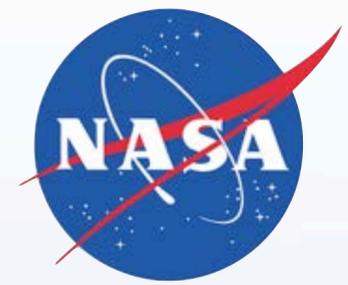


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An ODE-based Wall Model for Turbulent Flow Simulations

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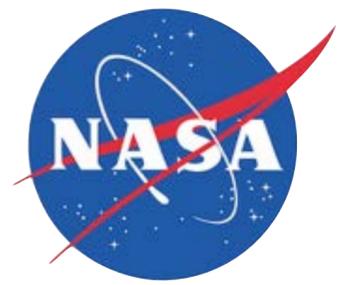
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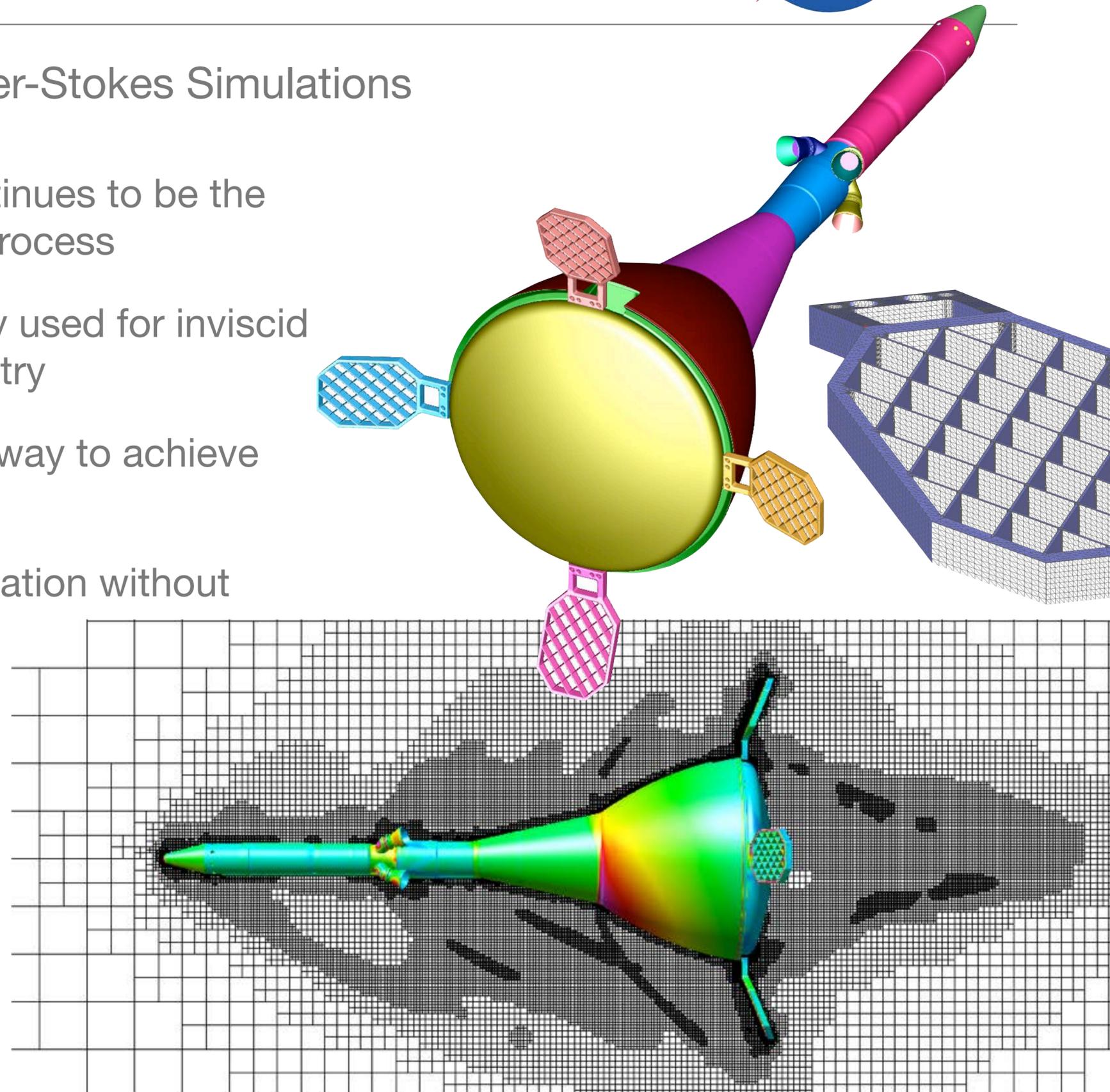
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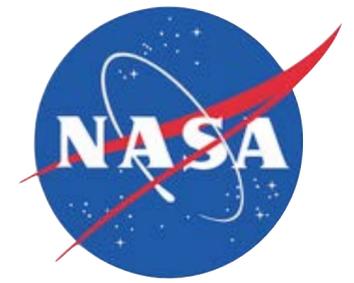


Motivation

Fully Automated Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes Simulations

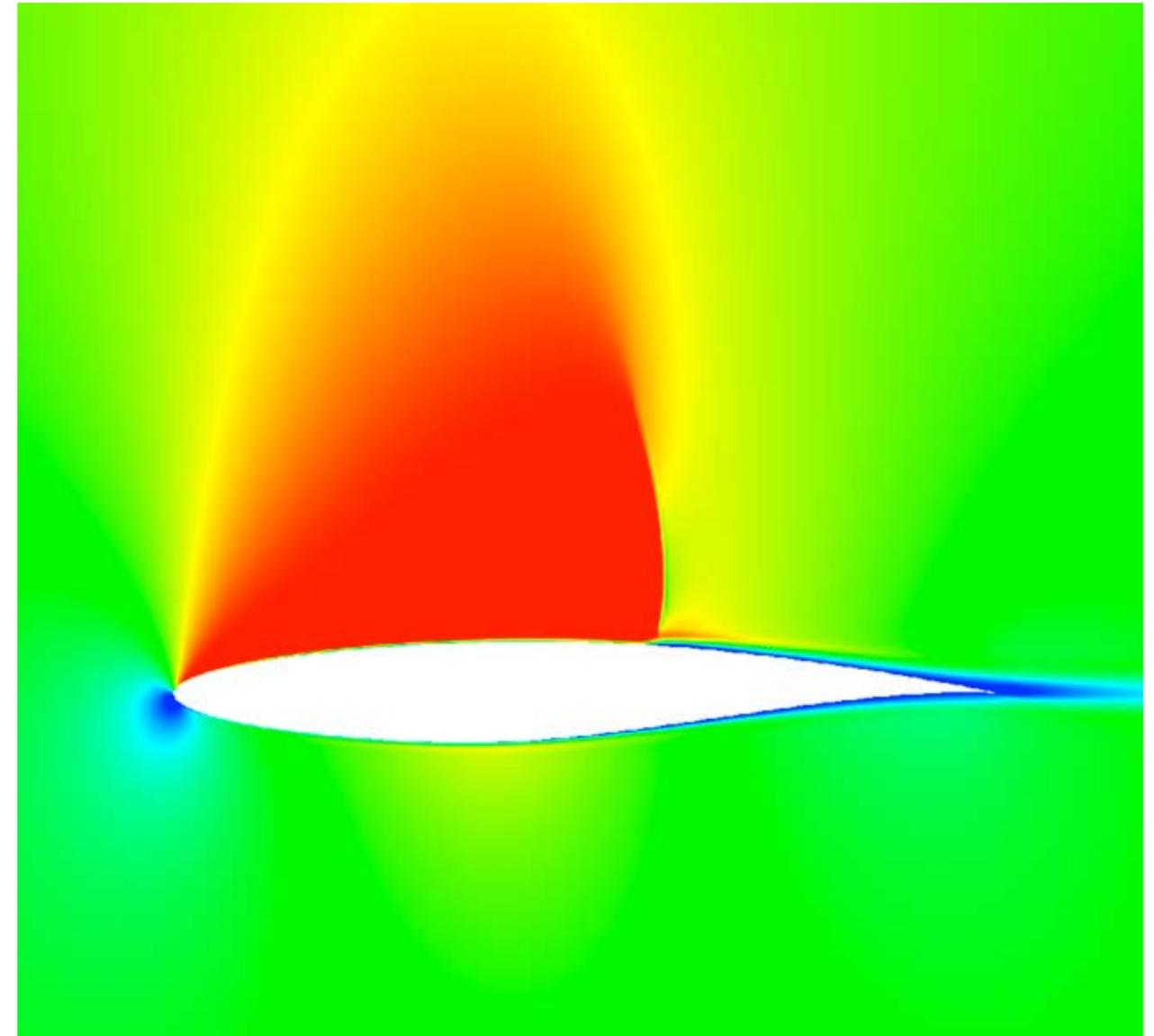
- Mesh generation for complex geometry continues to be the biggest bottleneck in the RANS simulation process
- Fully automated Cartesian methods routinely used for inviscid simulations about arbitrarily complex geometry
- These methods lack of an obvious & robust way to achieve near wall anisotropy
- **Goal:** Extend these methods for RANS simulation without sacrificing automation, at an affordable cost
- Note: Nothing here is limited to Cartesian methods, and much becomes simpler in a body-fitted setting.





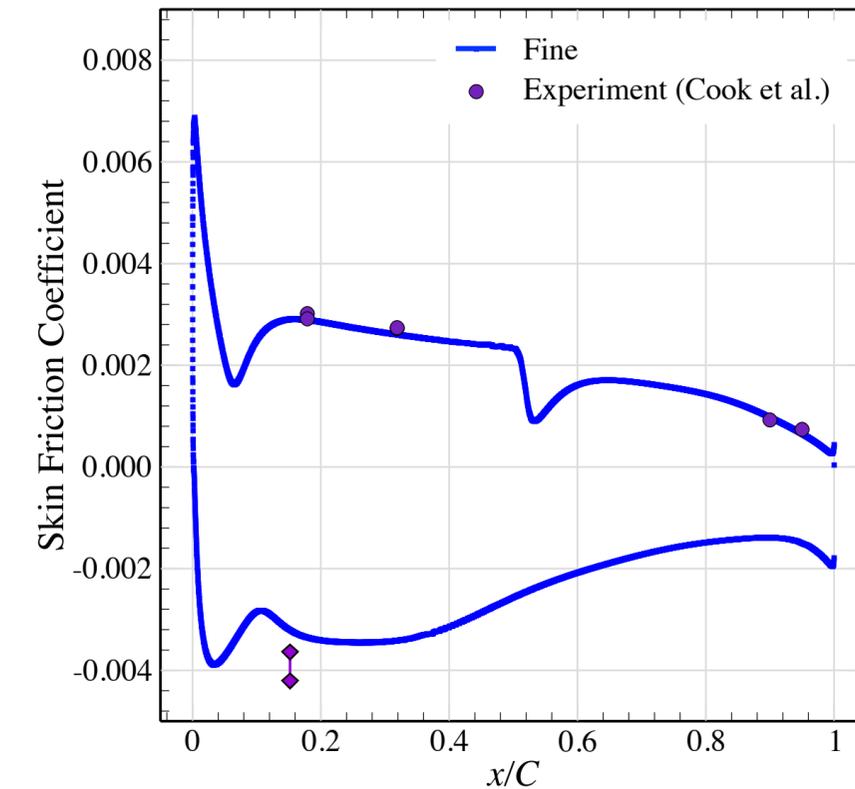
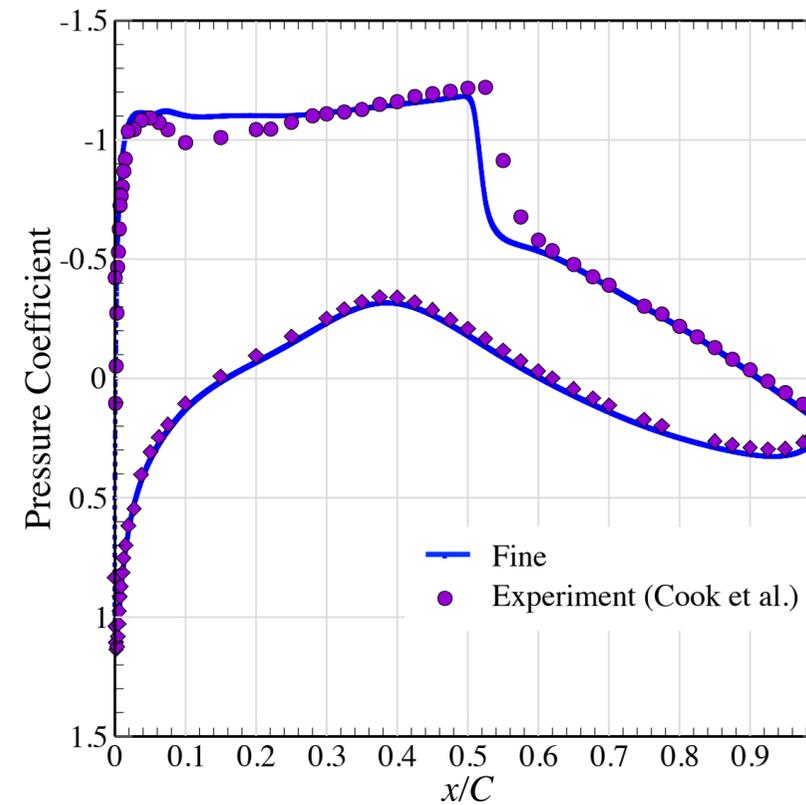
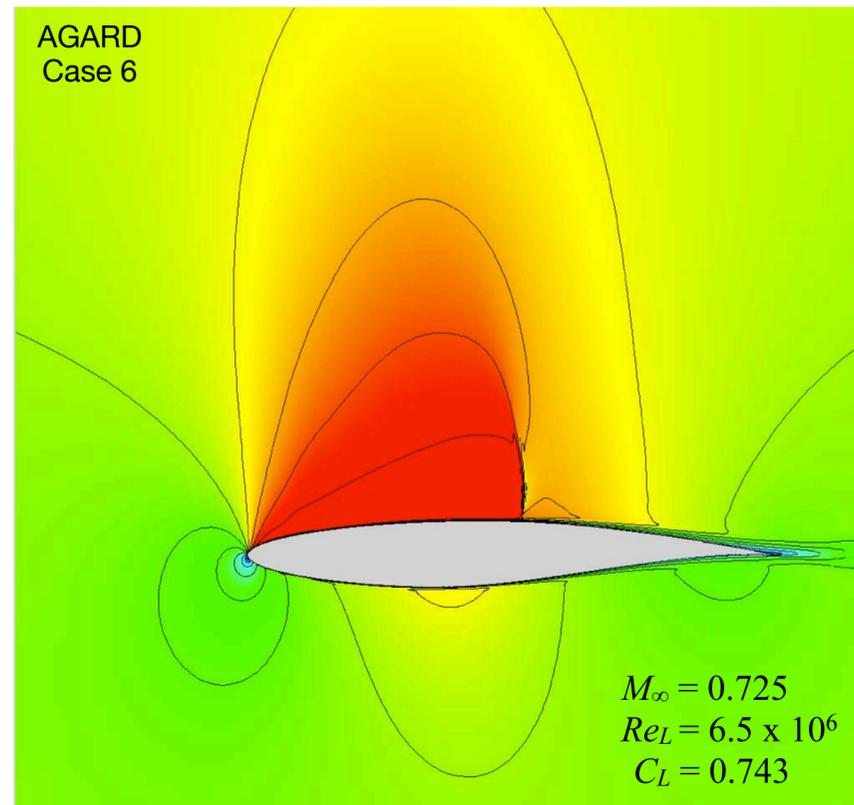
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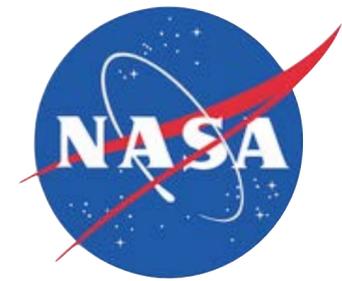
Previous Work

Analytic wall functions



- Pure Cartesian cut-cell approach, solve full RANS everywhere
- Coupled analytic wall functions with cut-cell Cartesian meshes in 2012*
- Results comparable to body-fitted methods using wall functions

Conclusion: *Cartesian RANS is viable, but wall functions alone are probably not sufficient to make the approach cost competitive*



Previous Work

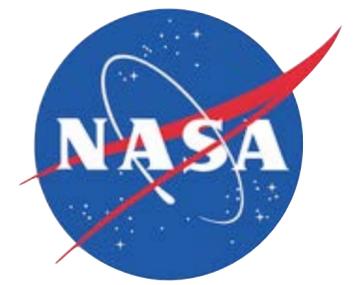
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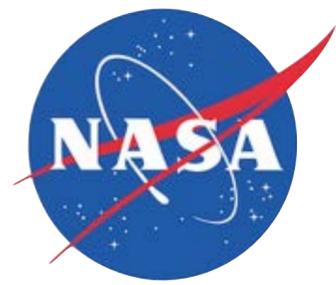
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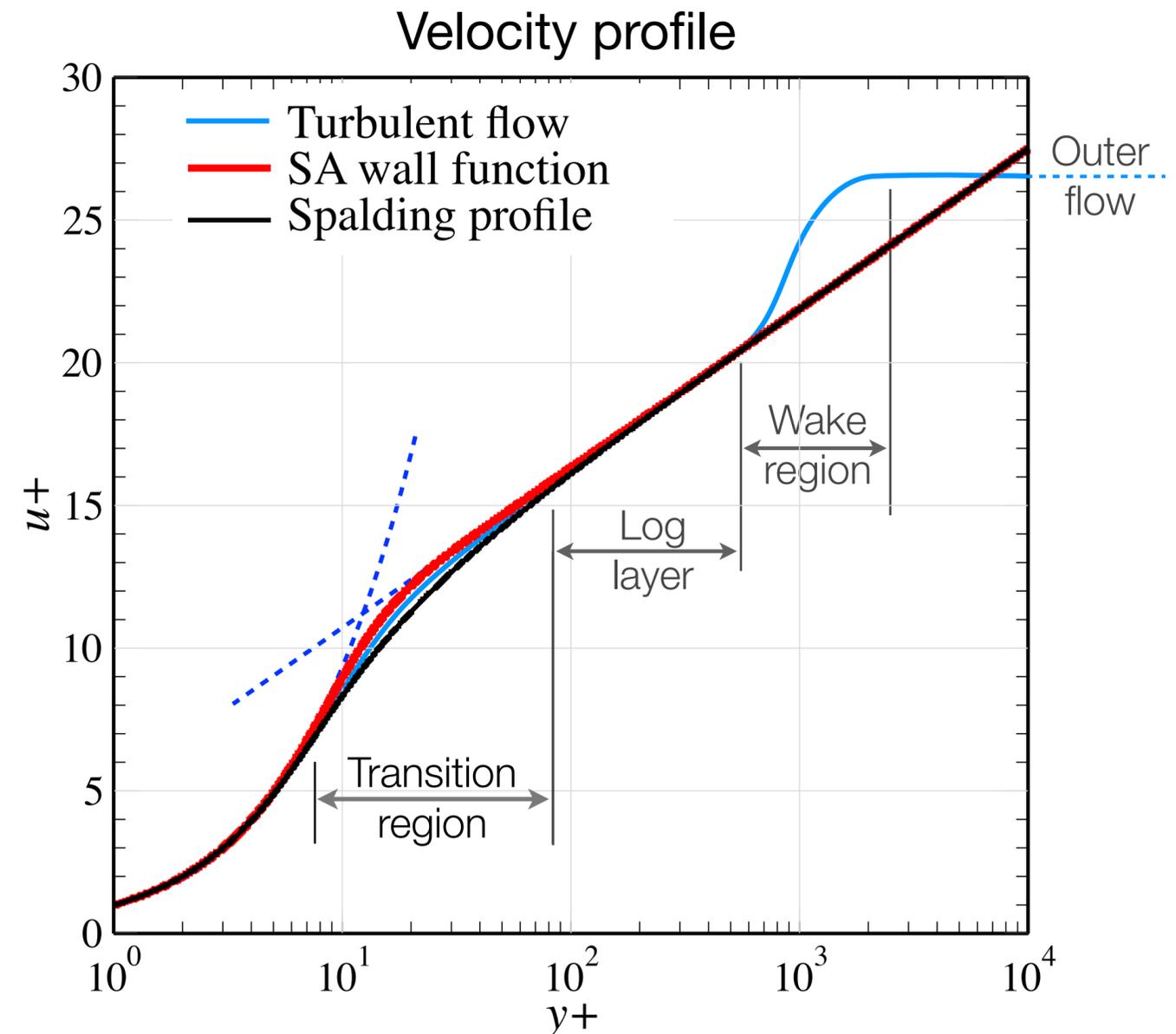
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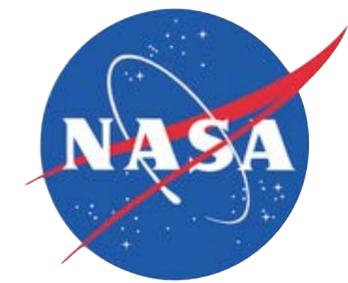
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- Excellent prediction of velocity data up through the log layer





Previous Work

Analytic wall functions

- Spalding model:

$$y^+(u^+) = u^+ + e^{-\kappa B} \left(e^{\kappa u^+} - 1 - \kappa u^+ - \frac{1}{2}(\kappa u^+)^2 - \frac{1}{6}(\kappa u^+)^3 \right)$$

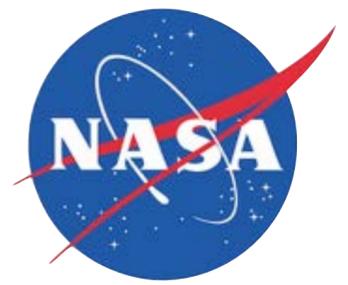
- SA wall function (2012[†]):

Derived using a limiting form of SA turbulence model and integrating the diffusion model

$$u^+(y^+) = \bar{B} + c_1 \log((y^+ + a_1)^2 + b_1^2) - c_2 \log((y^+ + a_2)^2 + b_2^2) \\ - c_3 \arctan2(y^+ + a_1, b_1) - c_4 \arctan2(y^+ + a_2, b_2)$$

- Prefer SA wall function, since it gives direct relationship for velocity as a function of distance
- Knowing u at a point F , iterate to find u_τ , so that $u^+(y_F^+) = u_F^+ = u_\tau u_F$

[†] AIAA 2012-1301, "Progress Towards a Cartesian Cut-Cell Method for Viscous Compressible Flow", Berger, Aftosmis & Allmaras



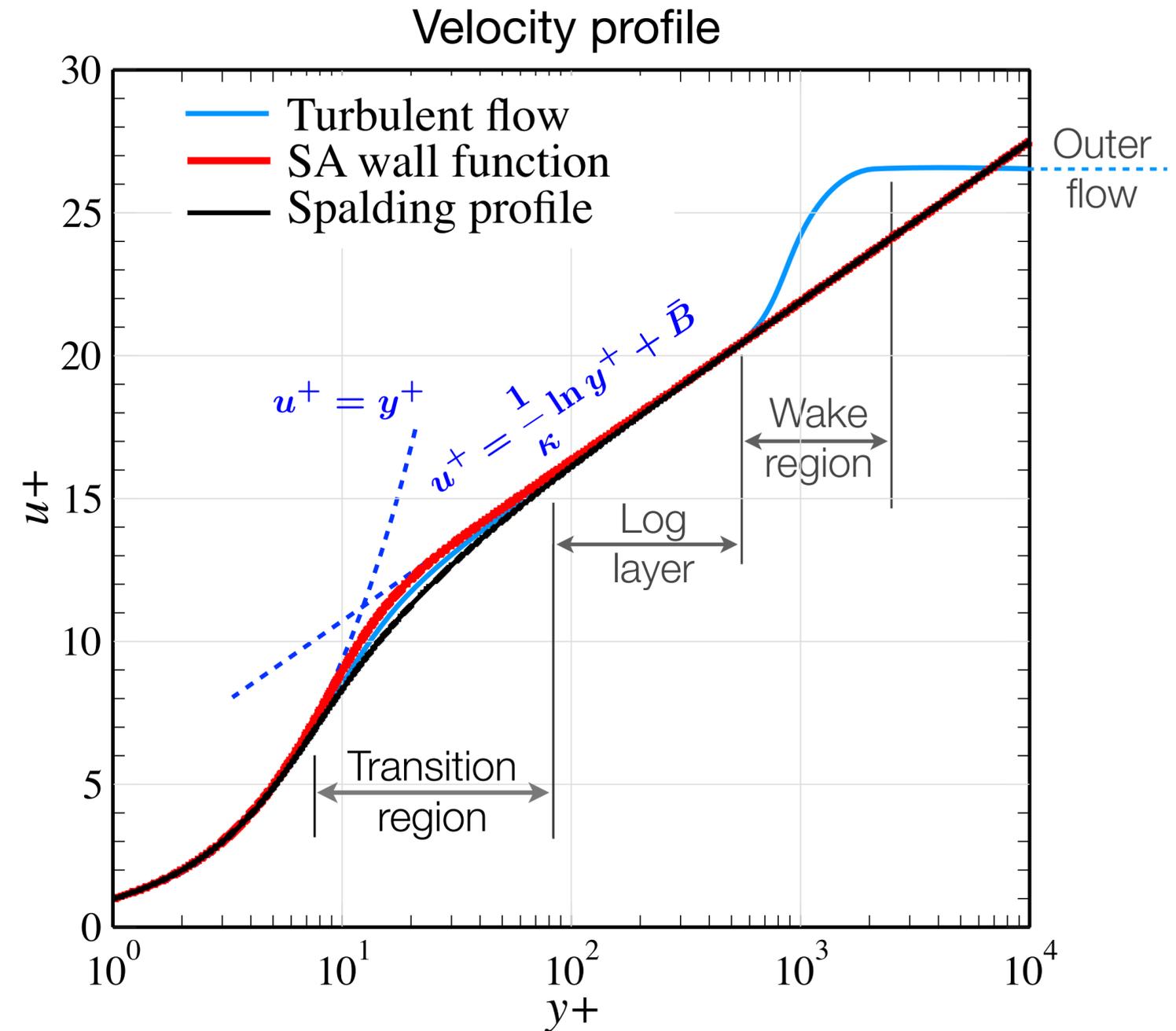
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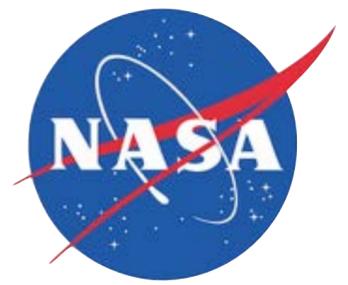
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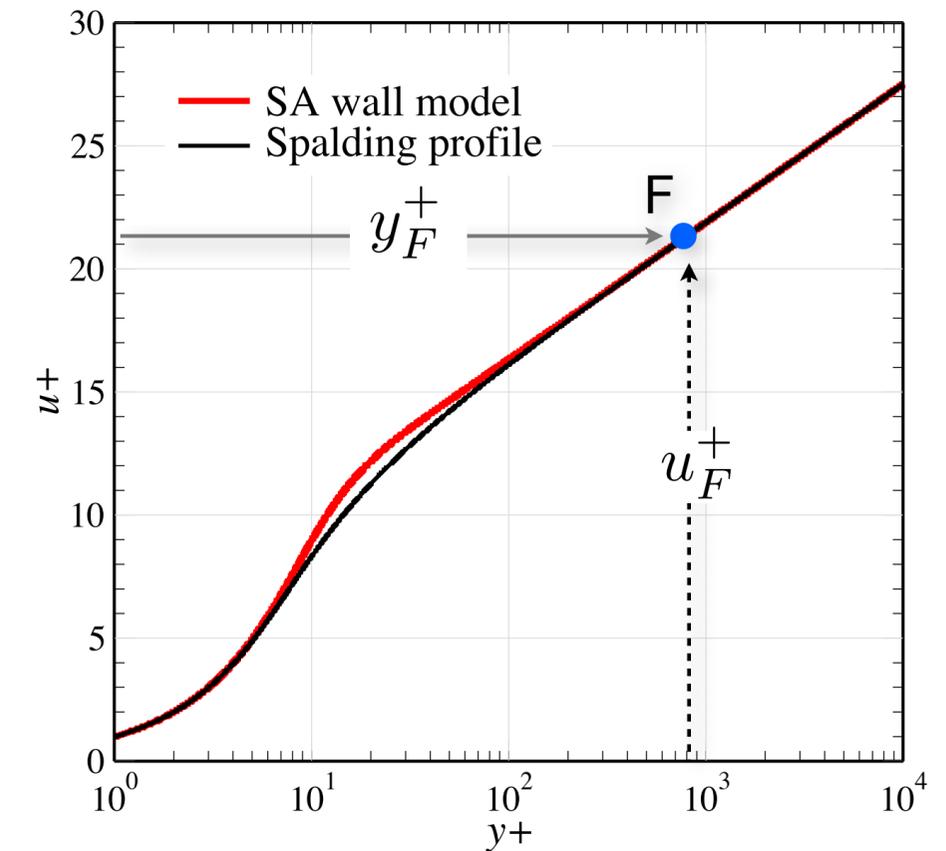
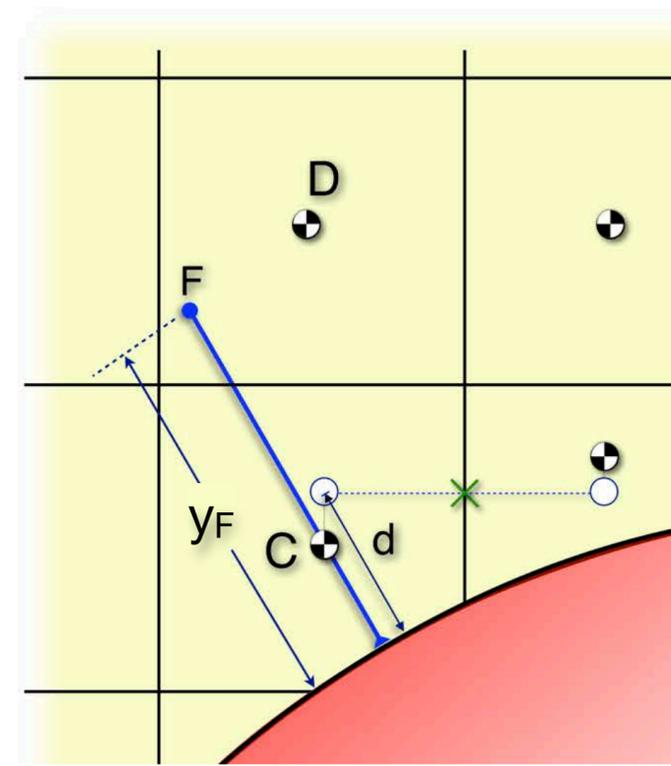
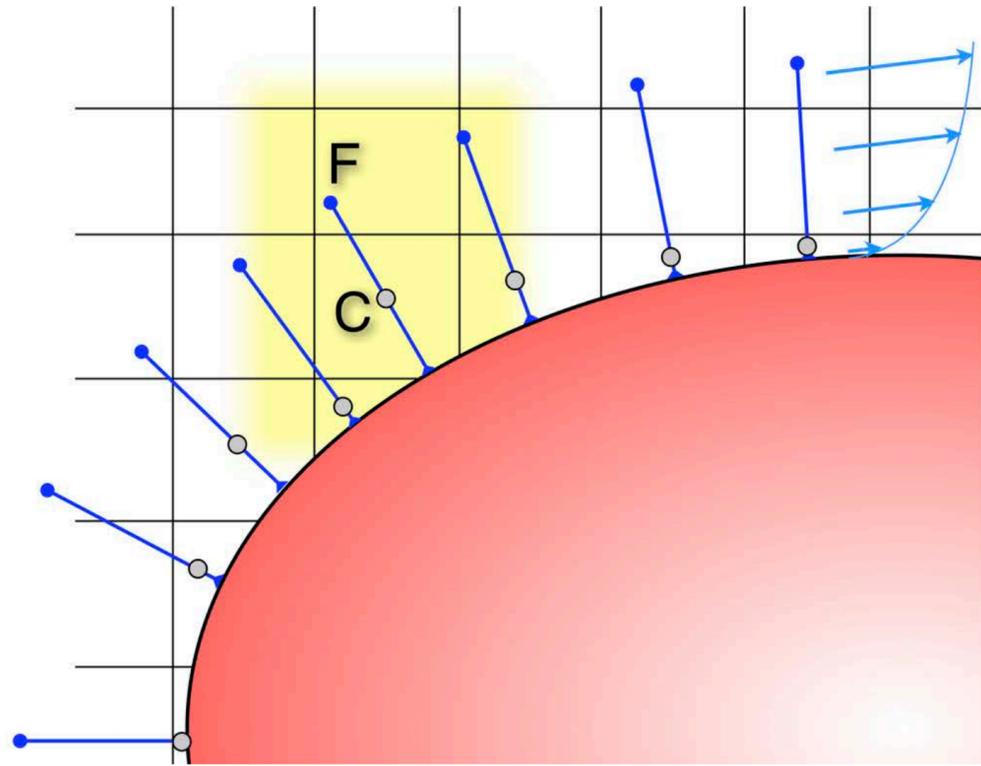
Both:

- Are good approximations and give accurate wall shear stress when anchored to the log-layer
 - Predict exponentially increasing velocity
 - Don't consider pressure gradients
 - Ignore the wake \rightarrow don't match outer flow

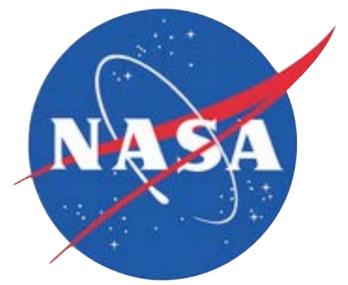




Coupling and Forcing Point Construction



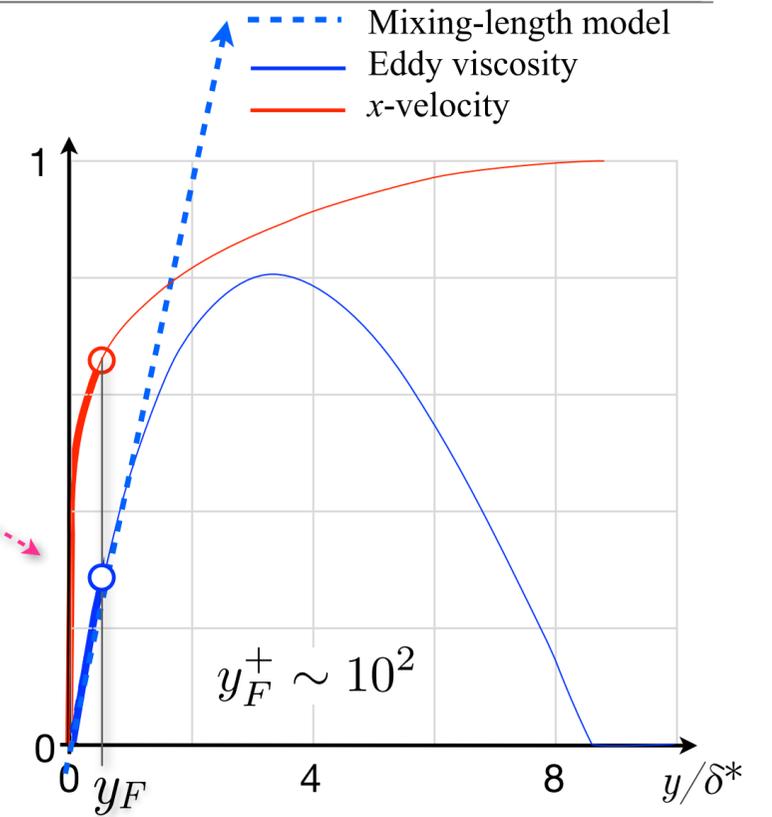
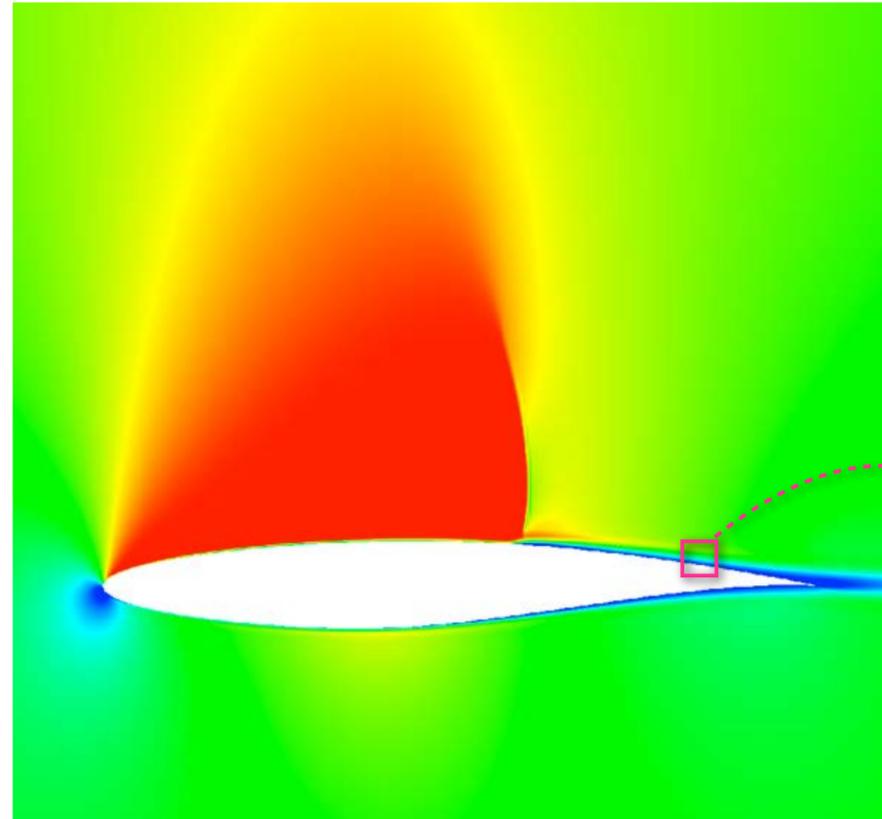
- Construct forcing points at uniform distance from wall
- Interpolate data to point F from cell centered solution on outer grid
- With velocity & distance at forcing point, F , use wall function to find u_τ and wall shear, $\tau_{\text{wall}} = \rho u_\tau^2$
- Feed back to outer meshes via viscous fluxes in the cut cells

