

CFD and Aircraft Design

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Back when CFD was just starting to be used...



Setting The Stage

□ **PGM-H Transonic Airfoil Analysis Code**

○ **DAC / MDC Enhancements, 1970s**

- **Coupled Boundary Layer**
- **TRANEN 2D Inverse Design**
- **Partial Conservation Parameter**

○ **Supercritical Airfoil Development**

- **C17, D3300, MD90, etc.**

○ **Divergent Trailing Edge Technology**

- **Developed by Henne, Gregg & Vassberg, 1982**
- **D3300, MD11, MD12, MDXX, etc.**

○ **Still Used Today!!!**

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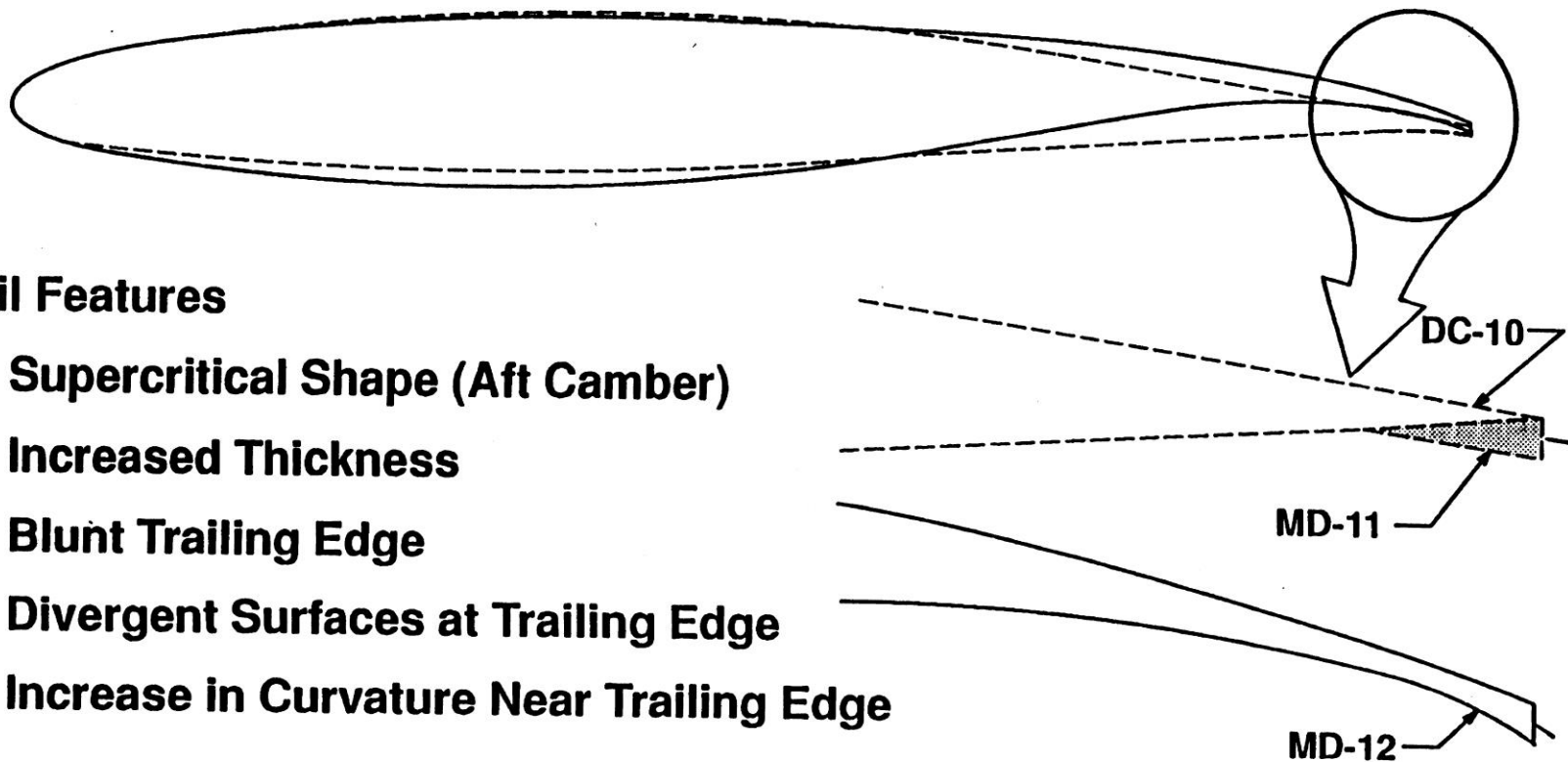
□ **FLO22 Transonic Wing Analysis Code**

- **John Dahlin Visit / Requested FLO22, Circa 1974**
- **Pres Henne Enhancements, 1975-1980**
 - **Coupled Boundary Layer**
 - **Pseudo Fuselage Effects (Δ Mach, Δ Twist)**
 - **3D Inverse Design**
 - **Henne-Hicks Bump Function Optimizations**
- **Robb Gregg / John Vassberg Enhancements, 1980s**
 - **Evolution Theory Optimizations**
 - **In-Core Solver, SNGL Mod, Unix Port, etc.**
- **Supercritical / DTE Wing & Winglet Designs**
 - **C17, MDF100, D3300, MD11, MD12, BWB, etc.**
- **Still Used Today!!!**

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Patented Trailing Edge (DTE) Technology

