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DPW-4 Results For NSU3D on LaRC Grids

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NSU3D Description

Unstructured Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes solver

- Vertex-based discretization
- Mixed elements (prisms in boundary layer)
- Edge data structure
- Matrix artificial dissipation
 - Option for upwind scheme with gradient reconstruction
- No cross derivative viscous terms
 - Thin layer in all 3 directions
 - Option for full Navier-Stokes terms
- Turbulence Models
 - Spalart-Allmaras (original published form)
 - k-omega
 - Interactive Boundary Layer (IBL)

Solution Strategy

- Jacobi/Line Preconditioning
 - Line solves in boundary layer regions
 - Relieves aspect ratio stiffness
- Agglomeration Multigrid
 - Fast grid independent convergence rates
- Parallel implementation
 - MPI/OpenMP hybrid model
 - DPW runs all MPI only on:
 - UWYO Cluster (Dual Core Opteron)
 - NASA Columbia (Itanium 2)
 - NASA Pleiades (Quad Core Xeon)

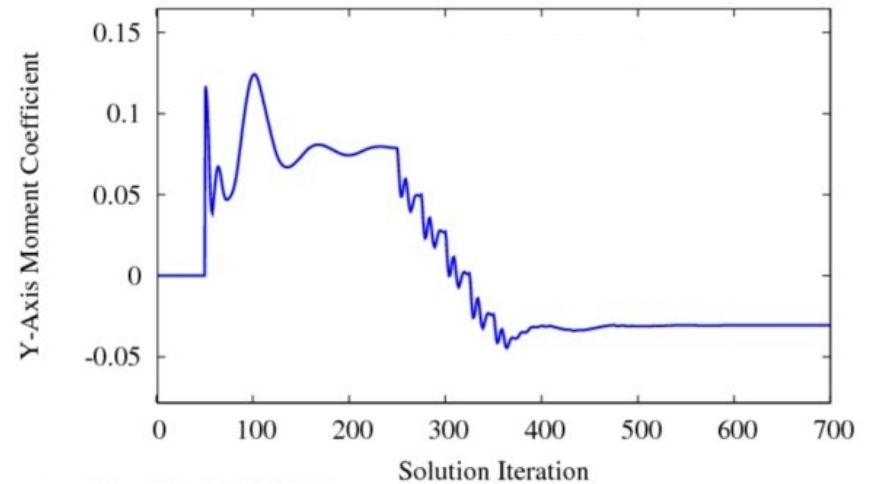
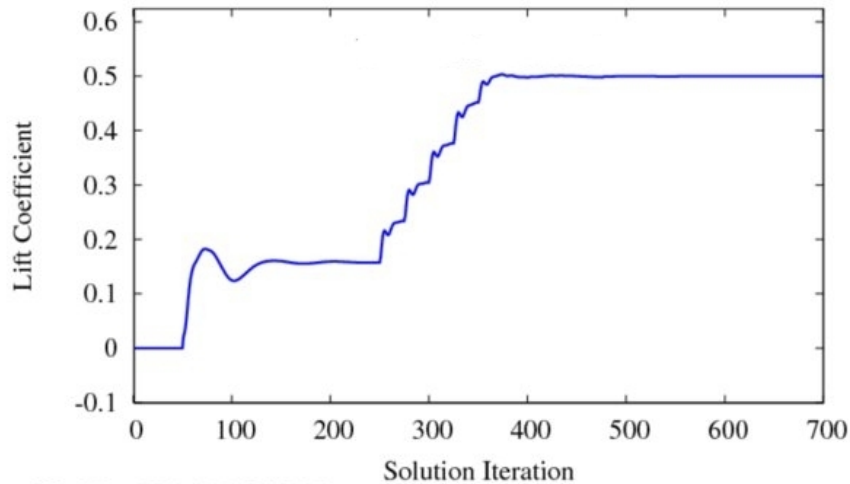
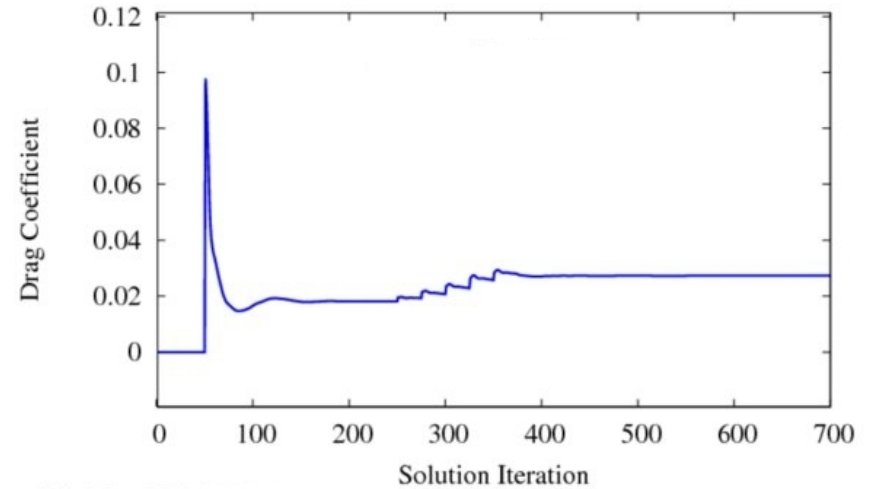
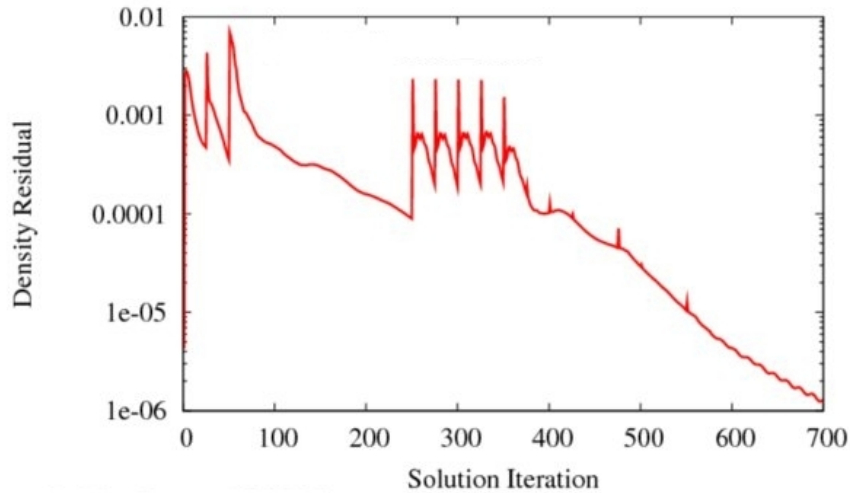
Grid Generation

- All Runs based on NASA Langley supplied VGRIDns unstructured grids
- Tetrahedra cells in the boundary layer merged into prismatic elements
- Grid sizes up to 36M pts, 122M elements after merging

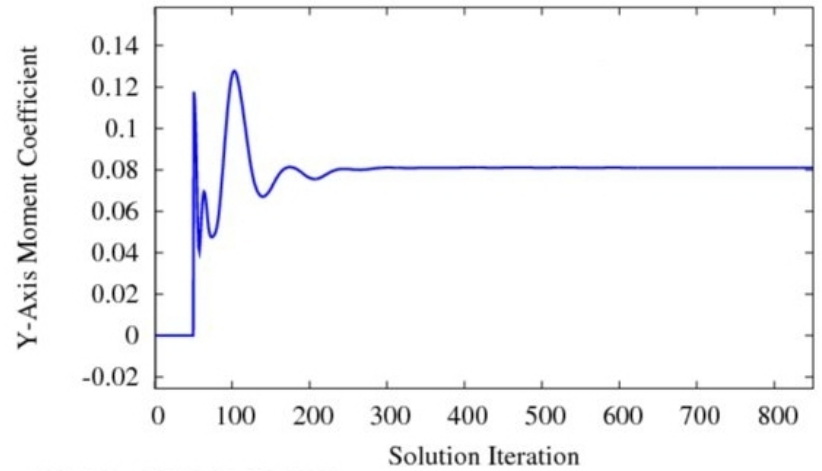
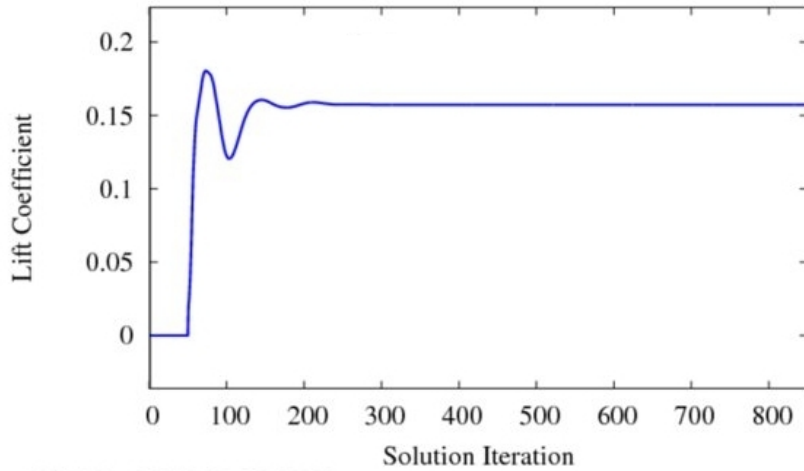
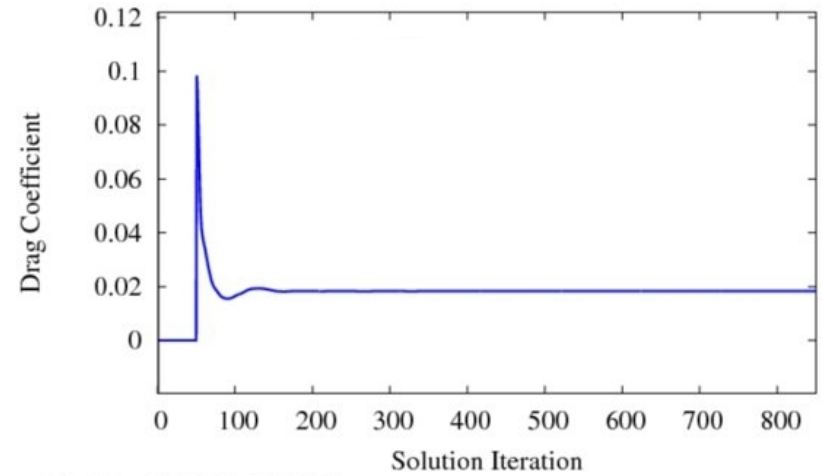
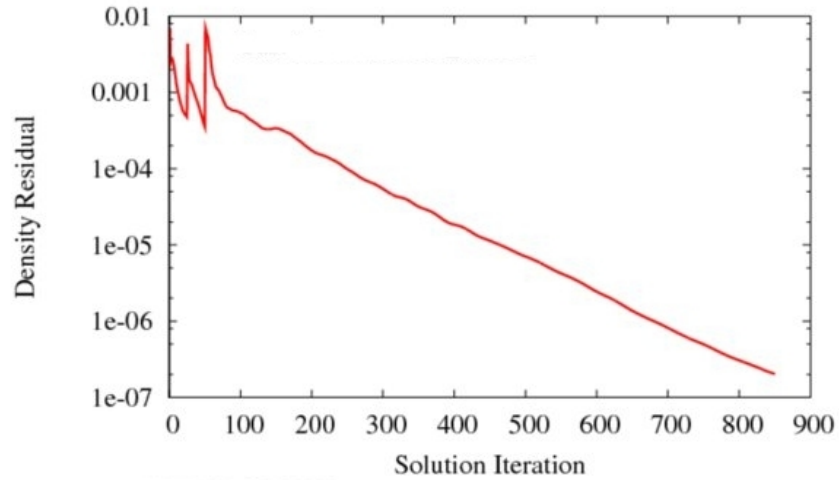
Typical Resource Requirements