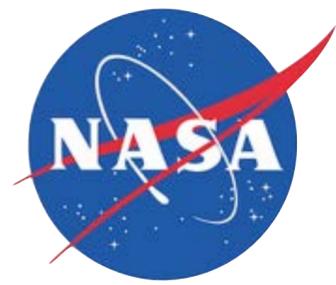


Good wall functions gone bad

Thick boundary layer

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- Analytic wall function is appropriate

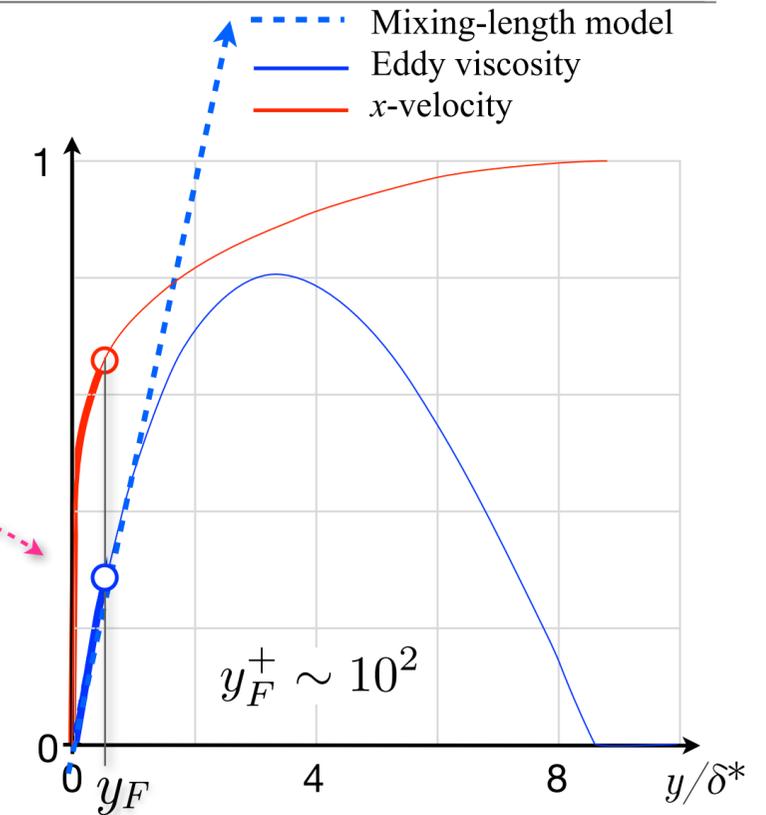
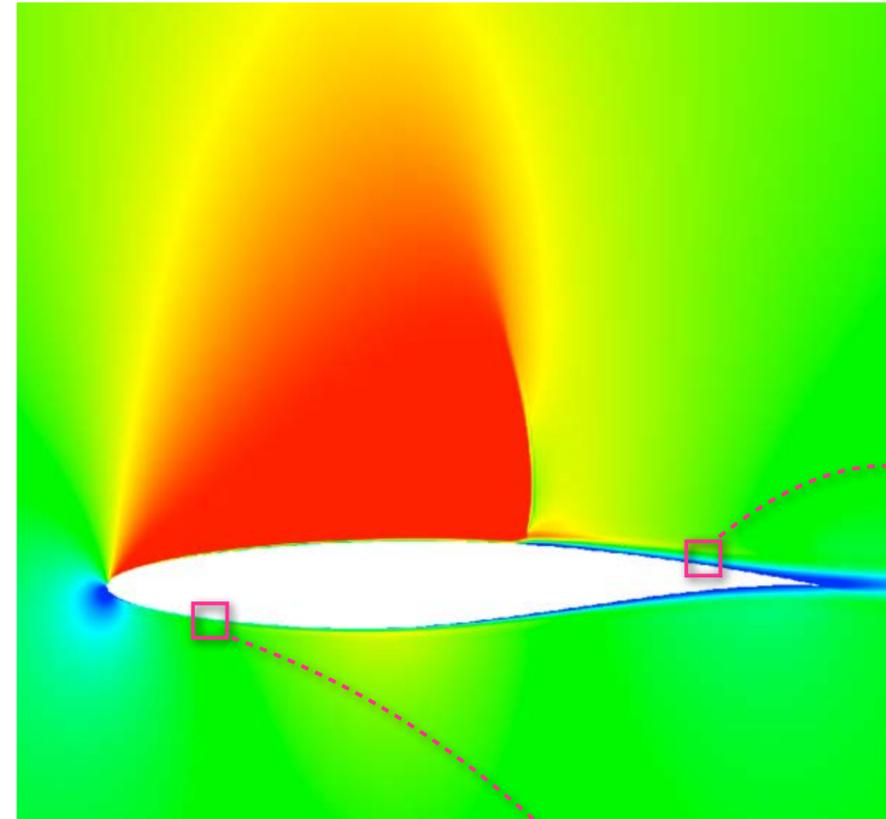




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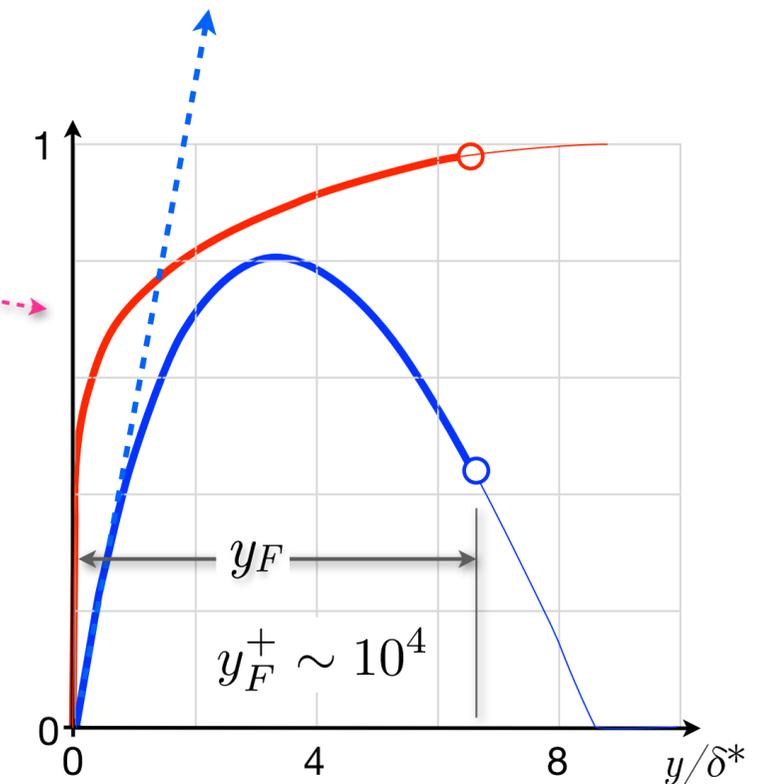
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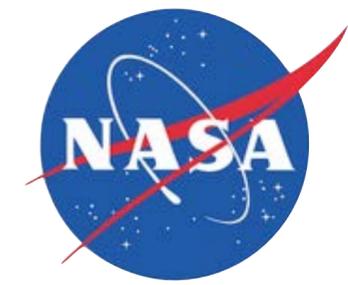
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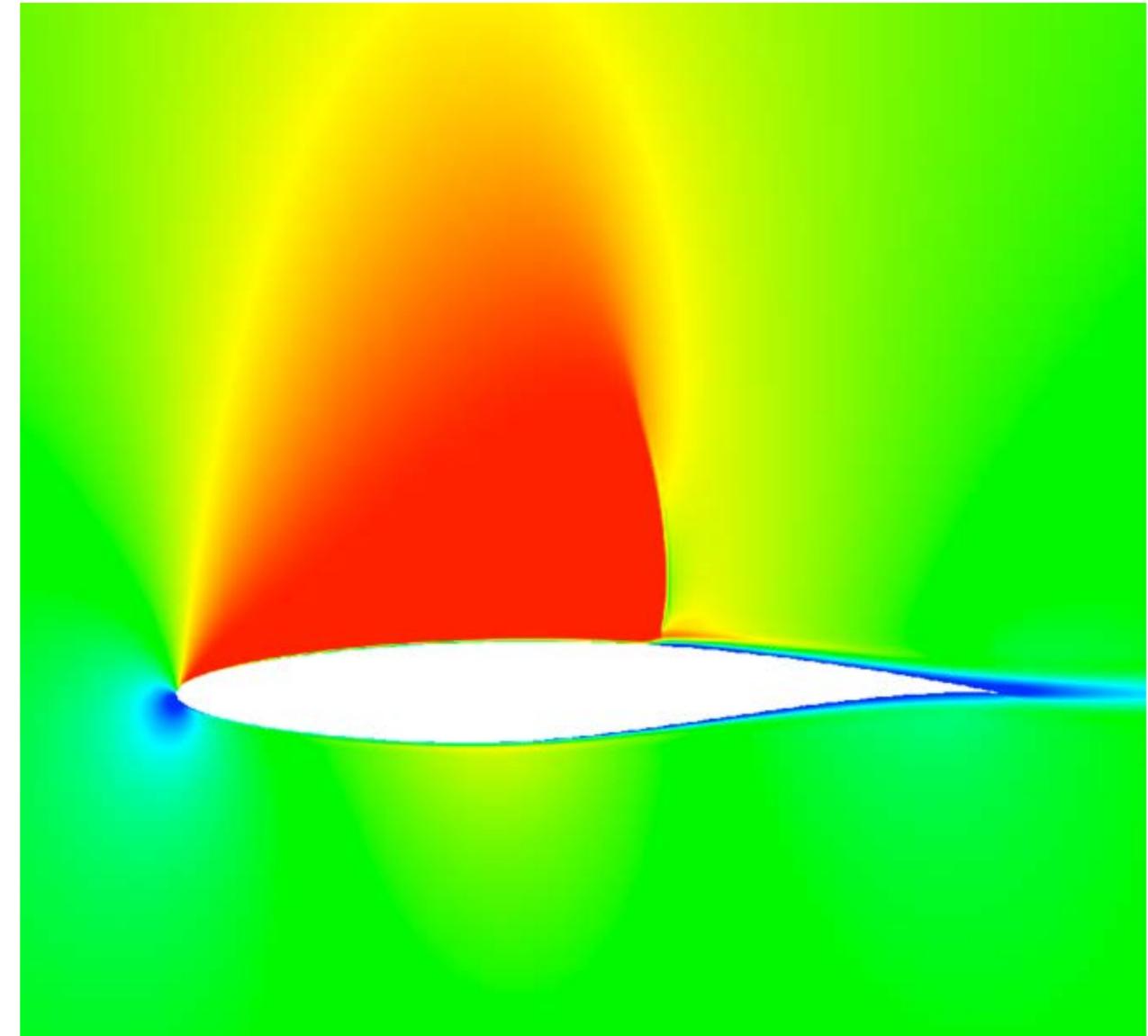
- At the same distance from the wall, $y_F^+ \approx 10^4$
- Forcing point is now in the wake layer
- Eddy viscosity highly non-linear
- Mixing length model is a poor approximation, analytic wall function inappropriate

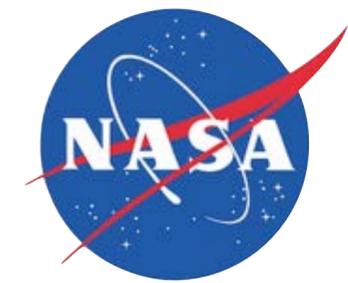




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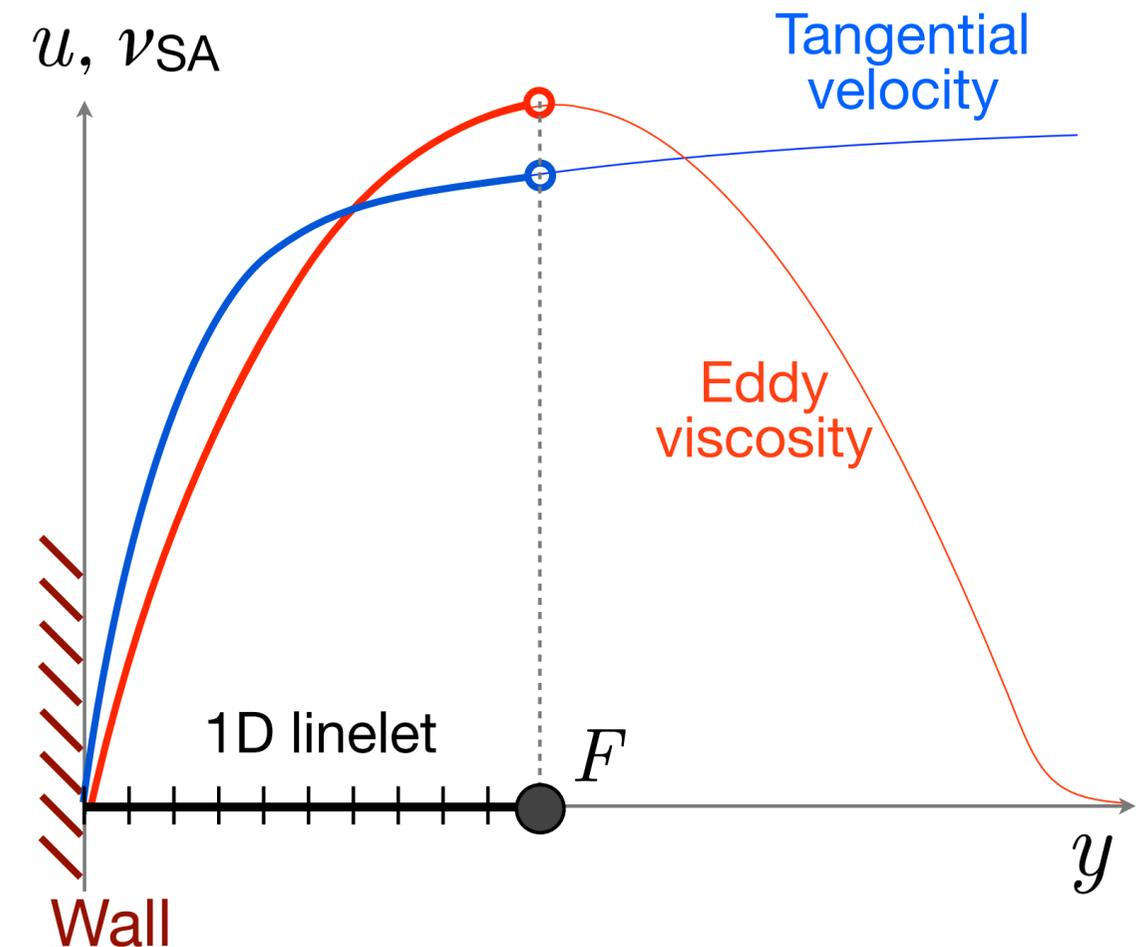




ODE-Based Wall Models

Proposed by several authors* in last decade

- Solve ODE on 1D “linelet” normal to surface
- Solve:
 - Diffusion eq. for streamwise momentum
 - Turbulence model in wall-normal direction
- Produces a system of 2-point, 2nd-order BVPs
- Coupling: *Just like an analytic wall function*



* see: Kalitzin et al., *J. Comp. Phys.*, **204**, 2005, Bond & Blottner, *Intl. J. Num. Methods Fluids*, **66**, 2011, or Capizzano, *AIAA J.* **54**(2), 2016



ODE-Based Wall Models

SA-BVP: Diffusion equation coupled with wall-normal SA turbulence model

x-momentum:
(diffusion equation)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\mu + \mu_t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = 0$$

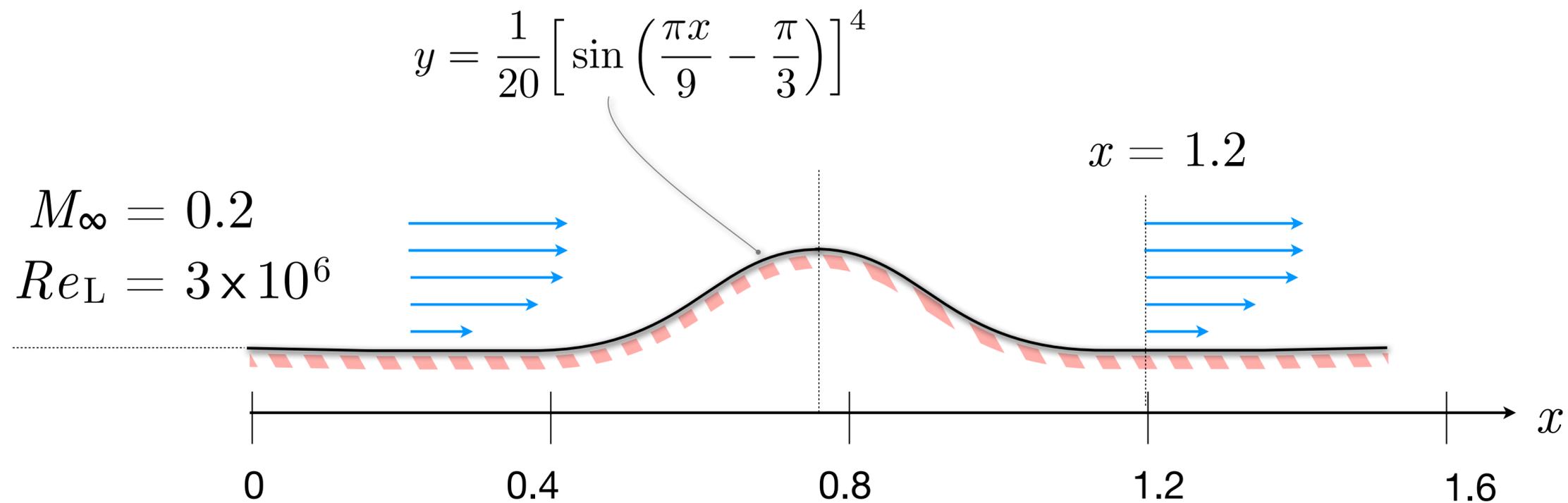
SA model on linelet:

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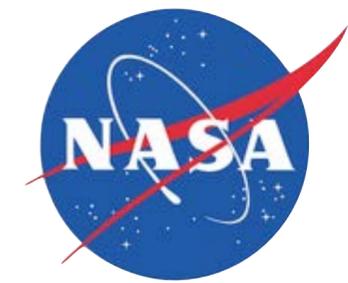
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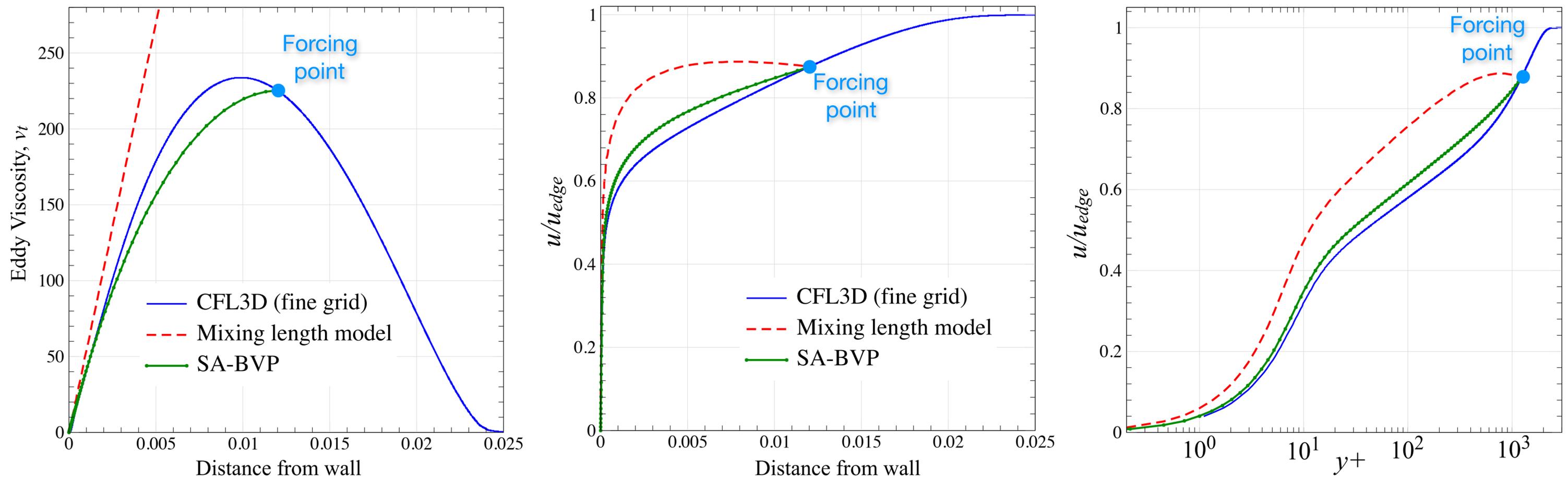
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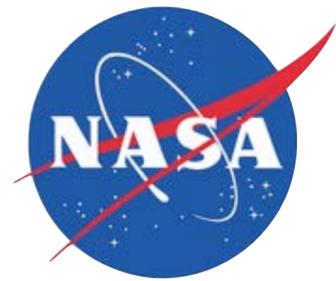


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Compare SA-BVP with SA wall function on turbulent bump in channel @ $x = 1.2$



- Forcing point well out in wake layer, $y = 0.012$, $u = 0.85 u_{edge}$
- Mixing length eddy viscosity inappropriate, so diffusion model alone does poorly
- Improved eddy viscosity makes a significant difference

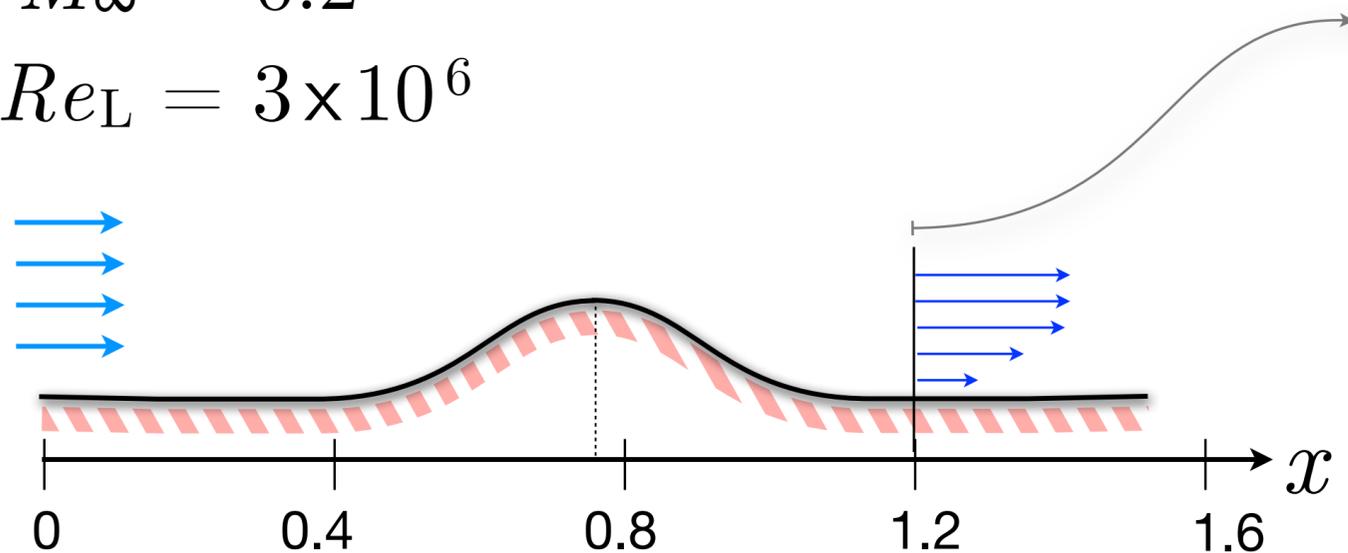


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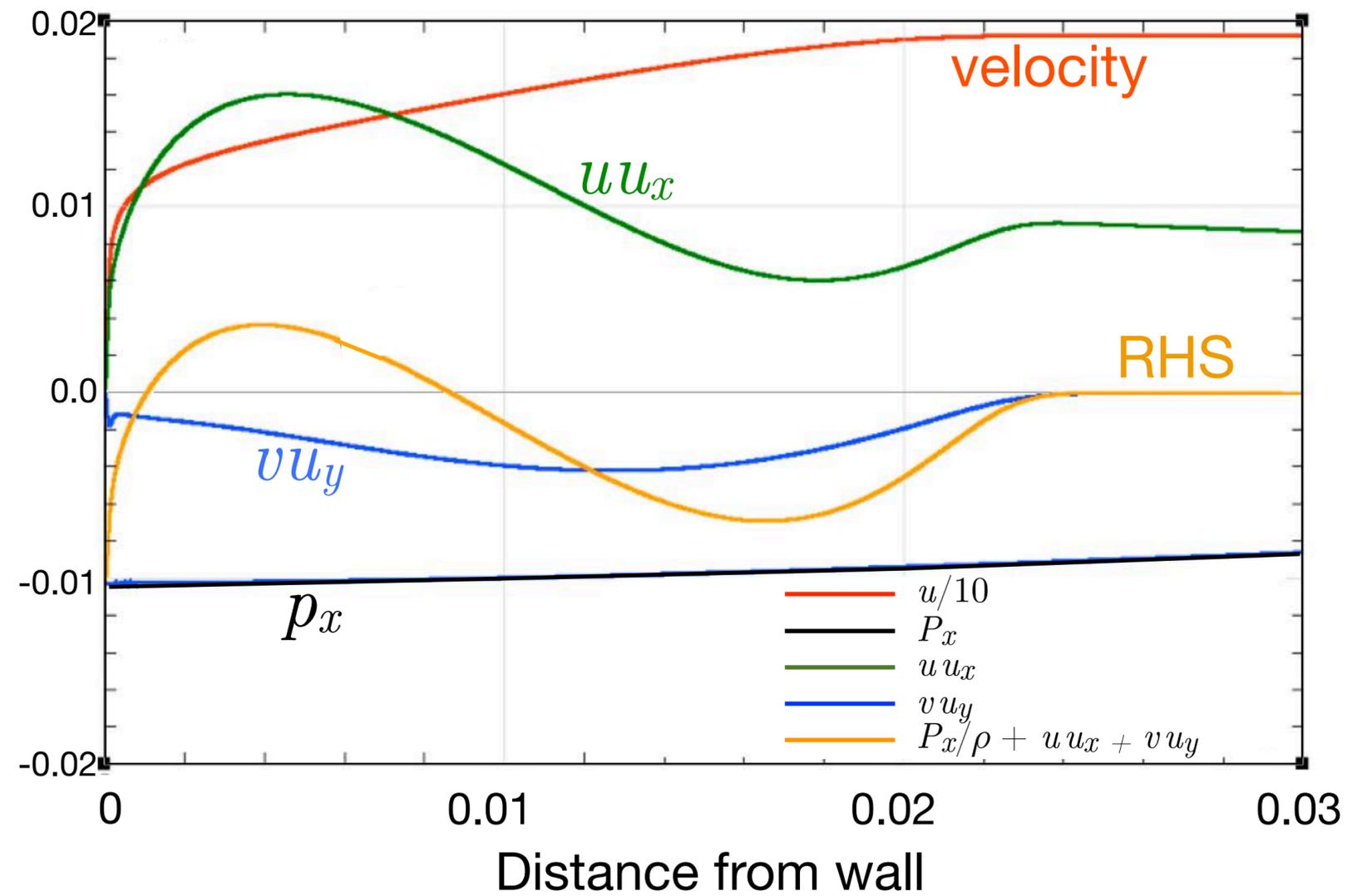
Streamwise momentum in the wake

$$M_\infty = 0.2$$

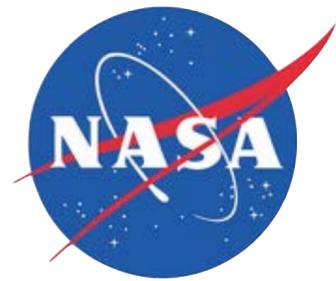
$$Re_L = 3 \times 10^6$$



Boundary layer profiles @ $x = 1.2$



- Thin layer streamwise momentum: $((\mu + \mu_t)u_y)_y = p_x + \rho(uu_x + vu_y)$
- Examine magnitude of terms as we move away from the wall



ODE-Based Wall Models

Streamwise momentum in the wake

- At the wall, we have

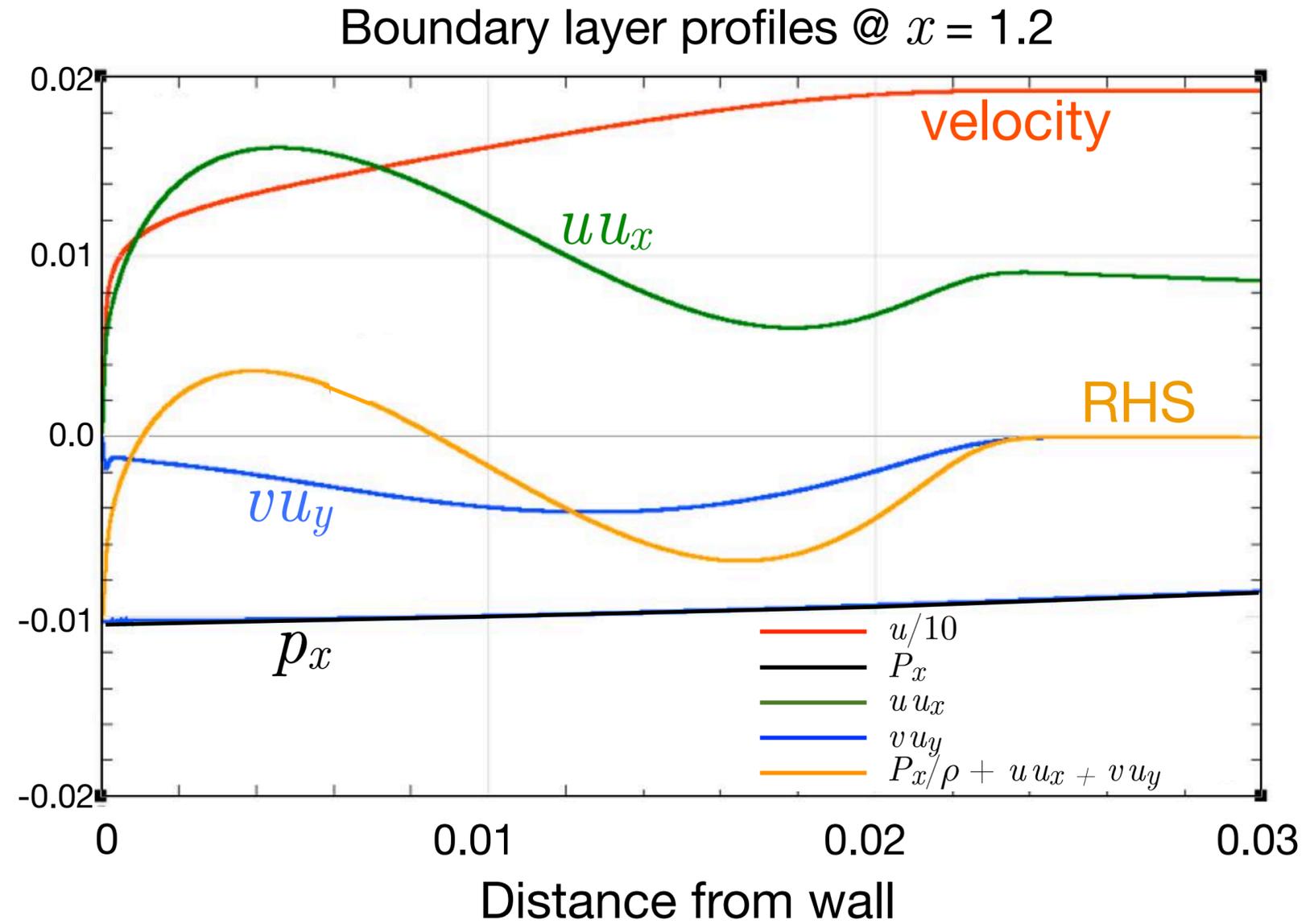
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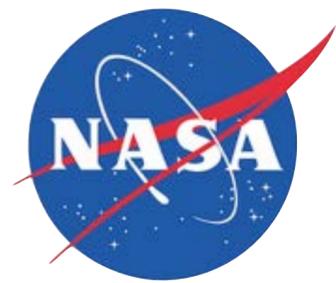
- Outside the boundary layer we approach:

$$0 = p_x + \rho(uu_x + vu_y)$$

- In between we have the full streamwise momentum eq.