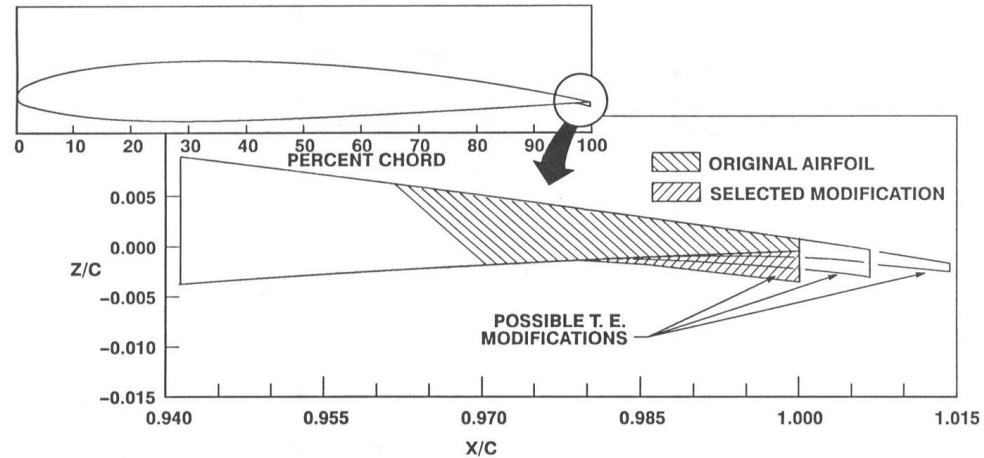
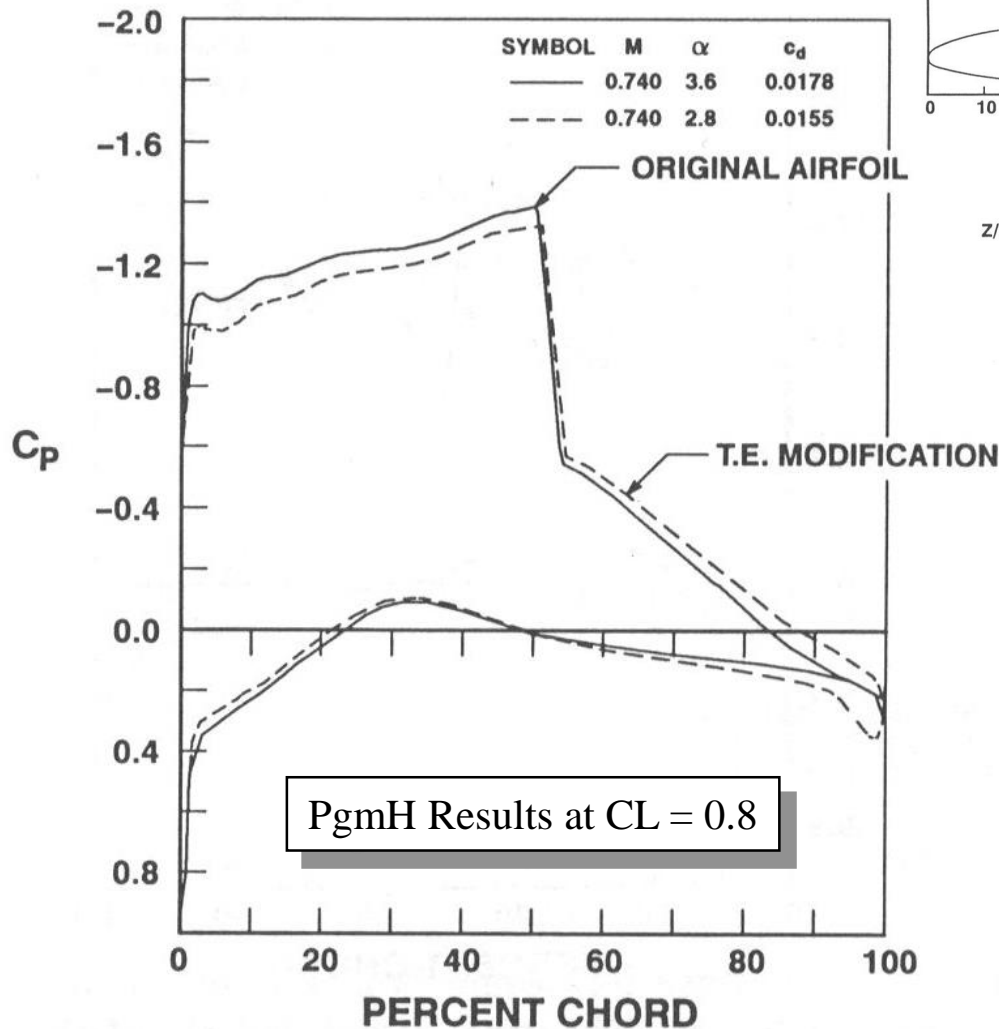
(U.S. Patent No. 4,858,852)



Airfoil Features

- **Supercritical Shape (Aft Camber)**
- **Increased Thickness**
- **Blunt Trailing Edge**
- **Divergent Surfaces at Trailing Edge**
- **Increase in Curvature Near Trailing Edge**

Trailing Edge Wedge Technology



DSMA661 Airfoil TEW Mods

TEW Reduces Shock Strength
At Constant Lifting Condition

MD-11 Pylon Fairing

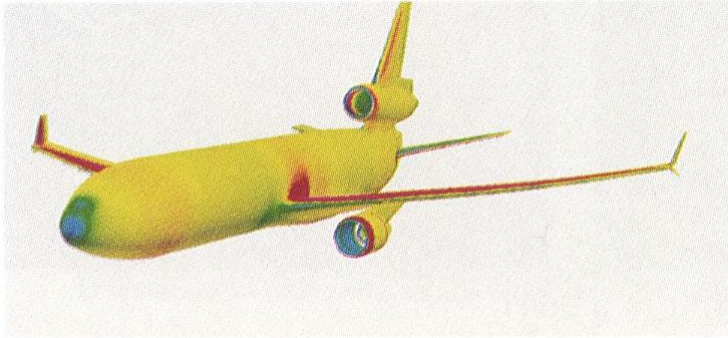


Plate 1 Euler solution for McDonnell Douglas MD-11 transport.

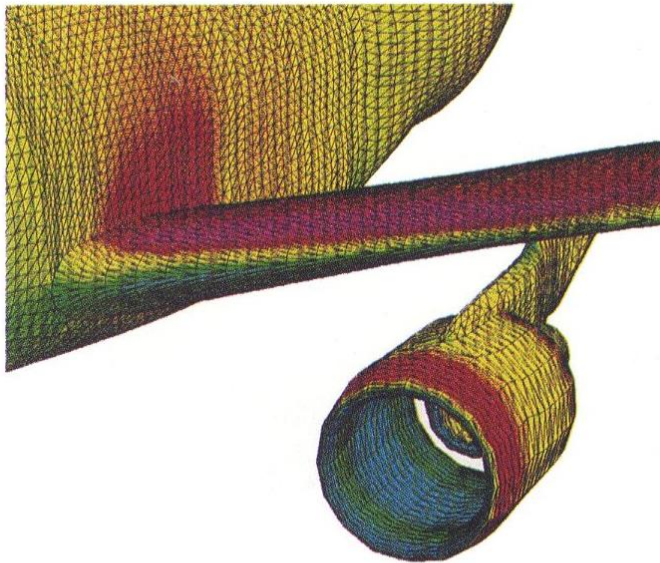


Plate 2 Detailed solution for McDonnell Douglas MD-11 transport fuselage/wing/pylon/nacelle.