- NASA Pleiades Supercomputer
 - SGI ICE with 51,200 Intel Harpertown Xeon Cores
- Medium (10Mpts) grids used 64 cpus
 - 800 multigrid cycles (most cases converged <500)
 - ~1.7 hours for final solution
 - ~60GB memory allocated
- Fine Grid (36M pts) used 128 cpus
 - 800 multigrid cycles (CL driver converged <700)
 - ~3.7 hours for final solution
 - ~160GB memory allocated

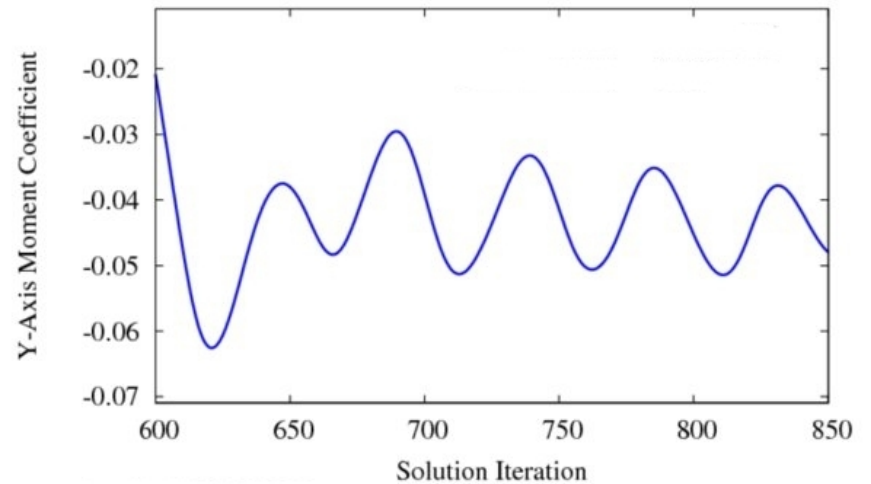
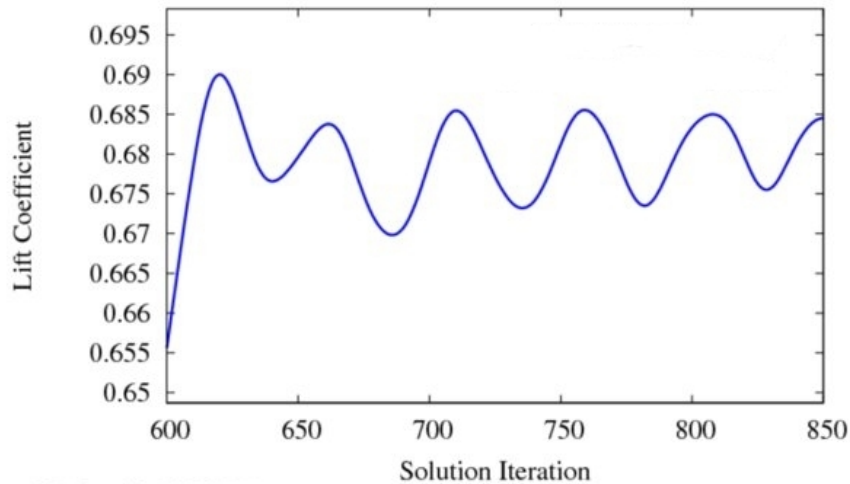
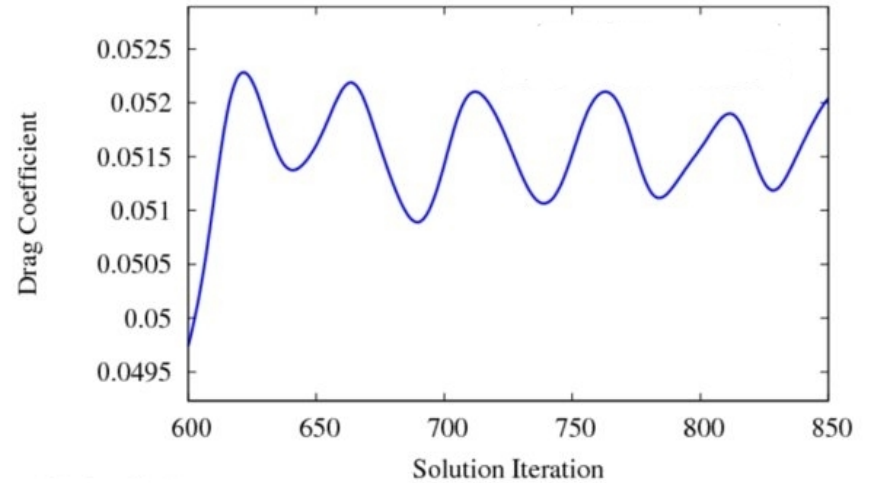
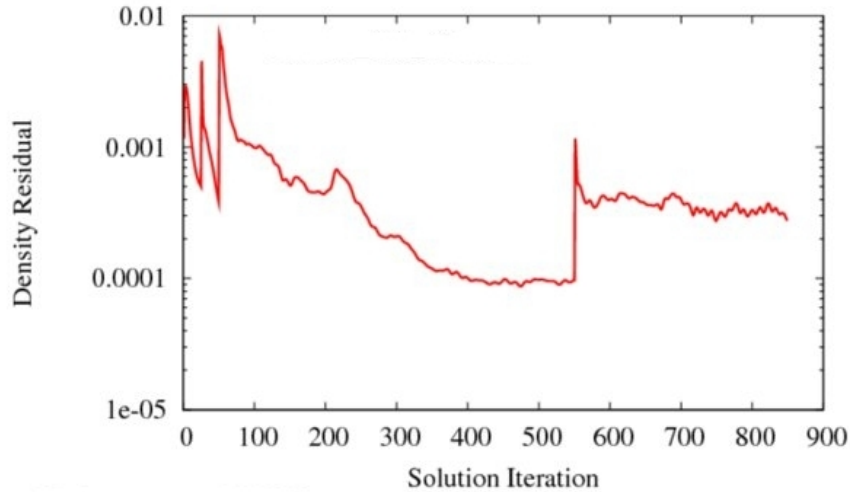
Typical Residual and Force History (Case 1 - Medium Grid, CL Driver)



Typical Residual and Force History (Case 2 Medium Grid)



Typical Case with Unsteady Flow (AOA = 4° , Mach ≥ 0.85)