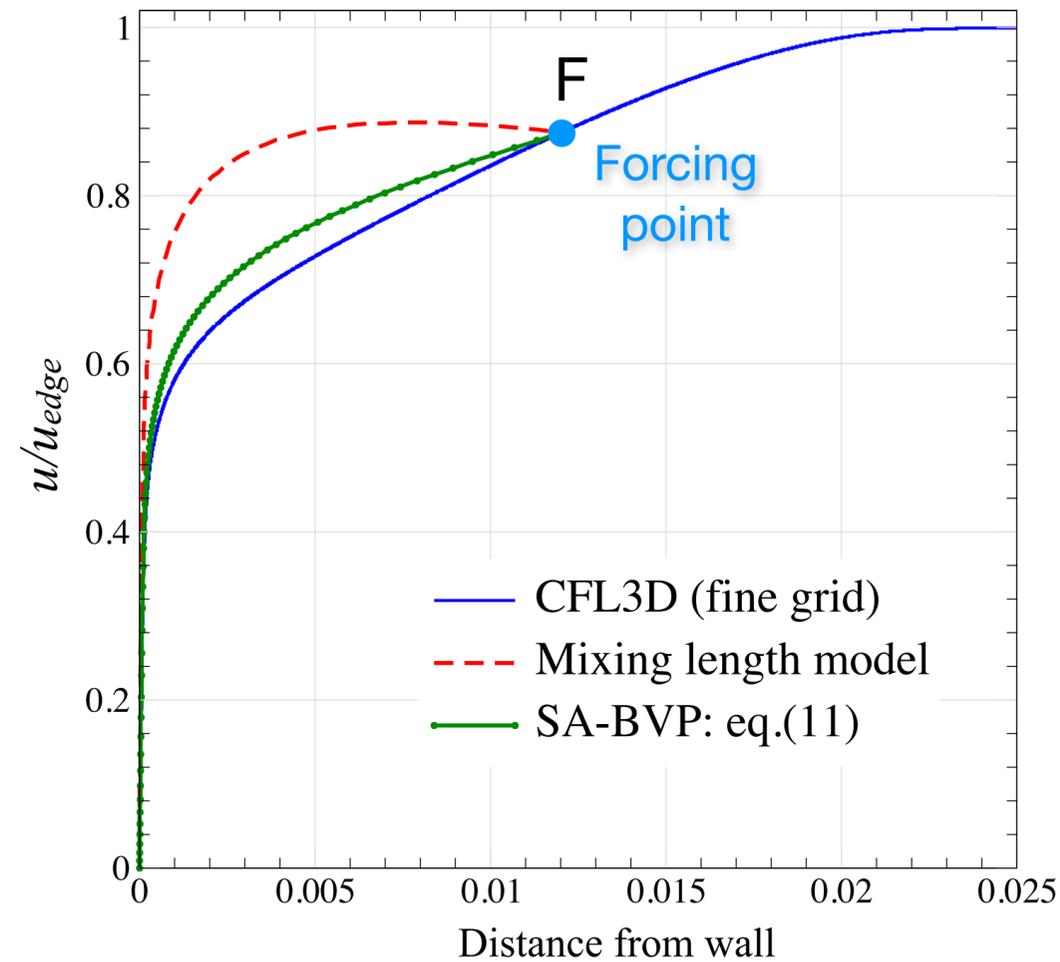
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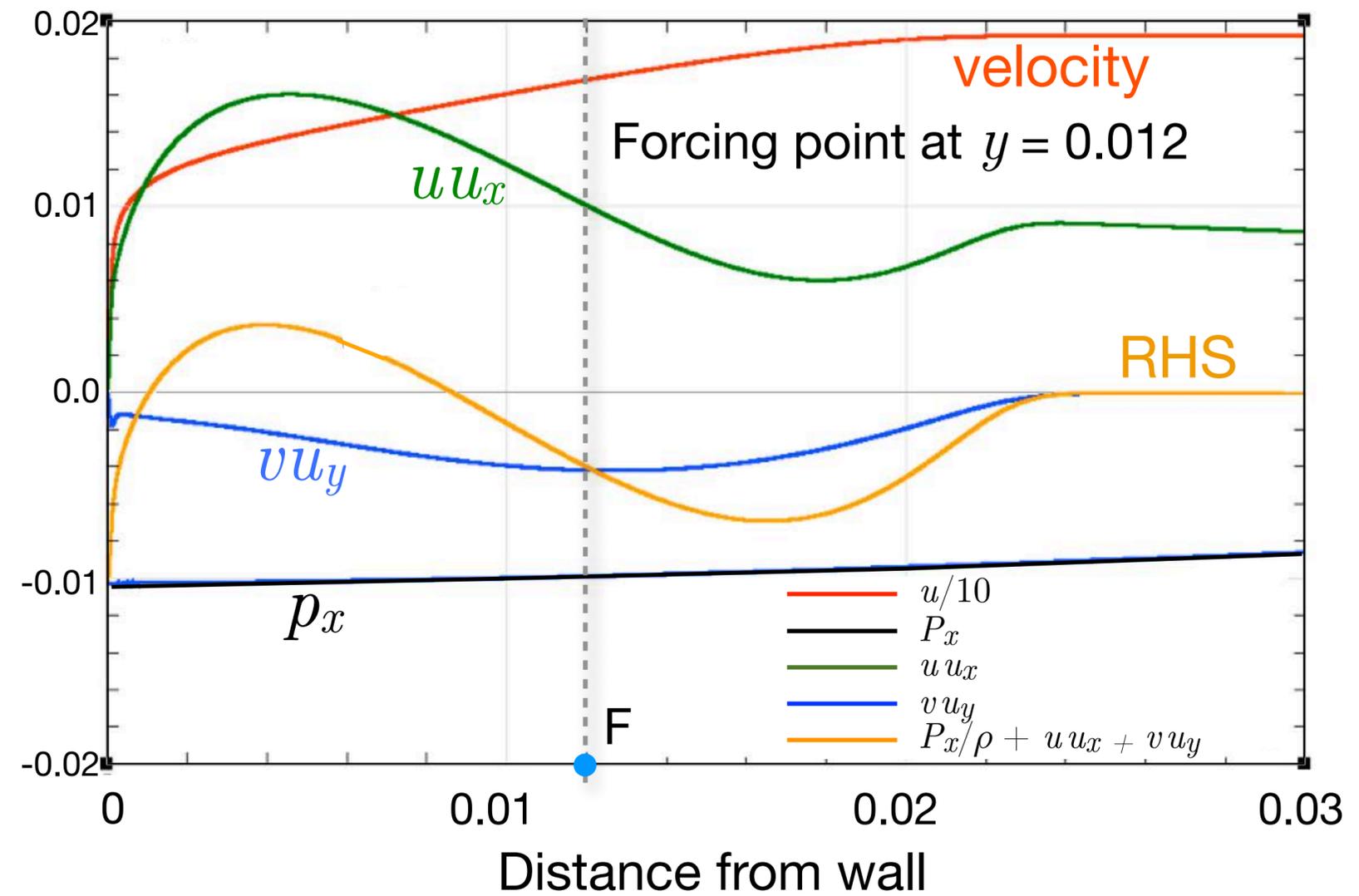


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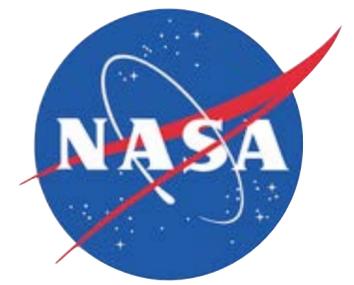


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- Forcing point @ $y = 0.012$ is in the wake. The convective balance has similar magnitude as $p_x \rightarrow$ Need to include!

$$((\mu + \mu_t)u_y)_y = p_x + \rho(uu_x + vu_y)$$



A New ODE-based Wall Model

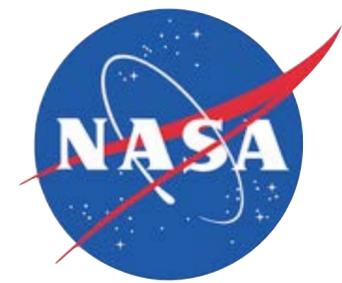
The *bvp4* wall model

- The complete *bvp4* model becomes

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\mu + \mu_t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \psi(y) \rho \left[u_F \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_F + v_F \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_F \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\nu + \tilde{\nu}) \frac{\partial \tilde{\nu}}{\partial y} \right) = \text{wall-normal diffusion} + \text{Production} - \text{Destruction}$$

- 1D ODE's for streamwise momentum & SA turbulence model
- Includes pressure gradient and model for the streamwise convective balance



ODE-Based Wall Models

Including the convective balance

- At the wall, velocity is zero, \therefore convective balance is zero

$$((\mu + \mu_t)u_y)_y = p_x$$

- But at the forcing point, it has the same magnitude as p_x

$$((\mu + \mu_t)u_y)_y = p_x + \rho(uu_x + vu_y)|_F$$

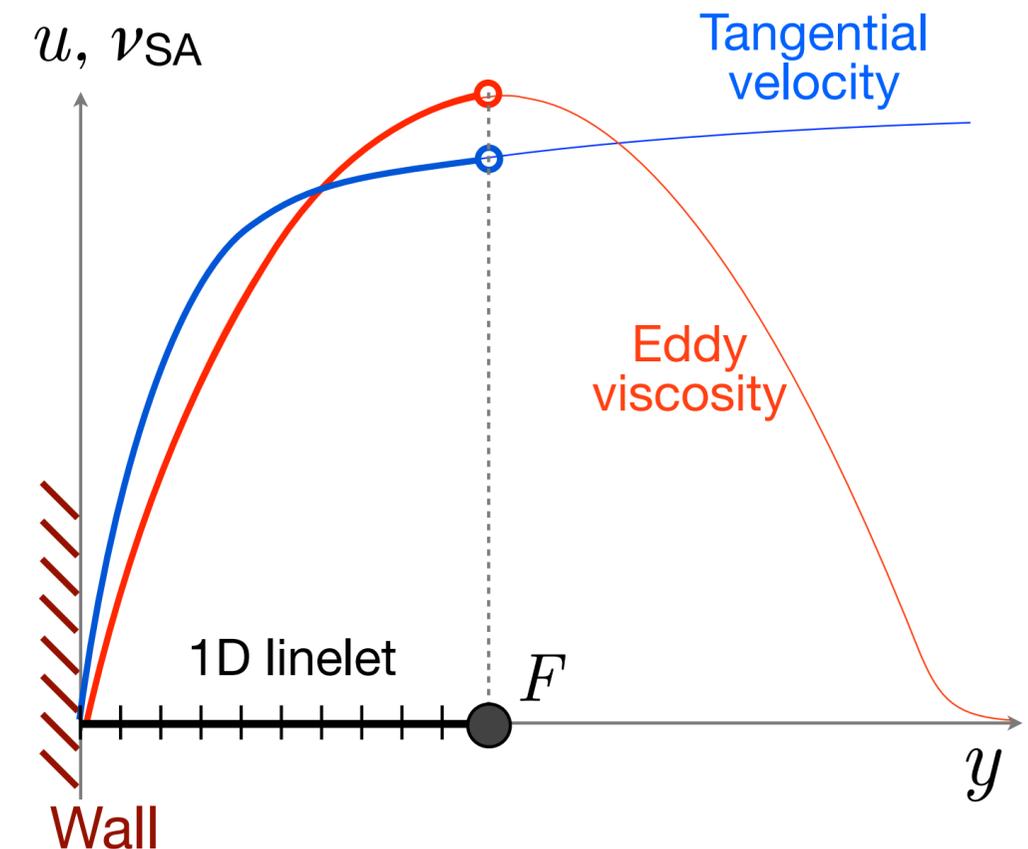
- Computing wall-normal variation of convective balance introduces streamwise coupling, and means computing the wall-normal velocity & interpolating derivatives

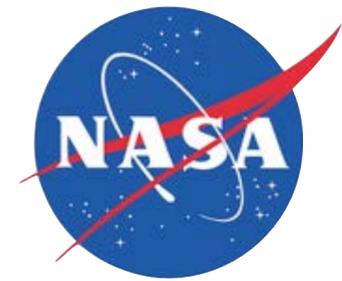
– *prefer not to do this*

- Instead, we *choose* to model the wall normal variation of the convective balance

– keeps the stencil local

– well behaved on irregular meshes





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Including the convective balance

- Introduce a cutoff function, $\psi(y)$, to shut down the convective balance approaching the wall

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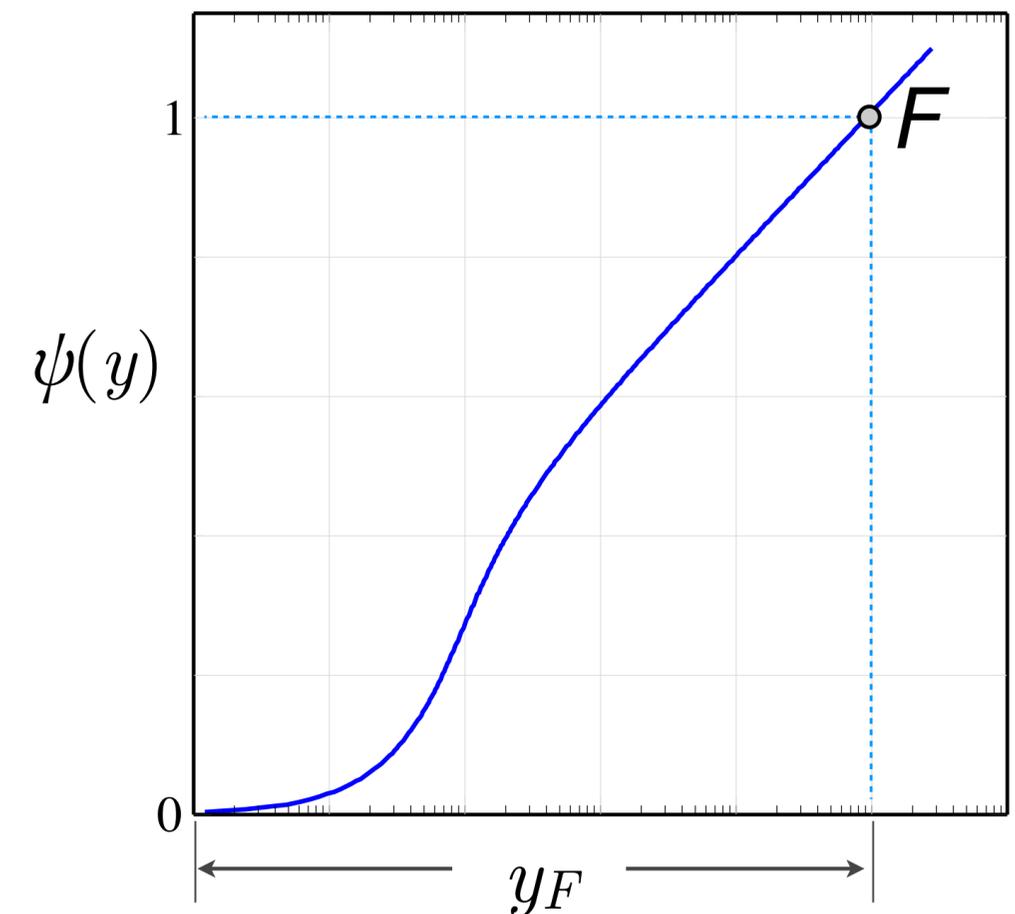
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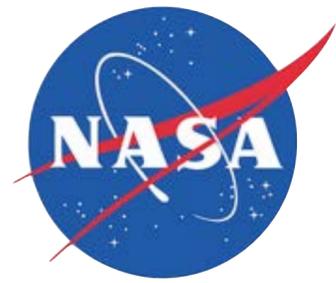
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- Choose: $\psi(y) = \frac{u_{SA}(y)}{u_{SAF}} = \frac{u_{SA}^+(y)}{u_{SAF}^+}$

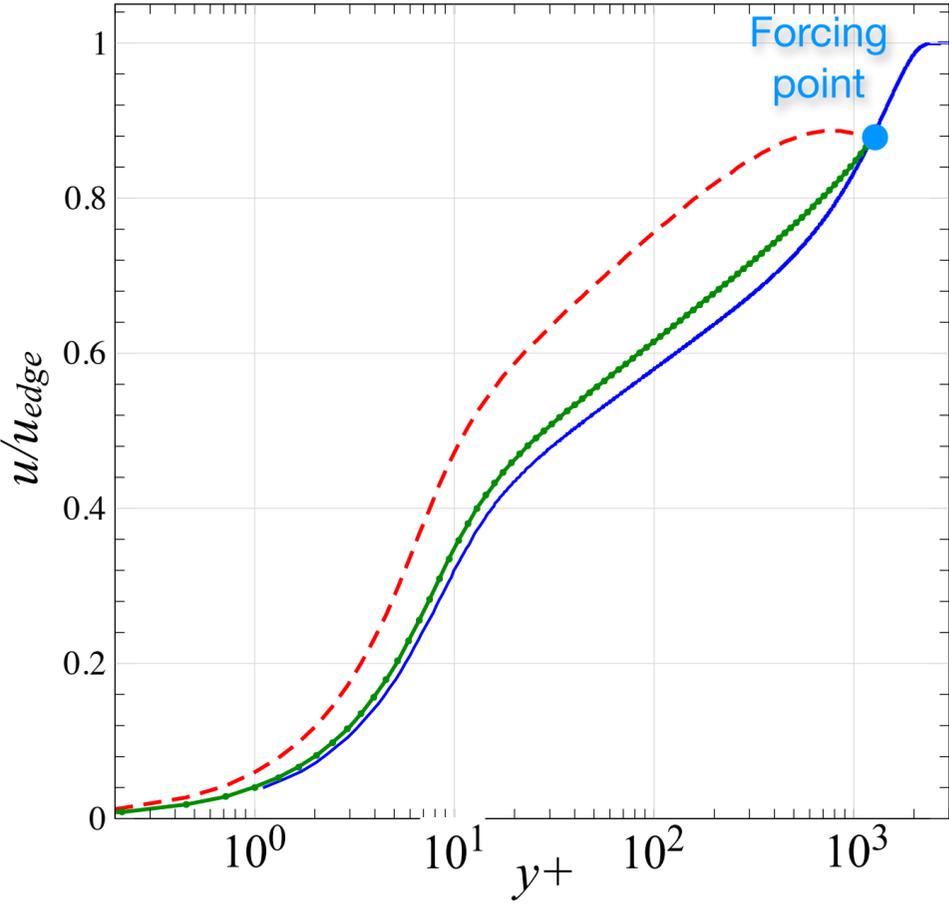
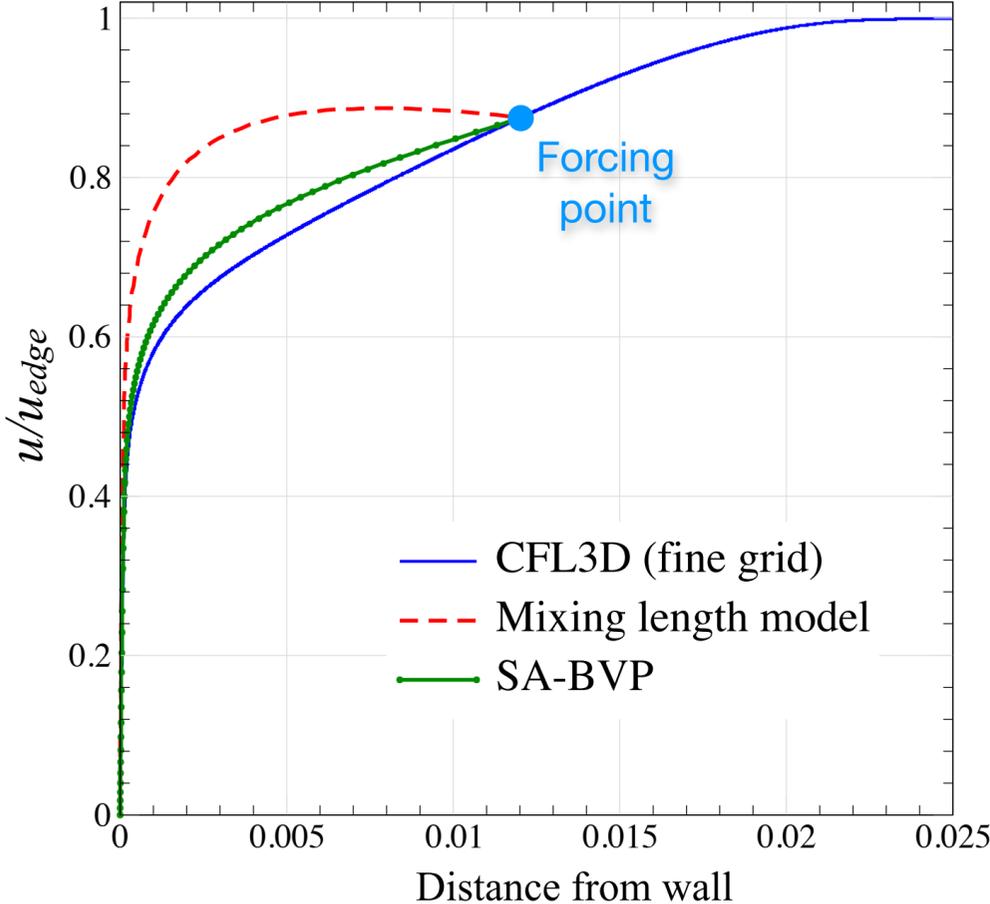
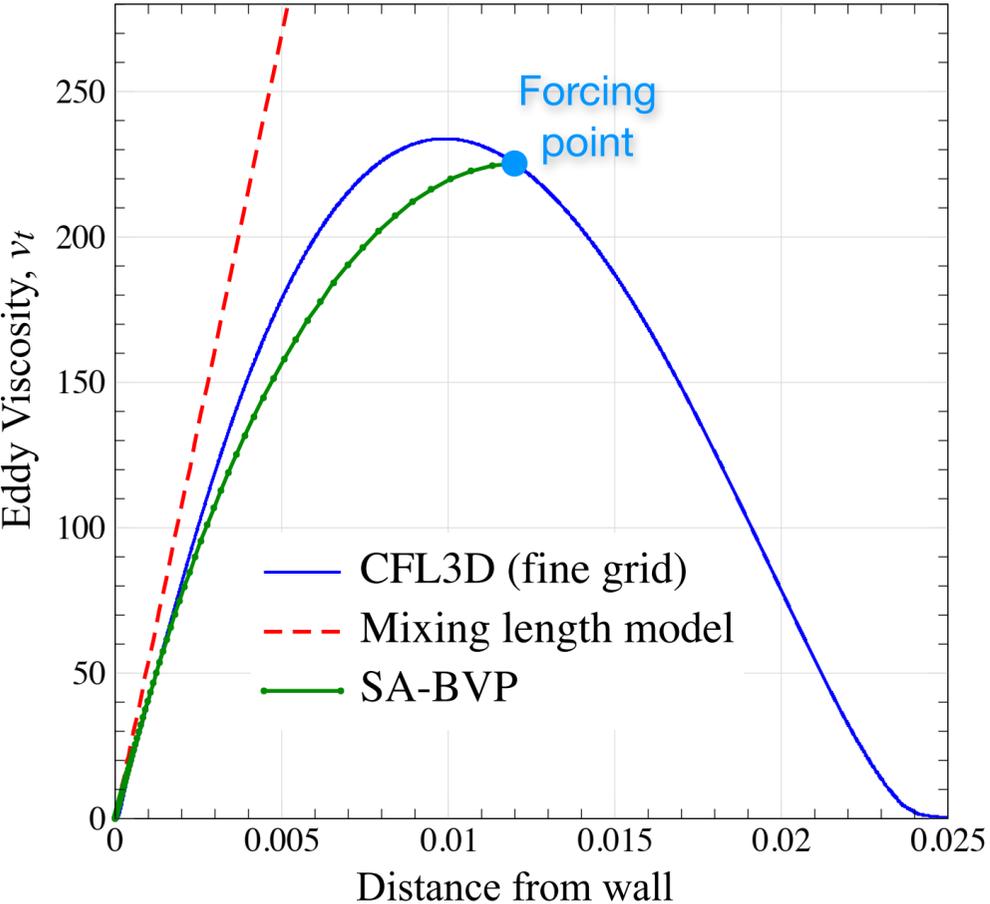
- Blends momentum in exponentially in log region and linearly in laminar sublayer, and gives full convective balance at the forcing point, F

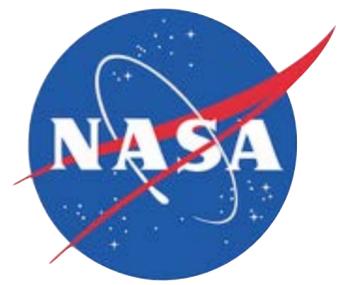




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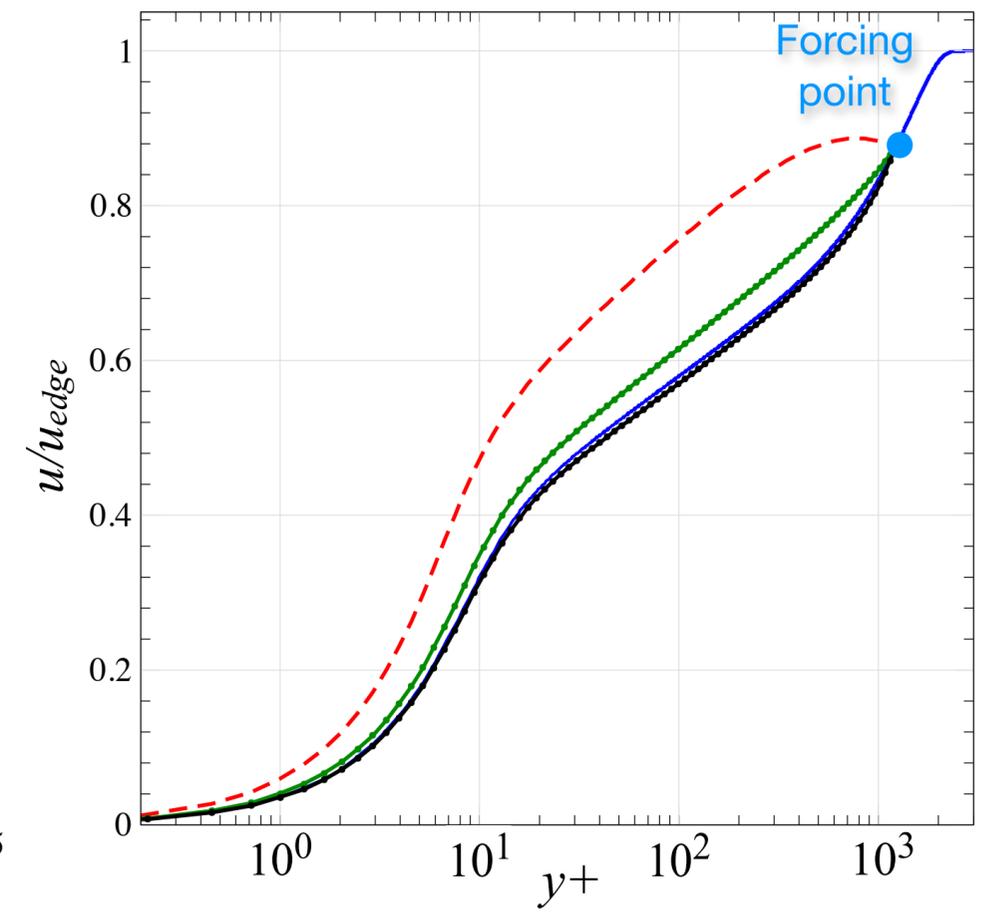
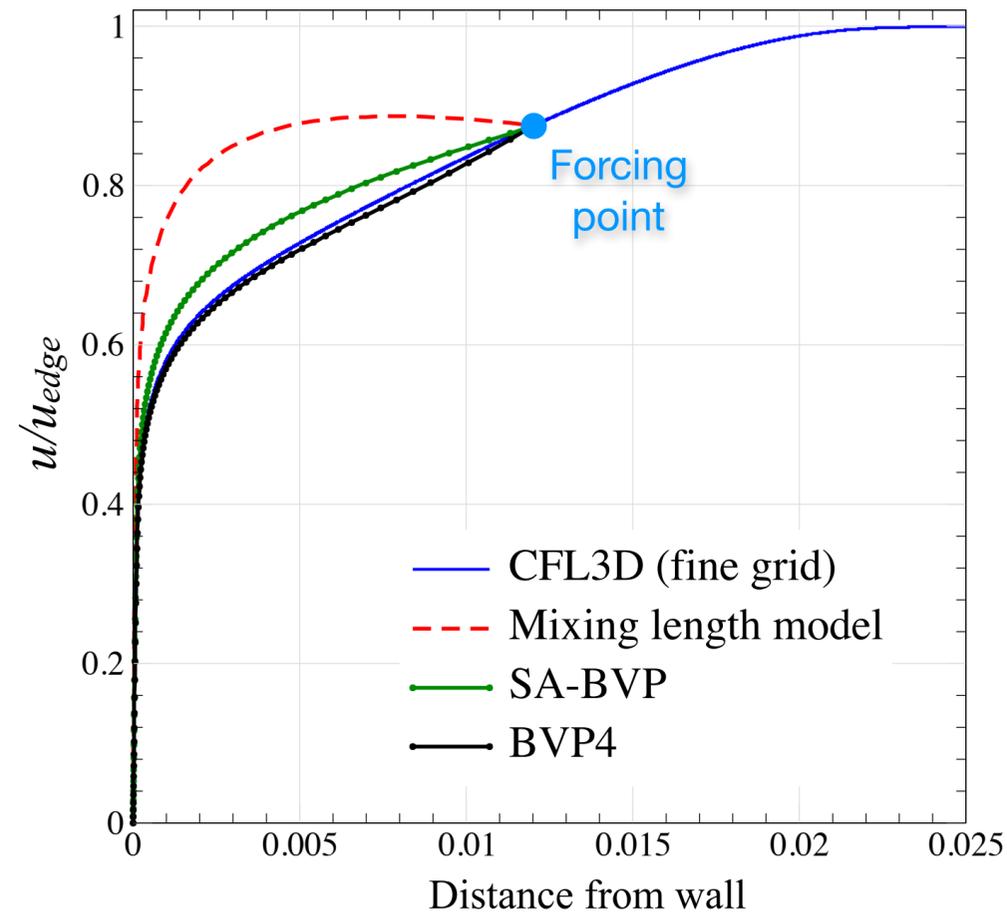
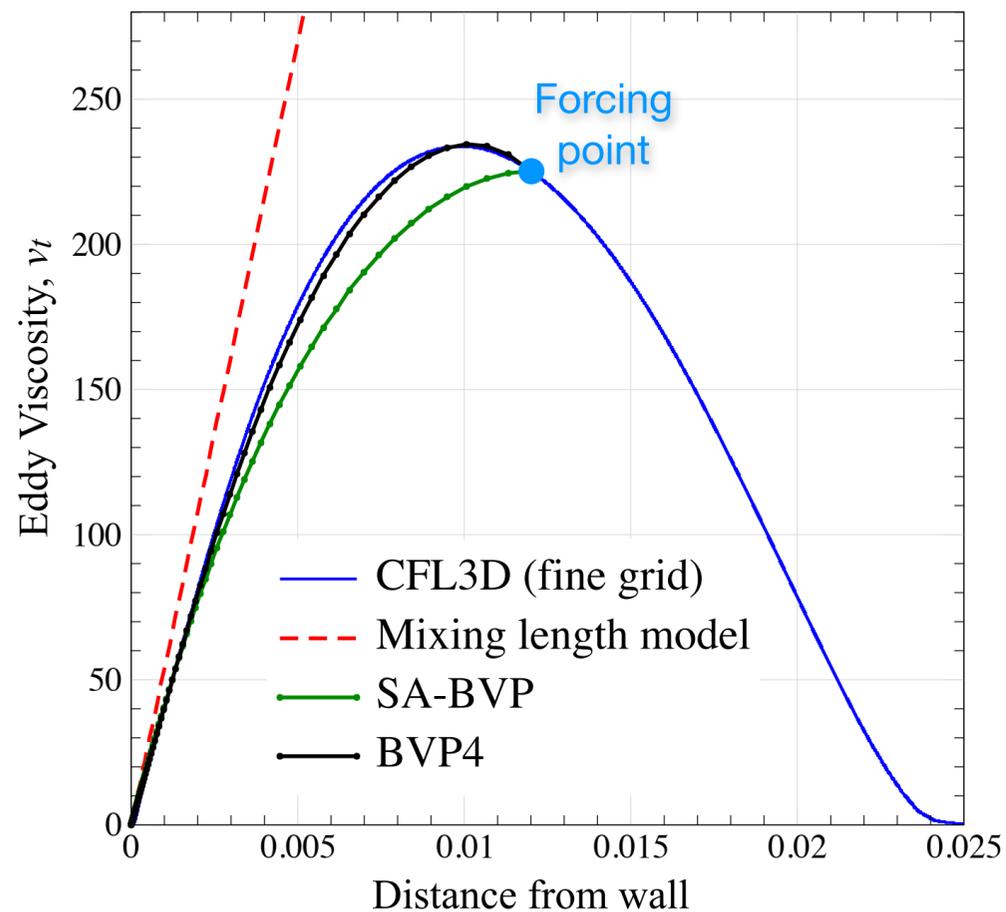
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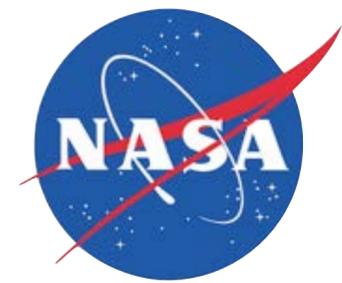


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- Very good approximation of both eddy viscosity & tangential velocity
- Forcing point is *very* far from wall ($\sim 1\% c$), $u_F \approx 90\%$ of edge velocity
- Around 10x farther from the wall than analytic wall functions
- Include pressure gradient for accurate wall shear stress when p_x is non-zero

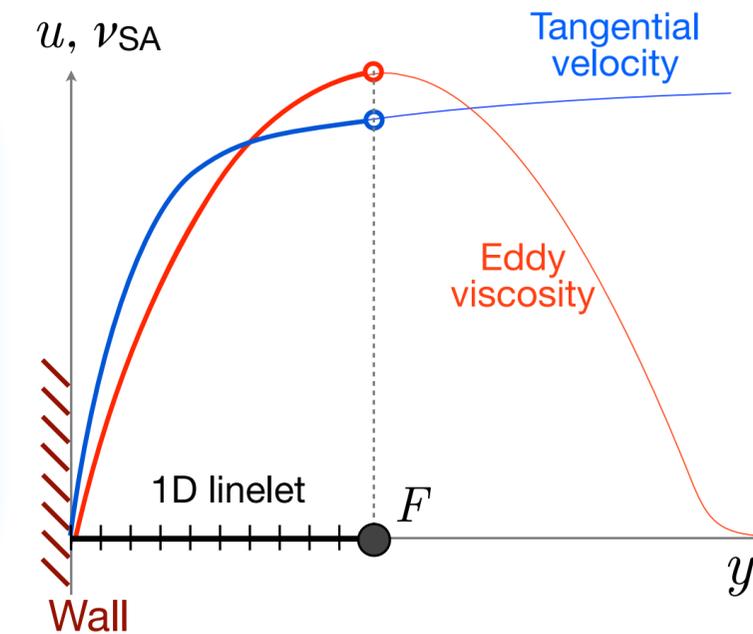


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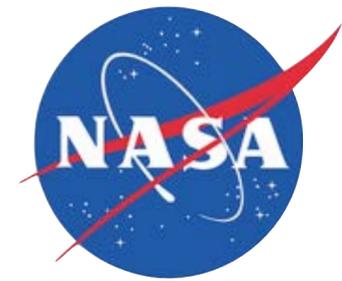
ODE solver for *bvp4*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\mu + \mu_t) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} + \psi(y) \rho \left[u_F \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \Big|_F + v_F \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \Big|_F \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left((\nu + \tilde{\nu}) \frac{\partial \tilde{\nu}}{\partial y} \right) = \text{wall-normal diffusion} + \text{Production} - \text{Destruction}$$

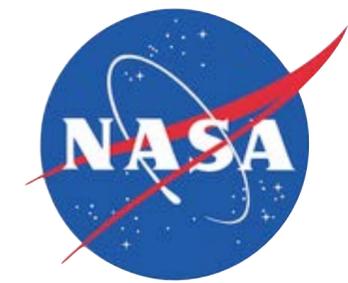


- Reformulate 2nd-order equations as system of four 1st-order BVPs
- Newton solves, using 6th-order adaptive ODE solver from Shampine and Muir
- Use warm starts on each linelet after initial solve $\sim 2x$ cost of analytic WF
- Other details of implementation and coupling in AIAA 2017-0528



Model Recap

- **SA wall function:** analytic, diffusion eq + mixing length model
- **SA-BVP:** ODE solve, diffusion eq. + SA turbulence model
- ***bvp4*:** ODE solve, streamwise momentum + SA turbulence model

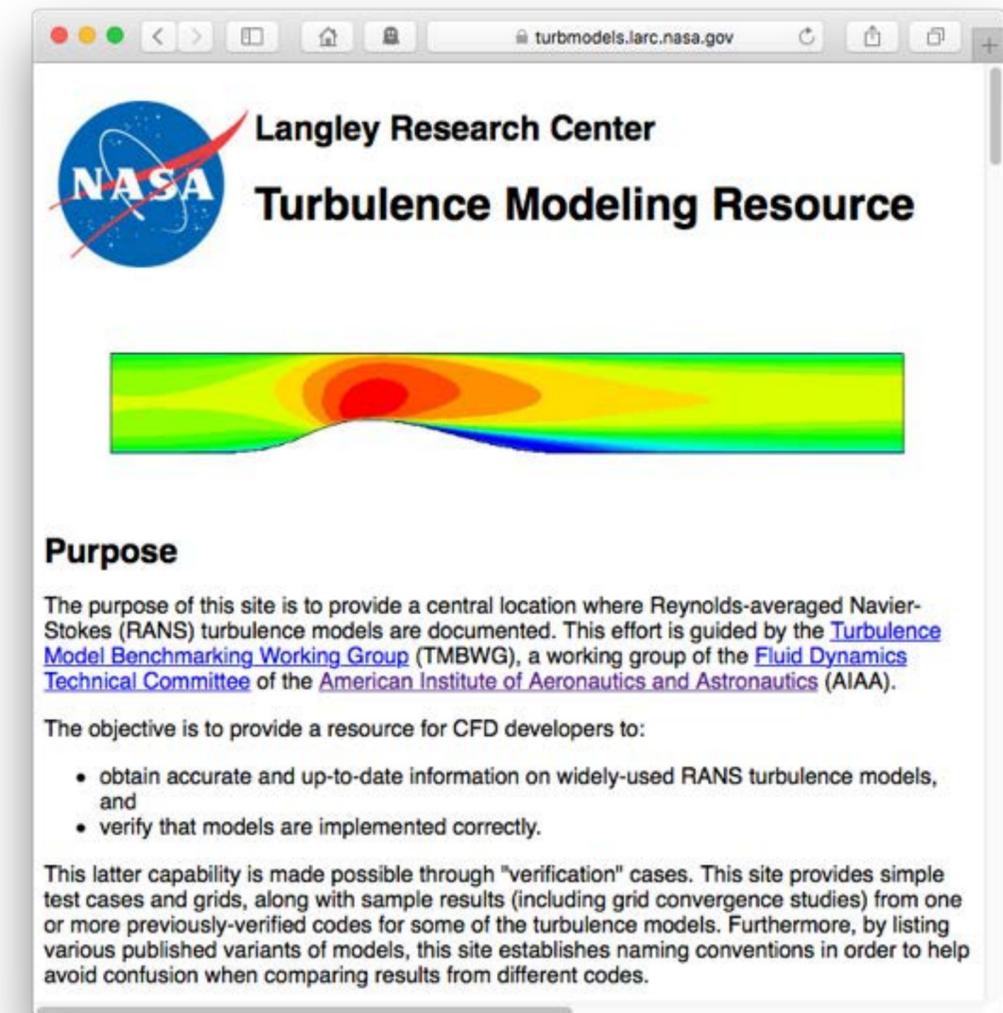


Numerical Results

Verification and Validation using examples from the NASA Turbulence Modeling Resource

