrSL2

Zdravkovich (1997)

Re = 8000

TRANSITION IN SHEAR LAYER

- TrSL1: Transition waves; $350-400 < Re < 1k-2k$
- TrSL2: Transition Eddies; $1k-2k < Re < 20k-40k$
- TrSL3: Burst to turbulence; $20k-40k < Re < 100k-200k$

TRANSITION IN BOUNDARY LAYER

- TrBL0; precritical regime; $100k-200k < Re < 300k-400k$
- TrBL1: one-bubble regime; $300k-400k < Re < 380k-400k$
- TrBL2; two-bubble regime; $380k-400k < Re < 0.5M-1M$
- TrBL3; supercritical regime; $0.5M-1M < Re < 3.4M-6M$
- TrBL4; postcritical regime; $3.4M-6M < Re < \text{unknown}$

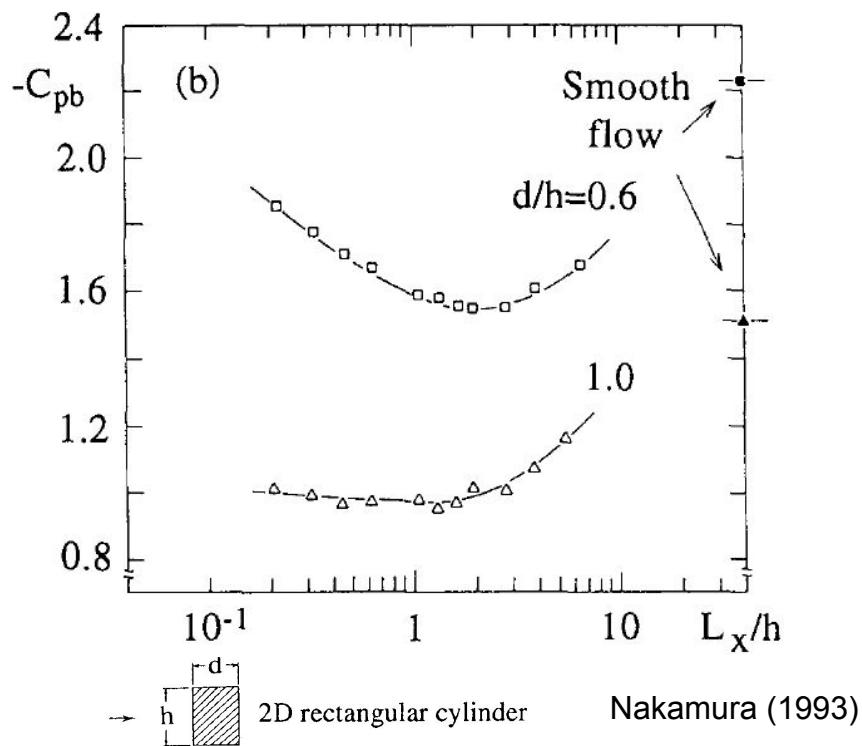
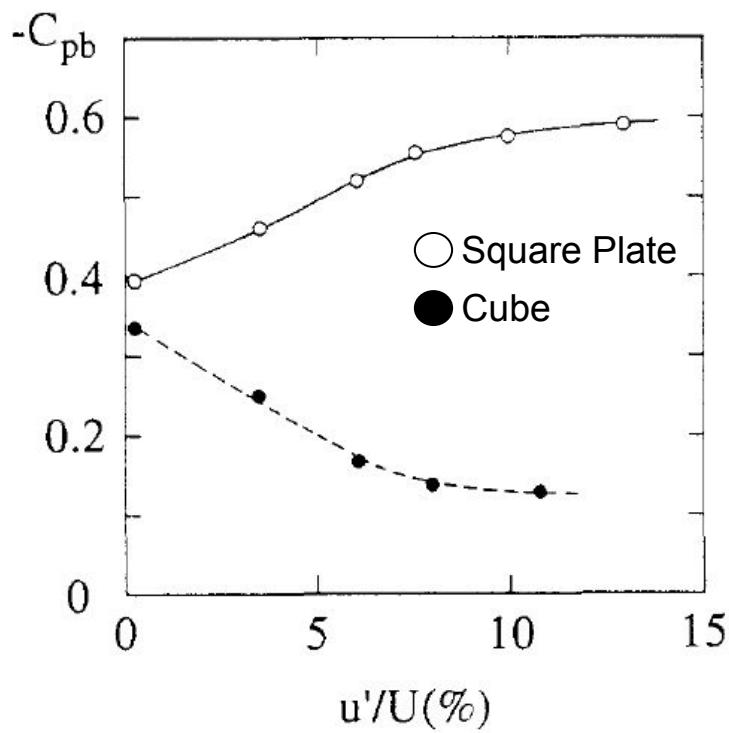
FULLY TURBULENT FLOW

Influence of FS turbulence

Free stream turbulence affects flow around bluff bodies

$$C_D, C_L, C_P = f(u'/U, Lx/h)$$

Turbulence Intensity Turbulence lengthscale
(Integral lengthscale)

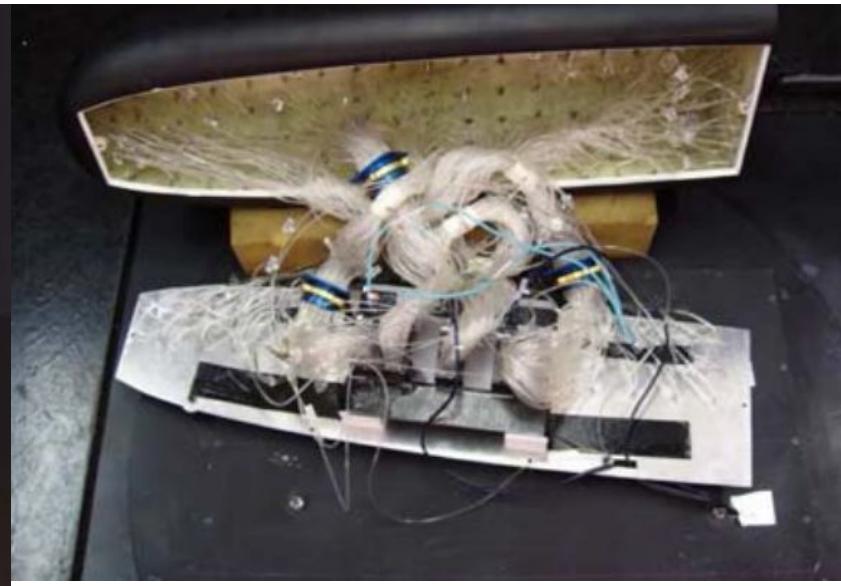
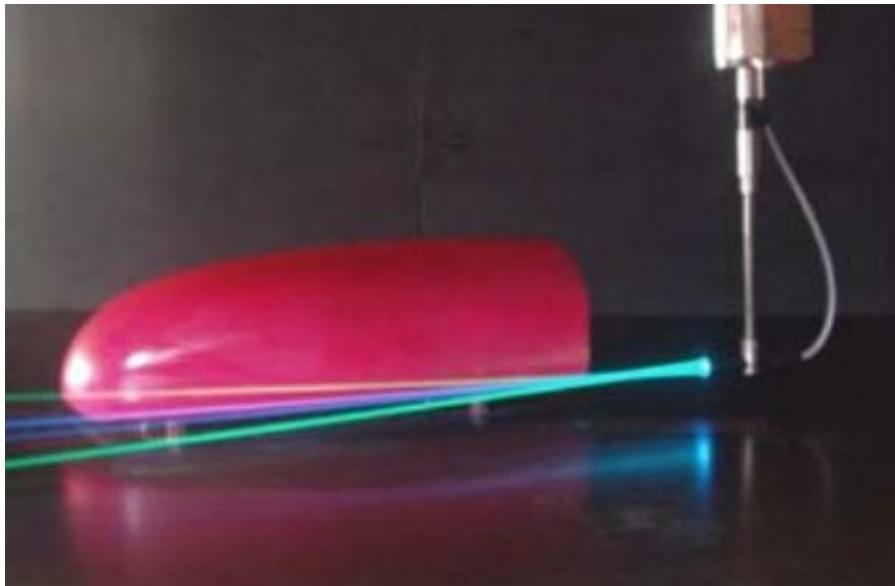
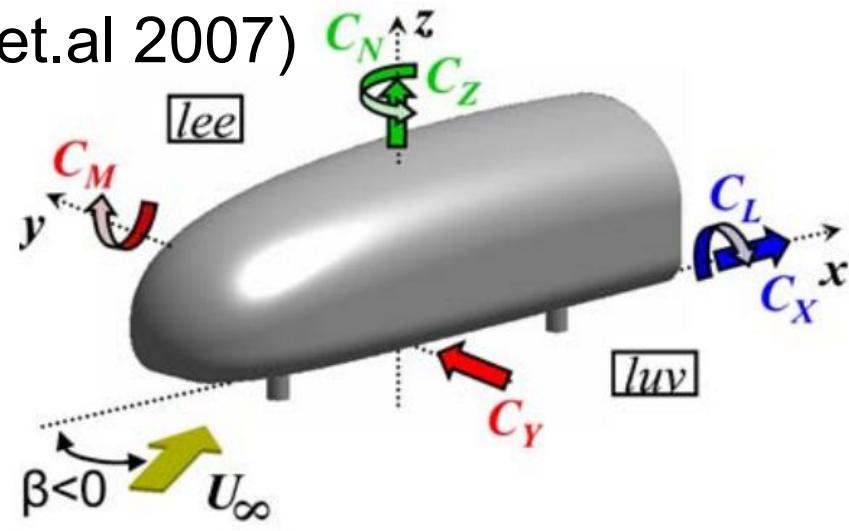