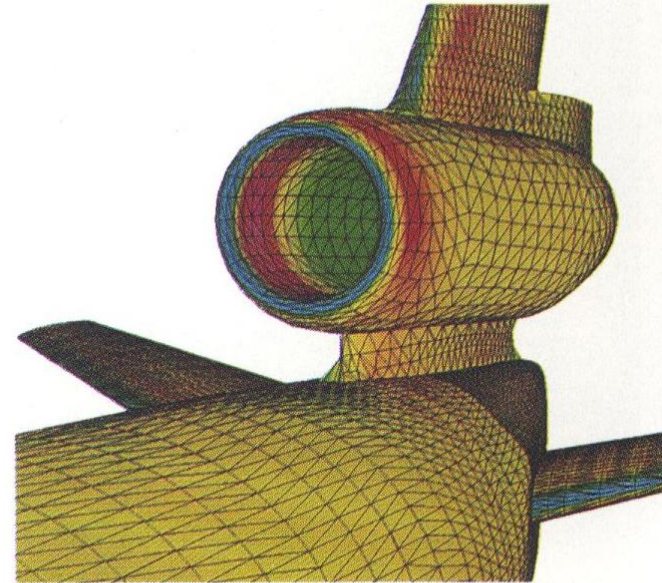
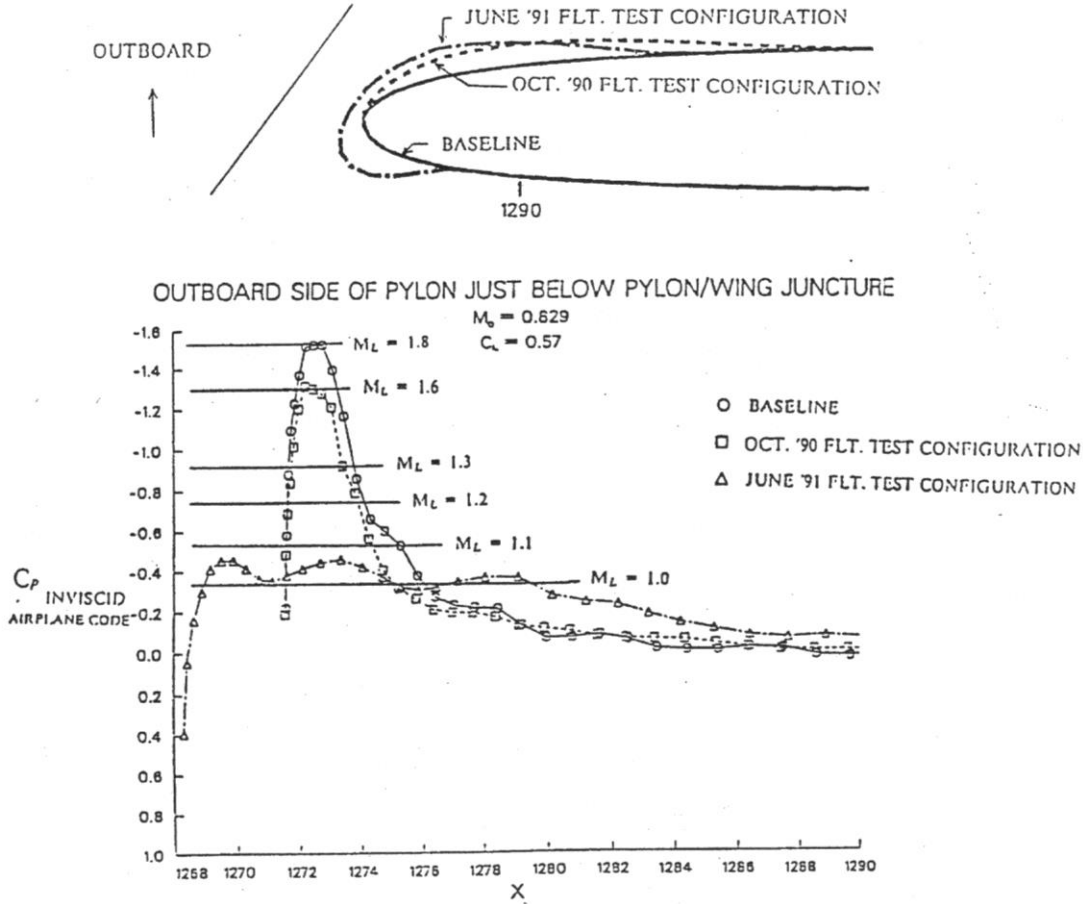


Plate 3 Detailed solution for McDonnell Douglas MD-11 transport empennage/aft nacelle.

MD-11 PYLON FAIRING

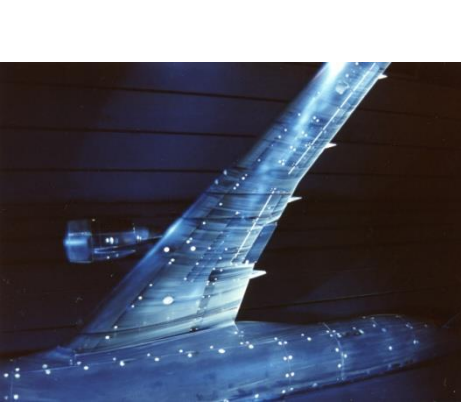


MD-11 Pylon/Wing Intersection Pressure Distributions.

MD-12 High Speed Development



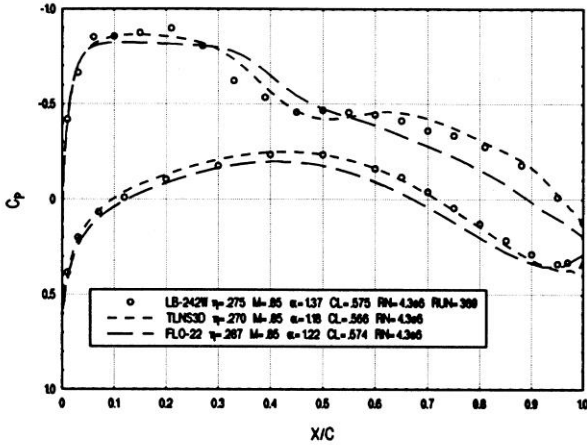
- **High Speed Development and Testing**
 - First N-S (TLNS) based commercial wing design
 - Switched from tri-jet to quad-jet in a period of 1-month
 - Completed 1,838 out of 2,438 hrs of transonic testing at program termination
 - CFD did a reasonable job predicting cruise characteristics (lift & drag)
 - Met all of the requirements but felt it could be better
 - N/P Integration
 - Off-Design
 - CFD predictions of Loads and off-design conditions not as accurate as hoped