Computational Examples from TMR

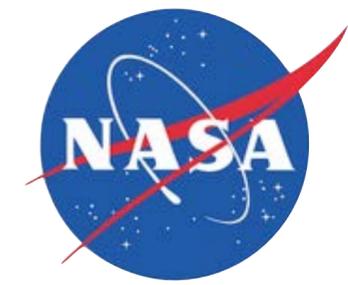
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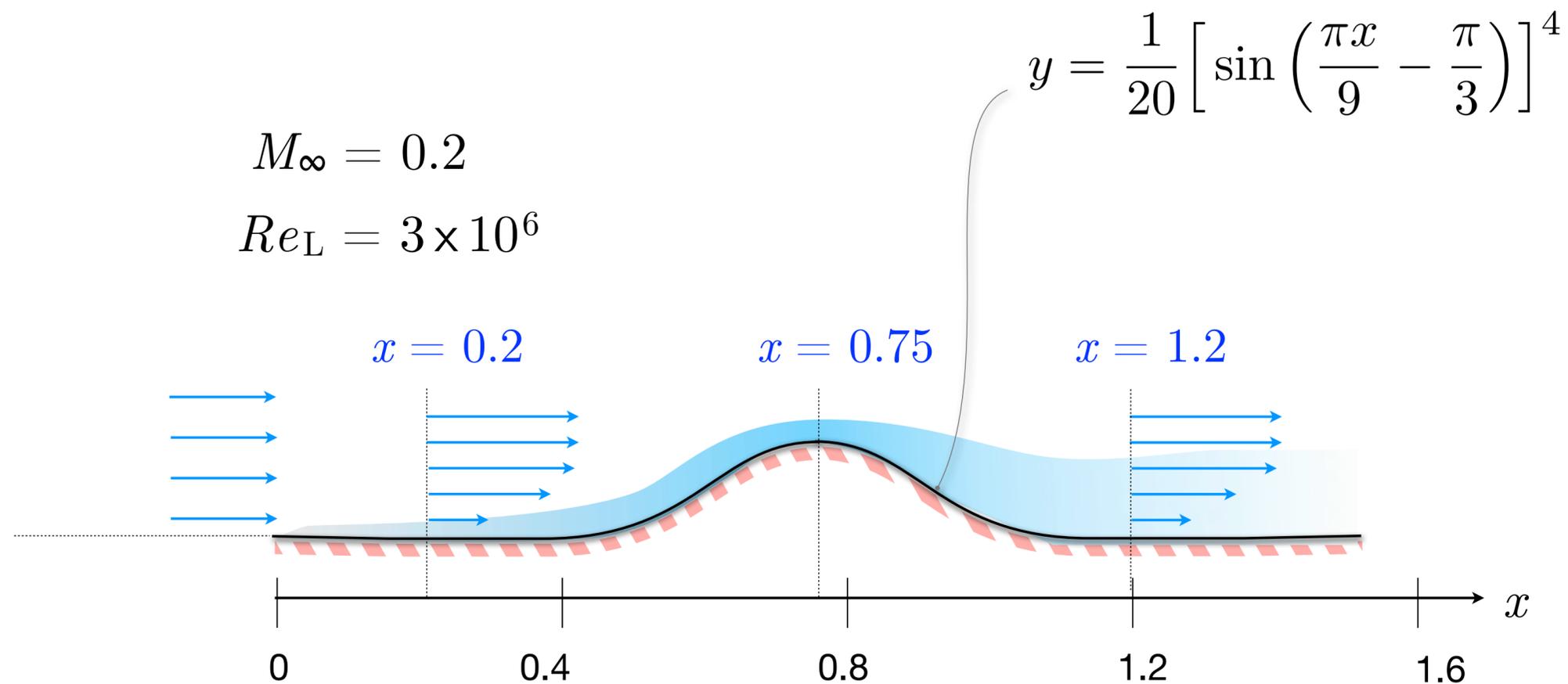
- Perform basic V & V
- Look at mesh convergence
- Examine model behavior and the role of various terms in real flows

Complete mesh convergence studies in the paper – just include highlights here

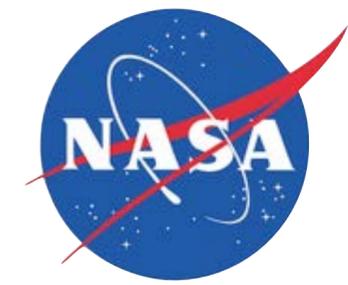


Turbulent Bump In Channel

TMR: “VERIF/2DB: 2D Bump-in-channel Verification Case”

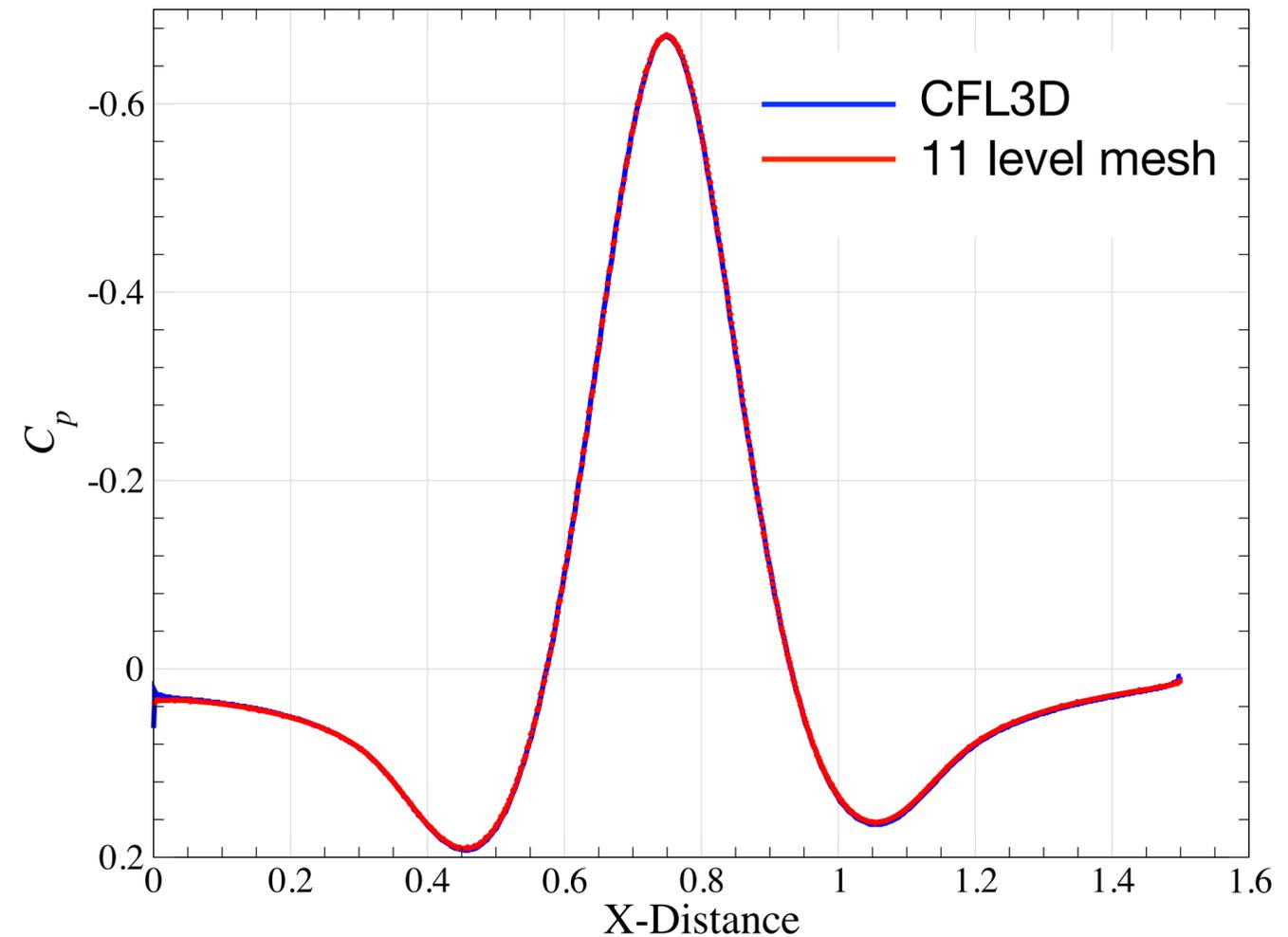
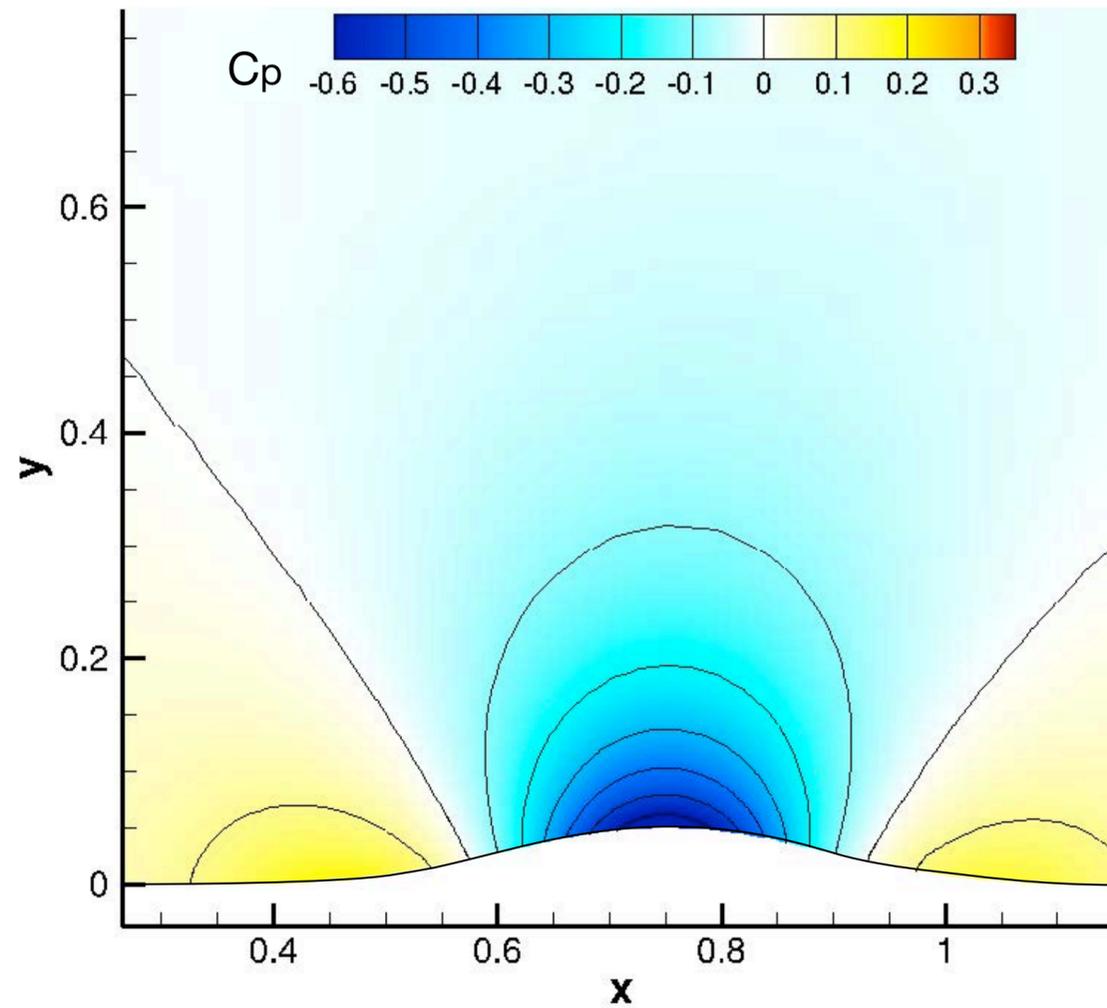


- Inlet & exit 25 units away, symmetry plane 5 units above
- Mesh-converged body-fitted results on 1409 x 641 mesh (~900k points)
- Compare results with CFL3D reference solution with SA turbulence model on finest mesh



Turbulent Bump In Channel

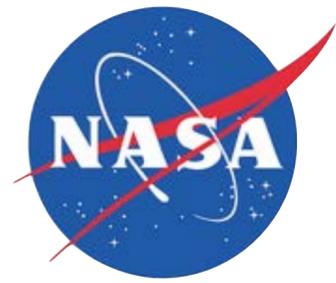
Bump: Isobars and surface pressure comparison



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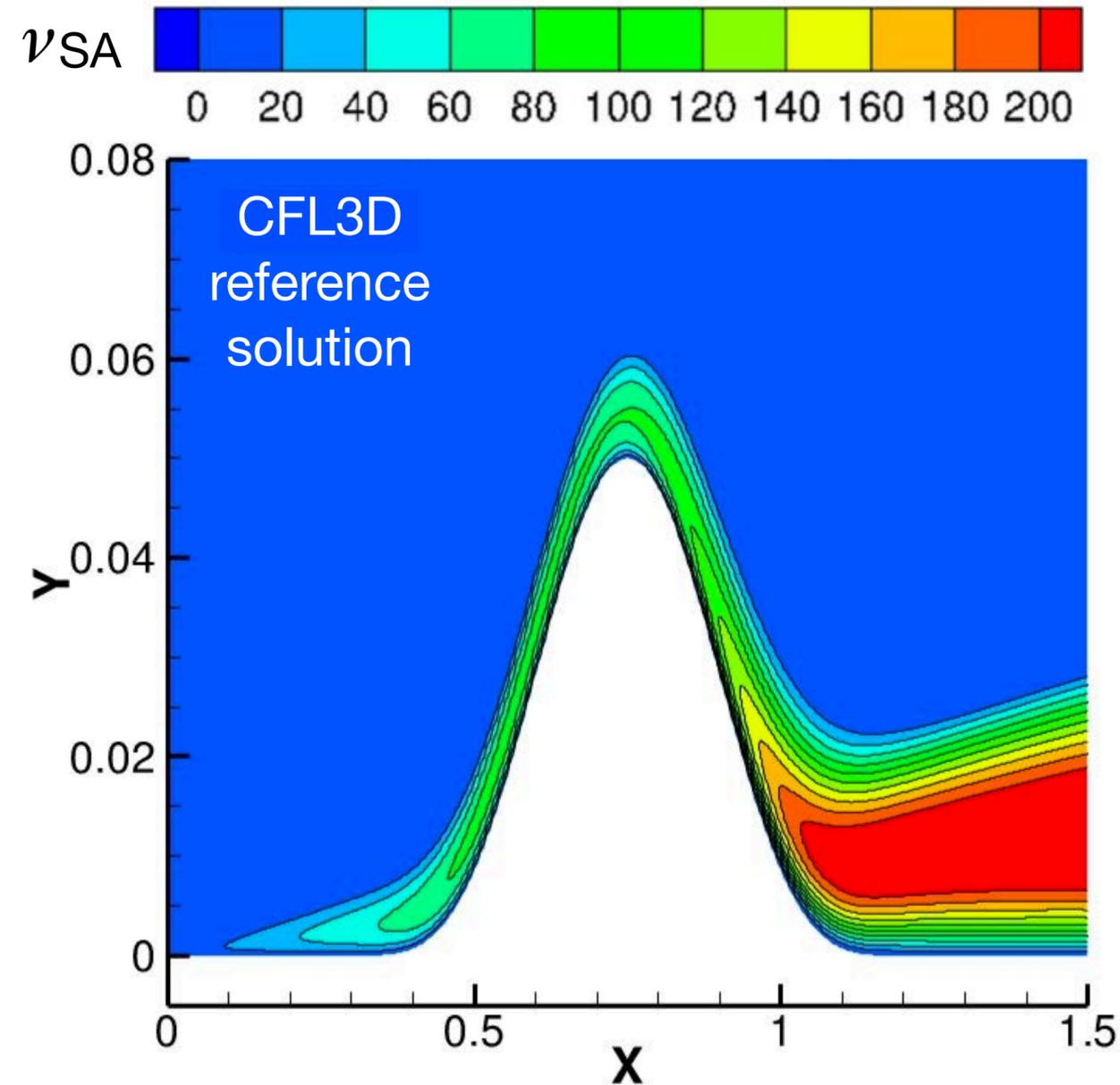
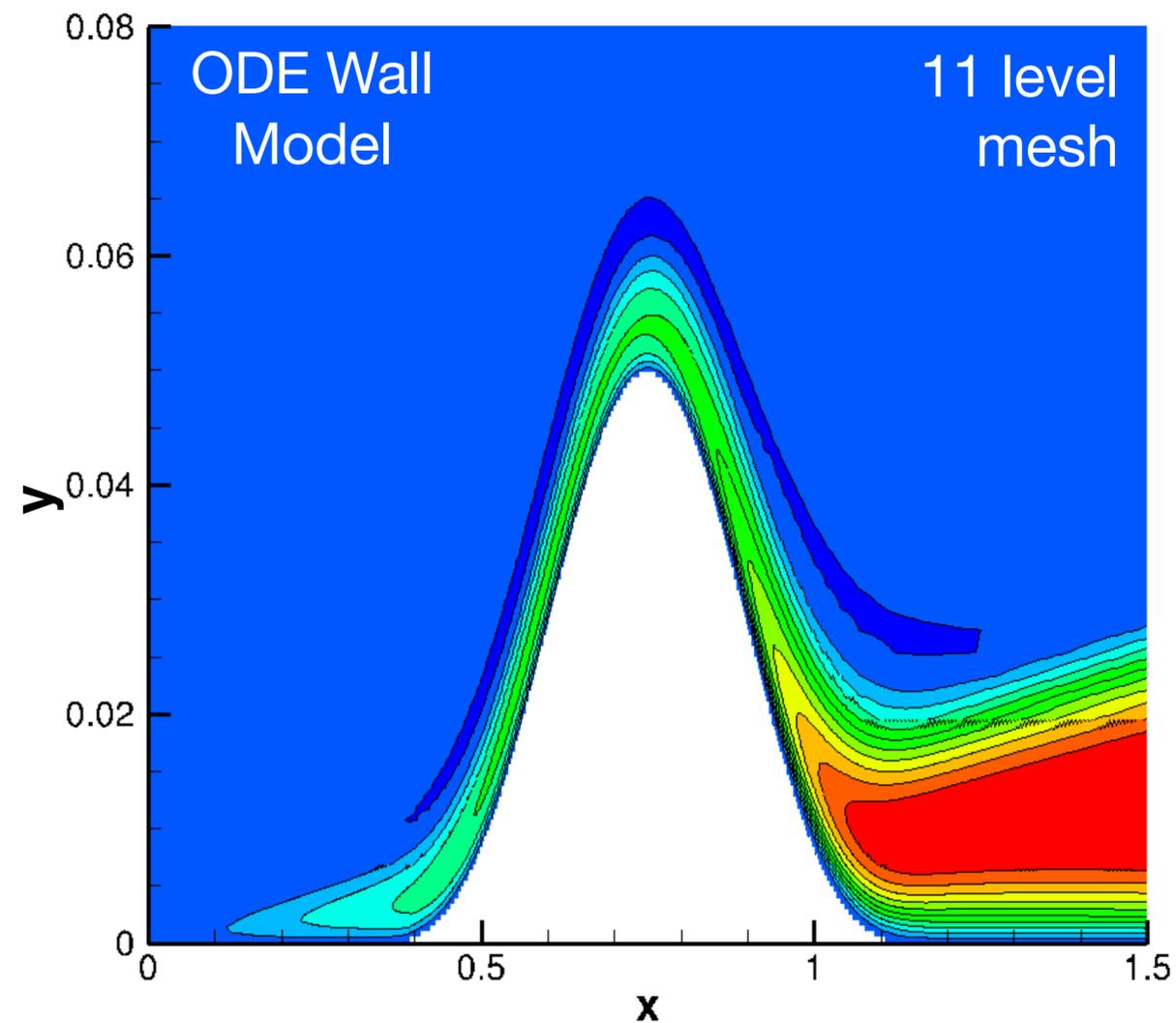
Minimum Cell Dimensions

Coarse	10 levels	52 k	$\Delta y = 0.0012$
Medium	11 levels	70 k	$\Delta y = 0.0006$
Fine	12 levels	91 k	$\Delta y = 0.0003$
Reference solution		900 k	$\Delta y = 2.5e-7$

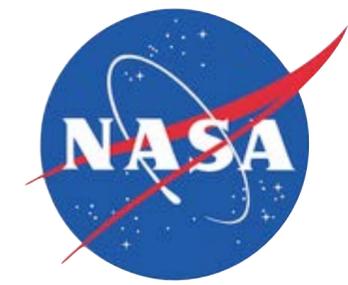


Turbulent Bump In Channel

Bump: Eddy viscosity, ν_{SA}

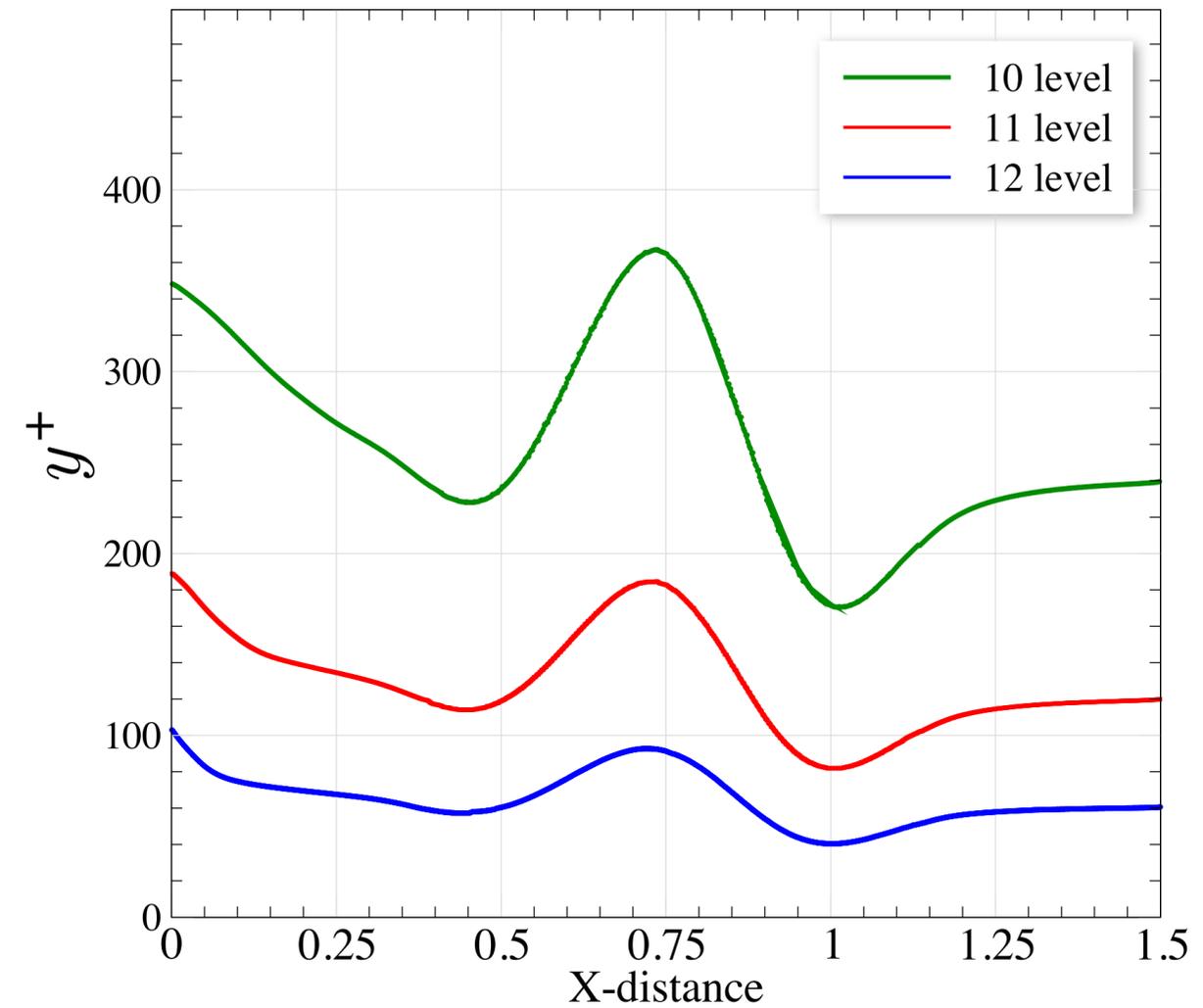
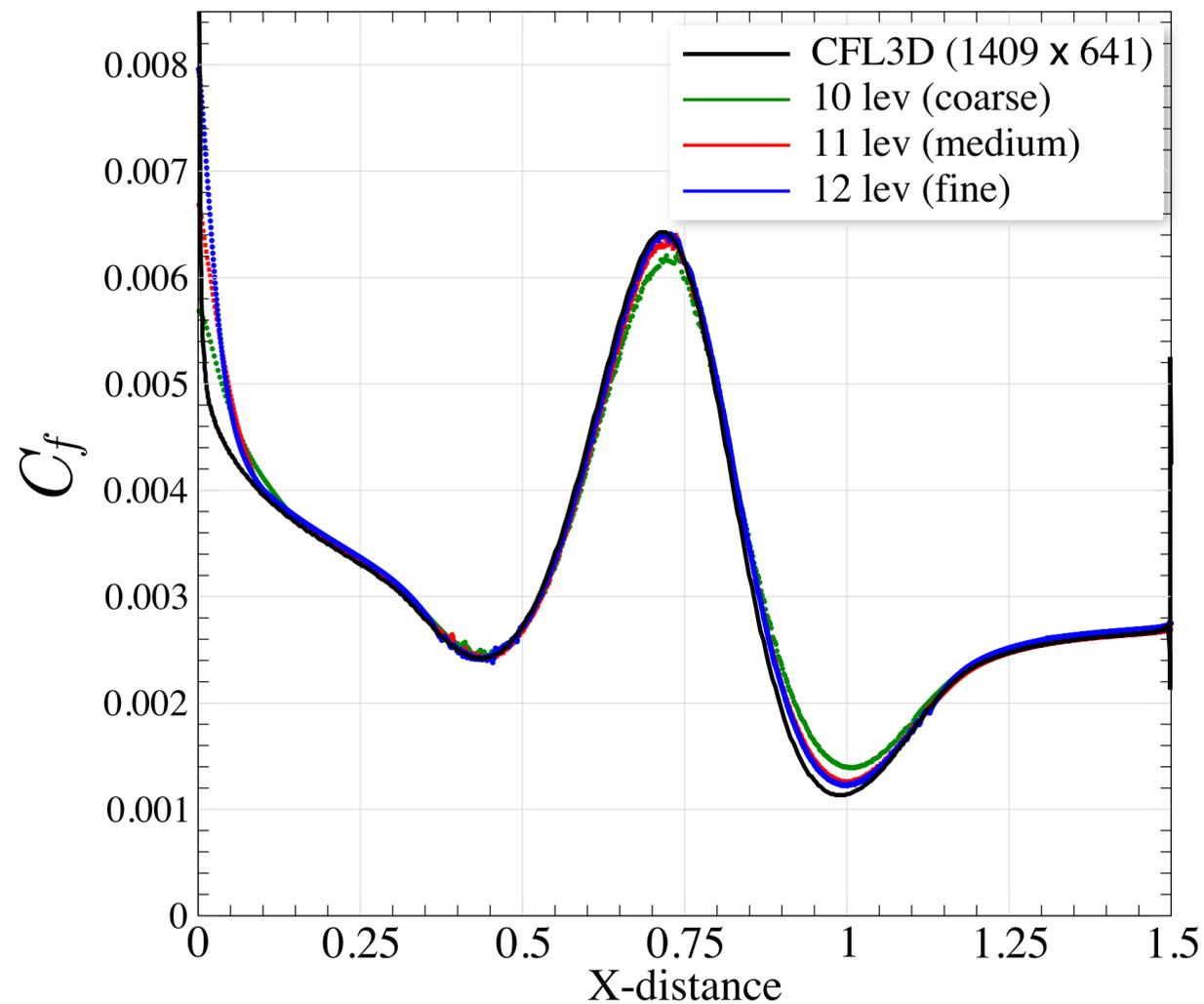


- Good agreement for evolution and peak eddy viscosity
- Slight negative values of ν_{SA} outside of boundary-layer due to 2nd-order advective terms, easily controlled by negative-SA turbulence model



Turbulent Bump In Channel

Bump: - Skin friction mesh convergence

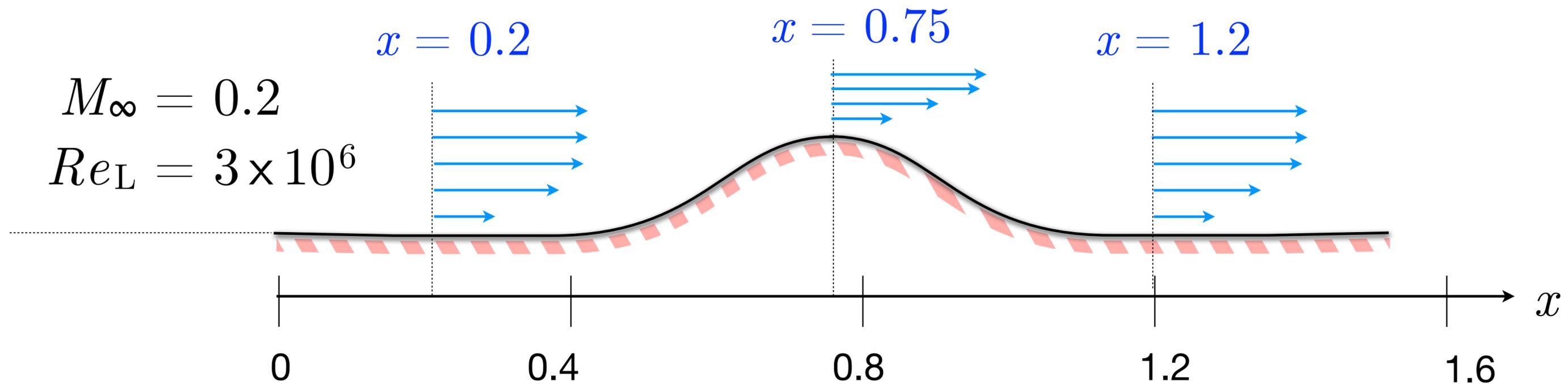


- Smooth C_f historically challenging for cut-cell meshes, but look good here
- Slight noise from HLLC flux when face-normal velocity passes through zero
- Good agreement progressing toward mesh convergence, results ordered by dissipation

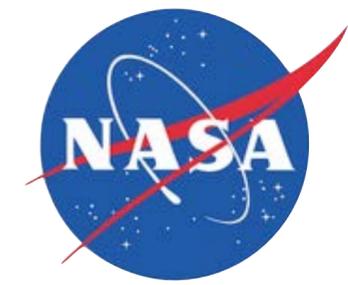


Turbulent Bump In Channel

Bump: Boundary layer velocity and eddy viscosity profiles



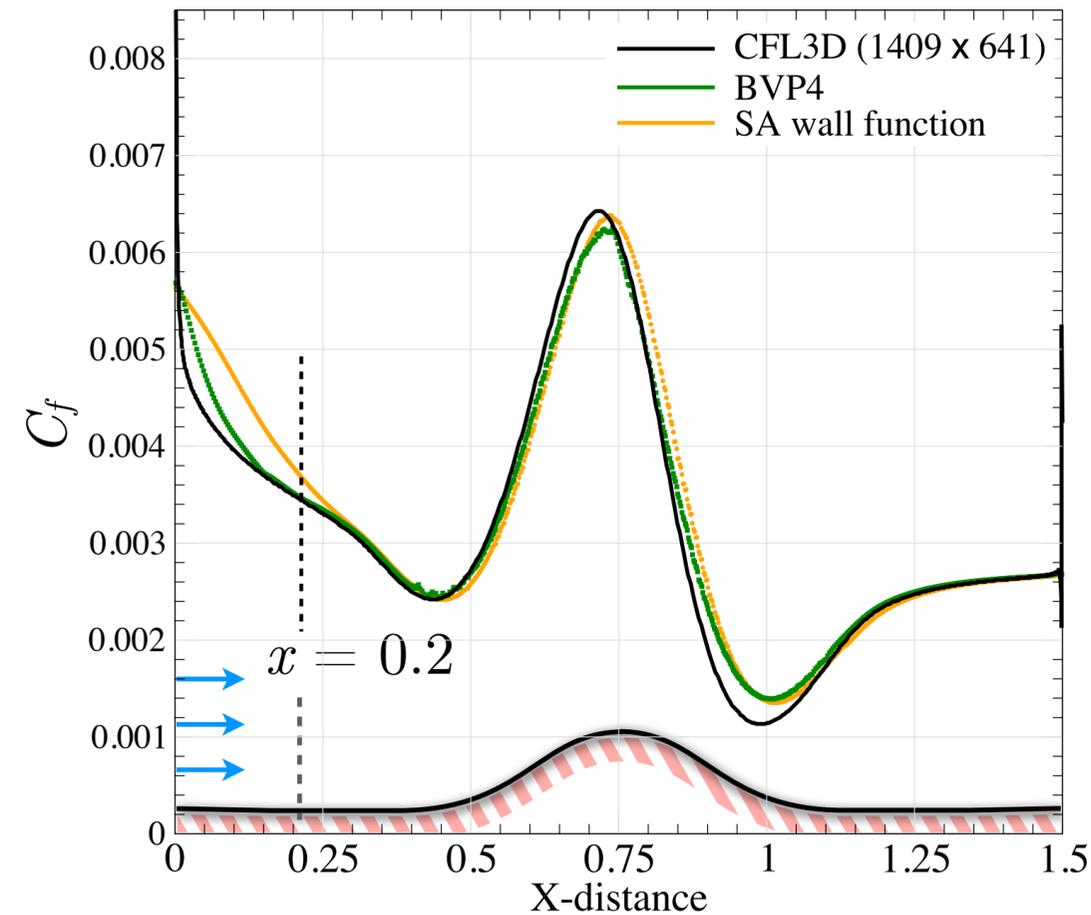
- Paper examine mesh convergence at all 3 stations
- Boundary layer thickens by approx. factor of 2 at each station
- Since resolution of Cartesian mesh is constant, resolution roughly doubles each time we move downstream



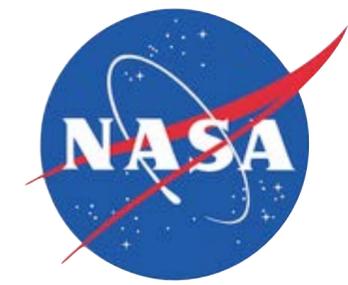
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Bump: Compare bvp4 with analytic SA wall-function