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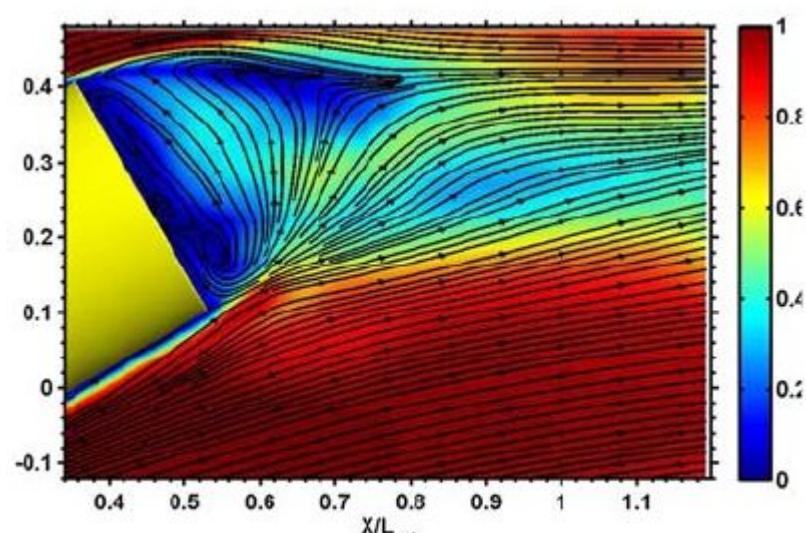
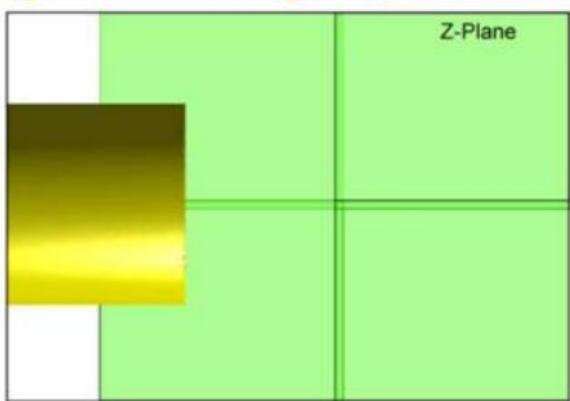
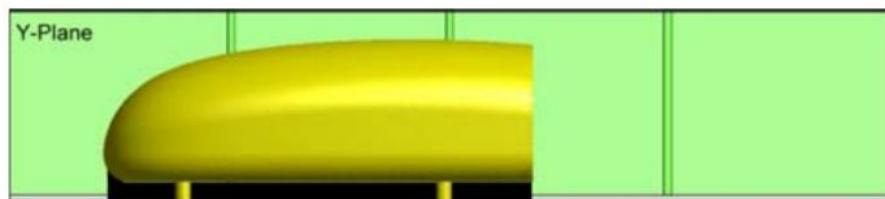
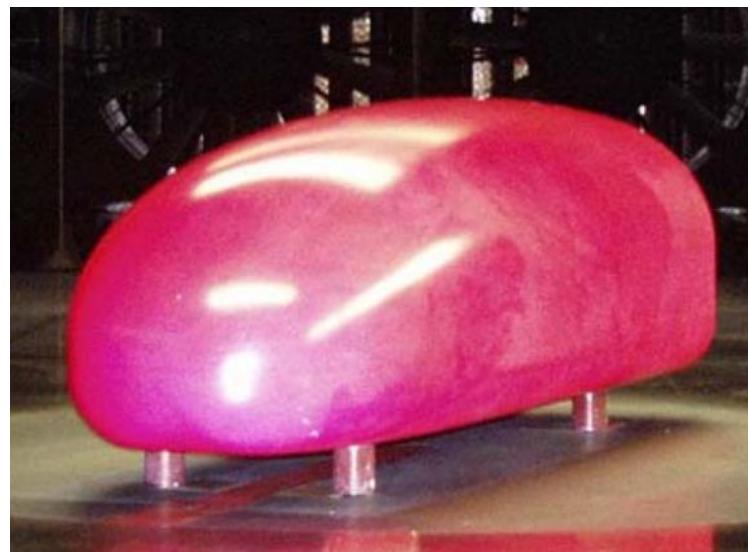
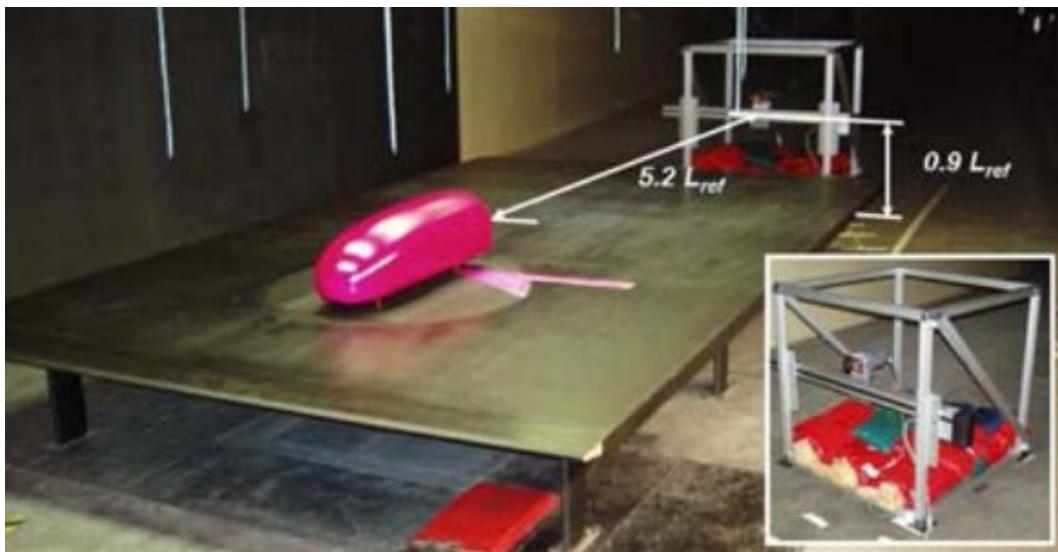
3D-Bluff-Body crossflow (Gohlke et.al 2007)