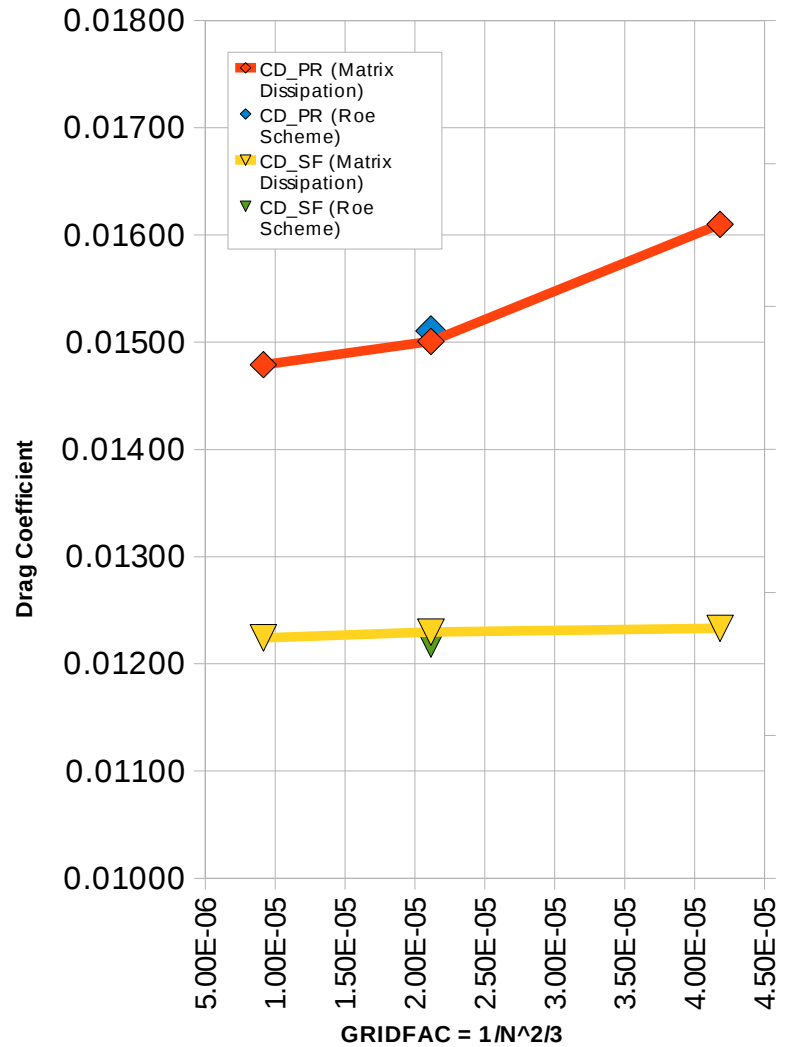
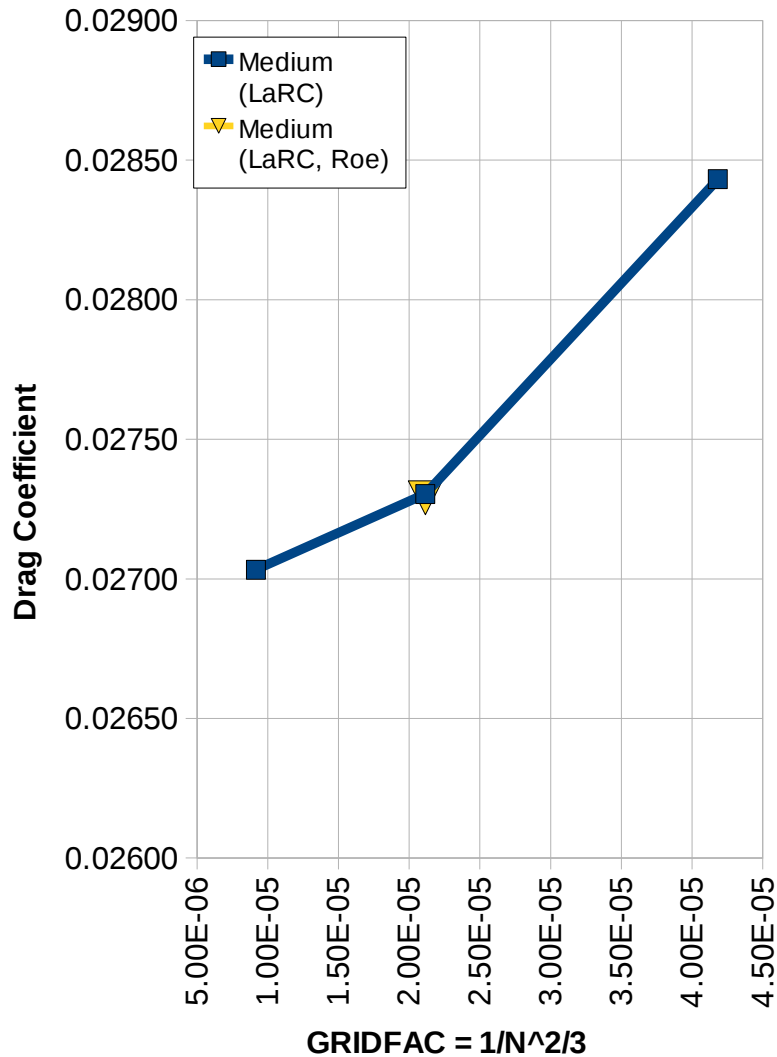


Case 1a: Grid Convergence Study

- Mach = 0.85, CL = 0.500 (± 0.001)
- Tail Incidence angle = 0°
- Coarse, Medium, Fine, Extra-Fine Grids
(Extra-Fine grid not completed)
- Chord Reynolds Number: $Re = 5e+6$

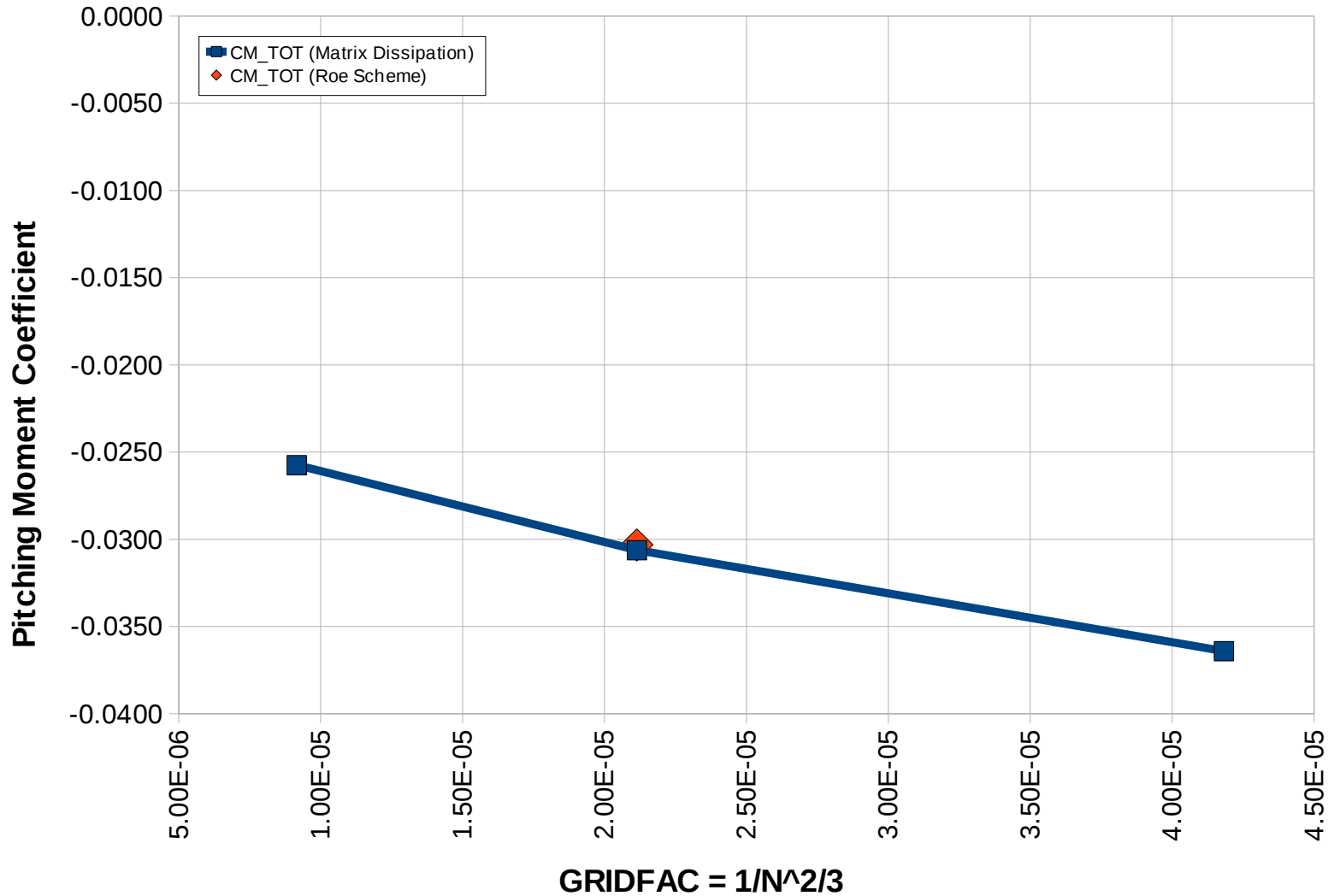
Sensitivity of Drag Coefficient to Grid Size

$C_L = 0.5$, Mach = 0.85, Tail 0°



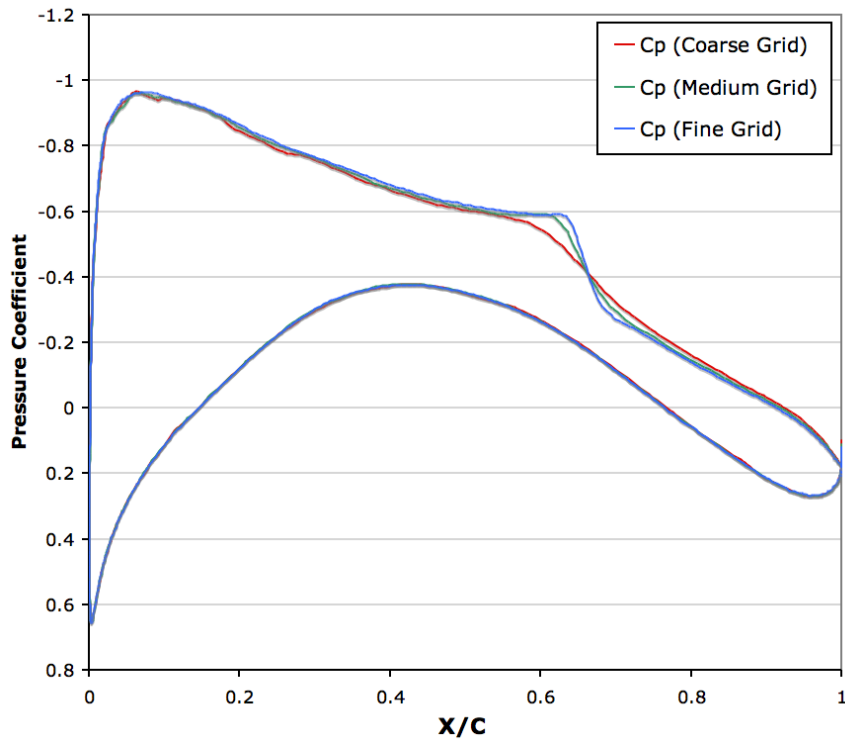
Sensitivity of Pitching Moment Coefficient to Grid Size