Skin friction on coarse mesh



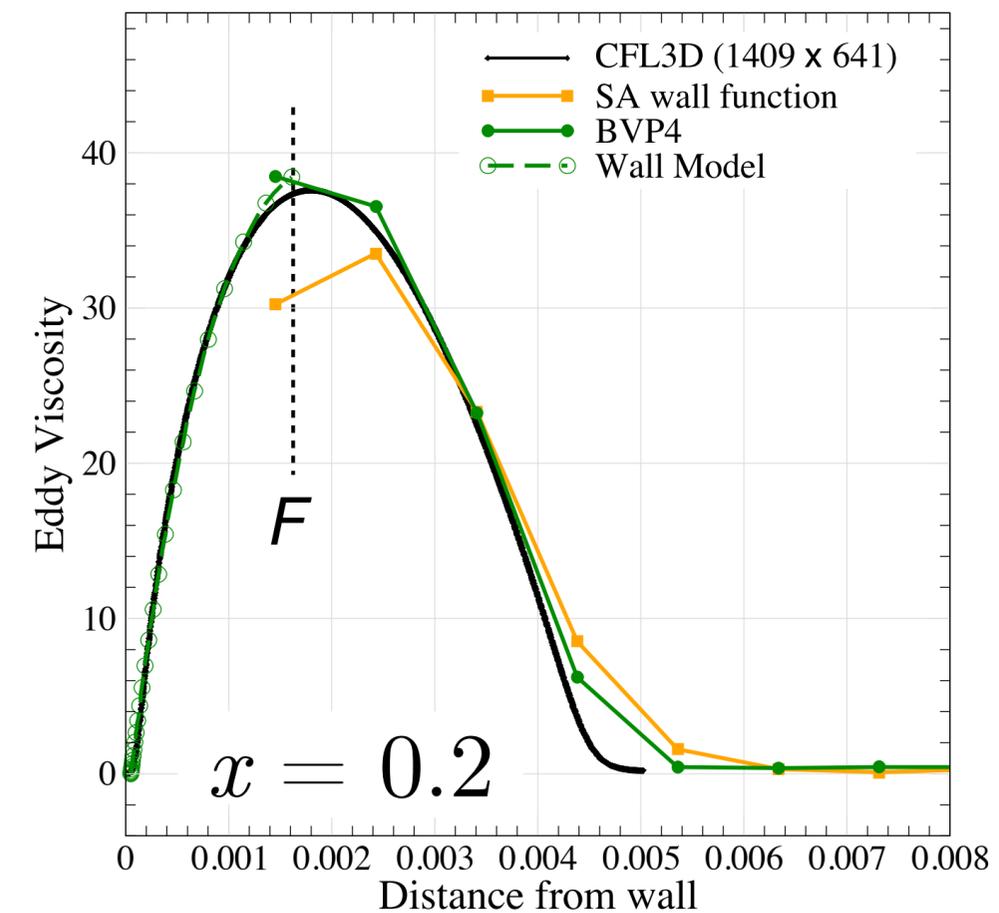
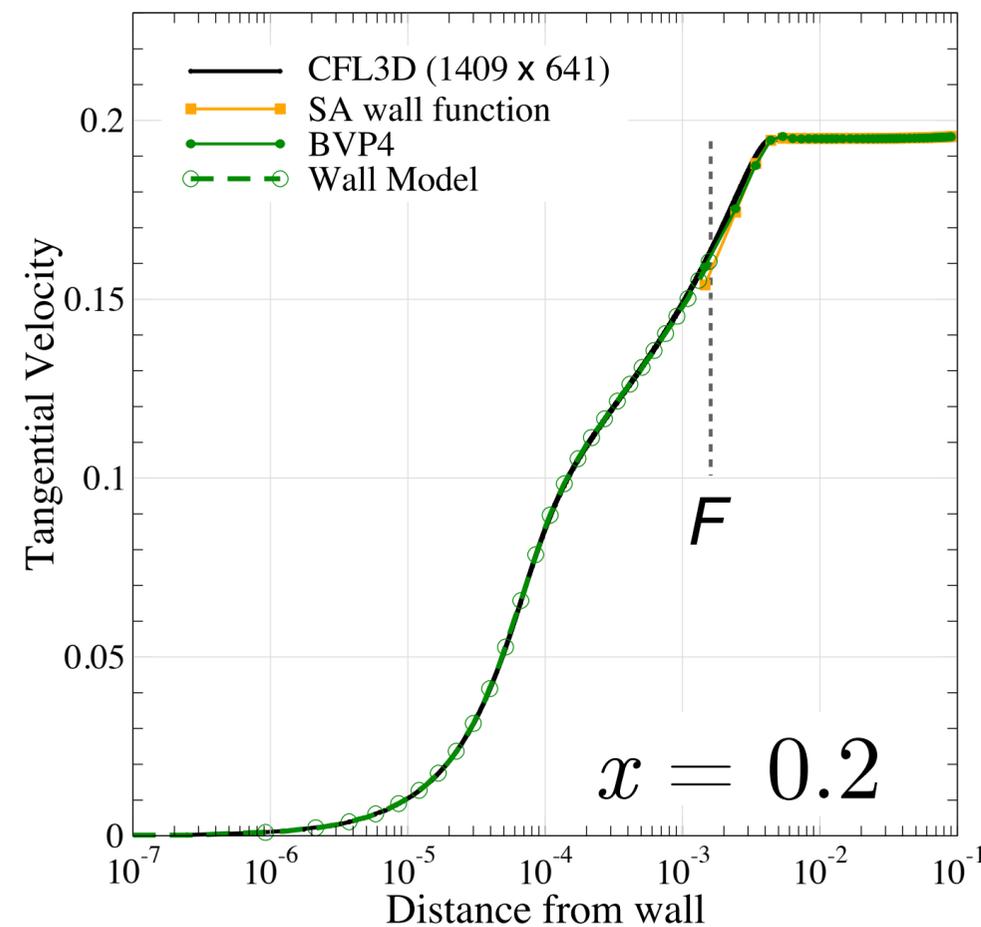
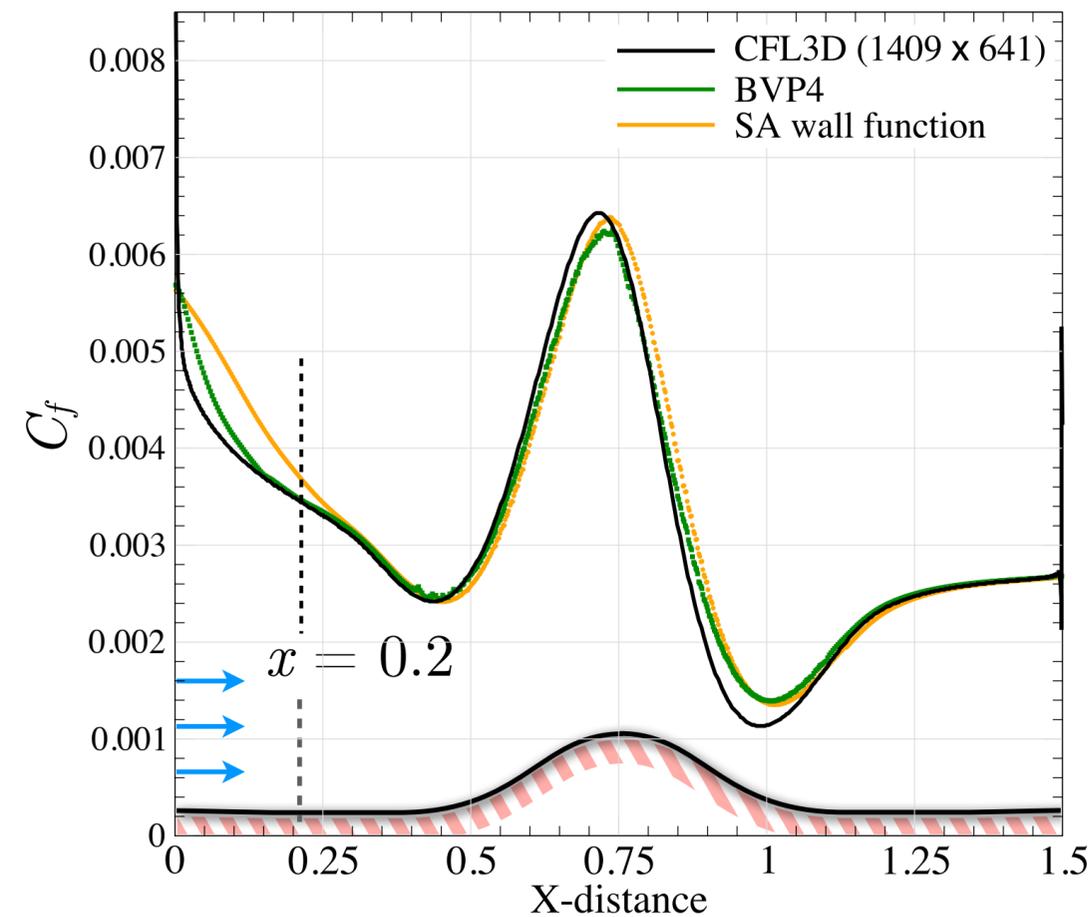
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- Even on coarsest grid, SA wall function does reasonably good job
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- Skin friction discrepancy comes from misprediction of eddy viscosity by analytic wall function since it assumes a mixing-length model

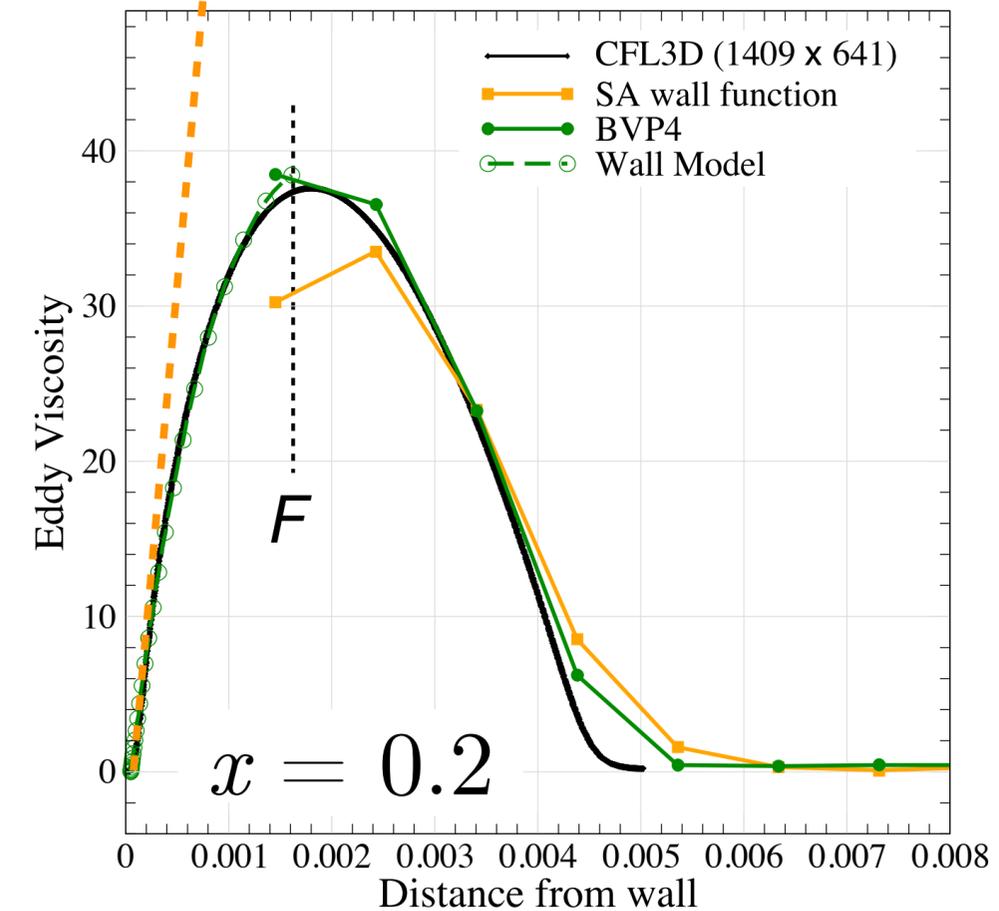
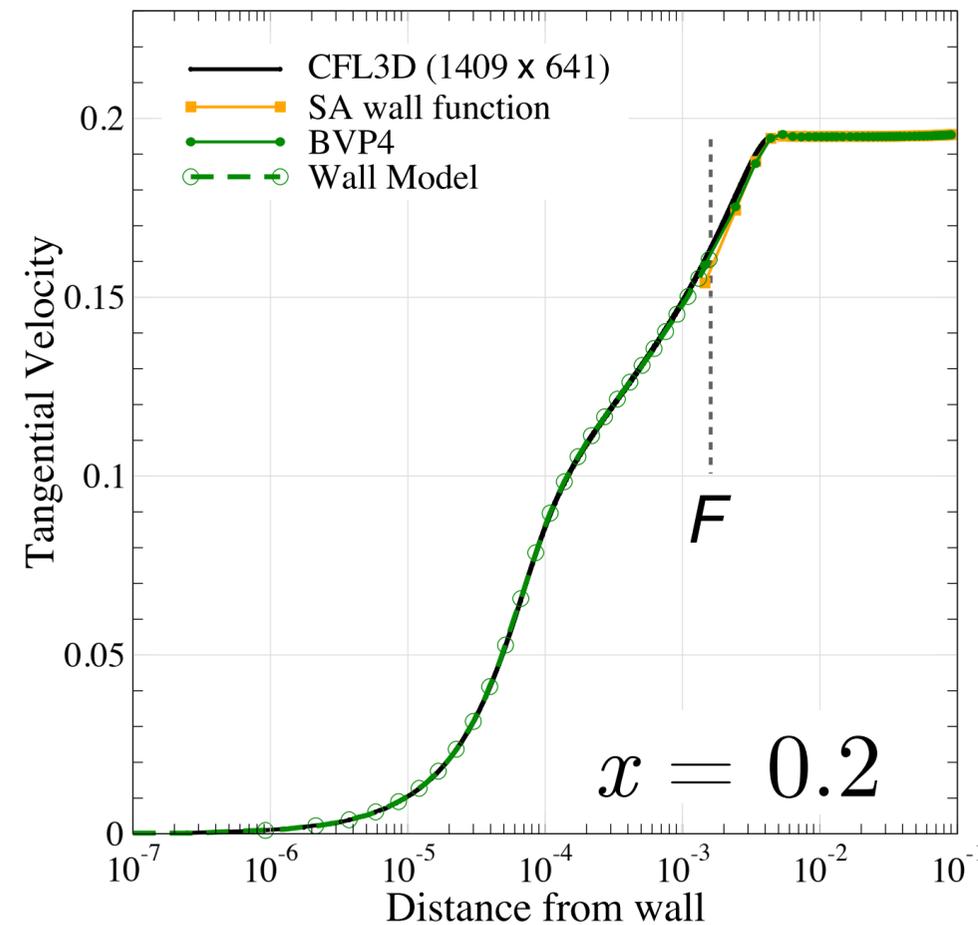
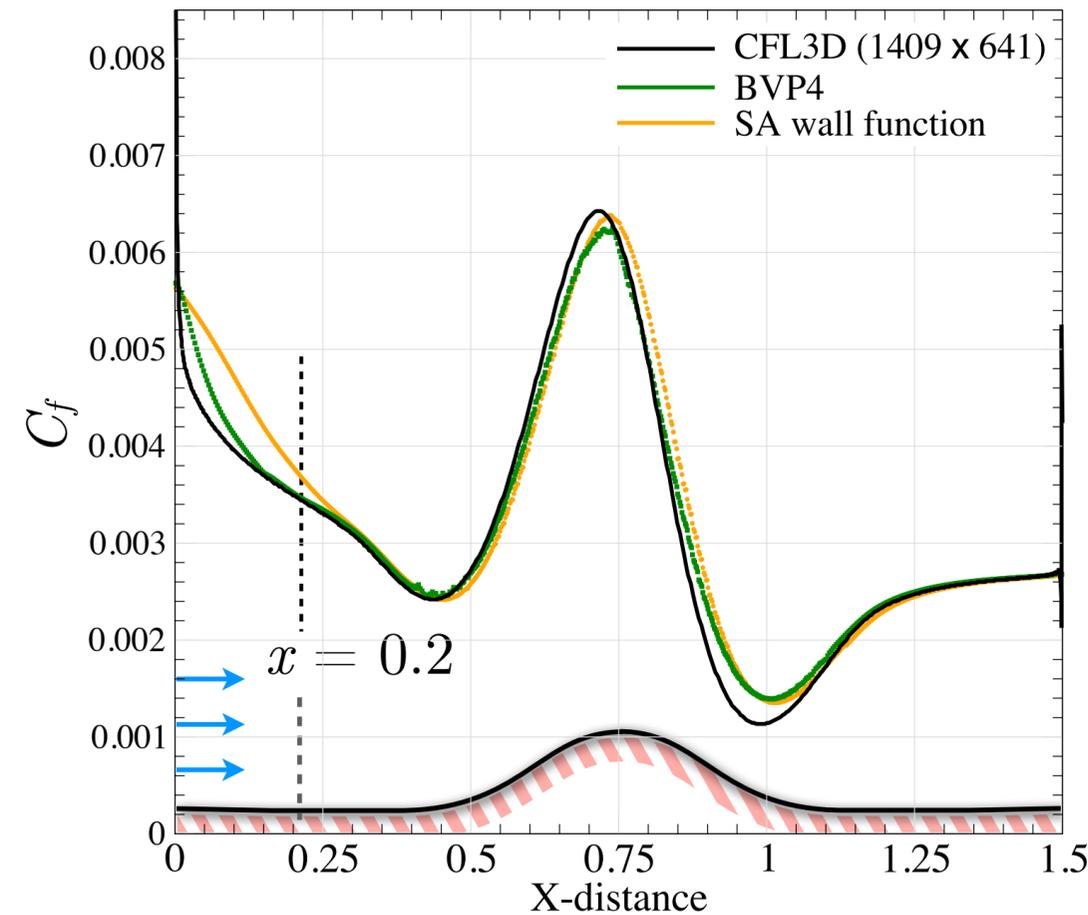
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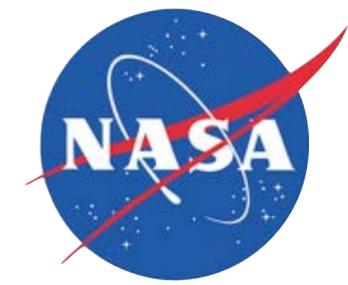
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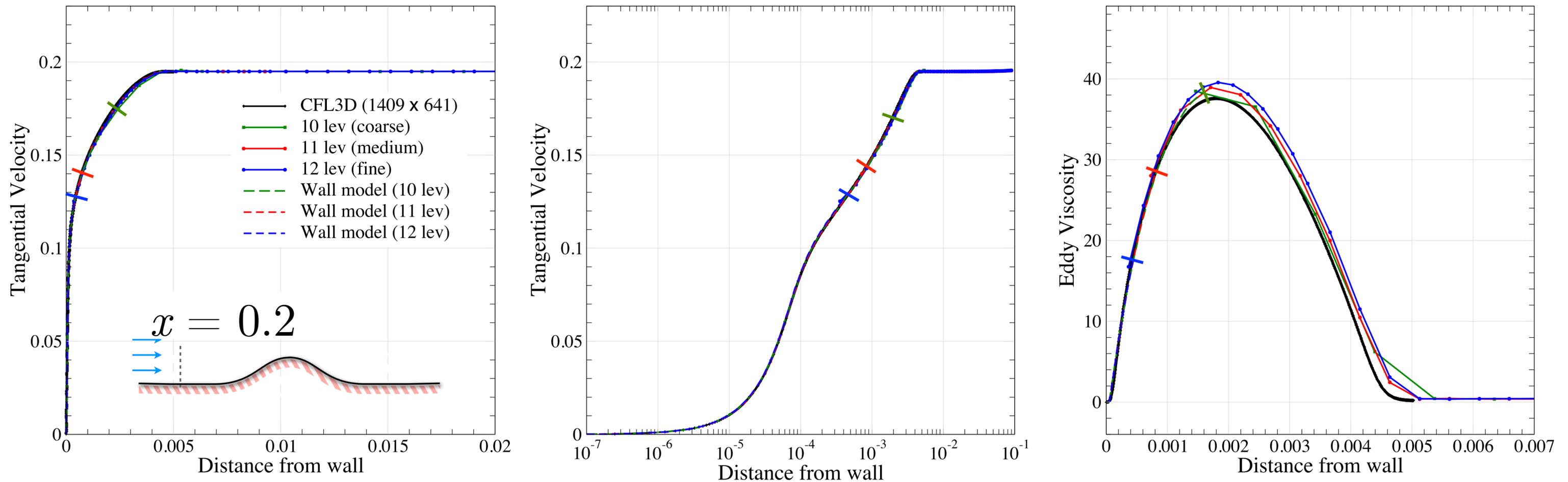


- Even on coarsest grid, SA wall function does reasonably good job
- To see differences, look up front on coarse grid, $x = 0.2$, ($y^+ \approx 280$)
- Analytic wall function overpredicts eddy viscosity by about factor of 3,
– is inconsistent with outer solution

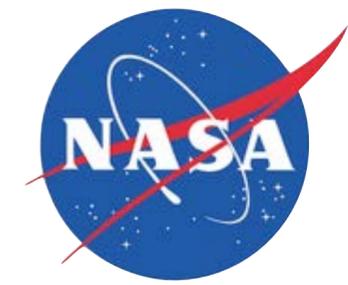


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Bump: Mesh convergence of velocity and eddy viscosity profiles

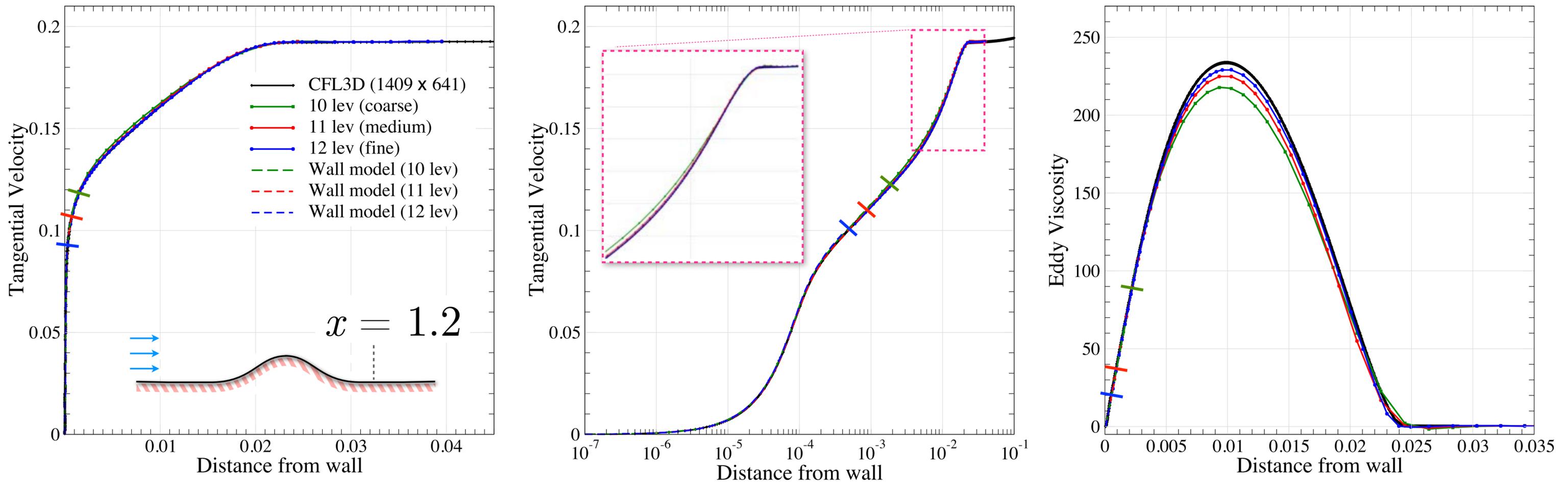


- 7 curves on each plot, (wall model & field solution) x (coarse, med, fine) + CFL3D
- Very good agreement for velocity, good agreement for eddy viscosity
- $x = 0.2$ is the most under resolved station, $\sim 4-5$ Cartesian cells in boundary layer



Turbulent Bump In Channel

Bump: Mesh convergence of velocity and eddy viscosity profiles



- B-L about 4x thicker by $x=1.2$
- Aft of bump, slight adverse pressure gradient, thick boundary layer
- Velocity profiles show very good agreement -- even on semi log scale
- Eddy viscosity peak being eroded slightly by dissipation on outer mesh

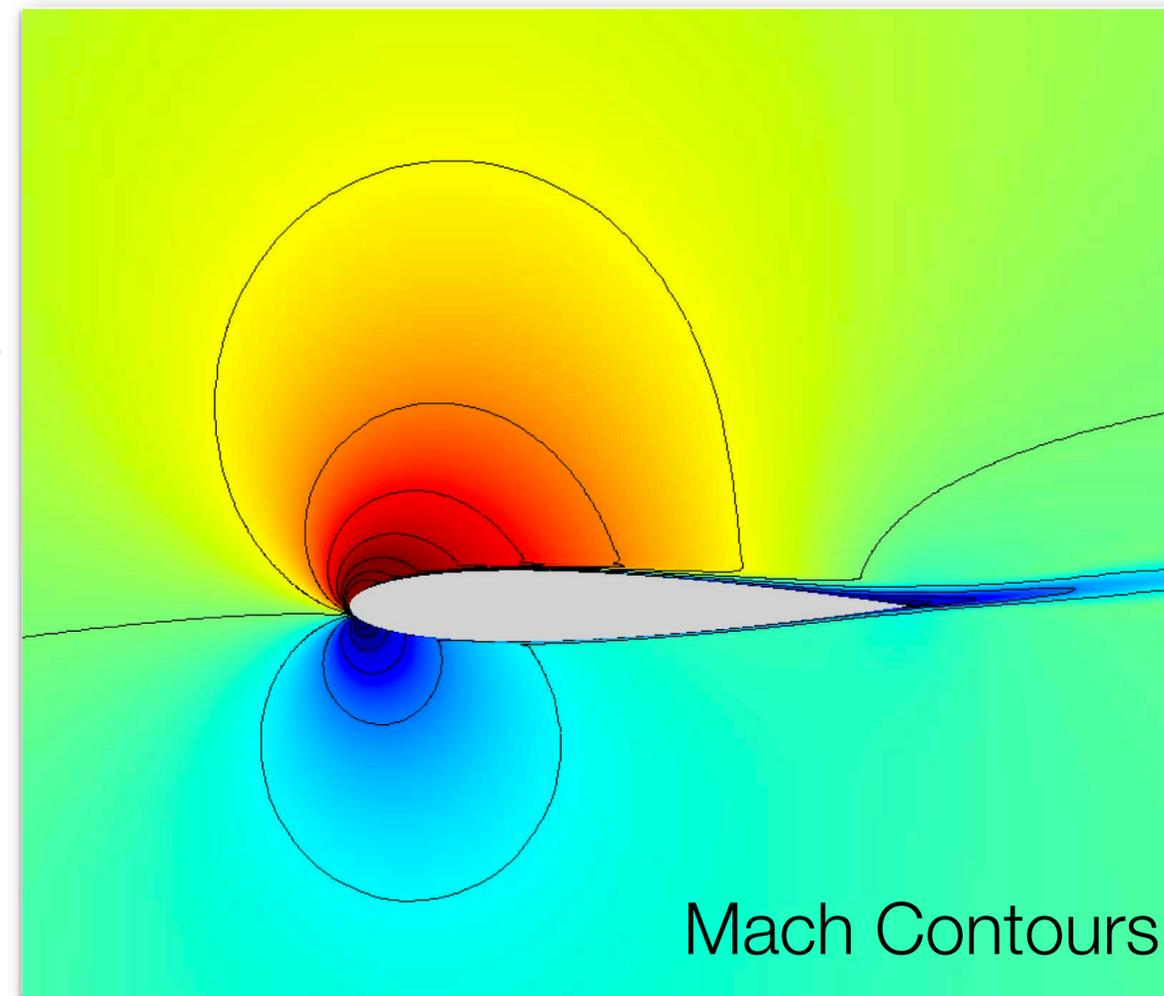
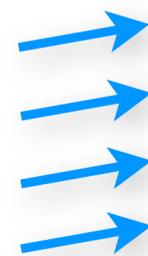
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Modified NACA 0012 geometry with sharp trailing edge

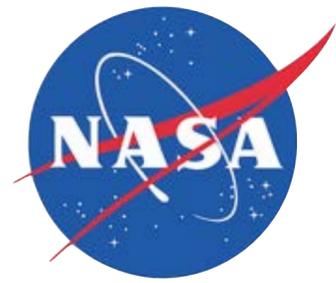
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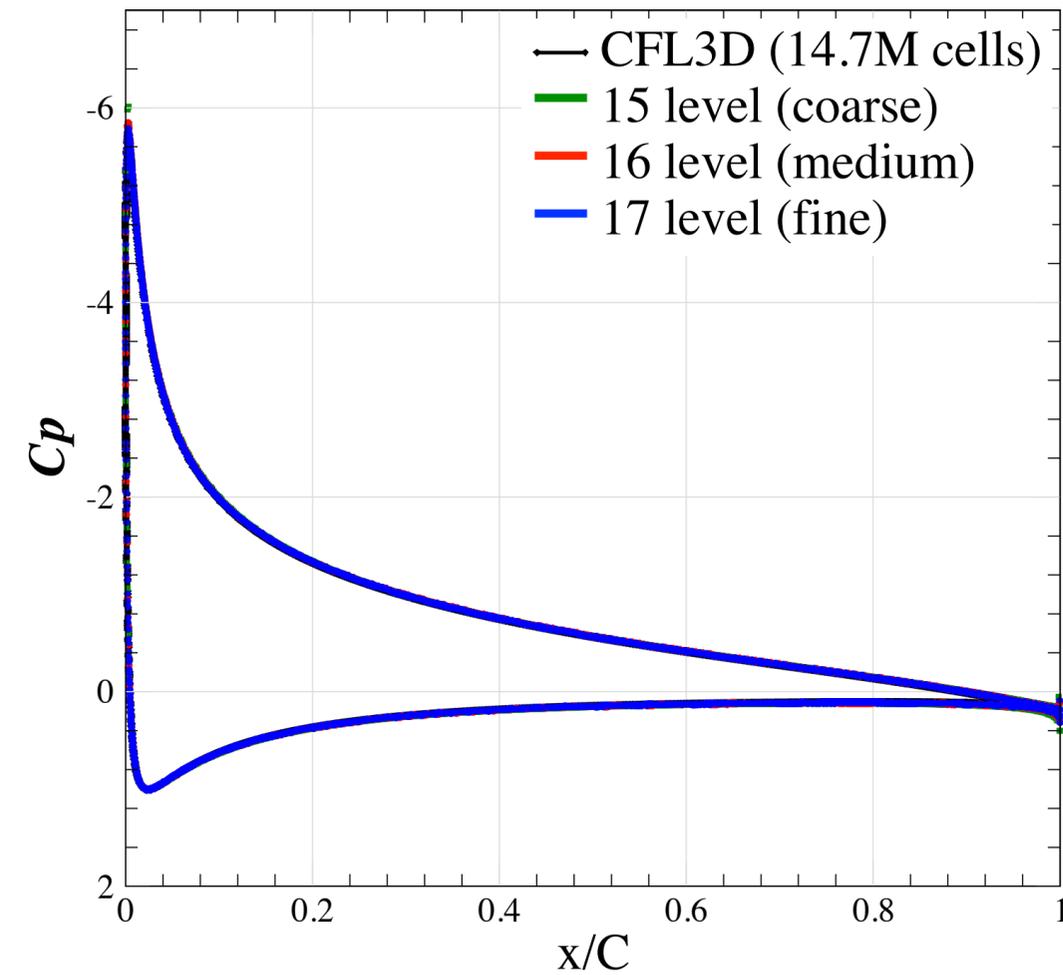
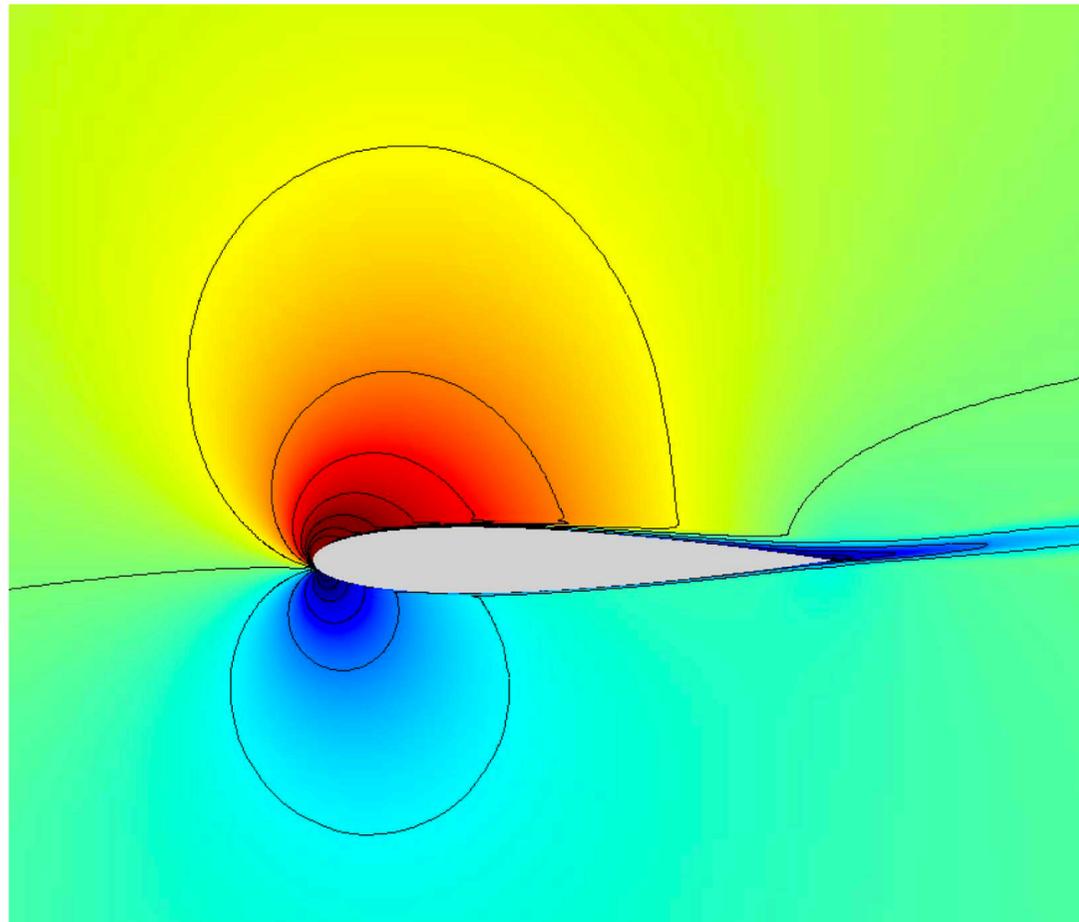
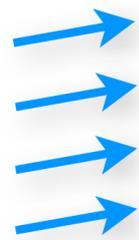
- Validation example “*2DN00: 2D NACA 0012 Airfoil Validation Case*” of TMR website
- Refinement studies on grids up to 14.7M points
- Compare with CFL3D, SA model with no circulation correction
- Use this case to dissect the role of various terms in the bvp4 model



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Modified NACA 0012 - Surface pressure mesh convergence

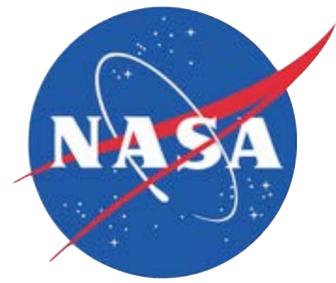
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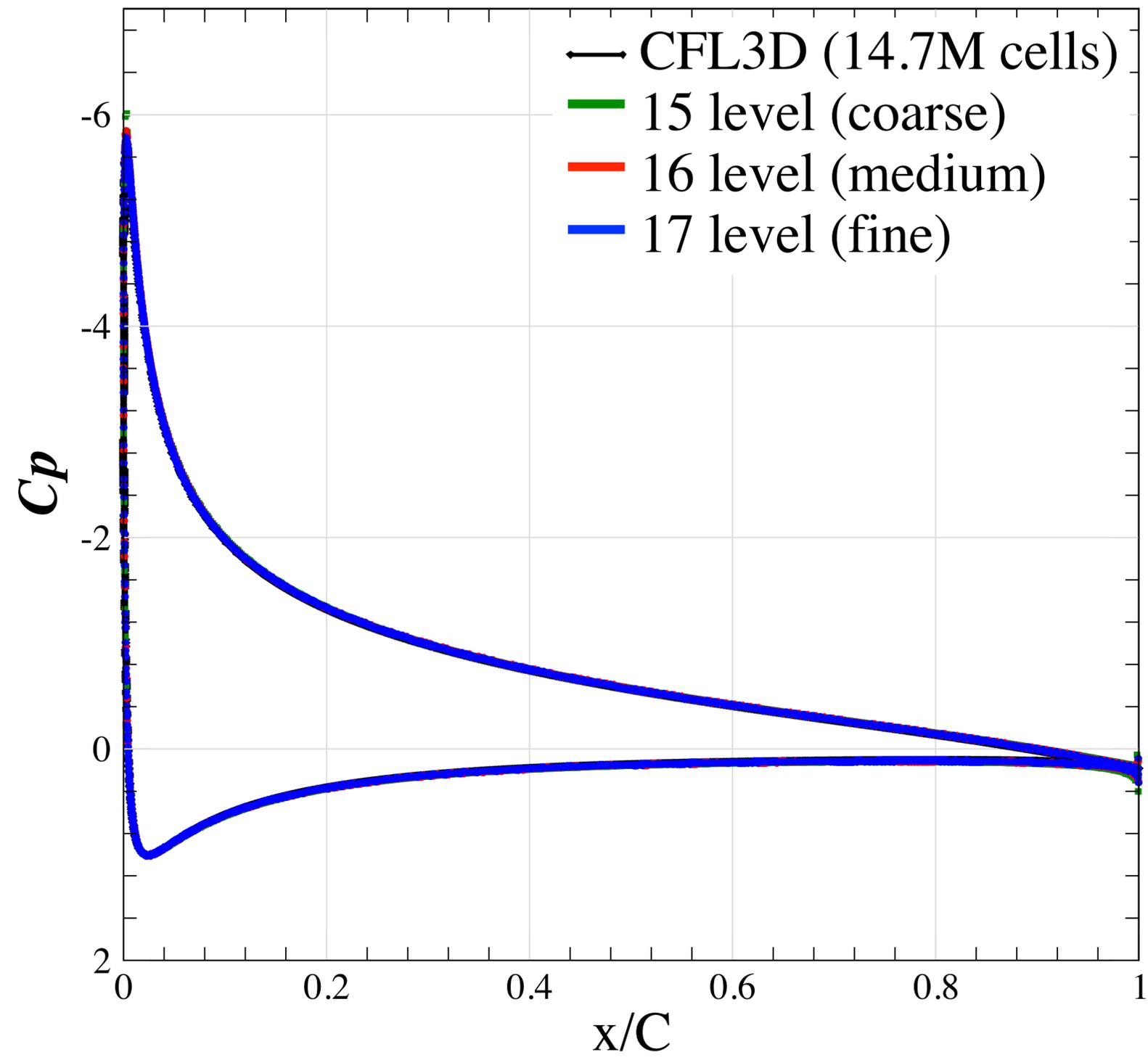
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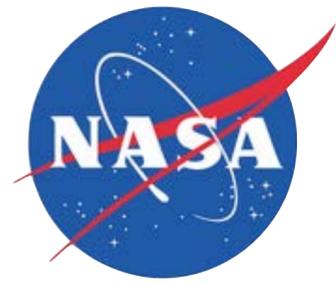
Coarse	15 levels	58 k	$\Delta x = \Delta y = 1.7 \text{e-}3 C$
Medium	16 levels	80 k	$\Delta x = \Delta y = 8.4 \text{e-}4 C$
Fine	17 levels	133 k	$\Delta x = \Delta y = 4.2 \text{e-}4 C$
Reference solution		14.7M	$1.\text{e-}7 C \times 1.25 \text{e-}5 C$