Trains - Trucks

- PIV
- Force measurements - Gauges
- 249 Pressure sensors
- Oil flow - Time averaged flow patterns
 - Separation and reattachment.
- Laser Doppler velocimetry

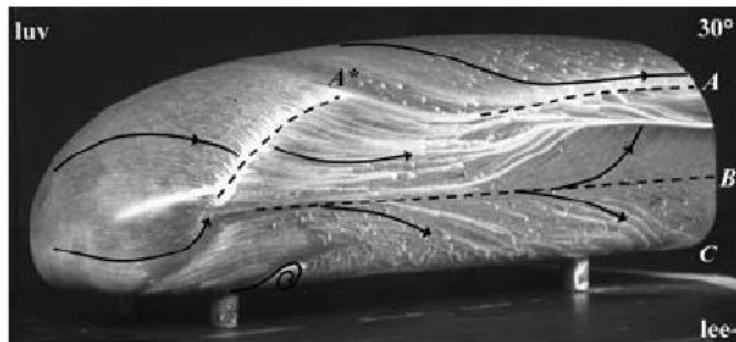
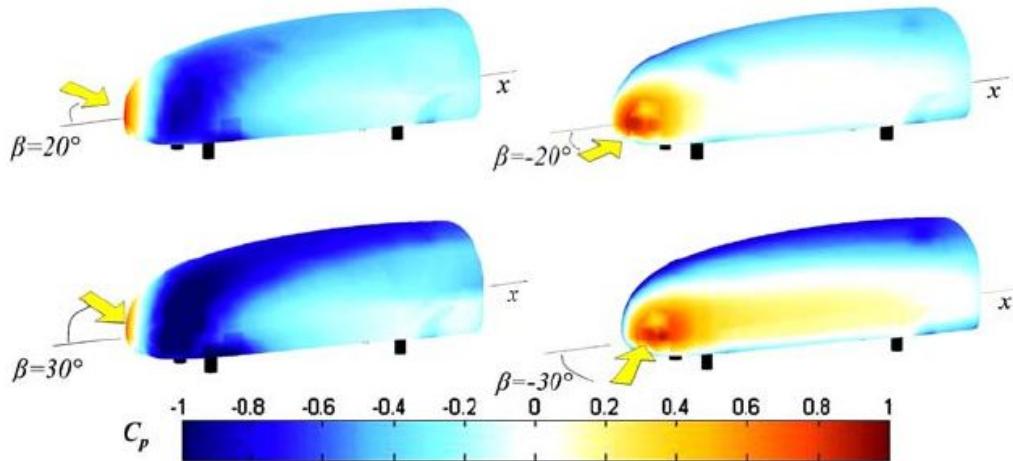
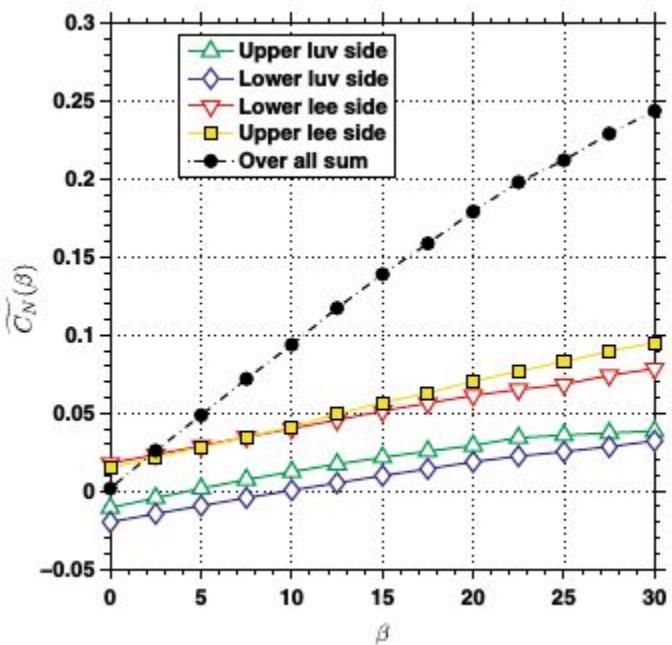
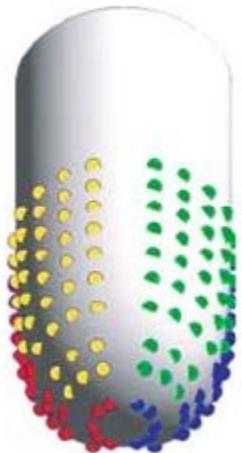


Exp methods: Example 1



Gohlke et.al (2007)

Exp methods: Example 1



23 Oil-flow visualisation of the lee-ward side at $\beta = 30^\circ$



24 View of the underbody flow at $\beta = 30^\circ$

Gohlke et.al (2007)

Exp methods: Example 2

Flow and Turbulence structures around Mussels. Constantinescu et al (2013)

Megalonaia nervosa



Computerized axial tomography (CAT)



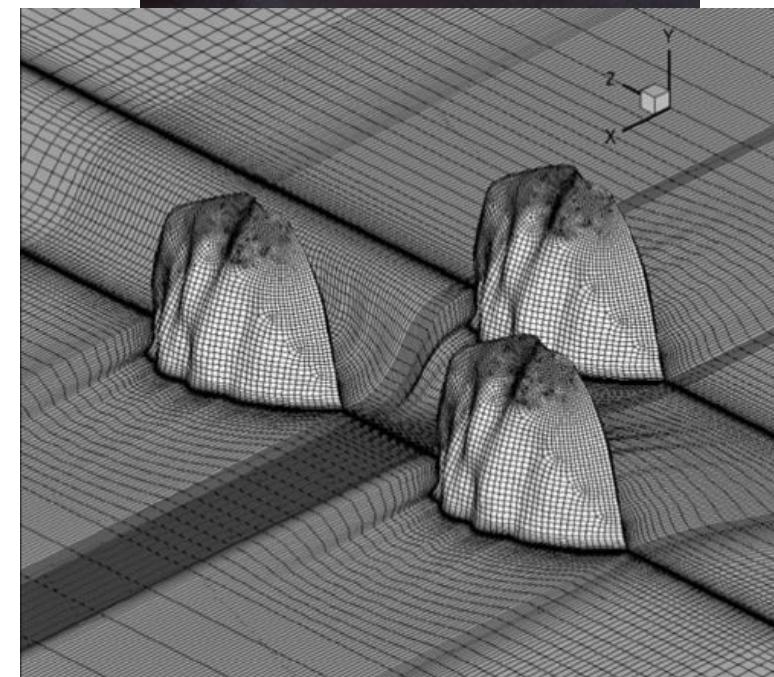
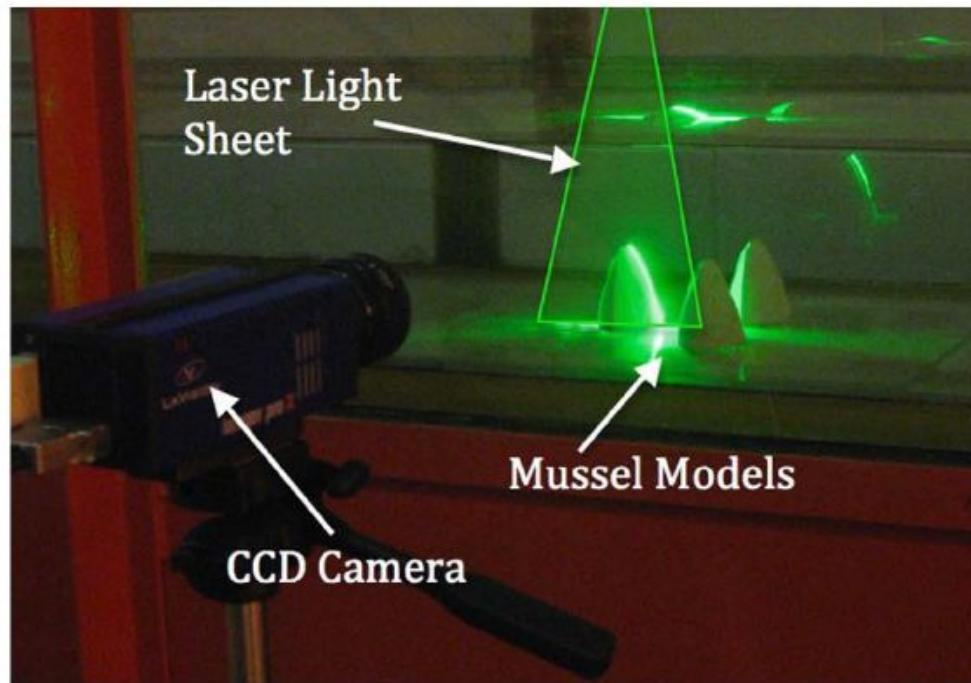
Physical model. Injection technique from CAT