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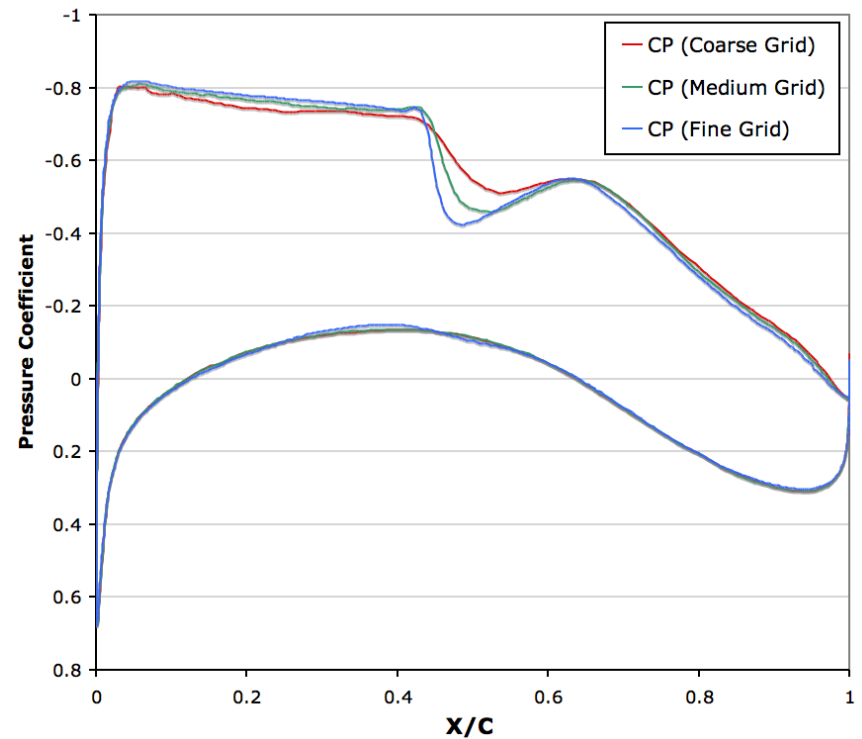


Wing Surface Pressure Grid Convergence

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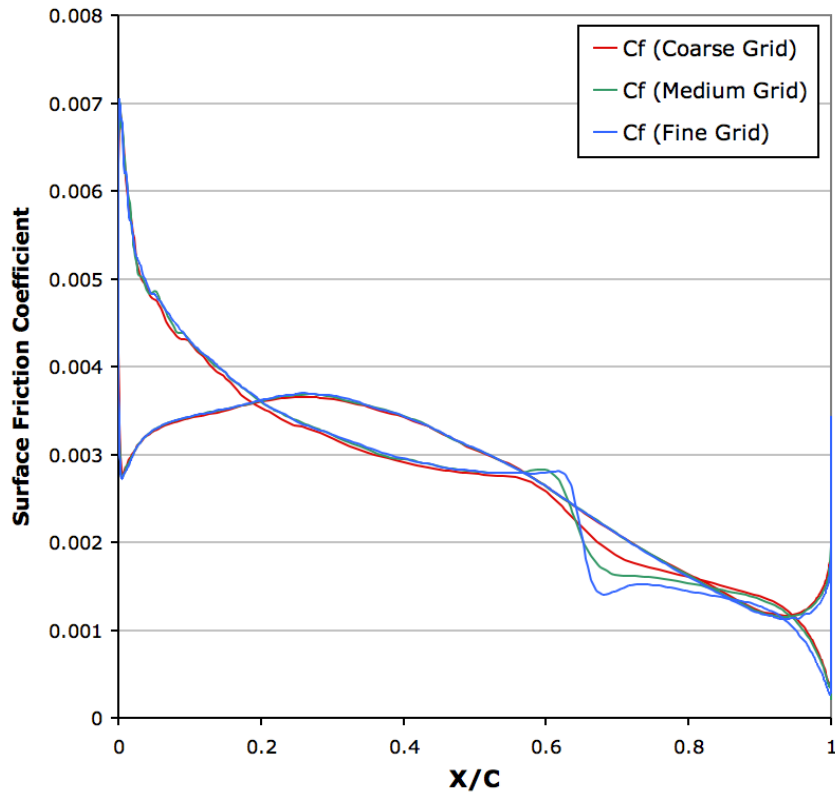
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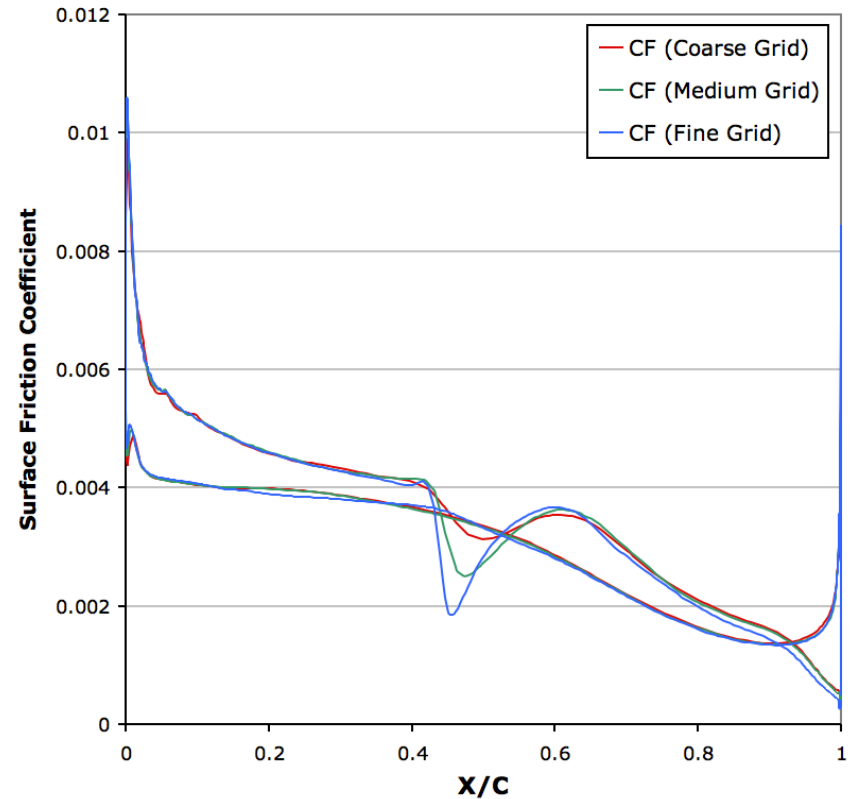
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Wing Surface Friction Grid Convergence

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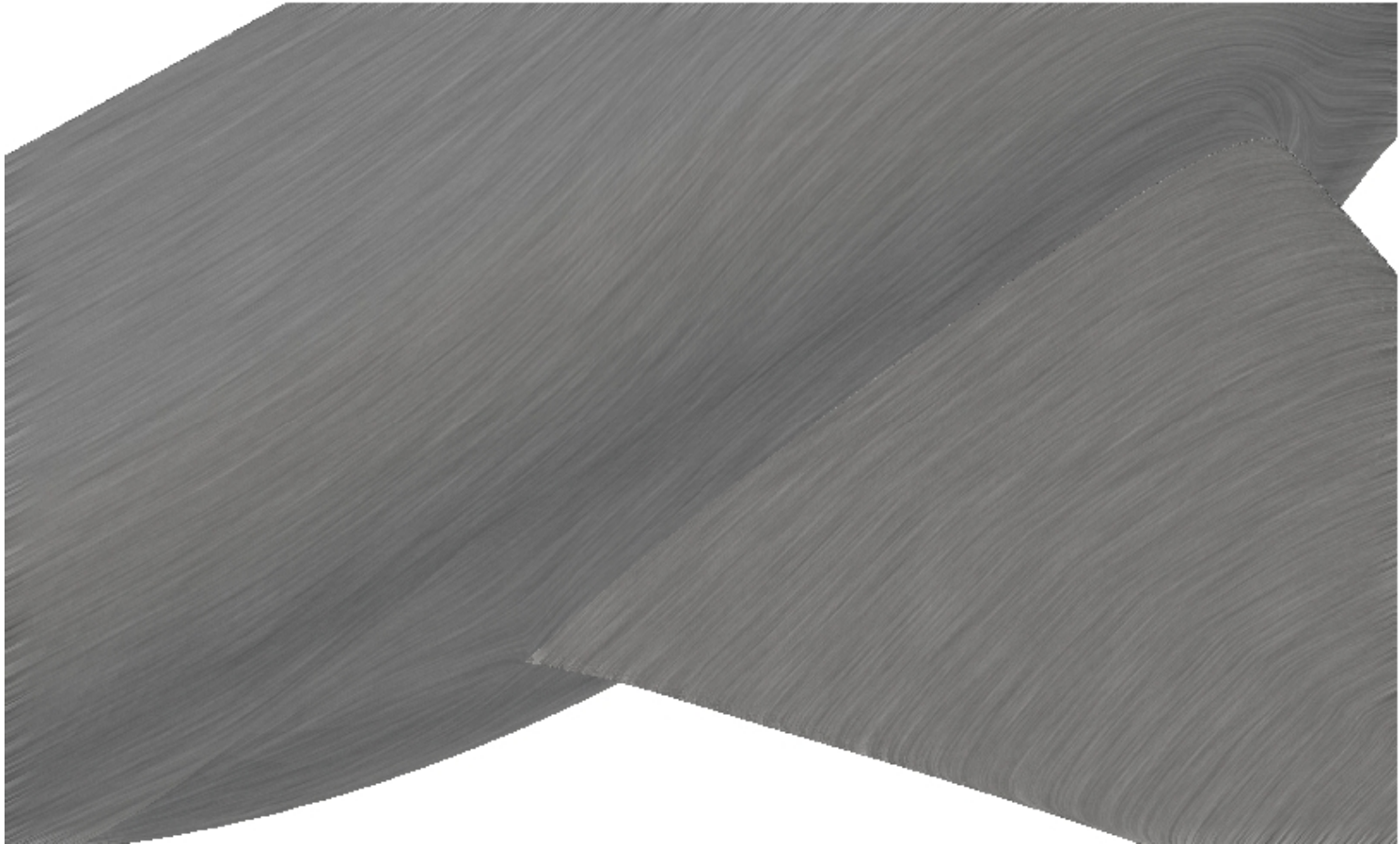


Inboard Section ($Y=232.444$)



Outboard Section ($Y=978.148$)