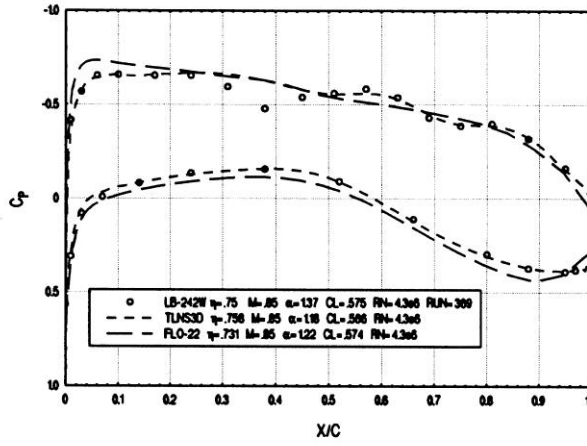
PSP WT
Testing

TLNS Comparison to Test Data

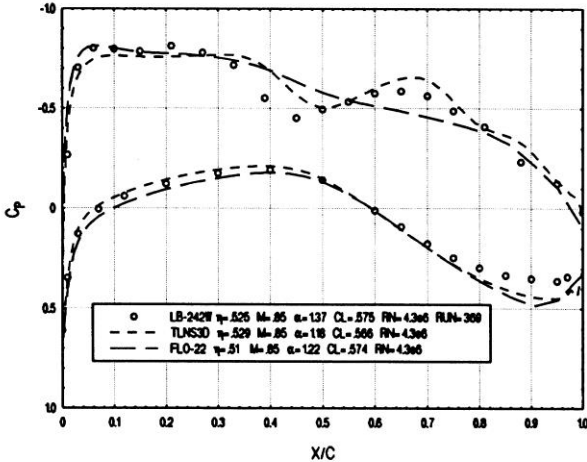
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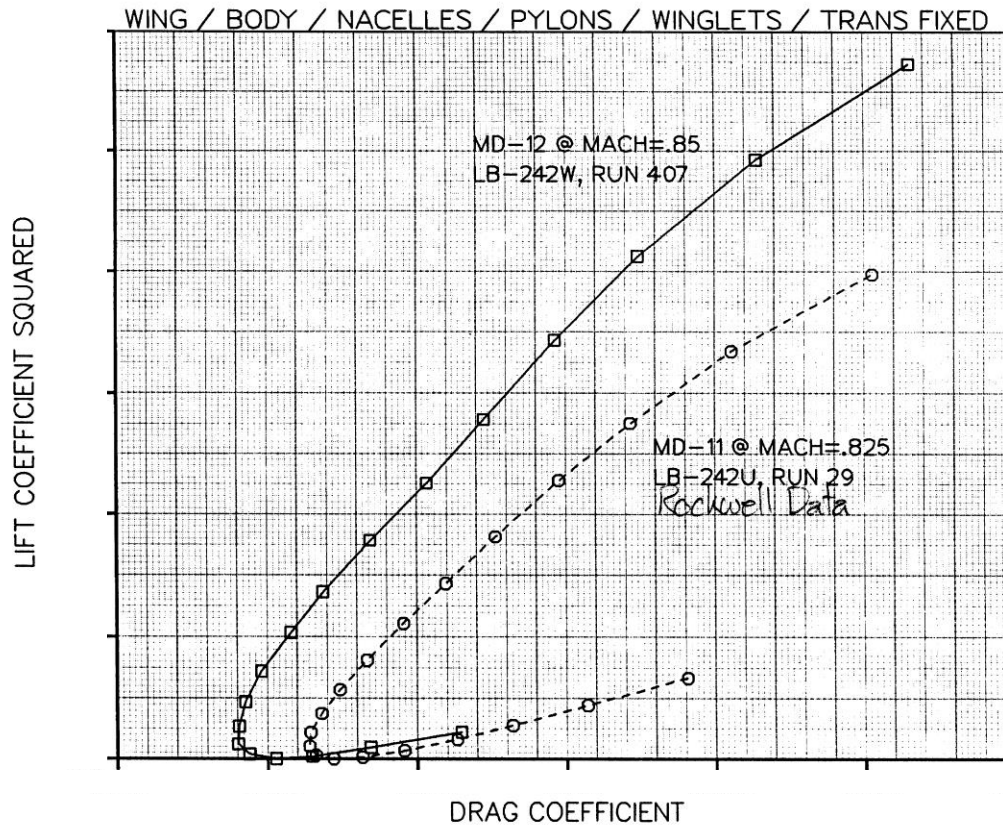


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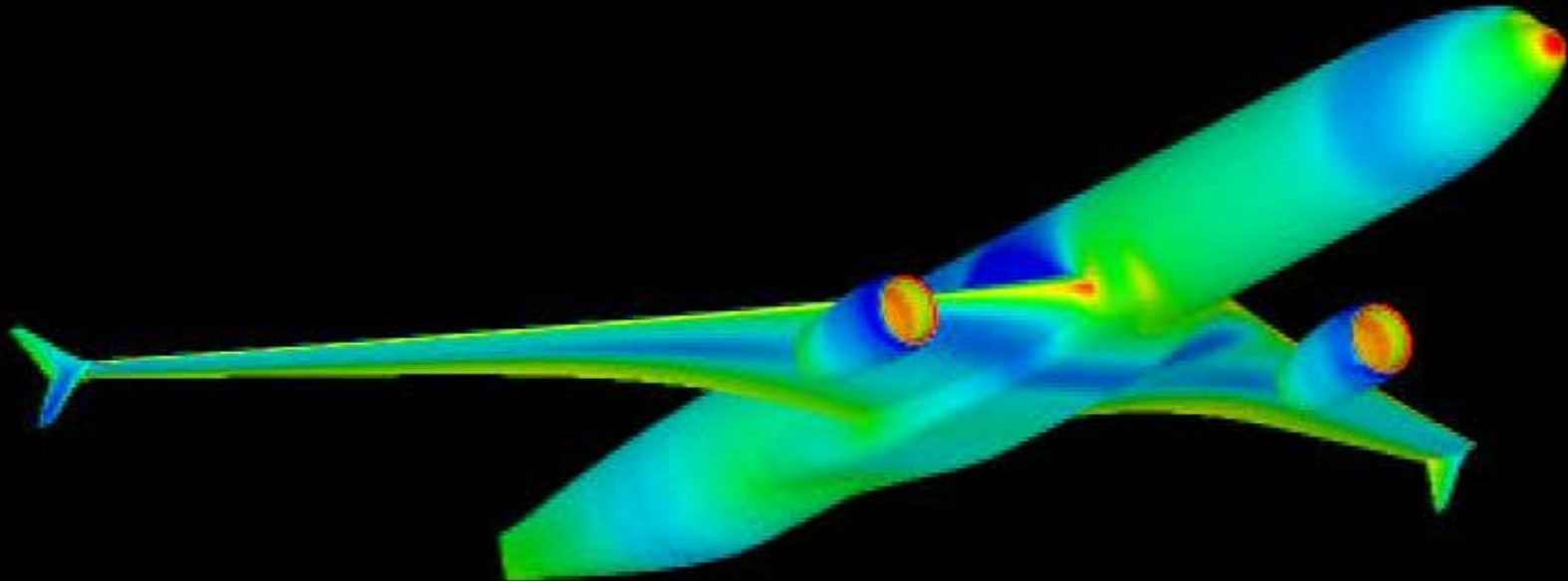


MD-11/MD-12 Test Data Comparison

MD-12 vs. MD-11 DRAG POLAR COMPARISON



Then Came the MD-XX...



MD-XX		Power Plant	3x65K-lb-T GE, PW, & RR
First Flight	2 NOV '99 Planned	Weight	802K lb
Wingspan	213'	Ceiling	43K ft
Length	233' 9" (STR)	Speed	605 mph
Height	64' 9"	PAX	375 (STR) - 301 (LR)