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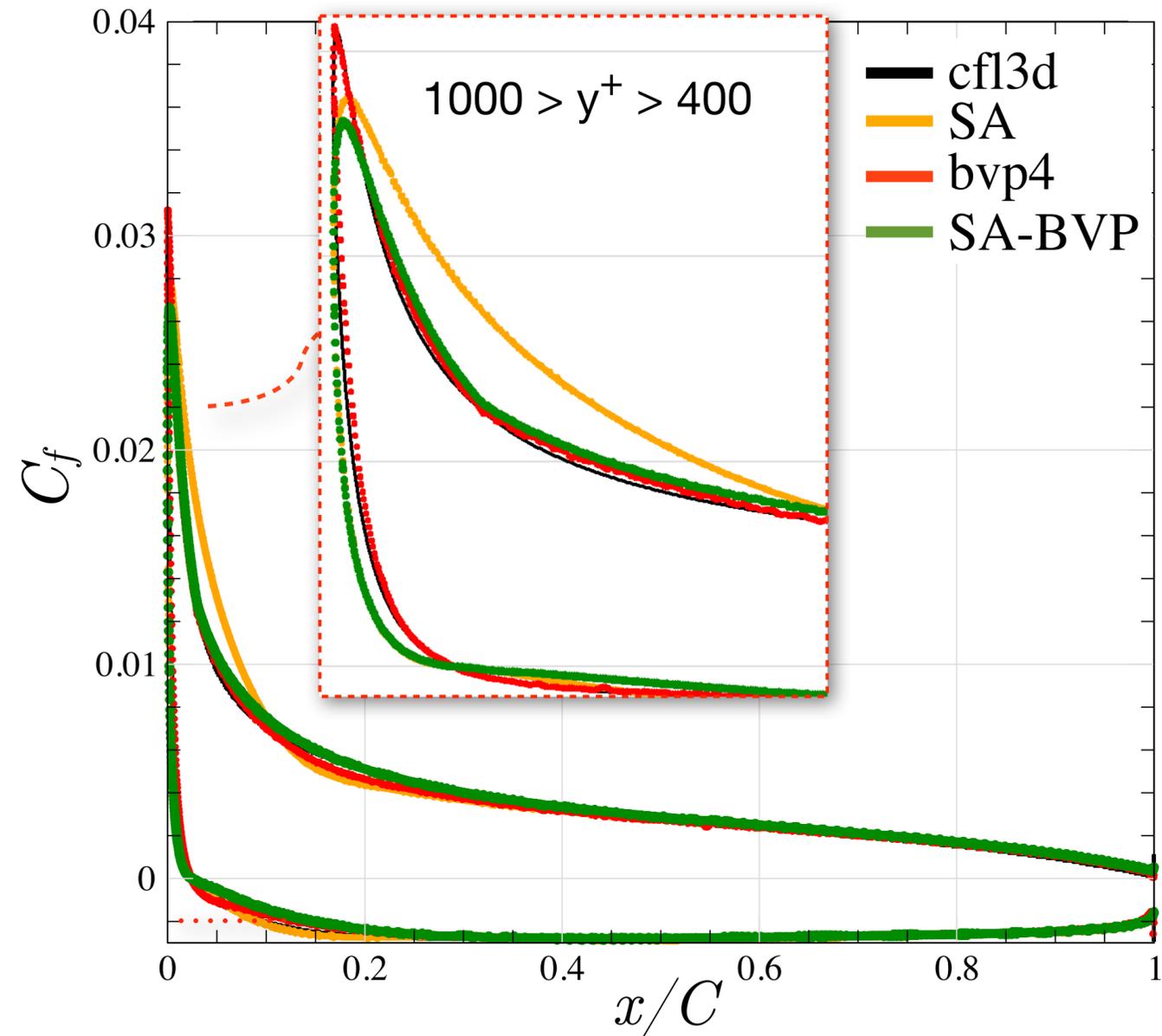




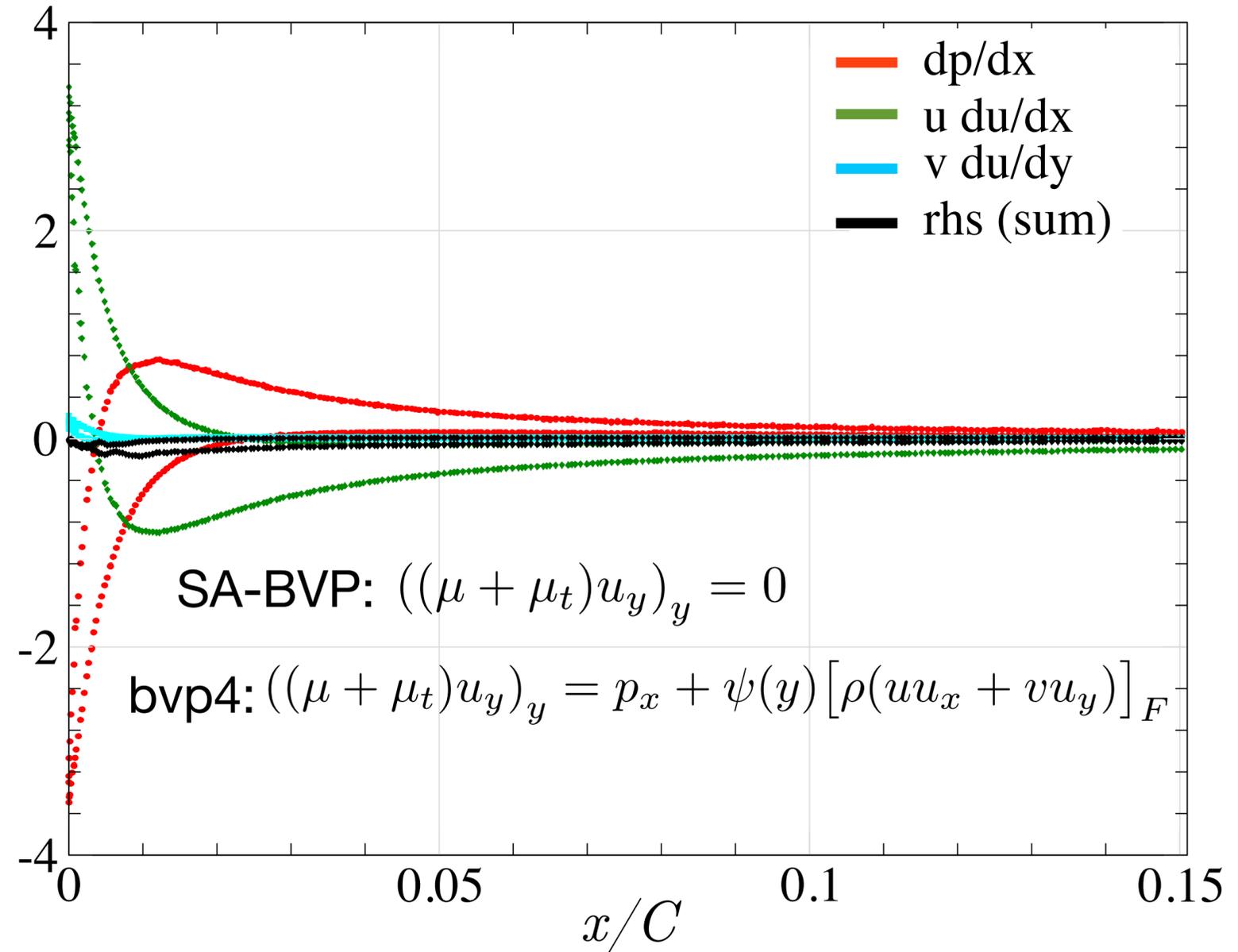
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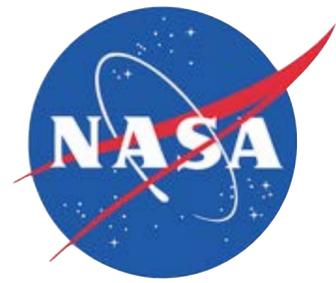
Skin Friction



Streamwise momentum balance at pt. F

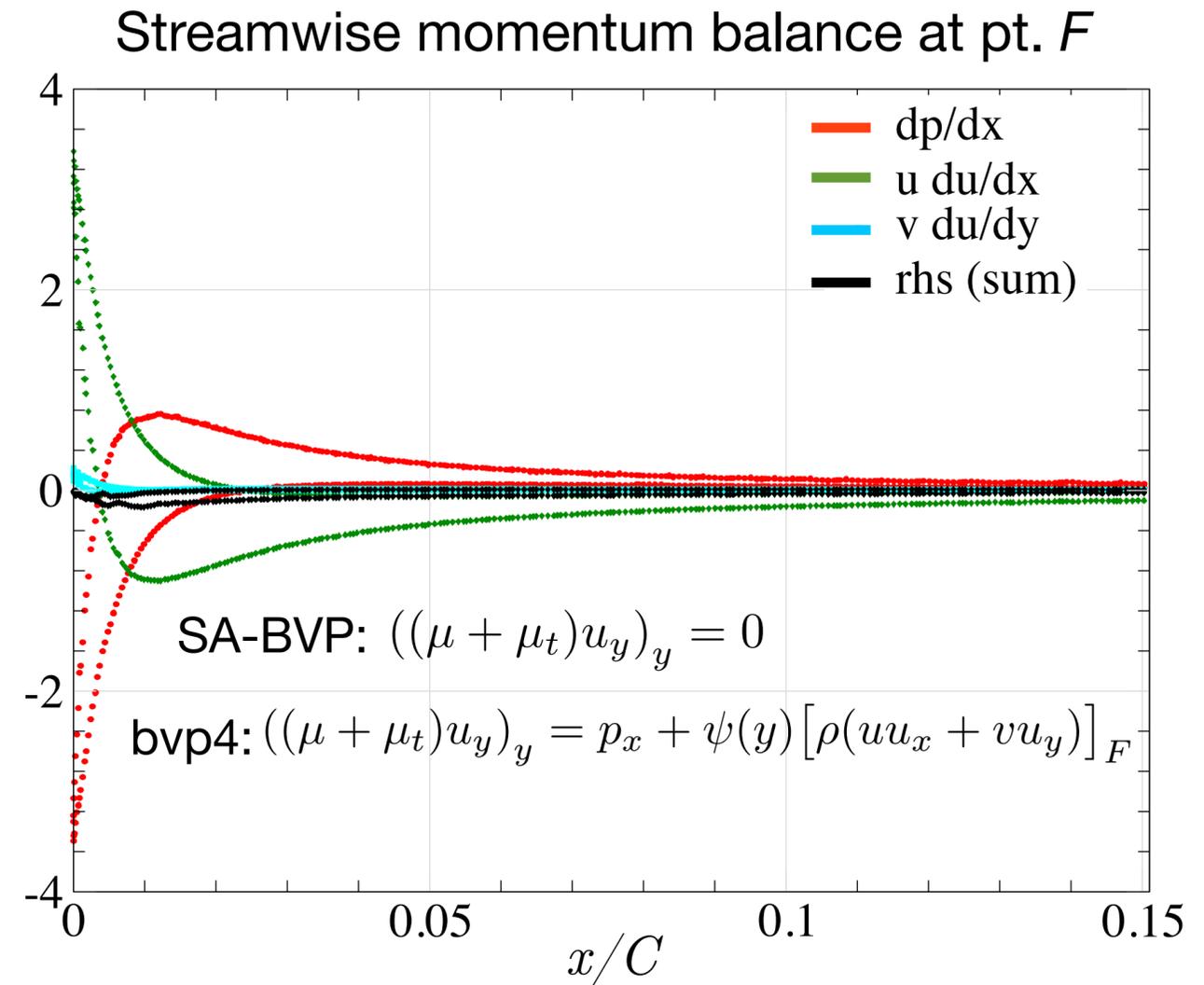
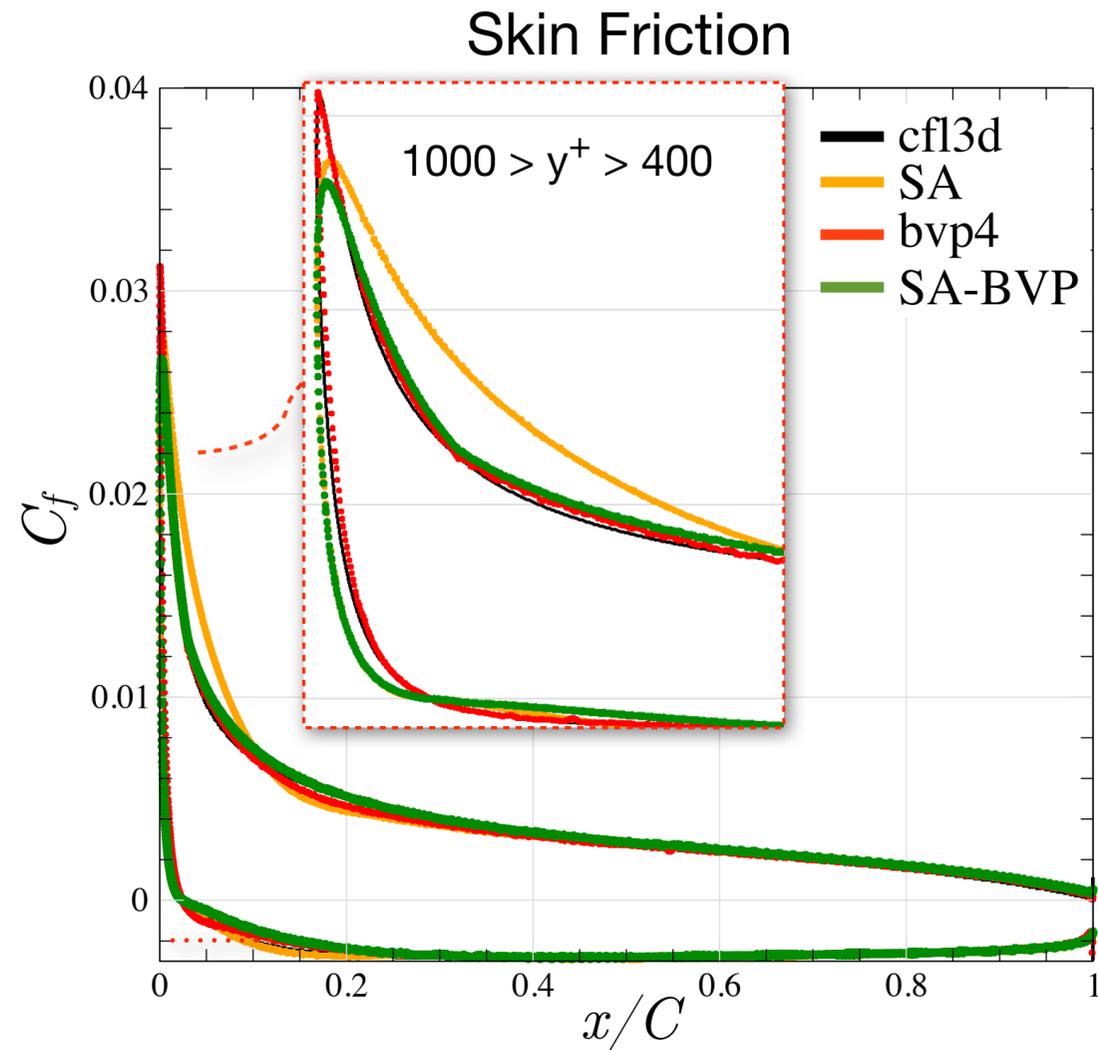


(Terms measured at forcing point)



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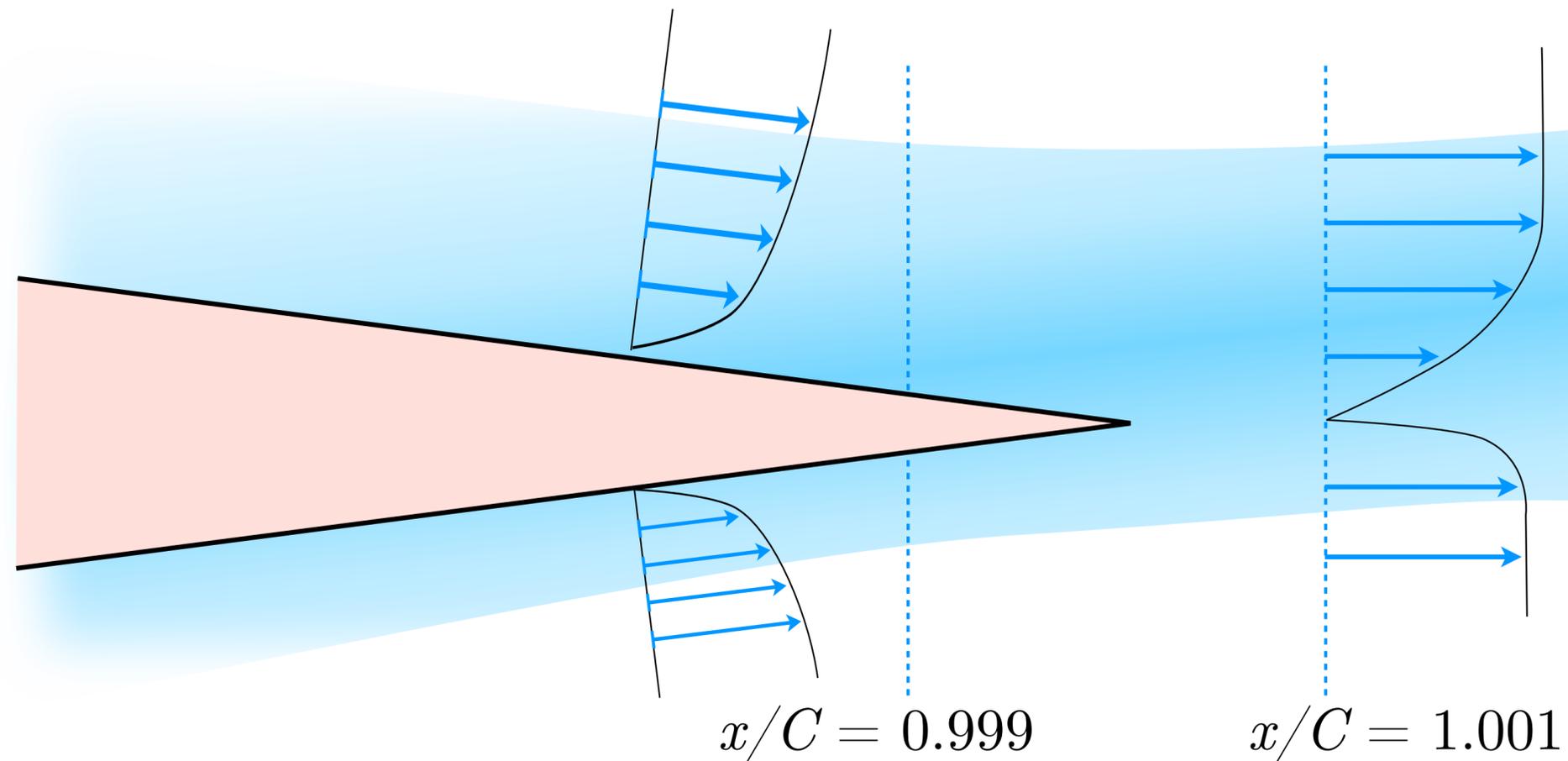
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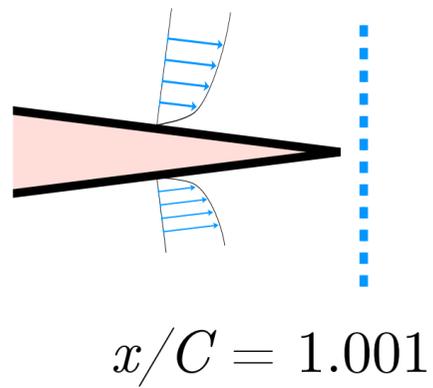
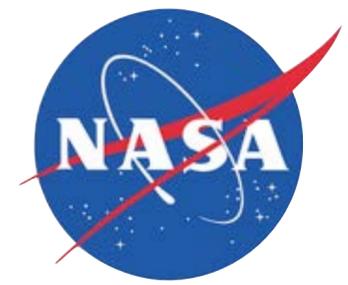
- SA-wall function lags both bvp4 model and SA-BVP skin friction, good around $y^+ = 300$
- SA-BVP does a good job, but misses peak and pressure-side near leading edge
- bvp4 sees p_x at the wall, but by the time you reach F , p_x is largely shutoff by the convective balance $(u u_x + v u_y)$ and RHS nearly vanishes

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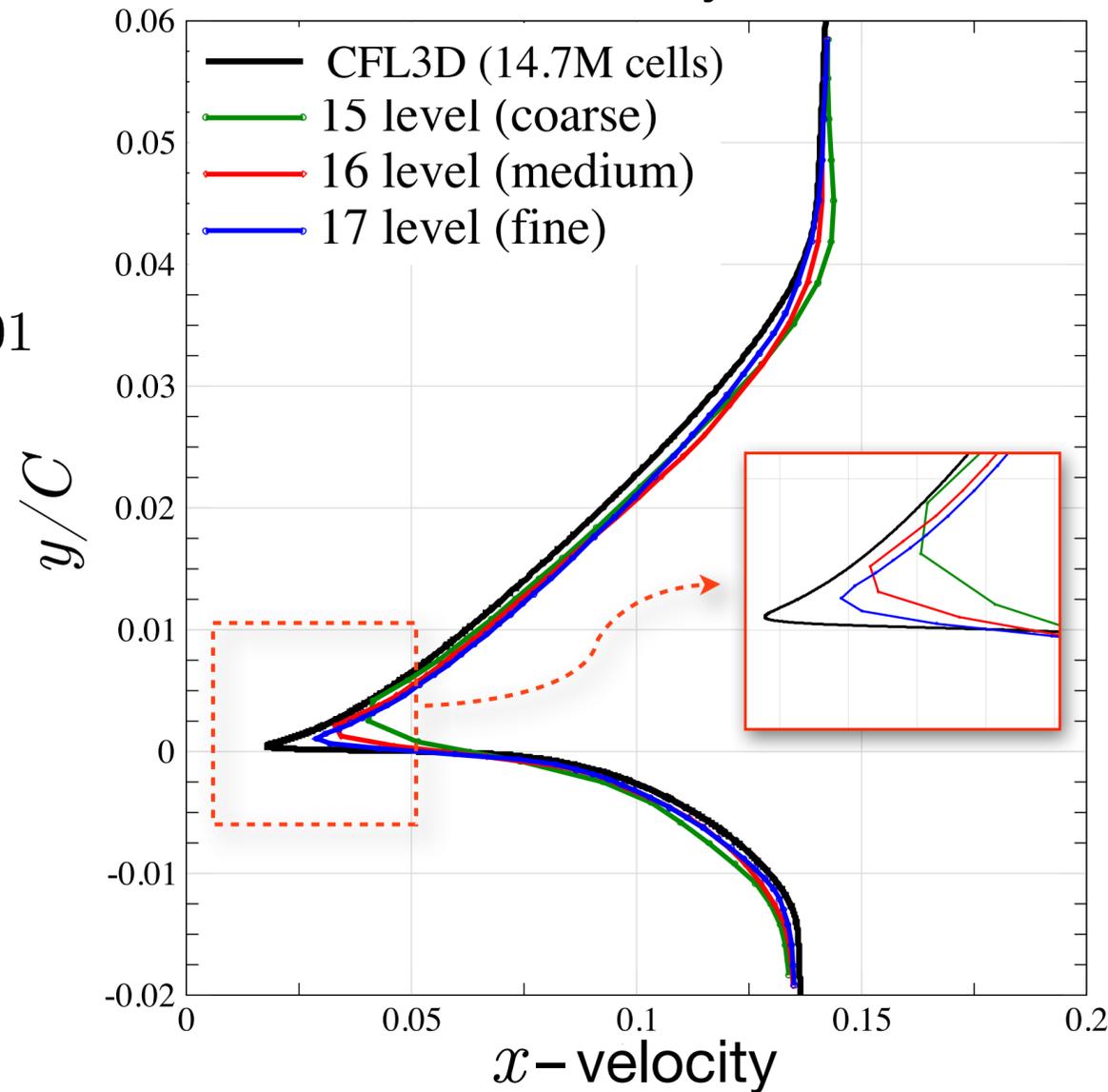
Modified NACA 0012 - Wake surveys of velocity and eddy viscosity



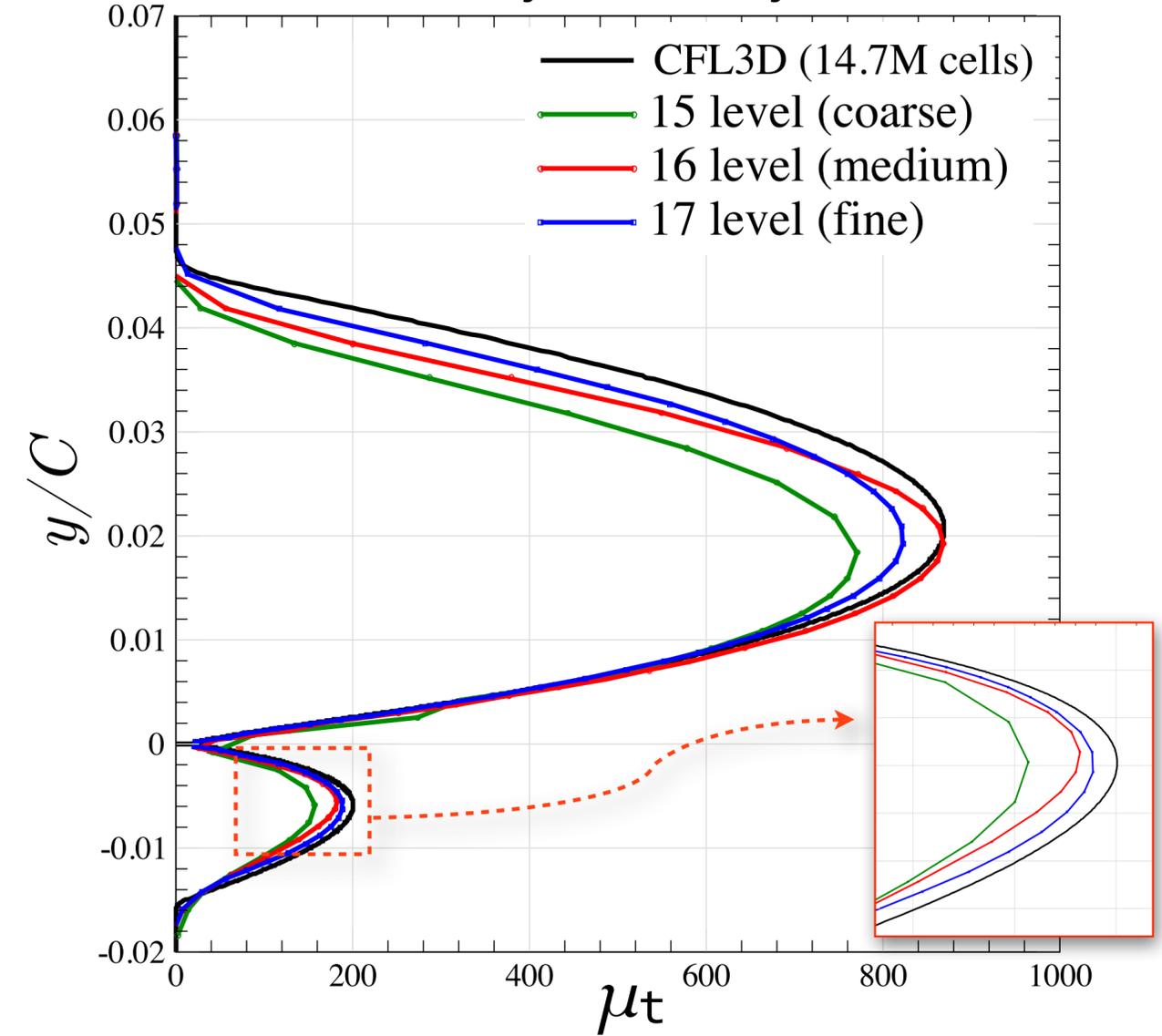
- Comparison data exist for profiles at $x/C = 0.999$ and 1.001
- Examine data at $x/C = 1.001$, (similar results at $x/C = 0.999$)



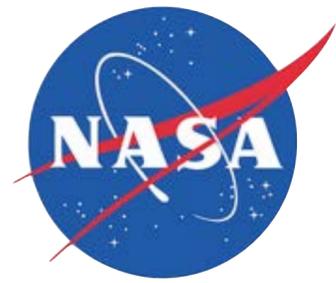
Wake Velocity Profile



Wake Eddy Viscosity Profile



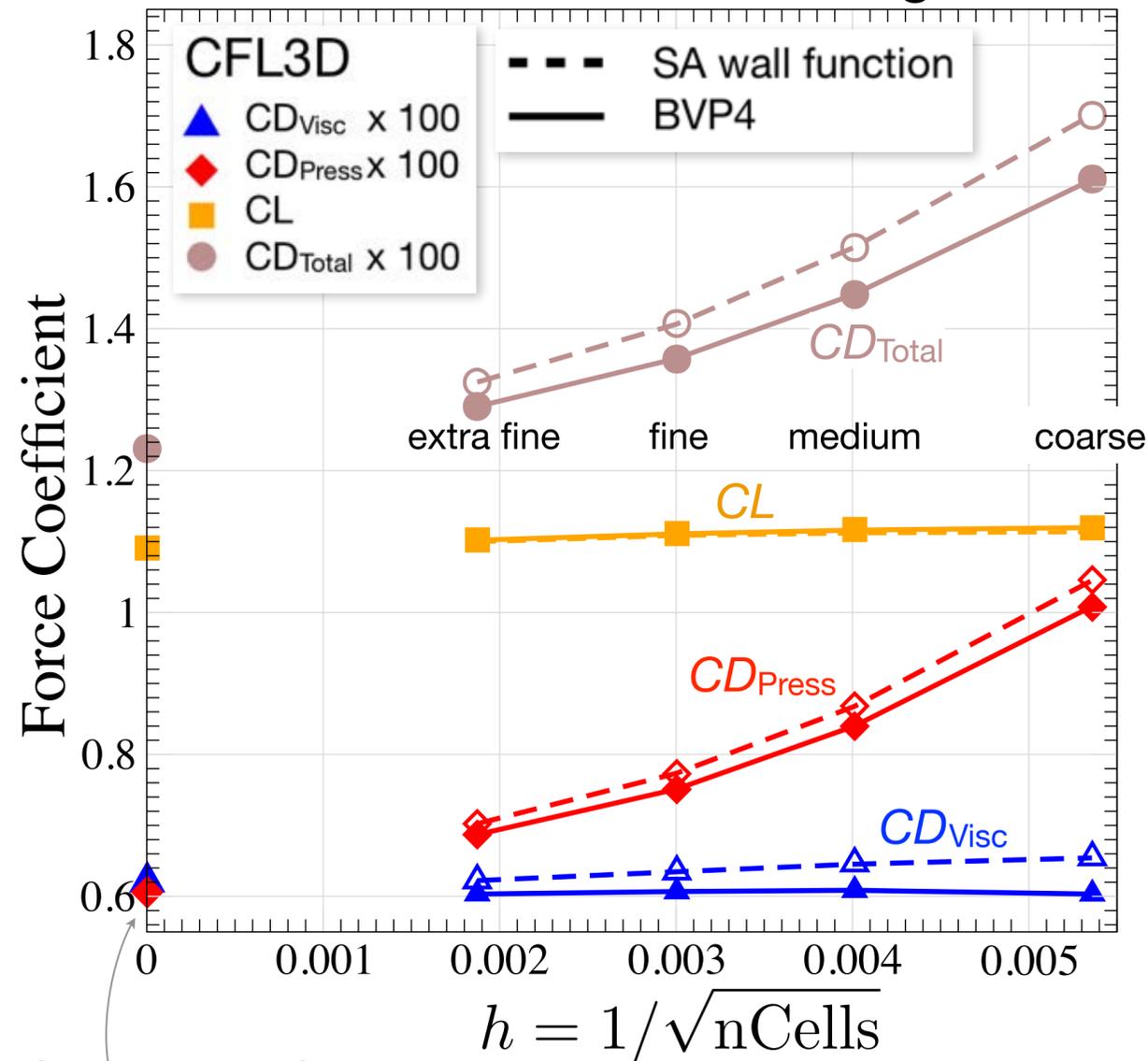
- Low dissipation inviscid flux helps resolution in cusp – good mesh convergence behavior
- Lower surface eddy viscosity shows good mesh convergence
- Upper surface eddy viscosity not yet mesh converged – literature shows slow convergence



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Mesh convergence of integrated force coefficients

Force Coefficient Convergence



- NASA TMR has mesh convergence data*
- Show extrapolated “infinite grid” values of force coefs.
- Analysis by Diskin *et al.*[†] shows challenges obtaining mesh converged results,
- Pressure drag converges slowest
- $C_{D,visc}$ is within 2 counts on the coarsest mesh
- Full disclosure: *Re-ran using mesh family with outer boundary located at 500C, added “extra fine” mesh*

	Coarse	Medium	Fine	extra fine	Reference
nCells	35 k	62 k	111 k	285 k	14.7 M
LE & TE spacing	0.086% <i>C</i>	0.05% <i>C</i>	0.032% <i>C</i>	0.016% <i>C</i>	0.00125% <i>C</i>

mesh converged
extrapolated values

* Data from CFL3D with SA model on “family II” grid, no point vortex correction & 2nd-order turbulent advection

† AIAA 2015-1746 “Grid Convergence for Turbulent Flow”, Diskin, Thomas, Rumsey & Schwöppe