No Side of Body Separation Seen

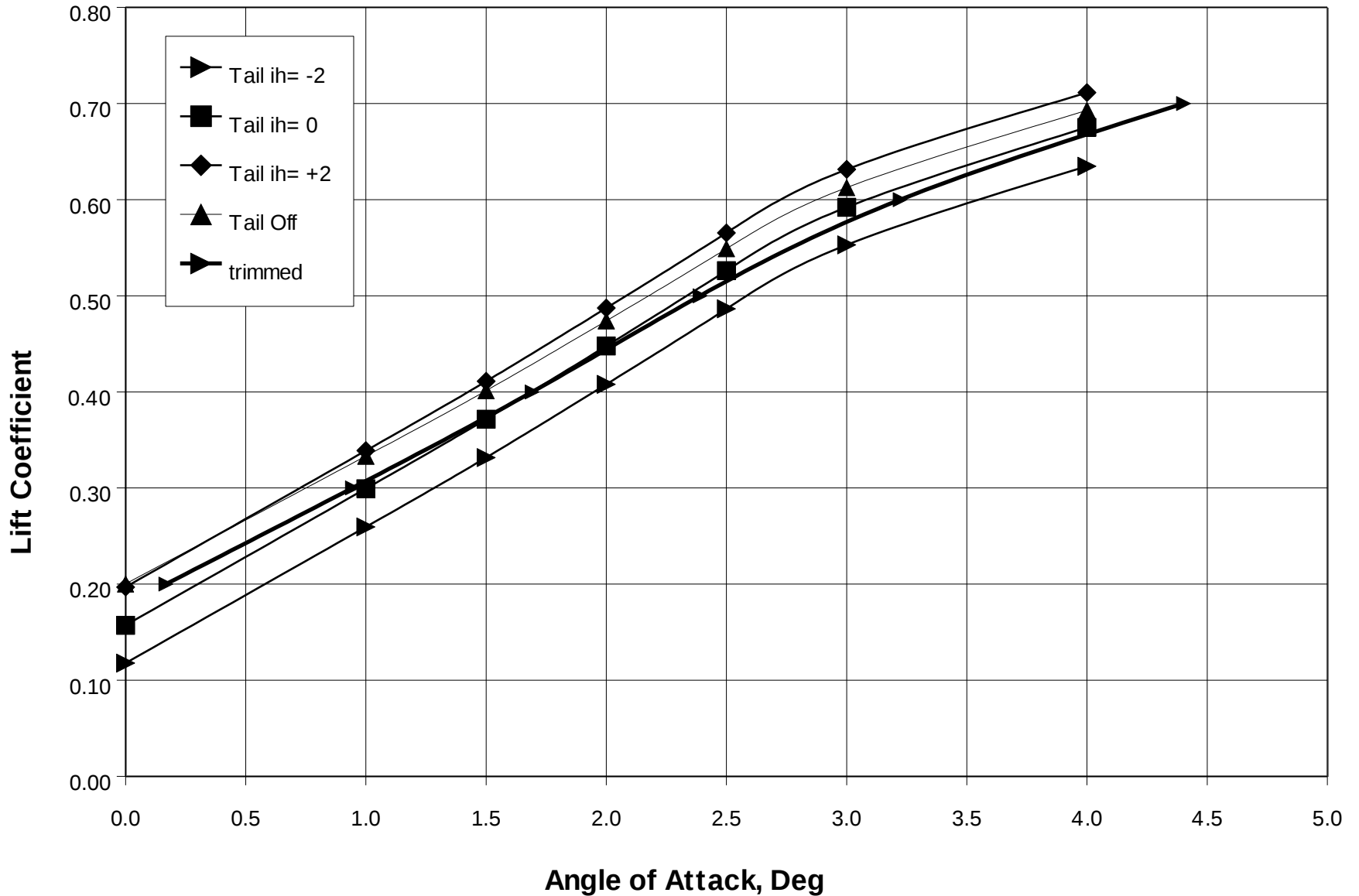


Surface streamlines via Line Integral Convolution (Paraview)
Case 1.1 (Medium Mesh, CL=0.5, M=0.85)

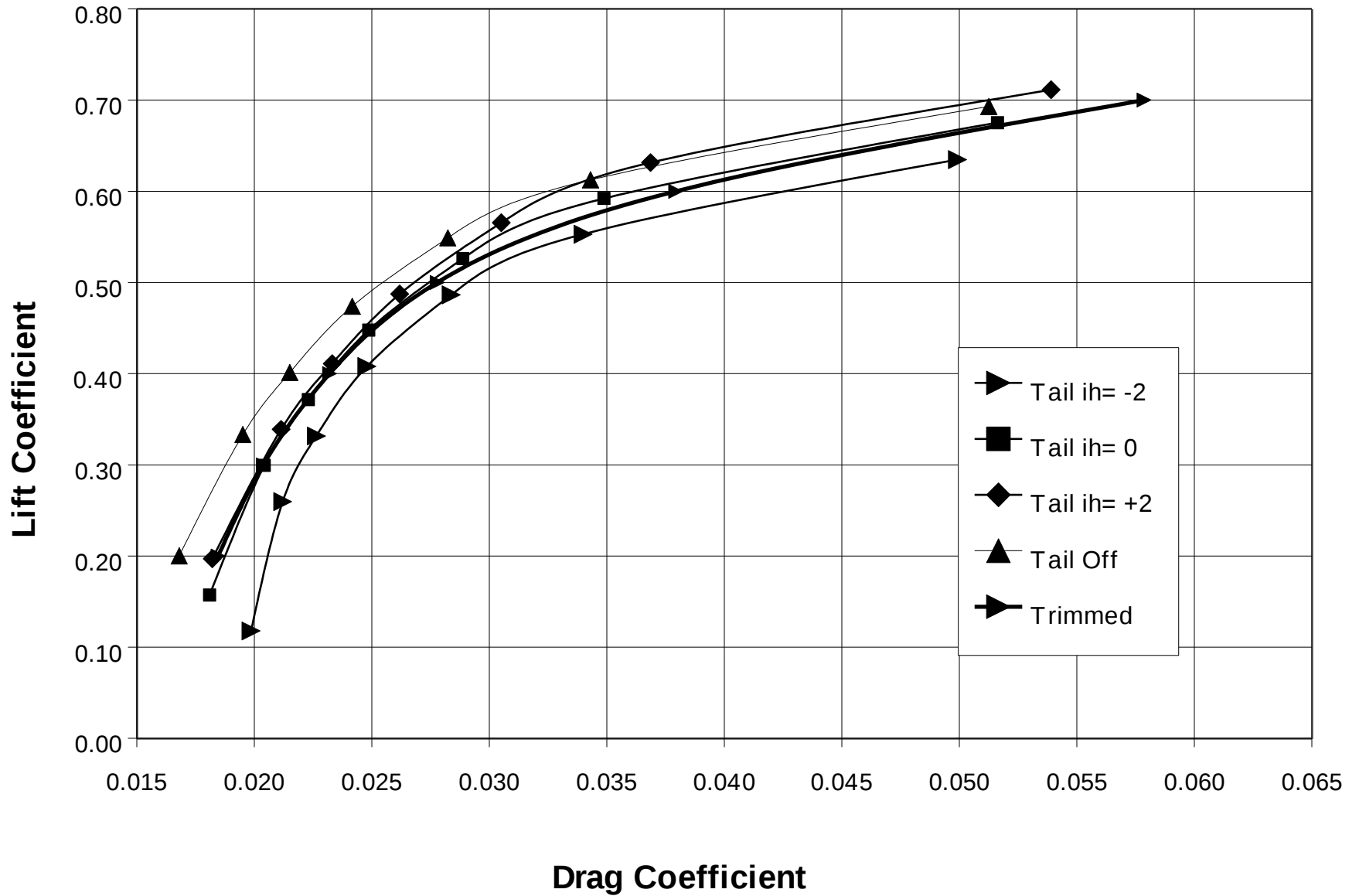
Case 1b: Downwash Study

- Mach = 0.85–Drag Polars for alpha = 0.0°, 1.0°, 1.5°, 2.0°, 2.5°, 3.0°, 4.0°
- Tail Incidence angles $i_H = -2^\circ, 0^\circ, +2^\circ$, and Tail off Medium grid
- Chord Reynolds Number: $Re=5M$
- Trimmed Drag Polar (CG at reference center) derived from polars at $i_H = -2^\circ, 0^\circ, +2^\circ$
- Delta Drag Polar of tail off vs. tail on (i.e. WB vs. WBH trimmed)

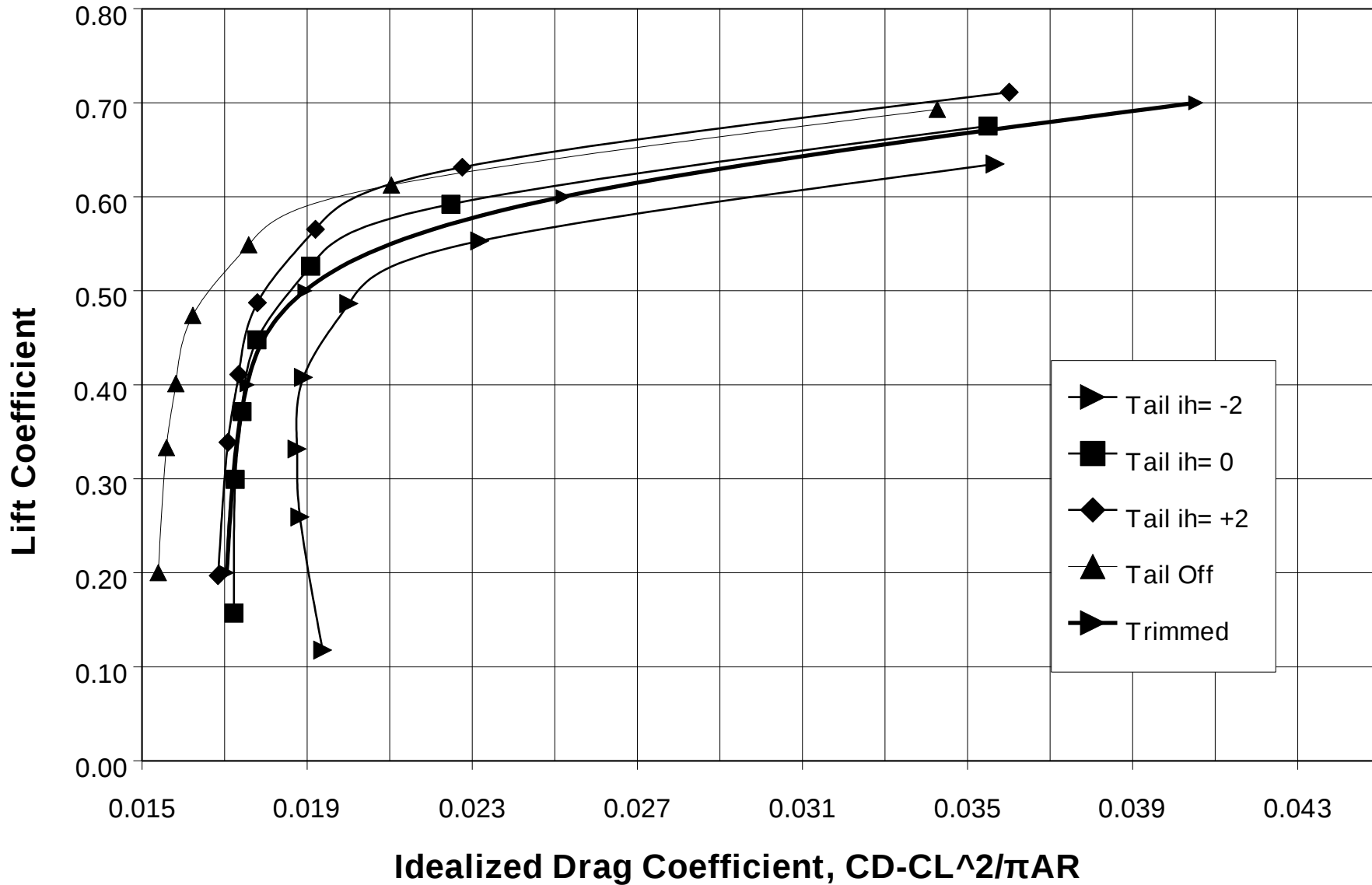
DPW4/NASA CRM Effect of Stabilizer Angle on CL