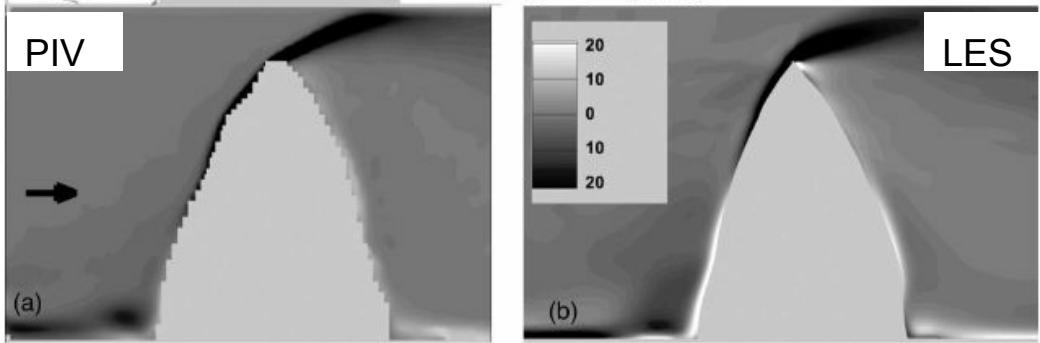
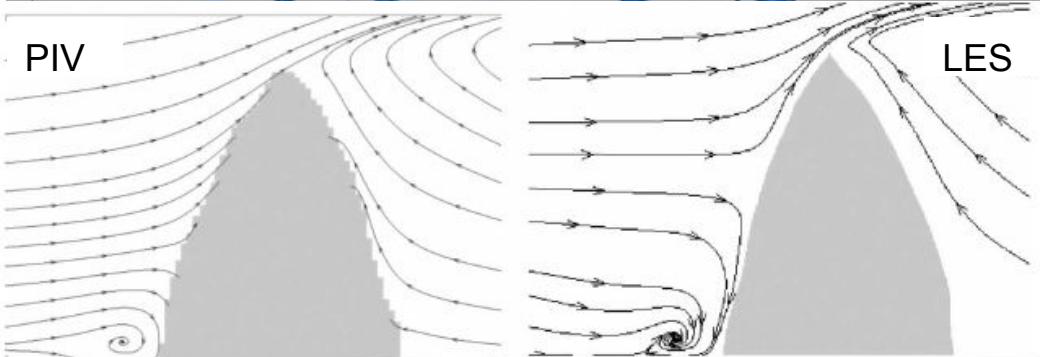
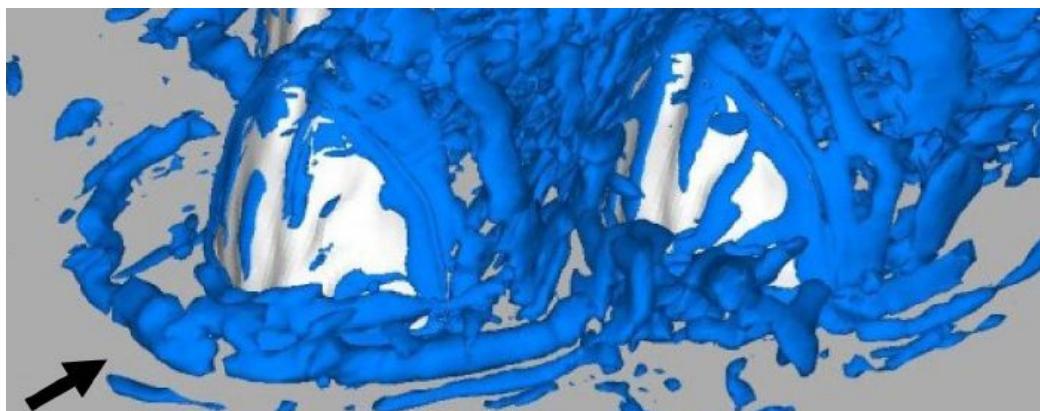
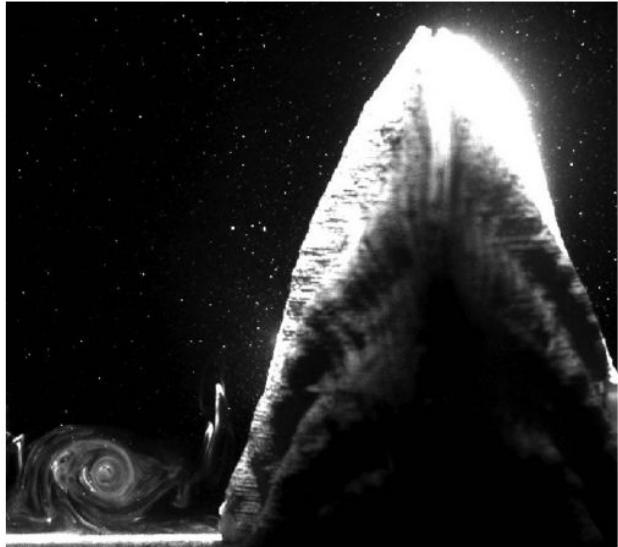
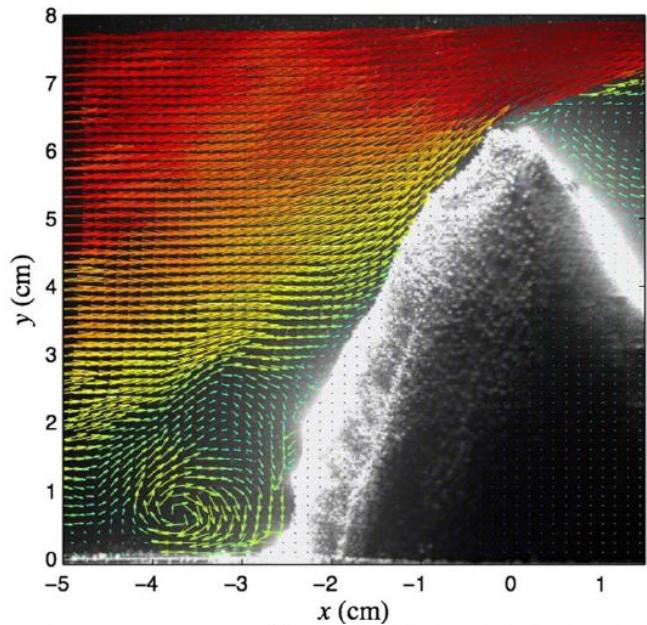
Laser Light Sheet