Back to the TriJet

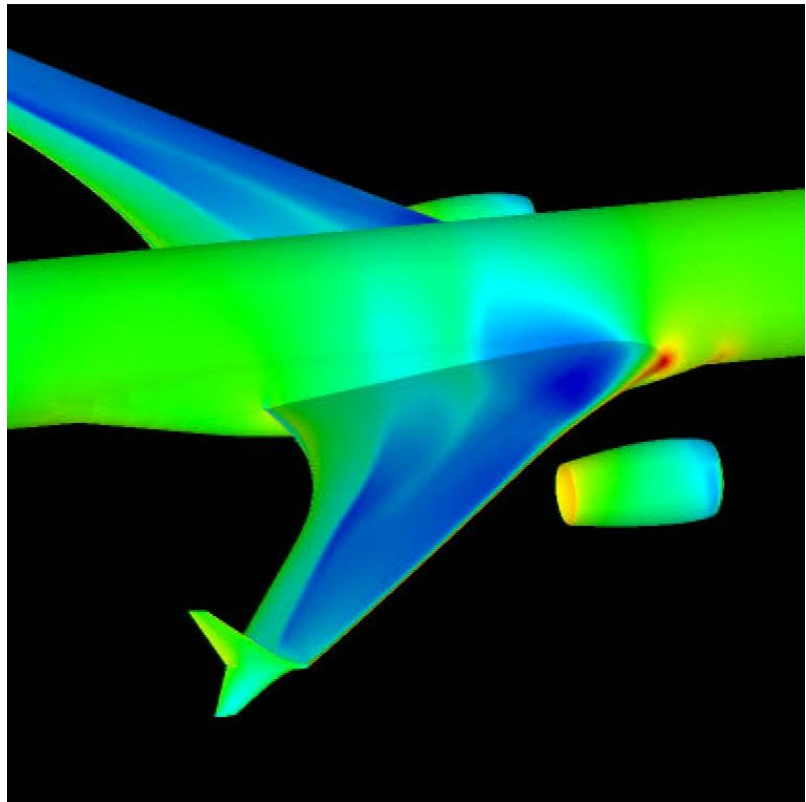
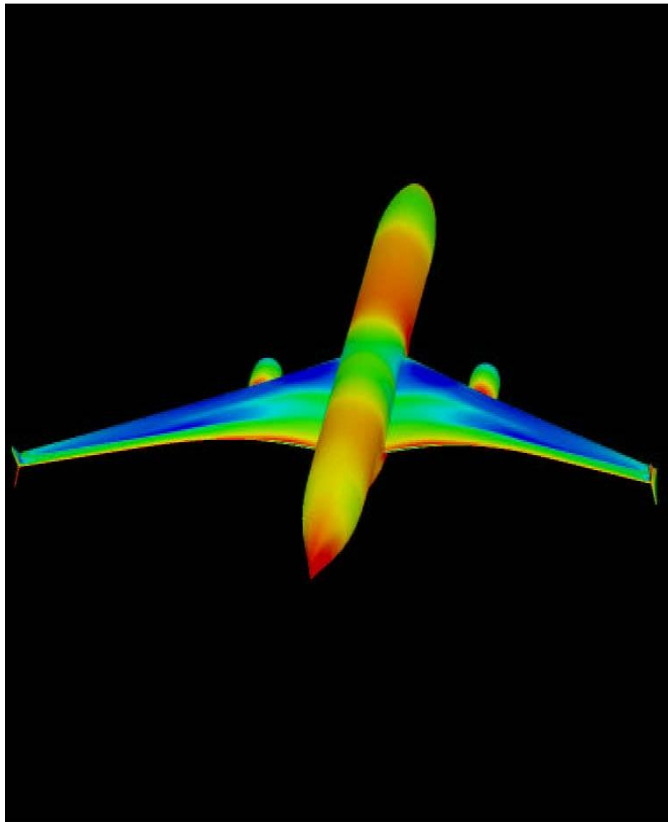
- In early 1996, a push to rapidly develop a TriJet based on the MD-12 studies was initiated
- The aerodynamic development was picked up where it was stopped but changed back to the TriJet configuration
- All high and low speed testing required had been completed during the MD-12 to release loft lines and DSO loads
- CFD would be used to “tweak” lines and loads to final configuration - release date: January 1997
 - OVERFLOW / CFL3D-CDISC / OVERDISC
 - SYN107 / SYN88 / FLO107MB

Nacelle/Pylon Integration

MD-XX

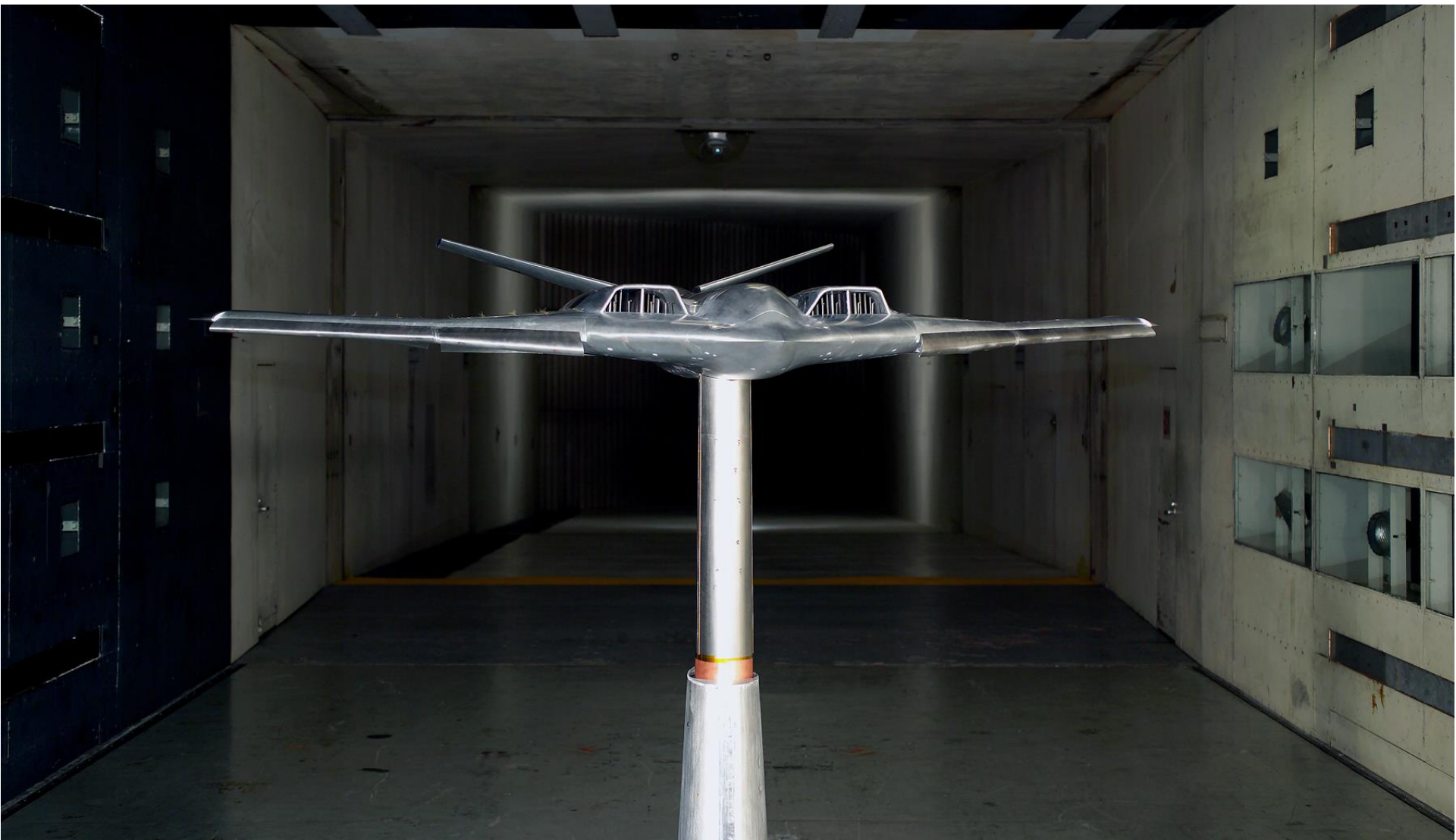


In 1996, the W/B could be designed using N-S in the presence of the N/P



FLO107MB Solutions

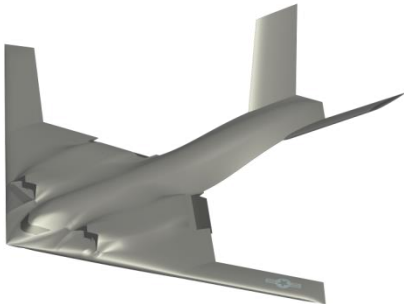
Speed Agile...