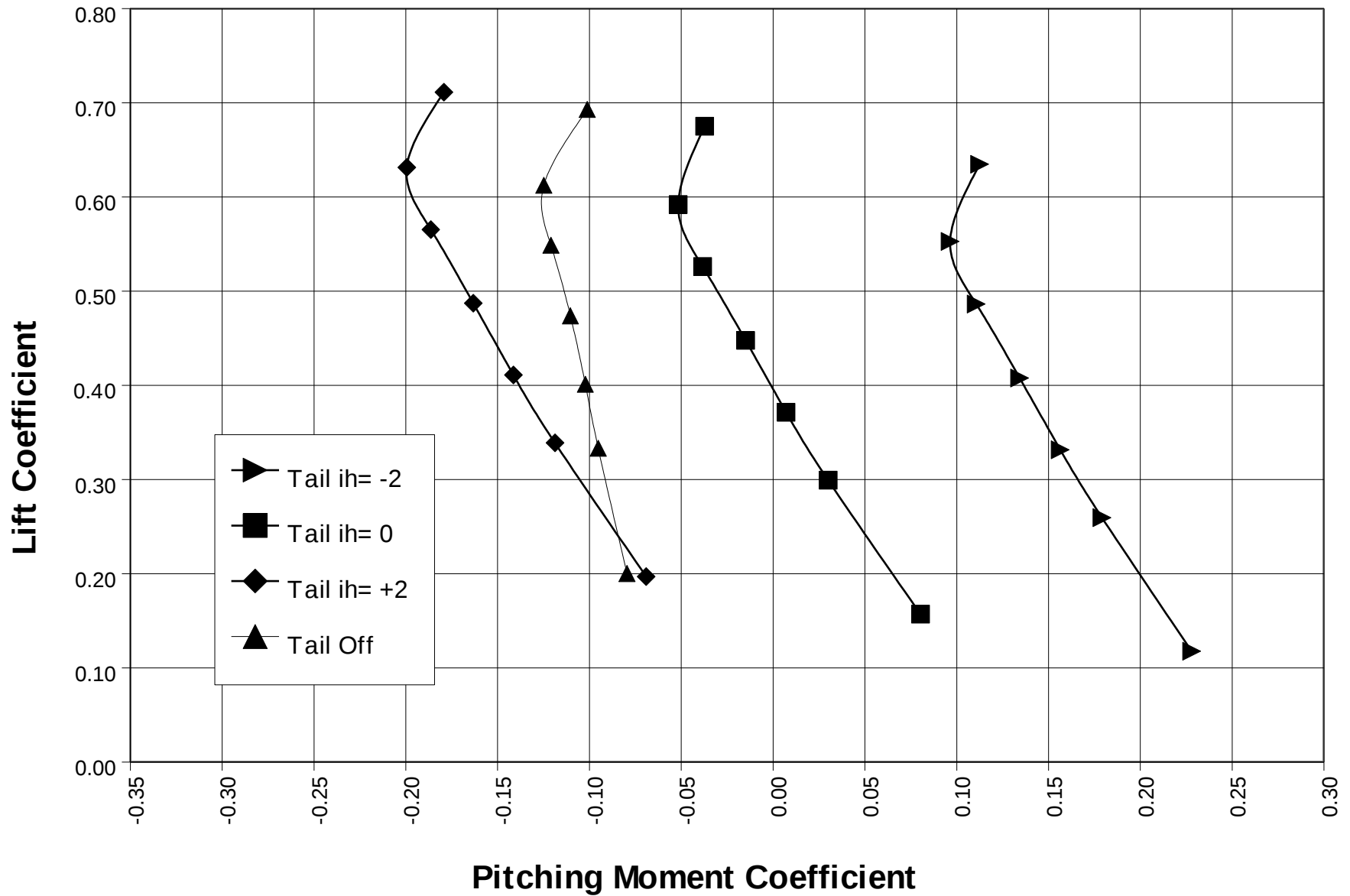
DPW4/NASA CRM Effect of Stabilizer Angle on CD