CCD Camera

Mussel Models



Exp methods: Example 2



Constantinescu et.al (2013)

- Direct Numerical Simulation (DNS)
 - Solve Navier-Stokes equations directly (no modeling)
 - Must resolve all turbulence scales on grid
- Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS)
 - Decompose into mean and perturbation quantities, simplify
 - Model turbulence (typically with eddy viscosity relations)
- Unsteady RANS (URANS)
 - Global time stepping, capture unsteady behavior in mean flow
- Large Eddy Simulation (LES)
 - Solve large turbulent structures directly on grid (DNS)
 - Model small turbulence with subgrid-scale (SGS) model
- Detached Eddy Simulation (DES)
 - Hybrid RANS/LES: Use RANS near wall instead of SGS
- Scale Adaptive Simulation (SAS)
 - RANS-like model that adjusts with von Karman length-scale
 - Allows turbulent spectrum to develop (LES-like)

Simulation Comparisons

Vorticity isosurfaces over a circular cylinder

Experiment: $Re=5e4$, $Cd=1.15-1.25$

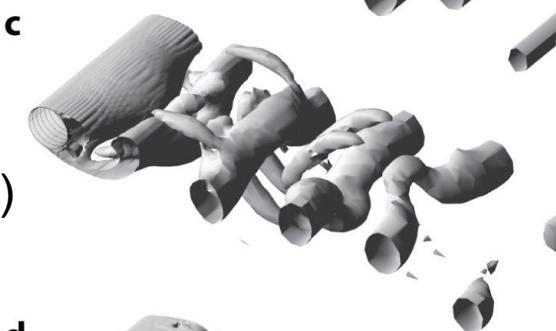
Steady RANS (SST)
 $Cd=0.78$



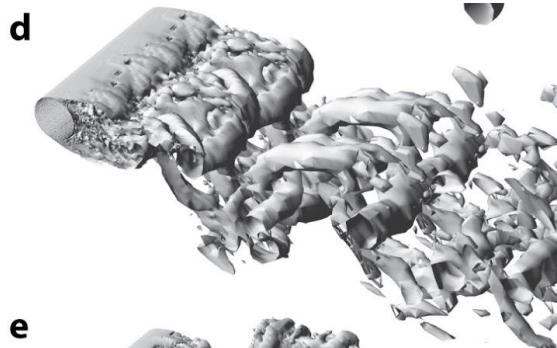
2D URANS (SST)
 $Cd=1.73$



3D URANS (SST)
 $Cd=1.24$



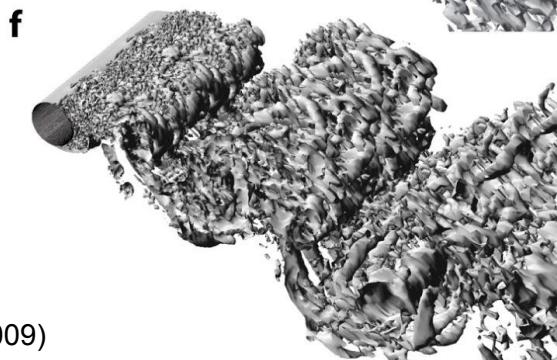
Spalart (2009)