Configuration Evolution and Optimization

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Initial Narrow-body Configuration

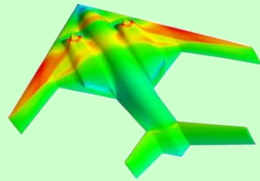


Design challenges:

- Aggressive high speed and low speed performance goals
- USB integration with swept trailing edge, short run
- AFC integration for high lift
- Highly integrated inlet & nozzle
- Shaped design and embedded engines for survivability
- Longitudinally unstable

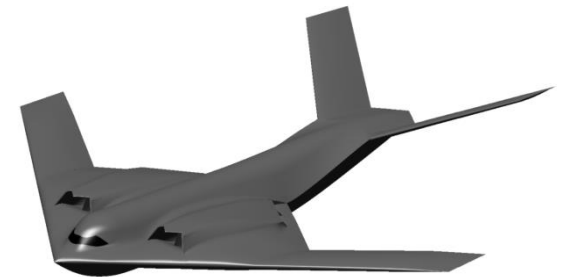
Speed Agile Development program:

- WT test program
 - 170 hrs USB development
 - 1573 hrs low speed
 - 352 hrs high speed
- CFD optimization for transonic design
- Updated configuration to Speed Agile design and payload requirements



Refined Configuration:

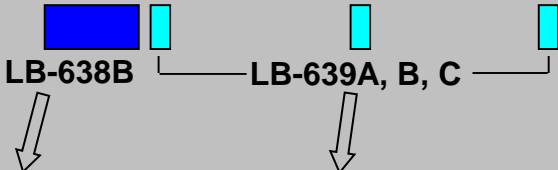
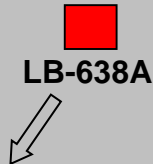
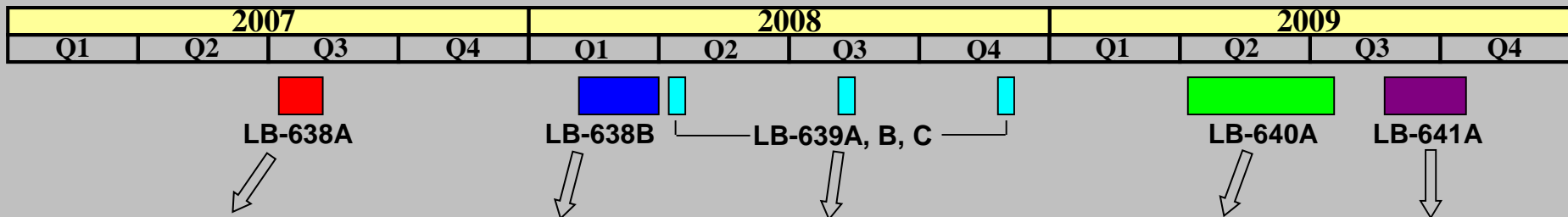
- Optimized high lift system w/ AFC meets 1500-2000 ft takeoff & landing field lengths
- Transonic design meets Mach 0.8 LRC
- USB & nozzle design exceeds 55° thrust turning angle goal
- Acquired high fidelity aero database for flight simulator in cruise, takeoff, landing



Final Wide-body Configuration

Wind Tunnel Test Program

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5% Scale AJACS Low Speed Testing
Boeing BVWT 20'x20'
Aug 2007



5% Scale AJACS Low Speed Testing
NASA LaRC 14'x22'
Apr 2008

- 256 occupancy hrs
- Flow visualization
- Low speed performance enhancements
- Initial sideslip data

2095 total hrs development testing



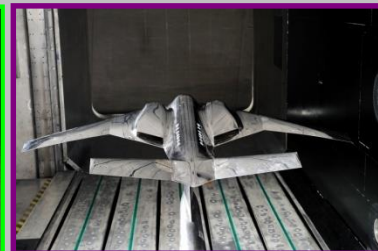
USB Static Development Test
Boeing St. Louis PSTF
Apr, Aug, Nov 2008

- 170 occupancy hrs
- USB development:**
 - Nozzle
 - Flap shape
 - VG's
- Achieved goal of 55° flow turning



5% Scale Speed Agile Low Speed Testing
NASA LaRC 14'x22'
July 2009

- 1115 occupancy hrs
- OML consistent with high speed model
- TRL validation of high lift performance
- Revised USB nozzle and flap
- Continued AFC development
- Gather database for low speed simulation