DPW4/NASA CRM Effect of Stabilizer on $C_D-C_L^2/\pi AR$



DPW4/NASA CRM Effect of Stabilizer Angle on CM

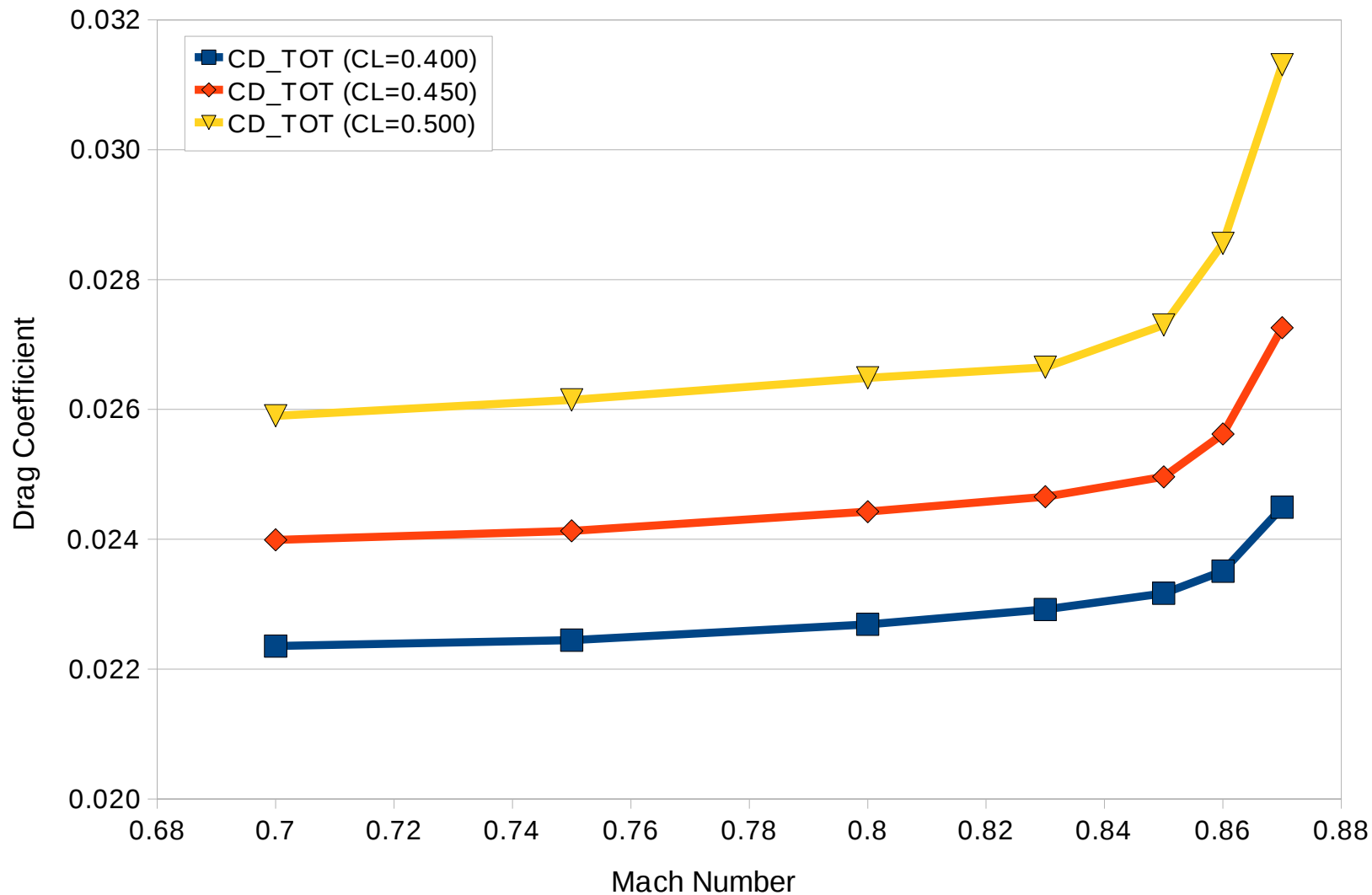


Case 2 – Mach Sweep Study

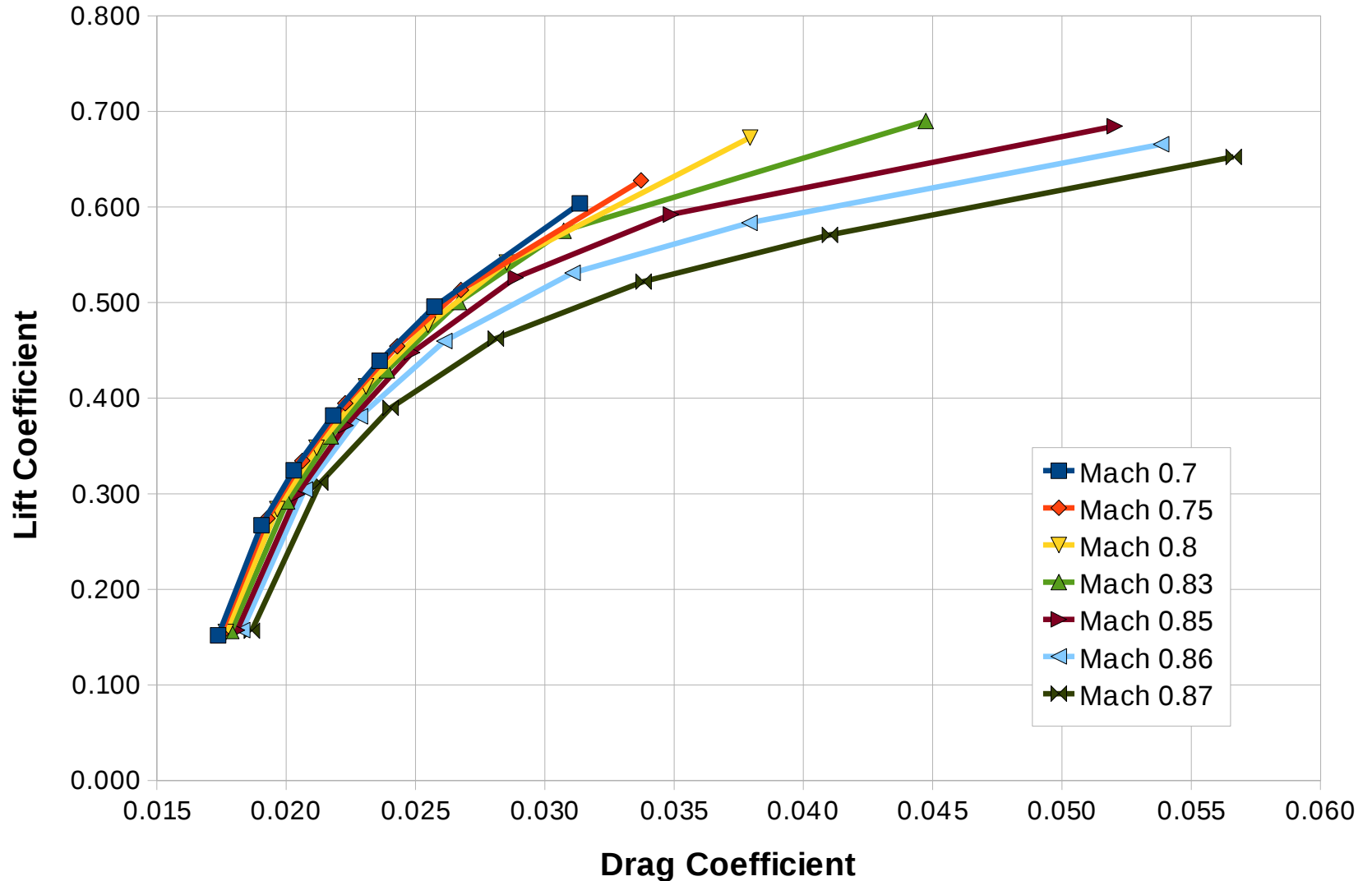
Drag Polars at:

- Mach = 0.70, 0.75, 0.80, 0.83, 0.85, 0.86, 0.87
- Drag Rise curves at $CL = 0.400, 0.450, 0.500 (\pm 0.001)$
- Untrimmed, Tail Incidence angle, $iH = 0^\circ$
- Medium grid
- Chord Reynolds Number 5×10^6 based on $c_{REF} = 275.80$ in
- Reference Temperature = $100^\circ F$

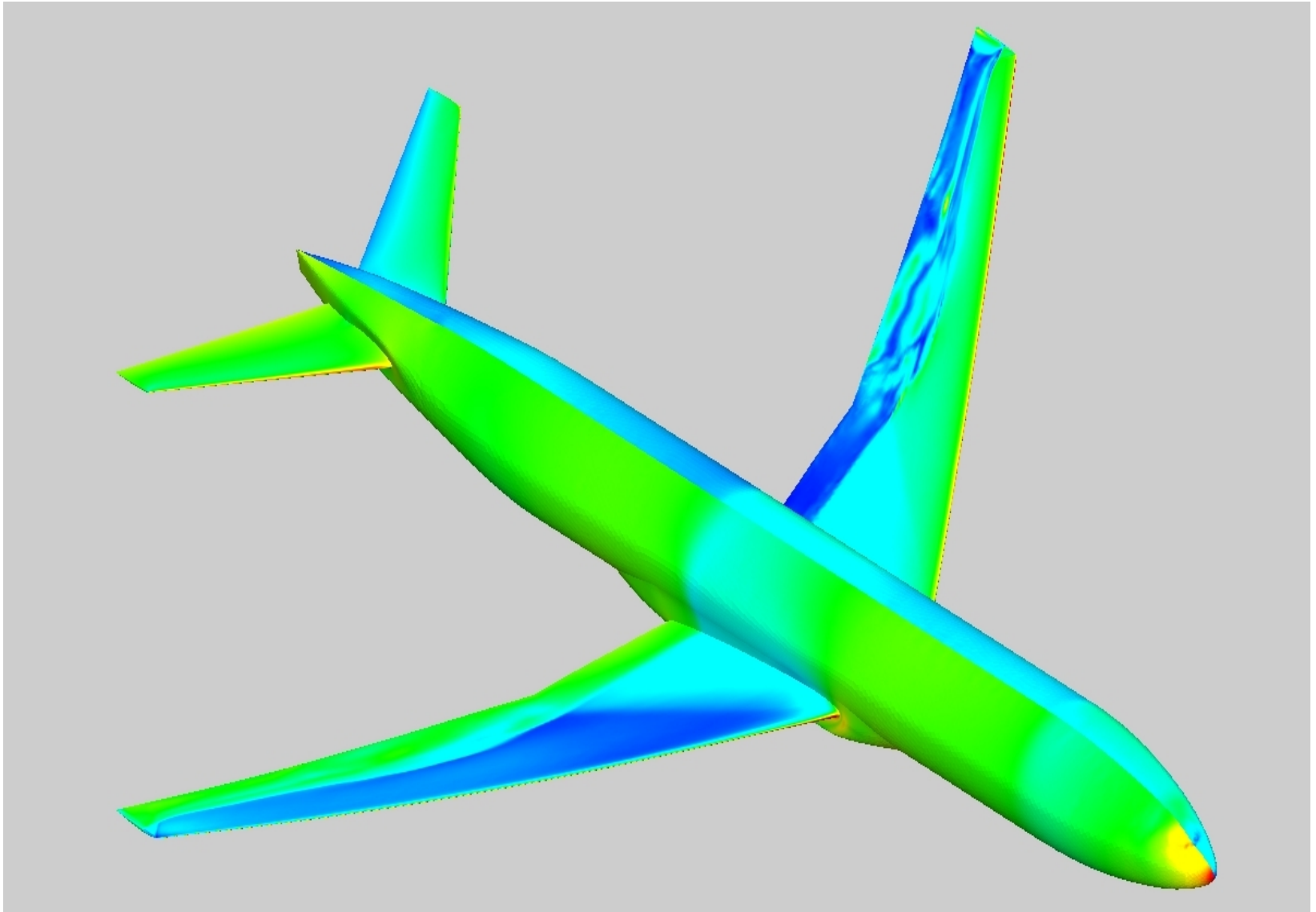
Case 2 - Drag Rise at Fixed CL (LaRC Medium Grid Tail 0°)



Case 2 - Drag Polars (LaRC Medium Grid Tail 0°)

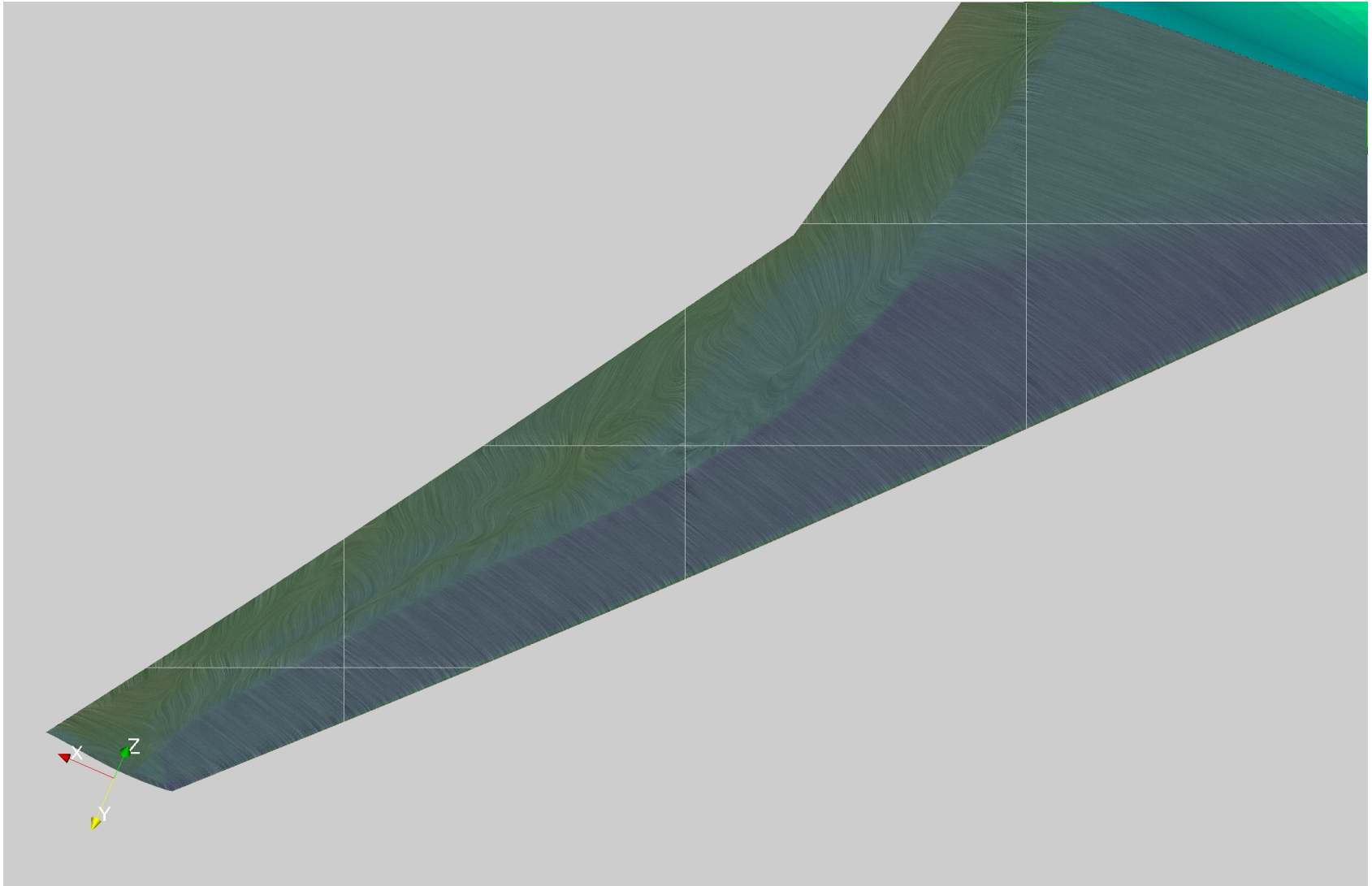


Surface Pressure and Friction Coefficients (LaRC Medium Grid, $M = 0.87$, $AOA = 4.0^\circ$)