Coarse DES (SA)
 $Cd=1.15$



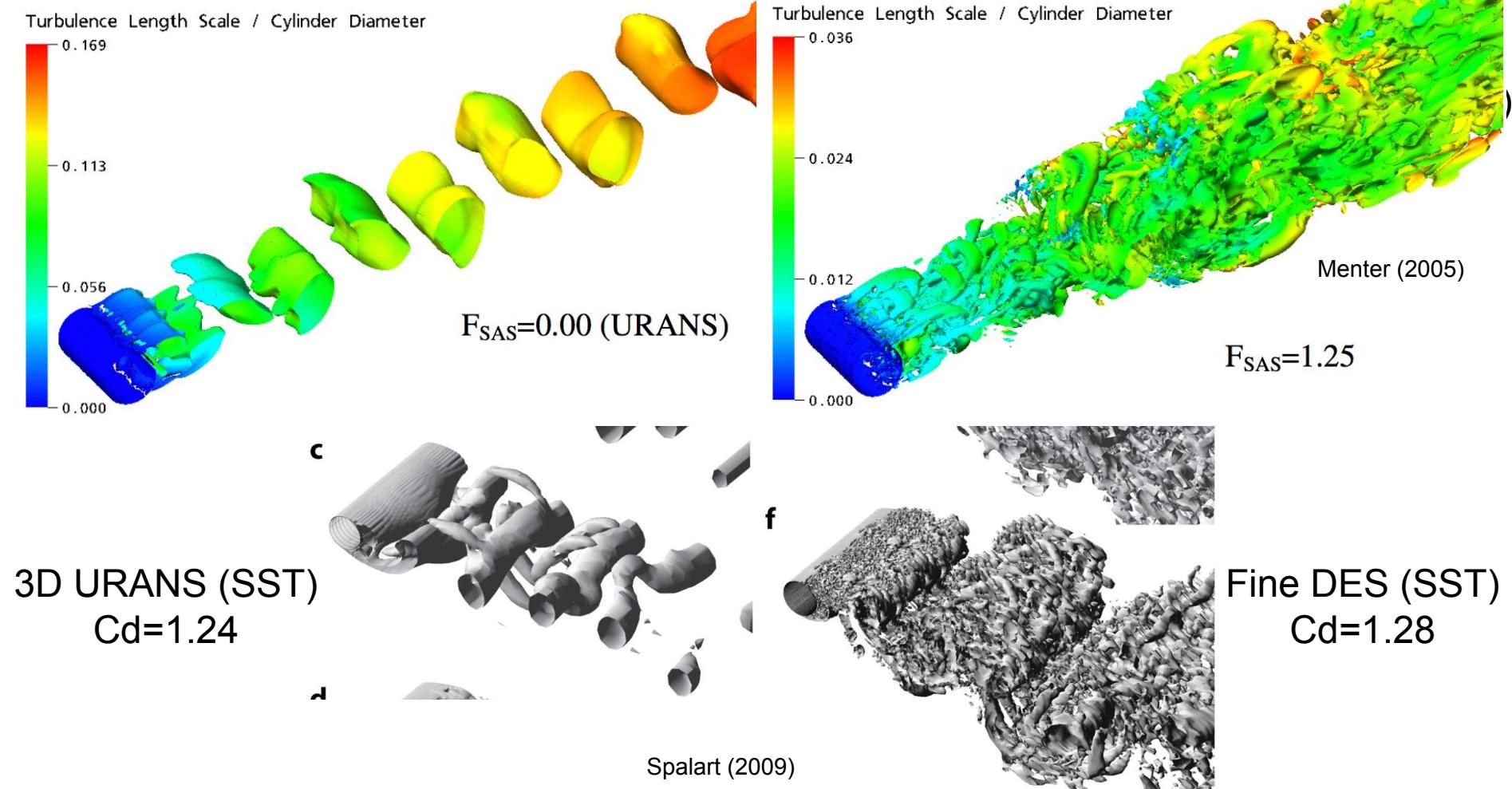
Fine DES (SA)
 $Cd=1.26$



Fine DES (SST)
 $Cd=1.28$

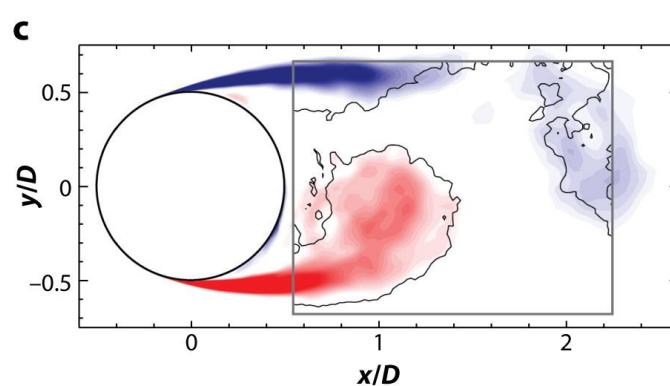
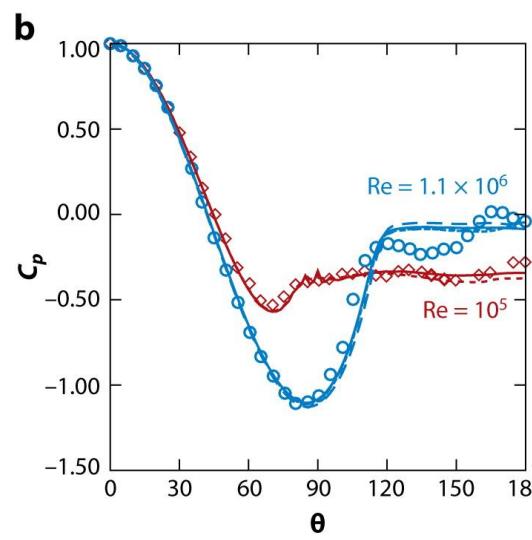
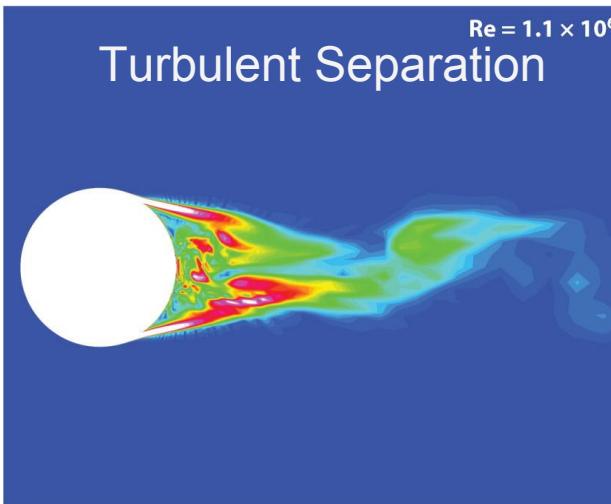
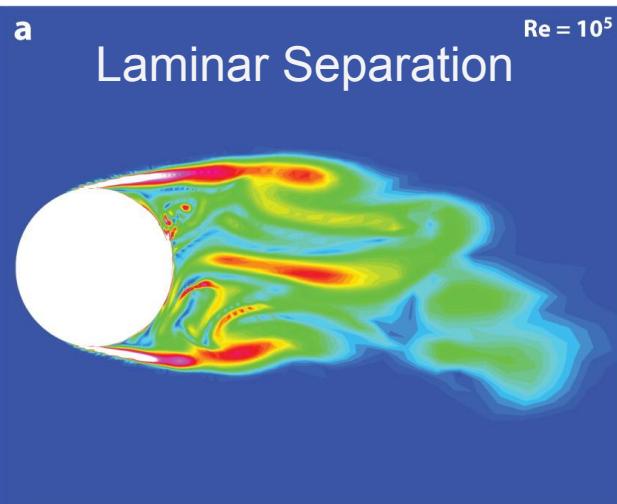
Simulation Comparisons

SAS attempts to avoid ambiguous grid dependencies of DES



Simulation Successes

DES flow over a sphere (controlled separation)

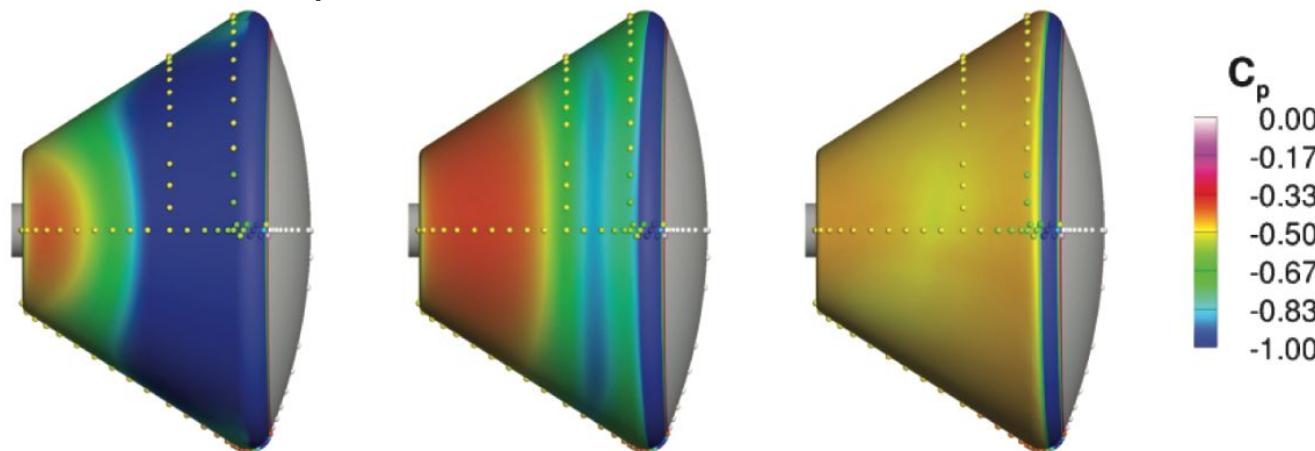


Surface pressure compared to experiment (left)
Vorticity contours compared to experiment (above)

DES vs URANS (Capsule)

- Wind Tunnel (dots) and URANS/DES (Schwing et al. 2009)
 - $M=0.5$, $Re=5e6$
- Surface pressure: DES (right) closer match than RANS