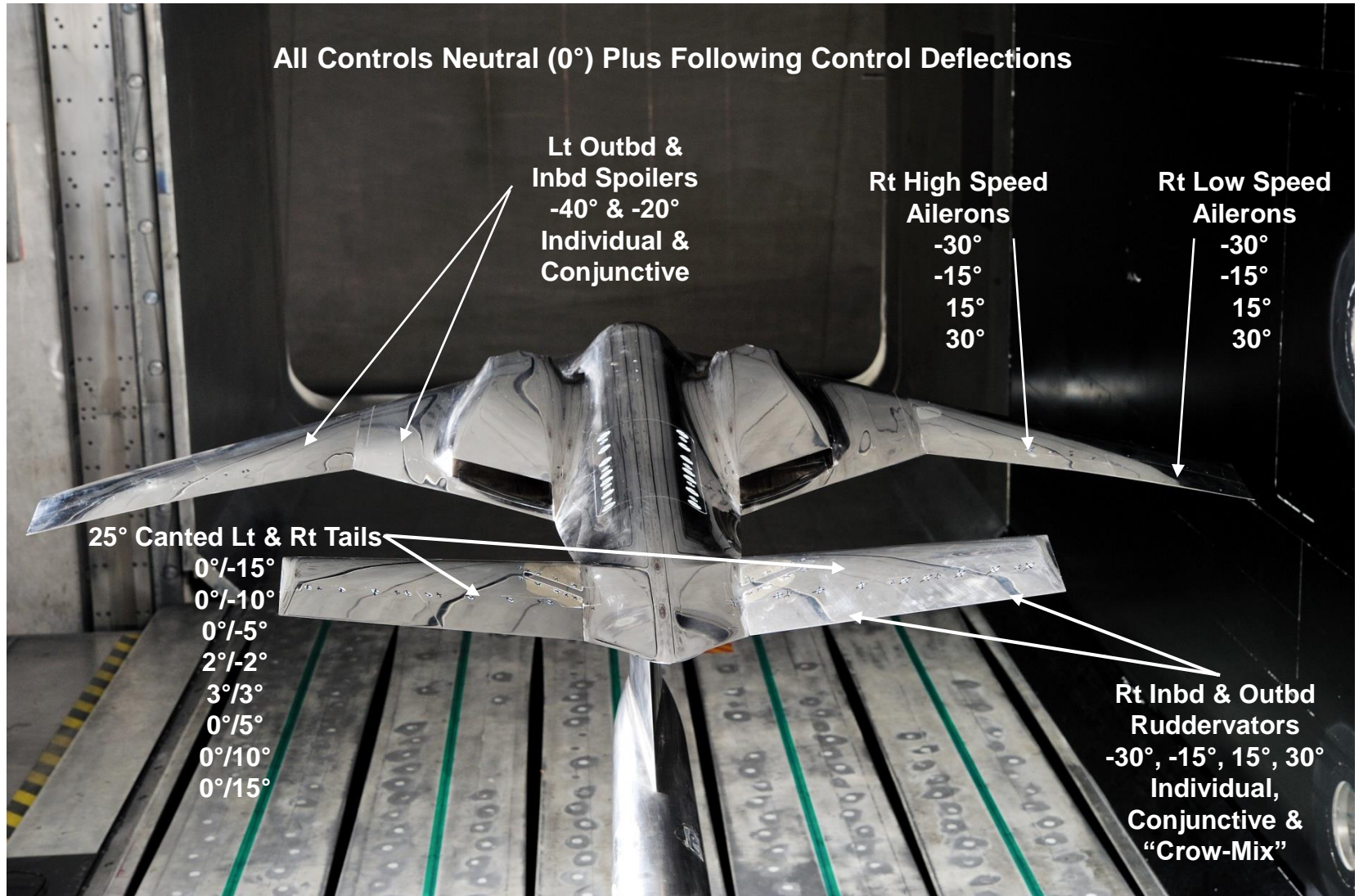


3% Scale Speed Agile High Speed Testing
NASA LaRC NTF
Oct 2009

- 352 occupancy hrs
- OML consistent with low speed model
- 295 air, 34 cyro runs
- TRL validation of high speed design
- Determine Reynolds number effects
- Gather database for high speed simulation

LB-641A Control Deflections

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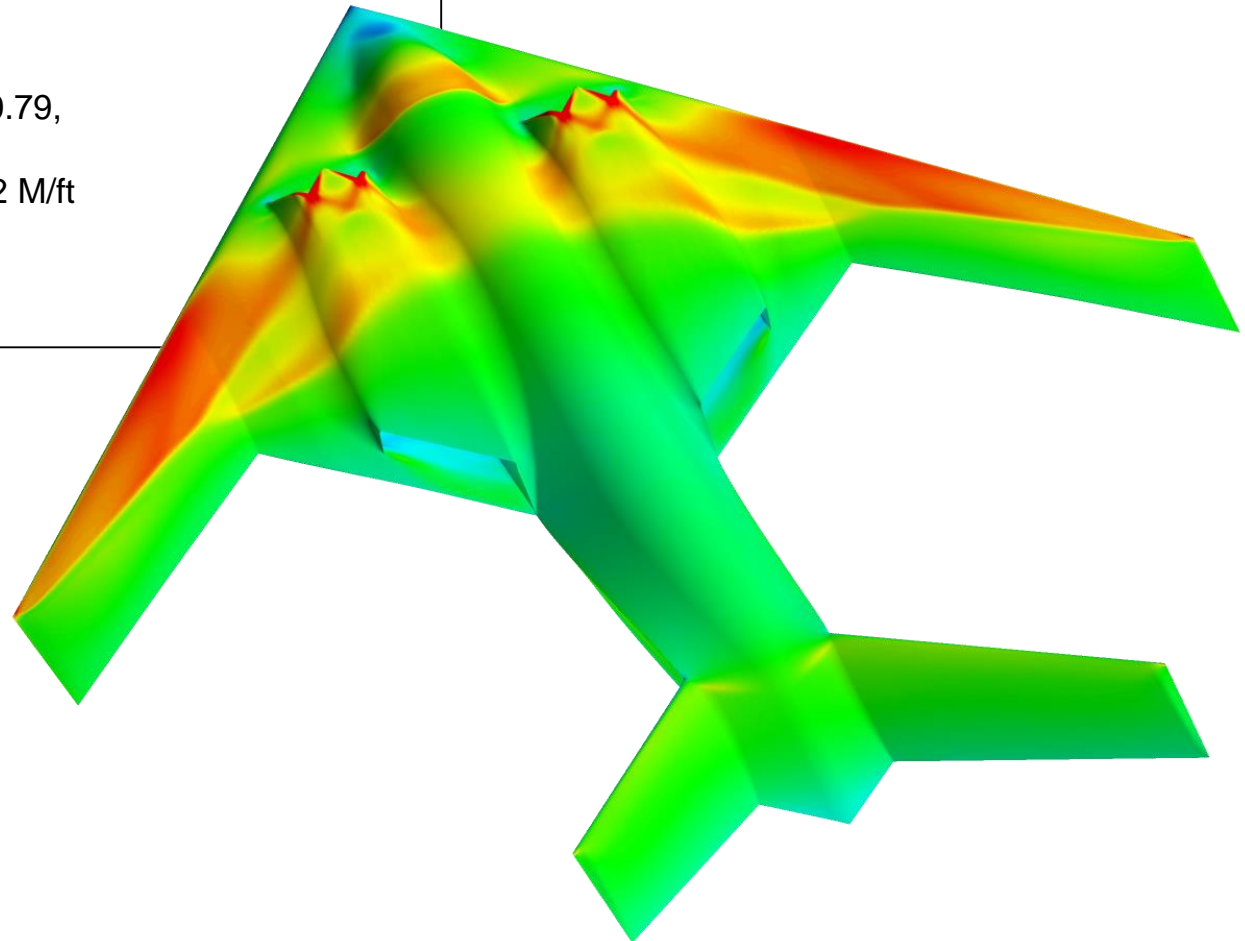