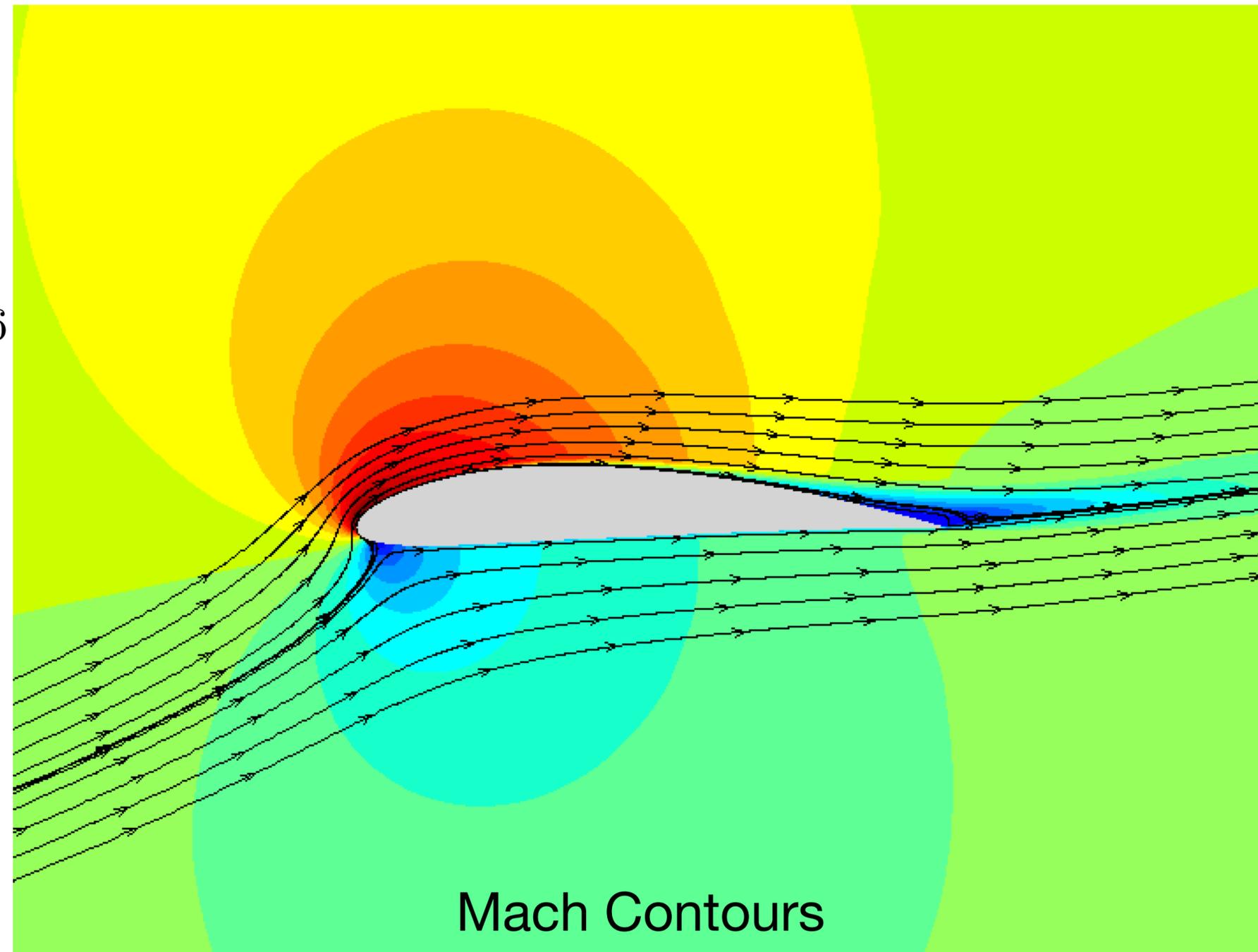
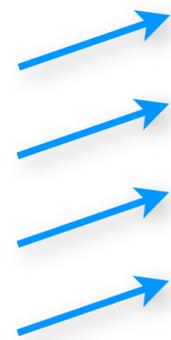
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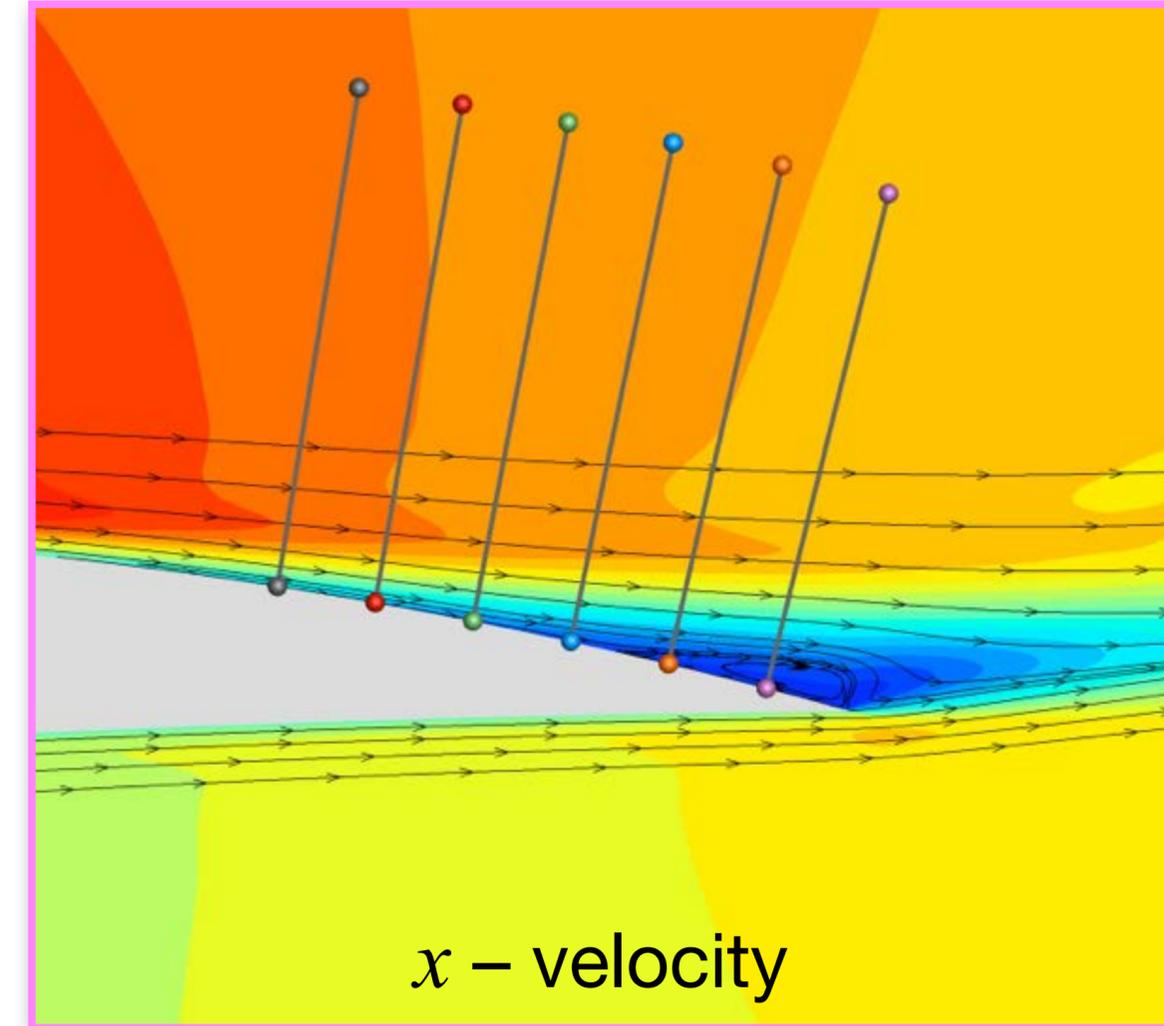
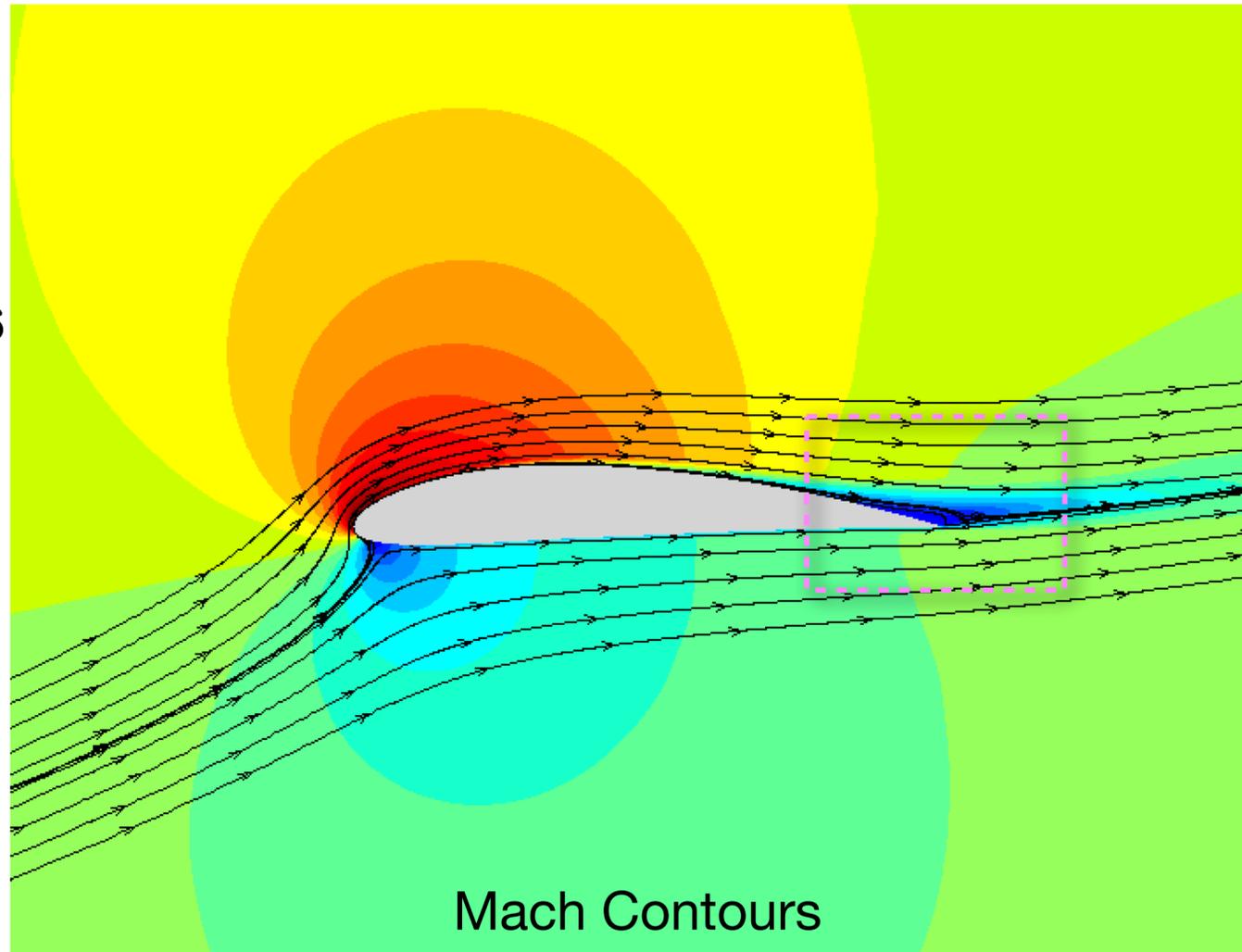
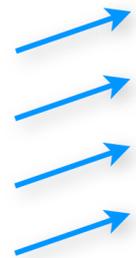
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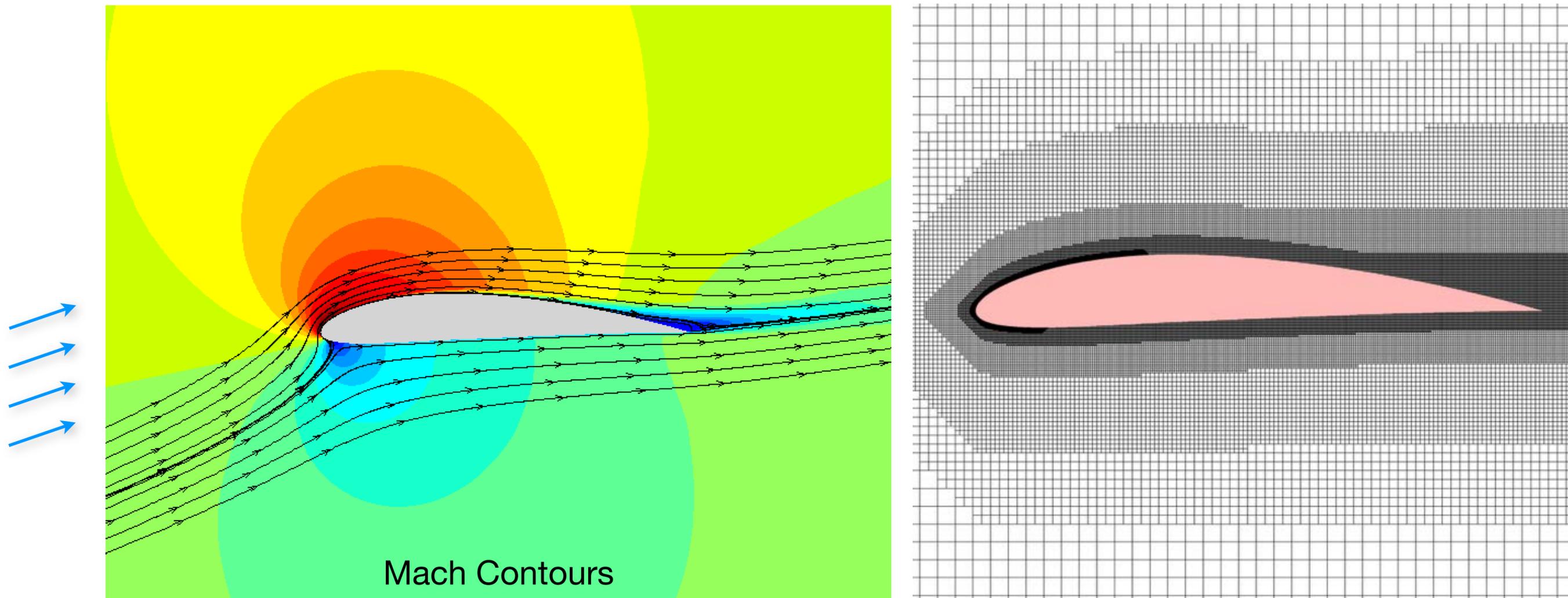
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- Validation example in the “Extended cases” section of NASA TMR
- Near maximum lift conditions with a smooth-body separation bubble
- Experiment by Coles & Wadcock (1979) with hot-wire velocity profiles
- Reference data form CFL3D on 897 x 257 grid ($\approx 230k$ points)

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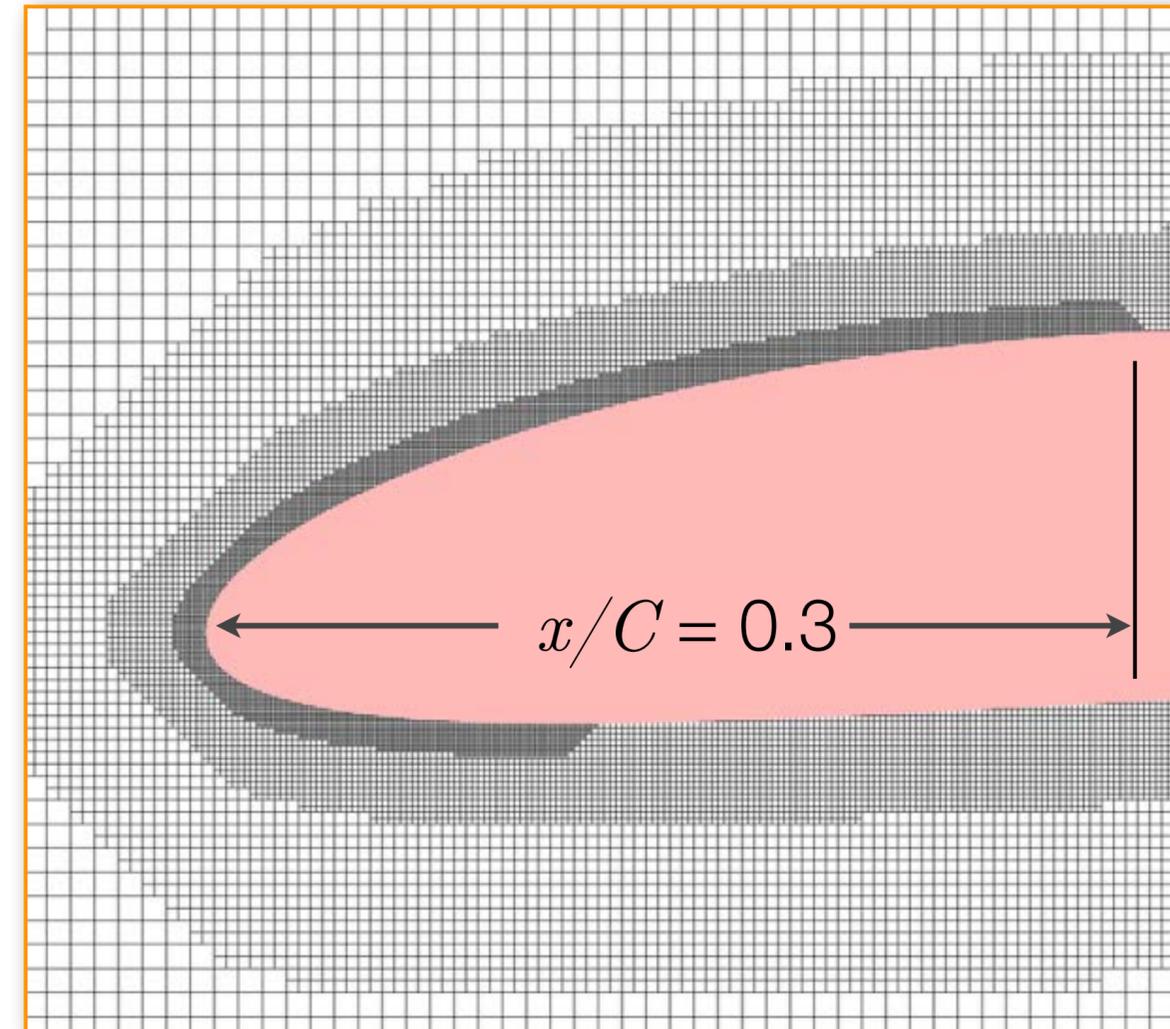
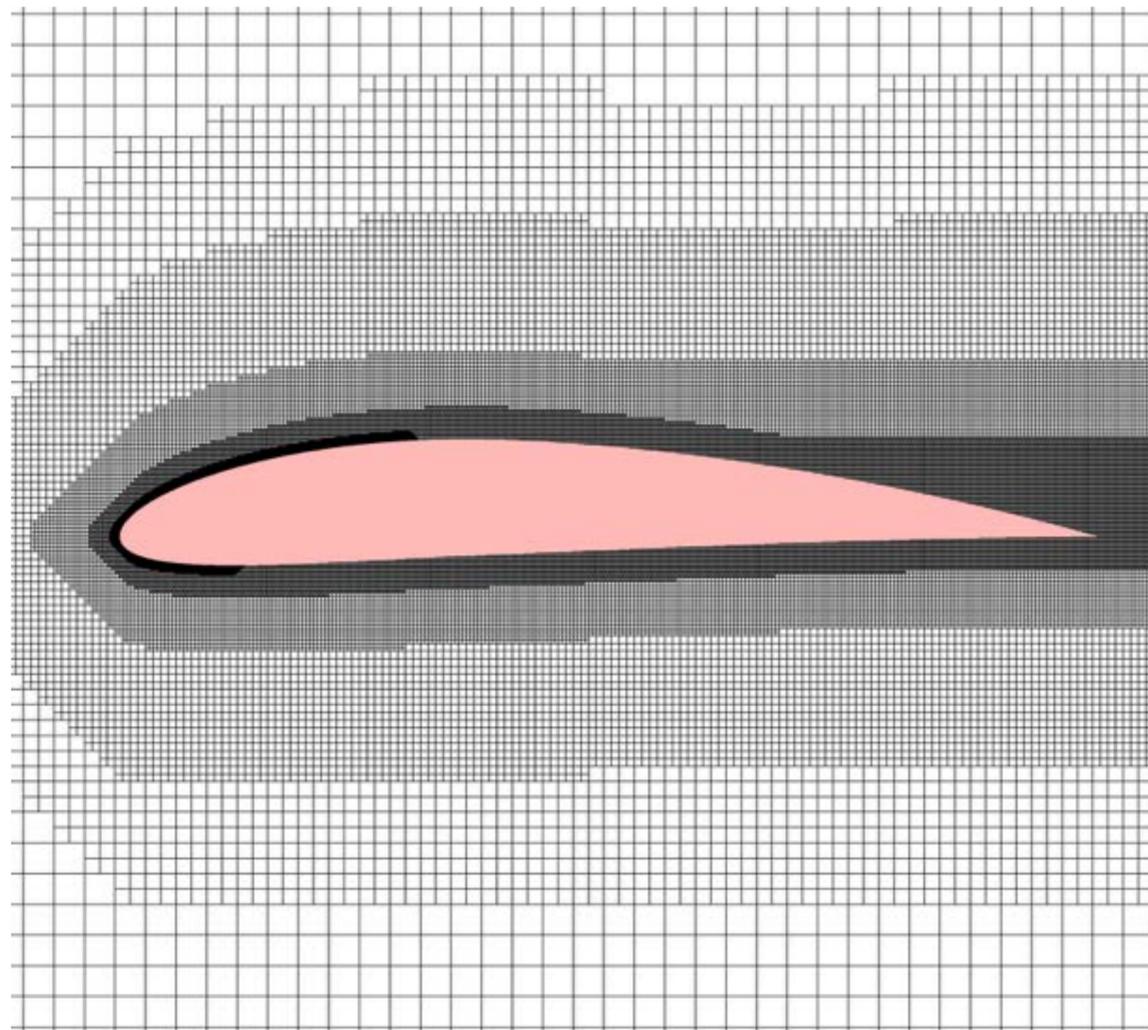
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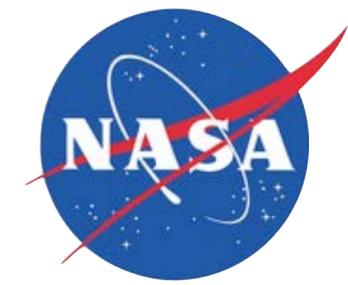
- Multilevel Cartesian mesh with ~59k cells
- 1-level of mesh refinement near leading edge
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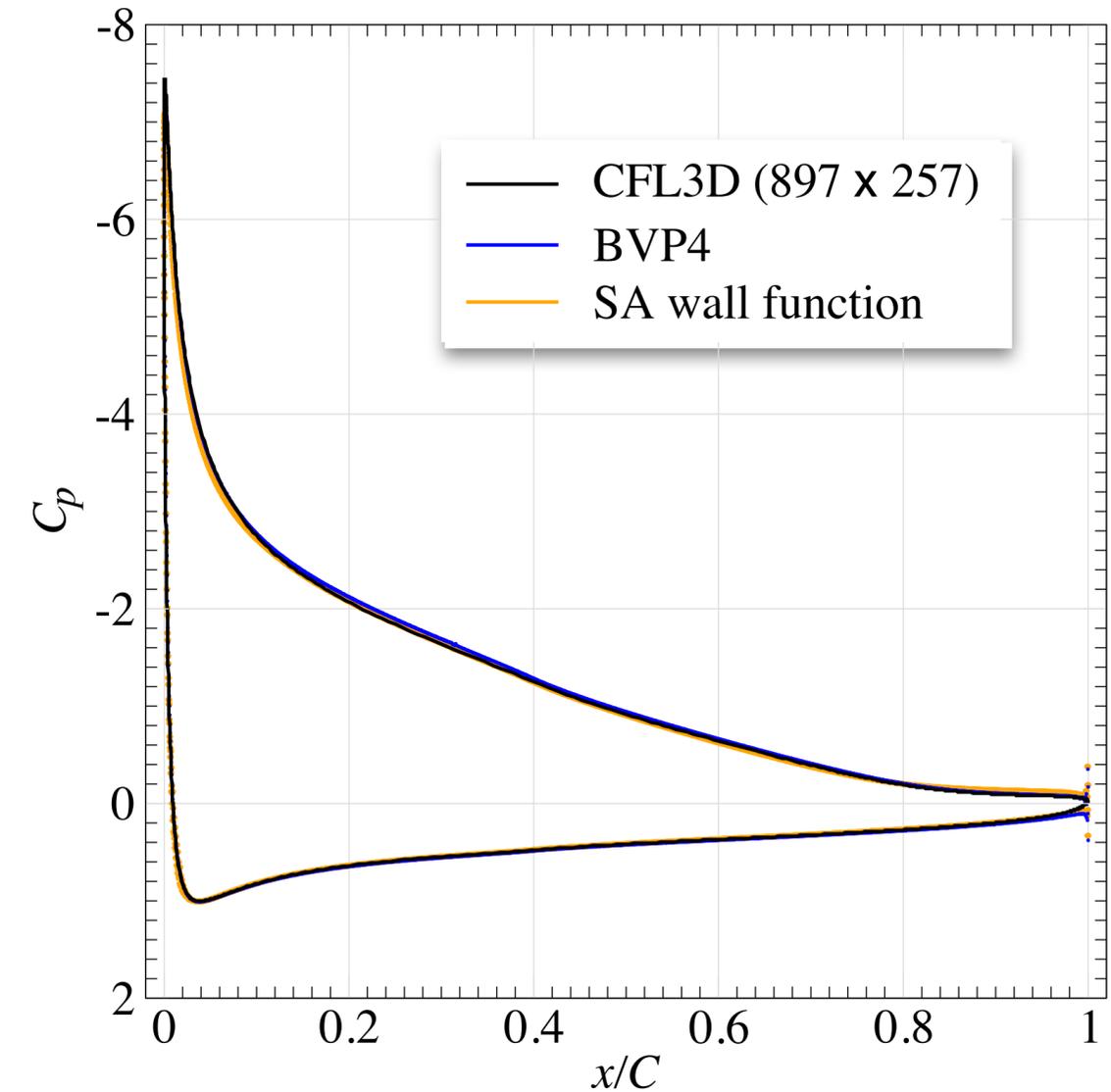
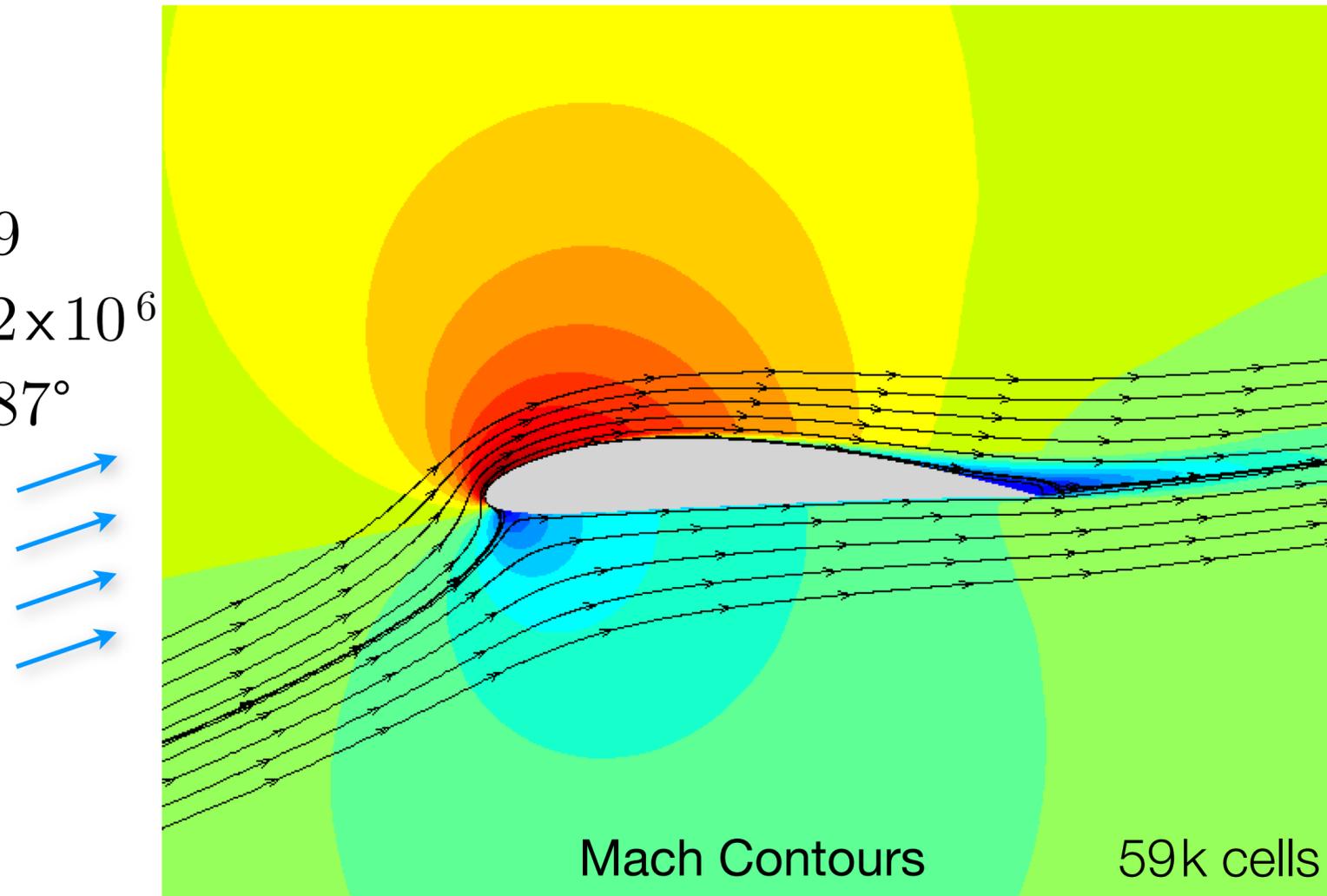
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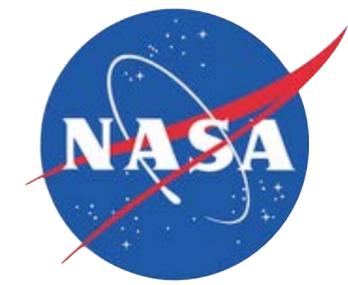
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Modified NACA 4412 – Surface pressure comparison

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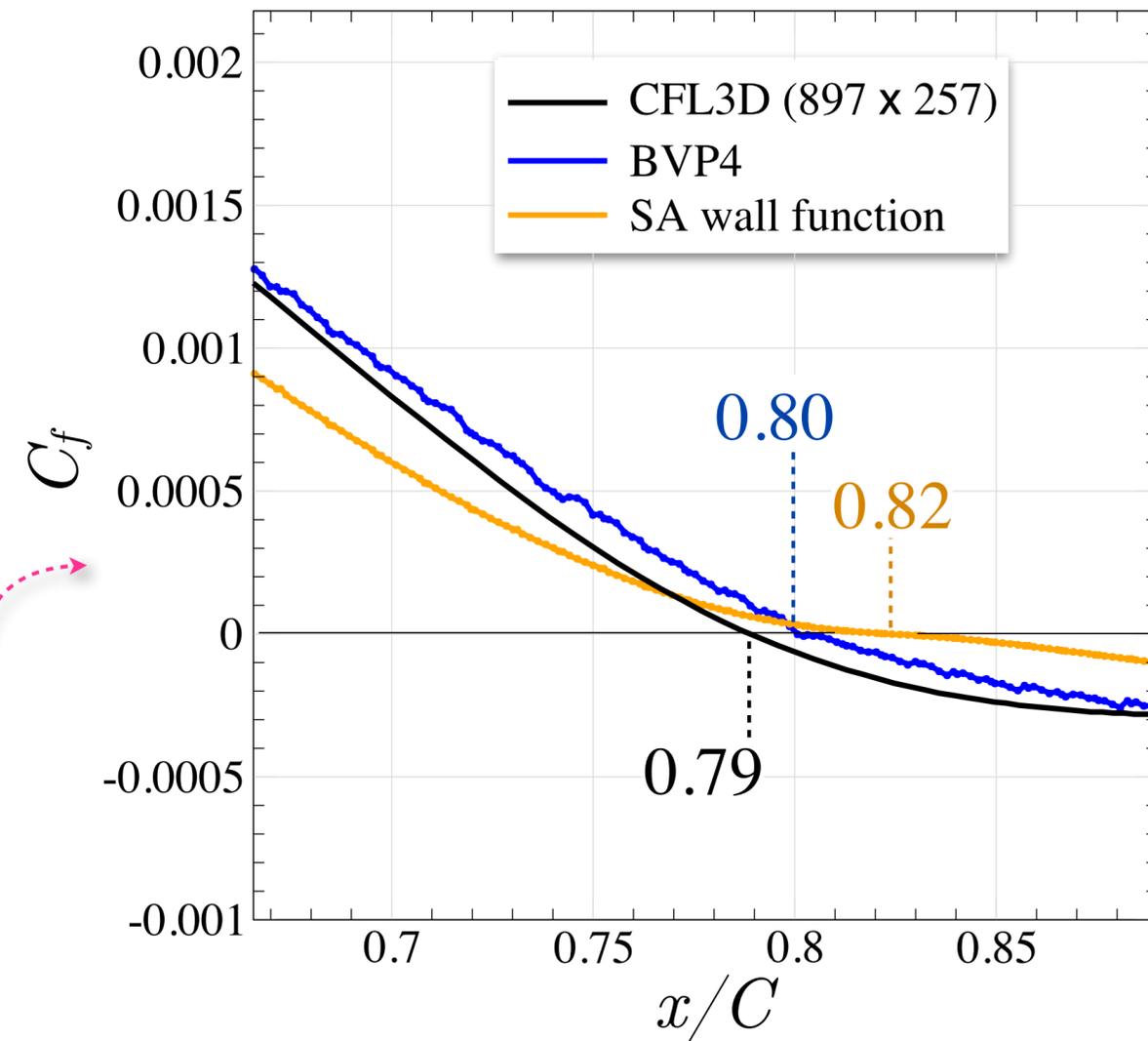
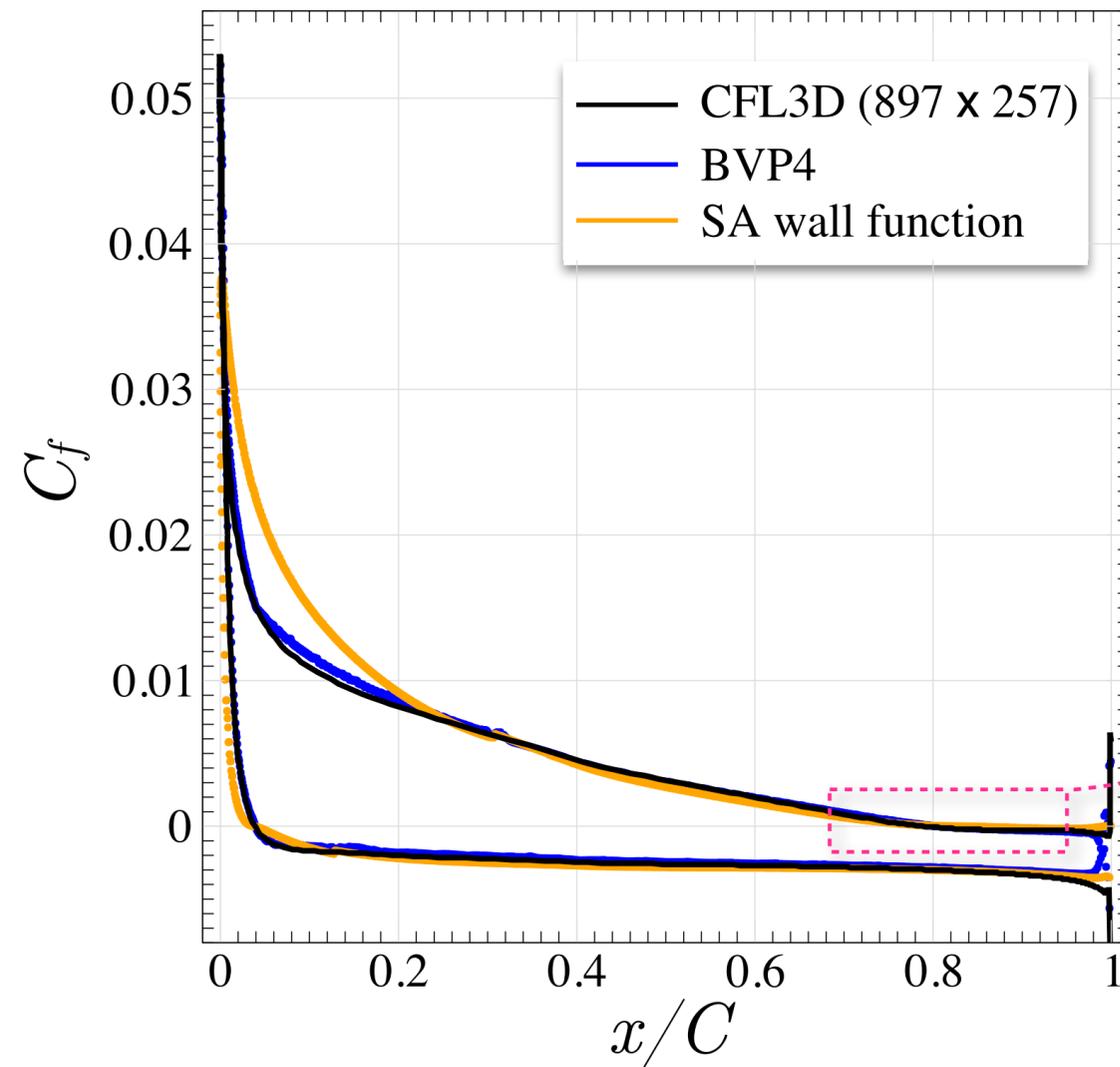


- Good comparison of surface pressure coefficient with both models
- SA-wall function & bvp4 nearly indistinguishable from CFL3D results



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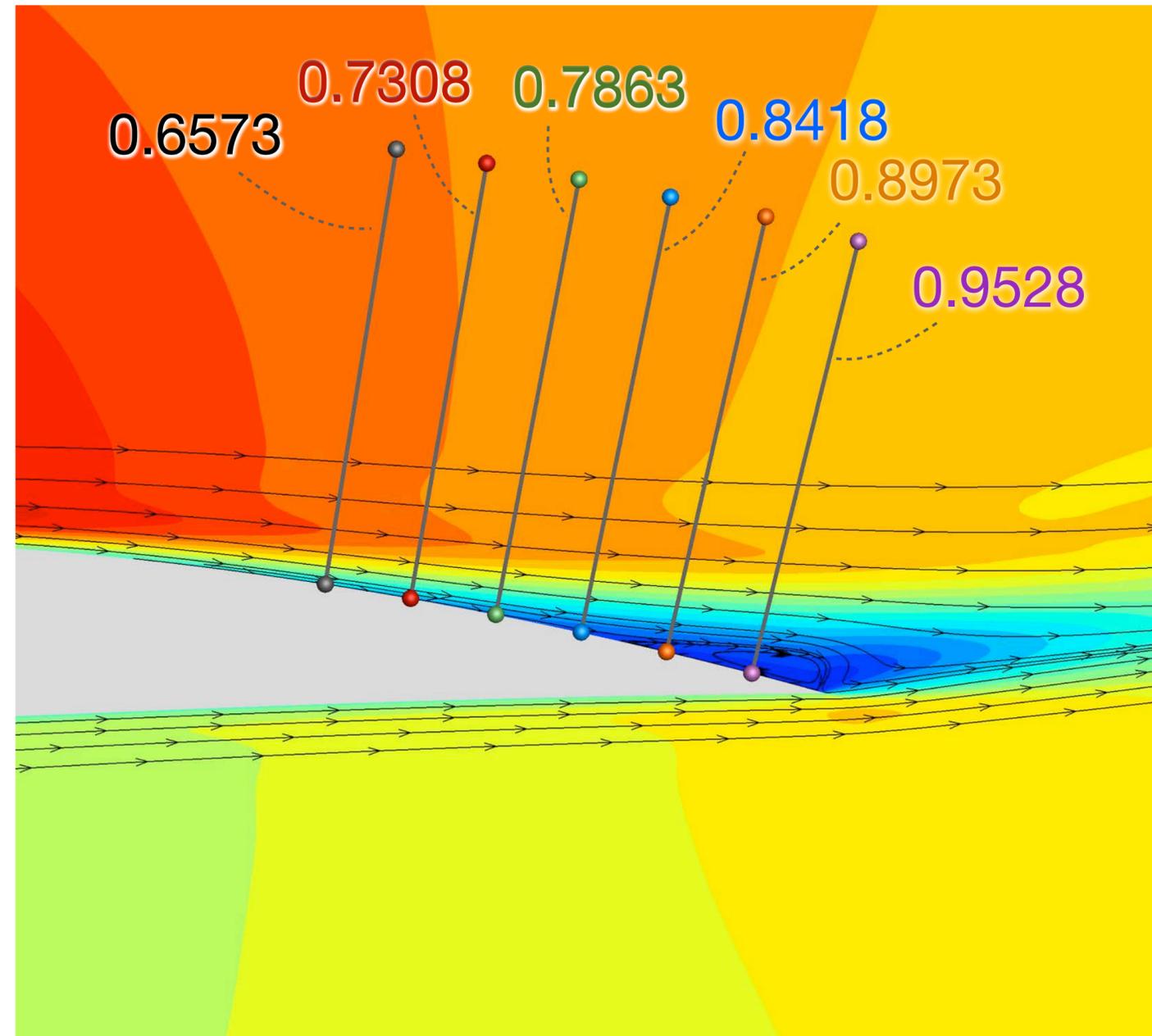
Modified NACA 4412 – Skin friction comparison