Capsule Surface Pressure Coefficient



a) RANS-KEC

b) DES-MSW

c) DES-KEC

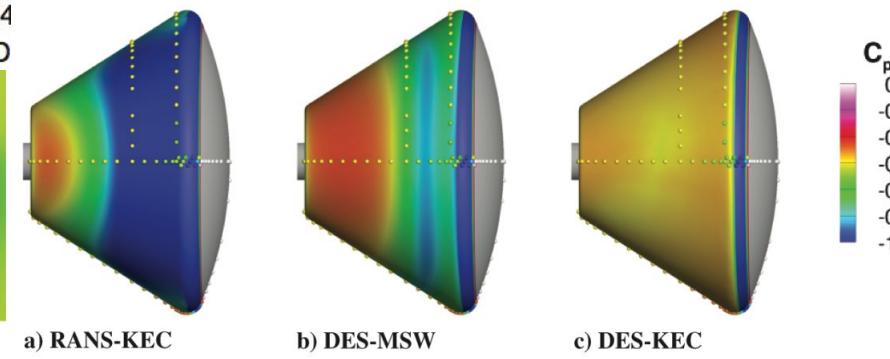
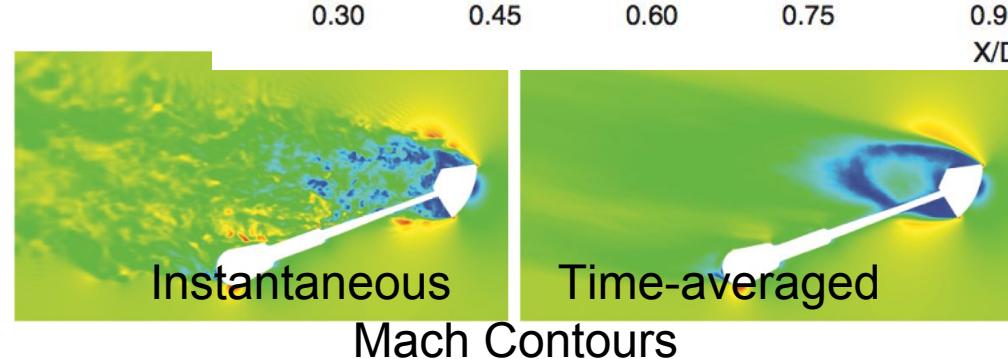
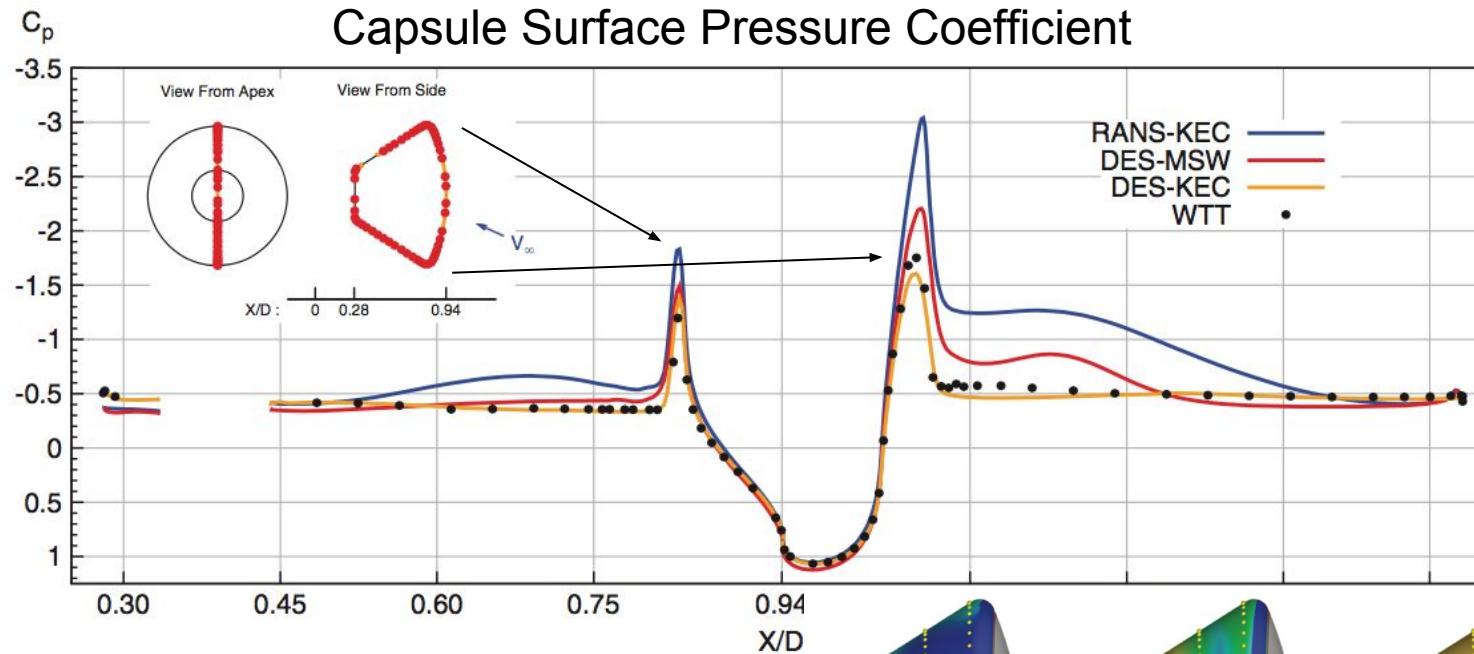
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Time-averaged

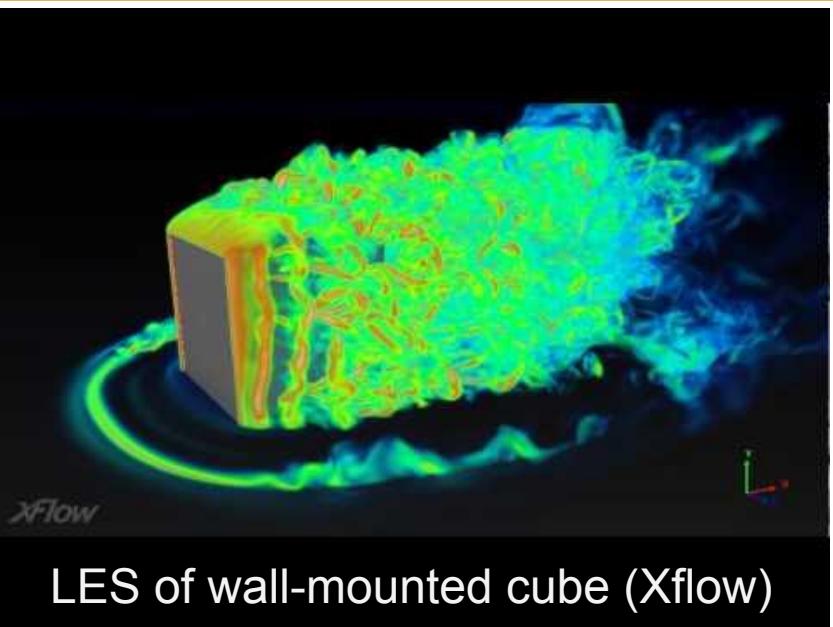
Mach Contours

DES vs URANS Cont.

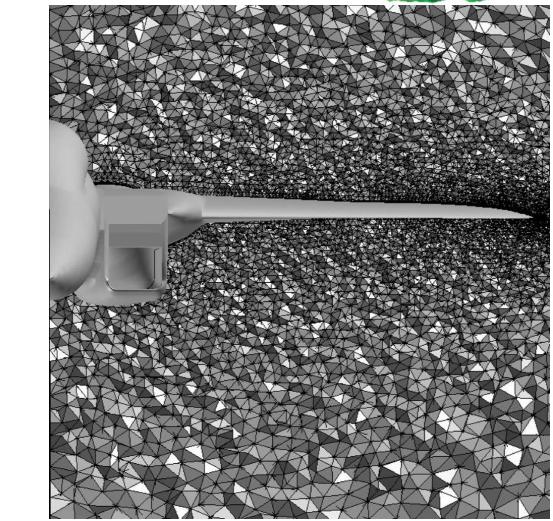
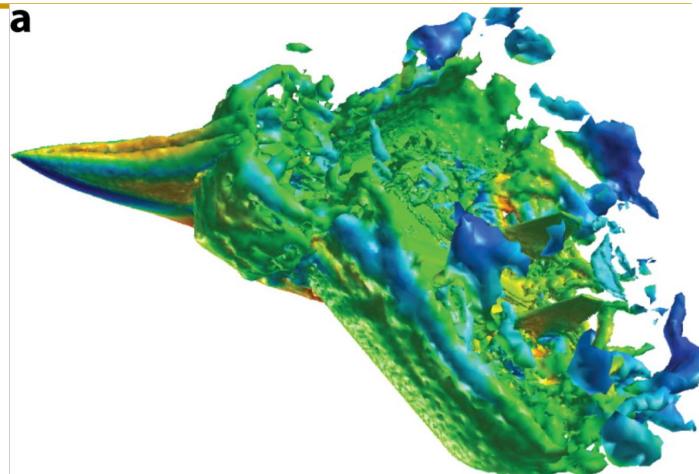
- DES outperforms URANS in suction peak/base pressure prediction: more correct drag integration
- But URANS more correctly predicts lift integration