LB-641A CFD Comparison

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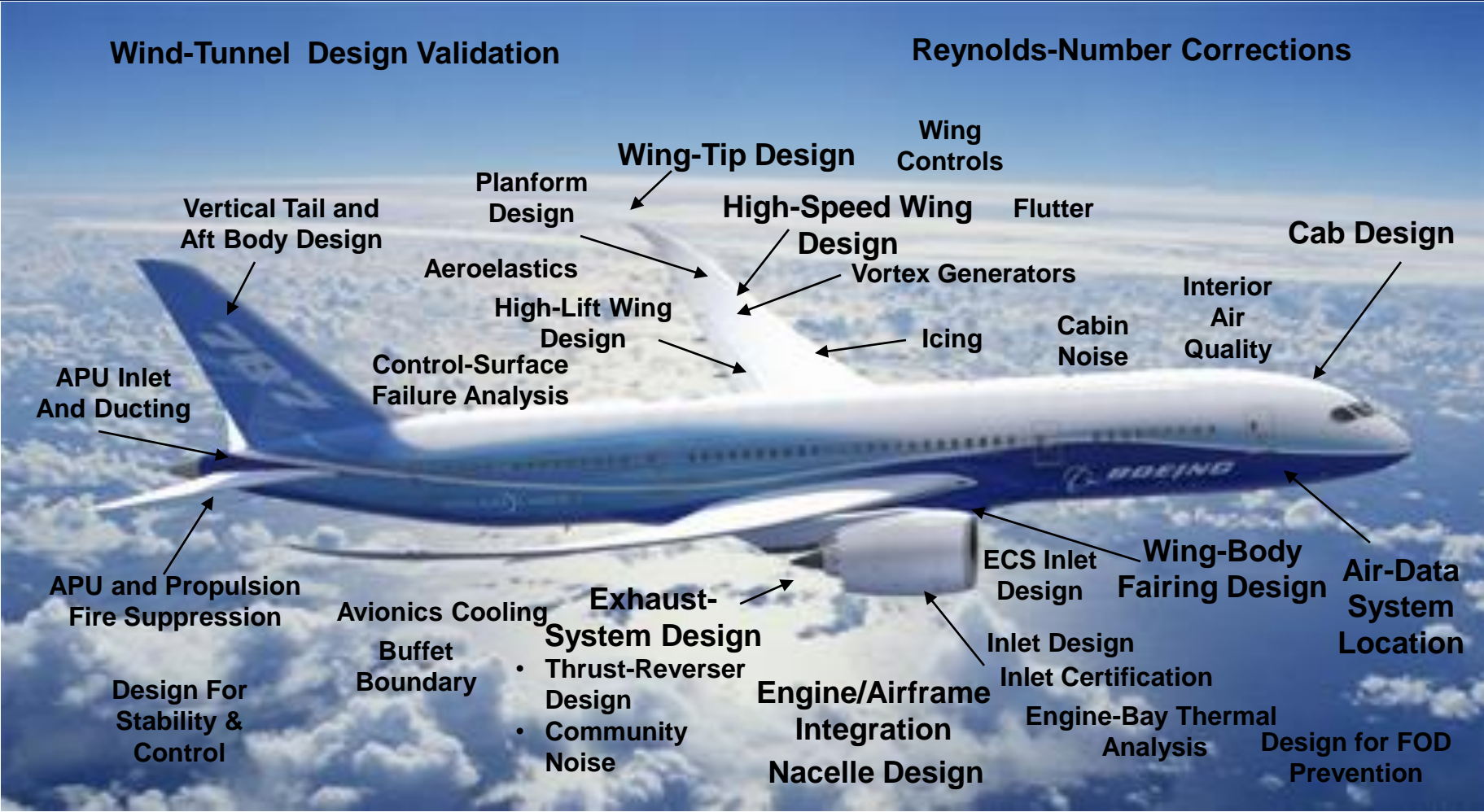
OVERFLOW Simulation of AJACS in Free-Air

- OVERFLOW Version 2.0Y
- Flow Conditions Analyzed
Mach = 0.7, 0.75, 0.78, 0.79,
0.80, 0.81, 0.82
RN = 5.6 M/ft, 30 M/ft, 62 M/ft
- Configurations Analyzed
iH = 0, 2, 3 degrees



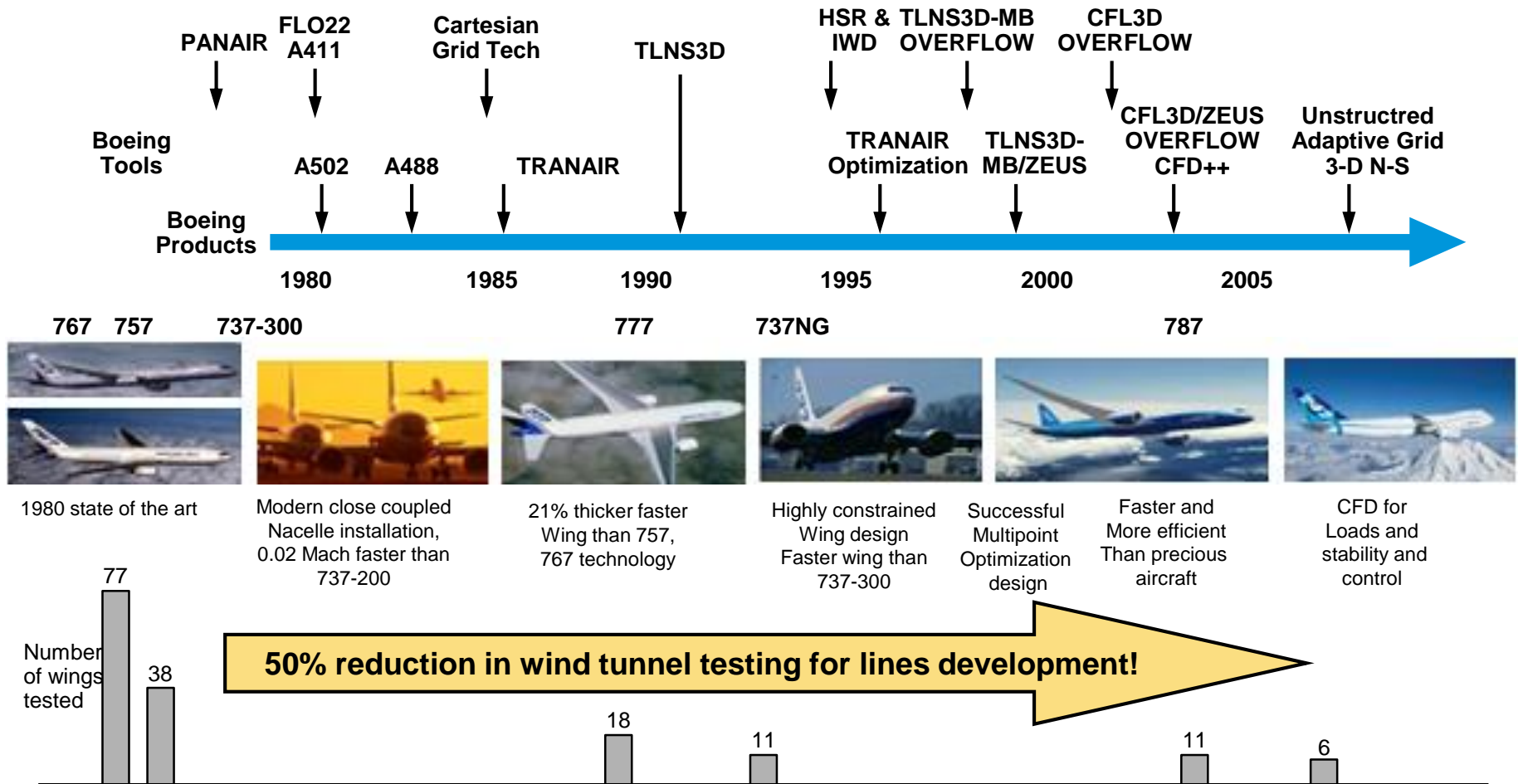
CFD Contributions to 787

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The Impact of CFD on Configuration Development Wind Tunnel Testing

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Happy B-day Antony!