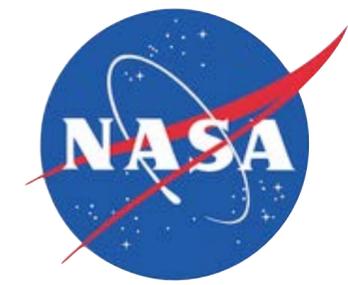
- bvp4 substantially outperforms wall function near leading edge with thin boundary-layer & steep pressure gradient
- bvp4 predicts separation location within 1% of mesh resolved CFL3D result
- Noise in bvp4 due to interpolation of $(u u_x & v u_y)$ at forcing point

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Modified NACA 4412 – Velocity comparison near separation

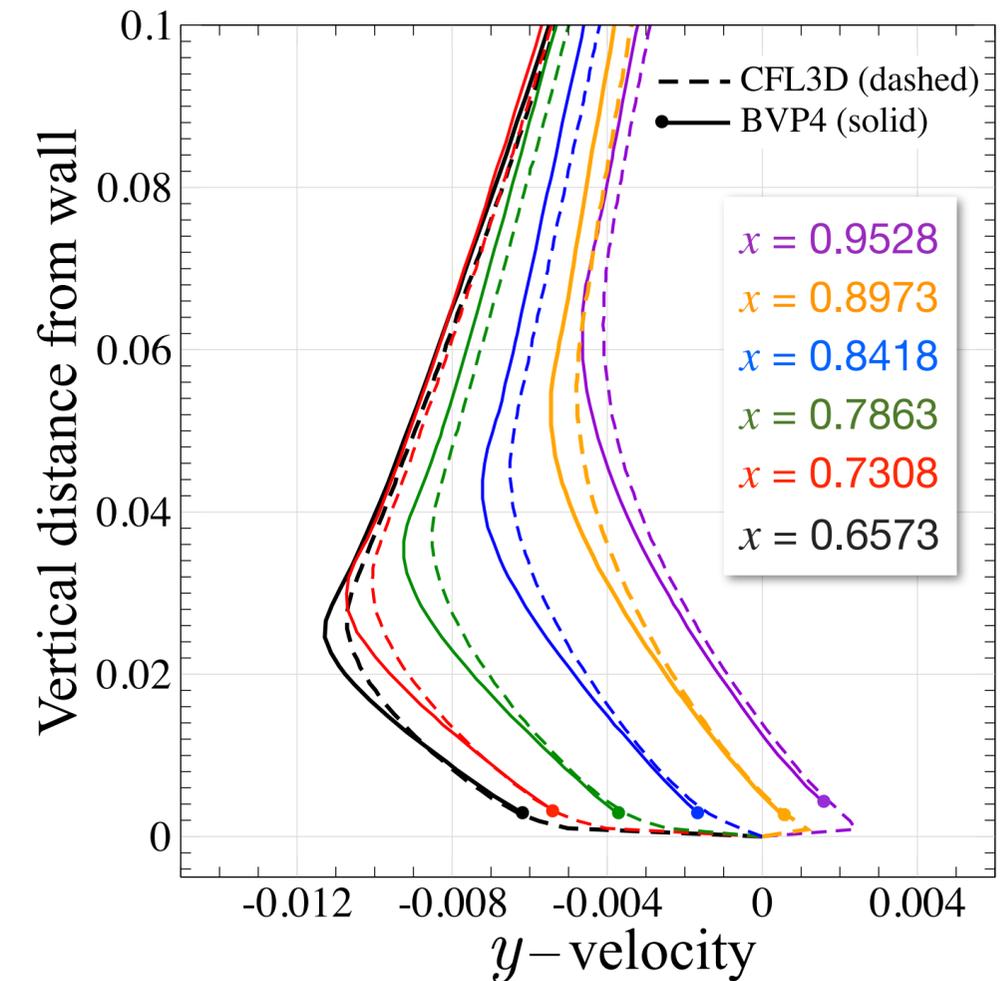
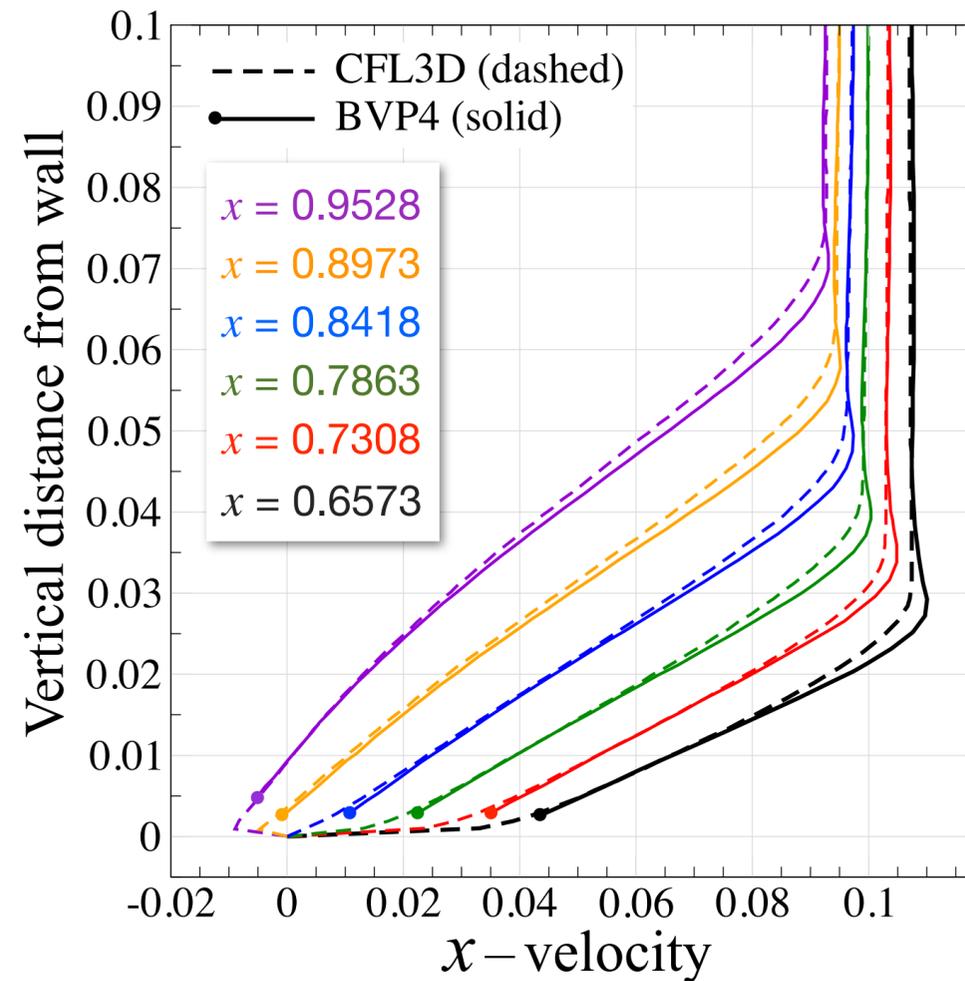
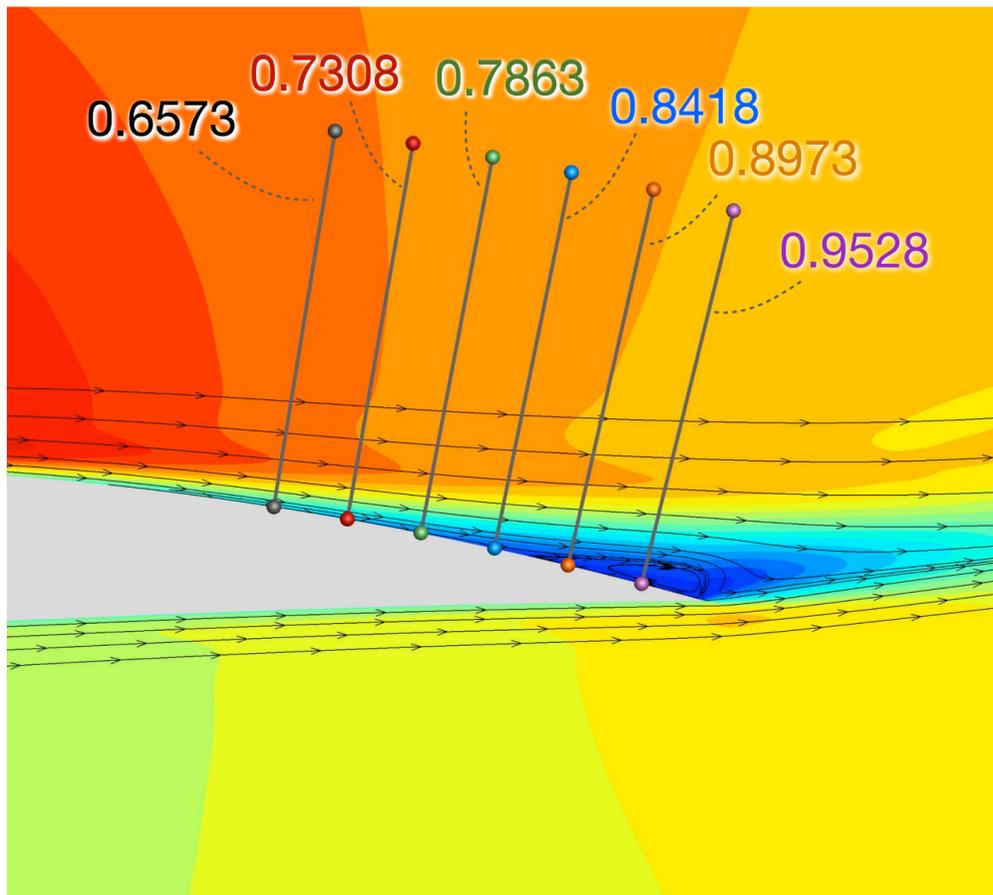


Locations of hot-wire surveys in experiment (Coles & Wadcock, 1979)

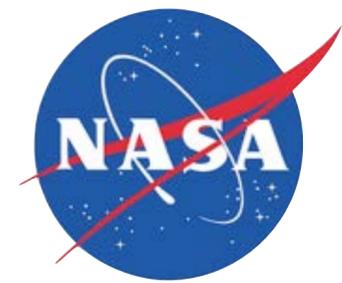


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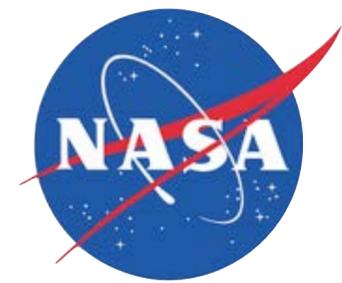


- Good prediction of both x and y components of velocity through separation bubble
- Vertical velocity about an order of magnitude smaller than horizontal
- Slight “viscous overshoot” due to coarseness of Cartesian mesh, $\Delta x = \Delta y = 0.2\%C$



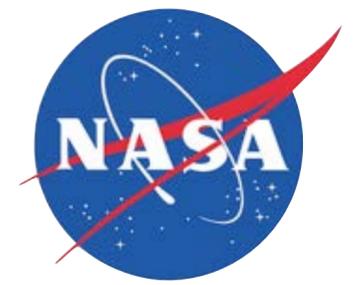
Summary

- Developed a new ODE-based wall model for RANS equations & presented initial V&V studies. Demonstrated on several well-studied flows including one with smooth body separation
- *bvp4* model:
 - Solves a coupled set of ODEs posed as two-point boundary value problems for the streamwise velocity and the turbulent viscosity
 - Includes both the streamwise pressure gradient and the convective balance and is valid at significantly larger values of y^+ than analytic wall functions
 - All the ODE solves are completely local and are driven by data at a single field point
 - Computational cost is about 2-3x that of analytic wf's on same mesh
- ✓ Permits wall spacing on the outer mesh that is 4 to 8 times coarser than is possible with analytic wall functions
- ✓ Can be used on both body-fitted & non-body fitted meshes
- ✓ Shows promise for non-body-fitted RANS



ToDo List

- Driving source of error in most of the simulations to date has been discretization error on Cartesian mesh - Do we need to improve the Cartesian mesh scheme?
- Issues with interpolation stencil for forcing points:
 - Smoother interpolation from background mesh to forcing points
 - Adaptation interfaces in streamwise direction against body
- Examine issues with re-laminarization near the leading edge and when the boundary layer is extremely thin near stag point - look at standard recommendations on background levels of V_{SA}
- Mesh generation module for enriching an existing mesh for RANS simulation

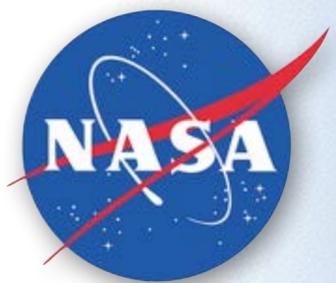


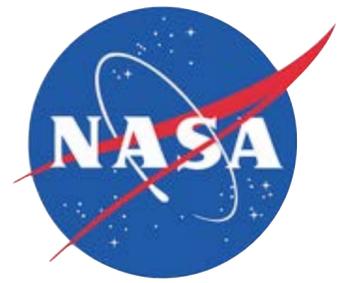
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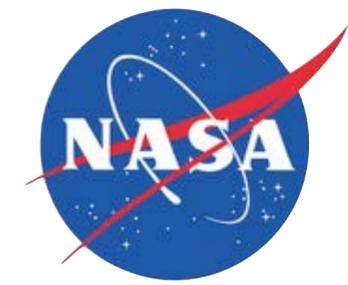
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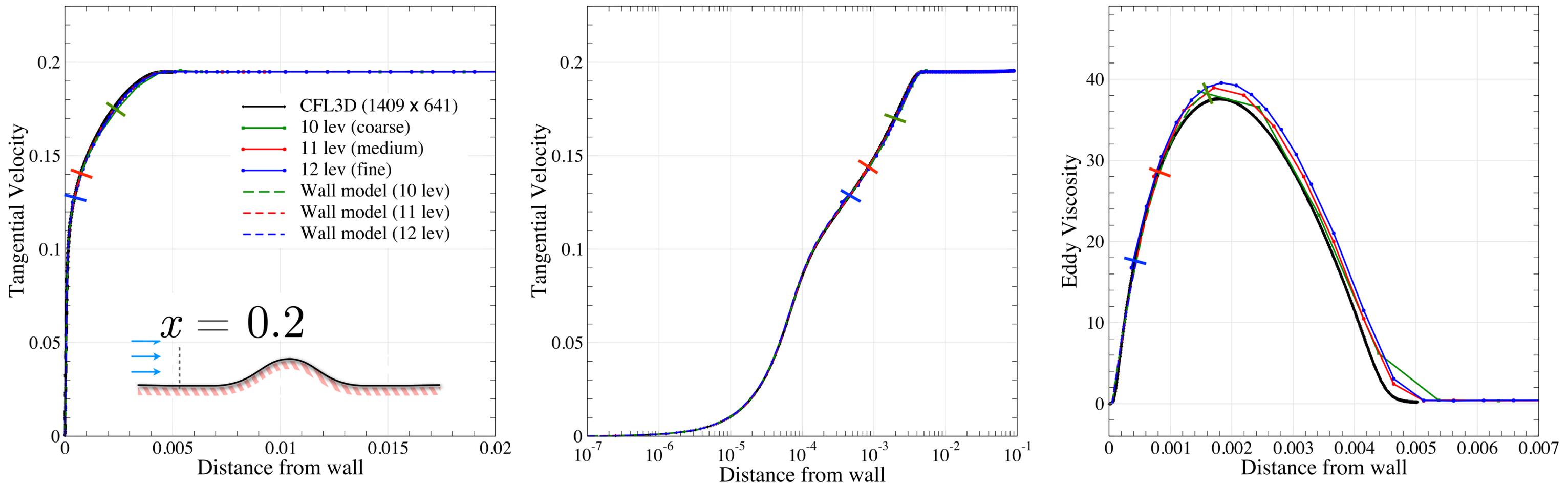
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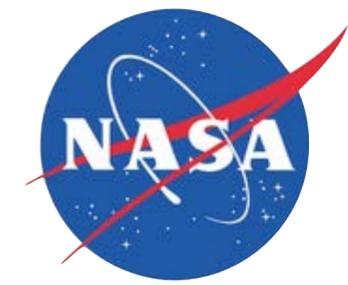


Turbulent Bump In Channel

Bump: Boundary layer velocity and eddy viscosity profiles

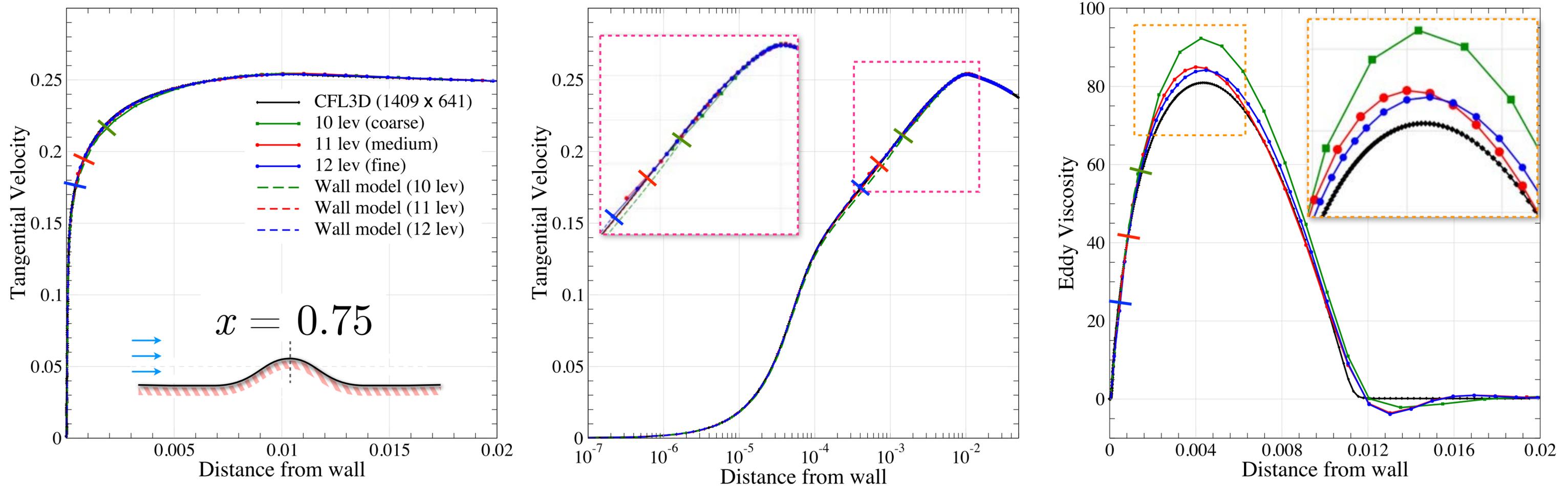


- 7 curves on each plot, (wall model & field solution) x (coarse, med, fine) + CFL3D
- Very good agreement for velocity, good agreement for eddy viscosity
- $x = 0.2$ is the most under resolved station, $\sim 4-5$ Cartesian cells in boundary layer

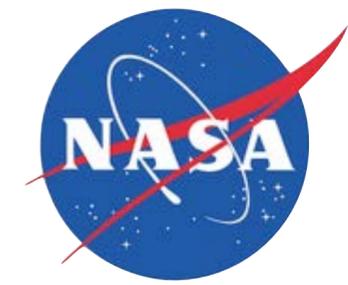


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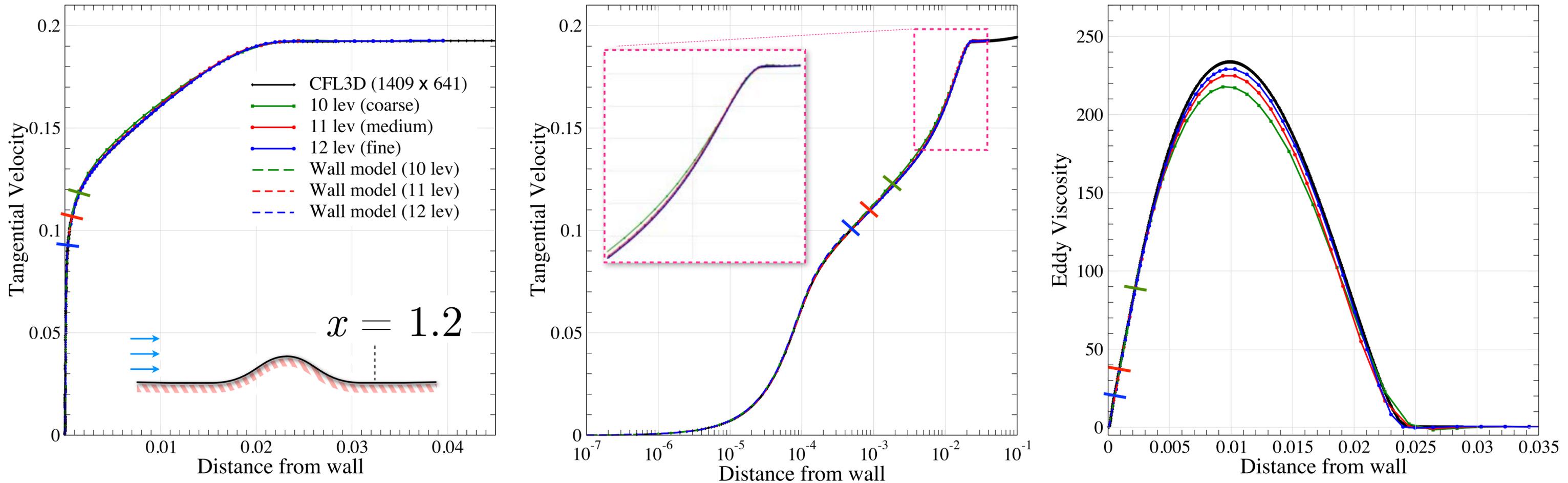


- About twice as much Cartesian resolution at $x = 0.75$
- Profile shows effects of moderate favorable pressure gradient on the front of the bump
- Data from the wall model collapses to reference solution regardless of outer resolution
- Eddy viscosity slightly overpredicted due to lack of resolution in outer mesh



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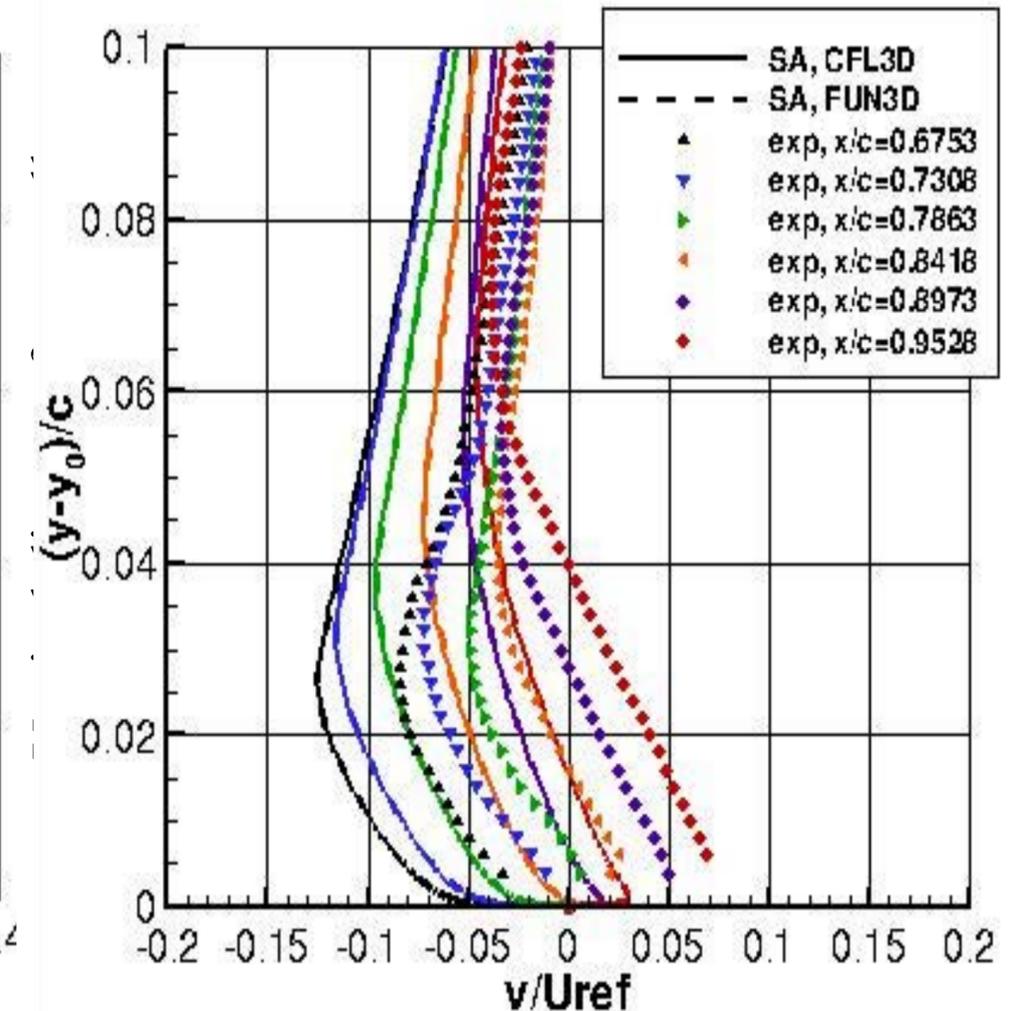
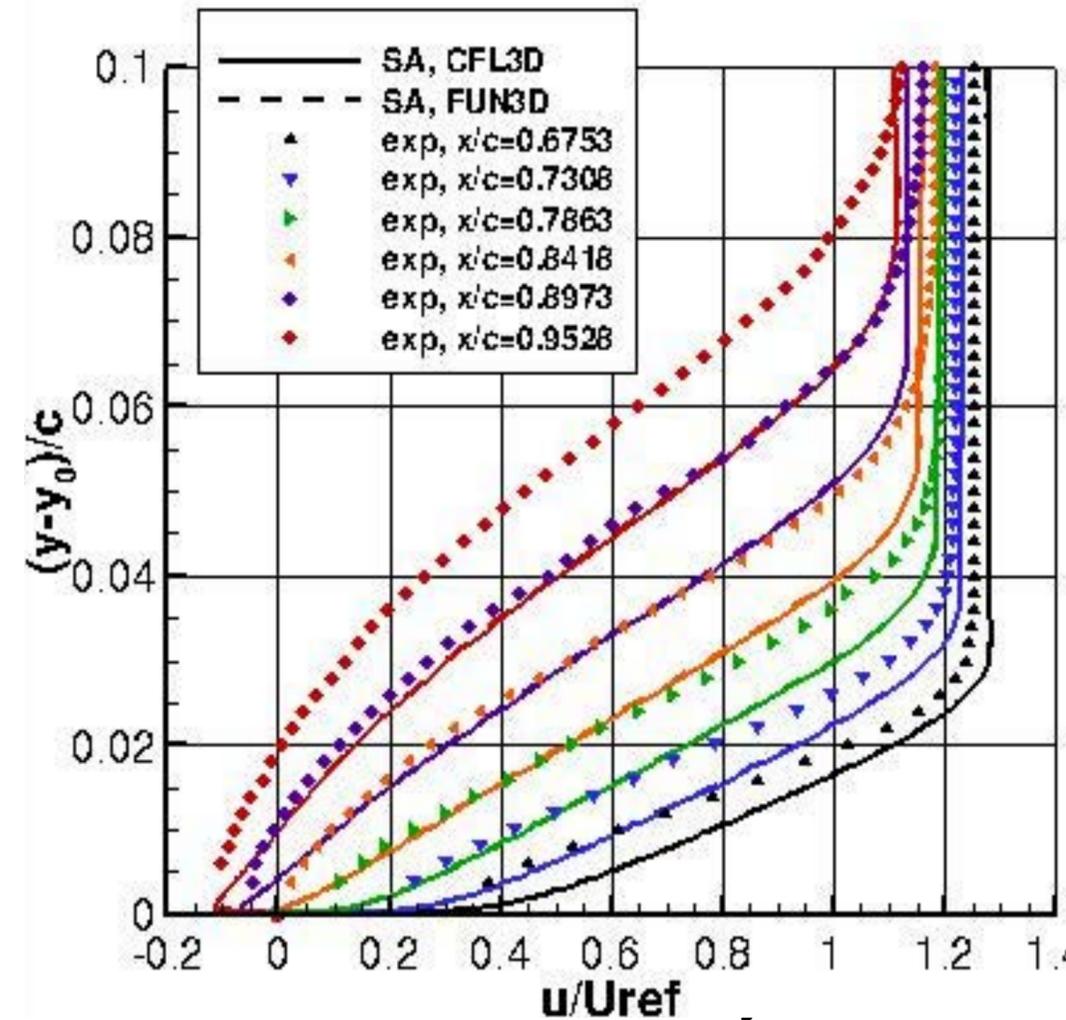
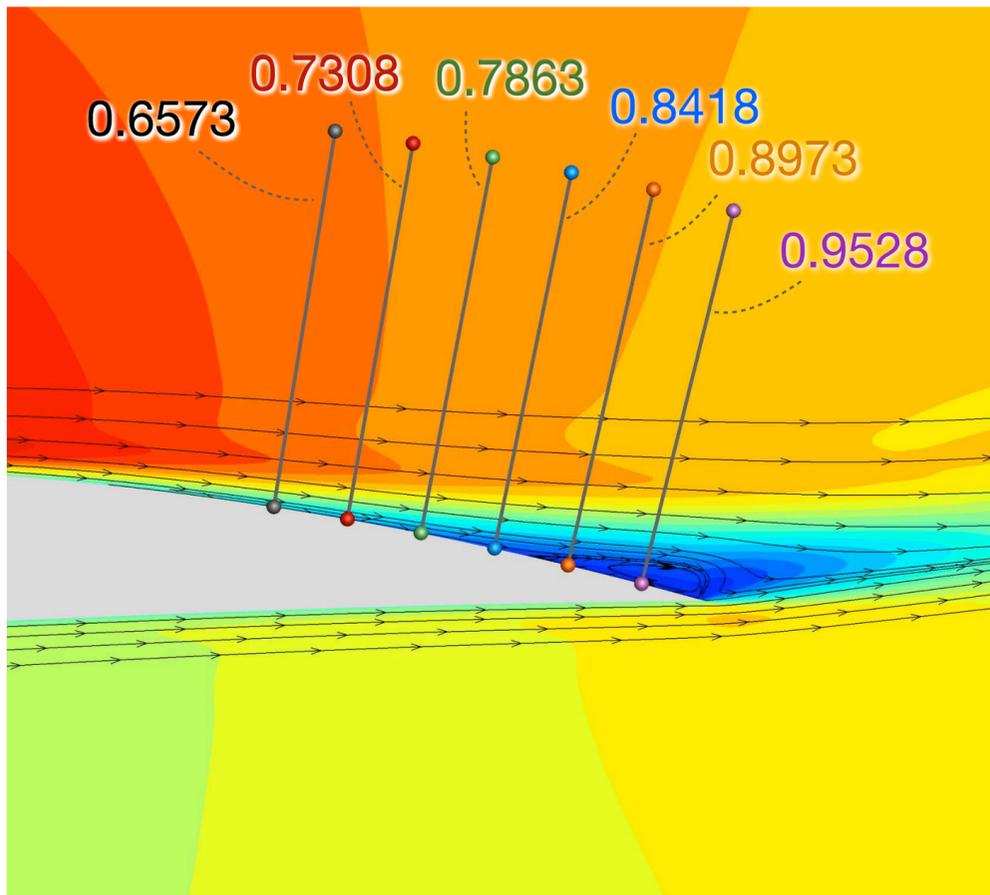
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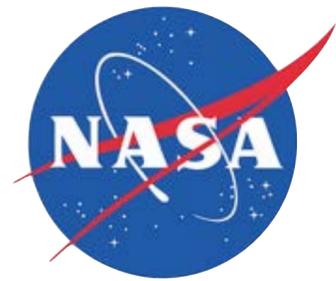
- Aft of bump, slight adverse pressure gradient, thick boundary layer
- Velocity profiles show very good agreement -- even on semi log scale
- Eddy viscosity peak being eroded slightly by dissipation on outer mesh

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Modified NACA 4412 – SA model vs experiment data near separation



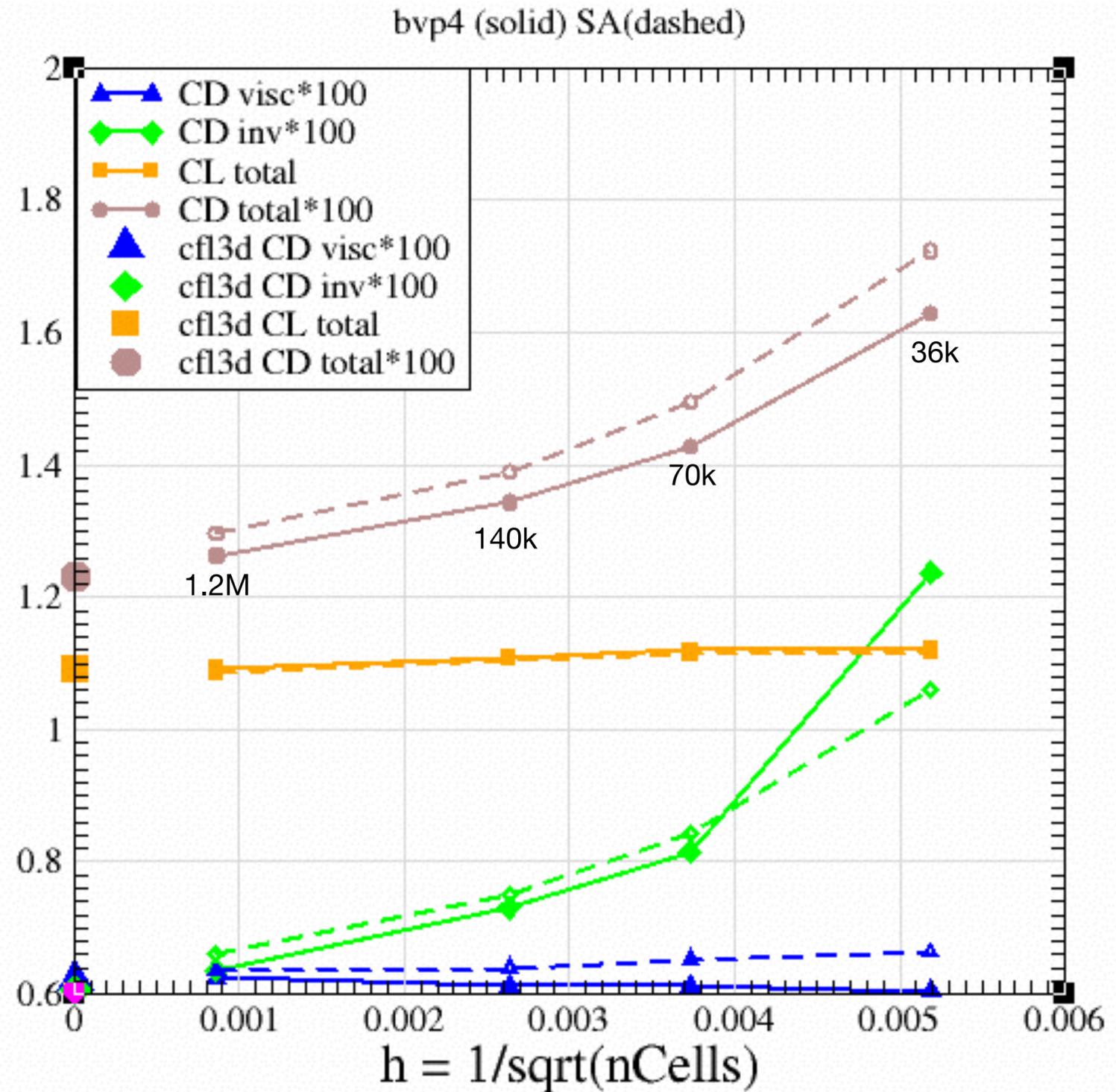
- Very sensitive example - near CL max
- SA makes some error in velocity profiles due to mis-prediction of separation location
 - Different turbulence models show up to 10%C variation in separation location
- Vertical velocity even more sensitive, since magnitudes ~ 10 x smaller



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Force Convergence, adapted meshes

Based grids on adaptive-mesh inviscid simulations with adjoint-based error control for Lift and Drag outputs



† Data from CFL3D with SA model on “family II” grid, no point vortex correction & 2nd-order turbulent advection.