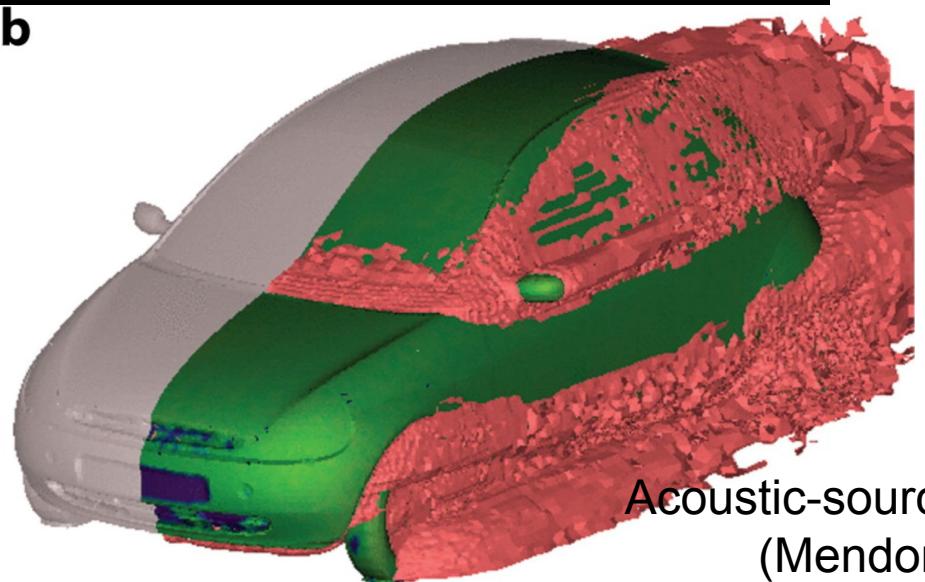
Other Complex Applications



LES of wall-mounted cube (Xflow)



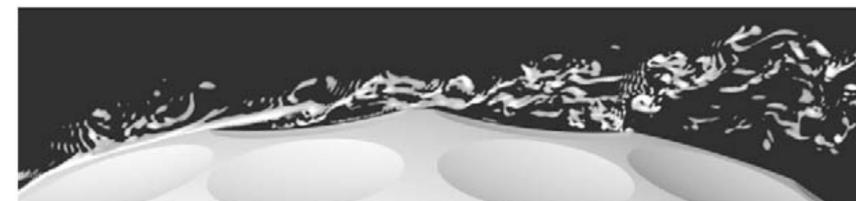
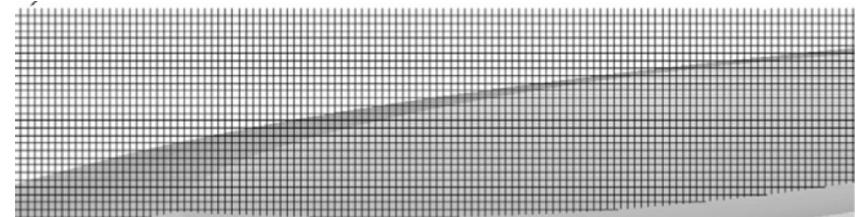
F-15 at $\text{AoA}=65\text{deg}$ (vorticity)
(Forsythe et al. 2004)



Acoustic-source isosurface over car
(Mendonca et al. 2002)

Current State: Bluff Body CFD

- URANS
 - + Least-expensive/most used in industry
 - + Good for averaged loads (lift more than drag)
 - Unable to resolve true turbulence behaviour in all situations
- DES
 - + More accurate unsteady behavior/turbulence spectra
 - + “Functional” version of LES
 - Order of accuracy unquantified (hybrid nature)
 - Grid induced separation, not “plug-and-play”
- SAS:
 - + No grid induced separation
 - Still modeling turbulence
- DNS:
 - + No turbulence modeling
 - Cost prohibitive grids



DNS: Non-rotating golf ball with dimples
Re=1.1e5 (Smith et al. 2010)



Wind Tunnel Test of Bridge Span
(PIV)
(Yuan et al. 2017)

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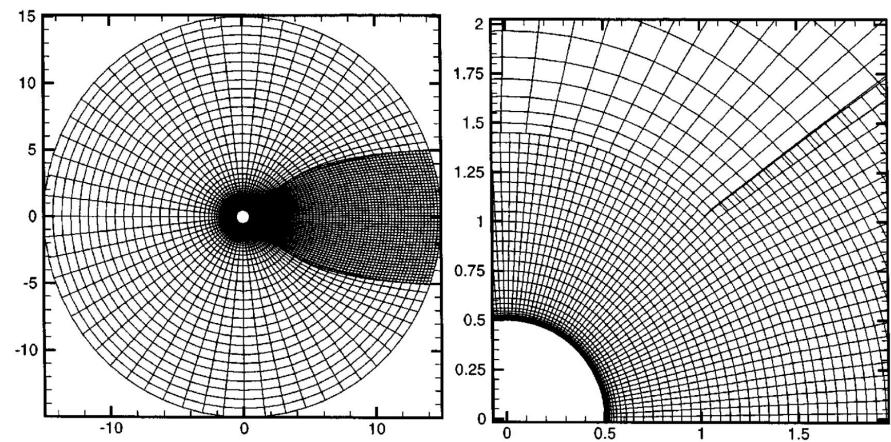
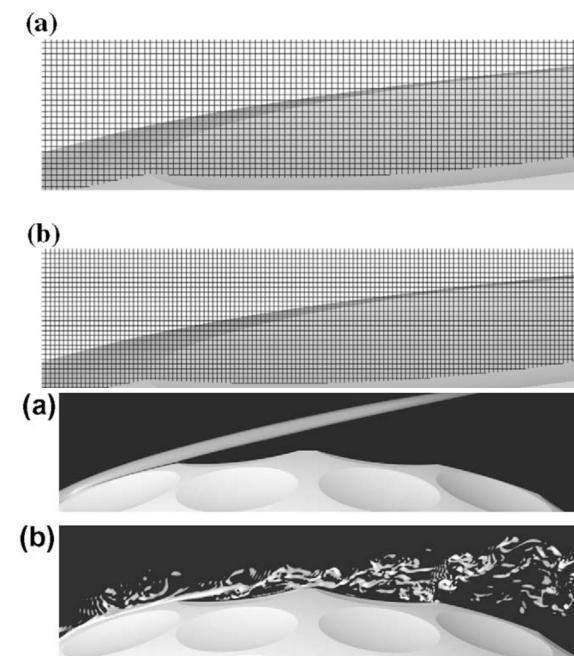
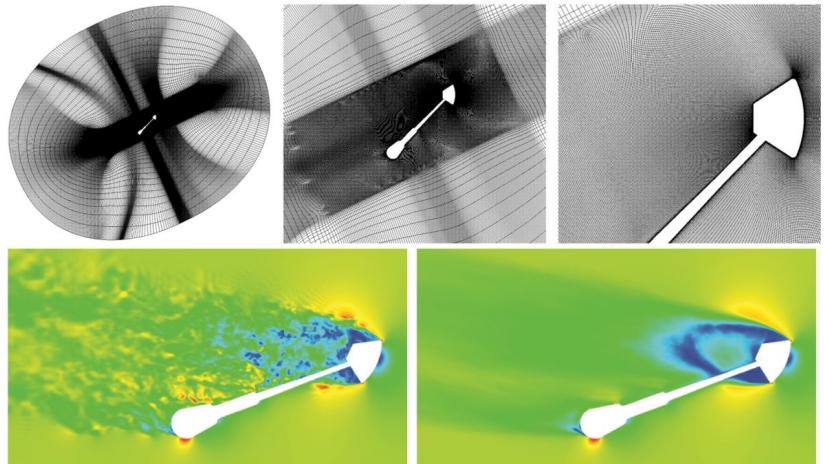
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Backup: Grids

Clockwise: reentry capsule (DES), non-rotating golf ball (DNS), Grid Induced Separation on airfoil (DES), Circular Cylinder (DES)



Velocity