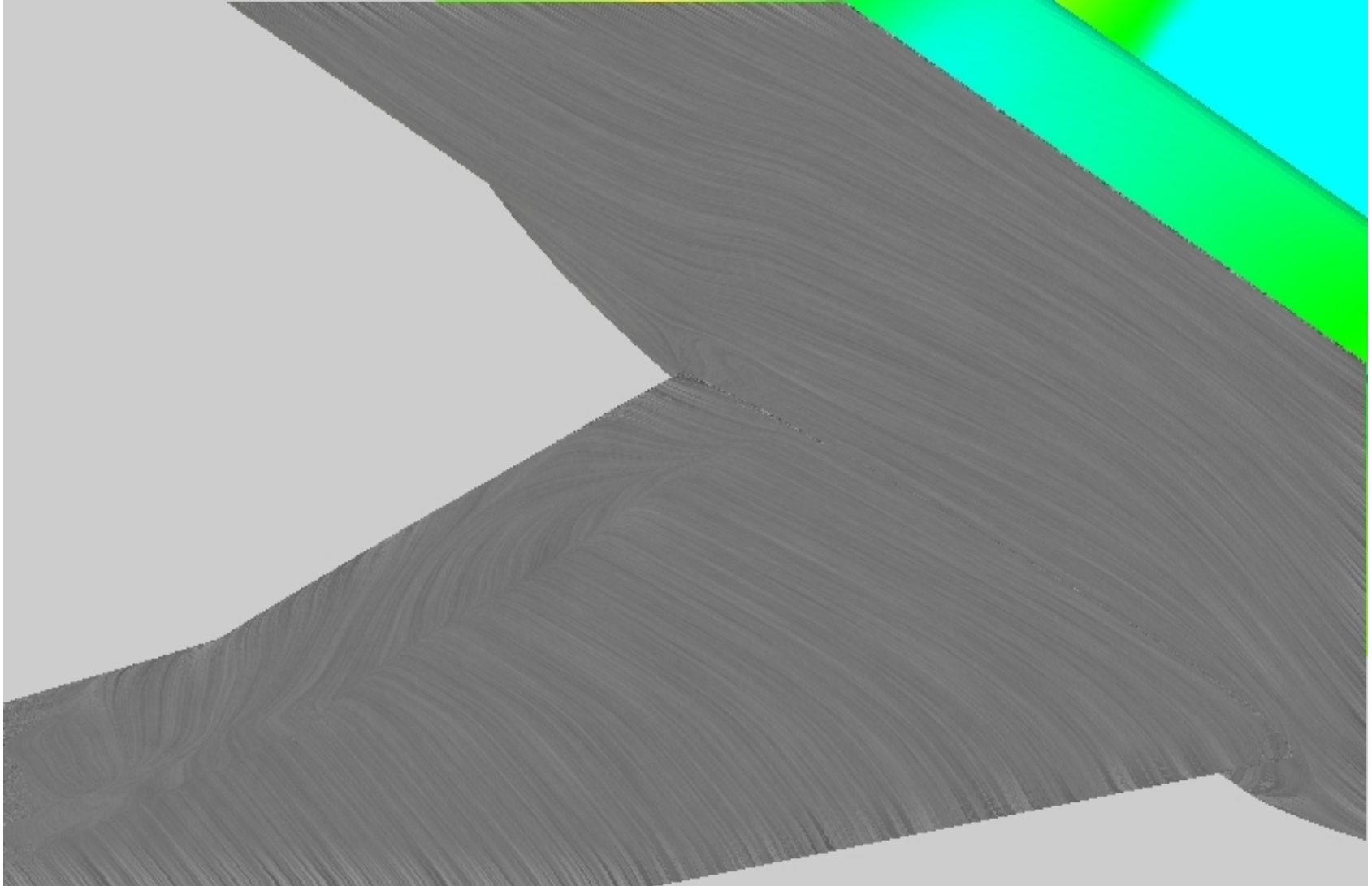
Surface Flow Patterns

(LaRC Medium Grid, $M = 0.87$, $AOA = 4.0^\circ$)



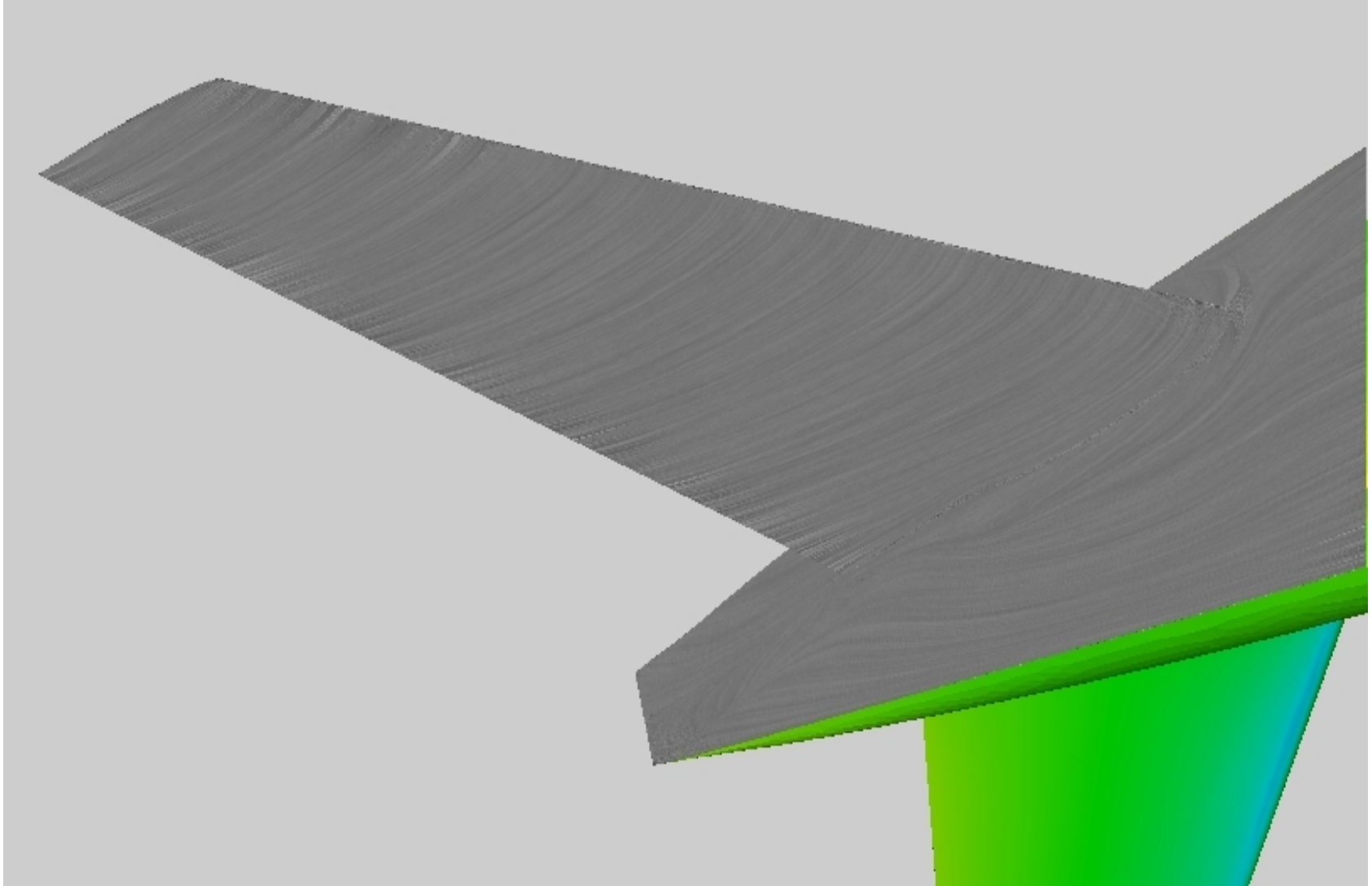
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Case 3 – Reynolds Number Effect

(LaRC Med Grid, CL=0.5, M=0.85, AOA=0, Tail=0°)

Reynolds Number	ALPHA	CL_TOT	CD_TOT	CD_PR	CD_SF	CM_TOT
5 Million	2.330	0.4999	0.02730	0.01501	0.01230	-0.03061
20 Million	2.141	0.5000	0.02423	0.01384	0.01039	-0.03649
Delta	-0.18857	0.0001	0.00307	0.00117	0.00190	0.00588
%	-8.09%	0.01%	-11.25%	-7.79%	-15.48%	19.20%

Conclusions

- All required cases converged with SA turbulence model and low dissipation
- Grid convergence is apparent for medium and fine grids
- Optional case 2 completed with good convergence except for extremes
- Optional extra-fine mesh presented some challenges
- Optional case 3 was run on the same mesh for both Reynolds Numbers
- Separation only seen at high AOA and high Mach